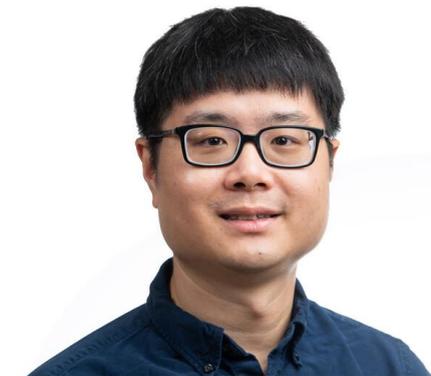


# Embedding Fiber Optic Sensors in SS316 Wrought Products Through Confined Rolling

PI: Vineet V. Joshi



PNNL is operated by Battelle for the U.S. Department of Energy

# Outline

- Current State of the Art
  - Why Wrought Products
- 3 Approaches: Concept of Confined Rolling
- Performance Tests
- Approach 1:
  - Analytical Equations
  - Modeling
  - Experiments
- Approach 2:
  - Analytical Equations
  - Modeling
  - Experiments
- Expanding it to other known geometries and Shapes
- Conclusions

## The Impact of Process Modeling and Characterization on the Fabrication of MP-1 and Future Experiments

Vineet V. Joshi, Zhijie Xu, Chao Wang, William Frazier, Kyoo Sil Choi, Rajib Kalsar, Ayoub Soulam, Curt Lavender

**OBJECTIVE**  
Provide Y12 and BWXT with robust process limits needed to fabricate, and guarantee the performance of, clad U-10Mo fuel foils.

**Schematics of the integrated model for U-10Mo processing**

**INTRODUCTION**

- Process modeling and characterization work enables:
  - deep understanding of the microstructure development during multiple manufacturing processes,
  - develops tools to qualify the fuel, and
  - provides solutions/alternative fabrication routes to the client quickly.

**HOMOGENIZATION**

- Homogenization is an important step to alleviate Mo segregation, produce uniform Mo distribution and meet SPC 1691 specification
- The homogenization model predicted time and temperature required for homogenization for the MP-1 castings quickly without performing long and costly experiments

**HOT ROLLING**

- This step is critical to bond the Zr on U-10Mo and attain uniformity in fuel and Zr thickness
- Microstructure based model predicts U-10Mo and Zr thickness variation as a function of grain size, carb thickness, and can material
- The grain size of the as-cast and homogenized plate plays a critical role in defining the U-10Mo thickness variation as well as Zr thickness variation of the final formed plates
- The grain size in the MP1 samples varied from 1.5 mm to 250 microns from top to bottom

**ANNEALING AND CARBIDE IMPACTS**

- Carbide redistribution during hot rolling can influence recrystallization during annealing, and impact the fuel performance.
- Modeling to define the right carbide volume consistent product (not shown)
- Modeling determined the critical reduction cycles needed and the resultant microstructure evolution.

**EFFECTS OF INITIAL GRAIN SIZE**

- Microstructure evolution with different initial grain size during hot rolling and annealing was investigated systematically
- Fine grain structures recrystallize more quickly, more homogeneity
- In order to get uniform grain size we need approximately 45% multiple pass or one 25% to recrystallize the grains
- U-10Mo grain size affects the U-10Mo/Zr interface and Zr thickness uniformity

**COLD ROLLING**

- This step is critical to attain the desired fuel thickness with good surface finish
- Macro-models determine the right type of rolls, mill parameters and schedule to be followed to get the desired thickness and attain through thickness strain uniformity
- Micro-models investigate and predict particle distribution and evolution during cold rolling

**PHASE TRANSFORMATION KINETICS**

**Machine Learning Model for Hot-rolling/Annealing**

- Developed machine learning surrogates and its applications in sensitivity analysis, data-driven neural network and physics-constrained neural network

## ICME and ML Framework to Predict the Microstructure During U-10Mo Fuel Fabrication

Ayoub Soulam, William E. Frazier, Yucheng Fu, Kyoo Sil Choi, Lei Li, Curt A. Lavender, and Vineet V. Joshi

**OBJECTIVE**  
Provide Y12 and BWXT with robust process limits needed to fabricate, and guarantee the performance of, clad U-10Mo fuel foils.

**Schematics of the integrated model for U-10Mo processing**

**INTRODUCTION**

- Process modeling and characterization work enable:
  - deep understanding of the microstructure development during multiple manufacturing processes,
  - develops tools to qualify the fuel, and
  - provides solutions/alternative fabrication routes to the client quickly.

**HOMOGENIZATION**

- Homogenization is an important step to alleviate Mo segregation, produce uniform Mo distribution and meet SPC 1691 specification
- The homogenization model predicted time and temperature required for homogenization for the MP-1 castings quickly without performing long and costly experiments

**HOT ROLLING**

- This step is critical to bond the Zr on U-10Mo and attain uniformity in fuel and Zr thickness
- Reduced the number of passes required to attain the desired 75% reduction, saving time and cost
- Predicted the BWXT mill parameters
- Microstructure based model predicts U-10Mo and Zr thickness variation as a function of grain size, can thickness, and can material

**ANNEALING AND CARBIDE IMPACTS**

- Carbide redistribution during hot rolling can influence U-10Mo recrystallization during annealing, and impact the fuel performance.
- Modeling to define the right carbide volume fraction to get consistent product (not shown)
- Modeling determined the critical reduction cycles needed and the resultant microstructure evolution.

**EFFECTS OF INITIAL GRAIN SIZE**

- Microstructure evolution with different initial grain size during two stage hot rolling and annealing
- Fine grain structures recrystallize more quickly, lead to more homogeneity
- U-10Mo grain size affects the U-10Mo/Zr interface and Zr thickness uniformity (orange peel or dimpled surface)

**COLD ROLLING**

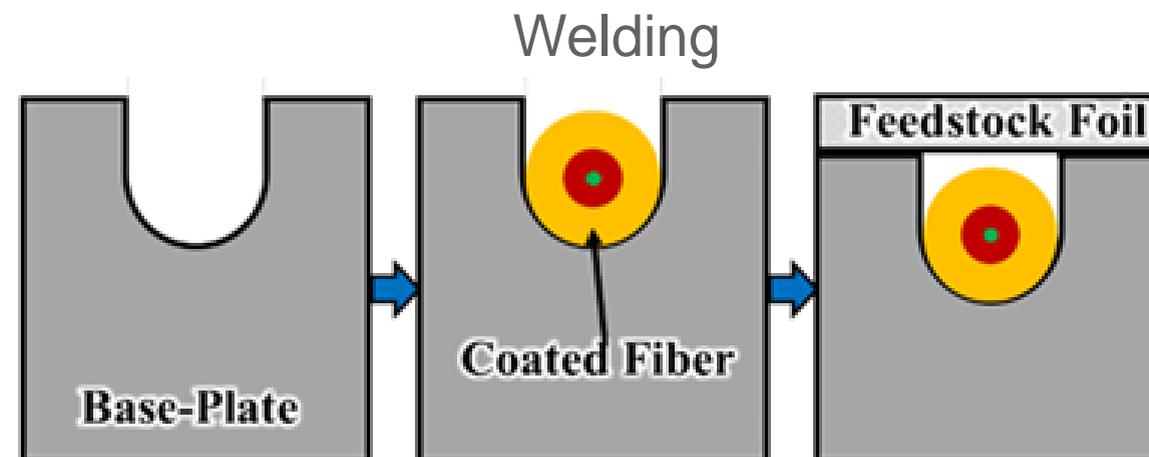
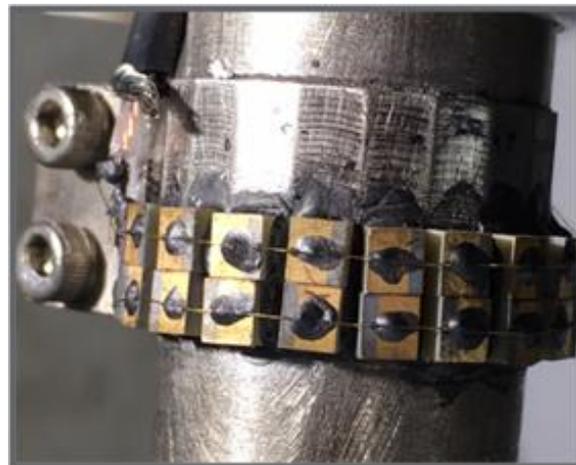
- This step is critical to attain the desired fuel thickness with good surface finish
- Macro-models determine the right type of rolls, mill parameters and schedule to be followed to get the desired thickness and attain through thickness strain uniformity
- Micro-models investigate and predict particle distribution and evolution during cold rolling

**Machine Learning Model for Hot-rolling/Annealing**

- Developed data-driven surrogate model predict the U-10Mo grain size with error 4x smaller than standard DNN
- Sensitivity analysis suggests that the annealing time, reduction and process passes dictate the U-10Mo grain size and recrystallization
- The Uranium-carbides have negligible influence on the U-10Mo microstructure statistics

www.pnnl.gov

Embedding sensors in wrought products has always been desired for a wide range of applications, especially, in **harsh conditions** and to detect **off normal** events.



Additive Manufacturing



- Sensors are glued/joined on external surfaces
- Limited applications in harsh environments, loses integrity
- Drilling holes and embedding sensors and welding plates
- Component loses structural integrity and welded structure is not suitable in harsh environments
- Embedding sensors in metal additive components
- Component has as-cast microstructure

❖ **Wrought products are heavily used in nuclear and harsh environments**

#### References

1. Functional fiber-optic sensors embedded in stainless steel components using ultrasonic additive manufacturing for distributed temperature and strain measurements, Additive Manufacturing 52 (2022) 102681.
2. Embedding sensors using selective laser melting for self-cognitive metal Parts, Additive Manufacturing 33 (2020) 101151.

# Current State of the Art and Concepts: Materials and Processes Evaluated

## Ultrasonic additive manufacturing (UAM)

### Materials studied (Fiber coating):

- Al3003 (Al/Cu coated)
- Al6061 (Plastic coated)
- Al1100 (Bare single mode)
- **SS304 (Au coated)**
- **SS410 (No fiber)**
- 4130 steel (No fiber)

## Direct Energy Deposition (DED)

### Materials studied (Fiber coating):

- Inconel 718 (Cr/Ni/Cu coated)
- Tin alloys (Cu/Ni coated)

## Selective laser melting (SLM)

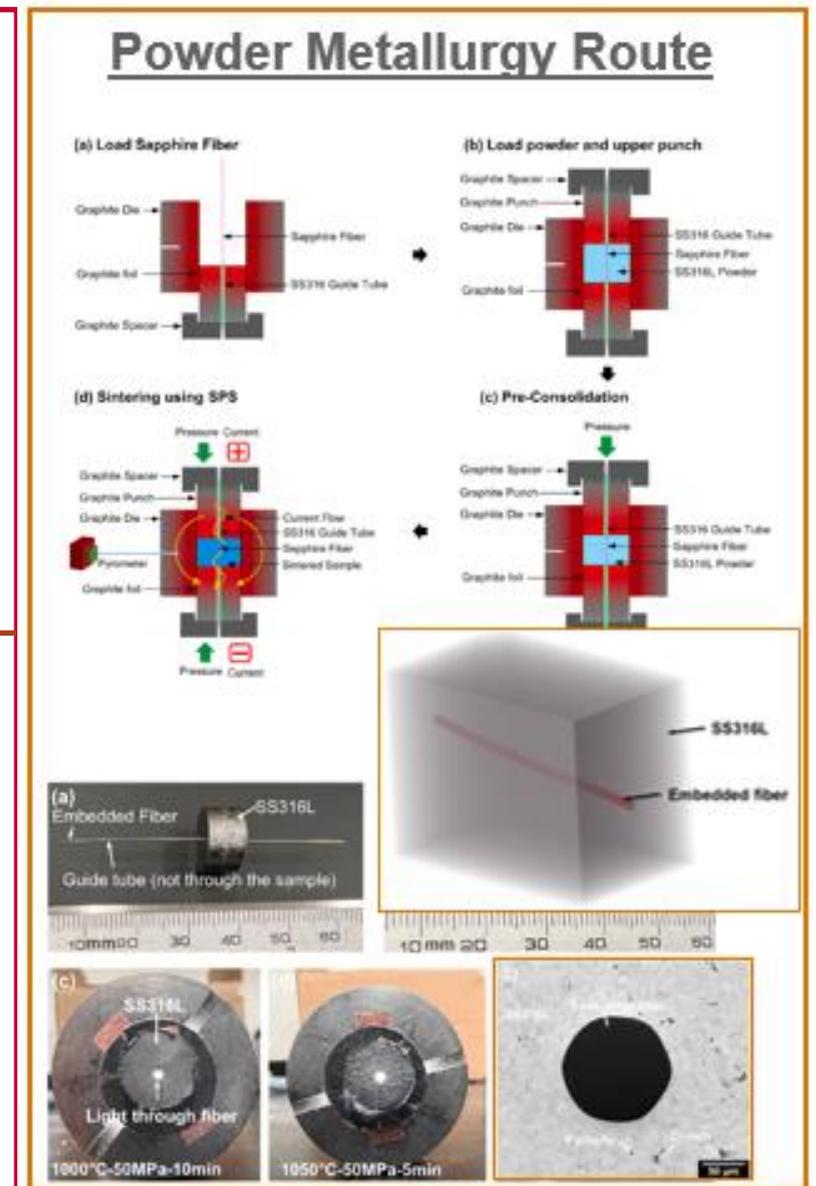
### Materials studied (Fiber coating):

- **SS316 (Ni coated)**

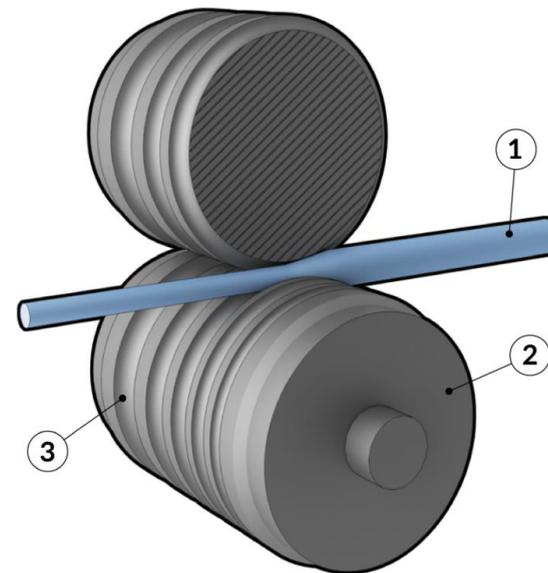
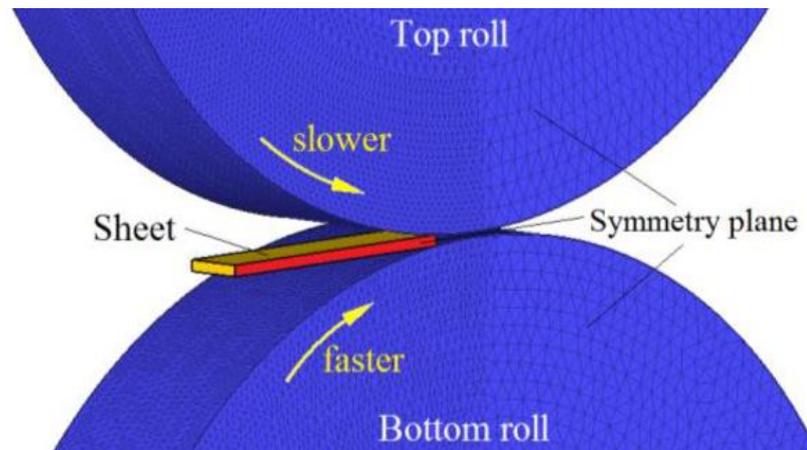
## Tungsten inert gas(TIG)

### Materials studied (Fiber coating):

- Tin alloys (Cu/Ni coated)



# Big Challenge with Embedding Sensors in Wrought Products

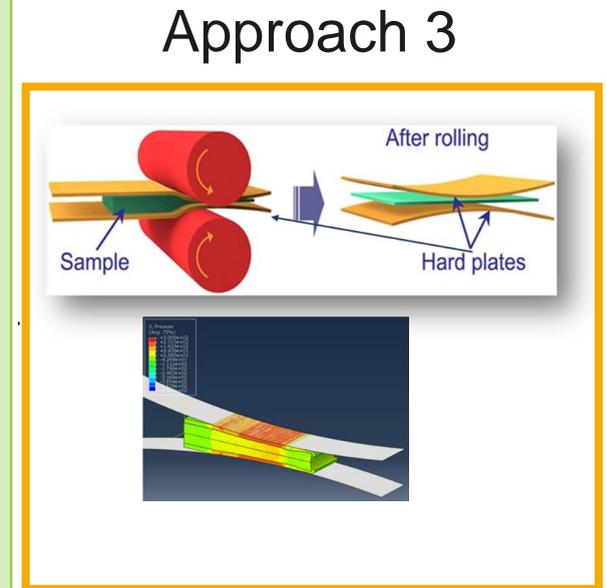
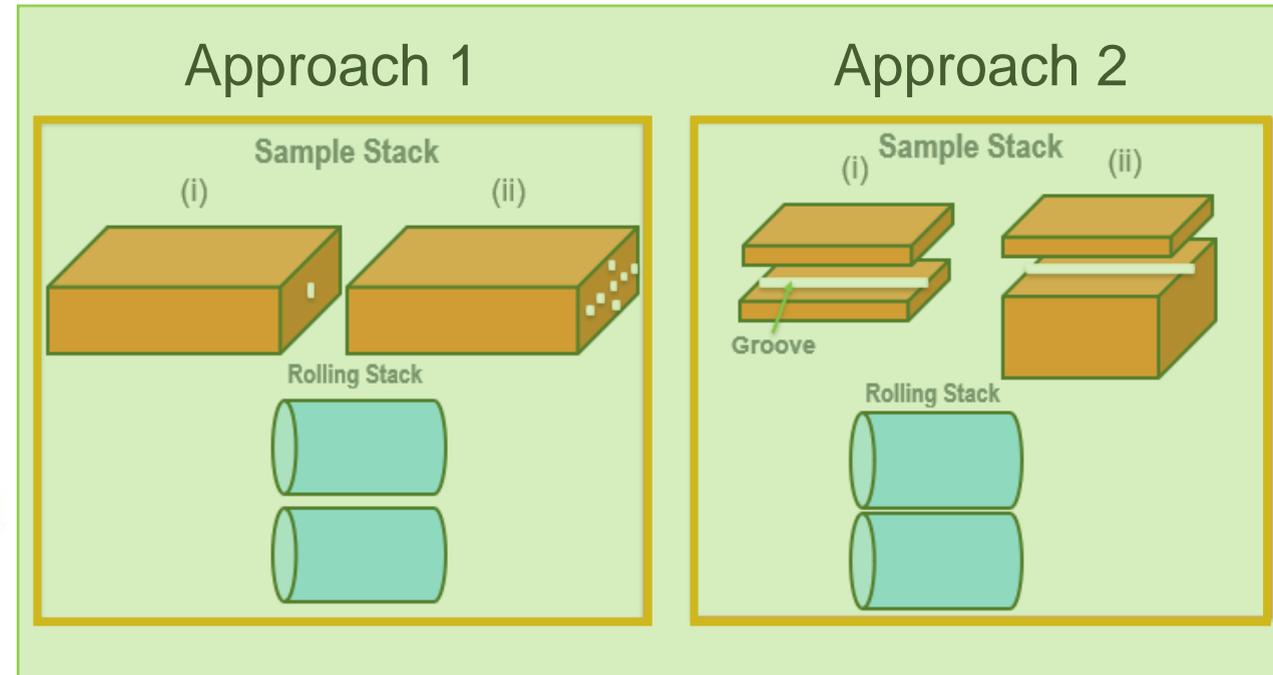
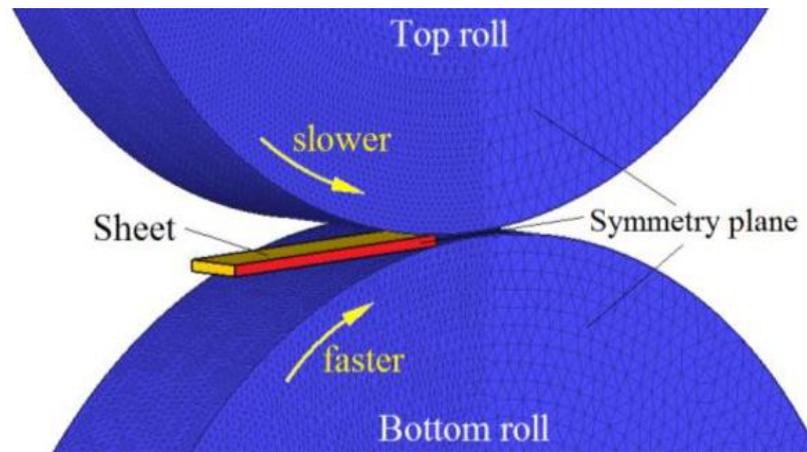


- Conventional processes such as rolling, forging, extrusion and pilgering introduce large plastic deformation and stresses
- These products are cheaper and faster to make
- Known technologies and products properties are well understood

**Preserving the structural integrity of the sensor**

**Systematically understanding the nature of stress and manipulating the deformation mechanism we can place/ embedded sensors in wrought products**

# Solution To Embed Sensors in Wrought Products: Concept of Confined Rolling



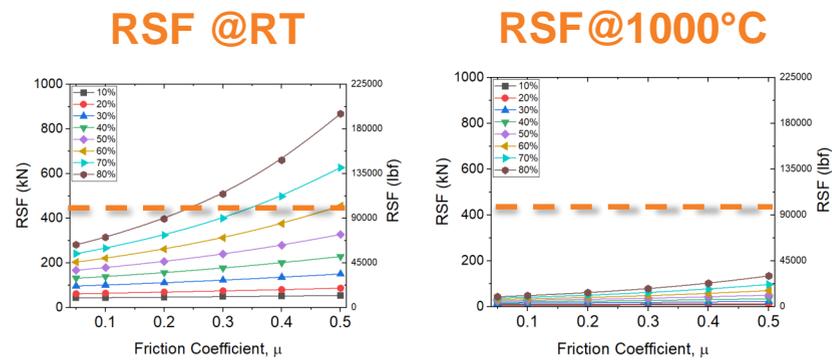
**The concept of hot confined rolling is to embed the sensor and minimize stresses at the center of the sheet to minimize stresses at the sensor location**

**The connections and Wires can be connected initially during the rolling process**

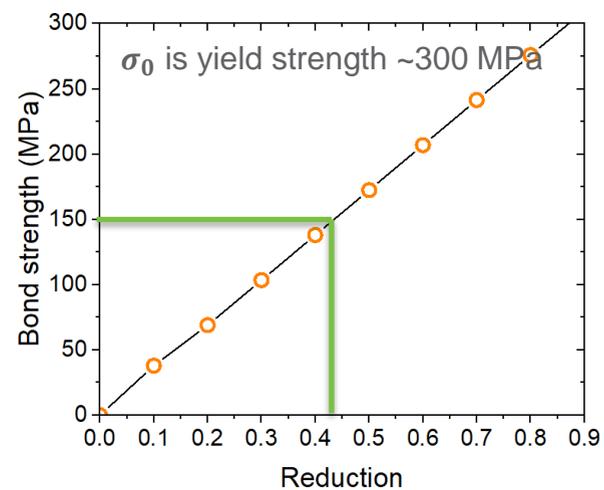
# Approach: Minimize the Number of Experiments

## Analytical Calculation

### ➤ Roll separation force



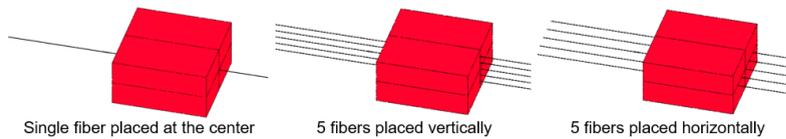
### ➤ Roll bonding criteria



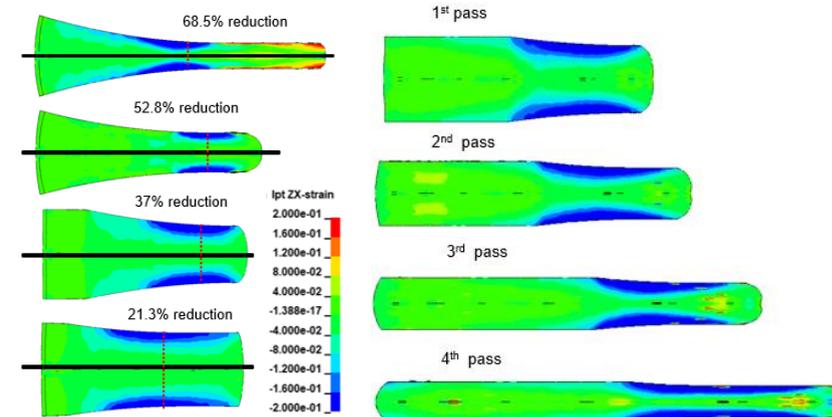
$\sim 43\%$  reduction needed to have bond strength of  $\sim \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0$

## FEM Modeling

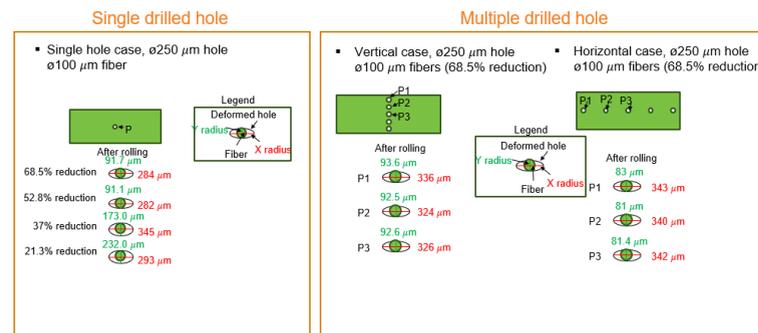
### ➤ Fiber location



### ➤ Single vs Multi pass strain

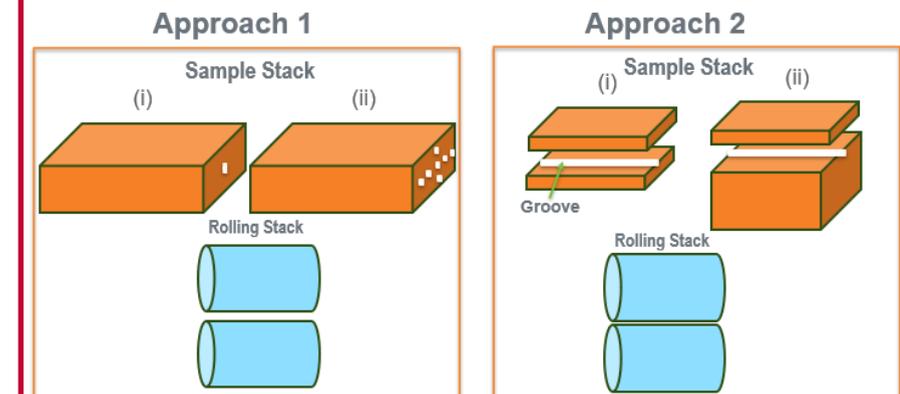


### ➤ Channel collapse

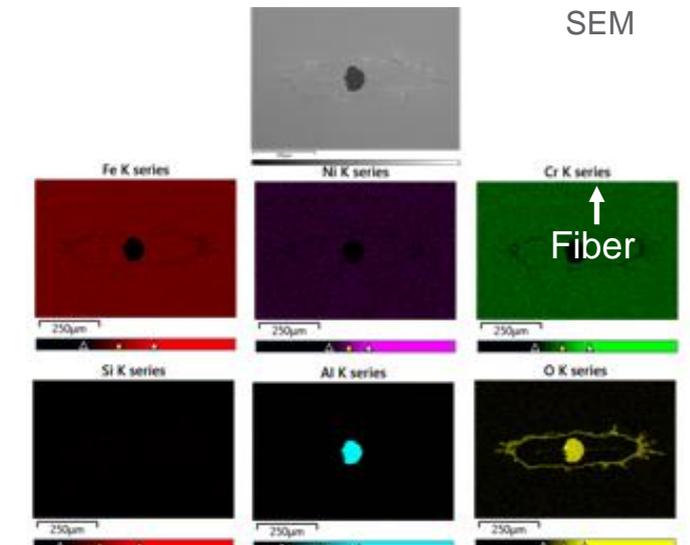


## Experimental

### ➤ Rolling configuration



### ➤ Microstructure (Approach 1)

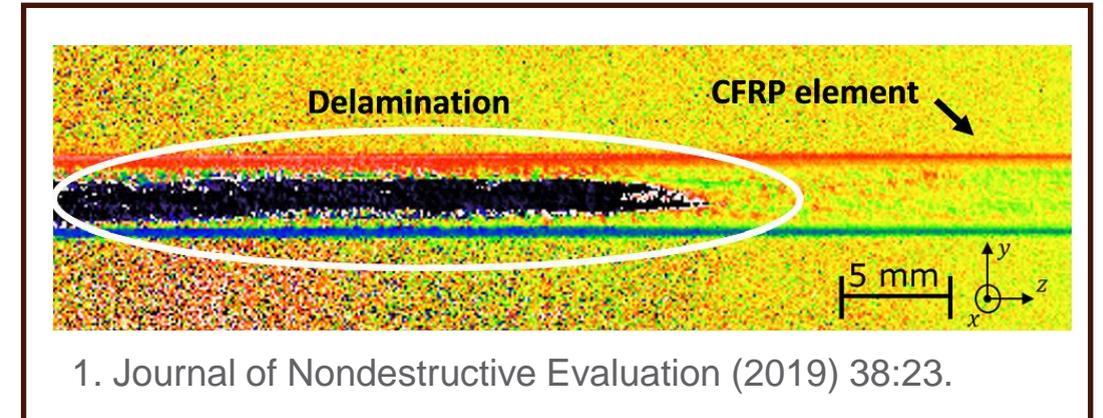


# Testing – Post Fabrication

## (1) NDE Testing: Ultrasonic test

- Continuity of fibers after rolling
- Detect processing defects, such as voids, debonding, delamination etc.

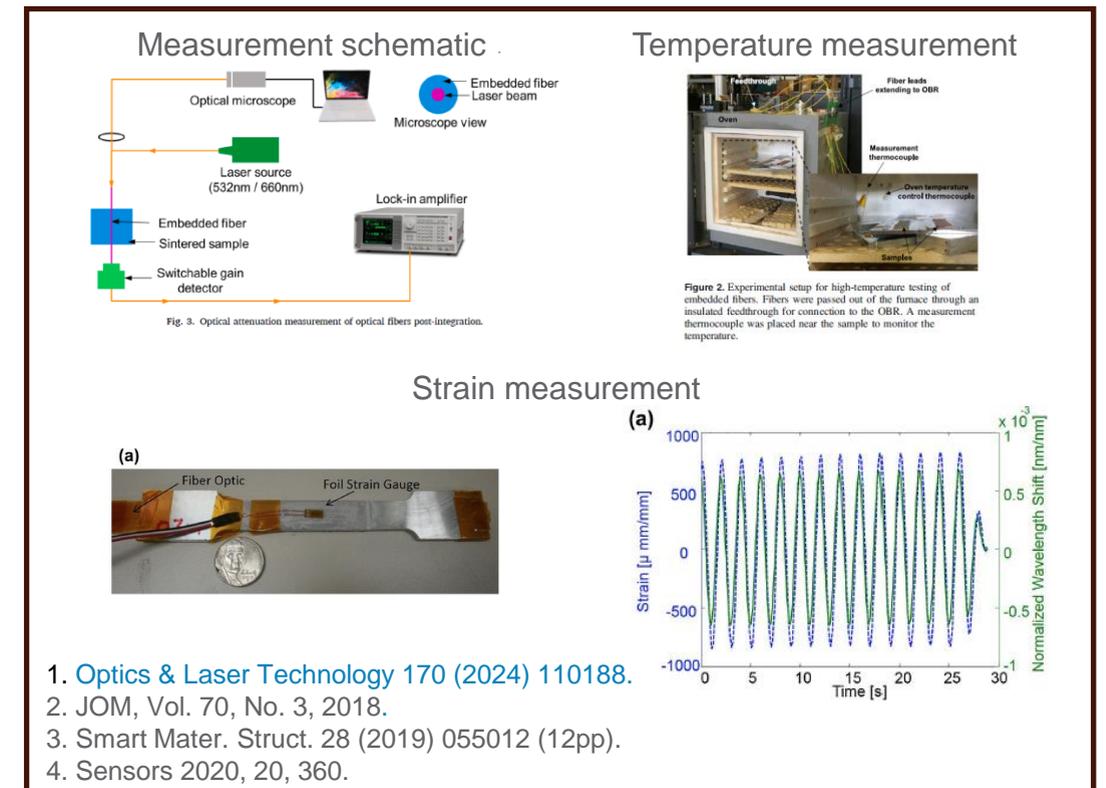
## NDE: Carbon fiber composites



## (2) Optical testing: Wavelength attenuation/ amplitude of laser signal, dB

- Continuity of the optical fibers
- Performance of the fibers at elevated temperature and strain

## Optical fiber performance evaluation



# Analytical Calculations: *Defining the Sample Size and Roll Separation Force*

## Roll separation force

$$F = wL_p P_a$$

$$P_a = \frac{h}{\mu L_p} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\mu L_p}{h}\right) - 1 \right] \sigma_0$$

## Projected length of the arc of contact:

$$L_p = \left[ R(h_0 - h_f) - \frac{(h_0 - h_f)^2}{4} \right]^{1/2}$$

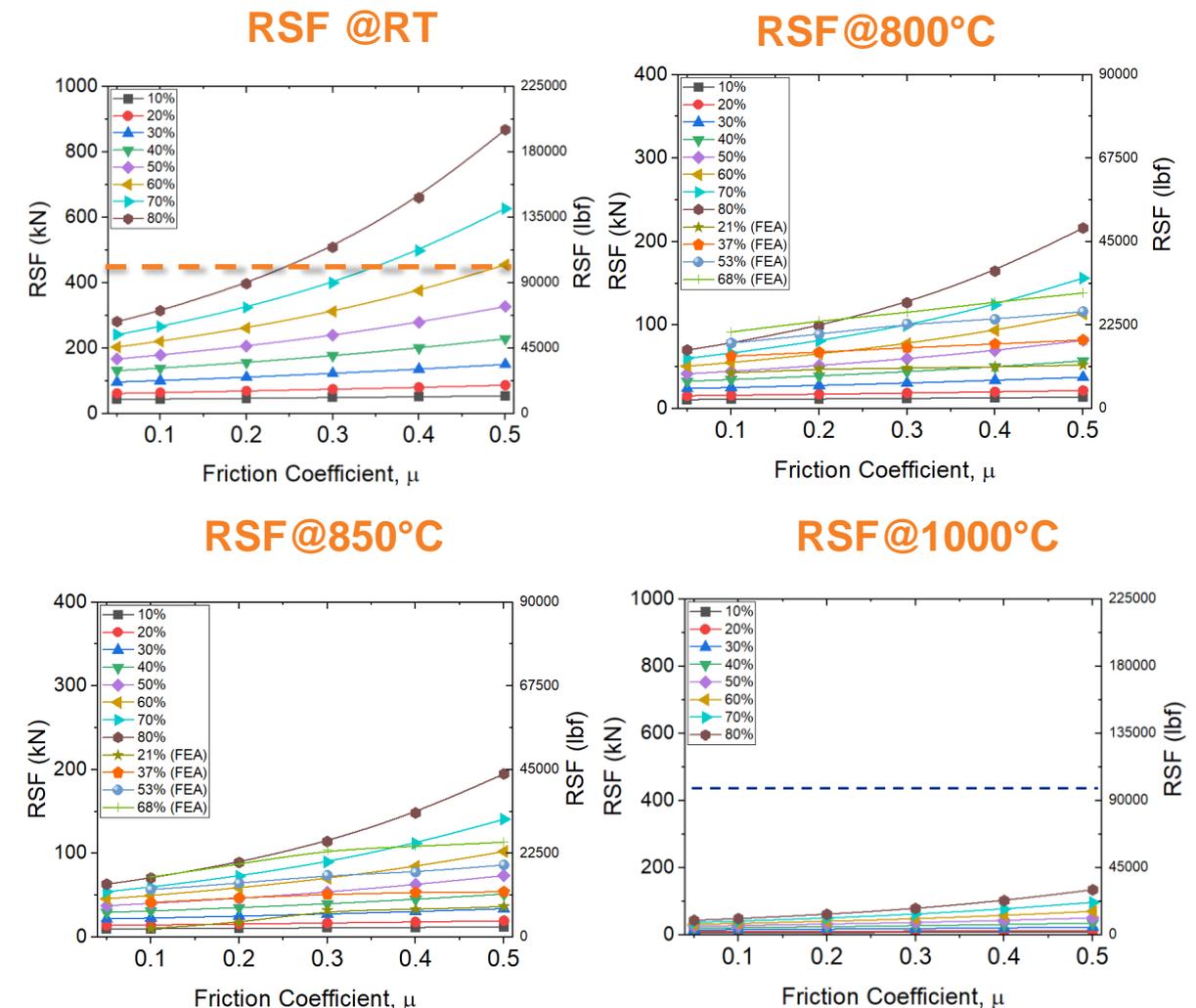
$$\approx \left[ R(h_0 - h_f) \right]^{1/2} \approx \sqrt{R\Delta h}$$

## Flow stress (Johnson-cook equation):

$$\sigma_0 = [A + B\varepsilon^n] \left[ 1 + C \ln\left(\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0}\right) \right] \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_m - T_0}\right)^m \right]$$

Johnson-cook parameters: SS316

A	B	C	m	n
305	1161	0.01	0.517	0.61



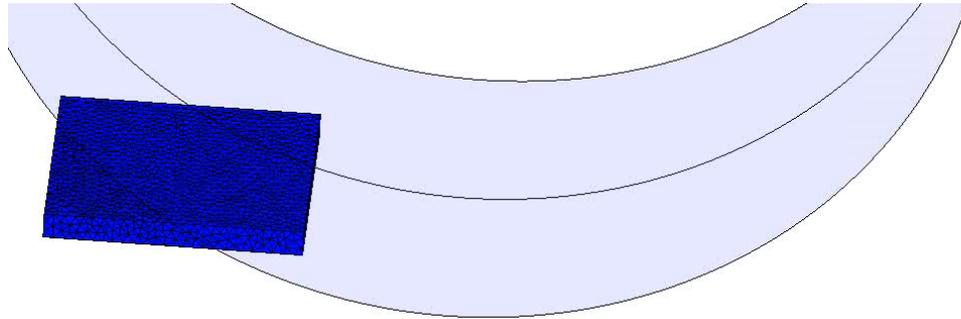
1. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/engineering/roll-separating-force>.

2. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214785322006319>.

3. Chandrasekaran, H., M'Saoubi, R., Chazal, H. "Modelling of material flow stress in chip formation process from orthogonal milling and split Hopkinson bar test", *Machining Science and Technology*, 9(1), pp. 131–145, 2005.

# Simulation Capability: *Hot Rolling FEM Model*

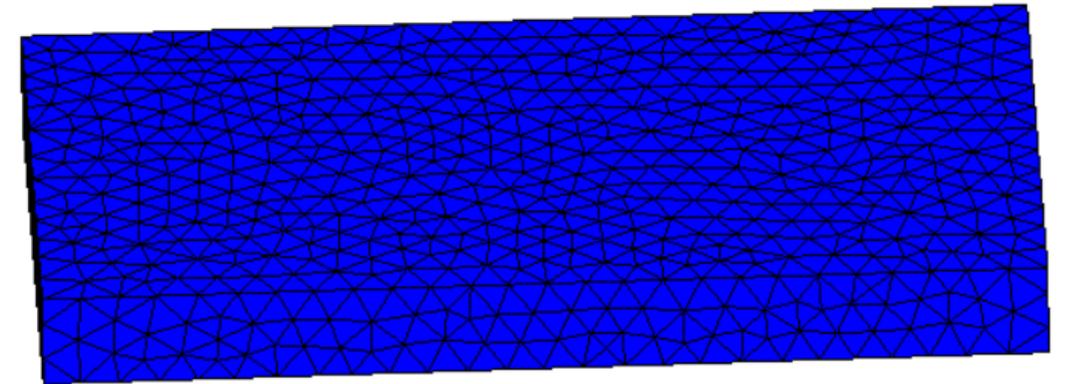
- Rolling with adaptive meshing



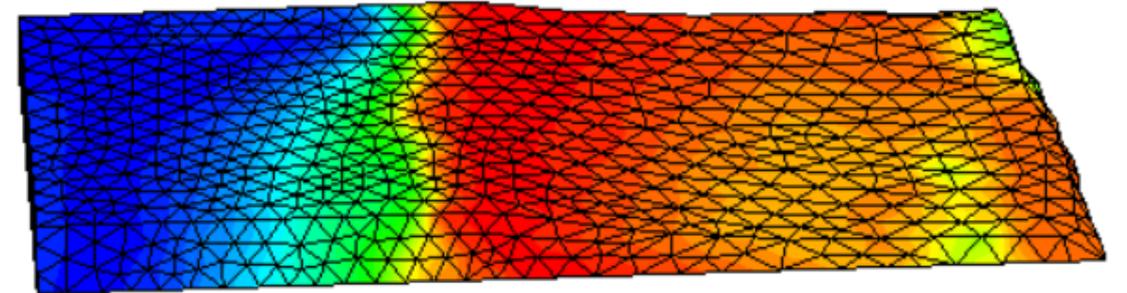
Effective Stress (v-m)



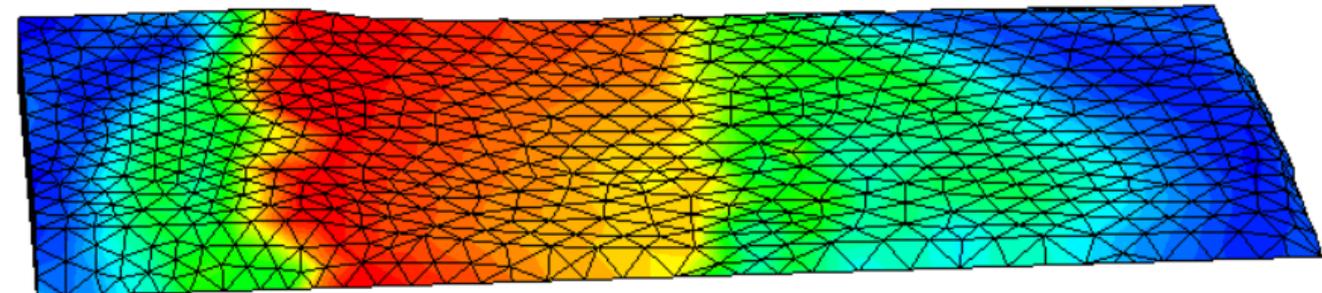
Initial mesh before rolling



Remeshing during rolling #1



Remeshing during rolling #2

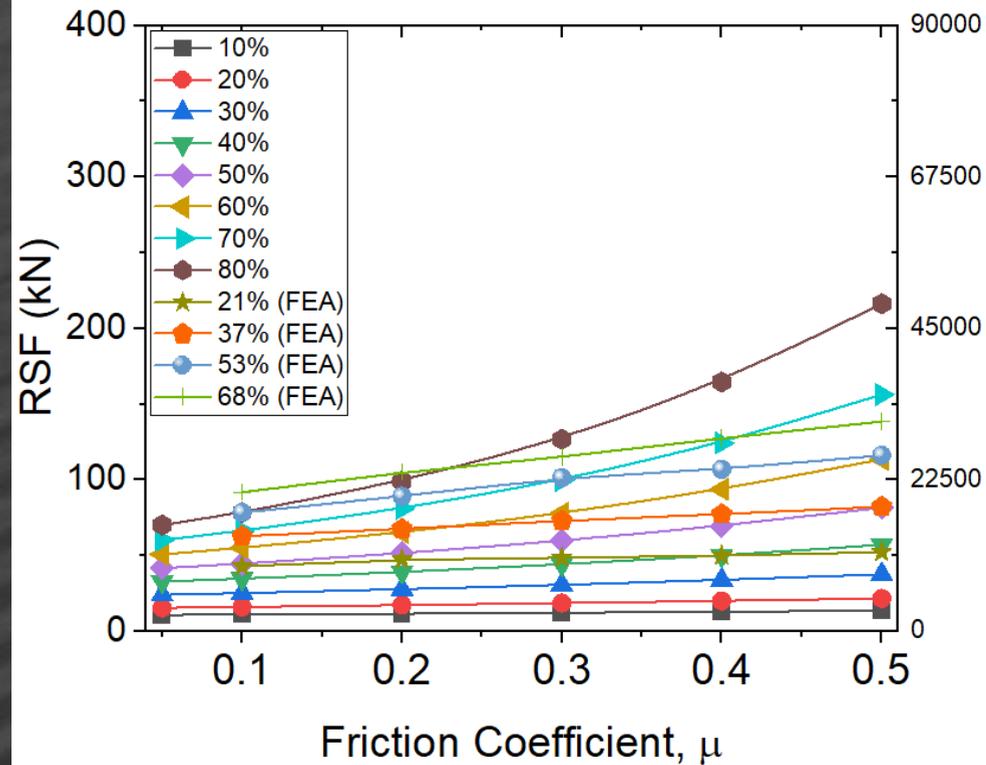


➤ Meshing was optimized before final simulation

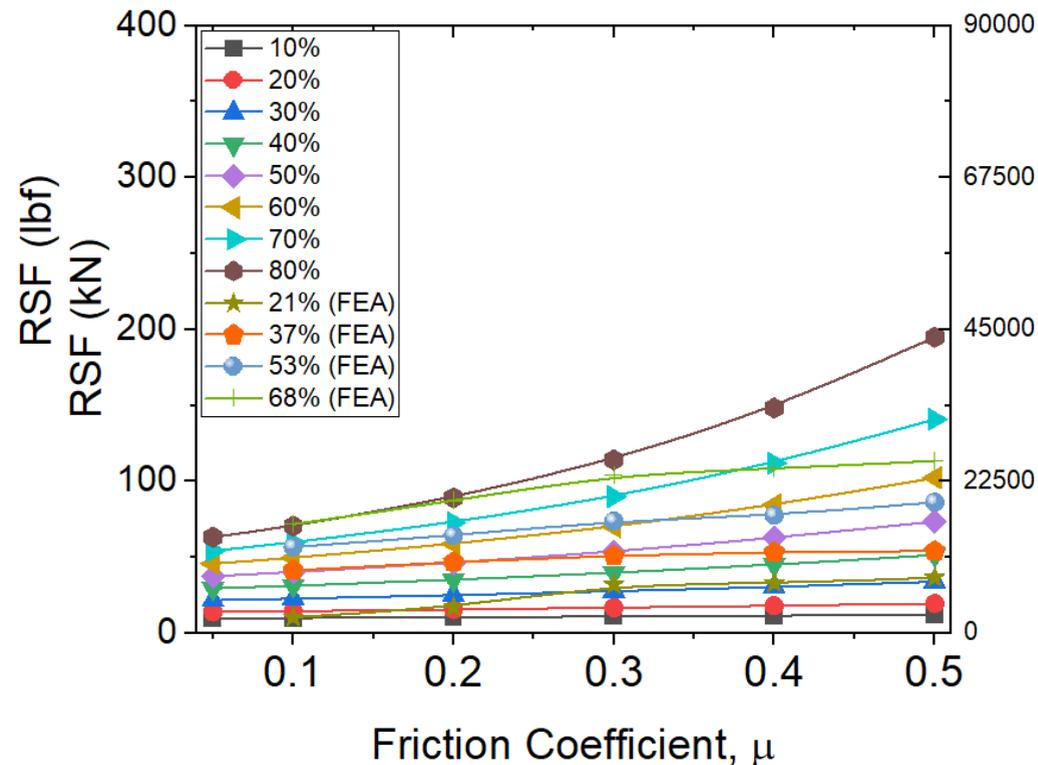
# Model Validation

## Roll Separation Force: Analytical vs. FEM vs. Exp

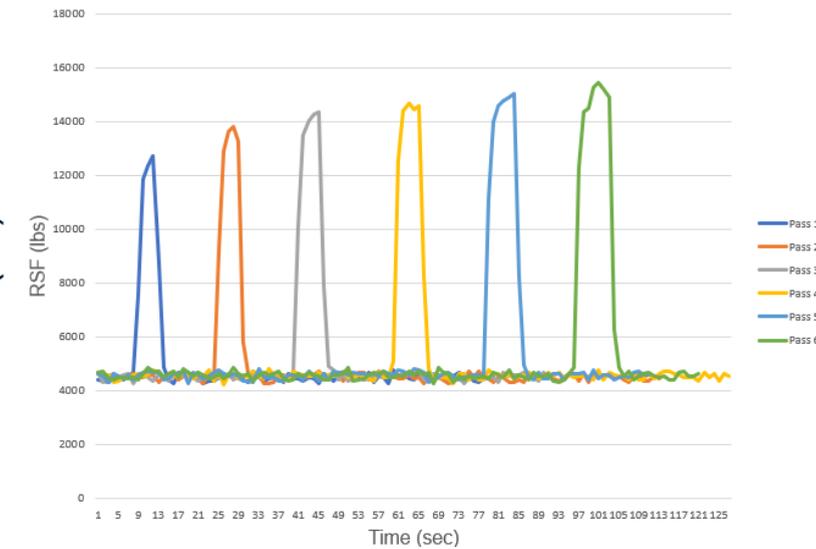
### RSF @800°C



### RSF @850°C



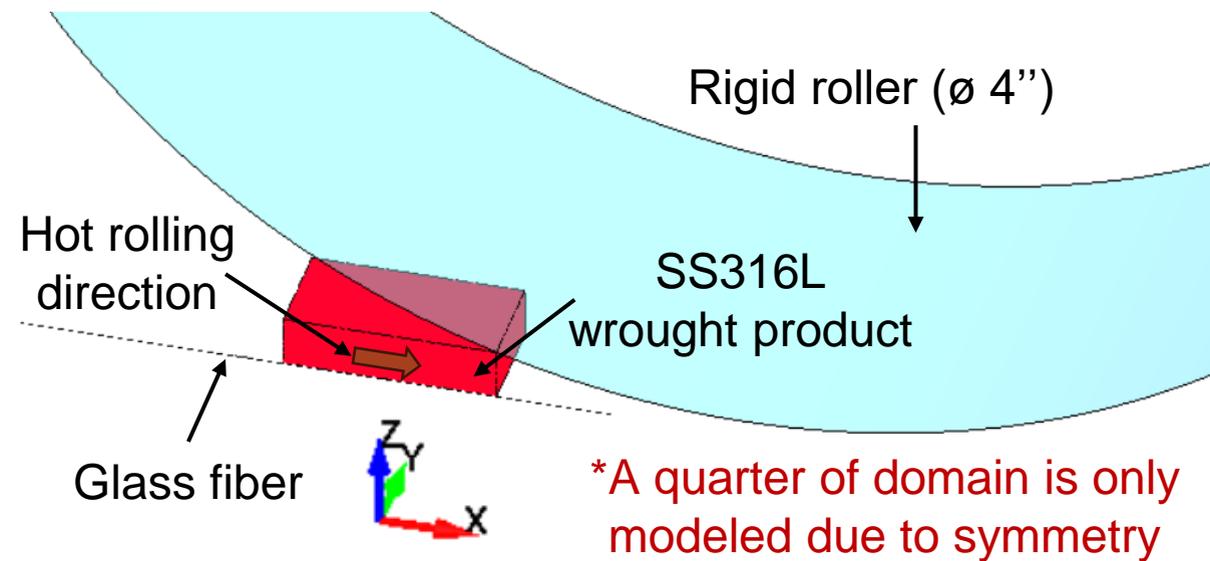
### Exp RSF @800°C



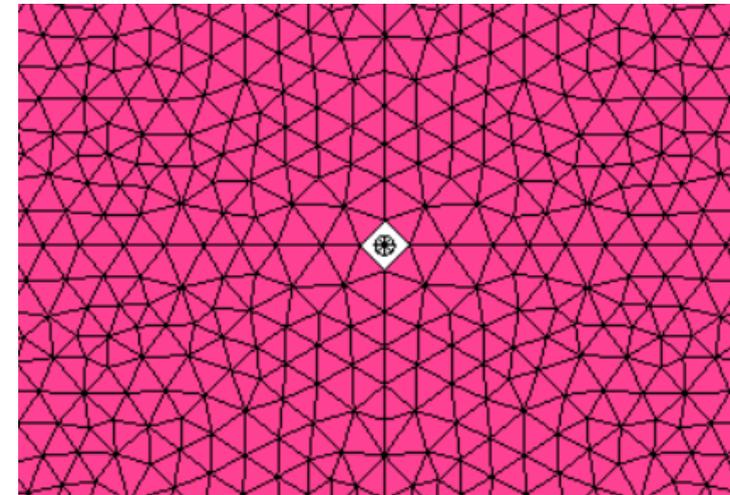
- Roll Dia: 4"; Plate Width: 0.5";  $h_0$ : 6.35 mm
- The analytically calculated and FEM modeled roll separation force (RSF) values are very comparable

# Finite Element Method Model Setup for Hot Rolling of Wrought Product with Fiber Embedded

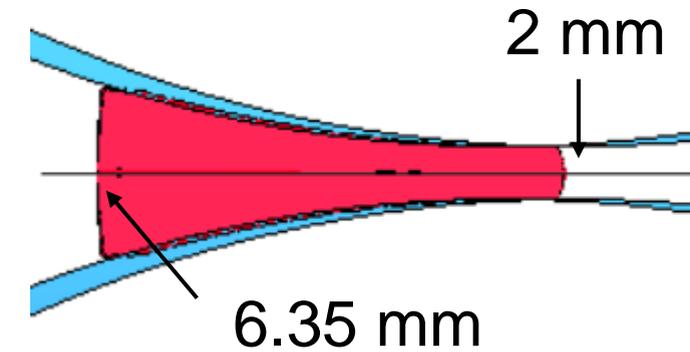
- Finite element method (FEM) model setup



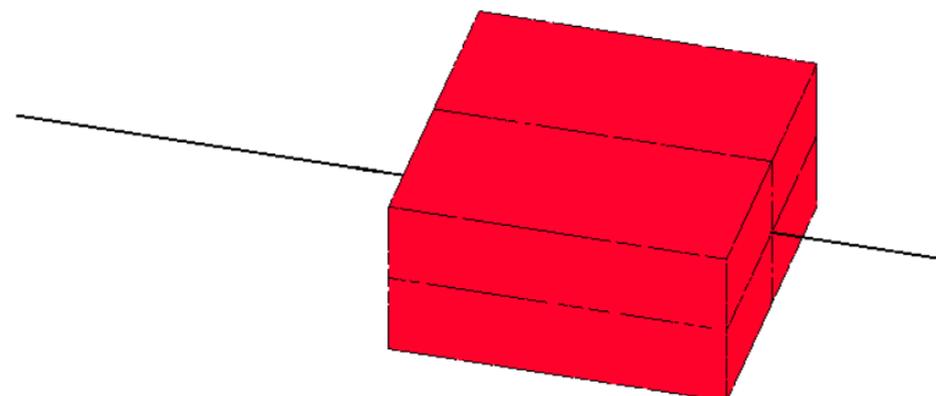
- $\phi$ 250  $\mu$ m drilled hole to hold a  $\phi$ 100  $\mu$ m fiber



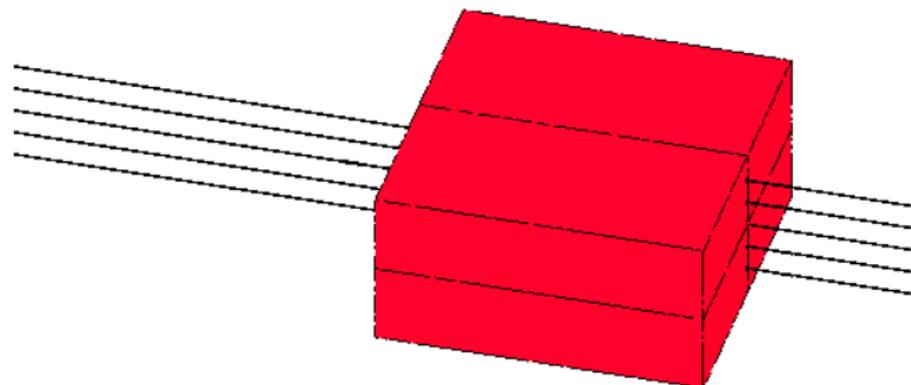
- Baseline reduction rate: 68.5%



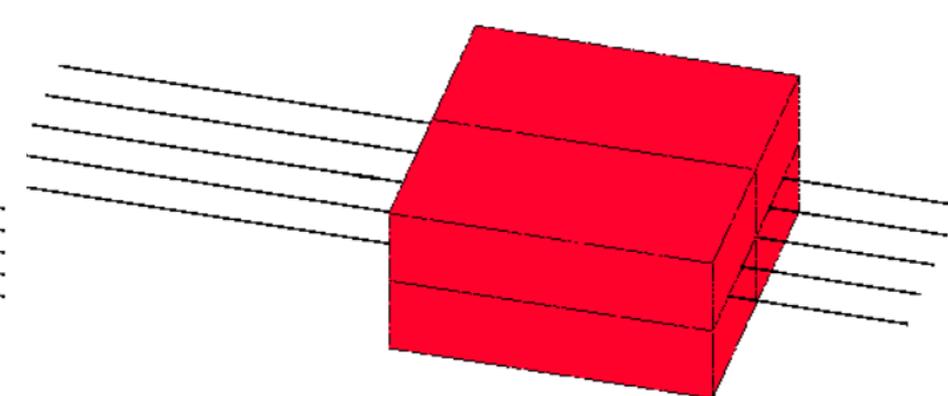
- Fiber embedding cases with wrought product sized in 0.5" x 0.5" x 6.35 mm



Single fiber placed at the center



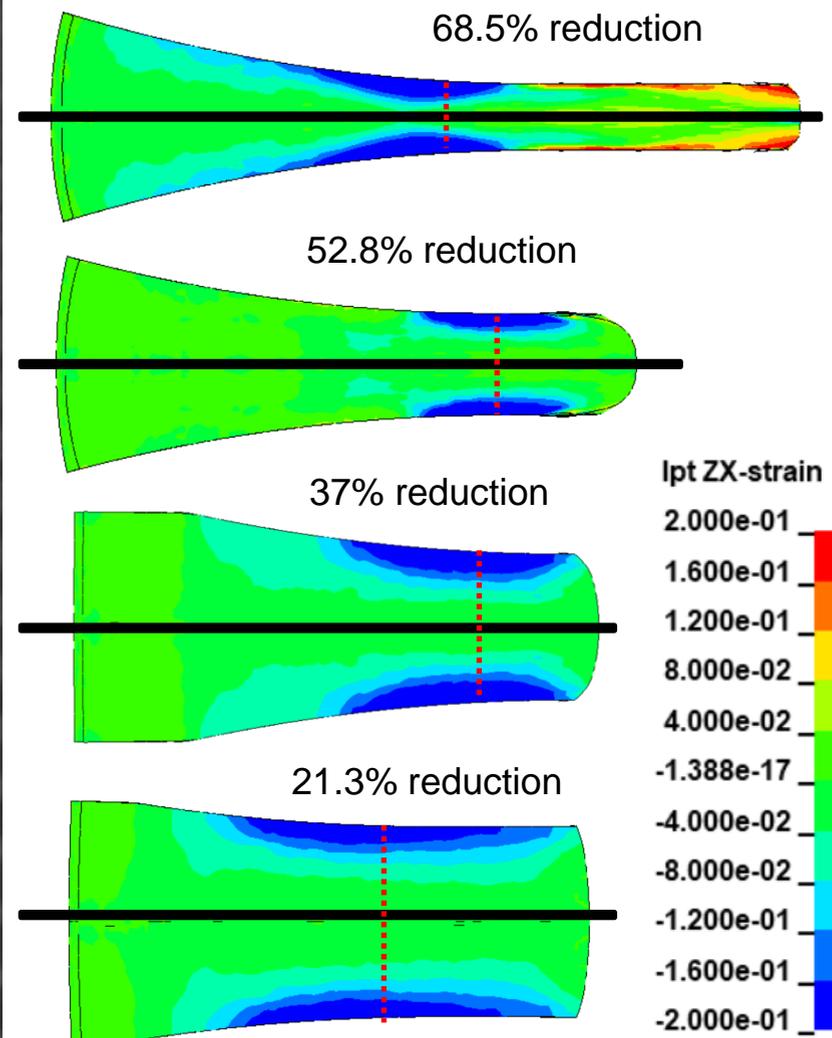
5 fibers placed vertically



5 fibers placed horizontally

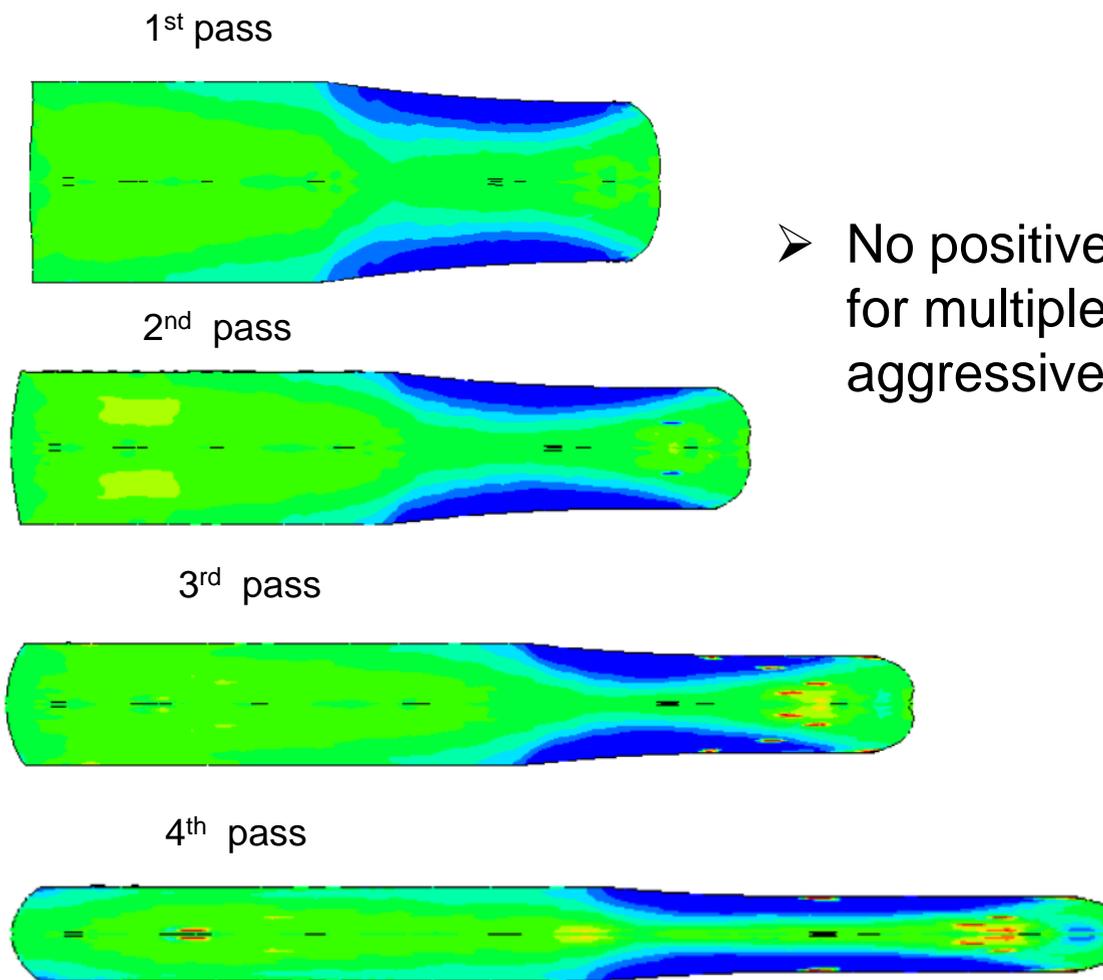
# Through Thickness Shear Strain: Single vs Multi pass

- Single pass with different reductions



➤ Rolled at 850°C

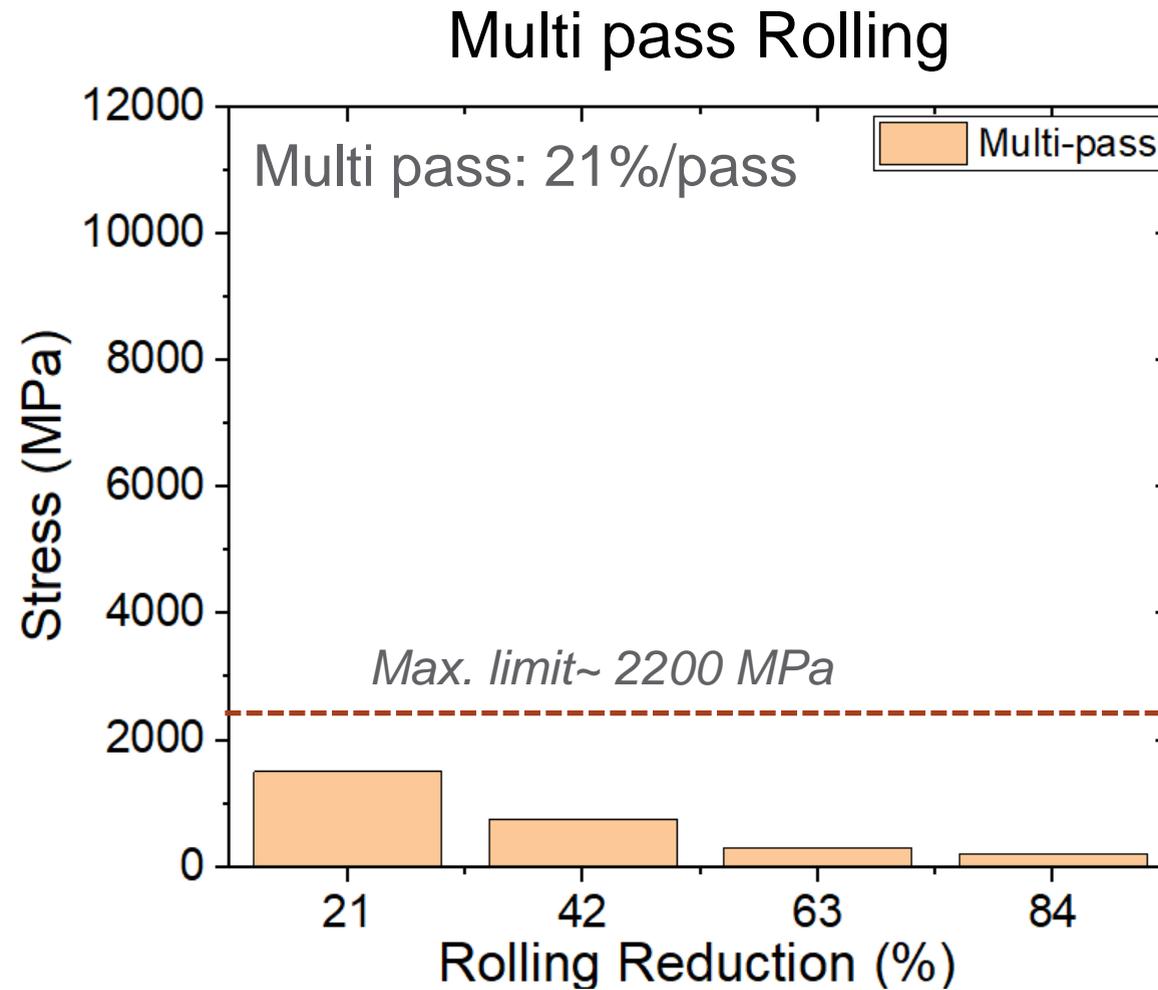
- Multiple passes with 21% reductions



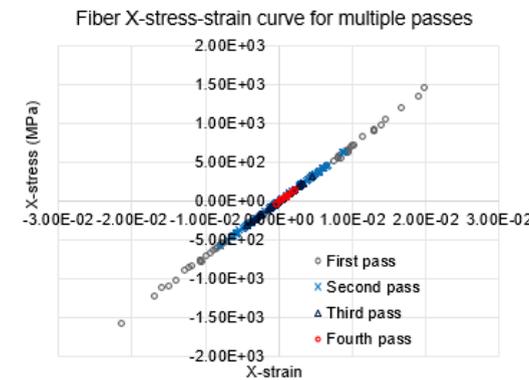
➤ No positive shear strain is obtained for multiple-pass case due to less aggressive reduction for each pass

# Fiber experienced stressed: Single vs. Multi-pass Rolling

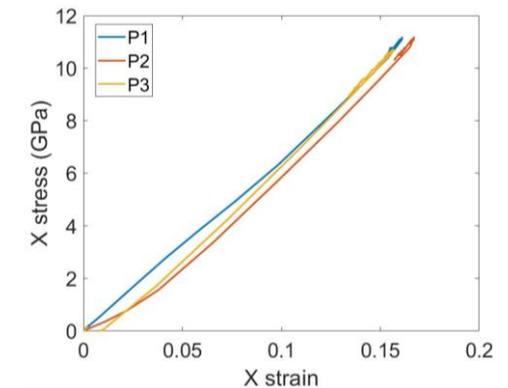
- Sapphire fibers undergone maximum stress during rolling (Single vs Multi pass)



### Multi pass 21%/ pass



### Single pass 53% reduction



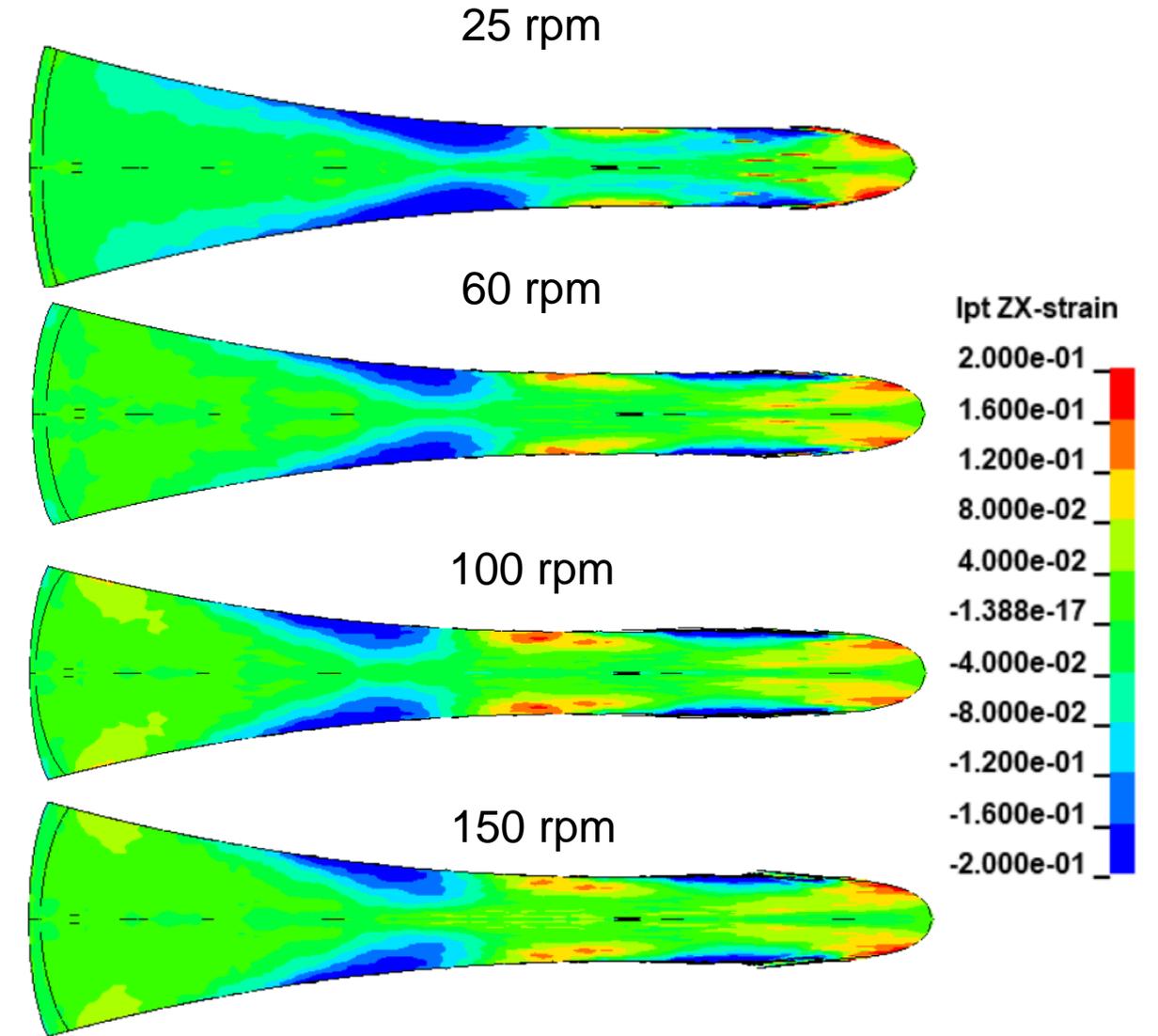
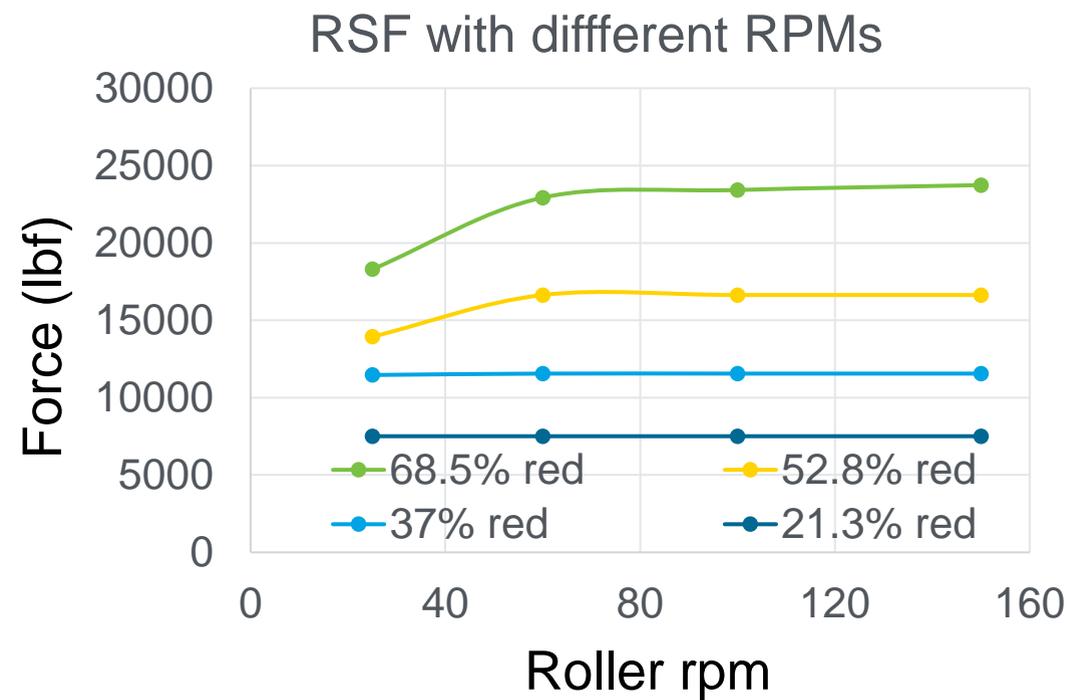
Sapphire ( $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ):  
<http://www.micromaterialsinc.com>

- Tensile strength: 2200 MPa

- Multi-pass rolling less aggressive and adopted for initial trials
- Dividing the reduction into multiple passes can significantly reduce the stress in the fiber.

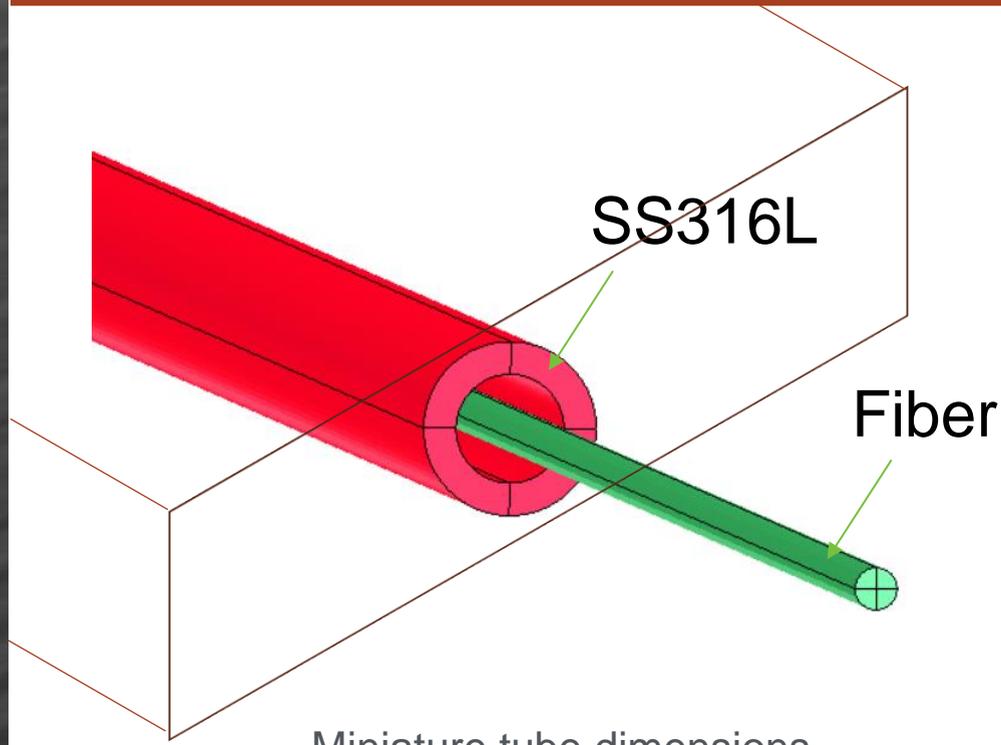
# Strain Rate Sensitivity Study

- Rolling results with different rpms
  - 25, 60, 100, 150 rpms
  - 21.3%, 37%, 52.8%, 68.5% reductions
  - 850 °C temperature

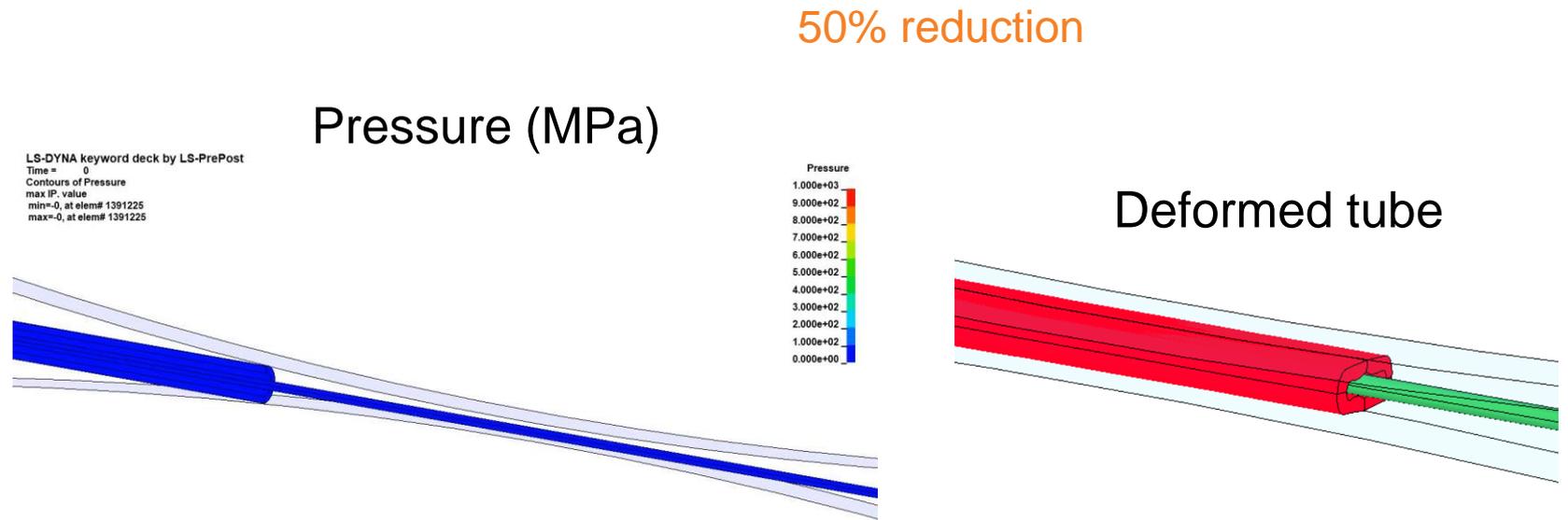
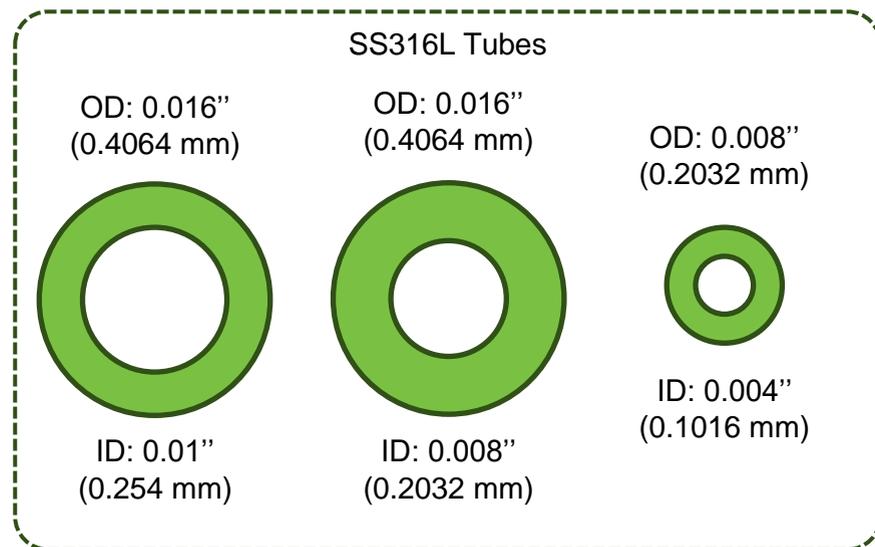


- When reduction rate is high, slower rpm can significantly reduce the RSF.
- RSF and shear strain are lower with slow rpm, and converge to certain values with increasing RPM
- RSF tends to be constant for low reduction rate

# Developing Model with Guided Tube: For better adherence of fibers and matrix



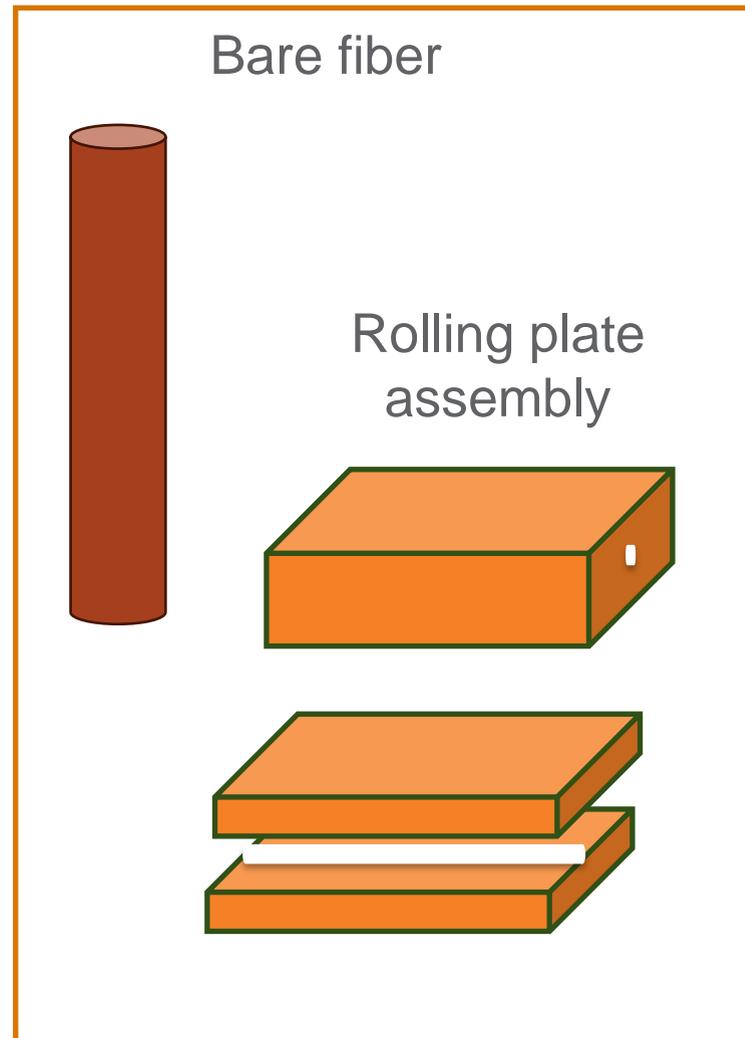
Miniature tube dimensions



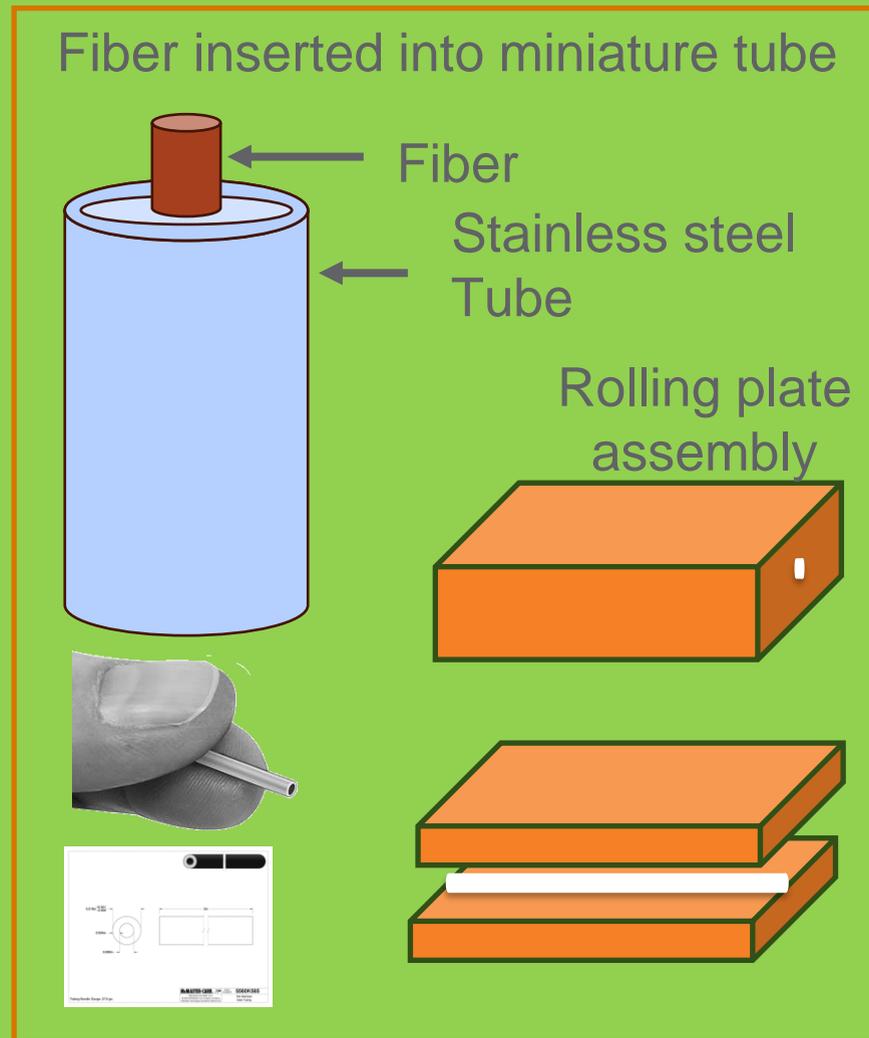
**Insertion of 316 tube along with fiber in 316 matrix is beneficial for bonding and reduces stress**

# Approach 1: Fiber Assembly

## Fiber Assembly I

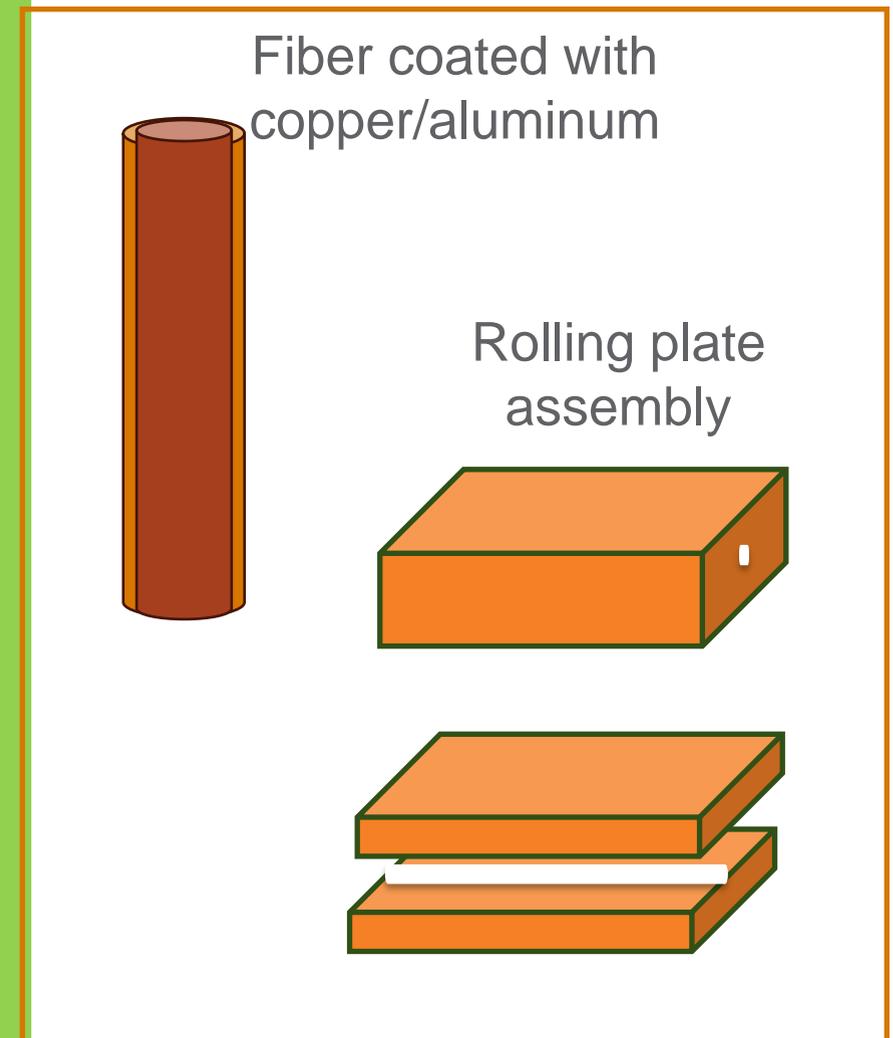


## Fiber Assembly II



Tube outer dia: 0.4 mm  
Inner dia: 0.25 mm

## Fiber Assembly III



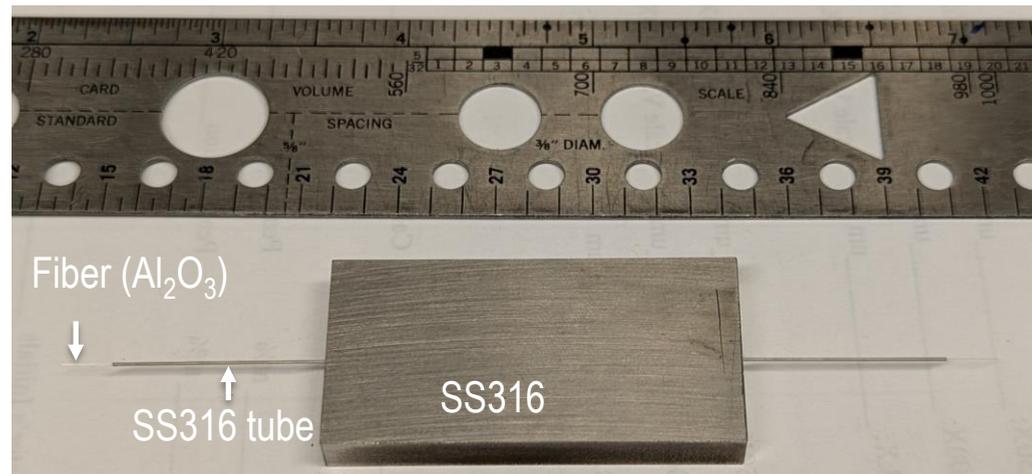
# Approach 1

## Multi-pass Rolling: Up to 20% Rolled (6.2 mm to 5.0 mm)

### Embedded fiber:

- Rolling temperature: 900°C
- 5 min soaking time
- Total reduction: 19.35% (10%/pass)

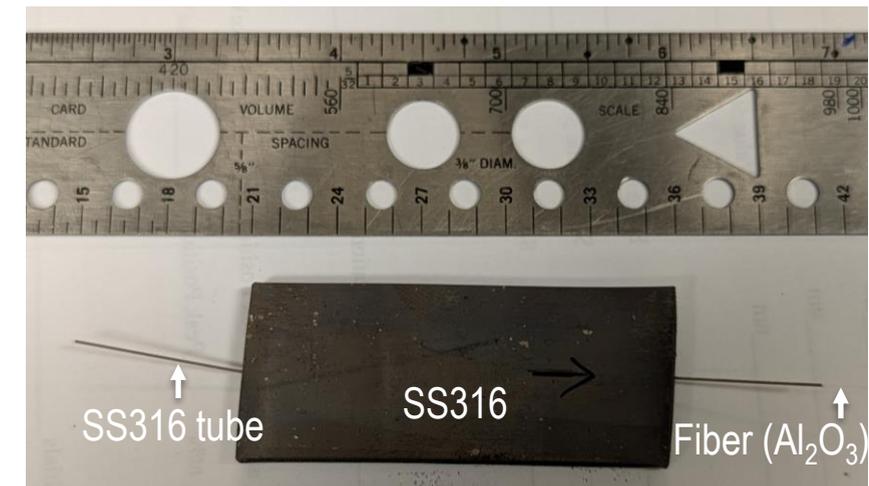
Starting assembly



10% Rolled



20% Rolled



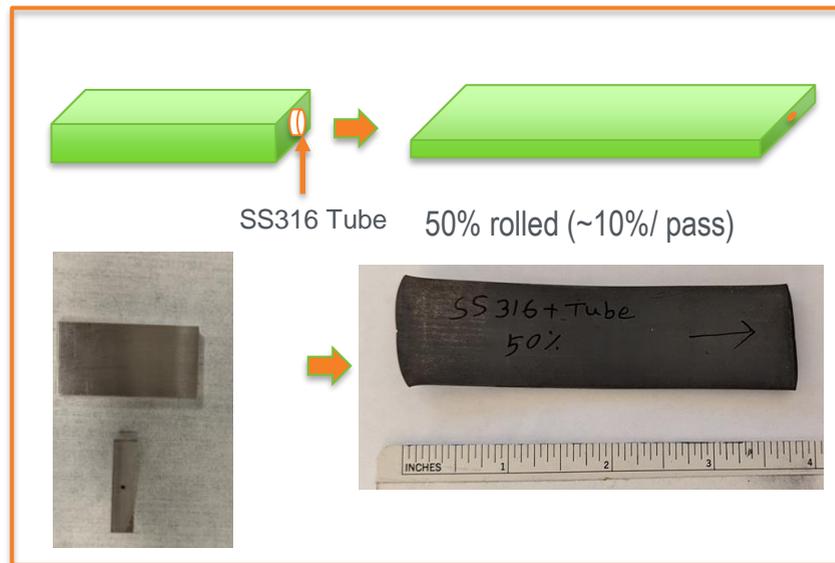
**Fiber intact and visible after 20% reduction**

# Approach 1

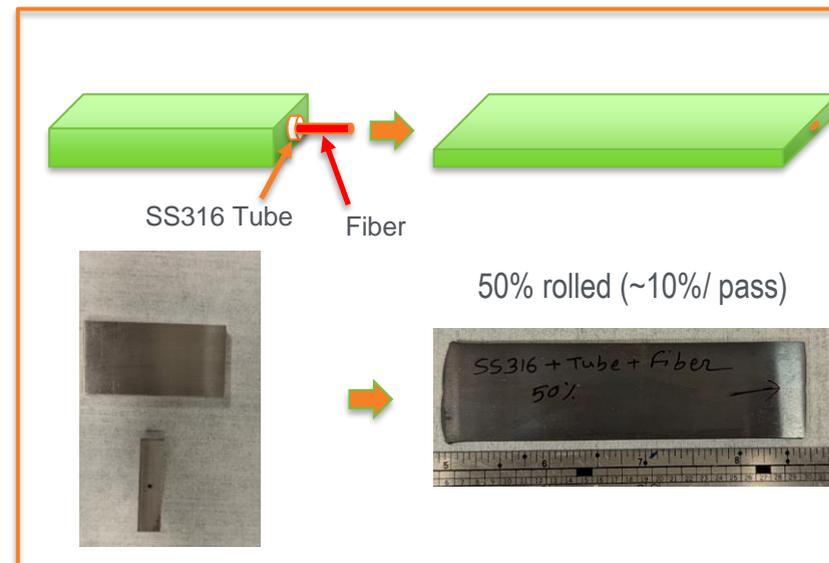
## Multi-pass Rolling: Up to 50% Rolled (6.2 mm to 3.1 mm)

#	Dimension	Multi pass reduction (%)	Temp (°C)	Soaking (min)	Drilled hole/Fiber	Observations
1	2"x1" (6.2 mm thick)	~50	800	15	w/o channel (Dummy plate)	Rolled, defects free
2	2"x1" (6.2 mm thick)	~50	800	15	w/ channel (0.5 mm dia) + Tube	Rolled, defects free
3	2"x1" (6.2 mm thick)	~50	800	15	w/ channel (0.5 mm dia) + Tube + long Fiber	Rolled, defects free
4	2"x1" (6.2 mm thick)	~50	800	15	w/ channel (0.5 mm dia) + long Tube + long Fiber	Rolled, defects free

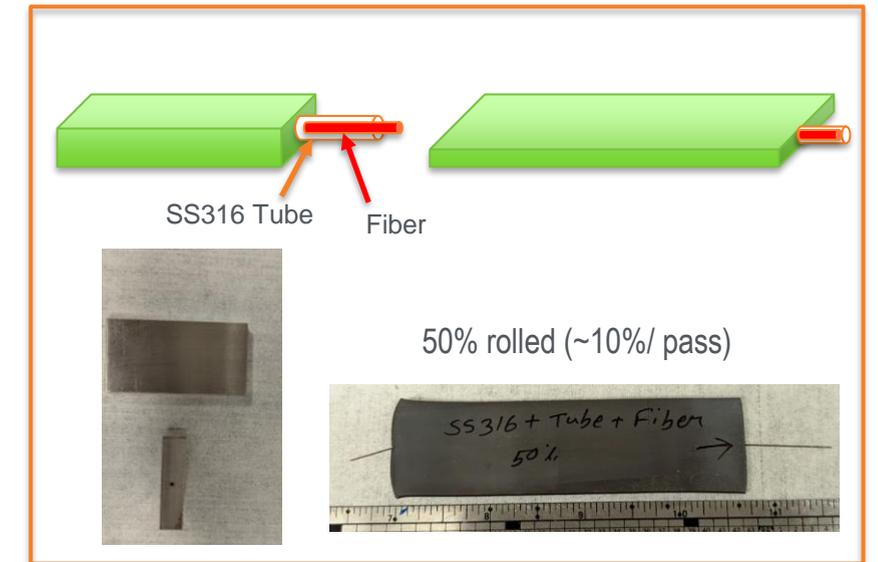
Bare Steel + SS316 Tube



Bare Steel + SS316 Tube + long Fiber



Bare Steel + long SS316 Tube + long Fiber



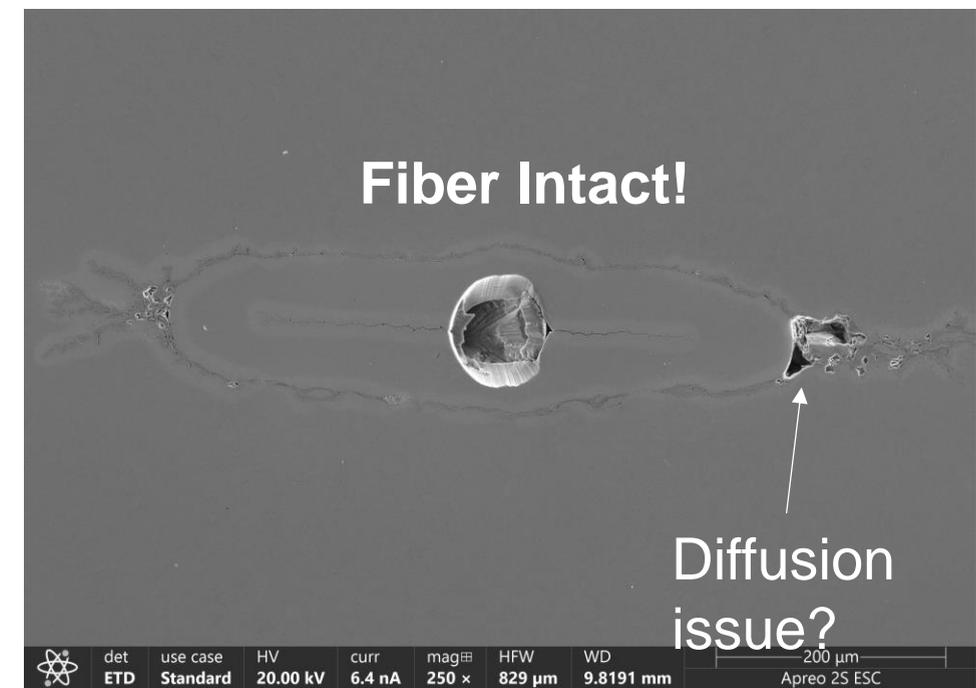
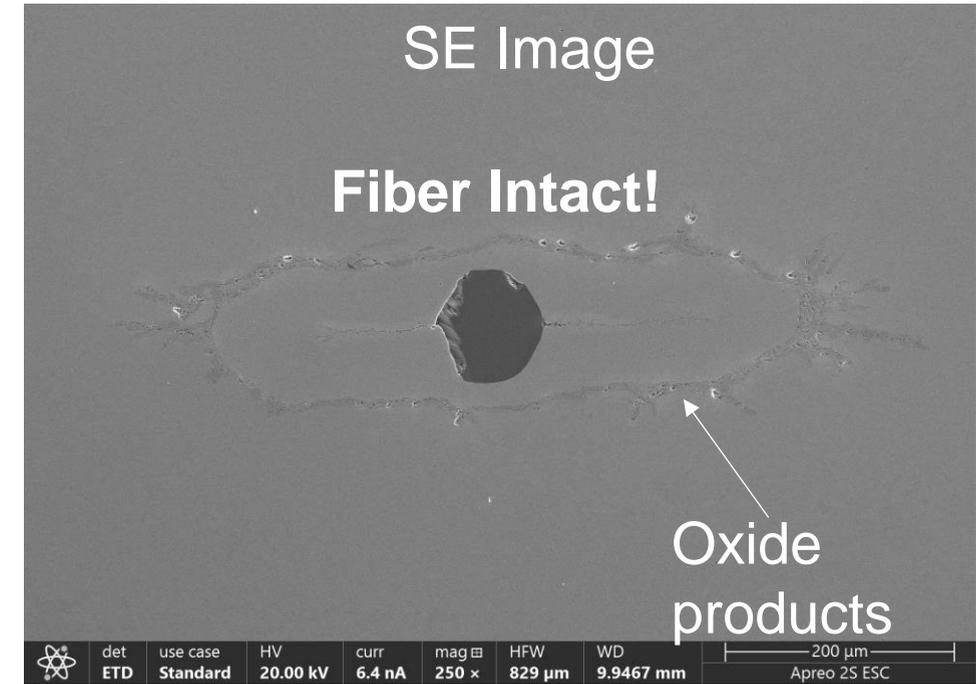
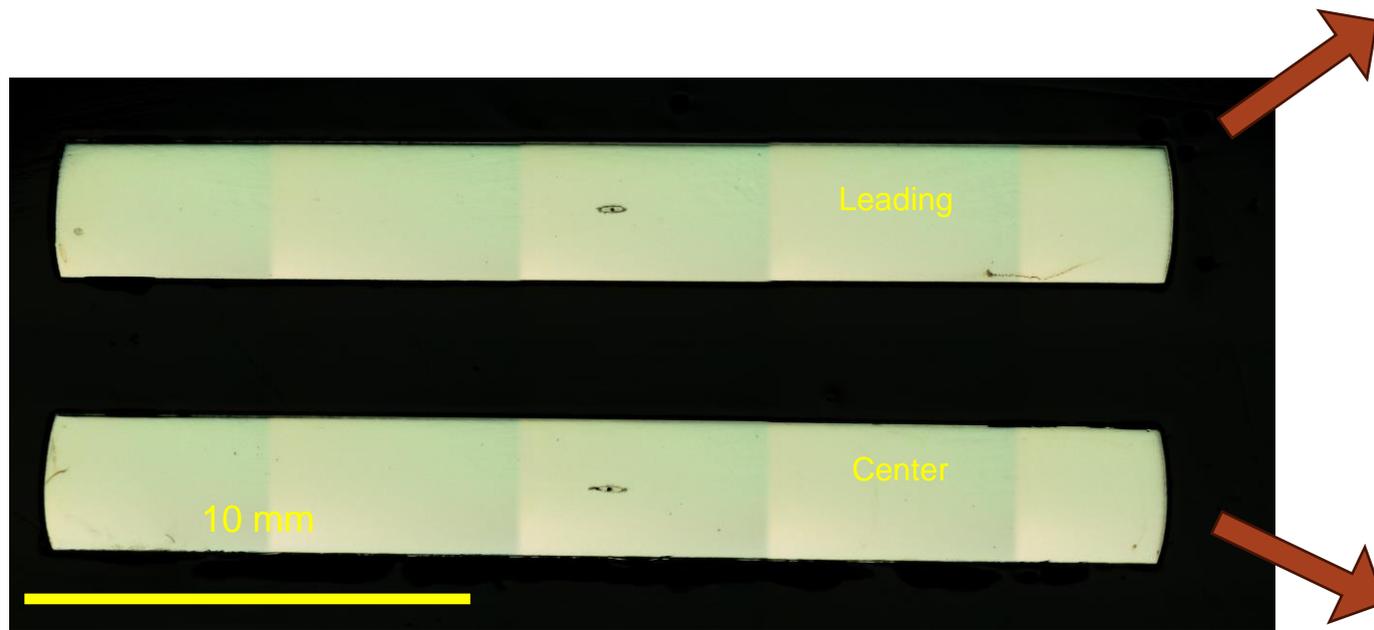
Fiber intact and adjusted to the length

# Approach 1: Cross-Sectional Microscopy: SEM Analysis

SS316 + long Tube+ long Fiber (800°C, ~50%)



Cross section view



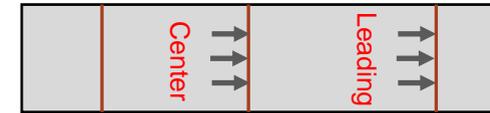
**Fiber intact and adjusted to the length**

# Cross-Sectional Microscopy: EDS

*Oxide layer can be addressed by cleaning process and covers*

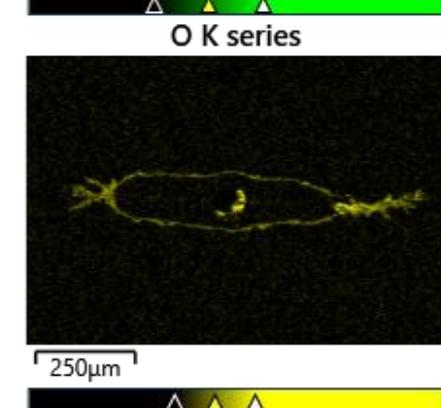
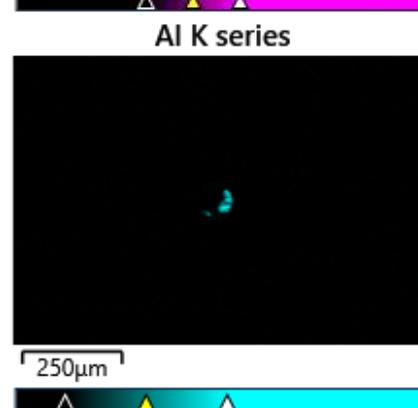
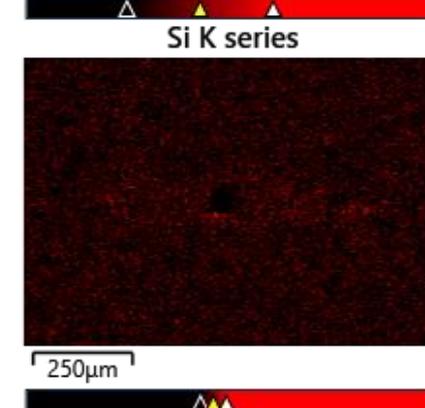
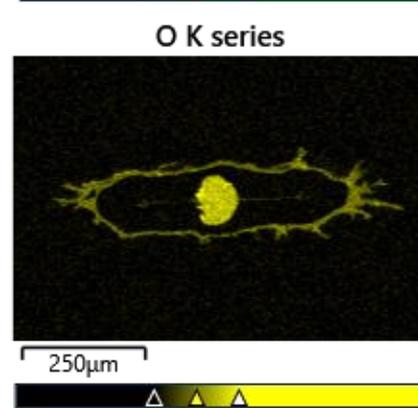
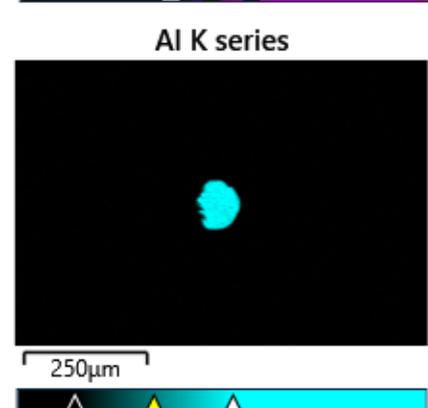
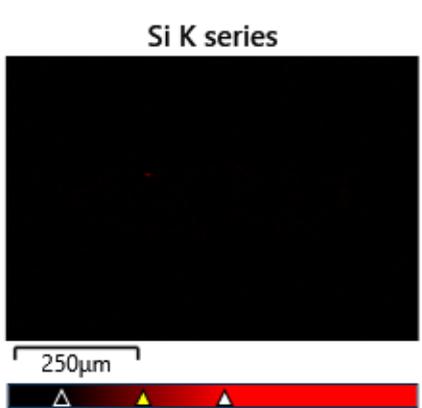
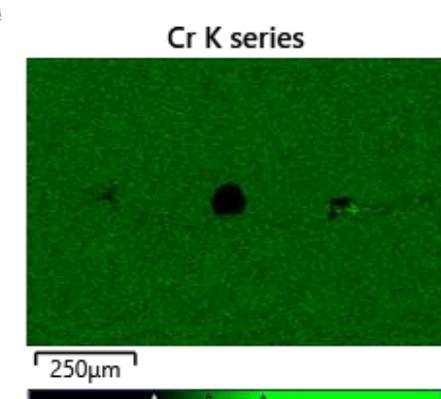
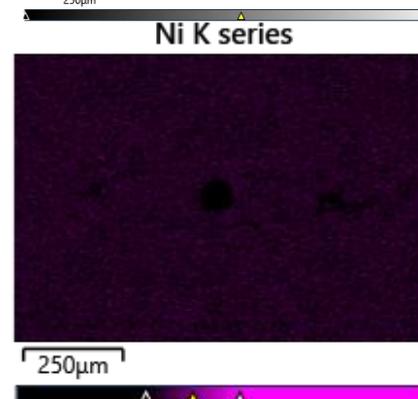
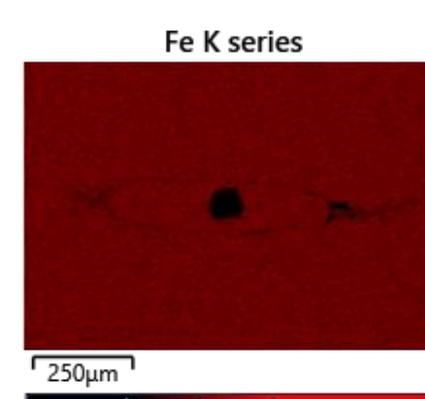
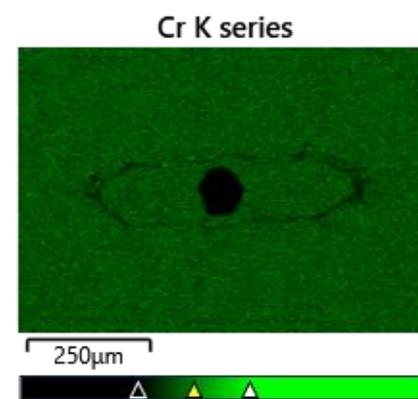
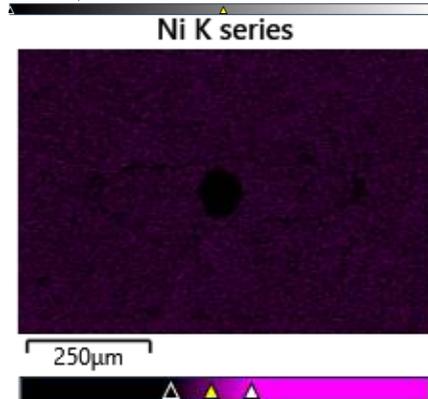
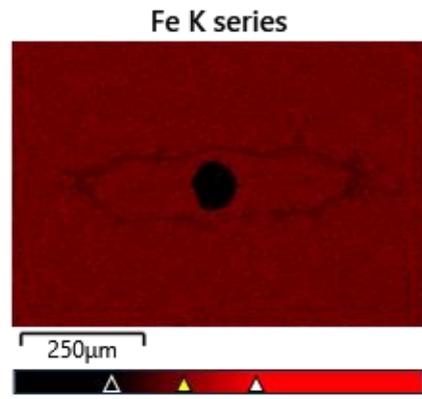
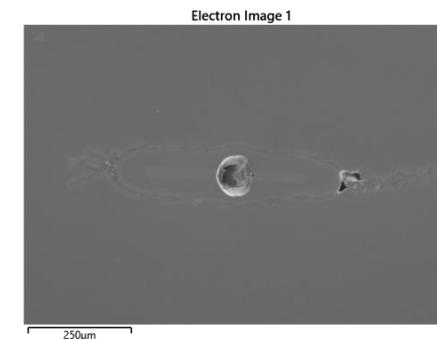
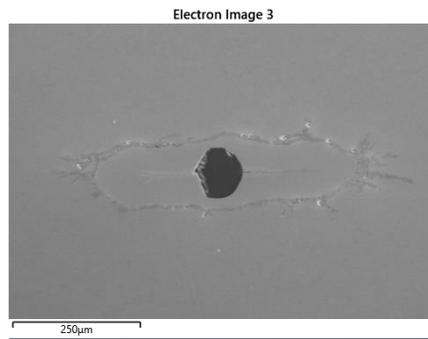
SS316 + long Tube+ long Fiber (800°C, ~50%)

Rolling direction →



## Leading

## Center

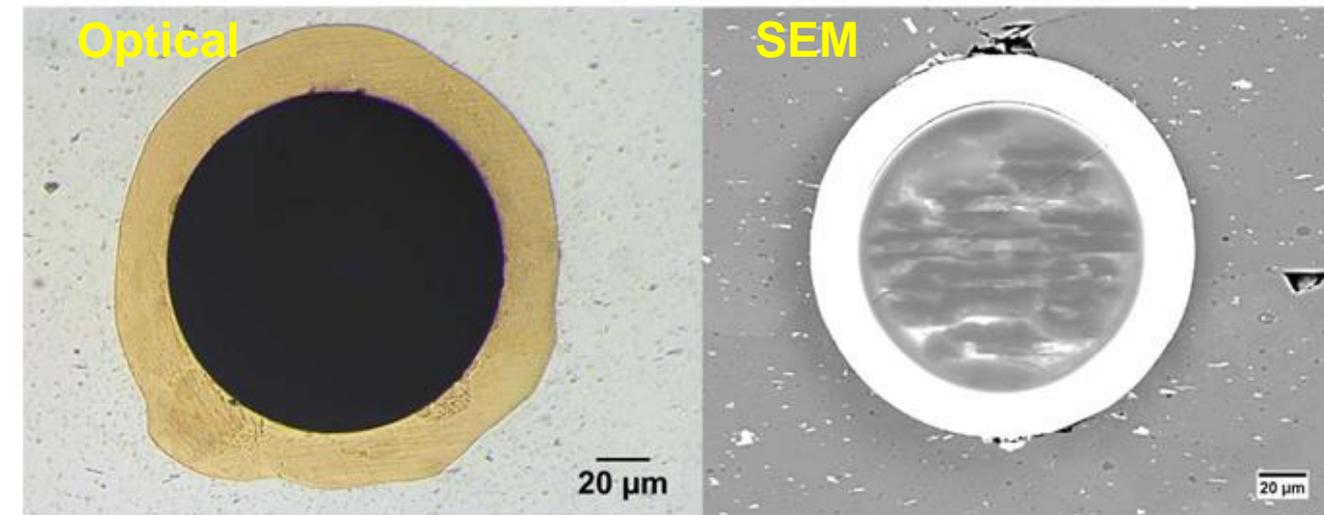


# Approach 1: Summary of Results

*Performed targeted and successful experiments by utilizing modeling*

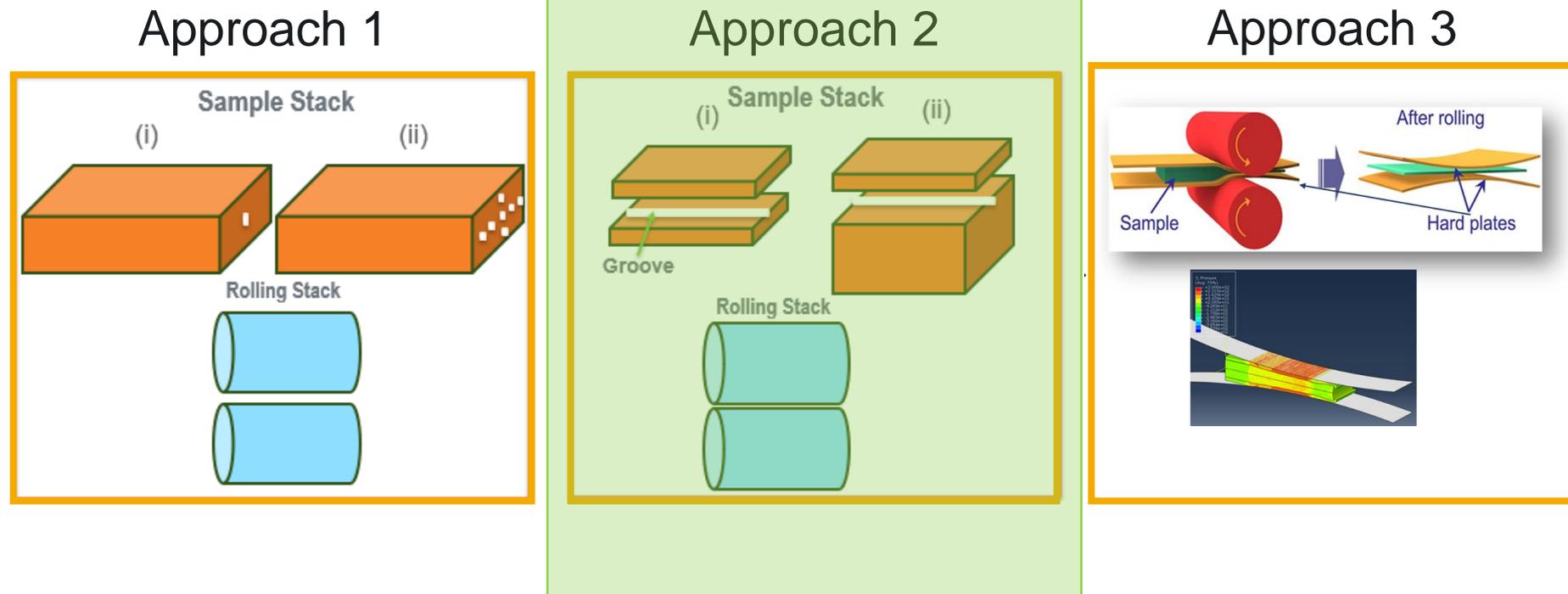
- Roll separating force for hot rolling of wrought product with embedded fibers is systematically studied with various temperatures and friction coefficients.
- The stress-strain distributions in wrought product and fiber have been investigated with fibers embedded at different locations of the wrought product.
- Deformation of pre-drilled holes with vertical and horizontal orientations is studied with rolling reduction up to ~70% at rolling temperature of 850°C.
- The through thickness shear strain map is studied with various reduction ratios.
- Demonstrated and validated the models
- Successfully showcased that we can embed sensor using the first approach
- Performance evaluation is underway

Embedded fibers with copper coatings



Christian M Petrie, Niyanth Sridharan, Mohan Subramanian, Adam Hehr, Mark Norfolk and John Sheridan, Embedded metallized optical fibers for high temperature applications, Smart Mater. Struct., 28 (2019) 055012.

# Approach 2: Diffusion Bonding of Two Plates with Rolls



**The concept of hot confined rolling to embed the sensor and minimize stresses at the center of the sheet to minimize stresses at the sensor location**

**The connections and Wires can be connected initially during the rolling process**

# Modelling of bonding: Contact Algorithm Method

## ➤ Zhang-Bay model

To estimate the bond strength, two maximum limits must be applied, as discussed by Bay et al.

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_0}\right)_{max1} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} Y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r \quad \text{OR, } (\sigma_B)_{max1} = \sigma_0 \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} Y \quad \sigma_0 \text{ is yield strength}$$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_0}\right)_{max2} = 1$$

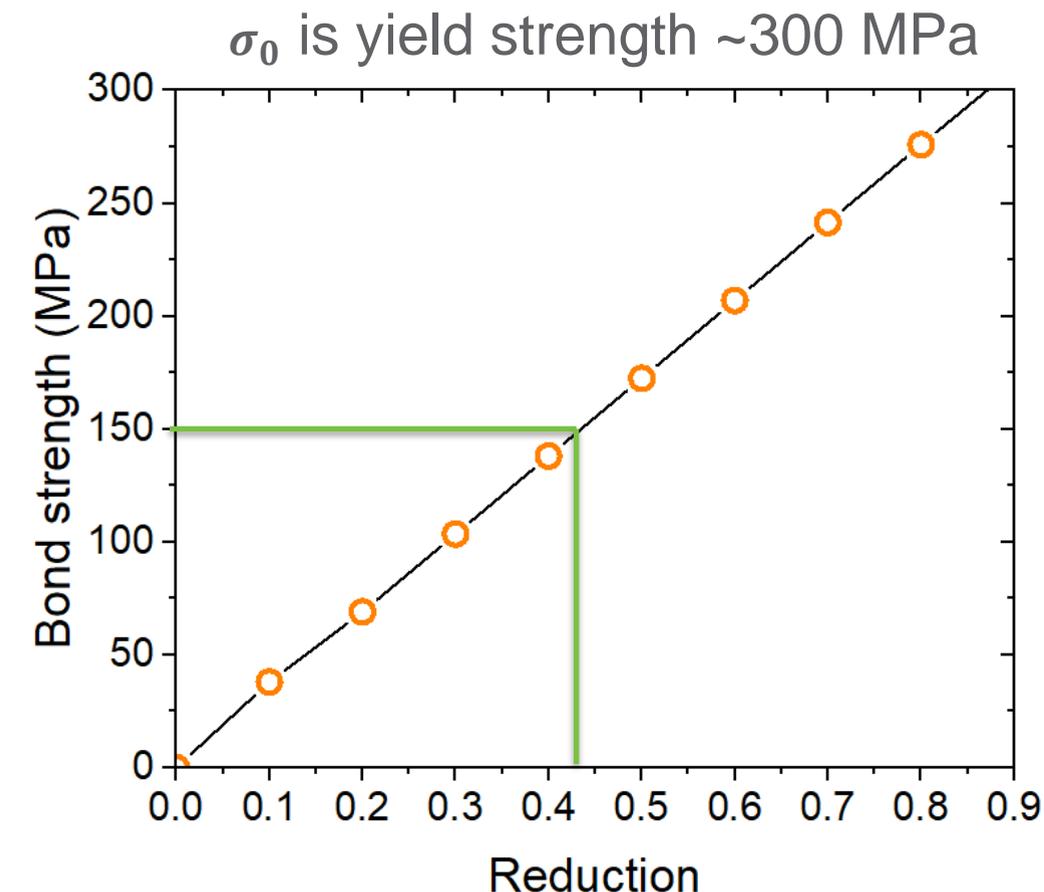
In fact,  $\sigma_B$  shows the bond strength in normal direction of the interface. The bond strength in tangential direction can be described as:

$$\tau_B = \frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_0} \frac{C}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ B - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \ln(1-r) \right]^n \quad \text{➤ Bond strength depends on reduction (%) and pressure}$$

Where, C, B and n are the material parameters of swift hardening law.

Swift hardening law:

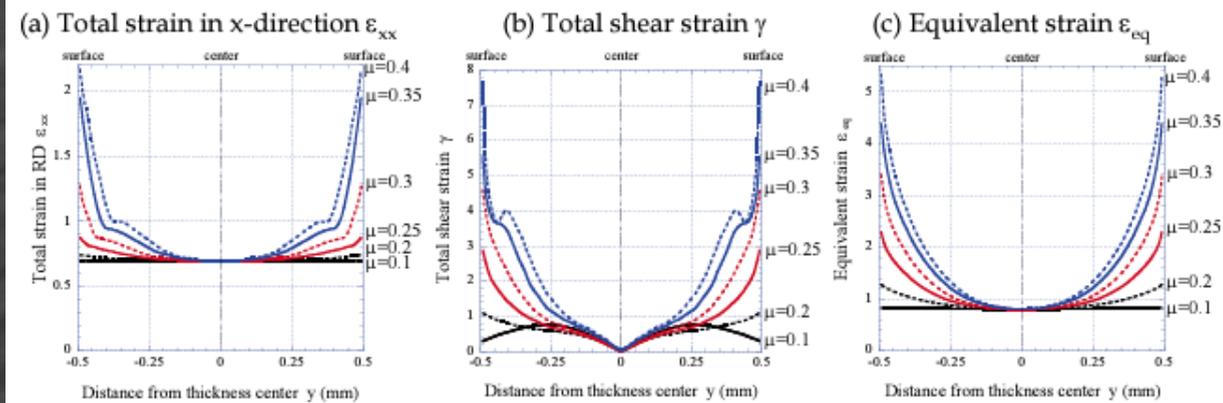
$$\sigma = k(\varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon^p)^n$$



➤ ~43% reduction needed to have bond strength of  $\sim \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0$

# Through Thickness Strain: Find a suitable location

## Equivalent strain distribution

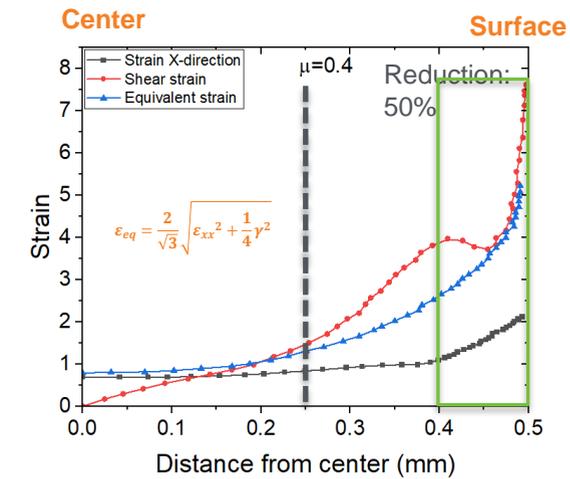


➤ Strain gradient increases with friction coefficient,  $\mu$

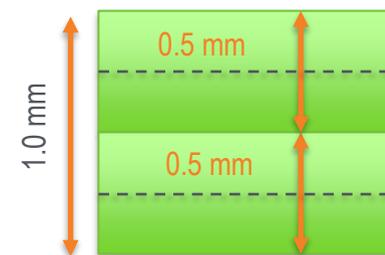
Reference:

I. Tadanobu, National Institute for Materials Science, Japan.

## Equivalent strain distribution



### Case- I



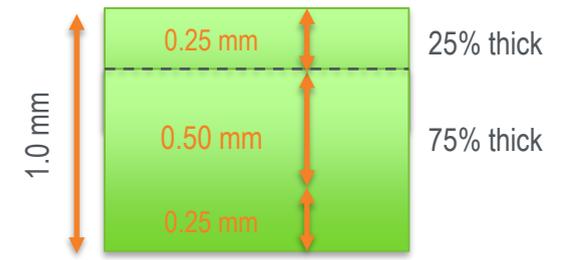
Shear strain,  $\gamma=0$

### Case- II



Shear strain,  $\gamma=\max$

### Case- III

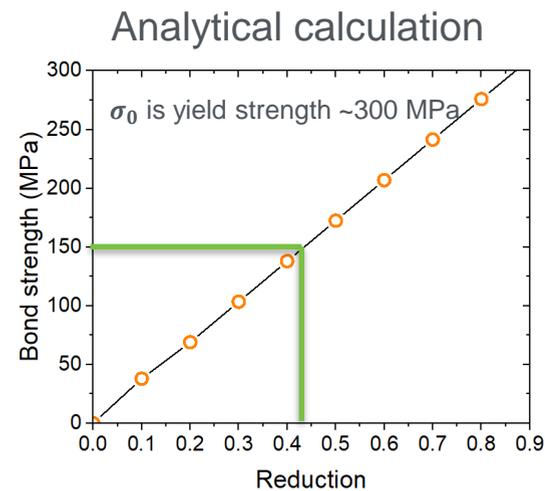
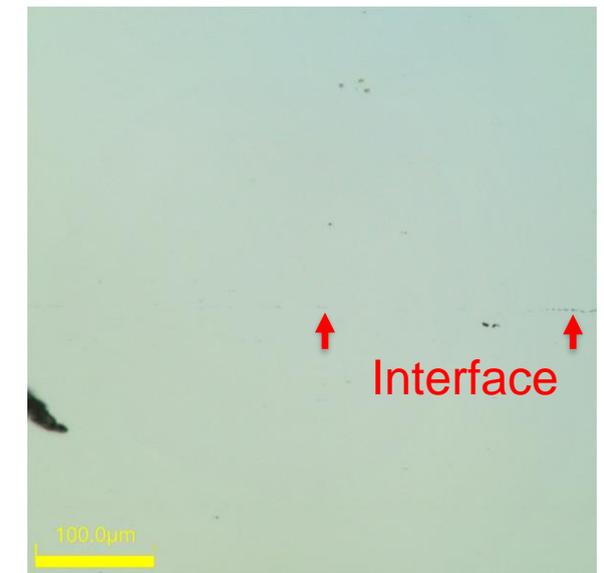
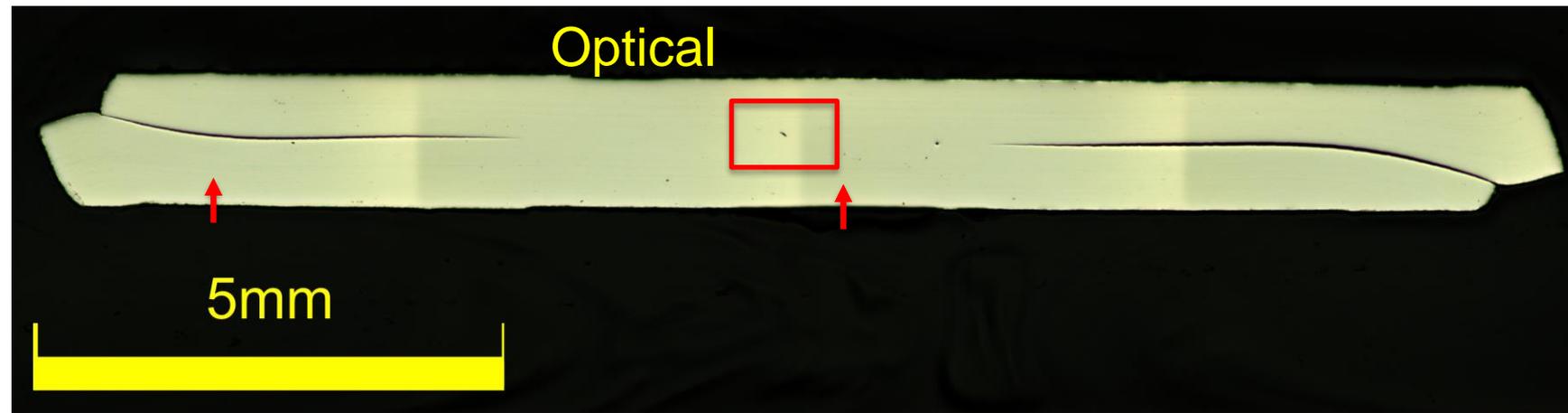


Shear strain,  $\gamma=\text{moderate}$

- Understanding shear strain distribution, center experience zero shear and surface maximum
- Avoid high shear zone to minimize fiber damage
- Fibers were placed at center

# Cross-Sectional Microstructure (3 mm to 1.6 mm)

#	Dimension	Single pass reduction (%)	Temp (°C)	Soaking (min)	Grooved/Fiber	Observation
3	1"x0.5" (1.5 + 1.5 mm thick)	~45	900	15	w/o groove	Bonded



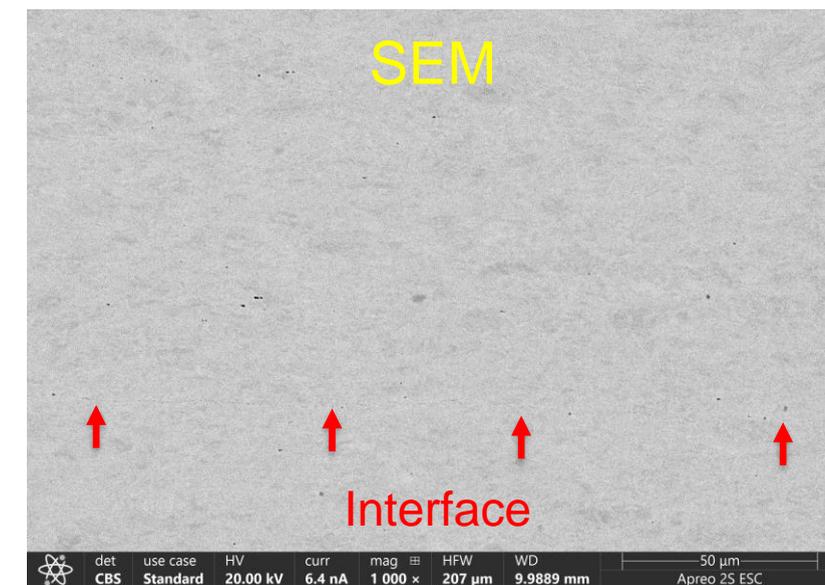
➤ ~43% reduction needed to have bond strength of  $\sim \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_0}\right)_{max1} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} Y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} r$$

$$(\sigma_B)_{max1} = \sigma_0 \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} Y$$

$\sigma_0$  is yield strength

- Center part is bonded well
- Very thin bond line was observed



# Approach 2

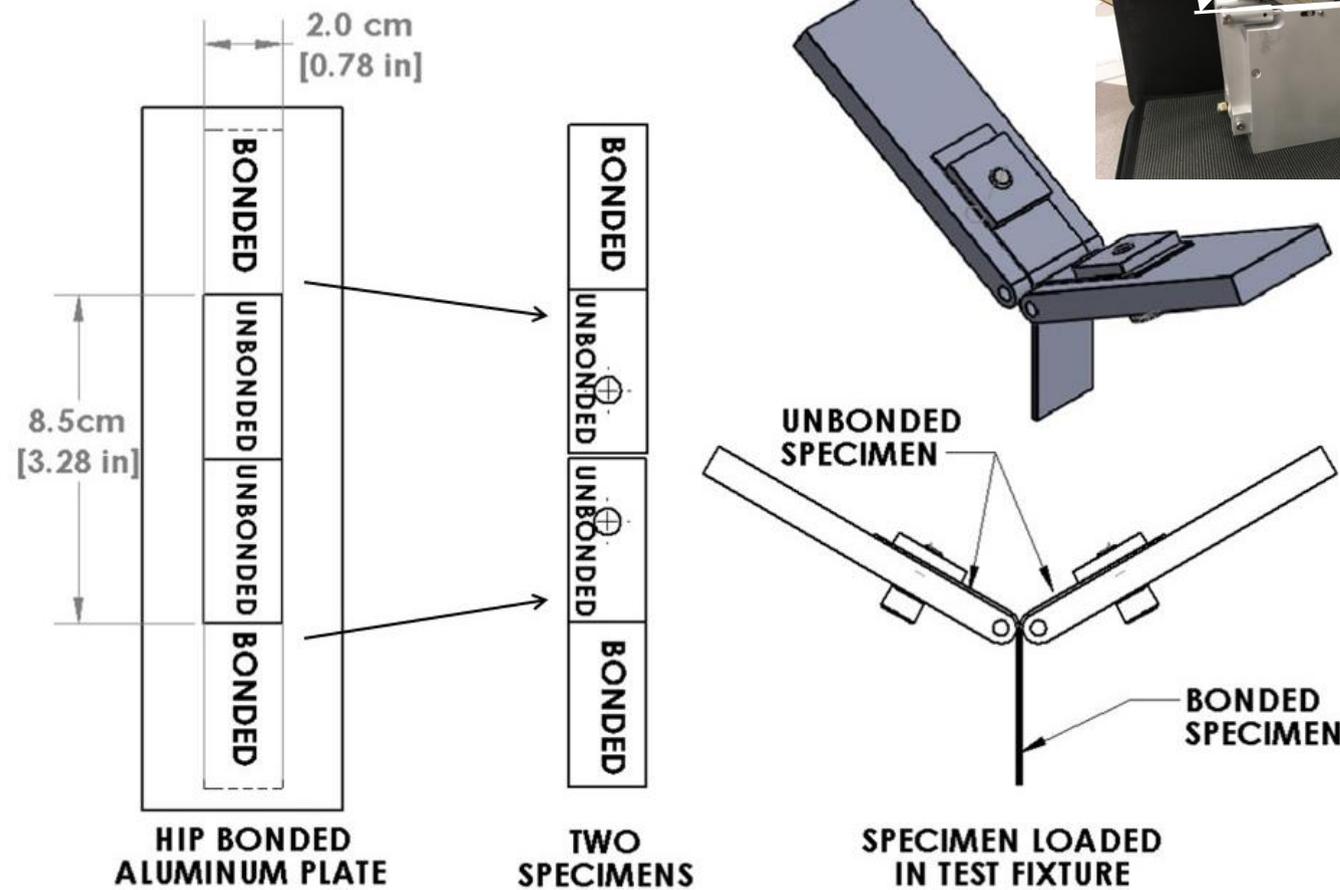
## Roll Bonding: ~62% Reduction (3.0 mm to 1.6 mm)

#	Dimension	Single pass reduction (%)	Temp (°C)	Soaking (min)	Grooved/Fiber	Observations
1	1"x0.5" (1.5 + 1.5 mm thick)	~62	900	5	w/o groove	Bonded, split observed at trailing
2	1"x0.5" (1.5 + 1.5 mm thick)	~62	900	5	w/o groove	Bonded
3	1"x0.5" (1.5 + 1.5 mm thick)	~62	900	5	w/ groove + Tube	Bonded



# Bond Strength Evaluation- PNNL Developed Peel Testing Method

## Peel specimen



## Peel test



Ref.: Standard Test Method for Peel Resistance of Metal Sheets Joined by High Strength Bonds, ASTM B1021.

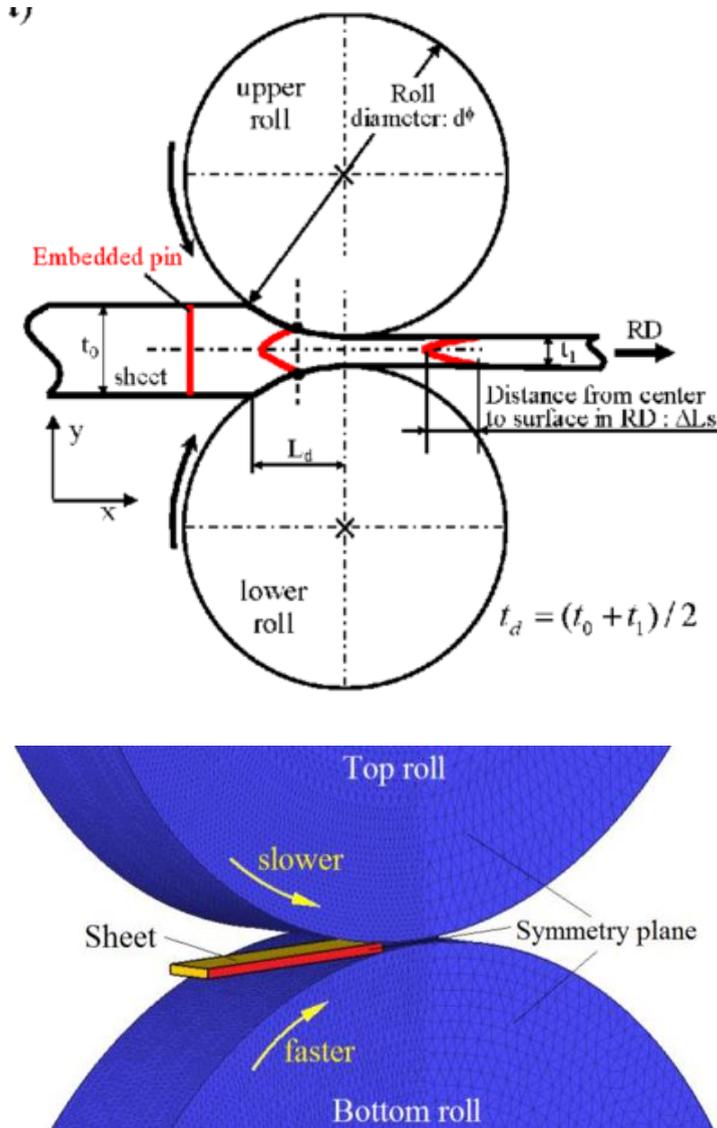
## Approach 2: Summary of Results

- Zhang Bay Model Predictions and calculations validated for bonding
- The stress-strain distributions in wrought product and fiber have been investigated with fibers embedded at different locations of the wrought product.
- Deformation of pre-drilled holes with vertical and horizontal orientations is studied with rolling reduction up to ~70% at rolling temperature of 850°C.
- Successfully showcased that we can embed sensor using the second approach
- Performance evaluation is underway

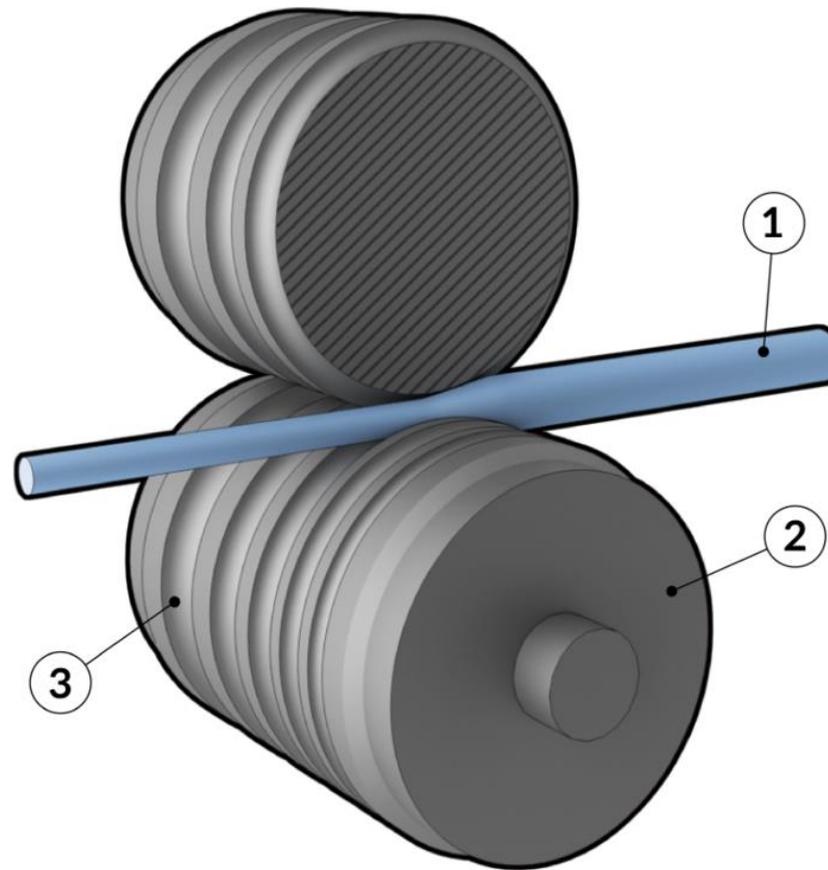
# Rolling Sheet → Rod or Tube

Concept can be applied to other forms as well

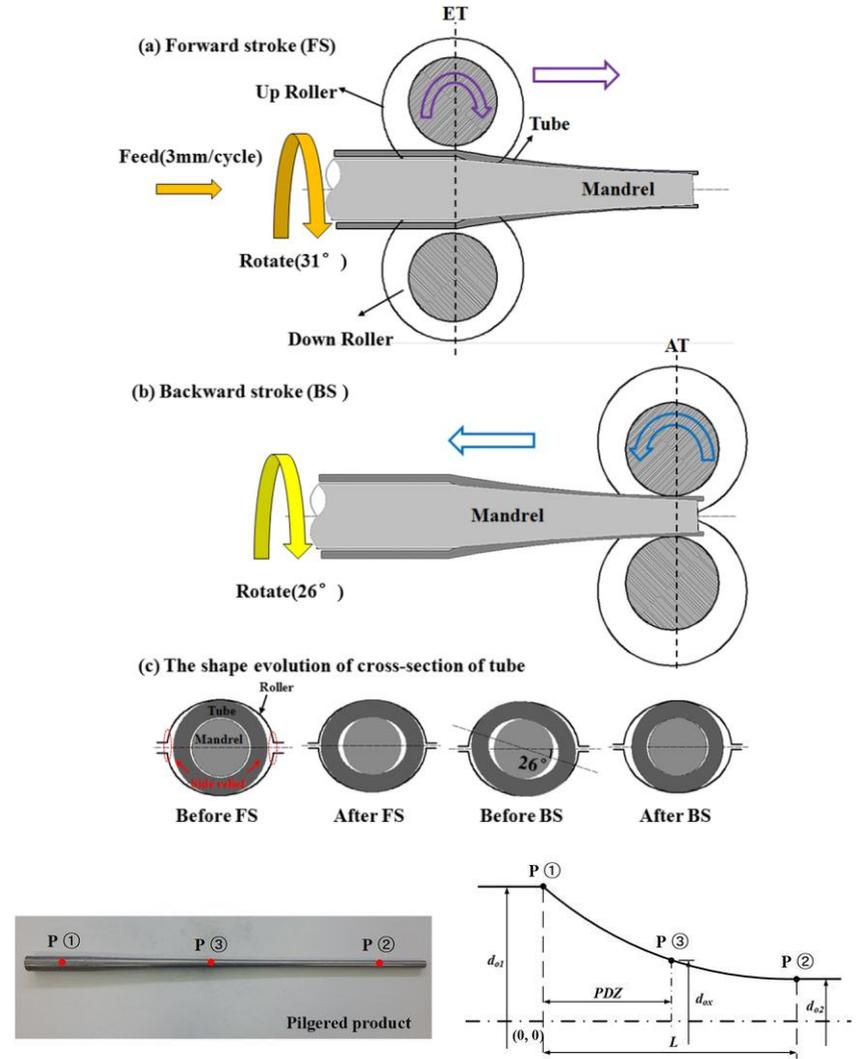
## Sheet rolling



## Rod rolling/ Groove rolling



## Tube rolling/ Pilger rolling



1. Metals 2020, 10(1), 91.  
2. The 12th International Conference on Numerical Methods in Industrial Forming Processes, MATEC Web Conf., 80 (2016).

1. <https://www.manufacturingguide.com/en/rod-rolling>

1. International Journal of Material Forming (2021) 14:533–545.  
2. Appl. Sci. 2021, 11(23), 11265.

## Next Steps...

- Continue with the experimental plan- (1) Drilled hole, (2) Roll bonding, and (3) Confined rolling
- Cross sectional microscopy- Examine the interface of fiber/matrix
- Non-destructive characterizations- X-ray CT, UT for fiber continuity study



**Pacific  
Northwest**  
NATIONAL LABORATORY

**Thank you**