

**Applications for the Instrumented Indentation
Test according ISO 14577 – from Macro to Nano**

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Agenda

ISO 14577 - Introduction in the standard

ZHU/zwicki: our solution for the macro range

Macro range: results & applications

ZHN: our solution for the micro & nano range

Micro & Nano range: customer applications

The Standard of instrumented indentation (DIN EN ISO 14577) contains of three parts:

Part 1:

Test procedure

Macro ($F > 2 \text{ N}$; $h > 6 \mu\text{m}$), Micro, Nano ($h < 200 \text{ nm}$)

Different geometries of indenters
(Vickers, Berkovich, Balls)

Part 2:

Verification and calibration of the testing machine

Direct & indirect verification

Part 3:

Calibration of reference materials

Examples

Part 1: Test procedure

- A: Material parameter
HM, HM_S, H_{IT}, E_{IT}, C_{IT}, R_{IT}, indentation work
- B: Types of control
- C1: Compliance of machine
- C2: Area correction for indenter ($h < 6 \mu\text{m}$)
- D: Diamond indenter
- E: Influence of surface roughness
- F: Theoretical correlation to Vickers hardness

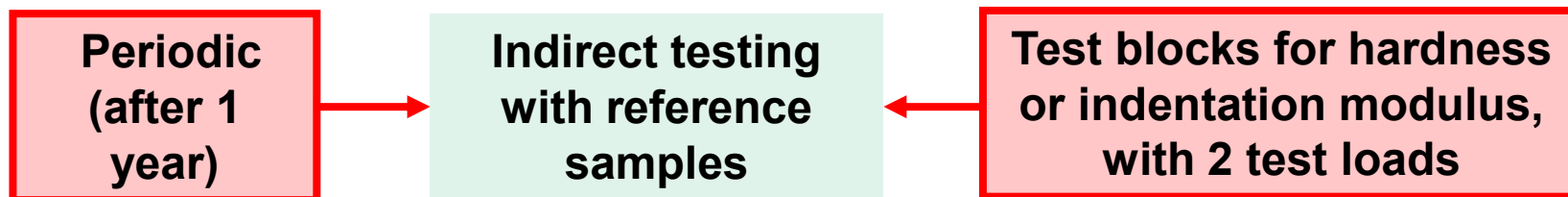
Part 2: Verification and calibration of the testing machine

General conditions

- Preparation
- Functional installation

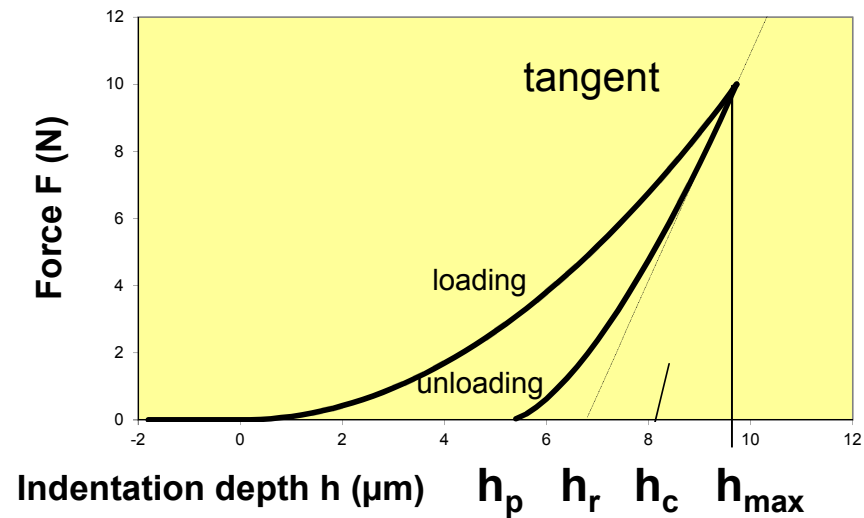
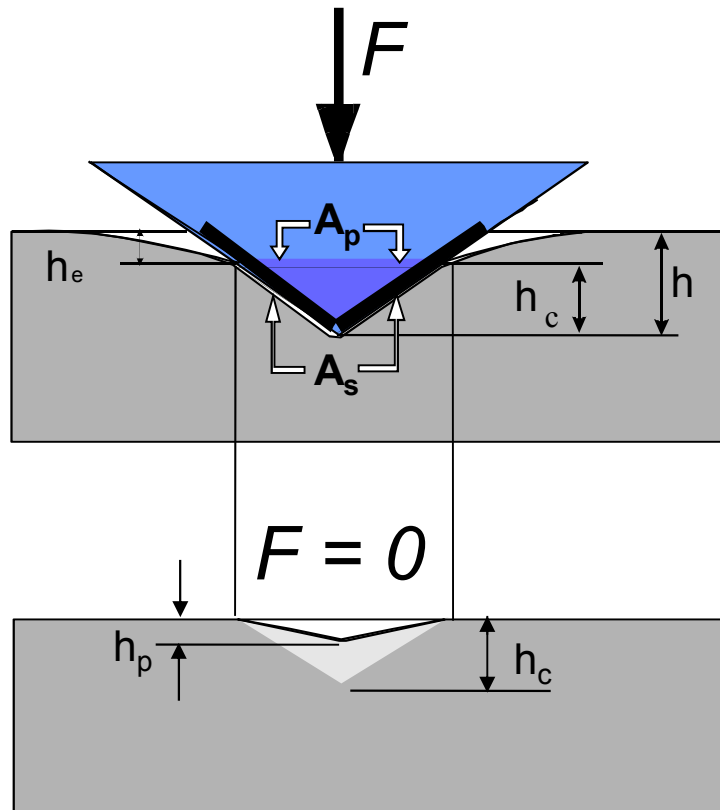
Direct testing and calibration

- Testing the test cycle
- Calibration of test load
- Check of indenter
- Calibration of the distance measuring system
- Testing the test cycle



Test method – instrumented indentation

$$\text{Hardness} = \frac{\text{Force } F}{\text{Area } [A_S(h) \text{ or } A_P(h_c)]}$$



Material parameter

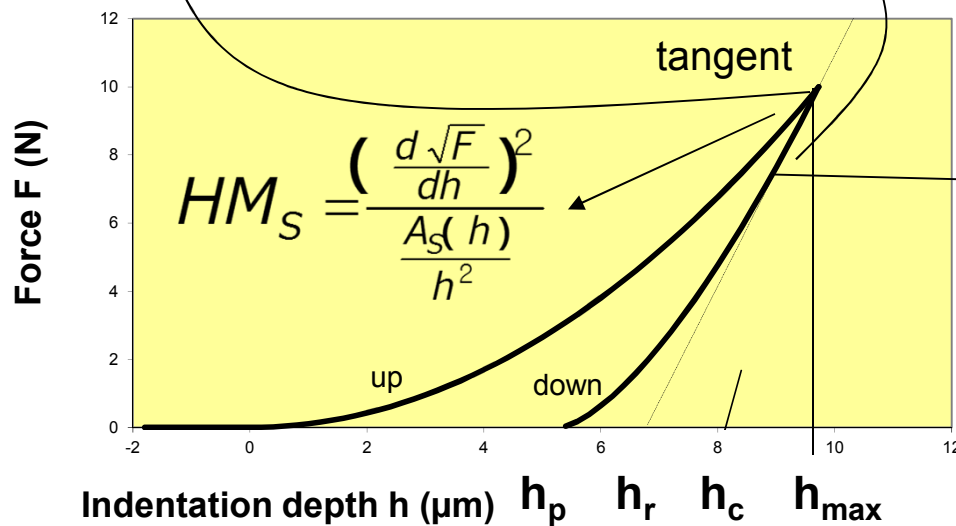
Material parameter of Martens hardness

Martens hardness

$$HM = \frac{F}{A_S(h)}$$

Indentation hardness

$$H_{IT} = \frac{F_{\max}}{A_P(h_c)} ; \quad h_c = h_{\max} - \frac{\epsilon F_{\max}}{\left(\frac{dF}{dh}\right)_{h=h_{\max}}}$$



Indentation modulus

$$E_{IT} = \frac{1 - \nu_s^2}{\frac{1}{E_r} - \frac{1 - \nu_i^2}{E_i}}$$

$$E_r = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{A_P(h_c)}} \left(\frac{dF}{dh}\right)_{h=h_{\max}}$$

E_r - reduced Modulus

From Macro to Nano

With the ZHU/zwicki plus the ZHN Nanoindenter we can offer customers a complete portfolio from the macro to the nano range with a wide range of applications



ZHU/zwicki

- Loading: static, cyclic
- Indentation test for IIT hardness & Young's modulus
- + classical hardness testing (HR, HV, HB ...)
- Range: 2 to 2500N, greater than 6µm (depth)



ZHN

- Loading: static, cyclic, dynamic
- Indentation test for IIT hardness & Young's modulus
- + tribology, scratch tests, roughness ...
- Range: depth < 0.2 µm or force < 2 N

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Hardness testers

The combination of the new zwickiLine+ with the hardness measuring head and testXpert hardness edition results in an innovative test system with a wide range of applications.

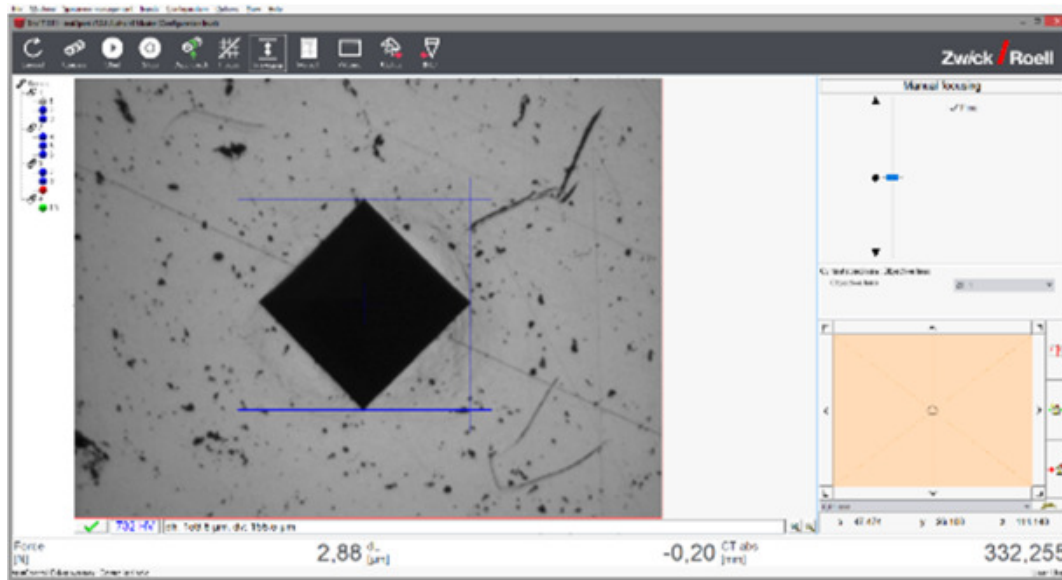


- Automatic display of force-indentation-depth curve regardless of method, for comprehensive materials characterization in instrumented indentation test to ISO 14577
- High operating comfort with changing test conditions due to **fast and precise** AC drive and large test area, e.g. for different specimen sizes (max. speed: 3000 mm/min with < 1 nm travel resolution)
- Extended application range:
 - Fully automatic Vickers and Rockwell hardness traverse tests (Jominy end-quench test, Vickers tests on ceramics)
 - Ball indentation on plastics
 - Cyclic tests on paper or ceramics
 - **Materials testing** in general (e.g. tensile/compression tests)

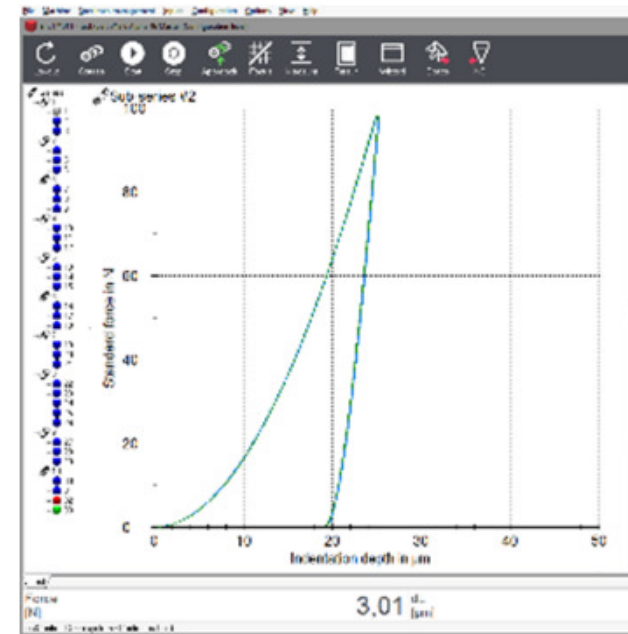


Hardness testers

The intuitive version of testXpert – hardness edition – allows deep insight in the tested material and ensures reliable test results.



testXpert[®]
hardness edition



- Intuitive one-button operation for starting and fully automatic evaluation of single and sequence testing
- Versatile result presentation: single and statistical values, graphics, on-screen display, and test reports can be varied as required

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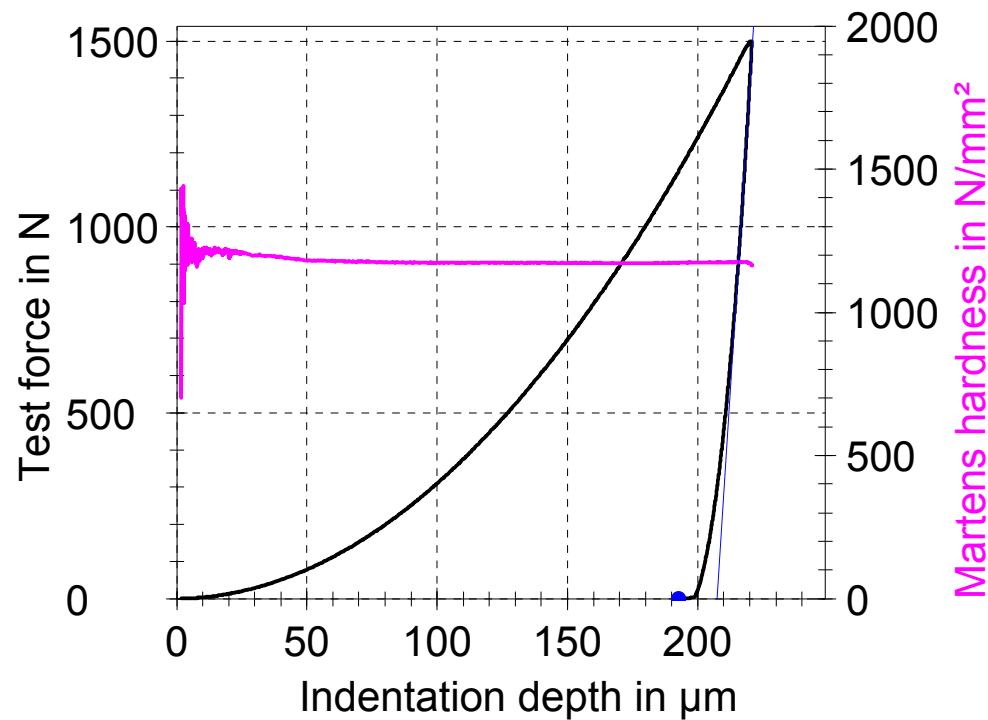
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F & HM - h diag. (brass)

Force and Martens hardness - indentation depth diagram (tests on brass)



Results:

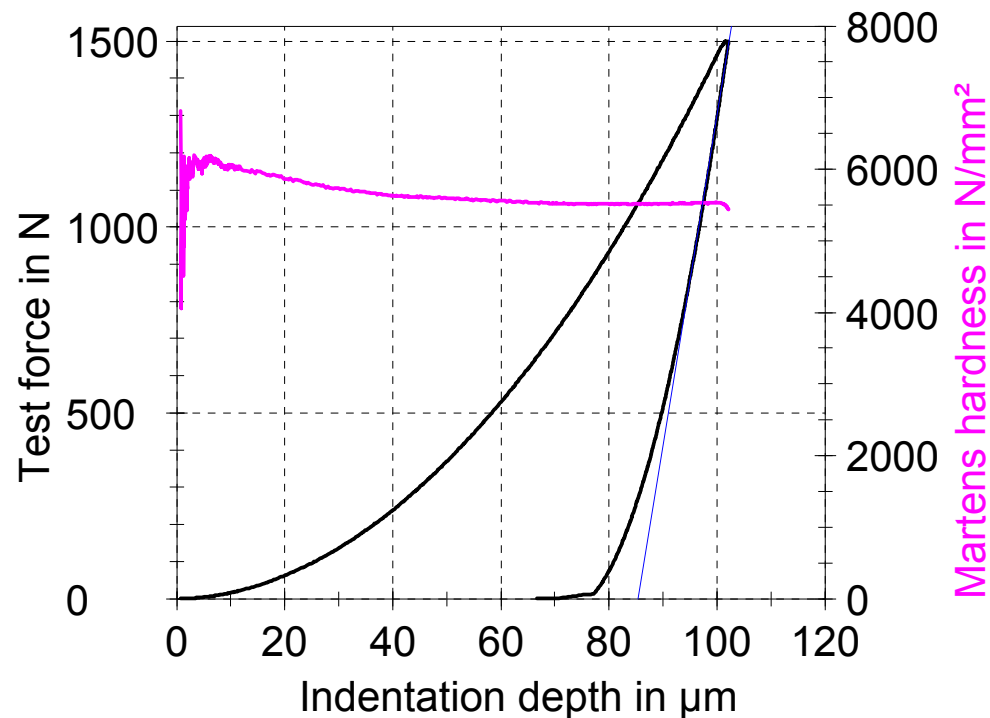
- $h_{\max} \approx 220 \mu\text{m}$
- negligible elastic fraction of indentation work, $\eta_{it} \approx 10,5\%$

HM-quantity:

- little dependence of indentation depth ($< 30 \mu\text{m}$)

F & HM - h diag. (steel)

Force and Martens hardness - indentation depth diagram (tests on steel)



Results:

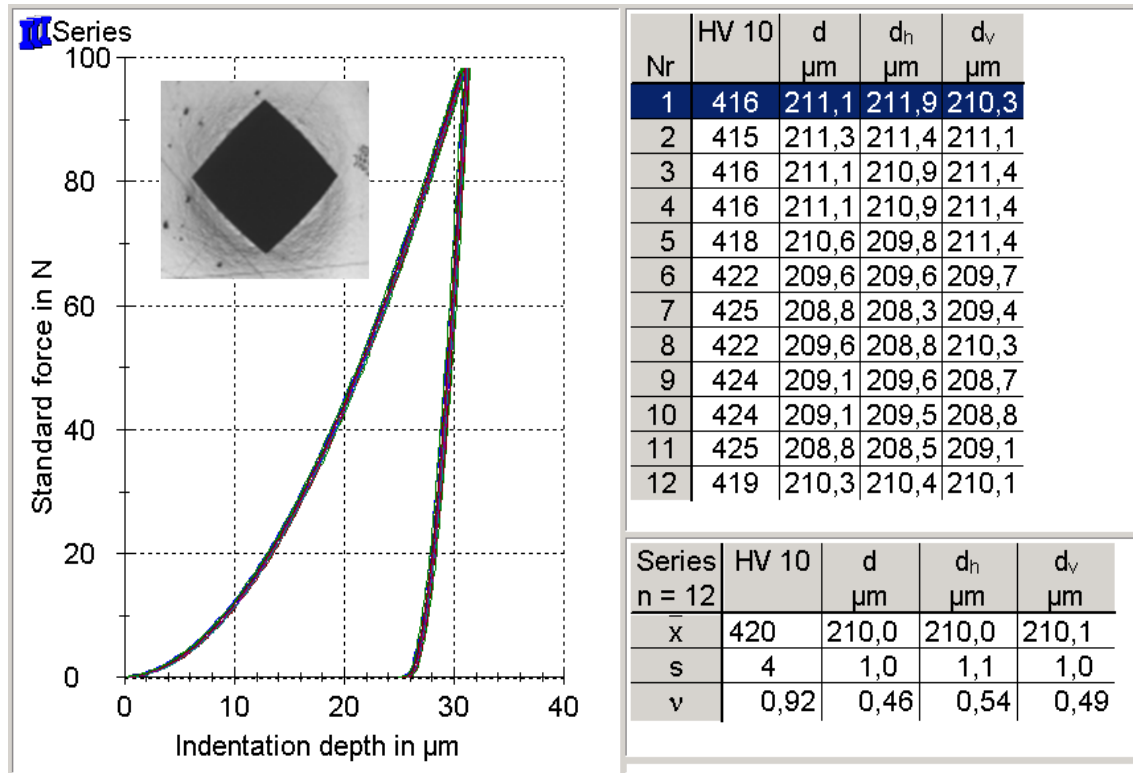
- $h_{\text{max}} \approx 100 \mu\text{m}$
- pronounced elastic fraction of indentation work, $\eta_{\text{it}} \approx 28\%$

HM-quantity:

- higher dependence of indentation depth ($< 50 \mu\text{m}$)

Vickers test results

Typical result performing a Vickers test with ZHU/zwickiLine (done on a HV10 test block)



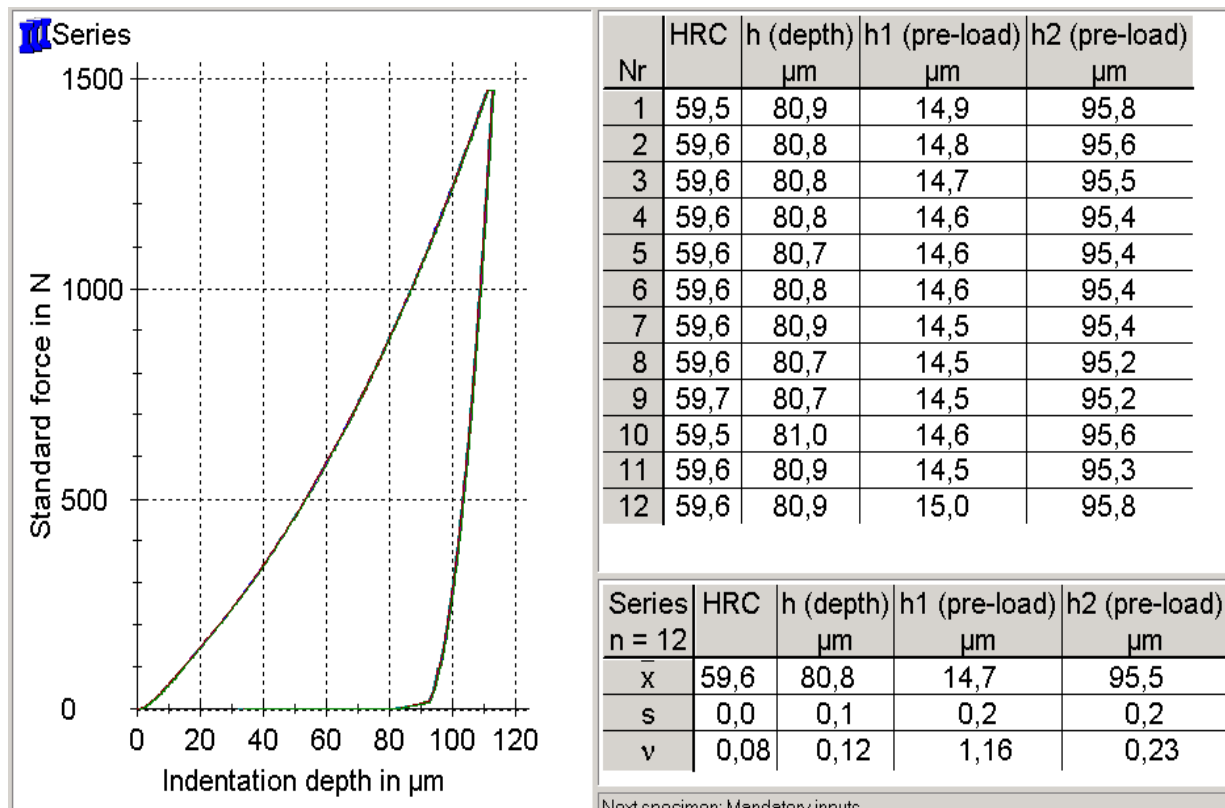
Results:

- F-h curve measurement
- congruent behaviour
- high reproducibility of machine

- standard deviation of results 1 %

Rockwell test results

Typical result performing a HRC test with ZHU/zwickiLine (done on a HRC test block)



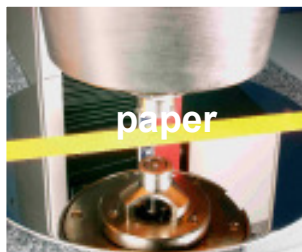
Results:

- F-h curve measurement
- congruent behaviour
- high reproducibility of machine

- standard deviation of results 0.1 %

Application examples

The ZHU/zwickiLine supports in research and development tasks and is working successfully in different industries.



- Materials:
steel, metals, NF-metals, high strength materials, dental materials, stiff plastic, glass, ...
- Test methods:
instrumented indentation & classical hardness test methods
- Application:
Institutes, Research & Development, Rapid Prototyping, Laboratory Application
- Stand-alone systems or fully automated test systems

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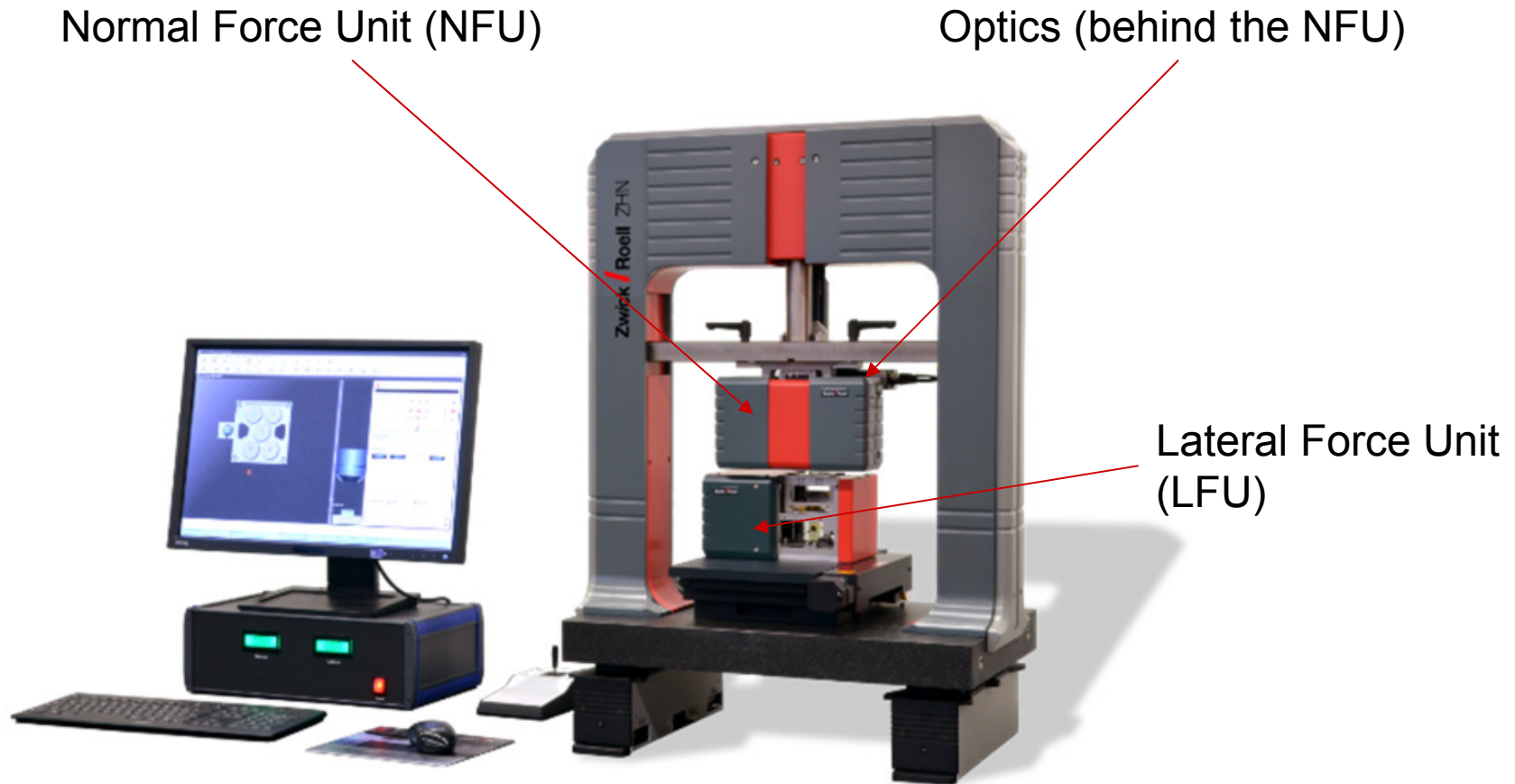
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ZHN: modular measuring heads

The modular designed ZHN can be equipped with two measuring heads: Normal Force Unit and Lateral Force Unit



Our NFU: CVP

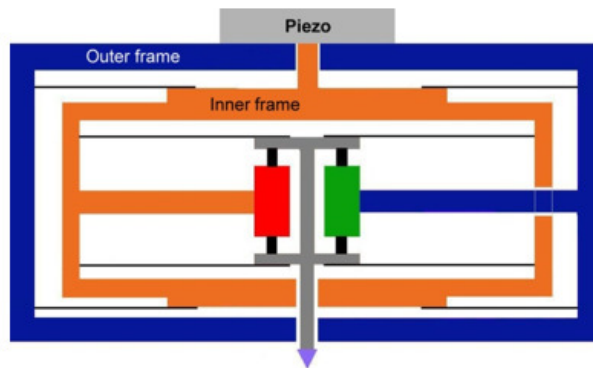
Our strong CVPs: measurement of adhesion force due to decoupled force generation and force measurement or head can be used in compression and tensile direction.

Normal force head – the difference to other nanoindenters



Patent for NFU & LFU

ZHN principle



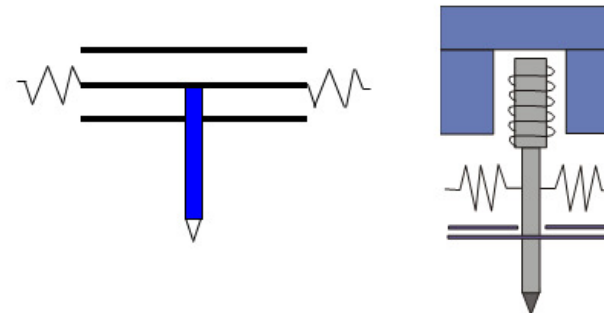
Force generation and force measurement are completely **decoupled**.

The force measuring spring is only bended after contact with the surface

High lateral stiffness

Easy exchange of indenter

Other principles



Force generation and force measurement are done with the **same signal**.

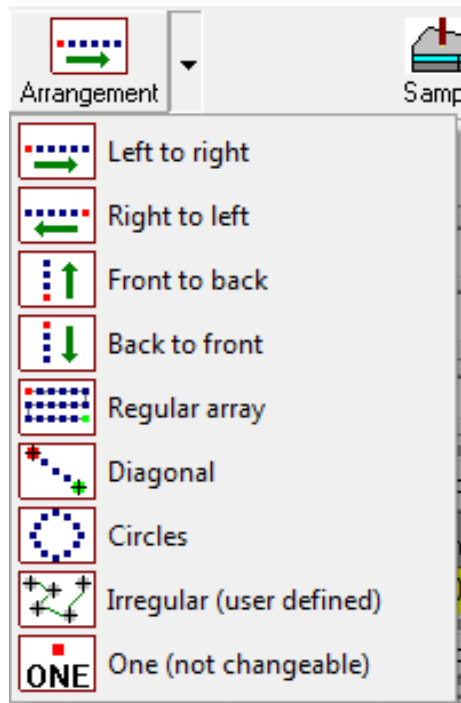
An increase of the force requires a bending of springs already during approach of the surface

Low lateral stiffness

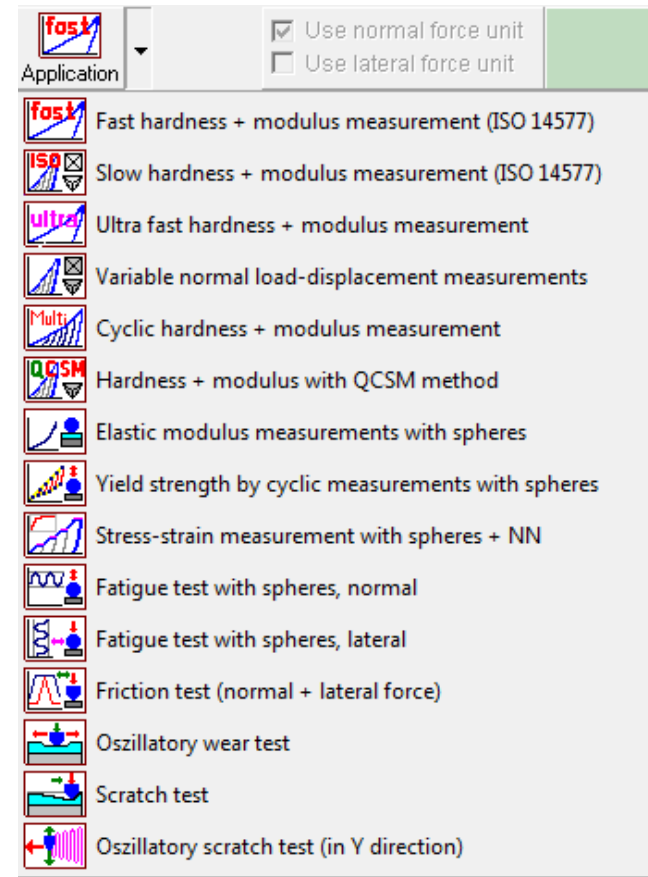
Difficult exchange of indenter

Software InspectorX: test procedures

Predefined applications make the definition of test procedures easy.



Selection menu for point alignment



Selection menu for the application

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The durability and frictional behavior of coated components were optimized. (I)



**Piston pin
(DLC coated)**



Cam follower (CrN + DLC coated)



Chain pin (DLC coated)

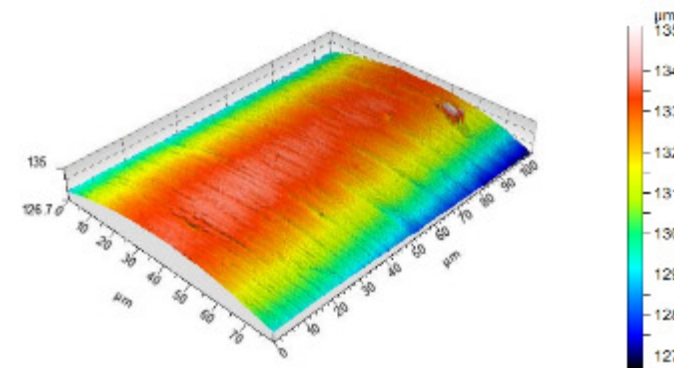
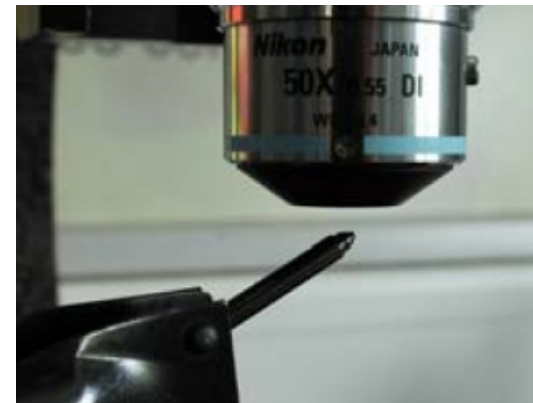
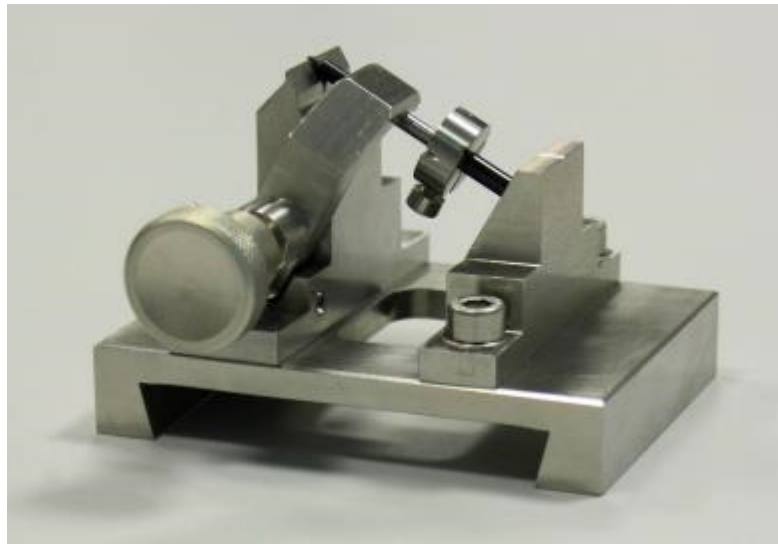
- Example: automotive industry
- Customer's product: piston pin (left), cam follower (middle), chain pin (right)
- Objective: improvement of friction and durability
- Used in: development, failure analysis and quality control
- Testing system: ZHN nanomechanical tester

Note: DLC = Diamond-like Carbon

Typical application

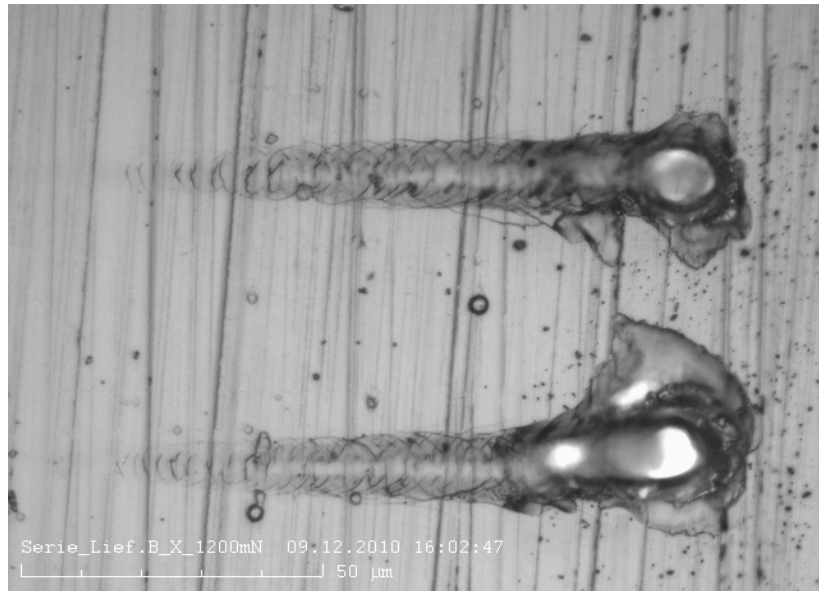
The durability and frictional behavior of coated components were optimized. (II)

Injection needle for diesel engines (DLC coated)

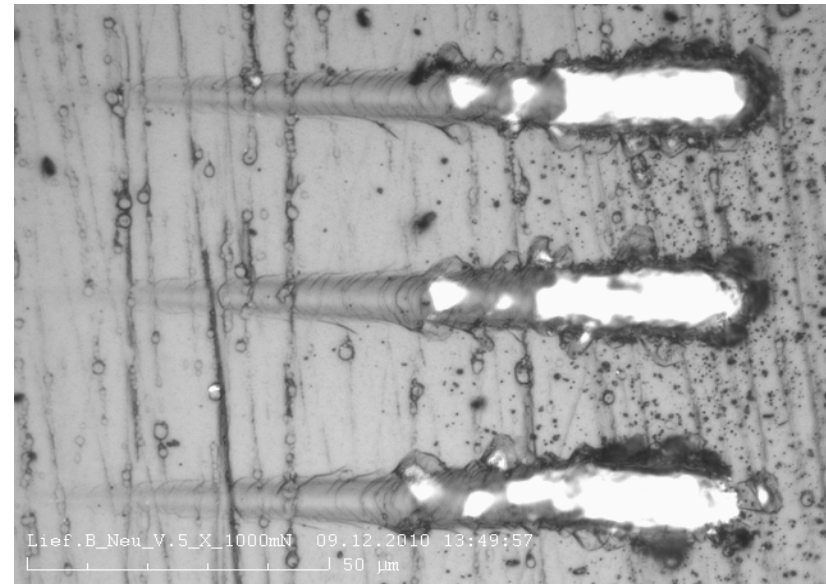


- Application at automotive supplier
- Left: 3D-picture of the needle tip by the use of a white light Interferometer

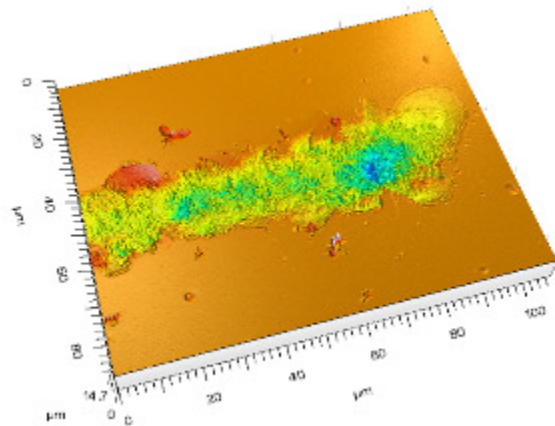
Typical application



Critical force for failure: left: 970mN



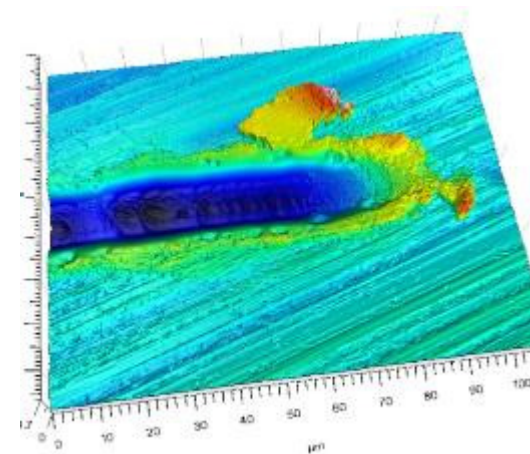
right: 650mN



3D profiles

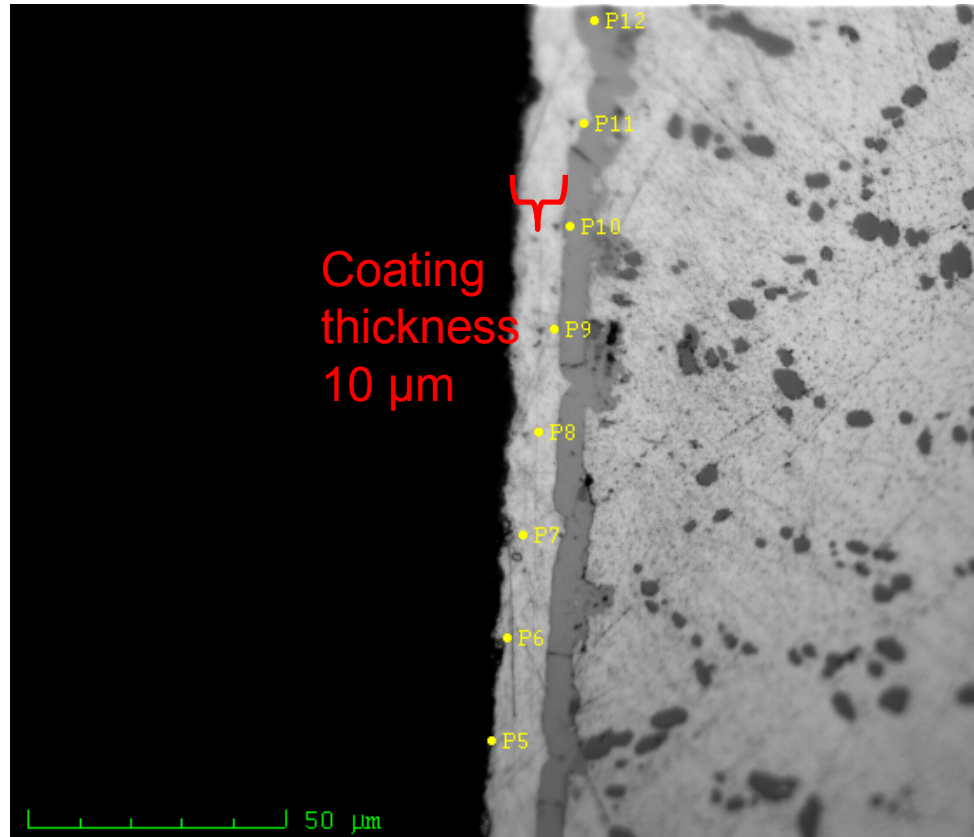
← Fused silica

Steel →



Typical application

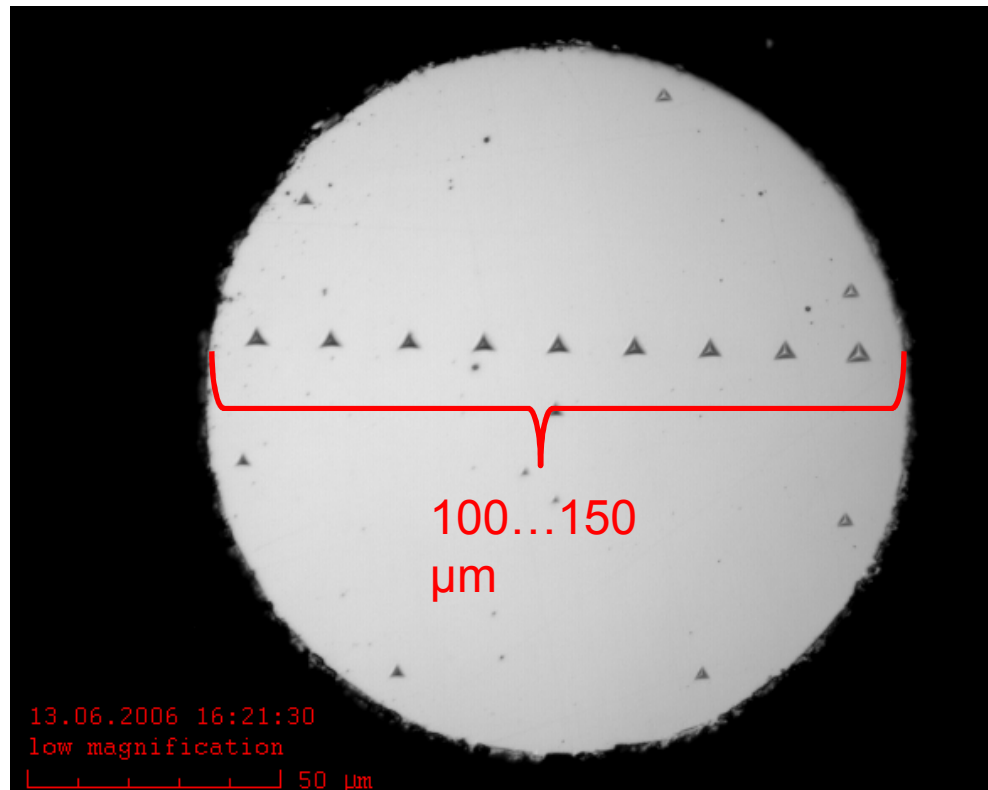
Wear/compound (white) layer of a component investigated in transverse cross-section by means of a hardness test.



- Example: metalworking industry
- Customer's product: component with 10-20 μm wear-layer
- Objective: measurement of the hardness profile in the wear/ compound layer (tested in transverse cross-section)
- Used in: development, quality control
- Testing system: Nanoindenter ZHN

Typical application

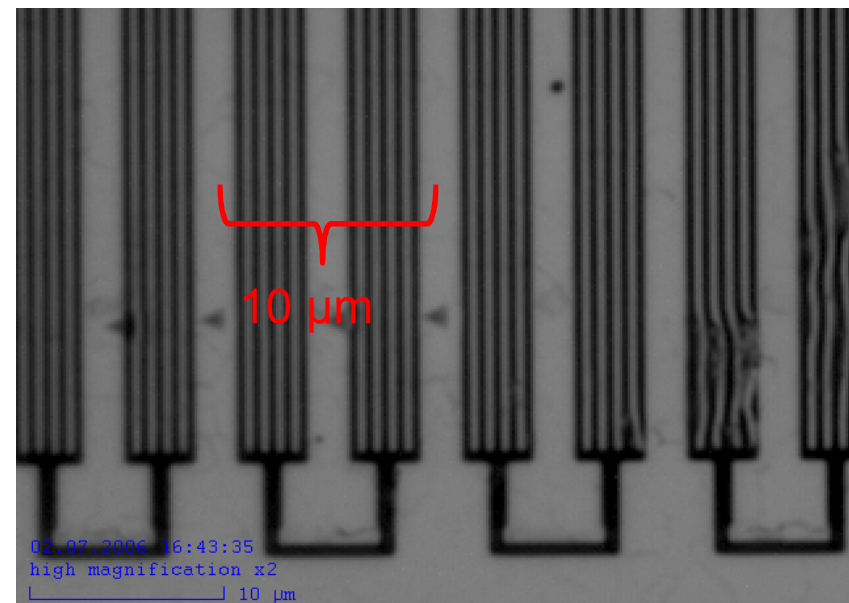
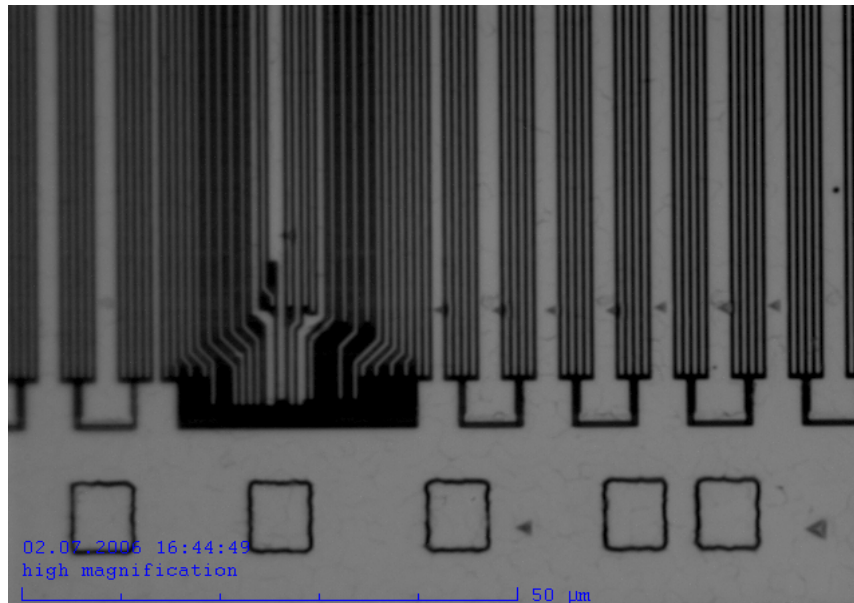
Hardness distribution of a cutting-wire used in the manufacture of silicon wafers was tested in transverse cross-section



- Example:
metals/electrical industries
(photovoltaic/microelectronic)
- Customer's product:
diamond cutting-wire (Ø 100-150 μm) for the manufacture of silicon wafers
- Objective:
measurement of the hardness profile (transverse, contour) of the cutting-wire (tested in transverse cross-section)
- Used in:
development, quality control
- Testing system:
Nanoindenter ZHN

Typical application

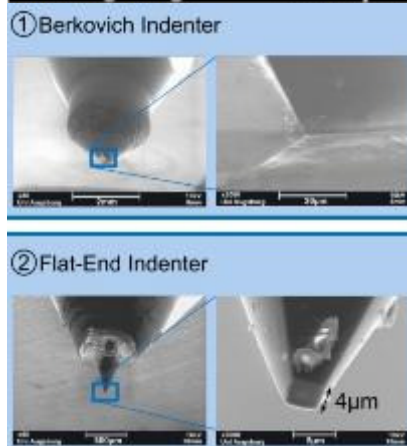
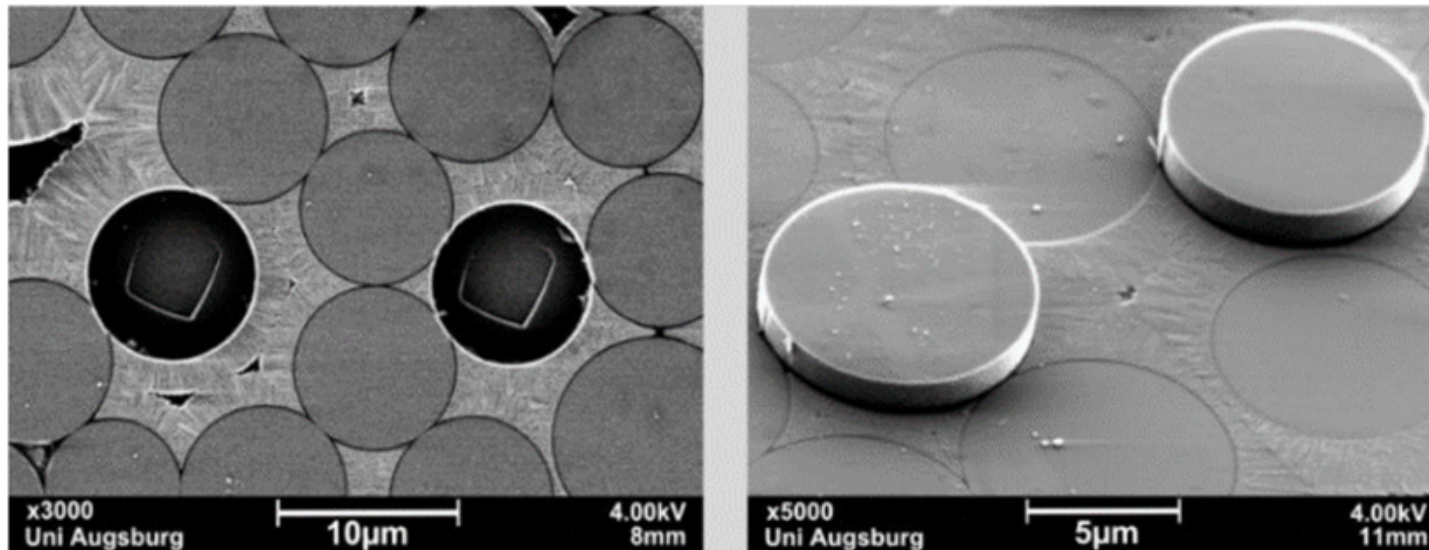
Tracks on printed circuit boards were optimized via hardness and Young's modulus measurement



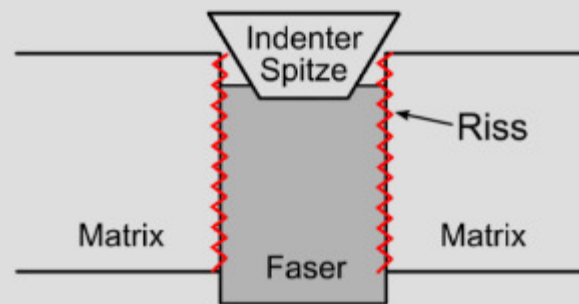
- Example: Electronic industry
- Customer's product: microelectronics, integrated circuits, electronic boards
- Objective: failure analysis
- Used in: development, quality control
- Testing system: Nanoindenter ZHN

Typical application

Investigation of the adhesion strength of fibers in a composite material.



Einzelfaser-Push-out Versuch



Source: Dr. Müller, UNI Augsburg

- Example: Composite industry
- Used in: Research

Many thanks for your attention