

Effect of Build Orientation and Post Machining on AM 316L Part Failure

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Motivation

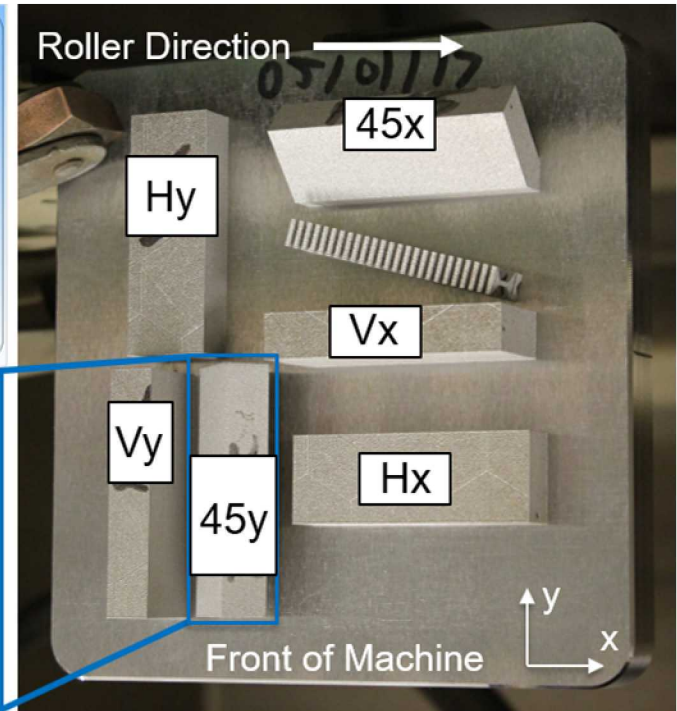
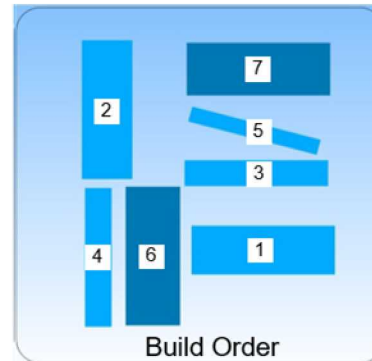
Electro-discharge machining (EDM) of as-printed material:

- Reduces surface microcracks
- Reduces surface roughness
- Increases strength



Machine Parameters:

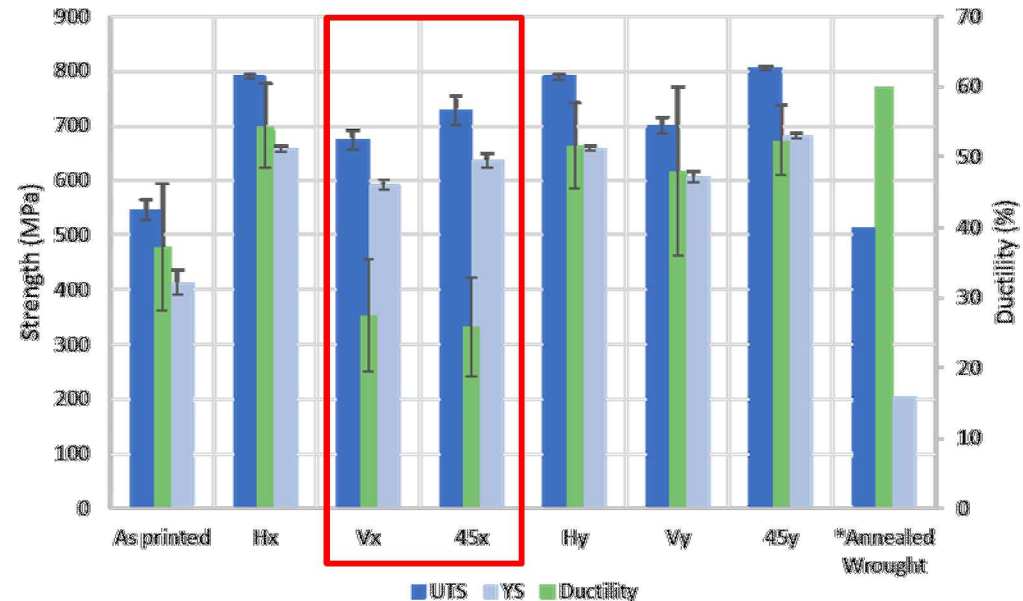
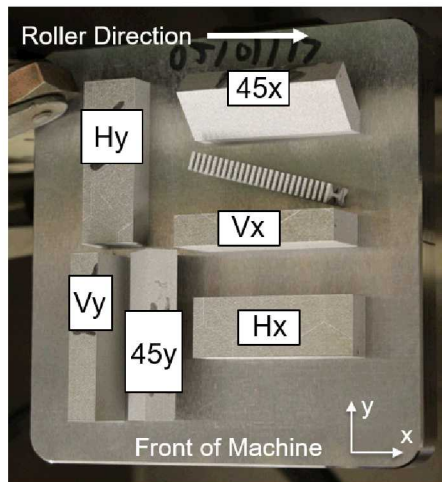
100 W Laser Power
1400 mm/s laser mark speed
30 μm layer thickness
0 laser defocus
50 μm hatch spacing
Hexagon pattern



- What are the failure mechanisms of AM as-printed and EDM samples in various orientations?

Mechanical Properties

- Highest UTS, YS, and Ductility:
Horizontal and V-45° Builds
- Lowest properties:
As-printed, H2, and H3-45

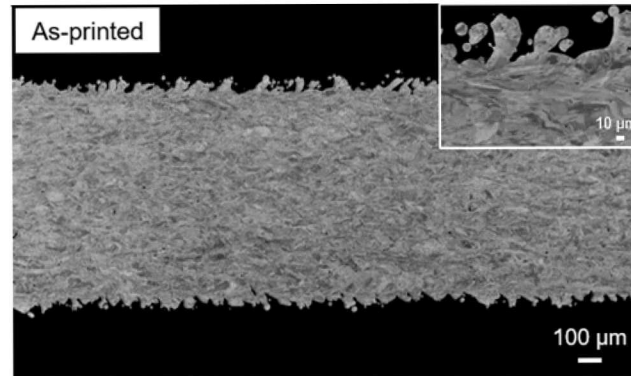


Sample (Stdev)	UTS (MPa)	Yield (MPa)	Ductility (%)	Density (g/mm ³)	Sa (μm)	Grain Size (μm)	Grain Aspect Ratio
As printed	546 (19)	414 (22)	37 (9)	7.87	15.0 (1.4)	10.7 (10.3)	3.4 (2.4)
Hx	791 (5)	658 (6)	54 (6)	7.94	6.5 (0.7)	9.8 (7.7)	3.4 (2.2)
Vx	674 (16)	592 (9)	28 (8)	7.92	5.5 (0.7)	10.2 (8.6)	3.5 (2.3)
45x	728 (27)	636 (13)	26 (7)	7.90	9.0 (0.0)	10.4 (8.9)	3.5 (2.2)
Hy	790 (5)	659 (4)	52 (6)	7.92	3.0 (0.0)	10.0 (8.3)	3.7 (2.5)
Vy	701 (15)	607 (9)	48 (12)	7.93	6.0 (1.4)	10.8 (9.1)	3.7 (2.5)
45y	806 (4)	682 (5)	52 (5)	7.94	4.0 (0.0)	10.4 (8.9)	3.5 (2.2)
Literature, ASM	515	205	60	7.96	-	-	-

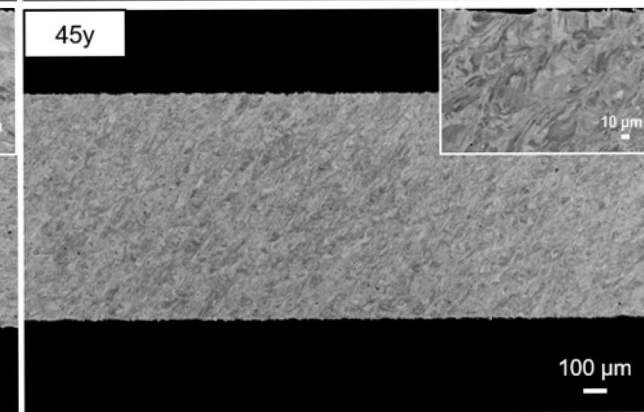
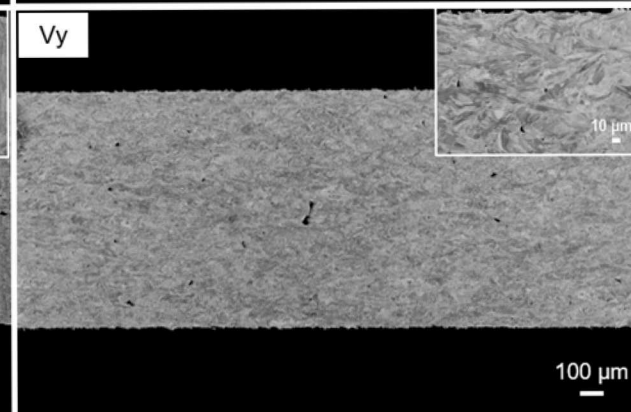
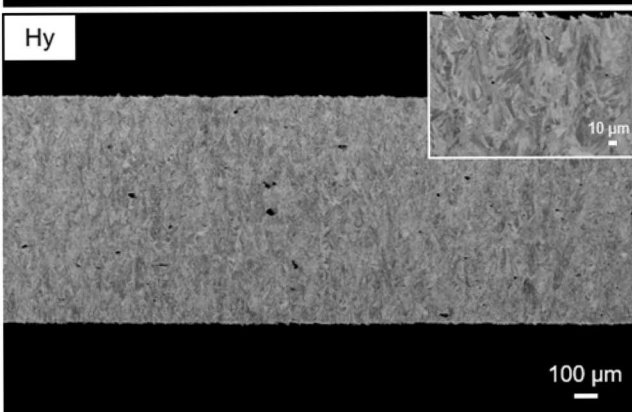
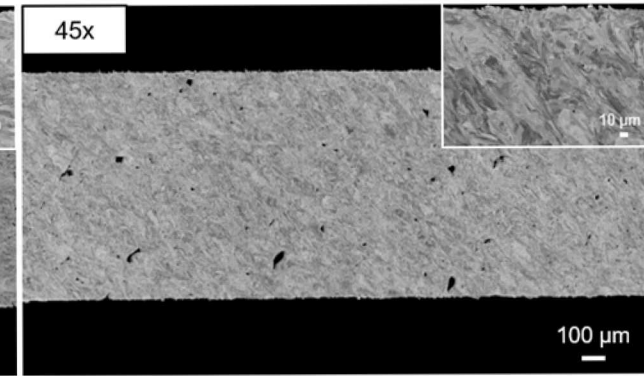
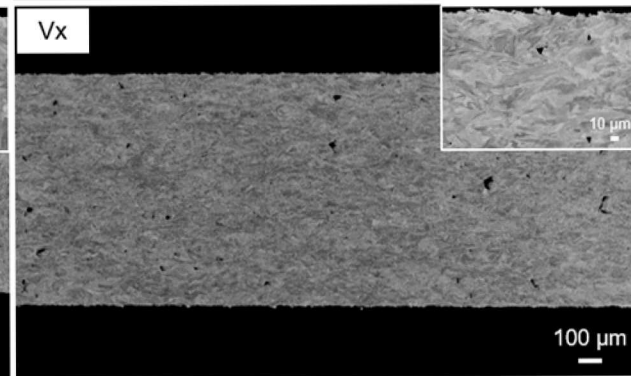
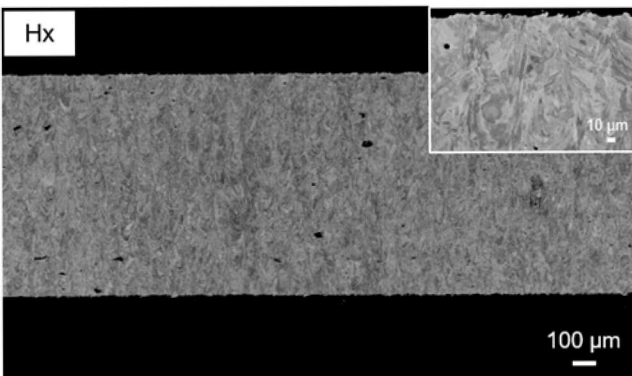
- Why lower performance for as-printed?
- Why ductility so low for Vx & 45x?
- Why horizontal better than vertical?

High Surface Roughness for As-printed

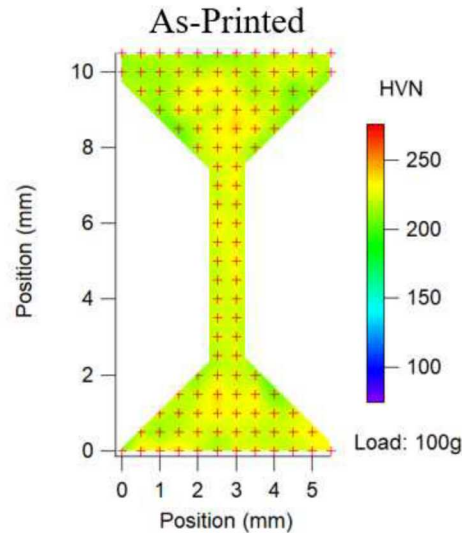
Sample	Sa (μm)	stdev (μm)
As printed	15.0	1.4
Hx	6.5	0.7
Vx	5.5	0.7
45x	9.0	0.0
Hy	3.0	0.0
Vy	6.0	1.4
45y	4.0	0.0



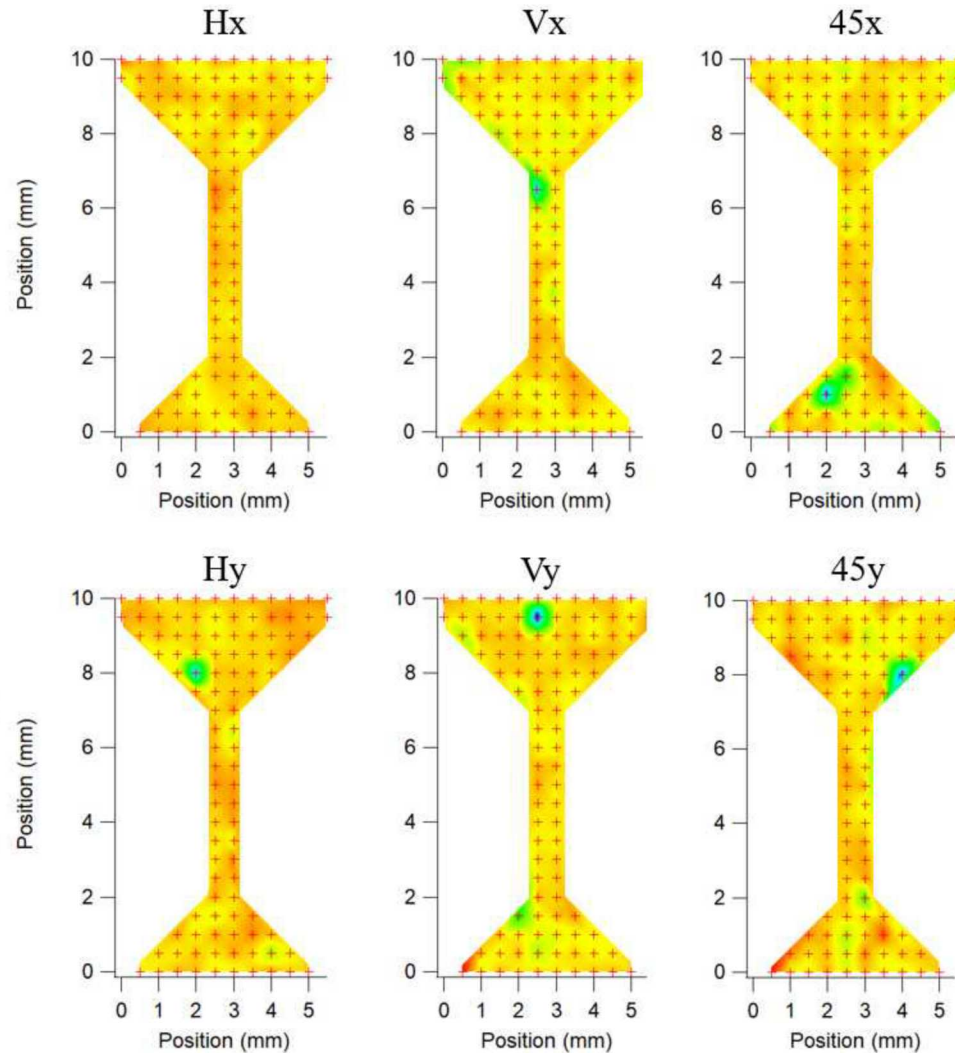
- As-printed surface layer $\sim 60 \mu\text{m}$ thick
- EDMed surface is $\sim 5\text{-}10 \mu\text{m}$ thick



Lower hardness for as-printed tensile samples

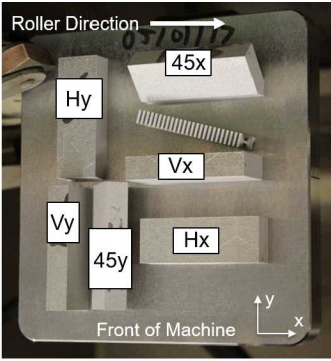


Keep this in mind for witness coupons and varying part thickness



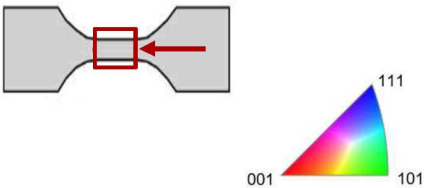
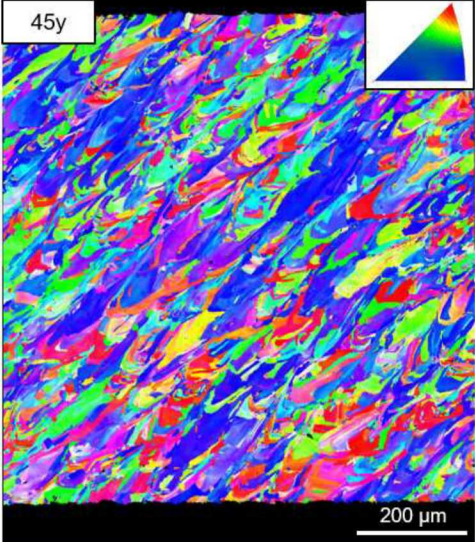
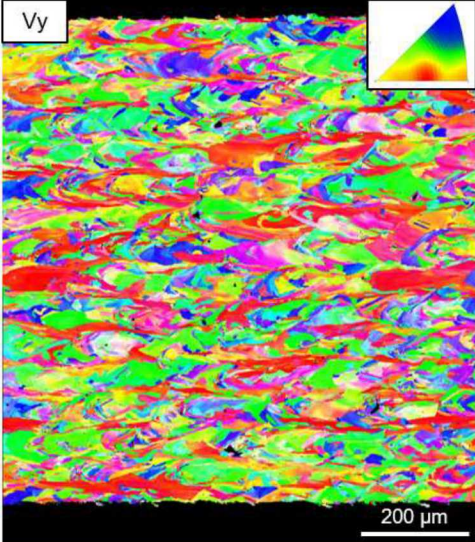
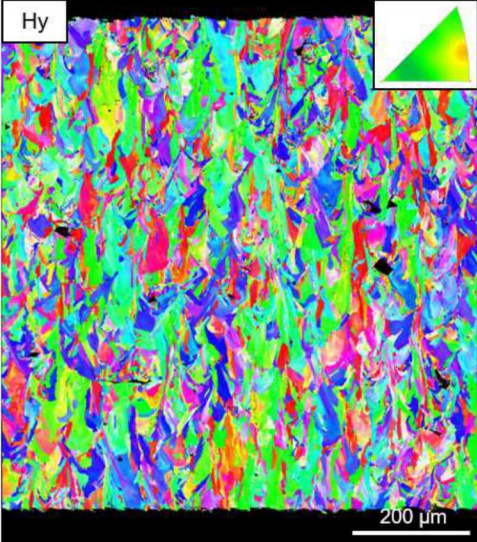
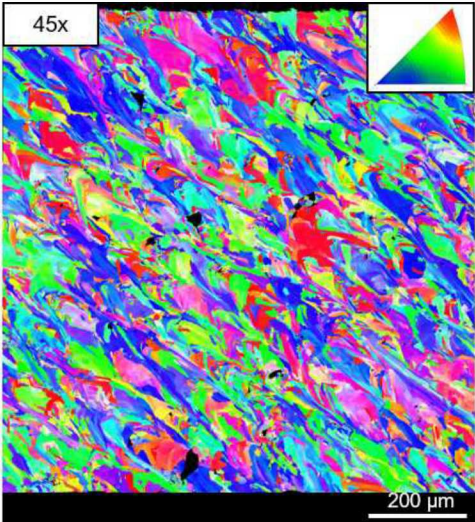
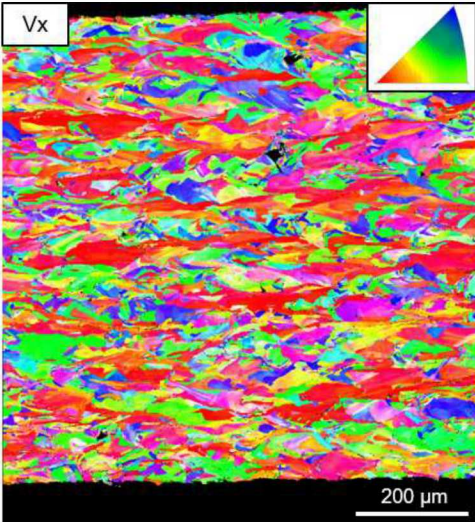
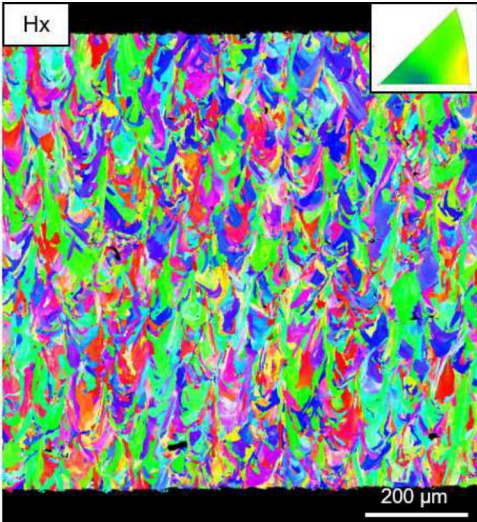
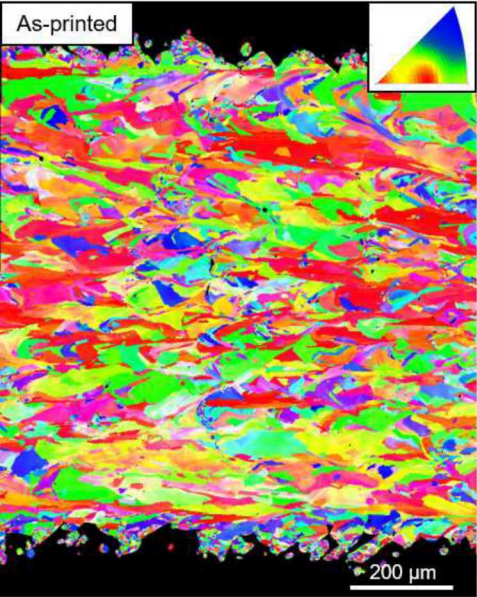
	As-Printed	Hx	Vx	45x	Hy	Vy	45y
Average	222.6	237.5	232.2	232.9	237.9	234.5	235.6
Max	239	263	252	253	255	273	272
Min	202	220	123	102	118	83.9	108
St.Dev.	7.9	7.0	14.4	16.8	14.2	17.5	16.1

Grains oriented in build direction



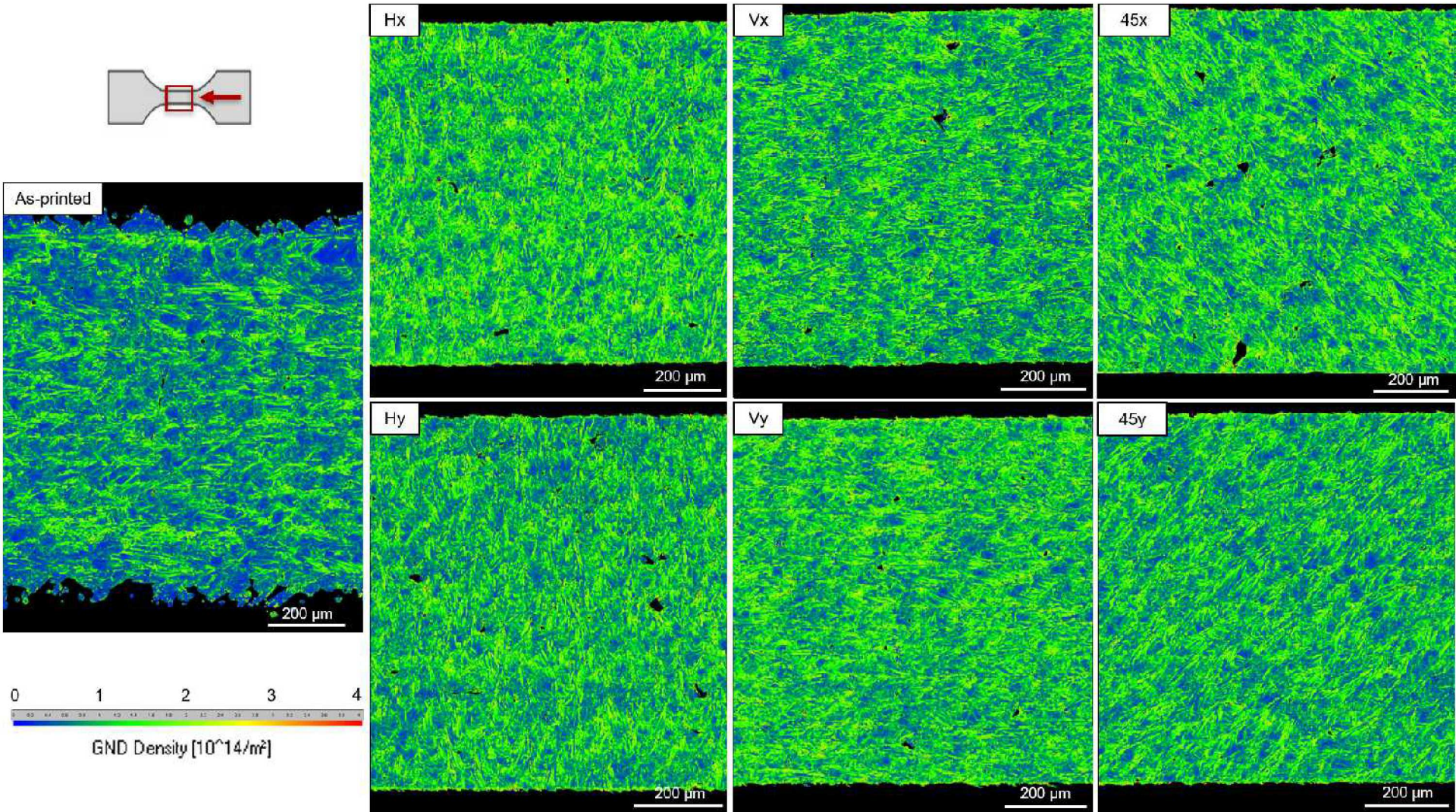
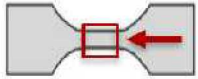
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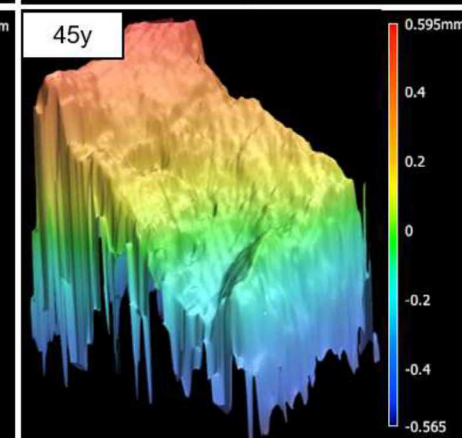
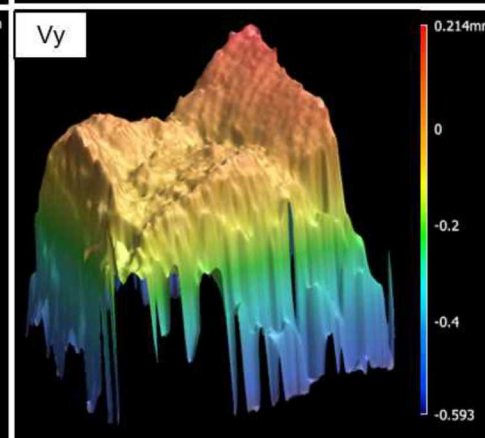
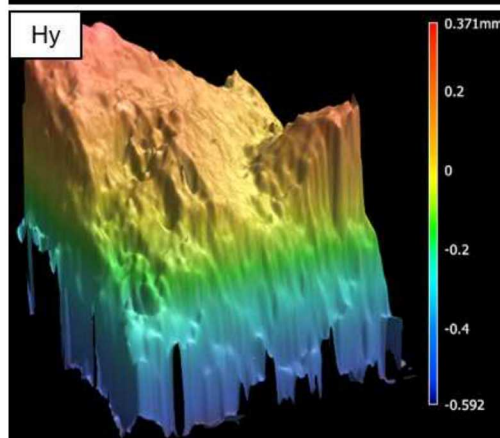
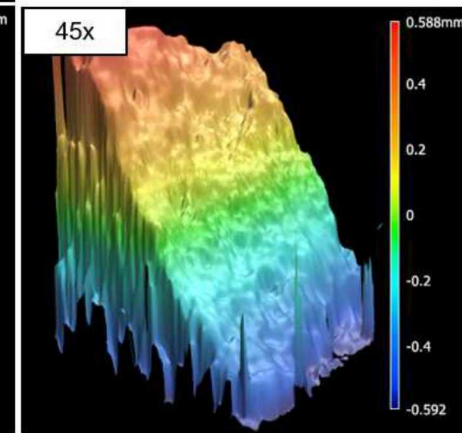
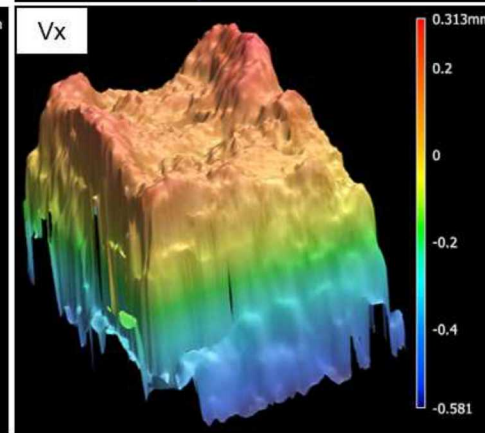
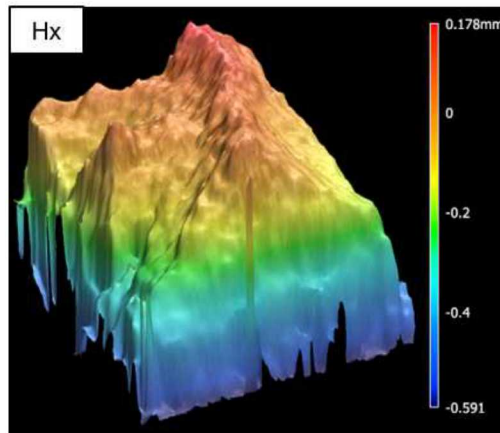
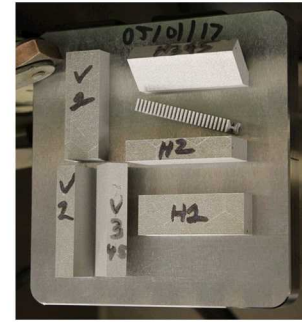
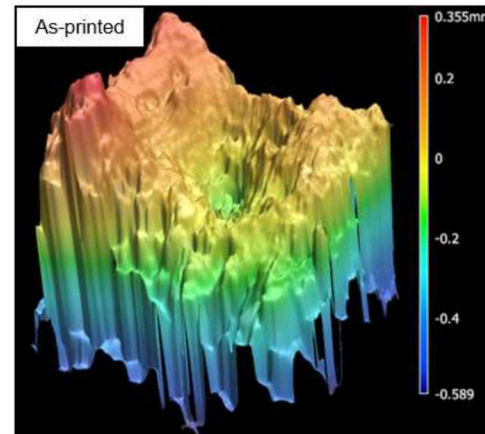
Dislocations build up near grain boundaries and pores

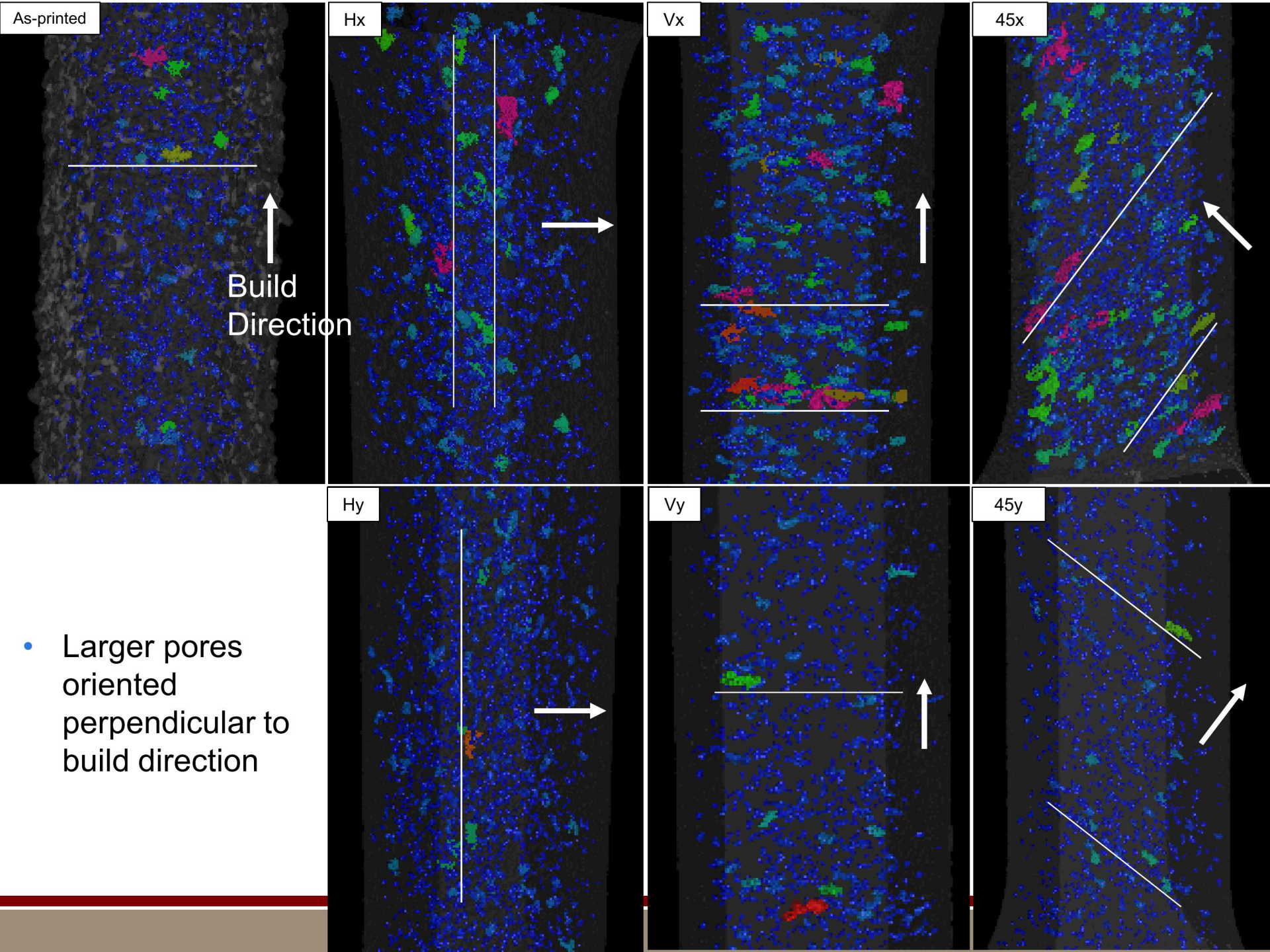
- Geometrically necessary dislocations (GNDs) – Kernel Average Misorientation
- Higher dislocations in EDMed parts due to thermal gradient-driven residual stresses

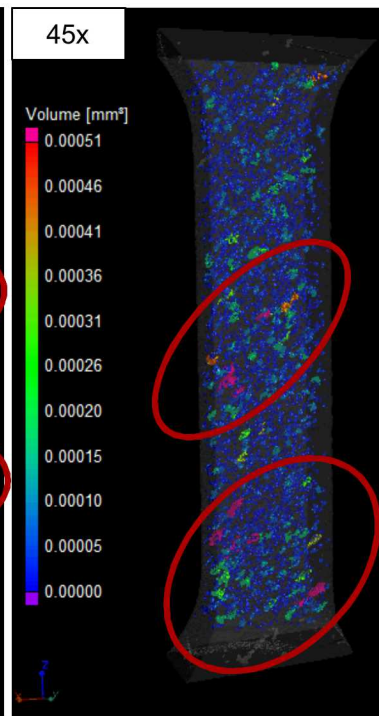
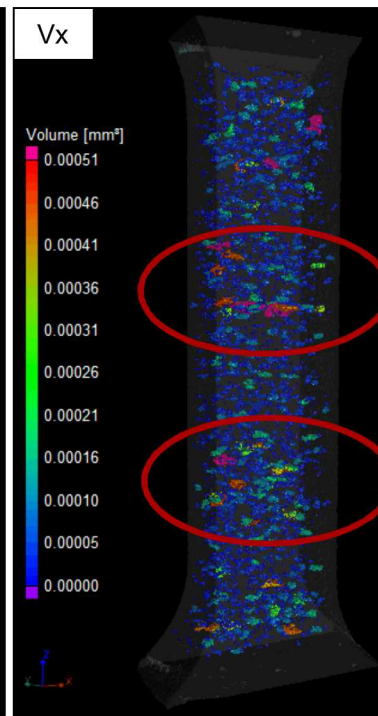
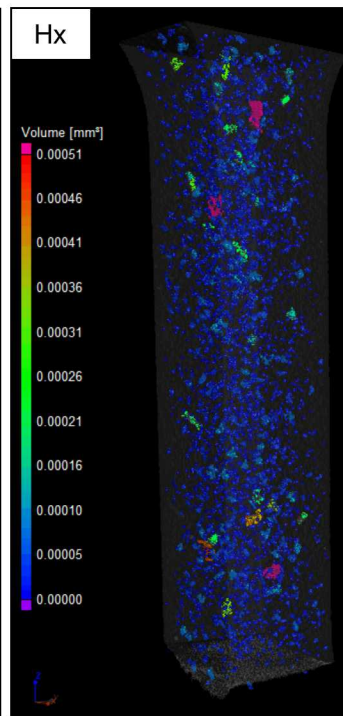
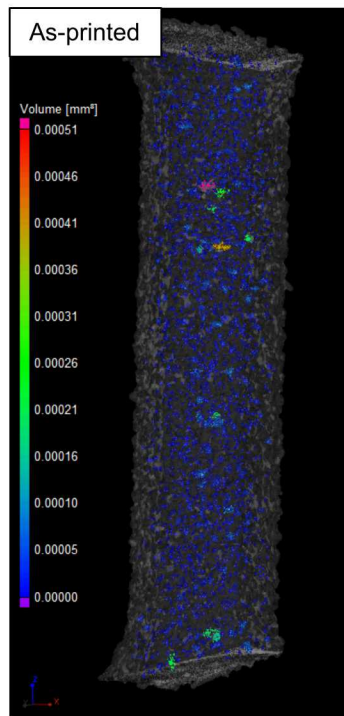
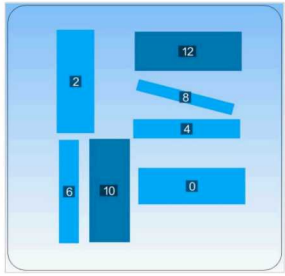


Primarily ductile fracture

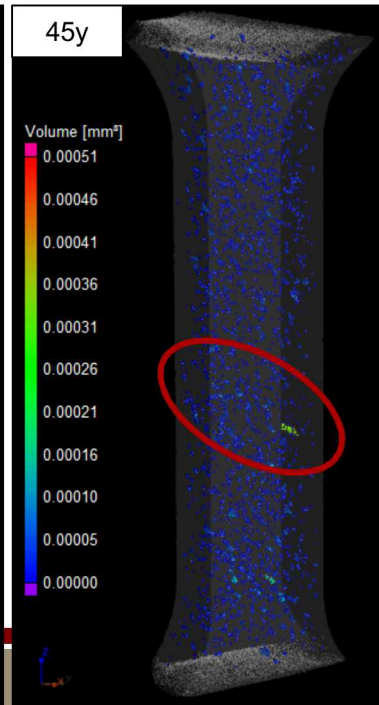
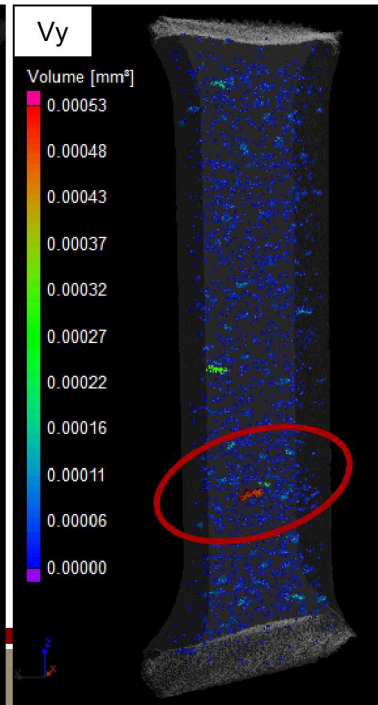
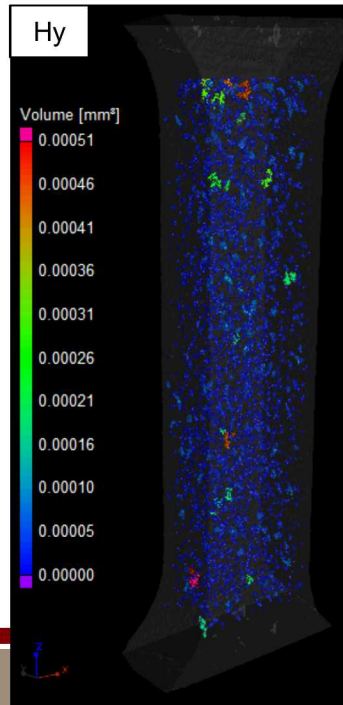
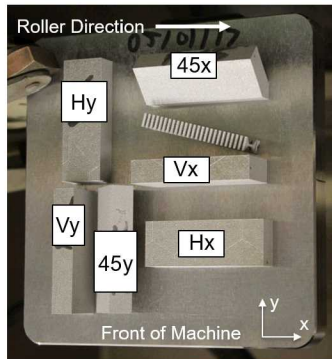
- More of a shear-like failure for parts built at a 45°
- Sharper shear plane for 45x



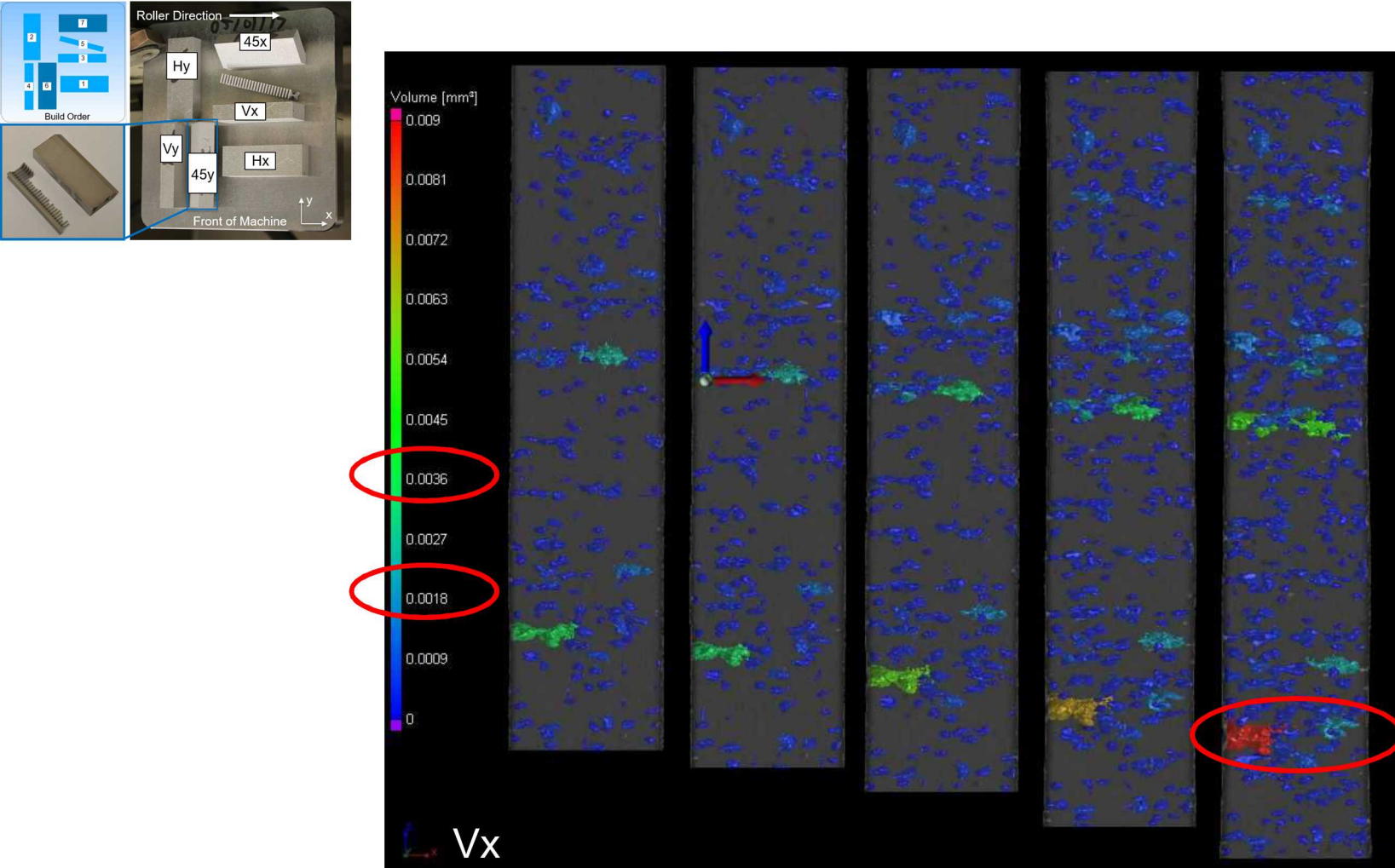




- Pores oriented perpendicular to build direction
- Higher concentration of large pores in Hx, Vx, Hy, and 45x

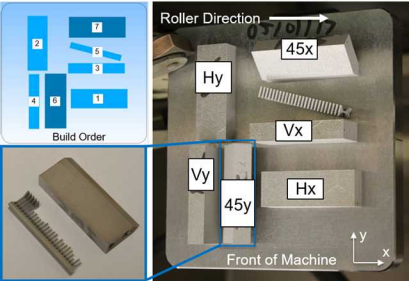


Defects Grow and Coalesce with Nearby Pores



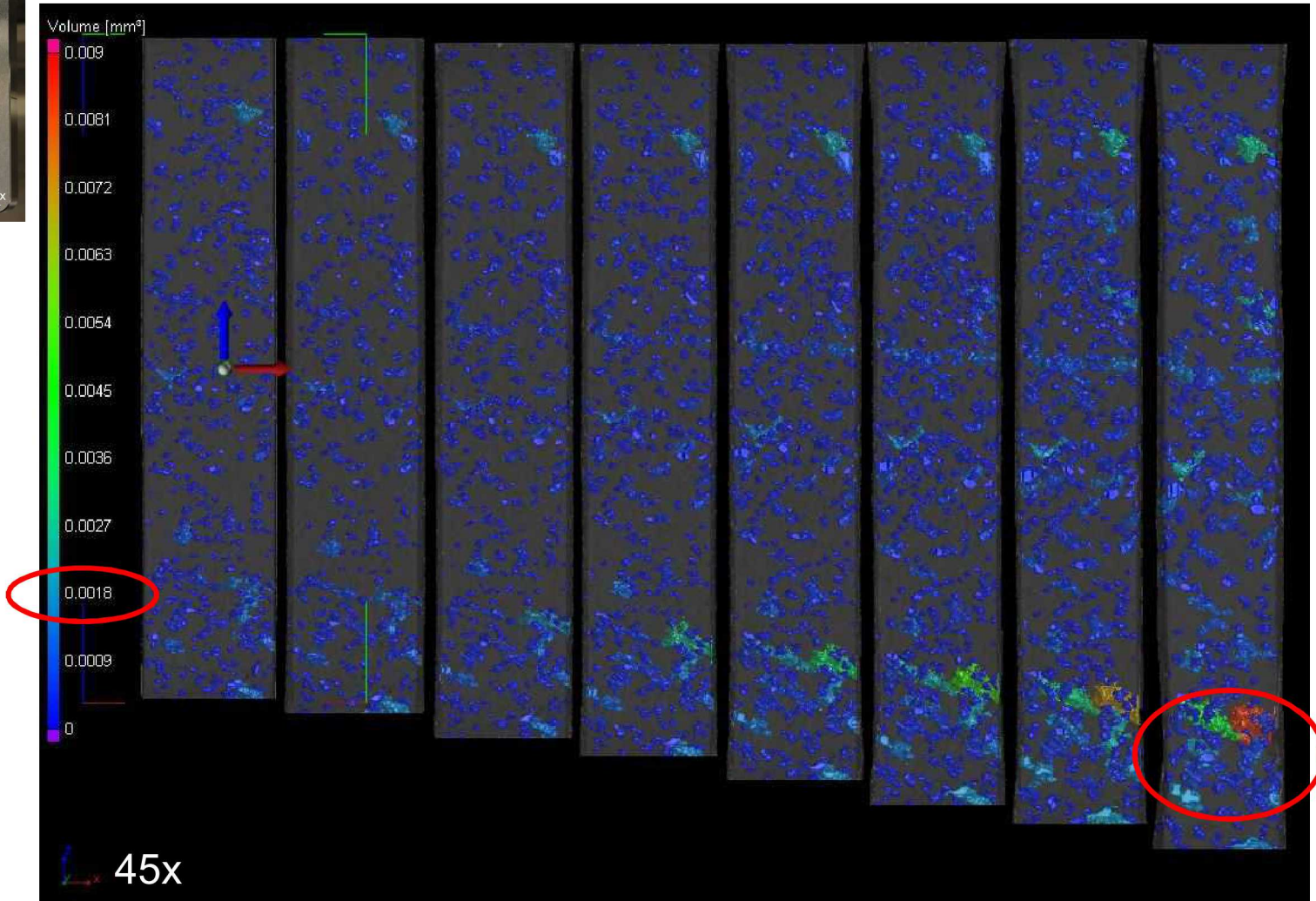
- Pores nearest to the surface dominate growth
- Necking and failure occurred near lower defect

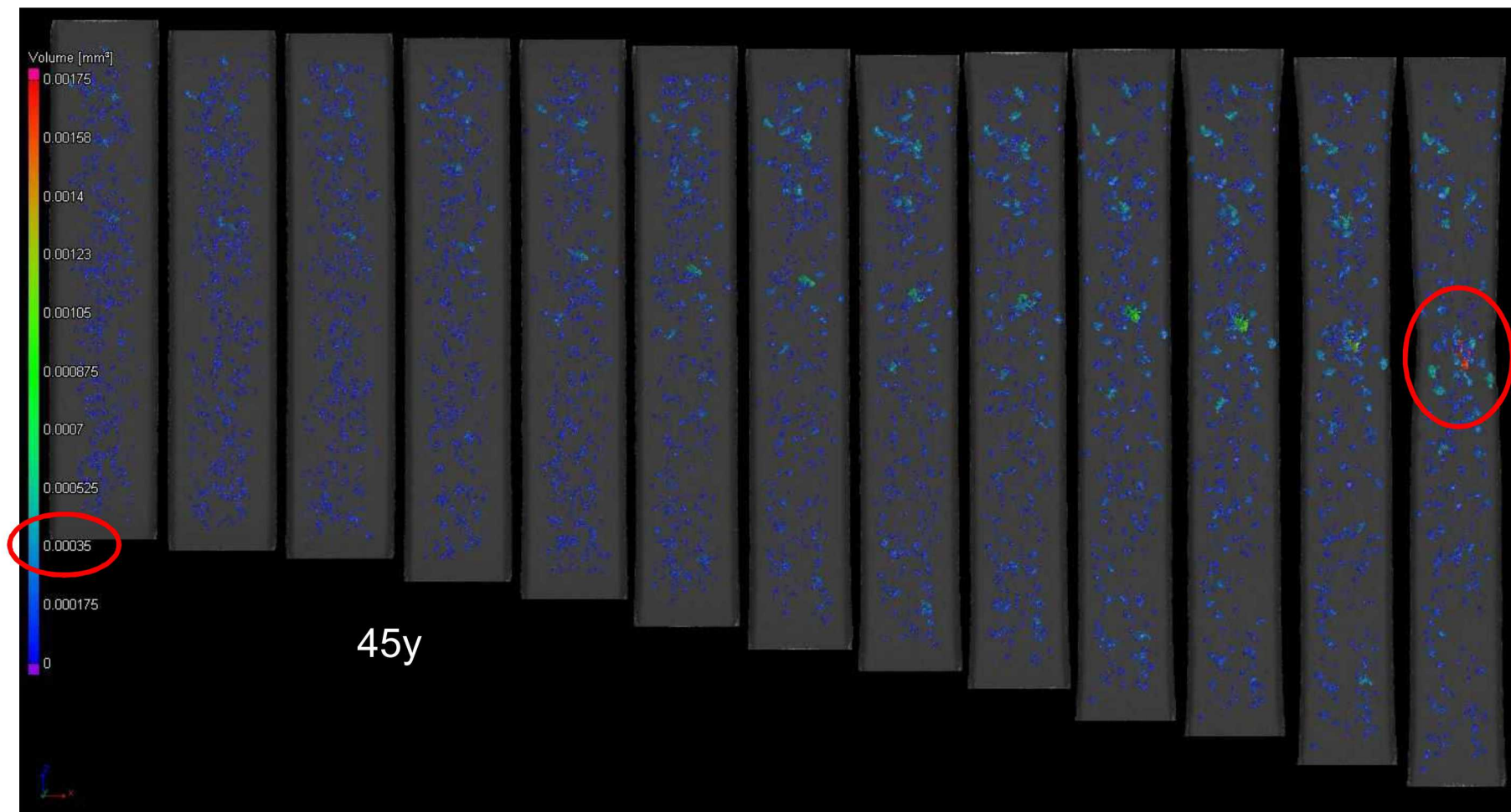
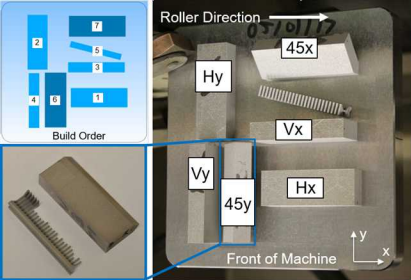
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Pore volumes
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 0.001 mm^3 may
lead to failure

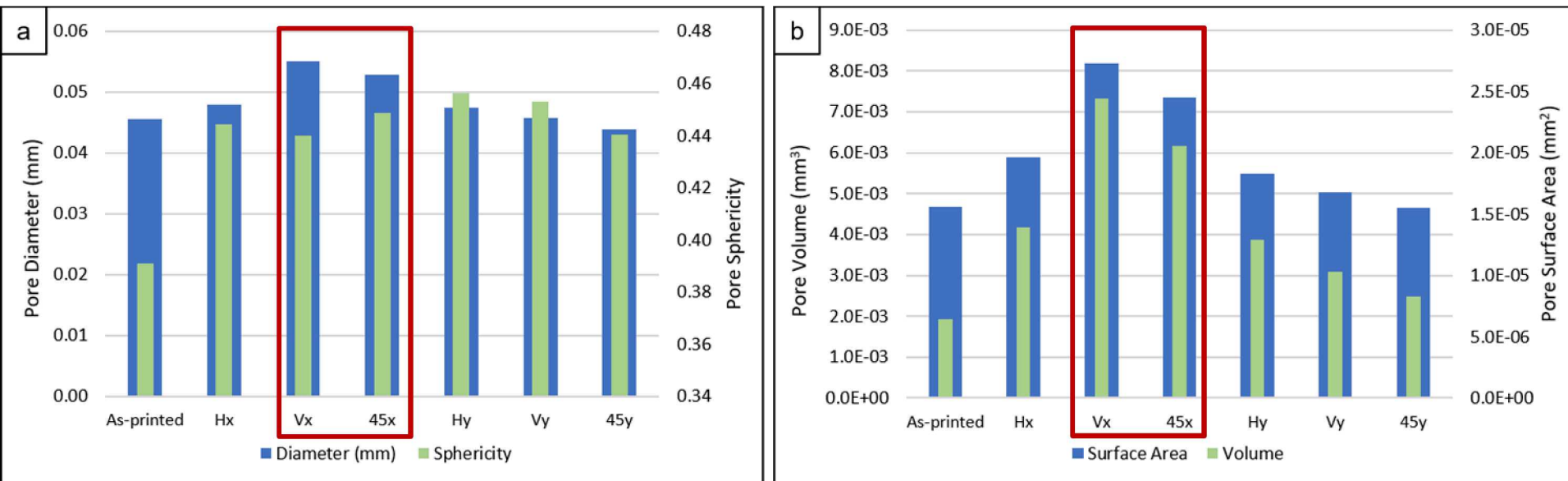
$\sim 125 \mu\text{m}$
diameter pores
grow to failure





High porosity in many “good” samples

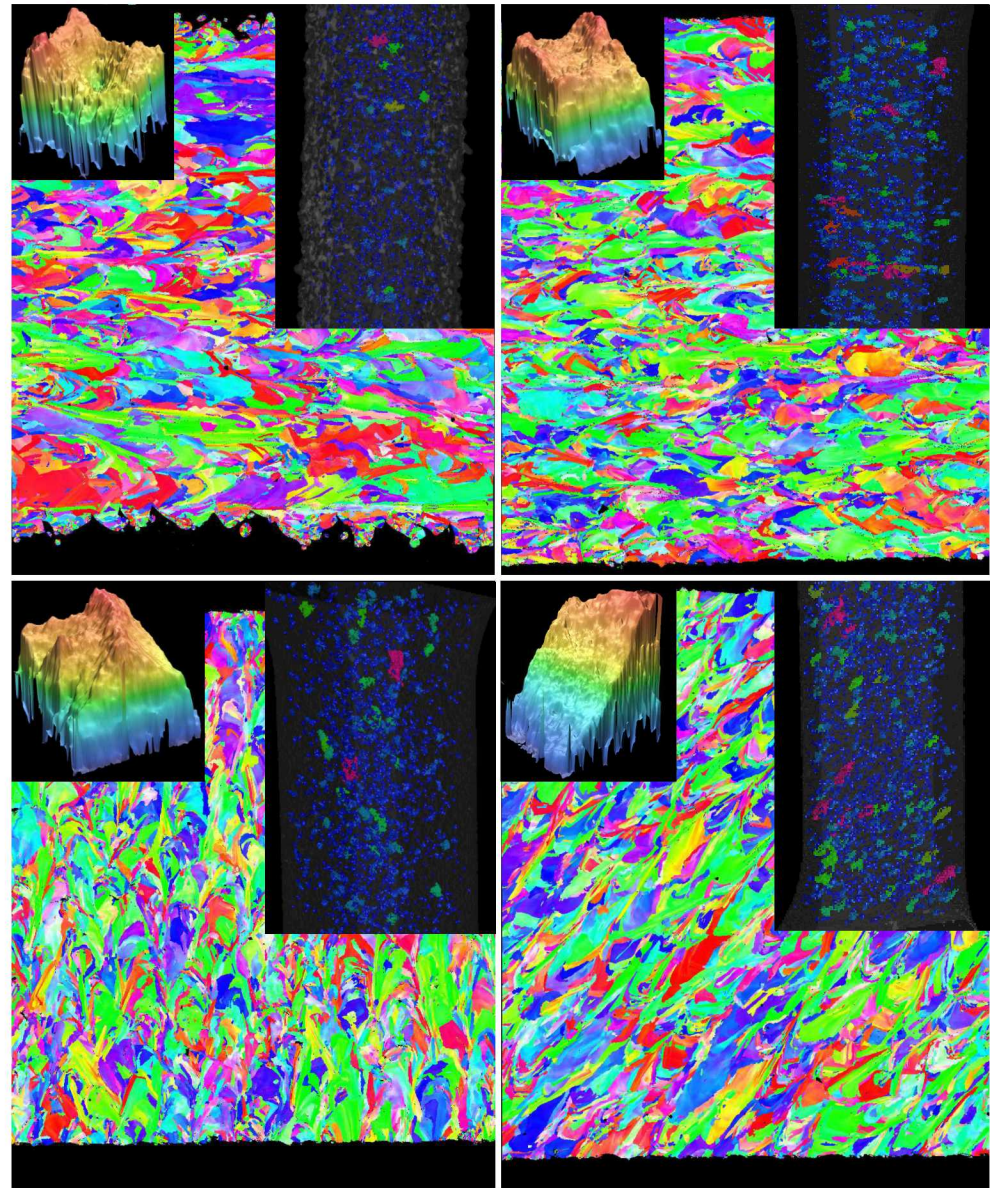
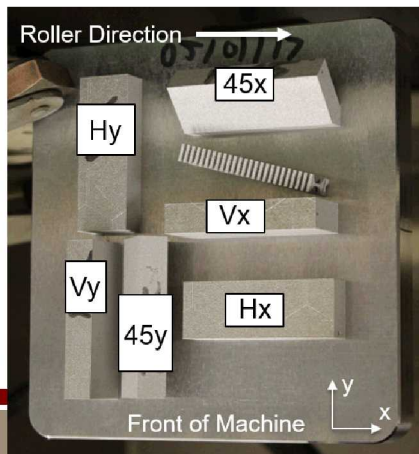
	As-printed	Hx	Vx	45x	Hy	Vy	45y
# of pores	2459	3191	3129	4381	3178	2488	2515



- Hx, Vx, and Hy all have similar number of pores, yet Vx has lowest ductility
- 45x has more more pores than Vx, but has slightly greater properties
- Ductility appears influenced by larger pore diameter, volume, and surface area

Conclusions

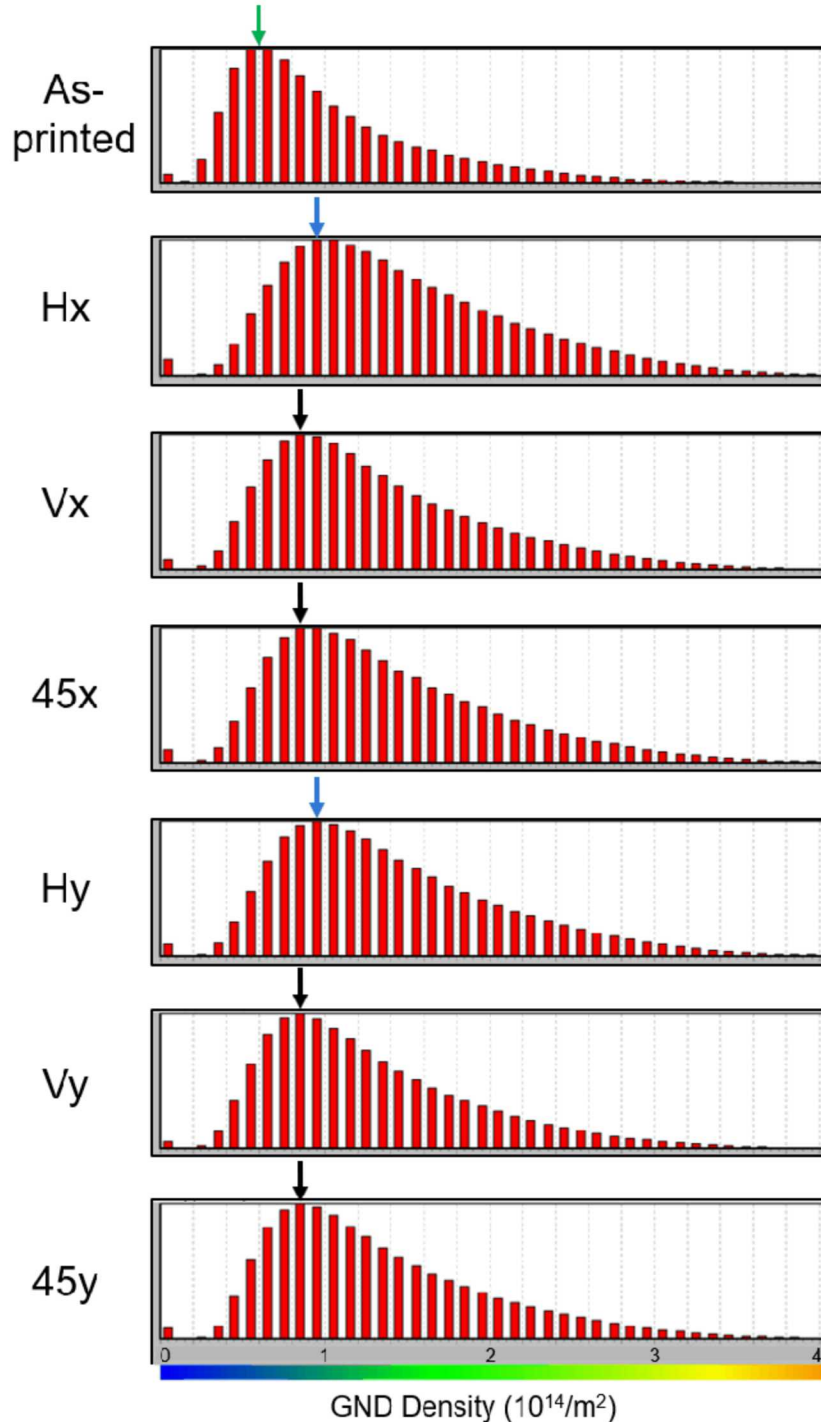
- As-printed surface roughness and slower cooling rates limit mechanical properties
- Generally, “thicker” parts built to be post-machined have higher mech. properties
- Build direction influences grain orientation, GND density, pore orientation and fracture
- Orientation wrt build chamber not affected
- Higher concentrations of large pores lower ductility – easier to grow/coalesce
- Higher amount of porosity is believed to be caused from spatter/condensate, influenced by gas flow direction, order of build on plate, and part spacing



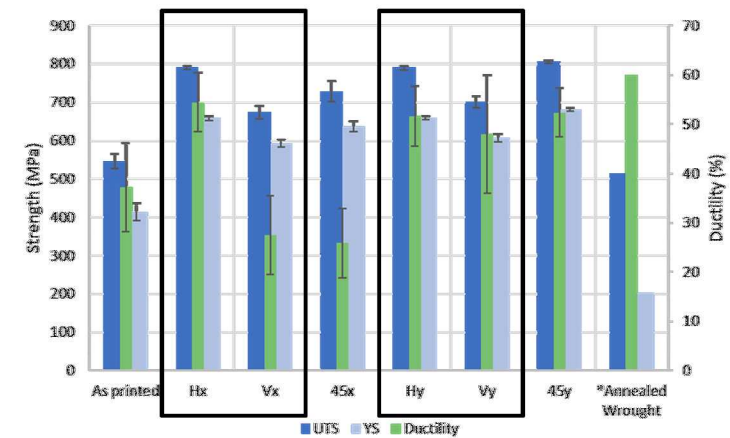
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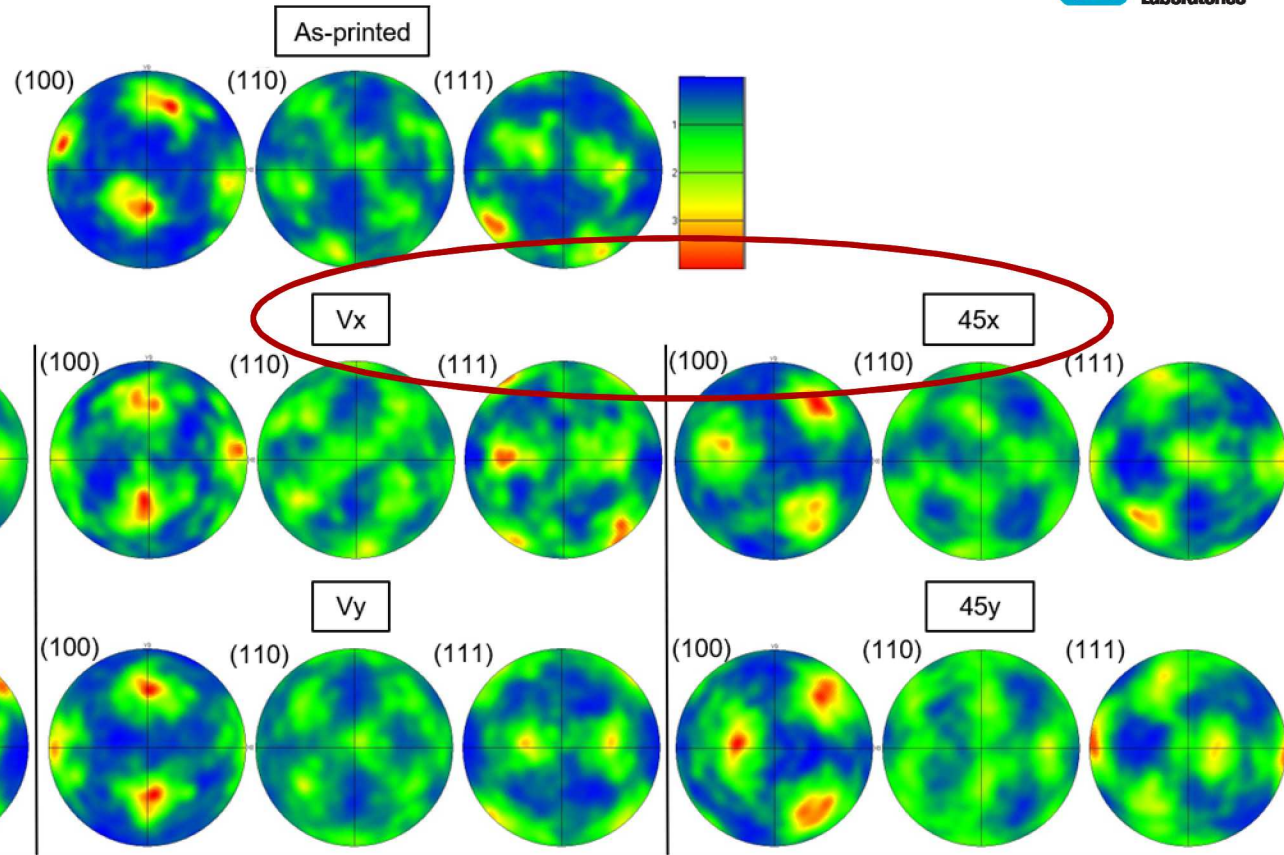
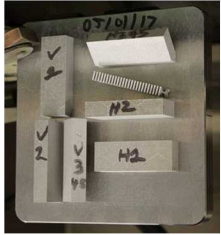
GND density shift for horizontally-built samples



- As-printed part has much lower distribution of dislocations
- Slightly higher distribution of dislocations in horizontally-built parts compared to vertical and 45°



Z-Plane Pole Figure



- H2, and V2 have similar textures
- H3-45 and V3-45 have similar textures
- V1 and As-printed are slightly rotated compared to H2 and V2
- H1 is very different
- Still doesn't explain why H2 and H3-45 have such reduced ductility

Fractography

- 45° orientations fracture at that angle
- Out of page build direction $\otimes$

