

The Effect of Low Temperature Aging on Ni-Rich Ti-Ni

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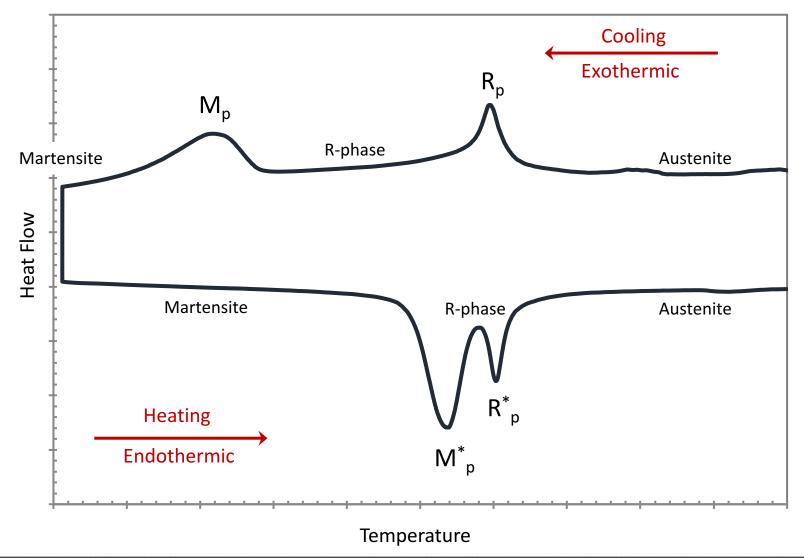
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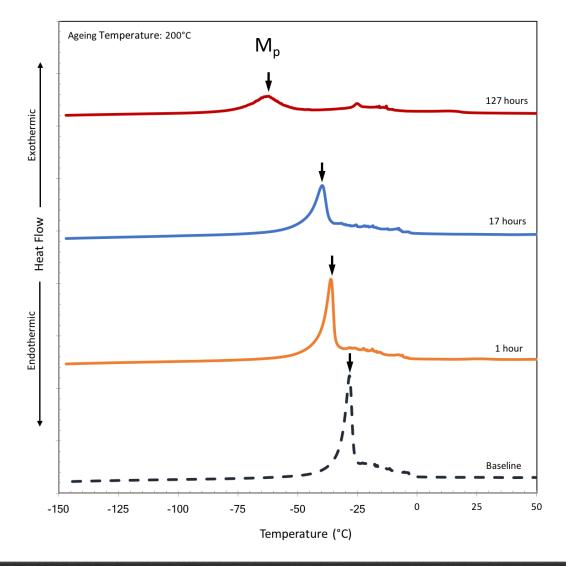
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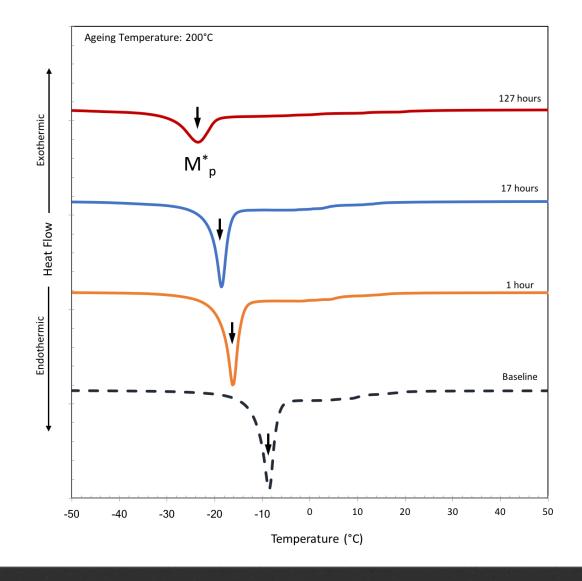


DSC Graph – Terminology

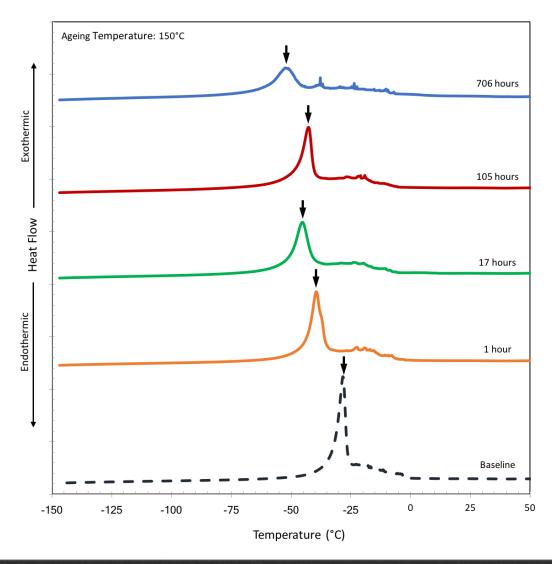


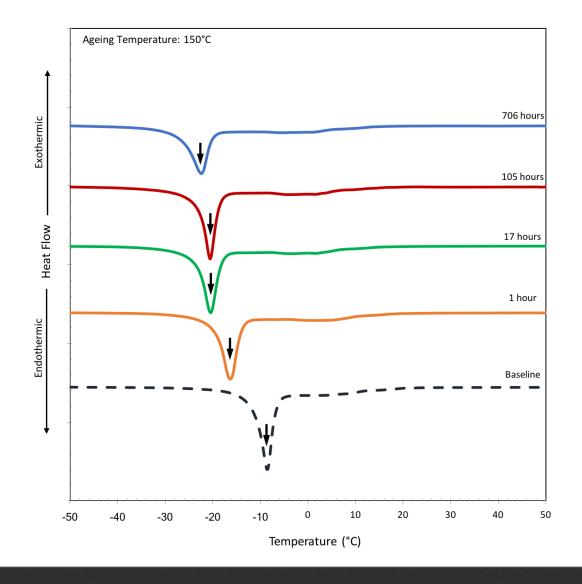
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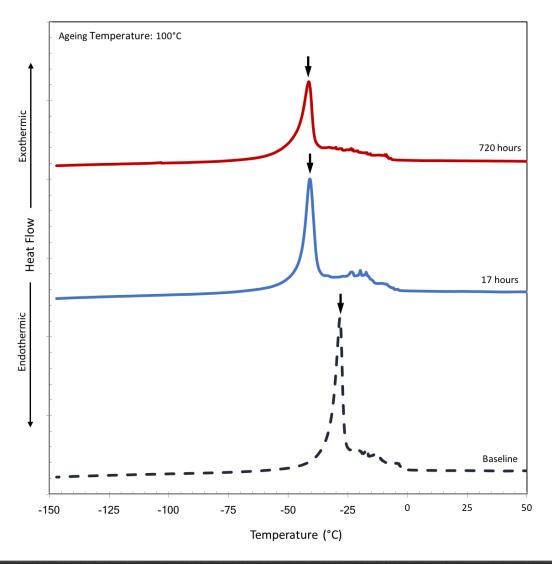


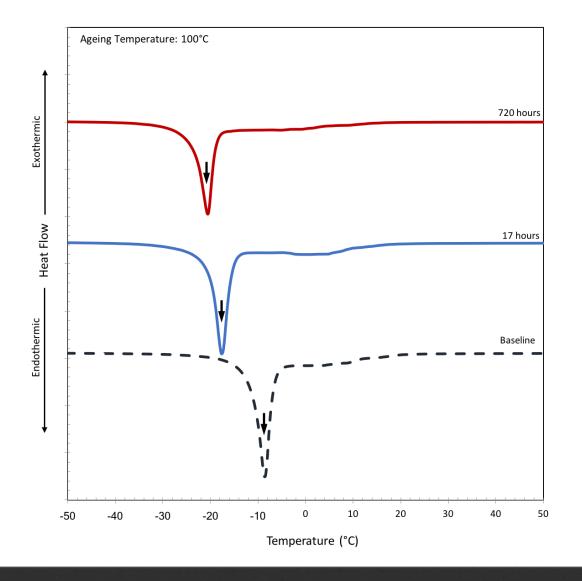
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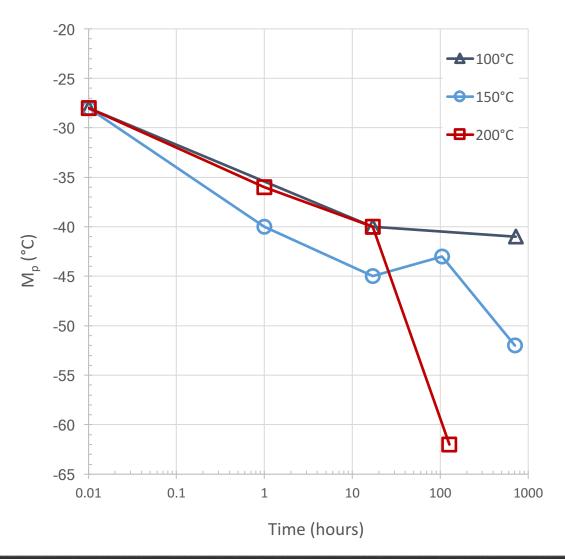


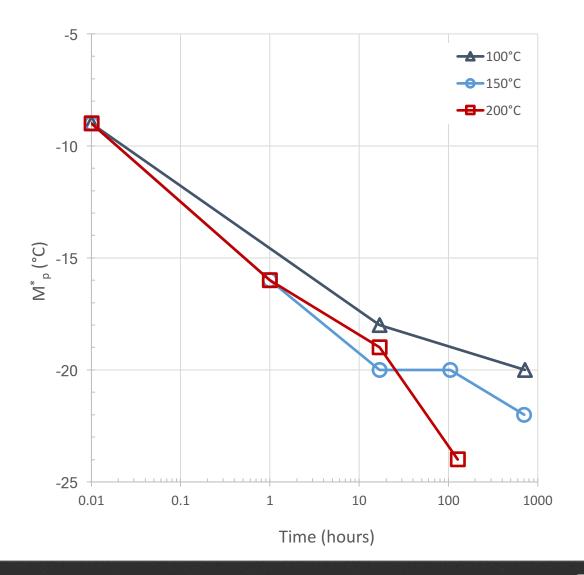
Fully Annealed Sample – Aged at 100°C



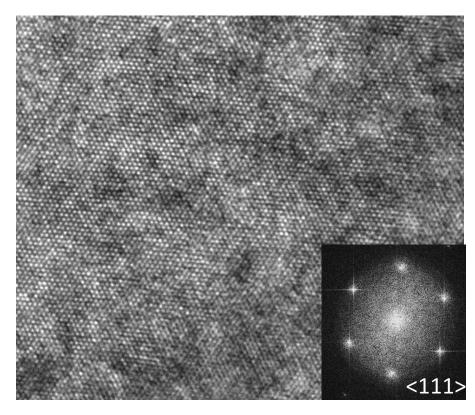


Suppression of Martensite Formation (M_p) and Reversion (M*_p)

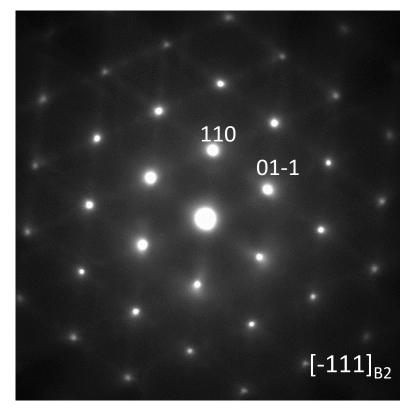




Fully Annealed Sample – Baseline



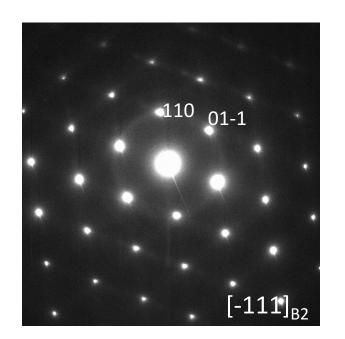
High resolution TEM micrograph along <111> direction

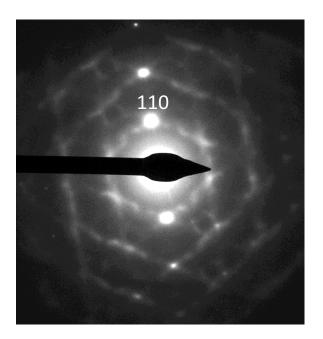


Selected area diffraction pattern

No Evidence of Precipitation

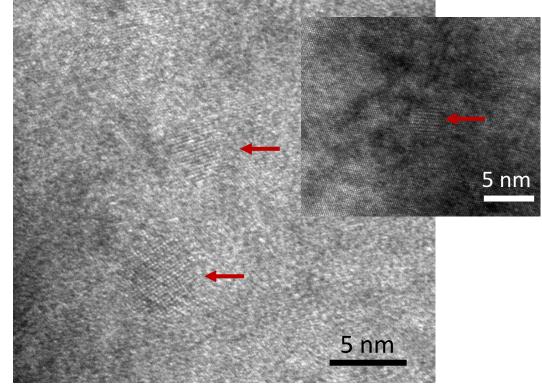
Fully Annealed Sample – Aged at 100°C for 105 hours





Tilting the sample around [110] direction and diffuse intensities (evidence of Ni clustering) are appeared in diffraction pattern.

- Evidence of Ni Clustering (Precursor to Precipitation)*
- Evidence of Precipitation



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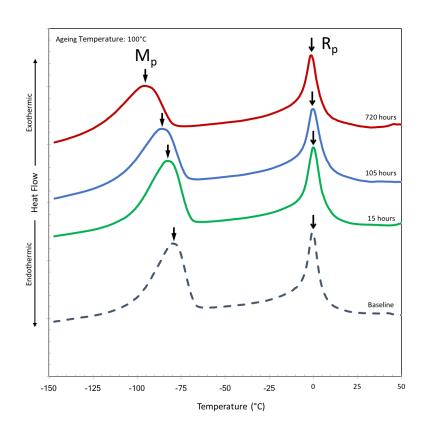
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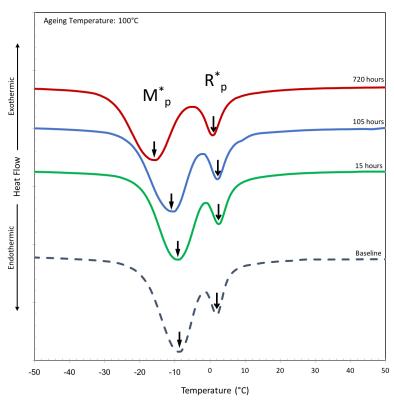
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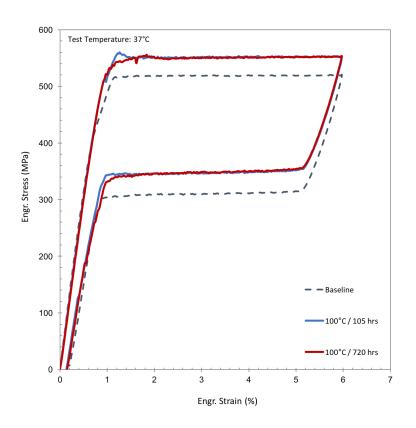
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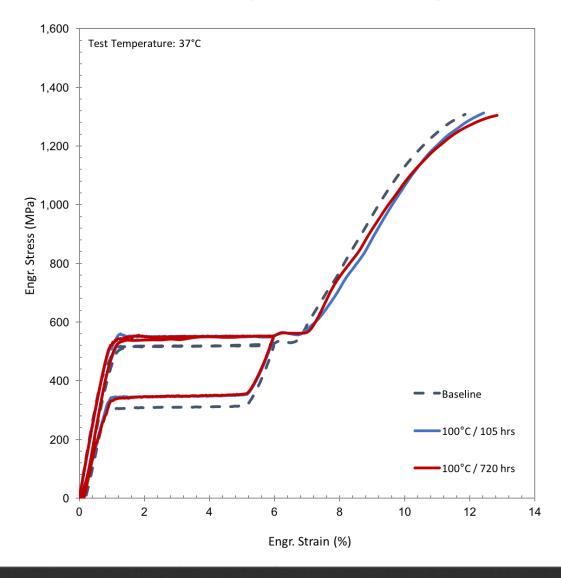
Sample with Retained CW & Precipitates – Aged at 100°C



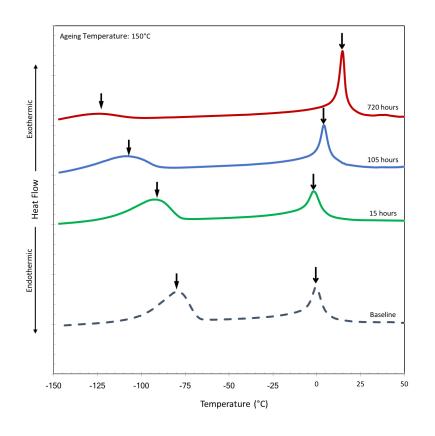


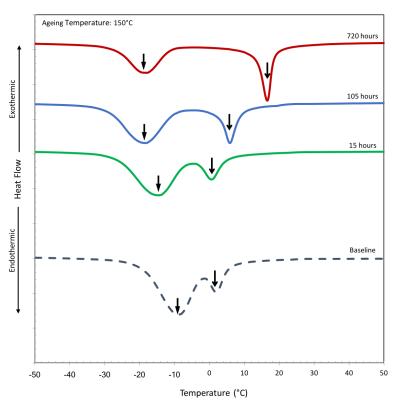


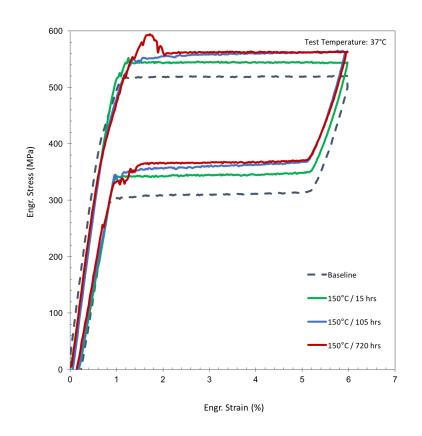
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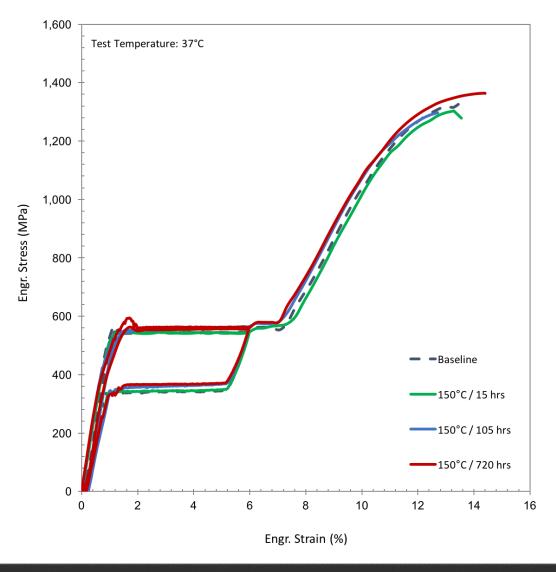
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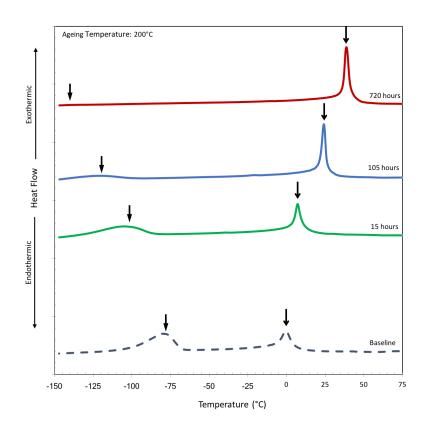


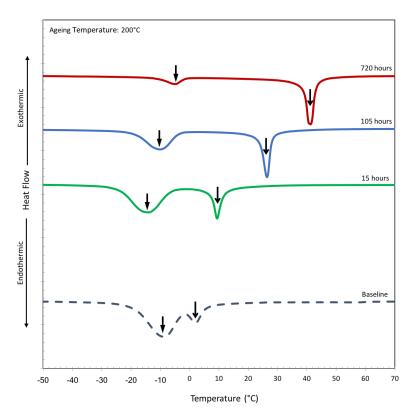


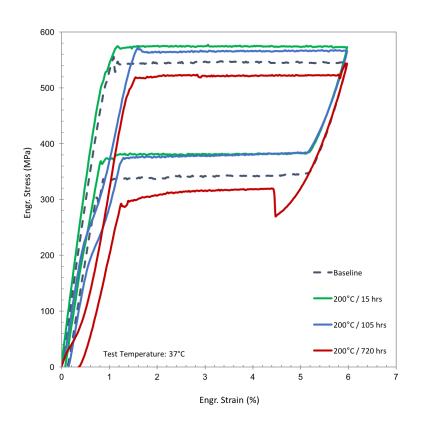
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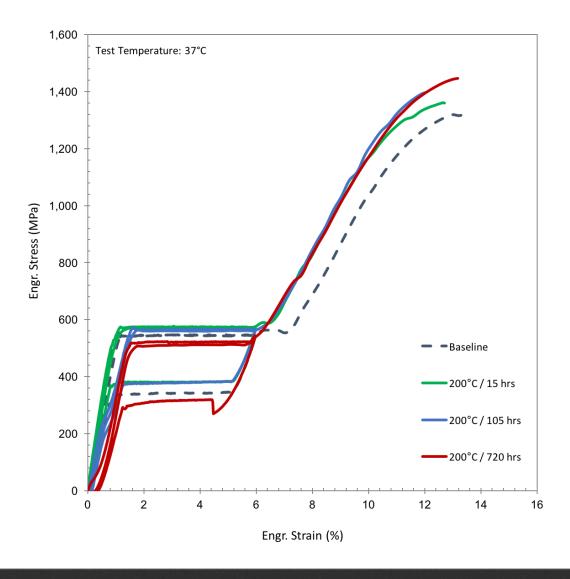
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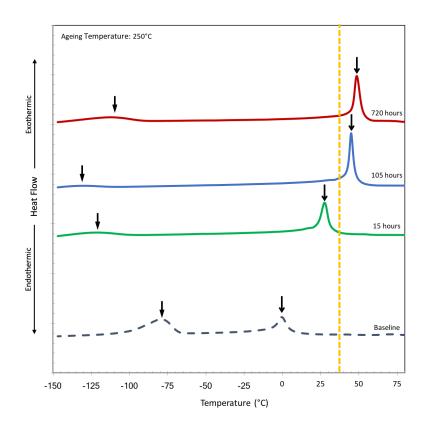


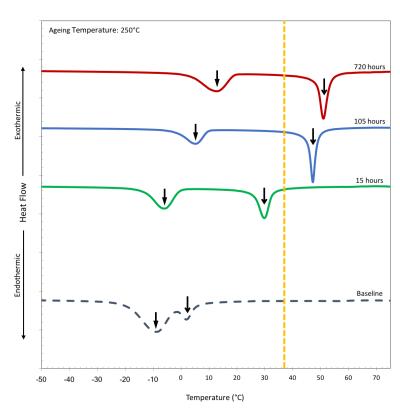


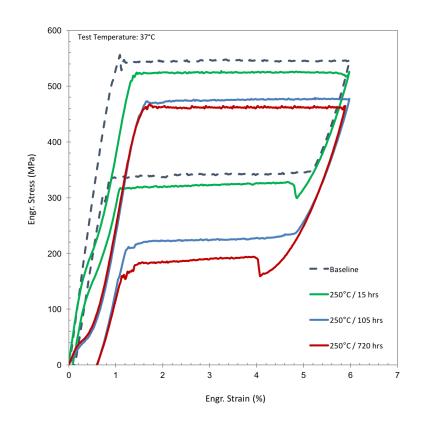
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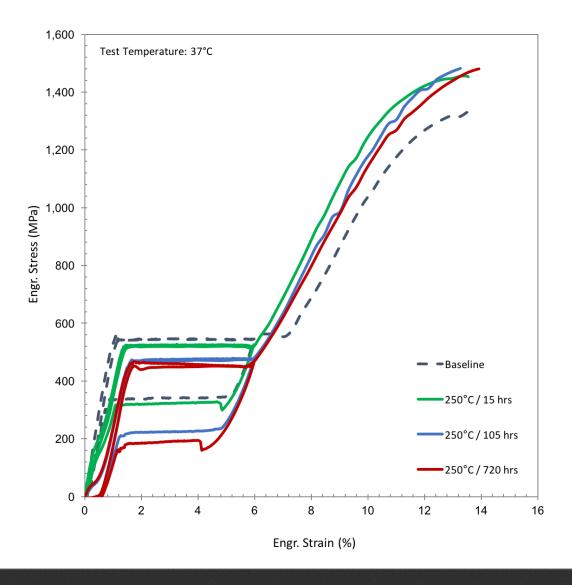
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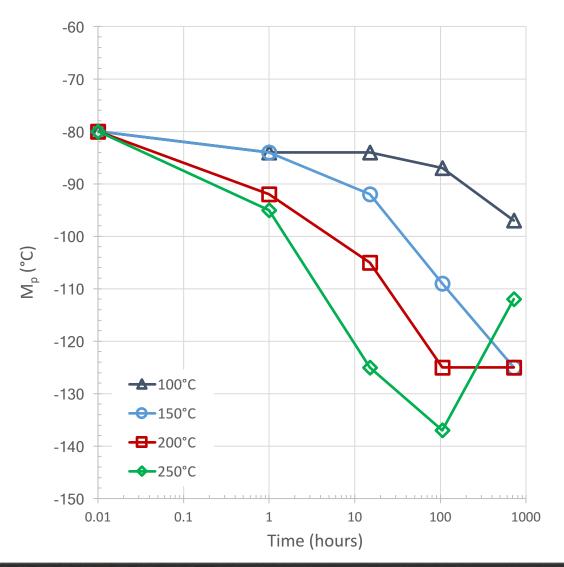


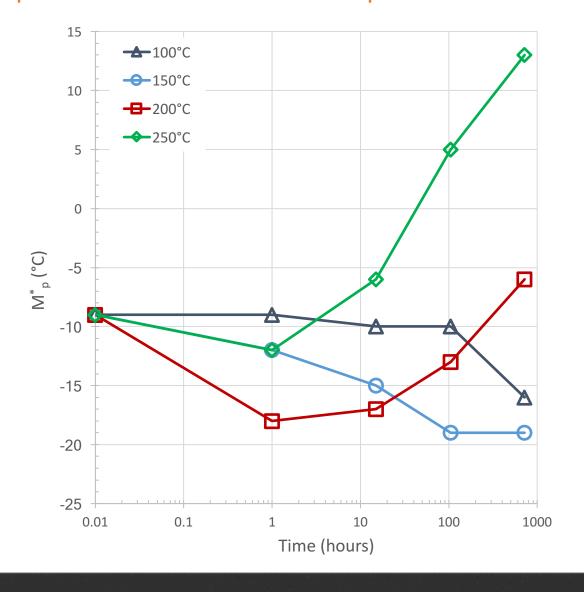


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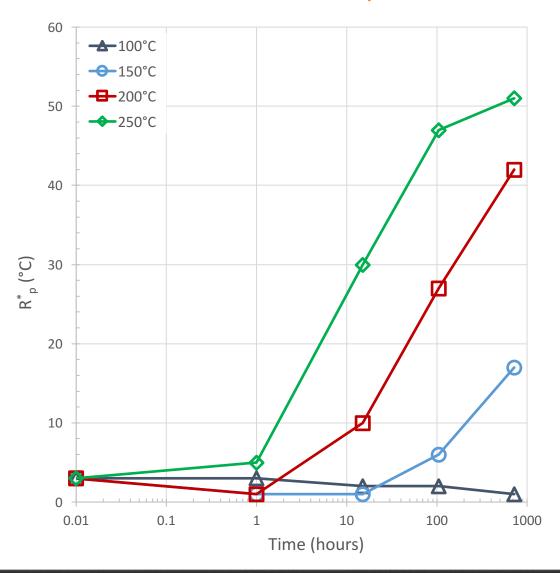


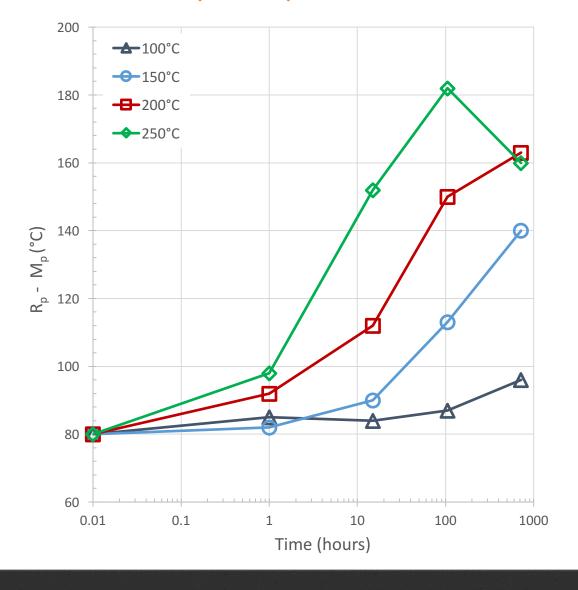
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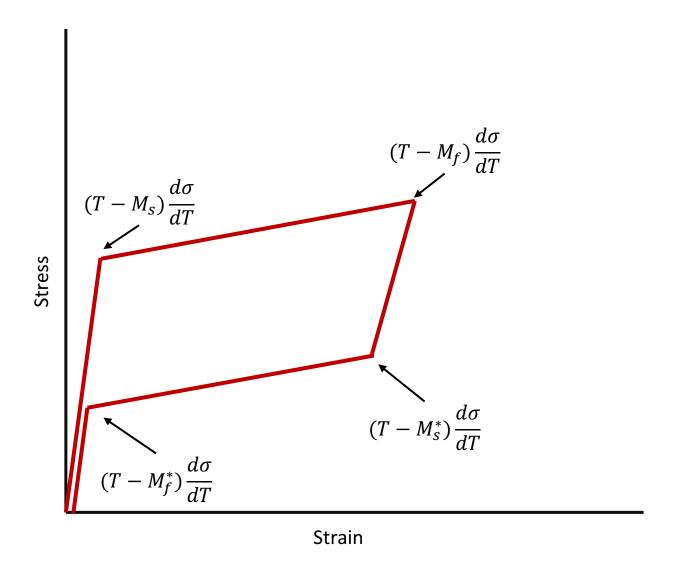


Evolution of R-Phase (R_p^*) and Peak Separation $(R_p - M_p)$

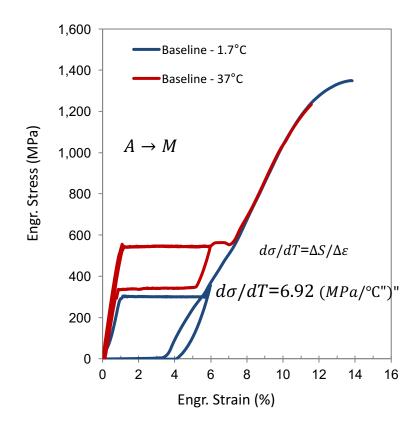


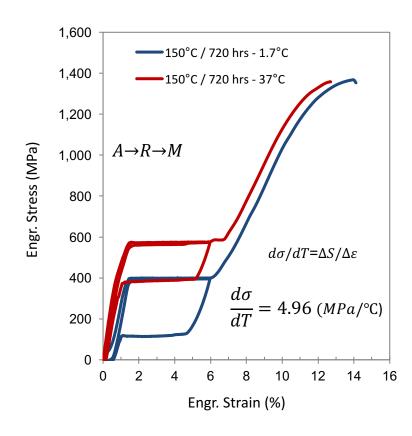


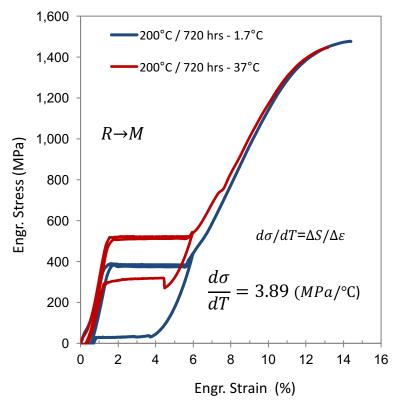
Clausius-Clapeyron – Relation between Stress and Temperature



Stabilization of "R-Phase" and its effect on "Stress"







Remarks & Conclusions:

- Ni-rich Ti-Ni is metastable even at temperatures as low as 100°C
- Exposures at temperatures $\leq 150^{\circ}$ C resulted in stiffening of the material due to the suppression of Martensite formation (M_p) & reversion (M*_p)
- Suppression of Martensite could be attributed to Ni clustering, precipitation, or the coherency of the precipitates OR a combination of all
- Exposures at temperatures >150°C resulted in loss of stiffness
- Loss of stiffness is attributed to the decrease in $d\sigma/dT$ due to stabilization of the R-phase
- Stabilization of the R-phase at higher temperatures can also result in materials with an A_f well above body temperature (i.e. 48° C) with pseudoelasticity!
- Caution must be taken when exposing NiTi to temperatures <200°C (e.g. when applying coatings)

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