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# Laser Surface Texturing for Advanced Tribological Performance

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# Agenda

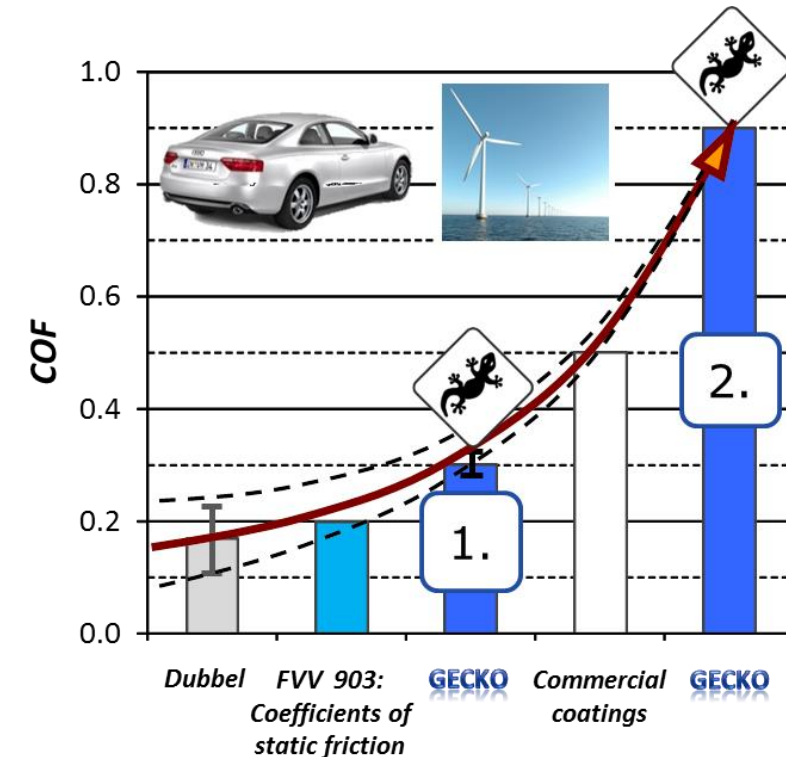
- Motivation
- Laser surface texturing
- Analysis method for CoF characterization
- Dimple-shaped micro structures
- Deep penetration welding dots
- Tribomaps

## ■ Coefficient of Friction (CoF) enhancement

Source 1	Source 2	Source 3	Source 4	Source 5	Source 6	Source 7
dry	dry	dry	dry	uncoated	rusty	un-lubricated
0,45-0,80	0,15	0,2	0,15-0,30	0,10-0,15	0,12-0,20	0,15

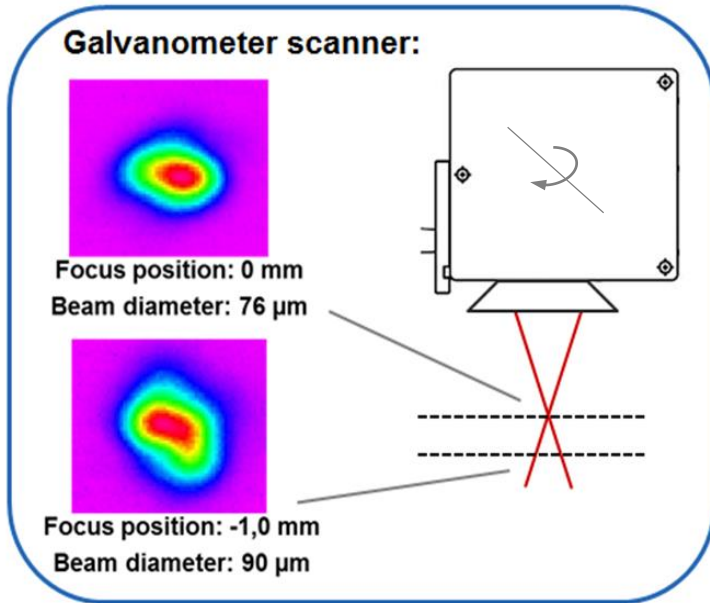
KÖHLER (2005)

- Delivery of **reliable and stable static CoF**
- **Increase of static CoF** offers great potential to
  - ✓ decrease friction torque (seals, piston rings, thrust bearings, ...)
  - ✓ increase load capacity and efficiency of tribological systems
  - ✓ save energy and material (less weight)
- Applicable in automotive, heavy industry (wind turbine, ship building, ...)



➡ *AiF/DFG Cluster*: Gestaltung und Ermittlung charakterisierender Kennwerte von reibschlussoptimierten Oberflächen (GECKO), **TP-V: Reibwerterhöhende Laserstrukturierung** (2011-2014)

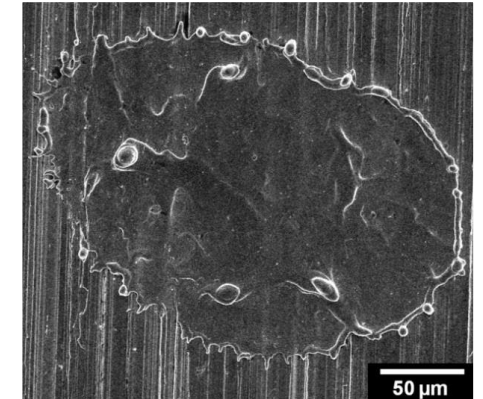
➡ *AiF*: Entwicklung von **Tribomaps** für reibwerterhöhende Laserstrukturen (seit 2019)



## Laser system 1

- pulsed NIR laser
- pulse duration: 110 ns
- max. pulse energy: 9 mJ
- pulse repetition rate: 5 kHz
- average laser power: 45 W
- focusing lens: 100 mm

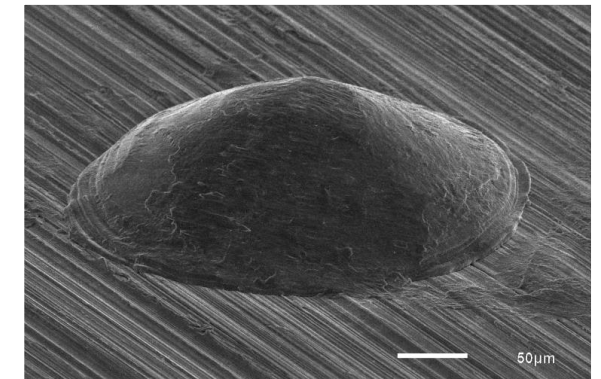
## *Dimple-shaped micro structures*



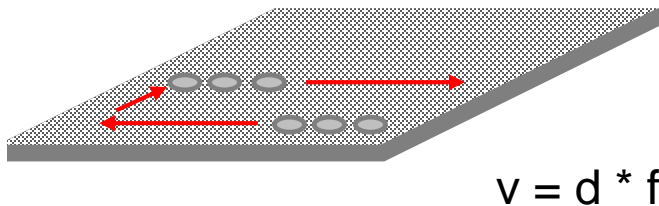
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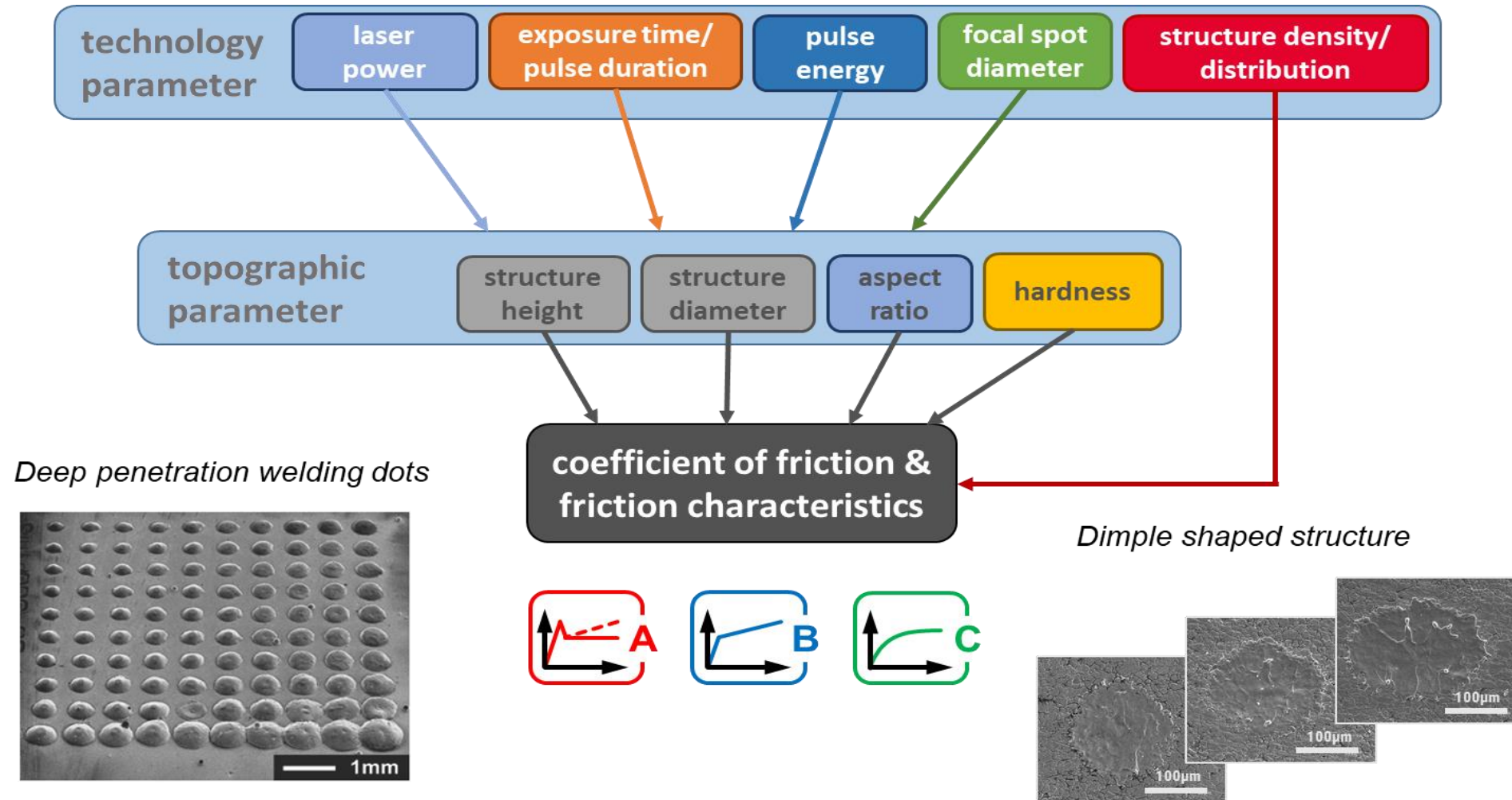
- high-brilliant cw fibre laser
- laser power: 1000 W
- irradiation time: 10...2000 µs
- PRF: 10 kHz

## *Deep welding dots*

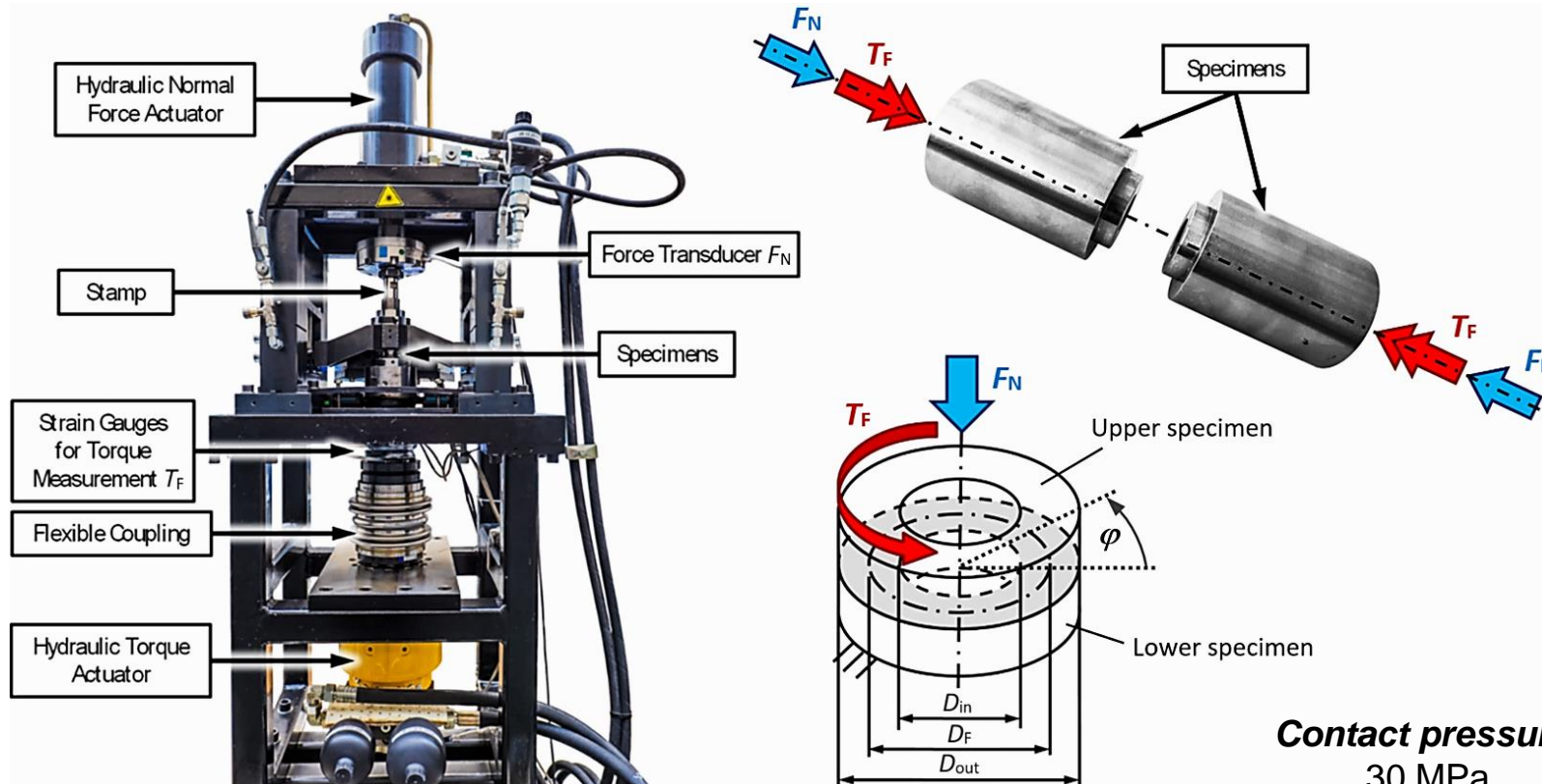


## *Laser beam raster scanning*



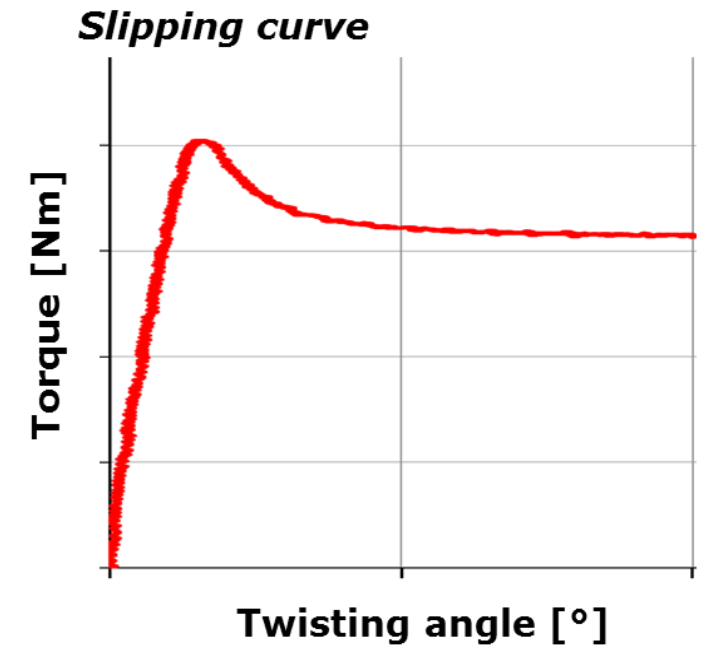


## ■ Torsion test bench – IKAT TU Chemnitz



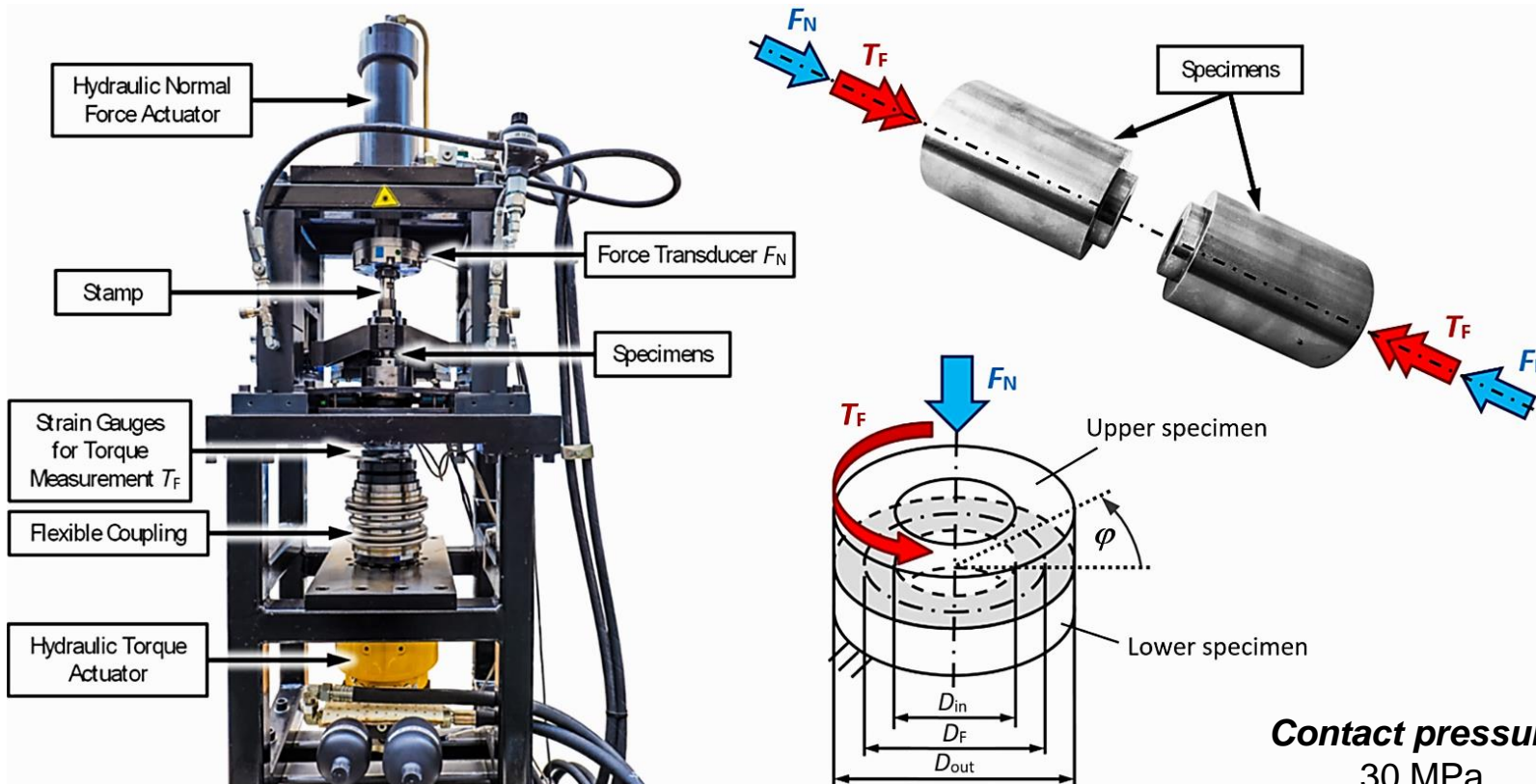
**Contact pressure:**  
30 MPa  
100 MPa  
300 MPa

$$\mu = \frac{F_R}{F_N} = \frac{2 \cdot T_F}{D_R \cdot F_N}$$

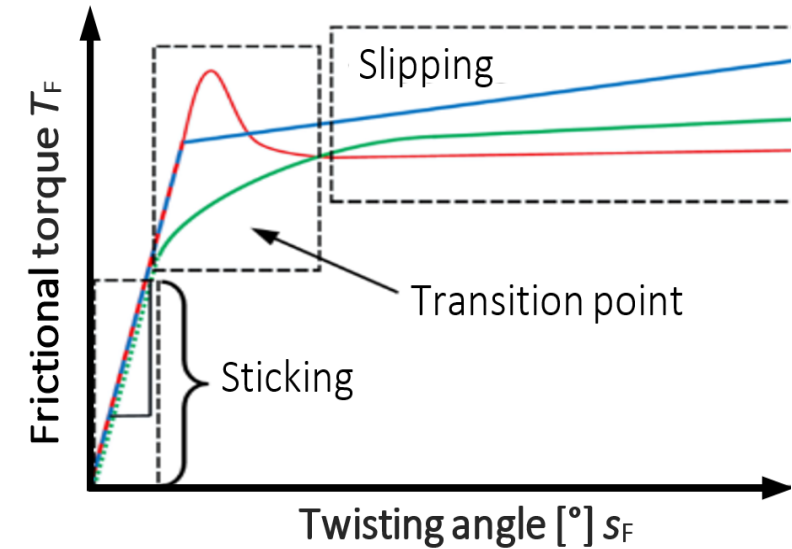


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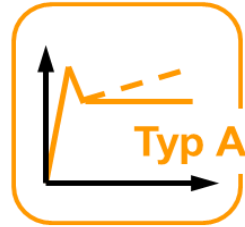
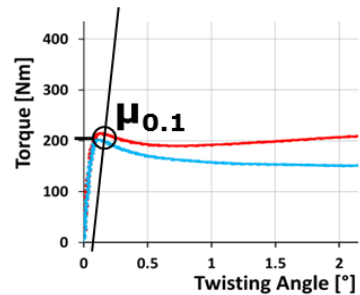
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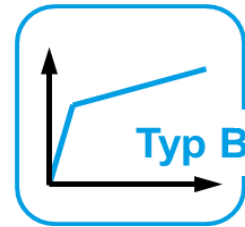
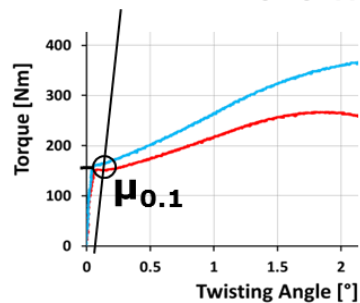
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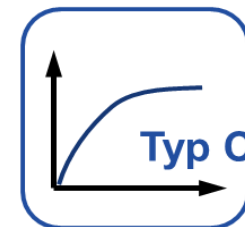
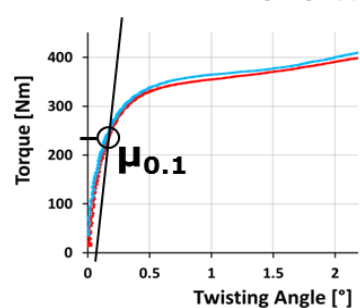
## Types of friction characteristic



local maximum at transition point from sticking to sliding; decreasing slipping curve after reaching transition point; COF may increase again

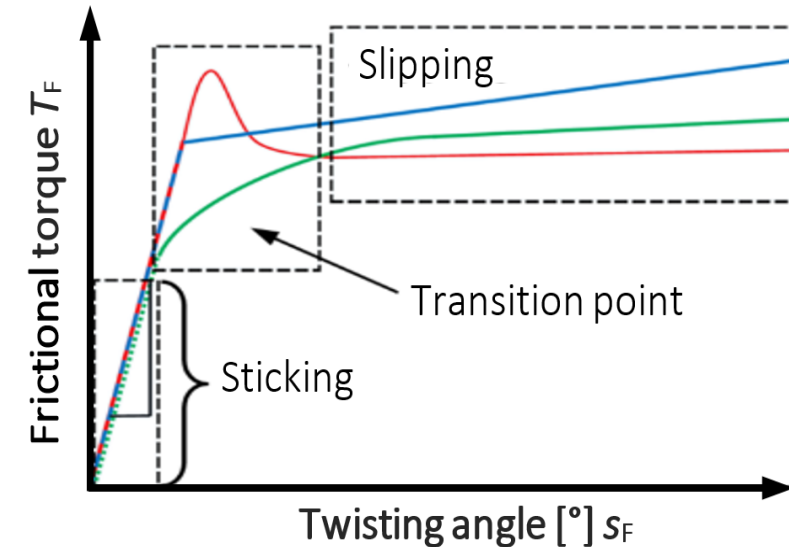


abrupt transition between sticking and sliding, stable or increasing COF after reaching the transition point



continuous transition of the slipping curve from sticking to sliding (kinetic COF)

$$\mu = \frac{F_R}{F_N} = \frac{2 \cdot T_F}{D_R \cdot F_N}$$

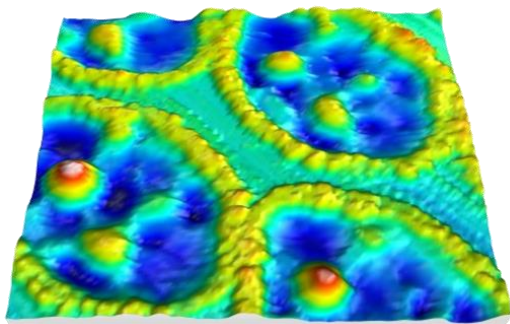
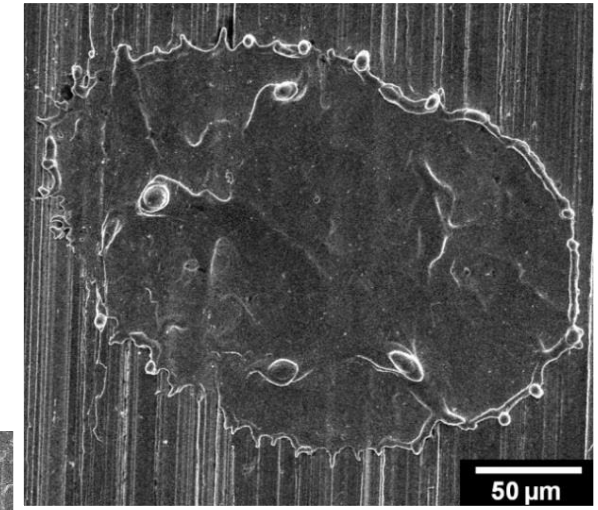
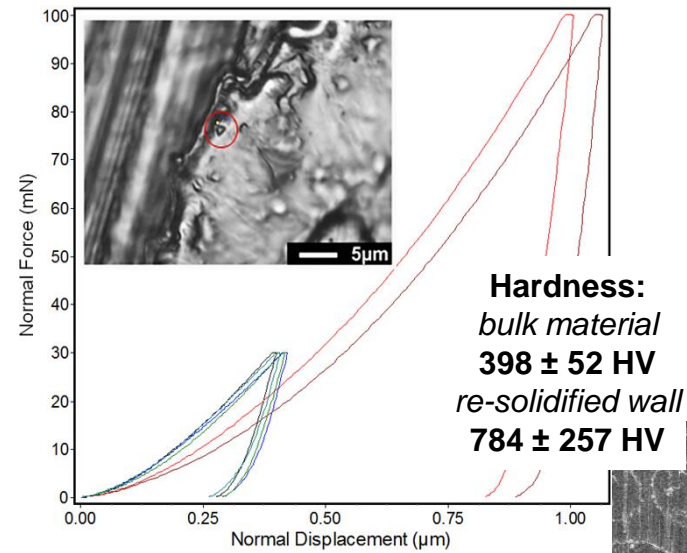


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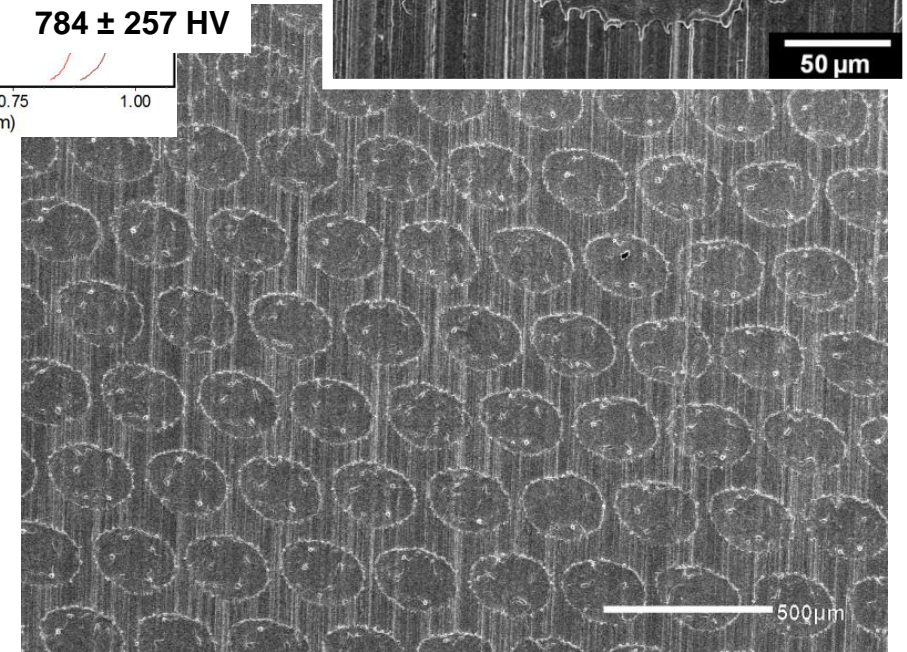
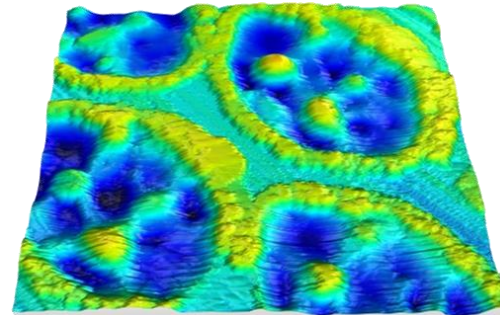


## ■ **Characteristic**

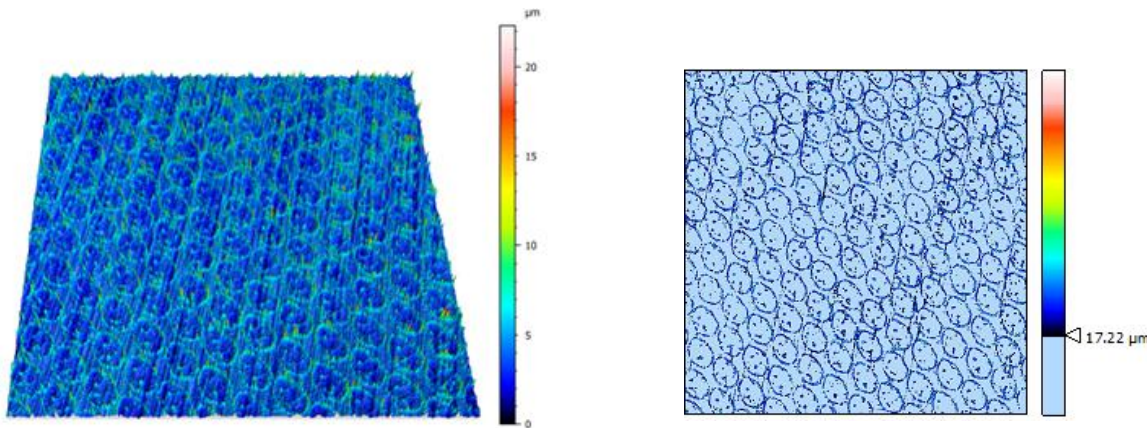
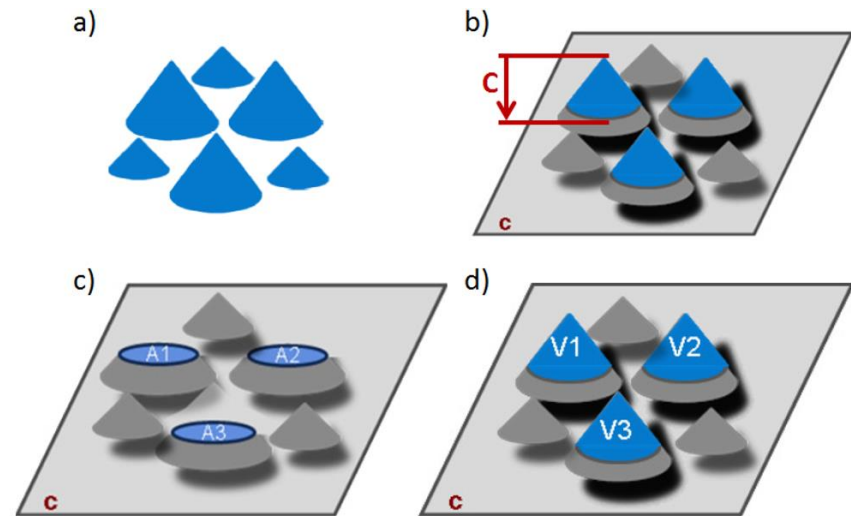
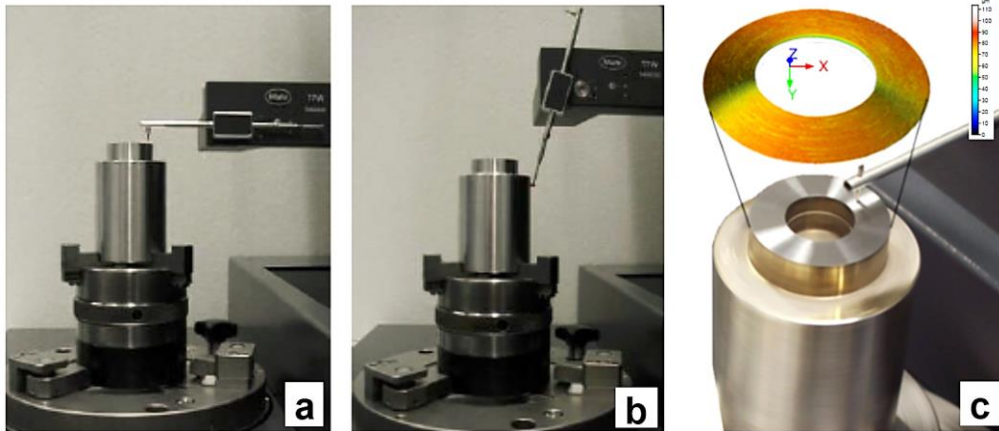
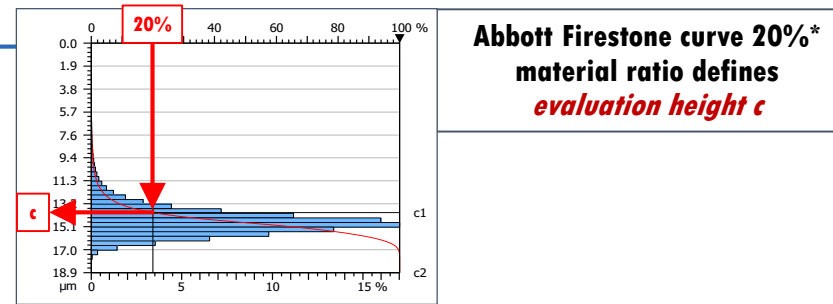
- dimple-shaped micro structures ( $\varnothing$  200  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- molten and re-solidified wall structure
- plasma melt dynamics
  - ✓ energy  $\rightarrow$  melting
  - ✓ intensity  $\rightarrow$  plasma



COF  
→  
testing



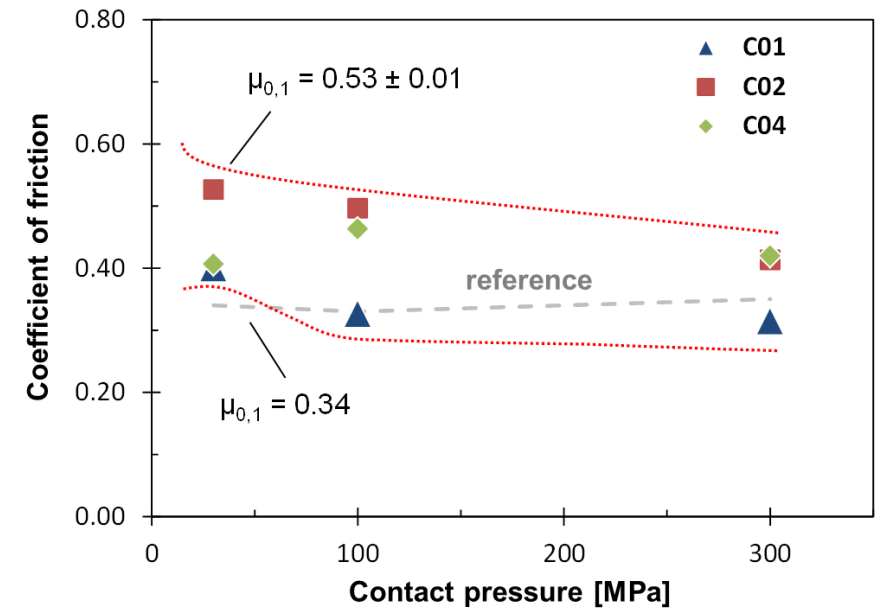
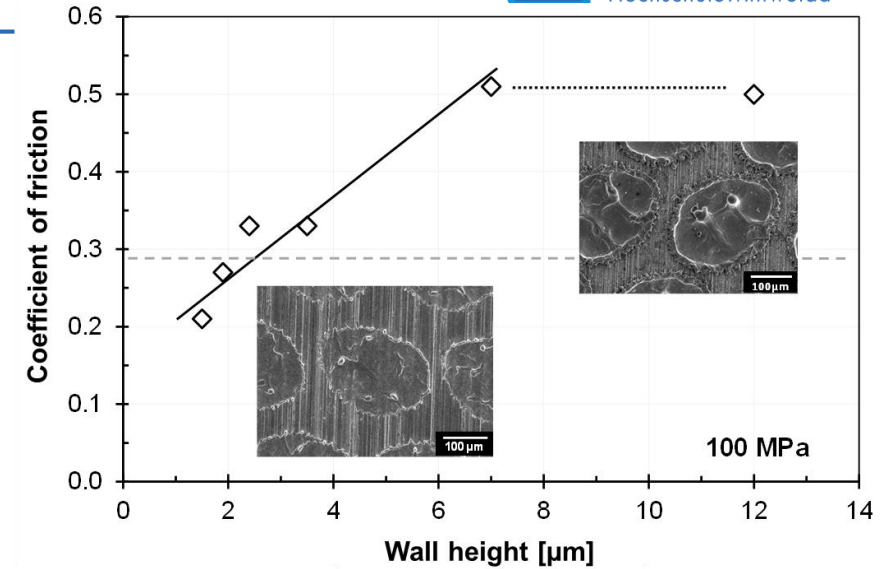
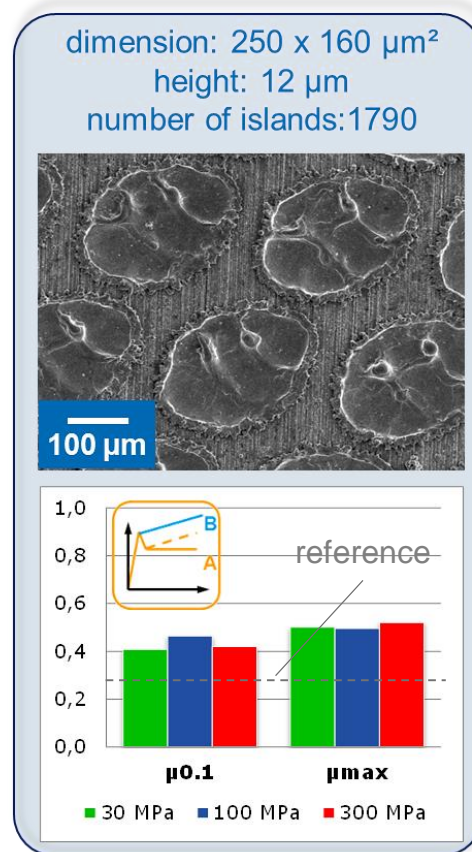
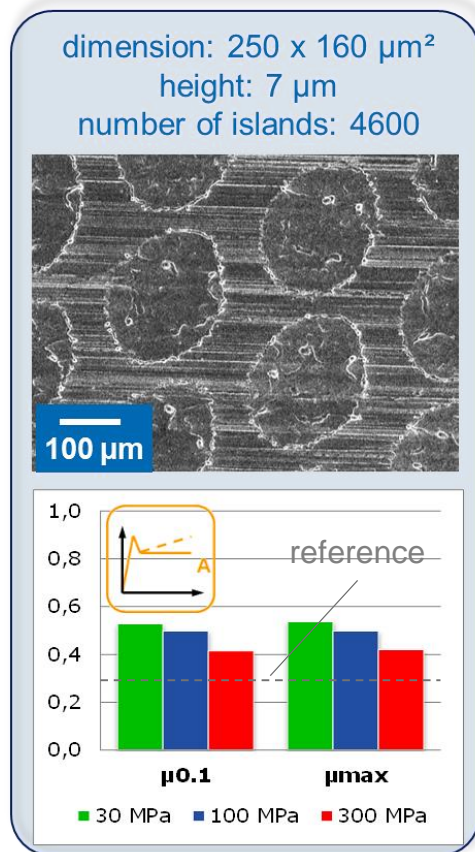
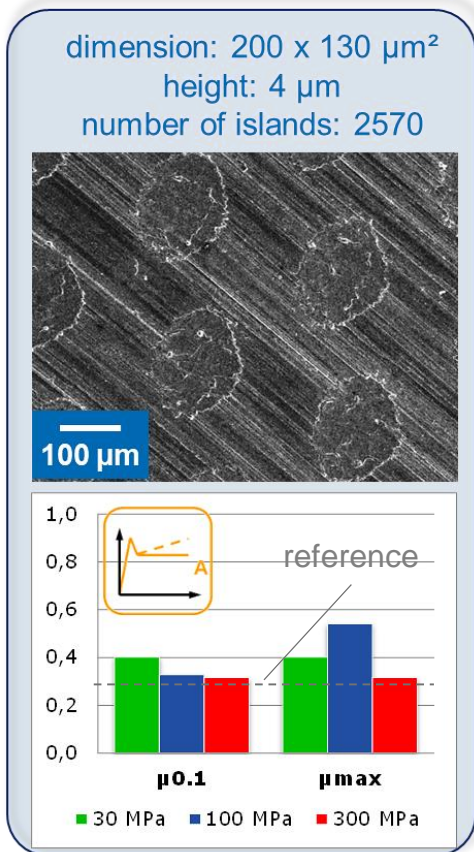
## ■ Topography analysis



Surface Parameters:  
 NI= 4579  
 MSI=225  $\mu\text{m}^2$   
 MVM= 0,32  $\mu\text{m}^3/\mu\text{m}^2$

- number of islands
- mean surface of the islands
- mean material volume at specific height *c*

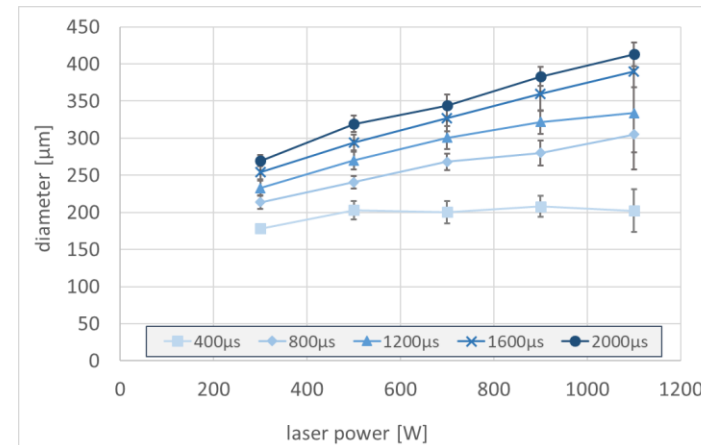
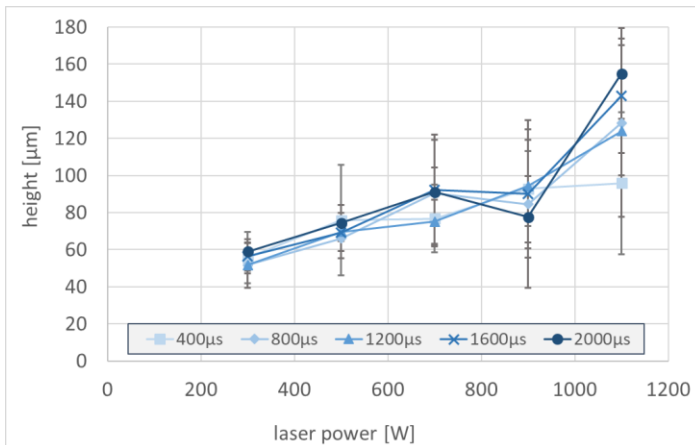
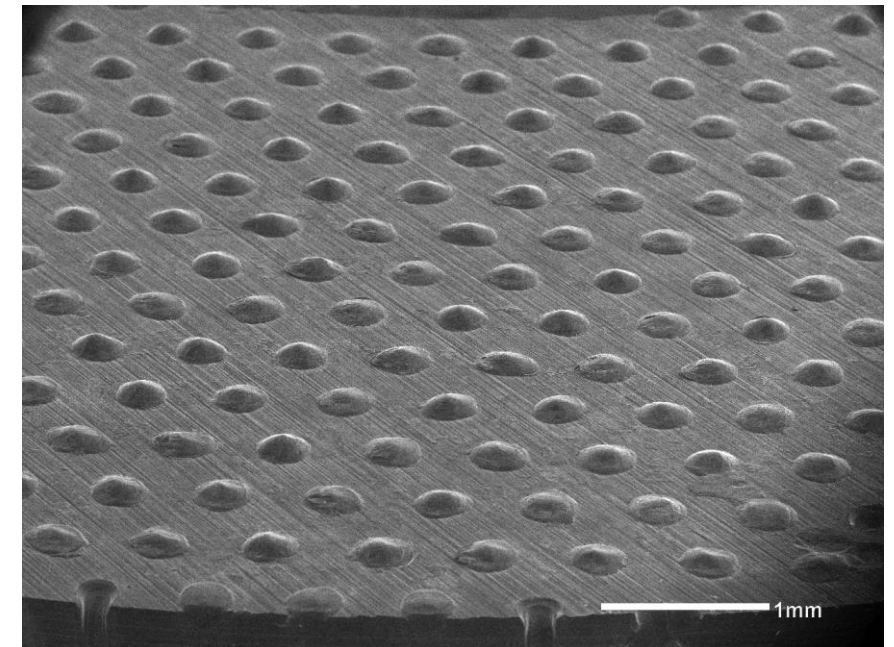
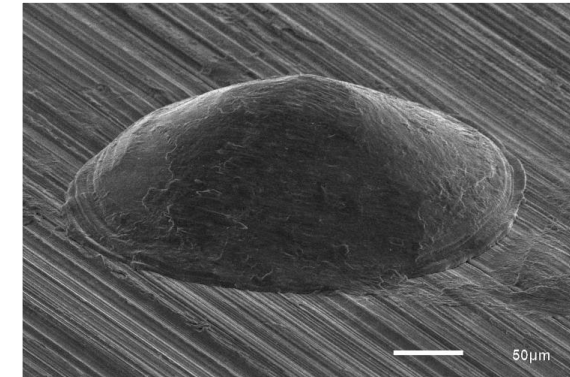
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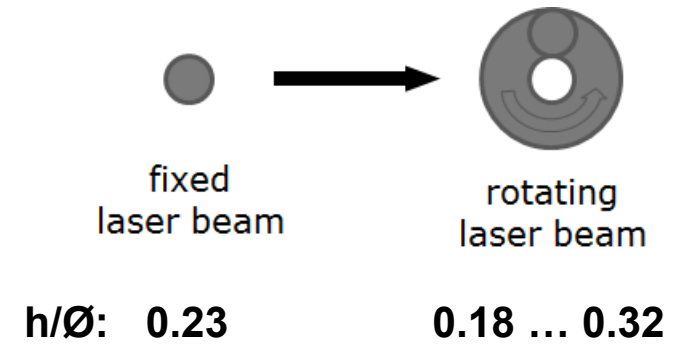
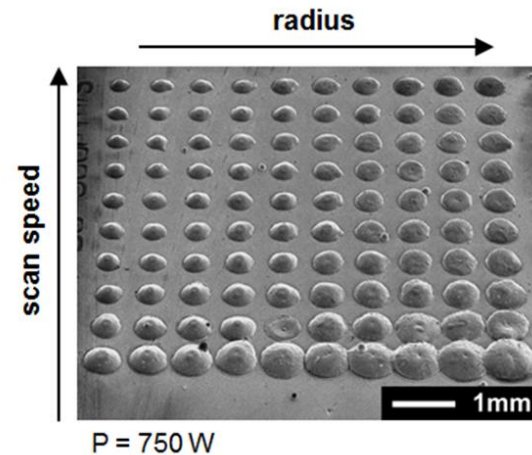
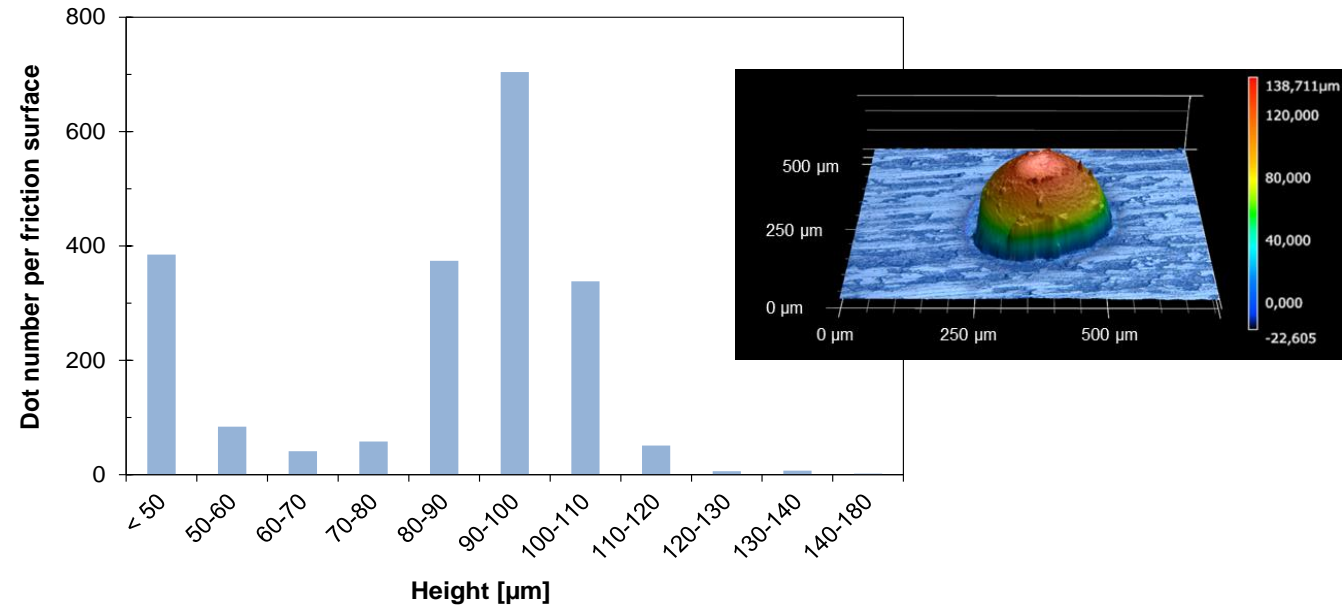
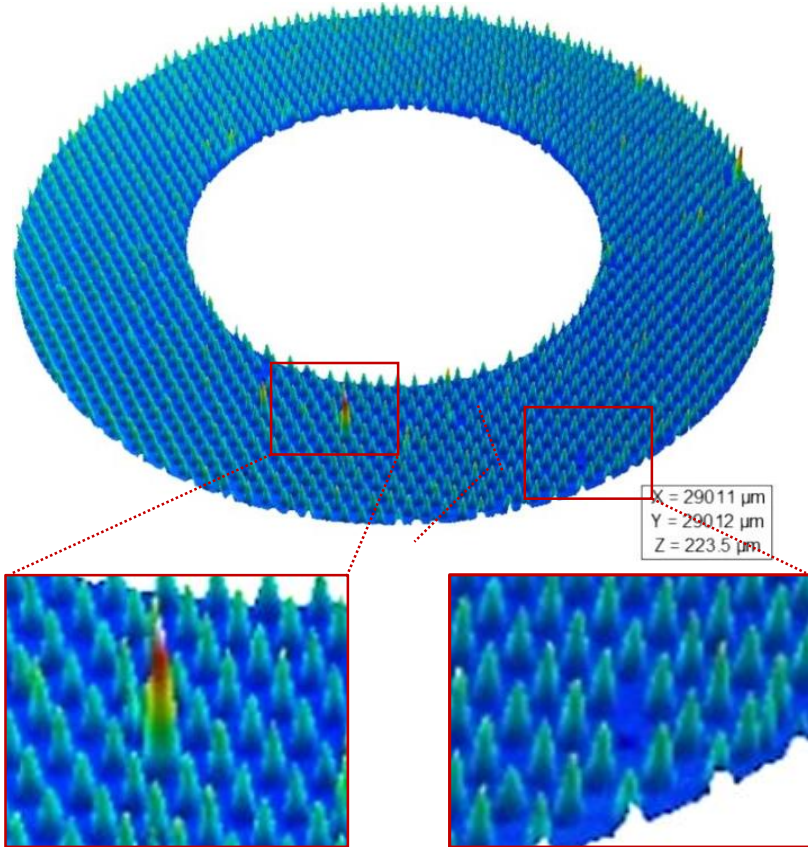
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## ■ *Characteristic*

- lenticular-shaped bulges ( $\varnothing = 200 \dots 300 \mu\text{m}$ ;  $h = 100 \mu\text{m}$ )
- deep penetration welding effects
- keyhole  $\rightarrow$  weld root
- hardness increase ( 500 .. 800 HV)
- geometry / hardness depend on laser power, irradiation time

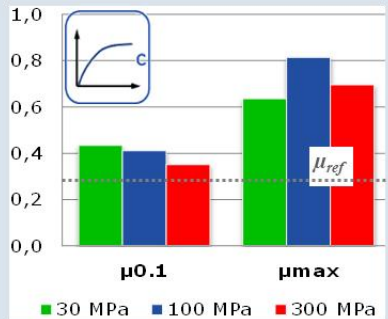
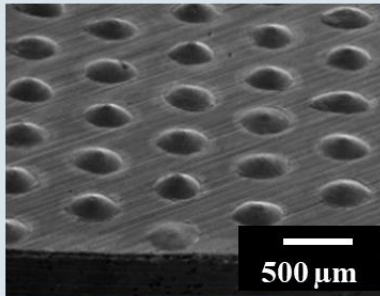


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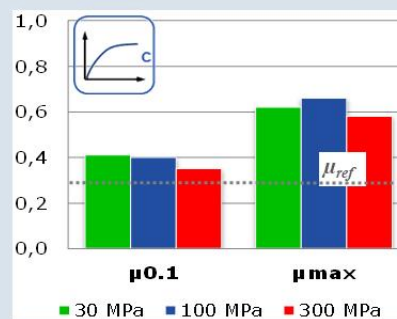
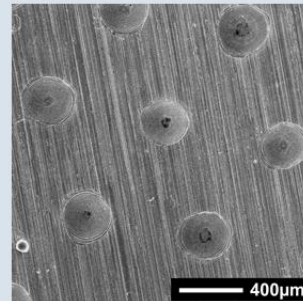


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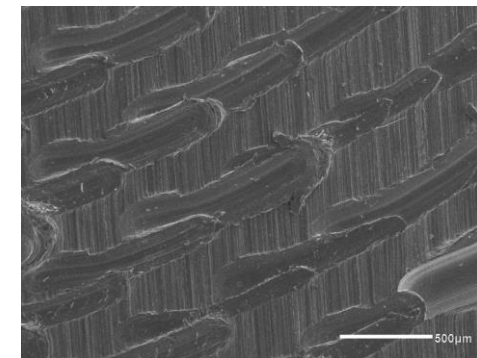
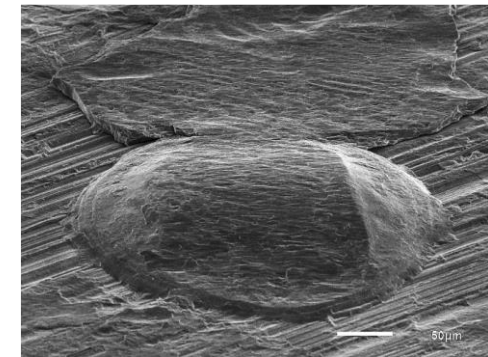
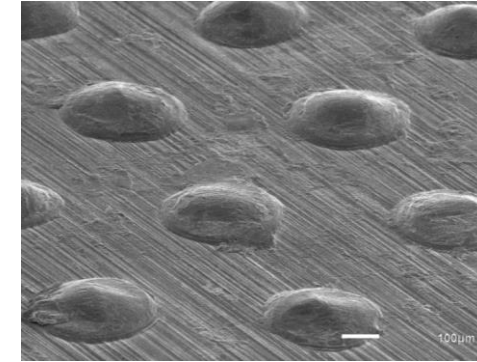
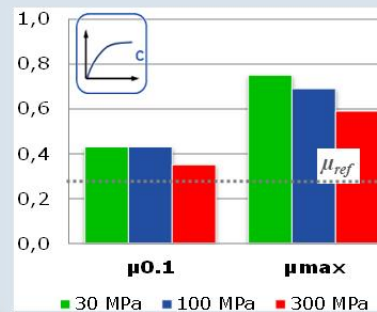
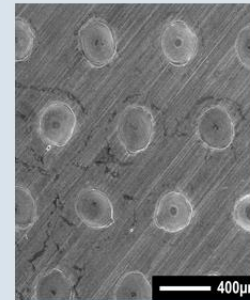
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height: 70  $\mu\text{m}$   
number of dots: 3.2 /  $\text{mm}^2$



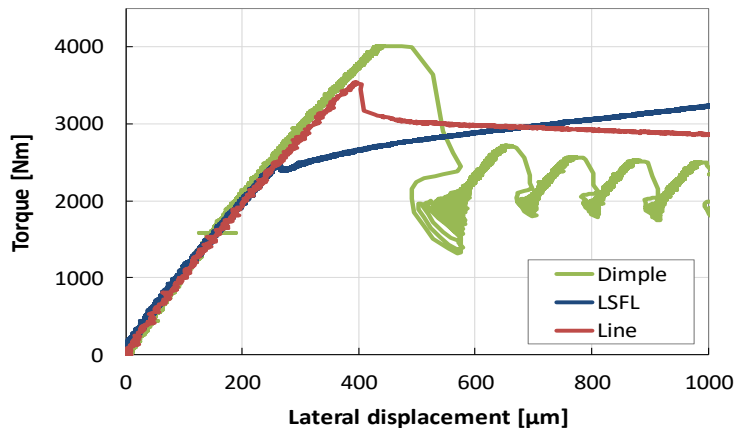
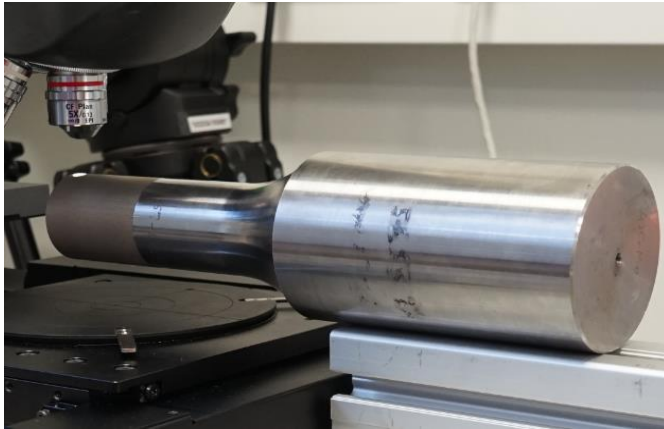
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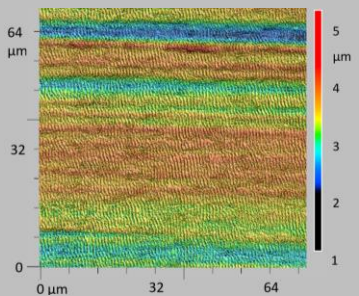
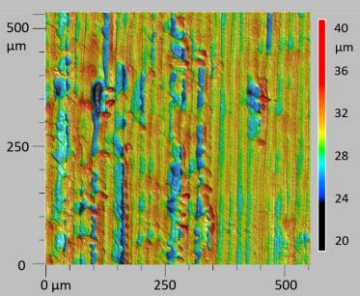
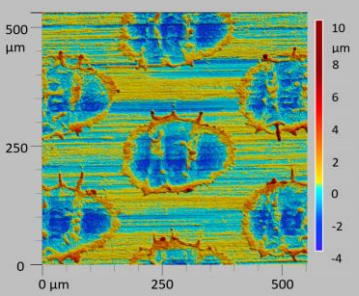


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height: 70  $\mu\text{m}$   
number of dots: 3.2 /  $\text{mm}^2$



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<i>Tribological characteristic</i>			
Laser texture	LSFL	Line pattern	Dimple-shaped texture
Surface pressure	85 ± 2 MPa	92 ± 9 MPa	84 ± 2 MPa
COF type	B	A	A
$\mu_{20}$	0.24 ± 0.01	0.34 ± 0.02	0.32 ± 0.01
$\Delta \mu_{20}$	+ 20 %	+ 70 %	+ 60 %
$\mu_{max}$	0.24 ± 0.01	0.35 ± 0.01	0.40 ± 0.02
$\Delta \mu_{max}$	+ 20 %	+ 75 %	+ 100 %
Processing rate	14.4 cm <sup>2</sup> /min	21.0 cm <sup>2</sup> /min	14.0 cm <sup>2</sup> /min
Topography measurements (before testing)			

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## AiF-Project: „Entwicklung von Tribomaps für reibwerterhöhende Laserstrukturen“

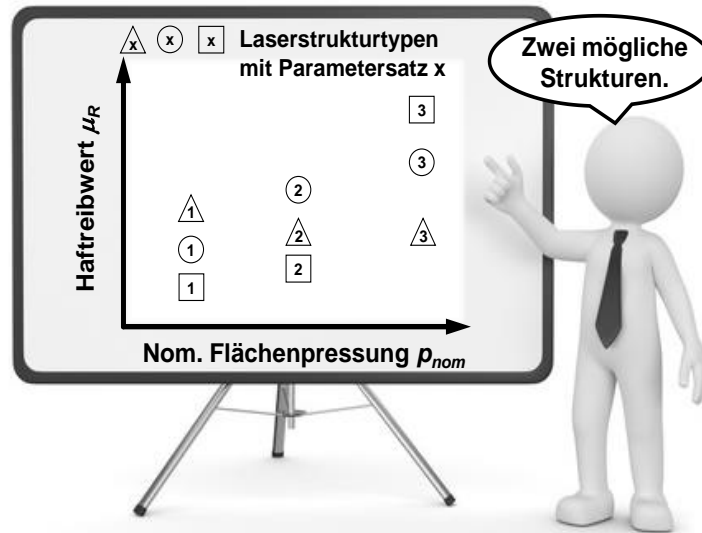
### Konstruktion

#### Anforderungen

- Kleiner!
- Ökologischer!
- Leistungsstärker!
- Effizienter!

Mehr Kraftübertragung...  
Reibwert min.  $\mu = 0,45...$   
Laserstrukturen...

### Dienstleister für Laserstrukturen



Werkstoffkenngrößen						
Werkstoff	Härte	Rauigkeit	Materialdicke			
W1	Technologieparameter					
W2	Laserparameter	①	△	1	②	△
	Betriebsart	pw	pw	pw	pw	pw
W3	Strukturkenngrößen					
	Laserstruktur	①	△	1	②	△
	Struktur	Aufschmelzungen				
	Wallhöhe	3	5	7	9	15
	Punktdichte	10	10	15	15	20
	Inselanzahl	123	456	789	2468	3489
	P-Abstand X	250	250	200	200	200
	P-Abstand Y	300	300	300	250	250



# Vielen Dank



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