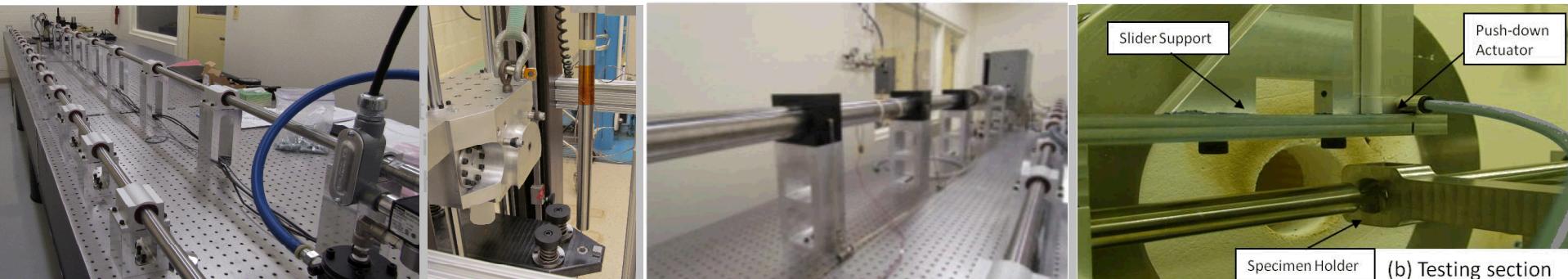


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# High-Temperature Split Hopkinson (Kolsky) Bar Techniques

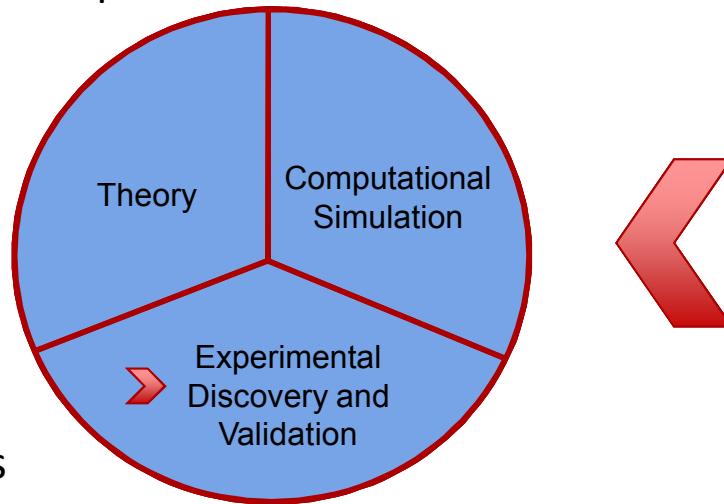
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# Engineering Sciences Center (1500)

- **Center 1500: Engineering Sciences Center**
  - Navigating a Path to the Future
  - Transforming Engineering Sciences through advancing, integrating and applying our technical capabilities to serve the nation



- Groups
  - Thermal, Fluid & Aero Sciences (1510)
  - ▶ ▶ ▶ Structural Dynamics (1520)
  - Validation and Qualification (1530)
  - Computational Simulation (1540)
  - Solid Mechanics and Shock Physics (1550)



# Structural Dynamics Group (1520)

- **Research-Development-Application (R-D-A) Spectrum**

- Application-driven R&D
- Analysis guided experiments
- Computation integrated experiments

- **R-D-A Areas**

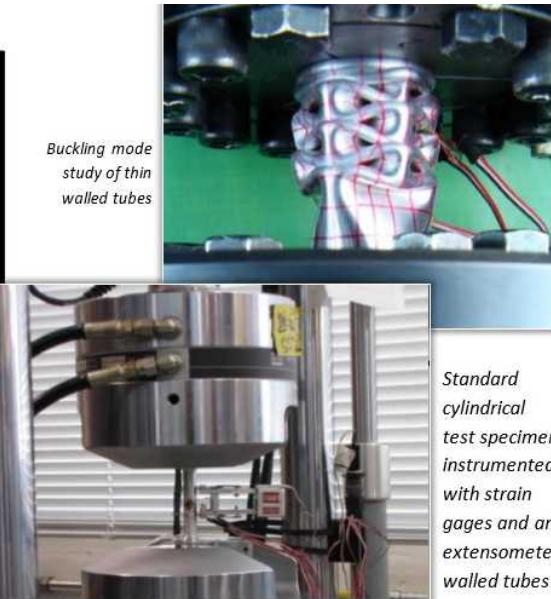
- ▪ Mechanical Shock Lab
- ▪ Experimental Impact Mechanics Lab
- ▪ Structural Mechanics Lab
- Vibration and Acoustic Lab
- Non-destructive Evaluation Lab
- Climatic and Centrifuge Lab
- Component Dynamics Lab
- Radiography Lab
- Structural Dynamics Lab



# Experimental Solid Mechanics (1528)

## Structural Mechanics Lab.

Servo-hydraulic Testing  
Machines, Pressure  
Testing Cage



## Mechanical Shock Lab.

Drop Tables; Slide Table;  
Resonant Beam/Plate;  
Package Tester



## Experimental Impact Mechanics Lab

Split Hopkinson Bars,  
Dropkinson Bar

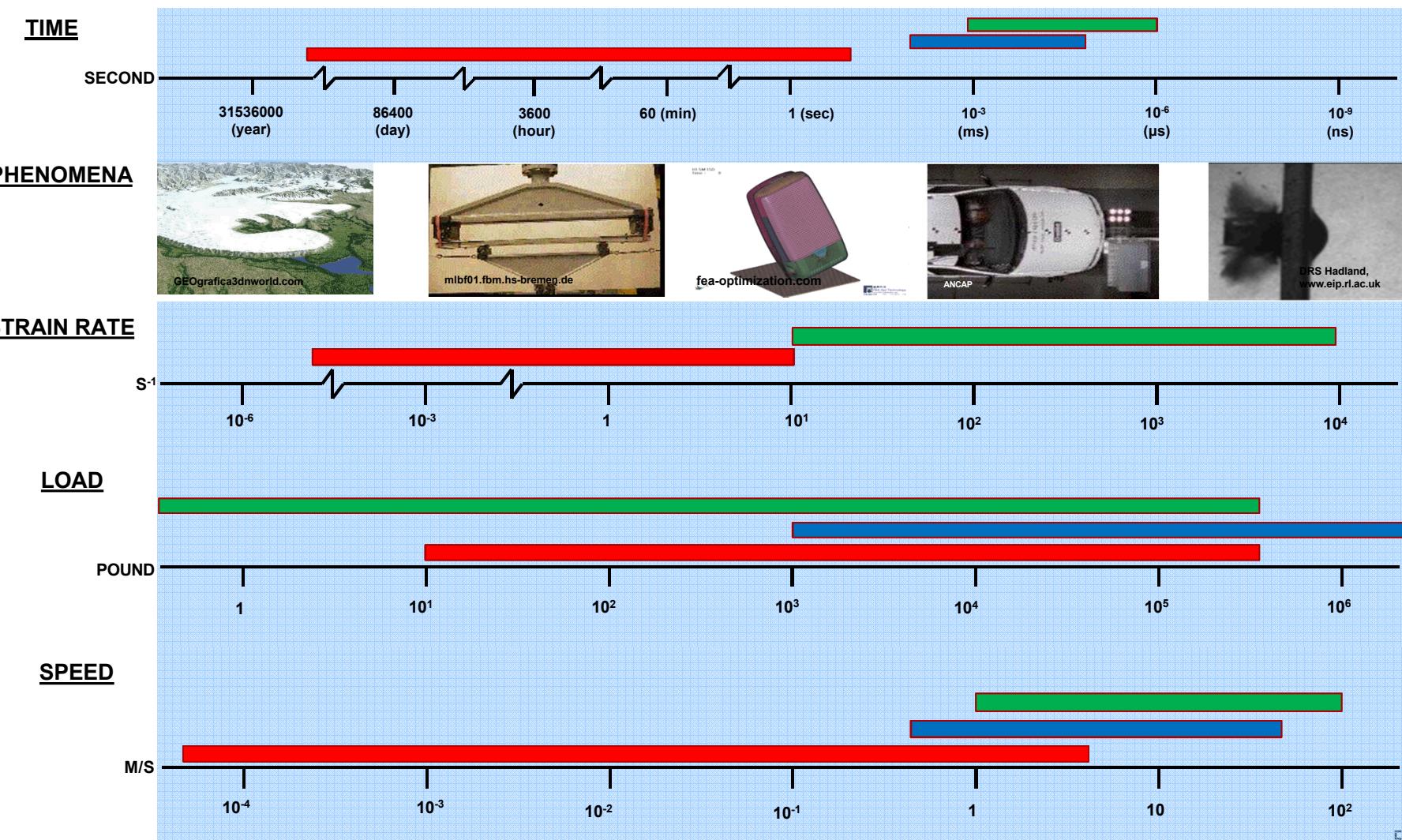


# Experimental Solid Mechanics Capabilities

Structural  
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Mechanical Shock  
Lab.

Experimental  
Impact Mechanics  
Lab

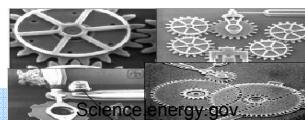


# Experimental Solid Mechanics Capabilities

## Structural Mechanics Lab.

## Mechanical Shock Lab.

## Experimental Impact Mechanics Lab



### SPECIMEN SIZE



### METER

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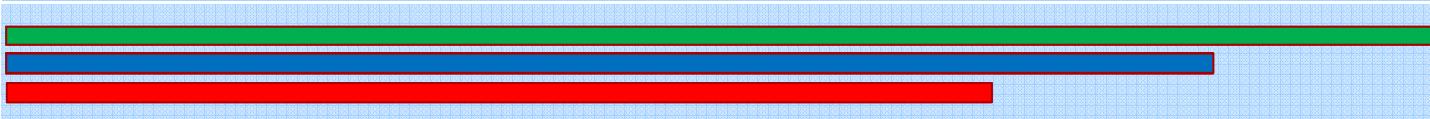
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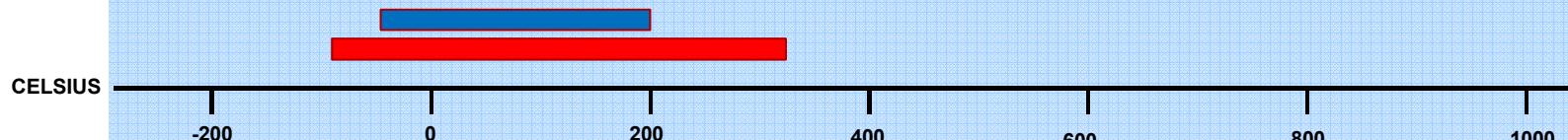
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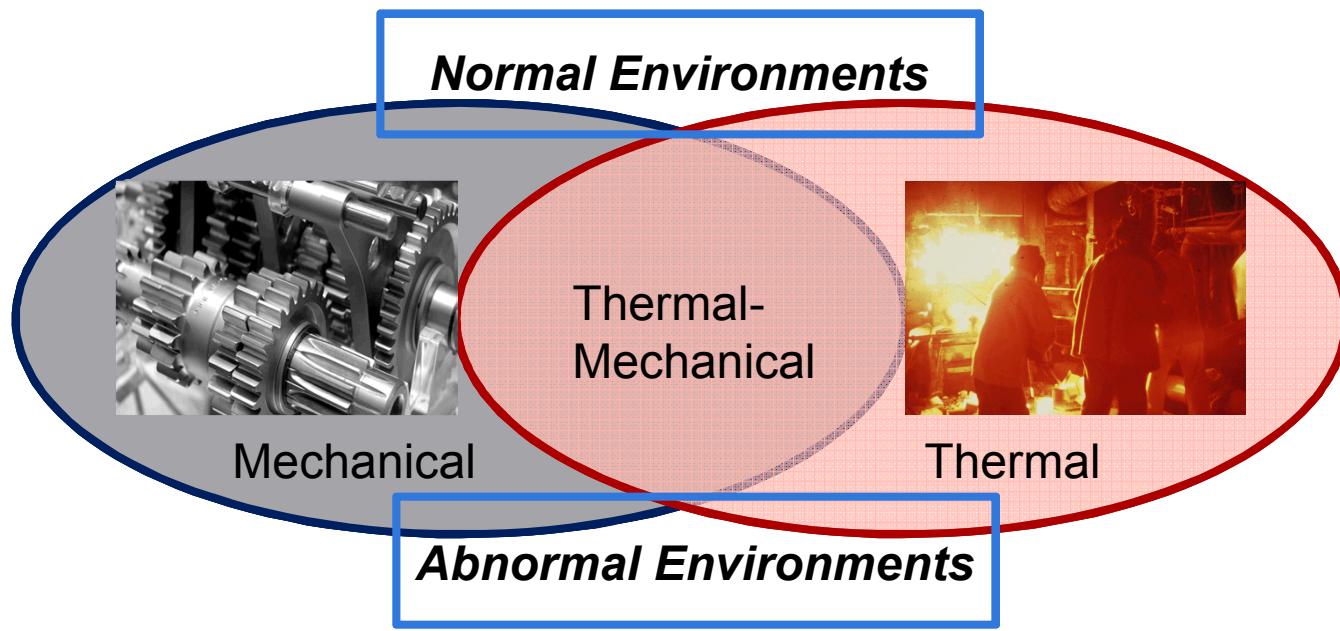
### TEMPERATURE



# Experimental Impact Mechanics Lab. (EIML)

- Facilities:
  - 1"-diameter split Hopkinson compression bar (Kolsky compression bar)
  - 1"-diameter split Hopkinson tension bar (Kolsky tension bar)
  - 1"-diameter "dropkinson" bar for intermediate-rate tensile testing
  - 3"-diameter split Hopkinson compression bar (Kolsky compression bar)
- Capabilities
  - **Dynamic Characterization of Materials**
    - Dynamic stress-strain response of materials in compression or tension (shear coming soon)
    - Dynamic failure and fracture of materials
    - Strain-rate Range:  $\sim 100 - 10,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$
    - **Temperature Range: -100 – 1200°C**
    - Stress state: uniaxial stress; triaxial stress (in compression only)
    - Materials covered: ceramics, alloys, composites, glasses, polymers, foams, biological tissues, concretes, sands, soil, etc
  - **Dynamic Characterization of Component/Small Structures**
    - Dynamic structural testing with preload capability (compression or tension)
    - Wave Propagation/Interaction
    - Shock Mitigation
    - Dynamic Interface Problem
    - Component/Device Functionality/Survivability in Abnormal Mechanical Environments
      - High-g, high-frequency impact and vibration
      - Impact Sensor characterization
  - **Rate-dependent Model Validation**
    - High rate, high frequency, etc

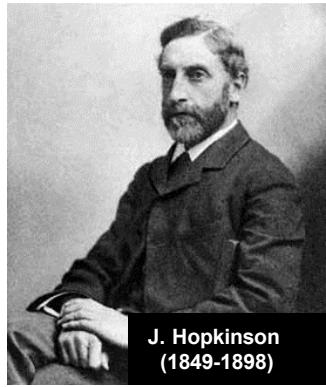
# Abnormal Thermal-Mechanical Environments



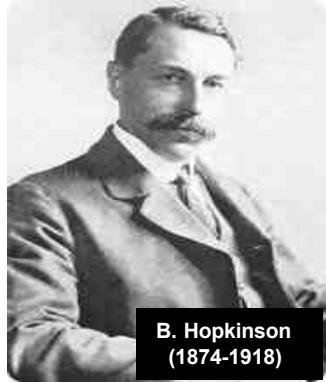
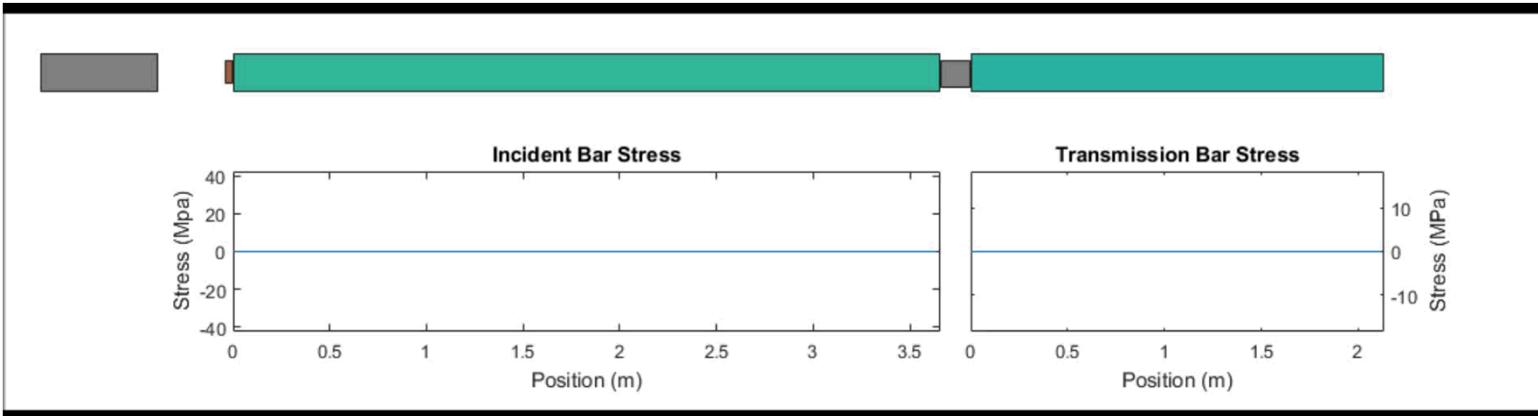
- **Manufacturing Process**
- **Failure/Fracture Analysis**



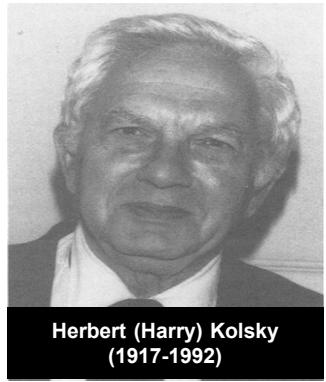
# Split Hopkinson (Kolsky) Bar



J. Hopkinson  
(1849-1898)



B. Hopkinson  
(1874-1918)



Herbert (Harry) Kolsky  
(1917-1992)

## Mass Conservation

$$V_1 = C_0(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_r)$$

$$V_2 = C_0 \varepsilon_t$$



$$\dot{\varepsilon} = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{l_s} = \frac{C_0}{l_s}(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_t)$$

$$\varepsilon = \int_0^t \dot{\varepsilon}(\tau) d\tau$$

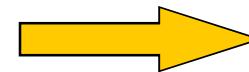
## Momentum Conservation

$$F_1 = E_0 A_0 (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_r)$$

$$F_2 = E_0 A_0 \varepsilon_t$$



$$\sigma = \frac{F_1 + F_2}{2A_s} = \frac{E_0 A_0}{2A_s} (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_r + \varepsilon_t)$$



$$\sigma \sim \varepsilon$$

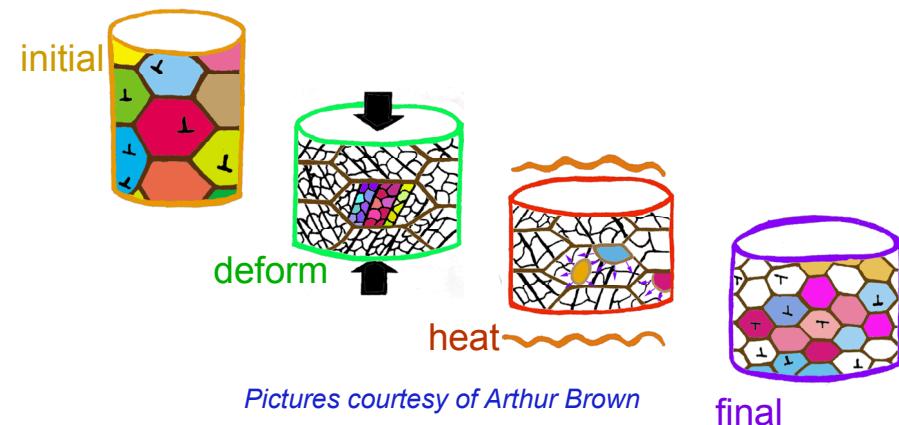
# High-Temperature Split Hopkinson (Kolsky) Compression Bar Experiments on 304L Stainless Steel for Recrystallization Investigation

*Recrystallization* is the process by which the dislocation structure in a worked material is wiped away by growth of nuclei that form a new, relatively dislocation-free set of grains



## ■ Material Property Change

- Reduction in material strength and hardness
- Increase in ductility

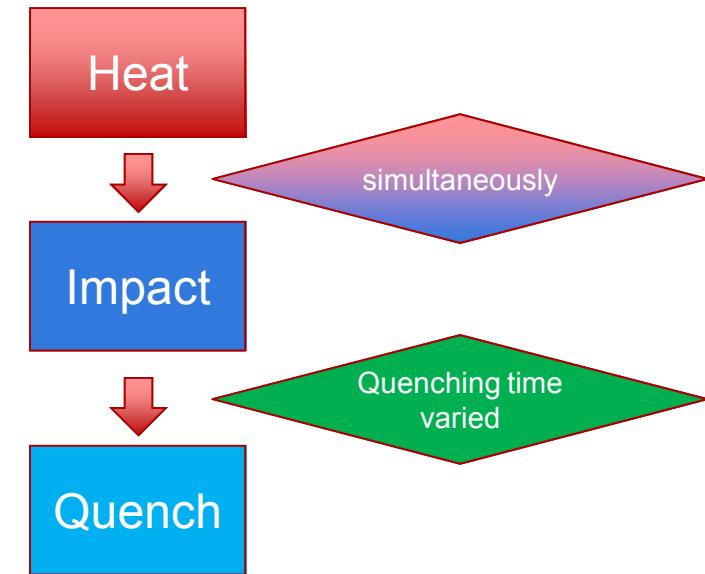


# High-Temperature Split Hopkinson (Kolsky) Compression Bar for Forging

## Experimental Design for Simulating Forging Process

Forging is a manufacturing process involving the shaping of metal using localized compressive forces

- Temperature – cold, warm, hot
- Drop forging - hammer is raised and then "dropped" onto the workpiece to deform it according to the shape of the die.



# High-Temperature Kolsky Compression Bar

- High-temperature mechanical test

- Hot Specimen/Cold Bars



- Heat transfer

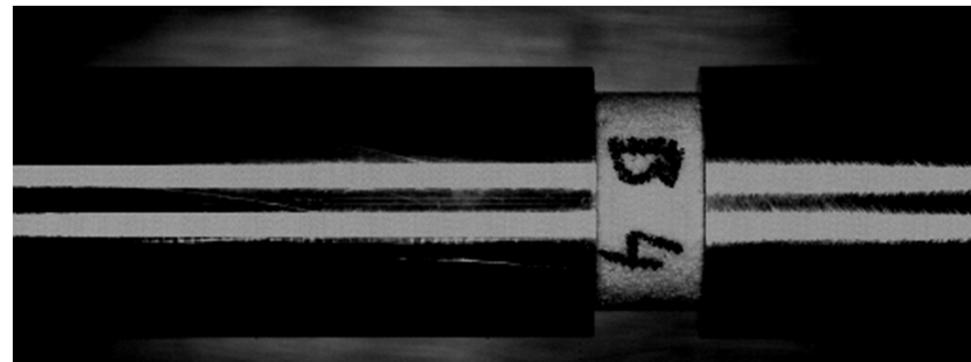
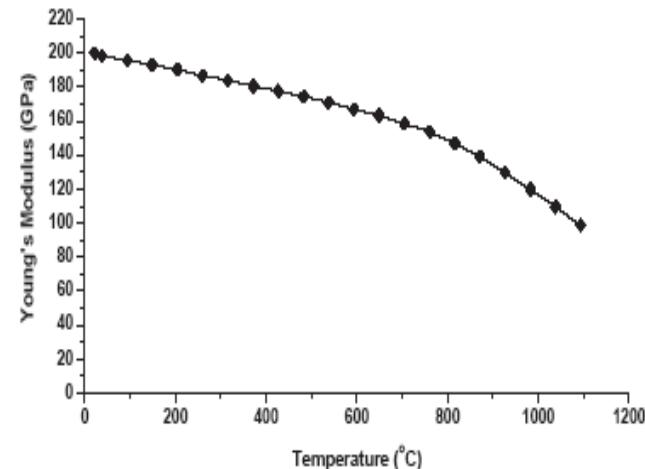
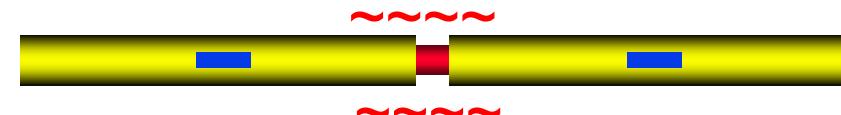
- Specimen temperature drops
      - Bar temperature increases – thermal gradient in the bars

- Cold Contact Time (CCT)

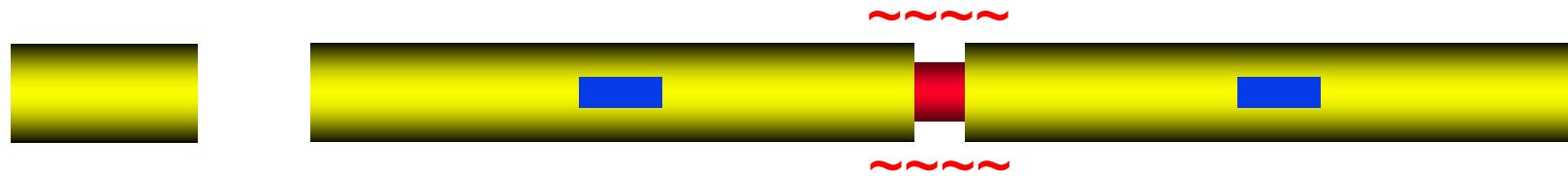
- is the time during which the “hot” specimen stays in contact with the “cold” pressure bars until being dynamically loaded
      - should be as short as possible (~ milliseconds)

- Quenching

- Ensure a single loading on the specimen
  - Maintain the same constant temperature of the specimen before quenched
  - Control the time duration (seconds to minutes) between dynamic testing and quenching



# High Temperature Impact Test



- Kolsky bar for high temperature compression test

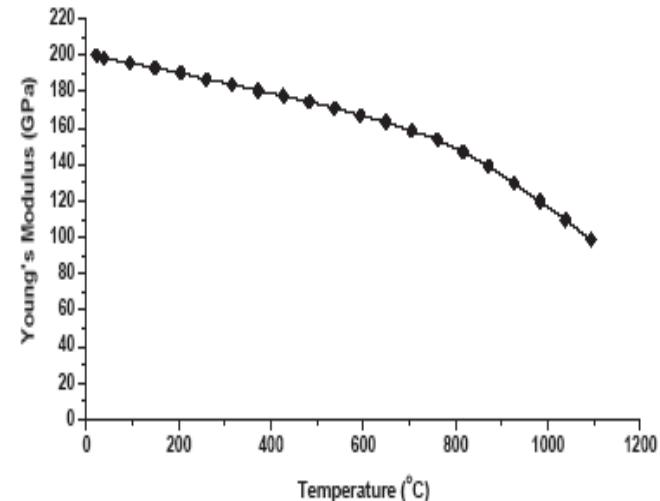
- Heat specimen and bar ends

- Hot specimen
    - Thermal gradient in the bars

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = \frac{u_1 - u_2}{l_0} = \frac{\dot{C}_0}{l_0} (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_t) \quad \varepsilon = \int_0^t \dot{\varepsilon}(t) dt$$

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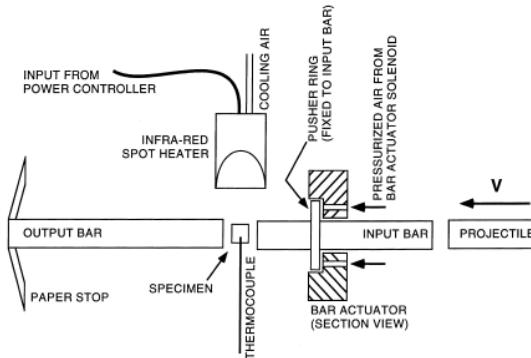
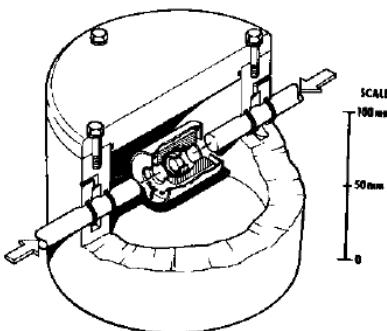
- Heat specimen individually
    - Hot specimen
    - Cold bars



# High-Temperature Kolsky Compression bar

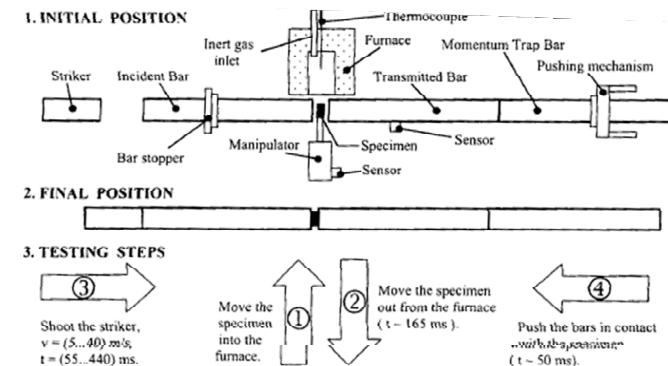
## ■ Hot Specimen/Cold Bars

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- Cold Contact Time (CCT)
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    - ~ milliseconds



(Frantz et al. 1984)

(Lennon and Ramesh, 1998)

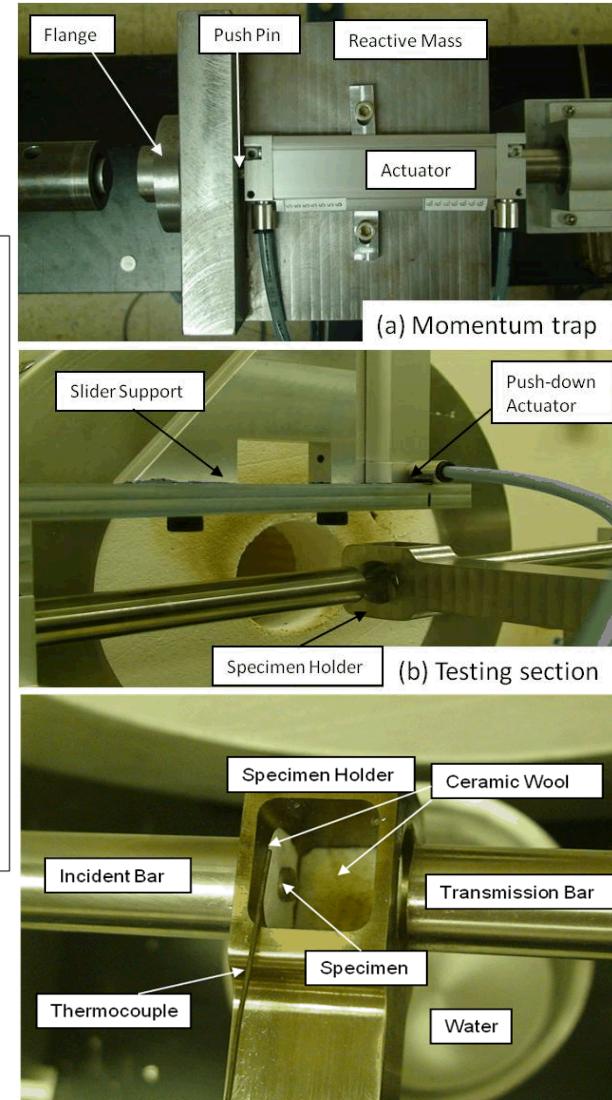
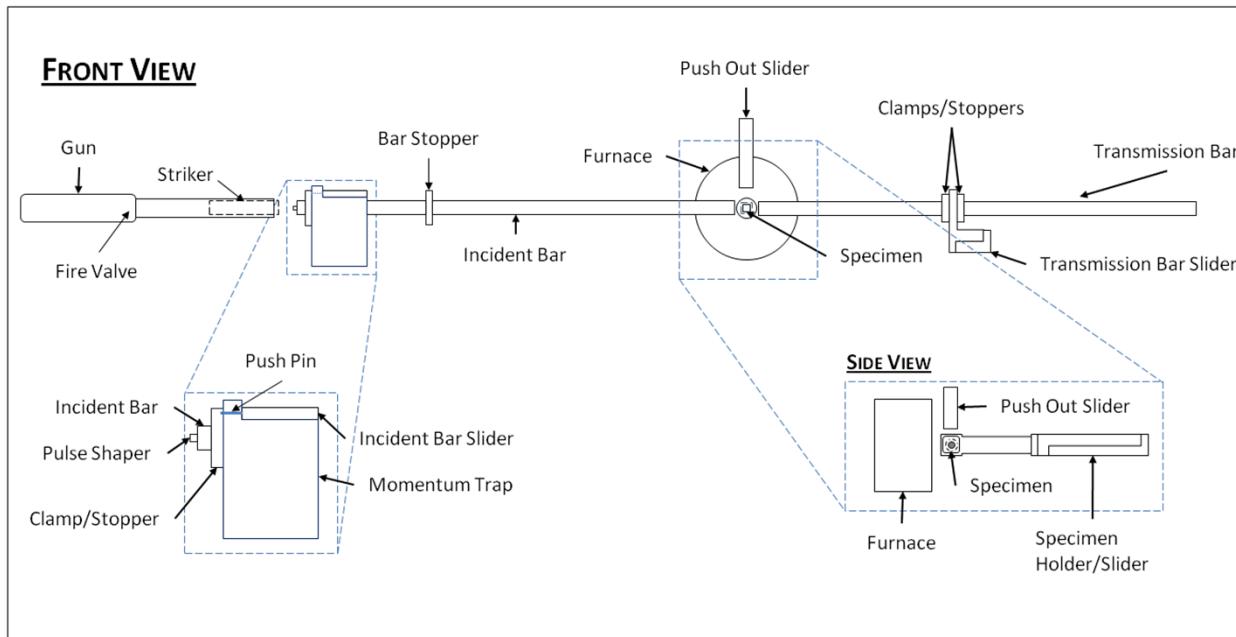


(Apostol et al. 2003)

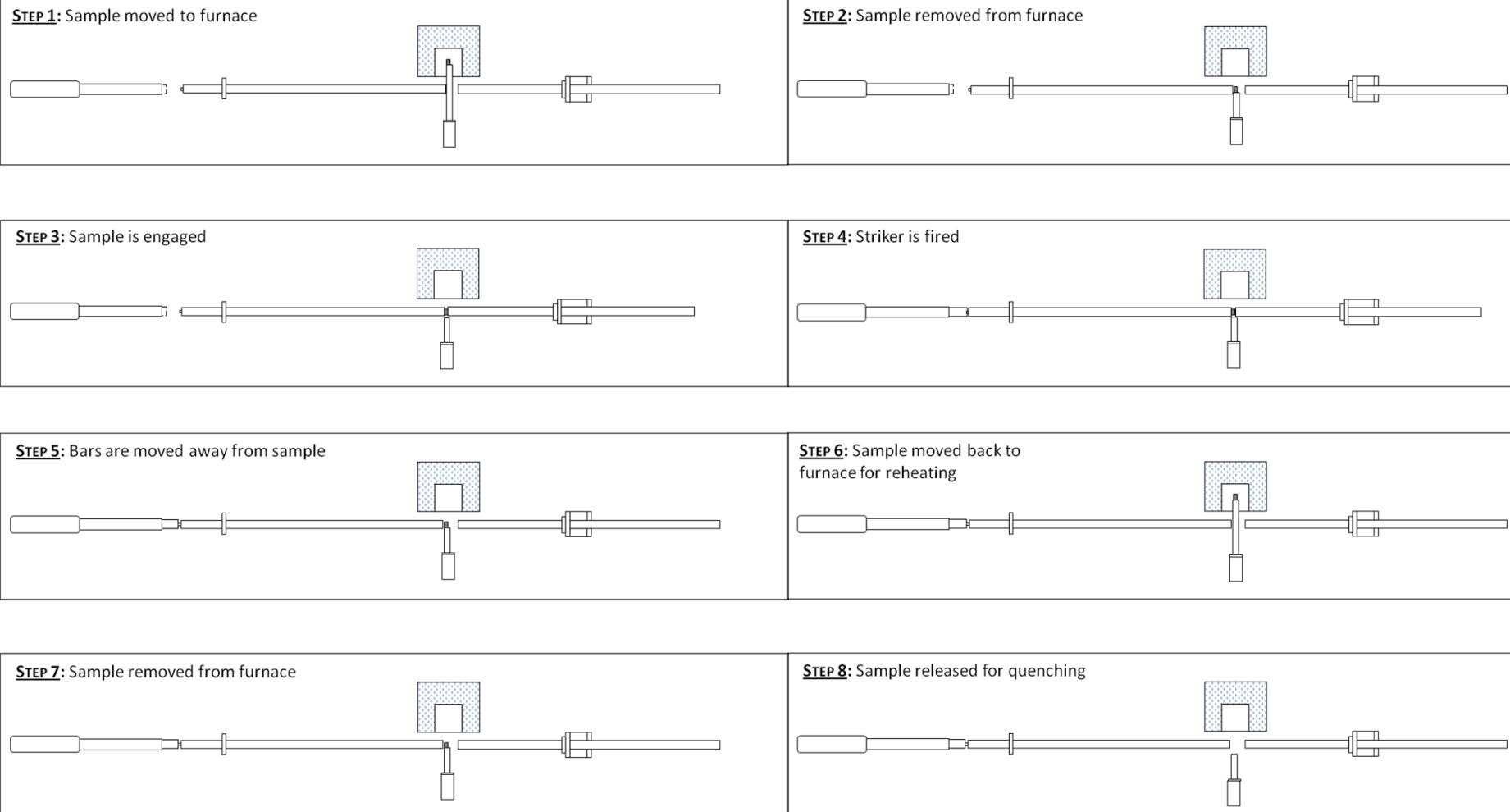
# High-Temperature Kolsky Bar at SNL

- We followed Kuokkola's design (Apostol et al. 2003) but made modifications for recrystallization investigation
  - Mechanical Test: ensure single loading on the specimen
    - Momentum trap is applied
  - After Mechanical Test: control of quenching process
    - **Temperature control**
      - Reheat the specimen after impact
        - Maintain constant temperature before the specimen is quenched into water
    - **Time control**
      - Precise time control since the specimen is dynamically loaded until being quenched into water
  - **Investigation of structure-property relationship**
    - Microstructure observation and measurement
    - **Mechanical properties measurement of the dynamically loaded specimens**

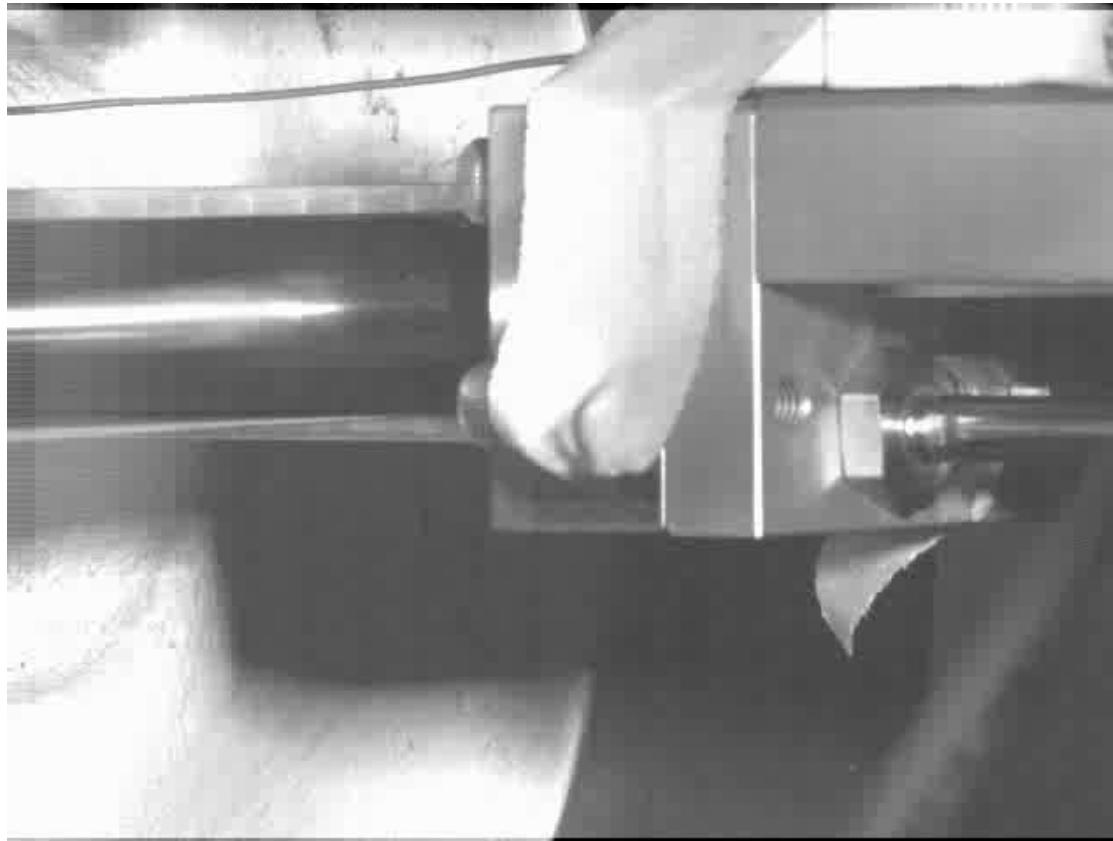
# High-Temperature Kolsky Bar at SNL



# Operation Procedure

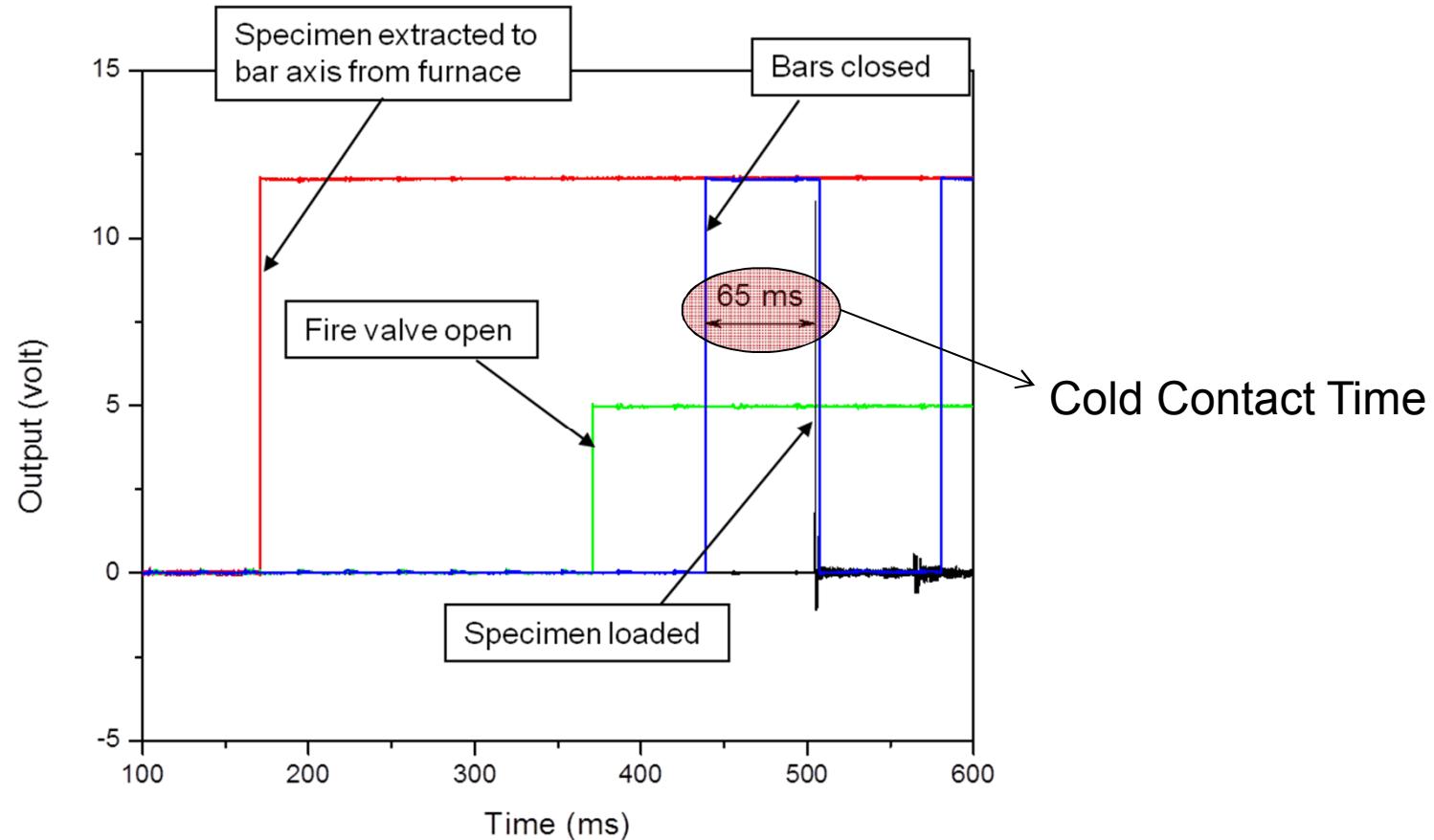


# High-Rate/High-Temperature Testing of 304L Stainless Steel



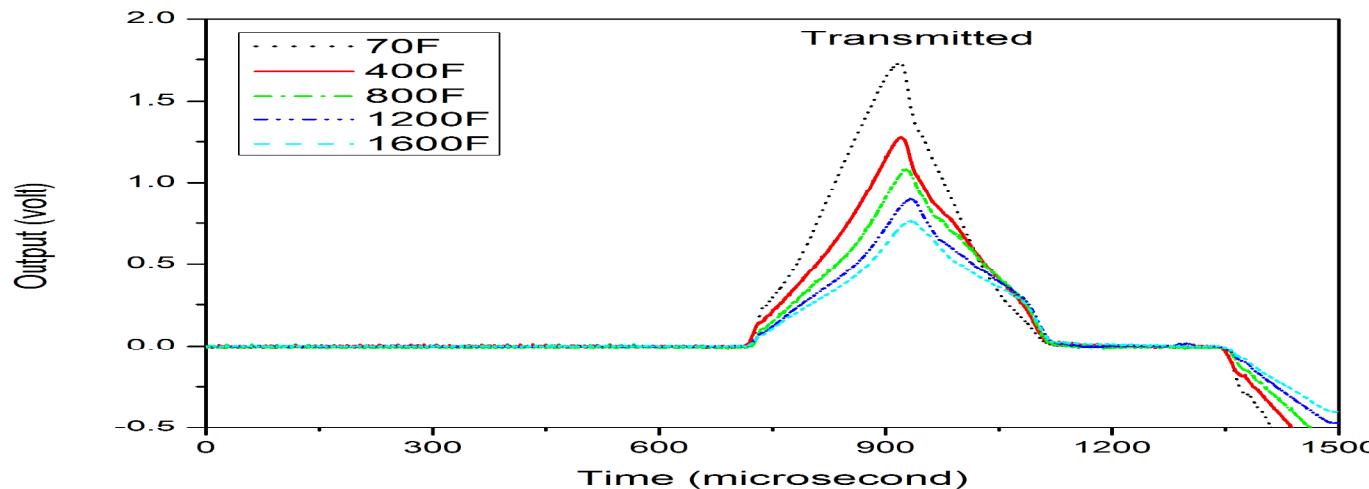
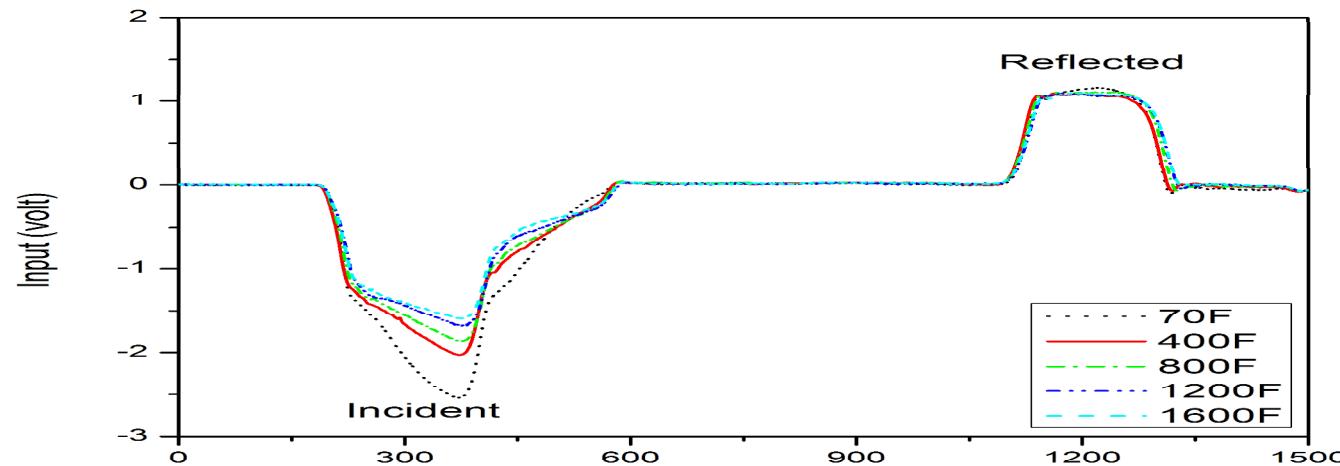
The video has been edited to shorten playing time.

# Cold Contact Time

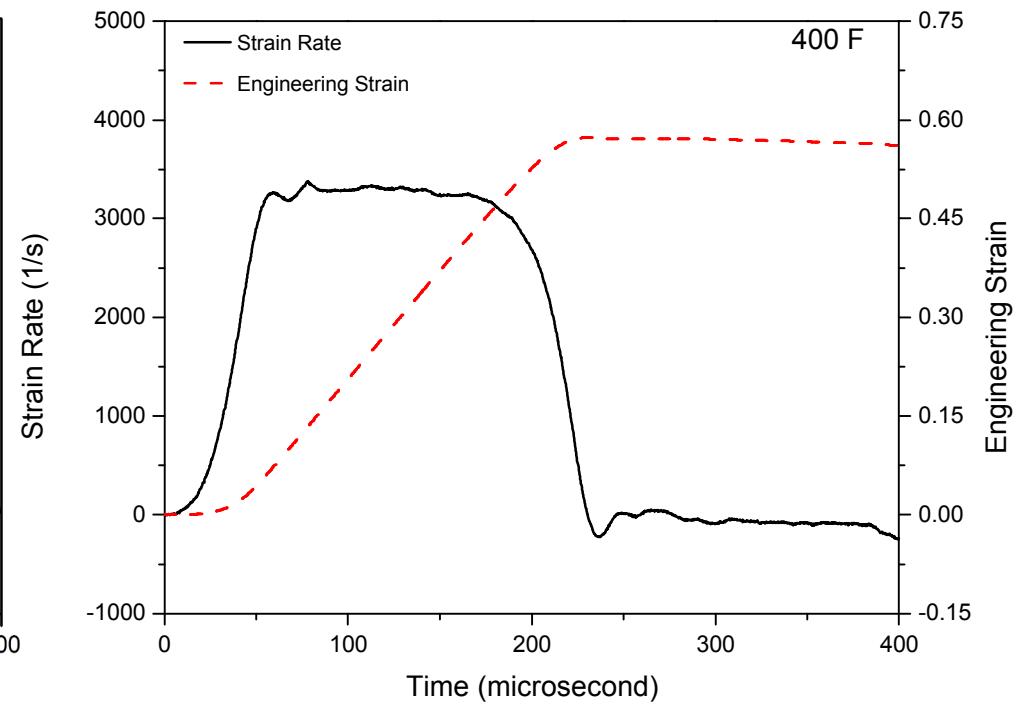
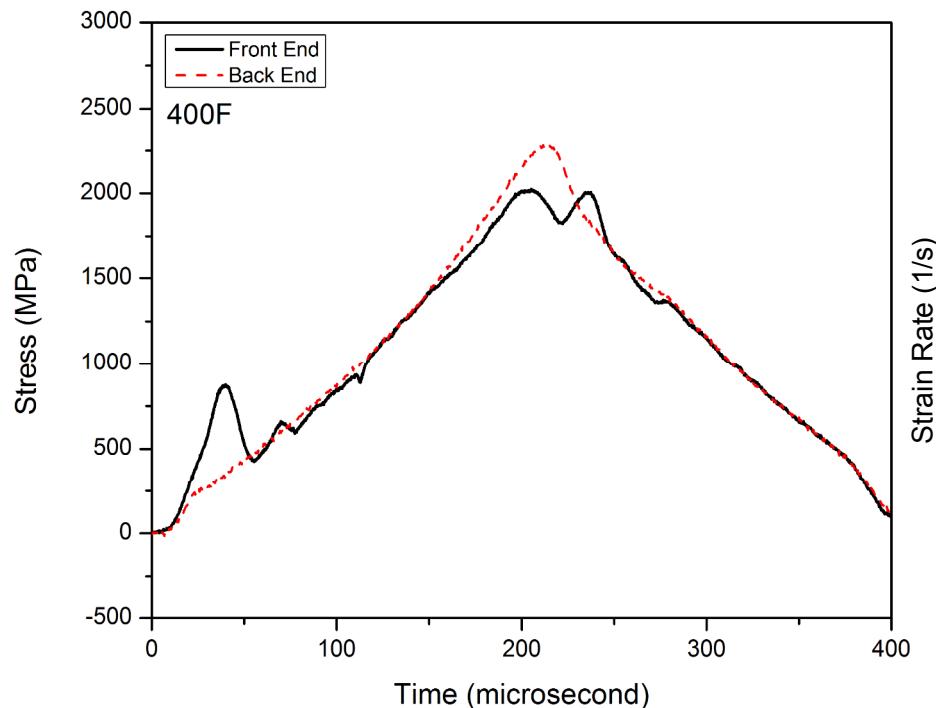


Cold contact time could be even shorter after more precise control of valve delay.

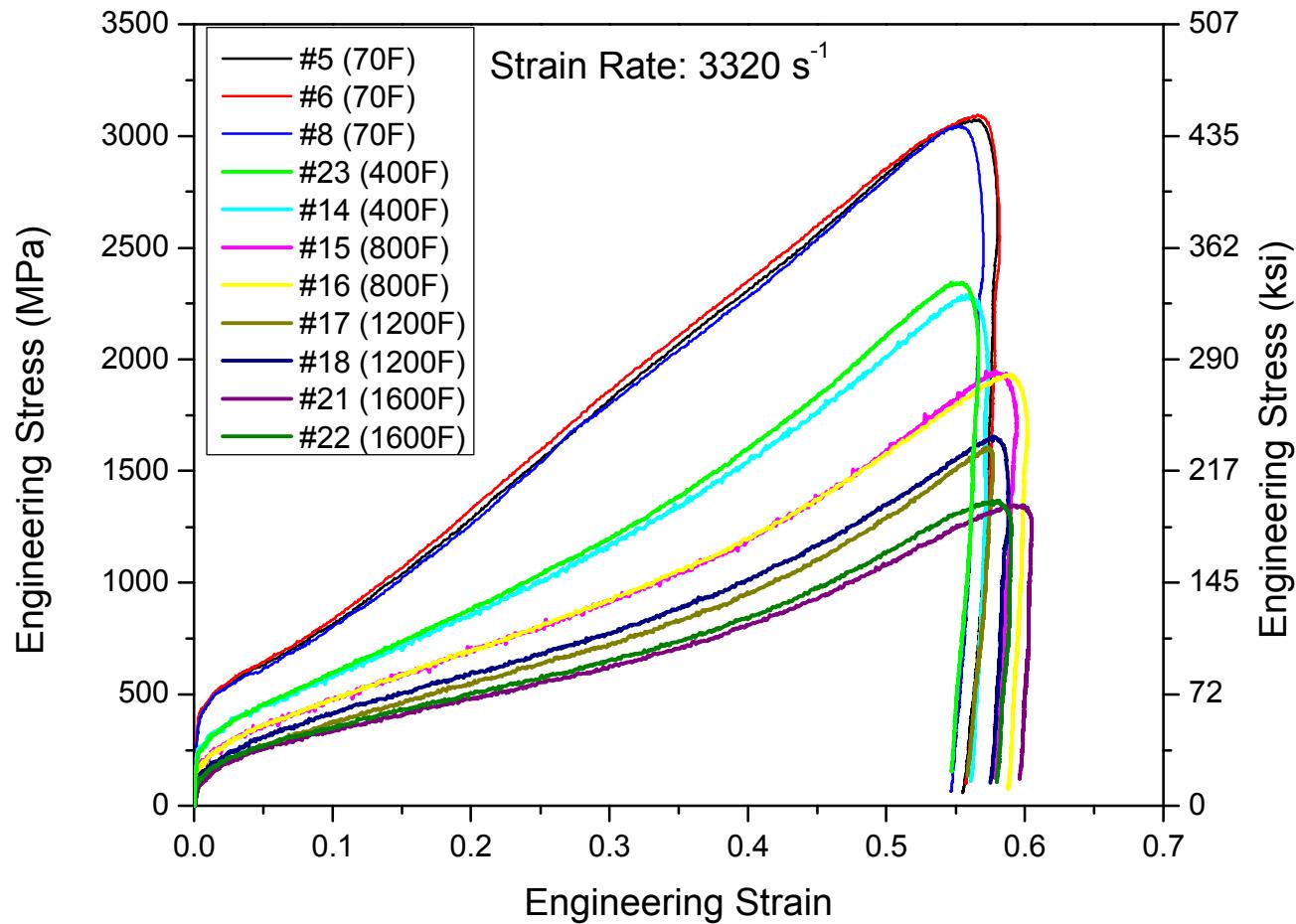
# Pressure Bar Strain Gage Outputs with Proper Pulse Shaping Techniques



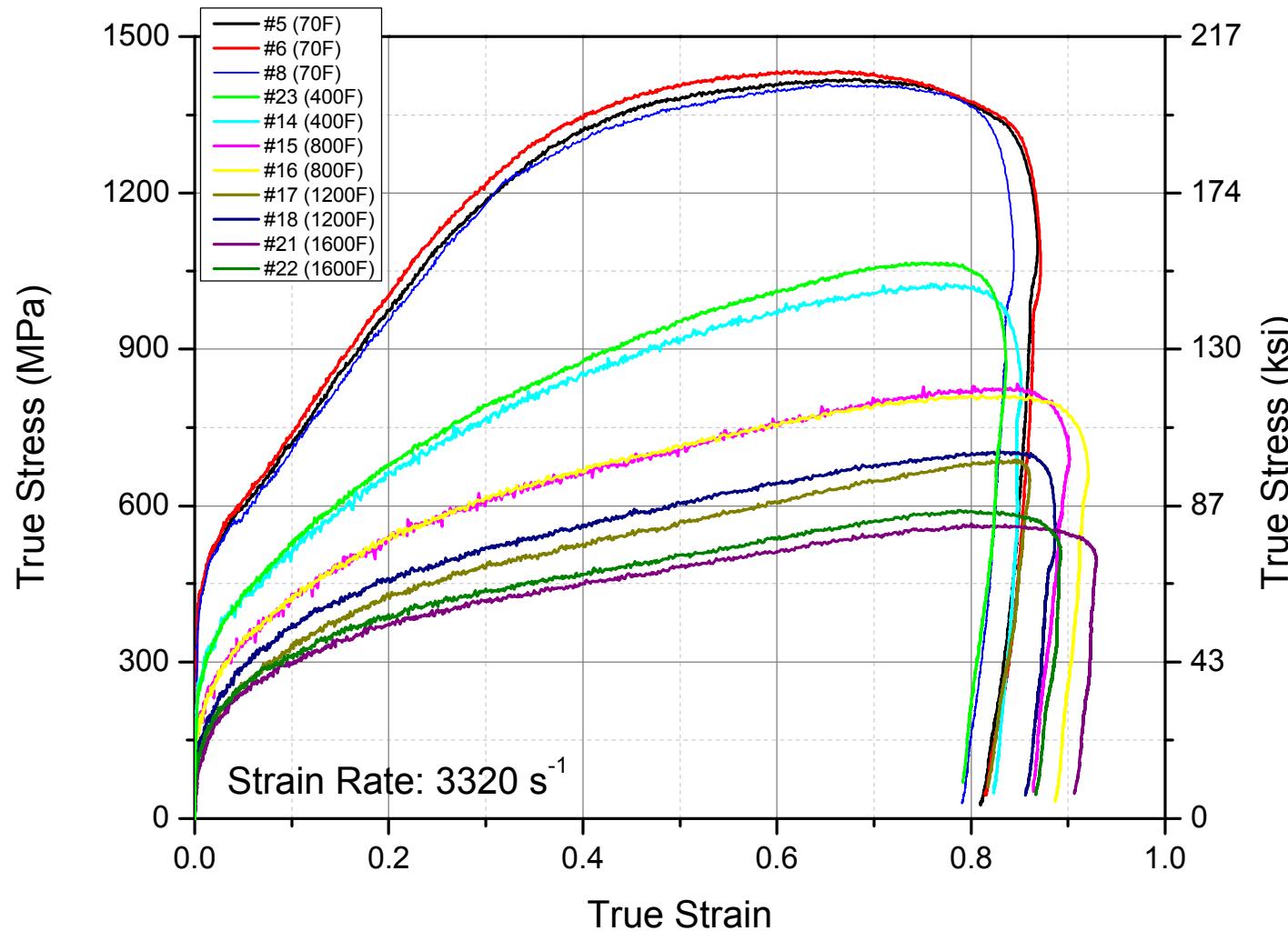
# Stress Equilibrium and Constant Strain Rate



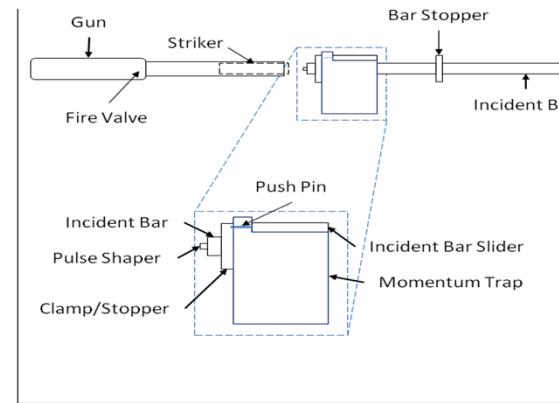
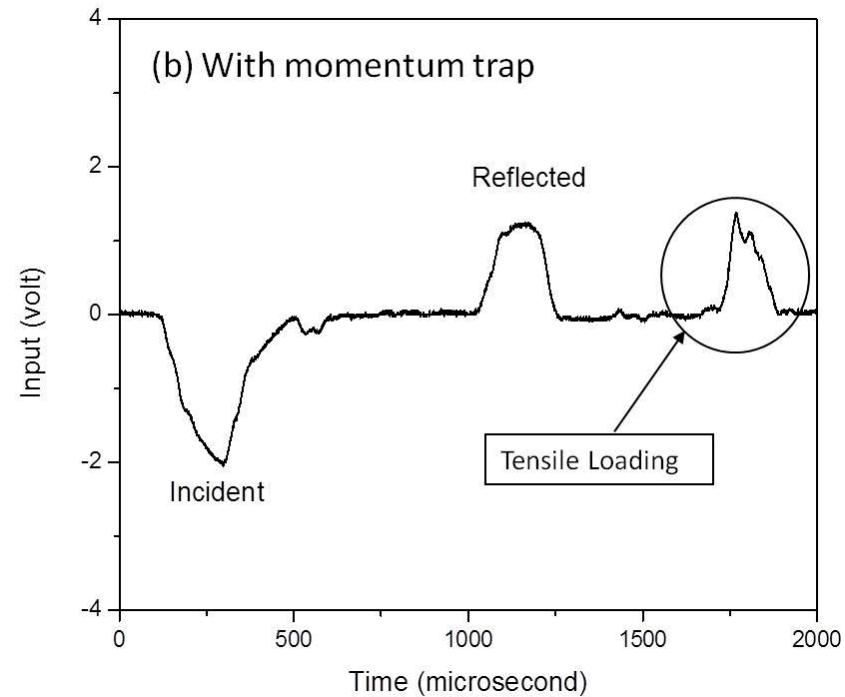
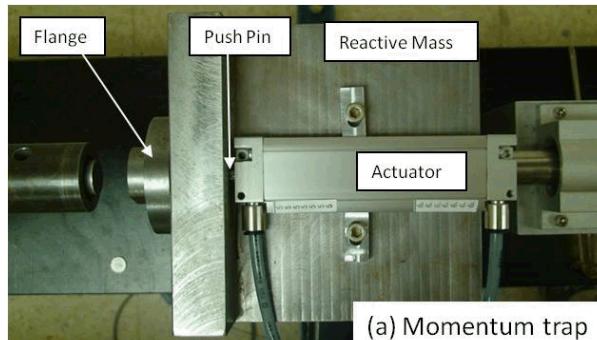
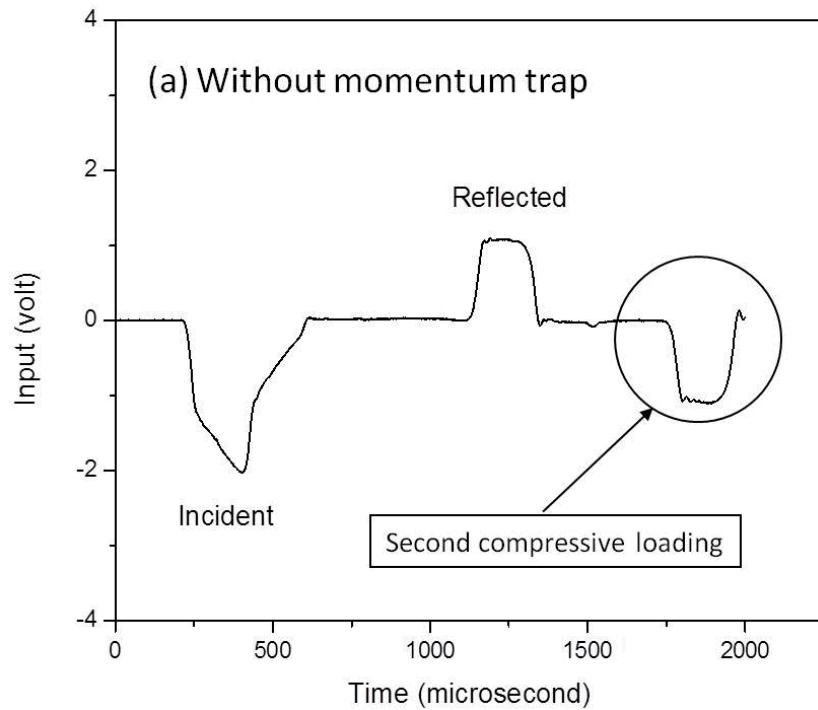
# Dynamic Stress-Strain Curves



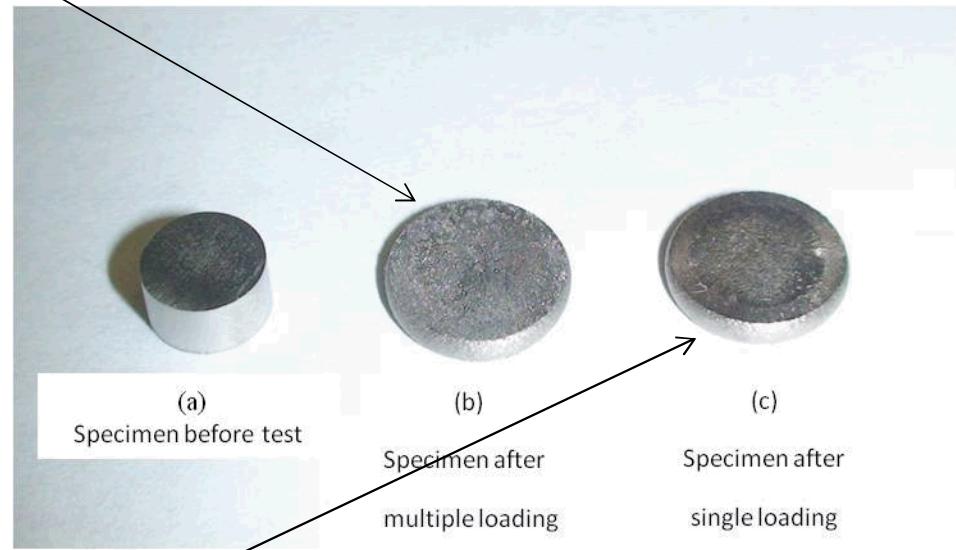
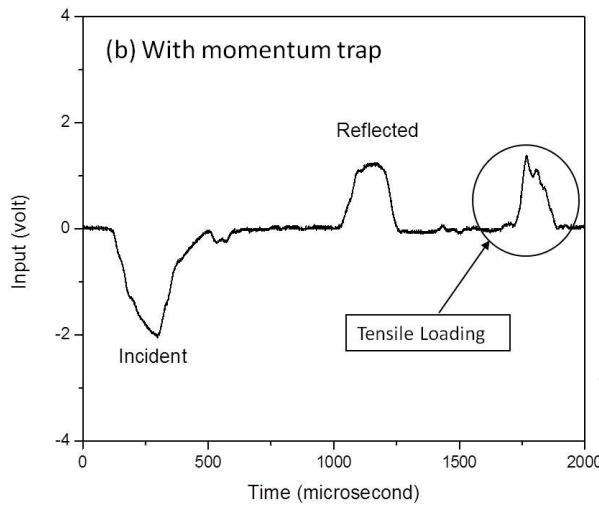
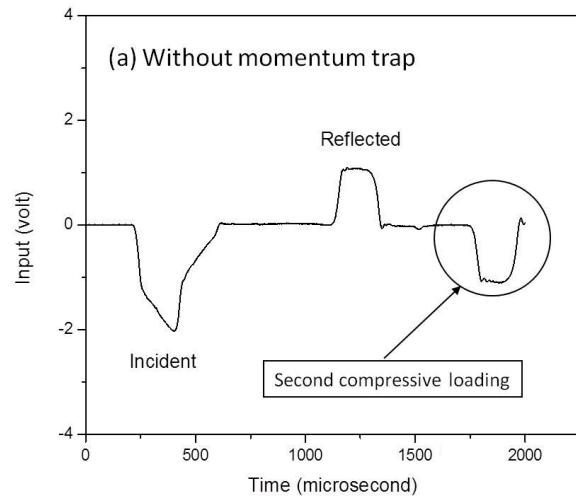
# Dynamic Stress-Strain Curves



# Momentum Trap for Single Loading



# Specimens Before and After Tests



# High-Temperature Split Hopkinson (Kolsky) Tension Bar Experiments on Iridium Alloy for Failure Analysis



Periodic Table of the Elements

77	Iridium	192.22
55	Cs	56 Ba
57-71	Hf	72 Hf
73	Ta	74 W
75	Rh	76 Os
77	Ru	78 Ir
79	Pt	80 Au
81	Hg	82 Tl
82	Pb	83 Bi
83	Po	84 Po
84	At	85 At
85	Rn	86 Rn
59	Pr	60 Nd
60	Eu	61 Pm
61	Sm	62 Sm
62	Eu	63 Eu
63	Gd	64 Gd
64	Tb	65 Tb
65	Dy	66 Dy
66	Ho	67 Ho
67	Er	68 Er
68	Tm	69 Tm
69	Yb	70 Yb
71	Lu	71 Lu
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75	Noble Gas	76 Lanthanides
76	Actinides	



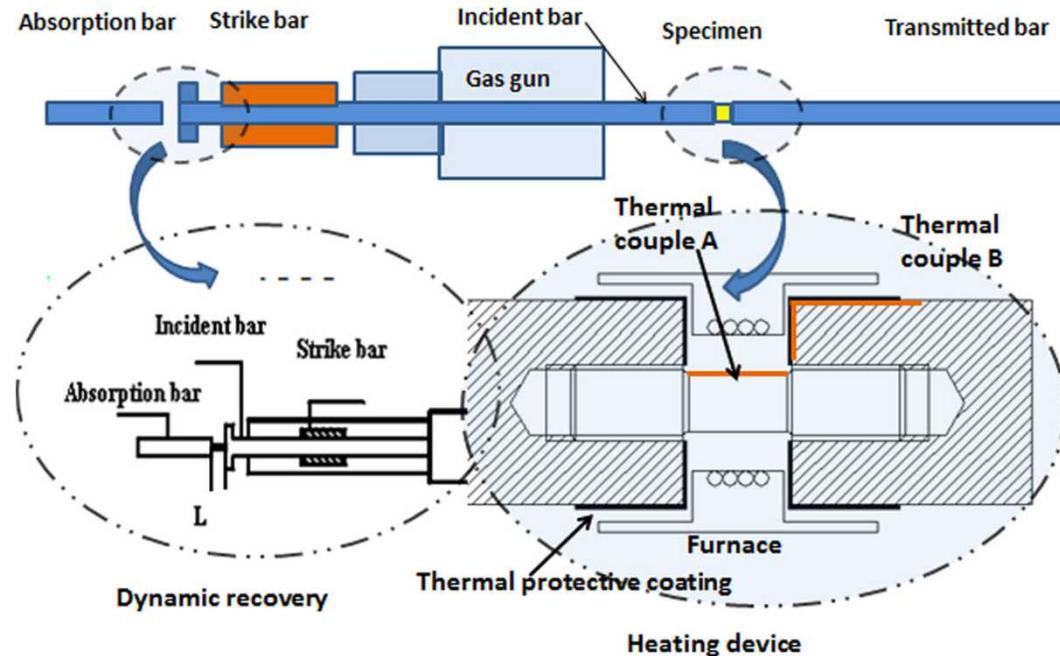
**Current high-temperature Hopkinson compression techniques are not applicable to tensile tests**

## DOP-26 Iridium Alloy (developed by ORNL)

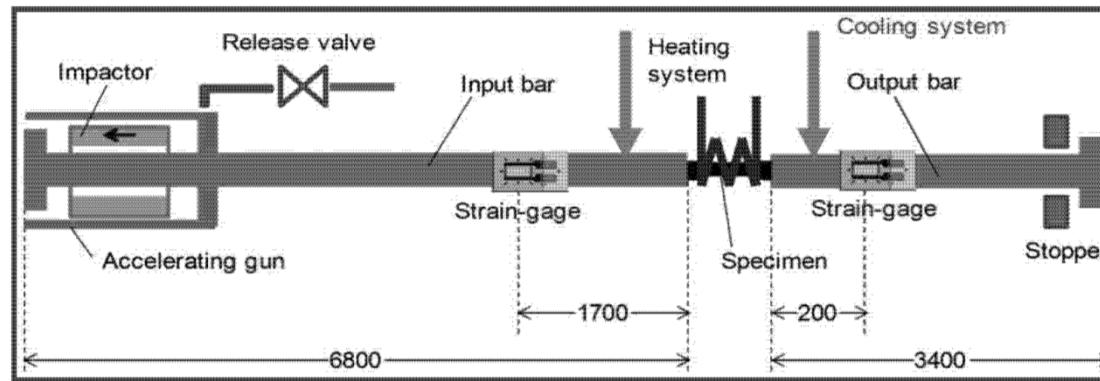
- *By weight:*
  - 0.3% tungsten to enhance weldability
  - 60-ppm (parts per million) thorium to increase ductility
  - 50-ppm aluminum
- *Unique properties*
  - High-melting point
  - Good high-temperature strength
  - Good oxidation resistance
  - Compatibility with the fuel and graphitic heat-source components
  - High impact ductility at high temperatures

# High-Temperature Kolsky Tensile Bar Tests

Su et al. (2013)



Scapin et al. (2014)



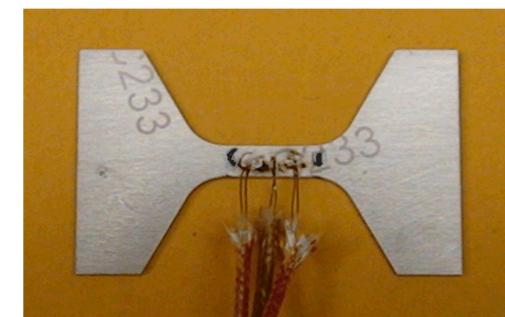
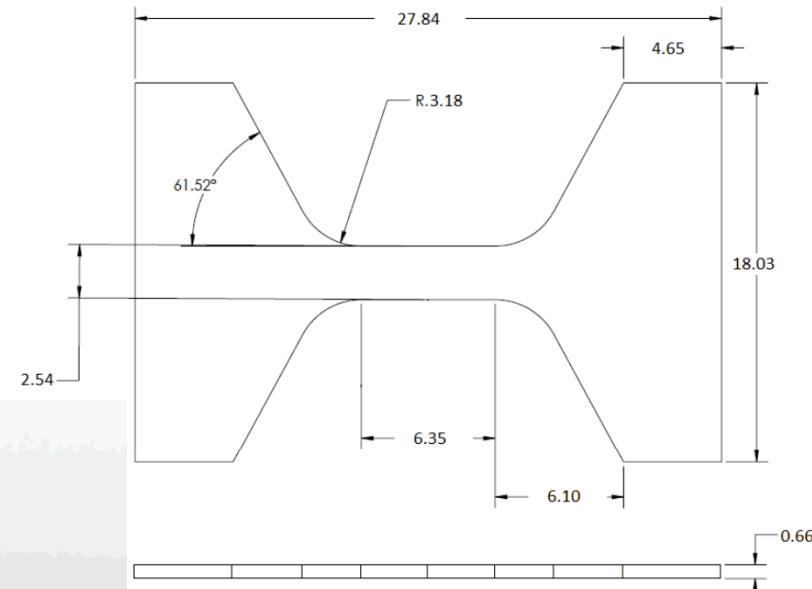
# Challenges in High-Temperature Kolsky Tensile Bar Tests of Iridium

- DOP-26 iridium alloy: only 660-um-thick thin sheet

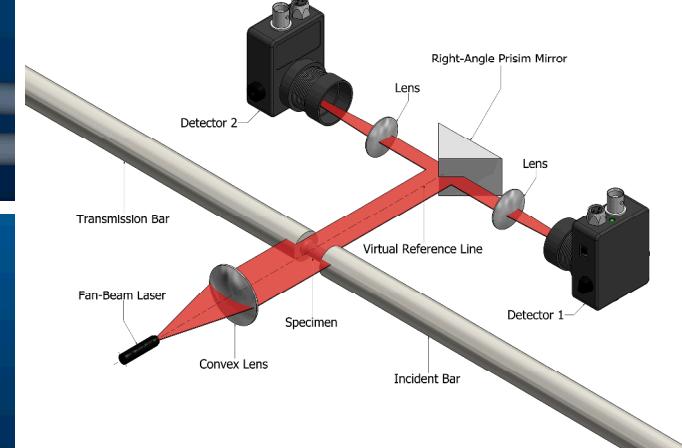
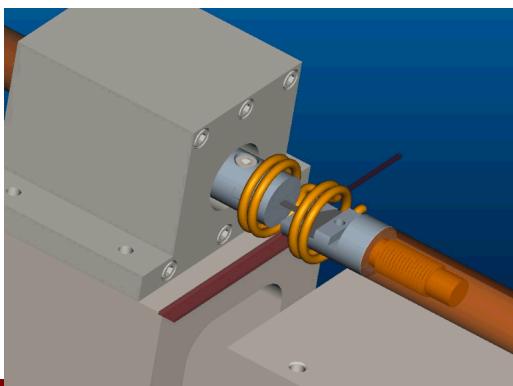
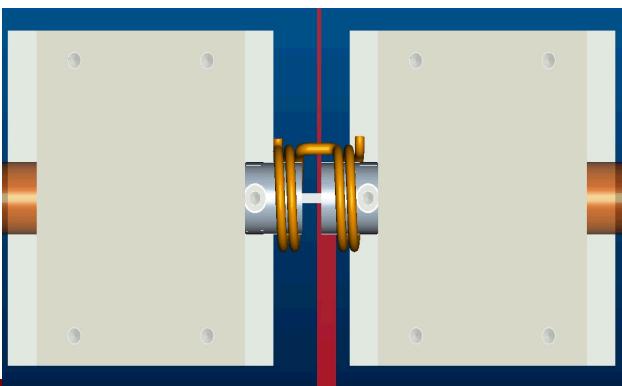
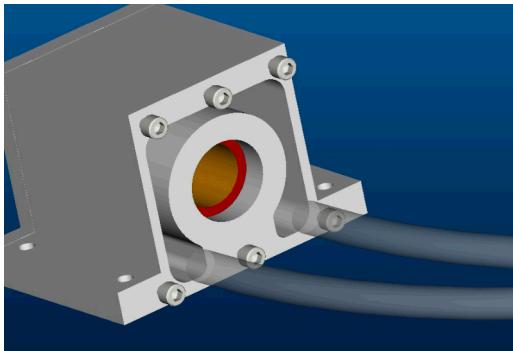
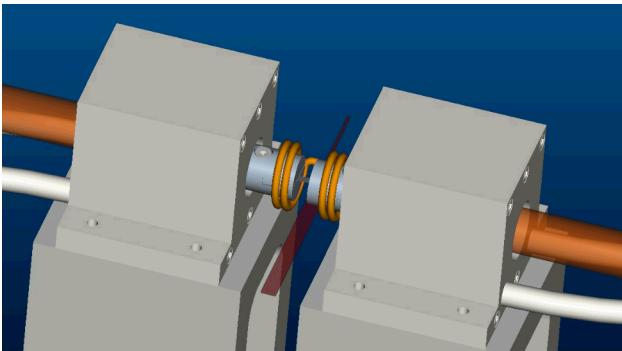
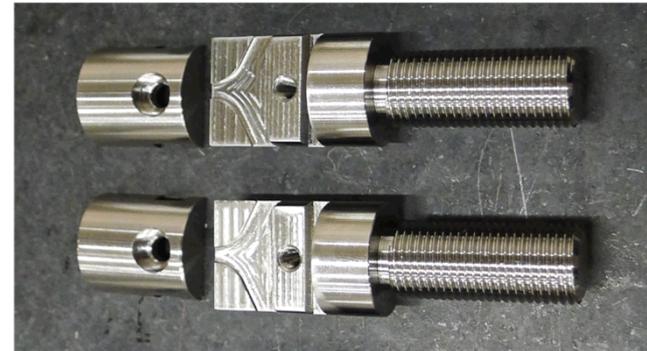
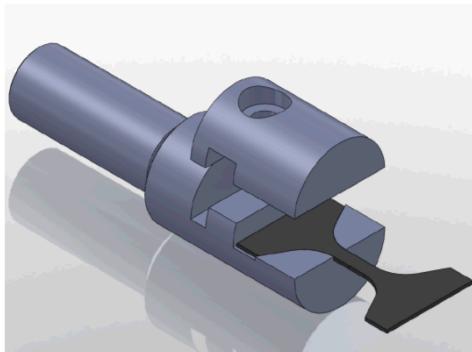
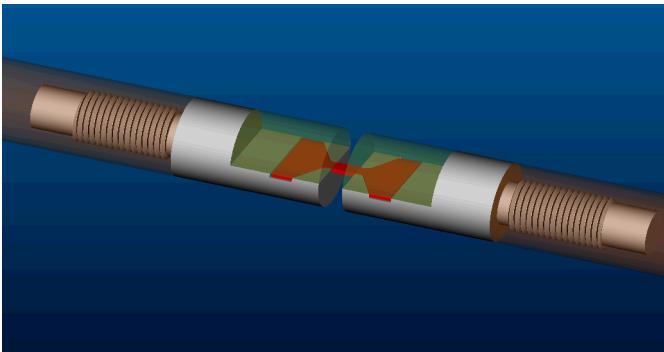
- Special grips/fixtures
  - Specimen geometry design
  - Small cross-sectional area
    - Small transmitted force

- Ultra-high temperatures

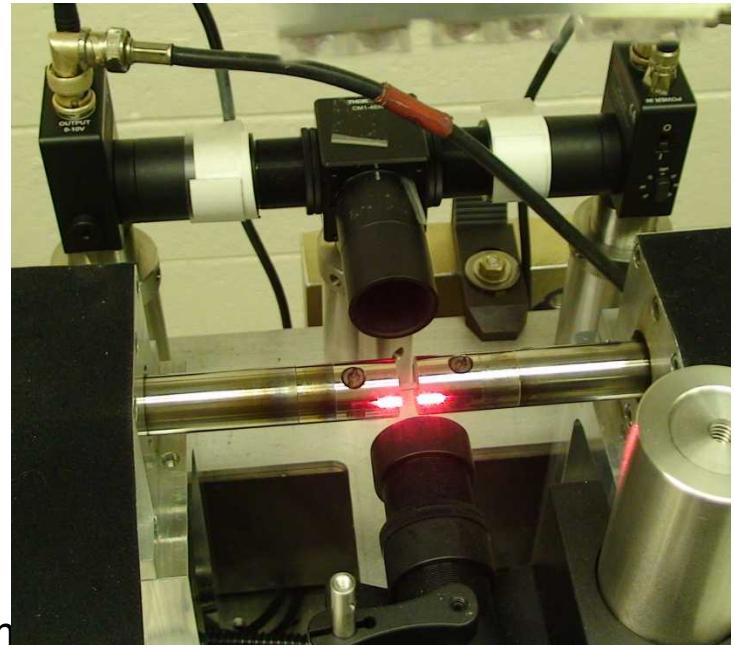
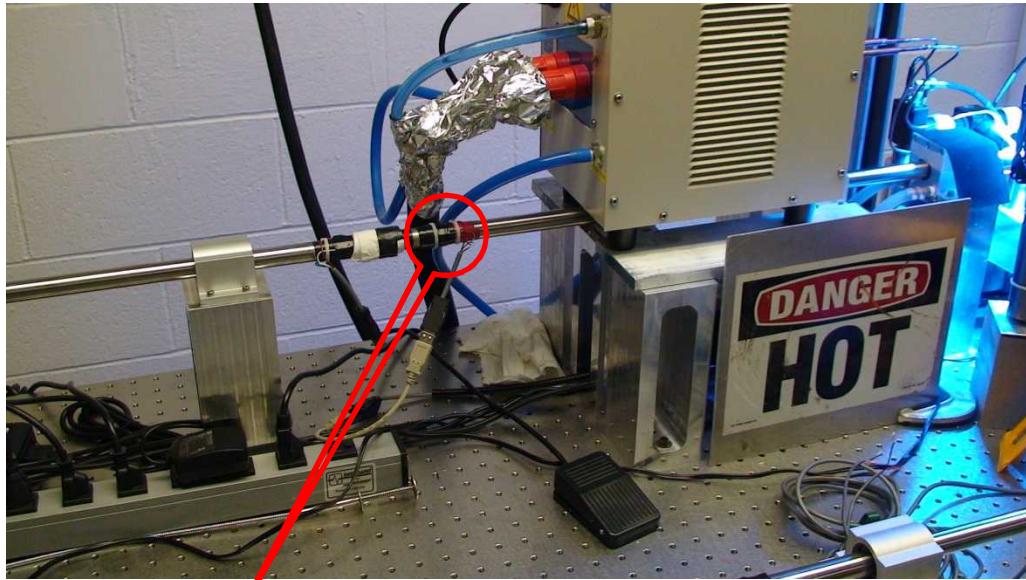
- 750 and 1030C
  - Hot specimen/cool ba
  - Thermal expansion
    - Possible buckling



# High-Temperature Kolsky Tensile Bar Tests



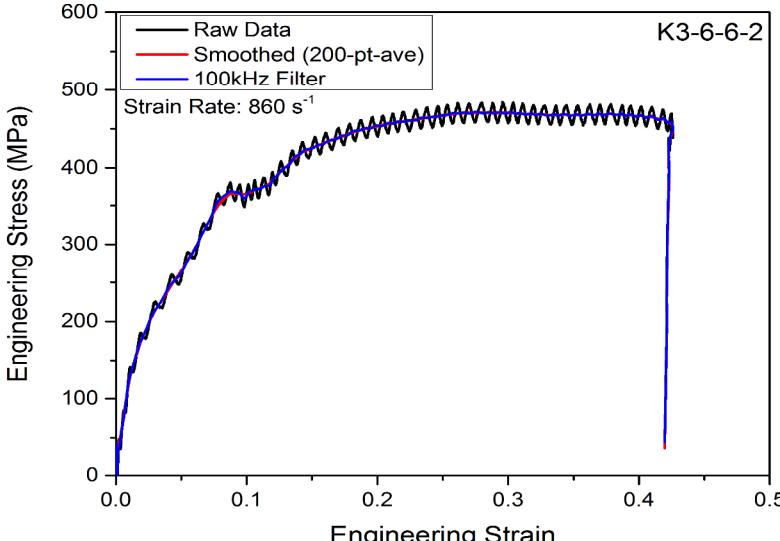
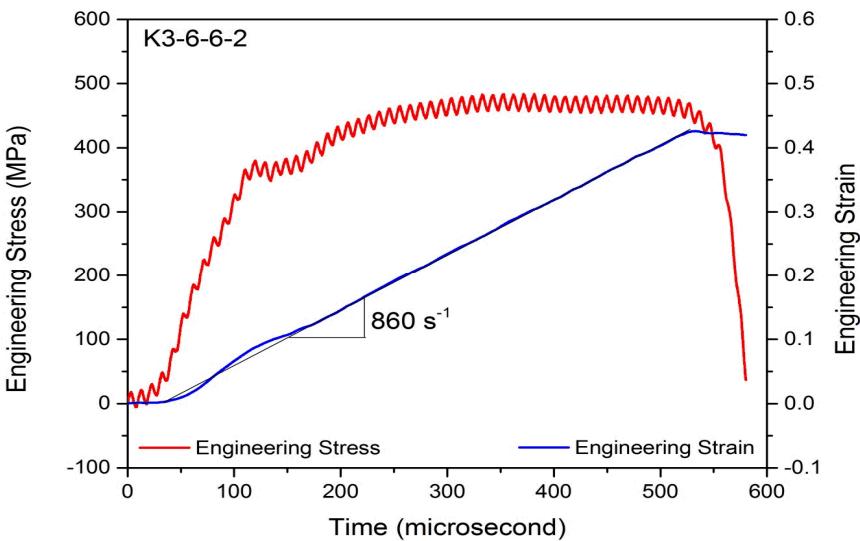
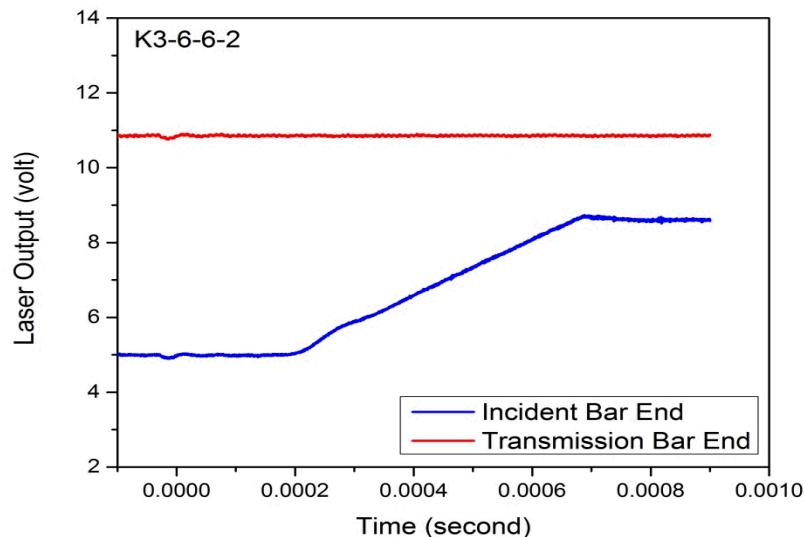
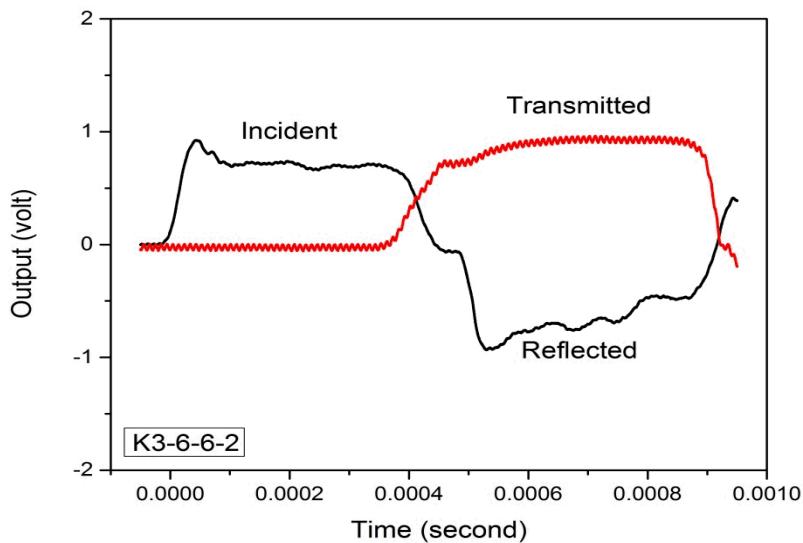
# Stress and Strain Measurements



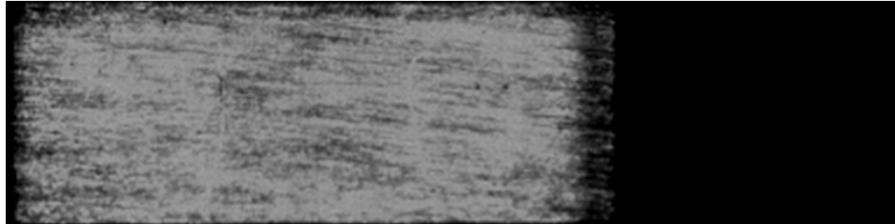
Semiconductor strain gages – specimen stress measurement  
(GF: 139 vs. 2 for regular foil strain gage)



# Typical Dynamic High-Temperature Tensile Test

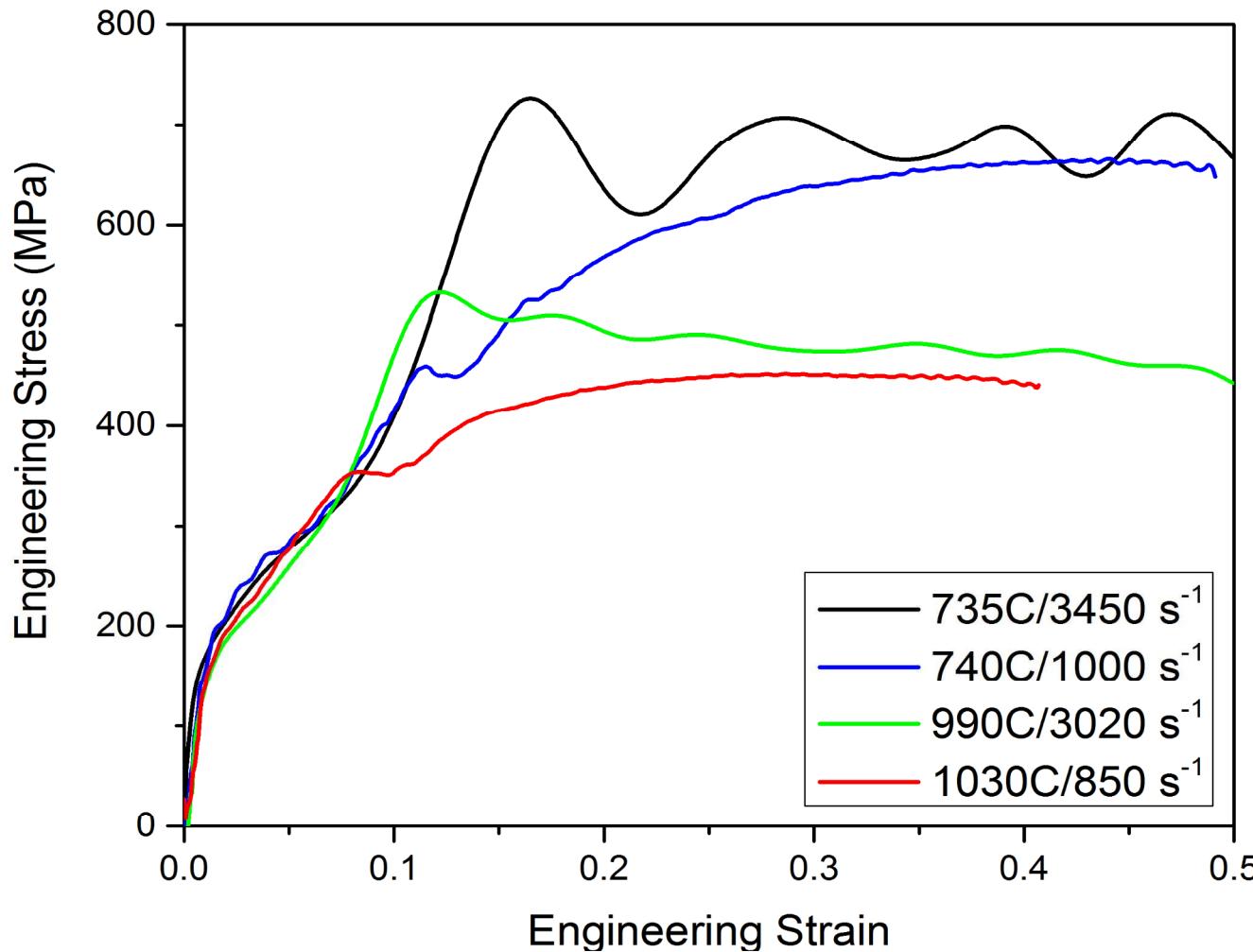


# Specimen During and After Dynamic High-Temperature Test

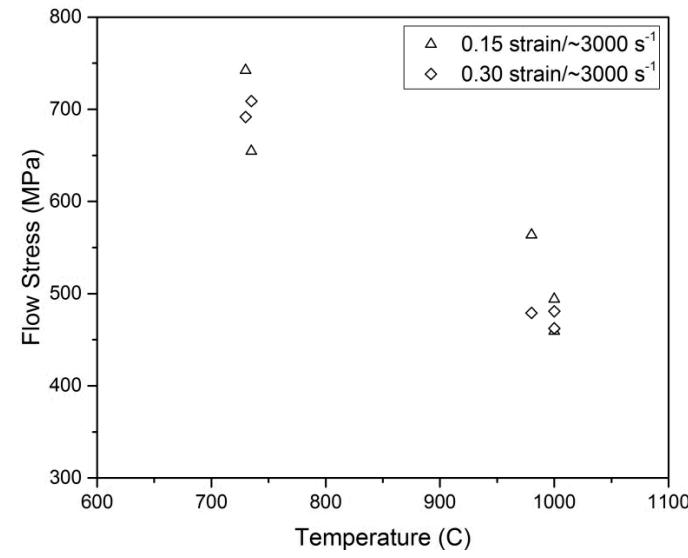
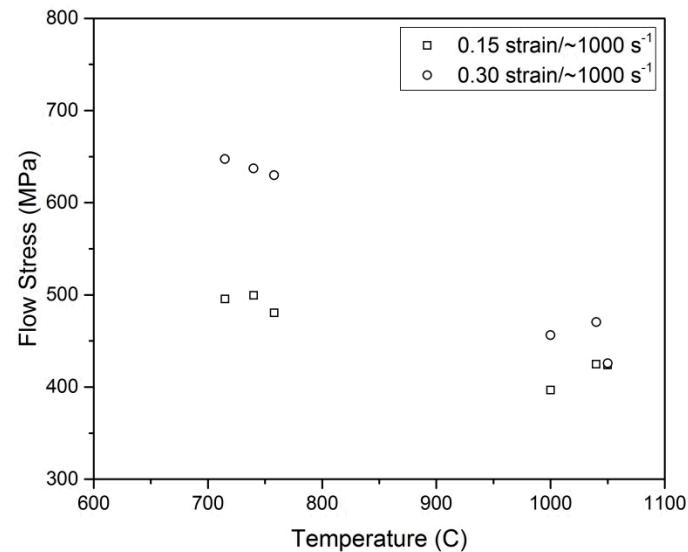
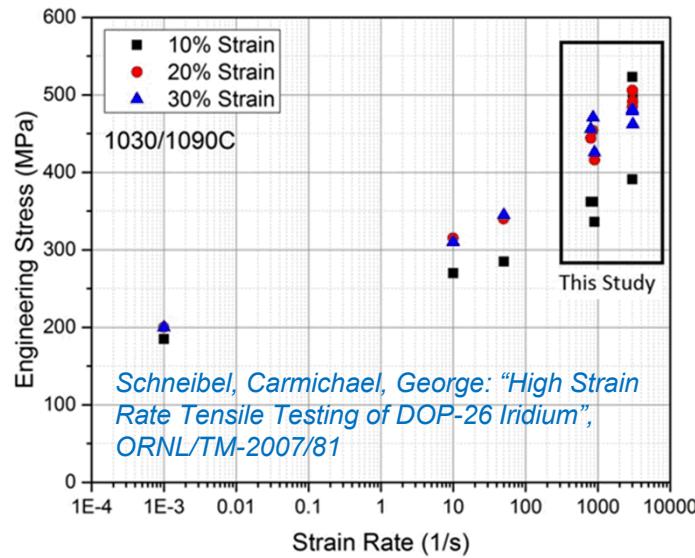
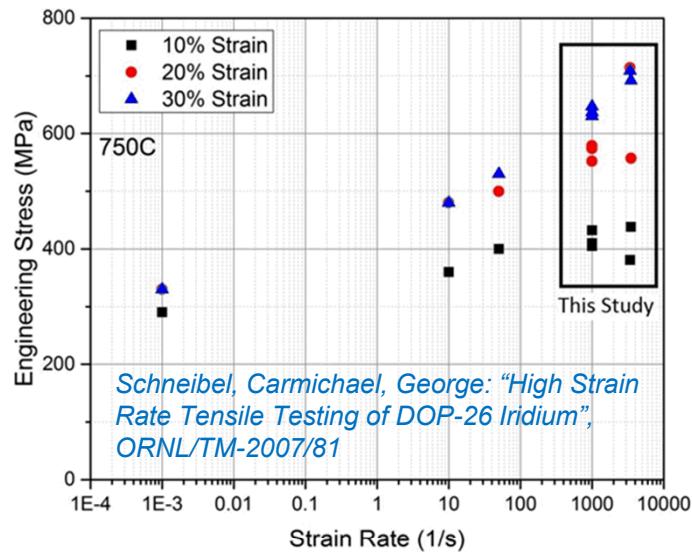


		K3-6-2	
		Initial Measurements	After Measurements
		(in.)	(mm)
0.03590	0.9119		* 1.3406
0.03495	0.8877		Break
0.03495	0.8877		* 1.3467
0.03495	0.8877		1.3606
0.03485	0.8852		1.2579
0.03505	0.8903		
** One or both indentations were difficult to detect. Measurement value is suspect			
Average			
0.03511	0.89175		
		3.5725	5.3058
			0.485

# Engineering Tensile Stress-Strain Curves at Different Strain Rates and Temperatures



# Strain-Rate and Temperature Effects



# Summary

- High-temperature high-rate experiments with Kolsky bars are important but challenging
  - Similar challenges but different solutions for compressive and tensile tests
  - Current experimental techniques developed at Sandia are applicable up to 1030C
  - Examples:
    - 304L stainless steel for recrystallization
    - DOP-26 iridium alloy for safety analysis
- Here is just one example ... we have been doing a lot of more fun stuff...

# Experimental Impact Mechanics Lab

## ■ “Who we are?”

- We are mechanical engineers/experimentalists to solve real engineering problems for a variety of applications

## ■ “What do we do?”

- We run experiments/mechanical testing but we are not just simply data factory
- We design experiments, innovate experimental and diagnostic techniques, and advance engineering sciences
- ***We are motivated to collaborate with universities on fundamental research and applications***

## ■ “What skills do we expect (for recruitment)?”

- Critical thinking (crazy ideas are always welcome!)
- Problem solving
- Challenge loving
- Team work

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