



Extrusion Facility for the Development of New Lightweight Alloys and Structures

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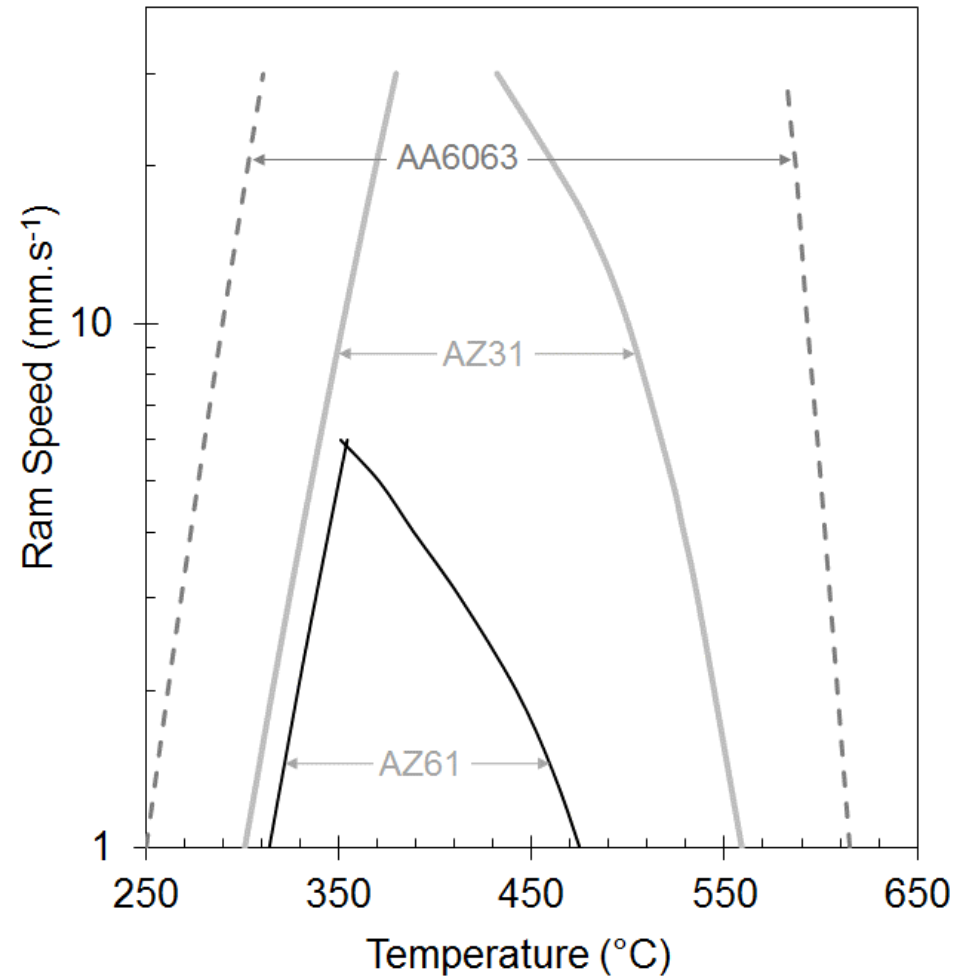
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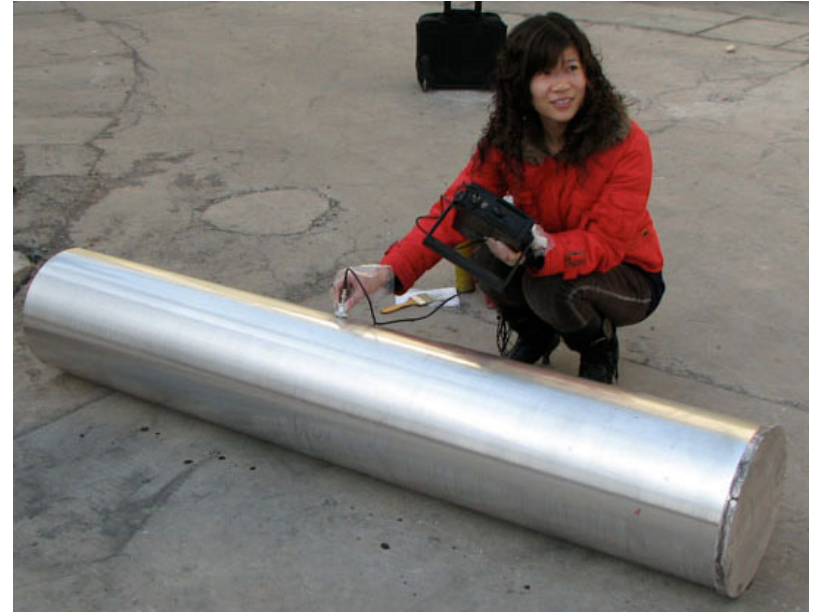
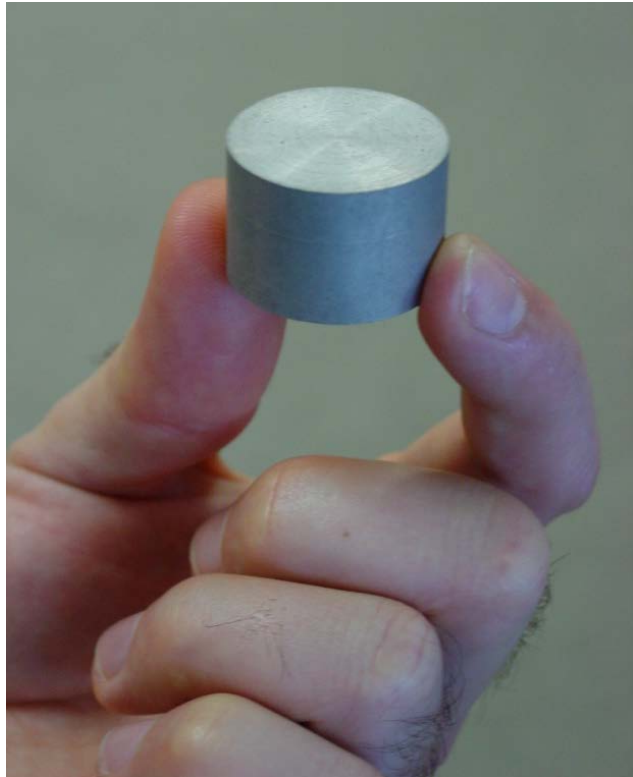


Early Days....





Issue of Scalability





New Extrusion Facility

- Successful ARC LEIF grant (\$430K from ARC)
- To establish Australia's only large scale research-dedicated extrusion facility



New Extrusion Facility





Induction Heater / Billet Loader



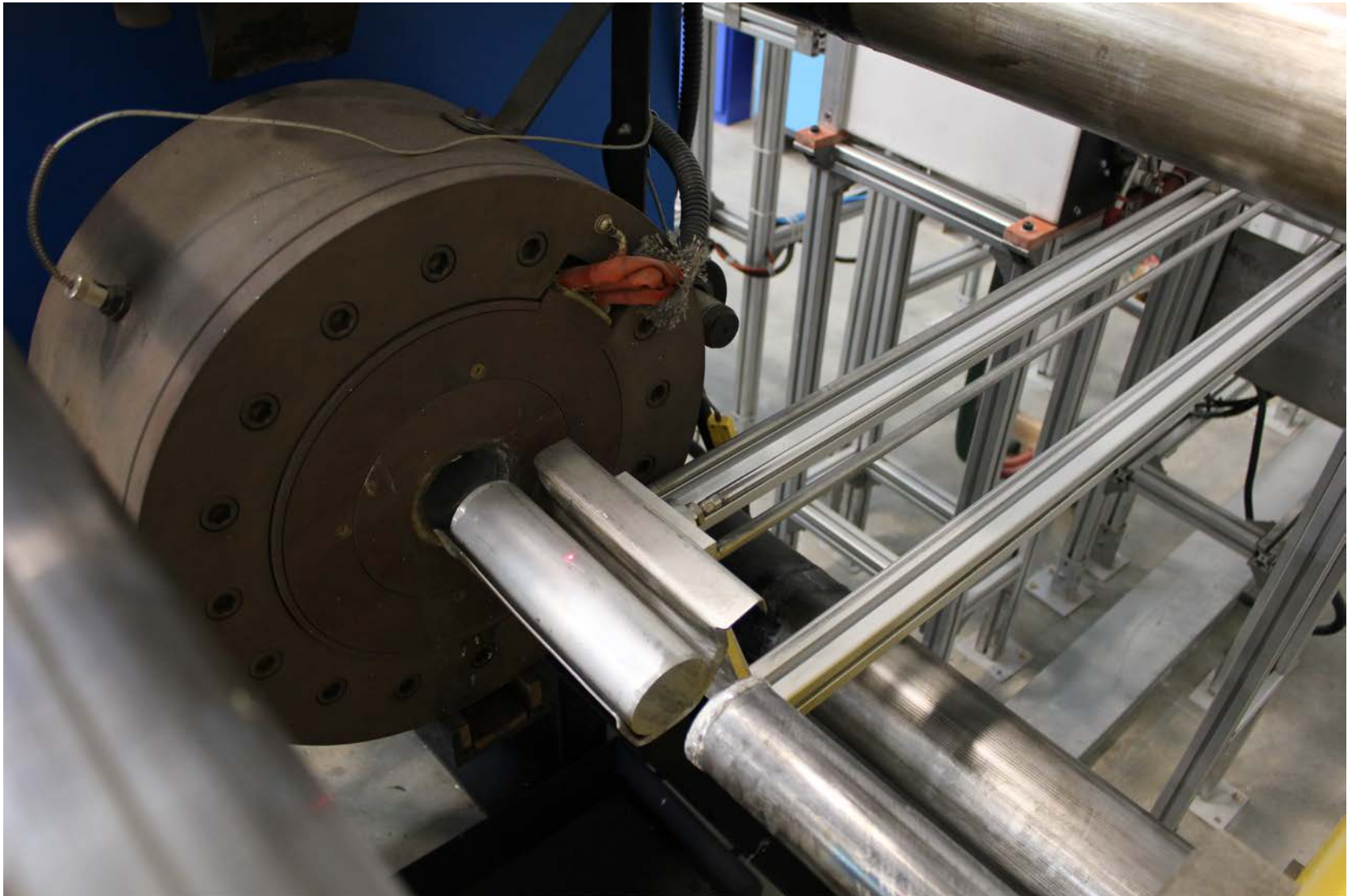


Extrusion Press





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Quenching Unit





IR Pyrometers





Run-out Table and Puller





Ageing Oven





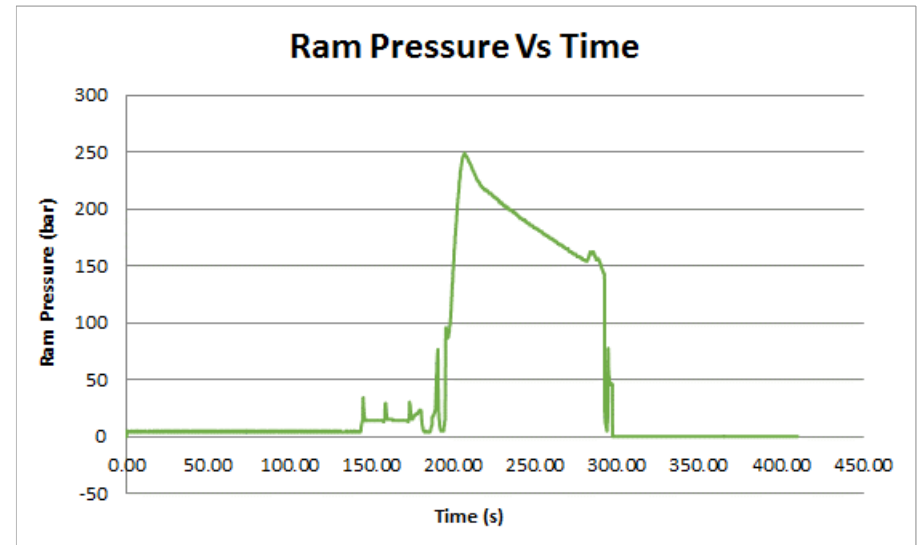
Dies / Profiles





Data Capture

- Logs 15 variables per extrusion:
 - Time
 - Ram Position
 - Ram Pressure
 - Temperature
 - Puller position





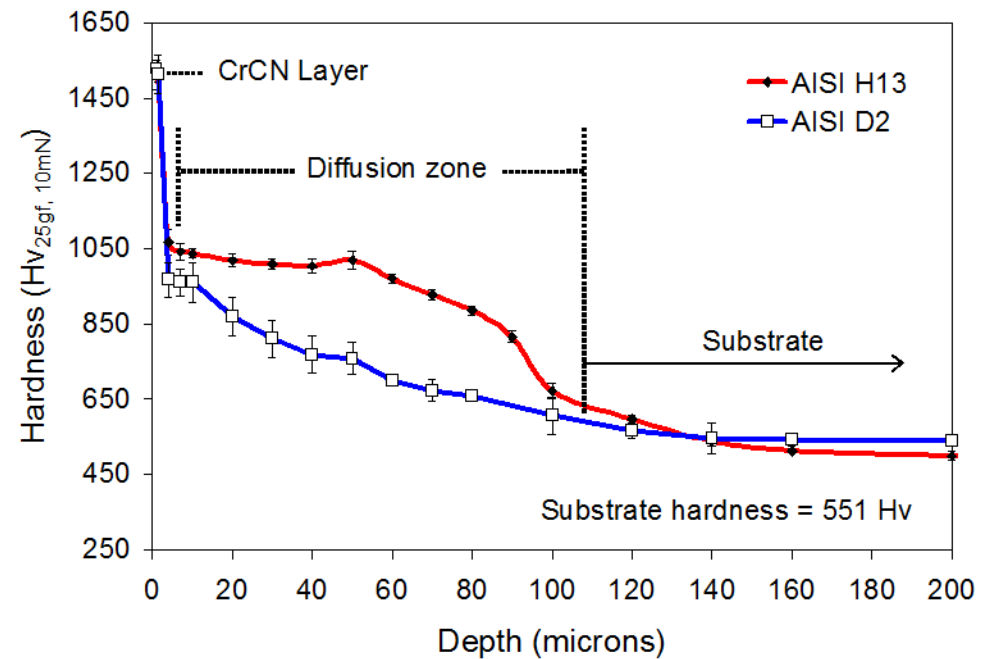
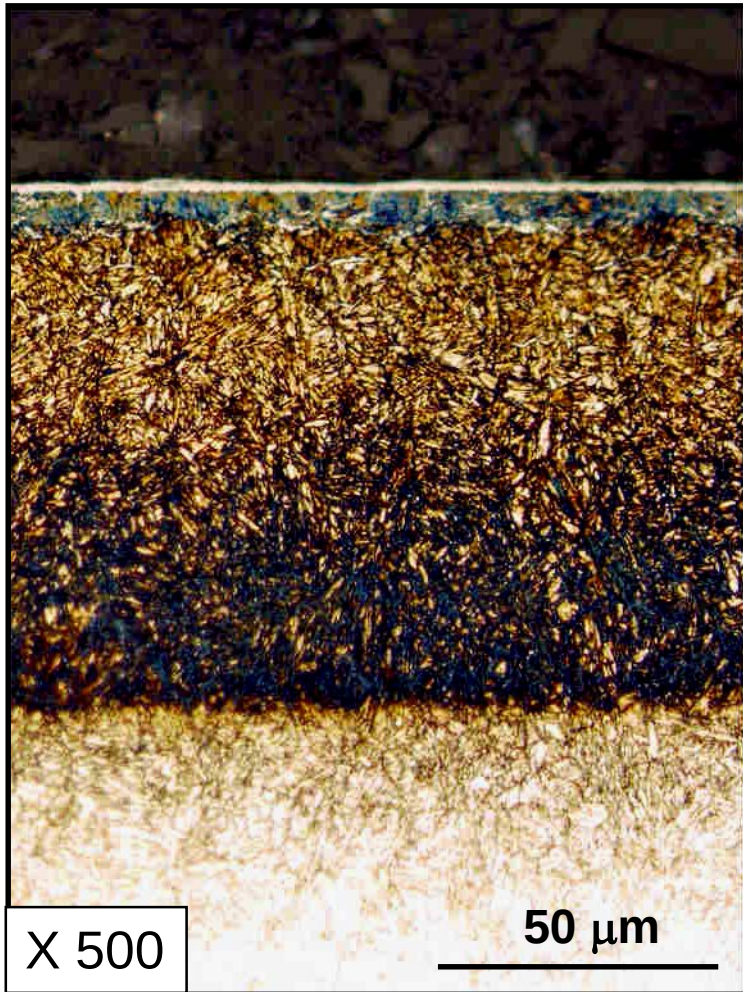
Supported Research Activities

- Al and Mg Alloy Development
 - high speed extrusion alloys
 - high strength alloys
 - compositional effects
- New metal-matrix composites
- New micro-truss structures
- New powder-base metals for structural and biomedical applications



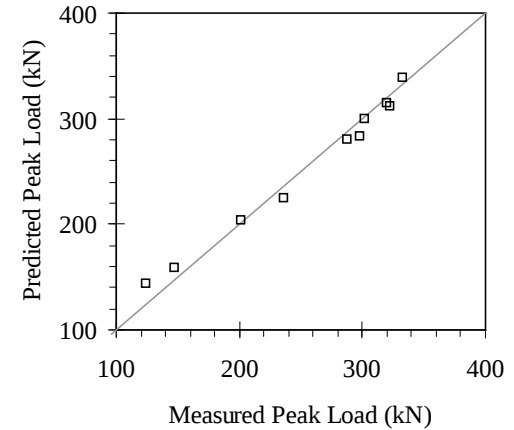
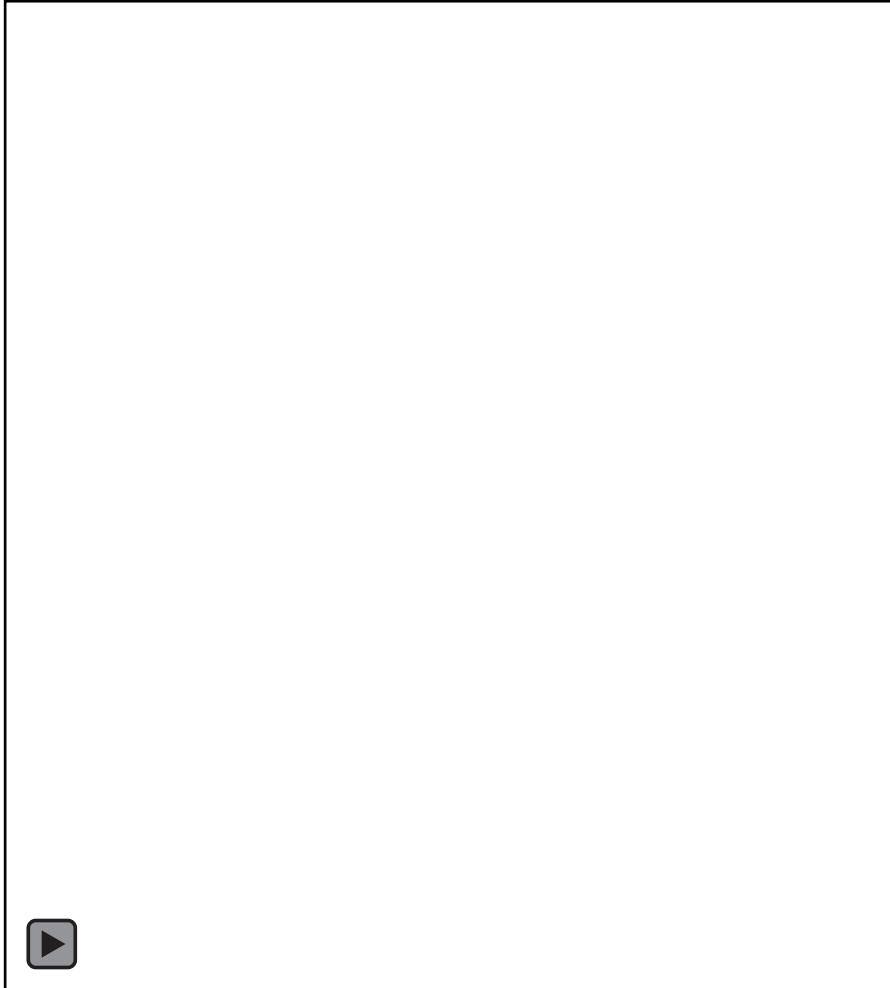
New Die Coatings

Duplex Surface Treatment

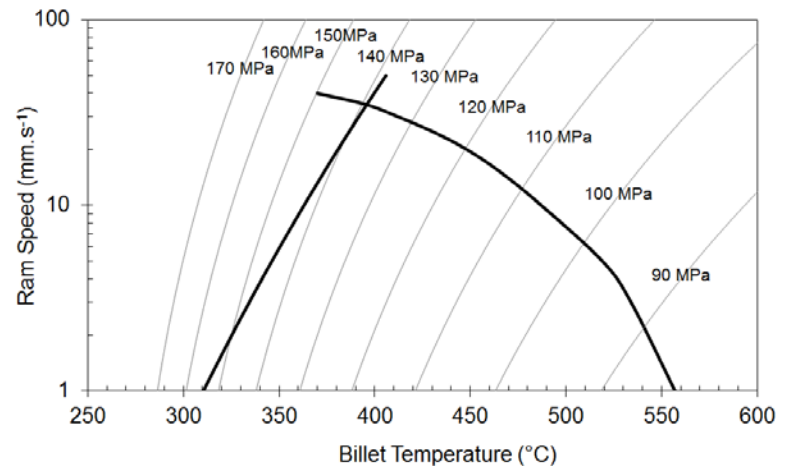




FE Modelling



Predict Extrusion Loads



Predict Mechanical Properties



Thankyou

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