

Sn Whiskers for Wednesday Whiskers Call

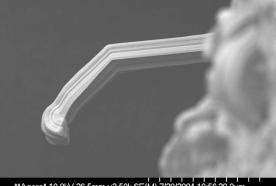
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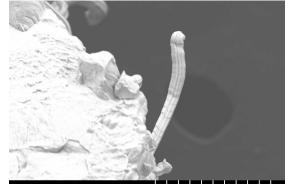


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Examples of Different types of Sn whiskers



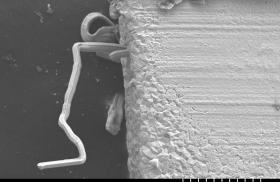
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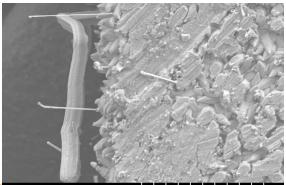
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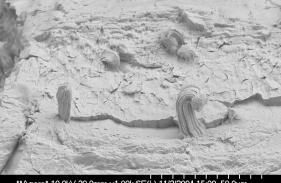
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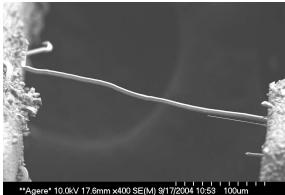


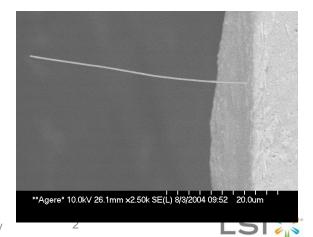
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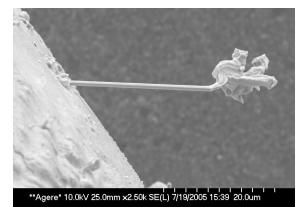


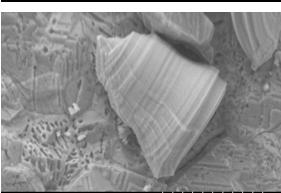
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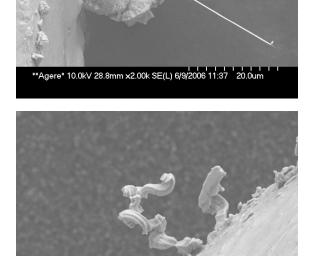
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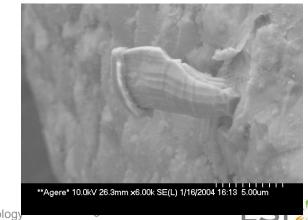


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Conclusions

- Whiskers take on a variety of shapes including whiskers growing from whiskers
 - \rightarrow difficult to reconcile whisker Sn growth as extrusion processes
- The many whiskers have both radial marks and kinks
 - Indicate a step wise process
 - ➤ excess Sn-local stress → local breaks in pinning surface oxide provide vacancies that allow excess Sn to move → excess Sn diffuses to nucleation site where whisker begins to grow → surface is re-oxidized → process continues



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