



Introduction to the monitoring of phase transformation and recrystallization with laser ultrasonics

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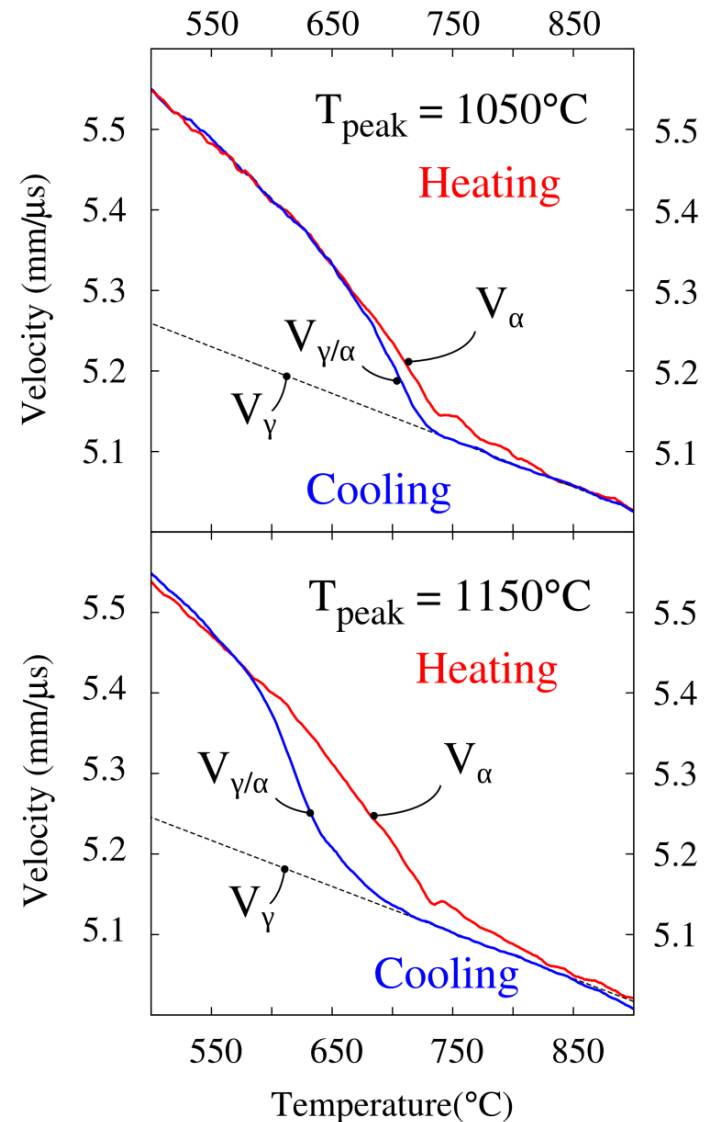
Velocity measurements

- Velocity difference between ferrite and austenite

$$v \cong \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}}$$

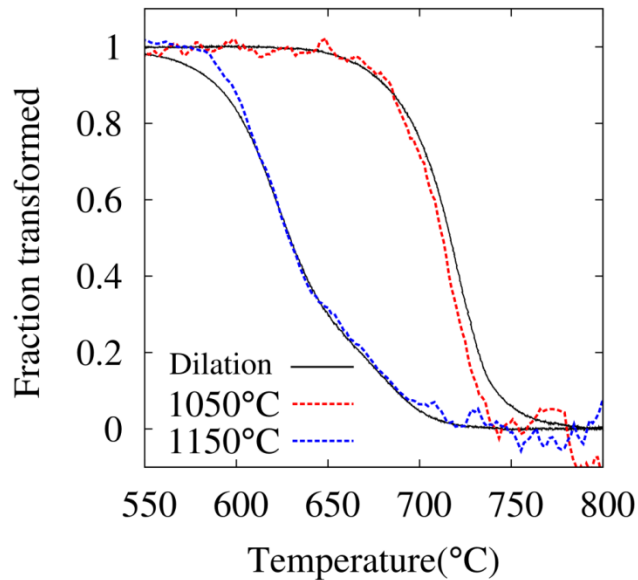
- Application of the lever-rule method on ultrasonic velocity

$$f_{\alpha} = \frac{v_{\gamma} - v_{\gamma/\alpha}}{v_{\gamma} - v_{\alpha}}$$

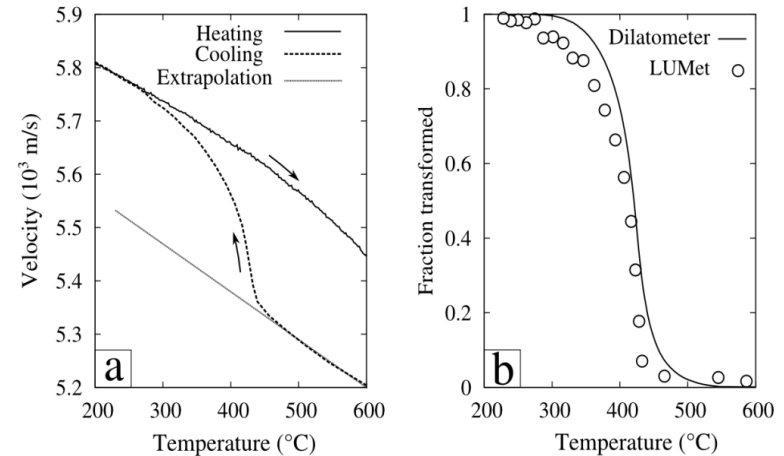


Fraction transformed

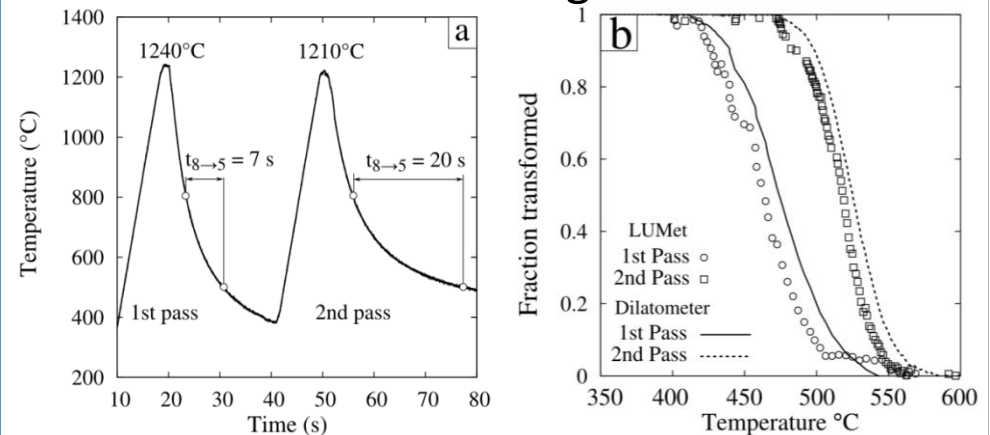
Continuous cooling rate
3,10 C/s



High cooling rate 150C/s



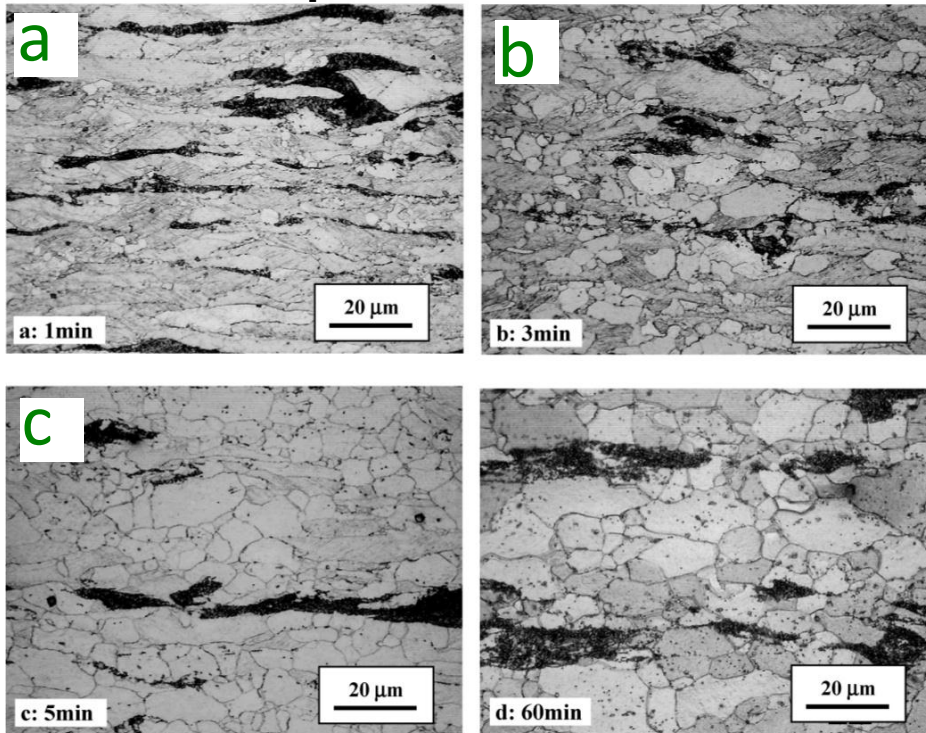
Dual torch welding simulation



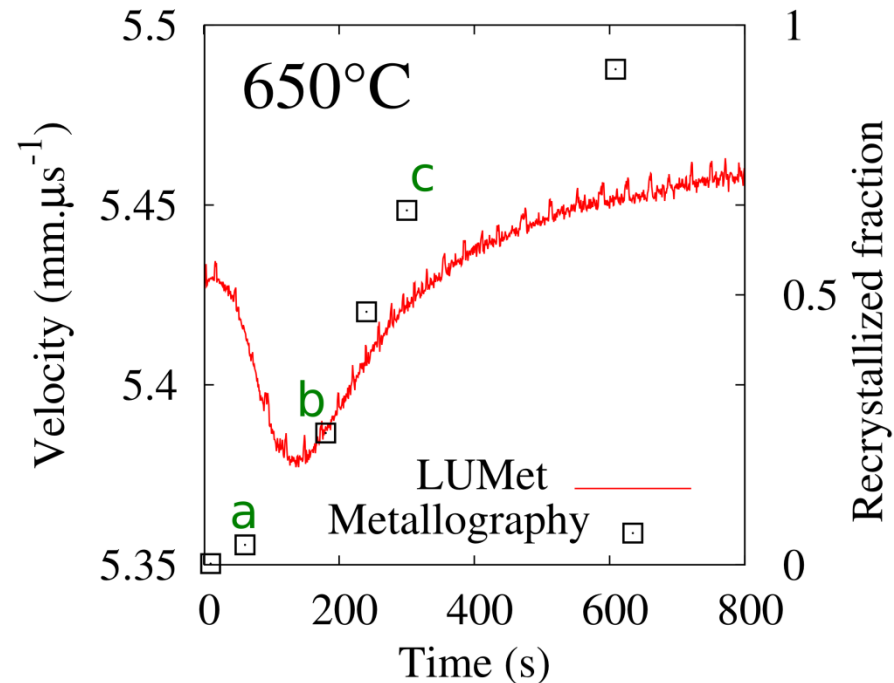
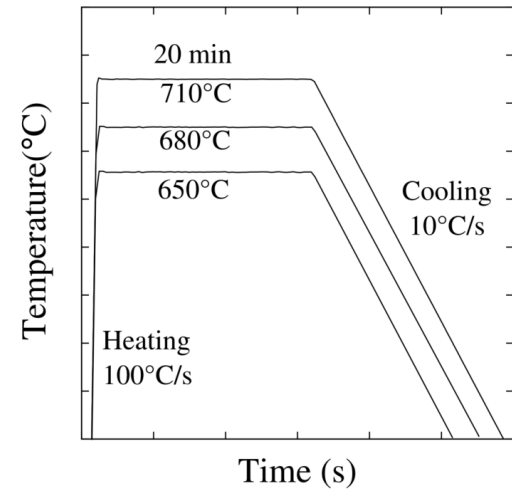
Velocity vs Hardness measurements

✓ Dual Phase Steel 55% Cold Rolled

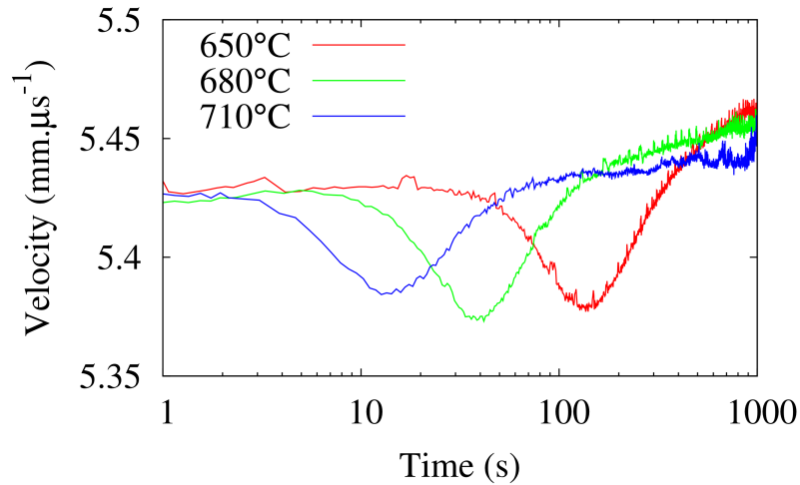
Interrupt treatment at 650°C



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Modified lever rule method

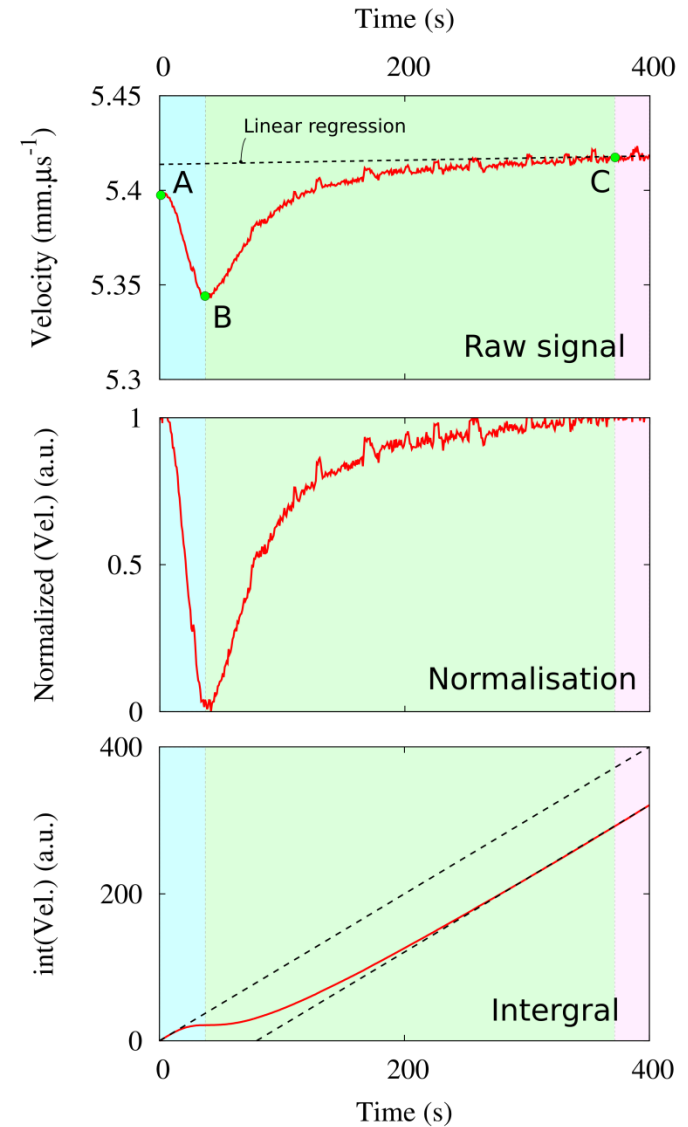


Segmentation of the velocity

Normalisation of individual segment

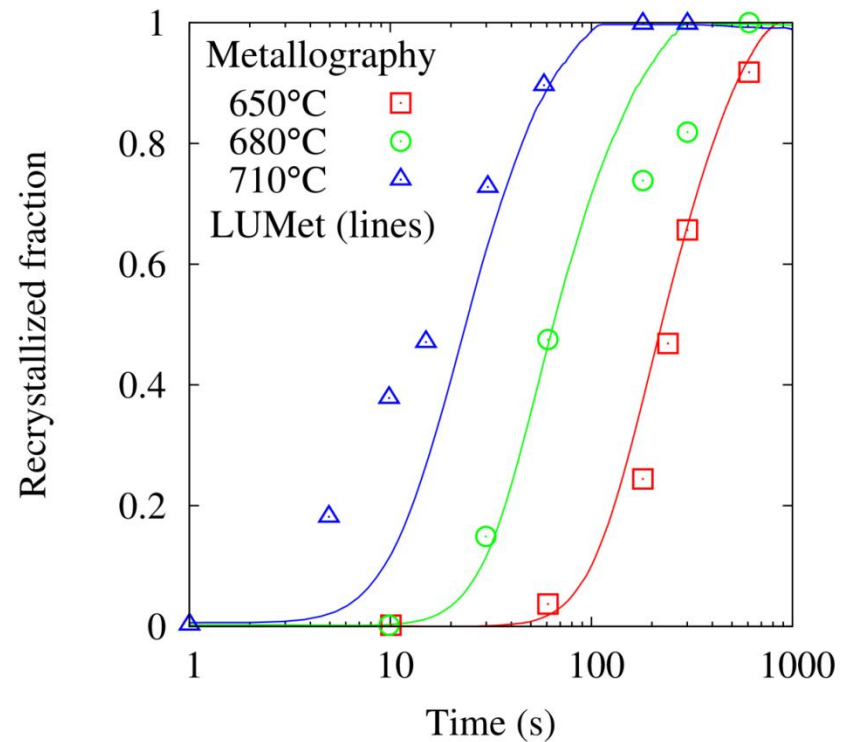
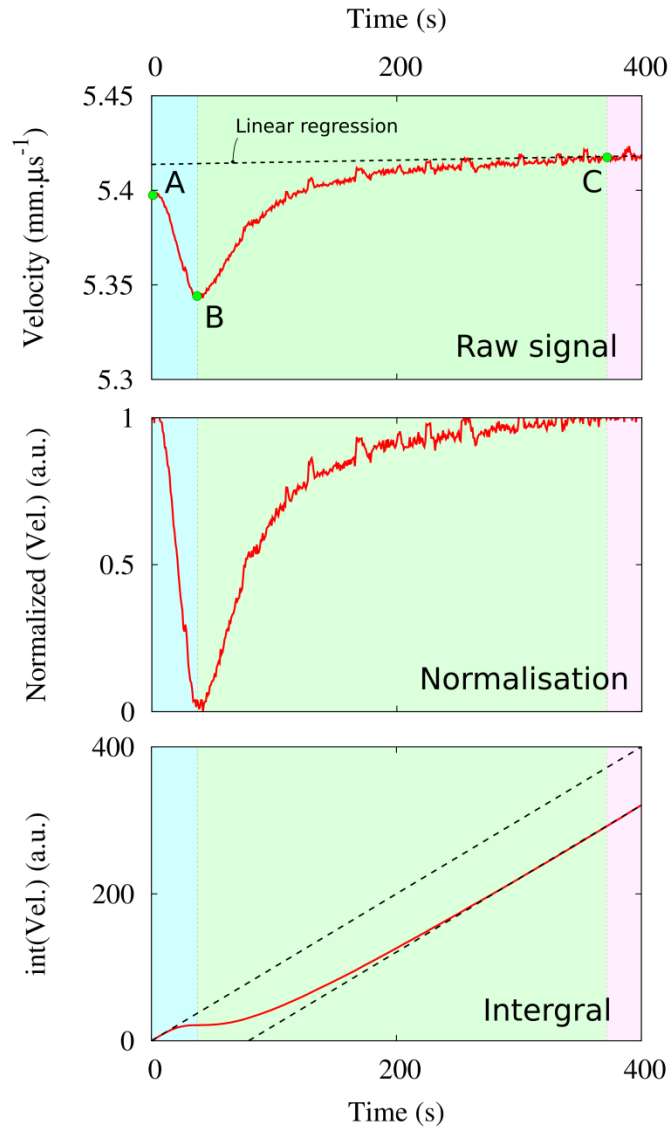
Integration of the normalized signal

Application of the lever rule



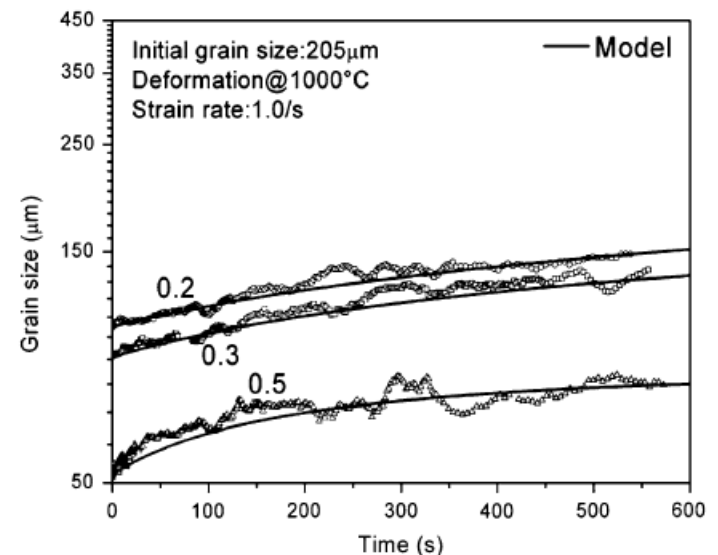
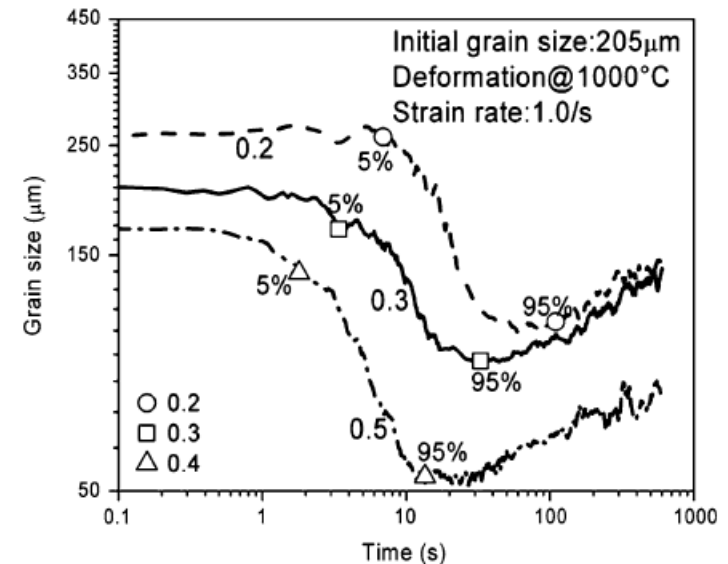
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- ✓ Evolution of the recrystallized fraction validated with metallographic observations



Previous work on CP steel

- ✓ Laser Ultrasonics has already shown great potential for the monitoring of austenite recrystallization and grain growth following hot deformation.
- ✓ Sarkar, Moreau, Militzer, Poole, Met. Mater. Trans. (2007) 39A, 897



Important points

- ✓ Phase transformation :
Velocity difference between parent
and product phase
- ✓ Recrystallization :
Recrystallized fraction from velocity
Mean grain size from attenuation