

Designing Materials for Tribology

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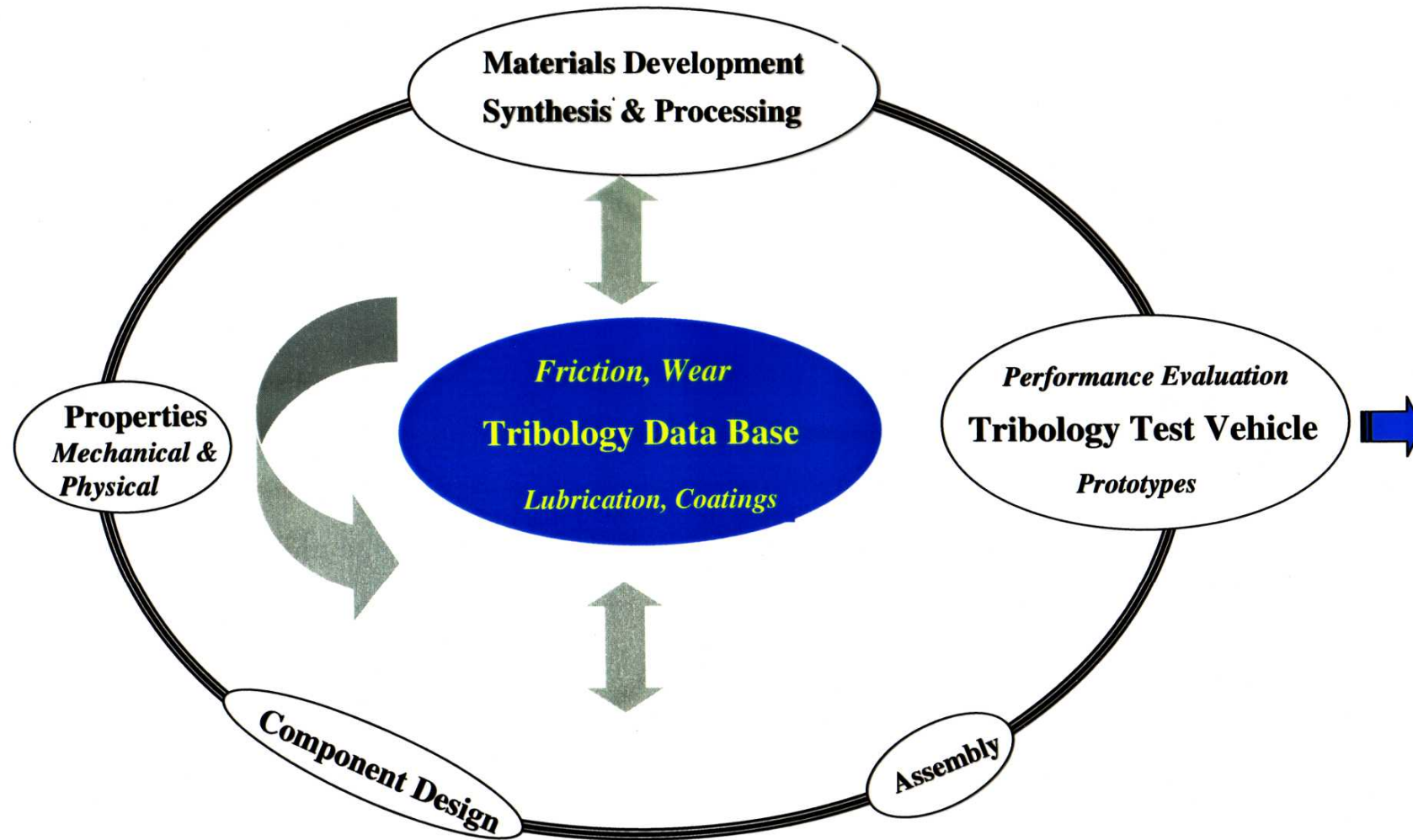
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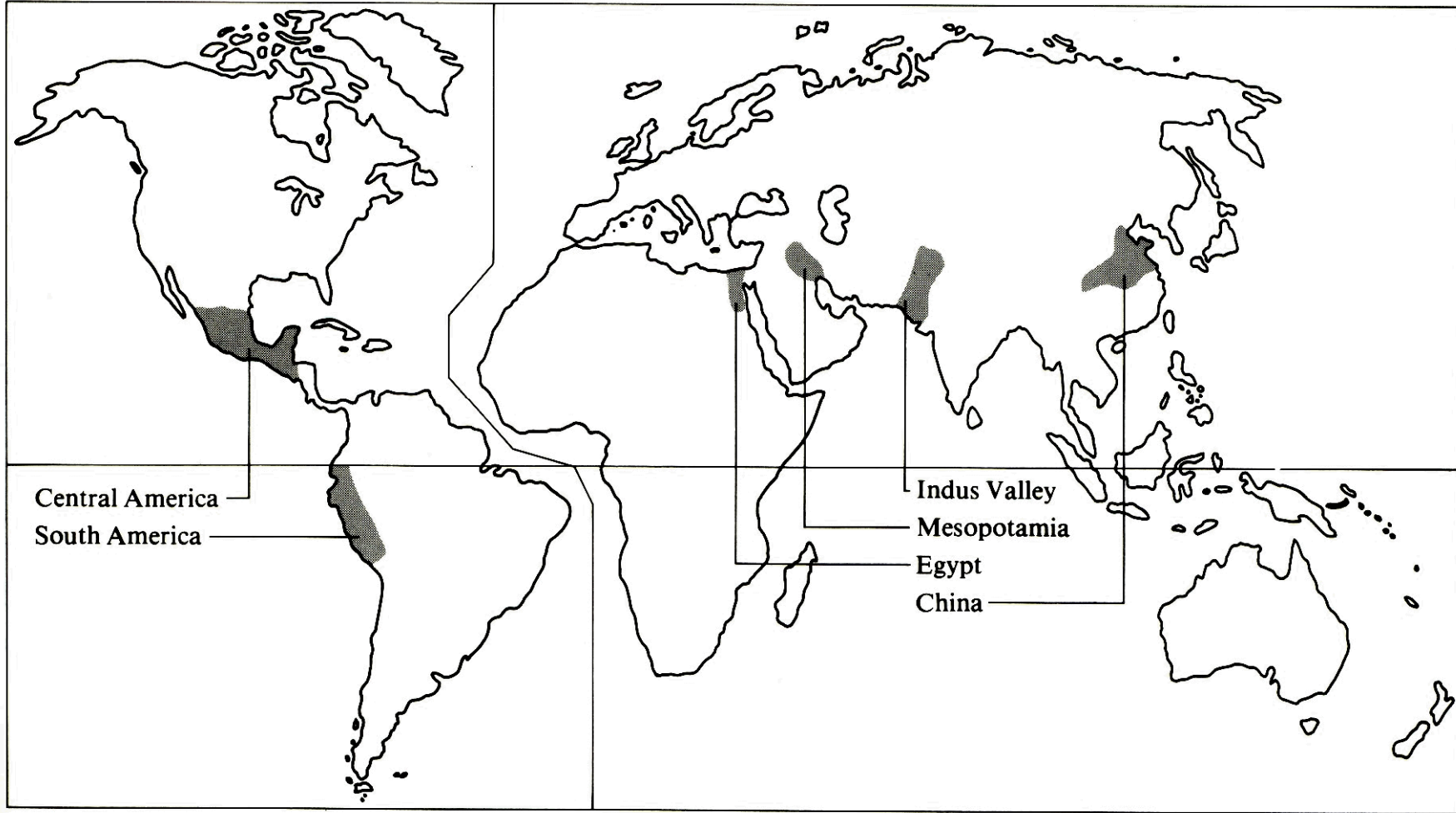
Materials Design for Tribology:; Why?



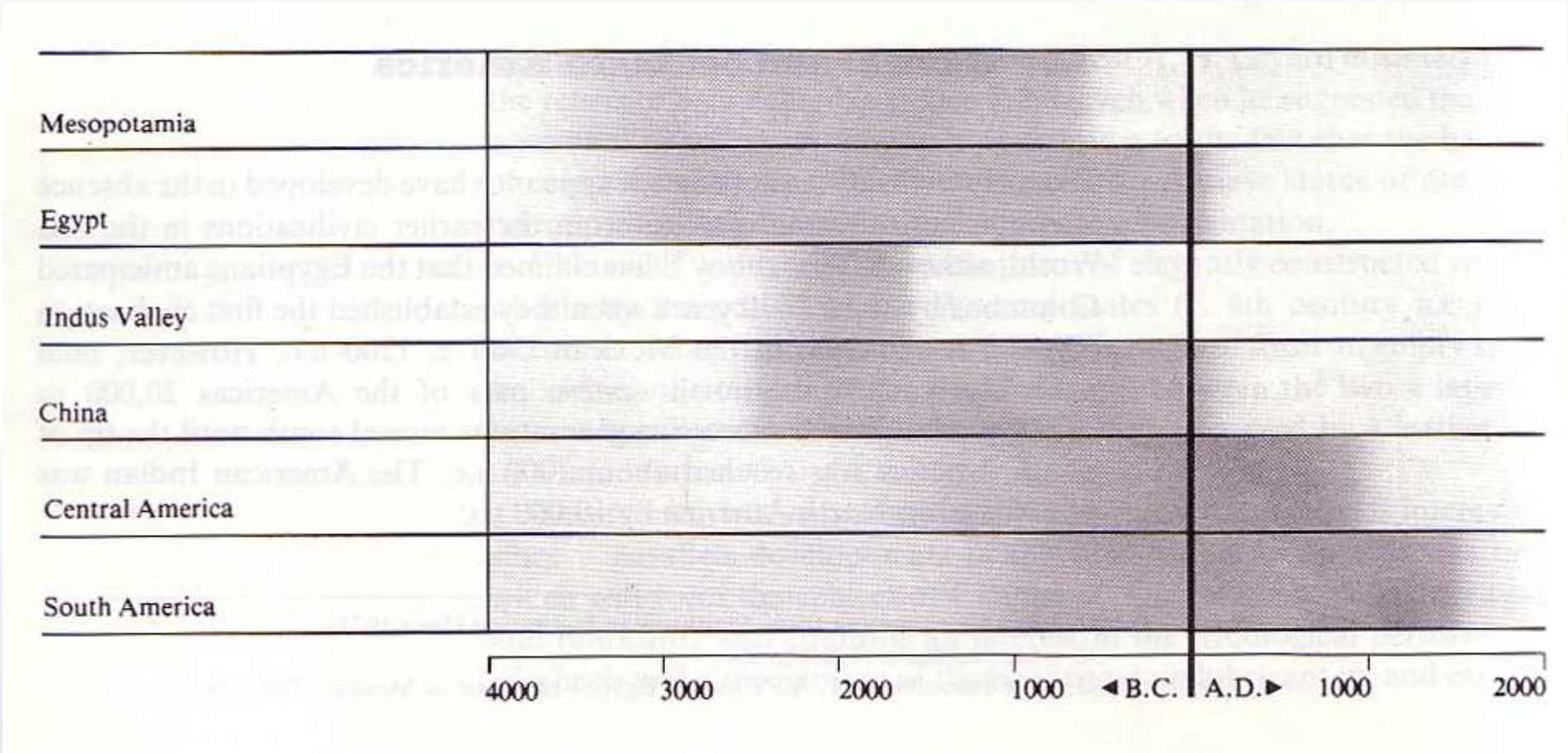
Systems approach is an integral part of Tribology



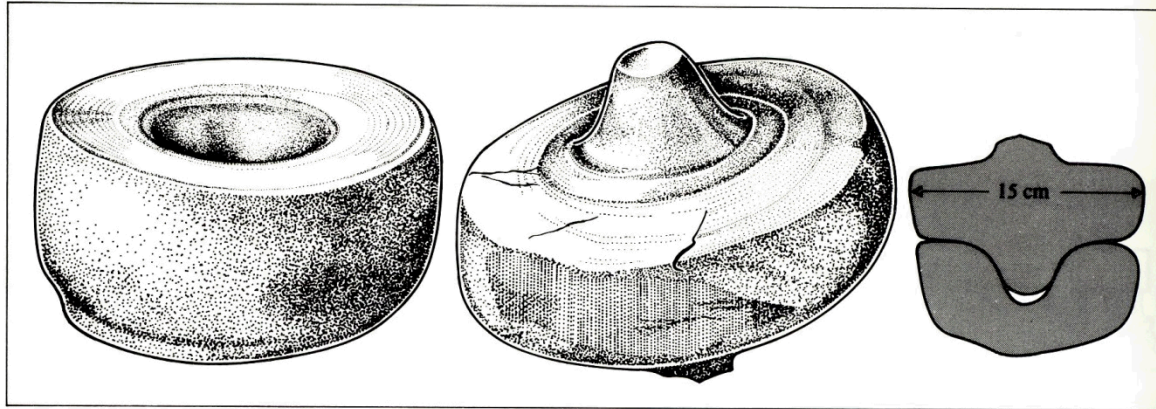
Early Civilizations Across the World



Approximate dates of the early civilizations

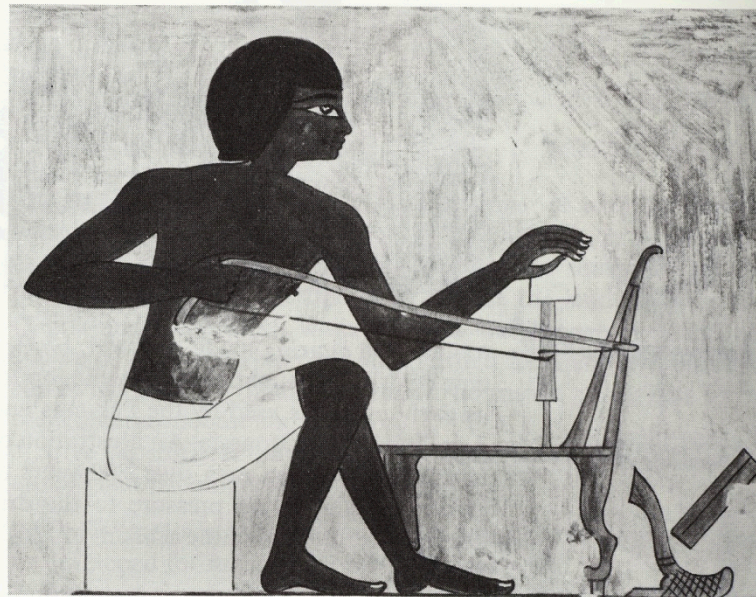


Tribological inferences from carvings

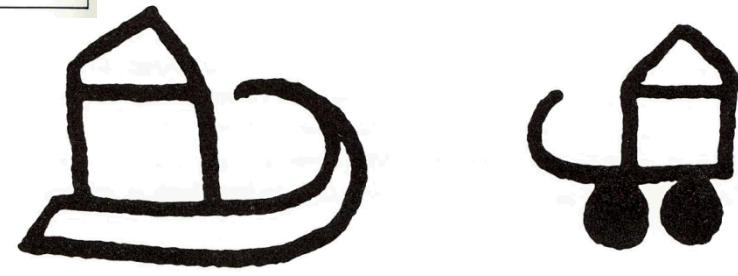


Potter's Wheel

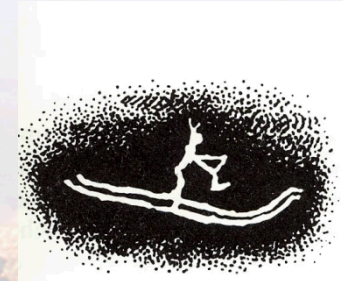
Sumer	3250 B.C.
Syria & Palestine	3000 B.C.
Egypt	2750
England	50 B.C.
Americas	1550 A.D.



Egyptians using a bow-drill



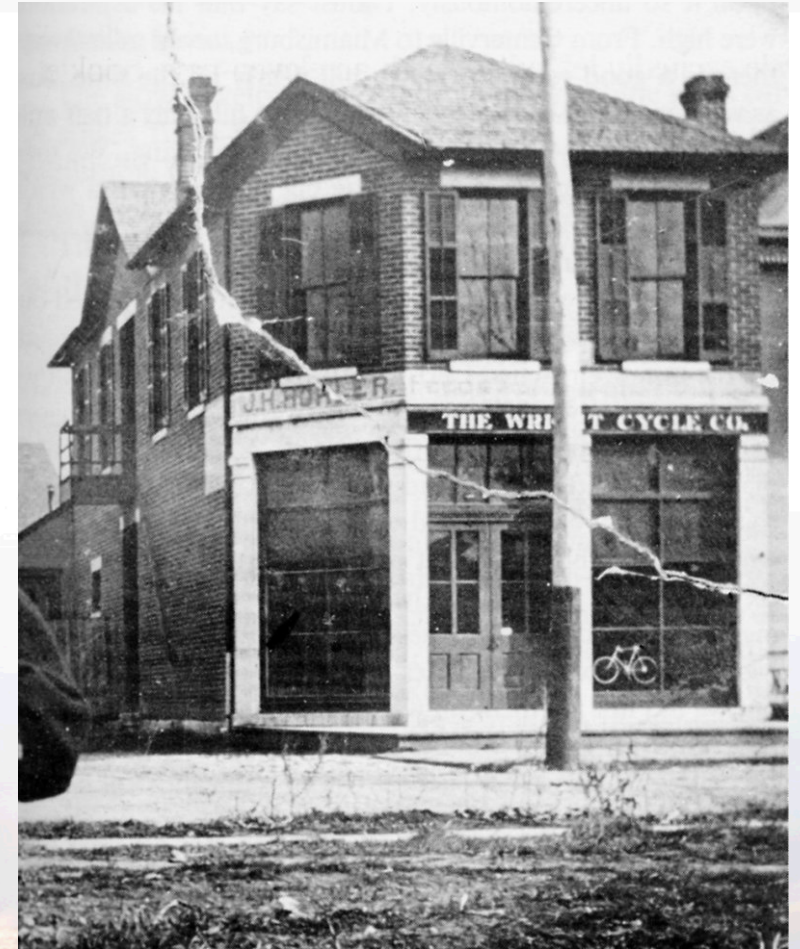
Sledge and wheeled vehicle (3000 B.C.)



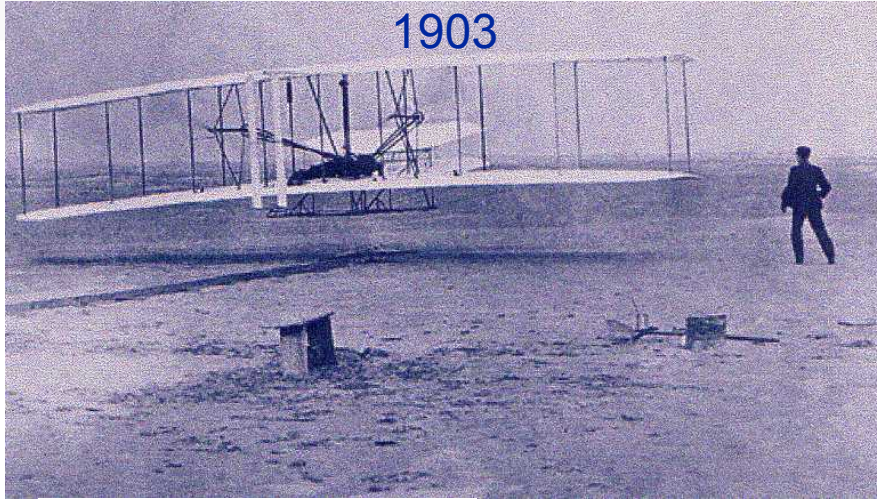
Man on skis: Stone painting from Northern Norway

1900

Wright Cycle Company, W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio

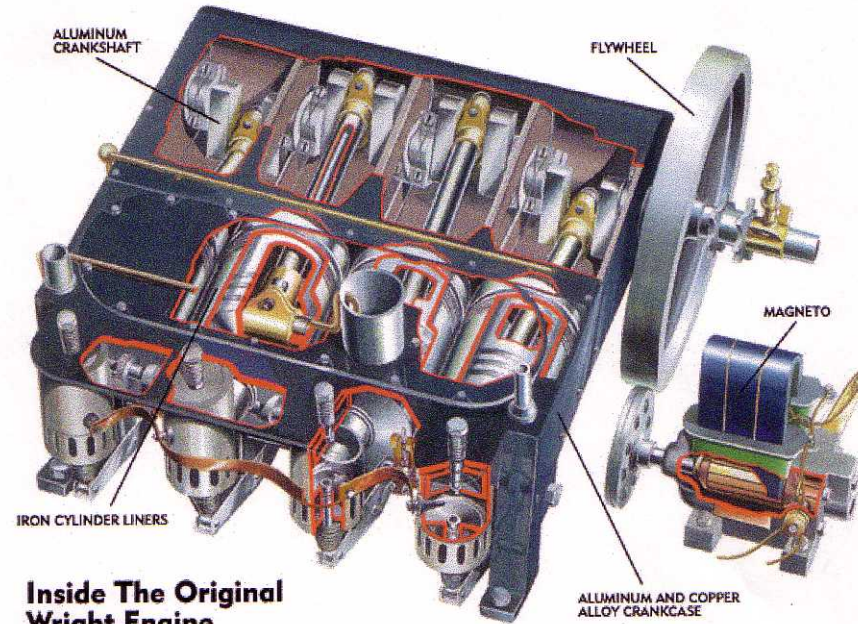


The Saga of Wright Brothers' Engine



Mr. Charles Taylor (Mechanic)
Considered replacing Cast Iron
with Al-Cu

- The Brothers needed an Engine with 8 HP weighing <180 lbs

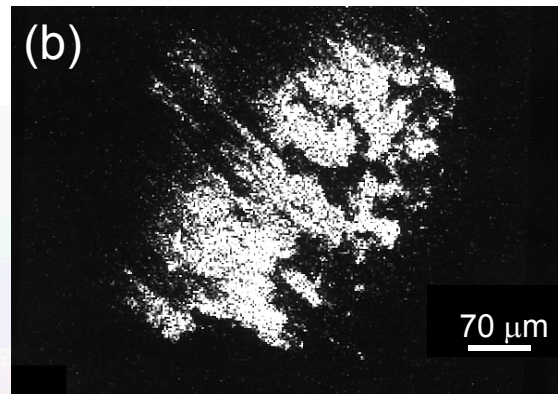
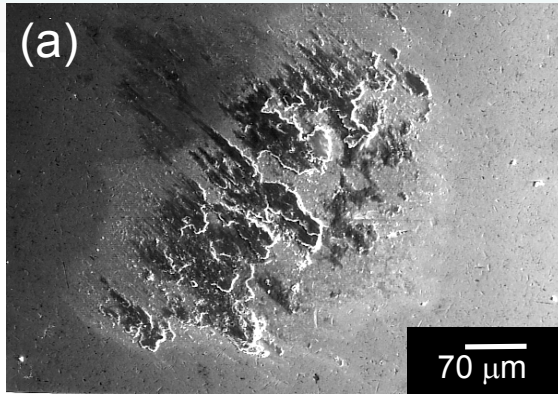


**Inside The Original
Wright Engine**

- 16 HP-12HP 178 lbs
- The Brothers used the extra weight allowance to strengthen the wings and frame
- But Al has a tendency for seizure and galling in the absence of complete fluid film lubrication



Mr. Taylor had the foresight to avoid Al in sliding contacts



Smearing of Al on a steel ball during a ball-on-disk wear test. SEM showing adhesive transfer of Al on steel ball (a) with corresponding X-ray map (b).

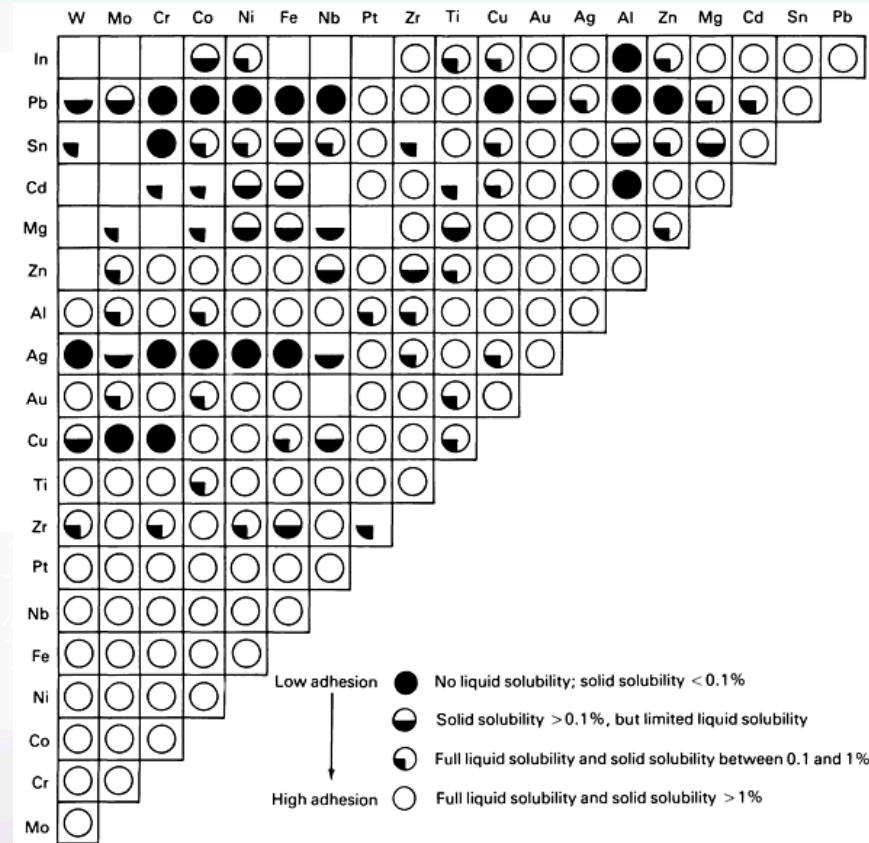


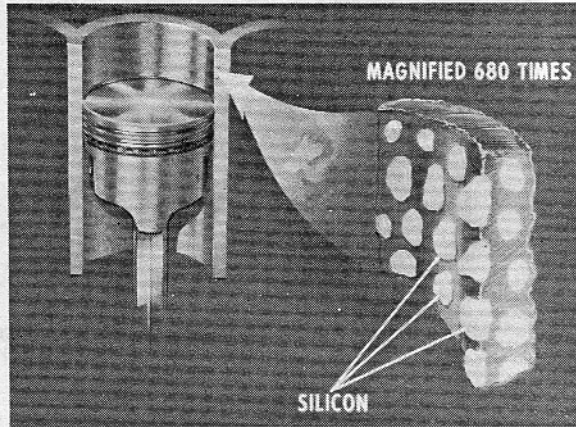
Chart indicates the degree of expected adhesion (and thus friction and wear) between the various metal combinations derived from binary equilibrium diagrams.

E. Rabinowicz (1971) ASLE Trans 14:198

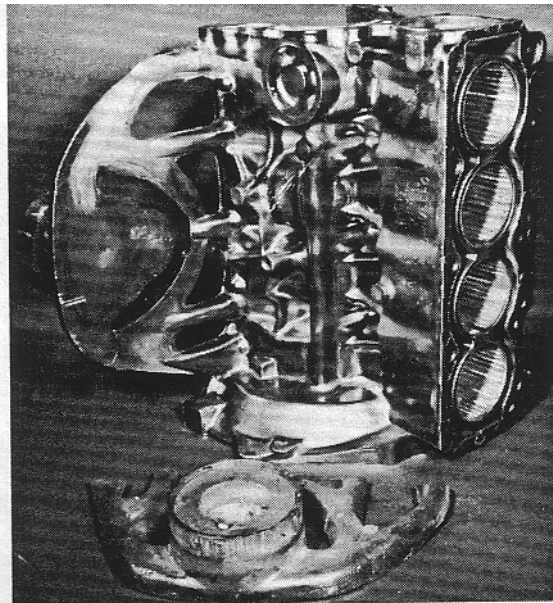


S. V. Prasad and K. R. Mecklenburg, *Lubrication Engineering*, 50 (1994) 511-518.

The (Short) Legacy of the Vega Engine



Silicon surface cylinder bores



Vega engine block as removed from die

BASIC SPECIFICATIONS

VEGA 2300—140 cu in. Overhead Cam 4-cyl Engine

GENERAL

Type	In-Line OHC 4-cyl (L-4)
Gross horsepower	
Standard engine	90 at 4600-4800
Optional engine	110 at 4800
Gross torque	
Standard engine	136 at 2400
Optional engine	138 at 3200
Compression ratio	8.00:1
Bore and stroke	3.501 × 3.625
Firing order	1-3-4-2
Engine installation angle	3 deg 50 min
Fuel	Regular leaded and nonleaded 91 Octane

Carburetor	
Standard engine	One-barrel, Monojet
Optional engine	Two-barrel, downdraft

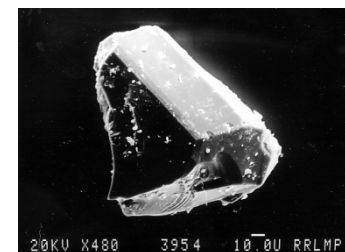
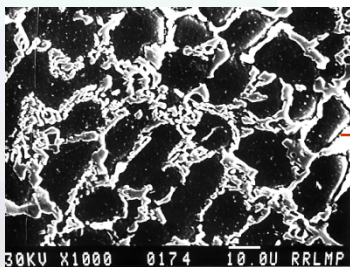
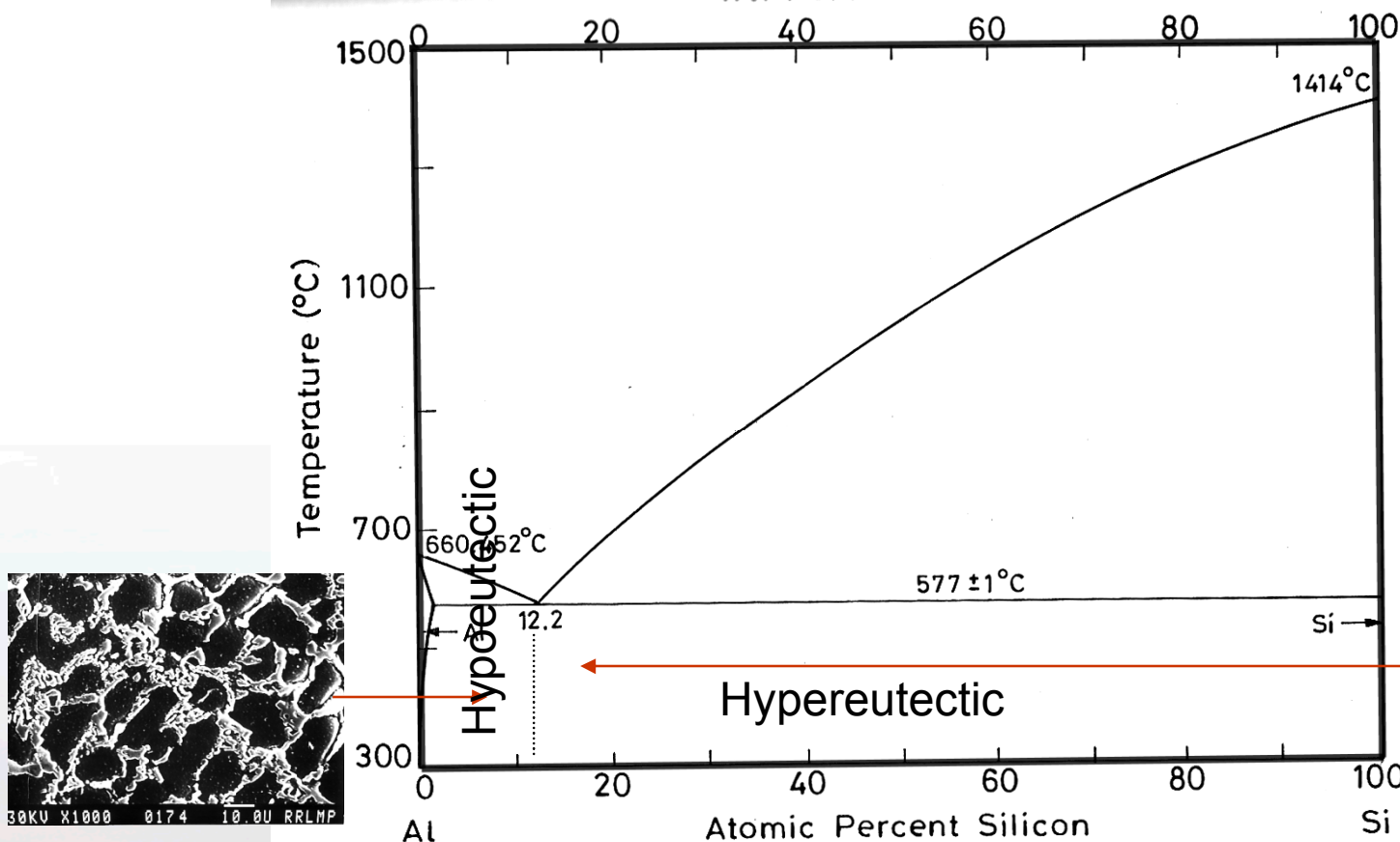
CYLINDER BLOCK

Material	Die-cast high-silicon aluminum alloy
Bore spacing (C/L to C/L)	4.00
Number of bulkheads	Five

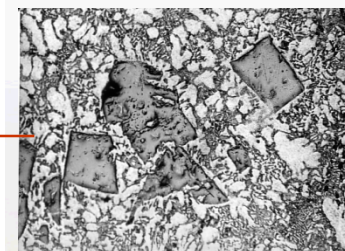
The Vega 2300 Engine, SAE 710147



Both the eutectic and the primary Si have undesirable morphology



Silicon Debris
From Wear Test

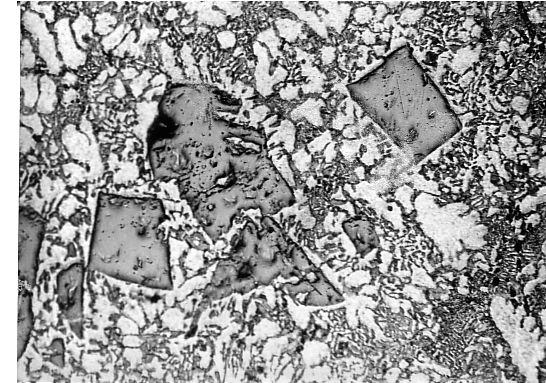
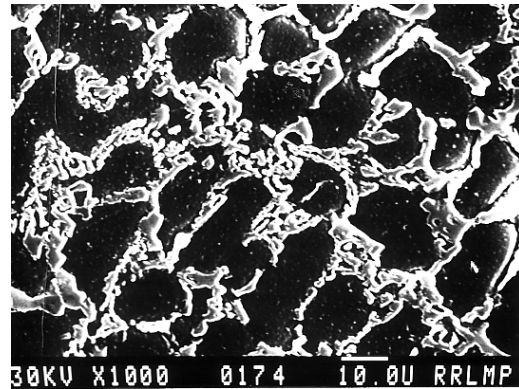


Microstructural Modification of Al-Si Alloys for improved wear resistance

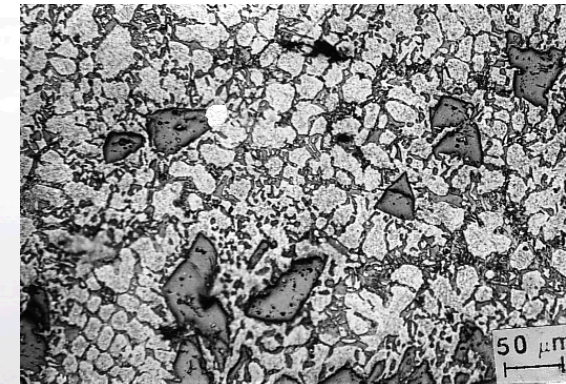
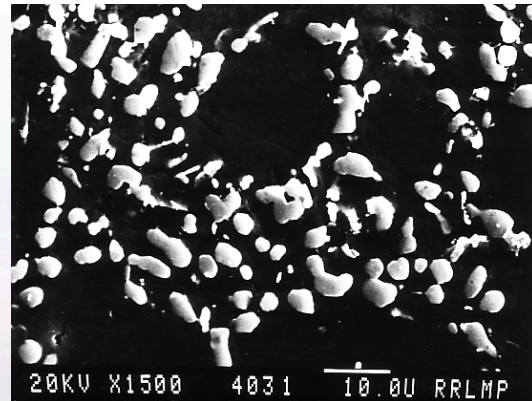
Hypoeutectic

Hypereutectic

As-Cast



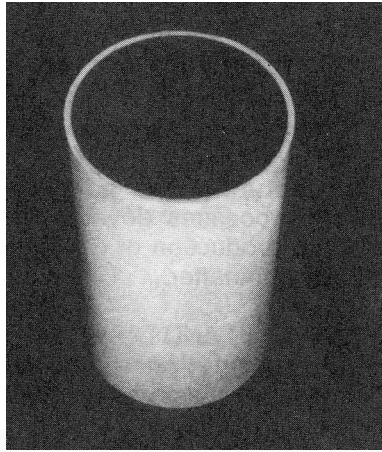
Modified
Refined



However, thermal mismanagement (arising from poor thermal conductivity of Si) was an issue that wasn't factored during the initial engine development, which essentially killed the engine.

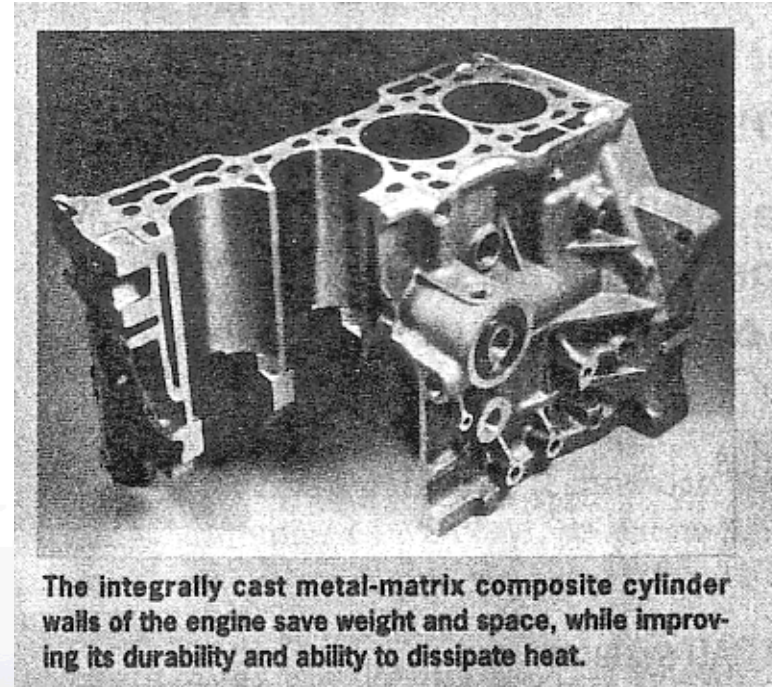


Integrally Cast MMC Cylinder: Honda Corporation (1980's)



Preform

A porous hybrid material made out of
Short alumina and Carbon fibers



The integrally cast metal-matrix composite cylinder walls of the engine save weight and space, while improving its durability and ability to dissipate heat.

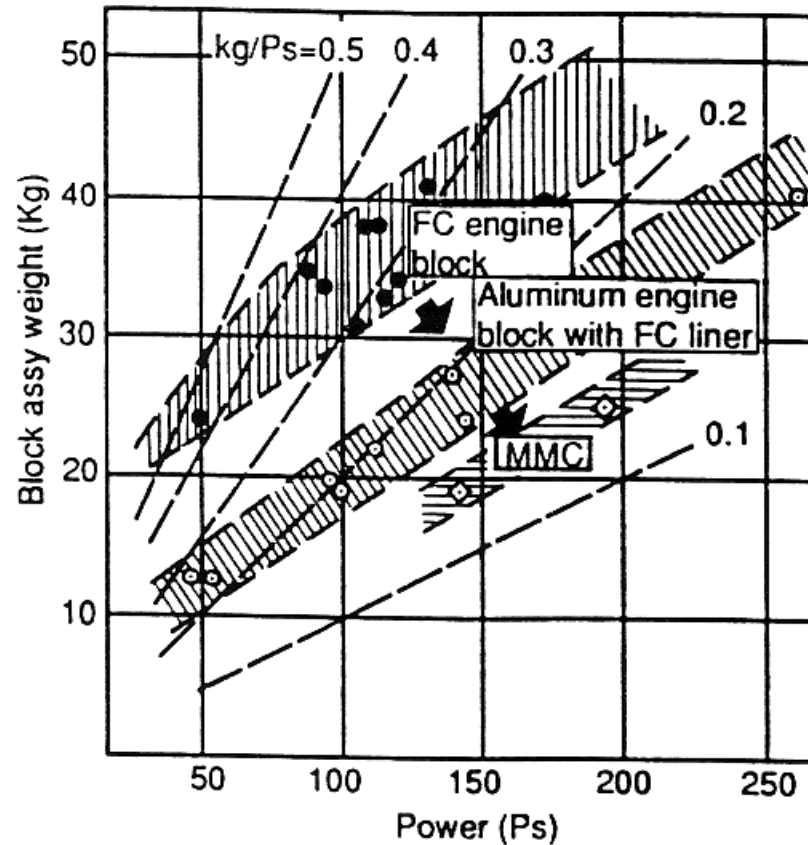
- Ceramic “preform” production
- Pressure casting process
- Honing
- Hybrid preforms: Carbon for thermal conduction, Aluminosilicate for strength
- Honing to minimize direct contact between Al and the piston ring

First introduced in Honda Prelude

M. Ebisawa et. al, “The Production Process for MMC Engine Block”, SAE 910835



Relationship between Power and Engine Block Weight

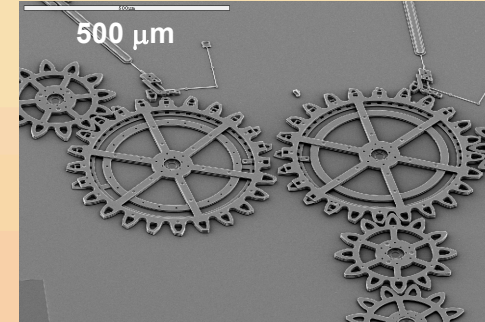


The new engine block features higher performance, further compactness and weight reduction compared to cast-iron engine blocks and those made out of Al alloy with cast-iron liners

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Harsh Environments



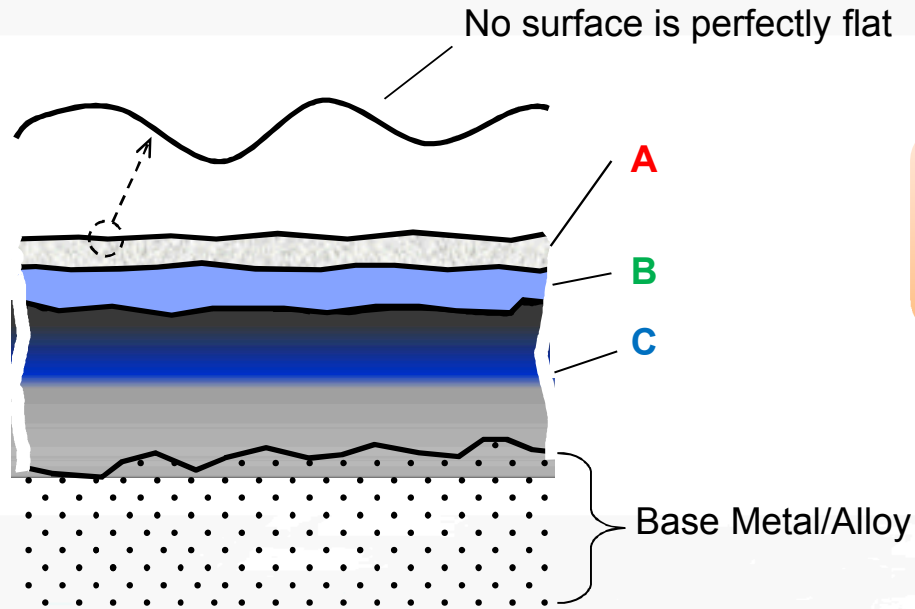
Energy and Communications

Outline

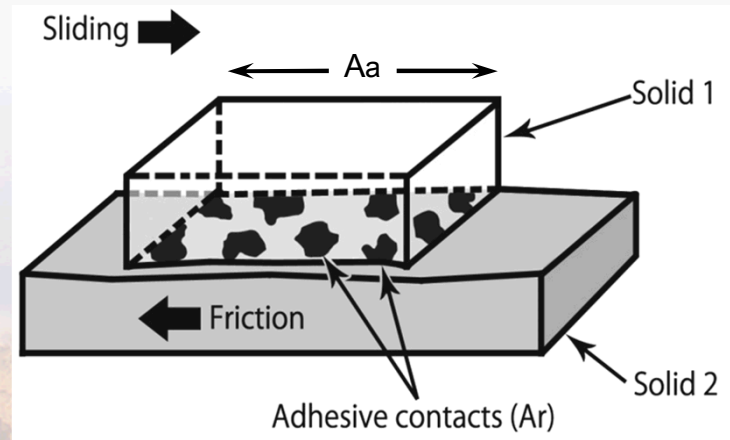
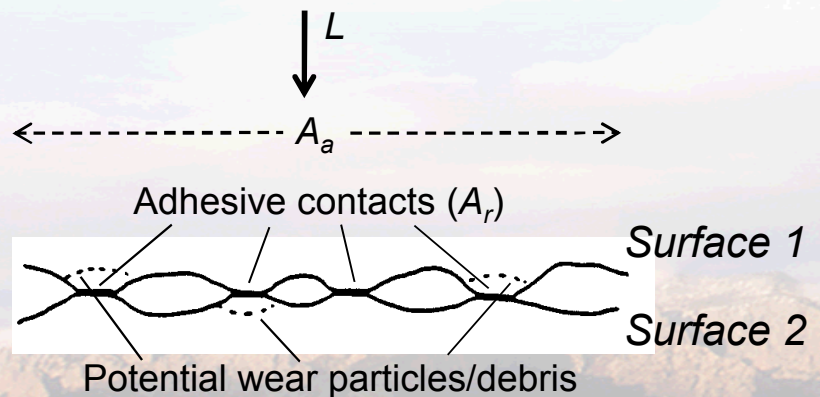
- Solid Lubricants
 - Transition Metal Dichalcogenides
 - Diamond-Like Carbon
 - Environmental Effects
 - Subsurface Deformation

Nature of Metallic Surfaces

The real area of contact is a small fraction of the apparent area of contact.



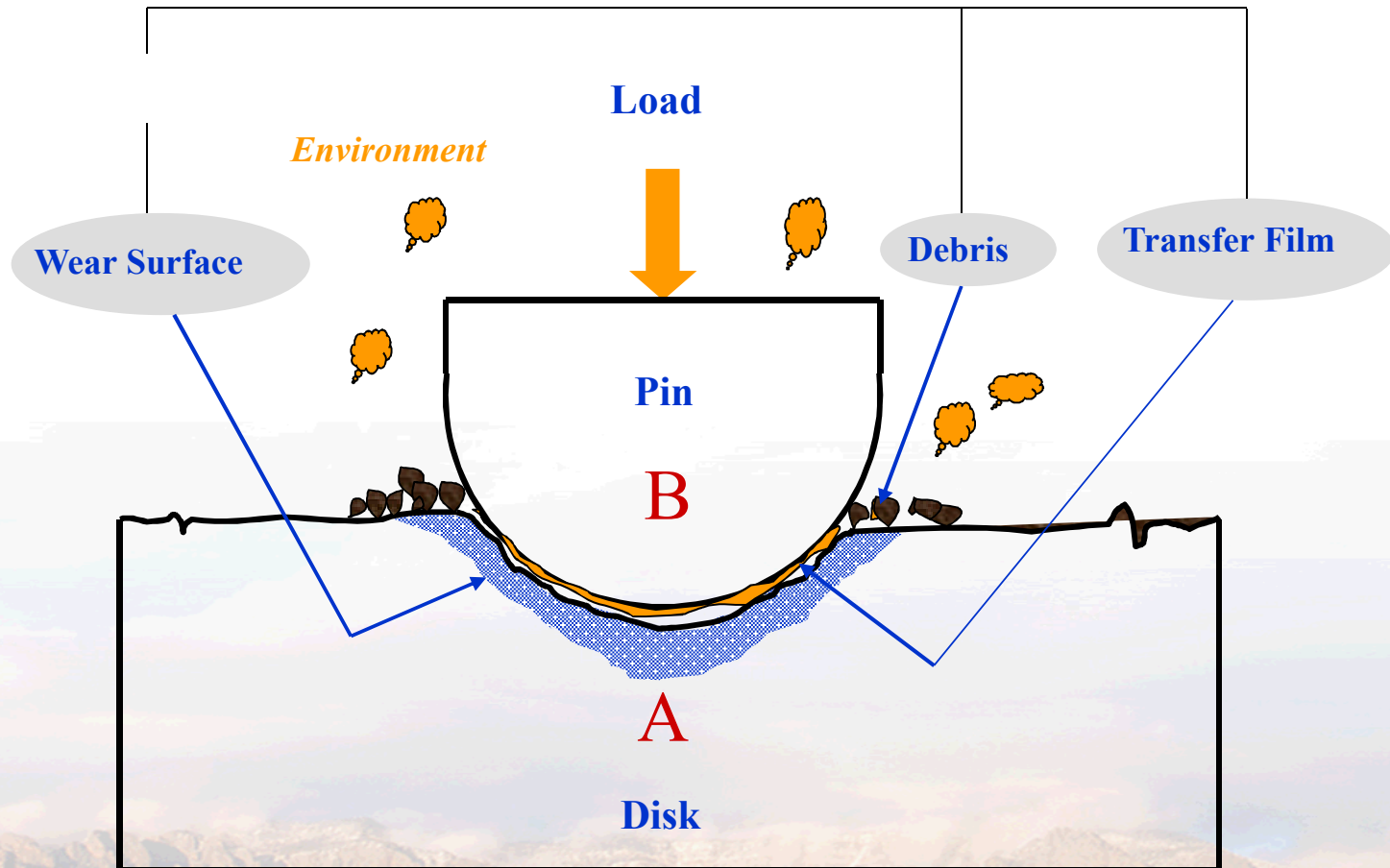
A: Physisorbed/Chemisorbed
 B: Oxides (Chemically Reacted)
 C: Deformed layers



Wear (Tribology) is a systems property

- *Engineering surfaces are never perfectly flat*
- *The real area of contact is a small fraction of the apparent area of contact*

- Plastic deformation
- Diffusion
- Tribochemistry
- Transfer Films
- Environmental Reactions



S. V. Prasad and K. R. Mecklenburg., *Tribology Transactions* **39** (1996) 296-305.
T. W. Scharf and S. V. Prasad, *J Mater. Sci.* **48** (2013) 511-531
D. A. Rigney and J. P. Hirth, *Wear* **53** (1979) 345-70



Evolution of Analytical Techniques

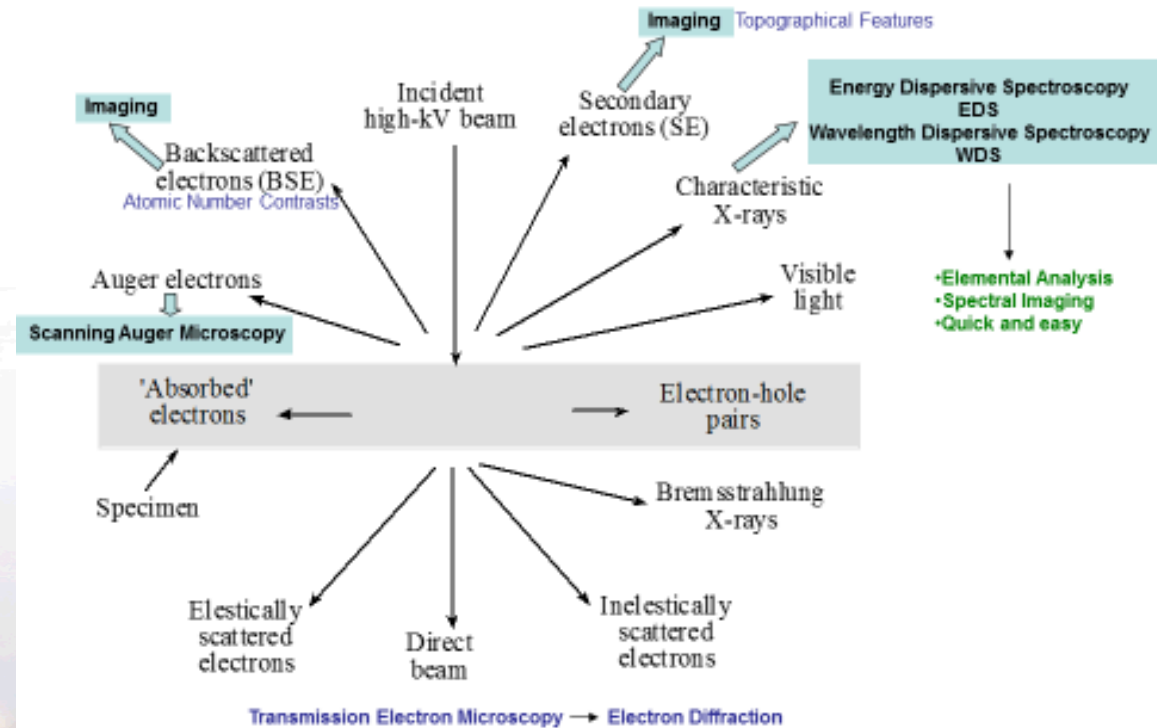
- Light Microscopy (Early Research)
 - Oblique Sectioning
 - "Phase-Contrast Microscope"
- Commercial Scanning Electron Microscopy
 - Cambridge Stereoscan (1965)**
- Auger Electron Spectroscopy
- XPS
- Raman Spectroscopy
- ToF SIMS

Visualization/Resolution
Surface Chemical analyses

Subsurfaces (Recent Advances)

- Focused Ion Beam Microscopy (2000)***
- Transmission Electron Microscopy, TEM
- Electron Backscatter Diffraction, EBSD

Electron Microscopy



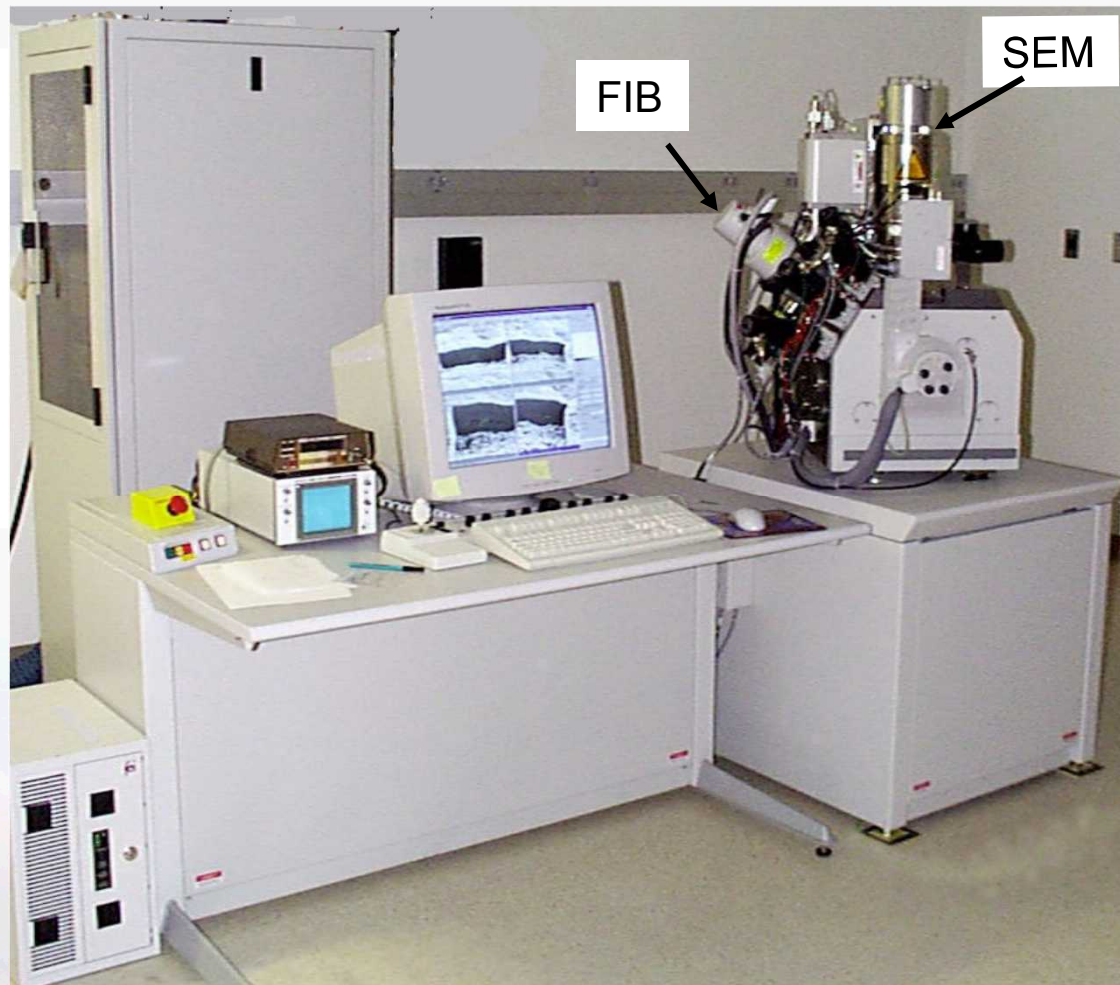
Focused Ion Beam Microscopes

Conventional Techniques

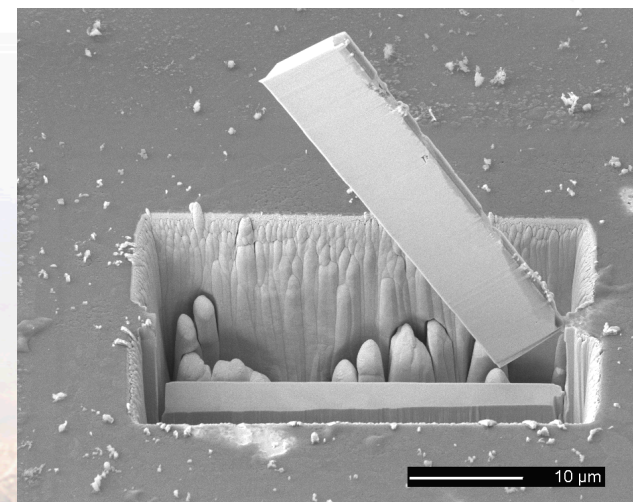
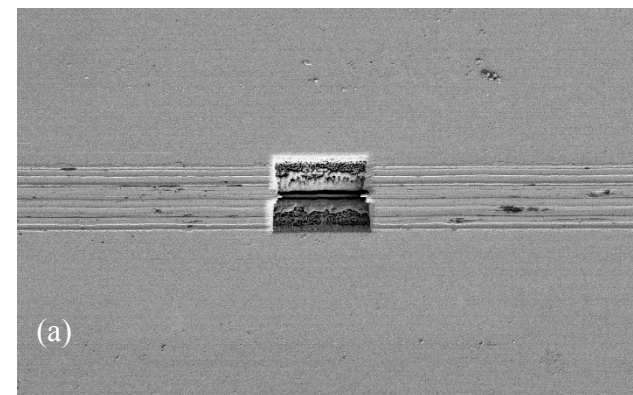
- Ion Milling (Dimpling)
- Electropolishing
- Ultramicrotomy



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Not site specific



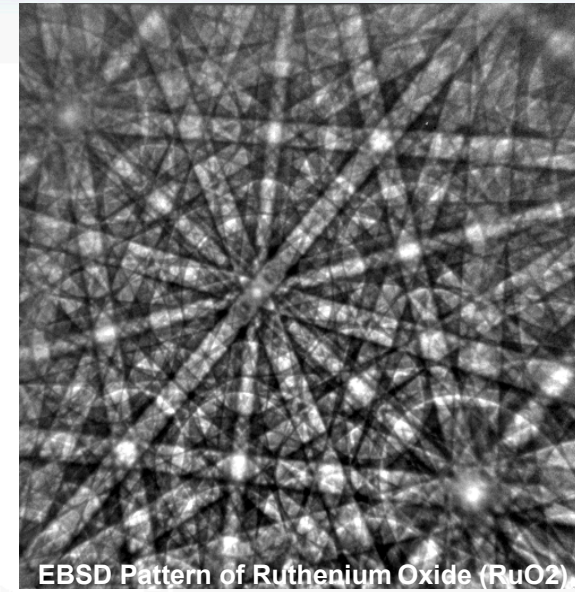
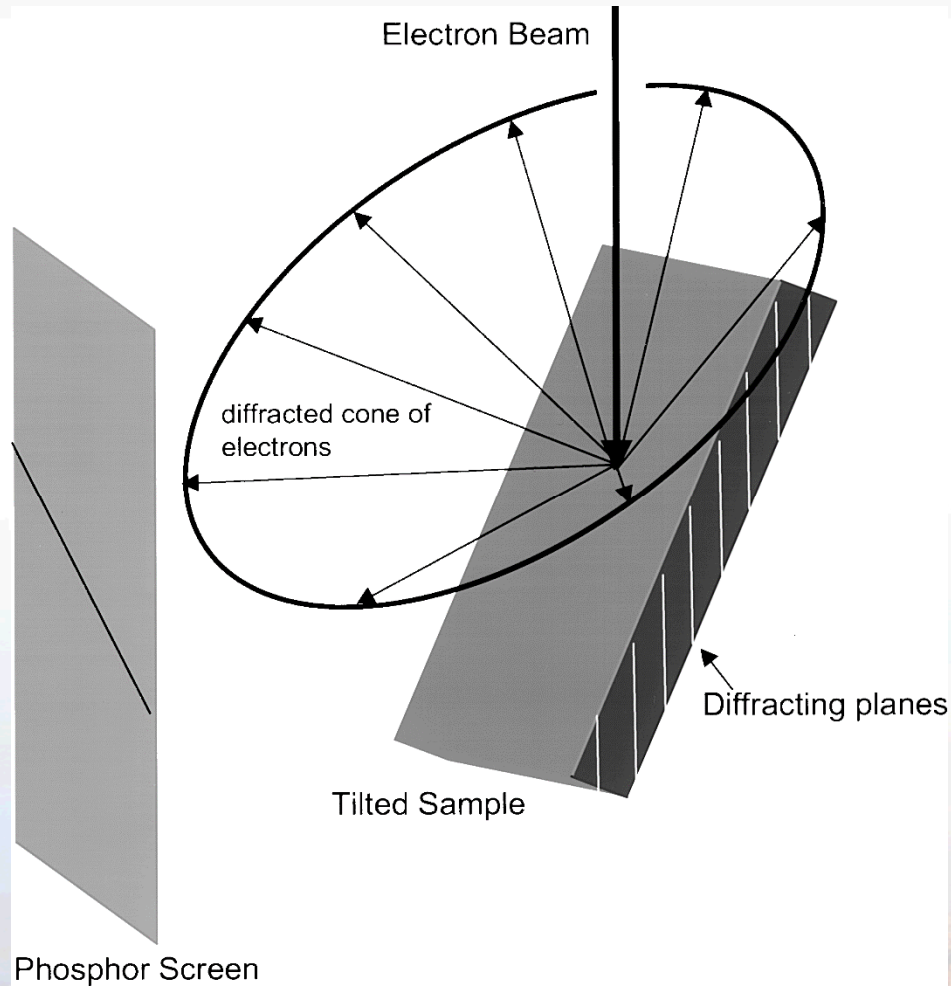
Sliding Direction



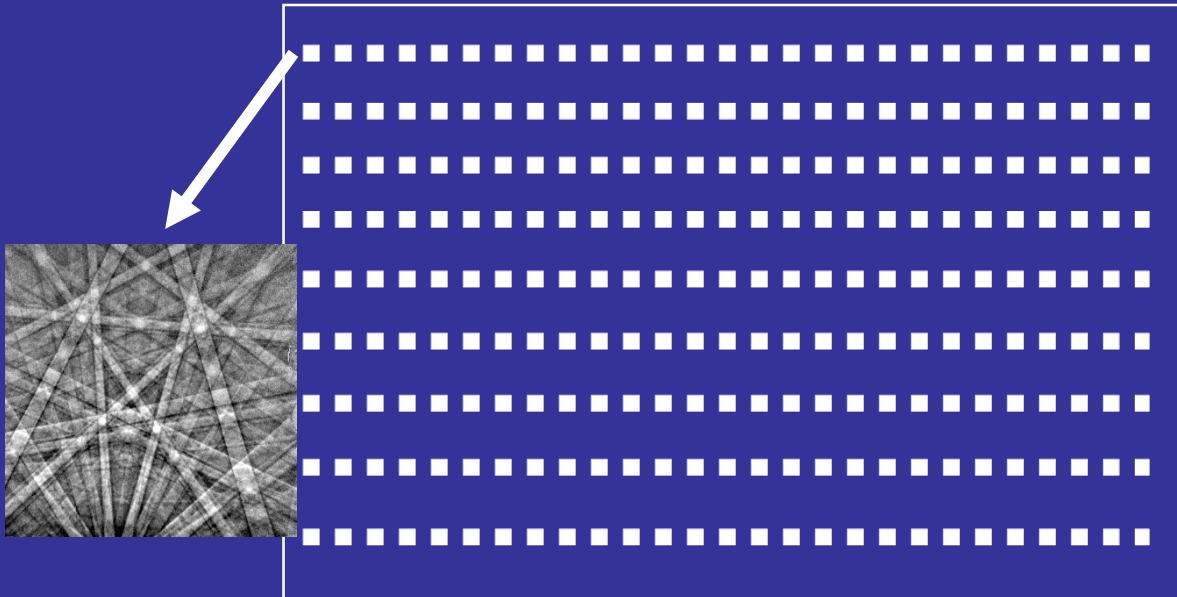
Dual-beam system (FEI) : Both a FIB column and a SEM column are present on one sample chamber.



Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) in the SEM



Automated EBSD Pattern Indexing



SEM image with pixels for EBSD

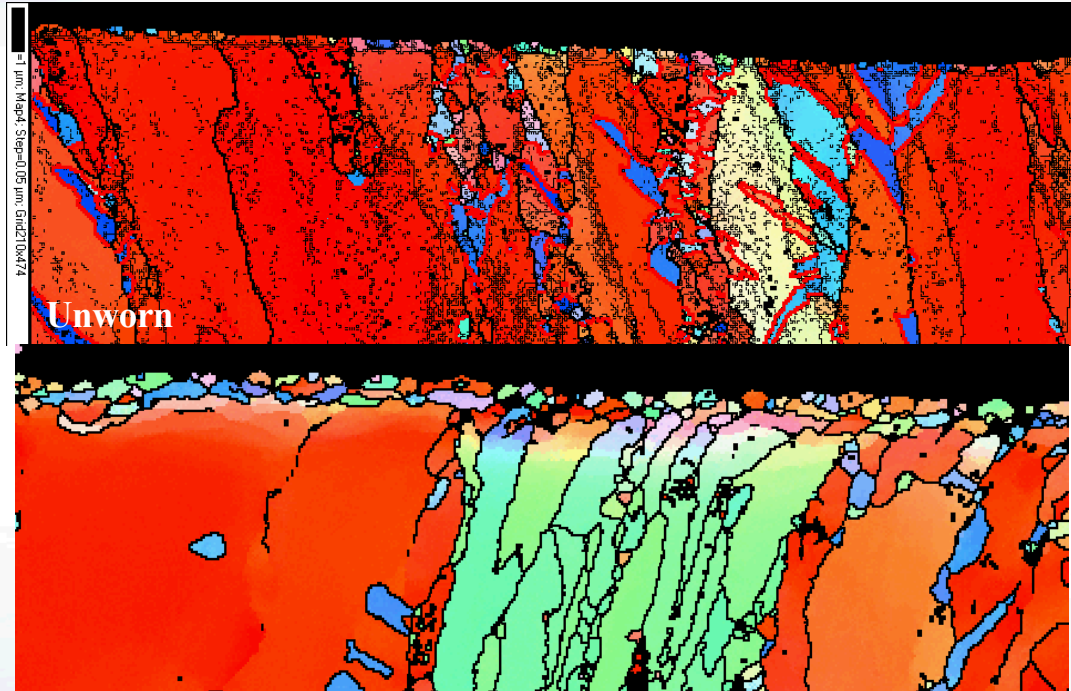
Step size dictated by microstructure and level of detail needed.

Minimum step size < 20nm! Backscattered
Minimum step size <2 nm in Transmission

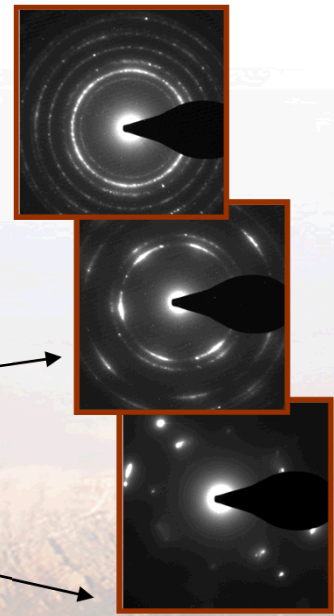
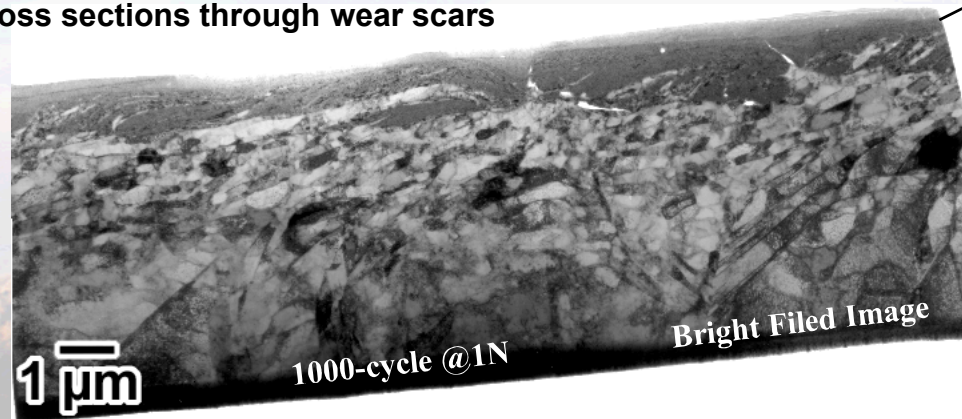
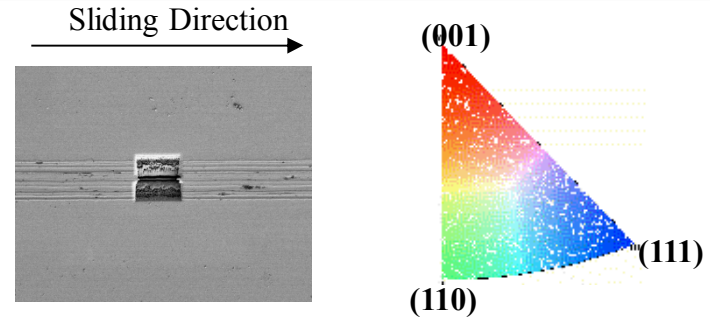
Modern systems can do this up to 1000 times per second!

1. Scan area of interest pixel by pixel.
2. Collect EBSD pattern
3. Located 4 – 7 lines on pattern – Hough transform
4. Calculate angles between bands
5. Compare with known unit cells (short list)
6. Index pattern
7. Calculate orientation
8. Move to next pixel

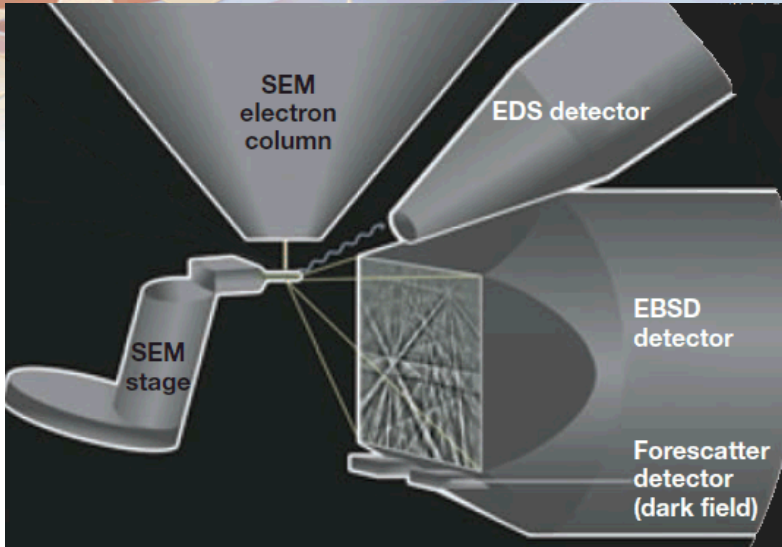
Visualization of subsurface deformation: FIB, EBSD TEM



Cross sections through wear scars



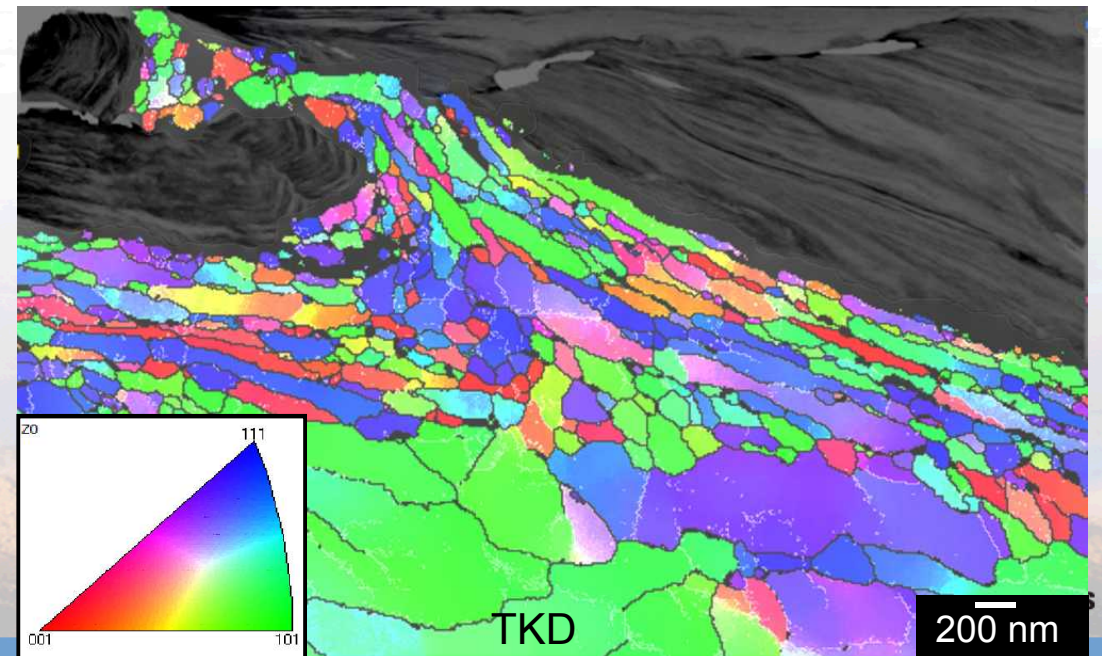
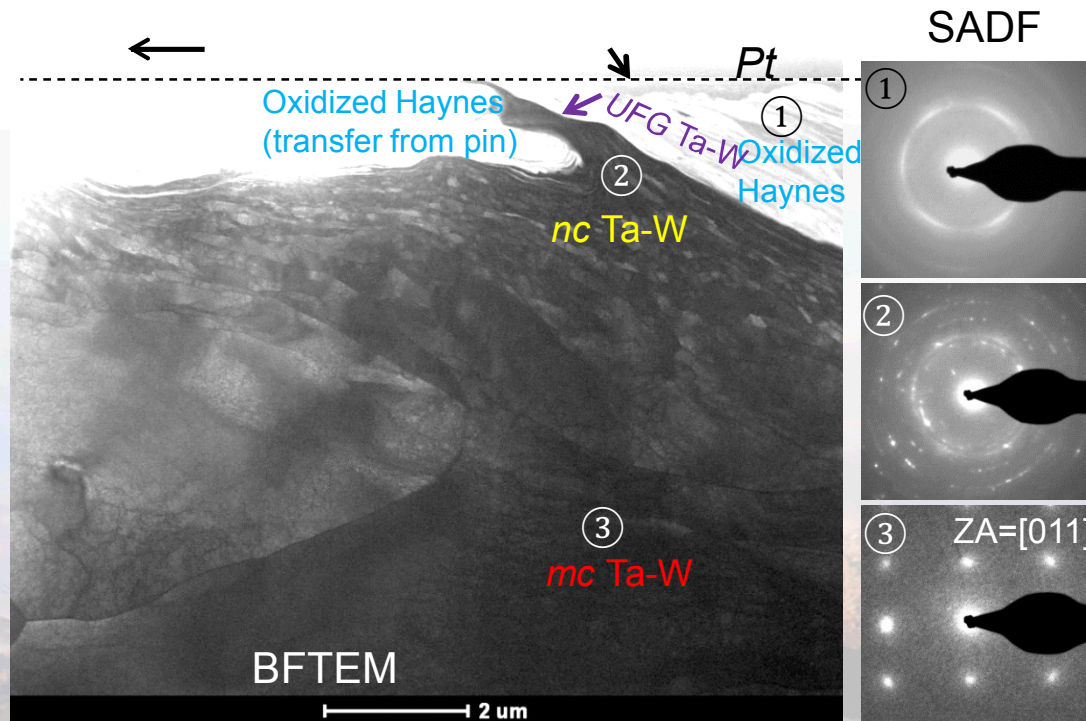
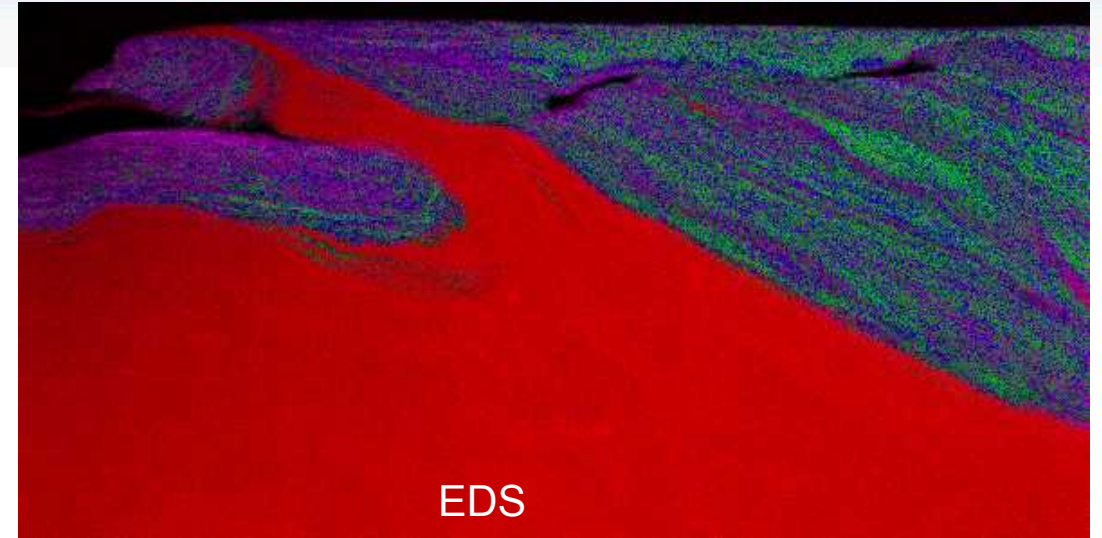
Transmission Kikuchi Diffraction (TKD) (Haynes Alloy Pin on Ta-W Disk)



Higher resolution compared to EBSD
2 nm versus ~50nm

STEM to SEM

Visualization of grain orientation



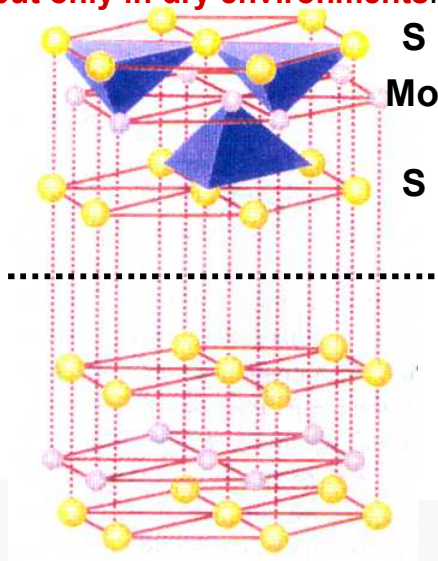
Solid Lubricants

- *The major of lubrication needs still met by fluids and greases*
 - *When the operating conditions are beyond the liquid realm (e.g., high temperature or vacuum), or situations where liquids cannot be introduced, attention turns to solids*
1. Carbon-based materials (graphite, DLCs, nanocrystalline diamond)
 2. Transition metal dichalcogenides (MoS_2 , WS_2)
 3. Polymers (e.g., PTFE)
 4. Soft Metals (Ag, Sn, Pb, In , Au)



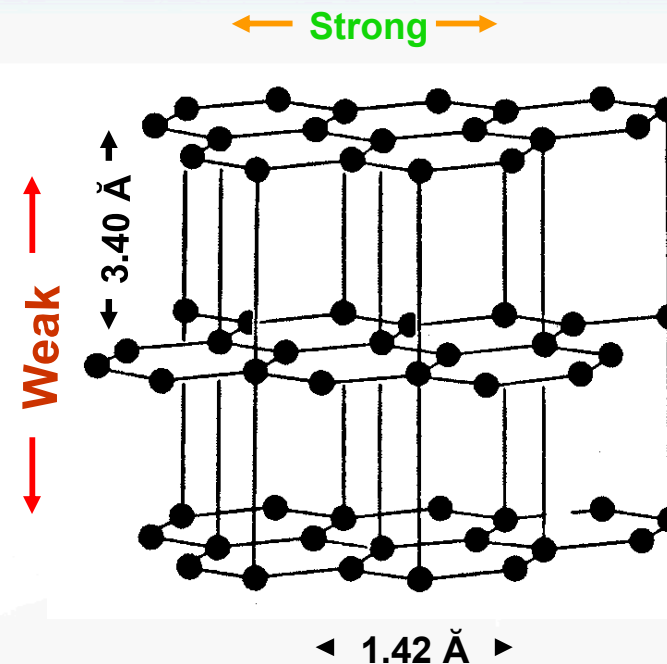
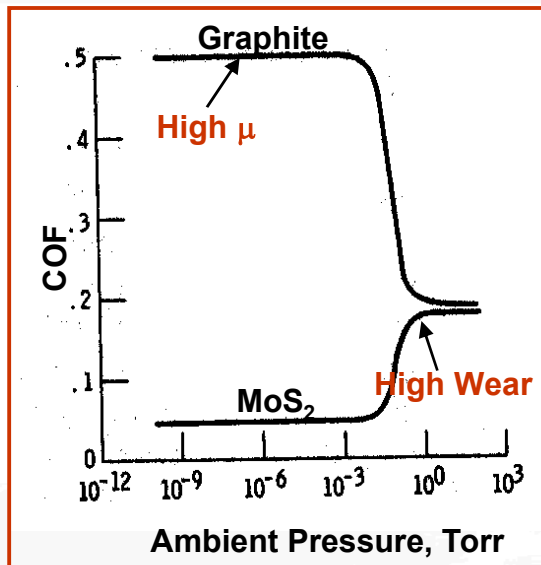
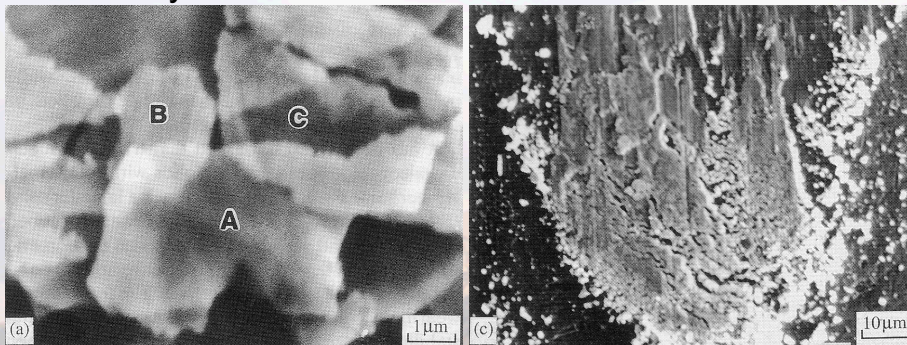
Classic Examples of Environmental Effects on Transfer Films & Friction

MoS₂: Extremely low COF (0.01-0.05) and long wear life, **but only in dry environments.**



Mo/W Disulfide

They form thin transfer films on the counterface

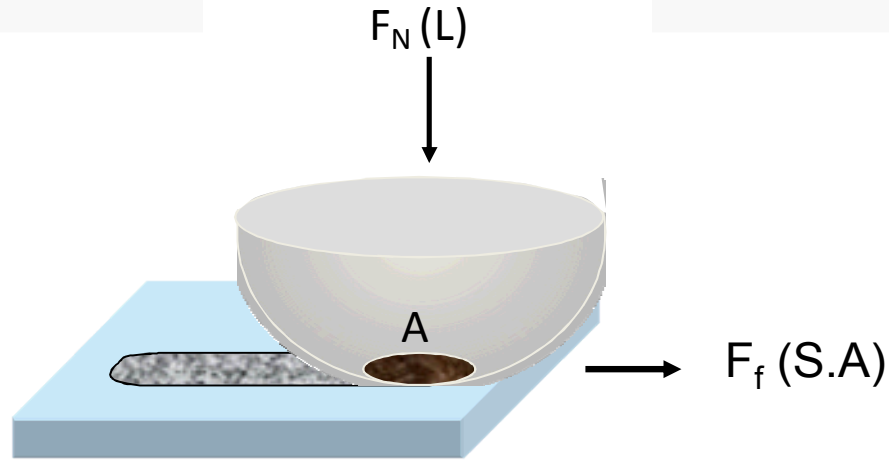


Graphite

- Graphite needs moisture or adsorbed gases in the environment (>100 ppm) (they either act as intercalants, or passivate the dangling covalent bonds) to lubricate.
- In vacuum, graphite exhibits high friction and wear—a phenomenon known as “dusting”, first observed in the late 1930’s on graphite brushes in aircrafts that exhibited accelerated wear at high altitudes.



Many Solid Lubricant Coatings Exhibit Load Dependence on Friction



$$P = F_N / A$$

$$F_f = S A$$

$$S = S_0 + \alpha P$$

Elastic Contact (Sphere-on-Flat)

$$\mu = S_0 \pi \left(\frac{3R}{4E} \right)^{2/3} L^{-1/3} + \alpha$$

$$\mu = F_f / F_N = S.A / P.A$$

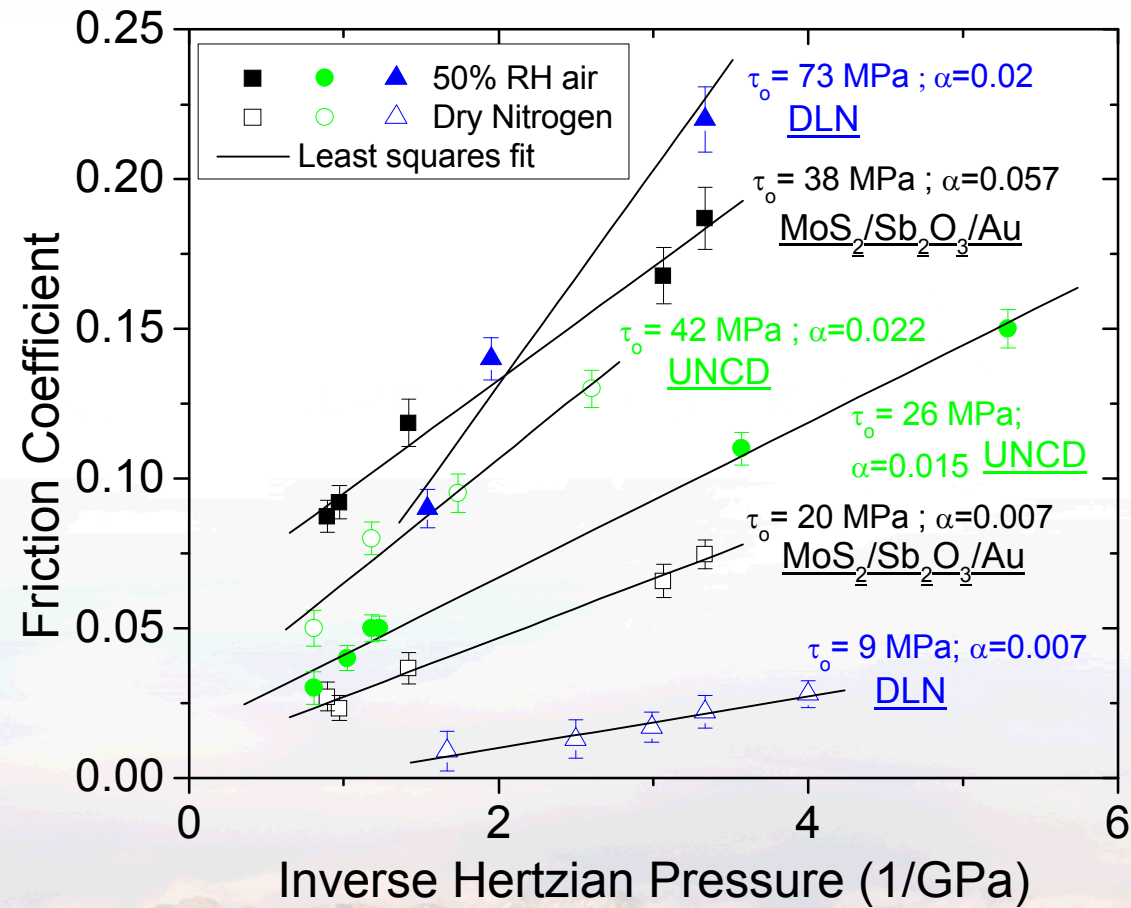
- S_0 is the interfacial shear strength (a 'velocity accommodation parameter'), a property of the interface.
- α is a fit constant (the pressure-dependence of 'S')

Friction is NOT independent of Load

F. P. Bowden and D. Tabor, "The Friction and Lubrication of Solids", Oxford Science Publications, 1986
I.L. Singer, et al. *Applied Physics Letters* 57, 995 (1990).
B.J. Briscoe and D.C.B. Evans, *Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A* 380, 398 (1982).



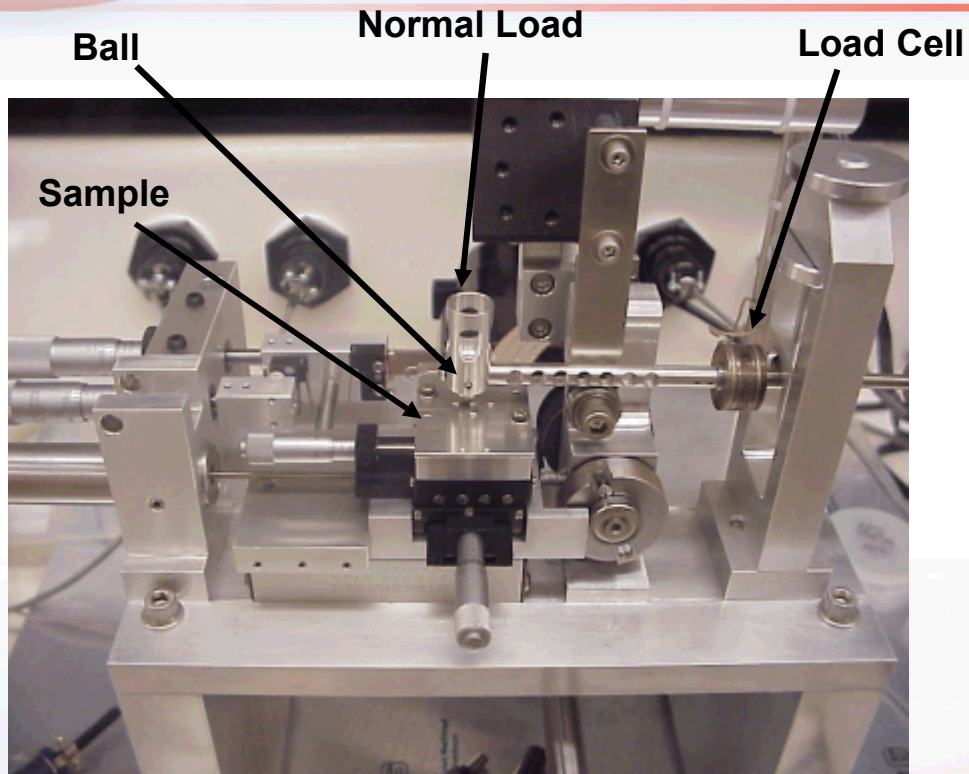
Inverse Hertzian Behavior— Non-Amontonian



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Friction and Wear Measurements

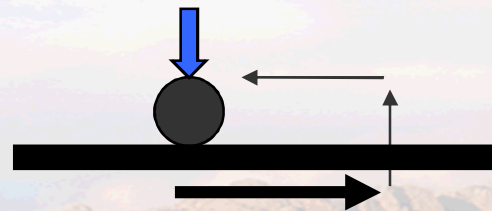


- Contact Pressures: 0.44 GPa to 1.7 GPa
- Environment: Dry Nitrogen; Air (50% RH)



Oxygen Analyzer
Dew Point Measurement

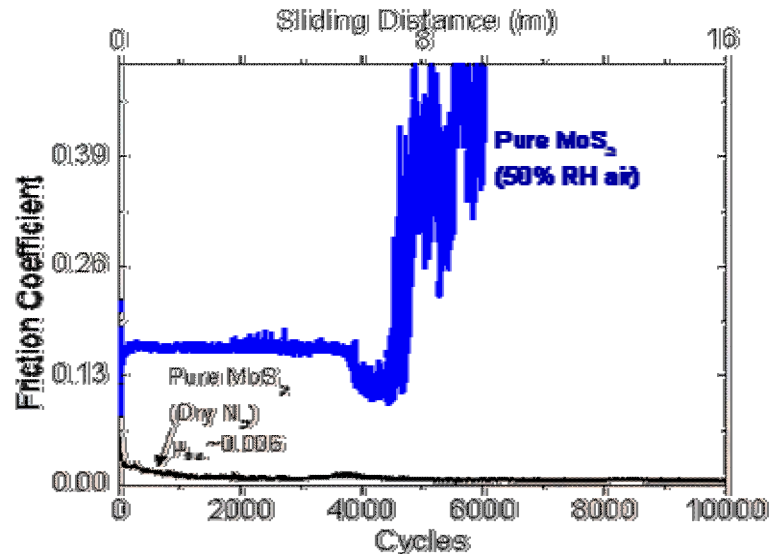
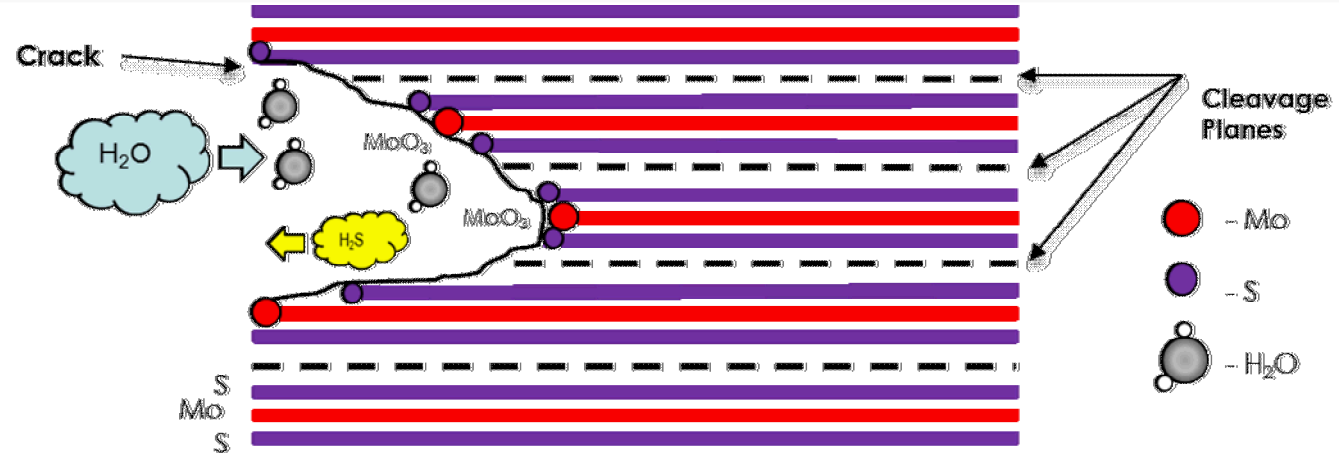
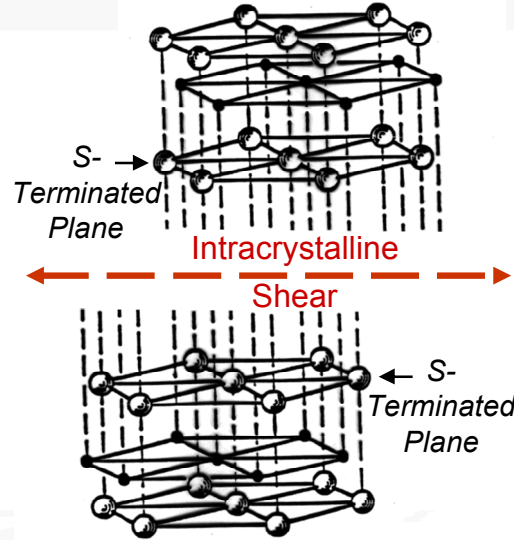
Environmental Control



Linear Wear Tester
(Ball-on-Flat configuration)

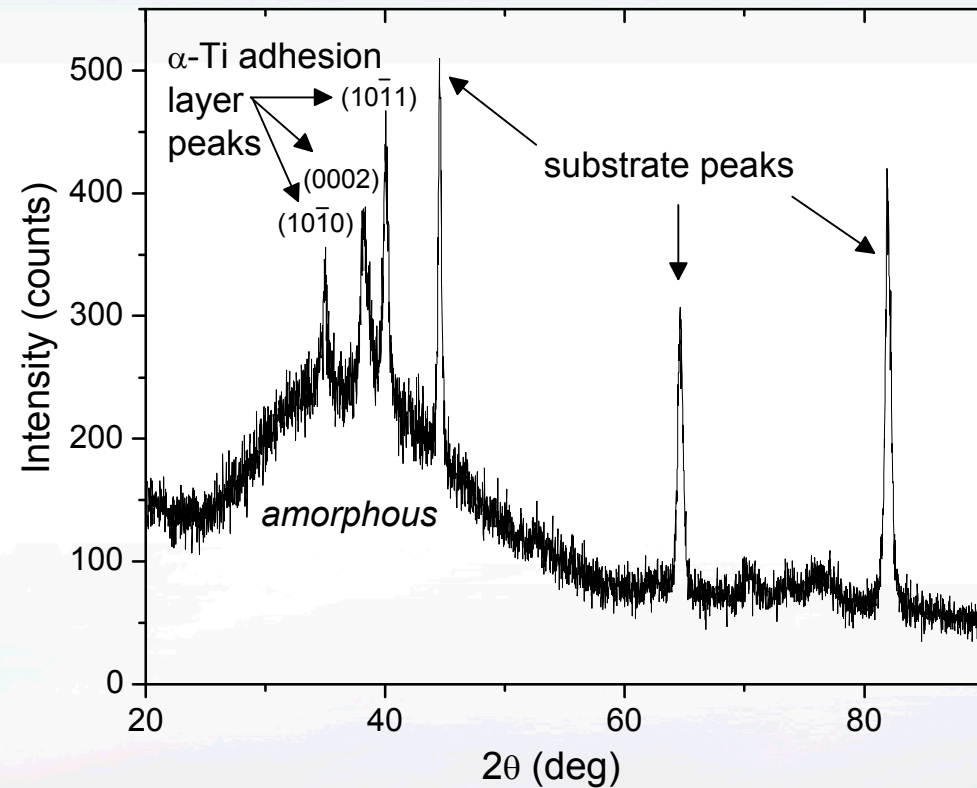
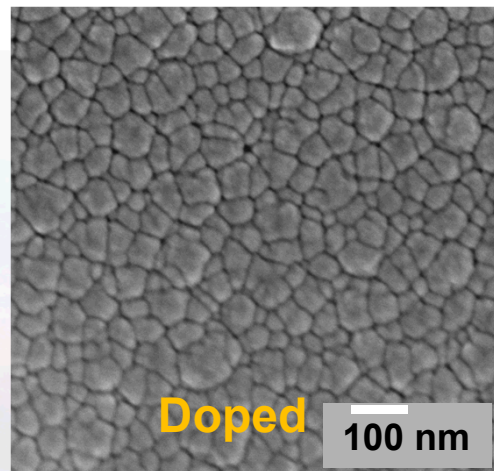
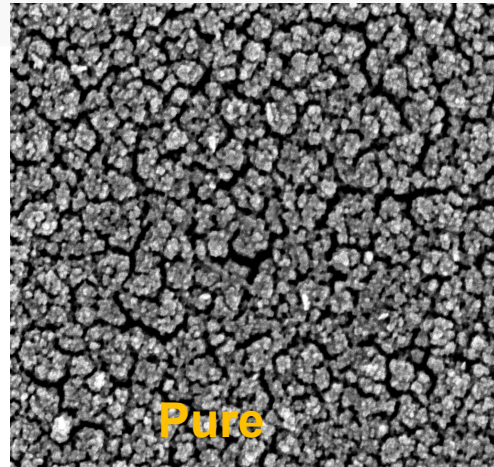


Effect of humidity and water vapor on the friction behavior of MoS₂



Reactions with water
 Tribo-oxidation (MoO₃ formation)
 Increase in the COF
 Reduced Wear Life

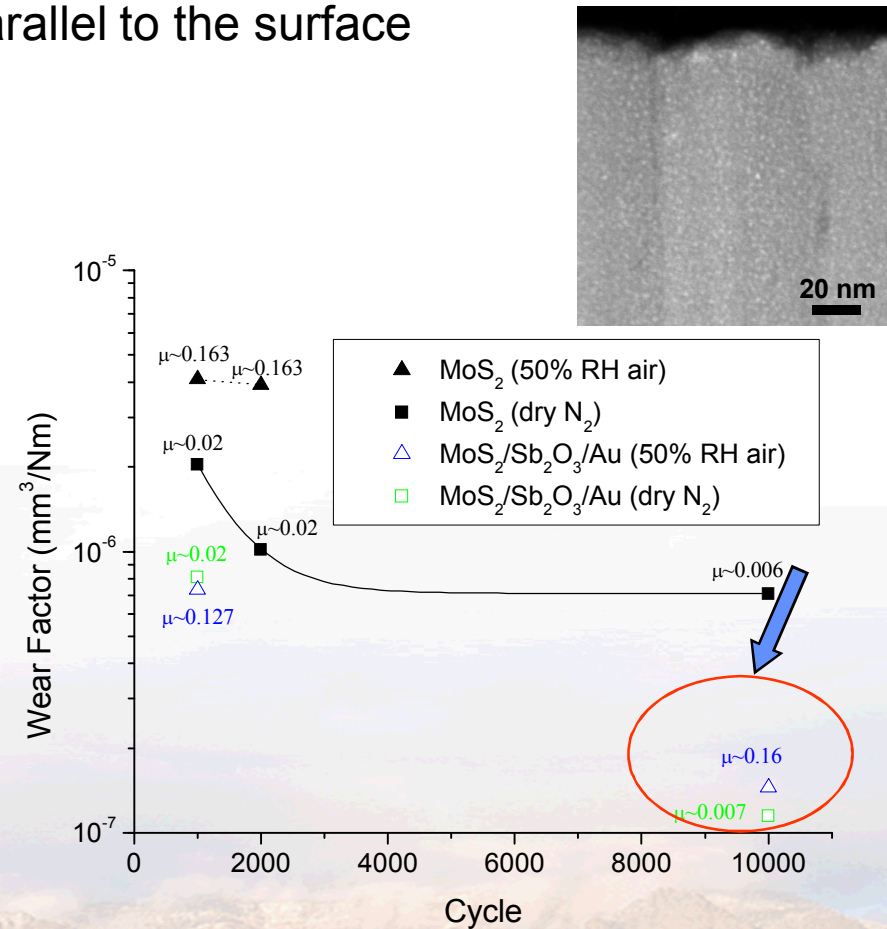
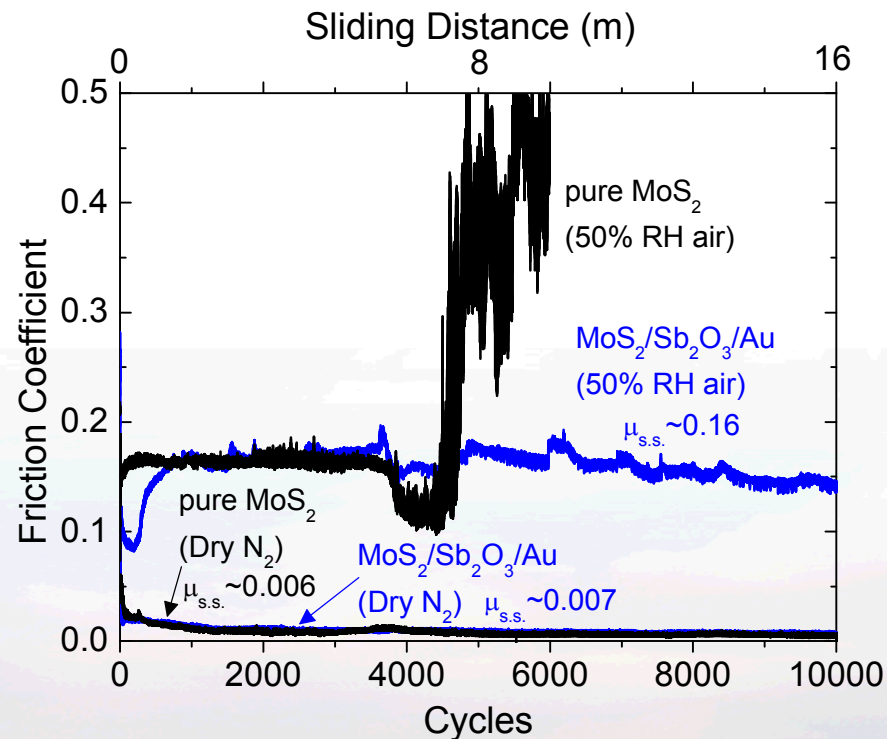
Doped MoS₂ (Sb₂O₃ and Au) from Tribologix



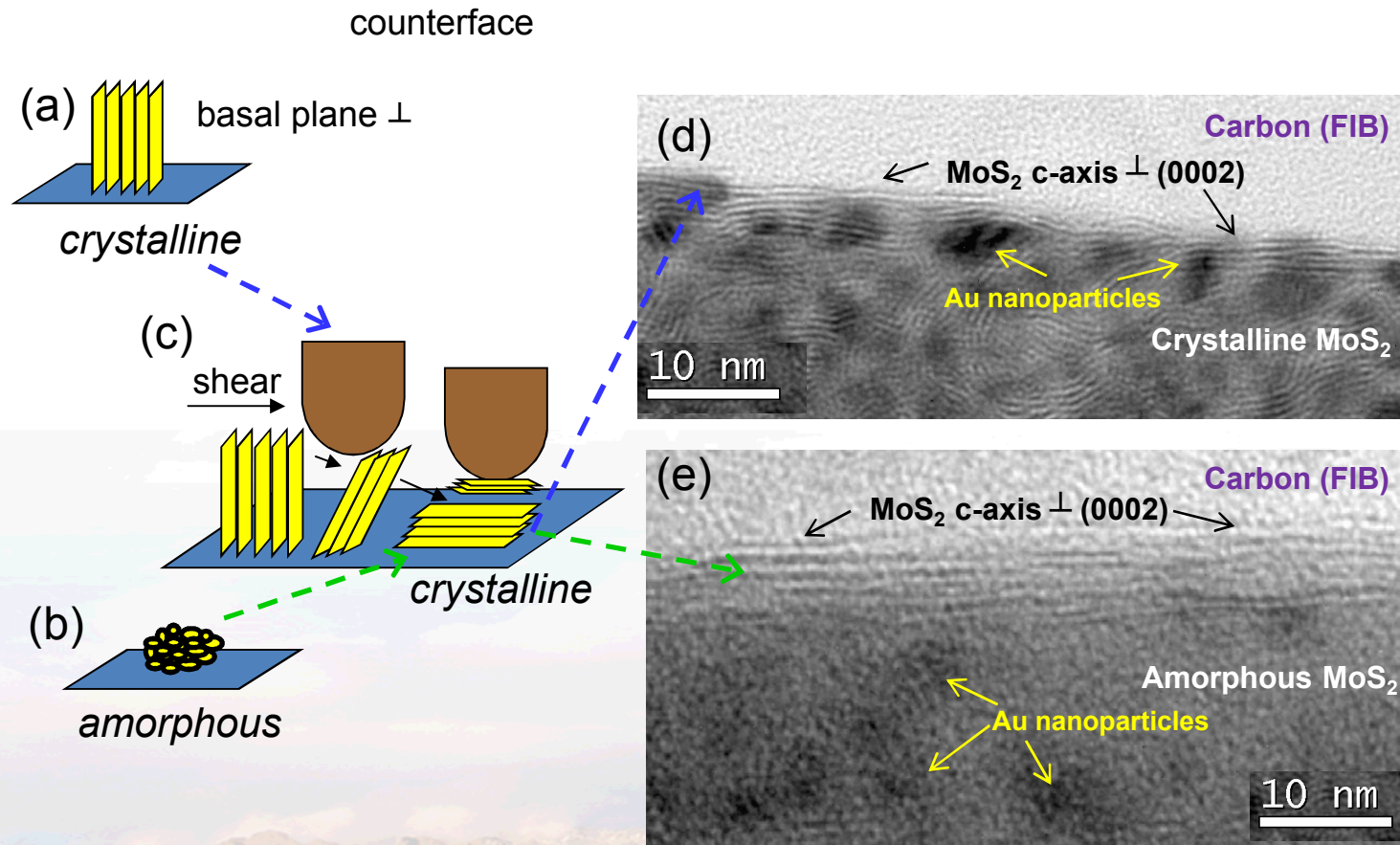
- Note the absence of peaks characteristic of any of the three constituent phases
- Instead there is a broad indicating the presence of an amorphous phase
- Doped films are much denser

Friction and Wear of Doped and Undoped MoS₂

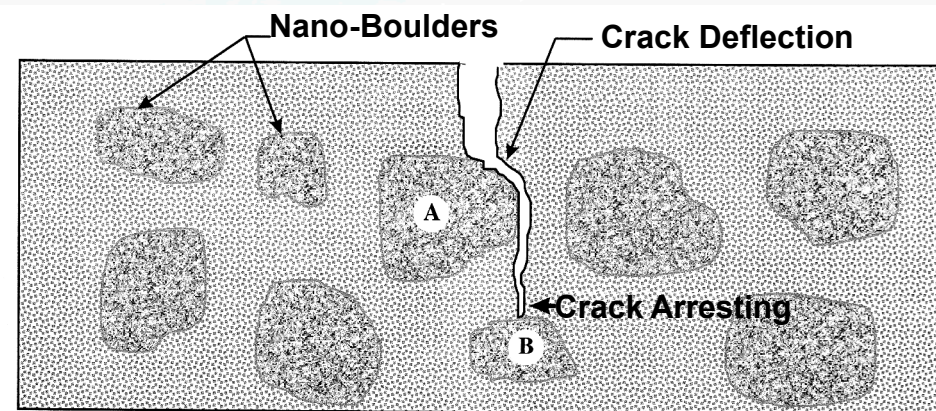
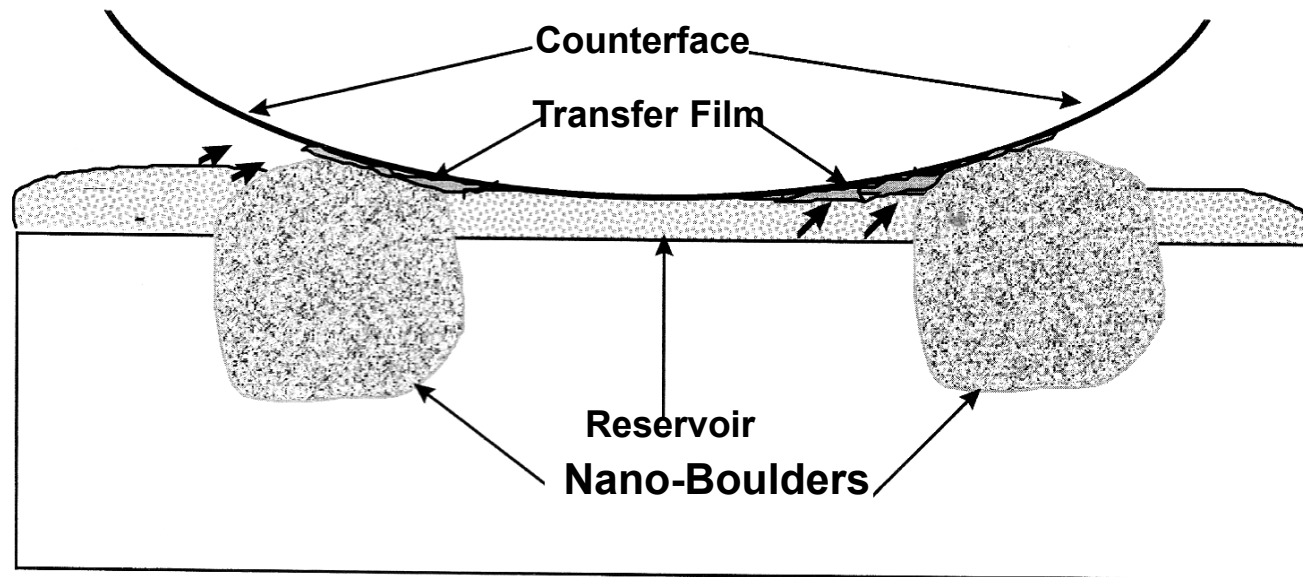
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Friction-induced crystallization and reorientation of basal planes

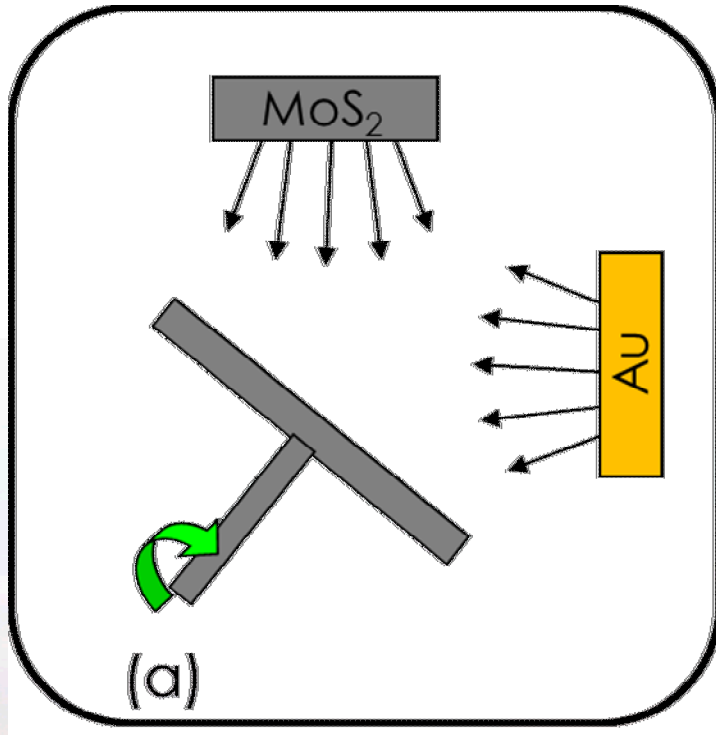


Novel Concepts for Materials Synthesis



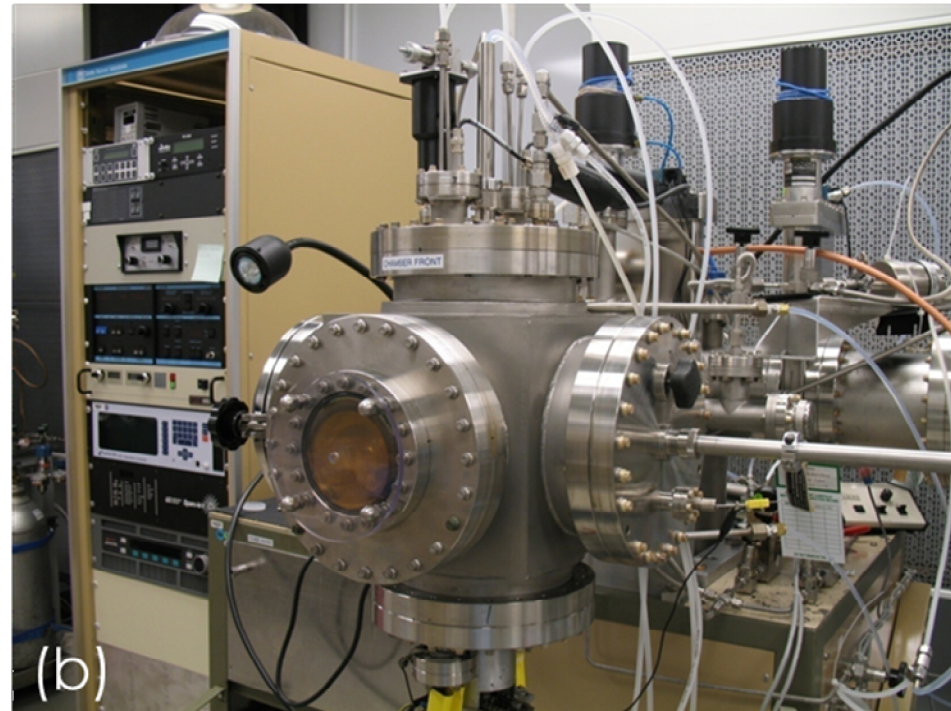
PVD-Co-Deposition for the Synthesis of MoS₂-Au Nanocomposites

Sputter targets located at 90 ° to each other and ~45° to the substrate stage



Independent rate control with stage rotation for uniformity

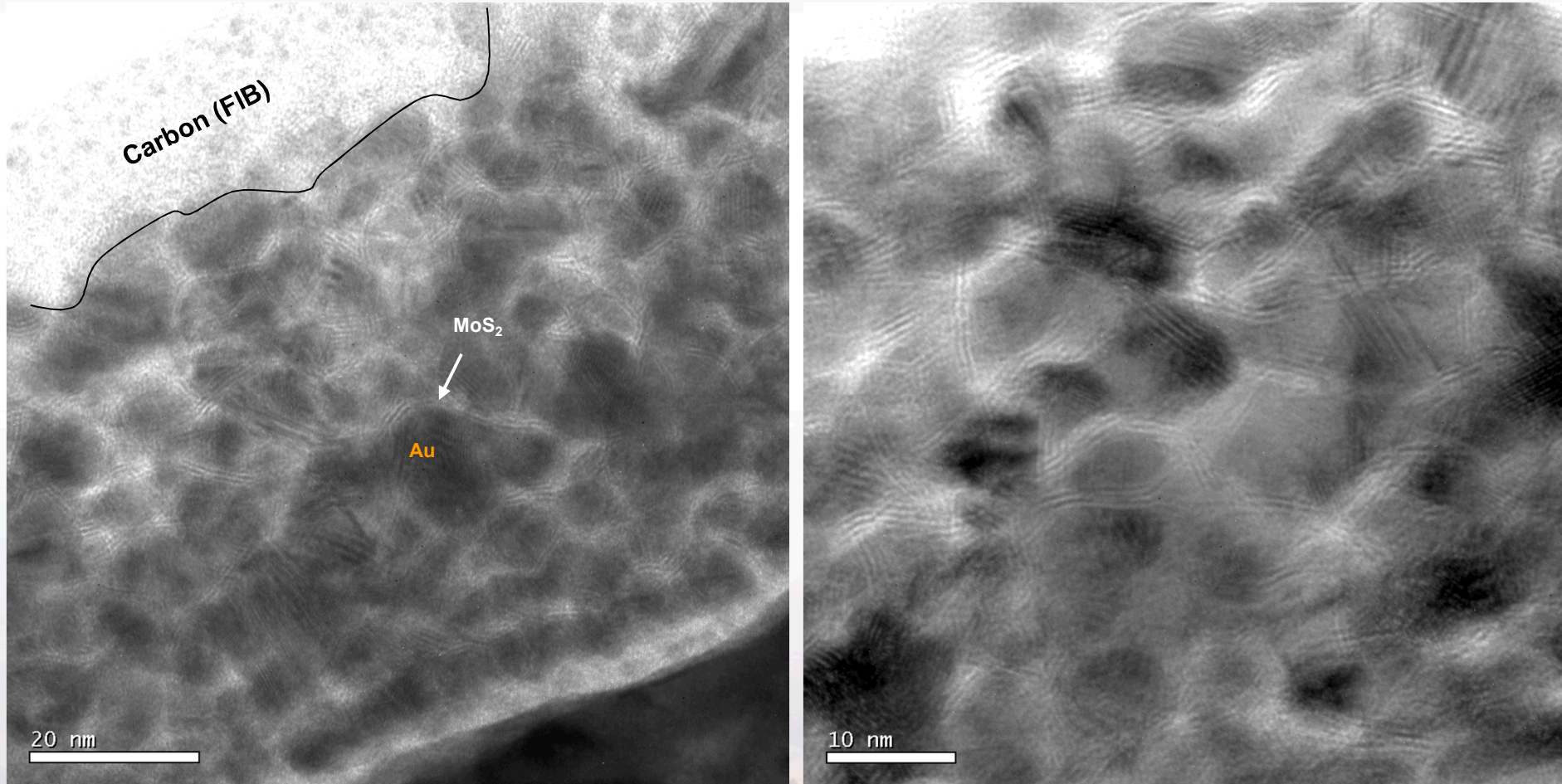
Experimental sputter co-deposition system used in this study



Independent QCM for rate monitor and control
Hot stage
DC Bias

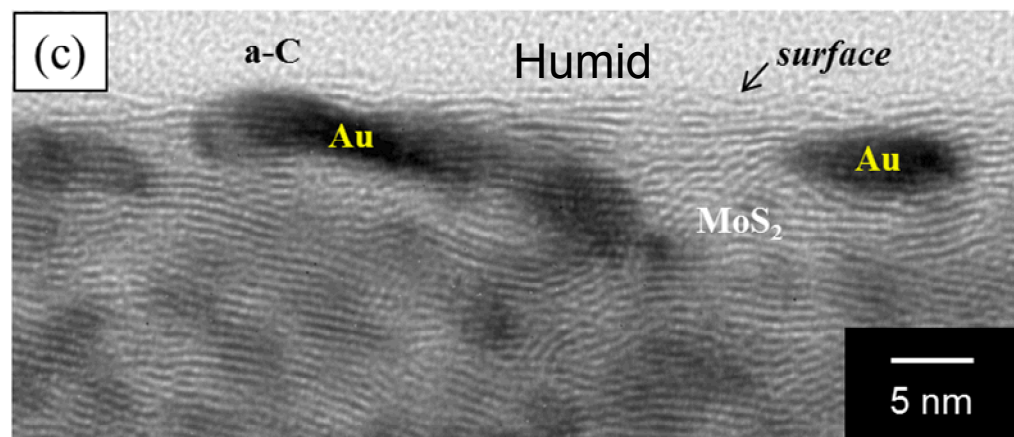
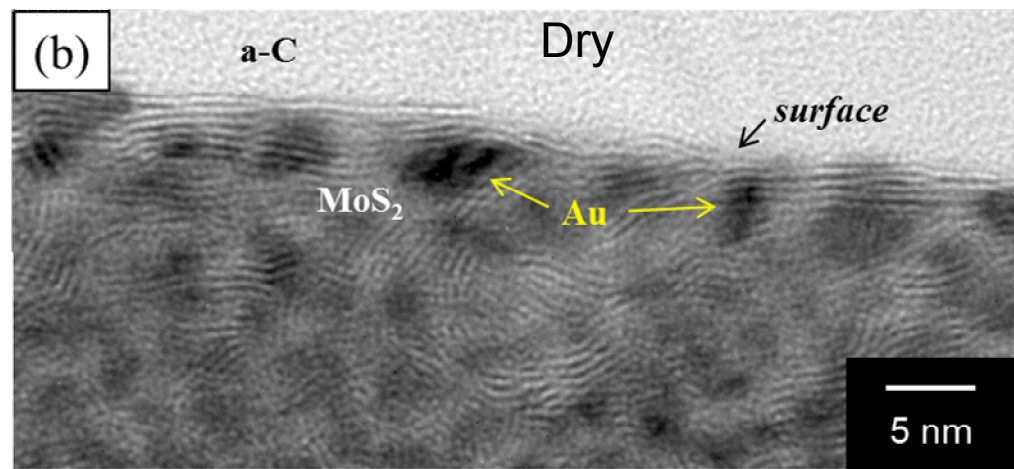
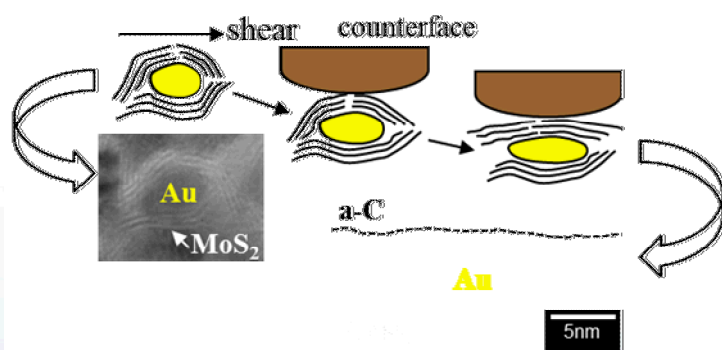


XTEM of MoS₂-Au nanocomposite grown at 200°C

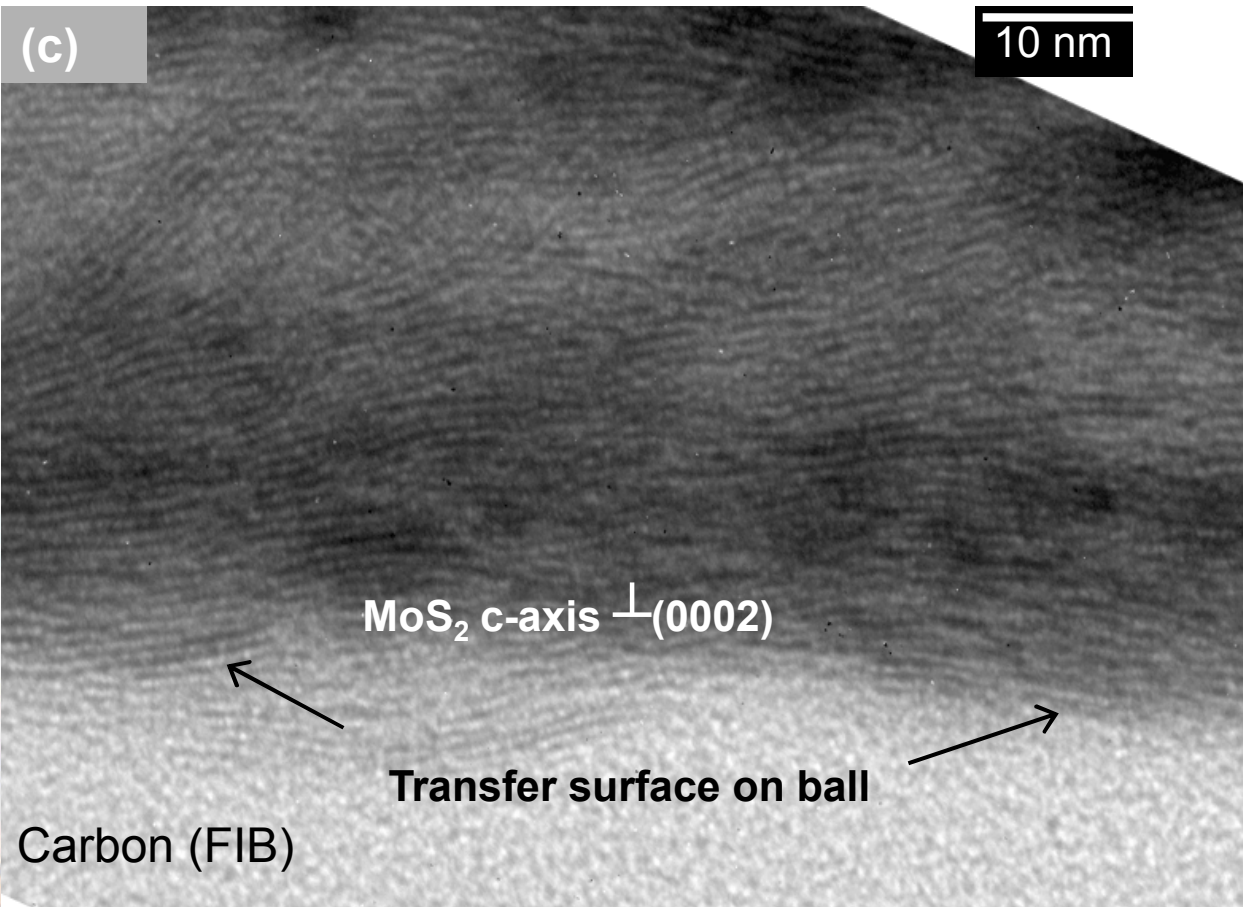
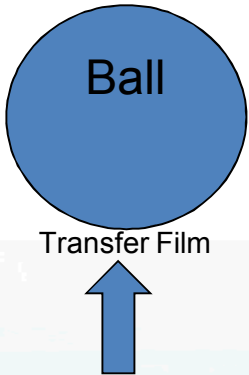


Nanocrystalline Au (~10 nm) core with MoS₂ basal planes encircling

Shear-induced exfoliation of MoS₂ (0002) with basal planes parallel to the sliding direction



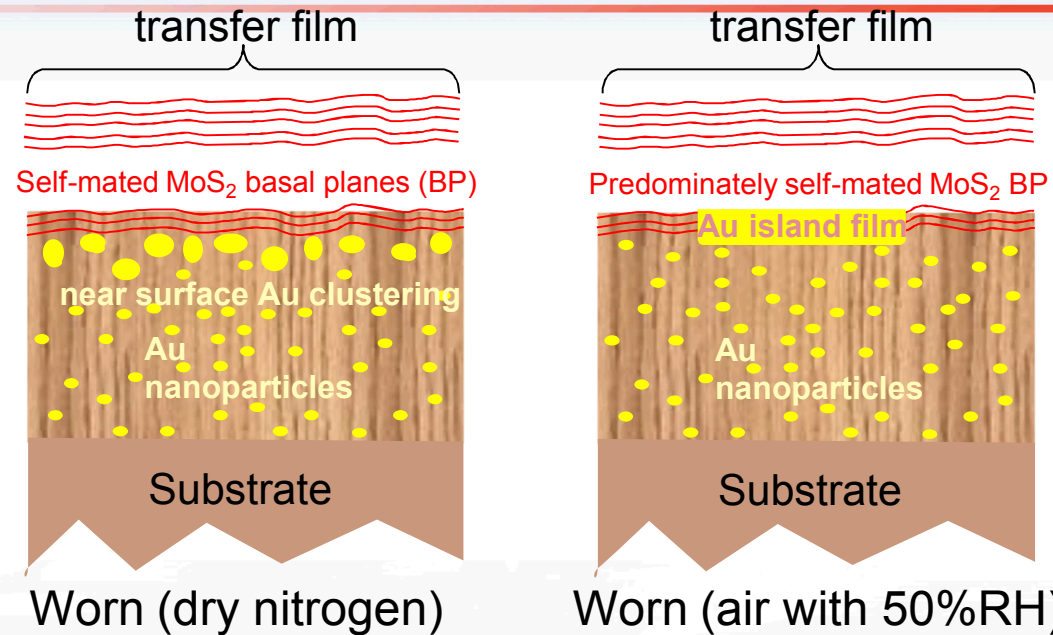
Cross-section of a Transfer Film Air (50% RH)



HRTEM



Mechanisms of Friction



- Whether the MoS₂ is in nanocrystalline form or amorphous, friction induces crystallization with basal planes aligning parallel to the surface
- COF in air is higher but the wear rate is almost identical, indicating the environmental robustness of wear for the nanocomposite (MoS₂/Sb₂O₃/Au) coating
- Sb₂O₃ makes the coating brittle



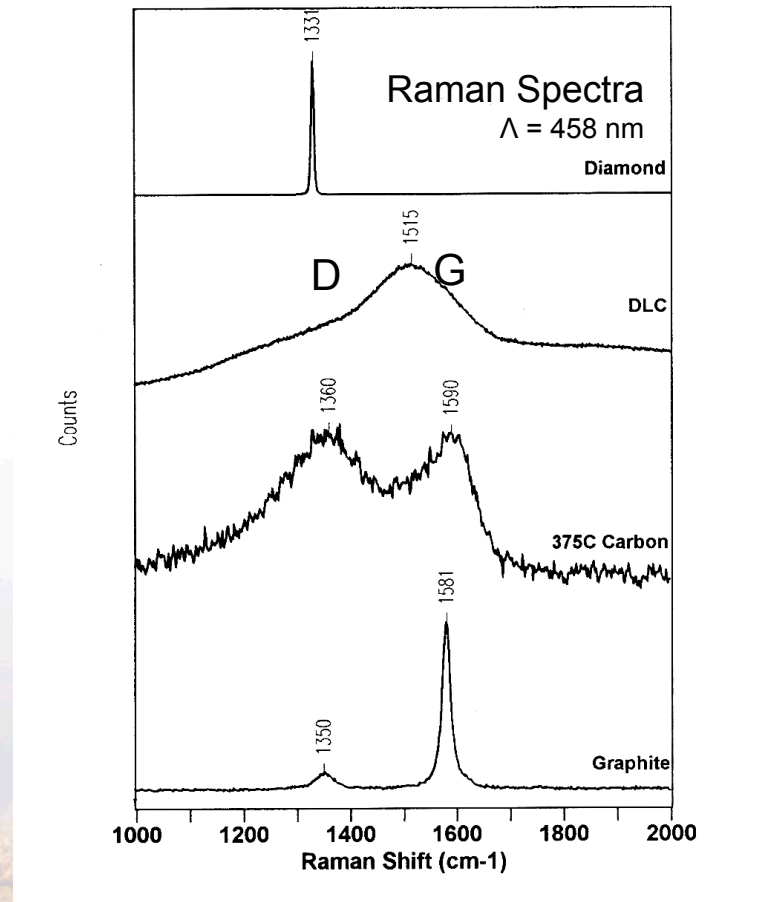
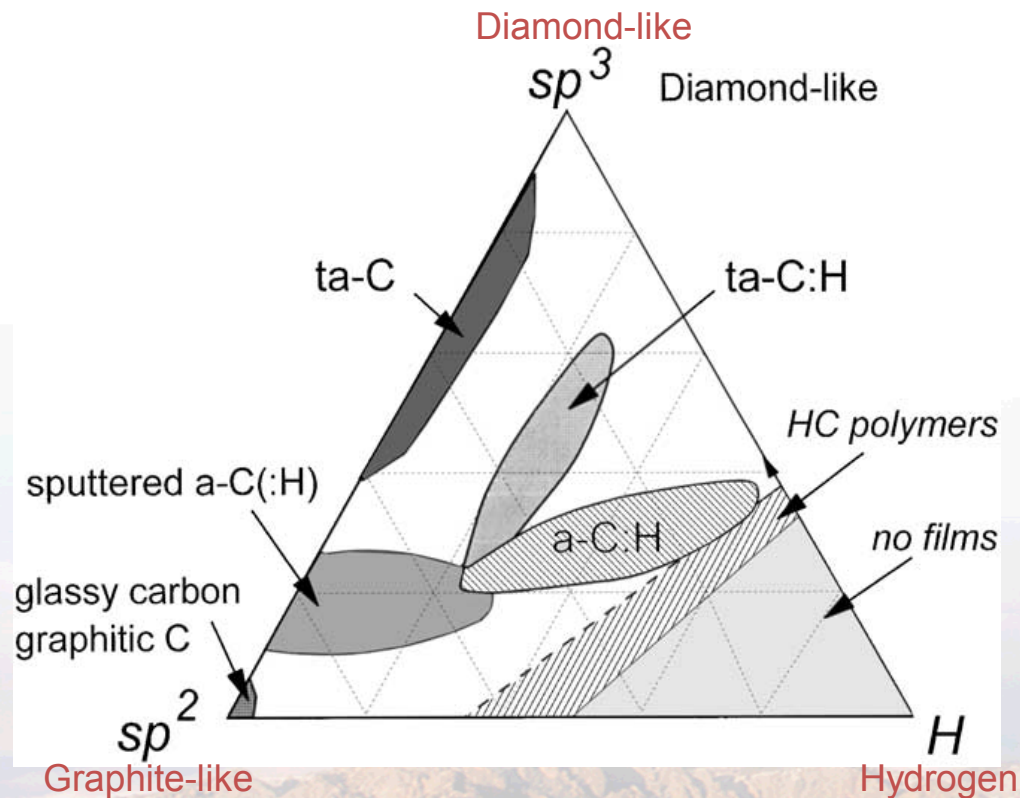


Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC)



Ternary phase diagram of bonding in amorphous carbon-hydrogen materials

- Diamond-like Carbon has mixed sp^2/sp^3 bonding with majority being metastable sp^3 , unless it is stabilized with C-H bonds.
- DLC can be amorphous (a-C) or hydrogenated amorphous carbon (a-C:H) (typically 10-50 atomic % H).



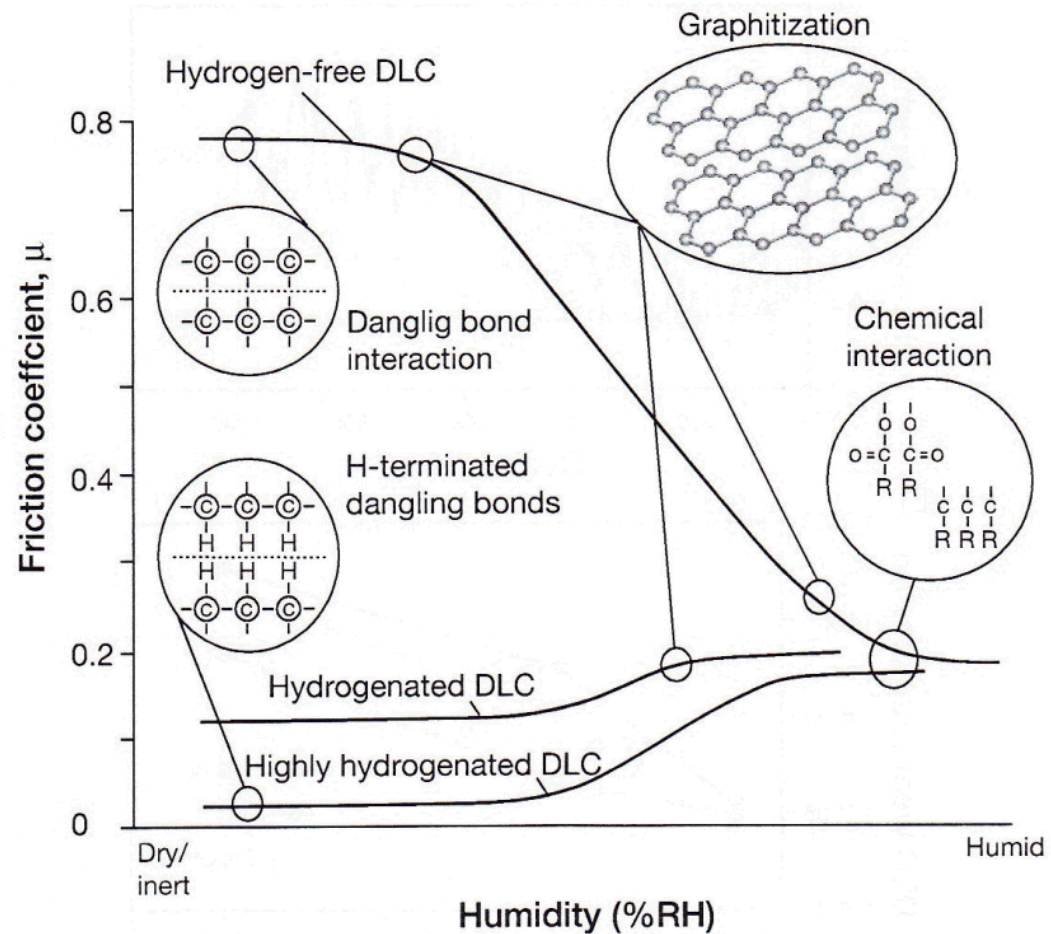
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Synthesizing an Environmentally Robust DLC is Still a Challenge!

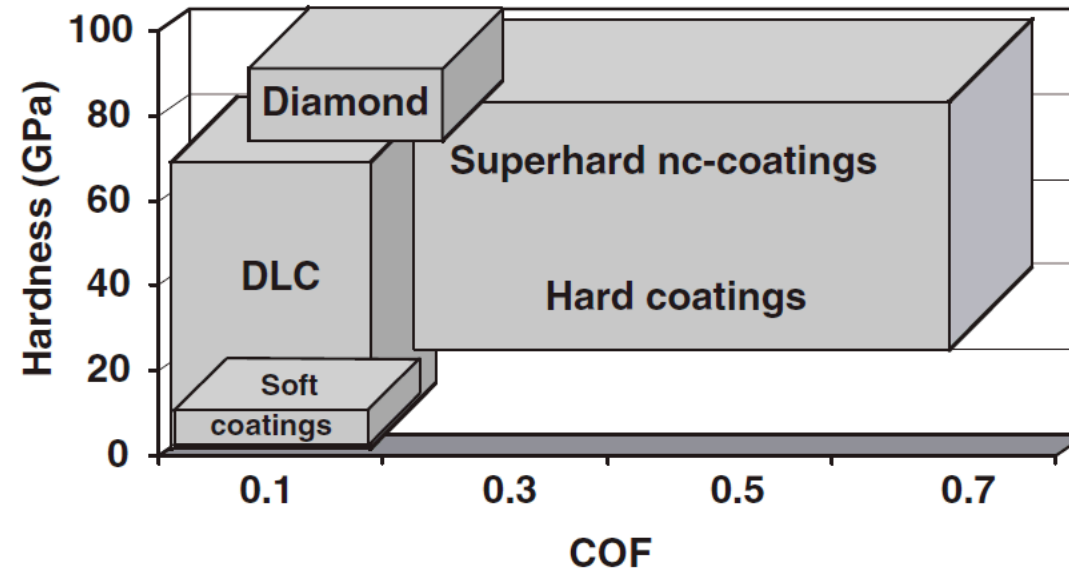
- Hydrogenated DLCs give low friction in dry environments.
- Hydrogen free DLCs require moisture to terminate dangling bonds.



H. Ronkainen and K. Holmberg, "Environmental and Thermal Effects on the Tribological performance of Coatings", In: C. Donnet and A. Erdemir (eds.), *Tribology of Diamond-Like Carbon Films: Fundamentals and Applications*. Springer 2008



DLC can provide both high hardness and low friction



- DLCs exhibit the unusual combination of high hardness and elastic modulus in conjunction with low friction.
- This appears like an exception to the Bowden and Tabor Model which requires a low hardness for shear accommodation to achieve low friction.

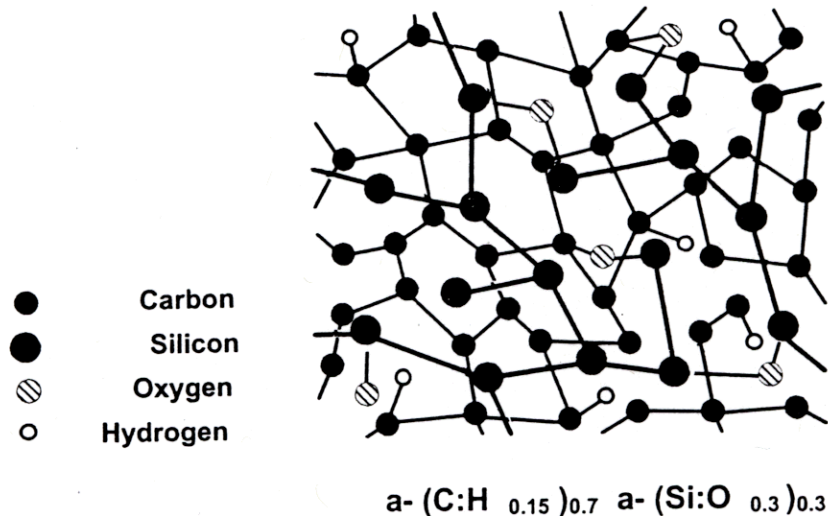
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Diamond-Like Carbon Nanocomposites

Plasma Enhanced CVD

Polyphenylmethylosiloxane precursor



Schematic of DLN atomic structure.

Interpenetrating random networks
DLC (a-C:H) and glass like a-Si:O

- Conformal coatings could provide coverage of sidewalls
- Substrate temperatures do not typically exceed 150 to 200 °C

Hardness: 9-17 GPa
Modulus: 90-140 GPa

V. F. Dorfman, *Thin Solid Films*, 212 (1992) 267-273

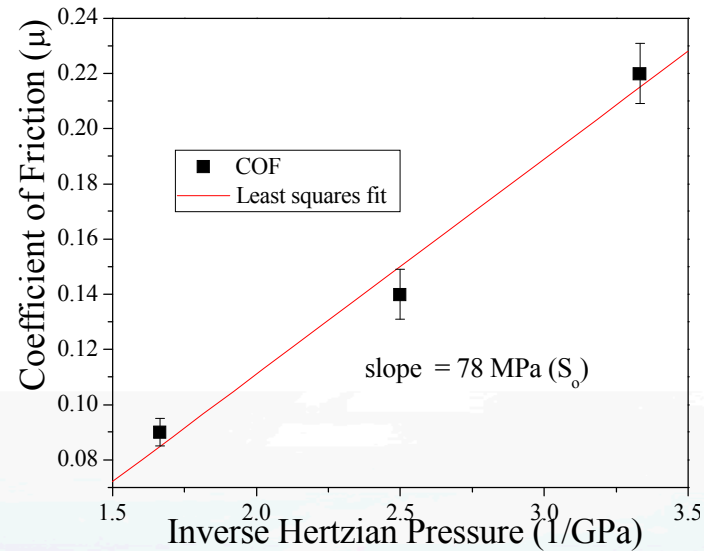
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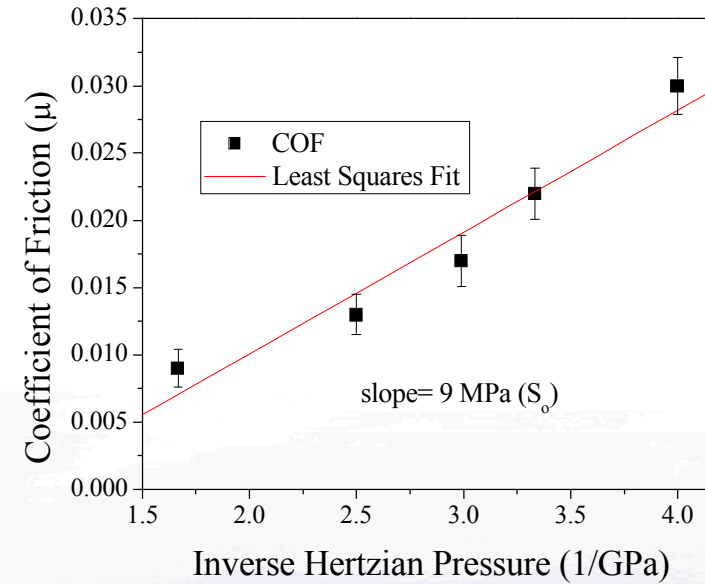


The Friction Behavior is non-Amontonian

Air (50% RH)



Dry Nitrogen



- Load Dependence
- Environmental Effects
- (Note the difference in the slopes)

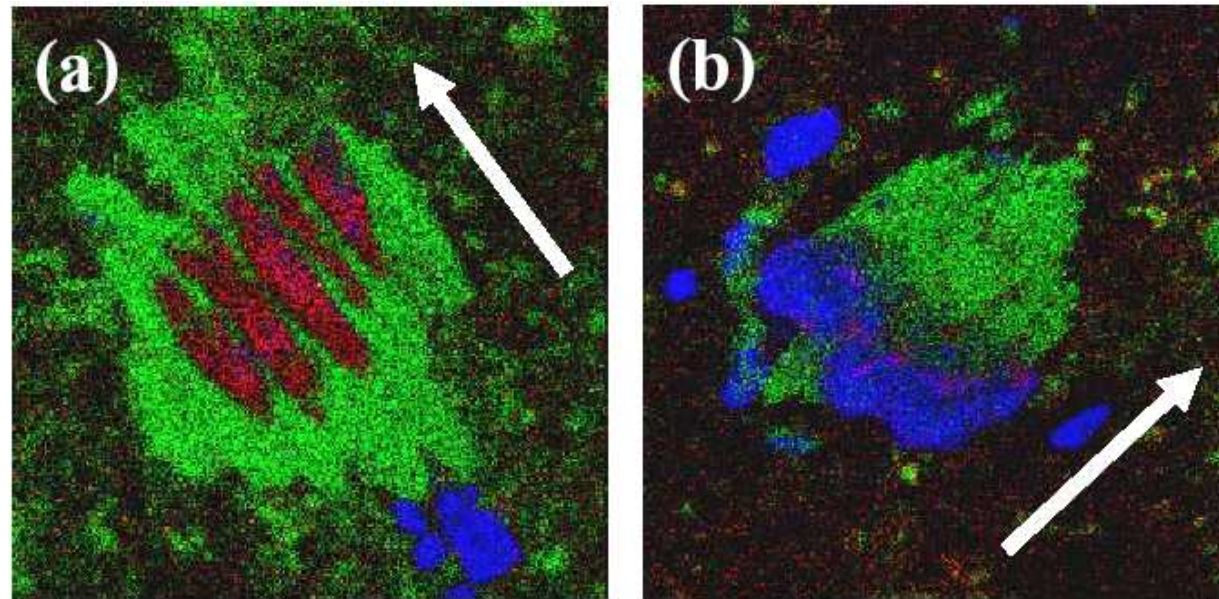
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ToF-SIMS of Transfer Films illustrating the Chameleon Nature

Humid Air ($\mu \sim .2$)

Dry Nitrogen ($\mu \sim .02$)



Red: SiO_2 (O + Si + SiO_2 + SiO_3)

Green: Long Range Carbon (C_1 to C_4 fragments)

Blue: Hydrogenated Carbon (CH + CH_2 + C_2H)

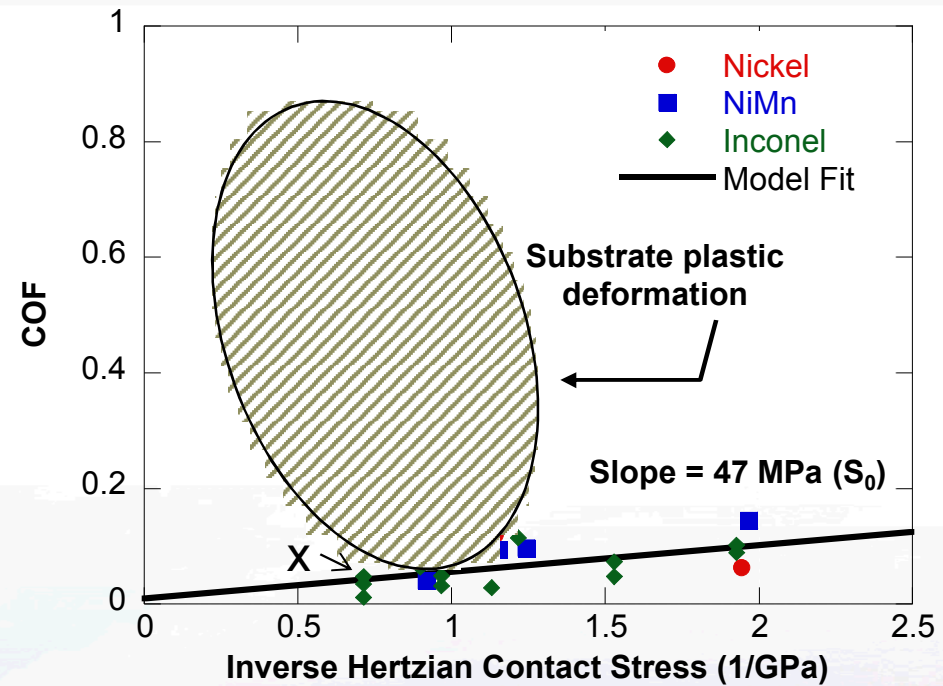
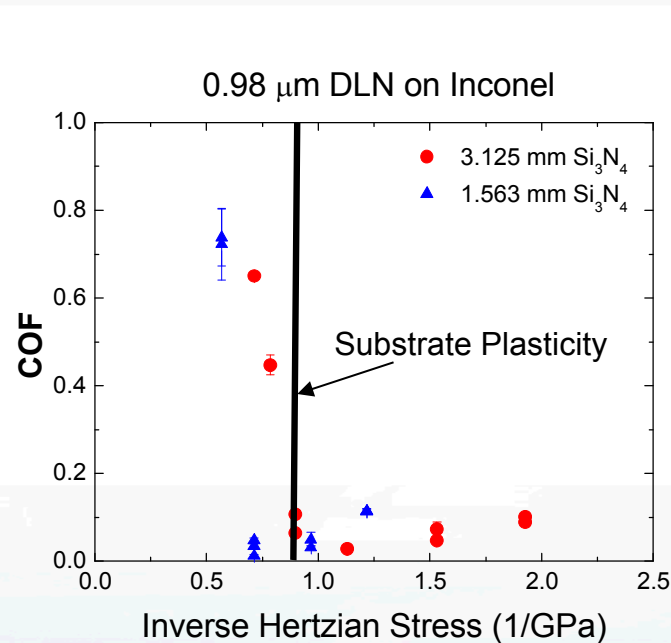
78 MPa

9 MPa

ToF-SIMS



Deviations from Predicted Behavior

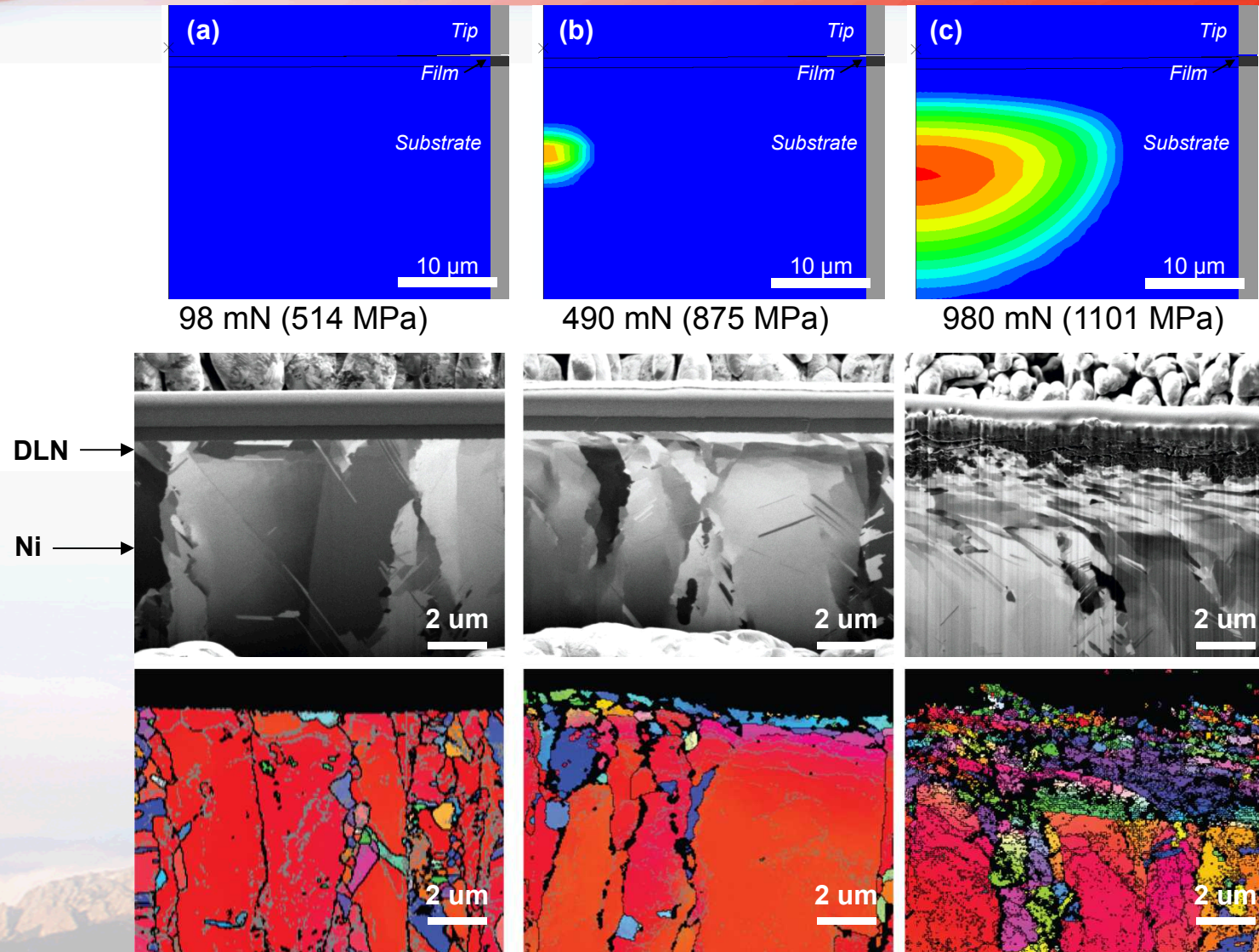


FEM predictions of substrate plastic deformation are in general agreement with observed deviations in Hertzian contact model

Multi-Layer Architectures may be necessary to mitigate substrate plastic deformation



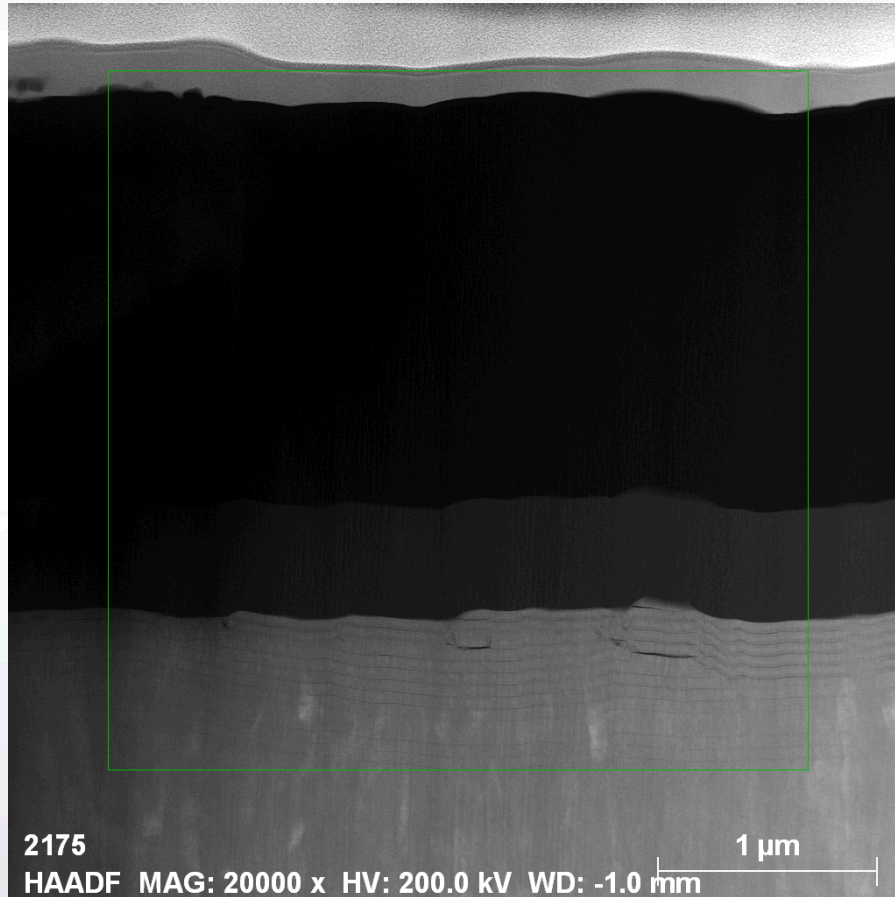
Friction Induced Plastic Deformation in the Substrate



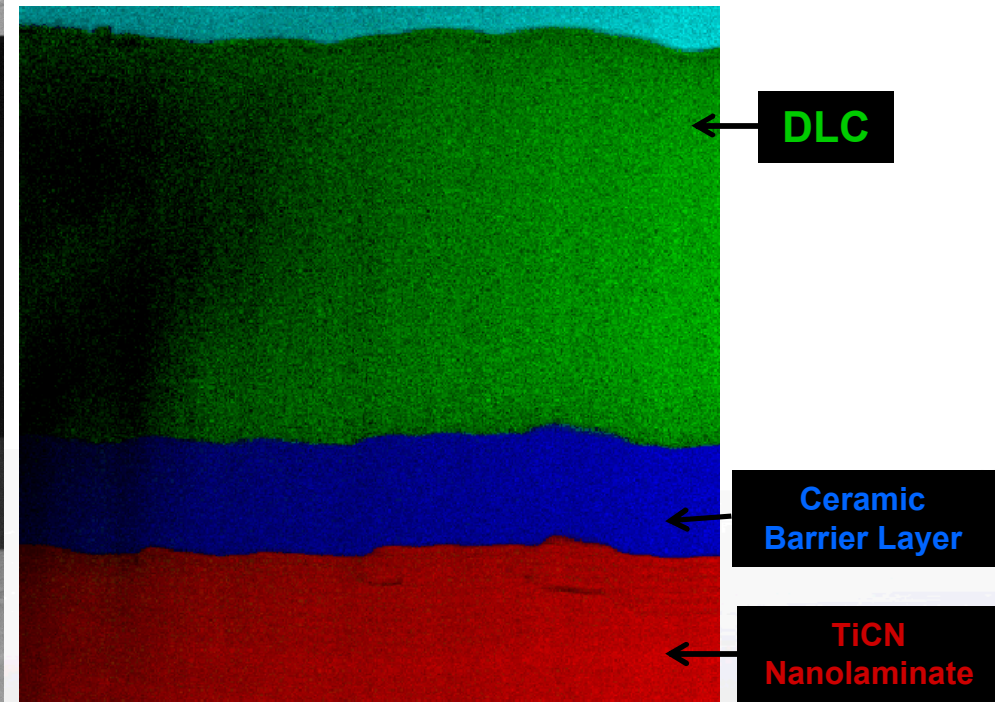
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Multilayer Coatings: Adhesion, Load Bearing, Diffusion Barrier



Micro-cracks between nanolaminate layers

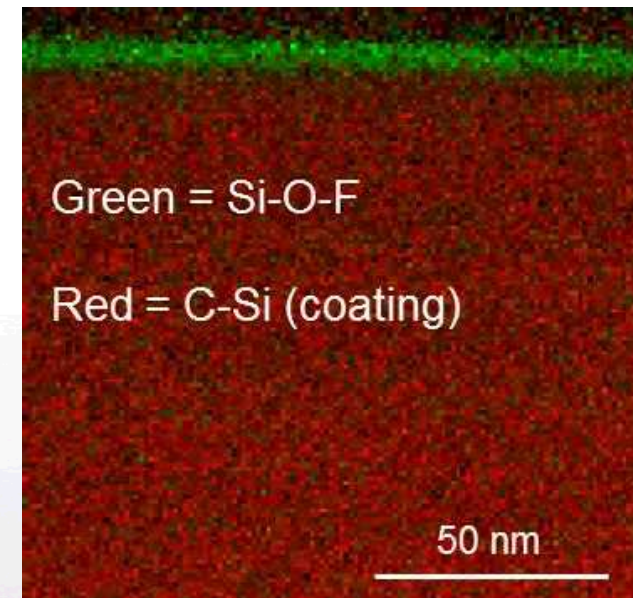
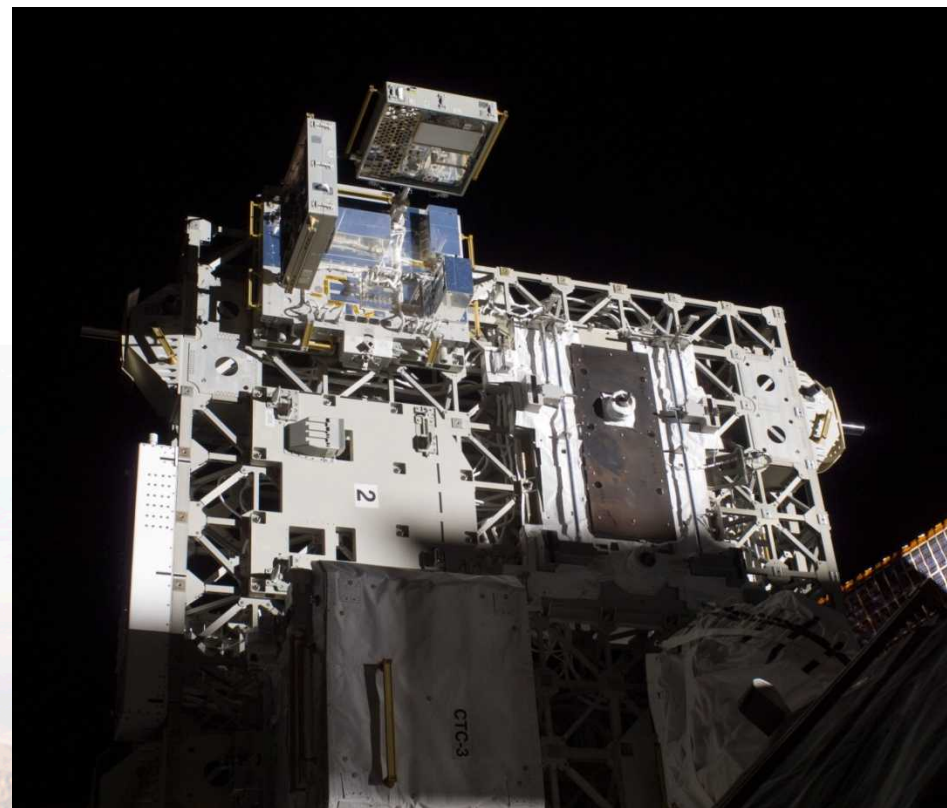


Robust Barrier

Space, The final Frontier

MISSE-7

Materials on the International Space Station Experiment



DLC post-MISSE (FIB)

Advanced analytical techniques are essential for assessing the materials aging and reliability



M. T. Dugger, T. W. Scharf and S. V. Prasad, "Materials in Space: Exploring the Effect of Low Earth Orbit on Thin Film Solid Lubricants" ADVANCED MATERIALS & PROCESSES 32 • MAY 2014

Concluding Thoughts

- **Materials designed for friction and wear mitigation, commonly referred to as tribological materials, must also meet mechanical and physical property requirements. This balance makes it very challenging from a practical design perspective .**
- **Avoid using metals/alloys that are prone to galling (Rabinowicz's Compatibility Chart)**
- **Solid lubricant coatings are needed, specifically when the operating conditions are beyond the liquid realm or in situations where liquids cannot be introduced.**
- **No single phase material can give low friction and wear in all environments and under all operating conditions**
 - Many Solid Lubricant Coatings Exhibit Load Dependence on Friction
 - Environment plays a very significant role in determining the tribological behavior
- **The DLN and MoS₂-based composites are two examples of Nanostructured materials that provide some degree of environmentally robustness.**
- **Introduce multilayer coatings if subsurface plastic deformation cannot be avoided.**
- **Use systems approach for the design of tribological contacts.**



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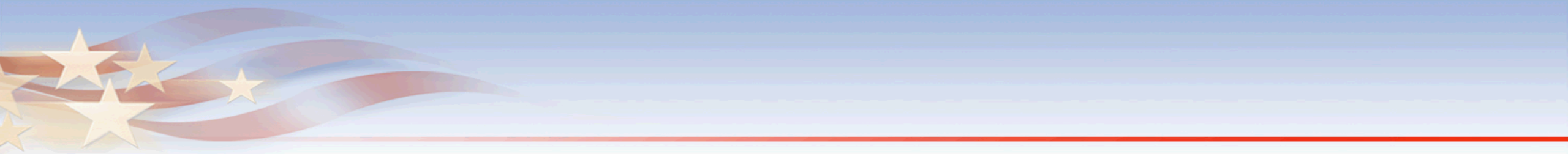
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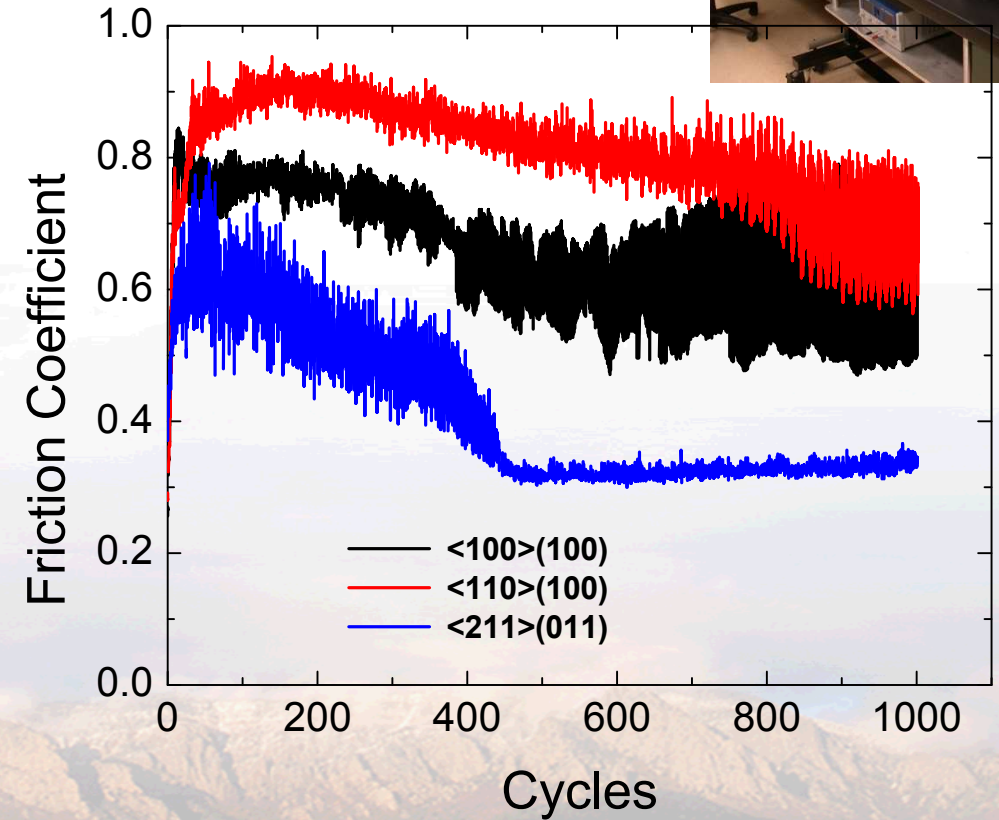
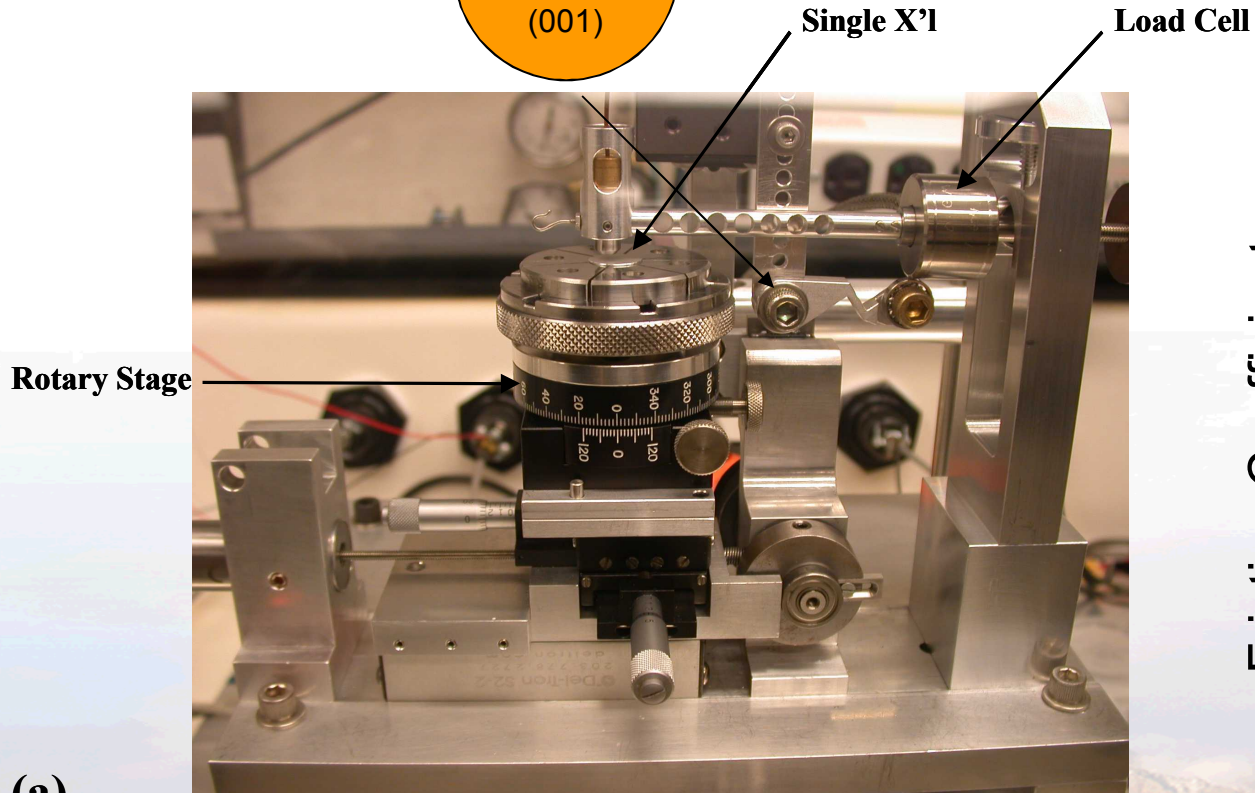
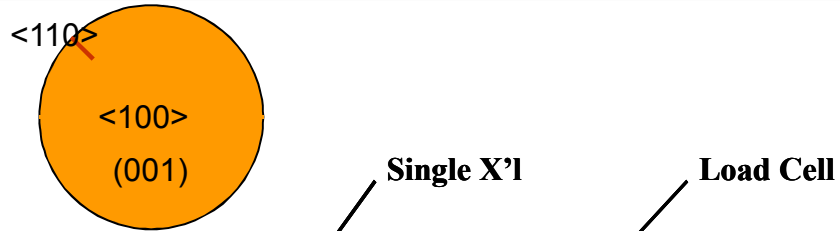
Back-Up Slides



Single Crystals

Measurements in specific crystallographic directions

Environmental chamber

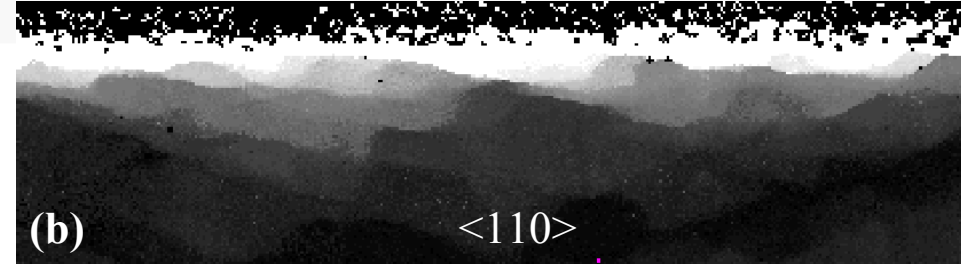
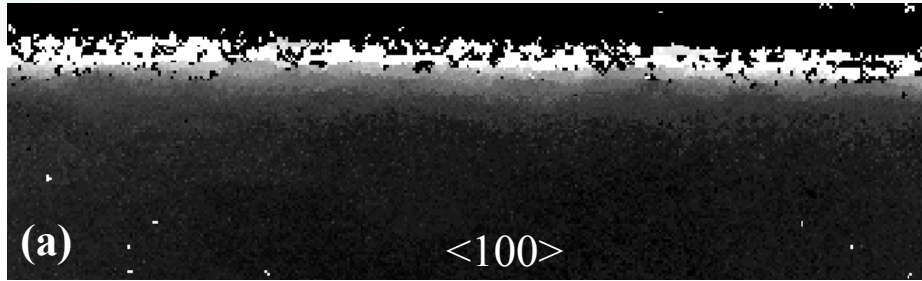


(a)

Rotary Stage for Single Crystal Alignment

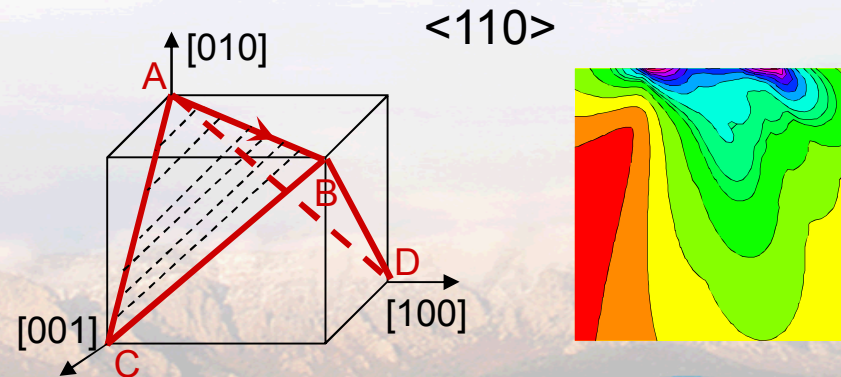
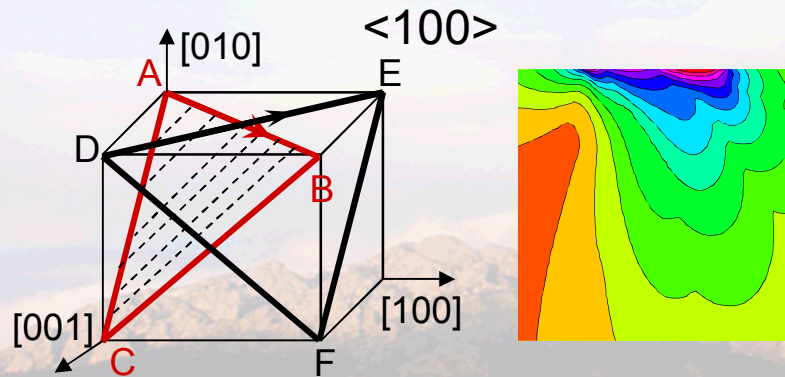


Depth of deformation is related to crystallography

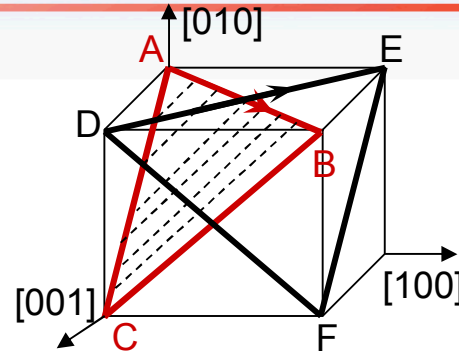
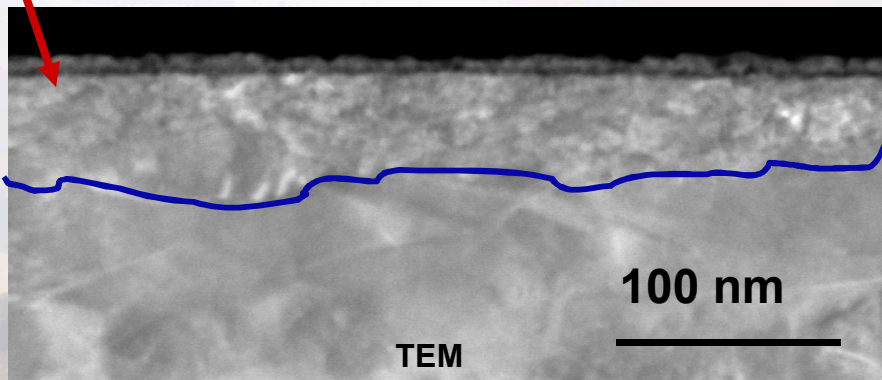
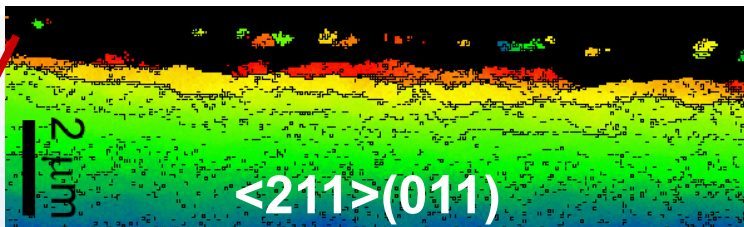
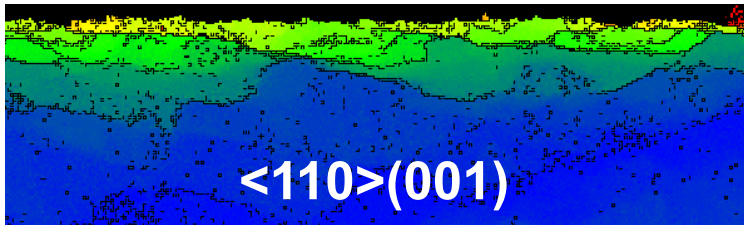
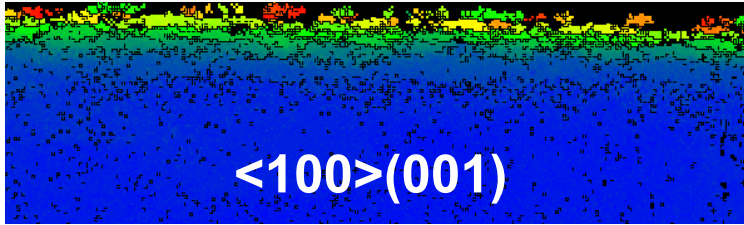


Maps showing the orientation changes relative to undeformed regions on (100) crystal surface. Brighter color represents larger orientation change. The magnitude of orientation change was about 6° total in for the friction track in the $\langle 100 \rangle$ direction and about 13° for the track in $\langle 110 \rangle$ direction.

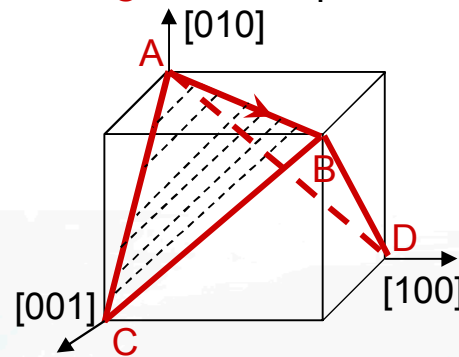
Slip system orientations show intersecting slip systems for $\langle 100 \rangle$ wear (ABC plane in AB direction, and DEF in DE), but not for $\langle 110 \rangle$ (ABC in AB and ABD in AB), suggesting more hardening for $\langle 100 \rangle$. Color maps of resolved shear stress from analyses of plastic deformation show the strong asymmetry induced by sliding (as opposed to static) contact.



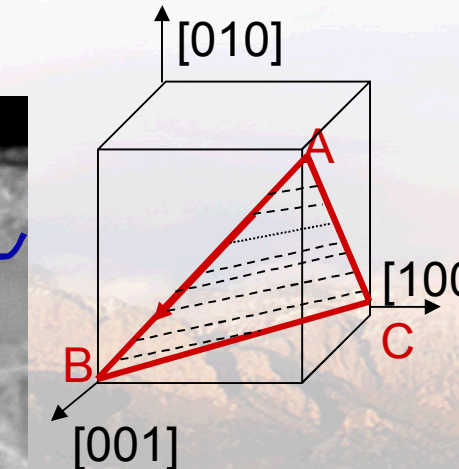
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Strong dislocation interactions- high work hardening



Weak dislocation interactions- low work hardening



Very weak dislocation interactions- low work hardening – rapid recrystallization





Nanocrystalline Metals

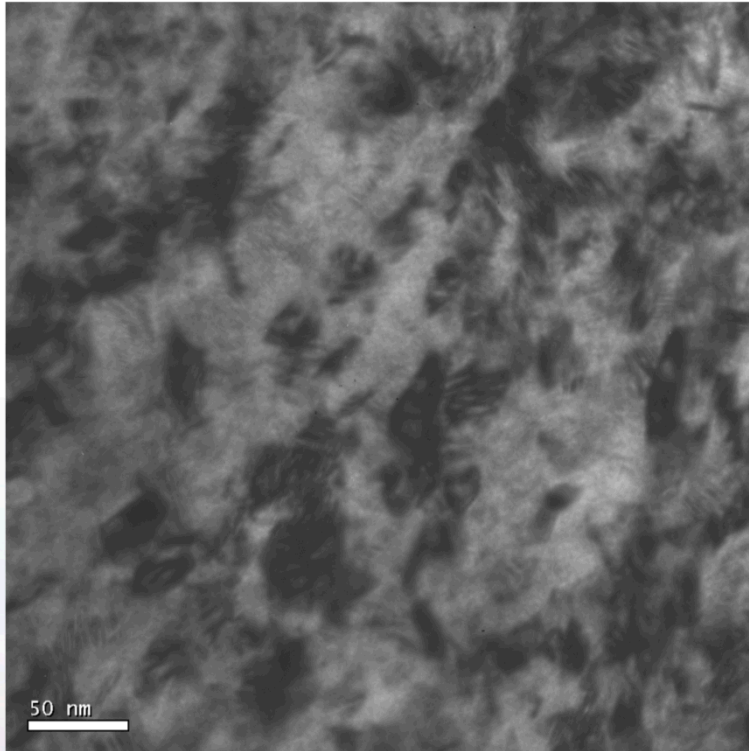
- Hall-Petch Effect
- In the ultrananocrystalline regime, grain boundary processes are known to dominate the deformation behavior, resulting in reduction of yield strength with grain size: ~20 nm or below.
- Is there such a “cross-over” with friction-induced deformation?

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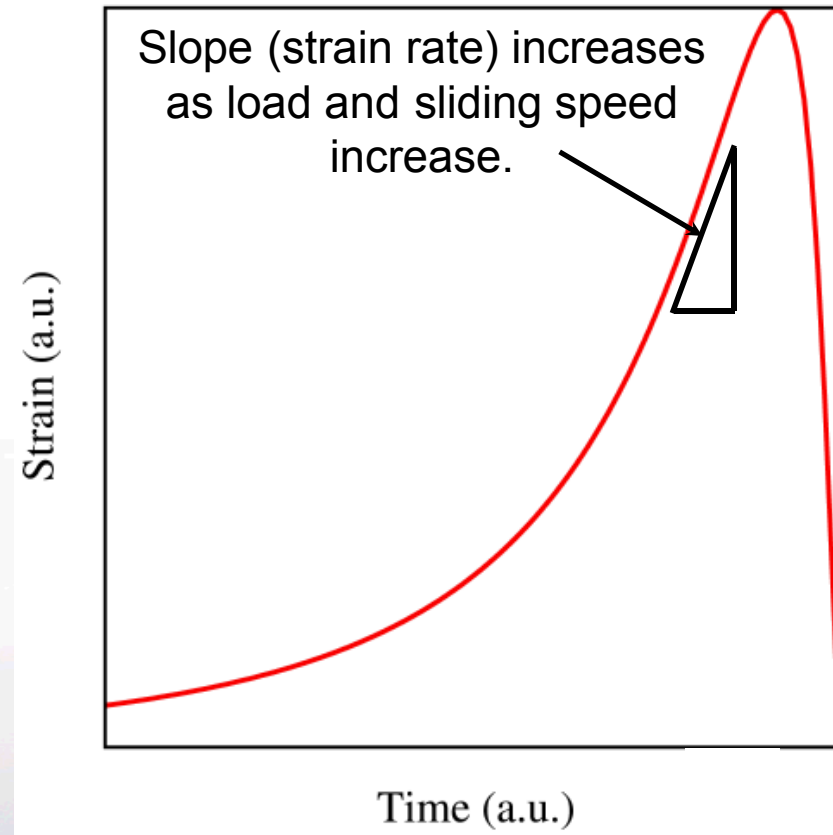


Nanocrystalline Ni Films

Load and sliding speed dictate subsurface strain rate

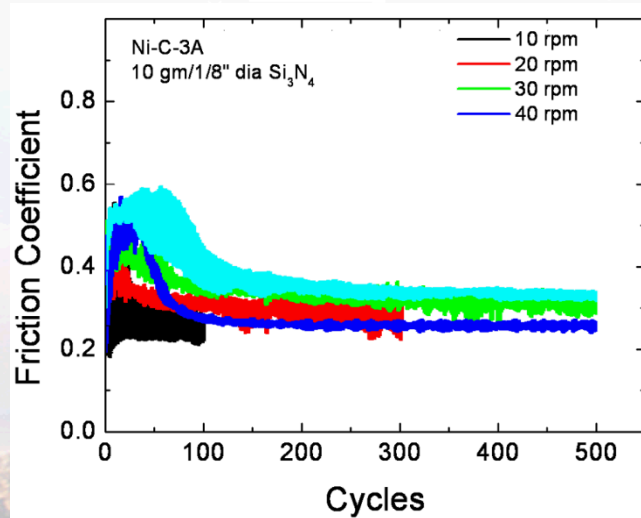
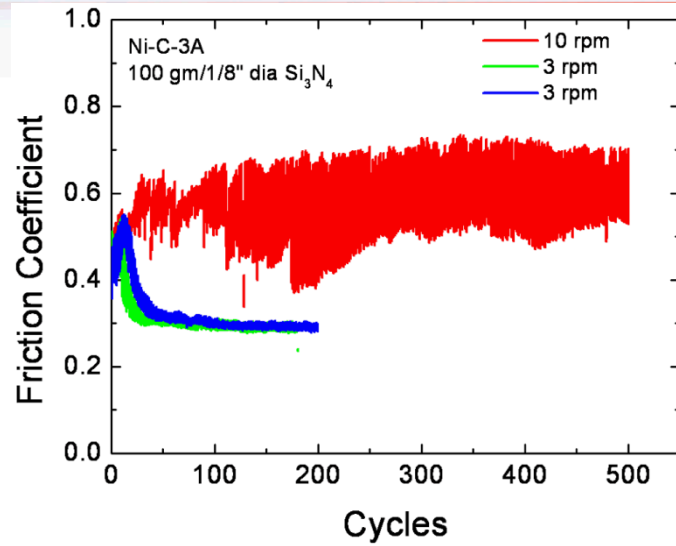


Bright-field TEM image

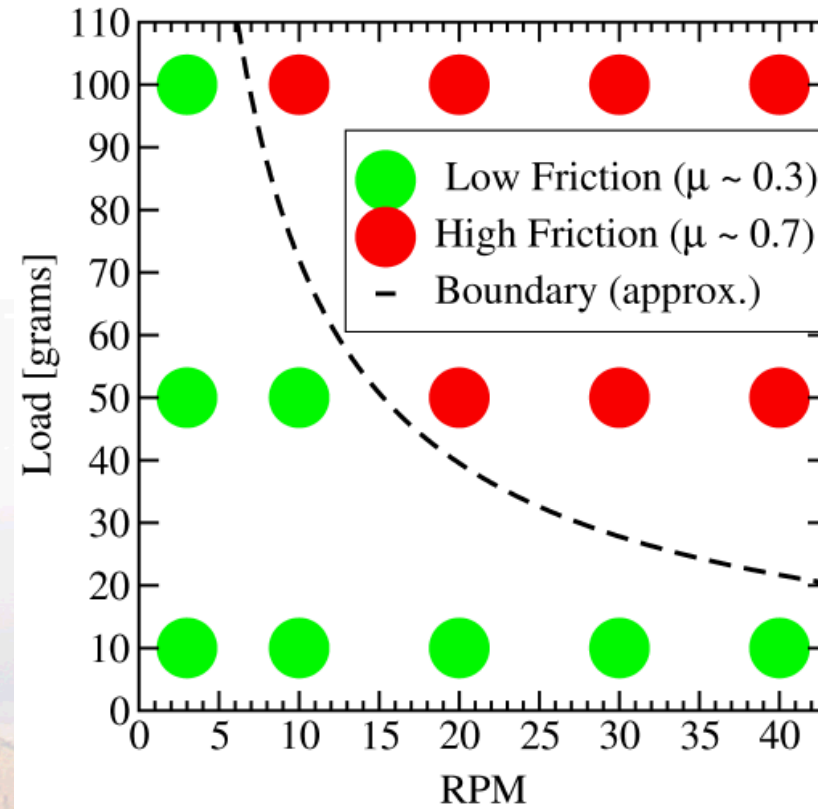


Schematic of the strain history experienced by the material below the worn surface.

Yes, there is: But it is Strain Rate sensitive



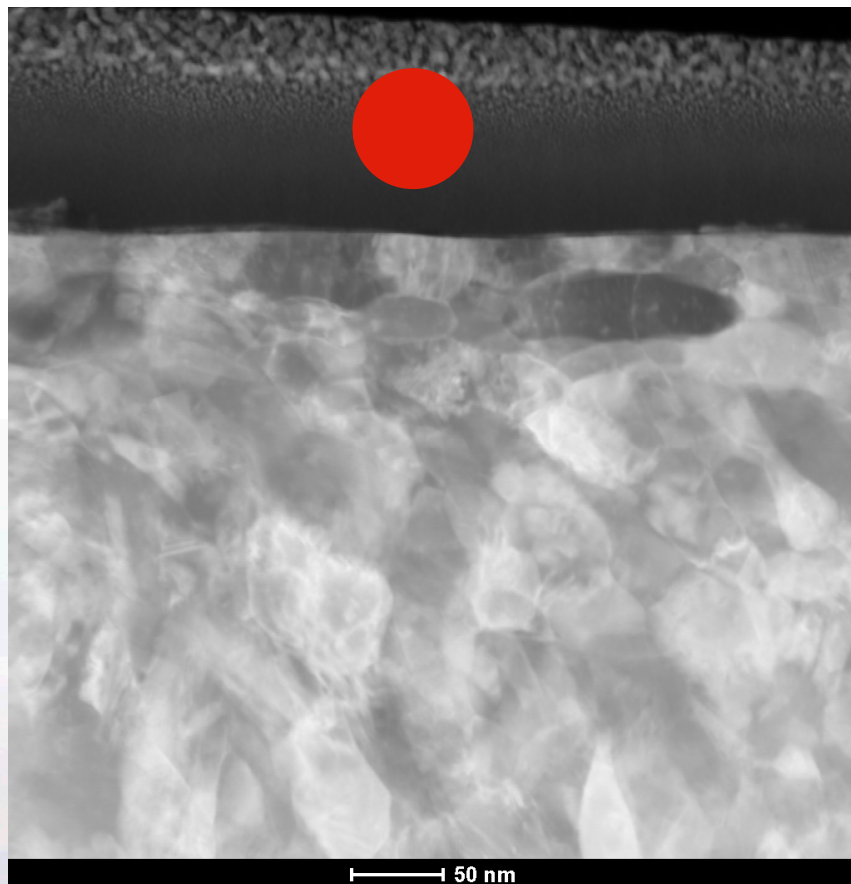
Transition to low friction shows a clear dependence on strain rate.



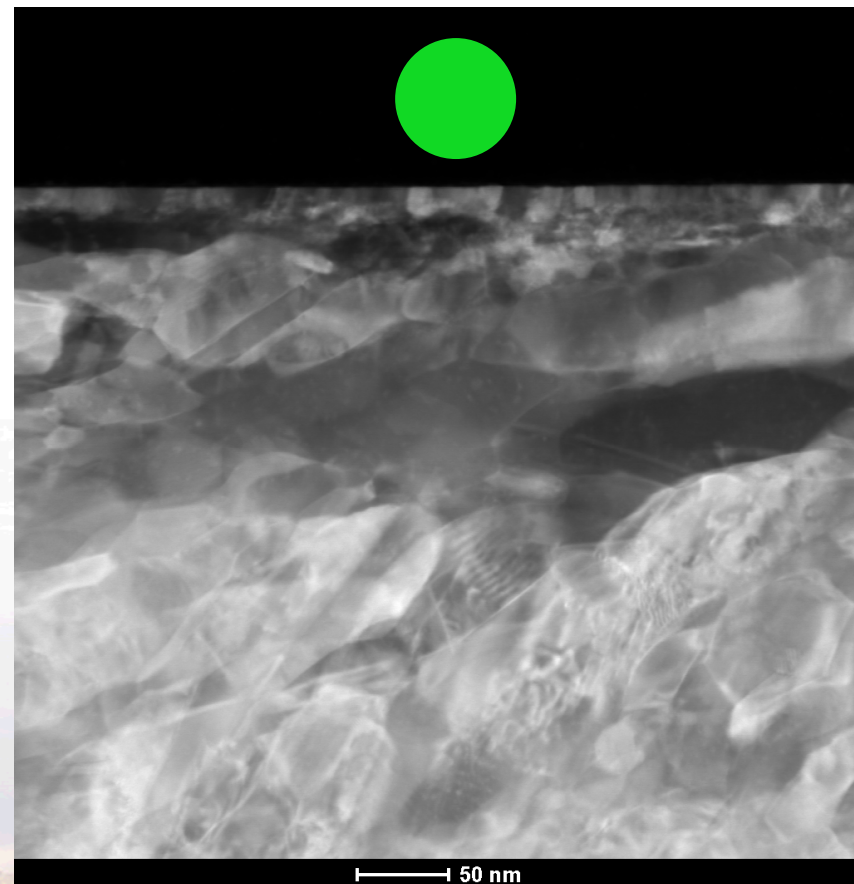
Comparison of Subsurfaces: High Friction (Red) and Low friction (Green)

Ni-C-3A #1 051201G Track 14, 100g, **20rpm**, 600cycles

Ni-C-3A #1 051129B Track 3, 100g, **3rpm**, 200cycles



No Zone 1



Zone 1 Present

Annular DF STEM Images

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Stable Ultrananocrystalline Layers



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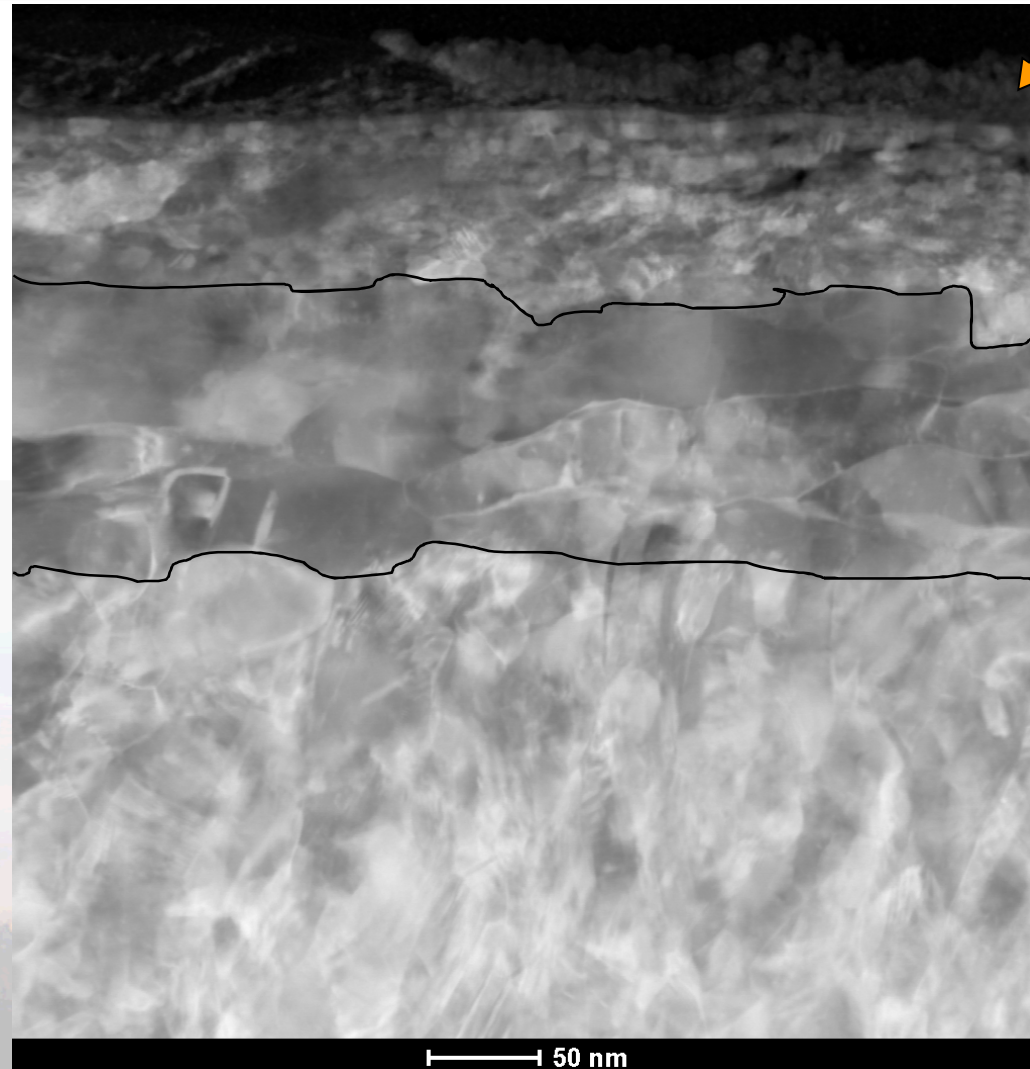
Zone 1+

Zone 1
Ultra Nanocrystalline

Zone 2
Grain Growth (dynamic
recrystallization?) +
Texture

Zone 3

Bulk



Annular DF Image

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