

# NANOINDENTATION IN MATERIALS RESEARCH: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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# OUTLINE

## A Brief History

- *the instrument (WCO)*
- *the method for H&E measurement (GMP)*
- *the obvious applications (GMP)*

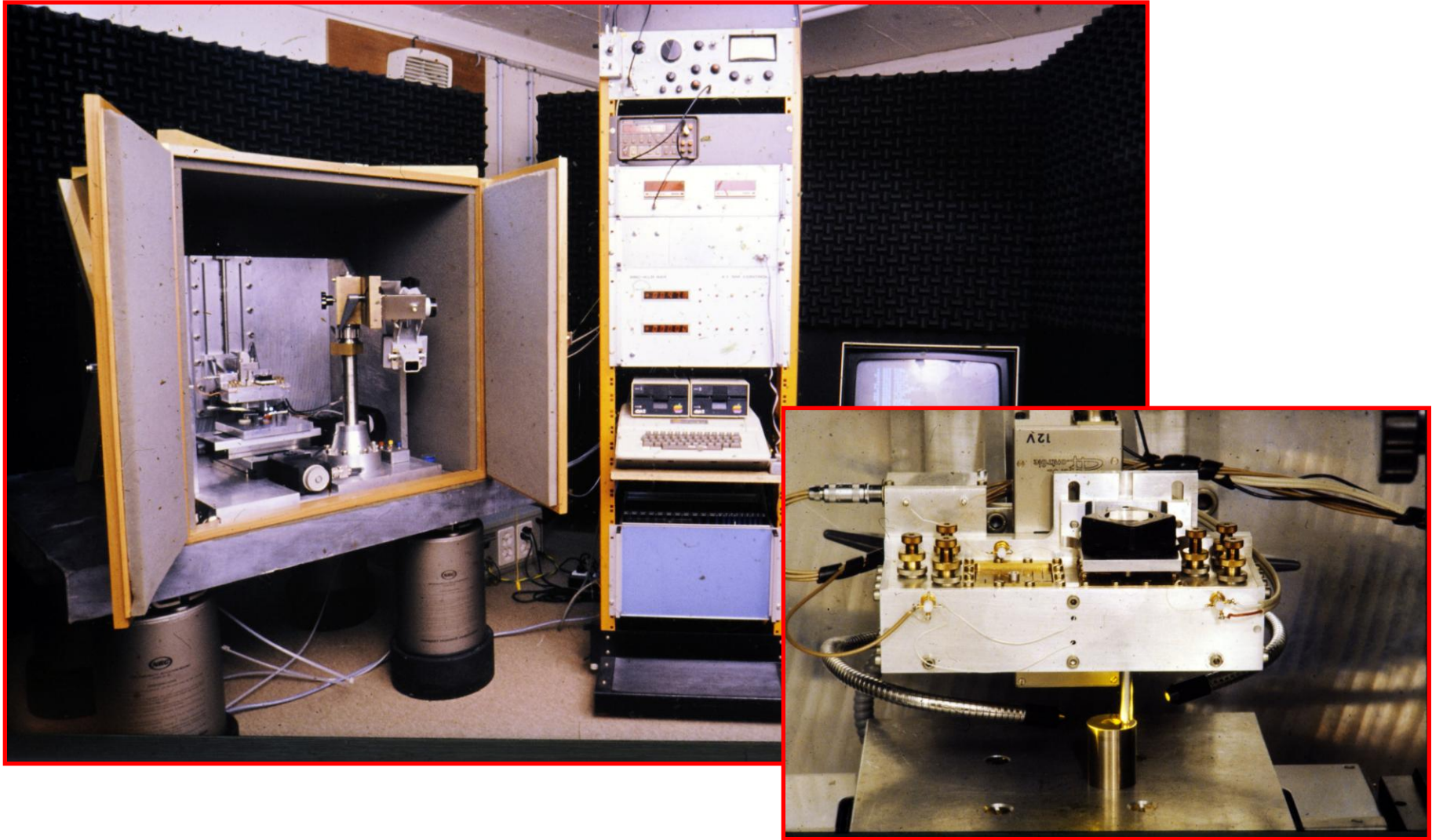
## Some Applications That Weren't So Obvious

- *geology & planetary materials (WCO)*
- *polymers & viscoelastic materials (WCO)*
- *the continuum to atomistic bridge (GMP)*
- *biology & medical science (WCO)*
- *some unusual applications (GMP)*

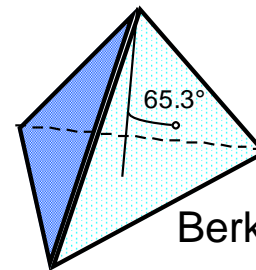
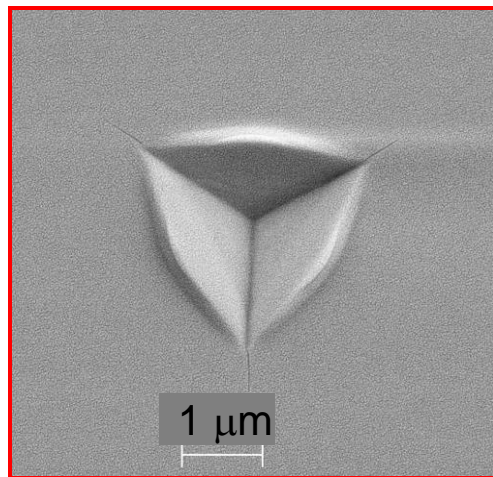
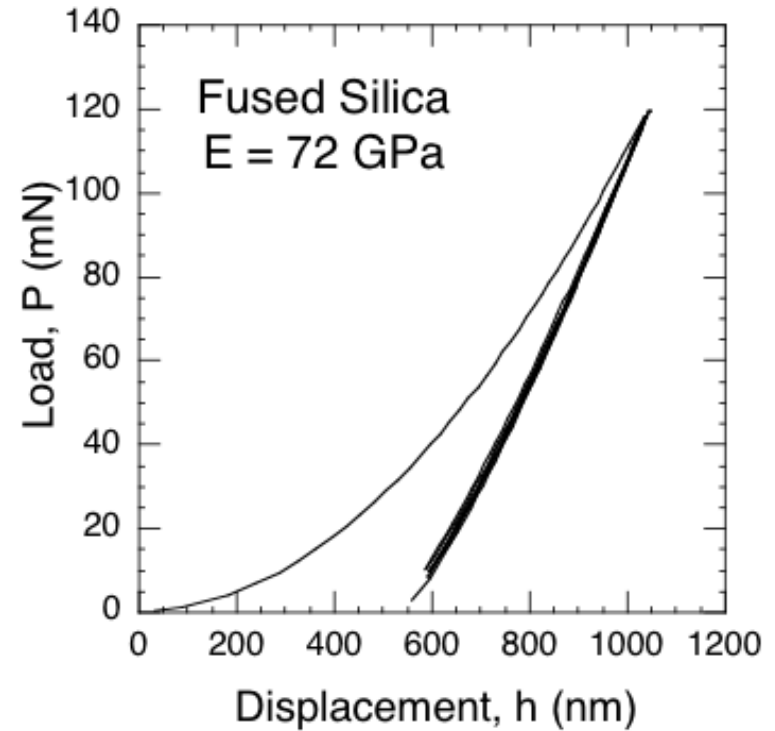
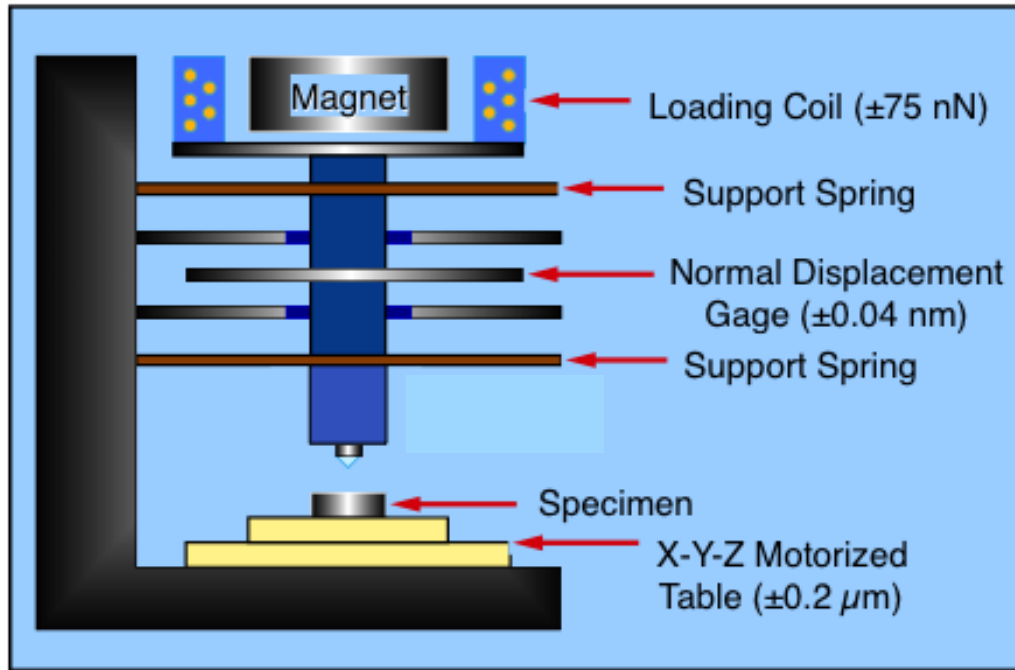
*THE ORIGINAL  
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# THE ORIGINAL NANOINDENTER

- Pethica, Hutchings, and Oliver, *Phil Mag A48*, 593(1983)



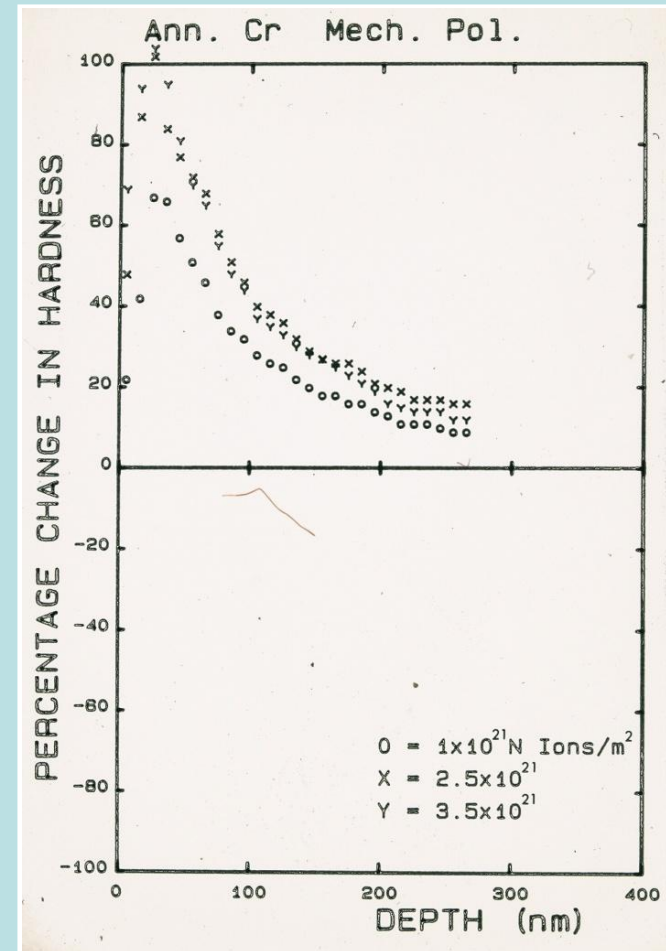
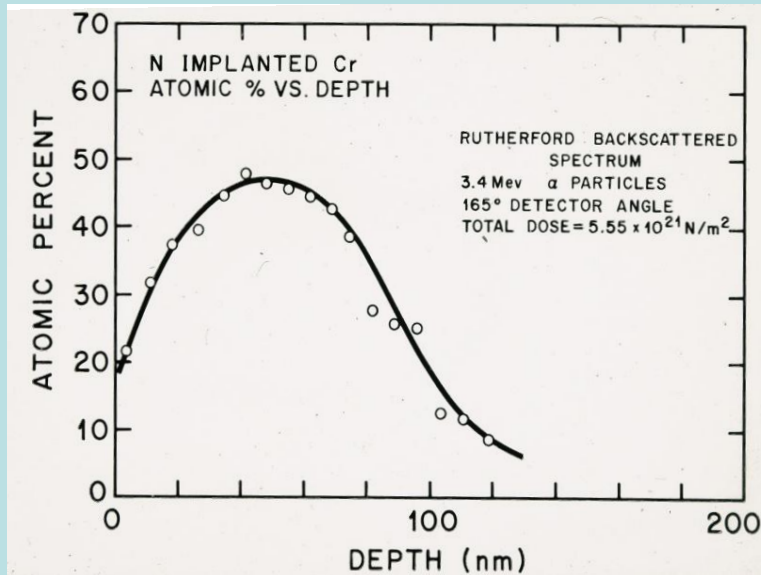
# BASIC MEASUREMENTS



Berkovich indenter

# THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION

- *Hardness of ion-implanted metals*



- Pethica, Hutchings and Oliver, *Nuclear Instruments and Methods*, 209/210 (1983)

*THE METHOD:  
A BRIEF OVERVIEW*



# KEY PRIOR WORK

N.A. Stillwell & D. Tabor

*“Elastic recovery of conical indentations”*

*Proc. Phys. Soc. London* **78**, 169 (1961)

I.N. Sneddon

*“The relation between load and penetration in the axisymmetric Boussinesq problem for a punch of arbitrary profile”*

*Int. J. Engng. Sci.* **3**, 47 (1965)

S.I. Bulychev et al.

*“Determination of Young’s modulus according to indentation diagram”*

*Zavod. Lab.* **41**, 1137 (1975)

J.L. Loubet et al.

*“Vickers indentation curves of magnesium oxide (MgO)”*

*J. Tribology* **106**, 43 (1984)

M.F. Doerner & W.D. Nix

*“A method for interpreting the data from depth-sensing indentation instruments”*

*JMR* **1**, 601 (1986)



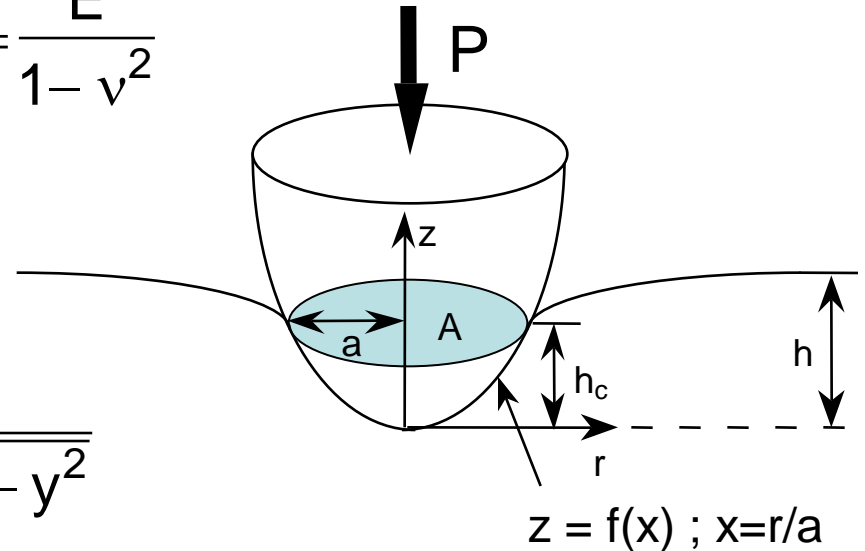
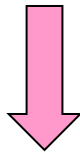
# THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUATION

- Pharr, Brotzen, & Oliver, *J Mater Res* **7**, 613 (1992)

$$P(a) = 2E_{\text{eff}} a \int_0^1 \frac{x^2 f'(x) dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}; \quad E_{\text{eff}} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2}$$

$$h(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{f'(x) dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$h_c = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \int_0^1 \frac{yf(y) dy}{(y^2 - x^2) \sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

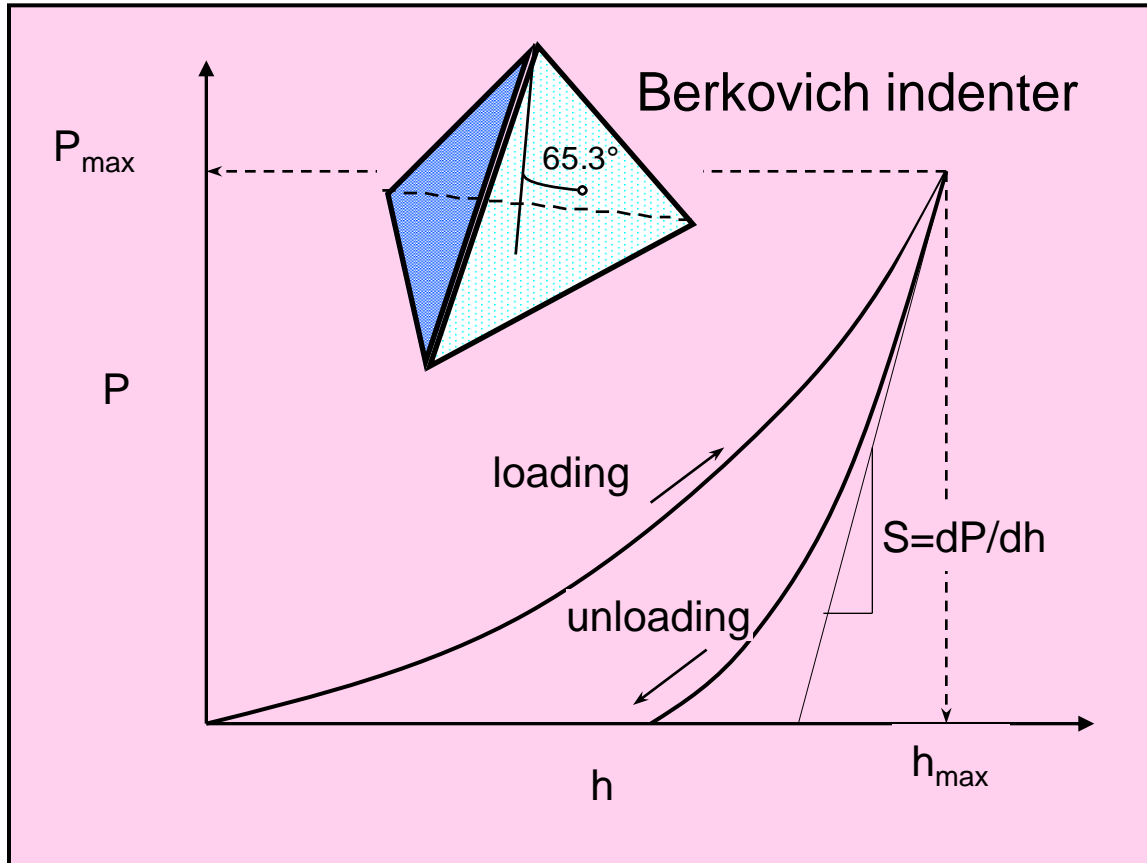


Sneddon, *Int J Engrg Sci* **3**, 47 (1965)

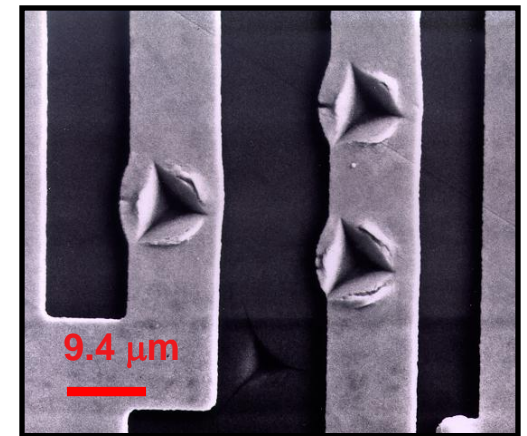
$$S = \frac{dP}{dh} = 2E_{\text{eff}} a = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} E_{\text{eff}} \sqrt{A}$$

# HARDNESS & MODULUS MEASUREMENT

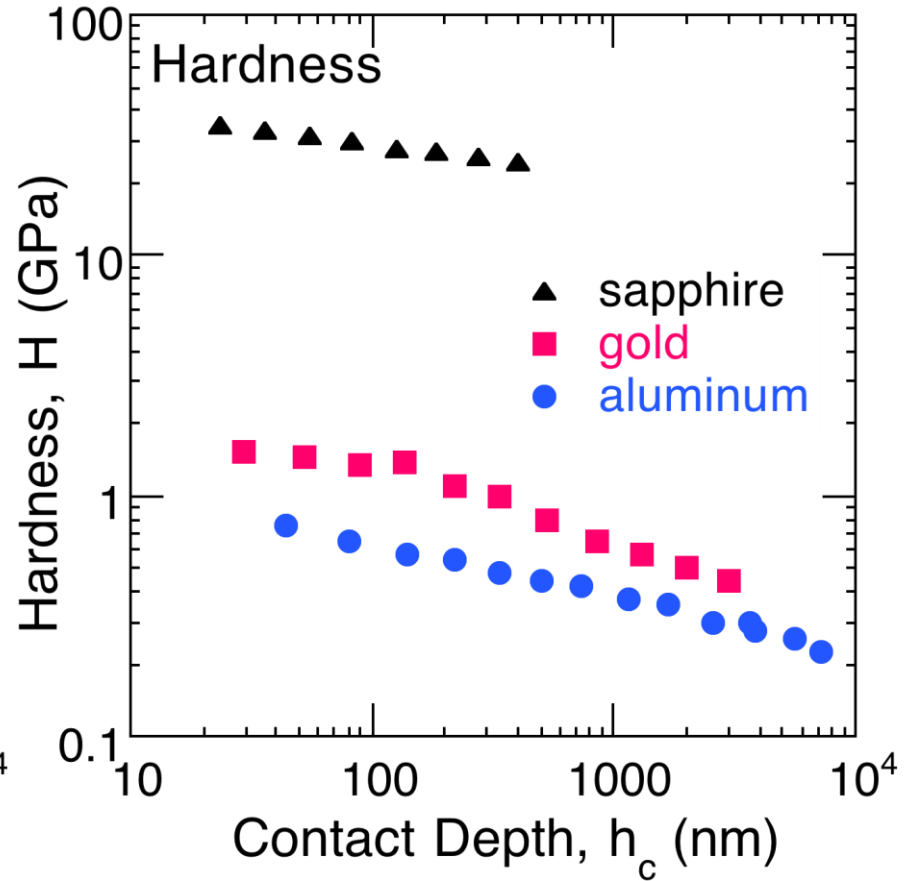
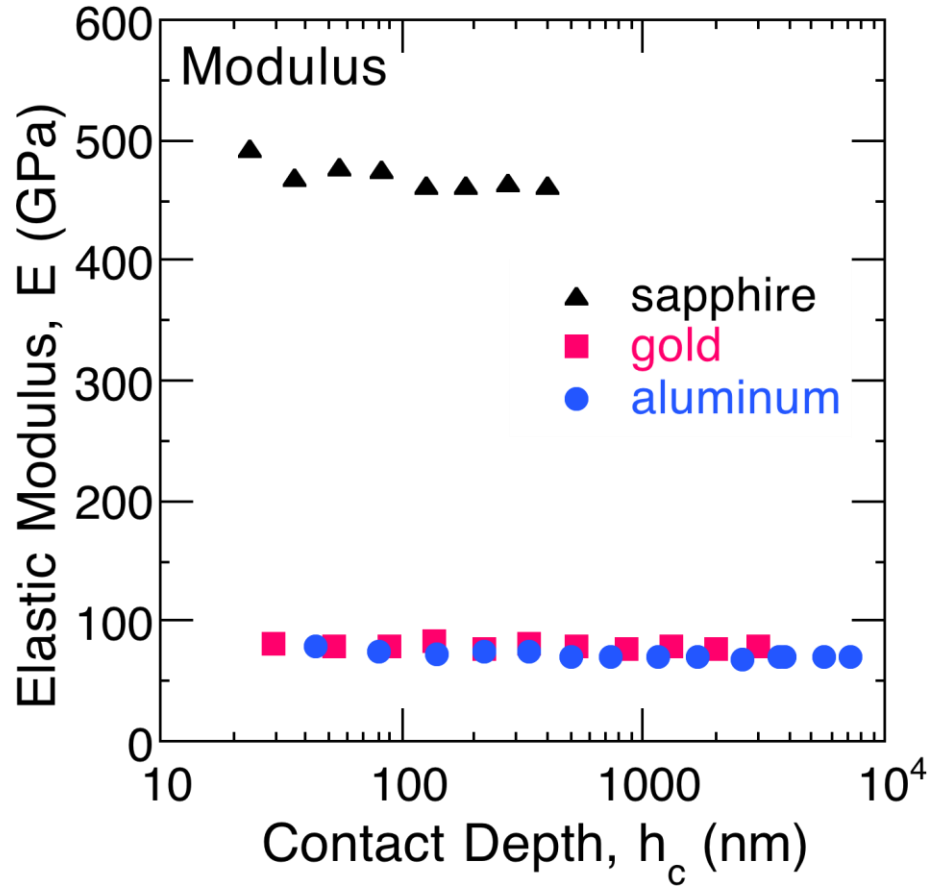
- Oliver & Pharr, *J Mater Res* 7, 1564 (1992)



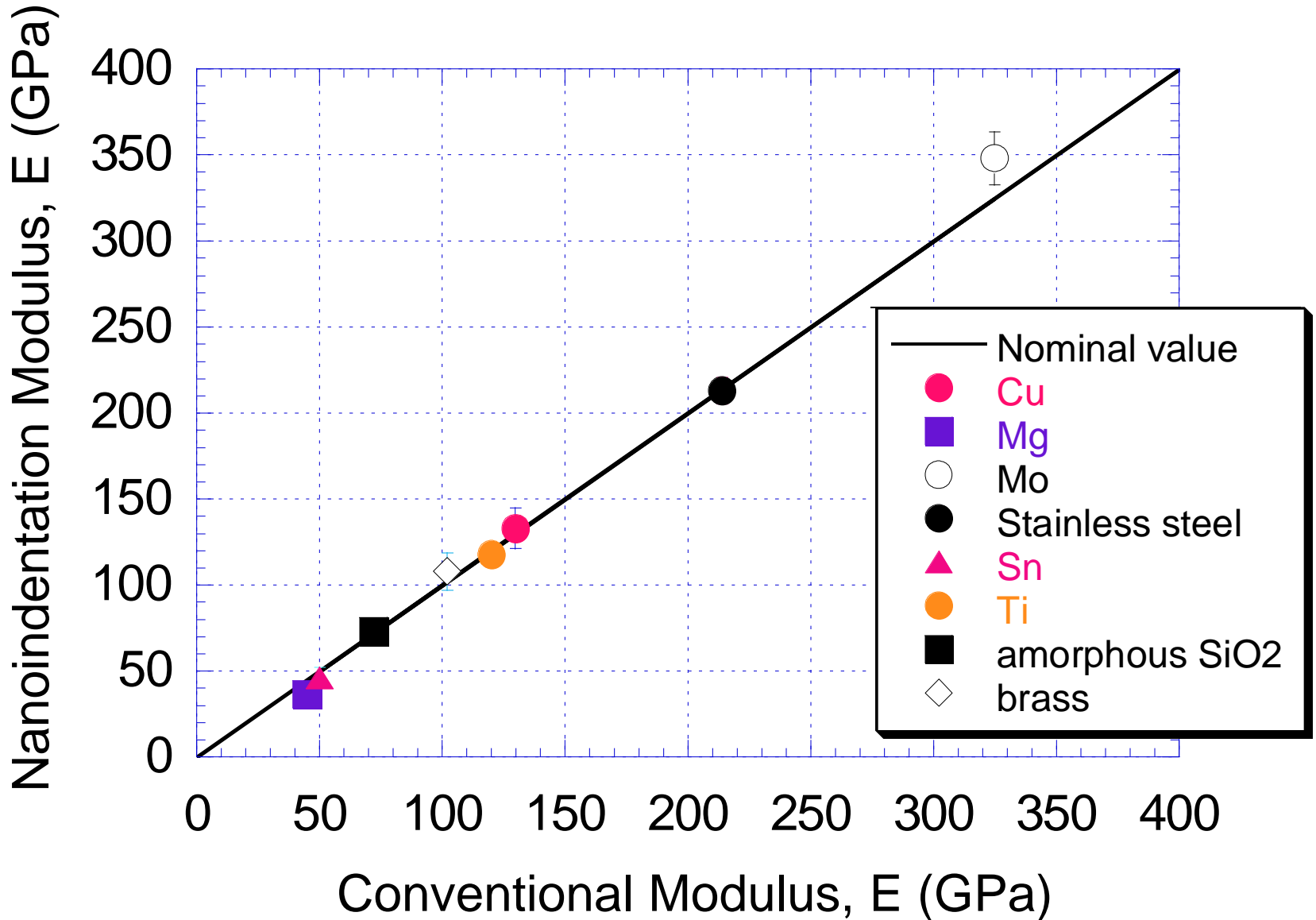
$$h_c = h_{\max} - \varepsilon \frac{P_{\max}}{S}$$
$$A = A(h_c) \quad (\text{area function})$$
$$H = \frac{P}{A}$$
$$E_{\text{eff}} = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} = \frac{S}{2a} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \frac{S}{\sqrt{A}}$$



# MONOLITHIC MATERIALS

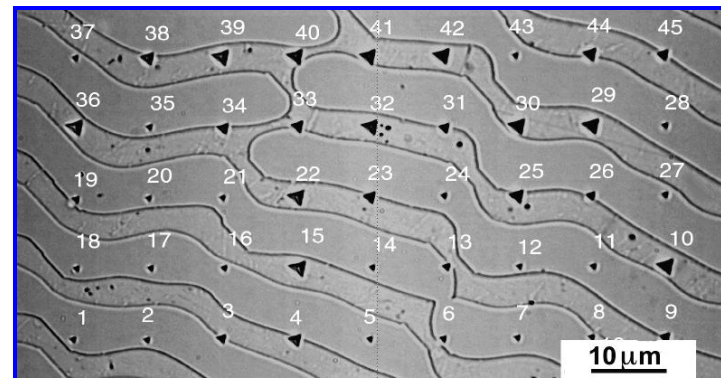
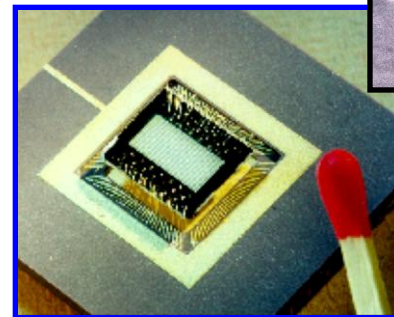
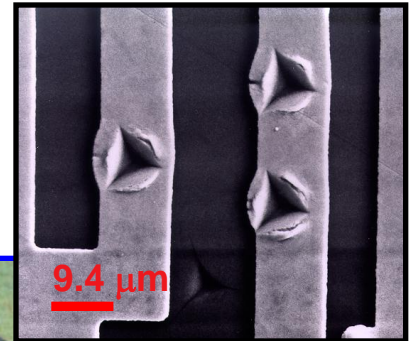


# ASSESSMENT OF METHOD



# OBVIOUS APPLICATIONS

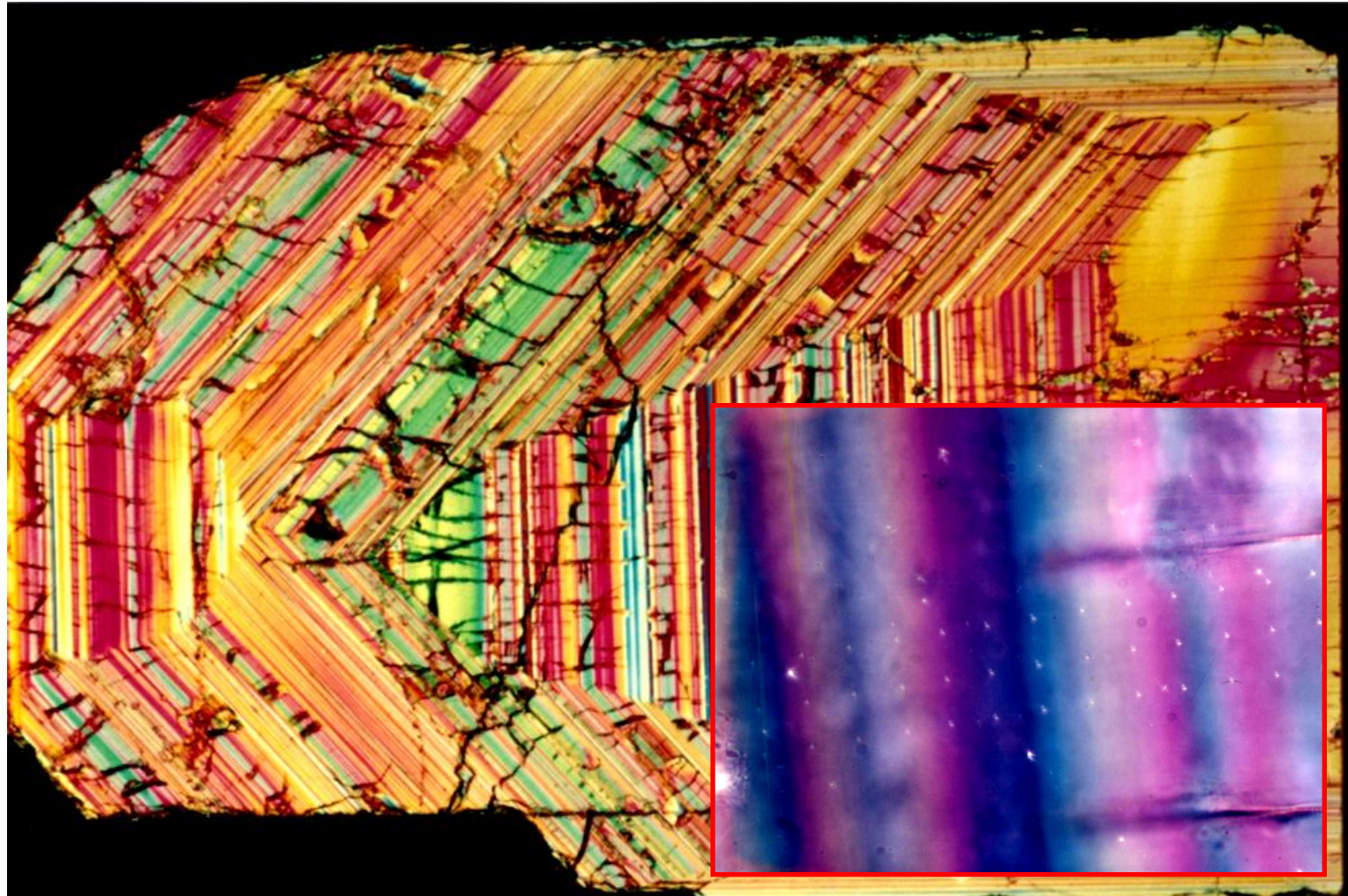
- *Surface modified materials*
  - ion implanted
  - laser treated
  - radiation damaged
- *Thin films*
  - semiconductor
  - magnetic storage
  - optical coatings
- *Materials of limited size*
  - powders
  - small crystals
- *Composite & multiphase materials*
- *Hard coatings*
  - machine tool
  - thermal spray
  - diamond-like carbon (DLC)
- *Weldments & joints*



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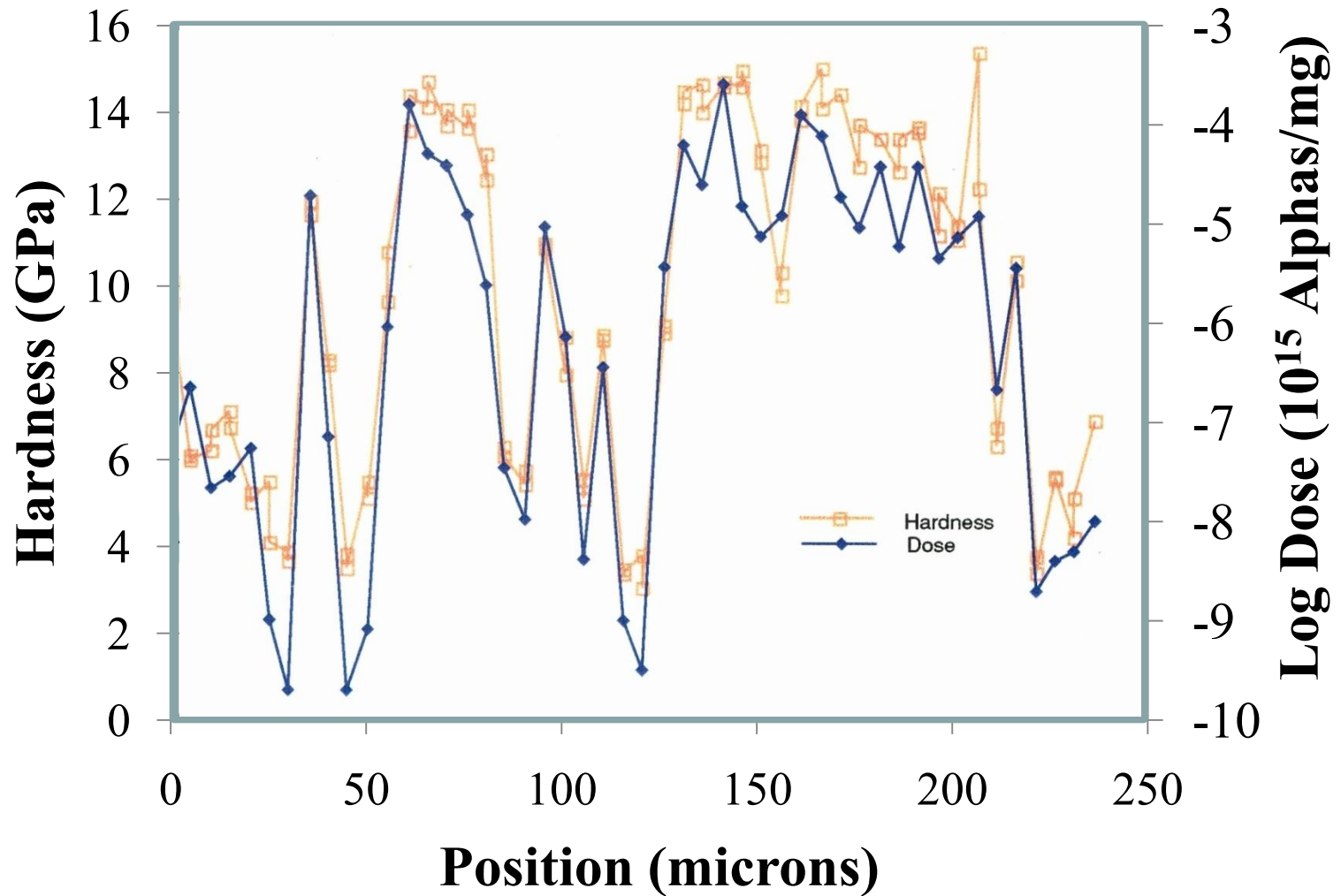
# LONG TERM RADIATION DAMAGE



- Chakoumakos, Oliver, Lumpkin and Ewing, *Radiation Effects and Defects in Solids*, 118 (1991)



# RADIATION DAMAGED ZIRCON

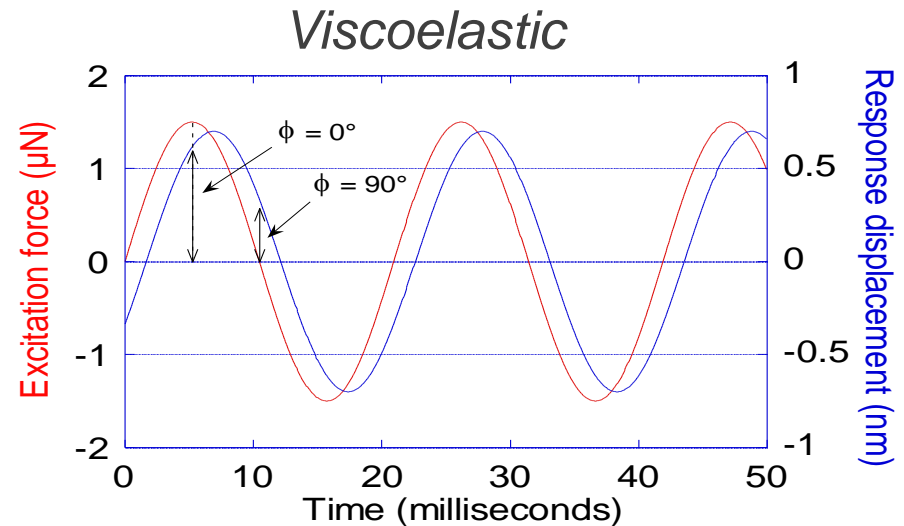
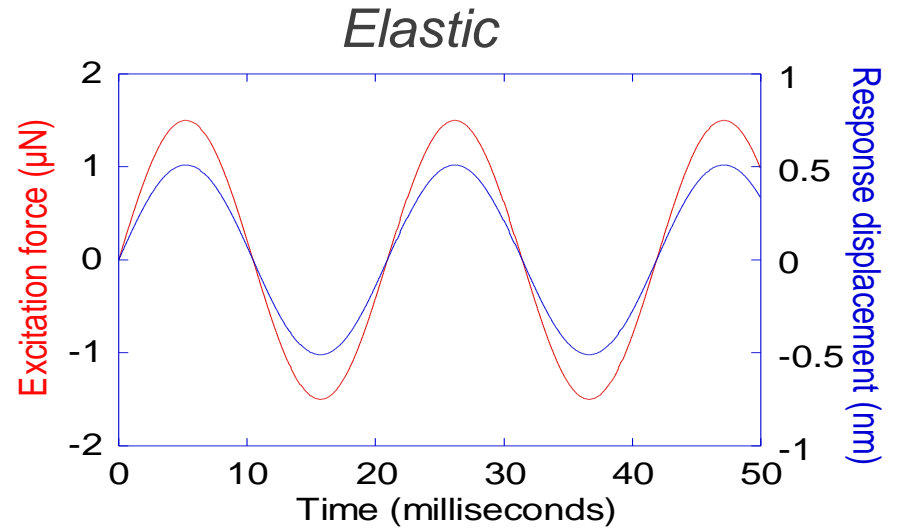
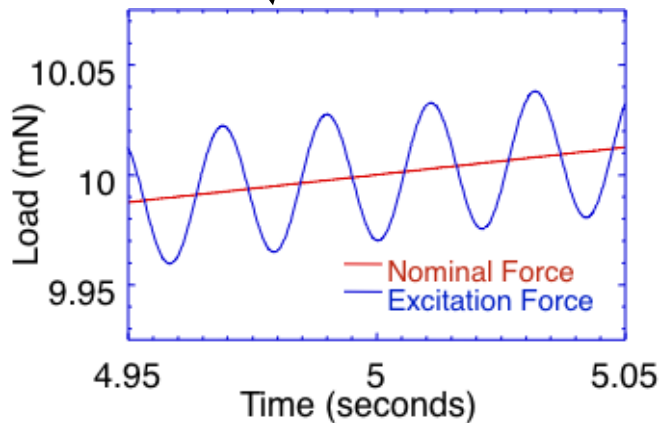
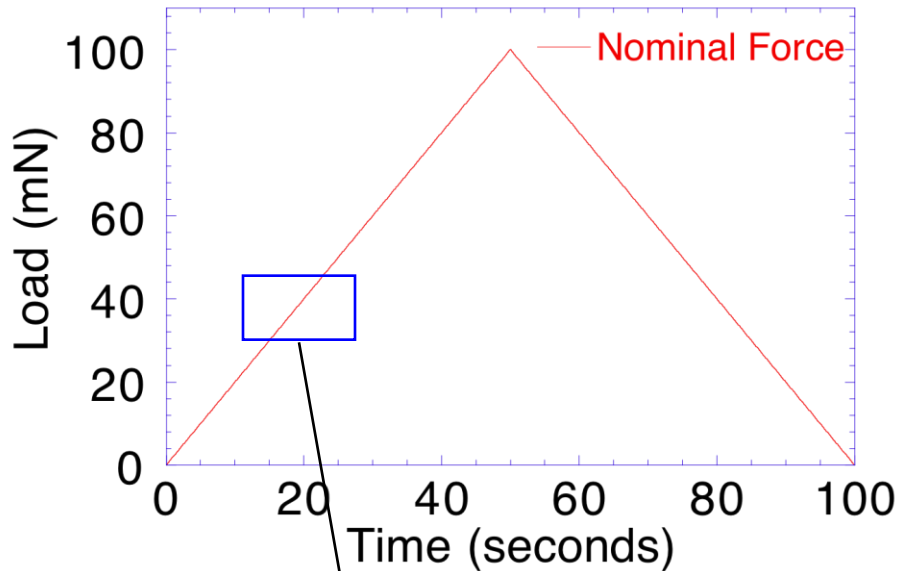


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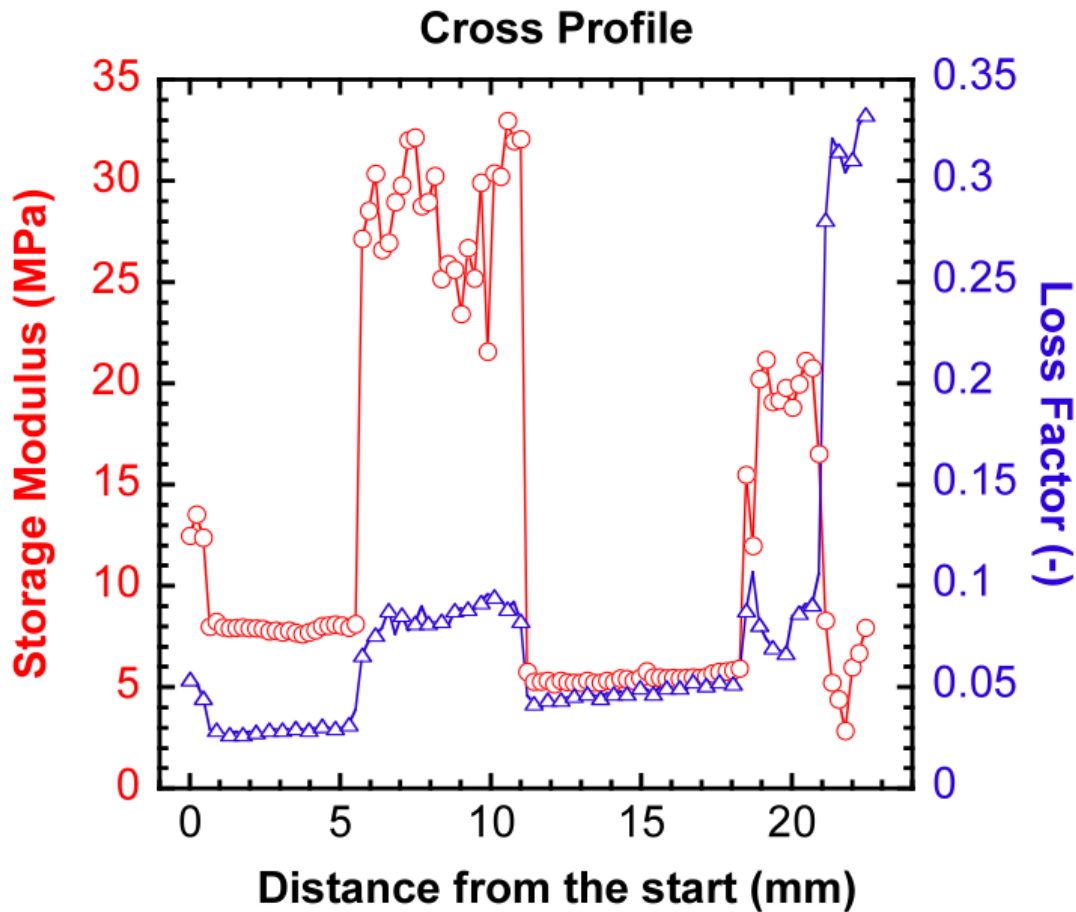
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# CONTINUOUS STIFFNESS MEASUREMENT

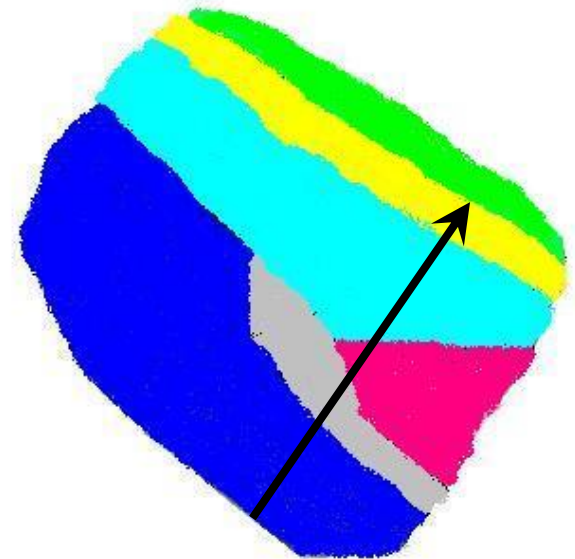
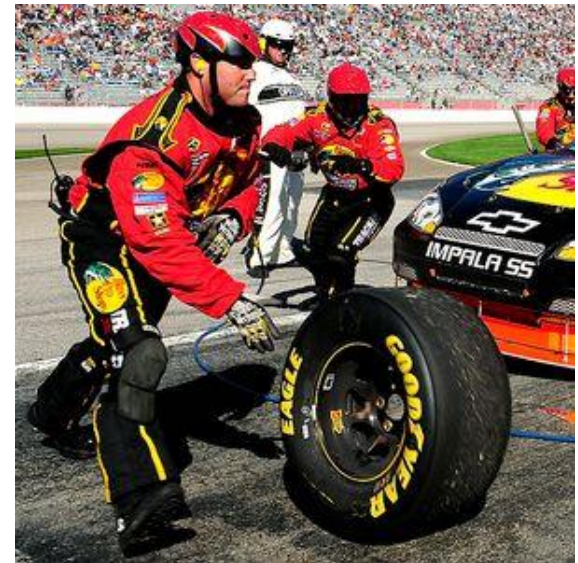
- Oliver & Pethica, *US Patent No. 4,848,141, July 1989*



# AUTOMOTIVE TIRES

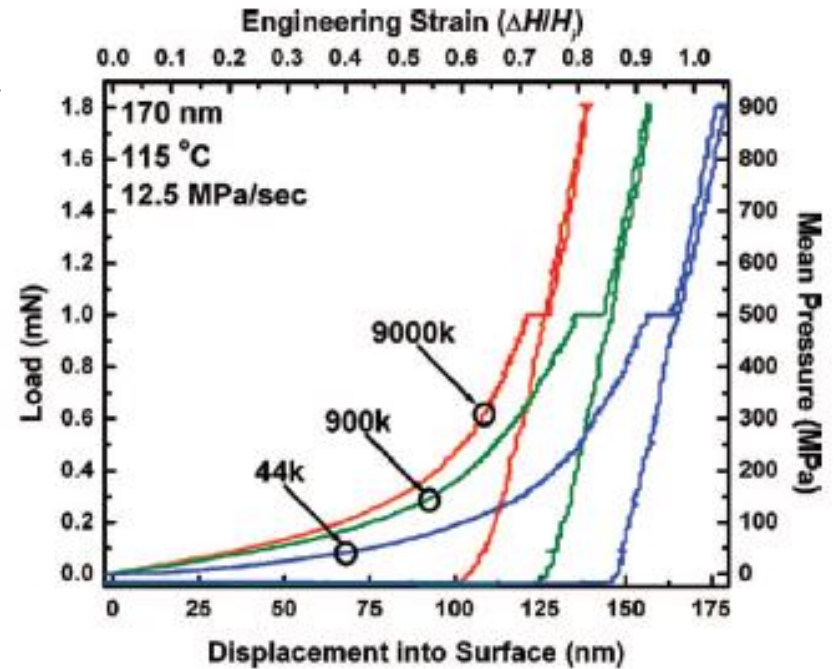
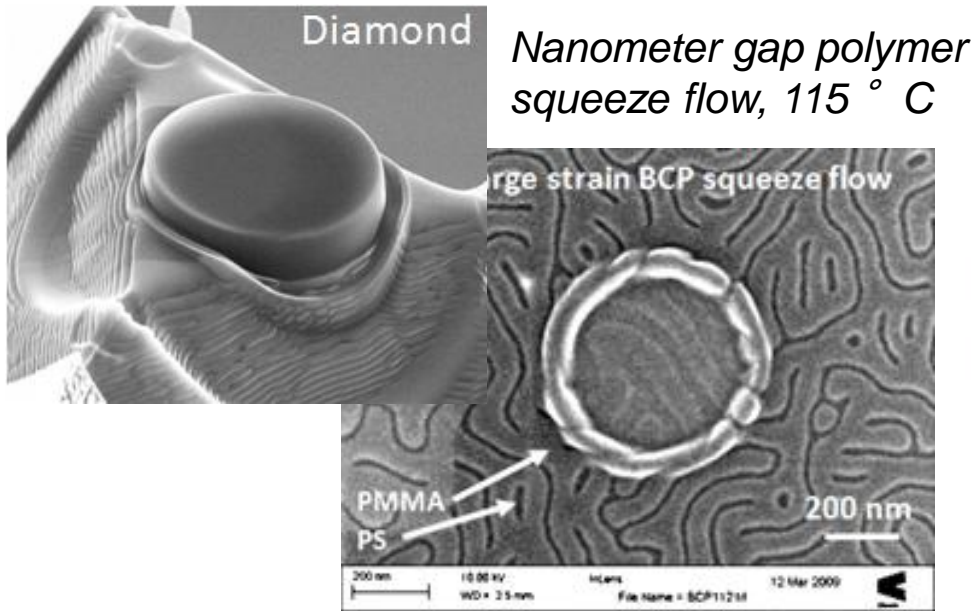
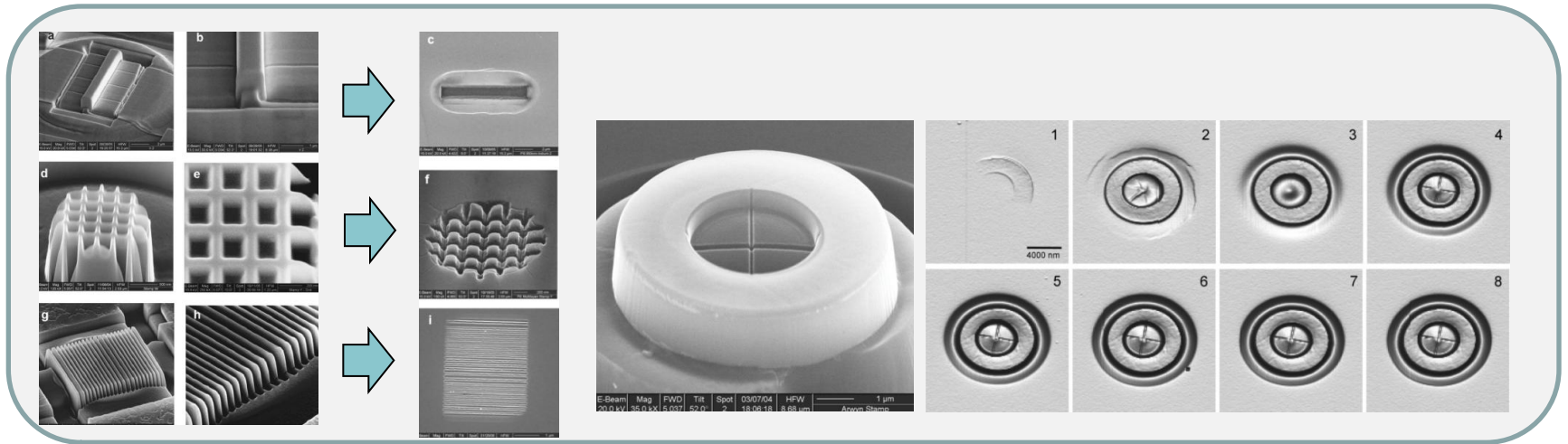


45  $\mu\text{m}$  dia. flat punch; 10 Hz



*Courtesy of Tom Fleischman and Remi Granier, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*

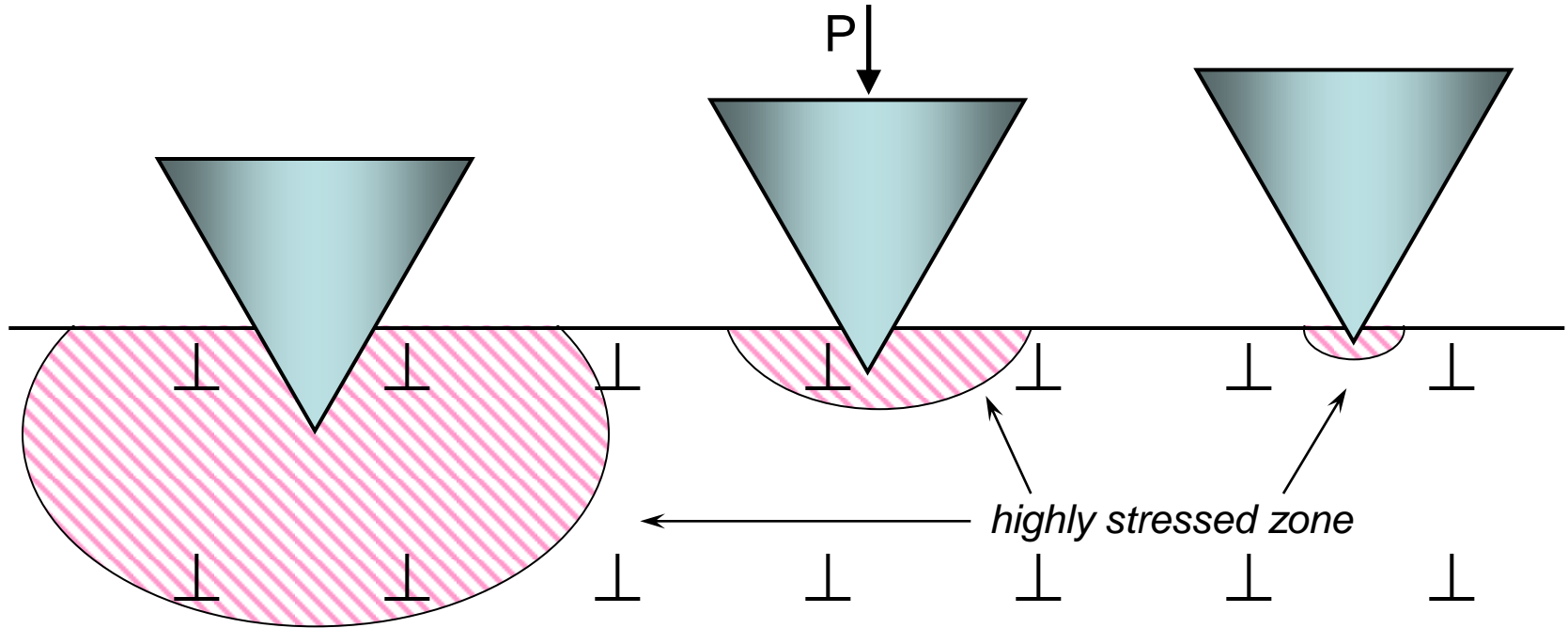
# NANOIMPRINT FORMING



• Courtesy of Graham Cross, CRANN, Trinity College Dublin

*THE CONTINUUM TO  
ATOMISTIC BRIDGE*

# GETTING "BETWEEN" THE DISLOCATIONS



$\rho$ ( $\text{m}^{-2}$ )	$10^{12}$	$10^{13}$	$10^{14}$
$L$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.0	0.3	0.1

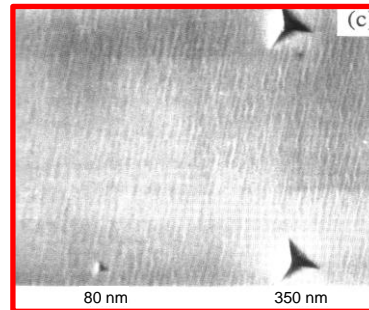
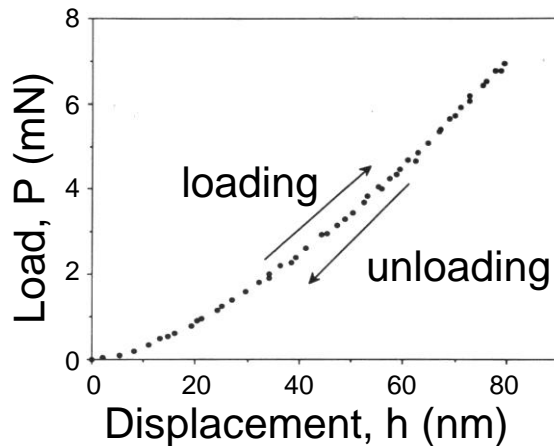
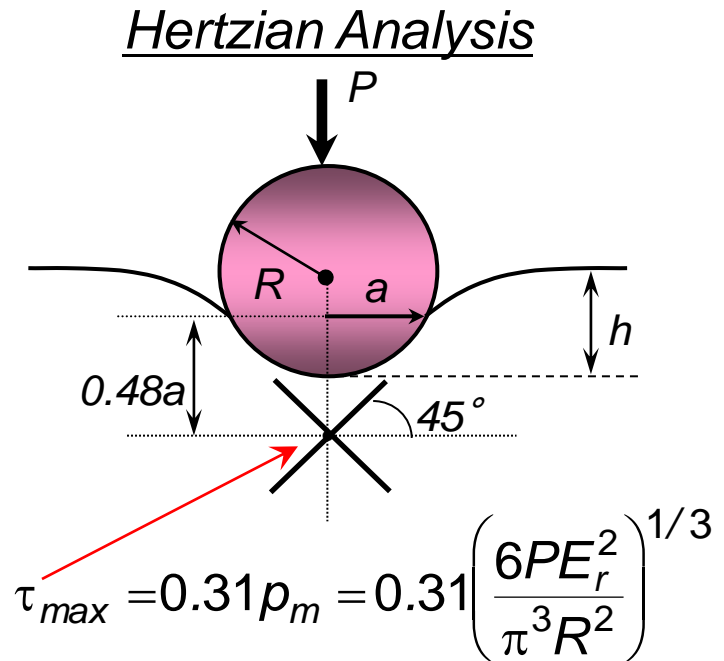
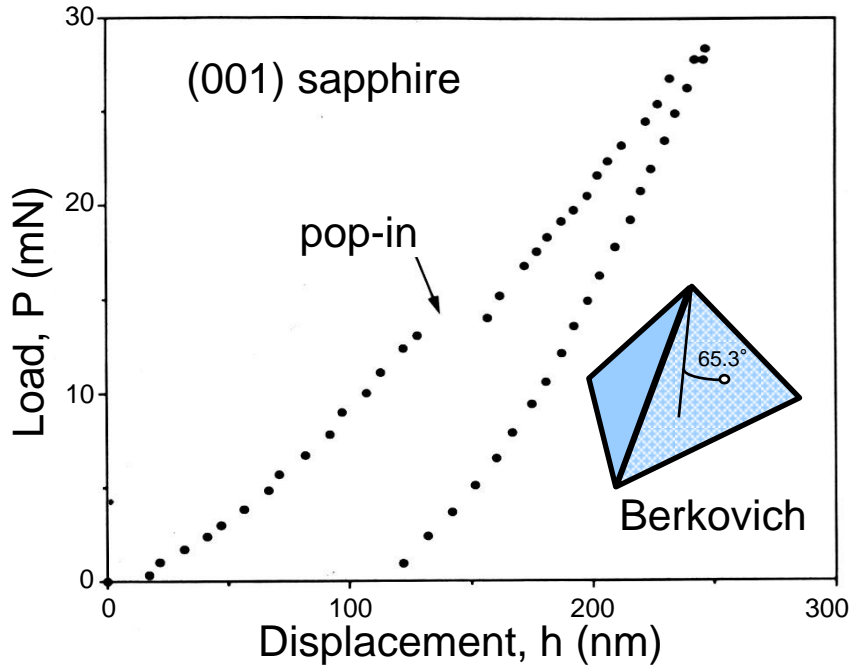
$$L \cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

- Shim et al, *Scripta Mater* **59**, 1095 (2008)



# POP-IN & THE THEORETICAL STRENGTH

- Page, Oliver, and McHargue *J Mater Res* **7**, 450 (1992)



At pop-in:

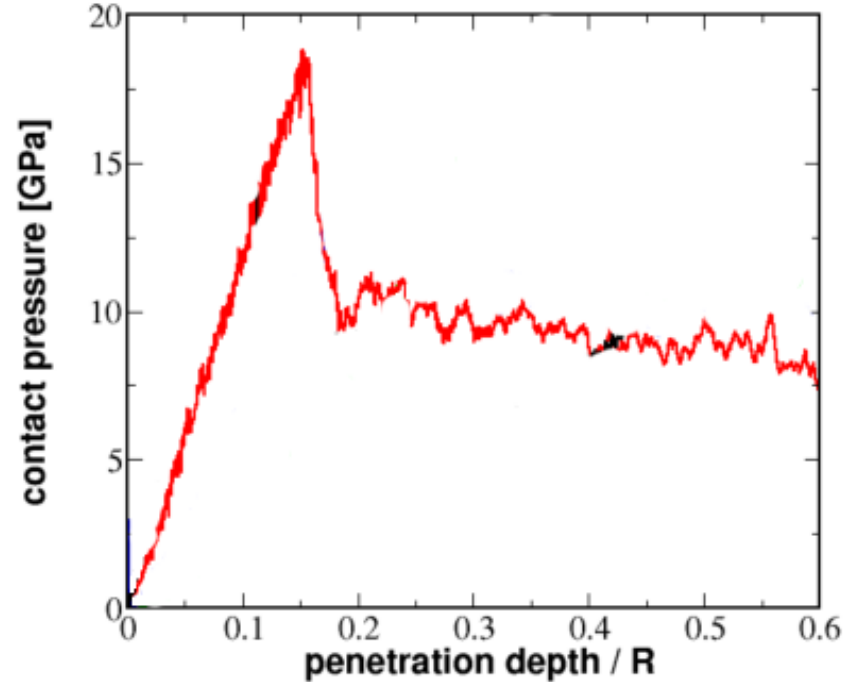
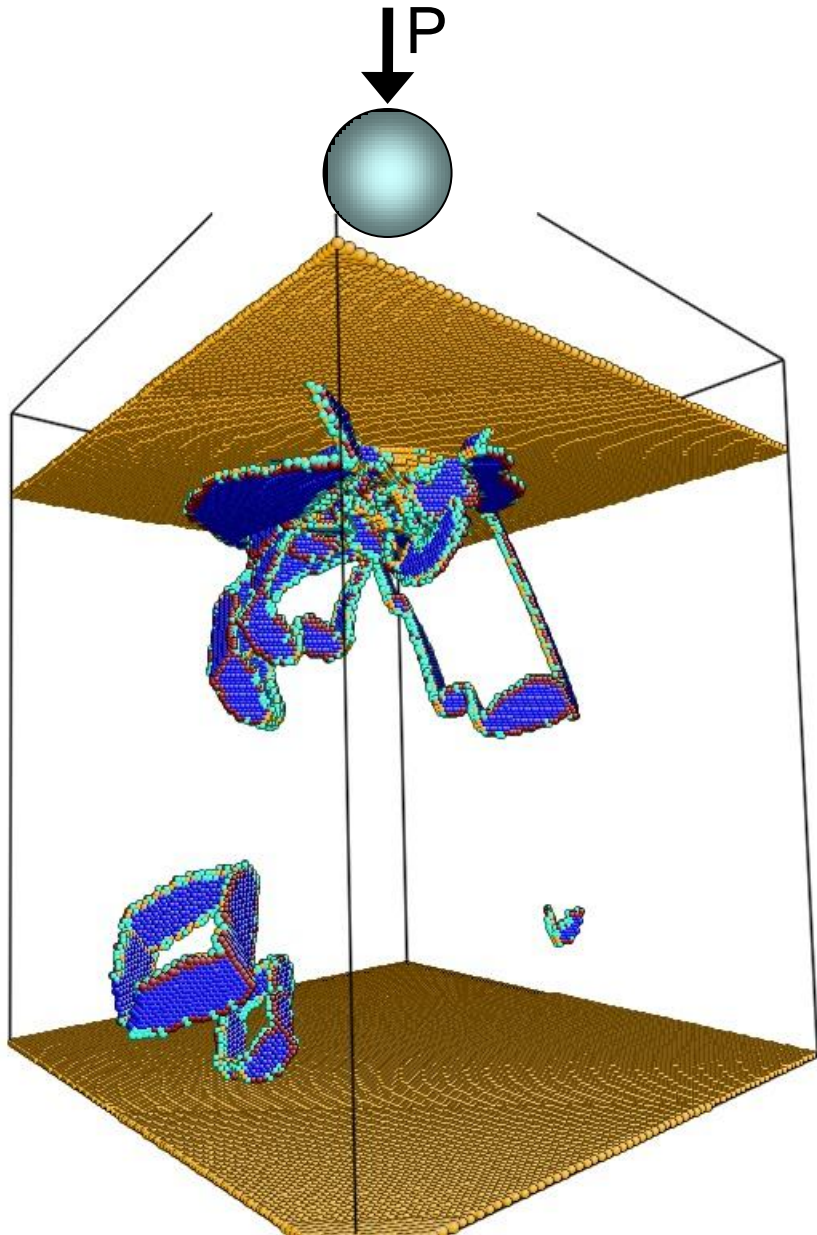
$$\tau_{max} \cong \tau_{theo} \cong G/30 - G/5$$

e.g.:  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $W$ ,  $Ni_3Al$ ,  $Au$ ,  
 $Cu$ ,  $Al$ ,  $Ni$ ,  $Mo_5SiB_2$ ,  
 $CaF_2$ , etc.

# ATOMISTIC MODELING

## *Molecular Dynamics Simulation*

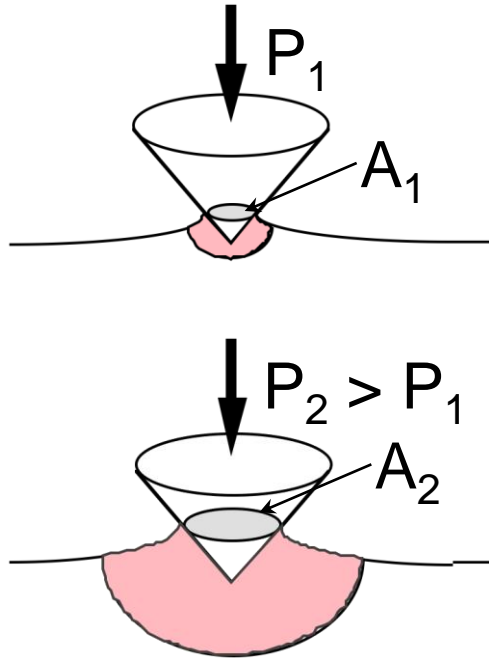
*(111) copper single crystal  
 $2.5 \times 10^6$  atoms;  $(30 \text{ nm})^3$   
 $R = 8 \text{ nm}$ ;  $h = 2 \text{ nm}$*



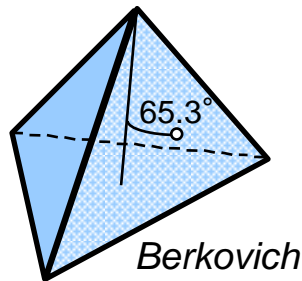
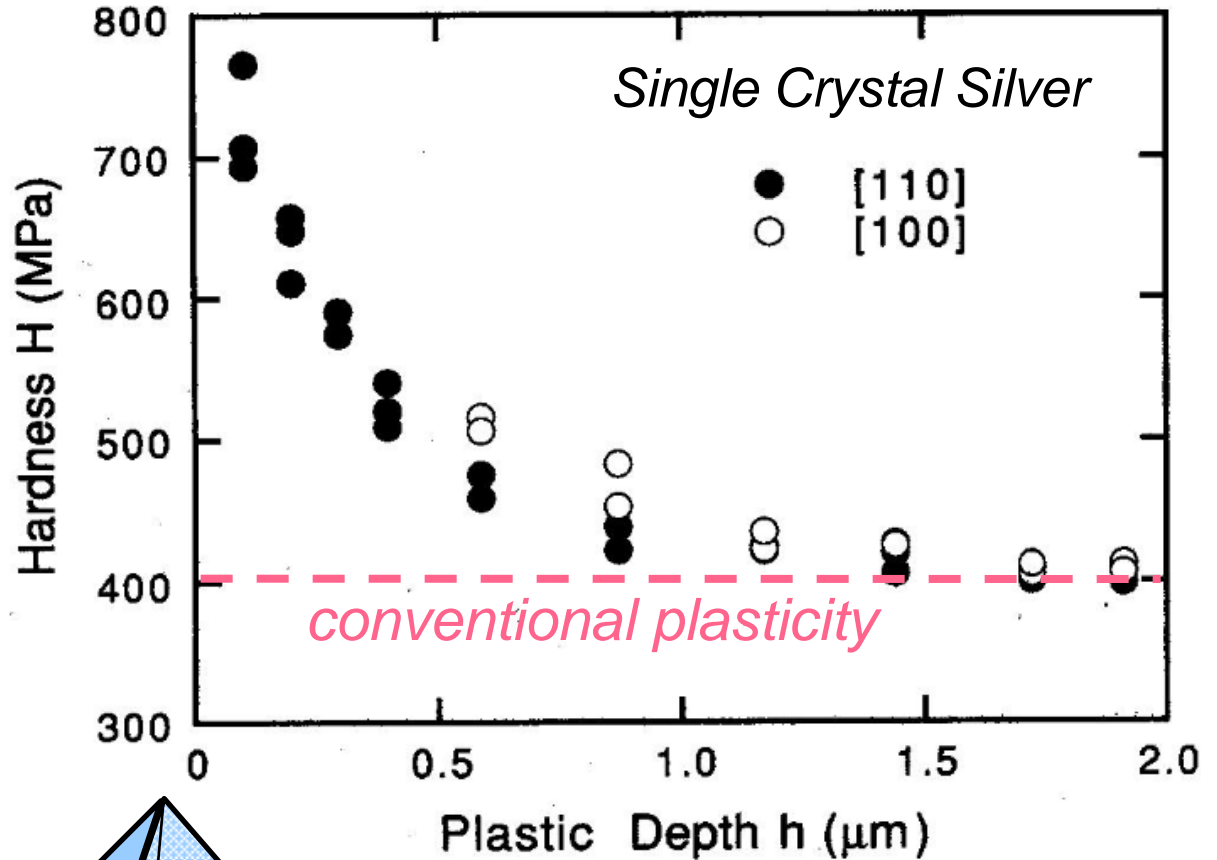
- *courtesy Prof. A. Hartmaier,  
Ruhr University Bochum*

# THE INDENTATION SIZE EFFECT

Ma & Clarke, *J Mater Res.* **10**, 853 (1995)



Hardness:  $H = \frac{P}{A}$

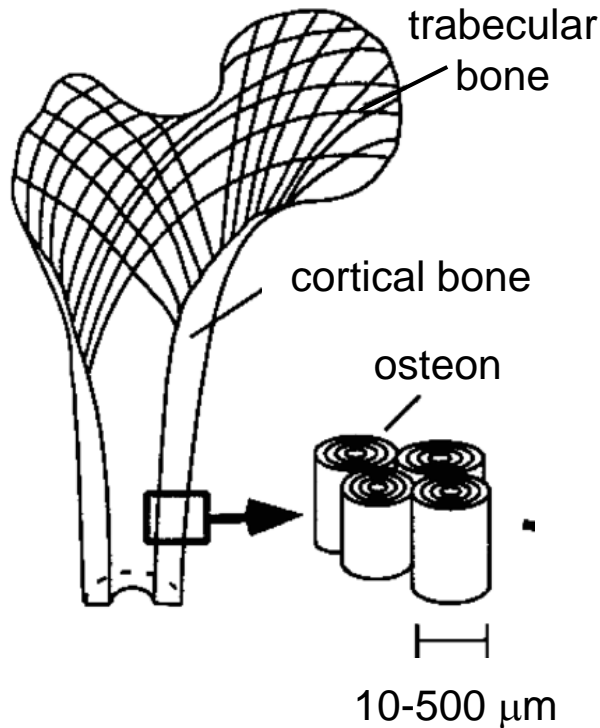


**Smaller is stronger!**

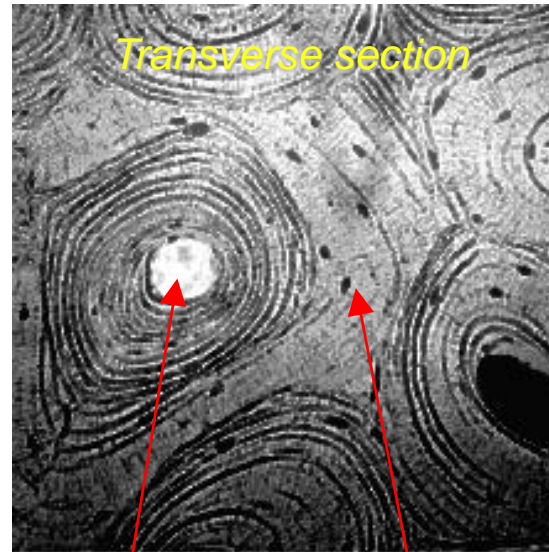
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# CORTICAL vs. TRABECULAR BONE

- Turner et al, *J Biomech* **32**, 437 (1999)



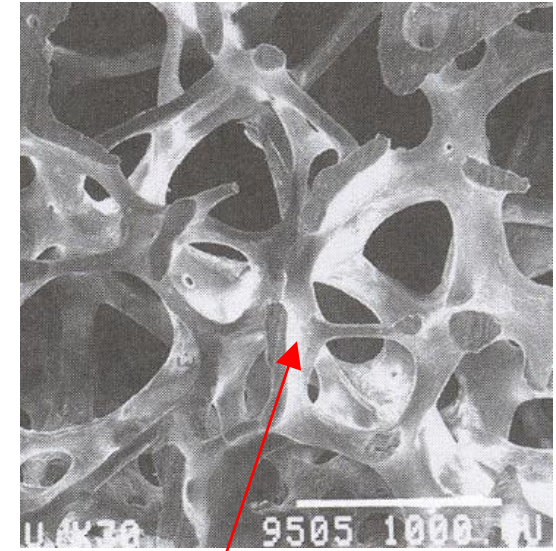
Cortical  
(dense, compact)



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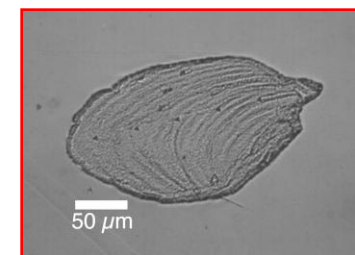
Interstitial lamellae

Trabecular  
(spongy, cancellous)



trabecular struts

Specimen	E (GPa) Acoustic	E (GPa) Nanoindentation
trabecular	17.2	18.2 $\pm$ 0.5
cortical (transverse)	15.1	16.6 $\pm$ 0.3
cortical (longitudinal)	20.9	23.4 $\pm$ 0.6

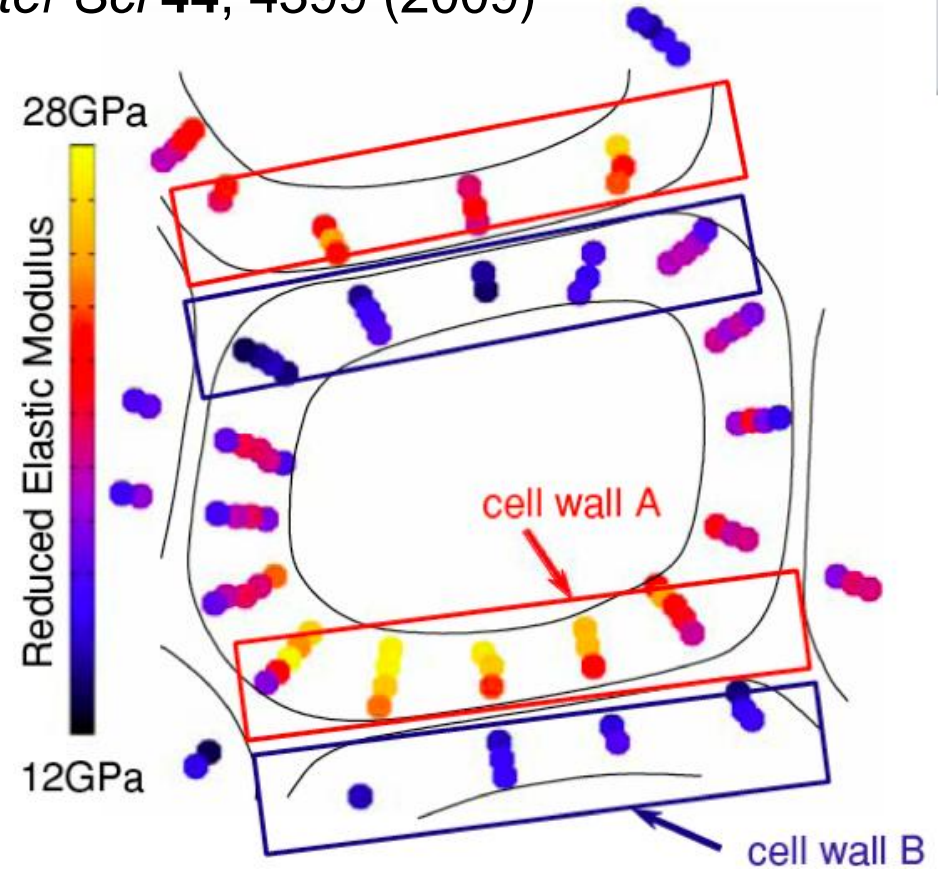
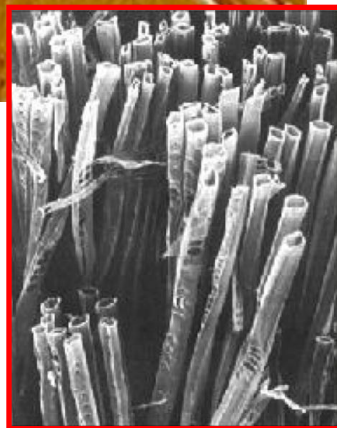
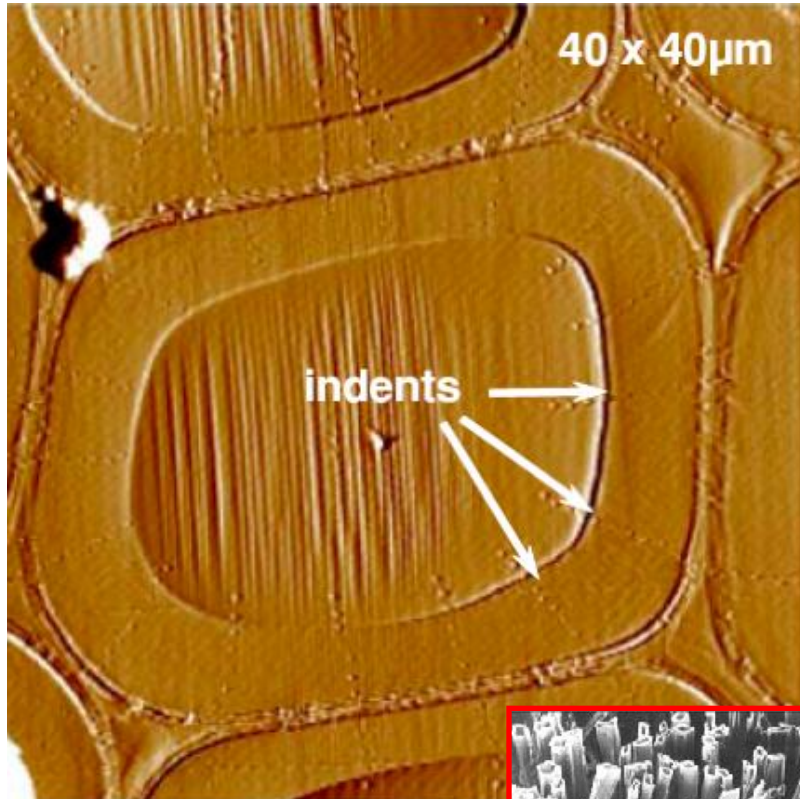


transverse section



# WOOD CELL WALLS

- Konnerth et al, *J Mater Sci* **44**, 4399 (2009)



*cellulosic  
microfibrils*

*SOME UNUSUAL  
APPLICATIONS*



# HYDROTHERMAL VENT GASTROPODS

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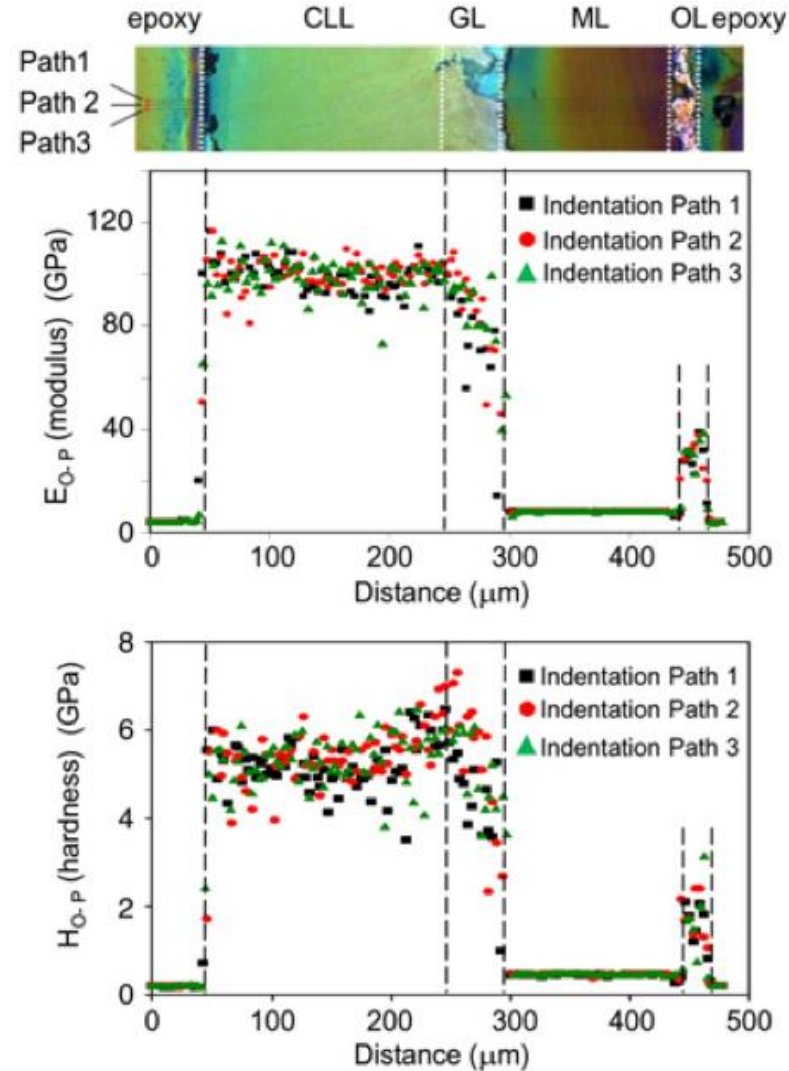
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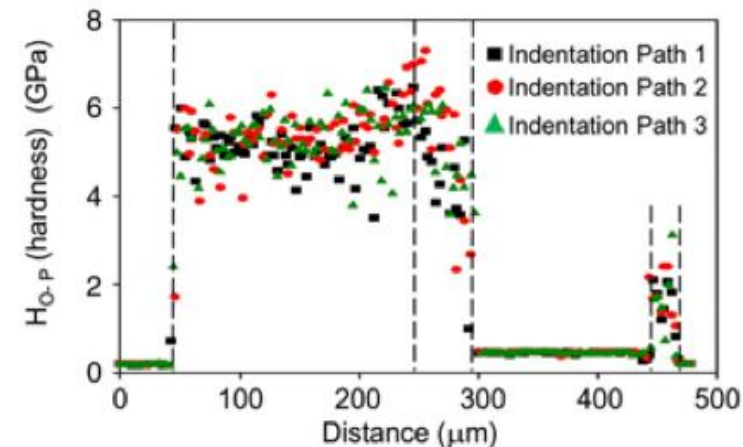
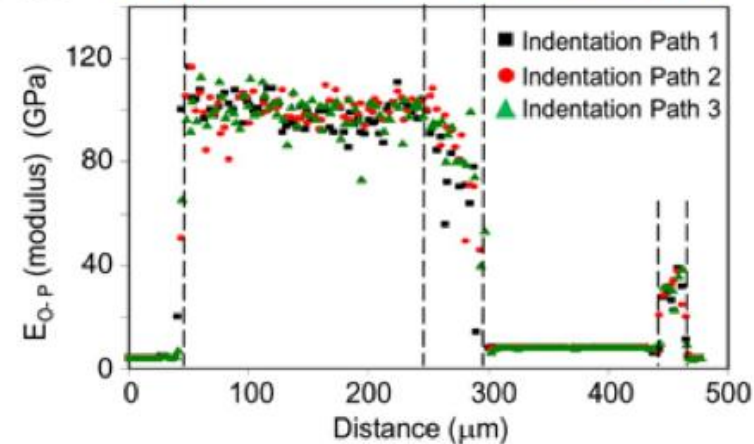
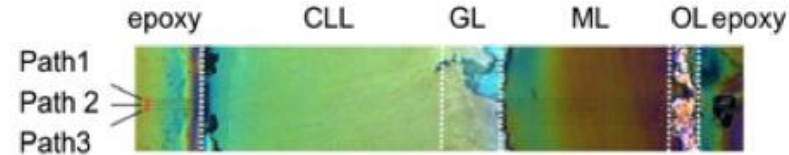
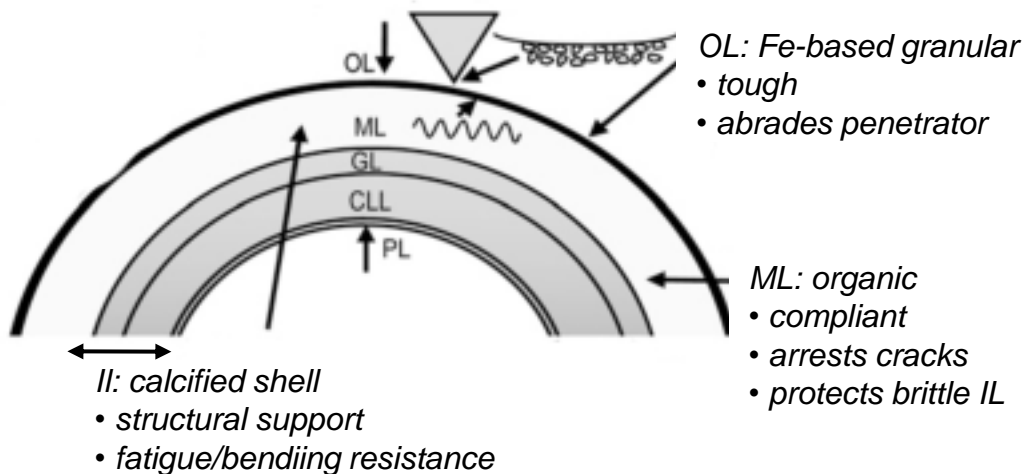


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## Armor Mechanics (FEM)



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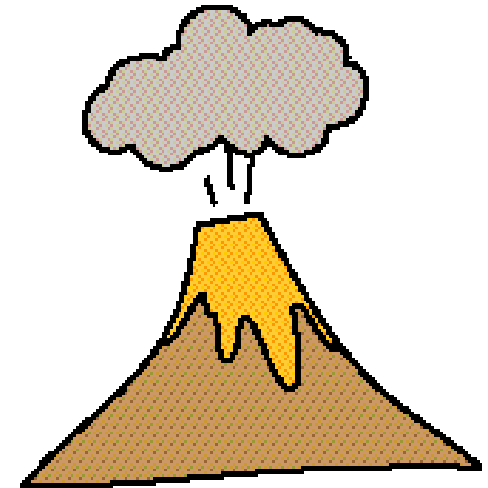


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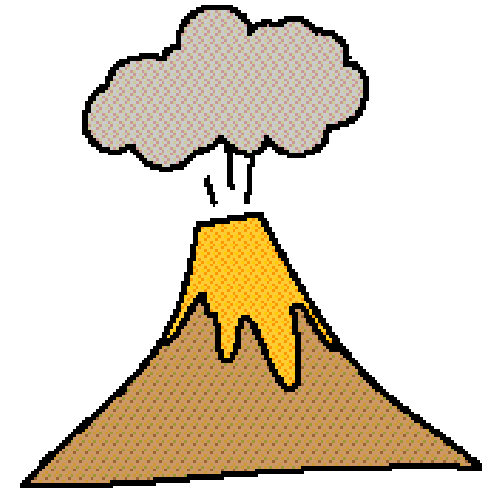


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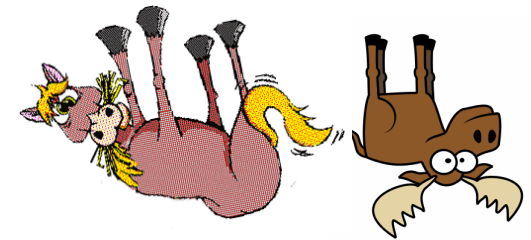
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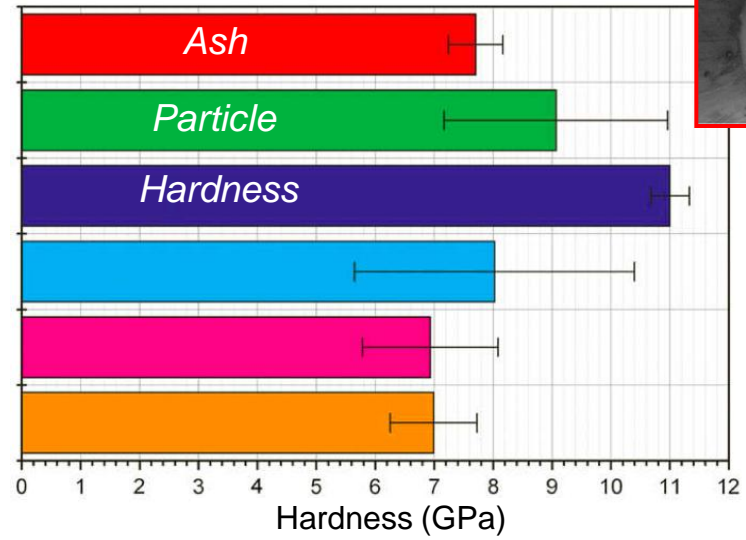
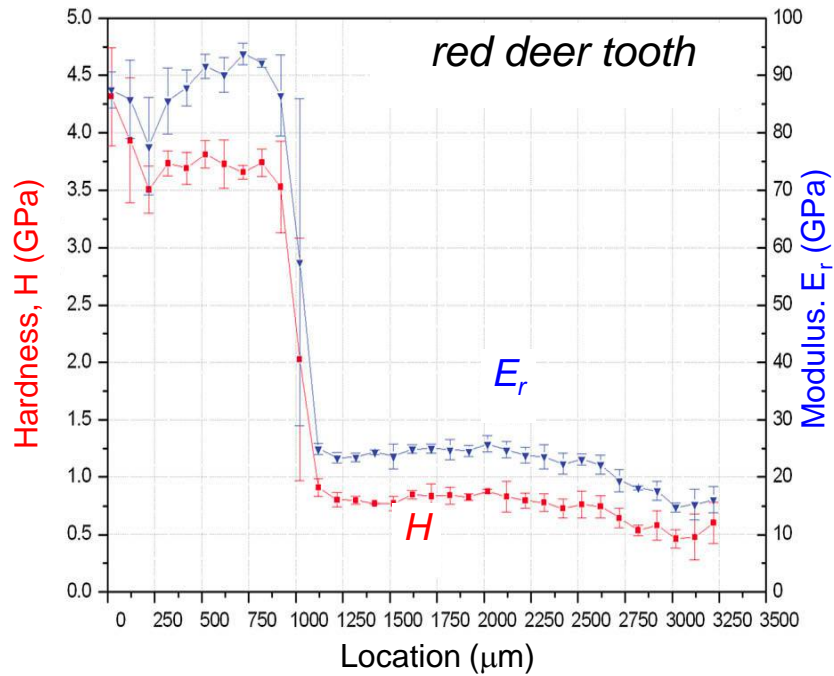
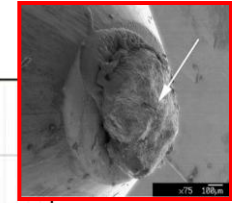


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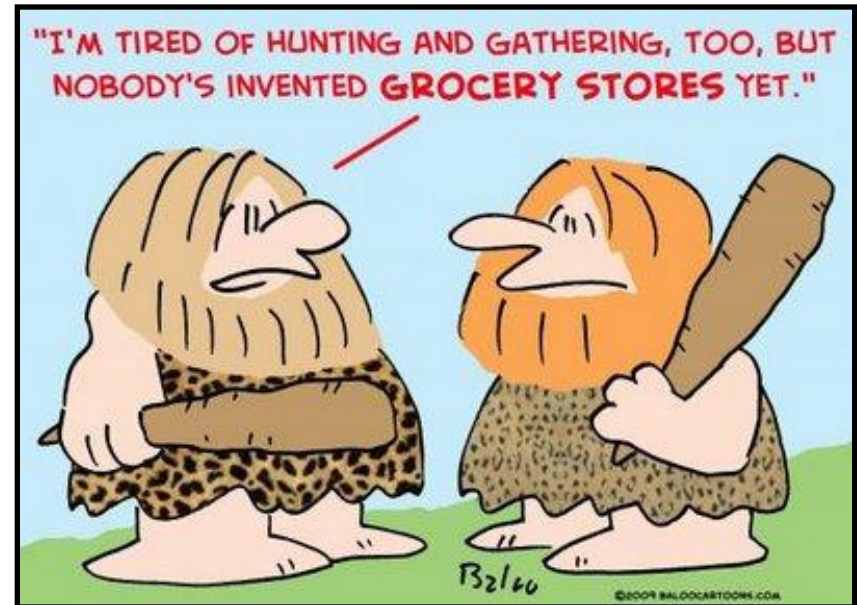
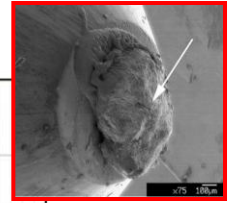
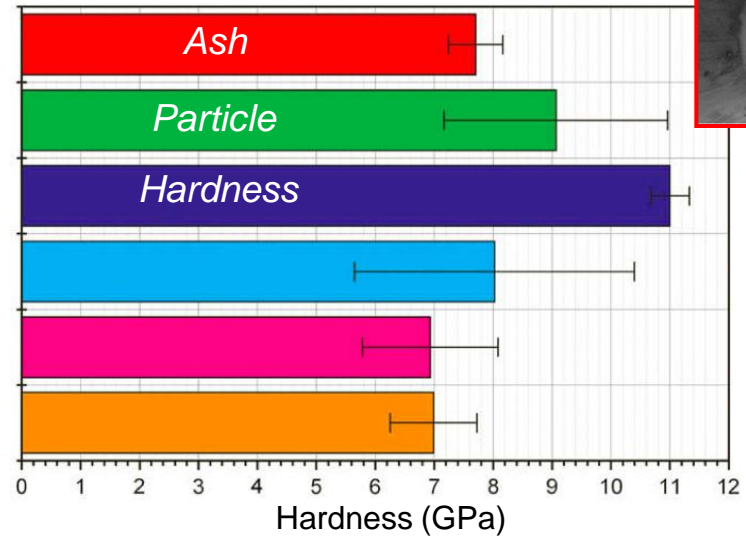
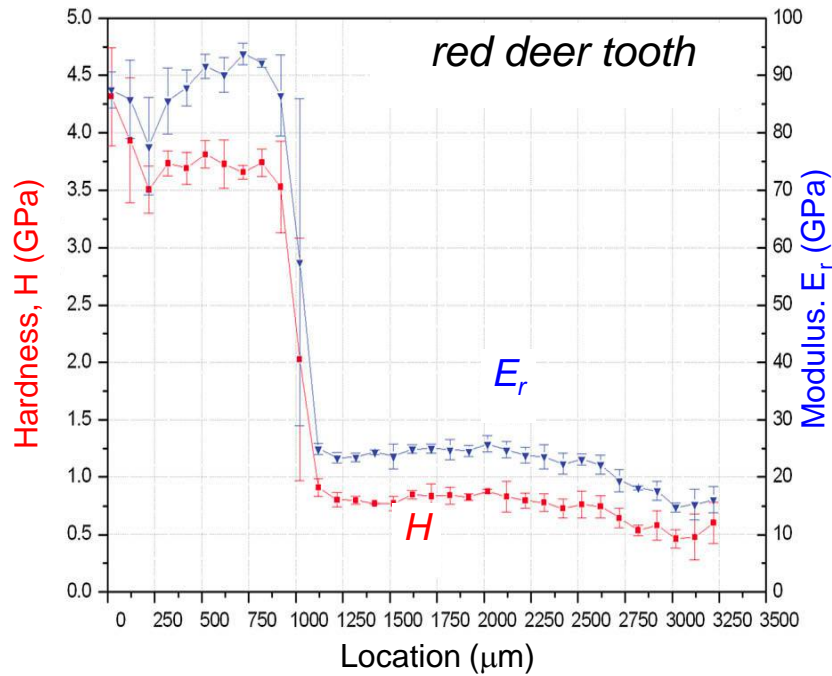
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