

Dynamic Tensile Behavior of Soft Ferromagnetic Alloy Fe-Co-2V



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2 Background

Fe-Co-2V alloys have the **highest available magnetic saturation** of any commercial soft alloys

- **Saturation** is the state reached when an increase in applied magnetic field *cannot increase* magnetization of the material further

Fe-Co-2V is used in solenoids, electric motors, and other components

Common commercial alloys:

- **Permendur 2V** – (Manufactured by Metalwerks, Inc.)
- **Hiperco 50A** (Hiperco is a trademark of Carpenter Technologies Inc.)

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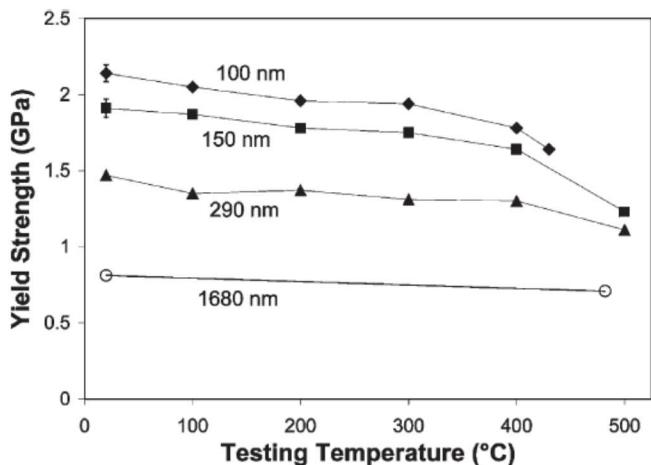
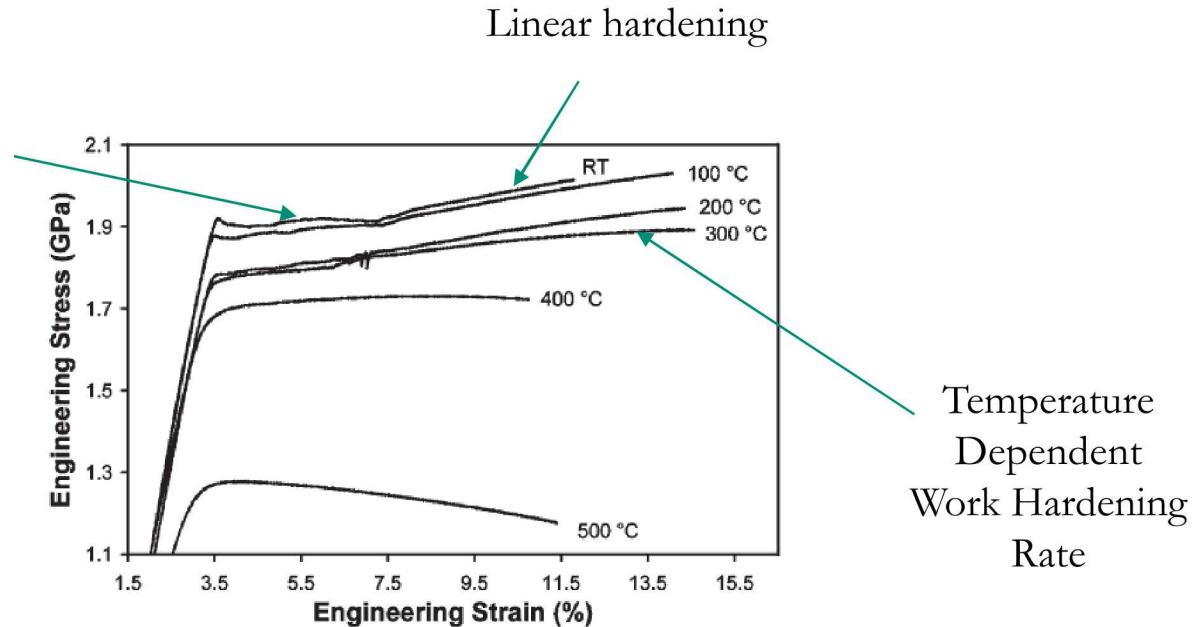
- Aircraft Auxiliary Power Unit (**APU**) and Ram Air Turbine (**RAT**) generators use Fe-Co-2V alloy
- **Generate** (RAT) and **supply** (APU) power in emergency situations (engine failure) for cockpit instrumentation and flight controls (power is typically generated in main fuel-burning engines)
- Fe-Co-2V alloy maximizes power generation for a given weight



Understanding mechanical behavior is critical for design and simulation of different scenarios

Background

Discontinuous yielding:
Lüders Banding



Yield strength depends on grain size (Hall-Petch behavior)

Only **two** quasi-static studies have been done

- Special small grain sizes only
- High temperature only
- Rate effect seen even in quasi-static regime

How would a commercial alloy perform under abnormal mechanical conditions?

- Drop/impact loading rates?
- Cold temperatures?

This information is needed to make and improve modeling and simulation of applications

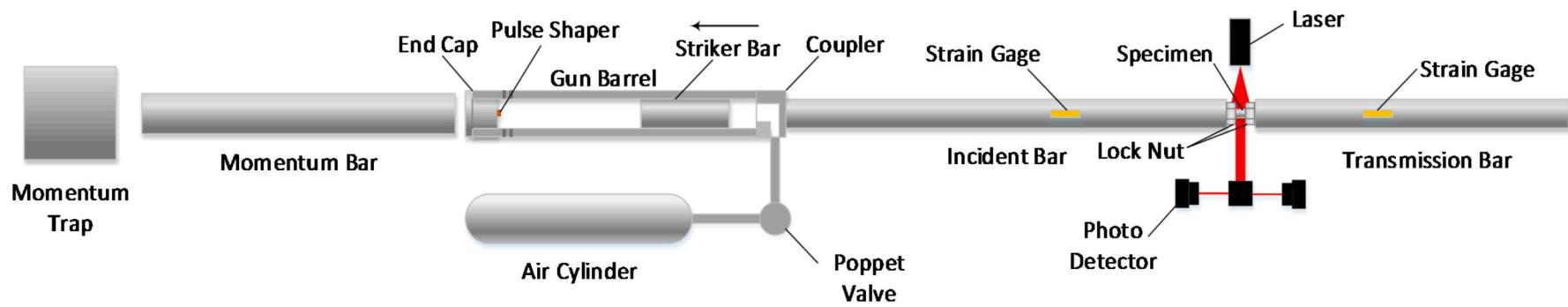
Experimental Matrix

Strategy: Use Kolsky tension bar and Drop-Hopkinson bar to measure tensile stress-strain behavior over -100 to 100°C

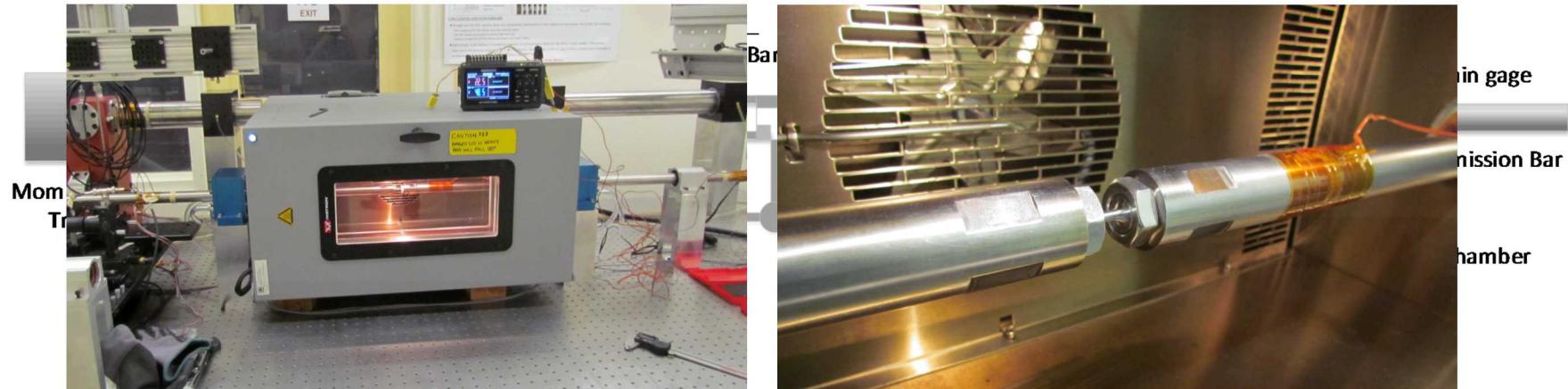
Nominal Strain Rate (s ⁻¹)	Temperature (°C)	Apparatus
40	20 (ambient)	Drop-Hopkinson Bar
65	-100	Kolsky Tension Bar
110	20 (ambient)	Drop-Hopkinson Bar
230	-100	Kolsky Tension Bar
230	-50	Kolsky Tension Bar
230	20 (ambient)	Kolsky Tension Bar
230	100	Kolsky Tension Bar

Kolsky Tension Bar Experimental Setup

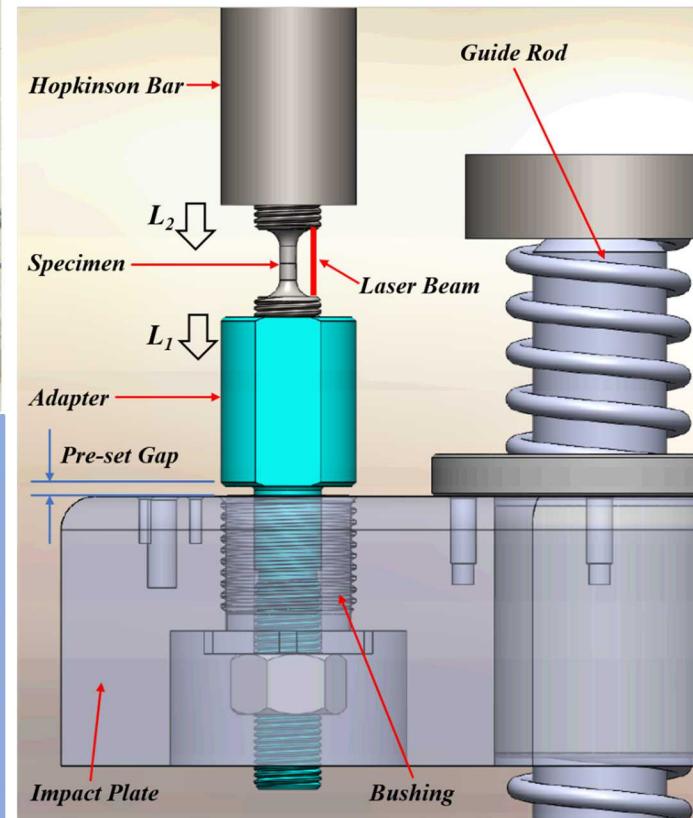
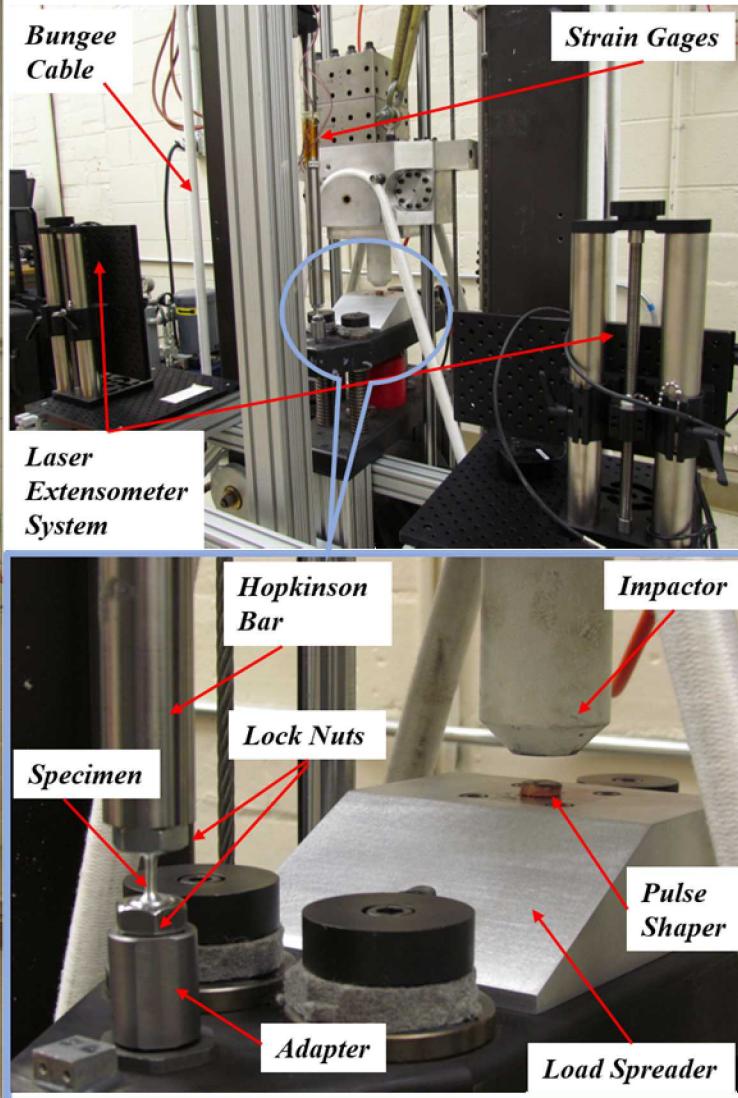
Ambient temperatures:



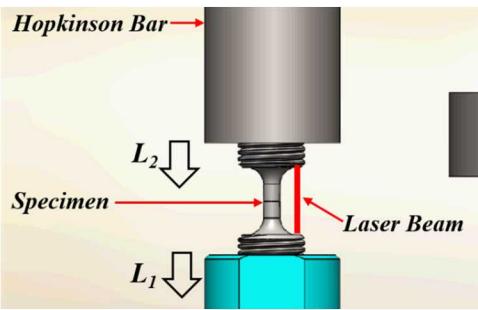
High/low temperatures:



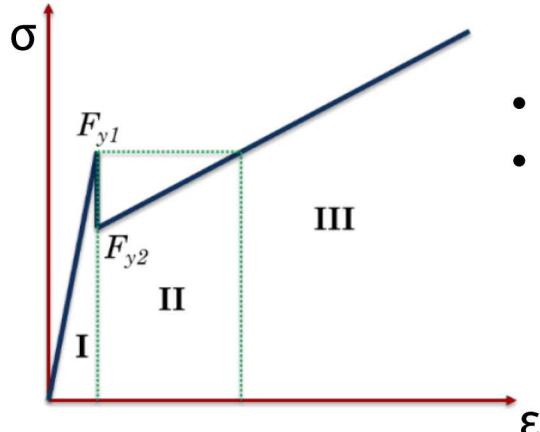
Drop-Hopkinson Bar Experimental Setup



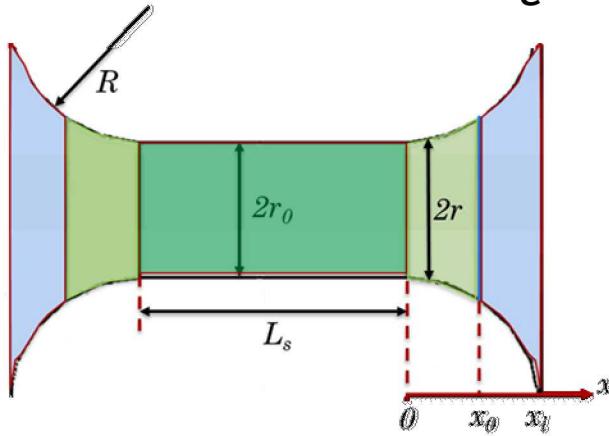
Strain Correction Method



- For both Kolsky and DH Bar, strain is overestimated due to the measurement location
- Strain correction is needed only to include the straight part of the specimen
- Shoulder deforms plastically due to hardening in the material

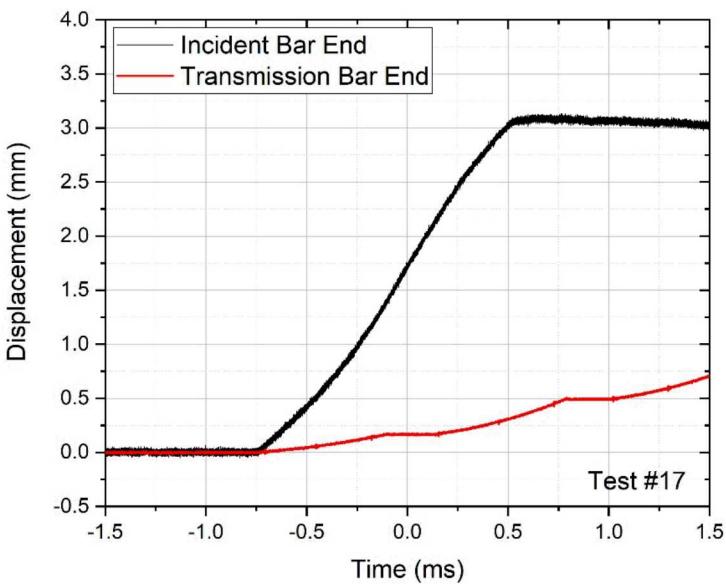
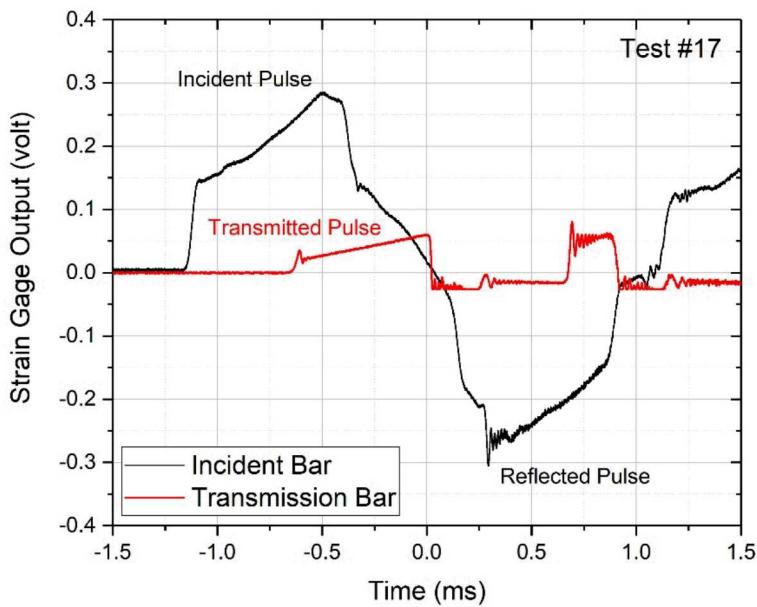


- Three-region correction method will be presented by Bo Song
- Uses laser displacements, force output, and specimen geometry to correct the measured strain



$$\varepsilon = \begin{cases} c' \cdot \frac{L_1 - L_2}{L_s} & \text{(Region I)} \\ \frac{L_1 - L_2}{L_s} - \frac{F}{E_s \cdot \pi \cdot r_0^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{c'} - 1 \right) & \text{(Region II)} \\ \frac{F_{y1}}{E_s \cdot \pi \cdot r_0^2} + \frac{L_1 - L_2 - \frac{2 \cdot F}{E_s \cdot \pi} \cdot \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{dx}{\left(R + r_0 - \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \right)^2} - \frac{F_{y1}}{E_s \cdot \pi \cdot r_0^2} \cdot (2x_0 + L_s)}{2 \cdot F \cdot r_0^2 \cdot \int_0^{x_0} \frac{dx}{\left(R + r_0 - \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \right)^2} - 2 \cdot F_{y2} \cdot x_0} & \text{(Region III)} \end{cases}$$

Experimental Output



$$\sigma(t) = E_0 \cdot \varepsilon_t(t) \cdot \frac{A_0}{A_s}$$

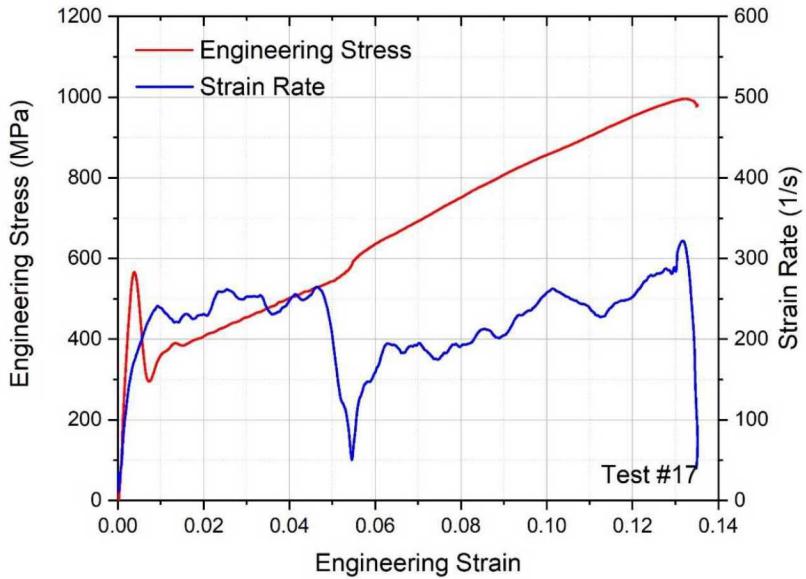


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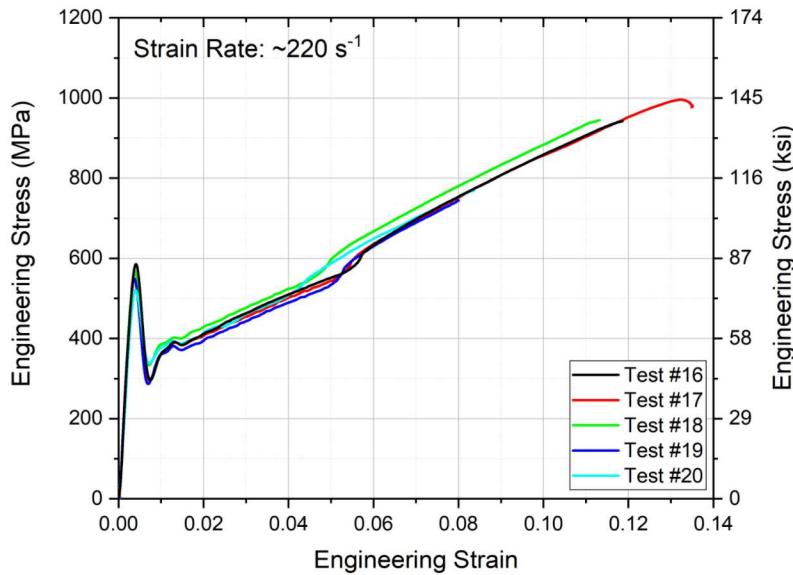
(Region II)

(Region III)

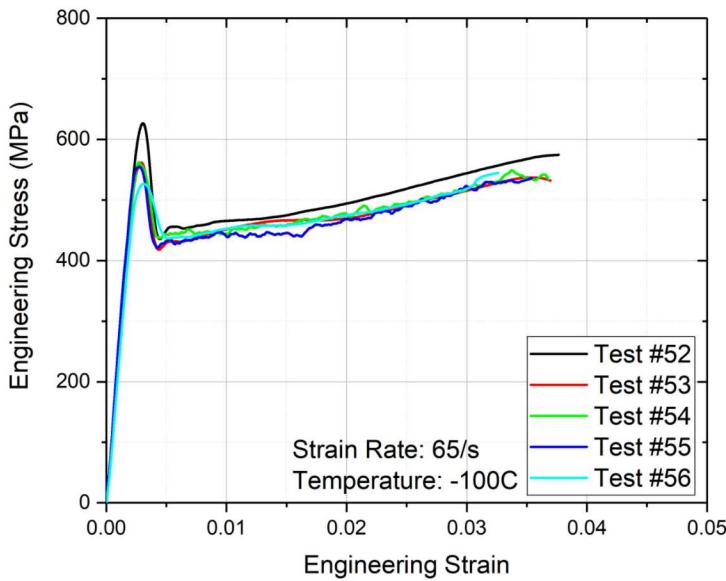
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Stress-Strain Behavior

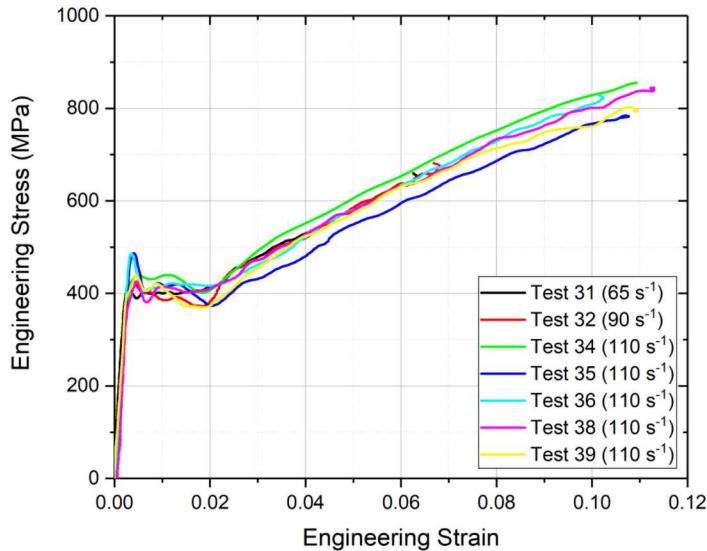


- SHPB
- Ambient temperature
- General behavior is similar for other temperatures (for same rate)

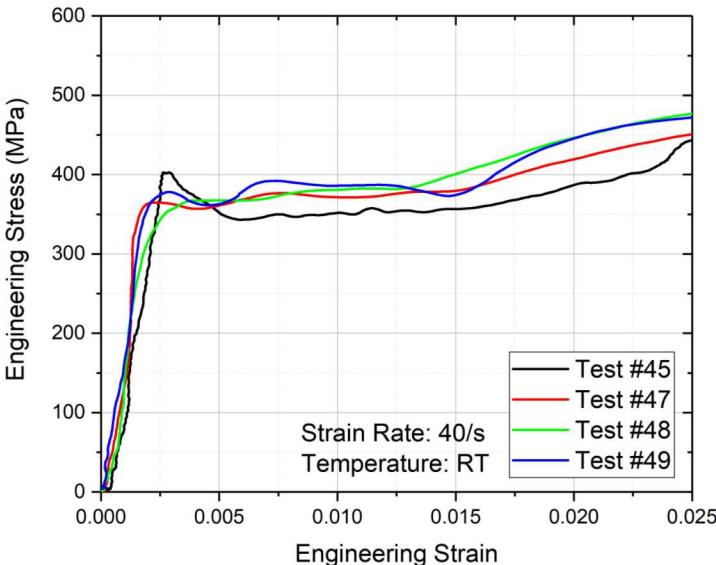


- SHPB
- -100°C
- 65/s (lower rate)

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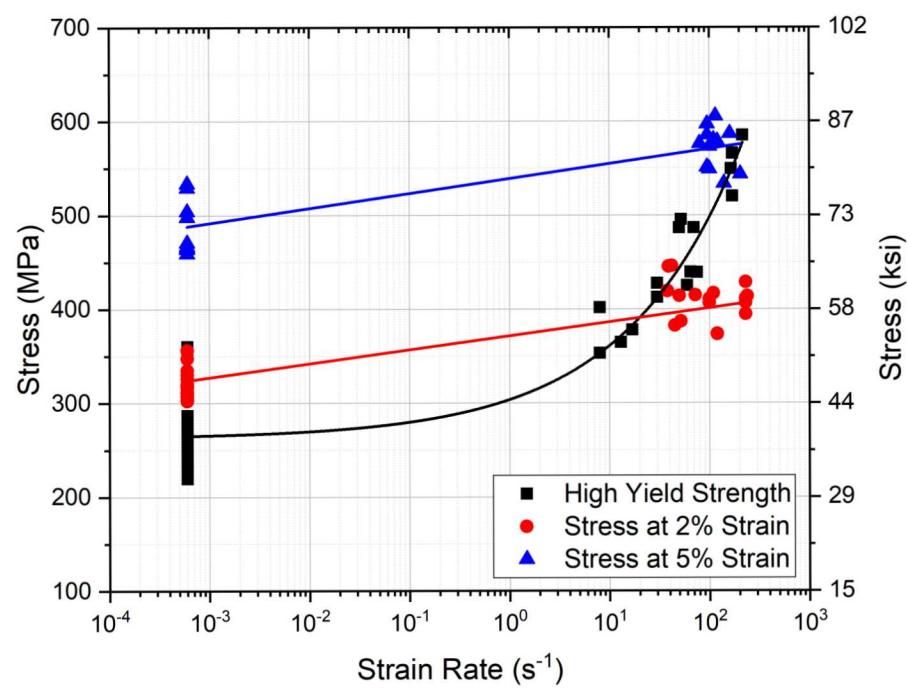
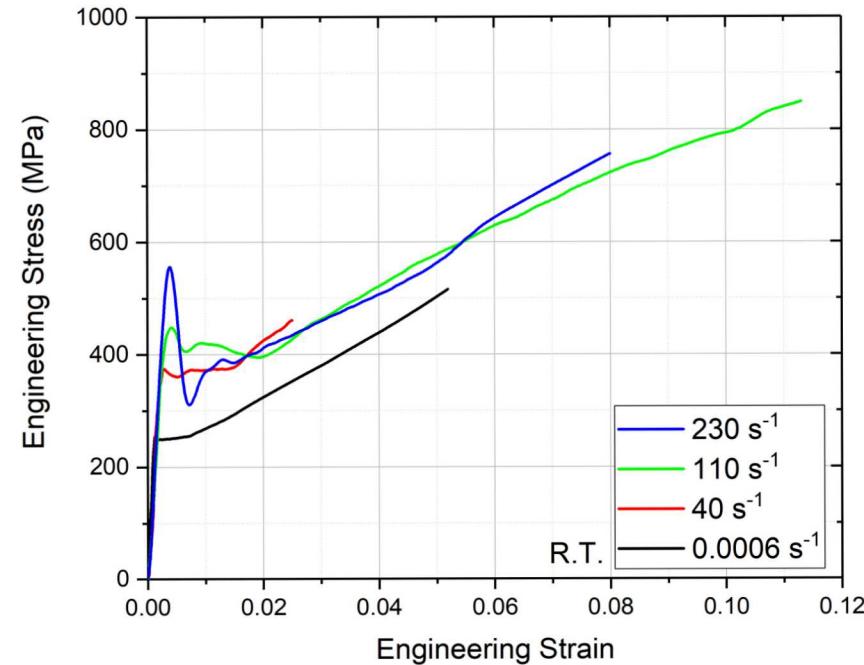


- DH Bar
- Ambient temperature
- 65-110/s
- Upper/lower yield becomes less pronounced

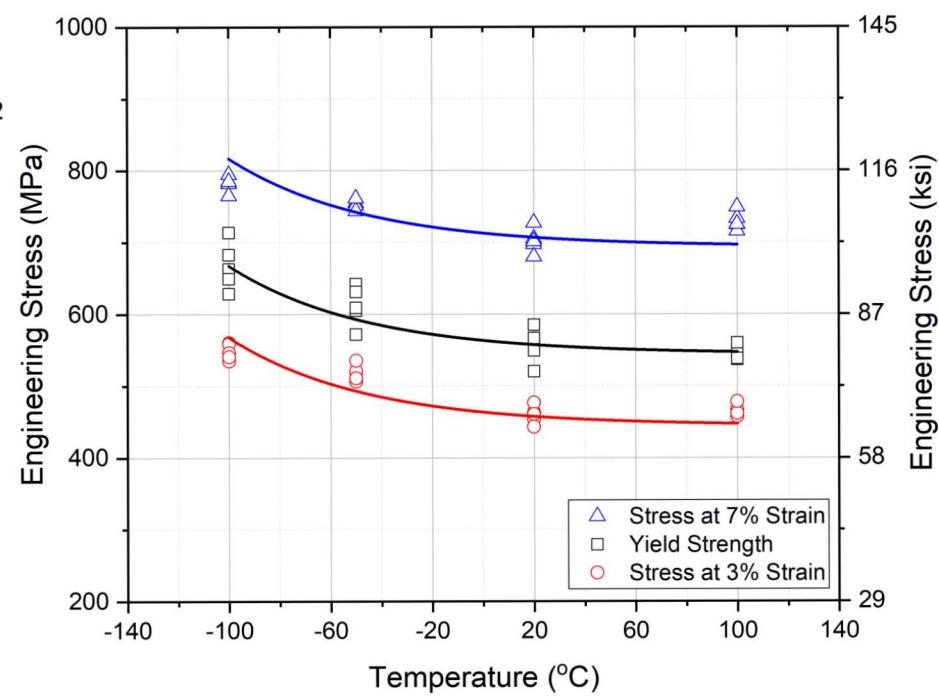
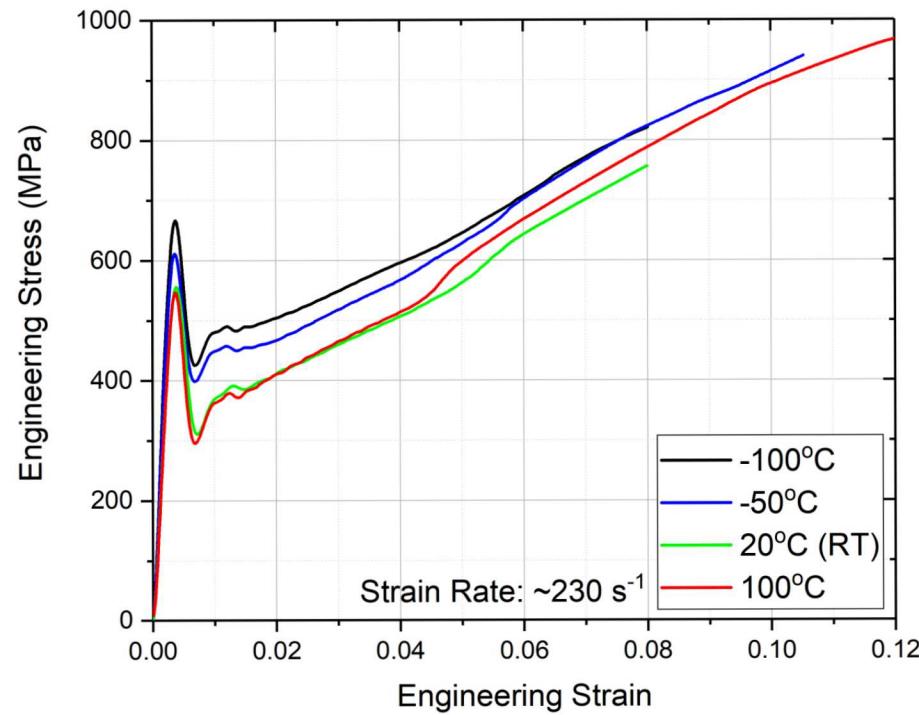


- DH Bar
- Ambient temperature
- 40/s
- Upper/lower yield becomes even less pronounced

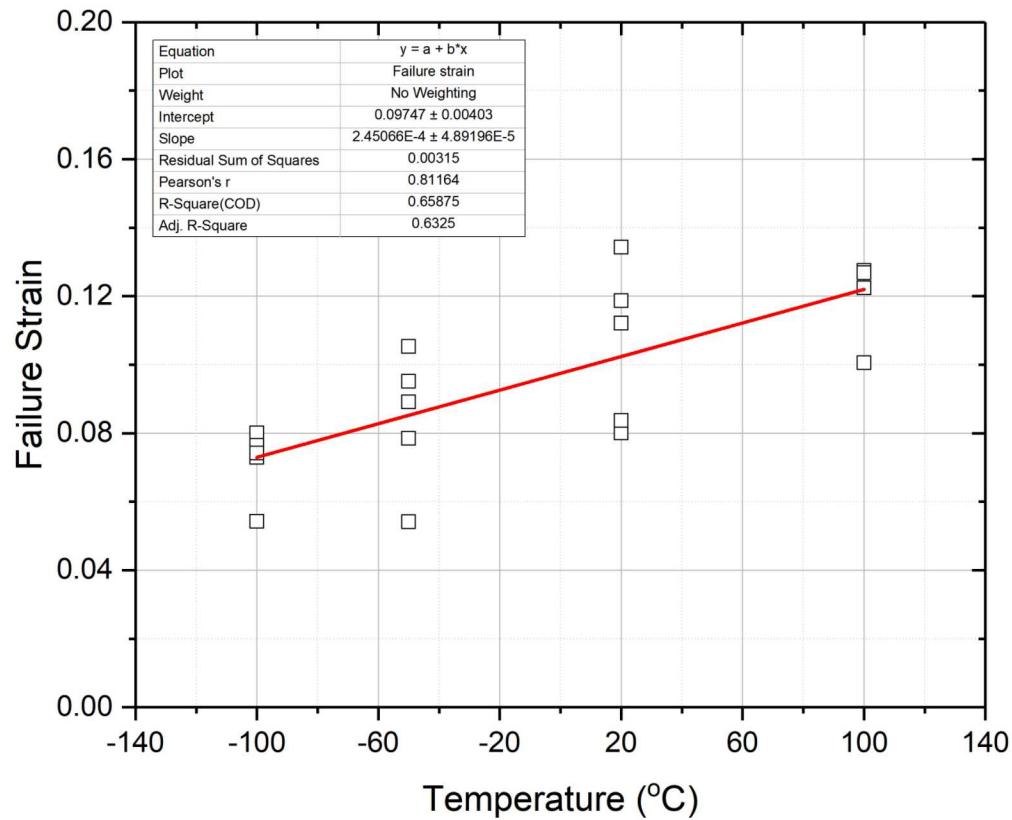
Strain Rate Effects



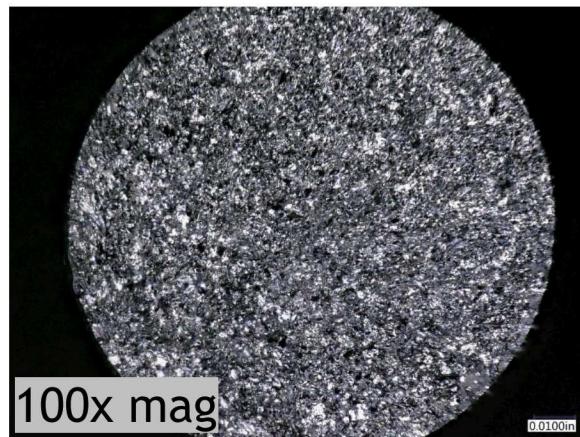
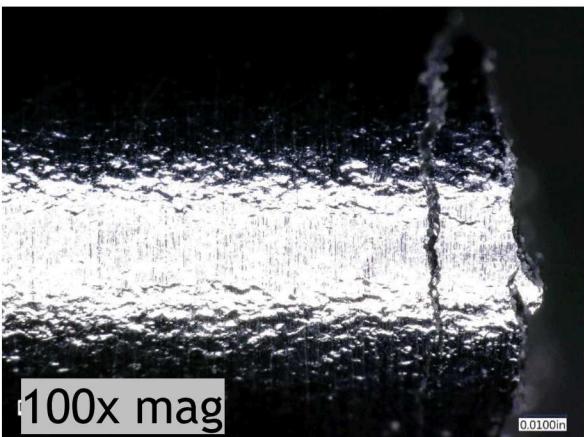
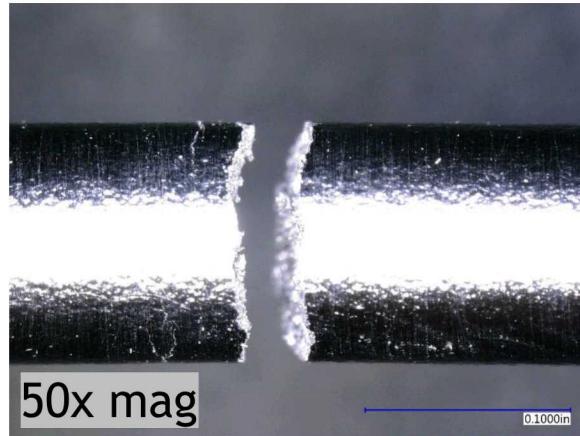
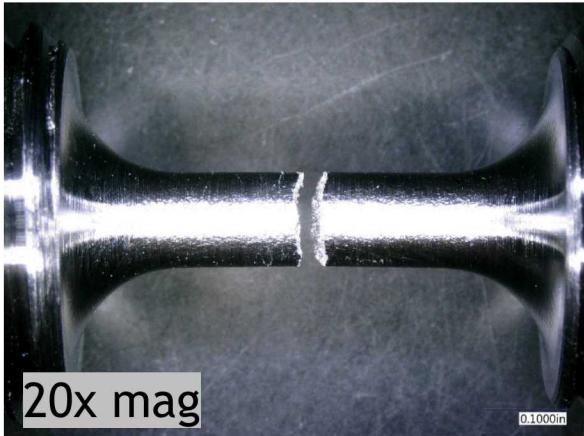
Temperature Effects



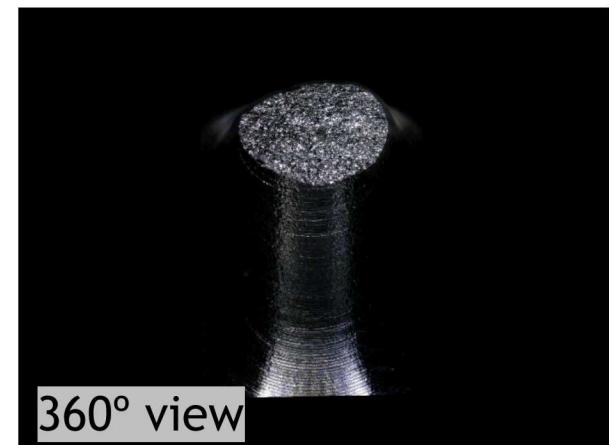
Temperature Effects



Fracture Morphology



- No necking is evident
- Brittle fracture
- Specimens were round after failure (in-plane isotropic)
- Typical for all temperatures and rates



Conclusions

- Fe-Co-2V characterized using Drop-Hopkinson bar and Kolsky over wide range of temperatures and strain rates
- Stress-strain behavior had a linear elastic response followed by an upper and lower yield before linearly hardening to failure
- The upper/lower yield behavior decreased with decreasing strain rate
- Hardening rate was independent of strain rate or temperature (within the temperature range)
- Failure strain increased with increasing temperature
- Failure mode was brittle for all rates and temperatures
- All this information can be applied to a rate and temperature dependent constitutive model for this material