

UCFER review meeting, Oct. 6, 2021

UCFER RFP 2020-06 / DE-FE0026825

# Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing of Advanced Steam Cycle Components Using Location Specific Design Enhanced by High-Throughput Experiments and Machine Learning



**PMMD**

PI: **Wei Xiong**, Co-PI: Albert To

[weixiong@pitt.edu](mailto:weixiong@pitt.edu)

<http://www.pitt.edu/~weixiong>

**Physical Metallurgy and Materials Design Laboratory**  
**University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA**

**Acknowledgements:** Rafael Rodriguez, Yuankang Wang, Hanlei Zhang, Santanu Paul



PennState

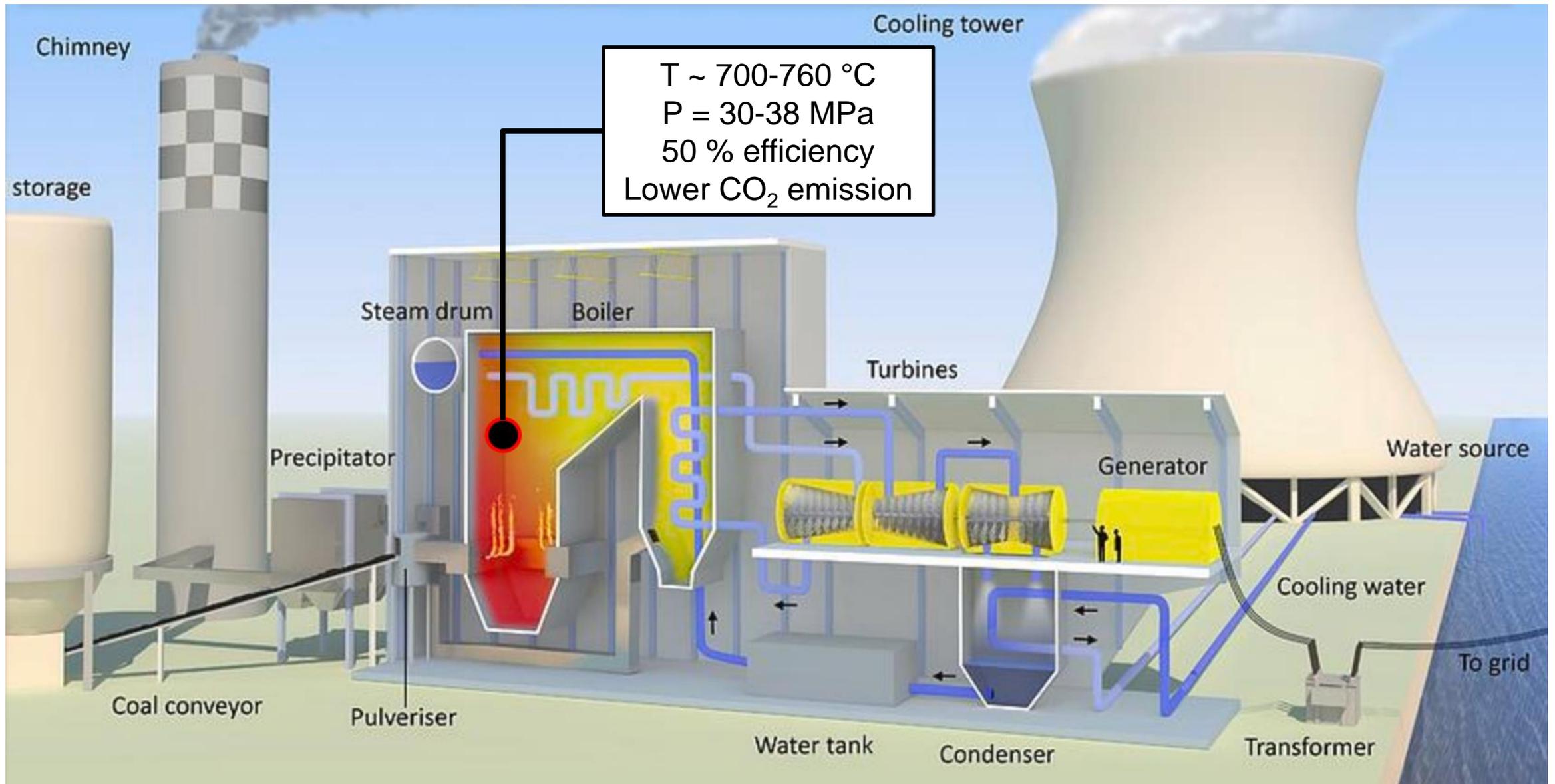


GEFERJET



University of Pittsburgh

# Motivation: A-USC Coal Power Plants Eco-Efficiency



# Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM)

## Challenges in WAAM of Complex Shape Thick Wall Components

- (1) Distortion (3) Detrimental phase formation **(6) Location specific structure optimization**  
 (2) Cracking (liquation and residual stress) (4) Grain refinement (5) Precipitation strengthening

WAAM process

Post-heat treatment

## Design Solutions using the Extended ICME Platform at Pitt

- (1,2,4,6) ML-enhanced residual stress simulation** (3,4,5,6) **High-throughput experiments**  
 (1,2) Thermodynamics informed melting (6) **Machine learning (ML) of PSP relationships**  
 (2,3,4,5) CALPHAD-based Phase transformation modeling (2,3,6) Grain texture simulation



Technical  
Collaboration

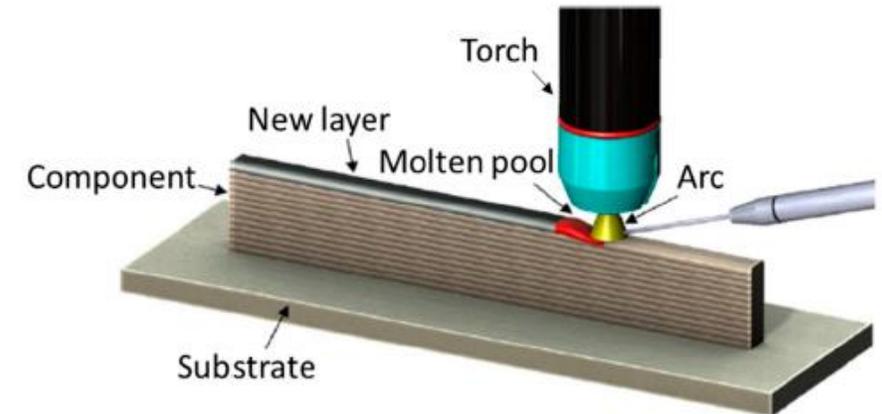
**HAYNES**  
International

**NE TL** NATIONAL  
ENERGY  
TECHNOLOGY  
LABORATORY

**SIEMENS**  
energy  
**GEFERTEC**

**PITT | MOST-AM**  
MODELING & OPTIMIZATION SIMULATION TOOLS  
FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

- AM process similar to direct energy deposition
- Uses an electric arc as the heat source
- Solid wire as feedstock material
- Main advantage is its high deposition rates and minimal wastage of material
- Low running cost and short production cycle
- It can produce large metallic parts
- Main disadvantage is the precision of as-built parts may be lower than those by powder-bed systems



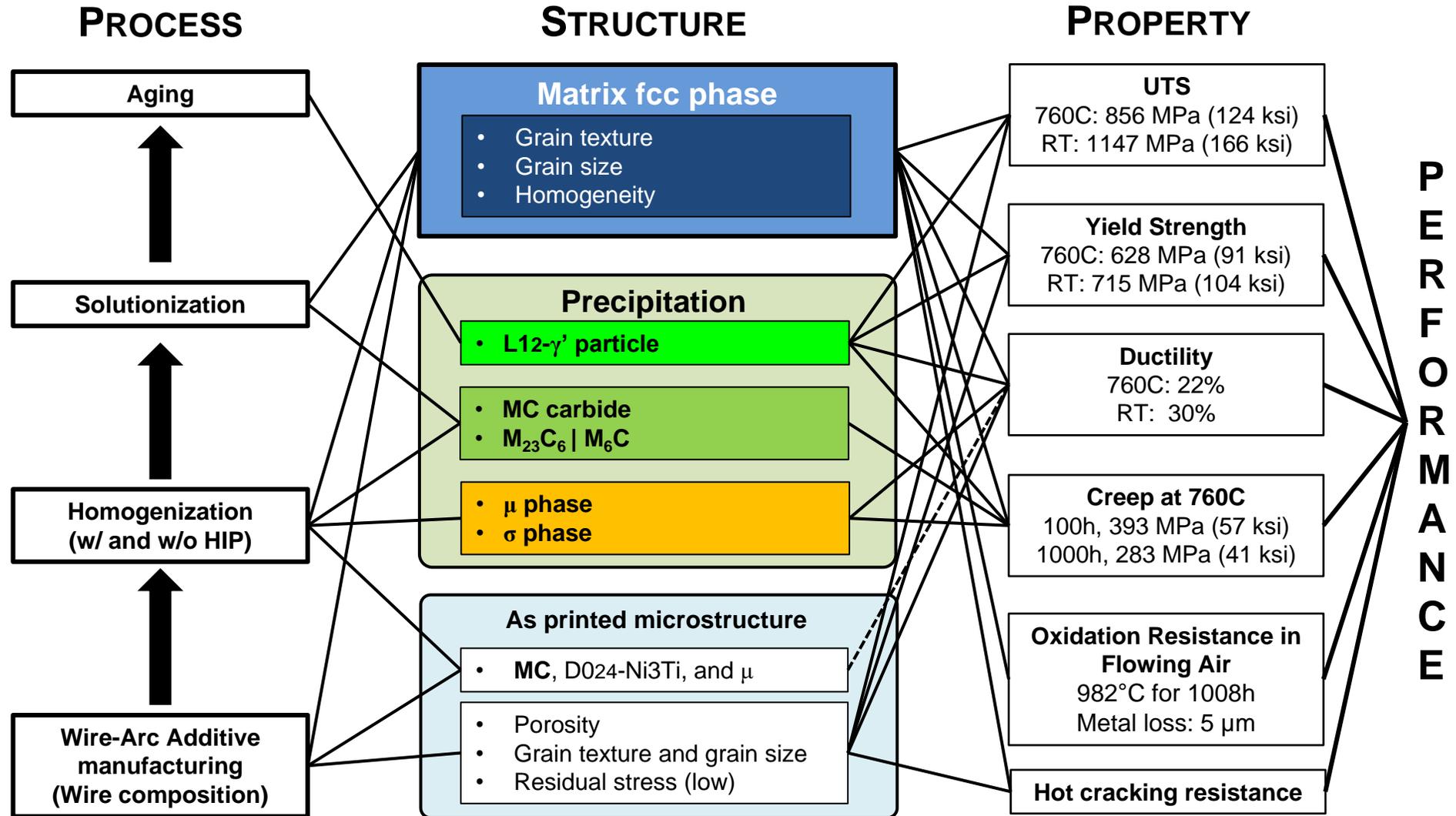
T.A. Rodrigues, Materials. 12 (2019).



**GEFERTEC**  
arc605

ARC 605 : 5-axis machining: Production of metallic components up to 0.8 m<sup>3</sup> with a maximum mass of 500 kg.

# Systems Design Chart for Haynes 282



# Planned studies in this project

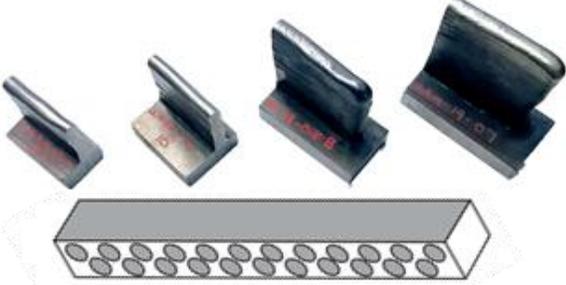
ICME modeling enhanced by machine learning



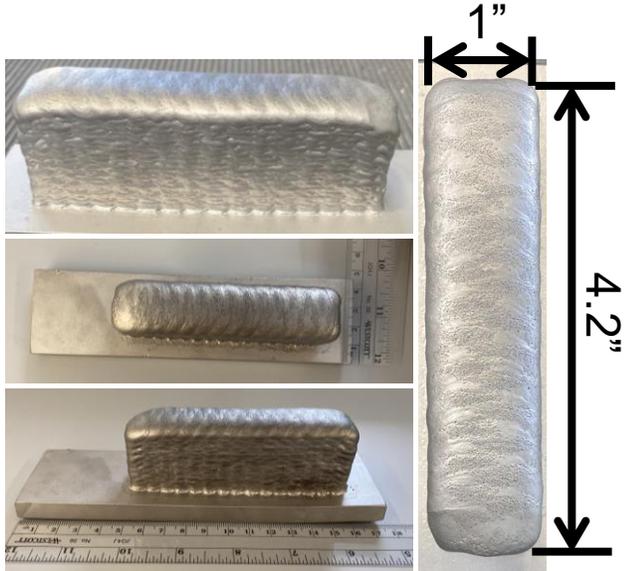
- ★ **A1.** As-print microstructure study on WAAM HAYNES 282
- ★ **A2.** Recrystallization study on WAAM HAYNES 282
- ★ **A3.** HT Aging study on WAAM HAYNES 282

**B1.** Location specific microstructure respond based on processing parameters (print + heat treatment)

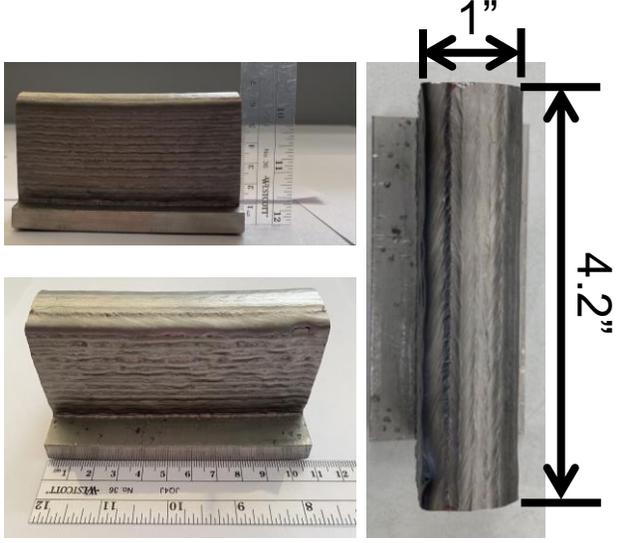
Shape effect:  
Height & Cross section

<p><b>A</b></p> 	<p><b>B</b></p>  <p>Cone shape</p>
<p>HT WAAM sample with gradient temperature and processing parameter</p>	<p>Complex geometry build for location specific ICME design</p>

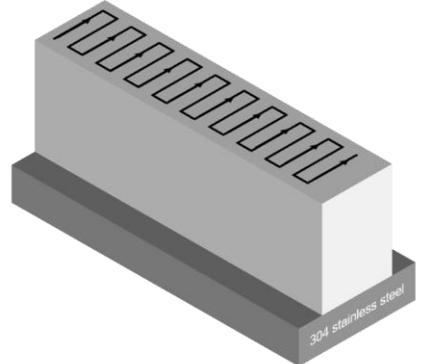
# Printing strategy difference: Meander vs. Single Bead



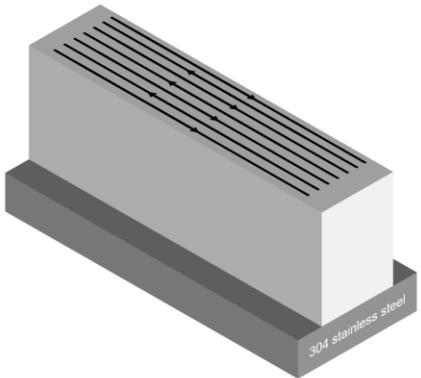
*Multitrack Meander Haynes 282*



*Multitrack Single Bead Haynes 282*



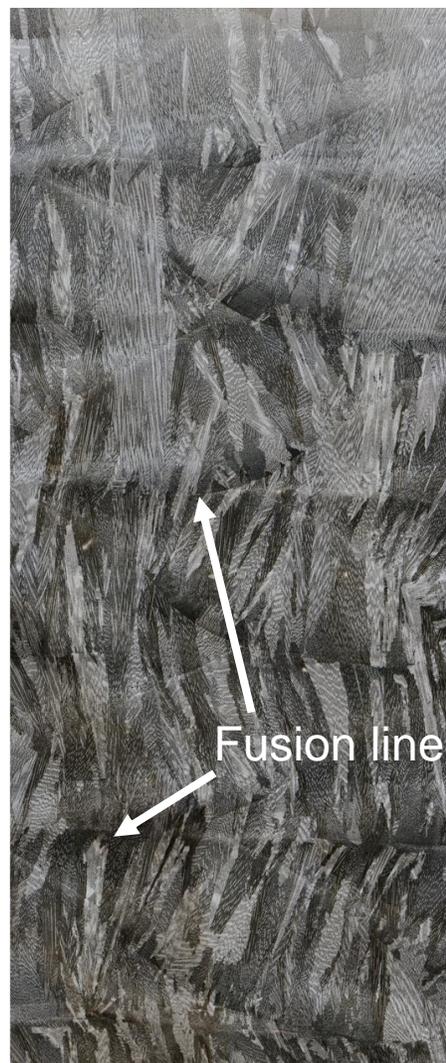
Zigzag, Meander



Single bead



# As-printed microstructure: Meander vs. Single Bead

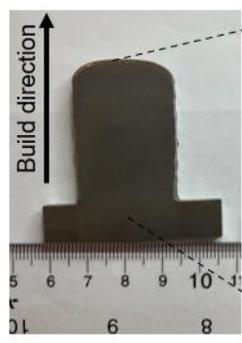


5 mm

Zig-zag (meander)

vs.

Single bead



Meander



1 inch

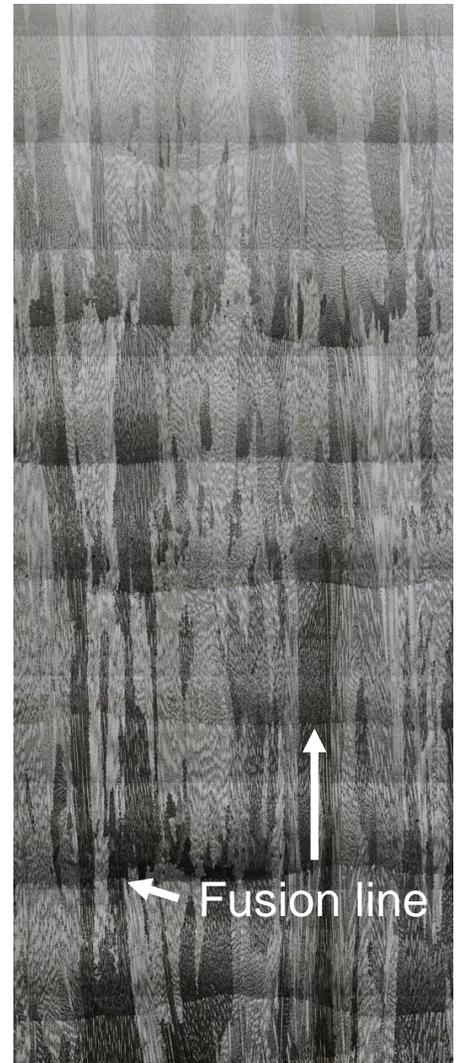


Single Bead



1 inch

Build direction, Z

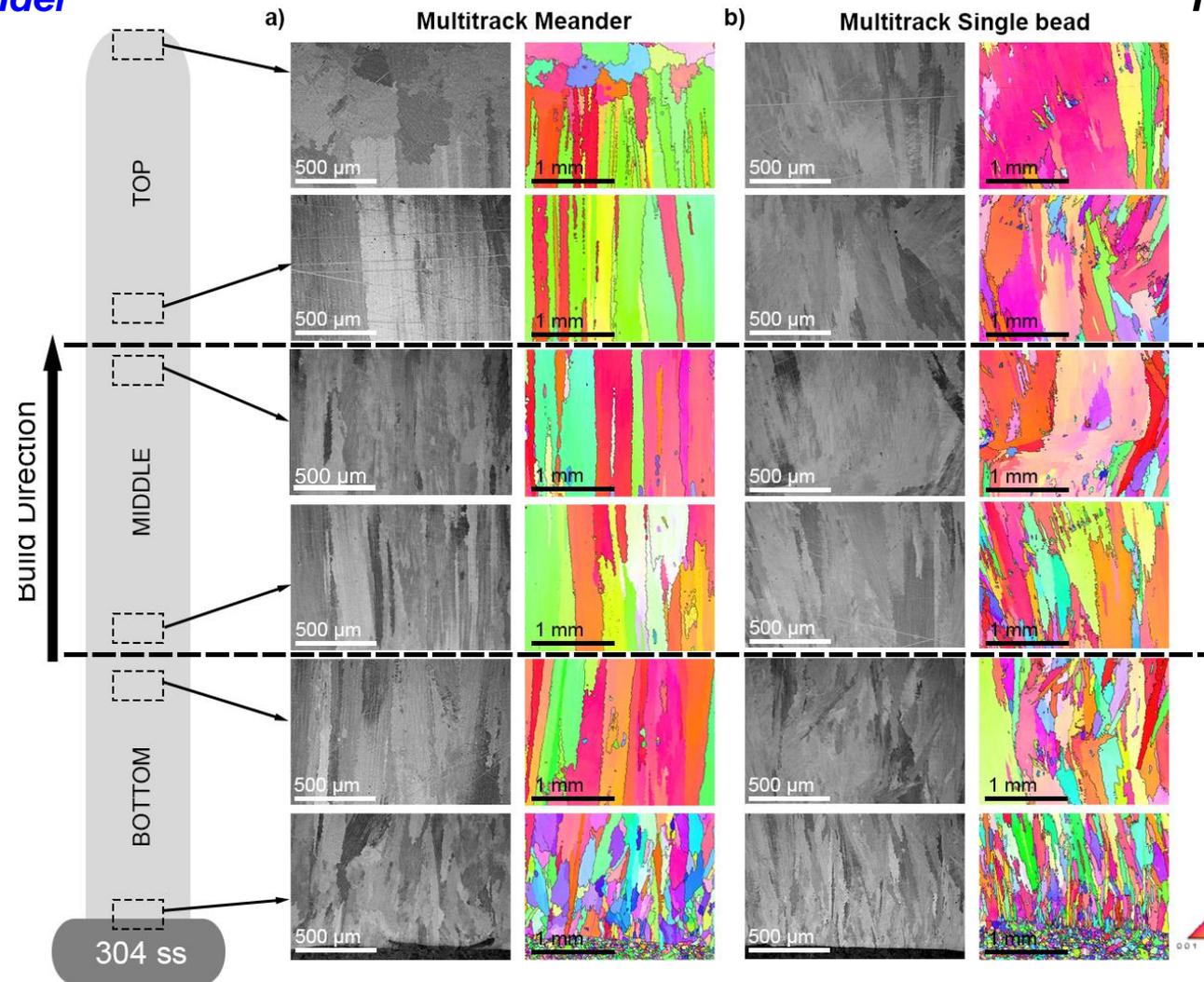
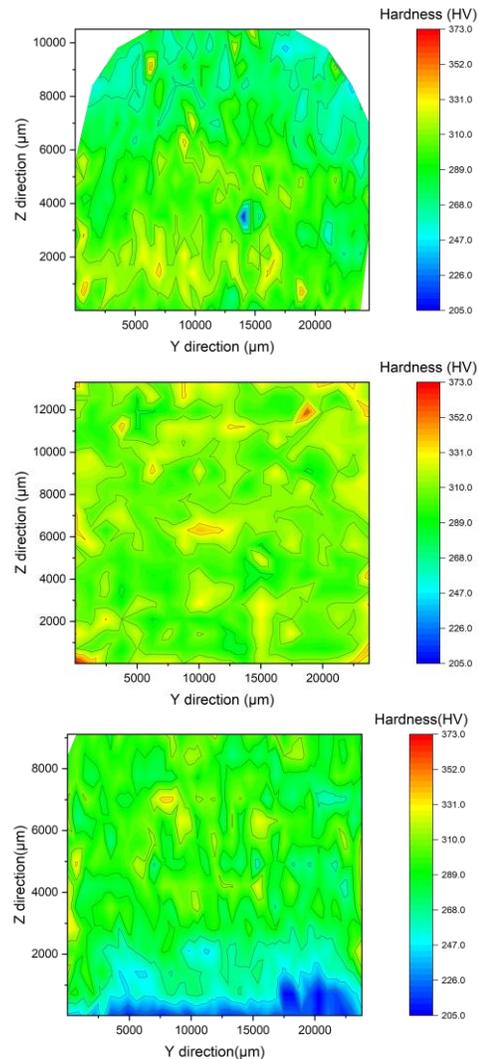


5 mm

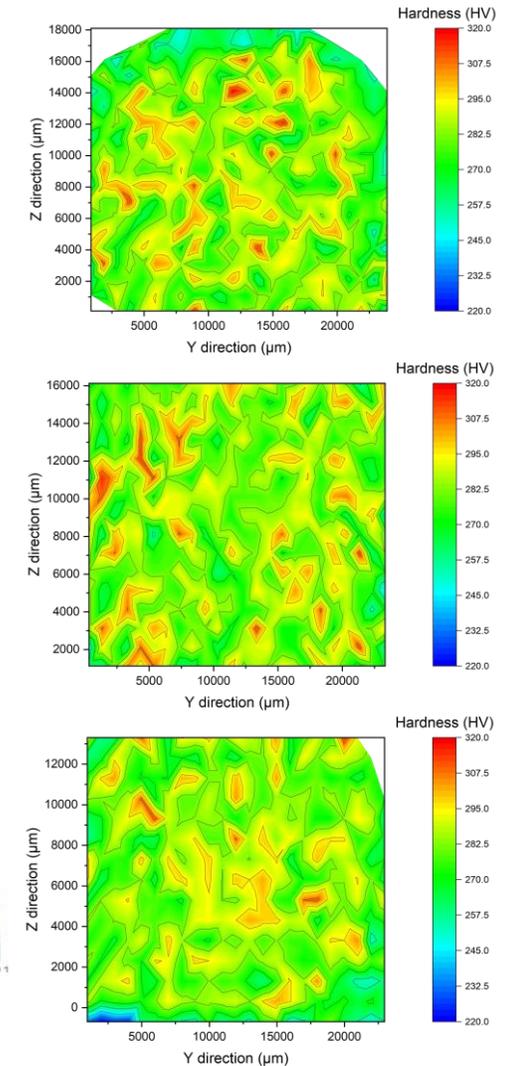


# As-printed microstructure : Meander vs. Single Bead

## Hardness Map of Meander



## Hardness Map of Single Bead





# Haynes 282: Meander vs. Single Bead (Recrystallization at 1200°C)



200 x mag

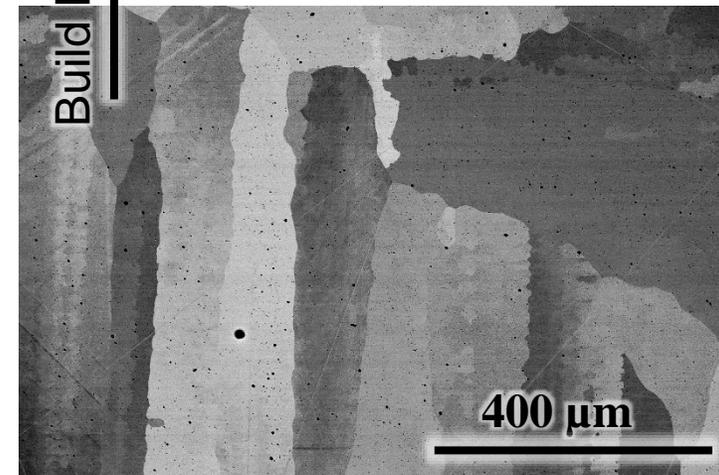
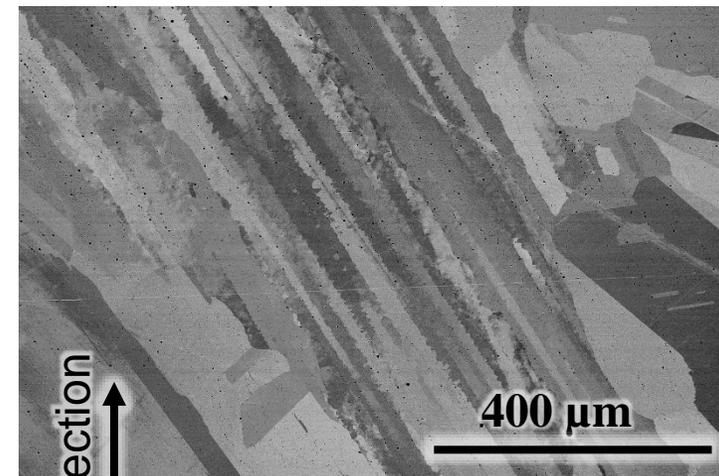
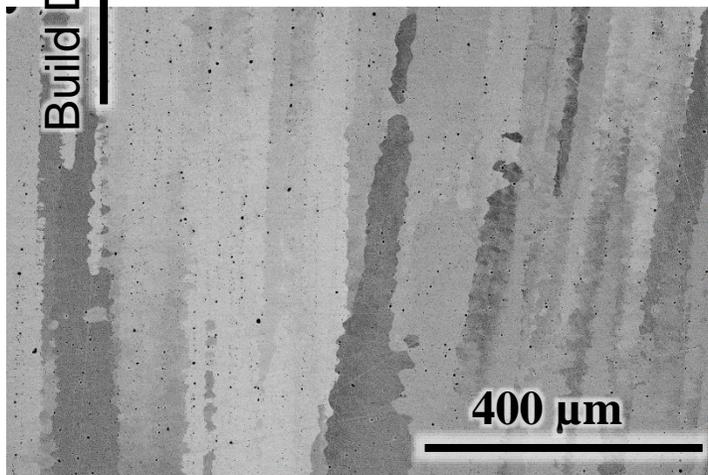
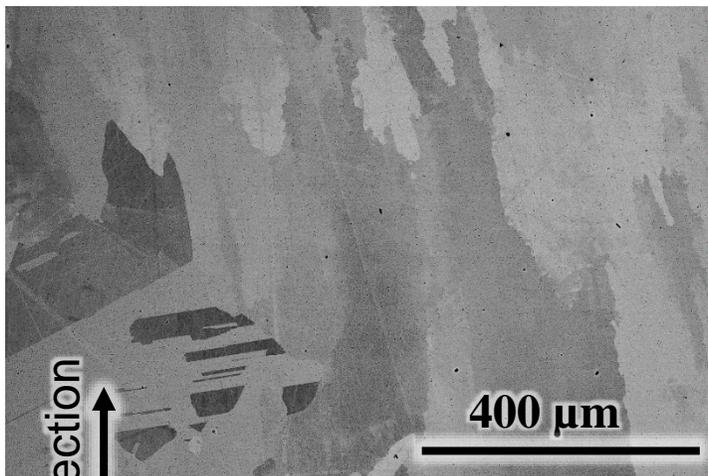
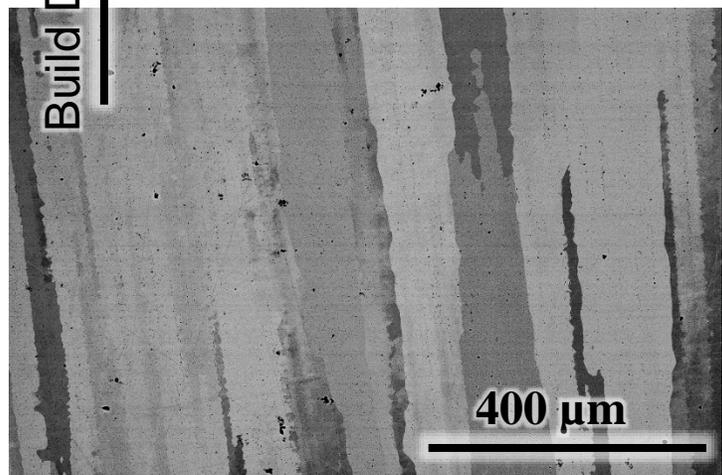
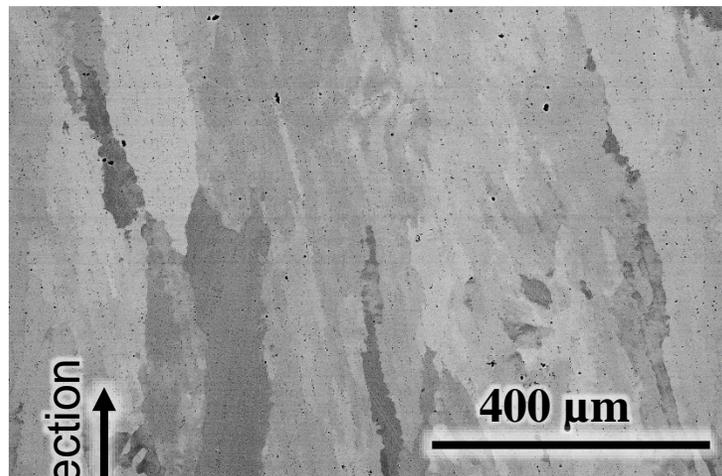
1 h

2 h

4 h

Multi-Track Single Bead

Multi-Track Meander



Build Direction ↑

# Haynes 282: Meander vs. Single Bead (Recrystallization at 1250°C)

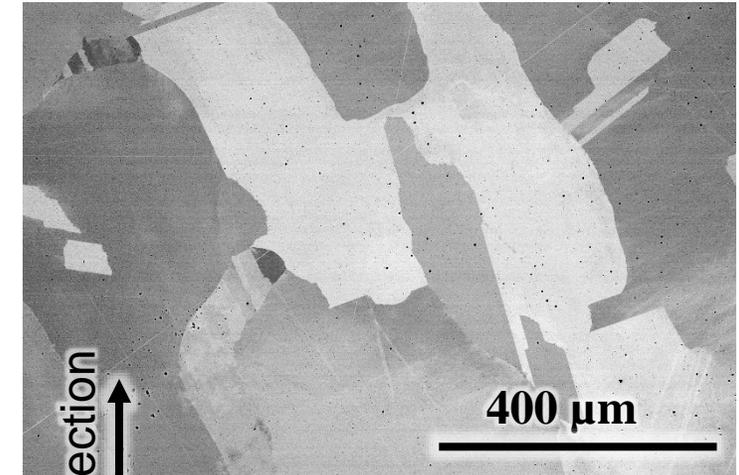
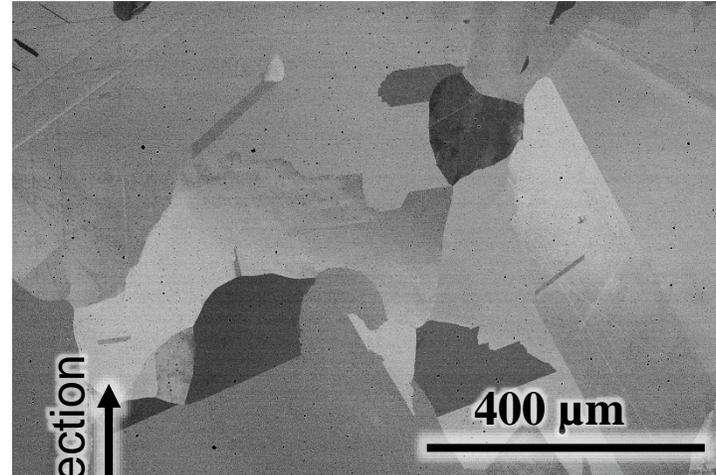
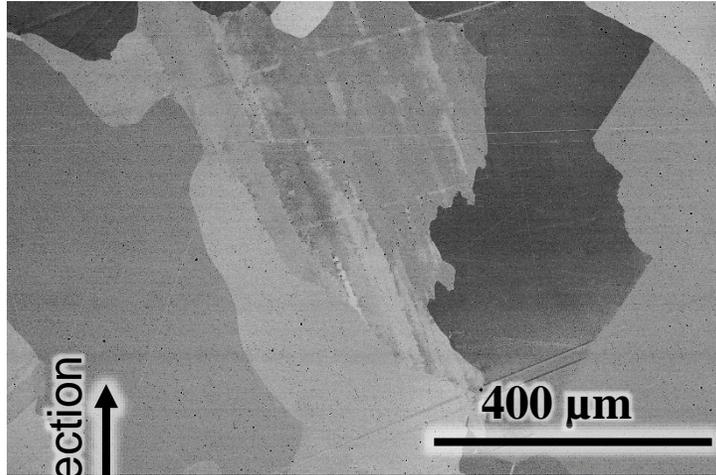
200 x  
mag

1 h

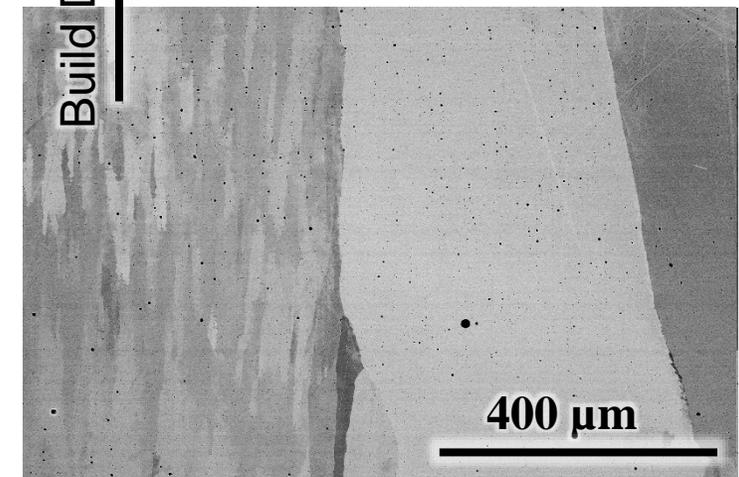
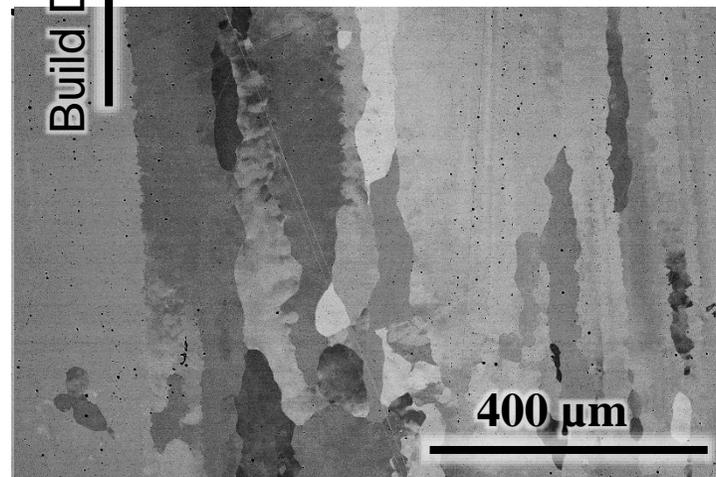
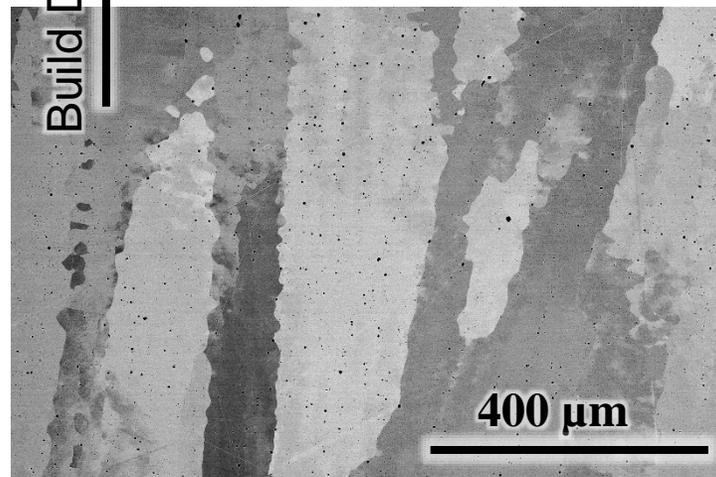
2 h

4 h

Multi-Track Single Bead



Multi-Track Meander



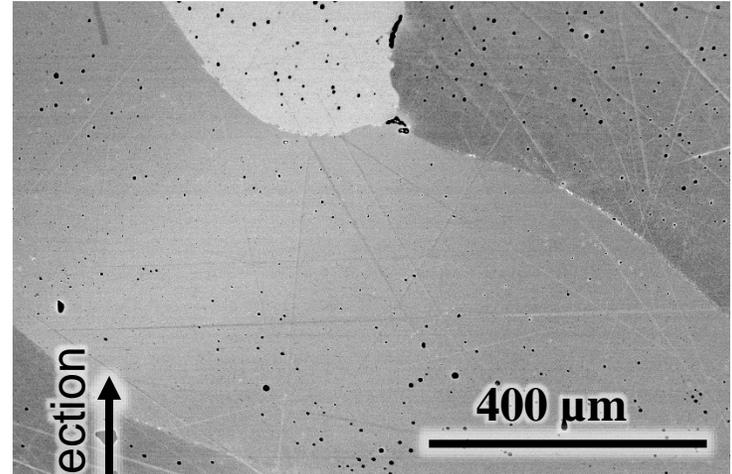
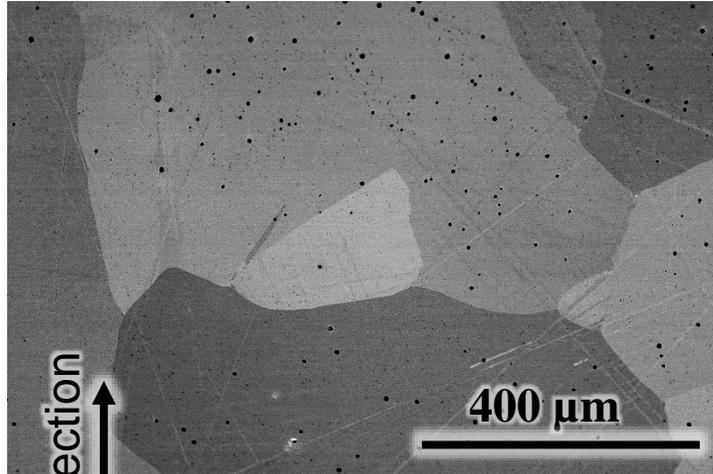
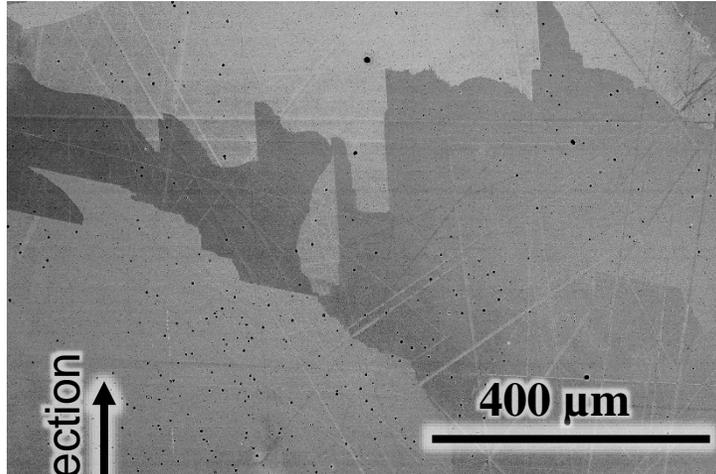


# Haynes 282: Meander vs. Single Bead (Recrystallization at 1300°C)

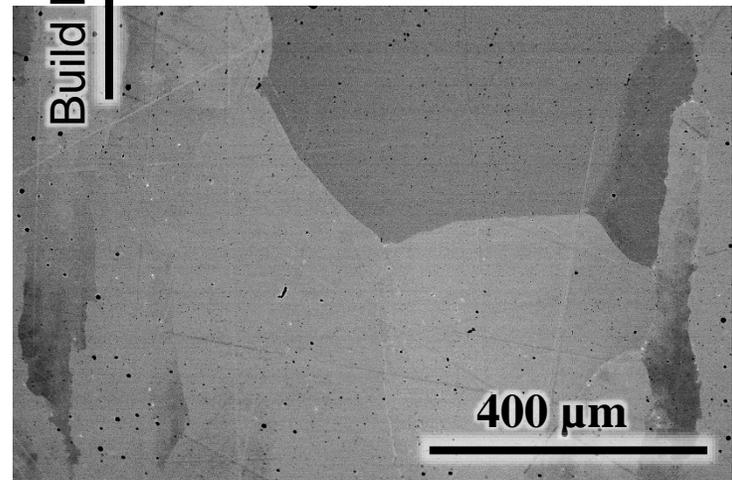
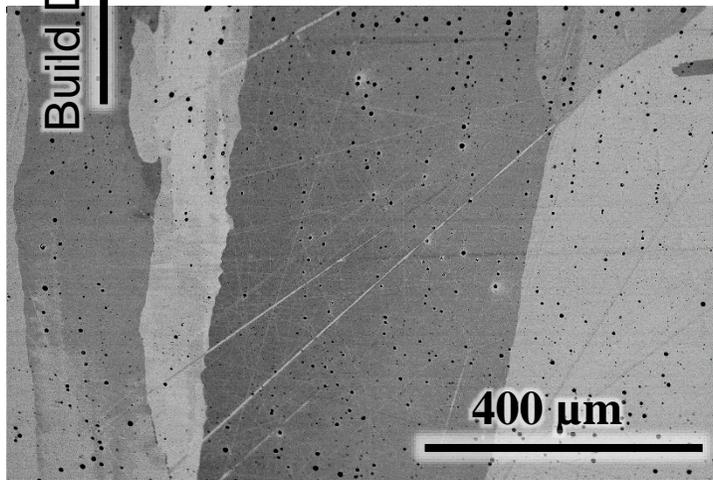
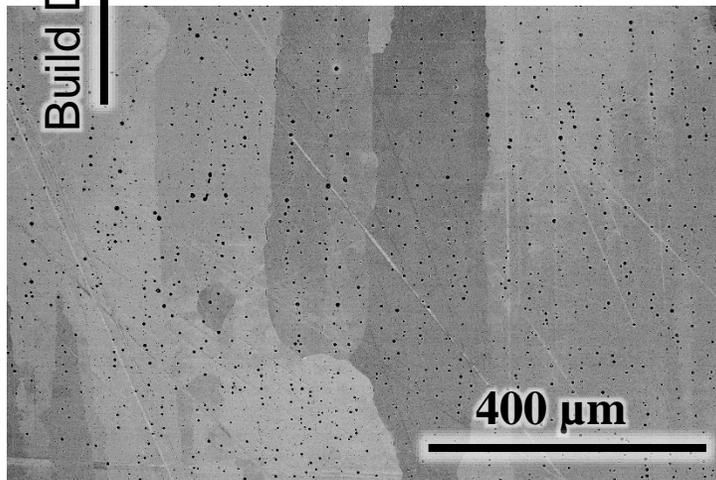


200 x mag | 1 h | 2 h | 4 h

Multi-Track Single Bead



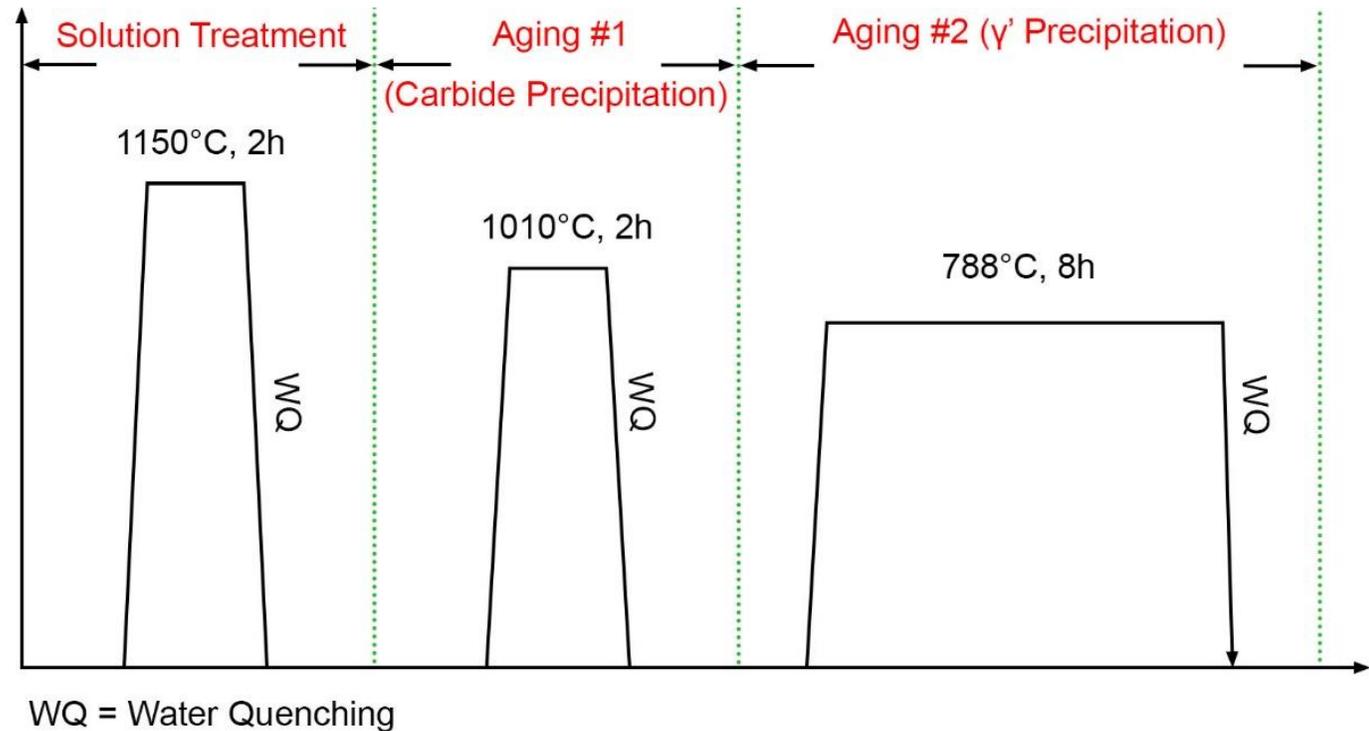
Multi-Track Meander



# Experimental Procedures

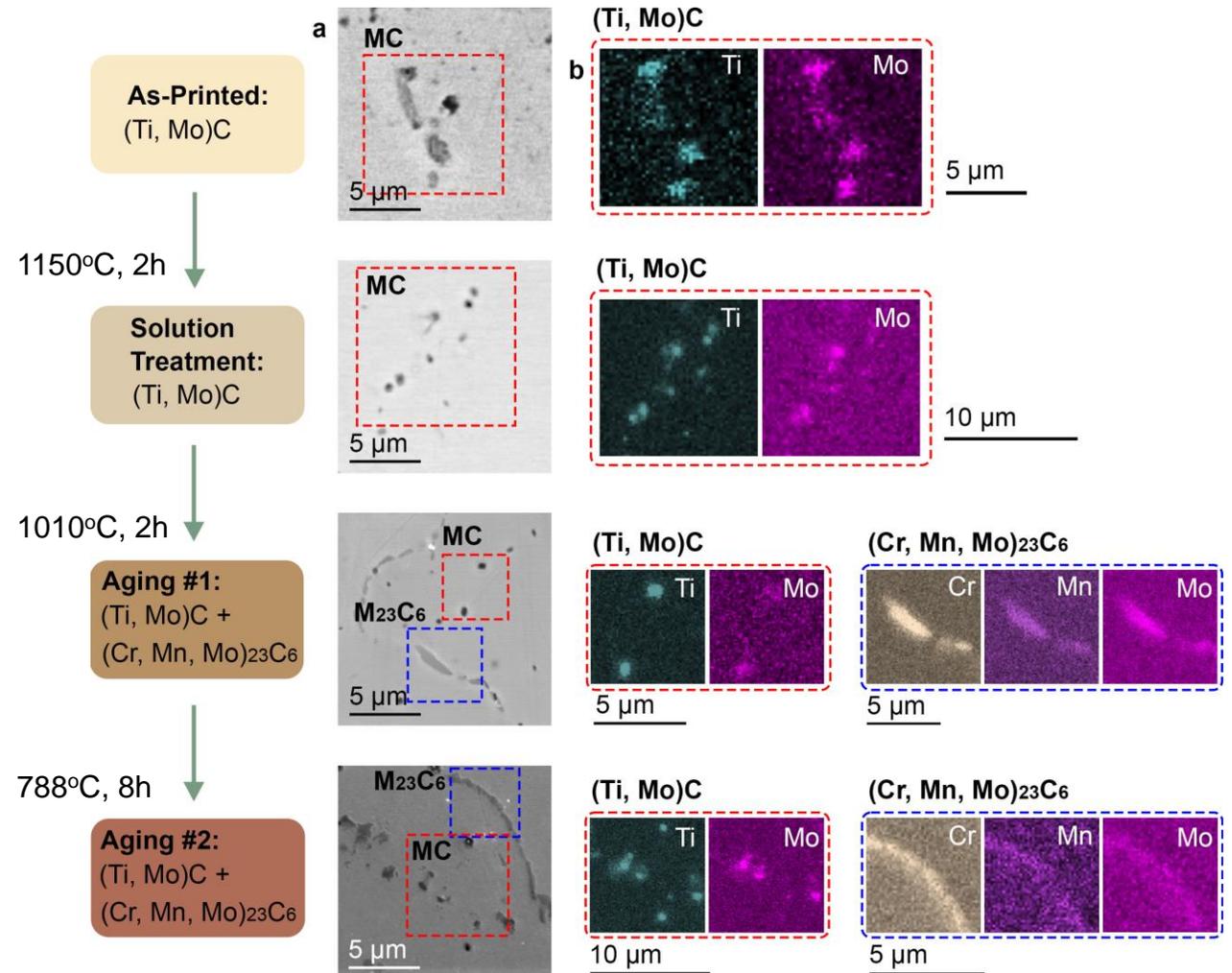
- Aging #1 induces the precipitation of M<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> carbides
- Aging #2 is responsible for the precipitation of the  $\gamma'$
- Water quenching is performed at the end of each heat treatment stage to accurately control the precipitation kinetics
- 4 samples: as-printed, solutionized, after aging #1 and after aging #2

## Recommended heat treatment for cast Haynes 282 alloys



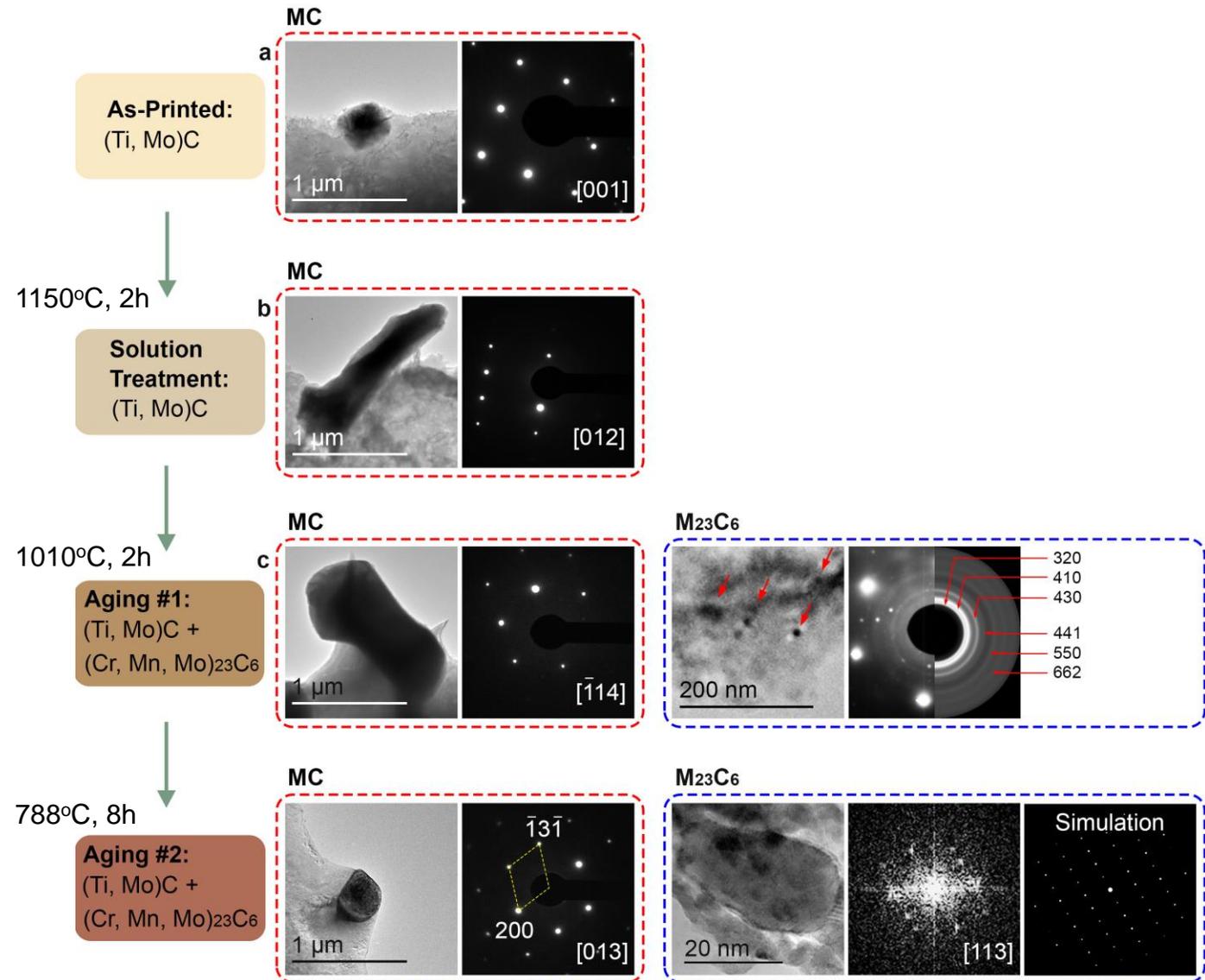
# Evolution of Carbides as a Function of Heat Treatments

- Combined analysis with secondary electron (SE) and **EDS** mapping
- (Ti, Mo)C carbides are 1~5  $\mu\text{m}$  in the as-printed sample and reduced to ~1  $\mu\text{m}$  after solution treatment. They remain almost unchanged in the subsequent aging treatments.
- The  $(\text{Cr, Mn, Mo})_{23}\text{C}_6$  carbide shows up on the grain boundaries after the aging #1. They look almost unchanged after aging #2.



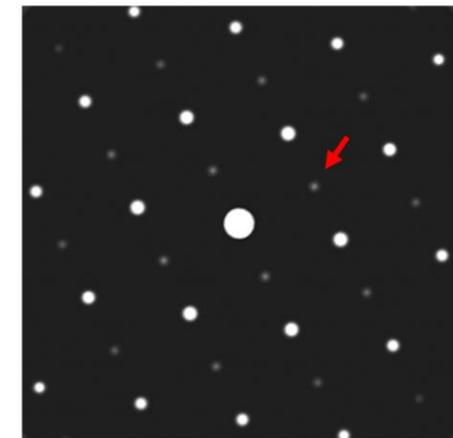
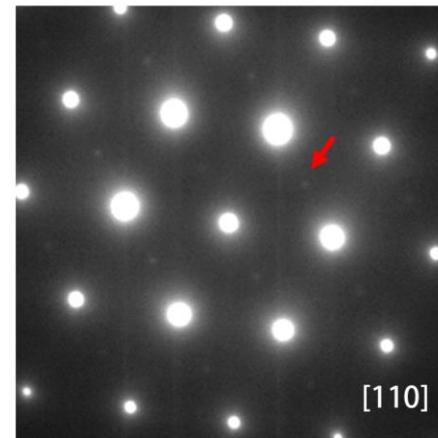
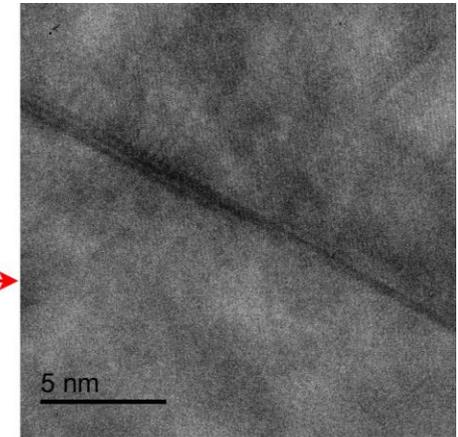
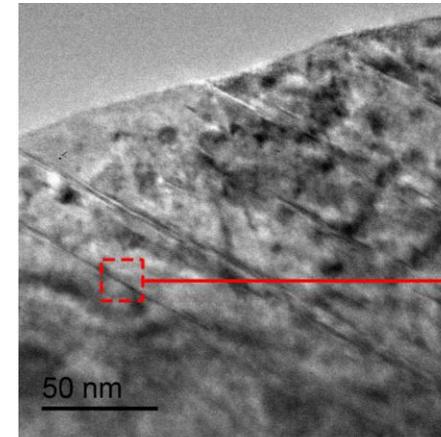
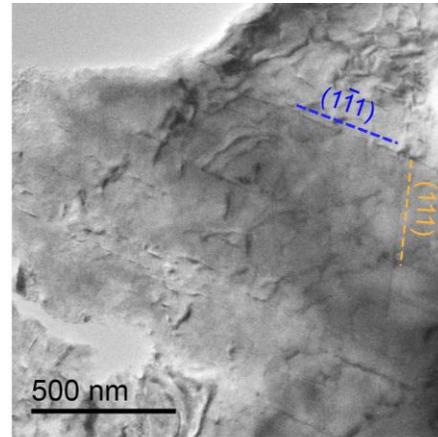
# Phase Identification with Electron Diffraction

- The (Ti, Mo)C and (Cr, Mn, Mo)<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> phases shown in the last slide are confirmed with **TEM** bright-field imaging along with **electron diffraction**.
- The *Fm* $\bar{3}$ *m* structures (F.C.C.) of the (Ti, Mo)C and (Cr, Mn, Mo)<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> carbides are confirmed.
- The lattice constants of the (Ti, Mo)C and (Cr, Mn, Mo)<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> carbides closely match with the previous reports.
  - Mater.* 6 (2013) 5016–5037.
  - Crystals* 2021, 11(8), 867



# $\gamma'$ Precipitation in the As-Printed Material

- $\gamma'$  needles/thin plates are present in the as printed material
- The widths of the needles are 1~2 nm (a few atomic layers)
- The needles are found along the {111}-type atomic planes

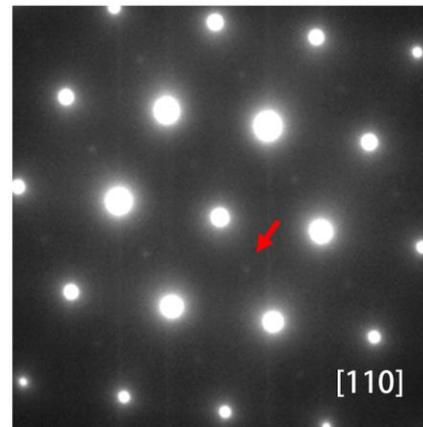
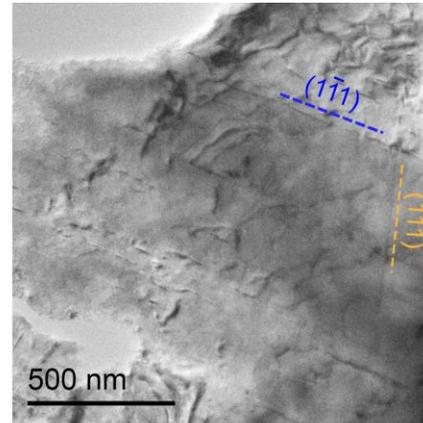


# $\gamma'$ Evolution with the Heat Treatments

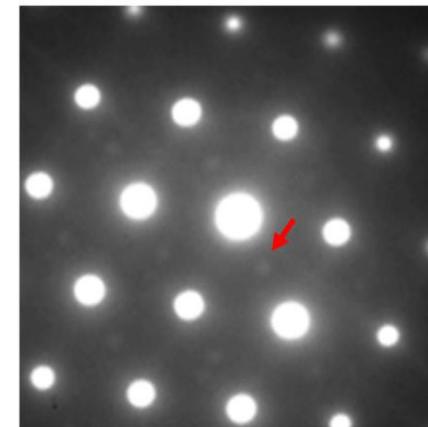
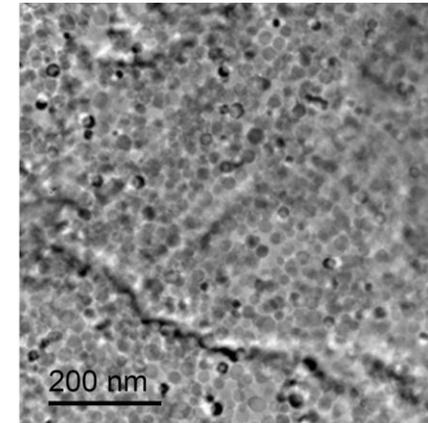


- $\gamma'$  needles are found in the as printed sample, and  $\gamma'$  spheres are present in the one after full heat treatments .
- The presence of  $\gamma'$  precipitates are confirmed with electron diffractions.
- The  $\gamma'$  needles have coherent or semi-coherent interfaces with the  $\gamma$  matrix, and the  $\gamma'$  spheres have incoherent interfaces against the matrix.

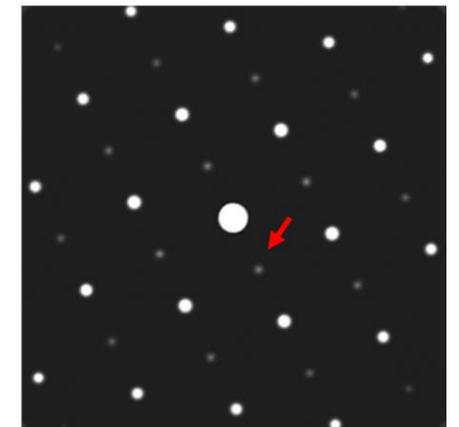
As-Printed:  $\gamma'$  needles



1150°C, 2h + 1010°C, 2h +  
788°C, 8h

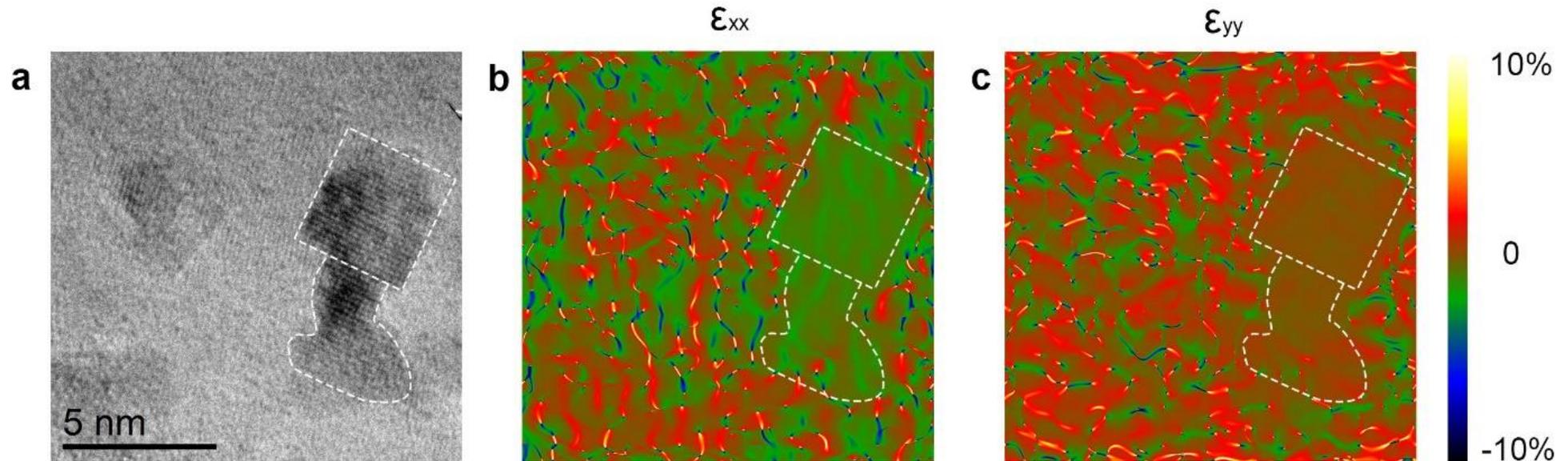


Diffraction Simulation



# Nucleus of $\gamma'$

1150°C, 2h + 1010°C, 2h + 800°C, 6h



- Nucleus of the  $\gamma'$  phase from the  $\gamma$  matrix is around 3~5 nm.
- Intensive internal stress is generated within the  $\gamma$  matrix while almost no stress is present in the  $\gamma'$  phase, confirming the  $\gamma/\gamma'$  lattice mismatch and softer nature of  $\gamma$  compared with  $\gamma'$ .

# Planned studies in this project

★ ICME modeling enhanced by machine learning



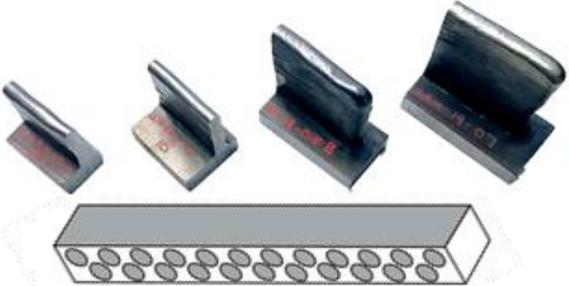
**A1.** As-print microstructure study on WAAM HAYNES 282

**A2.** Recrystallization study on WAAM HAYNES 282

**A3.** HT Aging study on WAAM HAYNES 282

**B1.** Location specific microstructure respond based on processing parameters (print + heat treatment)

Shape effect:  
Height & Cross section

<p><b>A</b></p> 	<p><b>B</b></p>  <p>Cone shape</p>
<p>HT WAAM sample with gradient temperature and processing parameter</p>	<p>Complex geometry build for location specific ICME design</p>

# Data bank collection for location specific microstructural analysis (ML)

Location	Printing Parameters		Composition Variation [wt.%]	Experimental Variables		Modeling Variables	
<b>Height (Z):</b> Top   Middle   Bottom  <b>Radius (<math>\pm R</math>):</b> Left   Center   Right	Printing Pattern	Voltage/Current Pulse Power	Ni, Co	Phase fraction & composition Precipitate size	Vickers Hardness	Phase fraction & composition Precipitate size	Yield Strength
	Layer Thickness Interlayer temperature Interlayer Idle time	Wire Feed Rate Torch Traveling Speed & Working Distance Shielding Gas	Nb, Cr, Mo	Grain Size & morphology		Liquidus Solidus Freezing Range	Vickers Hardness
			C, B	Dislocation Density		TEC, $\alpha$ Latent heat, L	
			Fe, Mn, Si	Residual Stresses Texture			
<i>Input for ICME/ML models</i>							

# ICME framework for Modeling Variables

## As-printed Microstructure

Scheil-Gulliver predictions  
of phase fraction and composition

## Post-heat-treated Microstructure

Equilibrium predictions  
of phase fraction and composition

Yield Strength &  
Hardness model

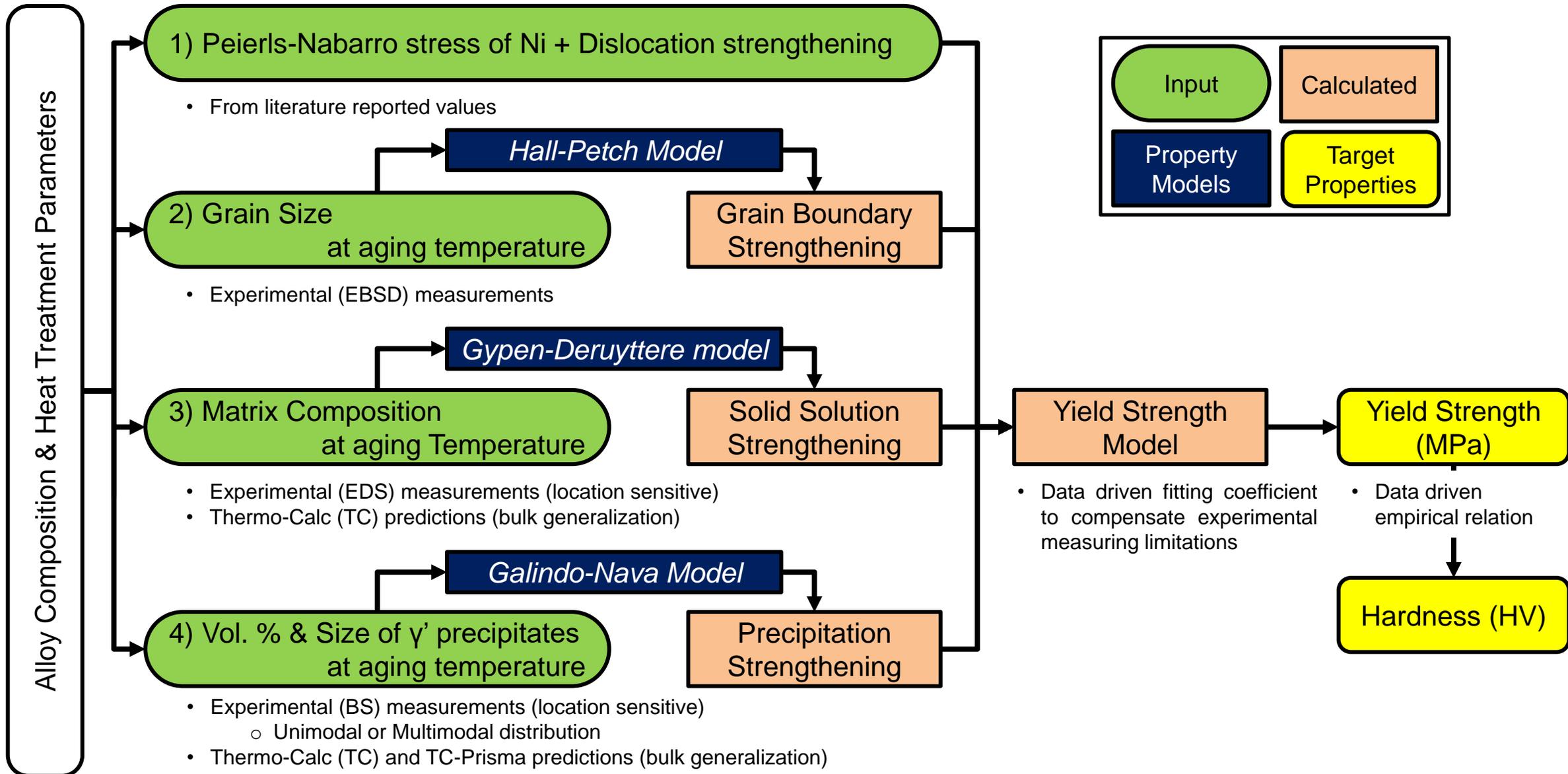
## Solidification Properties

Heat Capacity,  $C_p$   
Latent Heat,  $H_L$   
Thermo Expansion Coefficient, TEC

## Printability Index

Liquidus, Solidus and  
Freezing Range

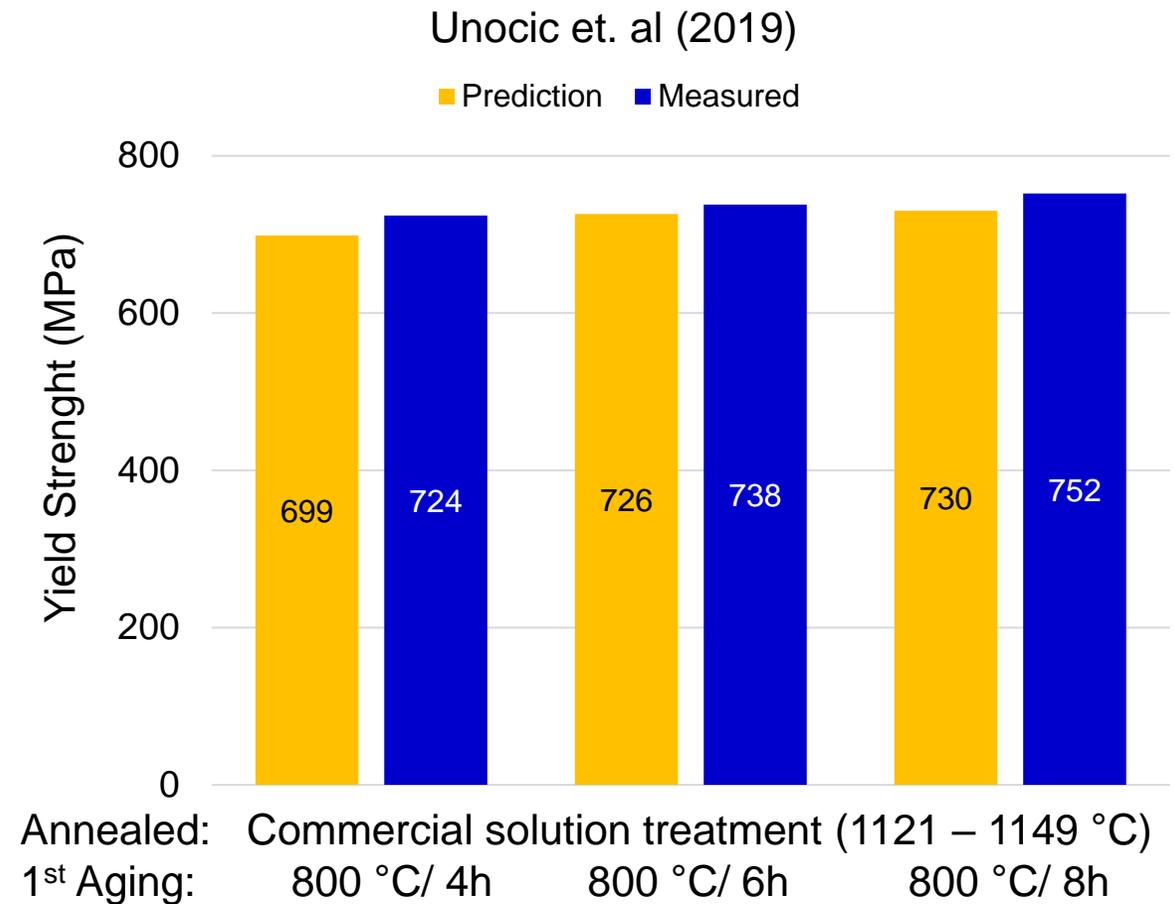
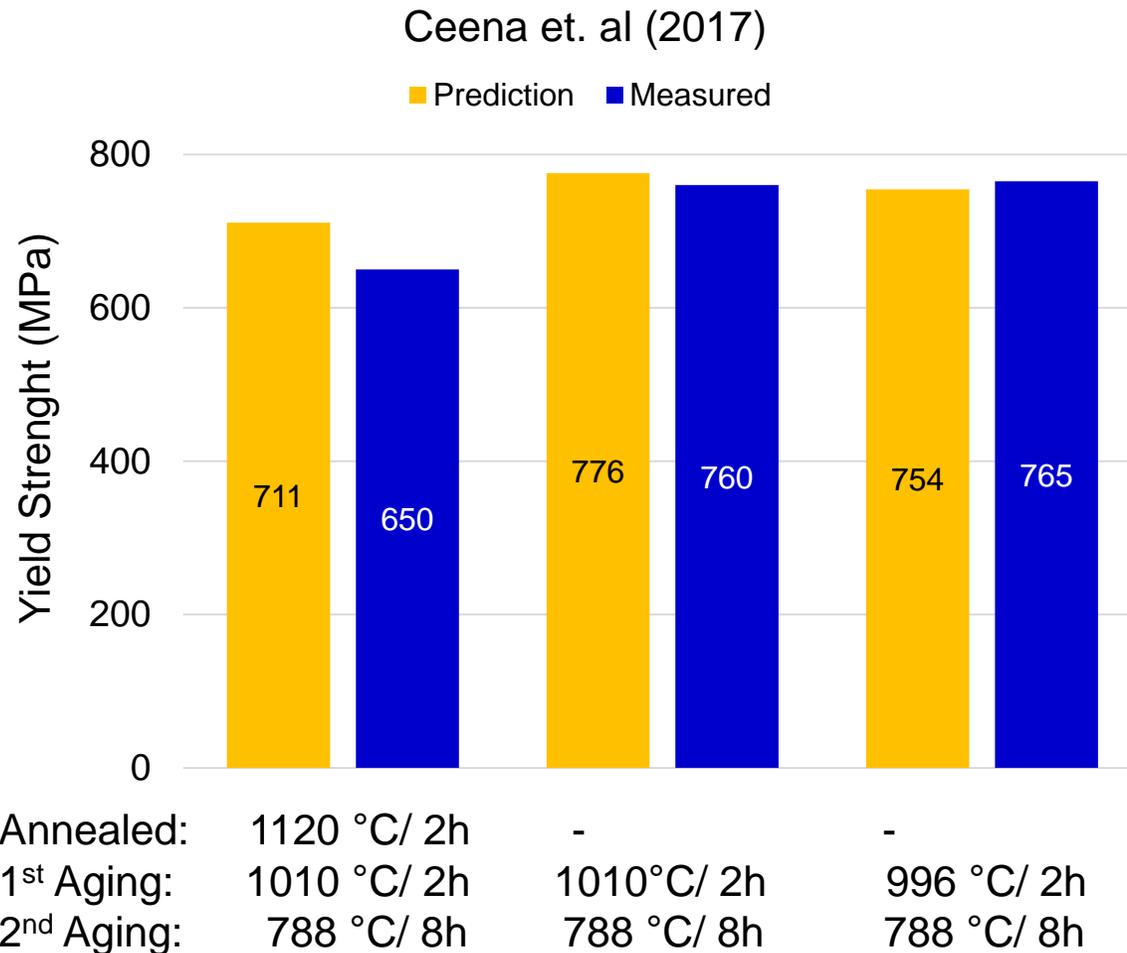
# Modeling Framework: Yield Strength Model



# Room Temperature Yield Strength Model: Calibration with cast HAYNES 282

**Power Fitted Yield Strength Model:**  $\sigma_{\text{yield}} = (\sigma_{\text{PN}}^k + \sigma_{\text{GS}}^k + \sigma_{\text{SS}}^k + \sigma_{\text{P}}^k)^{1/k}$ ,  $k = 1.0$

**Average Error =  $3.16 \pm 2.87$**

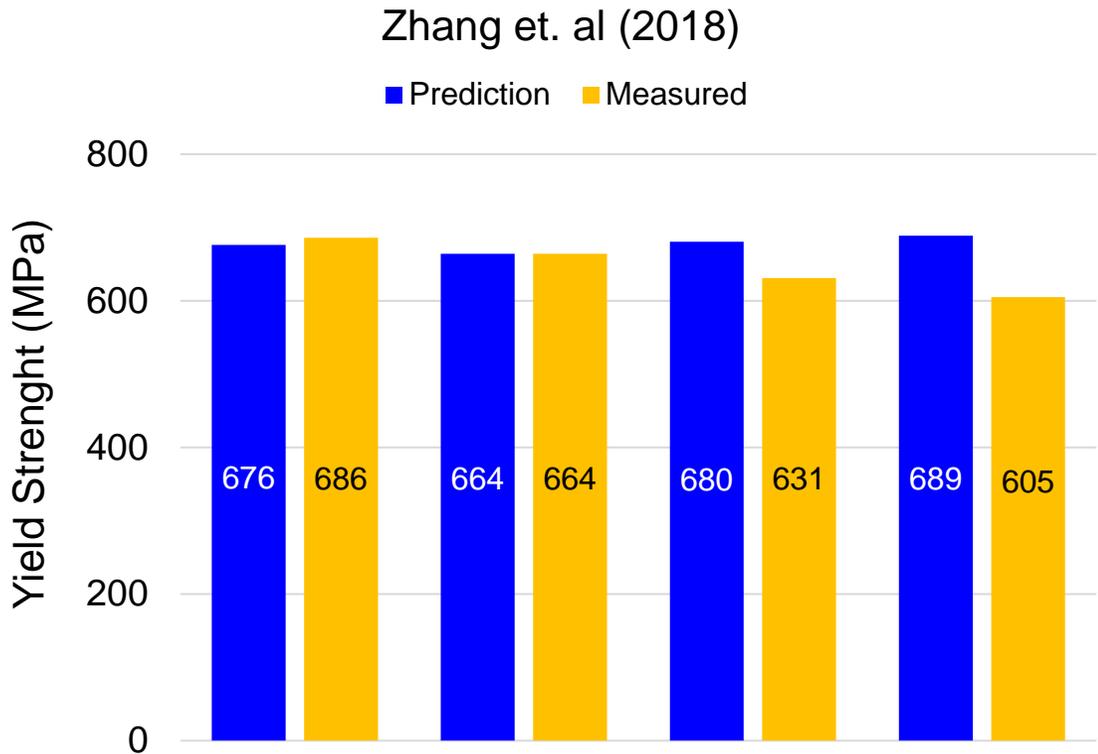




# High Temperature Yield Strength Model: Calibration with cast HAYNES 282

**Power Fitted Yield Strength Model:**  $\sigma_{\text{yield}} = (\sigma_{\text{PN}}^k + \sigma_{\text{GS}}^k + \sigma_{\text{SS}}^k + \sigma_{\text{P}}^k)^{1/k}$ ,  $k = 1.06$

**Average Error = 7.26 ± 3.60**

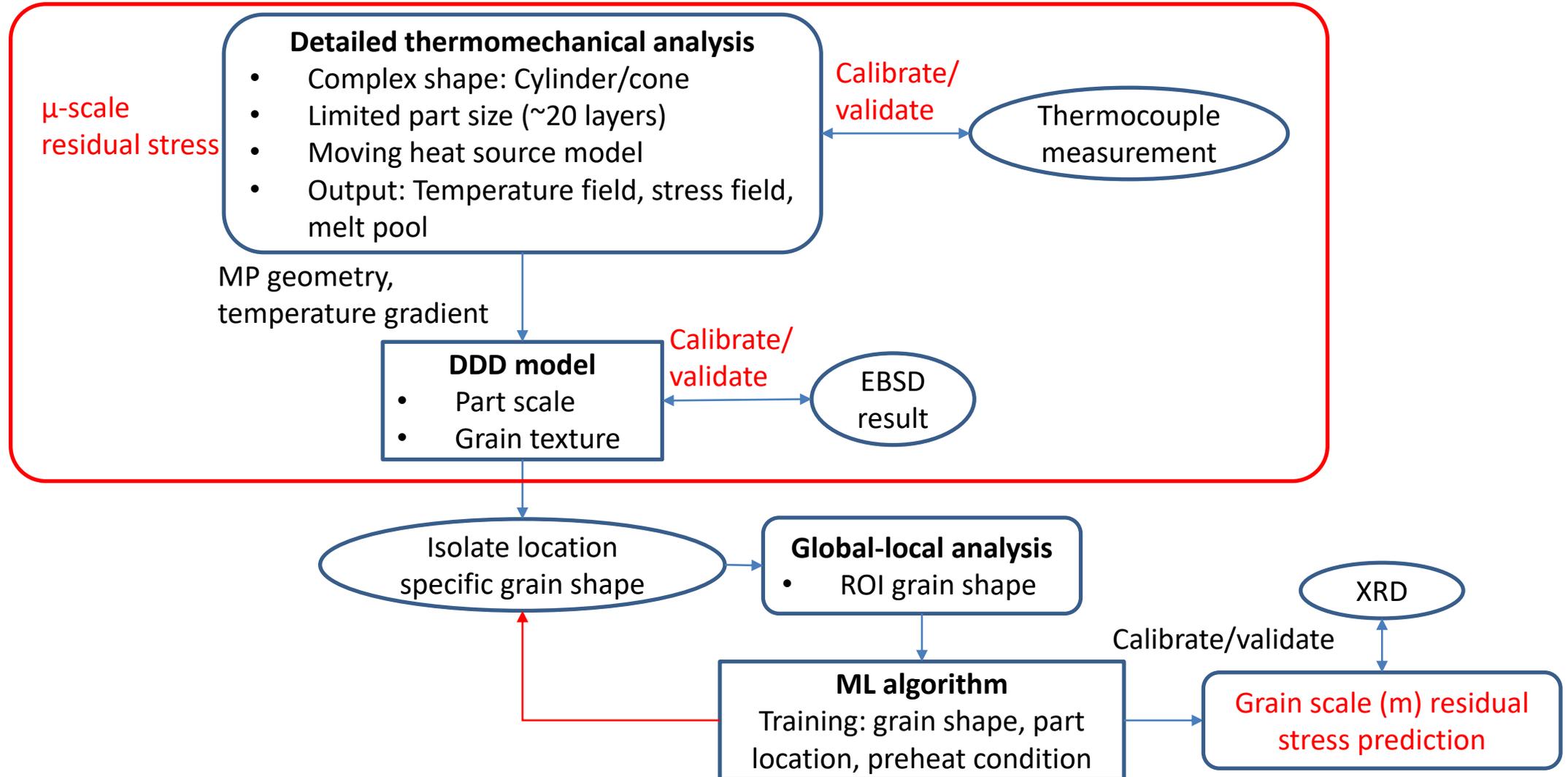


Annealed: -----1140 °C/2h AC-----  
 -1<sup>st</sup> Aging: -----1010 °C/2h AC-----  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aging: -----760°C/24h AC-----  
 Test Temp: 600 °C      700 °C      760 °C      800 °C

Annealed: 1135°C/20min WQ      AC      FC  
 -1<sup>st</sup> Aging: 1010 °C/2h      -      -      -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aging: 788°C/8h      800C/4h      800C/4h      800C/4h  
 Test Temp: -----750 °C-----



# Part scale residual stress prediction: Flowchart

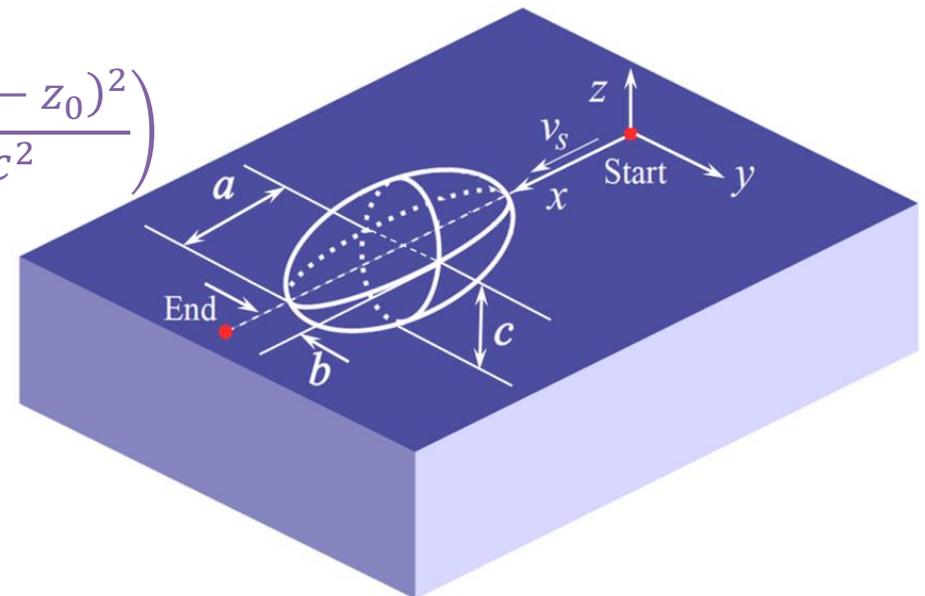


# Thermal property requirements

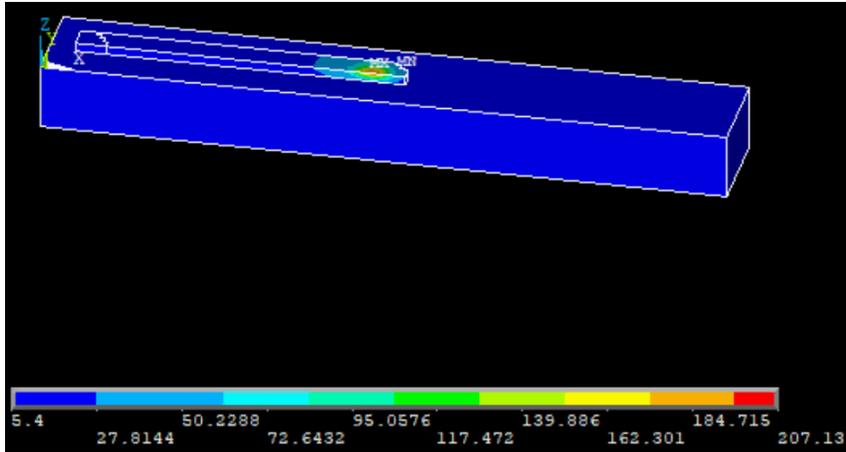
- 3D heat conduction equation:  $\rho C_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + U_i \nabla T \right) = \nabla (K \nabla T)$
- Thermal boundary condition:  $K \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} + h(T - T_0) + \sigma \varepsilon (T^4 - T_0^4) - \dot{Q} = 0$
- Initial and final condition:  $T(x, y, z, 0) = T_0 = T(x, y, z, \infty)$
- In the simulation, the heat source is represented by the **double ellipsoidal heat source model** with  $\dot{Q}$  is defined as follows,

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{6\sqrt{3}\eta P f}{abc\pi\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{3(x_0 + v_s t - x')^2}{a^2} - \frac{3(y' - y_0)^2}{b^2} - \frac{3(z' - z_0)^2}{c^2}\right)$$

Parameters  $a, b, c$  obtained by calibrating the double ellipsoidal heat source model



# Heat source calibration: Single track

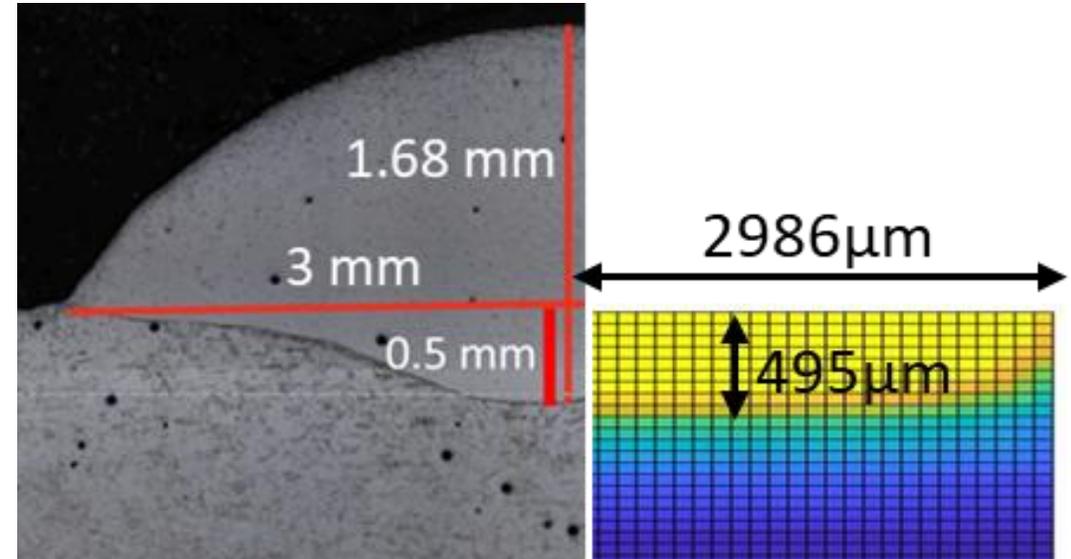


Temperature distribution from FE model for single track deposition

$$a = 10, b = 40, c = 0.6$$



Dimensions of single-track deposition



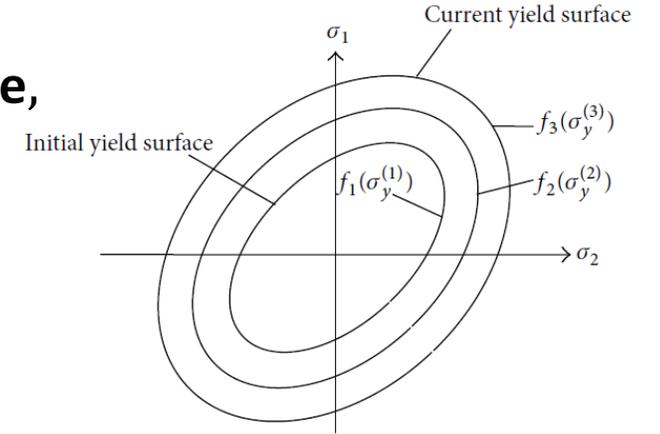
Comparison of melt pool half width and depth between optical measurement and calibrated FEM

# Mechanical property requirements



## (4) Hardening: Progressive development of yield surface,

$$f = \sigma_y(k) \quad k = \epsilon_{eff}^p$$



Isotropic hardening model

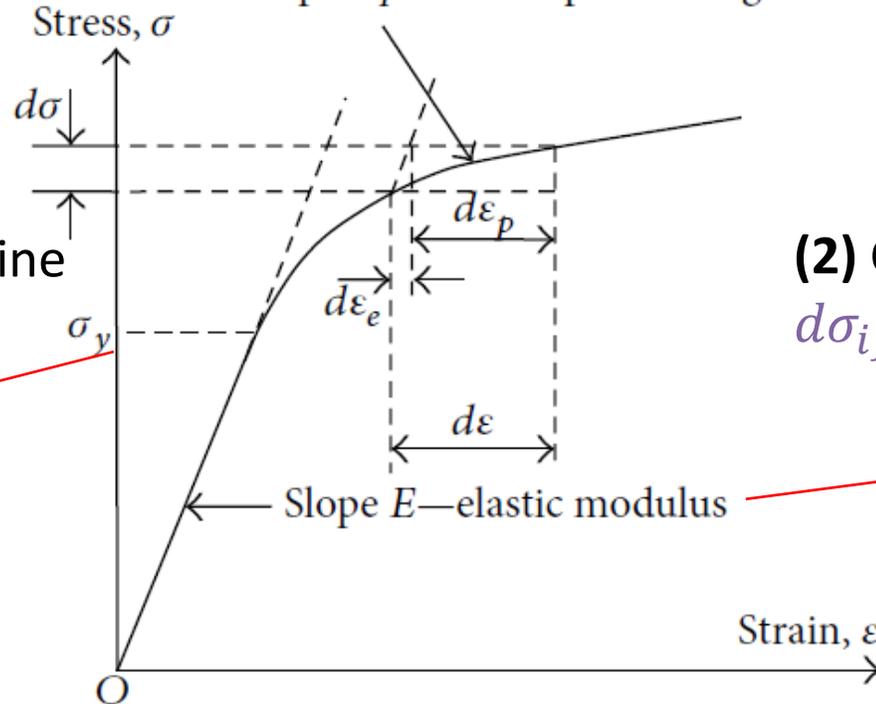
$$\frac{d\sigma_{eff}}{d\epsilon_{eff}^p} = \frac{E_T}{1 - (E_T/E)}$$

Slope  $E_T$ —elastic-plastic tangent modulus

## (3) Yield criterion (to define plastic flow initiation)

$$\sigma_{eff} = \sqrt{3}\sigma_y$$

von Mises effective stress



## (2) Constitutive relation:

$$d\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl}^e d\epsilon_{kl}^e + dC_{ijkl}^e \epsilon_{kl}^e$$

$$C_{ijkl} = f(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{v})$$

(for isotropic materials)

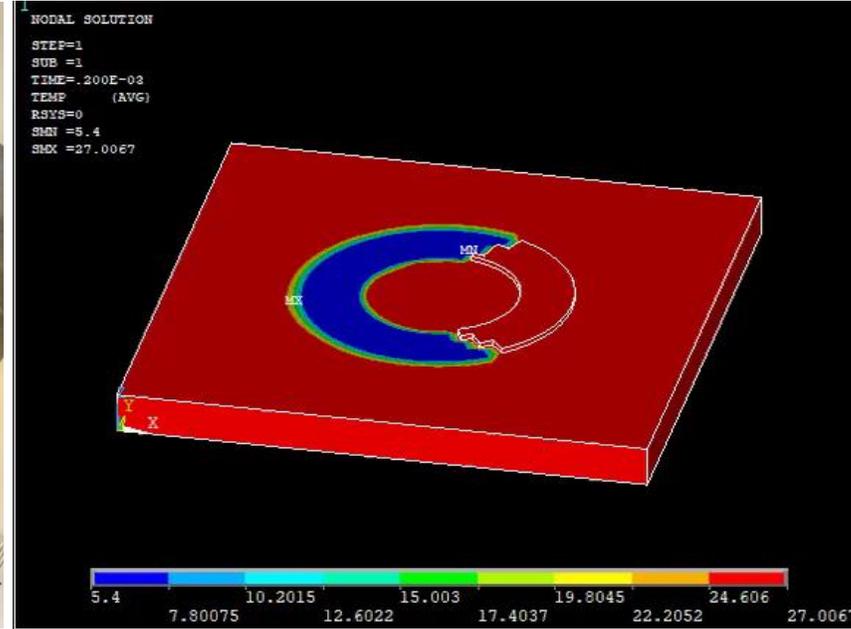
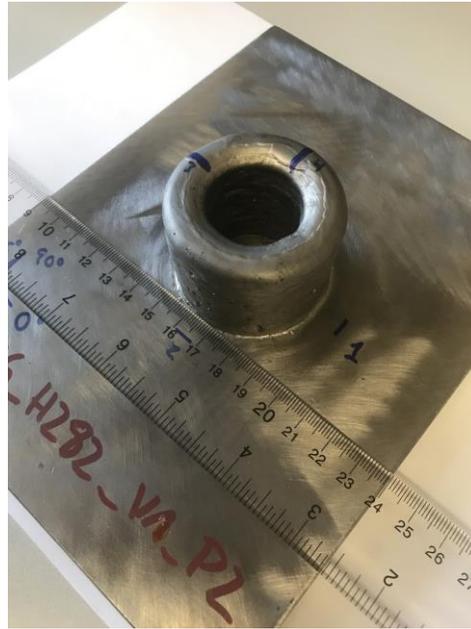
$$d\epsilon_{kl}^e = d\epsilon_{kl} - d\epsilon_{kl}^p - d\epsilon_{kl}^{th-\alpha}$$

## (5) Uniaxial stress-strain curve at different T

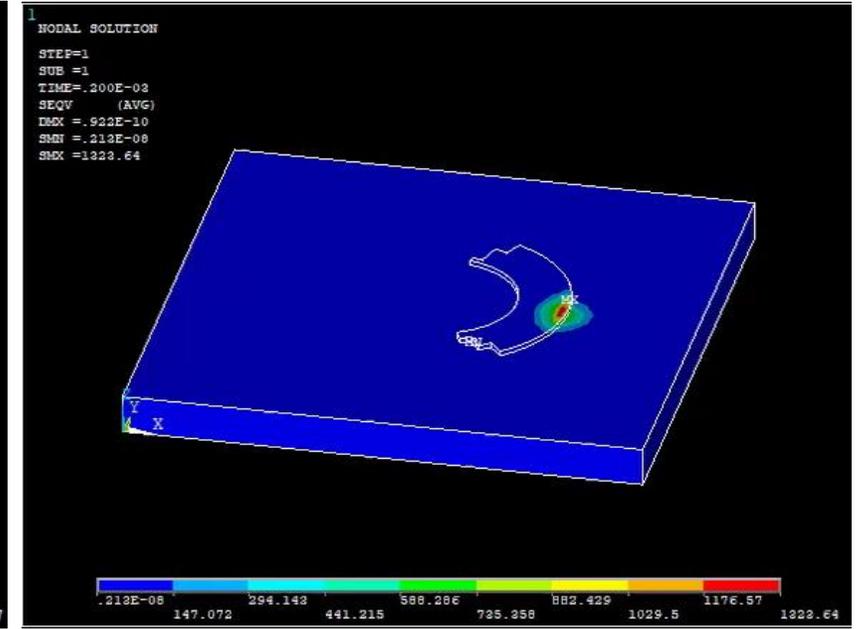
$$(1) d\epsilon_{kl}^{th-\alpha}(T) = \alpha (T - T_0)$$

# Thermomechanical simulation

Temperature (°C)

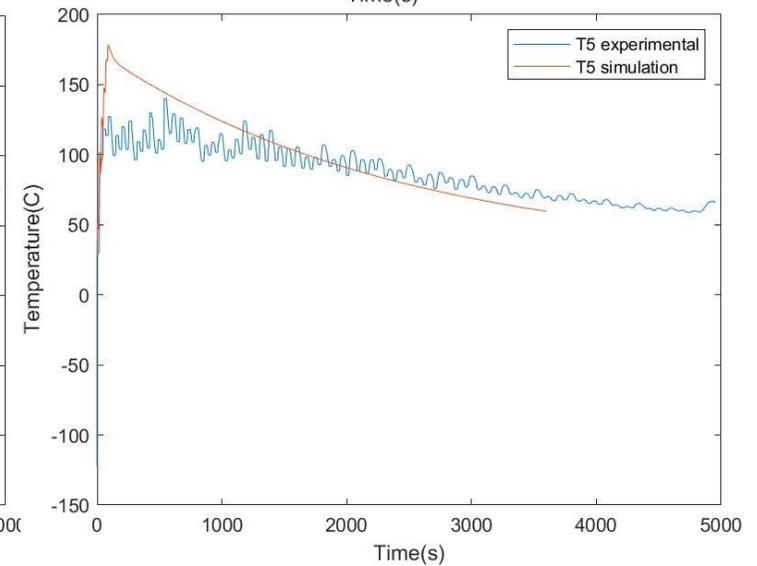
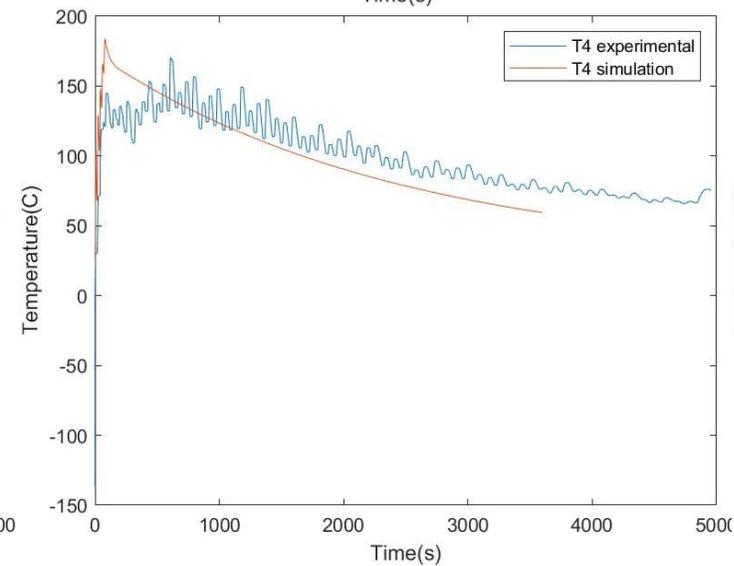
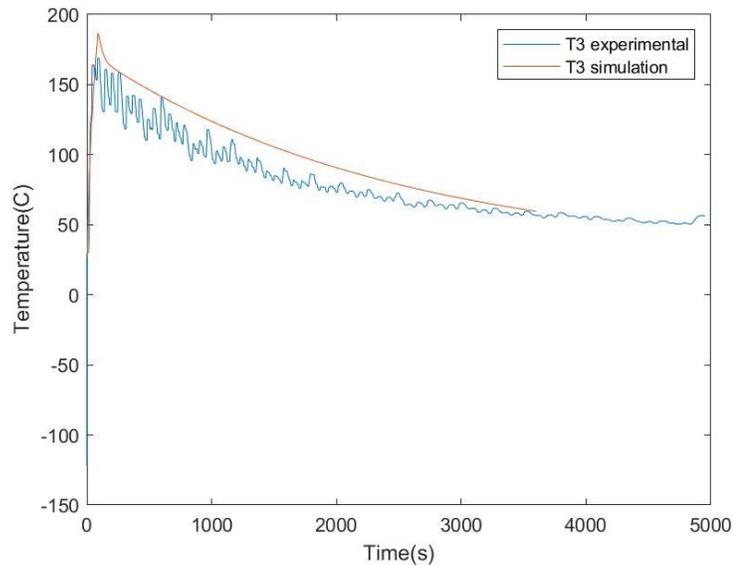
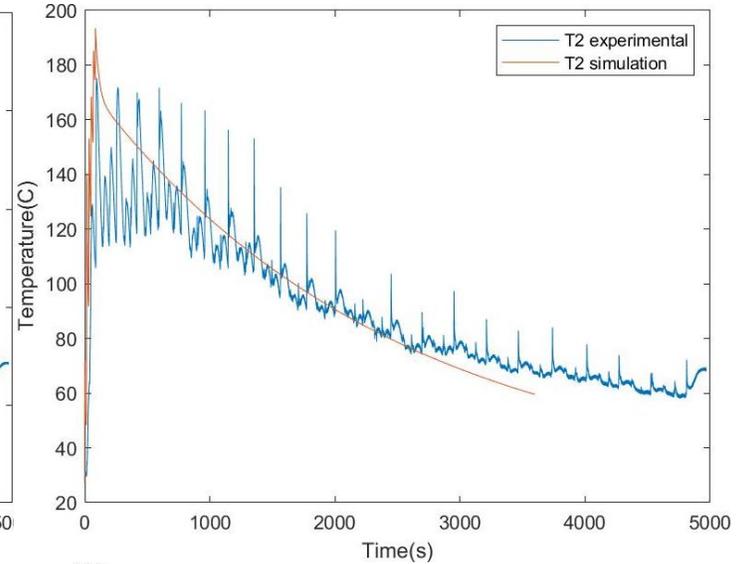
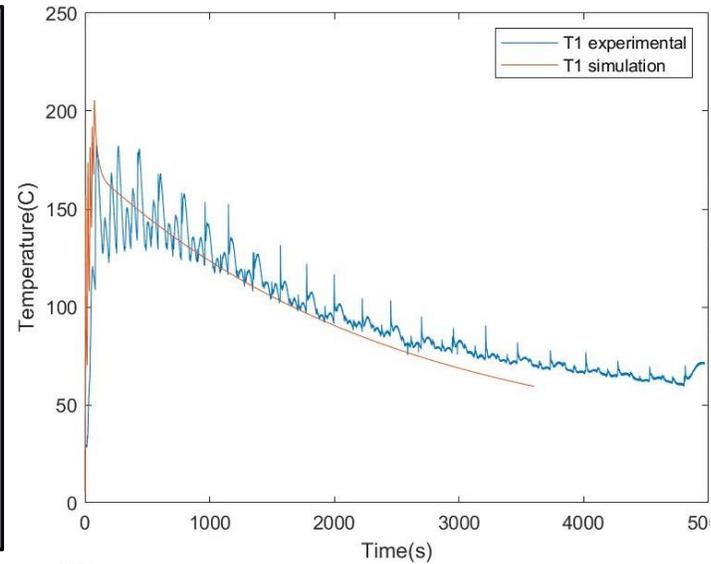
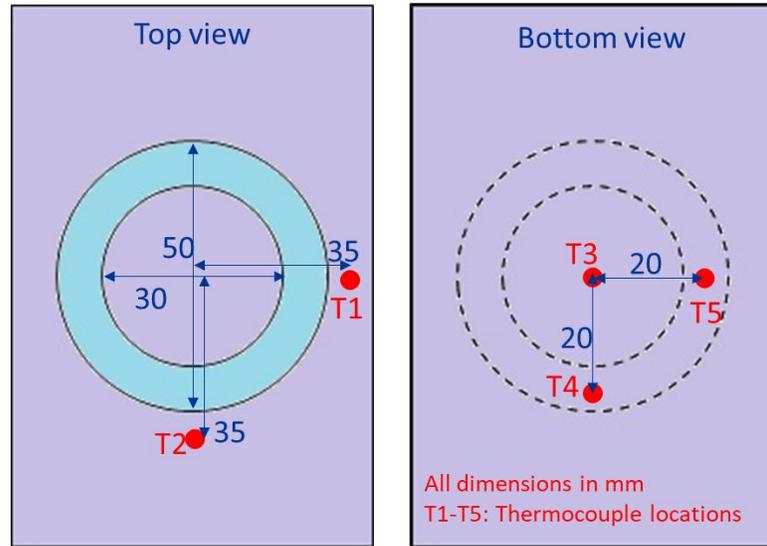


Stress,  $\sigma_{eff}$  (Pa)



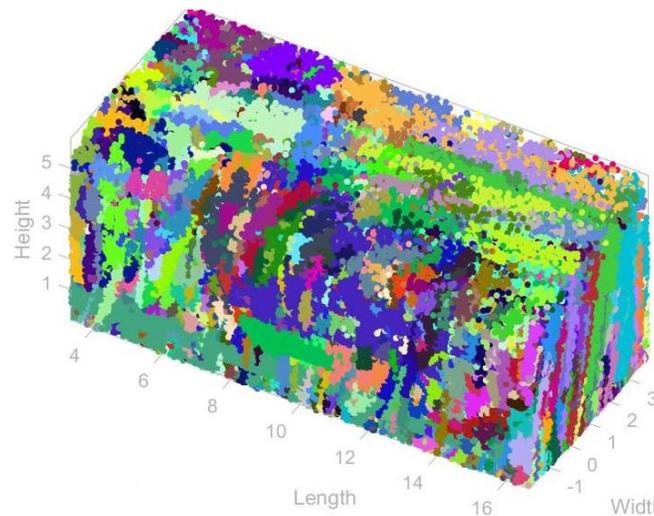
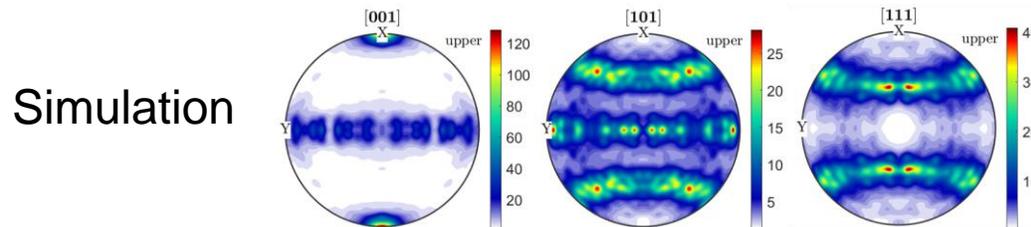
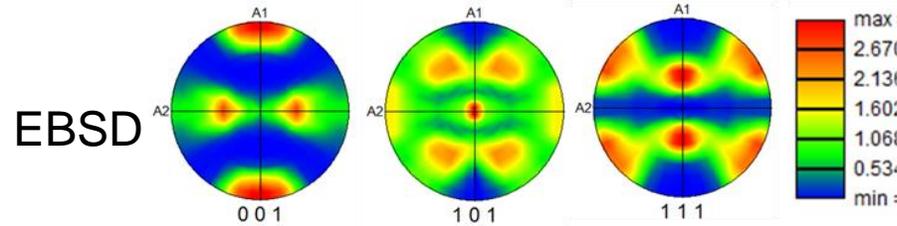
Simulation time ~68 hrs.

# Thermal model calibration: Cylinder

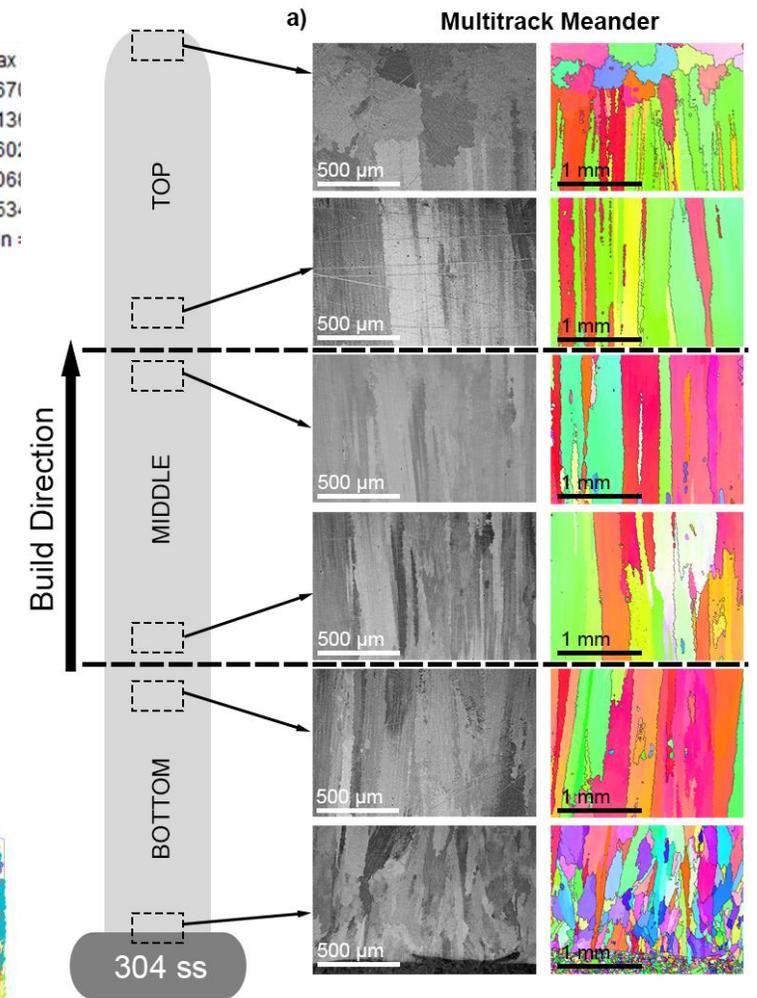


# DDD model calibration: Multitrack

Grain growth simulation using MP dimensions obtained after heat source calibration



- Comparing pole figures at different locations
- Cannot simulate entire block. Simulating in parts



# Planned studies in this project (next step)

★ → ICME modeling enhanced by machine learning



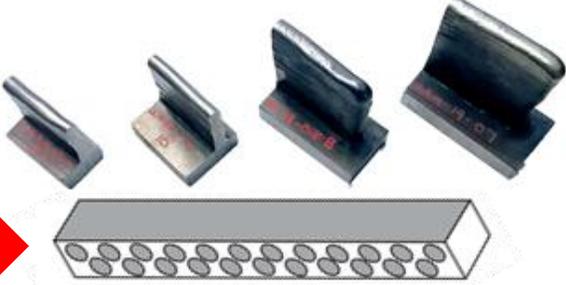
**A1.** As-print microstructure study on WAAM HAYNES 282

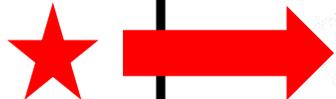
**A2.** Recrystallization study on WAAM HAYNES 282

**A3.** HT Aging study on WAAM HAYNES 282

**B1.** Location specific microstructure respond based on processing parameters (print + heat treatment)

Shape effect:  
Height & Cross section

<p><b>A</b></p> 	<p><b>B</b></p>  <p>Cone shape</p>
<p>HT WAAM sample with gradient temperature and processing parameter</p>	<p>Complex geometry build for location specific ICME design</p>





**Acknowledgment: "This material is based upon work supported by the Department of Energy Award Number UCFER RFP 2020-06 / DE-FE0026825."**



Disclaimer: "This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed, or represents that its use would not infringe privately owned rights. Reference herein to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government or any agency thereof. The views and opinions of authors expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the United States Government or any agency thereof."



**Physical Metallurgy and Materials Design Laboratory**  
*Bridge Scientific Fundamentals and Engineering Applications*

[www.pitt.edu/~weixiong](http://www.pitt.edu/~weixiong)  
[weixiong@pitt.edu](mailto:weixiong@pitt.edu)

