

Microstructure prediction in additive manufacturing

(TA6V, AlSi10Mg, AISI M4 materials)

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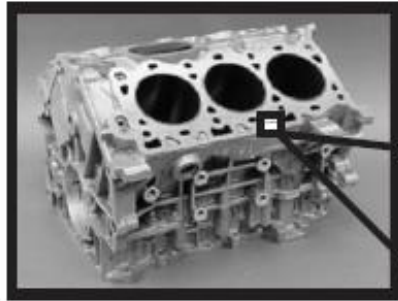


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Materials and microstructure

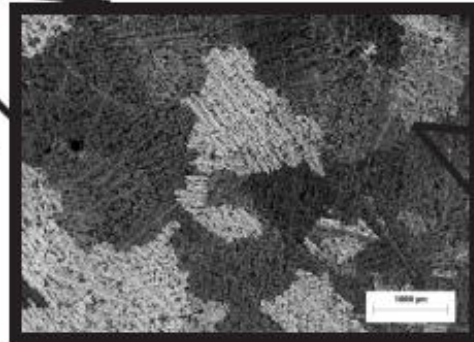
Microstructure



Macro-Scale Structure
Engine Block
≅ upto 1 meter

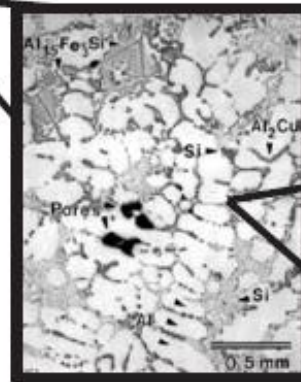
Performance Criteria

- Power generated
- Efficiency
- Durability
- Cost



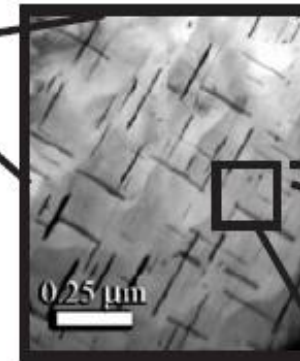
Microstructure
- Grains
≅ 1 – 10 millimeters

- Properties affected*
- High cycle fatigue
 - Ductility



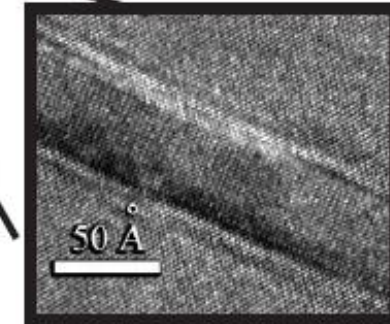
Microstructure
- Dendrites & Phases
≅ 50 – 500 micrometers

- Properties affected*
- Yield strength
 - Ultimate tensile strength
 - High cycle fatigue
 - Low cycle fatigue
 - Thermal Growth
 - Ductility



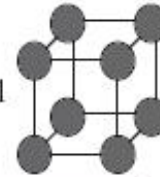
Nano-structure
- Precipitates
≅ 3-100 nanometers

- Properties affected*
- Yield strength
 - Ultimate tensile strength
 - Low cycle fatigue
 - Ductility



Atomic-scale structure
≅ 1-100 Angstroms

- Properties affected*
- Young's modulus
 - Thermal Growth



Unit Cell

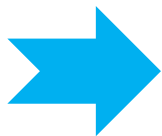
Materials and microstructure & Additive Process

What is the scale of interest ?

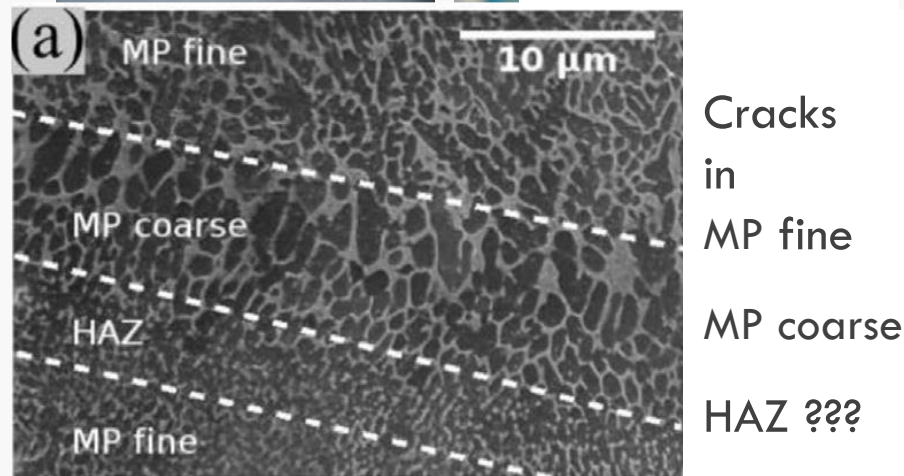
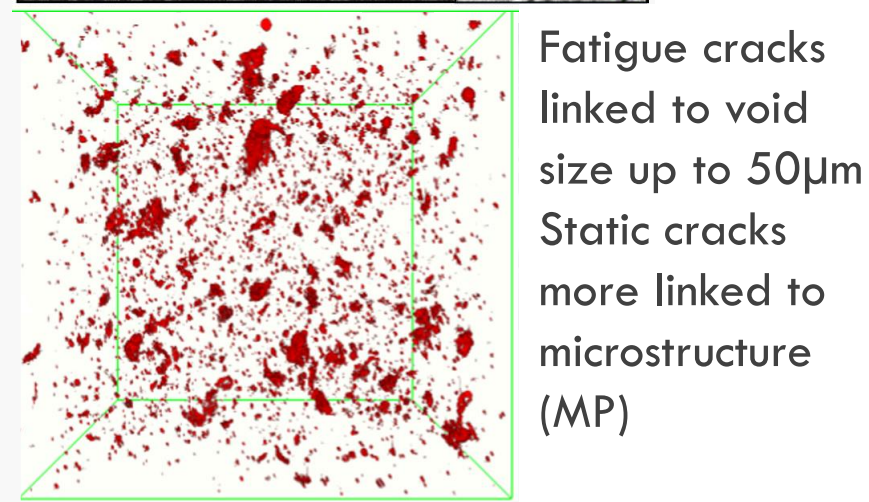
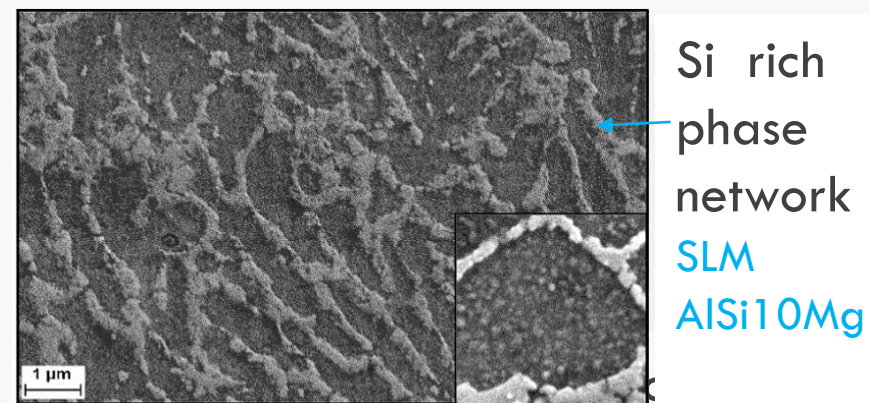
What are you looking for ?

Static rupture, fatigue rupture?

Where is the weak point ?



Choice of the model

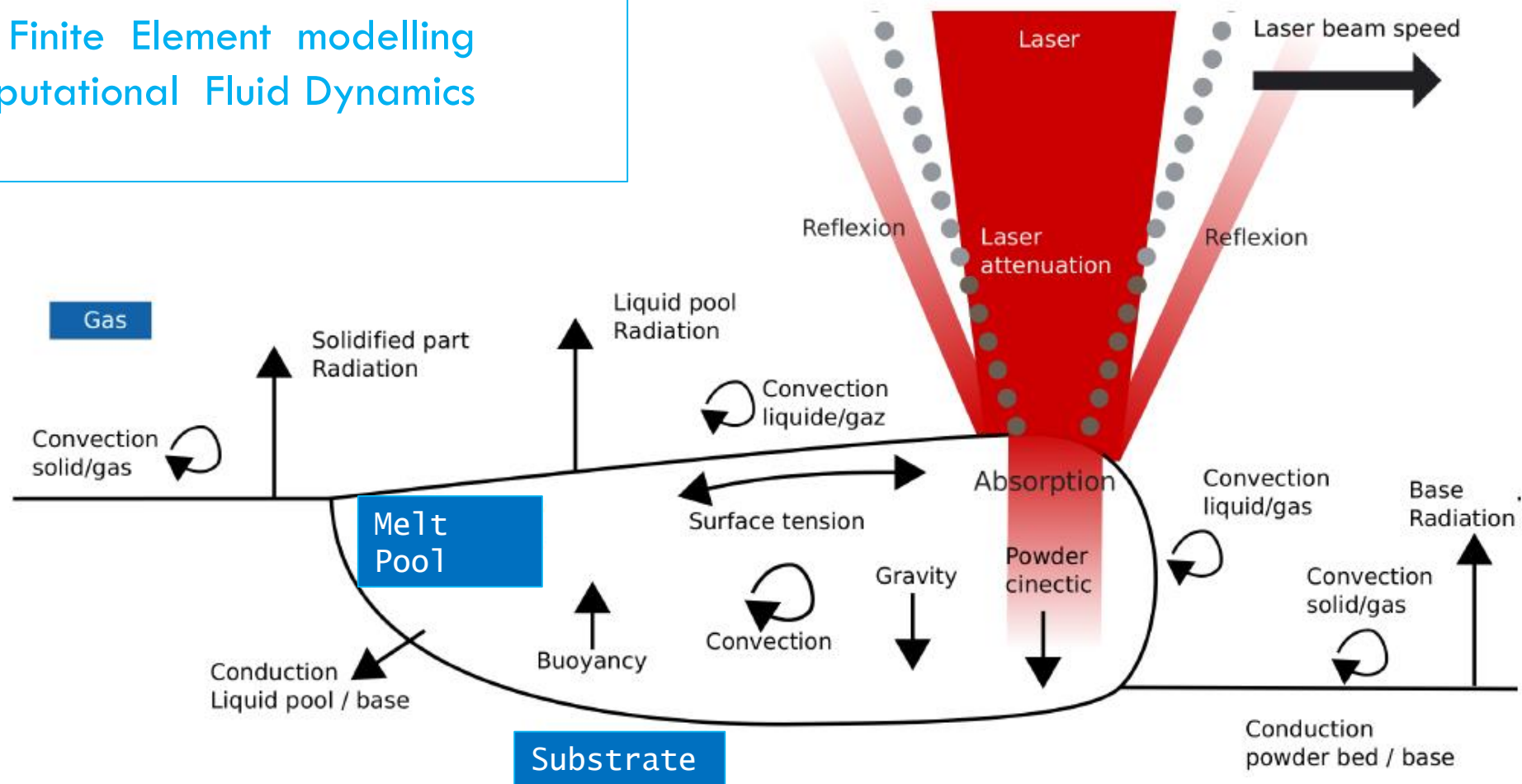


Santos Macias et al. *Scripta Materialia* 170 (2019)

Delahaye et al. *Acta Materialia* (2019)

Directed Energy Deposition “Easiest” case

For solid Finite Element modelling
For Computational Fluid Dynamics



Marion et al.2015

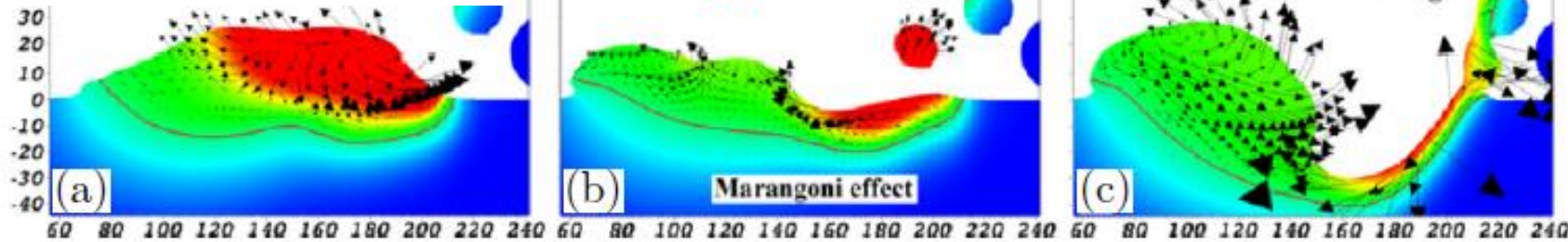
Surface tension, Marangoni, Recoil pressure

Variable surf. Tension →

+ Recoil pressure effect

Constant surface tension

Marangoni effect



4000K



293K



Predictions of Temperature field
+ fluid free surface

Need to
model melt
pool fluid
behavior to
predict
porosity

S. A. Khairallah, A. T. Anderson, A. Rubenchik, and W. E. King. Laser powder-bed fusion additive manufacturing: Physics of complex melt flow and formation mechanisms of pores, spatter, and denudation zones. *Acta Materialia*, 108:36–45, 2016.

→ convection-related terms can not be ignored

in calculations of the energy balance in the interaction zone

in calculations of the thermal field in the melt pool in the vicinity of the melt pool

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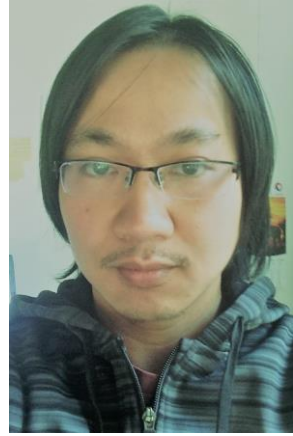
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FROM
1990
to
2020
?

Evolution of the microstructure predictions

PhD (A.M.Habraken, 1989)

Coupled thermo mechanical metallurgical analysis during the cooling process of steel pieces (A.M.Habraken, M. Bourdouxhe, Eur.J. Mec A/Solids11(1992)

Microstructure = % phases

Finite element simulations

Phenomenological models based on Johnson-Mehl-Avrami-Kolmogorov (JMAK)

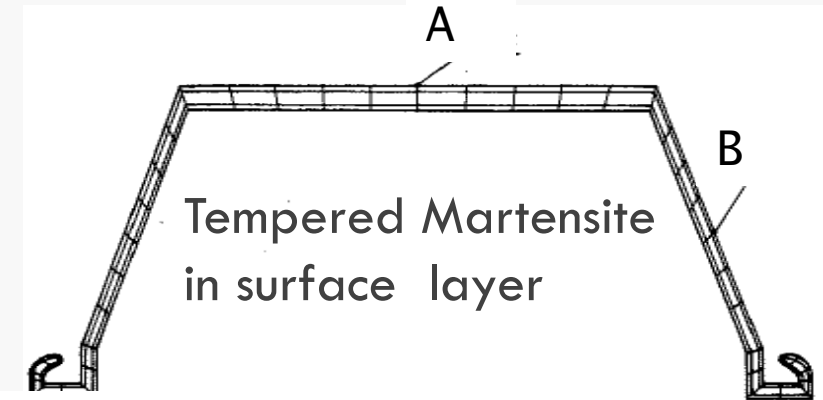
Kinetics of Phase transformation explains depth of martensite and curvature during cooling



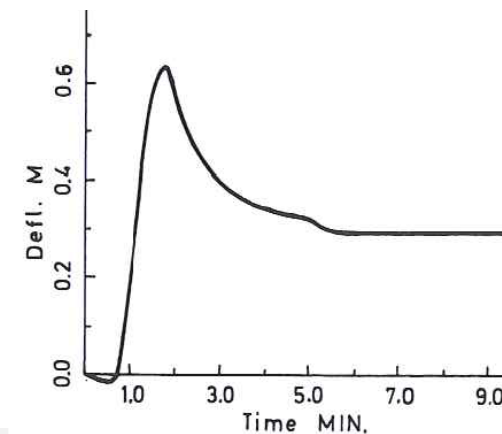
Sheetpiles



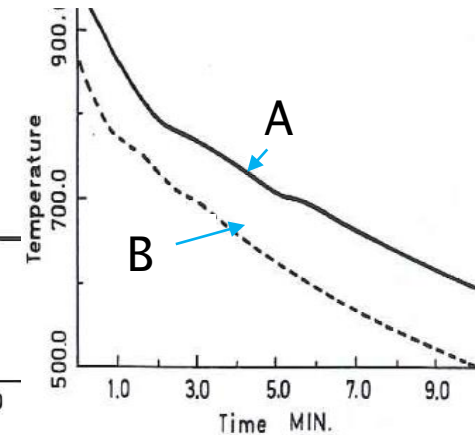
Beam curvature



Deflection



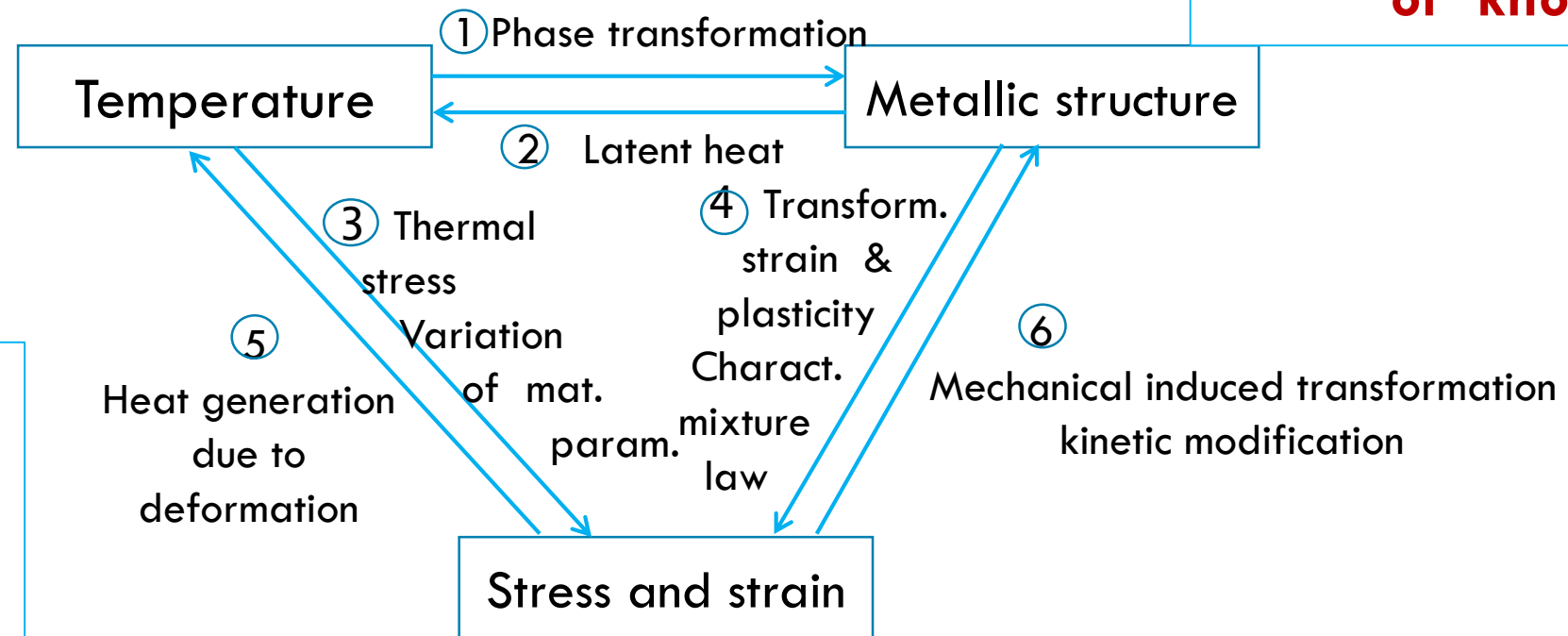
Temperature



Totally coupled thermo metallurgic mechanical finite element simulations

- High temperature rates
- Unknown materials
- Thermal history with remelting, re-heating

**Lack of data,
of knowledge**



Why is it not easily transposed to additive manufacturing ?

Evolution of the microstructure predictions

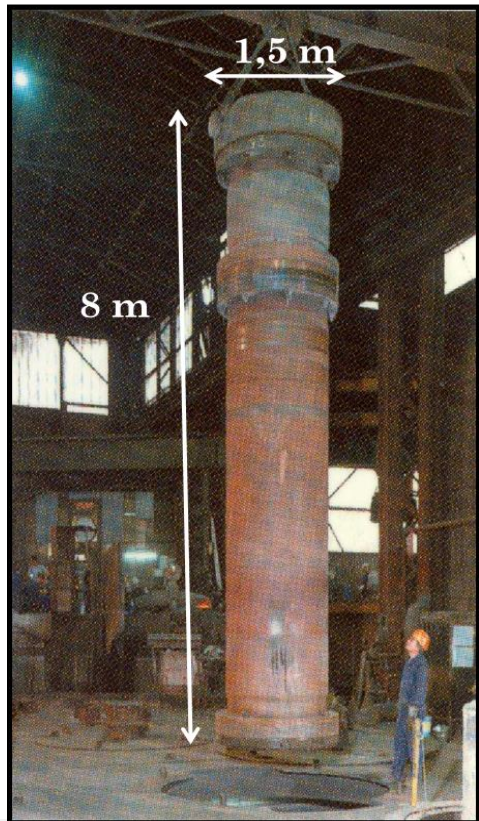
Quite monotonous thermal history
still lack of data...

Still effective for some cases

Experiments → TTT, often CCT

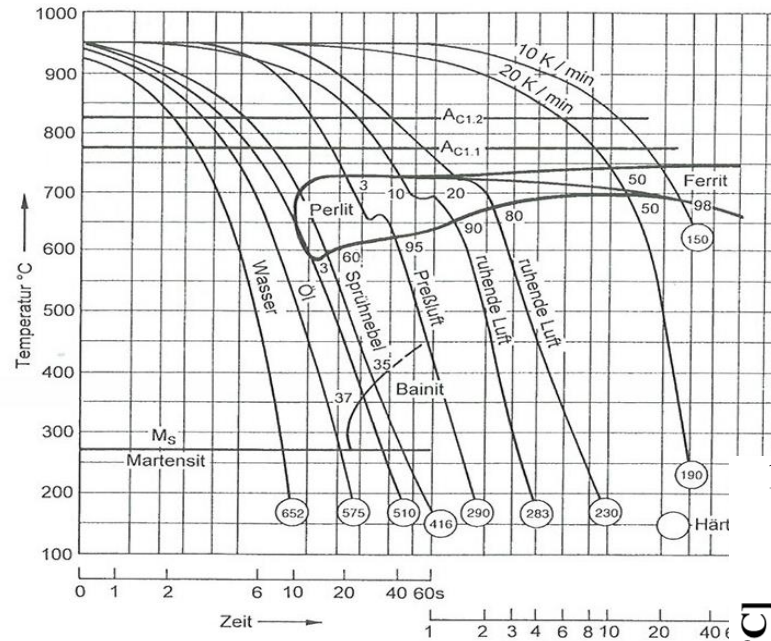
JMAK model = isothermal simulations

Extension towards anisothermal case



→ Capacity to predict residual stresses explaining cracks of some bimetallic work rolls

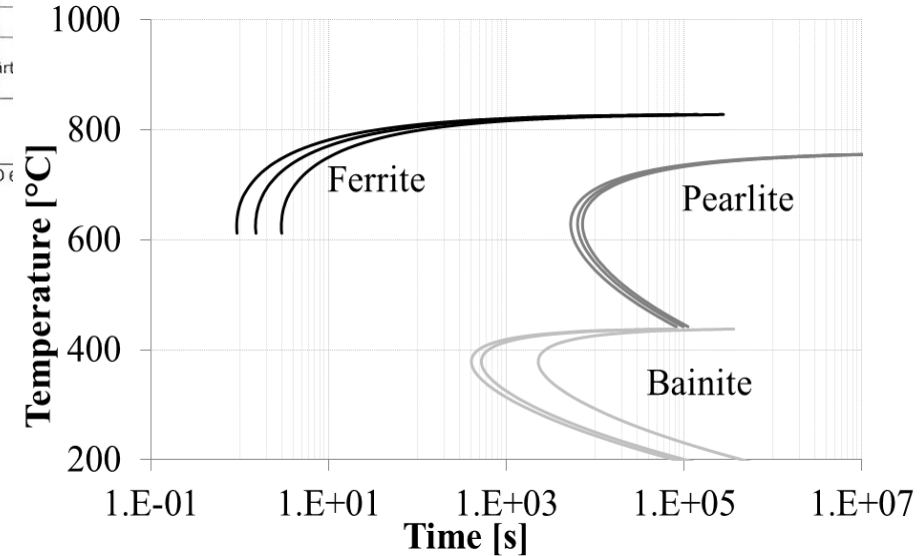
Neira et al. *Int. J. Material Forming* (2015)



Capacity to recover TTT from CCT then to model any $T_p^\circ(t)$



High Chromium Steel



Current Evolution of the microstructure predictions

Thermodynamic models and commercial softwares “able” to generate TTT

→ Equilibrium diagrams (Calphad,...)

- by minimization of Gibbs energy (each contribution ...)

→ with extended JMAK at anisothermal case → kinetics

Crespo's model
for Ti6Al4V
IntechOpen 2011

→ Kinetics of phase transformations and phase morphology

- by Phase Field approach or Finite elements (slower)

Knowledge of chemical potentials derived from Gibbs energy of the phases,
the nucleation force, phase interface velocity, diffusion equations,
chemical balance... (Tioual PhD 2019 TITAN application ≠ Ti alloy)

Azizi et al.
for AlSi10Mg
in TMS 2019
Keller et al.
For Ni-based
superalloys
Acta Mat 2017

→ Finite elements → $T_p^\circ(t)$,
Dictra // Phase Field
→ Microsegregation predictions

Machine Learning ??

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Challenges about Additive Manufacturing (simulations)

Long process

- length of CPU time finite element simulation
- which tricks ?
- heterogeneity & complex history of the temperature field

Mixture of liquid and solid state

- CFD + solid FE ?
- PI FEM... (Terrapon - Ponthot Bobach PhD ongoing)

High temperature gradient

- microstructure mechanisms not well identified
- mixture of length scales
- lack of material data

High temperature robust camera → big data

Residual stress measurements in depth

Lack of material data

Multi disciplinary field

Hard to measure in similar conditions

3D PI FEM liquid-solid thermo mechanic

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3D thermal finite element analysis of laser cladding processed Ti-6Al-4V part with microstructural correlations



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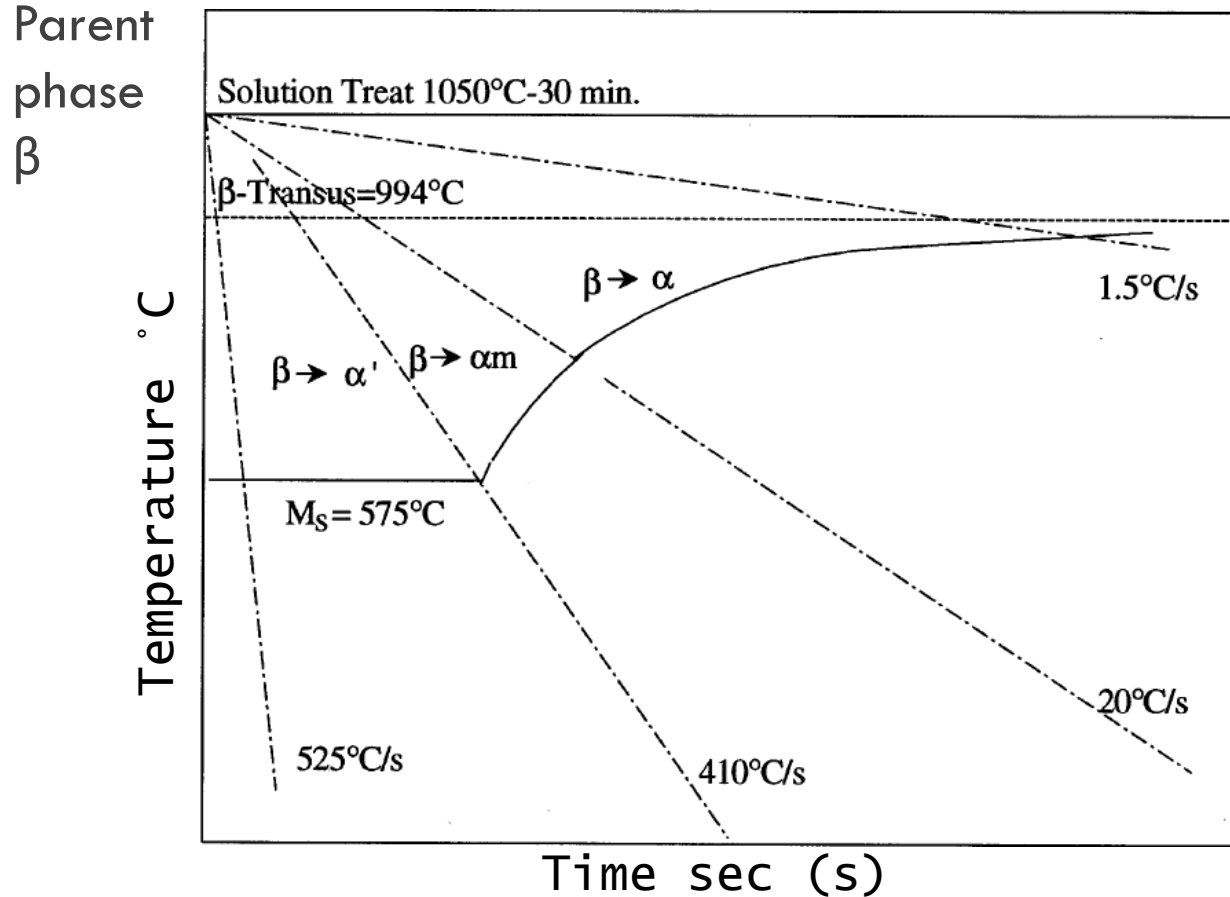
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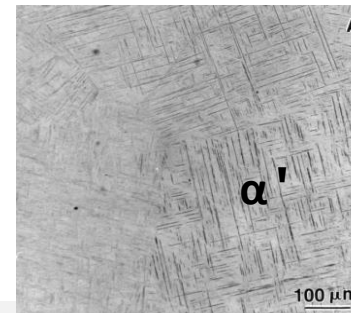
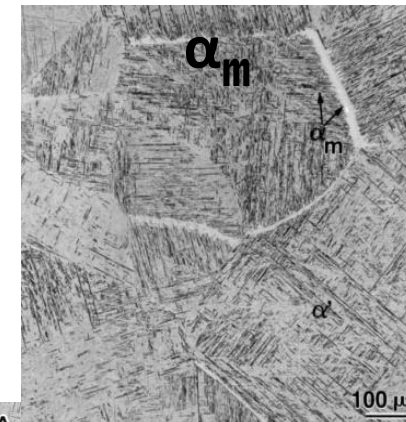
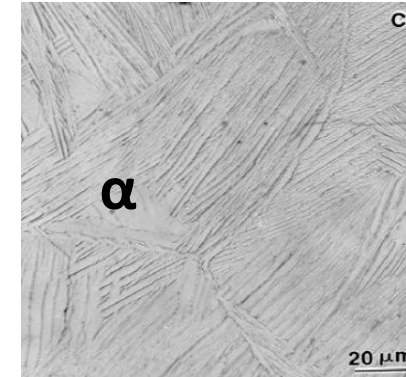
Elena Esteva Fabrega

About Ti6Al4V and phase predictions

Éléments	Al	V	Fe max.	C max.	O max.	N max.	H max.	Ti
Composition %mass.	5.5 – 6.5	3.5 – 4.5	0.25	0.08	0.13	0.05	0.012	Bal.



Microstructure evolution

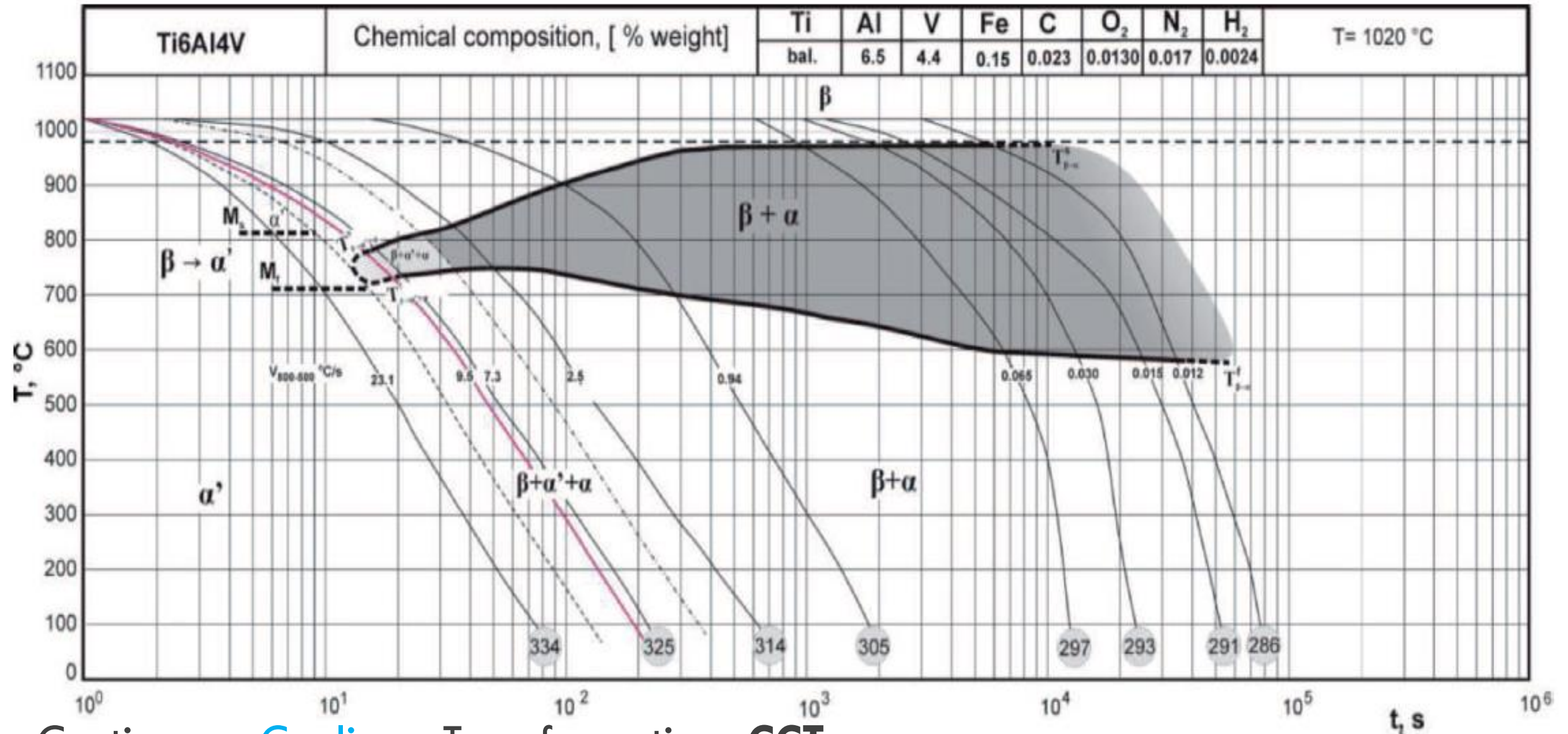


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Toward a
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CCT

T. Ahmed, H.J. Rack, Materials Science and Engineering: A 243 (1998) 206–211.

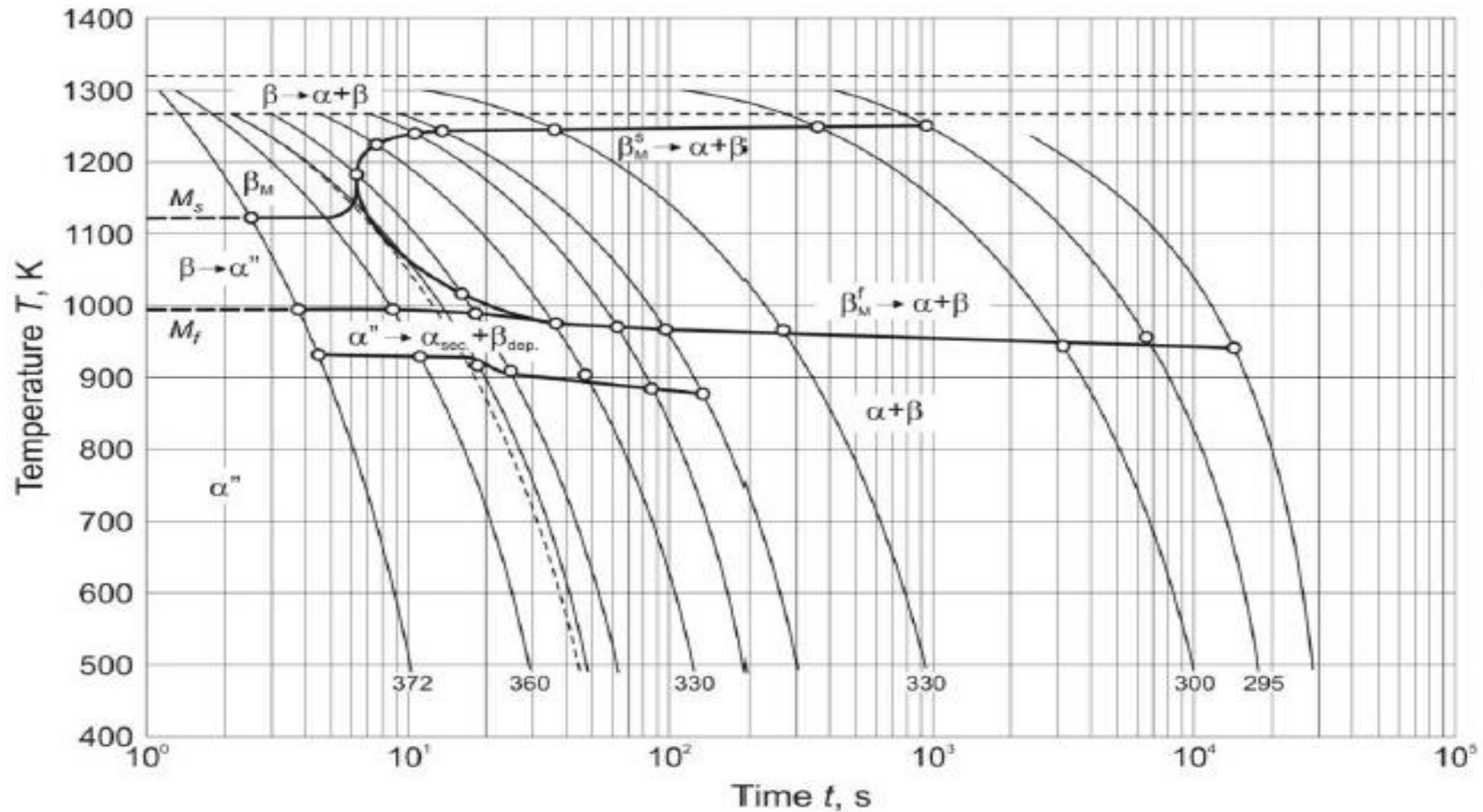
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R. Dąbrowski, Archives of Metallurgy and Materials 56 (2011) 703–707.



Continuous Cooling Transformations CCT

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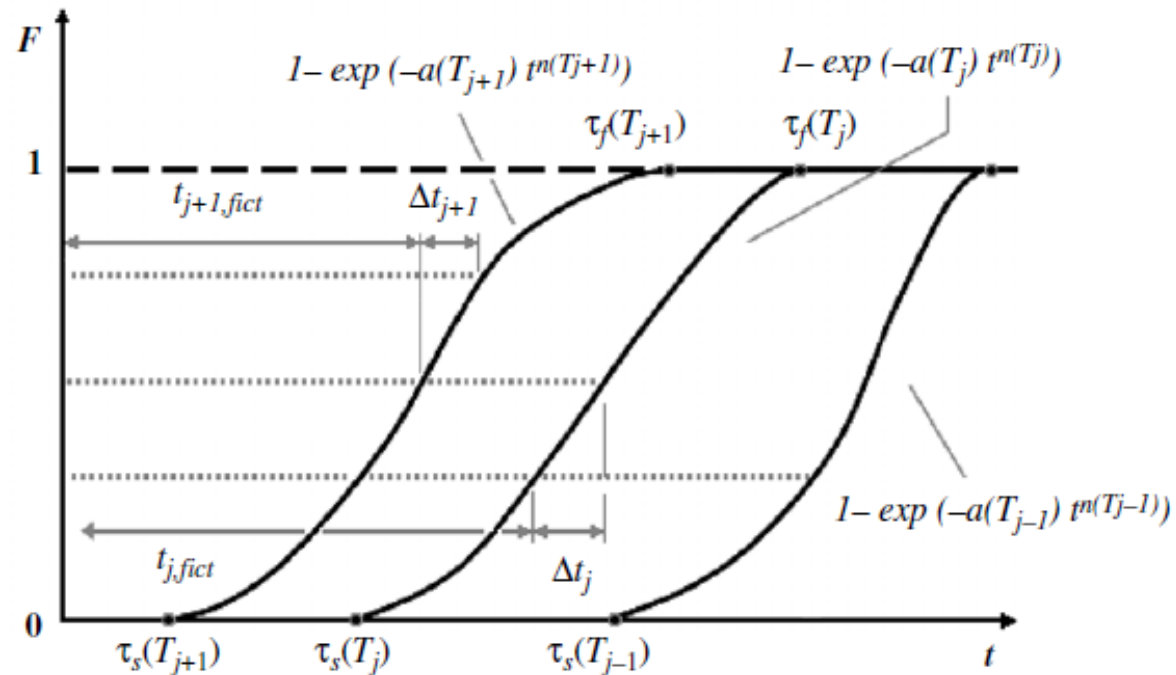
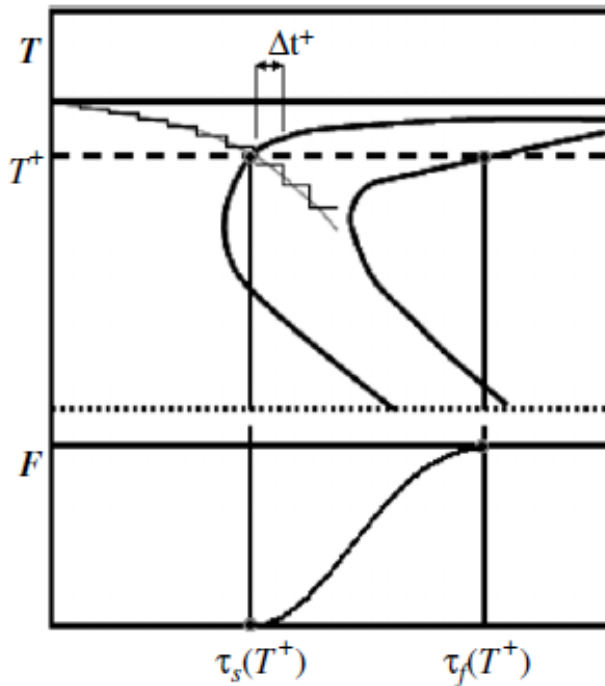
Diffusional transformation ($\alpha' \rightarrow \alpha + \beta$, $\beta \leftrightarrow \alpha$): JMAK Model + additivity rule

$$f_{\alpha'}(T + dT) = 1 - [1 - \exp[-k(t^f + \Delta t)^n]](1 - f_{\alpha'}^{eq})$$

f phase fraction

k, n JMAK coefficients (depending on T)

t^f = fictious time which would have resulted in fraction f of previous timestep at $T + dT$



P. Carlone et al.
Computers and
Mathematics with
Applications (2010)

About Ti6Al4V and phase predictions

Displacive transformation ($\beta \rightarrow \alpha'$): Koistinen – Marburger model

$$f_{\alpha'}(T) = f_{\alpha'}(T_0) + (f_{\beta T_0} - f_{\beta_r}) [1 - \exp[-\gamma(M_s - T)]]$$

T_0 temperature at which the martensitic transformation starts defining the quantity of parent phase. If the transfo. end temp^o known M_f then γ is known

For additive simulations values vary in the literature, for cooling:

- (Tan et al. 2015) $M_s = 1073$ K
- (Kelly SM 2004) $M_s = 848$ K
- (Charles Murgau C et al. 2012) $M_s = 898$ K
- (Crespo A, et al. 2010) $M_s = 923$ K $M_f = 673$ K
- (Jovanovic et al. 2006) $M_f = 298$ K

Effect of $T \dot{T}$
of composition of
parent phase
→ Need of
thermodynamics
→ Difficult in all
integration points of
a FE mesh

About Ti6Al4V and phase predictions

JMAK for diffusional transf.
 Koistinen-Marburger
 for displacive transf.
 No α_m
 No Reverse Diffusive transf. of α'

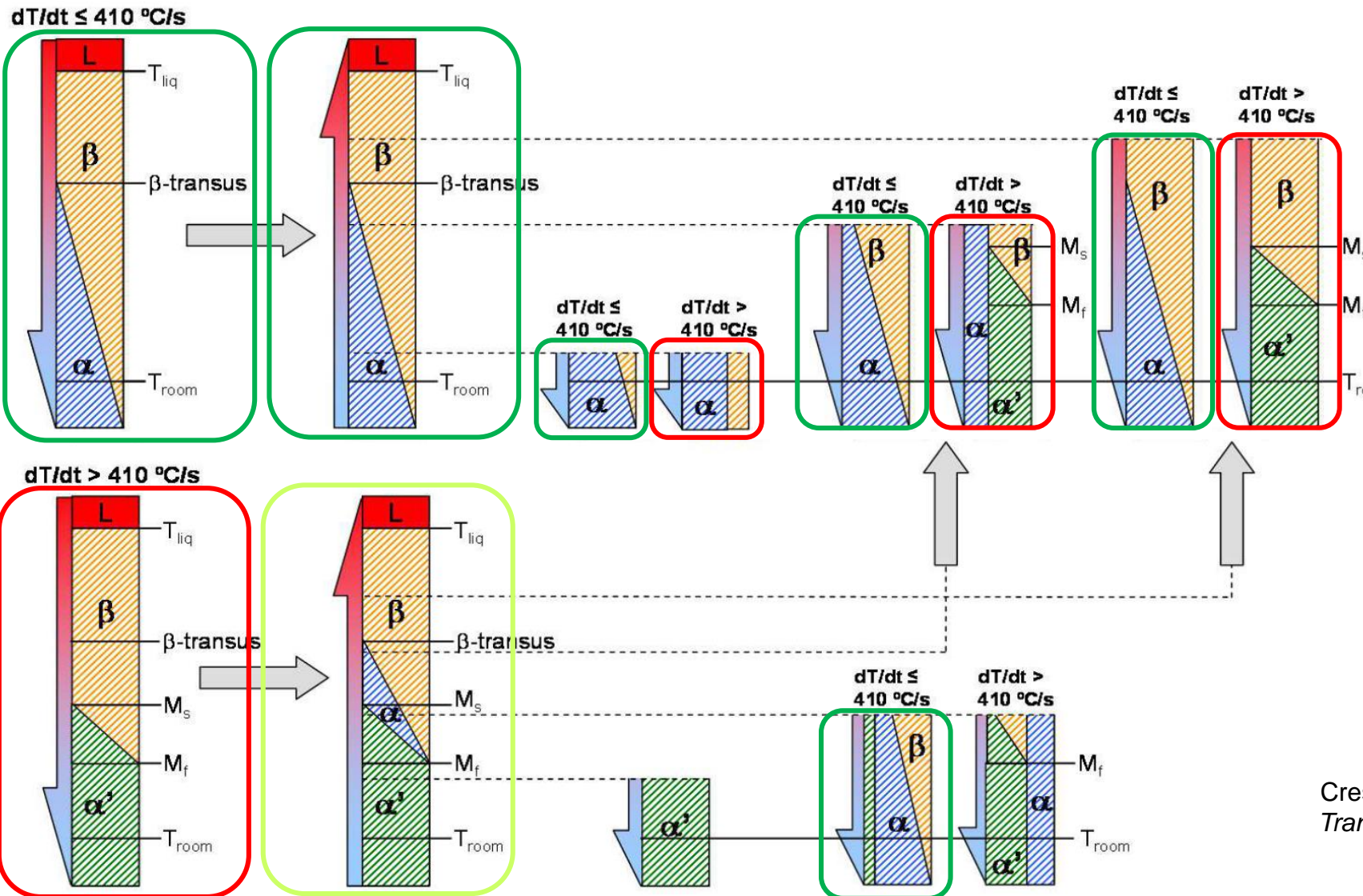
1st Cycle

2nd Cycle

Cooling from liquid

Re-heating

Cooling



Transformation #1
Martensitic transformations at fast cooling rates ($dT/dt > 410 \text{ °C/s}$)
 $\beta \rightarrow \alpha'$

Transformation #2
Diffusional transformations during heating
 $\alpha' \rightarrow \alpha + \beta$

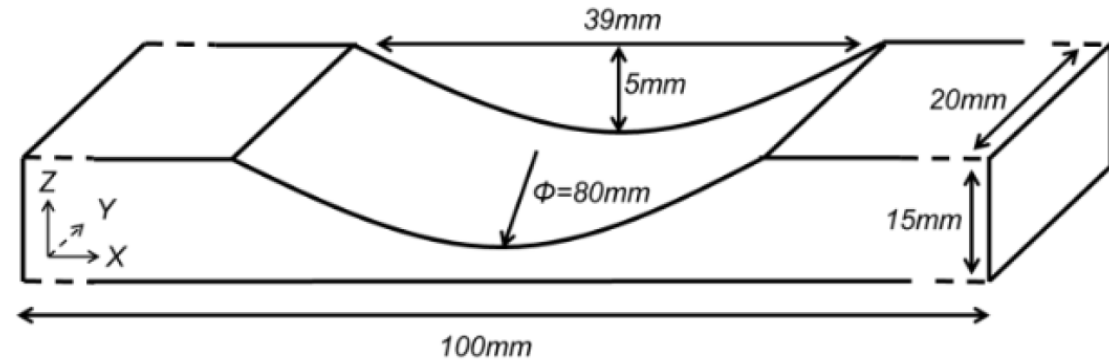
Transformation #3
Diffusional transformations at slow cooling rates ($dT/dt \leq 410 \text{ °C/s}$)
 $\beta \leftrightarrow \alpha$

Crespo, A., 2011 *Modelling of Heat Transfer and Phase Transformations in the Rapid Manufacturing of Titanium Components* (IntechOpen)

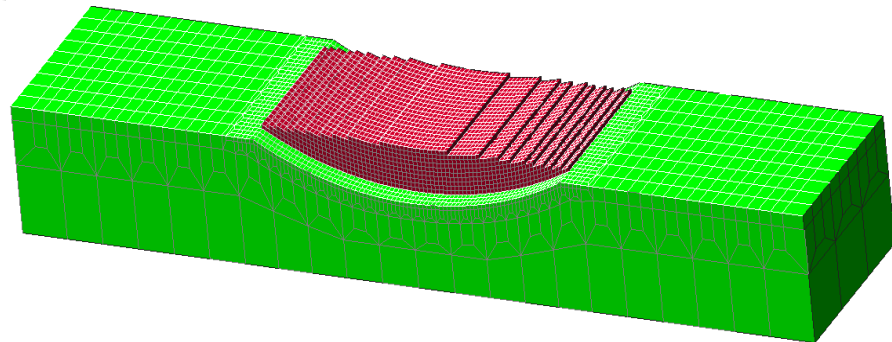
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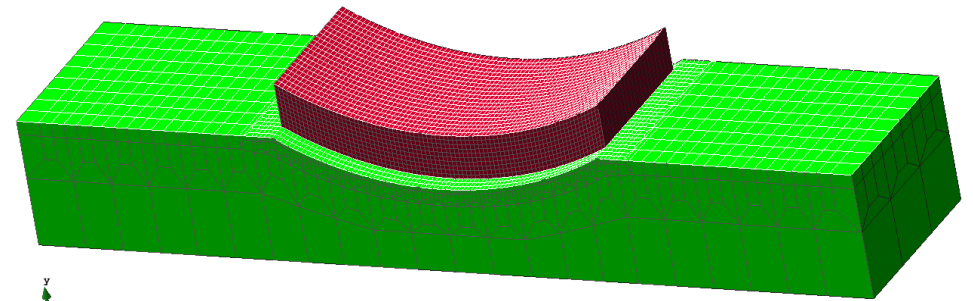
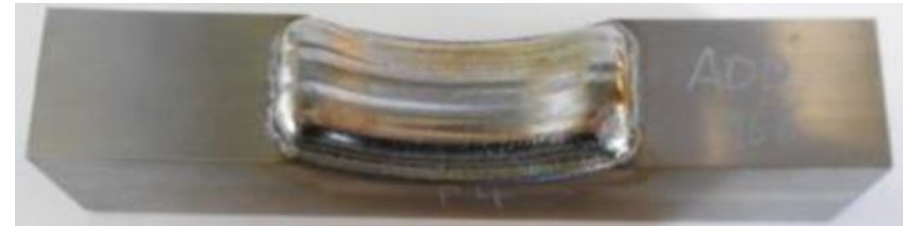
Paydas, et al. Materials and Design 2015.



Decreasing Track Length (DTL) strategy

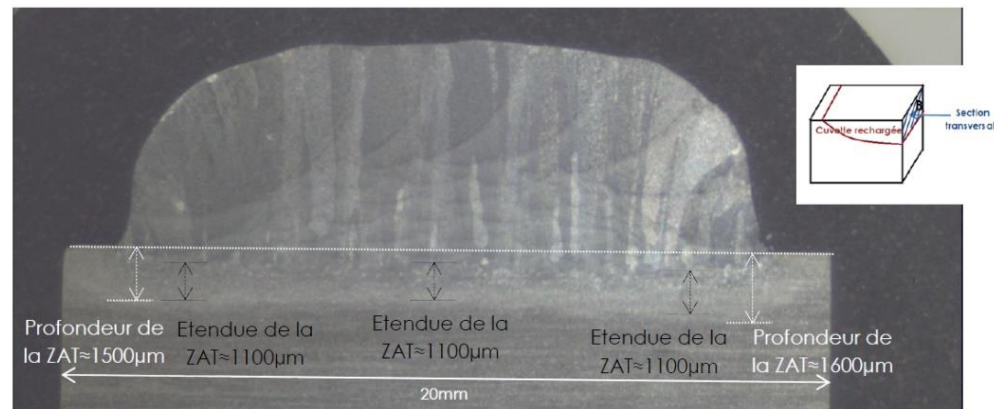
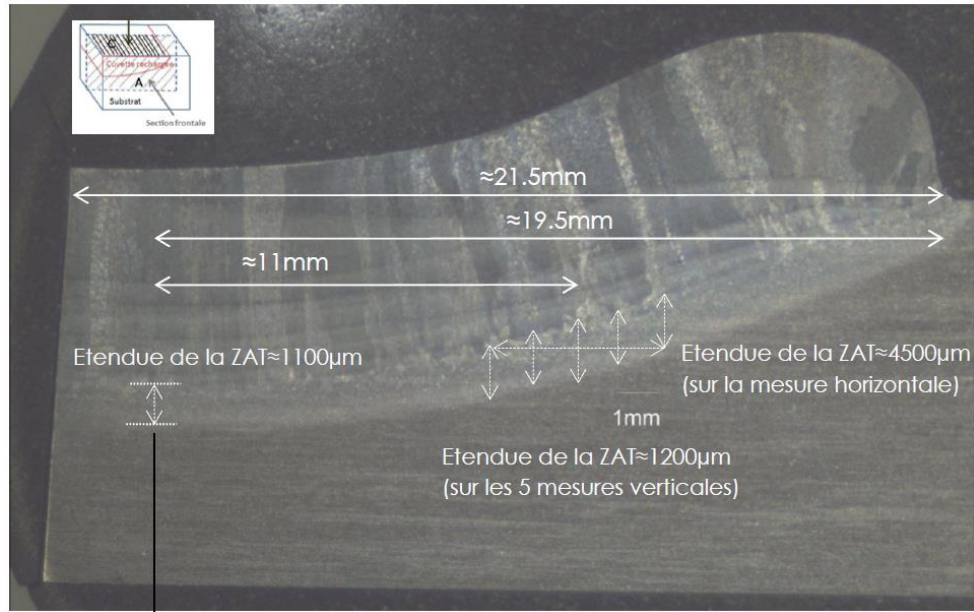


Constant Track Length (CTL) strategy

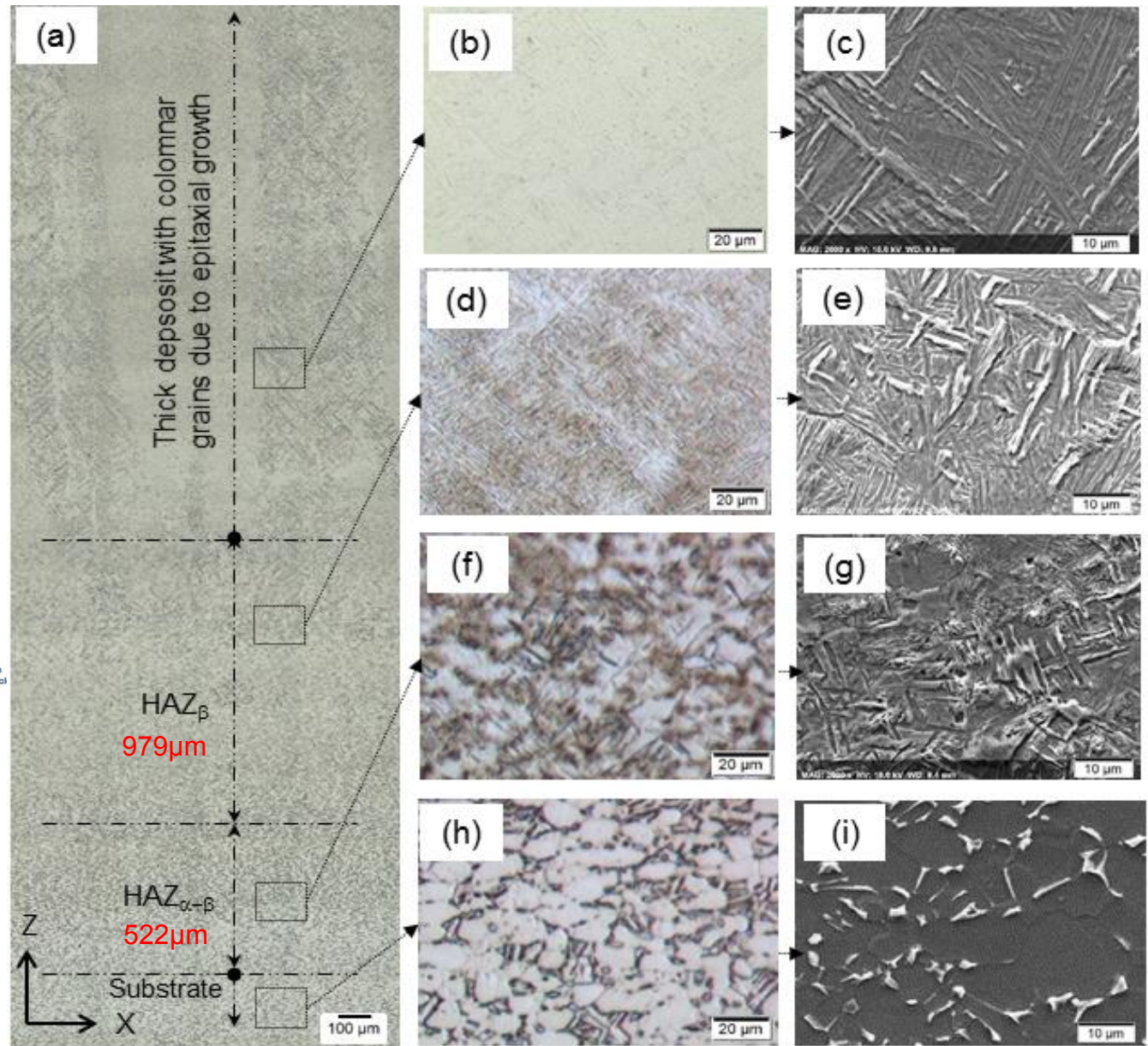


Tran et al.
Materials &
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Experimental data



Final microstructure in CTL



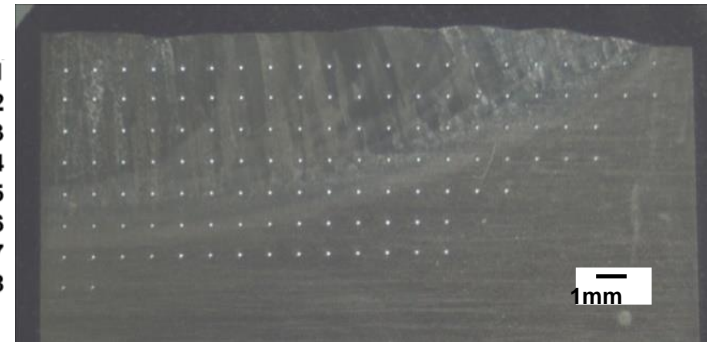
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Results of indentation campaign

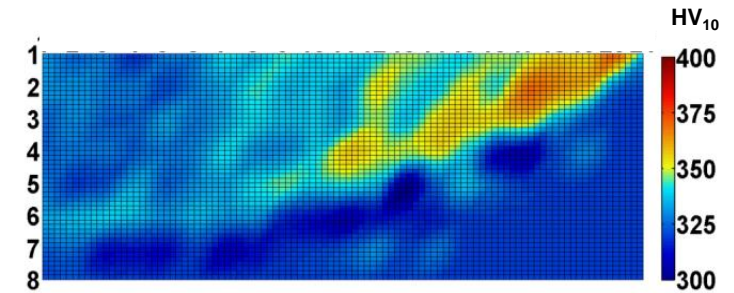
(a) Decrease Track Length (DTL)



(b)



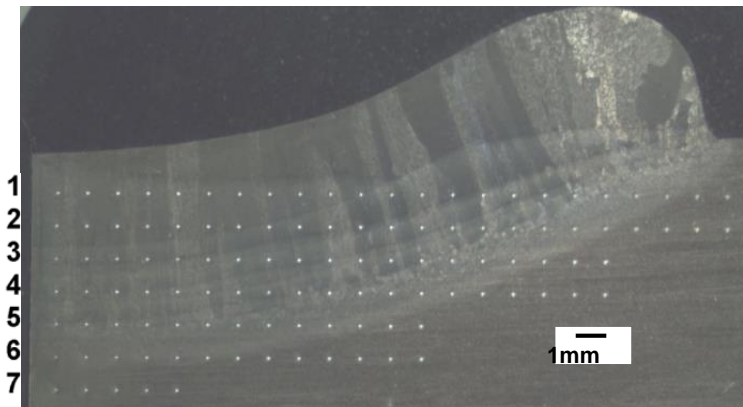
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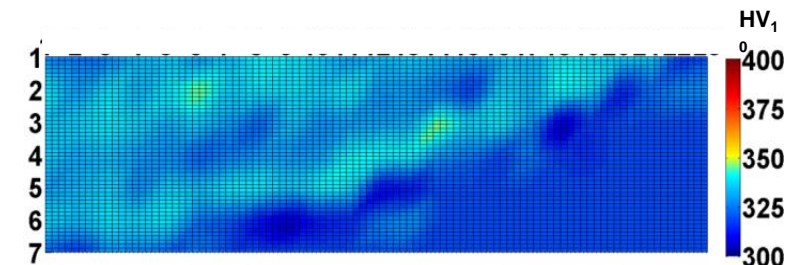
(d) Constant Track Length (CTL)



(e)



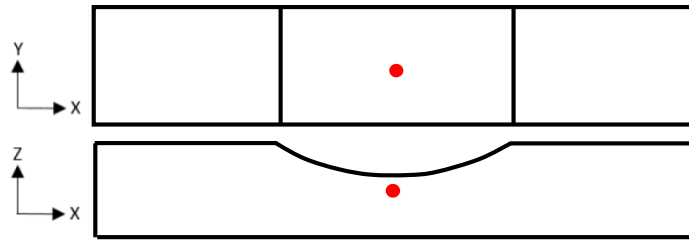
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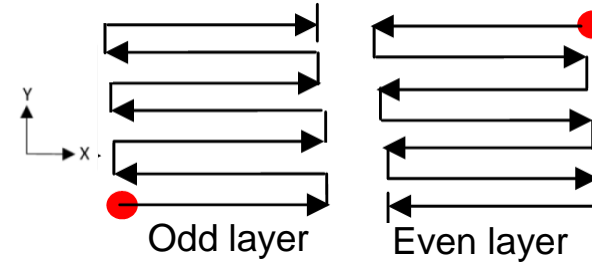
Hardness maps and corresponding hardness indentation grids

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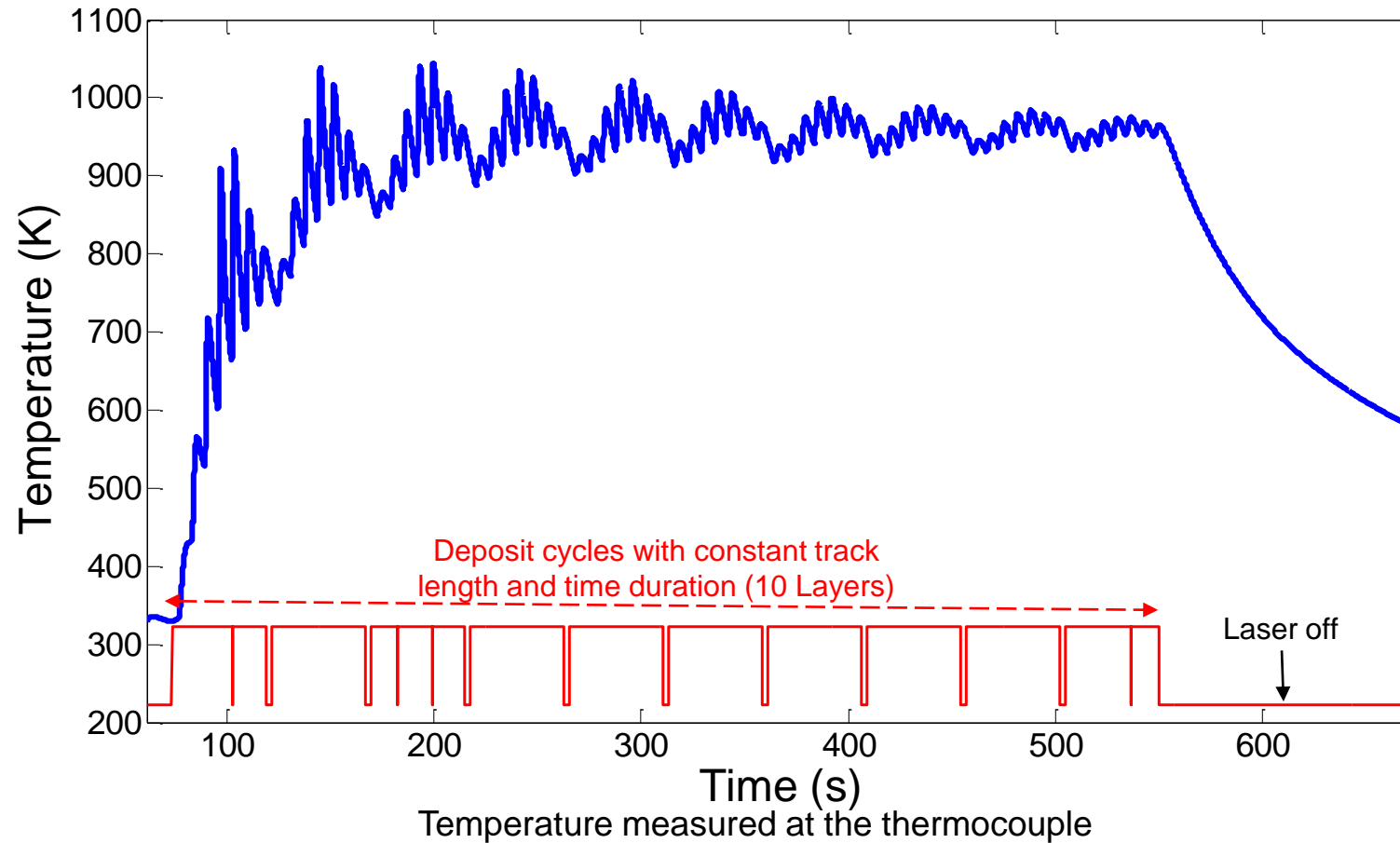
Temperature measurement



Geometry of the machined substrate

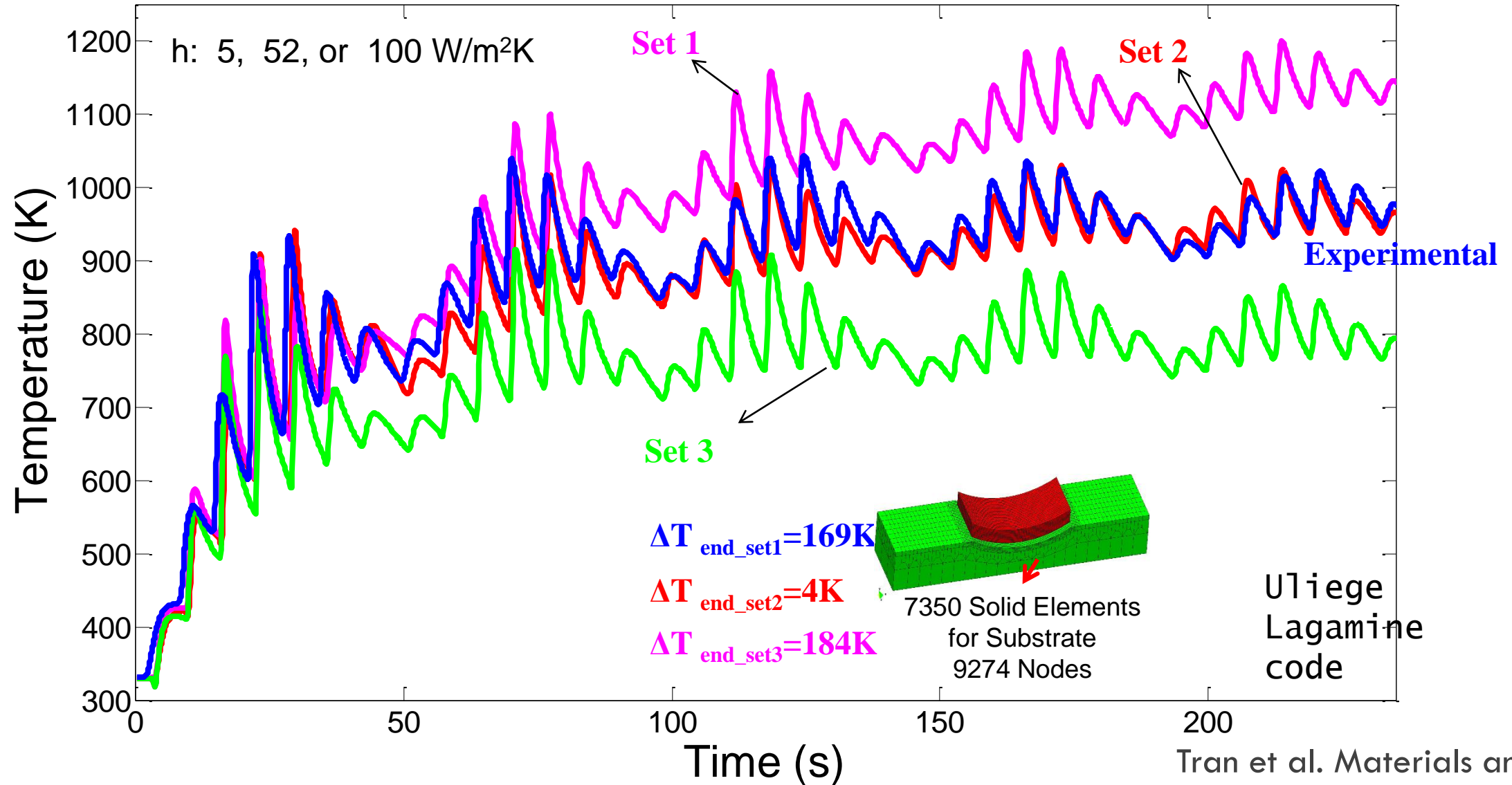


Path of laser beam (7 tracks/layer)



Constant Track Length strategy

FE inverse modelling to identify convection coefficient Sensitivity analysis: T° at thermocouple

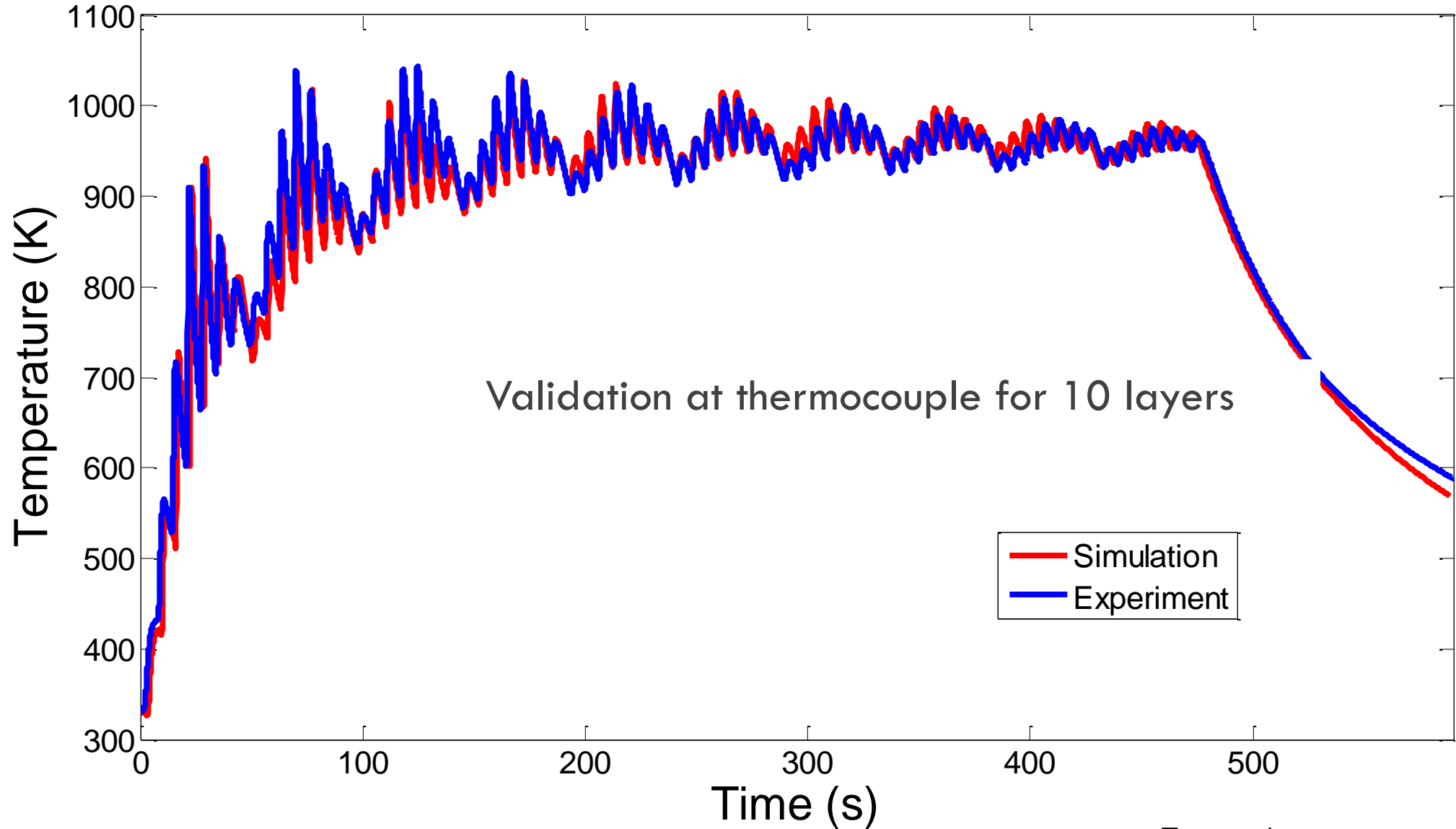


Thermal history at the thermocouple due to the first five layers

Tran et al. Materials and Design 2017

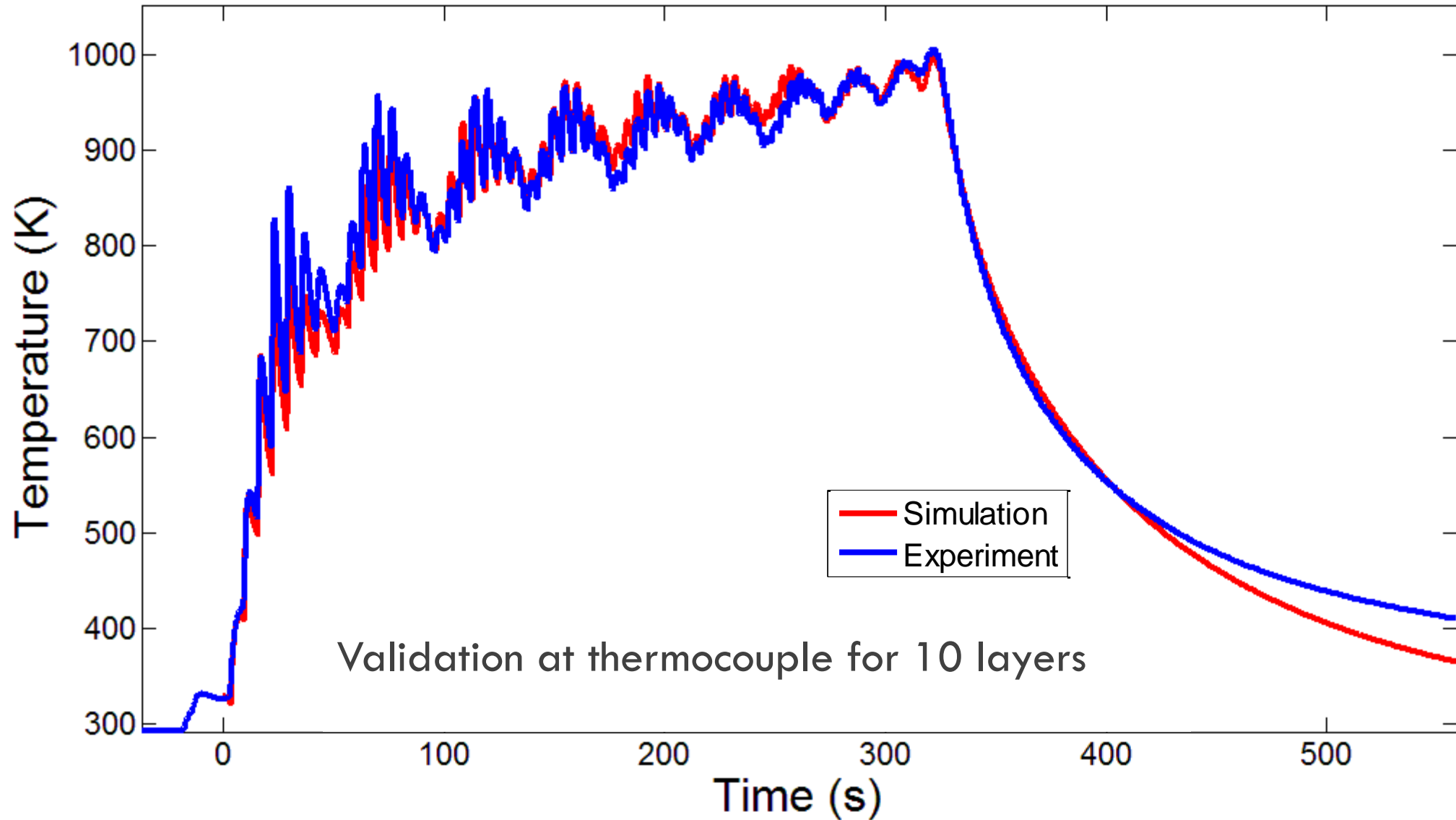
Constant Track Length strategy

Time-Temperature



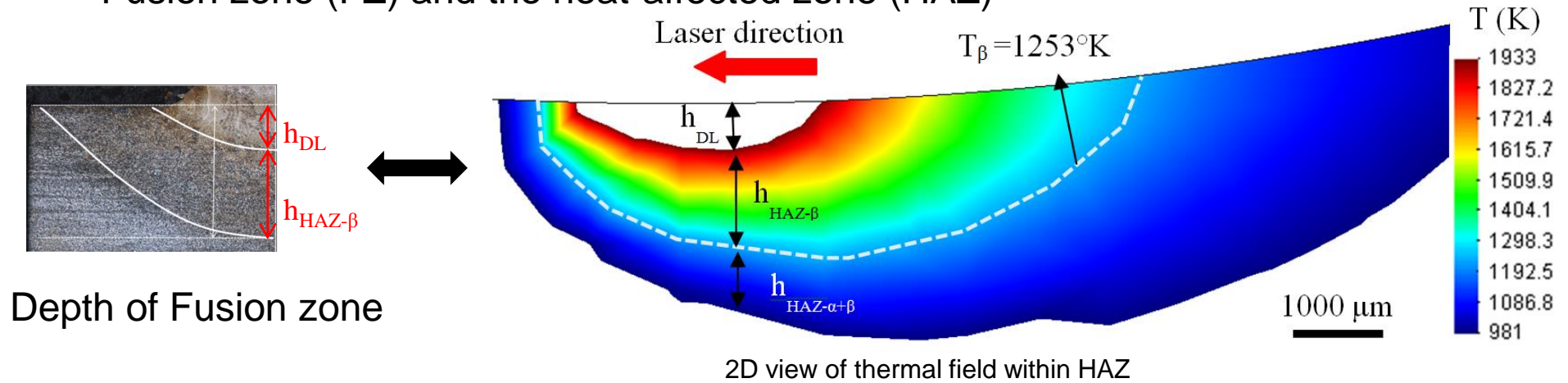
Decrease Track Length strategy

Times-Temperature



Constant Track Length strategy

Fusion zone (FZ) and the heat-affected zone (HAZ)

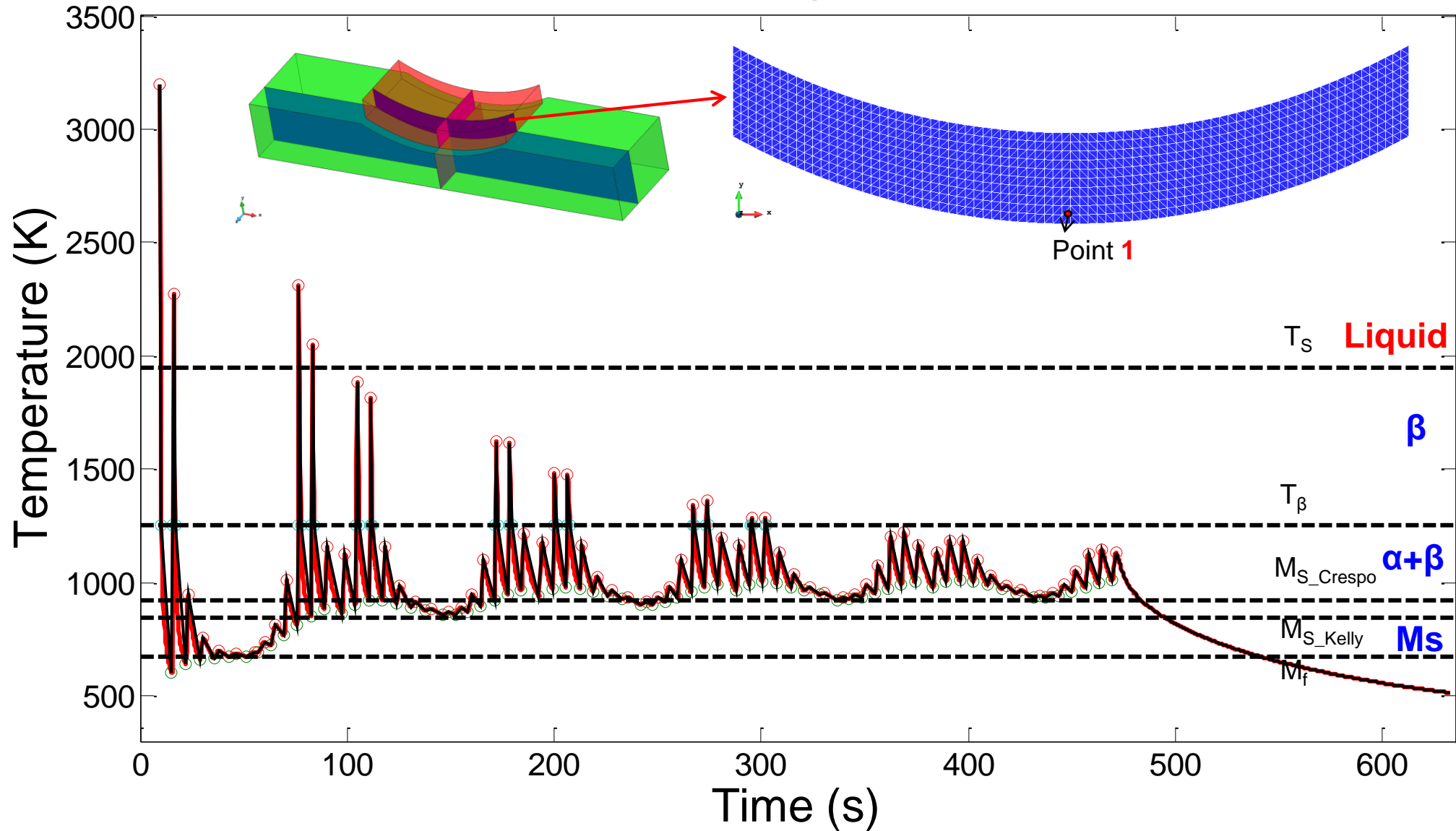


Validation	Depth	Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 3	Layer 4	Layer 5
Simulation result	h_{DL} (μm)	508	688	709	730	793
	h_{HAZ} (μm) $HAZ_{\beta} + HAZ_{\alpha+\beta}$	1618	1864	2174	2377	2605
Measured	h_{DL} (μm)	450	Not accessible, different zones cannot be recovered			
	h_{HAZ} (μm) $HAZ_{\beta} + HAZ_{\alpha+\beta}$	1501				

Constant Track Length strategy

Time-Temperature

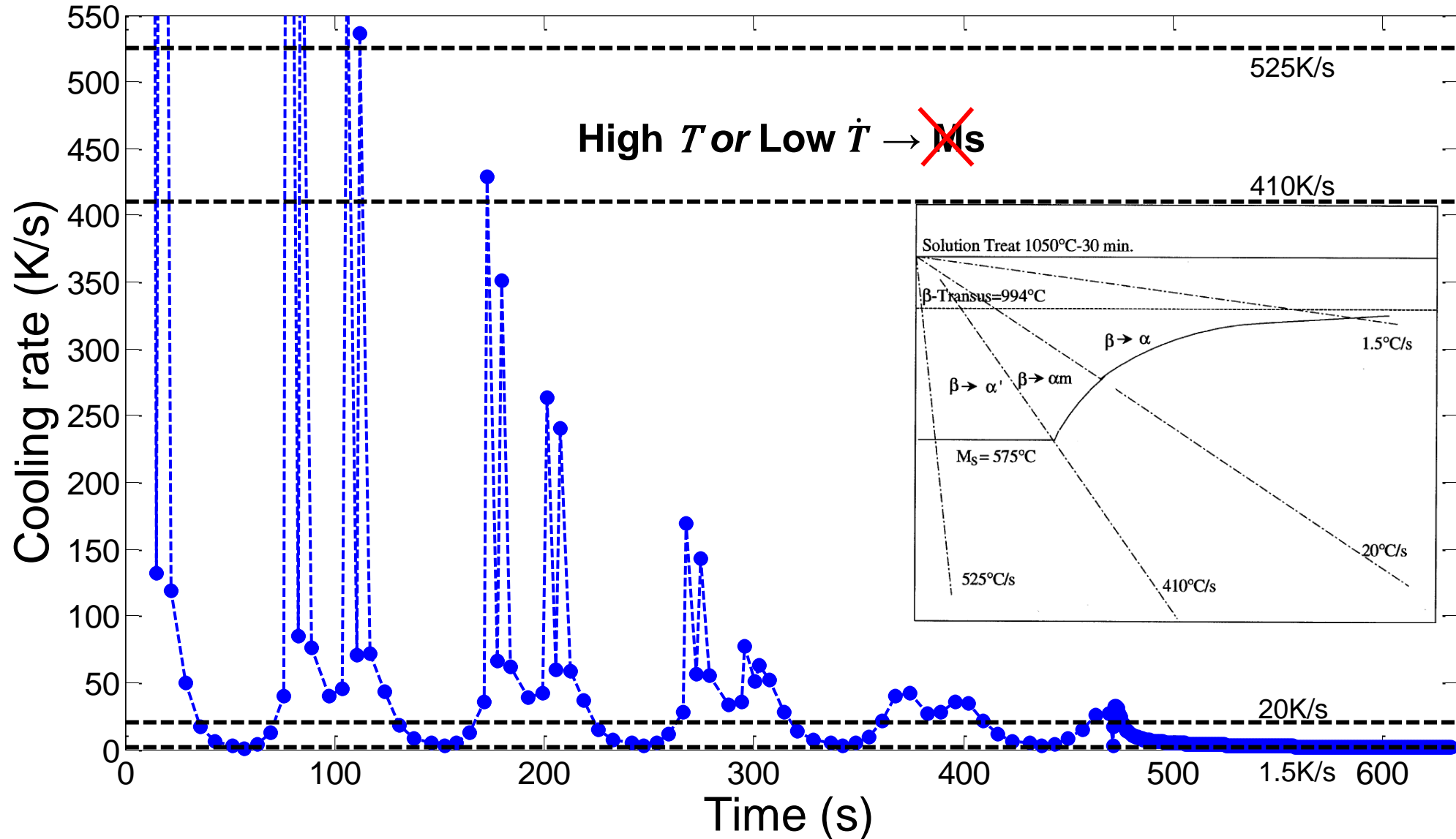
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Constant Track Length strategy

Time-Cooling rate

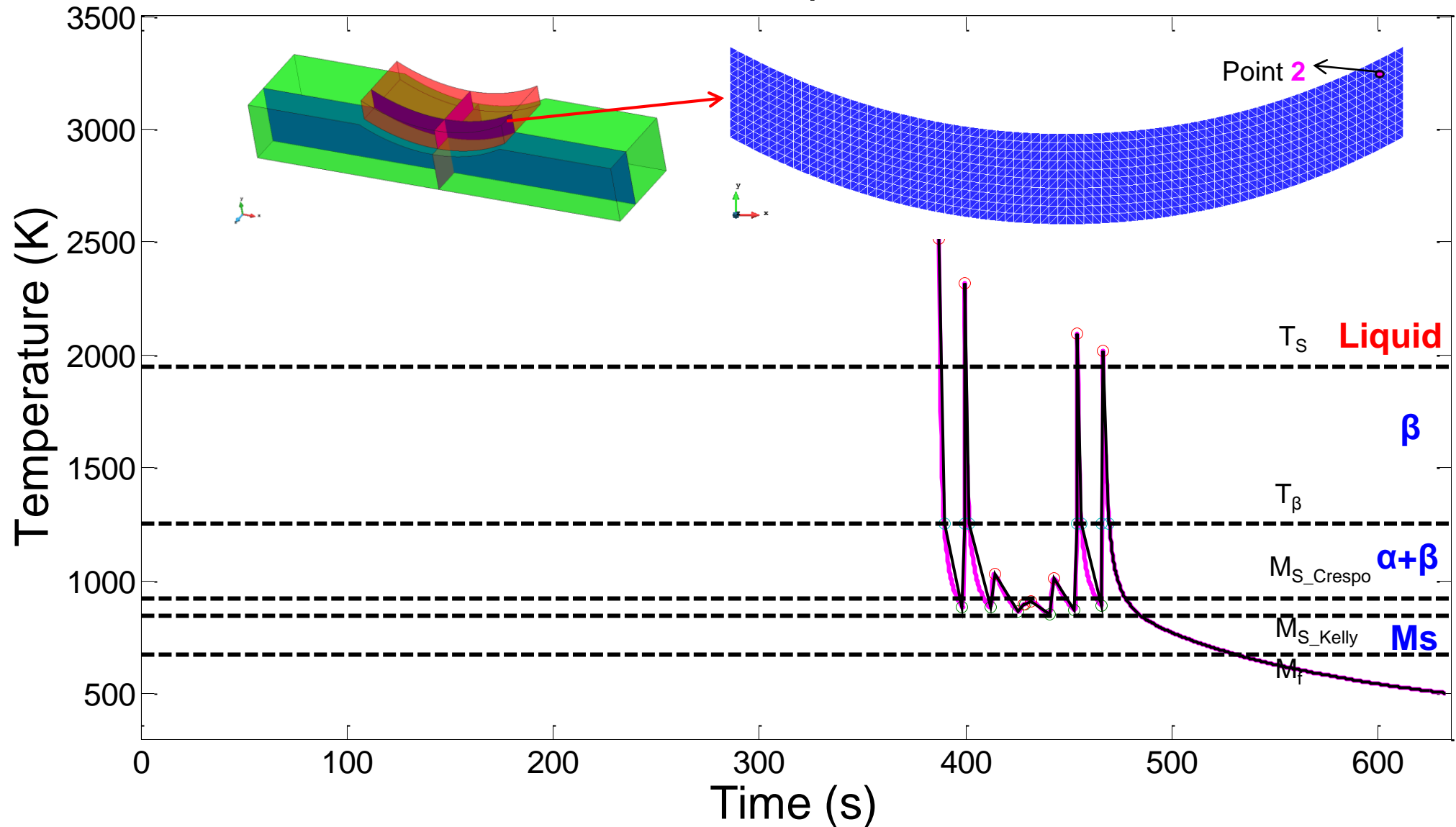
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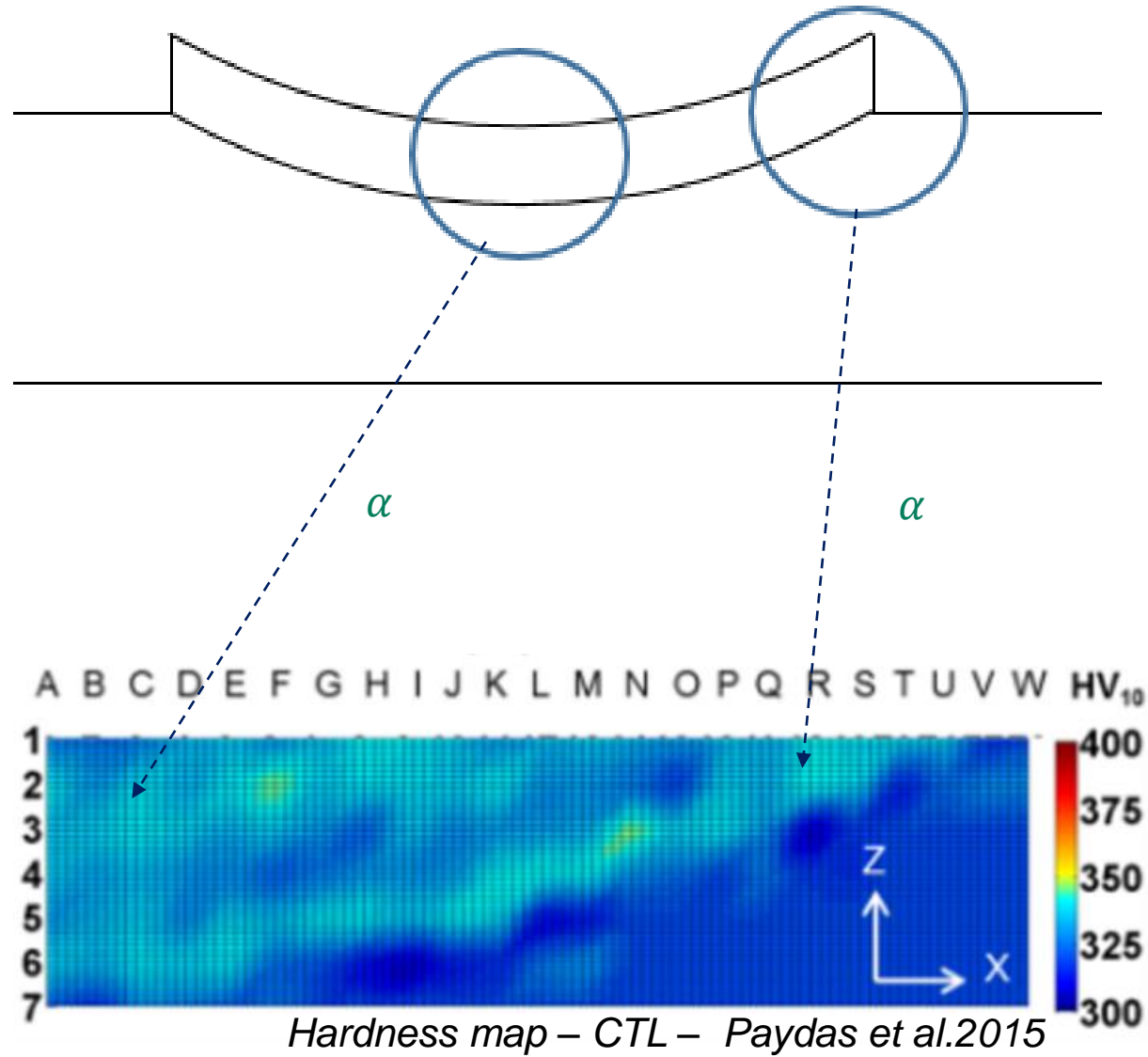
Constant Track Length strategy

Time-Temperature

Point 2 – Section A



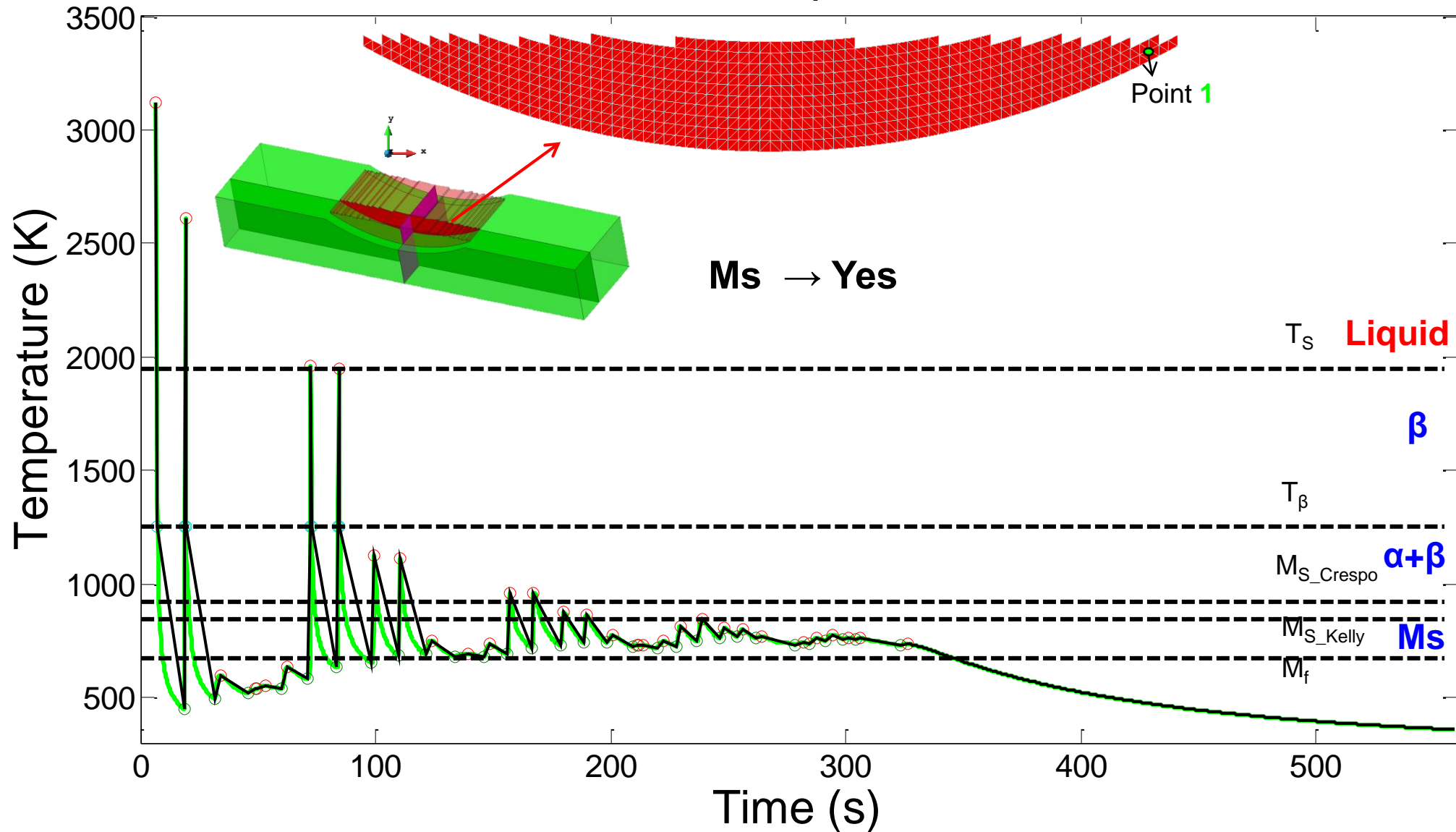
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Decrease Track Length strategy

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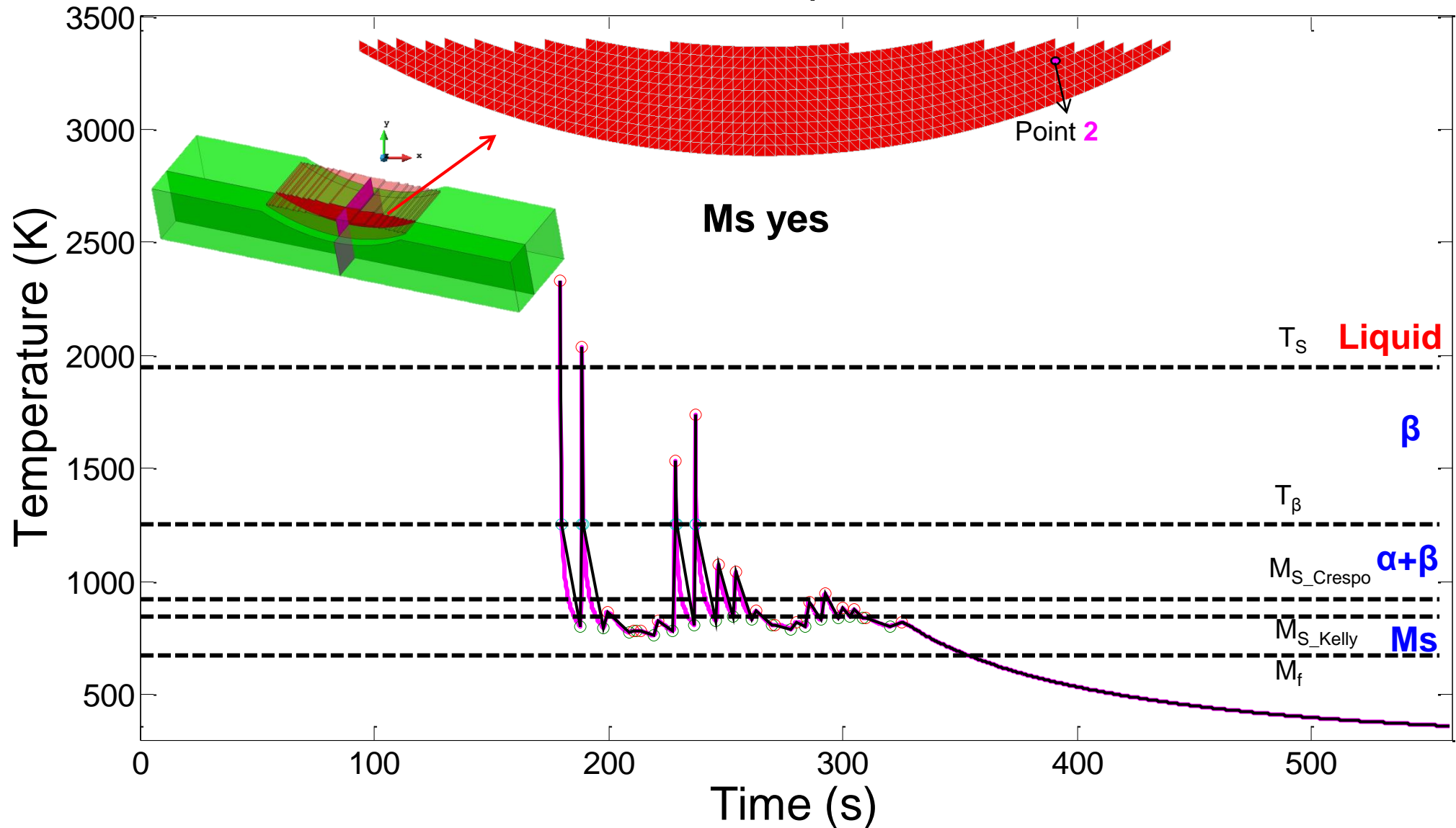
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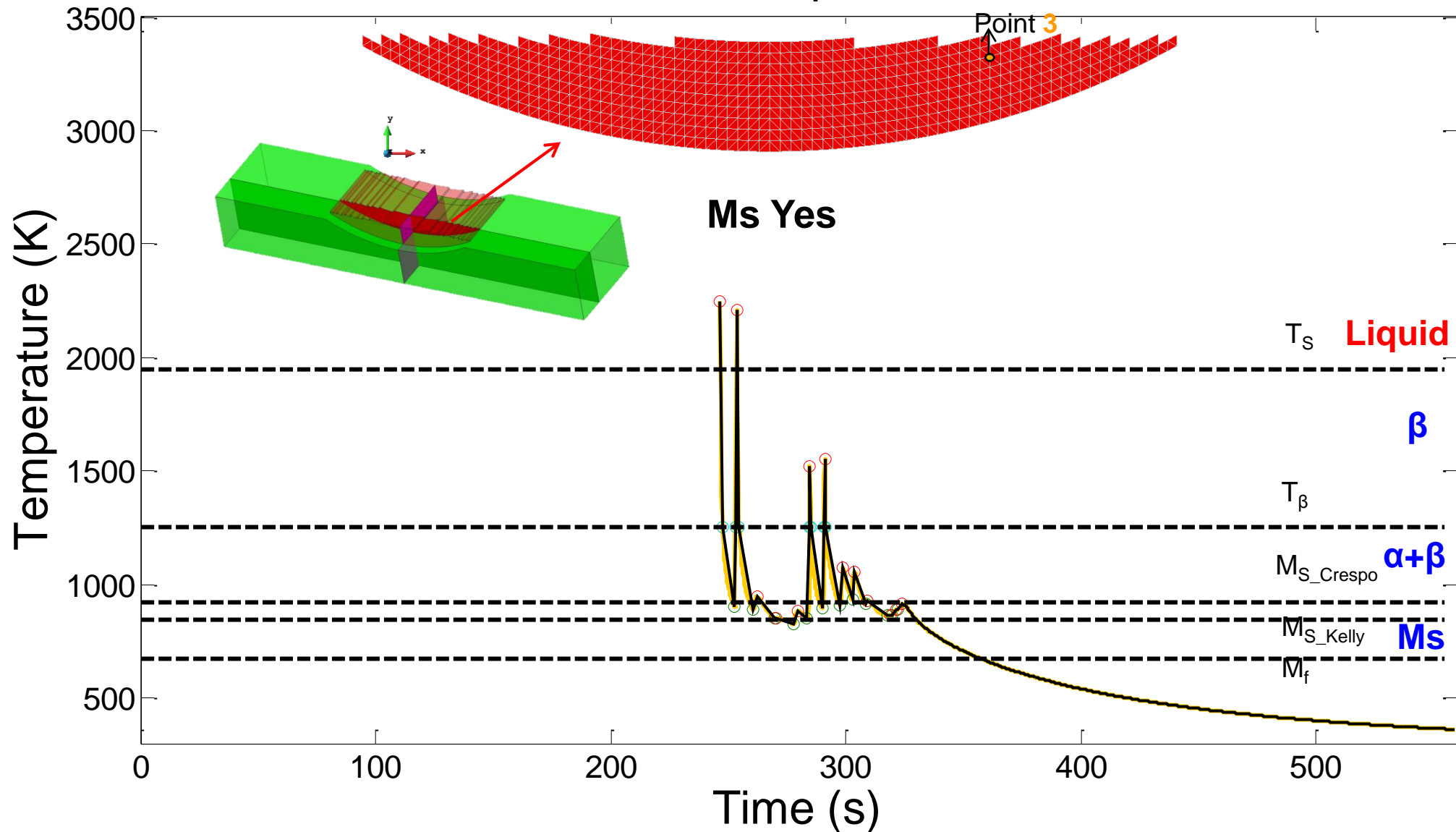
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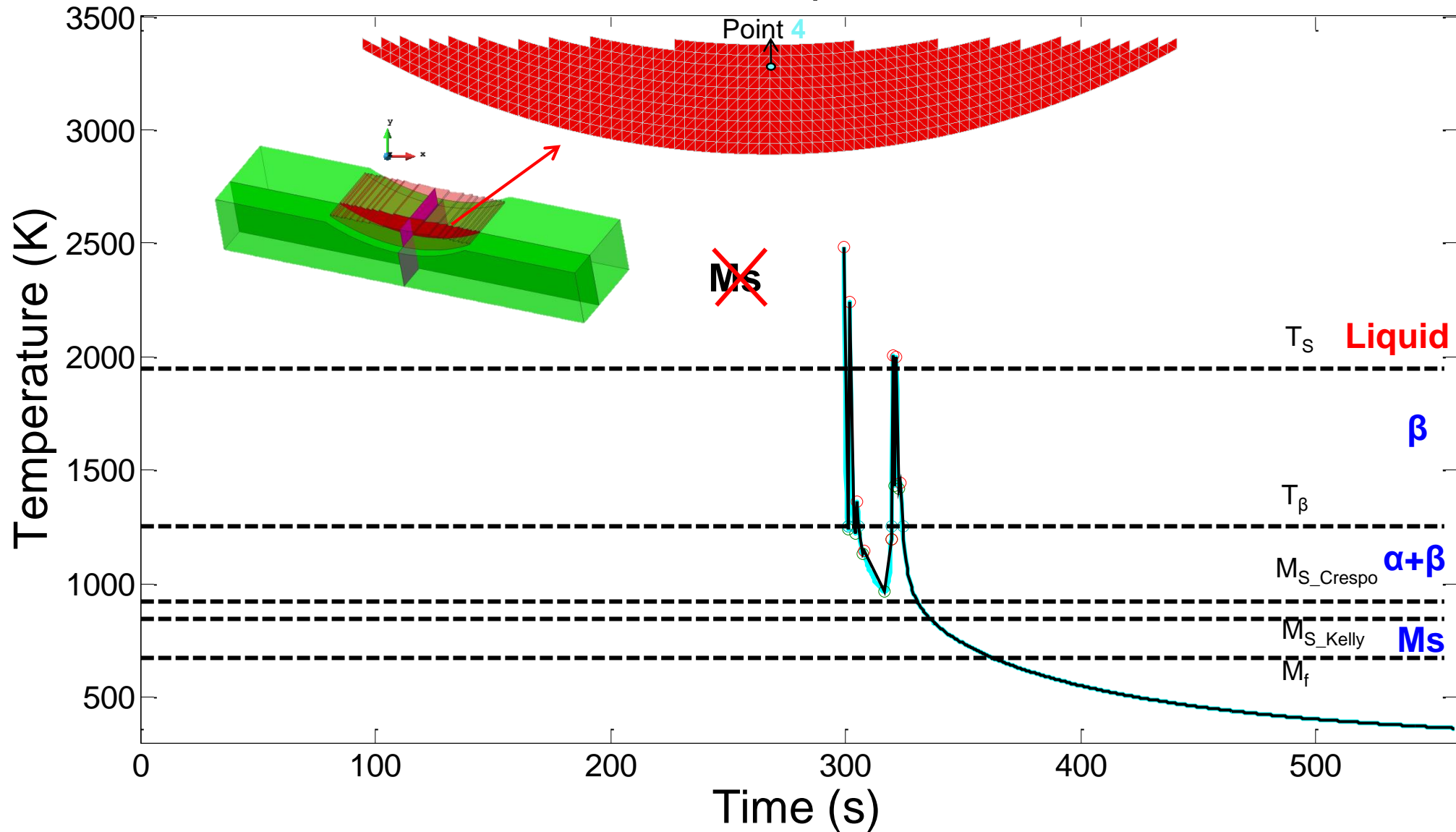
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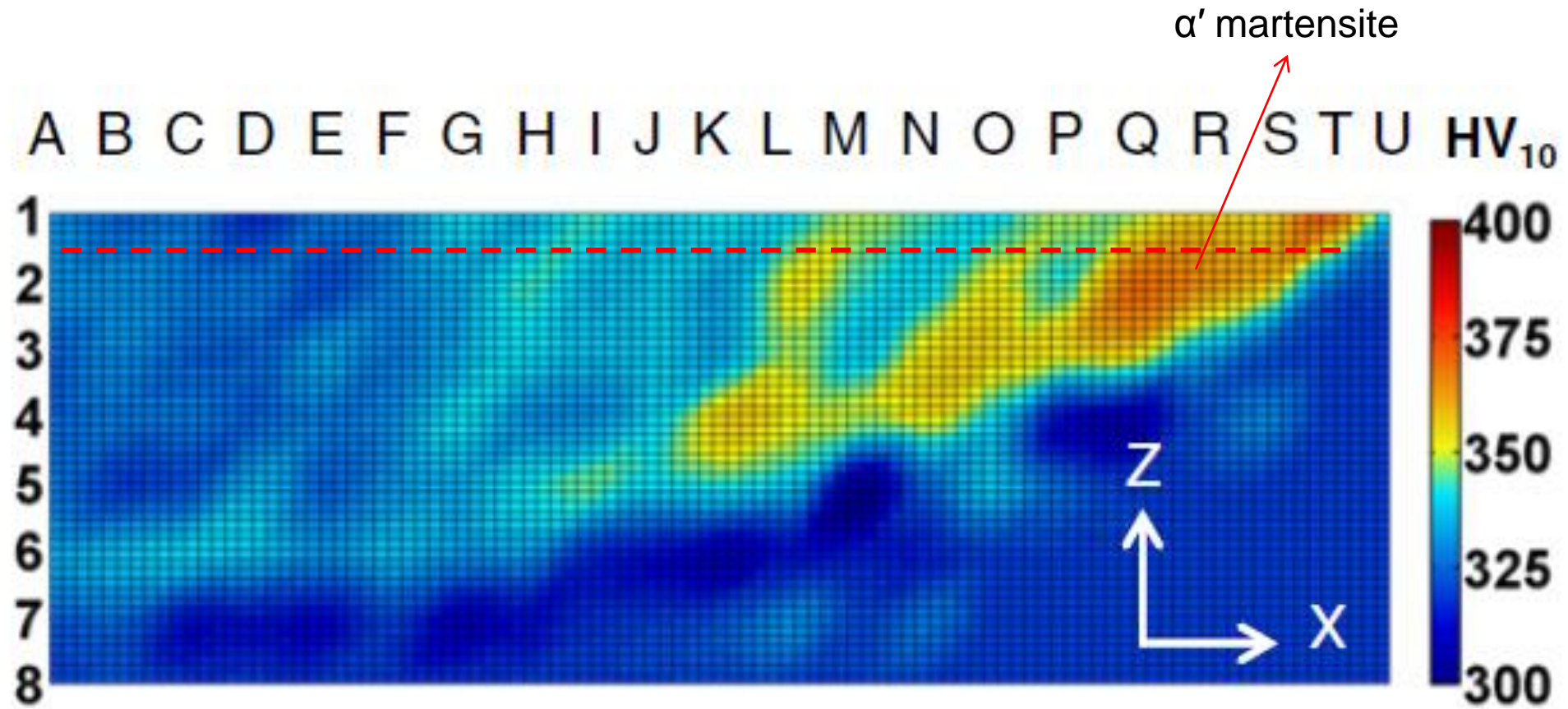
Decrease Track Length strategy

Time-Temperature

Point 4 – Section A



Decrease Track Length strategy



Hardness measurement (Hakan et al. 2015)

Tran's Conclusion 2017

Qualitative microstructure prediction with Kelly M_s value// experience

M_s 800°C and 848°C M_s for α_m

HAZ size in substrate validated

Prediction in Constant Track Length:

- Quite Homogeneous T° history
- $T_{average} > M_s$ when \dot{T} high
- at the end $T < M_s$ but \dot{T} low



**Basket-weave
Widmanstätten structure**

Prediction in Decrease Track Length:

- Heterogenous T° history
- At some points :
 $T_{average} < M_s$ + \dot{T} high



**Basket-weave
Widmanstätten structure
+ α' Martensite**

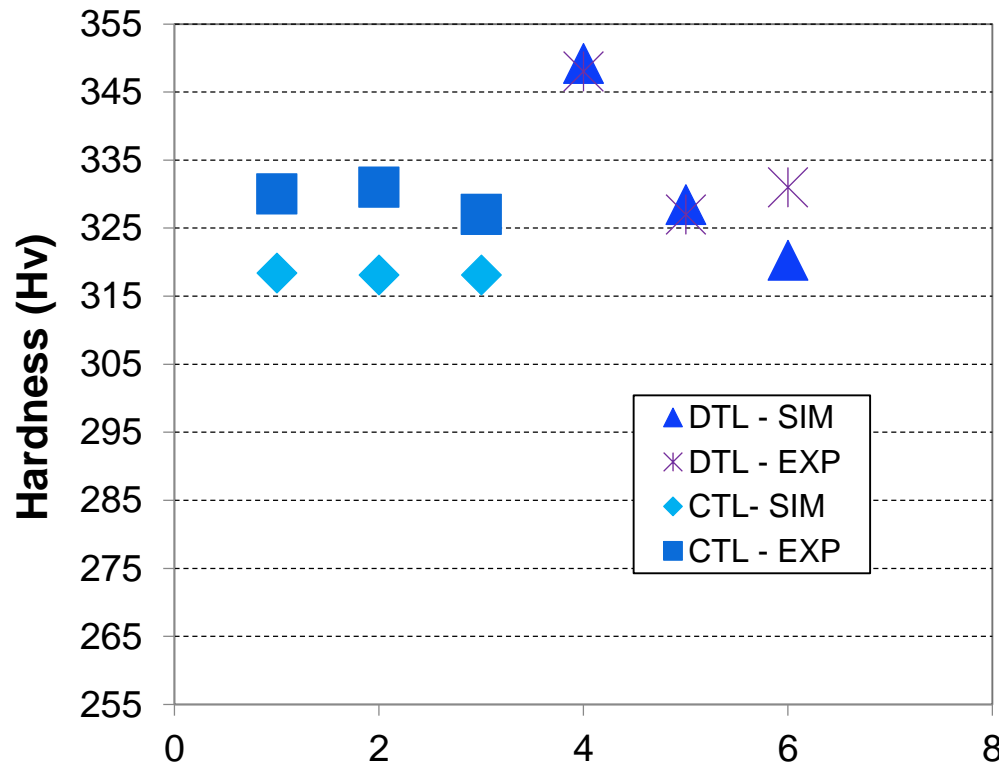
Crespo vs Esteva Master 2018 thesis (→ quantitative)

		Crespo	Esteva
	Liquidus	1650 °C	1660 °C
Cooling	Boundaries rates	$\dot{T} < -410^{\circ}\text{C/s}$	$\dot{T} < -410^{\circ}\text{C/s}$ $-410^{\circ}\text{C/s} < \dot{T} < -20^{\circ}\text{C/s}$ $\dot{T} > -20^{\circ}\text{C/s}$
	Ms, Mf	650 °C, 400 °C	655 °C, 355 °C
	α_m existence	No	Yes
Heating	Equation $\alpha' \rightarrow \beta$ and α	JMAK	K-M

Obtained Hardness values (Esteva)

Mixture Law:

$$Hardnes = f_{\beta} \cdot h_{\beta} + f_{\alpha} \cdot h_{\alpha} + f_{\alpha'} \cdot h_{\alpha'} + f_{\alpha_m} \cdot h_{\alpha_m}$$



	POI	Hardness error [%]
DTL	POI 1	0,3
	POI 2	0,4
	POI 3	3,3
CTL	POI 1'	3,6
	POI 2'	3,7
	POI 3'	3,7

Not too bad



however other SLM exp. could not fit with these M_s M_f choices



Experimental data obtained from H.Paydas et al. (2015)

Phases hardness values obtained from Pederson (2002) and Crespo (2010).

About Ti6Al4V and phase prediction

Thermodynamics approaches must be further developed to get better knowledge about Transformations (start, end, kinetics) for various compositions as well as element diffusion under complex T_p° history

(TITAN code $T=cte...$ PhD Tioual Nancy supervised by Benoit Appolaire 2019)...

+ links with Phase fields

Post processing of $T(t)$, computed by Finite elements, by Crespo type model based on previous results could predict microstructure

→ Coupling is important or machine learning....

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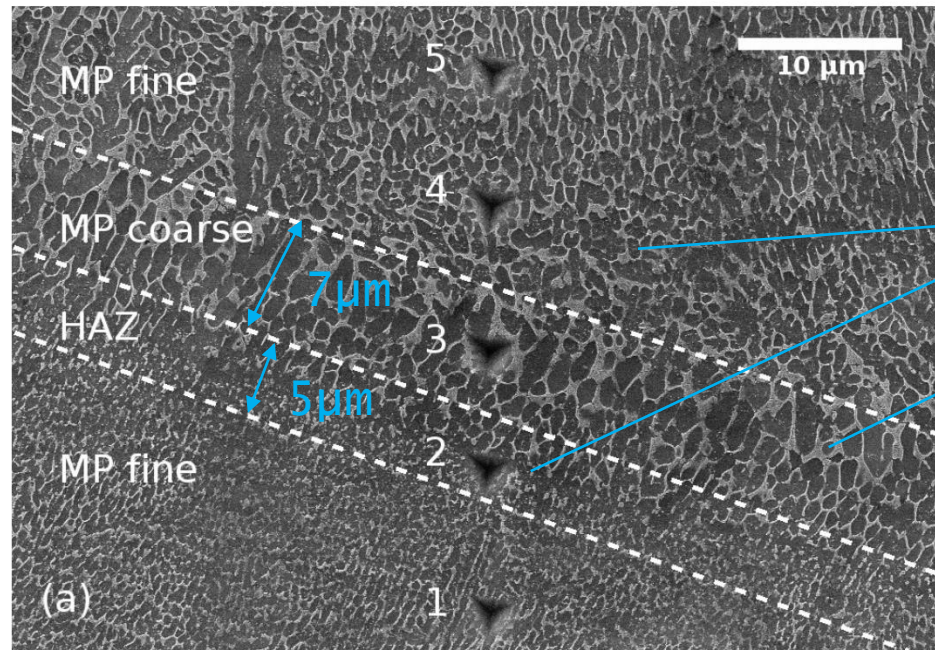
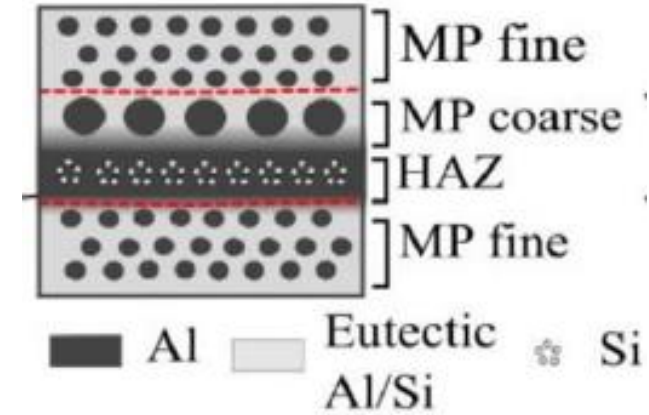
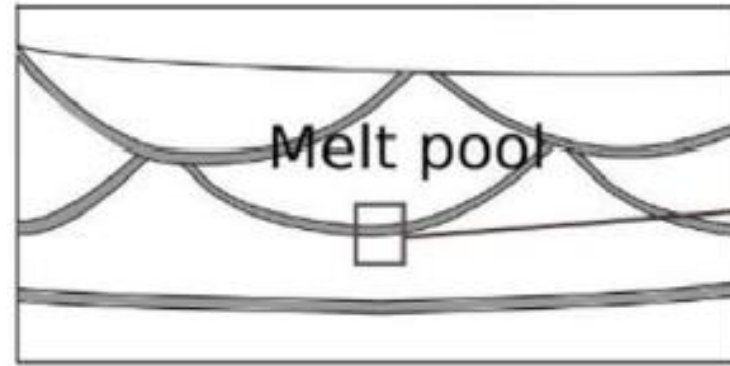
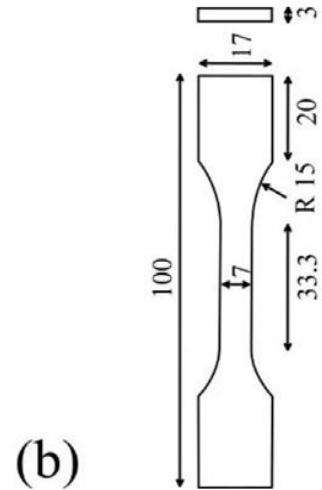
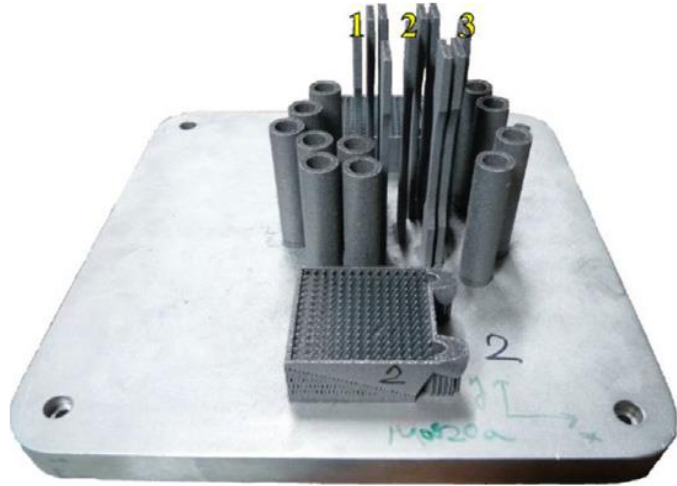
What is the goal with AlSi10Mg?

Why is AlSi M4 case so challenging and interesting?



Goal= study of static rupture in AlSi10Mg-SLM, (...delaying it...)

J. Delahaye et al. Acta Materialia 2019



Average cell size
 0.7 μm
 1 μm
 Si in solution solid inside the cell: MP fine = Mp coarse = HAZ

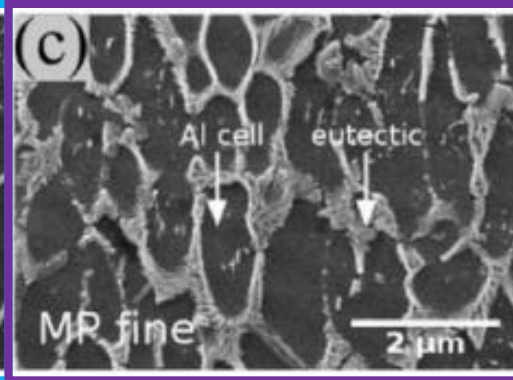
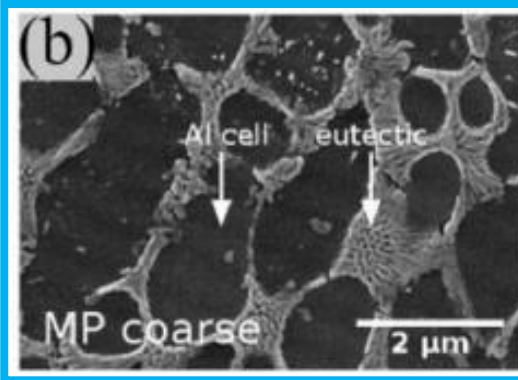
SLM process

Laser Power, P [W]	175
Beam travel speed, v [m/s]	0.195
Absorbed power coefficient, [-]	0.35

Non optimal parameters but **parameters enhancing HAZ size**

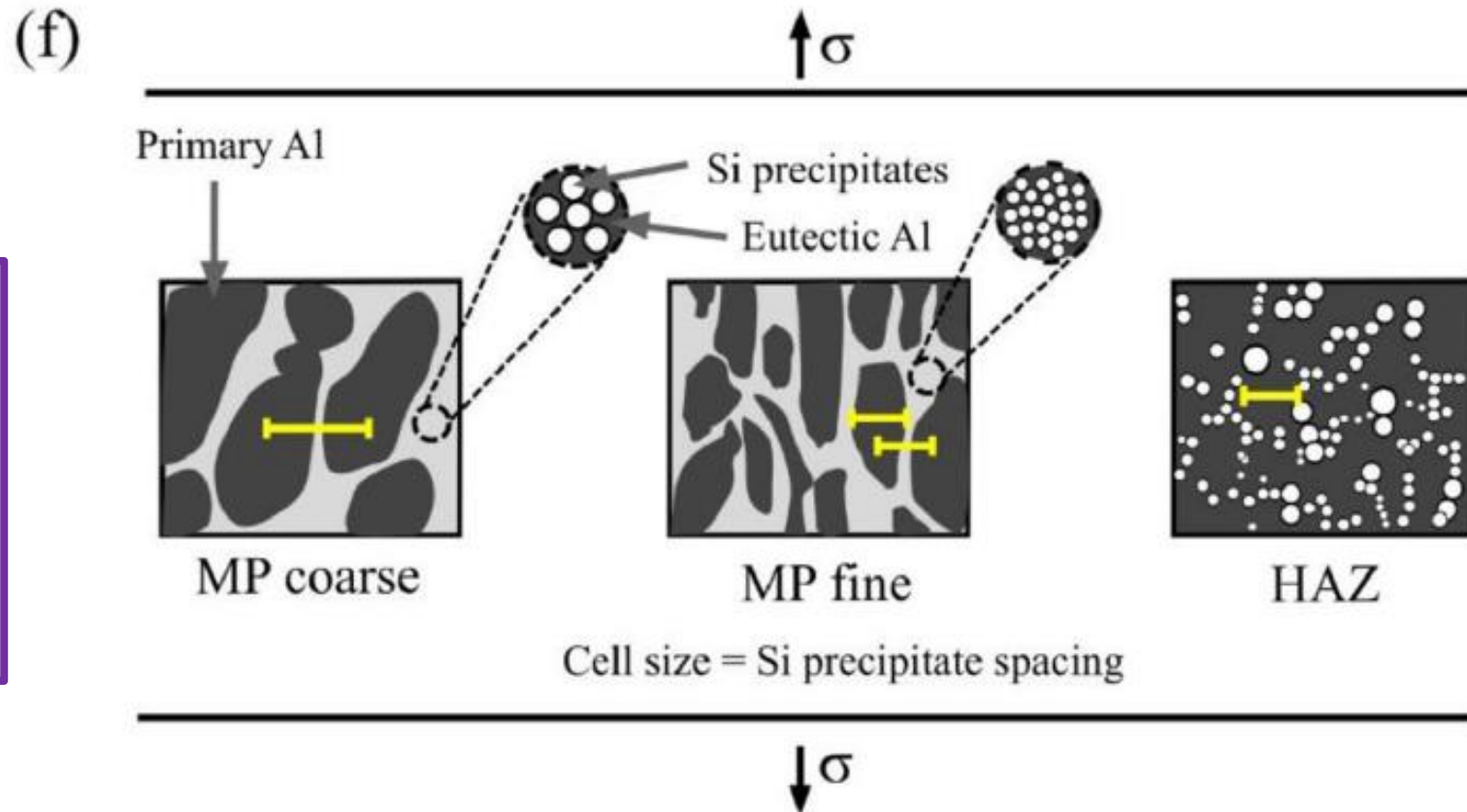
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melt pool boundary
= **MP coarse**
'increased' cell size and thick eutectic with large precipitates



HAZ = eutectic network broken, Si coarse precipitate,
HAZ cell size
=MPF cell size

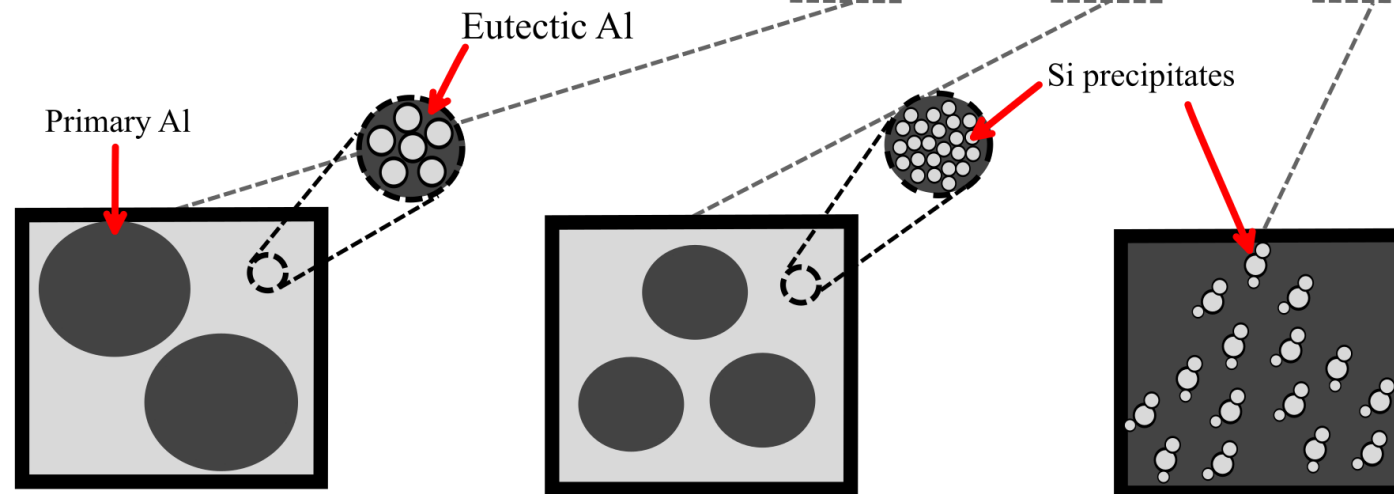
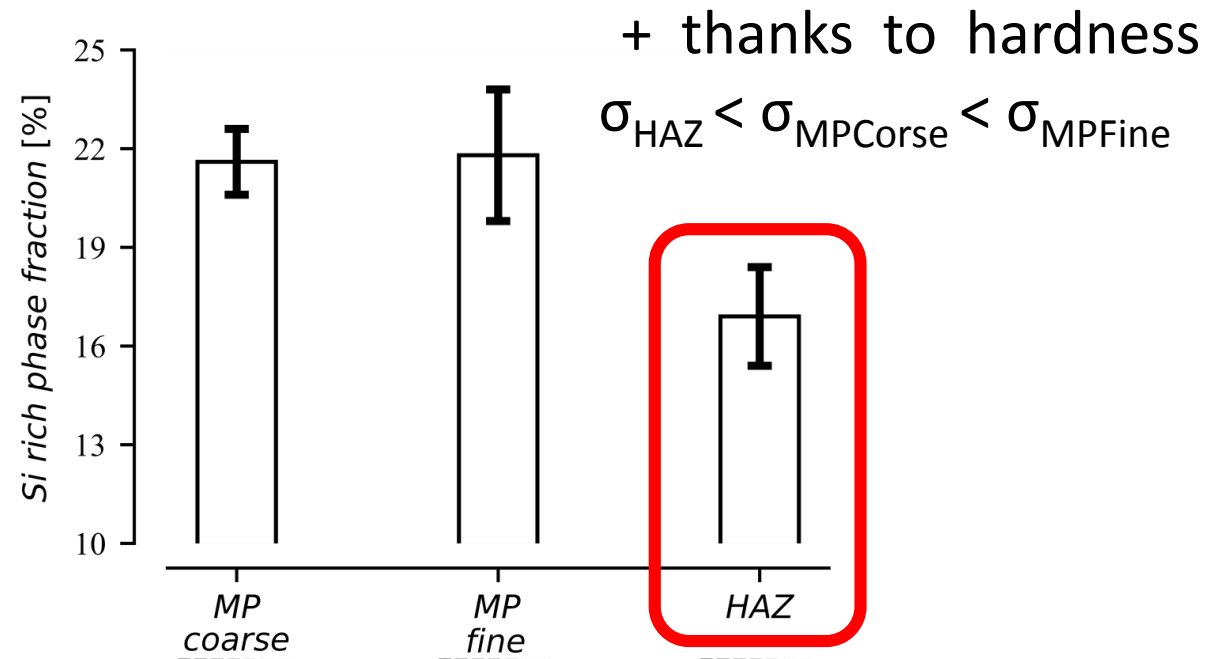
melt pool core
= **MP fine**
'Small' cell size and thin eutectic with small precipitates



Goal= study of static rupture in AlSi10Mg-SLM, (...delaying it...)

Measurements do not dissociate Si in precipitate and Si within the eutectic

Lower value in **HAZ** → partial decomposition of MPFine eutectic increases Si precipitate size
Network of eutectic phase is broken



Goal= study of static rupture in AlSi10Mg-SLM,

(...delaying it...)

HAZ is the risky zone → optimal parameters should decrease its size

Use of

Rosenthal equation ('direct', a lot of assumptions) → temperature history → cell parameters

or

Finite element simulations (heavier, more details tp^o hstory, need input data)

Process parameters → temperature history → cell parameters

Thermal field during SLM – Rosenthal's equation

P laser power

c absorbed power coefficient

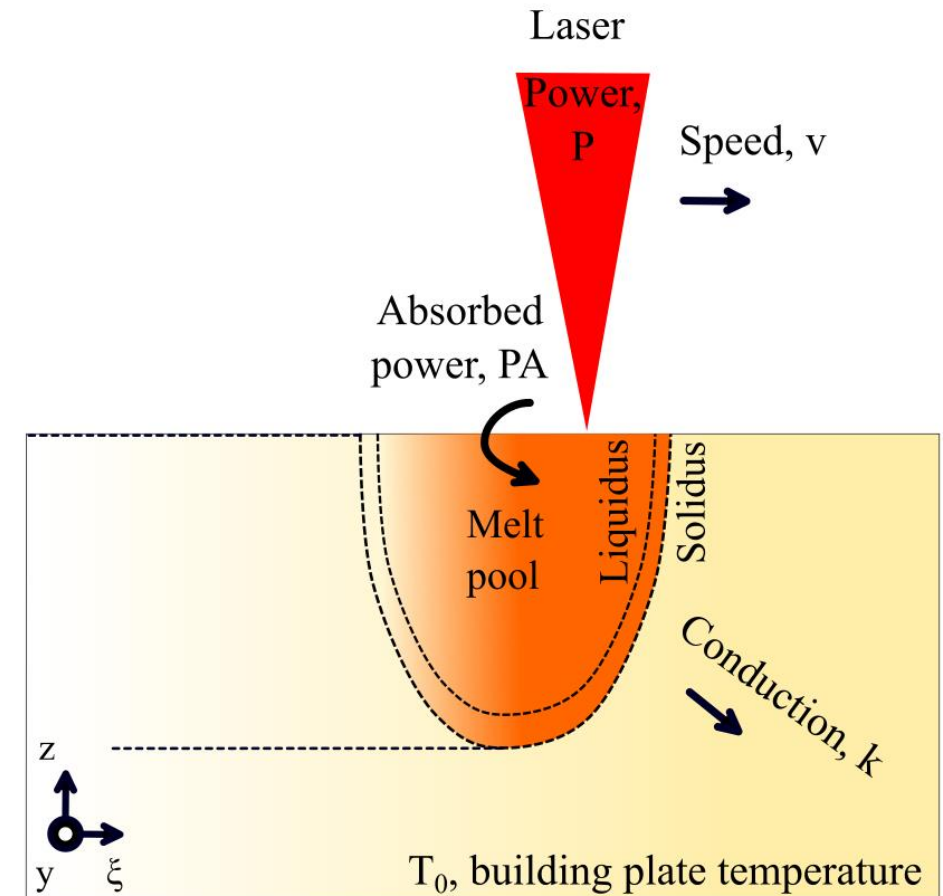
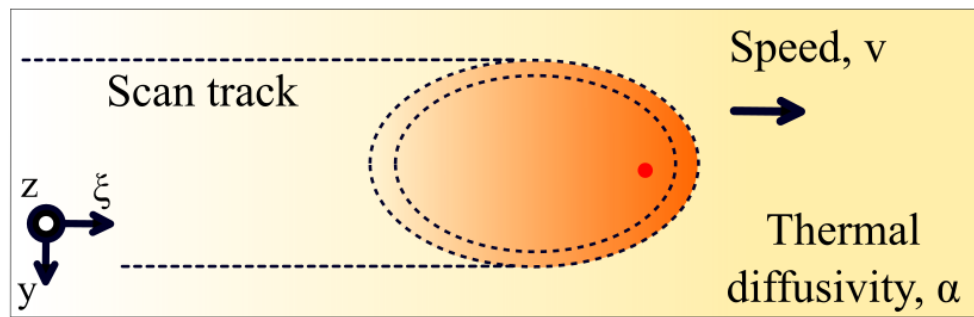
T₀ building plate temperature

k thermal conductivity

α thermal diffusivity

$$T = T_0 + \frac{Pc}{2\pi Rk} e^{-\frac{\nu(\xi+R)}{2\alpha}} \quad R = (\xi^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Moving coordinate system :
 $\xi = x - vt$



Thermal field and link with cell size

Thermal history during SLM – Rosenthal's equation¹:

$$T = T_0 + \frac{Pc}{2\pi Rk} e^{-\frac{\nu(\xi+R)}{2\alpha}} \quad R = (\xi^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Cell size vs cooling rate – Matyja's equation²:

$$\lambda = 43.2\dot{T}^{-0.324}$$

Parameter used in Rosenthal's equation:

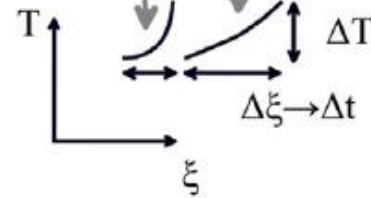
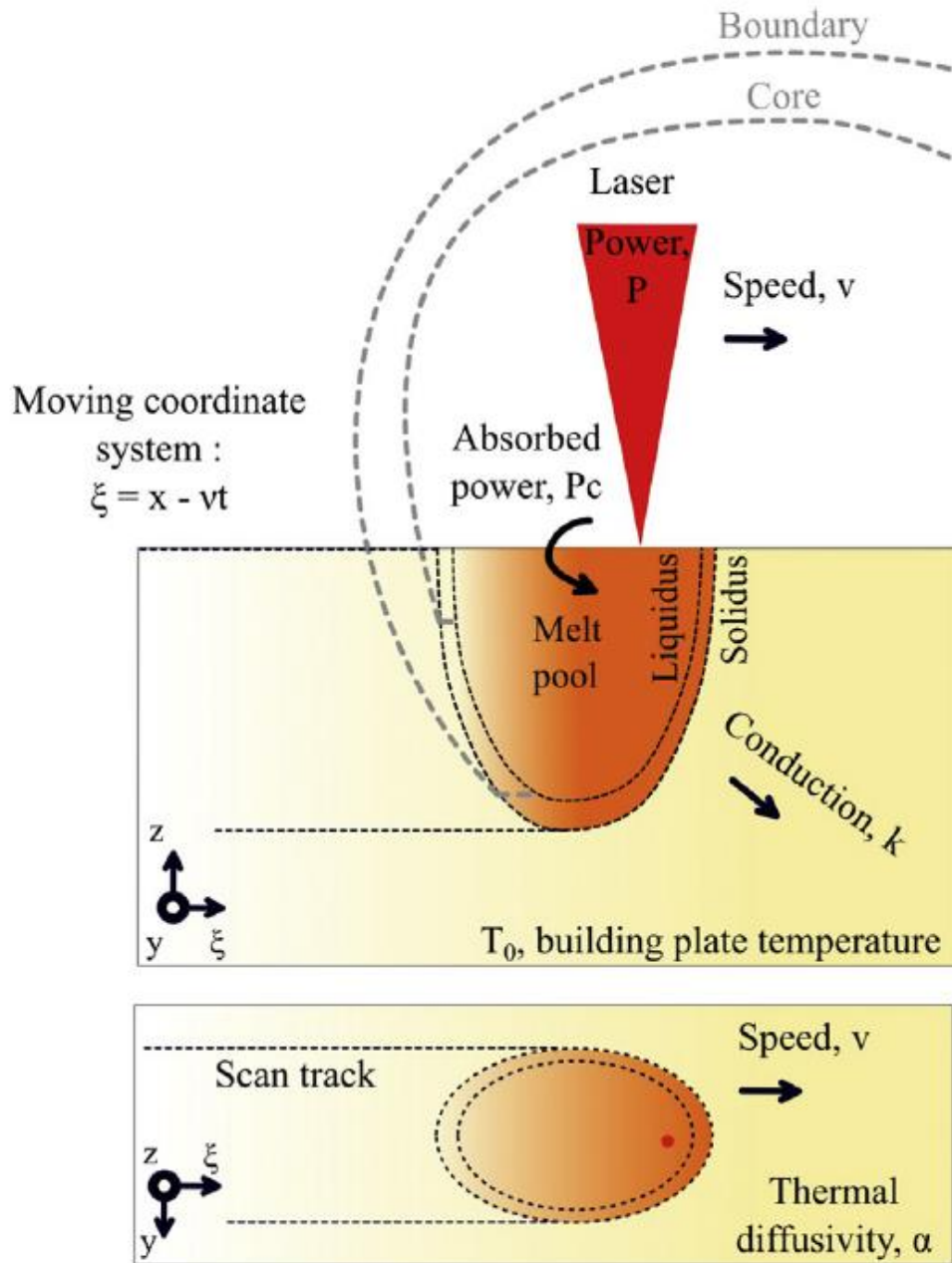
Parameter	this study	Tang16 ³
Conductivity, k [W/mK]	150	150
Diffusivity, α [m ² /s]	6.2 ⁻⁵	6.2 ⁻⁵
Liquidus, T_{liq} [K]	867	867
Solidus, T_{sol} [K]	831	831
Building Plate temperature, T_0 [K]	473	308
Laser Power, P [W]	175	370
Beam travel speed, ν [m/s]	0.195	1.3
Absorbed power coefficient, [-]	0.35	0.35

¹D. Rosenthal, Weld. J. 20 (1941) 220–234.

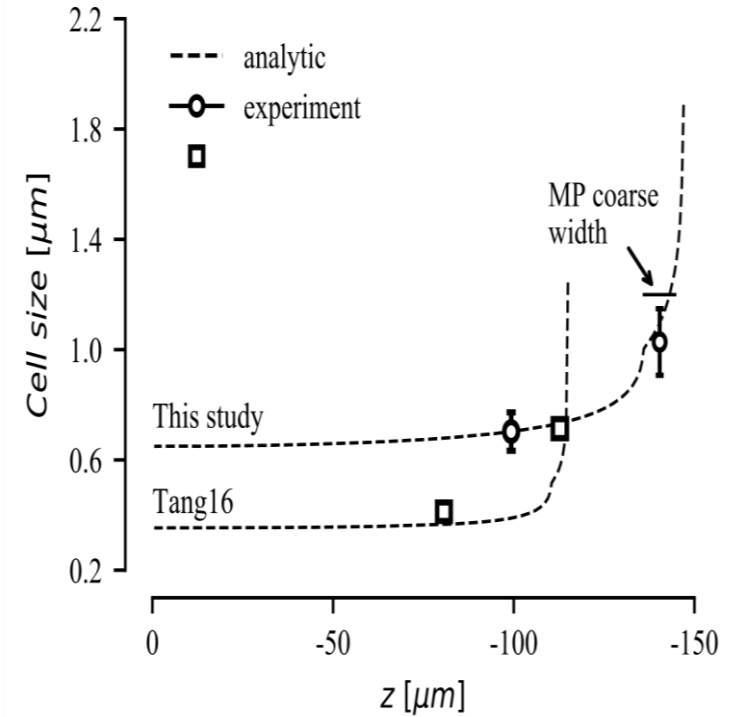
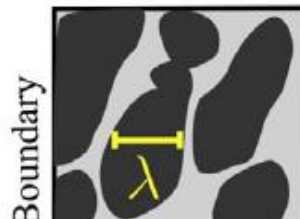
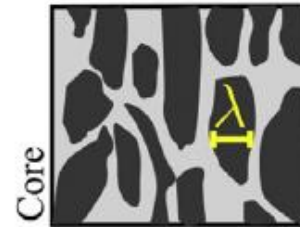
²H. Matyja, Journal of the Institute of Metals 96 (1968) 30–32.

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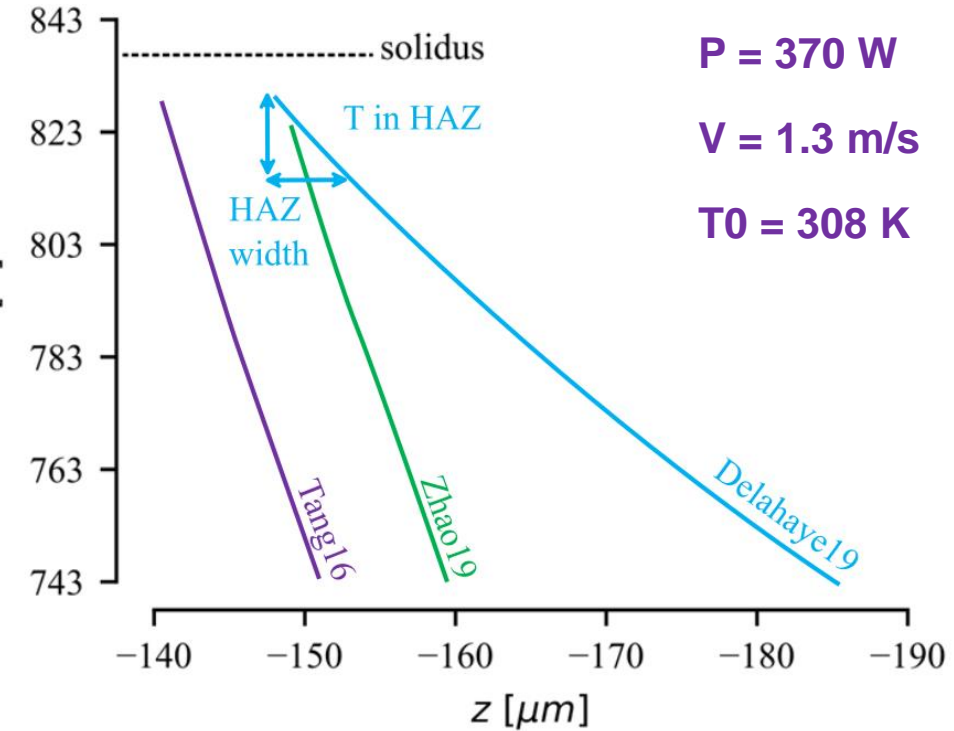
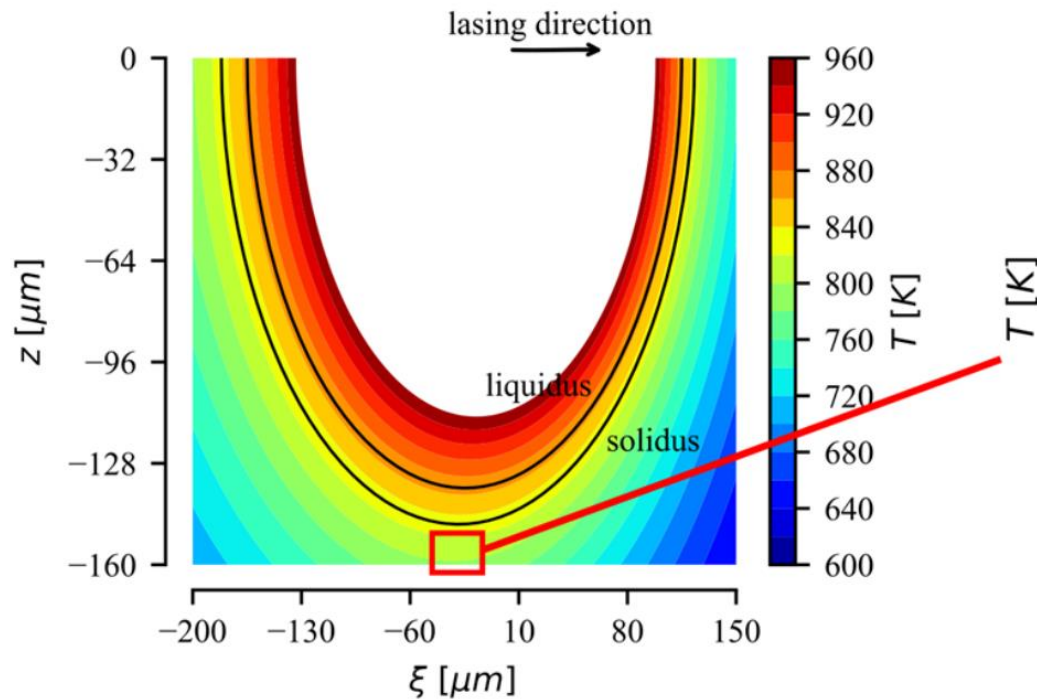
Results focused on MPF, MPC Simulation // Experiment



Cell size, λ - Matyja's equation : $\lambda = 43.2 \dot{T}^{-0.324}$



Results focused on HAZ Simulation // Experiment



$P = 370 \text{ W}$

$V = 1.3 \text{ m/s}$

$T_0 = 308 \text{ K}$

$P = 175 \text{ W}$

$V = 0.195 \text{ m/s}$

$T_0 = 473 \text{ K}$

$P = 390 \text{ W}$

$V = 1.3 \text{ m/s}$

$T_0 = 308 \text{ K}$

Process parameters modifies HAZ width:

5 μm (Delahaye Acta Mat 2019) - fracture strain 1.8%

2 μm (Tang JOM 2017) - fracture strain 12.5%

2 μm (Zhao Mat. Sc. & Eng. A 2019)- fracture strain 11% but different loading direction and mechanism

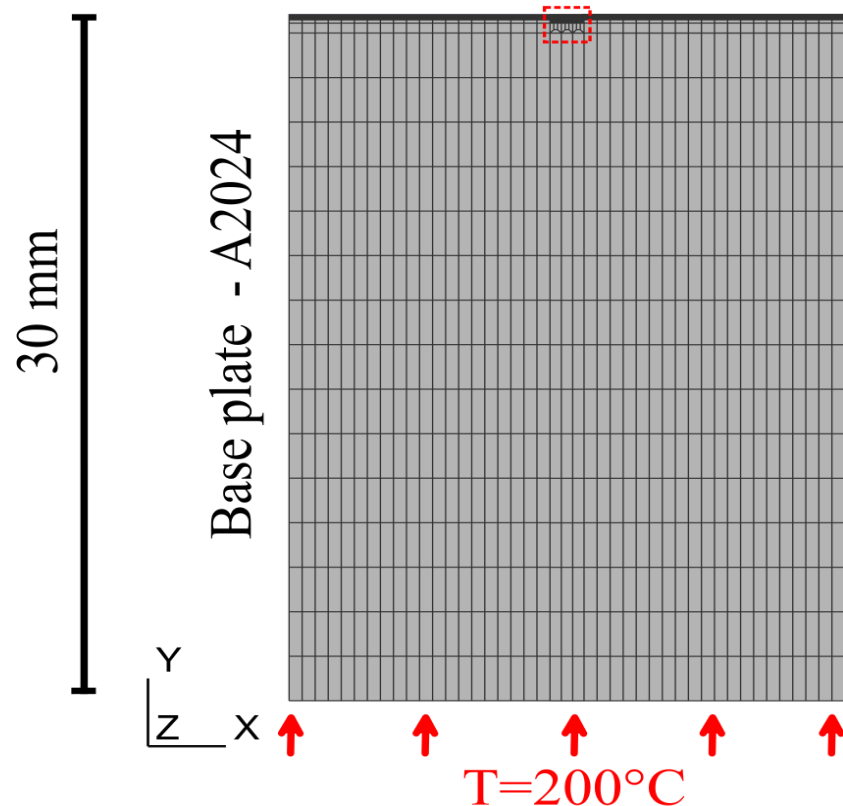
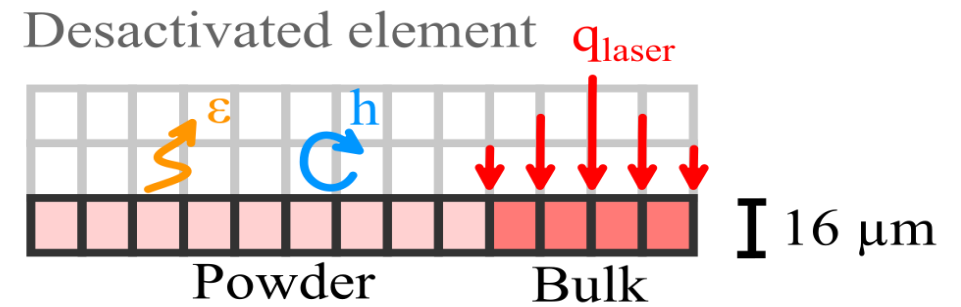
What about the interest of FE Simulation

Heat conduction equation :

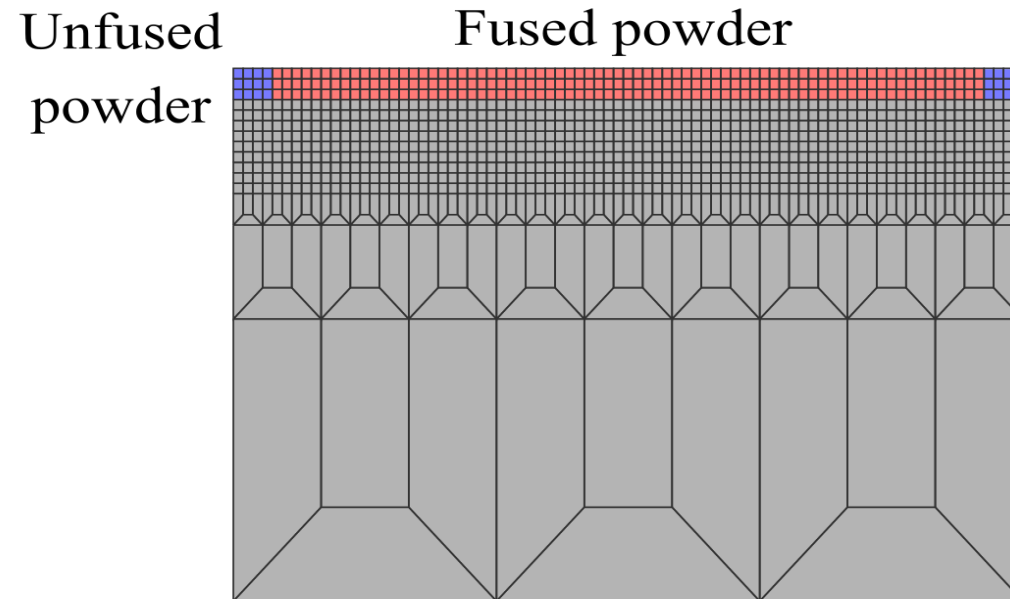
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + Q_{x,y,t} = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Convection / radiation heat loss :

$$-k(\nabla T \cdot n) = q_{\text{laser}} - h(T - T_0) - \epsilon\sigma(T^4 - T_0^4)$$



Finer Mesh :

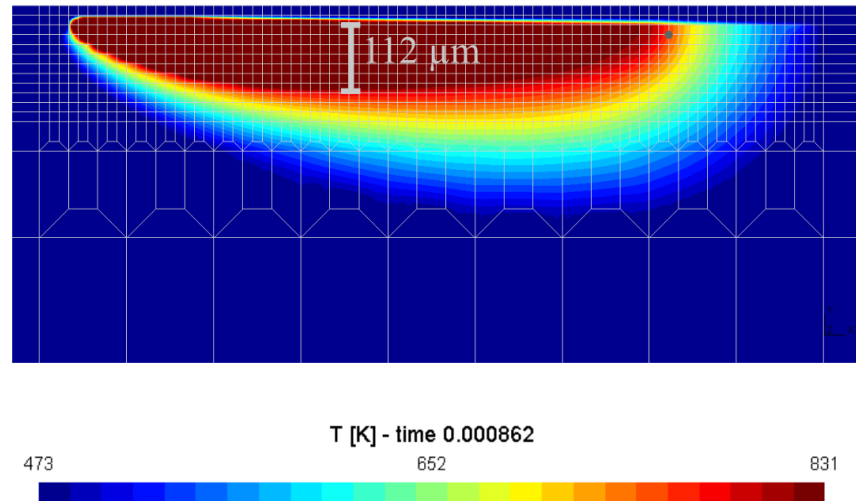


What about the interest of FE Simulation ?

1. Validation and identification (1 layer) :

Melt pool depth :

Exp. : 90-120 μm (part supplier)



Thermo-physical properties :

- Bulk : $C_p(T)$, $\rho(T)$ and $k(T)$ measured in MMS on SLM samples
- Powder : $k(T)$ Sih and Barlow's model¹
- Constant ε

Moving Gaussian heat source :

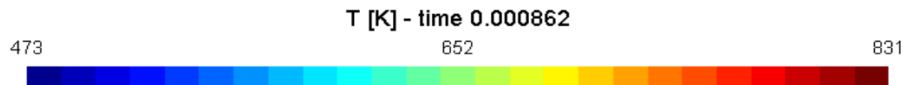
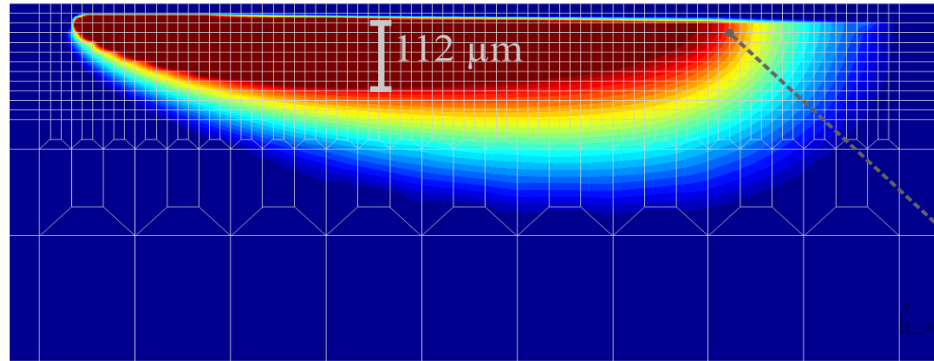
- Tuning laser absorptivity A to calibrate
- Non-physical meaning of $A(\sim 0.02)$ for 2D thermal model (3D model $A \sim 0.35$)

¹ Sih et al. Particul. Sci. Technol. 22 (2004)

What about the interest of FE Simulation ?

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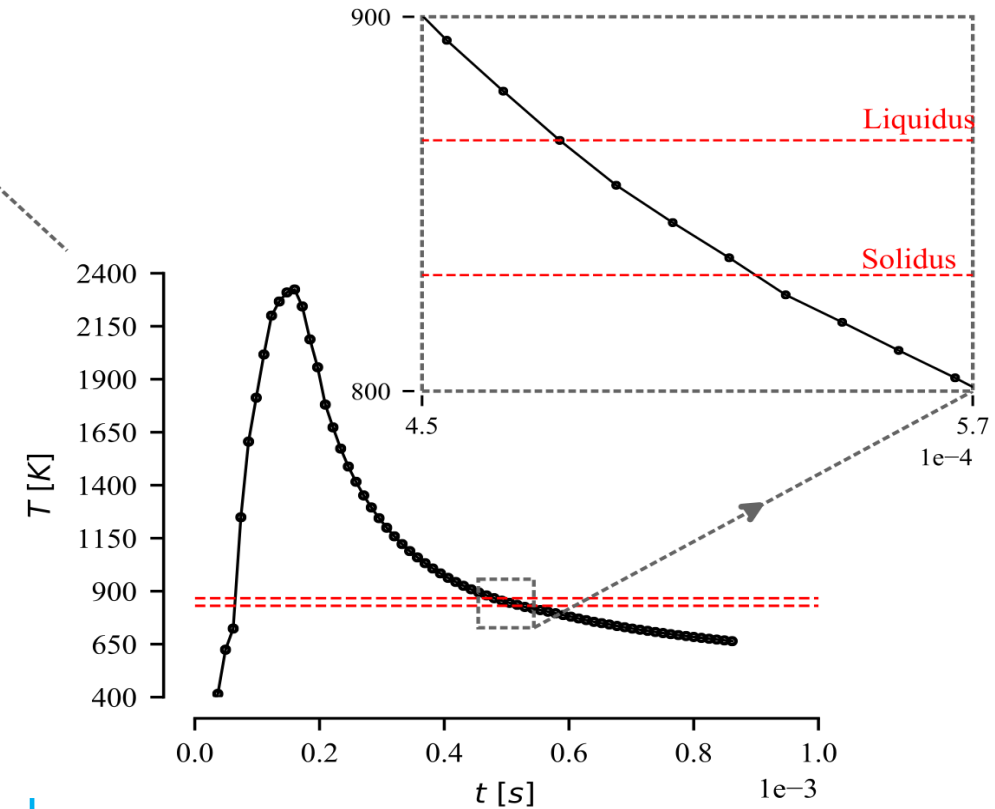
Exp. : 90-120 μm (part supplier)



Cooling rate :

$$\dot{T}_{\text{exp}} = 10^6 \text{K.s}^{-1} (\text{microstructure} + \text{Matyja's eq})$$

$$\dot{T}_{\text{sim}} = 0.9 \times 10^6 \text{K.s}^{-1}$$



Thermal history presents different cycles due to multiple layers

→ T(t) feeds a Phase Field model

→ phases kinetics and Si diffusion can will be studied

→ Ongoing PhD

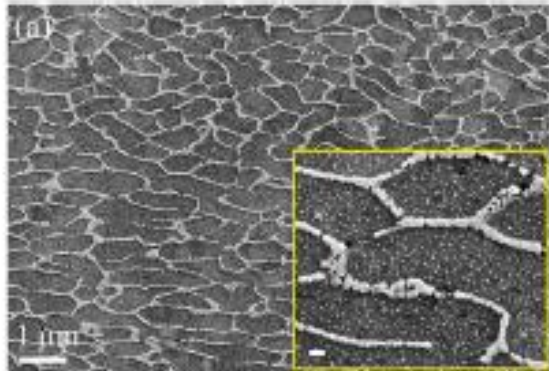
Common Goal = investigate static rupture and delaying it

Two complementary studies to investigate damage mechanism in SLM **as built samples**

Zhao et al. Materials Science & Engineering A 2019

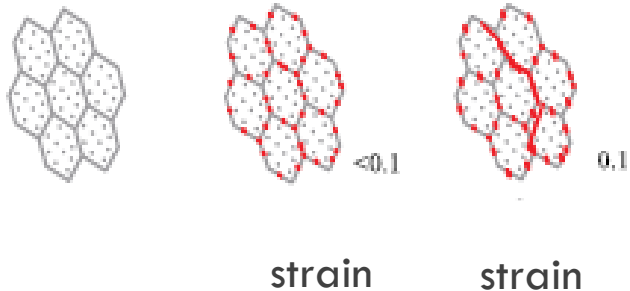
minimum HAZ effect: process param. (thin HAZ)

+ tensile load // HAZ



Si rich network
→ voids nucleation and crack formation
Not in HAZ

eutectic network with Si precipitates

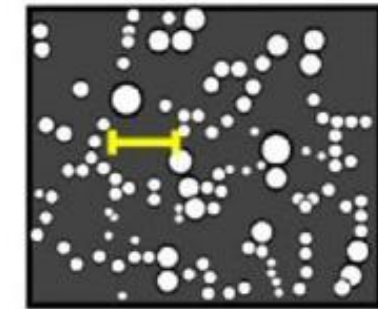
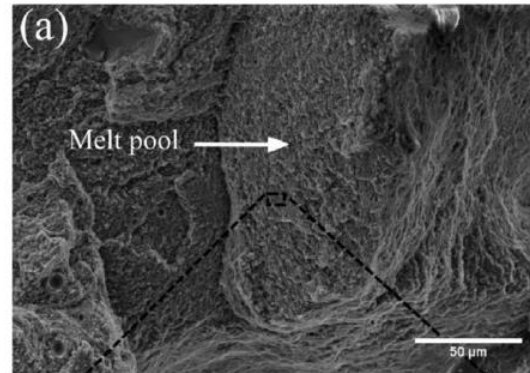


To increase elongation but decreasing elastic stress
→ Globularization Post treatments (T_p° or FSP) delay crack

J. Delahaye et al. Acta Materialia 2019

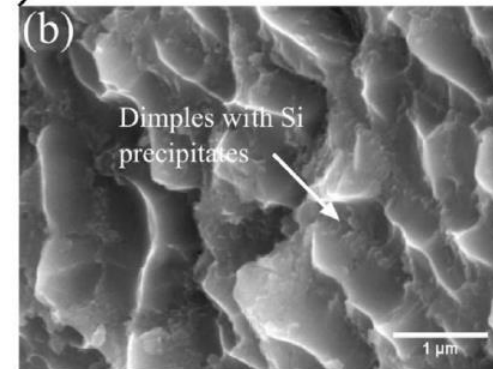
maximum HAZ effect: process param. (thick HAZ)

+ tensile load \perp HAZ



HAZ

Damage nucleate around Si precipitates in HAZ
Crack formation in HAZ



Tang parameters (small HAZ)
→ 12,5 % elongation
Delahaye param (HAZ \uparrow)
→ 4,5%

What is the goal with AlSi10Mg?



Interest to further investigate thermal history impact

Finite element to get representative $T(t)$

Phase Field approach

to better understand Si diffusion in typical positions MPF, MPC, HAZ...

Characterize by indentation mechanical behavior of different cells and Si rich eutectic network

Links to fracture behavior

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Material High Speed Steel AISI M4

- Fe-Cr-C-X alloys with X: carbide-forming element (i.e. V, Nb, Mo or W)
- Hard carbides \Rightarrow High hardness and wear resistance
- Applications: high speed machining, cutting tools, hot **rolling mill rolls, molds...**

C	Cr	Mo	V	W	Ni	Si	Fe
1.35	4.30	4.64	4.10	5.60	0.34	0.9	0.33



Finite Element Model - Identification of input data

Material data

conduction, heat capacity, latent heat
measured on samples extracted
from the clad & the substrate

(DSC, Laser flash, dilatometry, quench dilatometer)

Boundary conditions

Convection, Radiation, laser absorption fitted by inverse modelling
target BOTH

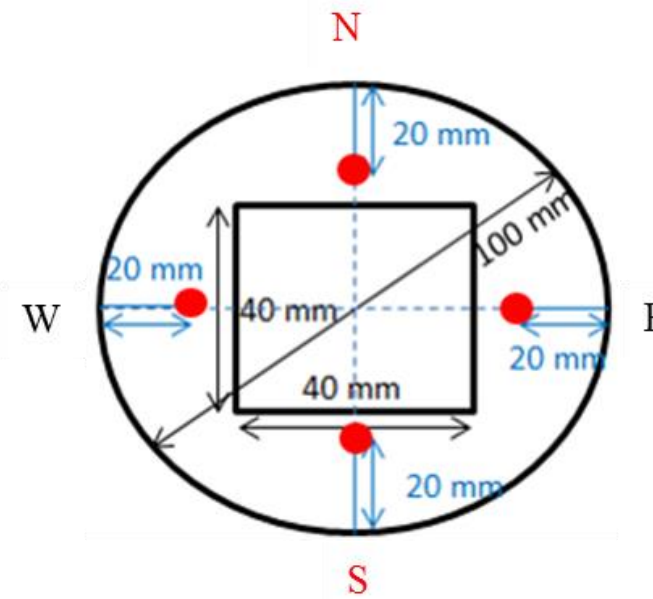
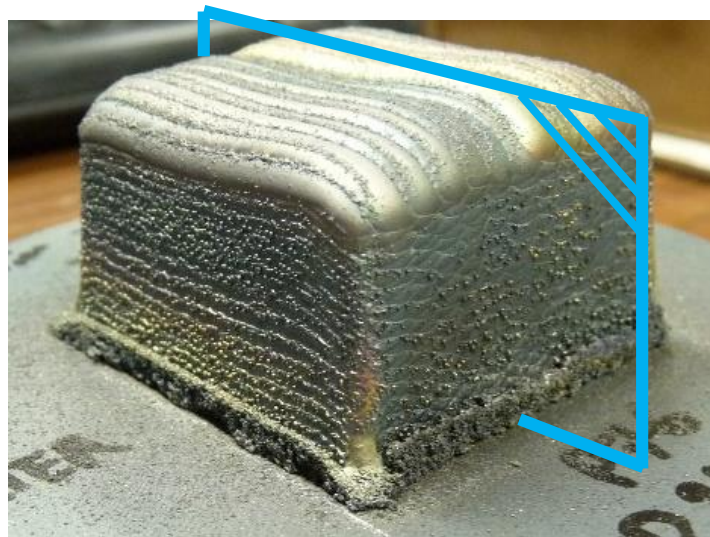
Measured Temperature history + Melt pool depth

Laser path (velocity, idle time, tracks scheme)

Real one in 3D, simplified but per layer in 2D simulations

Bulk samples

	Bulk Sample
Laser beam speed (mm/s)	6.67
Laser power (W)	1100
Pre-heating (°C)	300
Mass flow (mg/s)	76
Number of tracks per layer	27
Total number of layers	36

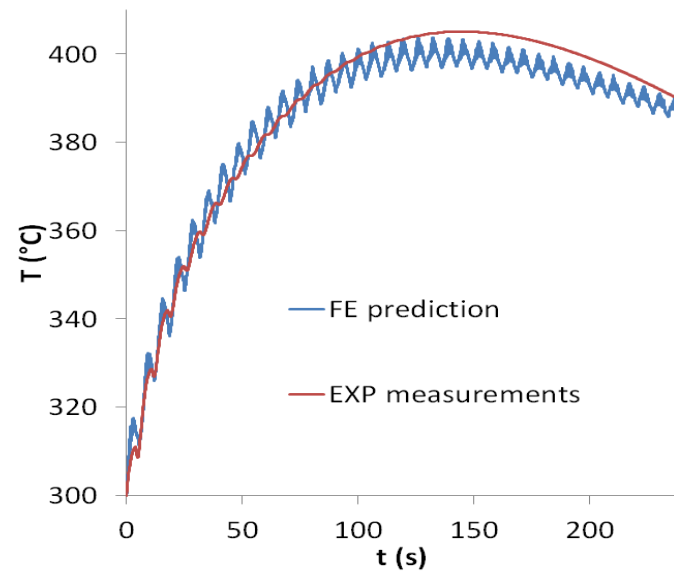


4 Thermocouples
Thermal measurement in the substrate

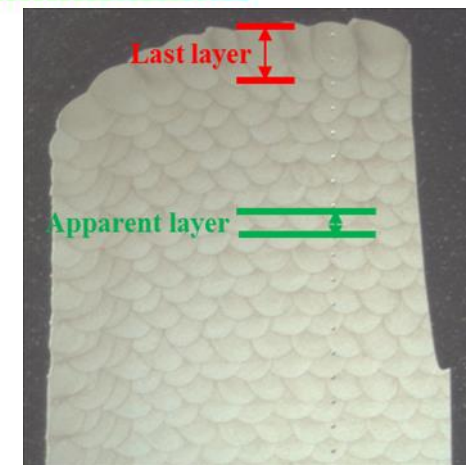
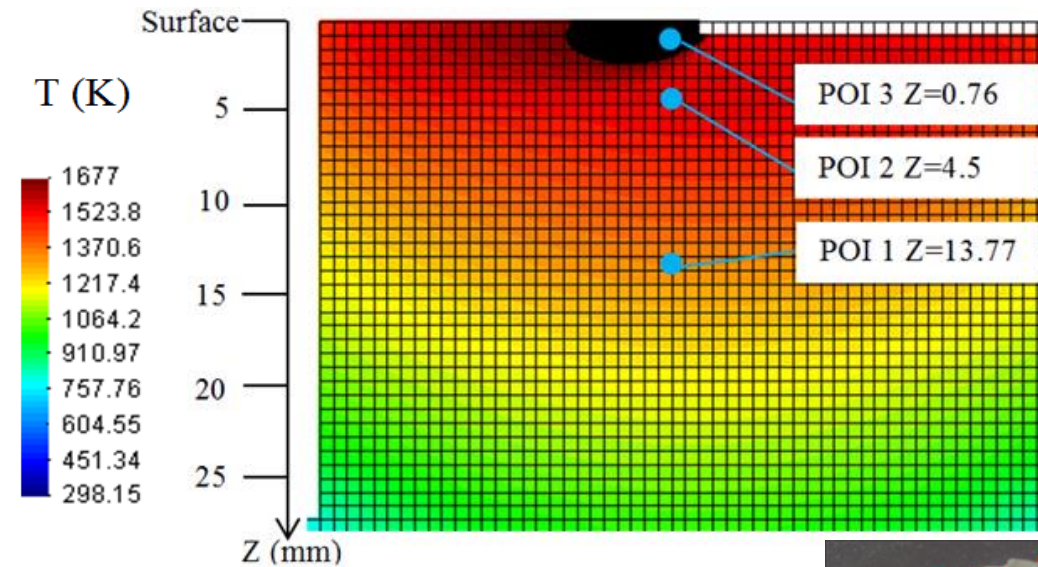
40 x 40 x 27.5 mm (972 tracks)

“2D FE “ - bulk samples

T_p° in the substrate

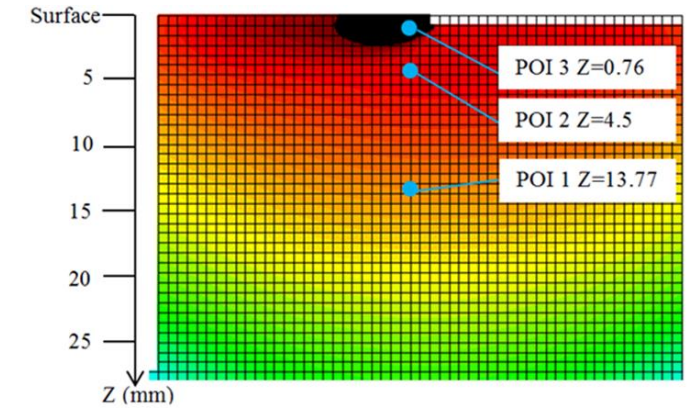
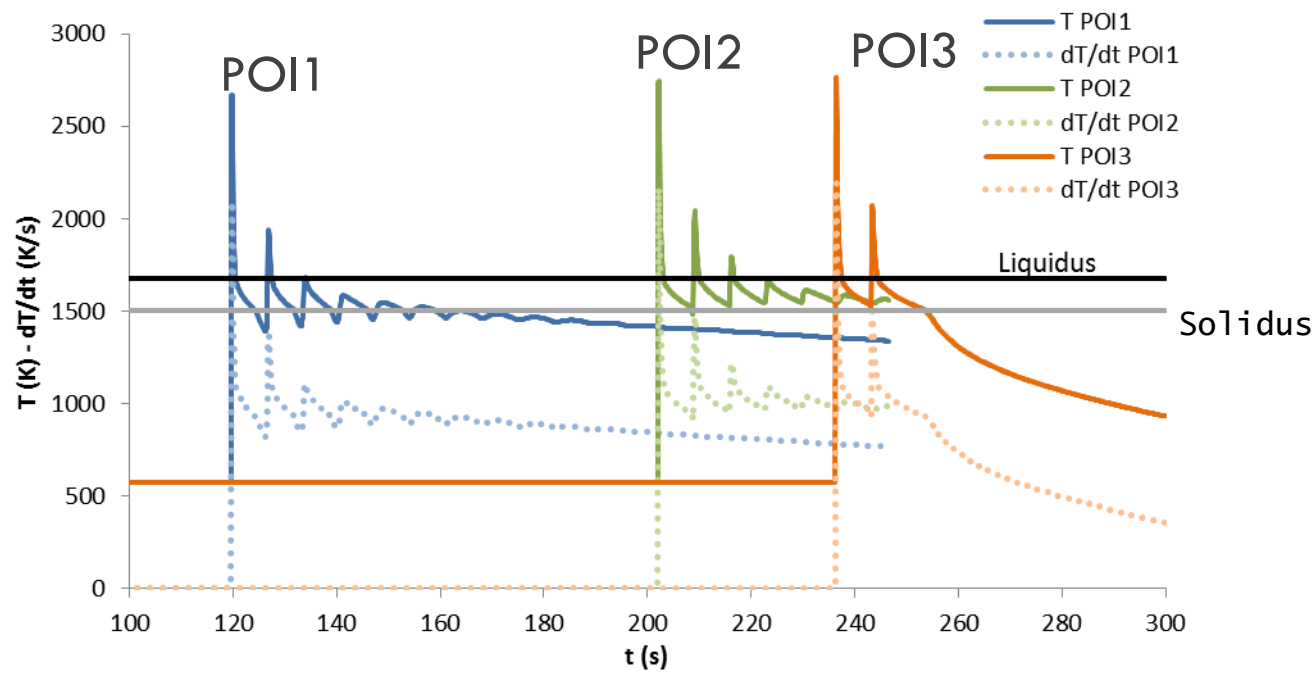


Predicted T_p° in the clad

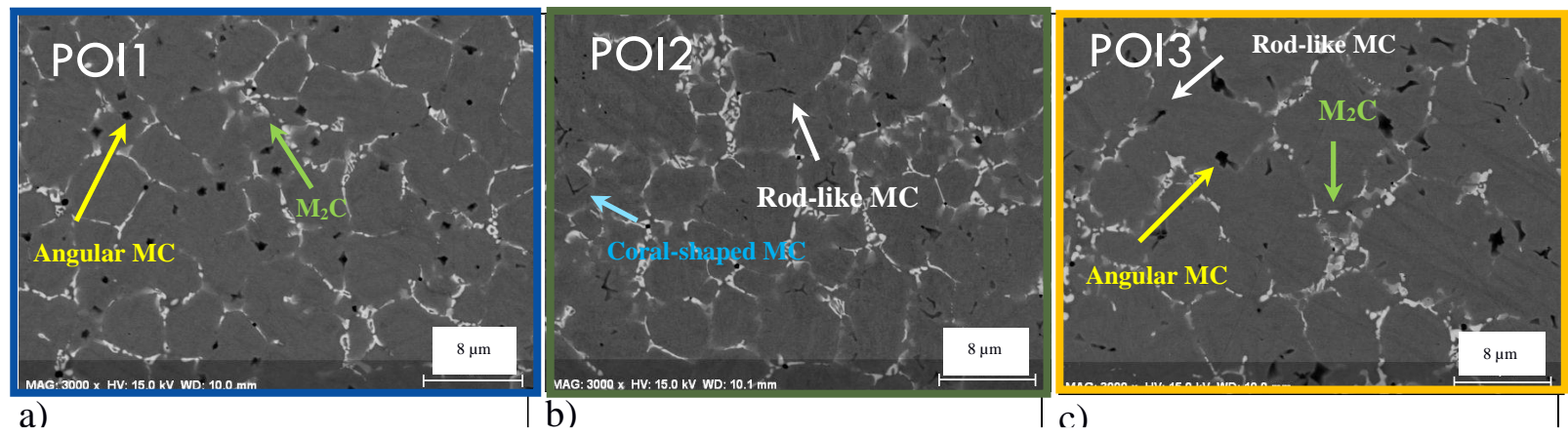


Melt pool depth

Key data for identifying single set of data by inverse simulations (convection, radiation, absorption coefficient)



- Number of full partial remelting
- T_p° Level between solidus & liquidus
- Superheating temperature



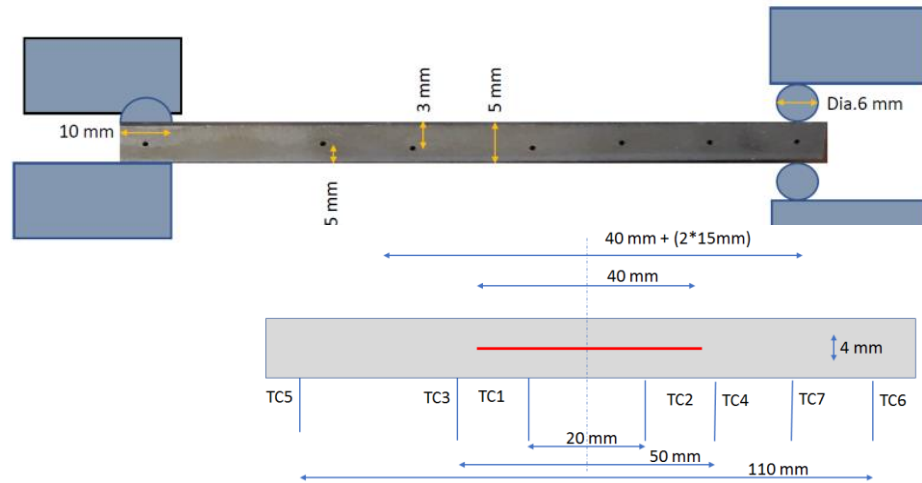
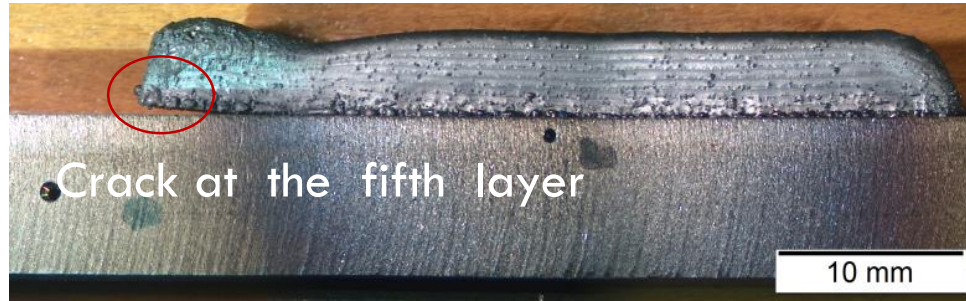
Jardin R.T., et al. (2019) Materials Letters.

star-like MC and lamellar eutectic M₂C intercellular carbides

coral-shaped intracellular MC, intercellular eutectic M₂C and refined cells due to multiple melting

coarse angular MC and eutectic M₂C within intercellular zones

Thin wall experiments (1) Preheating =150 °C

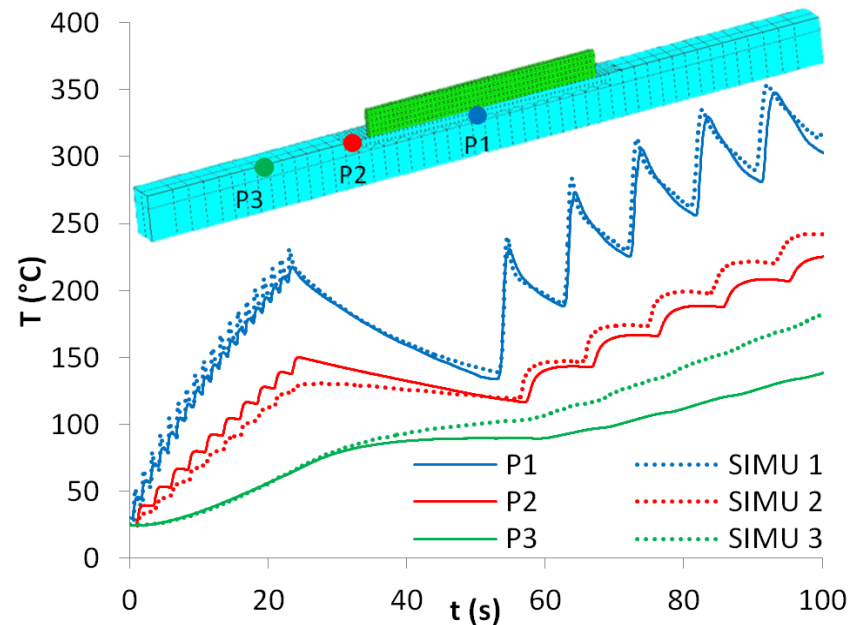


	Substrate pre-heating	Clad deposition
Length of centered laser pass for pre-heating (mm)	40	40
Laser beam speed (mm/s)	41.7	8.3
Laser power (W)	260	(Constant)500
Temperature at thermocouple TC1 at preheating end and at cladding start in °C	217	134
Number of laser passes	20	10

With a thinner substrate: there too much bending → risk for laser position

With thicker substrate crack situation worst

3D FE thin wall simulations



Measured thermophysical parameters Stress strain curves at 3 tp° and strain rate on samples extracted from DED samples

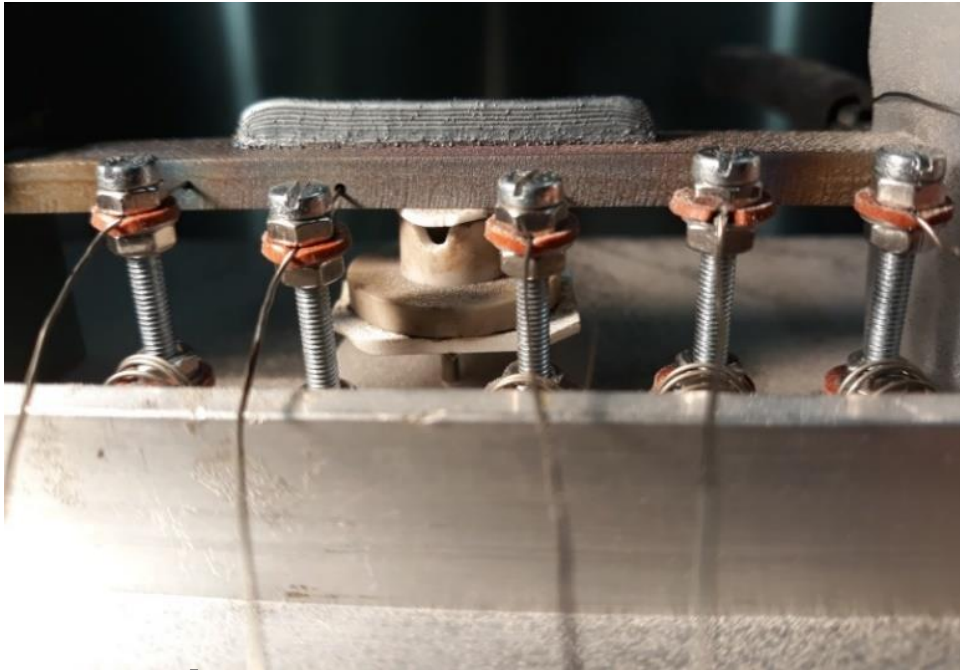
2D Substrate 42crMo4 \neq than for bulk sample
→ Impossible to recover temperature measurements with previous values of conductivity and thermal capacity.

→ New measurements
(Previous block for bulk sample in martensite state, current bars in Pearlitic state)

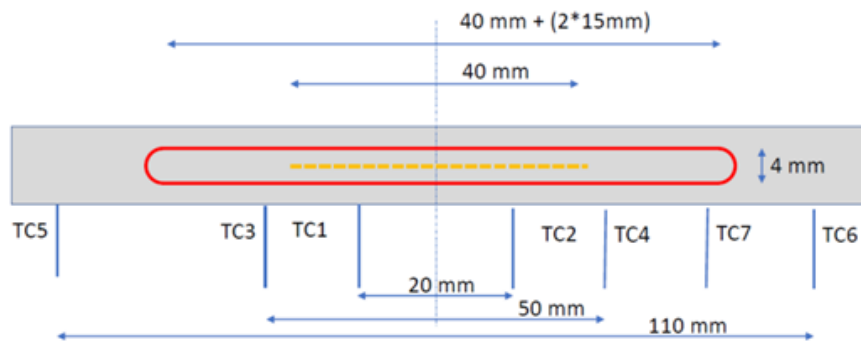
target measured Tp° history

Simulations until 5th layer
Convection $f(T)$ constant value not OK

Thin wall experiments (2) Preheating = 300 °C



- No more crack
- Nearly constant height



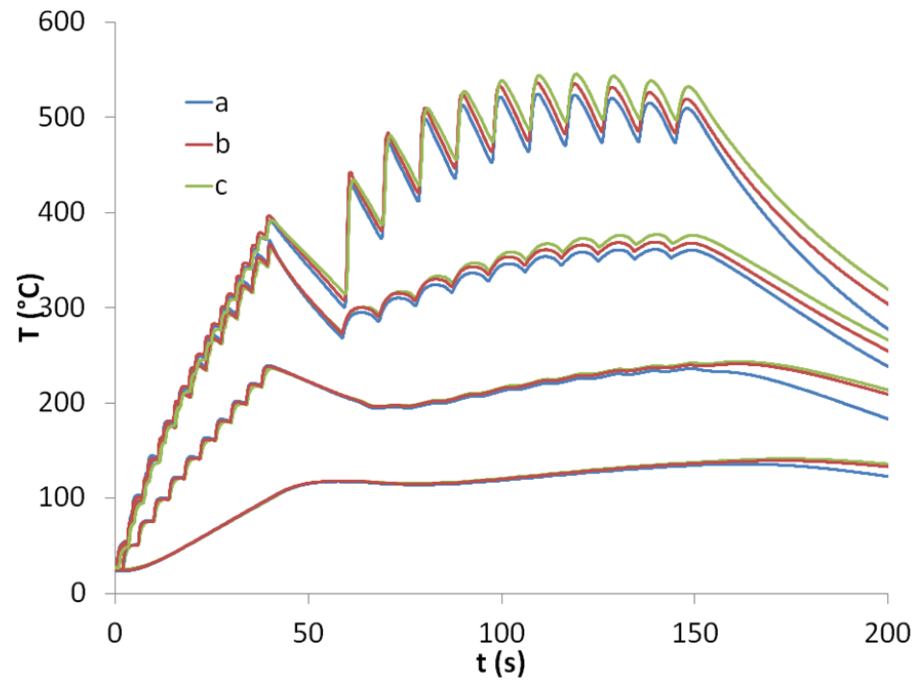
	Substrate pre-heating	Clad deposition
Length of centered laser pass for pre-heating (mm)	70	40
Laser beam speed (mm/s)	41.7	8.3
Laser power (W)	260	600+500=>400
Temperature at thermocouple P1 at preheating end and at cladding start in °C	400	310
Number of laser passes	20	10

Pre heating at 300 °C

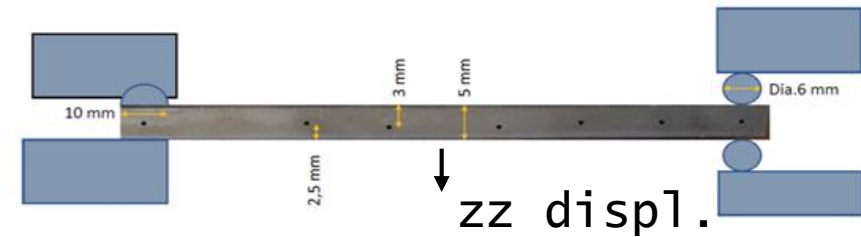
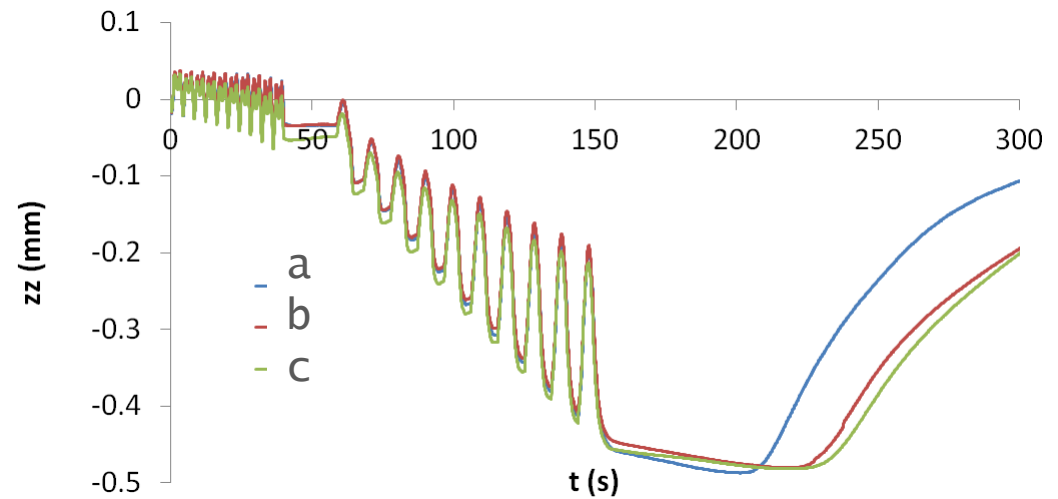
Thin wall experiments (2)

3 Experiments with similar conditions 10 layers without crack

Temperature history



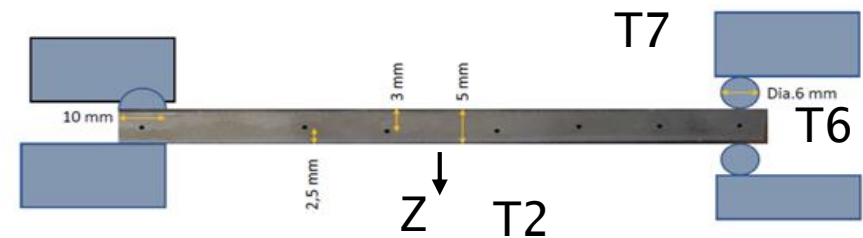
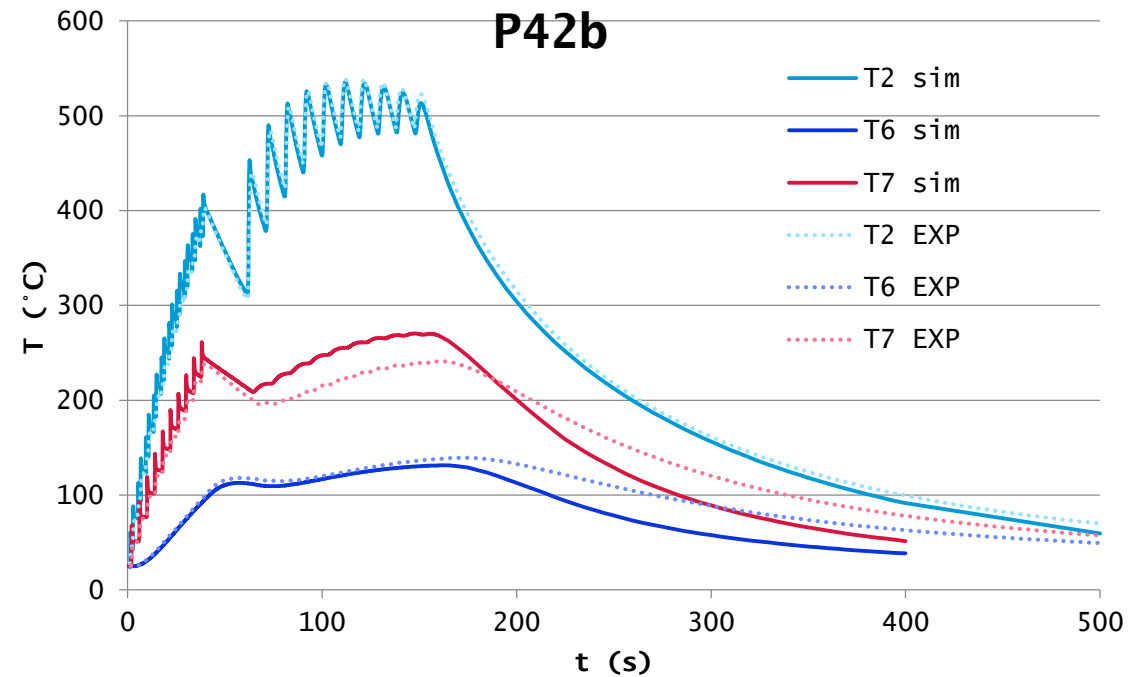
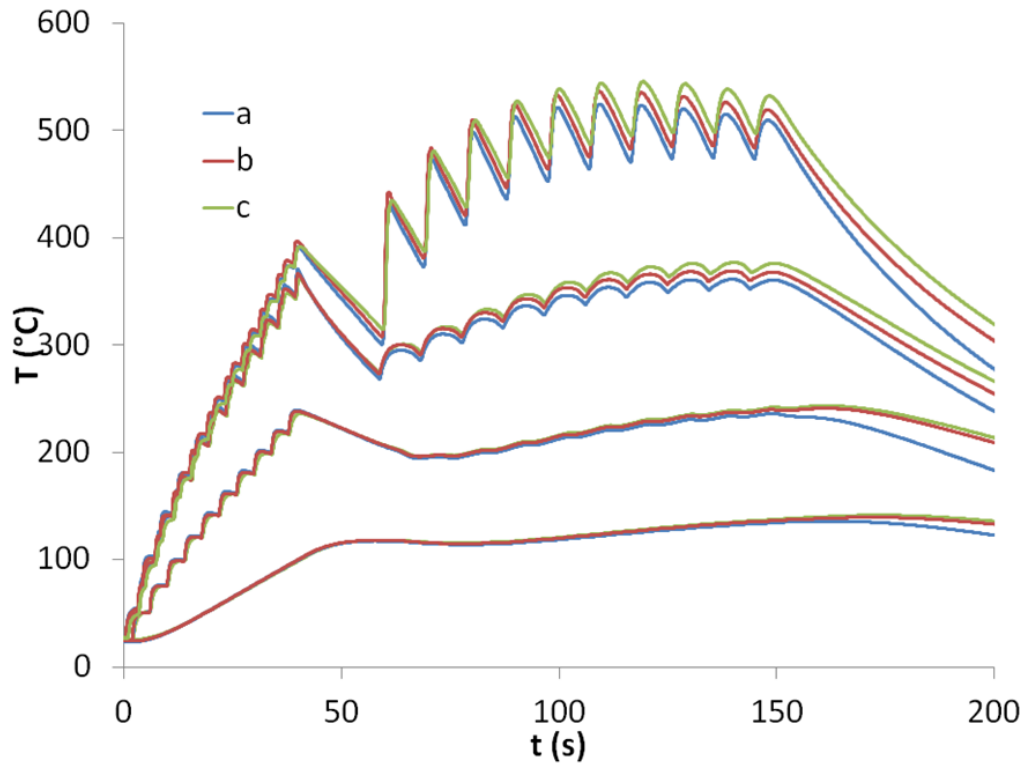
Vertical displacement at the middle



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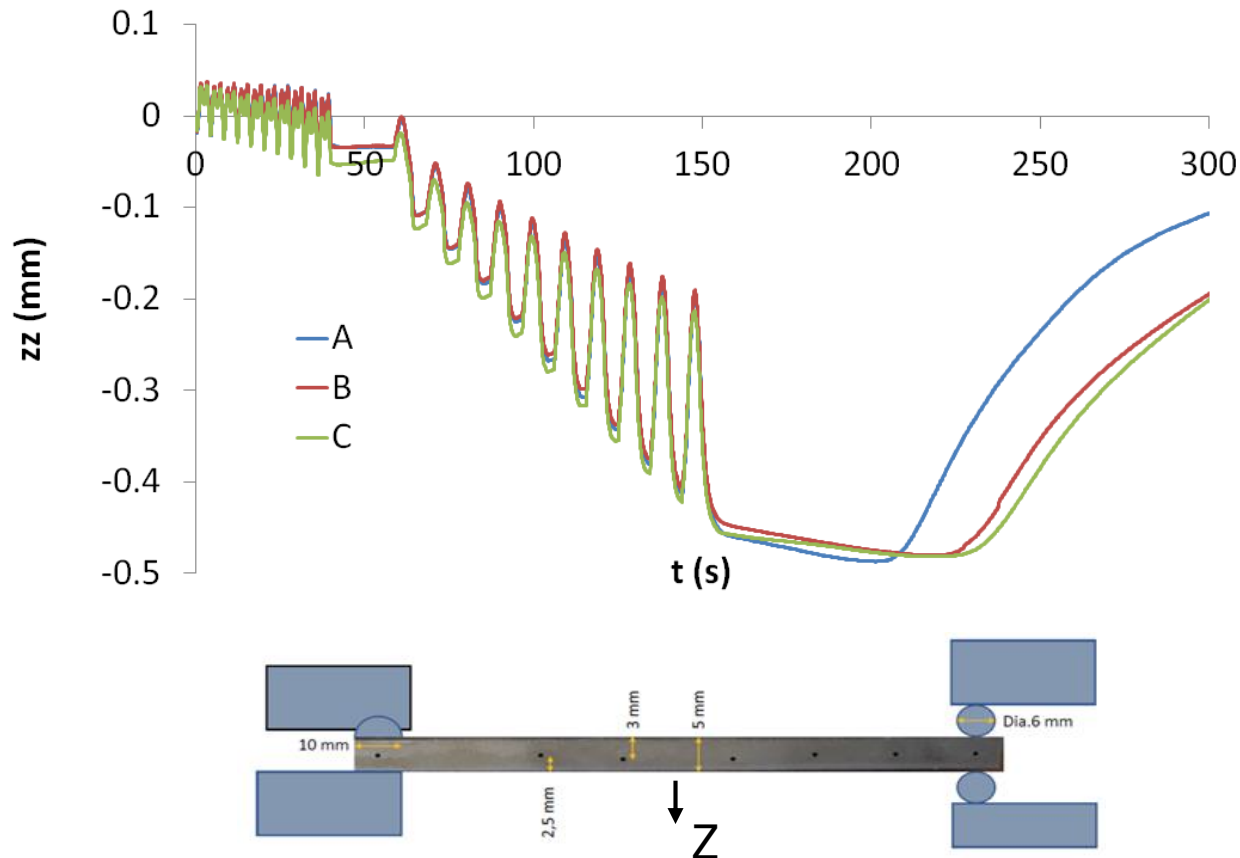
3 Experiments with similar conditions 10 layers without crack

Measured Temperature history



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Vertical displacement at the middle



Pre heating curves demonstrated high sensitivity to the right boundary condition $TP < 500^\circ\text{C}$ so no phase transformation

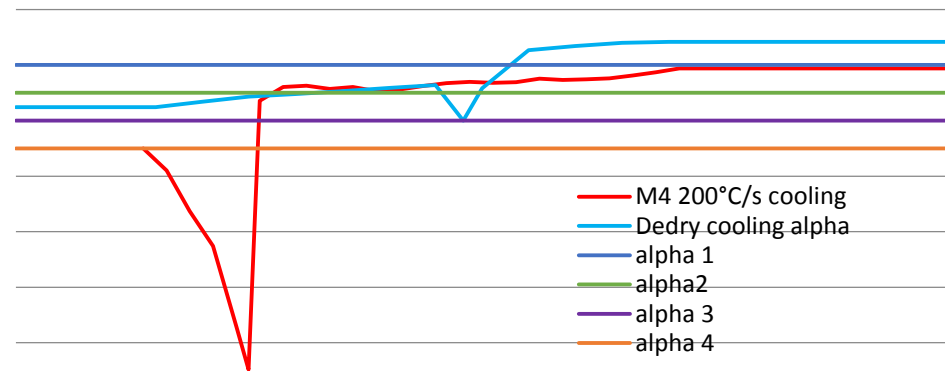
Cladding process:

- Low sensitivity to Young modulus
- Low sensitivity to hardening curve
- Low sensitivity to elastic limit

High sensitivity to different dilatation coefficient of the substrate and the clad (but clad measurement based on bulk samples with different microstructure \rightarrow wrong values)

“3D” thin wall simulations

Idea of dilatation coefficients

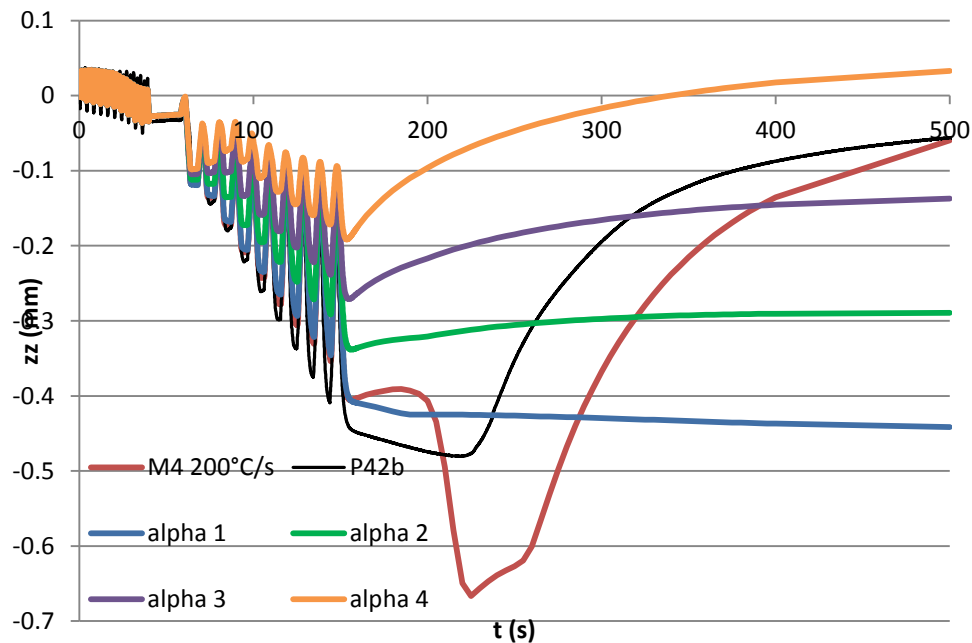


High sensitivity to different dilatation coefficients of the substrate and the clad

clad property measured on material from bulk samples (→ different microstructures, carbides)

-literature on close composition at higher cooling rate
-extrapolation... as first transformation modifies composition

... a nightmare...

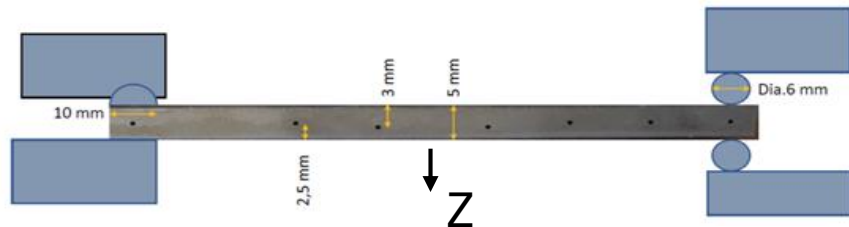


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Next steps

Shift martensitic transformation to end thermal validation

Work on the stress validation



Why is AISI M4 case so challenging?

Phase transformation define the behavior

*More fundamental knowledge should be known before trying
to model the mechanical behavior*

Why is AISI M4 case so interesting?

Good properties + goal for model coupling approaches

Thank you
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