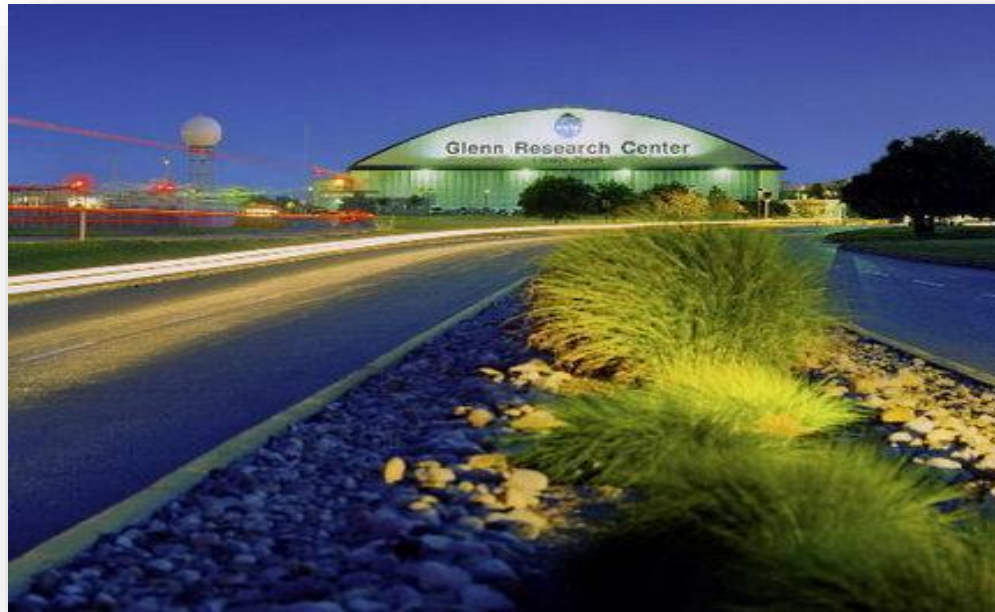


# A Decade of SMA Activities at NASA-GRC, Material Challenges, and Future Prospects



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***HIGH TEMPERATURE SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY RESEARCH and TECHNOLOGY  
(HT-SMART)***

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# It Takes a Team...



- Superelastic/bearing alloys
- Lattice deformation theory

- Alloy development
- Mechanical Characterization

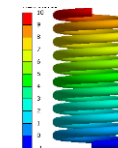
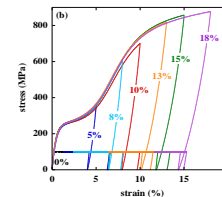
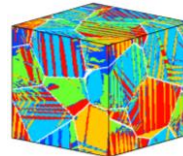
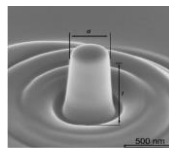
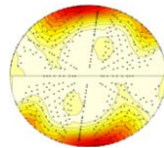
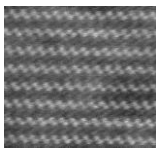
- Single crystals
- SMA machining

- HTSMA Microstructure
- Modeling

- Atom probes
- Microstructure



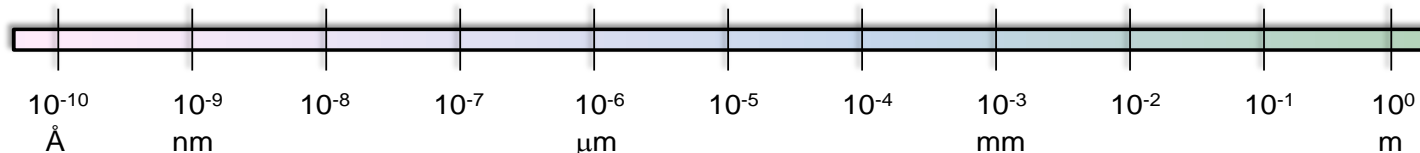
- Neutron/synchrotron diffraction
- HTSMAs characterization



**ATOMIC SCALE**  
(NANOMATERIALS)

**MICRO-SCALE**  
(MICROSTRUCTURES)

**STRUCTURAL SCALE**  
(COMPONENTS)





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- **Anita Garg**
- **Darrell Gaydosh**
- **Timothy Halsmer**
- **Othmane Benafan**
- **(Branch Chief: Joyce Dever)**



# Our Goals – Materials, **Infrastructure**, **Applications**

- **Materials:**

- Develop new shape memory alloys ranging from cryogenic to high temperature for use in adaptive structures, and lightweight, solid-state actuation systems .
- Adjust material properties through alloying, processing, and thermo mechanical understanding.
- Identify methods to establish good stability, durability, workability, and work output amongst others

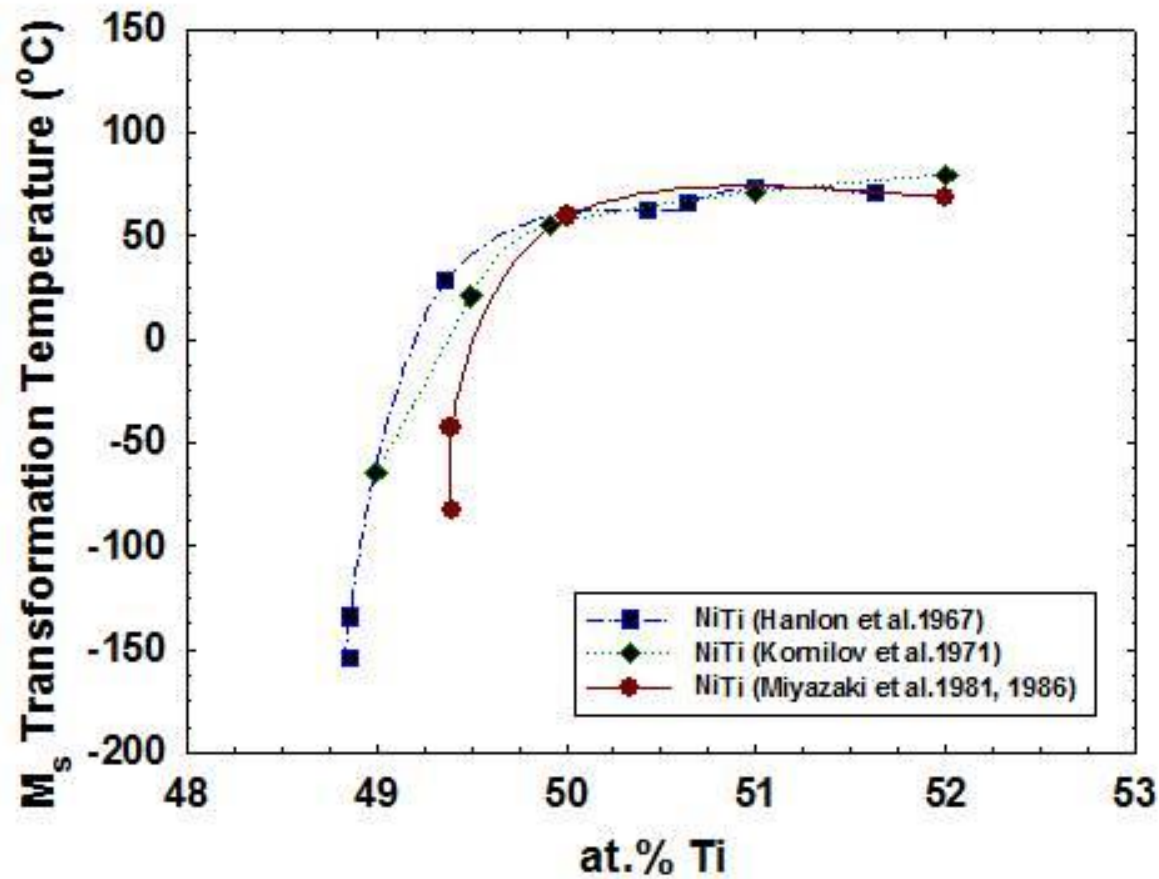
- **Infrastructure:**

- Develop laboratory testing capability and methods to evaluate and characterize SMA properties/ performance.
- Generate material(s) data sheets and databases
- Determine test standards/methodologies
- Component or subcomponent testing/modeling

- **Applications:**

- Identify/build applications to benefit the aeronautics and space design challenges
- Design methodologies
- Commercialization

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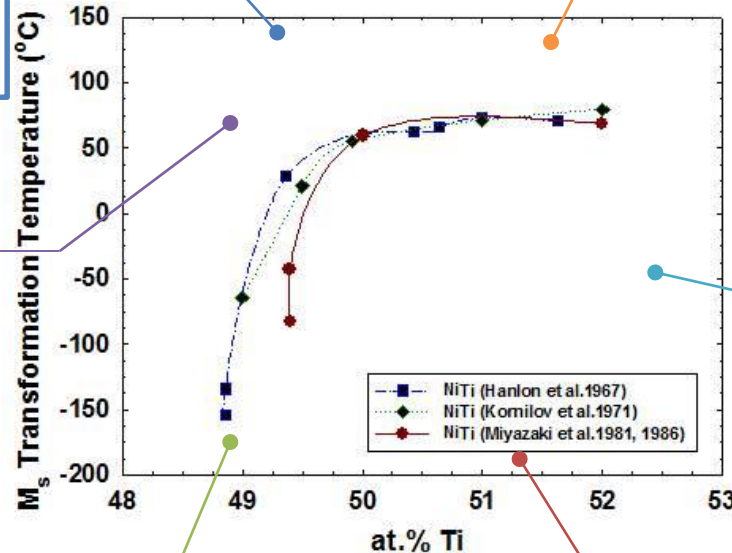
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# 55 Years after Nitinol Discovery

## Metals

NiTi, NiTiFe, NiTiNb, NiTiCu, NiTiPd,  
NiFeGa, NiTiCo CuZn, CuZnAl, CuAlNi,  
CuAlNiMn, CuSn FePt, FeMnSi, FeNiC

AgCd NiTiHf, NiTiZr, TiNiPd, TiNiPt,  
AuCd ZrRh, ZrCu, ZrCu NiCo,  
CoNiAl ZrCuNi CoTi, TiMo, TiNb,  
TiTa, TiAu, UNb, TaRu, NbRu,  
FeMnSi

PTFE, PU, Poly-caprolactone, EVA + nitrile  
rubber, PE, Poly-cyclooctene, PCO– CPE blend

PCL–BA copolymer, Poly(ODVE)-co-BA,  
EVA + CSM, PMMA,  
Copolyesters, PET-PEG

## Polymers

## Magnetic/Ferromagnetic

NiMnGa, FePd, NiMnAl,

FePt, Dy, Tb, LaSrCuO,  
ReCu, NiMnIn, CoNiGa

## Ceramics

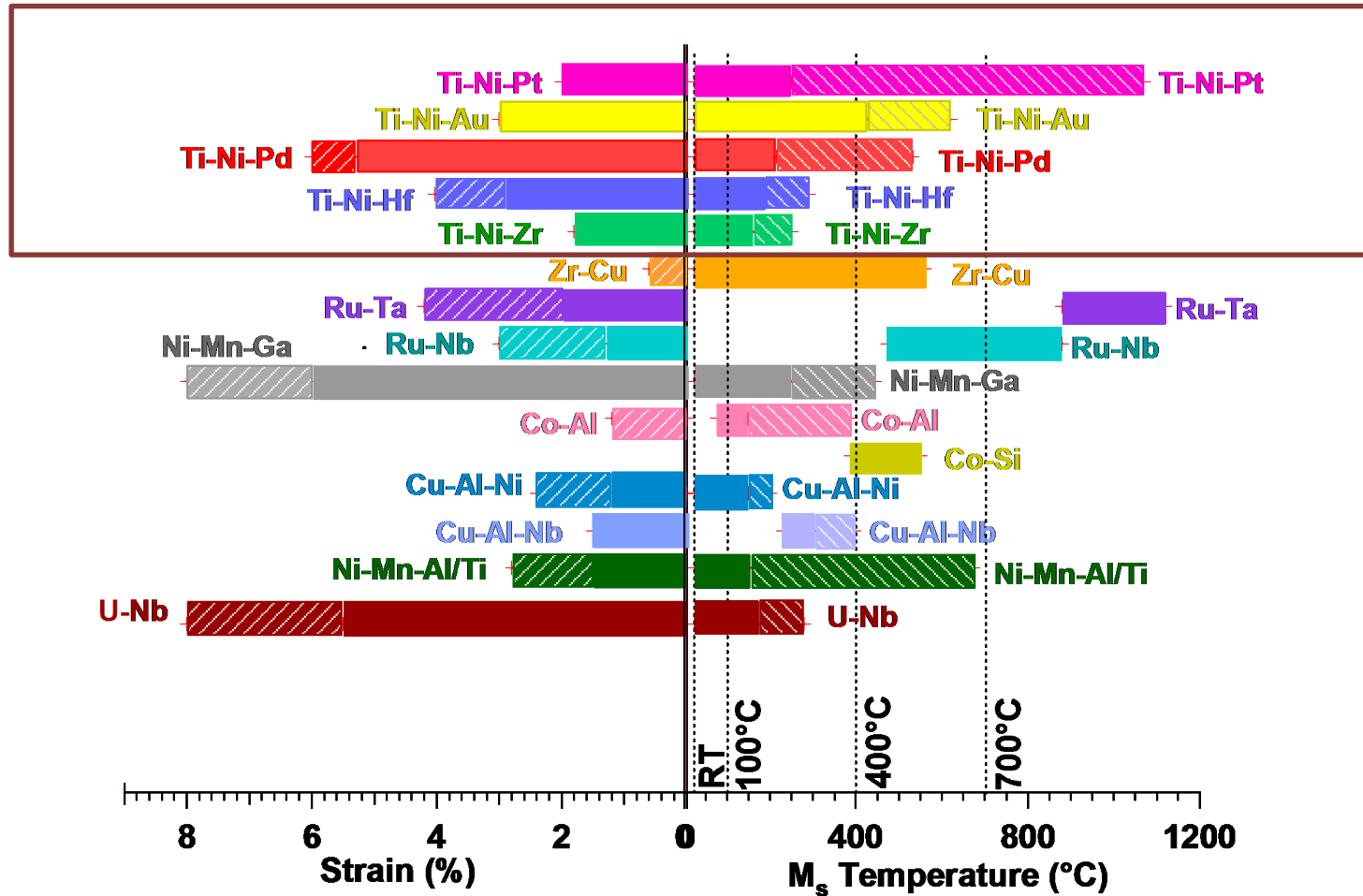
ZrO<sub>2</sub> (PSZ), MgO,  
CeO<sub>2</sub>, PLZT, PNZST

## Others

Thin films, hybrids...

# Development of Shape Memory Alloys:

## High Temperature Shape Memory Alloys (HTSMAs)



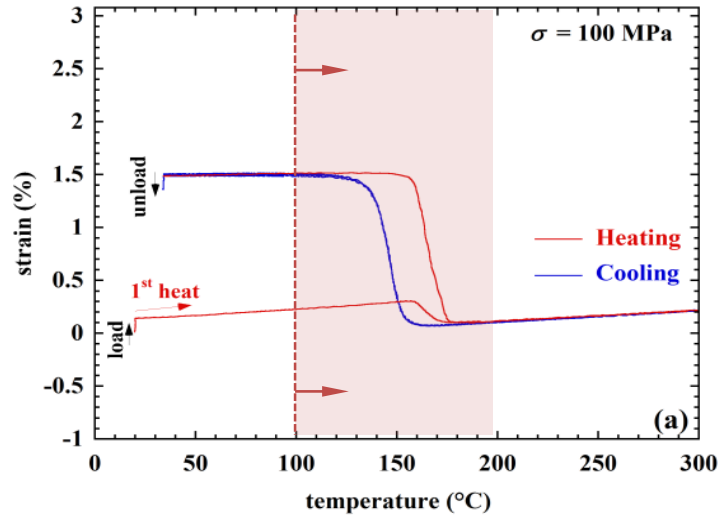
Ma et al. (2010)



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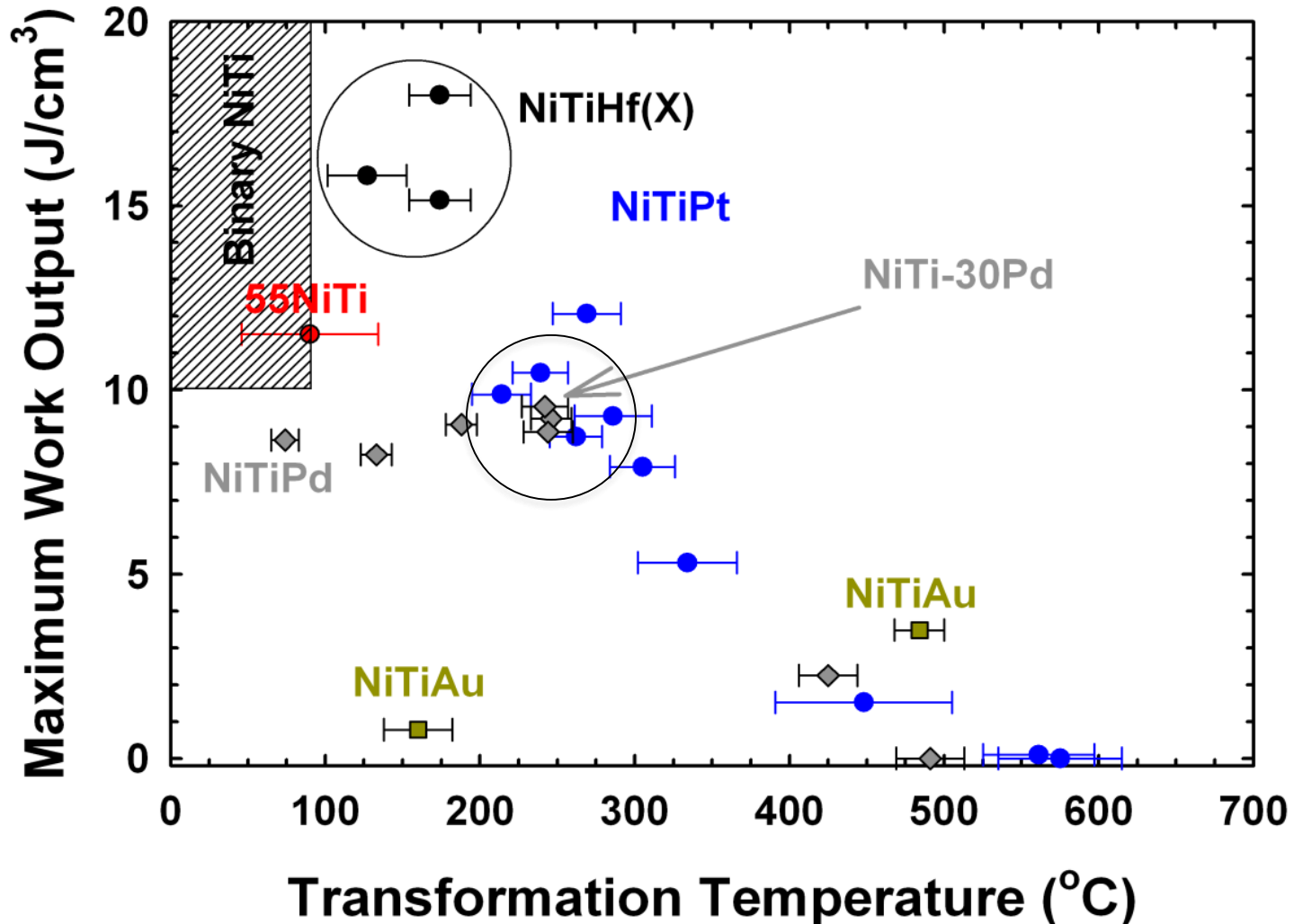
## NiTi–Based HTSMAs

NiTiHf



# Development of Shape Memory Alloys:

## HTSMAs Summary

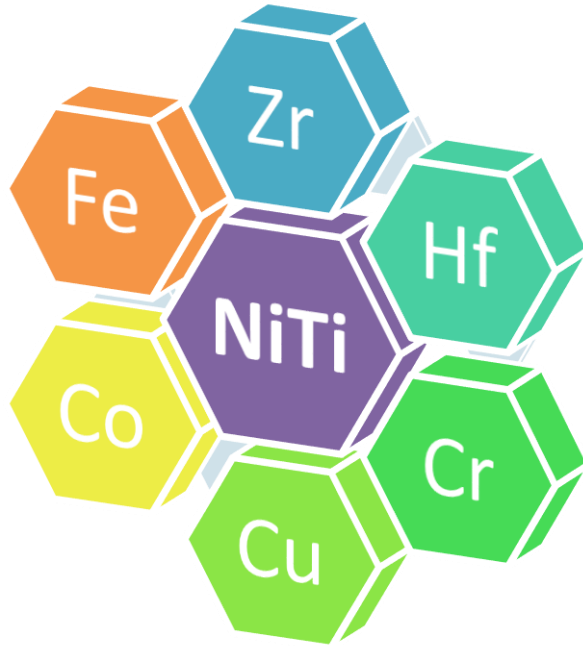


# Materials – High and Low Temperature SMA

Cold

0 °C

Hot



## Low Temperature SMAs

NiTi  
NiTiFe  
NiTiCo/Cr  
NiTiCu  
NiTiHf/Zr



## High Temperature SMAs

NiTiHf  
NiTiZr  
NiTiPd  
NiTiPt  
NiTiAu

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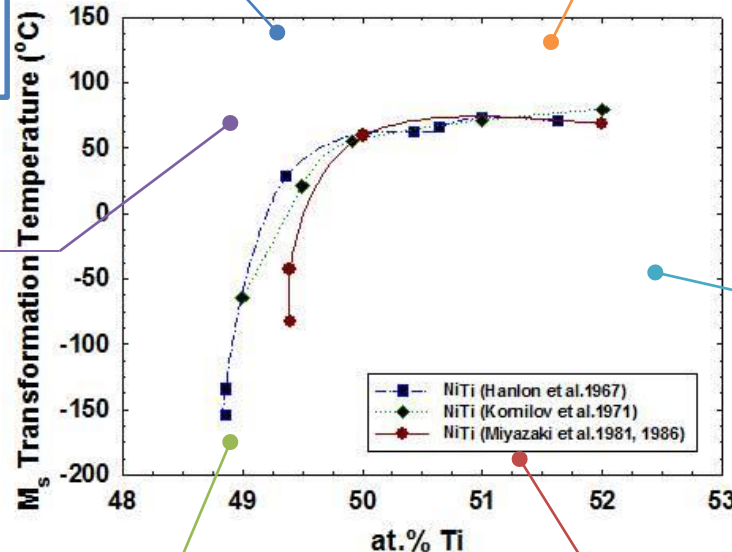
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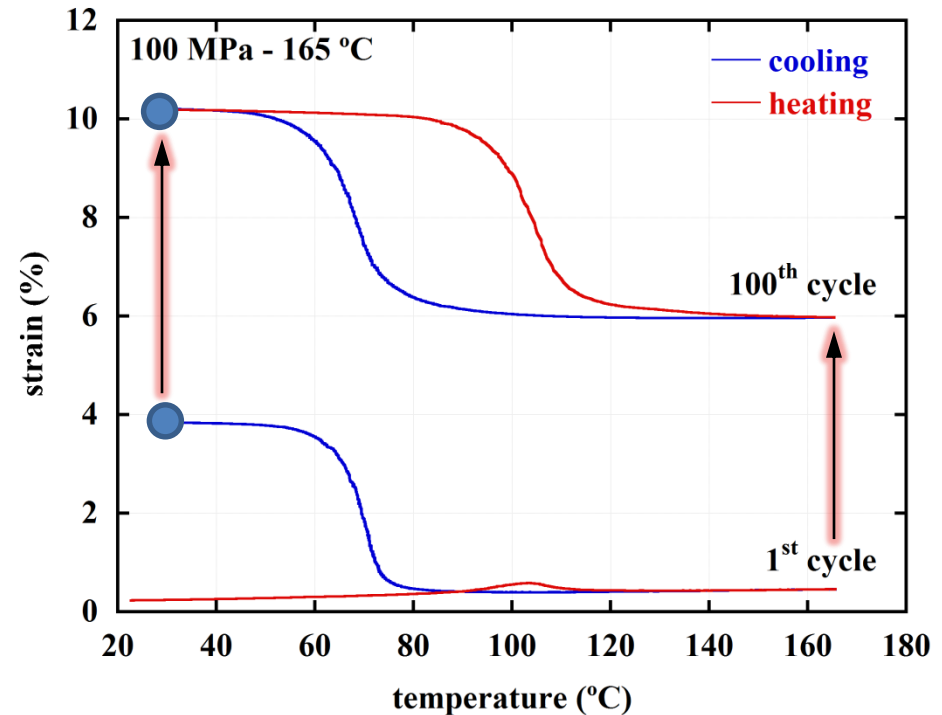
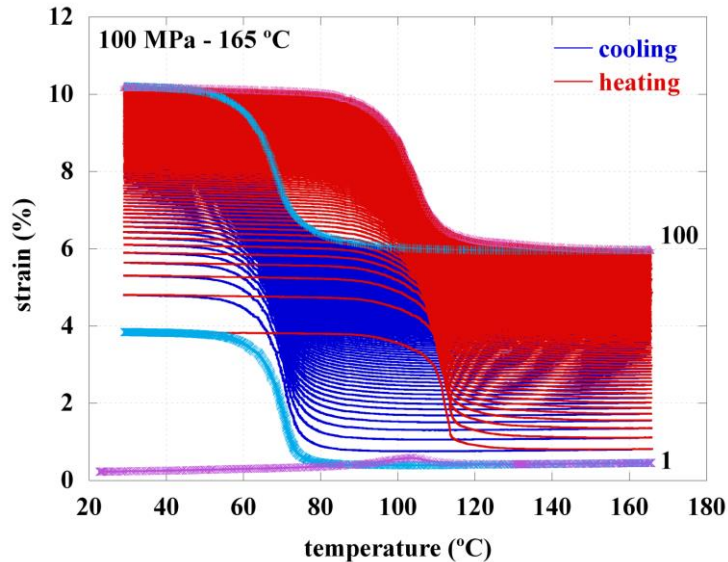
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# Development of Shape Memory Alloys: How about Dimensional Stability?



## How to make the material/actuator stable?

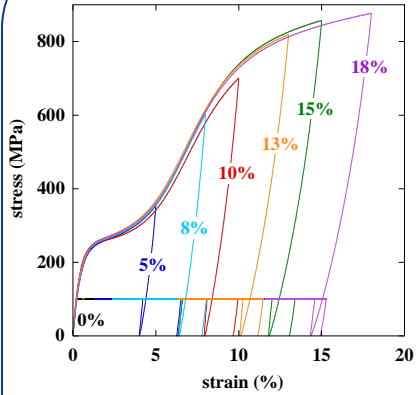
- Solution 1: Thermomechanical “training” (e.g., cycling, reverse loading...)
- **Solution 2: Alloying and microstructural control (e.g., precipitation hardening, grain refinement)**



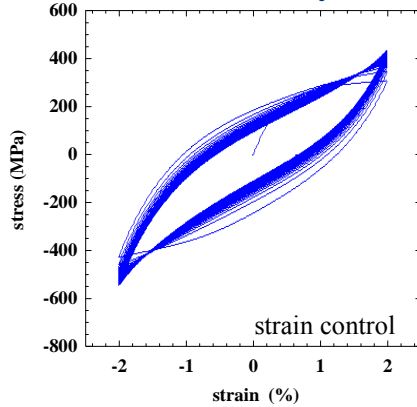
# Thermomechanical Testing

## Uniaxial (tension/compression)

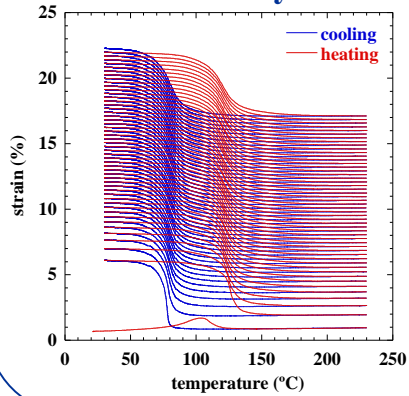
### Isothermal monotonic



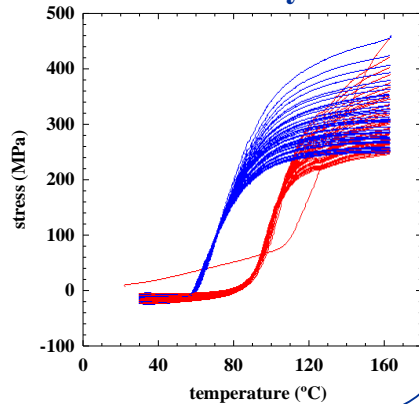
### Isothermal cyclic



### Isobaric cyclic



### Isostrain cyclic

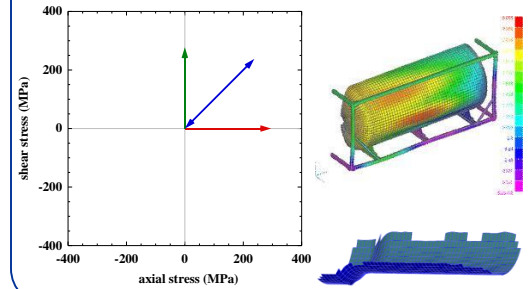


## Geometries

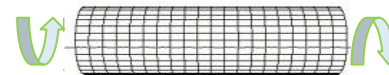
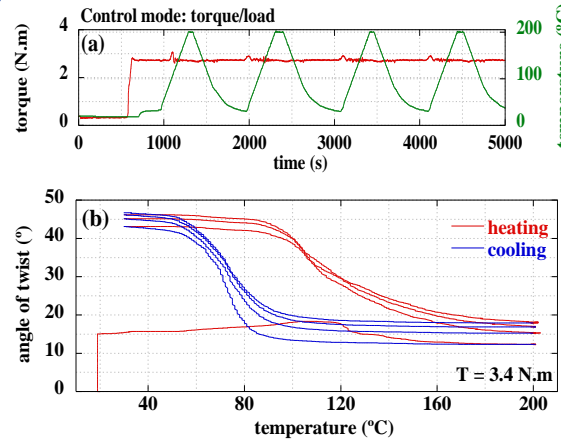


## Multiaxial

- Proportional/non-proportional loading
- 3D strain measurement
- Torque/force/twist/displacement control capability



## Torsion

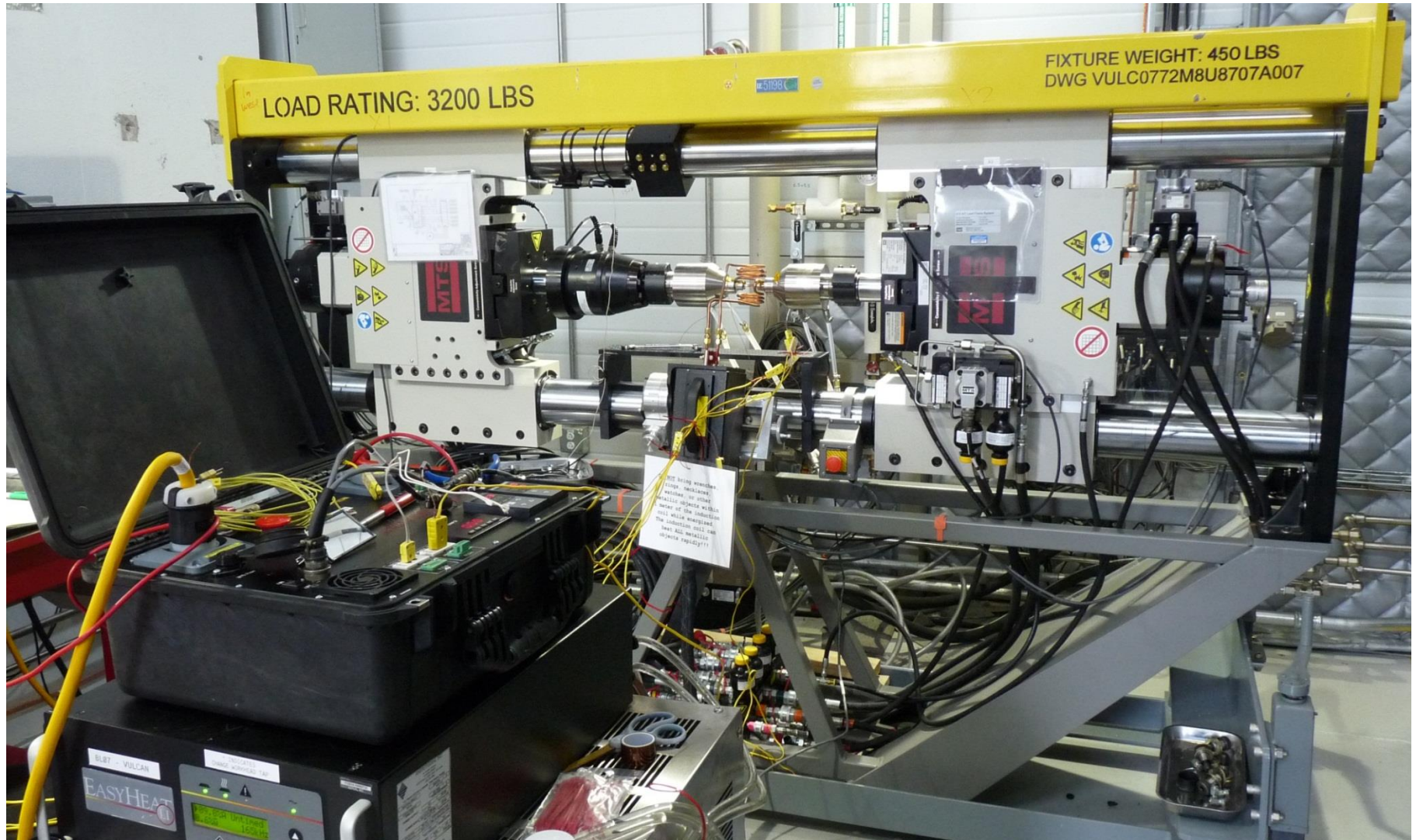


## Hot grip testing



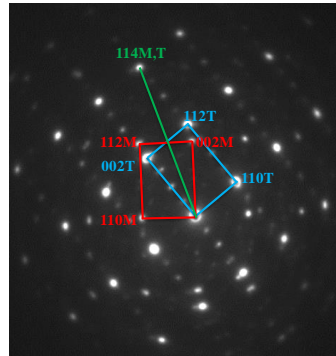
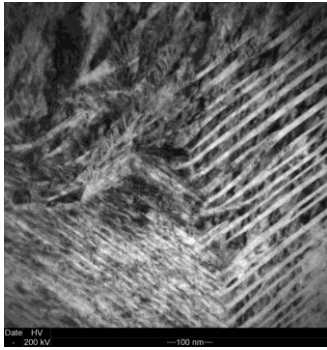


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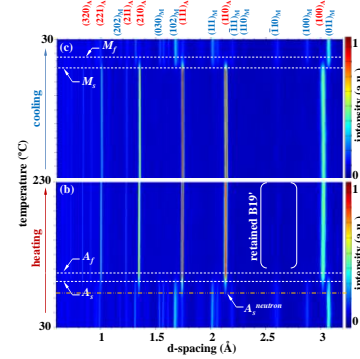


# Microstructural Control towards Stability

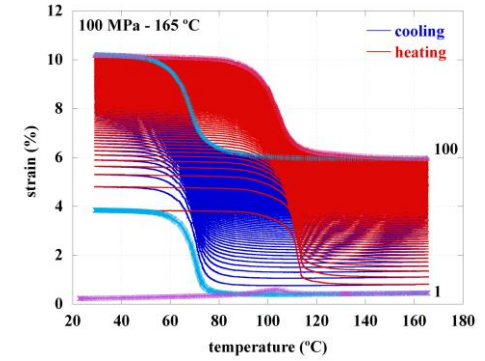
## Electron diffraction



## In situ diffraction



## Outcome





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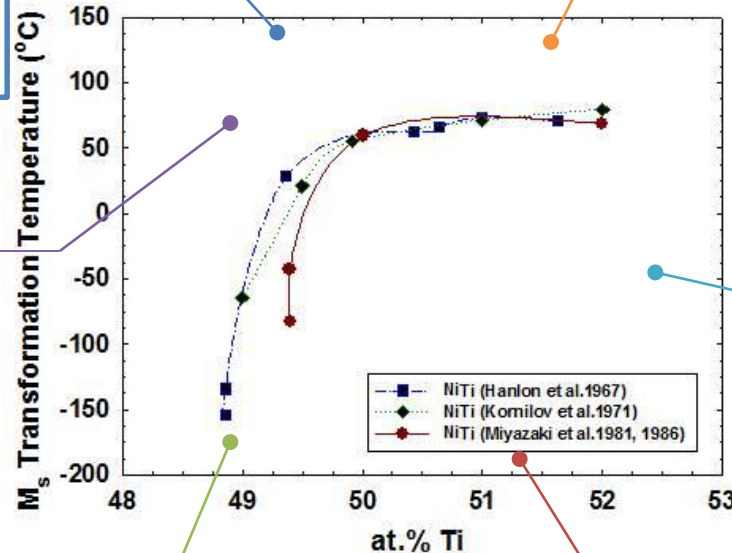
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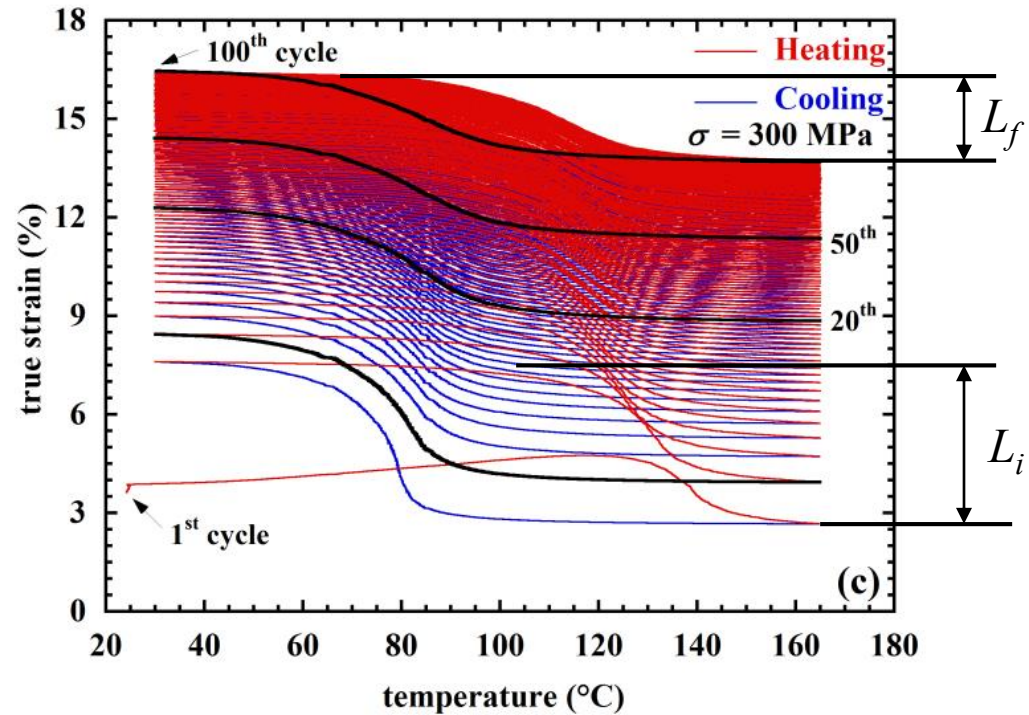
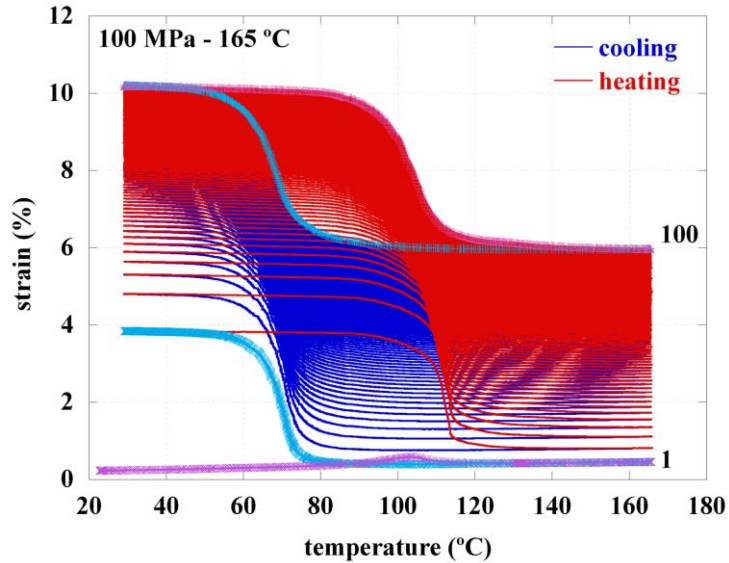
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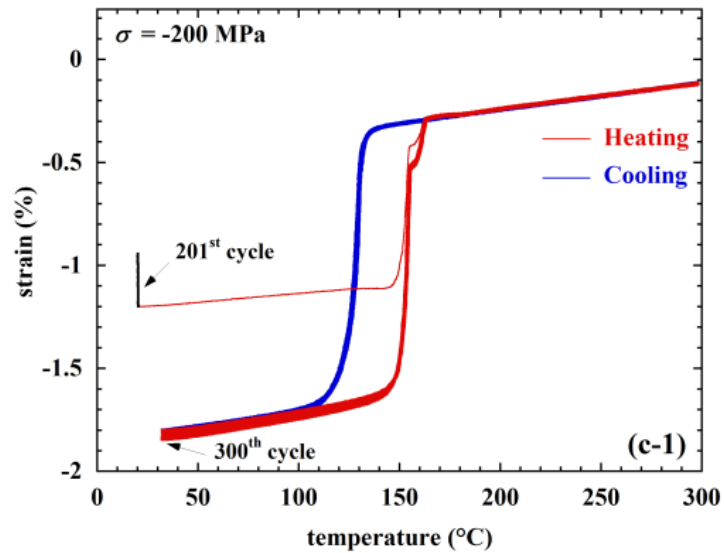
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# Development of Shape Memory Alloys: How about Durability/Fatigue?



- Loss of actuation strain
- Shifts in transformation characteristics (Hysteresis, temperatures...)

# Durability Assessment Underway...



Data exists up to 1000's of cycles, how about 1M cycles?

Currently collecting durability data on NiTiHf tubes



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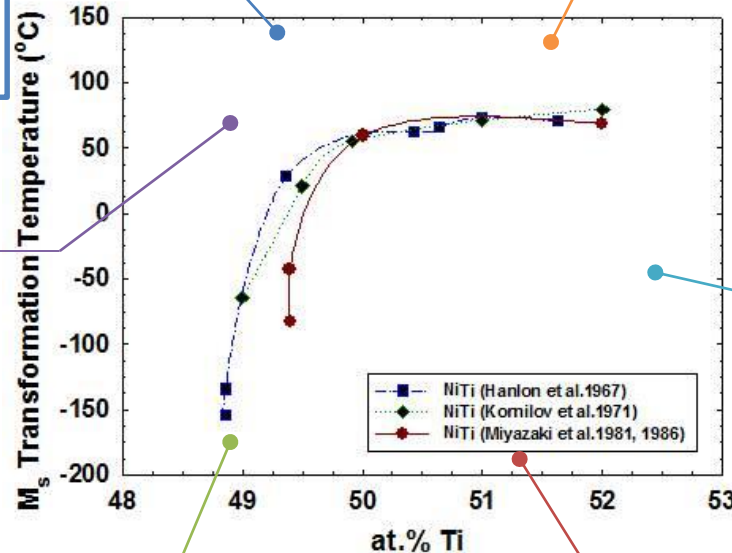
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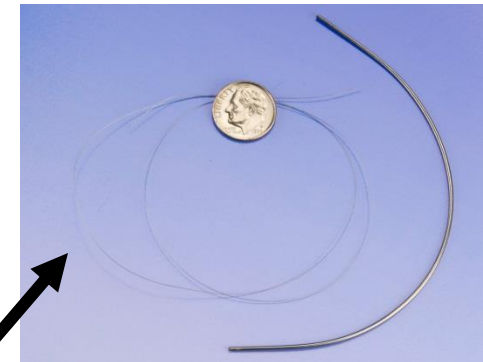
**Induction Melt  
+  
Homogenization**



**Extrusion**



**Wire Grinding**

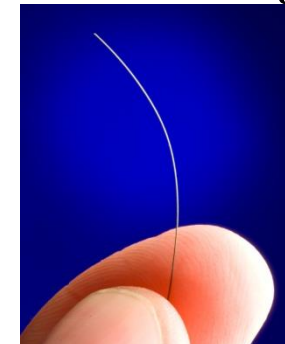


**44 & 5 mil NiTiPt**

**Multiple-Pass Extrusion  
60 mil NiTi-20Pt rod**



**Wire Drawing**



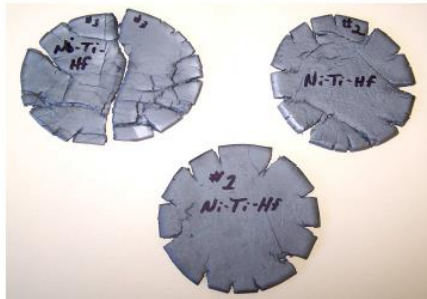
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Successful hot rolled button (C. Wojcik 2008)



High temperature extrusion proved to be problematic (C. Wojcik 2008)



Successful hot extrusion (rods and tubes)

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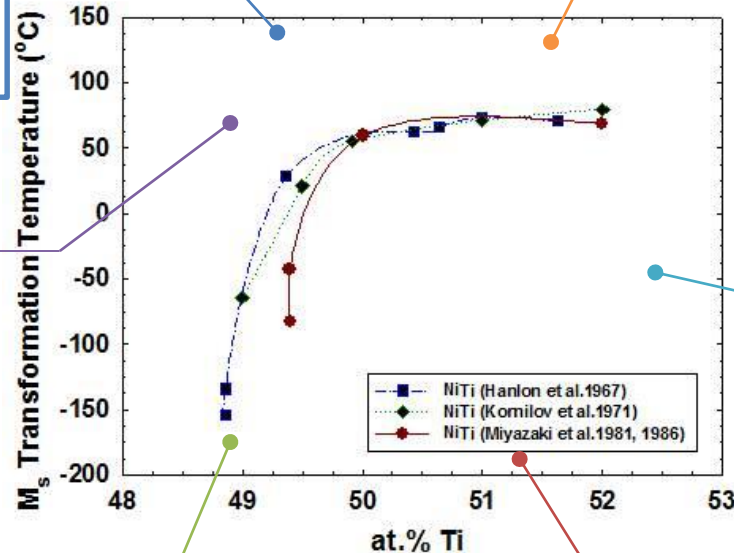
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- F2516-07
- F2633-07

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# Promoting Growth of SMA Technologies....

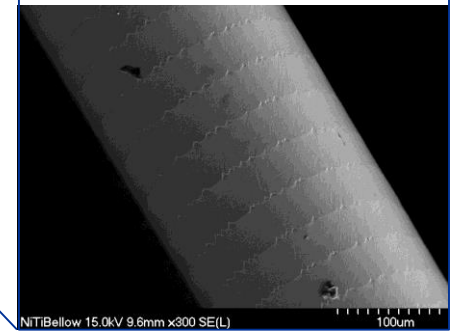
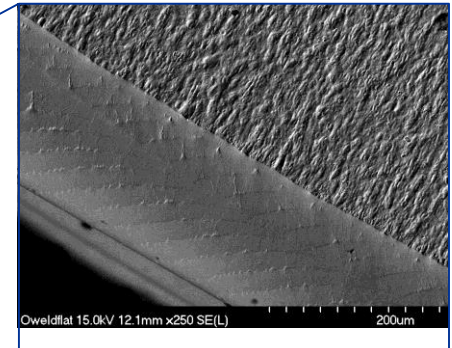
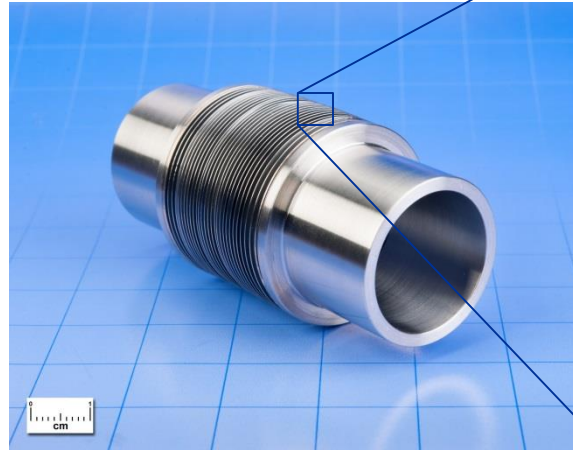
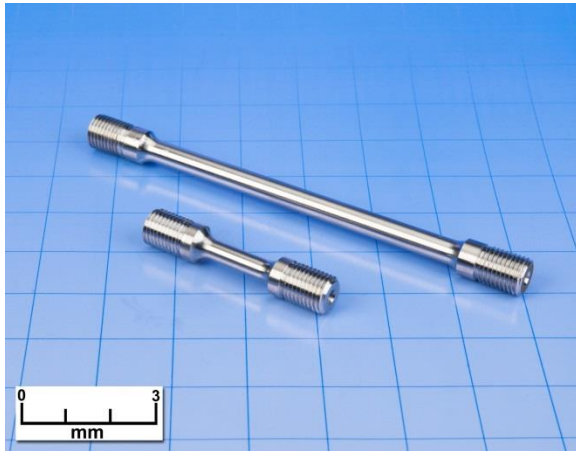




# Applications of SMAs



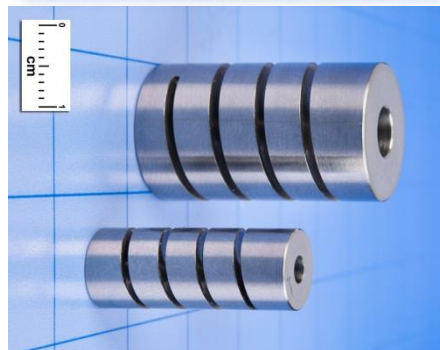
# Some SMA Components



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National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field



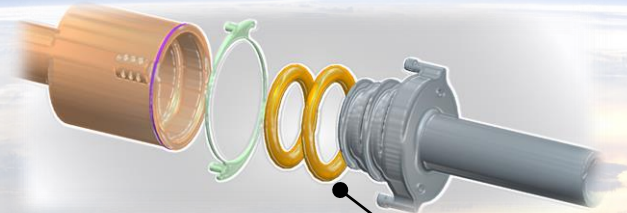
# Shape Memory Alloy Applications

## Space



### SMA Bellows

- Dynamic sealing
- Fluid handling
- Flexibility (structure alignment)



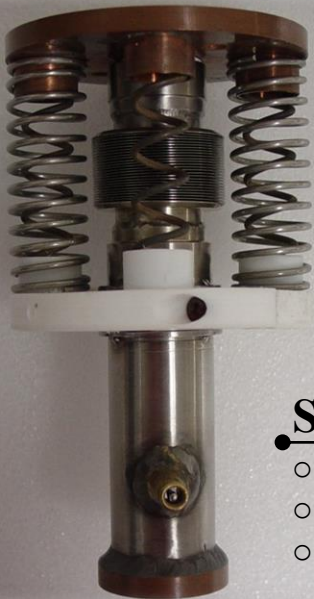
### SMA Docking Coupling

- Cryogenic transfer coupling
- Orbital propellant depots
- Propellant handling/protection



### SMA Spring Tire

- Superelastic technology
- Lunar rovers
- Terrestrial tires



### SMA Thermal Switch

- Thermal management
- Clean & spark-free operation
- Passive or active control



### SMA rock splitters



### SMA Bearings

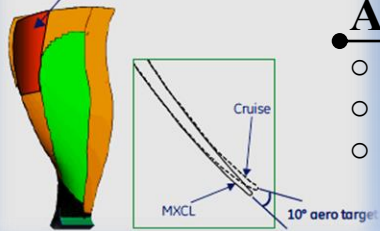
- Corrosion resistant
- Non-galling properties
- High yield

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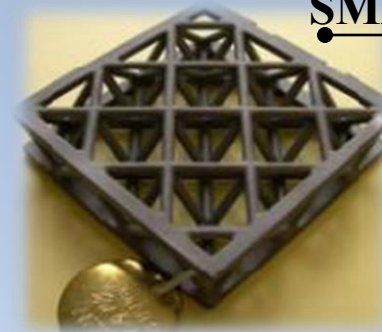
Shape change region



### Adaptive Fan Blade

- Embedded SMA actuators
- Aerodynamic efficiency
- Specific fuel consumption reduction

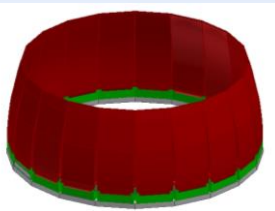
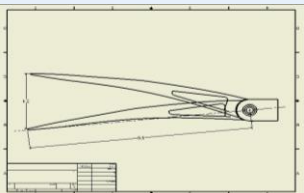
### SMA Cellular Structures



- Airframe and engine components
- Morphing airfoils
- Light weight trusses

### The Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission.

- SMA Pinpullers (From *TiNi Aerospace*) were used to secure and release deployables



### Variable Area Nozzle

- High bypass turbofan
- SMA torque tubes provide flap rotation
- Engine noise reduction



*Thank You*

