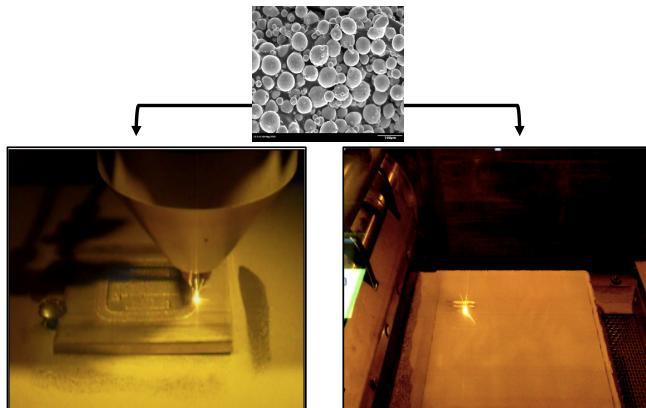


# Thermal stability of the 3-D AM 316LSS prototypes

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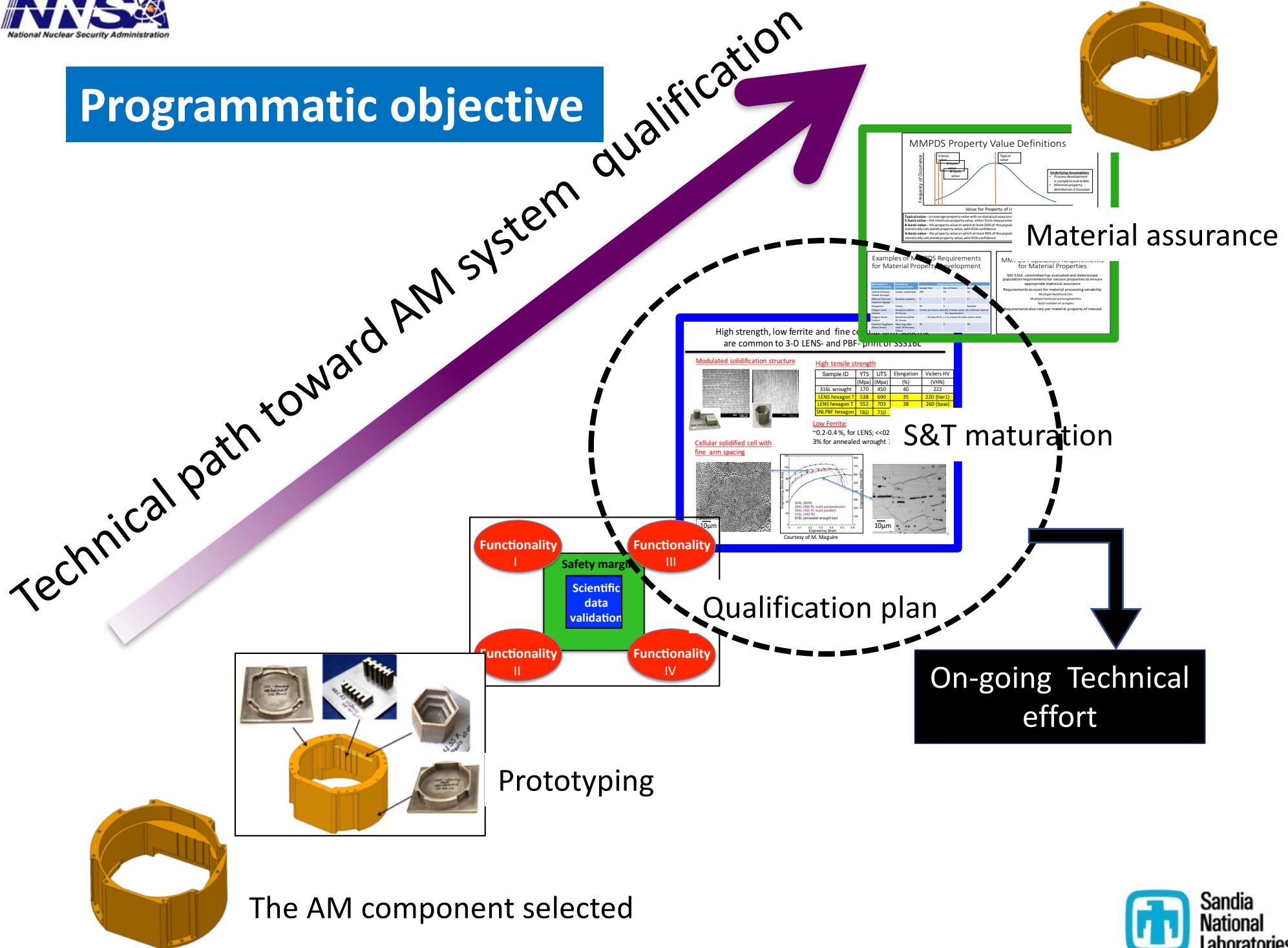
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# Outline

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- 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



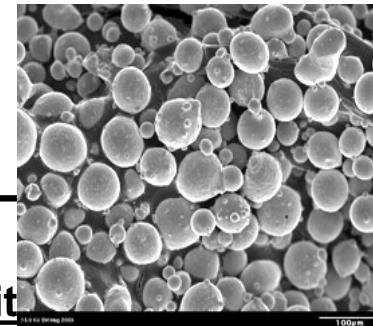
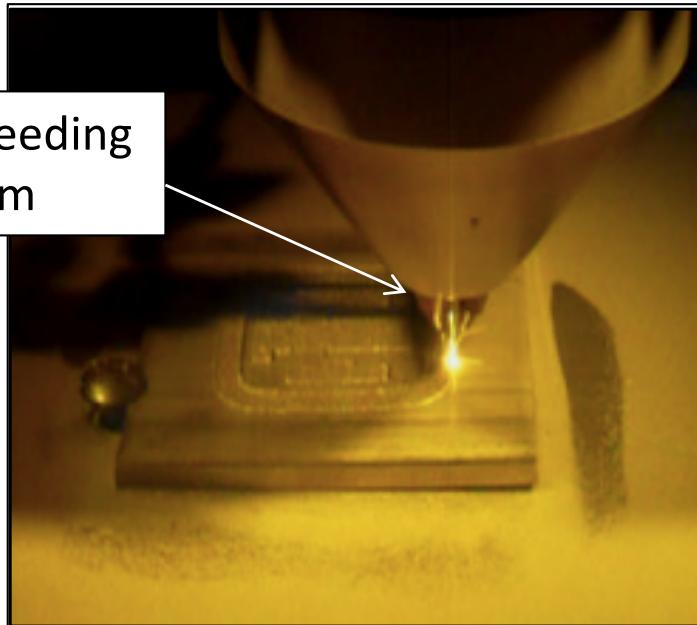
# 3-D LENS and PBF metal printing demonstration

Starting 316L atomized feedstock powders

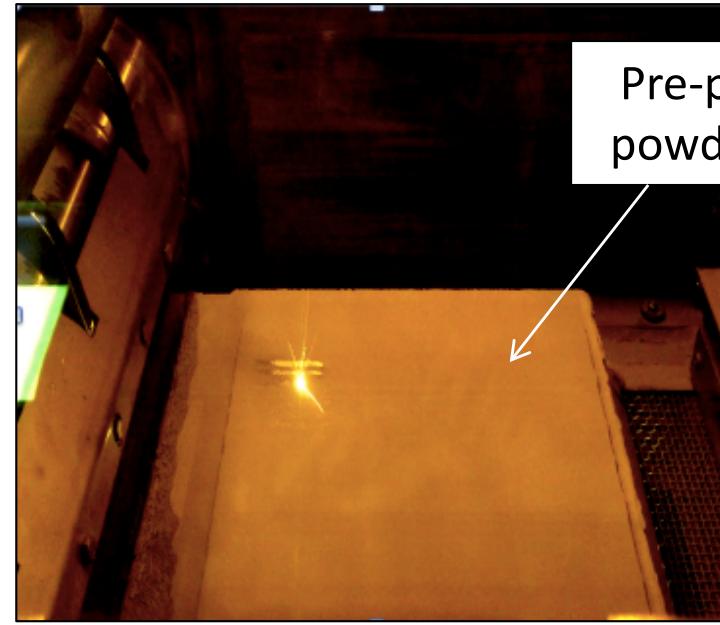
3-D LENS deposit

3-D PBF printing

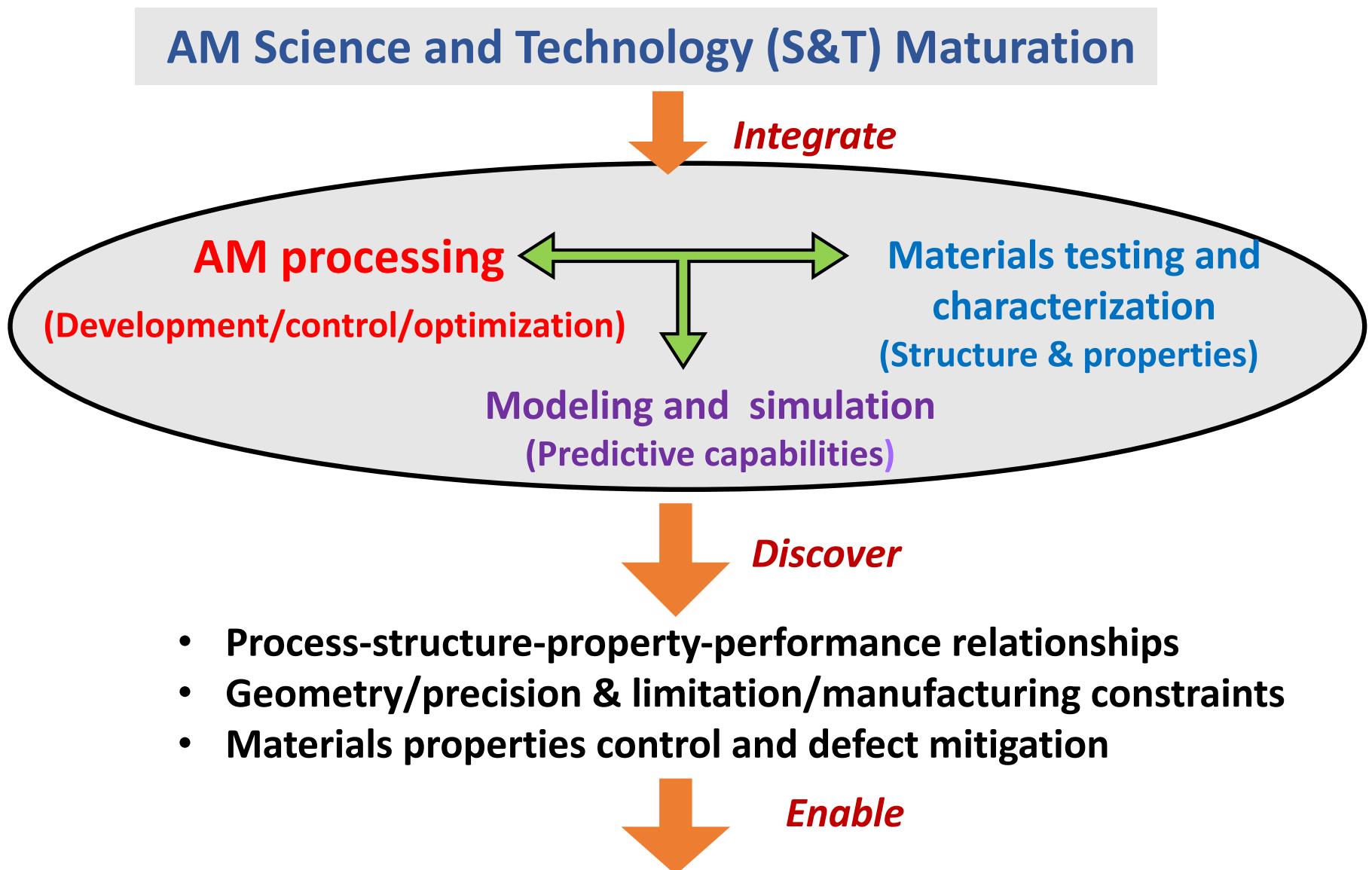
Powder feeding system



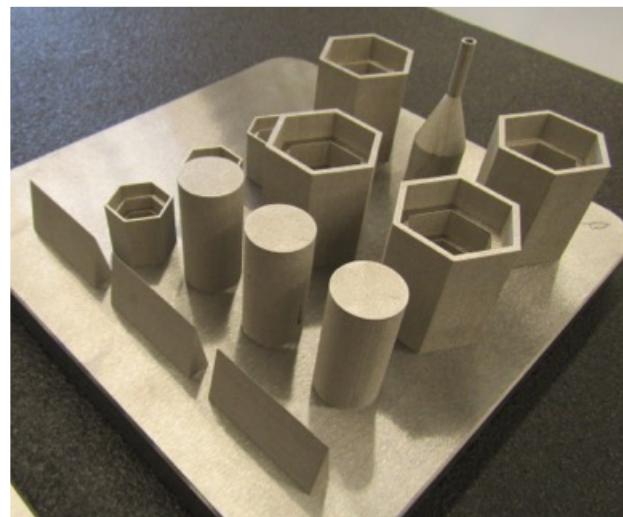
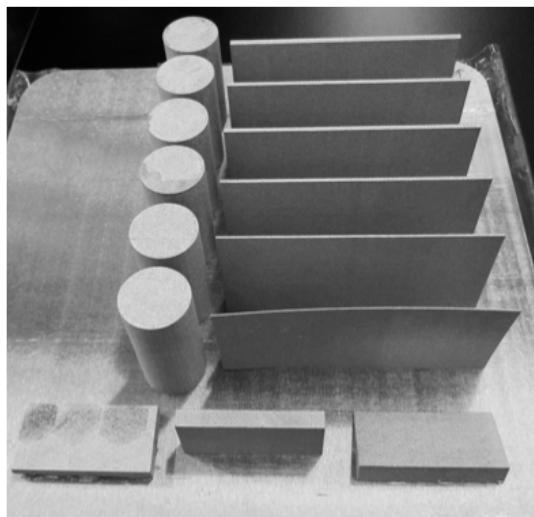
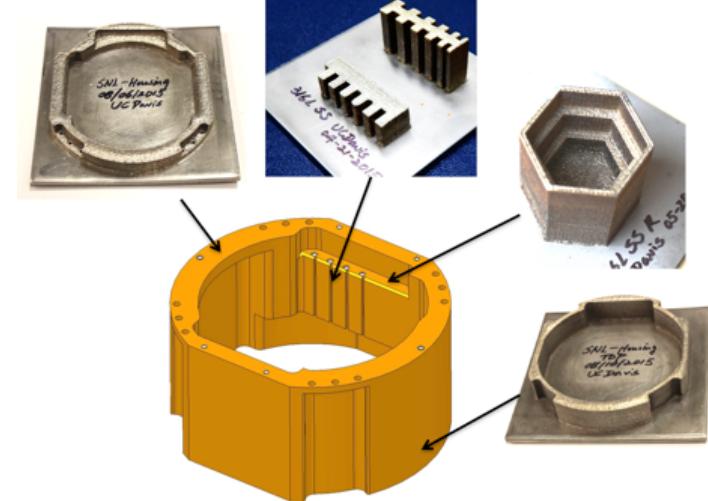
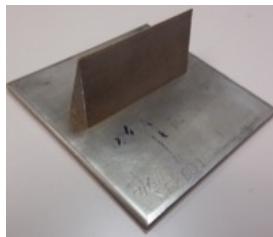
Pre-packed powder bed



# Programmatic objective: Integrating a robust scientific approach



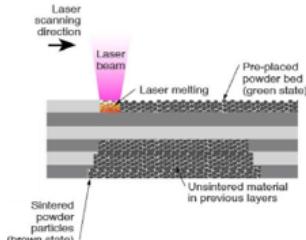
# 3-D LENS- & PBF- 316L SS prototyping



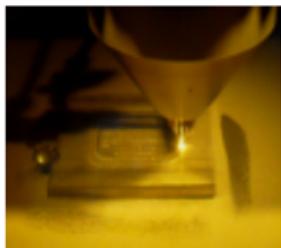
# On-going science & technology maturation activities

## Process & prototyping

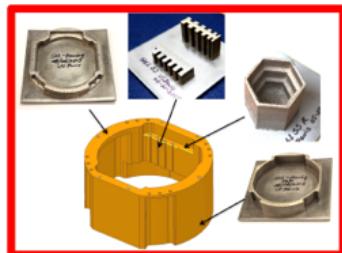
### Laser-material interaction



### Process optimization

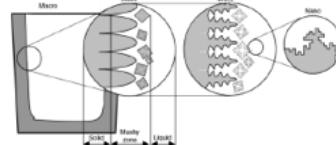


### Prototyping feasibility

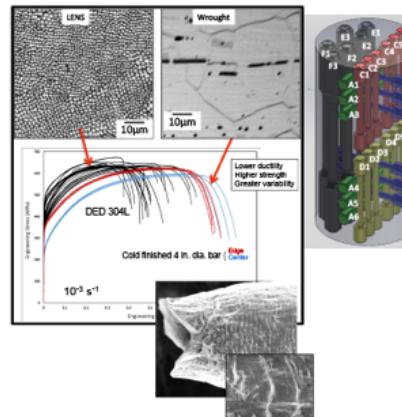


## Material science

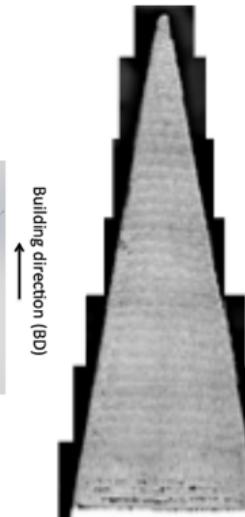
### Metal solidification



### Mechanical behavior

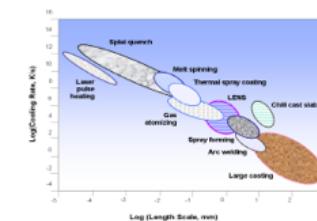


### Geometry & structural defect

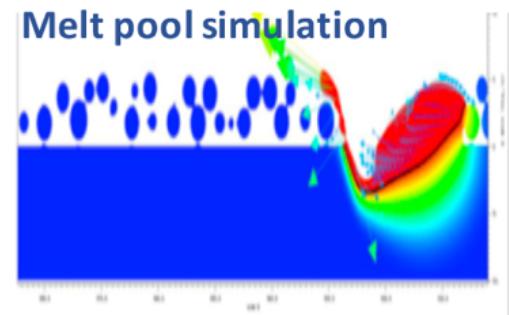


## Numerical modeling

### Thermal transport & Solidification cooling validation & prediction

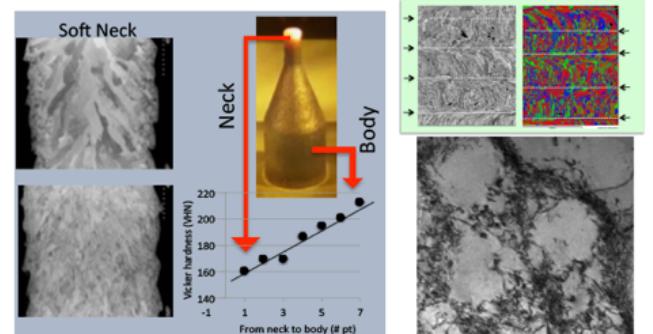


### Melt pool simulation



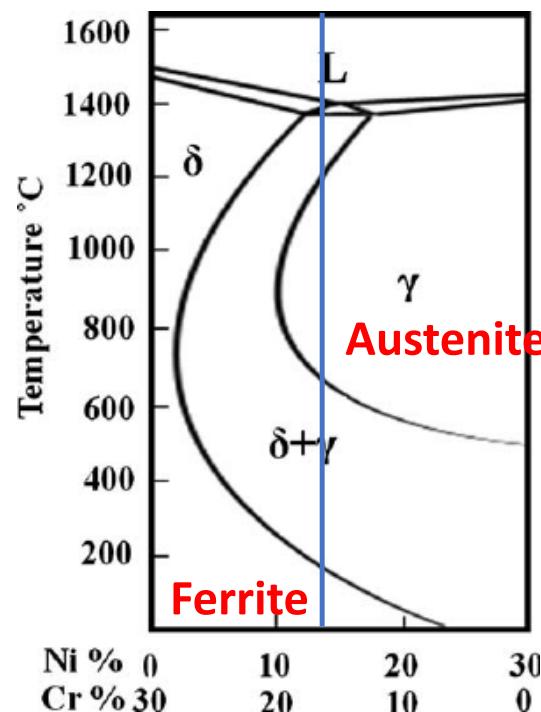
### External collaborations

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

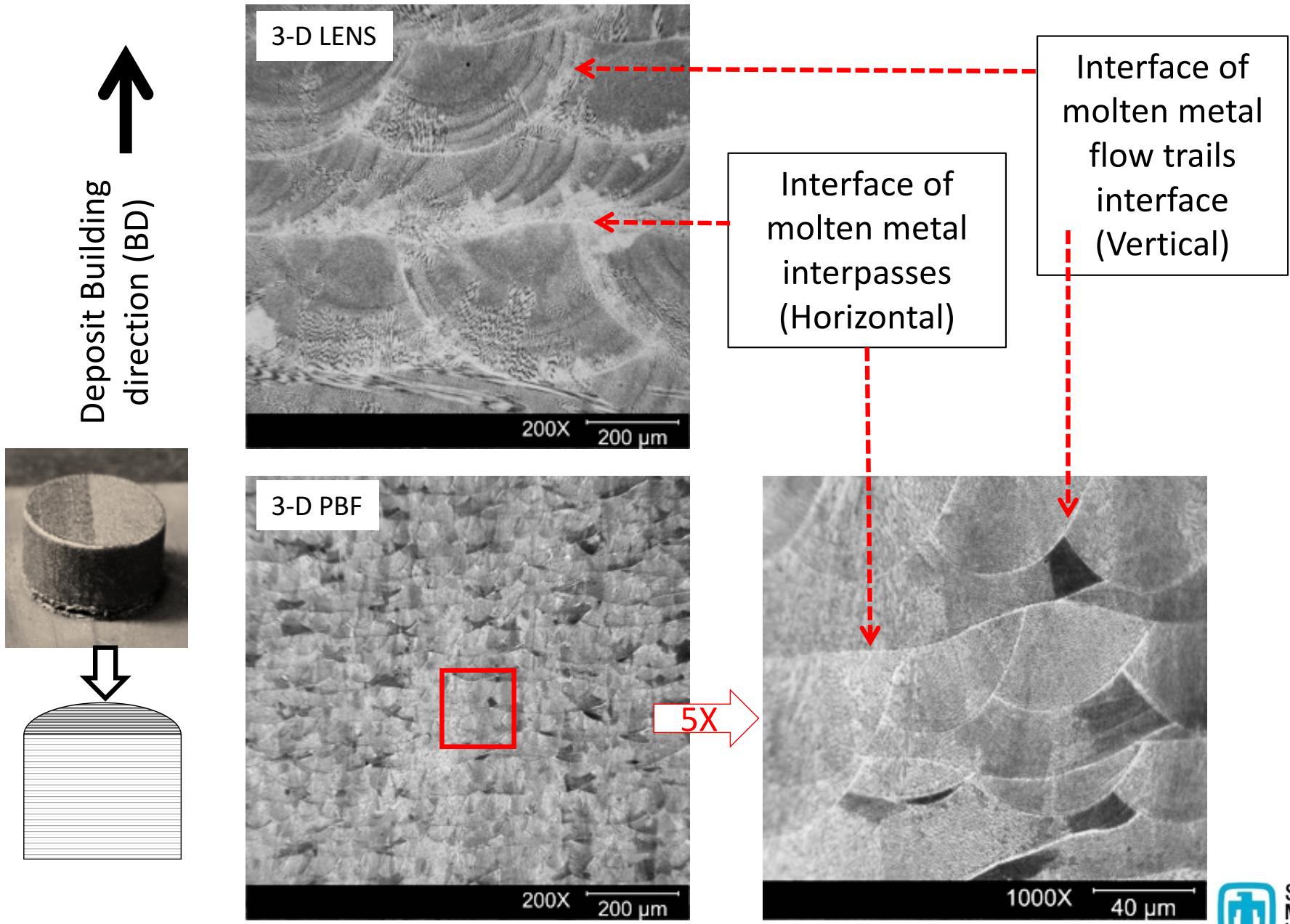


# Solidification of 300 series stainless steel

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

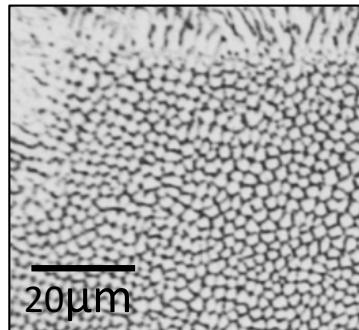
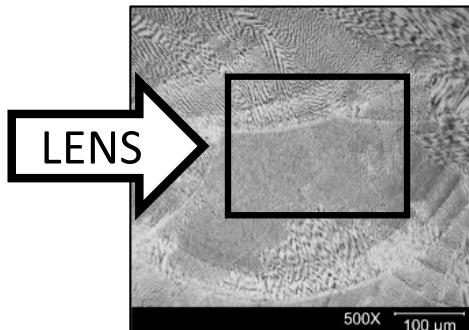


# 3-D-LENS- & PBF- printed 316LSS exhibit composite structure of solidified cells

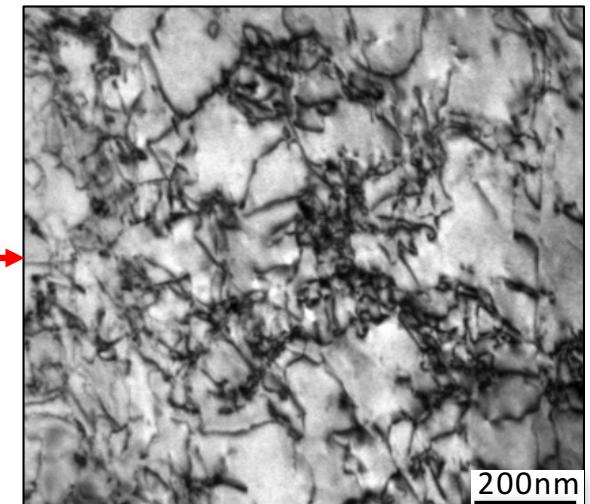
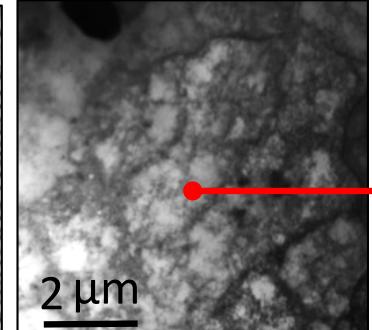


Solidification cell is much coarser and dislocations network is more spread out in the LENS- than in PBF- cylinder

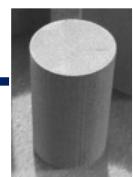
Optical images of cross section (UCD)



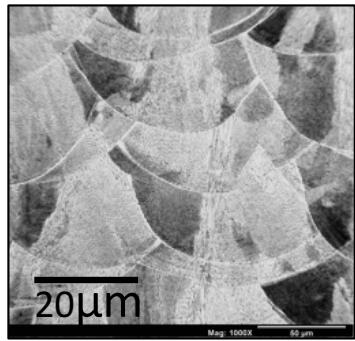
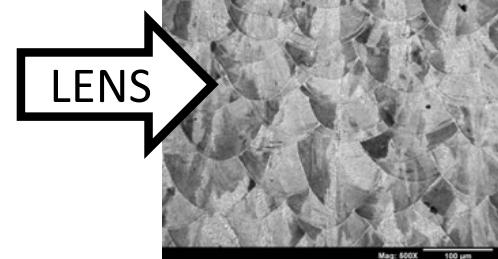
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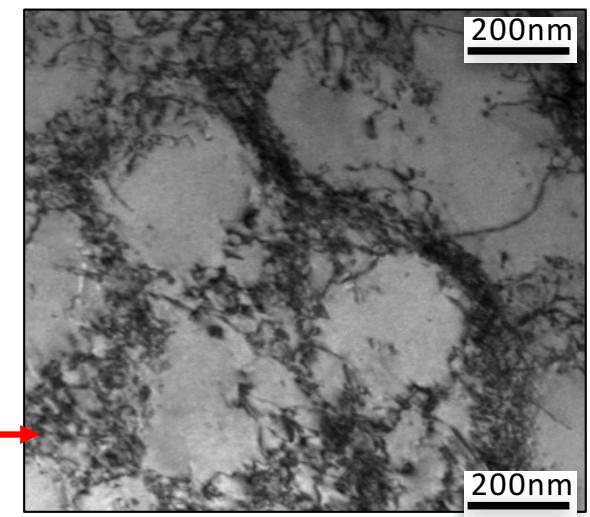
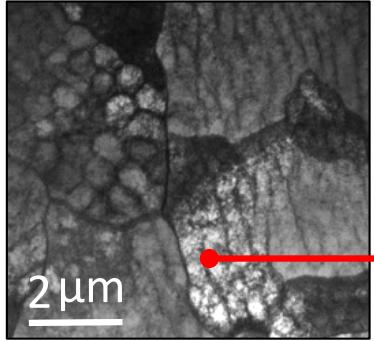
**Increasing magnification**



Optical images of cross section (GPI)



TEM/BF

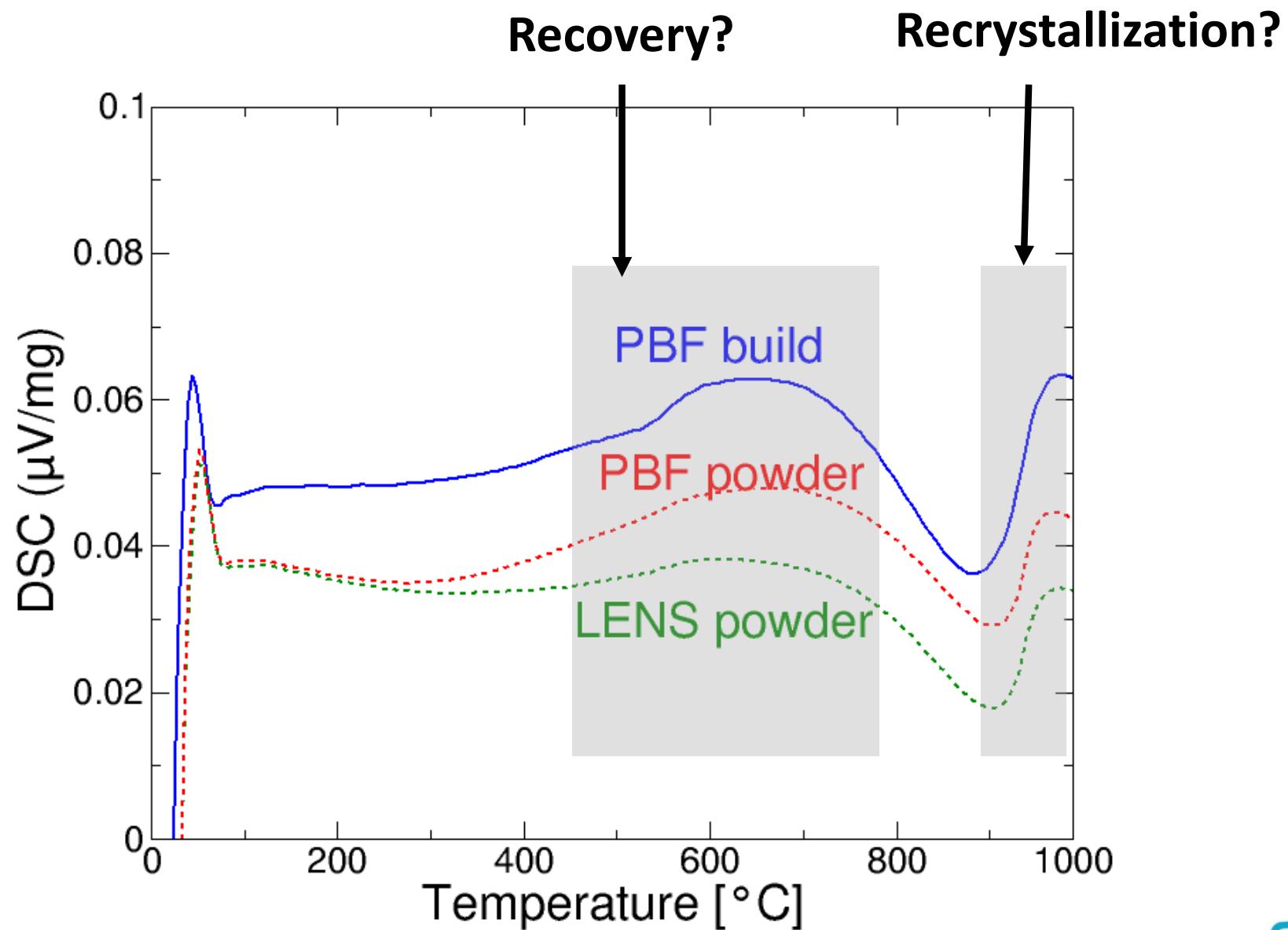


## Thermal aging studies of 3-D LENS and PBF printed 316L SS

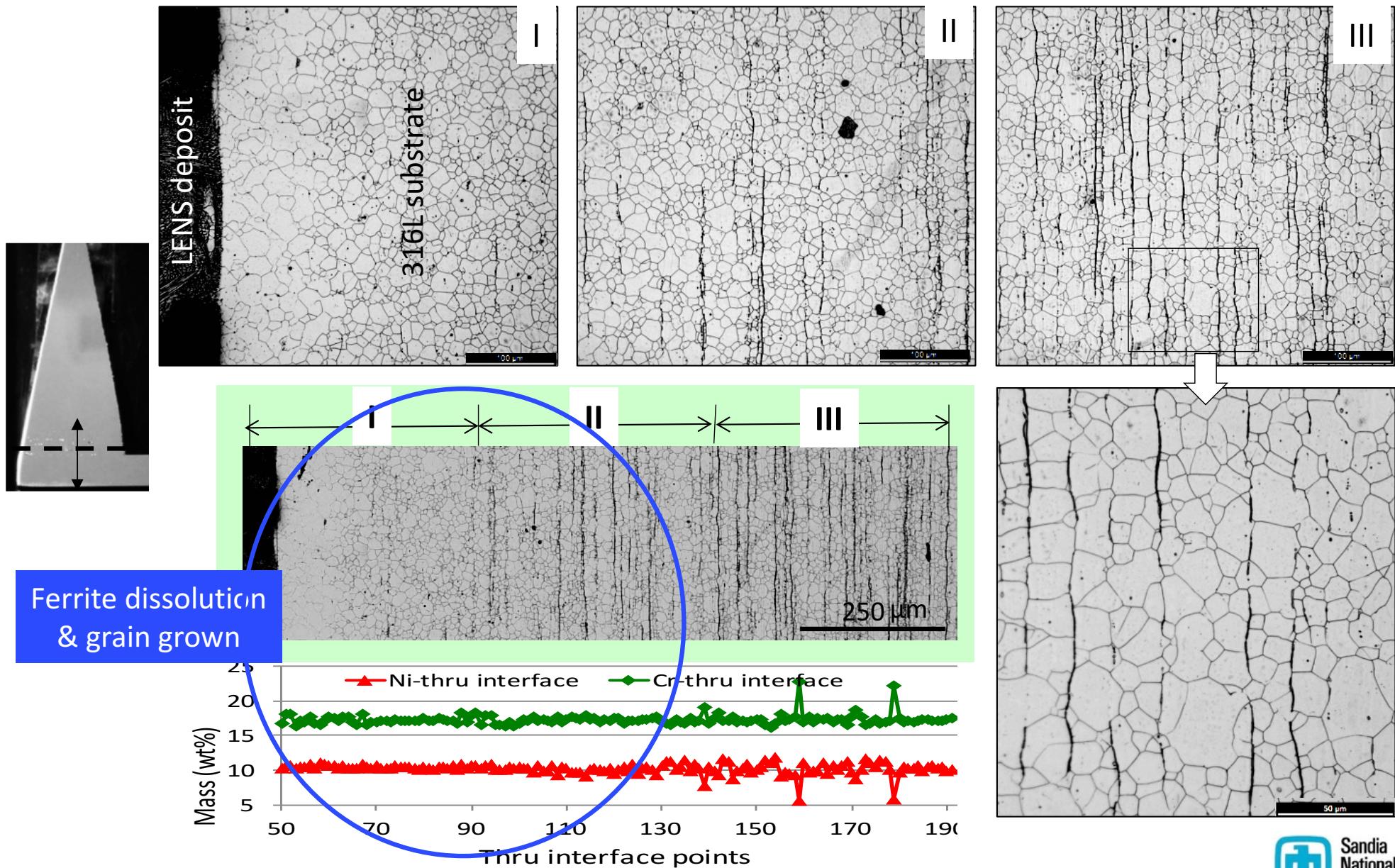
- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
- Physical metallurgy evolution
  - ✓ 3-D AM process induced
  - ✓ System performance induced

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

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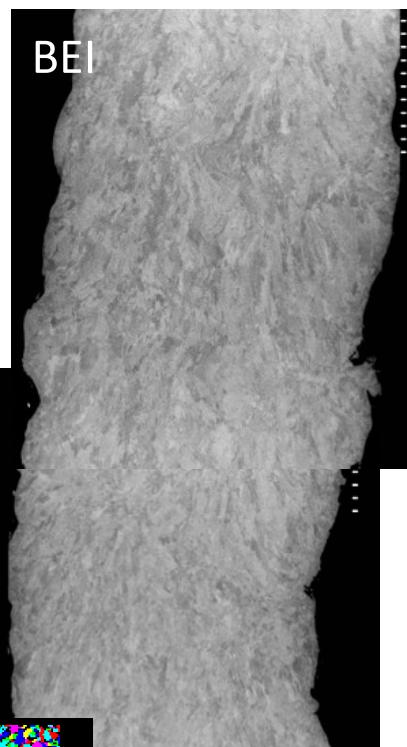


# LENS-induced heat dissipation led to grain growth & ferrite dissolution of the 316L substrate near the interface

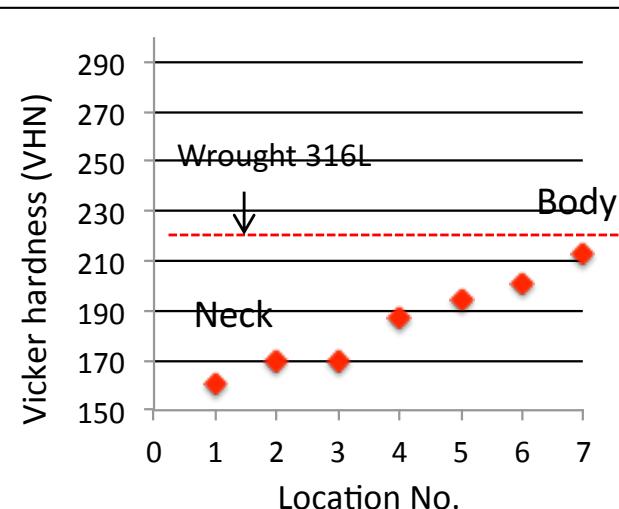
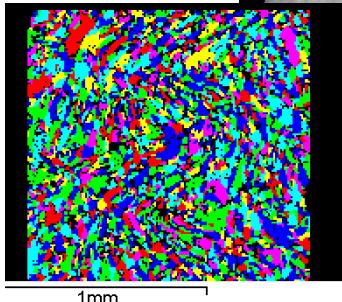


# Solidified cell coarsening softens the upper neck of LENS funnel due to the longer exposure of intense heating

Fine-celled body

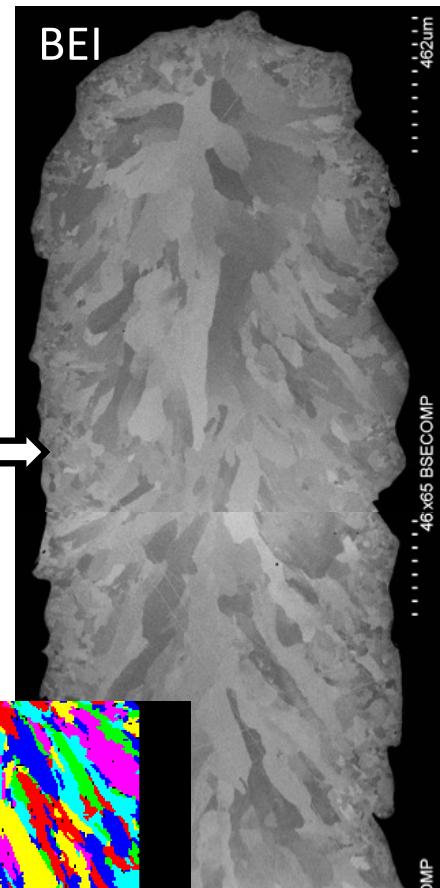


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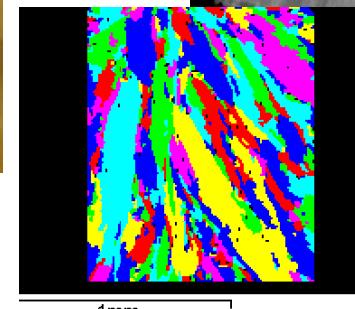


UCI LENS funnel

Coarse-celled neck



EBSP

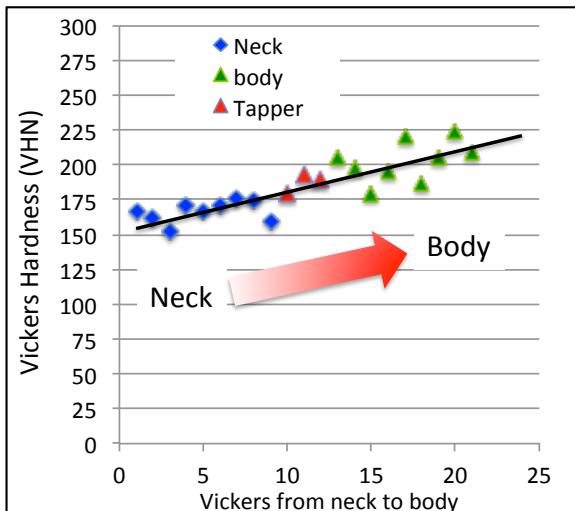
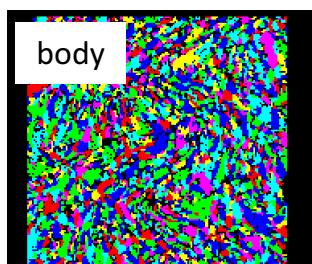


# Process-induced thermal aging in 316L PBF prototypes is less obvious, faster/more even cooling thru powder bed?

## 3-D LENS printing

### Solidified structure

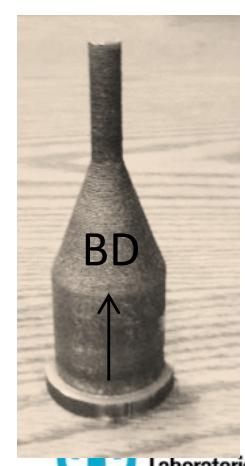
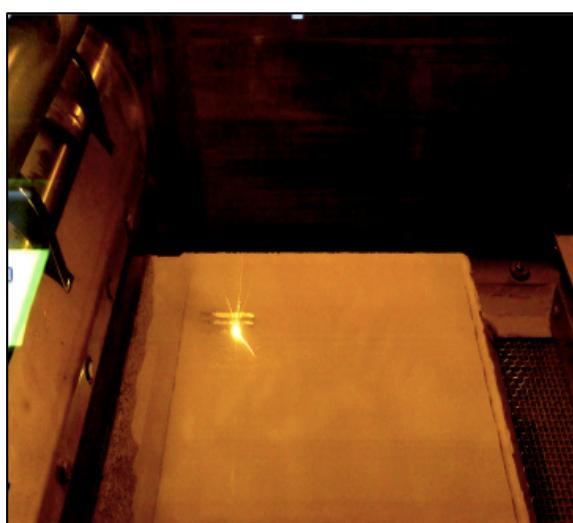
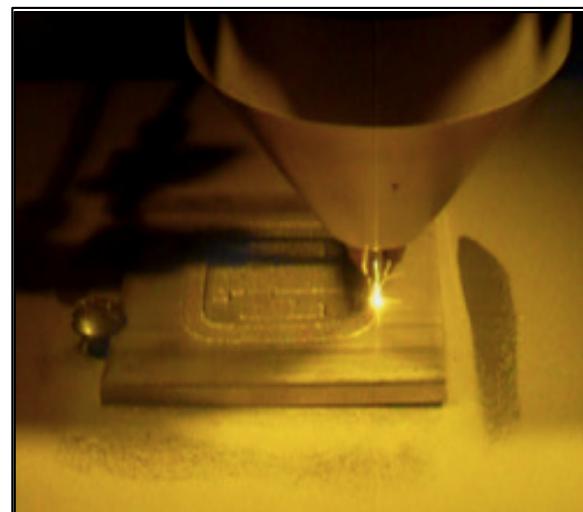
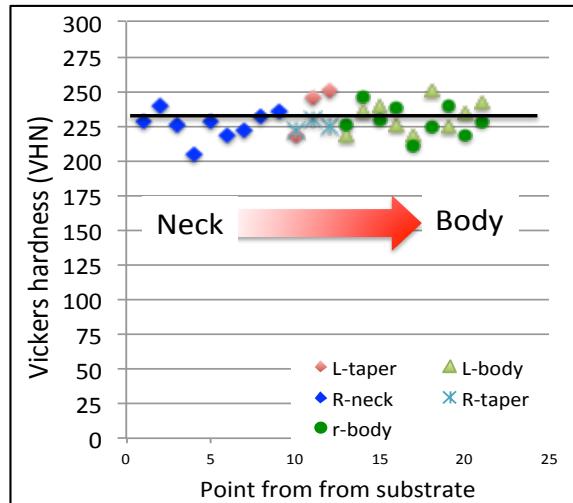
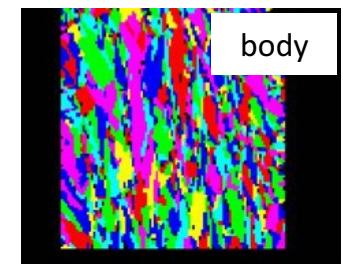
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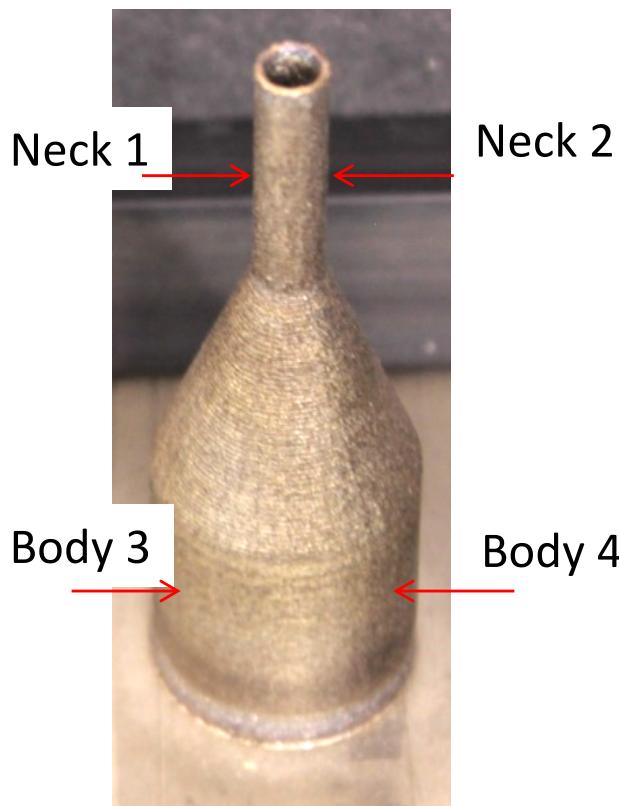
## 3-D PBF printing

### Solidified structure

by EBSD



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

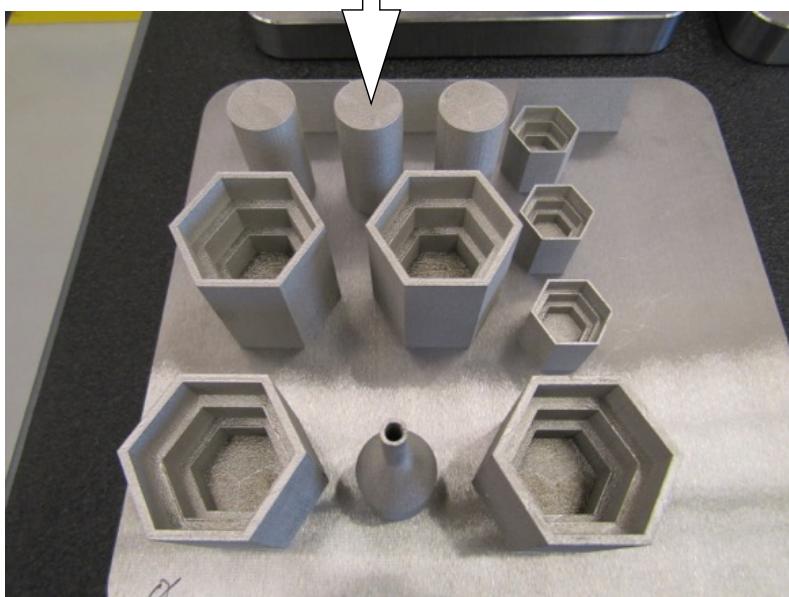
- Ferrite % increases gradually toward the substrate interface. And is highest on the body surface
- PBF prototype in general contain <0.2%, the detection limit.

# Thermal aging

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

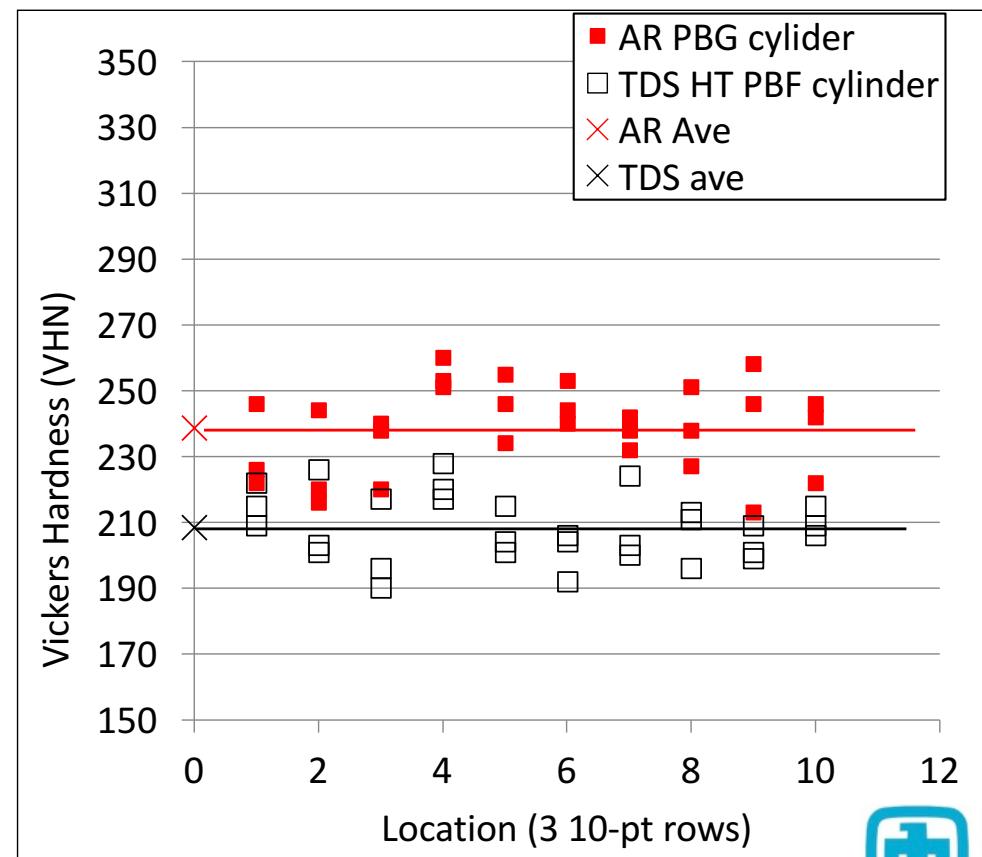
# PPBF cylinder softened upon the temperature ramping, from 23 to 1000°C at 6°C/minute

1" PBF cylinder



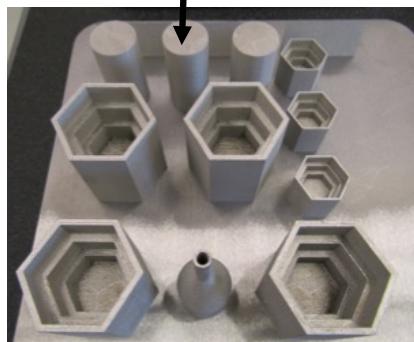
Thermal again was performed in the TDS chamber

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

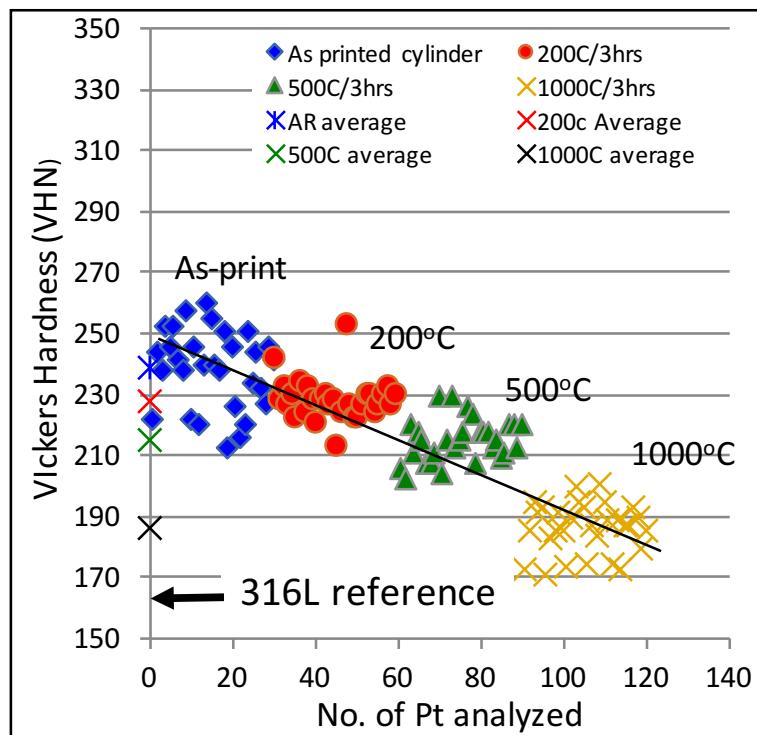


# PBF cylinder softening are evident from both isothermo and temperature ramping aging

1" PBF cylinder

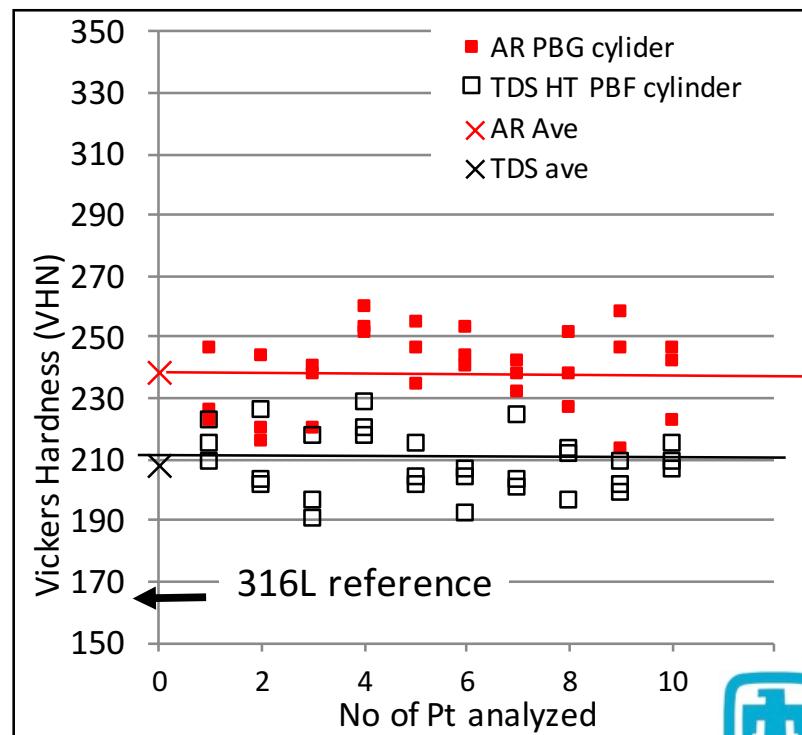


Isothermo aging for 3 hours



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

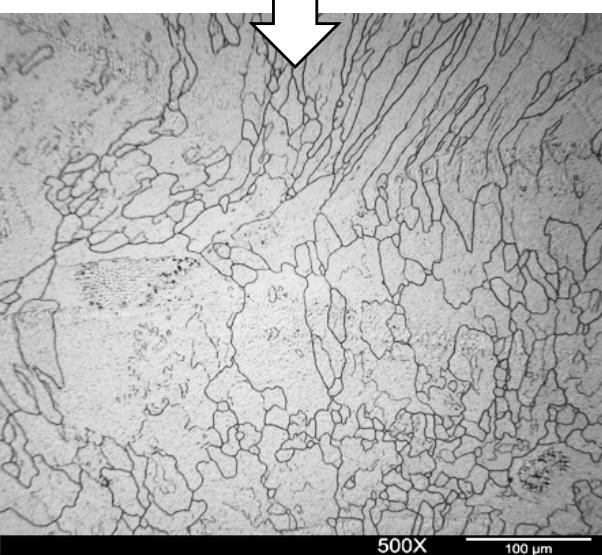
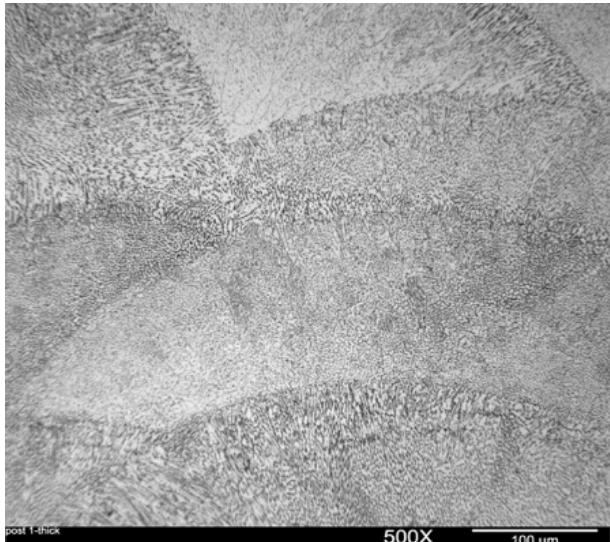
TDS ramping to 1000°C, at 6°C/minute



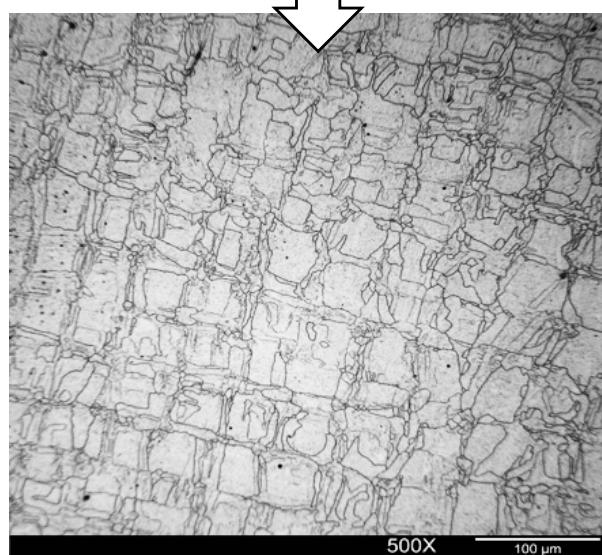
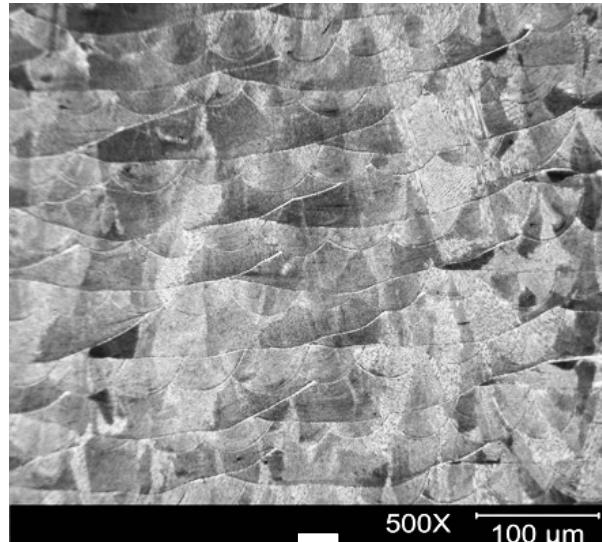
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# Solidification initial landscape determines the final recrystallized structure

UCD LENS Post #2



GPI PBF hexagon tier 1



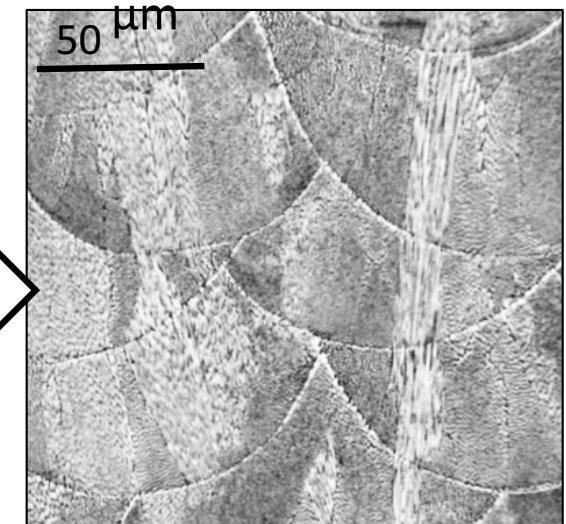
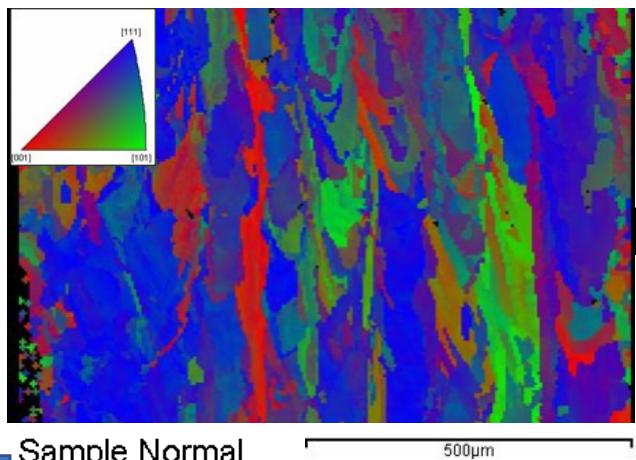
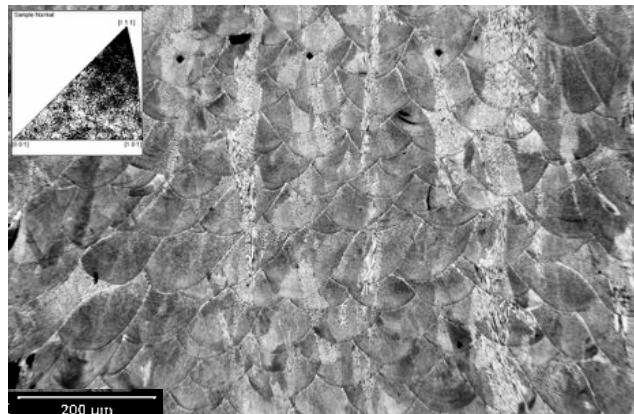
- Significant difference in recrystallized grain structure in AM prototype relative to those in the annealed wrought 316L SS, even-sized equiaxed grains.

Annealed wrought 316L SS

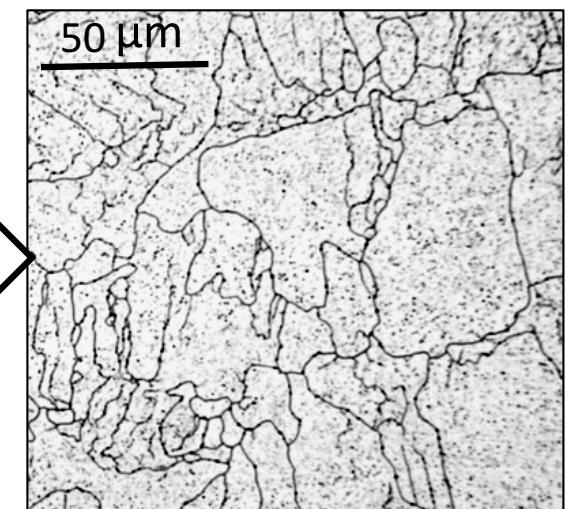
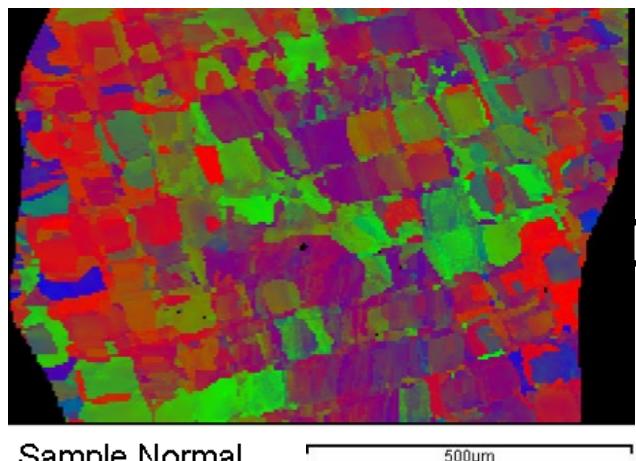
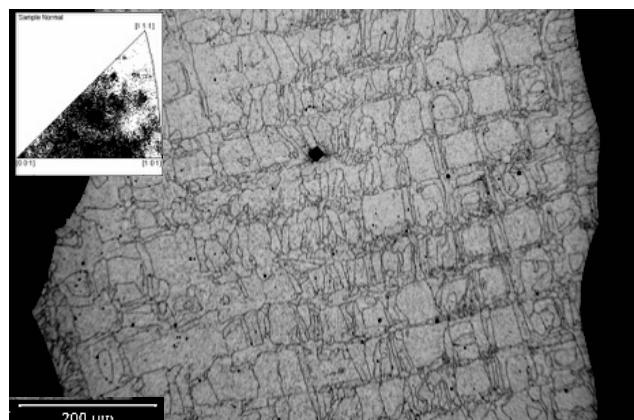


# Interpass-solidified cell spacing-epitaxial crystal growth control length scale & texture of resultant recrystallized structure

As-printed PBF hexagon



Thermally aged at 1000°C

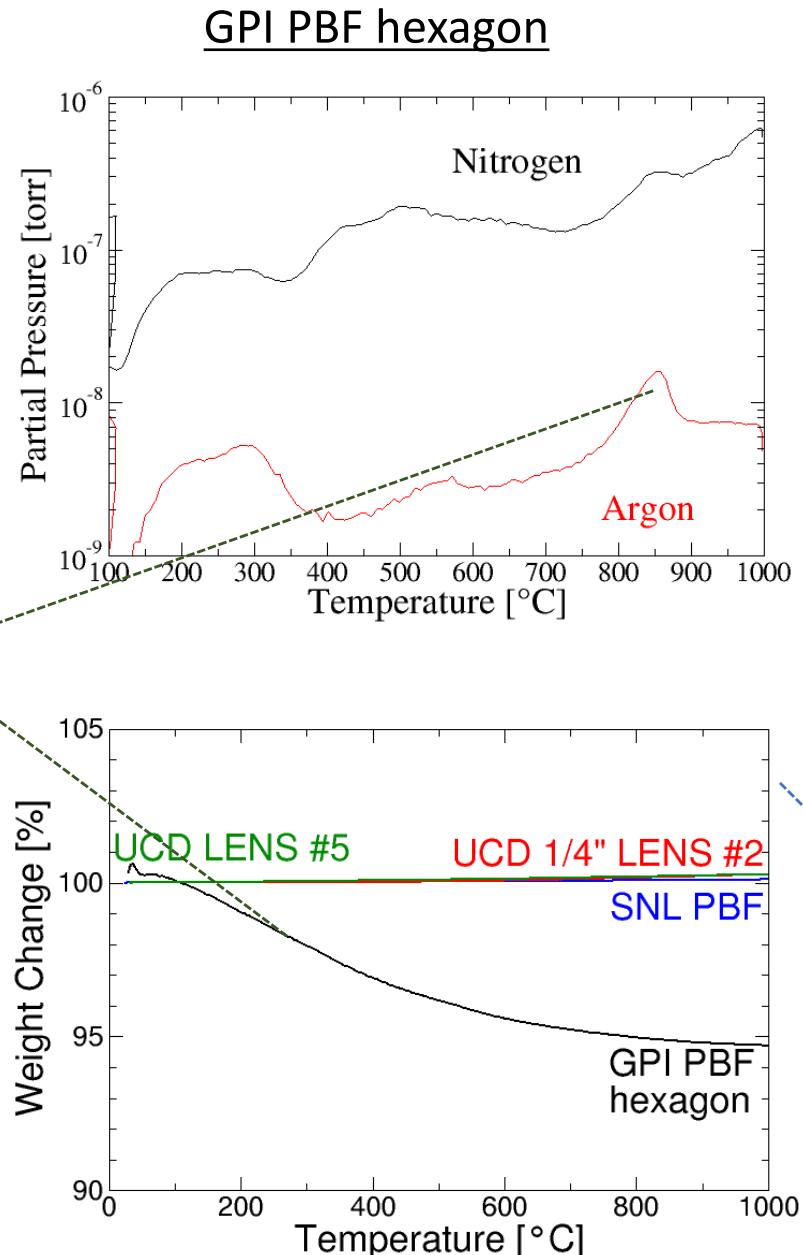


# Summary

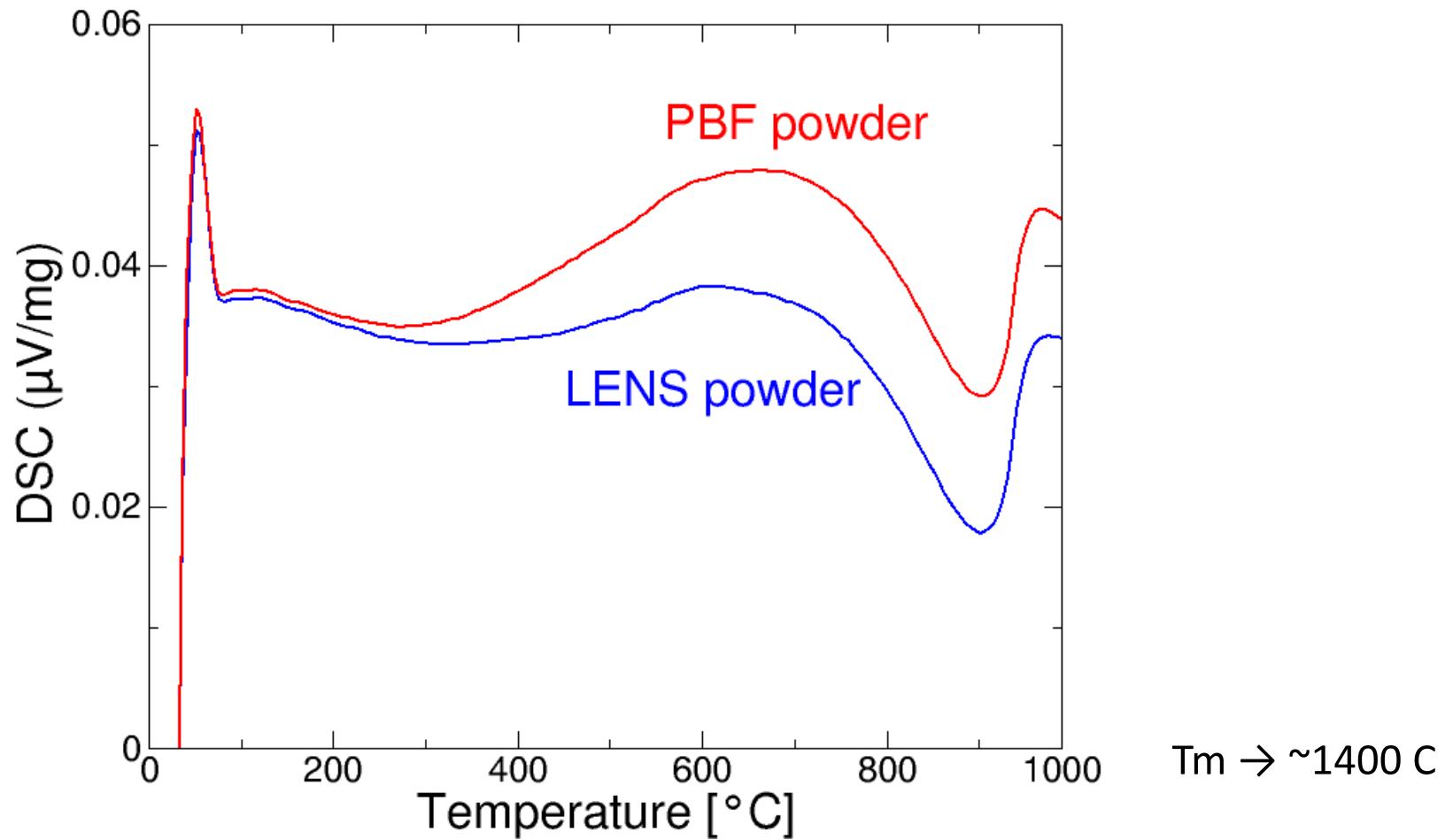
- Thermal aging of 3-DAM 316L SS studied are:
  - ✓ Specific thermal history during printing matters
  - ✓ The relevant post-printing thermal environment
- Recrystallization to austenite observed by 900° C
- For the case of post-printing aging, the initial AM solidification landscape dictates the recrystallization/grain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

# Extra slides

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

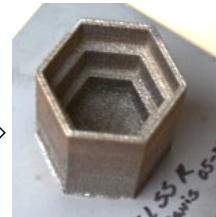


LENS and PBF powders have same transition temperatures

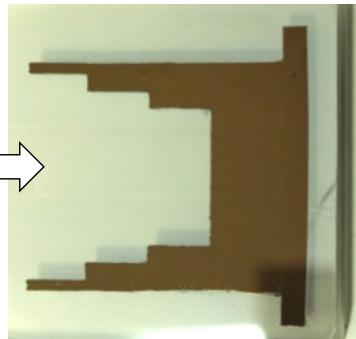


# Material strength of the 316L LENS prototypes is geometry dependent, i.e., lower at smaller-sized features

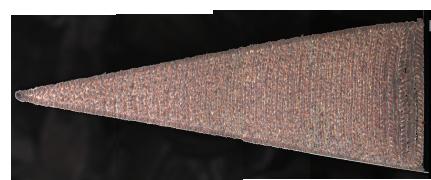
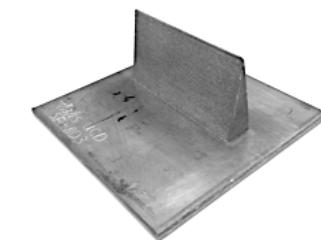
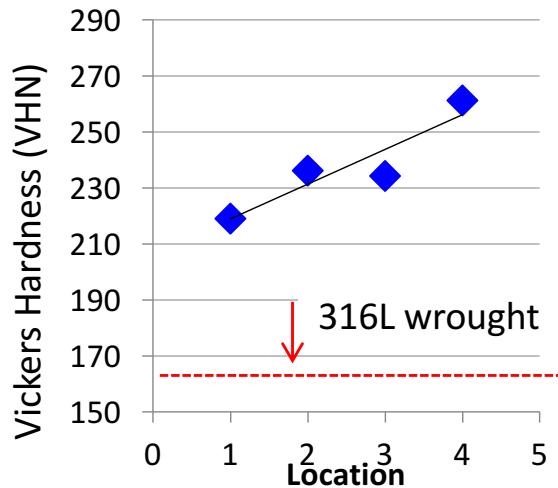
As-printed geometry



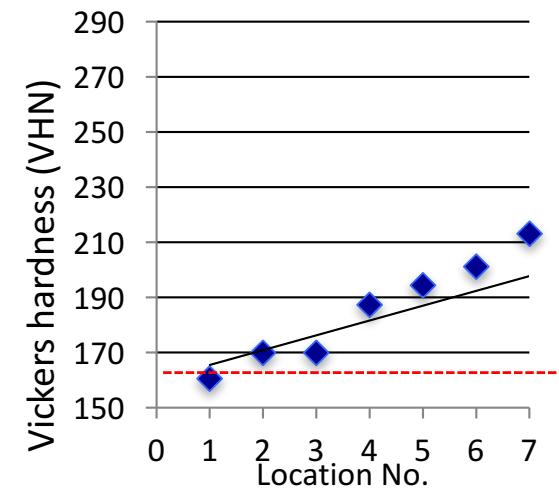
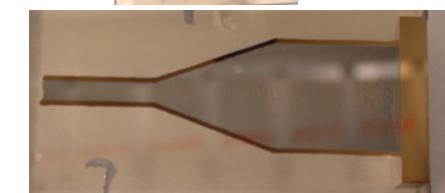
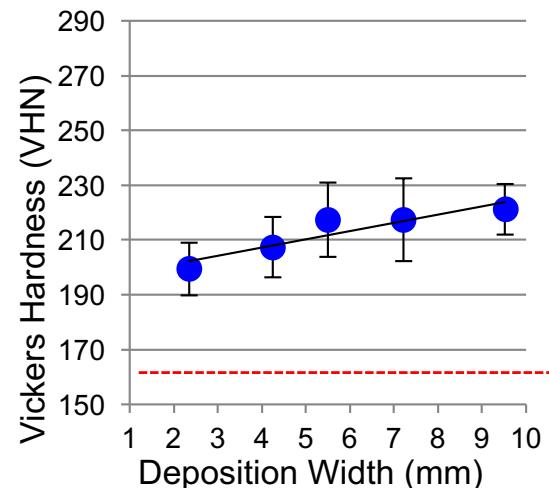
Polished cross sections



- Harder than wrought 316L<sup>t</sup>



- Softer than wrought 316L



The Vickers hardness increases toward the substrate interface in all cases