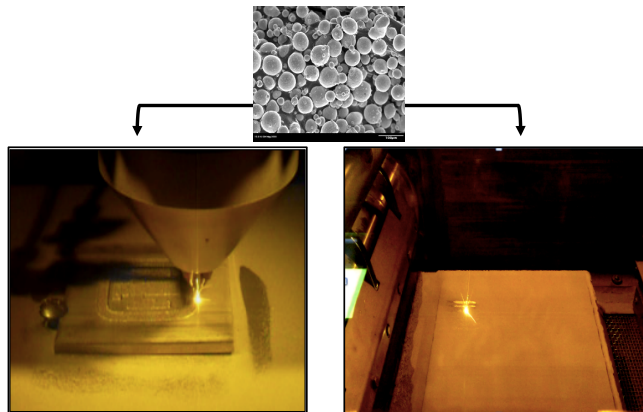


# Thermal stability of the 3-D AM 316LSS prototypes

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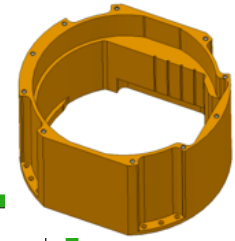
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# Outline

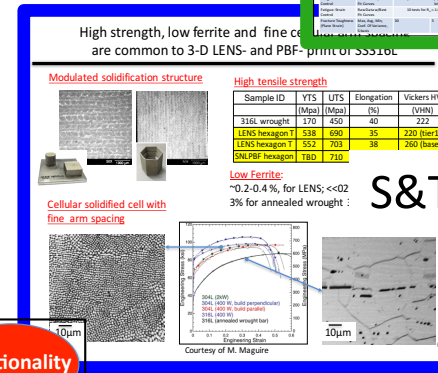
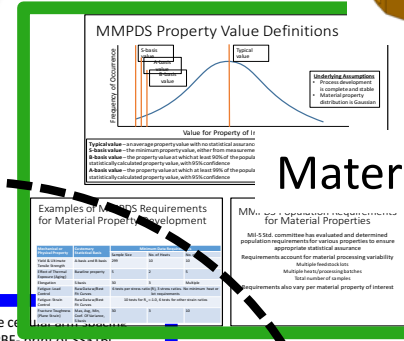
- Programmatic objective
- Science and technology (S&T) maturation activities
- As-printed metallurgical characteristics of AM 316L SS
- Thermal aging and stability of AM 316L SS prototype
- Summary and discussion

# Programmatic objective

Technical path toward AM system qualification

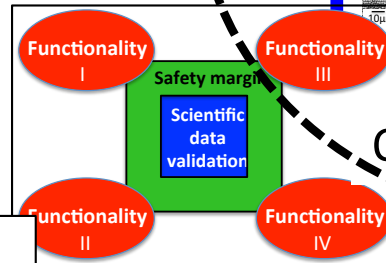


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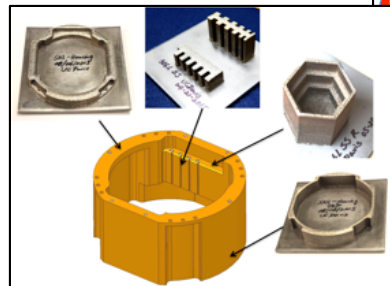


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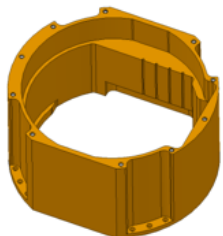
Qualification plan



On-going Technical effort



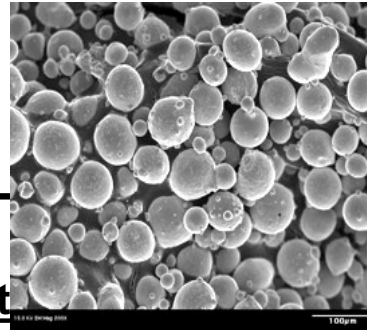
Prototyping



The AM component selected

# 3-D LENS and PBF metal printing demonstration

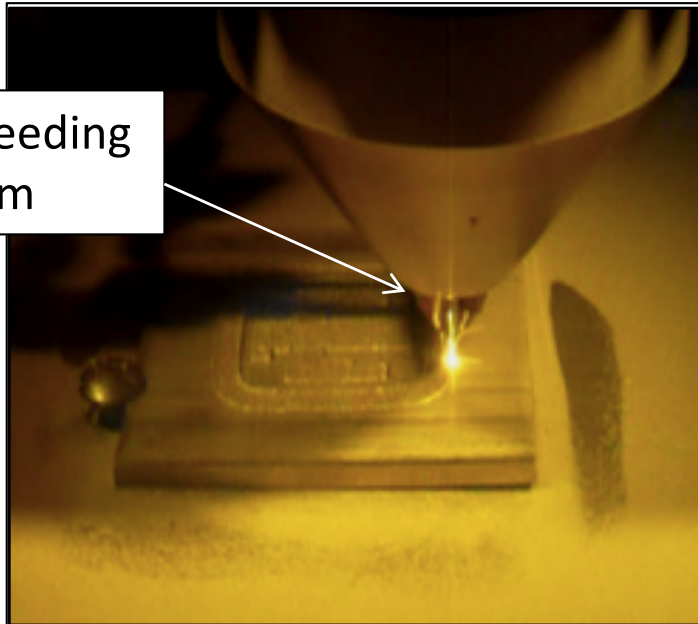
**Starting 316L atomized feedstock powders**



3-D LENS deposit

3-D PBF printing

Powder feeding system



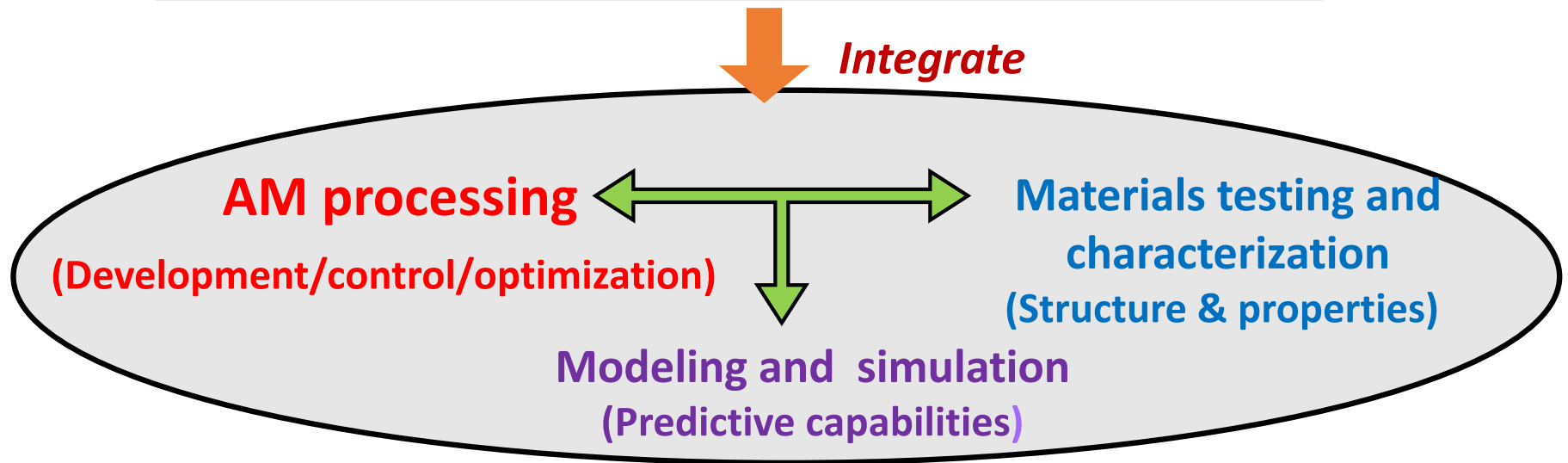
Pre-packed powder bed





# Programmatic objective: Integrating a robust scientific approach

## AM Science and Technology (S&T) Maturation



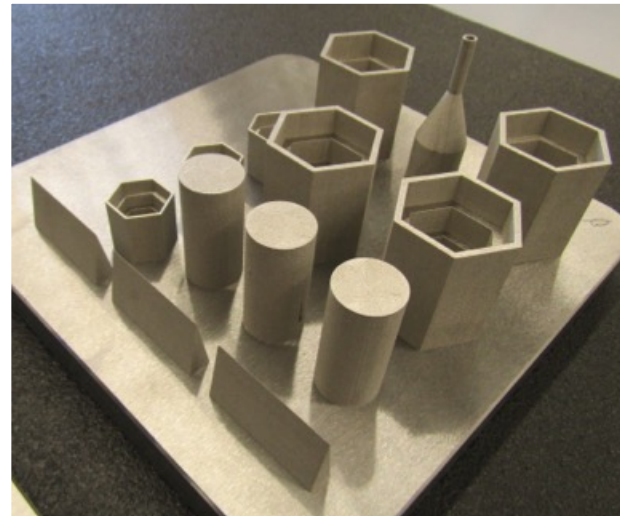
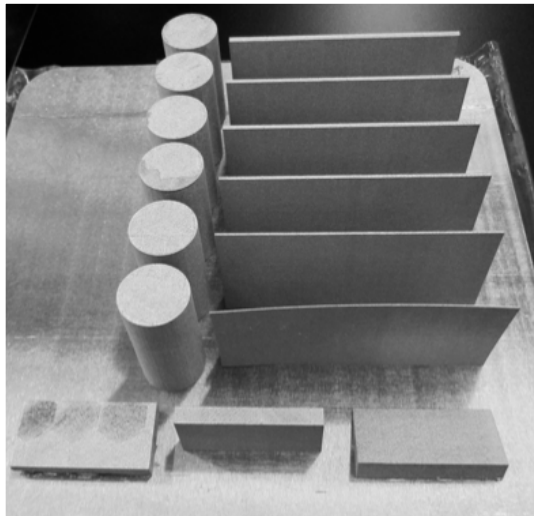
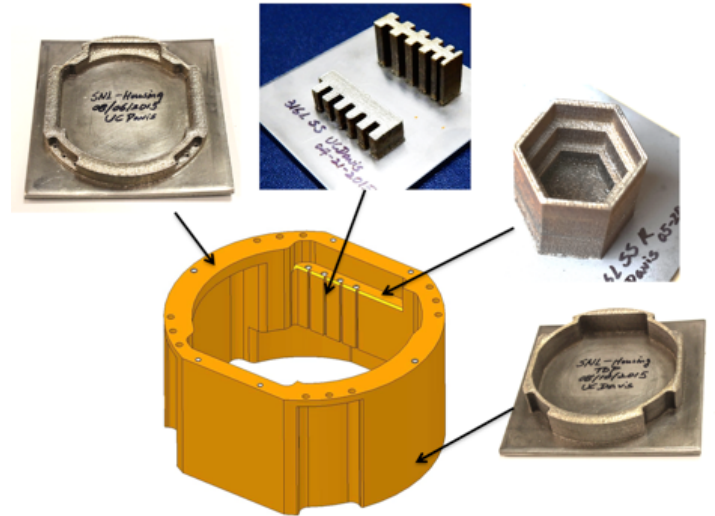
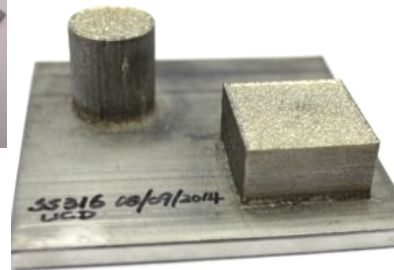
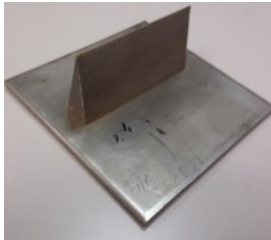
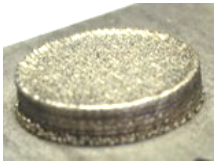
*Discover*

- Process-structure-property-performance relationships
- Geometry/precision & limitation/manufacturing constraints
- Materials properties control and defect mitigation

*Enable*

Science-base AM system engineering

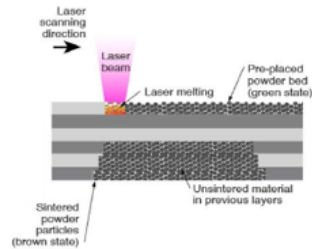
# 3-D LENS- & PBF- 316L SS prototyping



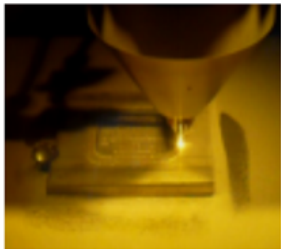
# On-going science & technology maturation activities

## Process & prototyping

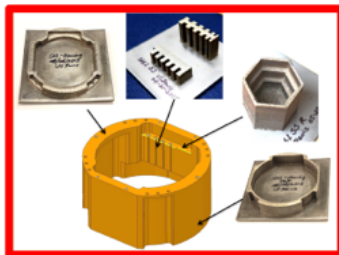
### Laser-material interaction



### Process optimization

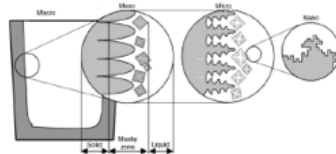


### Prototyping feasibility

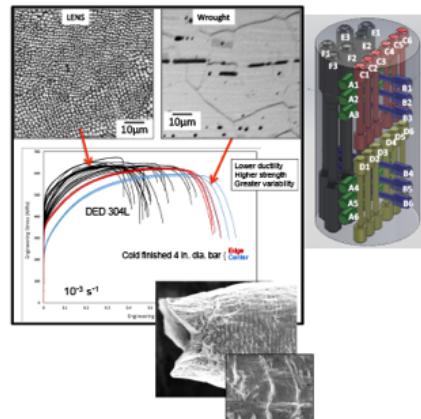


## Material science

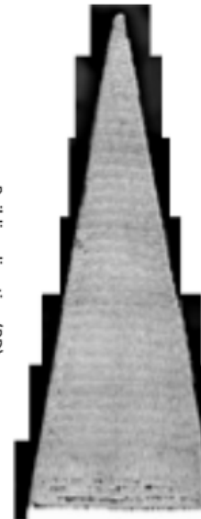
### Metal solidification



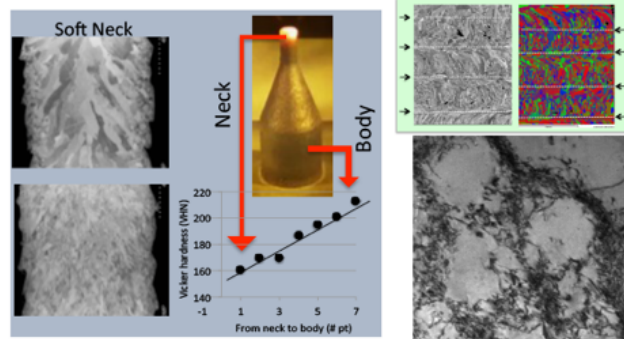
### Mechanical behavior



### Geometry & structural defect

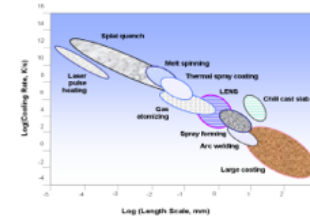


### Thermal cooling- Microstructure-Anisotropy

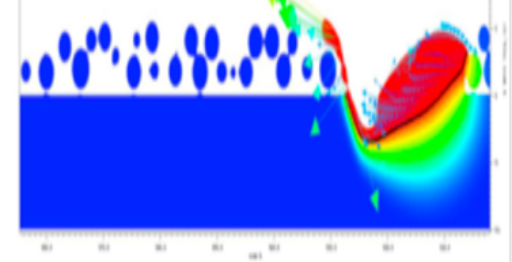


## Numerical modeling

### Thermal transport & Solidification cooling validation & prediction



### Melt pool simulation

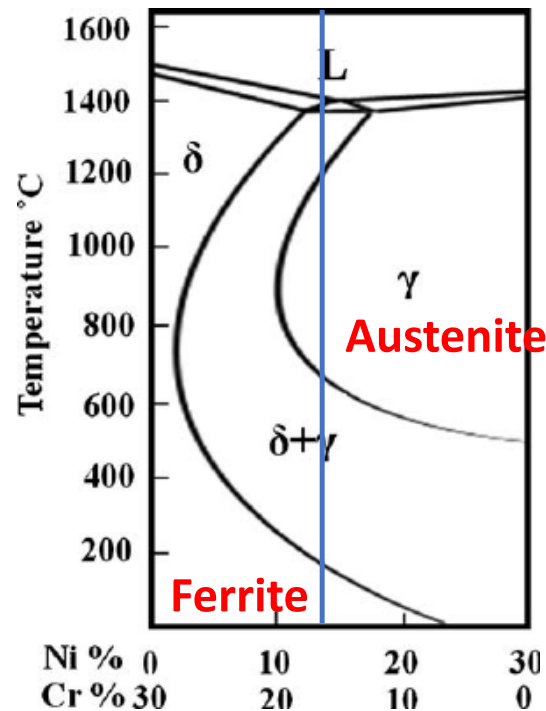


### External collaborations

- UC Davis/Irvine
- UC Berkeley:
- Stanford
- PolarOnyx INC

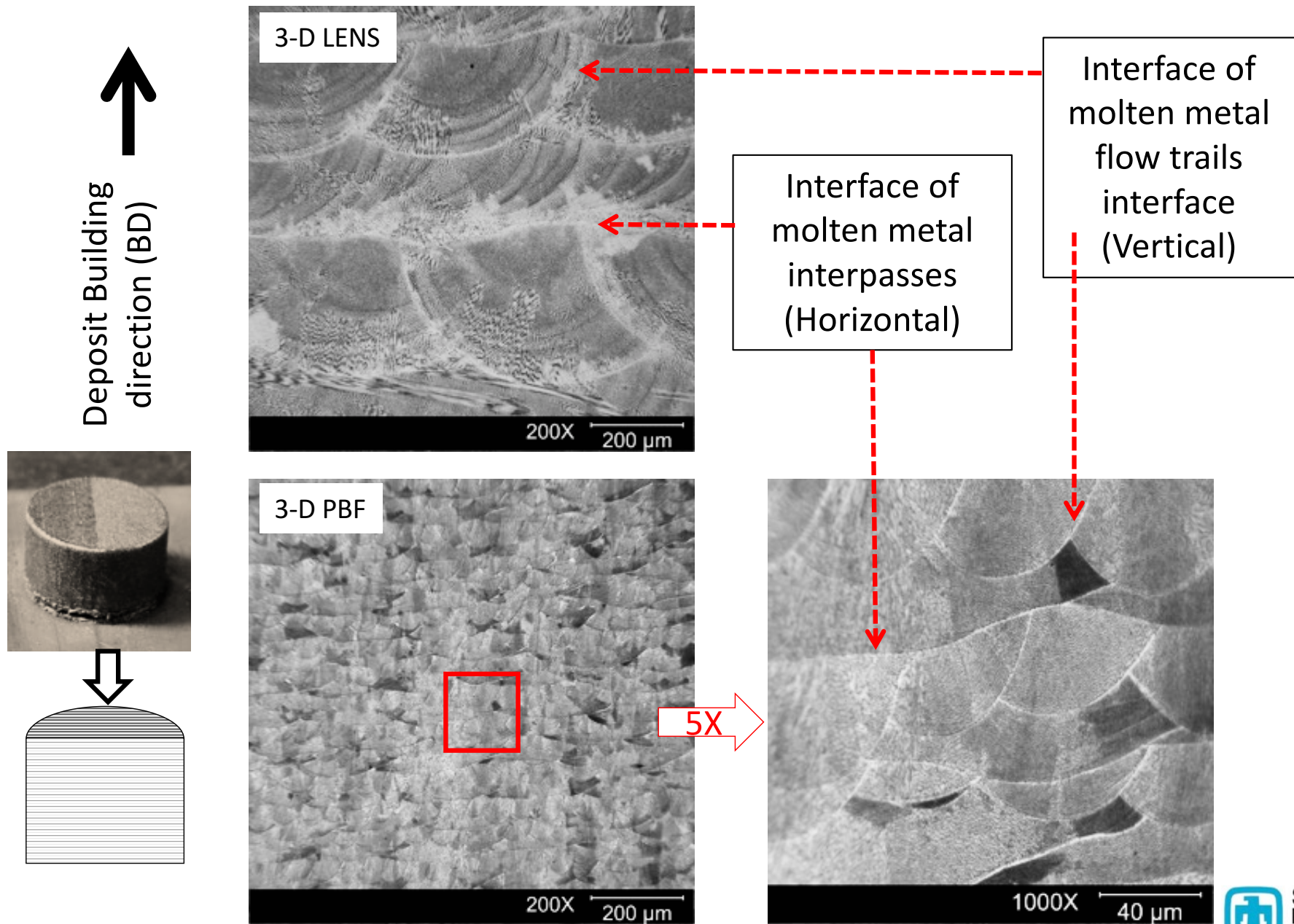
# Solidification of 300 series stainless steel

Type	Composition (wt%)							
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	Ni	P	S	Other
304	0.08	2.00	1.00	18.0-20.0	8.0-10.5	0.045	0.03	
304L	0.03	2.00	1.00	18.0-20.0	8.0-12.0	0.045	0.03	
316	0.08	2.00	1.00	16.0-18.0	10.0-14.0	0.045	0.03	2.0-3.0 Mn
316L	0.03	2.00	1.00	16.0-18.0	10.0-14.0	0.045	0.03	2.0-3.0 Mn





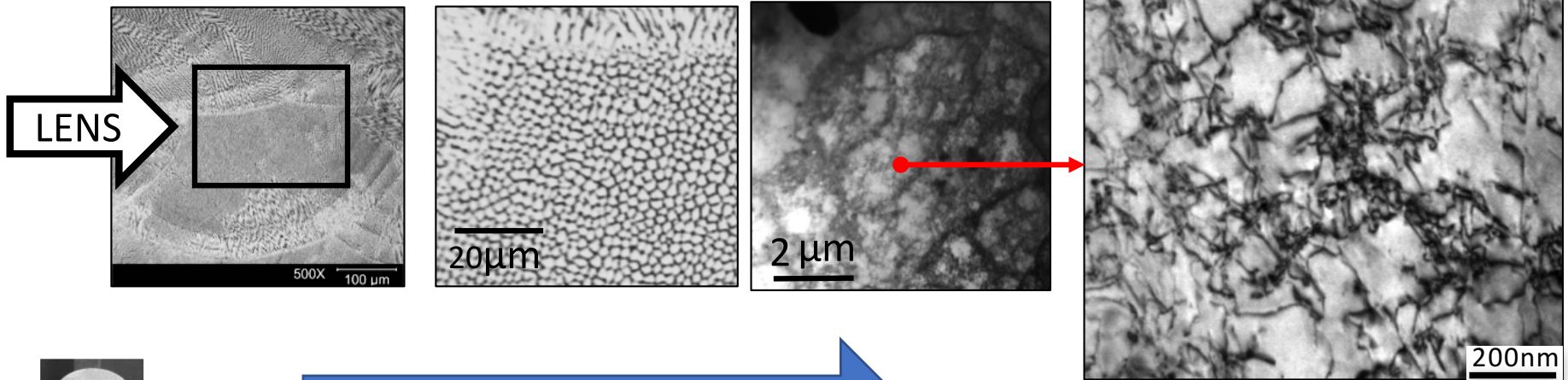
# 3-D-LENS- & PBF- printed 316LSS exhibit composite structure of solidified cells



Solidification cell is much coarser and dislocations network is more spread out in the LENS- than in PBF- cylinder

Optical images of cross section (UCD)

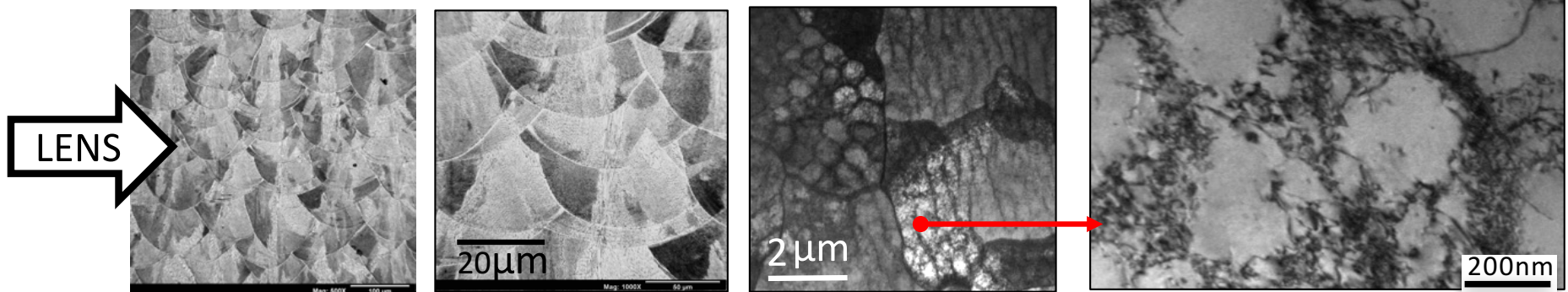
TEM/BF



Increasing magnification

Optical images of cross section (GPI)

TEM/BF

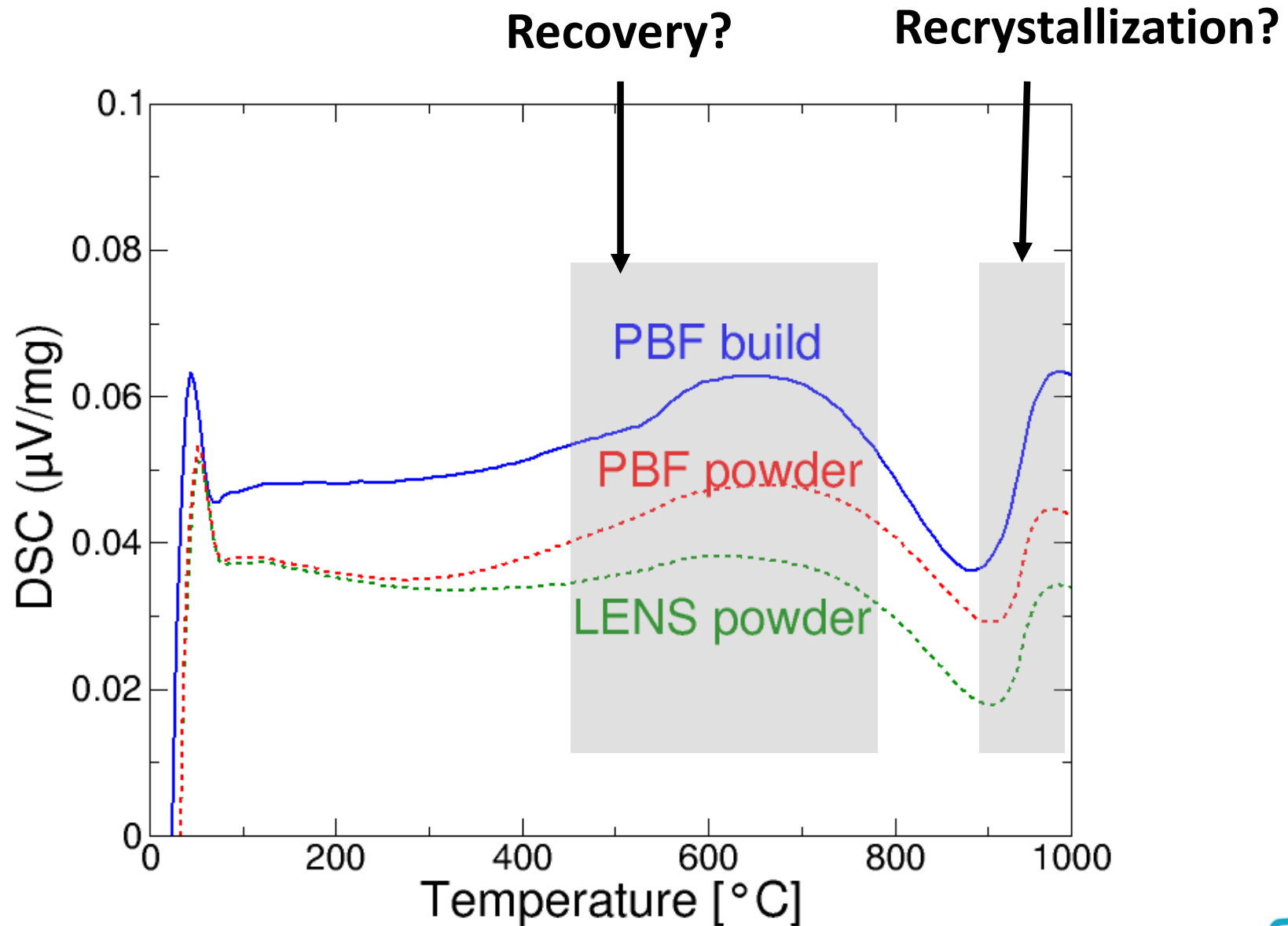


## Thermal aging studies of 3-D LENS and PBF printed 316L SS

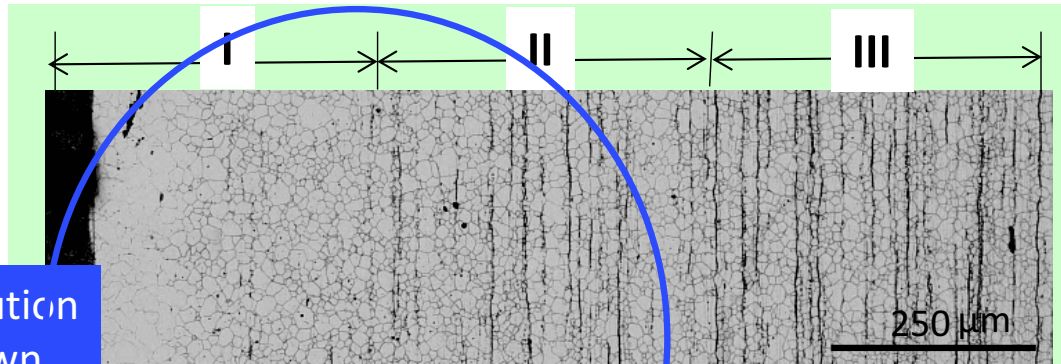
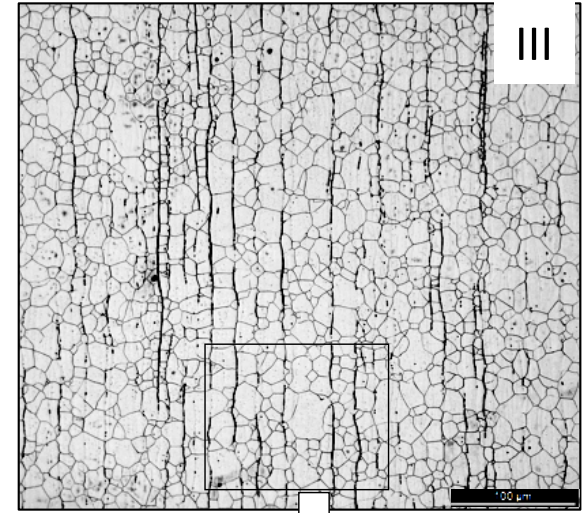
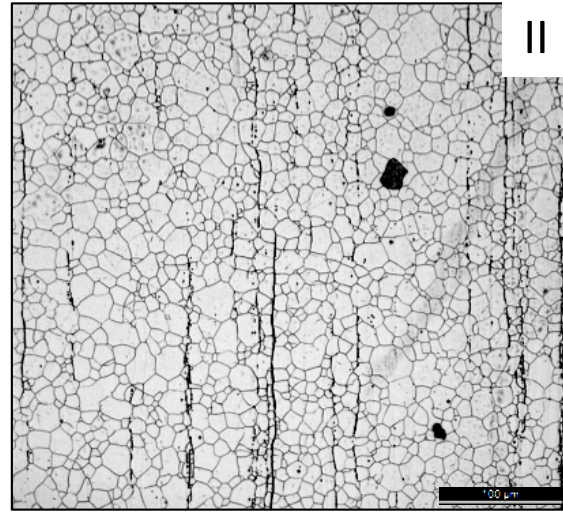
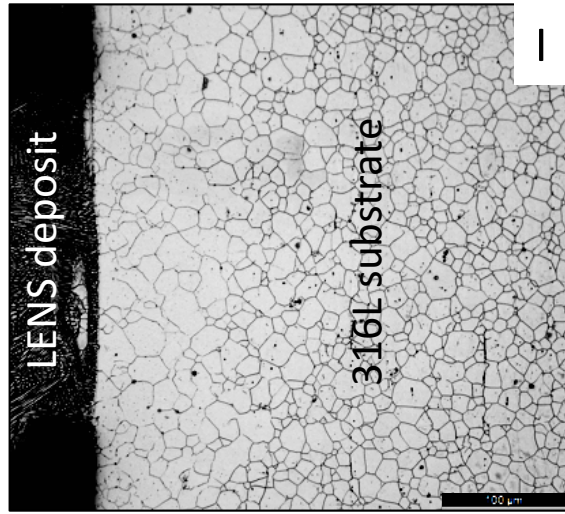
- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
- Physical metallurgy evolution
  - ✓ 3-D AM process induced
  - ✓ System performance induced



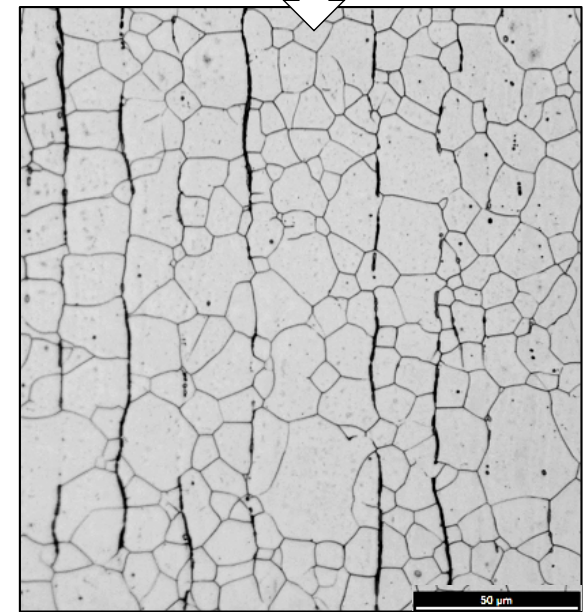
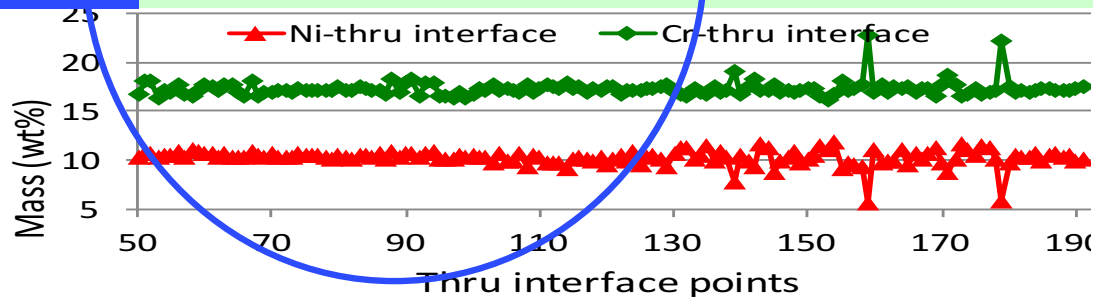
DSC: 316L AM build shows same transitions as powder, reasonably stable to ~450C



# LENS-induced heat dissipation led to grain growth & ferrite dissolution of the 316L substrate near the interface

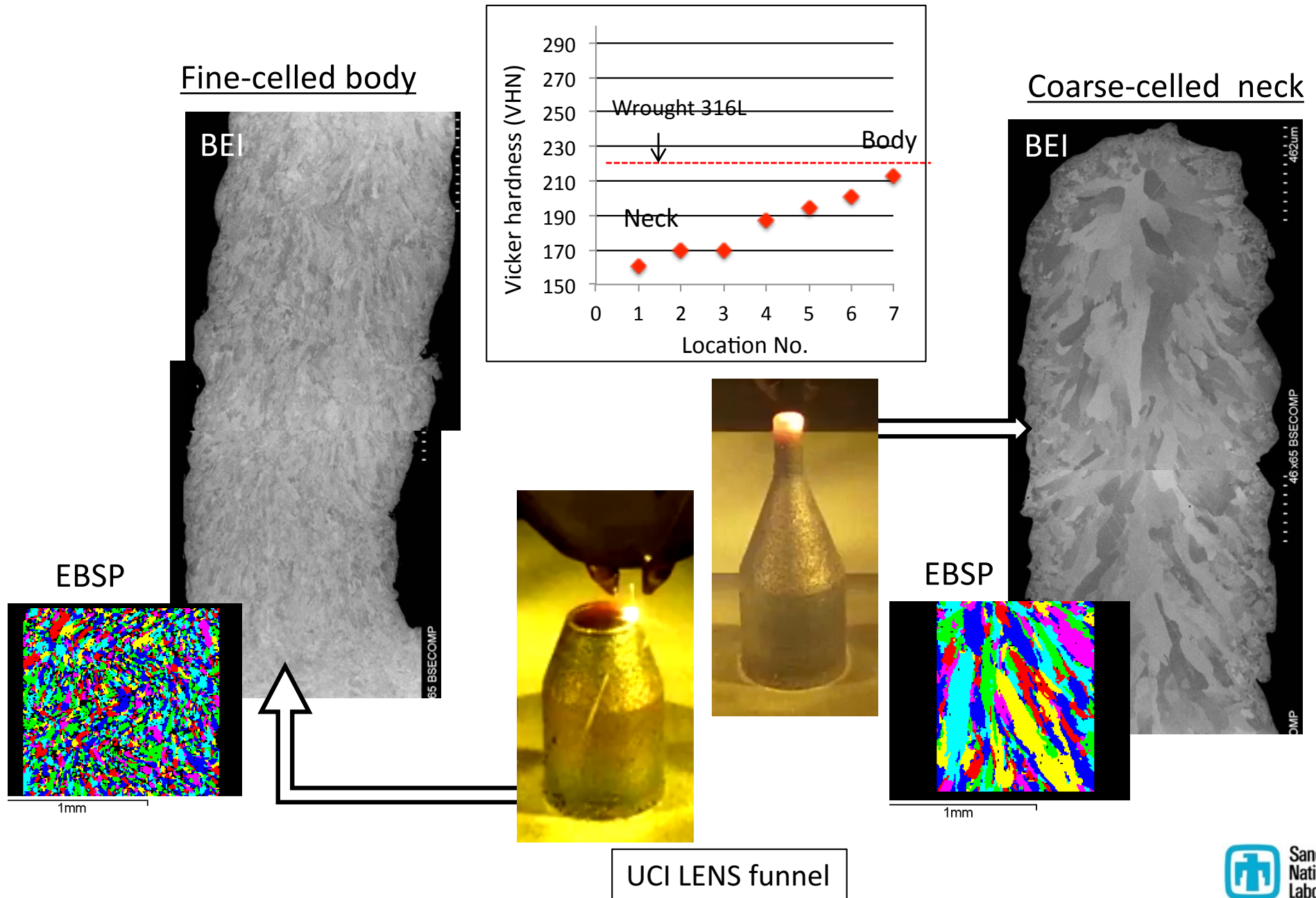


Ferrite dissolution  
& grain grown



# Solidified cell coarsening softens the upper neck of LENS funnel

due to the longer exposure of intense heating





# Process-induced thermal aging in 316L PBF prototypes is less obvious, faster/more even cooling thru powder bed?

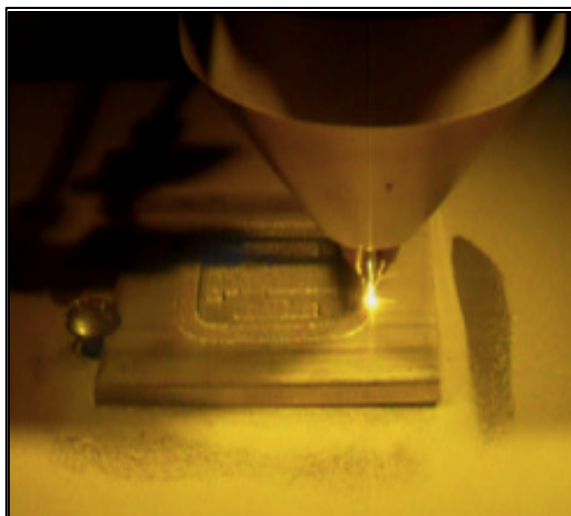
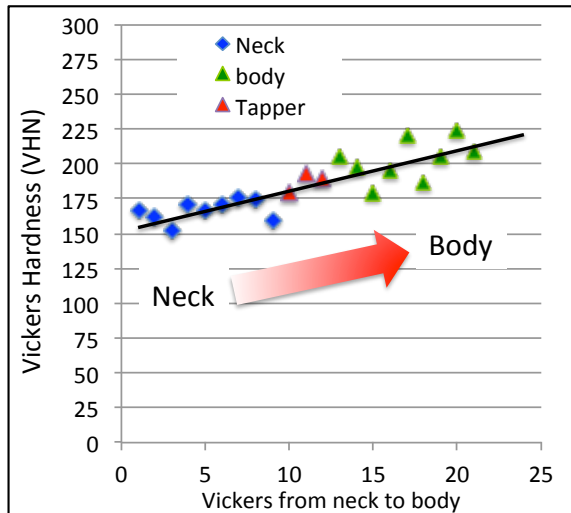
## 3-D LENS printing

Solidified structure

by EBSD



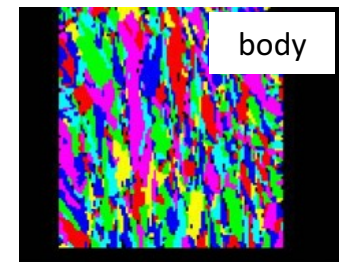
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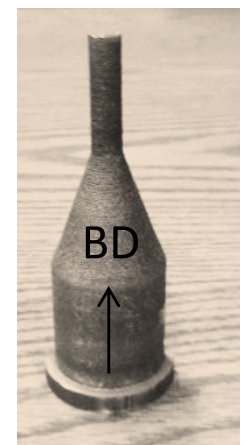
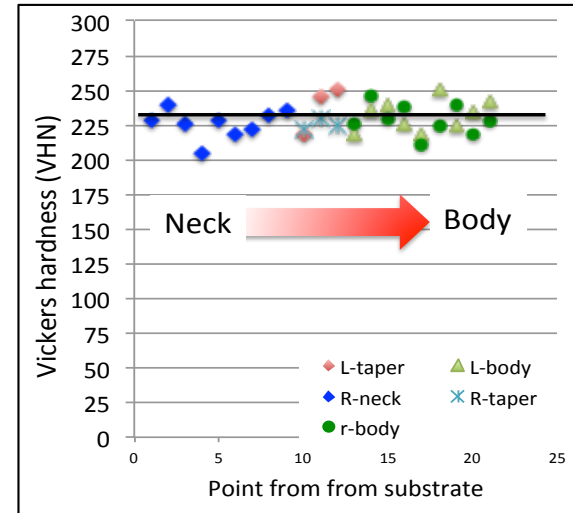
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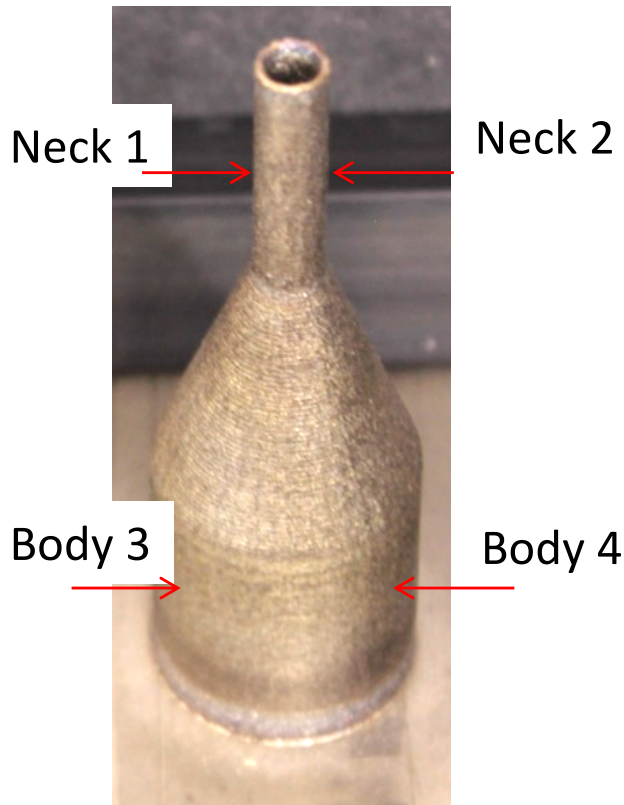


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TopMap 1 Enhanced



# Ferrite % dissolution at the upper neck of the LENS funnel, due to longer exposure of intense heating



Ferrite % increases from neck to body →

Funnel Ferrite %				Body surface <sup>2</sup>
	<b>UCD #1</b>	YAG laser		↓
Neck 1	Neck 2	Body 3	Body 4	Body 5
0.3	0.31	0.71	0.57	1.3
	<b>UCD #2</b>	YAG laser		
Neck 1	Neck 2	Body 3	Body 4	Body 5
0.37	0.4	0.72	0.62	0.96
	<b>UCI #1</b>	F-Optic		
Neck 1	Neck 2	Body 3	Body 4	Body 5
0.46	0.49	1	1.1	1.6

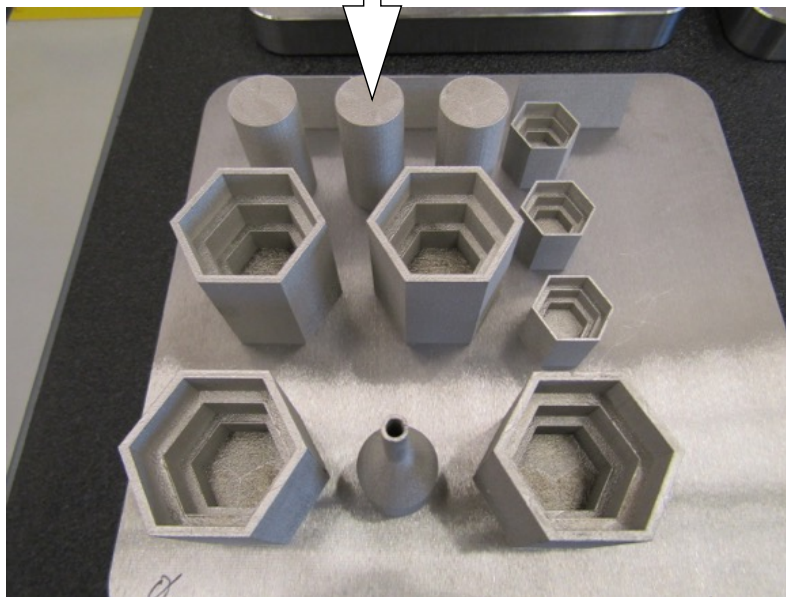
- Ferrite % increases gradually toward the substrate interface. And is highest on the body surface
- PBF prototype in general contain <0.2%, the detection limit.

# Thermal aging

- Process induced aging in LENS
- Post printing thermal aging and stability

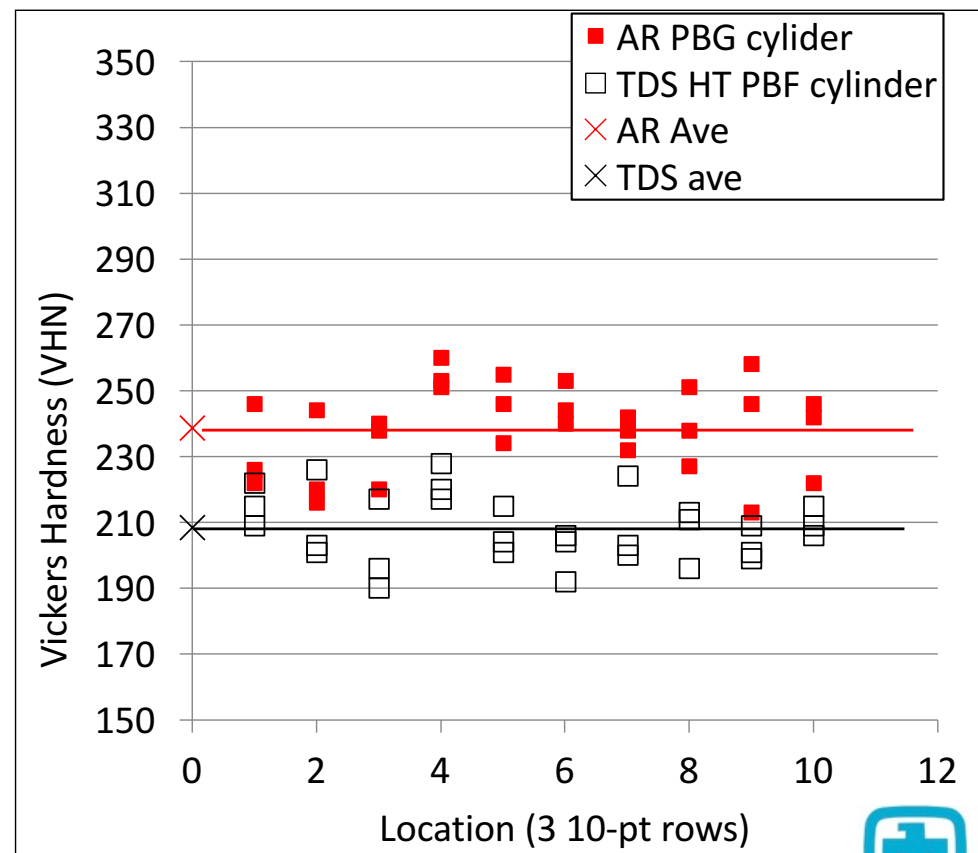
# PPBF cylinder softened upon the temperature ramping, from 23 to 1000°C at 6°C/minute

1" PBF cylinder



Thermal again was performed in the TDS chamber

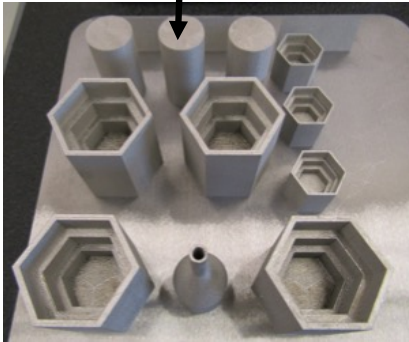
Sample: EO17-01	Average	STDEV	Remark
SNL PBF coin	240.00	10.12	
SNL PBF small hexagon	242.00	13.07	Consistent
SNL PBF cylinder-AR	238.77	13.00	
PBF cylinder TDS HT	208.00	10.02	
SNL PBF funnel	227.44	15.30	Slightly lower
GPI small PBF hexagon	247.32	7.80	High/consistent





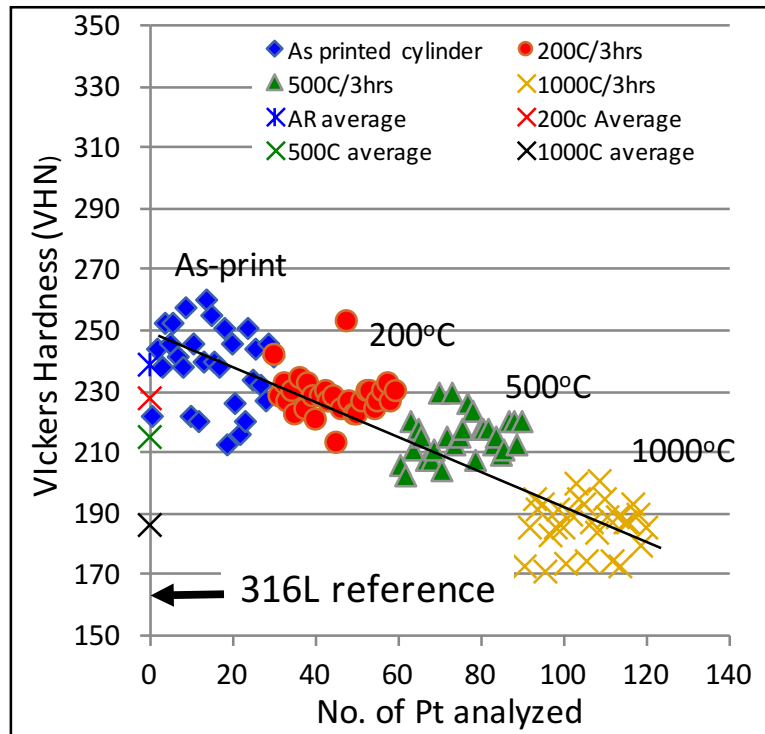
# PBF cylinder softening are evident from both isothermo and temperature ramping aging

1" PBF cylinder

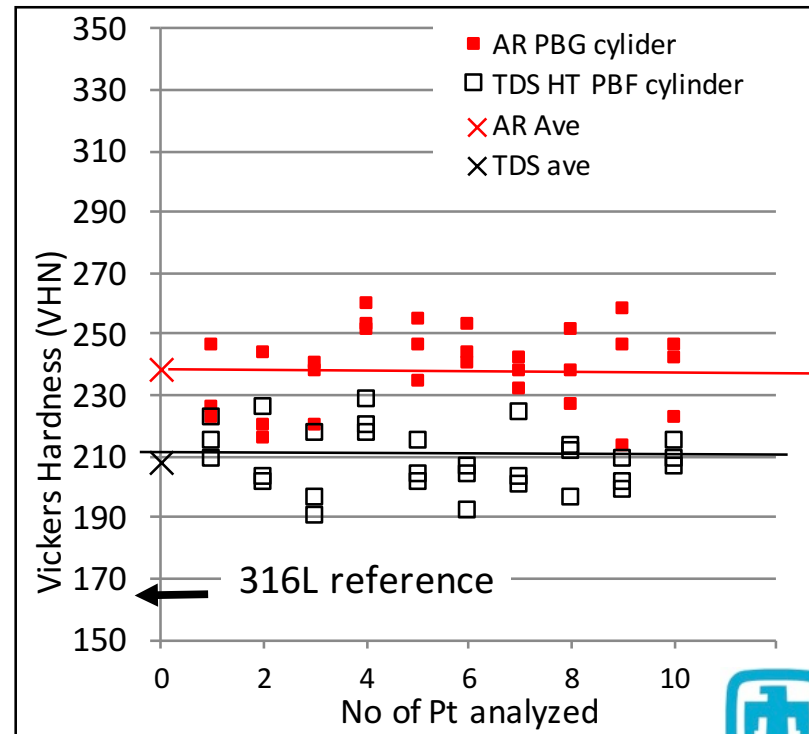


Vickers microhardness is lower in the cylinder which was subject to isothermo-aging for longer times, 3 hours

Isothermo aging for 3 hours



TDS ramping to 1000°C, at 6°C/minute

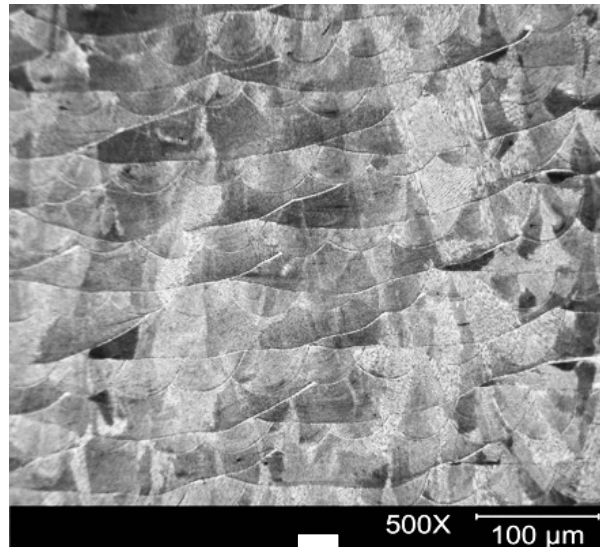


# Solidification initial landscape determines the final recrystallized structure

UCD LENS Post #2

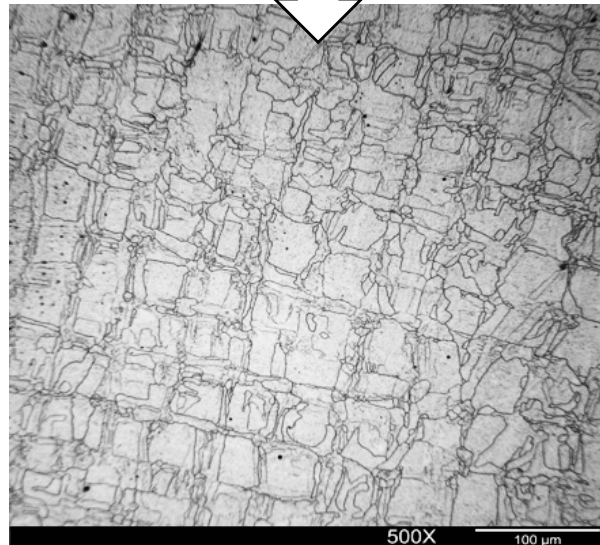
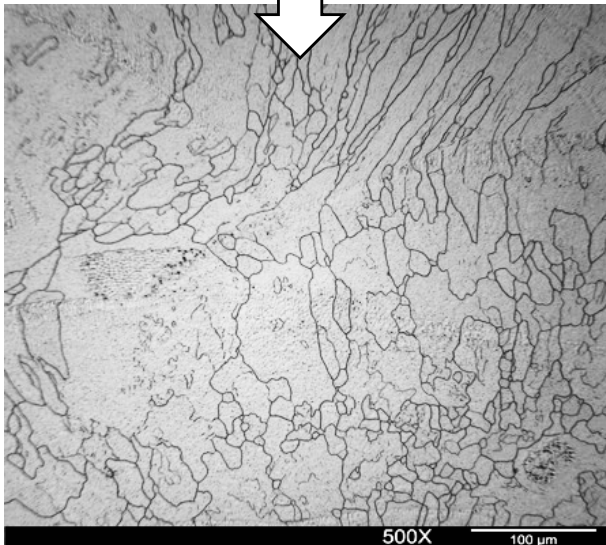


GPI PBF hexagon tier 1



- Significant difference in recrystallized grain structure in AM prototype relative to those in the annealed wrought 316L SS, even-sized equiaxed grains.

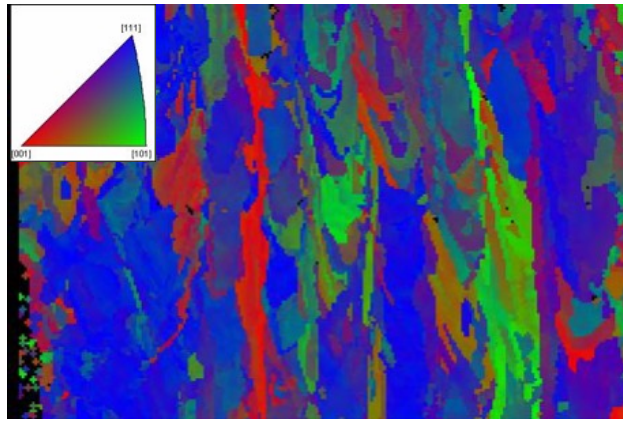
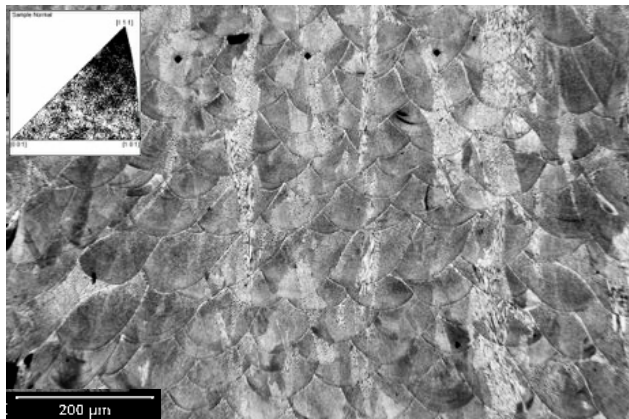
Annealed wrought 316L SS





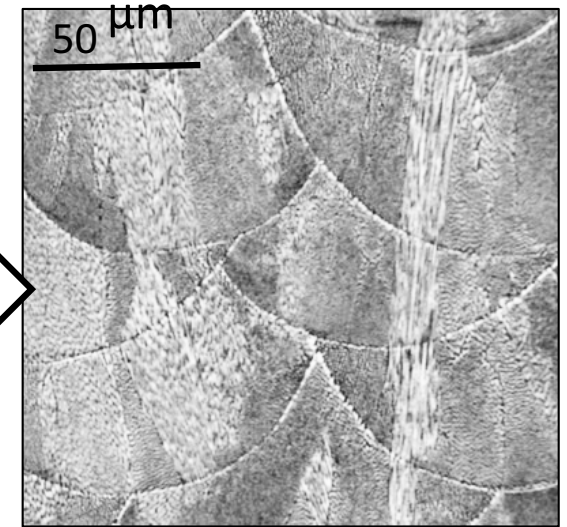
# Interpass-solidified cell spacing-epitaxial crystal growth control length scale & texture of resultant recrystallized structure

As-printed PBF hexagon

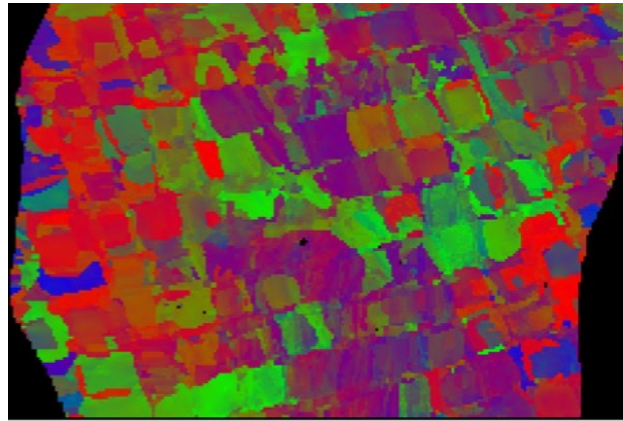
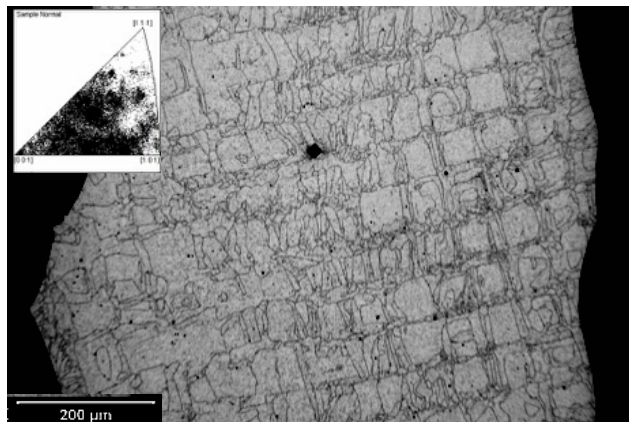


Sample Normal

500 $\mu\text{m}$

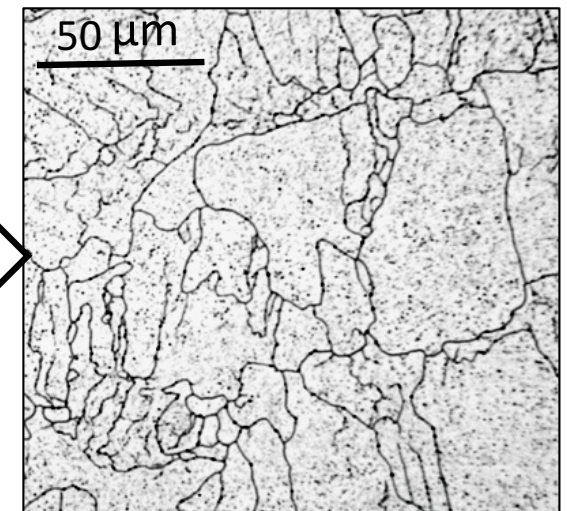


Thermally aged at 1000°C



Sample Normal

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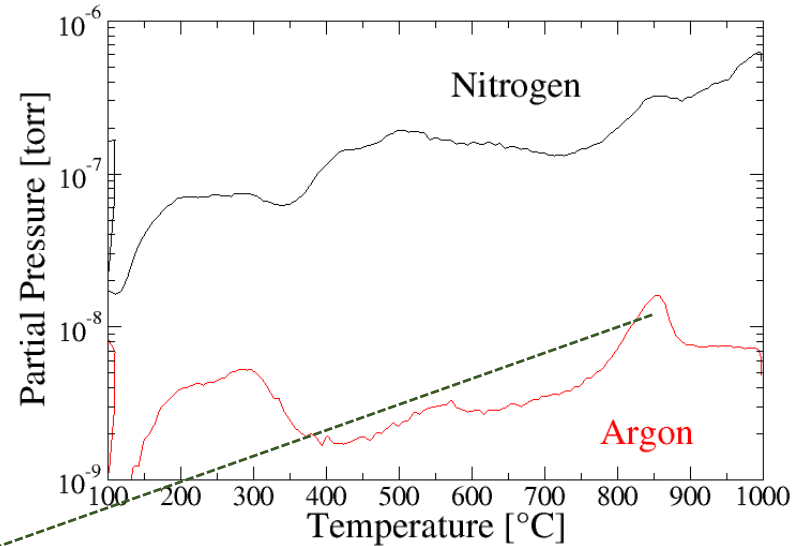
# Summary

- Thermal aging of 3-DAM 316L SS studied are:
  - ✓ Specific thermal history during printing matters
  - ✓ The relevant post-printing thermal environment
- Recrystallization to austenite observed by 900° C
- For the case of post-printing aging, the initial AM solidification landscape dictates the recrystallization/grain growth, therefore, the resultant microstructure and mechanical behavior.

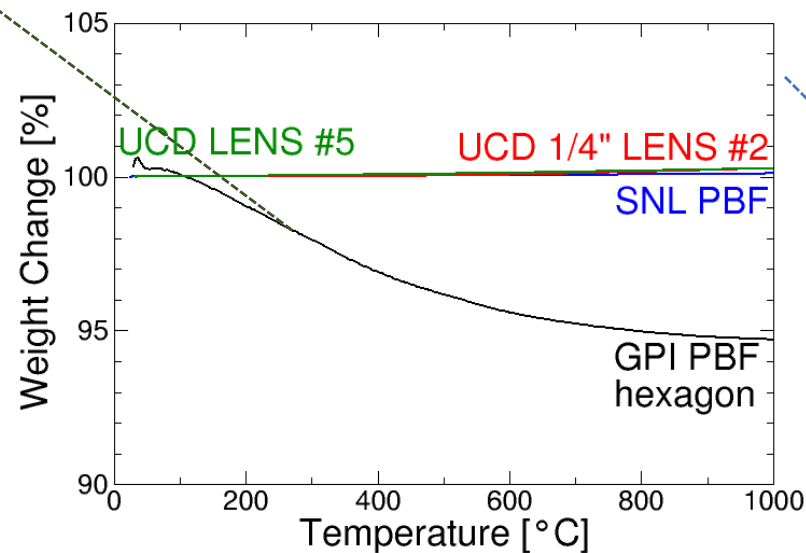
Extra slides

# Thermal Desorption Spectroscopy and Thermo-gravimetric analysis show Ar loss from pores during heating of GPI hexagon

## GPI PBF hexagon

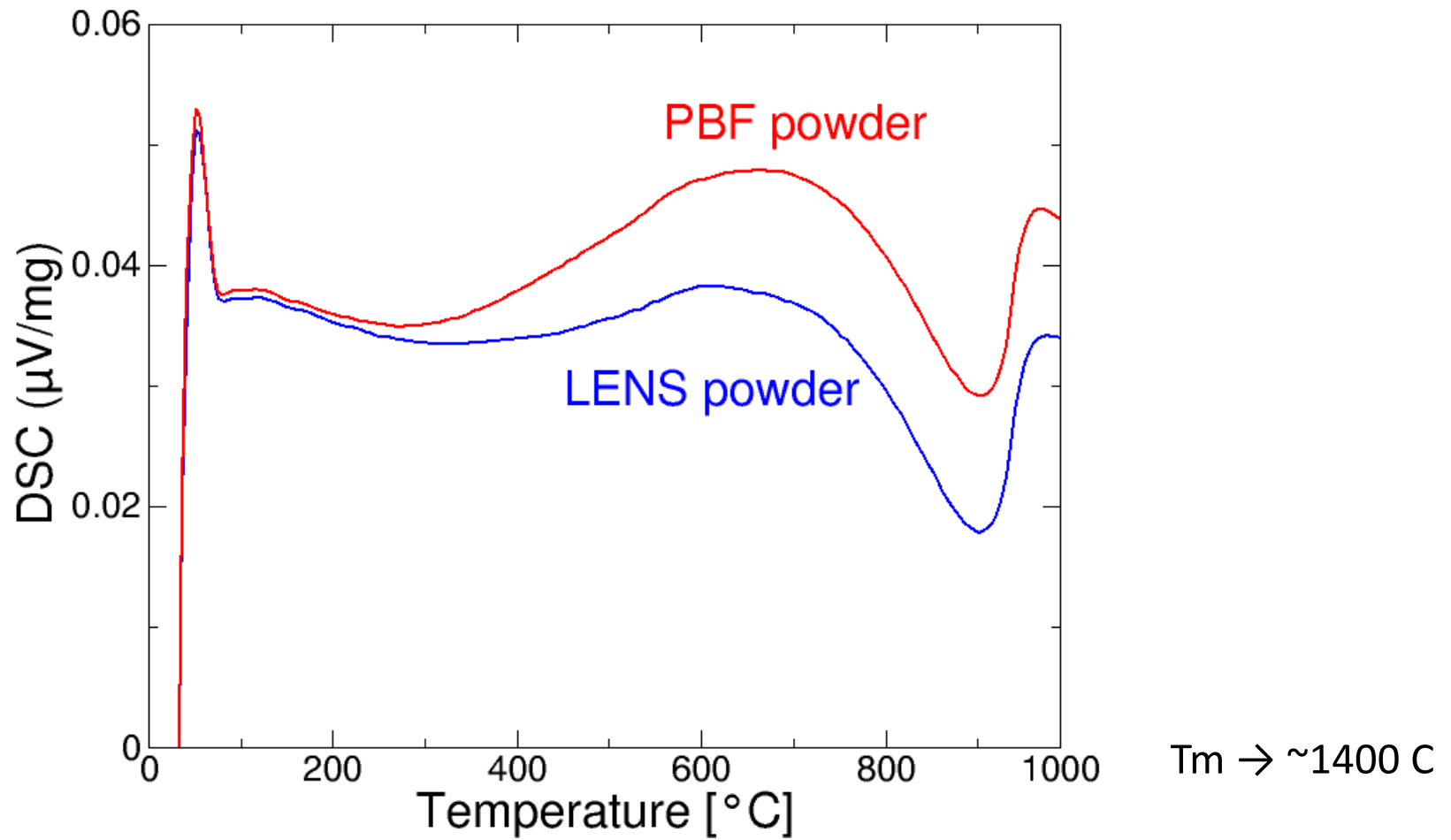


Large weight loss in  
GPI PBF hexagon  
attributed to Ar being  
released from pores



No other build  
showed weight loss

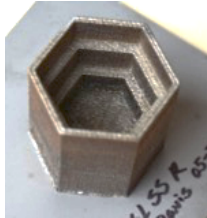
LENS and PBF powders have same transition temperatures



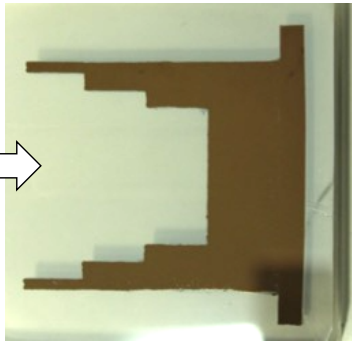


# Material strength of the 316L LENS prototypes is geometry dependent, i.e., lower at smaller-sized features

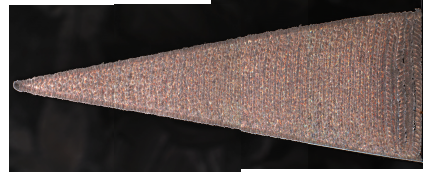
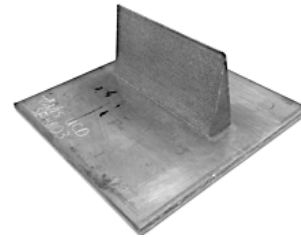
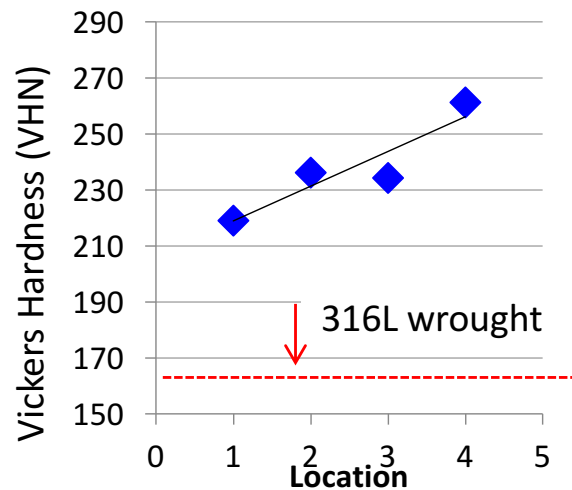
As-printed geometry



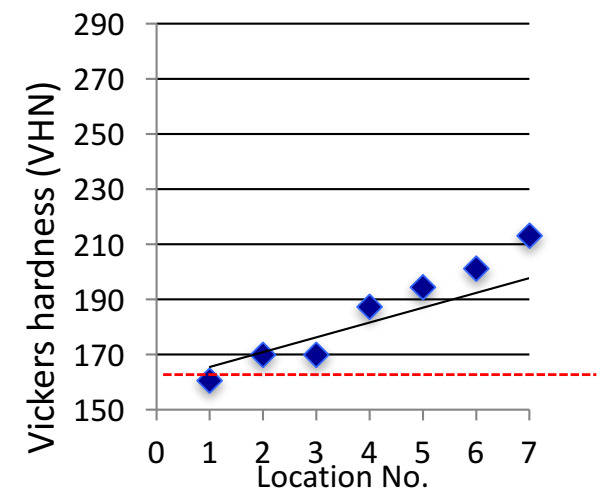
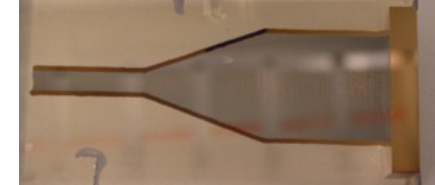
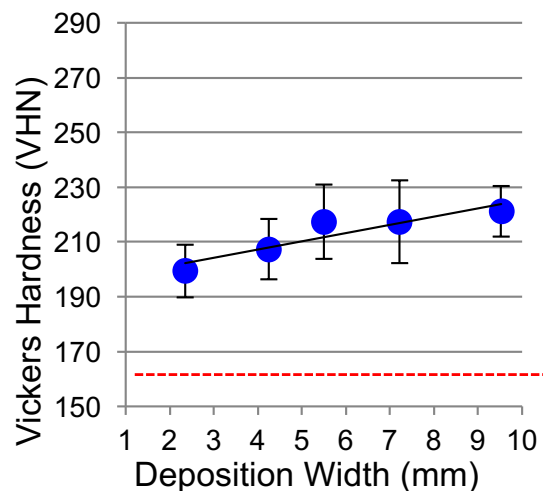
Polished cross sections



- Harder than wrought 316L



- Softer than wrought 316L



The Vickers hardness increases toward the substrate interface in all cases