

# Production & characterisation of 316L stainless steel

## wire-arc additive manufacturing

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- ~ 110 persons
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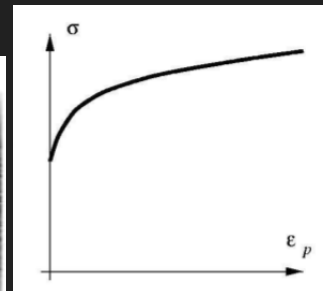
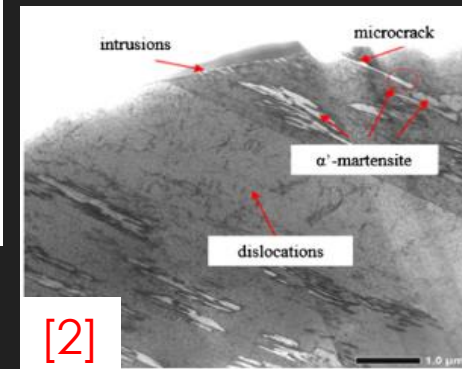
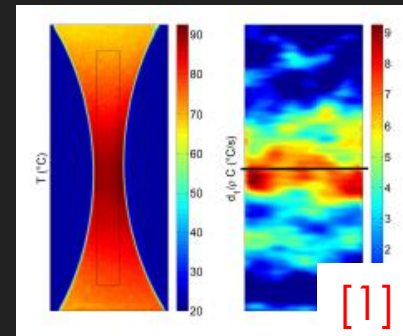
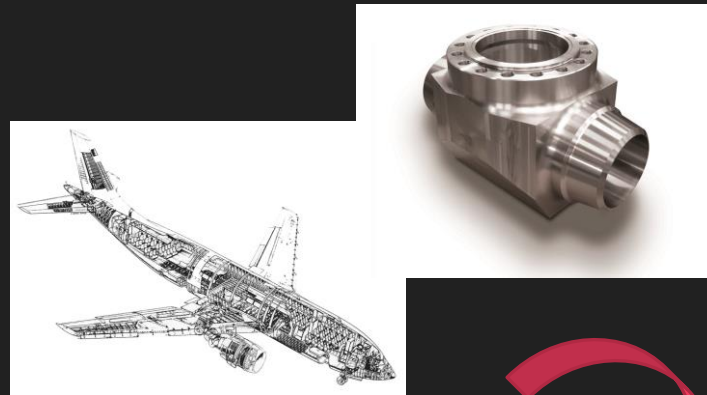
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**ThermoMécanique des Matériaux**

# MACCADAM project

- « Matériaux à caractéristiques contrôlées élaborés par fabrication additive arc-métal »
- ANR
- ~ 4 years
- LMGC / ICA / ENIT / CEMEF / Poly-shape
- 3 goals
  1. Identify potential applications
  2. Define the impact of process parameters on 316L / TA6V regarding
    - Geometry
    - Mechanical characteristics
    - Microstructure
    - Fatigue behaviour
  3. Modelisation of the behaviour / microstructure

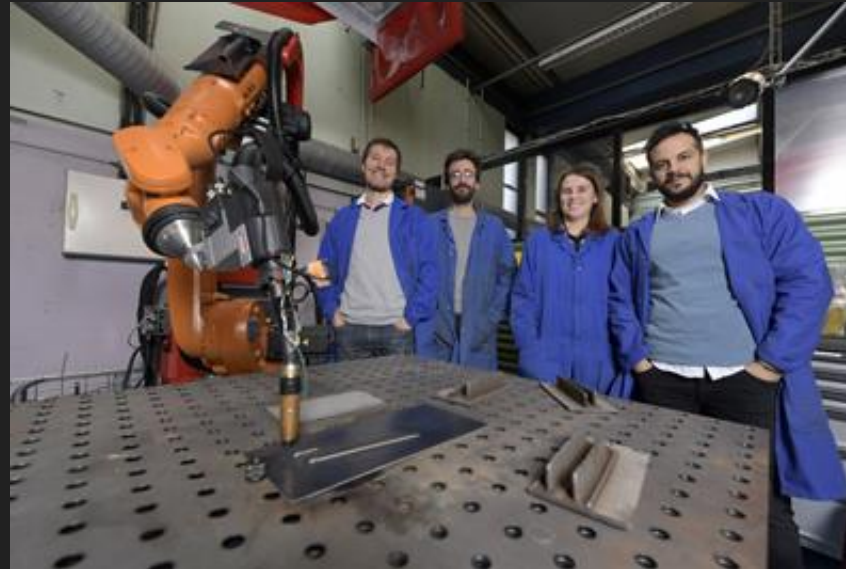


# WAAM = process

- Wire-arc additive manufacturing

- ~~Powder~~ => Wire

- Welding torch + Motion (table, CNC, Robot ...)



- Big parts
- Deposit rate (...5 Kg/h)
- Available means / wires



- Not accurate geometry
- Work in progress on ... residual stresses, fatigue => bring confidence !

# Welding Technology

GMAW

CMT (cold metal transfert) - Fronius

Controlled short-circuit : electrically and mechanically

Warm ↘

residual stresses

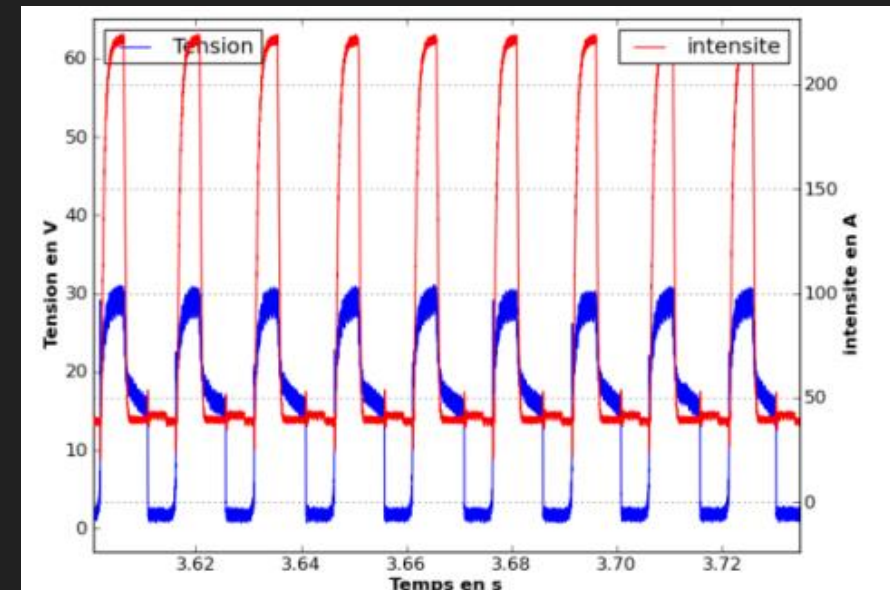
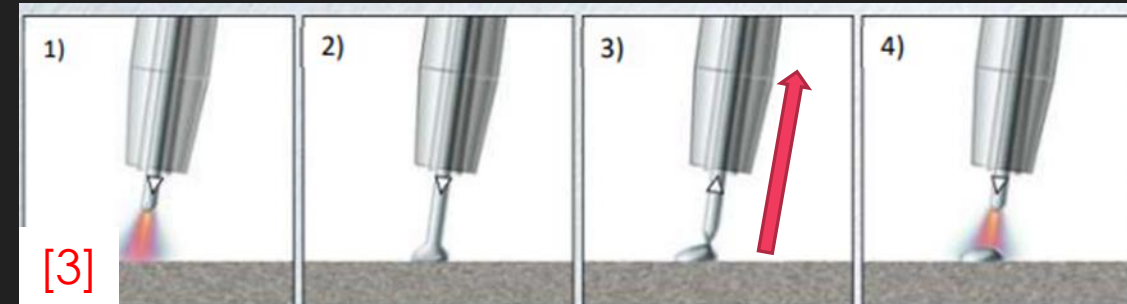
distortions

Spatters ↘

Good synergy

Repetability

Adaptability (ex : no increase a defect)



# Process measurements

- Voltage / Intensity

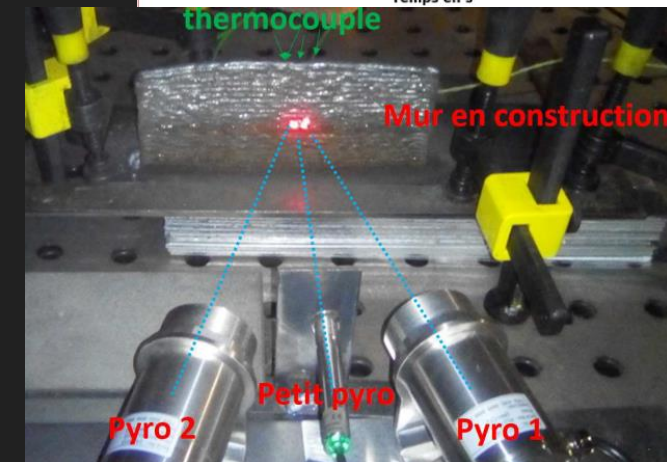
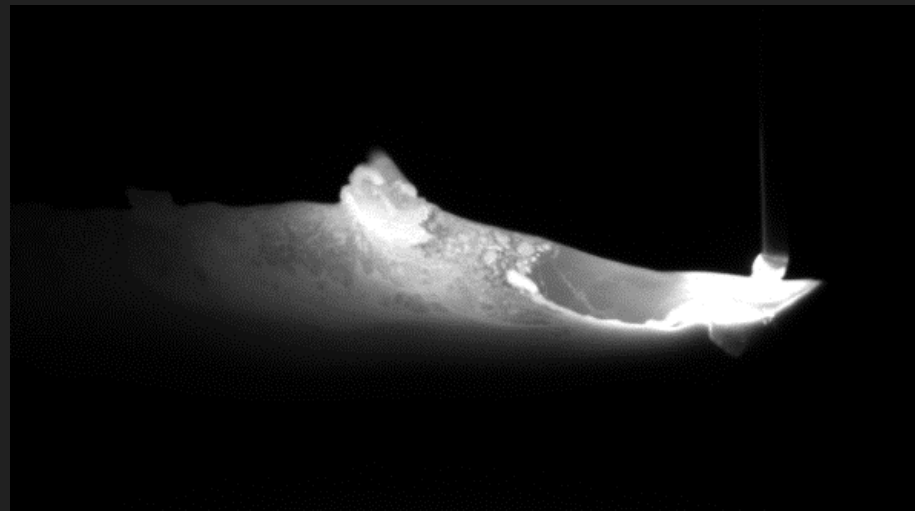
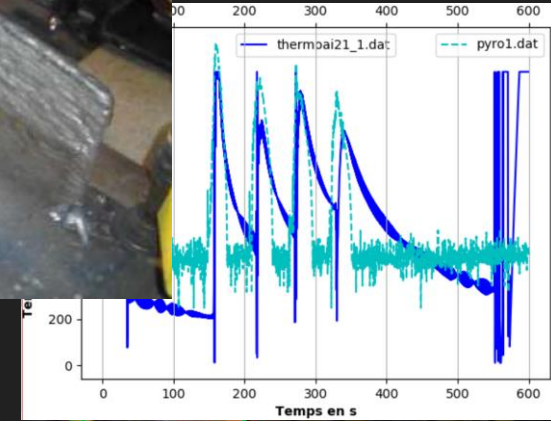
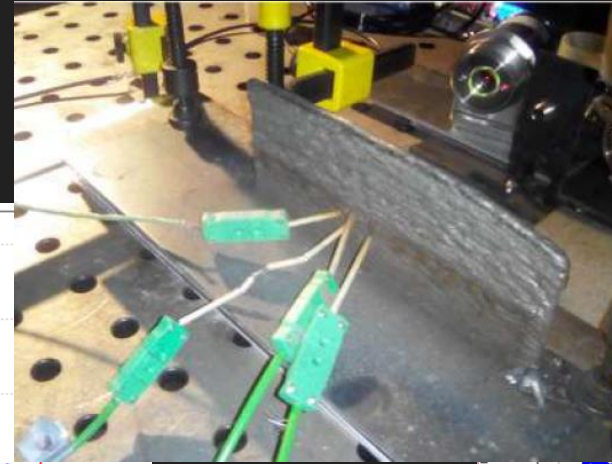
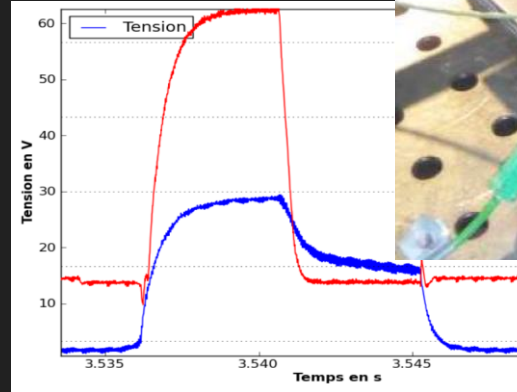
- Temperatures

Thermocouples, pyrometers (?), IR camera (?)

Simulation (CEMEF)

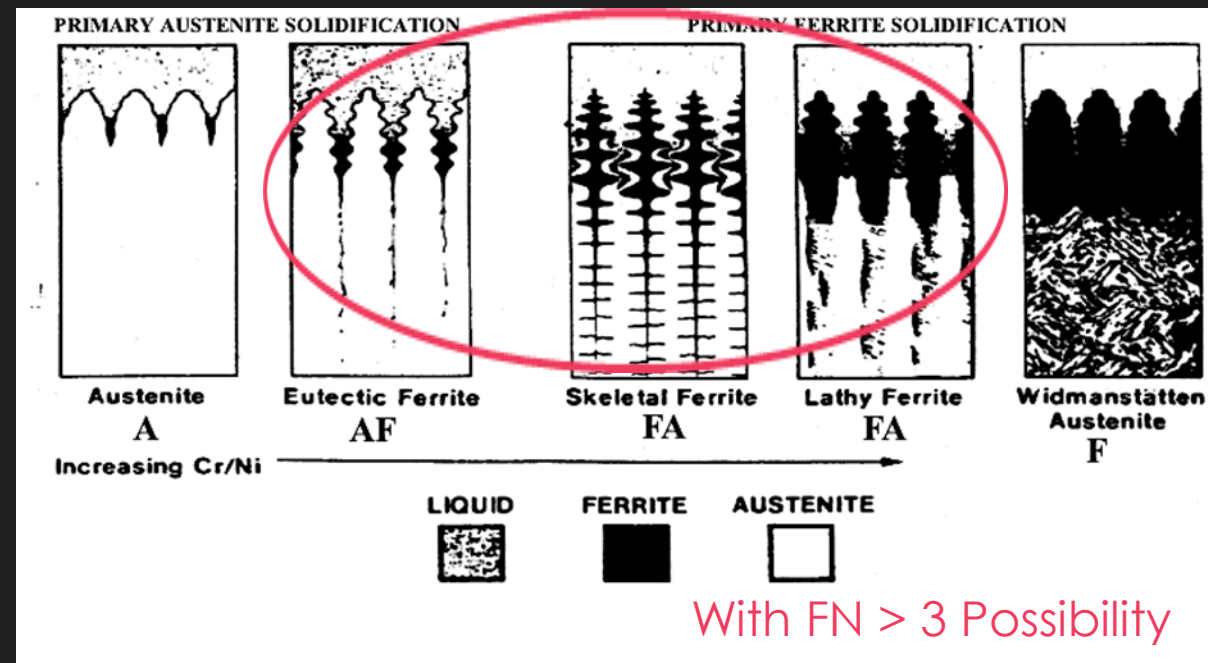
- Visual pool camera

isotherms, simulation (CEMEF)

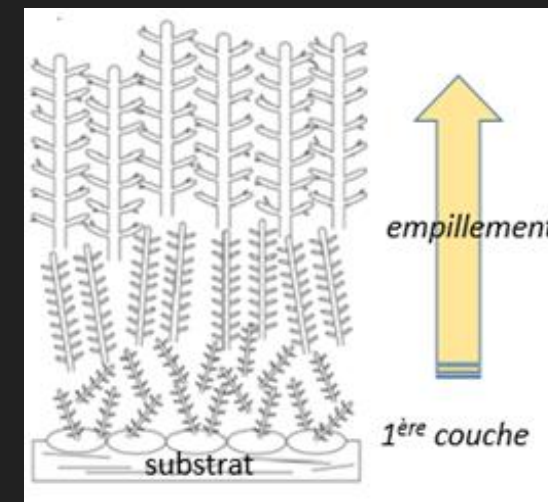
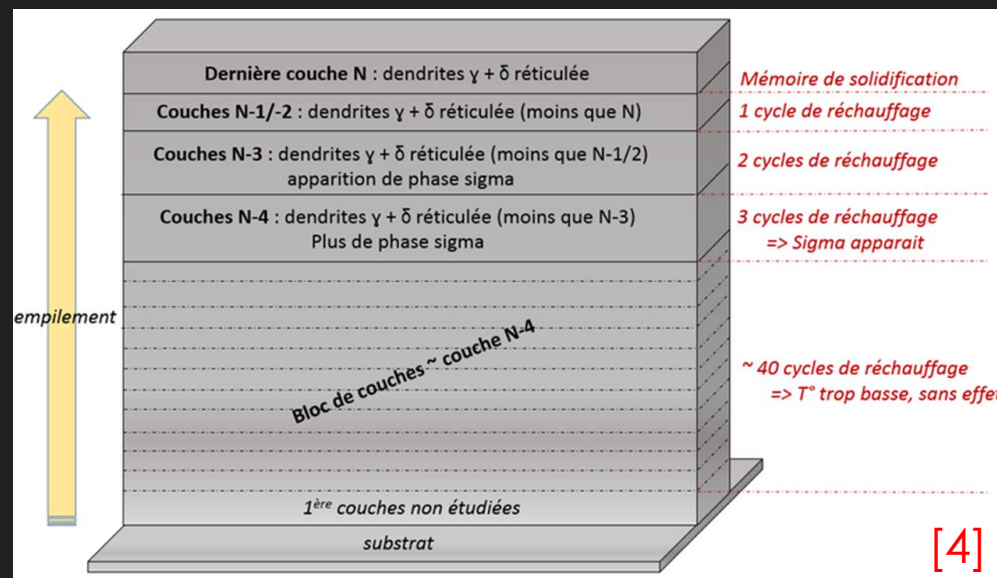


# 316L stainless steel

○ Solidification welding microstructure



○ WAAM microstructure

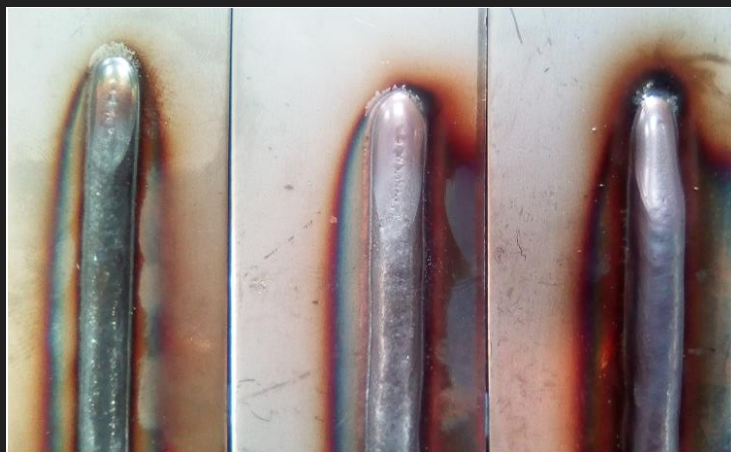


# Manufacturing

- Stick-out control (via camera)



- Stainless steel oxydation ?



- First results -- > confirmation



↑ Building orientation



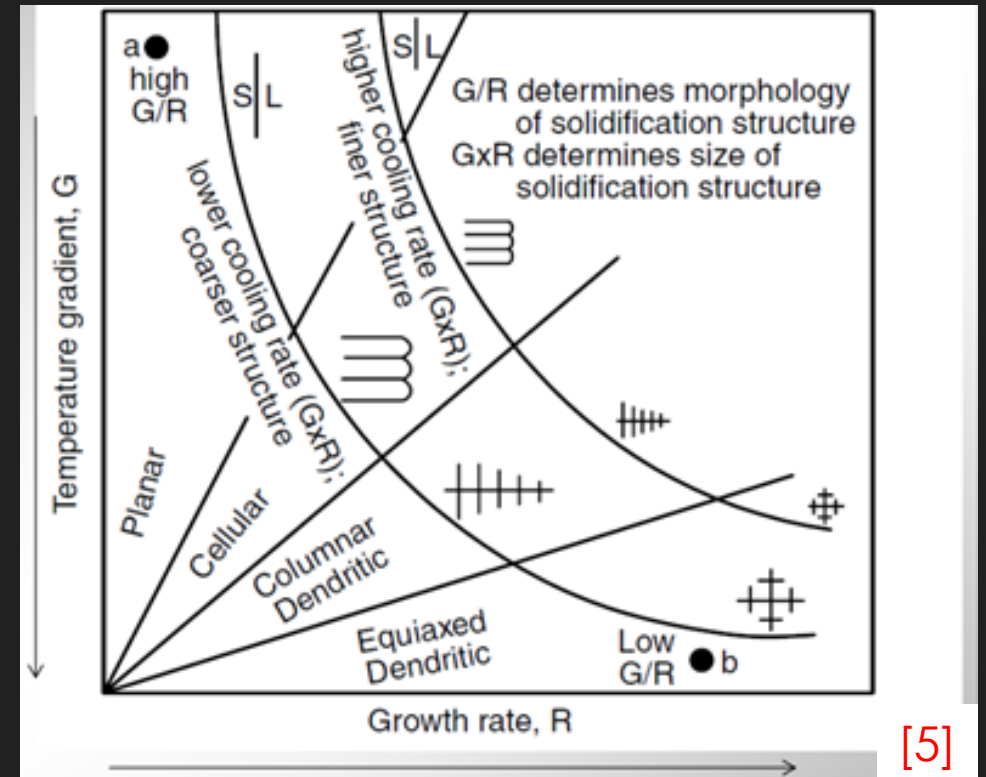
# Manufacturing

- Aim : having different samples

- microstructure / texture
- residual stresses

- Process parameters

- fixed
  - Gaz : Ar+2%CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Stick-out : 15 mm
  - Process : CMT with fixed synergy
- variable
  - Wire speed -- > U / I change
  - Welding speed (torch motion)
  - Idle time (between each bead)



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~ welding speed

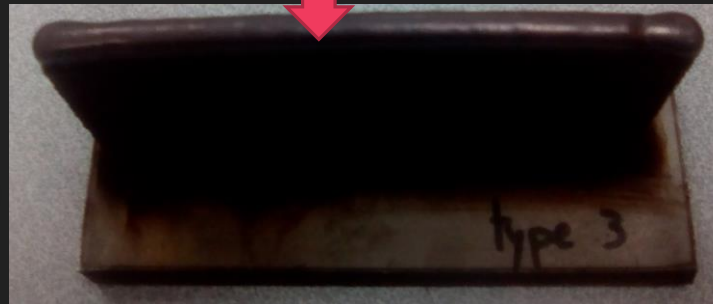
# Manufacturing

○ 5 walls produced

Strategy : mono-bead

Wire speed : from 1 to 6,7 m/min

Torch speed : from 10 to 67 cm/min



Thickness : 5 mm



Thickness : 14 mm

# Manufacturing (work in progress)

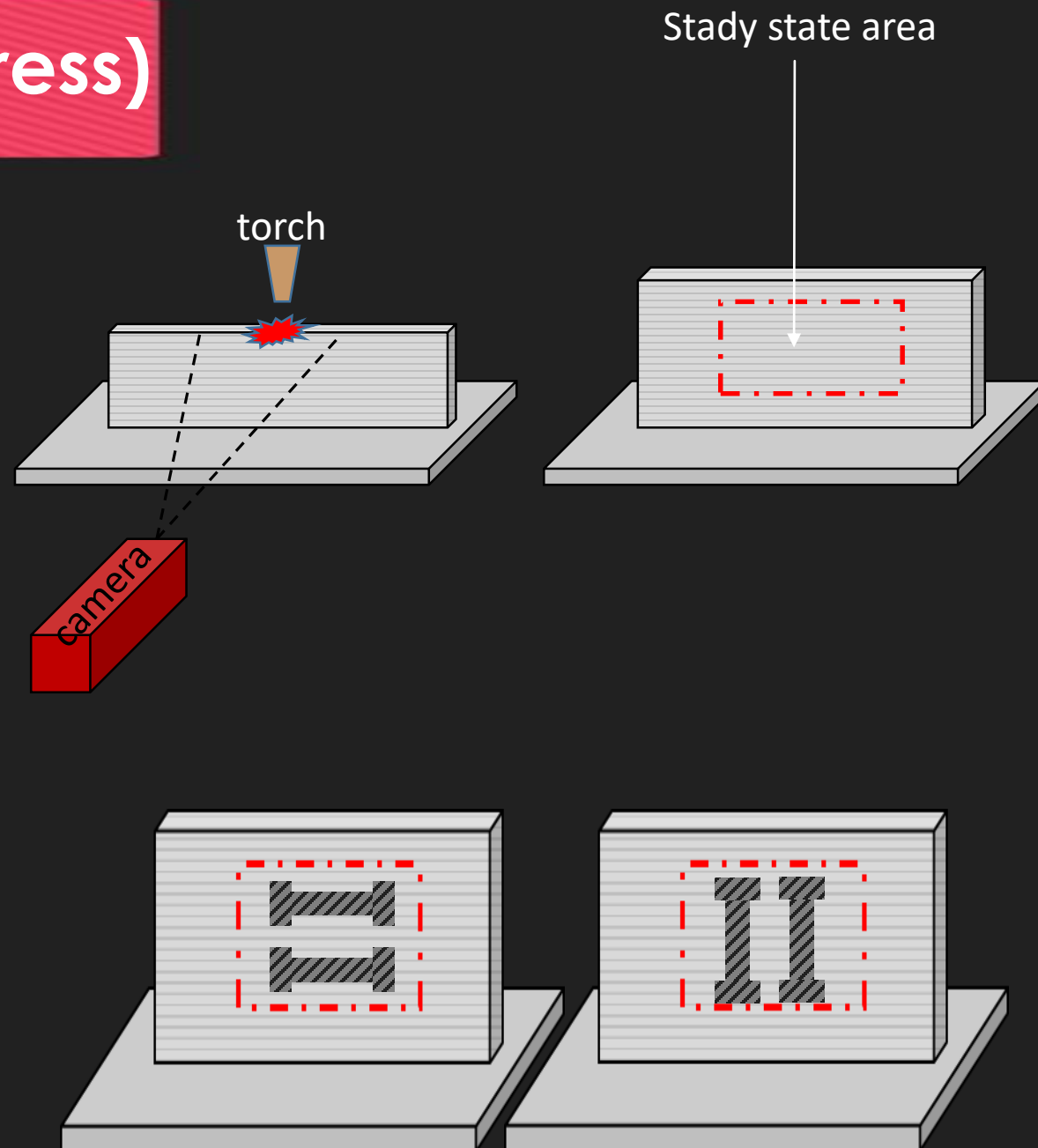
○ 5 walls produced

-- > pre-analysis ---- > choice of 2-3 walls

○ Manufacturing

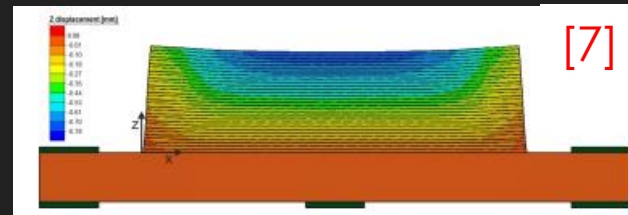
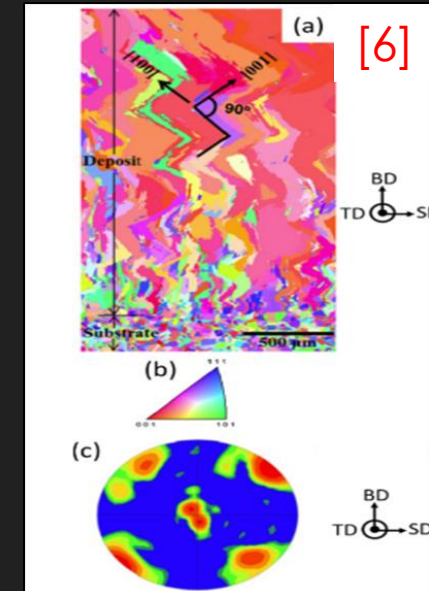
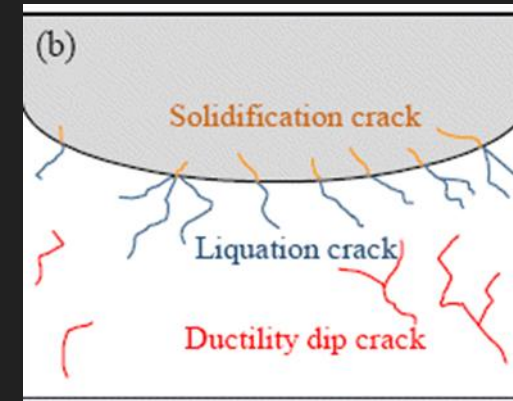
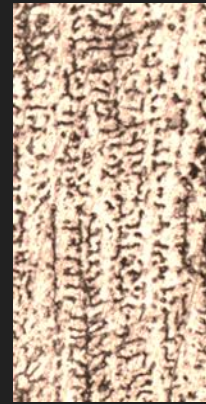
Without  
heat-treatment

With  
heat-treatment  
(550°C or 1100°C)



# Analysis (futur work)

- O and S.E microscopies (ICA)
- EBSD- SEM / DRX cristallography (ICA)
- Scanner distortion measurements (ICA)
- Residual stresses measurements and simulation (All / CEMEF)

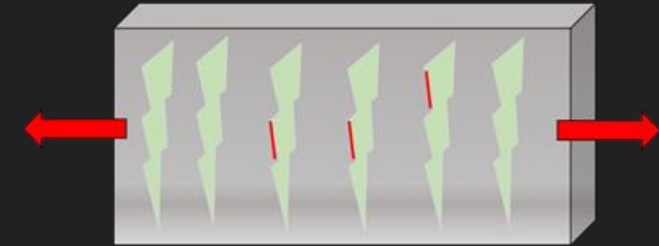
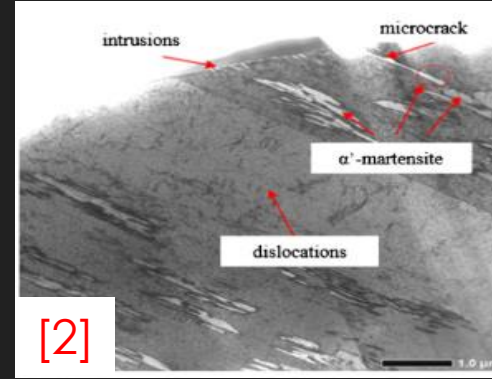


# Fatigue (futur work - LMGC)

- Sheet reference samples



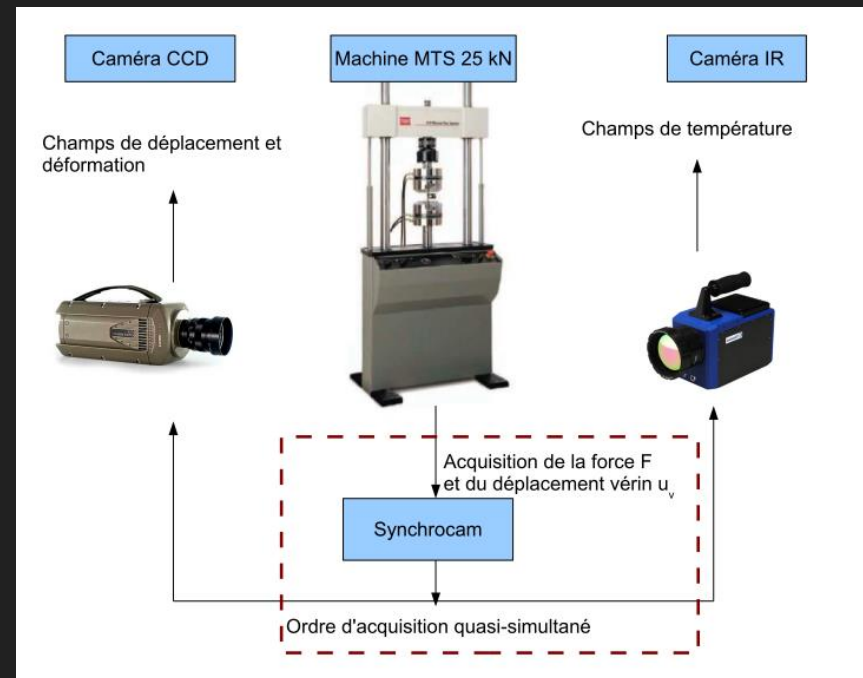
- WAAM samples



- Fatigue tests (LMGC) -- > self-heating

- 1 thermal camera

- 1 visual camera



# Fatigue (futur work - LMGC)

- 1 thermal camera -- > temperature fields

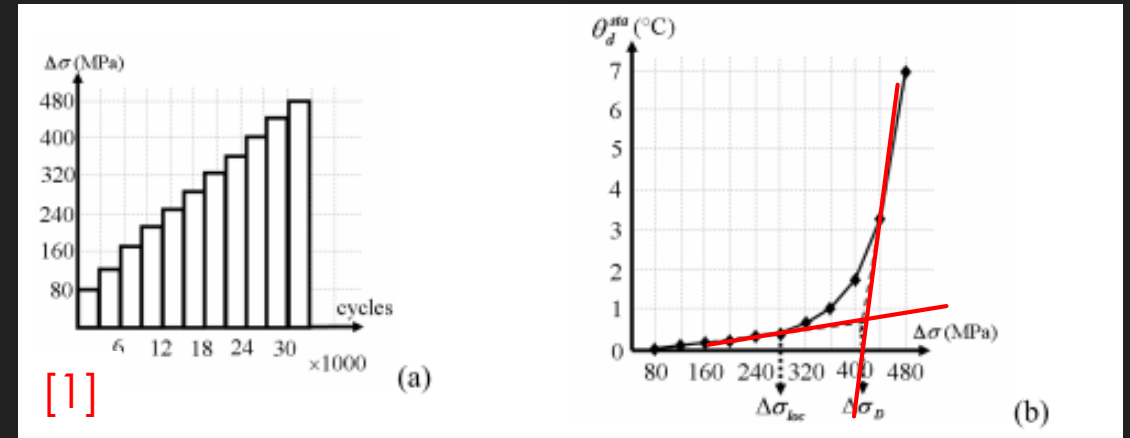
localy or not :

quick determination of limit fatigue



localisation of defect/weakness

thermoelasticity and dissipation sources evaluation



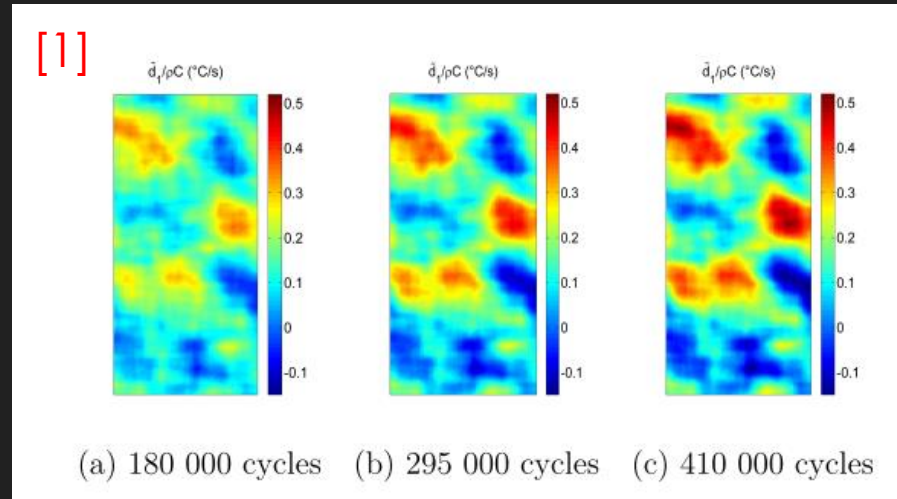
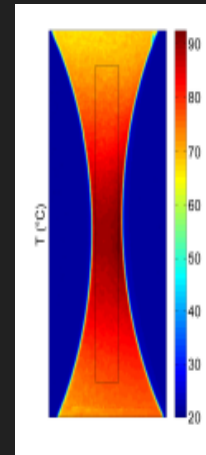
- 1 visual camera -- > displacement fields

localy or not :

estimation of strain / stress fields



localisation of defect/weakness



-- > combinaison of cameras

Local energy balances

---- > access to stored energy



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