

Magnetic Shape Memory Effect in MnNi₂Ga

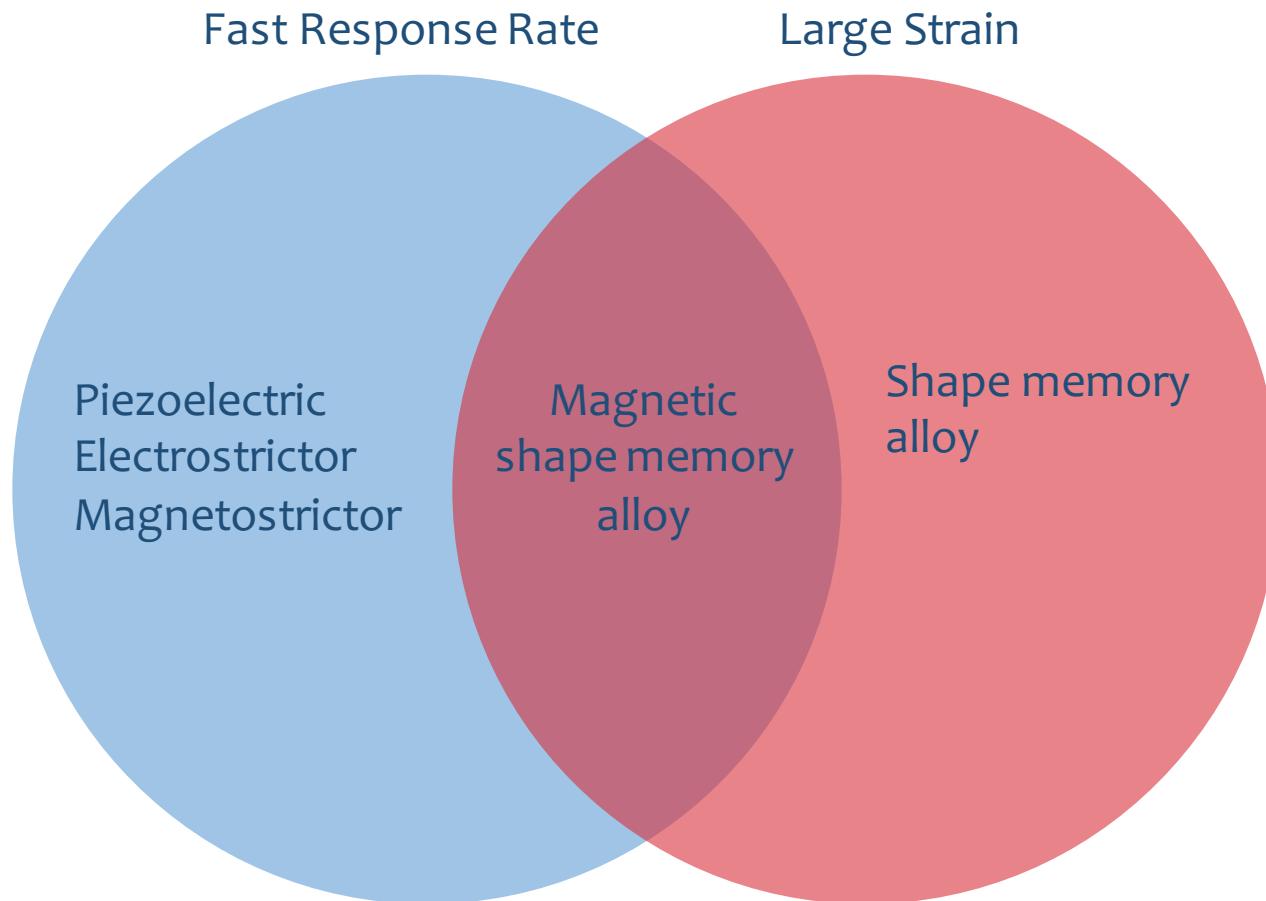
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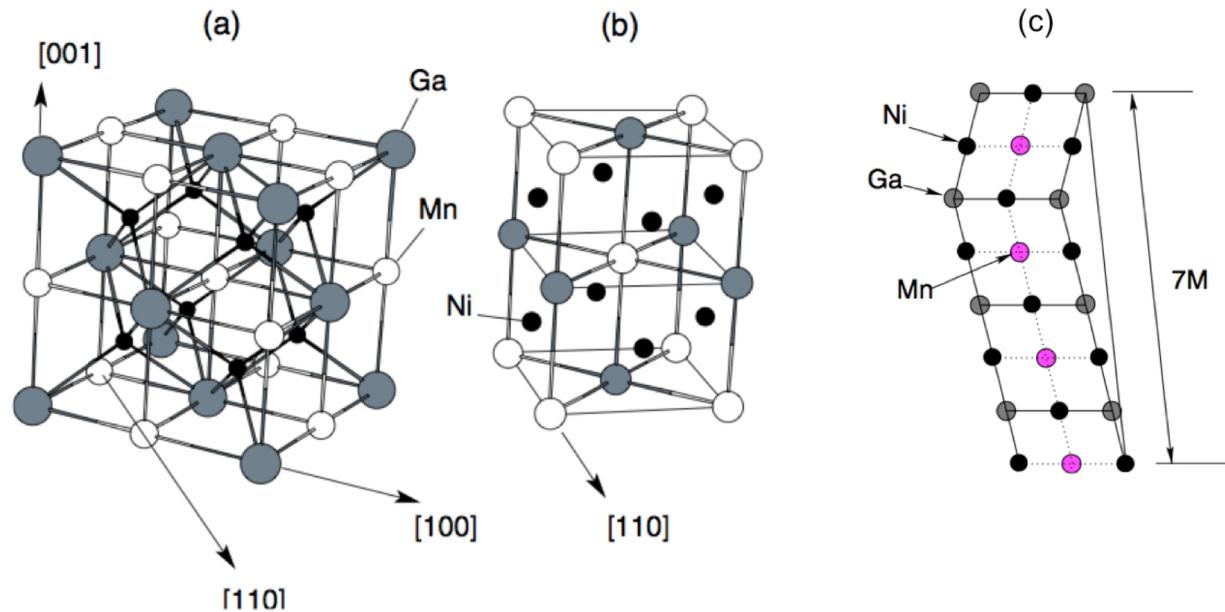
Final Presentation

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Applicable mechanical work from driving force (non-mechanical stimuli)



Martensitic Transition



Cubic austenite to tetragonal martensite transition in MnNi_2Ga

Magnetic field induced phase transformation (MFIT)

Magnetic field induced reorientation of twin variants (MFIR)

- Solely in martensitic phase
- Martensite NM ($c/a > 1$), 5M, 7M ($c/a < 1$) structures

Martensitic Transition

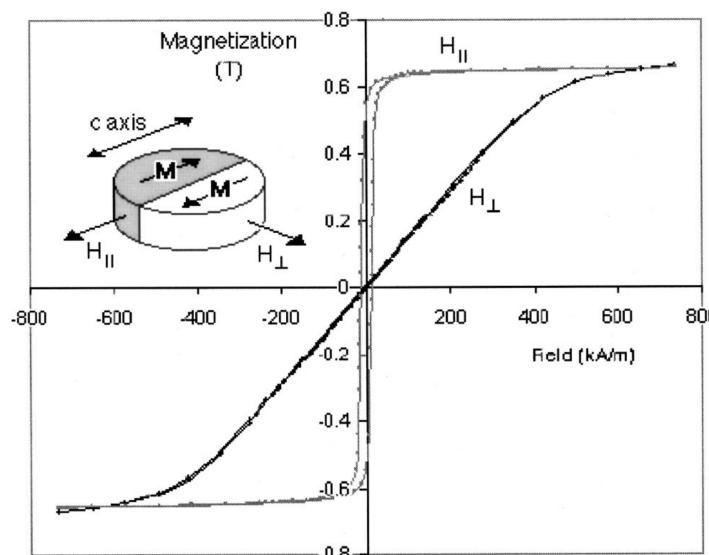
Form 3 variants along $\langle 100 \rangle$ of parent phase

Variants related by twins

Easy axis of magnetization along short axis of u.c.

- Modulated structure $c/a=.94$
- Easy magnetization in \mathbf{c} direction

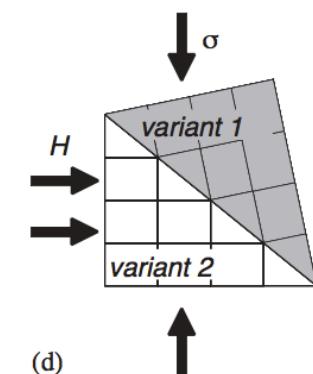
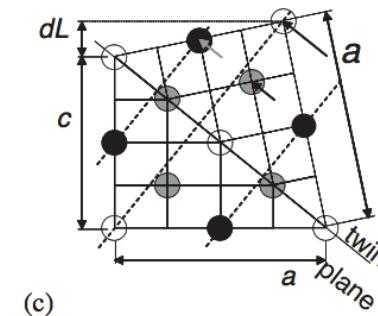
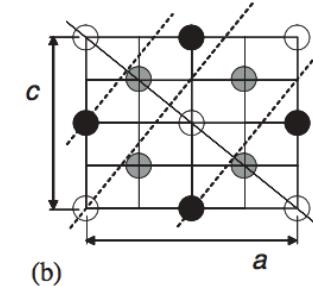
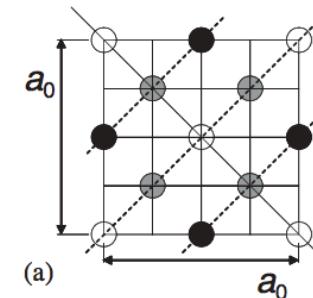
Large magnetocrystalline anisotropy K_u



● Ni

● Mn

○ Ga



Reorientation of Twins

Applied magnetic field:

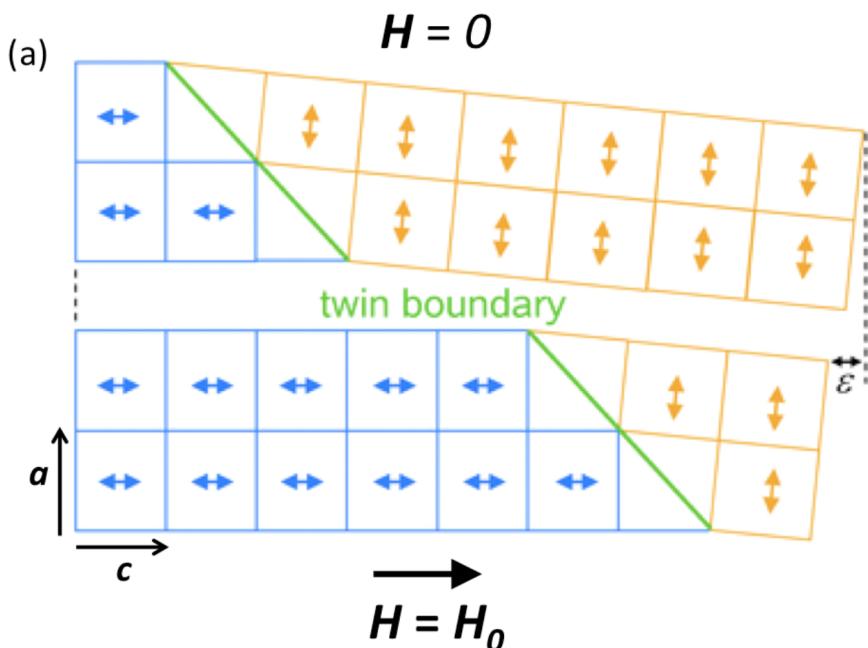
Variants restructure

Variant with easy axis aligned with field grows

- Lower energy than aligning spins in “hard” direction
- Results in compressive stress along long axis (a, b)

$$\sigma_{\text{Mag}} > \sigma_{\text{TW}}$$

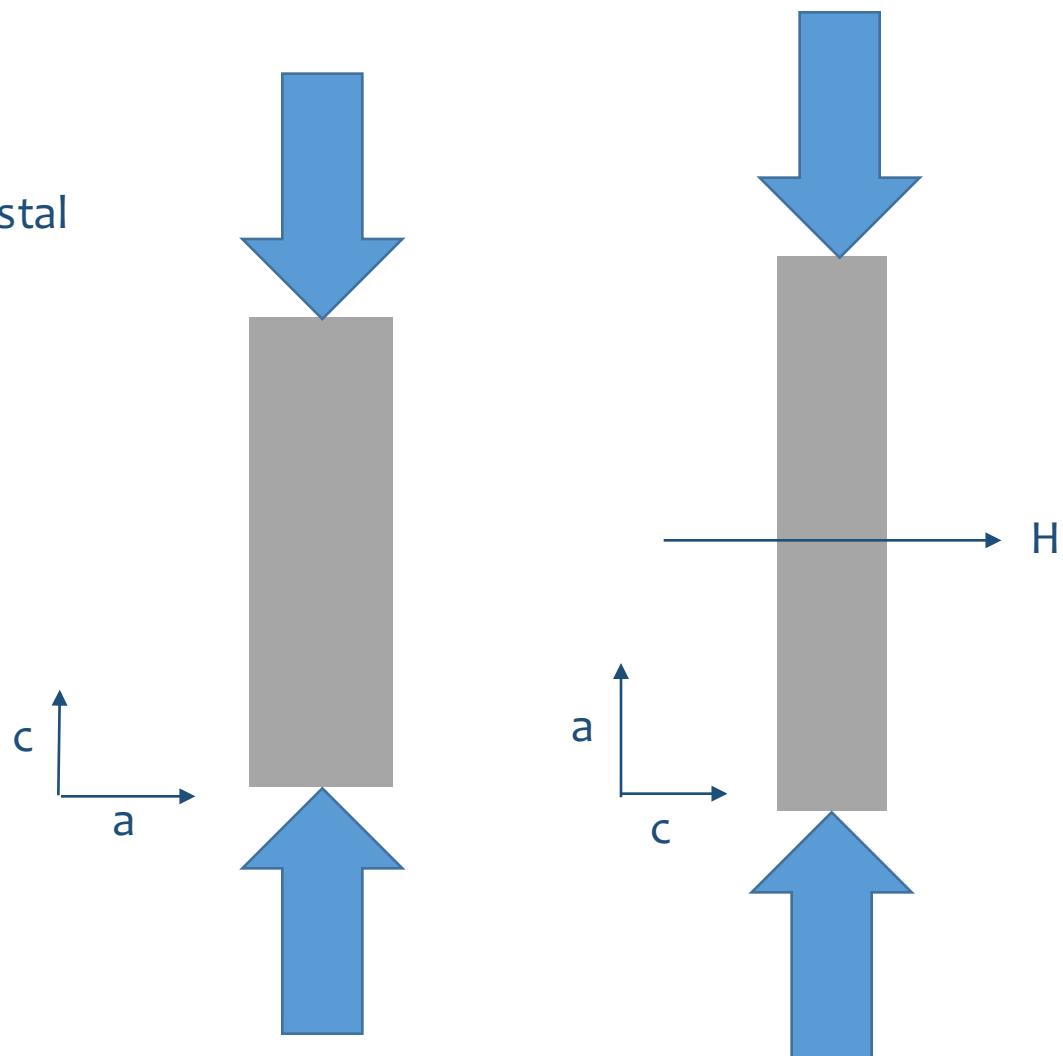
$$K_u = \varepsilon_0 \sigma_{\text{Mag}}$$



Shape Memory Effect

Variants reorient in presence of magnetic field

- Full strain in single variant crystal



Non-Modulated Structure

Requirement: $\sigma_{\text{Mag}} > \sigma_{\text{TW}}$

For NM structure

$$\sigma_{\text{Mag}} = 1 \text{ MPa}$$

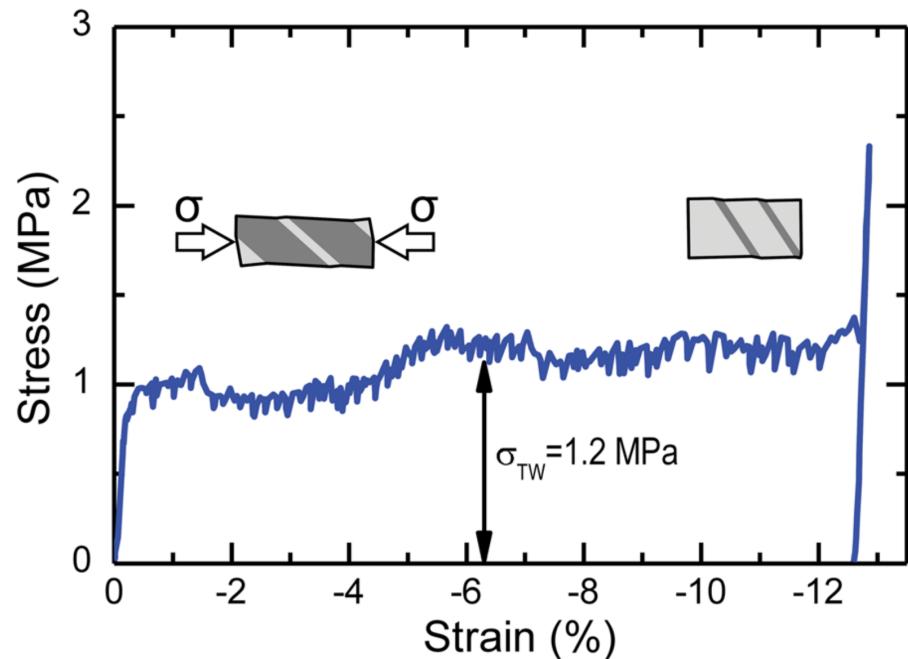
$$\sigma_{\text{TW}} = 6.5 \text{ MPa}$$

Magnetic field induced strain not observed

Lower c/a ratio!

c/a = 1.18-1.25 for NM structure

- High Curie temp (Co)
- High martensitic transformation temp (Cu)

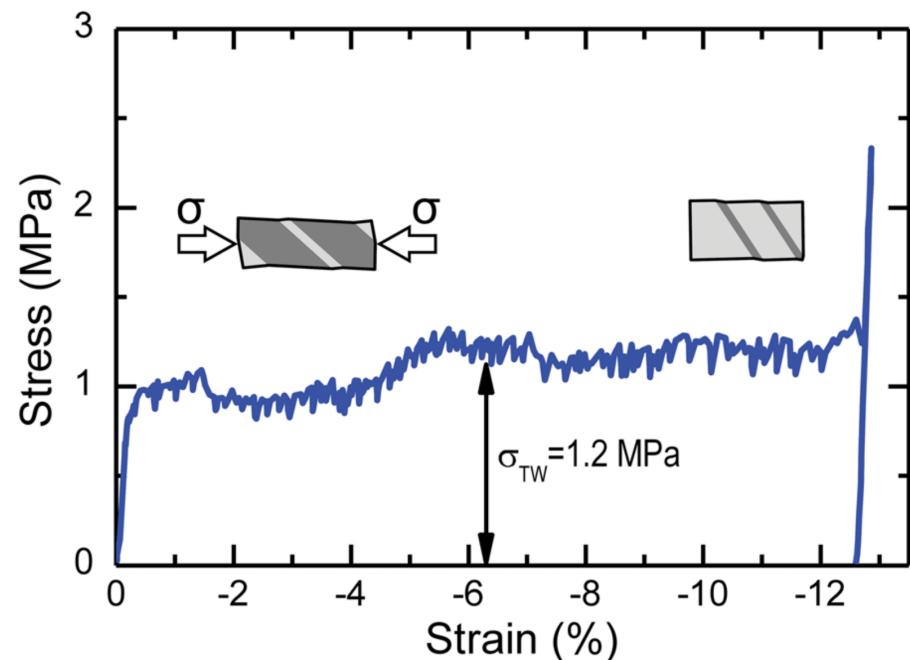


Non-Modulated Structure

Lower c/a ratio = 1.147

Decrease σ_{TW} to ≈ 1.2 MPa

Allow for $\varepsilon = 12\%$ at $1.05T$



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