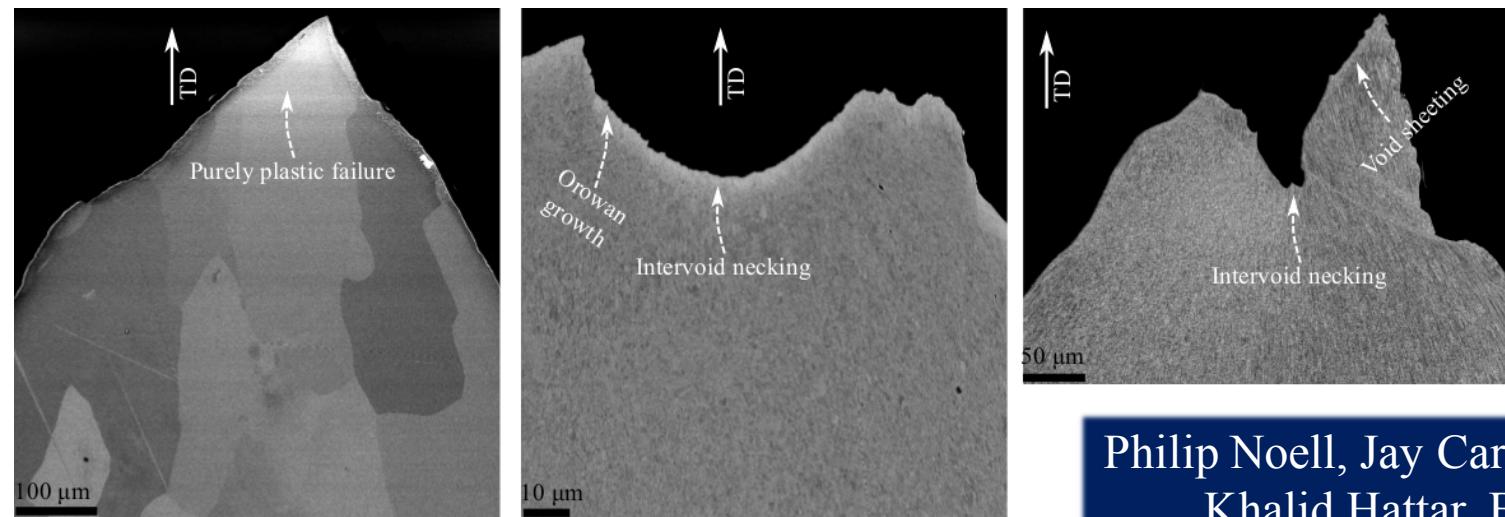


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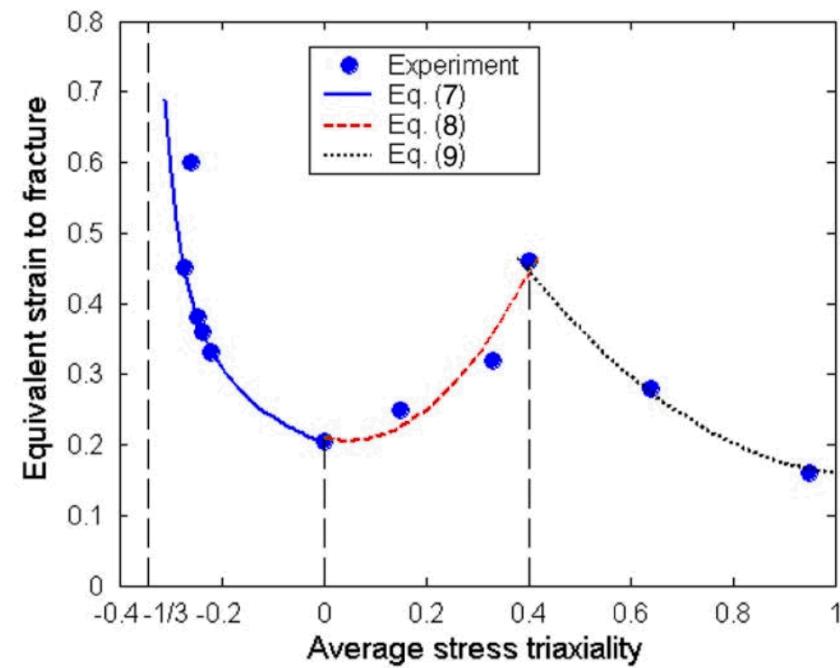
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# Void Initiation During Ductile Rupture of Pure Metals

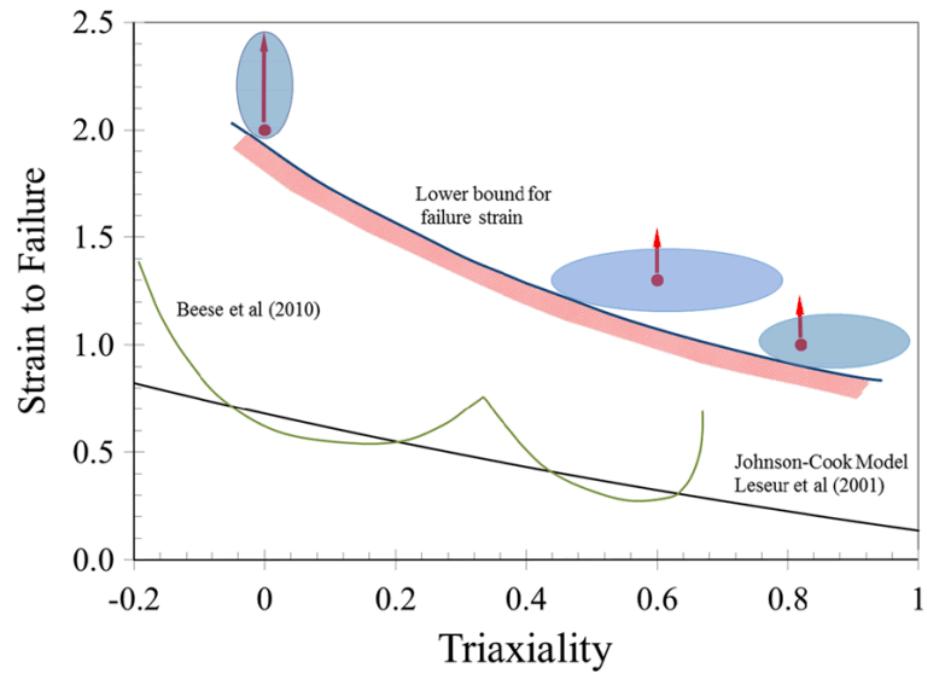


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# Predicting Strain to Failure



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Several studies in the past two decades demonstrated that strain to failure decreases for stress triaxialities below  $\sim 1/3$

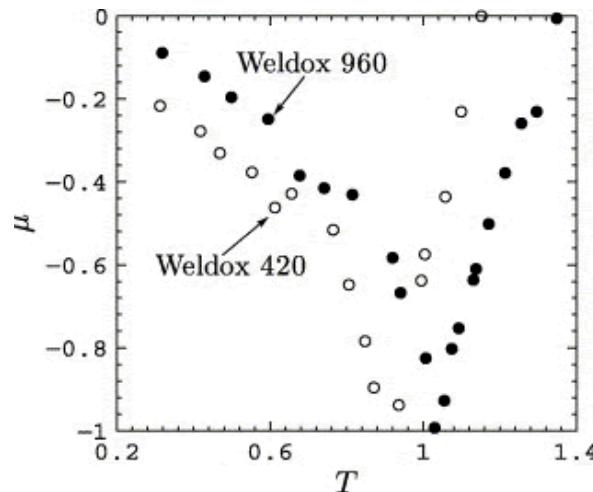
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So what are we to do with the results of Ravi-Chandar and coworkers? Does failure even happen under shear?

# Proposed solutions: model the stress state more accurately and measure strain more accurately

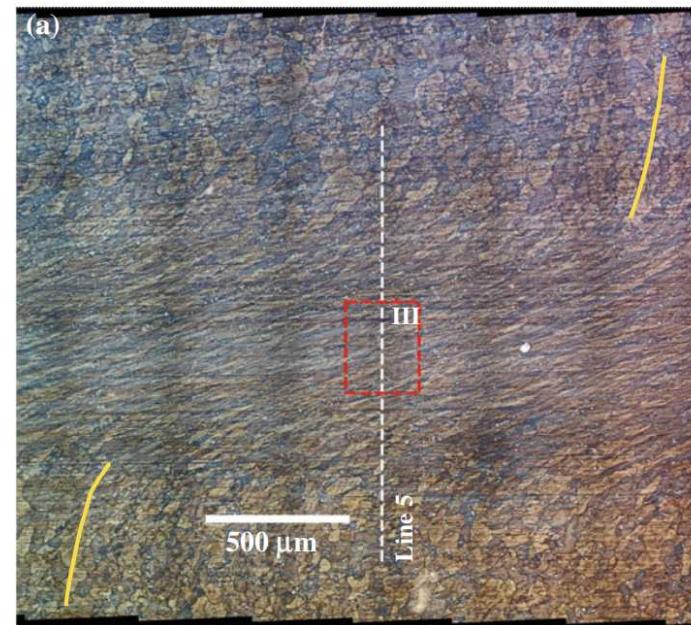
“Ductility [at low stress triaxialities] is strongly affected by the deviatoric stress state”

- Faleskog, Jonas, and Imad Barsoum. Tension–torsion fracture experiments Part I: Experiments and a procedure to evaluate the equivalent plastic strain.” *International Journal of Solids and Structures* 50.25-26 (2013): 4241-4257.

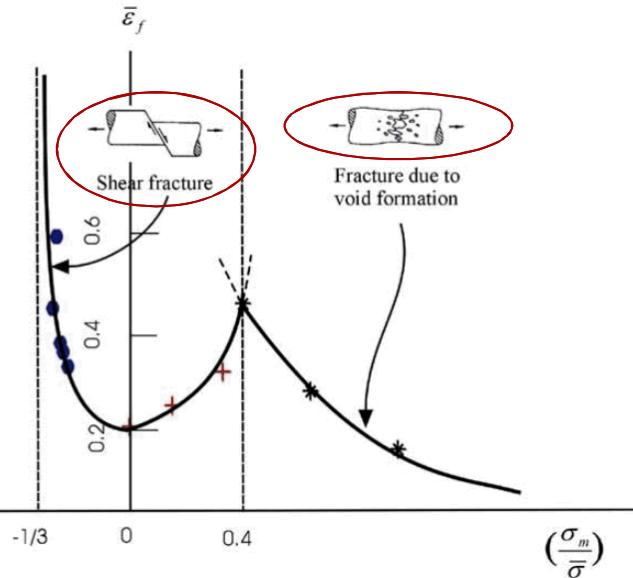


“The discrepancy between these models and our experimental results is attributed to … an inappropriately large gage length over which the strain is measured in conventional tests; in contrast, the present experimental results use a gage-length that is based on the characteristic microstructural length—the grain size.”

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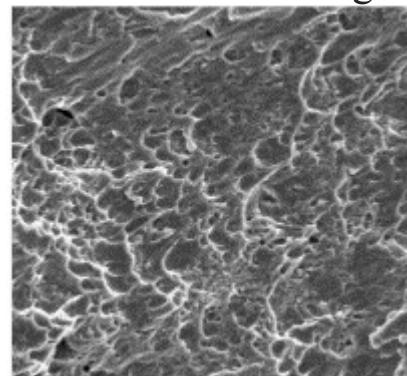


The strain to failure depends on the fracture mechanism, which is generally held to depend on the stress state

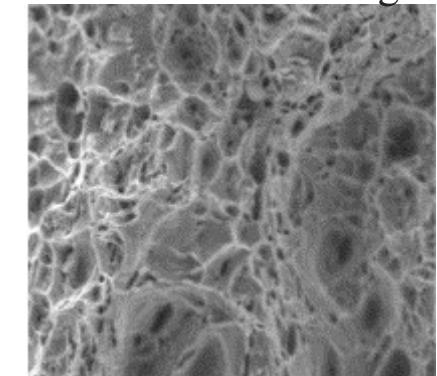


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Failure under shear-dominated loading

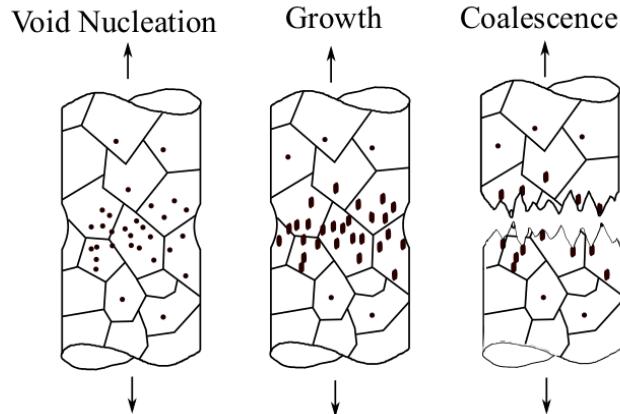


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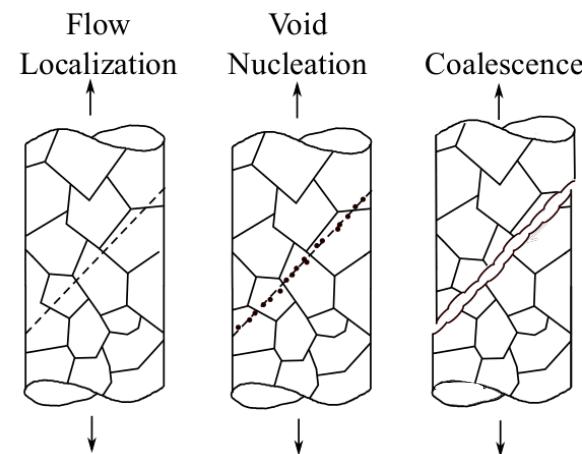


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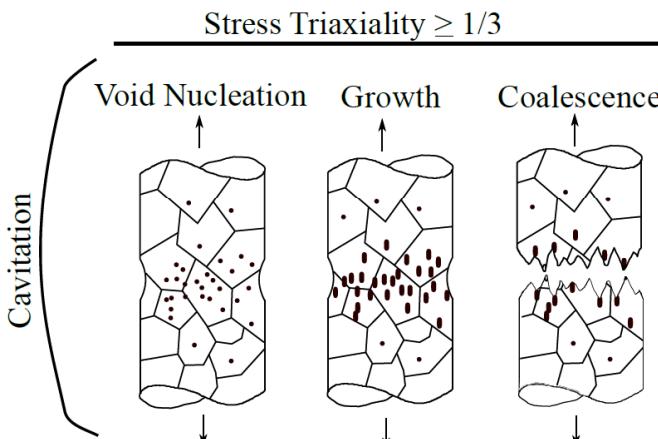


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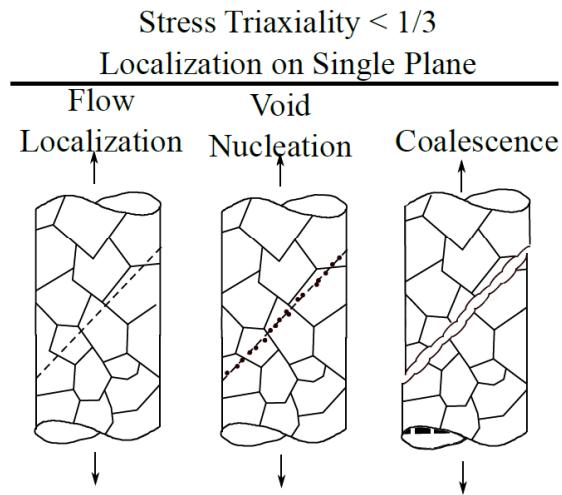


# Failure Mechanisms

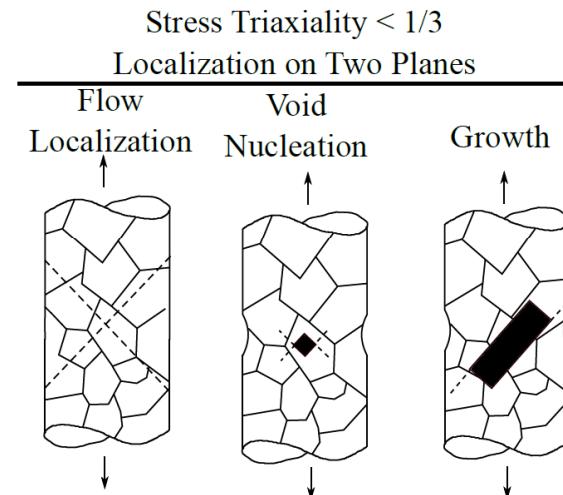
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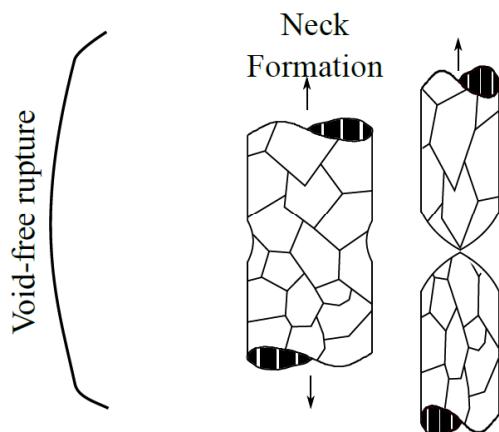
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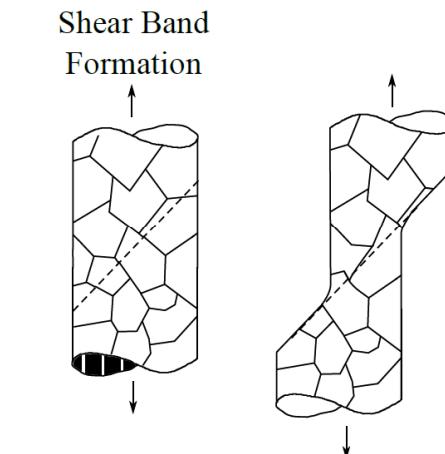
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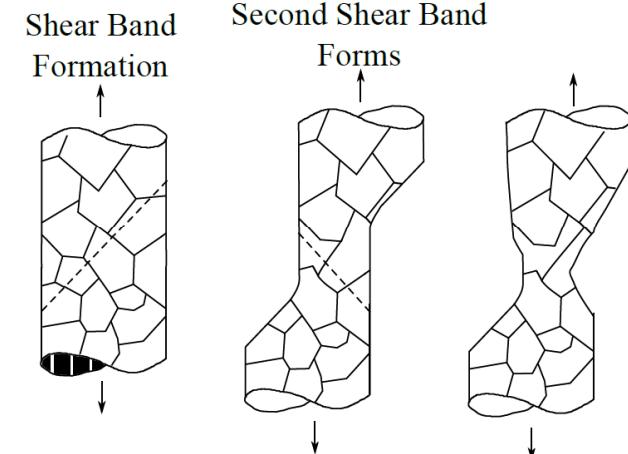
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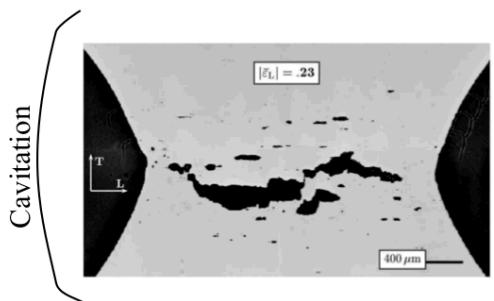
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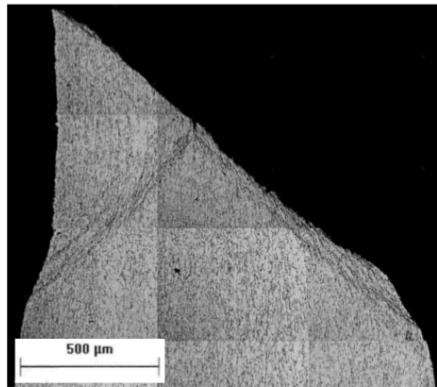
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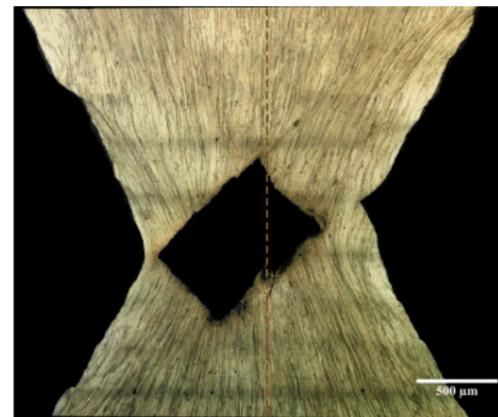
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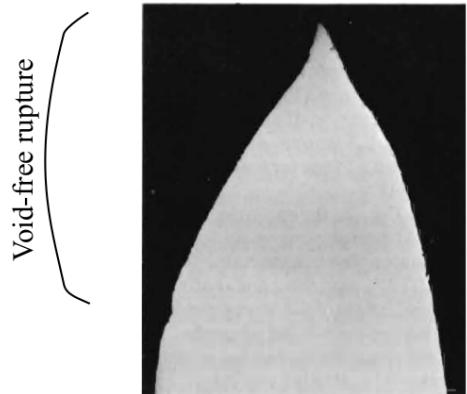
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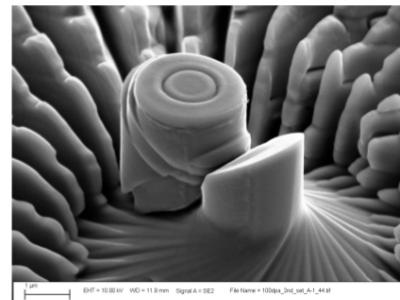
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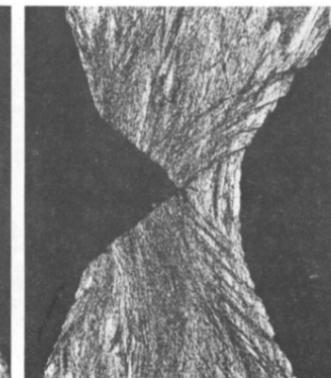
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Early Stage  
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Late Stage  
(Multiple Shear Planes)



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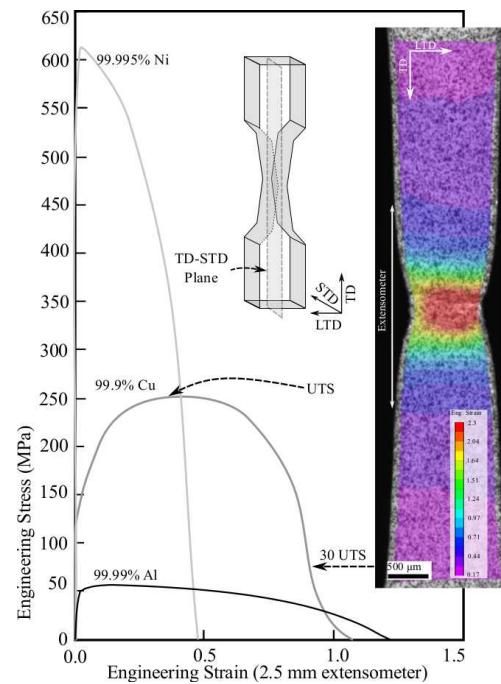
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# Hypothesis: the active failure mechanism also depends on void nucleation



$$m \left( \frac{A}{\sigma} \right)^{1/m} = V N_v$$

Teirlinck, D., et al. "Fracture mechanism maps in stress space." *Acta Metallurgica* 36.5 (1988): 1213-1228.

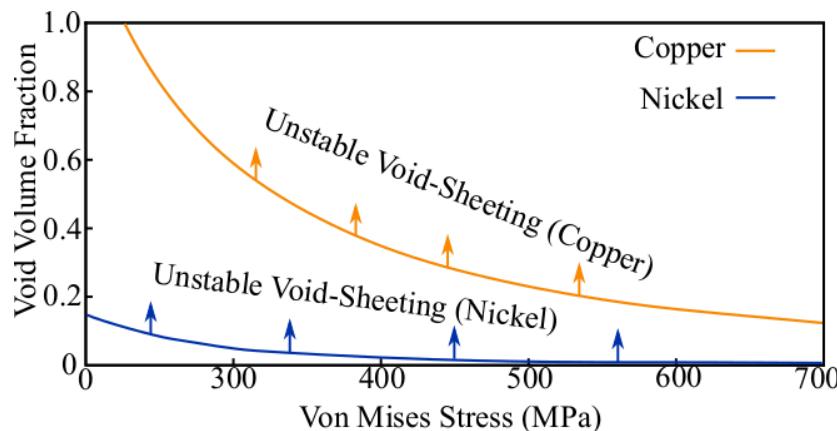
Tierlinck *et al.* proposed that void sheeting occurs when work hardening within the shear band cannot compensate for the increased shear stress associated with a loading increment.

$m$ ,  $A$  – work hardening exponents

$\sigma$  – the von Mises stress

$V$  – the volume of a void

$N_v$  – the density of spherical voids per unit volume

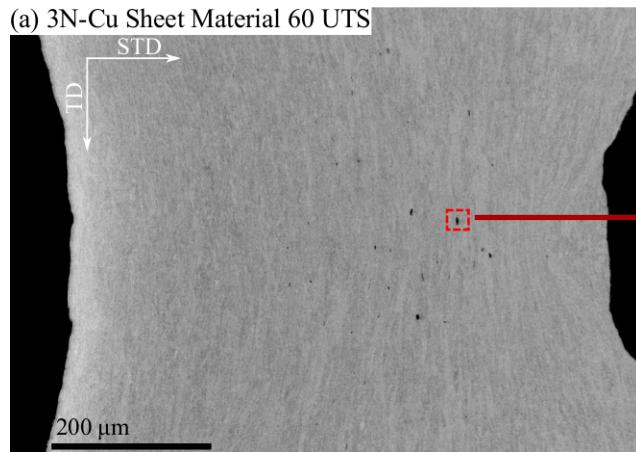


Specimen	Dominant Rupture Mechanisms	Stress Triaxiality ( $\sigma_{tr}$ )
4N-Al Sheet	Necking to a Point	High
5N-Al Sheet	N+G+C	High
5N-Cu Wire	N+G+C $\rightarrow$ Void Sheeting $\rightarrow$ Orowan Mech.	High $\rightarrow$ Low $\rightarrow$ Low
3N-Cu Sheet	N+G+C $\rightarrow$ Void Sheeting $\rightarrow$ Orowan Mech.	High $\rightarrow$ Low $\rightarrow$ Low
4N-Ni Wire	N+G+C $\rightarrow$ Void Sheeting	High $\rightarrow$ Low
4N-Ni Sheet	Sliding Off $\rightarrow$ Void Sheeting $\rightarrow$ Orowan Mech.	High $\rightarrow$ Low $\rightarrow$ Low

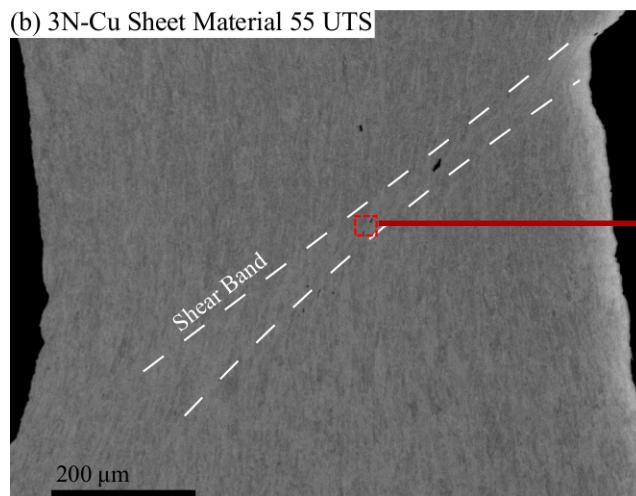
Series of interrupted tensile tests were performed on high-purity copper, nickel, and aluminum materials

These demonstrated the relationship between failure mechanism and void nucleation

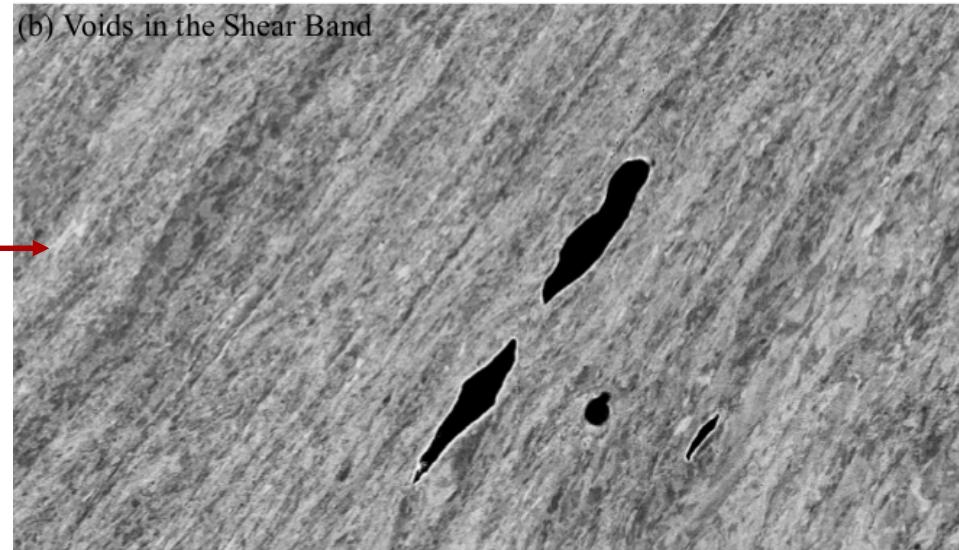
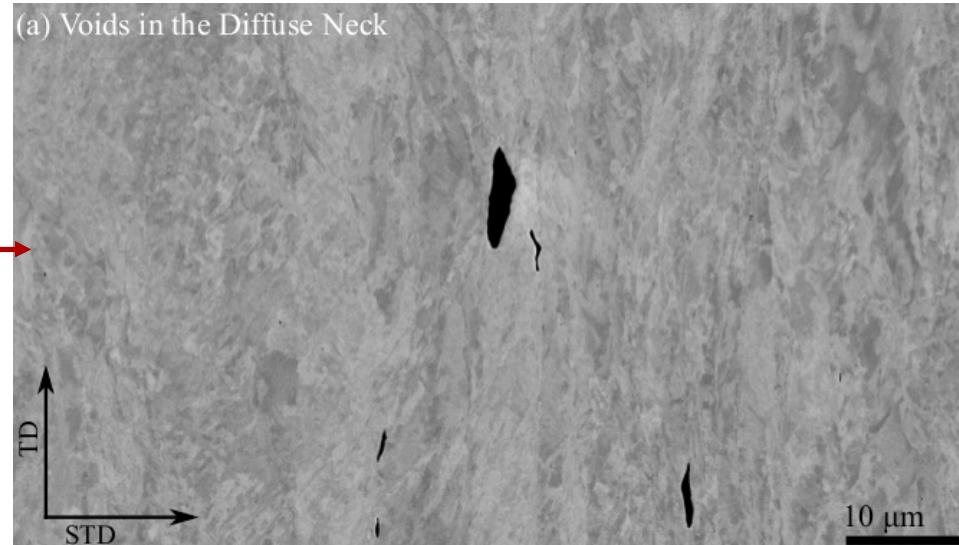
# Fracture in High-Purity Copper: Void Nucleation



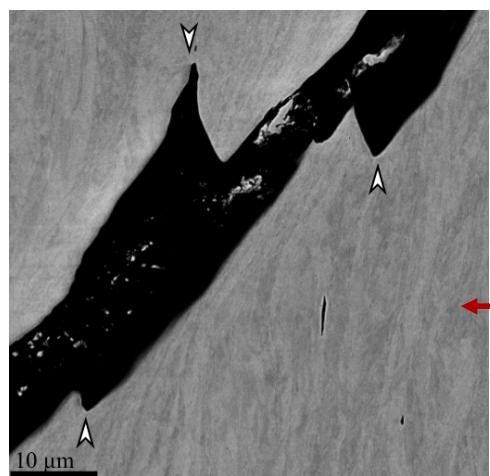
Initially, voids nucleate throughout the diffuse neck



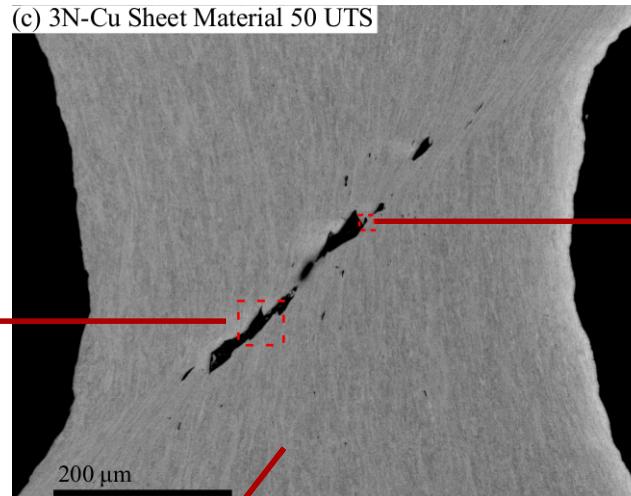
Eventually strain localizes in a shear band.  
Preexisting voids are elongated along the shear axis  
and new voids nucleate within the shear band



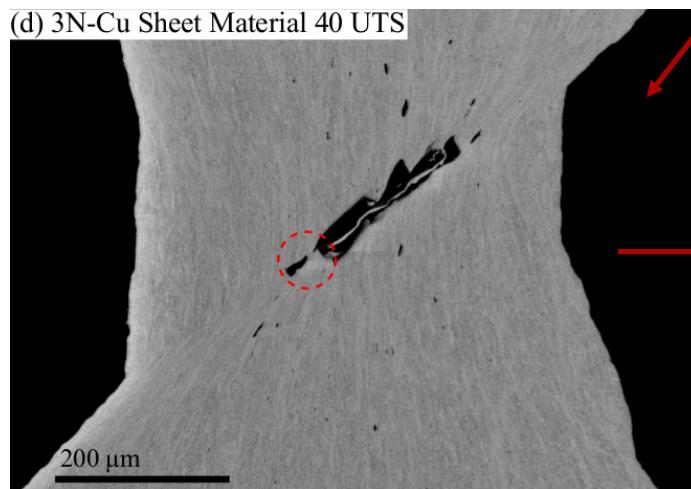
# Fracture in High-Purity Copper: Cavity Formation



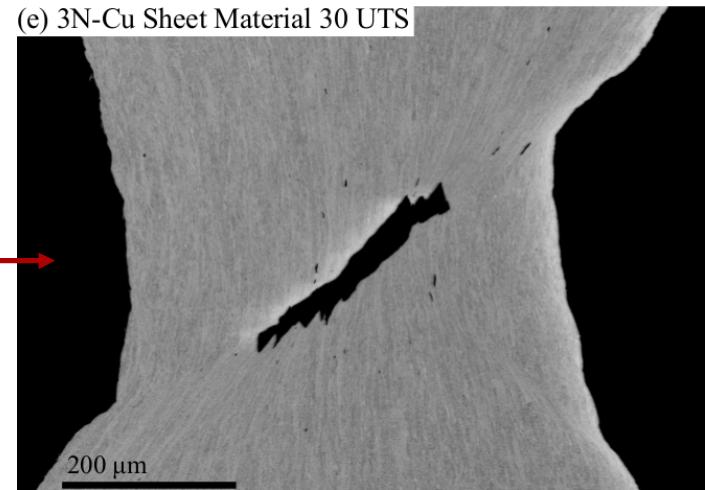
Preexisting voids in the shear band coalesce



Microscale void-sheeting is an important coalescence mechanism



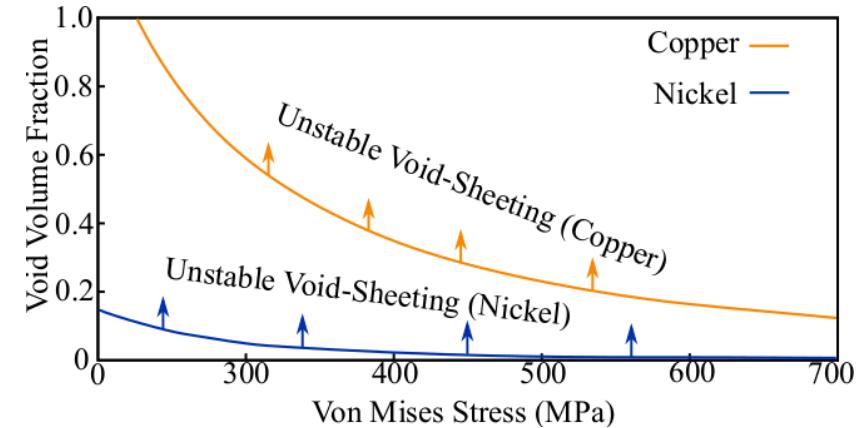
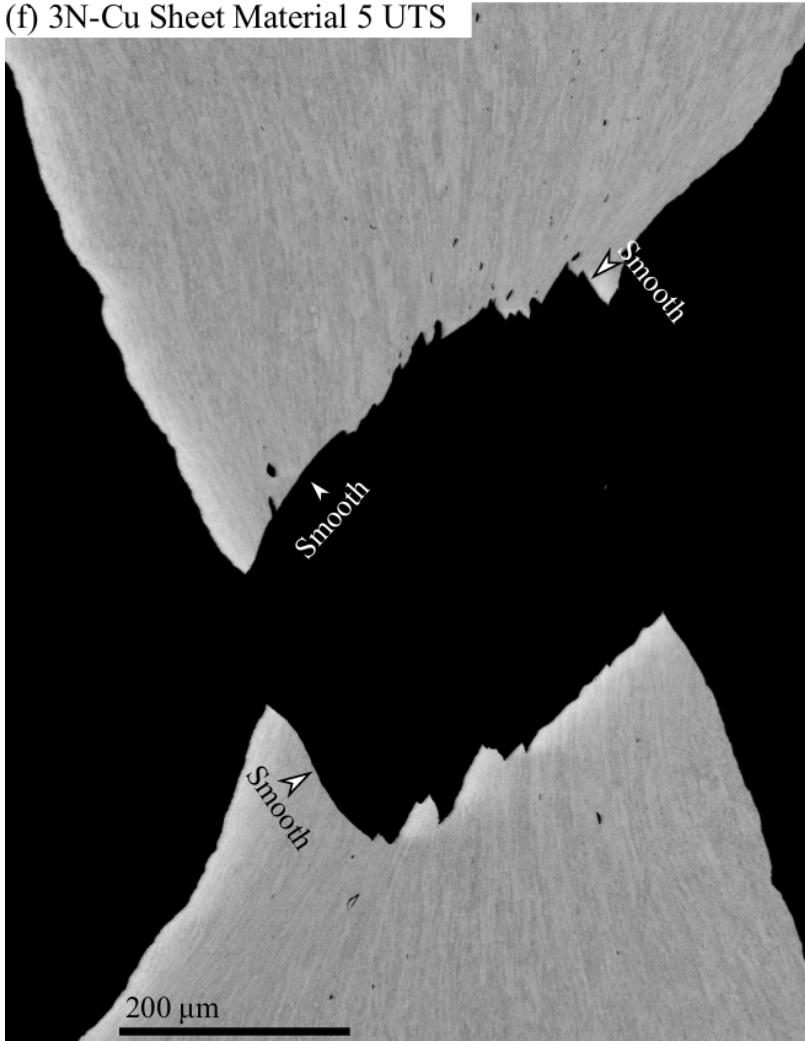
Eventually, a central, prismatic cavity forms



It continues to grow by coalescing with preexisting voids

# Fracture in High-Purity Copper: Final Failure

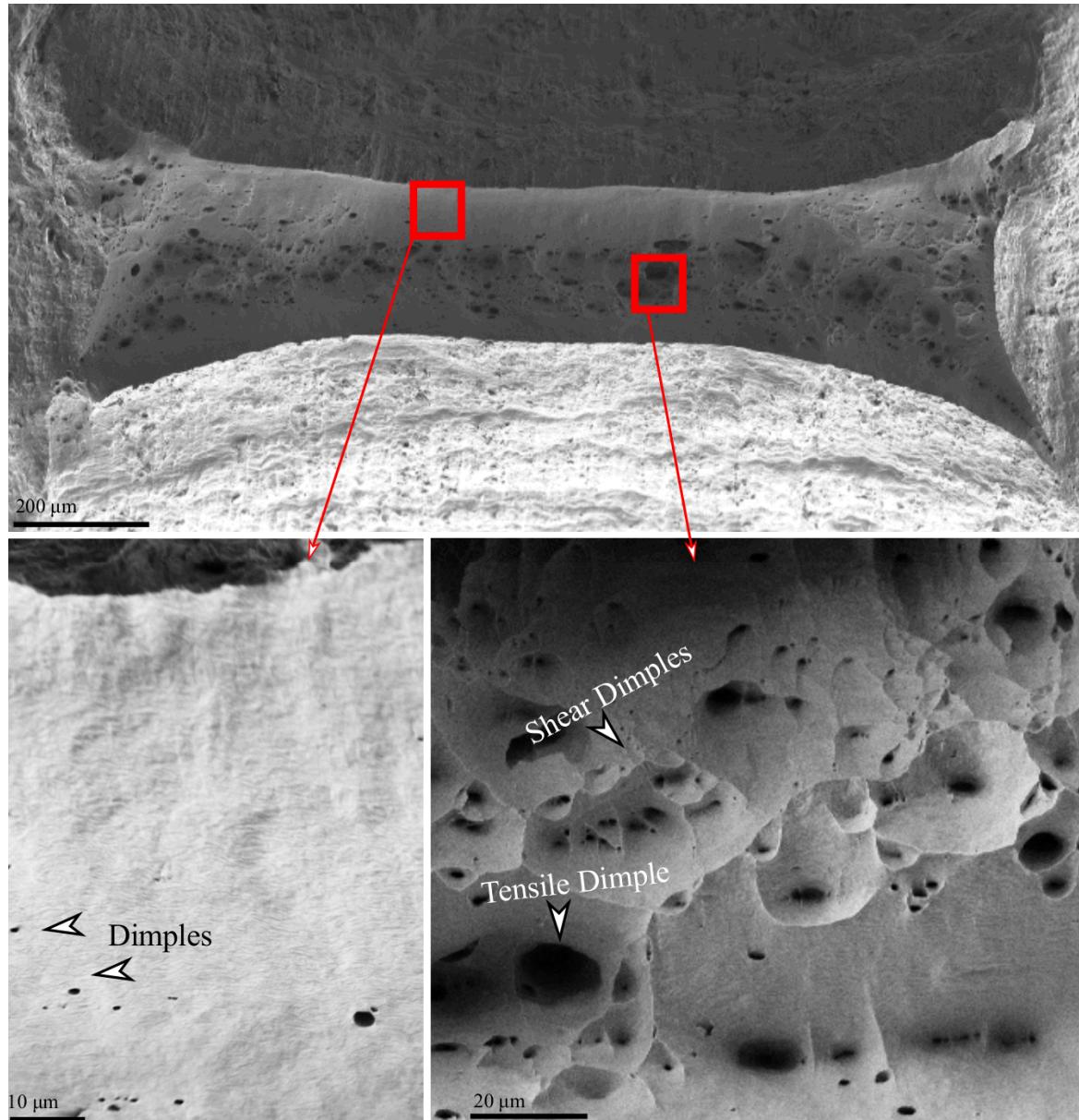
(f) 3N-Cu Sheet Material 5 UTS



Copper is predicted to be relatively resistant to rupture by “uncontrolled” void sheeting. Since the void volume fraction decreases away from the center, the relative importance of void sheeting also decreases...

As the cavity grows into areas where there are few or no preexisting voids, the Orowan mechanism of growth begins to dominate. Final fracture is controlled by this mechanism

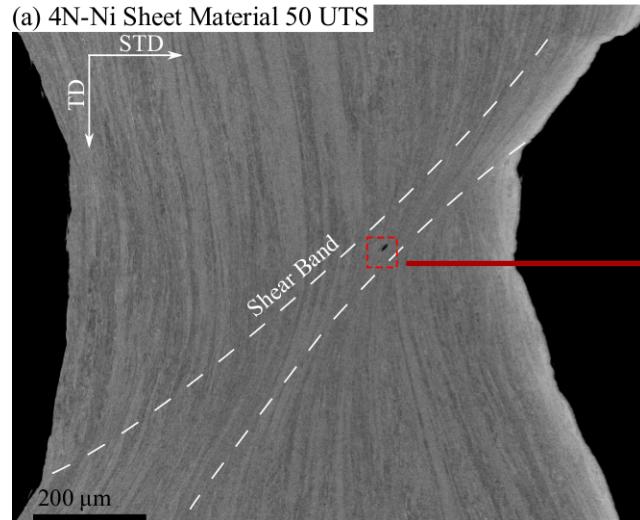
# Copper Fracture Surface



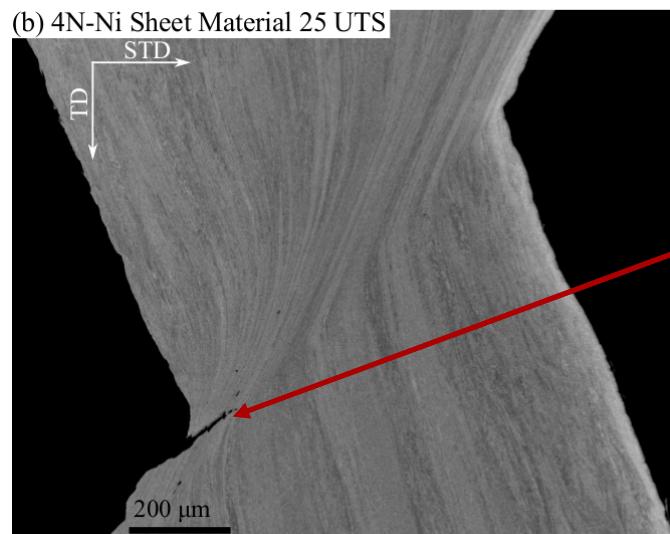
The fracture surface of a high-purity copper specimen is shown. Evidence of three failure mechanisms can be seen.

**The active failure mechanism in copper depended not only on the stress state but also on the distribution of preexisting voids**

# Fracture in High-Purity Nickel: Void Nucleation

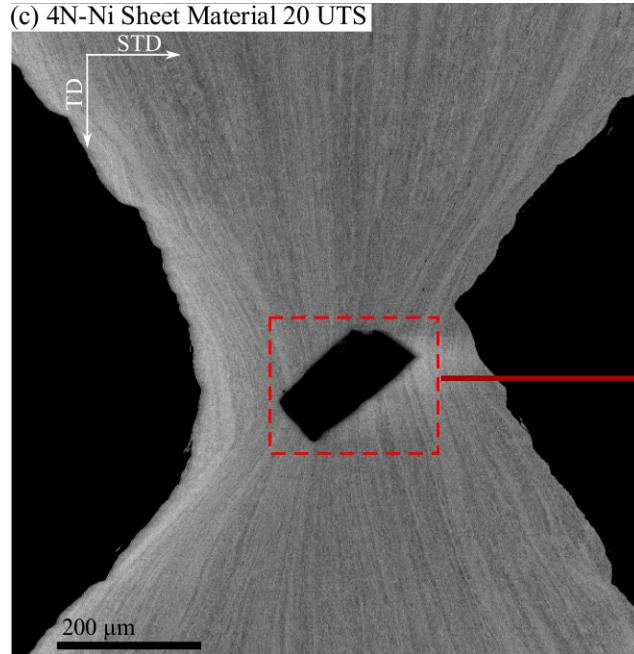


Voids only form within the shear band

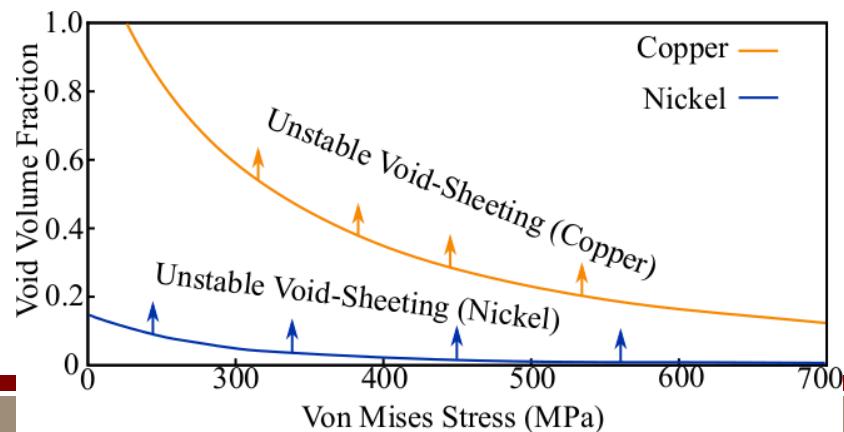
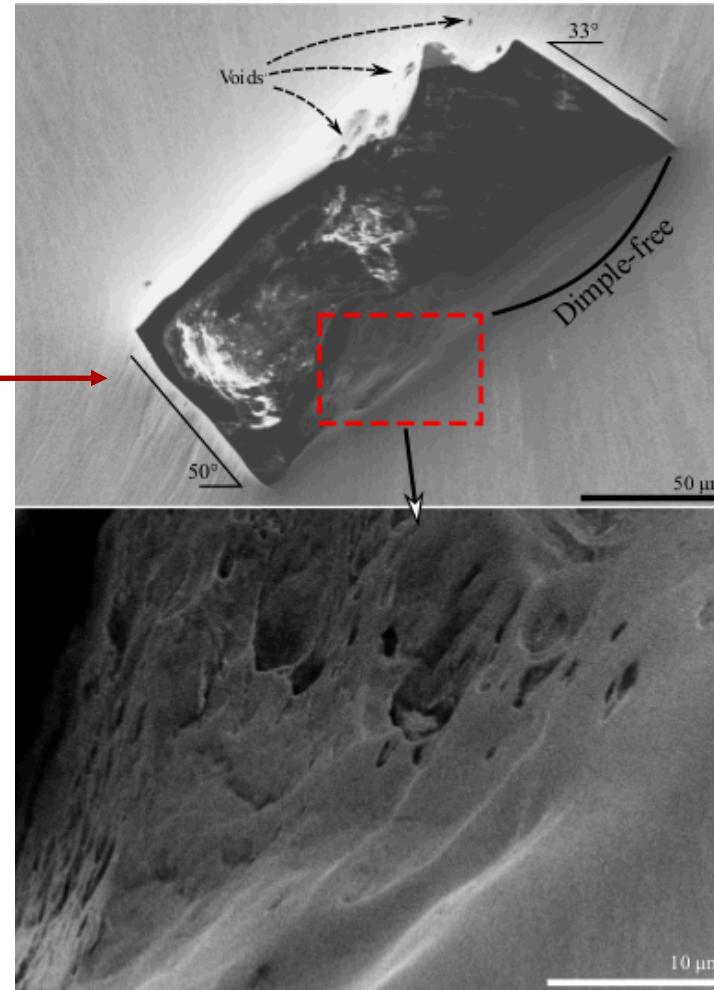


Void nucleation within the shear band is limited, and the two halves of the specimen begin to slip past each other. This creates a macroscopic crack

# Fracture in High-Purity Nickel: Cavity Formation

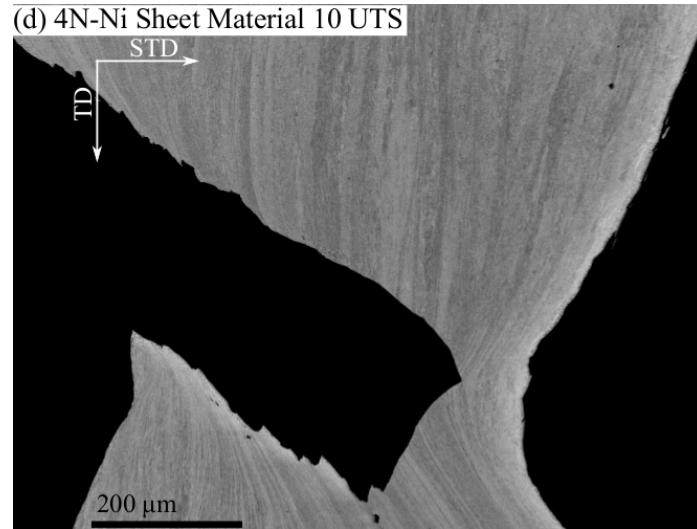


Eventually, enough voids nucleate to allow coalescence by void sheeting, and an “Orowan void” forms



A relatively small void volume is necessary for void sheeting in nickel. But since void nucleation in the shear band was limited, the entire fracture process of this material was not controlled by void sheeting

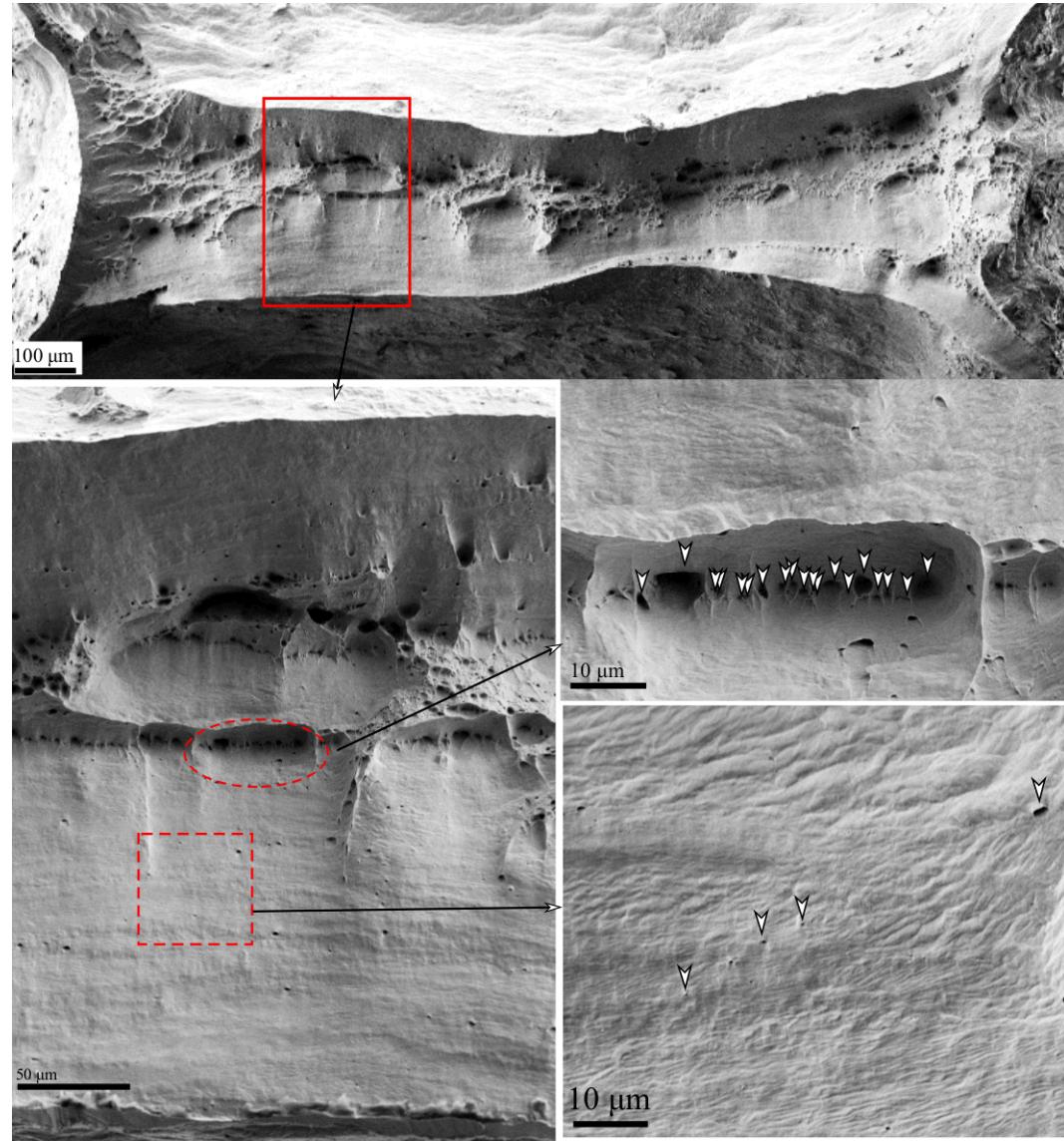
# Fracture in High-Purity Nickel: Final Fracture



Final fracture is controlled by the Orowan mechanism as this cavity grows into essentially void-free material

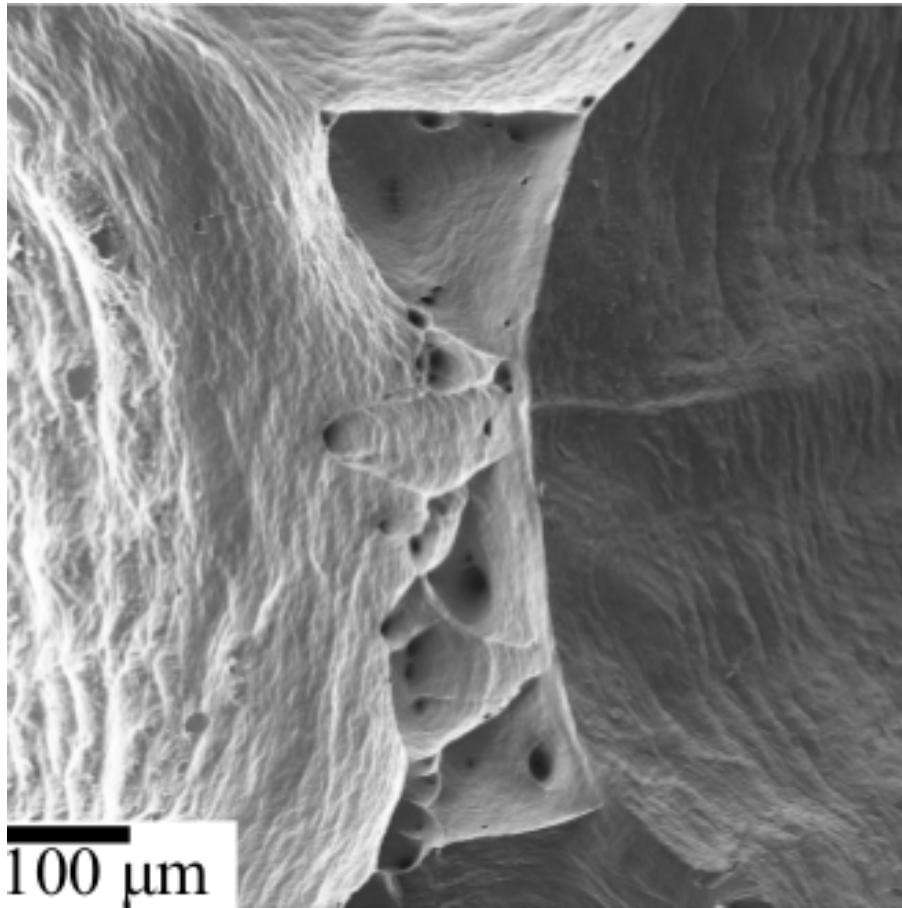
The active failure mechanism in nickel also depended not only on the stress state but also on *the distribution of preexisting voids*

The fracture surface of a high-purity nickel specimen is shown. Evidence of two failure mechanisms can be seen.

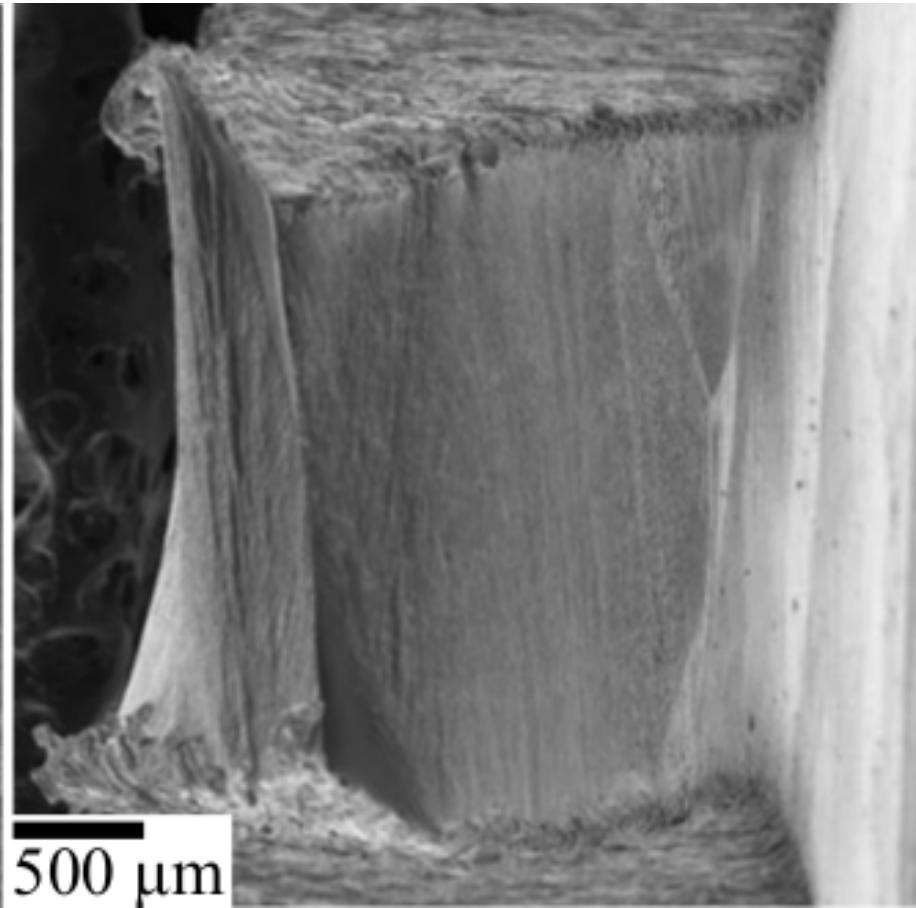


# Fracture Mechanisms in Aluminum

5N Al Sheet Material: Fracture is controlled by void nucleation, growth and coalescence

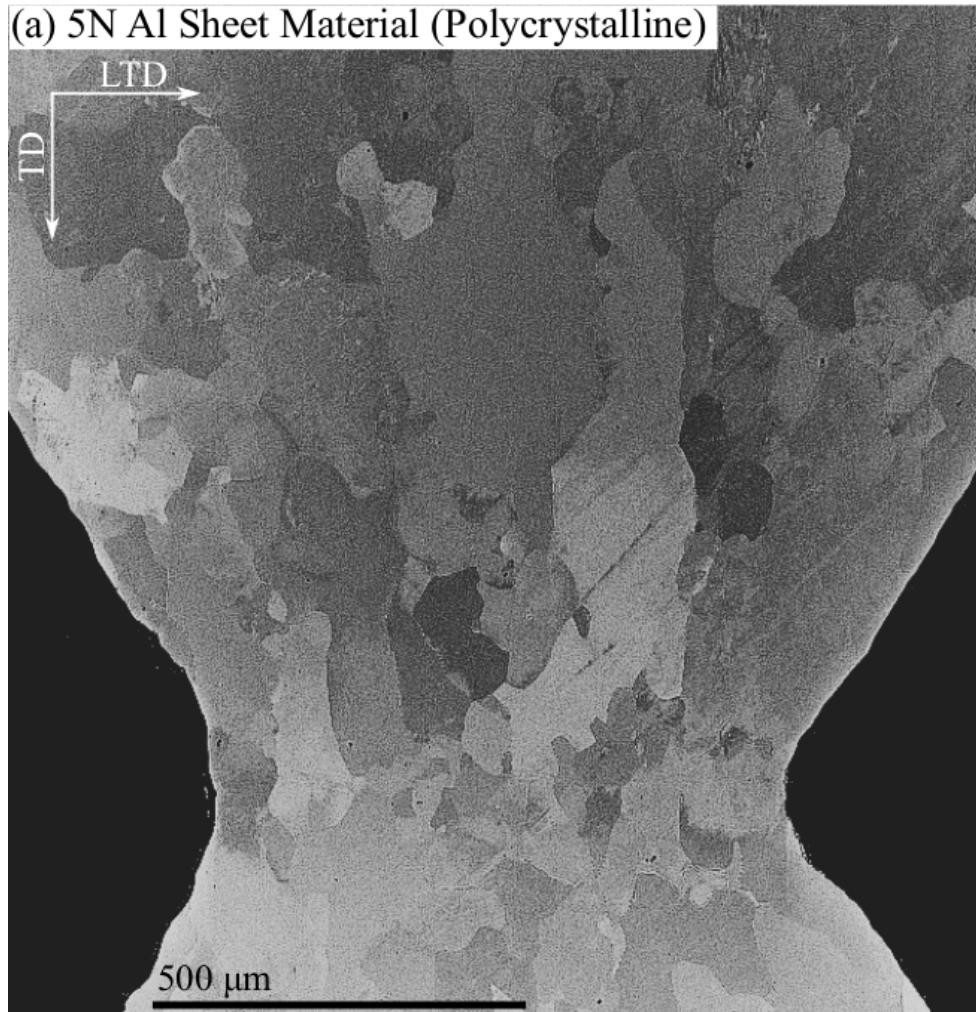


4N Al Sheet Material: Fracture is controlled by pure plasticity (necking to a point)

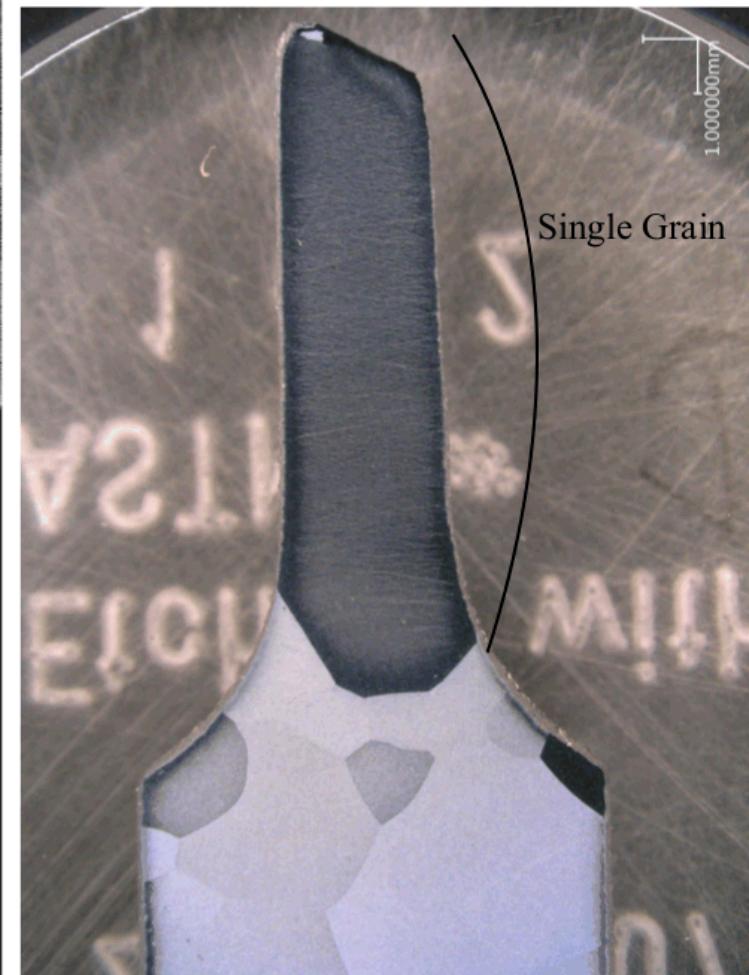


# Void nucleation in aluminum depends on grain size

(a) 5N Al Sheet Material (Polycrystalline)



(b) 4N Al Sheet Material (Oligocrystal)



Cavitation can be entirely suppressed if the microstructural features necessary for void nucleation are removed

# Conclusions



**The mechanism of fracture depends on both the stress state and the void-nucleation rate and distribution of incipient voids**

**Cavitation can be entirely suppressed if the microstructural features necessary for void nucleation are eliminated**