



Alternative Alloys for Titanium in Defense Applications

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Scope of Presentation

- **Overview of titanium properties**
- **Overview of high-performance alloys**
- **Engineering measures of properties**
 - **Specific strength**
 - **Toughness index**
- **Comparison of properties of alloys**
 - **Advantages/disadvantages**
 - **Options on materials**



Selection of Materials

- **All materials have advantages and disadvantages.**
 - **Engineering involves trade-offs of properties.**
 - **Material options exist in almost all situations.**
 - **Design considerations vary widely by end use criteria.**
- **Driving forces for selections involve commercial as well as engineering considerations.**
 - **No single correct solution exists.**
- **Ultimately, properties are compared and contrasted, and decisions are made to meet end user requirements.**



Titanium Properties – High Level View

- **Inherent corrosion resistance**
 - No need for plating
- **Weight Savings**
 - Density is approximately 60% of steels
- **Lower Stiffness**
 - Modulus of 16M psi vs. 28M psi for steels
- **Non-magnetic**
- **Moderate operating temperatures, 800 - 1000°F**
- **Commercial considerations**
 - Reliability of supply chain is in question
 - High cost
 - Long lead times
- **Ti alloys selected for comparison in this study**
 - Ti-6Al-4V
 - Ti-10V-2Fe-3Al



Traditional Alloys

- **4340 Family**
 - 4340 circa WWII
 - “Granddaddy” of alloy steels
 - 300M – landing gear upgrade to 4340
 - Circa 1960’s
 - UTS \geq 280 ksi
 - Both 4340 and 300M are excellent alloys but in many cases the design criteria now exceed capabilities.
- **Maraging Family**
 - 18% Ni and Ti & Mo additions for strength and toughness
 - Hardened by precipitation of intermetallic compounds
 - Improved strength, toughness and fatigue properties



Custom 465[®] Stainless – Overview

- Premium melted, martensitic, age hardenable alloy
- Full fledged stainless steel (12% Cr, 11% Ni)
- General corrosion resistance comparable to type 304, 17-4, and Carpenter 13-8
- Strength comparable to high performance structural alloys
- A stainless alternative to high strength alloys
 - Eliminates the need for plating
 - High strength allows for smaller design envelope
 - Good Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) resistance
- Meets Navy $K_{Ic}/Y.S. > 1.0$ in overaged condition



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AerMet[®] Family – Overview

- **AerMet 100 alloy**
 - Developed to fill a void identified by U.S. Navy for a strong, tough alloy for F/A-18 landing gear
 - Drop-in replacement for 300M with 2X fracture toughness
 - Benchmark material
 - Best combination of U.T.S. and Fracture Toughness
- **AerMet 310 – minimum U.T.S. of 310 ksi**
- **AerMet 340 – minimum U.T.S. of 340 ksi**
- **AerMet family characteristics**
 - Premium melted
 - Ductile lath martensite
 - Very high toughness at a given strength level
 - High strength allows for a smaller design envelope
 - Not a stainless steel

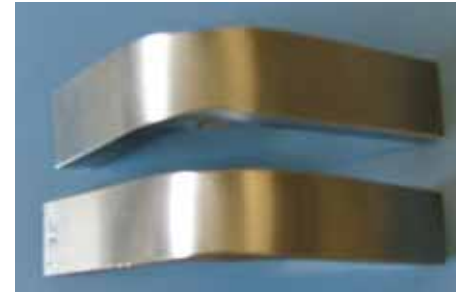


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90° Bend Radius Testing

AerMet 100 - Fully Aged

Diam. (inch)	Bend Radius (inch)	Bend	Result
0.183	1/2	2.7t	Pass
0.256	1/2	2.0t	Pass
0.350	1/2	1.4t	Pass



AerMet 340 - Fully Aged

Diam. (inch)	Bend Radius (inch)	Bend	Result
0.186	1/2	2.7t	Pass
0.271	1/2	1.8t	Fail
0.271	3/4	2.8t	Pass
0.351	3/4	2.1t	Pass

Ferrium S53 – Overview

- **Developed by QuesTek Innovations, LLC**
 - **Designed as a landing gear alloy**
 - **Designed to be a drop-in replacement for 300M**
 - **U.T.S. \geq 280 ksi**
 - **Corrosion resistance superior to 300M**
- **Qualification**
 - **AMS 5922 specification to be issued January '08**
 - **MMPDS**
 - **10th heat melted Fall '07**
 - **Qualification anticipated in 2008**
 - **Carpenter licensed to melt and distribute the alloy**



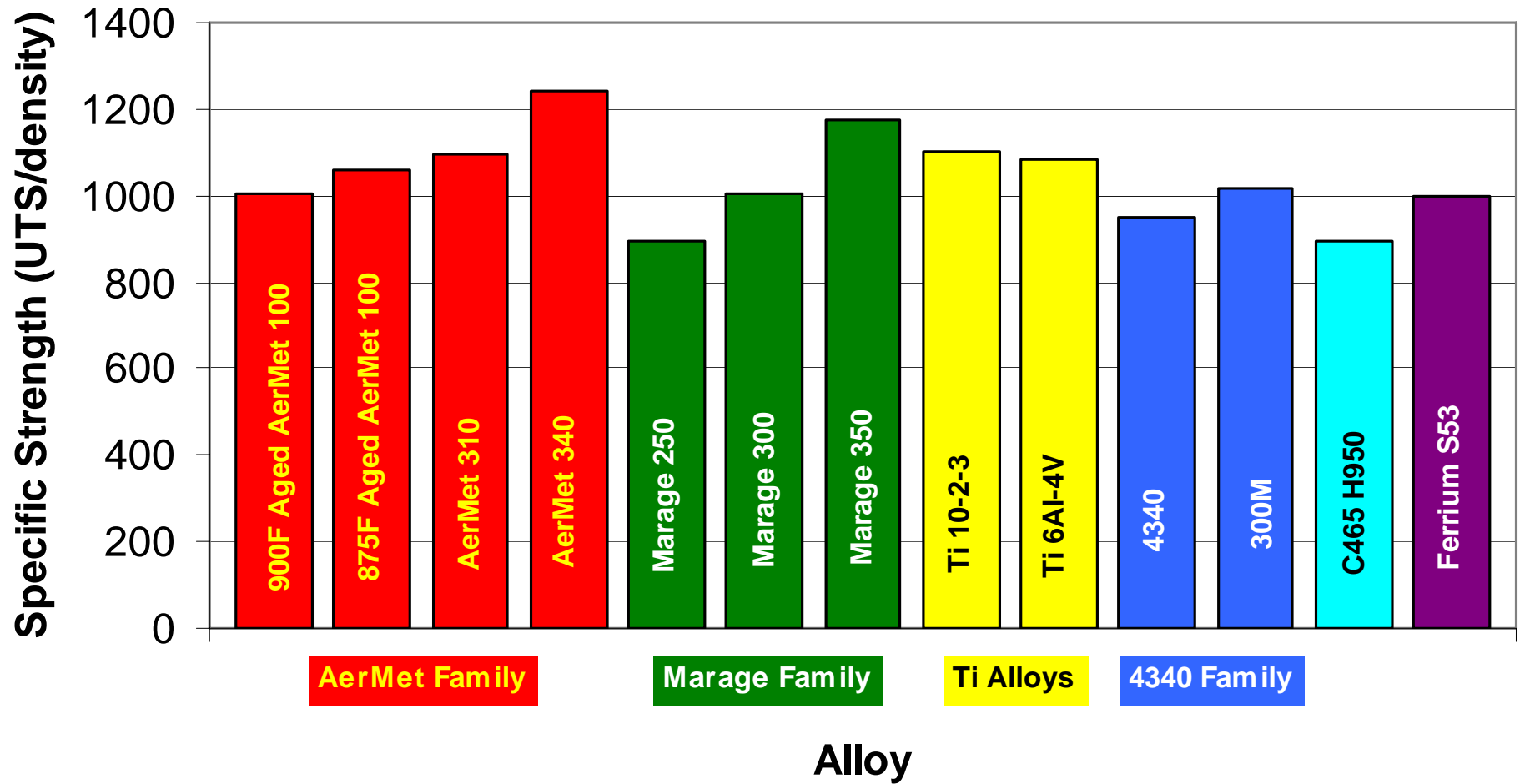
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Specific Strength

- **Density of titanium is 60% of the density of steels**
 - **Comparison of properties becomes difficult unless this is taken into consideration**
- **Specific strength**
 - **Ultimate Strength (U.T.S.) divided by density**
 - **Normalizes the U.T.S. by removing the density factor**
- **Clearly highlights a key benefit of titanium**

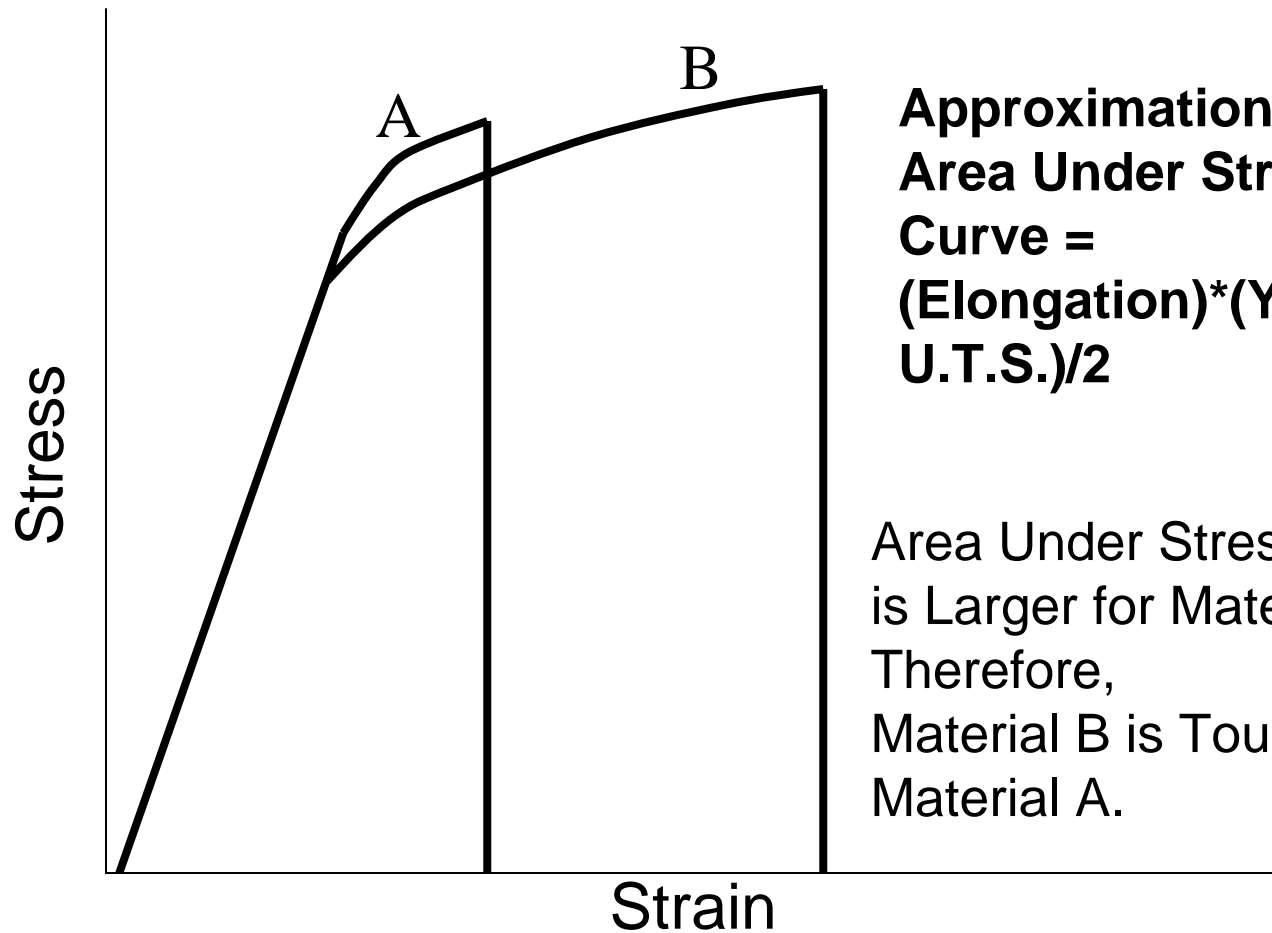


Specific Strength Comparison



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Toughness – Area under the Stress-Strain Curve



Approximation of
Area Under Stress-Strain
Curve =
 $(\text{Elongation}) \times (\text{Y.S.} + \text{U.T.S.}) / 2$

Area Under Stress-Strain Curve
is Larger for Material B than A.
Therefore,
Material B is Tougher Than
Material A.

Reference: Dieter, G. E., Mechanical Metallurgy, 3rd. Edition, McGraw-Hill, NY, (1986), p. 283

Toughness considerations expanded...

Maximize Strength AND Toughness - Inverse Relationship

Strength Measure is **U.T.S.**

Use 3 Toughness Measures in “**Toughness Index**”

Classical Mechanics of Materials Toughness Measure:
“Bend-Before-Breaking” or Damage Tolerance
Area Under Stress-Strain Curve

2 Toughness Measures when Stress Concentrations Present:
Notches **Charpy V-Notch Impact Tests**
Cracks **Fracture Toughness (K_{Ic}) Tests**

Normalize all 3 toughness measures to a 0 - 100 scale

Toughness Index is Geometric Mean of 3 Toughness Measures
(multiply the 3 toughness measures together and take cube root)

Toughness Index* =

$$\sqrt[3]{\underbrace{[(\text{Elong.}) * (\text{Y.S.} + \text{U.T.S.}) / 2] / 50}_{\text{Area Under Stress-Strain Curve Divided by 50 to Normalize}} * [\text{CVN} * 3] * [\text{K}1c]}$$

Area Under Stress-Strain Curve
Divided by 50 to Normalize

CVN Impact Energy
Multiplied by 3 to Normalize

* From P. Novotny, "Toughness Index for Alloy Comparisons," Advanced Materials & Processes, May 2007.



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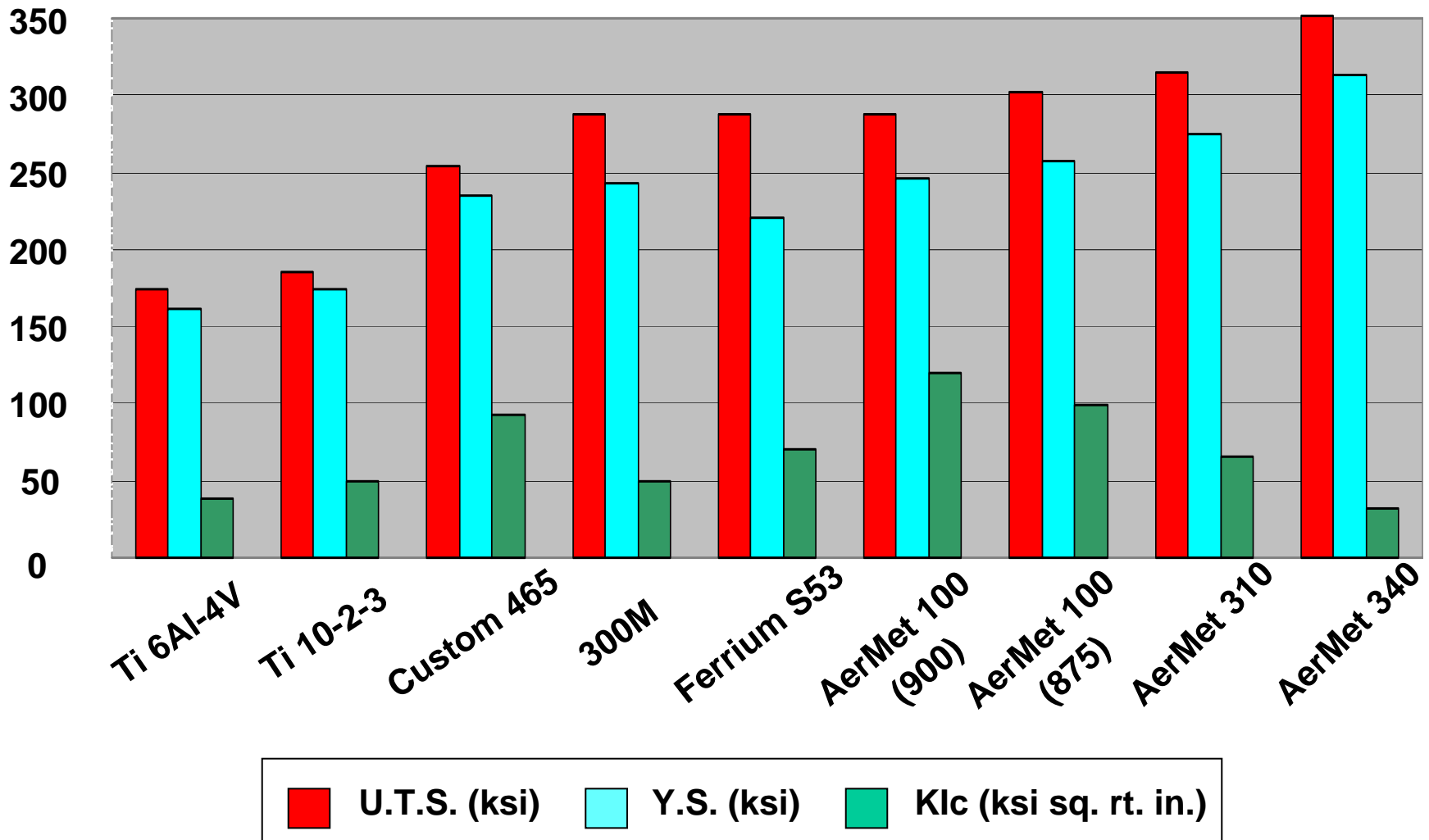
Comparisons of Mechanical Properties

Property	900 F Aged	875 F Aged	Marage										
	<u>AerMet 100</u>	<u>AerMet 100</u>	<u>AerMet 310</u>	<u>AerMet 340</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>Ti 10-2- 3</u>	<u>Ti 6Al- 4V</u>	<u>4340</u>	<u>300 M</u>	<u>C465 H950</u>	<u>S53</u>
Y.S. (ksi)	246	258	275	314	250	282	336	175	162	225	243	235	220
U.T.S. (ksi)	287	302	315	352	259	291	344	185	174	269	287	254	288
Elong. (%)	16.1	14.2	14.5	11.3	10.7	8.6	6.1	8.5	12.5	12.0	9.8	14.0	15.0
R.A. (%)	67.3	63.8	63.0	55.2	51.1	40.8	22.2	17.5	52.0	40.0	35.0	63.0	60.0
KIc (ksi in. ^{1/2})	120.0	98.7	65.0	31.5	91.5	67.7	38.5	49.6	39.1	70.0	50.0	92.0	74.0
CVN I.E. (ft-lbs.)	35.0	30.0	20.0	10.8	20.5	18.5	10.0	22.0	18.5	18.0	18.0	20.0	18.0
Modulus (psi x 10 ⁶)	28.2	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.0	27.5	27.0	16.0	16.0	30.0	29.0	28.8	28.8
Density (lbs./in. ³)	0.285	0.285	0.288	0.284	.289	.289	.292	0.168	0.160	.283	.283	0.283	.288
Area Under Curve	4291	3976	4278	3763	2720	2462	2074	1528	2097	2964	2597	3423	3810
Fatigue Stress (ksi)	137	137	150	143	110	128	112	120	102	79	85	105	120
Toughness Index	103	89	69	43	67	57	36	46	45	61	52	72	67
Specific Strength	1007	1060	1094	1239	895	1007	1177	1101	1084	951	1014	898	1000



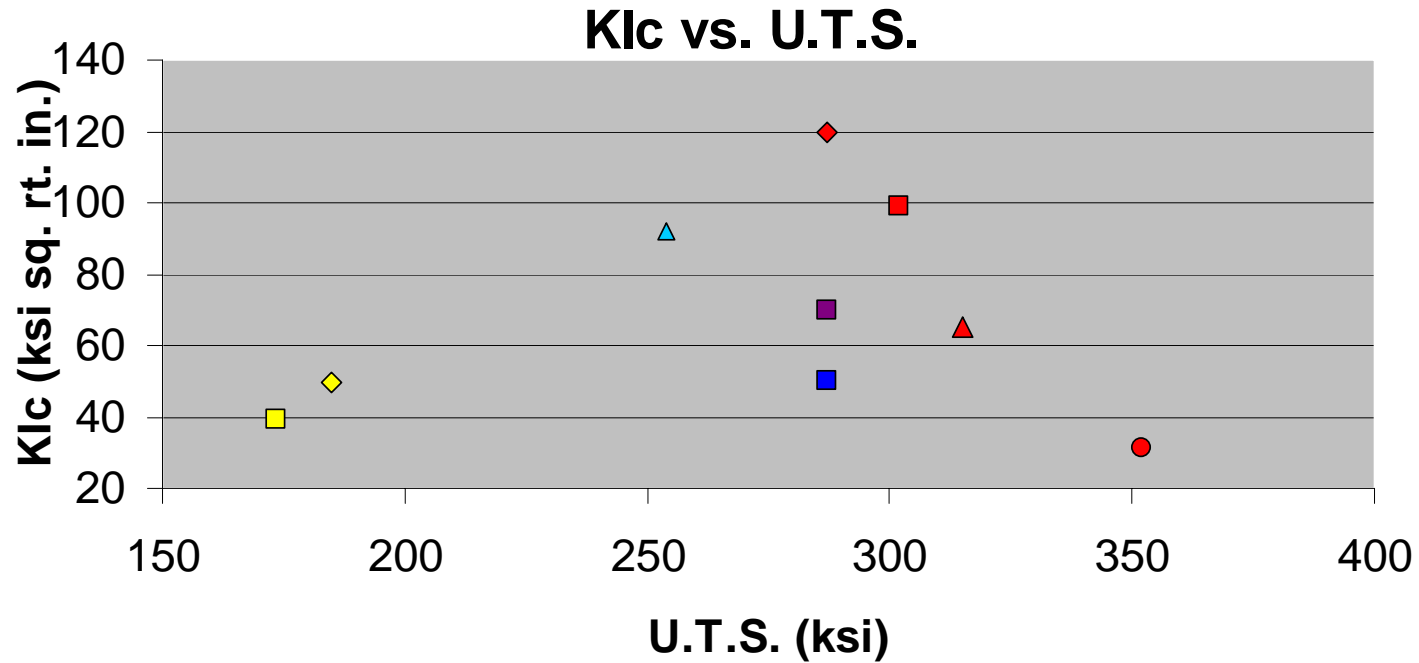
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Strength/Toughness Comparison



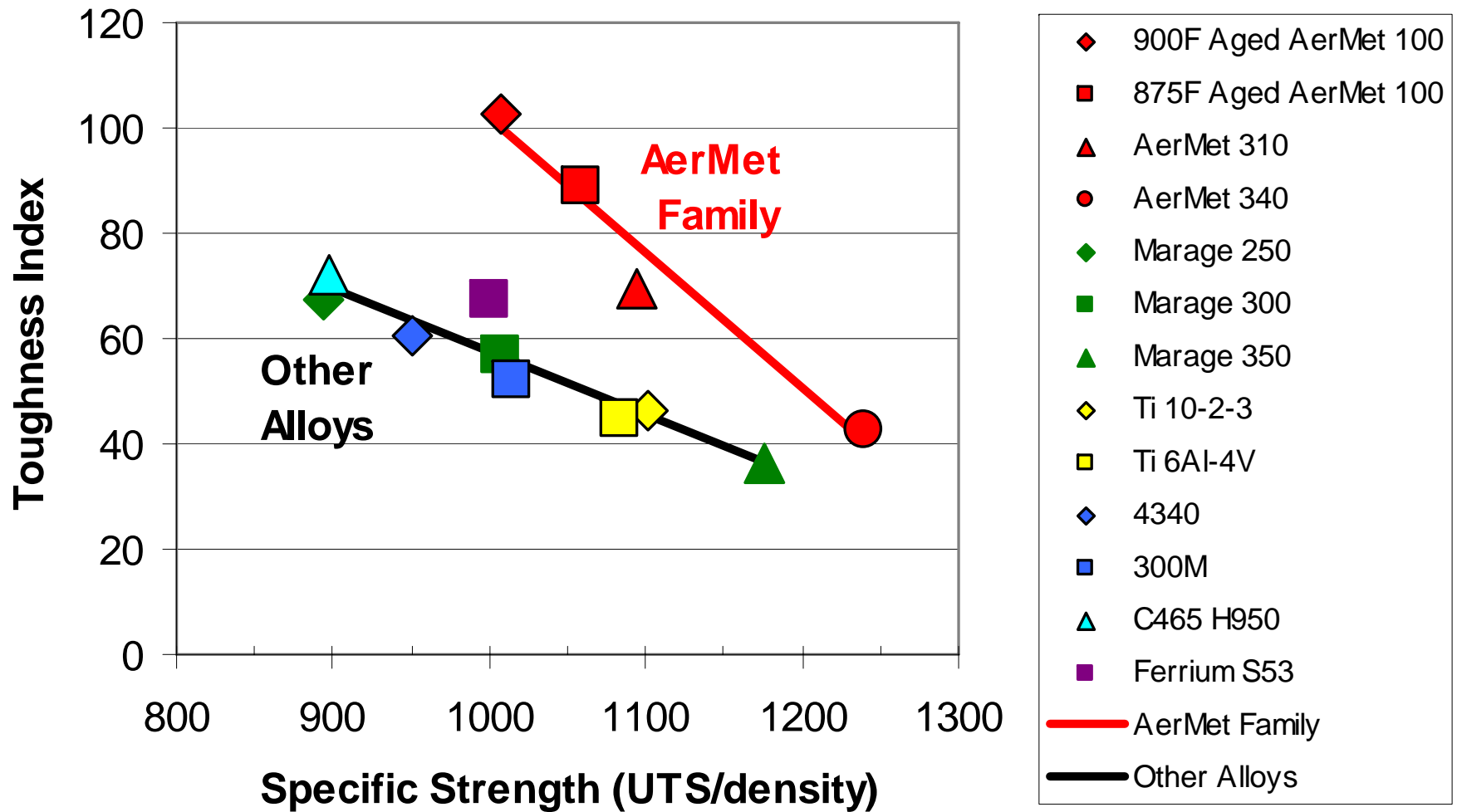
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Toughness vs. Strength Comparison



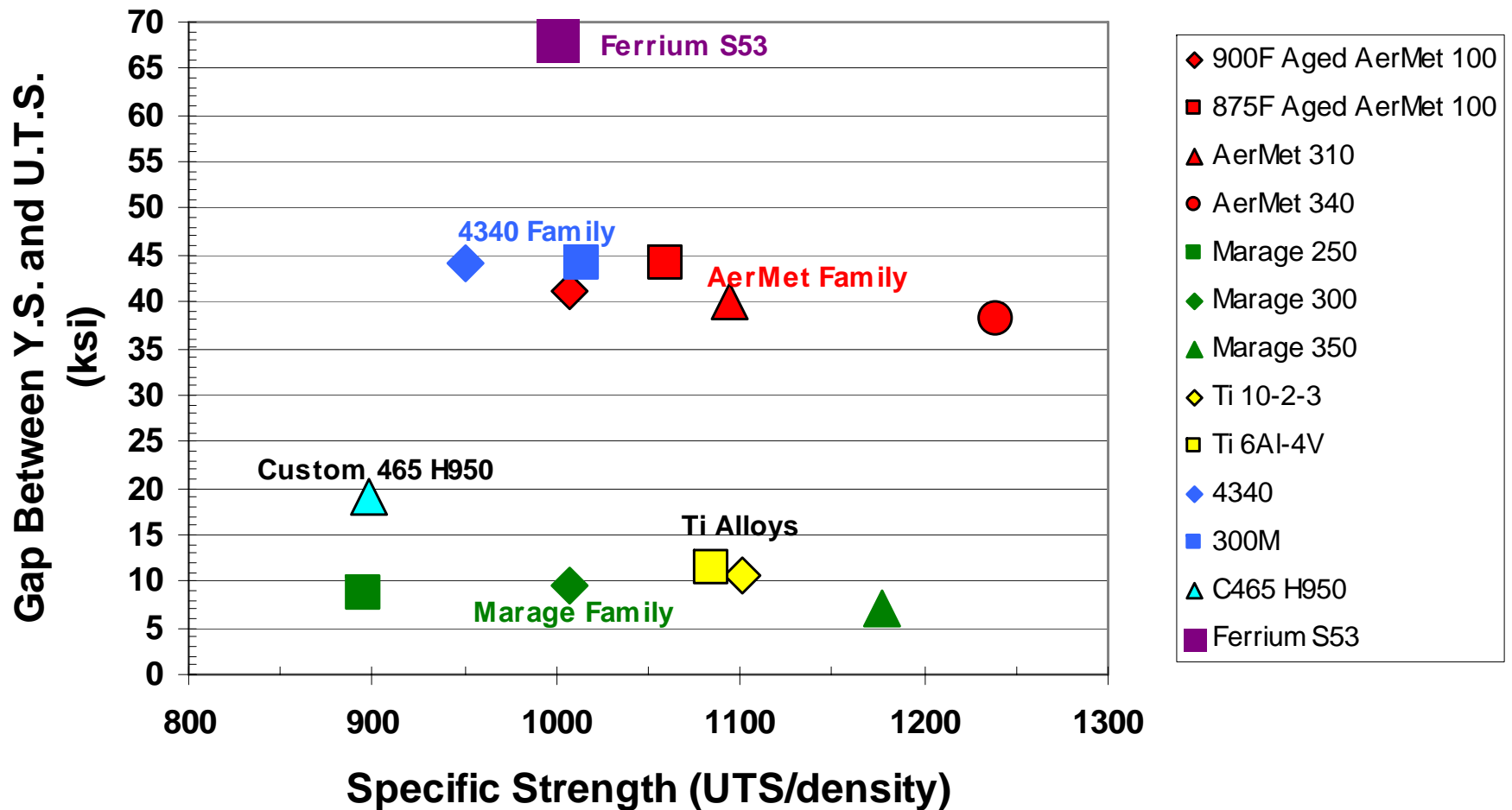
■ Ti 6Al-4V	■ 300M	■ AerMet 100 (875)
◆ Ti 10-2-3	■ Ferrium S53	▲ AerMet 310
▲ Custom 465	◆ AerMet 100 (900)	● AerMet 340

Toughness Index vs. Specific Strength



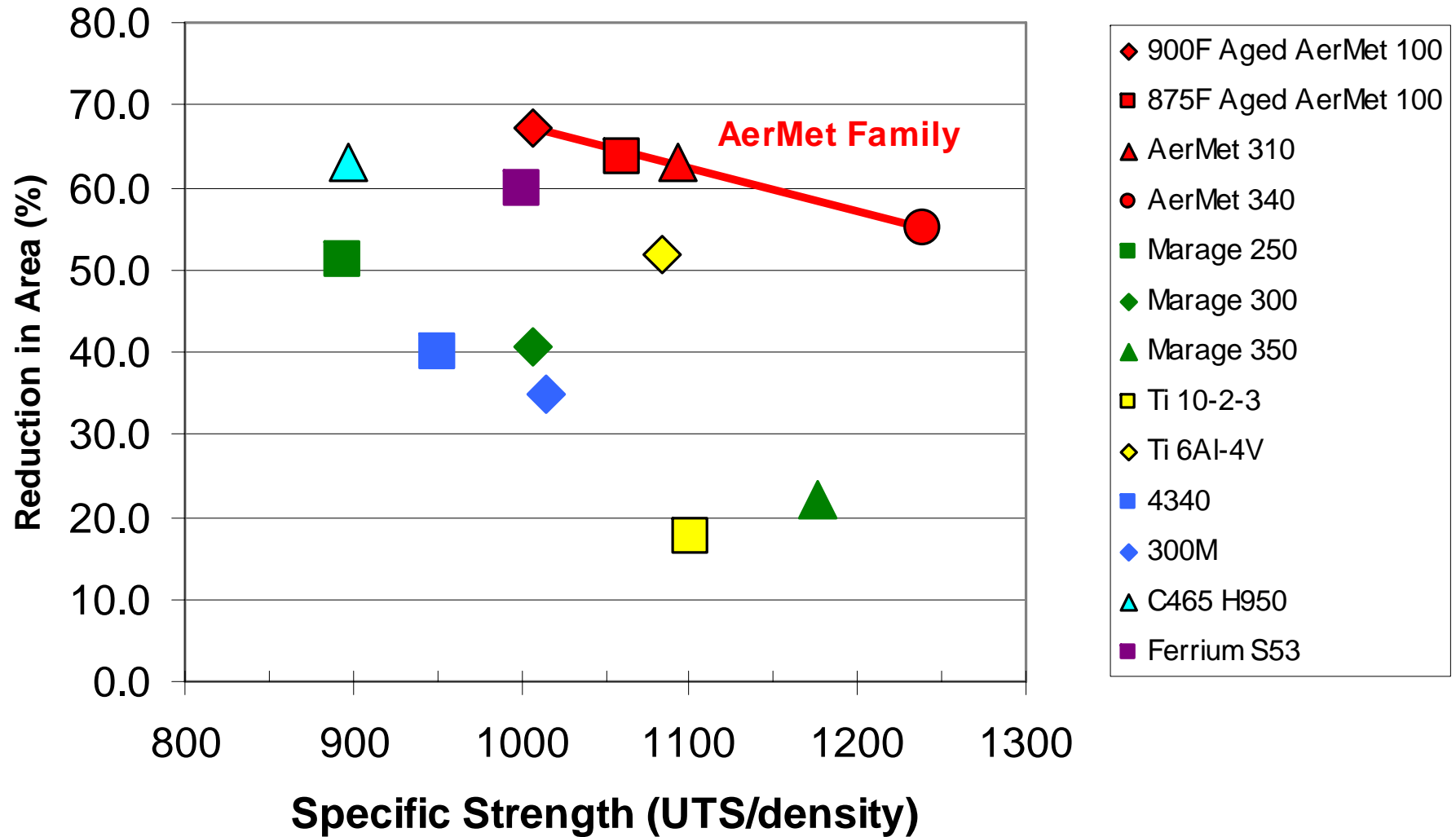
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Gap Between Yields and Ultimate Tensile Strengths vs. Specific Strength



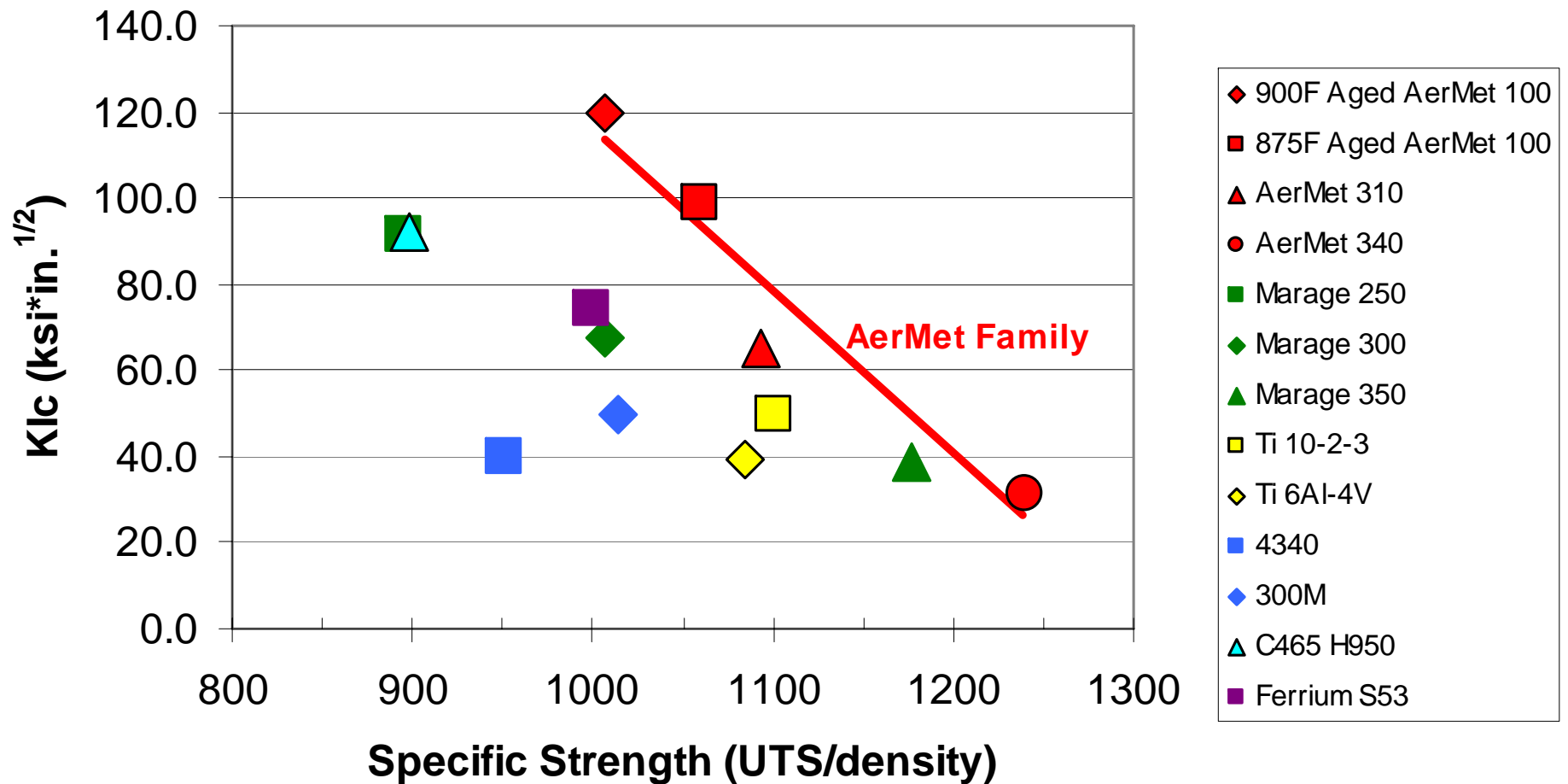
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Reduction in Area vs. Specific Strength



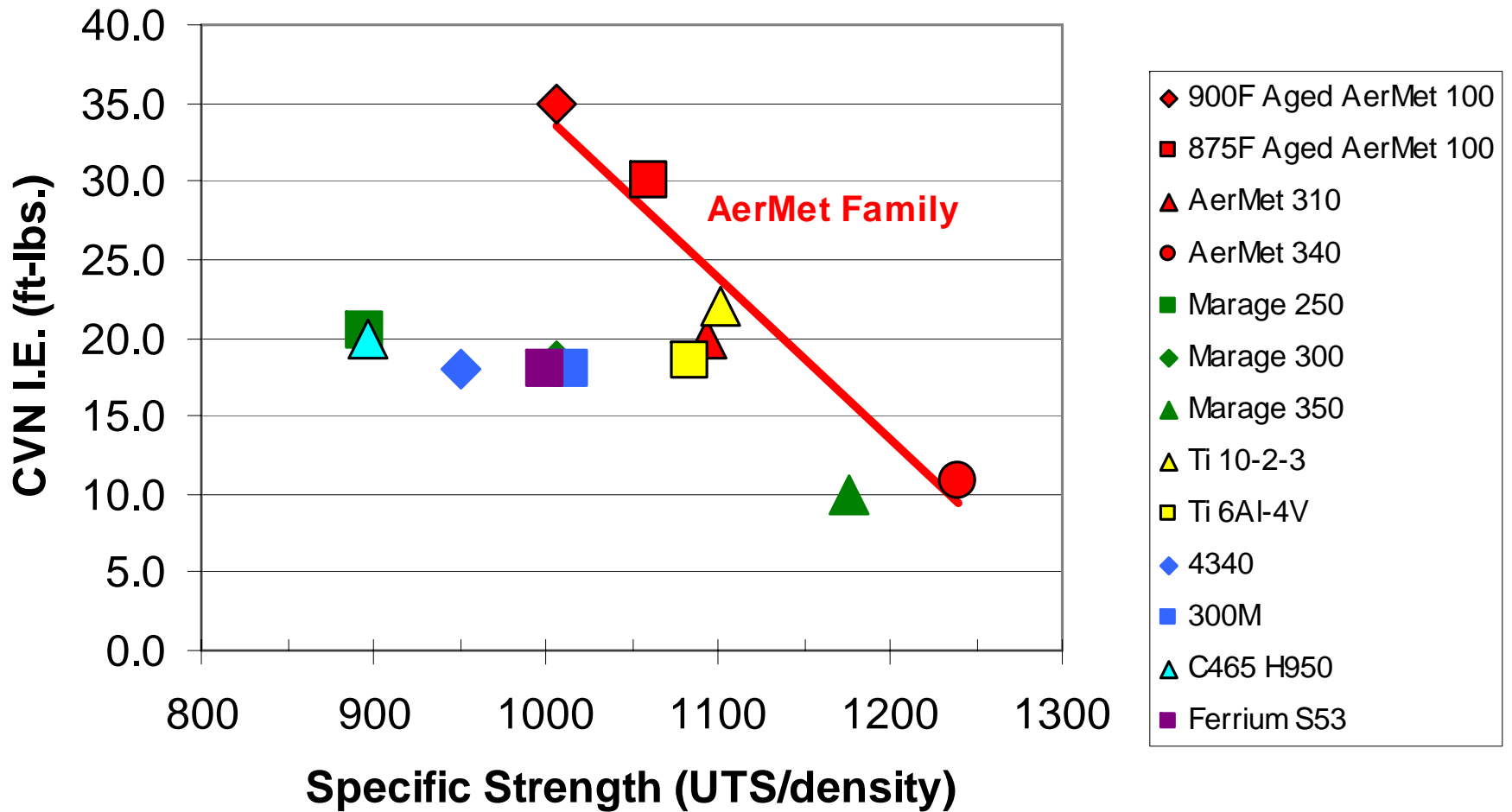
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Fracture Toughness vs. Specific Strength



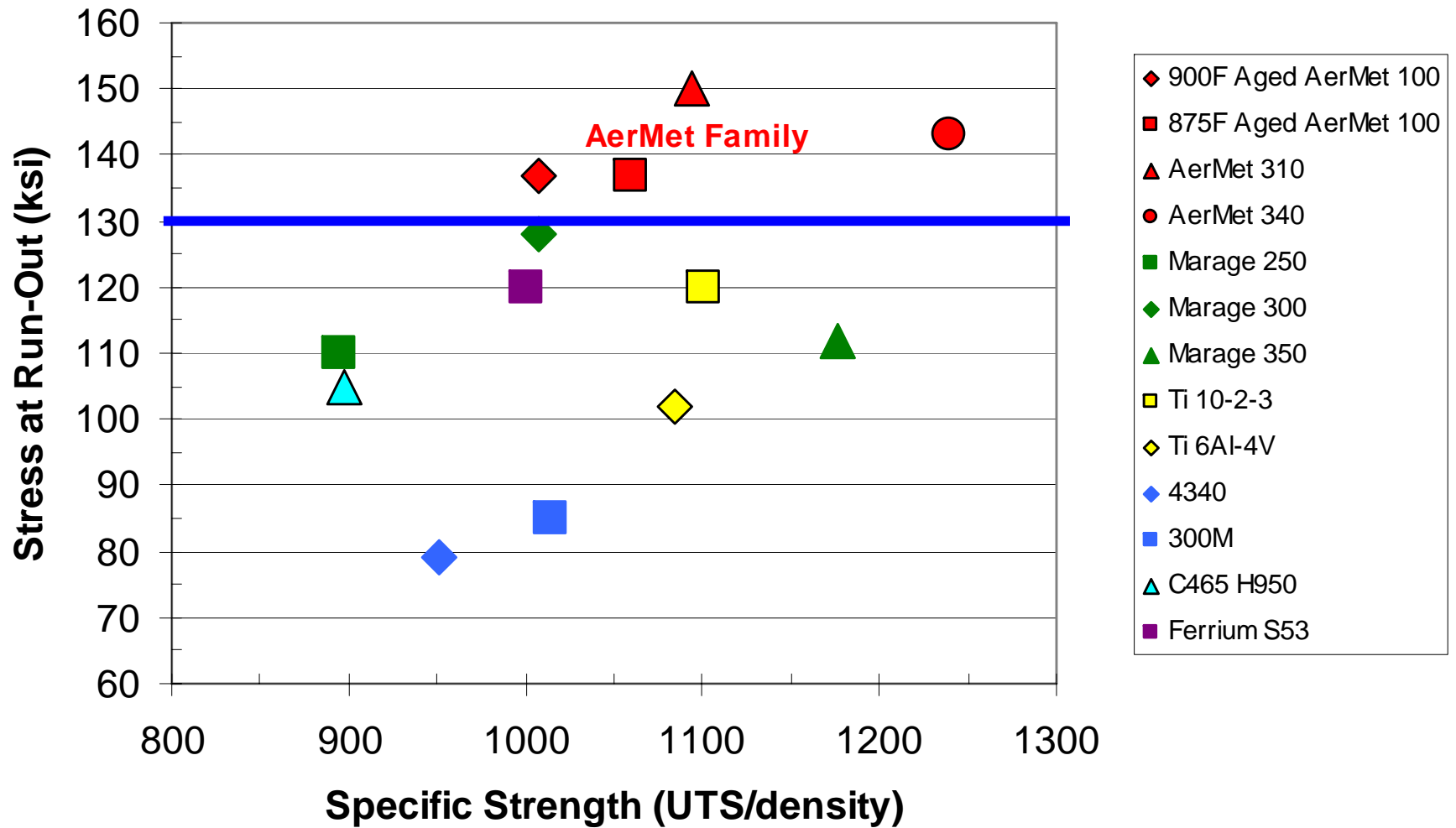
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CVN Impact Energy vs. Specific Strength



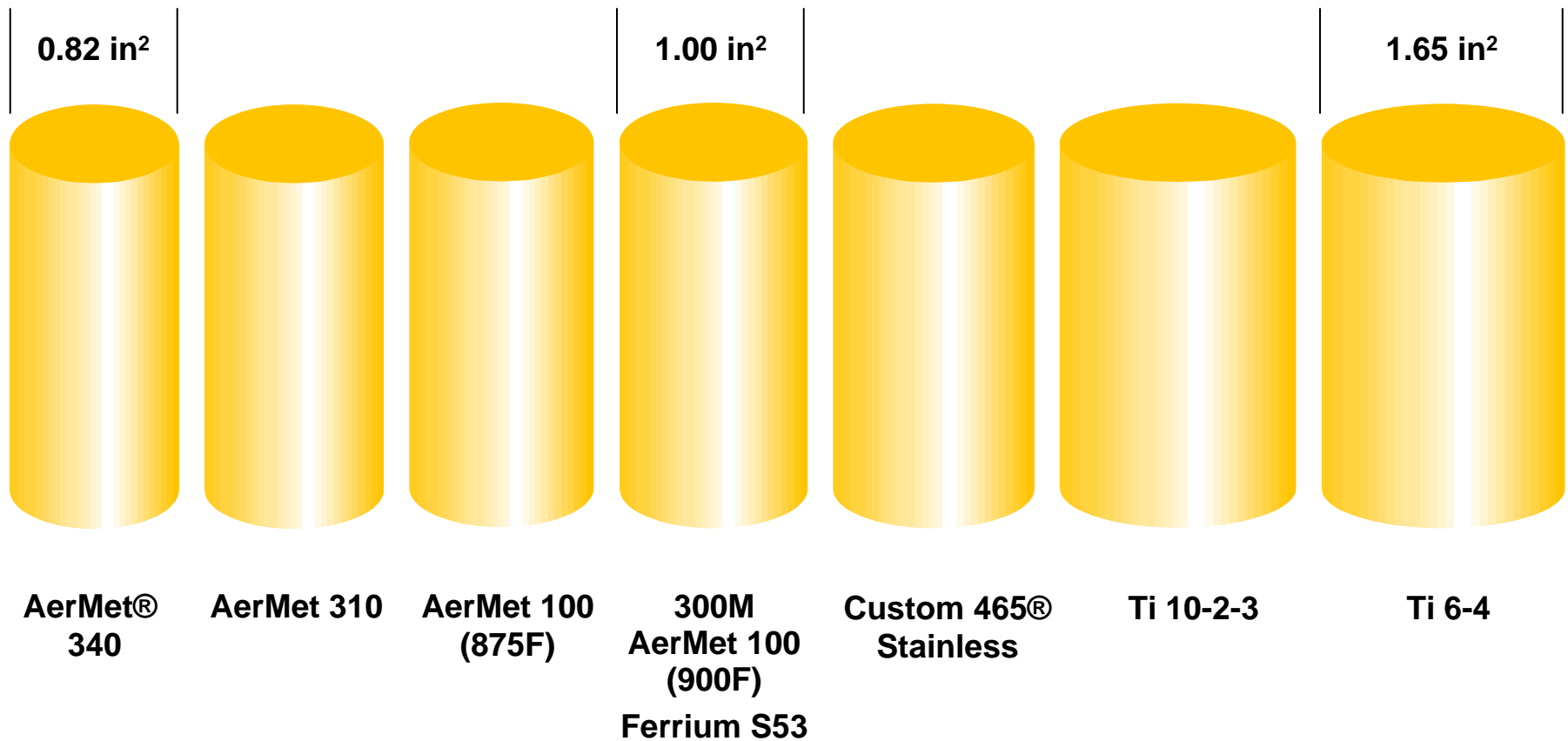
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Rotating Bending Fatigue ($K_t = 1, R = -1$) Run-Out Stress vs. Specific Strength



Volume Envelope Comparison

Footprint of material required to resist fracture at load of 285,000#



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Summary

- Are other alloys direct substitutions for Ti in all instances?
 - Of course not
- There are other alloys that can be alternatives for Ti depending on the design criteria
- AerMet alloys can be an alternative to Ti if corrosion resistance is not a design factor
 - AerMet alloys can be plated or painted
 - AerMet alloys have specific strengths comparable to Ti
 - AerMet alloys should be more damage tolerant than Ti
 - Generally superior toughness index compared to Ti



Summary

- Custom 465 stainless is a full-fledged stainless steel
 - Specific strength lower, but approaches Ti levels
 - Should not be welded or joined to Ti
 - Volume envelope is smaller than Ti for a given load
- Bottom line – consider all design criteria before decision making





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