

# Additive Manufacturing of High Gamma Prime Alloys

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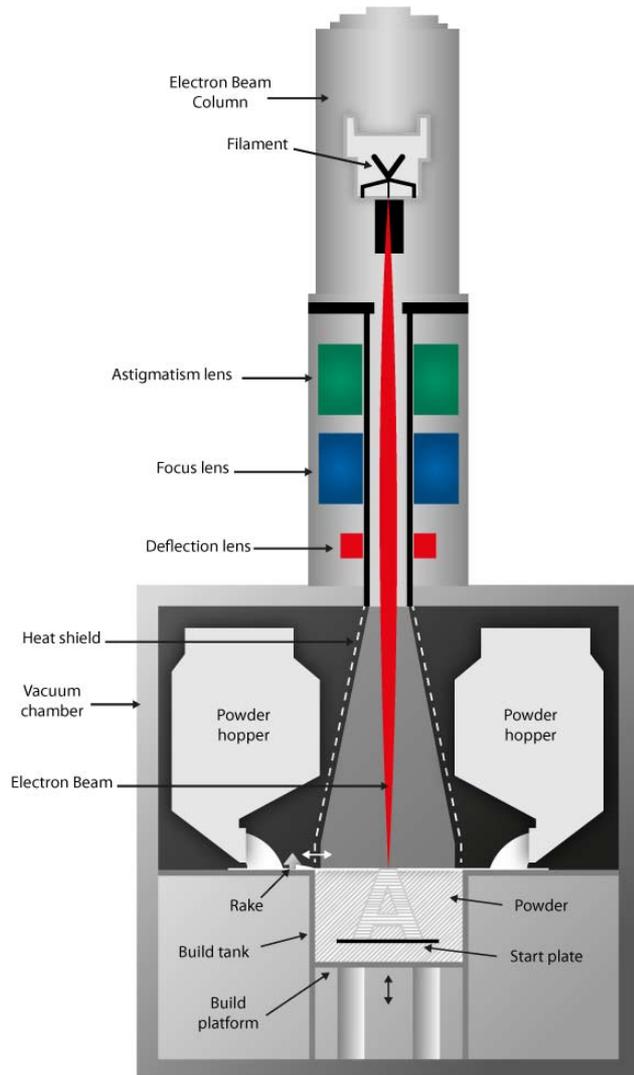
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# Project Objectives

- Optimize additive manufacturing (AM) fabrication processes for:
  - **Chromia forming 282: (57Ni-20Cr-10Co-8.5Mo-2.1Ti-1.5Al)**
  - Alumina forming Nimonic 105 (Ni-20Co-5Mo-15Cr-4.5Al-1Ti)
- Improving understanding of the process-microstructure-property relationships
- Generate data (Tensile, Fatigue, **Creep, Oxidation**) relevant for FE applications
- Compare two AM techniques, electron beam melting (EBM) and selective laser melting (SLM).
- Effect of annealing on microstructure and mechanical properties
- Collaboration with other 282 related programs such as A-USC

# Fabrication of Haynes 282™ by EBM and SLM

## Ebeam (Arcam S12)



## EOS 250 machine



Three rods, 13mm in diameter, 100mm in height, courtesy of Siemens

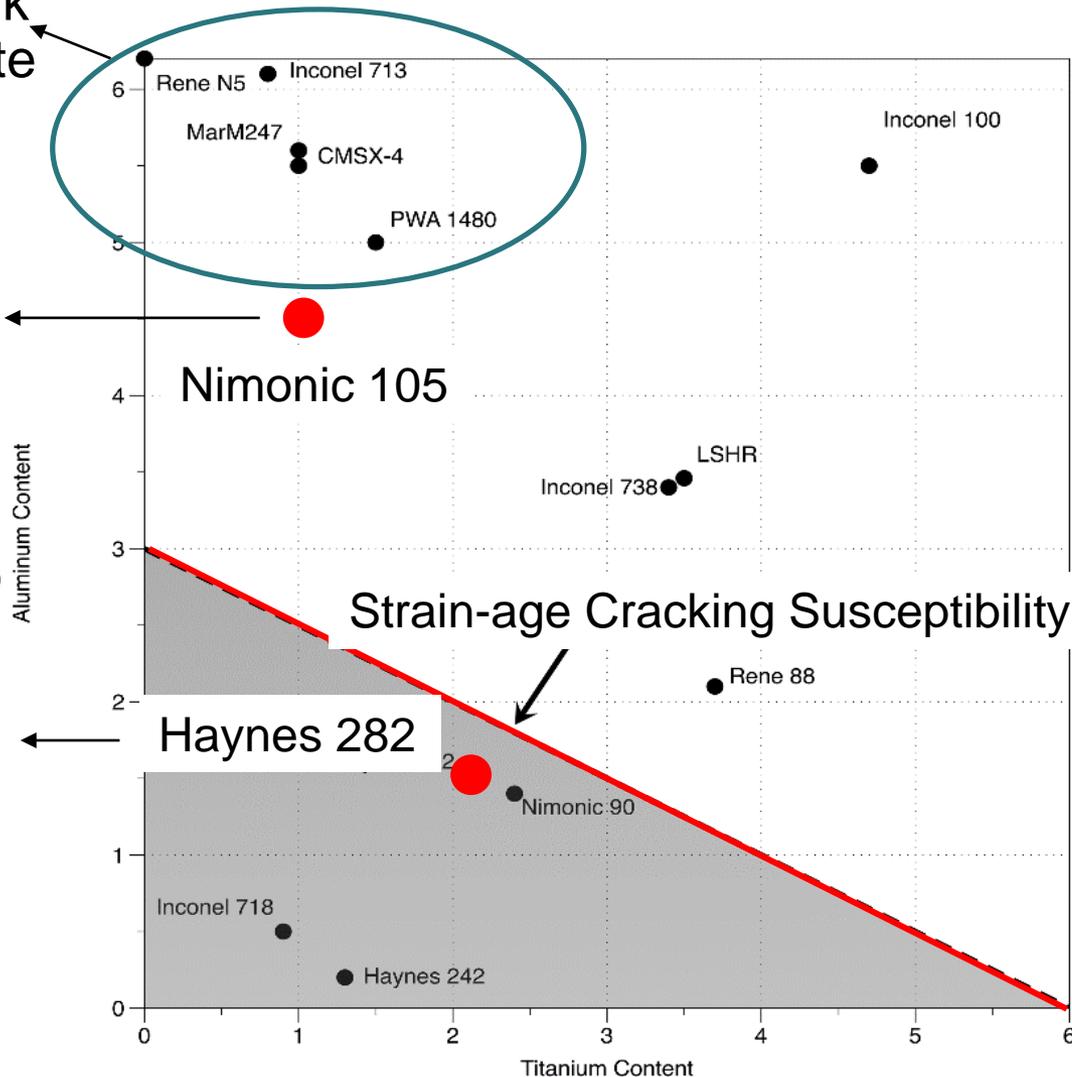
# Alloy 282 Shows Unique Combination of High Strength and Fabricability

Extensive processing work funded by AMO to fabricate crack-free blades

More challenging but easier than many other high  $\gamma/\gamma'$  alloys

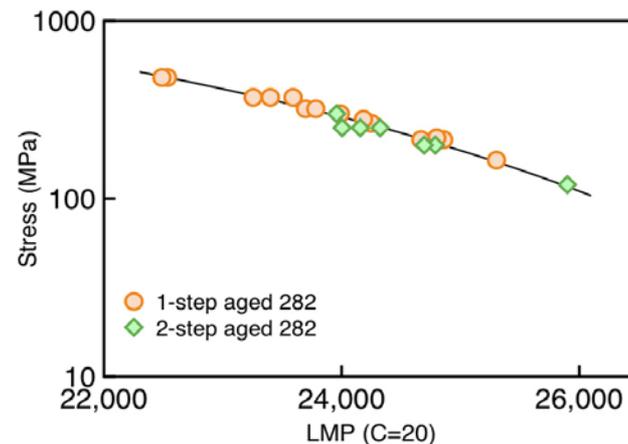
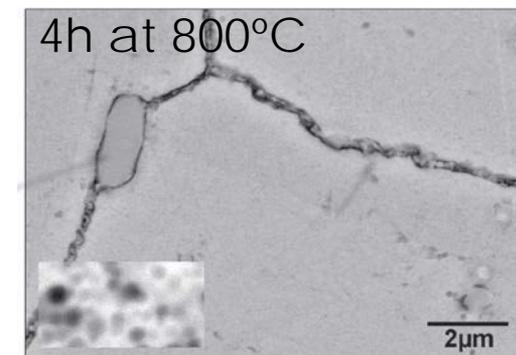
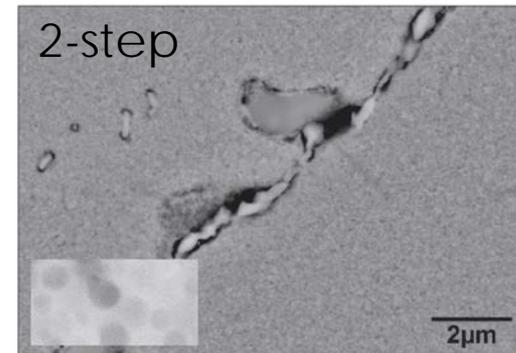
Easier to process due to "low" Al and Ti content

$\gamma'$  volume fraction in Haynes 282 is ~20%.  
Great balance between fabricability and strength



# 282 Creep Strength Depends on the $\gamma'$ Precipitates Stability. Ductility Related to Precipitates at GB?

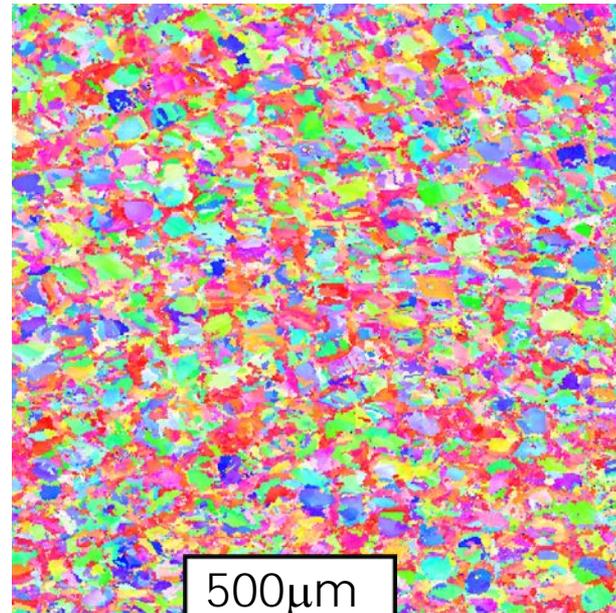
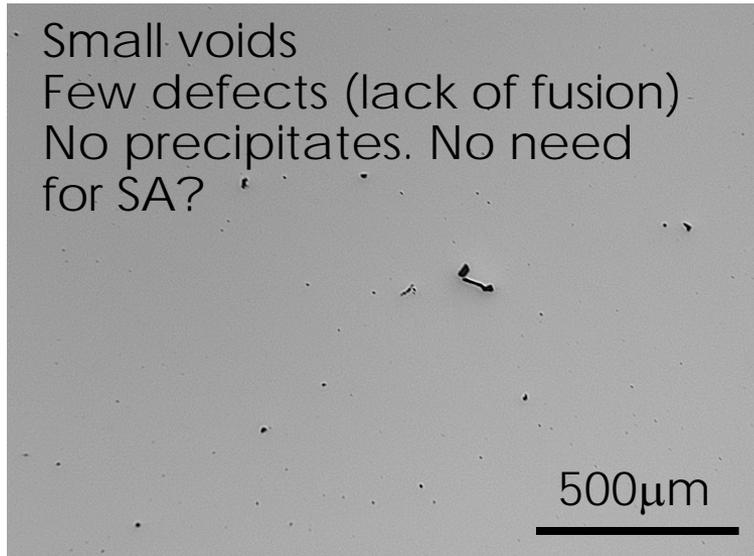
- Haynes recommended heat treatment (HT): Solution annealing at 1121 to 1149°C and two-step aging 2h at 1010°C + 8h at 788°C
- First aging treatment for  $M_{23}C_6$  Carbide formation at GB (L.M. Pike Superalloy 2008)
- Second aging treatment for optimum  $\gamma'$  precipitate size: is ~20-30nm
- Recent work has shown that 1-step 4h 800°C heat treatment led to similar microstructure and creep properties
- Best heat treatment for AM 282?



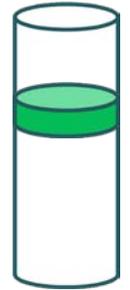
Unocic et al. Scripta Met 2019

# No Significant Texture For the As-Fab SLM 282

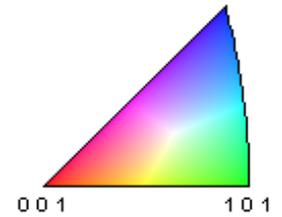
Small voids  
Few defects (lack of fusion)  
No precipitates. No need for SA?



Transverse



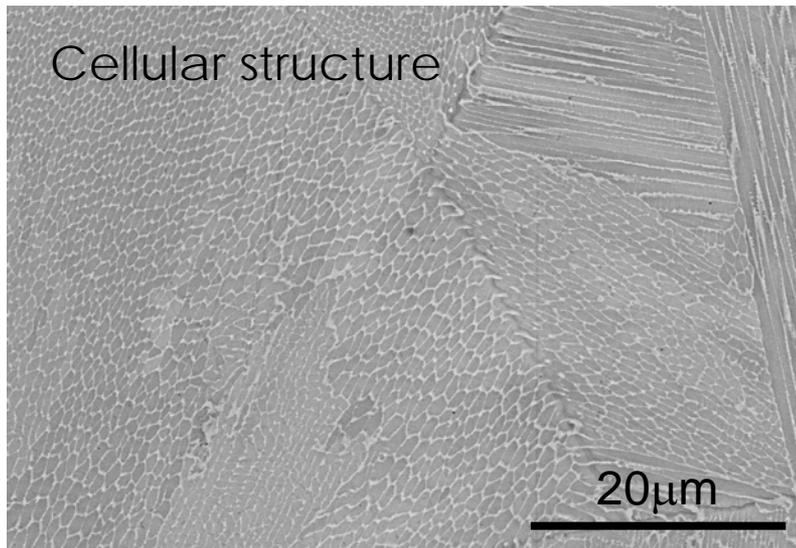
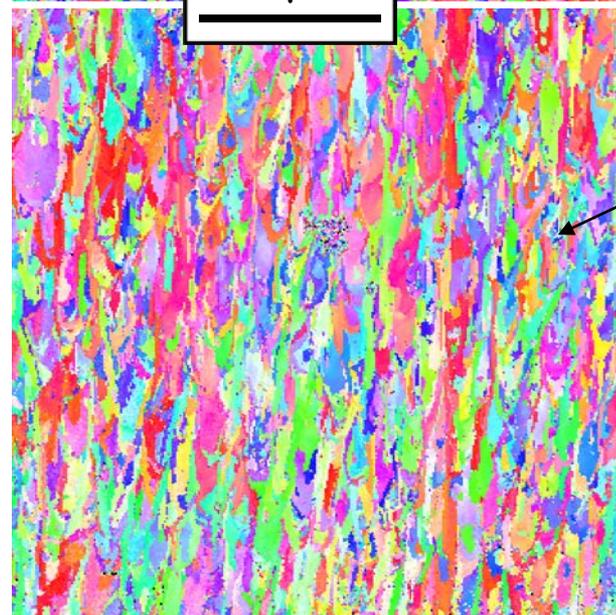
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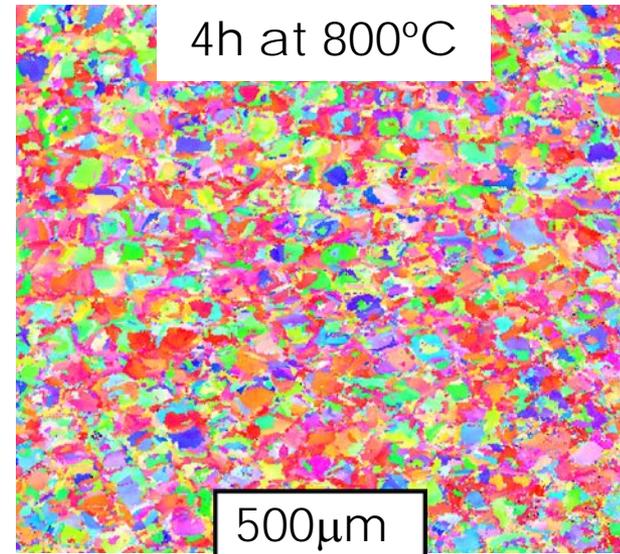
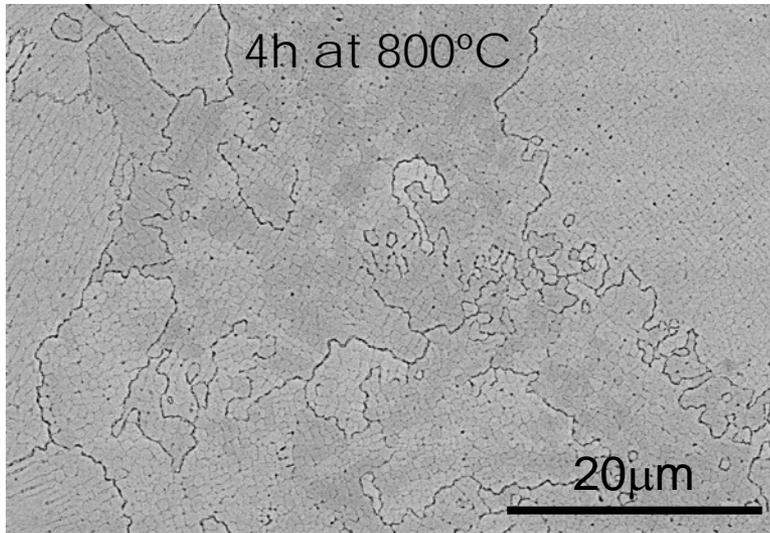
Elongated grains



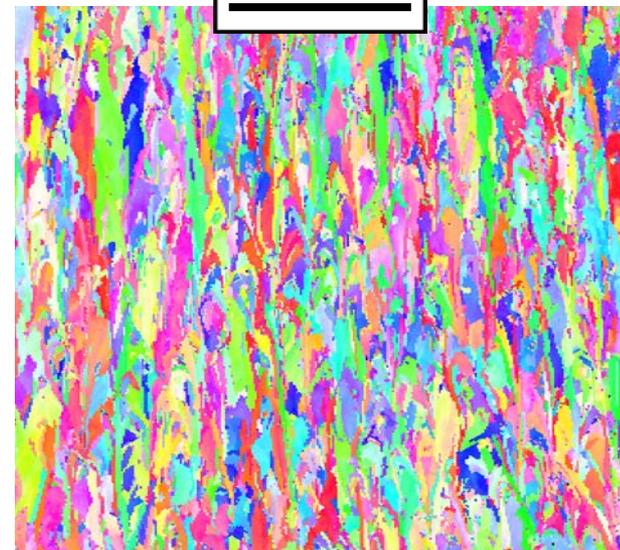
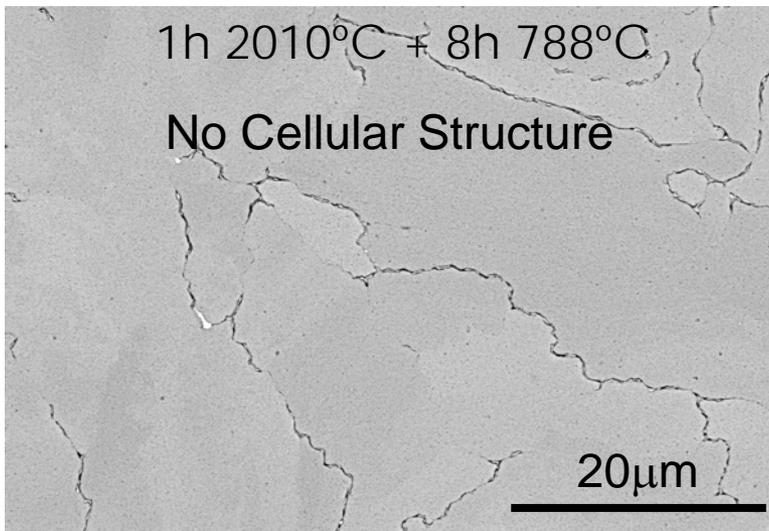
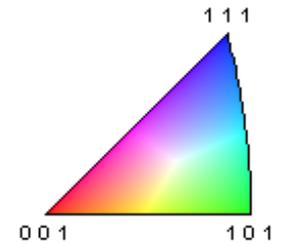
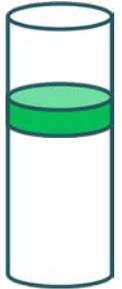
Longitudinal



# Aged SLM 282: Similar microstructure except for Discontinuous Carbides at Some GB



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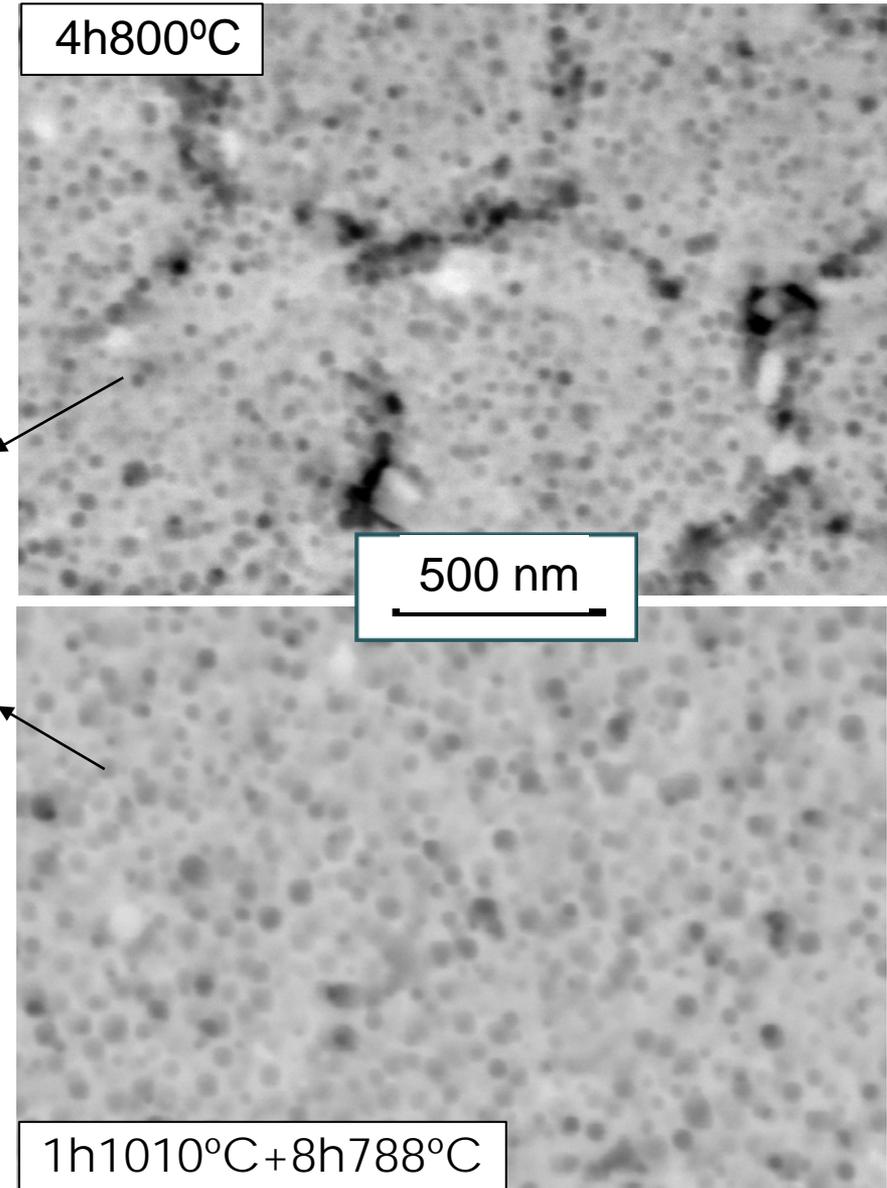
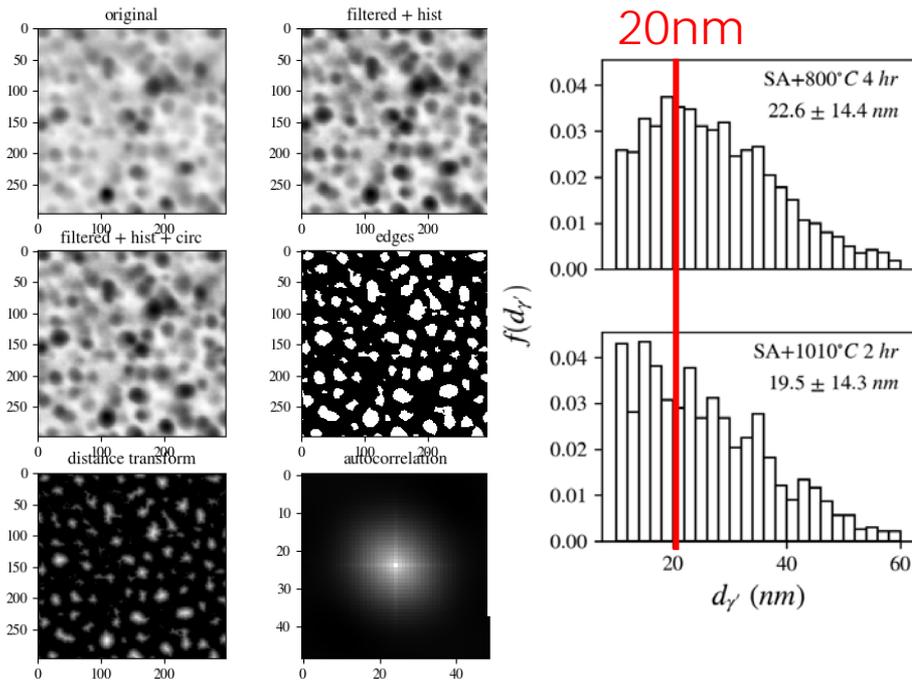


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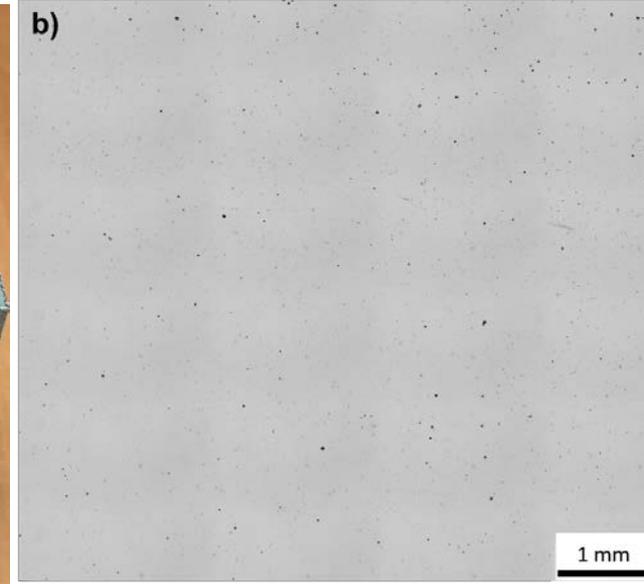
# SLM 282: $\gamma'$ ~20nm in size after 1h1010°C + 8h788°C or 4h800°C

$\gamma'$  prime size determine by image analysis



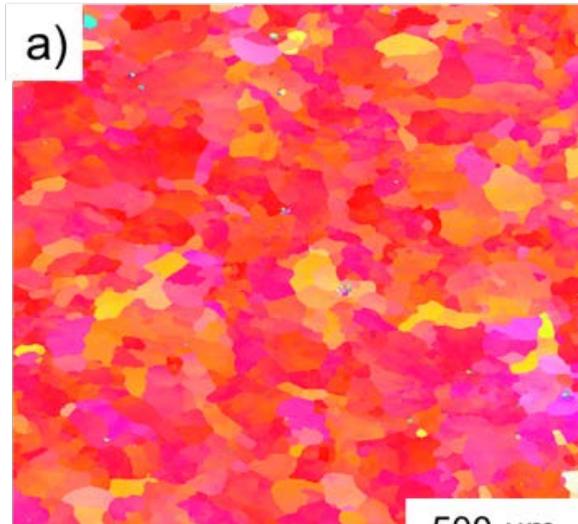


# EBM 282: Fabrication of Cubes for Process Optimization and Larger/Longer Builds For Mechanical Testing



- **Density from 97.9% to a high of 99.5% depending on build parameters**
- **Tensile/creep specimens were machined along and perpendicular the build direction**

# EBM 282: Significant Texture in the As Fabricated & Annealed Conditions

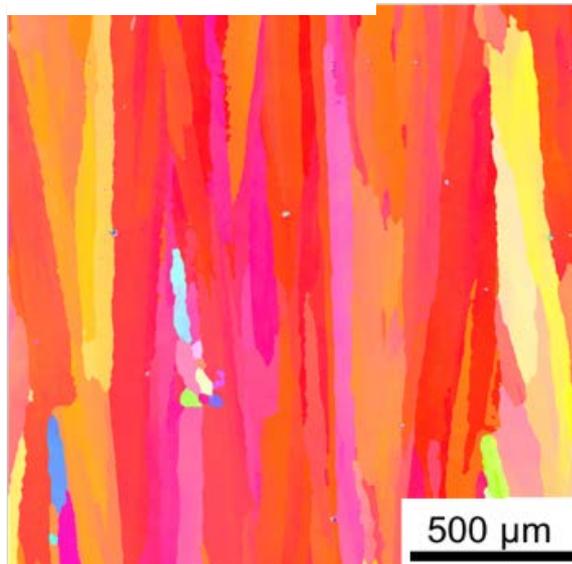
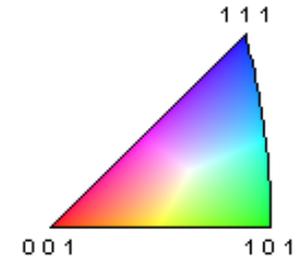


As Fabricated

500 μm



10min 1135°C (SA)+4h at 800°C

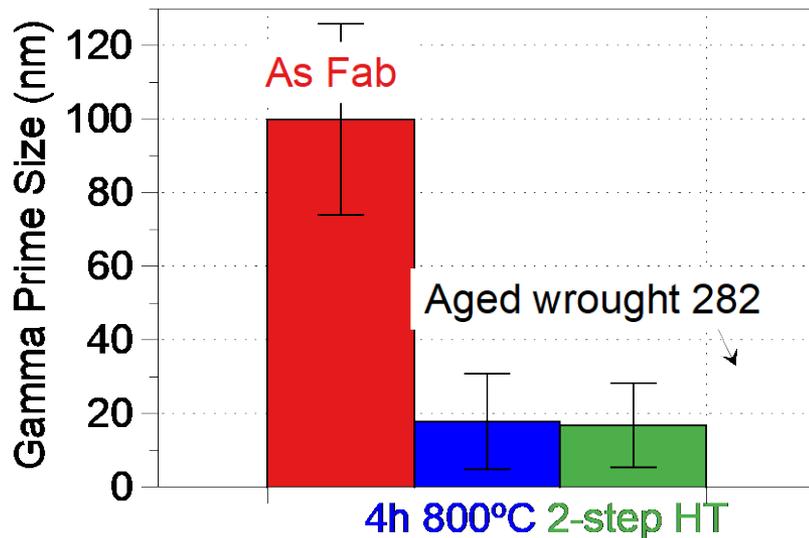
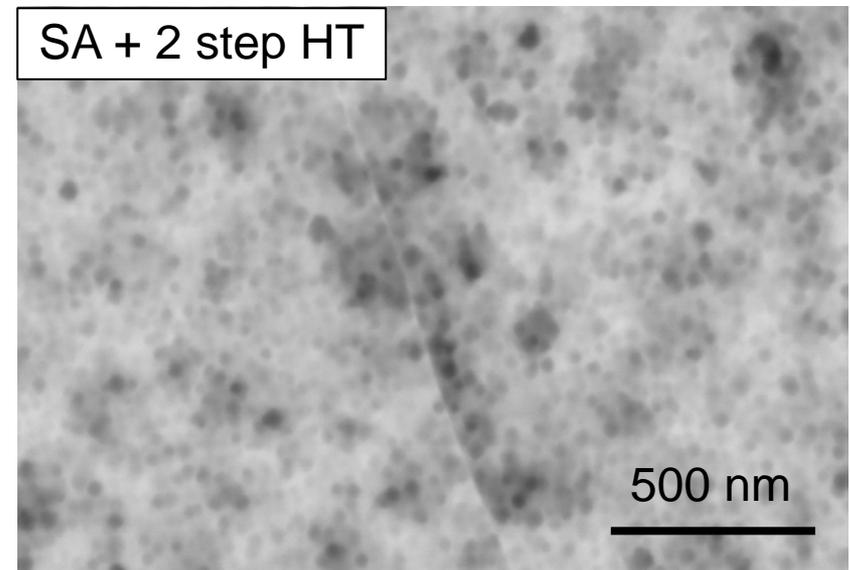
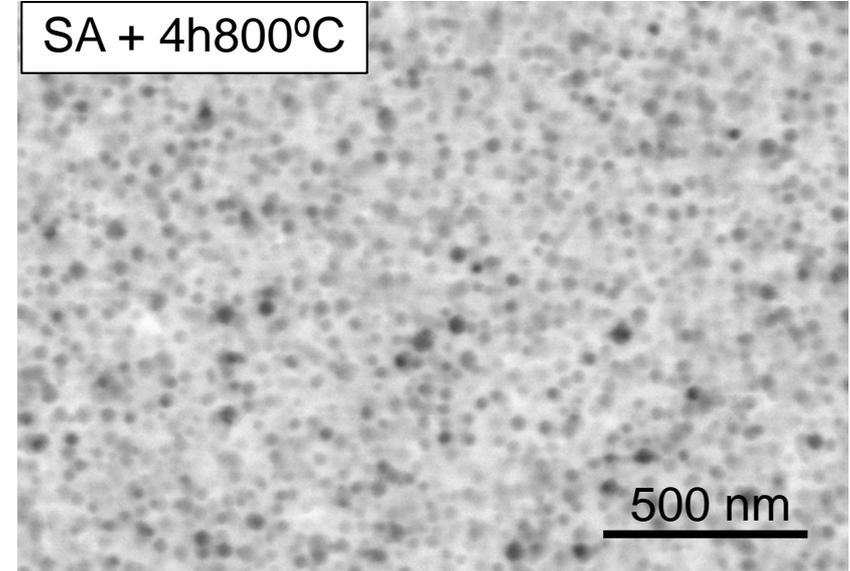
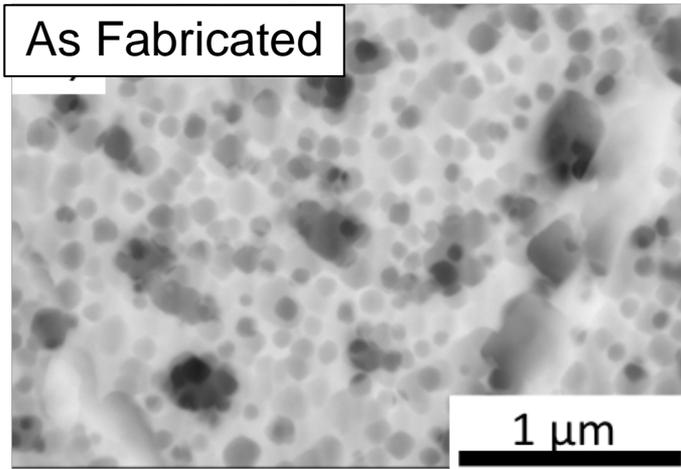


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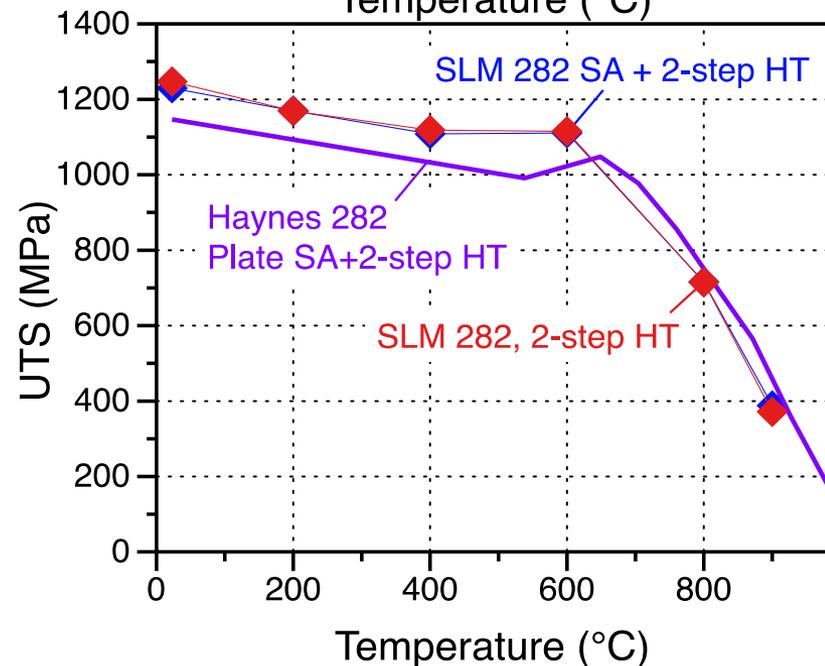
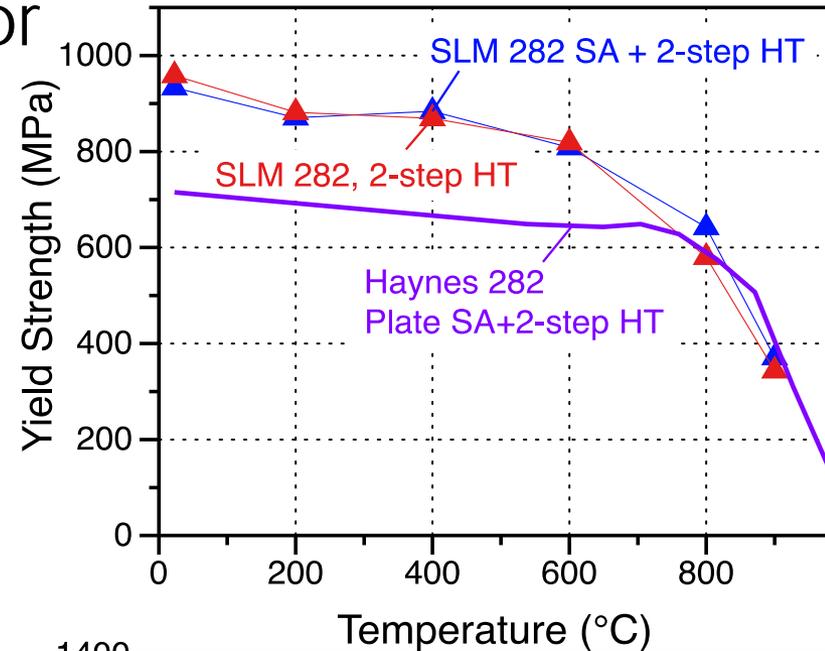
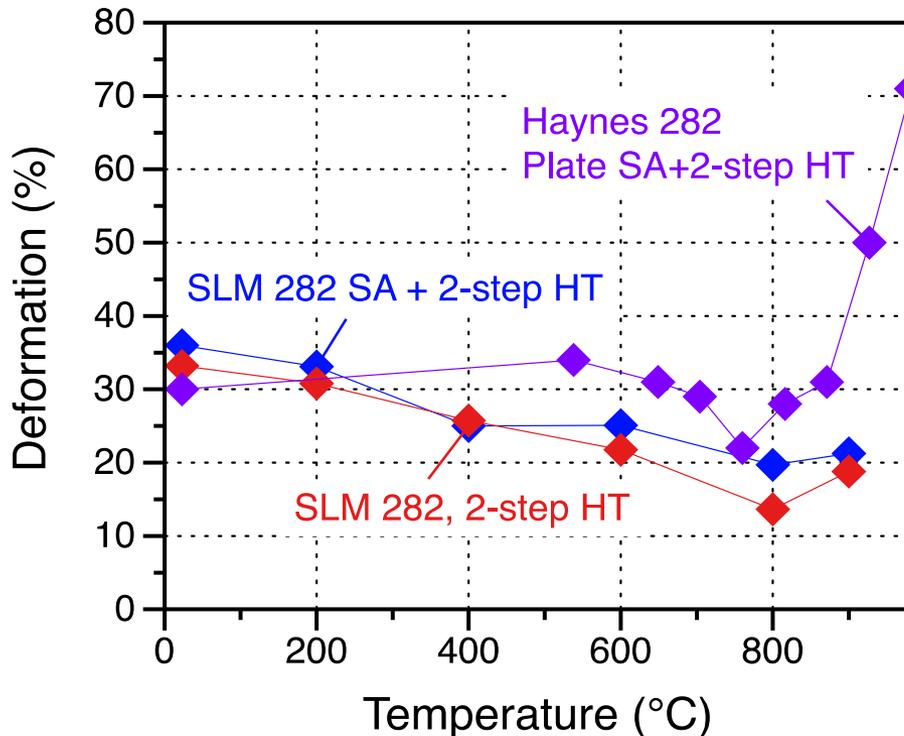
700 μm

~100nm  $\gamma'$  Precipitates For As Built EBM 282  
~20nm After 4h800°C or 1h1010°C+8h788°C



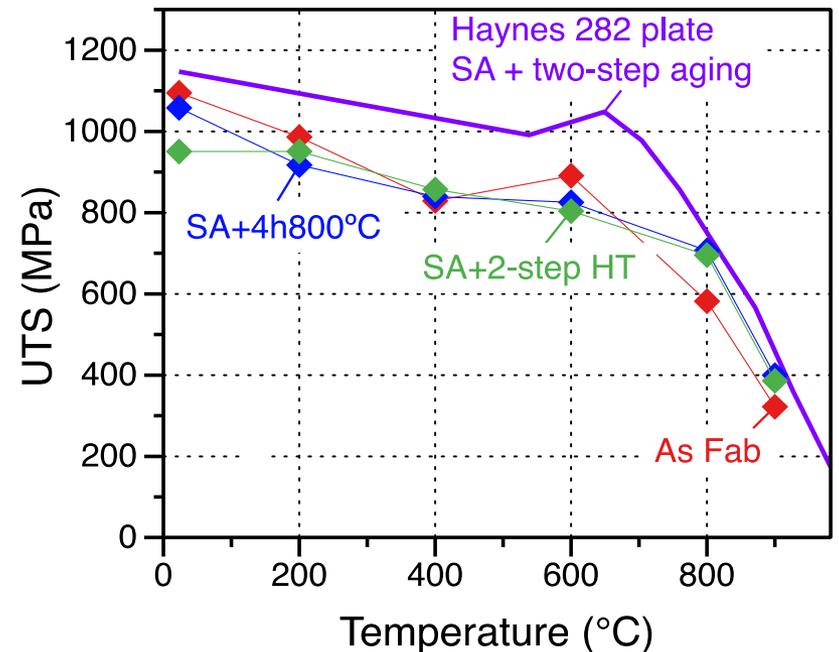
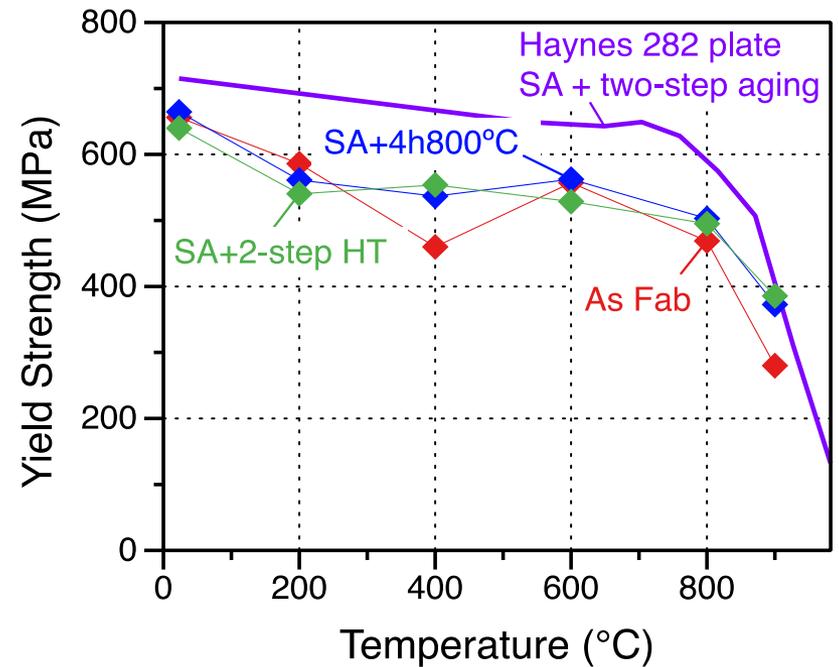
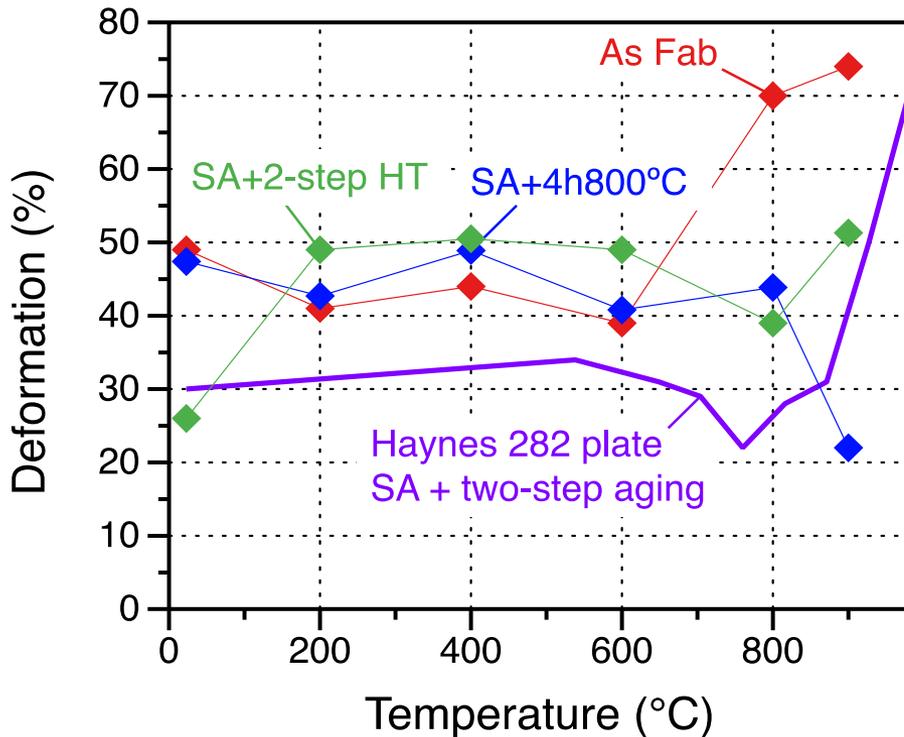
# High Strength at $T < 600^{\circ}\text{C}$ for SLM 282 after two-step HT

- **No effect of SA on SLM 282 tensile properties**
- **Acceptable but slightly lower ductility compared to wrought 282**

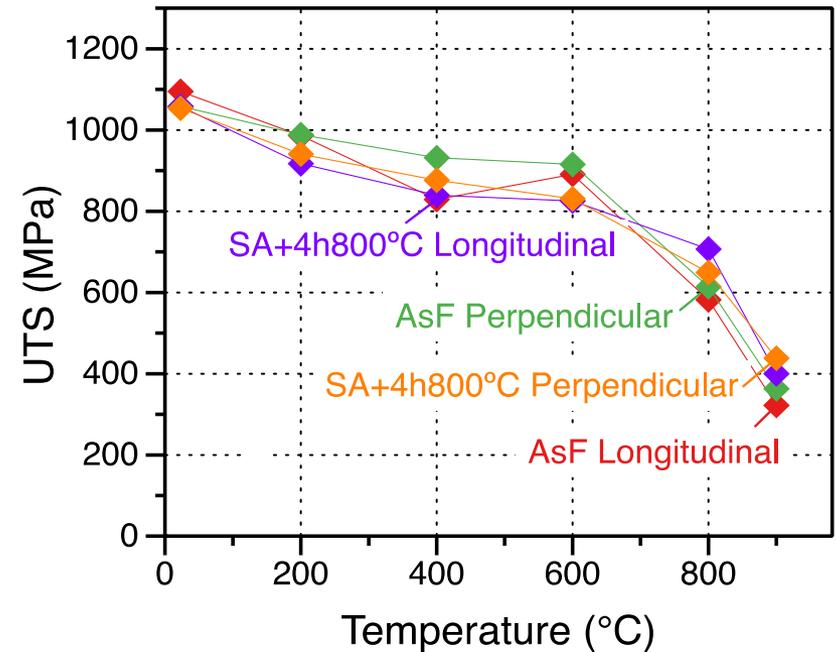
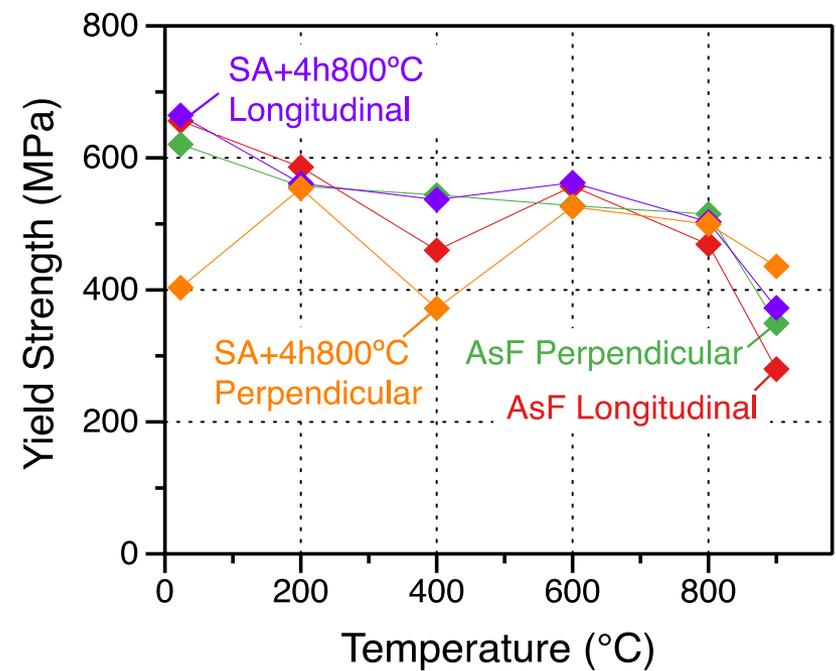
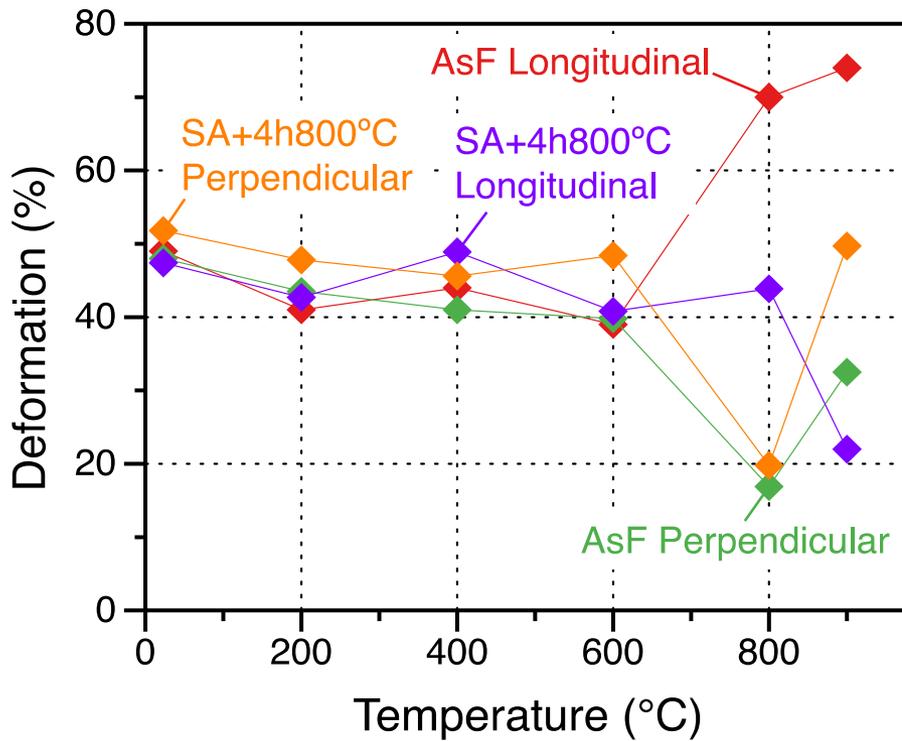


# Good Ductility, Slightly Lower Strength for EBM 282

Slight increase of strength and decrease of ductility at high temp after annealing

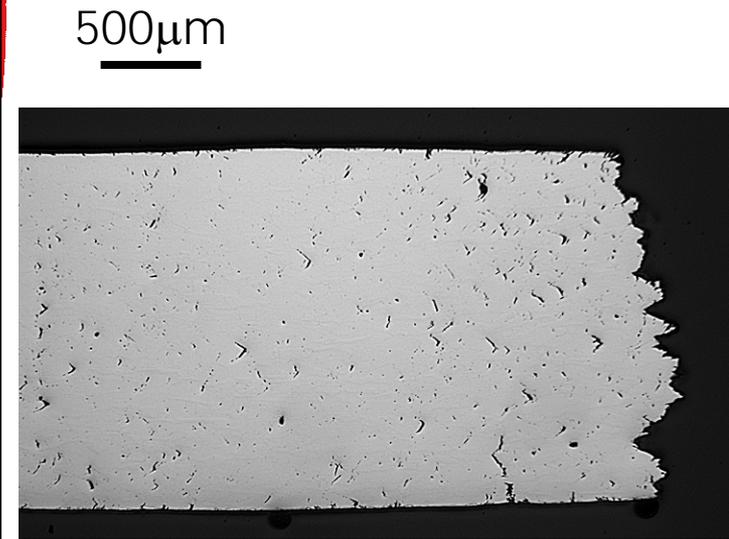
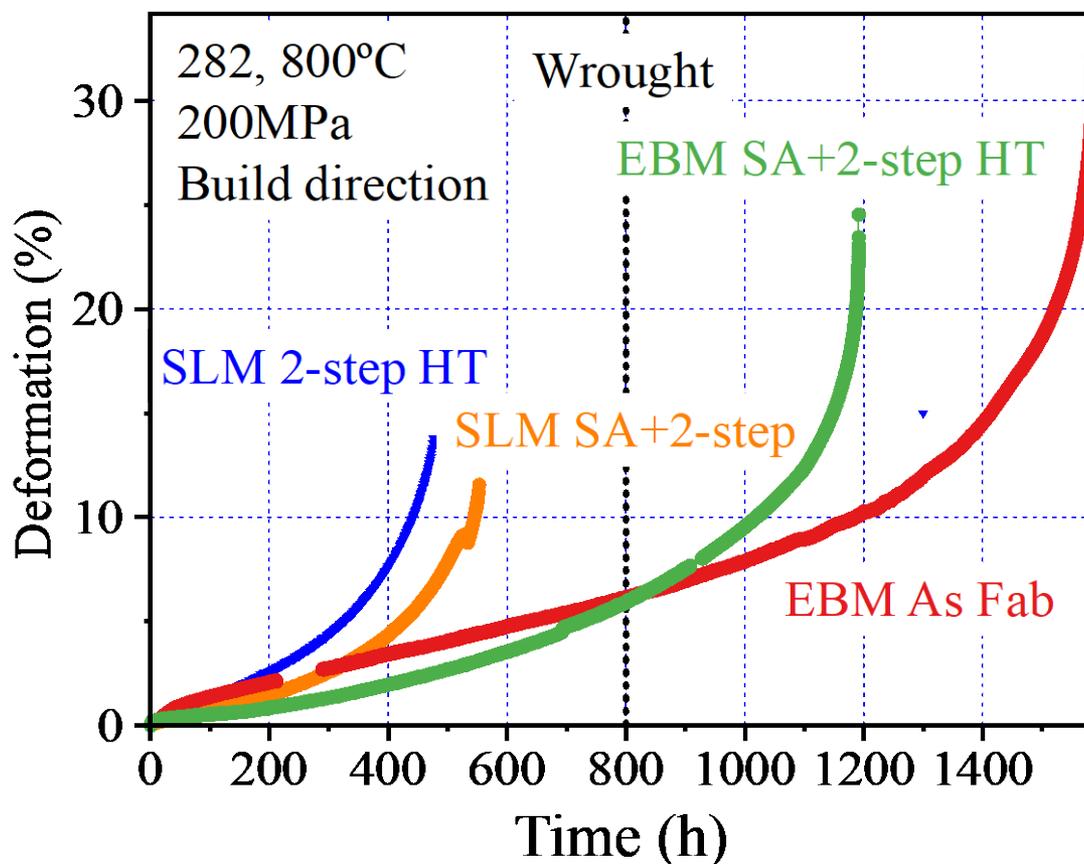


# Similar Tensile Properties Along & Perpendicular to the Build Direction For EBM282



# Great Creep Strength for EBM282 in the As Fabricated & Annealed Conditions

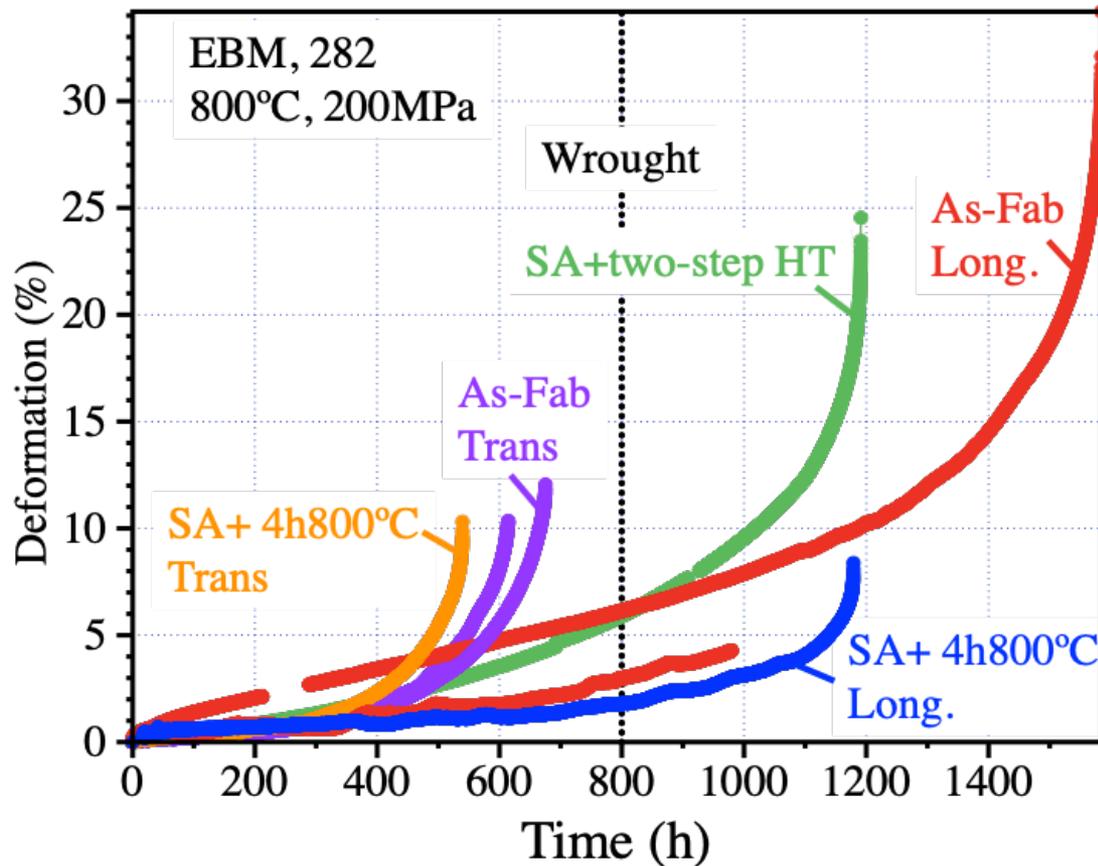
## Acceptable Creep Properties for SLM282



Siemens will conduct tensile creep fatigue tests on annealed SLM 282.

Sub size 1" dog bone specimens

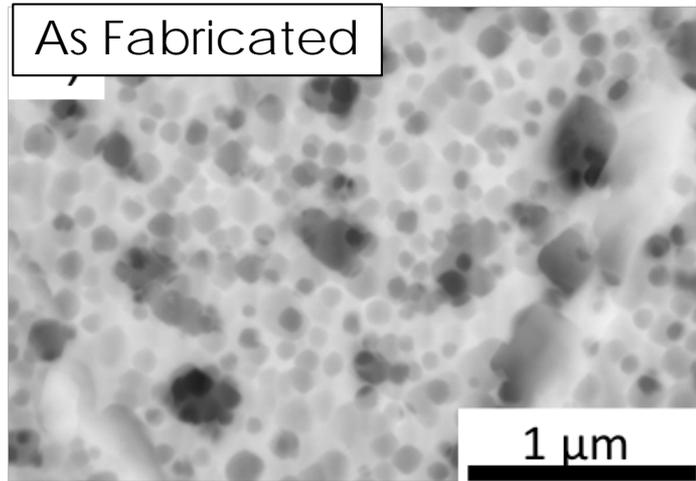
# Significant Decrease of Creep Strength Perpendicular to the Build Direction But Still Close to Wrought Creep Strength



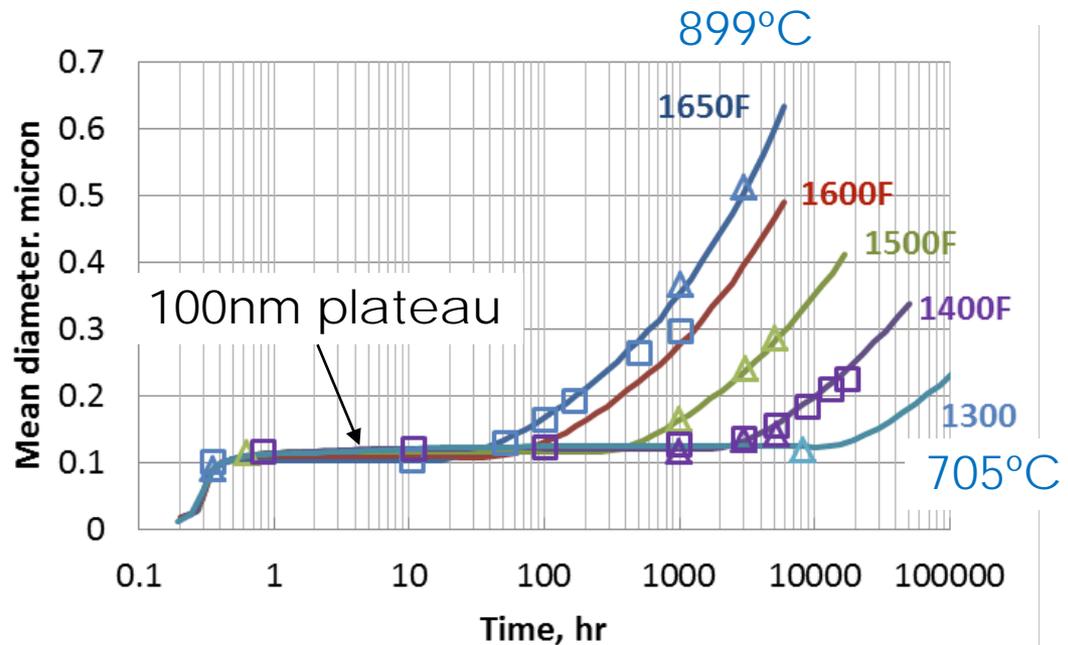
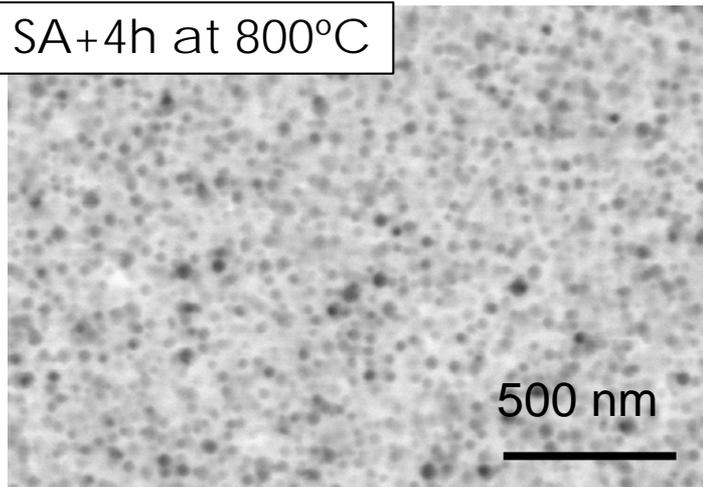
Decrease of creep ductility after 4h at 800°C?



# ~100nm Gamma Prime Can Provide Good Creep Strength



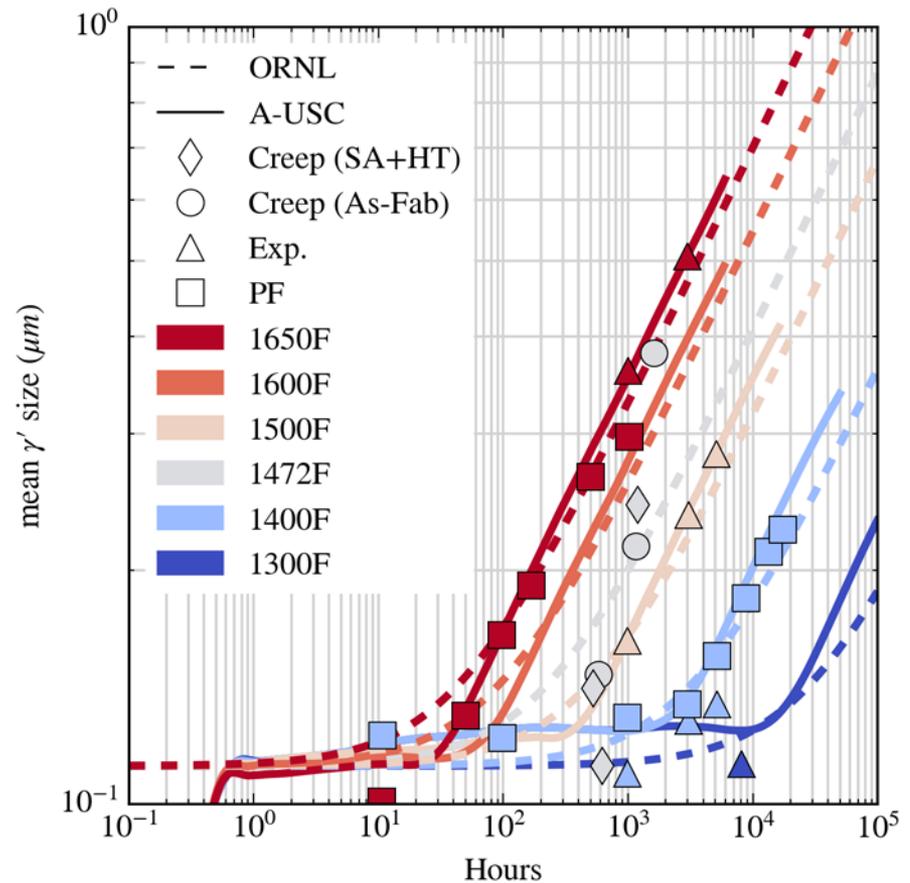
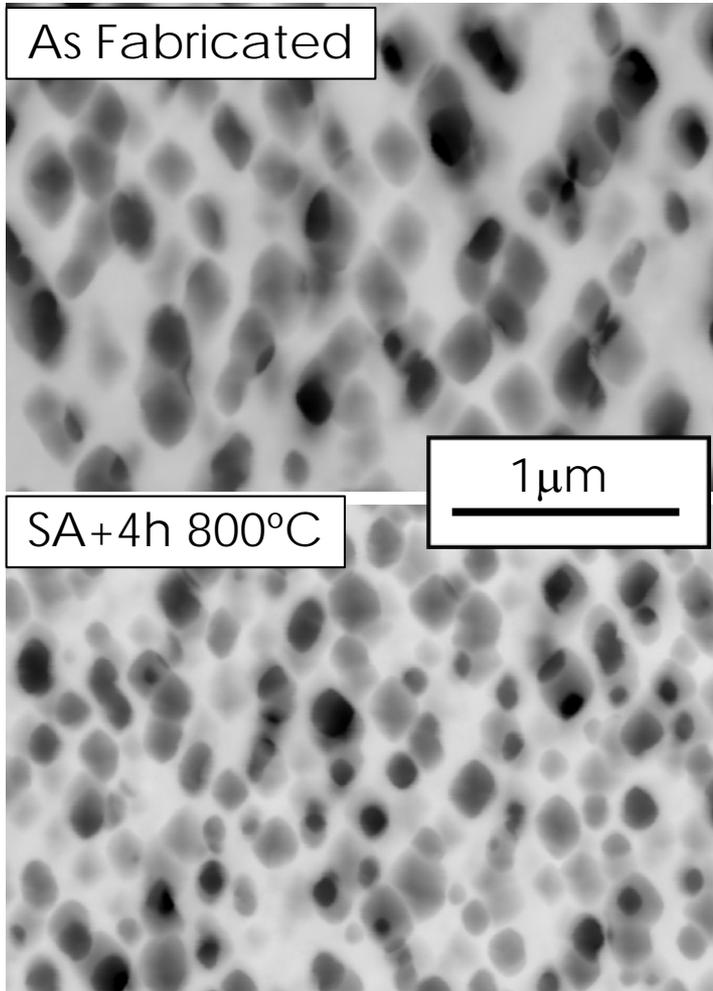
SA+4h at 800°C



Predicted  $\gamma'$  sizes by precipitation model (curves) and by phase field model (squares) vs. experimental data (triangles)

C. Shen, GE report on Modeling Creep-Fatigue-Environment Interactions, DOE/NETL, DE-FE0005859

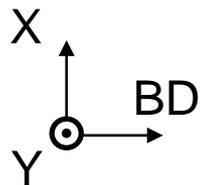
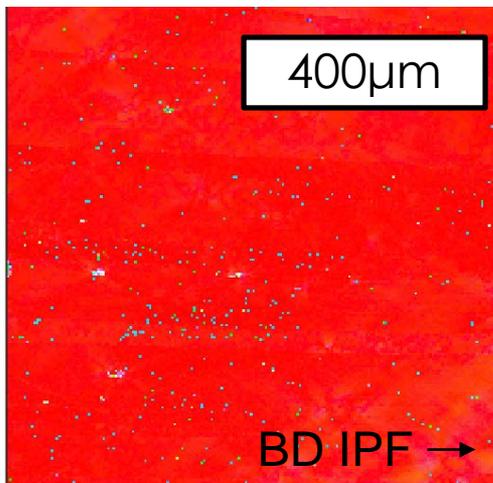
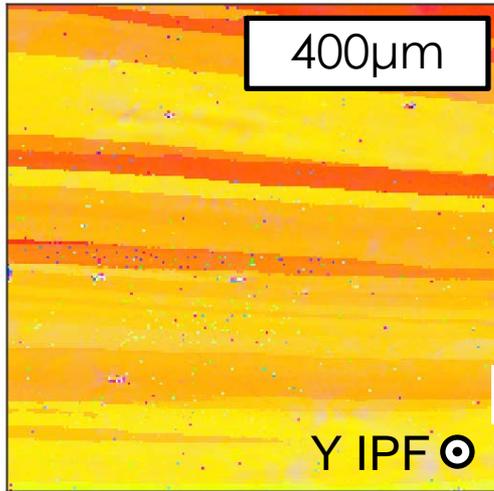
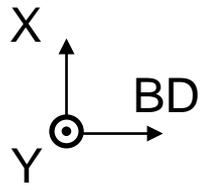
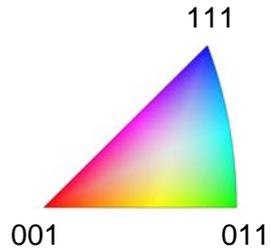
# Significant Gamma Prime Coarsening During Creep Testing



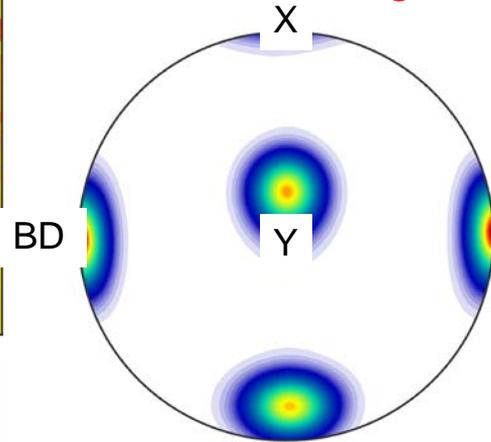
Coarsening according to a cubic rate law  
 Need to refine image analysis method to separate precipitates

# Higher Lifetime for As-Fabricated Specimens Along Build Direction Due to Extreme Texture

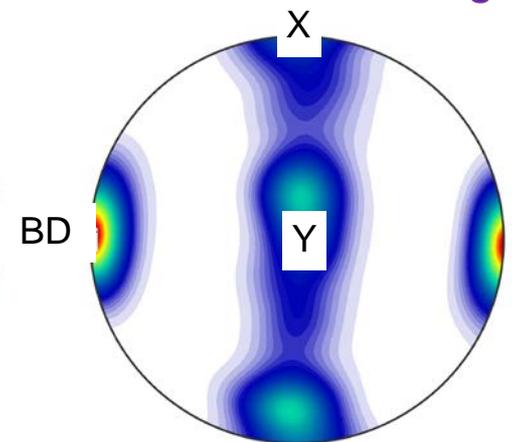
As-Fab Longitudinal specimens after rupture



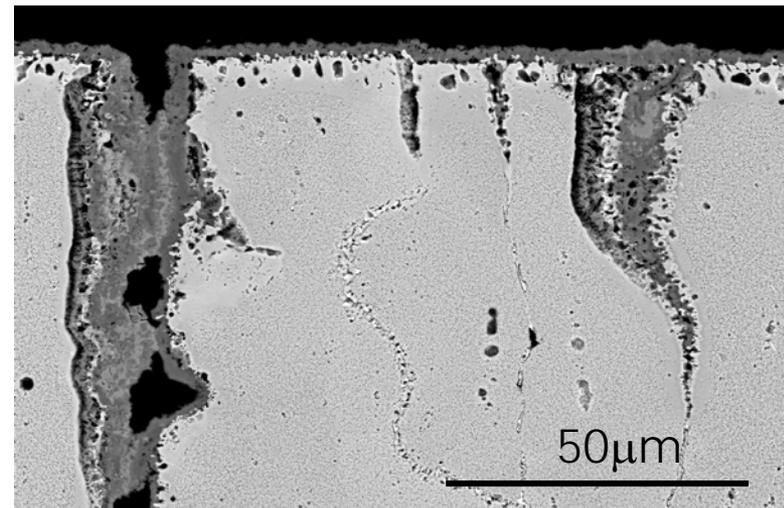
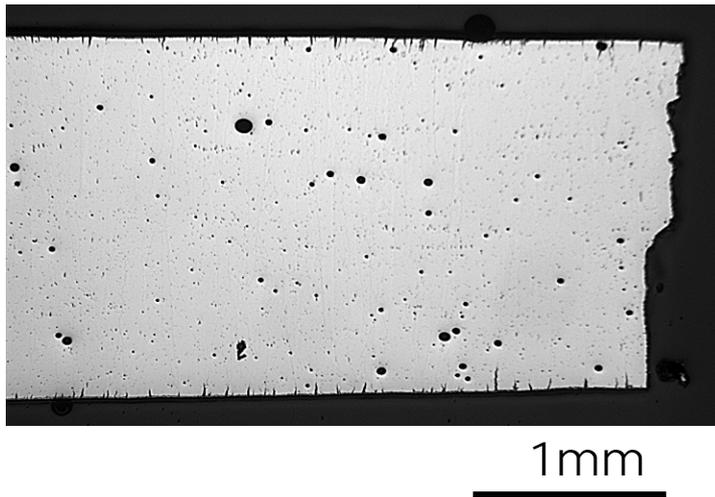
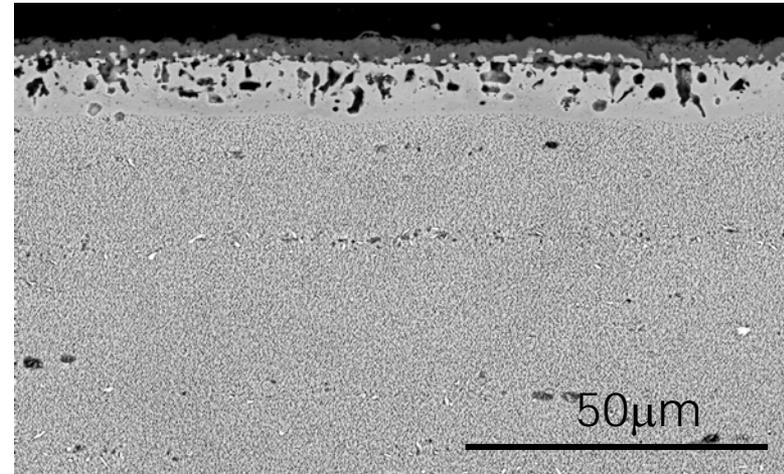
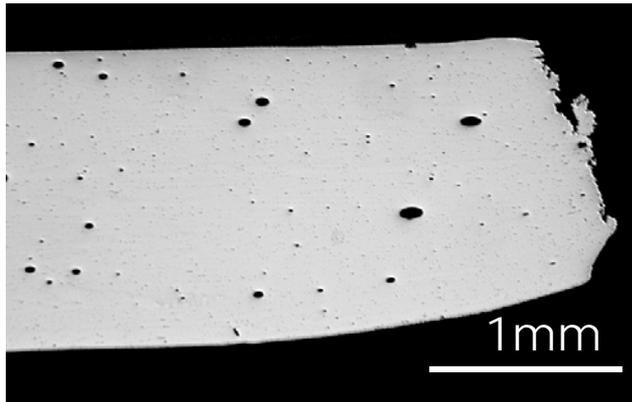
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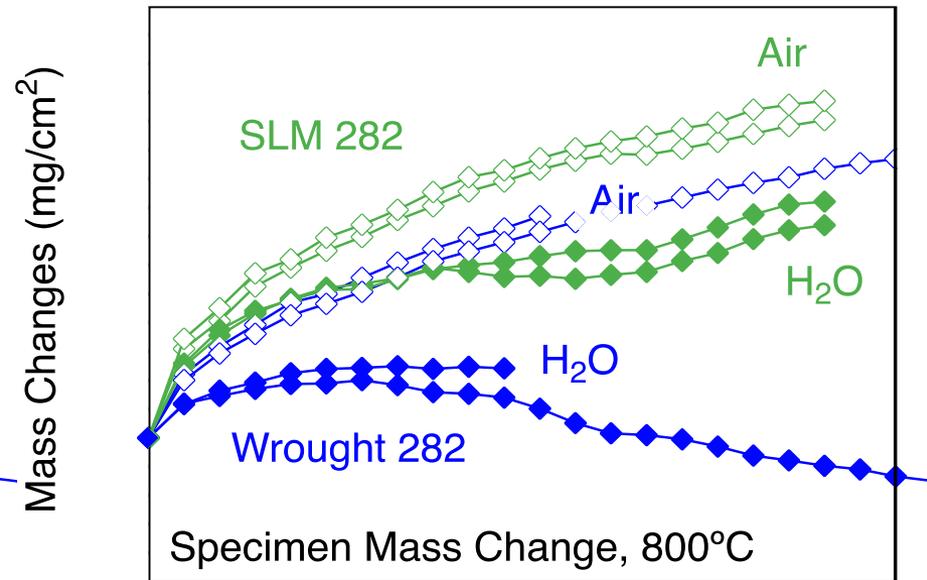
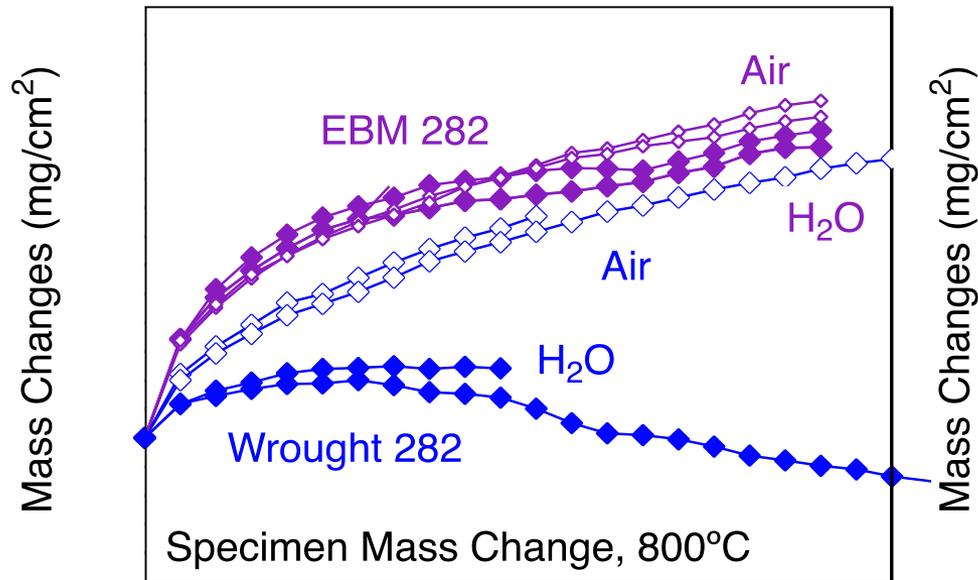
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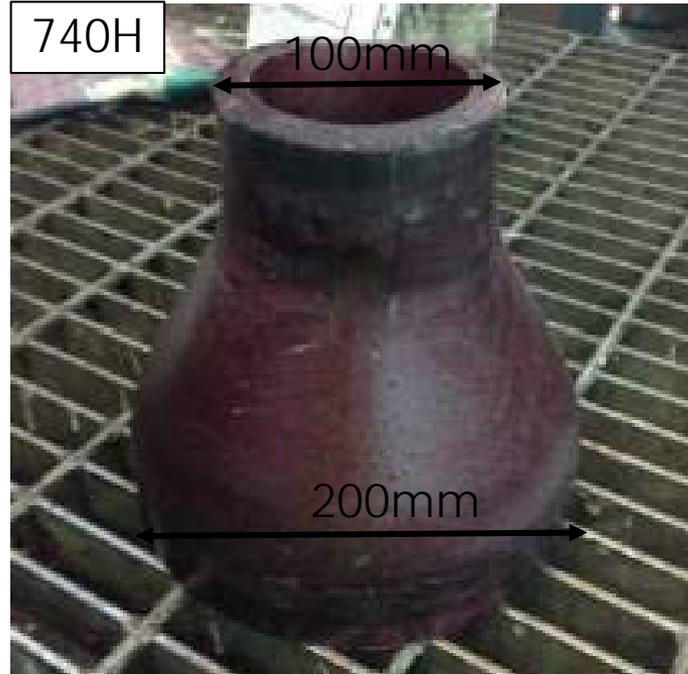
# Anisotropic Creep Behavior Due to Elongated Grains & Failure at Grain Boundaries



# EBM282 and SLM282 Coupons Showed Good Oxidation Behavior at 800°C. Limited Effect of H<sub>2</sub>O



# Fabrication of a 282 Concentric Reducer By EBM



*DeBarbadillo et al. Epri conference,  
Fitting capability for A-USC*

“Three successive cold reductions were required with intermediate annealing steps at 1121 °C “



# Conclusion and Future Work

- Good creep properties for EBM282 alloy in the as fabricated and annealed conditions. Promising properties for annealed SLM 282
- Continue Generate relevant data for EBM and SLM 282 (oxidation fatigue, etc.)
- Demonstrate possibility to locally control the alloy grain structure and reduce properties anisotropy
- Modeling process-microstructure-properties-performance relationship

