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A572 and 4140 Steels

- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) **A572 steel**
 - Columbium-Vandium Steel
 - Minimum yield stress of ~400 MPa (quasi-static)
 - Good corrosion resistance
- Used in:
 - Building structures
 - Anchoring systems
 - Bridges
 - Boom sections
- American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) **4140 Alloy**
 - Chromium-Molybdenum
 - Yield Strength ~650 MPa (quasi-static)
 - Excellent corrosion resistance
- Used in:
 - Hydraulic Shafts
 - Boring bars
 - Axles
 - Roll Cages
 - Bolts



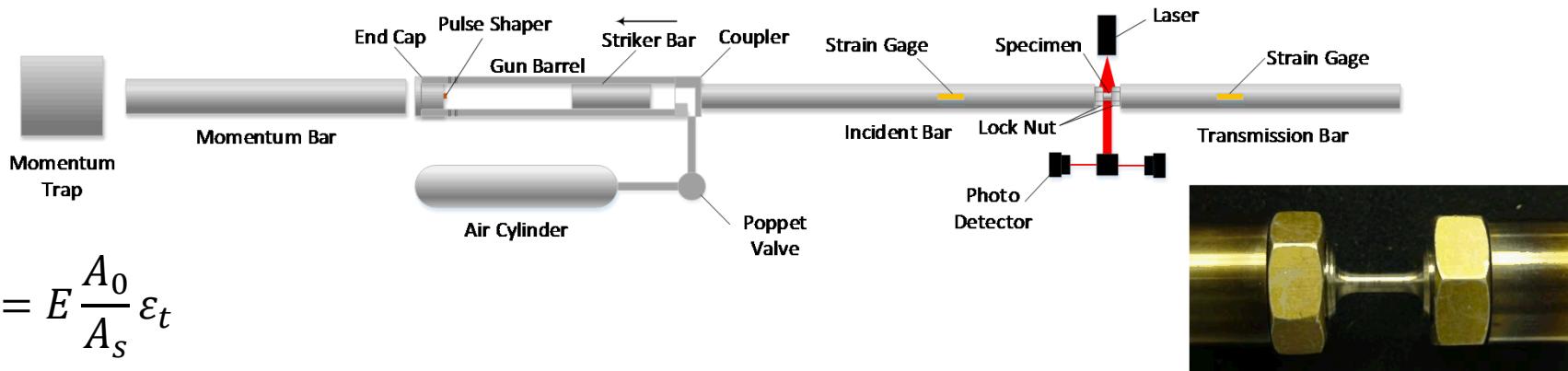
ASTM A572-50 steel beam for a bridge.

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Scope of Work

- Dynamic tensile material characterization at high strain rates
 - $\sim 500, 1500, 3000 \text{ s}^{-1}$



$$\sigma_E = E \frac{A_0}{A_s} \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_E = \begin{cases} c' \frac{L_1 - L_2}{L_s} & (\sigma \leq \sigma_y) \\ \frac{L_1 - L_2 - (1 - c')(L_1 - L_2)_{yield}}{L_s} & (\sigma > \sigma_y) \end{cases}$$

$$c' = \frac{\Delta L_s}{\Delta L + \Delta L_s} = 0.62$$



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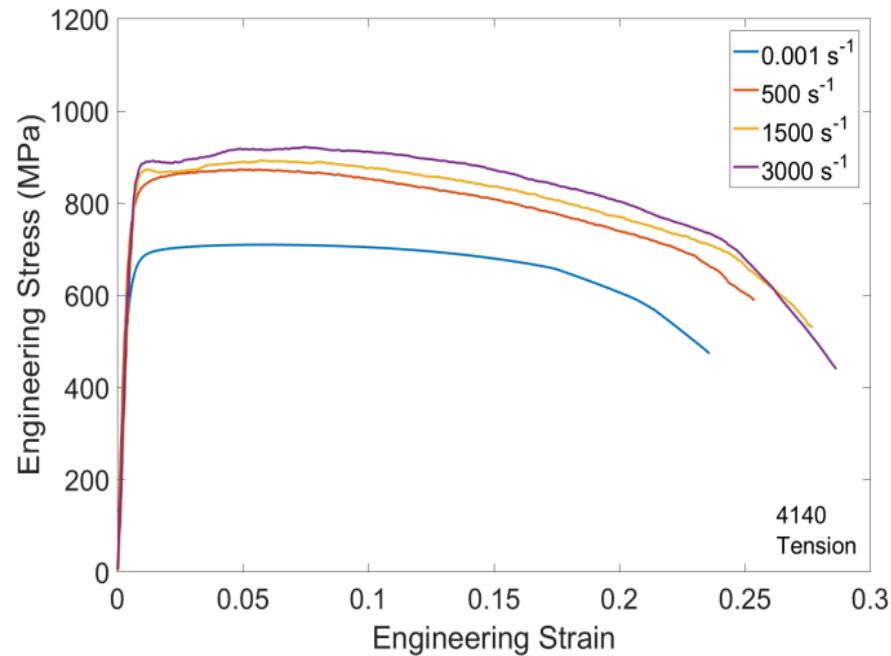
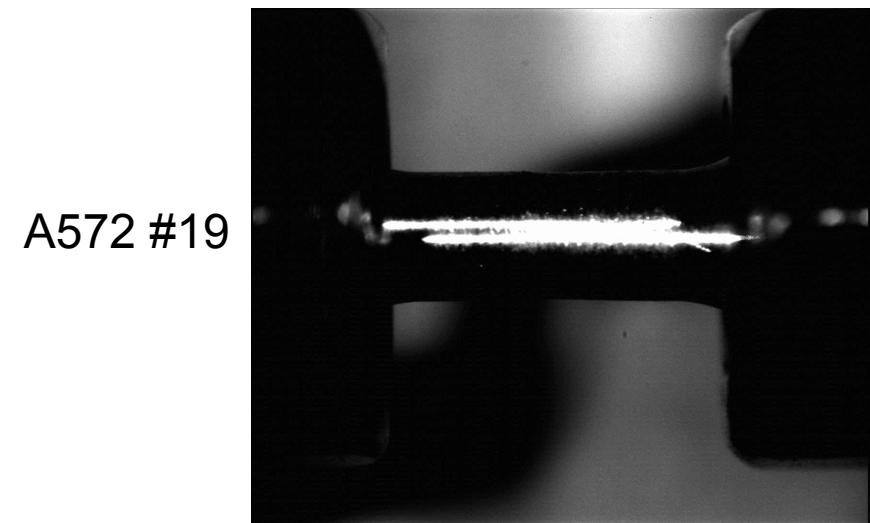
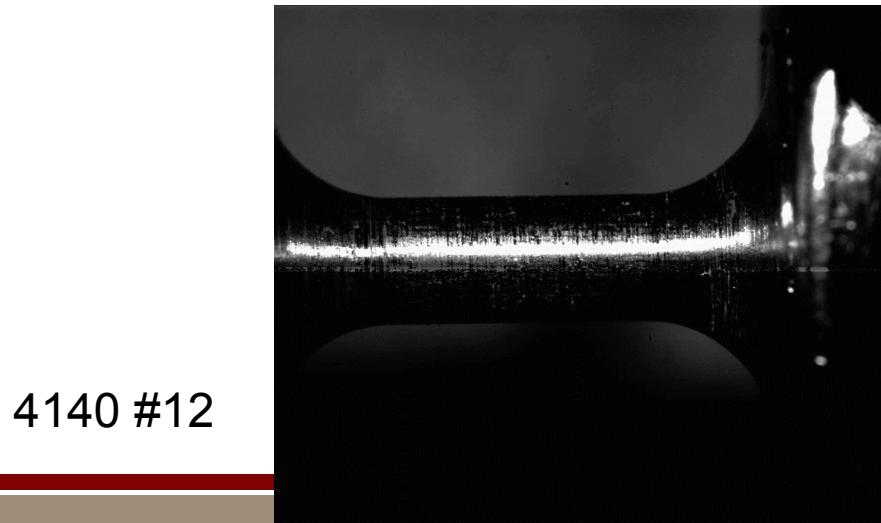
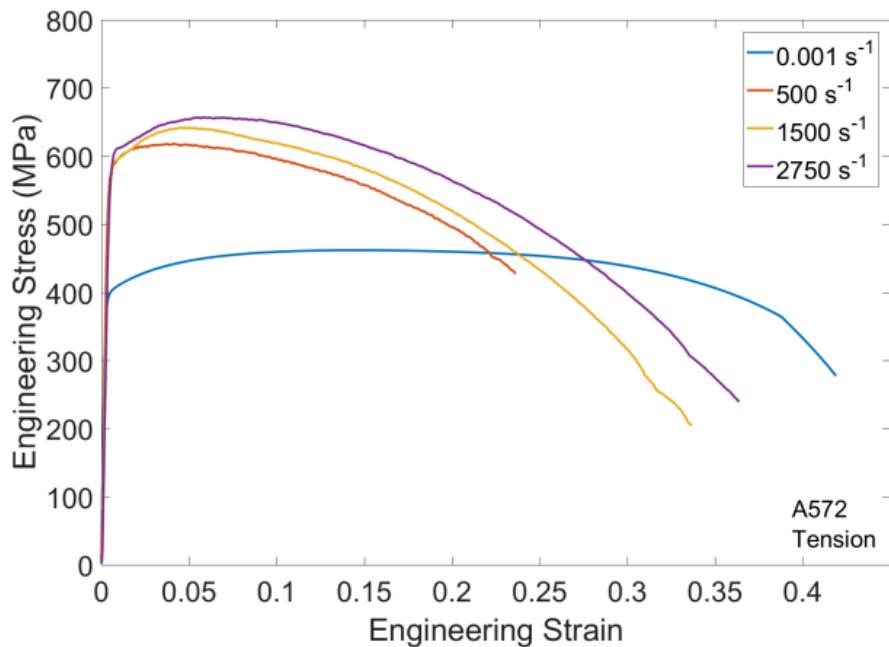
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- Rate-dependent material modeling
 - Modified Johnson-Cook model

Experimental Results



Bridgman Correction for Necking

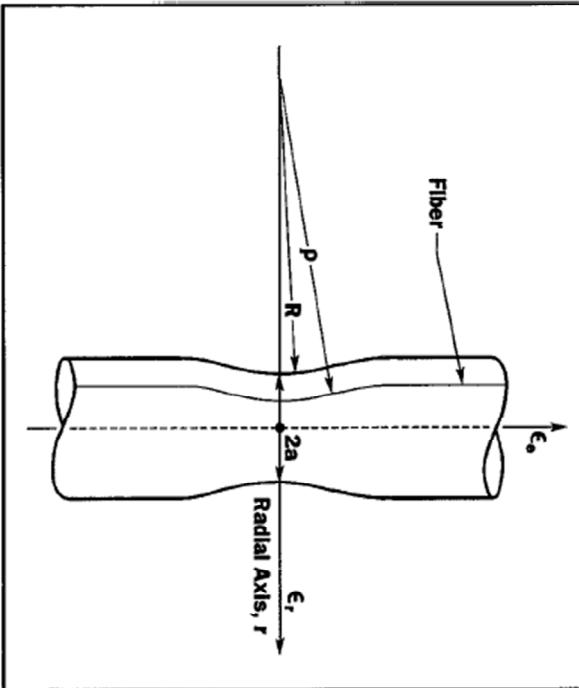
Bridgman Correction

- Assumptions:
 - Uniform strain distribution in the minimum section
 - A longitudinal grid line deformed into a curve at the neck
- Good for rod
- True strain $\varepsilon_T = \ln \frac{A_0}{A}$
- Average true axial stress at the smallest cross section

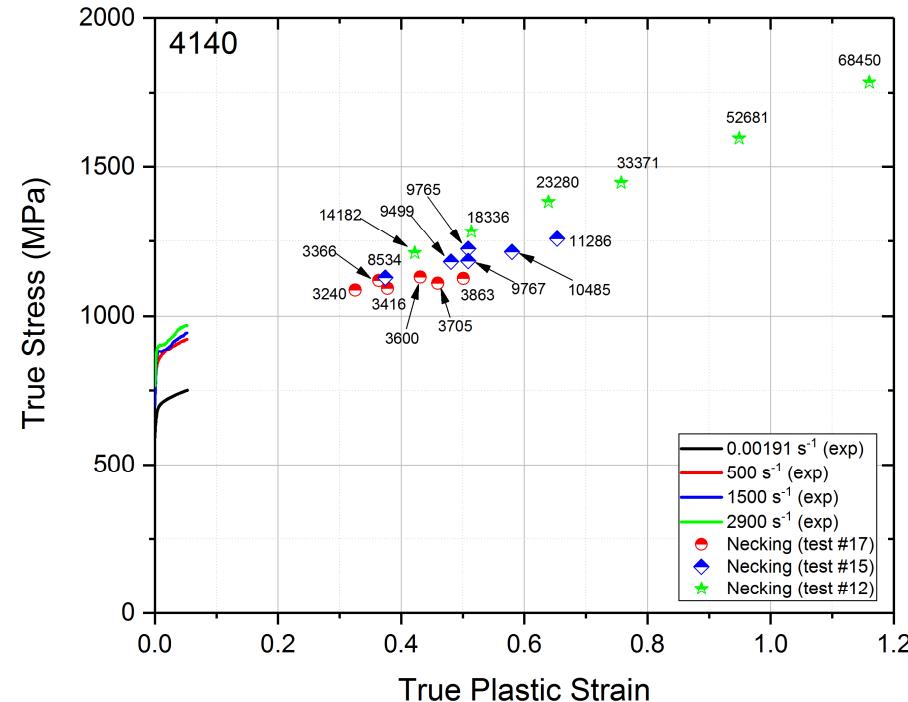
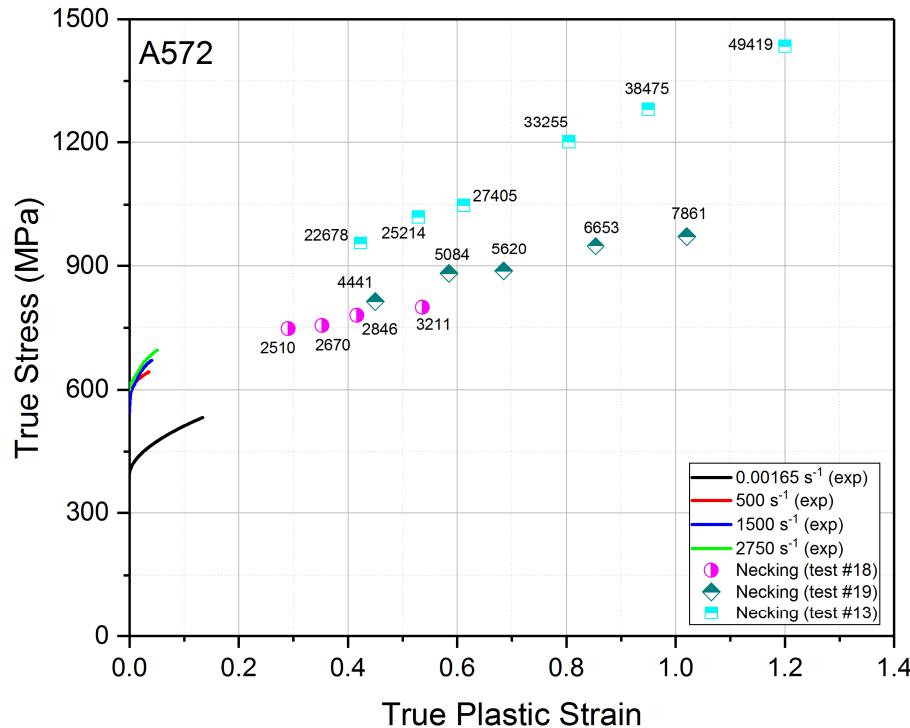
$$(\sigma_a)_{av} = \frac{F}{A} = \sigma_E \frac{A_0}{A}$$
 - Uniaxial stress correction

$$\sigma_T = k(\sigma_a)_{av}$$

$$k = \left[\left(1 + \frac{2R}{a} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{a}{2R} \right) \right]^{-1}$$
- Requires instantaneous measurements of minimum cross sectional area, A , and radius, R .



True Stress-Strain Response



During necking

- True plastic strain becomes significantly higher
 - More than 10 times elongated*
- Strain rate becomes significantly higher
 - More than 10 times higher*

Johnson-Cook Model

$$\sigma = (A + B\varepsilon^n) \cdot \left(1 + C \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \cdot \left(1 - T^*{}^m\right)$$



Strain (work) hardening

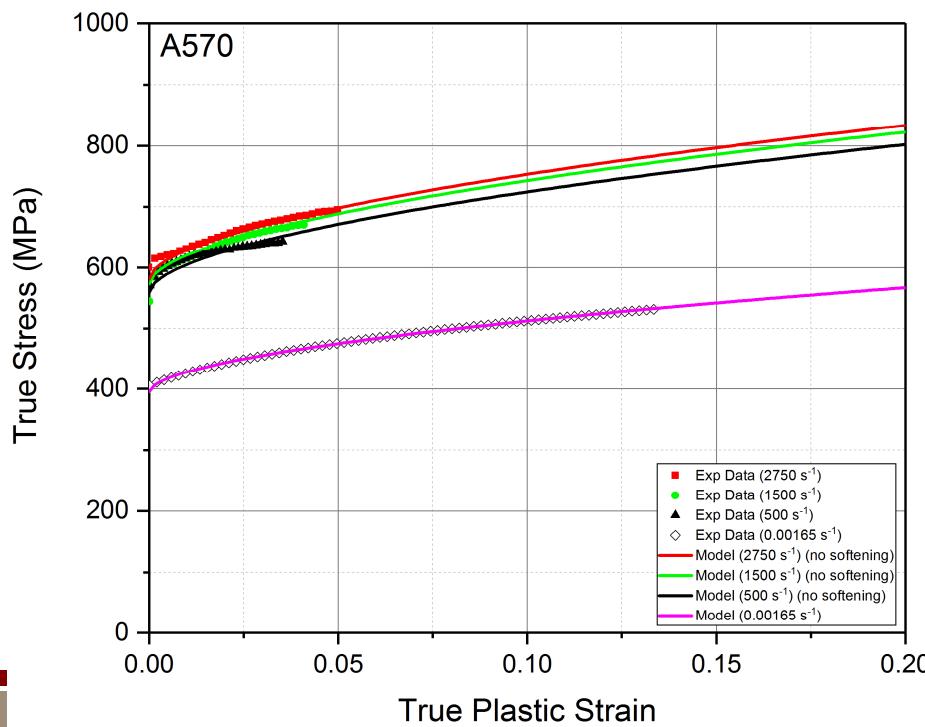


Strain-rate effect (scaling)

$$T^* = \frac{T - T_0}{T_m - T_0}$$



Temperature effect (thermal-softening)



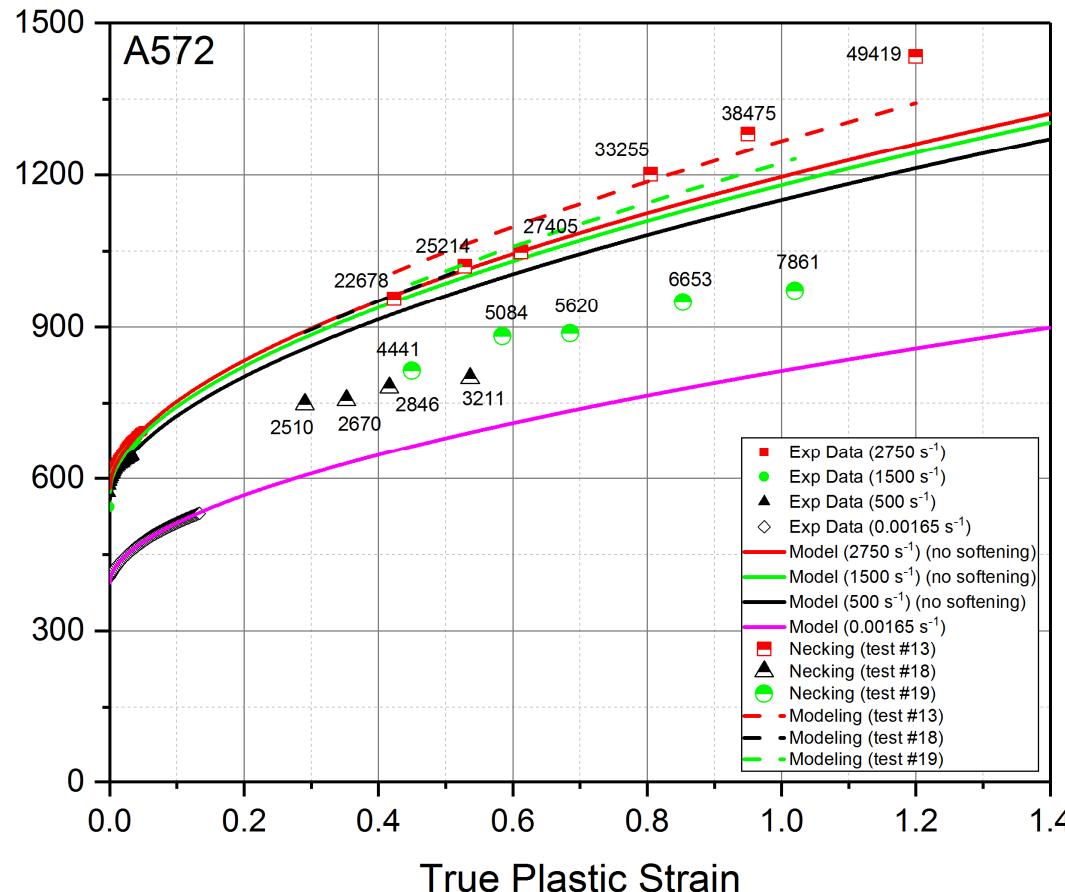
The most difficult part !

- May be neglected for room-temperature quasi-static tests
- What about room-temperature dynamic tests?

Johnson-Cook Model (Temperature Effect)

$$\sigma = (A + B\varepsilon^n) \cdot \left(1 + C \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \cdot \left(1 - T^*{}^m\right)$$

$$T^* = \frac{T - T_0}{T_m - T_0}$$



What about room-temperature dynamic tests?

- *Adiabatic heating must be considered*
 - *In-situ temperature measurement*
 - *Temperature effect on quasi-static material properties*
 - *Uncertainties?*

$$\Delta T = \frac{\beta}{\rho C} \cdot \int \sigma d\varepsilon$$

Where is “adiabatic”?

Modified Johnson-Cook Model for Thermal Softening

$$\sigma = (A + B\varepsilon^n) \cdot \left(1 + C \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \cdot \left(1 - T^{*m}\right)$$



$$T^* = (T_m - T_0) \cdot \Delta T = f(\varepsilon, \dot{\varepsilon}) \propto \varepsilon, \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}$$

$$\sigma = (A + B\varepsilon^n) \cdot \left(1 + C \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \cdot \left(1 - D \left(\varepsilon \cdot \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right)^m\right)$$

when $\varepsilon = 0 \longrightarrow T^* = 0$ **No temperature rise**

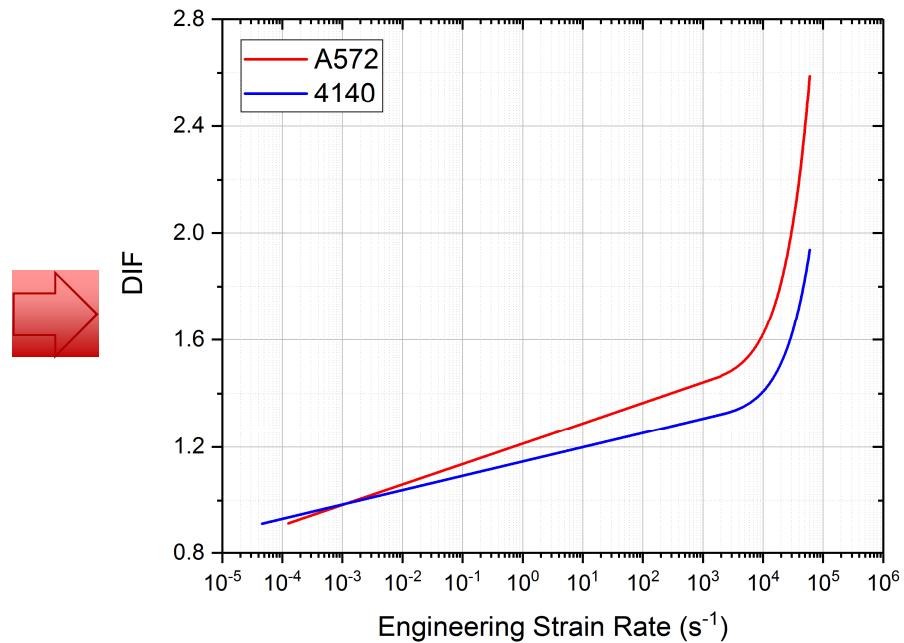
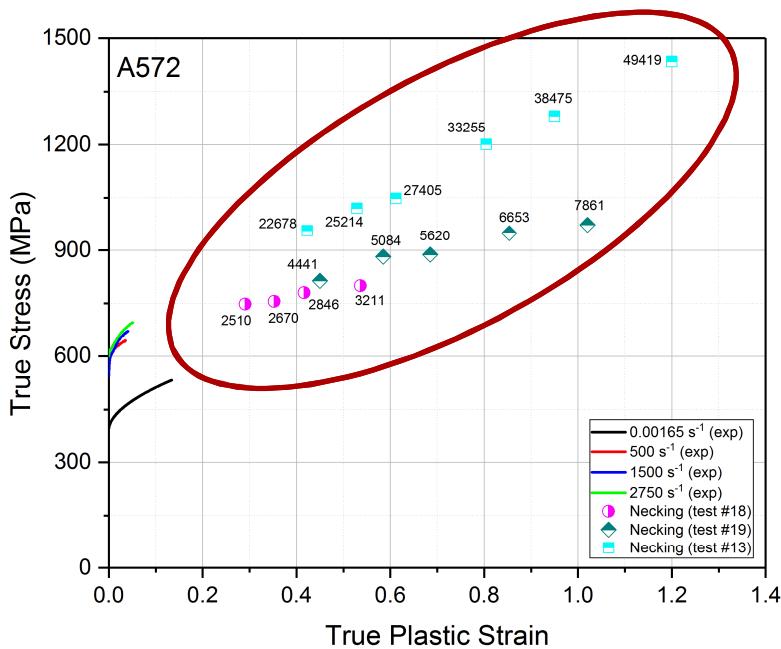
when $\dot{\varepsilon} = \dot{\varepsilon}_0 \longrightarrow T^* = 0$

$\dot{\varepsilon}_0$ is reference strain rate which is sufficiently low to be considered isothermal.

Showing adiabatic heating at higher strain rates



Modified Johnson-Cook Model For Strain-Rate Effect

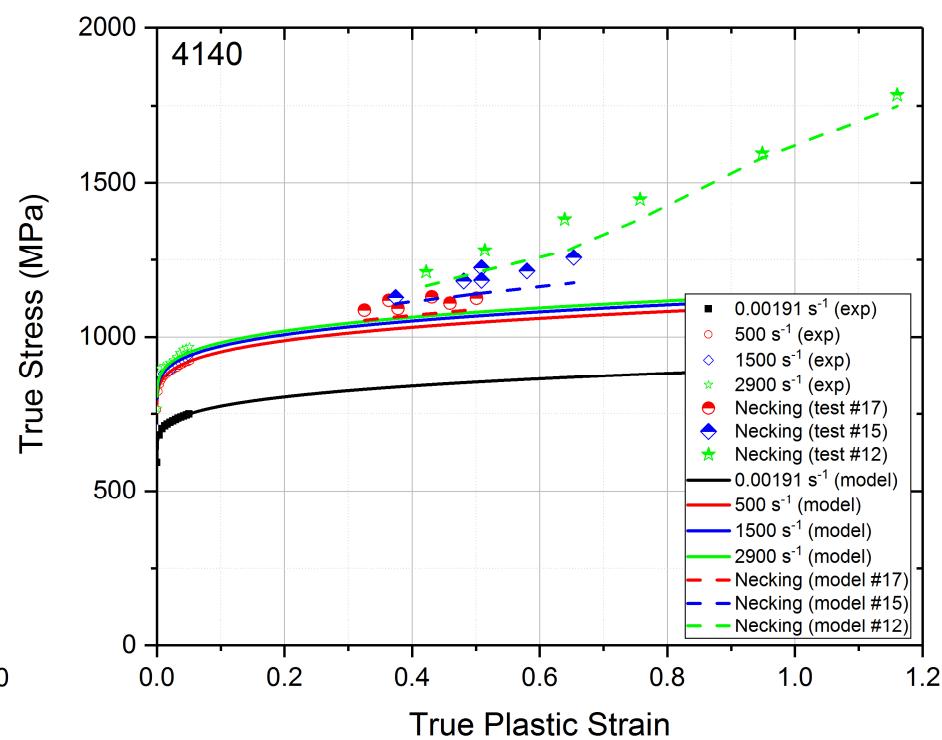
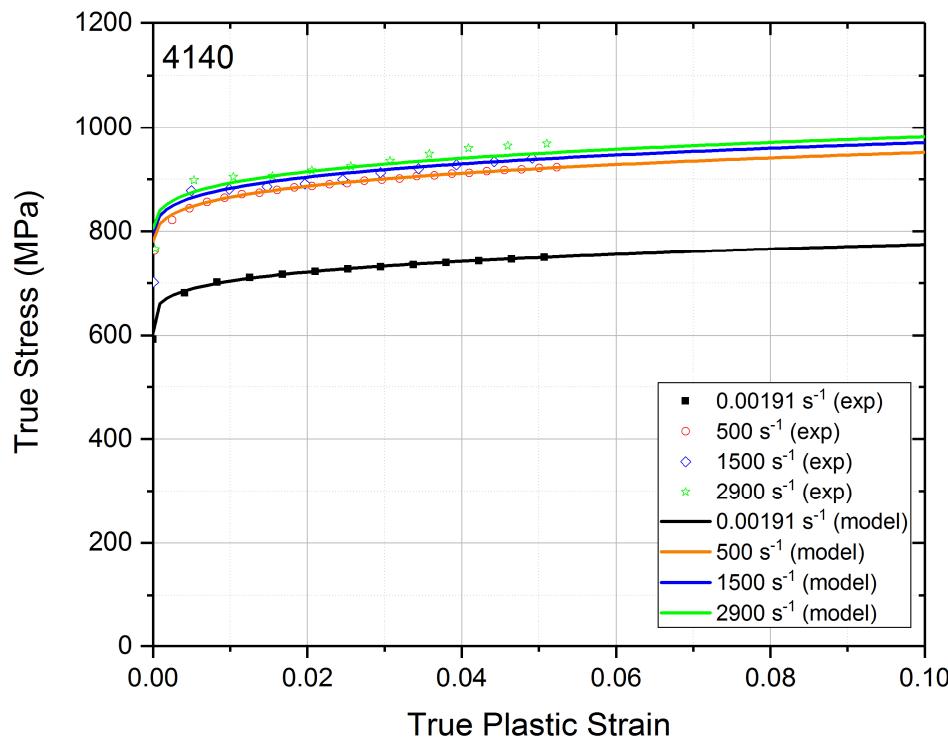


$$\sigma = (A + B\varepsilon^n) \cdot f\left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \cdot \left(1 - D\left(\varepsilon \cdot \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right)^m\right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 + C_0 \ln\left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) & \dot{\varepsilon} \leq \dot{\varepsilon}^* \\ C_1 + C_2 \cdot \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0} & \dot{\varepsilon} > \dot{\varepsilon}^* \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\varepsilon} &\leq \dot{\varepsilon}^* & \dot{\varepsilon}^* &= 2500 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ \dot{\varepsilon} &> \dot{\varepsilon}^* & \end{aligned}$$

Modified Johnson-Cook Model for A572 Steel

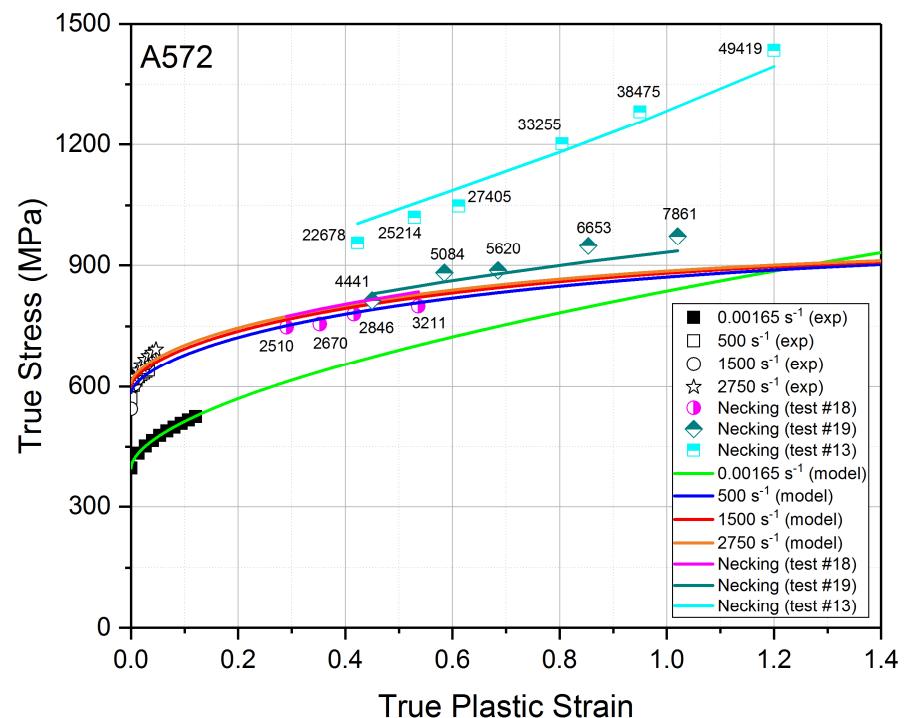
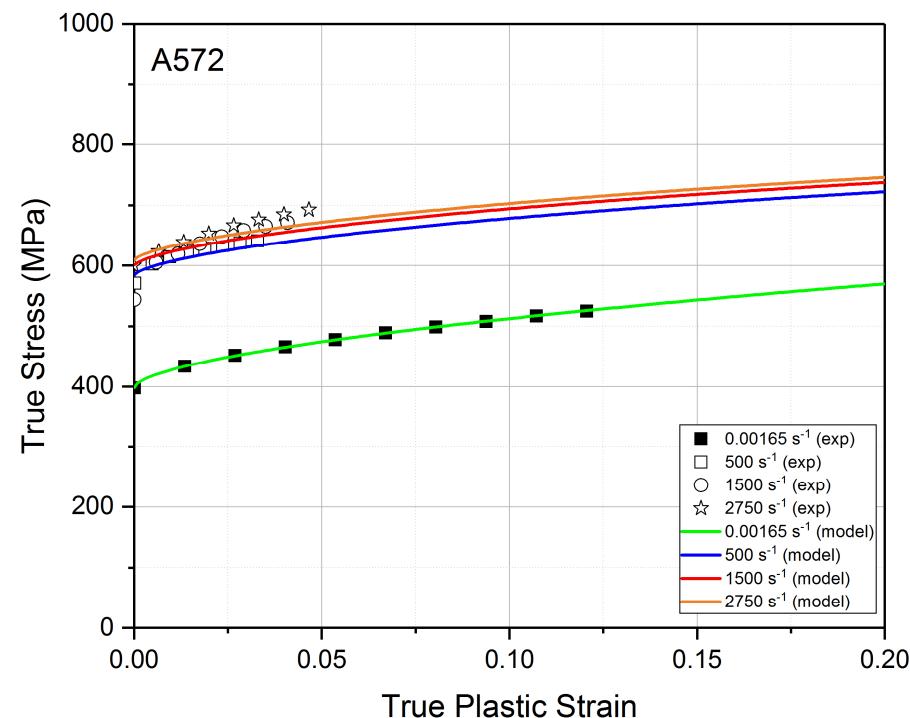


$$A = 605.53 \text{ MPa} \quad B = 291.31 \text{ MPa} \quad n = 0.2375 \quad D = 0.04739$$

$$m = 0.01235 \quad C_0 = 0.02327 \quad C_1 = 1.3016 \quad C_2 = 3.0583 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_0 = 0.00191 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \dot{\varepsilon}^* = 2500 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Modified Johnson-Cook Model for 4140 Steel



$$A = 397.82 \text{ MPa} \quad B = 438.77 \text{ MPa} \quad n = 0.5821 \quad D = 0.08893$$

$$m = 0.4676 \quad C_0 = 0.03714 \quad C_1 = 1.4807 \quad C_2 = 3.3551 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_0 = 0.00165 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \dot{\varepsilon}^* = 2500 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Conclusion

- A572 and 4140 steels were characterized in tension using Kolsky tension bar at high strain rates.
- The tensile stress and strain data during necking were obtained through high-speed measurement of necking geometries and corrected with Bridgeman correction.
- The experimental data were used to modify Johnson-Cook model to reflect strain-rate and thermal-softening effect prior to and after necking.

$$\sigma = (A + B\varepsilon^n) \cdot f\left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \cdot \left(1 - D\left(\varepsilon \cdot \ln \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right)^m\right)$$

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