

**GREAT DESIGNS IN**  
**STEEL**

**A COMPREHENSIVE  
CHARACTERIZATION OF  
NEXMET<sup>®</sup> 1000 FORMABILITY**

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# NEXMET® 1000

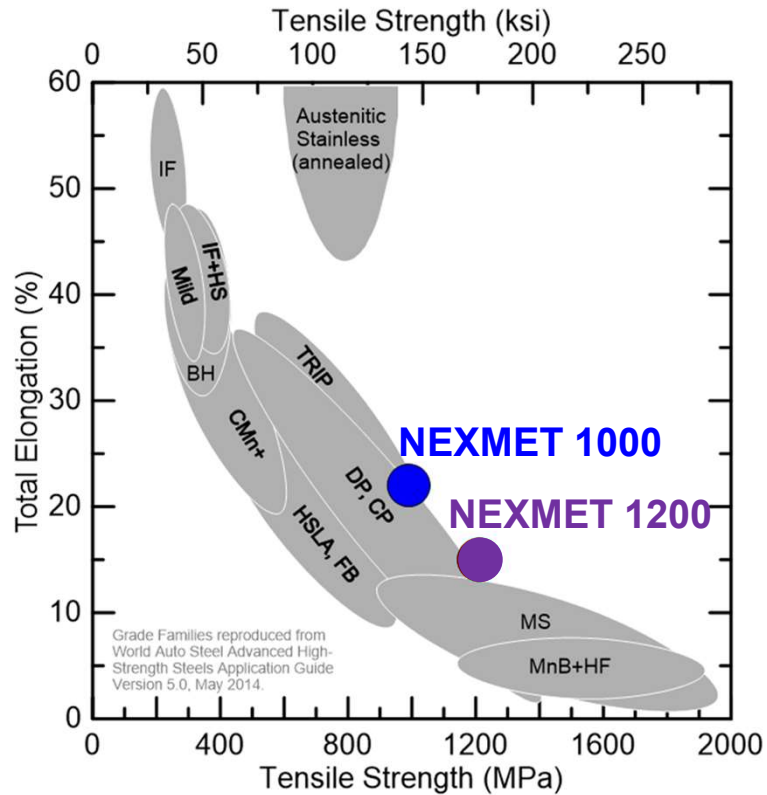
## What is NEXMET® 1000?

NEXMET 1000 is next generation (3rd generation) advance high strength steel (AHSS) of AK Steel Corporation. It can be categorized as carbon steel or TRIP-assisted Quenched and Partitioned (Q&P) steel.

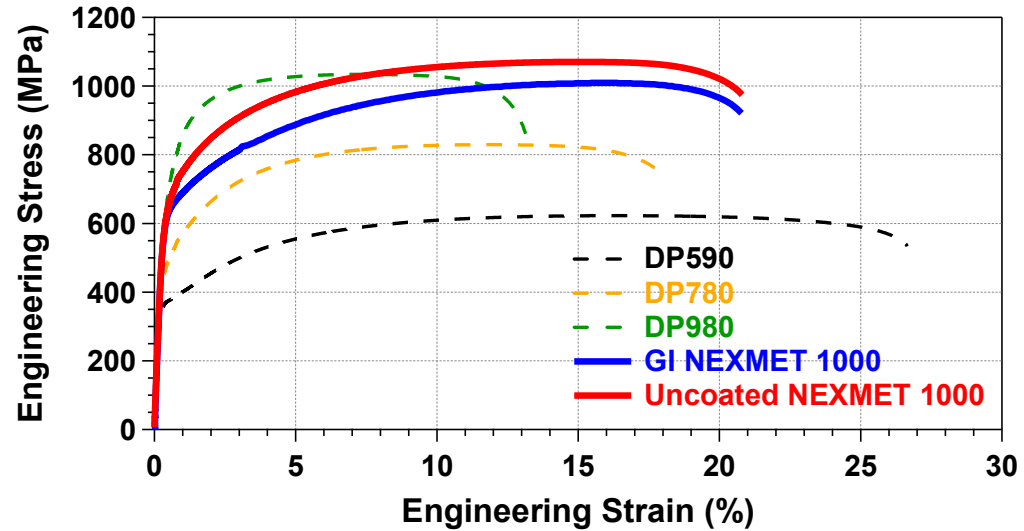
## Where is NEXMET® 1000 produced?

NEXMET 1000 is manufactured locally in Dearborn, MI.

# MECHANICAL PROPERTIES



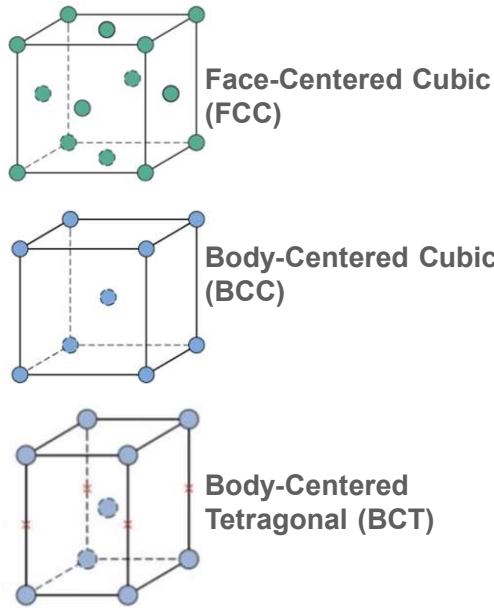
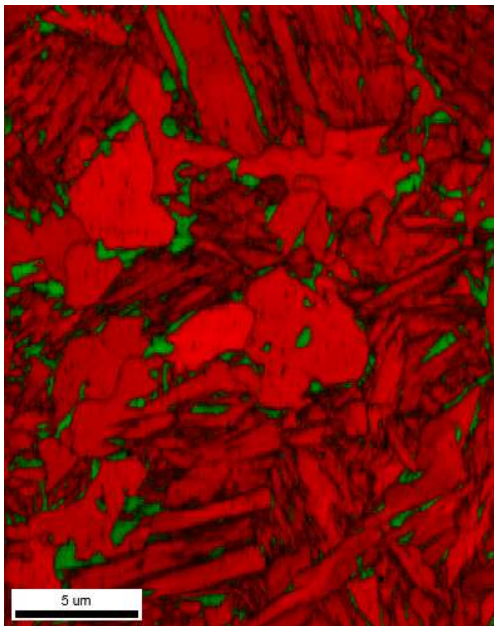
**GI NEXMET 1000, 1.2 mm**  
**"Typical" HER = 22 pct%**



	YS (MPa)	UTS (MPa)	UE(%)	TE(%)
DP590	370	620	16	26
DP780	470	830	12	17
DP980	690	1030	7	13
<b>GI NEXMET 1000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Uncoated NEXMET 1000</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>

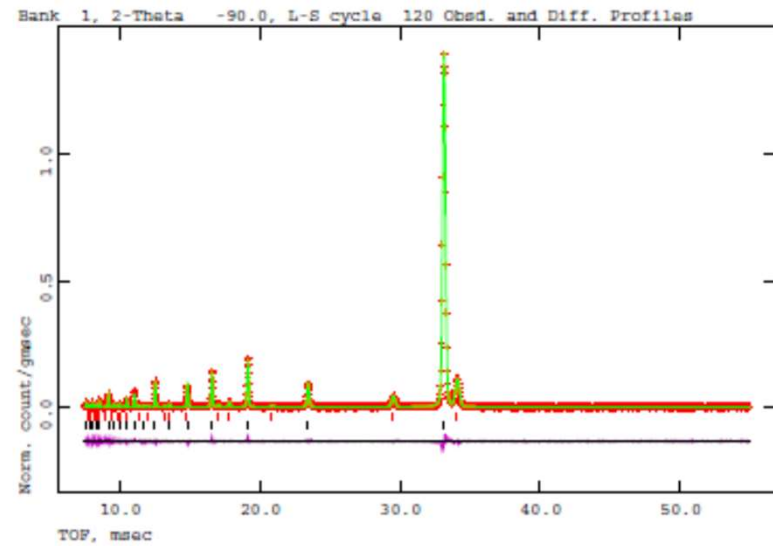
# MICROSTRUCTURE

## Electron Backscatter Diffraction



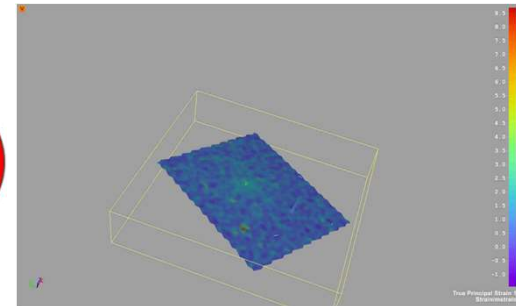
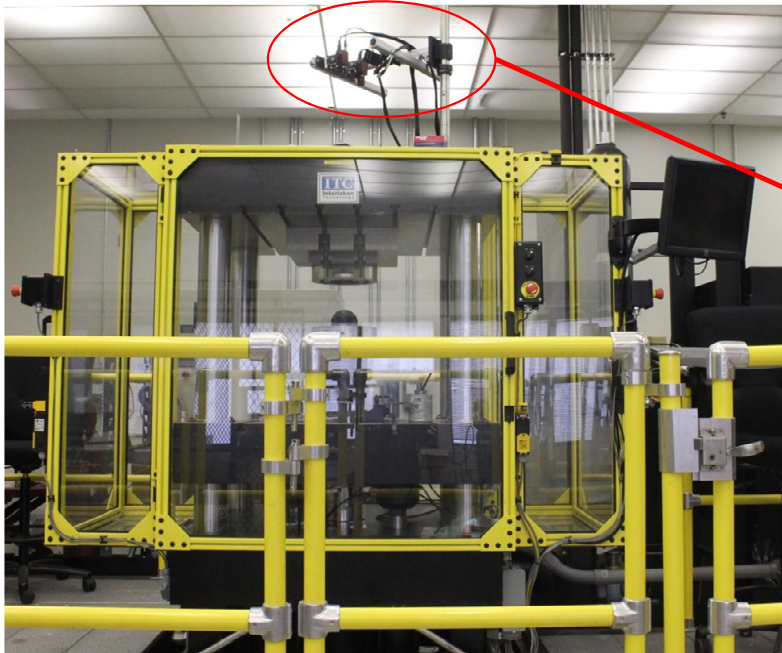
- Austenite (FCC)
- Ferrite (BCC) & Martensite (BCT)

## Neutron Diffraction Pattern

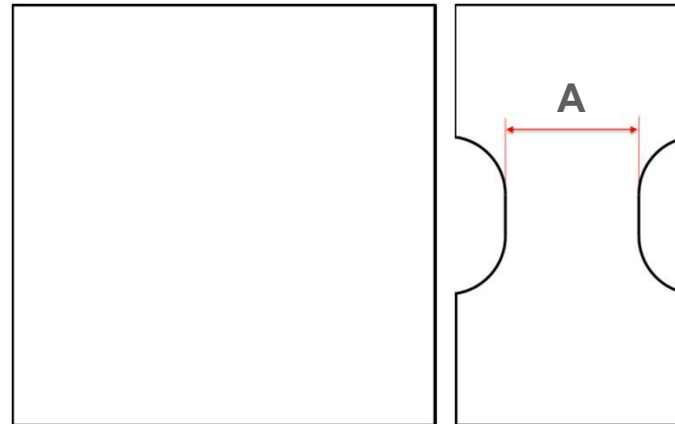


GI NEXMET 1000, 1.2 mm  
 Retained Austenite Volume Fraction (RAVF): 12%

# CHARACTERIZATION OF FORMING LIMIT CURVE USING DIGITAL IMAGE CORRELATION (DIC)

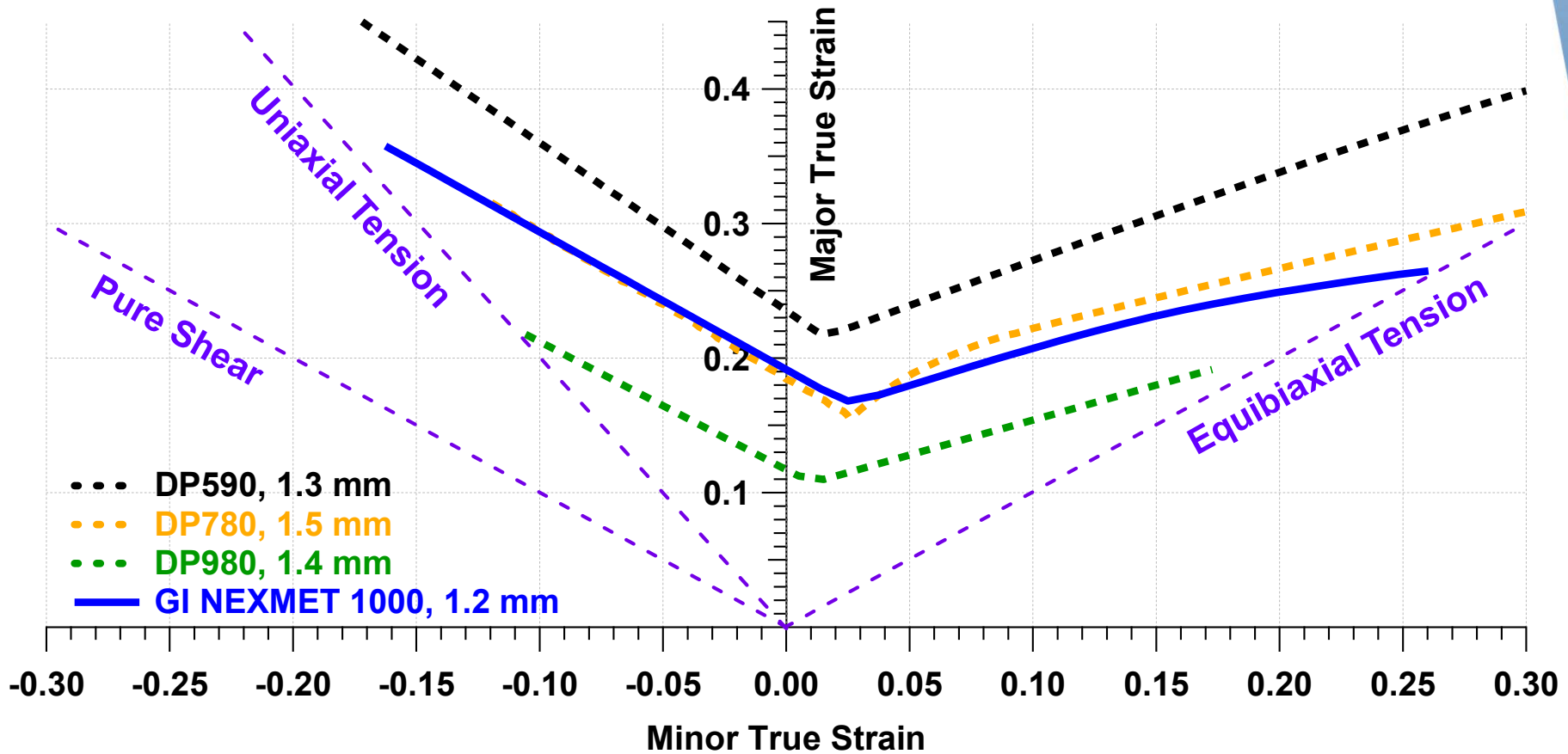


- Determination of FLC: ISO12004-2;
- 102 mm (4") diameter steel ball;
- Lubricant: Teflon & grease.

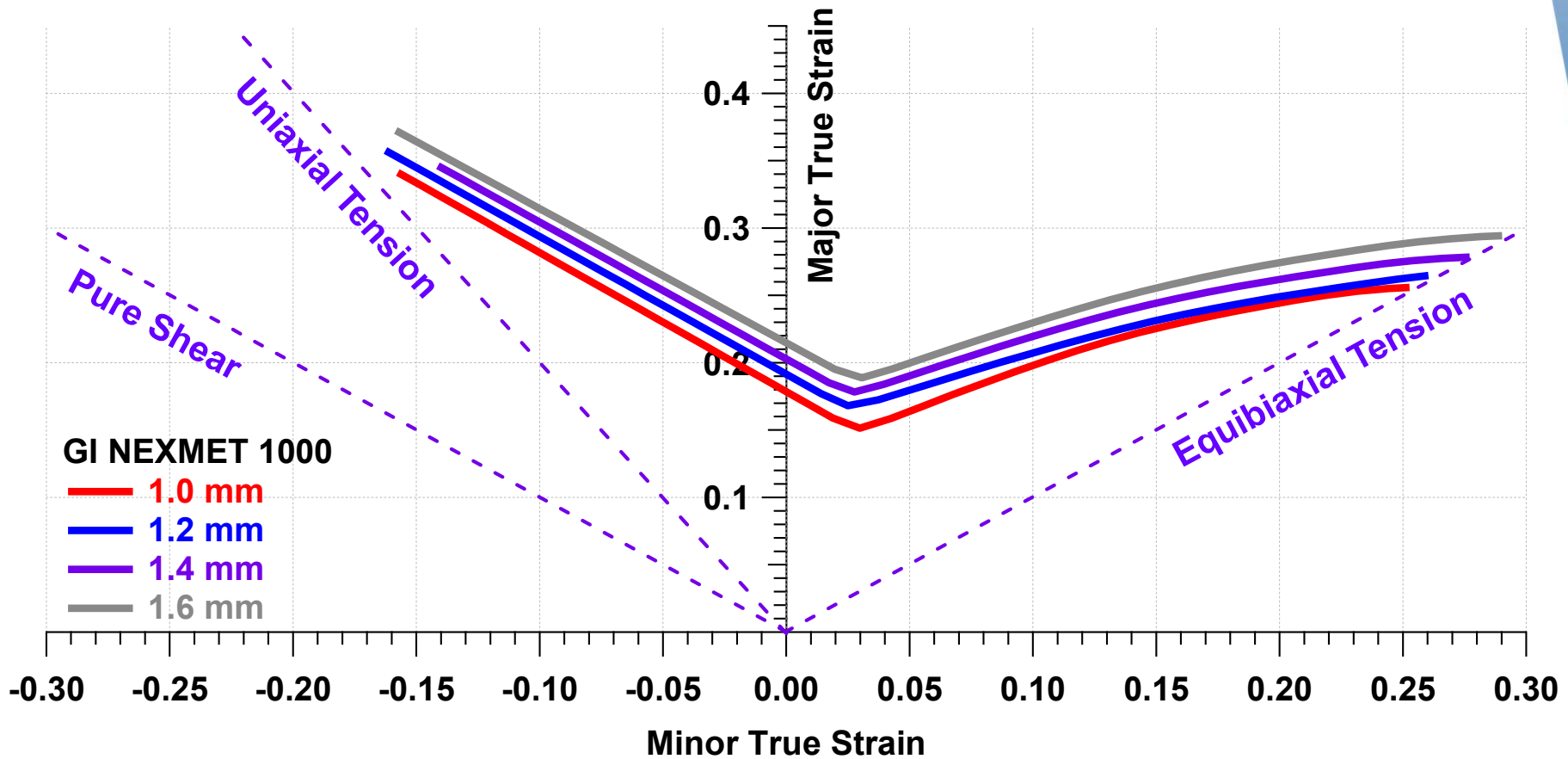


A in mm:  
20, 50, 80, 100,  
120, 130, 140,  
160

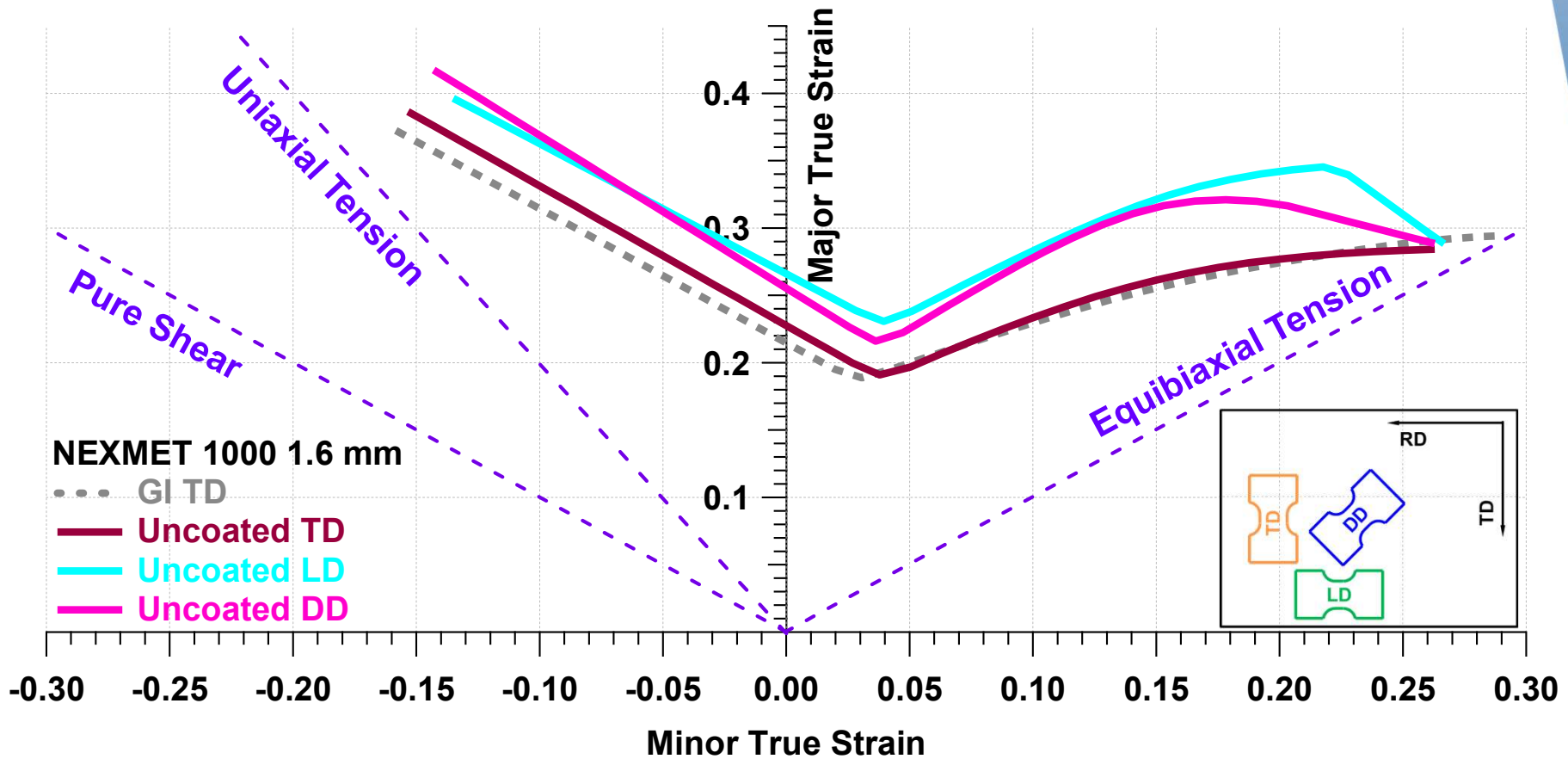
# FORMING LIMIT CURVES: NEXMET 1000 VS. OTHER GRADES



# FORMING LIMIT CURVES OF NEXMET 1000: VARIOUS THICKNESS

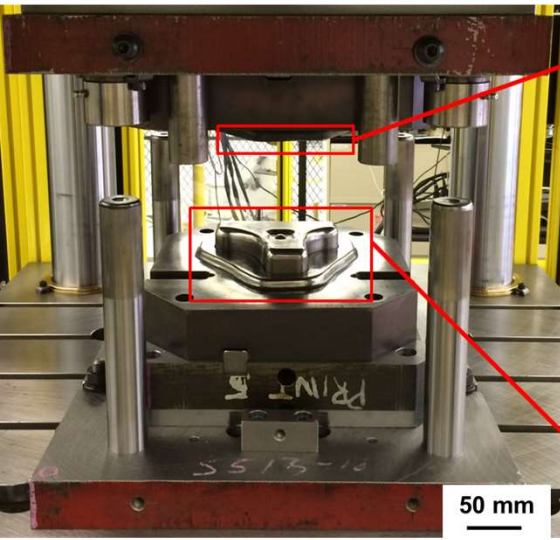


# FORMING LIMIT CURVES OF NEXMET 1000: DIFFERENT SAMPLE ORIENTATIONS

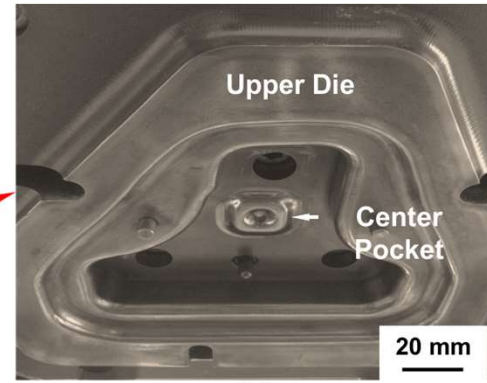




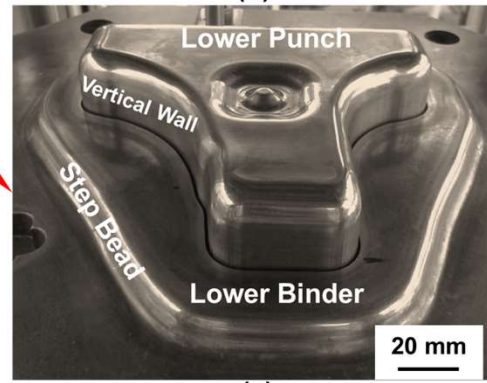
# T-SHAPE FORMING



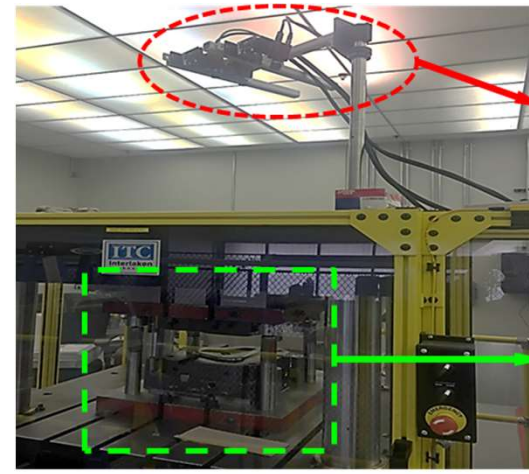
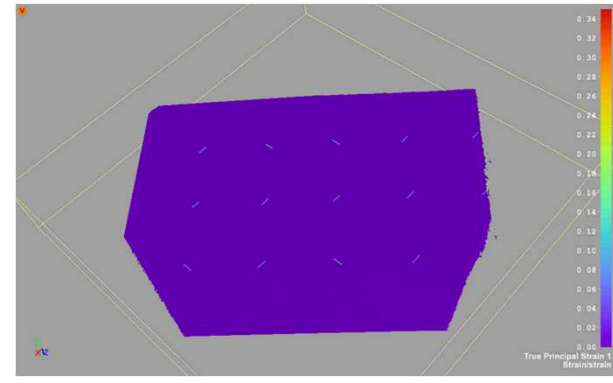
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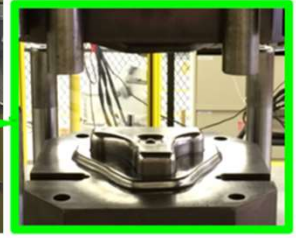
(b)



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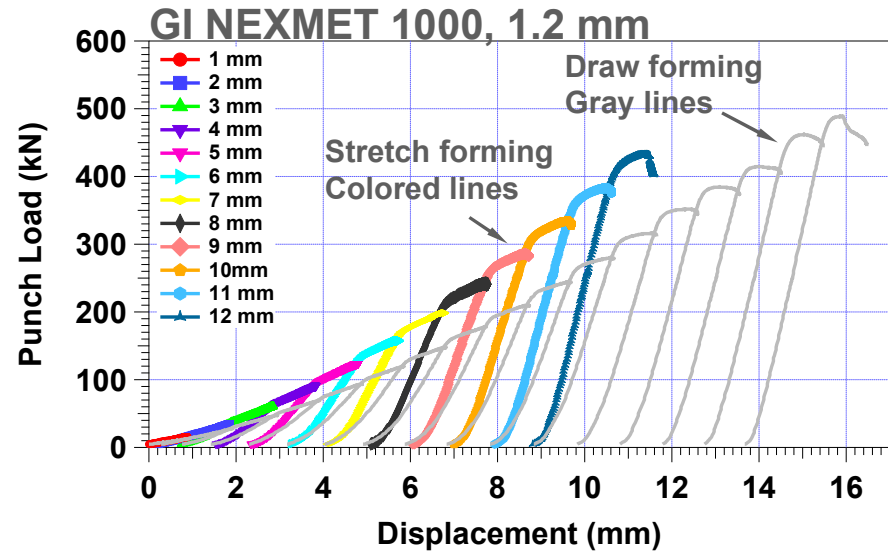
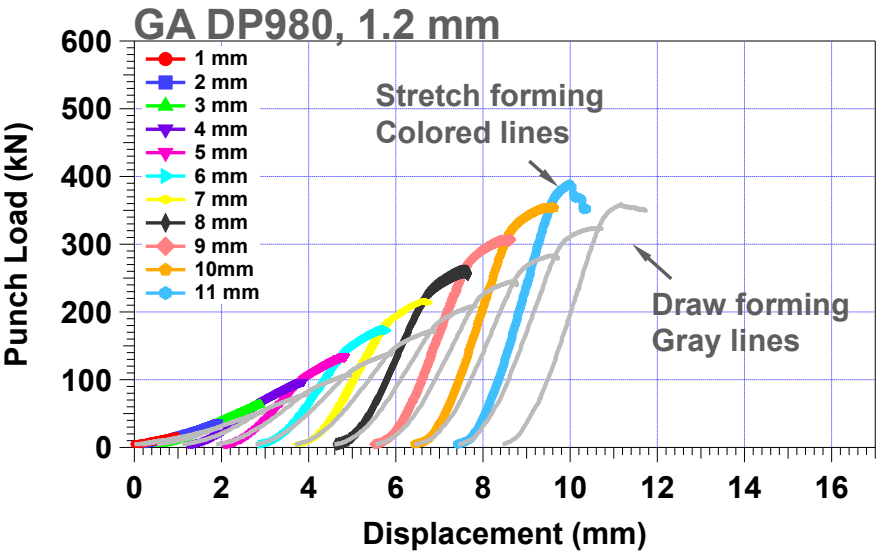


3 Camera DIC system



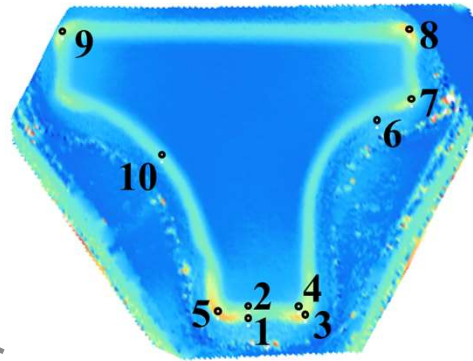
T-Shape Die

# T-SHAPE FORMING: NEXMET 1000 VS. DP980



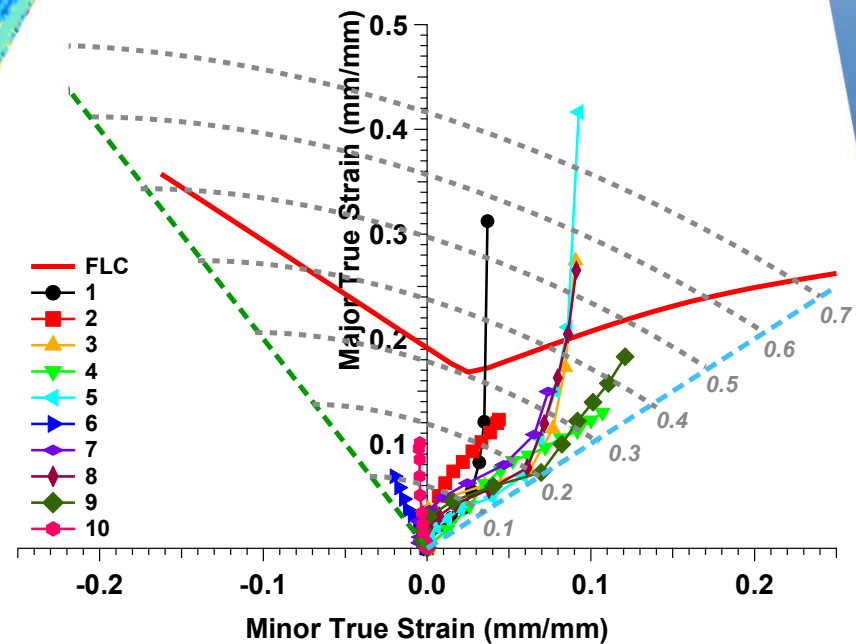
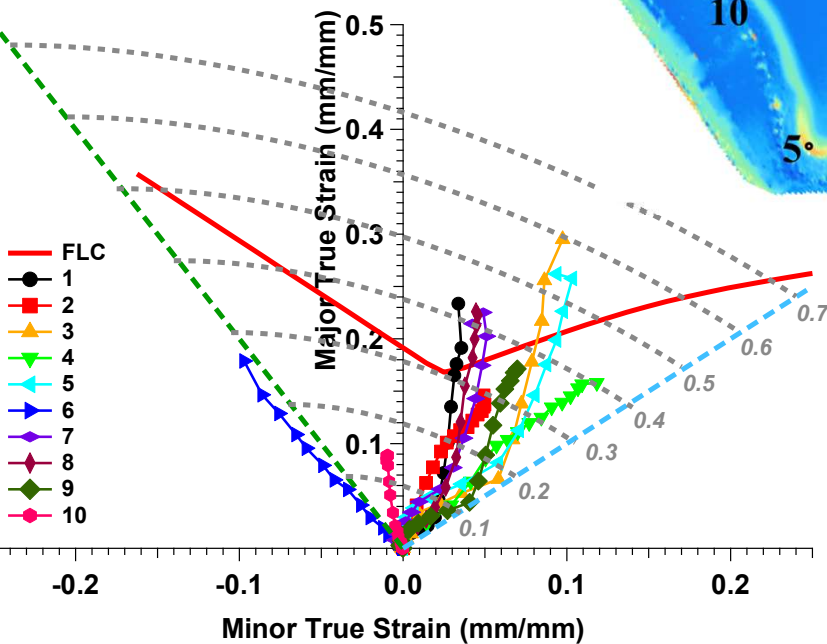
	Draw forming maximum depth (mm)	Stretch forming maximum depth (mm)
GA DP980, 1.2 mm	11.7	10.1
GI NEXMET 1000, 1.2 mm	16.1	11.5

# DEFORMATION MODES AND STRAIN PATHS DURING T-SHAPE FORMING



GI NEXMET 1000, 1.2 mm

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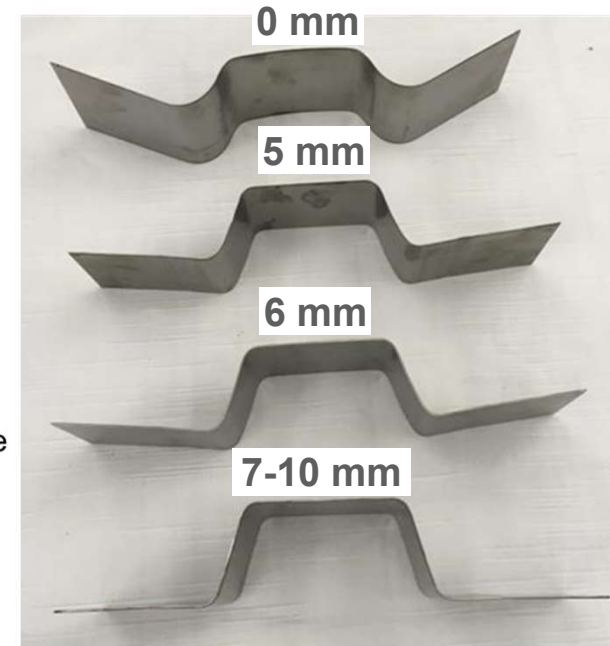
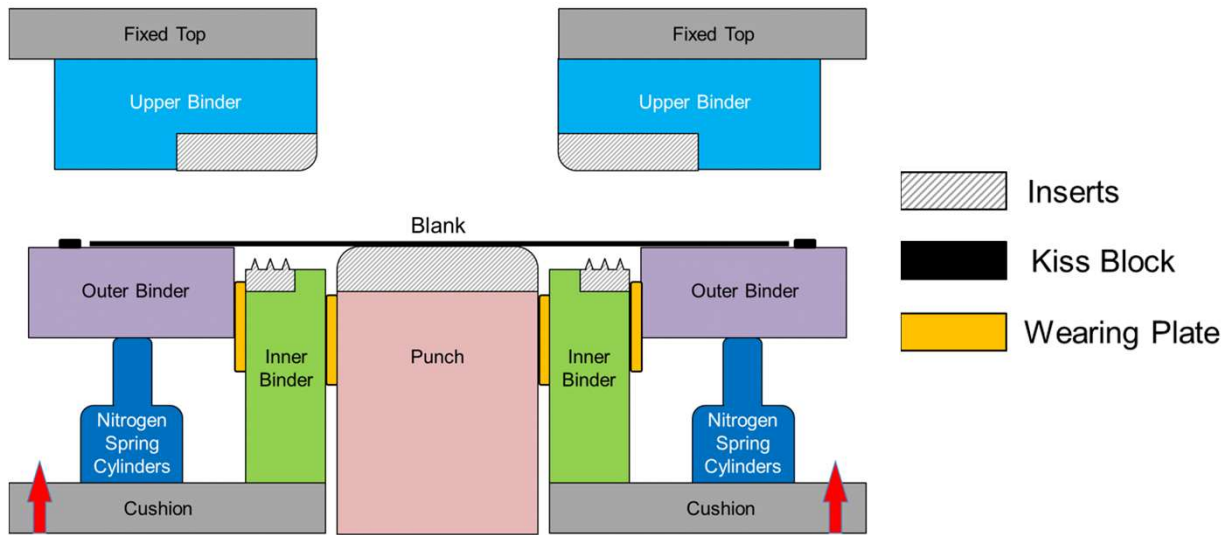


**Draw Forming**  
Fractured at 16.1 mm

**Stretch Forming**  
Fractured at 11.5 mm

# SPRINGBACK AND SPRINGBACK CONTROL

Outer Binder Closing

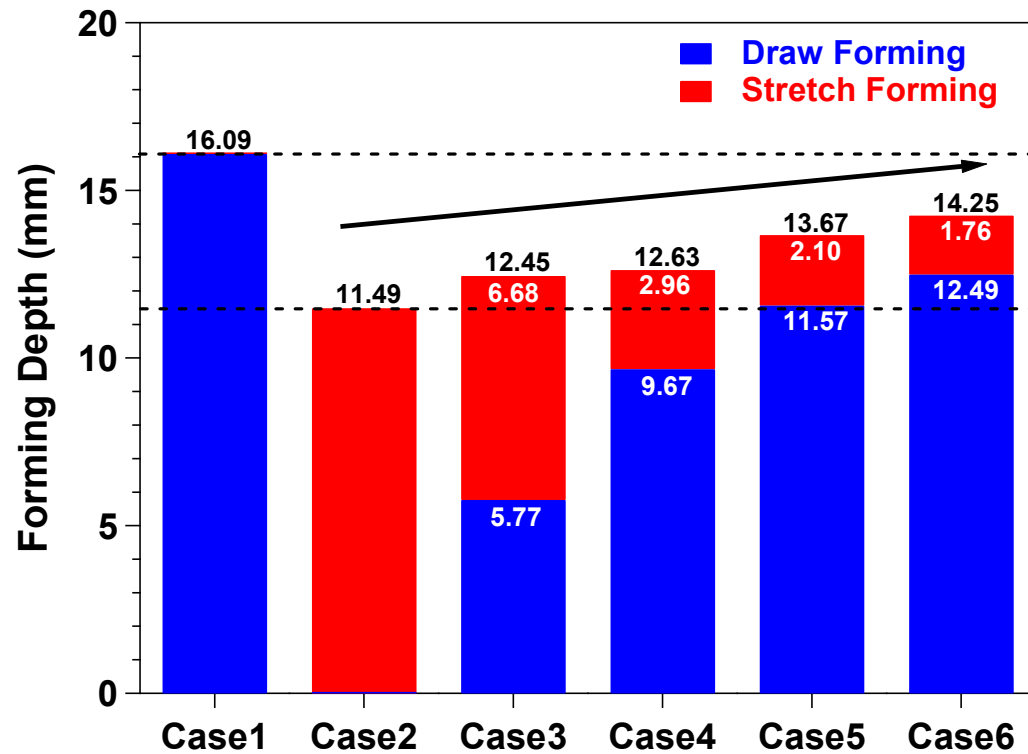


Effect of Post-stretching Amount

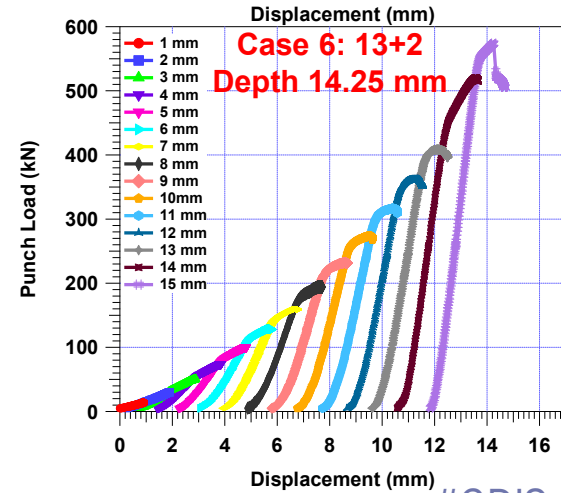
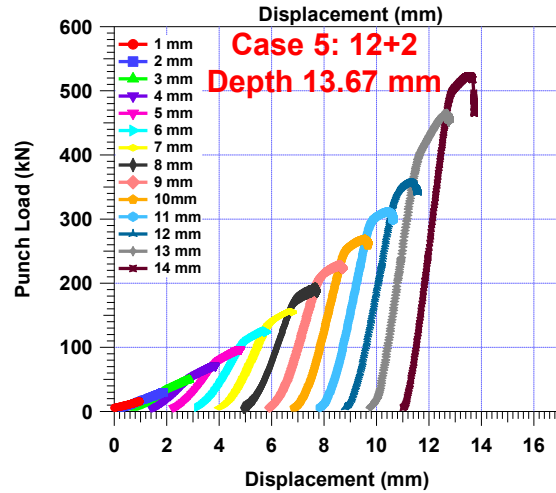
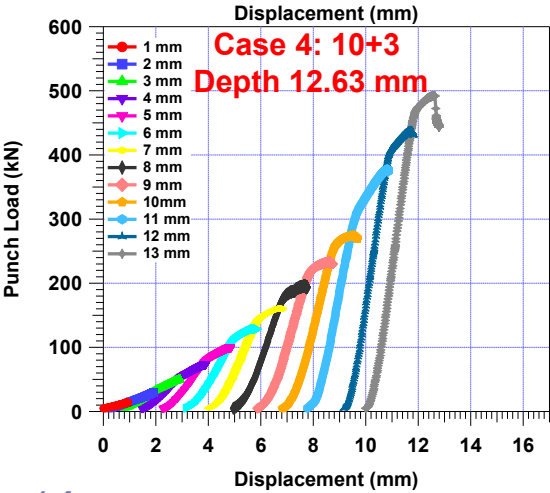
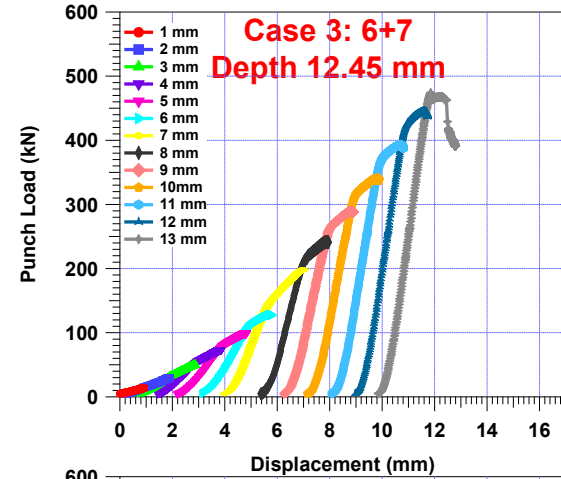
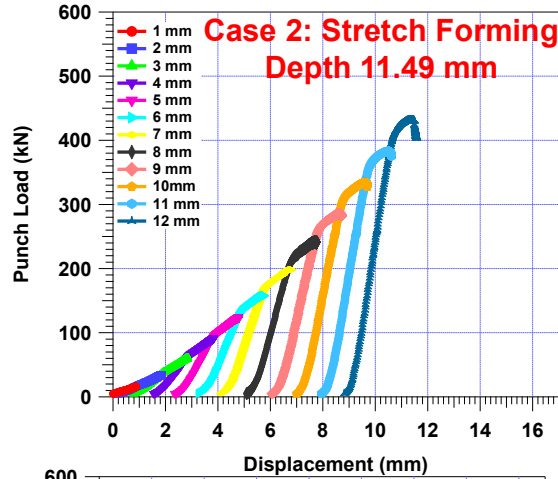
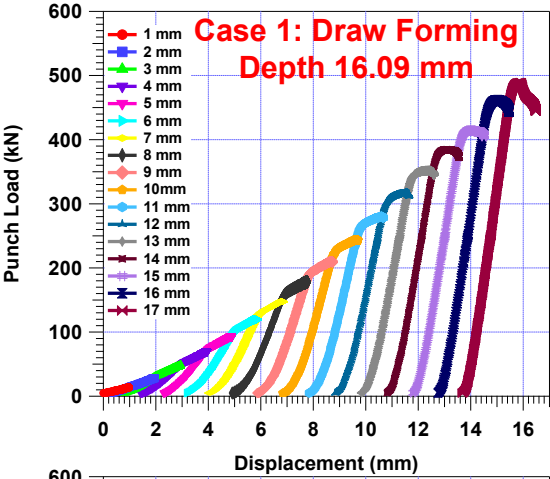
**What is the effect of post-stretching on the formability???**

# EFFECT OF DRAW / STRETCH FORMING ON T-SHAPE FORMING

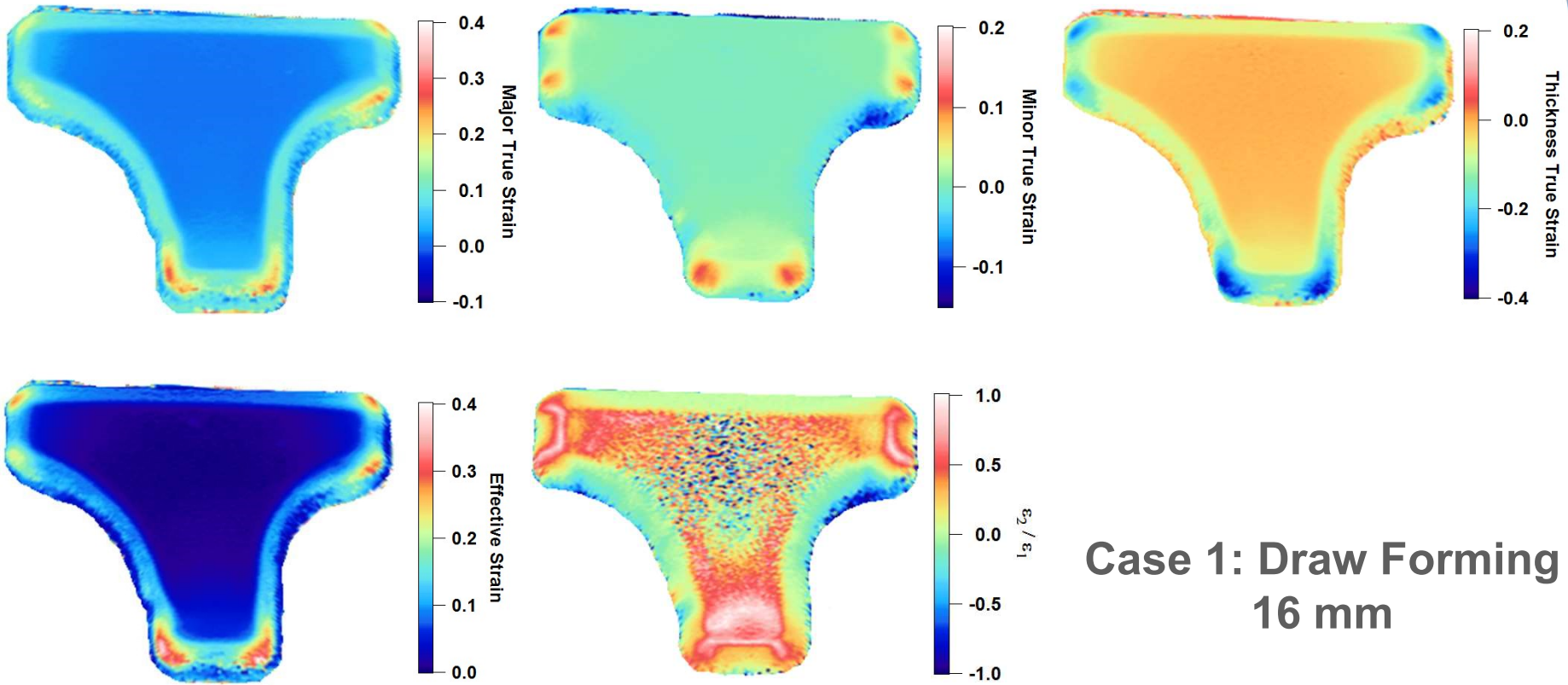
- ❖ Case 1: Draw Forming (10% Blank Thickness)
- ❖ Case 2: Stretch Forming (115 Ton Binder Tonnage)
- ❖ Case 3: Draw Forming 6 mm + Stretch Forming
- ❖ Case 4: Draw Forming 10 mm + Stretch Forming
- ❖ Case 5: Draw Forming 12 mm + Stretch Forming
- ❖ Case 6: Draw Forming 13 mm + Stretch Forming



# PUNCH LOAD VS. DISPLACEMENT



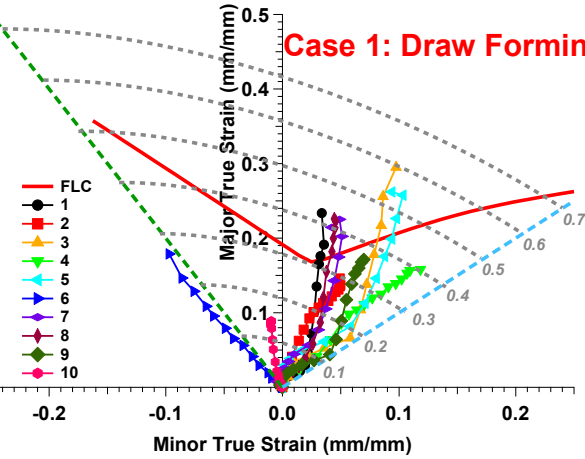
# STRAIN DISTRIBUTION ON T-SHAPE PANEL



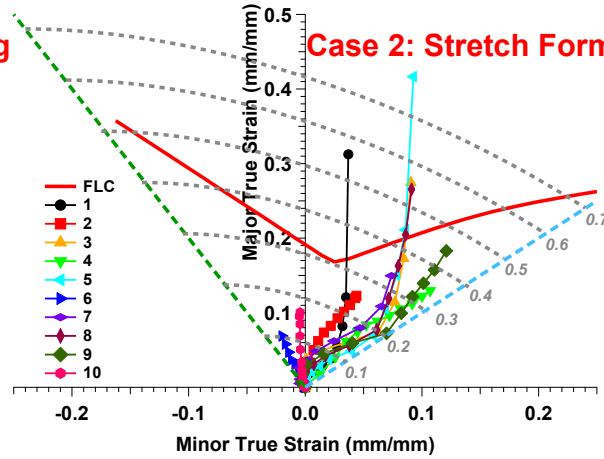
Case 1: Draw Forming  
16 mm

# DEFORMATION MODES AND STRAIN PATHS

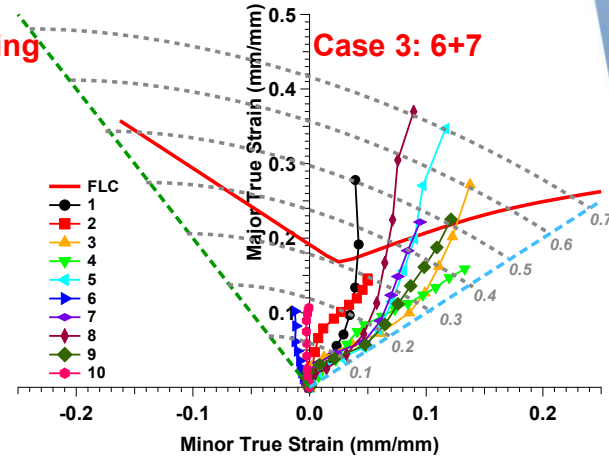
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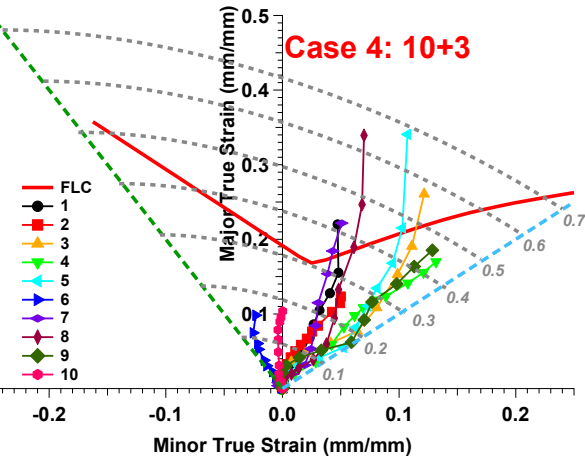
Case 2: Stretch Forming



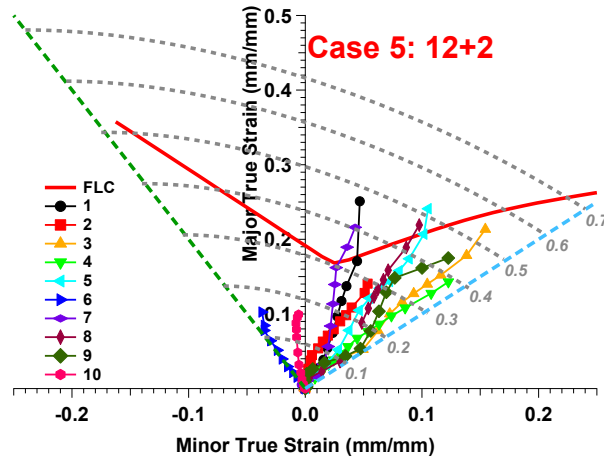
Case 3: 6+7



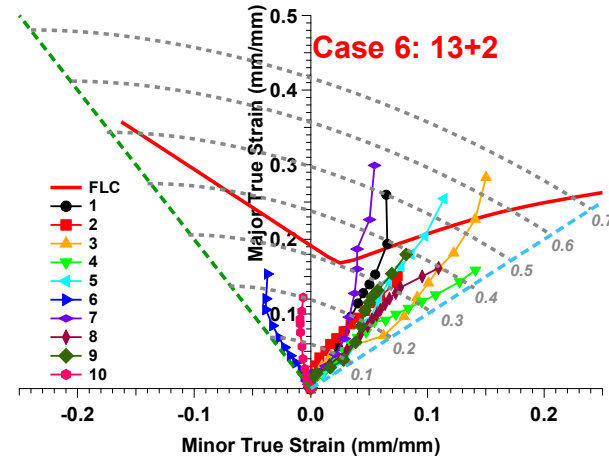
Case 4: 10+3



Case 5: 12+2

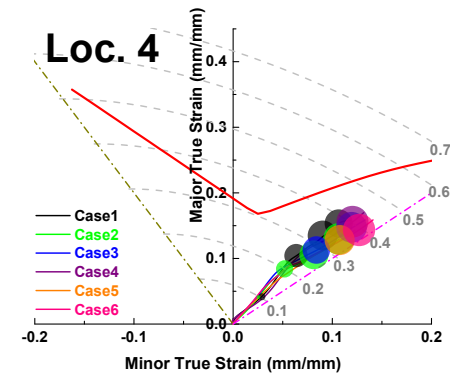
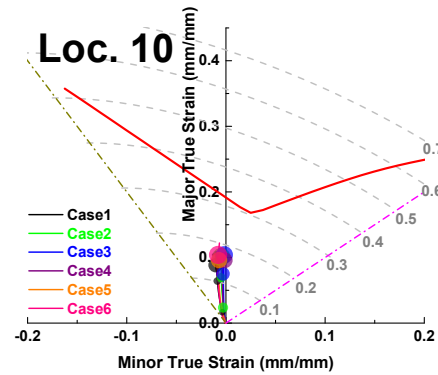
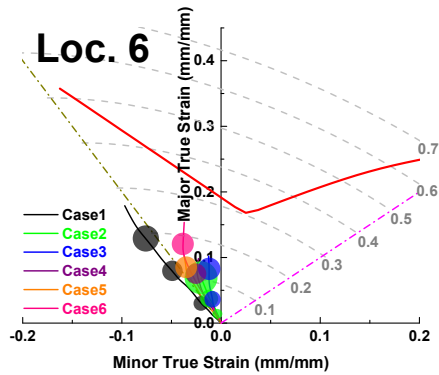
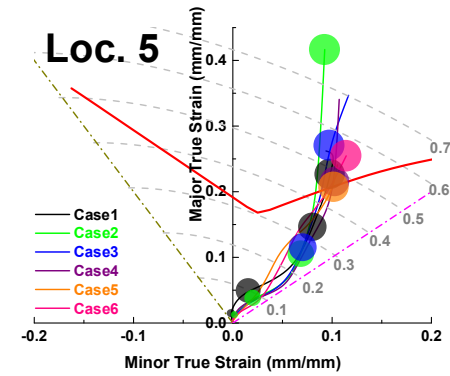
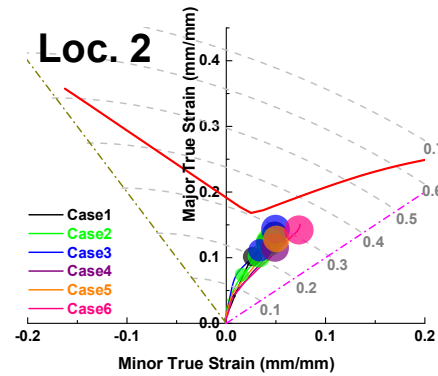
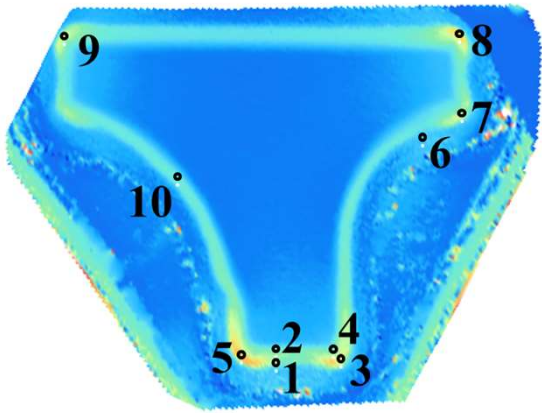


Case 6: 13+2





# DEFORMATION MODES AND STRAIN PATHS DEPENDENCY OF MARTENSITE PHASE TRANSFORMATION



# CONCLUSIONS

The forming limit of NEXMET 1000 is comparable to DP780, and much higher than DP980.

NEXMET 1000 exhibits excellent formability in T-shape forming.

The T-shape forming depth of NEXMET 1000 is further improved in post-stretching.

The deformation mode and strain path dependence of martensite phase transformation for NEXMET 1000 agrees with previous studies.

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