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**“Advanced Physical Metallurgy”  
- Bulk Metallic Glasses-**

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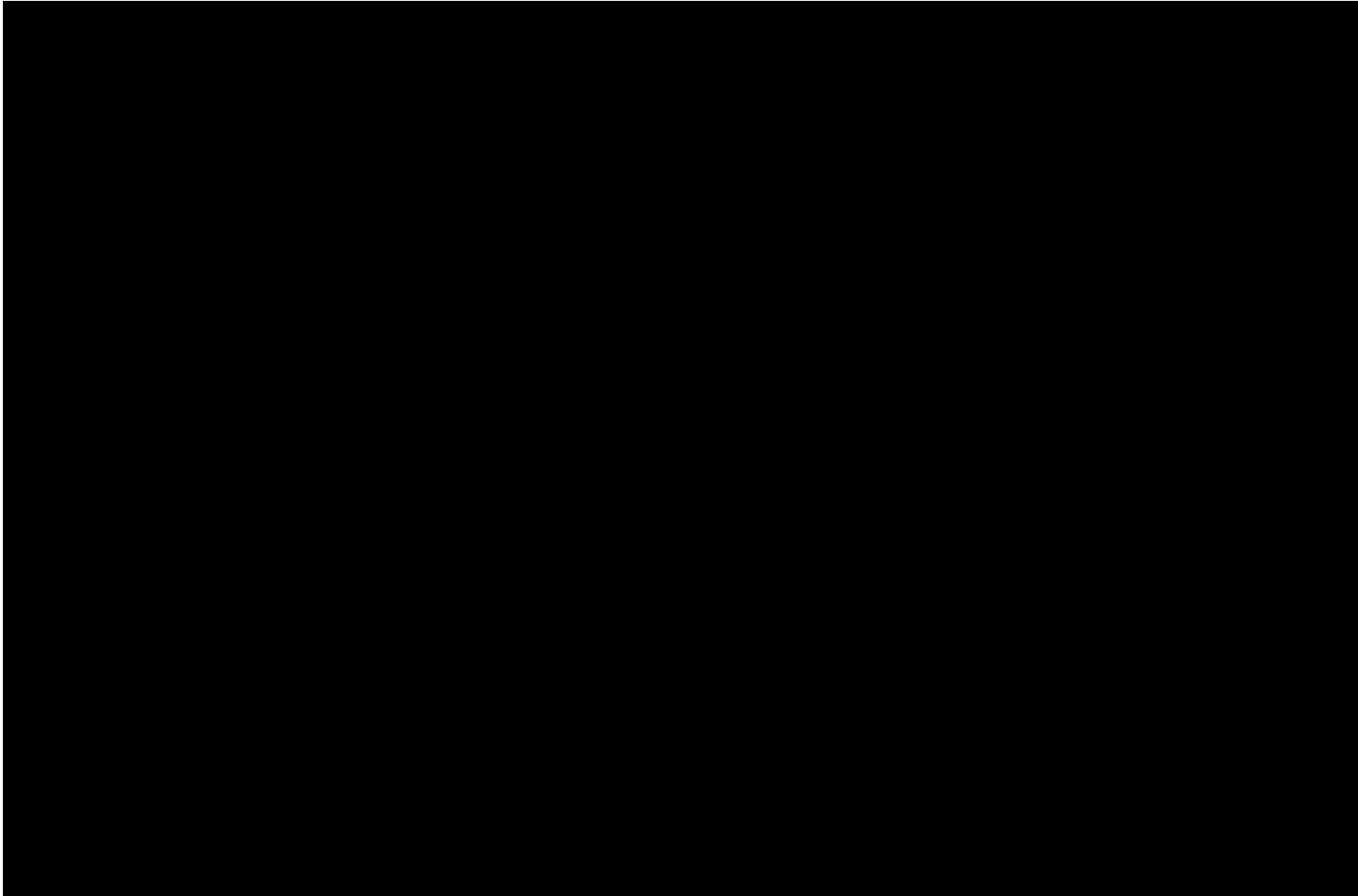
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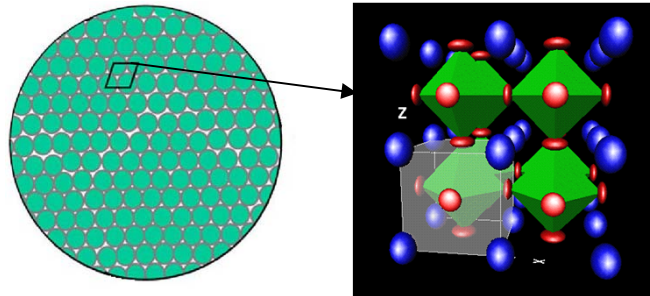
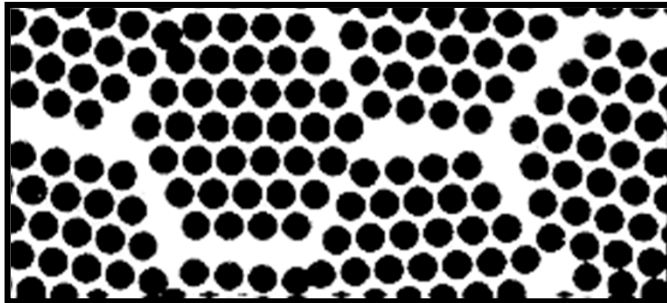
# Bulk Metallic Glass: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Revolution in Materials?





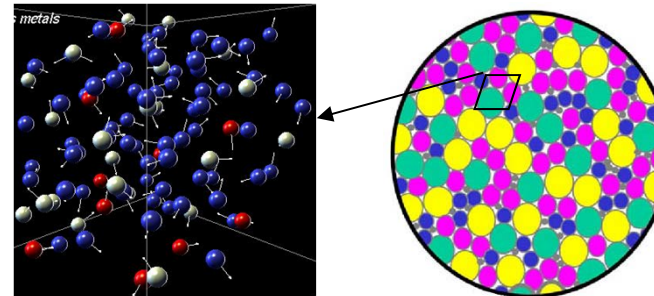
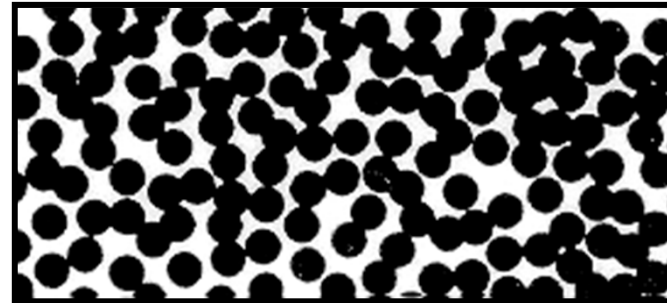
# Structure of crystals, liquids and glasses

## Crystals



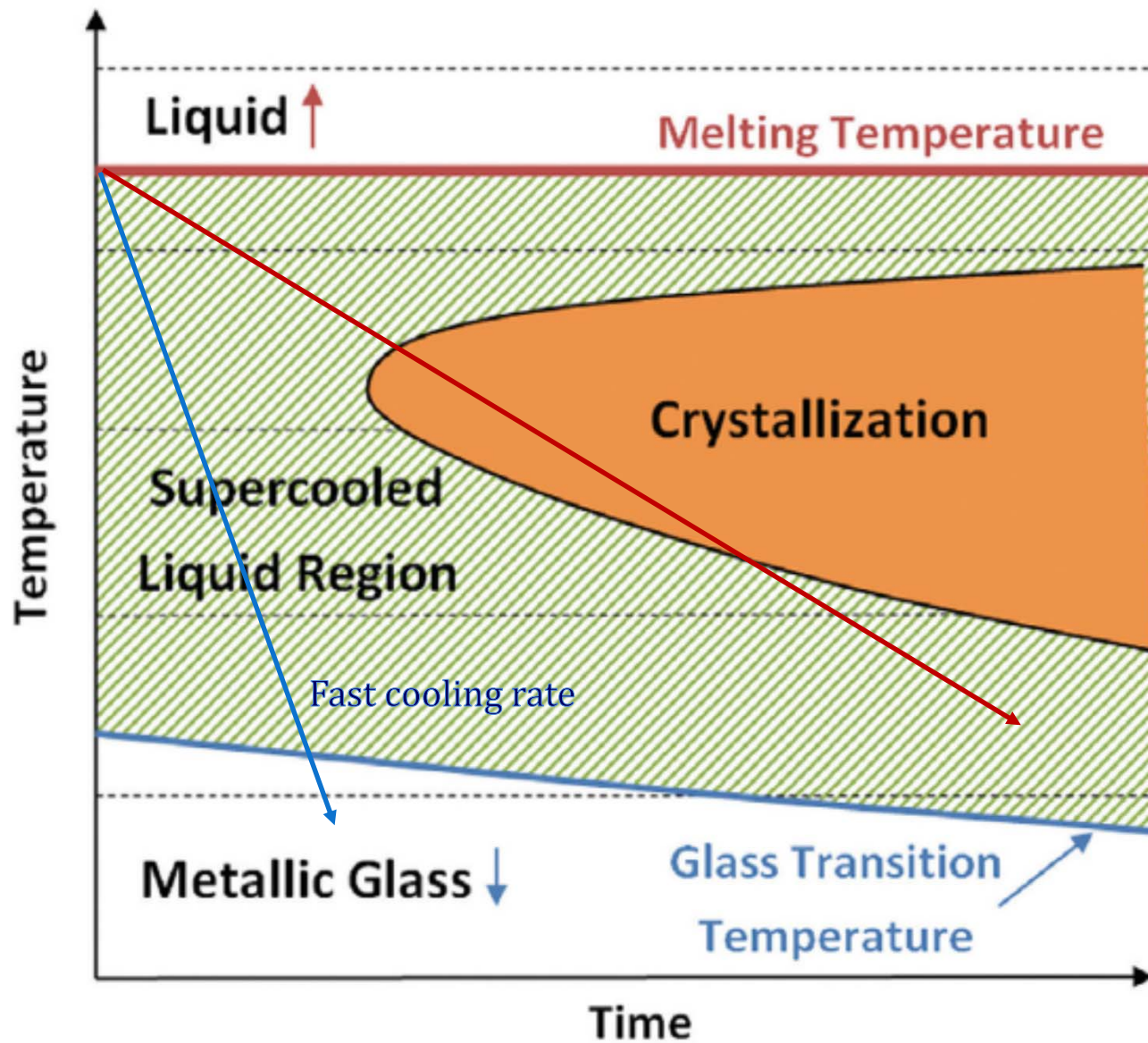
- periodic
- grain boundaries

## Liquids, glasses



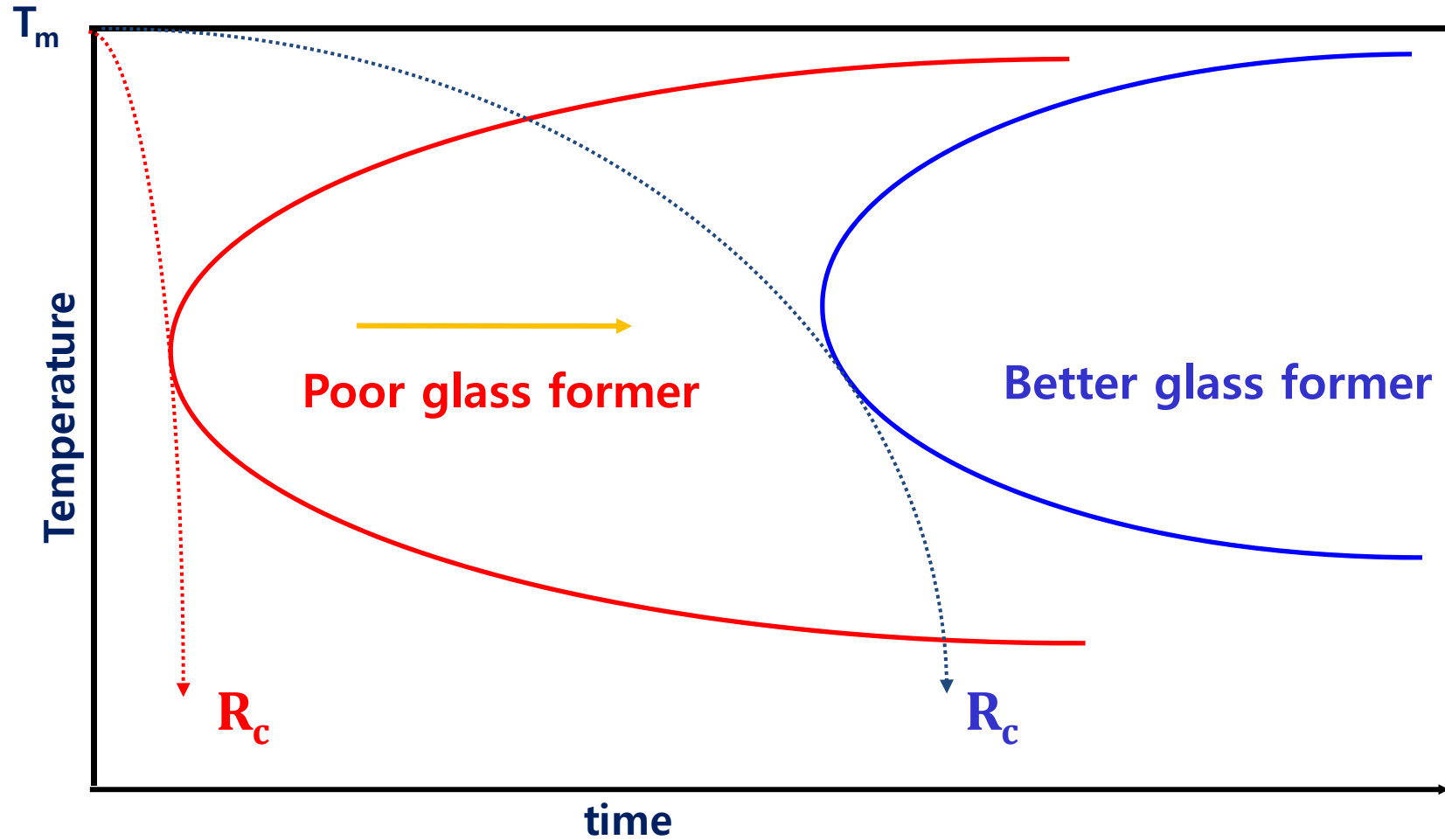
- amorphous = non-periodic
- no grain boundaries

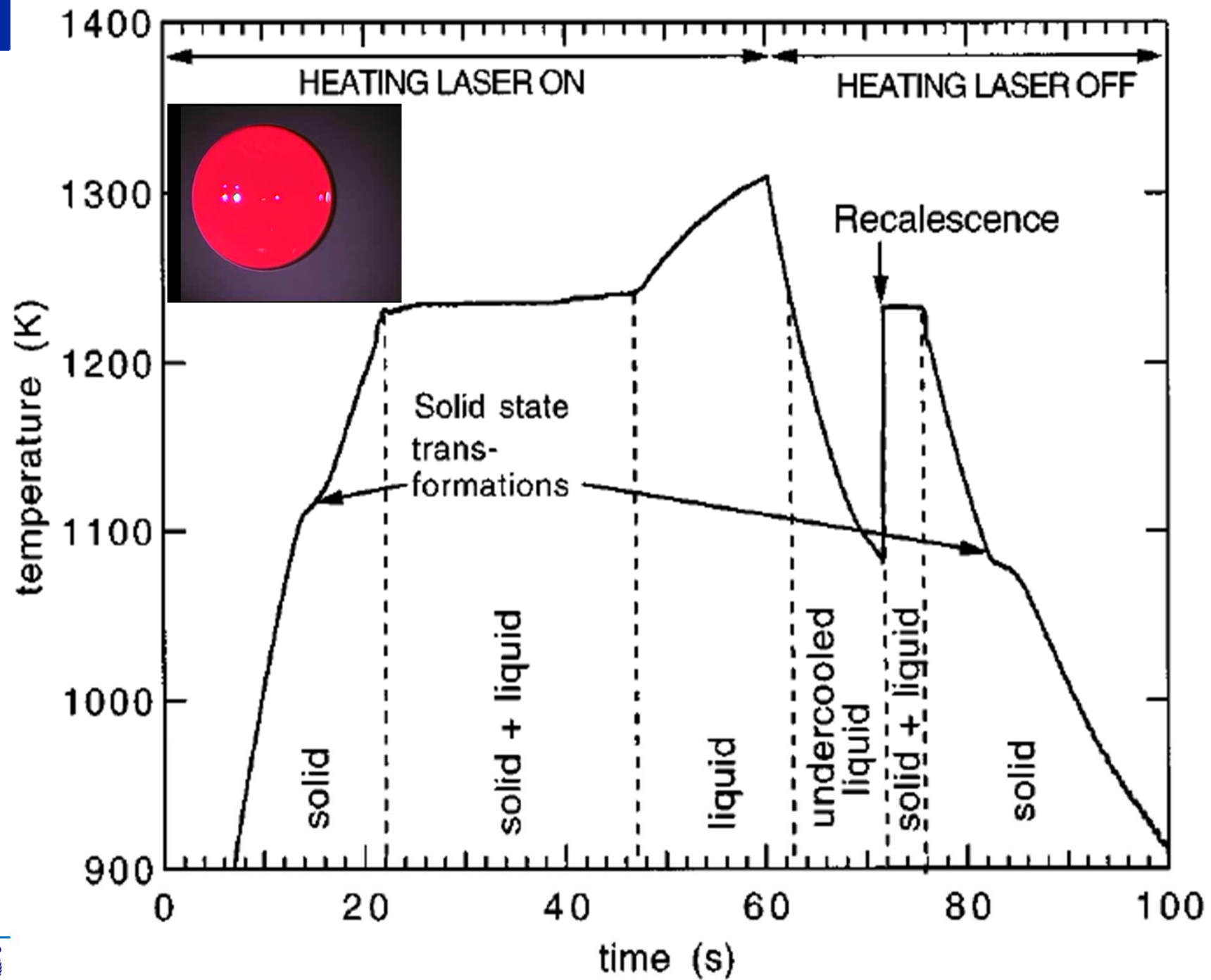
# Glass formation : (1) Fast Cooling



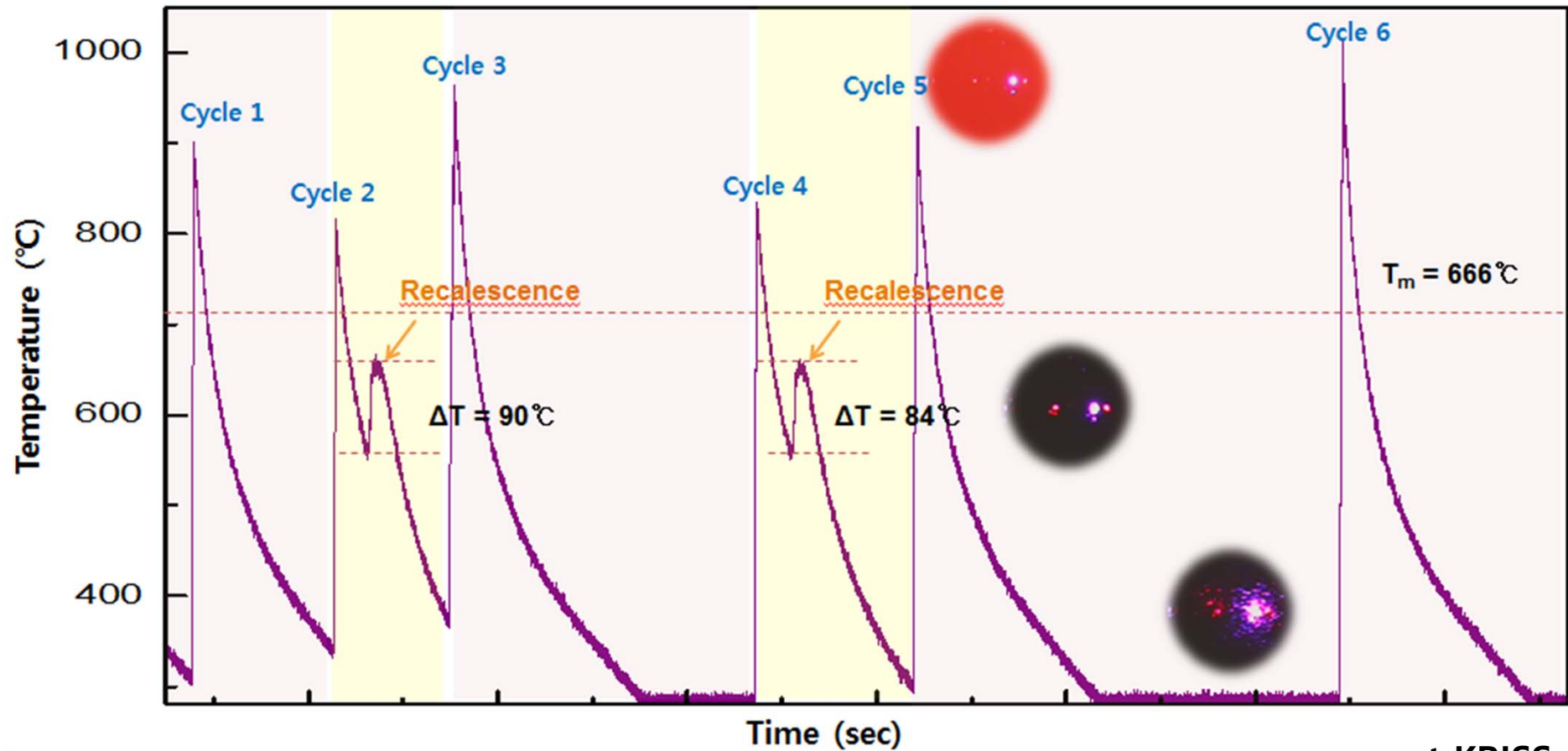
# Glass formation : (2) Better Glass Former

GFA  $R_c = \frac{\Delta T}{t_n}$  undercooled liquid  $\rightarrow$  crystalline





# Electrostatic Levitation: cooling curve of Vitreloy 1 system



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# Amorphous Materials

- **Amorphous materials**

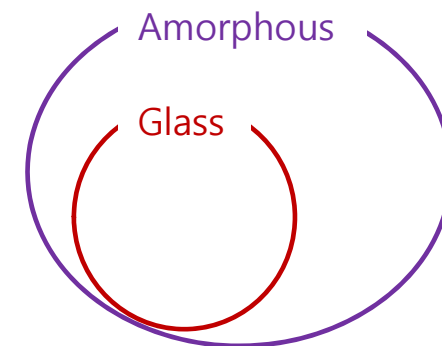
a wide diversity of materials can be rendered amorphous indeed **almost all materials can.**

- metal, ceramic, polymer
- **glassy/non-crystalline material**

*cf*) amorphous vs glass

- random atomic structure (short range order)
- showing glass transition.

- retain liquid structure
- rapid solidification from liquid state



Glassmaking by humans can be traced back to 3500 BCE in Mesopotamia (current Iraq).

**Obsidian** is a naturally occurring volcanic glass formed as an extrusive igneous rock. It is produced when felsic lava extruded from a volcano **cools rapidly with minimum crystal growth**. Obsidian is commonly found within the margins of rhyolitic lava flows known as **obsidian flows**, where the chemical composition (high silica content) induces a high viscosity and polymerization degree of the lava. The inhibition of atomic diffusion through this **highly viscous and polymerized lava** explains the lack of crystal growth. Because of this lack of crystal structure, sharp obsidian blade edges **can reach almost molecular thinness**, leading to its ancient use as projectile points and cutting and piercing tools, and its modern use as surgical scalpel blades.



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obsidian>



# First Amorphous Metals: evaporation method

## *Über nichtleitende Metallmodifikationen<sup>1)</sup>*

*Von Johannes Kramer*

(Mit 8 Figuren)

Das metallische Leitvermögen wird bekanntlich auf das Vorhandensein freibeweglicher Elektronen und damit auch ortsgebundener positiver Ionen zurückgeführt. Da nun ein nichtionisierter Metaldampf ein vollkommener Nichtleiter ist, so liegt die Vermutung nahe, daß es bei Kondensation eines solchen Dampfes gelingen müßte, nichtleitende Schichten zu erhalten, wenn Wechselwirkungen zwischen den regellos aufeinandergepackten Atomen vermieden werden könnten. Man hätte es dann mit einem Gebilde zu tun, das als völlig amorph anzusehen wäre und in seiner Konstitution am ehesten einem hochkomprimierten Gase entspräche.

J. Kramer  
Nonconducting  
modifications of metals.  
Ann. Physik (Berlin,  
Germany) 19, 37 (1934)

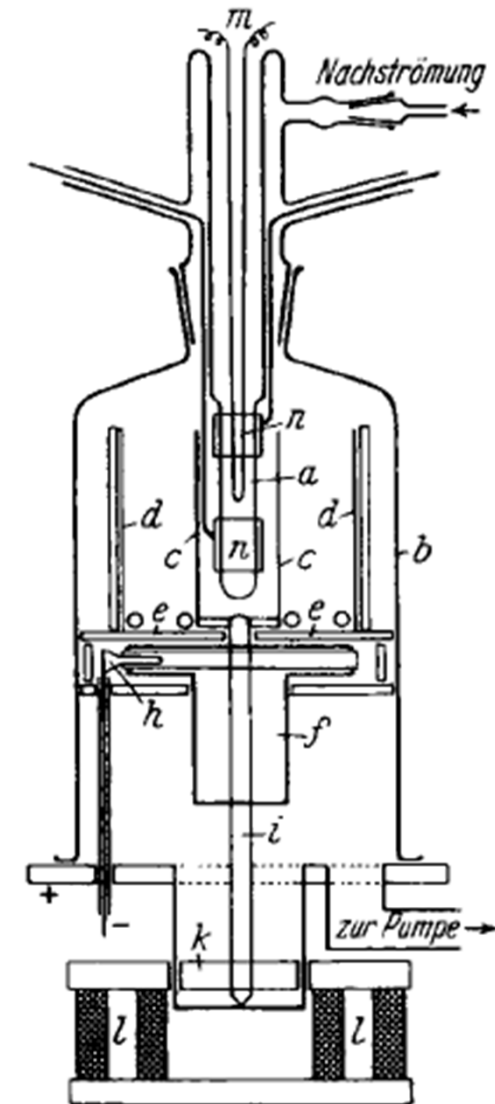
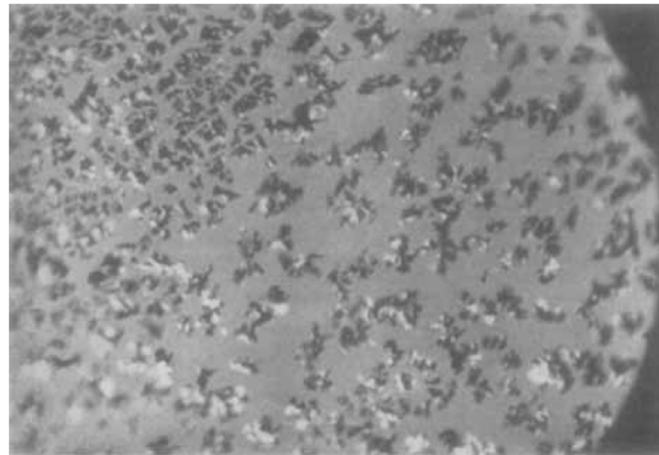
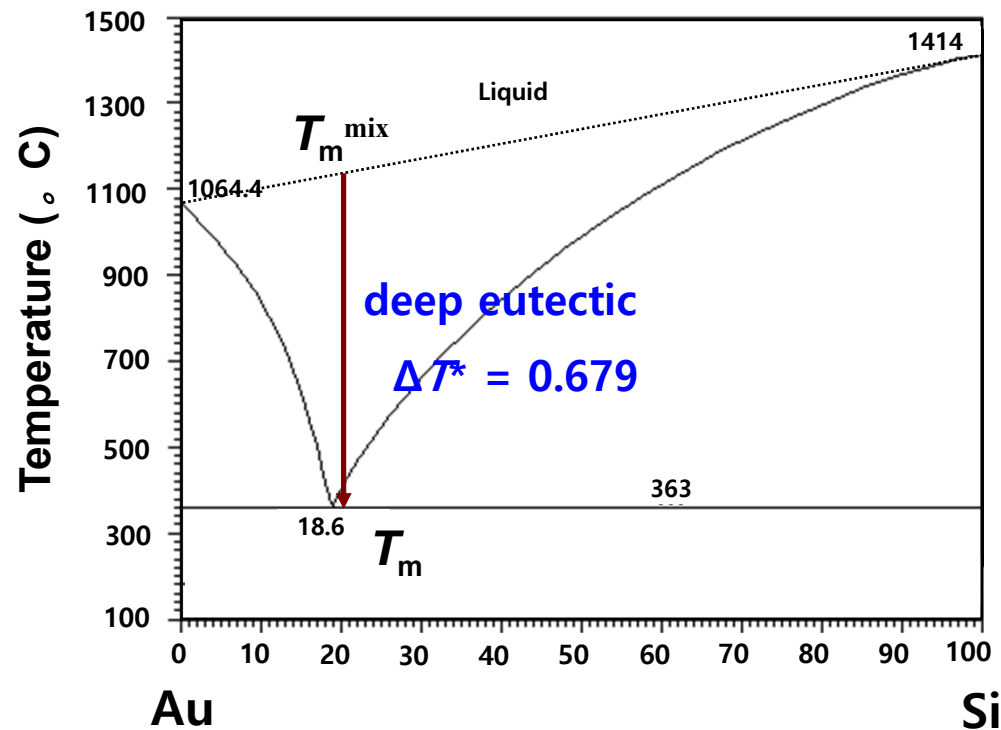


Fig. 1.  
Zerstäubungsapparatur

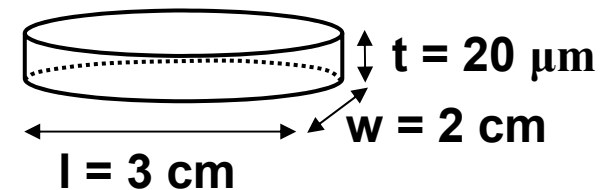
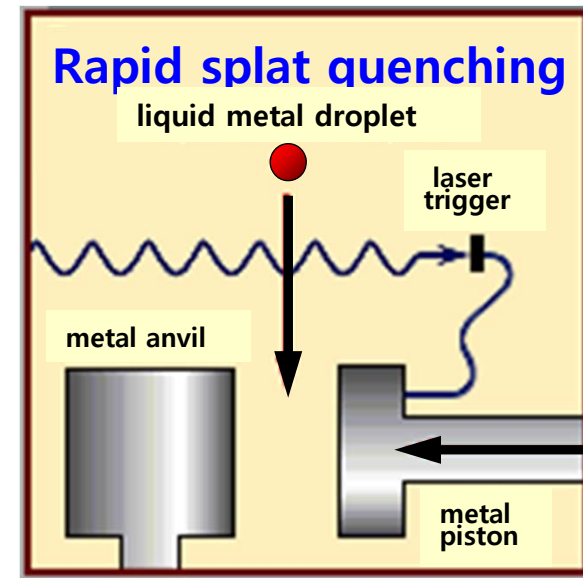


# Glass formation : stabilizing the liquid phase

- ▶ First **metallic glass** ( $\text{Au}_{80}\text{Si}_{20}$ ) produced by splat quenching at Caltech by Pol Duwez in 1960.

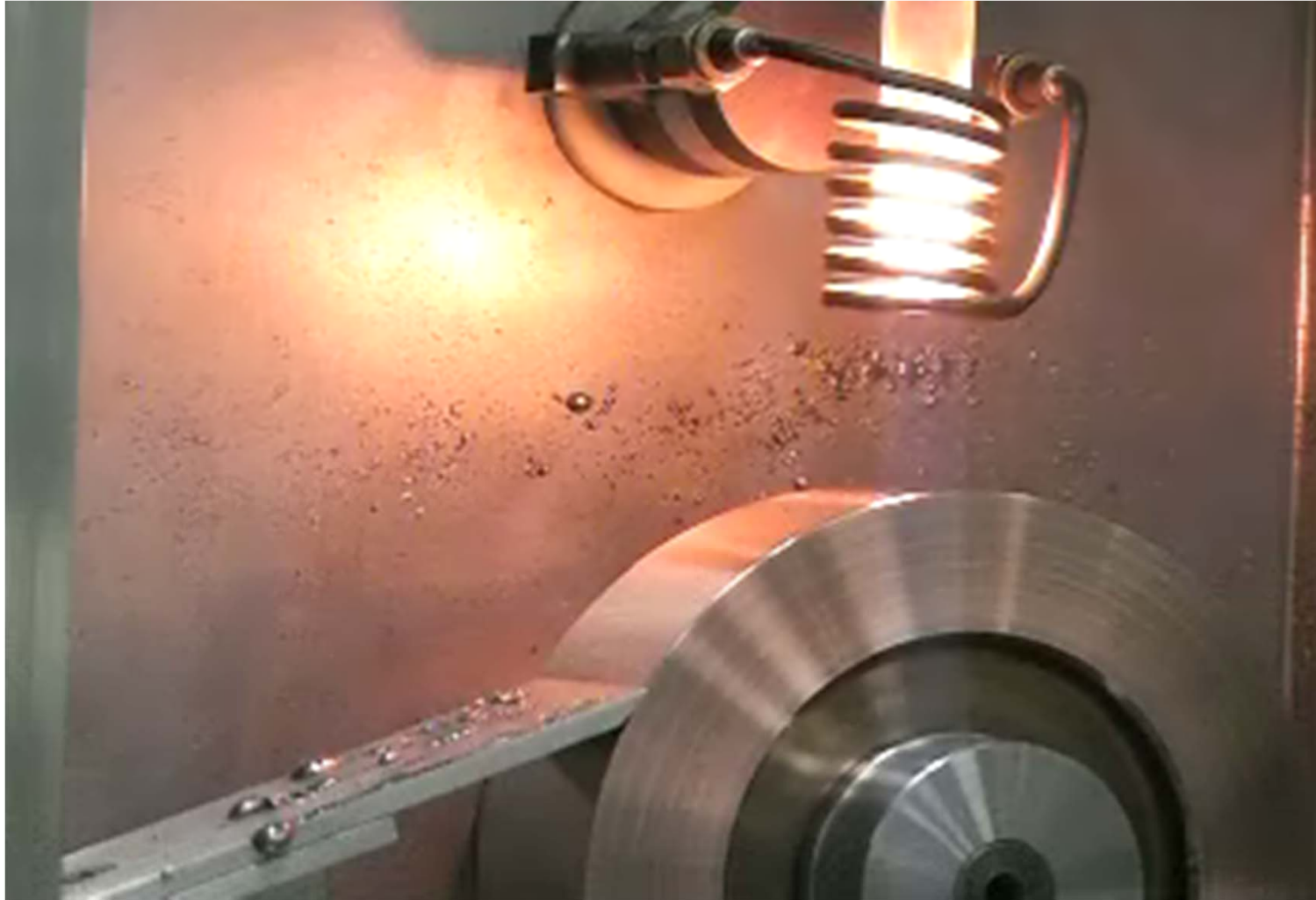


*W. Klement, R.H. Willens, P. Duwez, Nature 1960; 187: 869.*



# Glass formation : rapid quenching of liquid phase

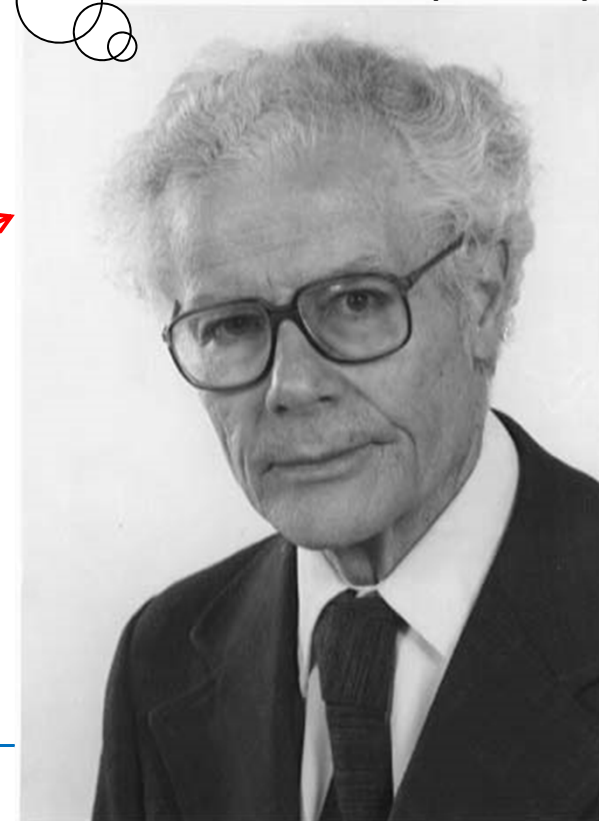
- ▶ 1969 Ribbon type with long length using melt spinner : FePC, FeNiPB alloy



# Bulk formation of metallic glass

By eliminating or reducing the effectiveness of heterogeneous nucleation sites, it should be possible to form bulk metallic glasses with virtually unlimited dimensions.

David Turnbull (Harvard)

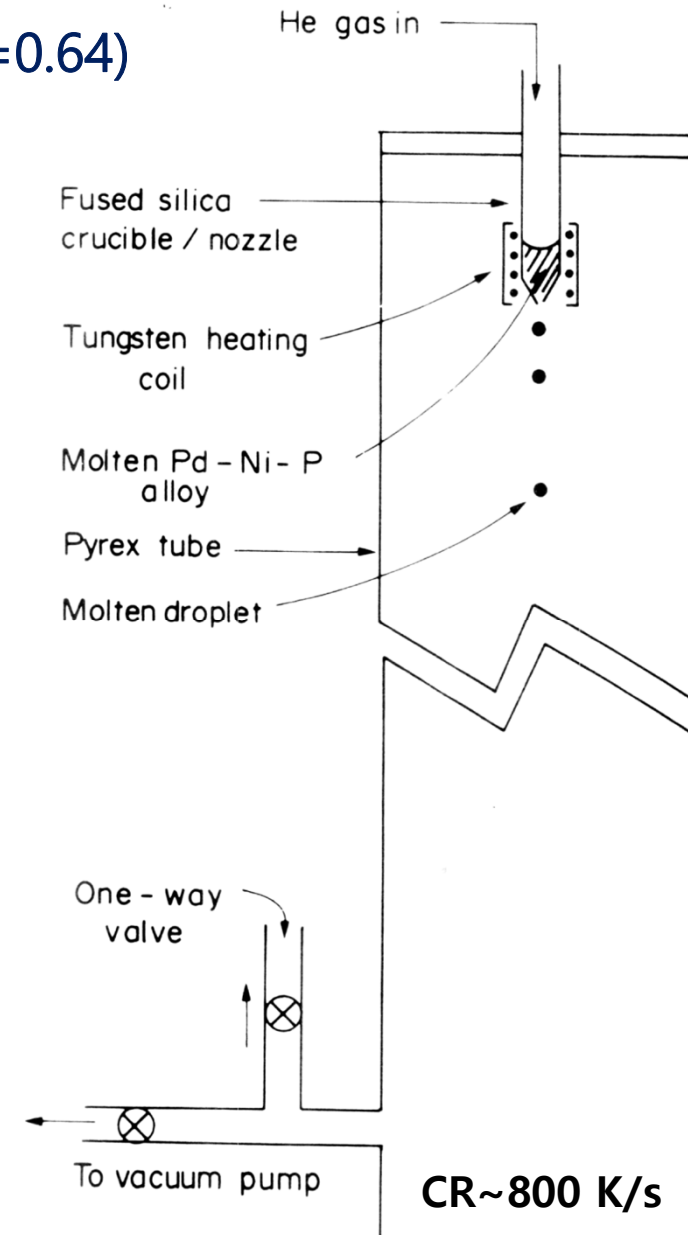
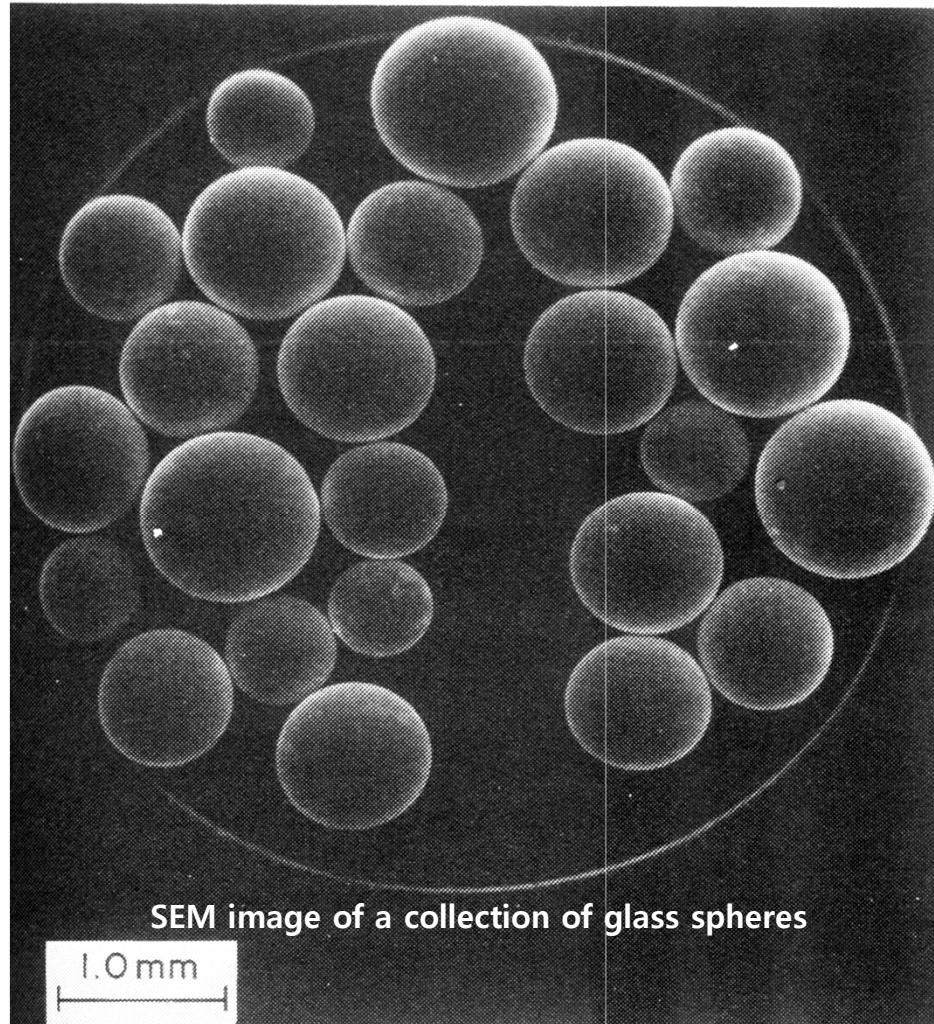




# Bulk formation of metallic glass

- ▶ First bulk metallic glass:  $\text{Pd}_{77.5}\text{Cu}_6\text{Si}_{16.5}$  ( $T_{rg}=0.64$ )

By droplet quenching (CR~800 K/s)



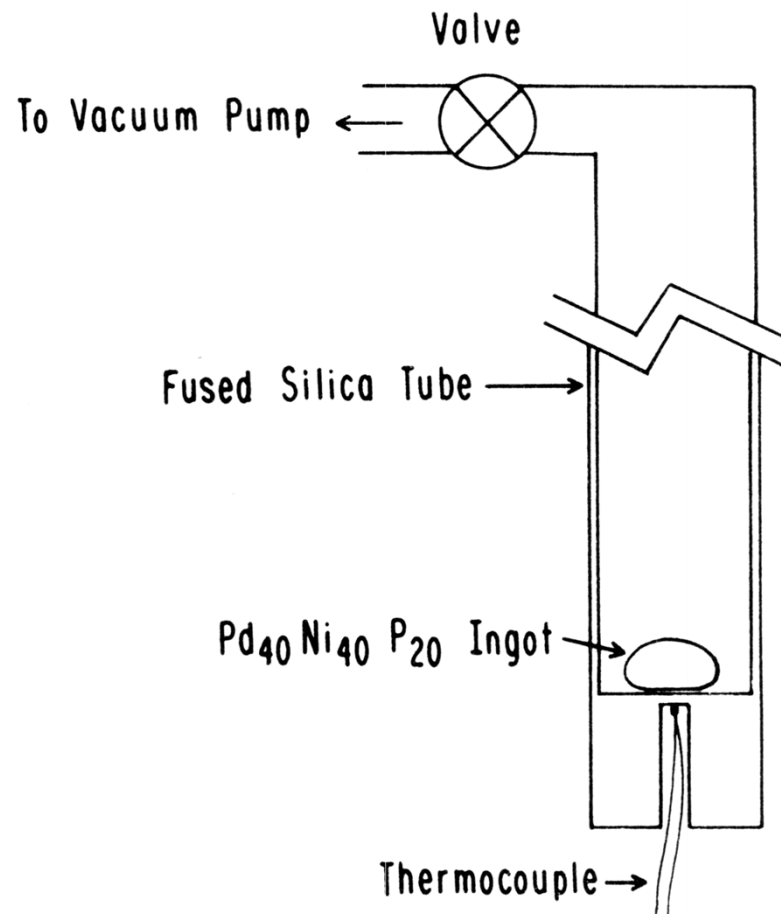


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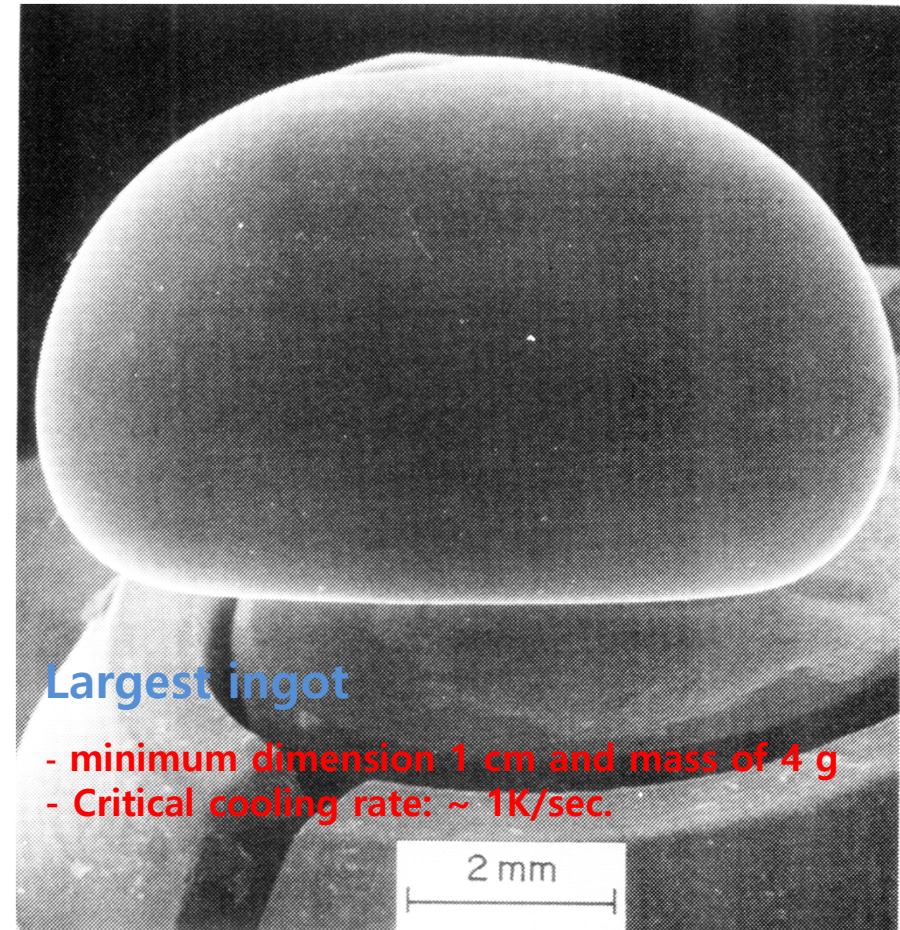


- ▶ Alloy Selection: consideration of  $T_{rg}$   
 $\text{Pd}_{40}\text{Ni}_{40}\text{P}_{20}$  ( $T_{rg}=0.67$ )



<Schematic diagram of apparatus>

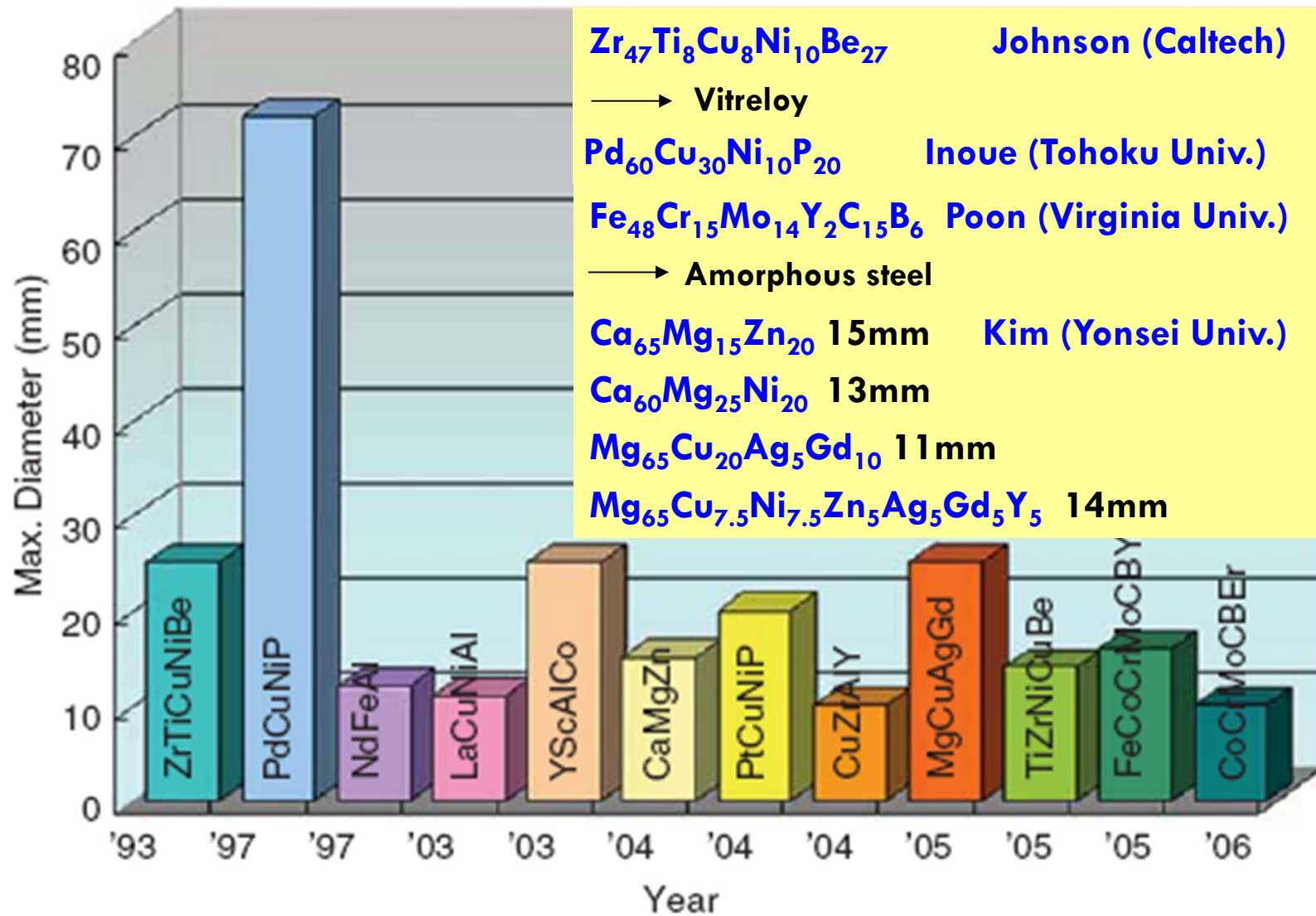
Suppression of heterogeneous nucleation



Largest ingot

- minimum dimension 1 cm and mass of 4 g
- Critical cooling rate: ~ 1K/sec.

# Recent BMGs with critical size $\geq 10$ mm



# Bulk glass formation in the Pd-/Ni-/Cu-/Zr- element system

## Massy Ingot Shape

(a) Pd-Cu-Ni-P



72 $\phi$ x 75 mm 80 $\phi$ x 85 mm

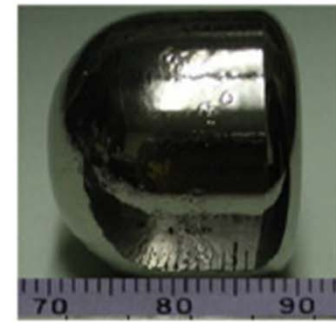
(b) Zr-Al-Ni-Cu



(c) Cu-Zr-Al-Ag

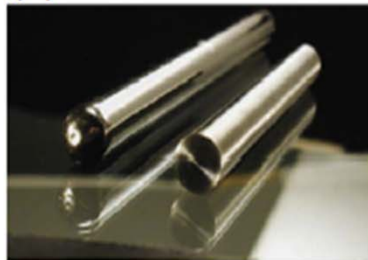


(d) Ni-Pd-P-B



## Cylindrical Rods

(e) Pd-Cu-Ni-P

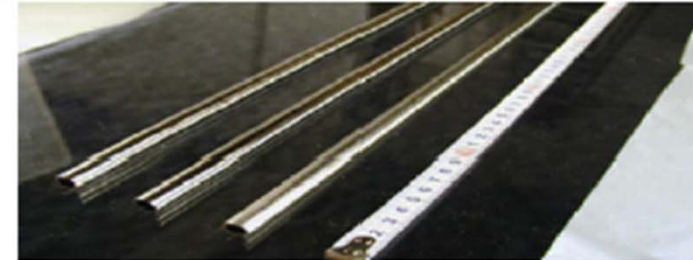


(f) Pt-Pd-Cu-P



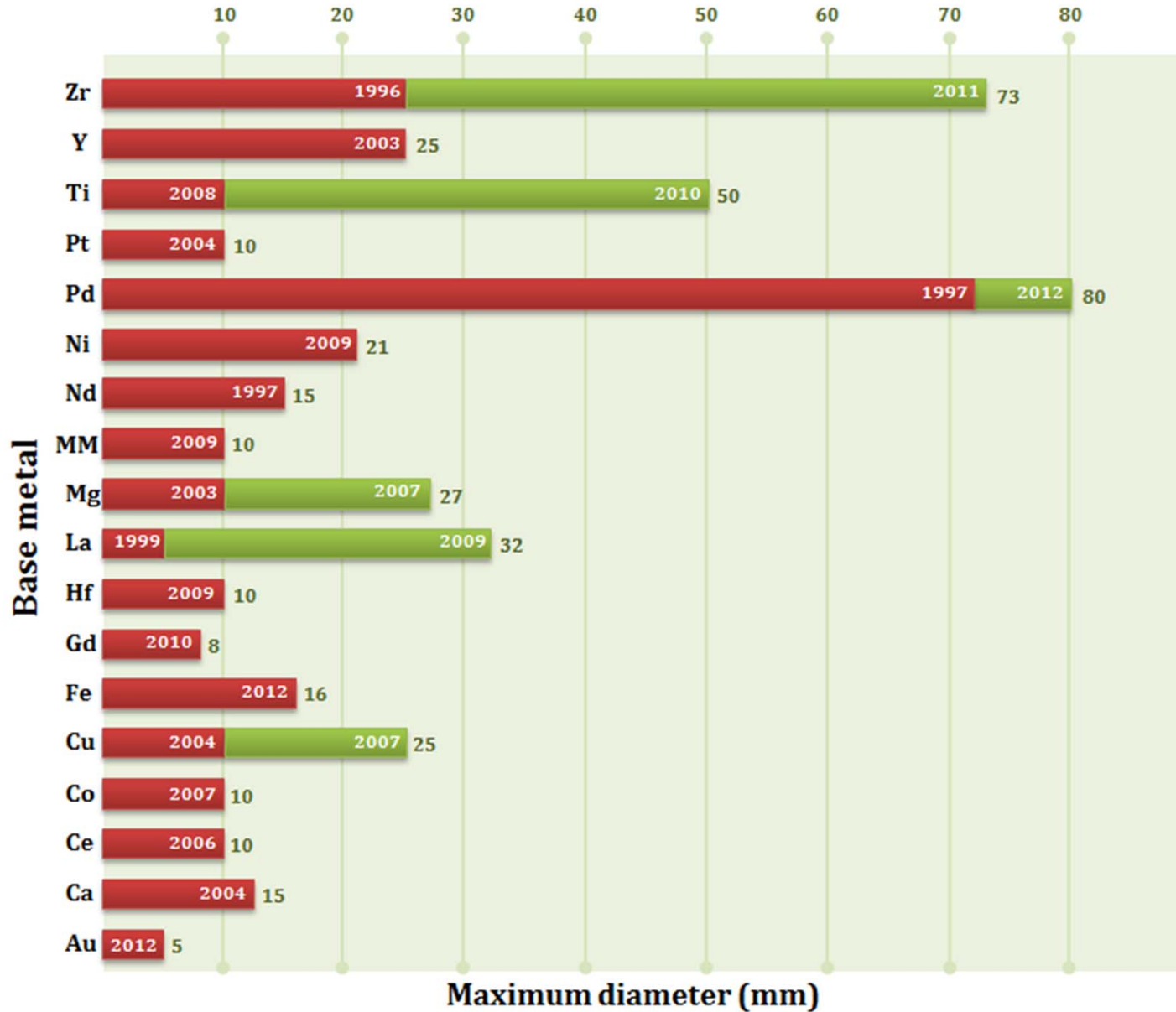
## Hollow Pipes

(g) Pd-Cu-Ni-P





# Recent BMGs with critical size $\geq 10$ mm

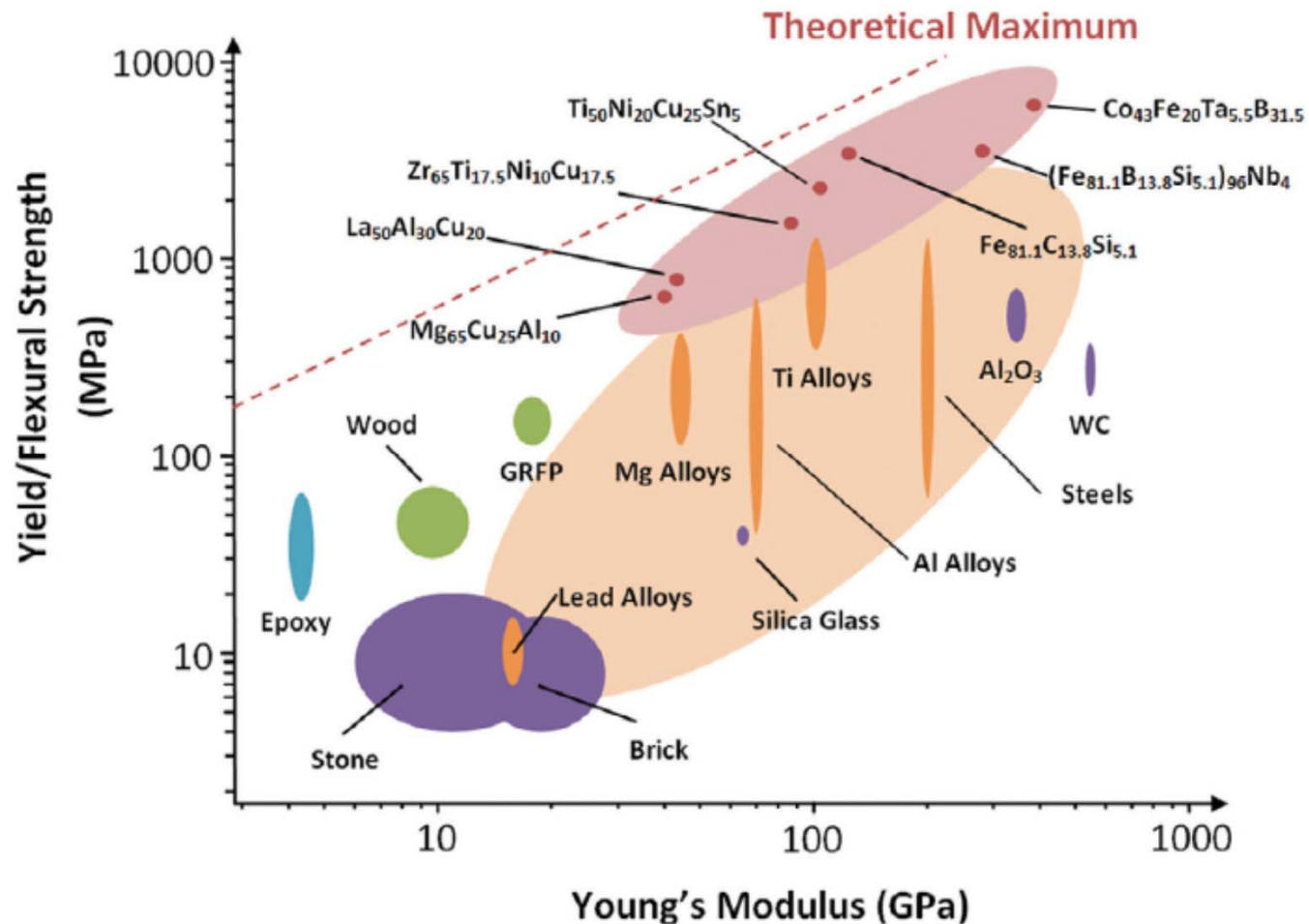




# Are amorphous metals useful?



# 1. High strength of BMGs



**High fracture strength over 5 GPa in Fe-based BMGs**

*A.L. Greer, E. Ma, MRS Bulletin, 2007; 32: 612.*



# 1. High strength of BMGs

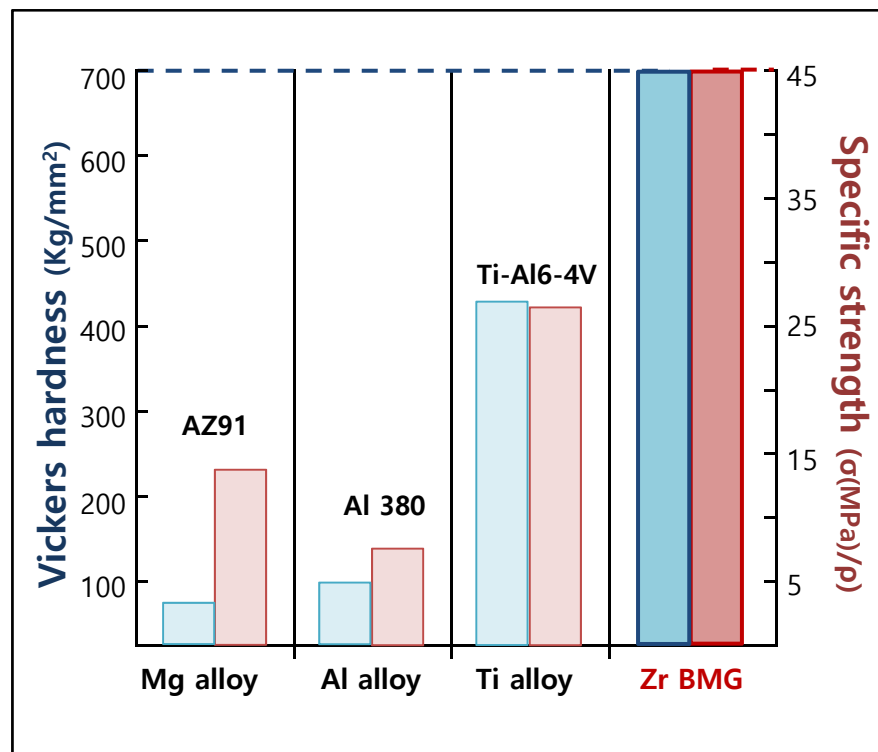


# Bulk metallic glasses with high strength

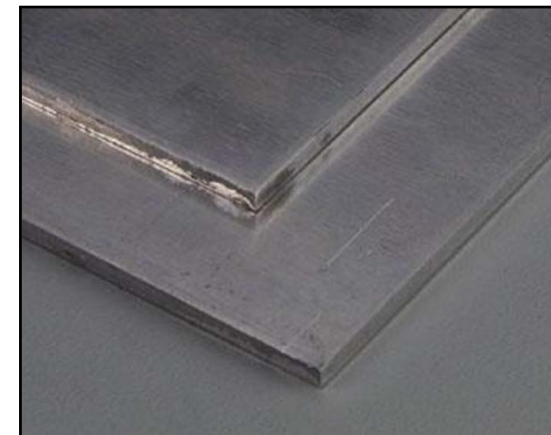
▶ **“High specific strength”** → Ultra-thin product with reasonable strength

: Possible to reduce more thickness with same standard strength than conventional light alloys due to superior specific strength

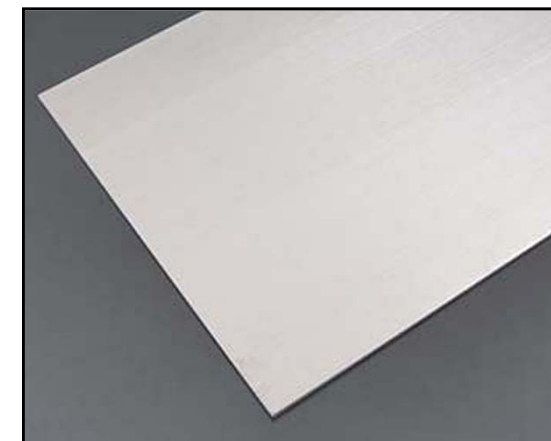
→ **Flexible / Wearable electronics**



Comparison of specific strength among Zr based BMG and conventional light alloys



Mg - AZ91

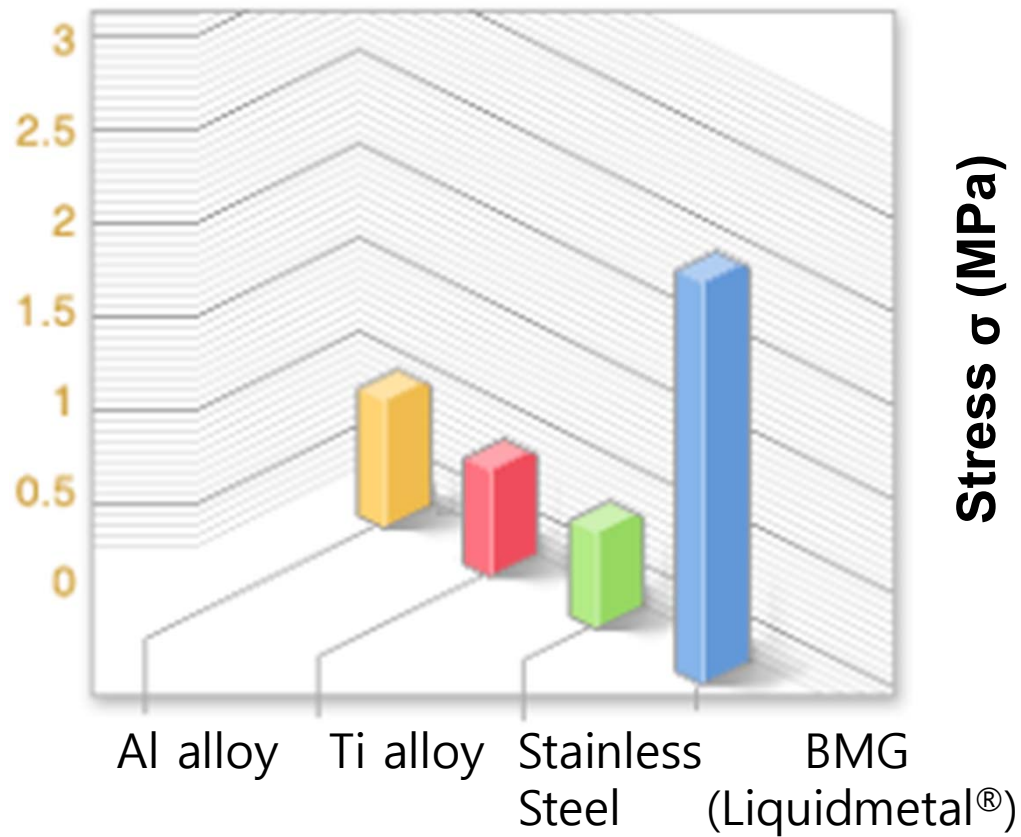


Thinner plate: **BMG**

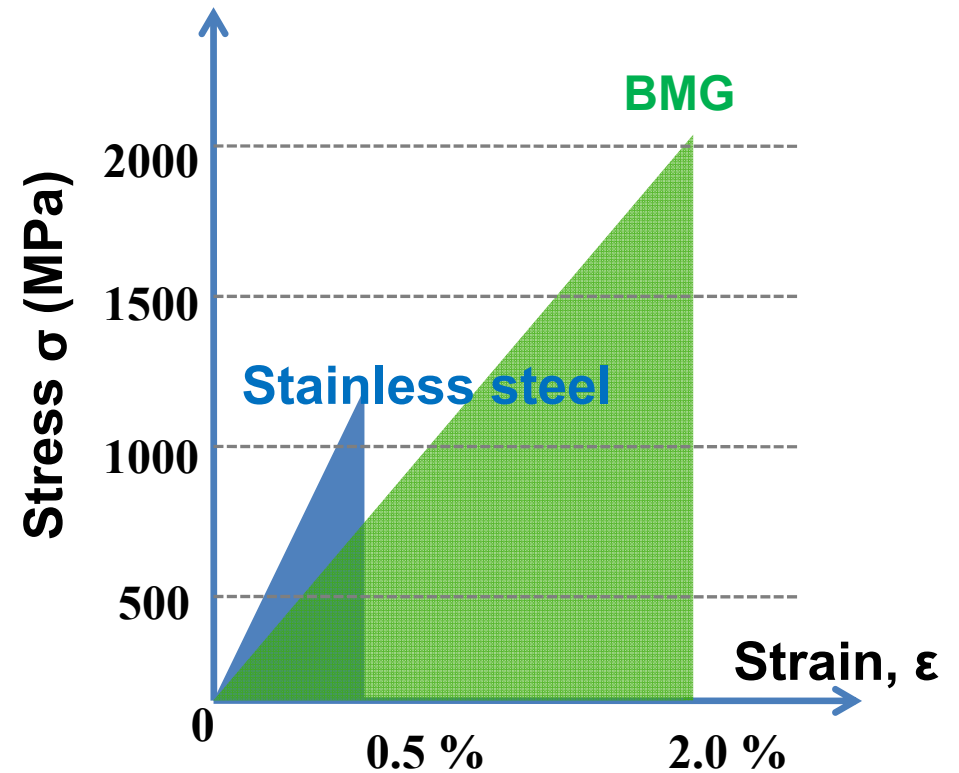
## 2. Large elastic strain limit of BMGs

### Elastic Strain Limit

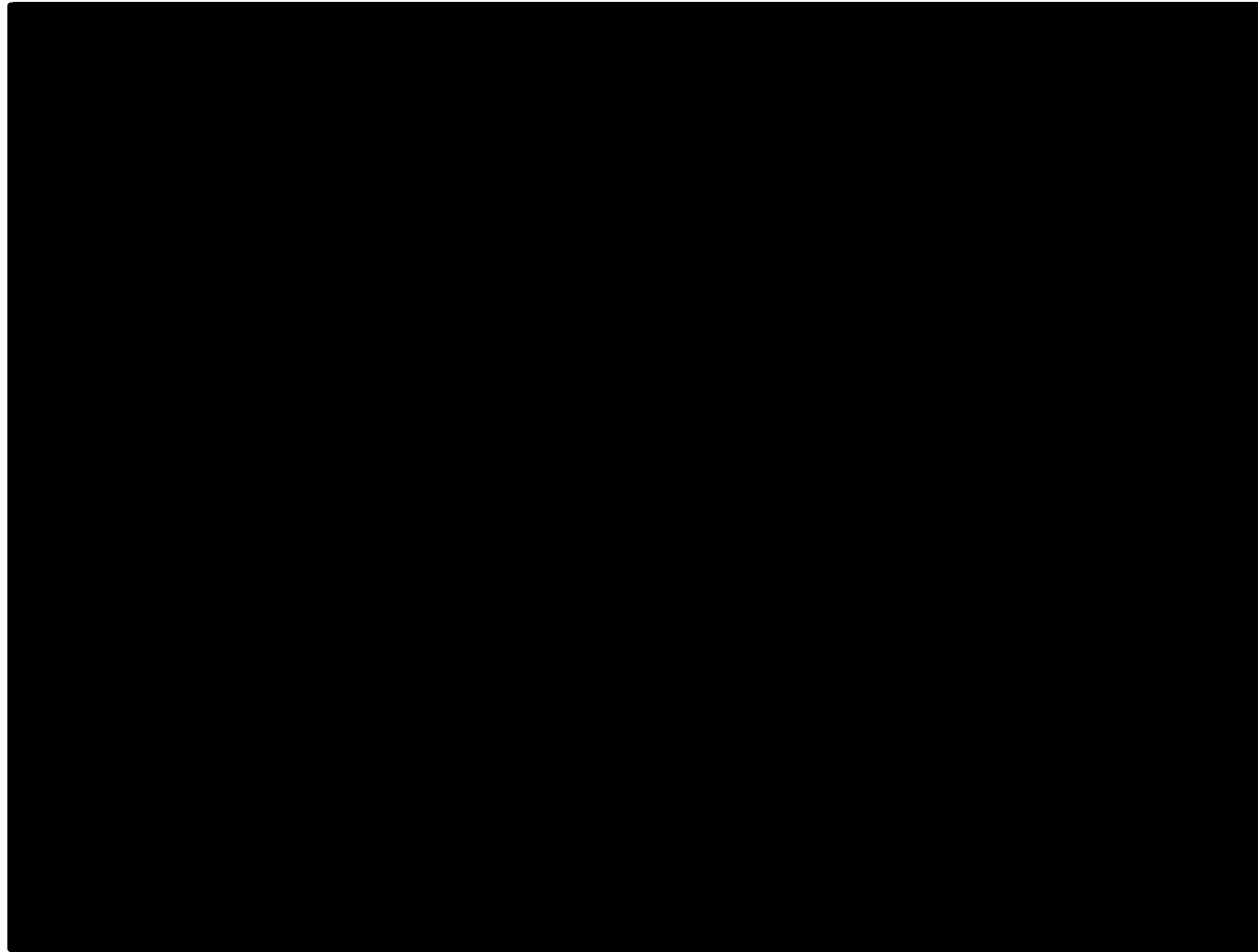
[ as % of Original Shape ]



### Stress-Strain Curve



## 2. Large elastic strain limit of BMGs



**Structural Applications: high yield (or fracture) strength, low Young's modulus  
large elastic strain limit, and easy formability in the SCLR**

**\* Sporting Goods : Golf club**

The repulsive efficiency (defined as the ratio of ball velocity/club head velocity ) was found to 1.43 for the BMG alloy face, whereas it is only 1.405 for the Ti-alloy face. **The overall flying distance was 225 m for the BMG alloy face, whereas it is only 213 m for the Ti-alloy face.**

the modulus of resilience,  $U$ ,

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_y \cdot \epsilon_y = \frac{1}{2} E \epsilon_y^2$$

where

$\sigma_y$  and  $\epsilon_y$  are the yield stress and elastic strain limit, respectively  
 $E$  is the Young's modulus



**FIGURE 10.2**

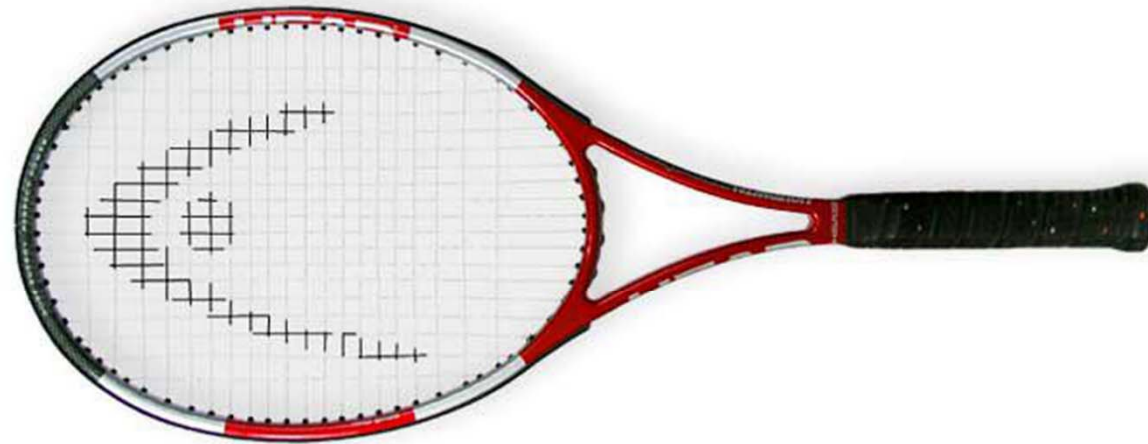
Outer shapes of commercial golf club heads in wood-, iron-, and putter-type forms where the face materials are made of Zr-based BMG alloy. (Reprinted from Kakiuchi, H. et al., *Mater. Trans.*, 42, 678, 2001. With permission.)

Structural Applications: high yield (or fracture) strength, low Young's modulus, large elastic strain limit, and easy formability in the SCLR

\* **Sporting Goods** : Striking face plate in golf clubs/ Frame in tennis rackets / Baseball and softball bats/ Skis and snowboards / Bicycle parts / Fishing equipment/ Marine applications



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 10.3

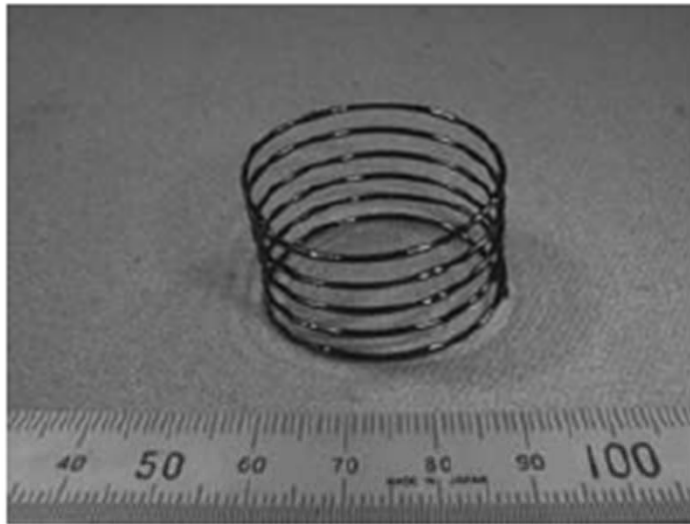
(a) Baseball bat and (b) tennis racket made of Liquidmetal (BMG) alloys.



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### \* Automobile Valve Springs

: It was estimated that if the conventional valve springs made of oil-tempered and shot peened Si-Cr steel are replaced with Zr- or Ti-based BMGs, the overall weight of the engine will come down by 4 kg (about 10 lb).



(a)

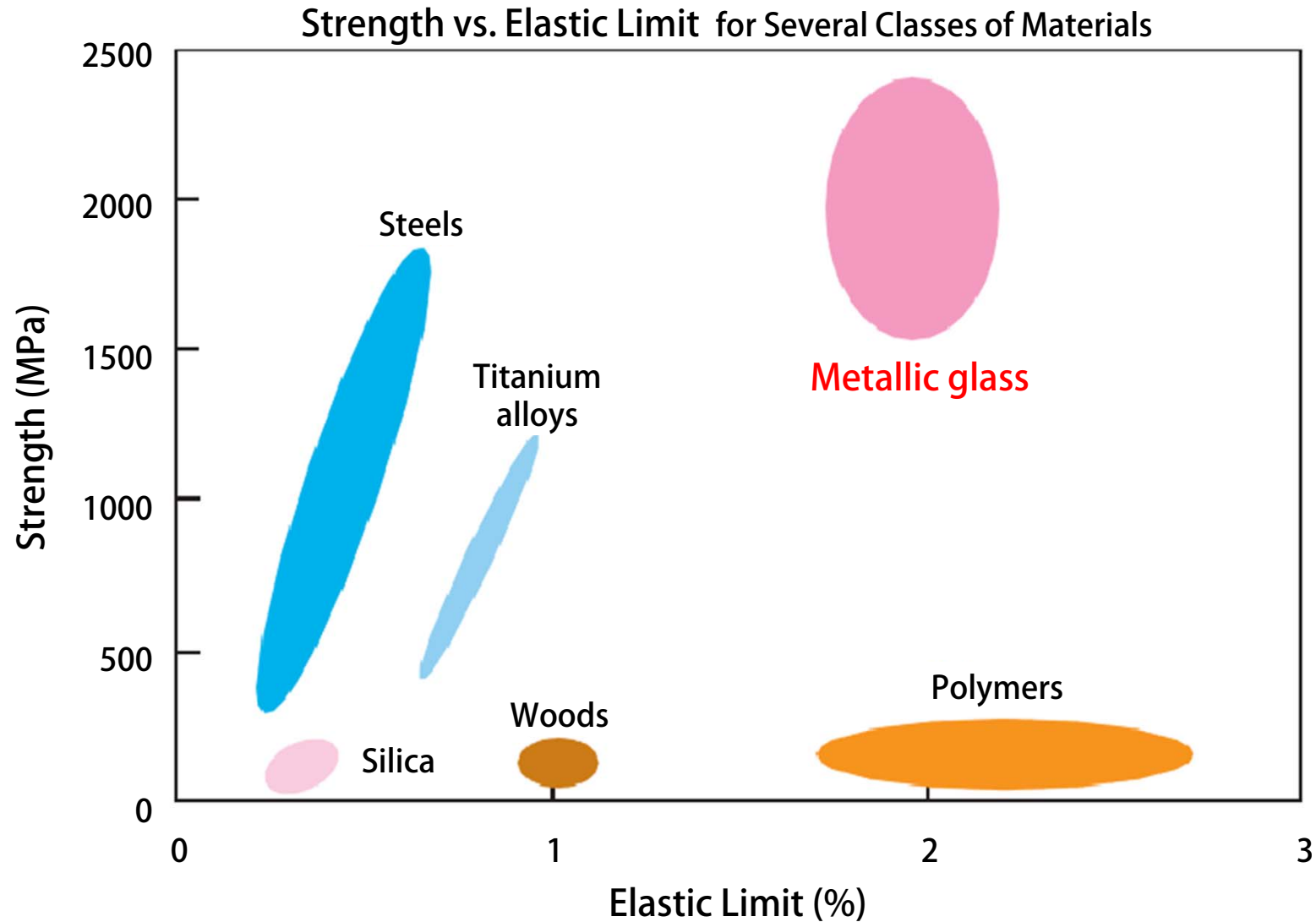


(b)

**FIGURE 10.10**

Helical springs of Zr<sub>55</sub>Cu<sub>30</sub>Al<sub>10</sub>Ni<sub>5</sub> BMG alloy produced by the coiling of wires of (a) 1 mm and (b) 2 mm in diameter. (Reprinted from Son, K. et al., *Mater. Sci. Eng. A*, 449–451, 248, 2007. With permission.)

# I. Bulk metallic glasses with high strength & high elastic limit



**: Metallic Glasses Offer a Unique Combination of High Strength and High Elastic Limit**

# “Drawback” of BMGs as a Structural Material

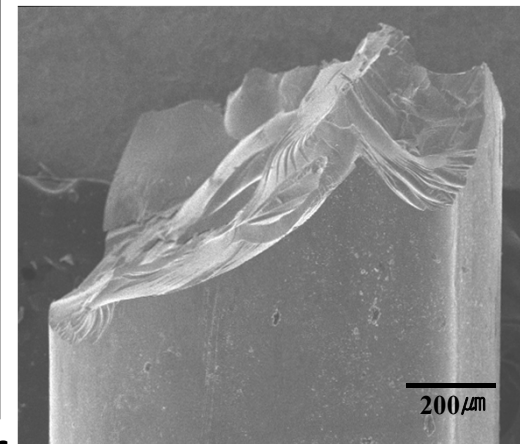
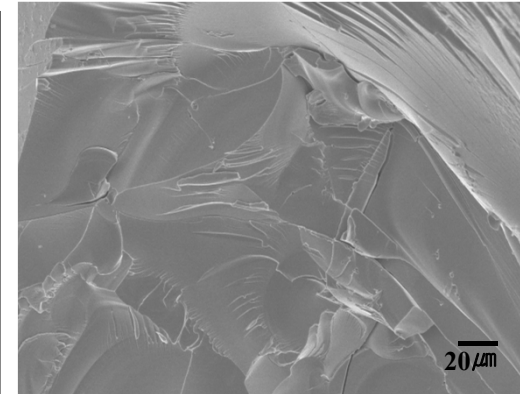
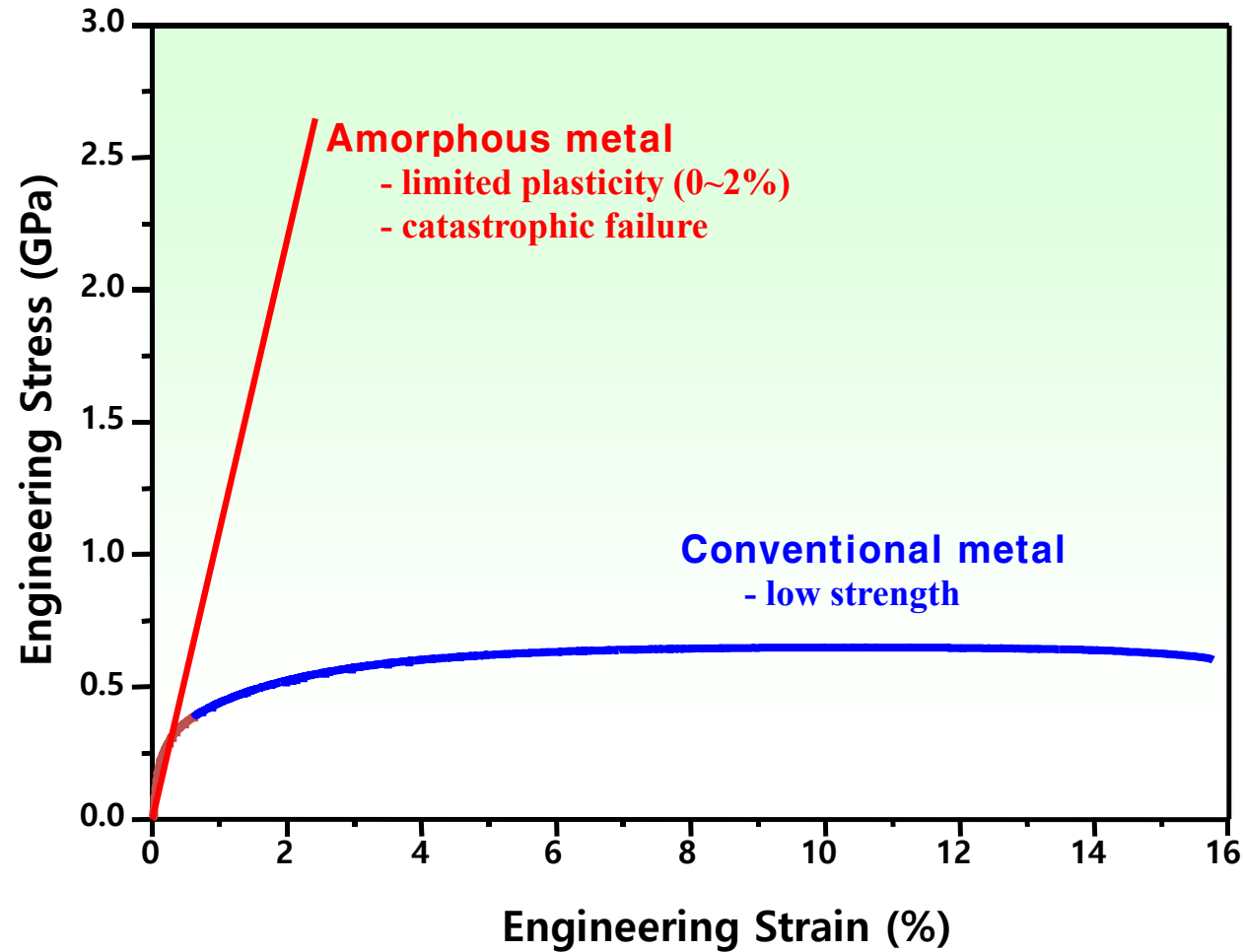
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# Limited Plasticity by shear softening and shear band

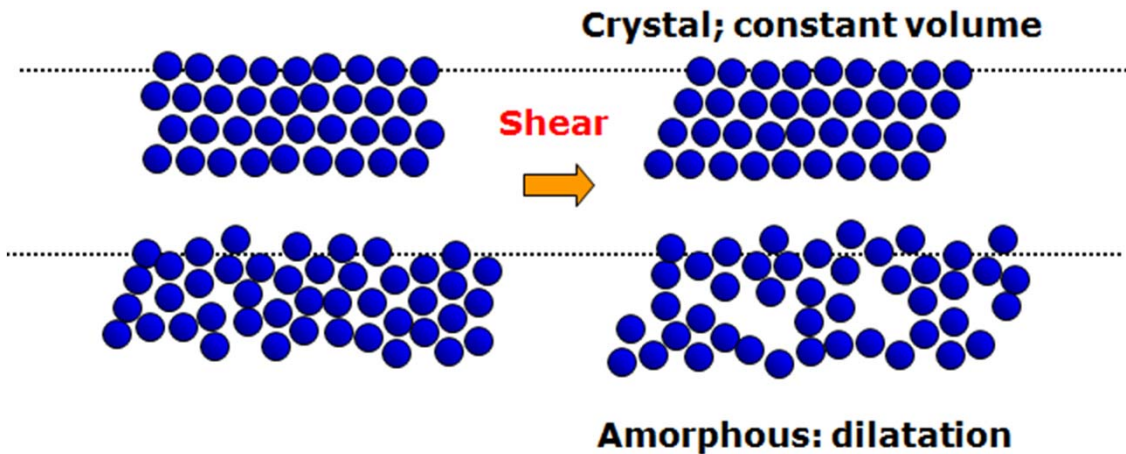
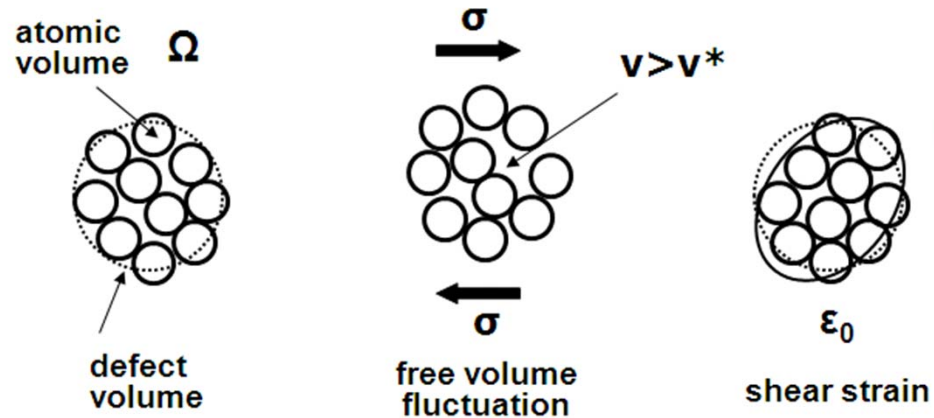
- ▶ Microscopically brittle fracture

➔ **Death of a material for structural applications**



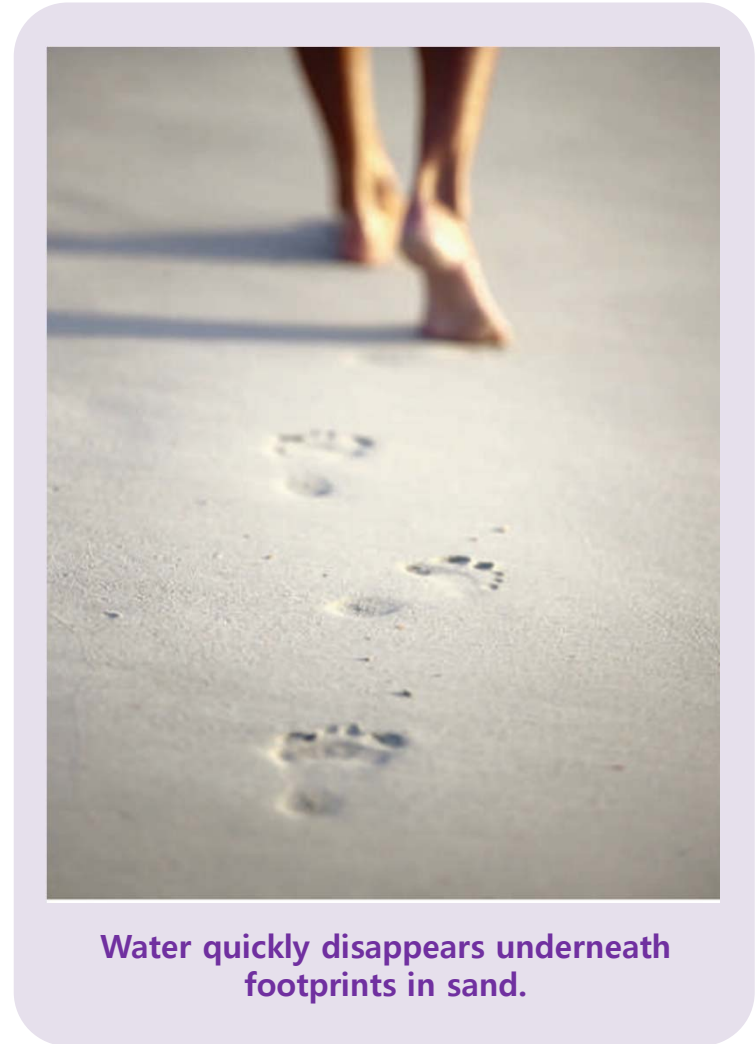
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# Deformation of metallic glass : Viscous flow → “Shear bands”



➔ Shear bands form by accumulation of defects during deformation.

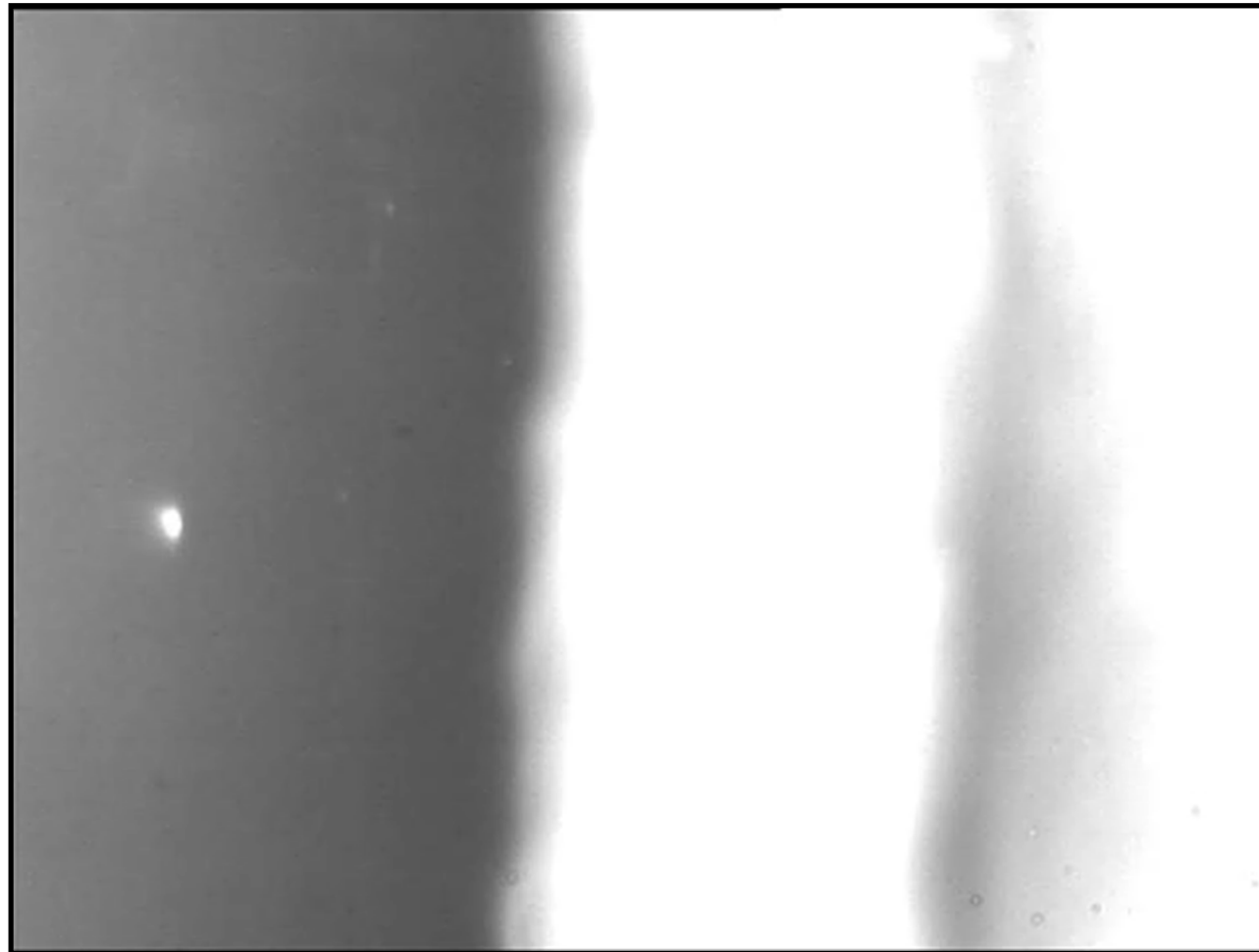
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# Effect of local favored structure on SB nucleation

▶  $\text{Ni}_{60}\text{Nb}_{40}$ : fully amorphous phase

$S=0.016$  mm/sec

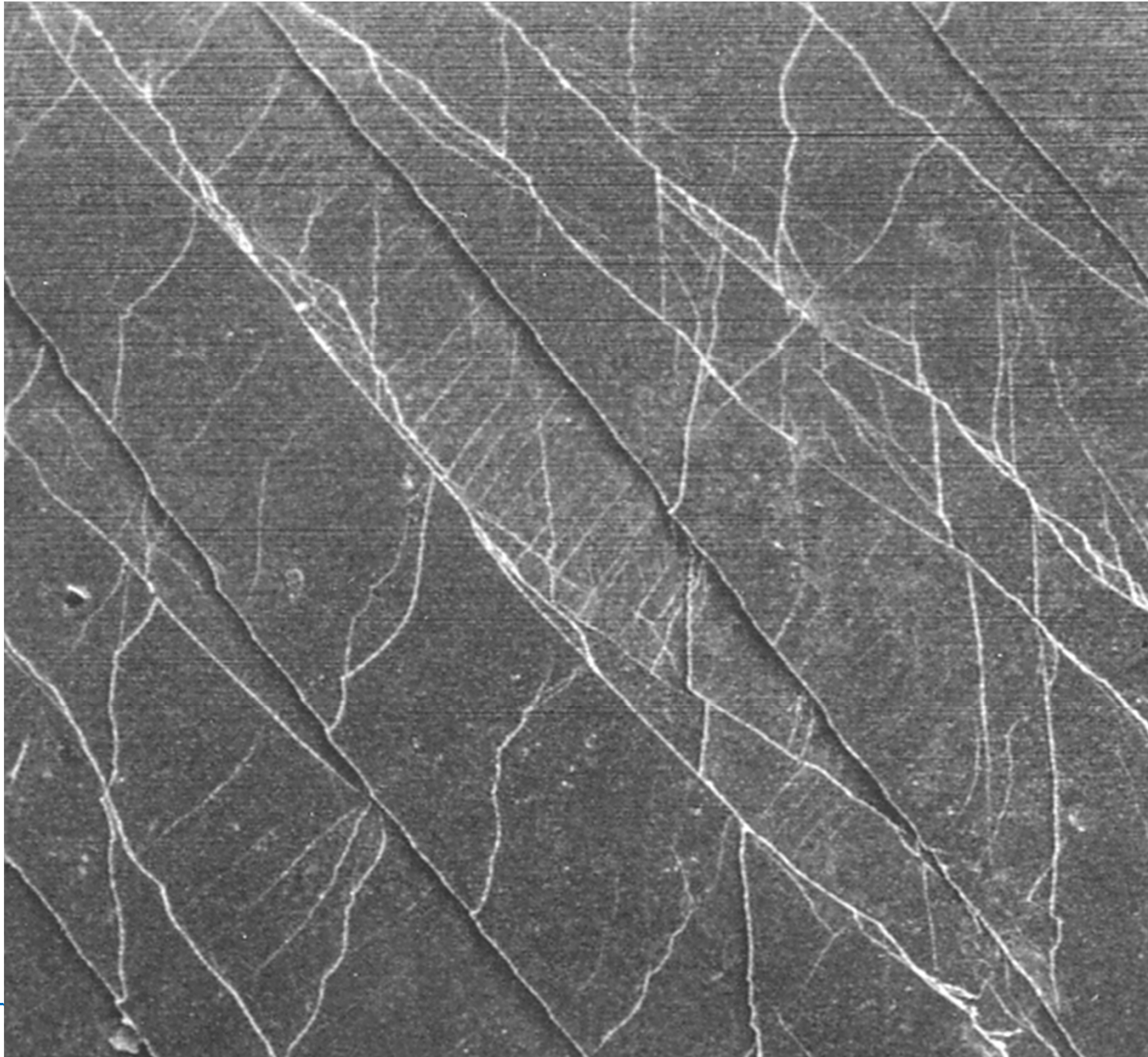


100  $\mu\text{m}$

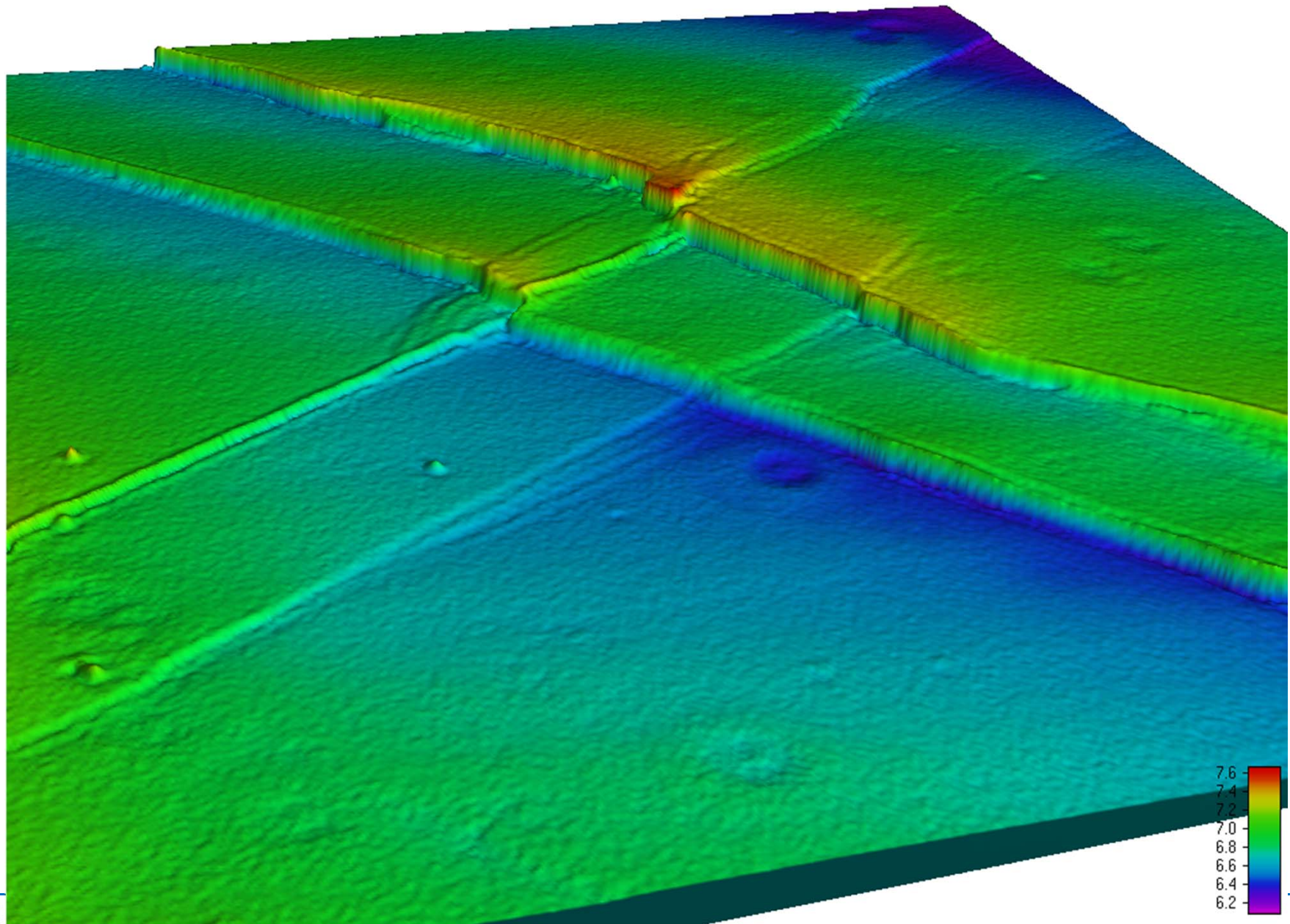
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# Formation of multiple shear bands during deformation



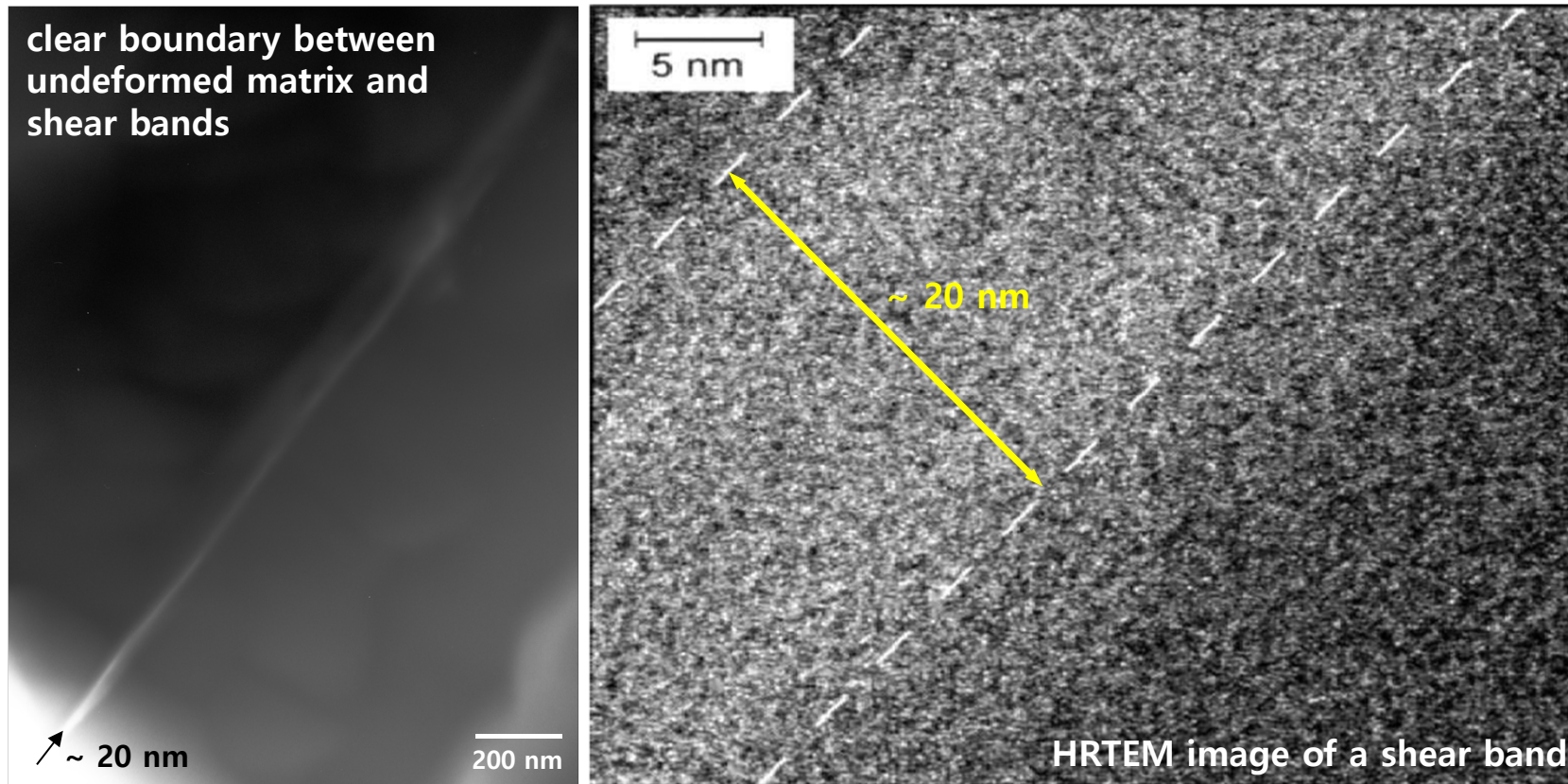
# Multiple shear bands = Multiple shear planes





# Formation of shear bands : variation of free volume

**Shear bands** form by **accumulation of defects** during deformation.



Shear deformed areas with the **same composition** & **different density of free volume**

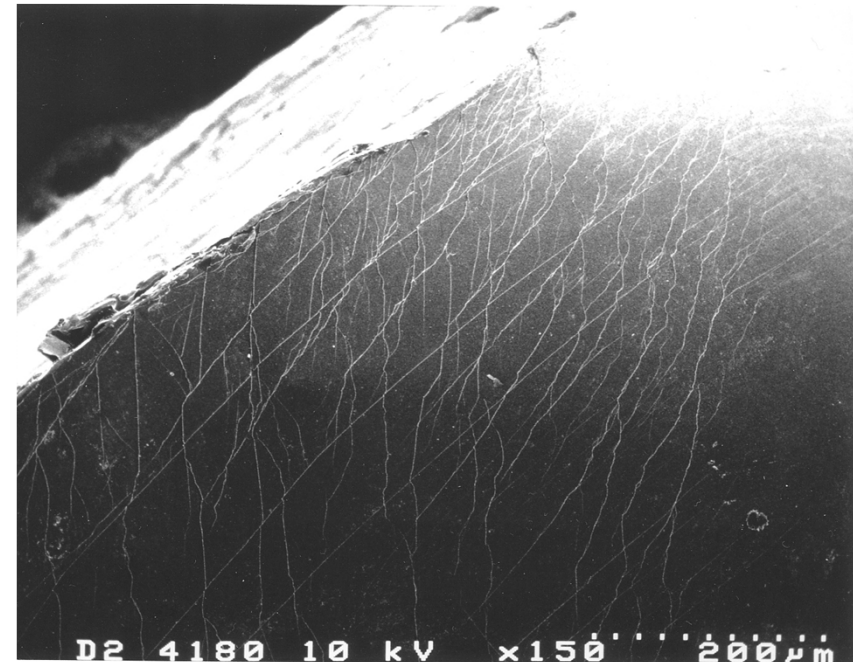
# Plastic deformation in metallic glasses: **Manipulation of SBs!**

**BMGs** : No dislocation or slip system

Inhomogeneous deformation in shear bands → brittle fracture

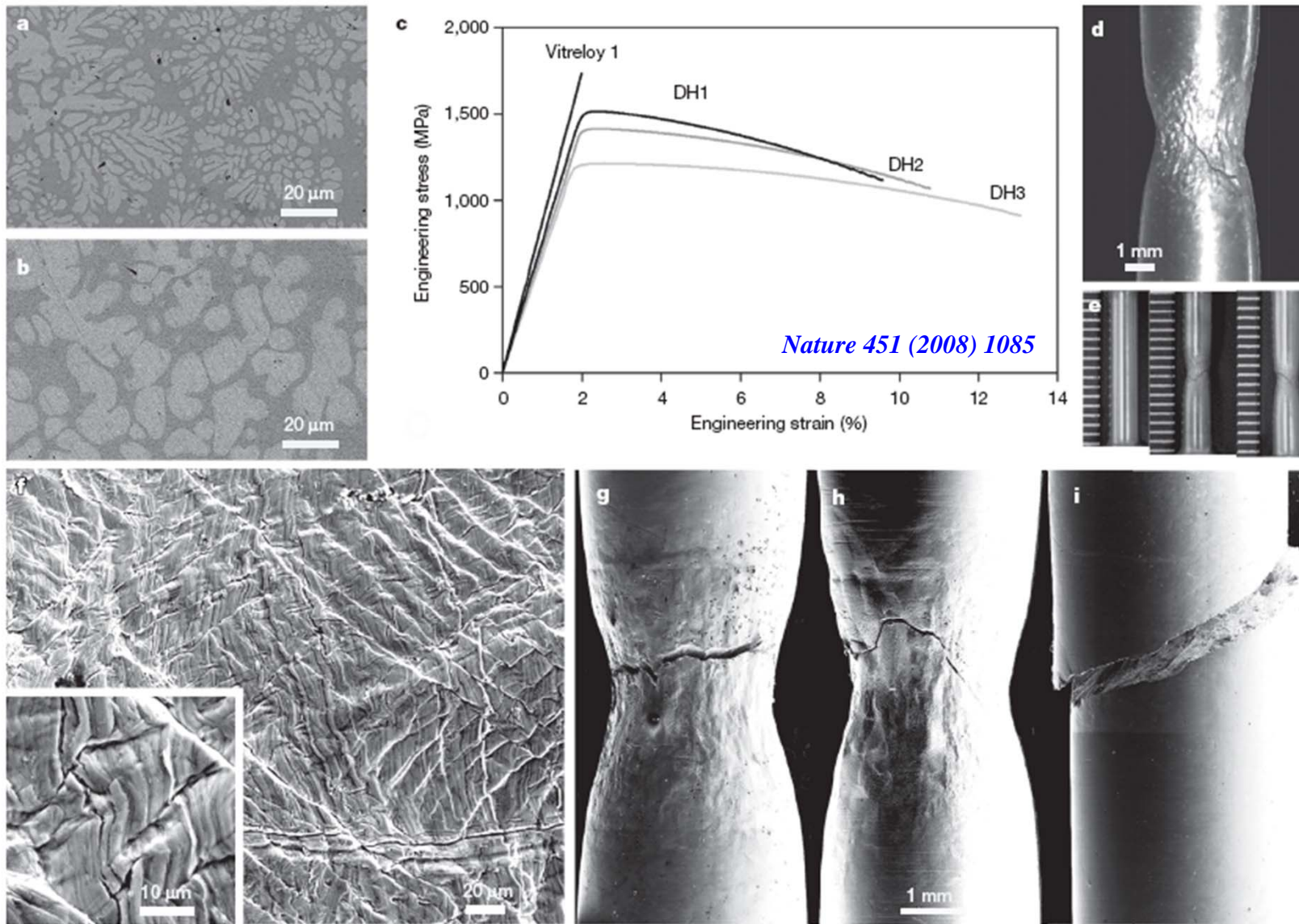
**To improve plasticity in BMGs,**

- Interruption of shear band propagation → **BMG matrix composites**
- Formation of multiple shear bands





# In-situ BMG matrix composites with tensile ductility



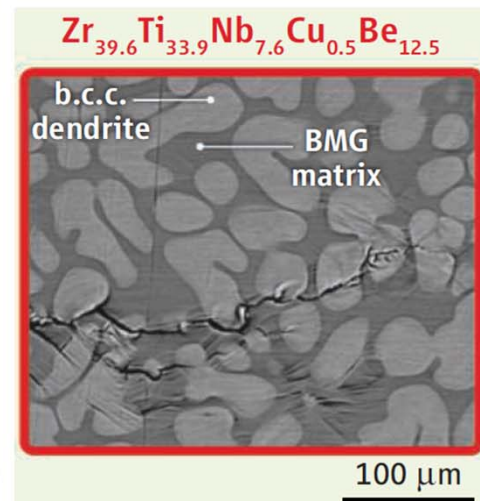
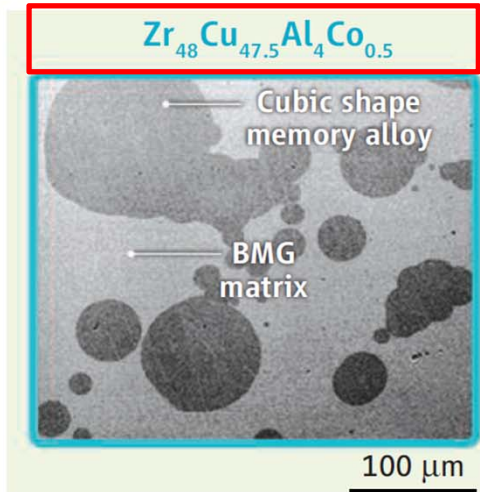
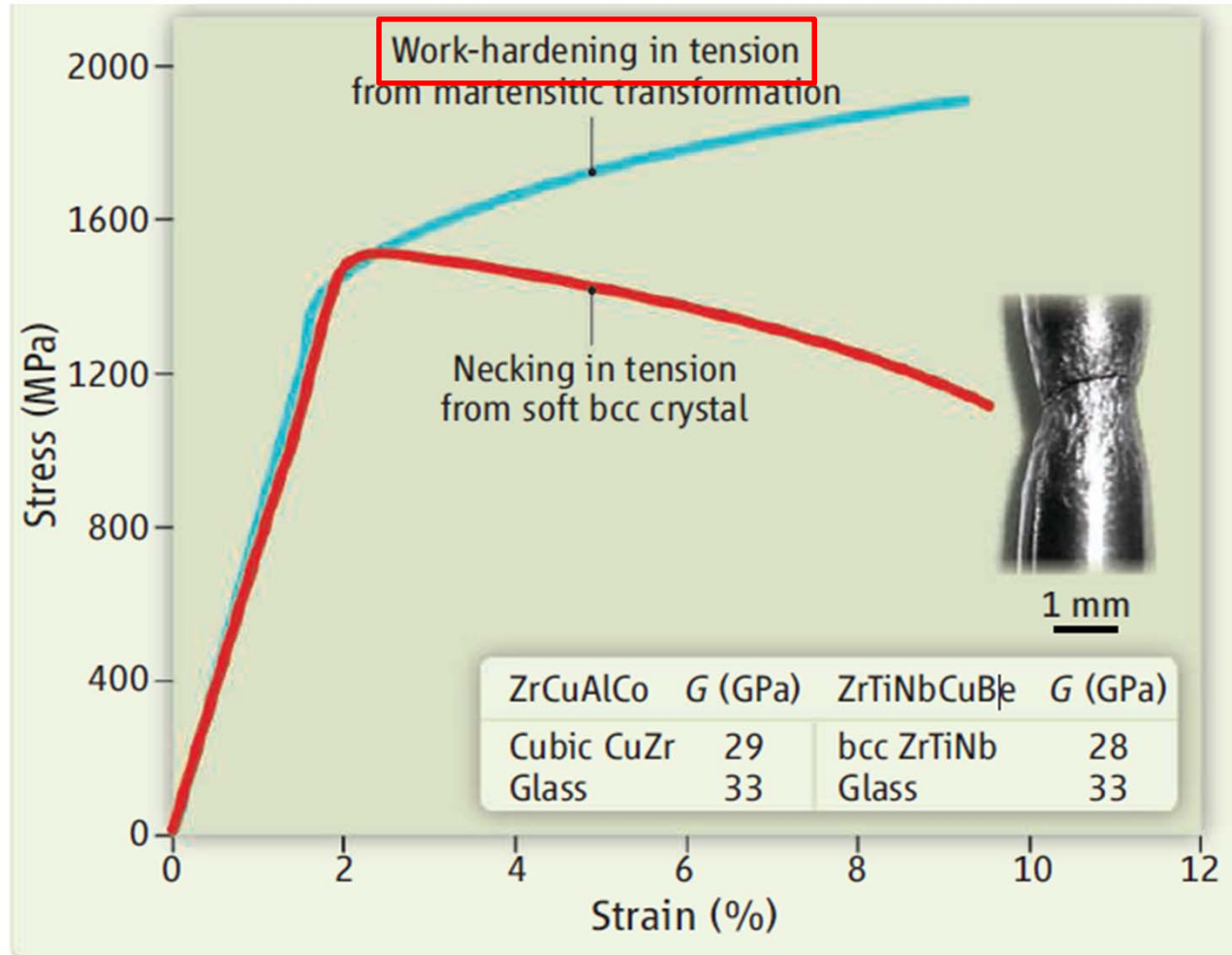
**High fracture toughness: > 10 % plastic strain in tensile test**



# Shape Memory Bulk Metallic Glass Composites

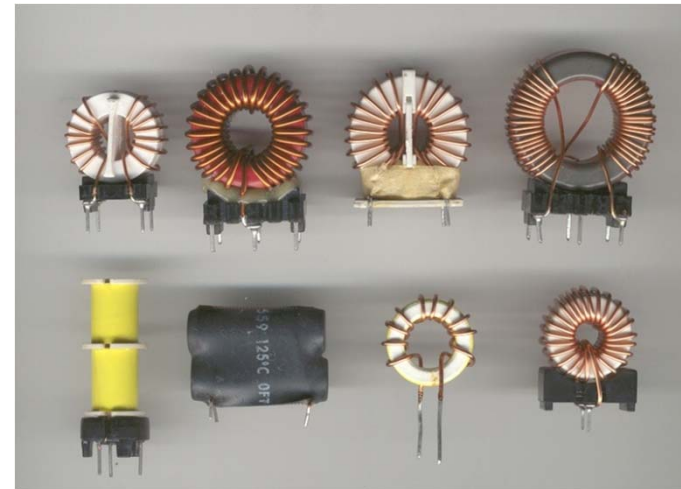
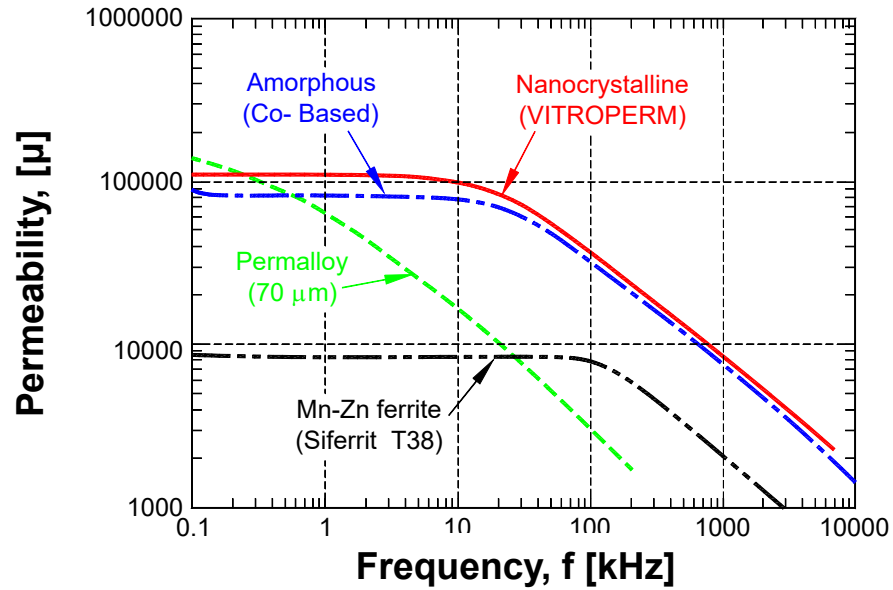
Douglas C. Hofmann

Glass-forming and shape memory metals may provide a route to fabricating materials with enhanced mechanical properties.

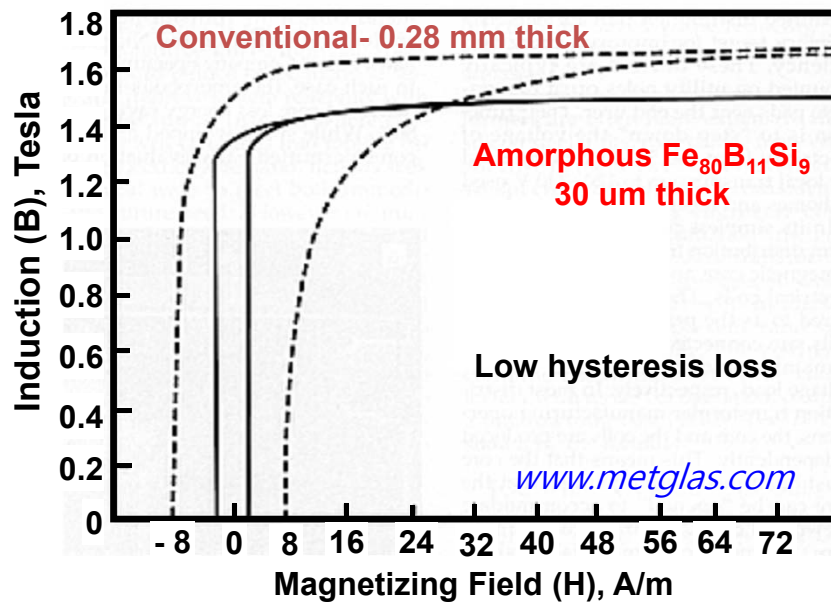




# 3. Old uses: soft magnet



**Magnetic cores**

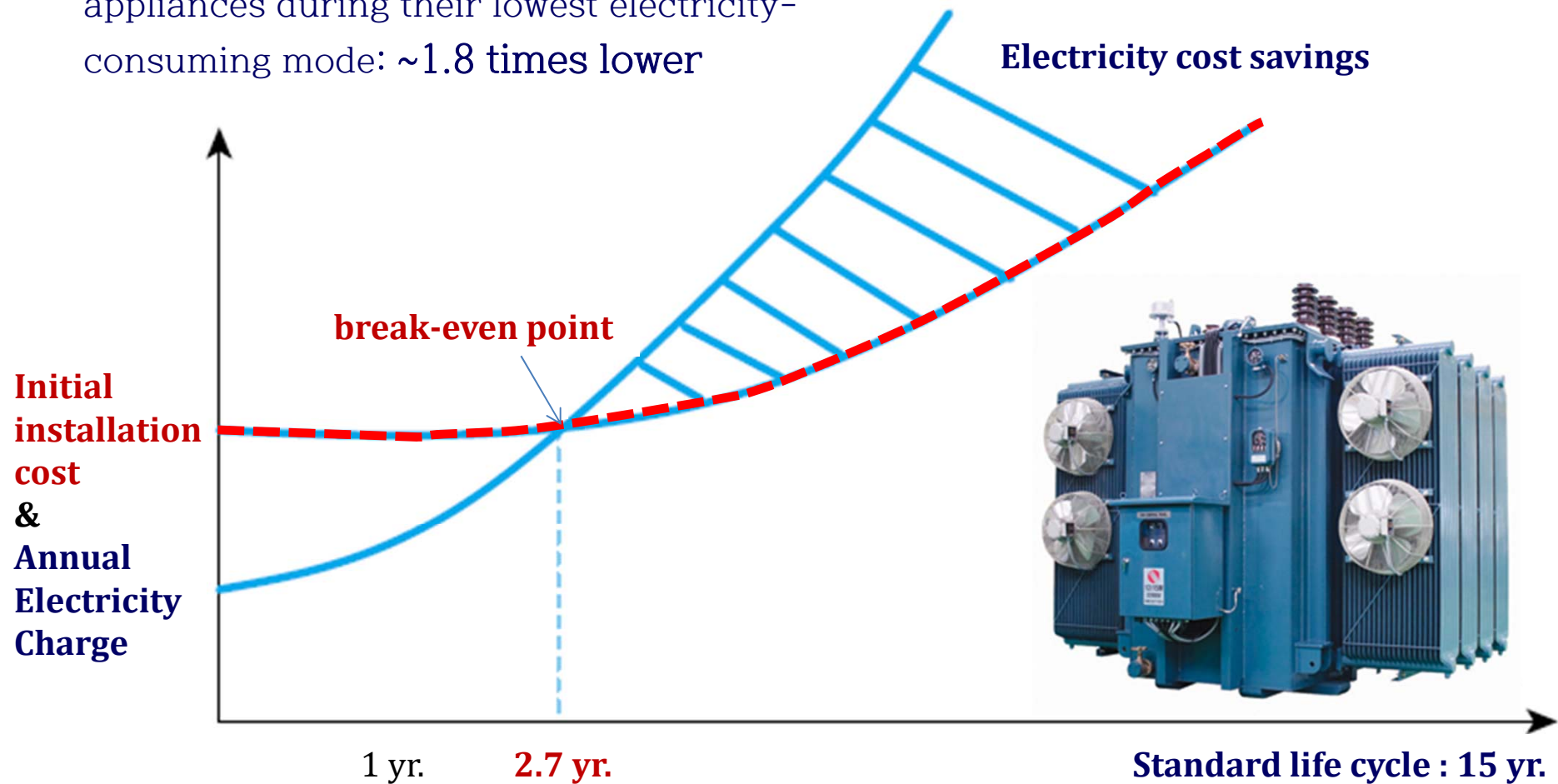


**Transformers**

## < Energy savings of amorphous transformers >

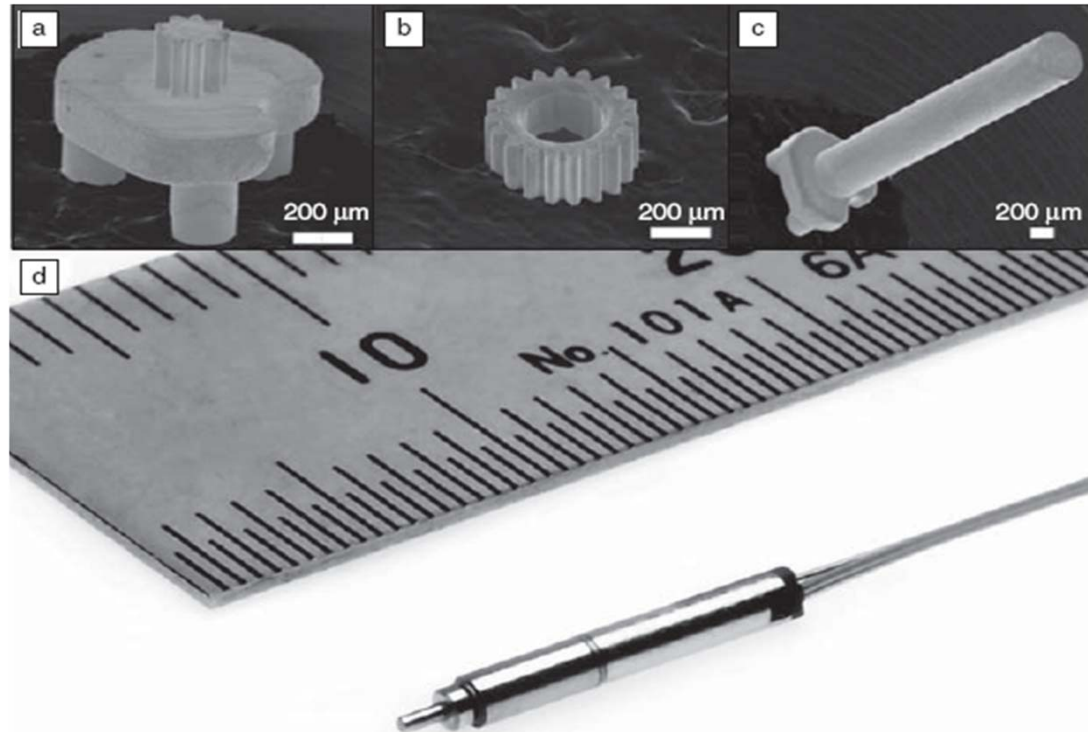
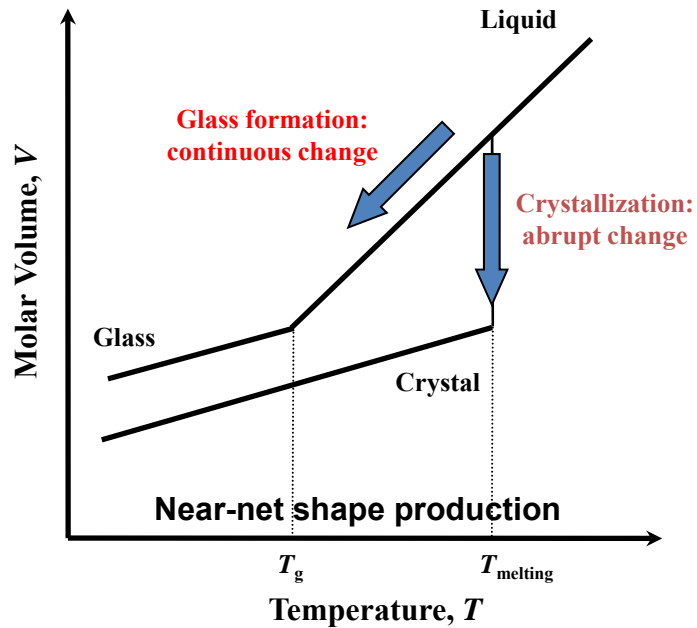
▶ **Initial installation cost** : ~ 1.5 times expensive

↔ **Standby power**, which is the power consumed by appliances during their lowest electricity-consuming mode: ~1.8 times lower

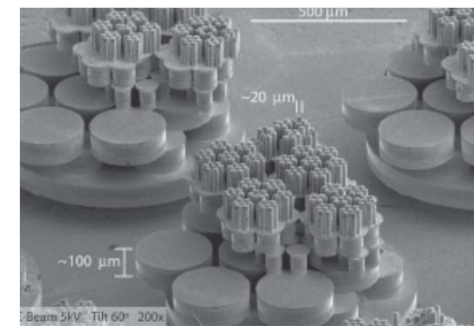
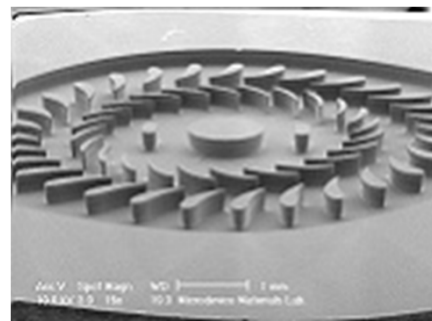
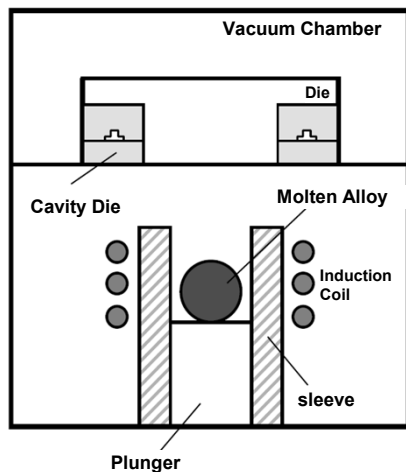


# 4. Processing metals as efficiently as plastics

## 1) Micro-casting & forming



Precision Gears for Micro-motors



Structural Applications: high yield (or fracture) strength, low Young's modulus, large elastic strain limit, and easy formability in the SCLR

\* **Micro-Motors**

- Higher dimensional accuracy
- 313 times longer than conventional motor

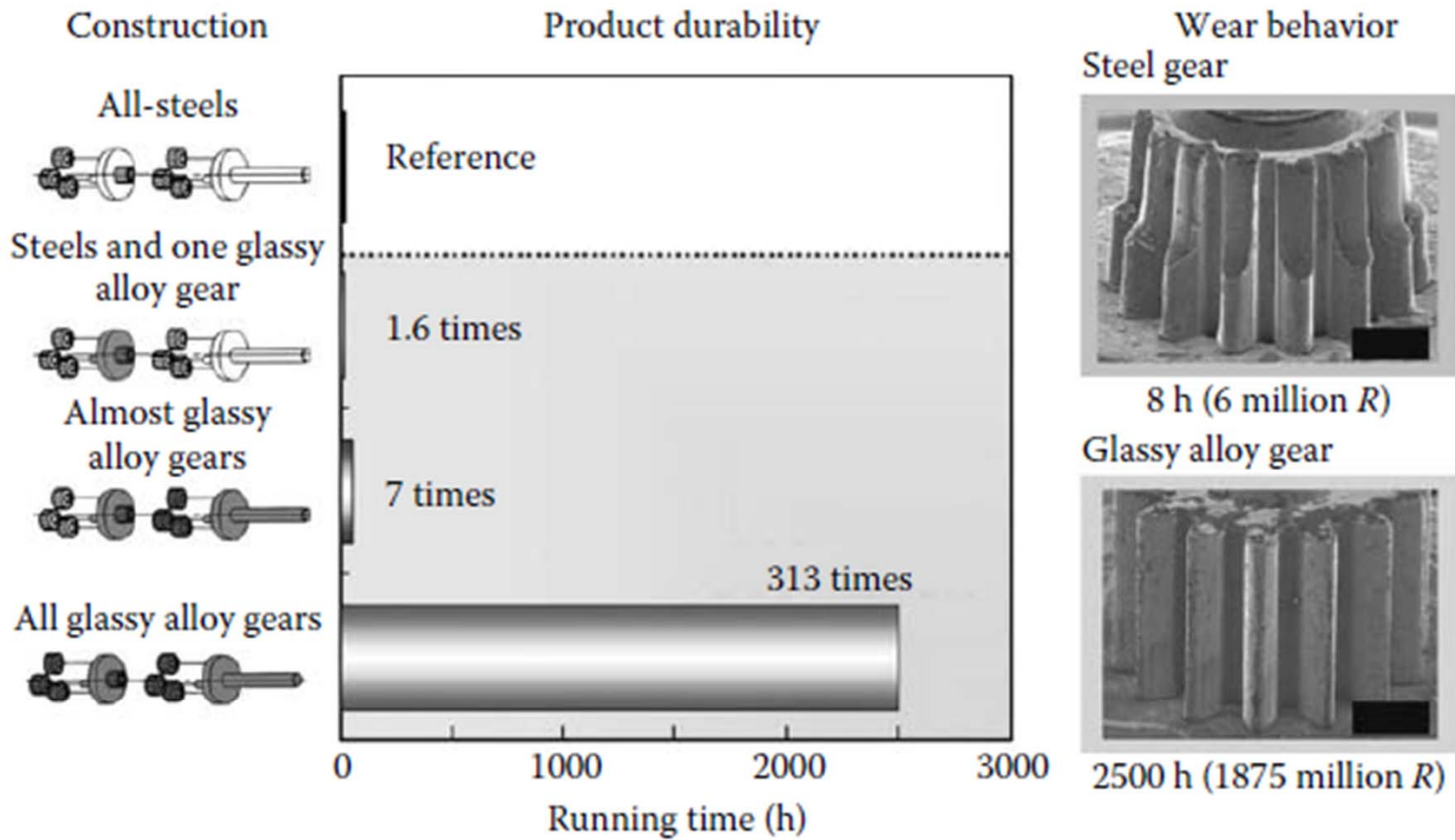


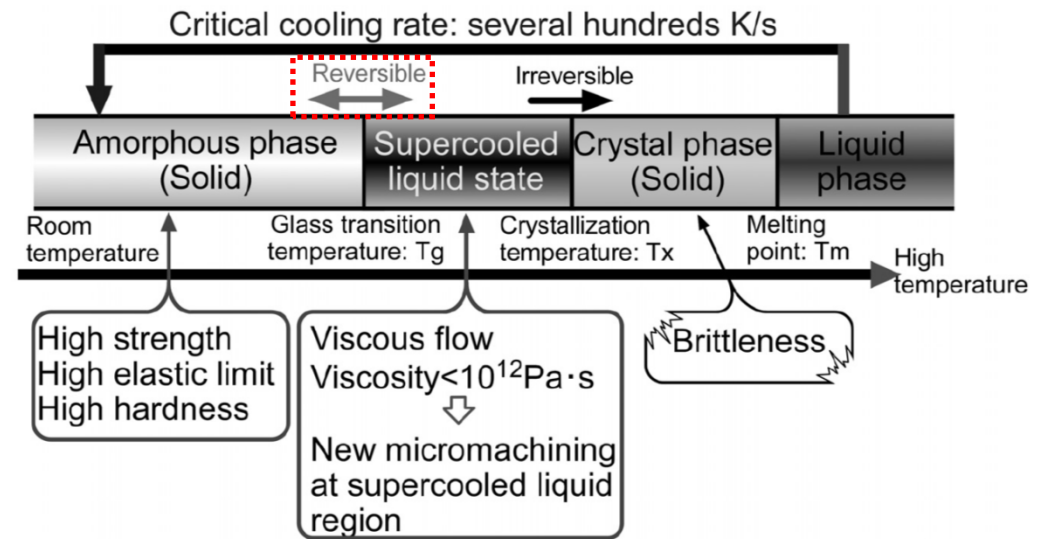
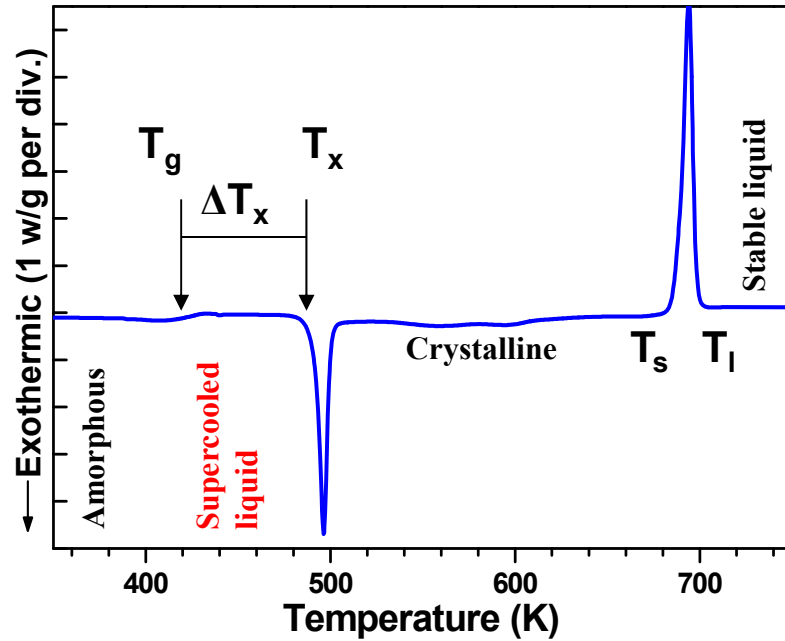
FIGURE 10.7

Comparative wear resistance behavior of gears made with different materials in a 2.4mm diameter geared motor. (Reprinted from Inoue, A. et al., *Mater. Sci. Eng. A*, 441, 18, 2006. With permission.)

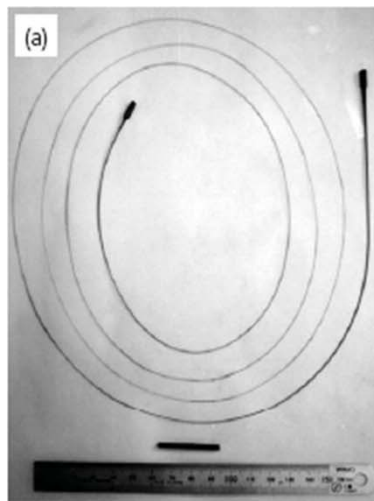


# 4. Processing metals as efficiently as plastics

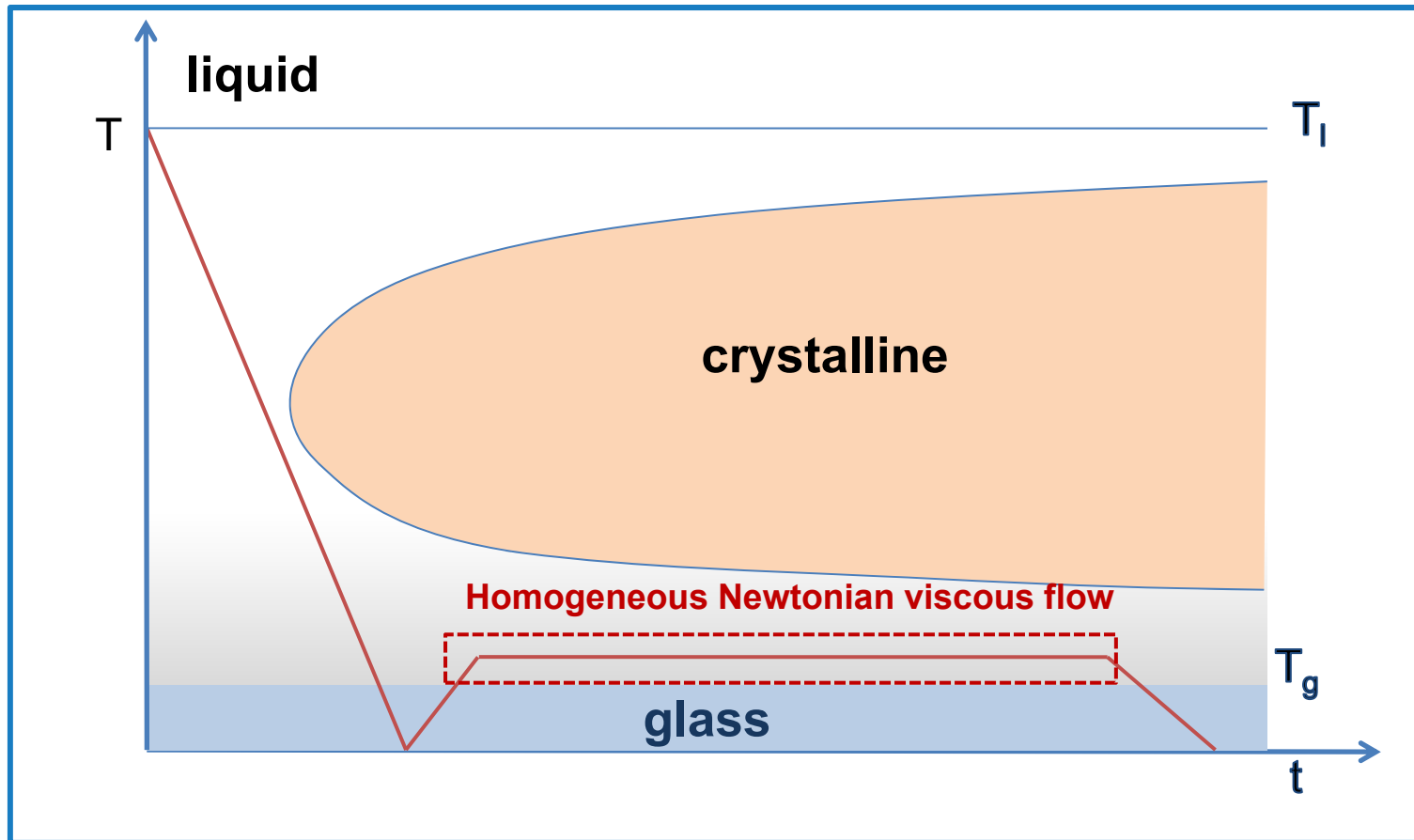
## 2) Thermoplastic forming



## Tensile specimens following superplastic forming in supercooled liquid region



# Thermoplastic forming (TPF) in SCLR

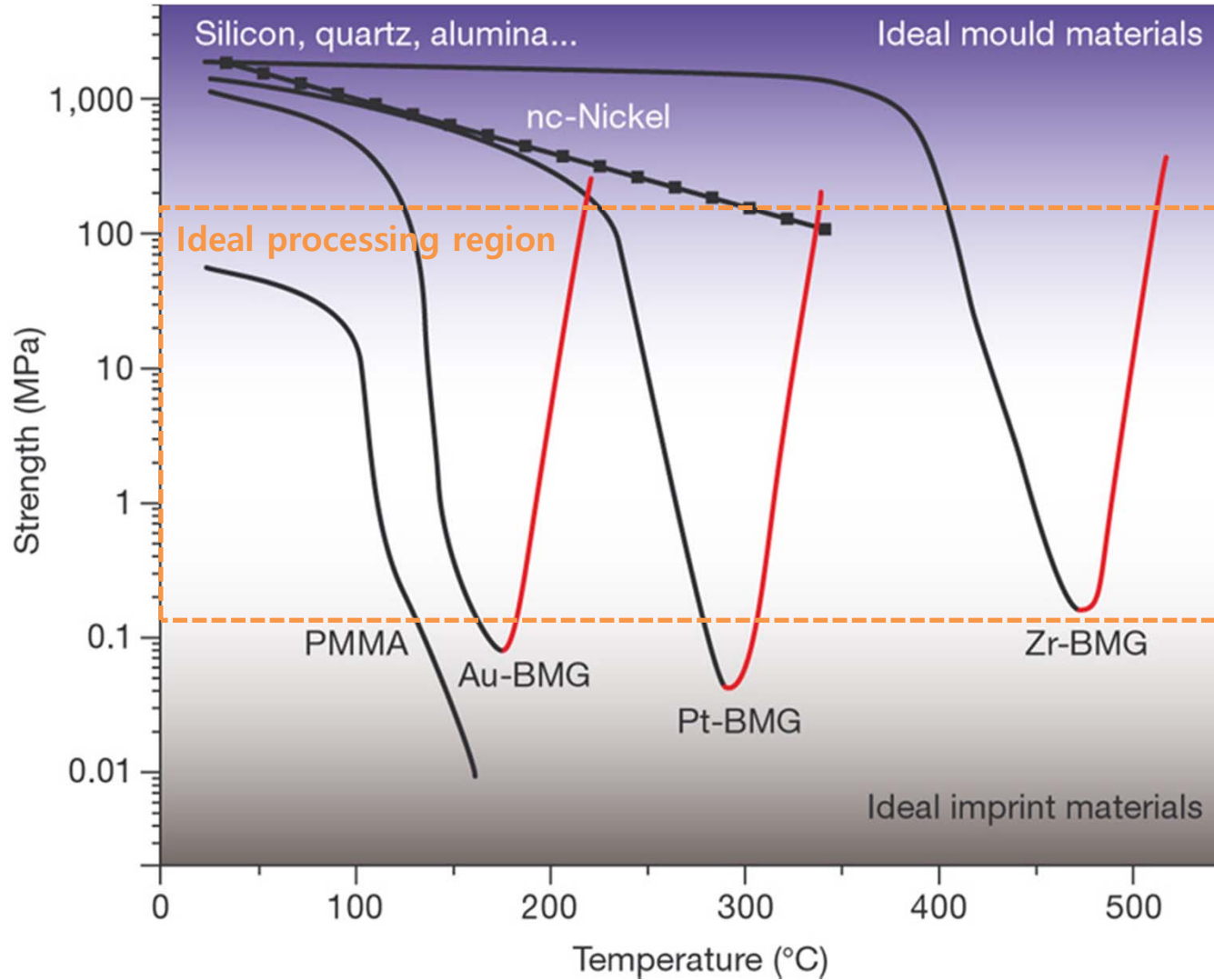


Metallic glass can be processed like plastics by homogeneous Newtonian viscous flow in supercooled liquid region (SCLR).

➔ **Possible to deform thin and uniform MG**

# High processibility of metallic glass according to temperature

*Nature* **457**, 868-872 (12 February 2009)



# Thermoplastic forming in supercooled liquid region

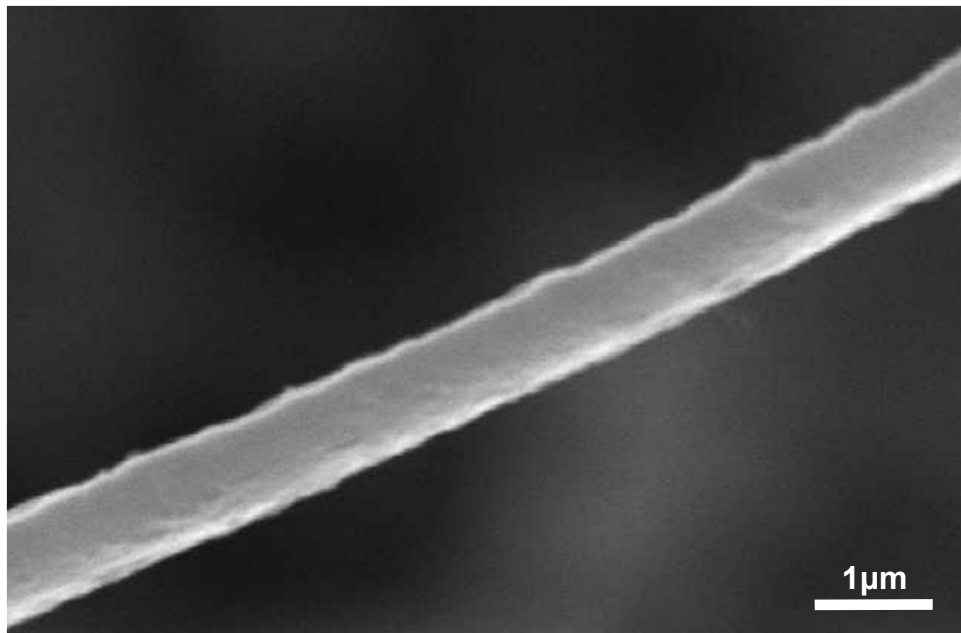
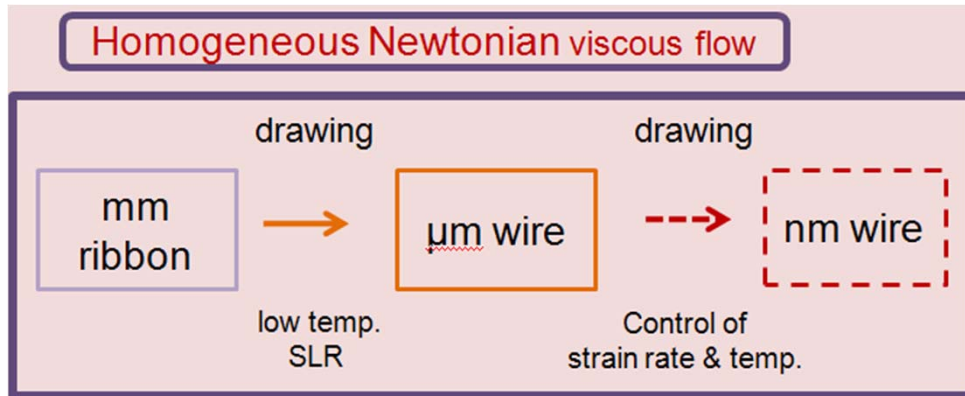
$\text{Mg}_{65}\text{Cu}_{25}\text{Gd}_{10}$  metallic glass ribbon



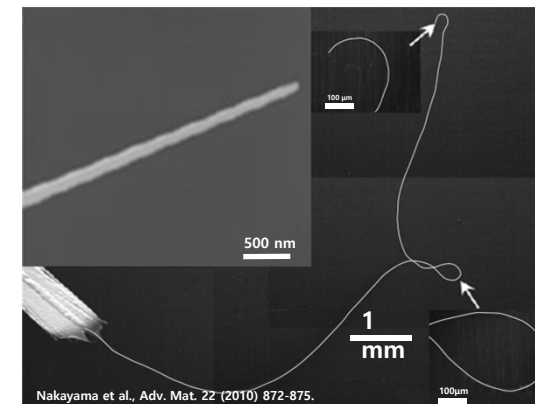
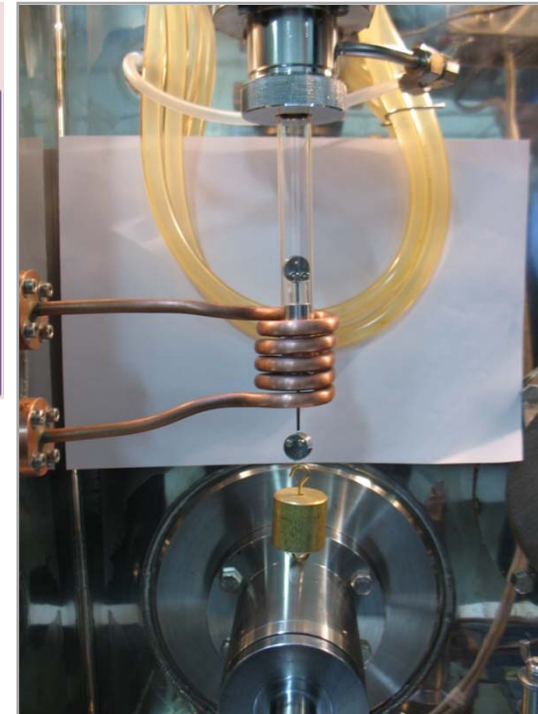
▶ Drawing sample at 220°C → Elongation over 1100%



# Thermoplastic forming - Fabrication of nanowire



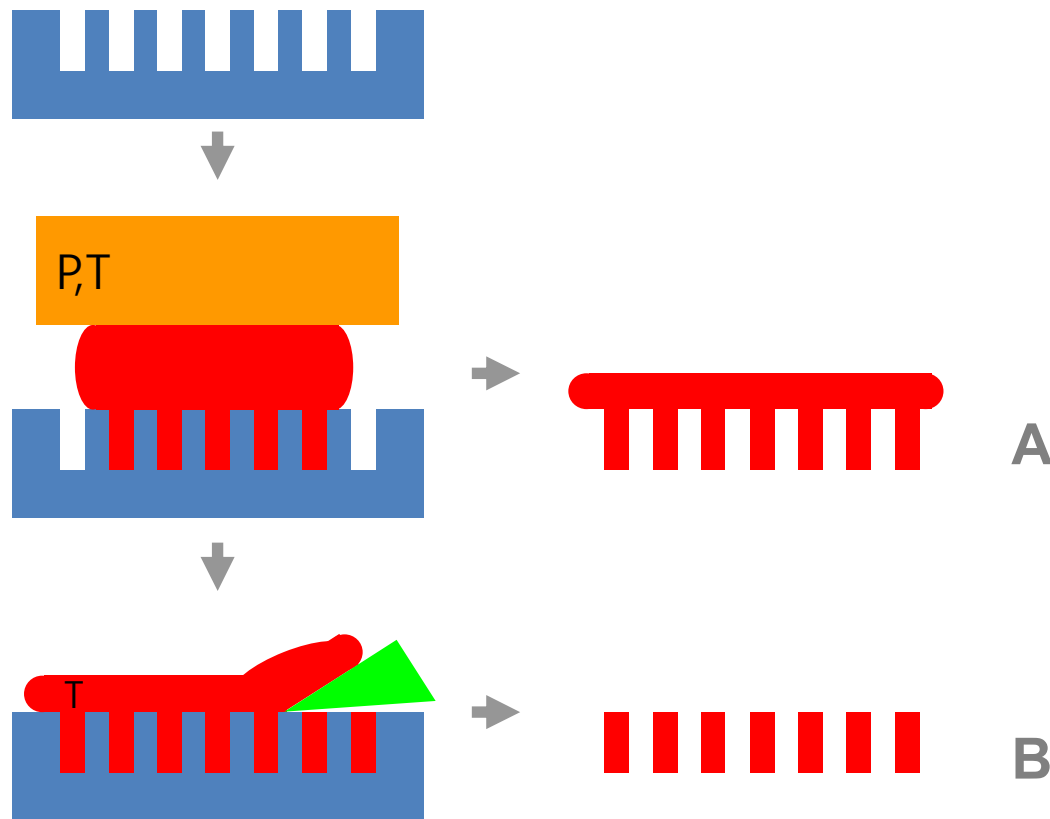
SEM image of nanometer scale metallic glass wire formed by drawing micrometer scale wire on hotplate



Nakayama et al., Adv. Mat. 22 (2010) 872-875.

## a. TPF-based miniature molding- **down to nanoscale!**

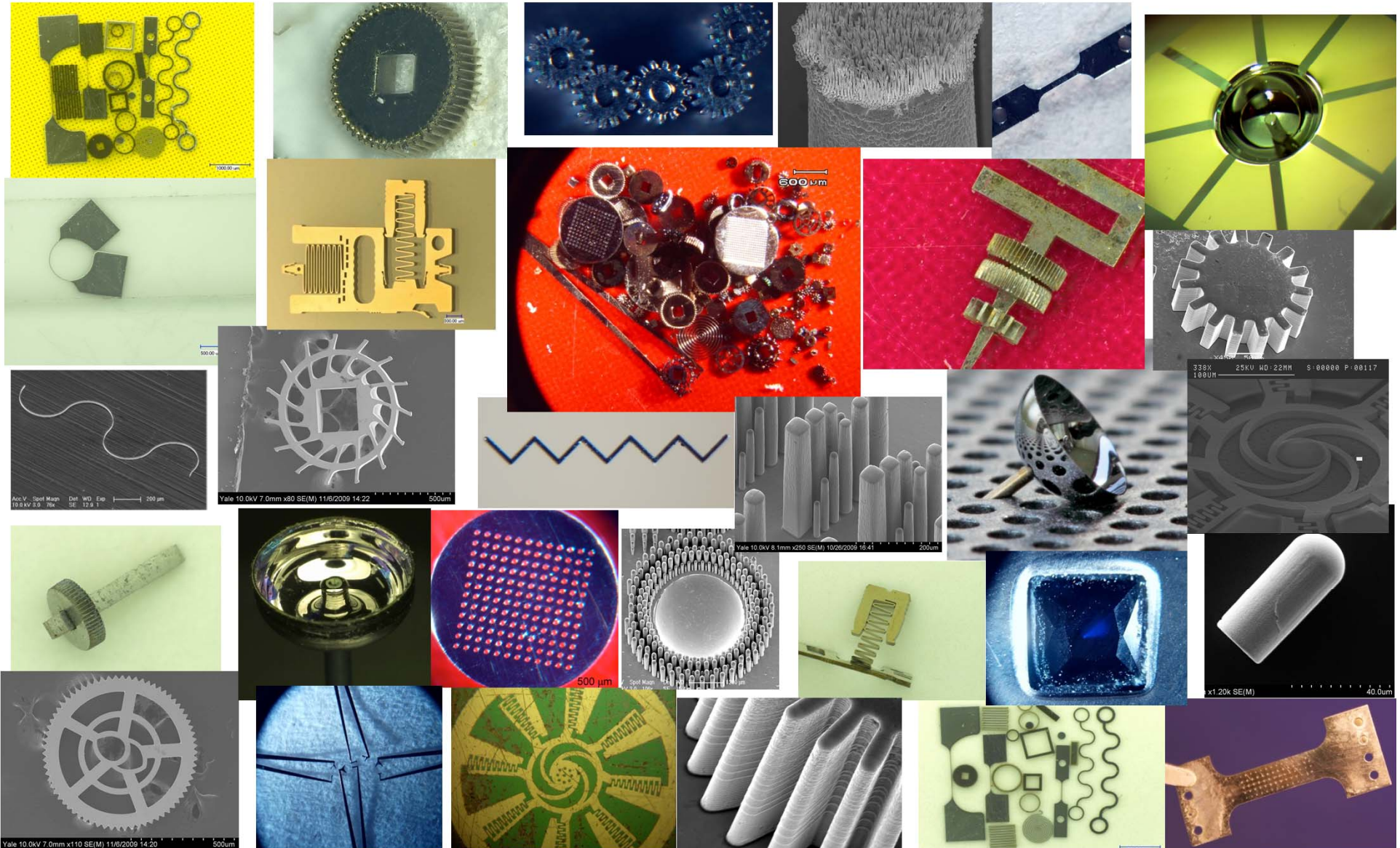
- BMGs have no intrinsic size limitation
- Competition weak (silicon, electroplated metals, polymers)
- BMGs properties become more attractive on the small scale



J. Schroers, Q. Pham and A. Desai, J. MEMS, 16, 240 (2007).

# Processing of Bulk Metallic Glass

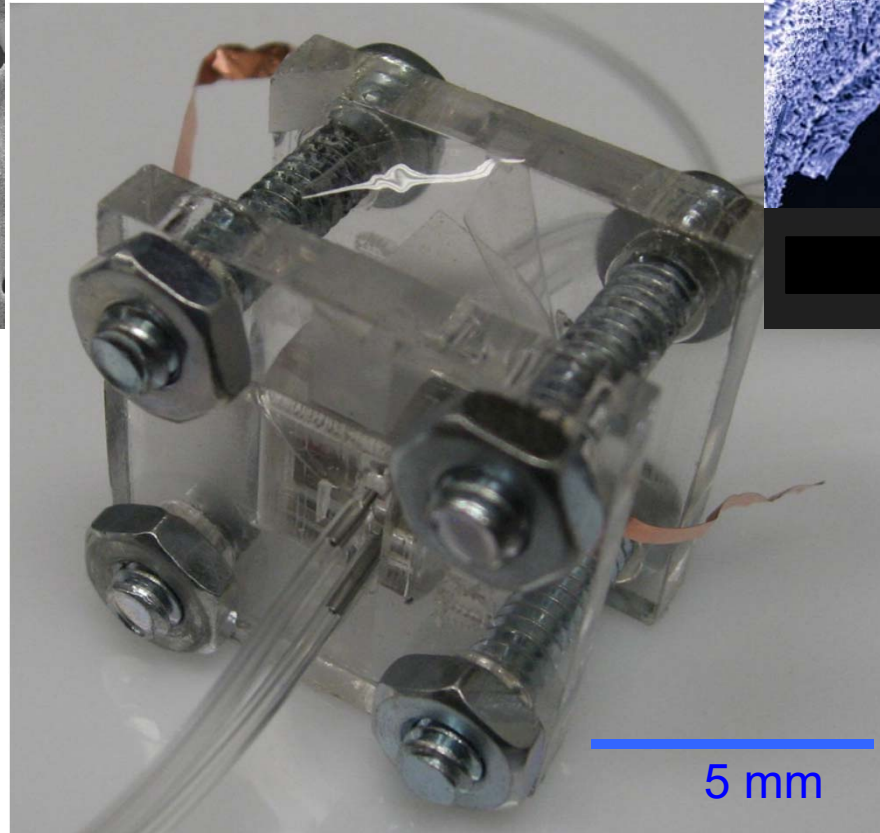
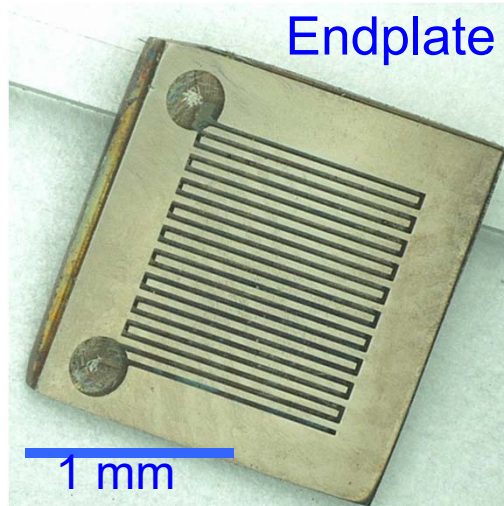
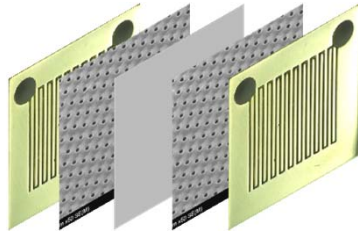
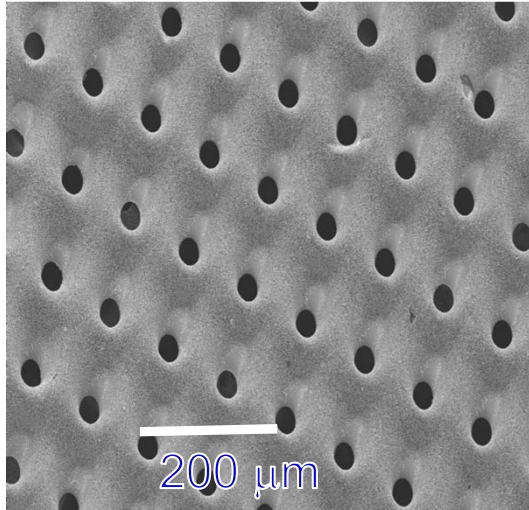
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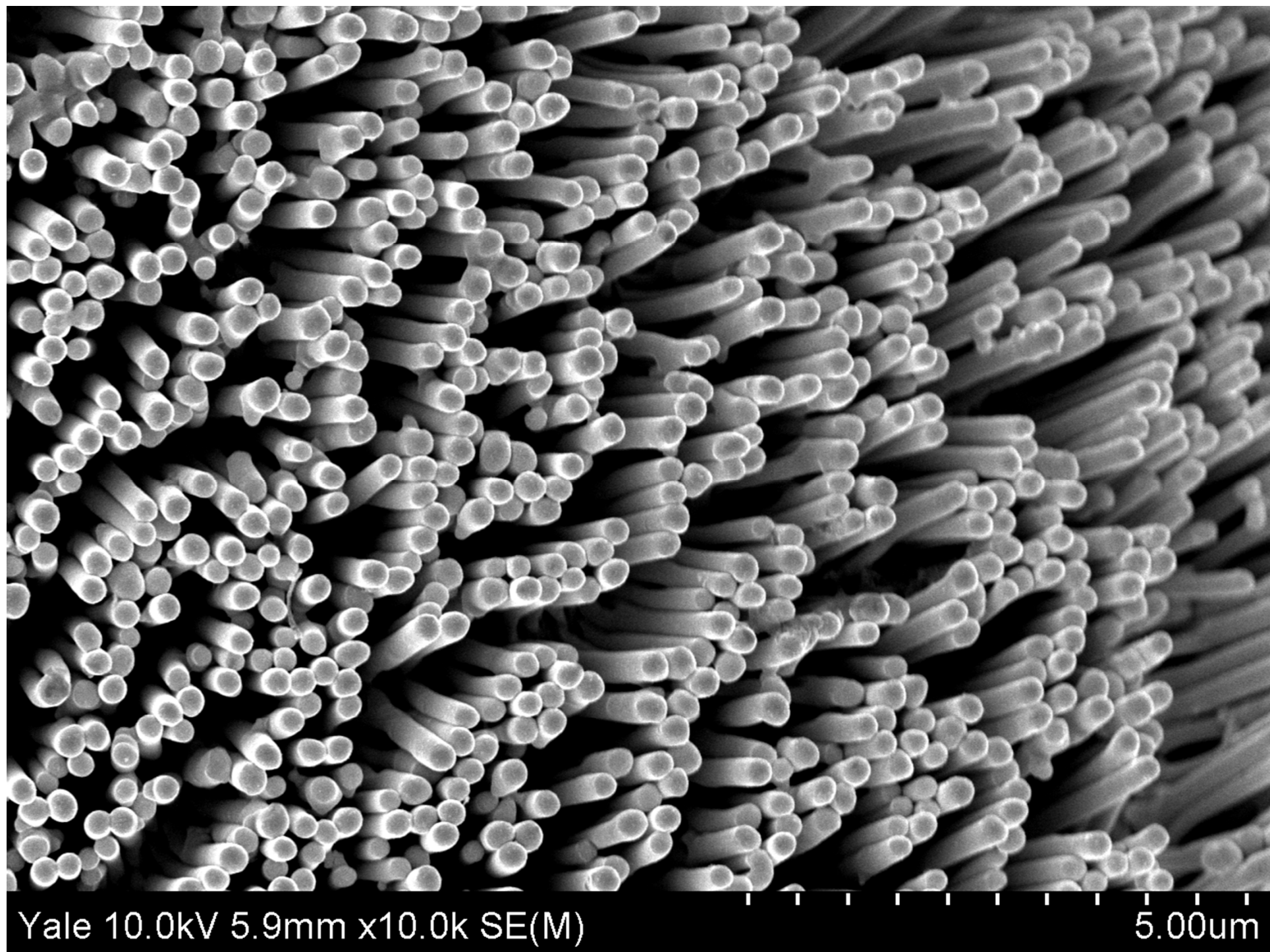
# Metallic Glass Fuel Cell

Electrode, Catalyst



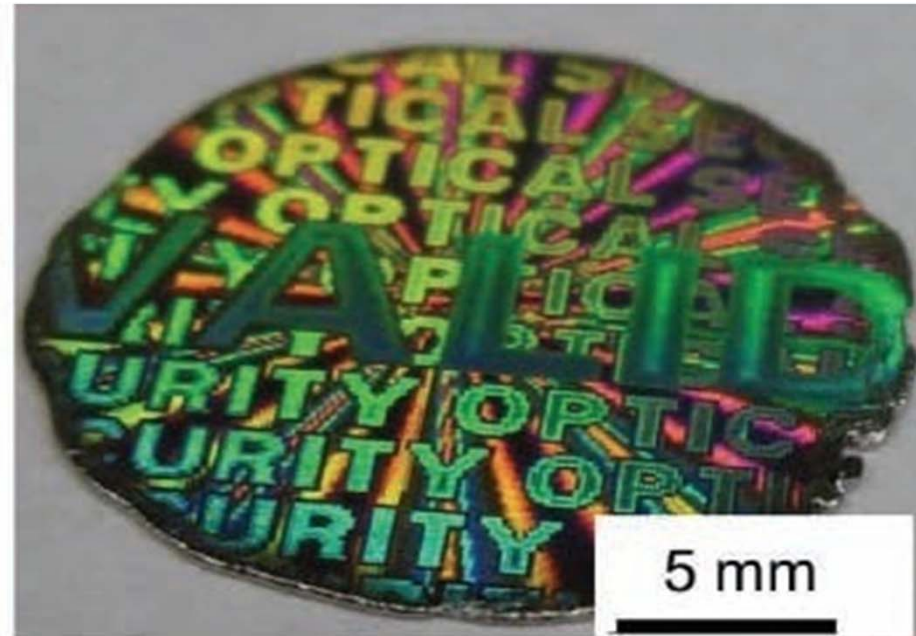
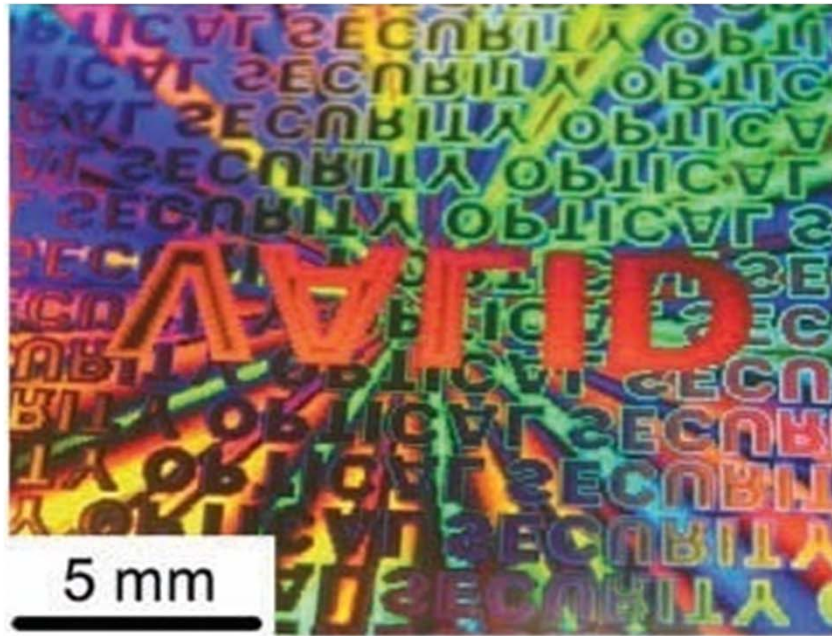
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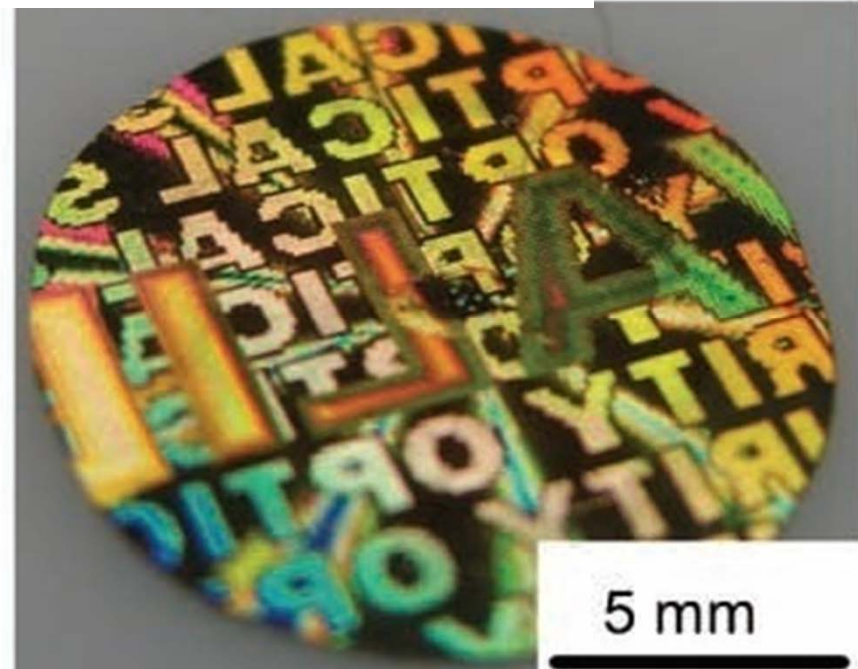
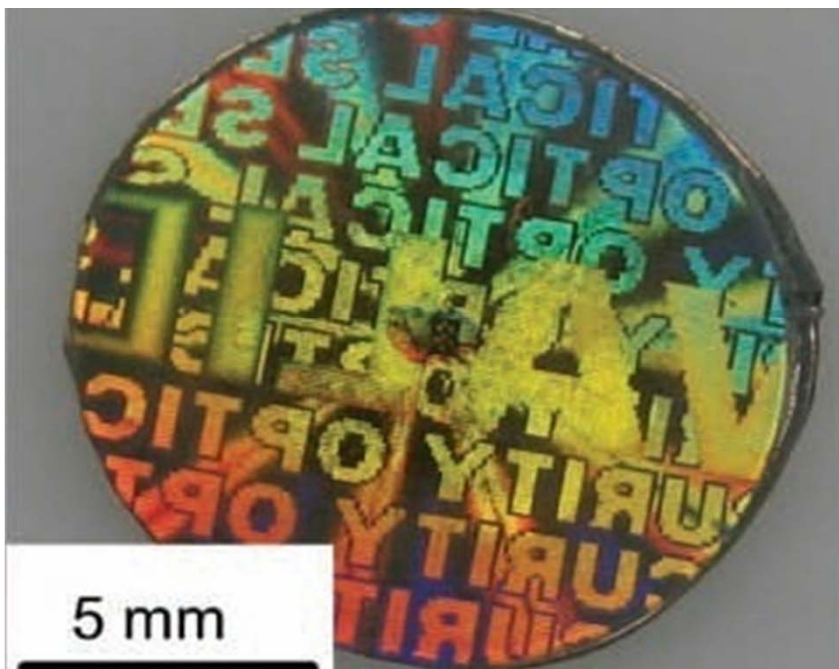


Yale 10.0kV 5.9mm x10.0k SE(M)

5.00um



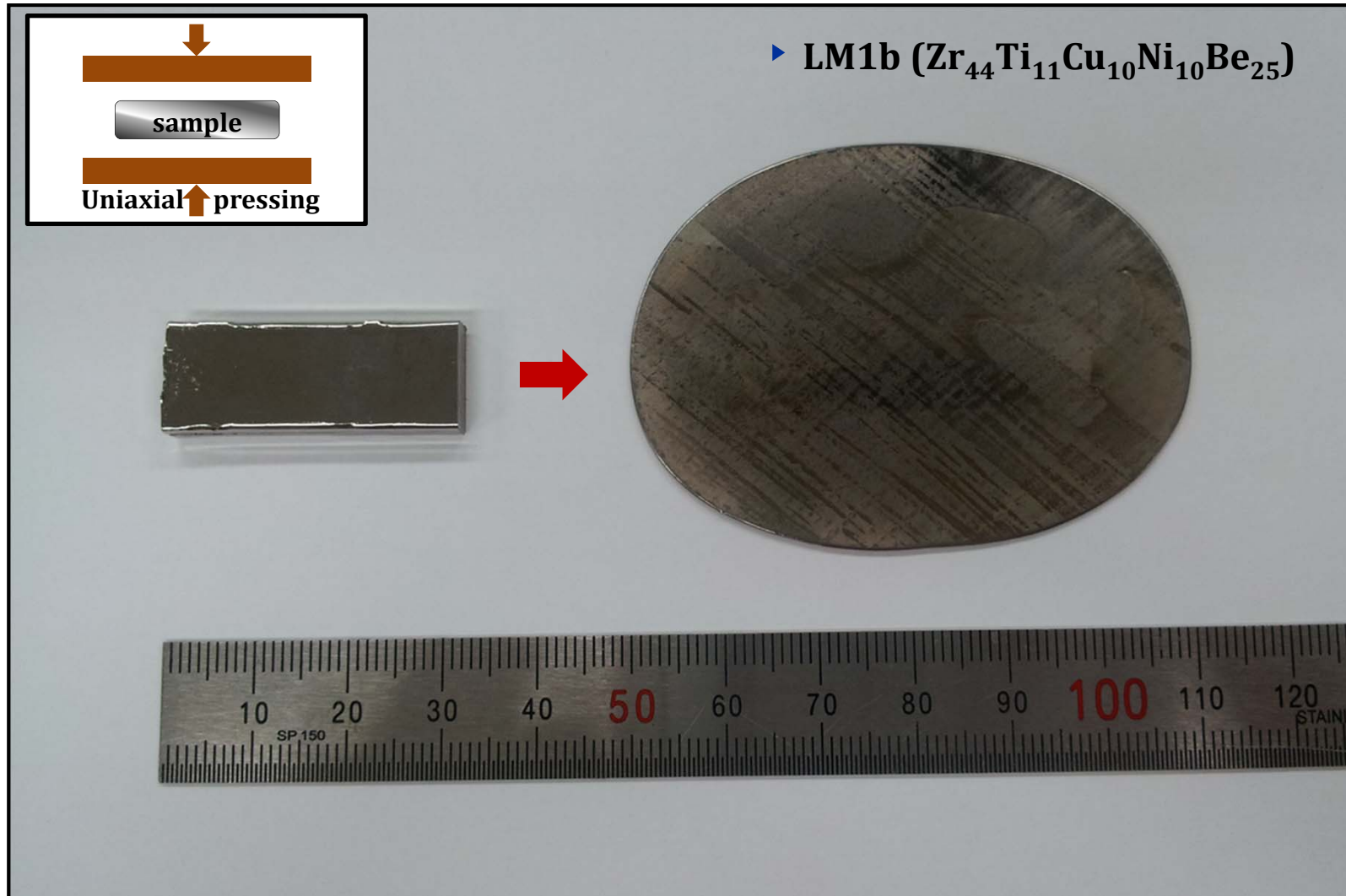
**Jan Schroers, Adv. Mater., 2010, hologram pattern**







## b. Thermoplastic forming (TPF) - **Fabrication of BMG plate!**

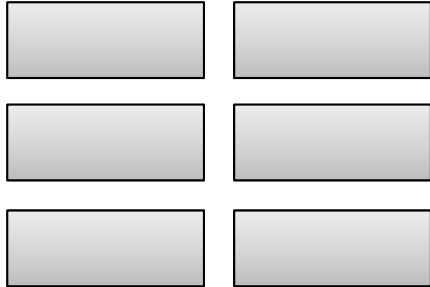


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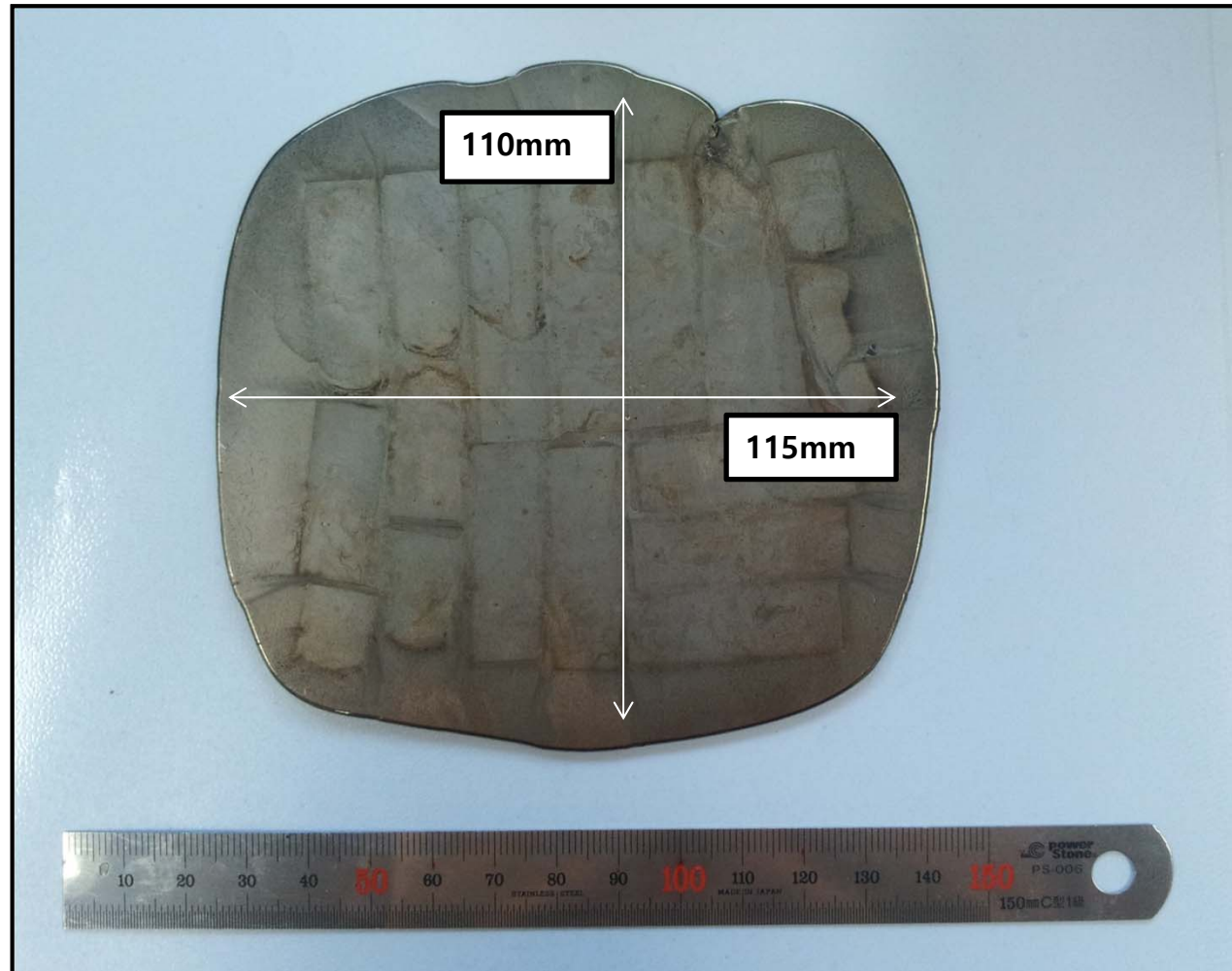
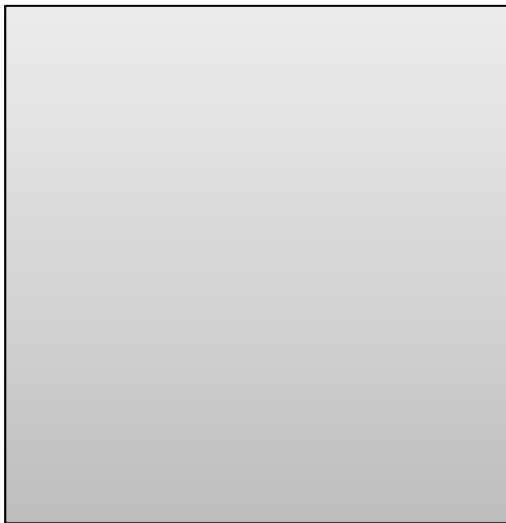




## c. Thermoplastic forming & joining– **No size limitation!**

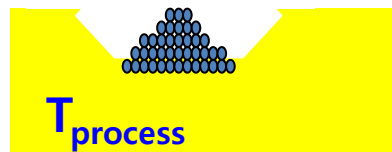
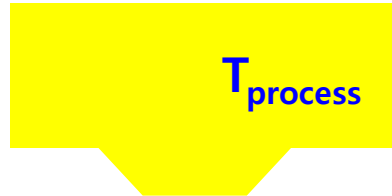


↓ TPF & Joining of  
BMGs

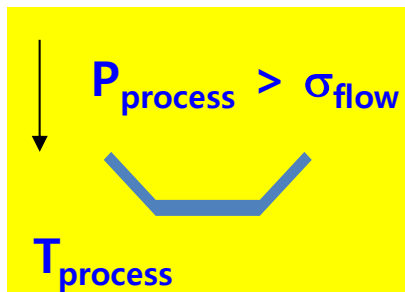


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## d. TPF-based Compression Molding : **No size limitation!**



$$T_g < T_{\text{process}} < T_x$$



$$T_{\text{process}} < t_{\text{cryst}}$$



J. Schroers, JOM, 57, 34 (2005)

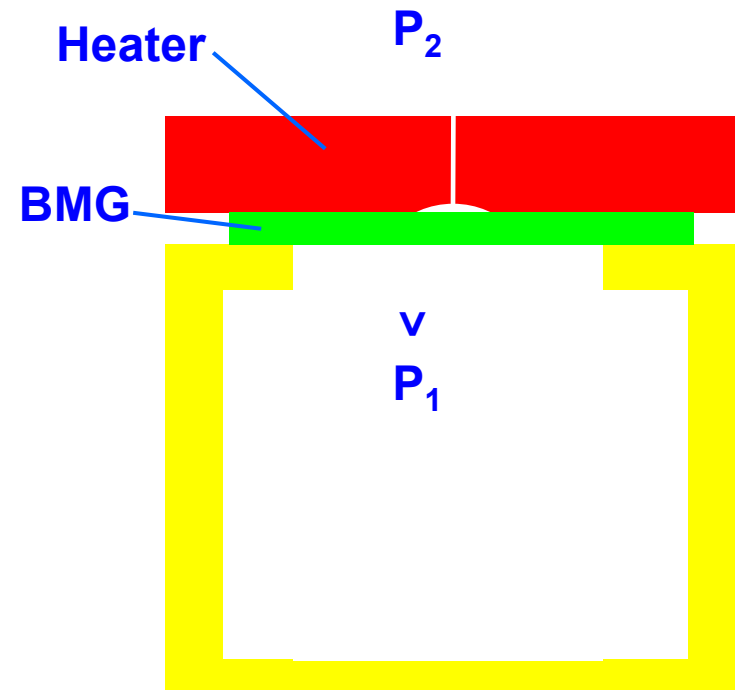
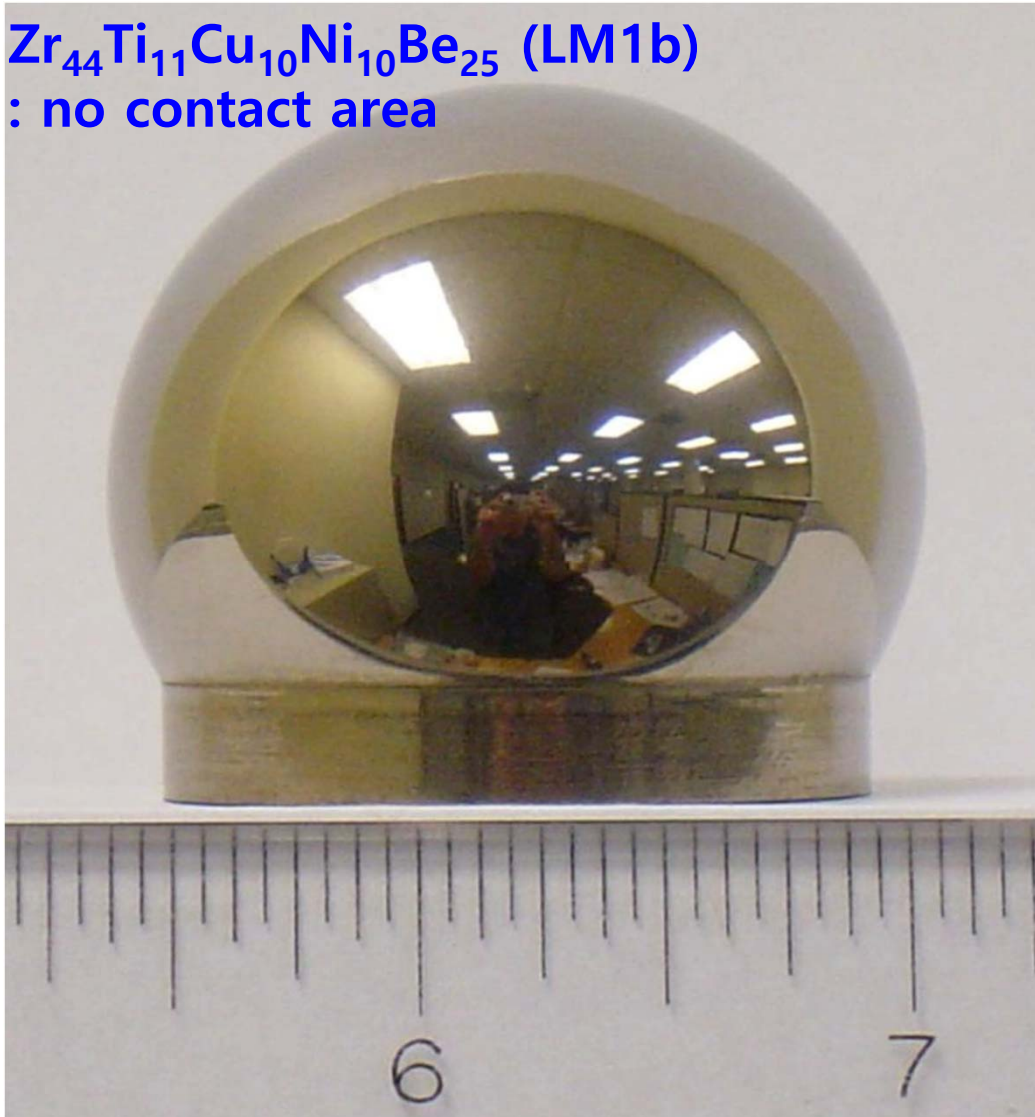




**Glassblowers in the US in 1908**

## e. BLOW-MOLDING: **easy forming!**

$Zr_{44}Ti_{11}Cu_{10}Ni_{10}Be_{25}$  (LM1b)  
: no contact area



$10^5$  Pa, 400% strain

$T=460^\circ$  C,  $t=40$  sec





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SuperCool  
shaping technologies



## “Yale professor makes the case for Supercool Metals”



According to Yale researcher Jan Schroers, This material is 50 times harder than plastic, nearly 10 times harder than aluminum and almost three times the hardness of steel."

## II. Processing metals as efficiently as plastics: net-shape forming!



Seamaster Planet Ocean Liquidmetal® Limited Edition

- ▶ **Superior thermo-plastic formability**
  - : possible to fabricate complex structure without joints
  - ↳ Multistep processing can be solved by simple casting
  - ↳ Ideal for small expensive IT equipment manufacturing





## Apple buys exclusive right for Liquidmetal

Apple is using Liquidmetal for...



High performance  
Liquidmetal® alloy  
phone case.



USIM ejector (iphone 4)



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# Apple continuing work on Liquidmetal...



## Apple is Granted Its First Liquidmetal Patent

Apple's new patent "amorphous alloy"  
collector plates for fuel cells (2011)



US007862957B2

(12) **United States Patent**  
**Wende**

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 7,862,957 B2**

(45) **Date of Patent:** **Jan. 4, 2011**

(54) **CURRENT COLLECTOR PLATES OF  
BULK-SOLIDIFYING AMORPHOUS ALLOYS**

(75) Inventor: **Trevor Wende**, Boston, MA (US)

(73) Assignee: **Apple Inc.**, Cupertino, CA (US)

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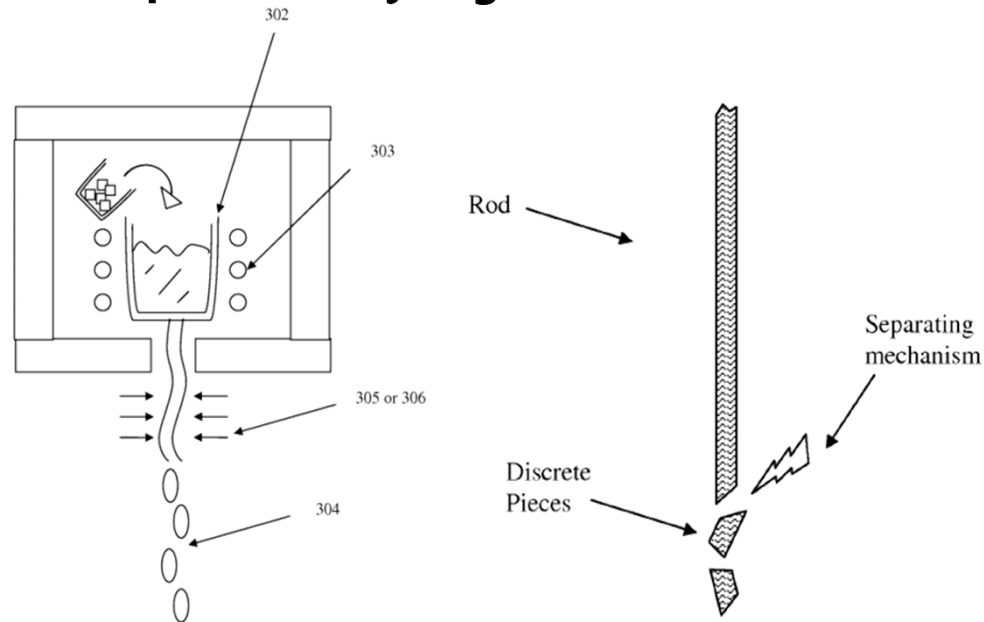
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# Apple continuing work on Liquidmetal “casting techniques”...



## Apple's new patent (2013) “Continuous moldless fabrication of amorphous alloy ingots”



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## Apple’s new patent (2015)

### “Amorphous Alloy Powder Feedstock Processing”



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(12) **Patent Application Publication**  
**Prest et al.**

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(54) **AMORPHOUS ALLOY POWDER  
 FEEDSTOCK PROCESSING**

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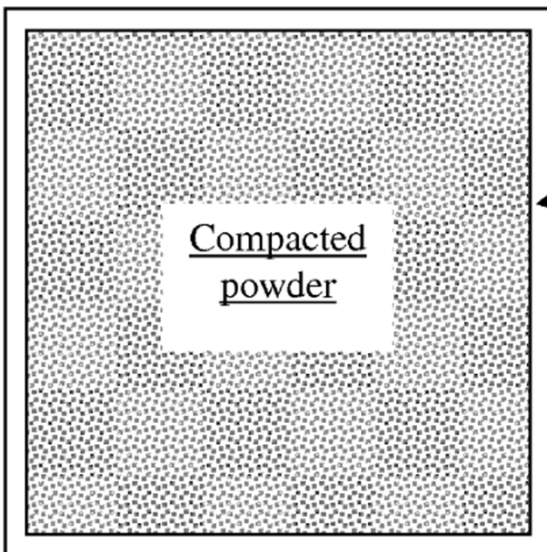
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Described herein is a method of producing a feedstock comprising a BMG. A powder is compacted to for the feed-stock. The powder has elements of the BMG and the elements in the powder have a same weight percentage as in the BMG. Described herein is a method of producing a feedstock comprising a BMG. A powder is compacted into a sheath to for the feedstock. The powder and the sheath together have elements of the BMG and the elements in the powder have a same weight percentage as in the BMG.



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October 29, 2015

Two New Liquid Metal Inventions Published Today Cover Every Current Apple Product and even Complete Car Panels



Liquidmetal™ in  
NEXT iPhone?



PATENT APPLICATION

<http://www.patentlyapple.com/patently-apple/2015/10/>

Could Project Titan use Liquid Metal for Parts and Body Panels?



Apple's patents cover the use of liquid metal in every imaginable Apple product and even hints that the process described in these inventions could produce complete car panels. That makes you wonder if Apple's Project Titan will be able to take advantage of the liquid metal process for car parts and beyond.

# World-first Smart Phone with BMG exterior (2015)

**Turing phone**  
by Turing Robotics Industries (UK)  
with  
**Metallic glass**  
“Liquidmorphium™”



“Unhackable”  
“Waterproof”

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“Unbreakable”

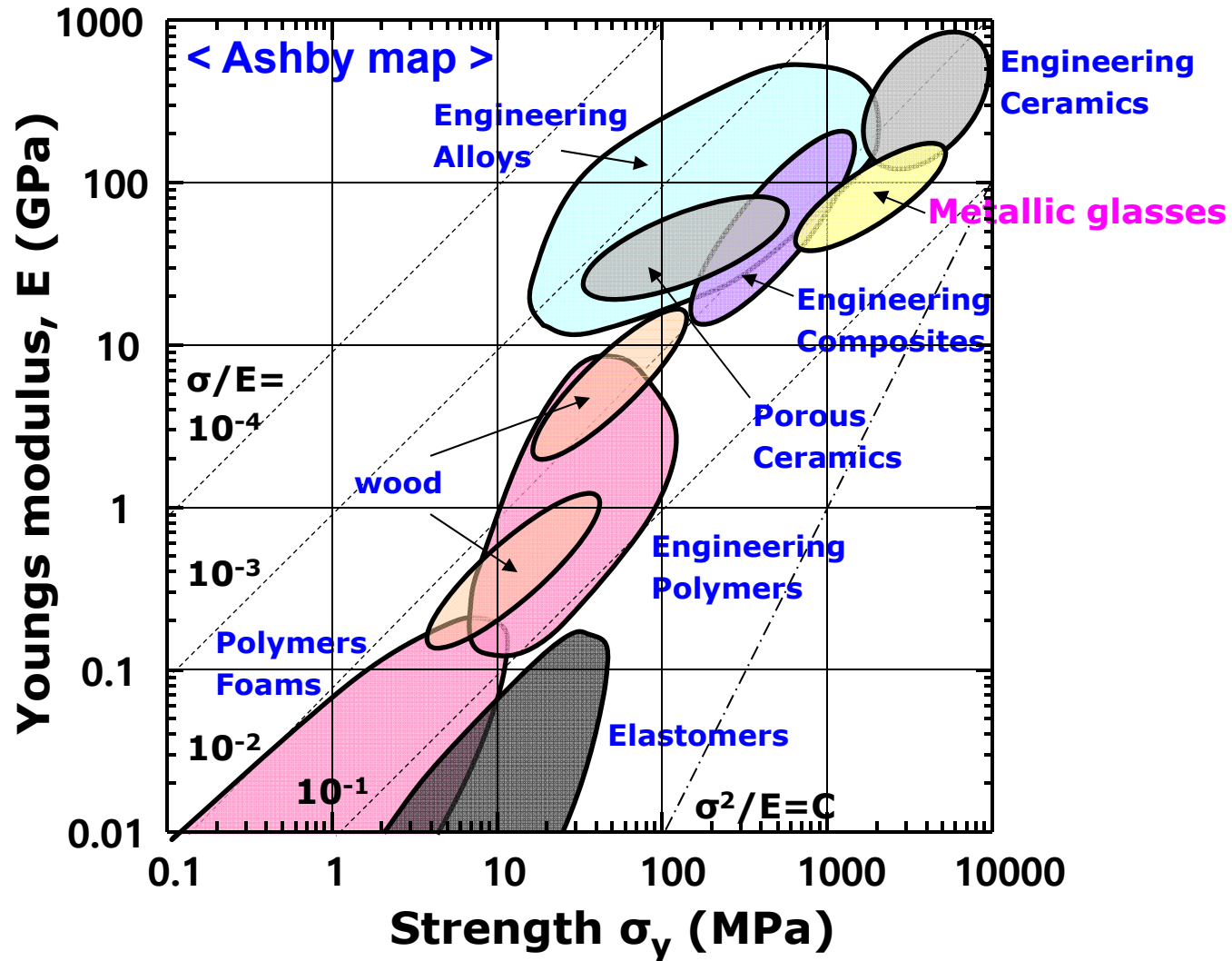
The Turing Phone is built with a pioneering material called **Liquidmorphium™**, an amorphous “liquid metal” alloy tougher than either titanium or steel - so what’s in your hand is as strong as your privacy protection.

from <https://www.turingphone.com/>



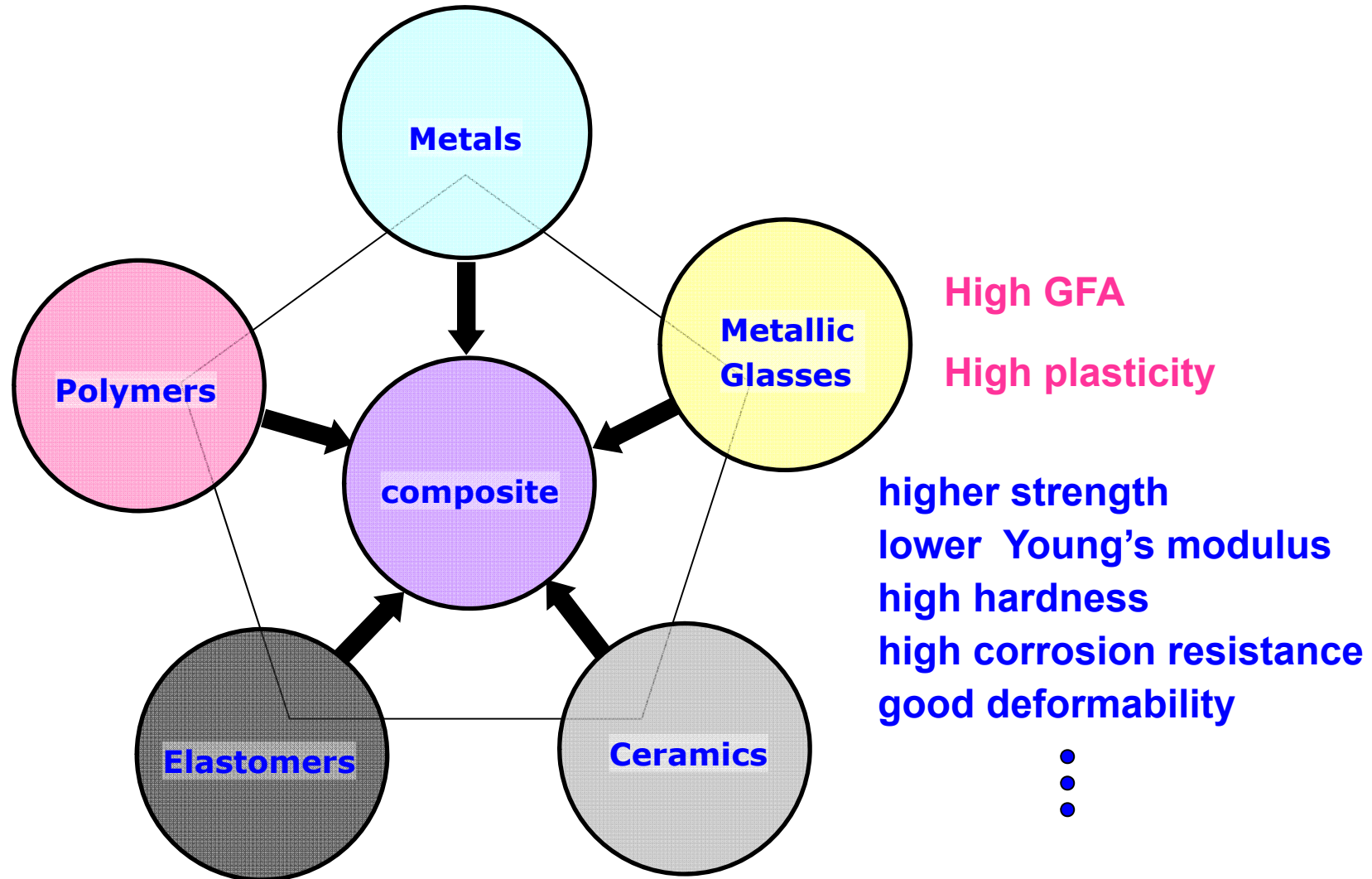


# At the Cutting Edge of Metals Research: Bulk Metallic Glasses



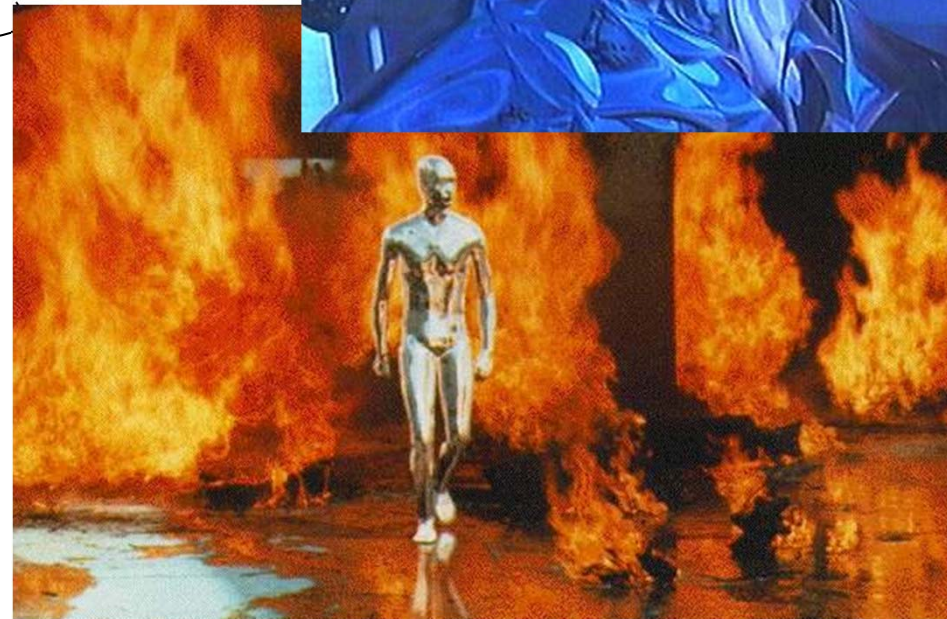
# Bulk Metallic Glass: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Revolution in Materials!!

“BMG = new menu of engineering materials”



# Bulk Metallic Glass: the 3rd Revolution in Materials!!

By eliminating or reducing the effectiveness of heterogeneous nucleation, it should be possible to form bulk metallic glasses with virtually unlimited dimensions.





**“Revolution in materials** starts  
at the limitation of technological development.”



# ***Schedule***

week 1 Introduction to Amorphous materials

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**Please read Chapter 1 (Introduction) of the textbook and reference papers before next class!**

**Reminder “Homework 1”:**

Please find one of the advanced metallic materials and make a summary of the material within 3 pages ppt.

**Submission due date: March 16, 2018**

You may have a chance to discuss the materials in class on March 19, 2018.