

# AM of Nickel Components & Joining of Dissimilar Metal Welds

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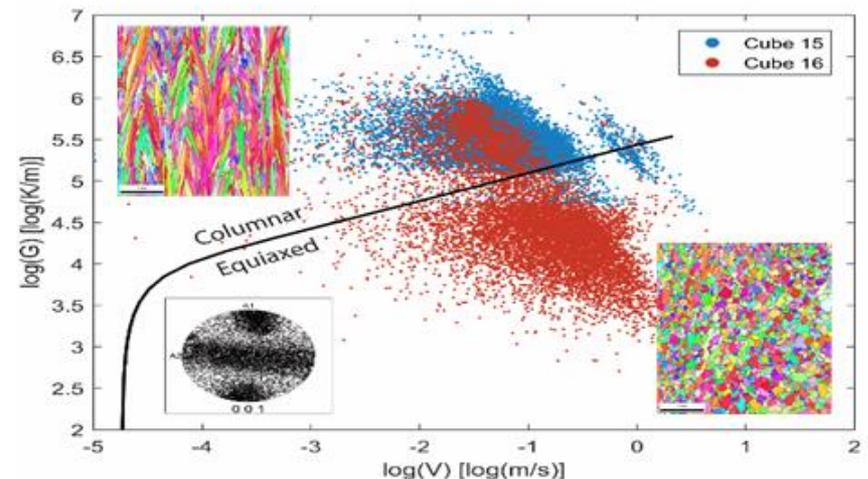
# Additive Manufacturing Could Have A Significant Impact on Fossil Energy Power Generation

- New more efficient and/or less expensive components of complex shape
- Control of microstructure for superior properties
- Graded chemistry and microstructure for dissimilar metal welds
- New domestic supply chain for FE components
- New alloys specific to future FE needs i.e. Hydrogen economy
- New approach to qualify alloys/components

# Establishing process-microstructure-properties relationship for Ni-based AM Components

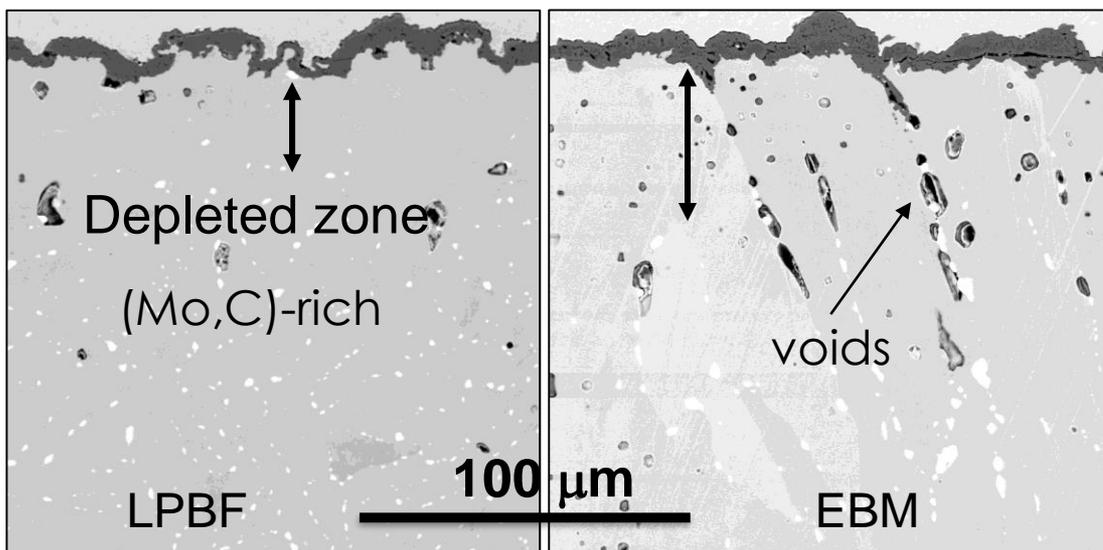
- Many process parameters can impact the microstructure
  - Optimize parameters (low defects density) and generate data **relevant for FE applications**
  - (**Local**) Control of the microstructure for superior properties
- Develop approach and physics-based tools for process-microstructure-properties correlation

- Hastelloy X, Ni-22Cr-19Fe-9Mo
- Haynes 282, Ni-20Cr-10Co-8.5Mo 2.1Ti-1.5Al
- Nimonic 105, Ni-20Co-15Cr-5Mo 4.5Al-1.2Ti

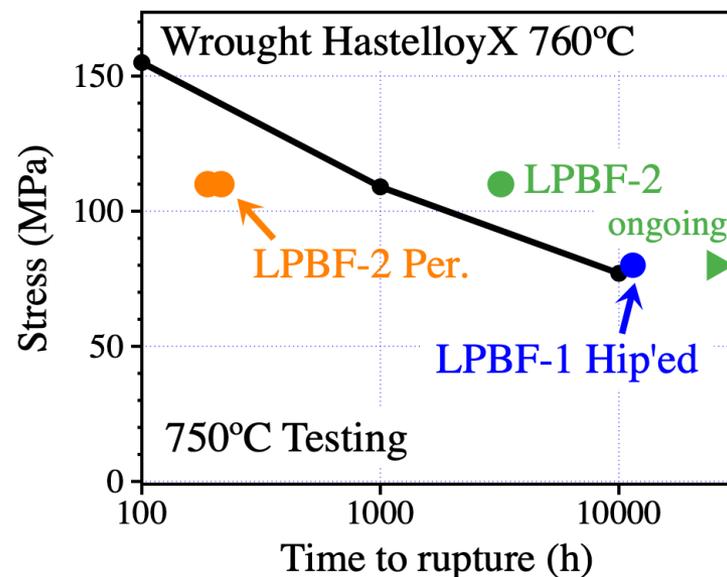


# Large database generated for AM Hastelloy X

- Tensile (~90 tests), Creep (>40k cumulative hours), oxidation (>50k cumulative hours), Mechanical Fatigue
- Electron beam melting (EBM), Laser powder bed fusion (LPBF), Directed Energy Deposition (DED)
- As printed, annealed and hot isostatic pressed (HIP)



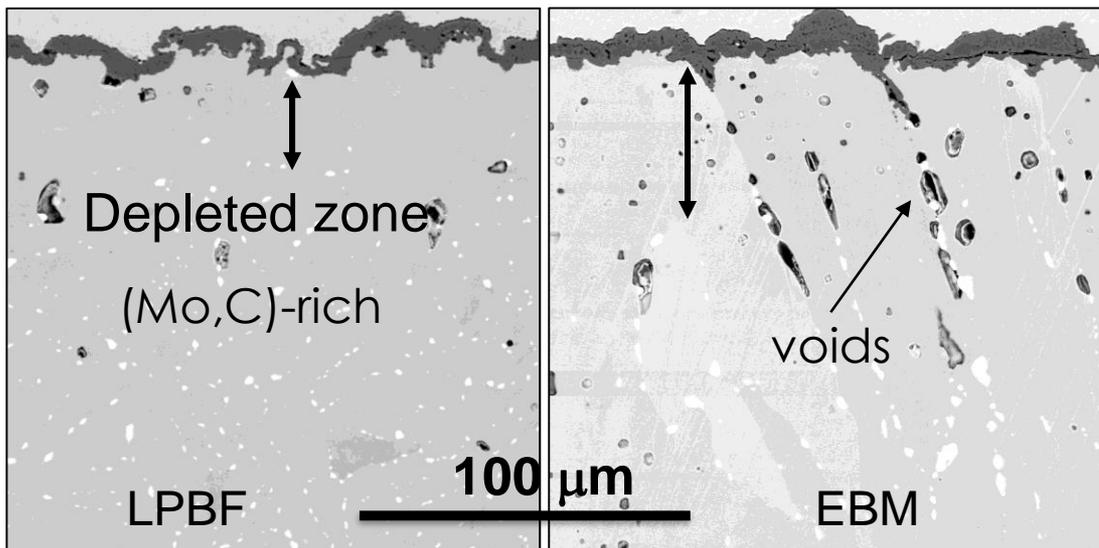
Oxidation in air, 950°C, 1000h



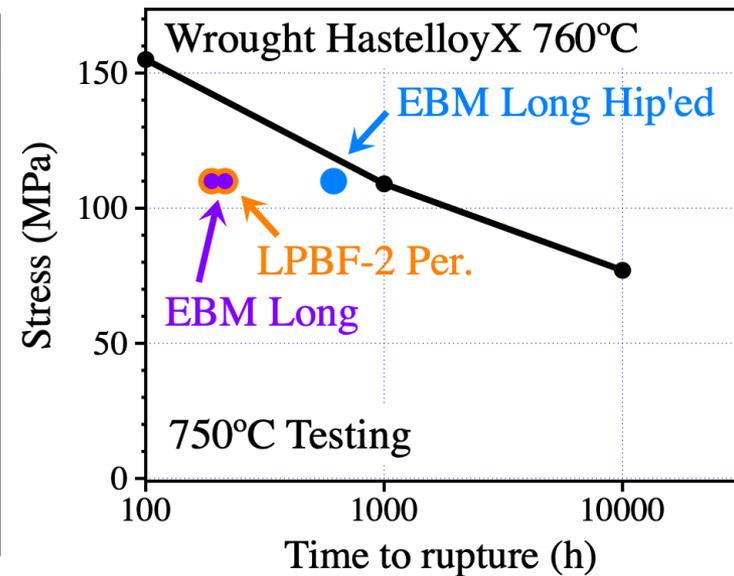
Creep along and perpendicular to build direction

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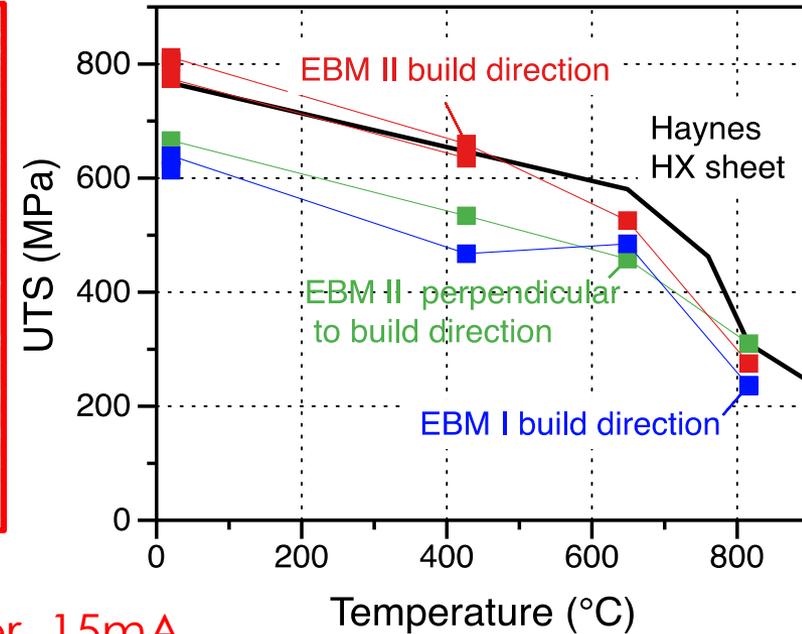
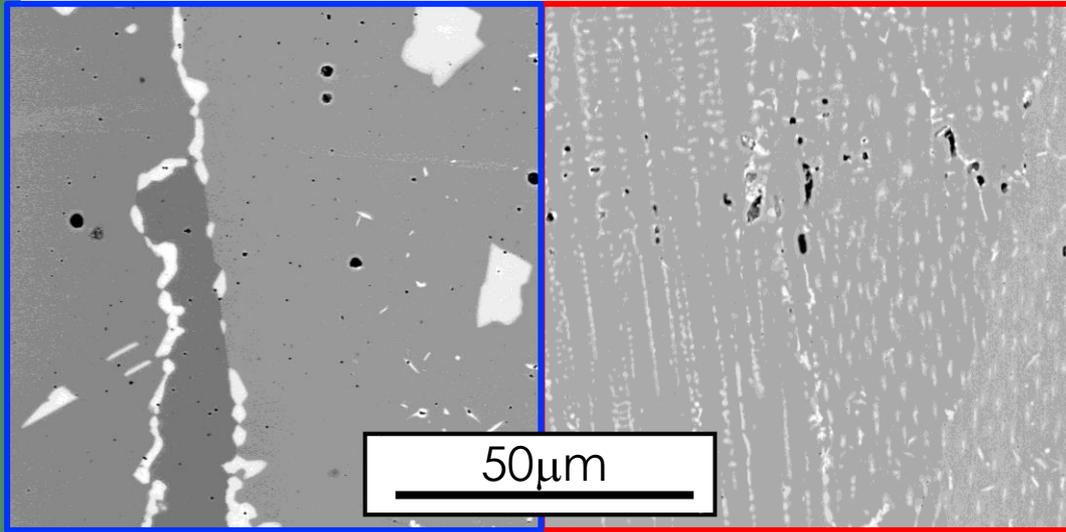
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# Parameter Optimization for Superior EBM Hastelloy X Properties

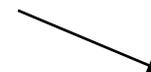


1050°C. 75µm layer, 8mA      900°C. 50µm layer, 15mA

- LPBF Hastelloy X exhibits superior strength but lower ductility compared with EBM Hastelloy X
- Variation in printing parameters can have a strong impact on the microstructure beyond defects density

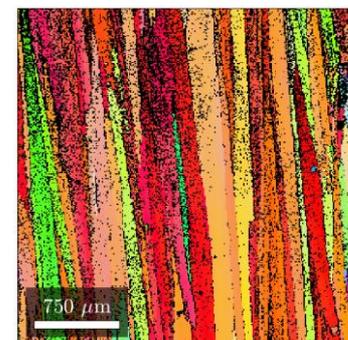
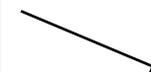
# New Point Net Beam Strategies to Control Thermal Gradients, Solidification Rates and Microstructures

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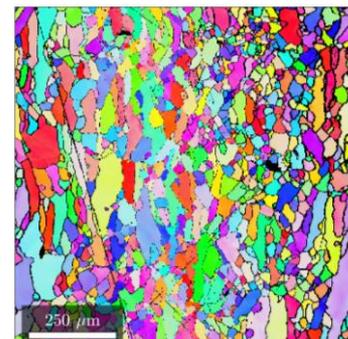
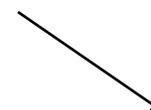


**EBM 282**, Ni-20Cr-10Co-8.5Mo-2.1Ti-1.5Al

Flood

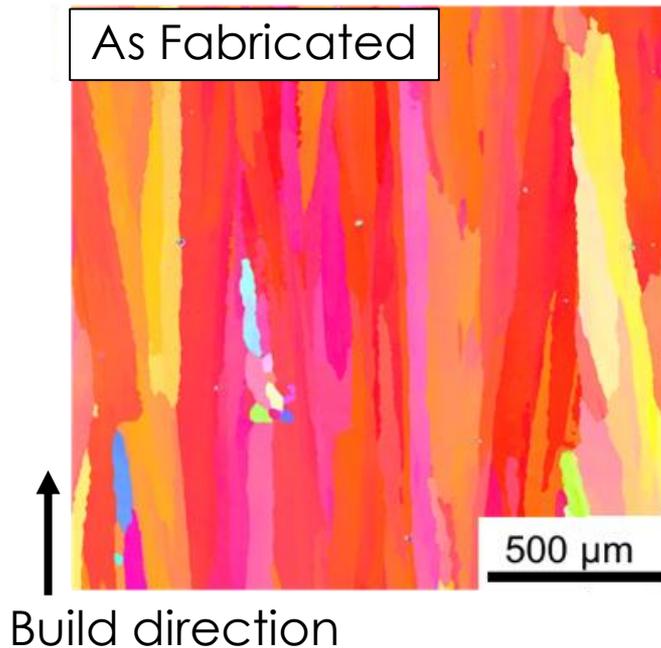


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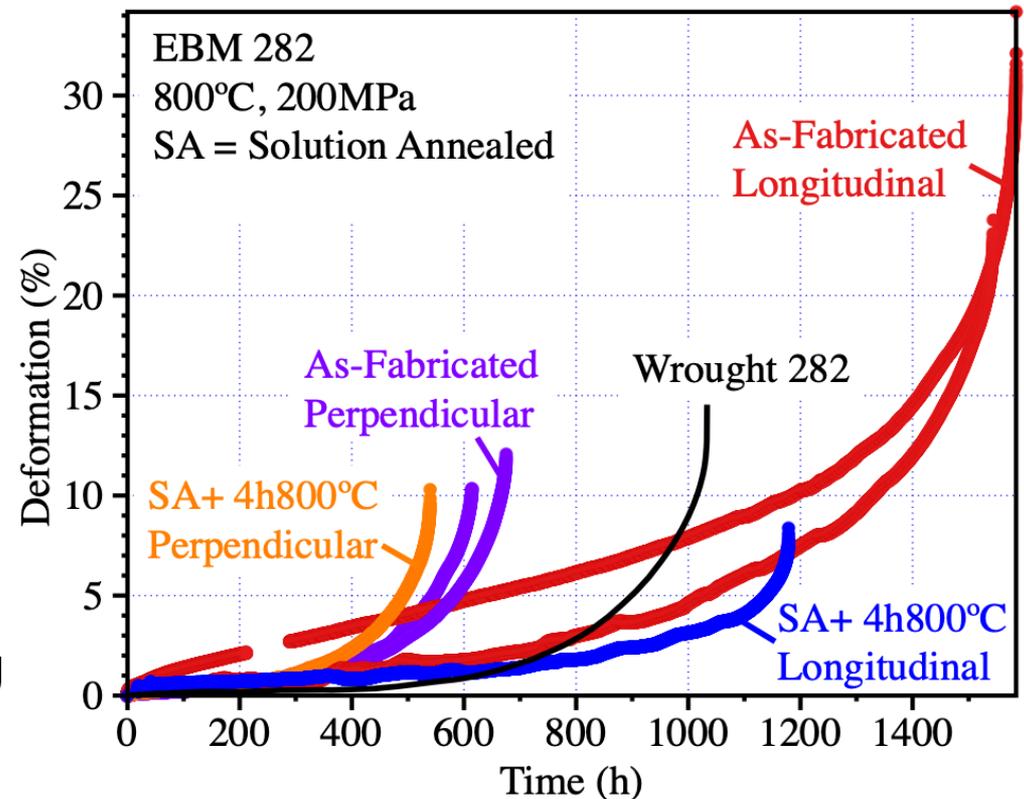


Investigating deep convolutional neural networks for quantifying patterns in point net beam strategies

# Superior Creep Properties For As Fabricated EBM 282 But Lower Properties Perpendicular to the Build Direct

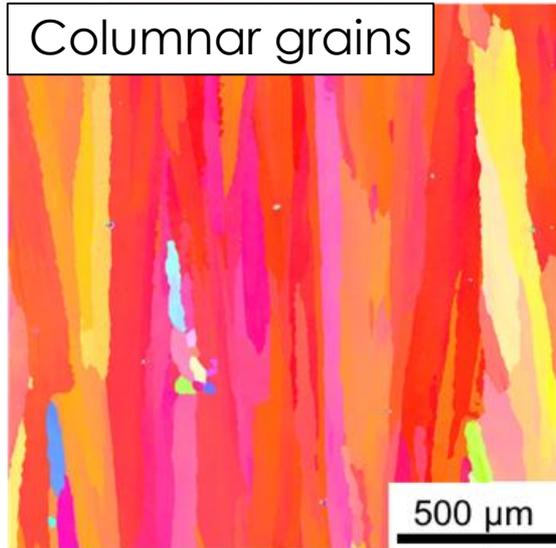


- Columnar grains with strong texture due to “standard” raster beam strategy
- As fab 100nm gamma prime acceptable

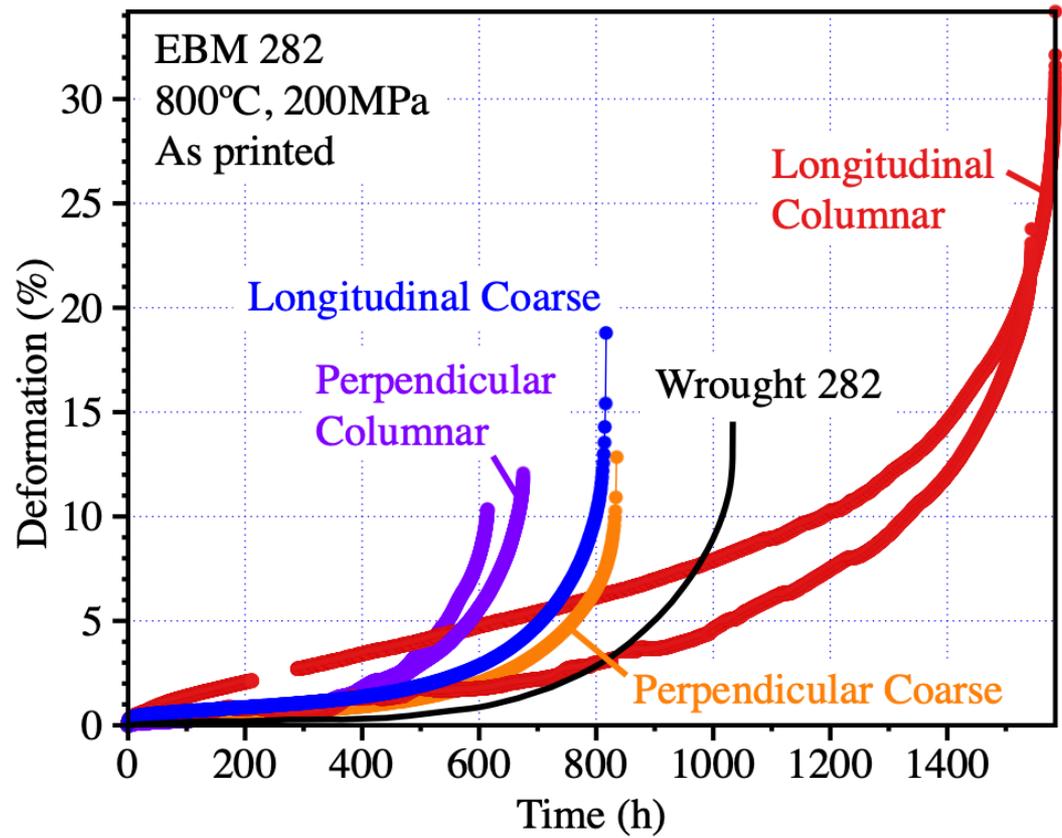


Tensile properties (not shown) were similar along and perpendicular to the build direction

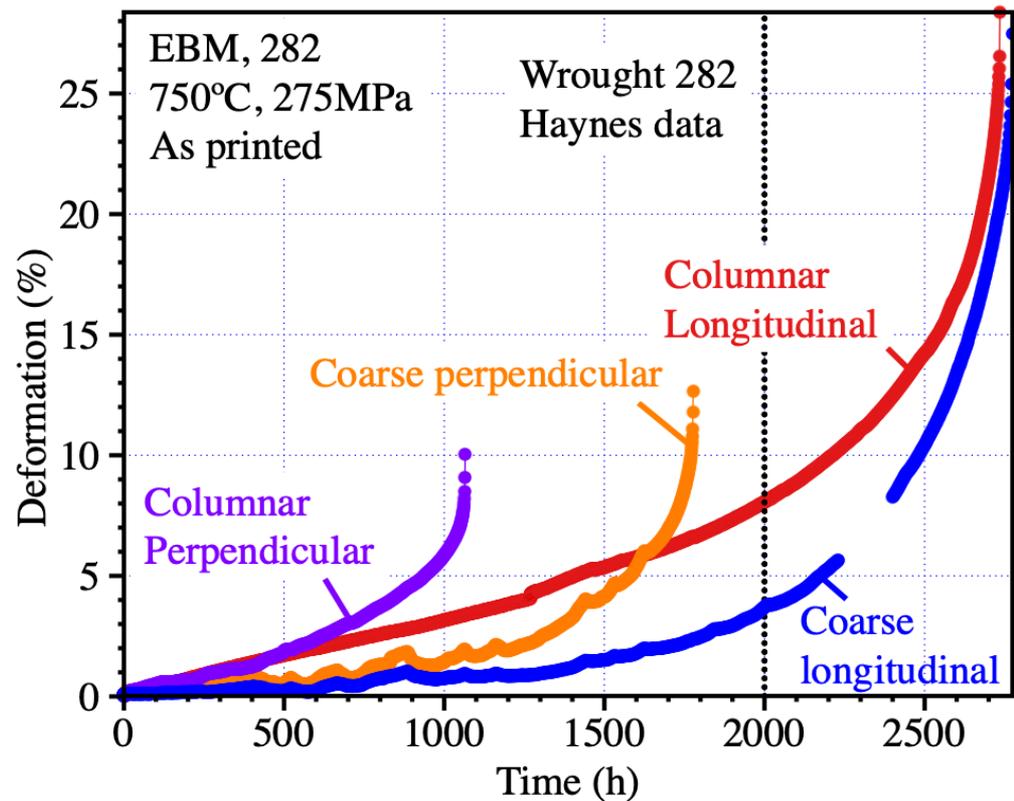
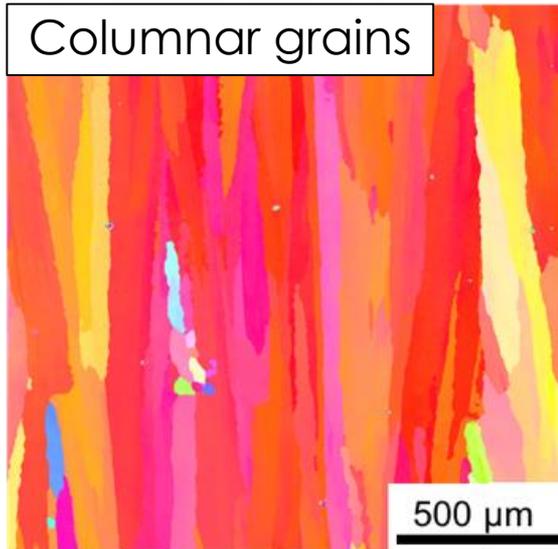
# Controlling the Microstructure to Reduce EBM282 Creep Anisotropy at 800°C



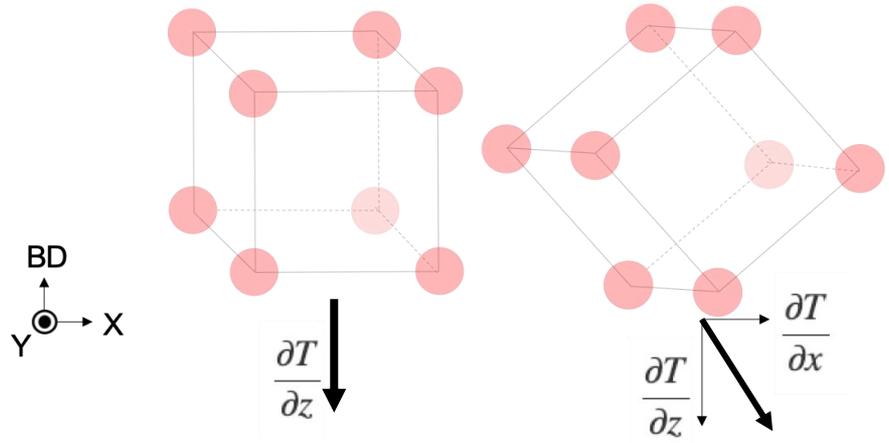
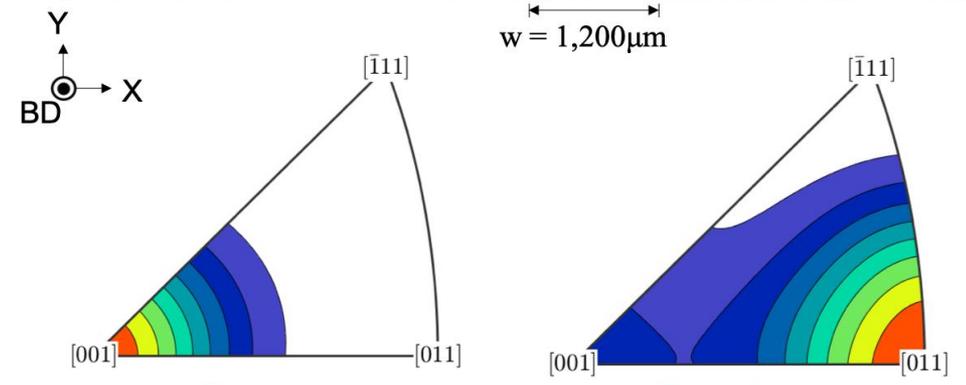
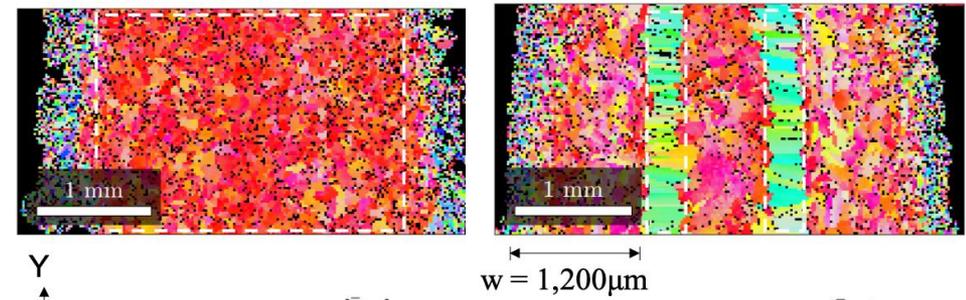
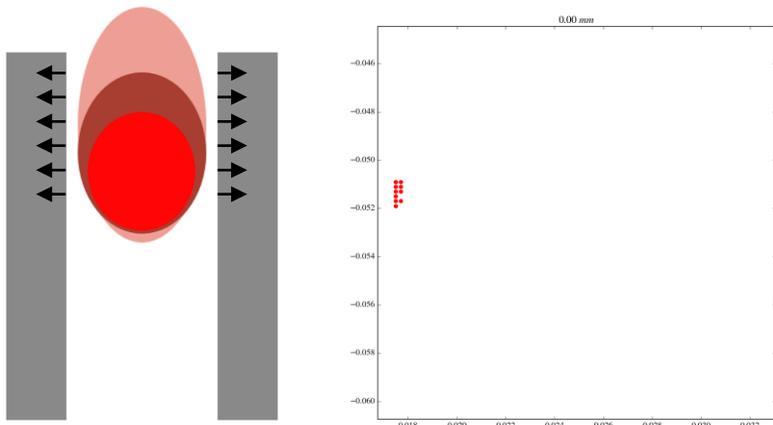
Coarse grain via flood beam strategy



# Controlling the Microstructure to Reduce EBM282 Creep Anisotropy at 750°C



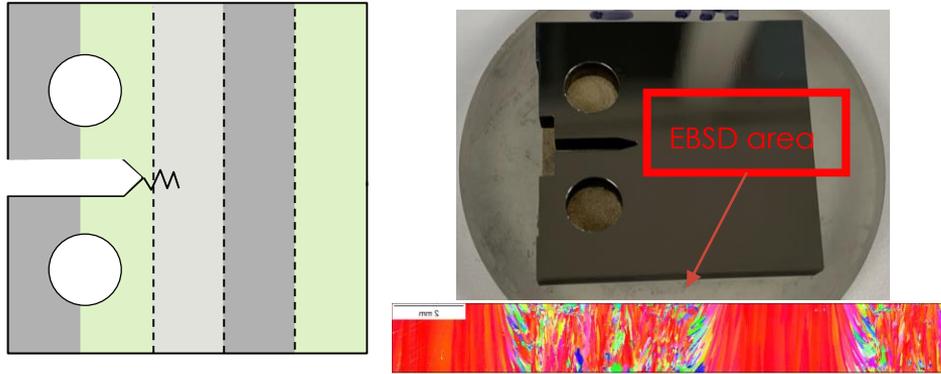
# Mesoscale Texture Control Through Conductive Manipulation



Additional lateral conduction in melted metal compared to unmelted powder

P. Fernandez Zelaia et al. Materials & Design 2020

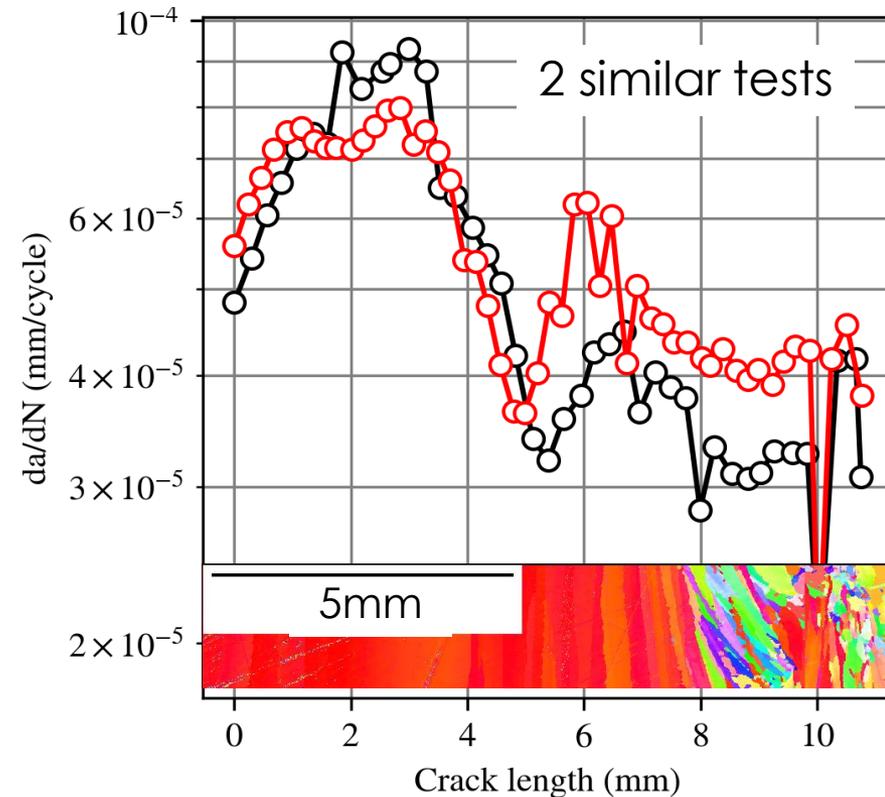
# Variation of fatigue crack growth in EBM282 Composite Microstructure



Constant  $\Delta K=20\text{ksi}\cdot\text{in}^{0.5}$  tests

Paris Law:  $da/dN = C(\Delta K)^n$

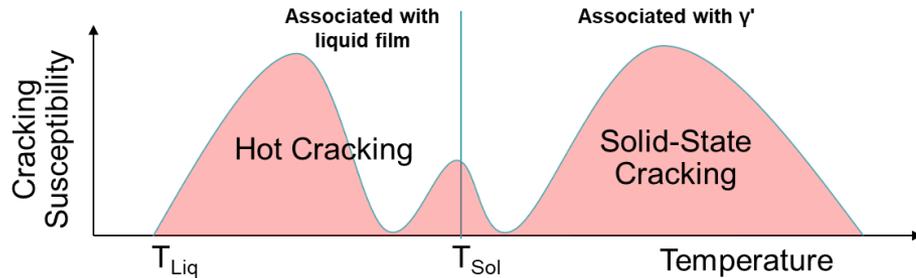
Hence  $da/dN = f(\text{microstructure alone})$



- 2X  $da/dN$  change across microstructures
- Local control of the component microstructure to improve its performance

# Understanding Crack Formation in High Gamma Prime Alloys for Crack-free Components

## Crack Formation Modeling (EERE-AMO/FE)



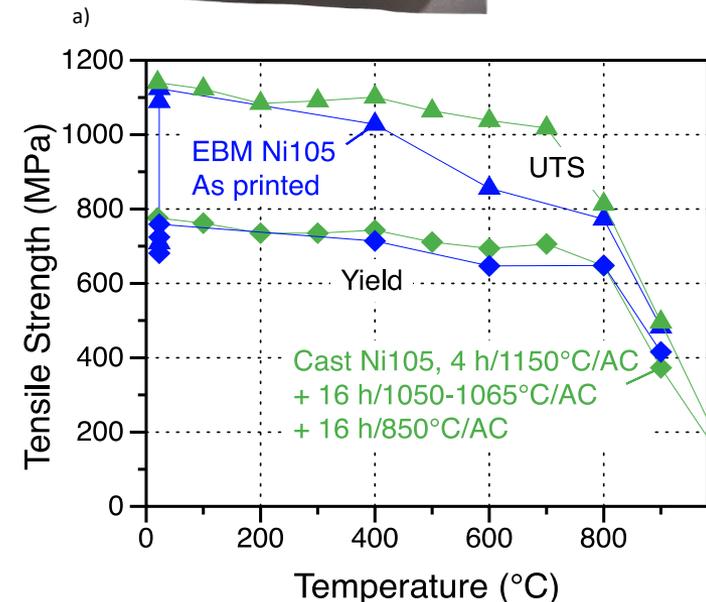
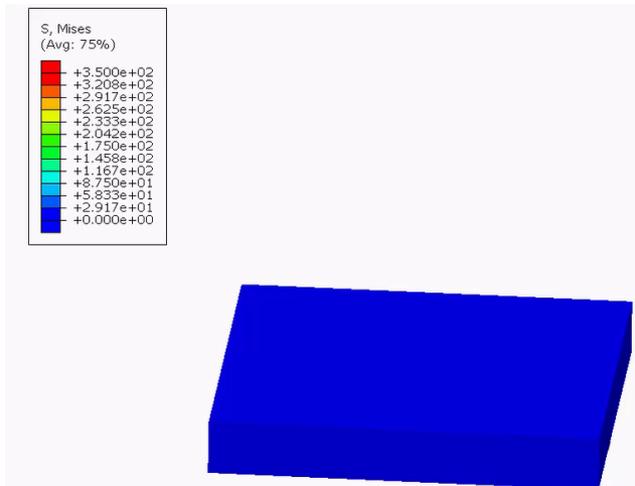
Looking at new alloys relevant for FE such as Alloy Ni105 or ABD-900



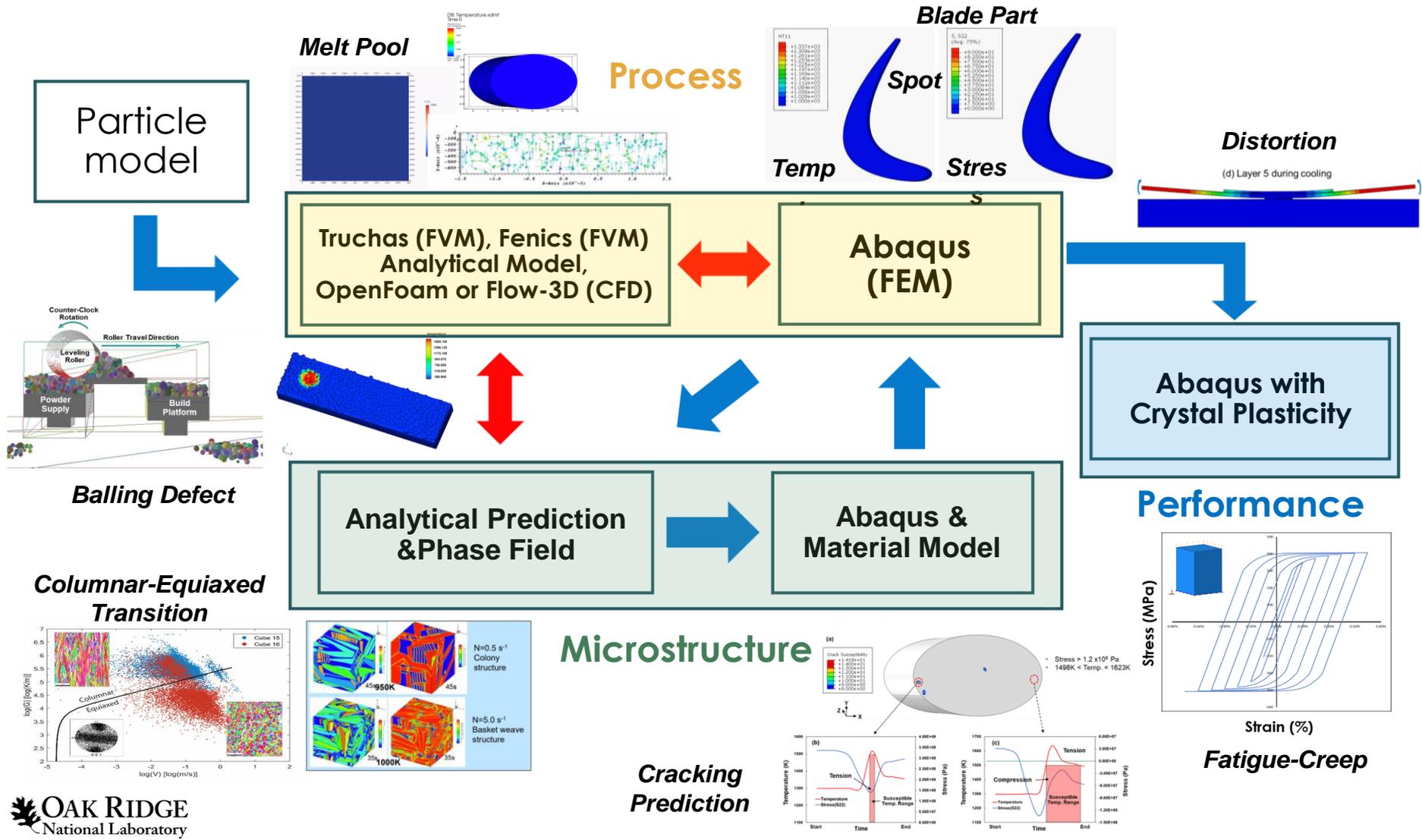
Very different crack pattern compared to CM247

Modelling requires:

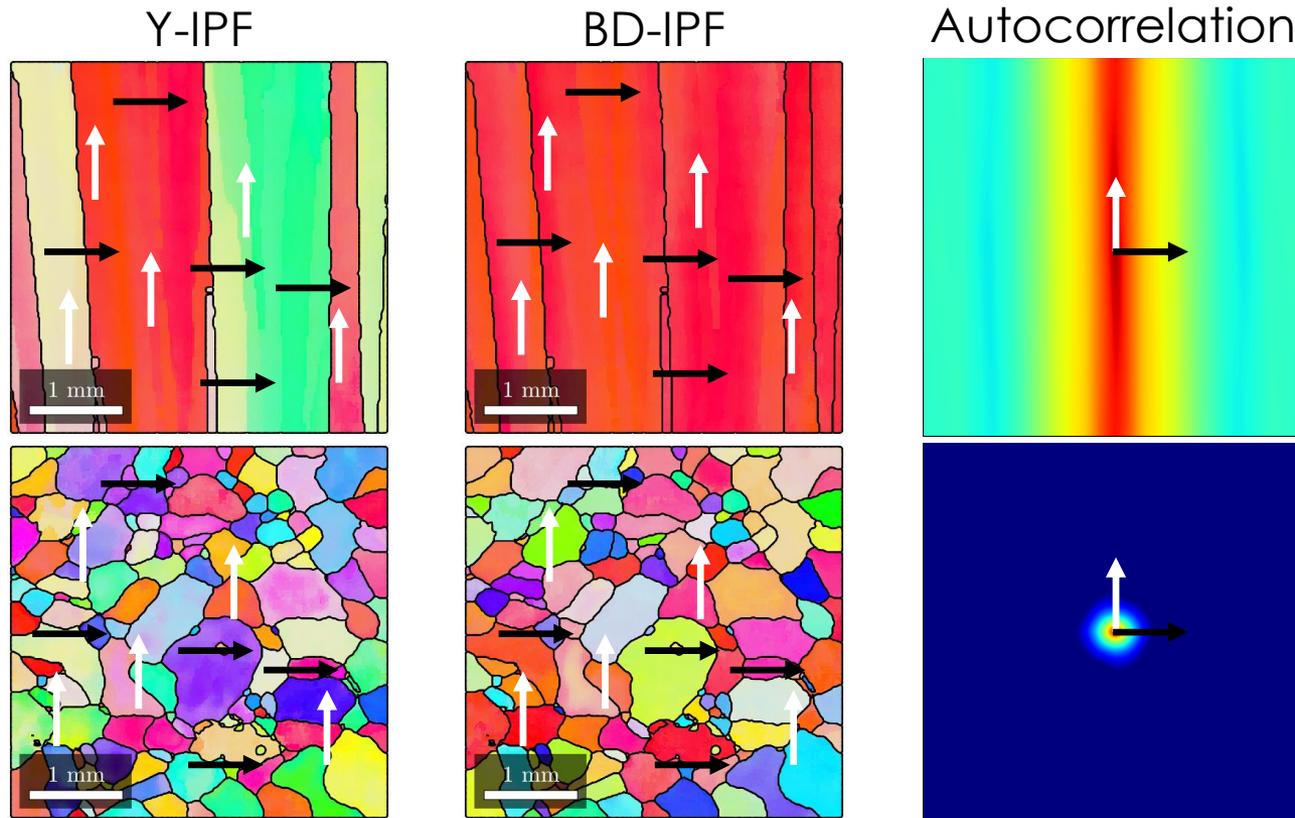
- Thermal profile during printing
- Transient evolution of Microstructure
- Stress magnitude and distribution



# Various Physic-Based Models For Process-Microstructure-Properties Correlation. EERE-AMO/FE Collaboration



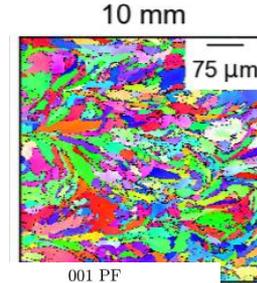
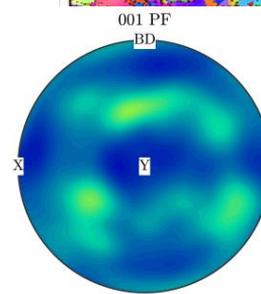
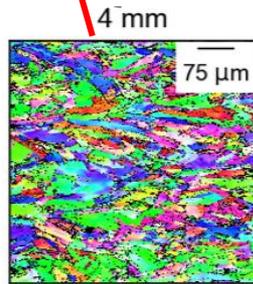
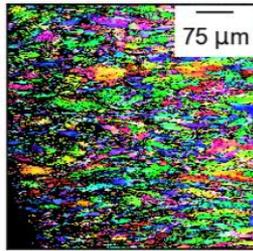
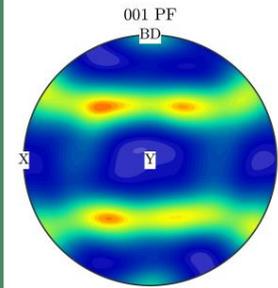
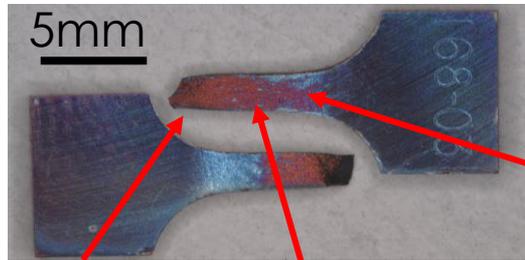
# Machine learning approach: autocorrelation functions using EBSD map For Microstructure Quantification



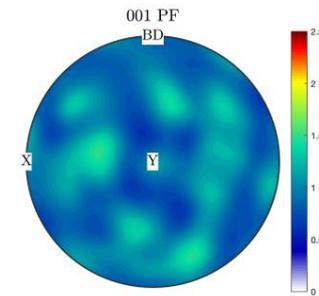
- Throw in many random vectors & Compute frequency of “similarity” of heads and tails
- Similarity metric considers absolute orientation – not simply “coloring” from one IPF map.

# Extract maximum constitutive information from experiments utilizing correlation statistics

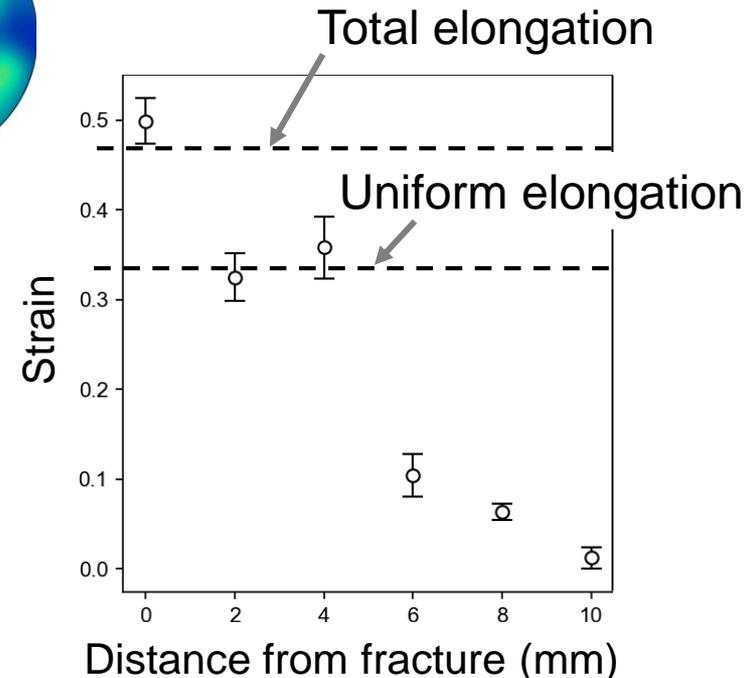
Laser powder bed fusion 316L  
600°C tensile



Collaboration with EERE/VTO



- Deformation gradations in tensile specimens
  - High strain – strong deformation texture
  - Low strain – inherit random texture from AM
- Synthetic microstructure to calibrate the model

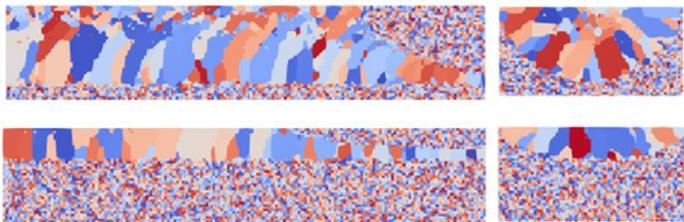


# Synthetic Microstructure to Accelerate Process-Microstructure-Performance Correlation

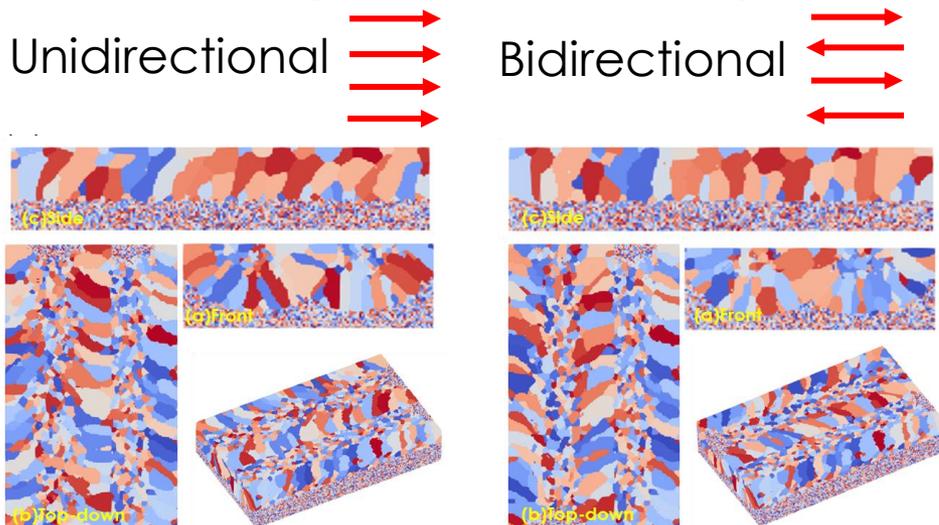
## Process-Microstructure

Using Kinetic Monte Carlo Model

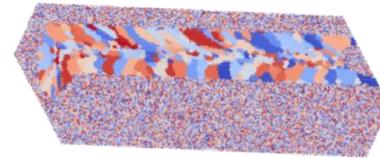
### 1. Melt Pool Shape



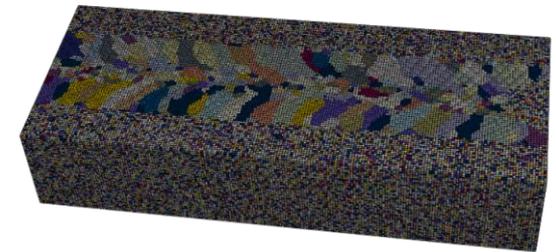
### 2. Scan pattern & 3. Geometry



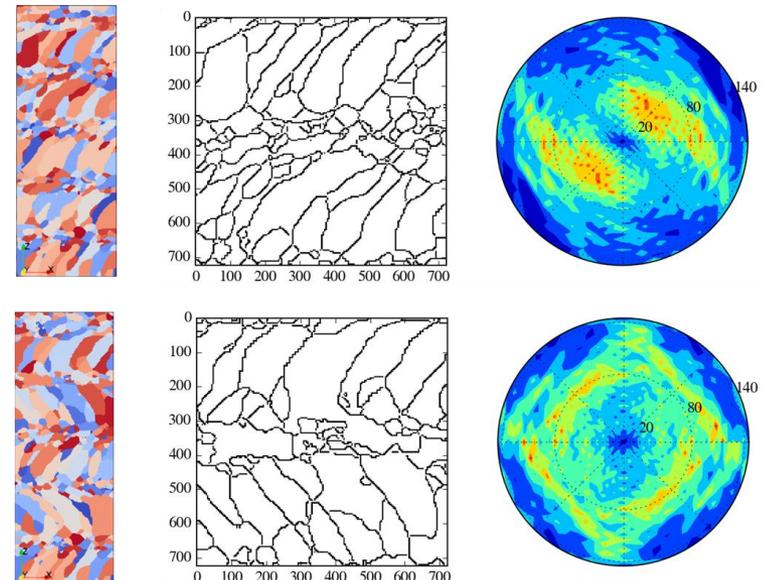
## Microstructure-Performance



Conversion from KMC to FEM



Statistical analysis of **microstructural anisotropy** using chord length distribution



# Fabrication of AM Components Relevant for FE Applications



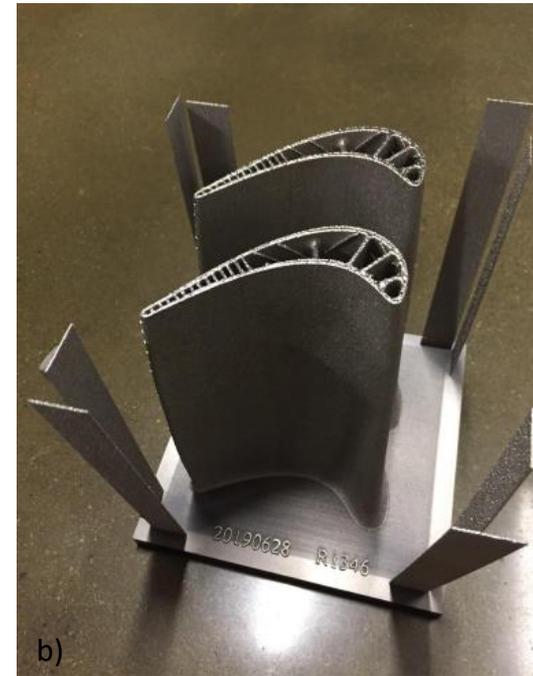
HX fuel injector



282 concentric reducer



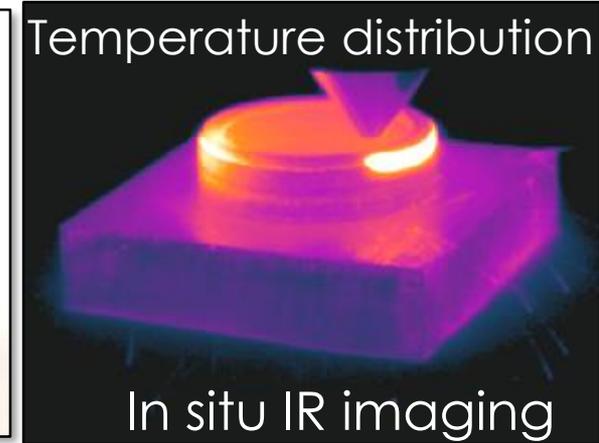
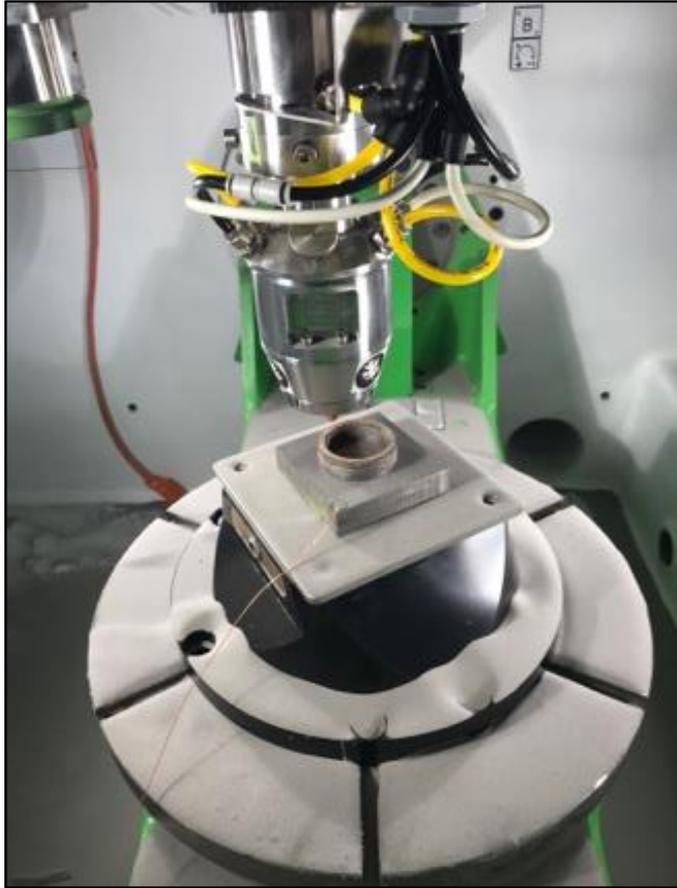
Coated 282 combustion components



Ni105 blade

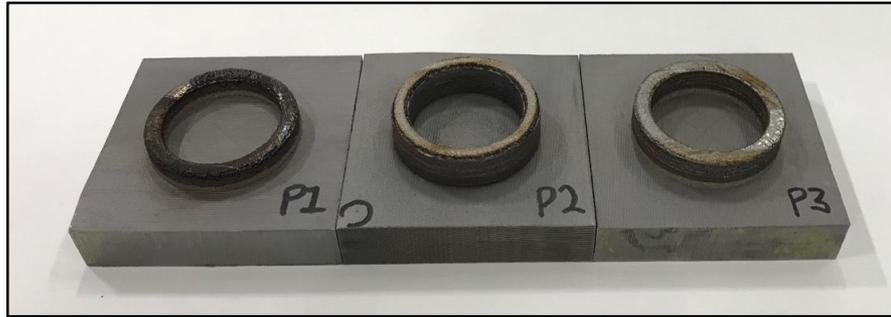
# Functionally Graded Transition Joints to Enable Dissimilar Metal Welds

BeAM blown powder directed energy deposition system



- Goal: To produce transition joint from SS347H to Gr. 91
- Initial work on SS316 & ANA-2 (Fe-8Cr-2Mn) powders due to better powder flowability
- Key is to optimize the microstructure in the transition zone

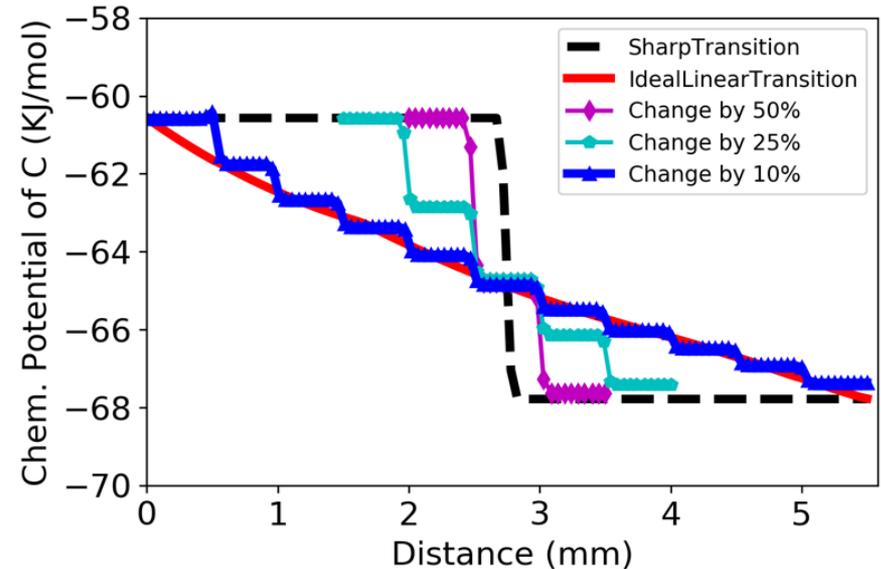
# Thermodynamic and FEA Simulations to Optimize Transition Zone



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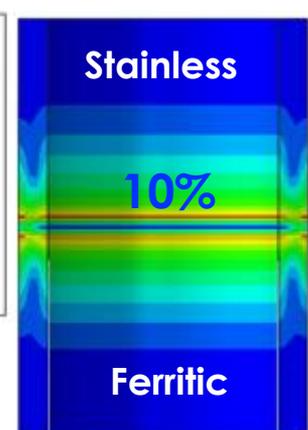
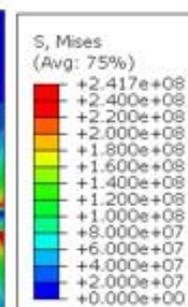
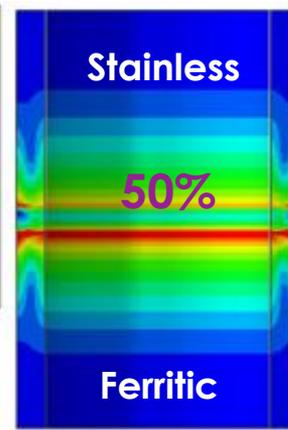
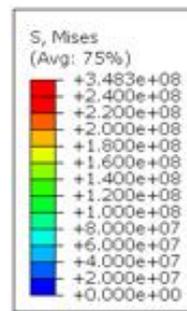
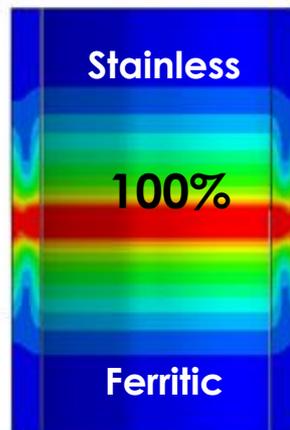
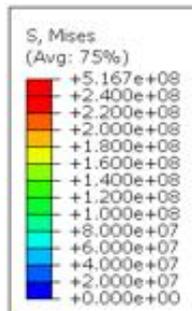
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- Minimize change of C chemical potential
- Minimize stress due to mismatch in coefficient of thermal expansion

Mises Stress



# Conclusion: Great AM Opportunities for FE

- AM allows the fabrication of complex parts with local control of the microstructure for superior component performance
- Continuous development of physics-based models and data analytics tools for establishing process-microstructure-properties correlation
- Broad range of opportunities due to AM versatility: graded microstructure for weld and coatings, large scale additive manufacturing to help with domestic supply chain, unique microstructure resistant to H embrittlement