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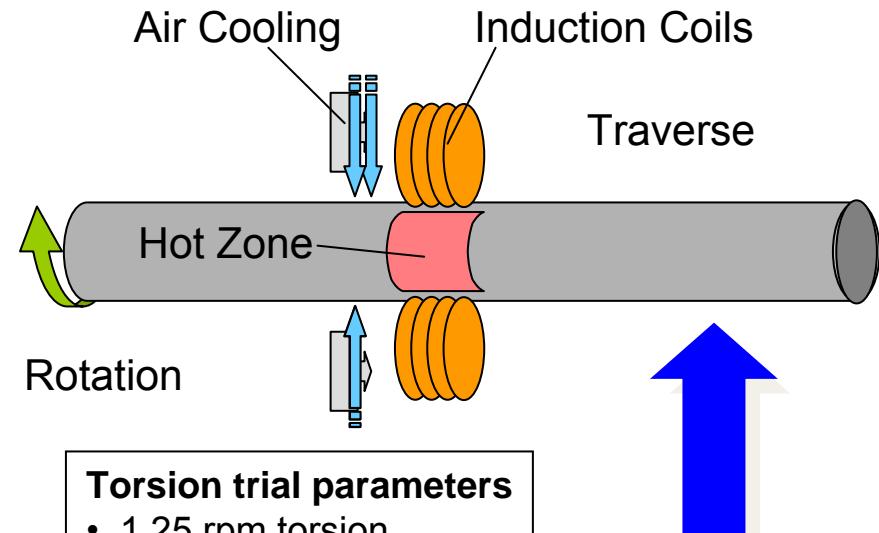
- Recrystallisation of PM2000
 - torsionally deformed tube
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- Selective Laser Melting (SLM) of PM2000 alloy powder

Recrystallisation of torsionally deformed PM2000 tube



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Torsion trial parameters

- 1.25 rpm torsion
- traverse rate, 0.01ms^{-1}
- lead length 200mm
- 720°C
- 20° twist

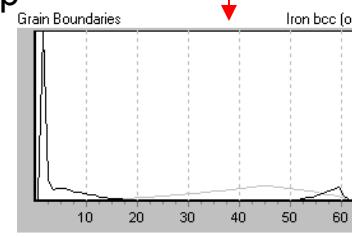
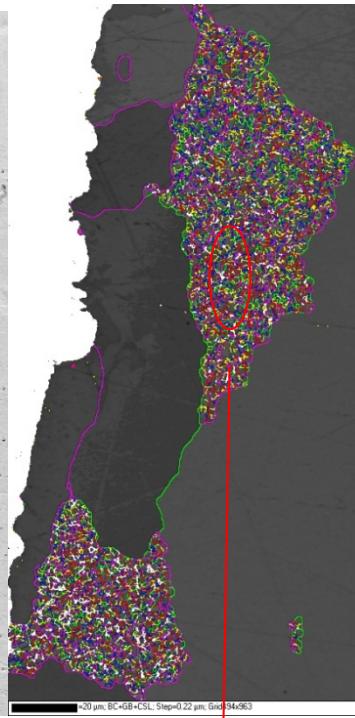
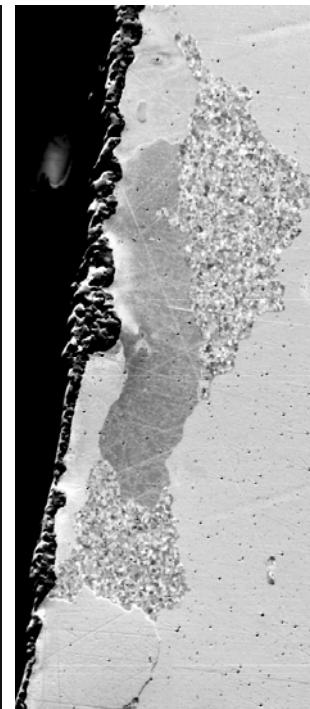
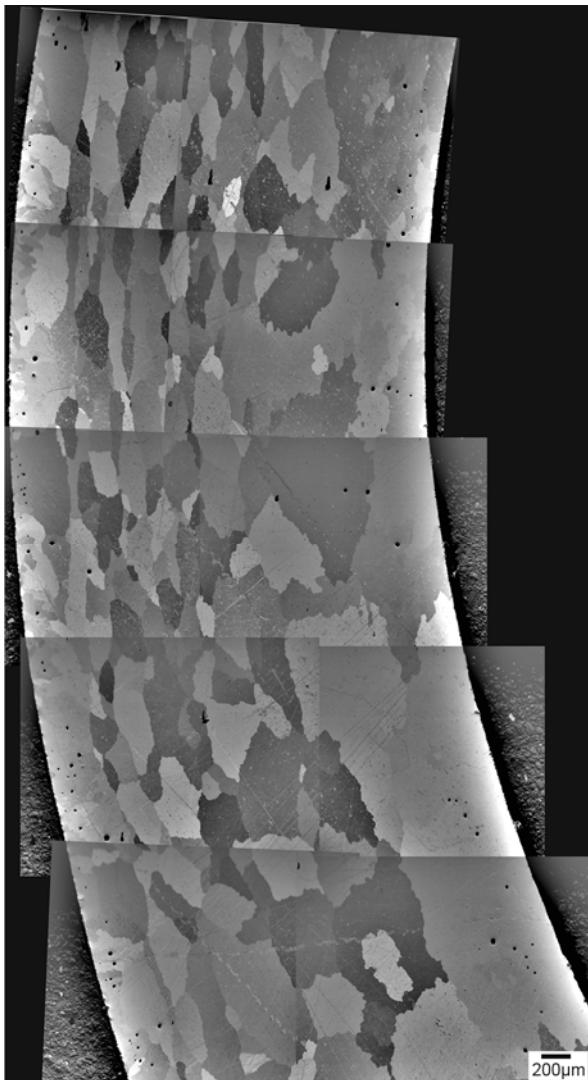
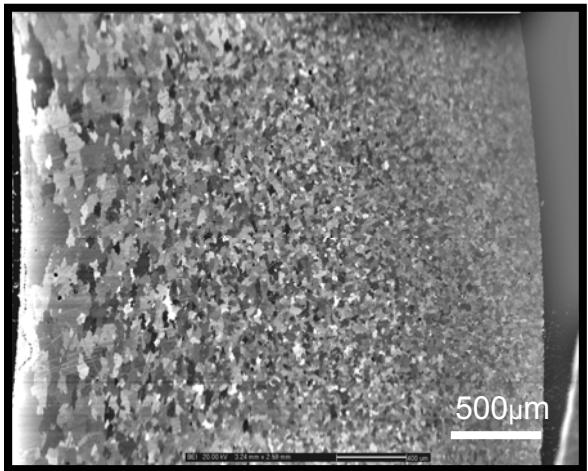
PM2000

- fine grained
- 2 metre length
- 25.8 mm O.D.
- 2.9 mm wall



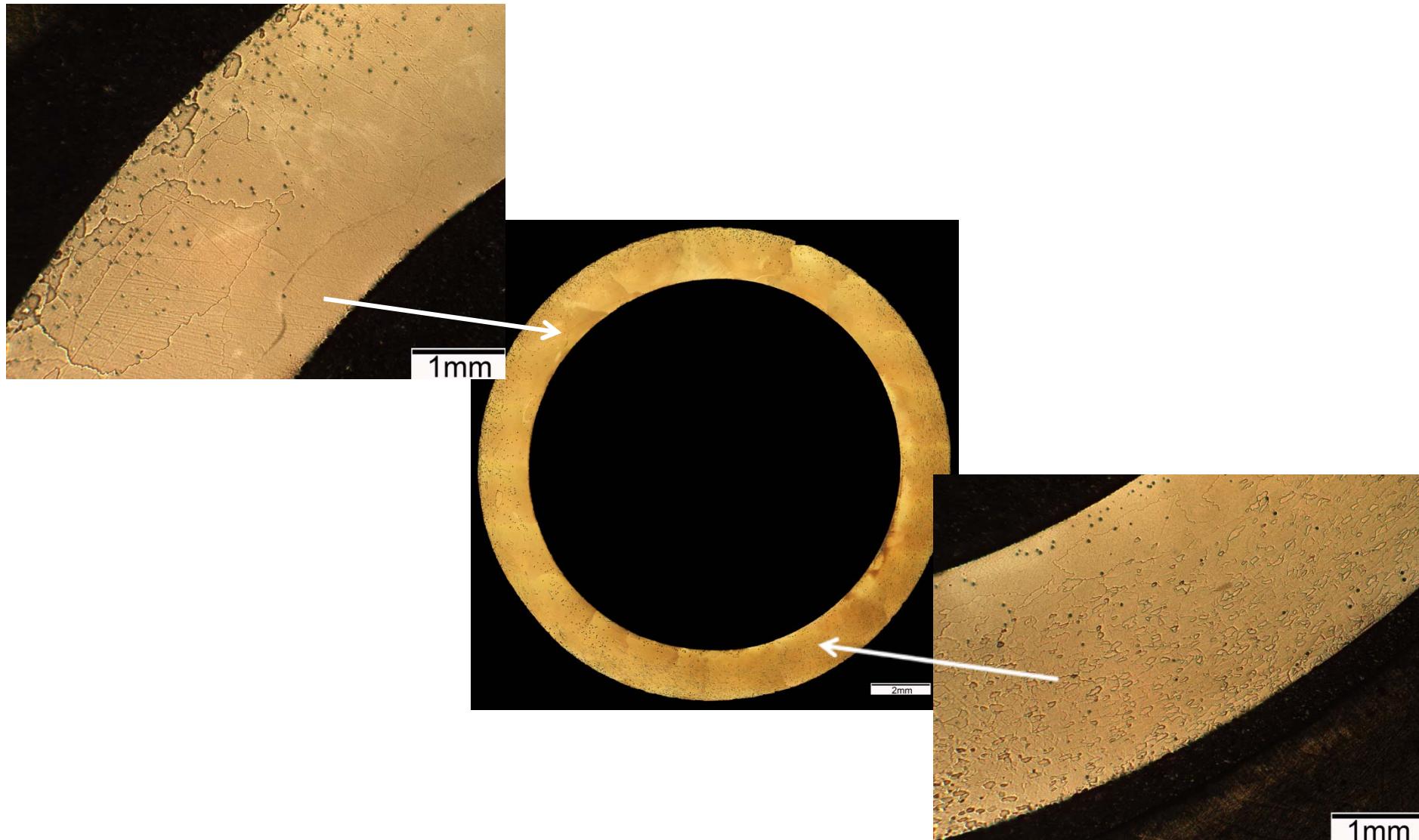
End-section of 2 meter length of PM2000 tube, twisted at Forecréu at 750°C .

Recrystallisation of torsionally deformed PM2000 tube



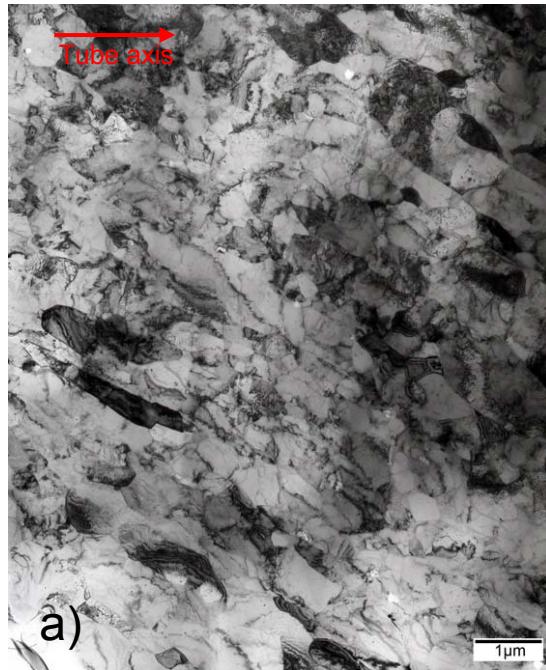
PM2000 tube torsionally deformed ~20%
+ SR 1380°C/1h. Transverse section, SEM.

Recrystallisation of torsionally deformed PM2000 tube

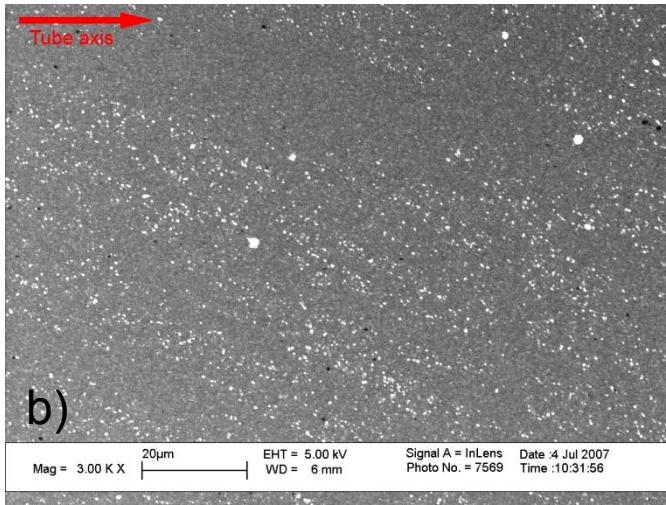


Transverse section through PM2000 tube torsionally deformed + SR 1380°C/1h

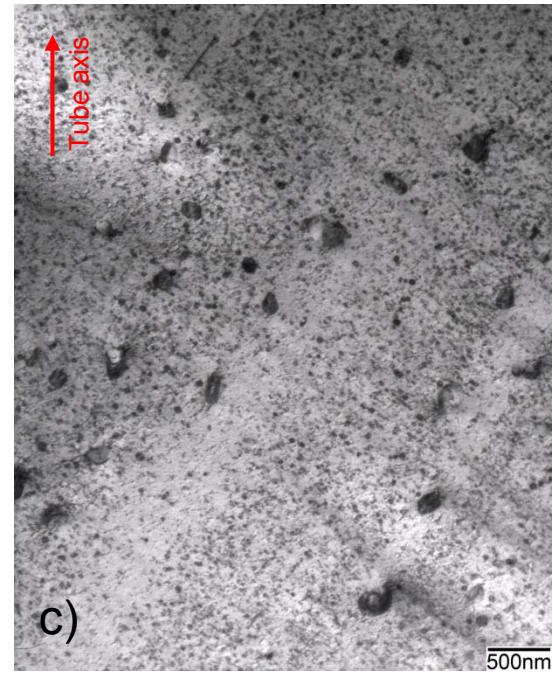
Recrystallisation of torsionally deformed PM2000 tube



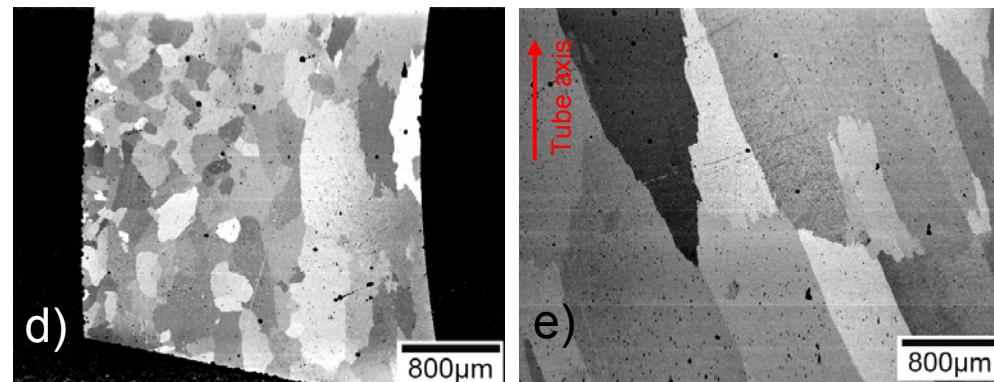
a) torsionally deformed ~20%
Plan section. TEM.



b) Deformed + SR 1380°C/45 min.
Plan section. LVSEM (5kV).



c) Deformed + SR 1380°C/1h.
Plan section. TEM.

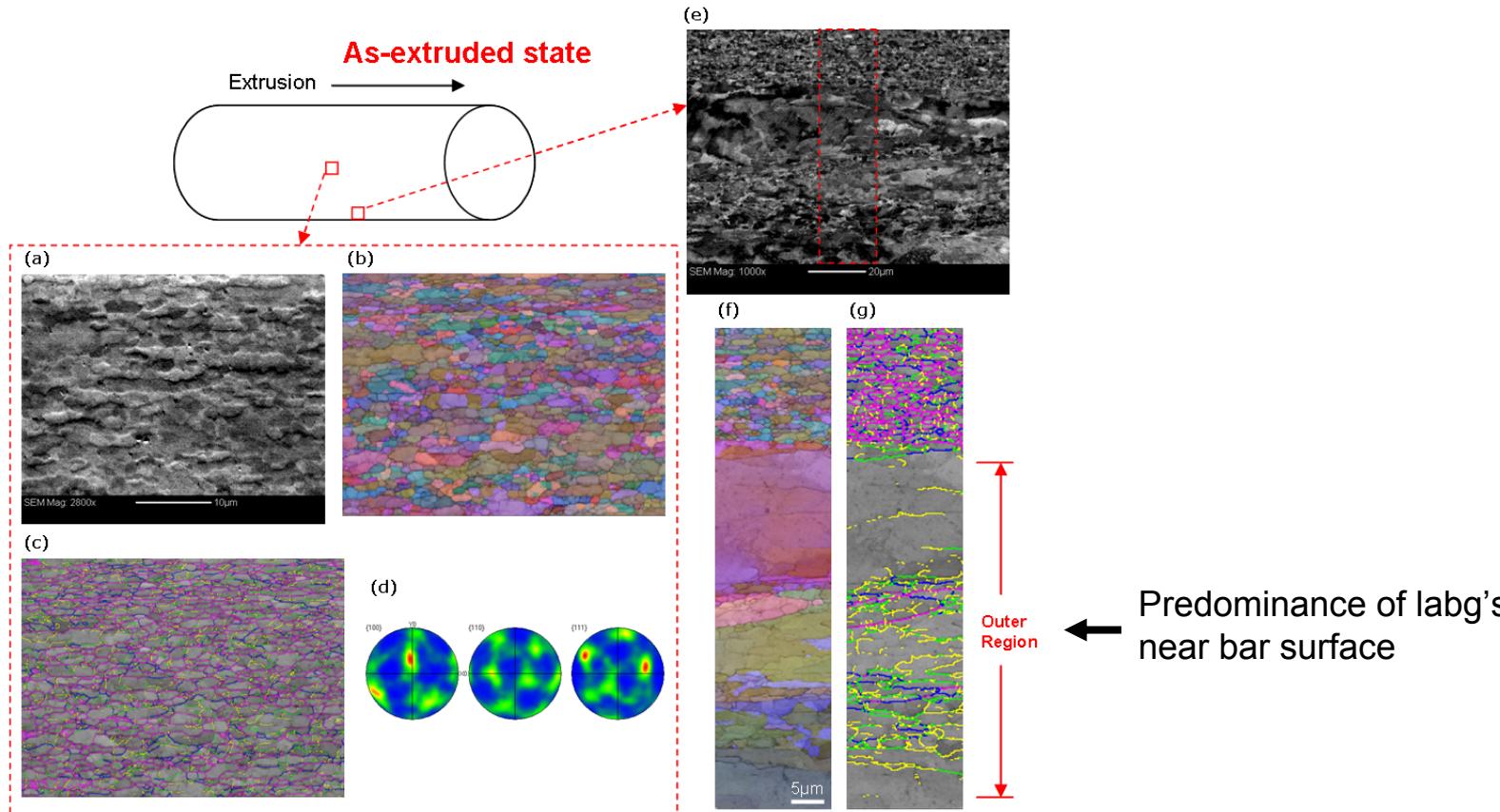


d) Deformed + SR
1380°C/1h
Transverse section. SEM.



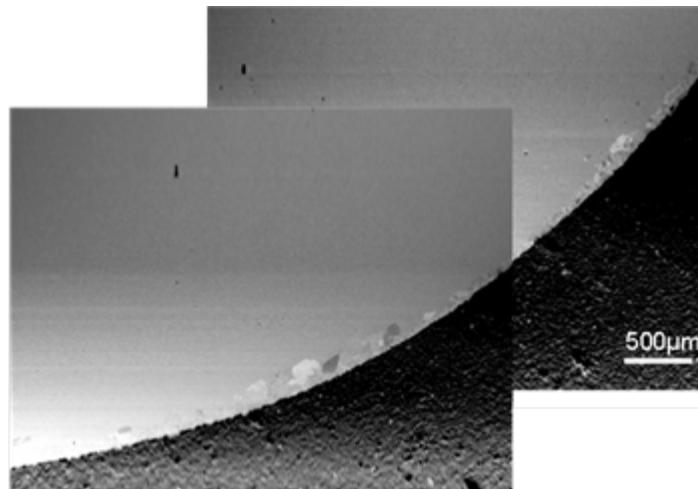
e) Deformed + SR
1380°C/1h
Plan section. SEM.

Recrystallisation of extruded PM2000 bar

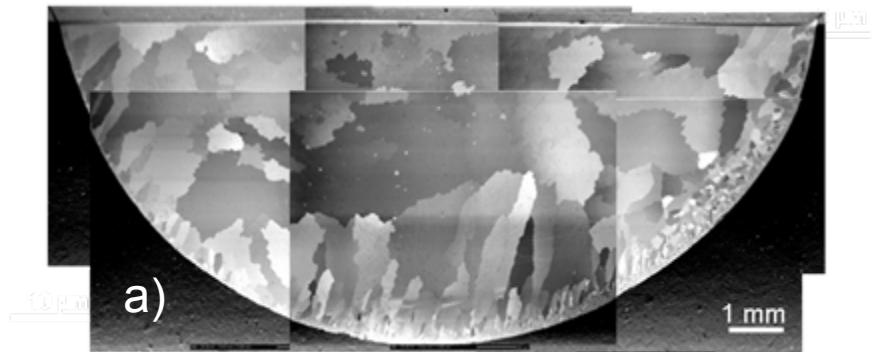


PM2000 bar (can/HIP/hot extrude (1000°C)). Fine-grained as-extruded state. SEM longitudinal sections

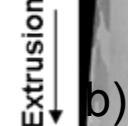
Recrystallisation of extruded PM2000 bar



As-extruded + 900°C/1h.
SEM transverse section

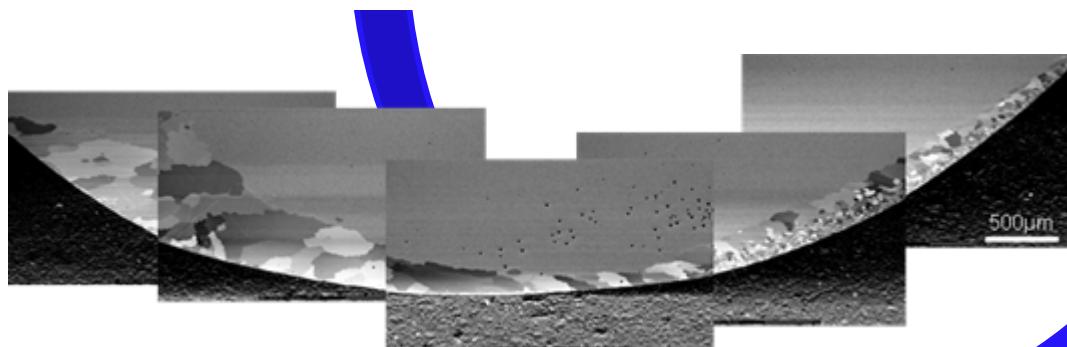


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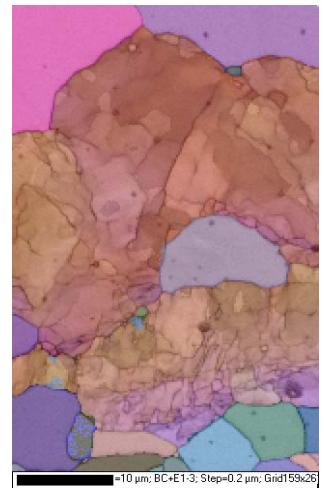
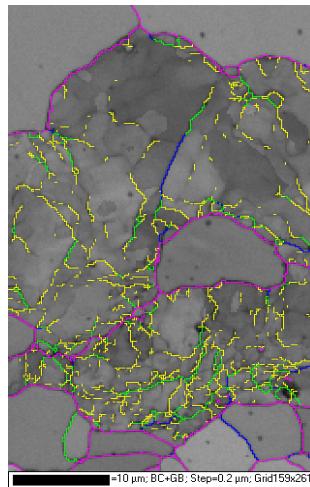
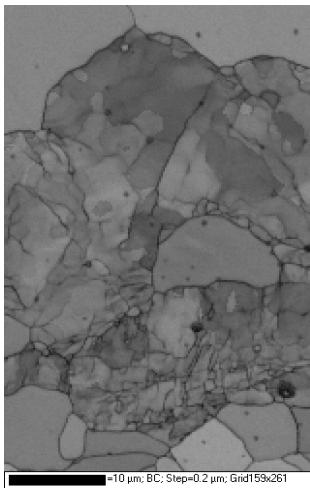
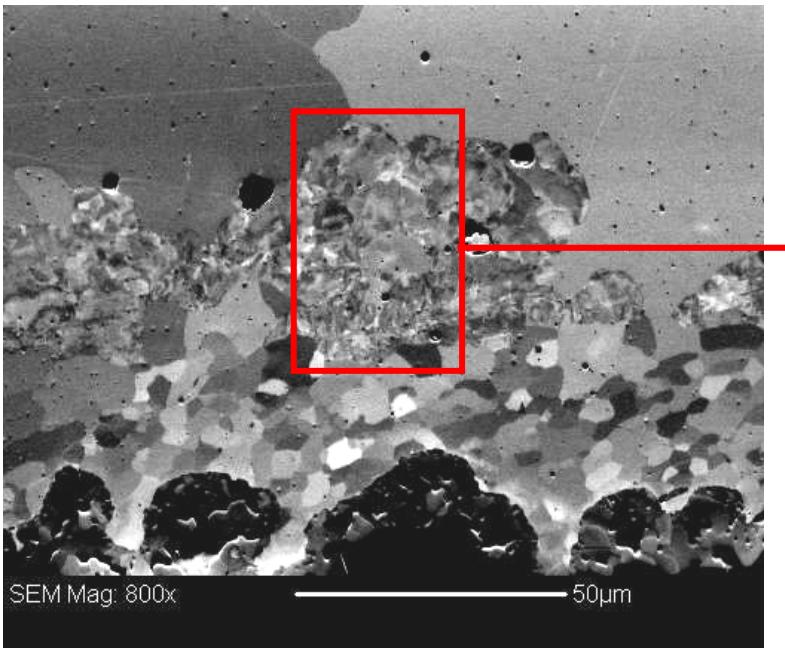
b)

As-extruded + 1200°C/1h.
a) SEM transverse section
b) SEM longitudinal section



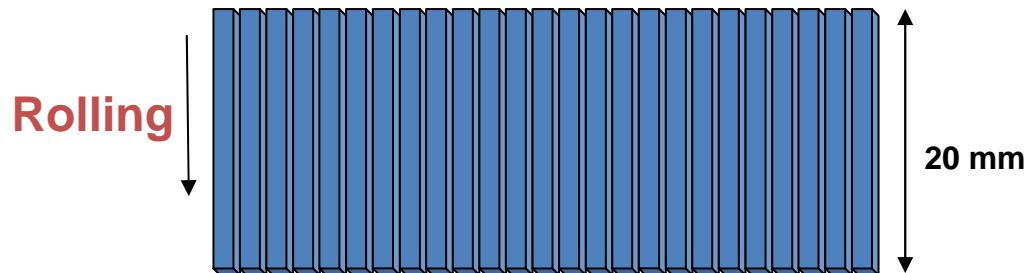
As-extruded +
1100°C/1h. SEM
transverse section

Recrystallisation of extruded PM2000 bar

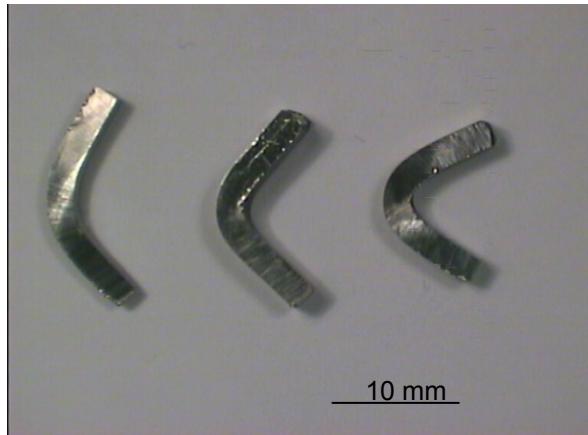


As-extruded + 1380⁰C/1h.
Transverse section. SEM.

PM2000 sheet subject to bending/twisting +SR

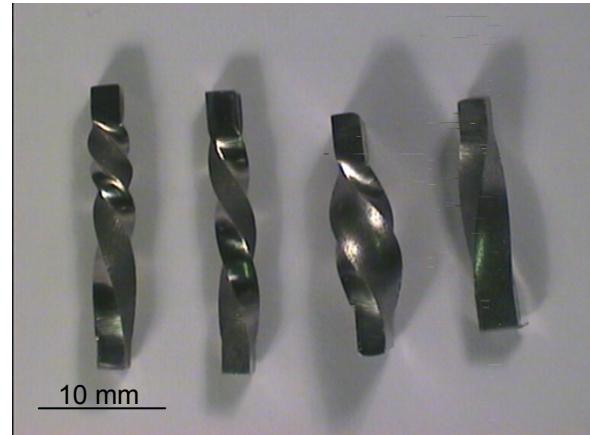


Bent samples



$120^\circ \rightarrow 90^\circ \rightarrow 45^\circ$

Twisted samples



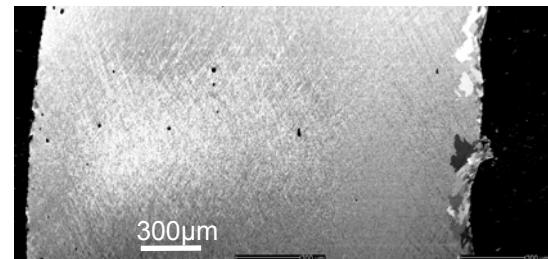
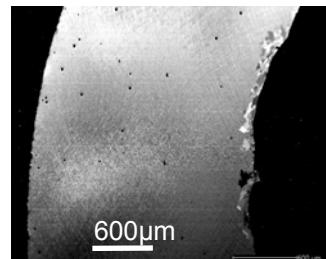
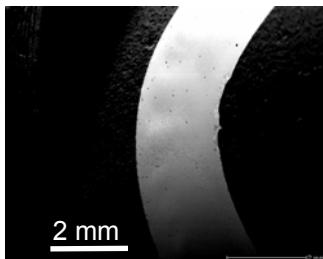
$360^\circ \rightarrow 270^\circ \rightarrow 180^\circ \rightarrow 90^\circ$

Samples deformed (bend/twist then SR (1380°C /1h)).

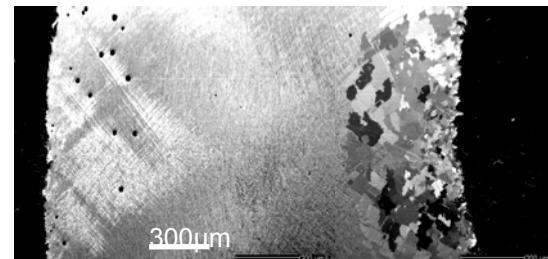
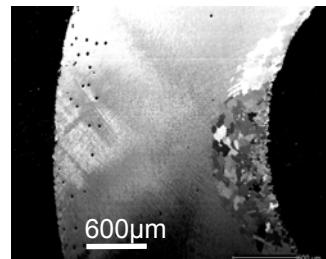
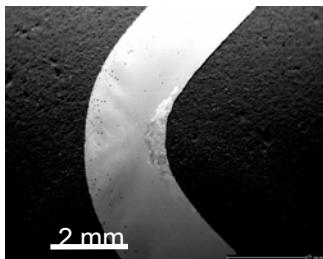
PM2000 sheet subject to bending/twisting +SR

Final angle of bend

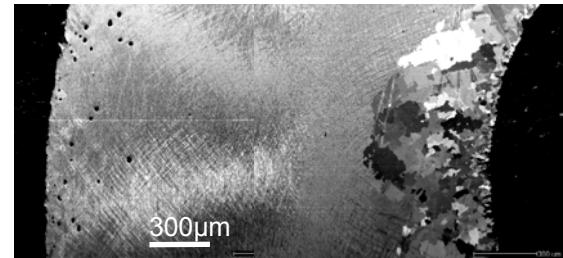
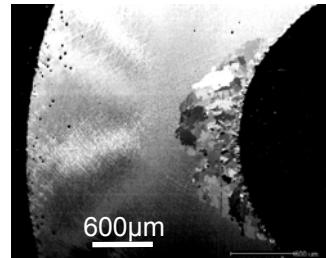
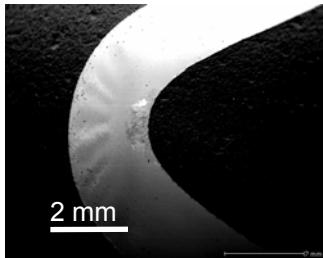
120°



90°

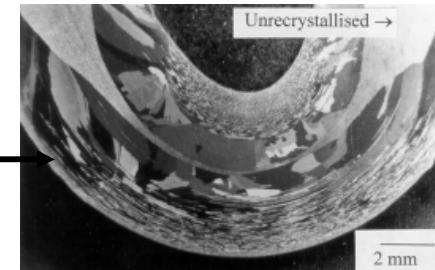


45°

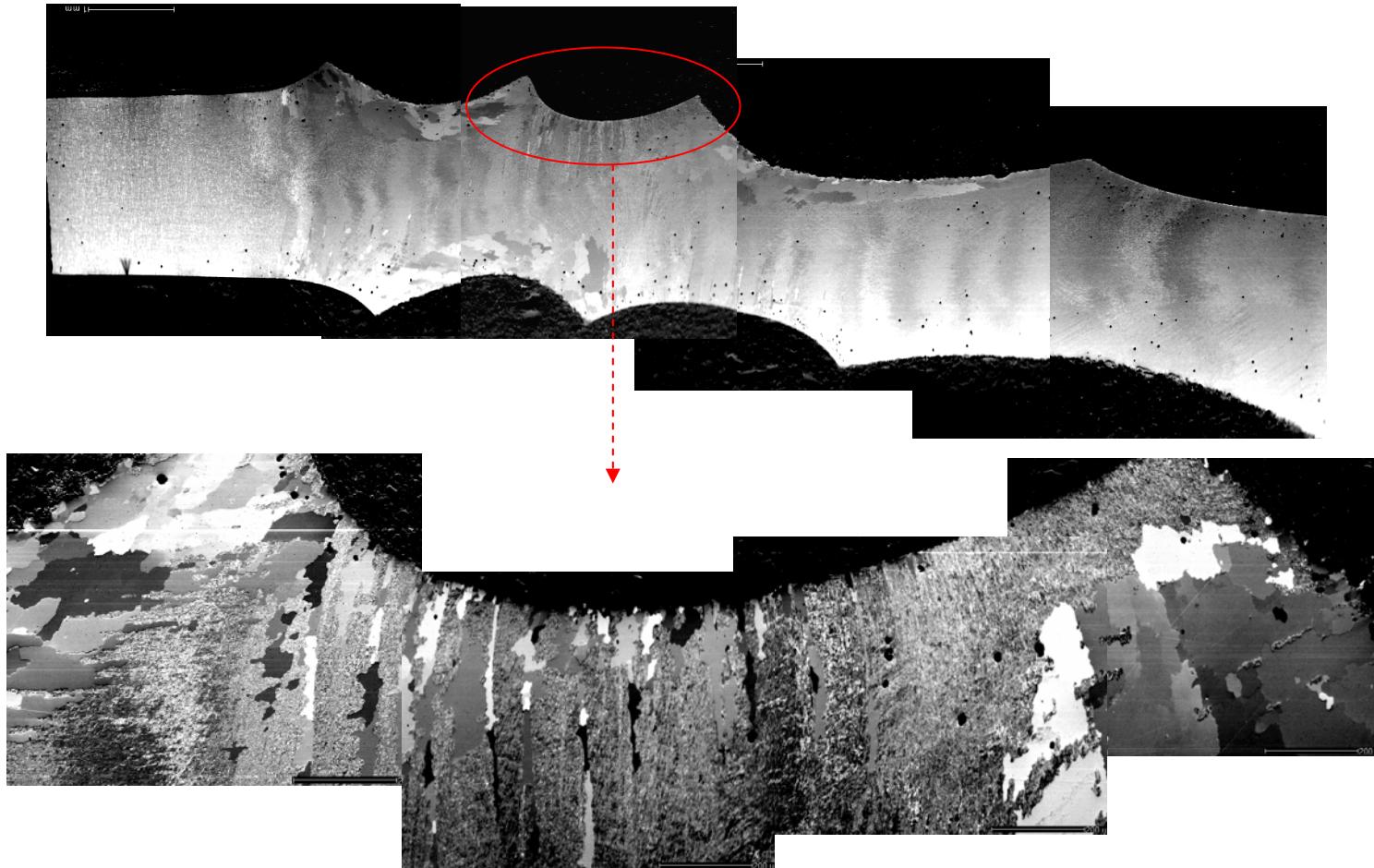


Fine grained samples deformed in bending + SR (1380°C /1h).

MA957/□-section from plate/ 30° final bend angle + 1300°C/1h
(after Capdevila and Bhadeshia, 2000)



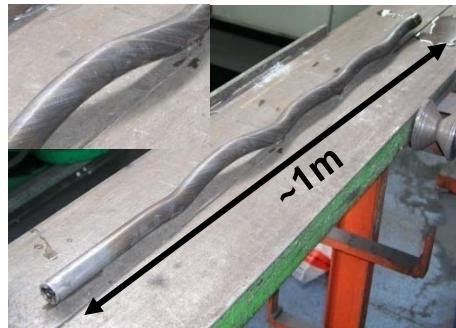
PM2000 sheet subject to bending/twisting +SR



PM2000 'bar' sample cut from sheet, twisted 360° + SR (1380°C /1h).

Torsional forming trials: ASTM 446 steel tube

- Torsion trials: Forecreu, France → Kennametal Inc, Evans GA (twist drill manuf.)



- Kennametal trials unfunded; tube supplied free issue ex-UoL
- PM2000 replaced by Sandvik 4C54 (ASTM 446) heat resisting seamless Cr ferritic steel tube

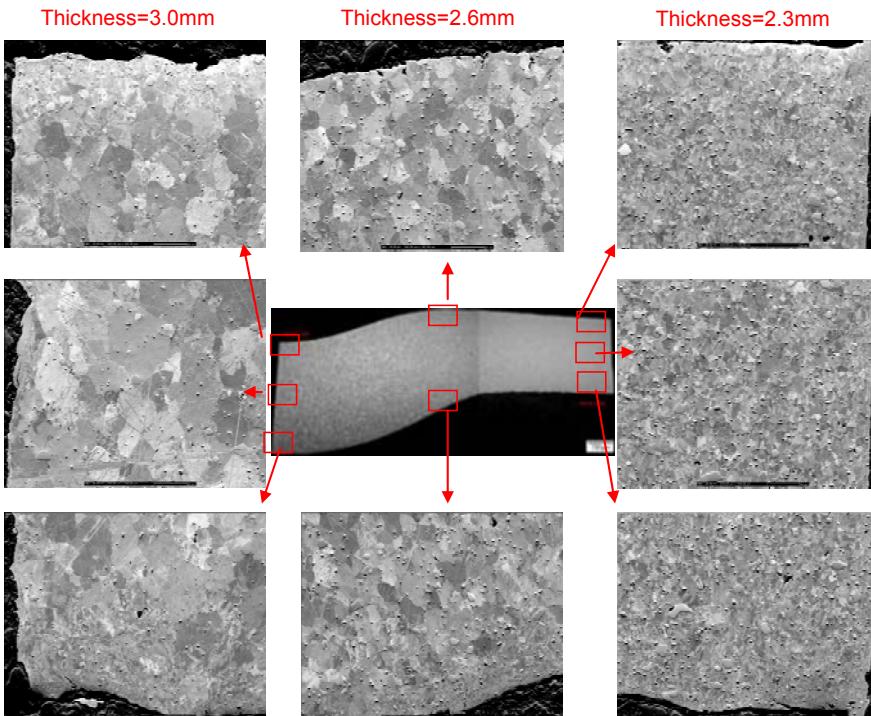
Sandvik 4C54 chemical composition wt.%

C max	Si	Mn	P max	S max	Cr	N	Fe
0.2	0.5	0.8	0.03	0.015	26.5	0.2	Balance

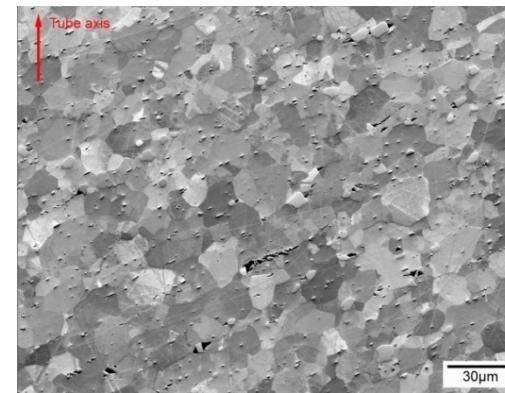
- tube 21.3mm diameter, 2.7mm wall; arrangement supported by internal steel mandrel

Torsional forming trials: ASTM 446 steel tube

- Sandvik 4C54 (ASTM 446) tube + internal steel mandrel (15.5mm diam.)
- Initial parameters: torsion at $\sim 1000^{\circ}\text{C}$ / 0.55 r.p.m/ mm.s^{-1} hot zone
- outcomes: 60° torsion achieved/wall thinning+thickening/tube dynamic recrystallisation



Longitudinal section through a 'ridge'. SEM channelling contrast.
Original tube wall thickness 2.7mm.



Transverse section showing 60° inclination of stringers in microstructure.

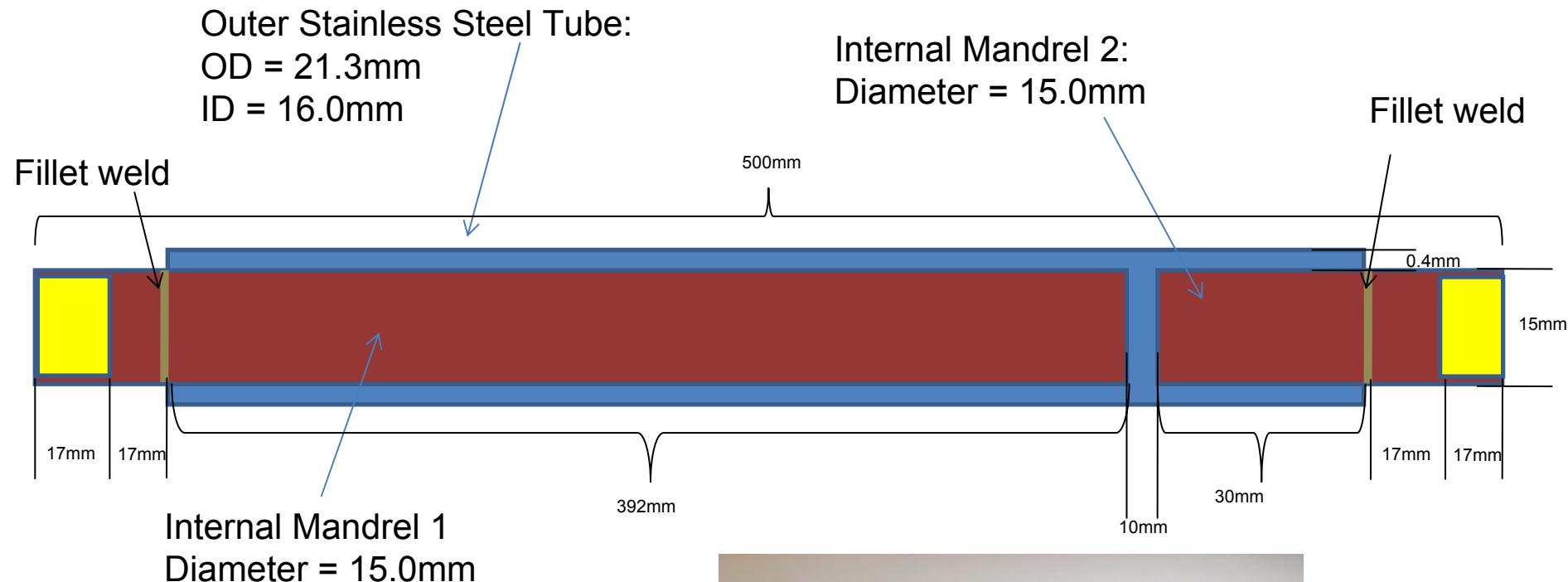
Torsional forming trials: ASTM 446 steel tube



Trial 2:

- Fixed mandrel
- 950°C
- 0.55 r.p.m
- 7mm traverse speed
- 60°helix

Torsional forming trials: ASTM 446 steel tube

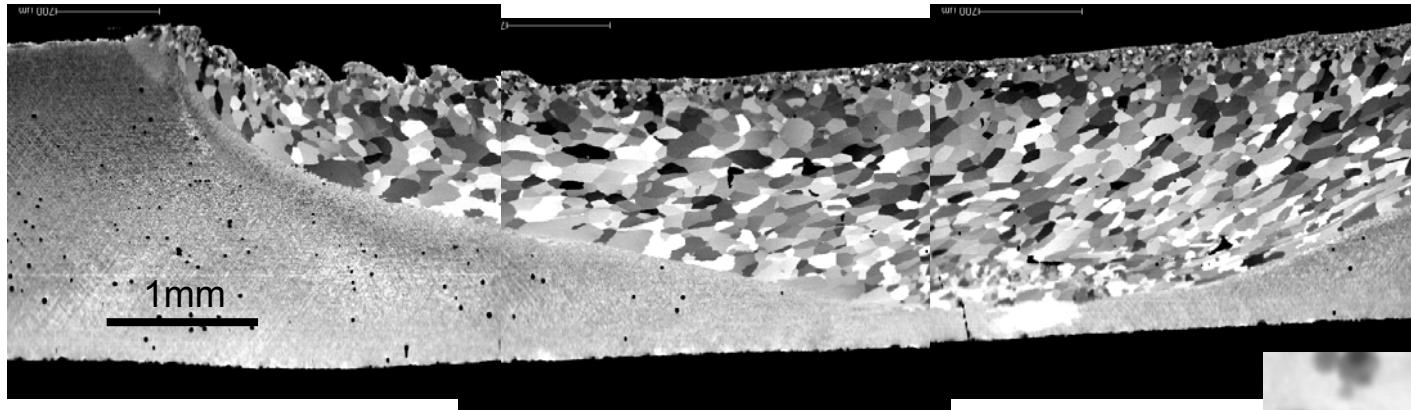


Trial 5:

- Split mandrel
- $< 900^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 0.3 r.p.m
- 7.2 mm traverse speed
- $\sim 30^{\circ}$ helix

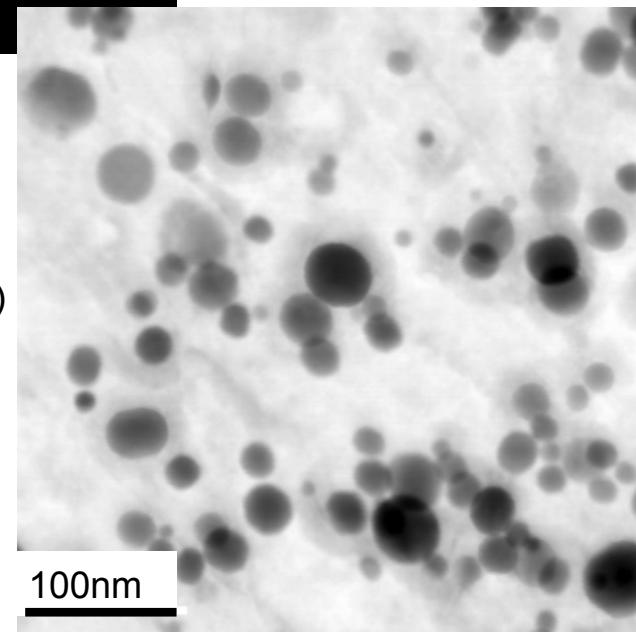


Evolution of PM2000 Oxide Dispersions during Secondary Recrystallisation



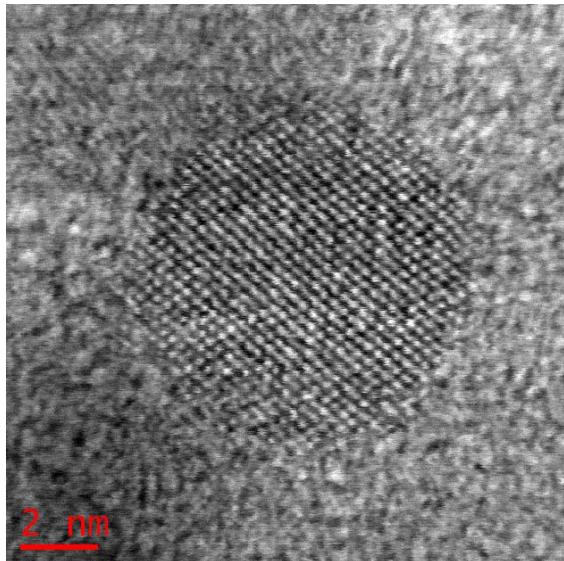
Cross section of friction stir weld in PM2000 sheet + SR 1380°C/1h

- PM2000 sheet in fine-grained (KKL4) condition + friction stir weld (TWI)
- FS joint + SR 1380°C/1h
- carbon extraction replicas from parent sheet and joint

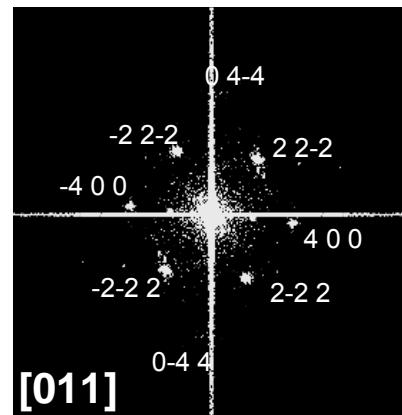
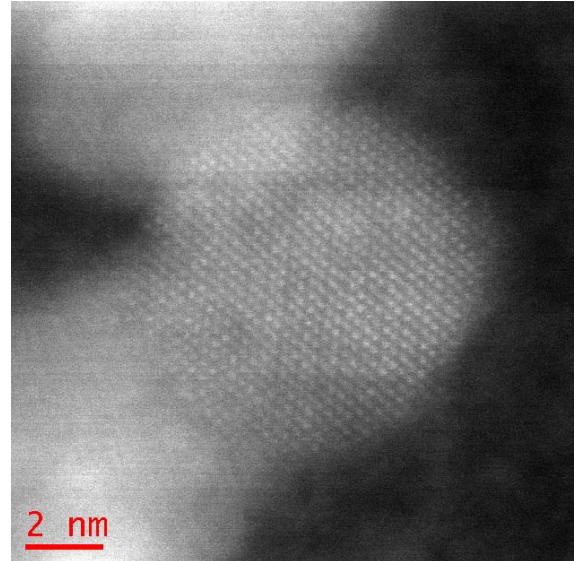


Carbon extraction replica of sample

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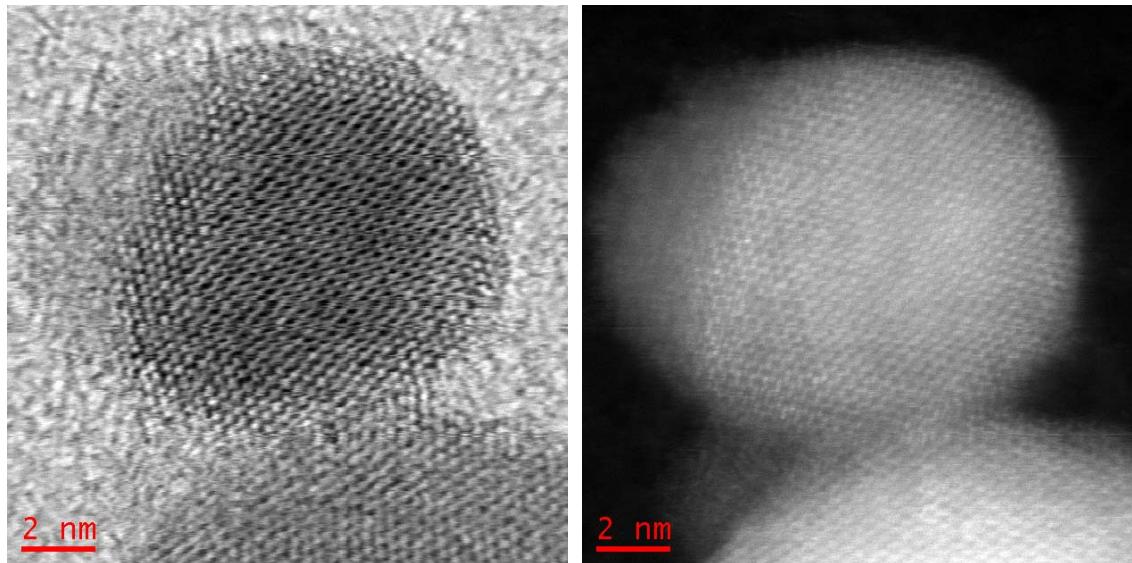


Cubic - Y_2O_3



Extraction replica from friction stir weld in PM2000 sheet + SR 1380°C/1h

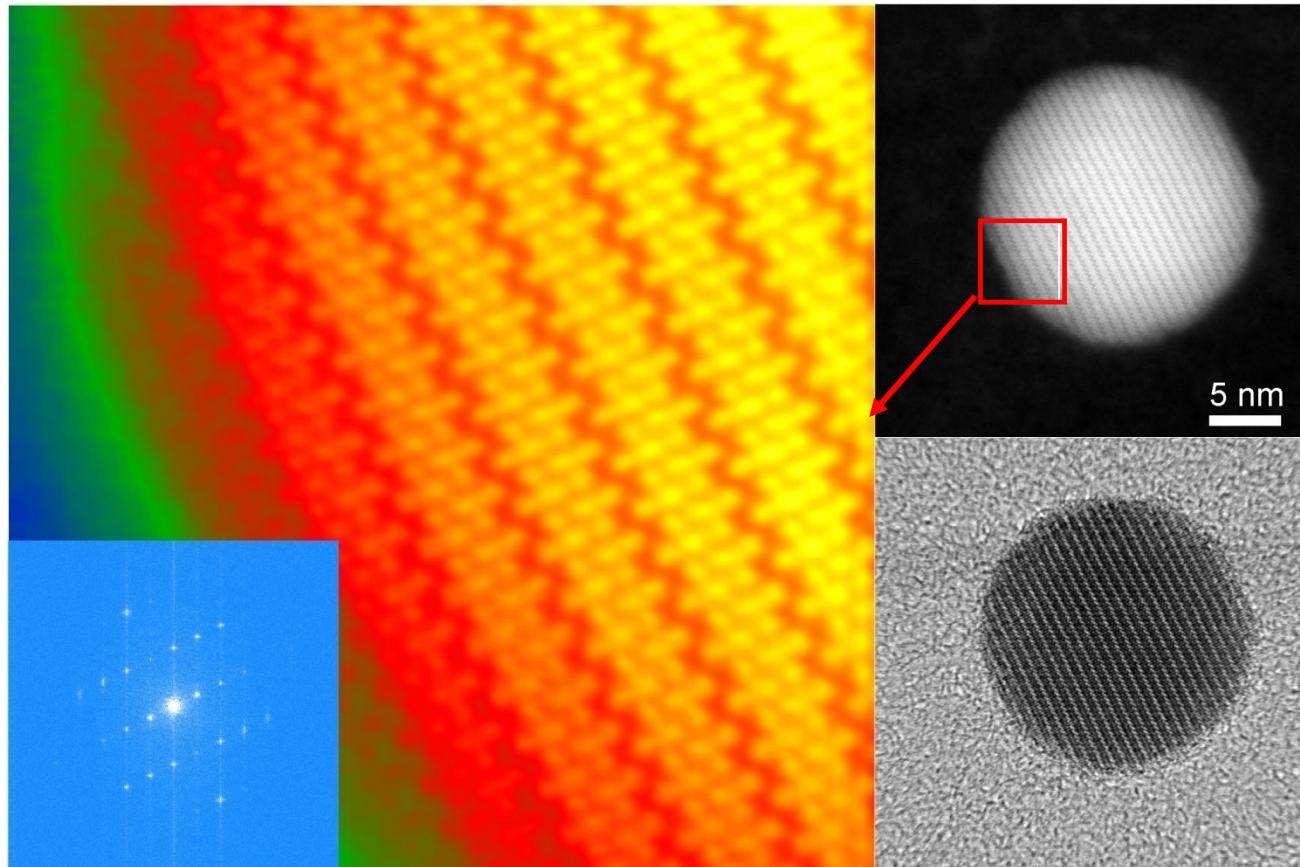
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$\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$ Yttrium-Aluminium-Garnet (YAG)

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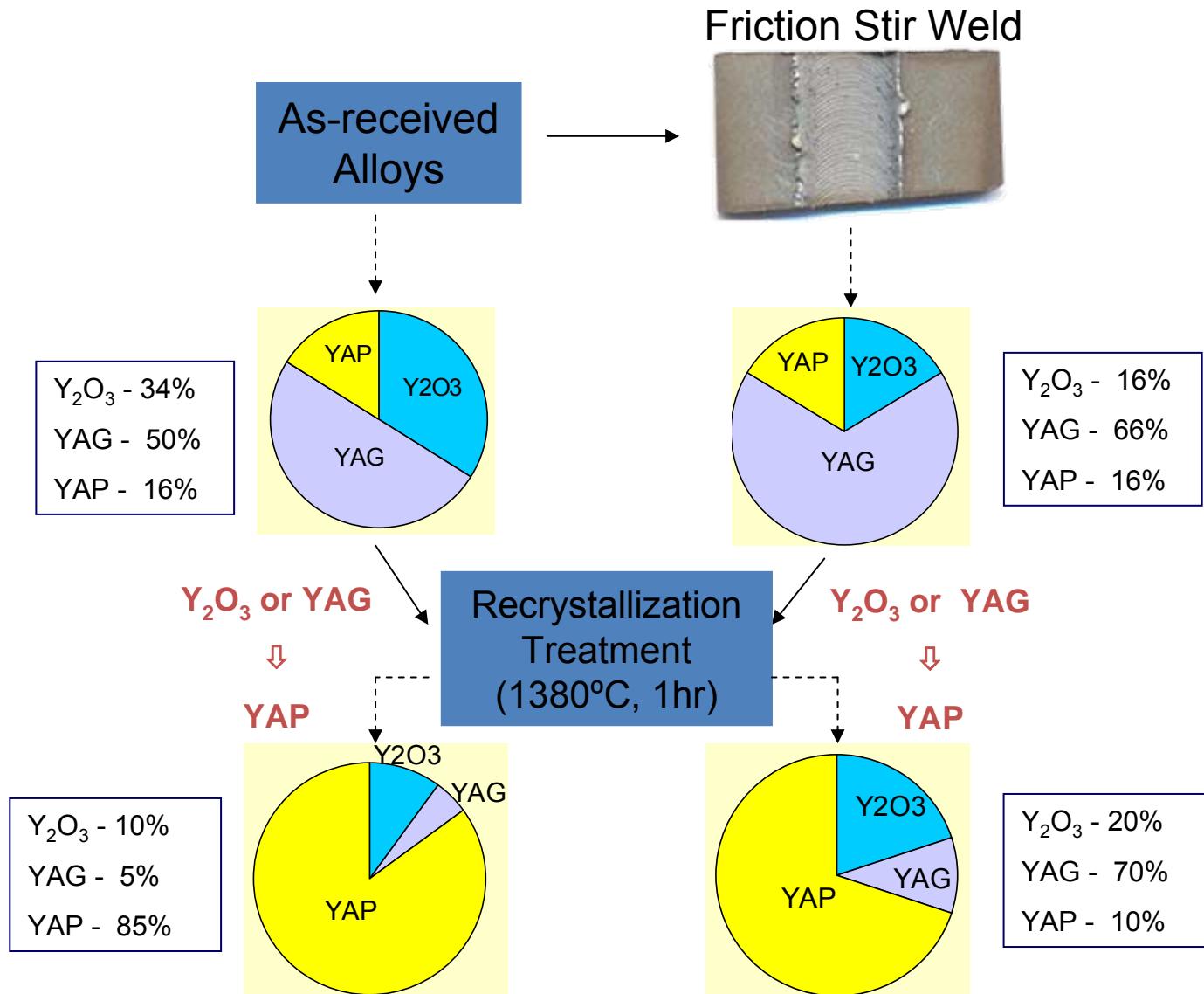
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Y₂O₃ Yttrium-Aluminium-Perovskite (YAP)

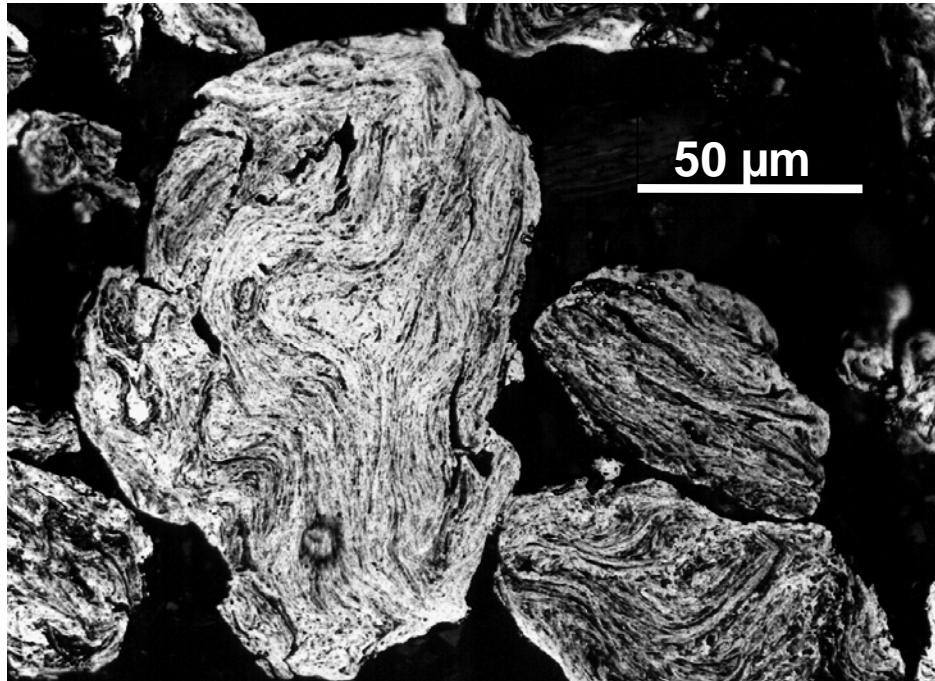
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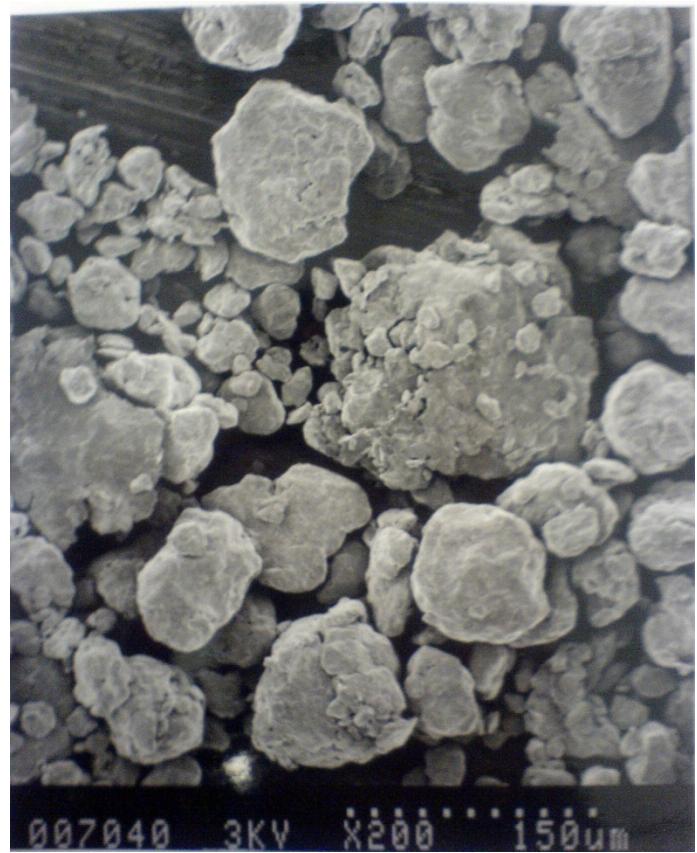


Replacement ODM751

ODM 751 powder – Dour Metal SA, Belgium

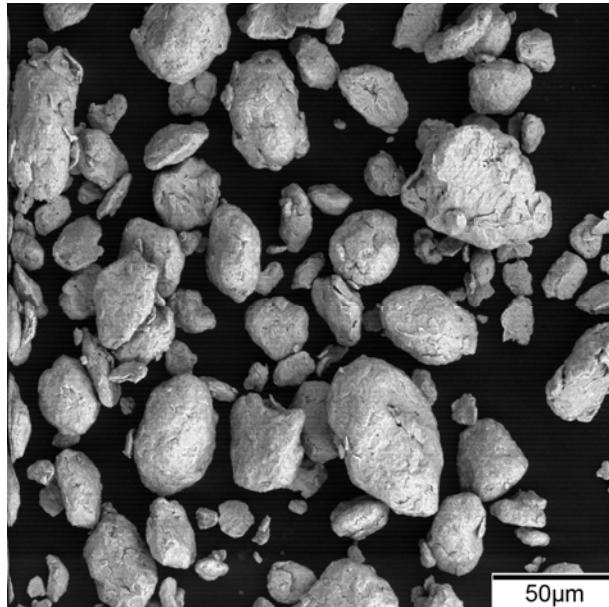


ODM751 MA powder particles, Dour Metal SA.
Optical micrograph, etched transverse section.



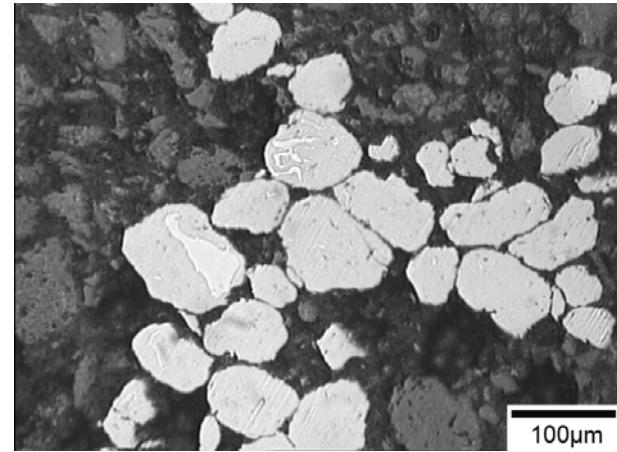
ODM751 MA powder. SEM image un-sieved powder

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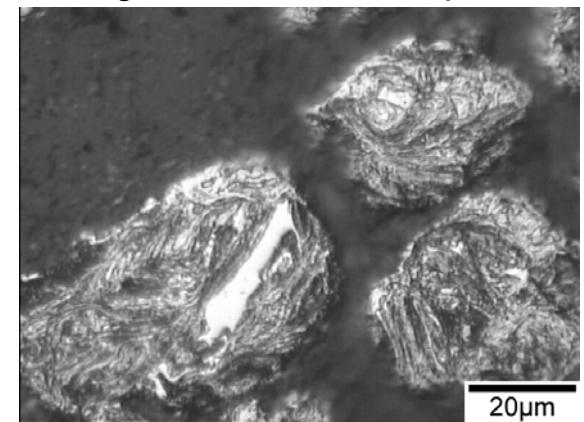
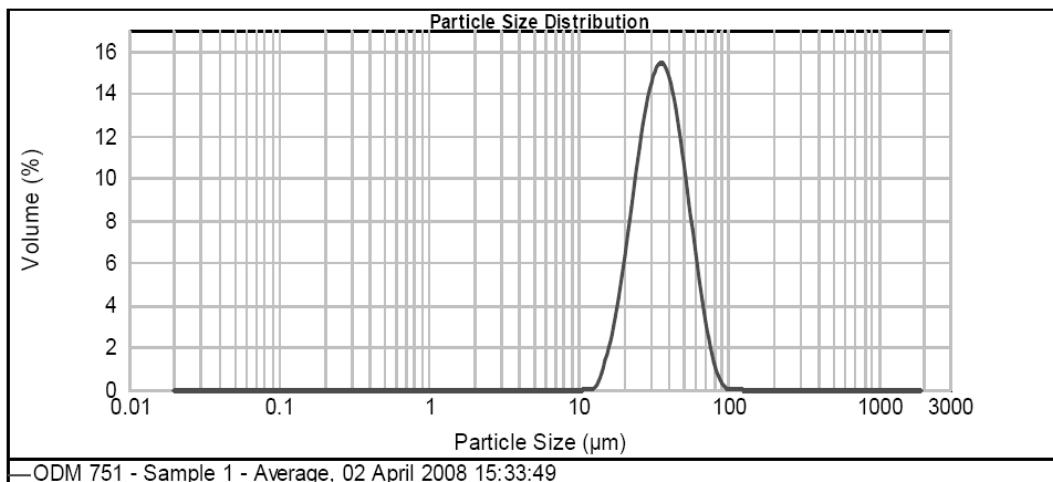


Replacement ODM751 sample. Backscattered SEM image

- Powder supplied by **Dour Metal, s.r.o.**
- Powder sample dispersed in H₂O/surfactant.
- Laser diffraction measurements (5/sample).
- Results averaged over five tests.
- Powder size range: ~10-110 μm.
- Mean size: ~35 μm.

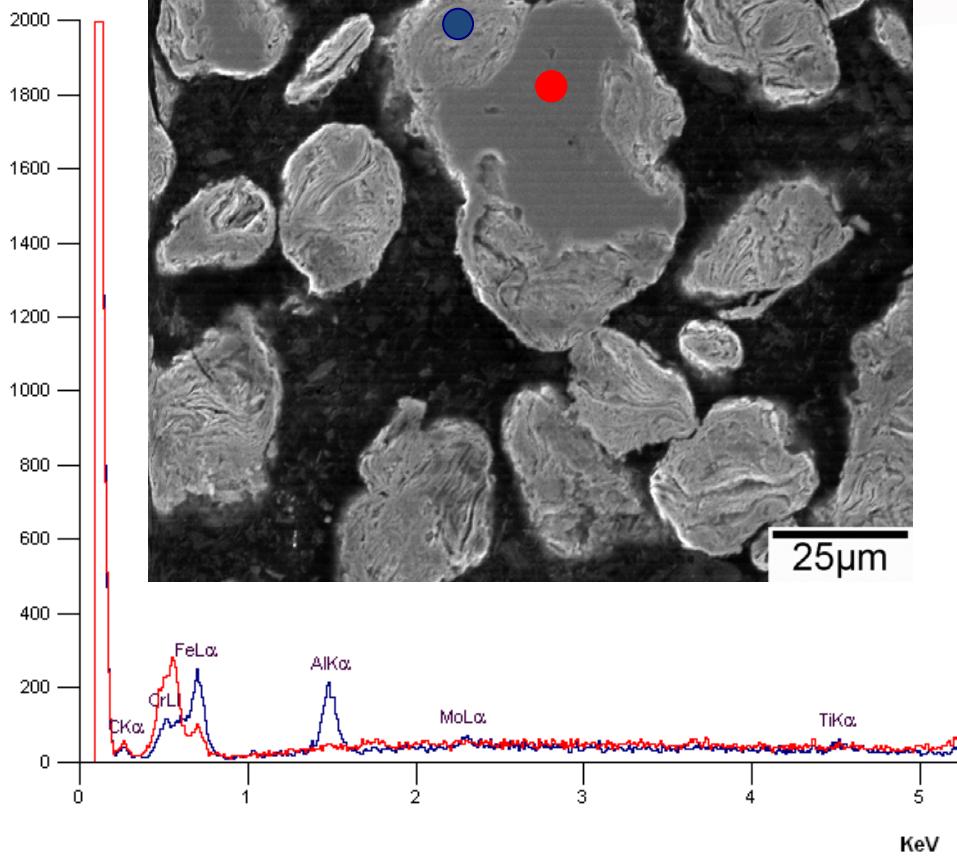
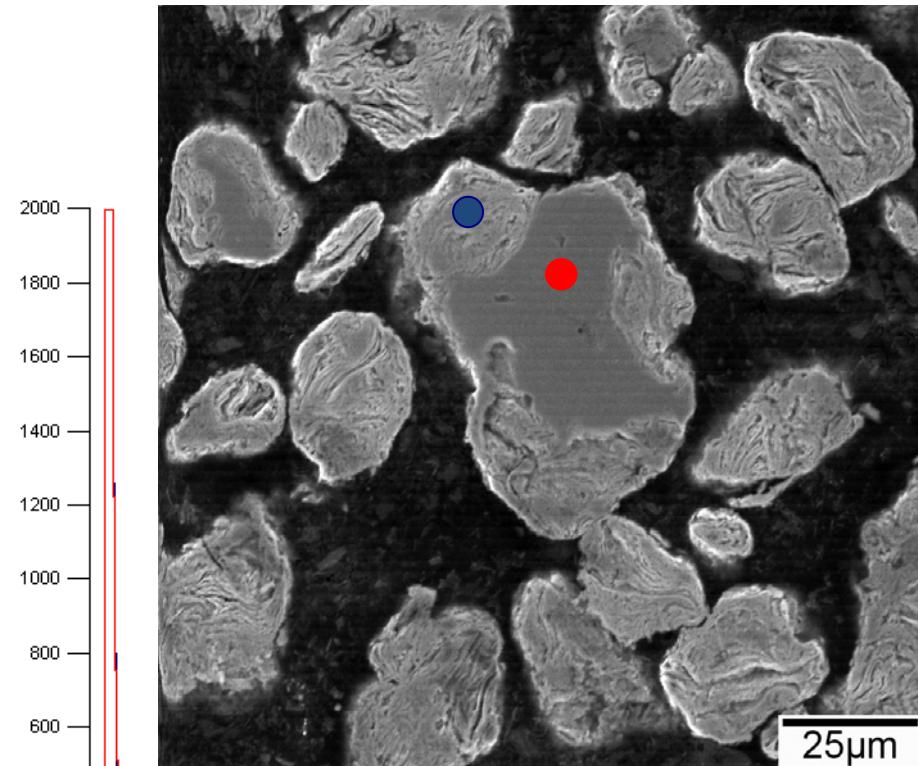


Polishing relief: un-etched optical section



Etched sample: optical section

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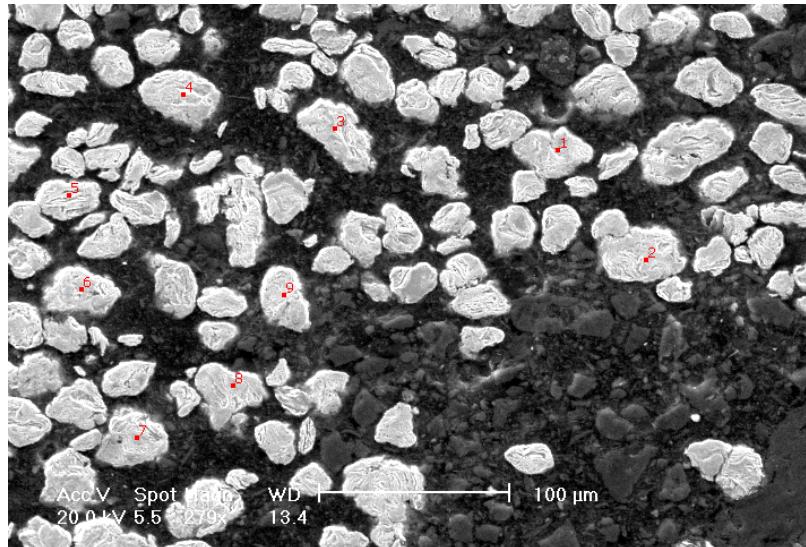
- Energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDX) of trial samples of replacement ODM751 MA powders.
- Blue spectrum: region exhibiting MA structures contains elements expected in ODM 751 (nominal composition below).
- Red spectrum: region remaining un-etched. Significant levels of Cr and some Fe.

Cr	Al	Mo	Ti	Y_2O_3	Fe
16	4.5	1.5	0.6	0.5	Balance

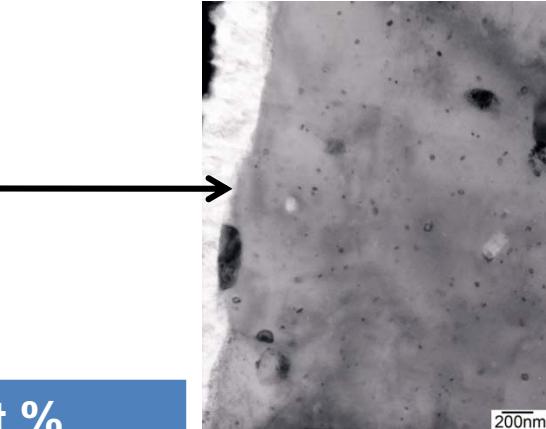
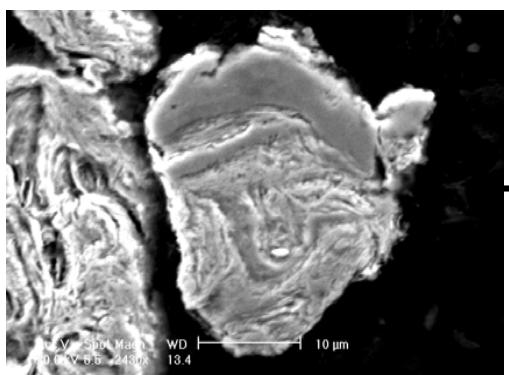
ODM 751 Nominal Composition (wt%)

Replacement ODM751

- EDX measurements from trial sample of replacement ODM751 MA powder (as shown in SEM image of polished/etched sample).
- Tabulated values normalised without the carbon contribution.



Replacement ODM751 MA powder. SEM image



Element	Weight %	
	Sample	ODM751 (nominal)
Cr	16.4 ± 1.6	16
Al	4.8 ± 0.8	4.5
Mo	1.6 ± 0.1	1.5
Ti	0.6 ± 0.1	0.6
O	3.4 ± 0.9	
Y_2O_3		0.5
Fe	73.2 ± 1.4	bal

Error bounds are one standard deviation

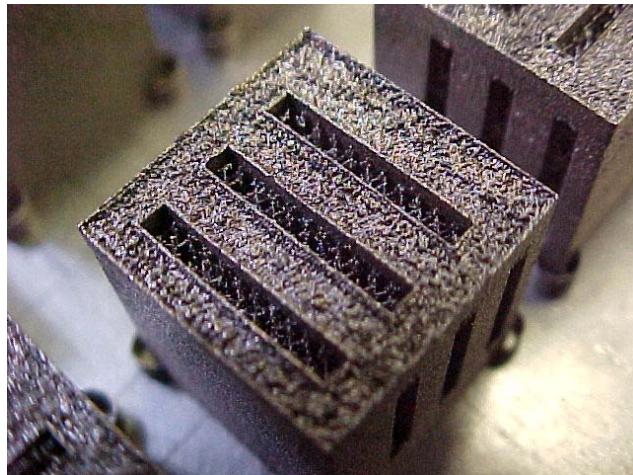
ODM751 powder
+900°C/1h.
TEM BF, FIB sample

Selective Laser Melting (SLM) of PM2000 alloy powder



PM 2000 Thermocouple Sleeves

Application: e.g. in Gas Turbines; temperature measurement close to combustion chamber

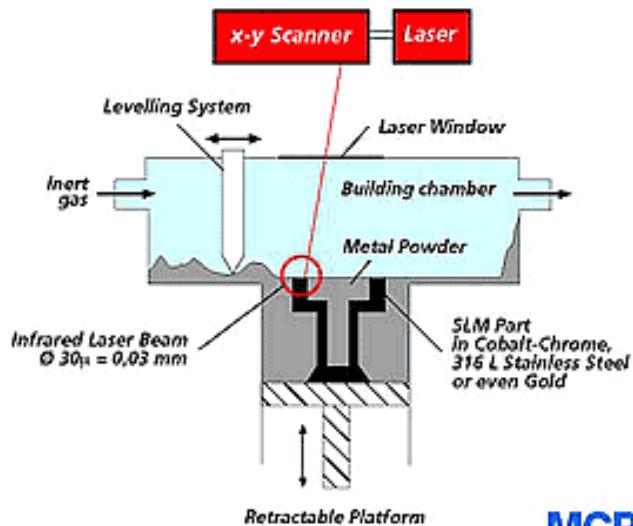


Micro-heat exchanger by SLM (20mm cube)

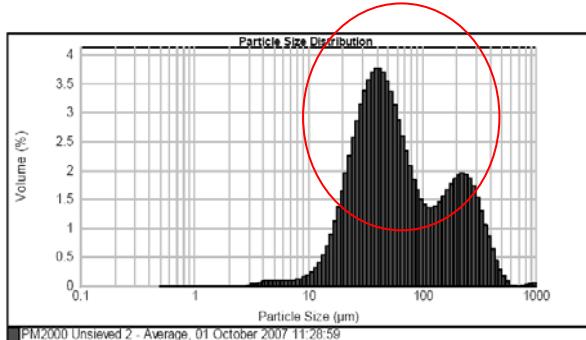
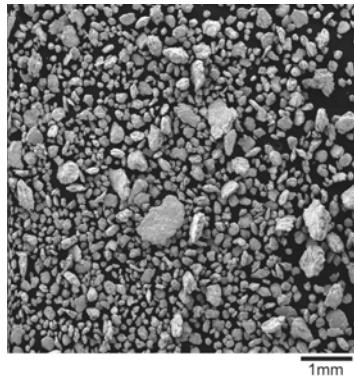


PM 2000 Burner Nozzles

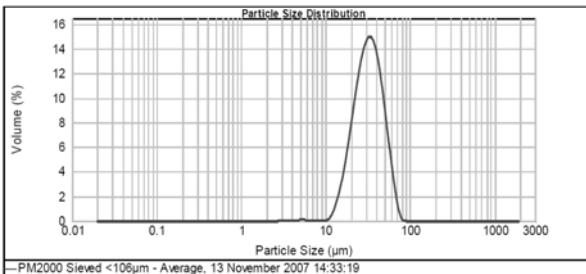
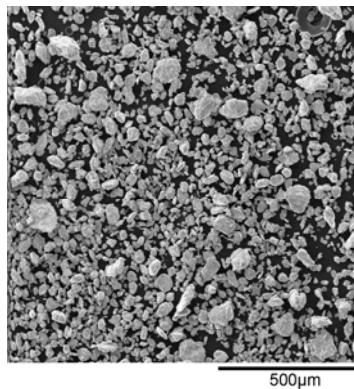
Fuel injection in diesel engines (test parts)



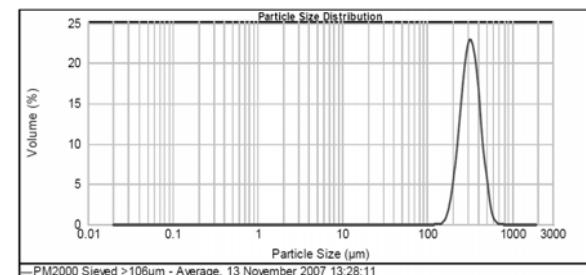
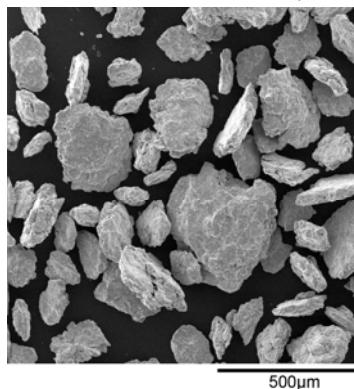
Selective Laser Melting (SLM) of PM2000 alloy powder



As-received powder



Smaller fraction <106μm



Larger fraction >106μm

PM2000 Particle size analysis

- The PM2000 MA powder exhibited a bi-modal particle size distribution.
- Powders were sieved to remove large particles that would impede flow/disturb the powder bed.

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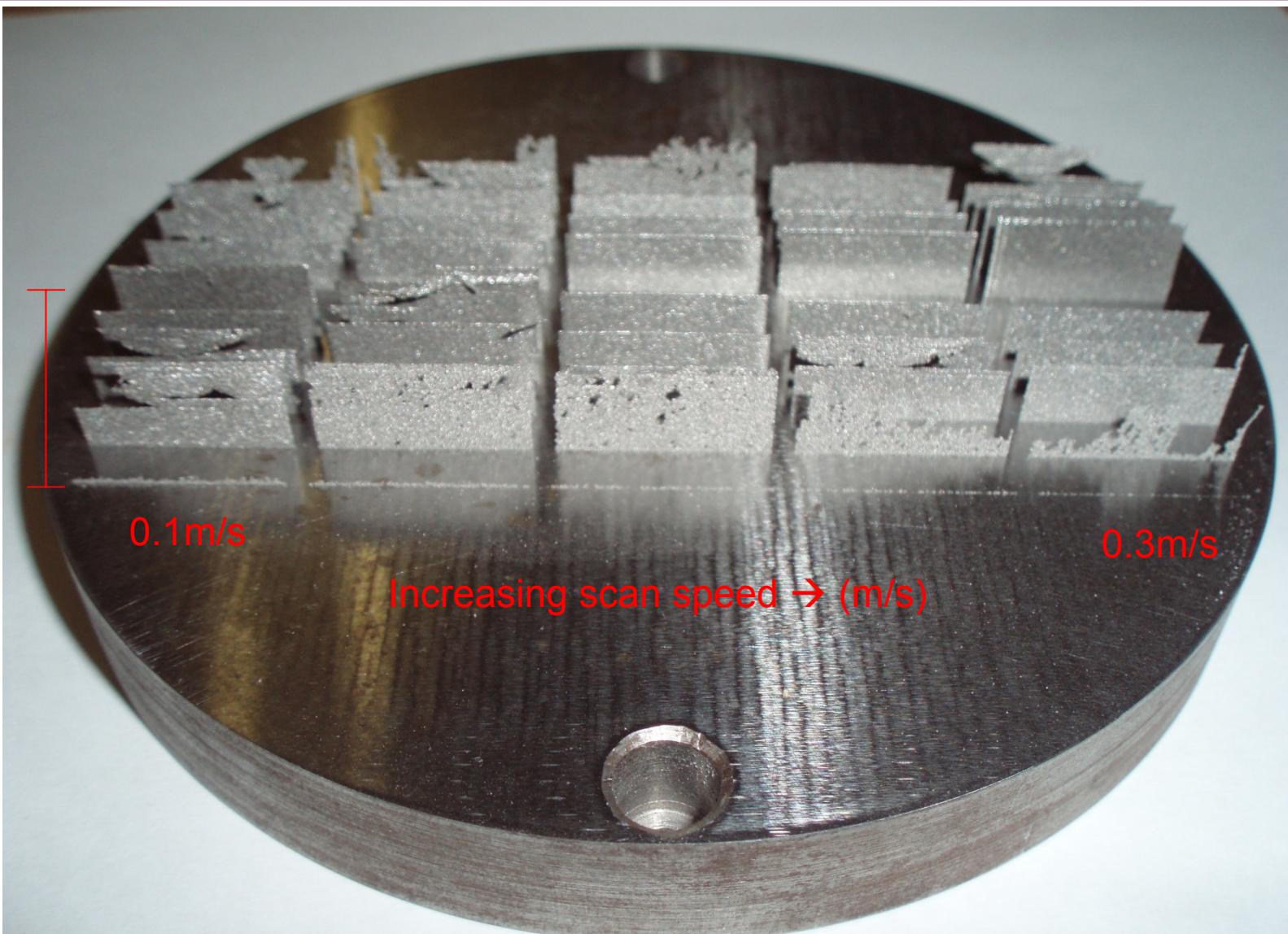
Increasing laser power → (W)

50W
10W

0.1m/s

Increasing scan speed → (m/s)

0.3m/s

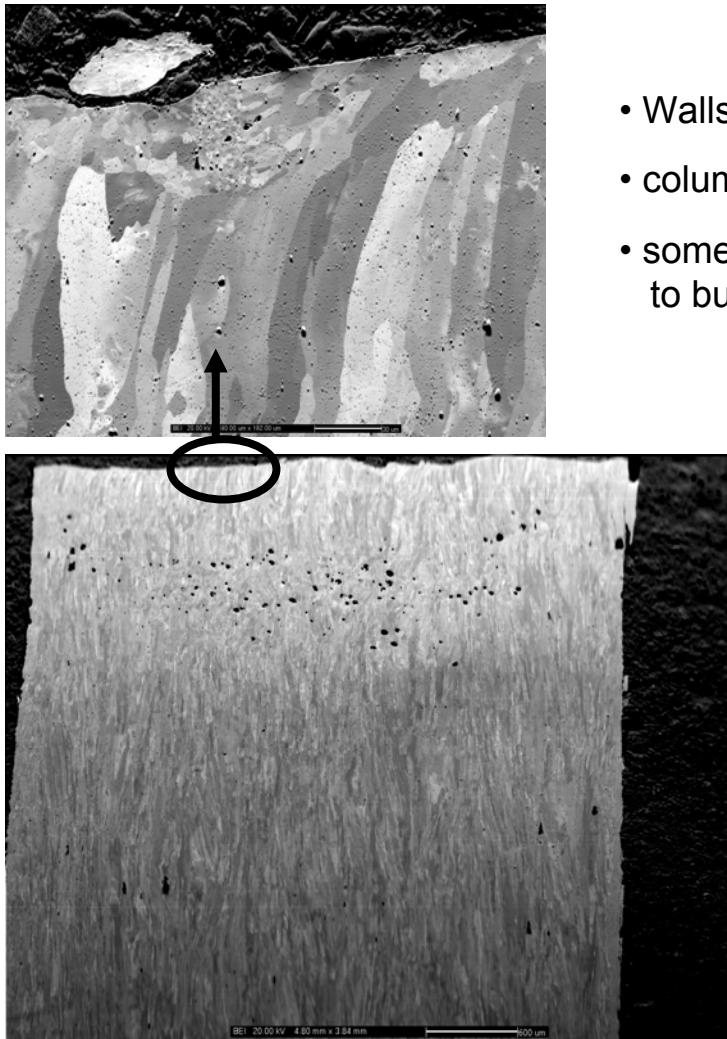


SLM of sieved PM2000 powder using MCP Realiser 100 unit. Ar-atmosphere. Mild steel base plate.

Selective Laser Melting (SLM) of PM2000 alloy powder



50W, 0.1m/s wall

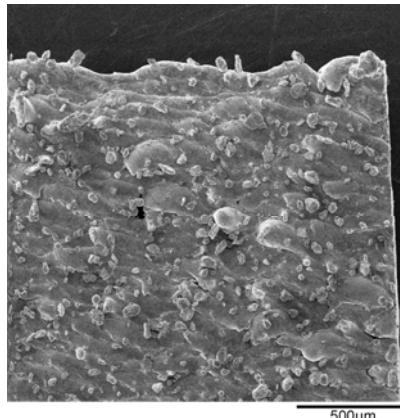


PM2000 SLM wall, side view, 50w, 0.1m/s.
Electron channelling contrast images.

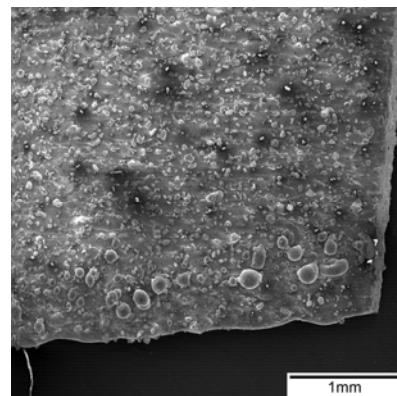
- Walls $\leq 200\mu\text{m}$ thickness
- columnar grain structure
- some porosity; sensitive to build parameters

Selective Laser Melting (SLM) of PM2000 alloy powder

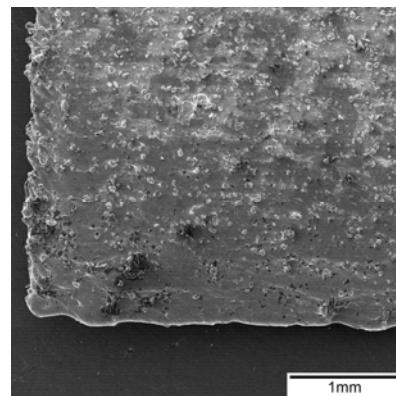
Wall integrity as a function of laser power (W) and scan speed (m.s⁻¹)



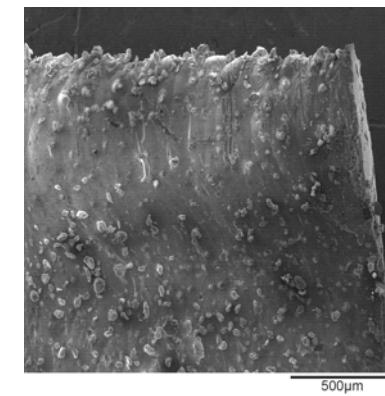
20w, 0.1m.s⁻¹



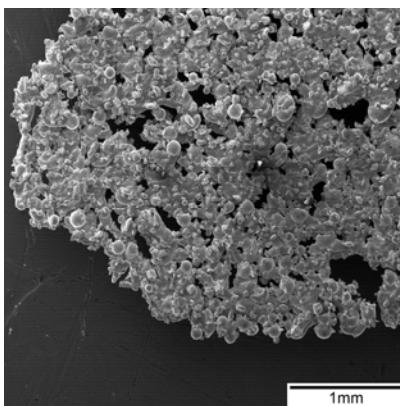
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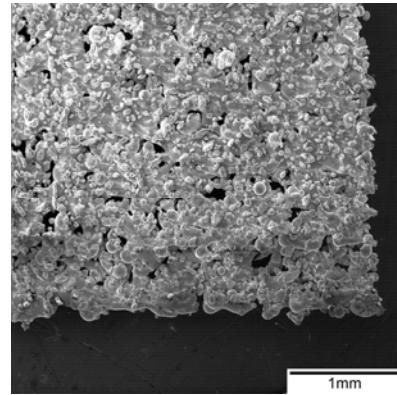
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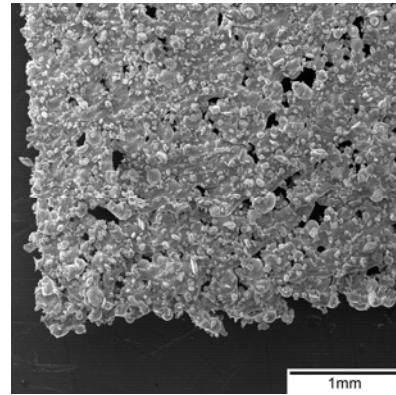
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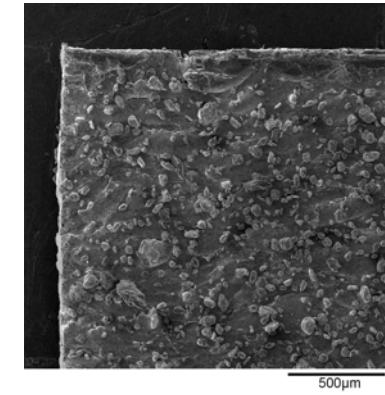
20w, 0.15m.s⁻¹



30w, 0.25m.s⁻¹



40w, 0.3m.s⁻¹



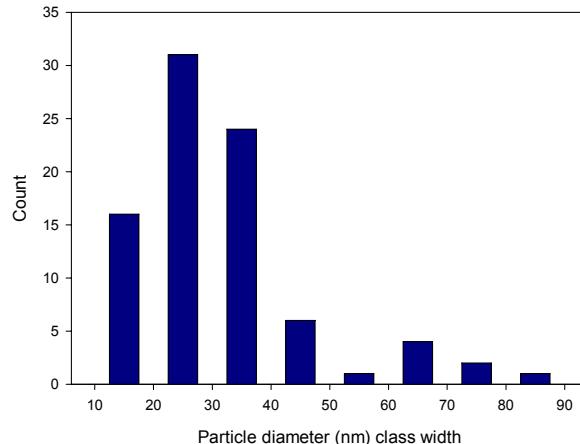
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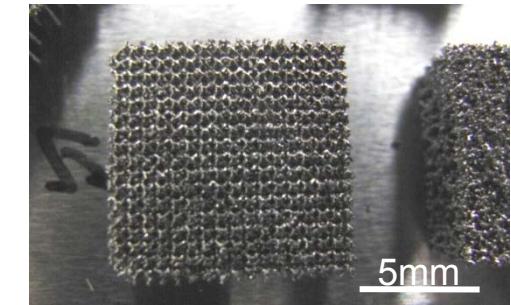


PM2000 tube (SR 1380°C/1h)

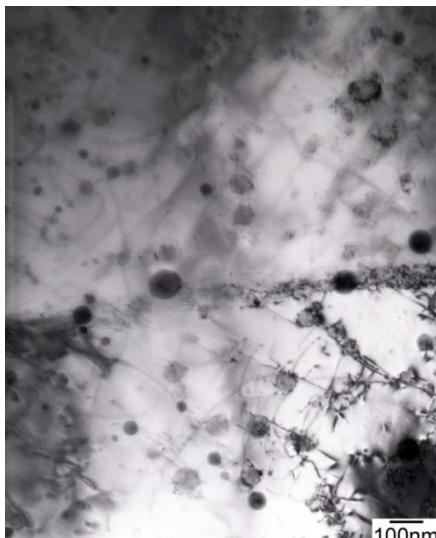
Nominal oxide particle diameter = $30.8 \pm 15.1\text{nm}$



ODS particle diameter - PM2000 twisted tube annealed for 60mins at 1380°C

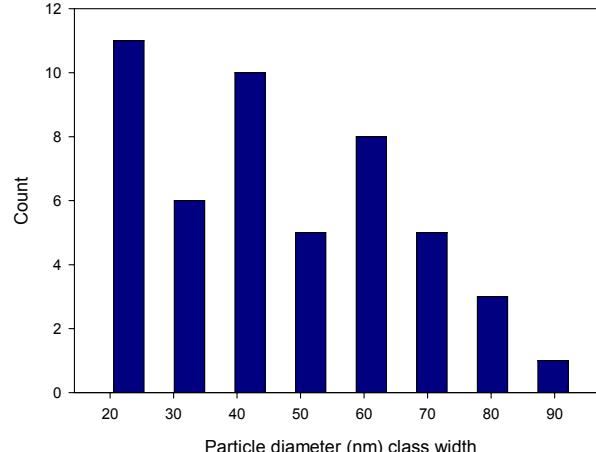


PM2000. SLM mesh build.
50W/ 0.2ms⁻¹.
0.6mm octahedral cell.



PM2000 SLM Wall, 50W, 0.2m.s⁻¹

Nominal oxide particle diameter = $45.8 \pm 18.6\text{nm}$



ODS particle diameter - PM2000 SLM wall, 50W, 0.2m/s

Evidence of:

Retention of oxide particles in PM2000 after SLM fabrication process.

An increase in mean particle size following 50W/0.2m.s⁻¹ SLM.

Summary

Recrystallisation of PM2000 tube, bar and sheet

- (i) SR ($1380^{\circ}\text{C}/1\text{h}$) of torsionally deformed tube results in helical grain structures.
Grain size varies:
 - across the wall
 - around the circumference
 - along the tube axis.Isolated regions of PR material remain.
- (ii) Grain size across SR product forms (tube, extruded bar and sheet samples subject to bending and torsion):
 - Can be inhomogeneous
 - Varies surface to bulk
 - Is influenced by cumulative processing history

Torsional forming trial

- (i) Torsion trials on ASTM 446 supported by Kennametal Inc
 - 60° twist achieved
 - Extensive plasticity/dynamic recrystallisation
 - Tube 'ribbing' with local wall thickening/thinning
 - Macroscopic straightness with fixed/split-mandrel

Summary

Evolution of oxide dispersions during secondary recrystallisation of PM2000

- (i) Yttria/YAG/YAP present in sheet and friction stir weld before and after SR
- (ii) YAG replaced by YAP as dominant oxide type during SR

Replacement ODM751

- (i) Dour Metal, s.r.o. , Slovakia producing initial batches of replacement ODM751
- (ii) Composition produced is close to legacy ODM751
- (iii) Incomplete MA of residual amounts of Cr-rich precursor

SLM of PM2000 alloy powders

- (i) Sieved PM2000 powders can be fabricated using SLM techniques
- (ii) ‘fully dense walls’ can be built using a combination of laser power (W) and scan spe
- (iii) Initial trials suggest ODS particles can be retained, though with some coarsening