

Processing of thin Magnesium Wires

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Motivation

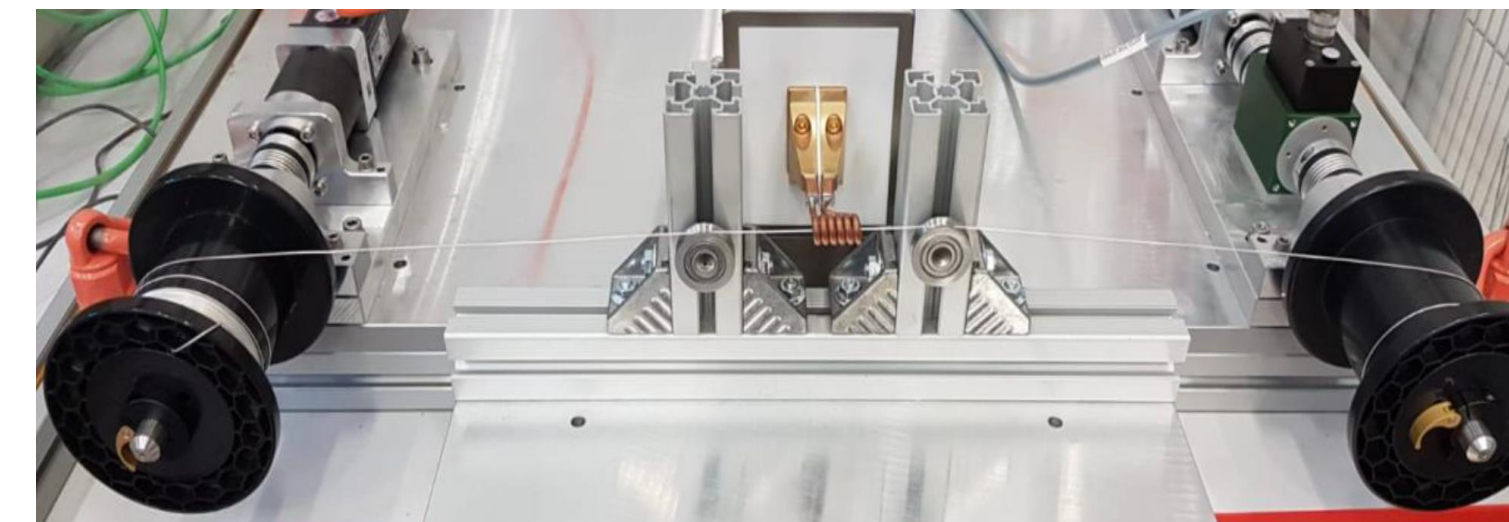
Wire Extrusion Approach

- High flexibility in die profiles and diameters
- Hot massive forming with high extrusion ratios in one step
- Different alloy-dependent effects on wire properties



Flexible Wire Drawing Approach

- High- and low-speed applications
- Conventional cold drawing (with die, surface impact)
- Dieless wire drawing (local heat impact, no die impact or lubrication)
- Different alloy-dependent effects on wire properties

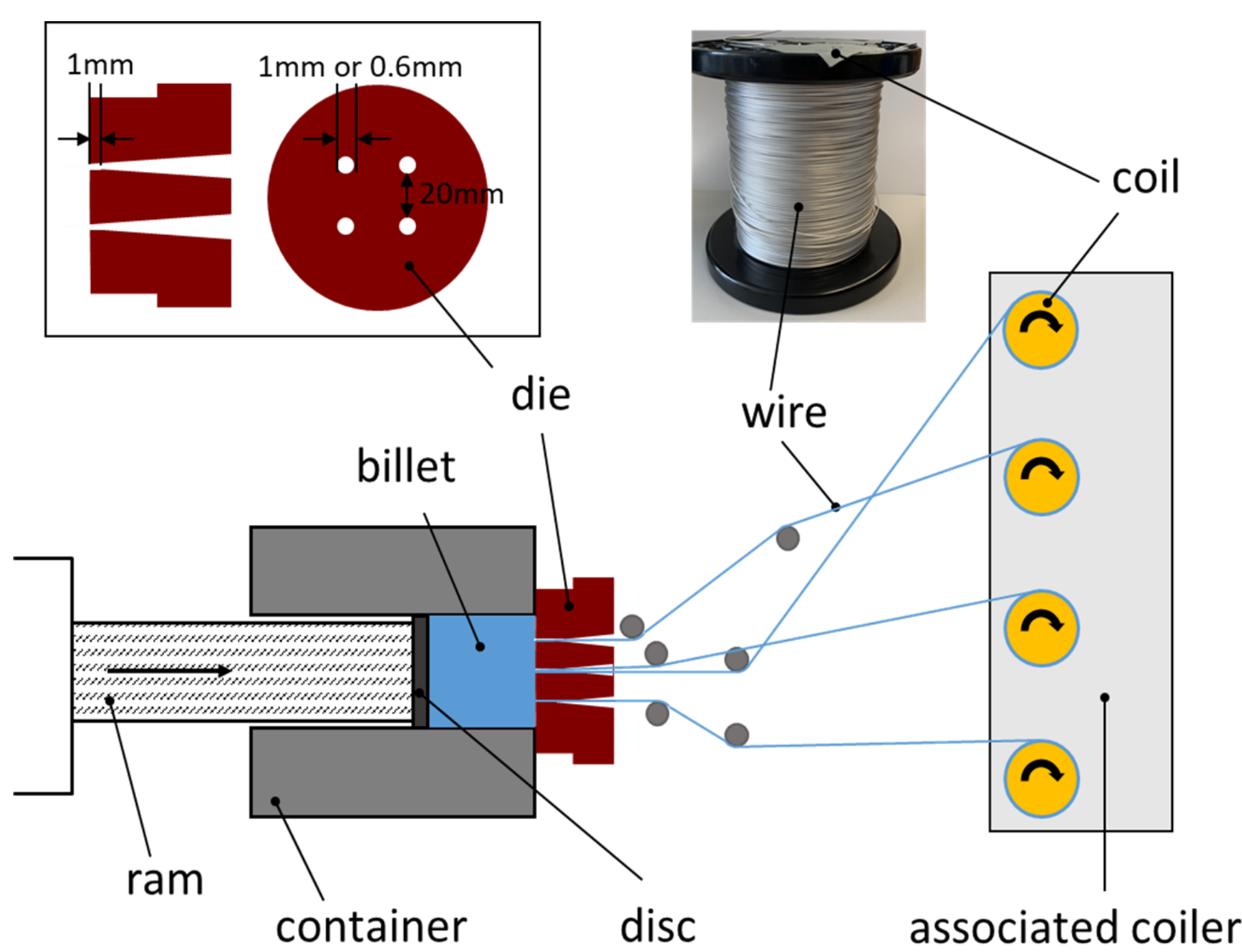


Sustainable applications with large potential

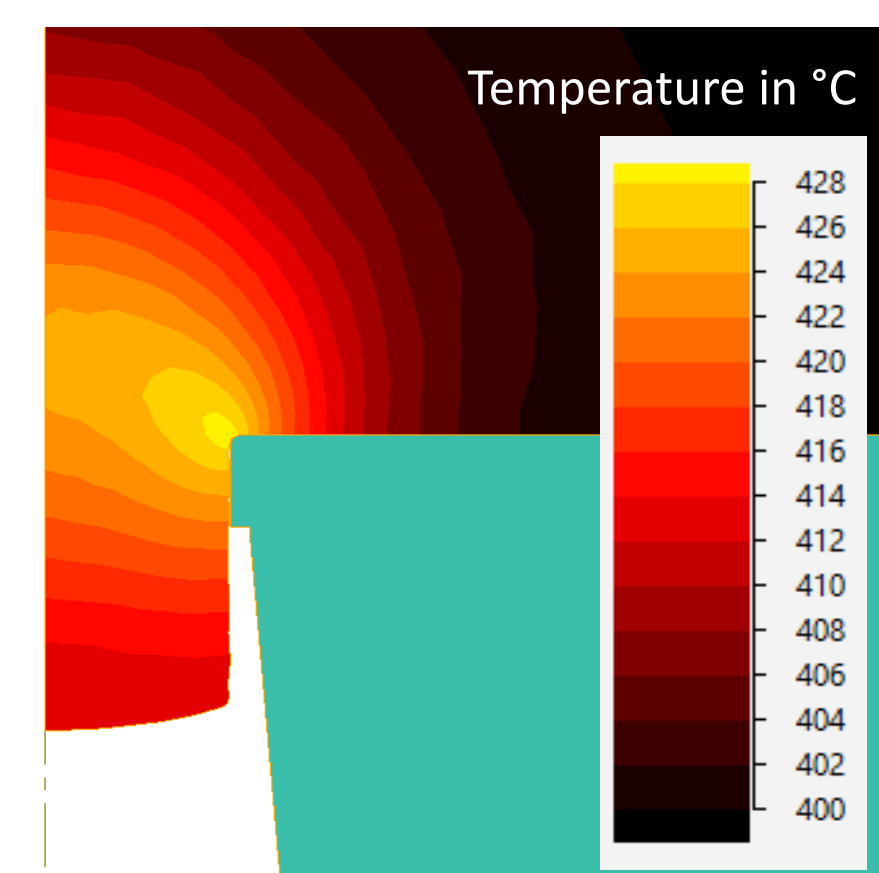
- Biodegradable products, e.g. ureteral or cardiovascular stents
- Input material for e.g. Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing

Wire processing routes and Simulation

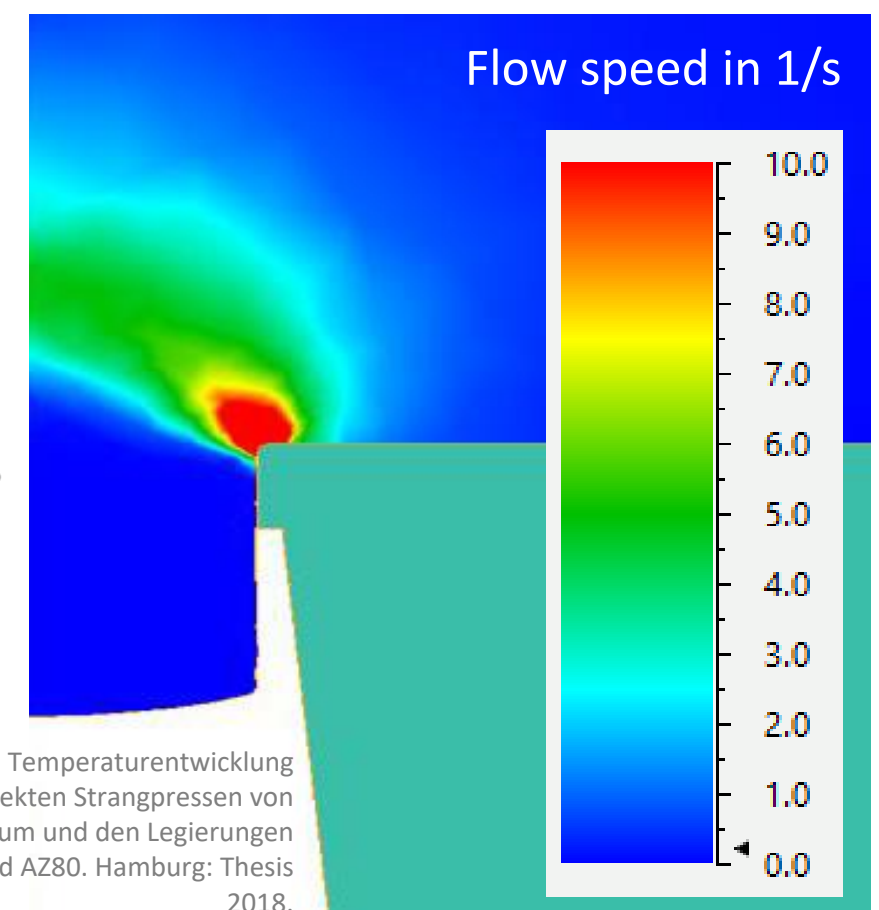
Direct Wire Extrusion



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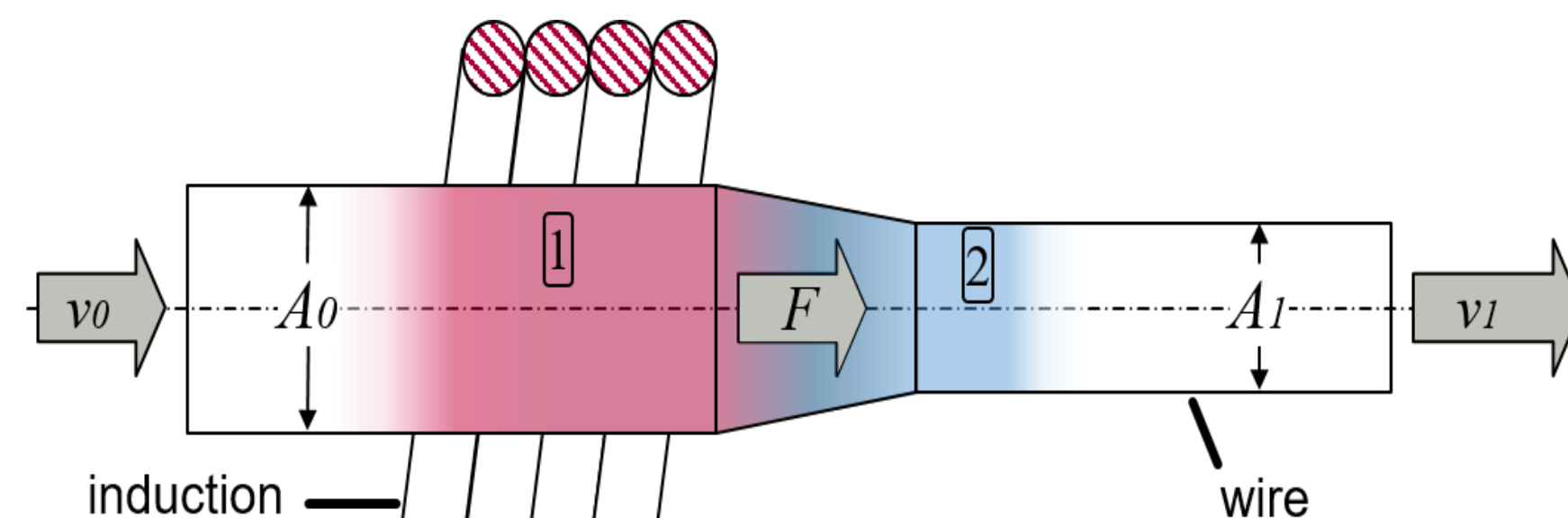


Prediction of temperature and flow stress in extrusion simulation

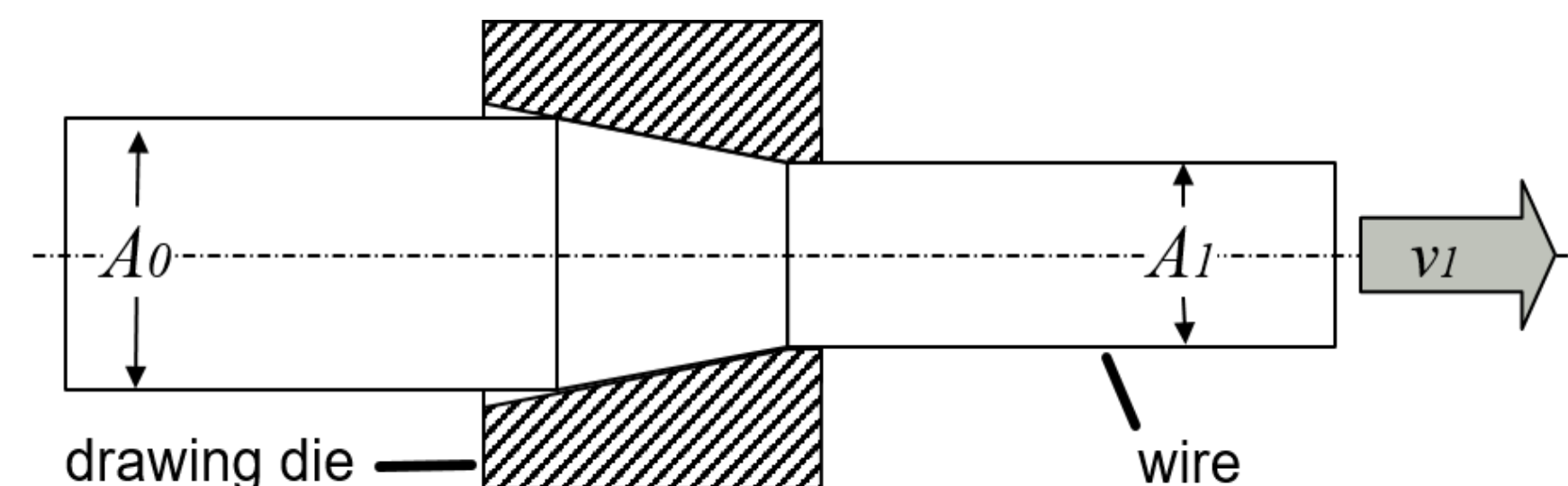


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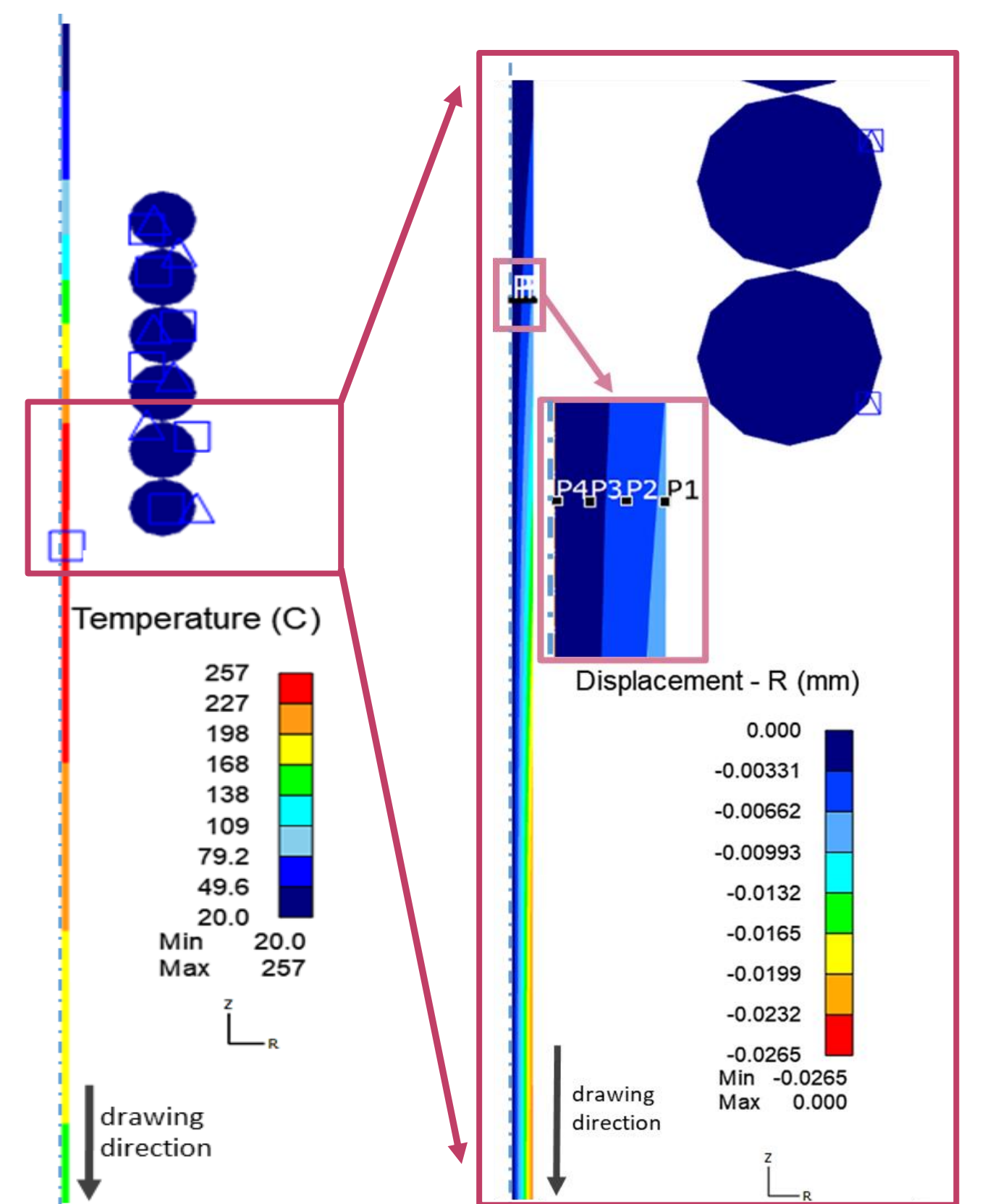
Dieless Wire Drawing



Conventional Wire Drawing



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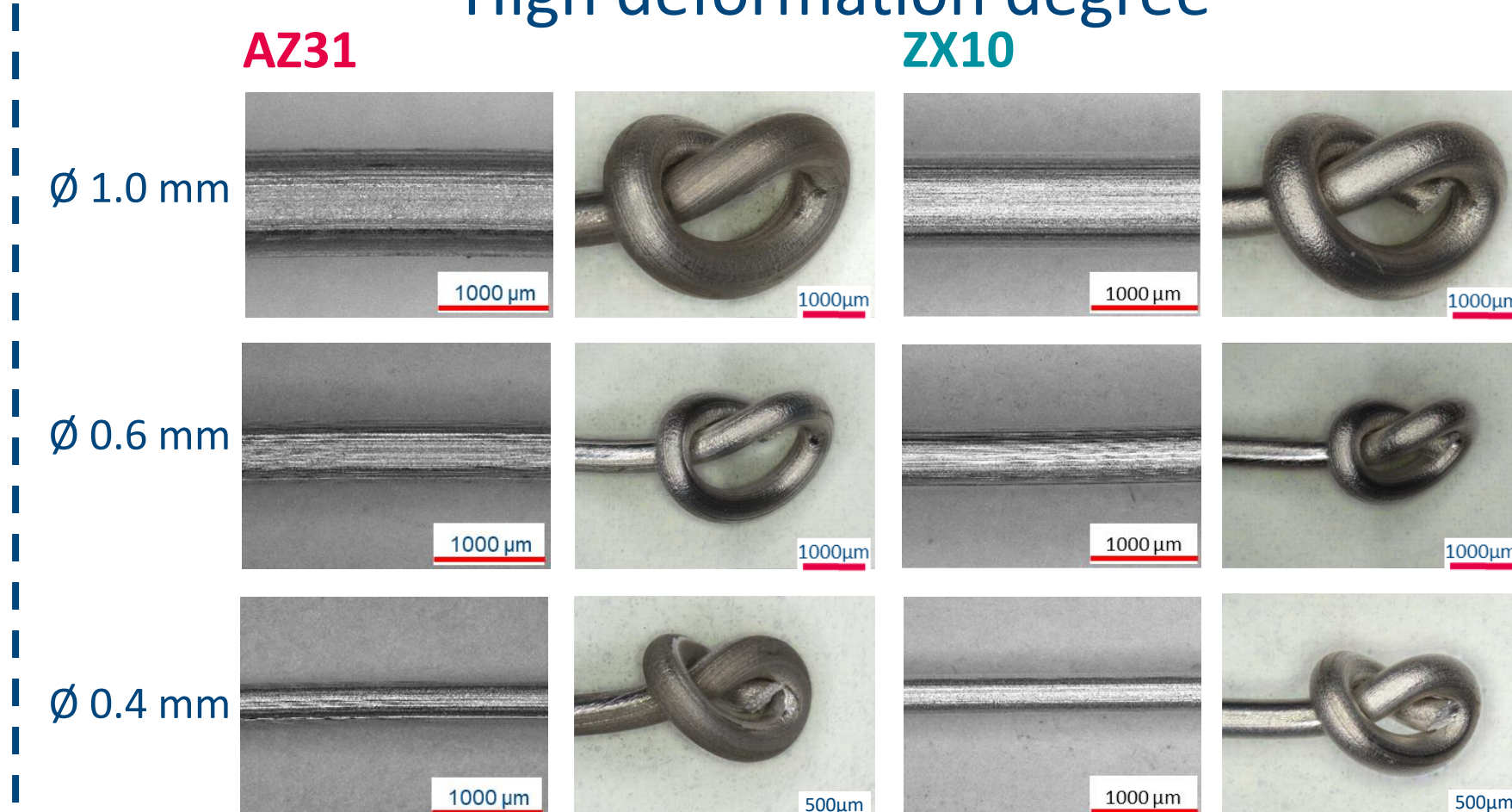
Prediction of temperature and diameter in dieless wire drawing simulation

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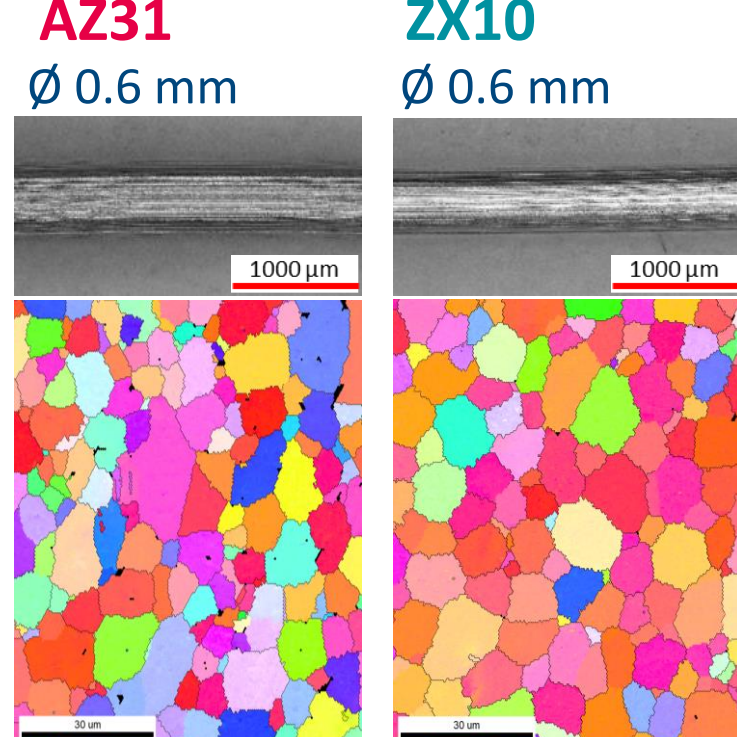
Process-Properties-Correlation Development

Direct wire extrusion

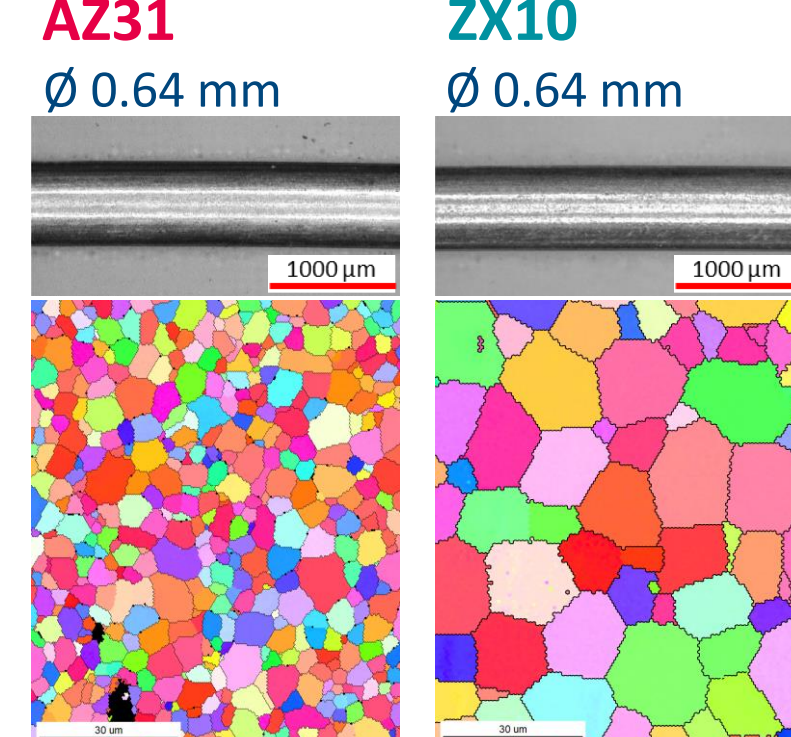
High deformation degree



Direct extruded



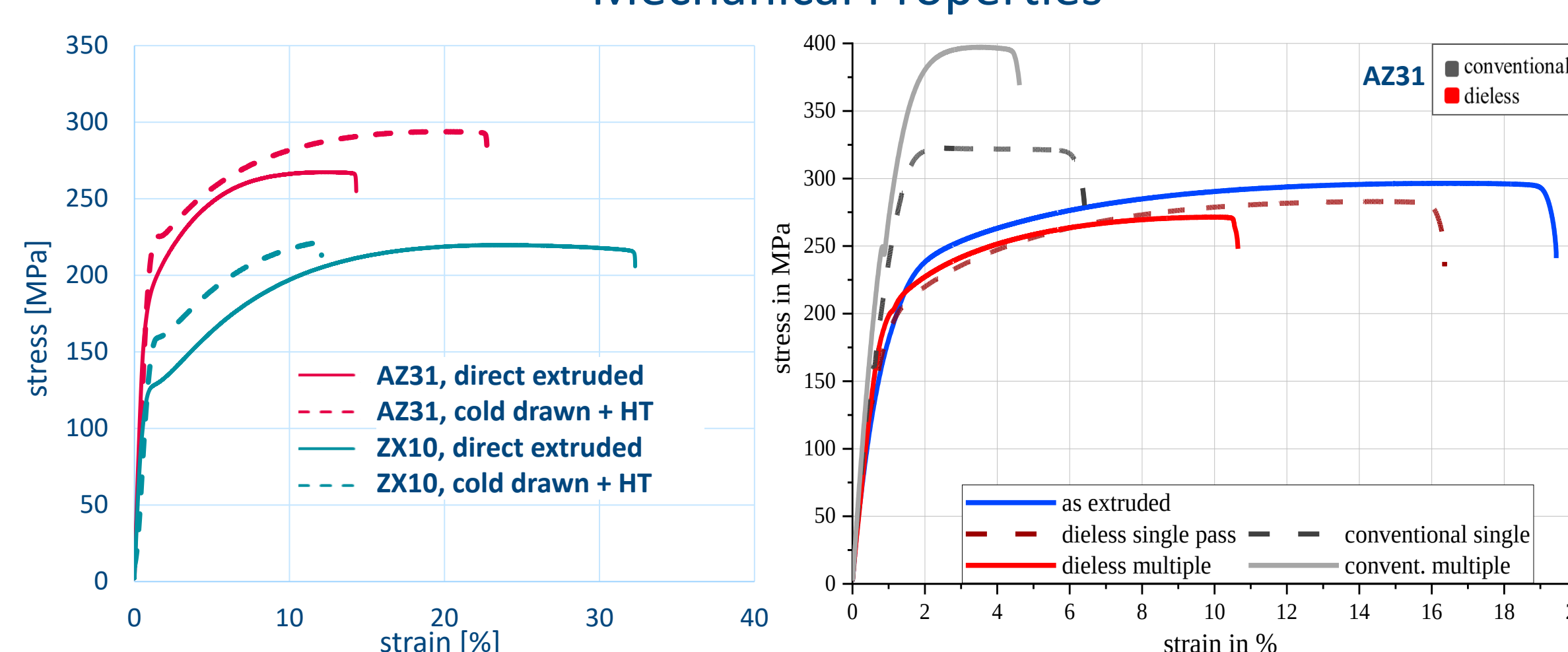
Cold drawn plus HT



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Extrusion vs. conventional drawing vs. dieless drawing

Mechanical Properties

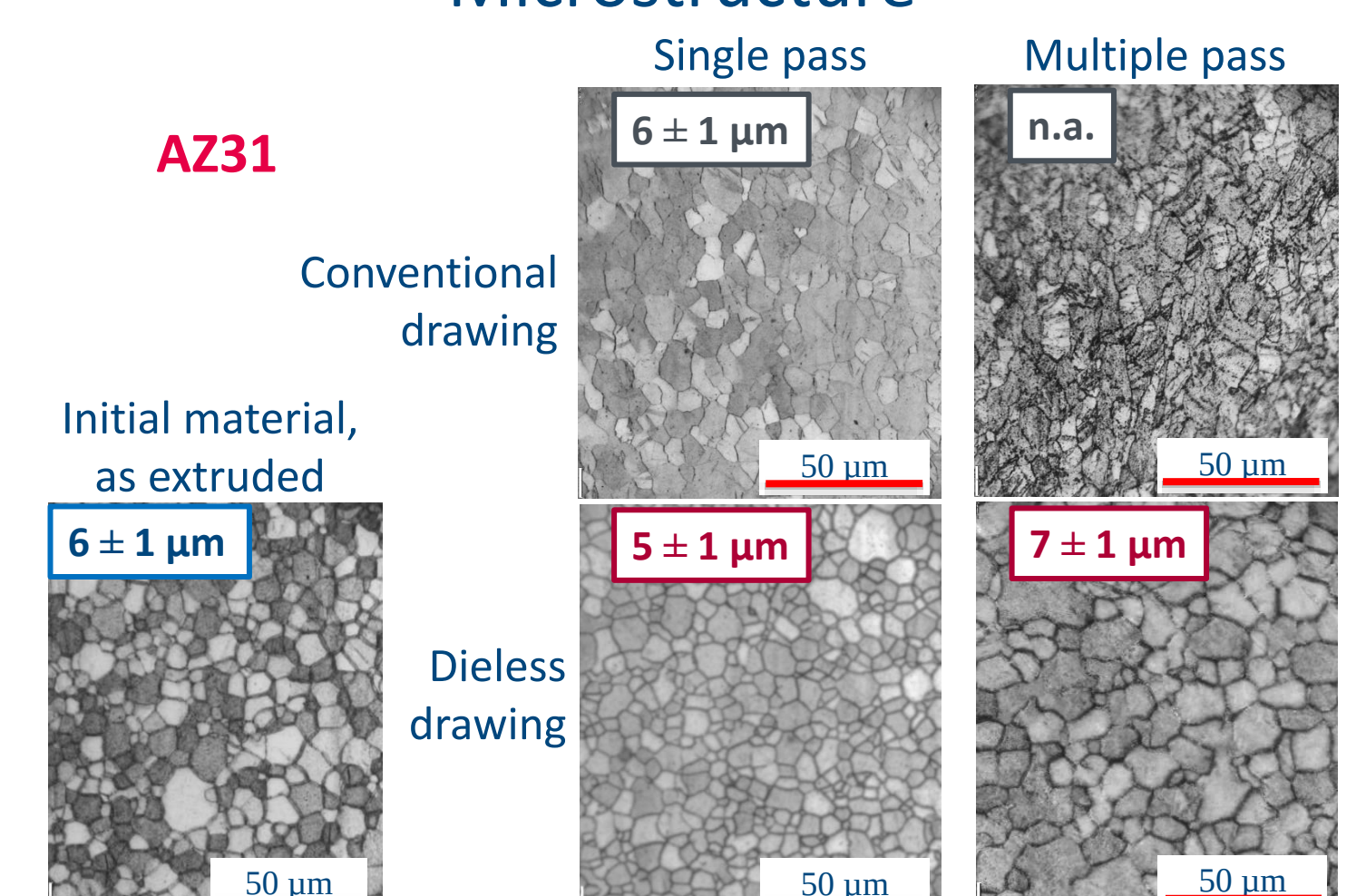


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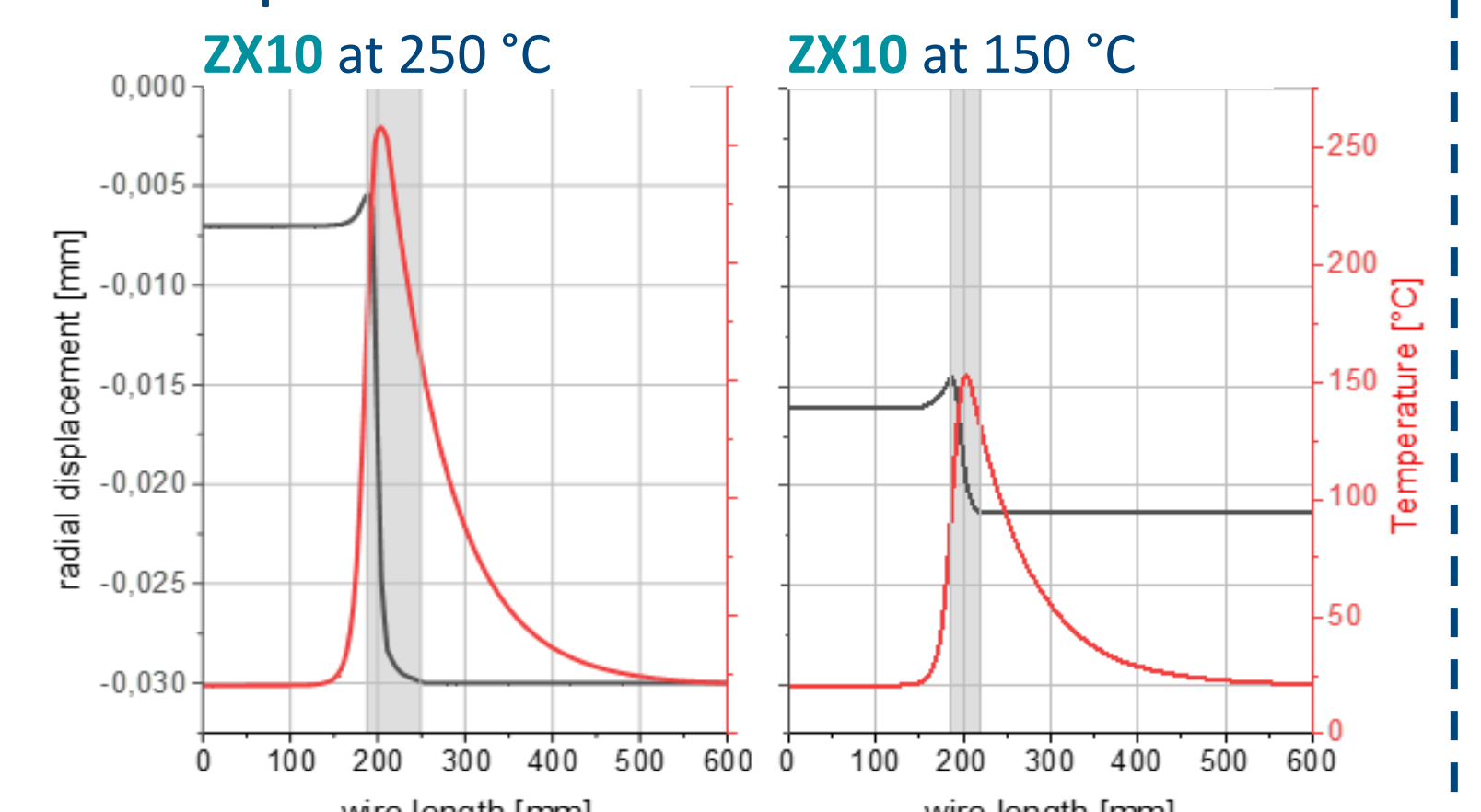
Dieless wire drawing

Microstructure



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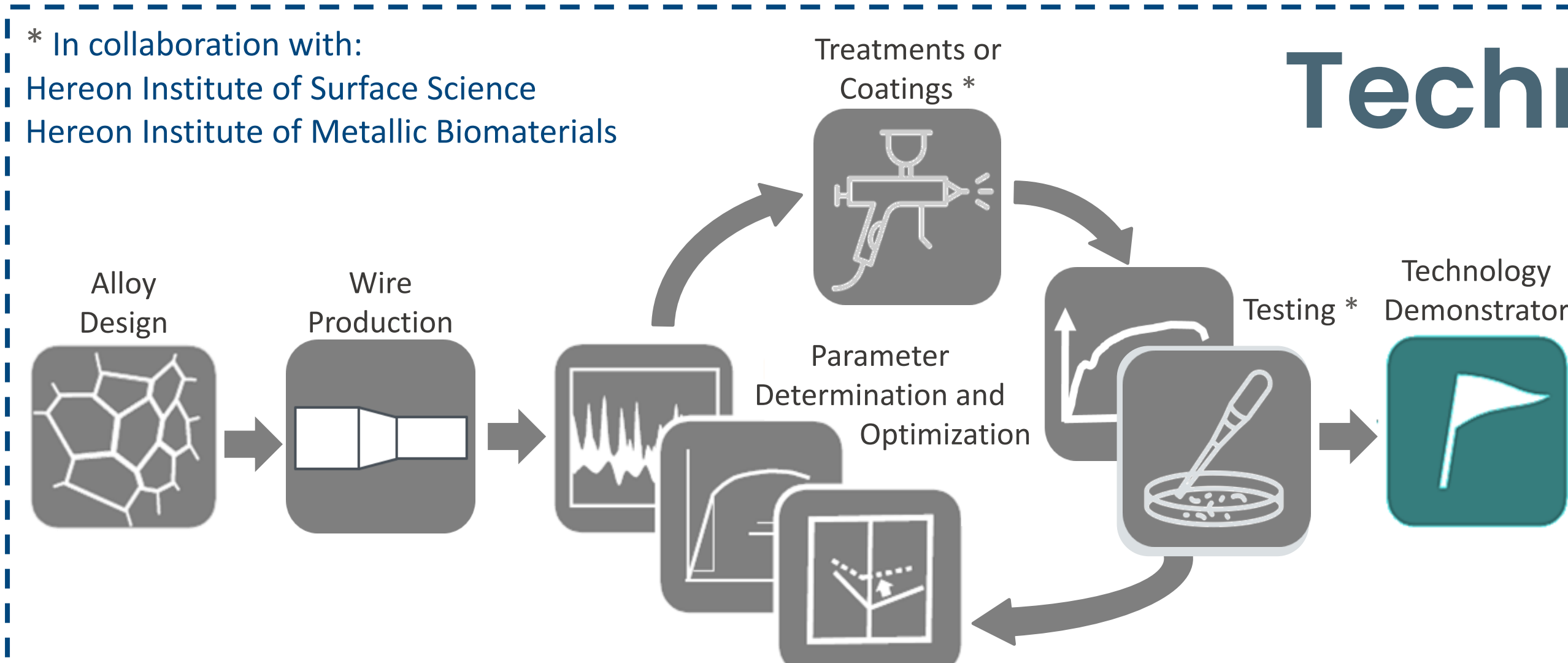
Temperature and diameter simulation



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Technology Transfer



- ➔ Development of fine wires for biomedical or microforming applications
- ➔ Further fundamental understanding of forming mechanisms, property profile development and mechanical material behavior



Prototype of a Mg-based biodegradable ureteral stent (Courtesy: HydruMedical)