

Progress in PhD research

Strengthening of hexagonal materials by severe plastic deformation

Titanium for new generation of dental implants

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Introduction: dental implants, titanium grades

Two types of titanium implants available commercially [based on composition of structural material]

Commercial Purity (CP)
Grade 4 Ti implants

Ti 6Al-4V ($\alpha+\beta$) alloy
(Grade 5 Ti) implants

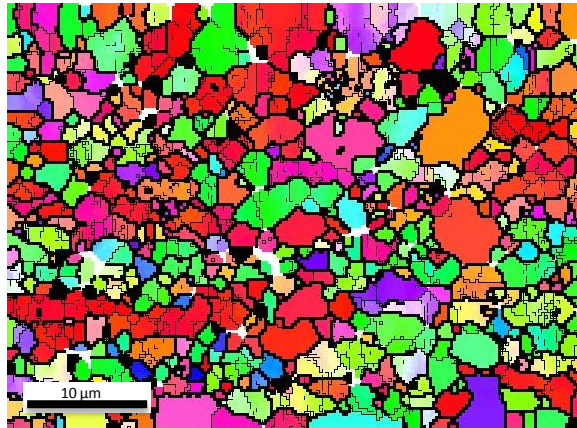
Toxic/harmfull additives

Titanium grades		Grade 2 Ti	Grade 4 Ti	Grade 5 Ti [Ti 6Al-4V]
composition	Wt [%]			
	C	Max 0.1	Max 0.1	
	Fe	Max 0.3	Max 0.5	Max 0.25
	H	Max 0.015	Max 0.015	Al 6
	N	Max 0.03	Max 0.05	V 4
	O	Max 0.25	Max 0.4	O Max 0.2
	Ti	Balance	Balance	Ti Balance
Mechanical properties	Yield Strength [Mpa]	280-450	480-655	830-930
	Ultimate Tensile Strength [Mpa]	340-430	550-660	895-990
	Elongation at break %	20-28	15-20	10-15

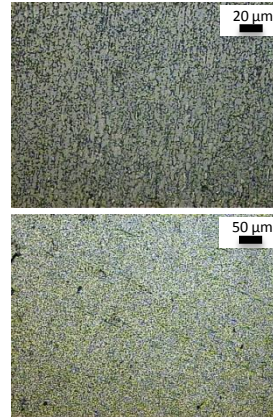
Grade 2 and 4 not strong enough for new generation of [structural] dental implants

Materials for grain refinement strengthening

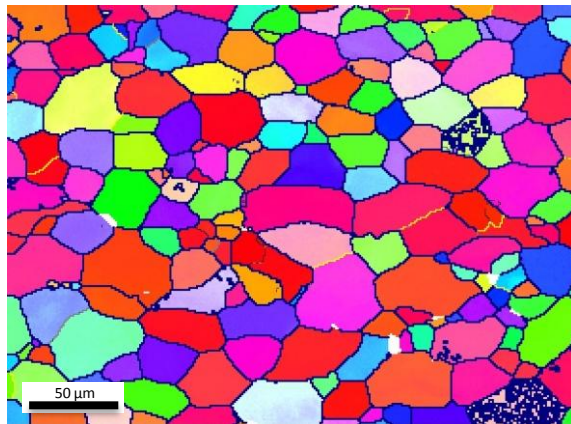




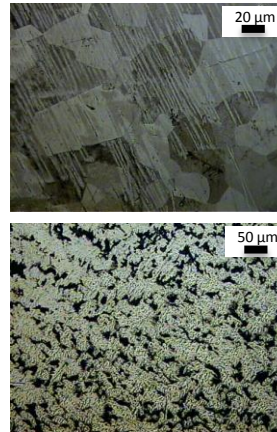
Grade 5 Titanium
IDI commercial implant crystallographic
orientations map



Grade 5 Titanium
IDI commercial implant optical
microscopy. Transverse and
longitudinal sections



Grade 4 Titanium
Neoplant commercial implant crystallographic
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Microstructure of commercially available titanium implants

Dental implant produced from Ti 6Al-4V alloy (Grade 5 Ti)

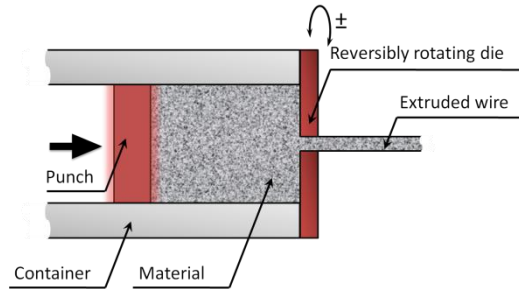
Microstructure consists of small (diameter under 10 μm) equiaxed α phase grains with smaller (around 1 μm) β phase grains

Dental implant produced from Commercial Purity Grade 4 titanium

Microstructure consists of single phase, big, equiaxed grains.
Mean grain diameter $\sim 30 \mu\text{m}$

Next generation of implants might be produced from refined titanium with nano/micrometer grains.

Microstructural investigation of hexagonal metallic materials after KoBo type extrusion: Commercial Purity Titanium

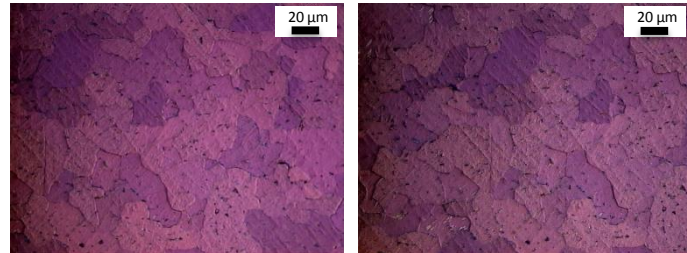


- KoBo – technique for cost and energy saving metal forming
- Method consists of standard extrusion combined with oscillation twisting of die.
- The result is substantially decreased hardening rate and decrease in extrusion force.

No quantitative microstructure description; no KoBo titanium reports

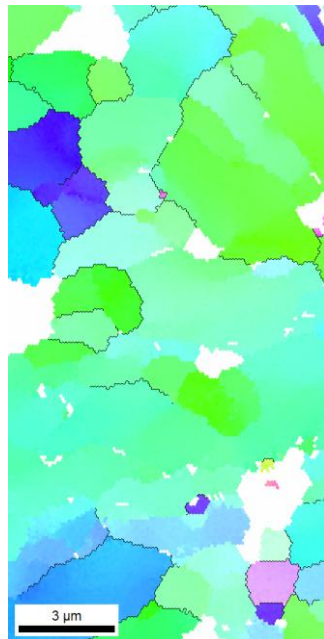
Extrusion parameters/properties	Extruded samples		
Extrusion temperature T=400 °C billet pre heated to T=450 °C angle of rotation +/- 6°; frequency of die oscillations 5Hz	Grade 2 Titanium	Grade 4 Titanium	Grade 5 Titanium Ti 6Al-4V (comparison)
Die/product diameter	6 mm	10 mm	
Extrusion speed	0,5 mm/s	-	
extrusion force	~ 70T	100T	
Yield Strength initial [Mpa]	280-450	480-655	830-930
Yield Strength KoBo [Mpa]	675	-	-

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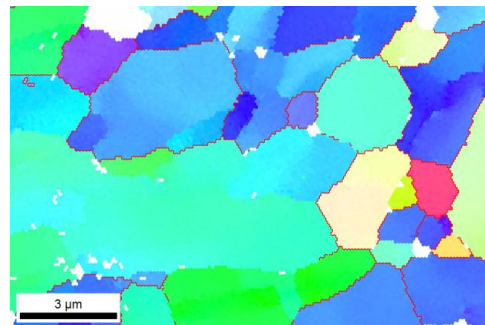
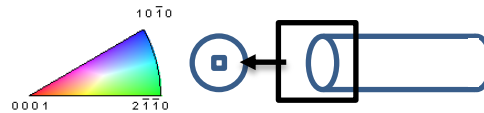


Grade 4 Titanium
(state before KoBo extrusion)
Optical micrographs
(polarized light)

Microstructure of non-deformed Grade 4 Ti
Equiaxed grains with mean diameter of 30 μm



Grade 4 Titanium
KoBo Extruded IPF orientation maps
(transverse sections)



First attempts at Grade 4 titanium plastic deformation by means of KoBo method

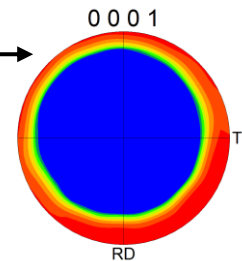
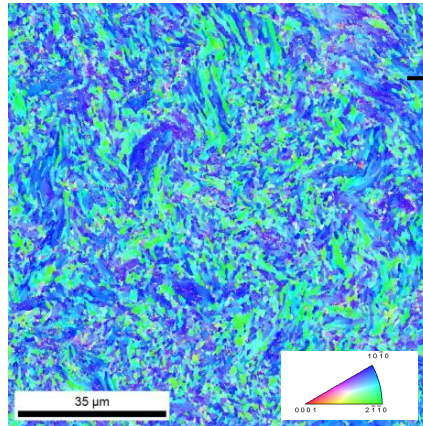
Microstructure is significantly refined
Mean grain diameter reduced to 10 μm
Strong texture, crystallites aligning around two main orientations [1010] (blue) and [2110] (green)

Microstructural investigation of hexagonal metallic materials after KoBo type extrusion: Commercial Purity Titanium

Grade 2 Titanium

KoBo Extruded IPF orientation maps

Highly refined microstructure
Characteristic 'twisted' grains
Strong texture



KoBo Extruded Ti Grade2

Inversed pole figure

calculated from discrete orientations measurements (EBSD orientation map)

Sample with axial texture – basal crystallographic planes are aligned parallel to the extrusion direction

Plans for nearest future:

Mechanical strength testing

Microhardness measurements

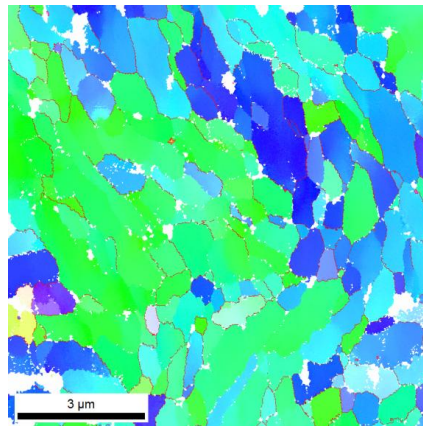
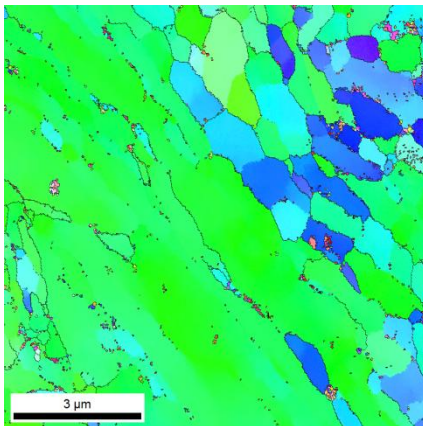
Preparation of new samples of KoBo extruded titanium

Further plans:

Orientation Microscopy in TEM

Calorimetry

Wetability measurements

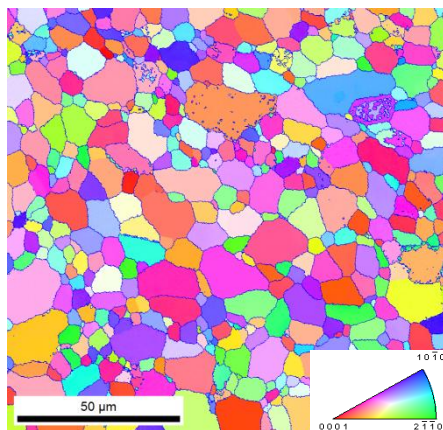
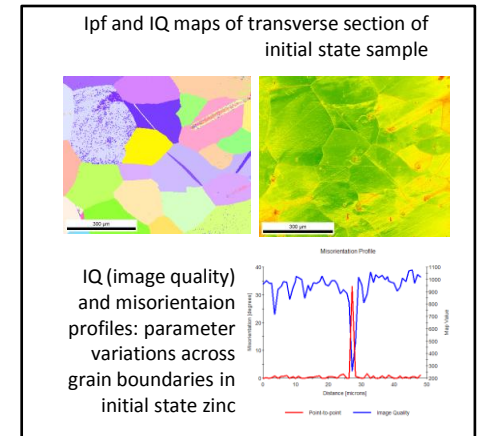


Microstructural investigation of hexagonal metallic materials after KoBo type extrusion: High purity polycrystalline zinc

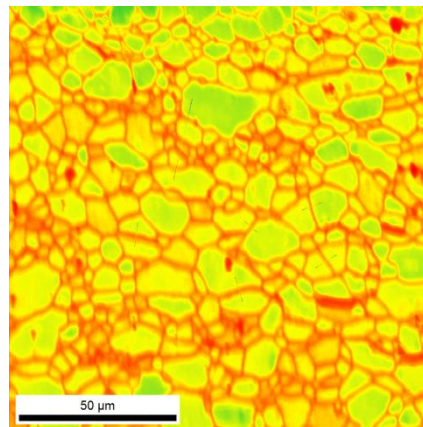
○ EBSD measurements/Image Quality Factor analysis

Material	Initial diameter [mm]	Product diameter [mm]	Extrusion temperature	Frequency of die oscillations [Hz]	Extrusion speed [mm/s]	Initial yield strength [MPa]	Product yield strength [MPa]
Zn 99,995%	40	2	24 C	3	0,5	45,9	113

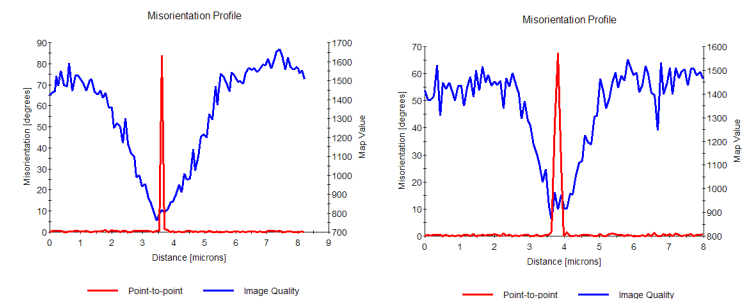
- Yield strength of product is more than doubled compared to initial state
- Microstructure with characteristic composite-like arrangement of features
- Thick areas of deformed crystalline lattice along the grain boundaries
- Composite-like structure of material: soft grain interior and hard „shell” – grain boundaries



Ipf map of transverse section of KoBo extruded sample (center of sample)

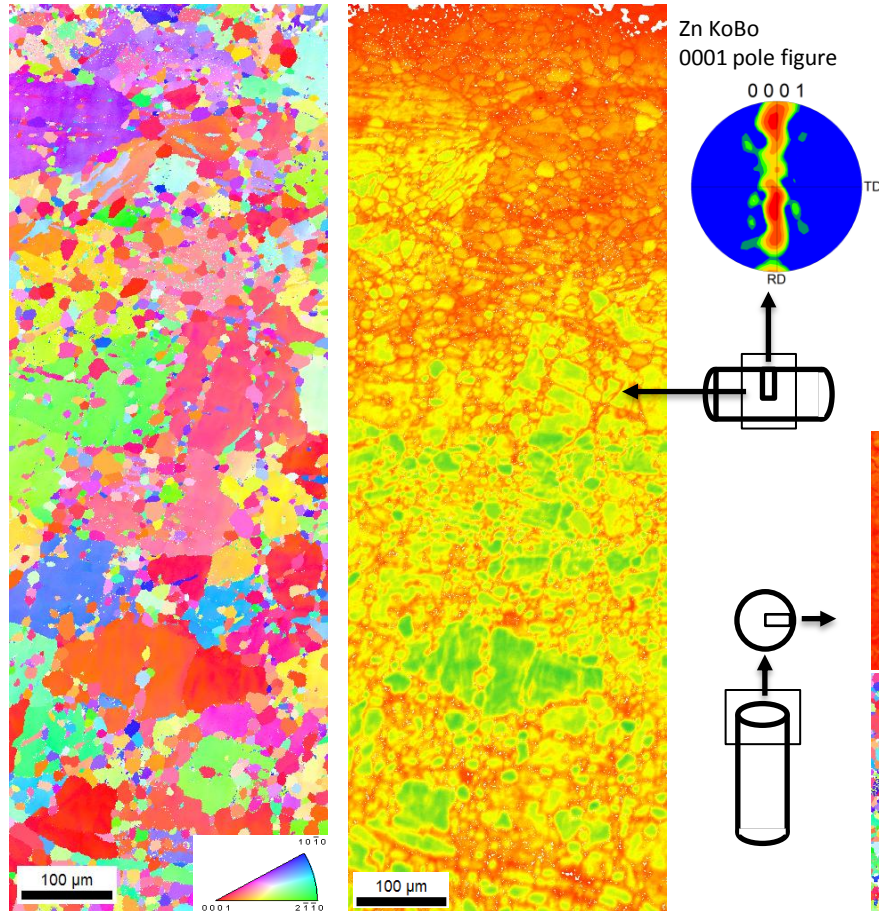


IQ (image quality) map of transverse section of KoBo extruded sample red – low IQ; green – high IQ



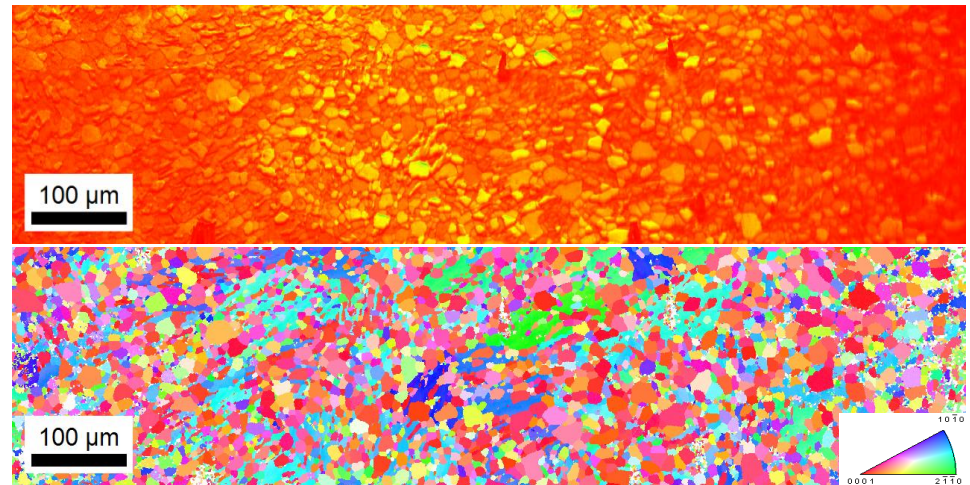
IQ image quality (blue line) and misorientation (red line) profiles: parameter variations across grain boundaries in KoBo extruded zinc – wide dip in image quality profile corresponds to thick areas of distorted crystalline lattice stretched along grain boundaries.

Microstructural investigation of hexagonal metallic materials after KoBo type extrusion: High purity polycrystalline zinc



Ipf and IQ maps of longitudinal section of KoBo extruded sample. Map taken along the radius of sample

- No visible changes of grain diameter along radius of sample
- Sample is highly deformed (high defects density) in areas close to the surface
- Microstructure consists of small grains (up to 20 μm) embedded into bigger, partly elongated grains (above 100 μm)
- Visible small grains ordered in straight lines
- Strong axial texture – basal 0001 planes (part of basal slip system) aligned parallel to the extrusion direction



Ipf and IQ map of transverse section of KoBo extruded sample. Map taken along the radius of sample



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