Lecture 13: Glass Finishing (Grinding & Polishing)

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Useful Reading Material

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What is optical fabrication?

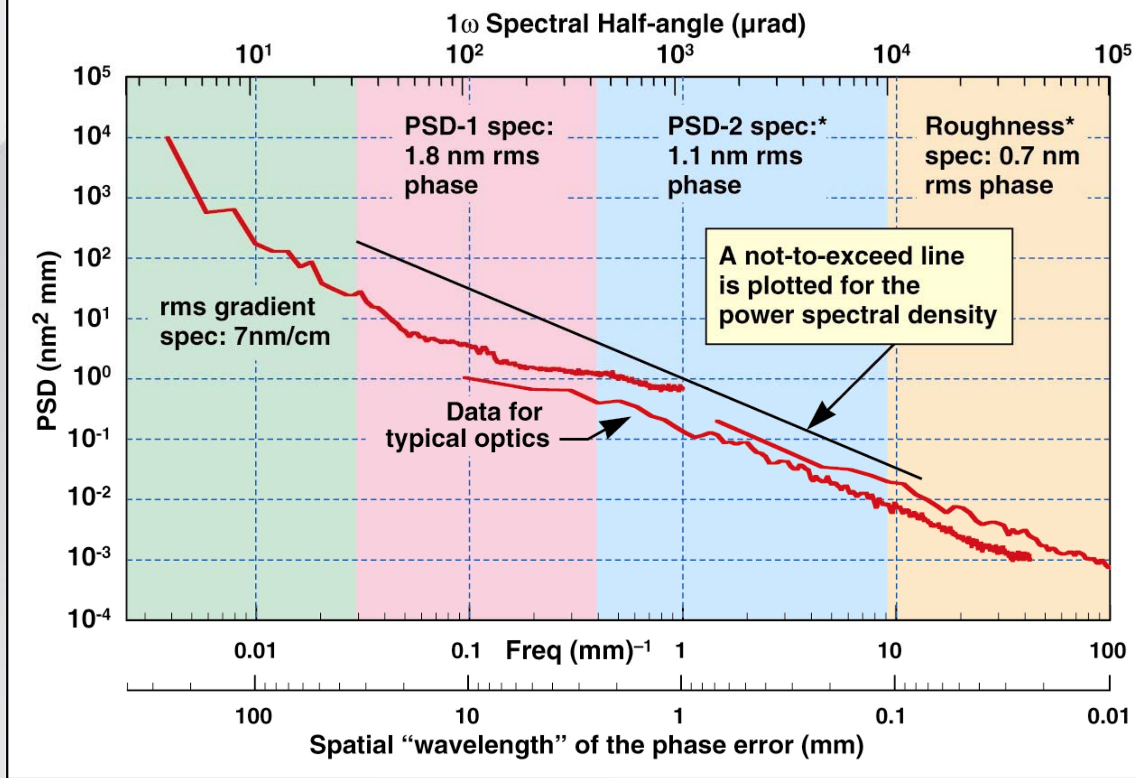
The objective of optical fabrication is to manufacture an optical element (e.g., lense, flat, mirror, active optic) which is often made of glass

Key Requirements

1) **Surface Figure (affects wavefront)**

2) **Surface Quality (affects scatter and laser damage resistance)**
   a) **Roughness**
   b) **Sub-surface damage (scratch/dig)**

An example of specifying the requirements of an optic



High Level Requirements[1]

Surface

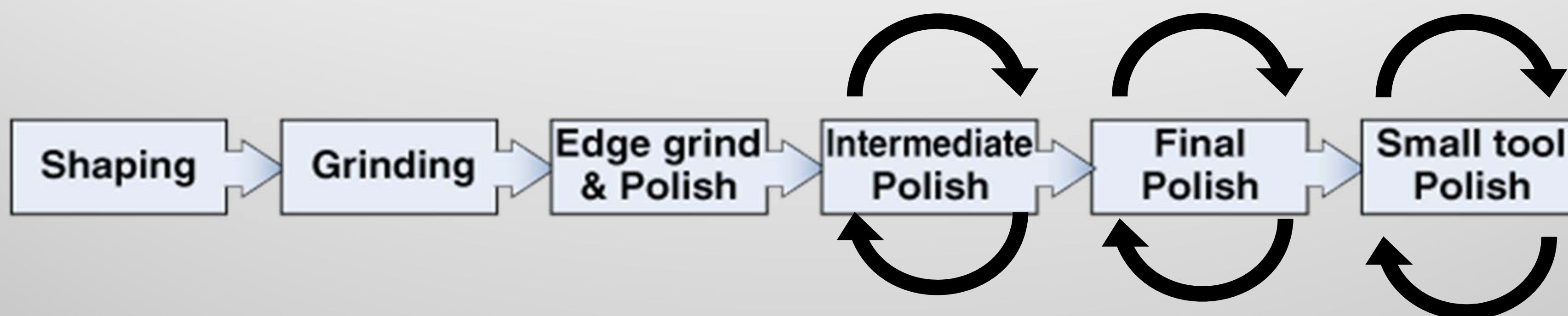
Peak-to-Valley	211 nm (λ/3)
Gradient	<7 nm/cm
PSD1	1.8 nm
PSD2	1.1 nm
Roughness	4-10 Ang
Scratch/Dig[2]	20/10

Bulk

Homogeniety	<5 ppm
Inclusions(>5um)	0
Lenslets	0

[1]For typical 3ω NIF optics; [2]Post-etch with number of scratches (width>8μm) <12-50

Typical steps of an optical fabrication process



Examples of grinding techniques

Examples of polishing techniques

The materials science behind grinding & polishing

1. Sub-surface Damage (scratch/dig)
2. Roughness
3. Surface Figure

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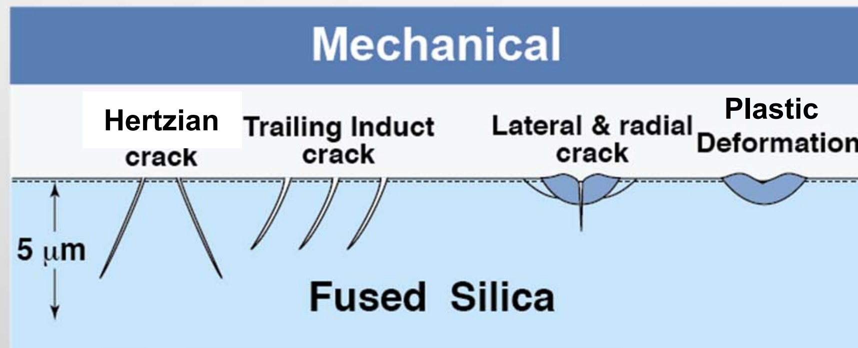

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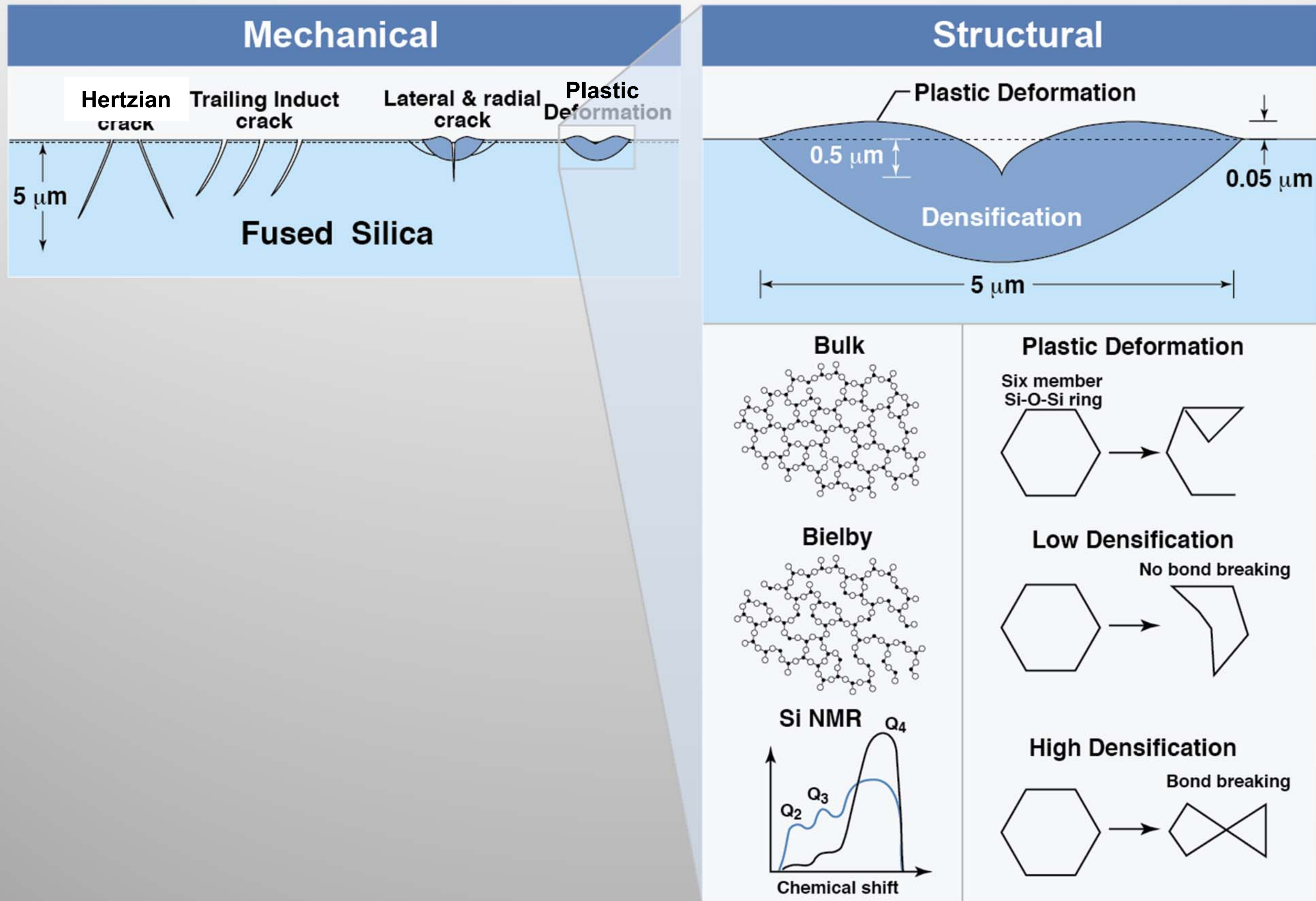

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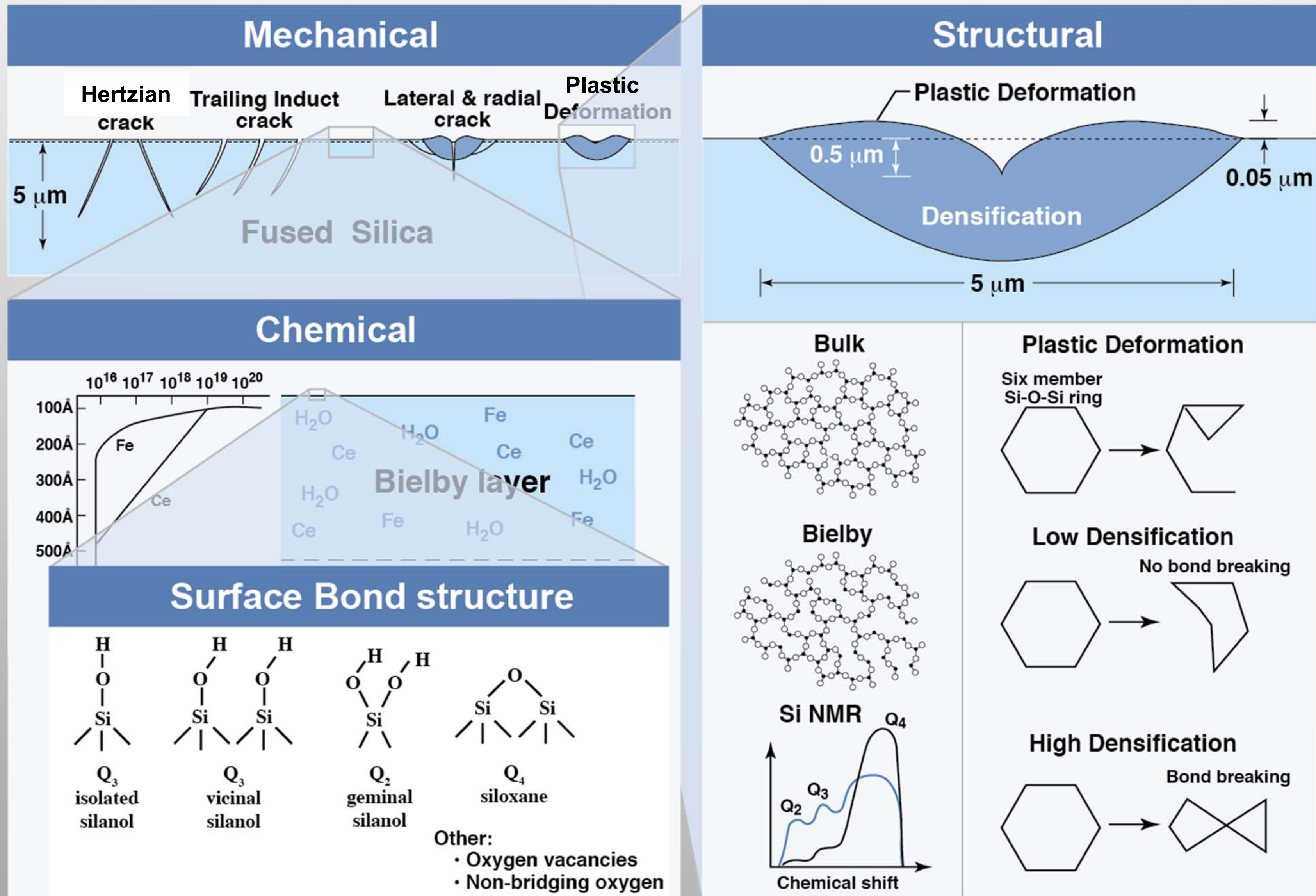
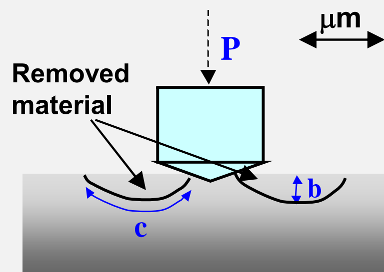


The load/particle determines the removal mechanism

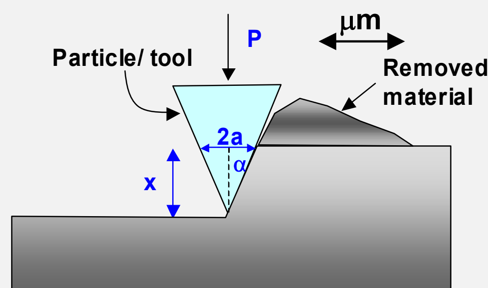
Brittle Removal
Grinding or scratching



P_{crit}>0.1 N

- Material within lateral cracks are removed (grinding process)
- Leads to scratches

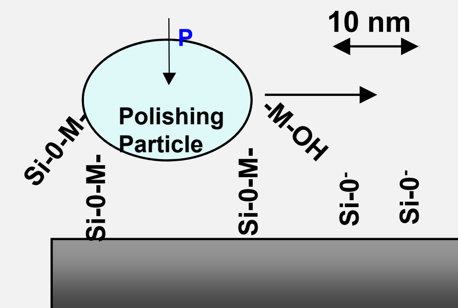
Plastic Removal
Ductile Polishing



P_{crit}> 5x10^{-5} N

- Portion of deformed material removed
- Leads to plastic scratches or sleeks
- Determined removal amount ~1 nm

Chemical removal
Chemical Polishing

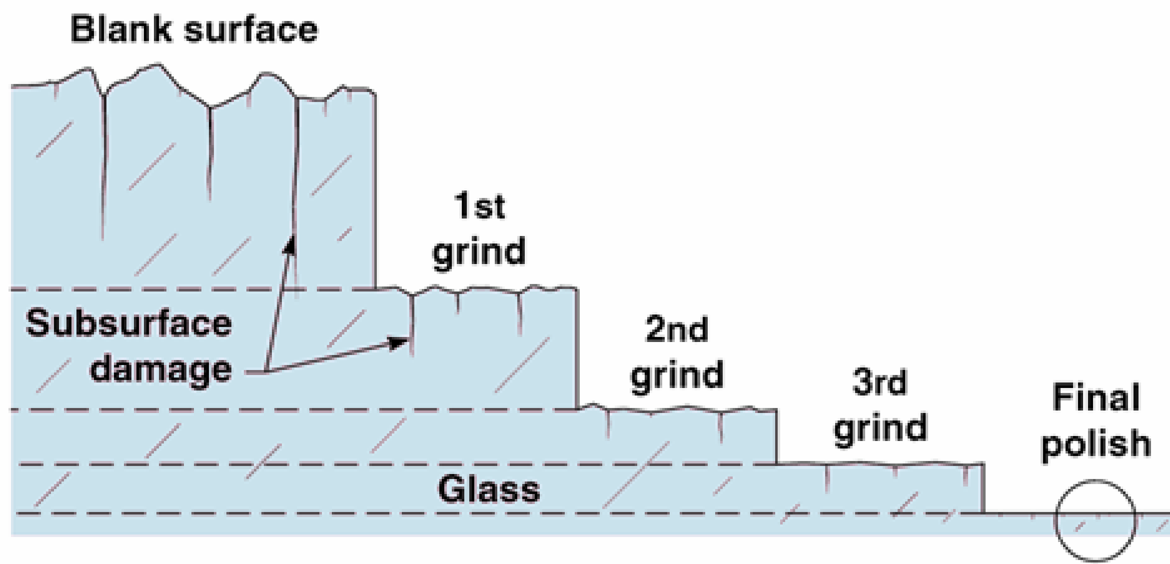


P_{crit}< 5x10^{-5} N

- Removal at the molecular level ($Si(OH)_4$) by condensation & hydrolysis
- Creates smooth surface
- Determined removal amount ~0.04 nm

Approach for the management of sub-surface fractures (i.e. scratches/digs)

Schematic of material removal during various steps of the grinding/polishing process illustrating surface fracture removal



- Removal at each step is aimed at removal of deepest damage decreasing it to the level of deepest damage expected at current step (most economical design)
- Note each subsequent step has much lower removal rate
- This approach has been generally followed for hundreds of years

*Preston (1921), Aleinikov (1957), Edwards & Hed (1987), Brown (1980), Lambropoulos (1996)

There are five major areas of effort that have aided in managing sub-surface fractures

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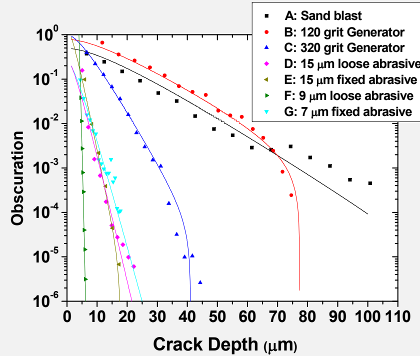

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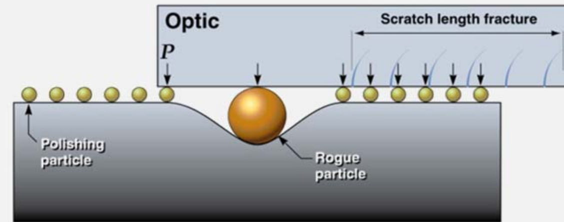

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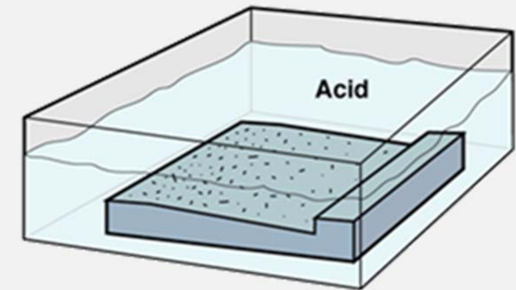
CHEMICAL ETCHING



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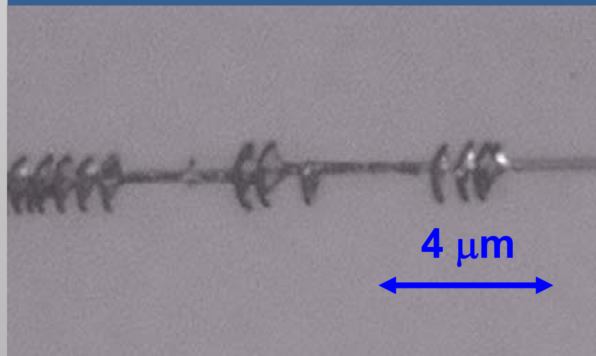
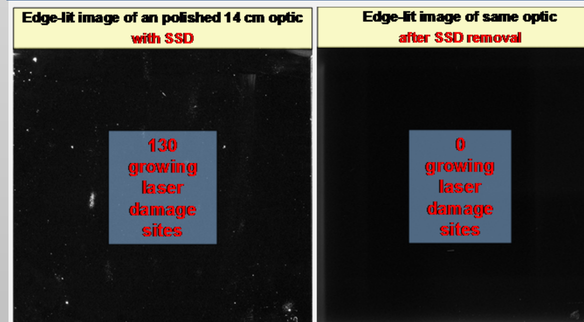
SCRATCH FORENSICS



4. Developed quantitative rules for post-diagnosis of cause of surface fractures

LASER DAMAGE



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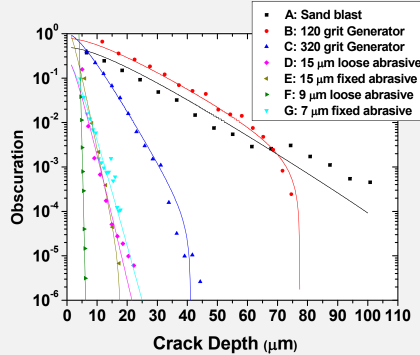

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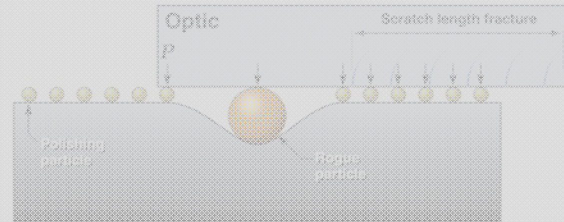

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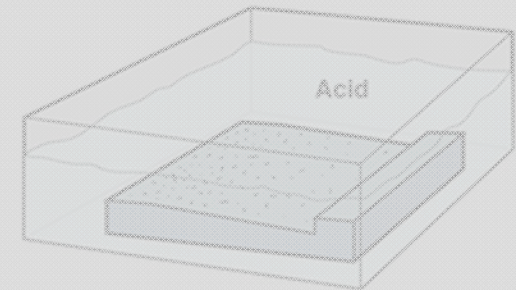

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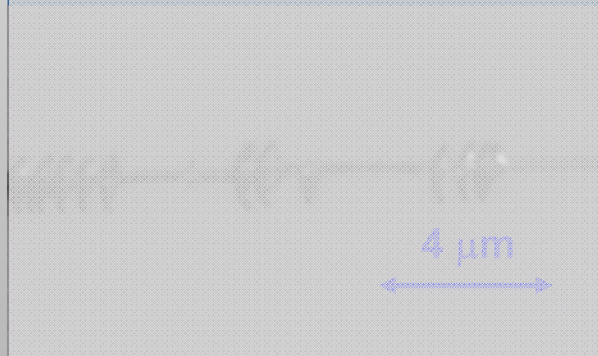

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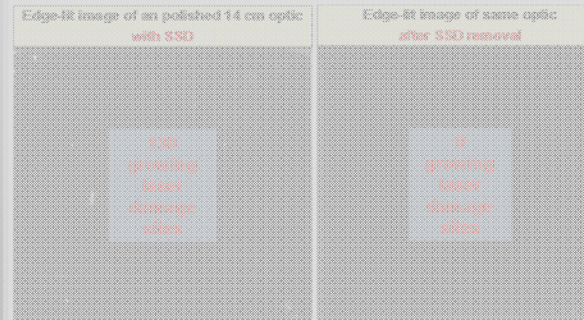

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There are three basic types of cracks created by static brittle indentation

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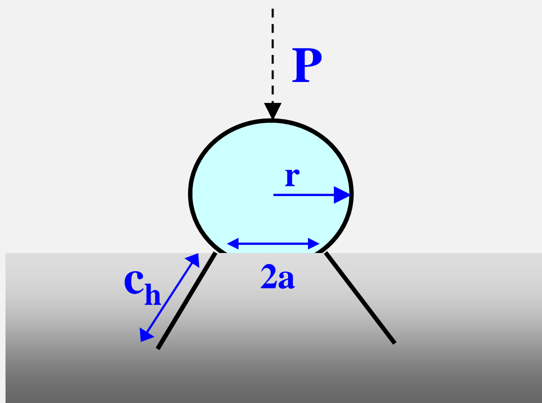	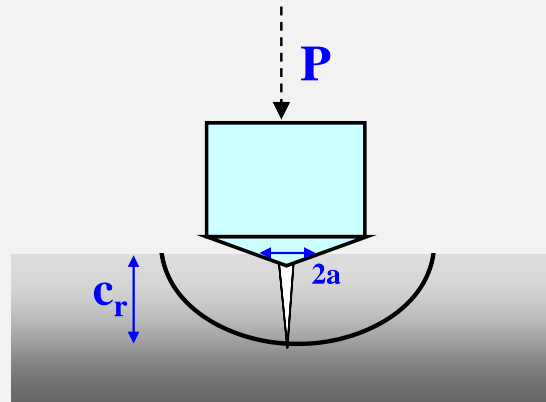	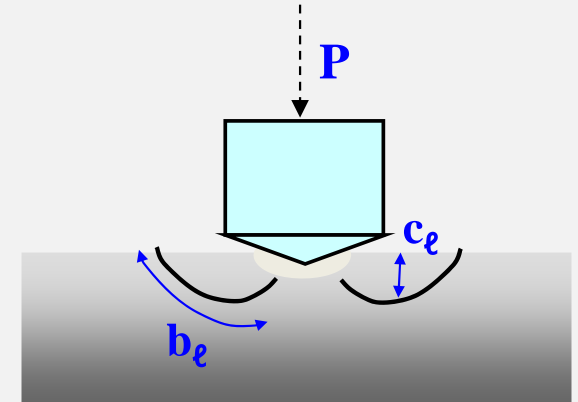

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Growth	$c_h = \left(\dfrac{\chi_h P}{K_{Ic}}\right)^{2/3}$	$c_r = \left(\dfrac{\chi_r P}{K_{Ic}}\right)^{2/3}$	$b_\ell = \dfrac{\chi_\ell \left(\dfrac{E}{H}\right)^{3/5} P^{5/8}}{K_{Ic}^{\;1/2} H^{1/8}}$; $c_\ell = \dfrac{\chi_{\ell 2}\left(\dfrac{E}{H}\right)^{2/5} P^{1/2}}{H^{1/2}}$
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[2] I. Hutchings "Tribology:Friction and Wear of Engineering Materials" (1992)

The fracture initiation and growth constants need to be known to quantitatively use these relationships

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	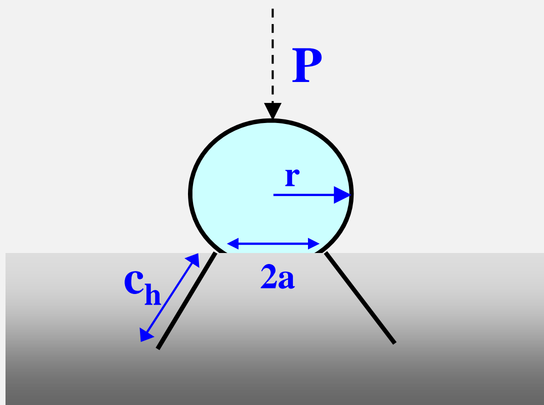	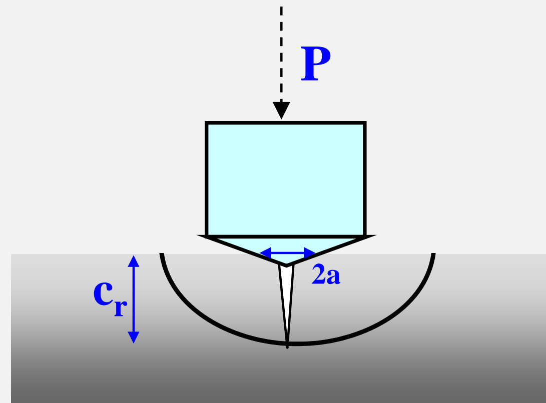	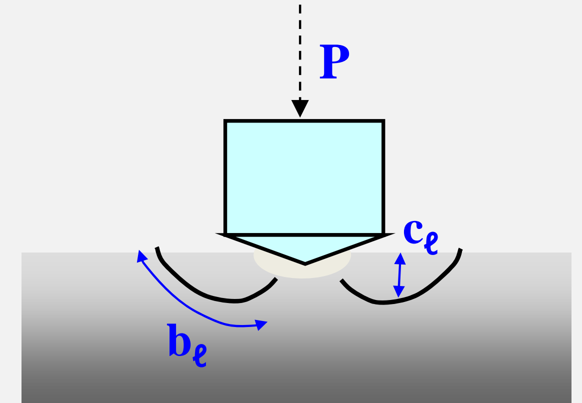
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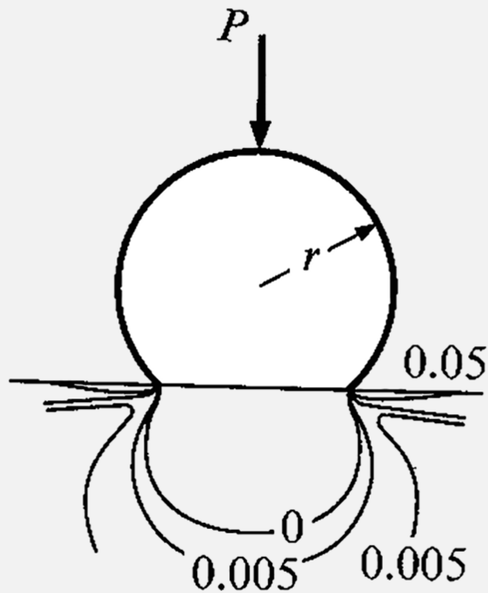
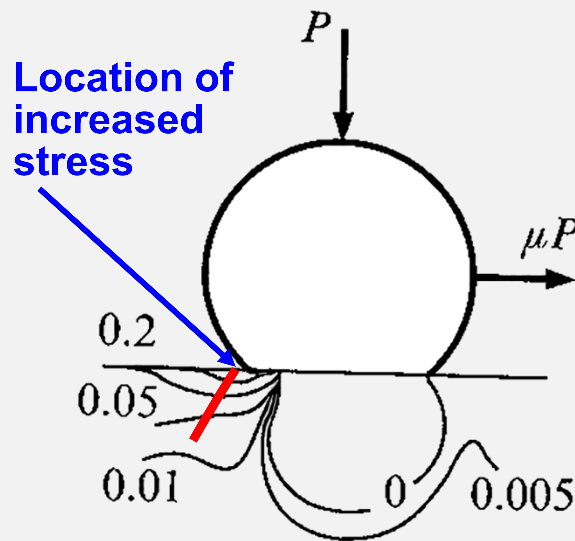
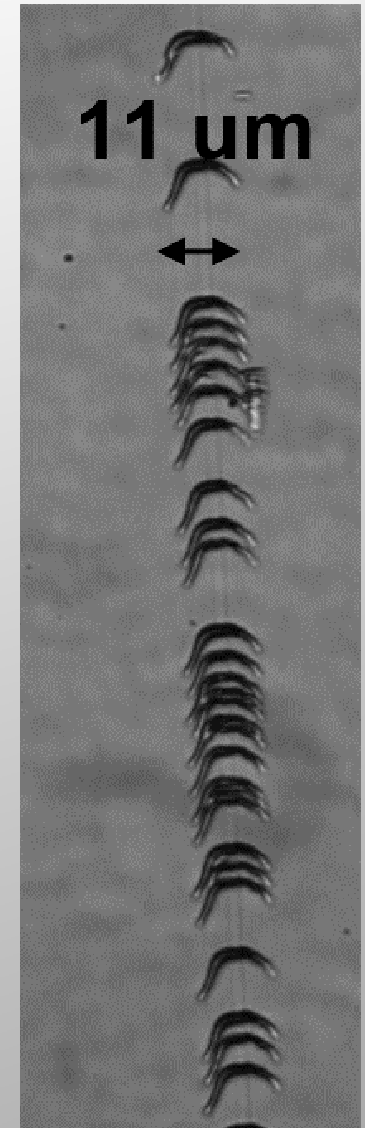
Friction strongly influences fracture initiation for a sliding particle indentation (i.e. scratching)

Static Sphere[1]	Sliding Sphere[1,2]







Initiation

Static sphere: $P_c = A\,r$

Sliding sphere: $P_c = \dfrac{A r}{(1+B\mu)^2}$ $\quad$ $P_c = \dfrac{C r^2}{(1+B\mu)^3}$

Growth

Static sphere: $P = \dfrac{K_{Ic}}{\chi_h} c^{3/2}$

Sliding sphere: $P = \dfrac{K_{Ic}}{\chi_h (1+\mu^2)^2} c^{3/2}$

[1]Lawn, Fracture of Brittle Solids (1993)
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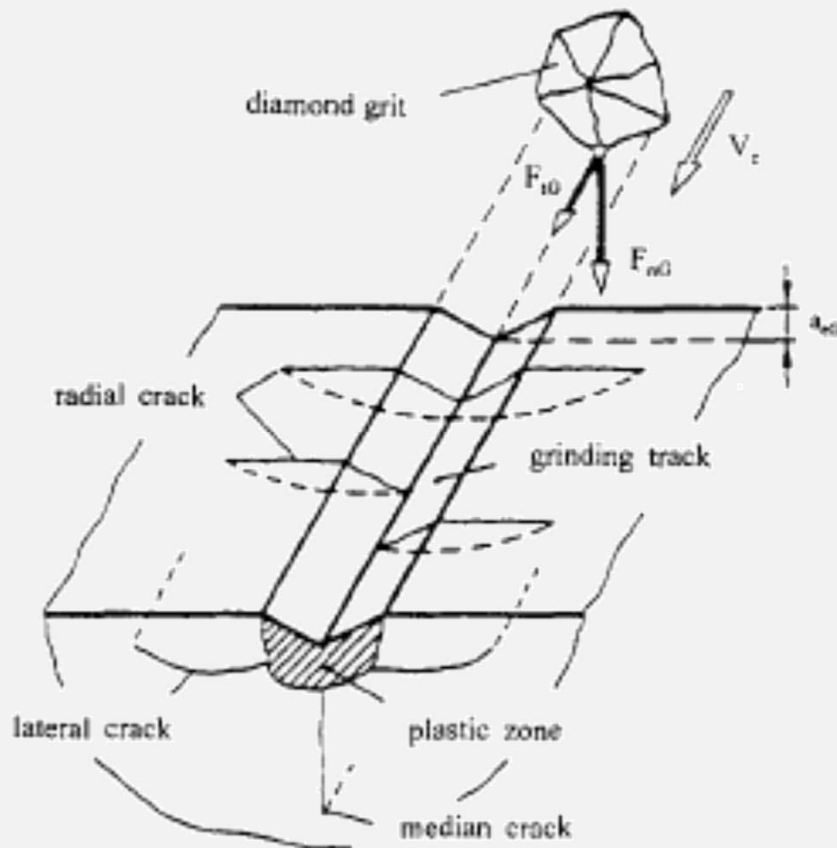
The effect of load on the fracture behavior of scratches has been measured

Schematic description of fractures associated with a scratch



- **At low loads (P<0.1 N),** no cracking is observed just a ductile track
- **At intermediate loads (0.1 N< P < 5 N),** well defined median and lateral cracks form
- **At high loads (P> 5N),** the plastically observed track appears to shatter and the median and lateral crack are not as extending as in the higher end of the intermediate loads

Refs: Review: K. Li, Journal of Materials Processing Technology 57 (1996) 206
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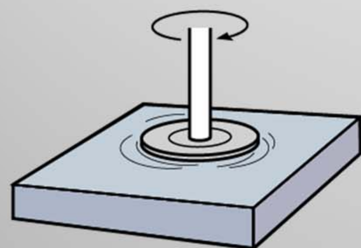
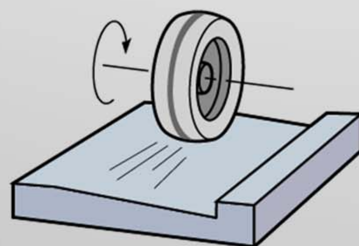
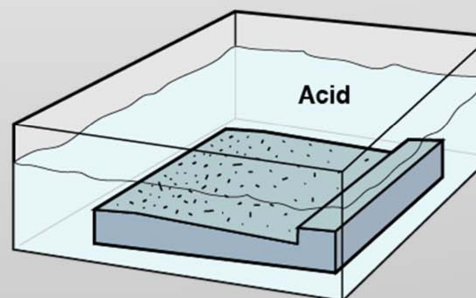
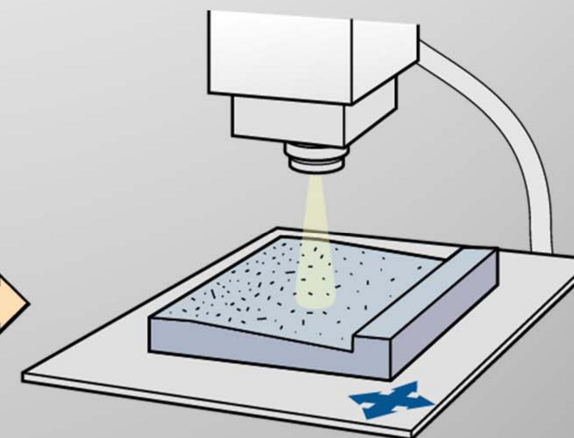
A wedge or taper polishing* technique was developed to directly measure the SSD distribution

Finishing Operation | **MRF Taper** | **HF Etching** | **Microscope**

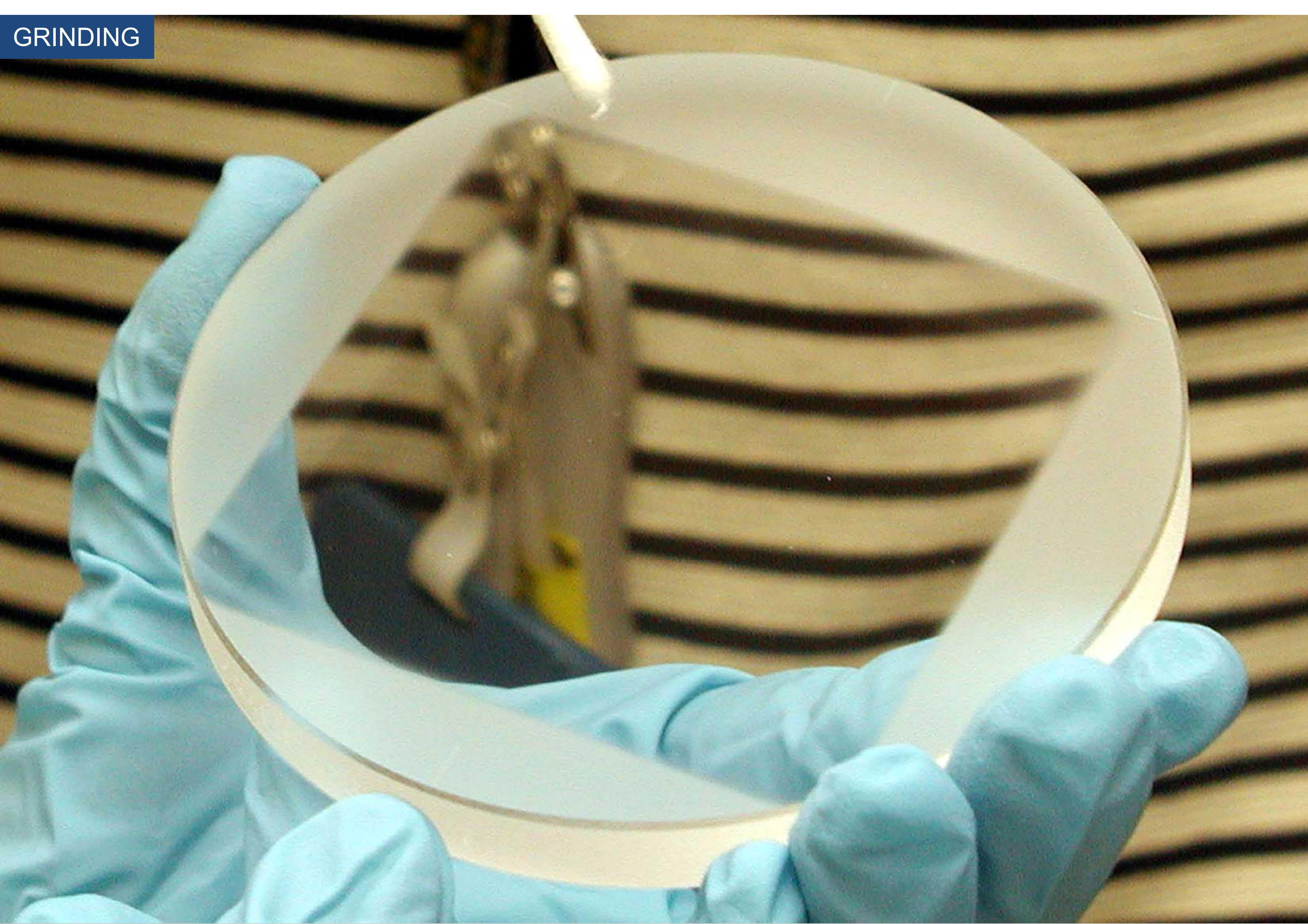




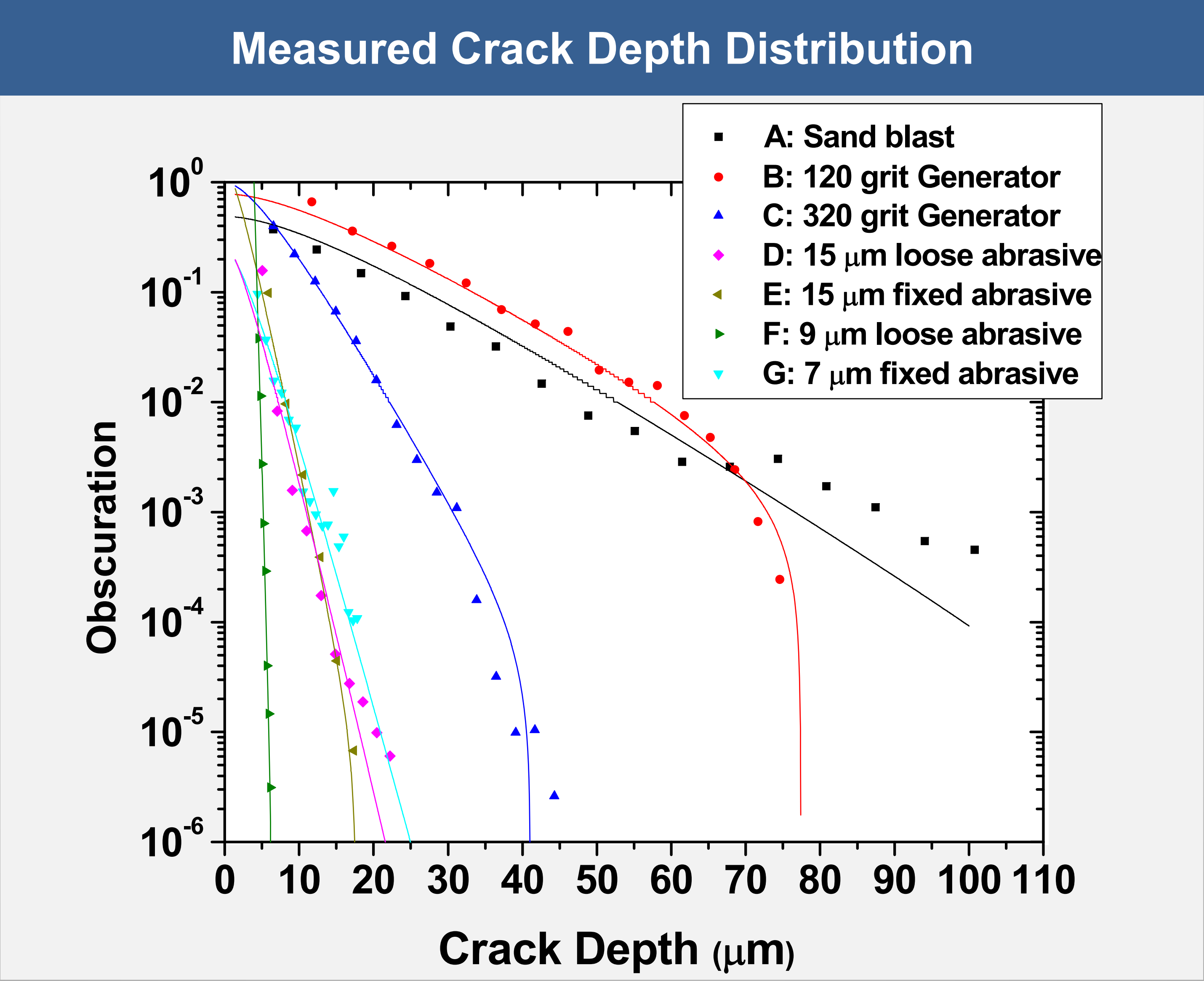




*J. Menapace, SPIE 2005, Boulder Damage Symposium; Based on tapering technique used by Hed & Edwards (1987)



The SSD depth distribution has been measured for a series of standard grinding processes



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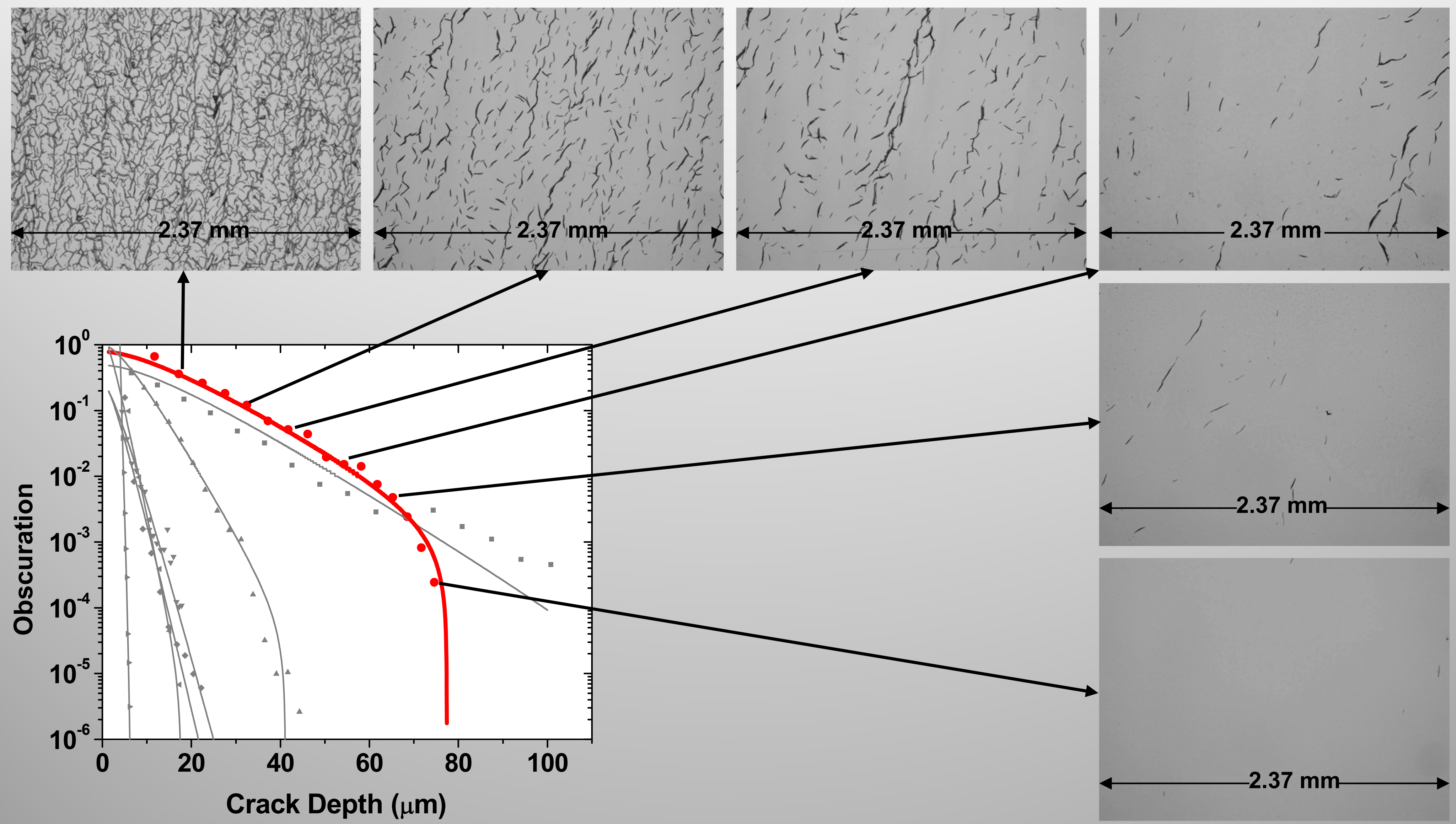
Coarse Generator Grind (120 grit) (Sample B)



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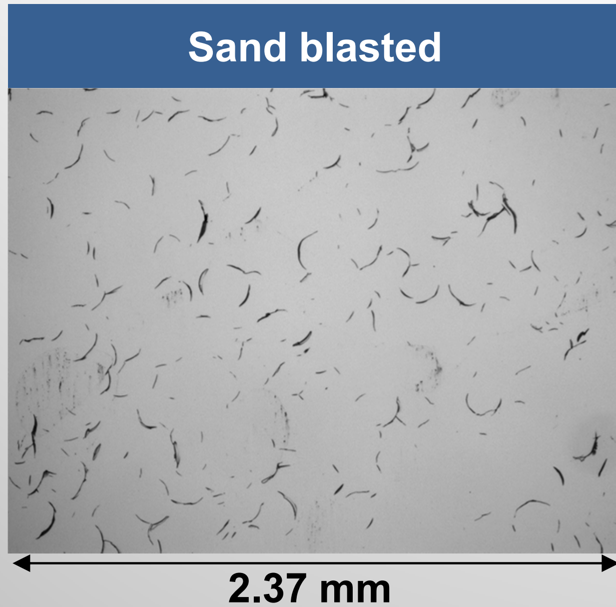
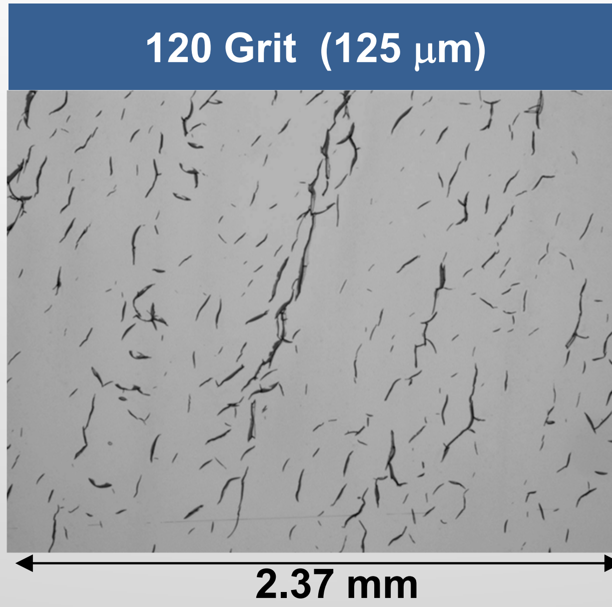
Microscope images of the fractures show a unique size character for each grinding step

Sand blasted



2.37 mm

120 Grit (125 μm)



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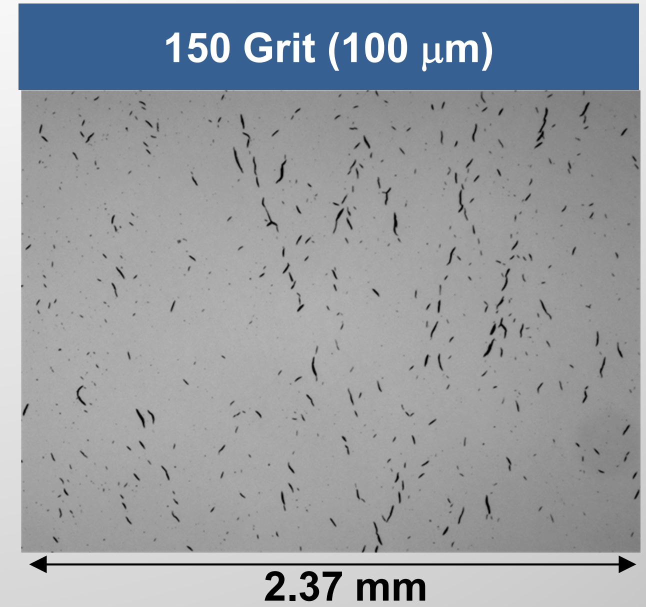
150 Grit (100 μm)



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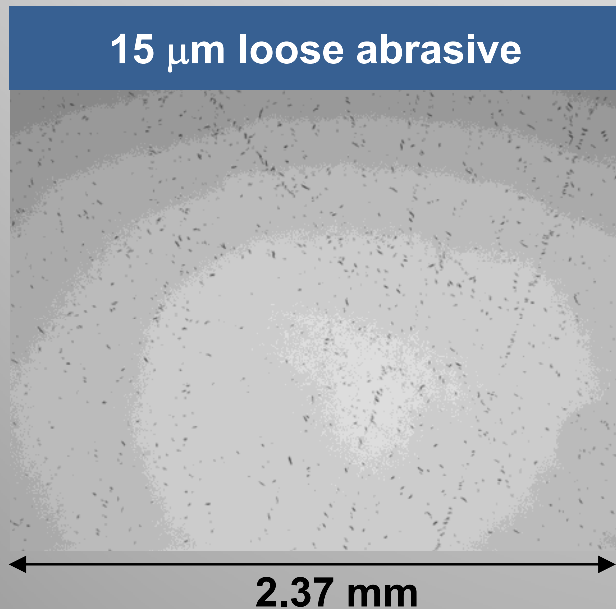
15 μm loose abrasive



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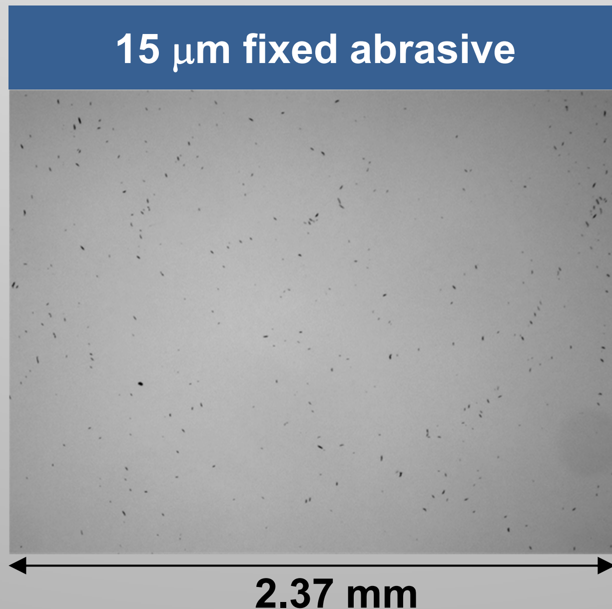
15 μm fixed abrasive



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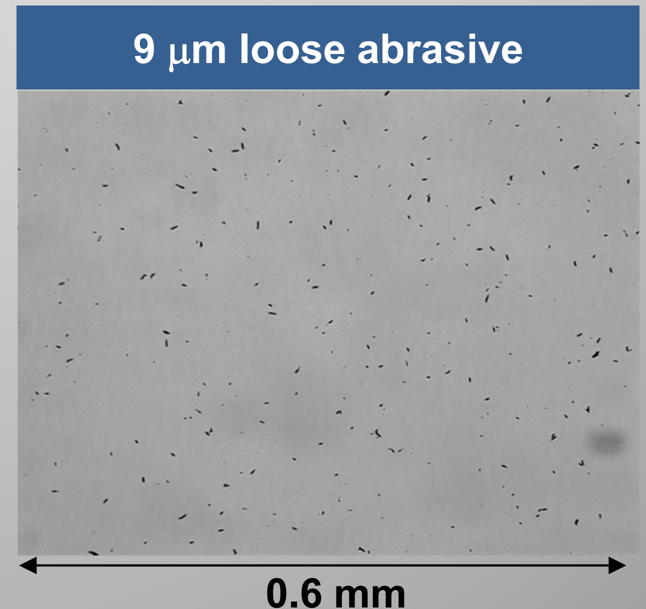
9 μm loose abrasive



0.6 mm

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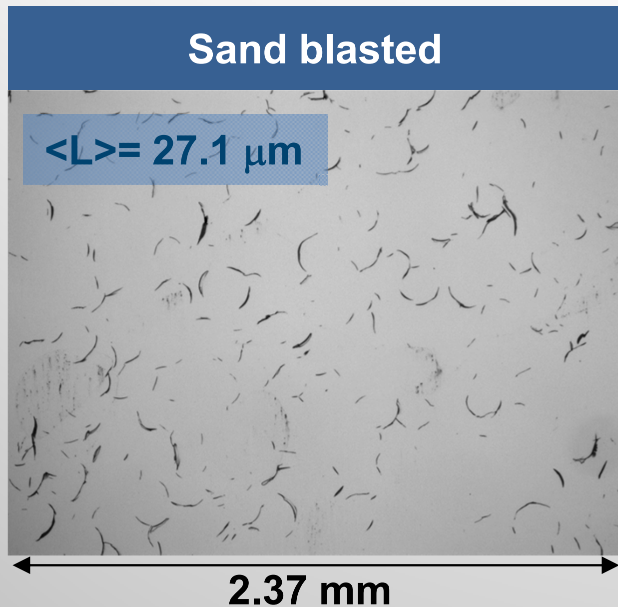

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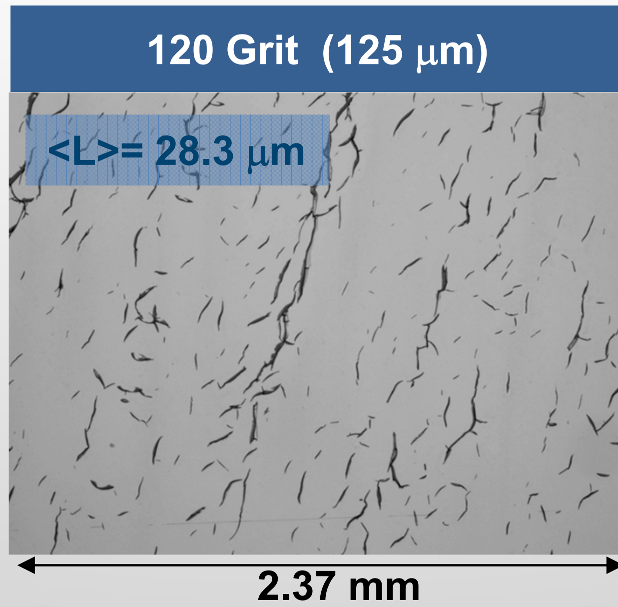

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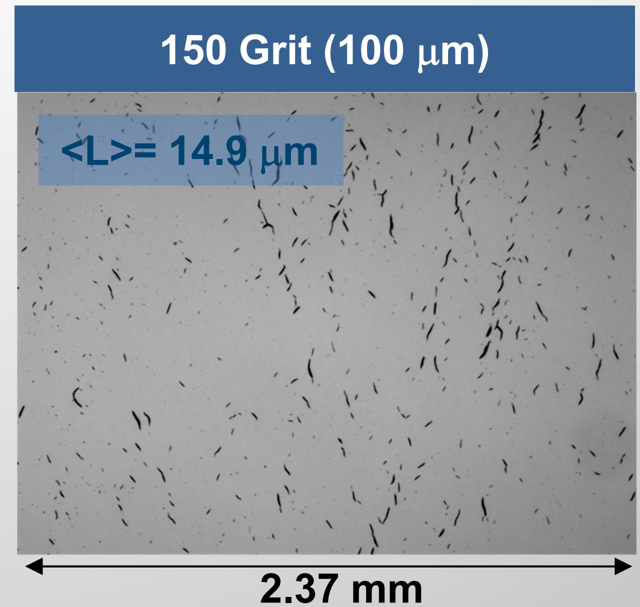

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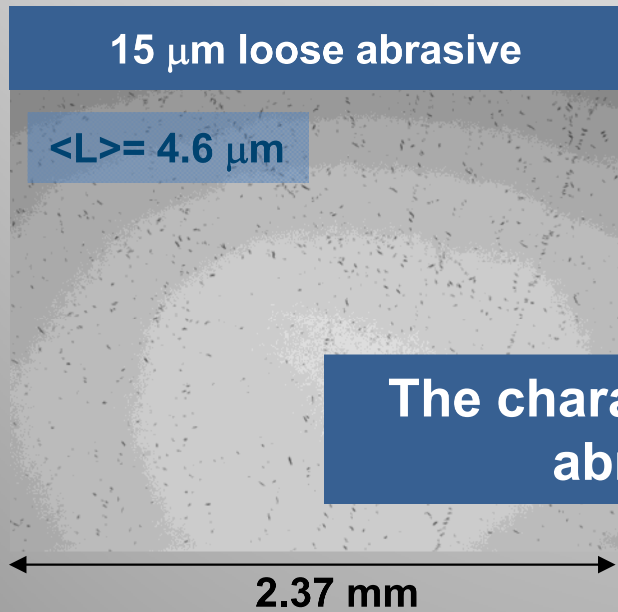

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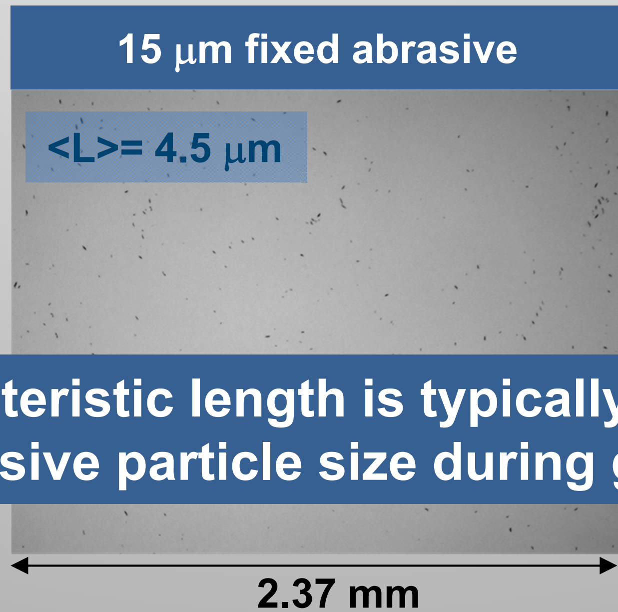

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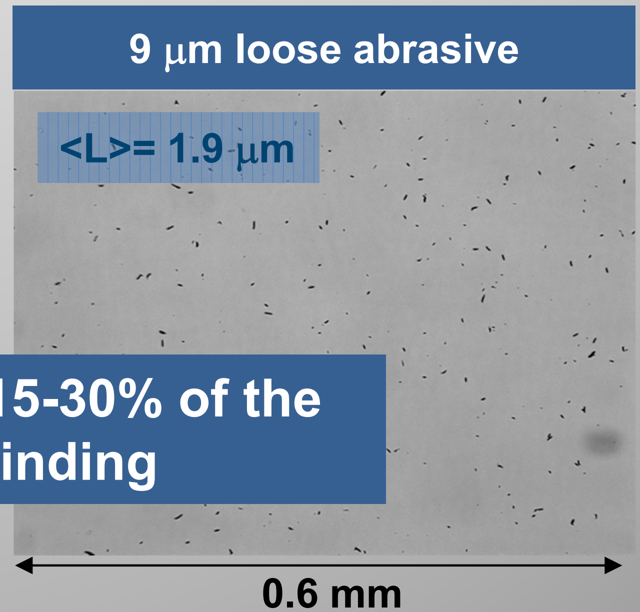

0.6 mm

The characteristic length is typically 15-30% of the abrasive particle size during grinding

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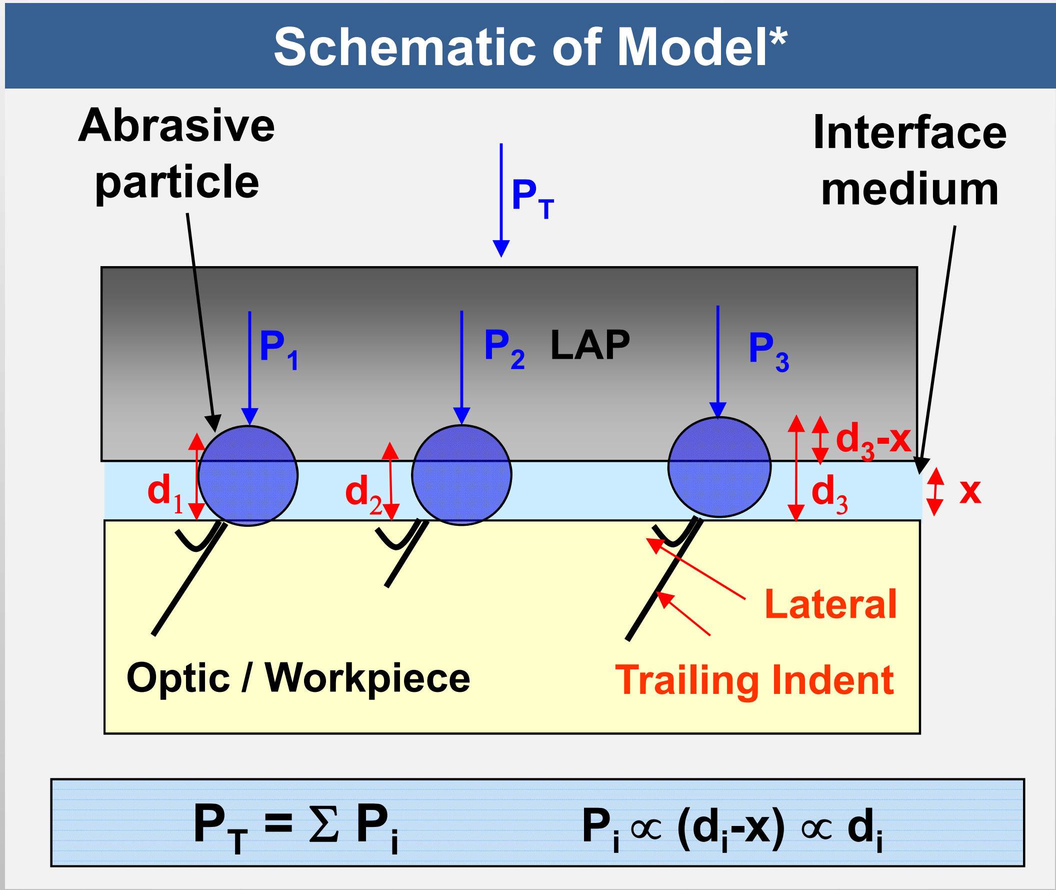
A brittle fracture model has been successfully used to explain the observed distribution of crack depth and lengths



Key assumption: The load on particle is proportional to its vertical dimension

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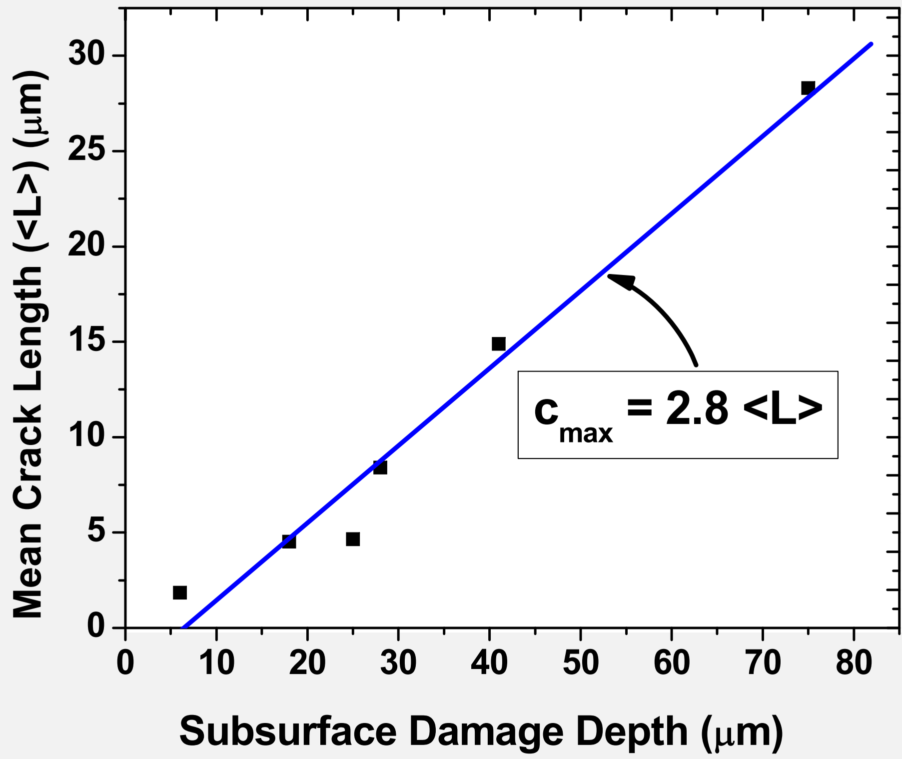
*P. Miller, SPIE 5991 (2006).

We recommend using the '90' rule for material removal (c_{90}=0.9<L>) for isolated SSD observed on polished parts

Measured mean crack length vs SSD depth



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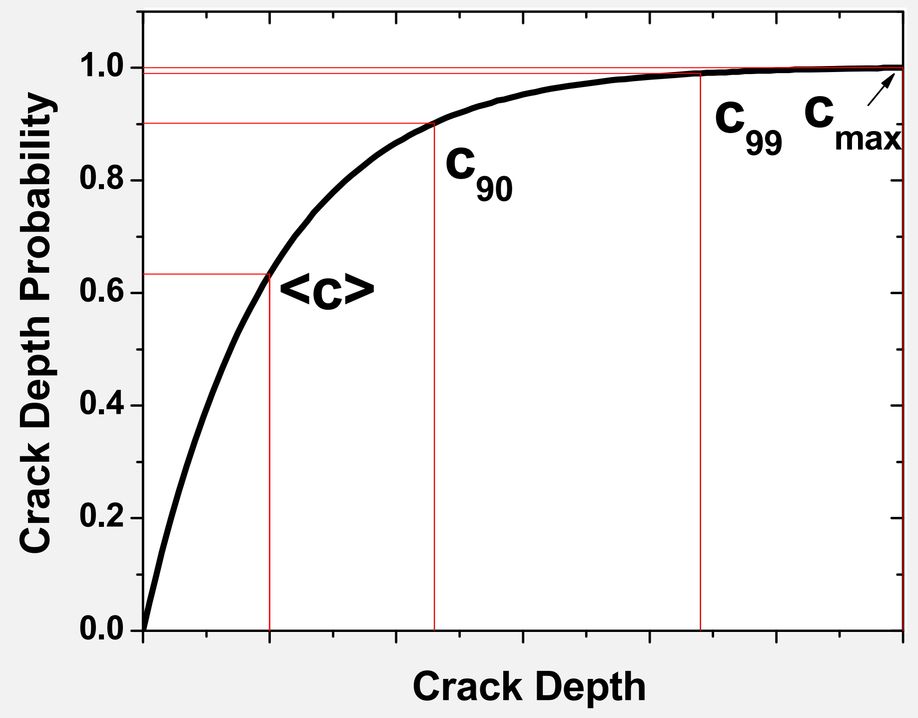

$$c_{90} = 0.9 \langle L \rangle$$

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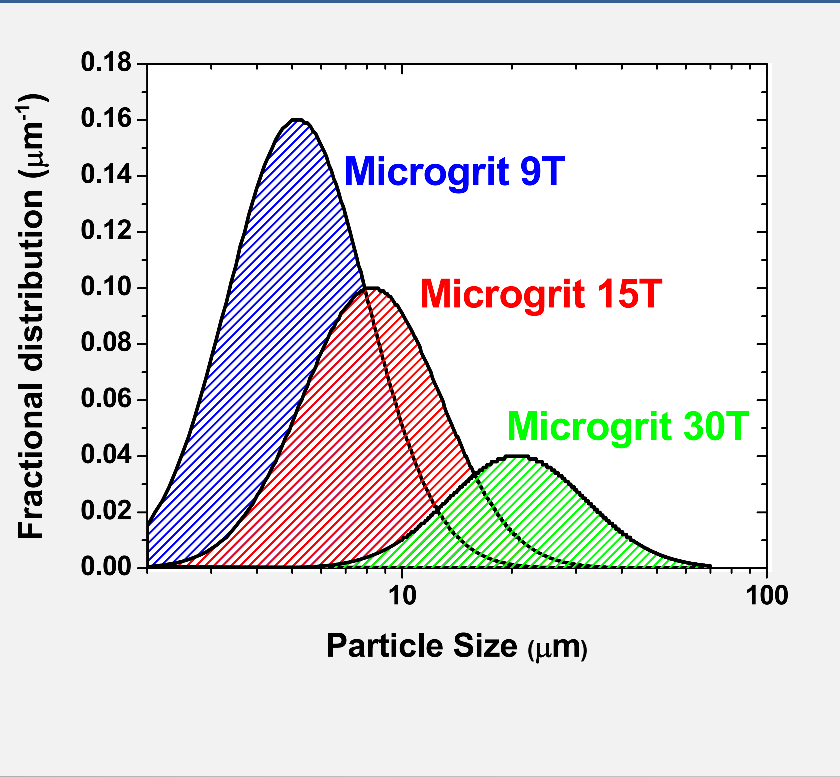
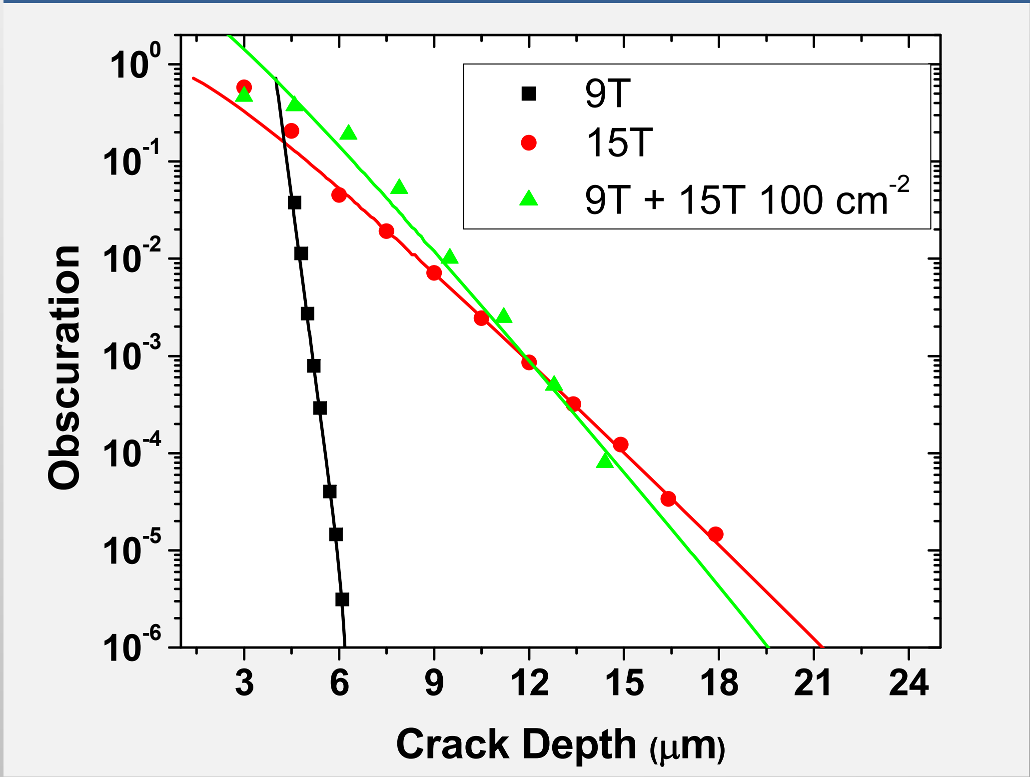


Crack depth distributions: Loose abrasive grinding with addition of rogue particles



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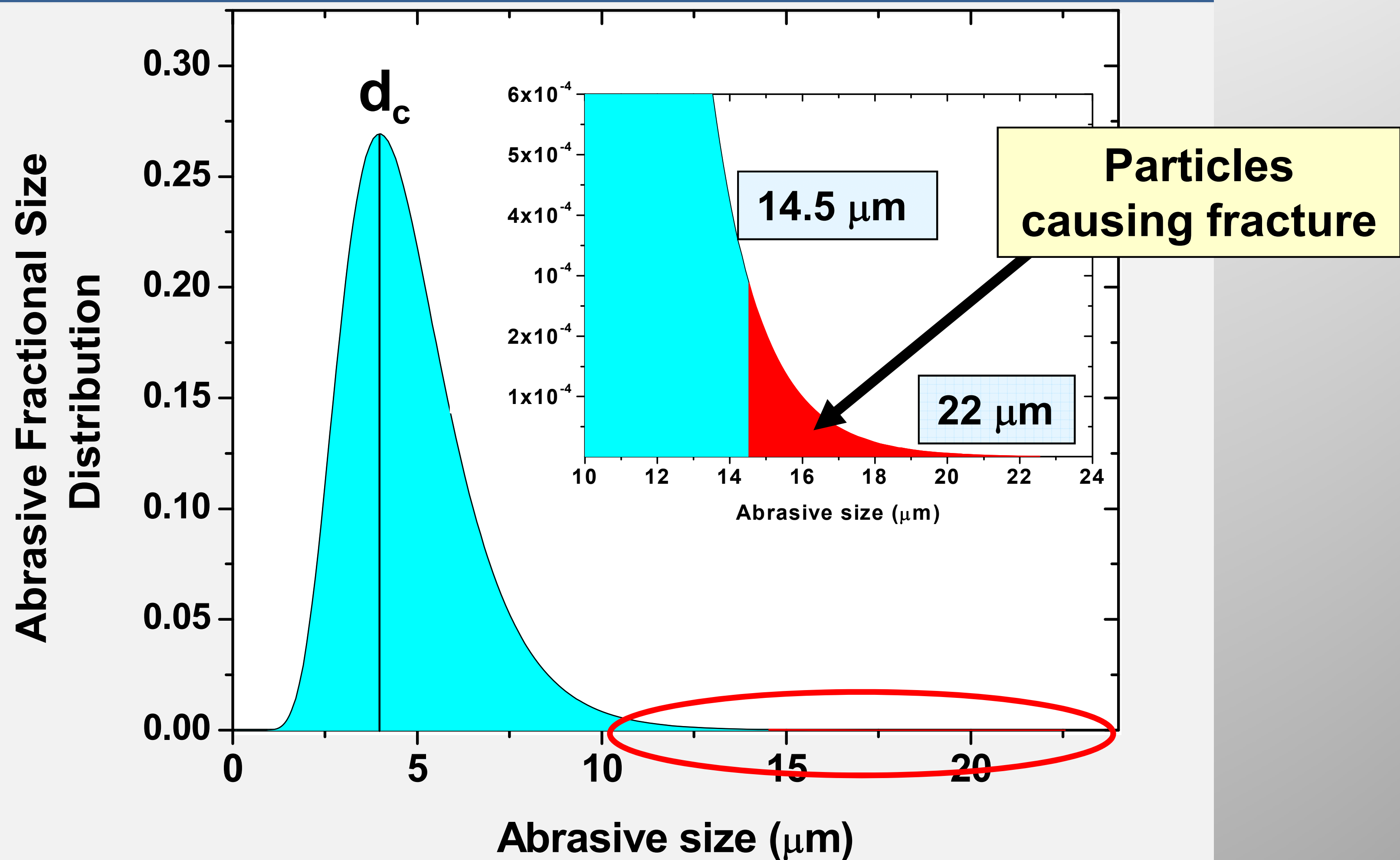

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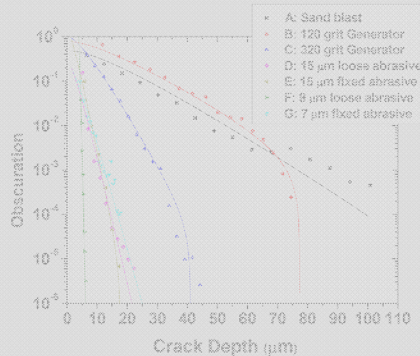

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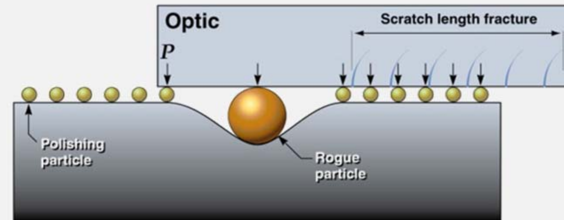

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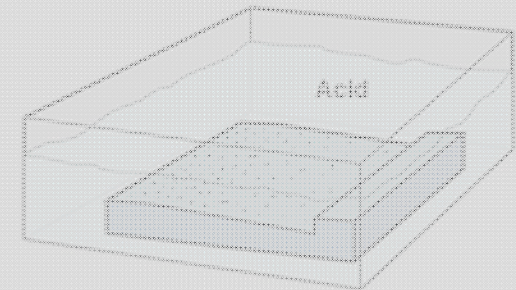

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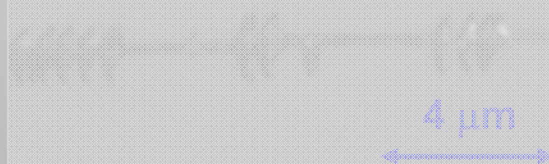

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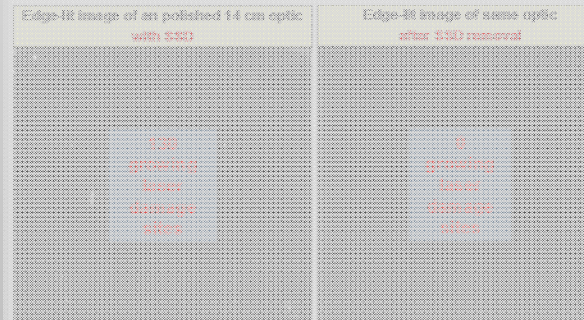

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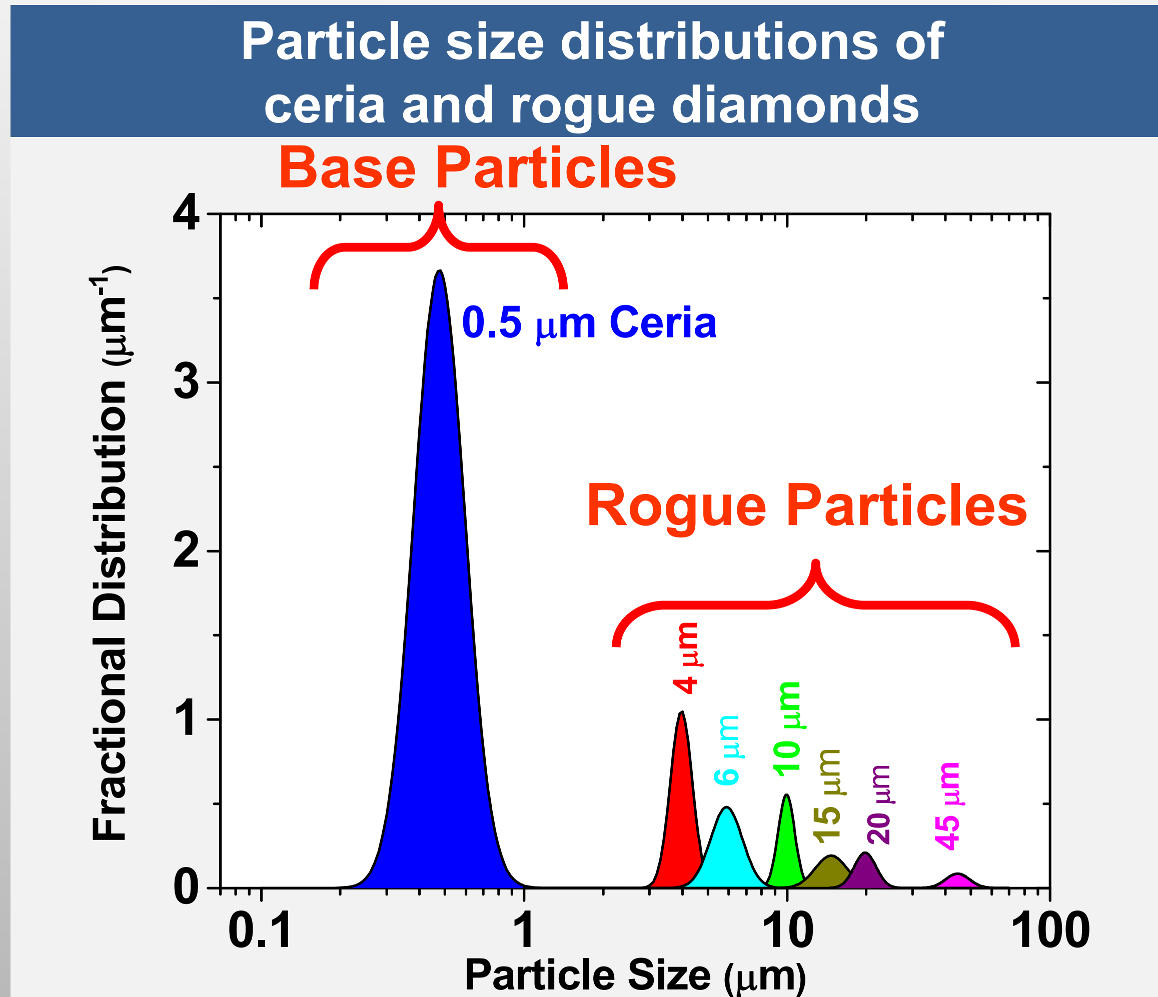

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Rogue particles can cause multiple types of scratches

Plastic Abrasive Wear	Mixed Brittle fracture / Plastic Abrasive Wear			Brittle Fracture	
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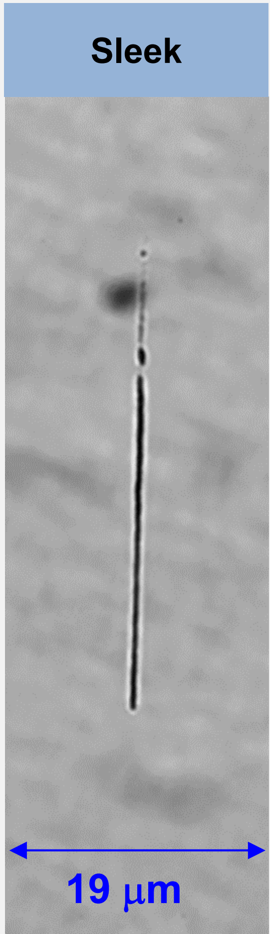

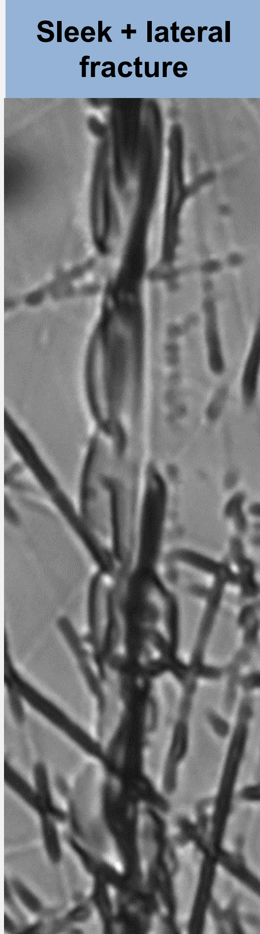

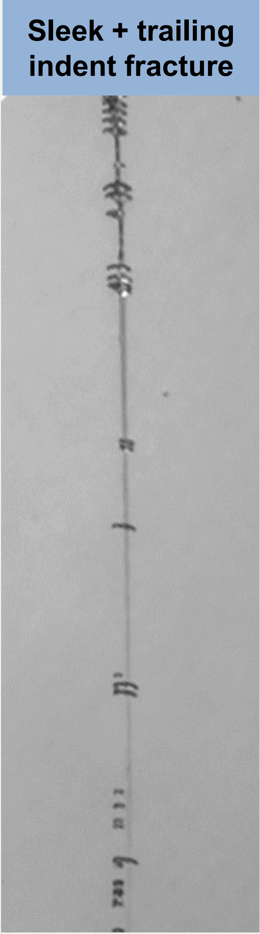

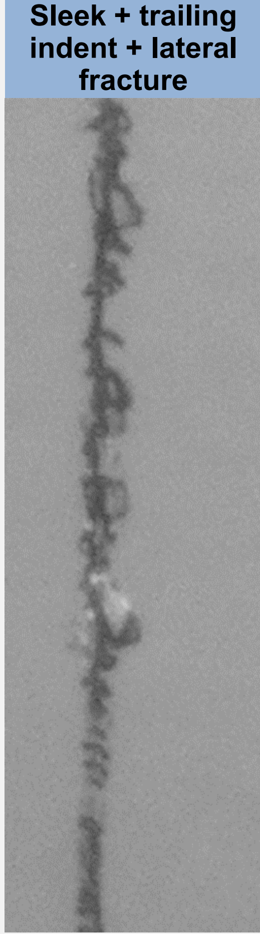

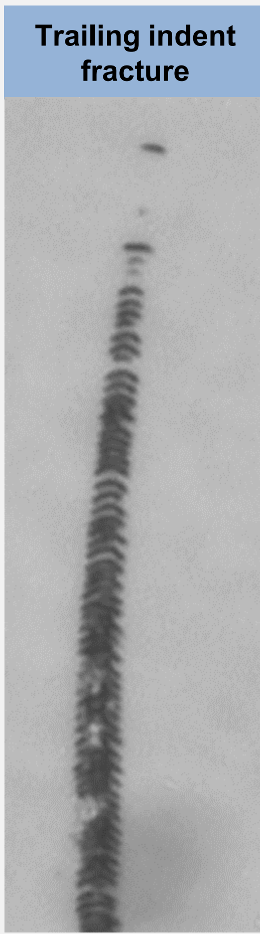

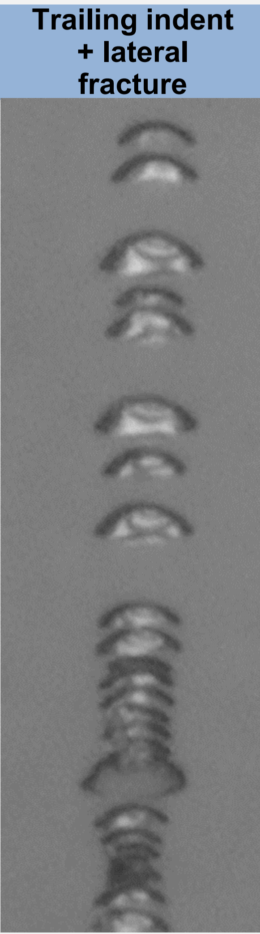

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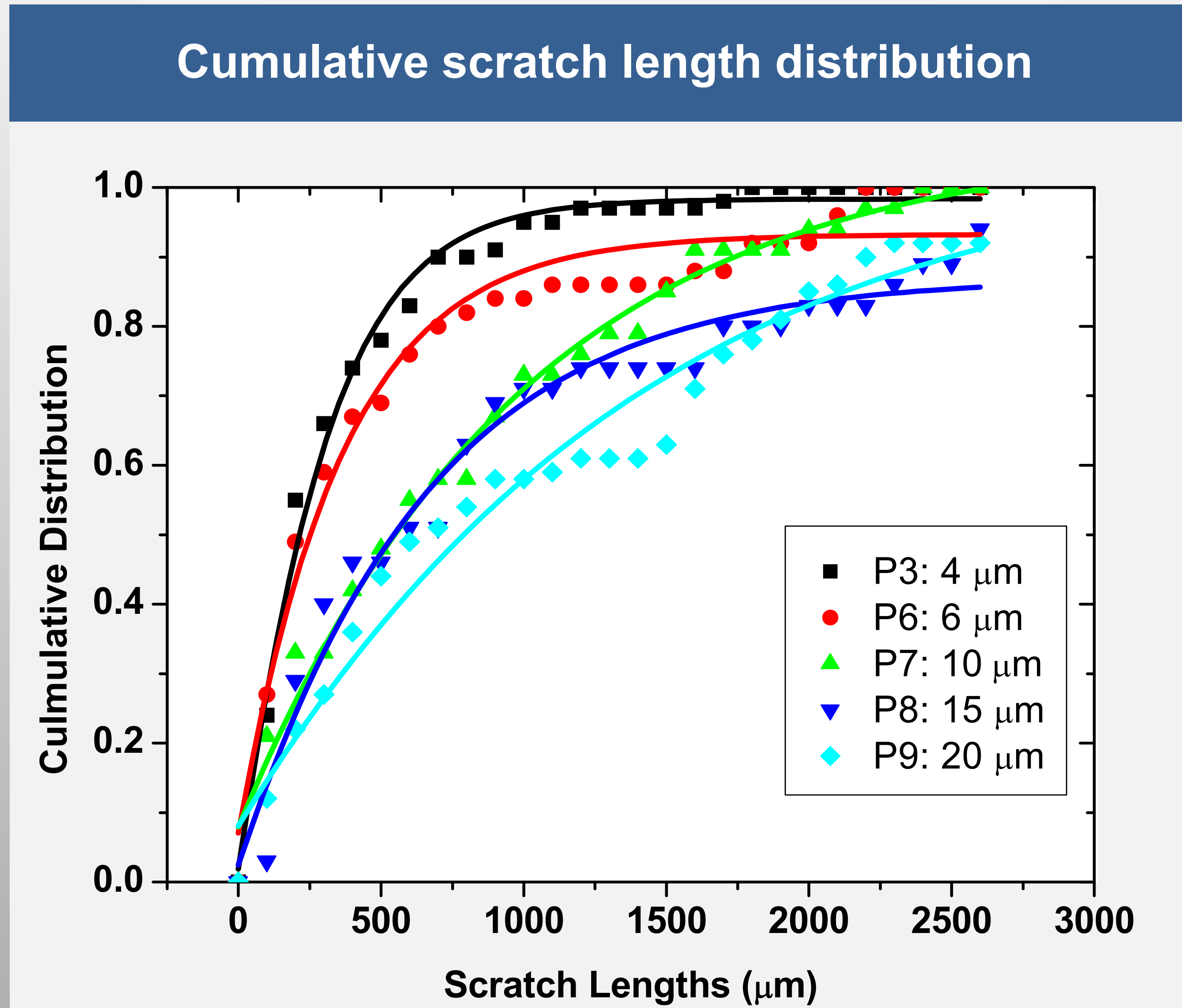

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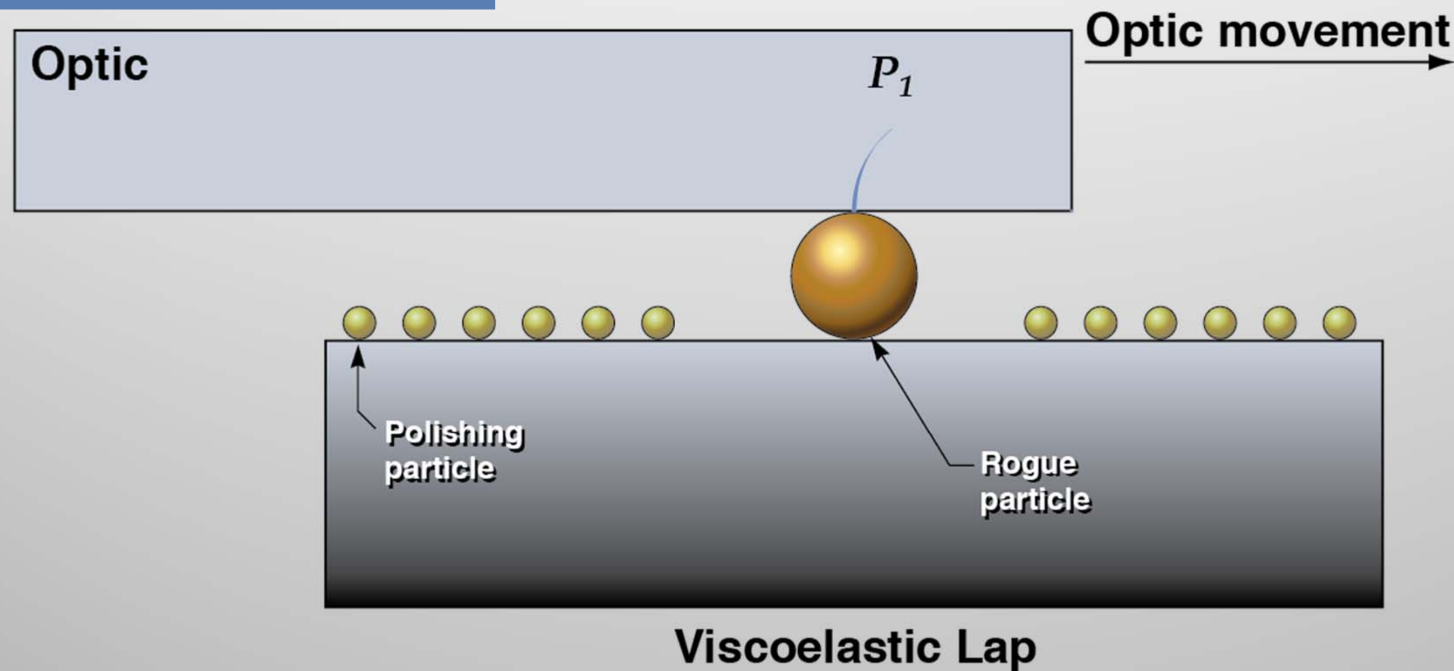

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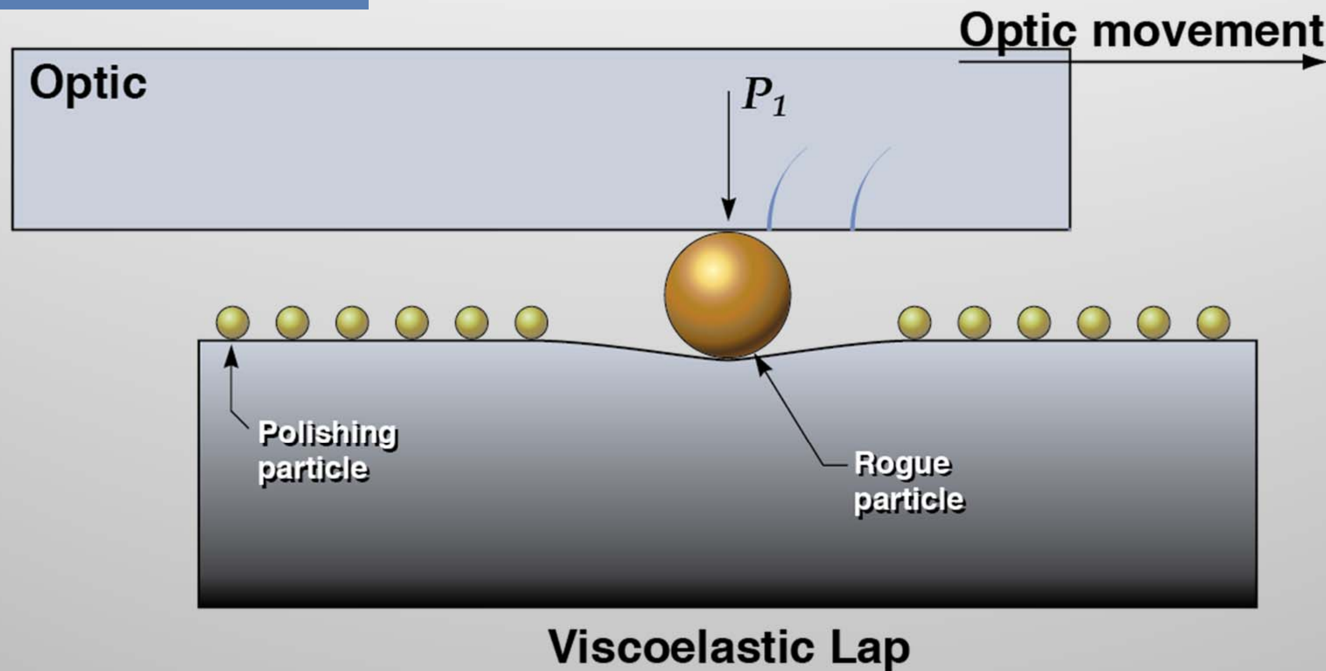

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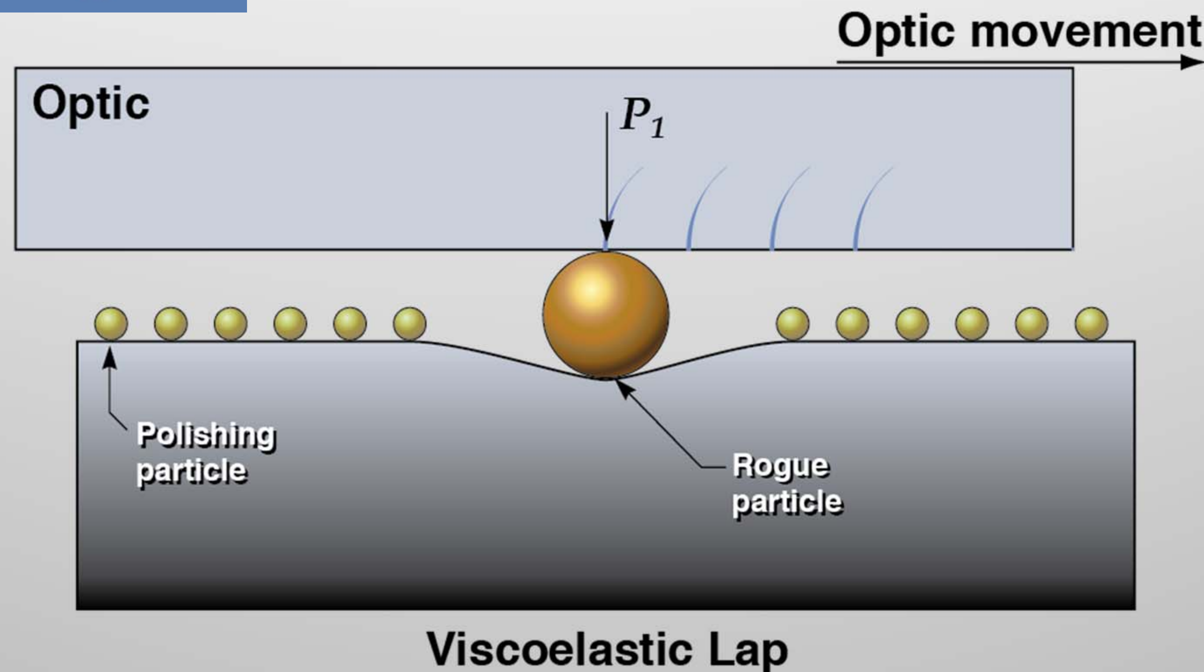

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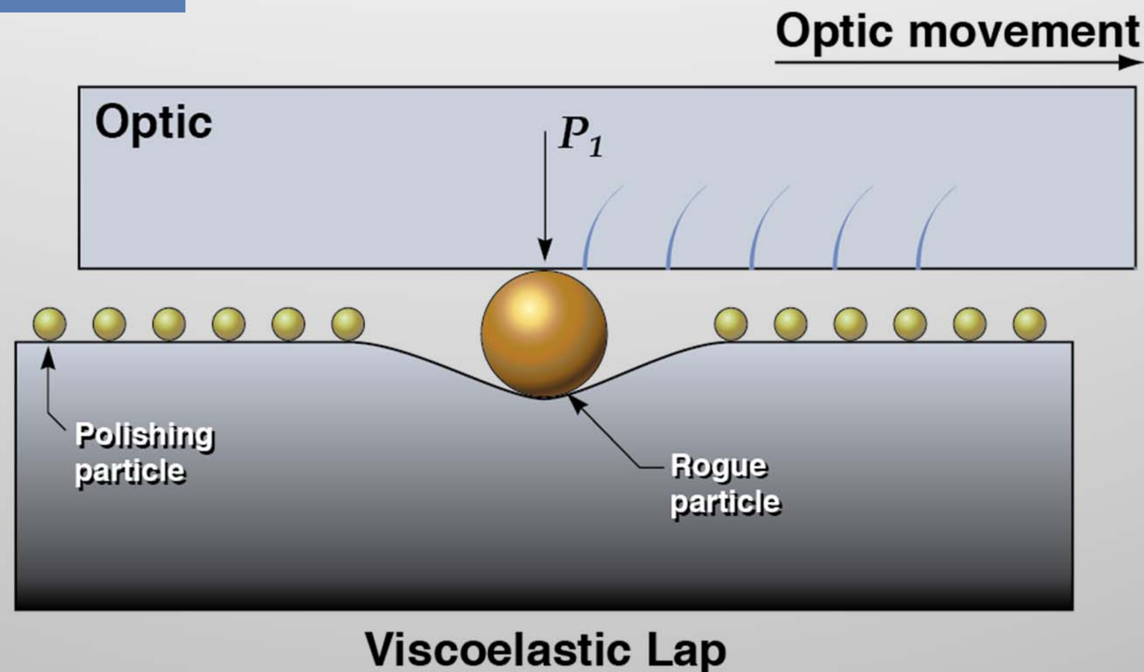

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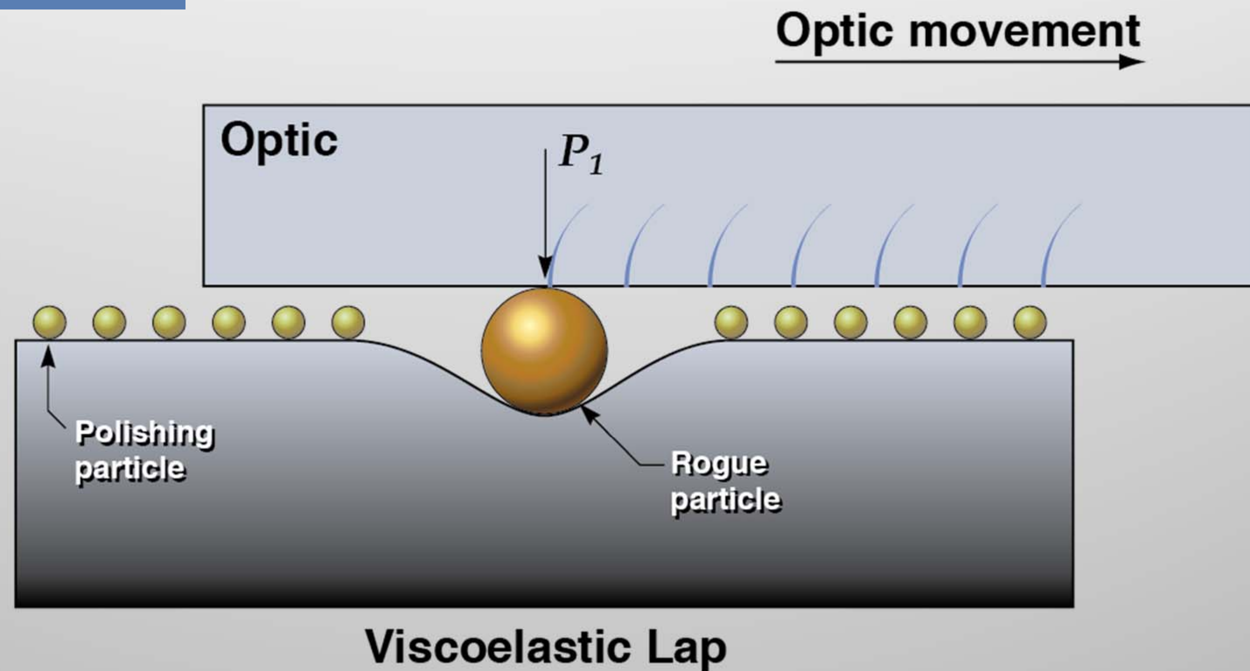

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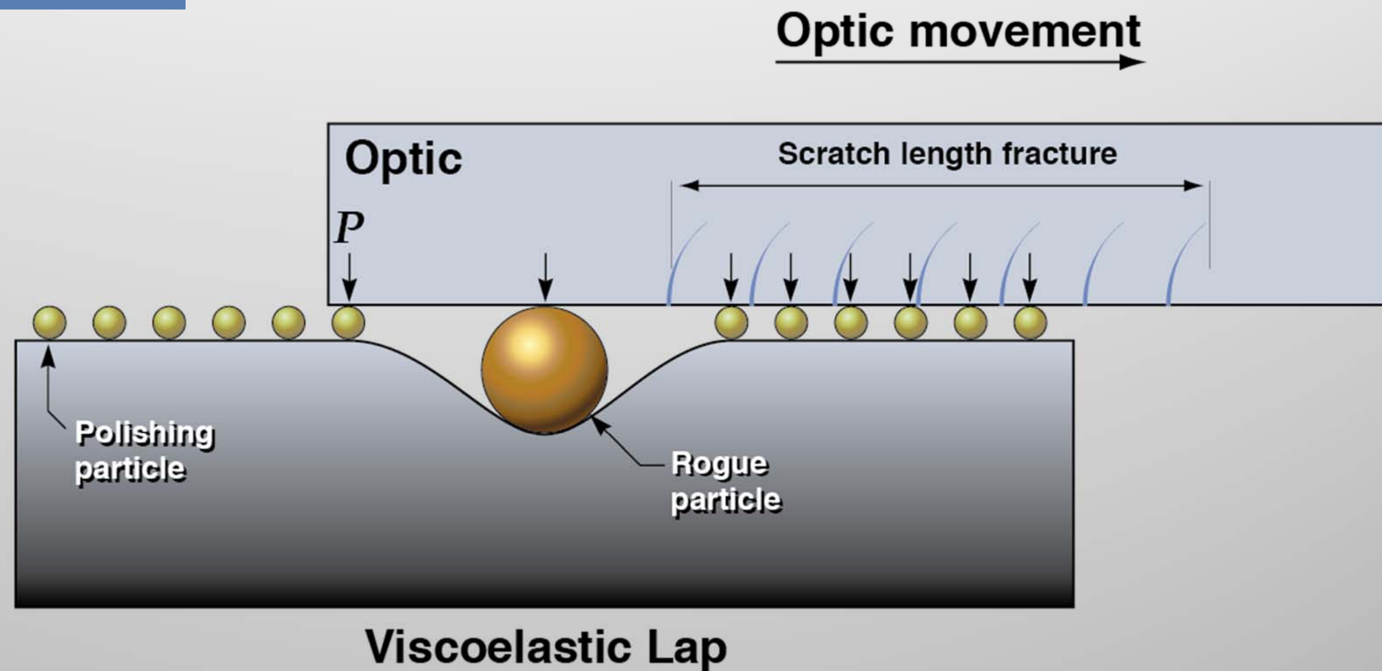

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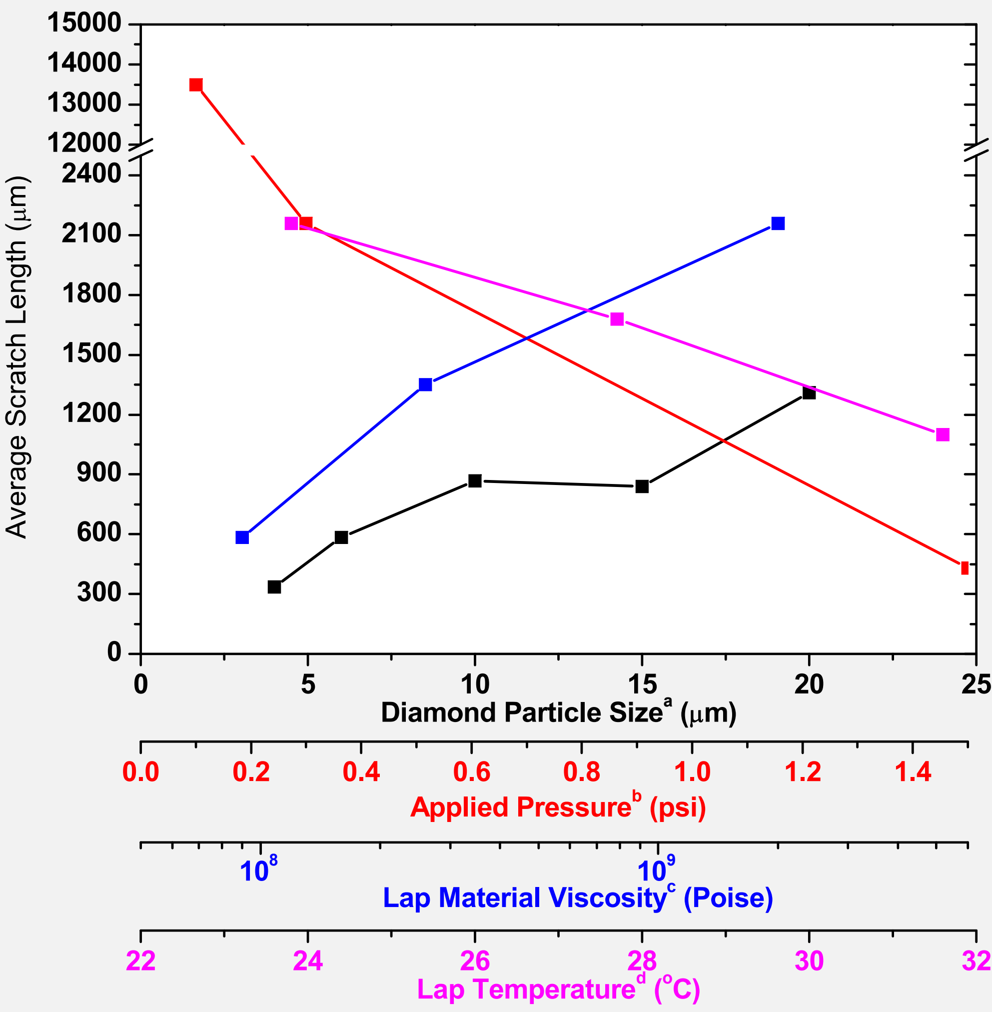

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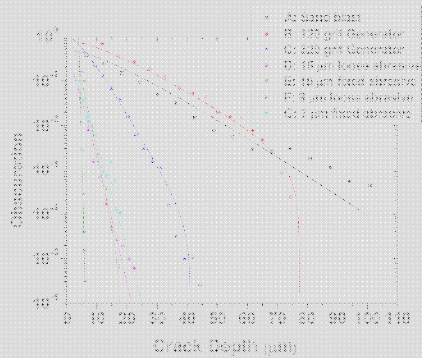

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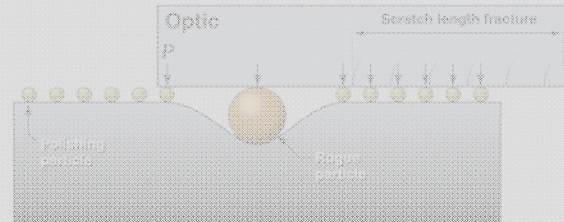

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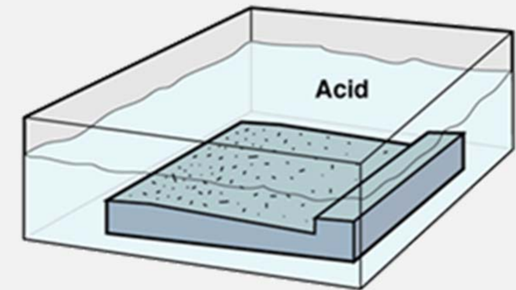

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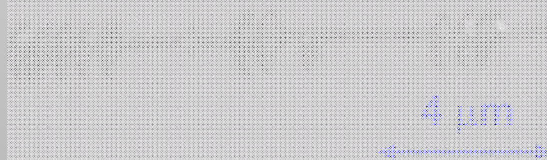

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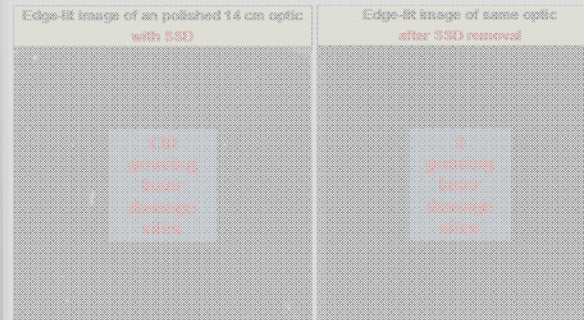

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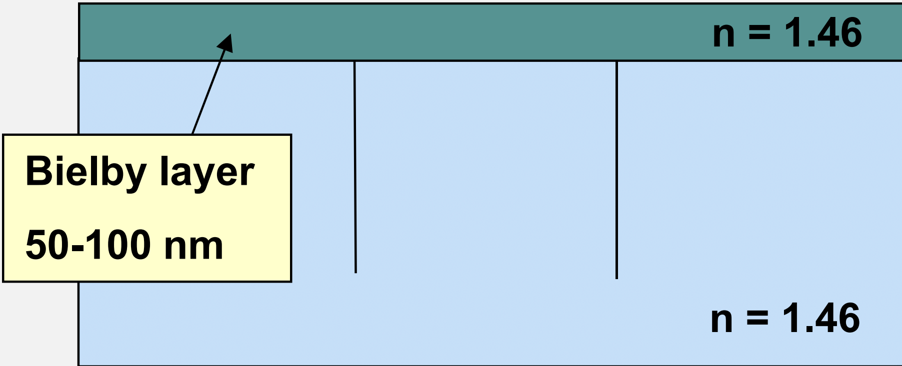
$HF:NH_4F$ etching of fused silica glass allows for removing the Bielby layer and visually observing surface cracks

Cross section view of cracks *before* etching



Sleek on fused silica optic (before etch)

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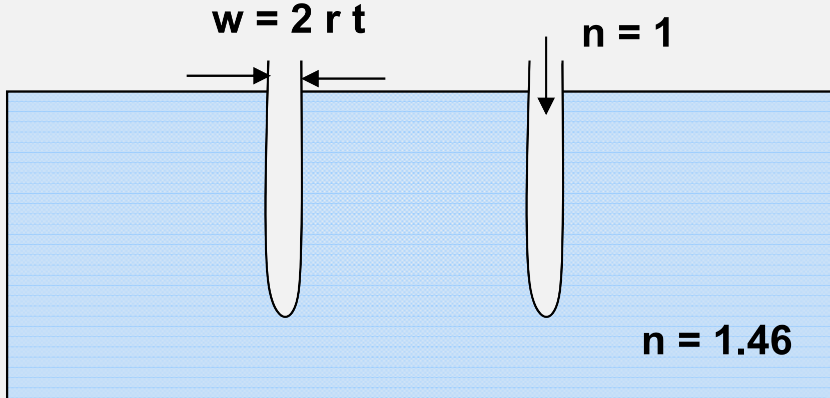

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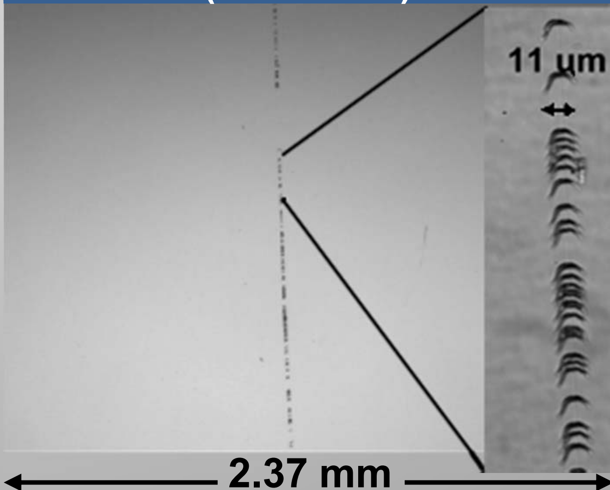

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HF Etching exposes sub-surface fractures allowing detection

- **Polished Optic (14 cm x 14 cm) viewed off axis by side lighting**

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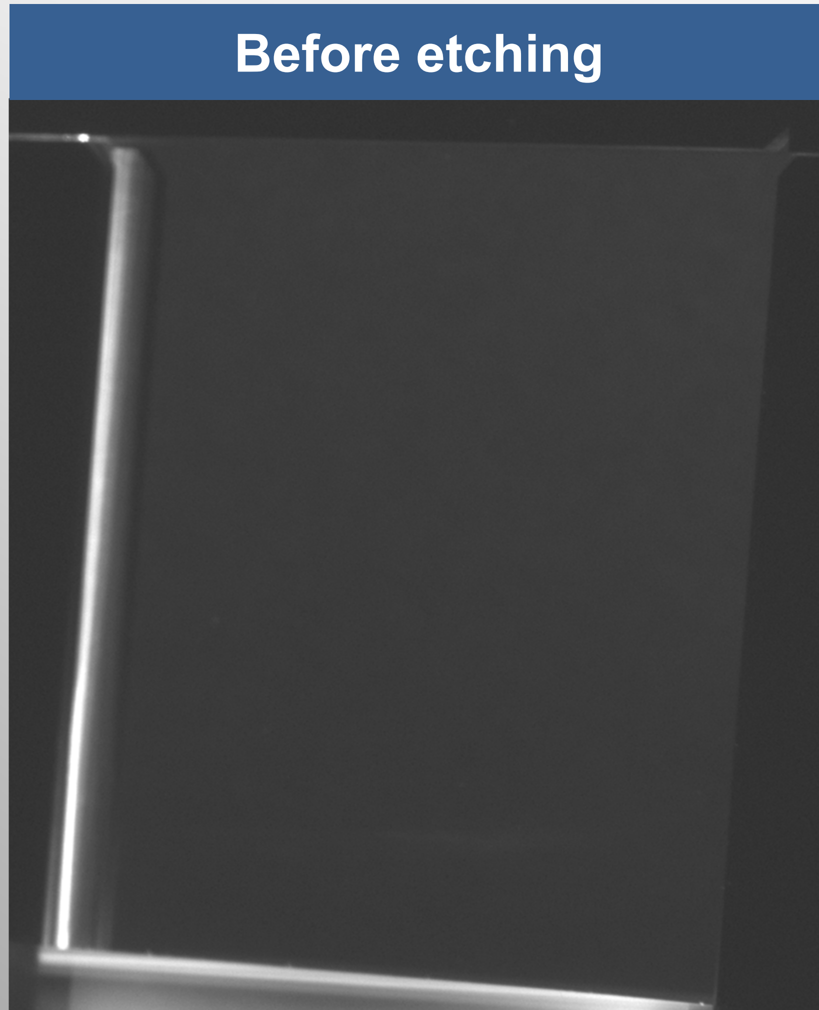	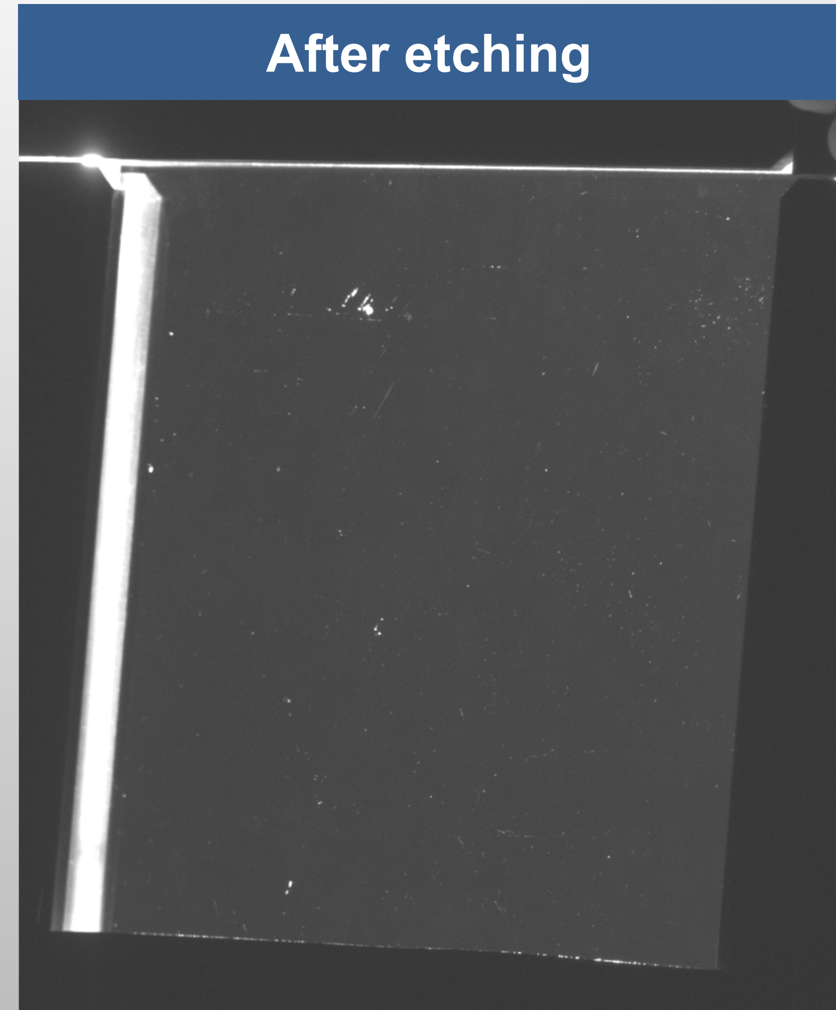

Preston reported this behavior in 1921

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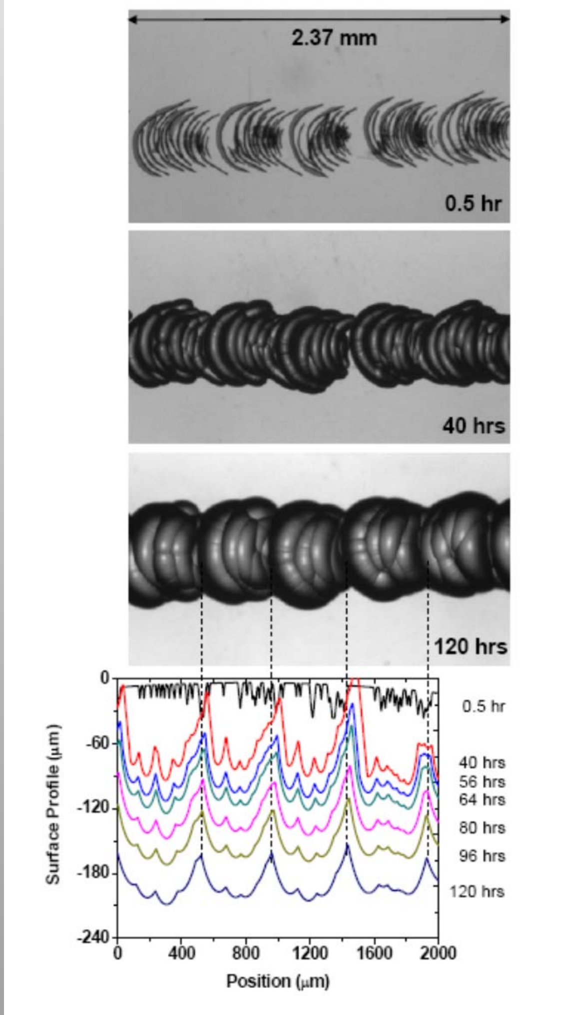
HF etching can be used after grinding to remove subsurface fracture because it annihilates neighboring cracks

Etching a scratch



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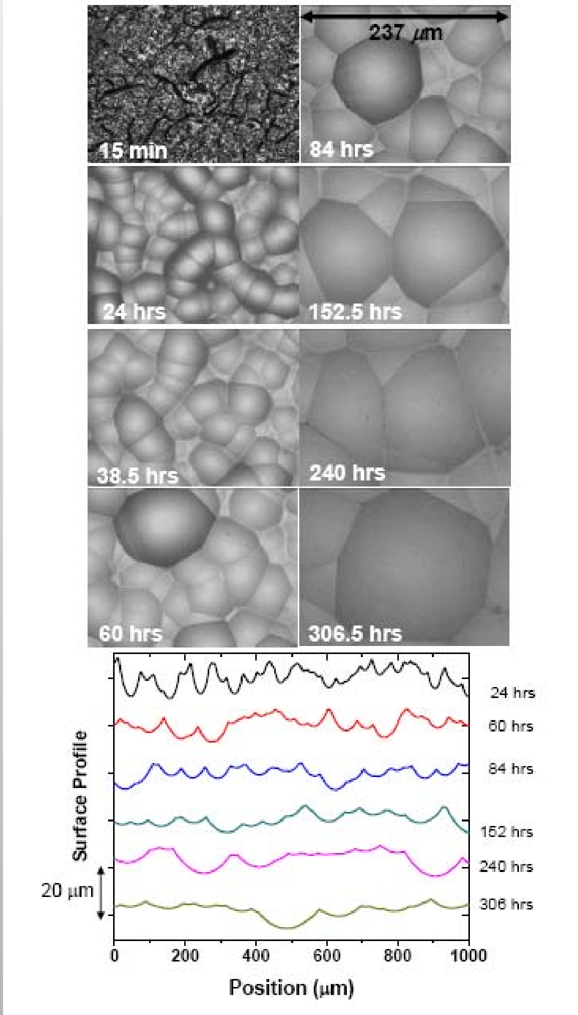

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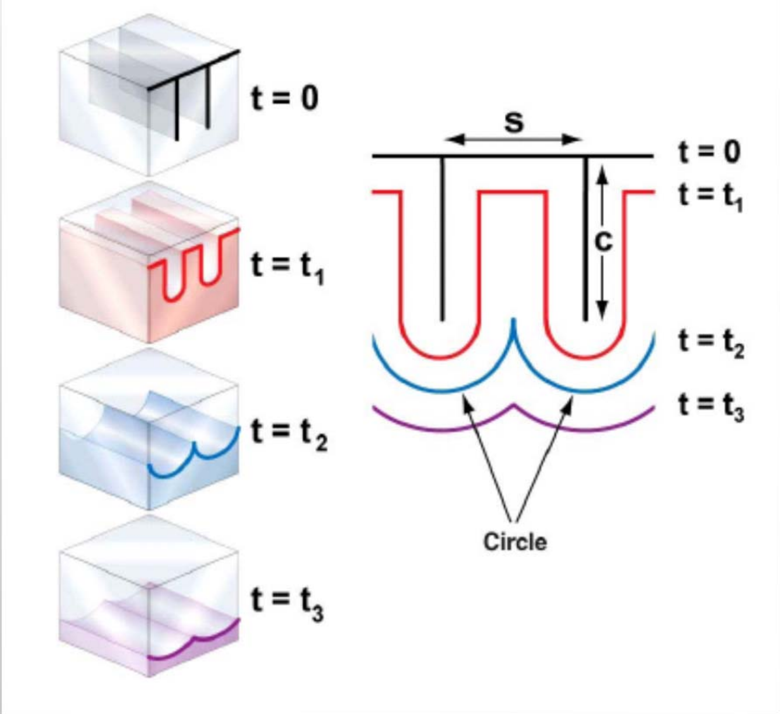

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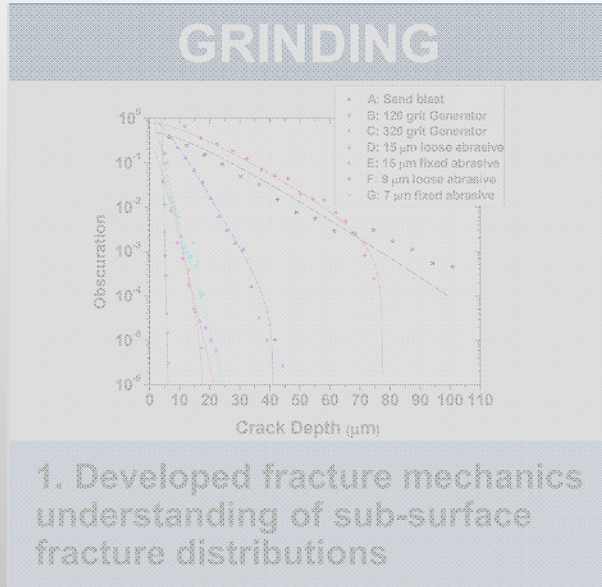

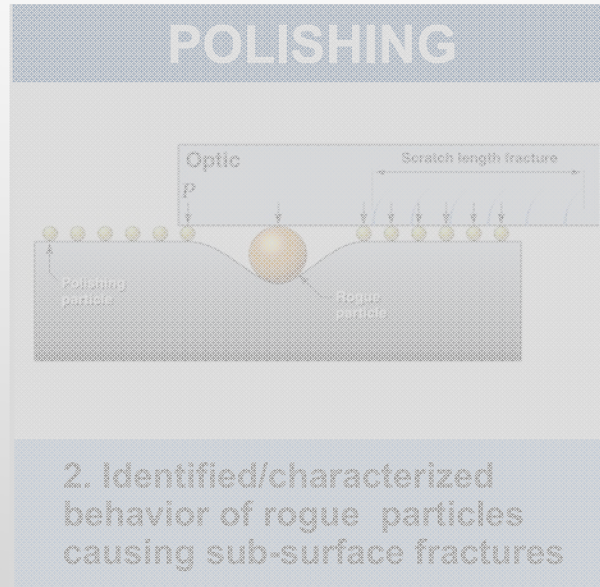

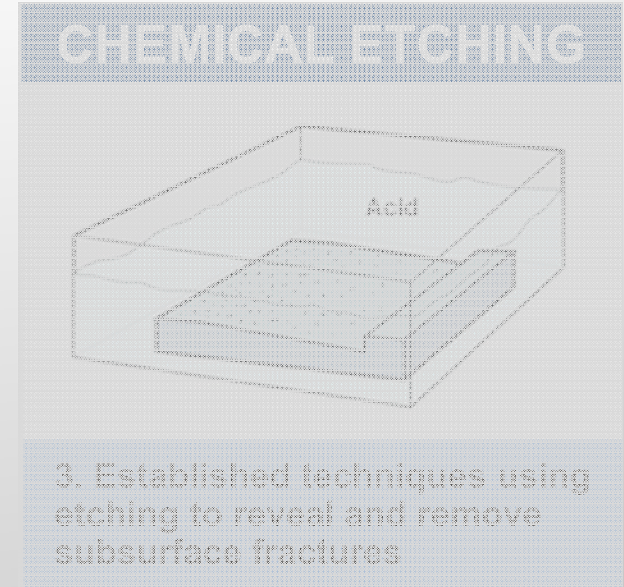

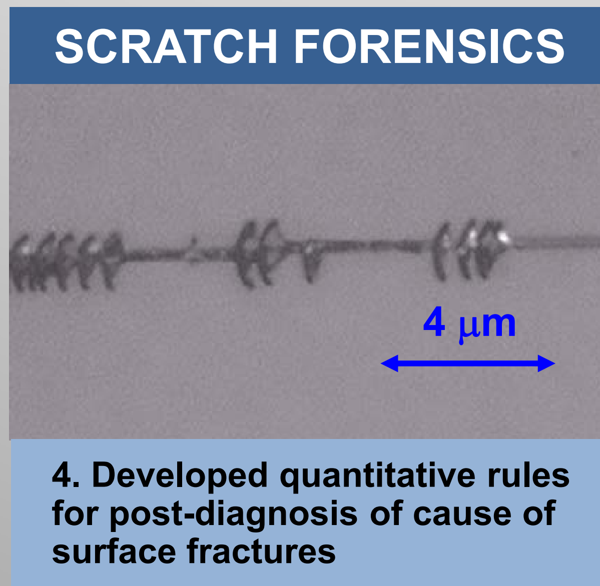

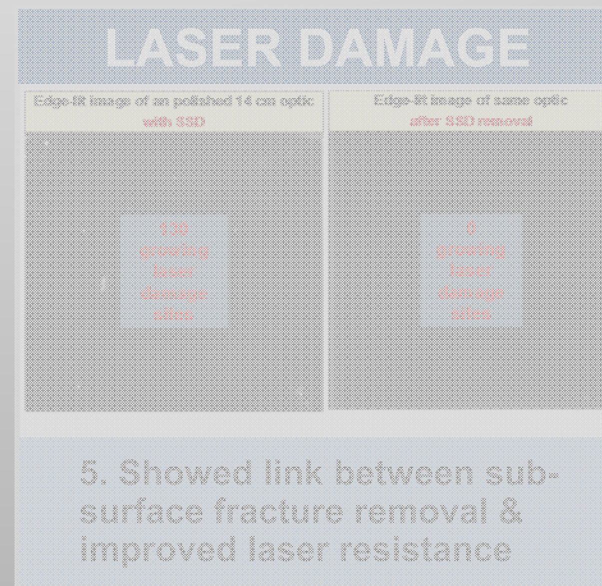

Our studies have provided new rules that Opticians use to diagnose the cause of or to mitigate scratches

Property of scratch	What can it tell you?	Rule / Example
1. Scratch width or trailing indent length (L)	- Size of rogue particle (d) - Size distribution of Rogue Particles - Process step - Depth of fracture (c_{90} or c_{max})	For grinding $0.15\ d \leq L \leq 0.3\ d$ For polishing $0.3\ d \leq L \leq 0.5\ d$
2. Number density	- Rogue particle concentration	
3. Scratch length ($L_{scratch}$)	- Lap properties and rogue particle size	
4. Scratch type (plastic, brittle, mixed)	- Load during fracture - Sharpness of particle	
5. Orientation and pattern of trailing indent	- Particle movement direction - Particle rotation - Stick slip behavior	
6. Curvature or scratch pattern	- Pathway of indenting particle - Shape of tool - Handling vs polishing	
7. Location on optic	- Material removal and surface figure	

Sample	<L>
A: Sandblast	27.1 µm
B: 120 grit	28.3 µm
C: 320 grit	14.9 µm
D: 15 µm loose	4.6 µm
E: 15 µm fixed	4.5 µm
F: 9 µm loose	1.9 µm
G: 7 µm fixed	8.4 µm

$$c_{90} = 0.9 <L> \quad c_{max} = 2.8 <L>$$

$$P \approx 0.001 - 0.1\ N \quad Plastic\ only$$
$$P \approx 0.1 - 5\ N \quad Plastic\ \&\ Brittle$$
$$P > 5\ N \quad Plastic\ \&\ rubble$$

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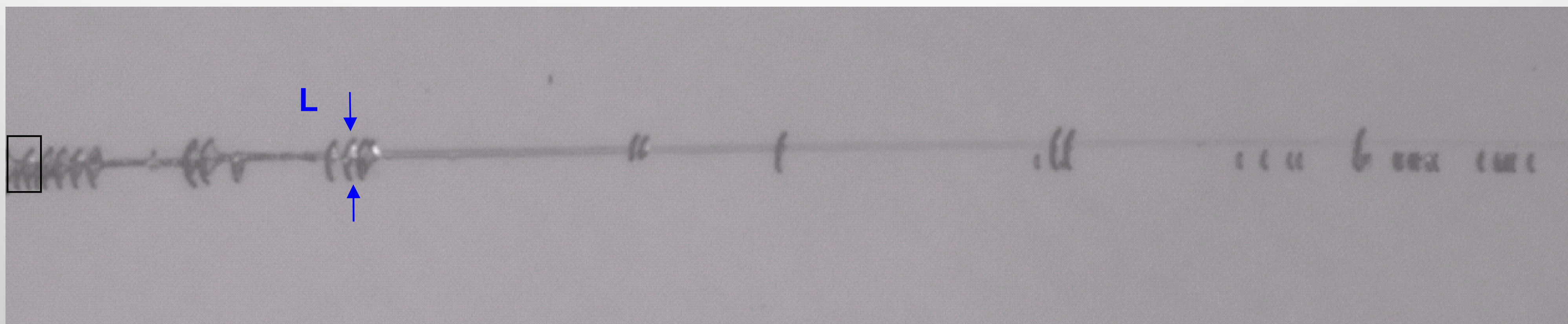
Example of scratch forensics



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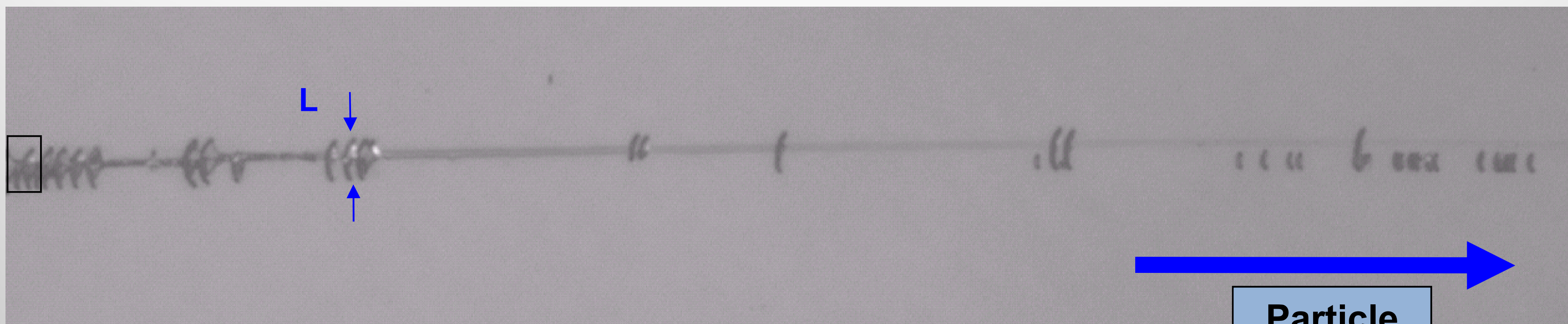

Particle Sliding Direction

Scratch Type = Plastic + Brittle: trailing indent

Trailing Indent length: L= 1.9 μm

Rogue Particle ~ 3.8 – 5.7 μm

c_{90}= 1.8 μm

Scratch Length ~130 μm

Scratch time ~0.16 msec

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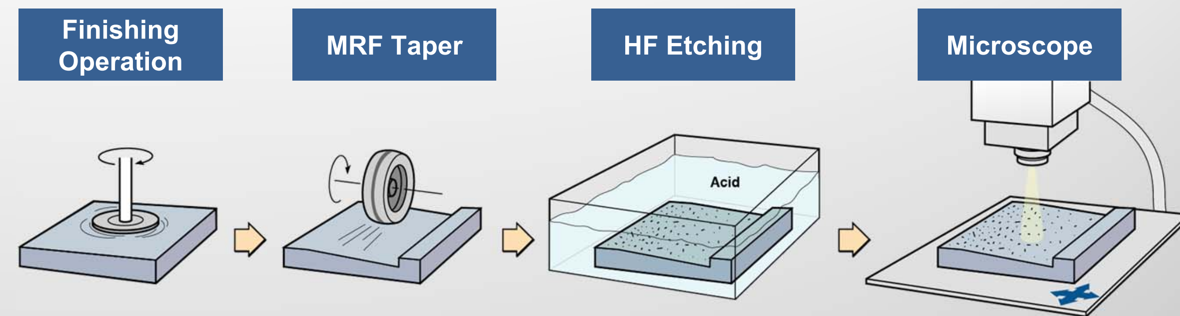

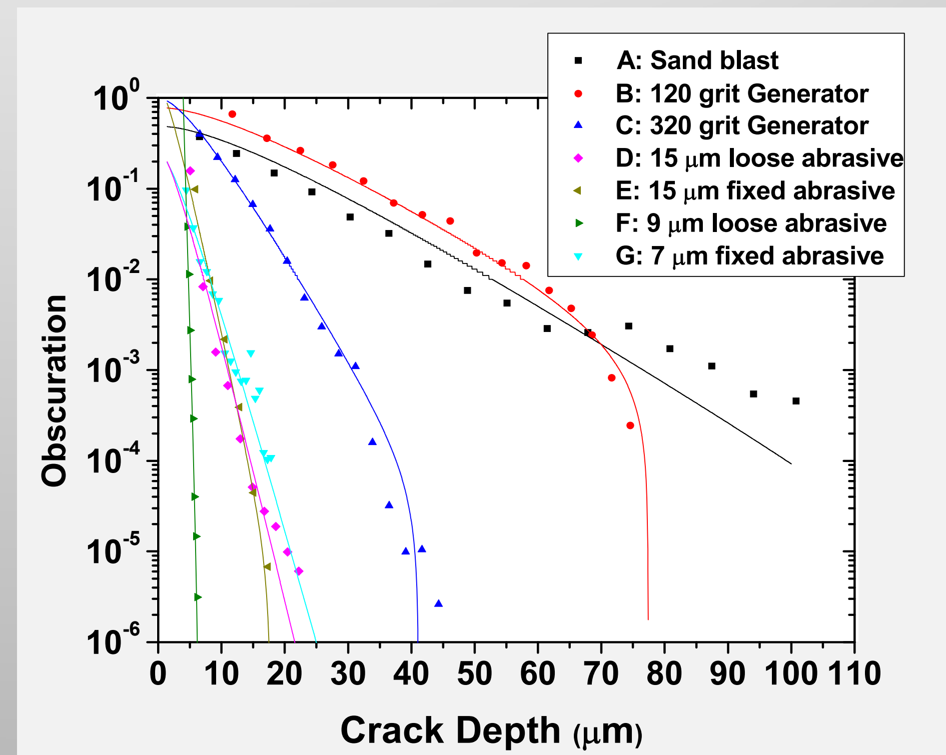

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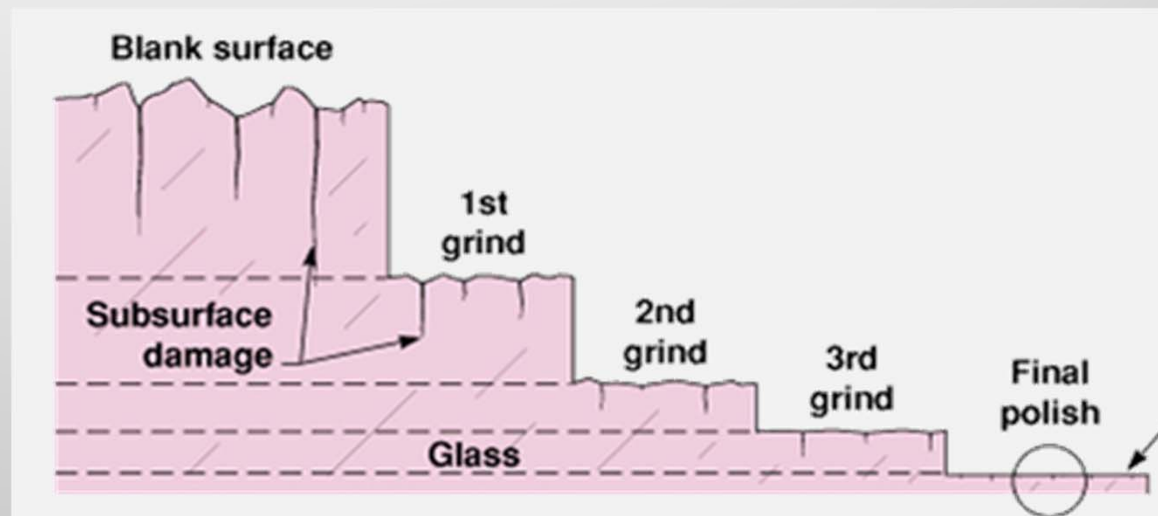

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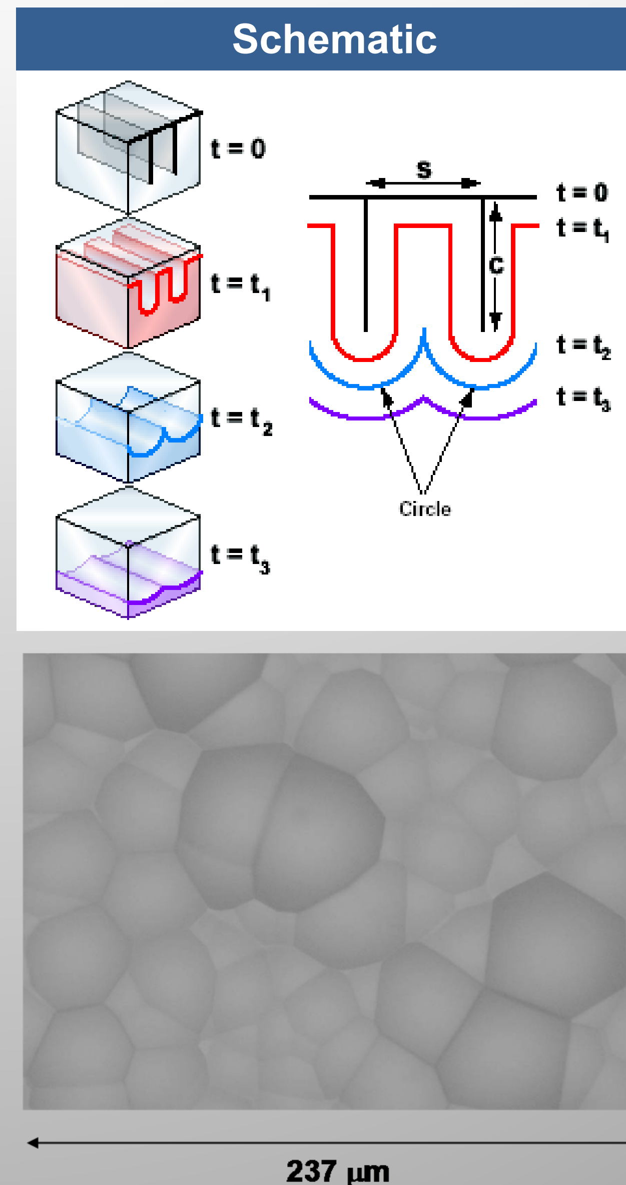

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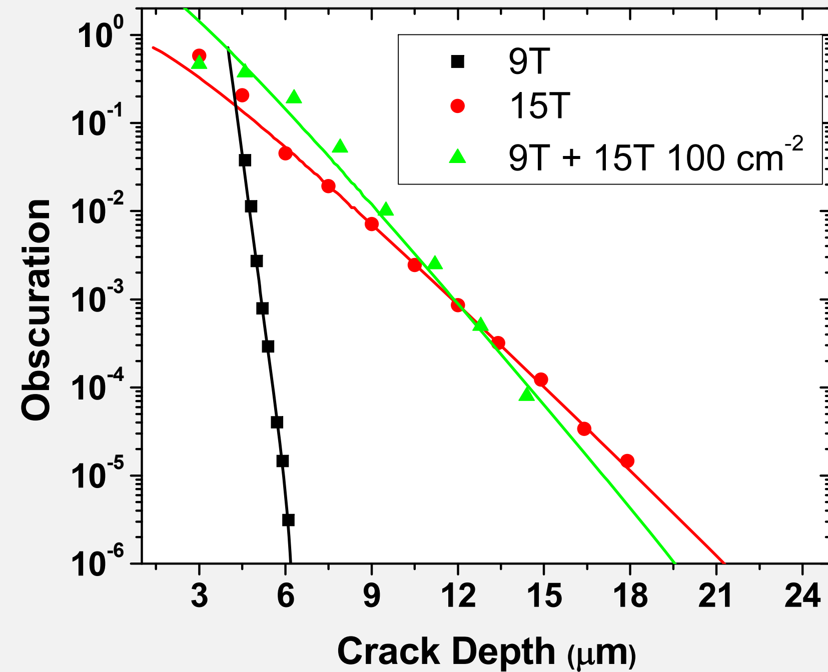

Rogue particle sources

1) In slurry from foreign particle or agglomerates
2) Dried slurry on components falling in
3) Contamination from polisher exterior

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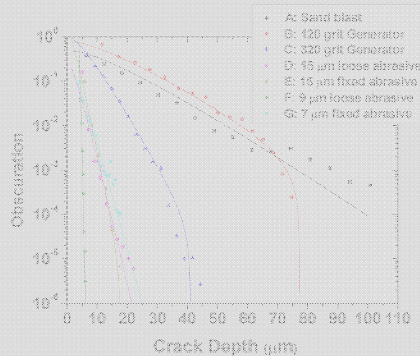
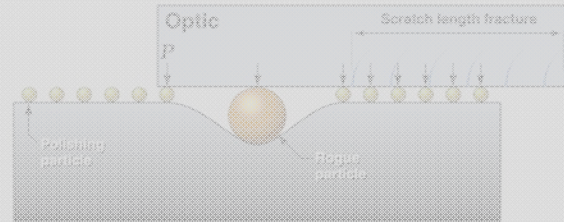


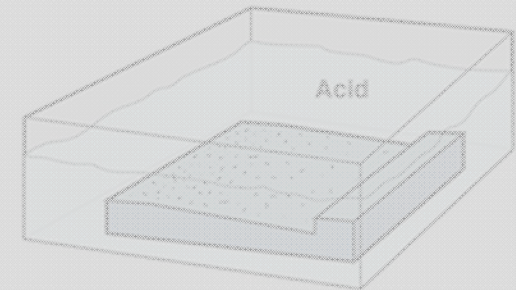
1. Developed fracture mechanics understanding of sub-surface fracture distributions

POLISHING



2. Identified/characterized behavior of rogue particles causing sub-surface fractures

CHEMICAL ETCHING

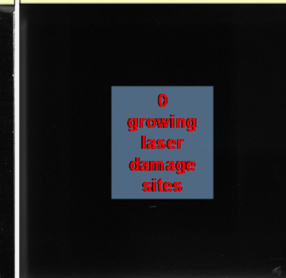


3. Established techniques using etching to reveal and remove subsurface fractures

SCRATCH FORENSICS

4. Developed quantitative rules for post-diagnosis of cause of surface fractures

LASER DAMAGE

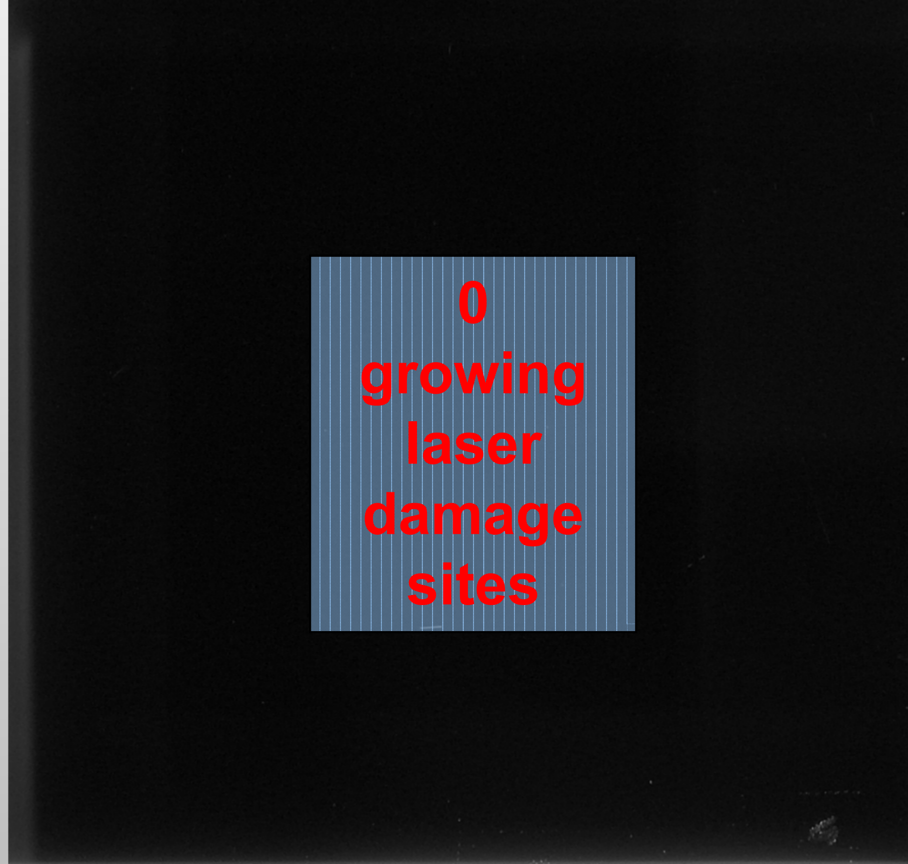


5. Showed link between sub-surface fracture removal & improved laser resistance

SSD-free test optics have been fabricated such it does not laser damage, supporting the "absorber-in-a-crack" theory

Edge-lit image of an polished 14 cm optic with SSD

Edge-lit image of same optic after SSD removal



Laser testing on a 14 cm x 14 cm test optic to 14 J/cm^2 (351 nm, 3 ns equiv) resulted in the elimination of growing laser initiation site upon SSD removal

AMP process system

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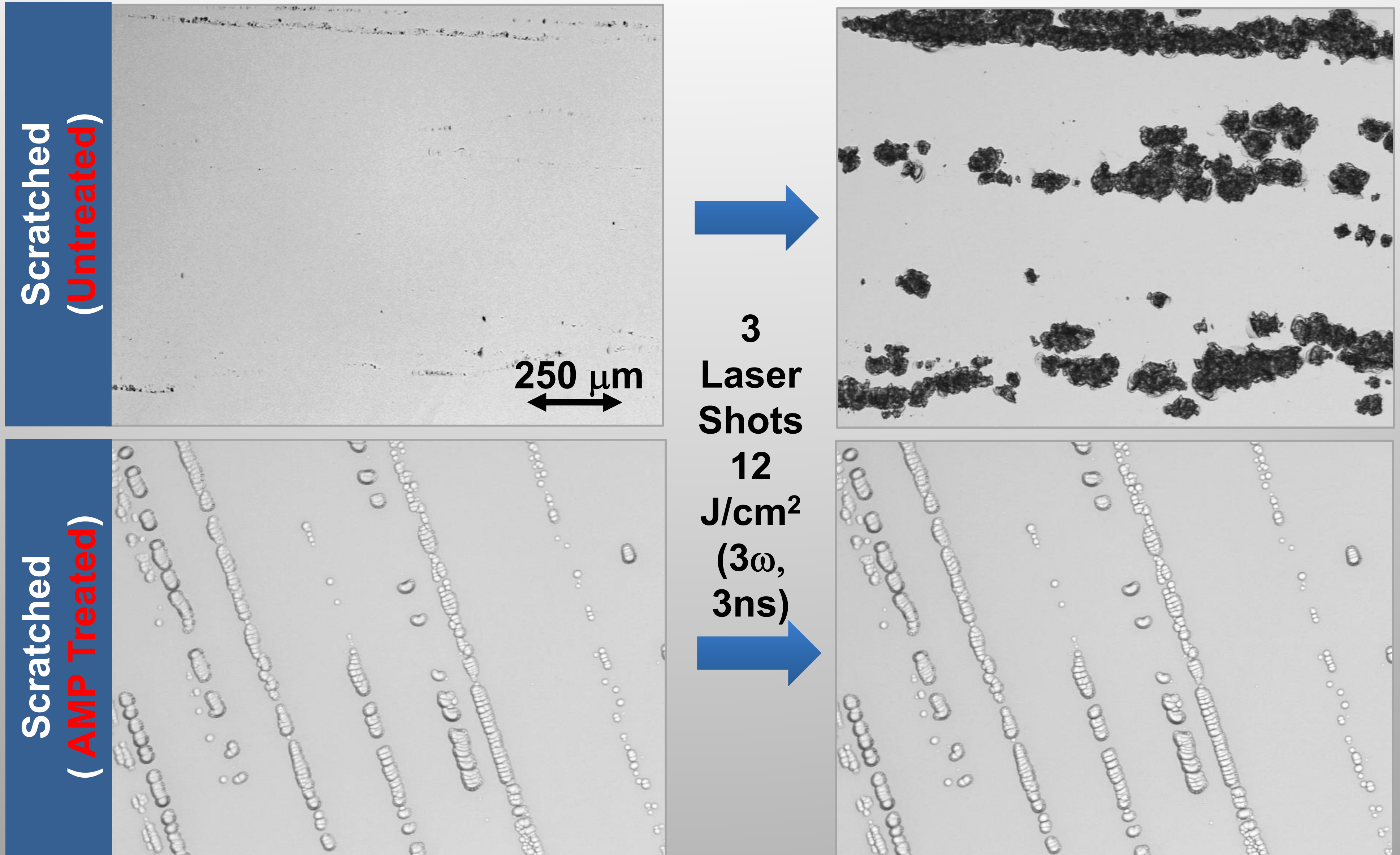
AMP process significantly reduces laser damage initiation per unit scratch length



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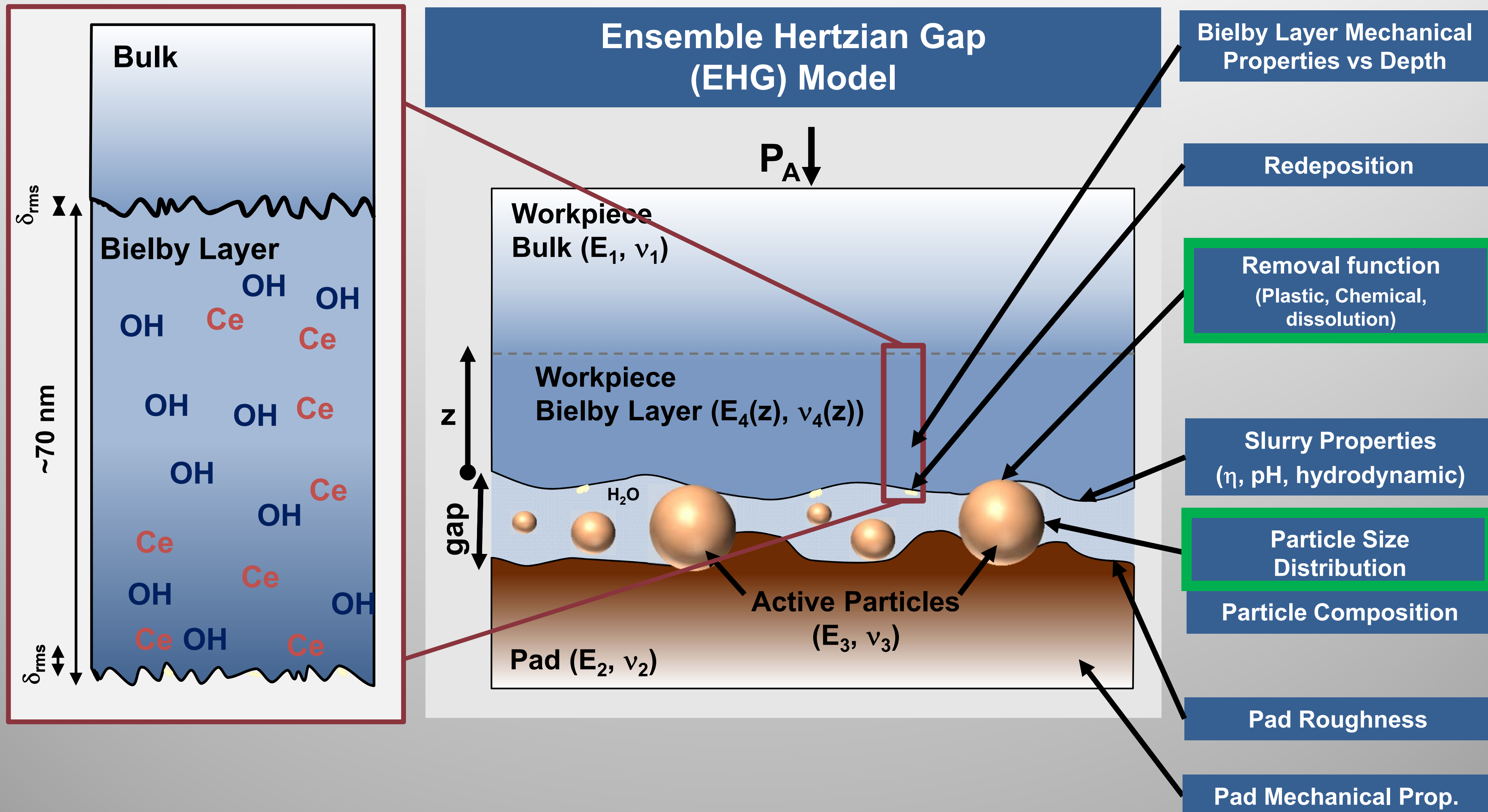
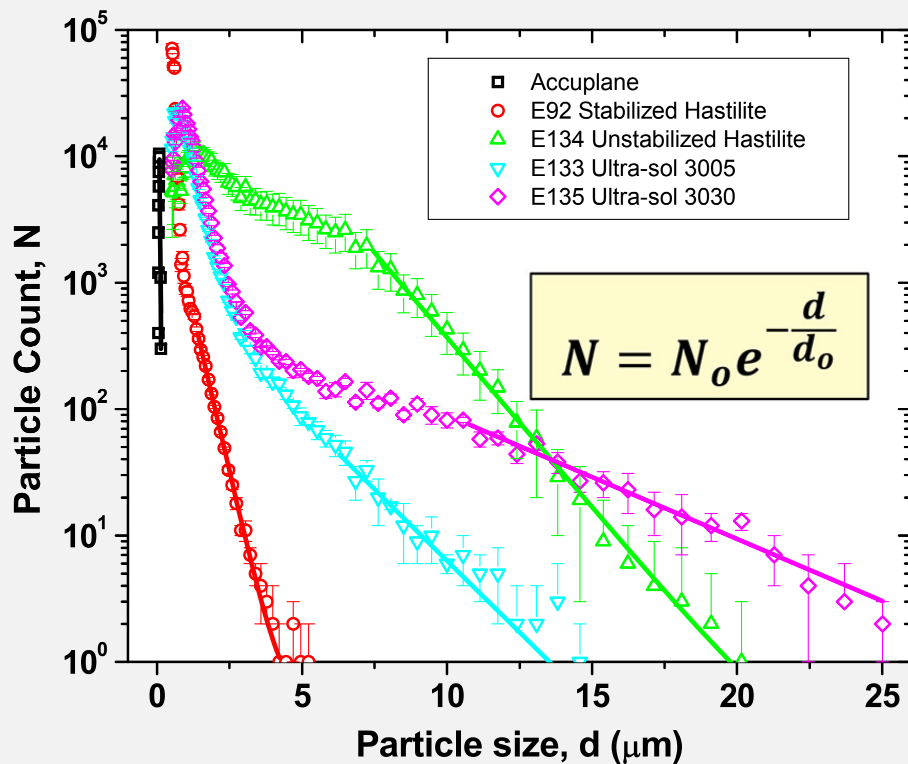
To understand surface roughness, one need to understand the complex microscopic & chemical interactions during polishing



The tail end of the slurry's PSD* strongly correlates with workpiece roughness

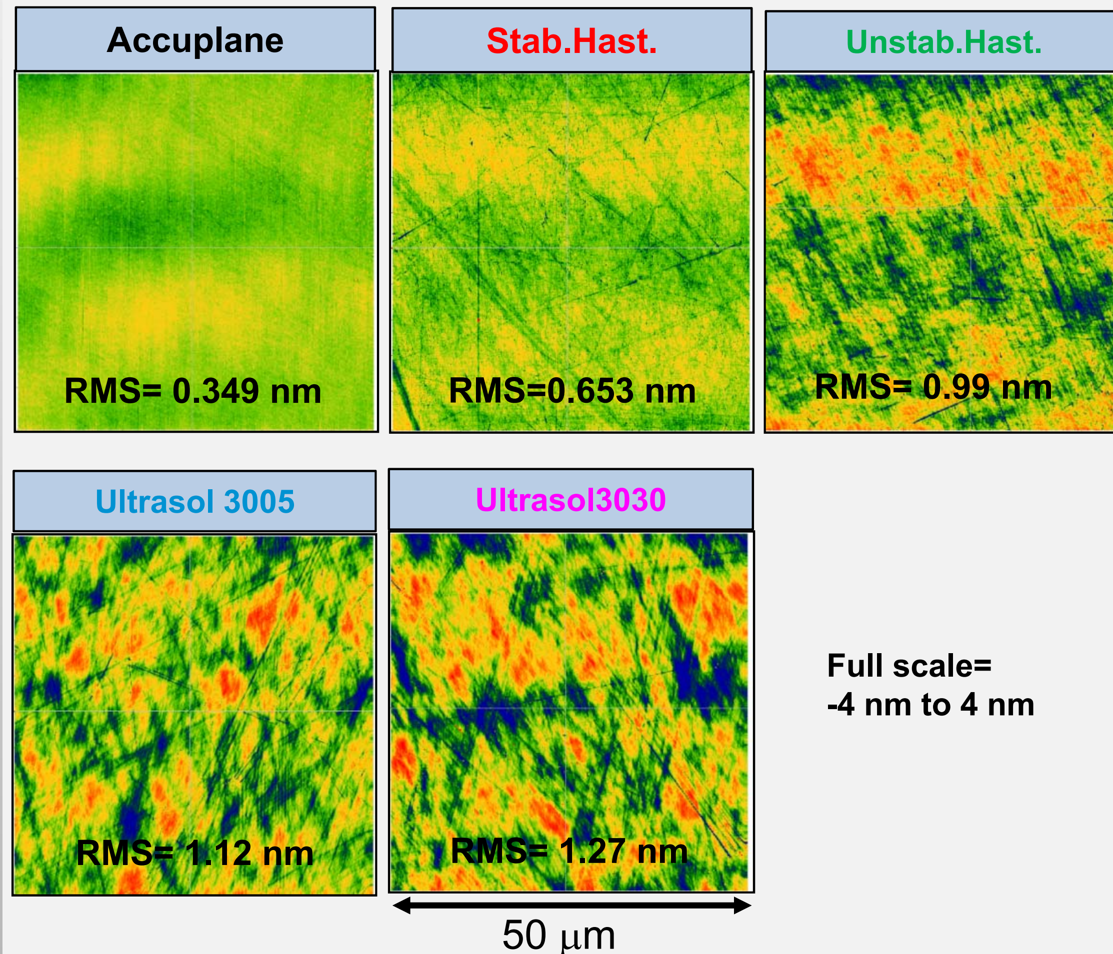
Measured PSD* of ceria slurries



The tail end of each slurry follows a single exponential distribution

*Particle size distribution

AFM images of fused silica workpieces after polishing with different ceria slurries



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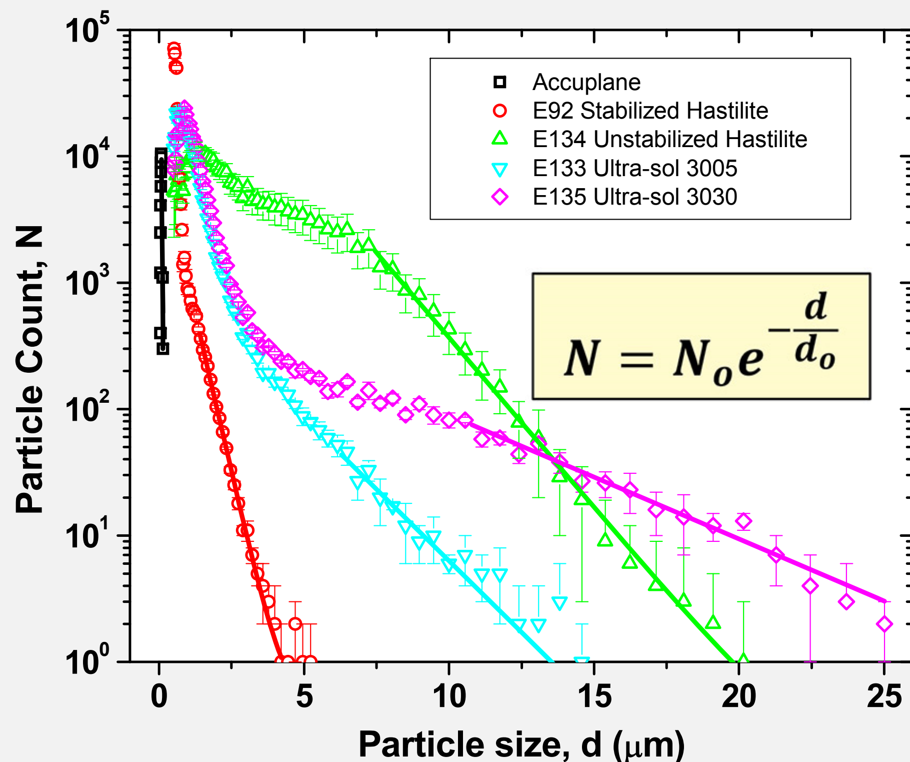
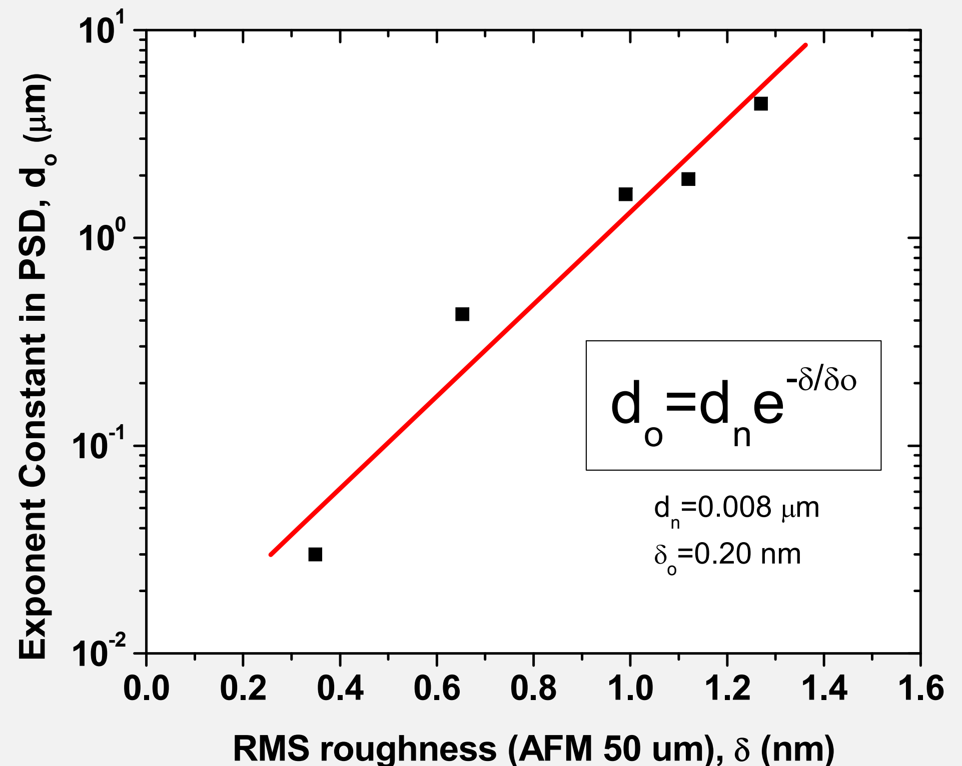


The tail end of each slurry follows a single exponential distribution

Exponent constant in PSD of slurry vs RMS roughness of polished surface



The slope of the slurry's PSD quantitatively scales with the rms roughness

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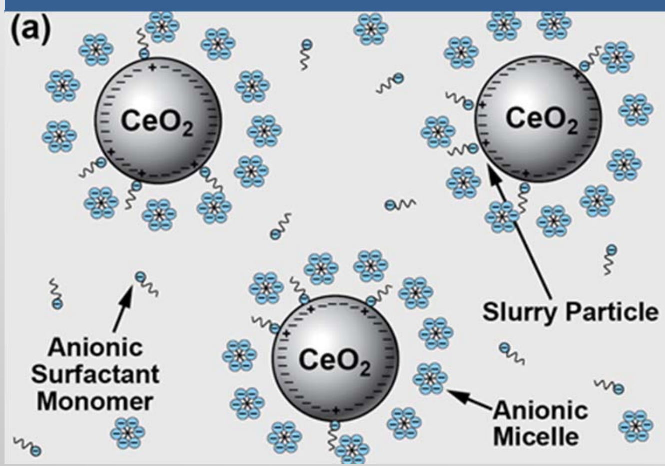
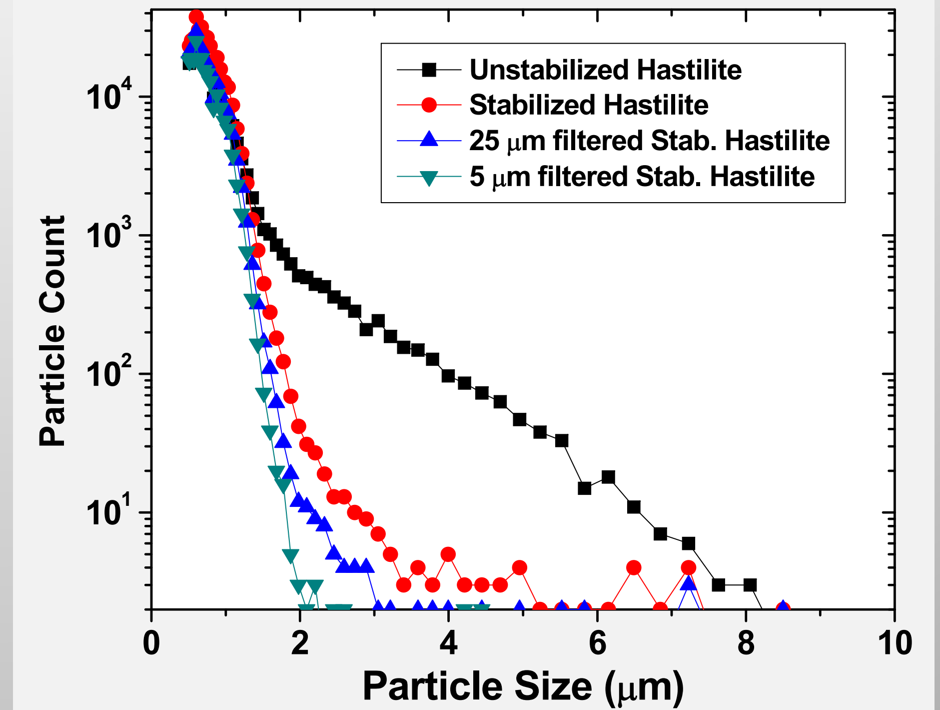
Novel chemical slurry stabilization and engineered filtration has resulted in improve slurry PSD

Chemical Stabilization



Engineered Filtration

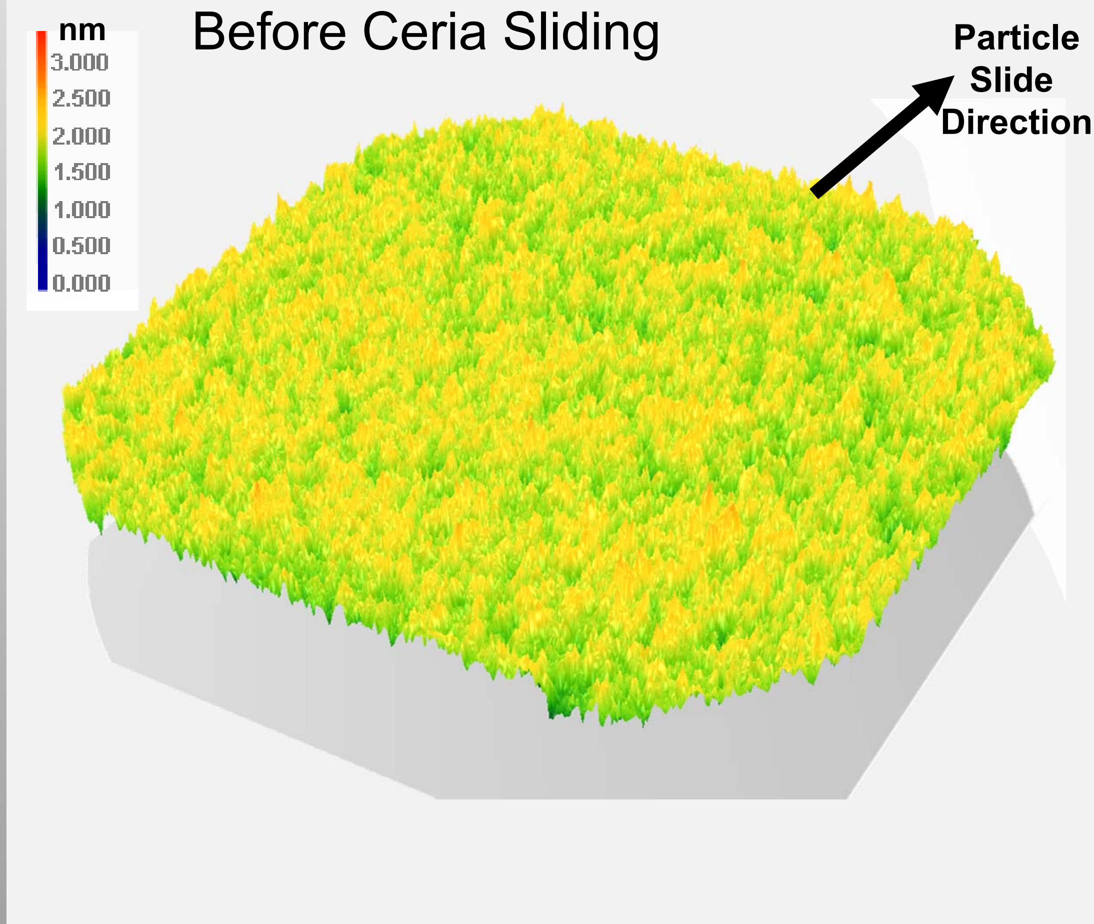
Improved Particle Size Distributions



- Surfactant dramatically reduces agglomeration without reducing removal rate
- Appropriate filtration further improves PSD

US Patent Application WO 2012129244 A1 (September 27, 2012)
R. Dylla-Spears, Colloids & Surfaces A 447 (2014) 32
T. Suratwala, JACS 97 (2014) 81

Single pass ceria particle sliding experiments suggest 'plastic' - type removal can occur during polishing



Sample 4: using Stabilized Hastilite

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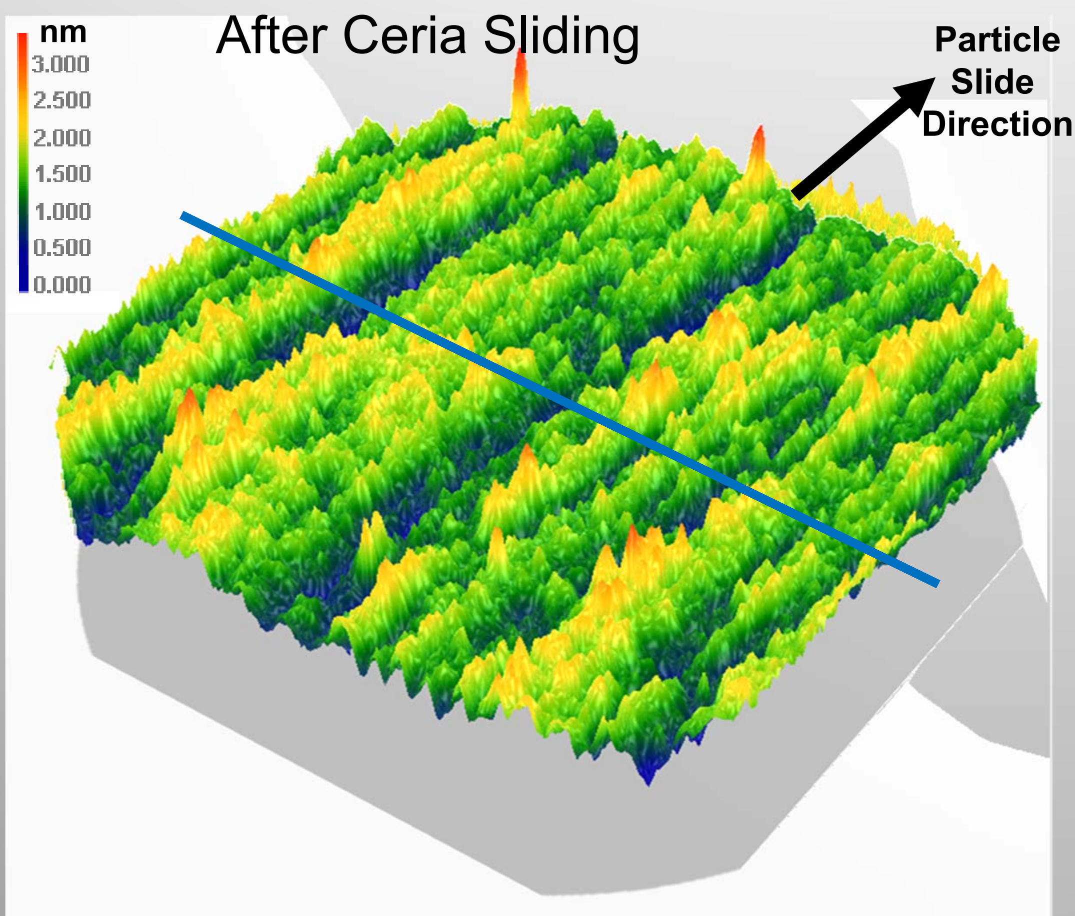
AFM Image (2 μm x 2 μm) of fused silica surface



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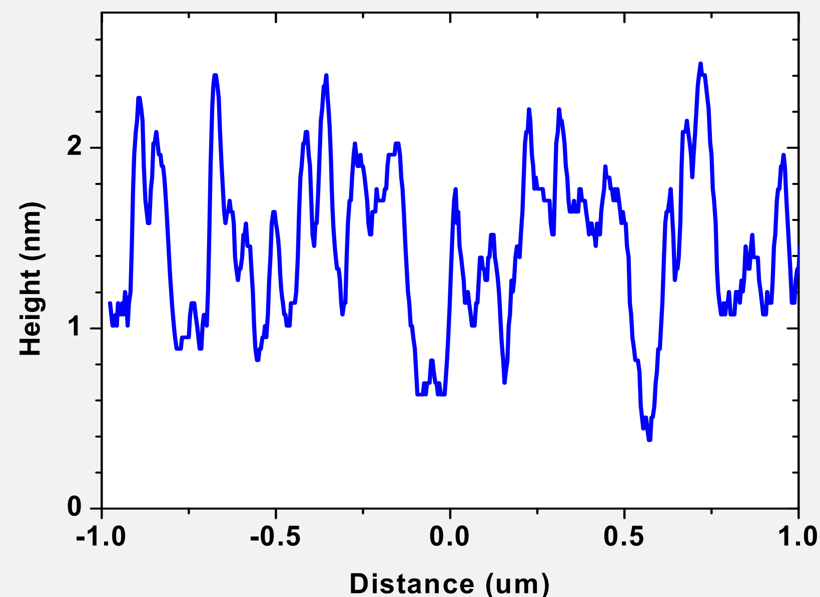
Lineout of AFM Perp. to slide particle slide direction



- Single pass of ceria particle removes ~1 nm of material (~7 Si-O units)

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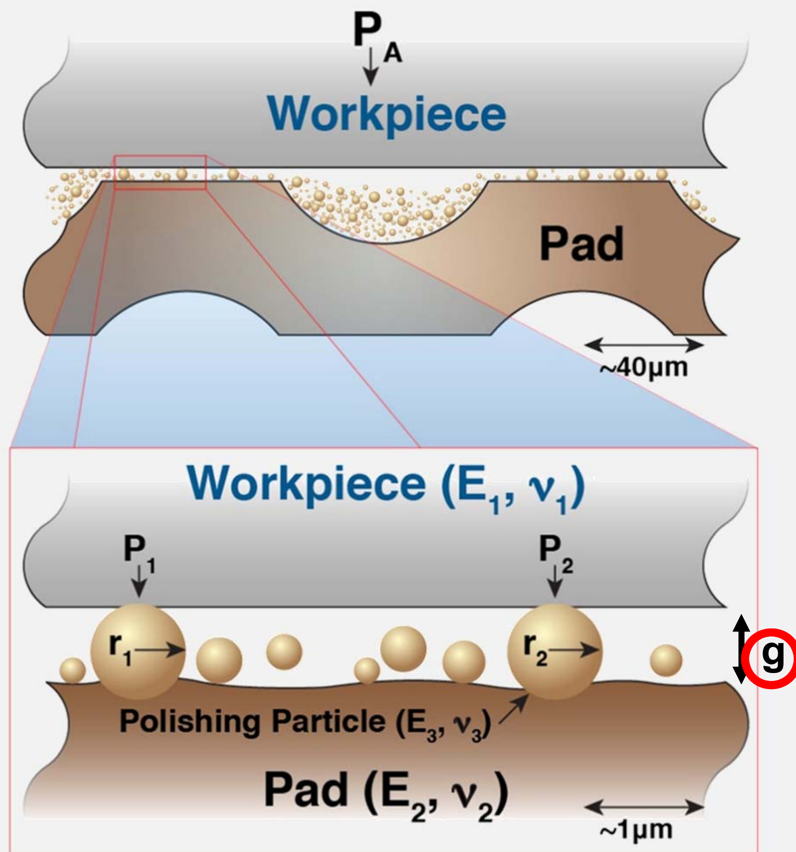
Ensemble Hertzian Gap (EHG) model is used to determine the gap, fraction of particles loaded, & the load per particle

EHG Model Setup



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Governing Relationships

Load Balance

$$P_A = N_b 2\pi r_o^2 \int_{\frac{g}{2}}^{\infty} F(r)\, P(r,g)\, dr$$

Number density of particles in gap

$$N_b = f_A N_p = f_A \frac{\int F(r)\, dr}{\int F(r)\, 2\pi r\, dr}$$

Load on each particle (Hertzian Contact)

$$P(r,g) = \frac{4}{3} E_{eff} \sqrt{r\left(2r - g\right)^3}$$

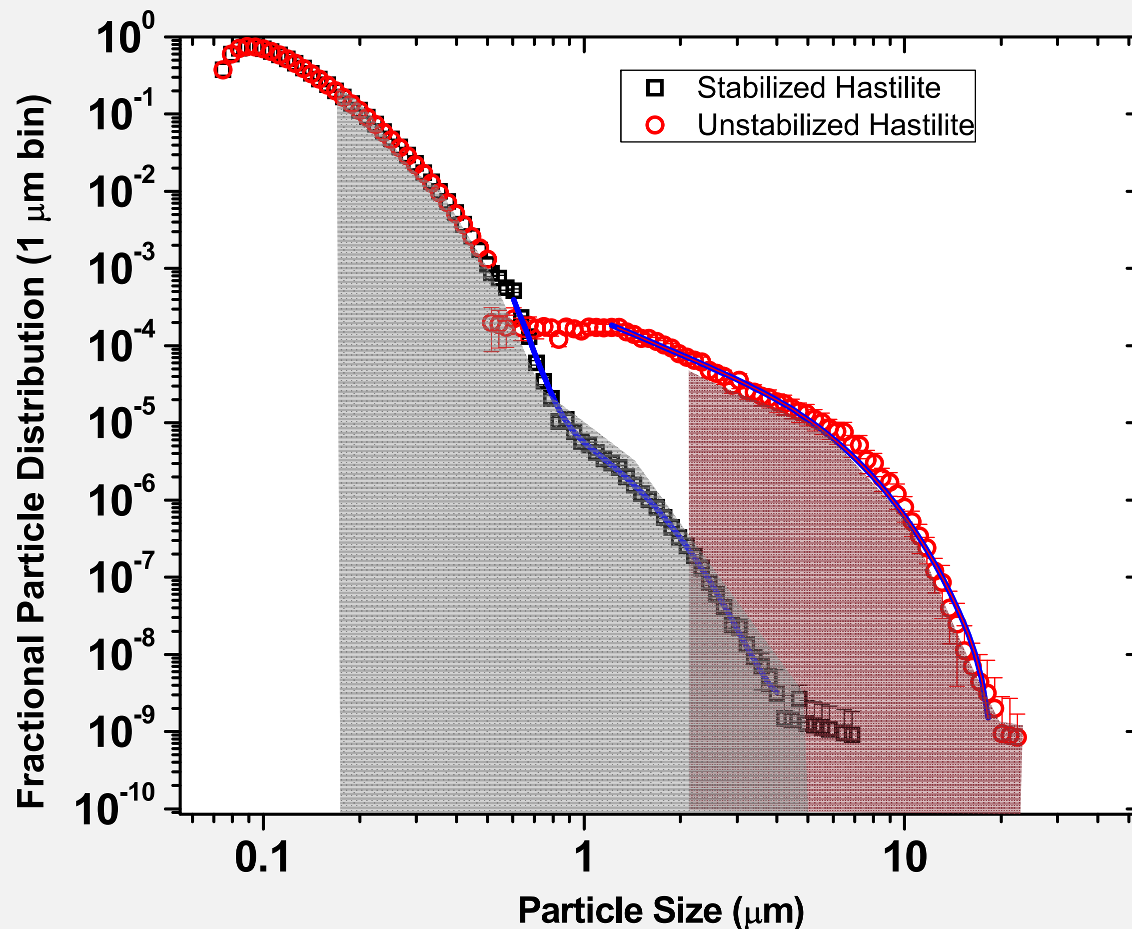
g = gap at interface

f_A= fraction of pad area making contact with workpiece

N_p= # of particles/area

In this formalism, only need to solve for g

Using the EHG model, the calculated fraction of “active” particles is very small



- Shaded region represents active (i.e., loaded) particles (using f_A=1.5x10^{-4})
- Stabilized Hastilite uses much smaller particles during polishing compared to Unstabilized Hastilite

Slurry	Gap	Fraction of active particles
Stabilized Hastilite	0.07 μm	0.224
Unstabilized Hastilite	0.42 μm	0.0005

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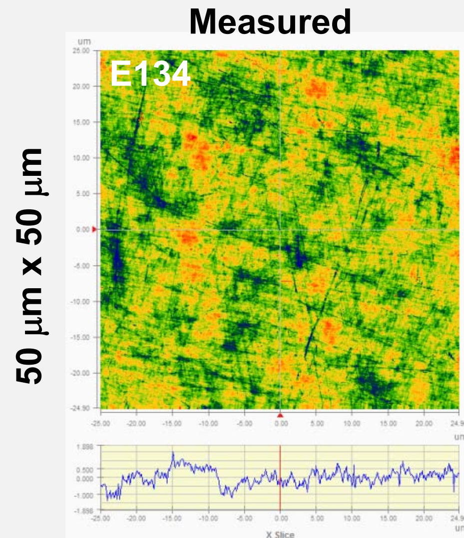
Using the EHG model, polished surfaces using different PSDs have been simulated over multiple spatial scale lengths

Unstabilized Hastilite PO Polished Surface

Measured



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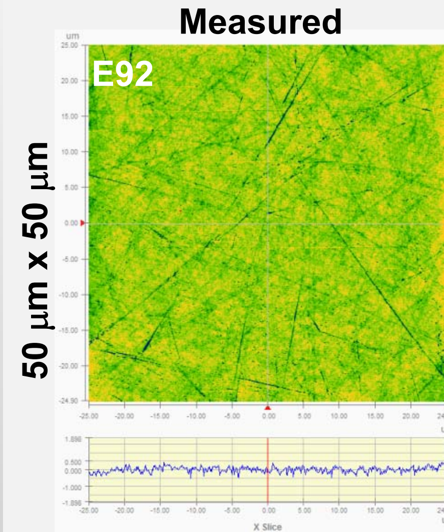

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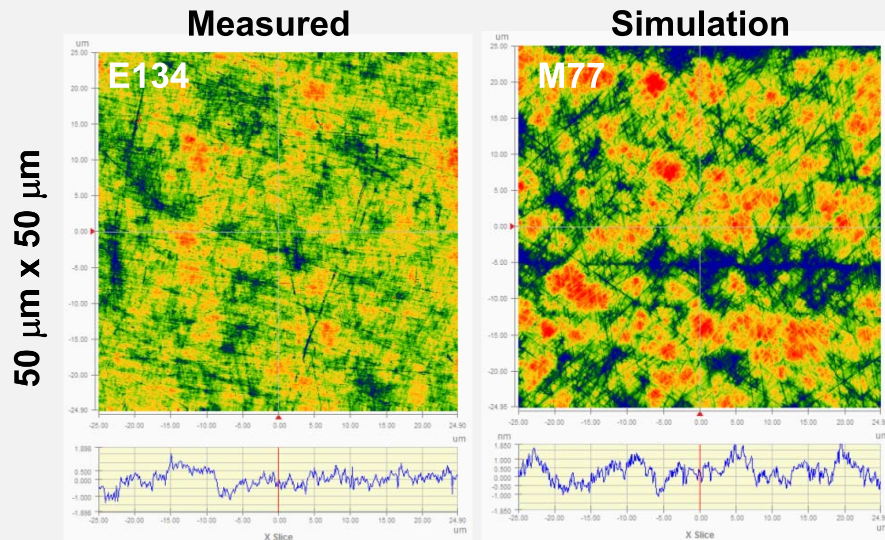

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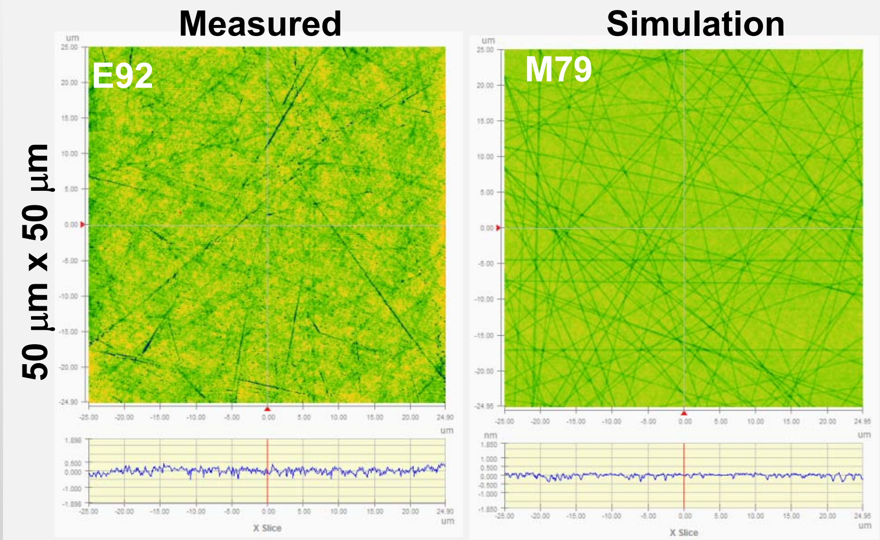

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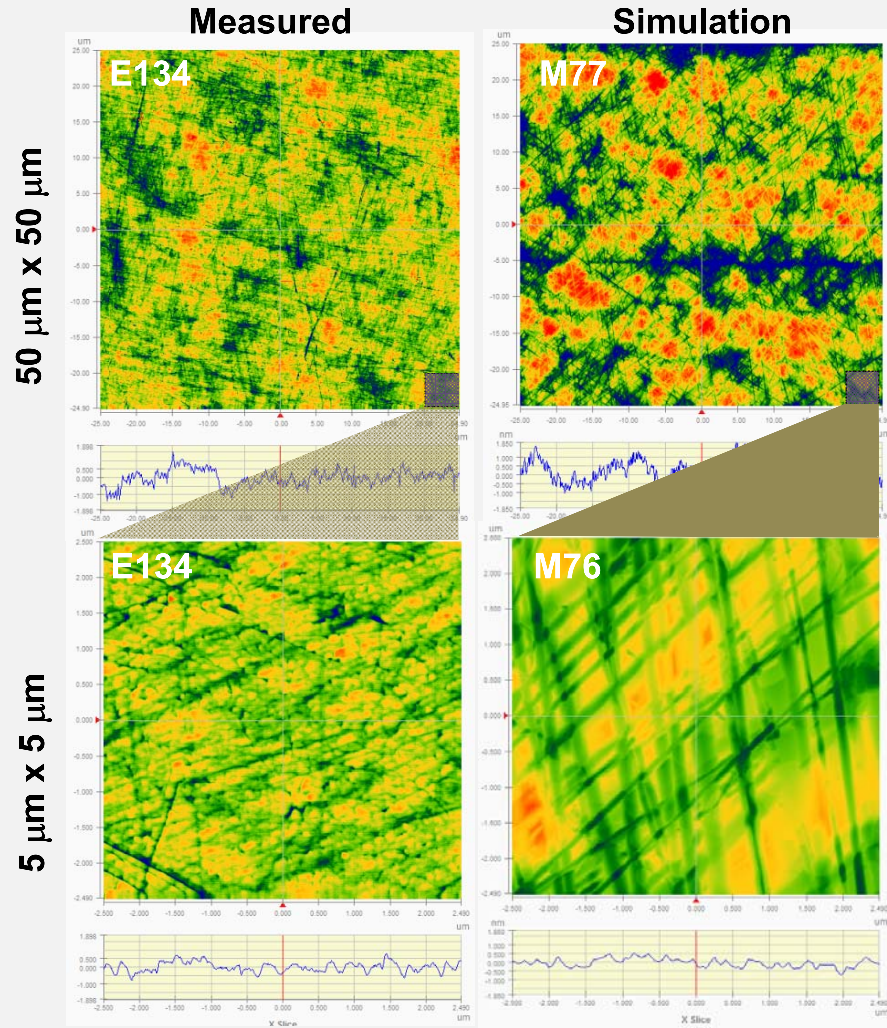

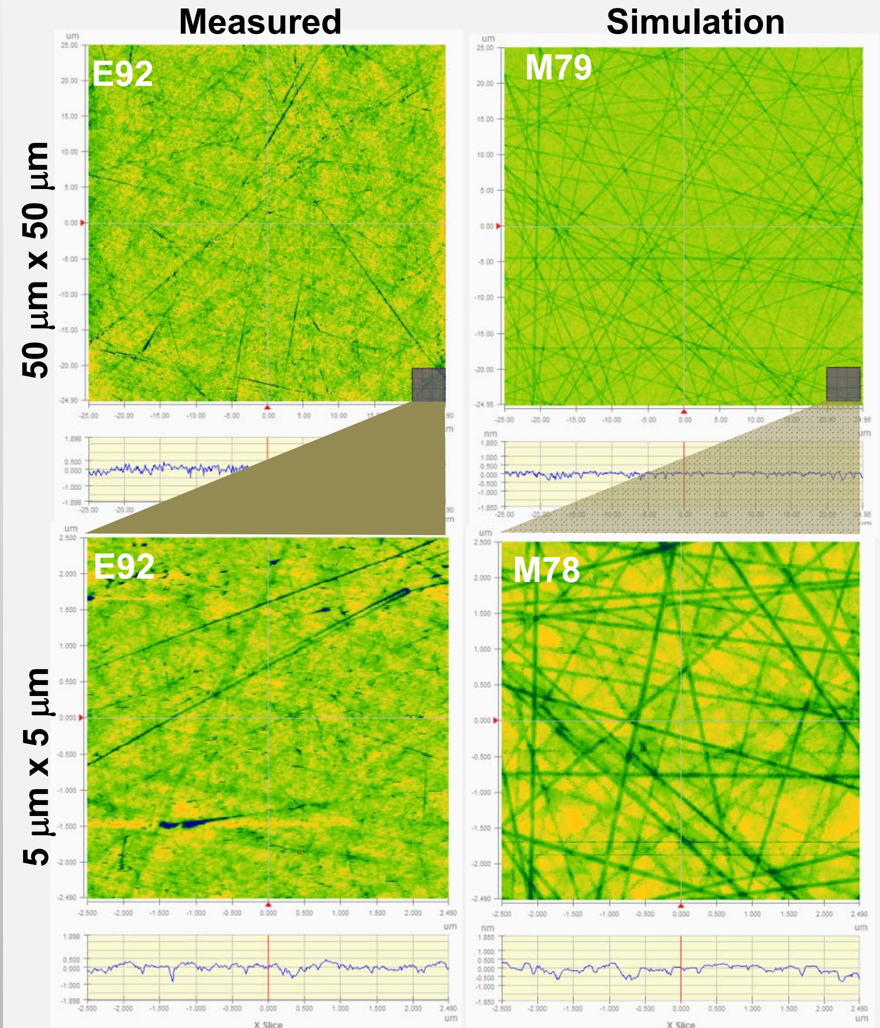

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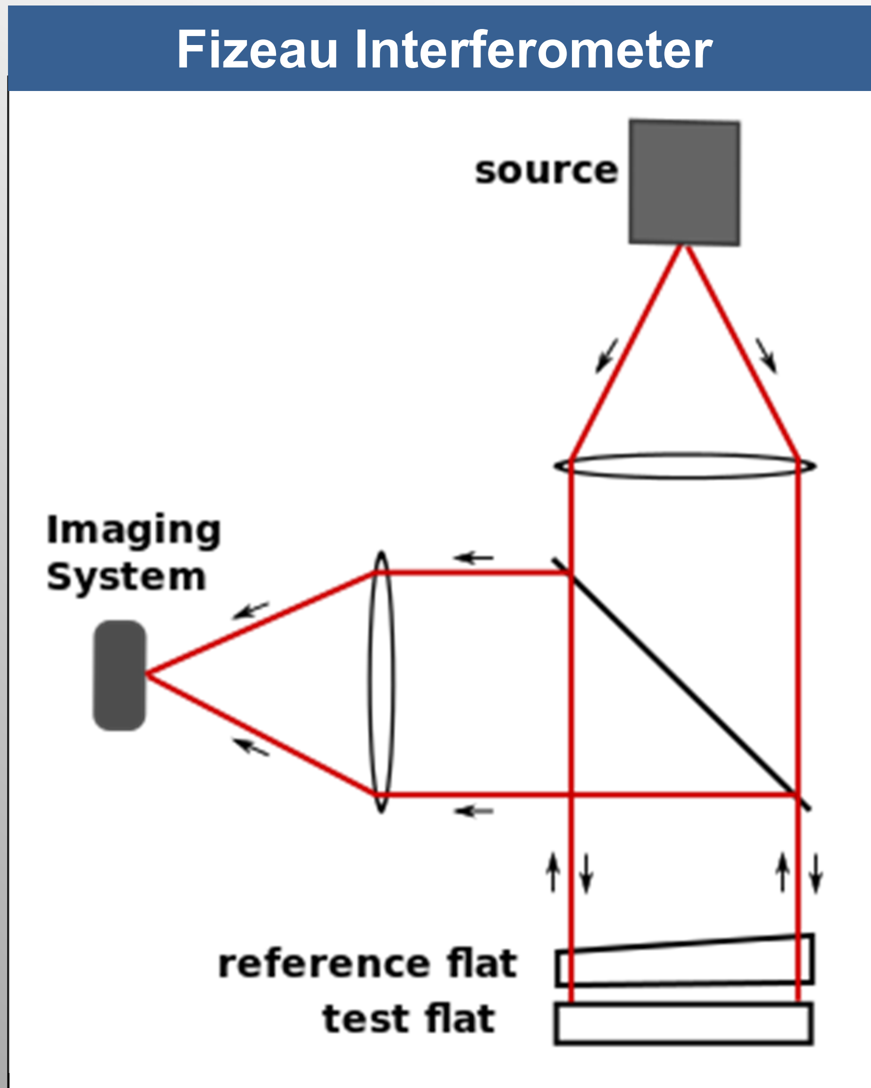
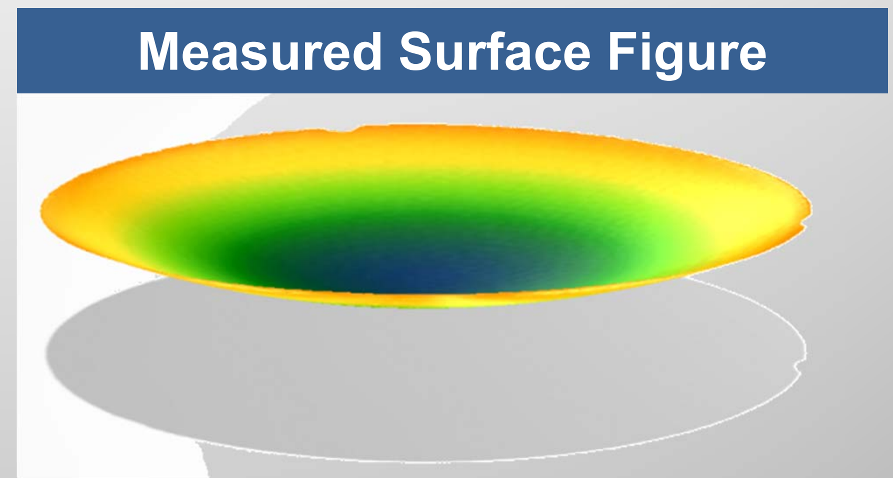
The surface figure of an optic is typically measured by interferometry





Material removal on a workpiece is governed by a large number of phenomena

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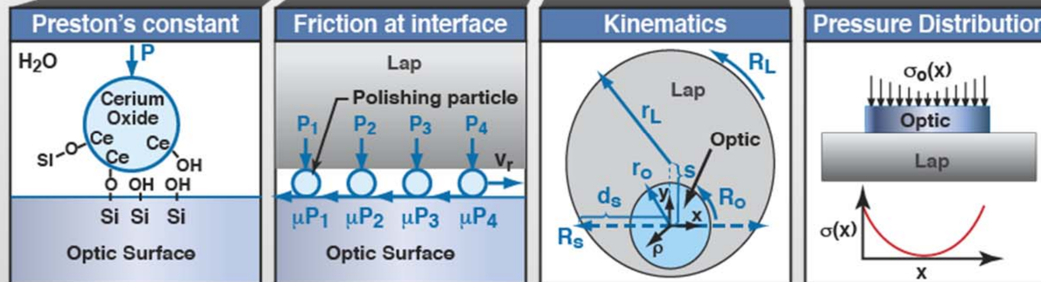

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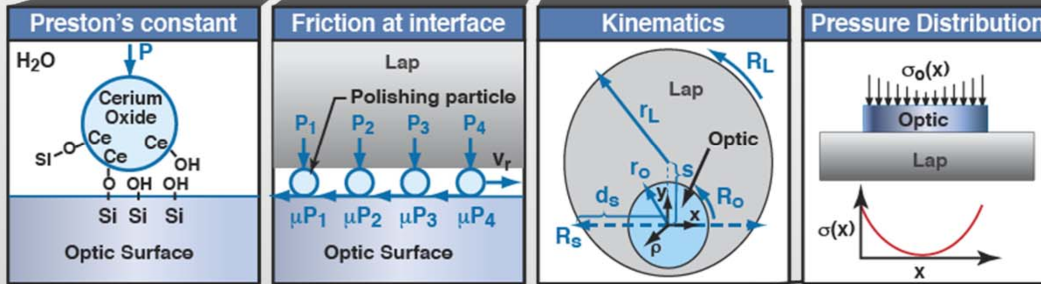

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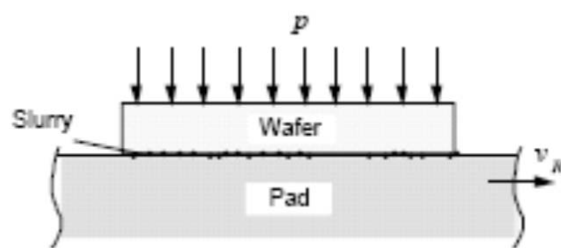
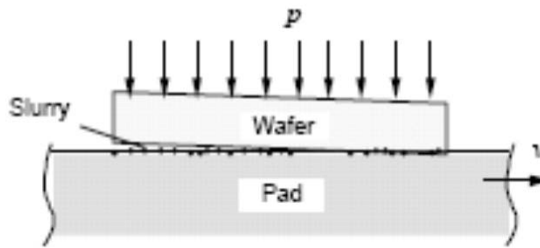
The optic/lap can have different modes of contact which strongly influences the amount of material removal

Contact Mode

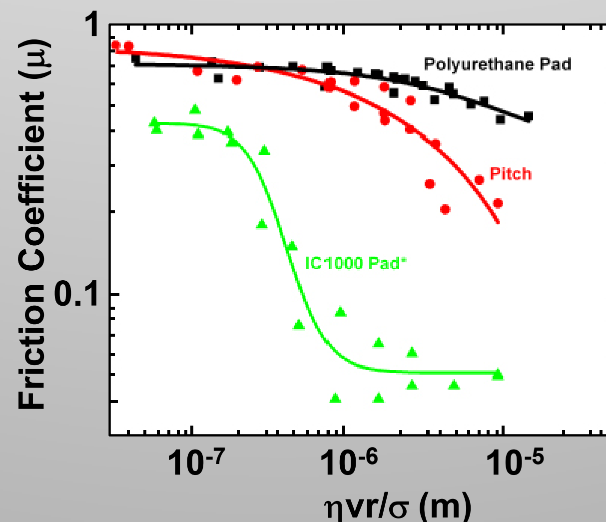


- Friction μ>0.1
- Optic/pad mechanically make contact
- High pressure/low velocity
- Real contact area < nominal contact area
- Plastic deformation of optic/ pad occurs
- Fluid film is discontinuous

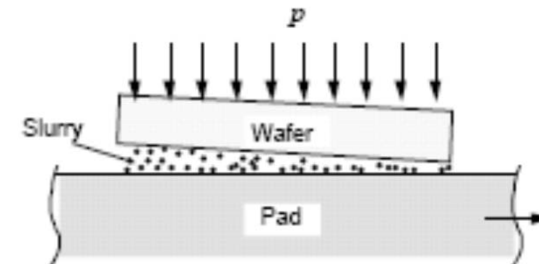
Mixed Mode



- Friction μ~0.01 to 0.1
- Transition mode during pressure or velocity changes
- Contact is made between lap asperities and optic



Hydroplaning Mode



- Friction μ~0.001 to 0.01 (due to shear of viscous fluid)
- Optic glides on fluid film without directly touching pad
- Low pressure/high velocity
- Pressure build-ups in fluid to support normal load of optic
- Pressure gradient is sensitive to wedge angle

J. Lai, Thesis (2001);
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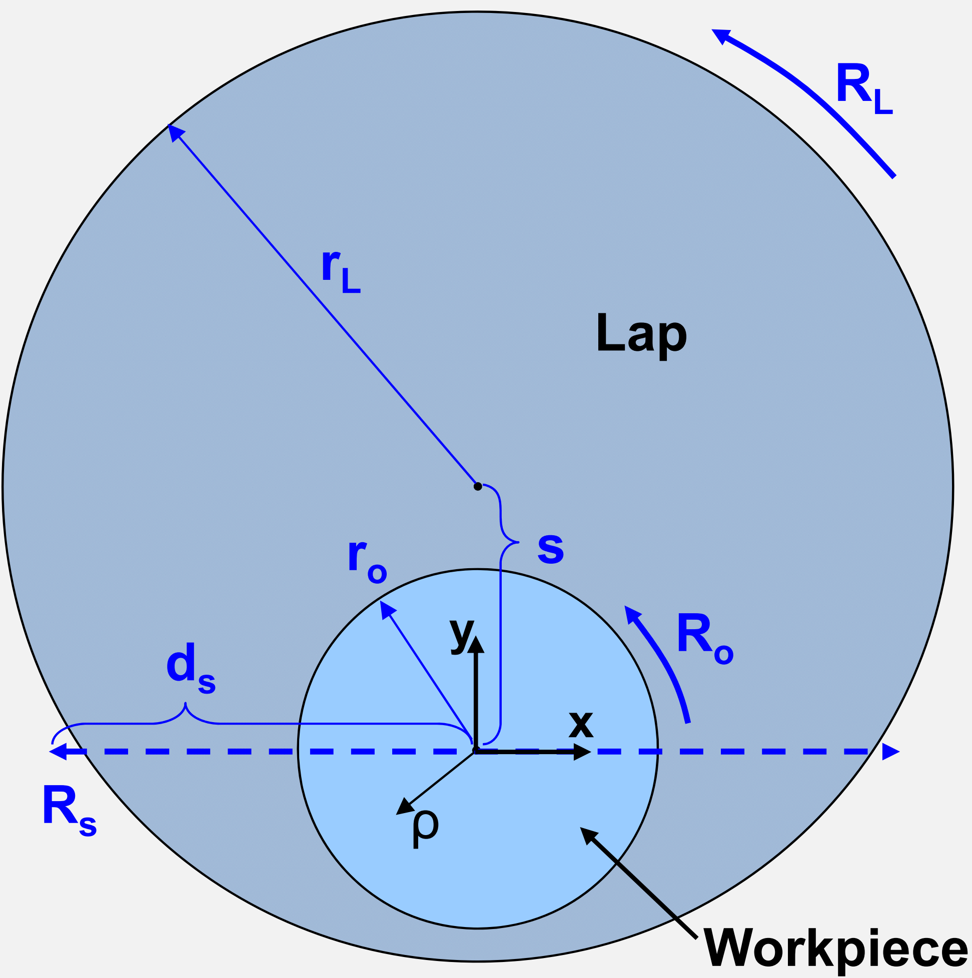
A geometric model is used to estimate the figure during conventional grinding/polishing

Schematic of geometric model



The velocity vector at each point on the optic is the velocity relative to the optic rotation minus the velocity relative to the lap rotation

$$\vec{V} = \left(\vec{R}_{optic} \times \vec{\rho}\right) - \left(\vec{R}_{Lap} \times \left(\vec{\rho} - \vec{S}\right)\right) + \vec{V}_s$$

where the vectors are:

$$\vec{R}_{optic} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ R_{optic} \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{R}_{Lap} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ R_{Lap} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{S} = \begin{pmatrix} d_s \sin\left(\frac{\pi v_s t}{d_s}\right) \\ s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{V}_s = \begin{pmatrix} v_s \cos\left(\frac{\pi v_s t}{2 d_s}\right) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sin\left(a\tan(x/y) + 2\pi R_{optic} t\right) \\ \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \cos\left(a\tan(x/y) + 2\pi R_{optic} t\right) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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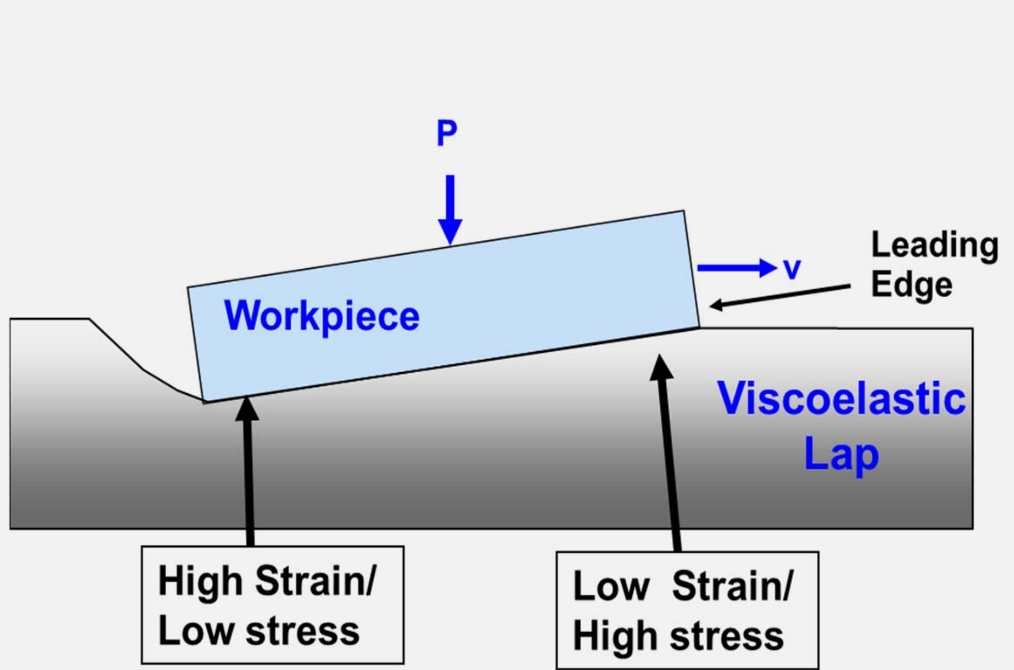
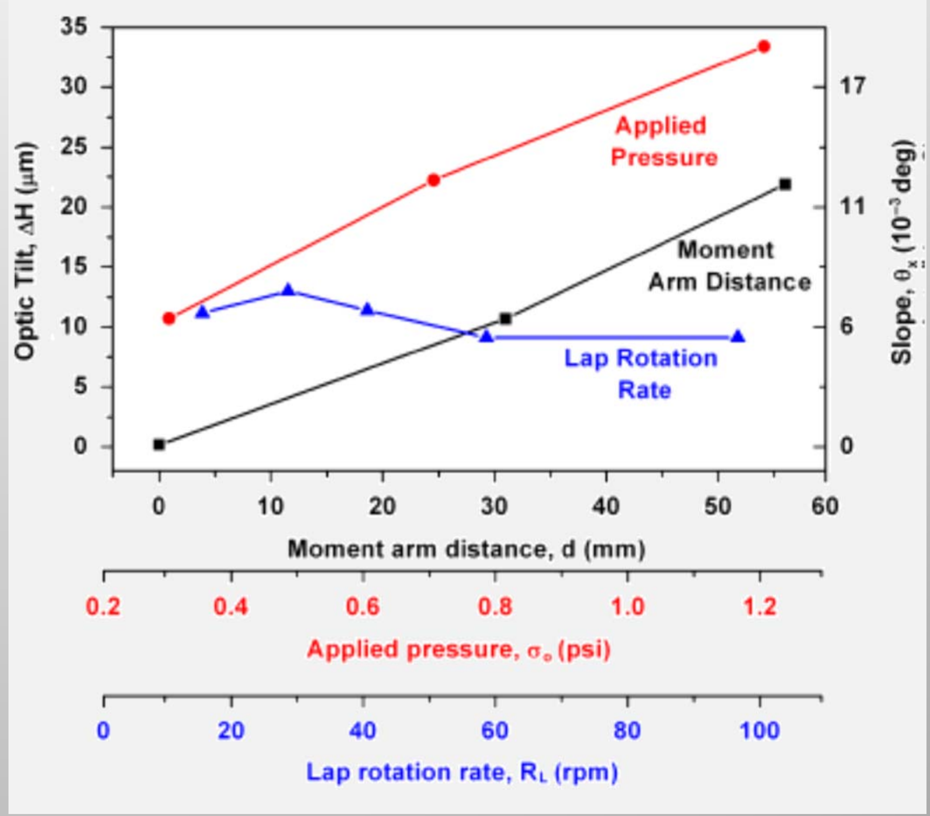
For a translating workpiece on a viscoelastic lap, stress is highest at leading edge and lowest at end

Schematic of moving workpiece on a viscoelastic lap



Effect of moment on workpiece tilt



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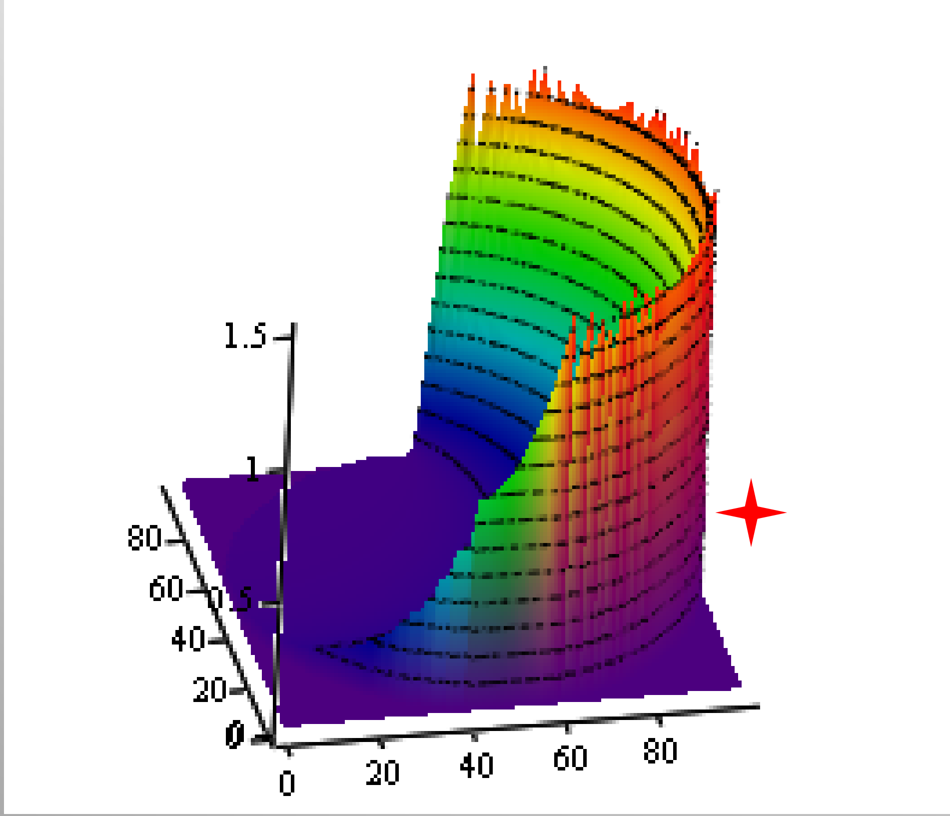
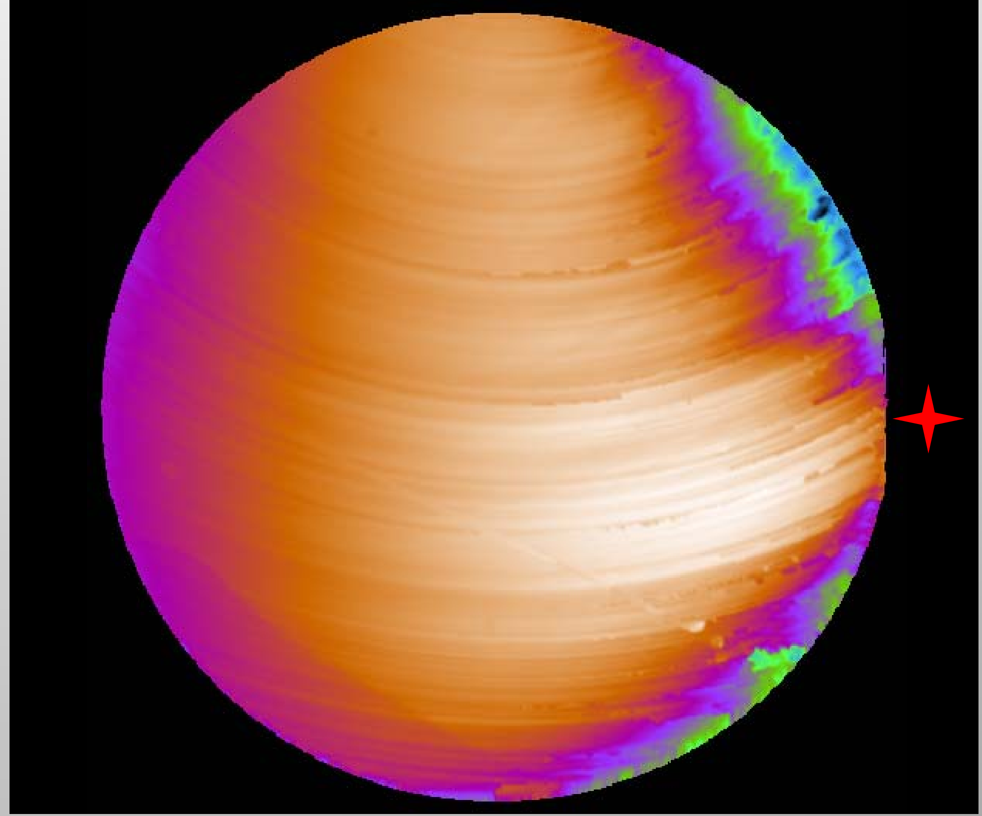
Calculated instantaneous stress distribution is qualitatively similar to measured data

Leading edge

Calculated instantaneous Stress profile



Measured removal on optic when it is not rotated (Exp B)



High removal was observed at leading edge consistent with viscoelastic mechanism for causing pressure distribution

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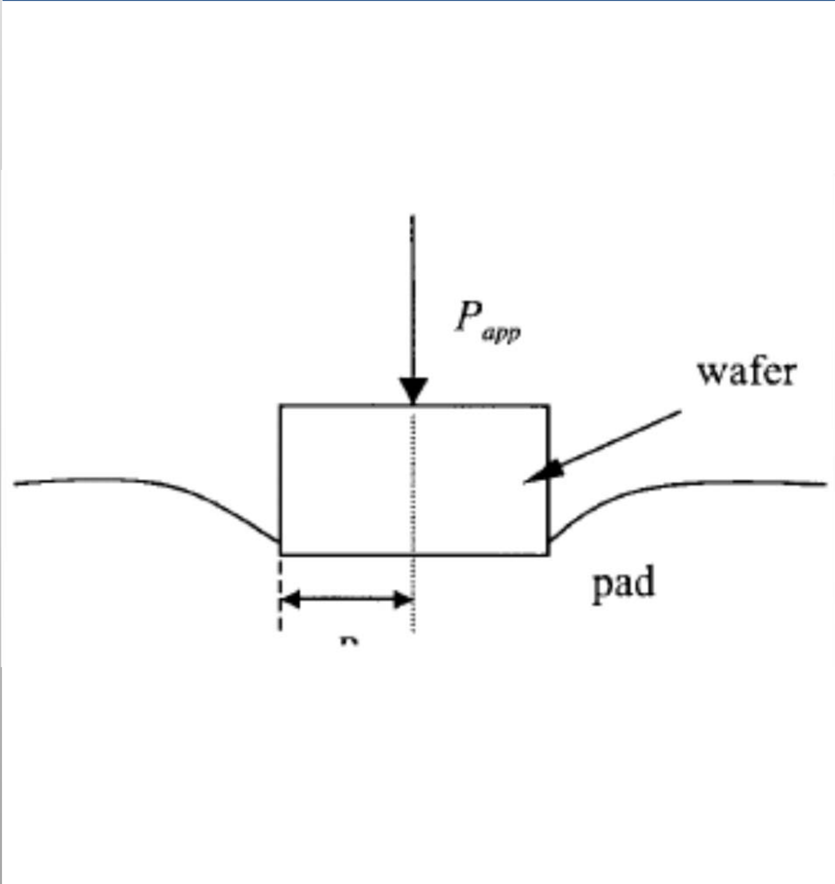
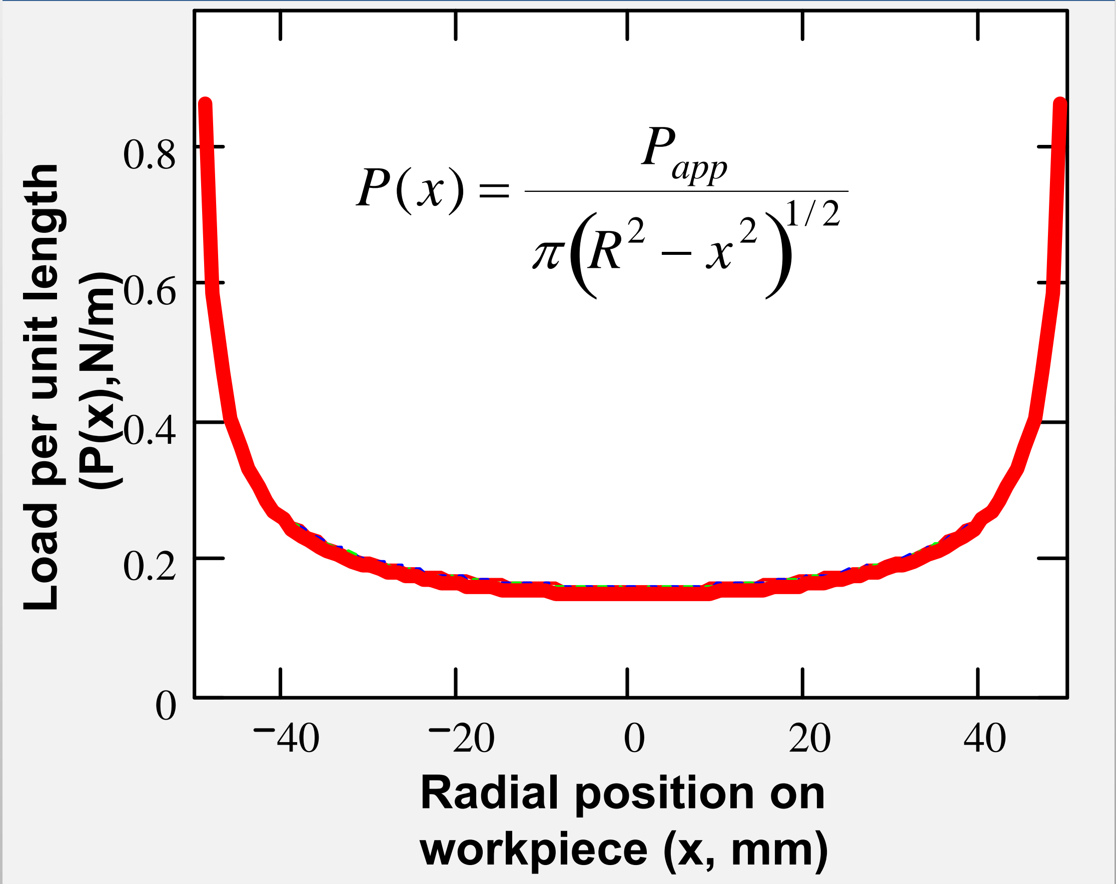
The pressure distribution across the workpiece can be predicted using the rigid punch indentation model for contact mode

Rigid Flat Punch Model

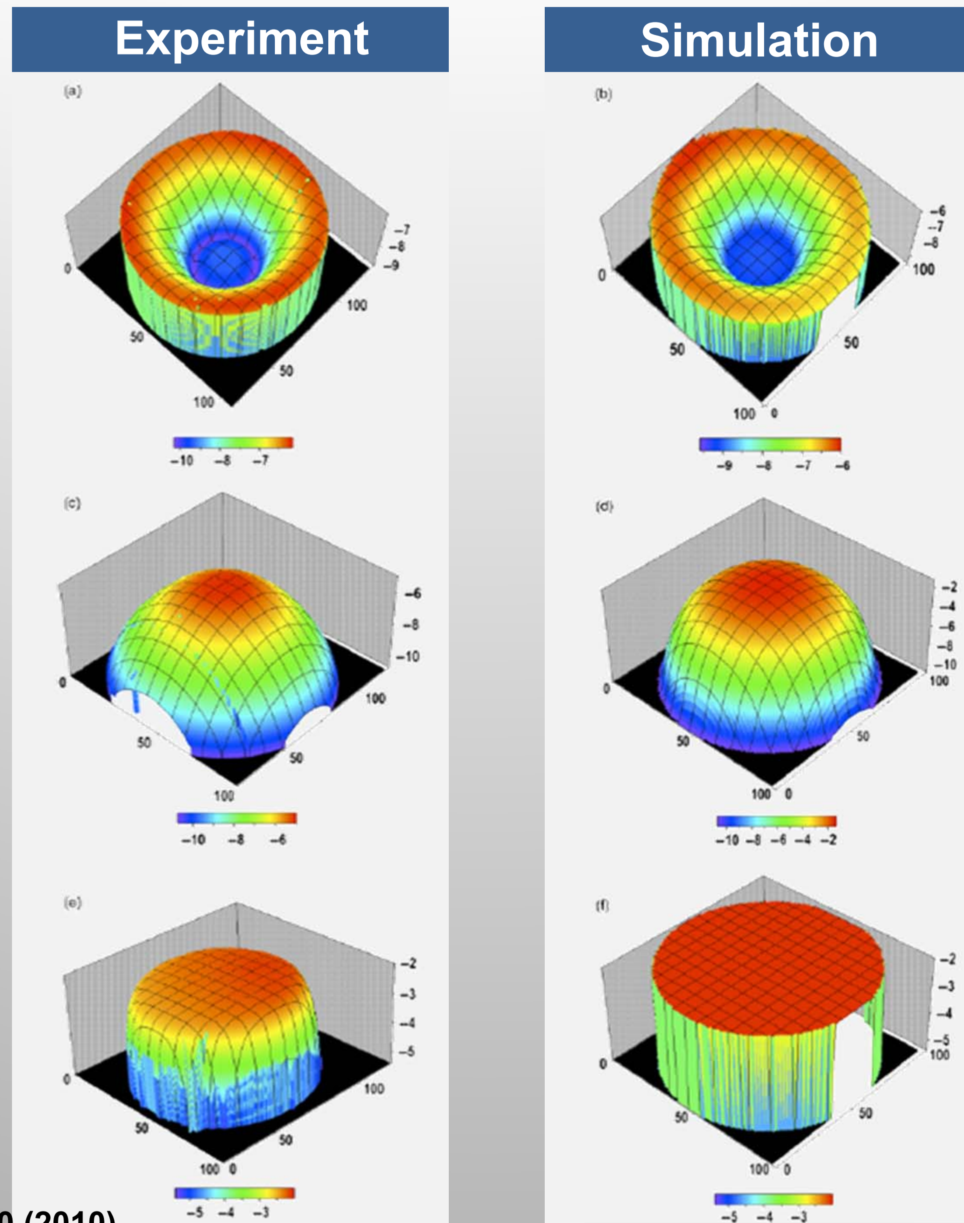


Calculated pressure/load distribution



Papp= 25 N; f=0.1; ν=0.1

Our code SurF incorporates these phenomena & does a good job at predicting surface



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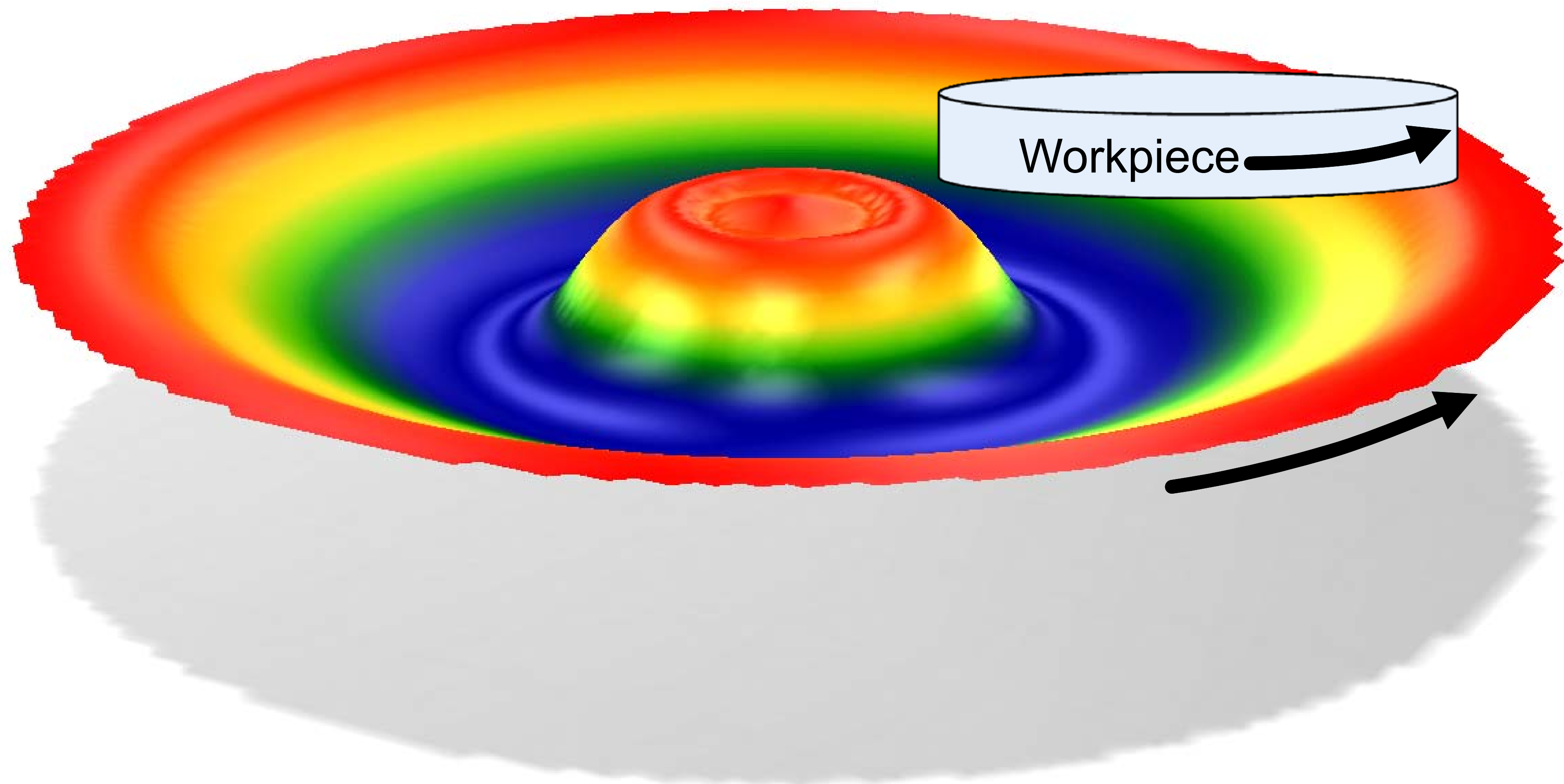
Workpiece polishing can cause non-uniform wear of the lap

Shape of lap after polishing workpiece



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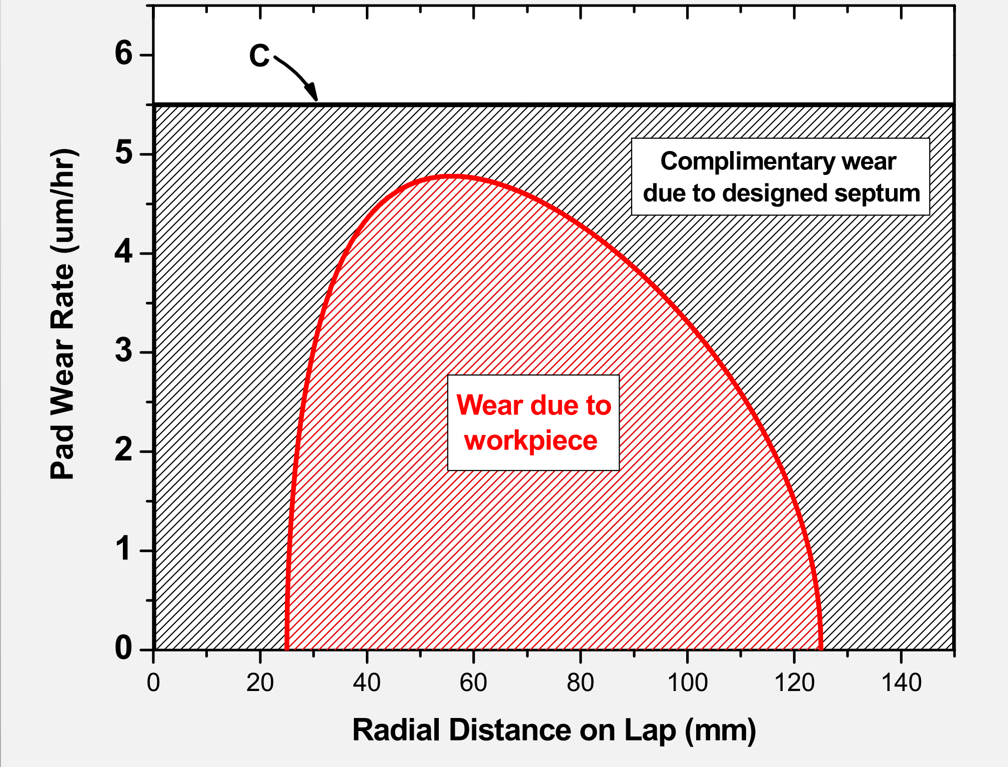
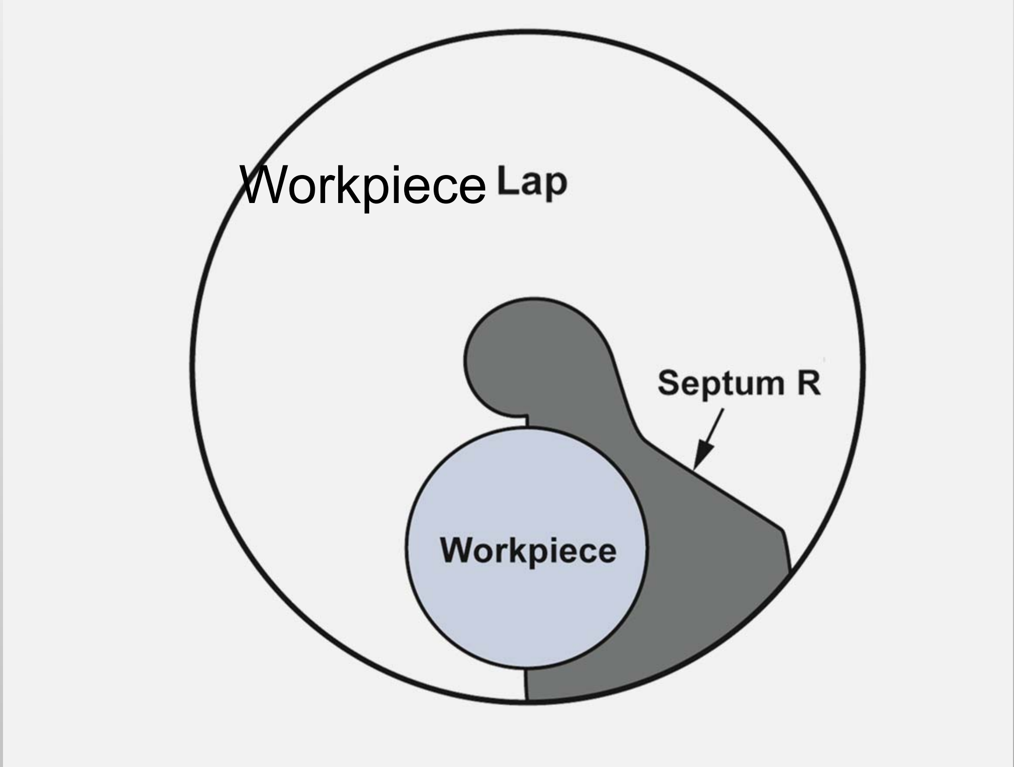
A novel septum has been designed to counteract non-uniform wear on the pad

Pad wear vs lap radius due to workpiece and engineered septum



Determined shape of Septum



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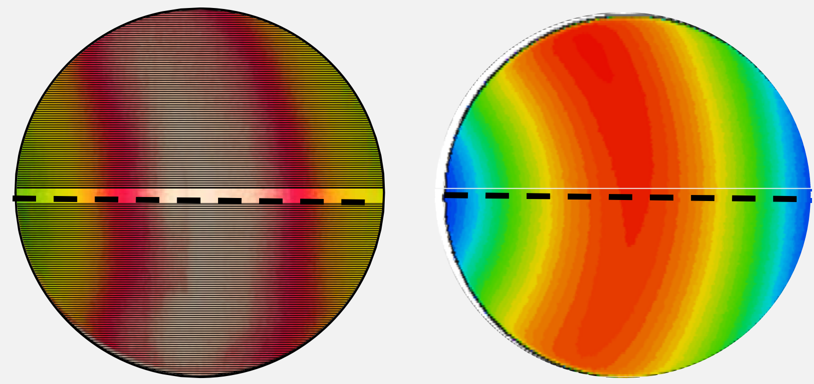
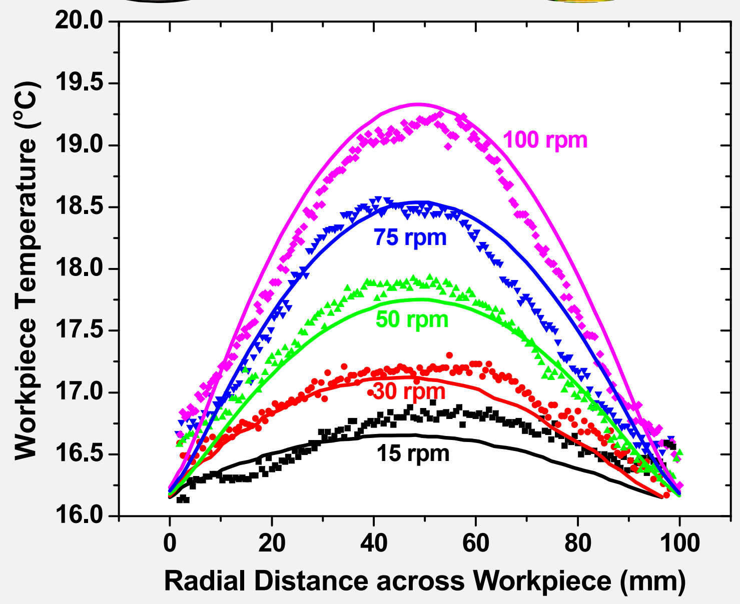
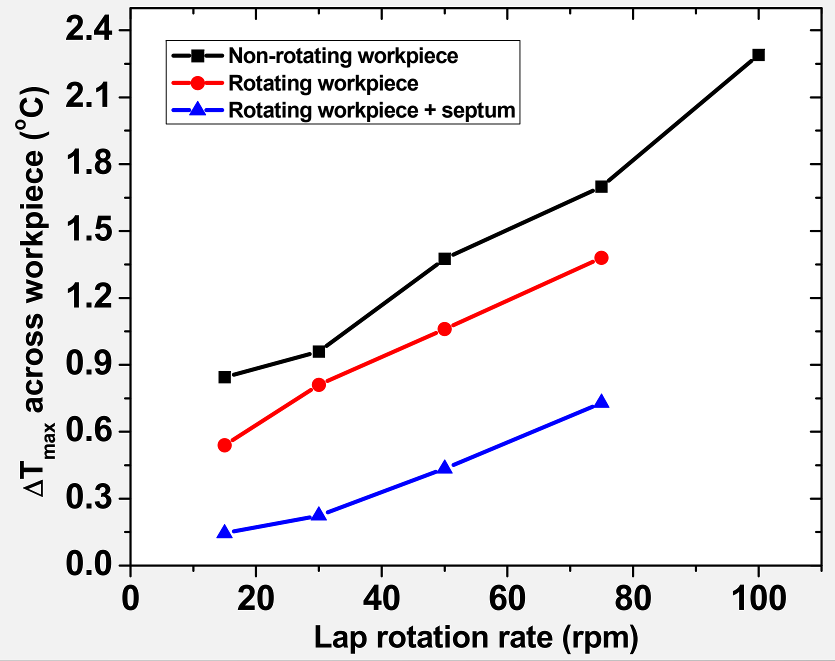
Temperature variations across workpiece can be minimized using rotated workpiece and septum

Temperature on non-rotated workpiece





Temperature variations vs polishing configuration



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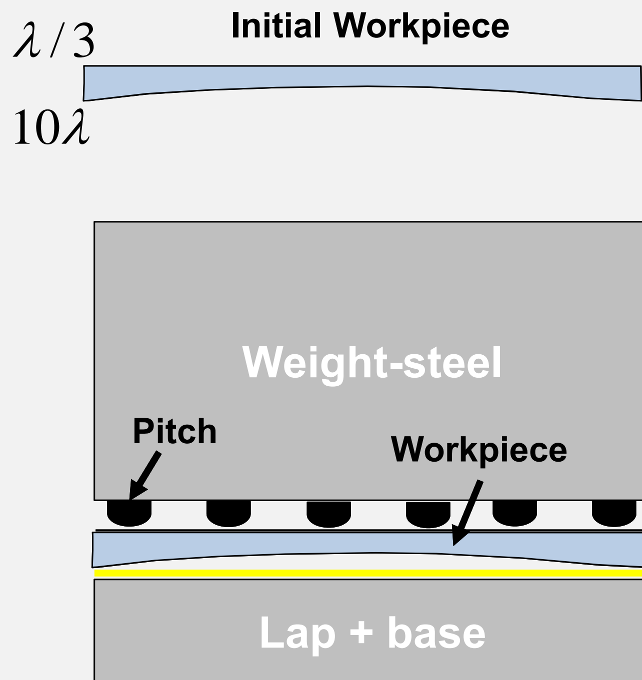
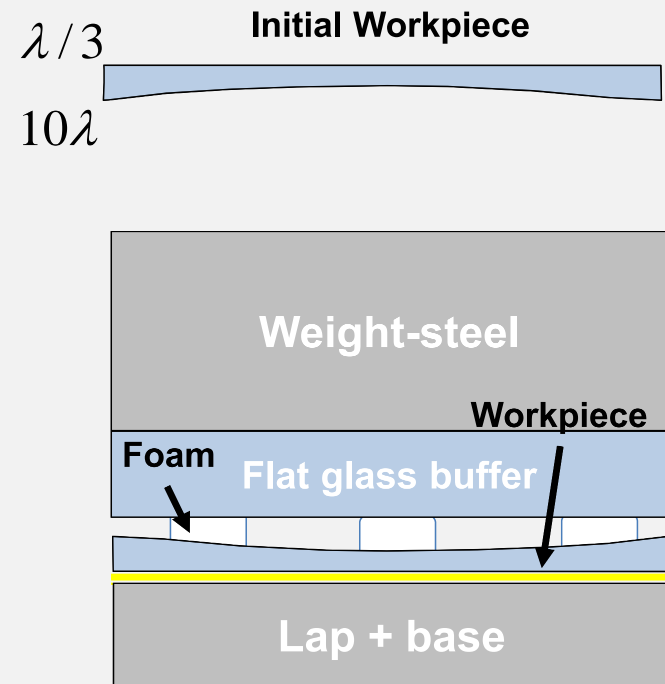
Pitch (Stiff) Button Blocking (PBB) and Foam (Compliant) Button Blocking (FBB) allows different workpiece response during polishing for High AR workpieces

Pitch Button Blocking (PBB)



- **Workpiece does not conform to lap upon loading**
- **Allows for surface figure to match lap figure**

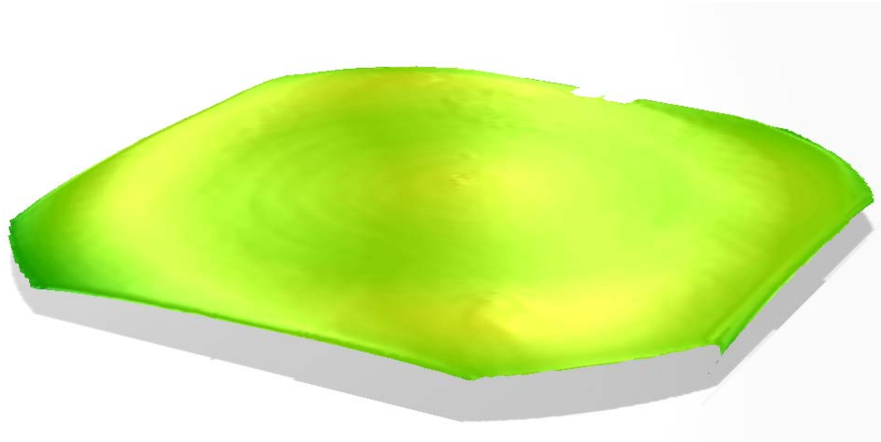
Foam Button Blocking (FBB)



- **Workpiece conforms to lap deform upon loading**
- **Allows for uniform removal on workpiece**

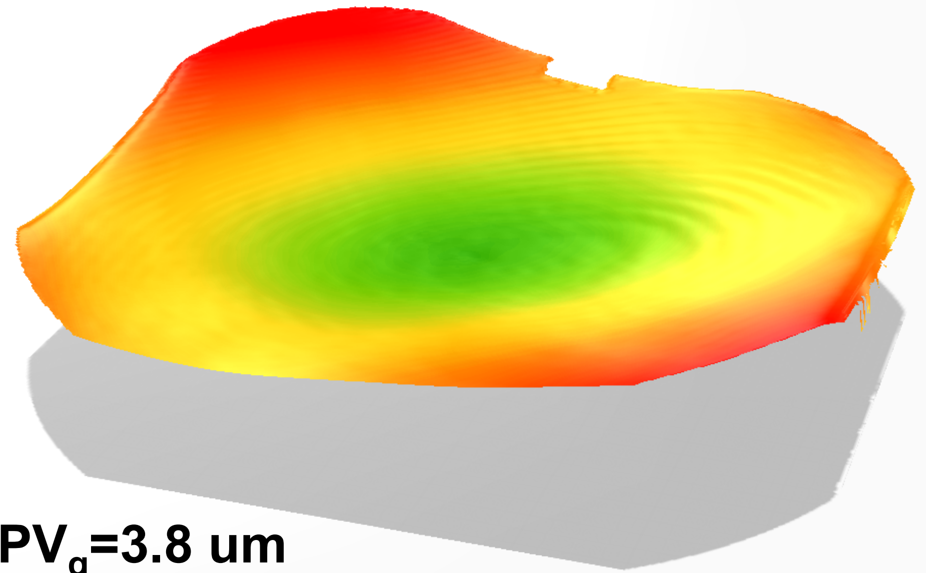
Without stiff blocking, thin workpiece deflects during polishing

Thick Workpiece (26 x 26 x 4 cm^3)
FBB (Exp 1034)



PV_q=0.42 um

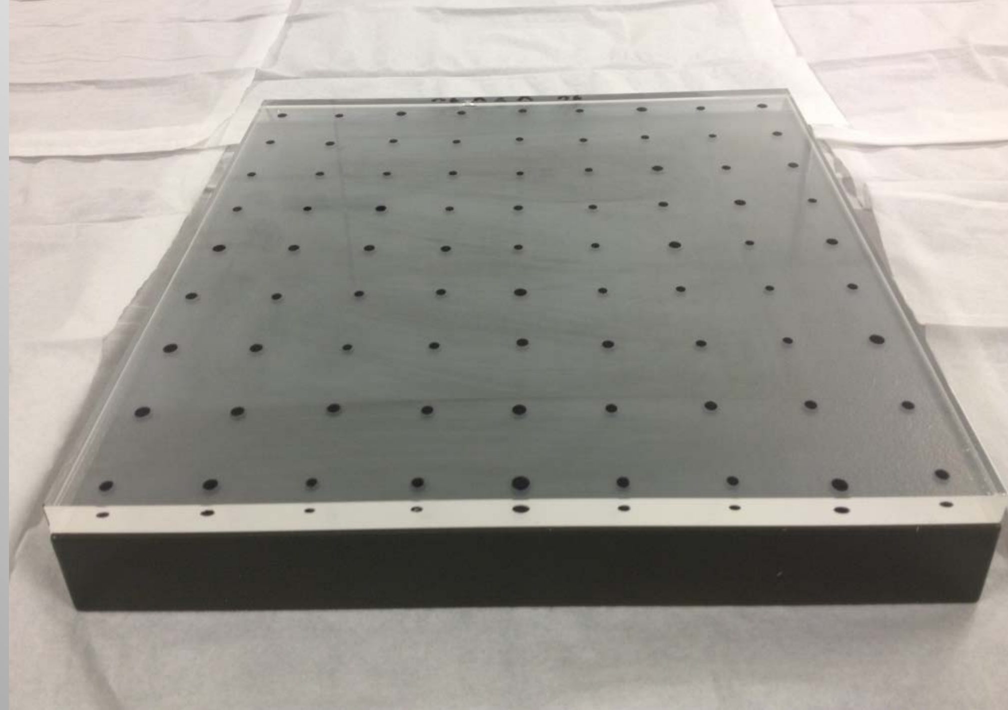
Thin Workpiece (26 x 26 x 0.8 cm^3)
FBB (E1019)



PV_q=3.8 um

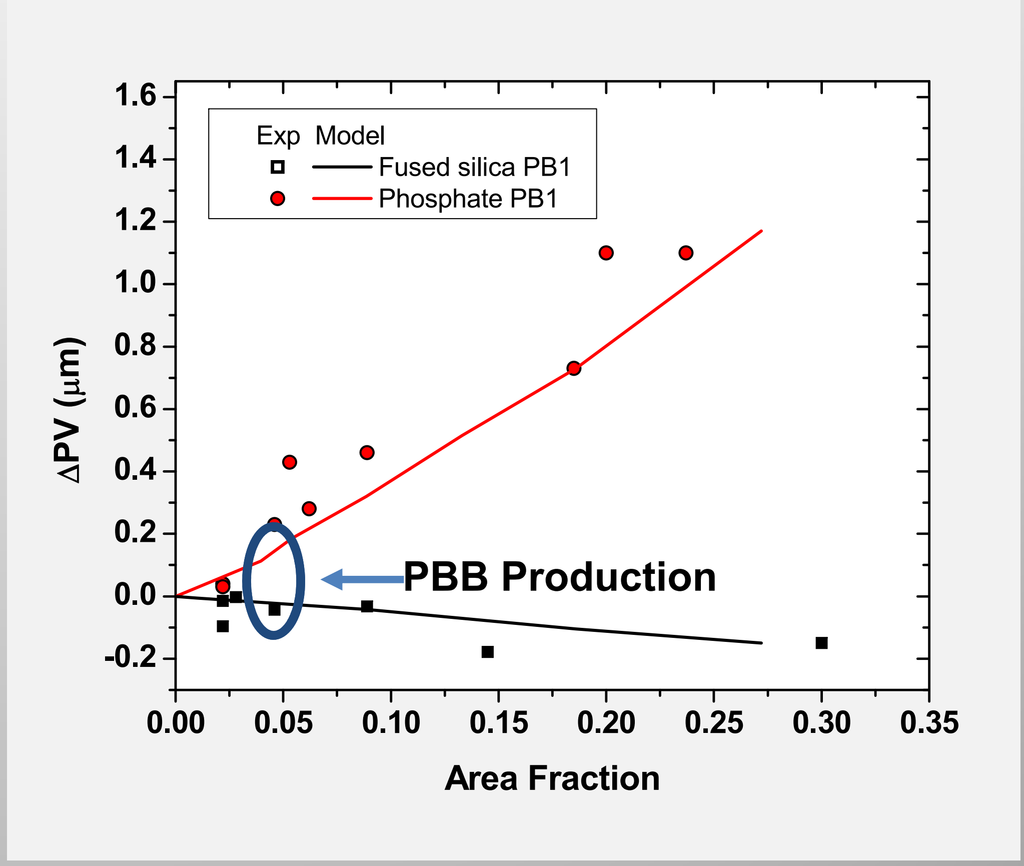
Pitch button blocking (PBB) technique prevents workpiece from bending during polishing

265 mm (side) x 8 mm (thick) Fused Silica PBB



FS ΔPV=0.003 µm
Phosphate ΔPV=0.035 µm

Model vs Experiment: ΔPV as fn of pitch button area fraction



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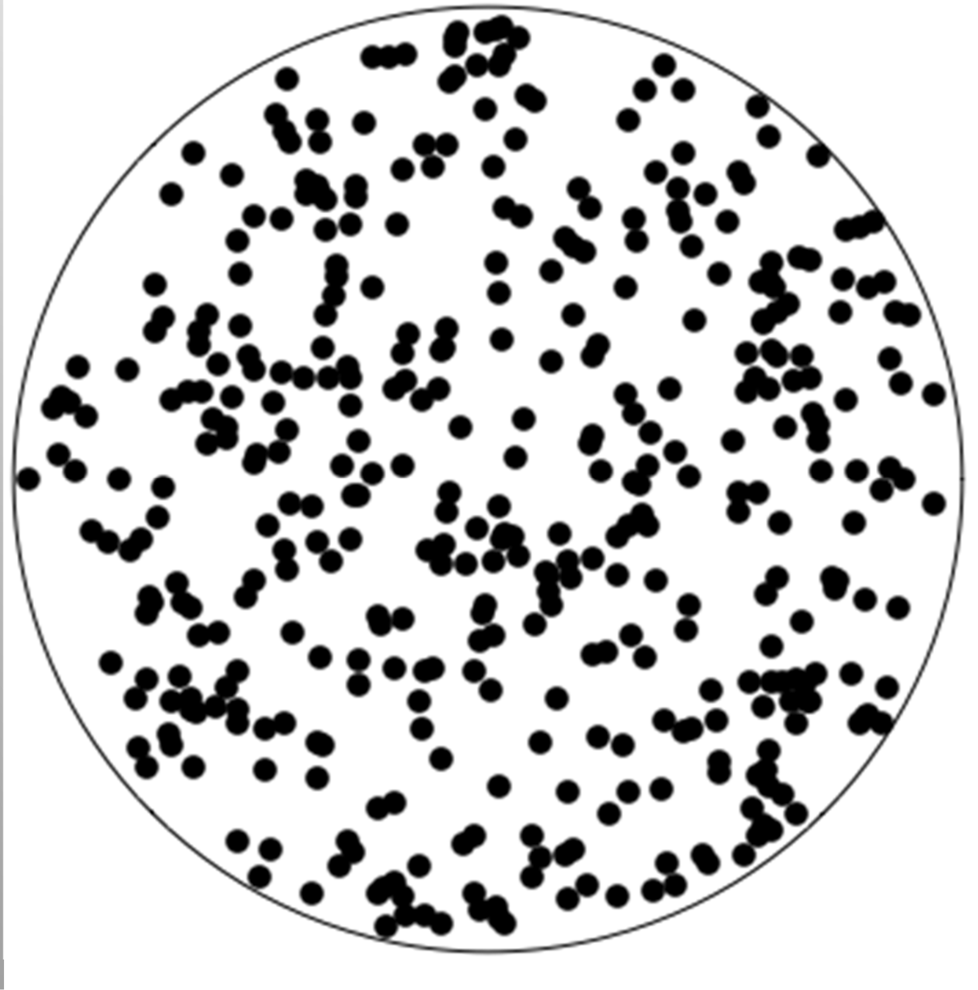
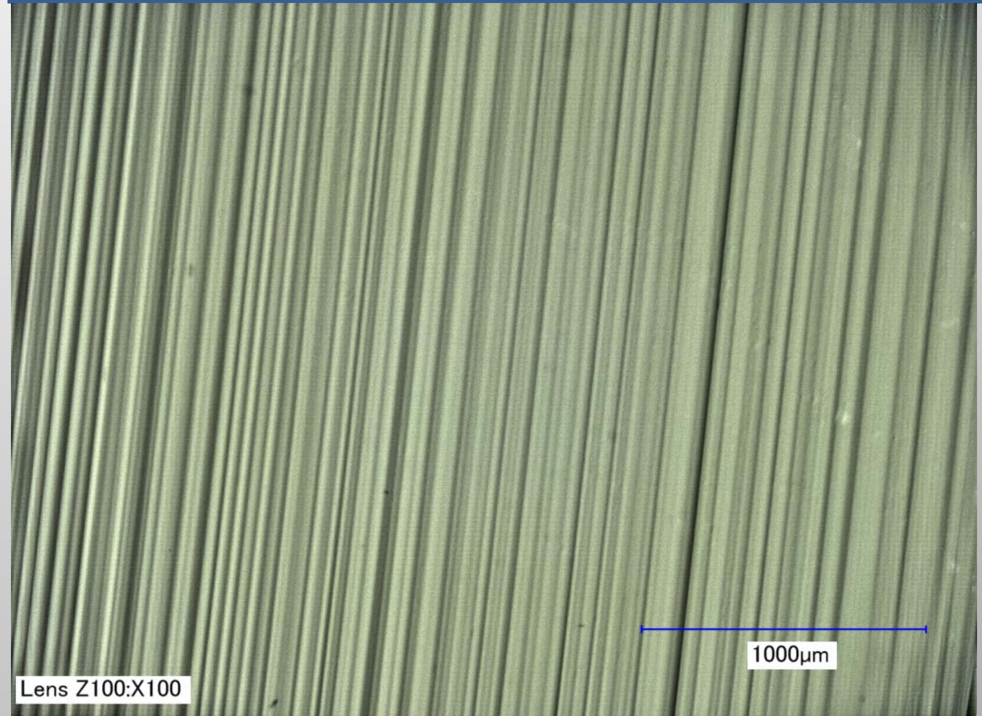
Fine scale radial material non-uniformity is caused by local islands of slurry on the pad

Schematic representation of islands of slurry on pad



Optical micrograph of grooves observed on non-rotated workpiece



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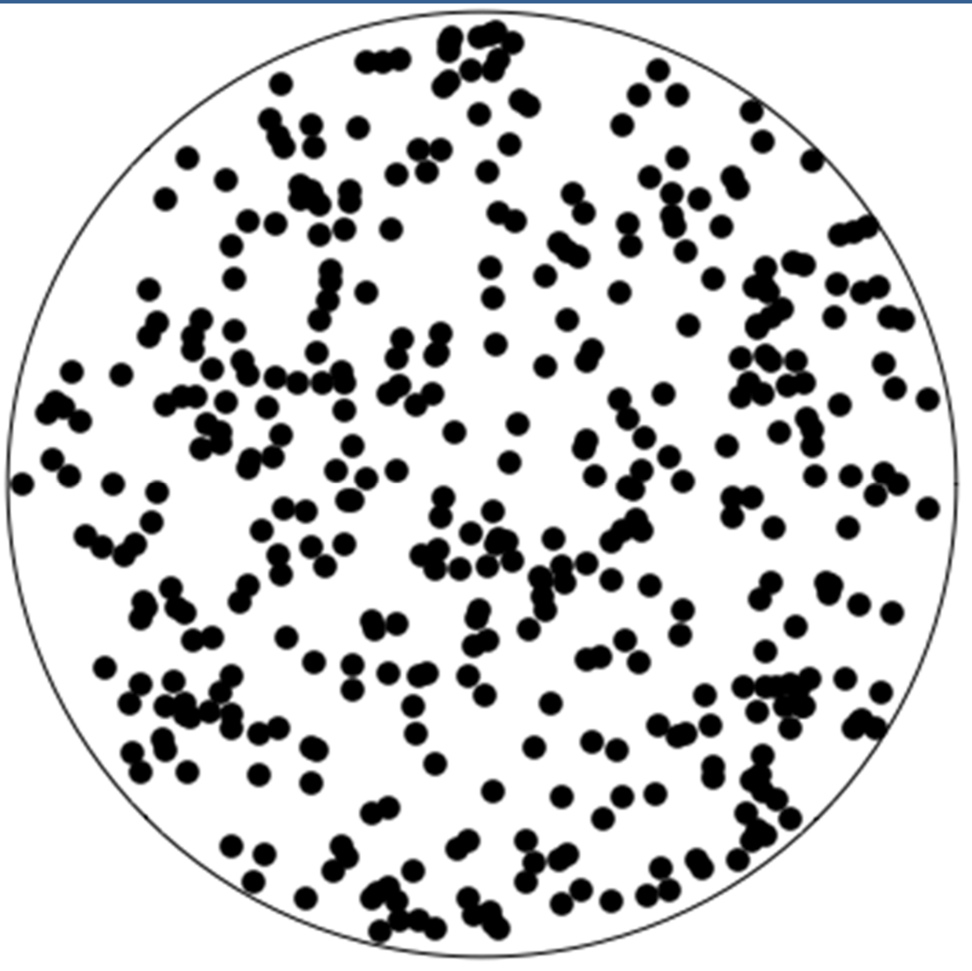

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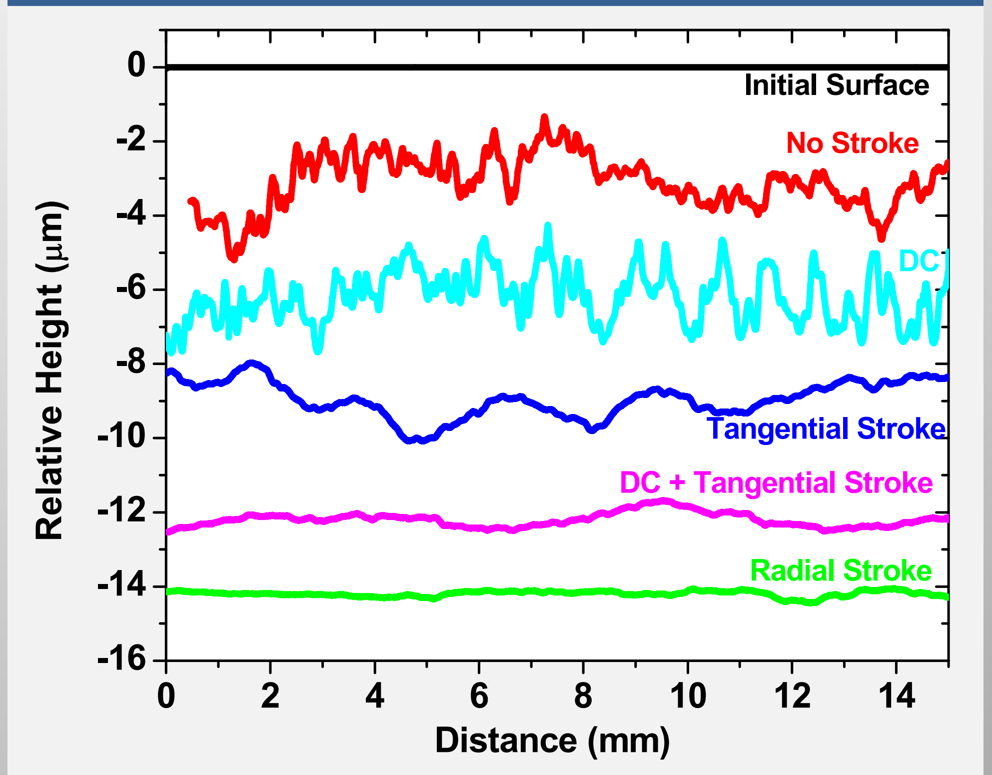

Radial stroke motion dramatically reduces this non-uniformity

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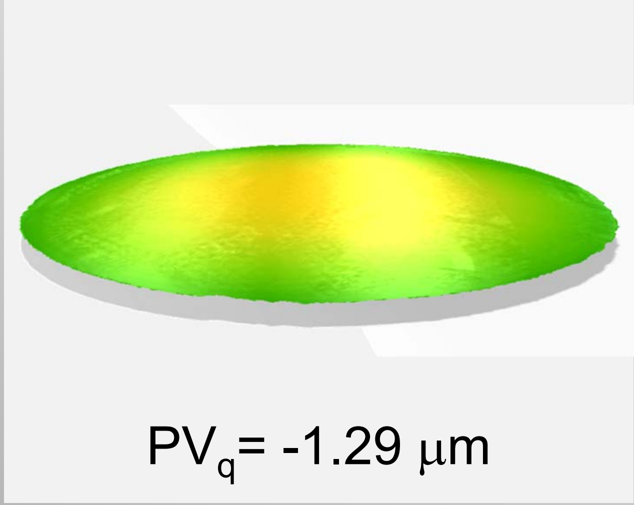
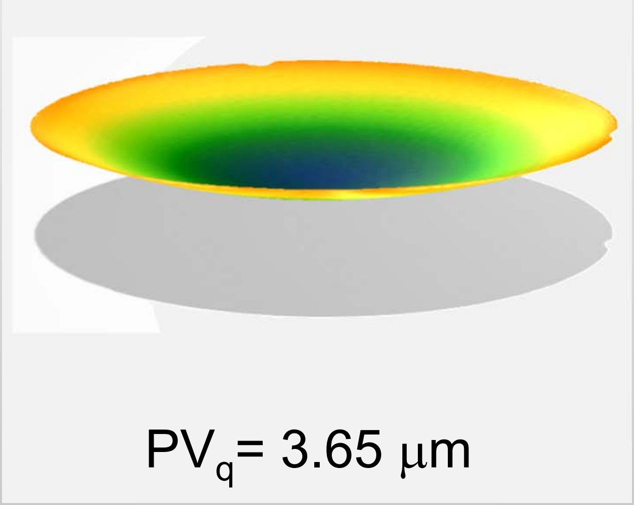
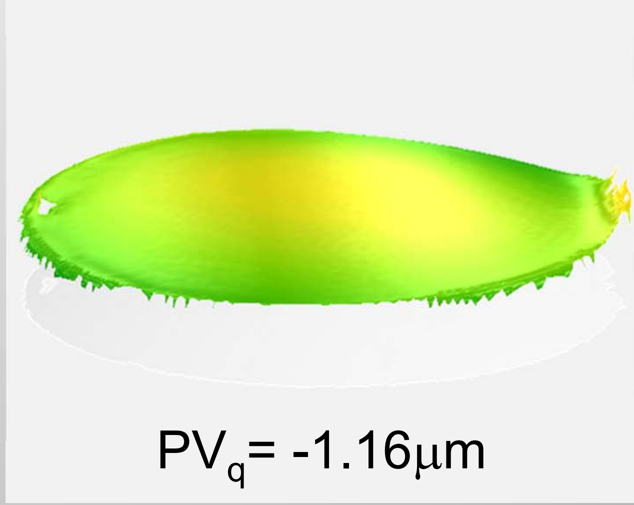
Residual grinding stress causes a high aspect ratio workpiece to bend

Surface Figure of S2 (Initial)	Surface Figure of S2 (After Grinding S1)	Surface Figure of S2 (After Grinding/Etching*)
		
PV_q= -1.29 μm	PV_q= 3.65 μm	PV_q= -1.16μm

Chemical etching can effectively remove the residual stress and any complications to workpiece-lap mismatch

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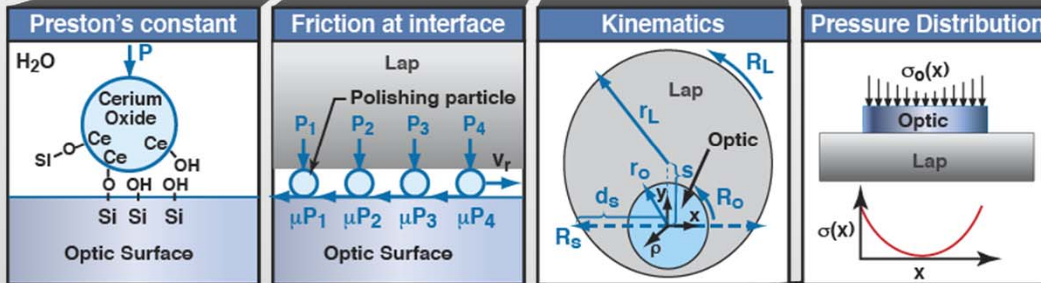
Material removal on a workpiece is governed by a large number of phenomena

$$\frac{dh}{dt}(x,y,t) = k_p \, \mu(x,y,t) \, v_r(x,y,t) \, s(x,y,z,t)$$



Applied Load Distribution
P(x)
Workpiece
Lap
σ(x)
x

Elastic Lap Response
σo=P/A
Workpiece
Lap
σ(x)
x

Hydrodynamic Forces
ΔH
σo
Workpiece
Vr
Slurry
Lap
σ(x)
x

Moment Force
σo
ΔH
d
Workpiece
Vr
µP
Lap
σ(x)
x

Viscoelastic/Viscoplastic Lap Response
σo
Workpiece
Vr
Lap
σ(x)
x

Optic/Lap Mismatch
σo
ΔhoL(x)
Workpiece
Lap
σ(x)
x

cm scale lengths

Workpiece Shape
σo
Workpiece
Lap
ΔhoL(x)

Pad Wear/Deformation
σo
Workpiece
Lap
ΔhoL(x)

Workpiece Bending (Mechanical)
σo
Workpiece
ΔhoL(x)
Lap

Residual Grinding Stress
Ground surface
σo
Workpiece
ΔhoL(x)
Lap

Temperature
T
σo
Vr
Workpiece
ΔhoL(x)
Lap

Global Pad Prop
Pad shrinkage
Workpiece
Lap

µm-mm scale lengths

Slurry Spatial Distribution
Workpiece Surface
Slurry
Slurry
Pore
Lap

Local Nonlinear Materal Deposits
Workpiece Surface
Slurry & Glass Product
Slurry
Pore
Lap

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The materials science behind grinding & polishing

1. Sub-surface Damage (scratch/dig)

2. Roughness

3. Surface Figure

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