

# GREAT DESIGNS IN **STEEL**

## **ON TRUE FRACTURE STRAIN (TFS) OF AHSS SHEETS: MEASUREMENT AND DERIVATION**

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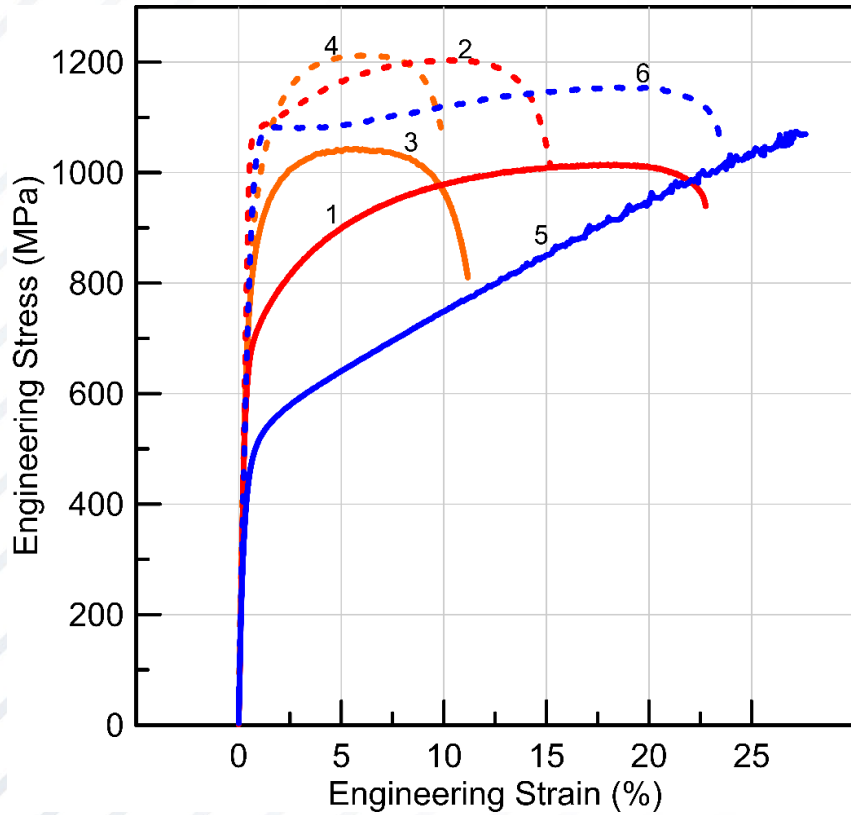
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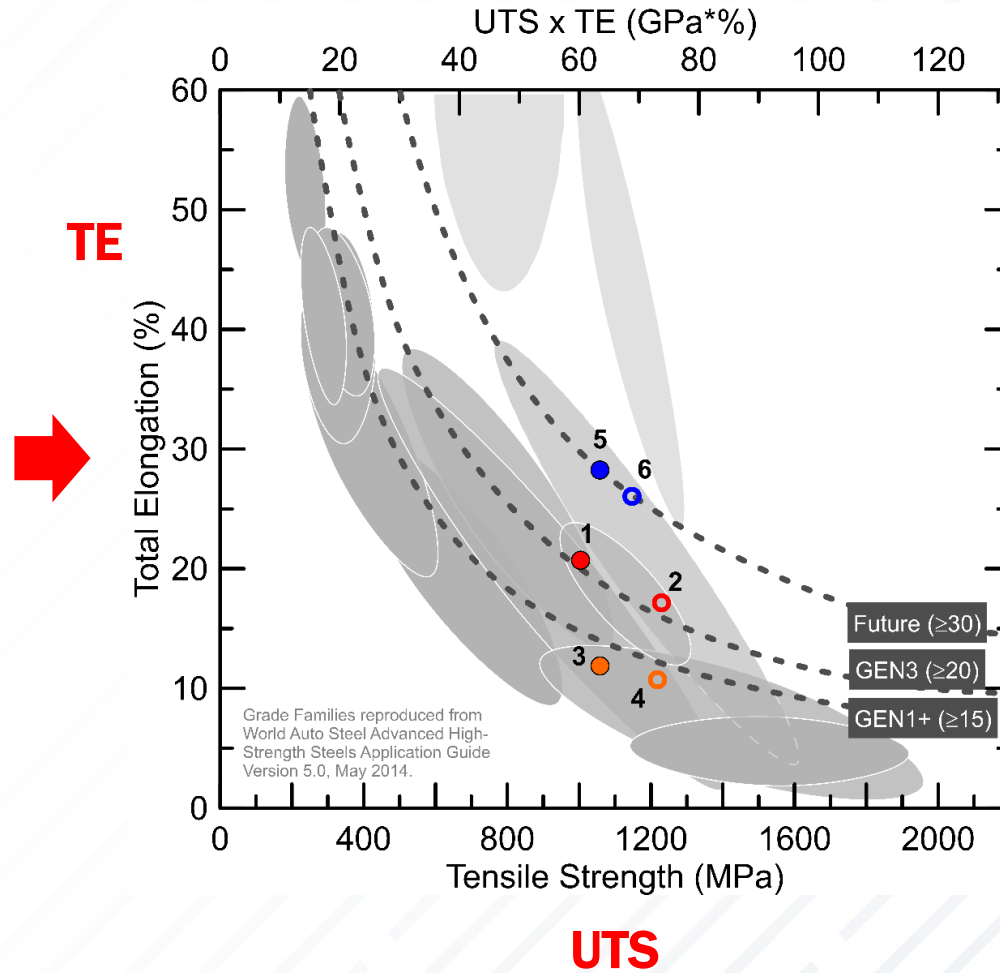
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# FROM TE VS. UTS ...

## Engineering Stress-Strain Curves



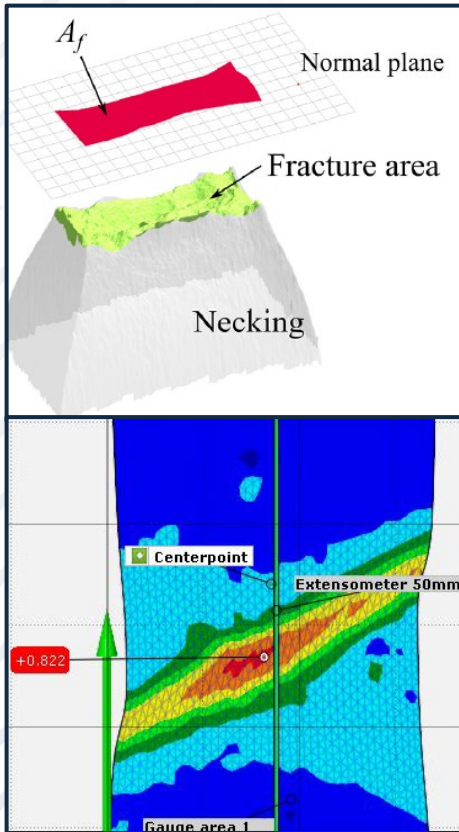
## Steel Strength-Ductility Diagram



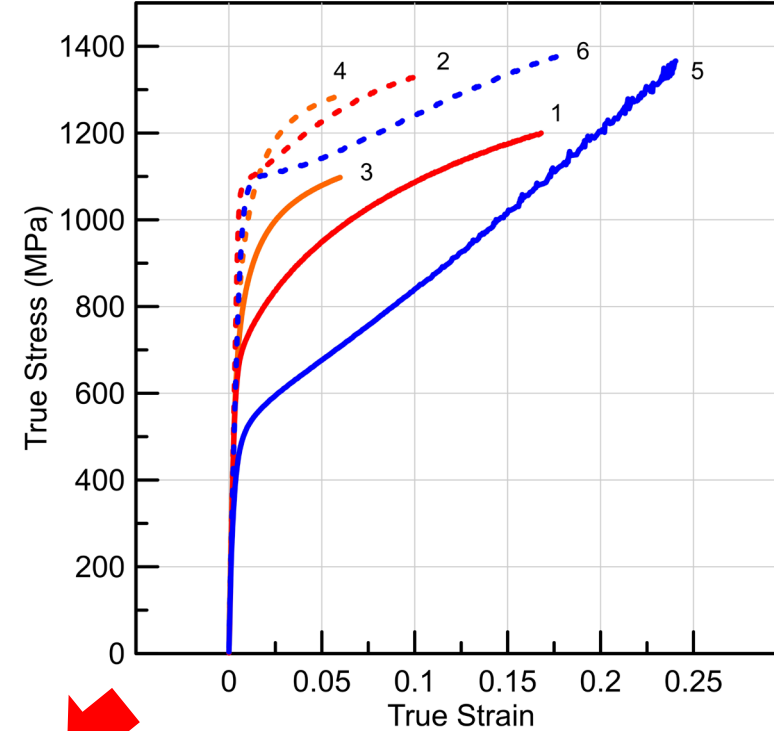
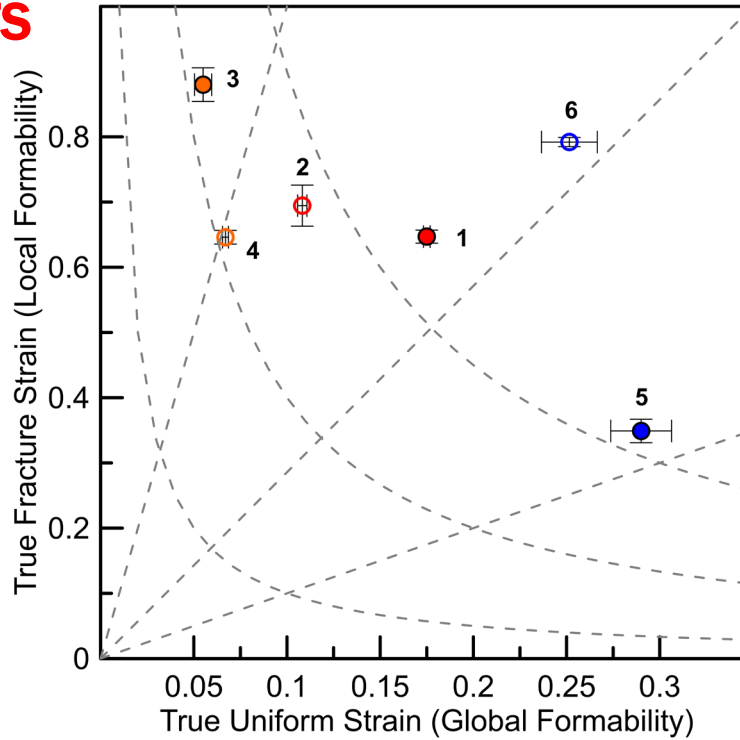
# ... TO TFS VS. UE

## Local-Global Formability Diagram (Fracture vs. Necking Resistance)

## True Stress-Strain Curves



**TFS**

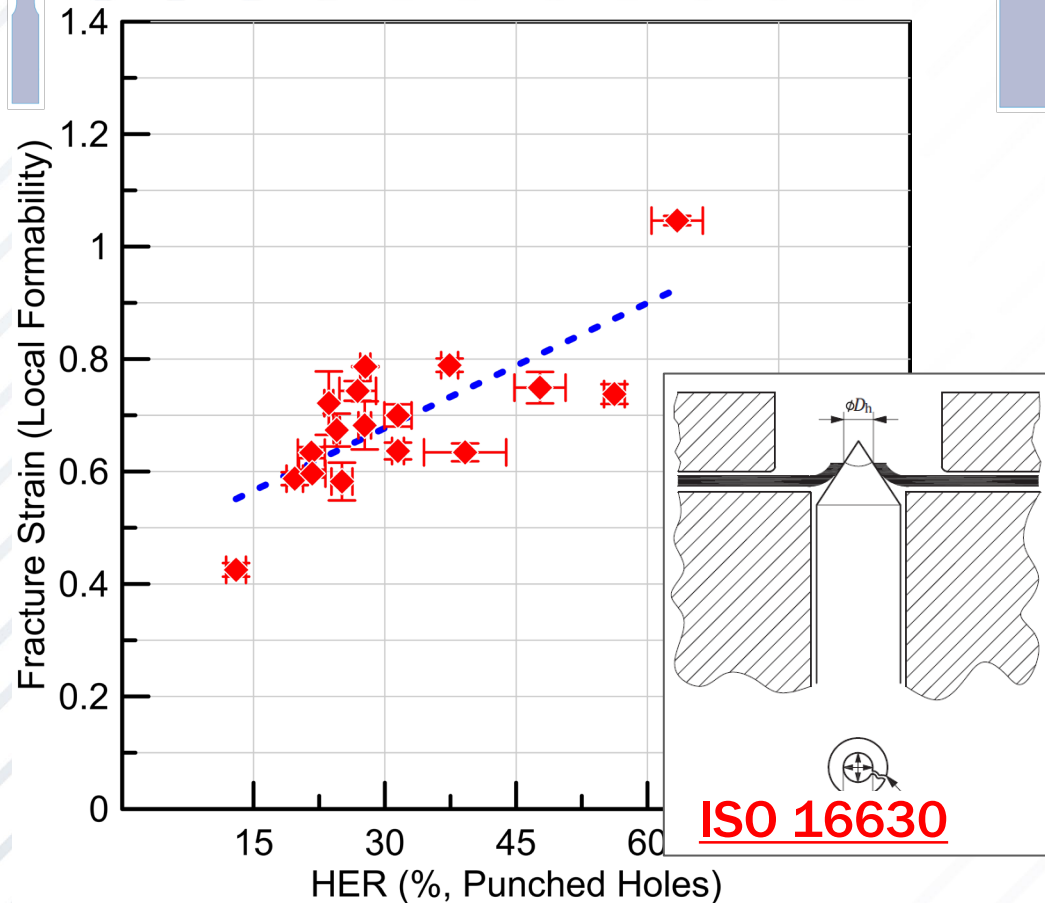


**UE**

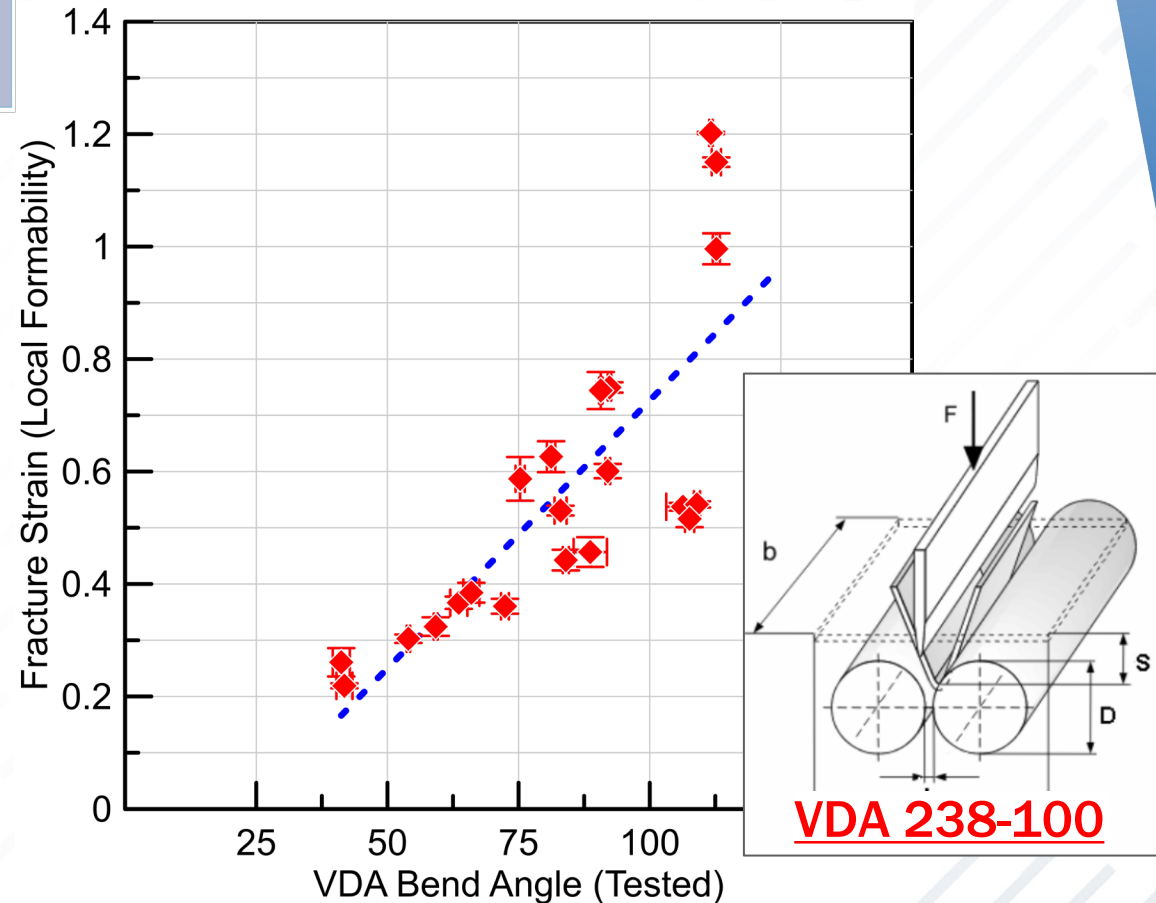
$\approx n_{\text{terminal}} \rightarrow$  Keeler-Brazier equation  $\rightarrow$  FLC

# TFS FOR MAT. SELECTION & COMPARISON

TFS from uniaxial tension test results of various 800-1700 MPa grades

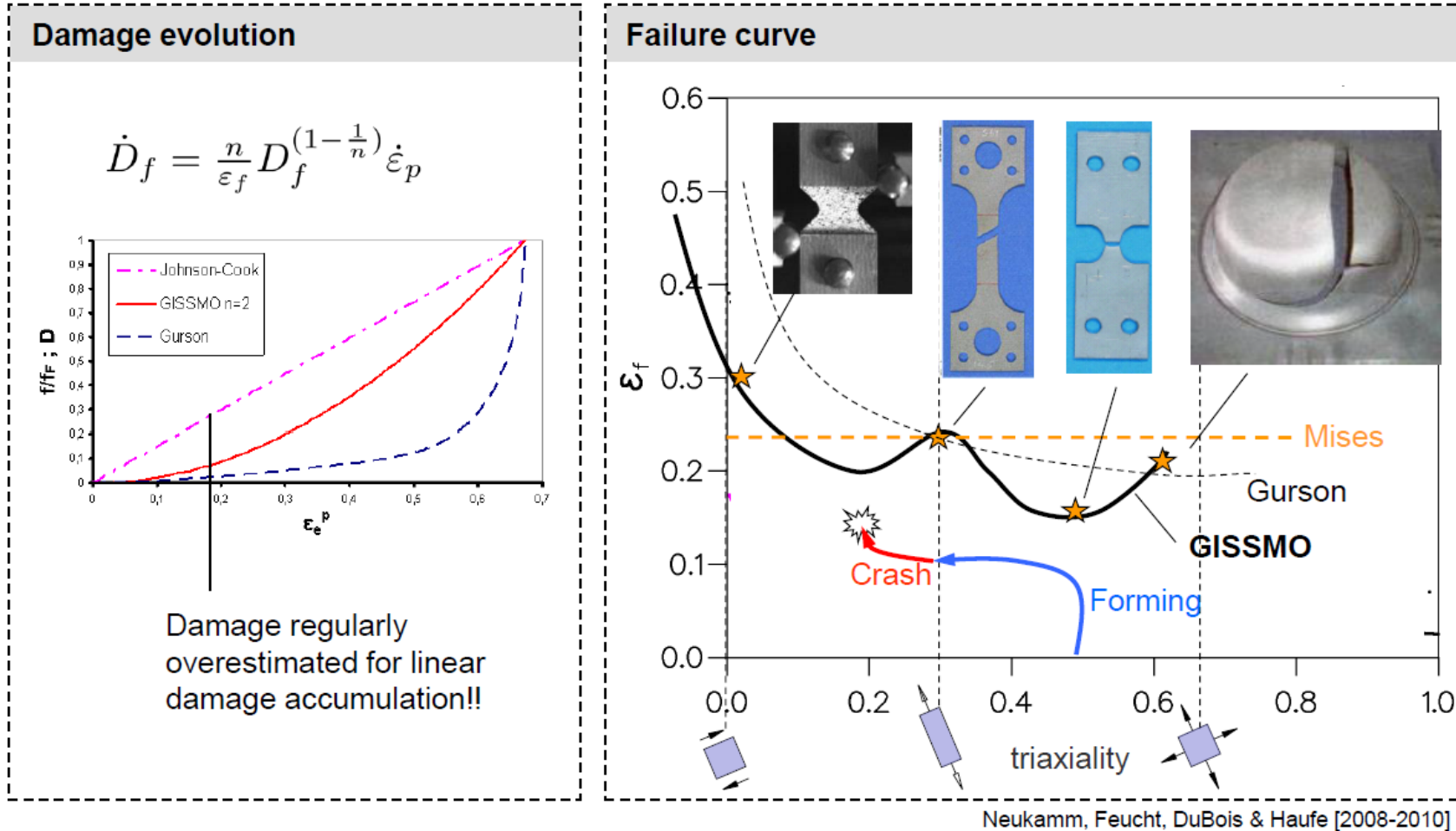


TFS from notch sample tension test results of various 800-1700 MPa grades



# TFS FOR MODELING & SIMULATION

**GISSMO:** Generalized Incremental Stress-State dependent damage Model in LS-DYNA®



# REMARKS & SCOPE OF WORK

TFS for material selection & comparison

- Forming performance
- Uniaxial tension test results mainly
- Represented by:  $A_f$ ,  $\varepsilon_{1f}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{tf}$ ,  $\bar{\varepsilon}_f$

TFS for modeling & simulation

- Forming + crash performance
- Various stress states: shear, tensile, plane strain, & equi-biaxial
- Represented by:  $\bar{\varepsilon}_f^p$  ( $\approx \bar{\varepsilon}_f$  for steels)

## How to measure-derive TFS?

- On uniaxial tensile test samples
- On other stress states samples

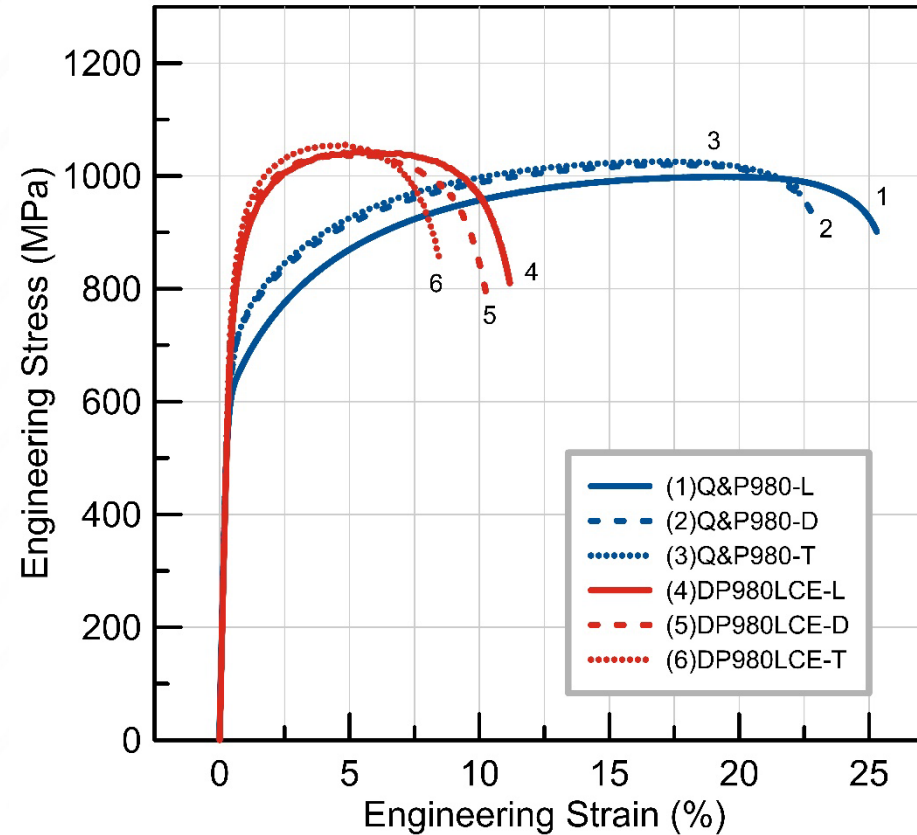
# TARGET MATERIALS

## GI-Q&P980 vs. GI-DP980LCE

- Nominal thickness: 1.2 mm
- UTS × TE (GPa·%): ~20 vs. ~10 (Gen3 vs. Gen1)
- UE (L/D/T, %): ~19/18/18 vs. ~6/5/4
- TE (L/D/T, %): ~25/23/23 vs. ~11/10/8

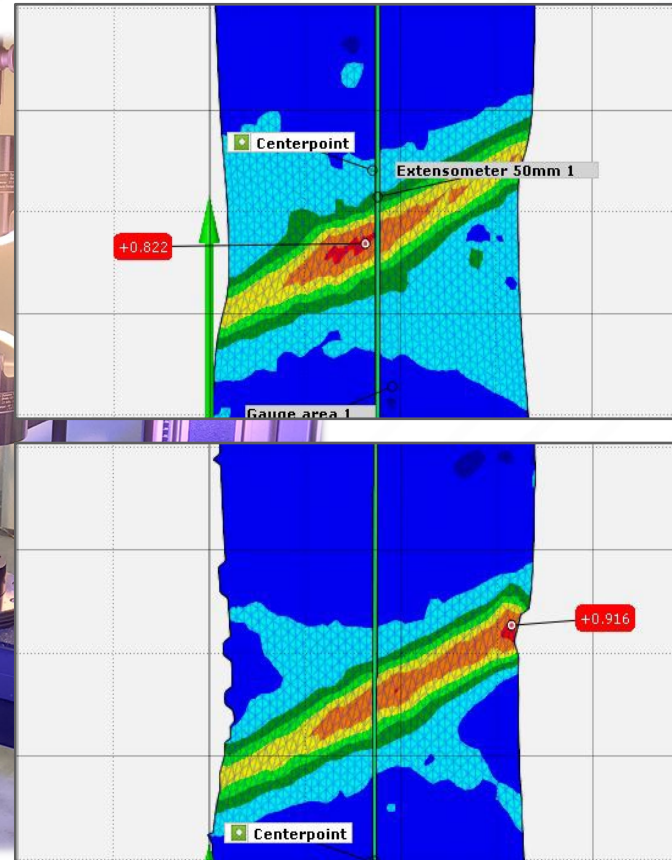
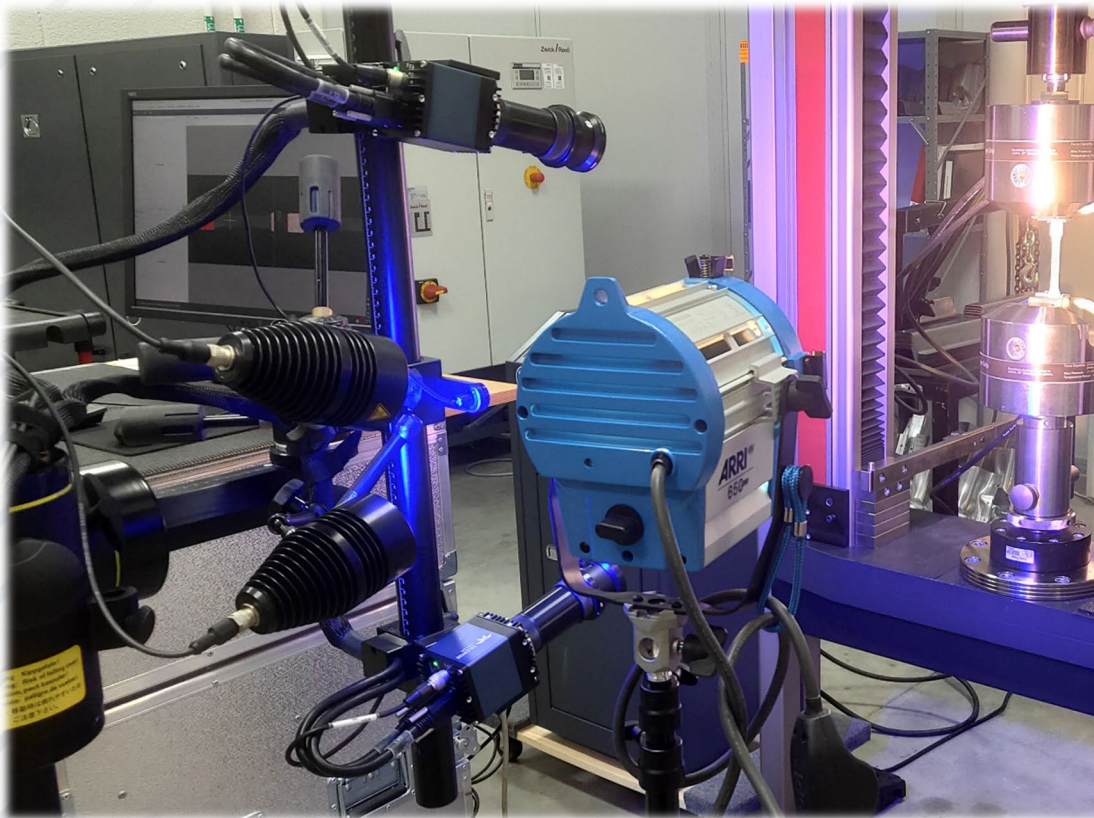
### Conclusion 1:

'Formability': Q&P980 > DP980LCE





# TFS FROM DIC: OVERVIEW



**Tested:**

$$\epsilon_{xx}, \epsilon_{yy}, \epsilon_{xy}$$

**Derived:**

$$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_t, \bar{\epsilon}_{vM}$$

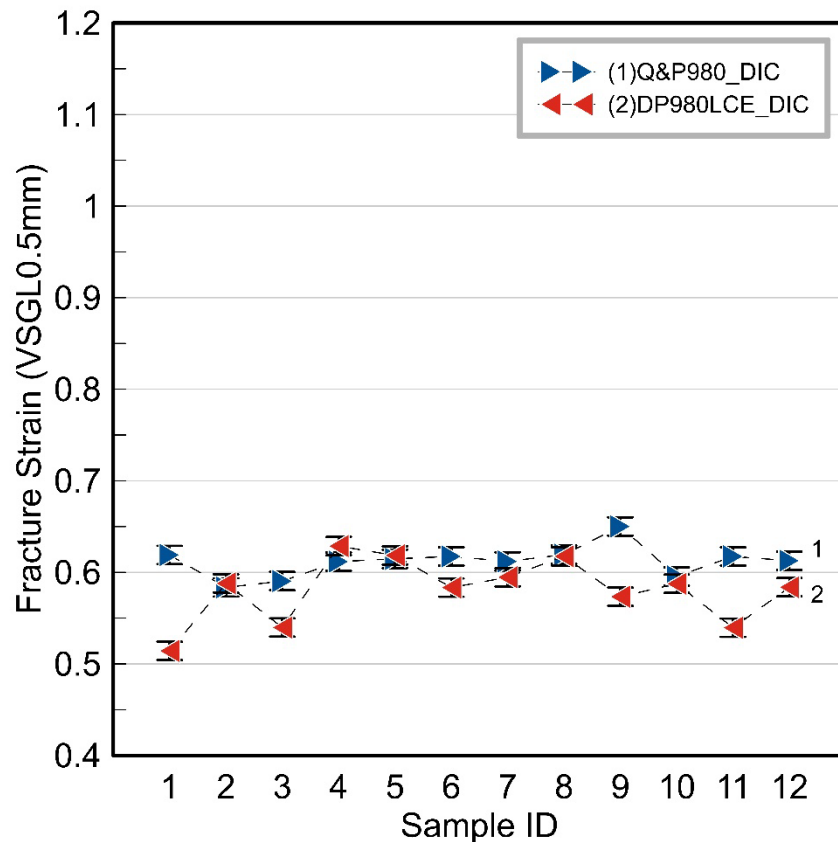
$$\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_t = 0$$

Volume constancy

$$\bar{\epsilon}(vM) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2 + \epsilon_t^2)}$$

# TFS FROM DIC: RESULTS

12 longitudinal ASTM-E8 tensile samples of each grade were tested at 0.001/s at room temperature



Conclusion 2:

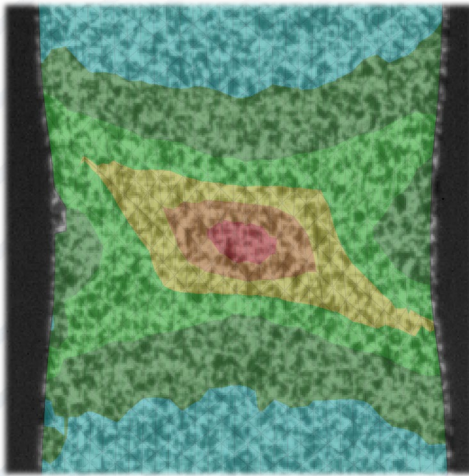
'Formability': Q&P980  $\approx$  DP980LCE

# TFS FROM DIC: EFFECTS OF FRAME RATE

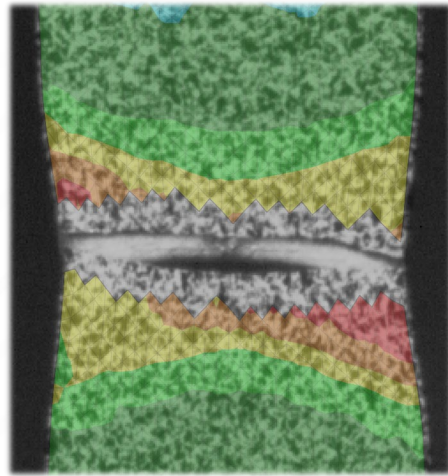
The DIC-based TFS result is based on the last image before fracture

DIC frame rates: Sample 1-3, 1 Hz; Sample 4-6, 10 Hz; Sample 7-9, 100 Hz; Sample 10-12, 500 Hz

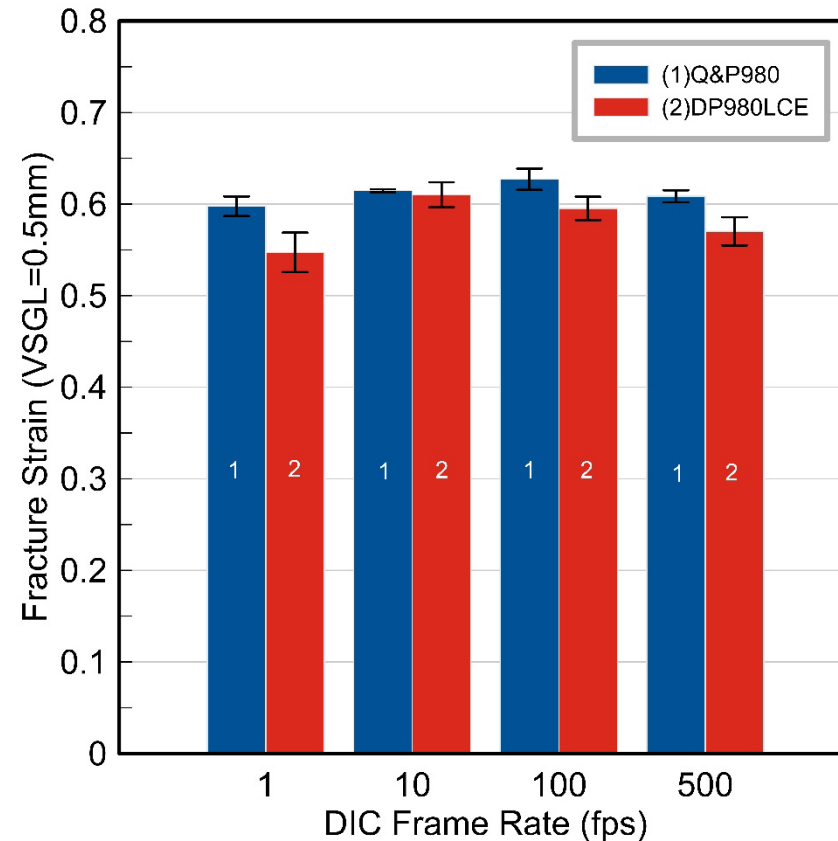
\*Some steels exhibit pronounced sensitivity



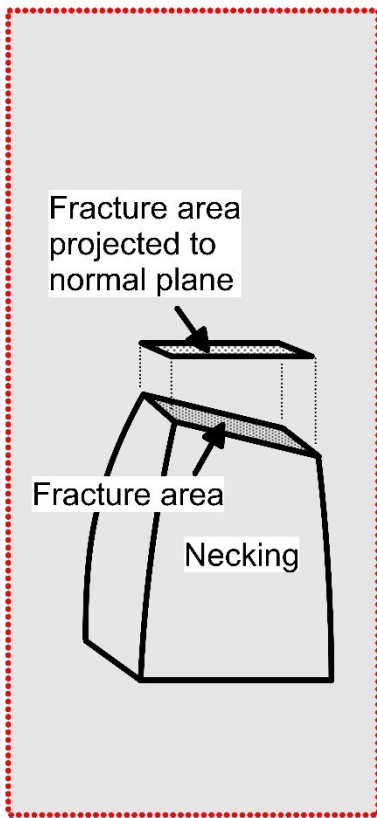
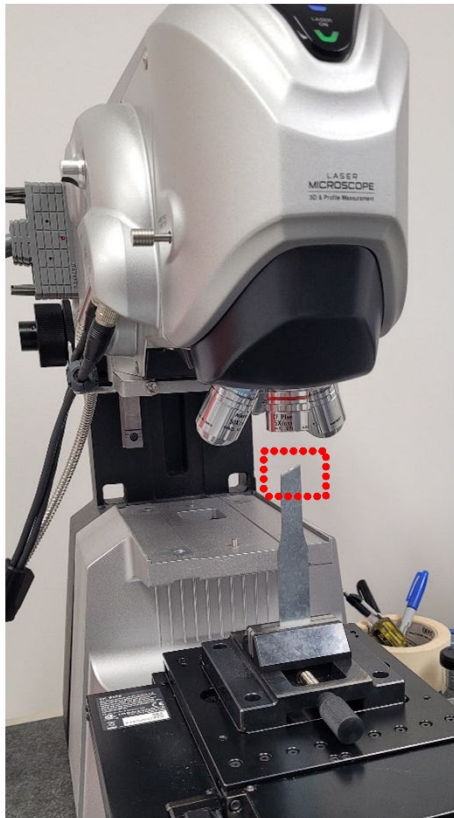
Last image before fracture



First image after fracture

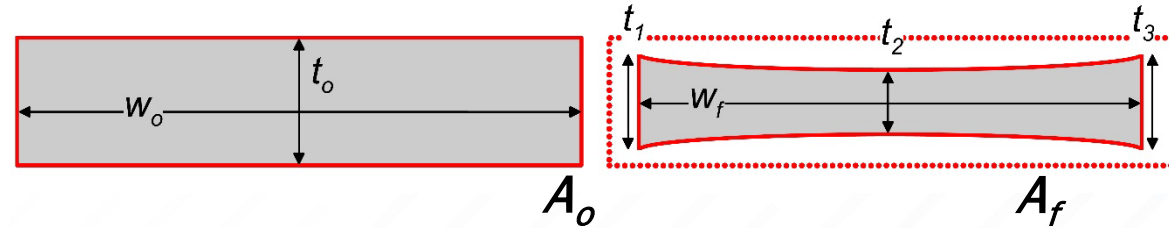


# TFS FROM FRACTURE AREA (FA) OPTICAL

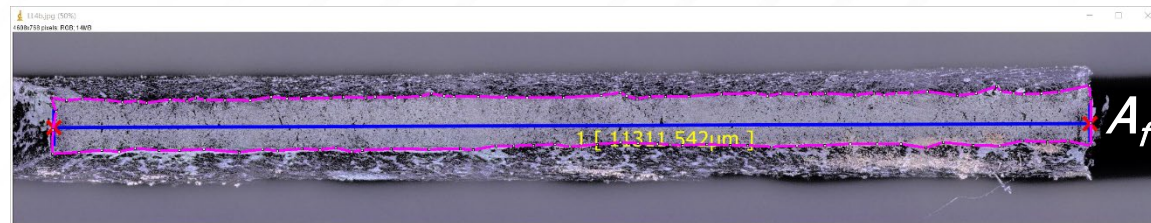


- Parabolic approximation (**Optical (P)**, ASTM E8):

$$t_f = \frac{1}{6}(t_1 + 4t_2 + t_3)$$



- Area of polygon fit (**Optical (A)**):

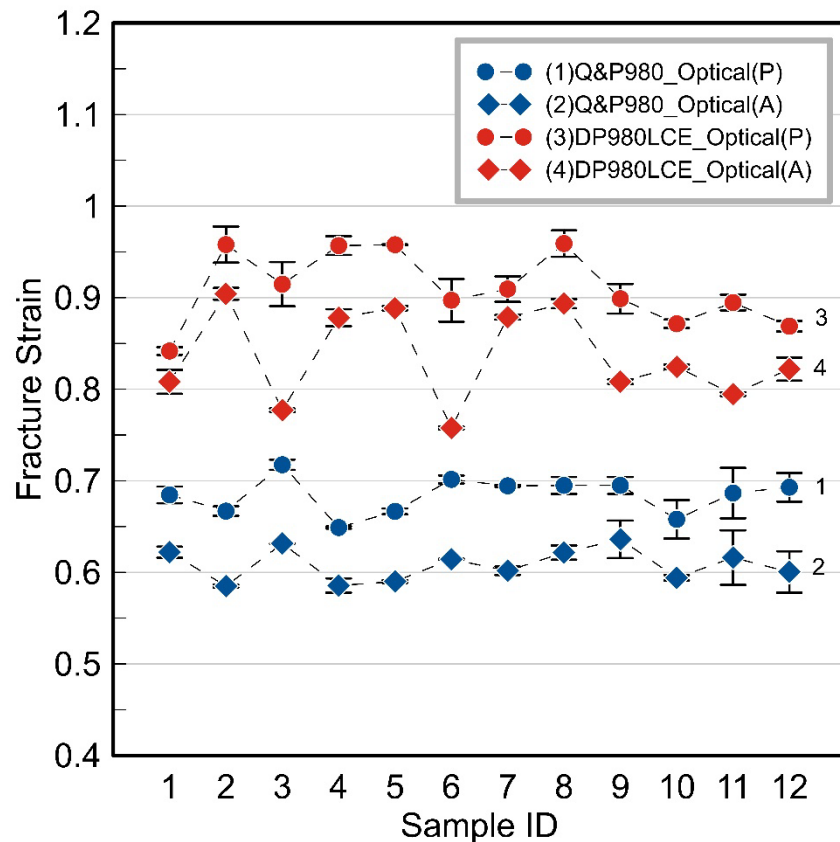


$$\bar{\epsilon}(vM) \approx \epsilon_{1f} = \int_{l_o}^{l_f} \frac{dl}{l} = \ln\left(\frac{l_f}{l_o}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{A_o}{A_f}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{w_o t_o}{w_f t_f}\right)$$

Volume constancy

# TFS FROM FA-OPTICAL: RESULTS

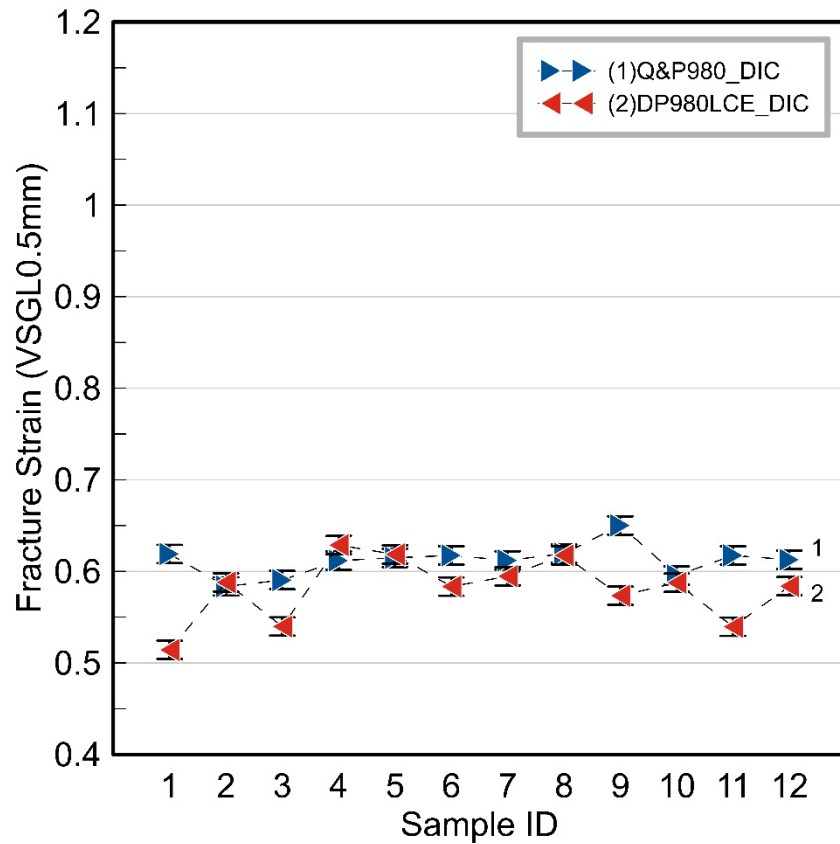
Without parabolic approximation, the Optical (A) results are comparatively more accurate



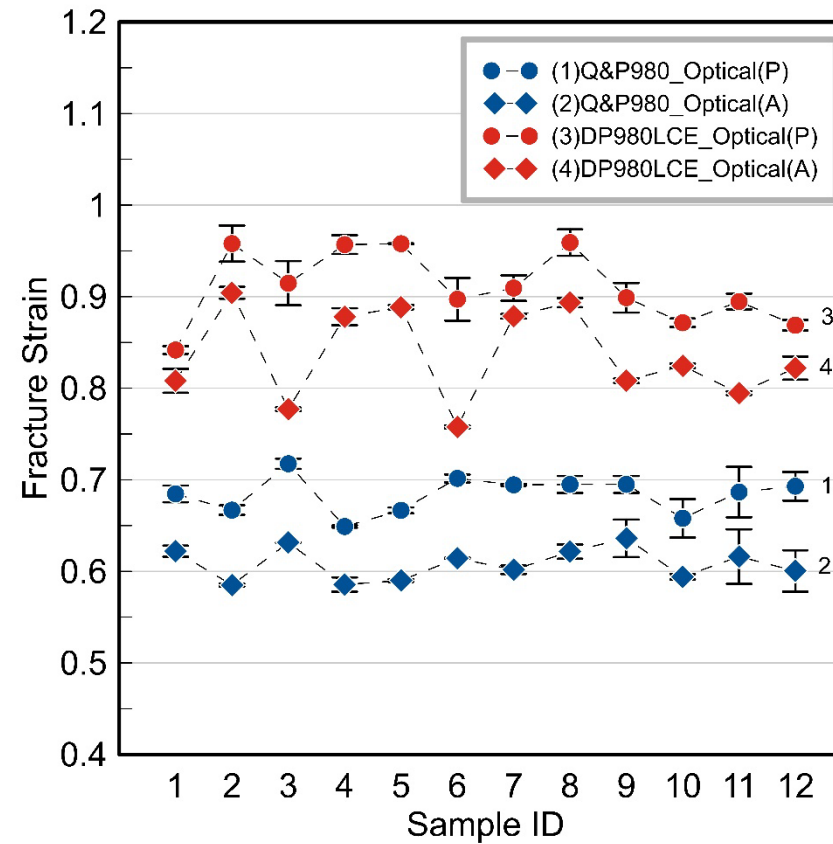
**Conclusion 3:**  
 'Formability': Q&P980 < DP980LCE

# DIC VS. FA-OPTICAL RESULTS

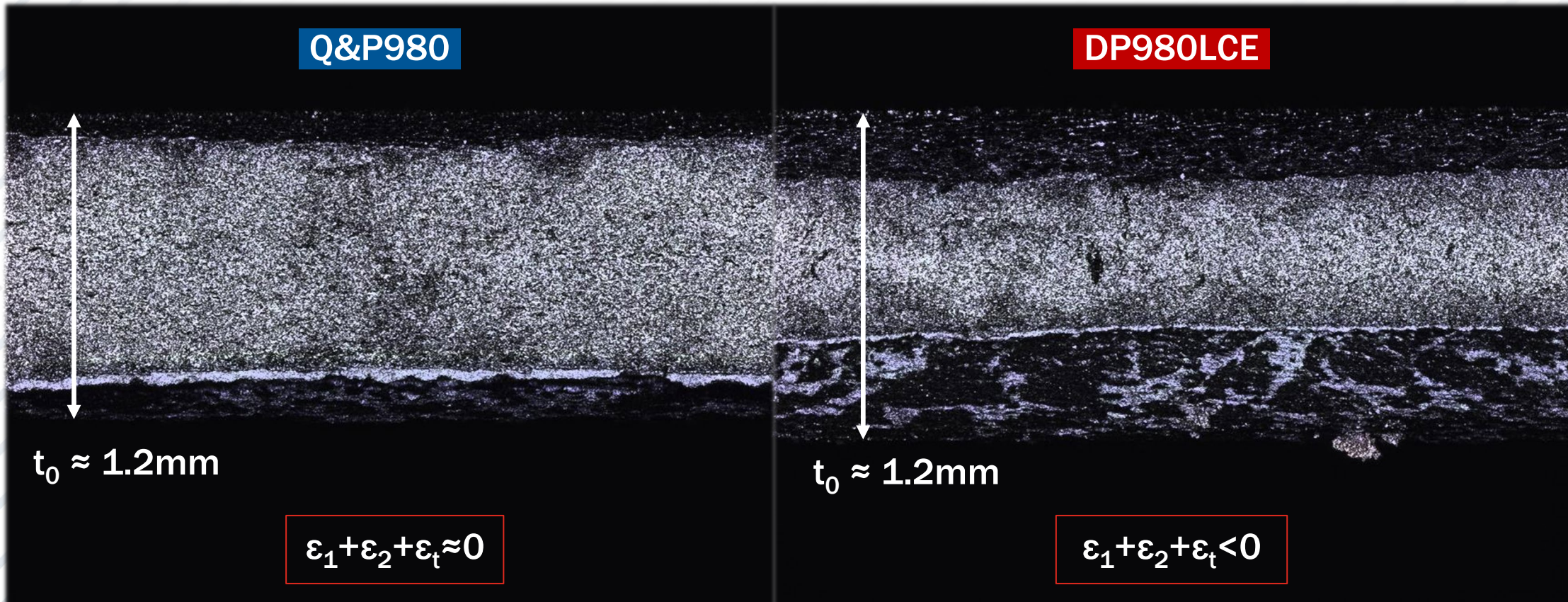
## DIC Results



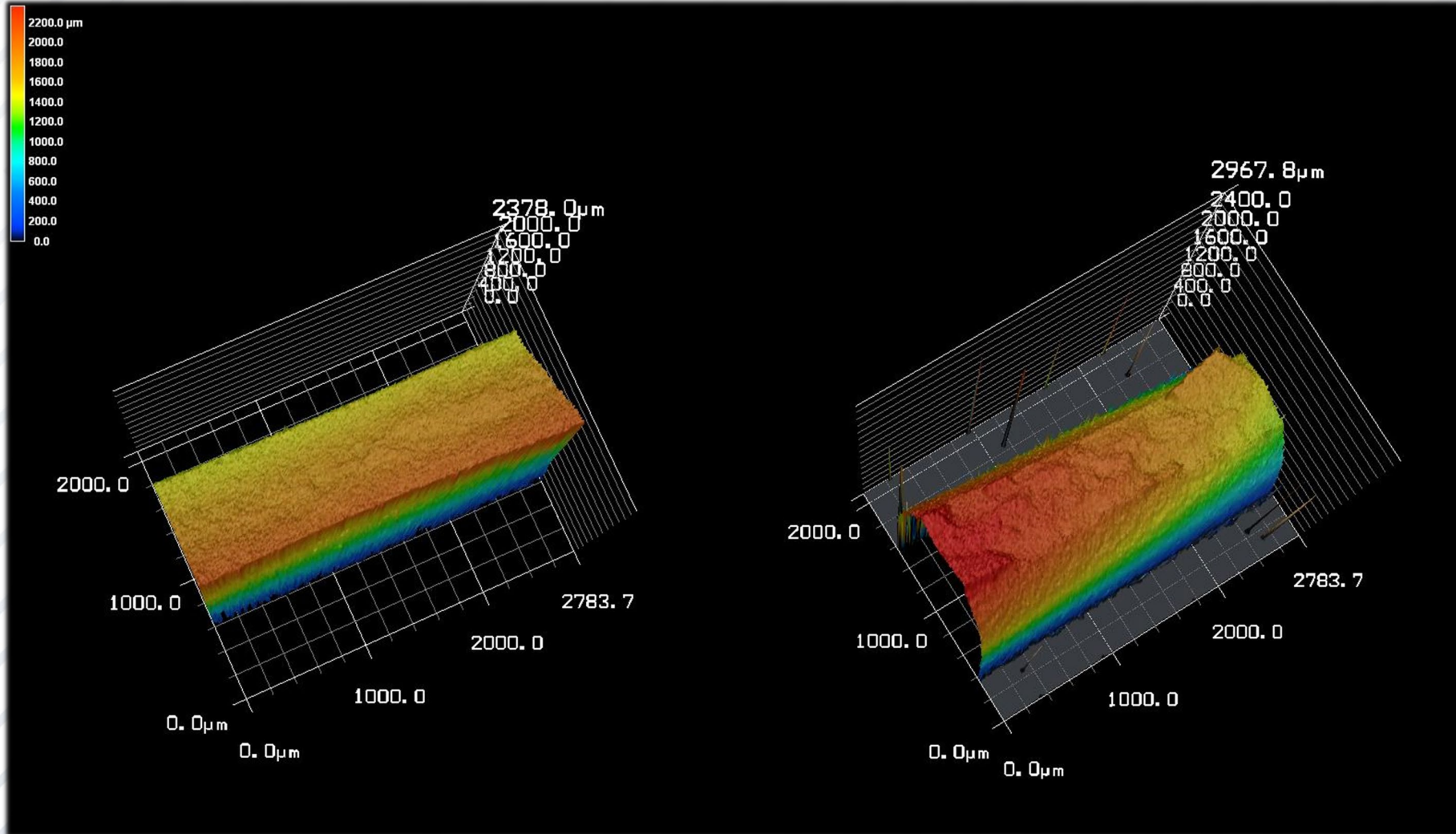
## FA-Optical Results



# DISCREPANCY ANALYSIS: THINNING



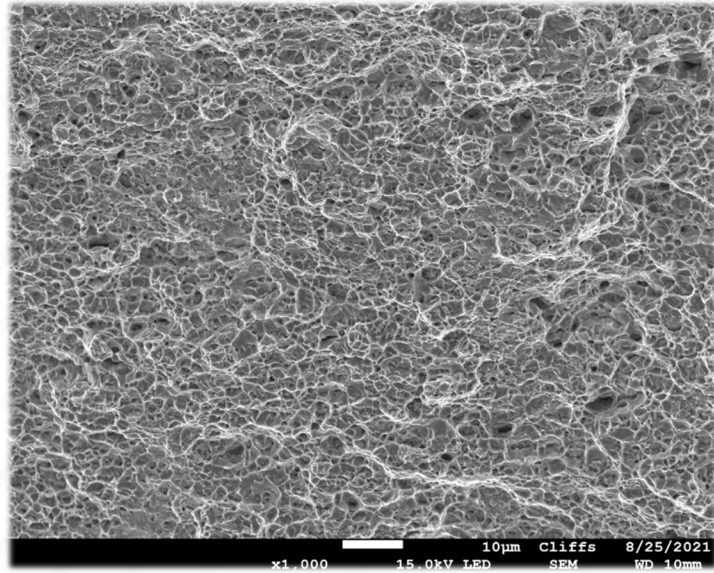
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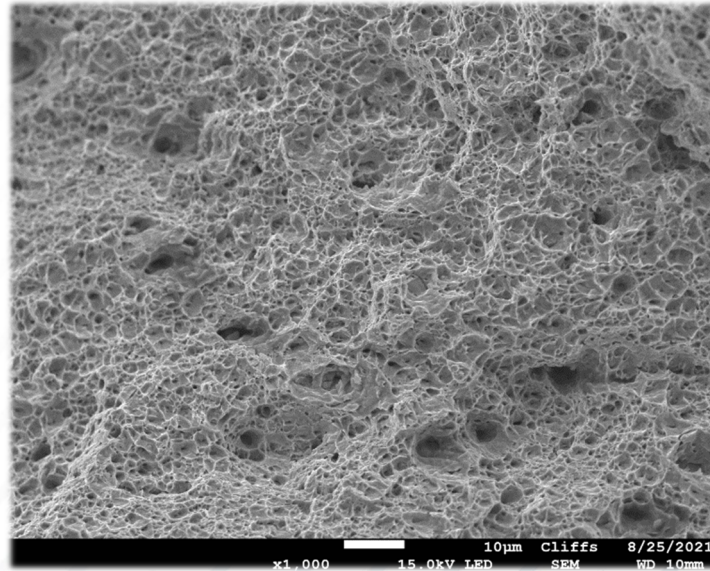
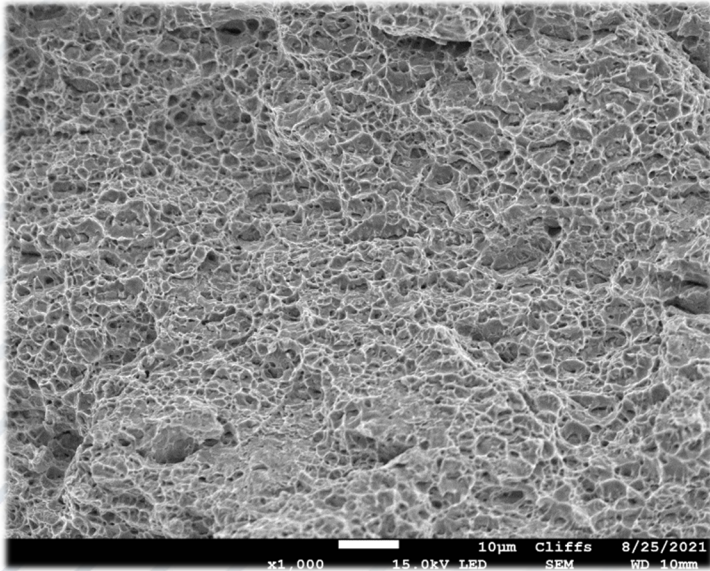
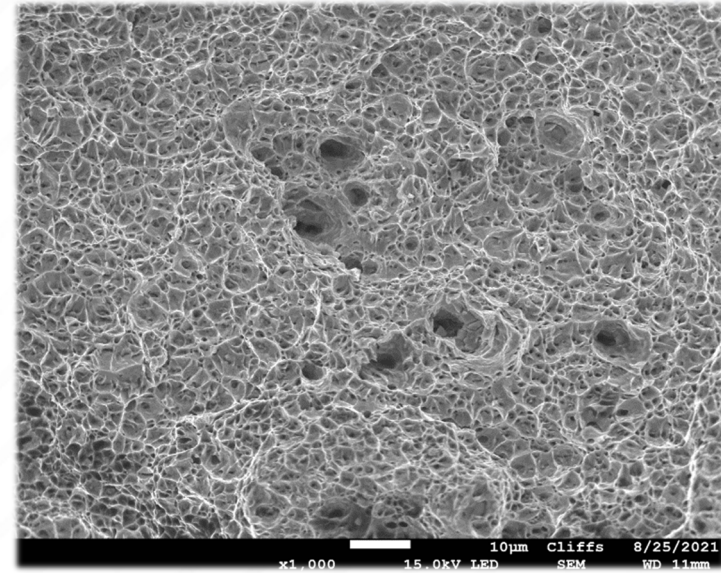


# DISCREPANCY ANALYSIS: VOIDS

Q&P980



DP980LCE



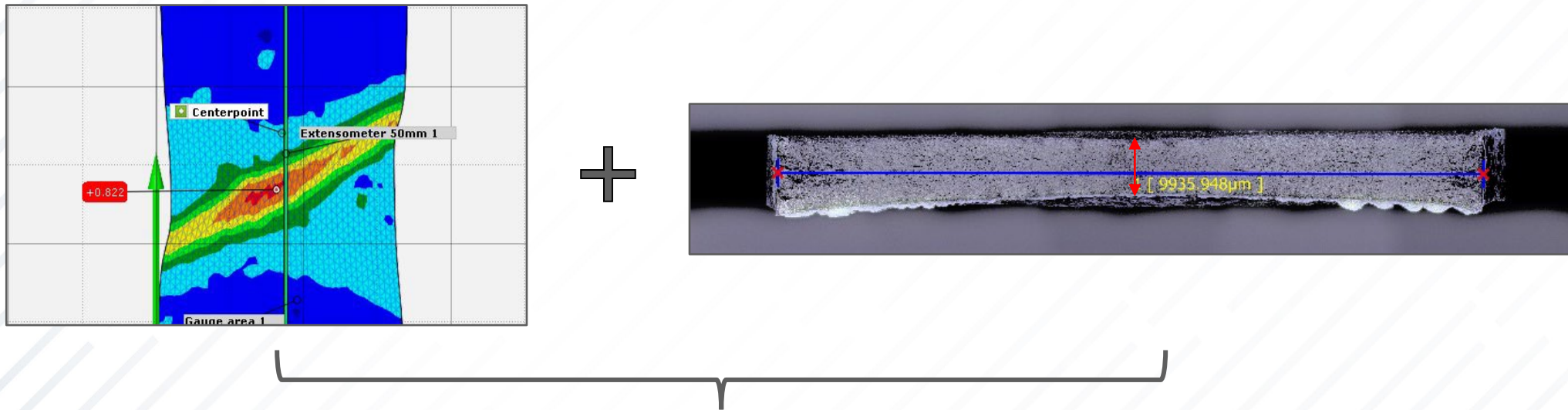
# DISCREPANCY ANALYSIS: REMARKS

- The **volume constancy assumption** is mainly responsible for the discrepancy and deviation.
- Either the DIC method or the FA-optical measurement is based on and affected by the volume constancy assumption. Yet the impact on the FA-optical results is comparatively less.
- The deviation induced by the volume constancy assumption is material-dependent.
- An alternative method should avoid such an assumption.

# ALTERNATIVE: HYBRID METHOD

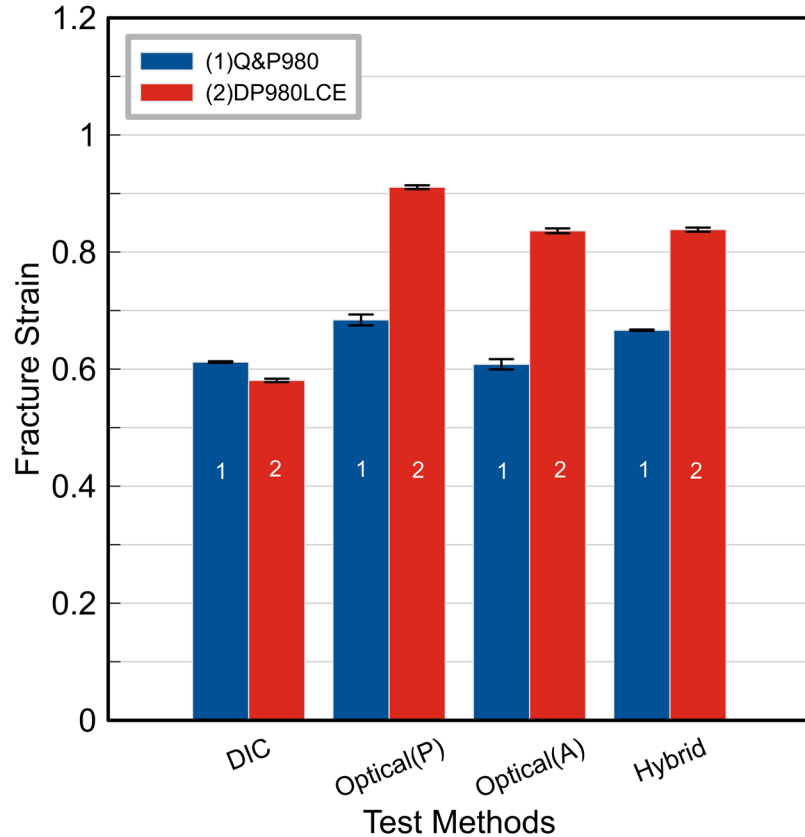
Use the DIC results ( $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ ) + measured thickness strain ( $\varepsilon_t$ ) to derive the effective strain ( $\bar{\varepsilon}$ ) at fracture → avoid the volume constancy assumption

\*Limitation: synchronization deviation

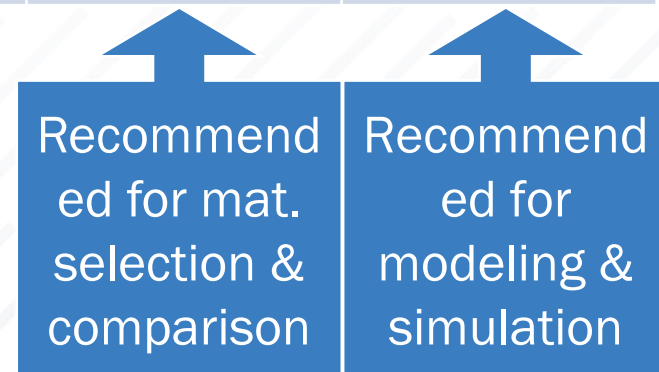


$$\bar{\varepsilon}(\text{VM}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}(\varepsilon_1^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_t^2)}$$

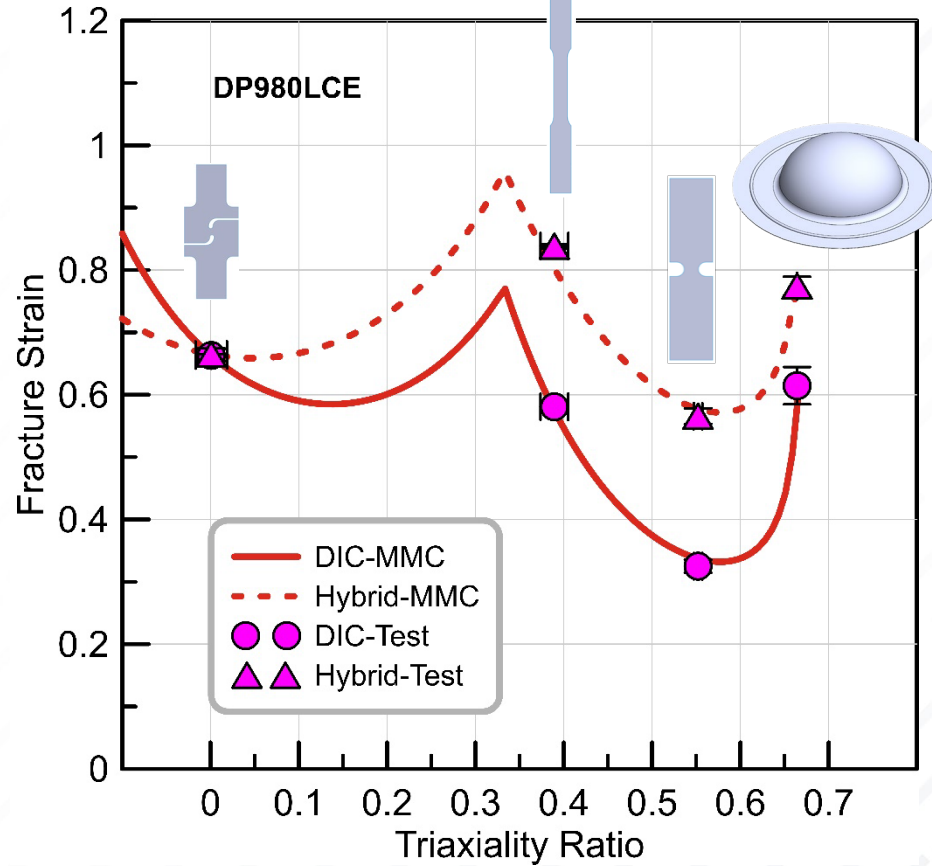
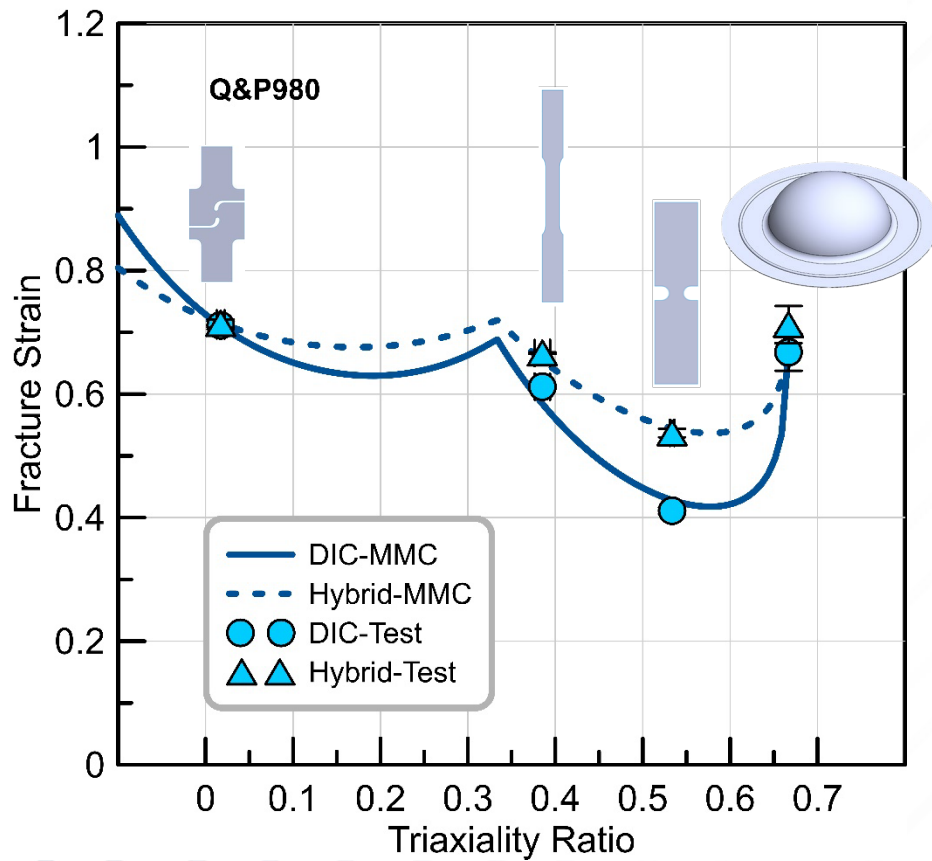
# DIC VS. FA-OPTICAL VS. HYBRID



|               | DIC                        | FA-Optical      | Hybrid            |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Complexity    | Complex                    | Simple          | Most complex      |
| Accuracy      | Sometimes largely deviated | Some deviations | Most accurate     |
| Applicability | All stress states          | Mainly tensile  | All stress states |



# DIC VS. HYBRID: FRACTURE LOCI



# CONCLUSIONS

- TFS (fracture resistance)  $\neq$  UE/FLC (necking resistance)
- A material can exhibit high TFS and low UE/FLC, or vice versa.
- TFS measurement-derivation is not straightforward.
- The TFS from the default DIC method is questionable due to the volume constancy assumption and may underestimate the local formability of some materials.
- The TFS from the fracture area optical measurement is good enough for material selection & comparison. The results can already reveal the goodness of the local formability, despite some inaccuracy.
- As an alternative, a hybrid method is proposed mainly for fracture modeling and simulation, though the synchronization issue still affects the accuracy.

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