

# GREAT DESIGNS IN STEEL

## FORMABILITY AND FRACTURE CHARACTERIZATION OF DP980 AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN STEELS

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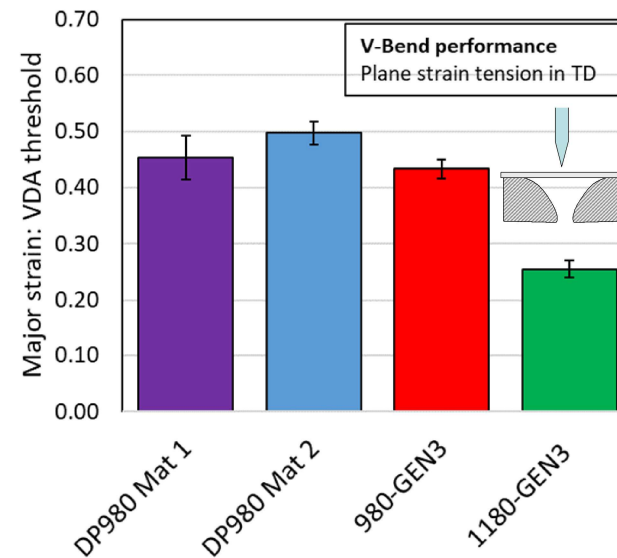
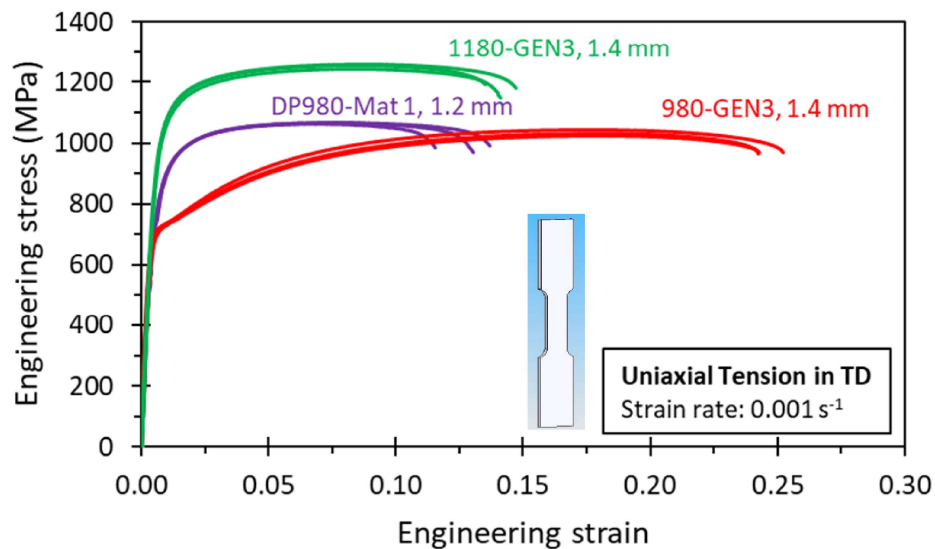
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# PROJECT GOALS

1. Characterize properties of 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN 980 and 1180 MPa steels provided by the Steel Marketing Development Institute (*Blind Study*)
2. Apply optimized fracture testing methodology established for Advanced High Strength Steels (GDIS 2017 and GDIS 2018) to 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN Steels
3. Focus upon formability and fracture characterization of 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN Steels to integrate into CAE toolkit from forming-to-crash (GDIS 2019)
4. Design forming process of full-size B-pillar for mid-size SUV using CAE toolkit with Bowman Precision Tooling and Honda R&D (GDIS 2020)
5. Perform dynamic B-pillar impact tests to evaluate CAE toolkit and methodology to design 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. steel components from concept to crash the formed B-Pillar (GDIS 2020)

# MATERIAL PERFORMANCE

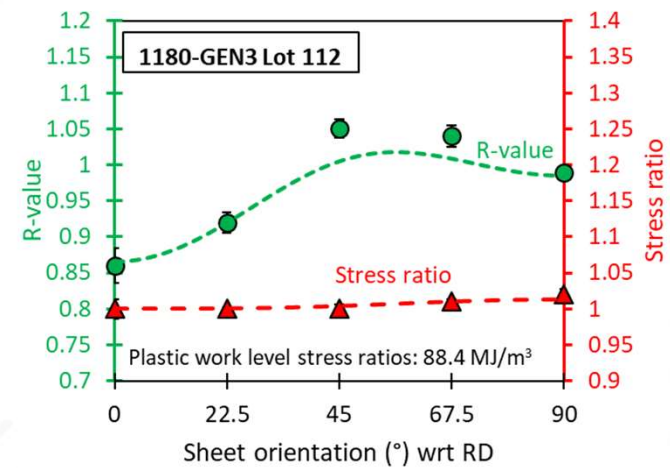
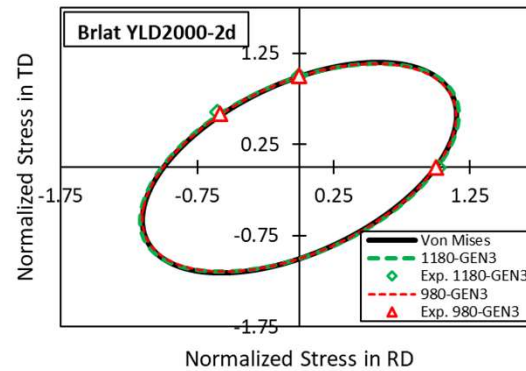
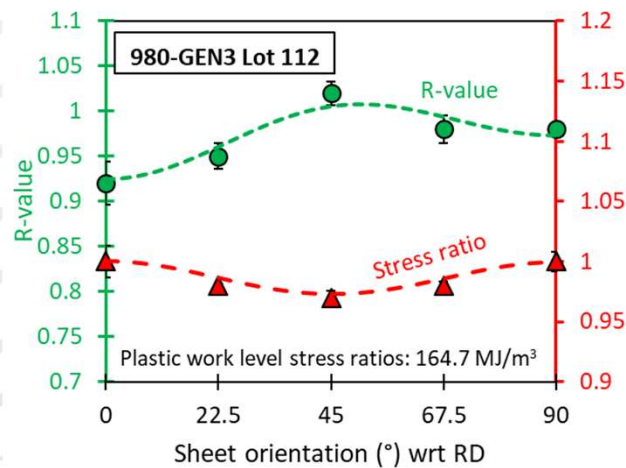
- Superior tensile performance of 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN Steels compared to “optimized” DP980
- 980 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN. has comparable v-bend performance with 2x the uniform elongation as DP980 optimized for local formability



# CONSTITUTIVE CHARACTERIZATION: ANISOTROPY

Rather mild anisotropy in both 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN steels → Calibrated Yld2000 model

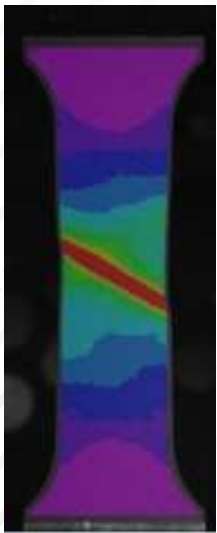
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980-3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Lot 112	0.92	0.95	1.02	0.98	0.98	1.00
	$\sigma_0/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{22.5}/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{45}/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{67.5}/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{90}/\sigma_0$	$\tau_{12}/\sigma_0$
	1.00	0.98	0.97	0.98	1.00	0.586
	$R_\theta$	$R_{22.5}$	$R_{45}$	$R_{67.5}$	$R_{90}$	$R_b$
1180 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Lot 111	0.86	0.92	1.05	1.04	0.99	0.92
	$\sigma_0/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{22.5}/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{45}/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{67.5}/\sigma_0$	$\sigma_{90}/\sigma_0$	$\tau_{12}/\sigma_0$
	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.02	0.605



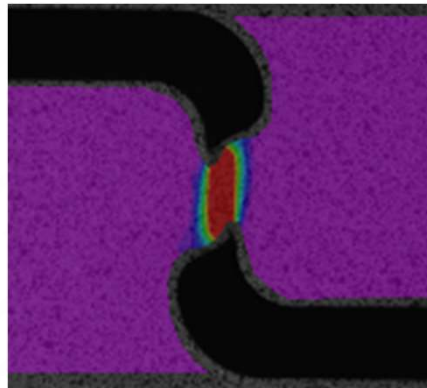


## CONSTITUTIVE CHARACTERIZATION: ISOTROPIC HARDENING

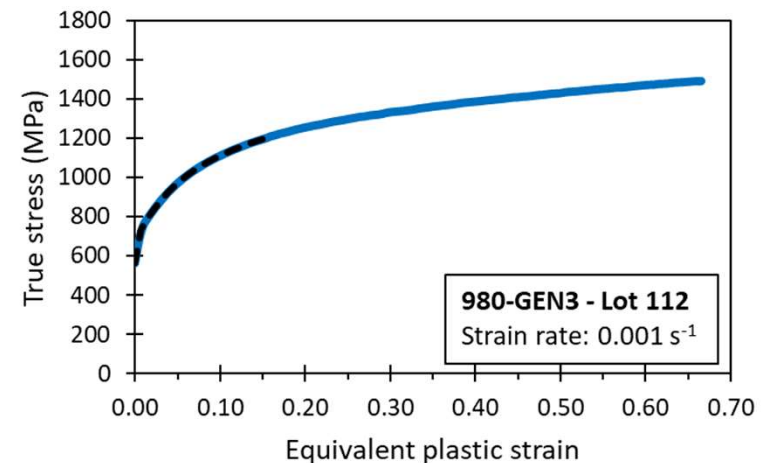
- Isotropic hardening response obtained using tensile & shear tests
- Methodology in Rahmaan *et al.* (2017) and refined in Noder & Butcher (2019)
- Kinematic hardening characterization in-progress for springback simulations



Tensile Test until UTS



Simple Shear After Tensile UTS

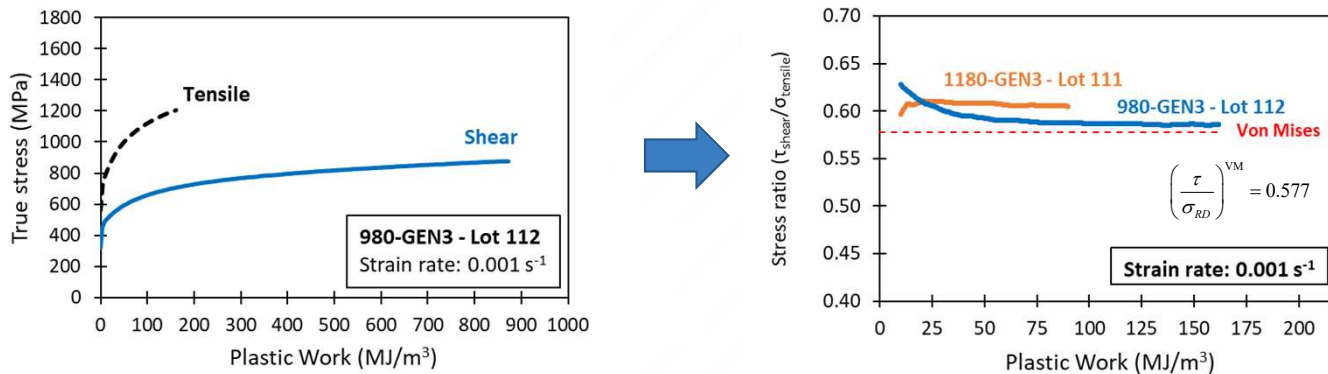


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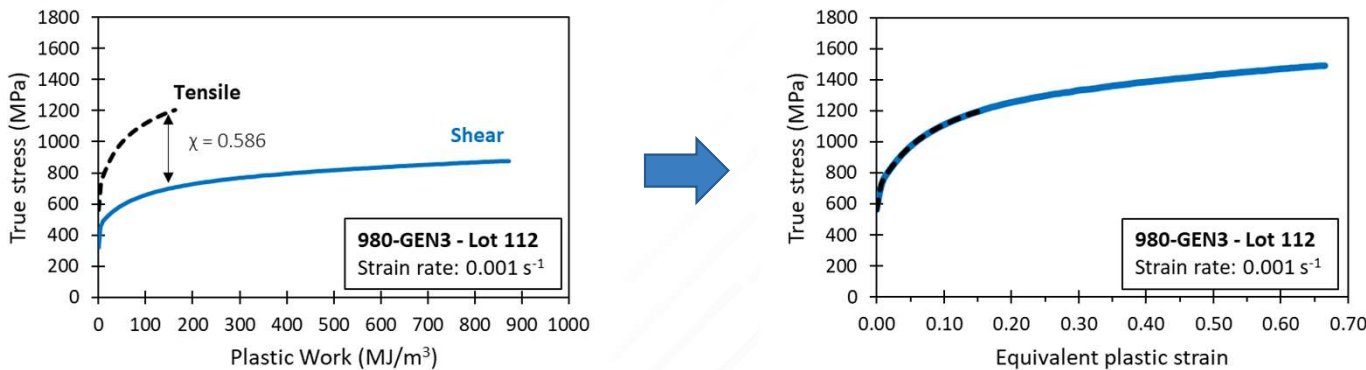
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# CONSTITUTIVE CHARACTERIZATION: *TENSILE & SHEAR TESTS*

Step 1: Convert tensile and shear tests to Stress vs. Plastic work and obtain shear-to-tensile ratio



Step 2: Convert shear stress post tensile UTS, deconstruct work to equivalent plastic strain & fit model



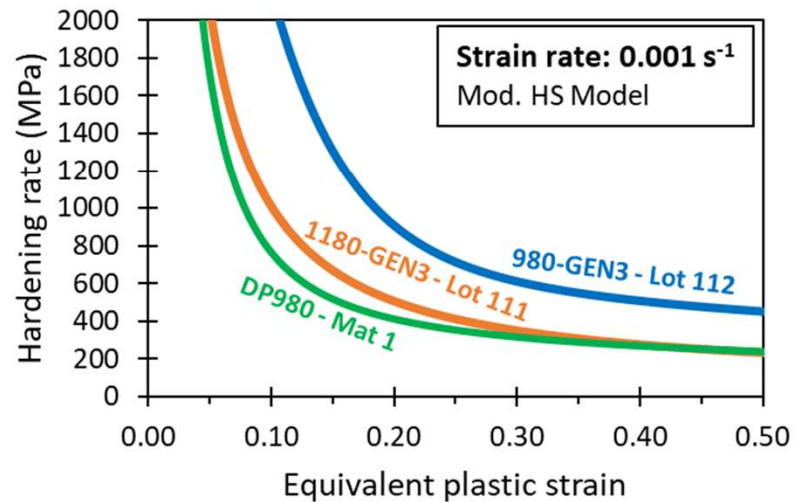
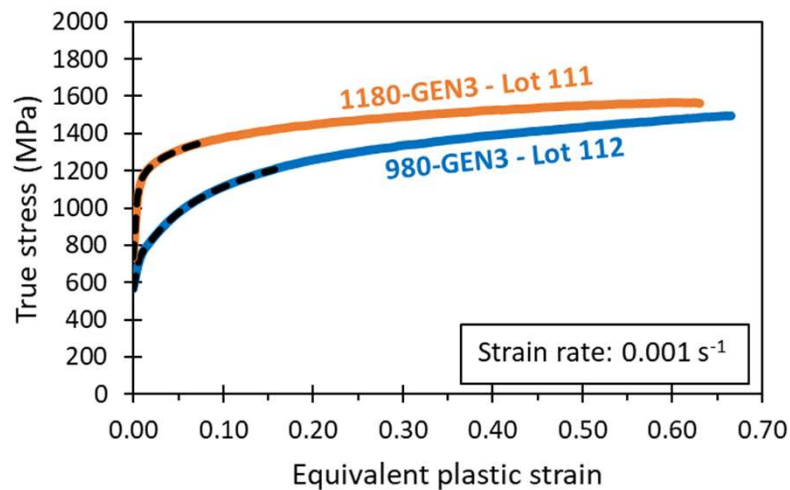
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## CONSTITUTIVE CHARACTERIZATION: *TENSILE & SHEAR TESTS*

Hardening response obtained until large strains without inverse FEA

Method assumes anisotropy does not evolve past the tensile UTS

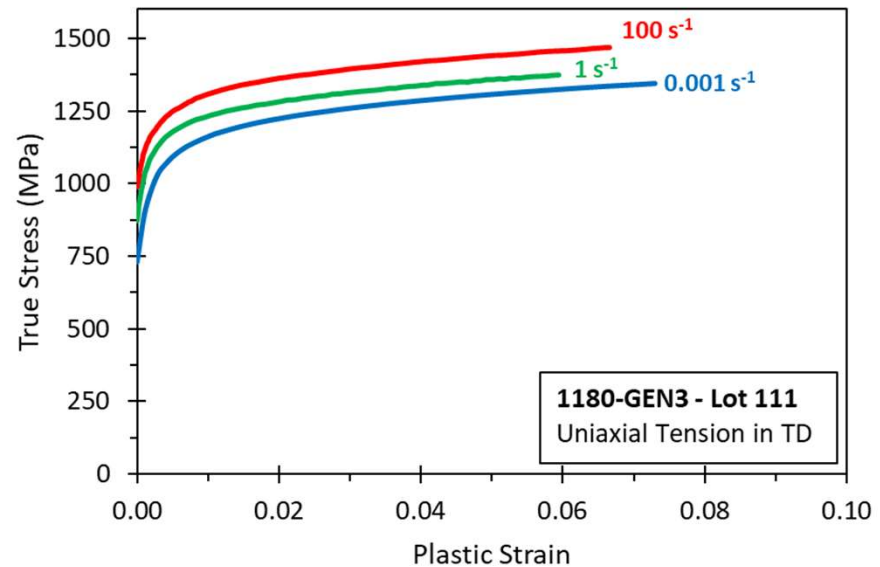
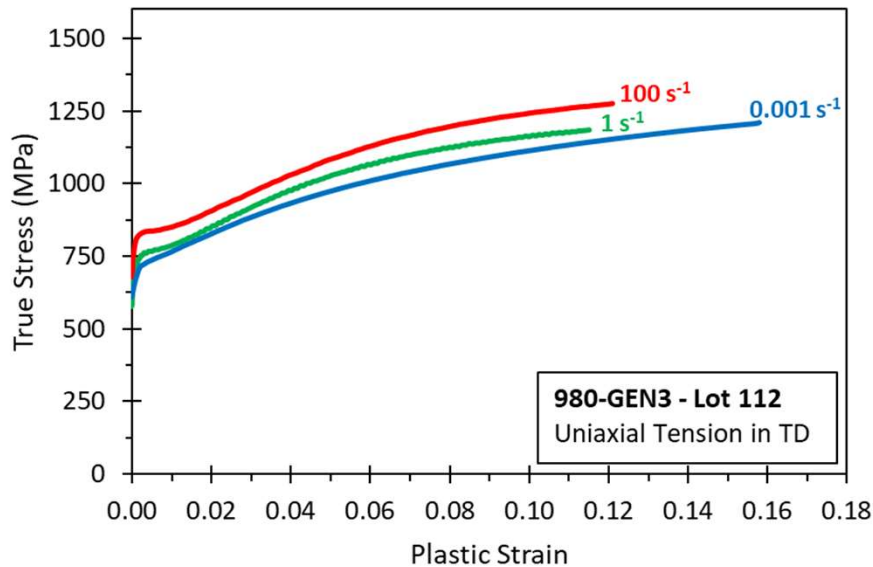


Relatively simple to select and calibrate a hardening model, uncertainty with extrapolation is reduced



## CONSTITUTIVE CHARACTERIZATION: *ELEVATED STRAIN RATES*

Hardening response of 980 & 1180 evaluated at 0.001/s, 1/s and 100/s

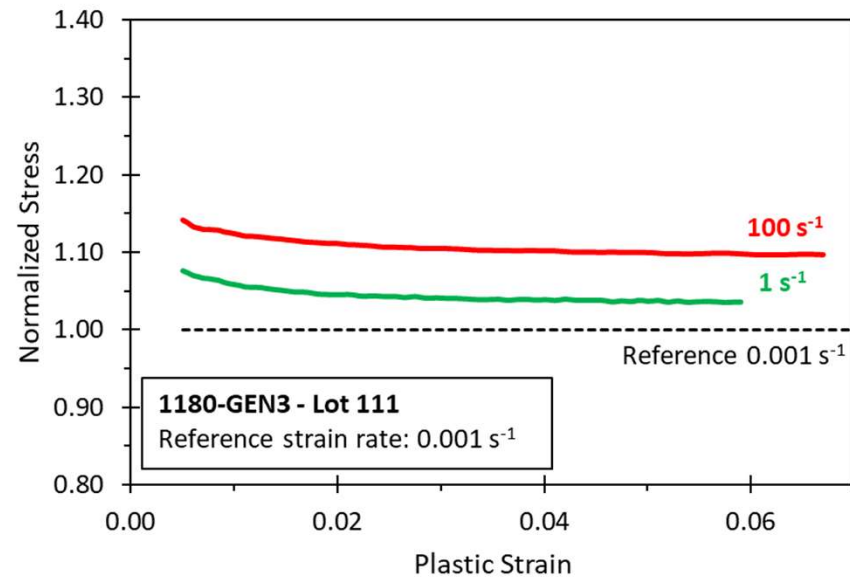
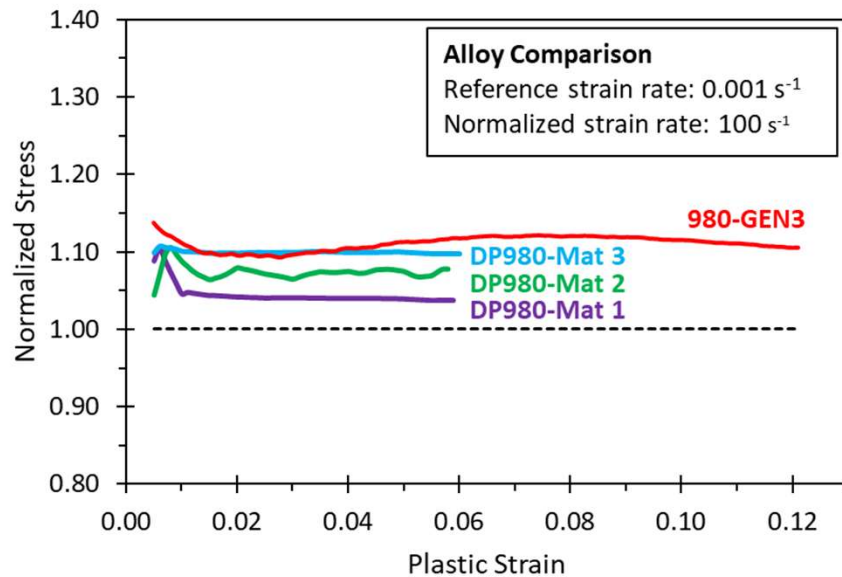


Positive rate-sensitivity: Appreciable non-linear hardening with strain rate in 980 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN

## CONSTITUTIVE CHARACTERIZATION: *ELEVATED STRAIN RATES*

Strain rate effects are appreciable at strain-rates for forming operations: *Improves Formability*

980 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN has 5% higher flow stress at 1/s and is 10% higher at 100/s



# FORMABILITY CHARACTERIZATION

- B-Pillar design is influenced by material limitations
  - Accurate formability characterization is required
- Bowman Precision Tooling in charge of B-Pillar design, machining of the die set, and forming trials
  - AutoForm software was used to identify critical sections in the B-Pillar
  - Material cards and FLCs created by UWaterloo to finalize the design



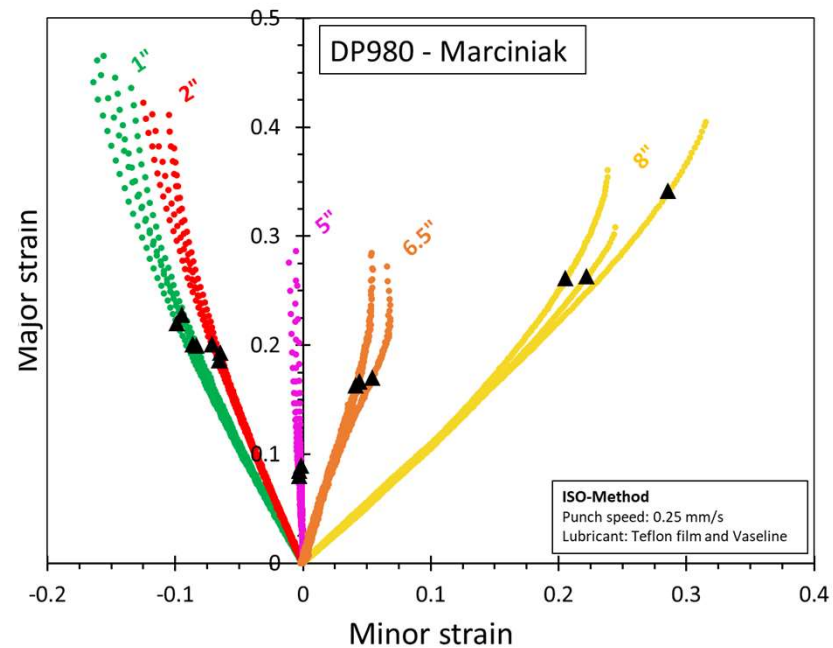
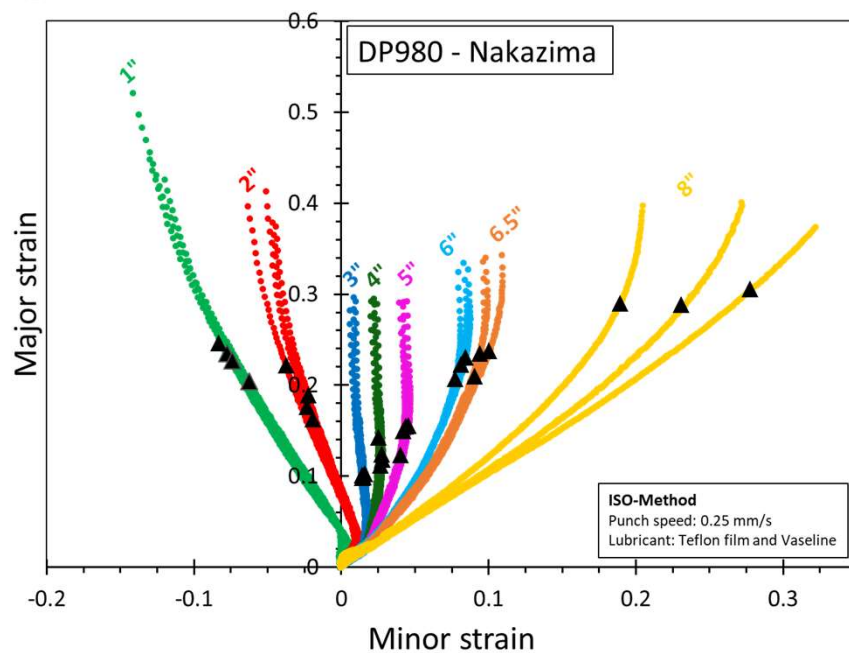
# FORMABILITY CHARACTERIZATION

Nakazima dome tests: *Out-of-Plane Stretching*

→ Higher limiting strains and non-linear strain path

Marciniak tests: *In-plane deformation*

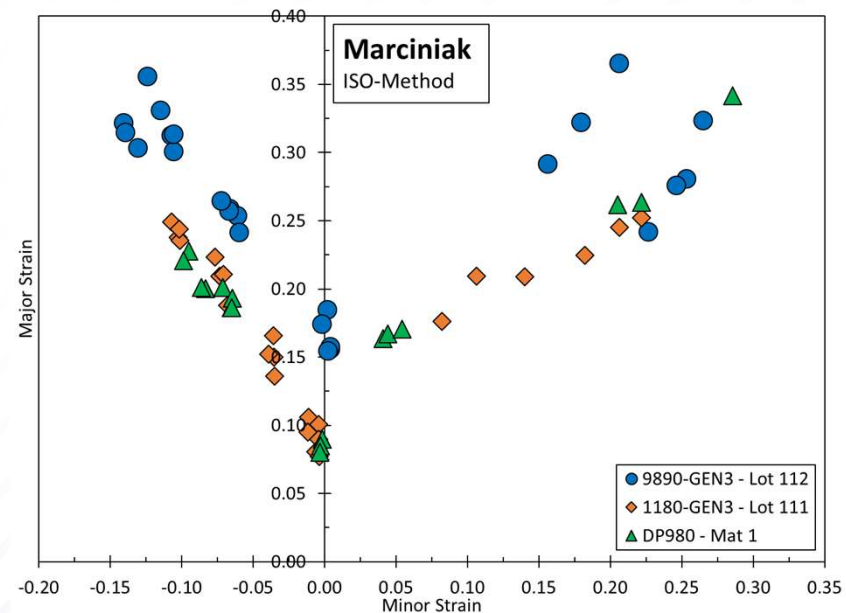
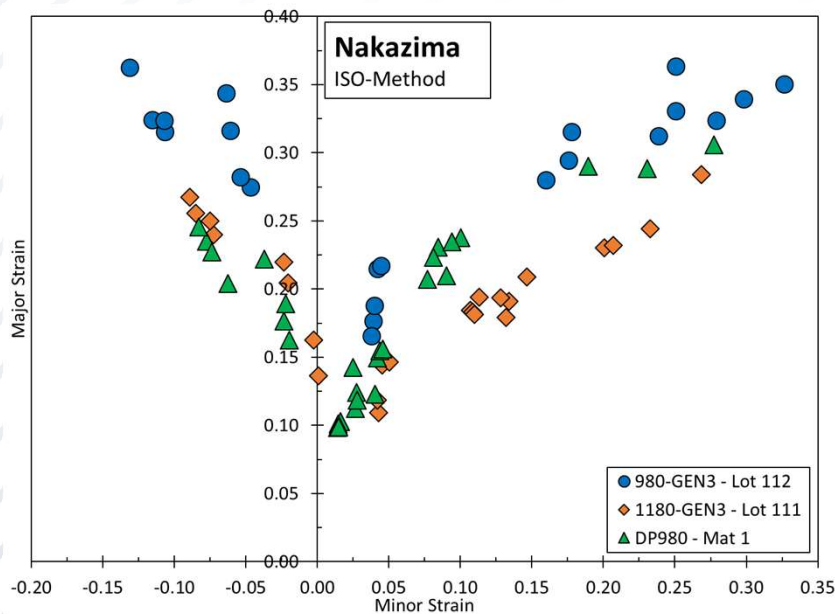
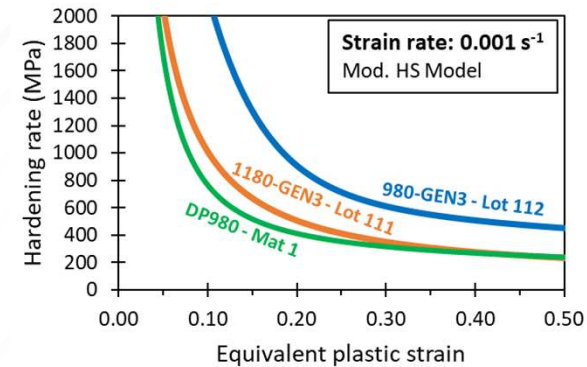
→ Approximately linear strain path & consistent with theoretical models for FLC





# FORMABILITY COMPARISON

- Same conclusions for Nakazima & Marciniak FLCs:  
 → Superior formability of 980 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN. vs. DP980  
 → Similar FLC for DP980 and 1180 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN.



# FORMABILITY: NAKAZIMA VS. MARCINIAK FLC

Which Forming Limit Curve to use?

Nakazima FLC has “process effects” of *bending, non-linear strain paths* and *tool contact* that alter the limit strains

Nakazima tests are generally preferred for simplicity of testing

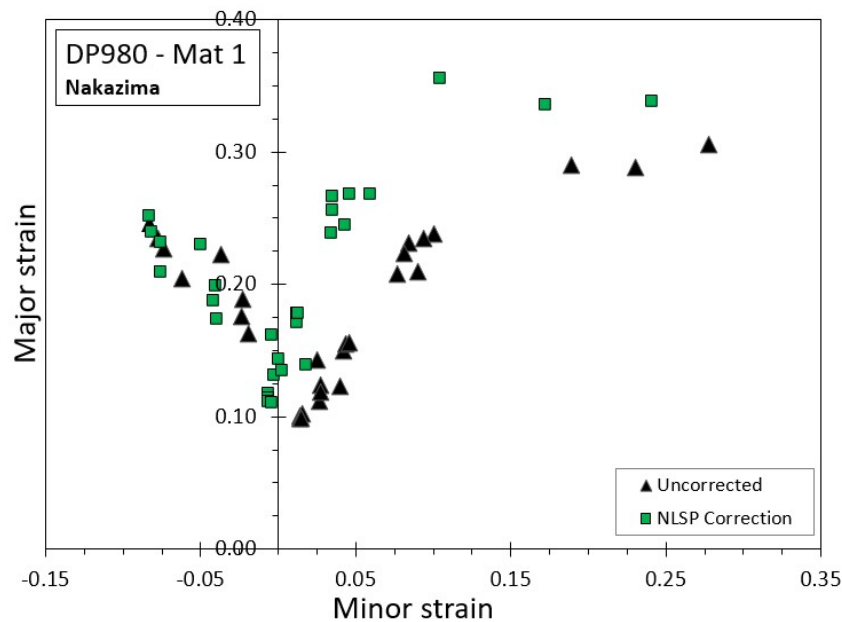
Inconsistent to use Nakazima FLC data without compensating for process effects

Adopted methodology of Min et al. (2016) to correct the FLC data of DP980 and 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN. steels

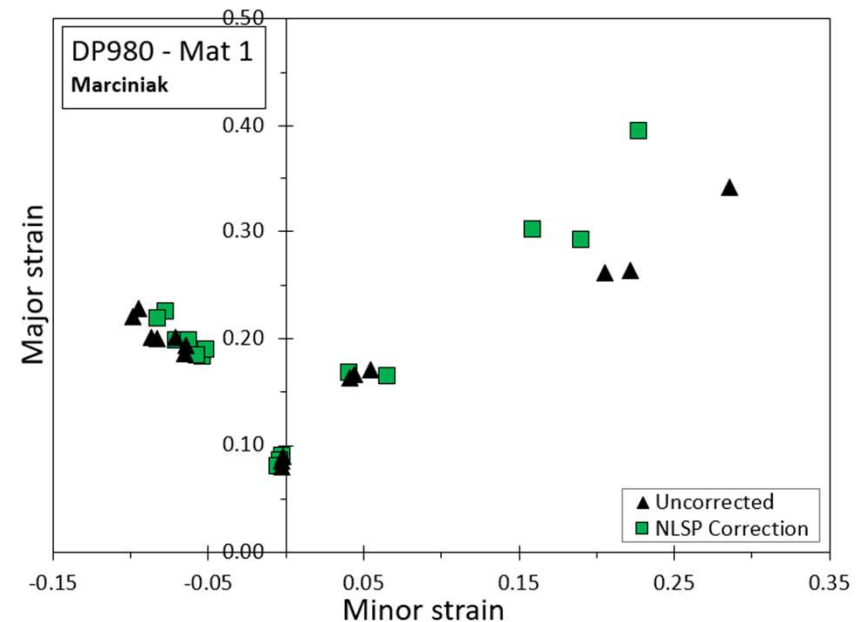
# FLC PROCESS CORRECTIONS

- Details of correction methodology provided in Min *et al.* (2016, IJMS)
- Applied for DP980 and 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN.

Apply Non-linear Strain Path (NLSP) Corrections for DP980 (1.2 mm )



Significant correction for NSLP in Nakazima tests

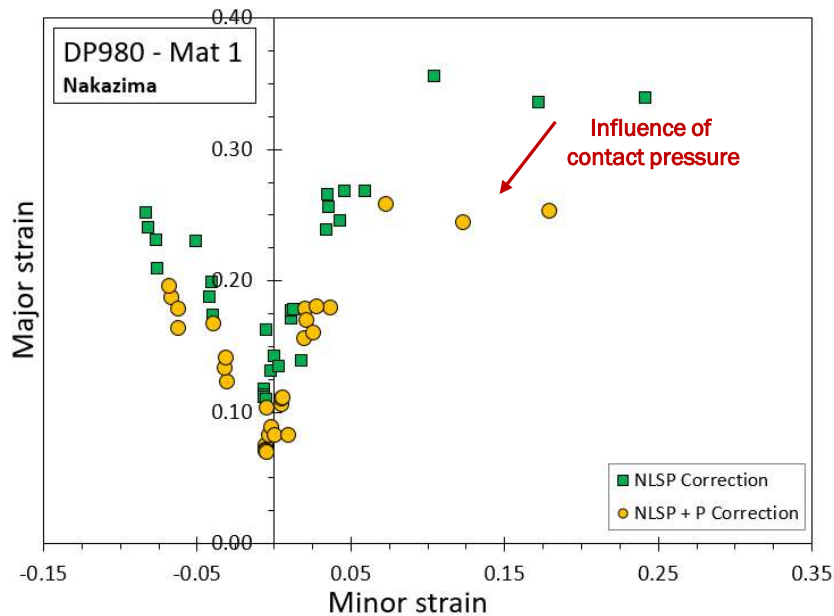


Minor NSLP effects in Marciniak. Largest in Biaxial Stretching

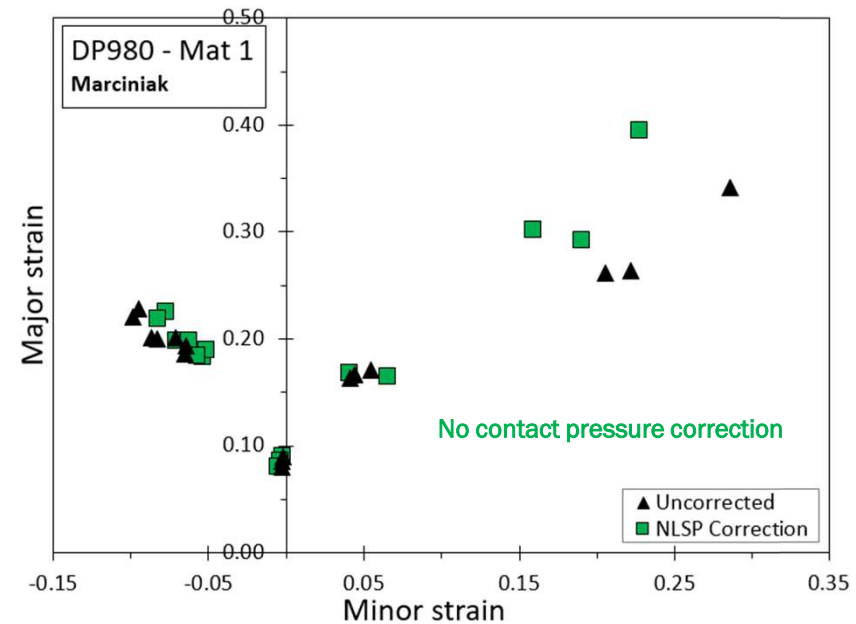
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# FLC PROCESS CORRECTIONS: *TOOL CONTACT*

- Stress-based mapping strategy for 3D and Plane Stress forming limits used to remove influence of contact stress



Significant contact pressure adjustment



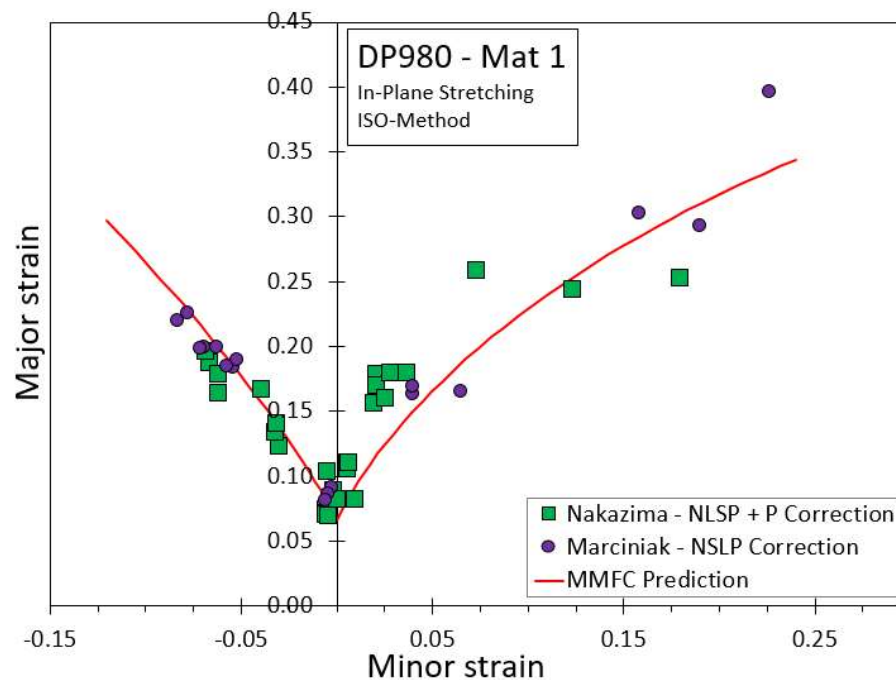
No contact pressure correction for Marciniak



# FLC & ANALYTICAL PREDICTION: DP980

*Corrected Nakazima FLC in good agreement with Marciniak*

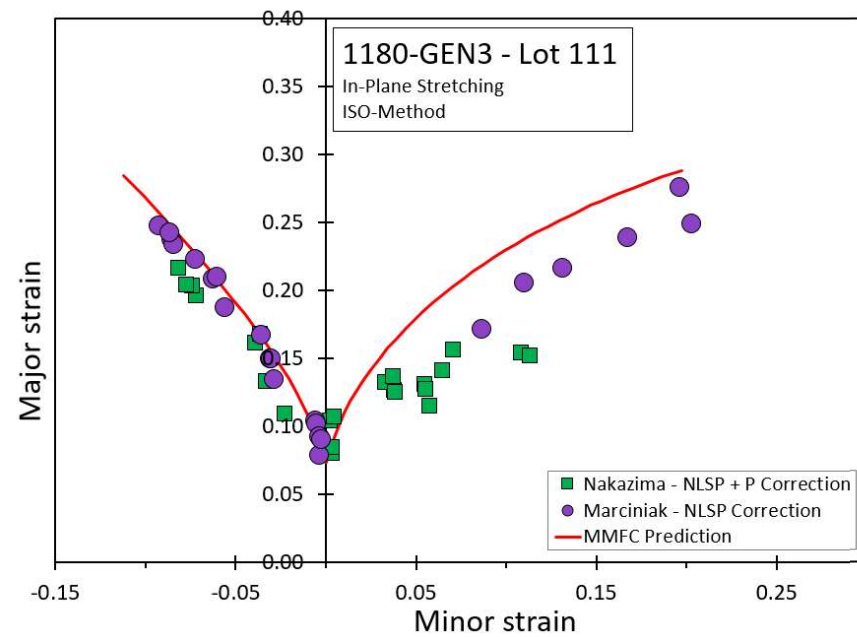
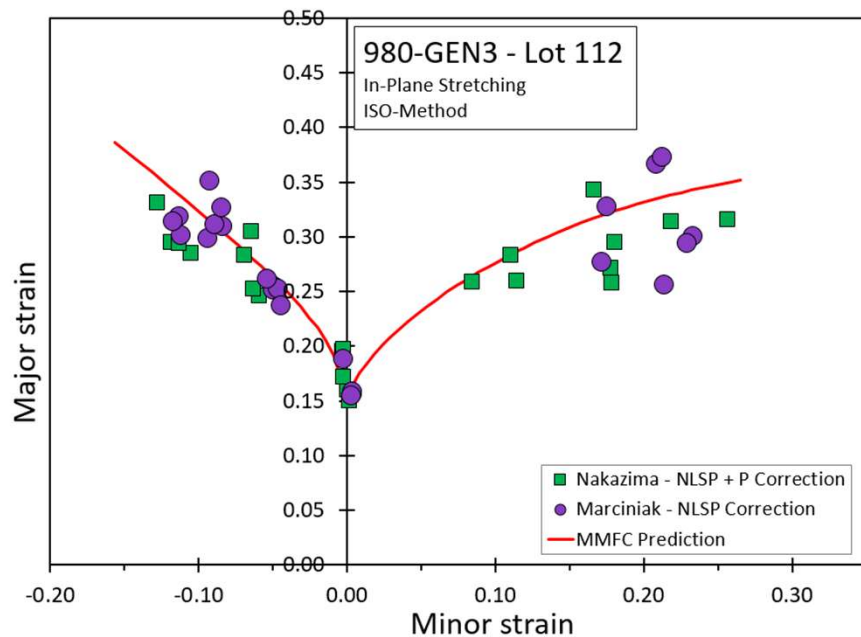
Analytical prediction of FLC using Modified Maximum Force Criterion of Hora et al. (2013) in very good agreement: *Only requires yield surface & hardening model*



# FLC & ANALYTICAL PREDICTION: 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN. STEEL

*Corrected Nakazima FLCs for 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN. also in good agreement with Marciniak*

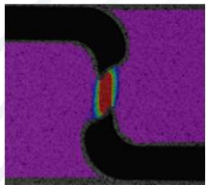
Simple MMFC model with isotropic assumption can predict the FLCs with only hardening data. *No calibration parameters*



# INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY FOR PLANE STRESS FRACTURE CHARACTERIZATION

Fracture characterization and CAE application to rail sections detailed in GDIS 2017 & 2018

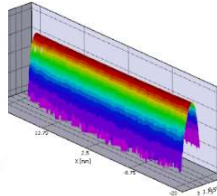
## 1. Perform 4 Plane Stress Characterization Tests



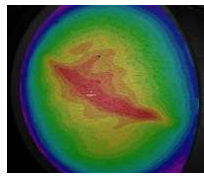
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Conical  
Hole Expansion



V-Bend  
(VDA238-100)



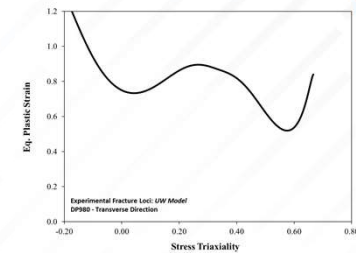
Biaxial Dome  
(R = 5 mm)

## 2. Experimental Fracture Locus

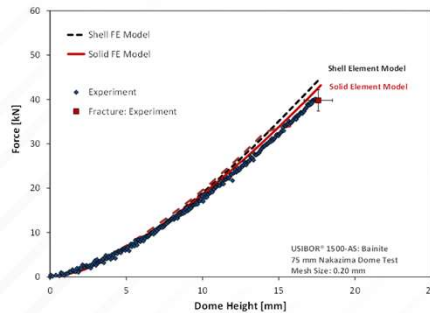
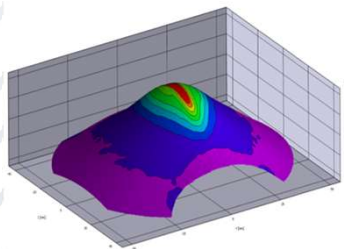
- Assume failure locus form & calibrate with 4 points

$$\varepsilon_f^{\text{exp}} = \varepsilon^{UW}(T, a_{1-4}) \rightarrow$$

Physically meaningful  
fracture locus: **Not an FE construct**



## 3. Plane Stress Models with Various Mesh Sizes

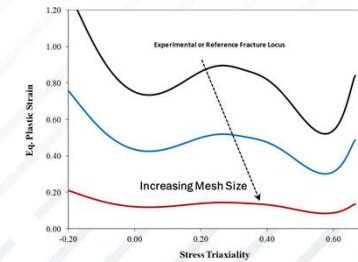


## 4. Regularize Exp. Fracture Locus for CAE

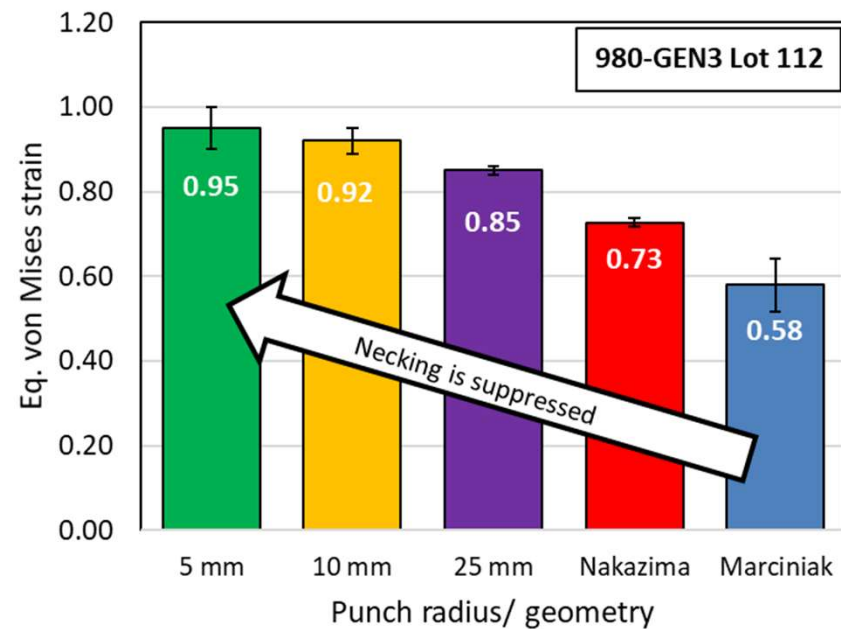
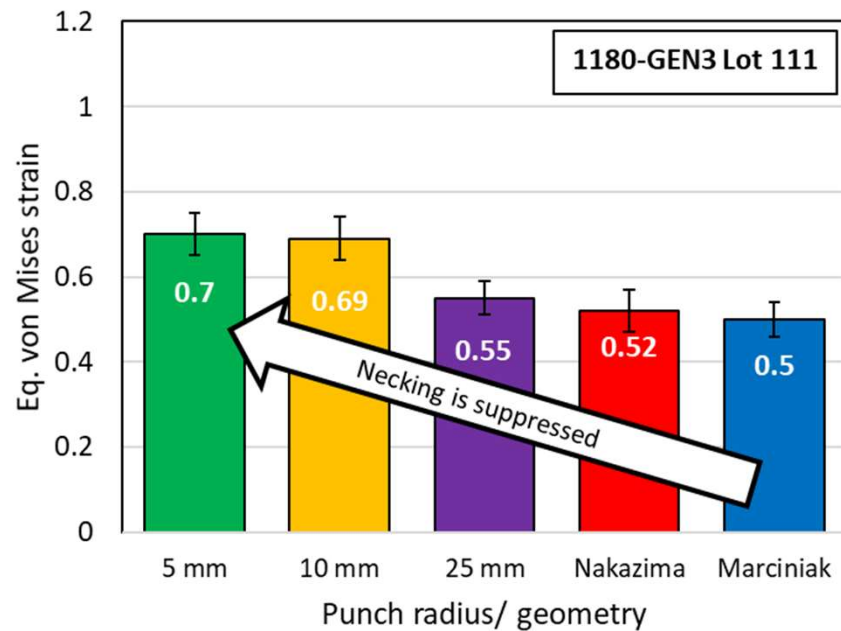
- Assume damage model & scale locus with mesh size, R:

$$D = \frac{d\varepsilon^p}{\varepsilon_f(T)} +$$

$$\varepsilon_f^{\text{CAE}}(R, \varepsilon_f^{\text{exp}}) = R \cdot \varepsilon^{\text{exp}}(T, a_i)$$



# FRACTURE CHARACTERIZATION: BIAXIAL STRETCHING

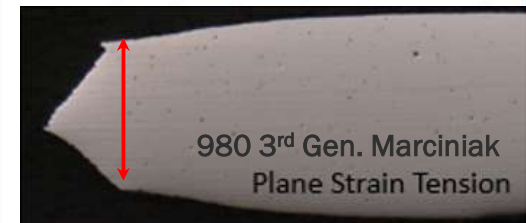
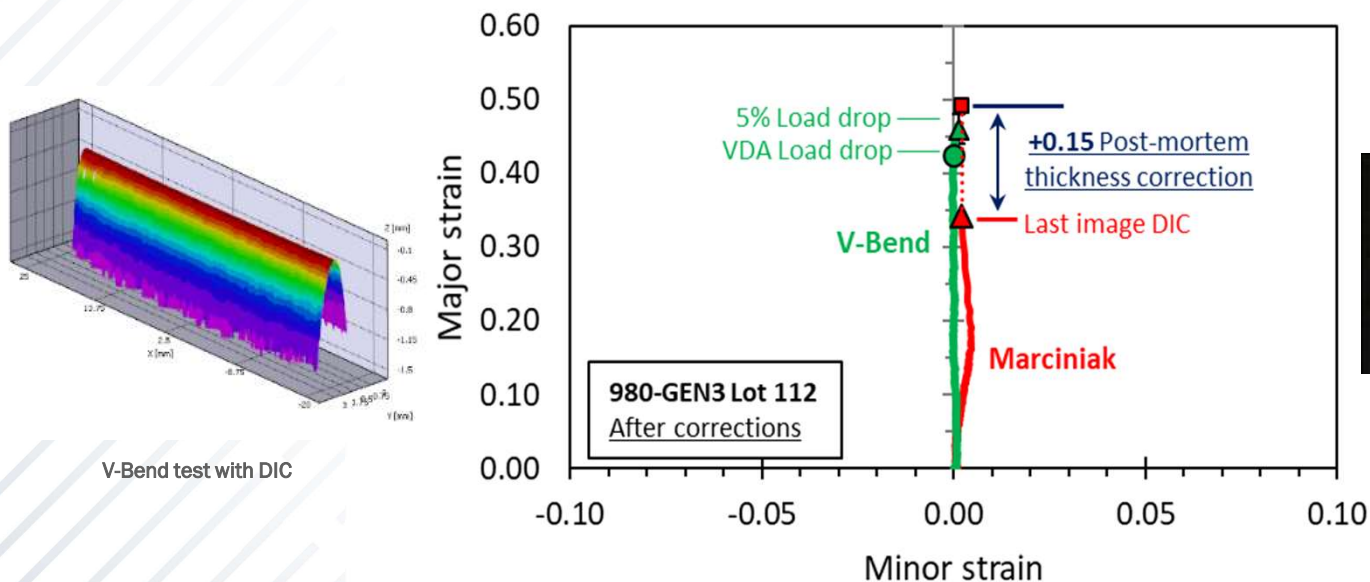


- Smaller punch radii suppress necking and thus give higher failure strains
- Marciniak is best for formability, not for fracture



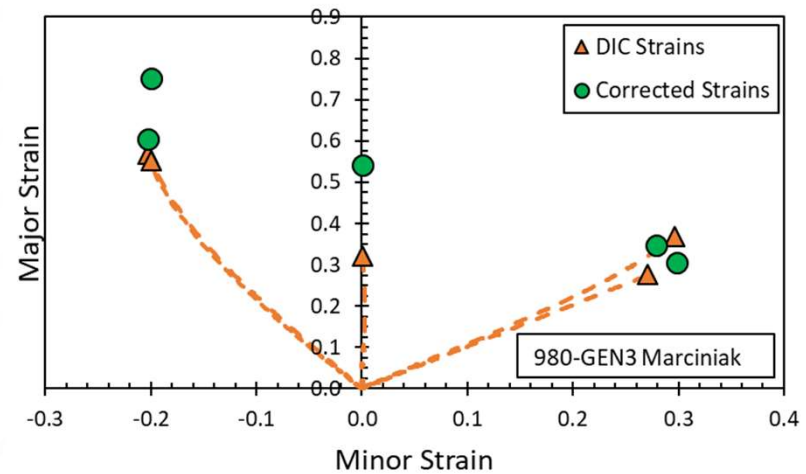
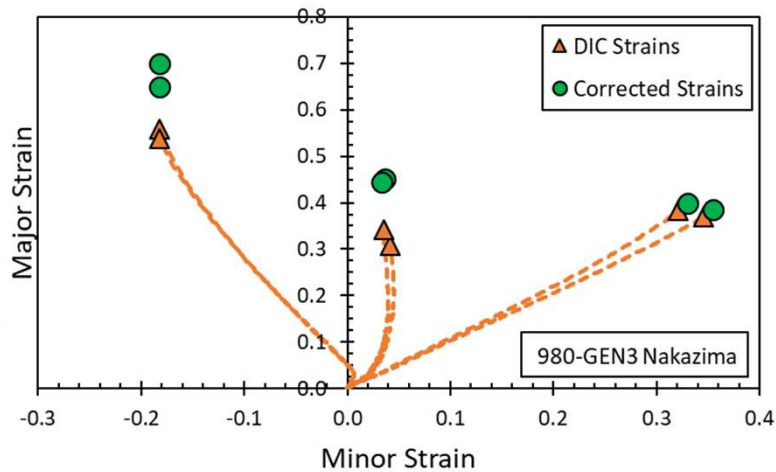
# FRACTURE COUPON SELECTION: PLANE STRAIN

- Marciniak, Nakazima or notch tests could be used for plane strain but have strain localization: *Not plane stress until fracture and NLSP*
- DIC often underestimates fracture strain for coupons with localization
- VDA bend test with DIC avoids necking and provides linear path



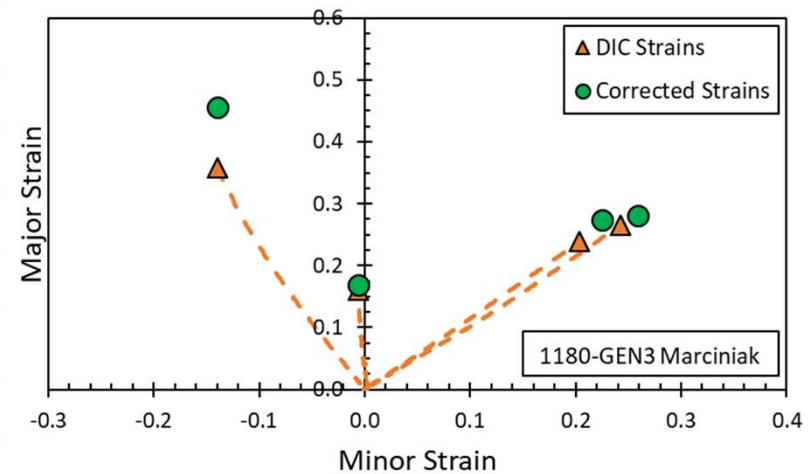
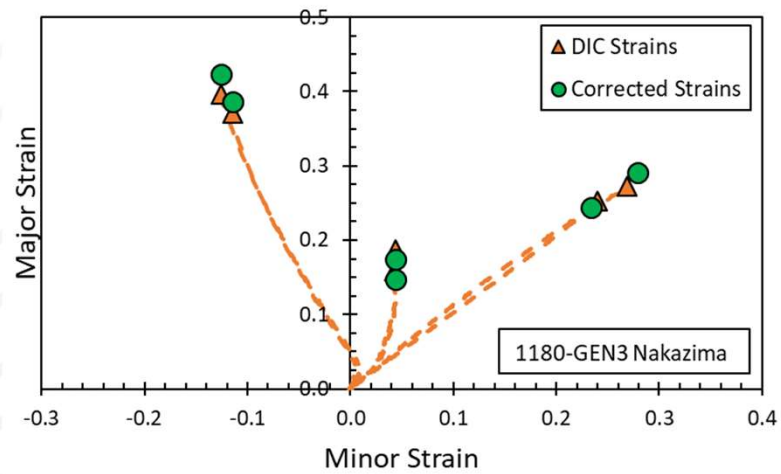
# POST-MORTEM CORRECTIONS 980 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN.

Non-linear strain path and underestimation of failure strains with DIC for necking-based fracture

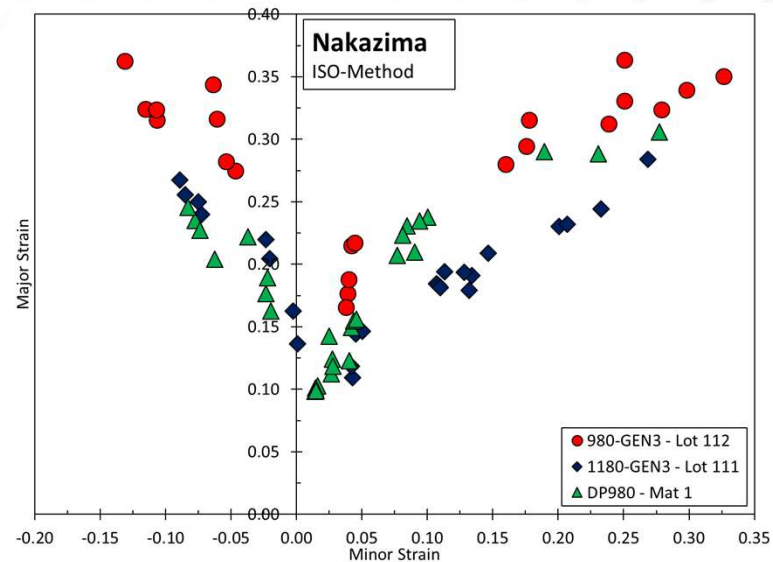
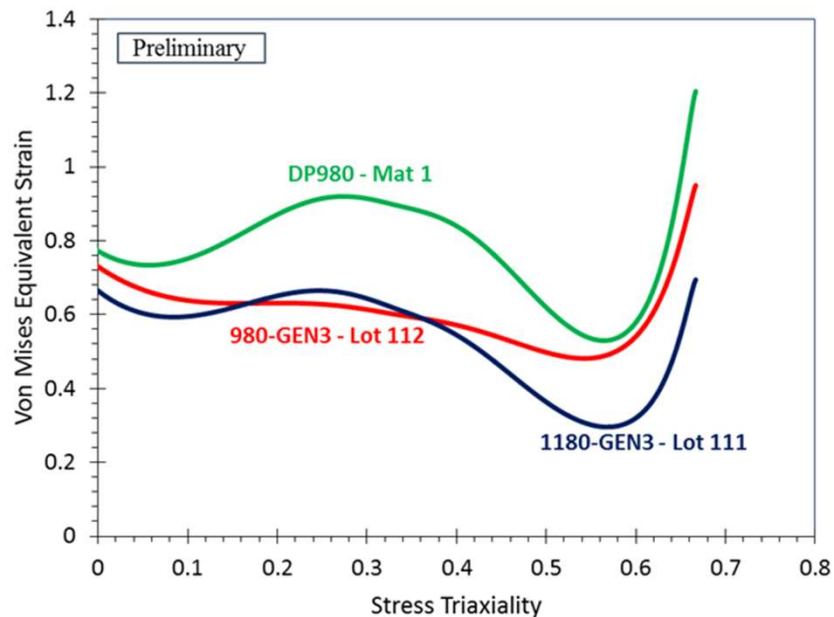


# POST-MORTEM CORRECTIONS 1180 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN

Reduced necking of 1180-3<sup>rd</sup> GEN from plane strain to biaxial stretching



# FRACTURE CHARACTERIZATION



- DP980 and 1180 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. have similar FLCs (global formability) but very different local formability  
→ Trade-offs between formability (need high FLC) and crash performance (want high fracture strain)



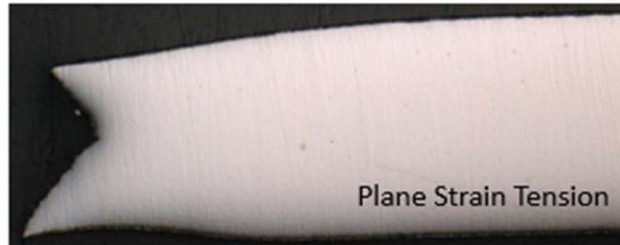
# FRACTURE IN FORMABILITY TESTS: 980 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN.

Ductile-type fracture with necking in formability tests of 980 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN.

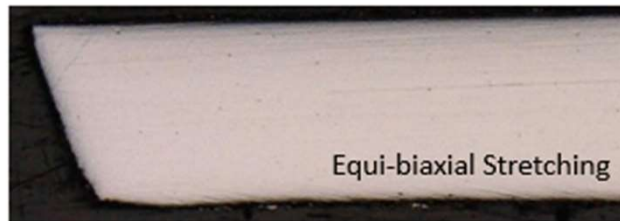
Nakazima tests



Necking



Necking



No Necking

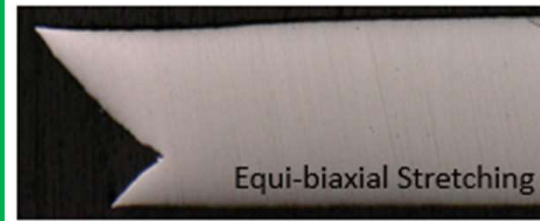
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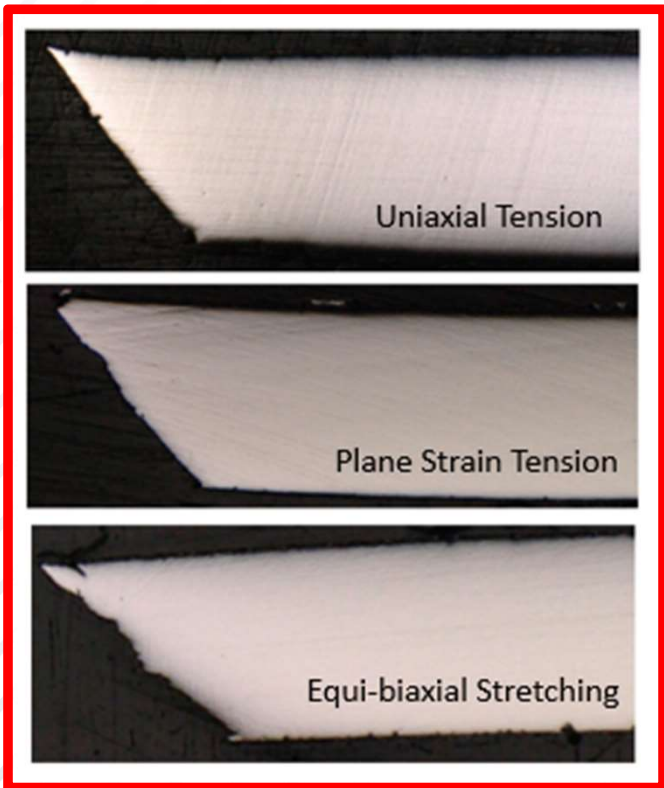


No Necking

# FRACTURE IN FORMABILITY TESTS: 1180 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN.

1180 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN is showing marginal necking and through-thickness shear fracture

## Nakazima tests

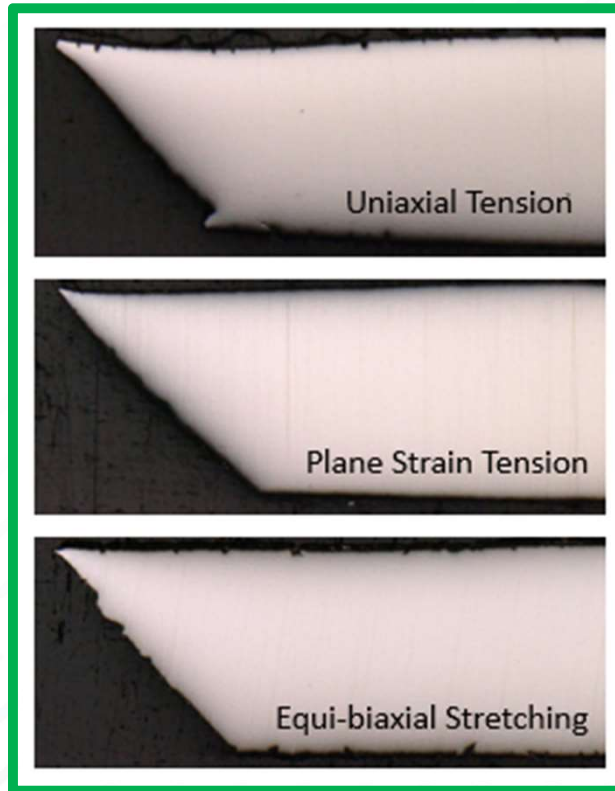


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## Marciniak tests



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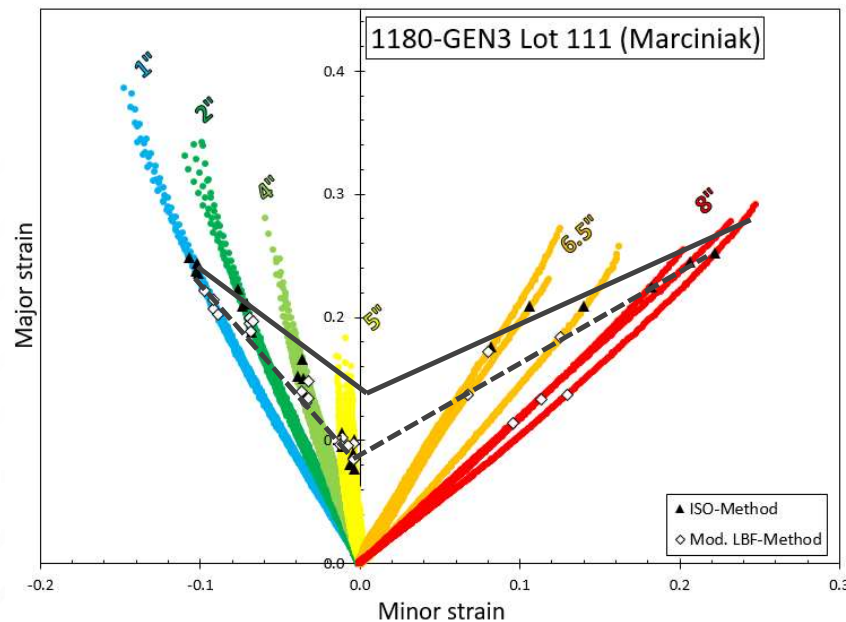
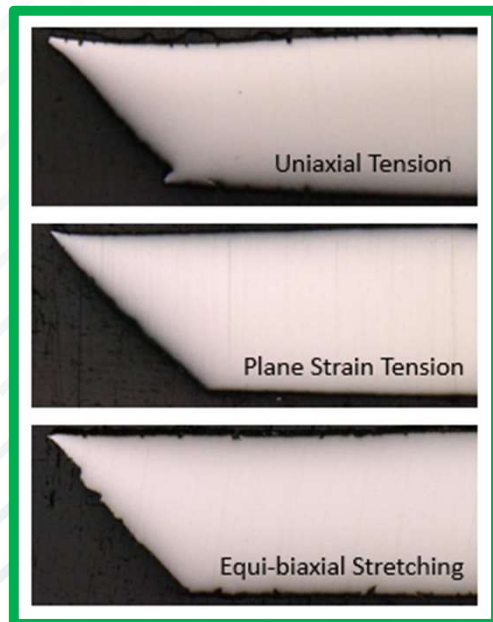
# REVISITED FLC FOR 1180 3<sup>RD</sup> GEN.

ISO-method and time-dependent (LBF) limit strains are not realistic for stretch side

*Through-thickness shear fracture without necking from plane strain to biaxial stretching*

Stretch-side of 1180 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN. FLC is conservative: Fracture limits are effective limit strain

Marciniak tests



# OUTLOOK & FUTURE WORK

High-rate constitutive model to large strains and fracture locus for two 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN steels have been developed

Next steps:

- Transfer from coupon level testing to a structural component (B-Pillar)
- Experimental characterization for kinematic hardening to study springback
- B-pillar impact tests and CAE simulations from forming-to-crash



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