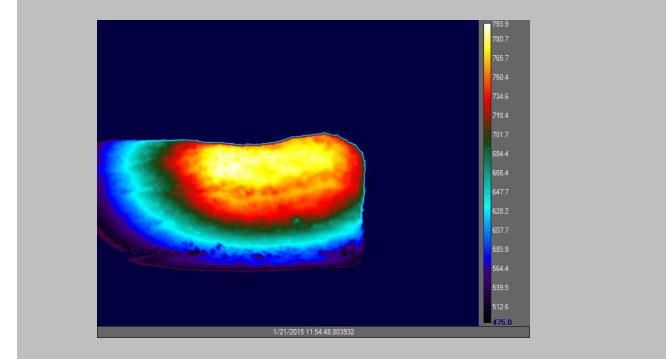
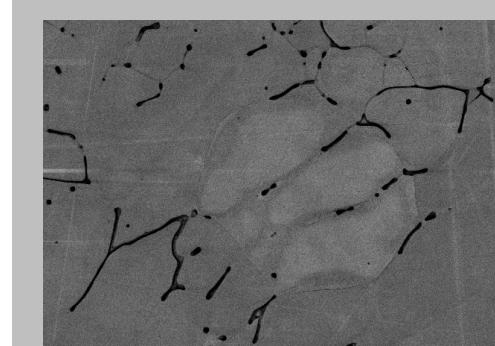
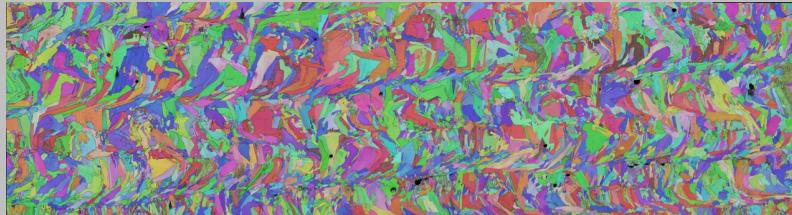


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Recent Advances in Integrated Computational and Experimental Methods for Additive Manufacturing



Microstructural Evolution, Mechanical Properties and Predictive Simulation of Additively Manufactured Austenitic Stainless Steels

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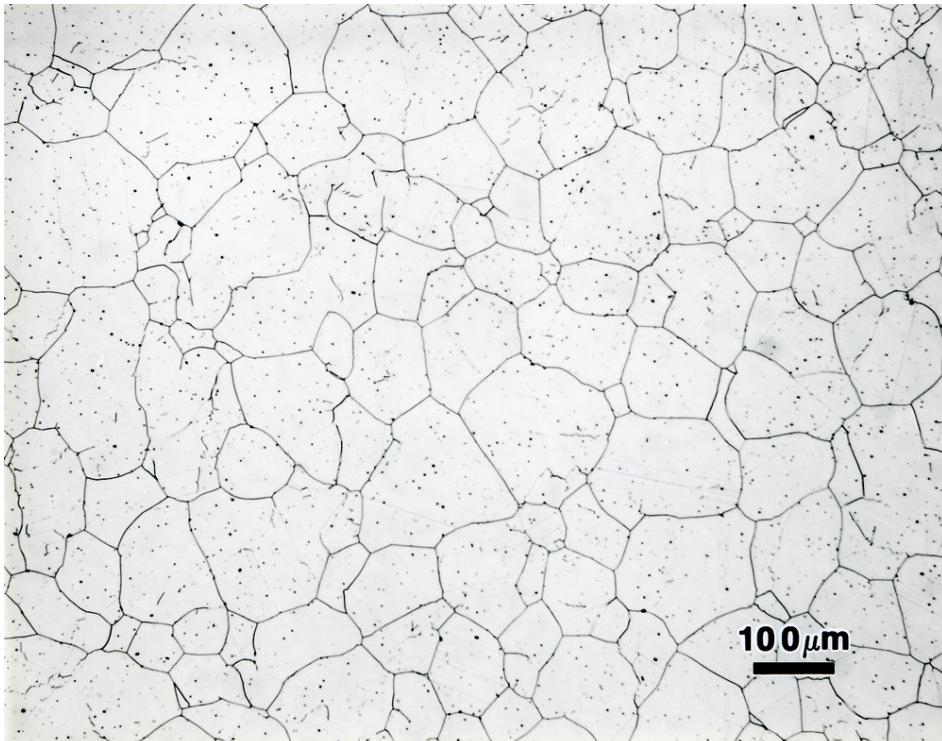


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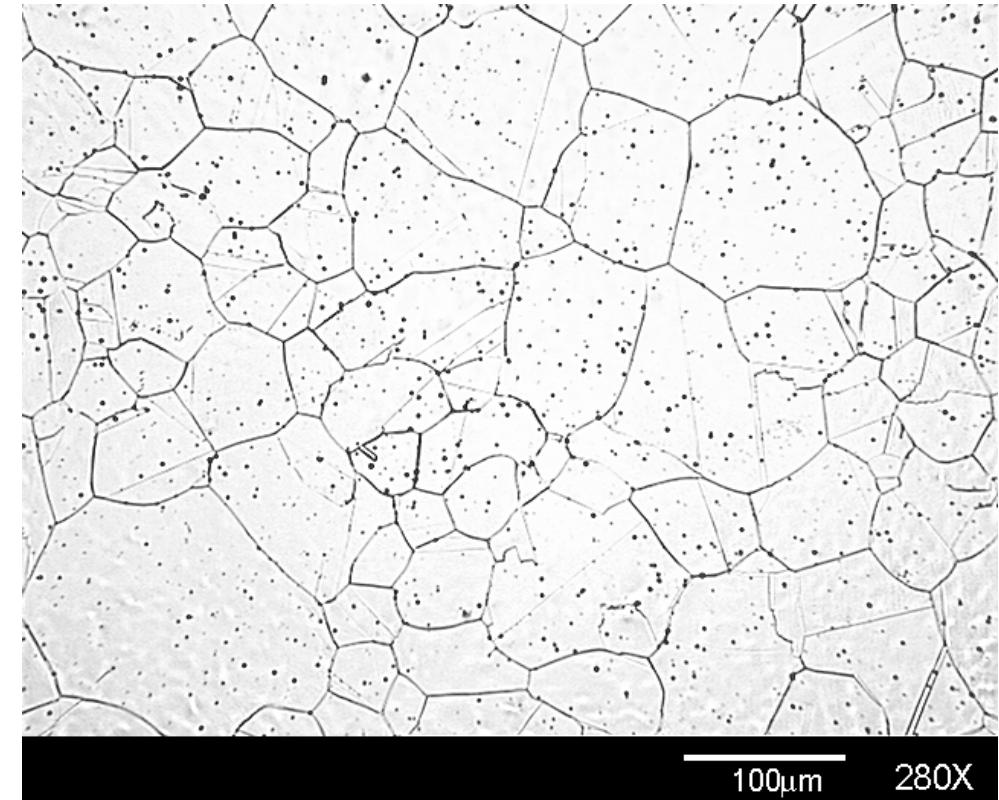
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Annealed 316 Stainless Steel
ASM Micrograph Database

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Annealed 316 Stainless Steel
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- Annealing conditions that lead to this microstructure are well known, and the properties of this microstructure are well documented

Need To Fundamentally Understand the Processing-Microstructure-Property Relationships



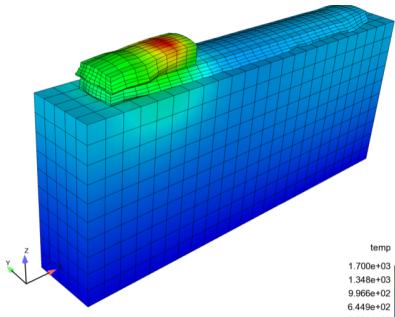
- An alternative to an empirical database like ASM based on physics
- We must understand the mechanisms that contribute to the microstructural development during AM processes
- Properties and final form/function are coupled in AM through processing parameters (thermal history) and slice/build approach
- Goal is to answer:
- **Can we relate the mechanical properties of a particular build to the details of the process?**
- Develop a process model to predict lifetime performance that is validated by experiments (e.g. in situ thermal measurement, residual stress measurement)

Lifecycle Analysis of Additively Manufactured Components

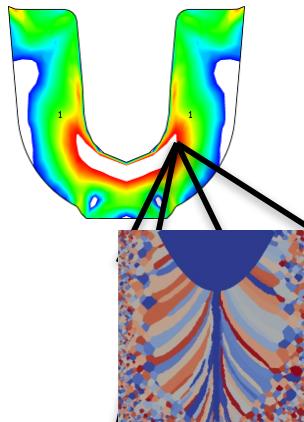


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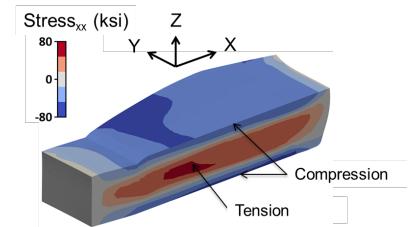


Microstructure and Properties



Internal state variable models account for microstructural evolution and distribution of properties (related to spatial variations of thermal history)

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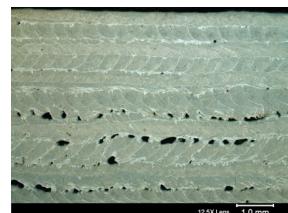


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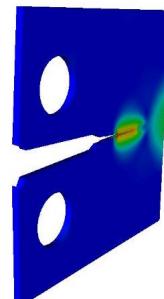
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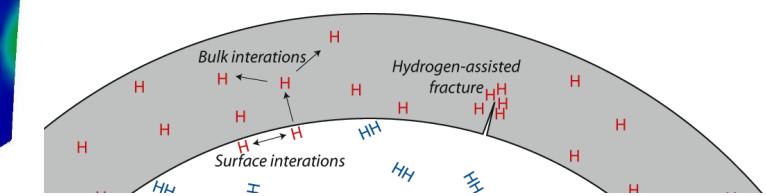
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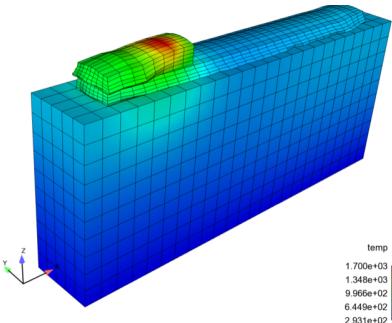
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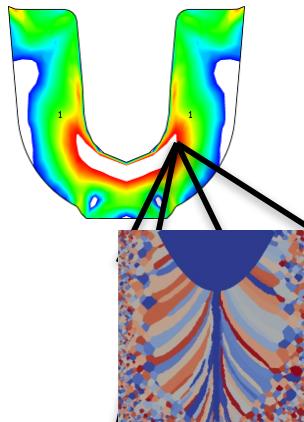
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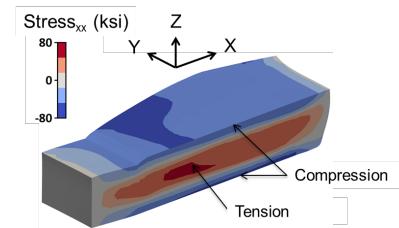


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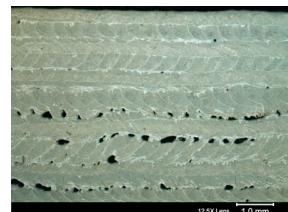


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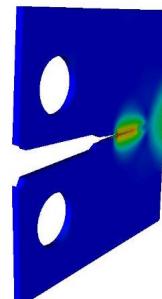
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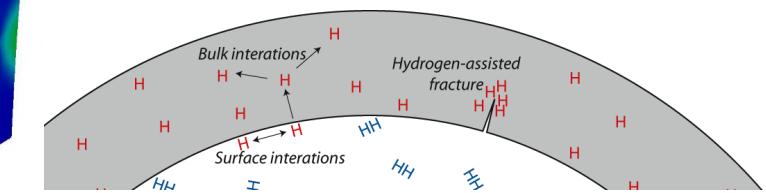
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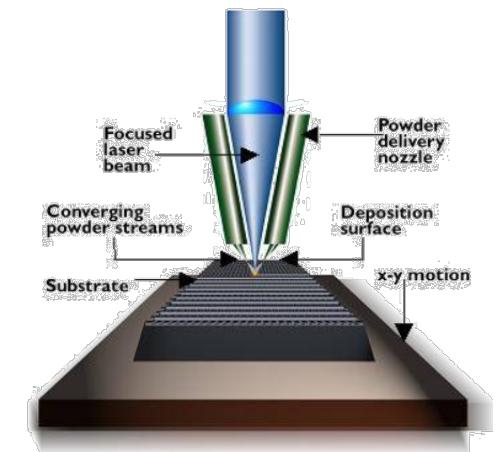
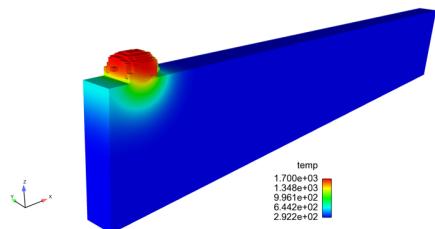
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Spherical Moving Heat Source

- Material is activated via a spherical, volumetric heat source
 - Inputs: raster path, melt temperature, diameter, efficiency, radius and spatial influence factor
 - Activation user variable – toggles conductivity on/off within the sphere



LENS
Process

- Activation and melt pool size based on variable input power

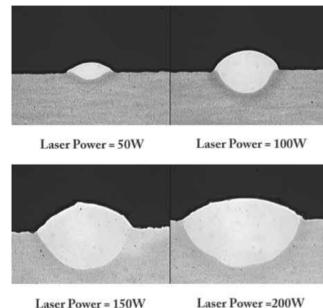
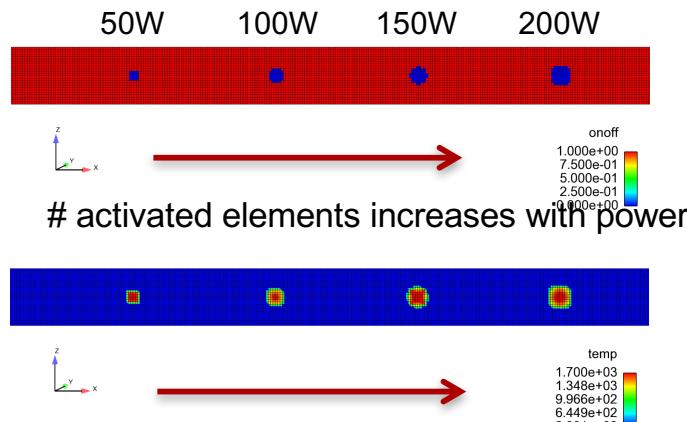


Figure 2: Cross-sectional photographs showing semi-circular type melt pool geometry over a range of laser powers. Travel speed = 5 mm/s, powder mass flow rate = 0.08 g/s.

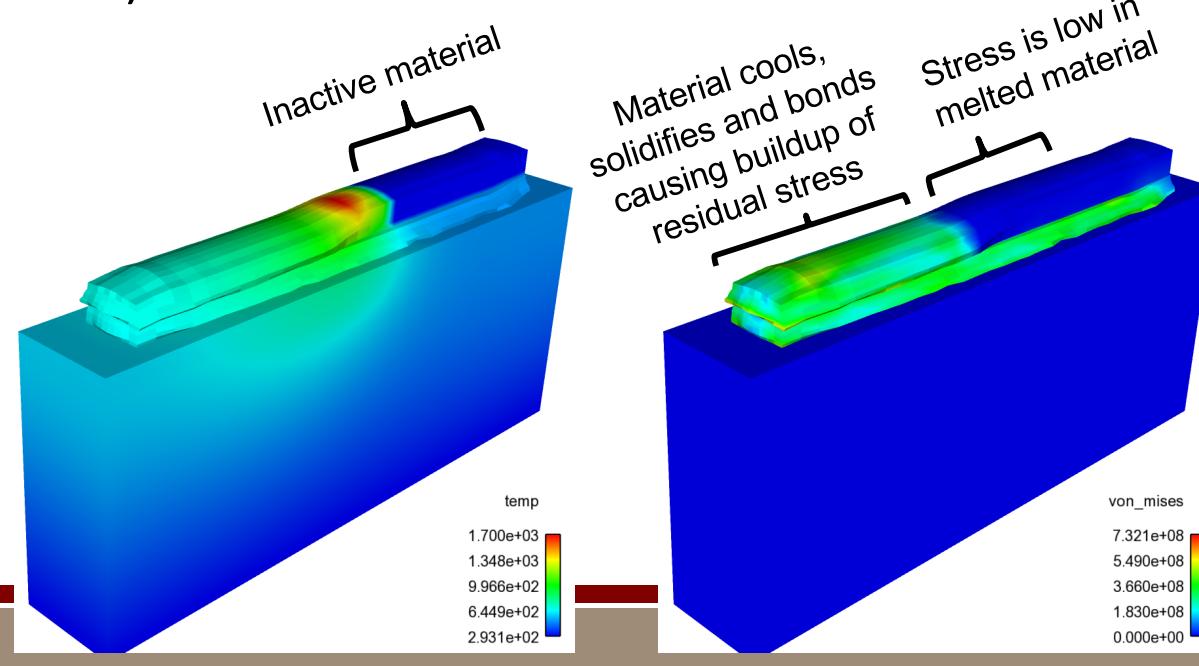
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Melt pool size increases with power

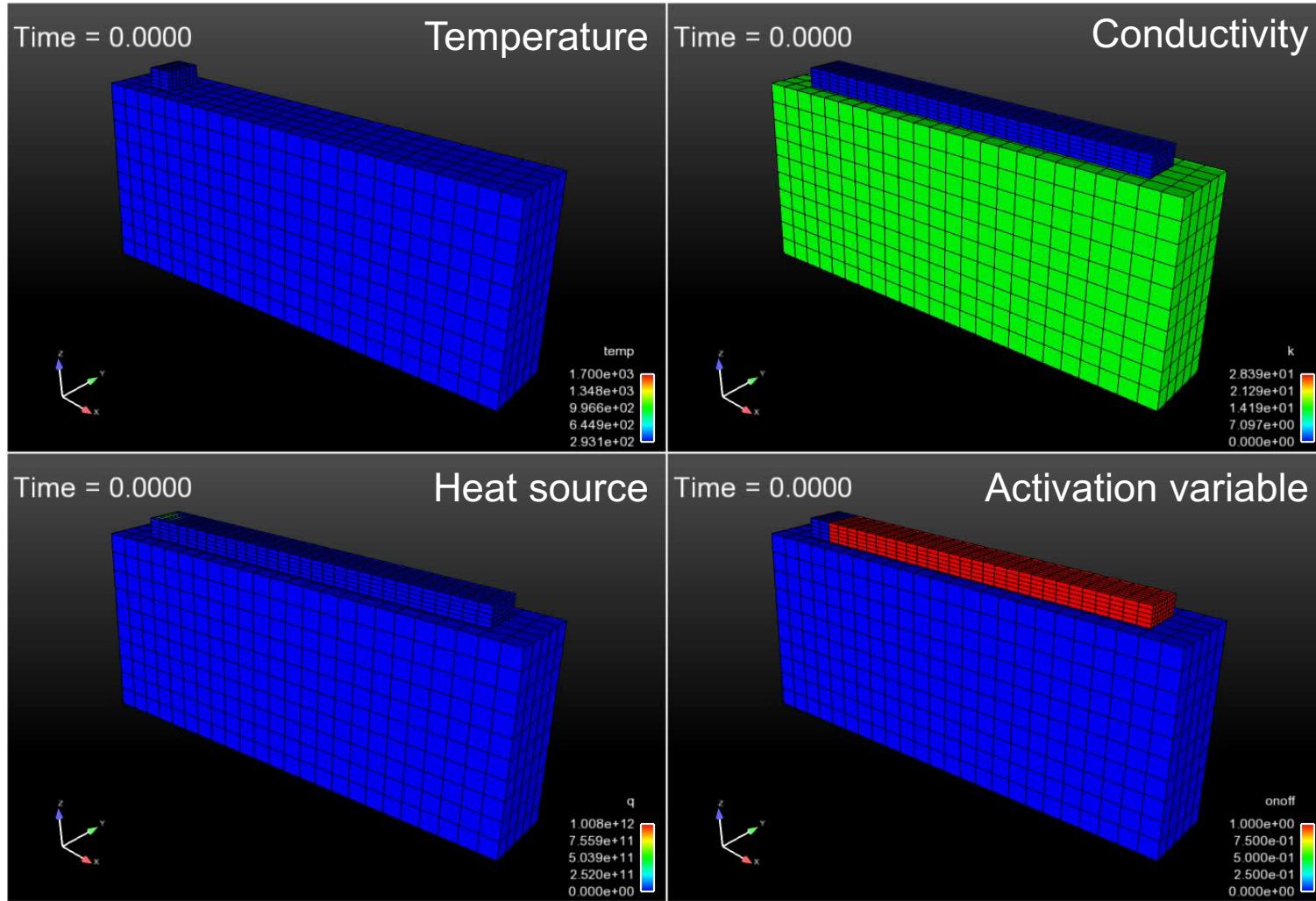
Building Models to Birth AM Material: LENS

- Sandia Solid Mechanics based code
 - Traveling volumetric heat source based on path (x,y,z), power, efficiency, diameter
 - Element birth from inactive elements: physical properties turn on when interact with traveling heat source
 - Phase transformation $\sim 1700\text{K}$
 - Deformation from gravity
 - Contact transitions from Coulomb to glued (sliding to tied friction model)



Modeling of Material Birthing

- Thermal solution



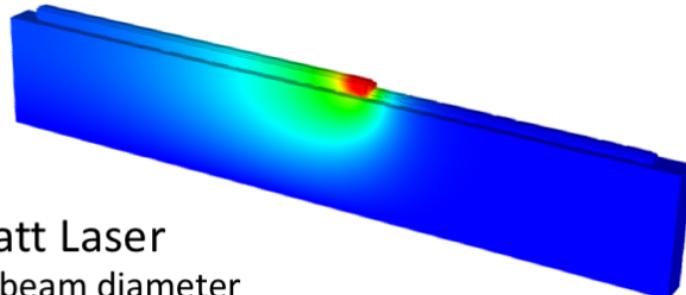
Thermal profiles demonstrate effect of laser power

Thin walled LENS part build

- ~1.8 inches long
- Efficiency = 36%
- Print Speed 20 inches/min
- Material melt temperature = 1700 K



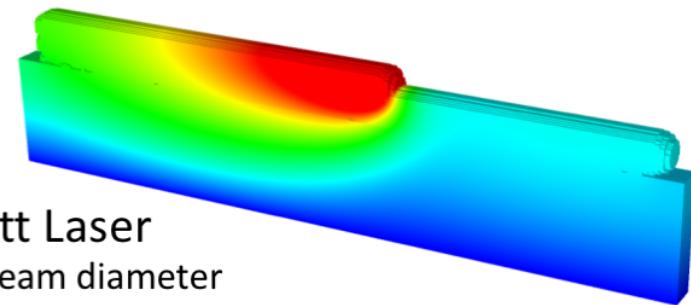
500 W Laser



Temperature (K)

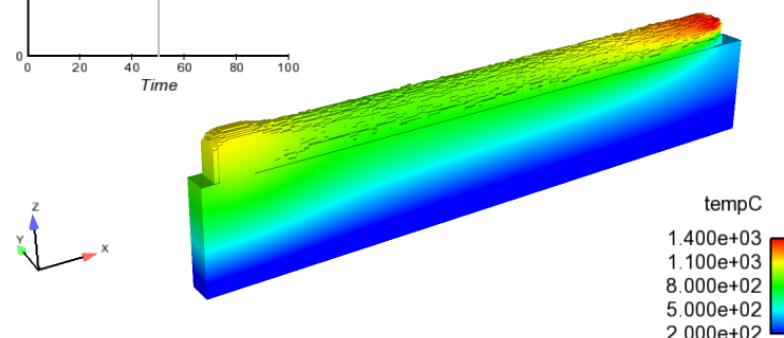
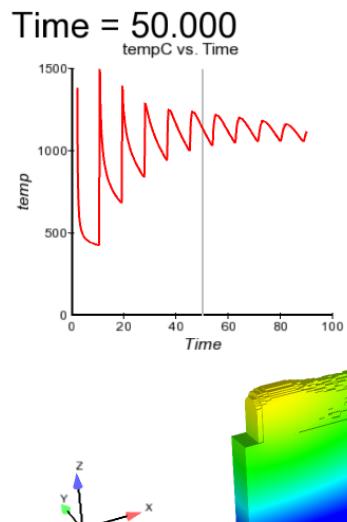
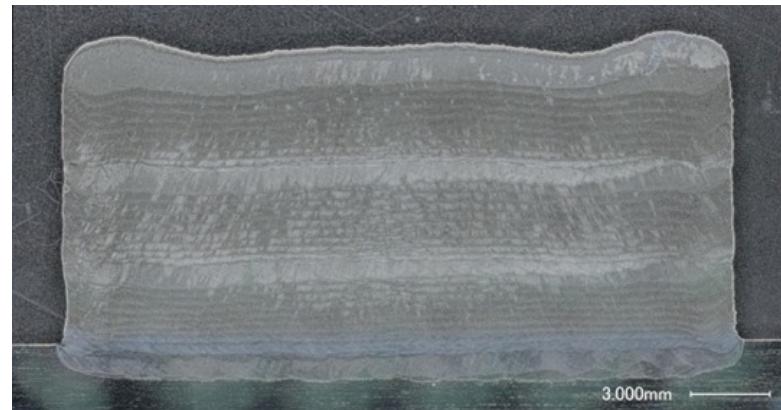
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6.449e+02
2.931e+02

2 kW Laser

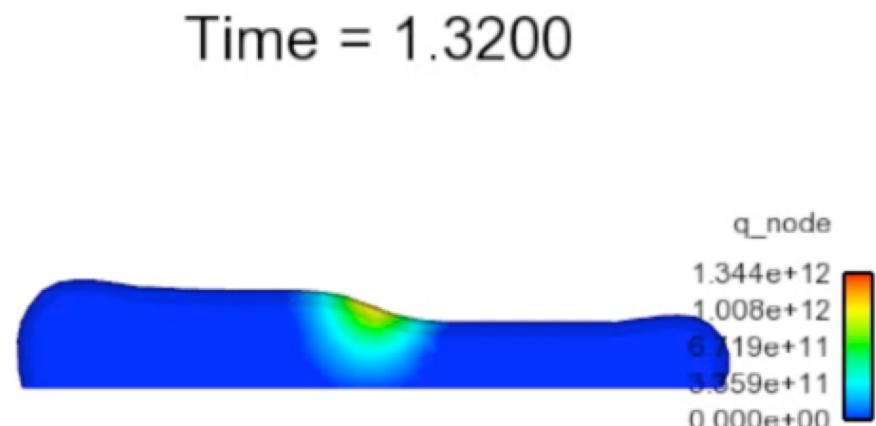


Models can predict general shape

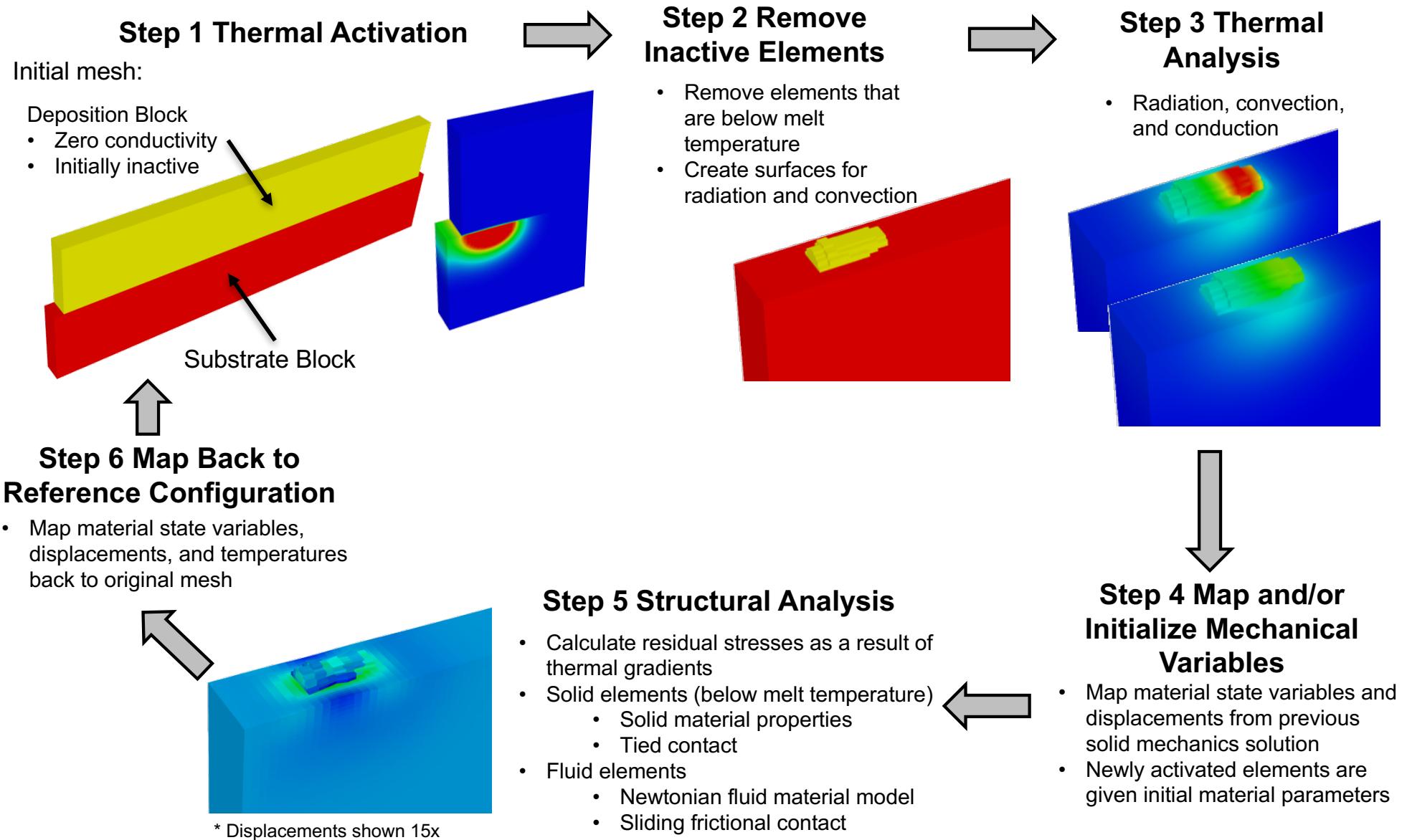
- Validation activities



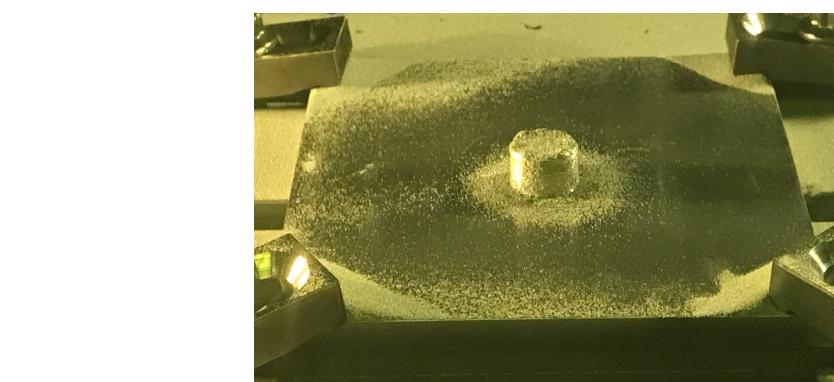
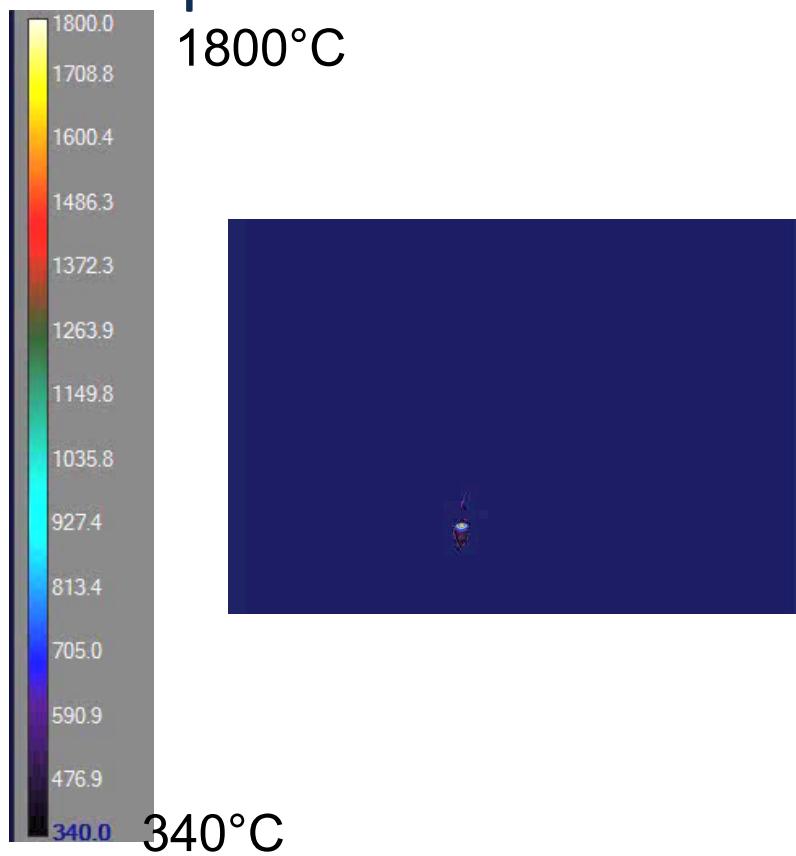
Modeling the thermal history of
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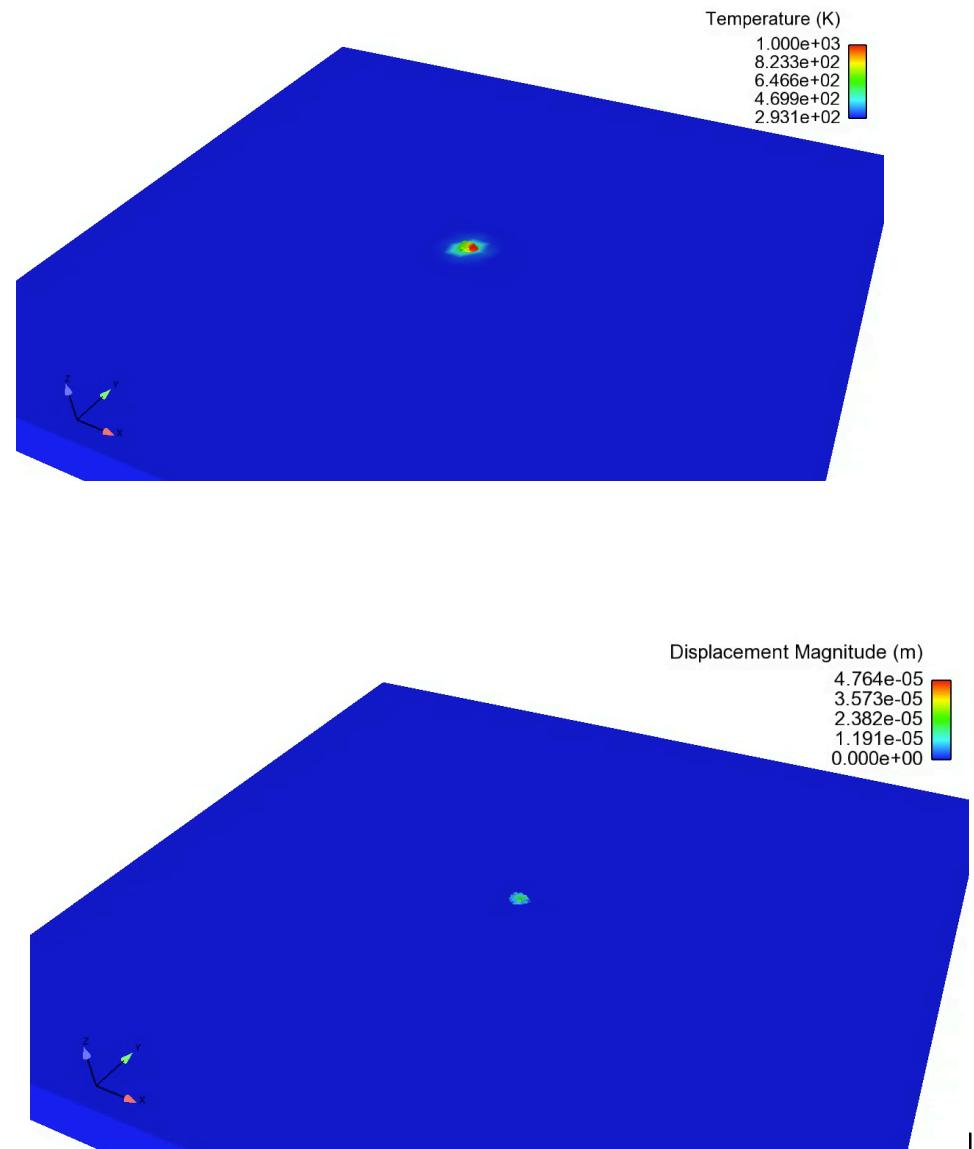
Process modeling of LENS manufacturing



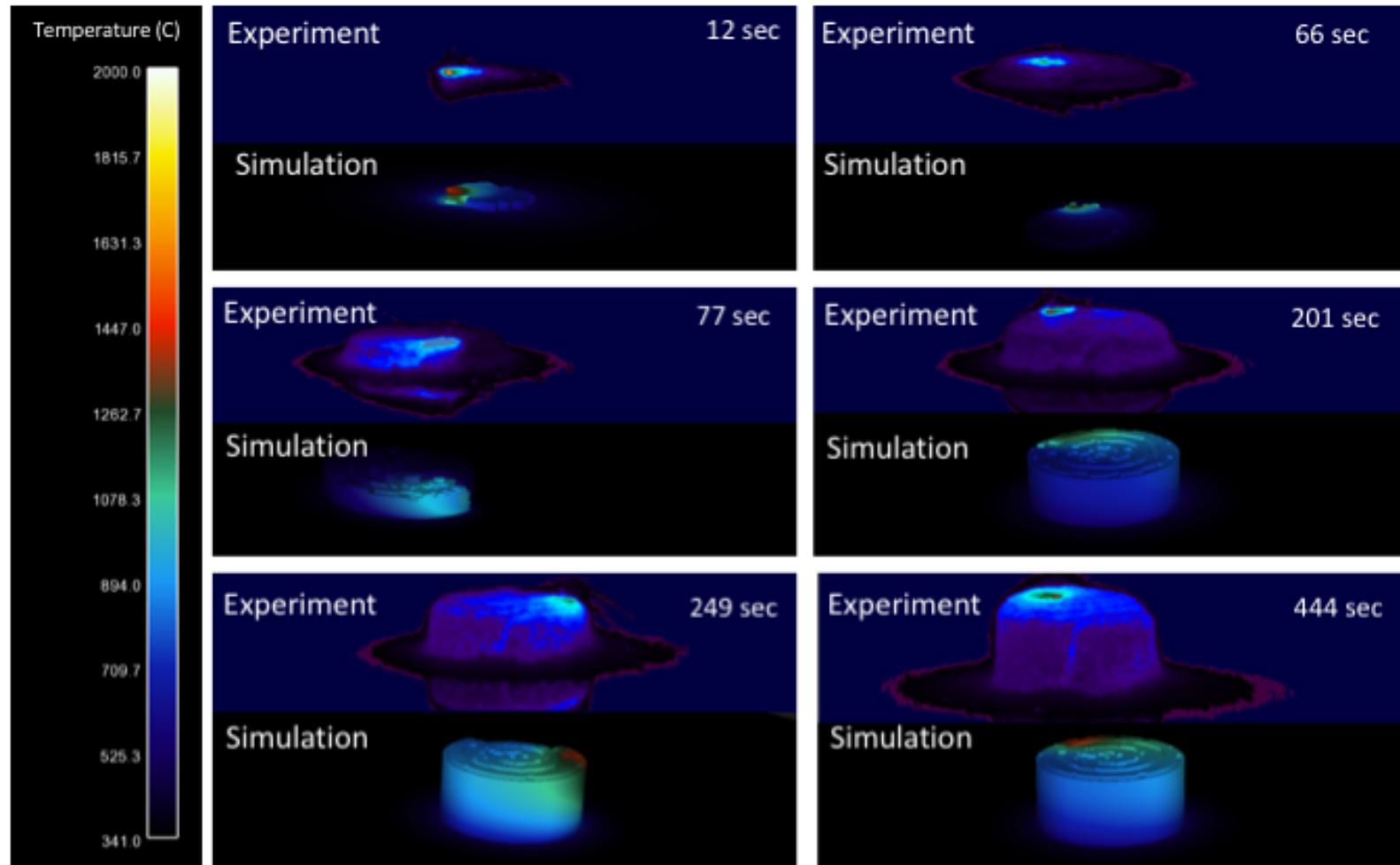
Coupled Thermal and Mechanical Modeling



4 inch

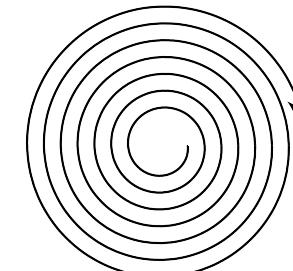
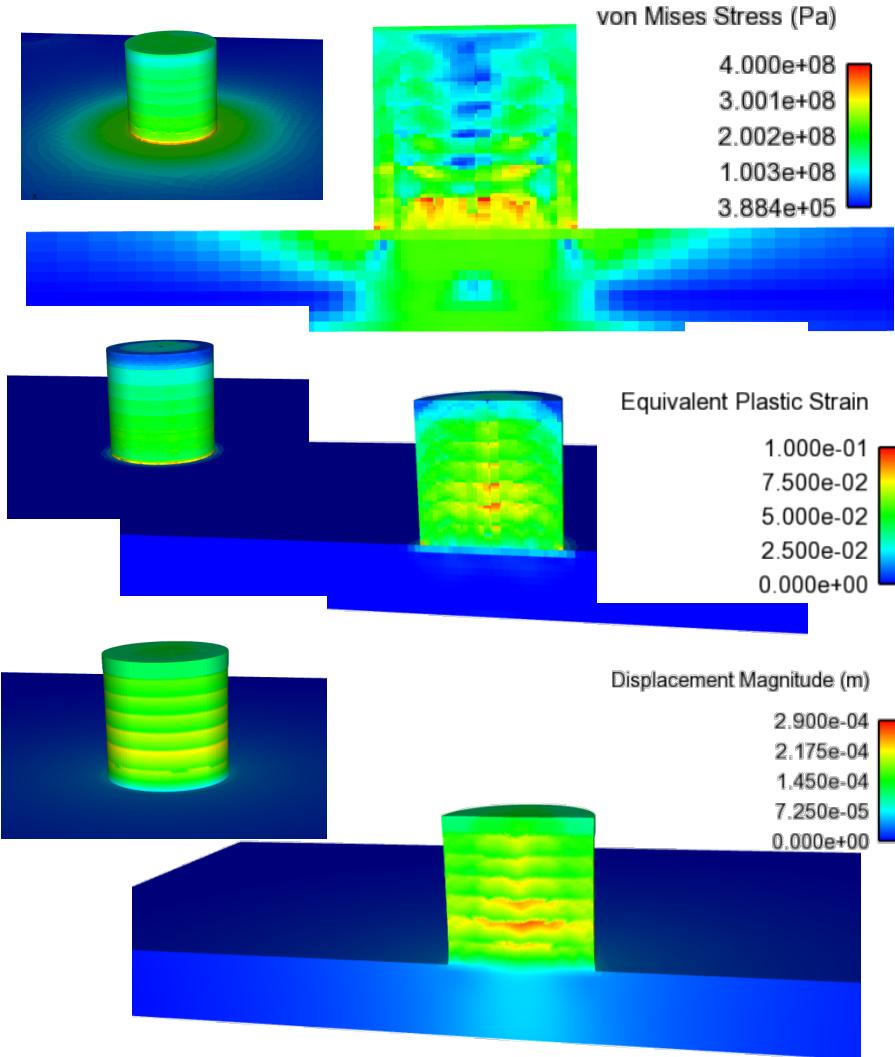


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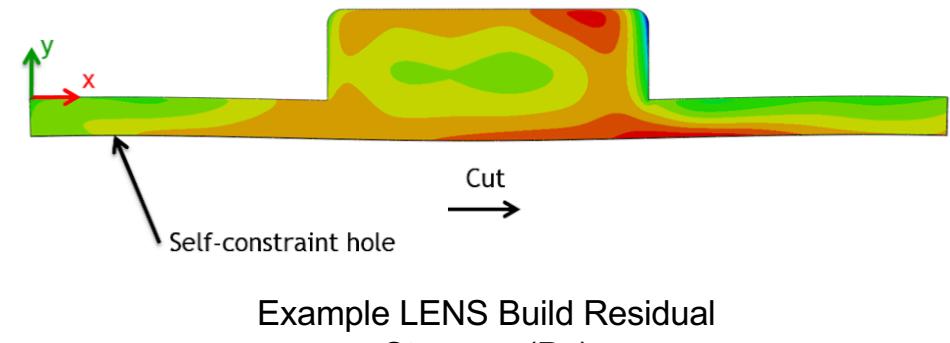
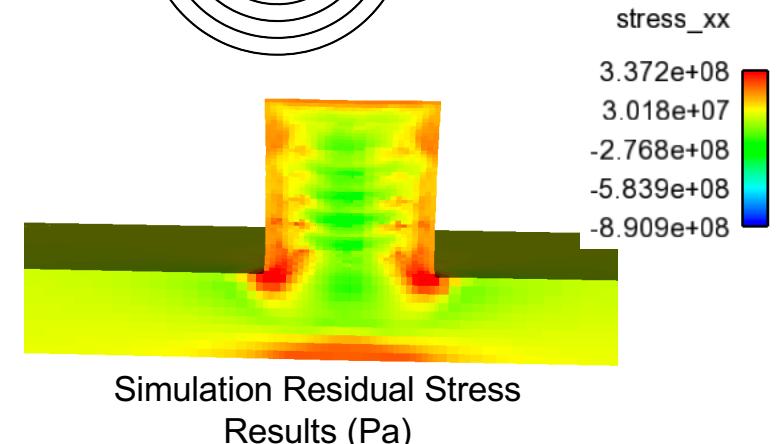


The temperatures are not all equivalent, but the general shape and motion of the melt pool is similar to the experiment. Frame time in experiment and simulation doesn't line up perfectly.

Coupling of Mechanical and Thermal Modeling

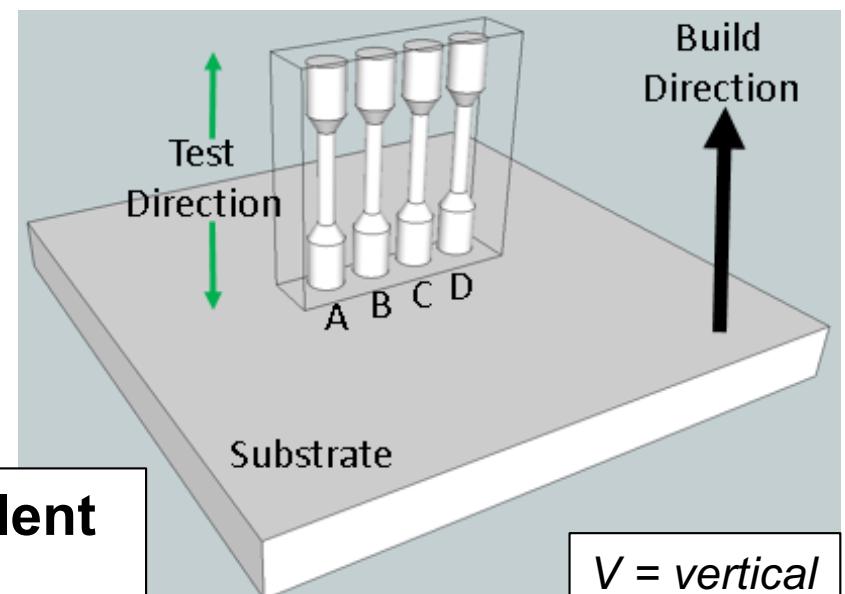
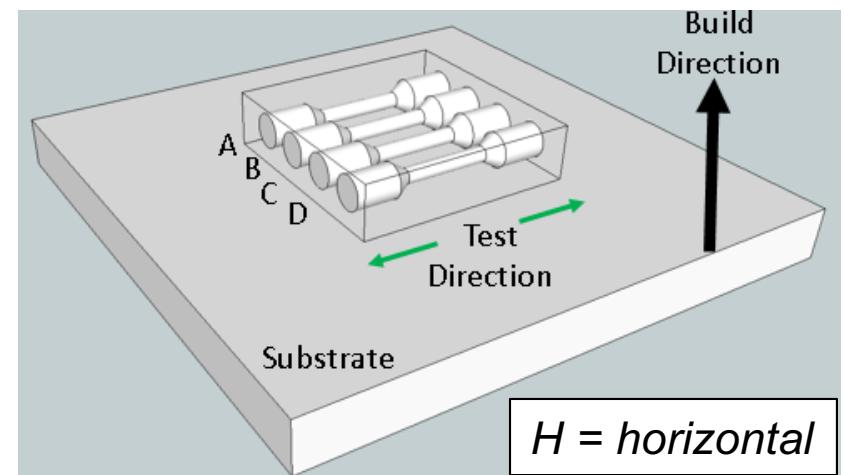
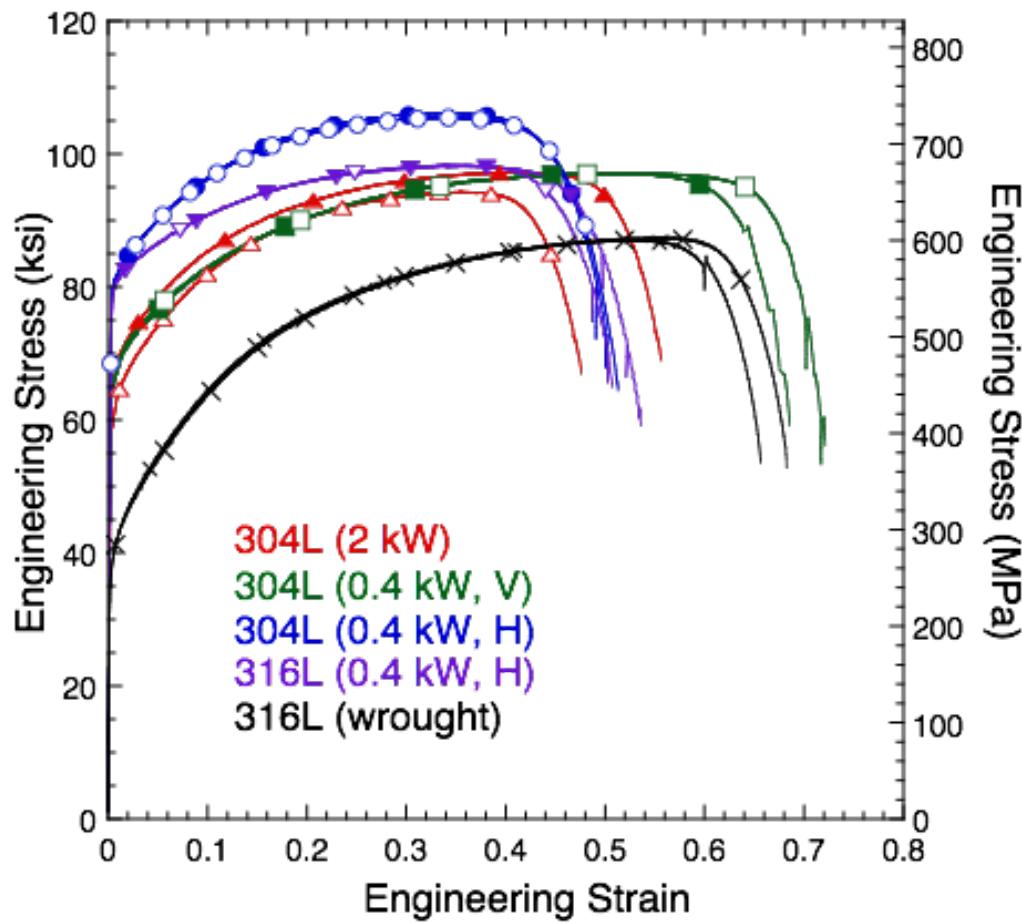


Build Pattern



Modeling shows higher stress, strain, and displacement near the base plate?
Do we see any effects of this in the microstructure and properties?

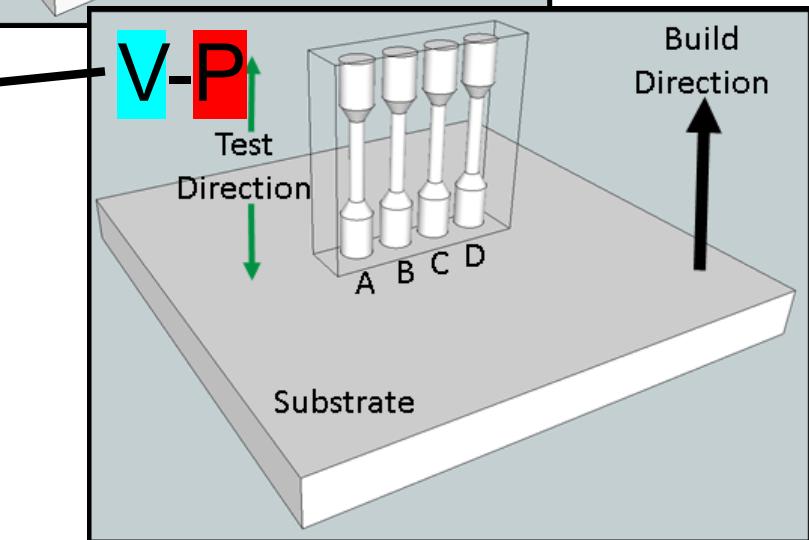
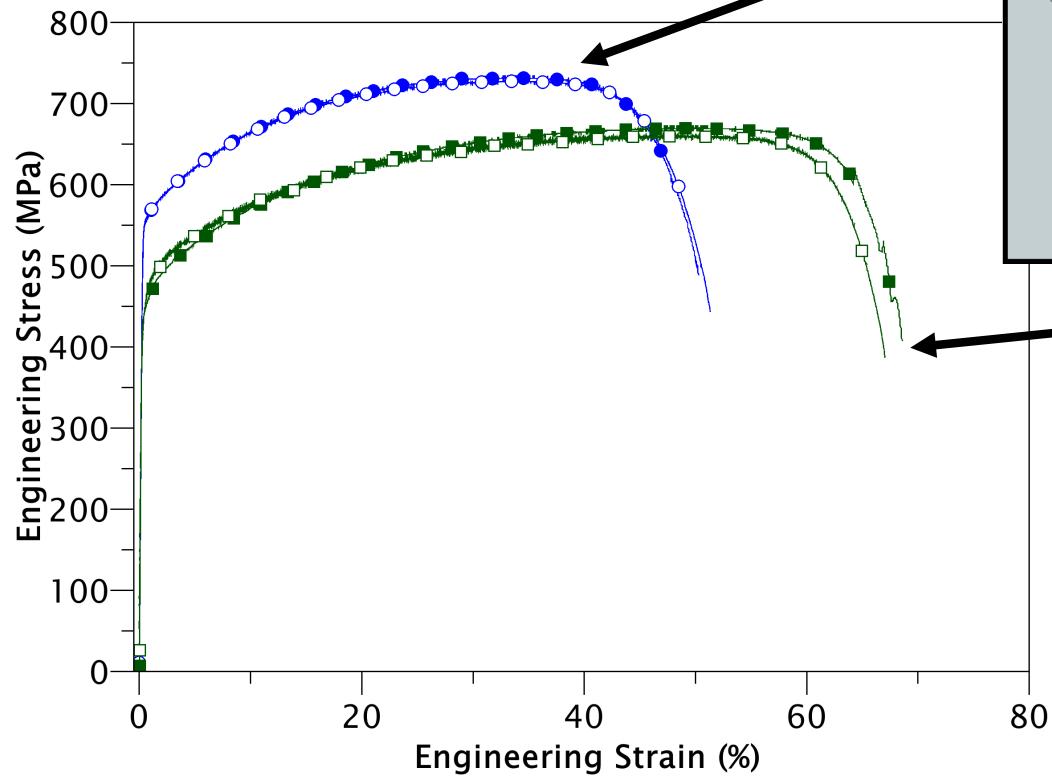
Strength of laser-deposited material is significantly greater than annealed materials



Laser-deposited material displays excellent combination of strength and ductility

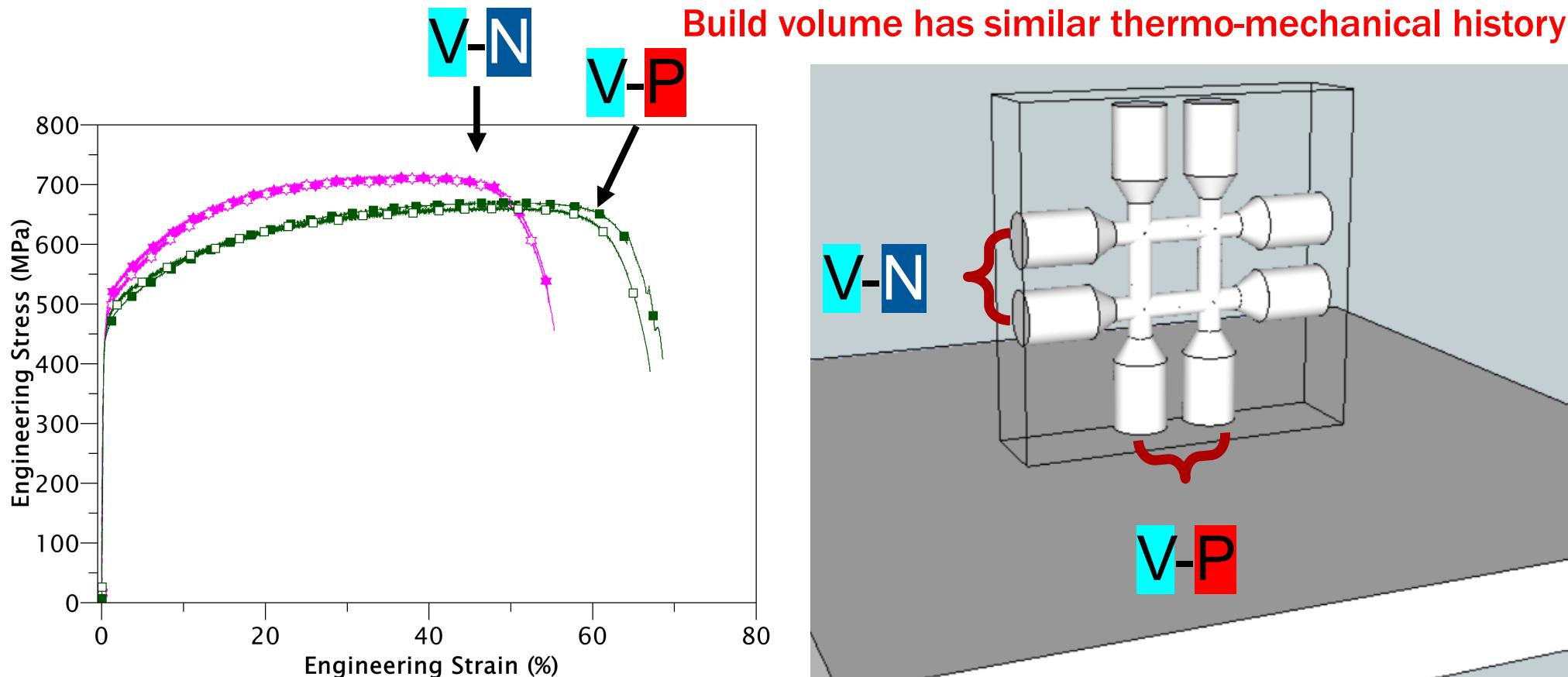
Yield Strengths Are Higher Near Base Plate

Builds experience different
thermo-mechanical histories



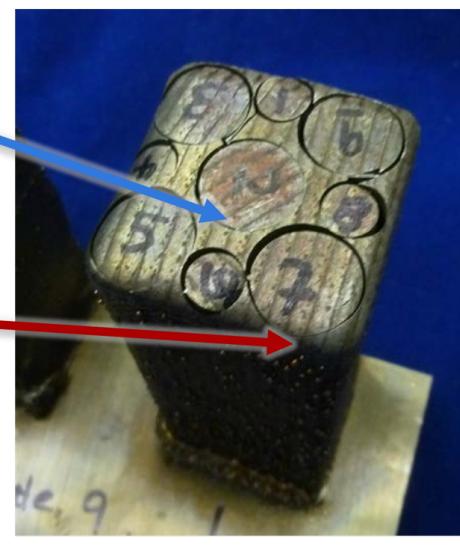
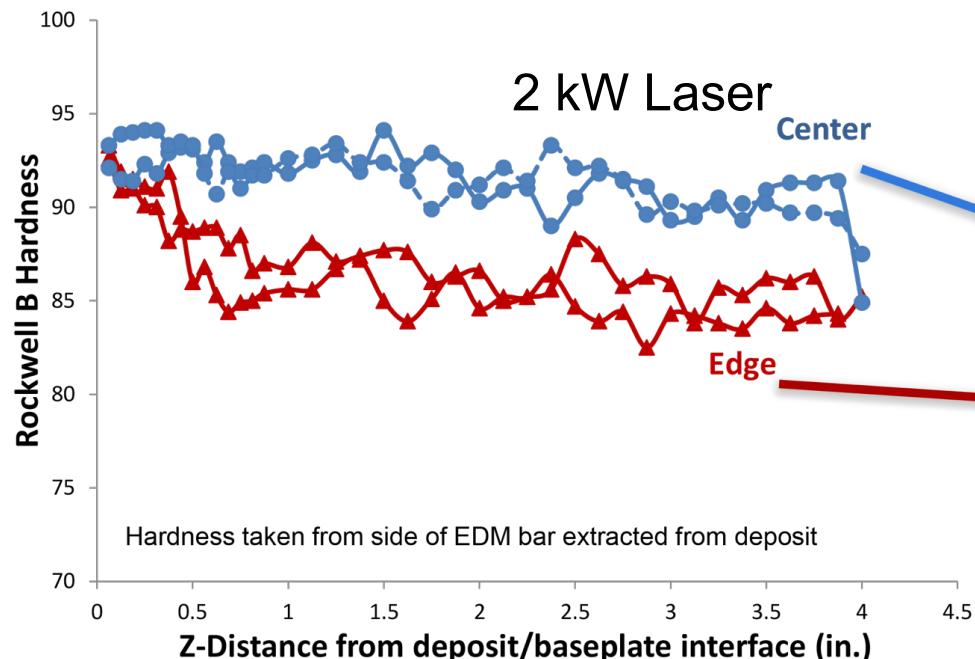
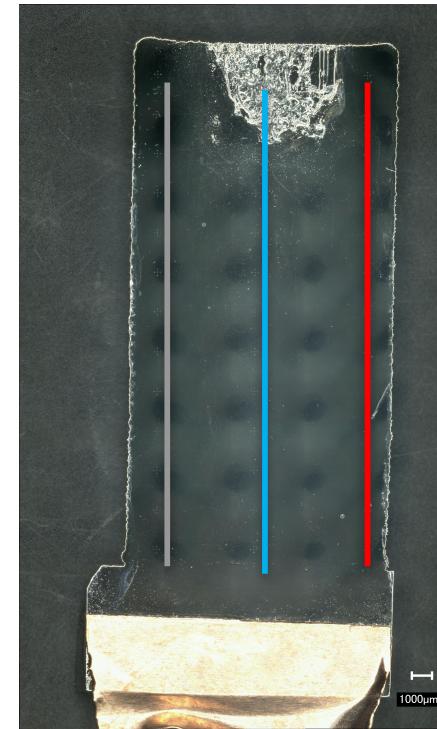
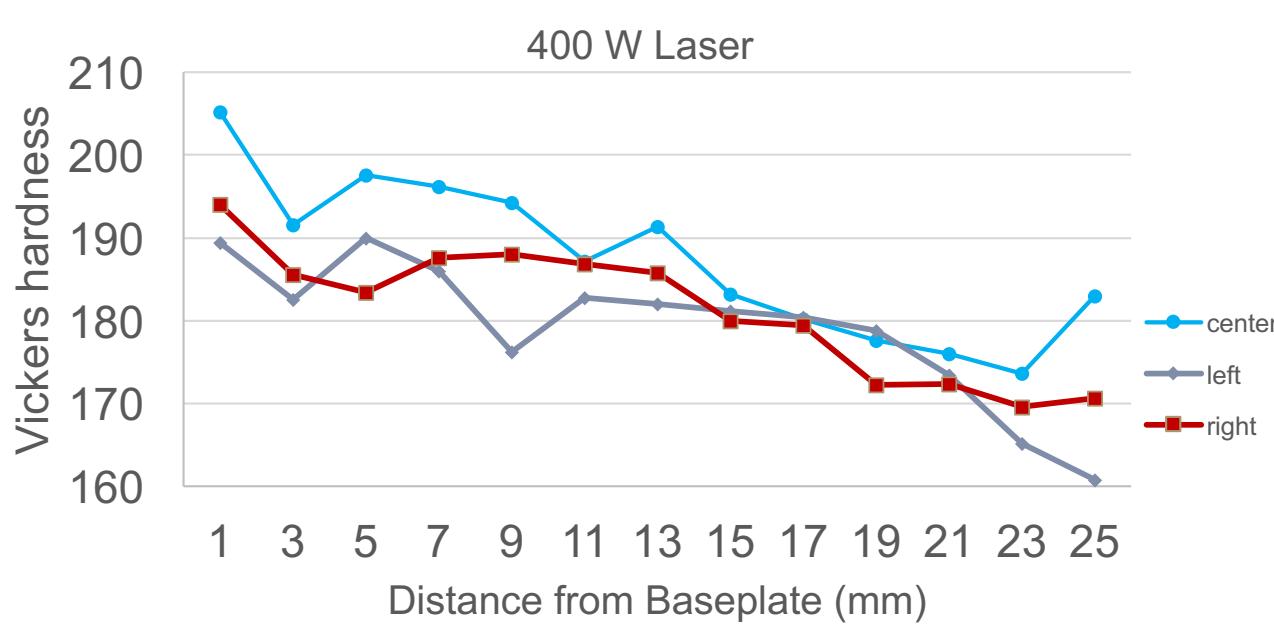
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304L	552	445	22

Specimen Orientation has Little Effect

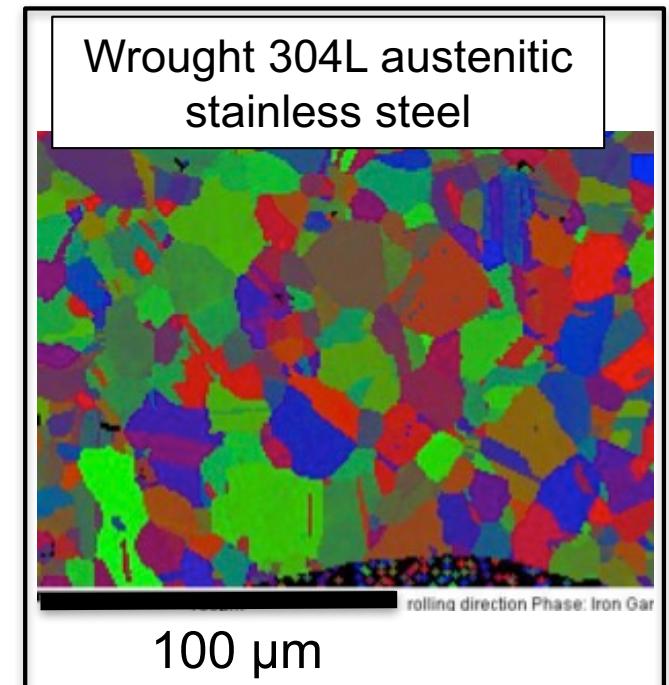
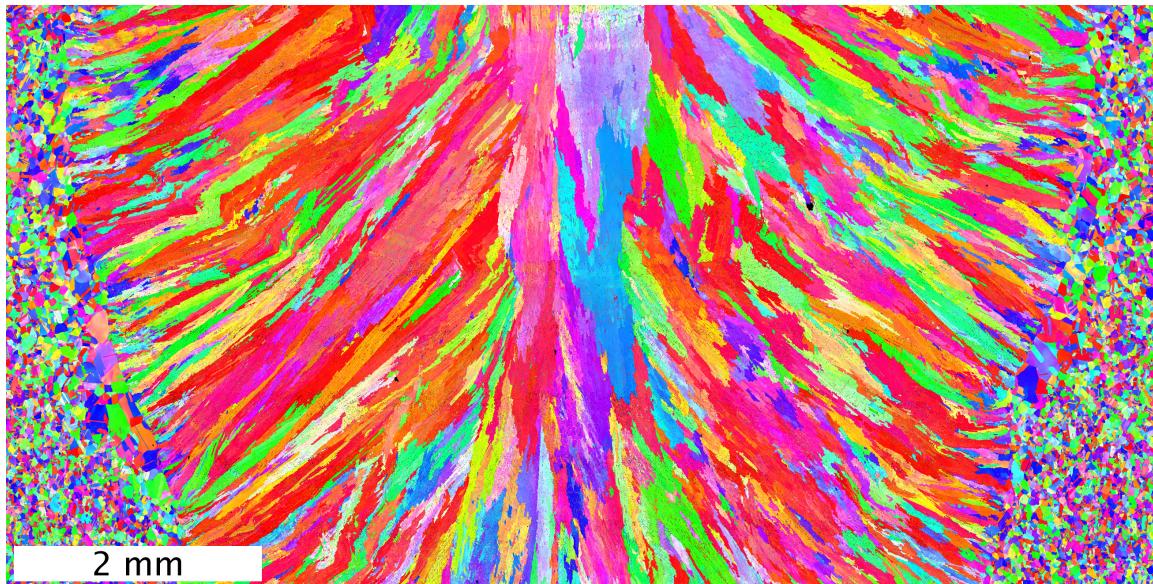
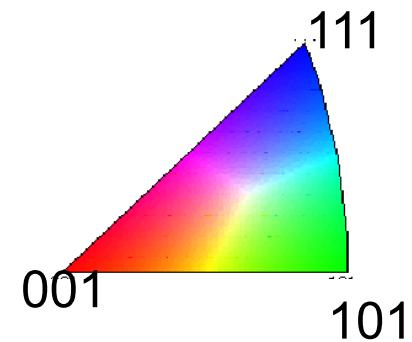


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Hardness Values are Higher Near Baseplate

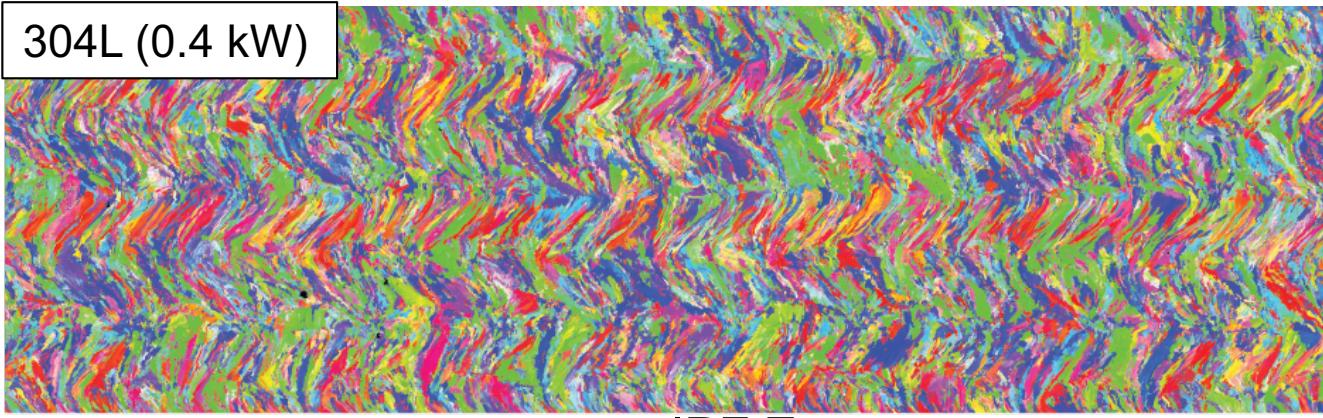


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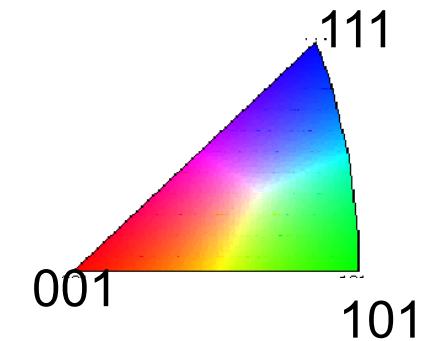
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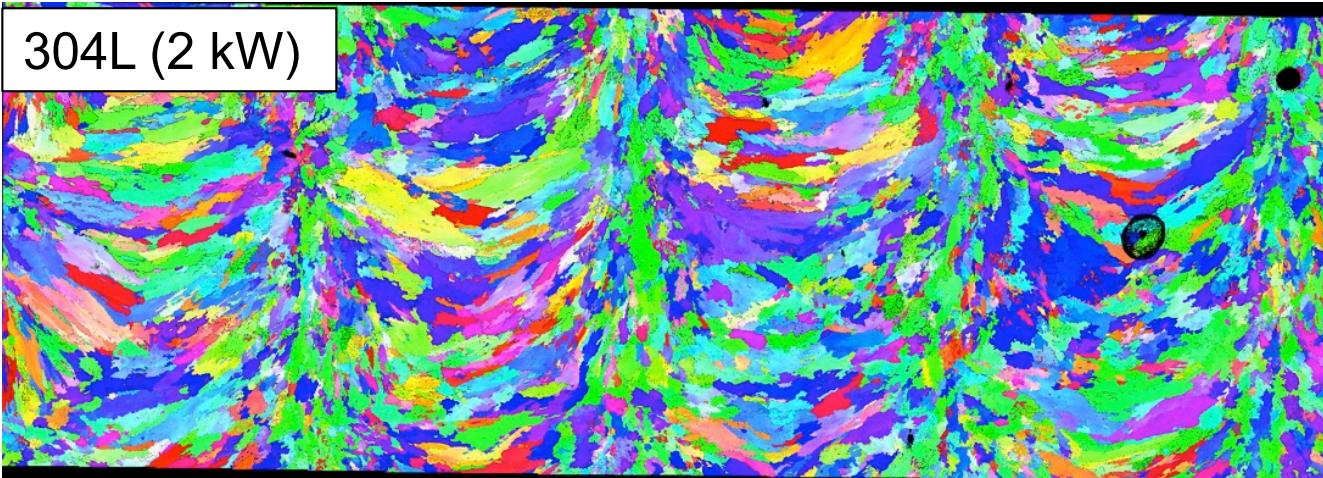


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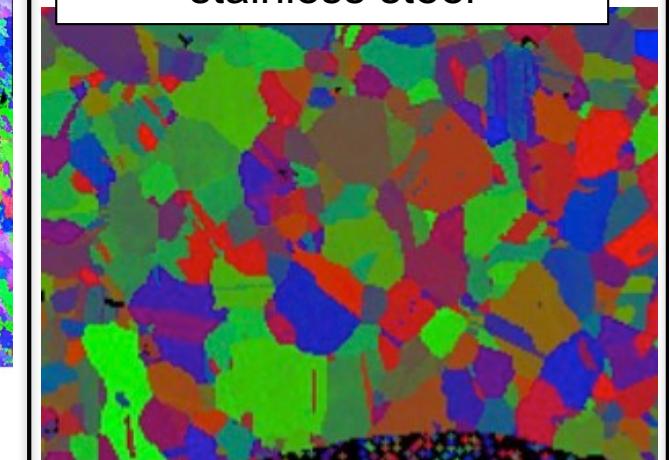
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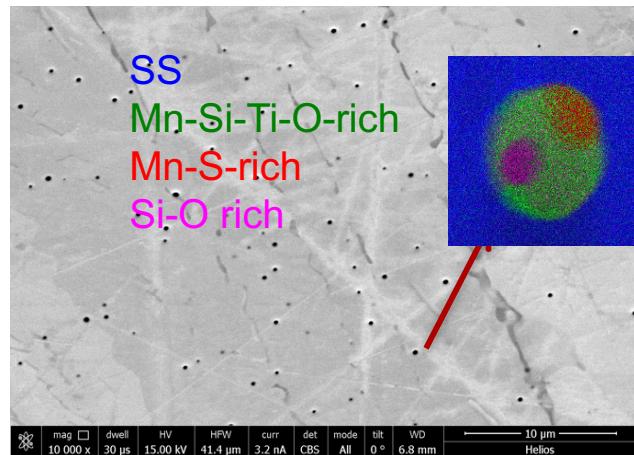
- AM and wrought microstructure differ
- ***What is the effect on structural properties?***

Wrought 304L austenitic stainless steel



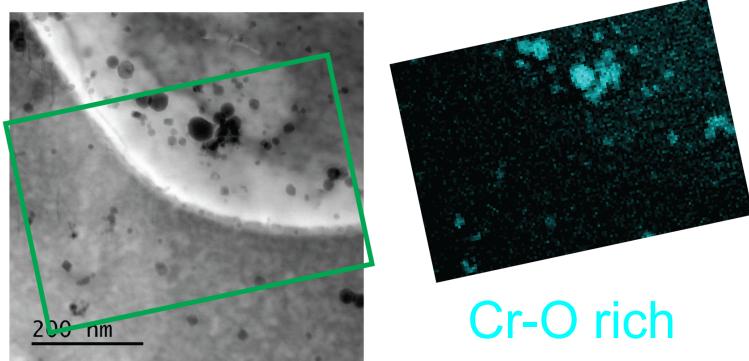
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Several Fine-Scale Features to Consider in the Overall Microstructural Picture

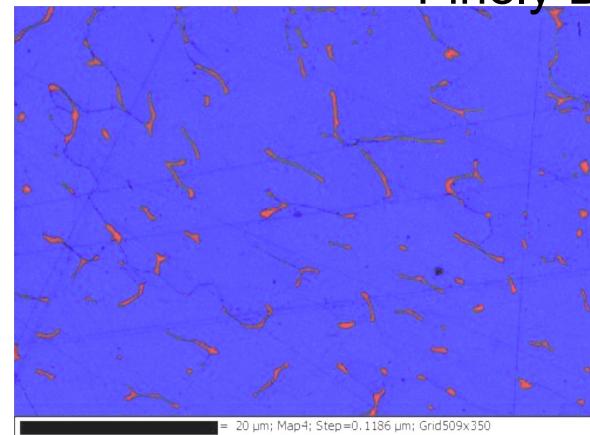


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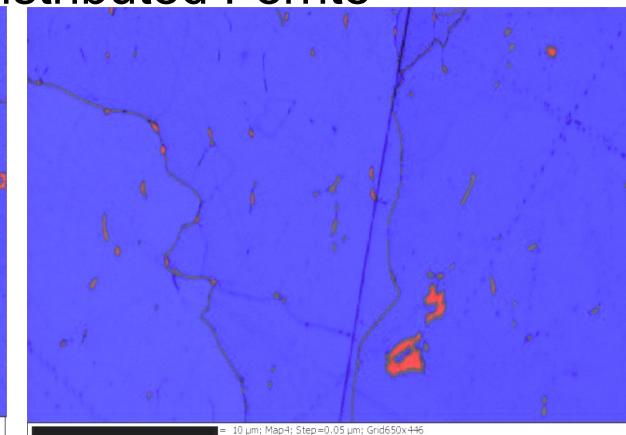
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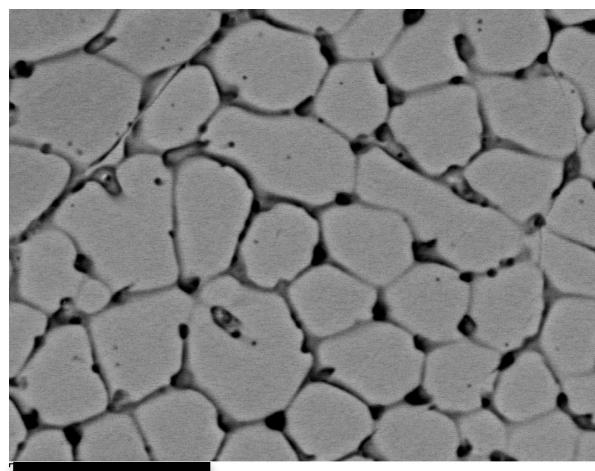
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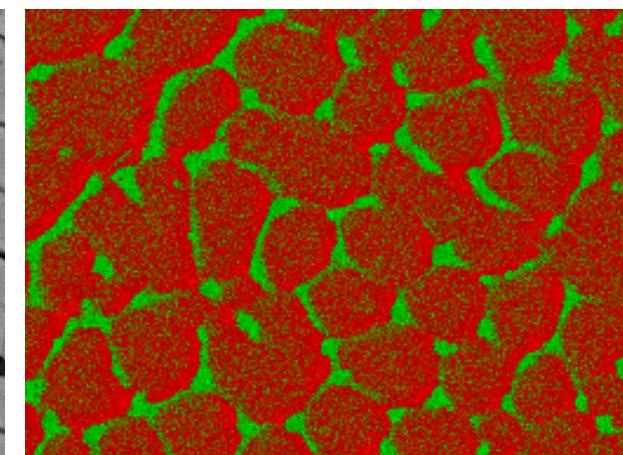
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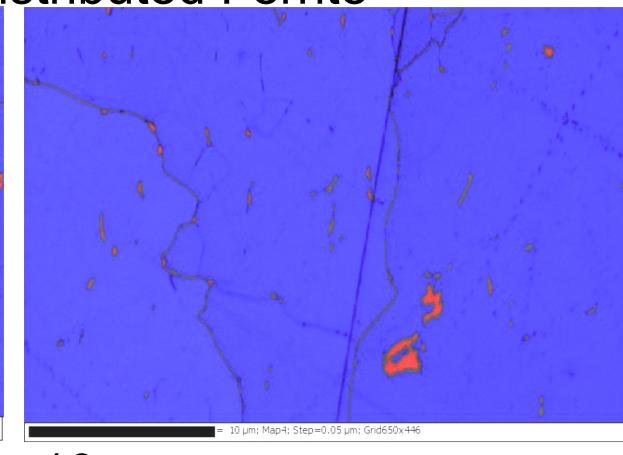
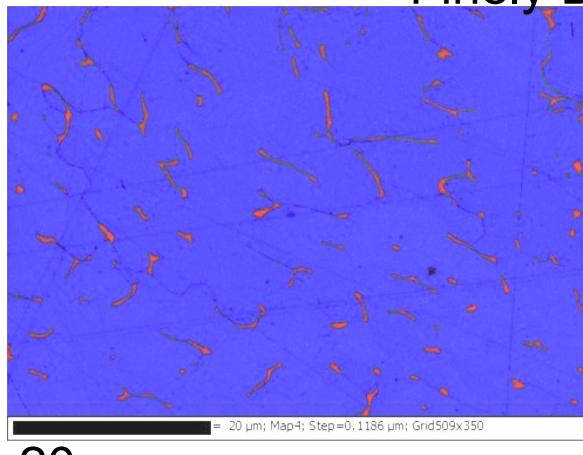
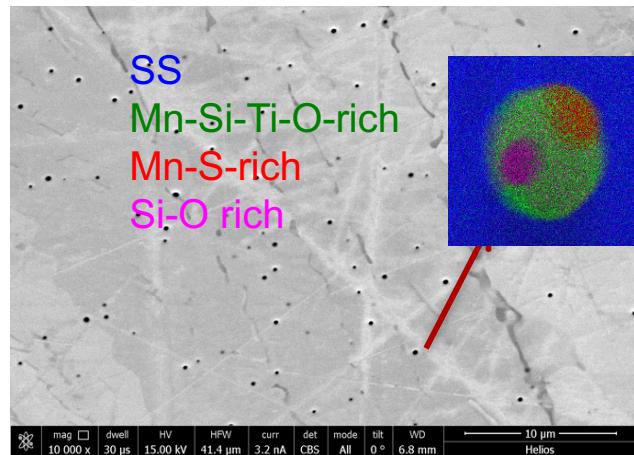


Cellular Solidification
Structure



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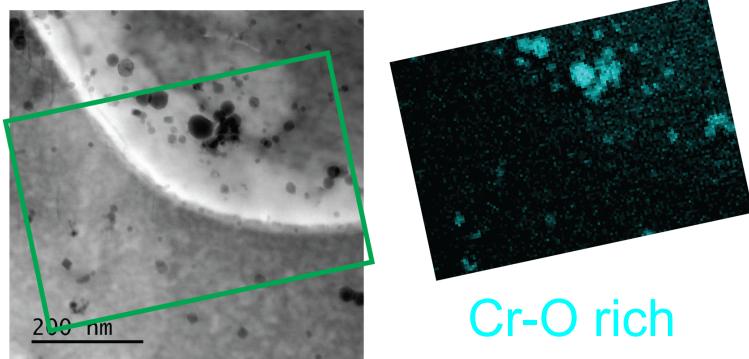
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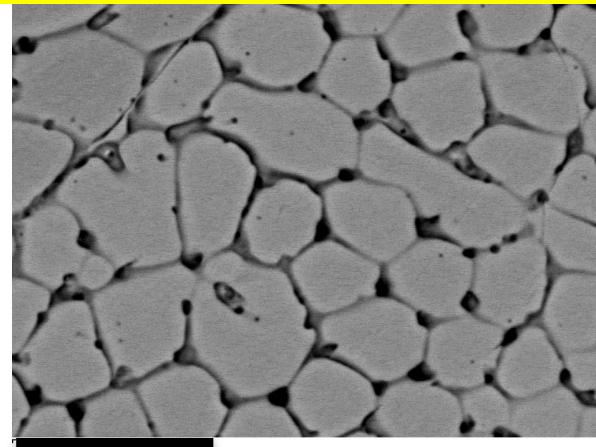
None show an obvious significant variation with distance from baseplate

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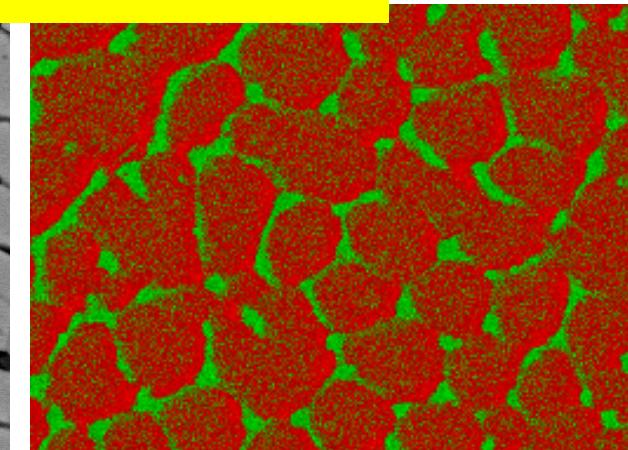


Cr-O rich

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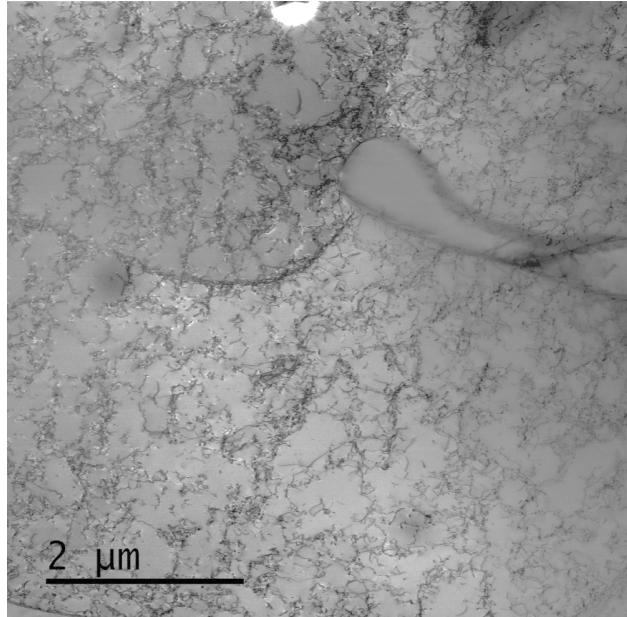


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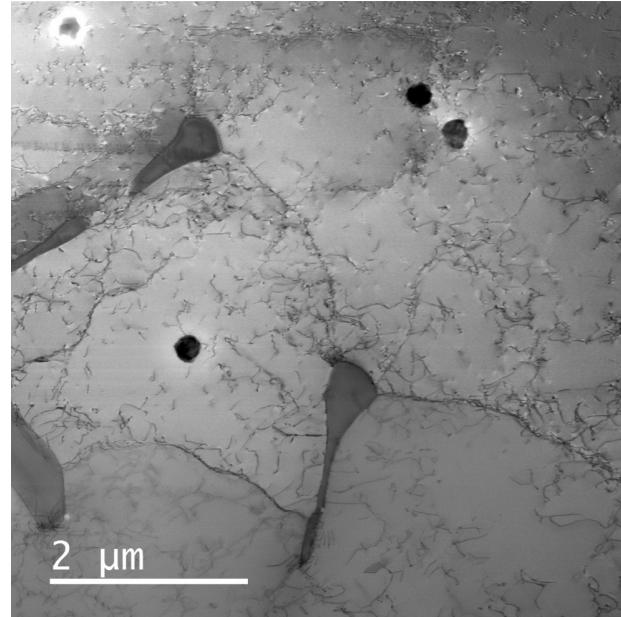


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Dislocation Structure Dependent on Location in Build

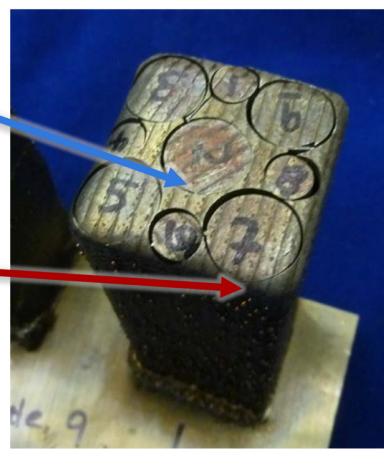
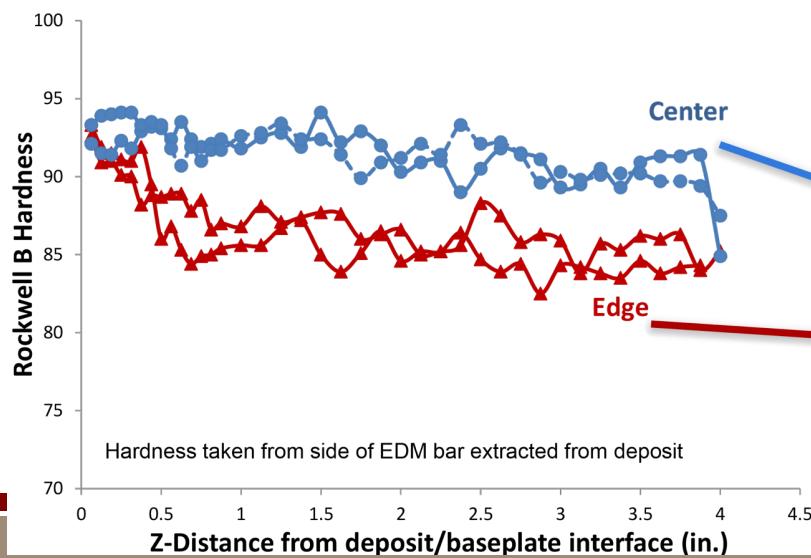


2 mm from Base BF STEM



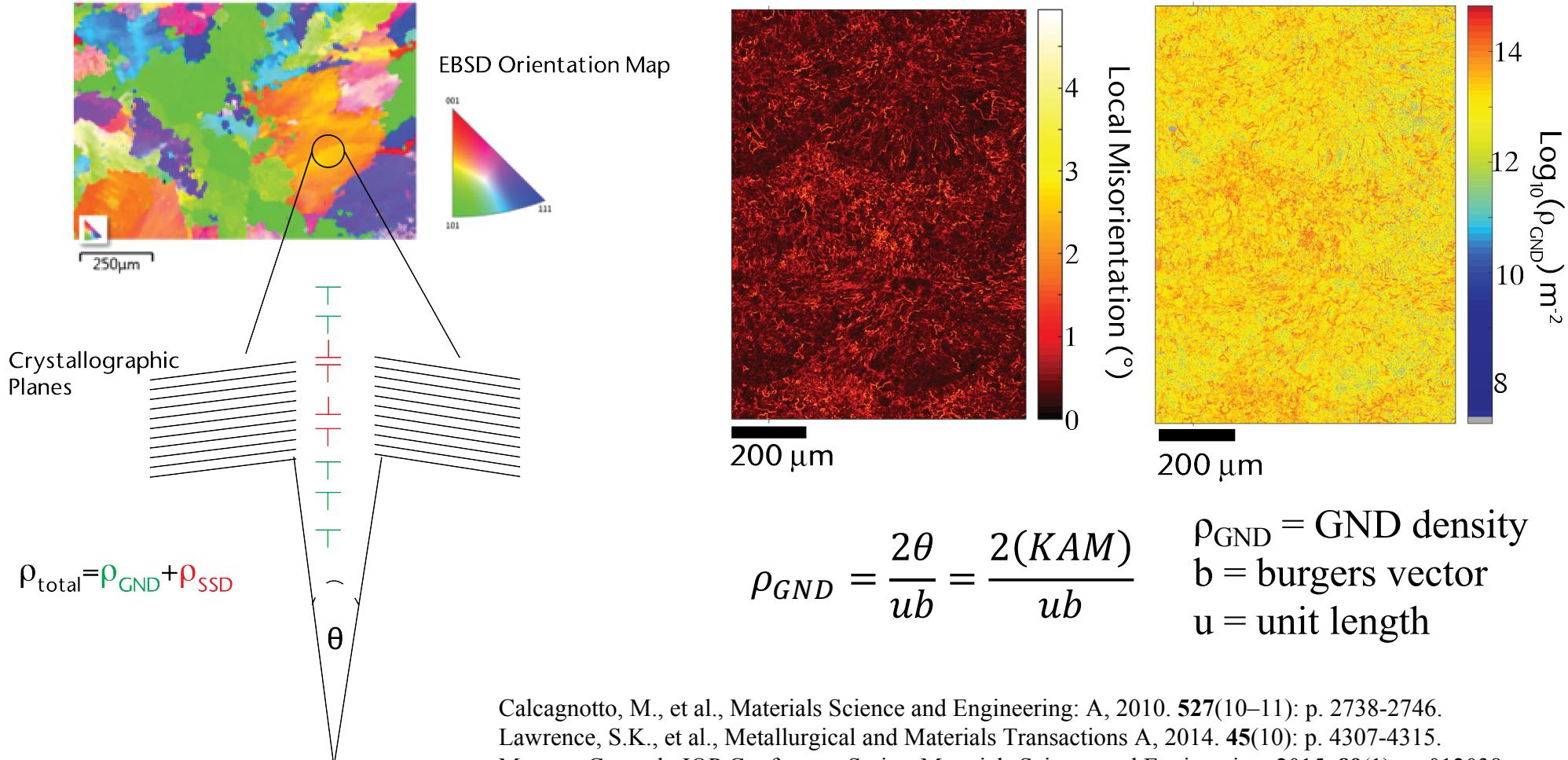
2 mm from Top BF STEM

- Qualitatively, there appear to be less dislocations near the top of the build
- This correlates with lower hardness numbers near the top of the build



Can we quantify the dislocation structure at a scale larger than what TEM allows?

Measurement of Geometrically Necessary Dislocations with EBSD

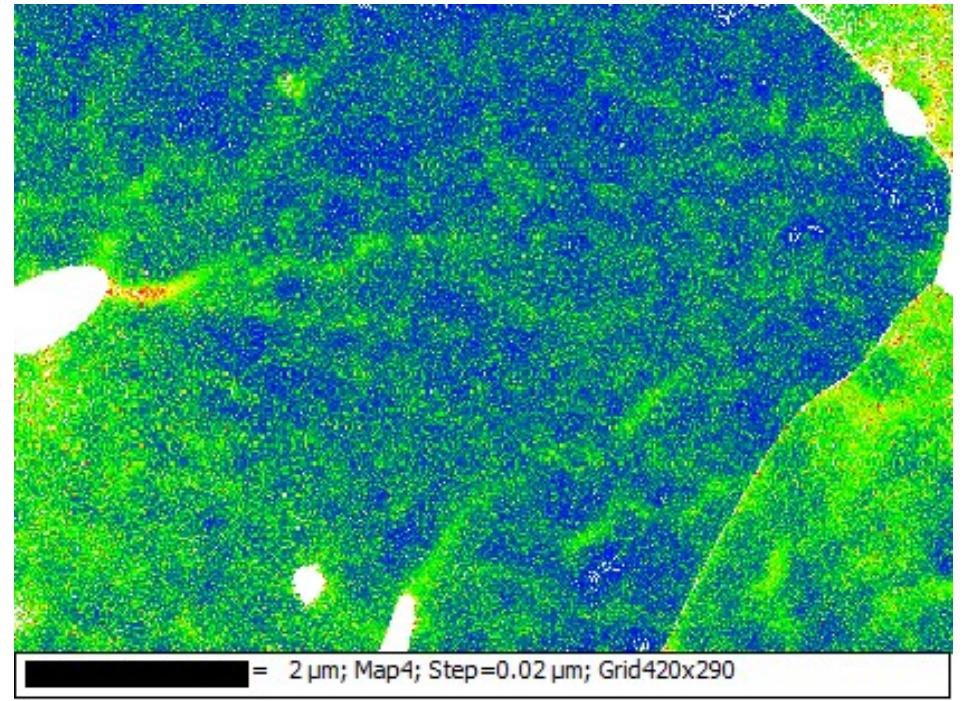
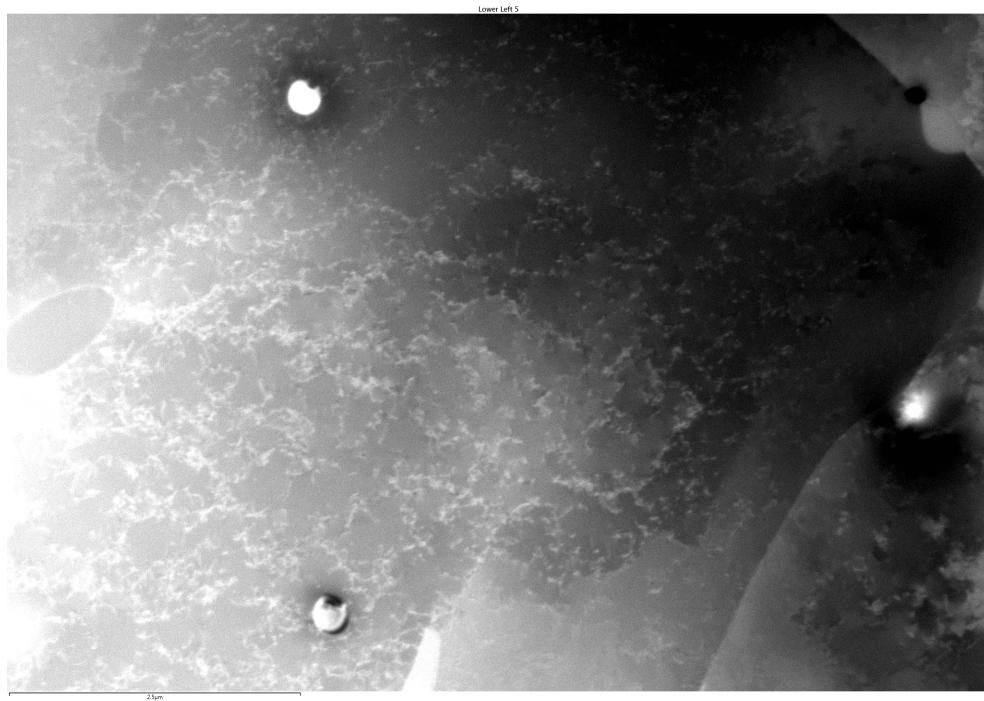


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GND Measurements Correlate With STEM Images of Dislocation Structure

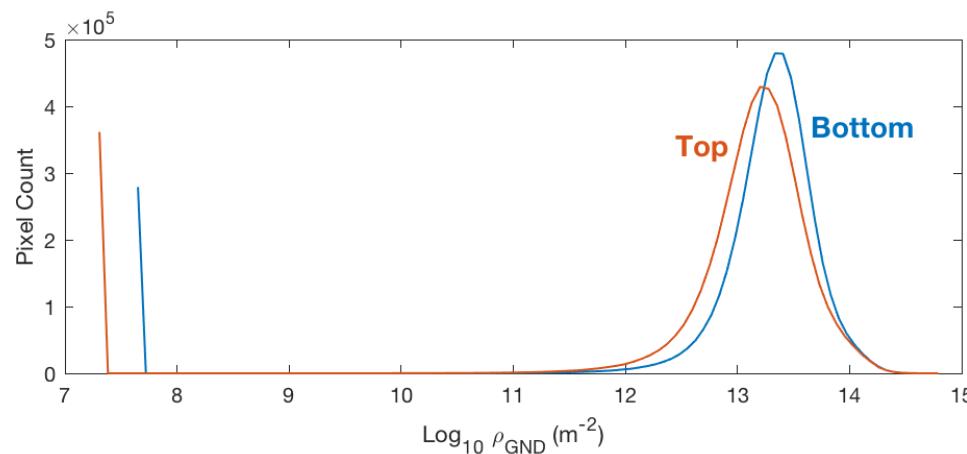
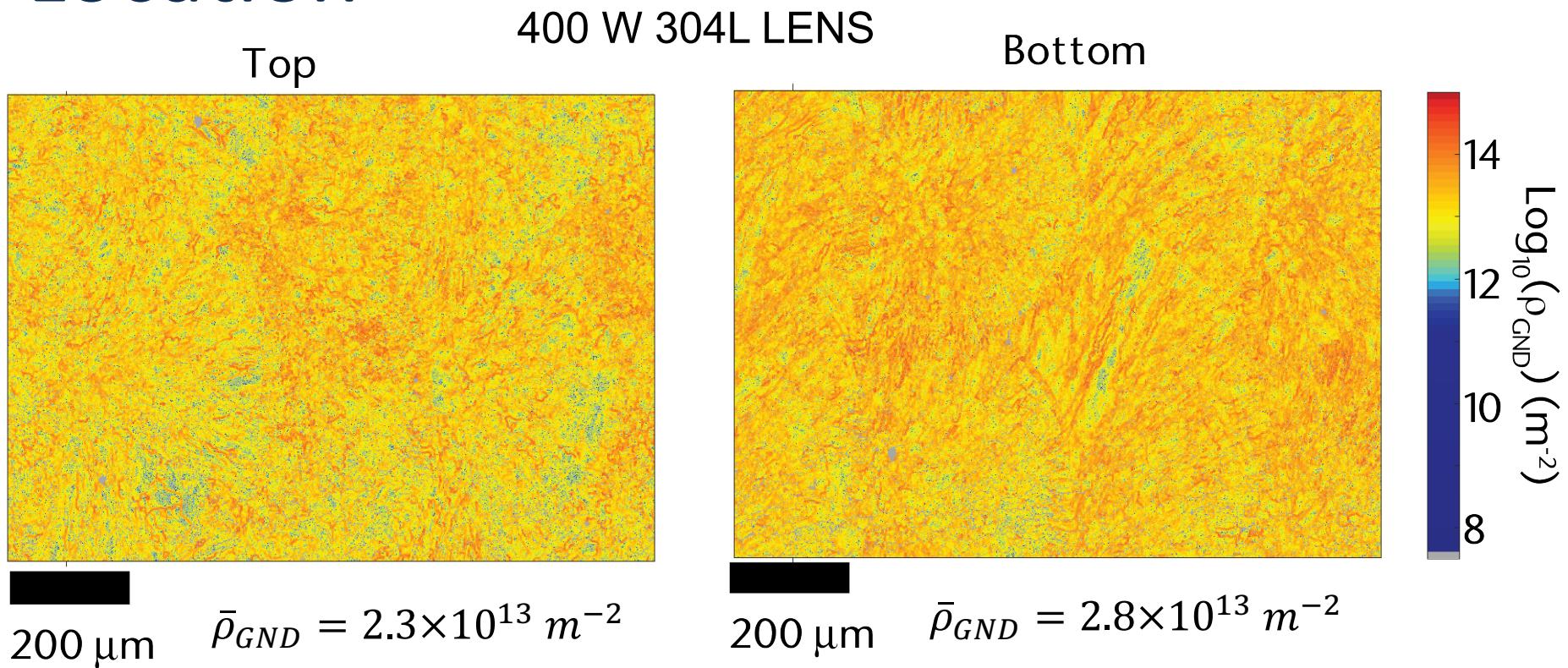


$$\rho_T = \rho_{GND} + \rho_{SSD}$$



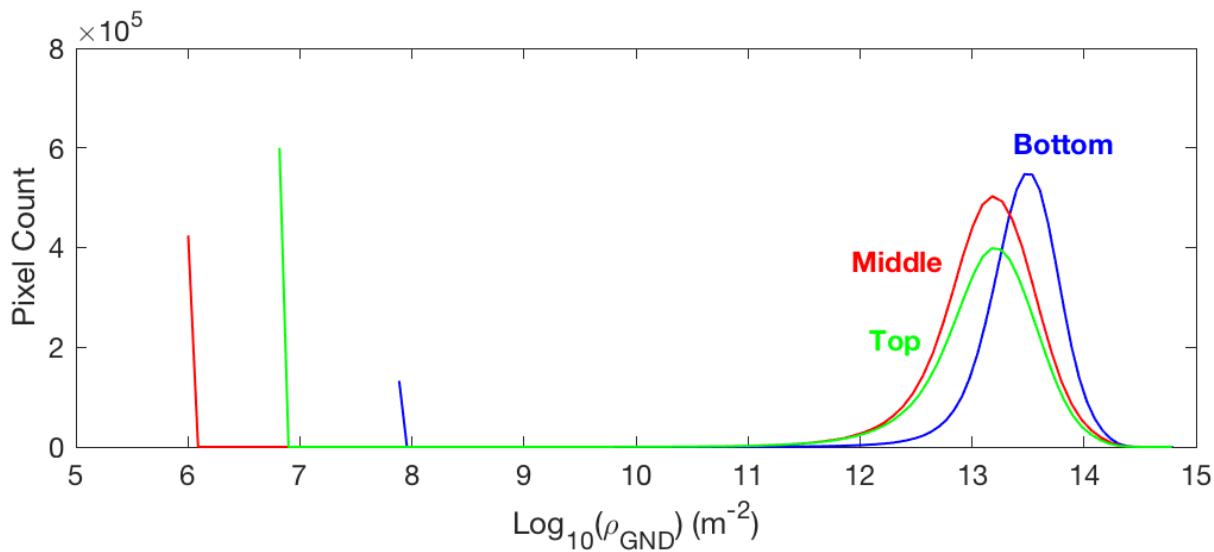
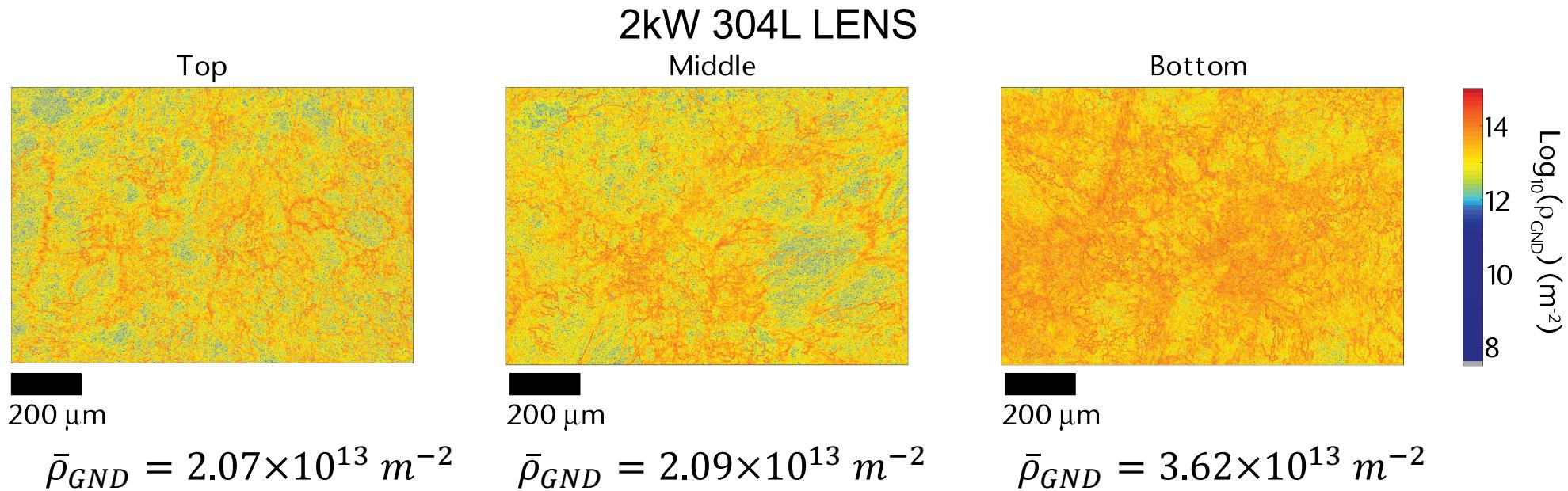
Measurements of local averaged misorientation for GNDs are consistent with images of the more general dislocation structure. Higher misorientations occur where the images show higher dislocation densities.

GND Distribution Varies with Build Location



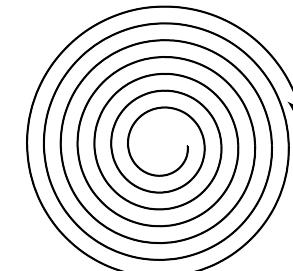
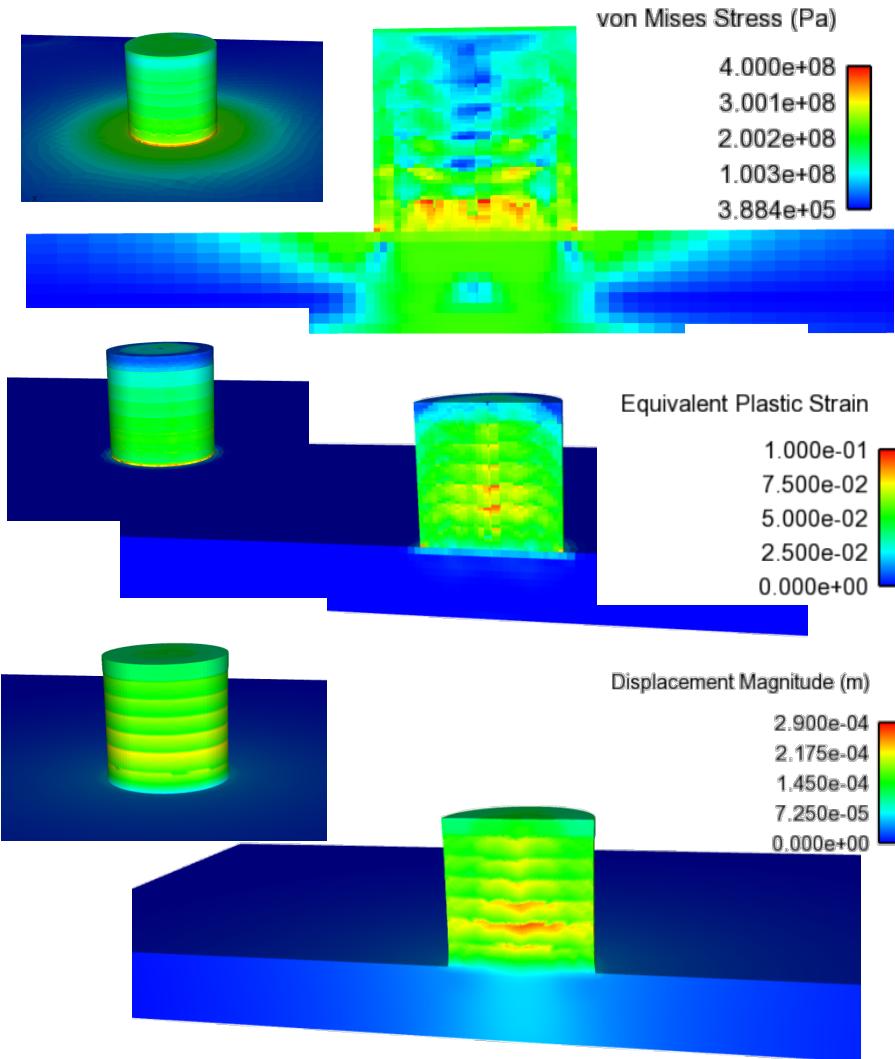
Average GND density and GND distribution show higher densities closer to baseplate

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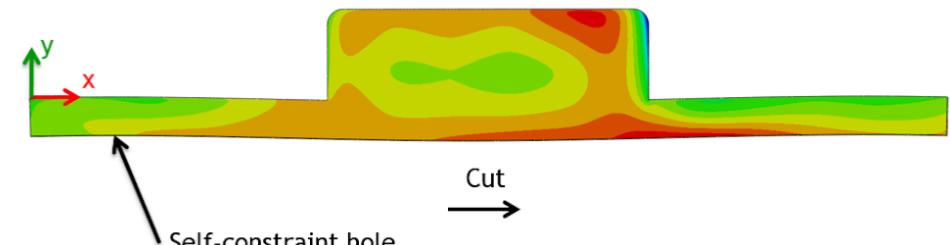
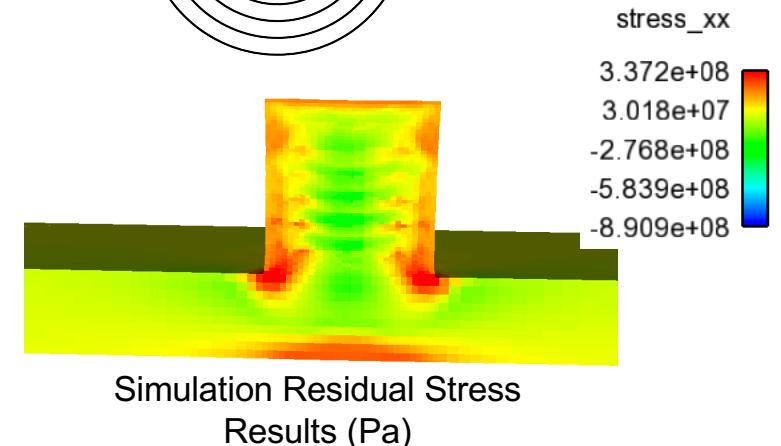


Higher energy builds shows same trend of higher dislocation density closer to the base plate

Coupling of Mechanical and Thermal Modeling

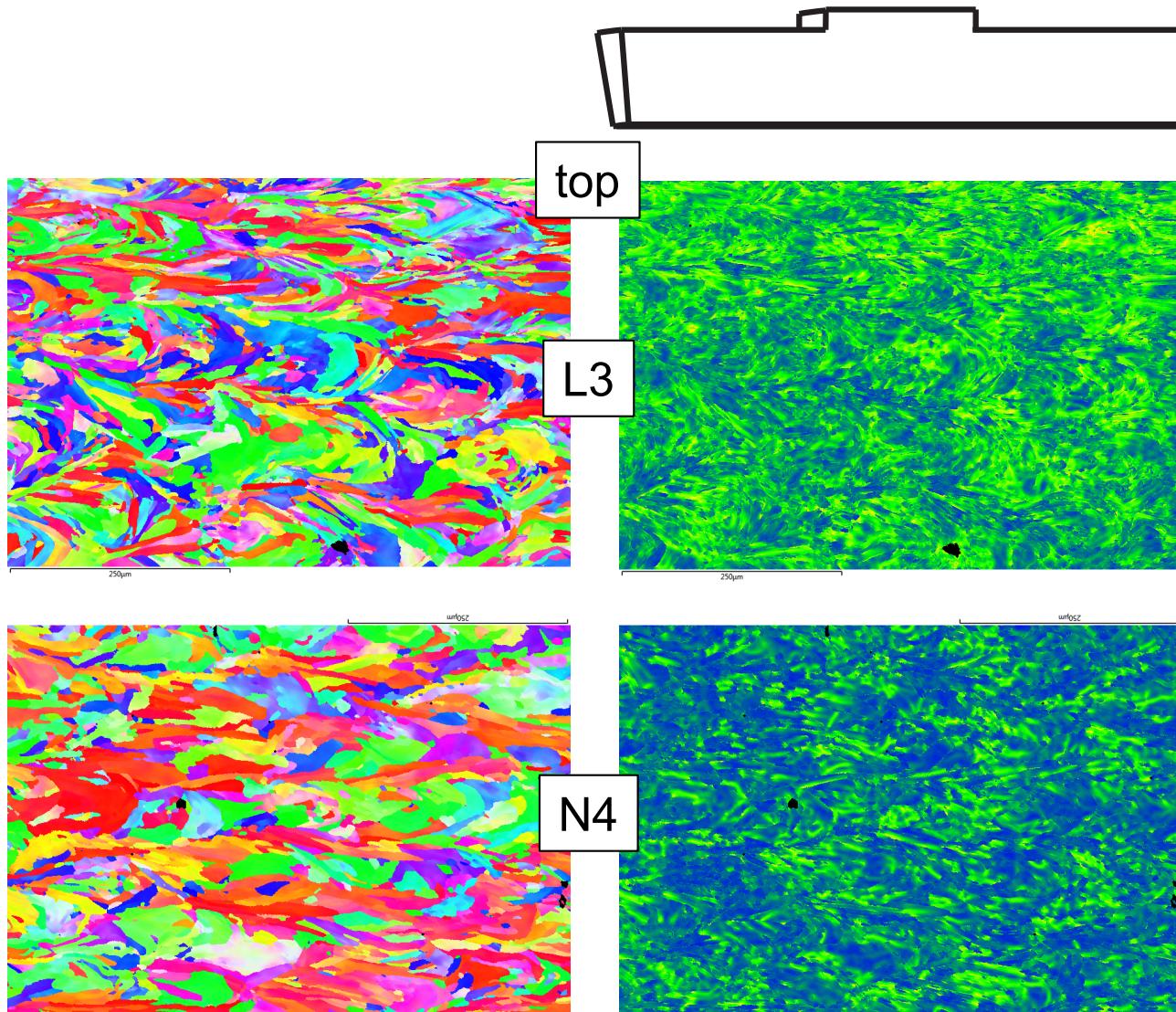


Build Pattern



Modeling shows higher stress, strain, and displacement near the base plate?
Do we see any effects of this in the microstructure and properties?

Dislocation Mapping in PBF



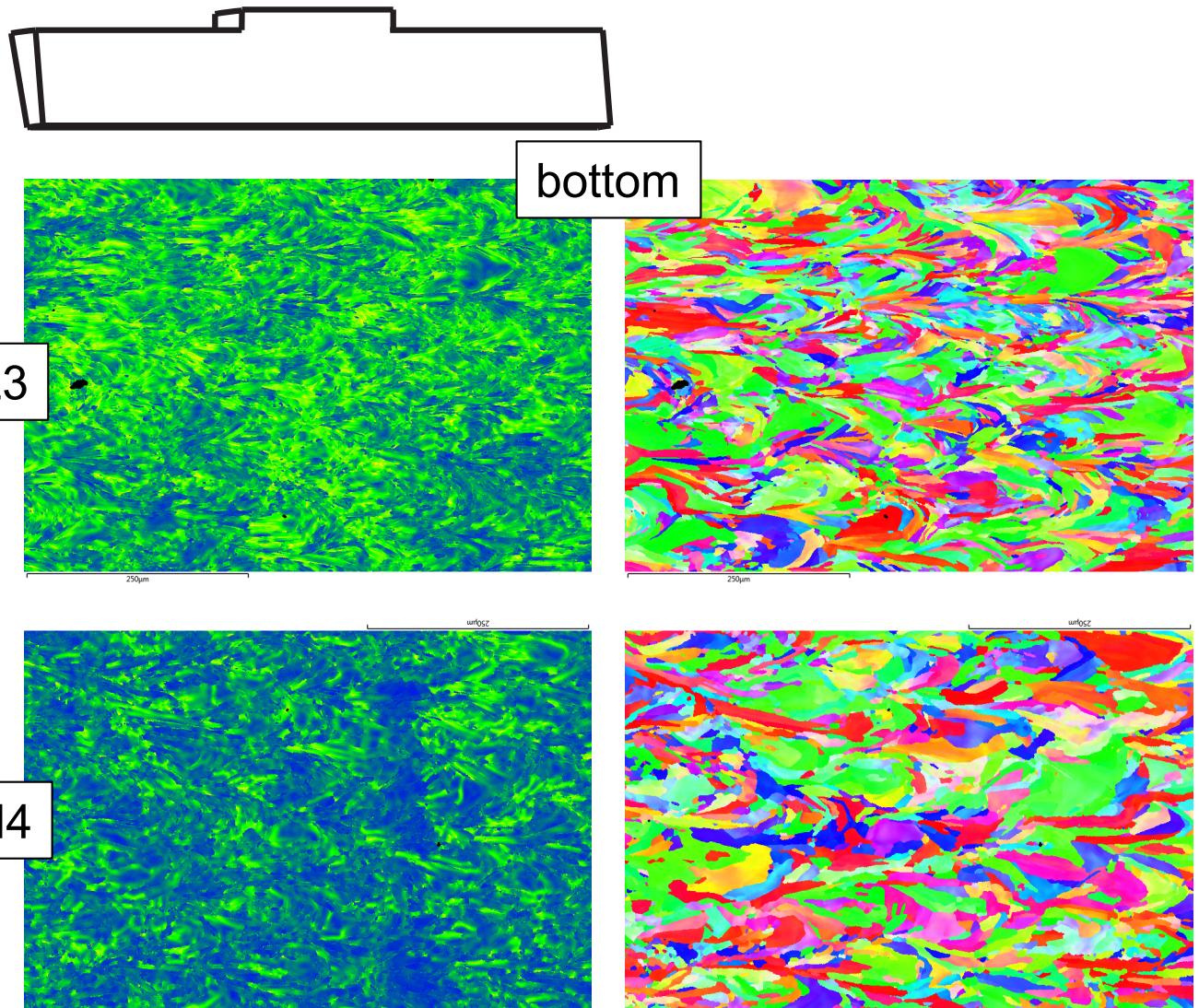
Orientation maps

Misorientation maps

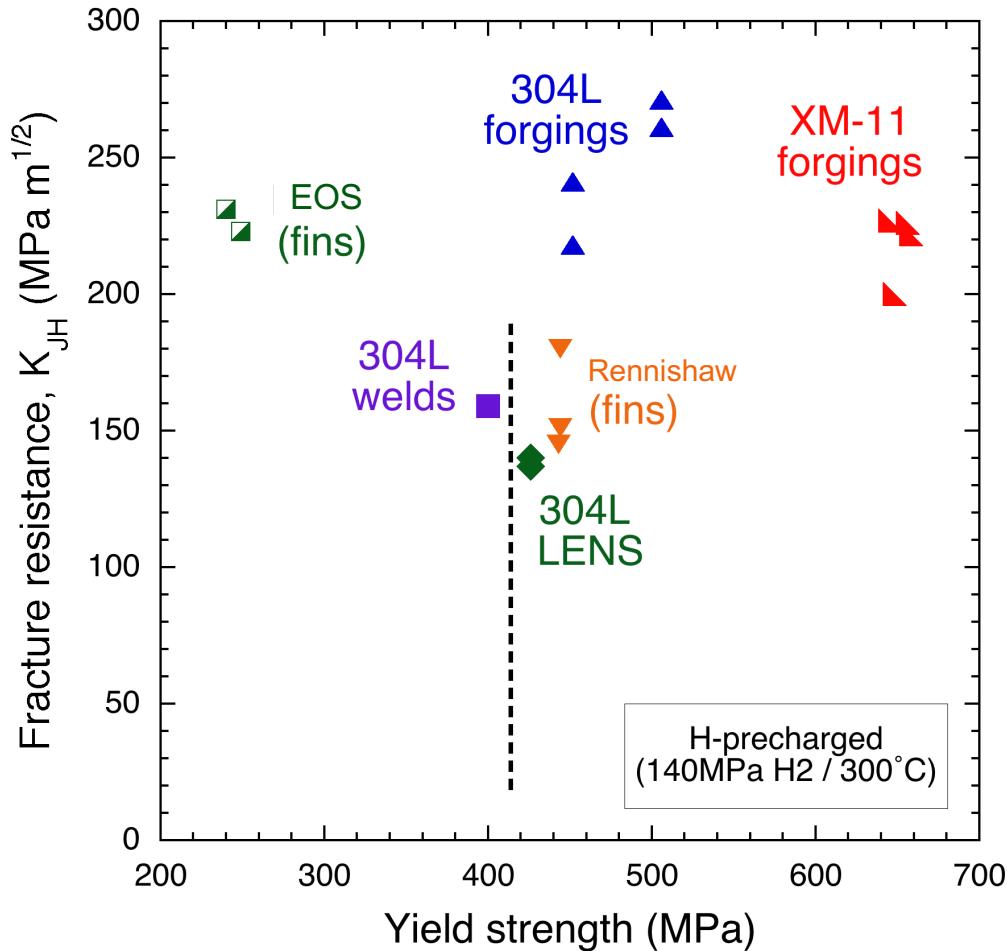
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Fracture measurements



304L forgings: Jackson, Metall Mater Trans 47A

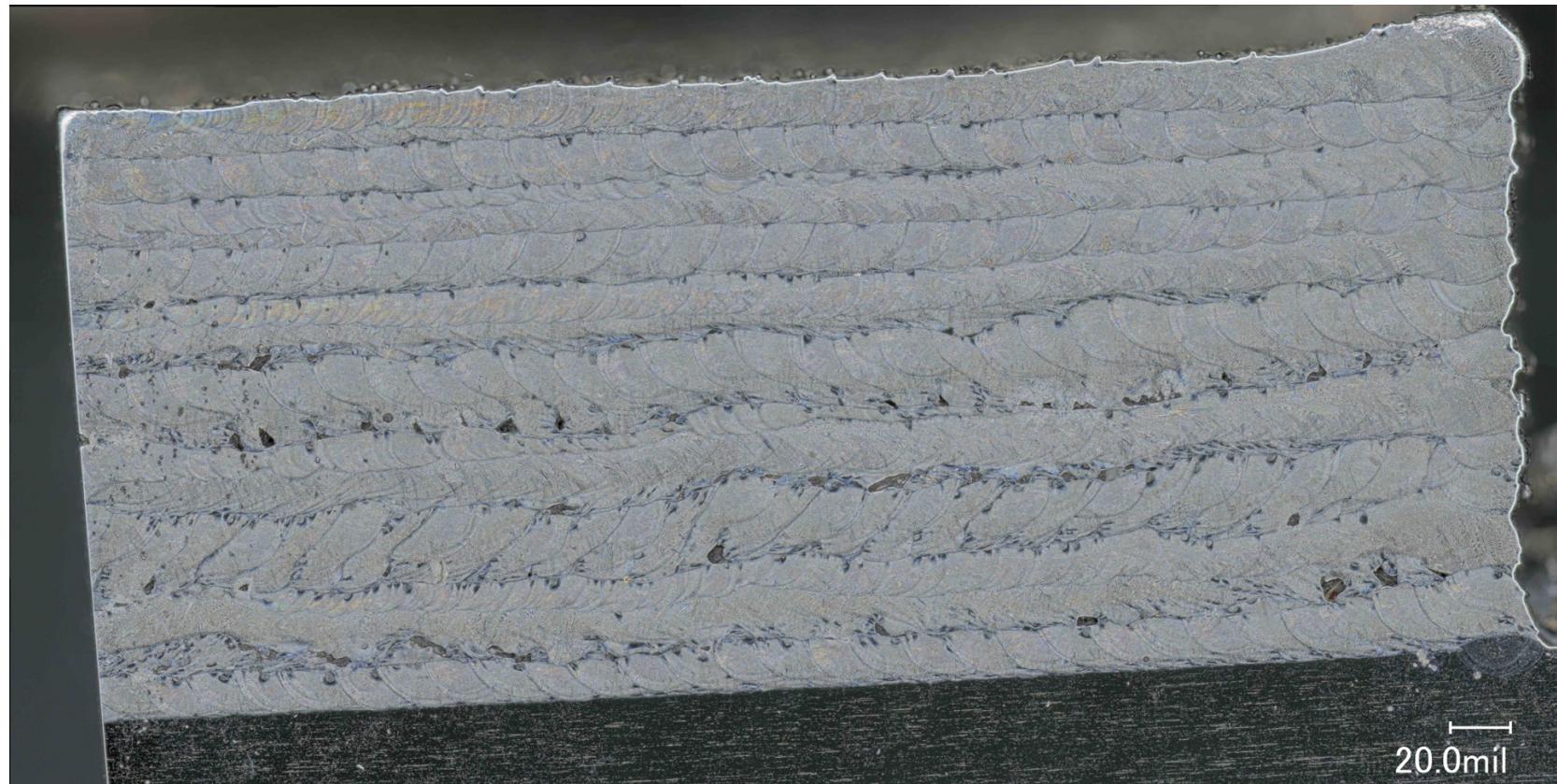
XM-11 forgings: Nibur, Acta Mater 57

Welds: Jackson, Corros Sci 60

Fracture resistance of H-precharged AM 304L

- Lower than wrought (forged) 304L with same strength
- Similar to welded 304L
- Higher fracture resistance of EOS fins consistent with lower strength (as expected)

Thermally Induced Plasticity During Processing is Critical

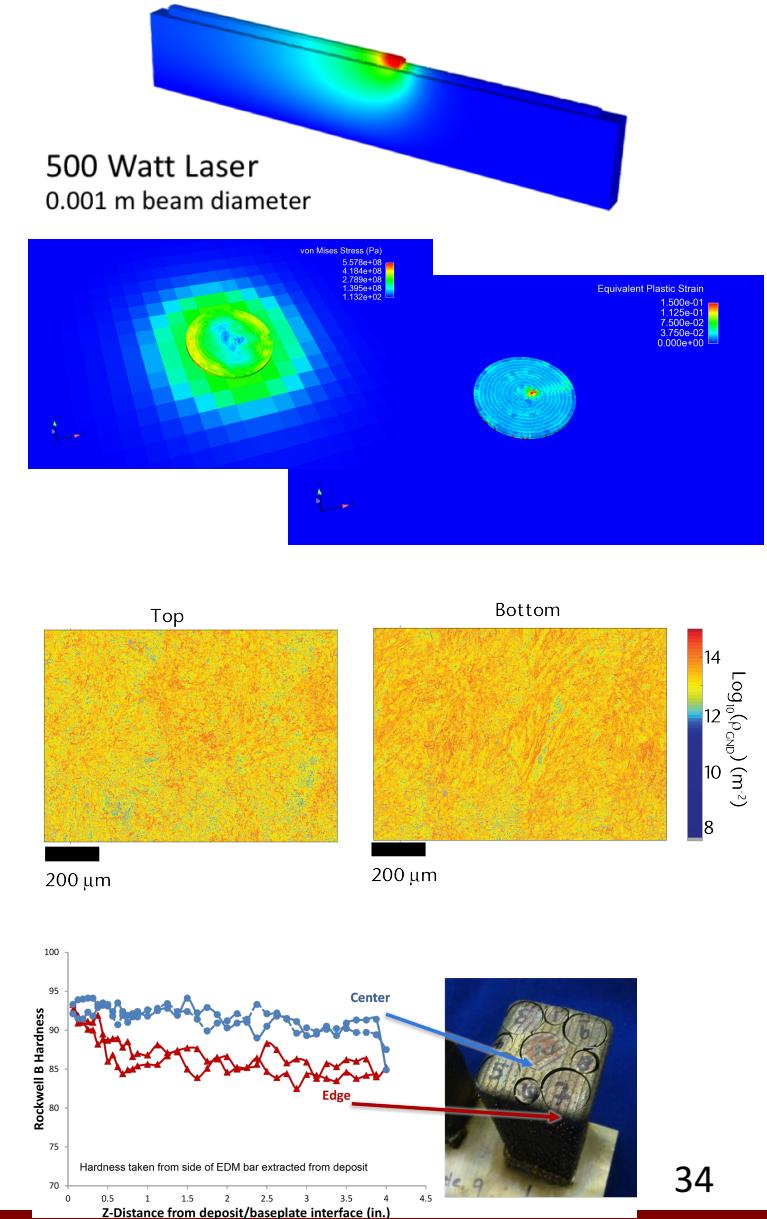


Relatively simple builds and the constraint of the baseplate and thermally induced plasticity during processing make a difference in the dislocation structure and distribution of hardness in these materials

This plasticity and the resultant dislocation/hardness/yield distribution will be completely different in a more complex geometry build

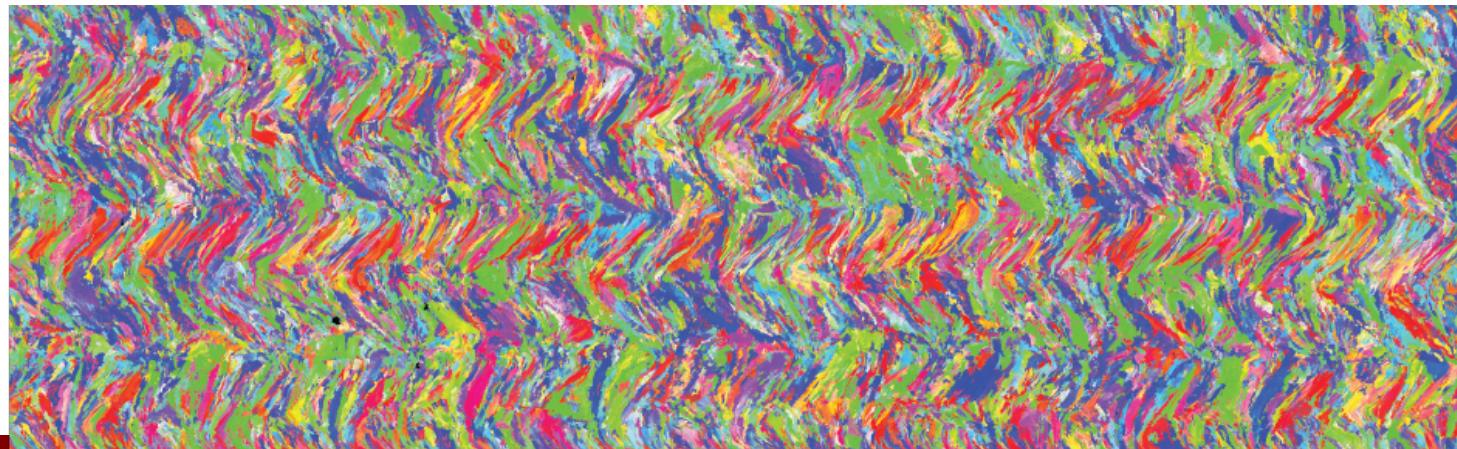
Summary

- Moving heat source has been developed that enable multiphysics thermal and mechanical modeling of the LENS process for part-scale builds
- We can perform coupled simulations that predict residual stresses at values near the yield strength 304L
- The prediction of yielding and plastic strain near the baseplate is consistent with microstructural measurements of dislocation density
- Measurements of higher GND density near the baseplate is consistent with our measurements of higher hardness values near the baseplate



Conclusions

- The thermally-induced strain and resultant dislocation structure is an important factor to understanding the mechanical property variation in a build
 - The effect of the base plate as a heat sink and a constraint is significant in the development of microstructure and properties of a build
 - We have measured this in simple builds, but the effect could be more complicated in more complicated builds
- Eventually, these models can be used to optimize build parameters for each specific build geometry
 - Laser pattern can be optimized for residual stress before the build (e.g. spiral out, spiral in or cross hatch)



LENS 304L
400 W Laser