

Effects of electric current on IF steel

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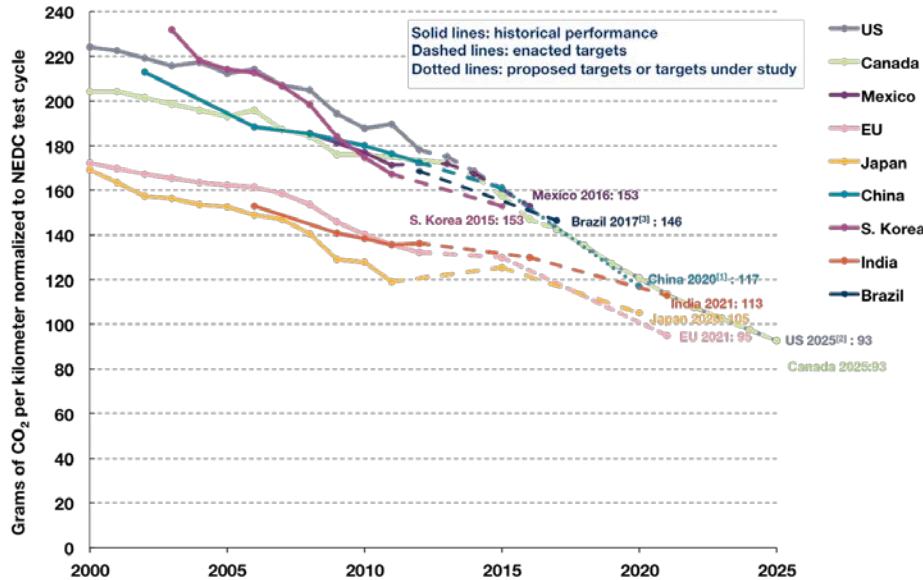
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Fuel economy

- Global comparison of passenger vehicle GHG emission standards

*GHG : greenhouse gas



Energy efficiency & Environmental protection policy

Automobile fuel economy regulations

(USA) behind 23.1km/l,

Imposed 137.5 penalty per 1km/l



[1] China's target reflects gasoline vehicles only. The target may be higher after new energy vehicles are considered.
 [2] US standards GHG standards set by EPA, which is slightly different from fuel economy standards due to low-GWP refrigerant credits.
 [3] Gasoline in Brazil contains 22% of ethanol (E22), all data in the chart have been converted to gasoline (E00) equivalent
 [4] Supporting data can be found at: <http://www.theicct.org/info-tools/global-passenger-vehicle-standards>.

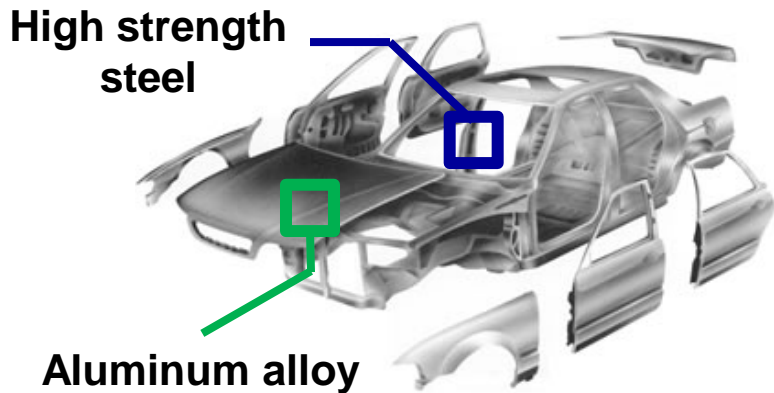
Critical importance of need for energy reduction

Fuel efficiency



High strength & Lightweight Vehicle

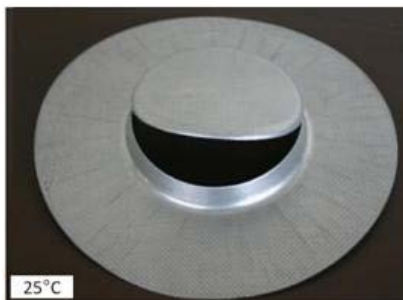
- Body parts components



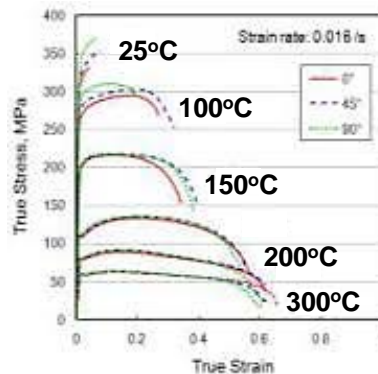
Body parts mostly consists of **high strength steel & lightweight metals**



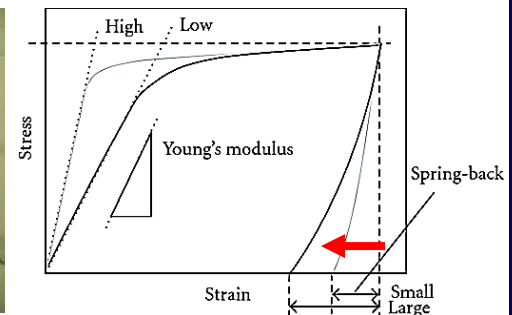
Limit properties of high strength & lightweight metals



Low cold formability



High spring back



Development of forming method

- Hot manufacturing process



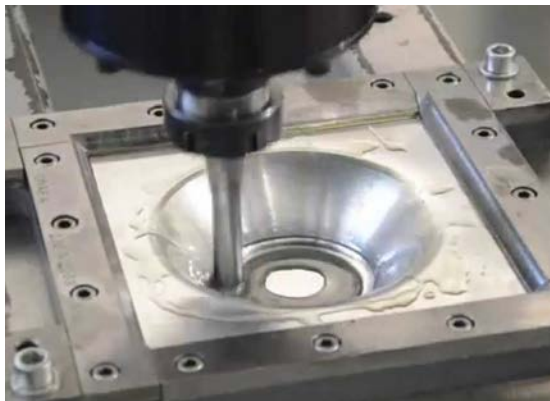
<http://thumbs.dreamstime.com/z/automatic-hot-stamping-process>



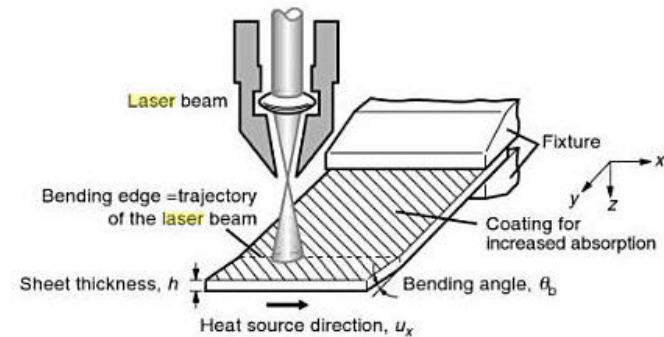
<http://www.fastenerdata.co.uk/ie6-redirect/>

Disadvantage → High cost, Thermal gradient, Die adhesion, Surface oxidation

- Incremental forming



- Laser beam forming



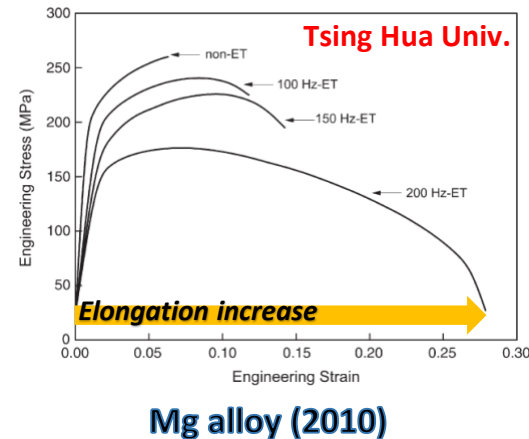
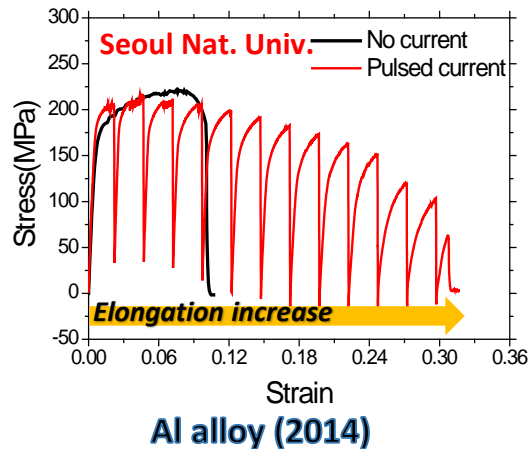
Disadvantage → Local areas deformation, High cost

Electrically-assisted forming (EAF)

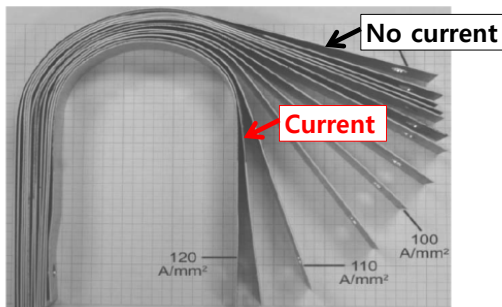
Electrically-assisted forming

- Technics for improving formability by applying high current density during deformation

Characteristic change through electric current

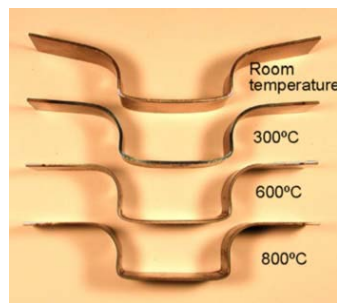


Reduction of Spring back



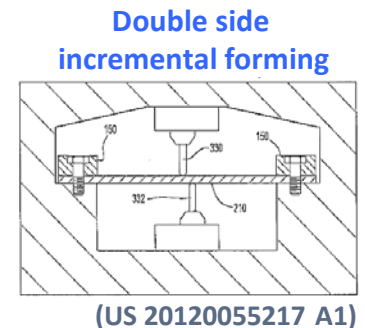
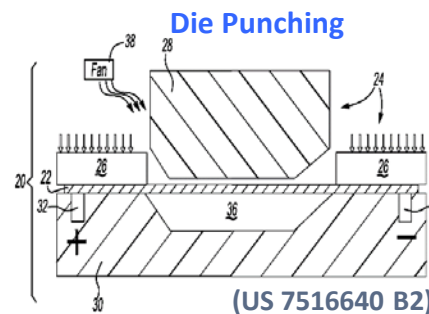
Penn State Univ. (2009)

Rapid heating



Toyohashi Univ. (2005)

Applicability of Real process (patent)

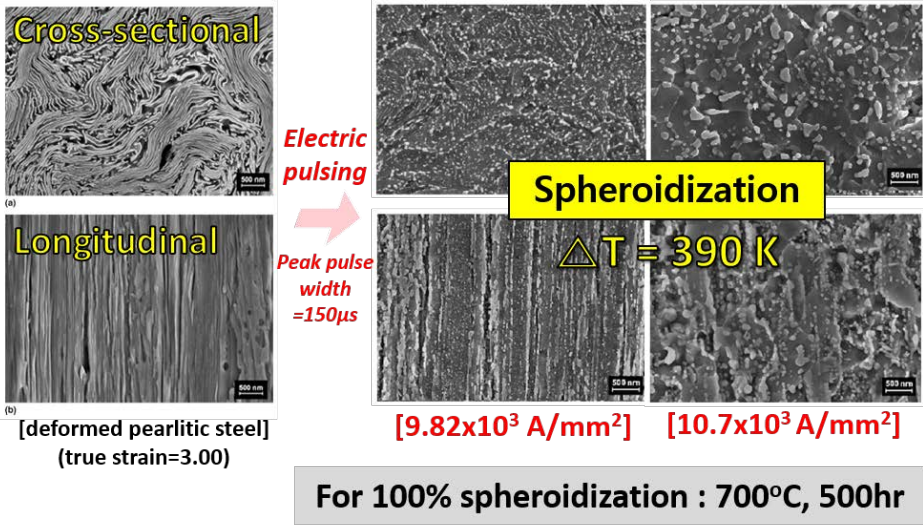


Electro-treatment

Microstructure control by electric current

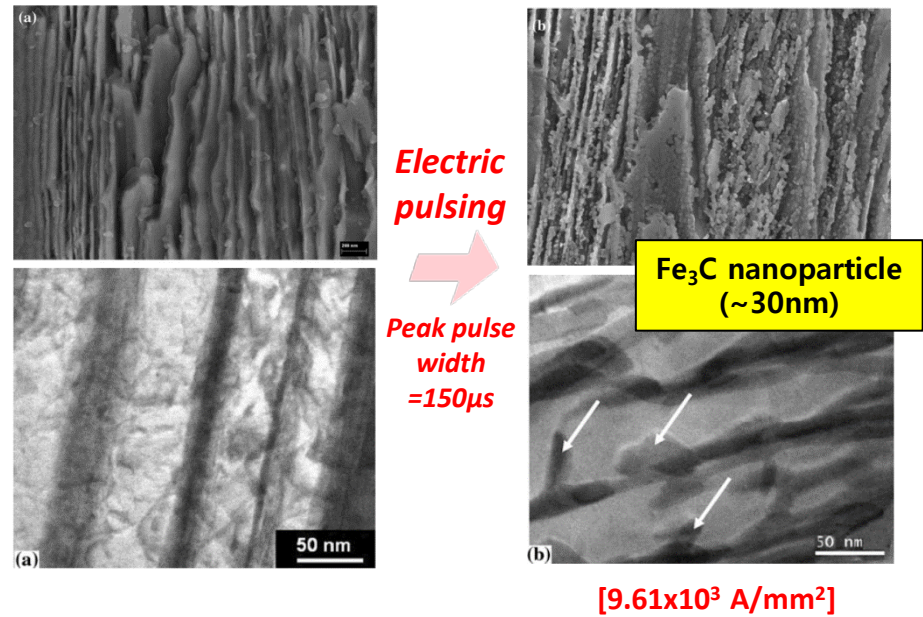
Accelerated **spheroidization** induced by high intensity electric pulse

Electro pulse-induced cementite **nanoparticle formation**



Ref) Edwin I, Samuel, Arghya Bhowmik, J. Mater. Res. (2010)

in deformed pearlitic steels



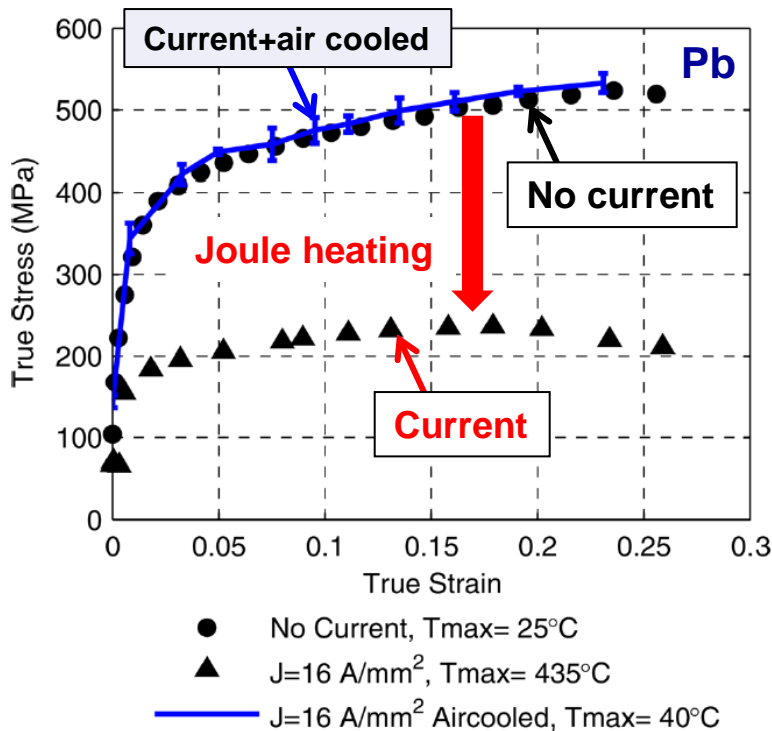
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Underlying mechanism

■ Joule heating vs Electron wind vs other..?!

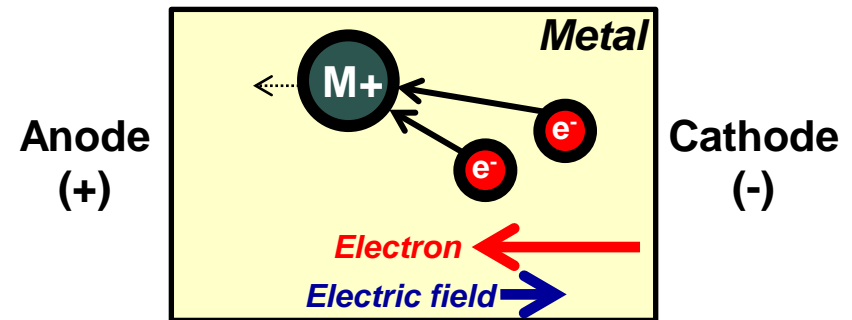
• Joule heating effect

- Goldman et al (1981), Kilmov et al (1984), Cao et al (2013)

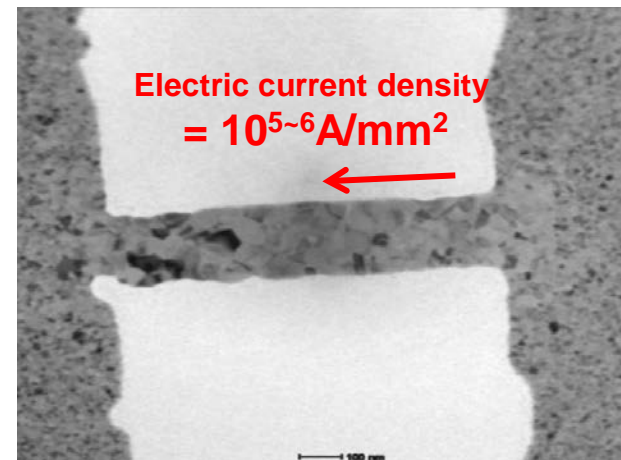


• Electromigration (Electron wind effect)

- Troitskii et al(1969), Conrad/Xu et al(1988)



$$F_{\text{total}} = F_{\text{electron wind}} + F_{\text{direct action of electric field}}$$

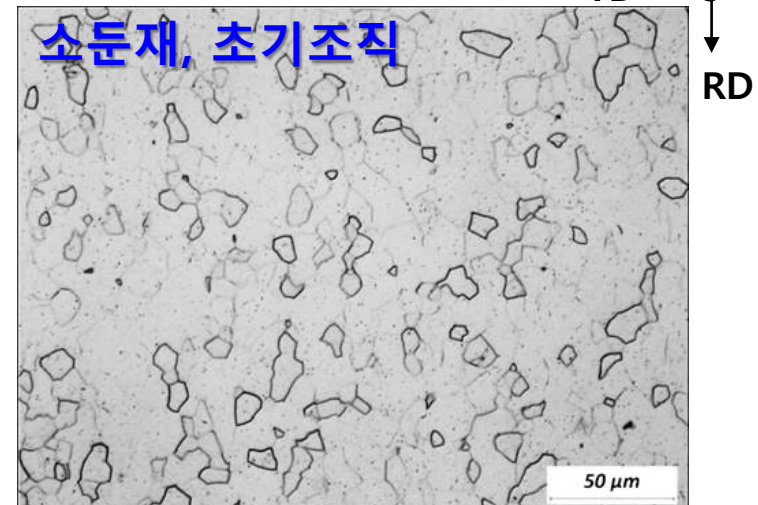
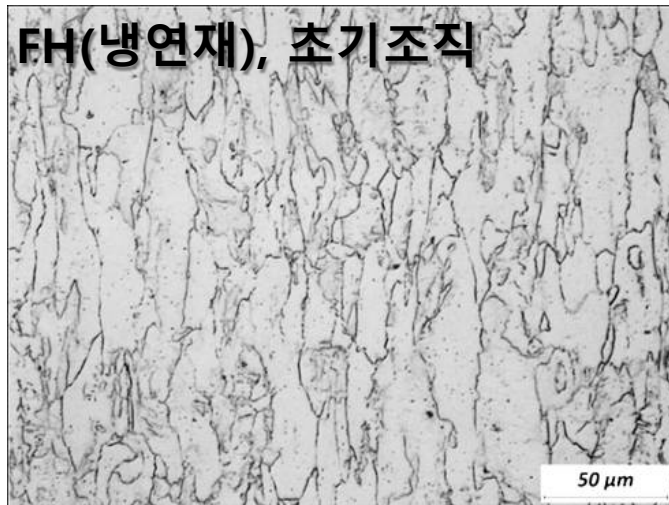


Specimen Information

- Specimen procedure

- Composition (wt.%)

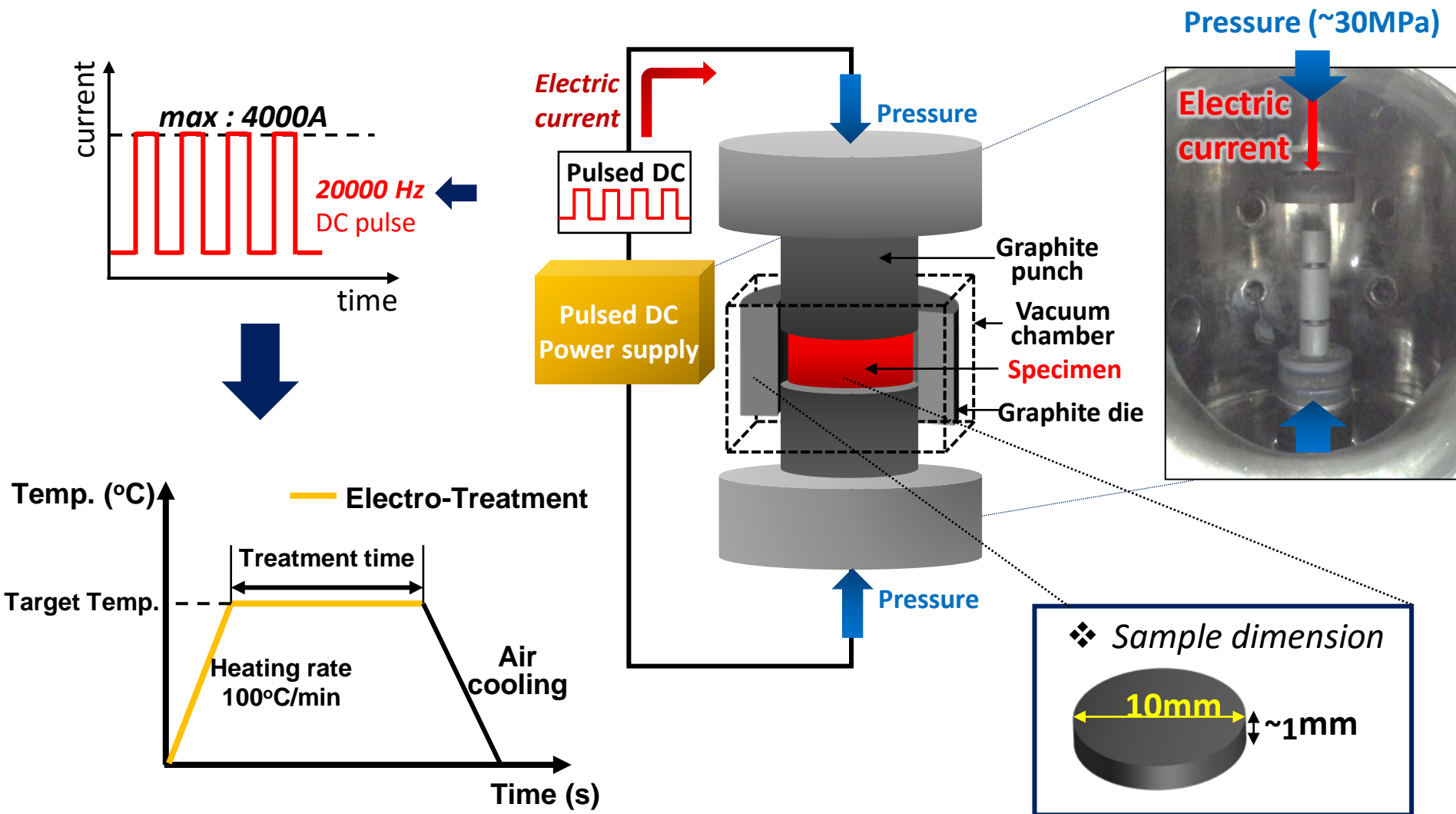
C	Mn	P	Al	Nb	B
0.001	0.2	0.045	0.04	0.02	0.0005



Electric current

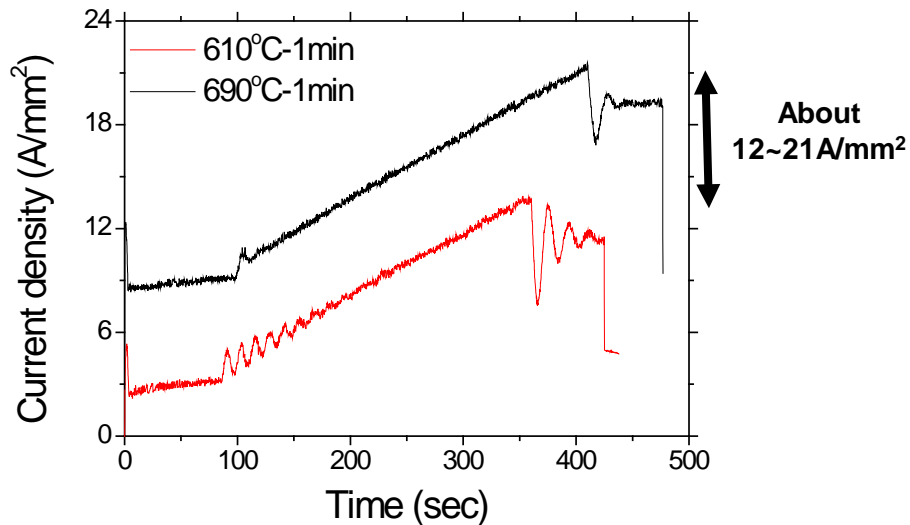
The **effects of electric current** on recrystallization of IF steel

Instrumental Set-up



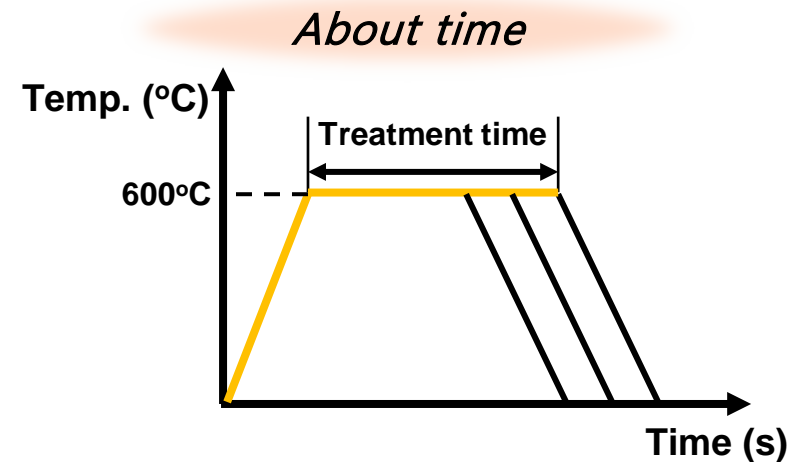
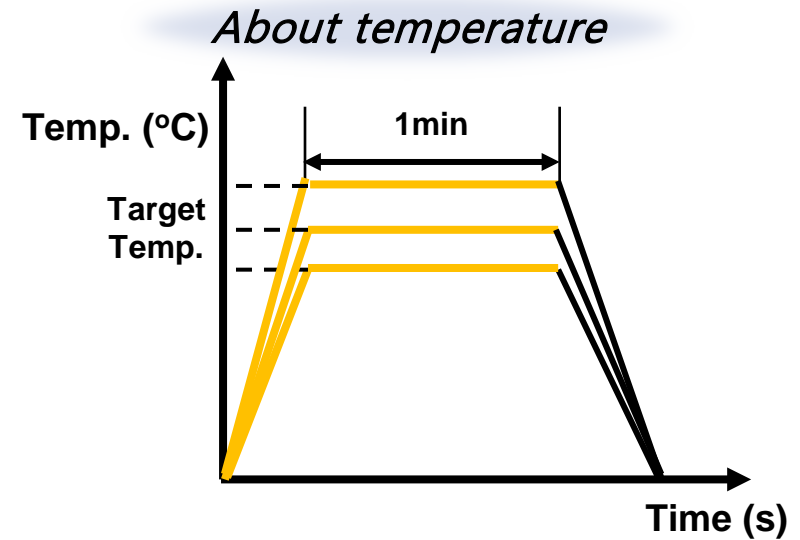
Experimental condition

Current condition



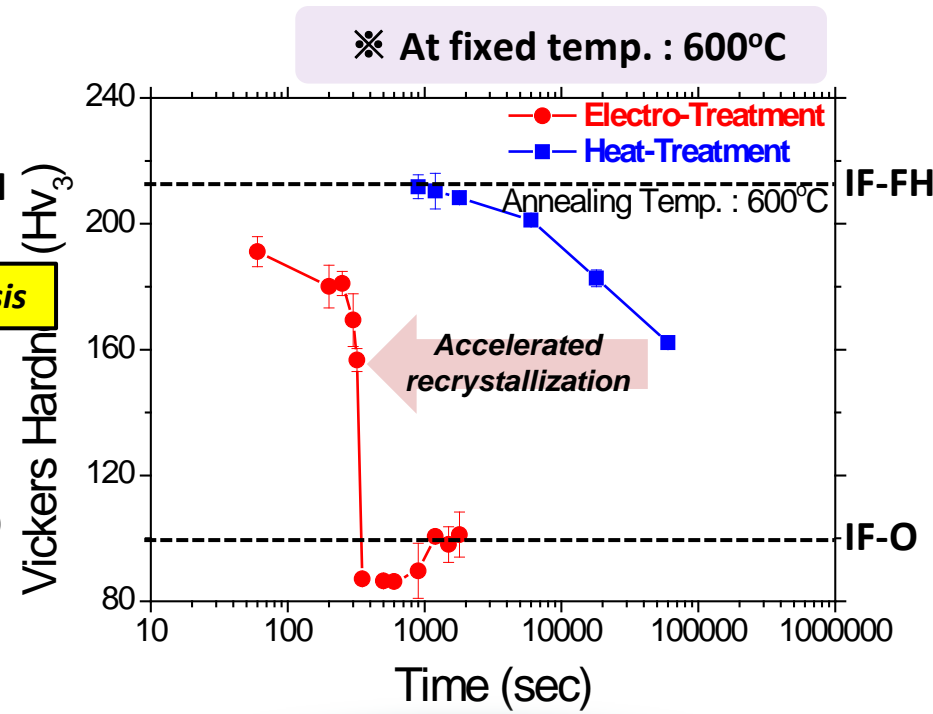
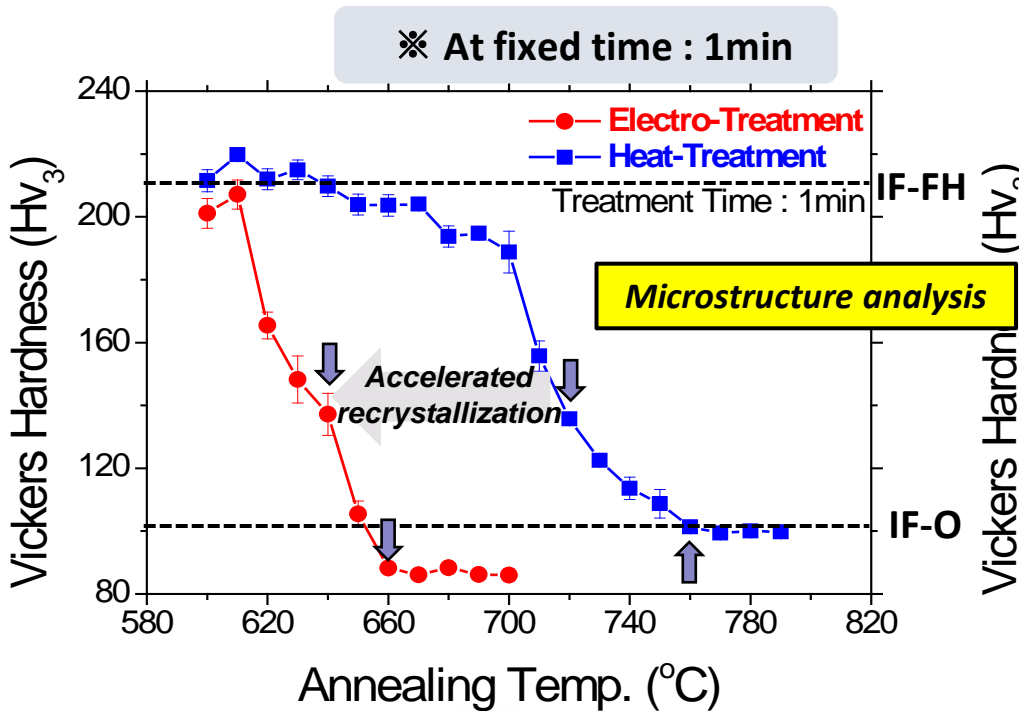
DC current was induced during test

Case study



Improvement of Recrystallization kinetics

Vickers hardness analysis



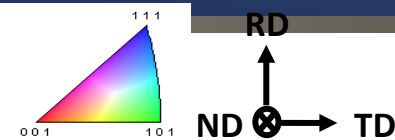
Temp. for full recrystallization
E.T. → 660°C
H.T. → 760°C

Time for full recrystallization
E.T. → ~10 min
H.T. → Not fully recrystallized after 1000min

**Recrystallization occurs more rapidly
in Electro-Treatment**

Improvement of Recrystallization kinetics

■ OM & EBSD analysis



Partially recrystallized

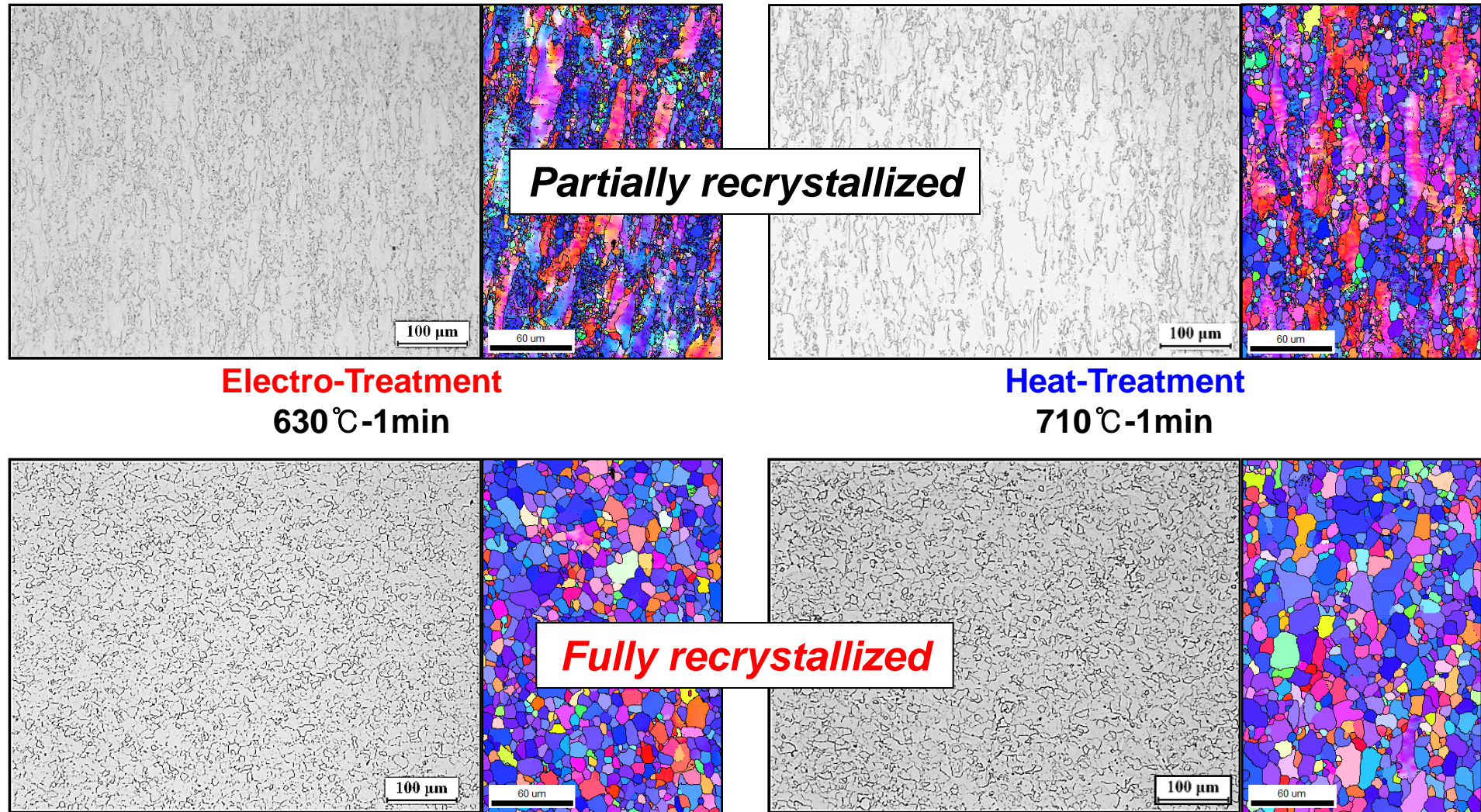
Fully recrystallized

Electro-Treatment
630 °C-1min

Heat-Treatment
710 °C-1min

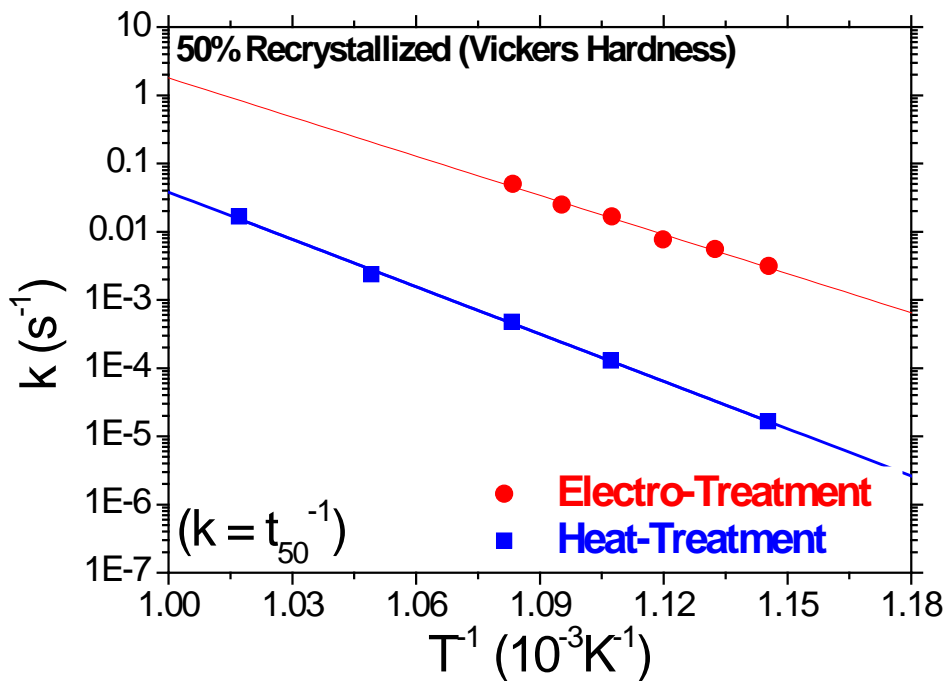
Electro-Treatment
660 °C-1min

Heat-Treatment
760 °C-1min



Improvement of Recrystallization kinetics

- Derived activation energy by *Arrhenius equation*



Activation energy

$$Q_{E.T.} = 366 \pm 18.7 \text{ KJ/mol}$$

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$$Q_{H.T.} = 443 \pm 9.0 \text{ KJ/mol}$$

Activation energy : ~420 KJ/mol

Johnson Go, Univ. of British Columbia (1998)

Activation energy under Electro-Treatment Is smaller than that under Heat-Treatment

Assumption Electrical energy ↔ Activation energy for recrystallization

→ Analysis of the effect of electric current on recrystallization

Improvement of Recrystallization kinetics

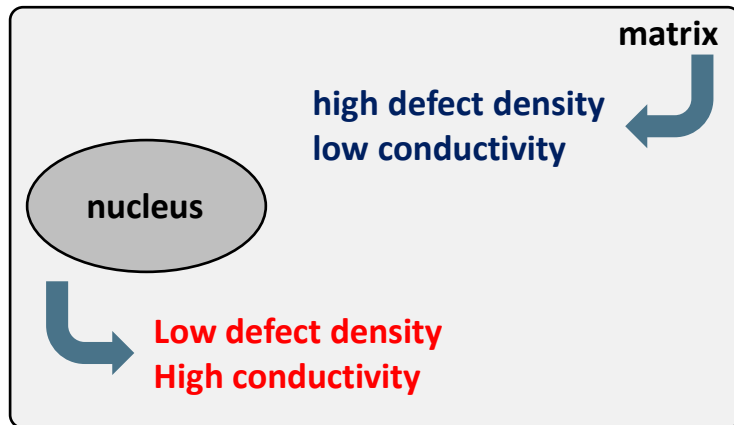
- Electric current effect on decrease of activation energy

$$\Delta G = \Delta G_0 + \Delta G_e$$

\swarrow thermal \swarrow athermal

$$\Delta G_e = \mu_0 g \xi(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) j^2 \Delta V$$

μ_0 : magnetic susceptibility
 g : positive geometric factor
 J : electric current density
 ΔV : volume of a nucleus
 $\xi(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1) / (\sigma_1 + 2\sigma_2)$
 $[\sigma_1, \sigma_2$: conductivity of nucleus, matrix]



$$\rightarrow \sigma_1 < \sigma_2$$

$$\rightarrow \xi(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) < 0$$

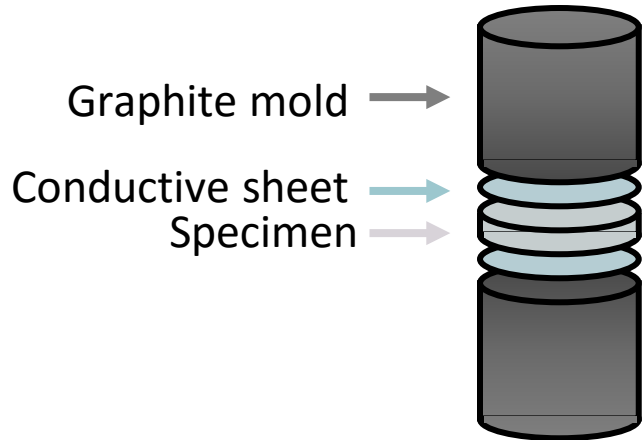
$$\rightarrow \Delta G_e < 0$$

\rightarrow Spontaneous reaction process

Recrystallization is accelerated by electric current

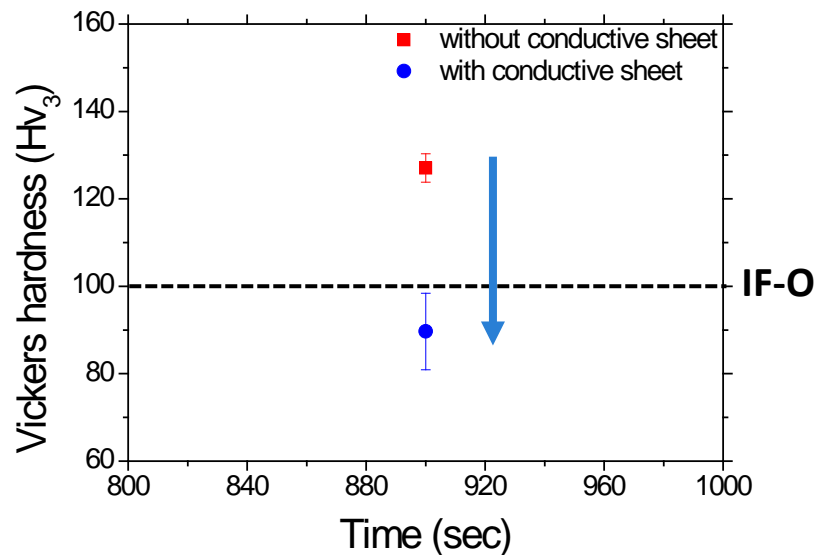
Effect of electric current on Carburization

Carburization by the graphite mold



Case 1 : *without conductive sheet*

Case 2 : *with conductive sheet*

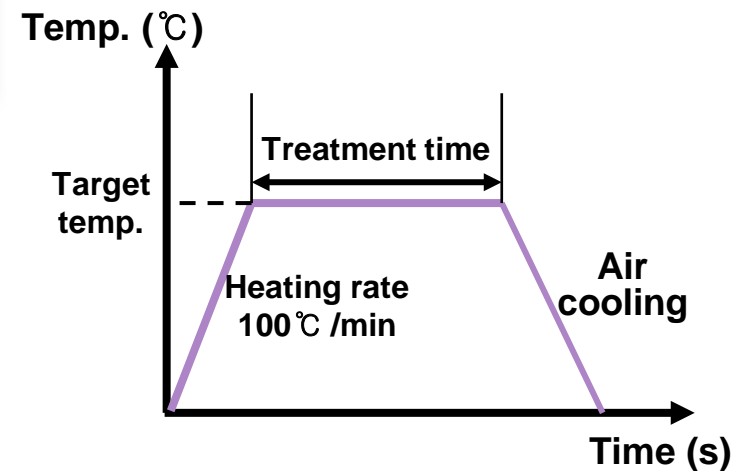
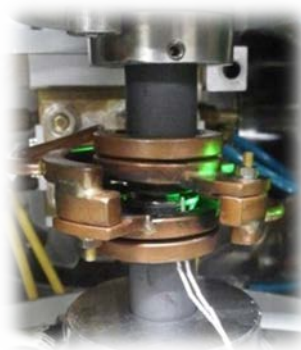
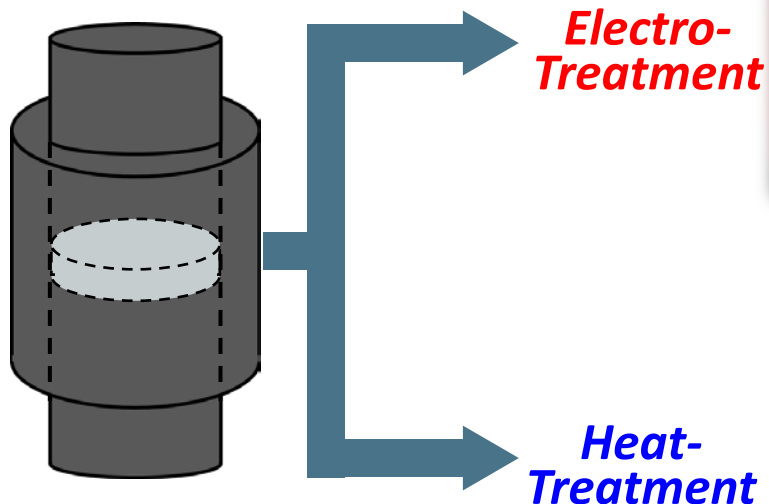


When not using conductive sheet,
Hardness increase caused by C diffusion

Analysis of the electric current effect on carburization

Effect of electric current on Carburization

Experimental condition



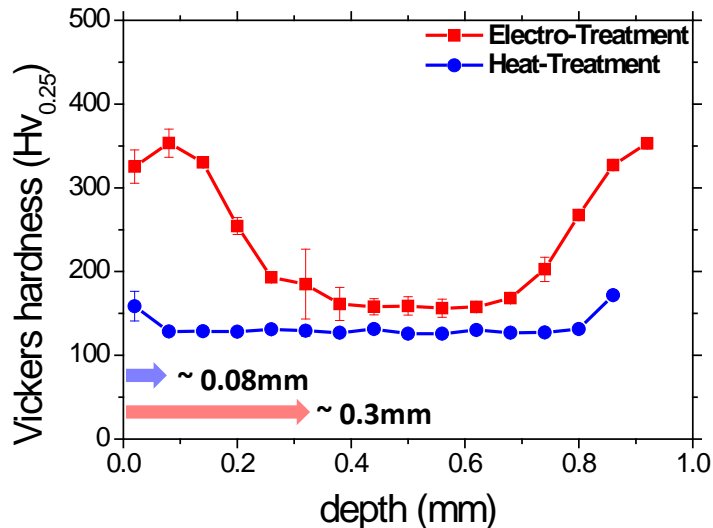
Analysis of **the electric current effect on the carburization**

Effect of electric current on Carburization

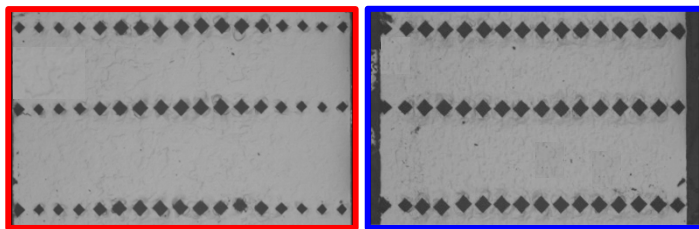
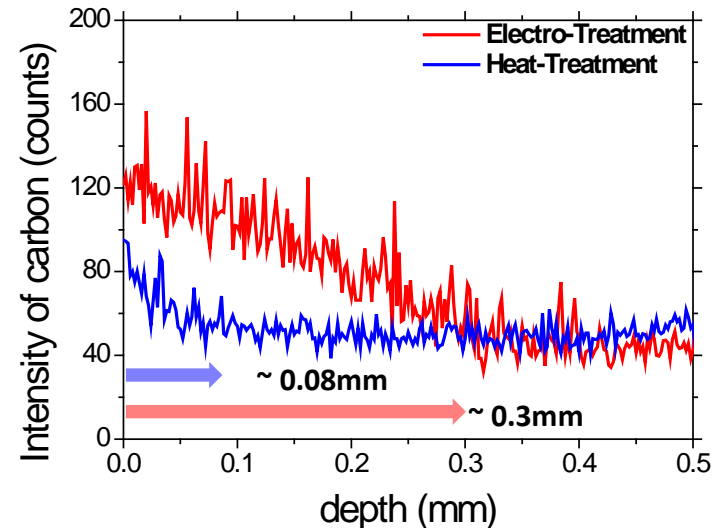
Hardness profile & EPMA analysis

Treatment condition : 800 °C-30min under 30MPa

[Hardness profile]



[EPMA analysis]



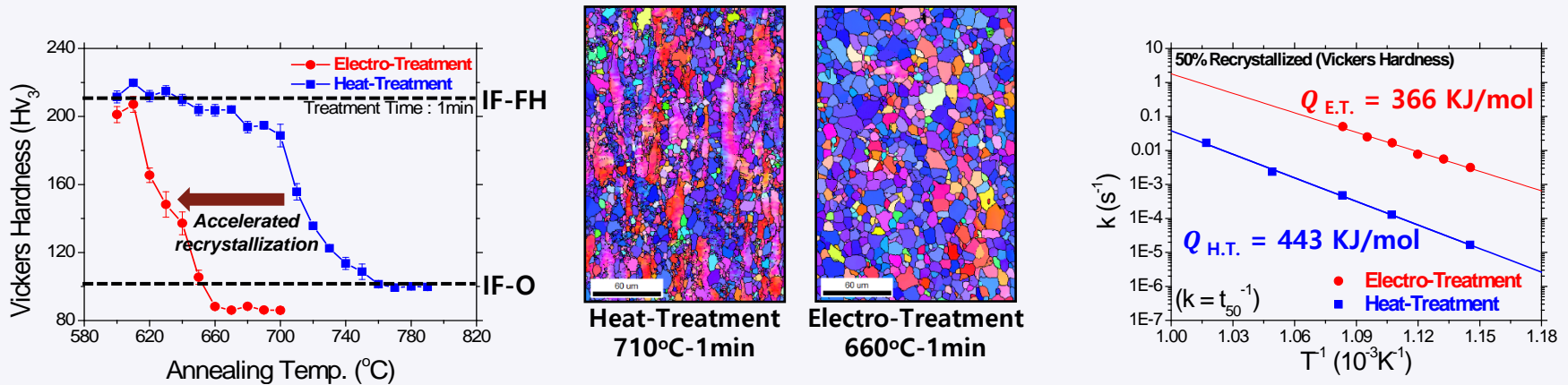
✘ Carburized depth

Electro-Treatment : ~ 0.3mm

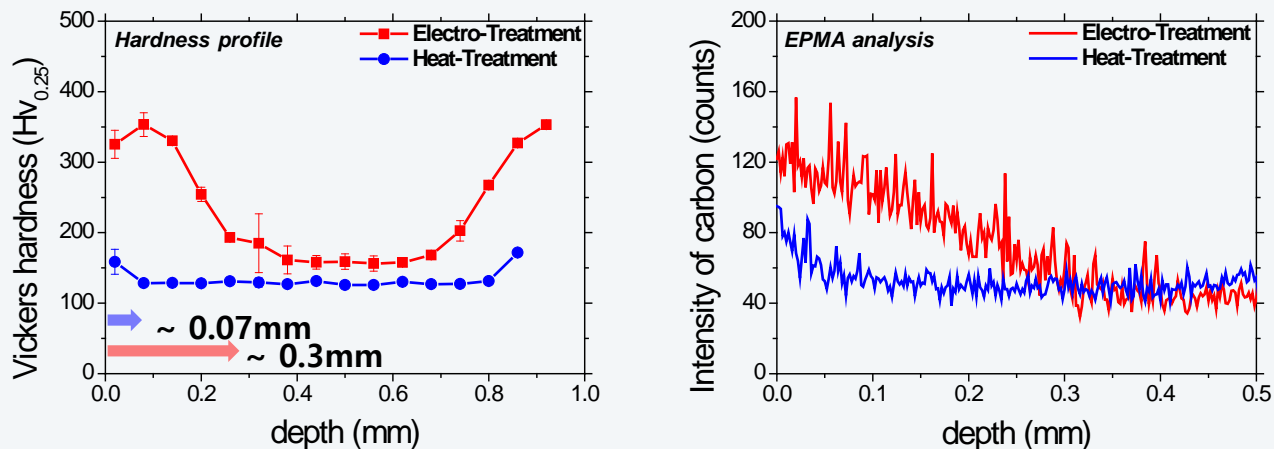
Heat-Treatment. : ~ 0.08mm

Carburization is accelerated under Electro-Treatment

Summary



비통전 대비 통전 시 전류인가에 따른 재결정 활성화 에너지 저감



통전처리 시 열처리에 비해 고상 침탄 활성화

Available Equipment in MMMPDL



Cutting & Polisher system



Dilatometer



Tensile tester



Hardness tester



Nano-indenter



Vacuum system furnace



Optical microscope

Available Equipment in SNU



XRD



SEM & EBSD

Thank you !

