



# Microstructure Clones

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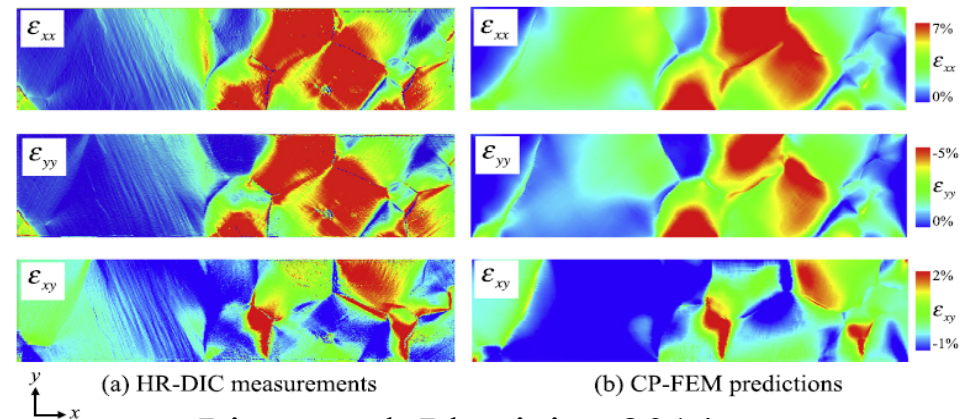
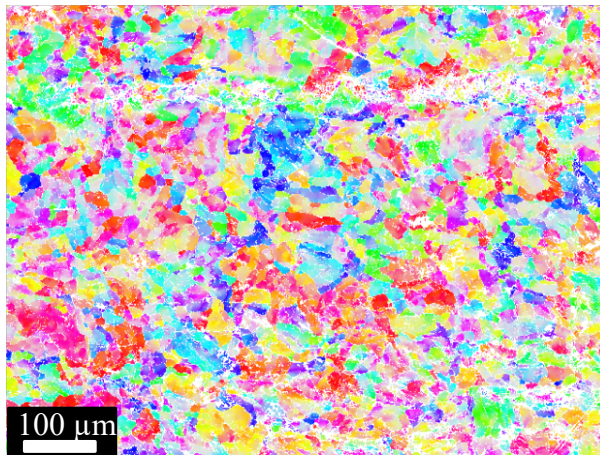
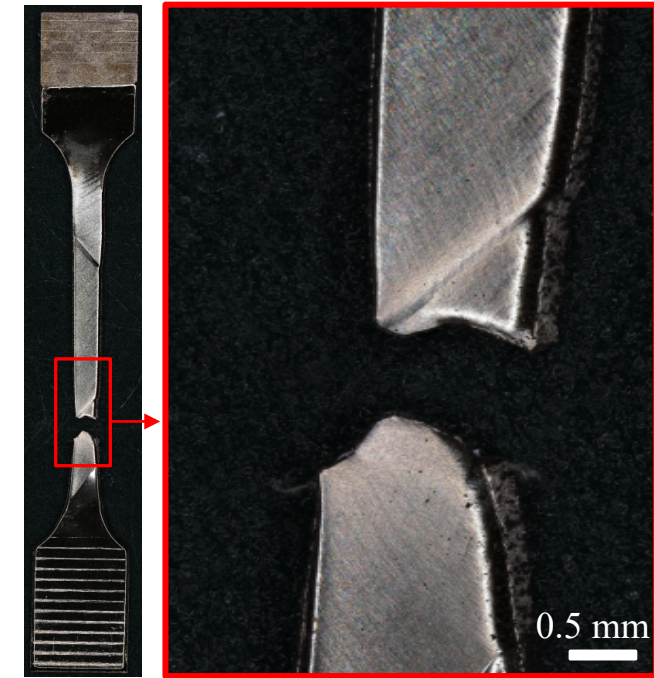
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## The Challenge of Evaluating Microstructure Responses in Experimental Mechanics

- How do you perform all of the tests you want on the same specimen?
- Will a unique microstructure always behave the same?
- How do you know where to look for high resolution tests?

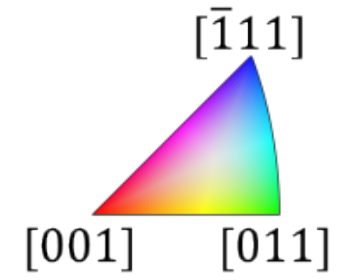


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Multiple specimens in a set with nearly identical microstructures

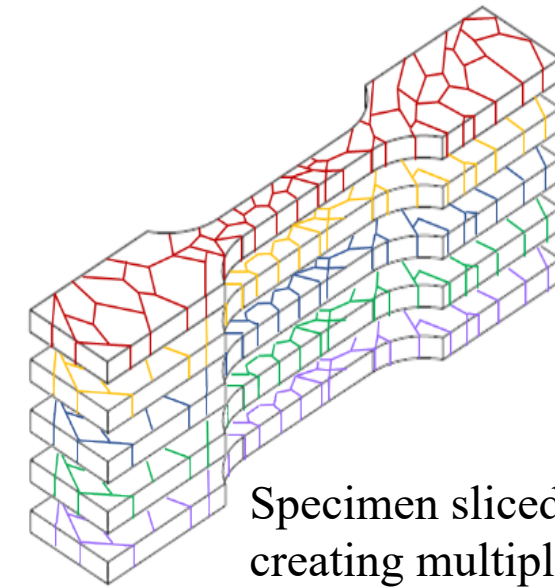


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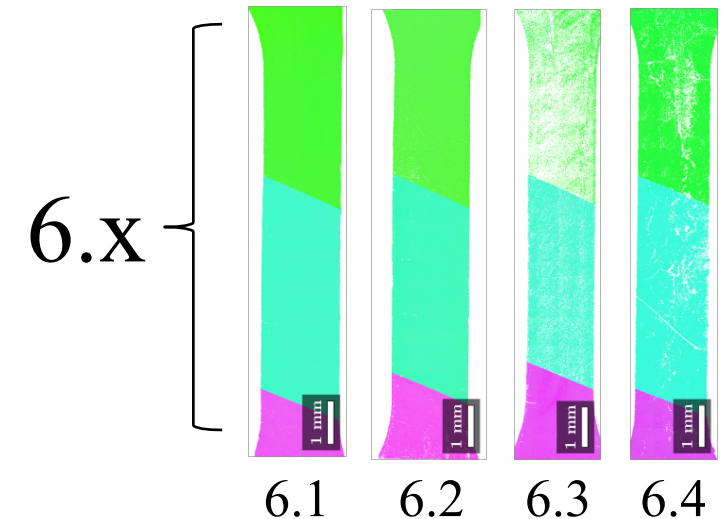
99.999% Nickel 0.25 in thick plate

Heat treated to grow grains 10-20 mm in diameter

Tensile specimens cut from locations with similar microstructure front and back



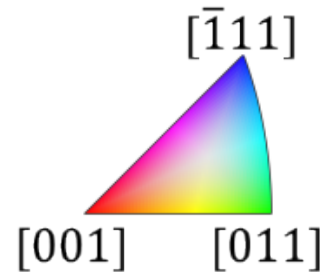
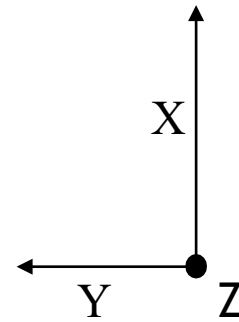
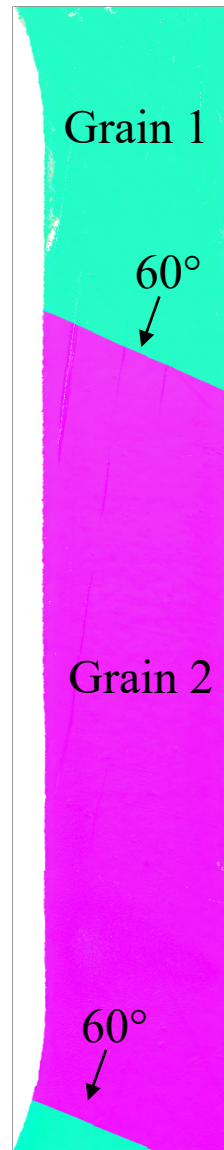
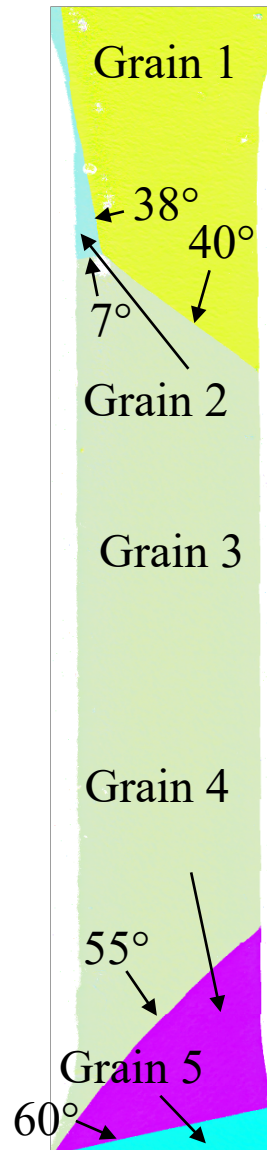
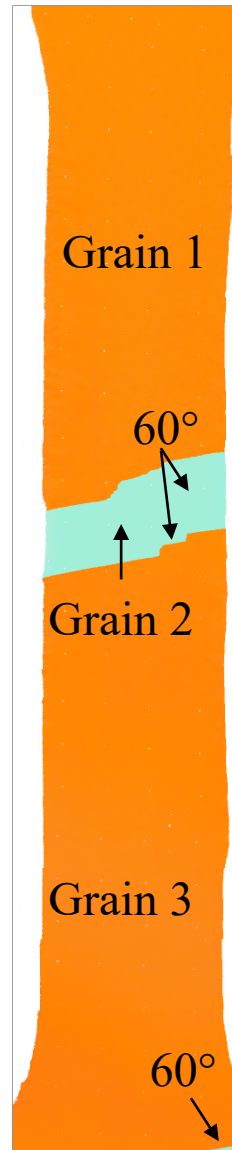
Specimen sliced horizontally creating multiple specimens with nearly identical microstructures





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Clone Set 2.x

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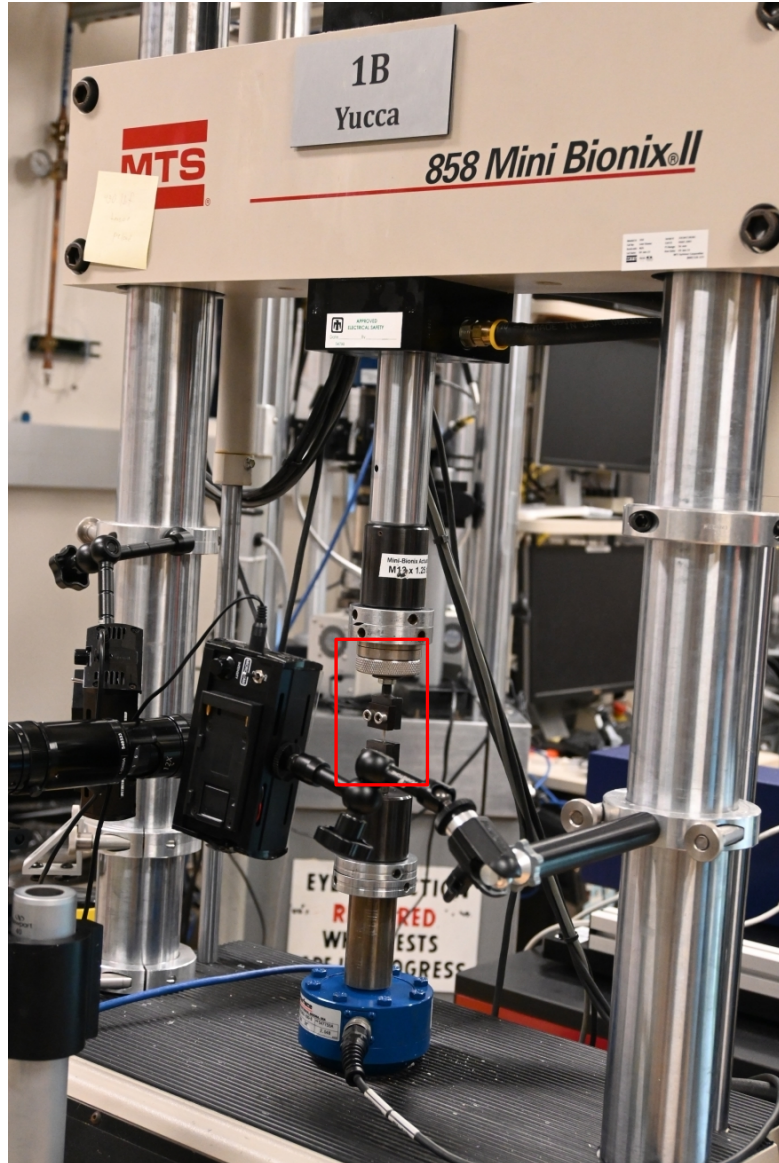
Clone Set 5.x

- Parent grain (teal) with large angled twin (purple)

Clone Sets 1.x and 5.x loaded to 3% strain

Clone Set 2.x loaded to failure

# Test Plan and Experimental Setup



Two sets of clones (1.x and 5.x) tested to 3% strain

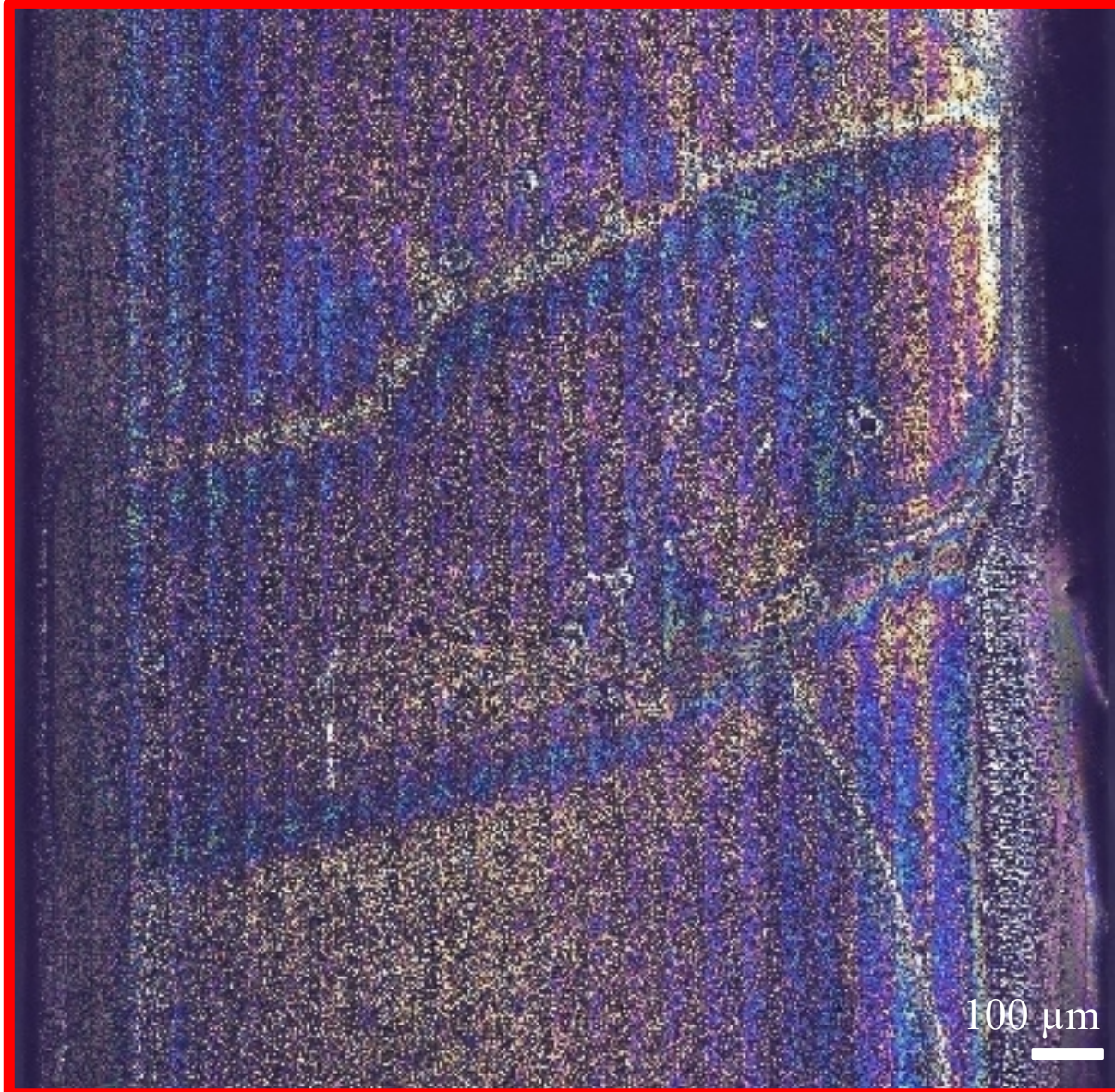
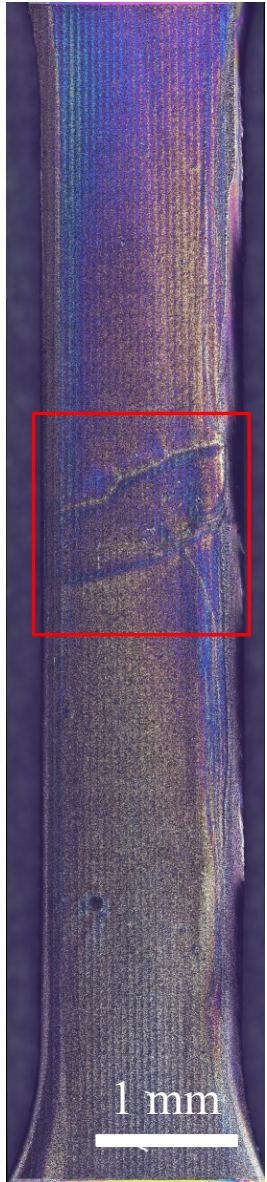
One set of clones (2.x) tested to failure

Quasi-static displacement controlled test

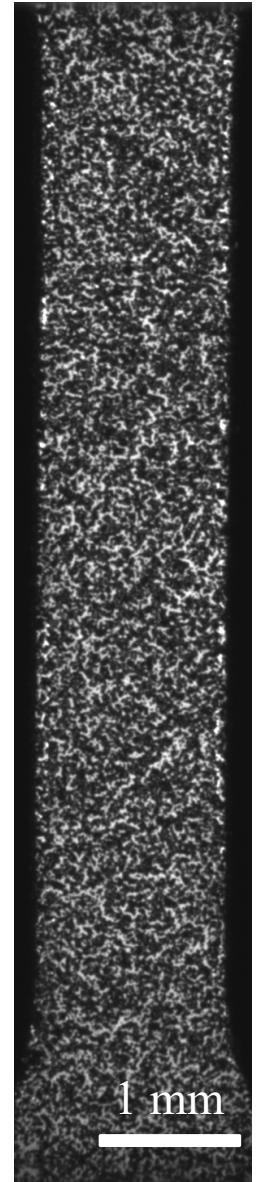


# Dual Resolution DIC Technique

High Resolution DIC



Low Resolution DIC



## HR-DIC

- Speckle size 500 nm
- Imaged before and after deformation
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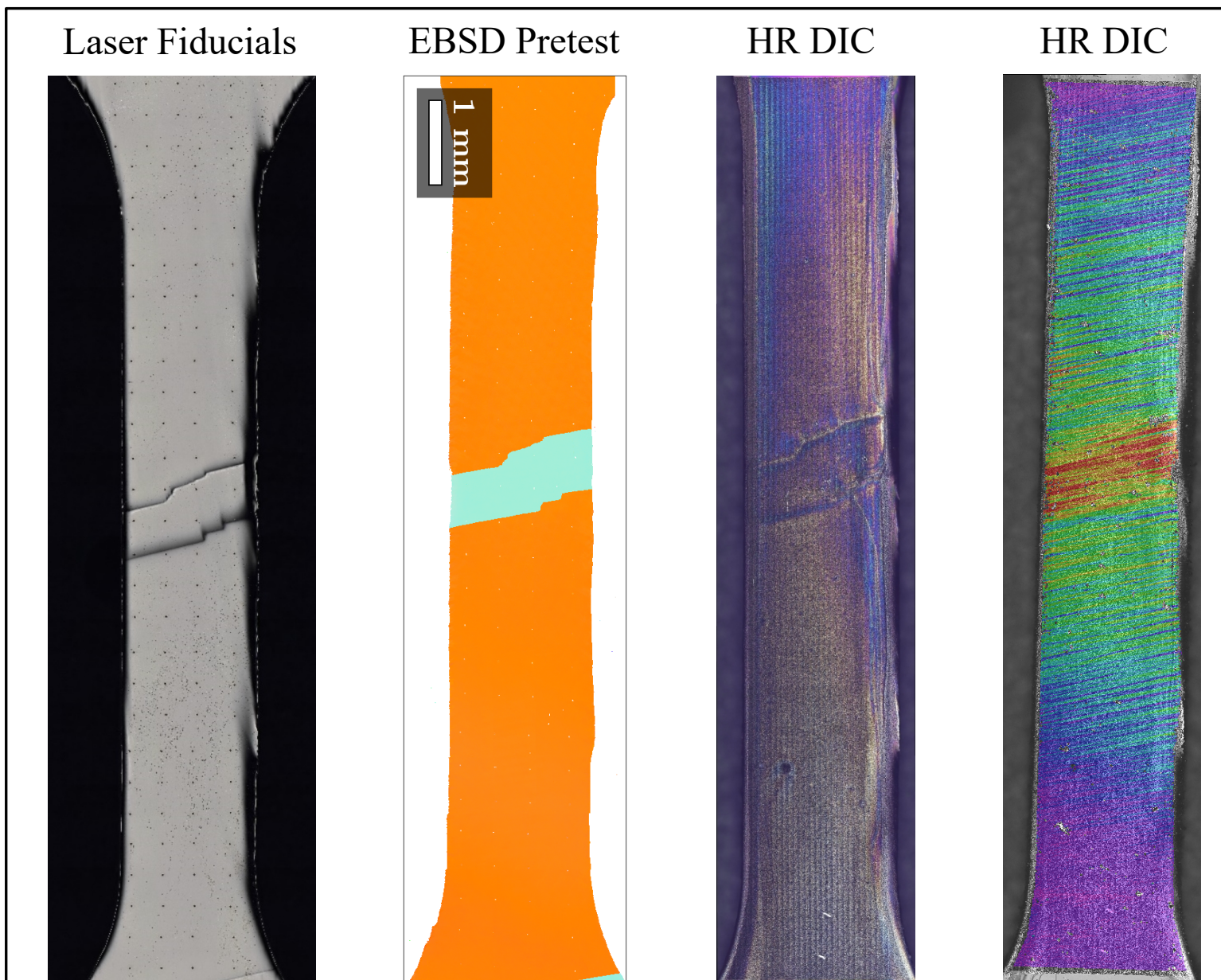
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- Speckle size 50 μm
- Imaged throughout test

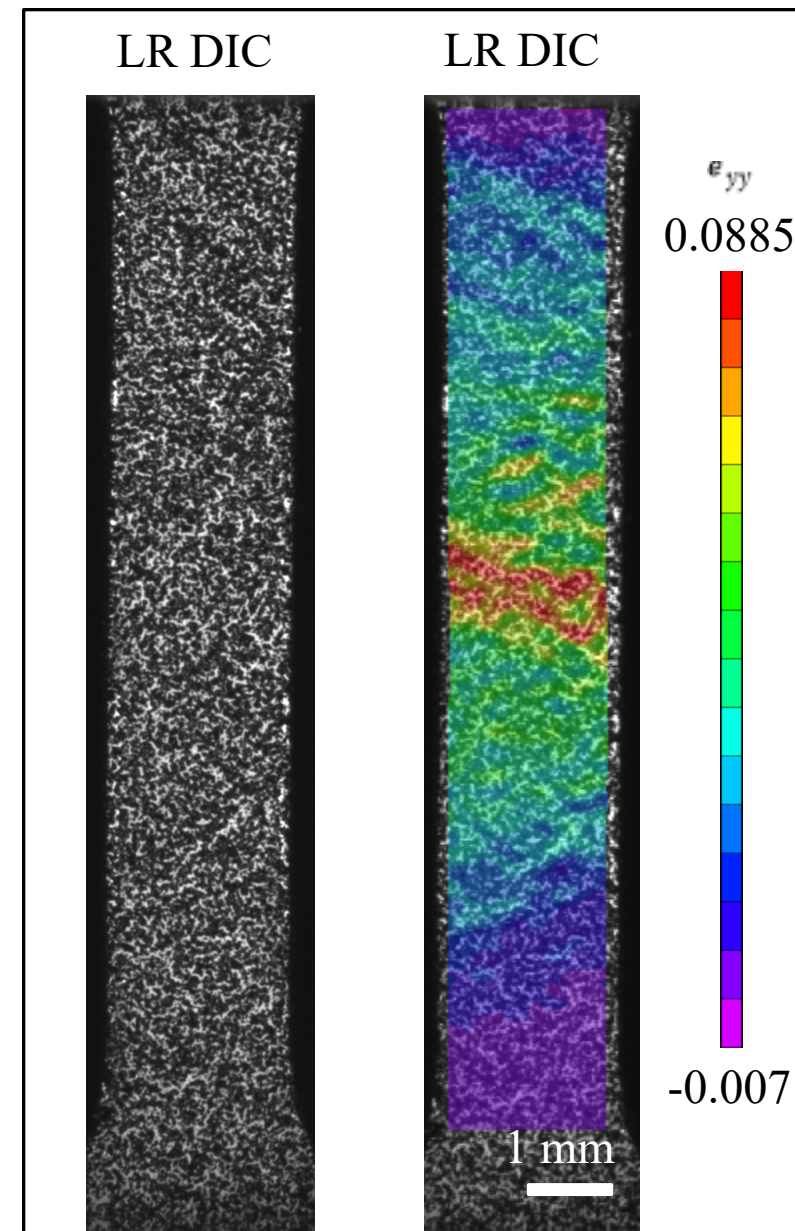


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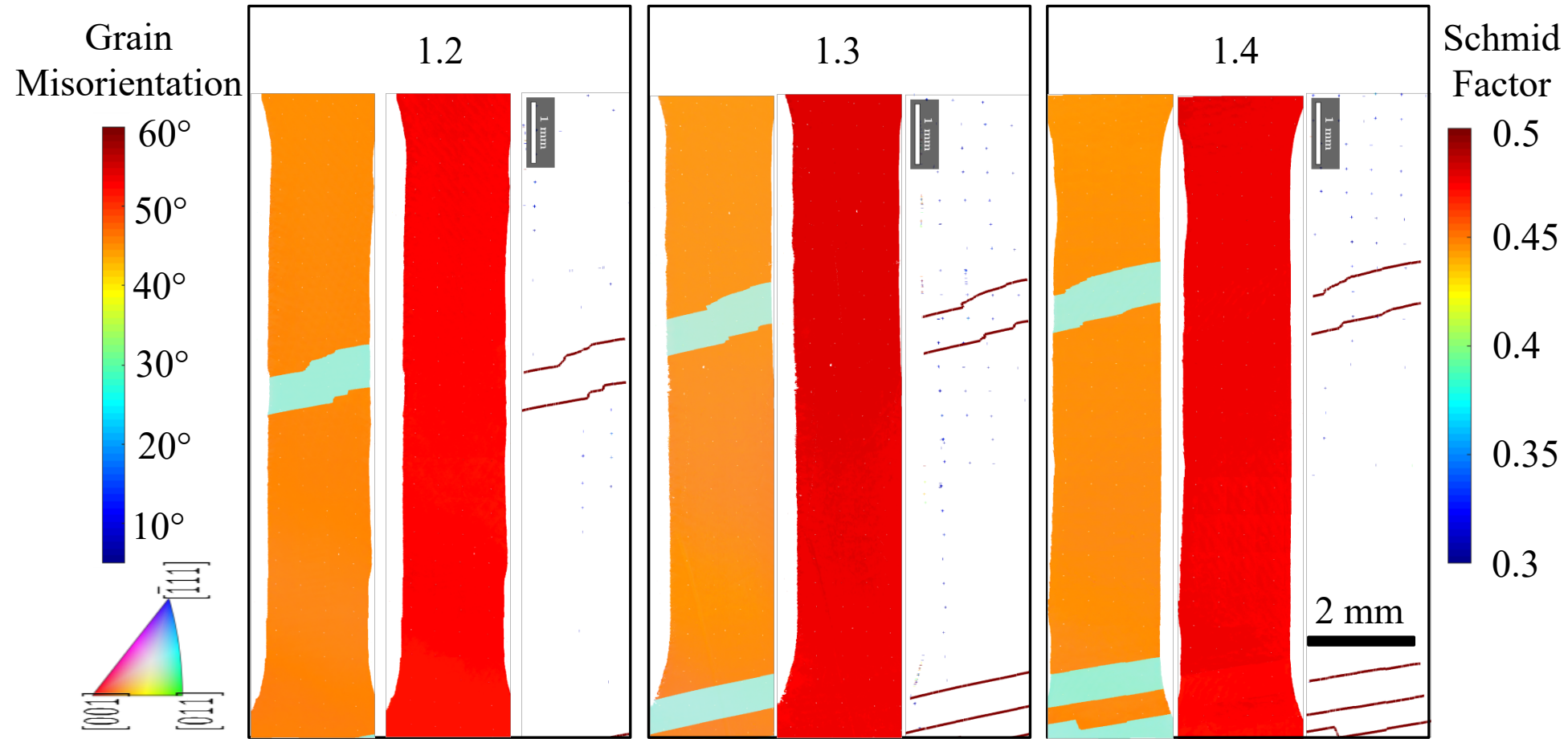
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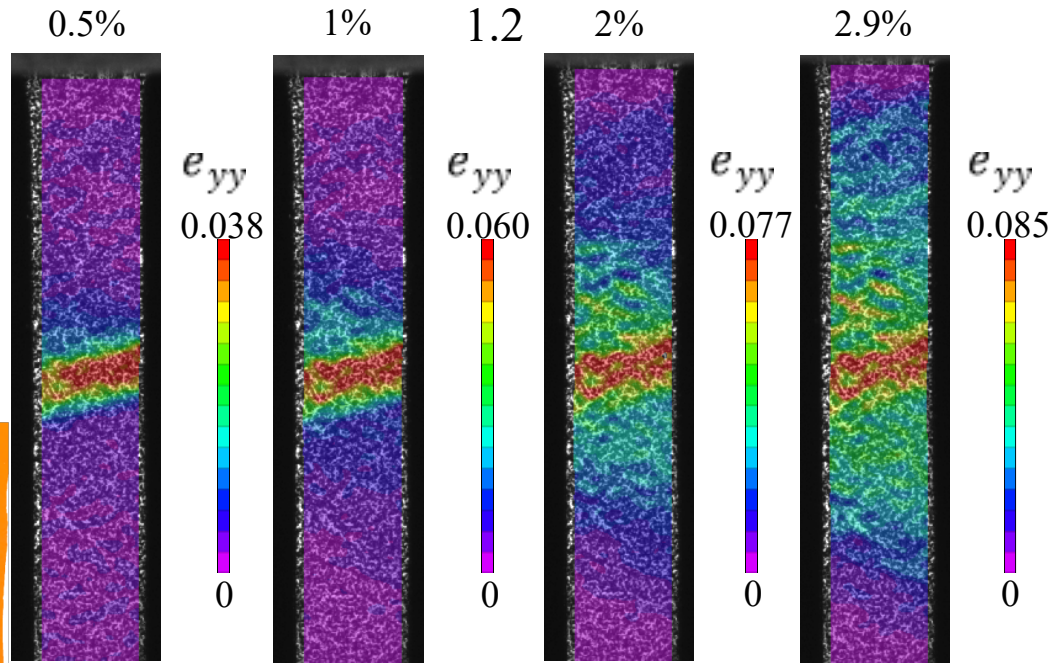






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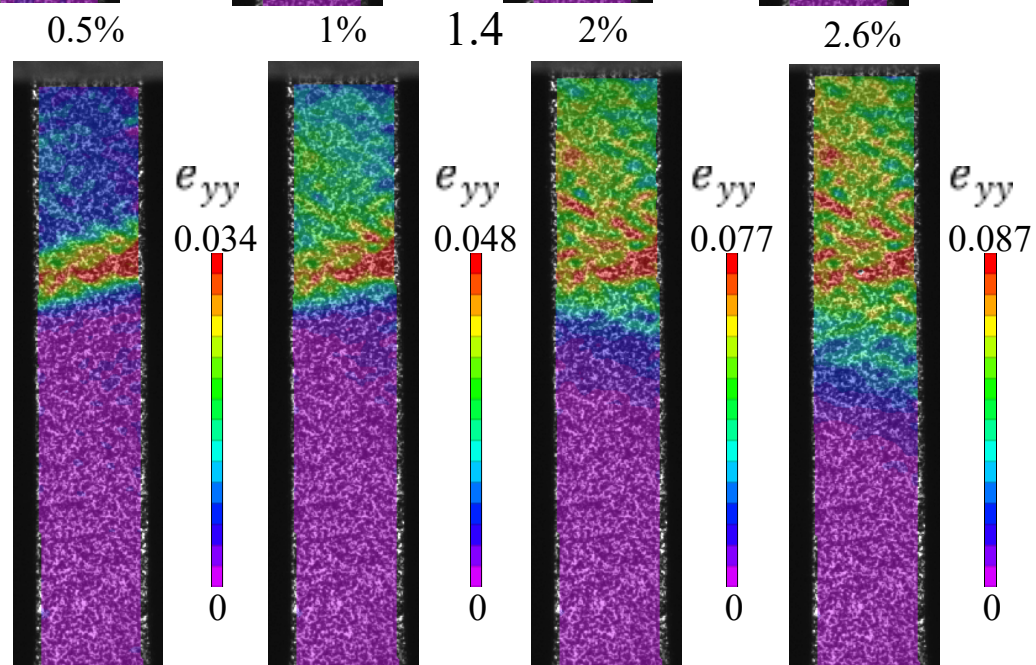
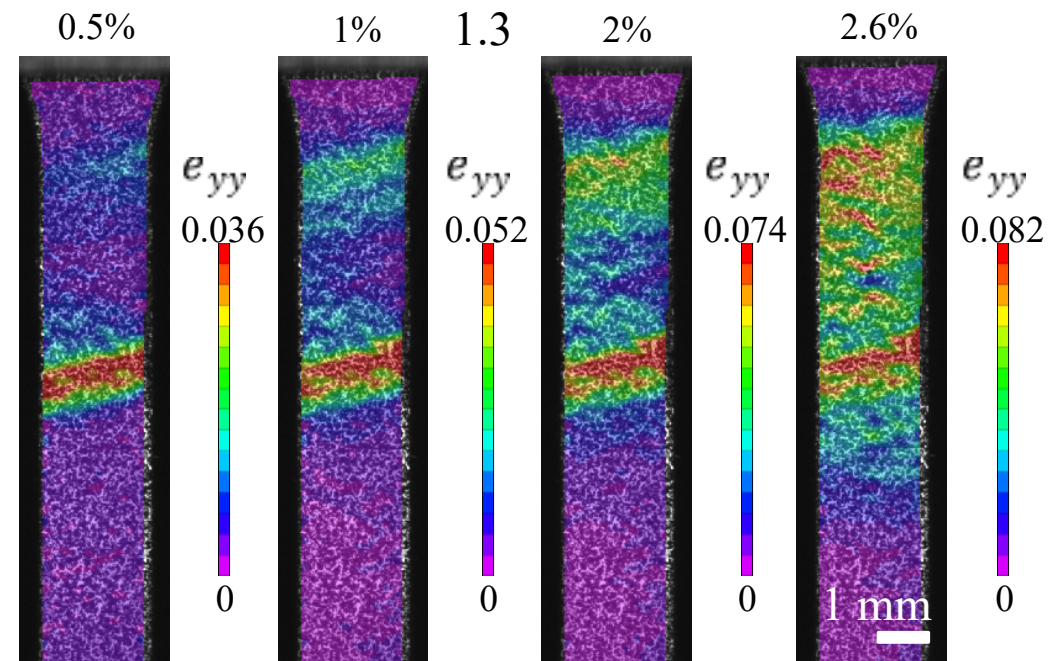
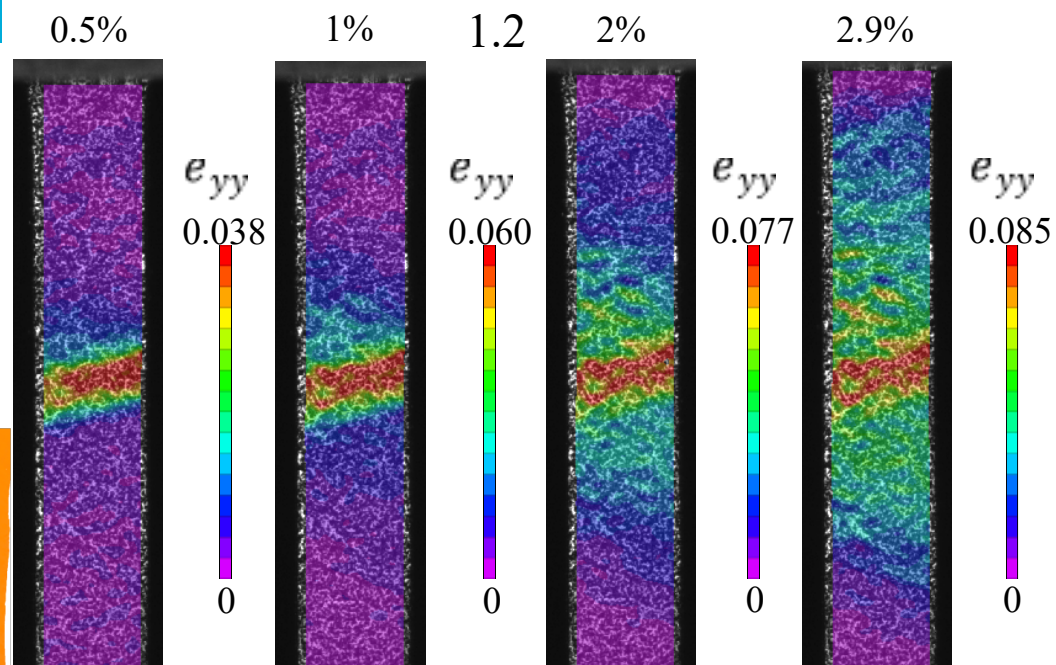
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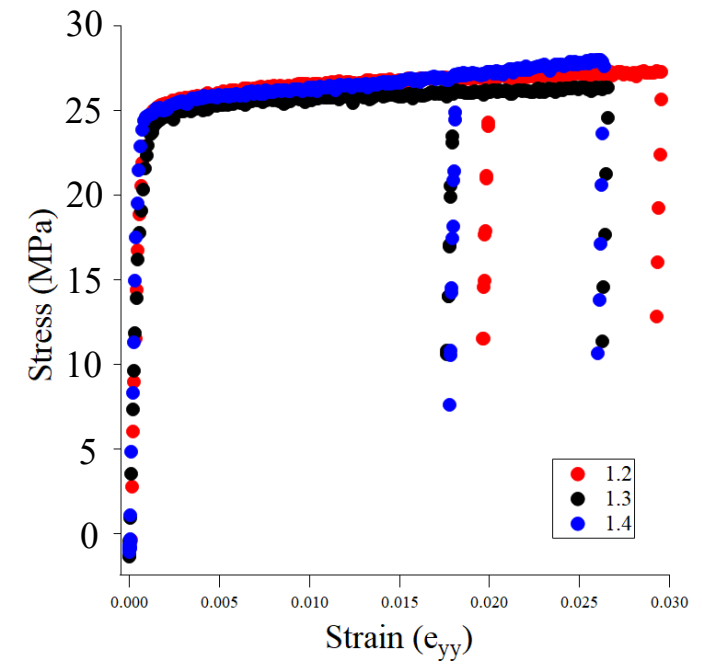
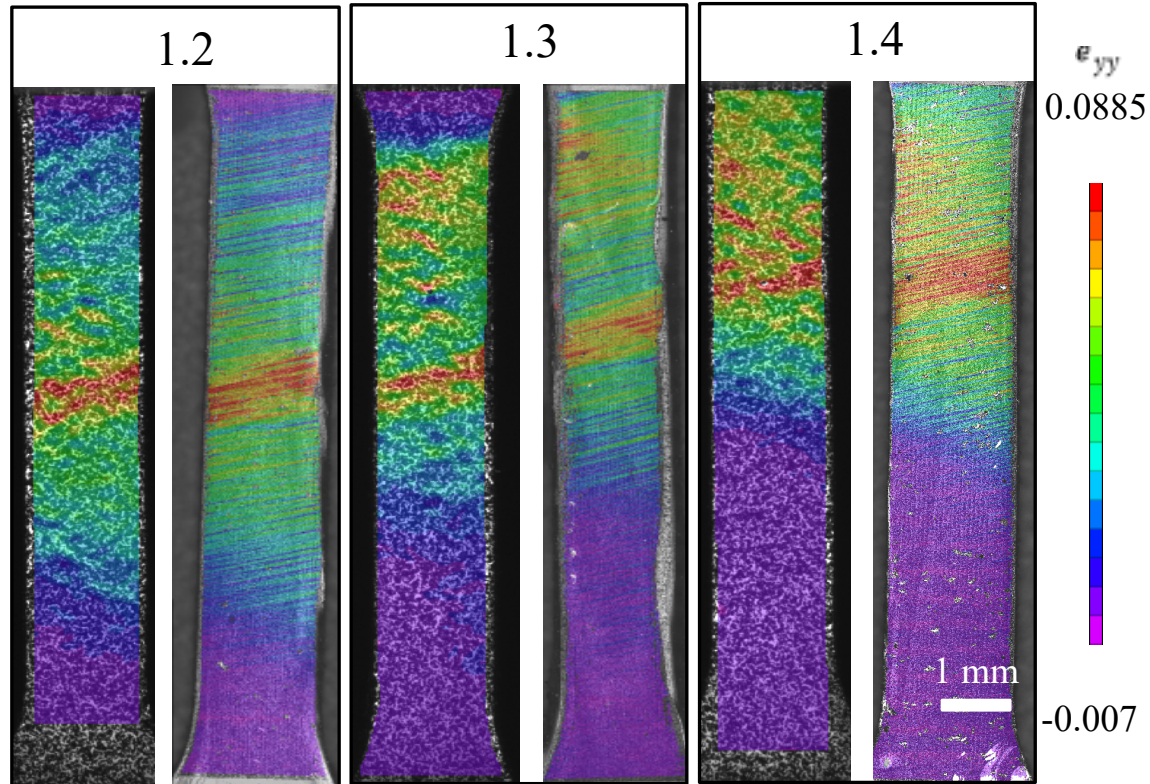
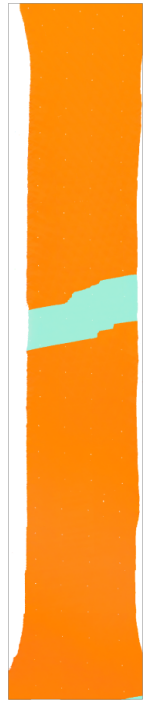
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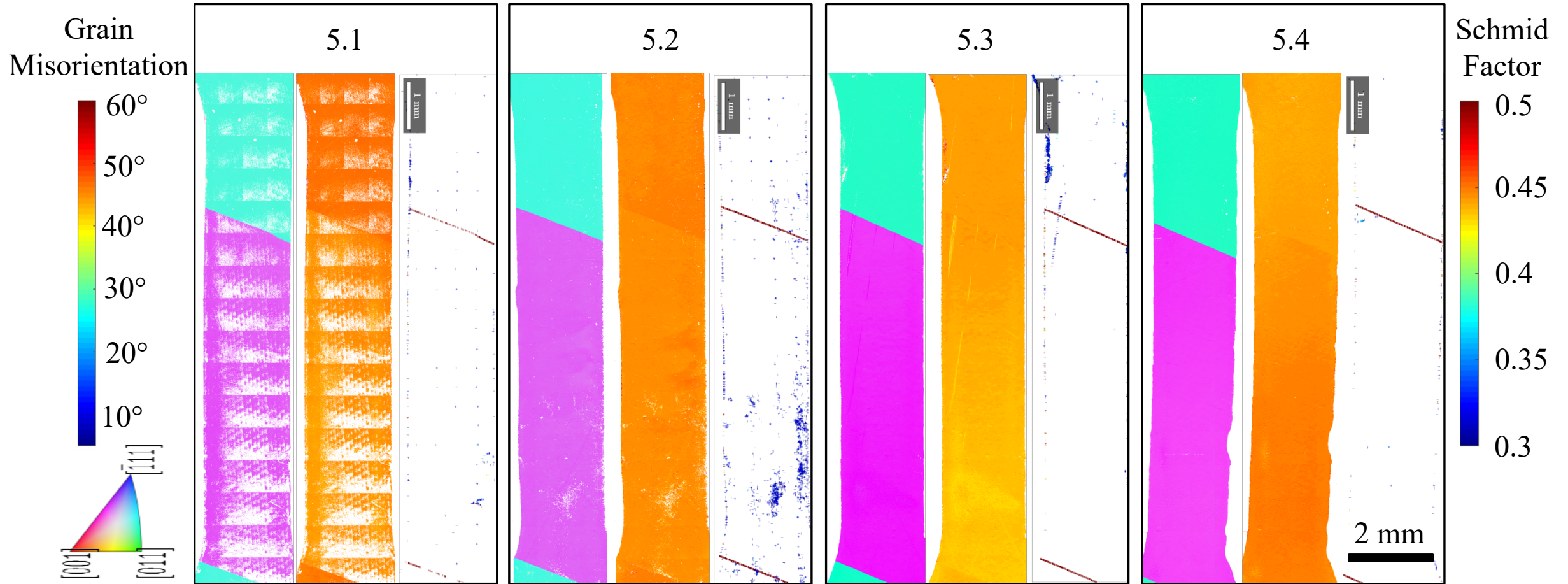


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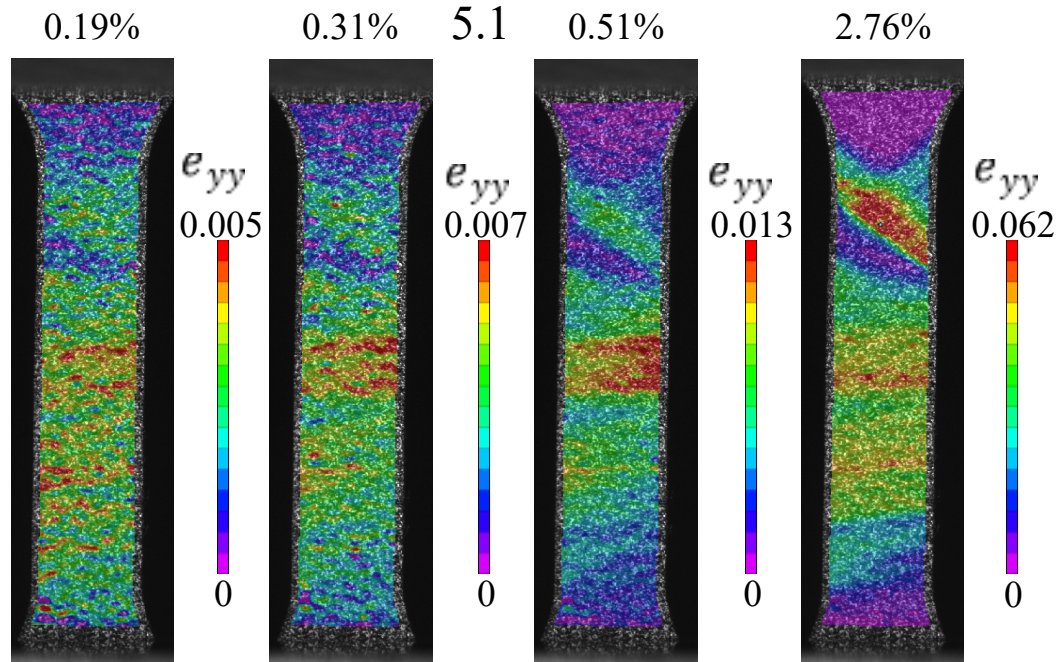




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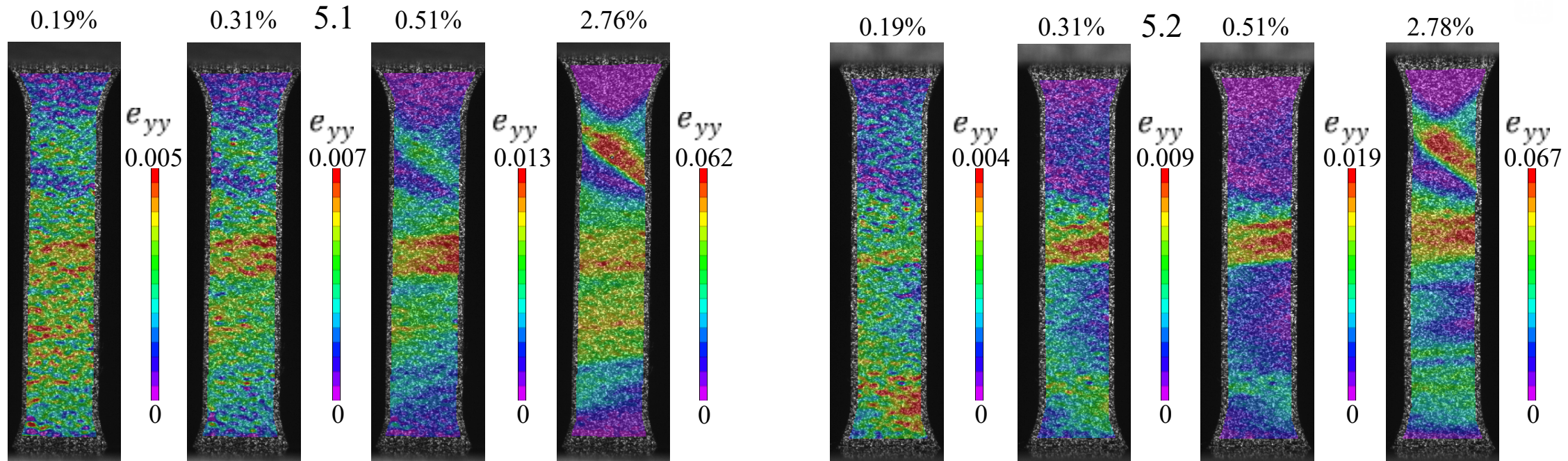


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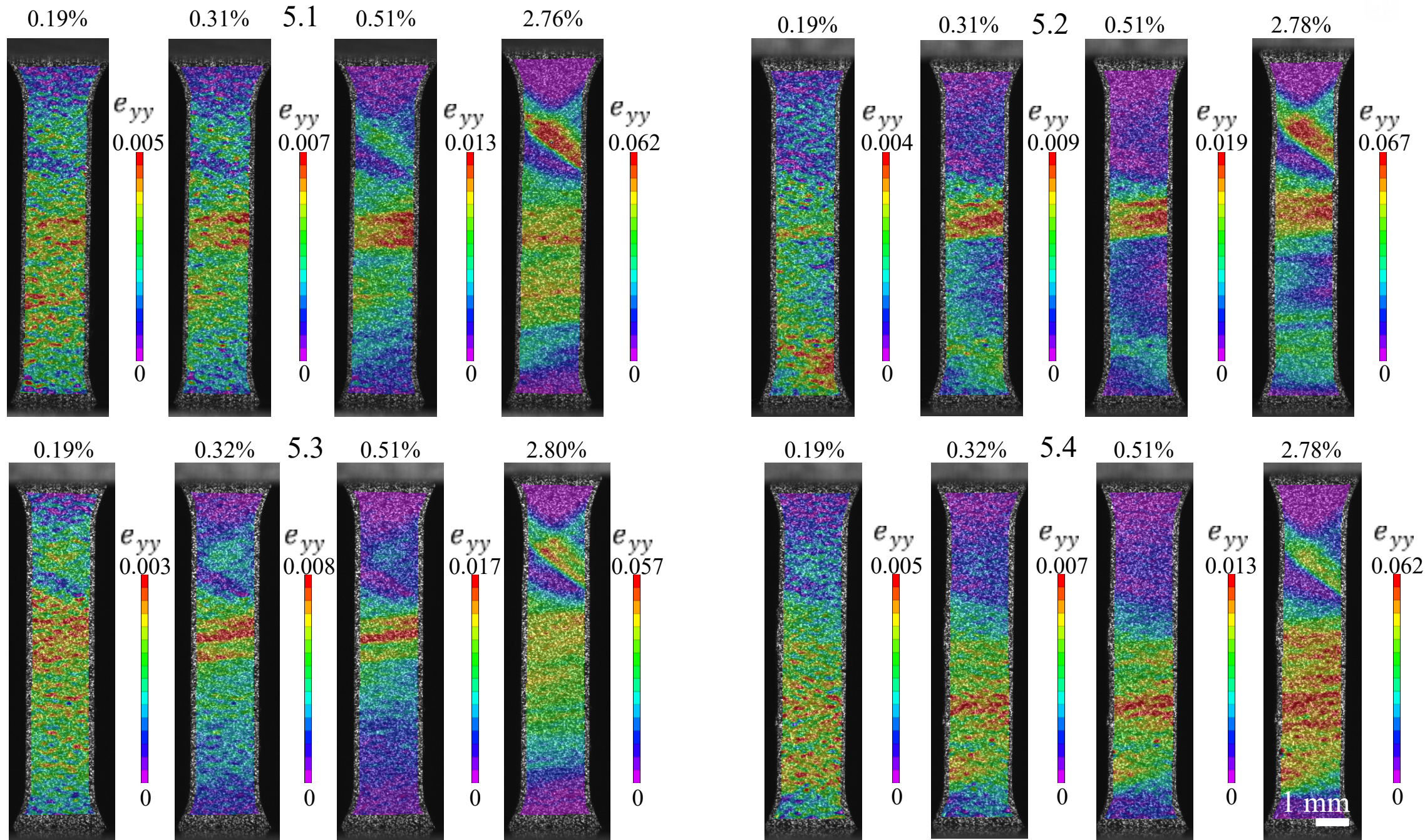


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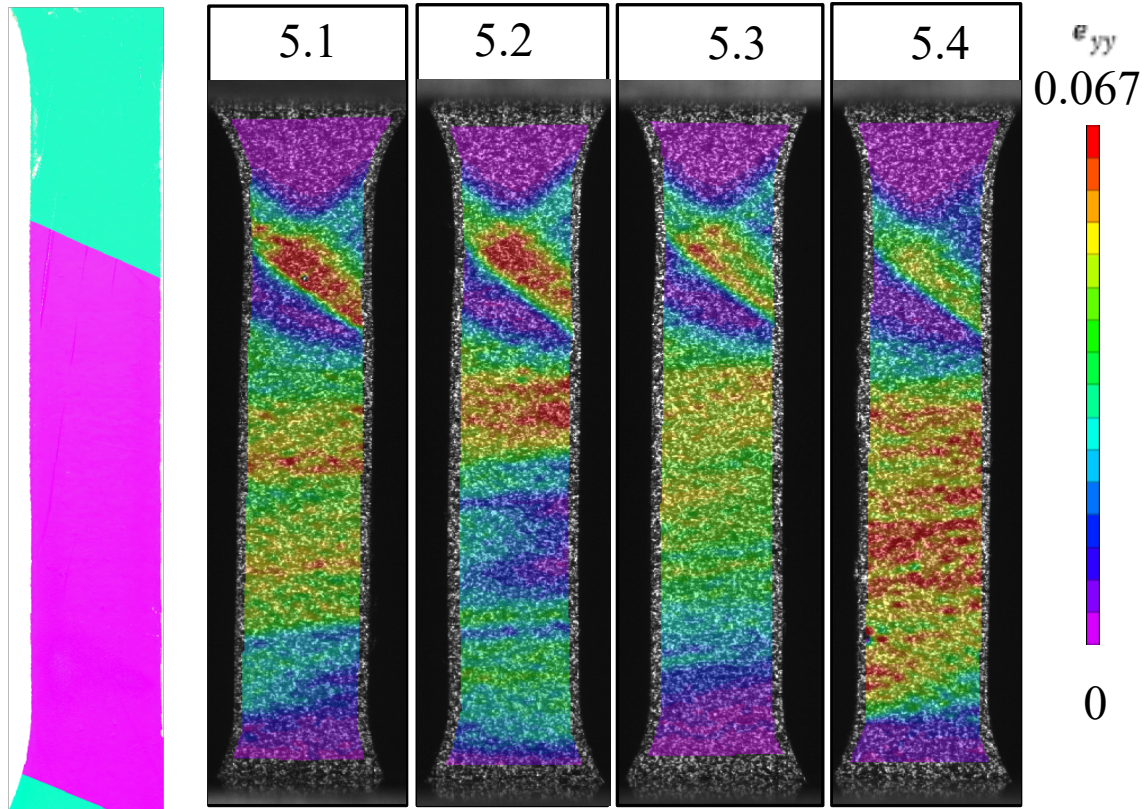




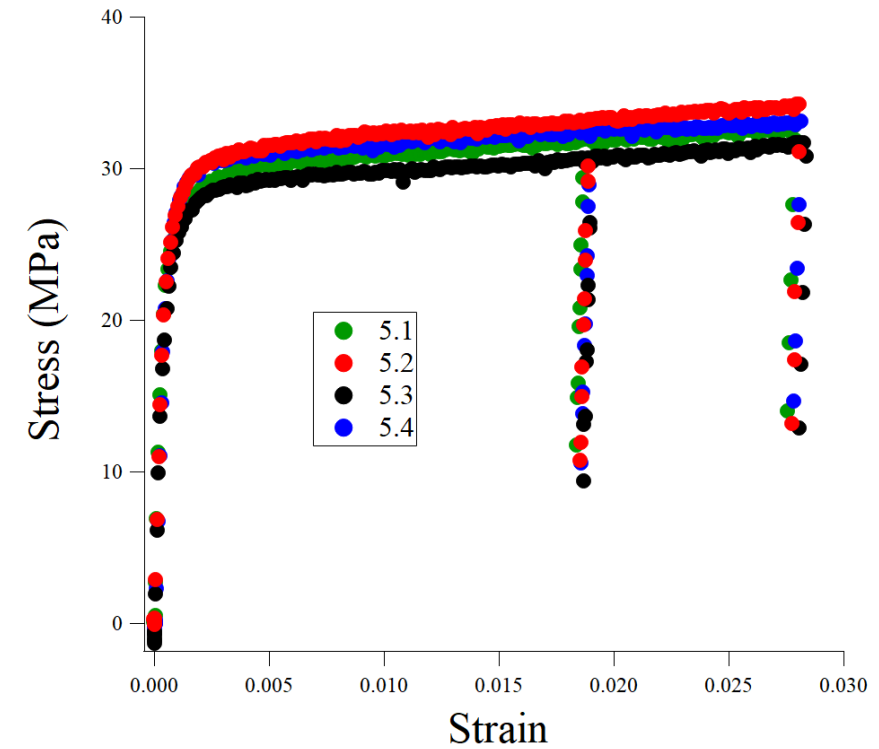
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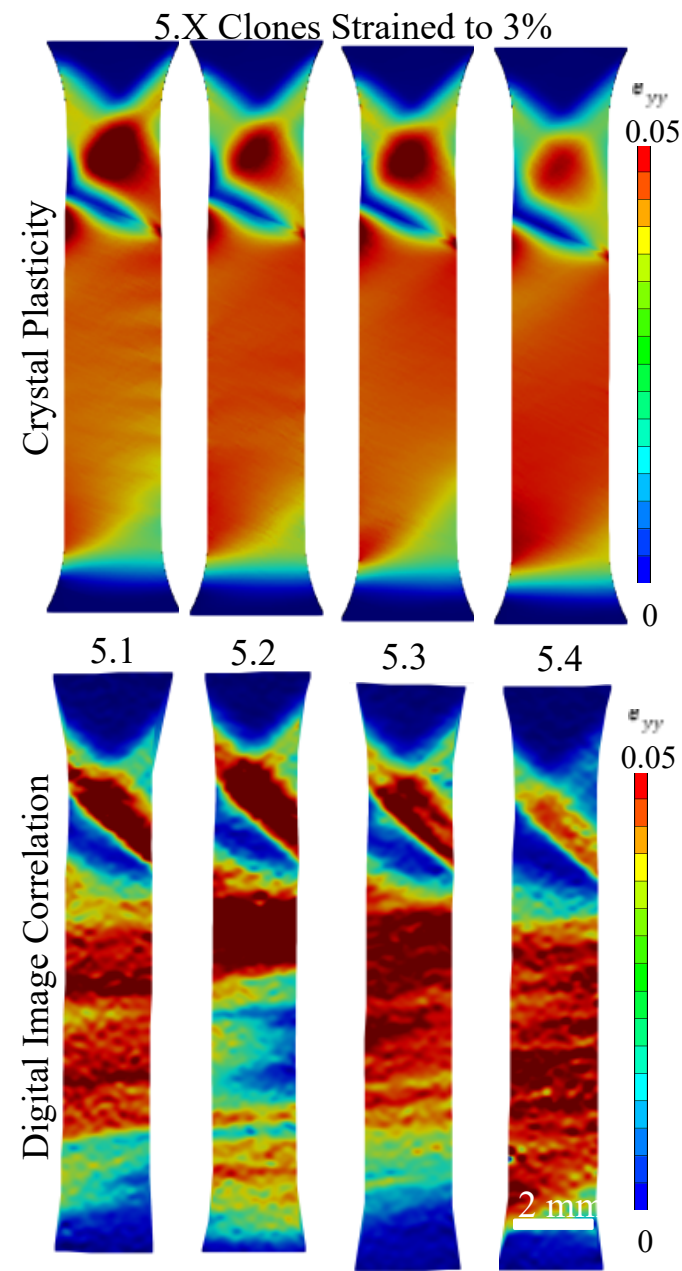
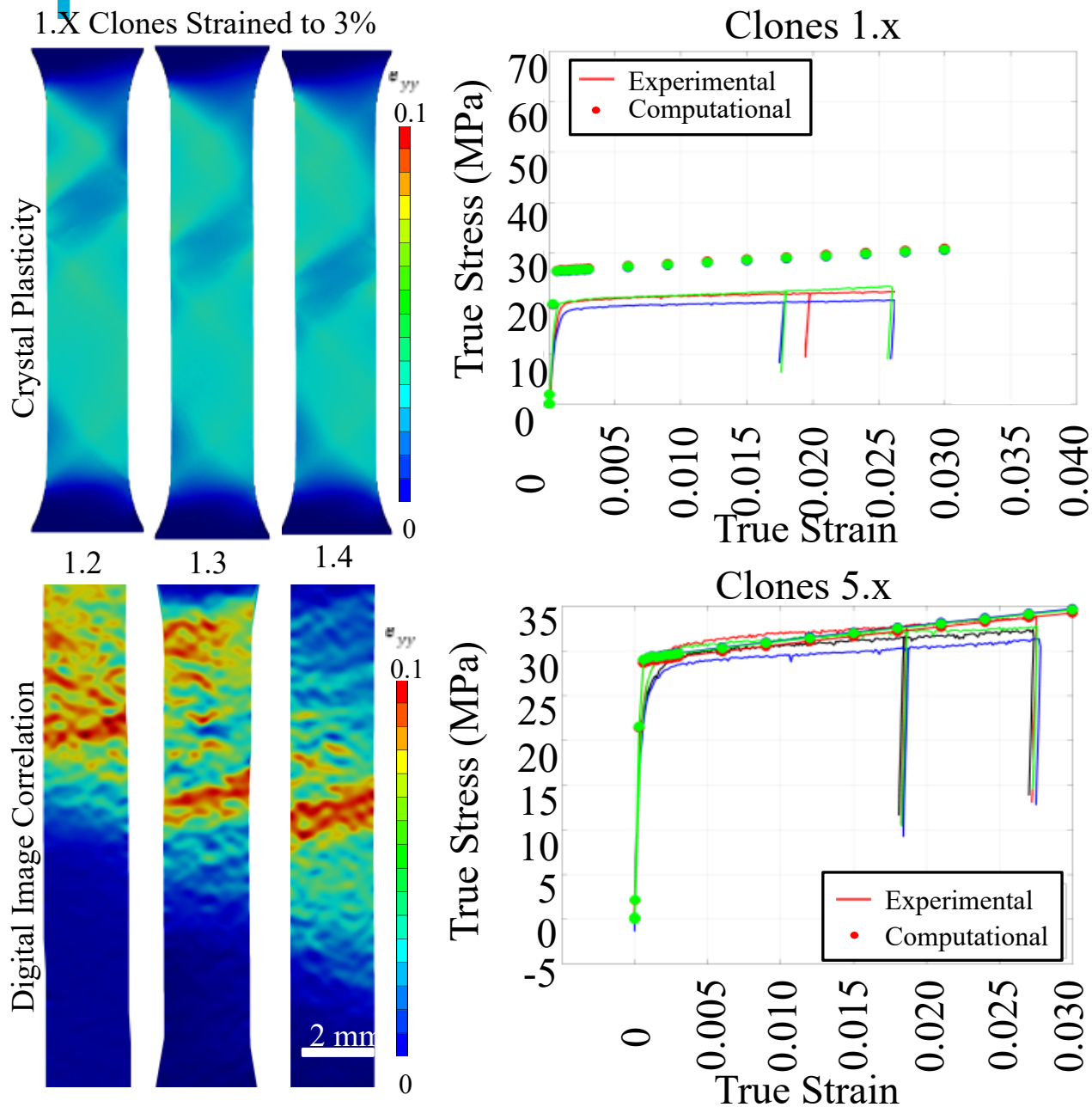




- Strain dispersed across lower grain
- Shear band develops in top grain at same location for all four specimens



# Crystal Plasticity – DIC Comparison



- Crystal plasticity over estimates the yield strength of the 1.x clone – Does not have strong match to DIC data
- 5.x has good agreement on yield and hardening behavior as well as DIC strain locations and magnitudes



## 2.x – Loaded to Failure

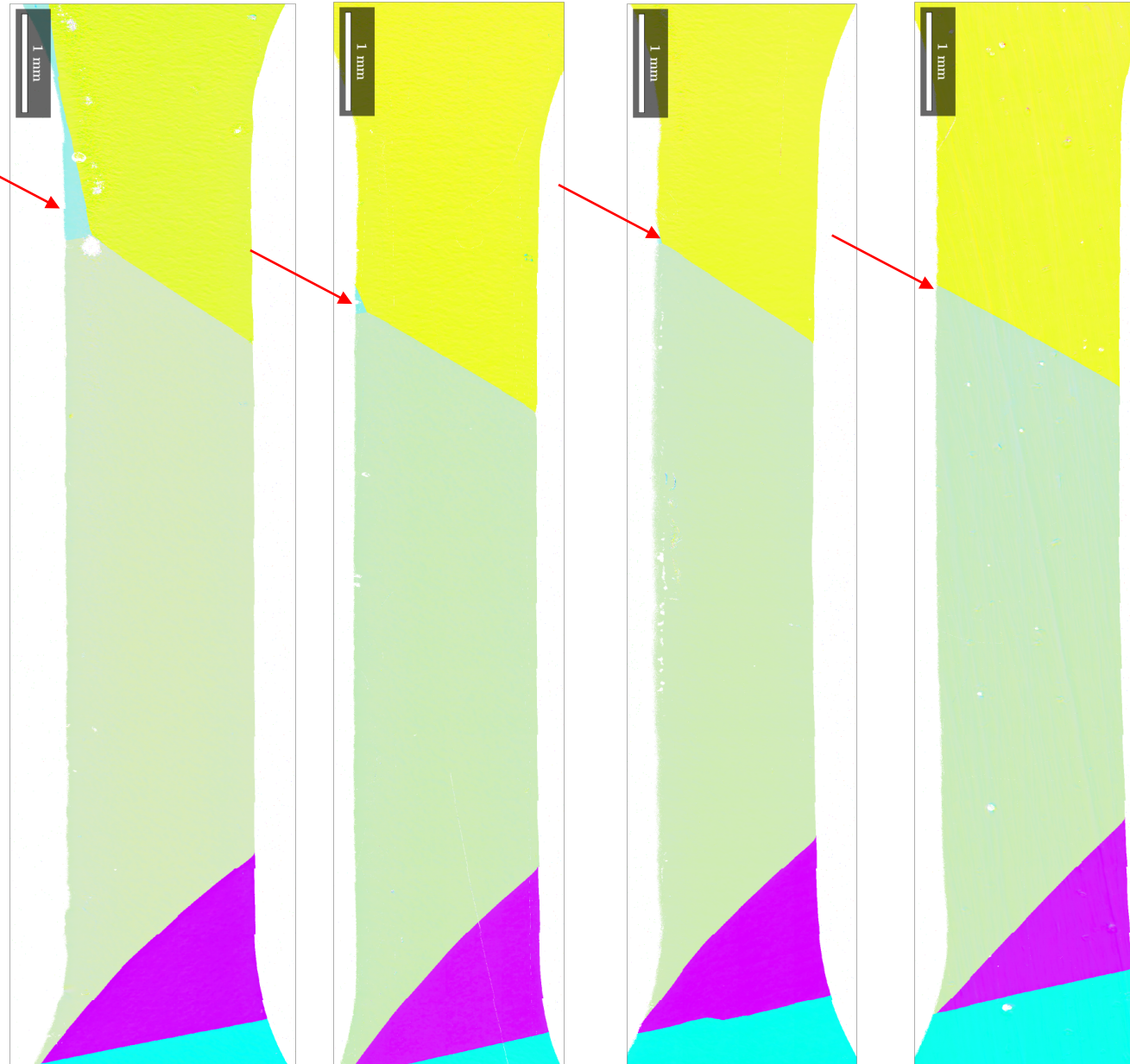
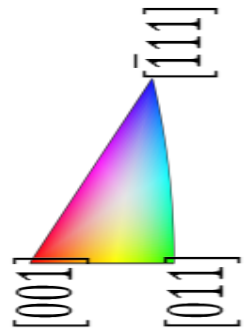
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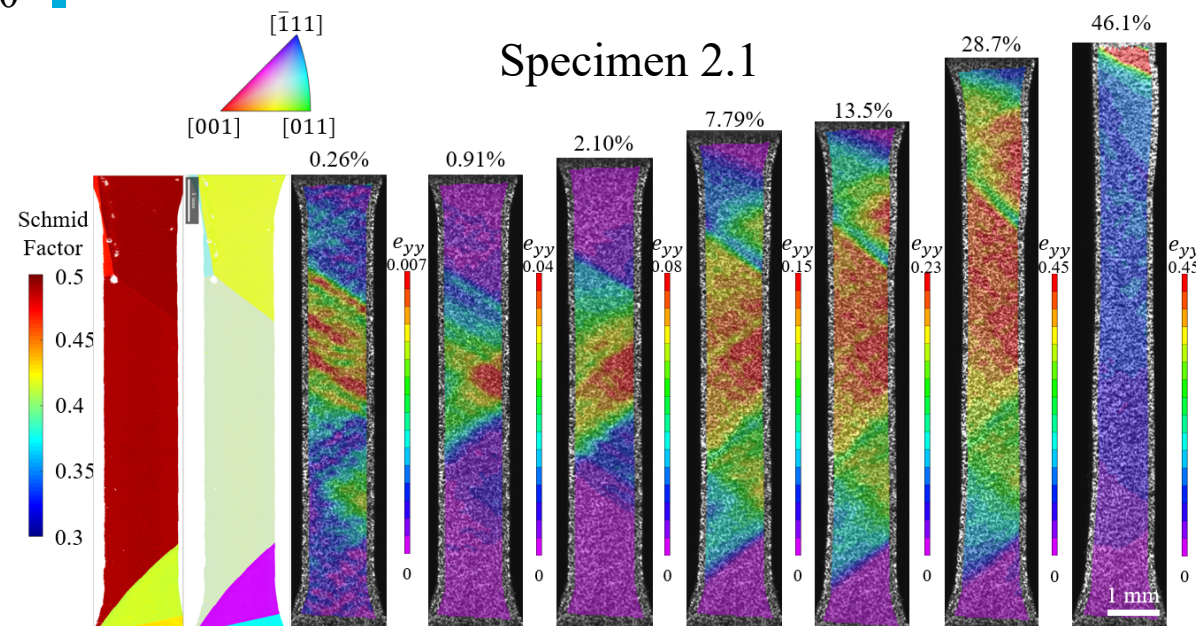
Effect of a  
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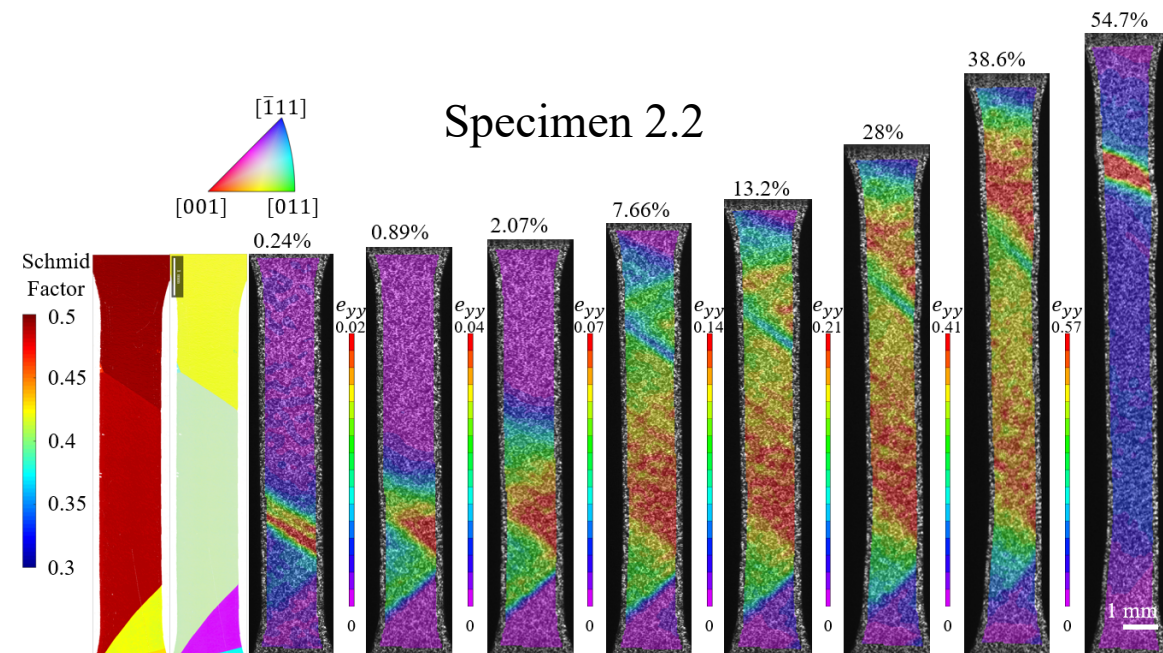


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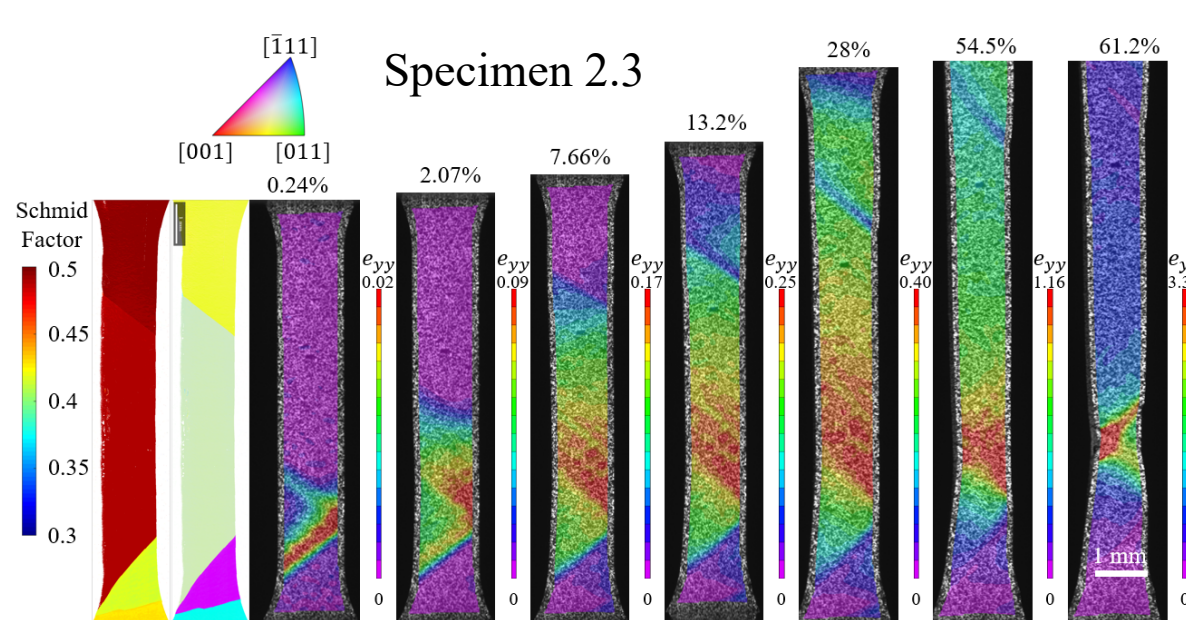
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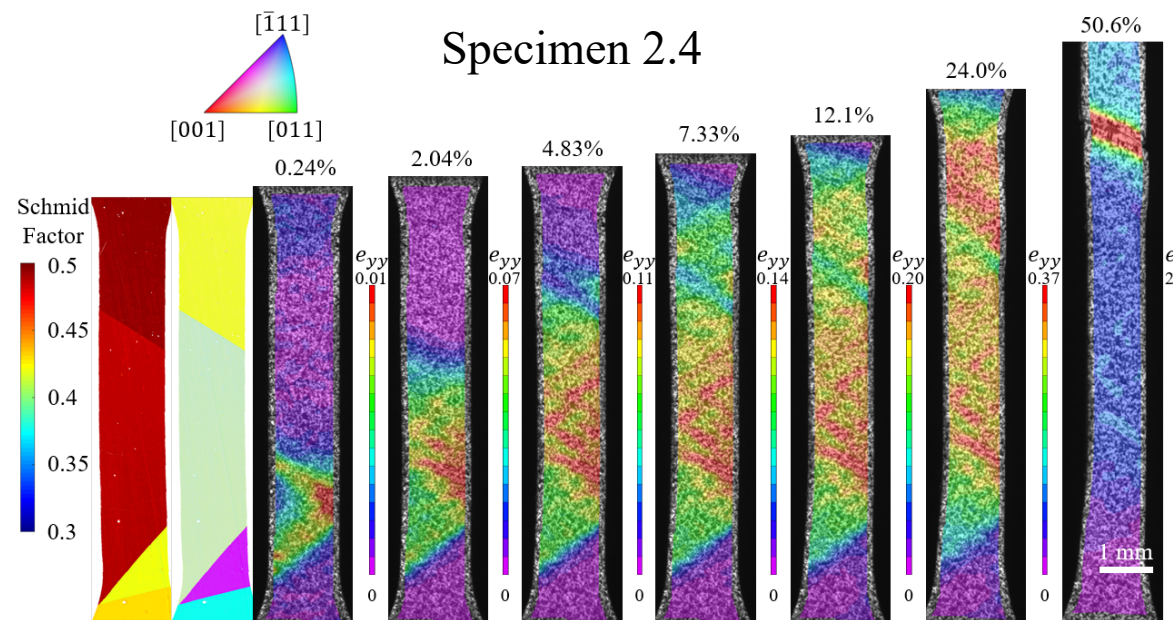
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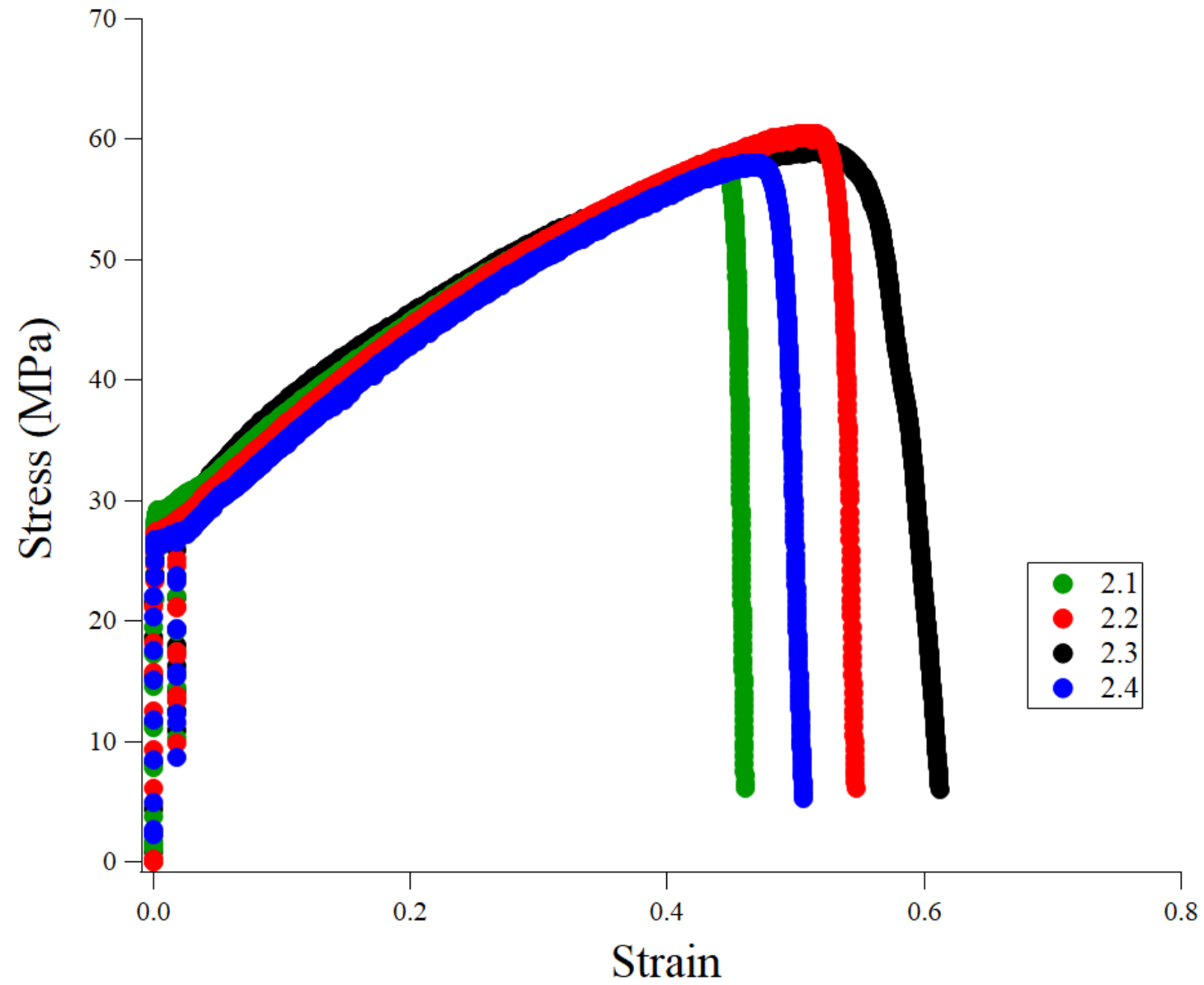


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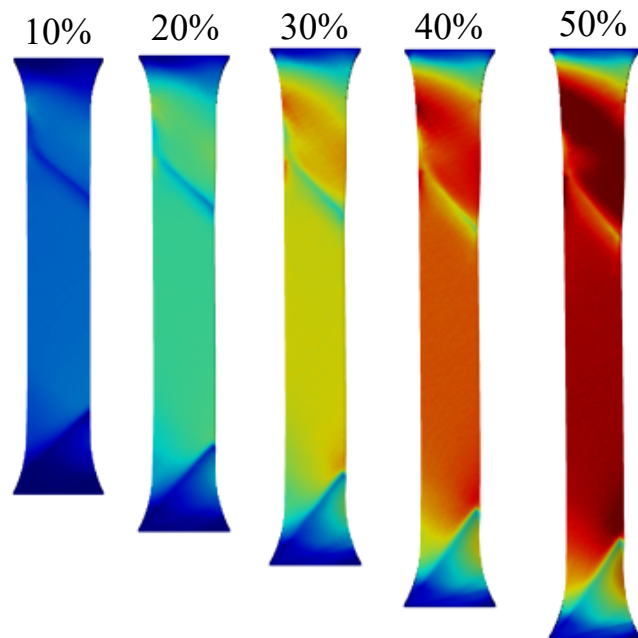
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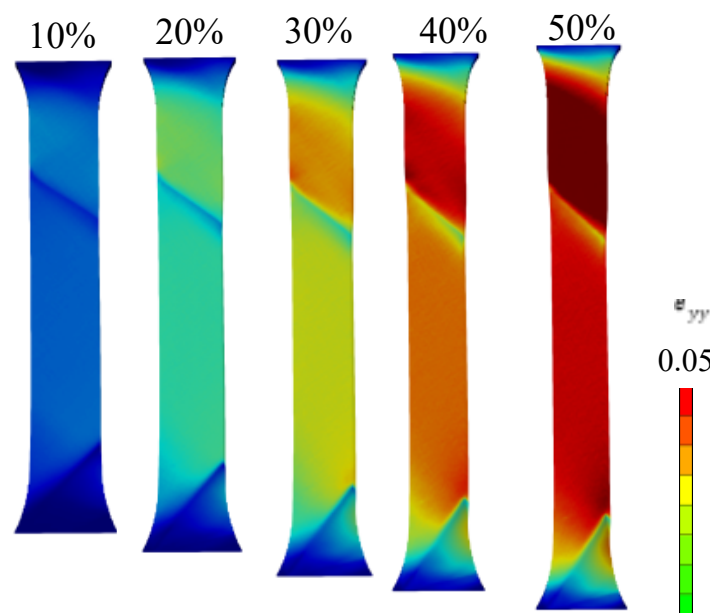
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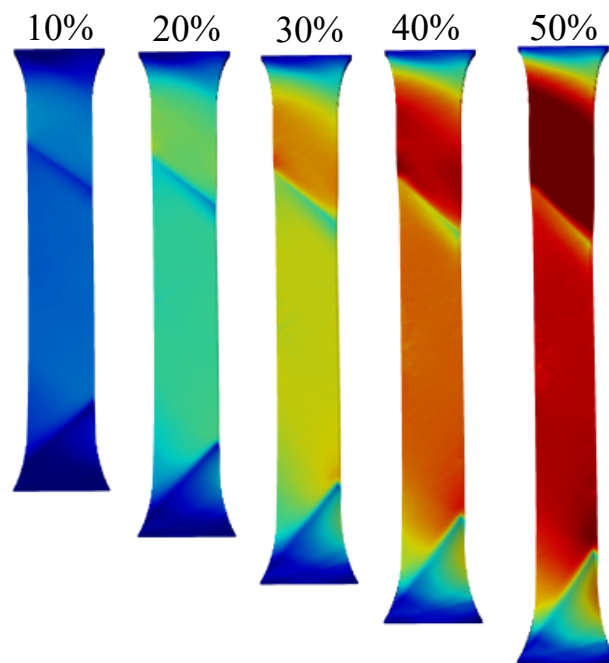
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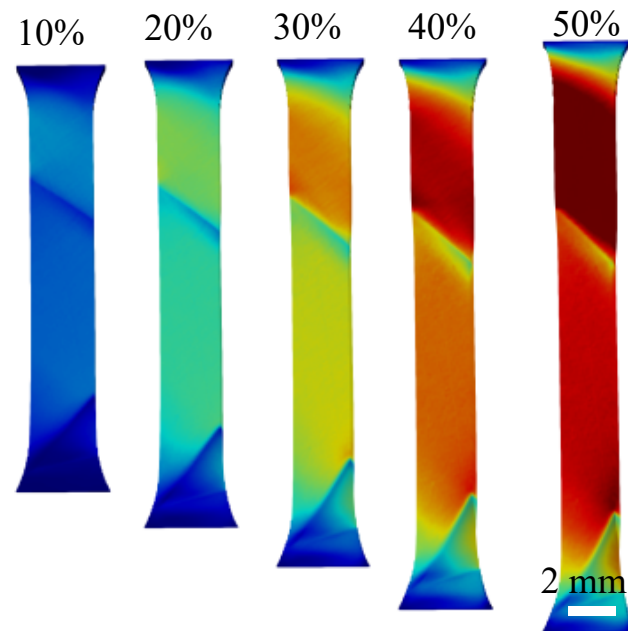
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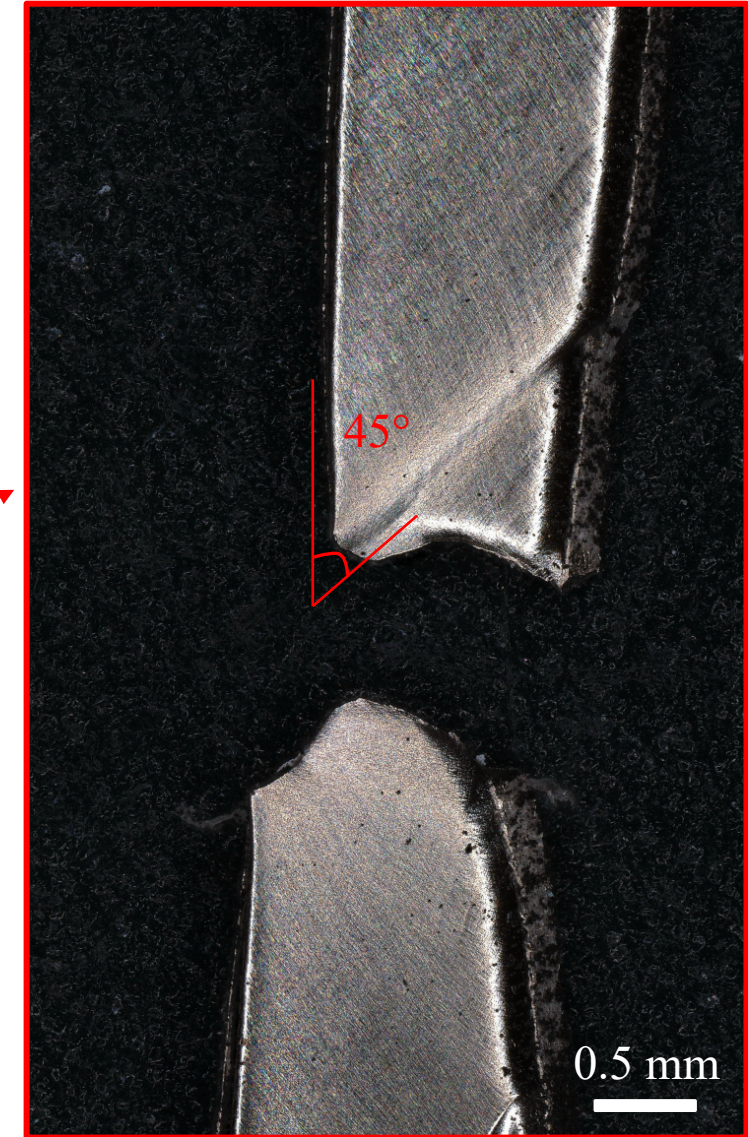
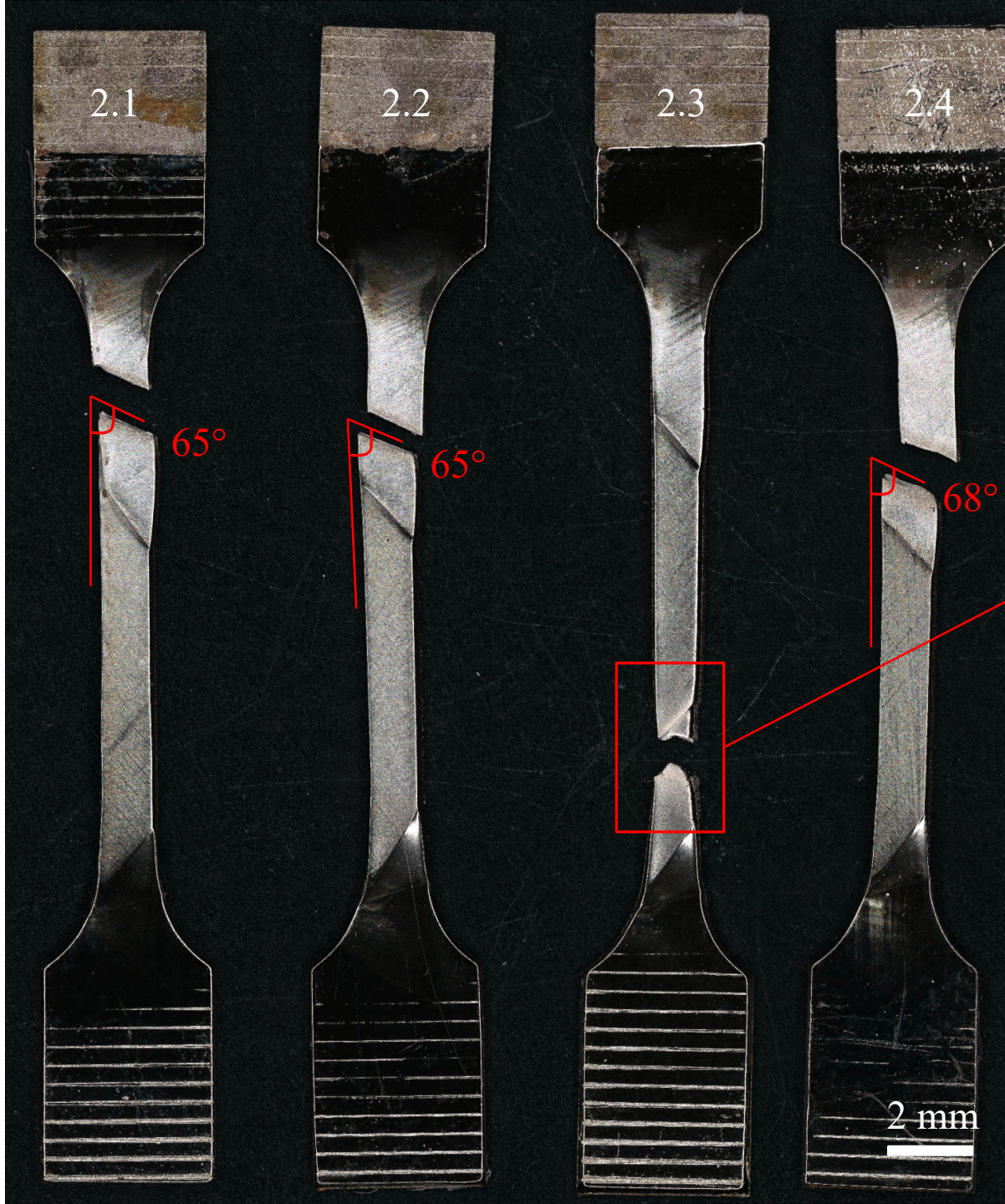


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- Nearly identical CP analysis between clones
- Does not show middle grain strain concentration at initiation
- Does not explain why 2.3 fails in middle grain



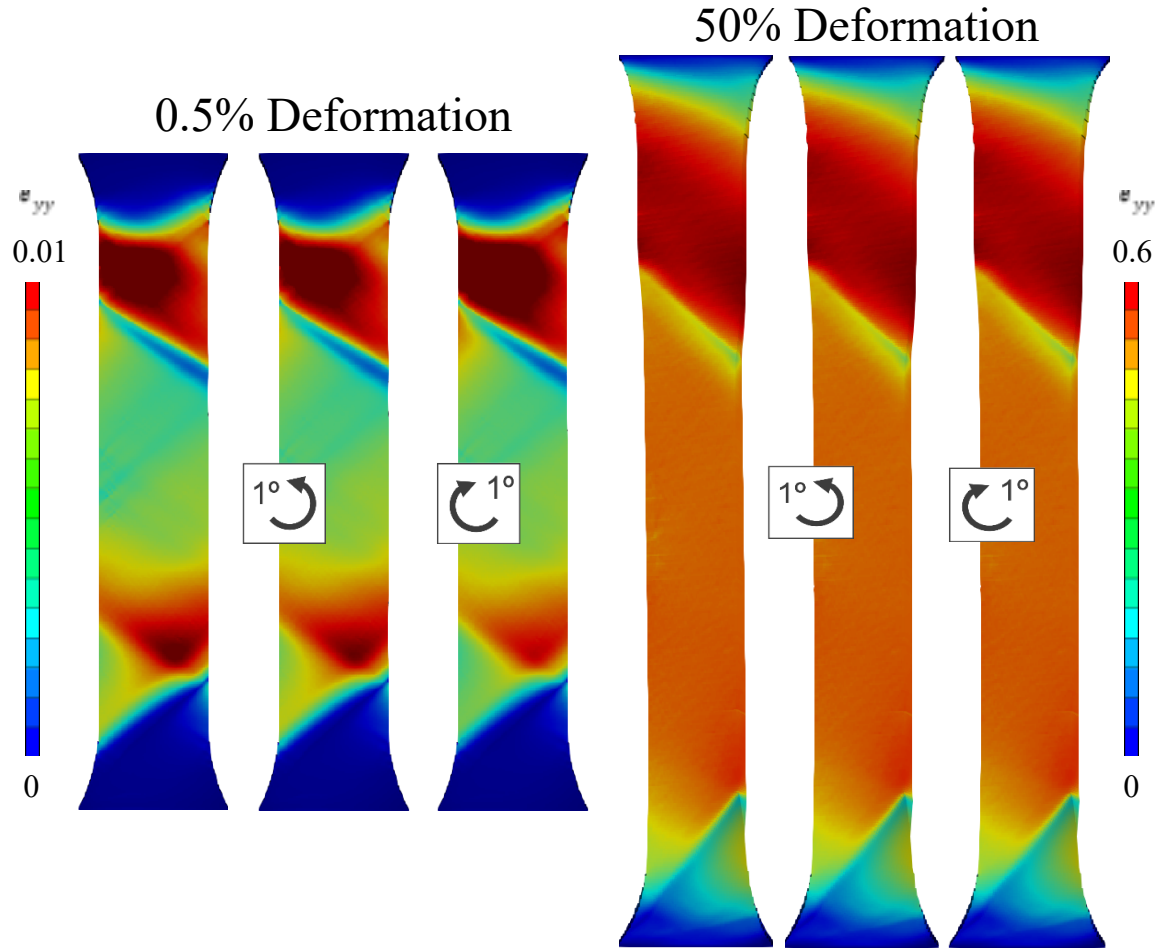
- Specimens had very similar deformation until necking
- Three specimens failed in top grain
- Shear band at  $65^\circ$  without significant necking
- One specimen failed in bottom grain
- Necking followed by shear band formation





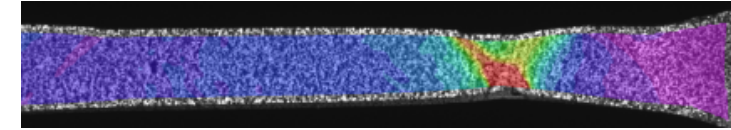
# Why did they fail differently? Geometry and alignment evaluation

Specimen alignment

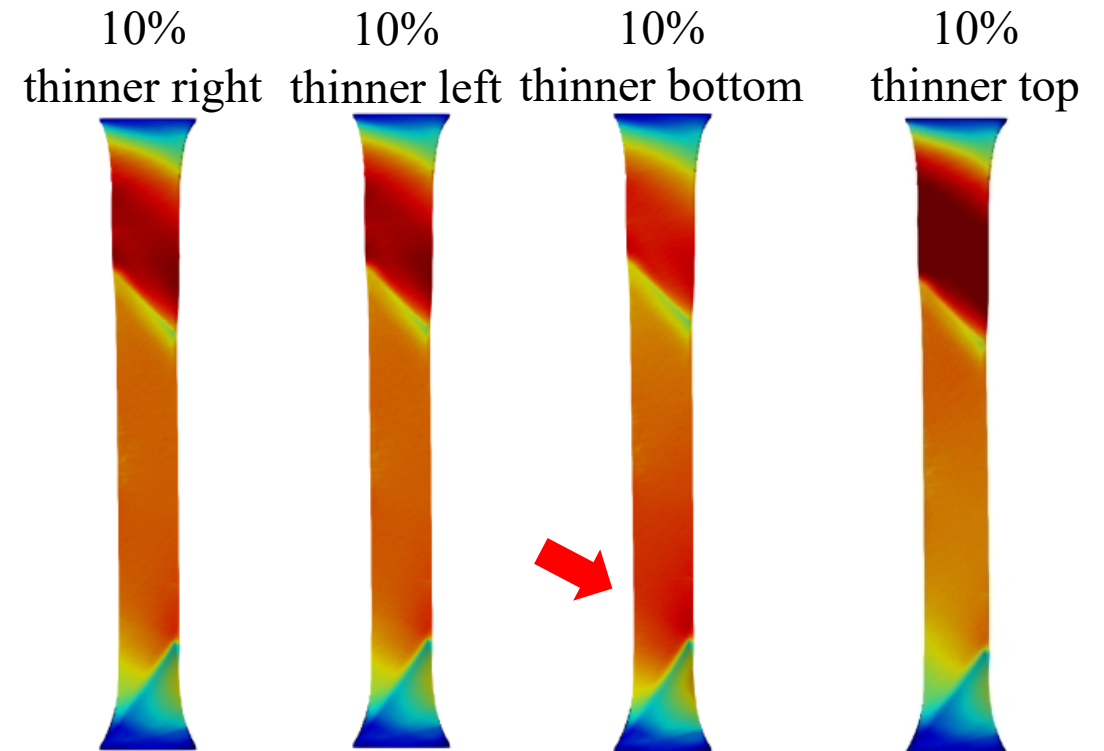


Specimen Geometry

Clone 2.3



Equal Thickness

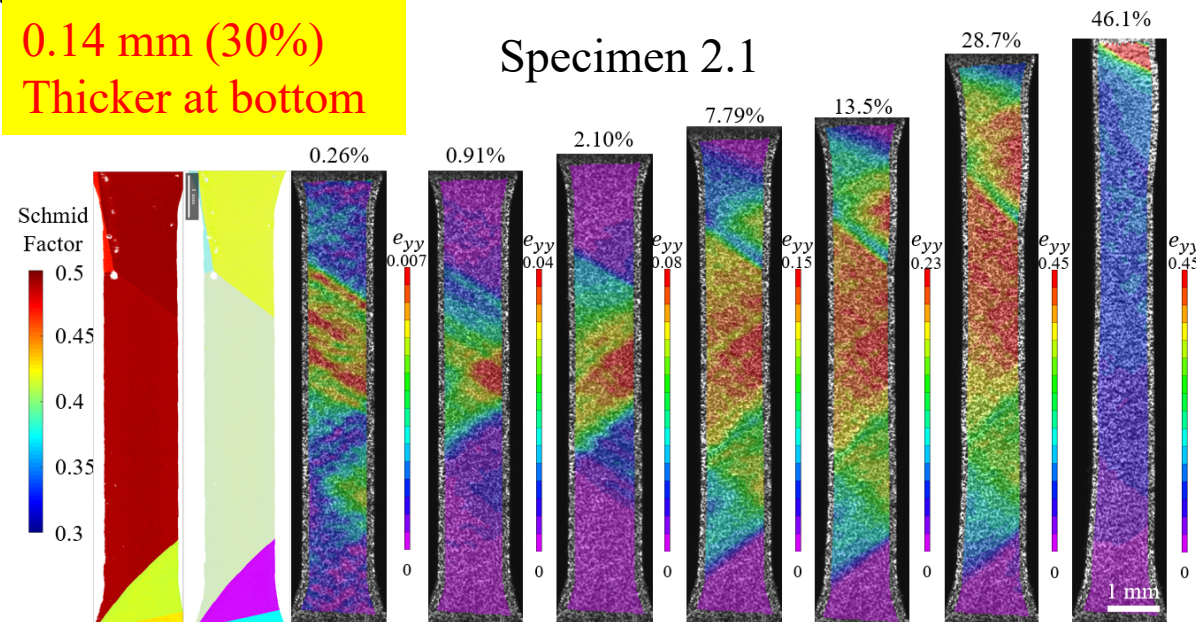




# Measuring Grip Thickness

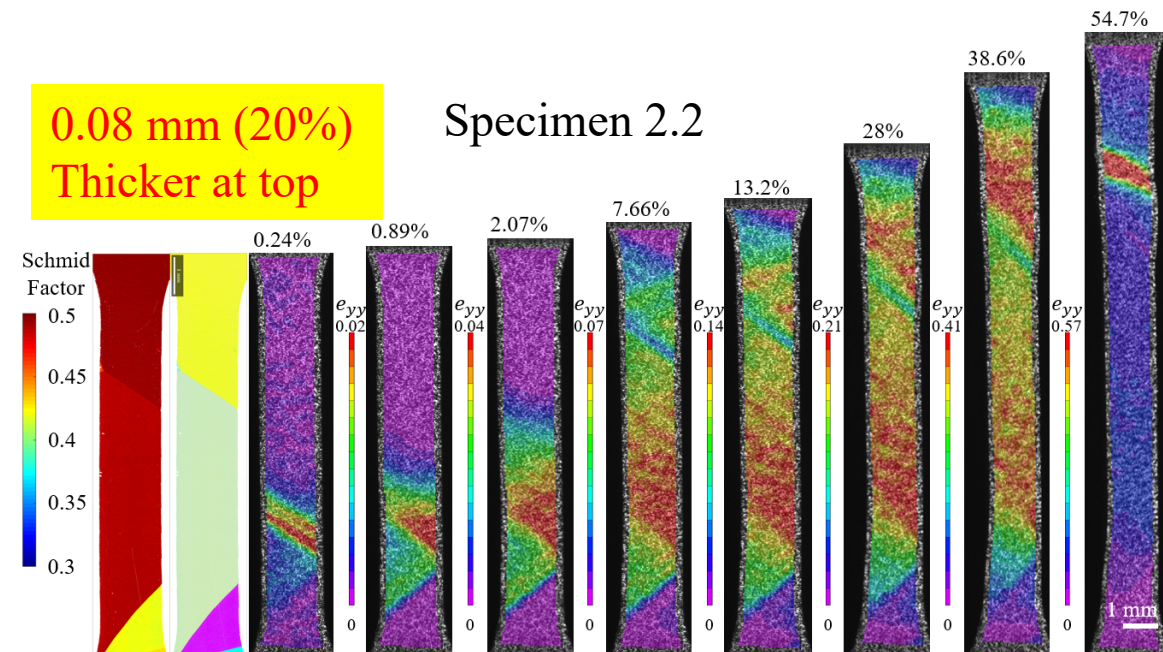
0.14 mm (30%)  
Thicker at bottom

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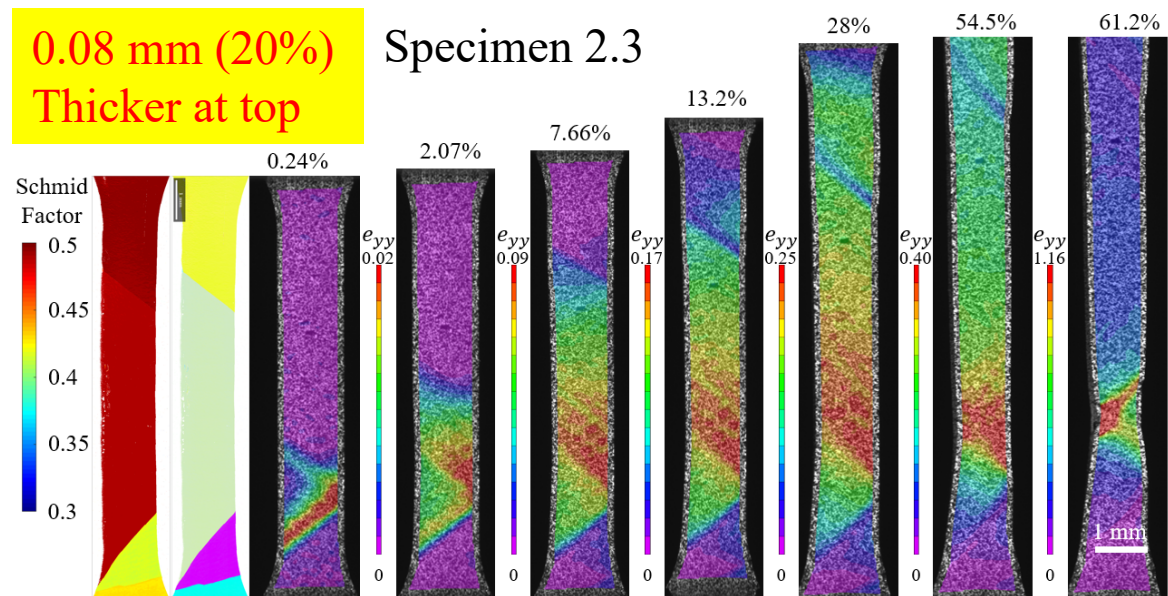
0.08 mm (20%)  
Thicker at top

Specimen 2.2



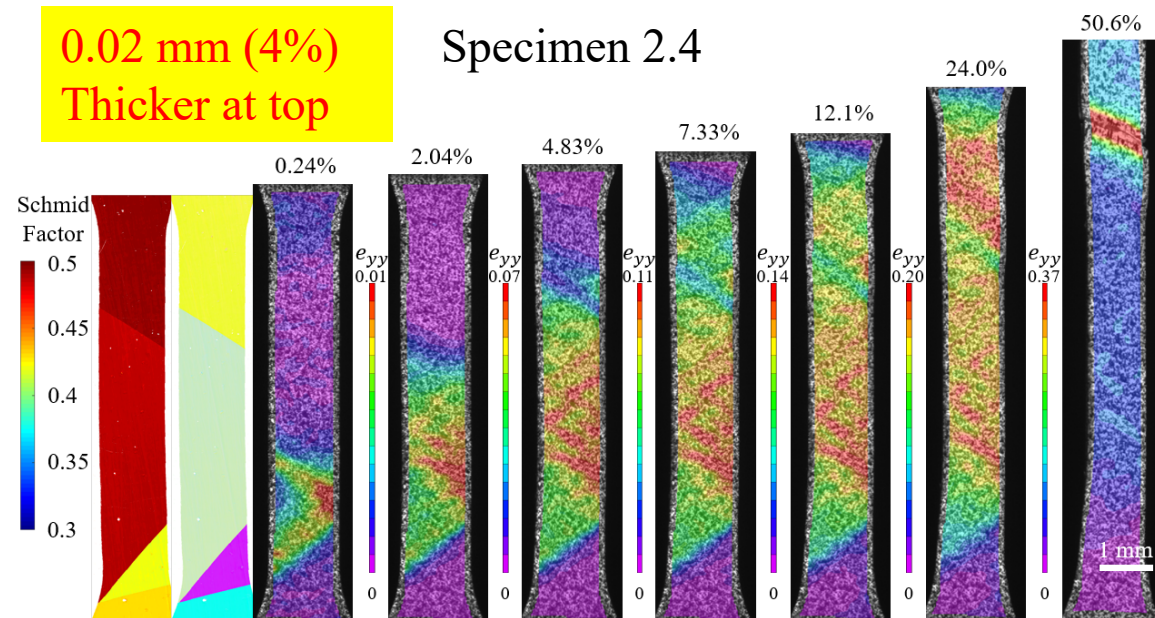
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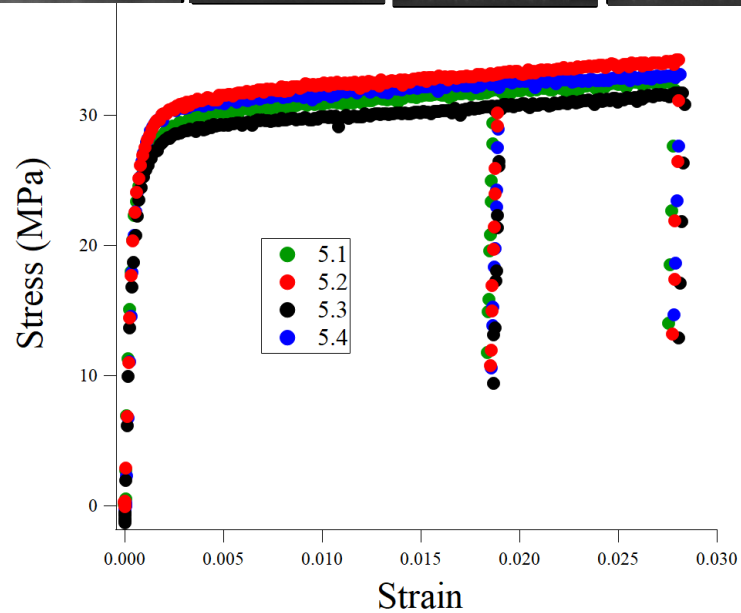
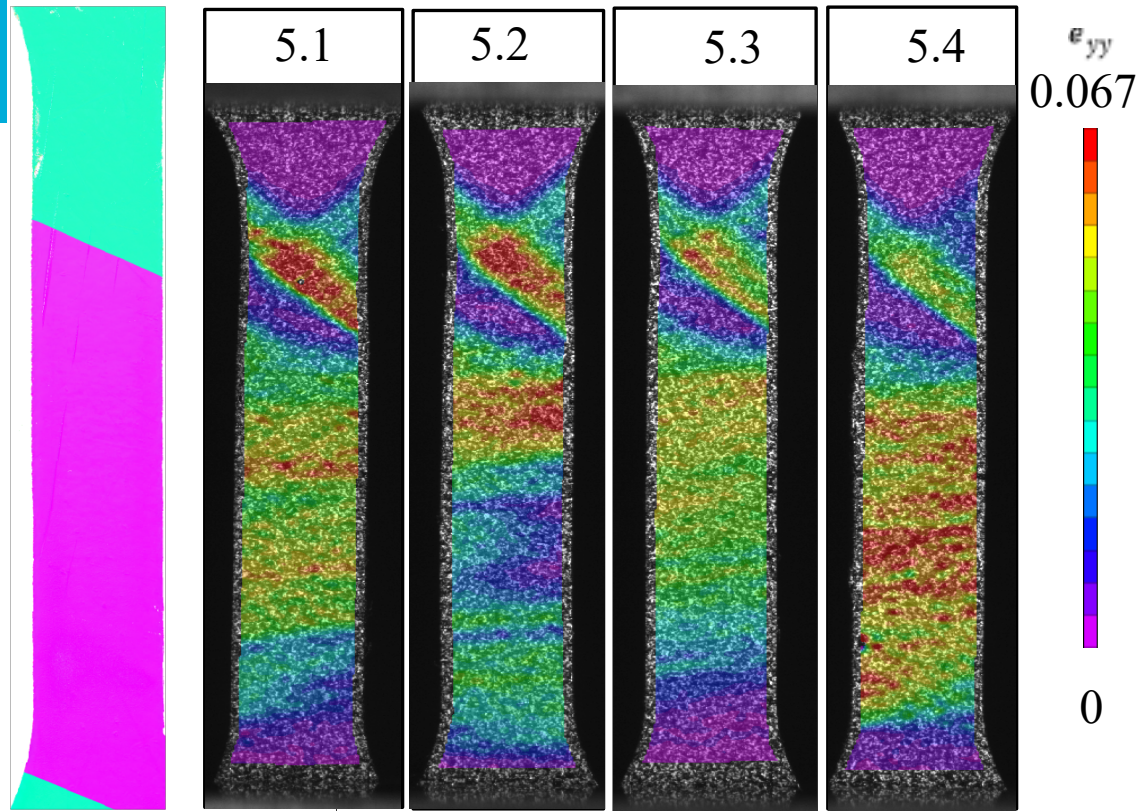


0.02 mm (4%)  
Thicker at top

Specimen 2.4







## Microstructure Clones Summary

- Microstructural clones – nearly identical oligocrystal microstructures
- Repeatable deformation responses and local strain concentration
- Novel experimental tool to investigate the stochasticity and repeatability of microstructures
- Coordination of microstructural clones and computational crystal plasticity to improve models and mechanism understandings



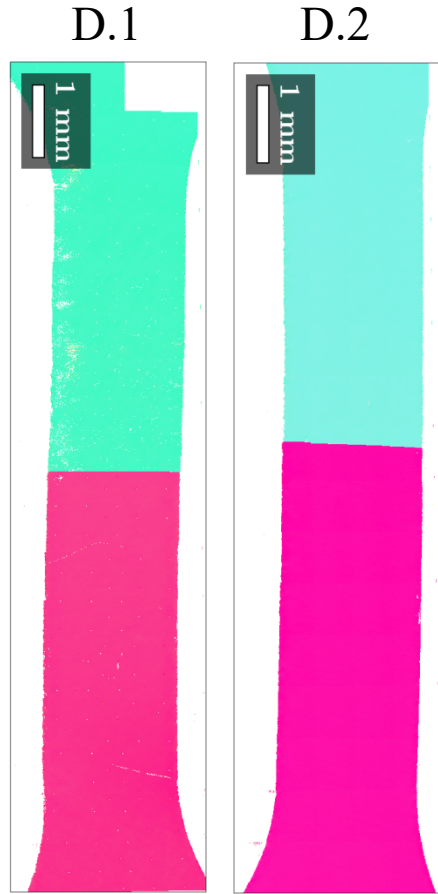


# Extra Slides

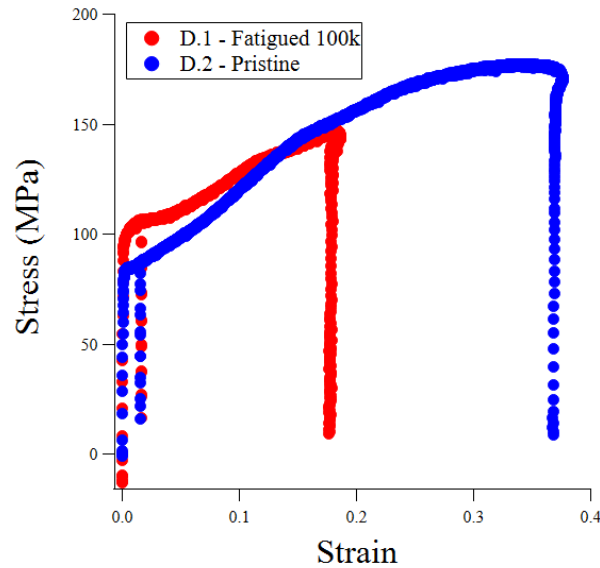


# FUTURE WORK – Effect of Microstructure Modification

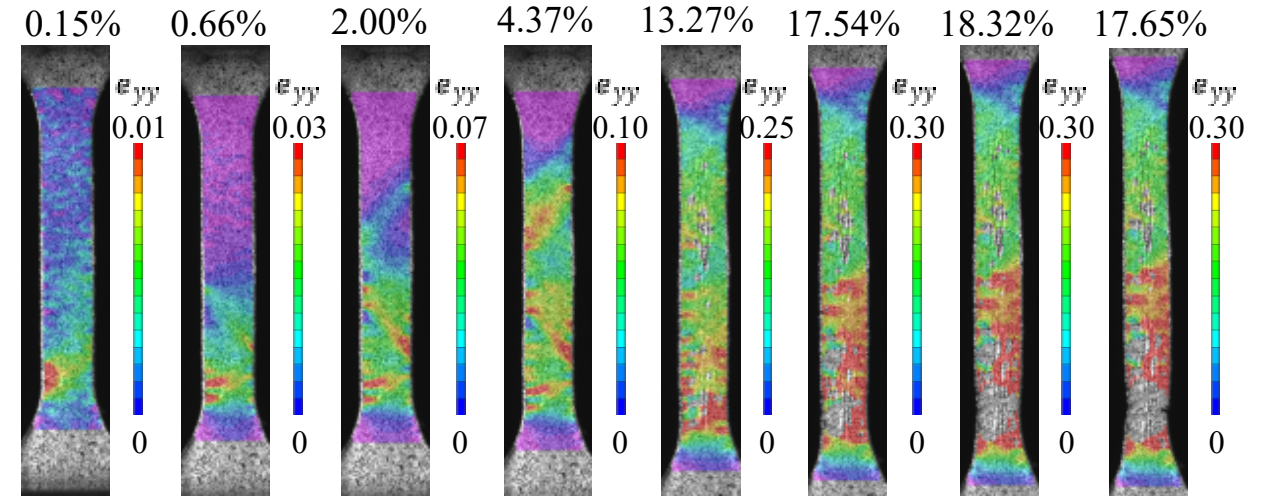
Now that we have developed microstructure clones, how can we use this tool to expand our knowledge on microstructure deformation?



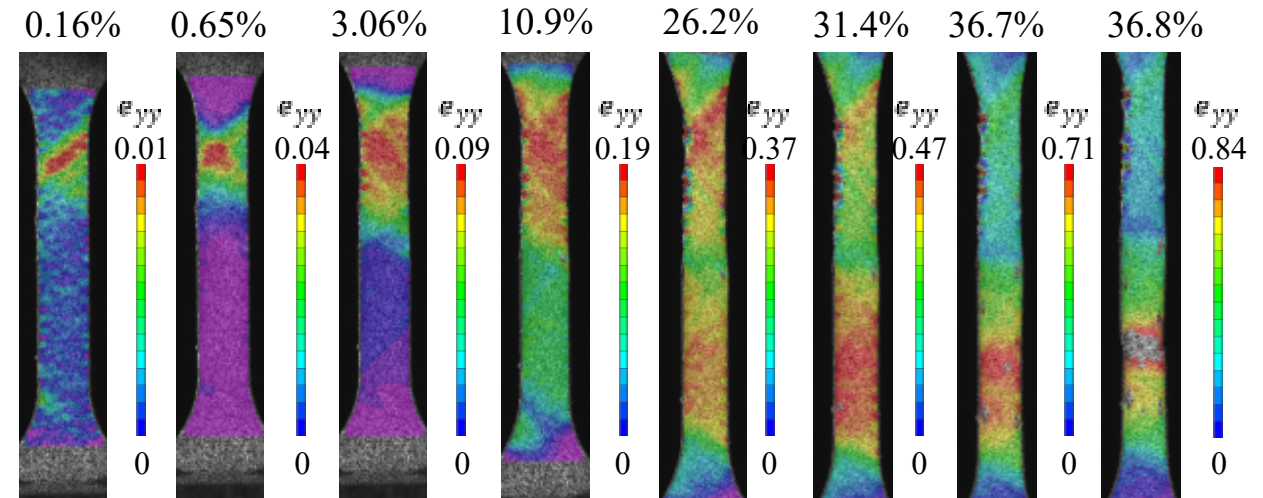
Fatigue one specimen to increase dislocation content



D.1 – After Fatigue Pulled to Failure



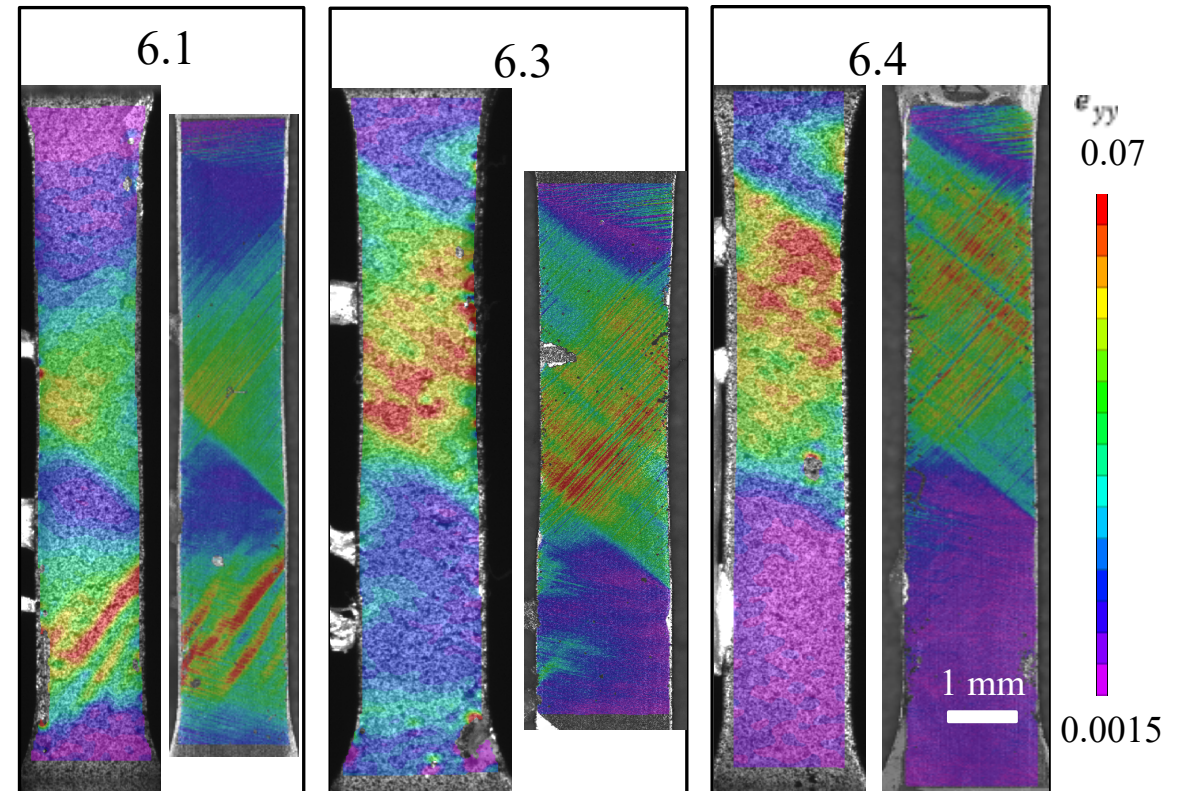
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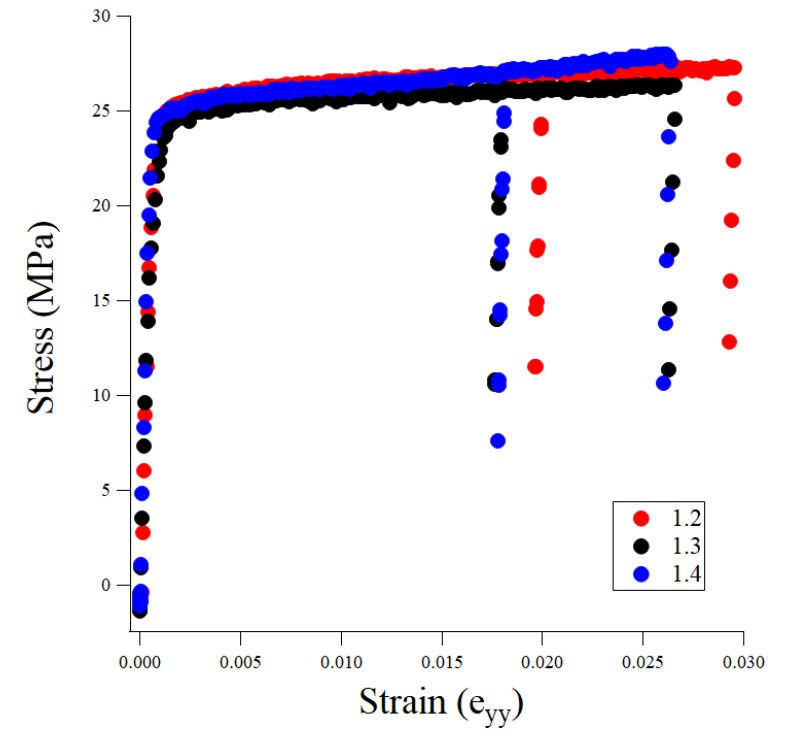
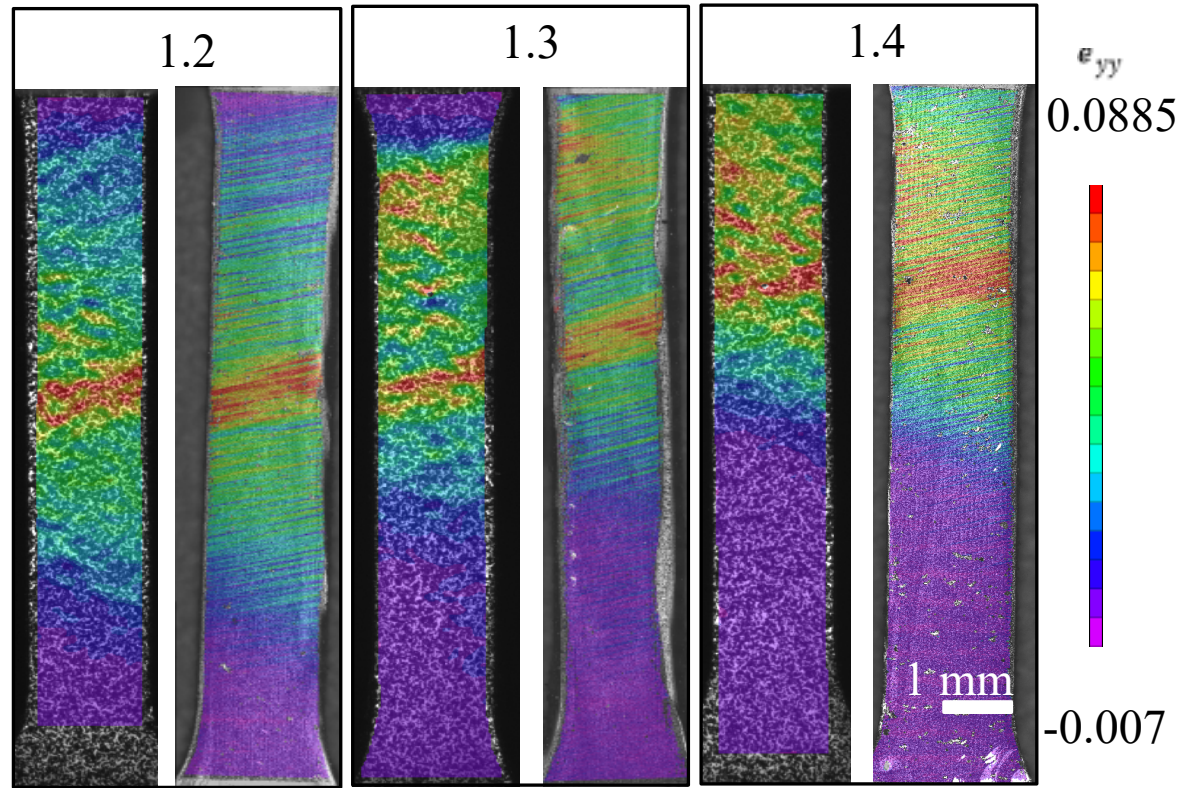


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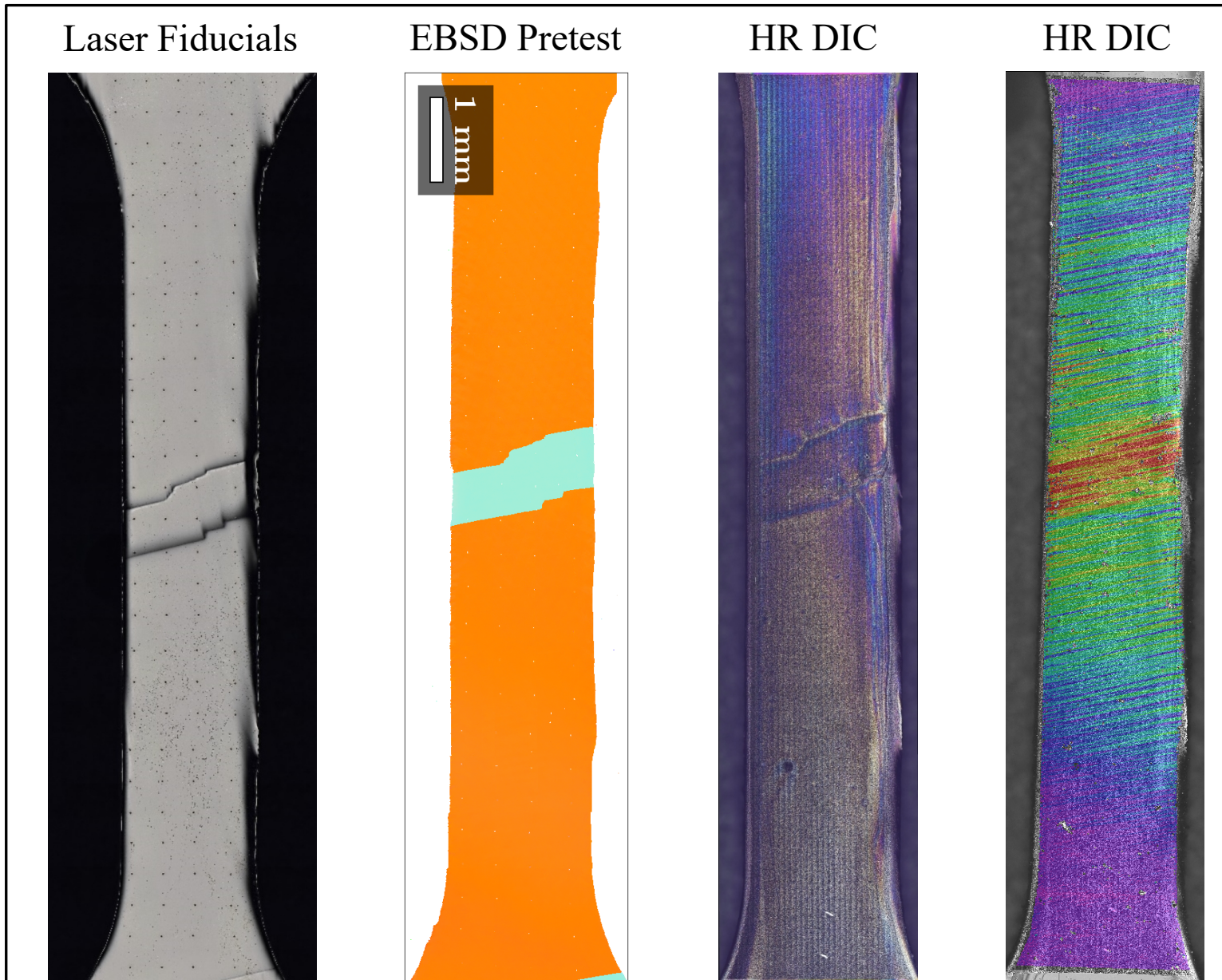


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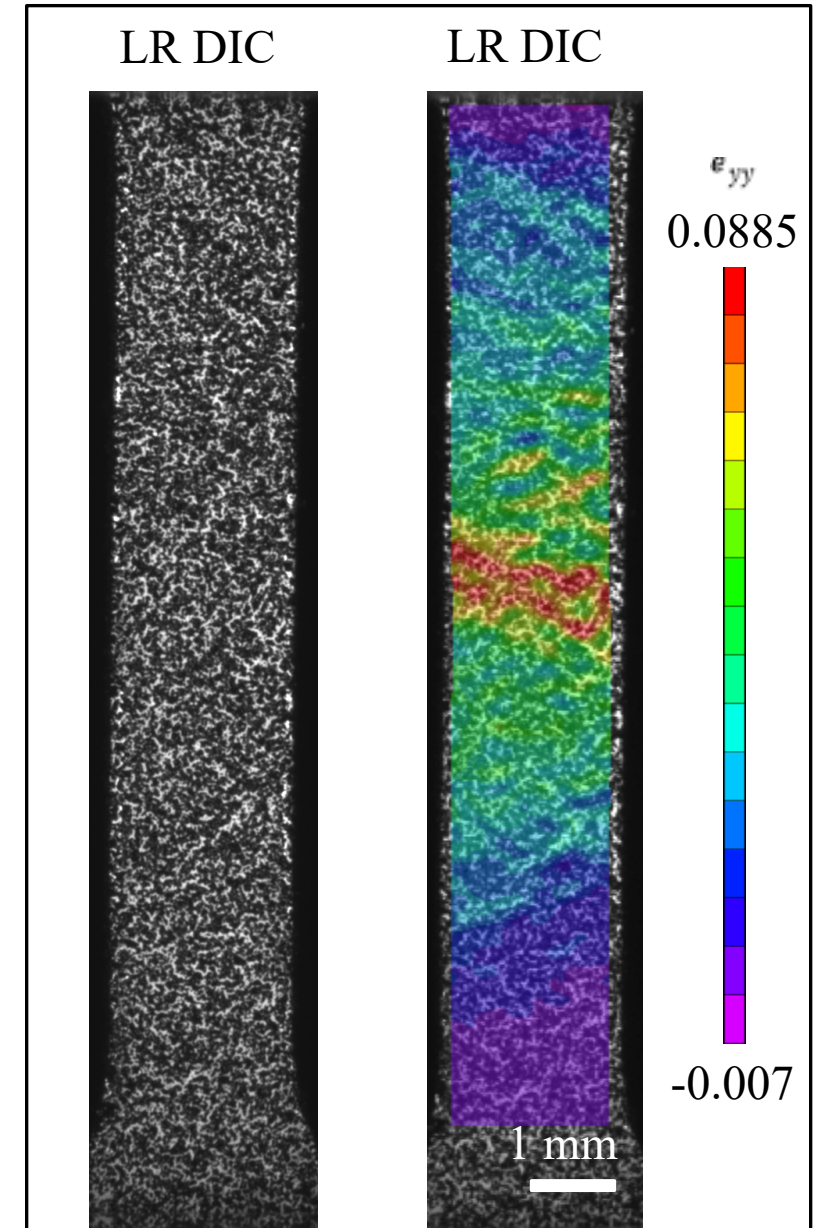


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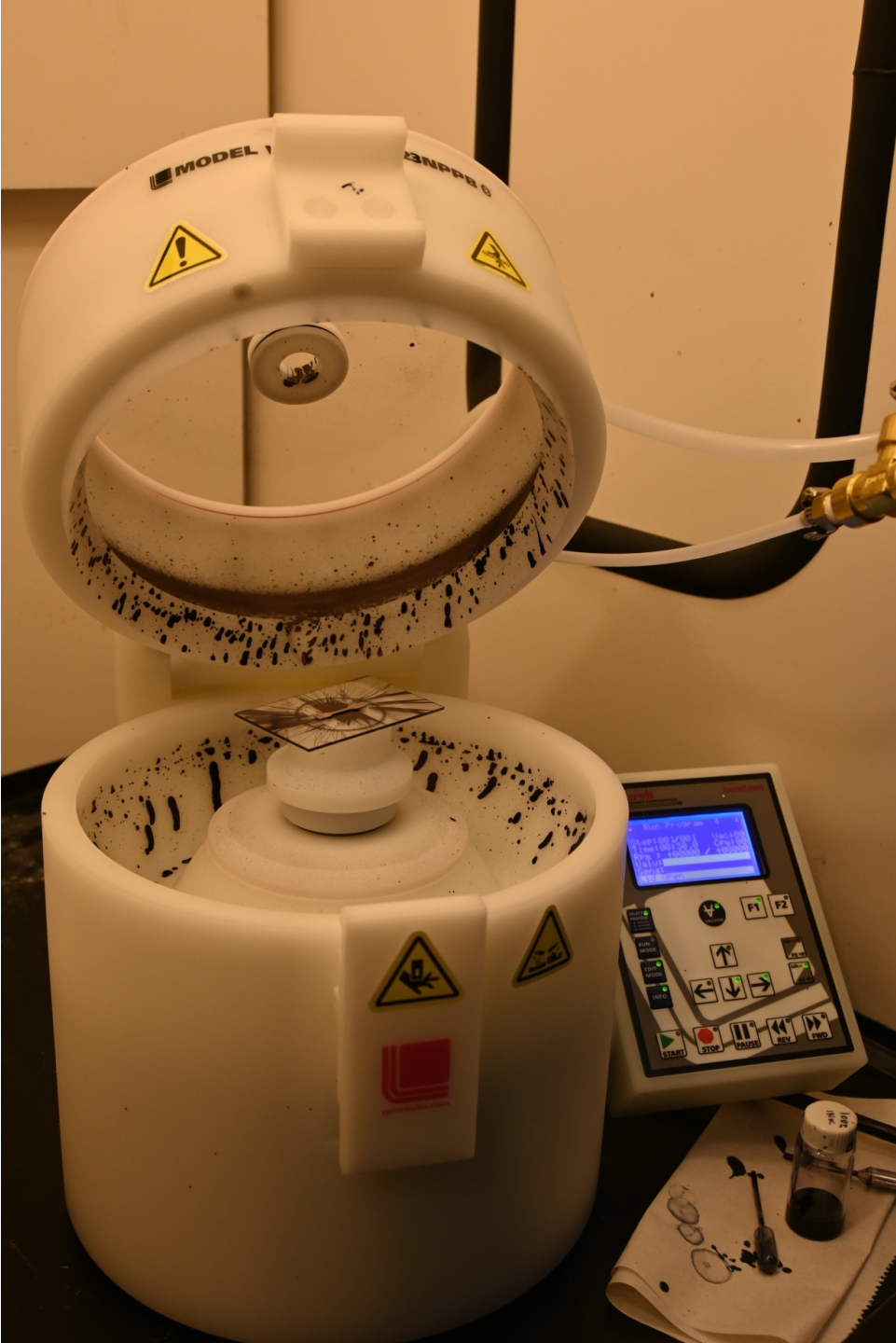
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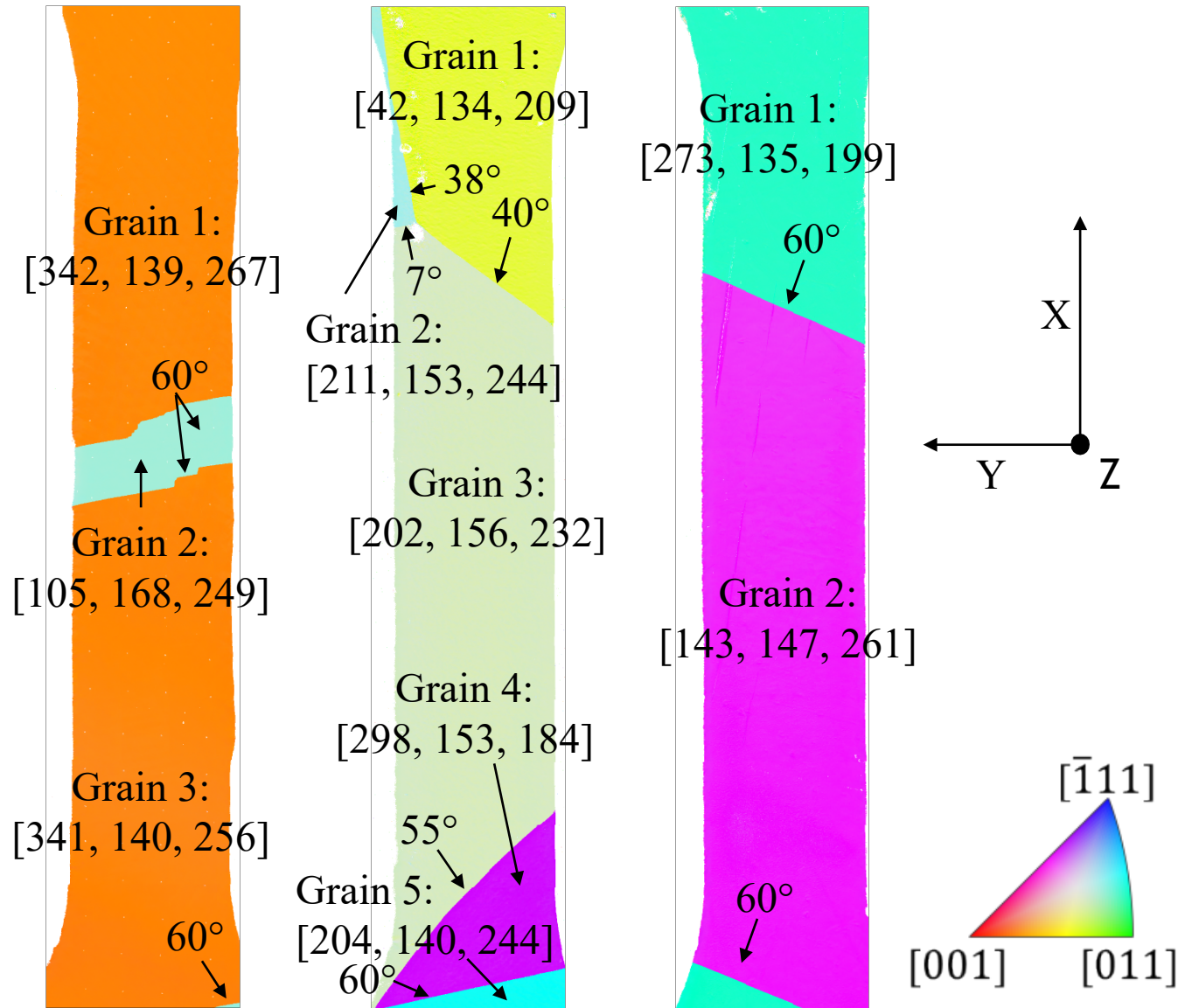






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