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# Effect of stress ratio on high-cycle fatigue properties of Ti-6Al-4V ELI alloy forging at low temperature

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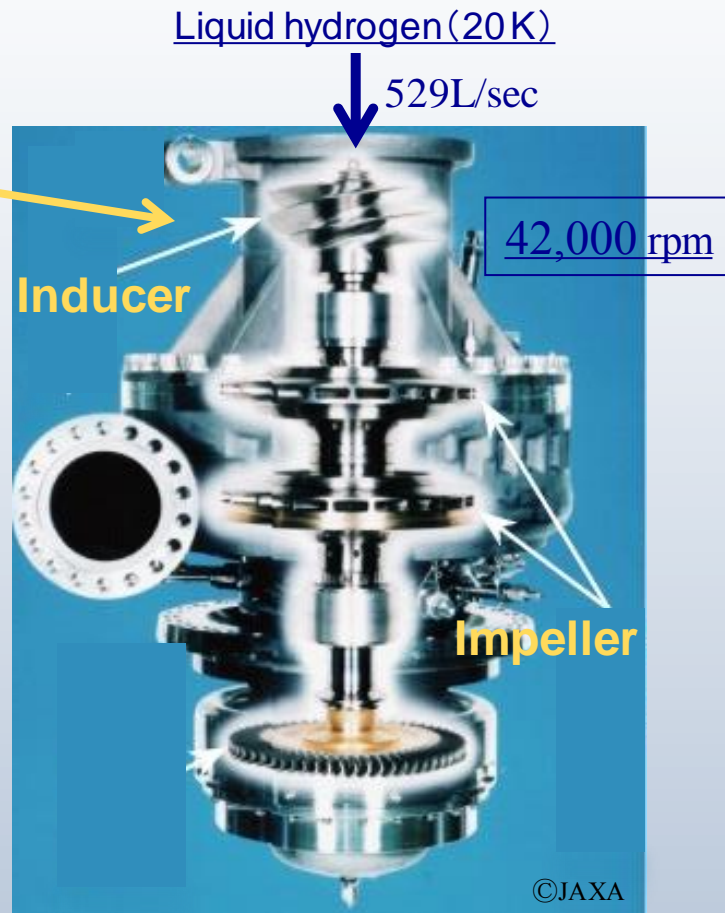
Evaluate the mechanical properties of metallic materials used in liquid-fuel engines for Japan's H-IIA and H-IIB launch vehicles

- to increase the reliability of the Japanese launch vehicles
- to accumulate fundamental data for developing a future launch vehicle engine

### Liquid hydrogen turbo pump



LE-7A engine  
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### Ti-6Al-4V ELI alloy

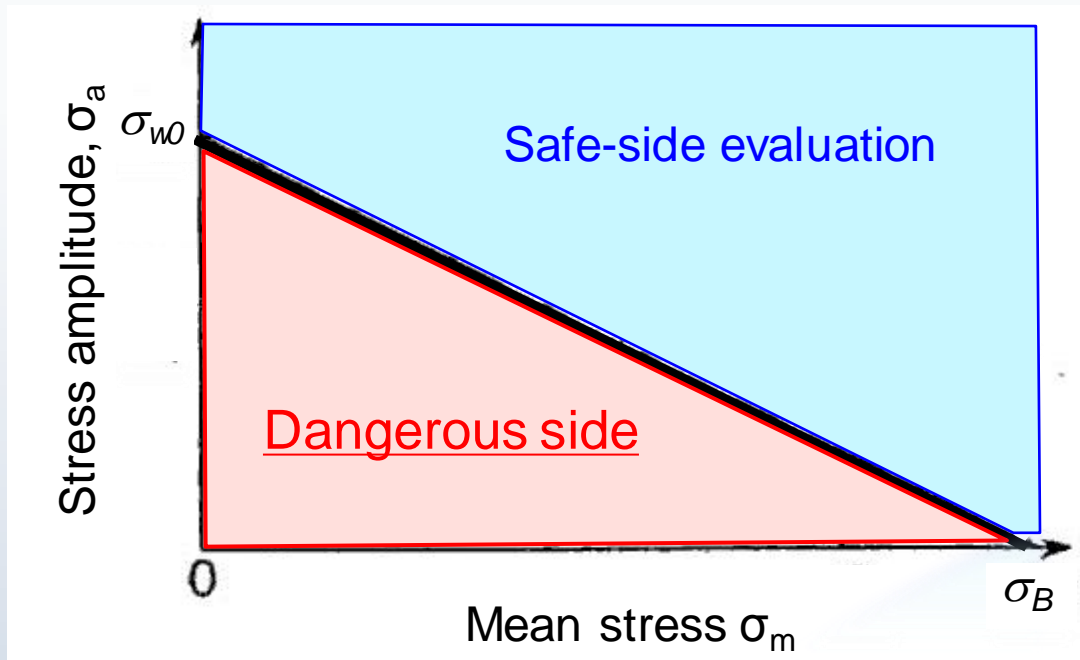
- typical ( $\alpha+\beta$ ) type titanium alloy
- high specific strength
- popular (low cost)
- high strength @cryogenic temp.



### Important !

Understand the effect of stress ratio  
(mean stress) on high-cycle fatigue  
properties at cryo. temp.

Endurance limit diagram → Relationship between fatigue limit  $\sigma_w$  and mean stress  $\sigma_m$



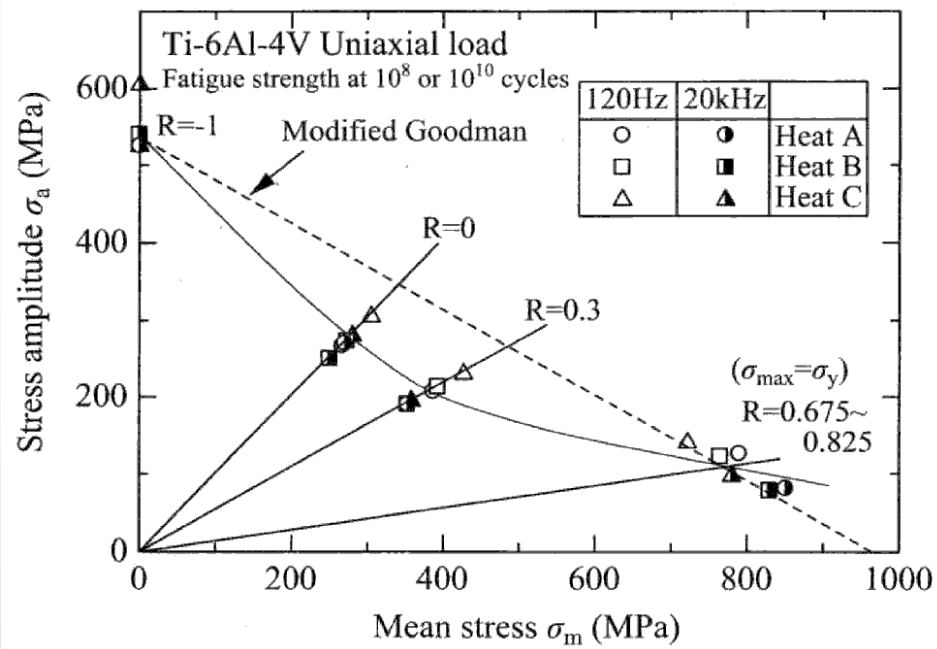
## Modified Goodman line

$$S_w = S_{w0} \left( 1 - \frac{S_m}{S_B} \right)$$

$\sigma_{w0}$  : Fatigue limit at  $R = -1$   
(zero mean stress)

$\sigma_B$  : Tensile strength

The modified Goodman line for Ti-6Al-4V alloy enters the dangerous side near  $R = 0$  at RT !!



E. Takeuchi et al. Tetsu to Hagane, vol.96, (2010), p.36-41, Ti-6Al-4V Normal, bar, RT, Fatigue Strength at  $10^7$ ,  $10^8$  and  $10^{10}$  cycles

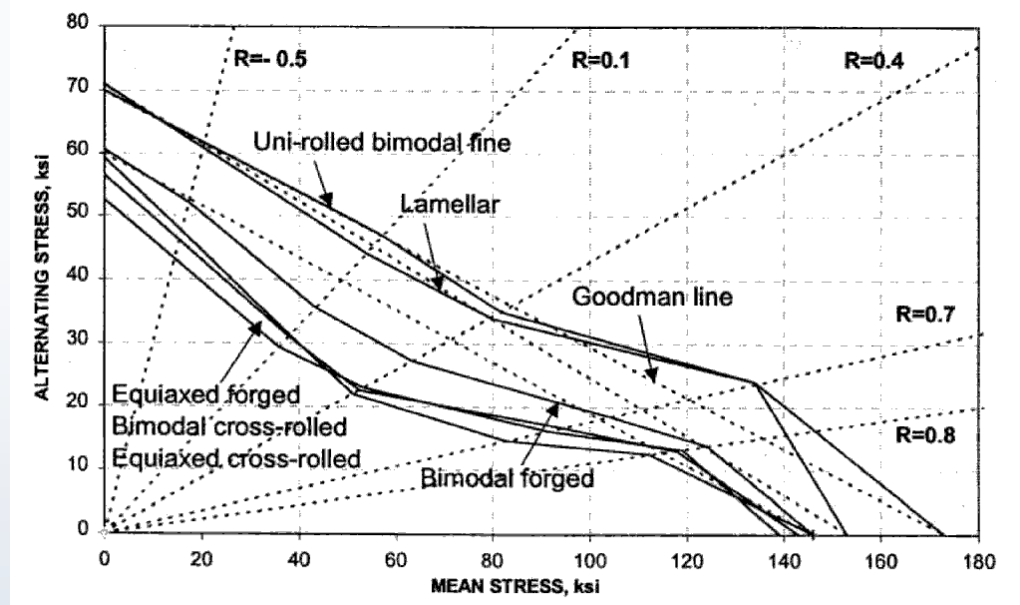


Fig.3. Constant life diagrams ( $10^7$  cycles).  
Frederic S. Cohen et al., Fatigue Behavior of Titanium Alloys, (2007), p.39-46, Ti-6Al-4V Normal, bar or rod, RT, Fatigue Strength at  $10^7$  cycles

- ### What we did in this research
- ① Fatigue tests under various stress ratios at 293 and 77 K for Ti-6Al-4V ELI alloy forging
  - ② Evaluation of the effect of the stress ratio on the high-cycle fatigue properties using the modified Goodman diagram

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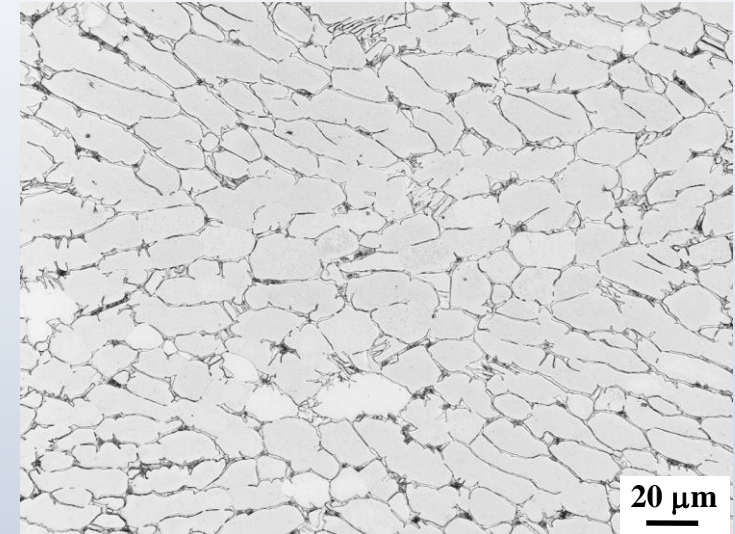
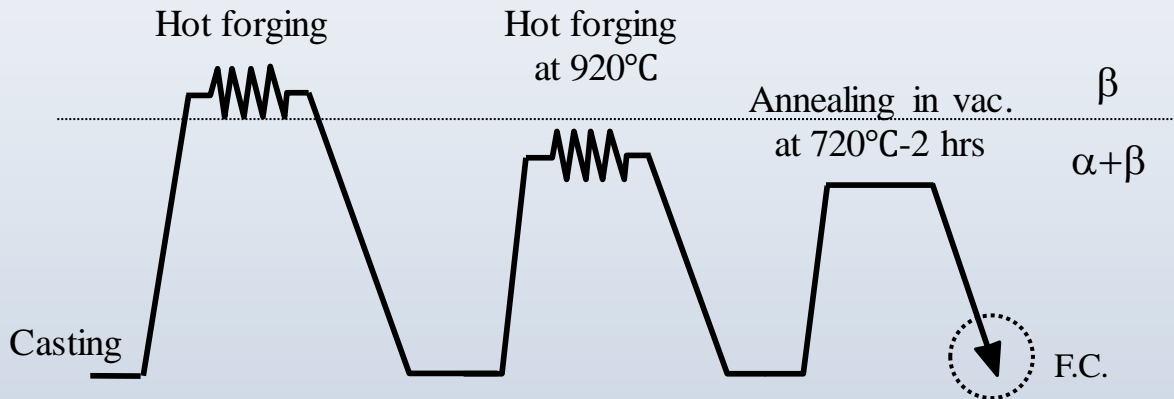
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Chemical compositions (mass%) Aerospace Material Specification 4930E  
Titanium Alloy Bars, Wire, Forgings, and Rings, 6Al - 4V, Extra Low Interstitial, Annealed

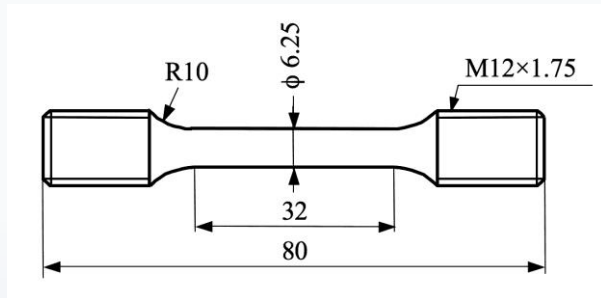
		Al	V	Fe	H	O	N	C	Ti
	Top	6.16	4.18	0.22	0.0042	0.09	0.006	0.01	bal.
	Bottom	6.18	3.93	0.17	0.0067	0.11	0.007	0.01	bal.
Requirement	Max	6.50	4.50	0.25	0.0125	0.13	0.05	0.08	bal.
	Min	5.50	3.50	—	—	—	—	—	

Forging and Heat Treatment Process



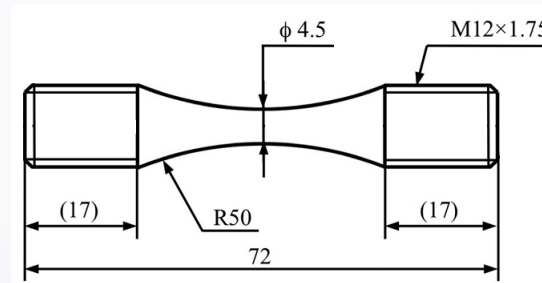
- Constituents:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases
- Equiaxed  $\alpha$  grains
  - $\beta$  exists along the  $\alpha$  grain boundaries.

## Tensile test



- Temperature: 77 and 293K
- Crosshead speed: 0.5 mm / min
- Initial strain rate:  $2.2 \times 10^{-4}$  /s

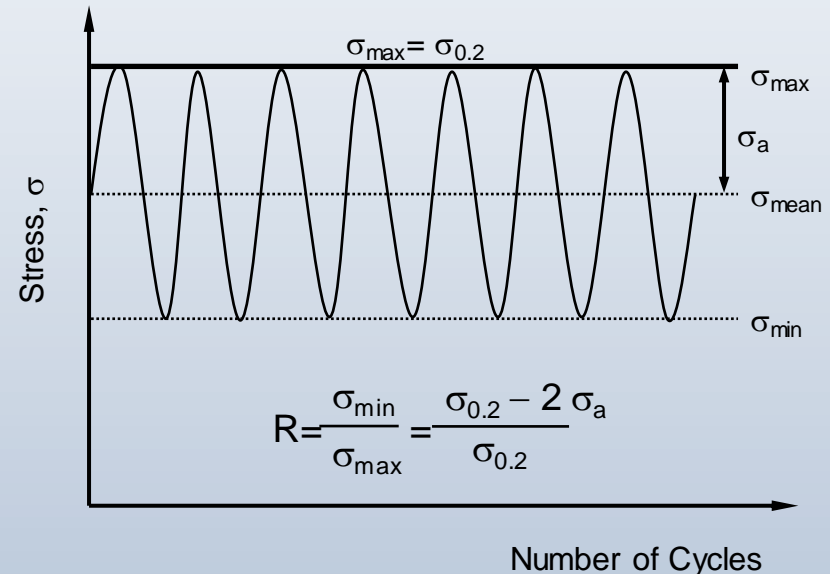
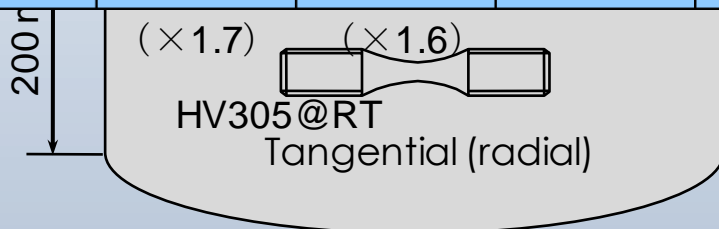
## High-Cycle Fatigue test



- Temperature: 77 and 293K
- Load control, Uni-axial loading, Sinusoidal waveform
- Stress ratio:  $R = -1, 0.01, 0.5$  and  $\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_{0.2}$  test
- Frequency: 10 Hz

## Tensile properties

Temp. / K	0.2% proof stress / MPa	Tensile strength / MPa	Elongation (%)	Reduction of area (%)
293	770	833	12	22
77	1,280	1,370	13	20





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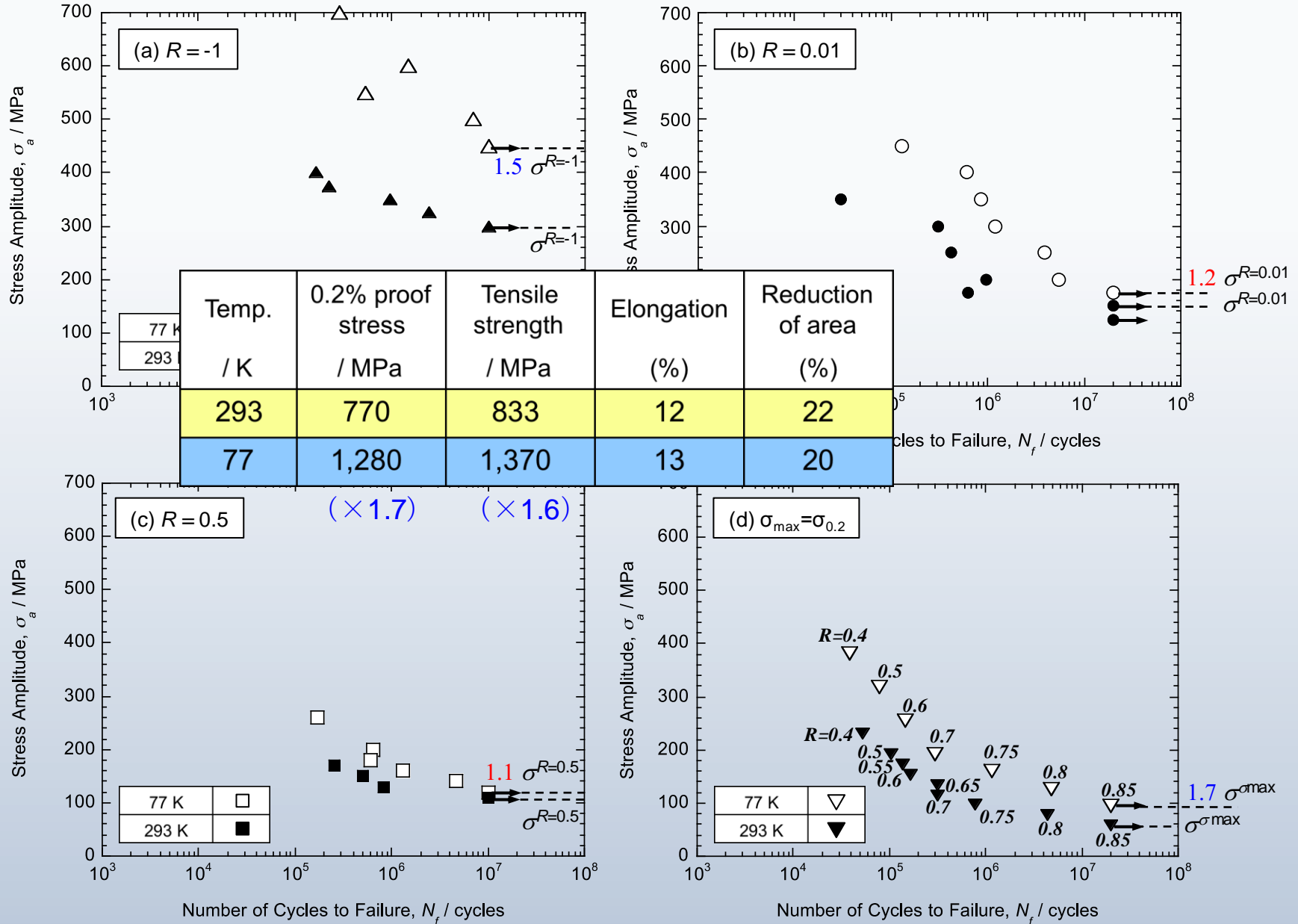
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# Results of Fatigue tests

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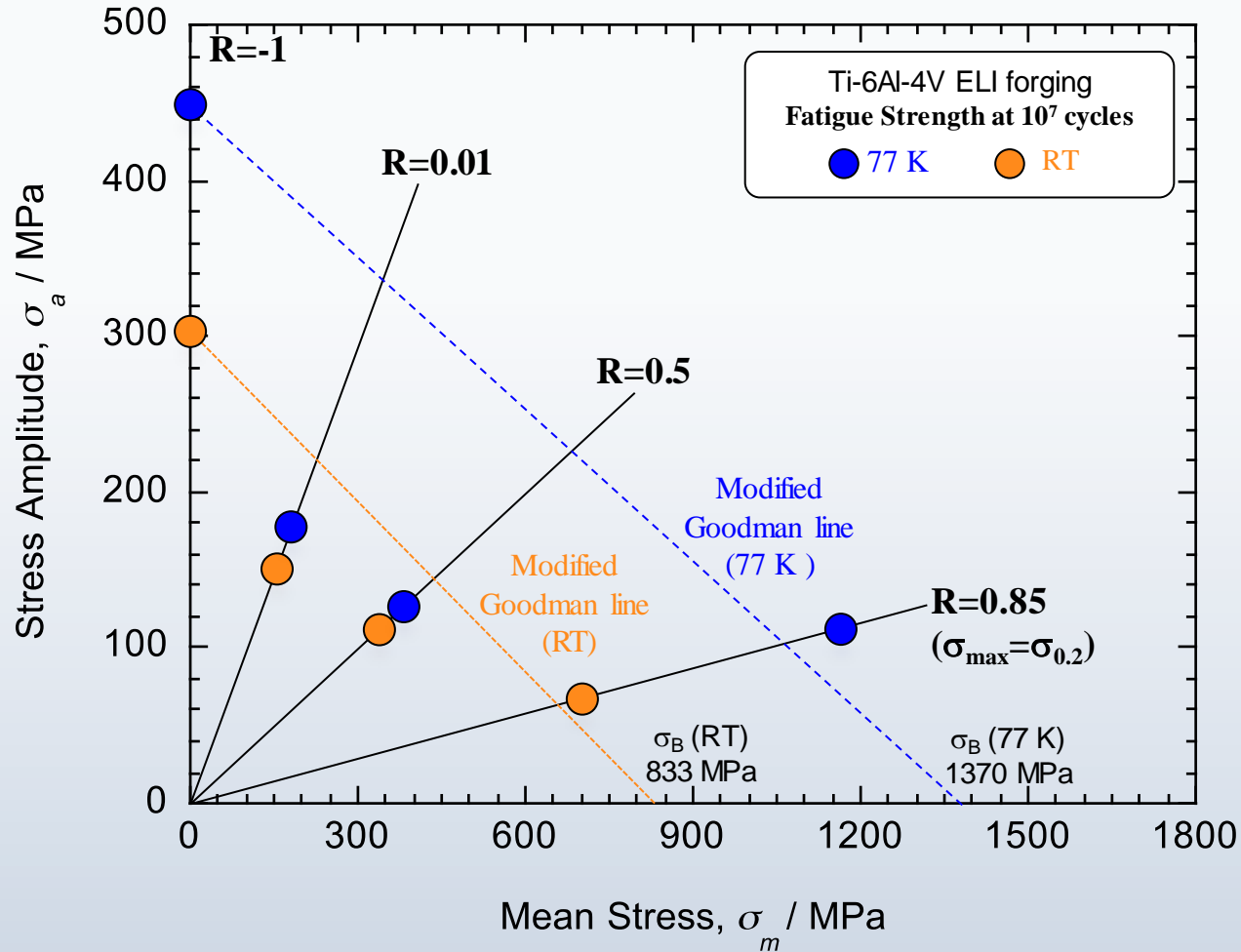
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RT: Deviations of  $\sigma_a$  below the modified Goodman line in the R=0.01 and 0.5 tests.

77K: Larger deviations of  $\sigma_a$  below the modified Goodman line were confirmed in the R=0.01 and 0.5 tests.

HCF strength of the present alloy forging exhibit an anomalous mean stress dependency at both temperatures and this dependency becomes remarkable at low temperature.



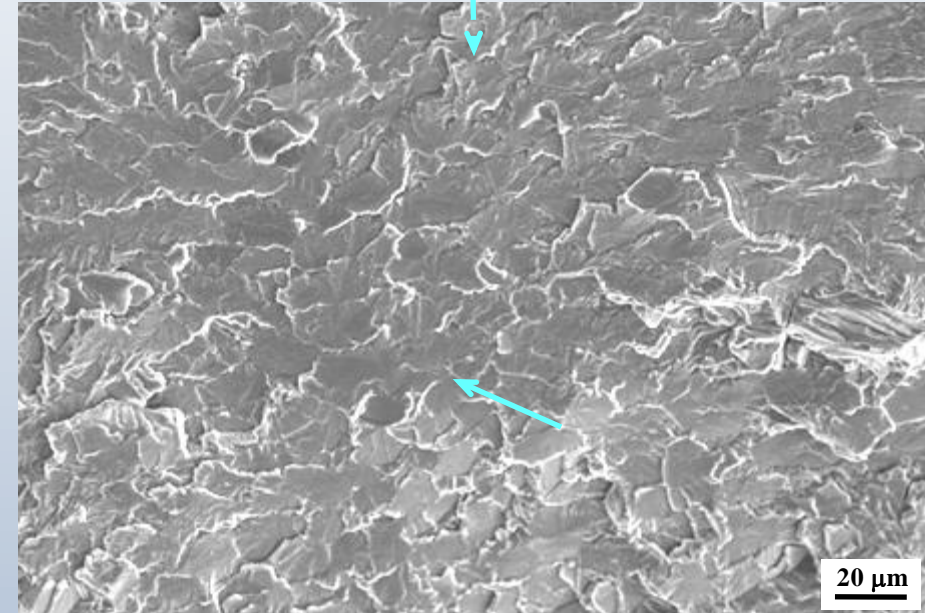
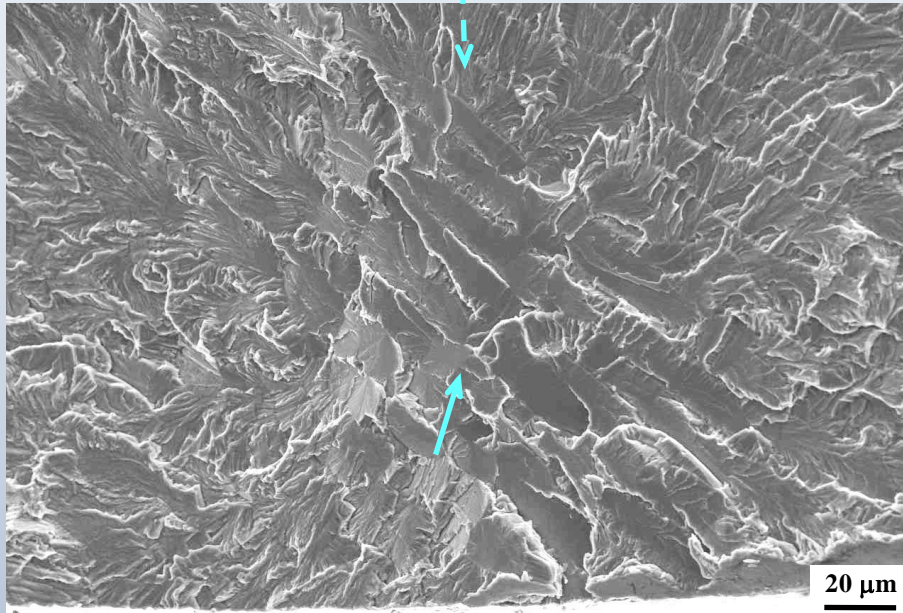
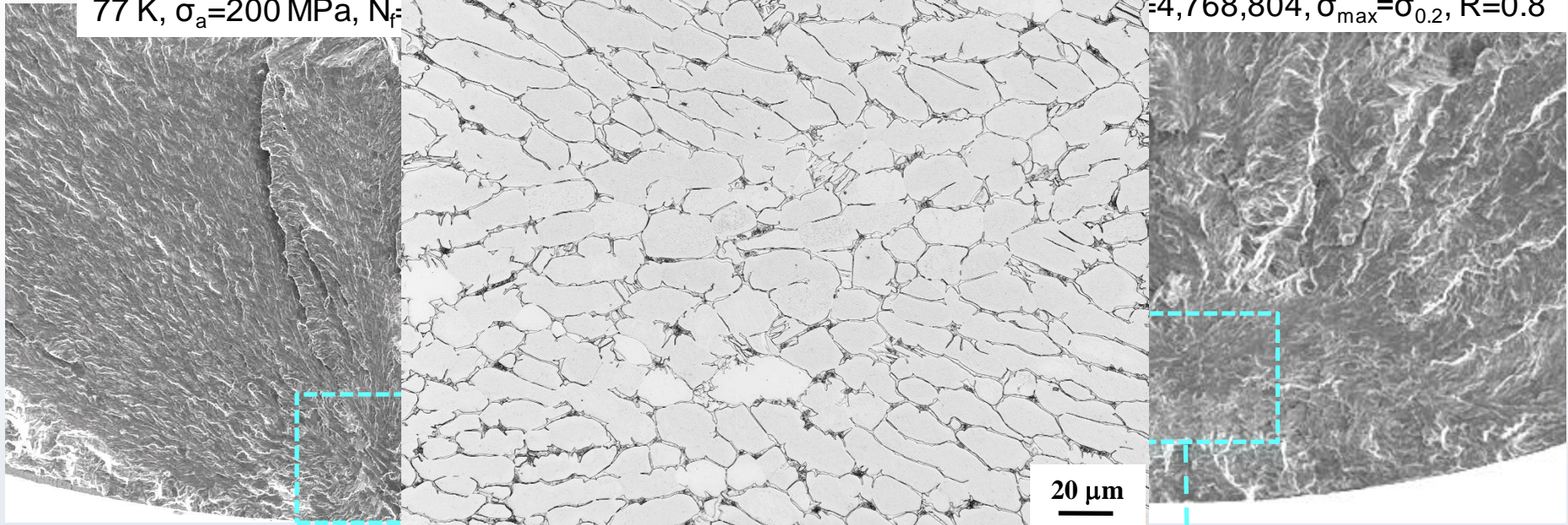
# Fracture surface

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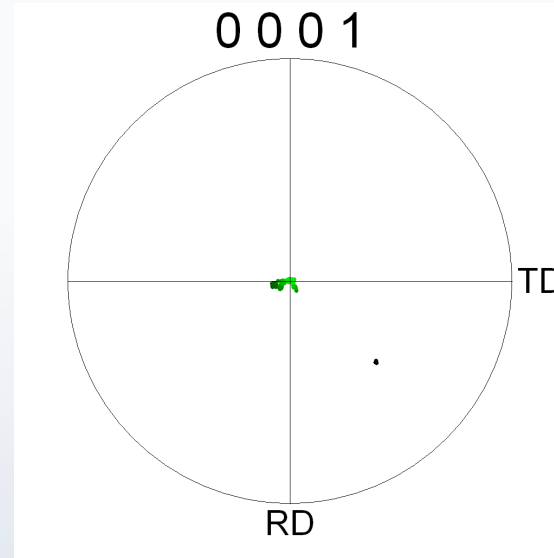
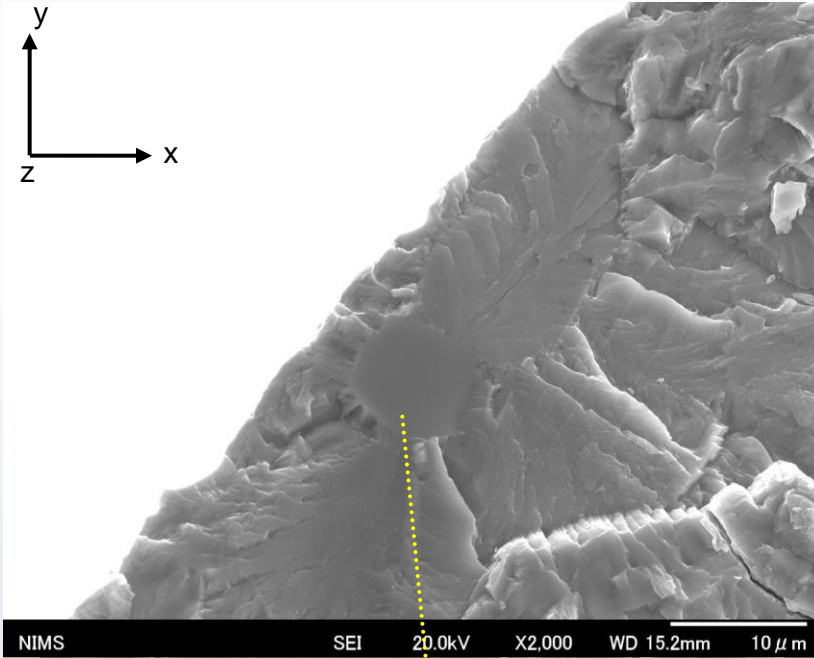


77 K,  $\sigma_a=200$  MPa,  $N_f=$

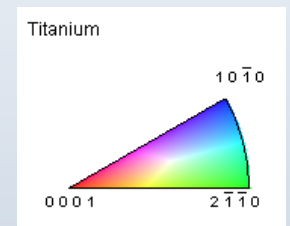
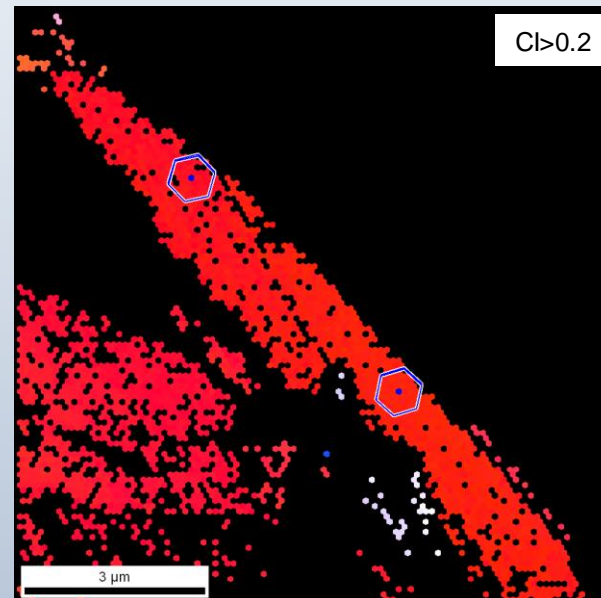
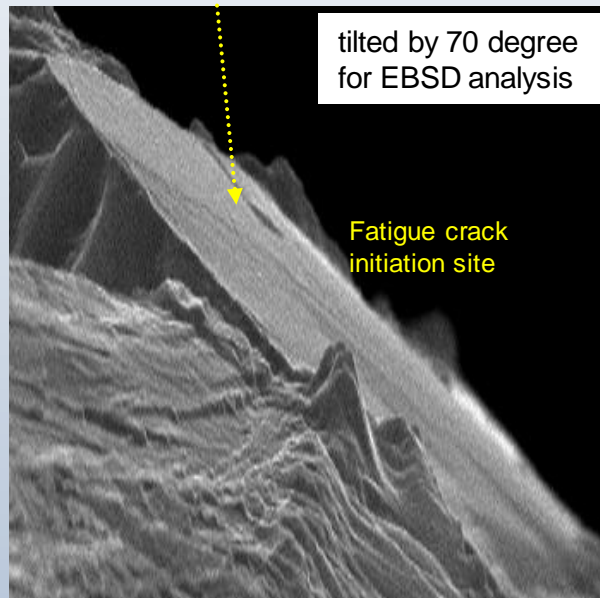
$=4,768,804$ ,  $\sigma_{max}=\sigma_{0.2}$ ,  $R=0.8$



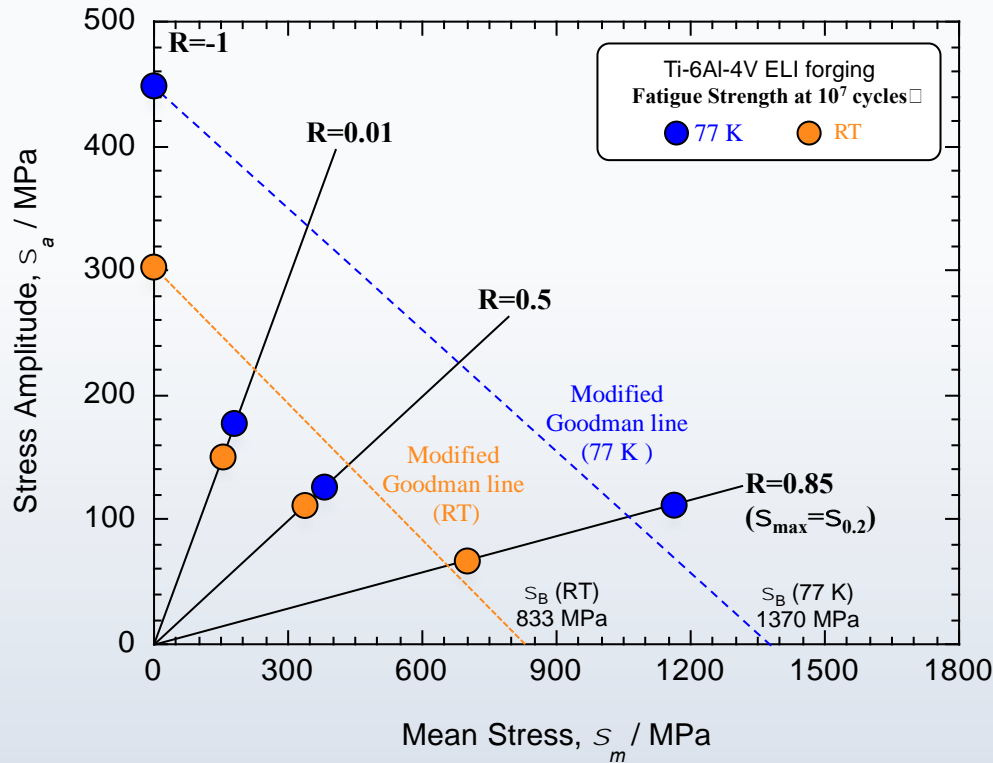
# SEM-EBSD analysis - Specimen fatigue-tested at 20 K



Facet is (0001) basal plane.



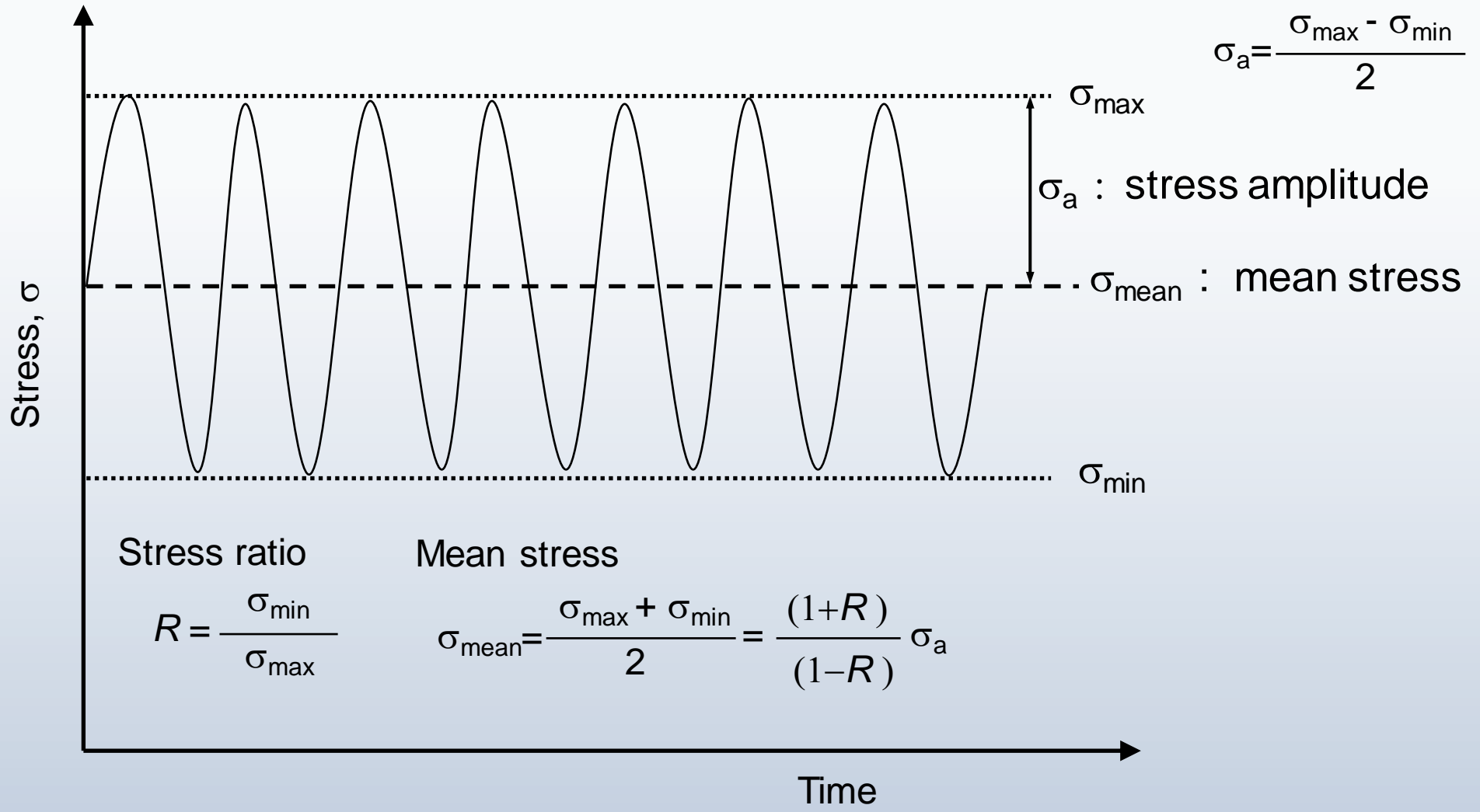




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## Future works

1. The mechanism of the anomalous mean stress dependency.
2. Endurance limit diagram instead of modified Goodman diagram.





# ➤ Anomalous mean stress dependency in Ti-6Al-4V

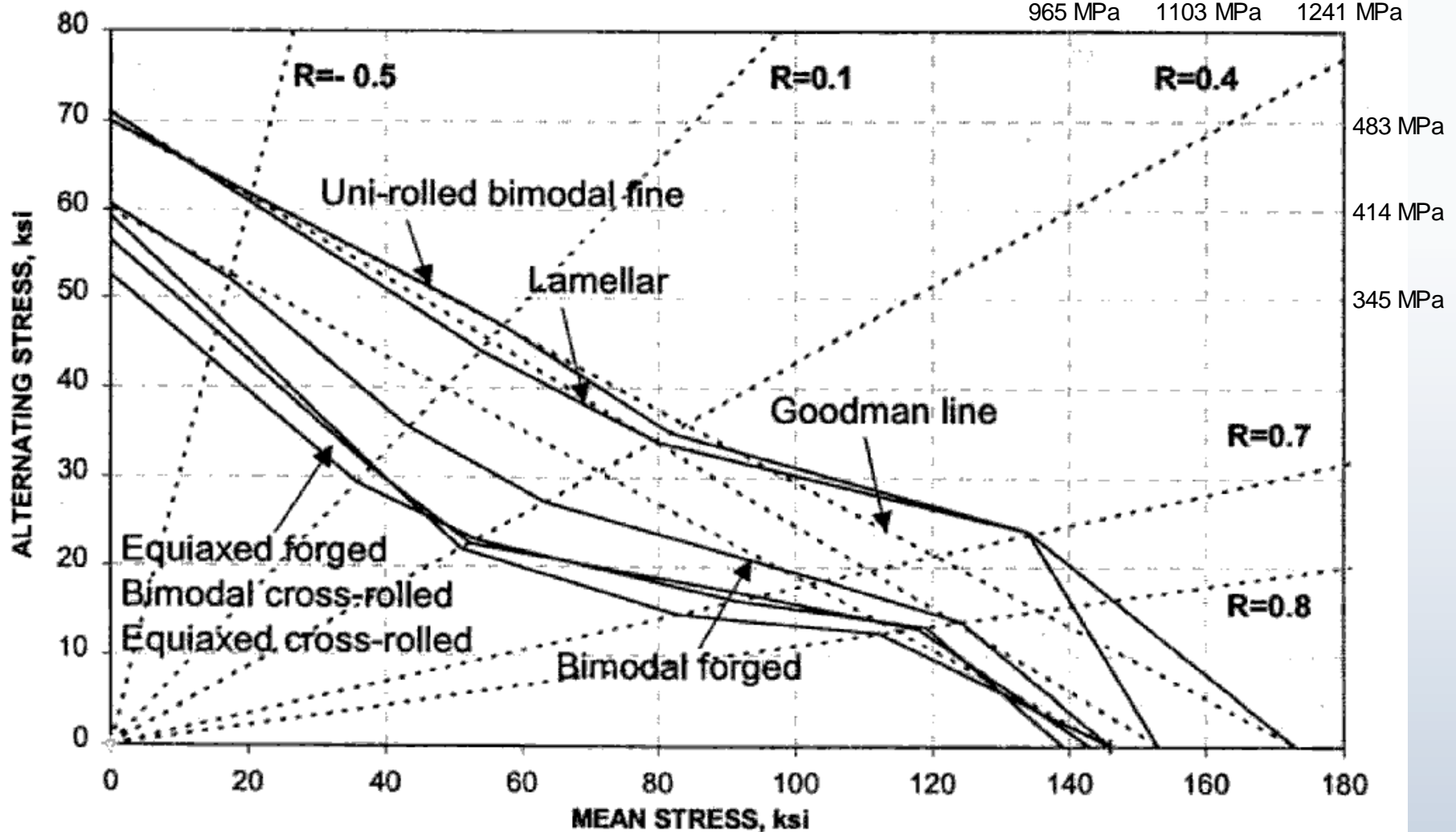
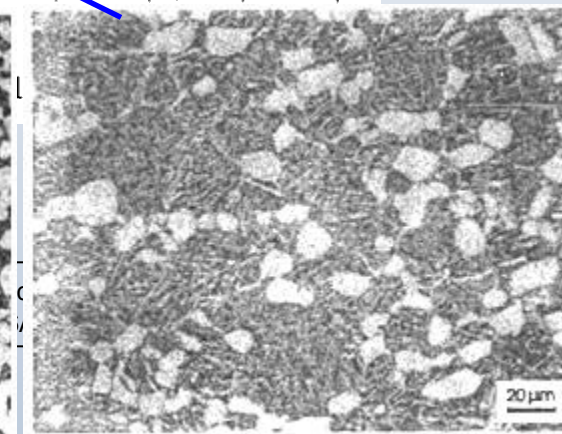
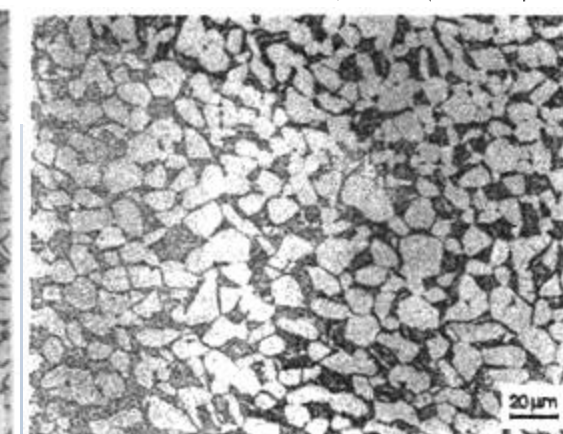
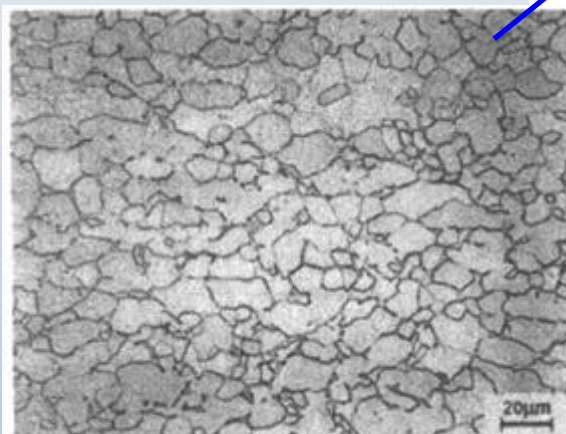
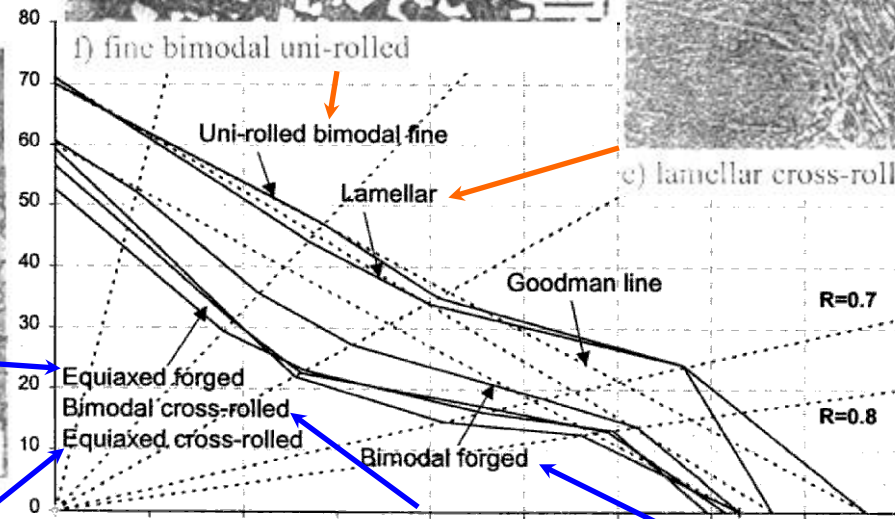
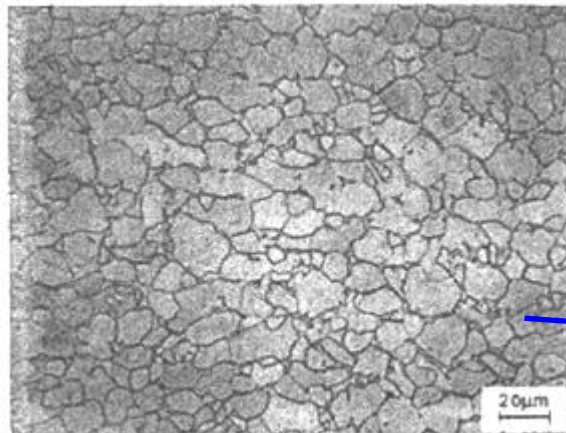
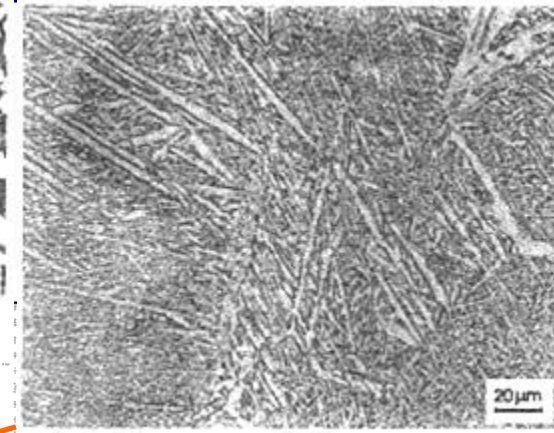
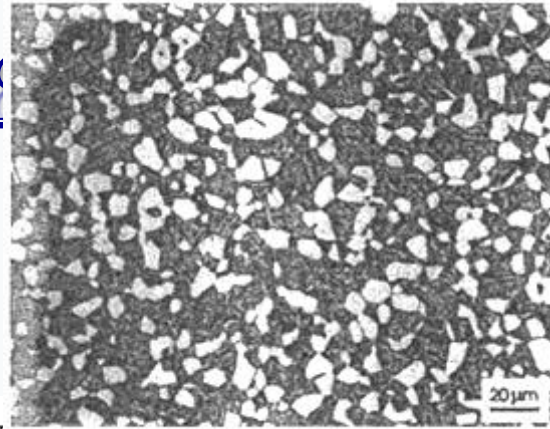


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# ➤ Anomalous mechanical behavior in Ti-6Al-4V



b) equiaxed cross-rolled

c) bimodal cross-rolled

d) bimodal forged

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