

Solid solution strengthening in TiZrNbHfTa High Entropy Alloys

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Priority programme

Compositionally complex alloys – High Entropy alloys (CCA – HEA)

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Motivation – State of the art

Basic-scientific understanding of solid solution strengthening (mechanical properties) in BCC High entropy alloys

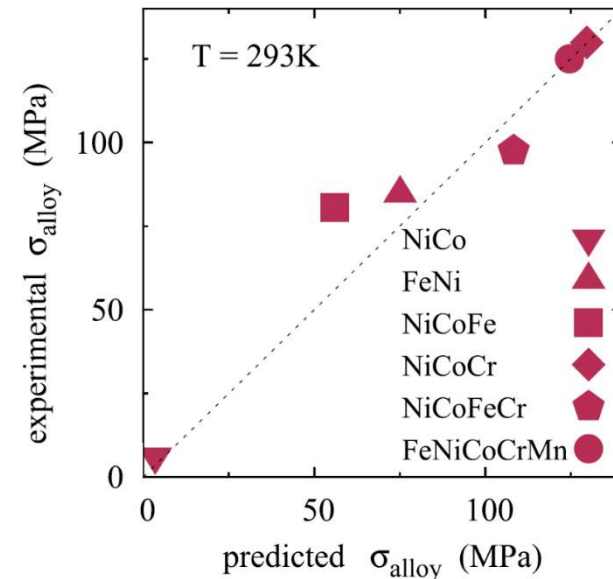
Models of **solid solution strengthening**:

$$\frac{d\tau_0}{dc} = f \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dc}, \frac{1}{G} \frac{dG}{dc} \right)$$

- 1) diluted solid solutions -> **Fleischer**
- 2) concentrated solid solutions -> **Labusch**
- 3) **New theory** for **FCC** HEAs and MEAs

[C. Varvenne et al., Acta Mater. 118 \(2016\) 164-176](#)

Solid solution strengthening in BCC HEAs cannot be explained by current textbook-level theory



Objectives and work plan

Screening

Processing of **graded** TiZrNbHfTa alloys by LMD

Microstructural and phase analyses



Comparison **LMD** / **bulk alloys**

Basic scientific understanding of solid solution strengthening in BCC HEAs

$$\text{Correlation: } \frac{d\tau_0}{dc} = f\left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dc}, \frac{1}{G} \frac{dG}{dc}\right)$$

Upscaling

Processing of **bulk** alloys with promising chemical compositions

Tensile tests



Identification of **Basic deformation mechanisms**

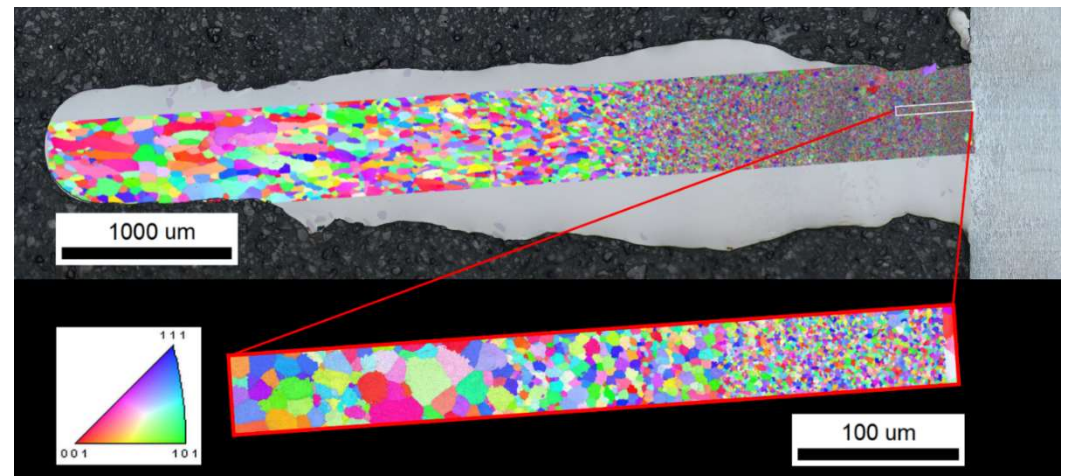
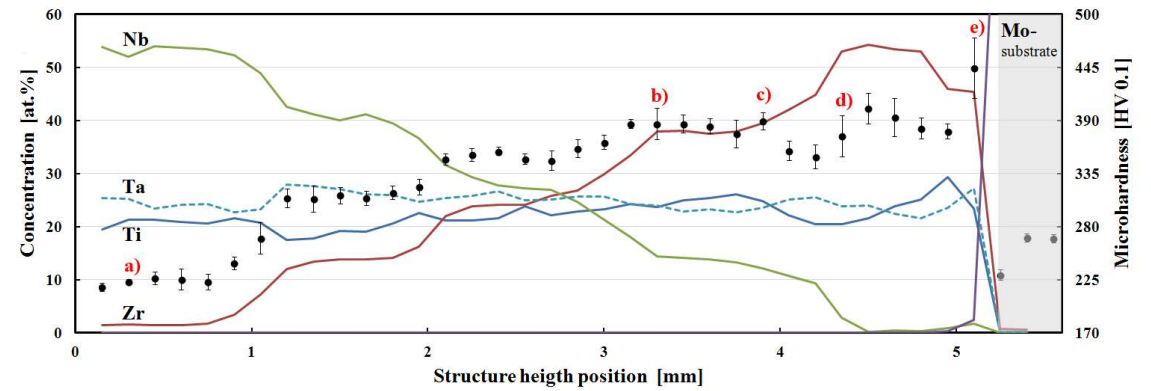
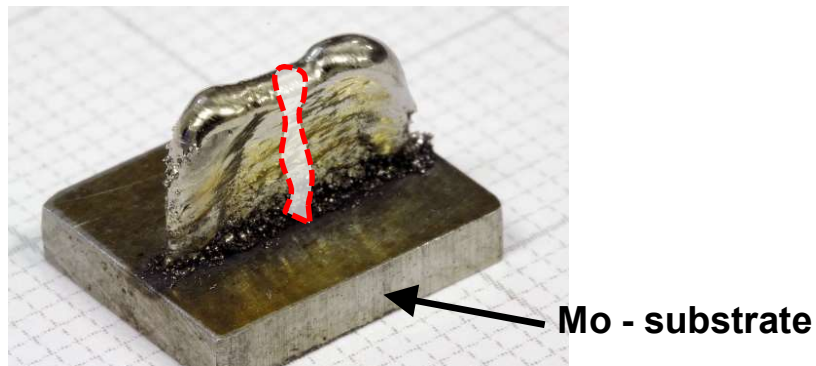
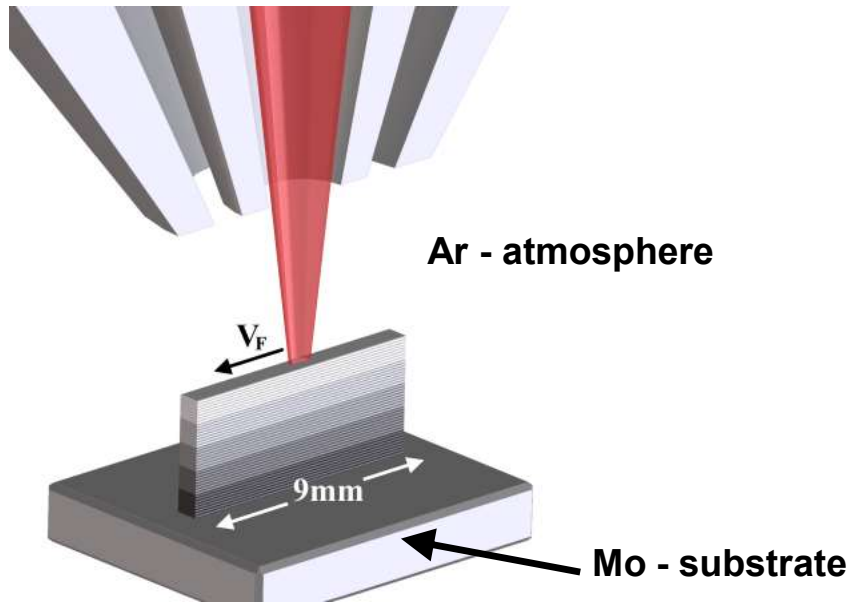
Preliminary work – Laser Metal Deposition

Advantages

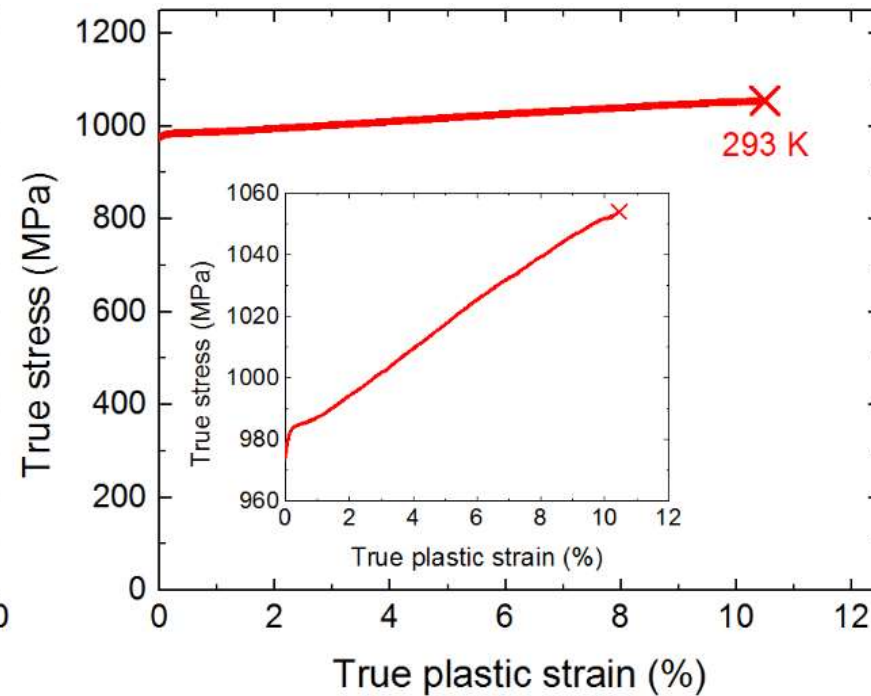
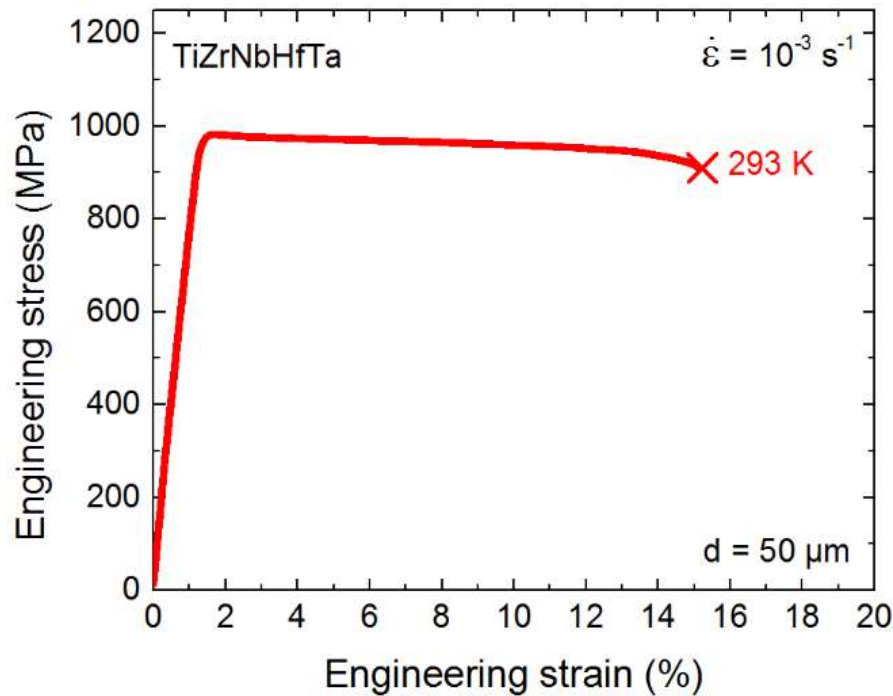
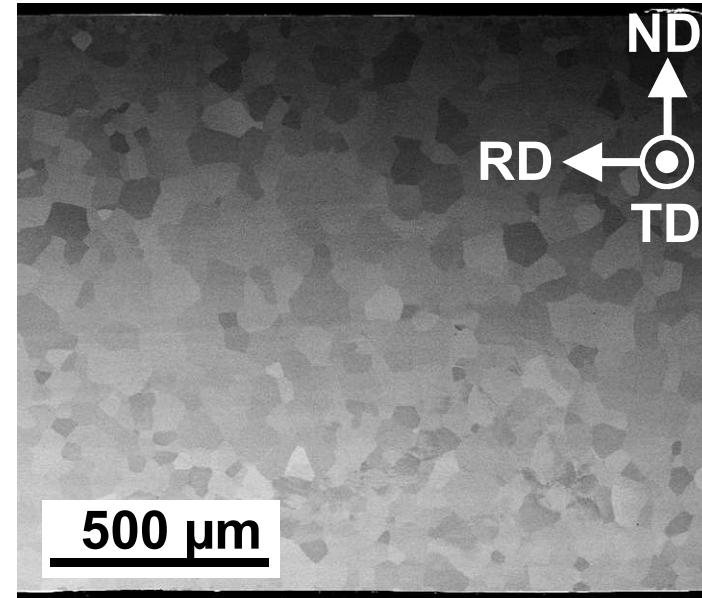
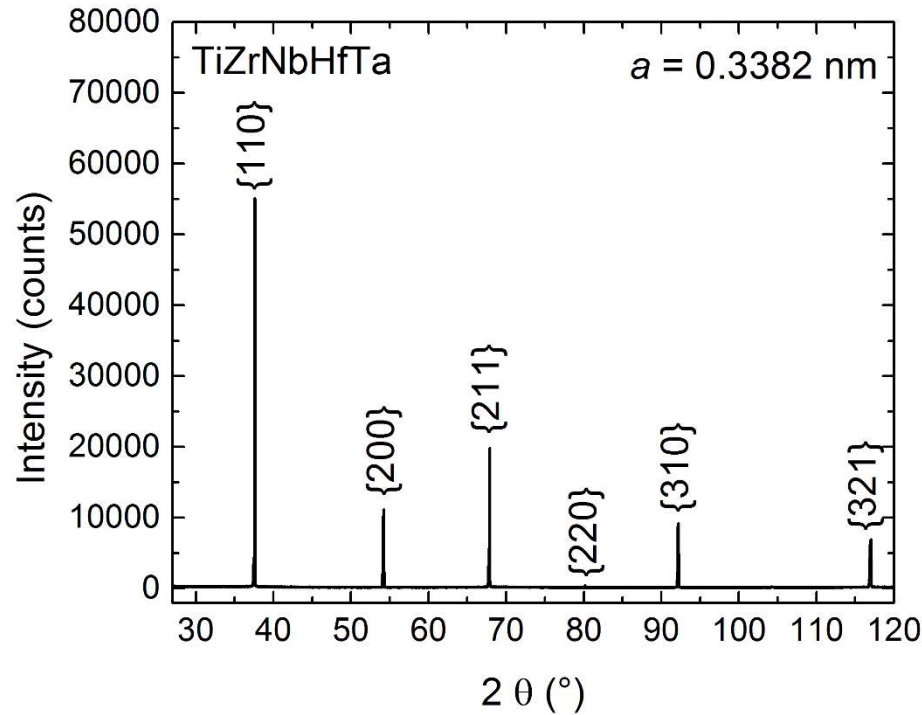
- > fast screening of chemical compositions
- > relatively large sample sizes allow to assess bulk material properties

Local characterization of

- > mechanical properties
- > phases (single phase BCC)
- > grain size gradient (3 – 200 μm)
Hall-Petch effect



Preliminary work – investigation of a bulk TiZrNbHfTa HEA



Planned cooperation in the frame of the priority programme

- **Effect of a gradient of chemical composition on diffusion kinetics of Zr using radiotracer measurements**
Dr. S. Divinski, University of Münster
- **STEM comparative study of the structures of HEAs prepared by the laser metal deposition and Bridgeman and Czochralski methods**
Dr. Markus Heidelmann, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- **Assessment of elastic parameters of single crystals**
Dr. Michael Feuerbacher, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Germany