

Effect of Temperature on Unlubricated Sliding Wear of Additively Manufactured Stainless Steels

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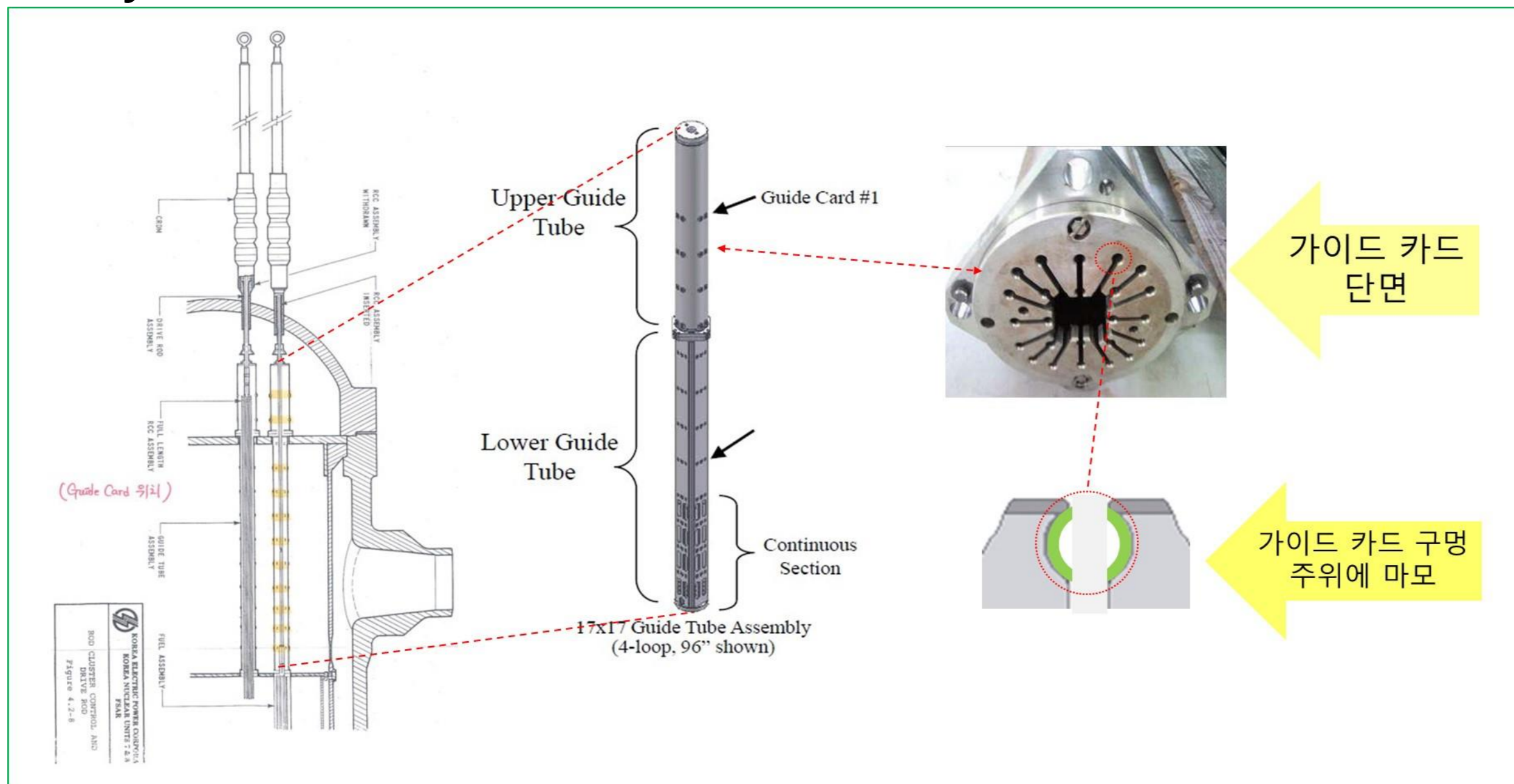
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INTRODUCTION

Tribological Problems in Nuclear Power Plants

- 웨스팅하우스 가압경수로 가이드 카드 부품에서 비정상적 마모 현상 발생
- 가이드 카드 기능: 제어봉 집합체 (Rod Control Cluster Assembly)를 지지하고 상하 운동시 경로를 안내함



→ 가이드 카드 마모에 따른 대체부품 부재시 3D 프린팅을 이용한 부품 제작 가능성 고려

Metal 3D Printing (3DP) Methods – PBF | DED

- 금속 3DP 방법 가운데 대표적인 PBF (Powder Bed Fusion) 및 DED (Directed Energy Deposition) 특성 고찰

Powder Bed Fusion (PBF)	Directed Energy Deposition (DED)
A process in which thermal energy selectively melts metal powder spread	A process in which focused thermal energy is used to fuse materials by melting as they are being deposited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophisticated metal-product forming • Possible to build up overhang structure ✓ Expensive metal powder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible to repair used products • Use of common metal powder ✓ Low resolution

→ 3DP 및 고전적인 방법으로 제작한 스테인리스강(SS)의 마모 특성을 평가하고 그 현상에 대한 기구를 고찰

EXPERIMENTAL

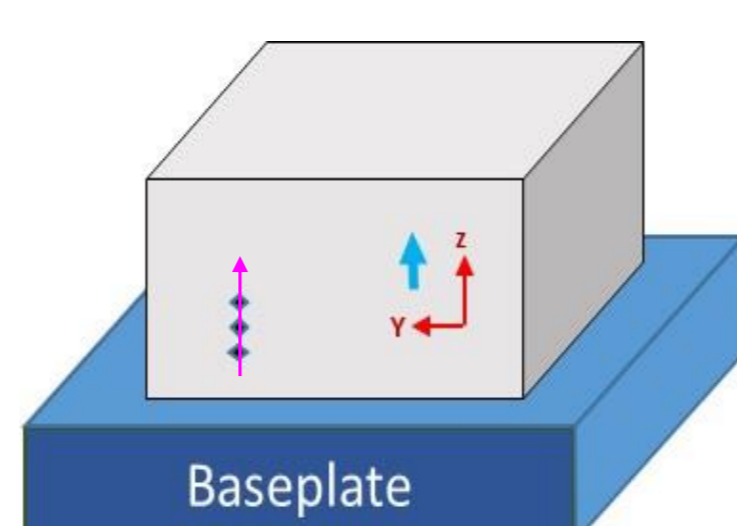
Sample Preparation

- SS 304L samples made by PBF and DED with following process conditions

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Vickers Hardness Test

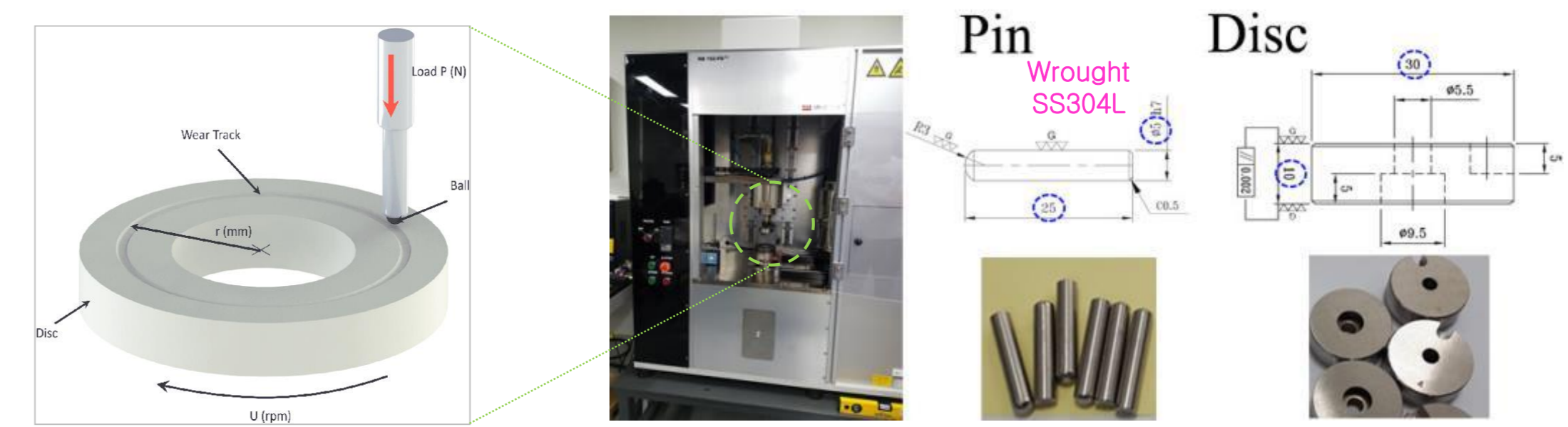
- Used micro-hardness tester (HM-122) with 1 kgf load
- Perform hardness test along height from bottom to top ↑



EXPERIMENTAL (Cont.)

Wear Testing with Pin-on-Disk (ASTM G99)

- Pin-on-disk wear test performed with SS304L disks (PBF, DED, wrought)



- Test conditions

Humidity	Temperature	Force	Speed	Length	Time
50±5%	25±2°C/ 250±5°C	30N	0.22m/s	1.6km	2hr

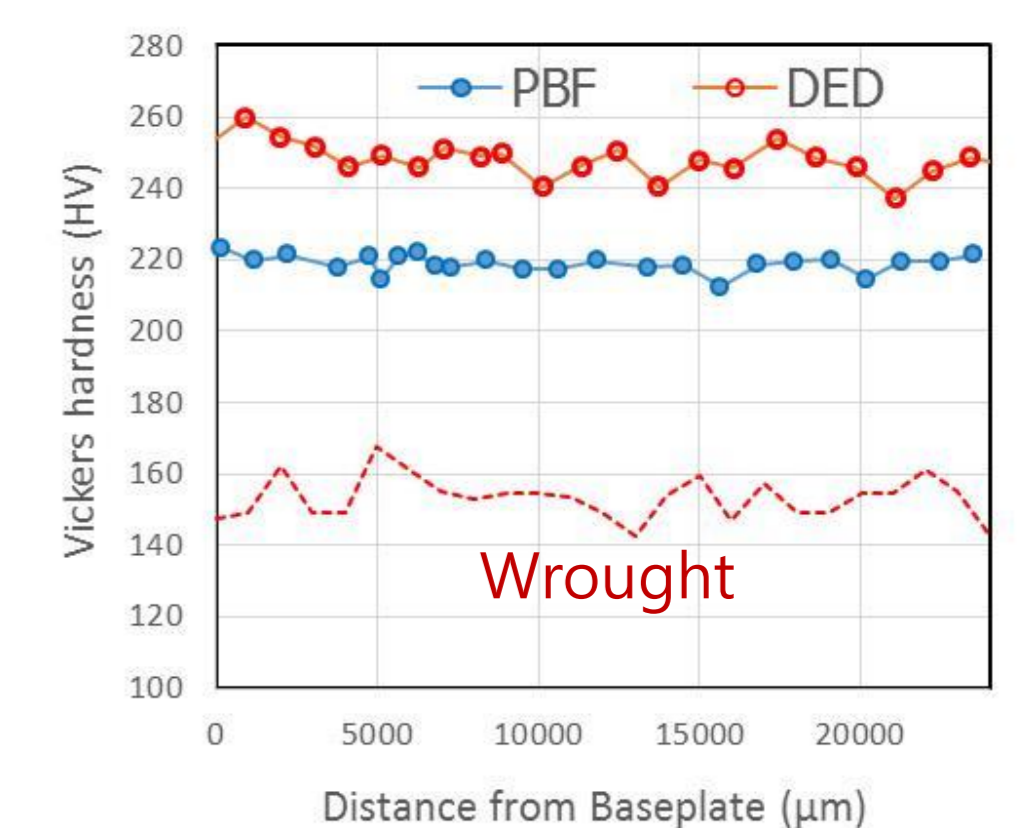
- Measure mass loss of pin and disk separately before and after test; Convert the mass loss to volume loss/traveling distance

RESULTS

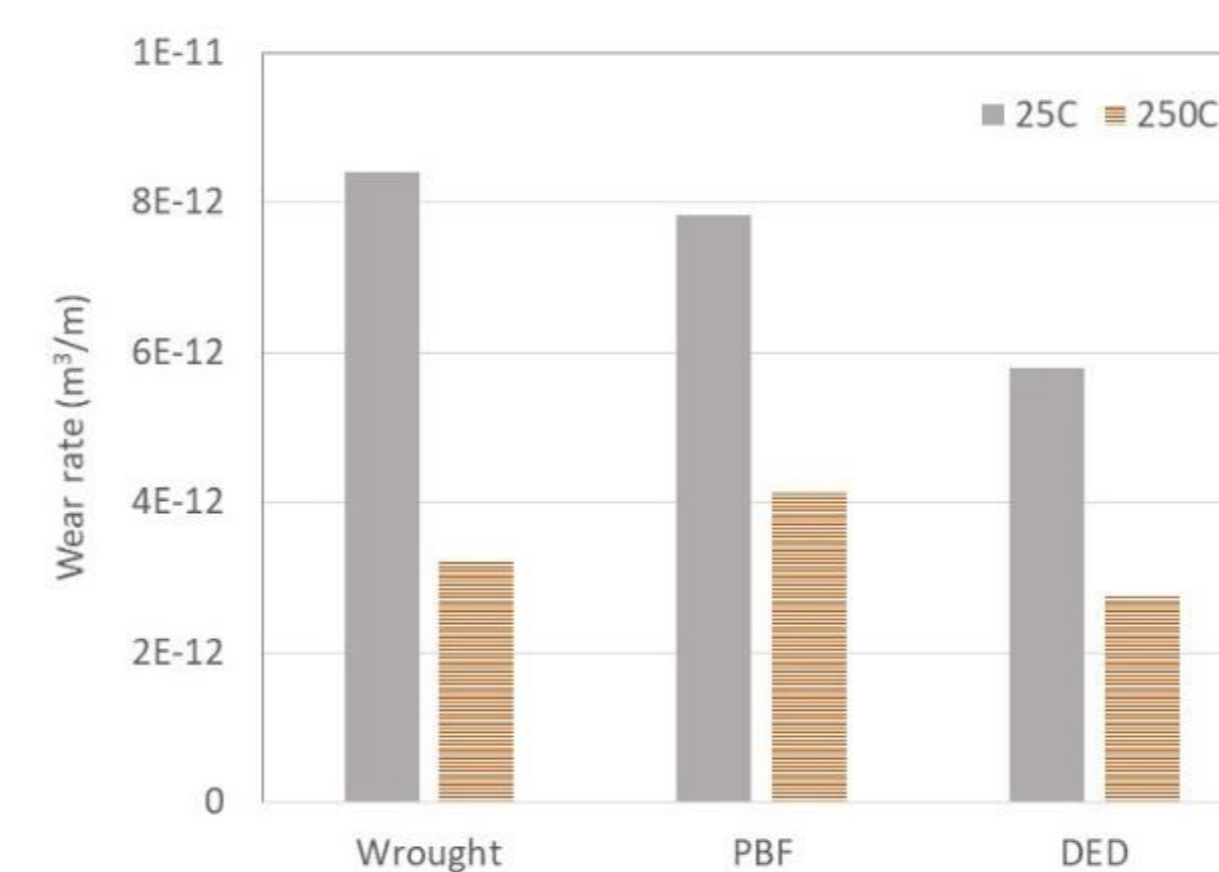
Hardness Measurements

Hardness	wrought	PBF	DED
Vickers (HV)	152	218.9 ± 2.5	247.7 ± 5.3
SI unit (MPa)	1491	2147 ± 25	2430 ± 52

HV : DED > PBF > Wrought



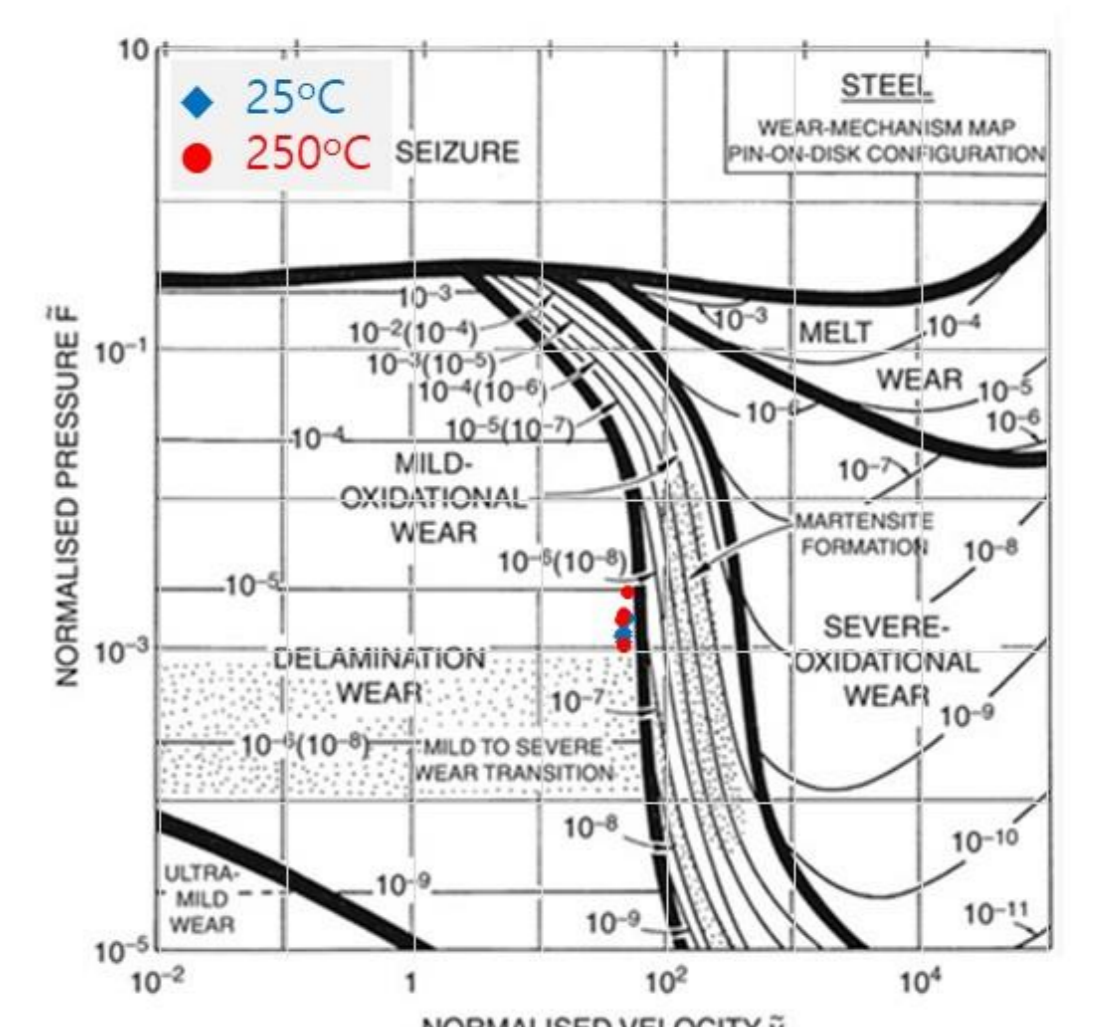
Unlubricated Wear Rates (@ Temperature)



- At room temperature, DED sample shows the lowest wear rate > highest wear resistance
- At high T (250°C), the wear rates of all samples drop significantly > changes in wear mechanism
- Observed wear surface of disk samples (upper Right)
 - Low T**; bright metallic surface
 - High T**; thin layer of dark oxide

DISCUSSION

- At room temperature;
 - DED sample with highest hardness shows strong wear resistance, following Archard's law (wear rate ∝ hardness⁻¹)
 - Bright metallic surface → **plasticity-dominated wear**
- At high temperature;
 - Dark oxide films on the wear surface → **oxidational wear**
 - High temperature causes oxidation
 - Wear rates decreased due to the formation of oxide film
- Mechanism from Wear-Mode Map
 - Shift from plasticity-dominated to mild oxidation-wear resulting from temperature change



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