

# Characterization of Alloys 690 to 52-Type Welds, Weld Interfaces, and Base Metal Microstructures

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# Background

- **First measurements made of residual plastic strains in Alloy 690 base metal welded to Alloys 52 or 152 showed very low residual plastic strains, at or near those of the as-received base metals.**
- **This was in contrast to stainless steel base metals welded with Alloys 52 or 152 where the highest residual plastic strains were measured in the fine grain base metal.**
- **Detailed measurements of the chemical and microstructural interfaces between Alloy 690 and Alloy 52 show that the highest residual plastic strains occur in the Unmixed Zone (UMZ) / Partially Melted Zone (PMZ) of the chemically identified Alloy 690.**

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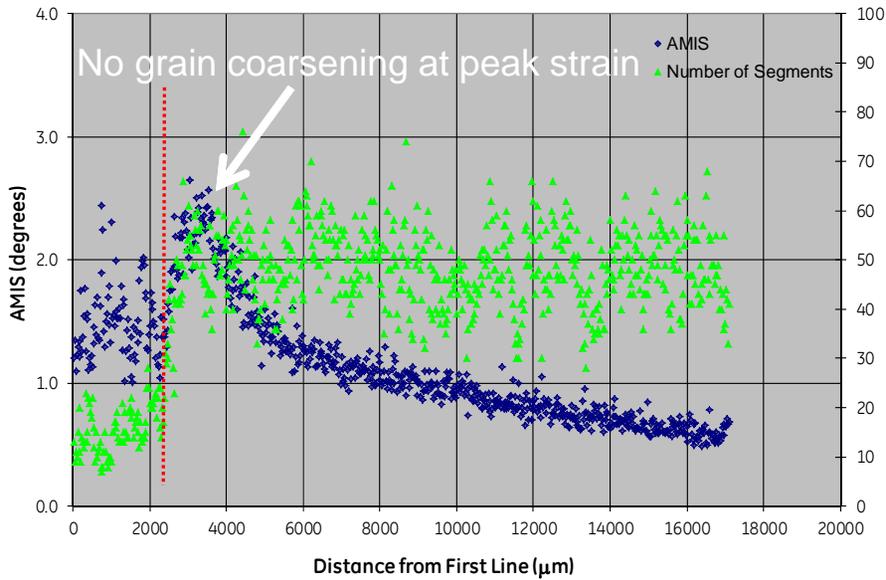
- **Multiple microstructural and factors determine the magnitude and location of weld residual strains.**
- **Microstructure: Starting grain size, residual strains in base metal, carbide precipitation, etc. influence yield strength which determine the location of highest residual plastic strain in base metals at the weld interface.**

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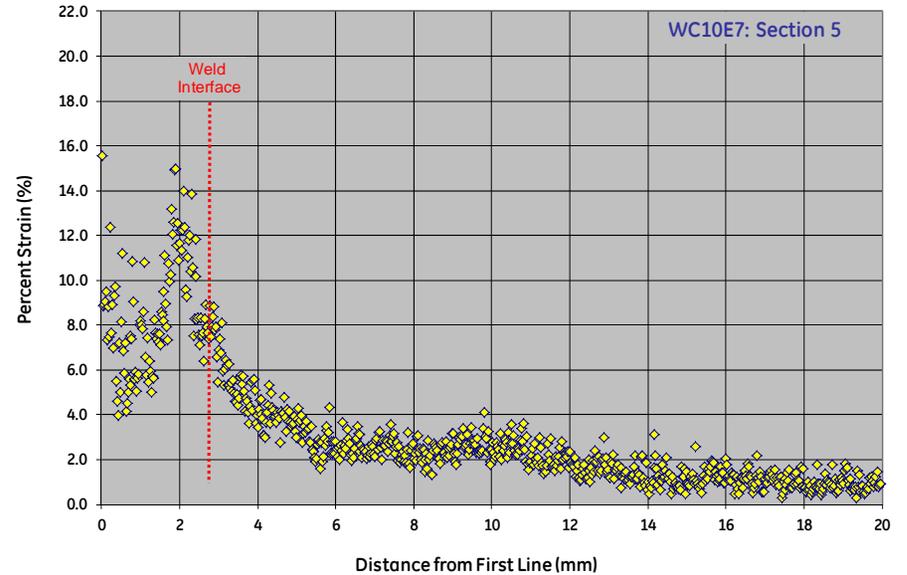
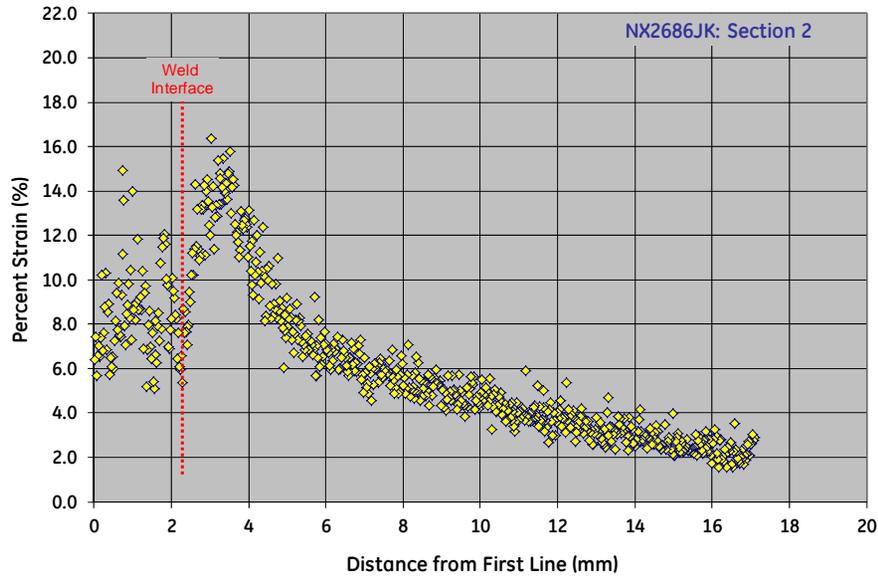
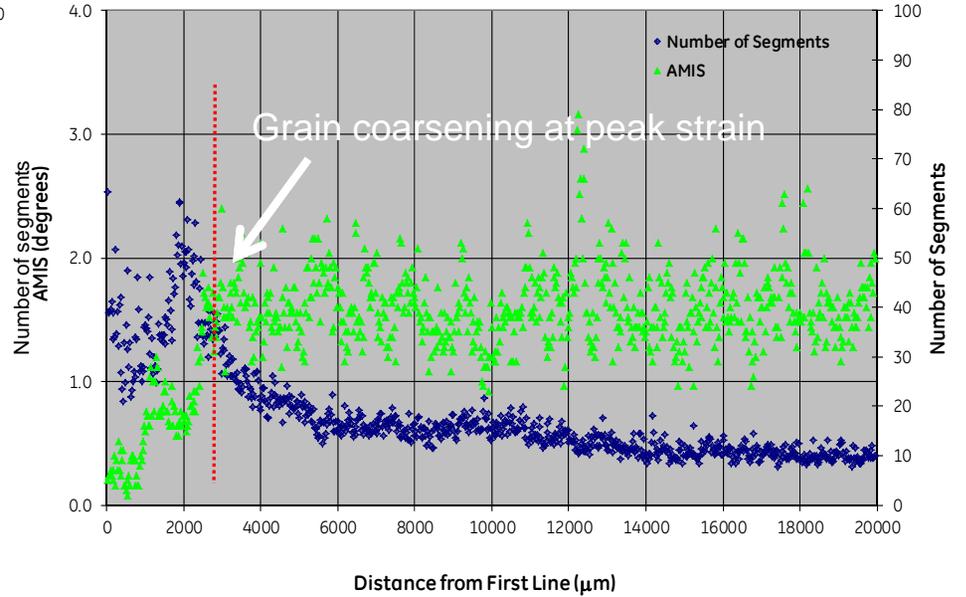
## Peak Residual Plastic Strains

### Stainless Steel versus Alloy 690

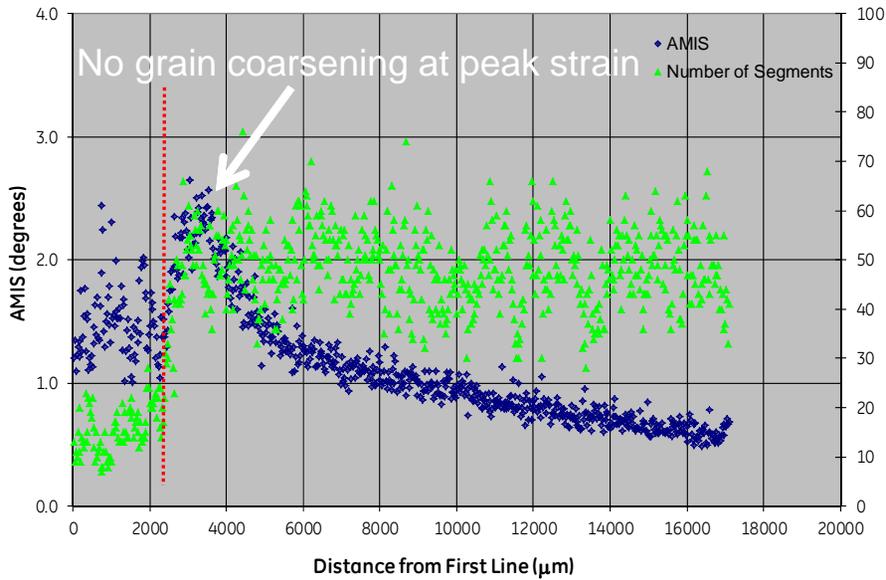
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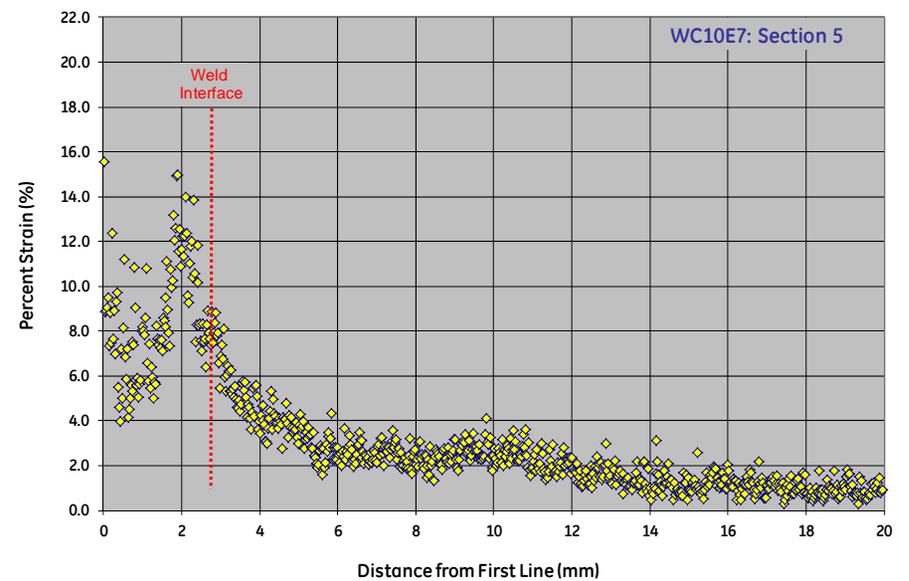
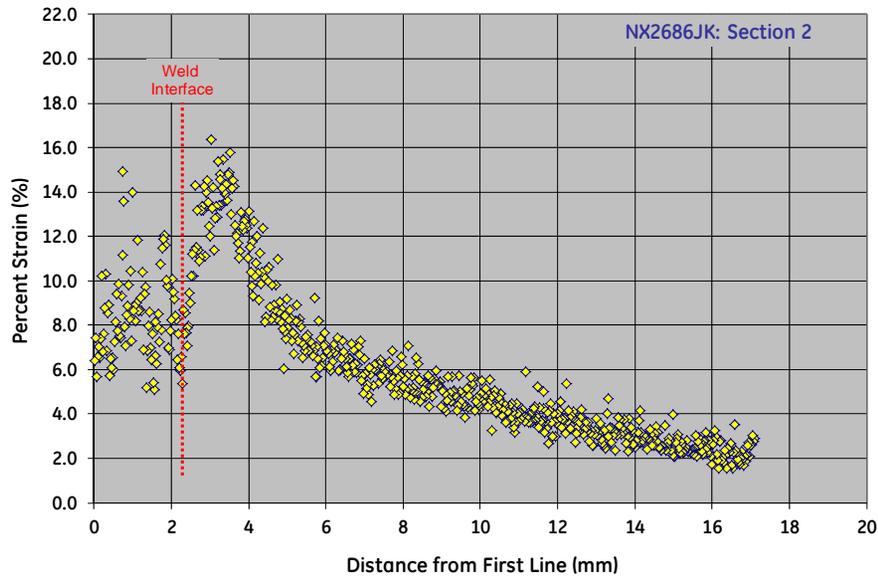
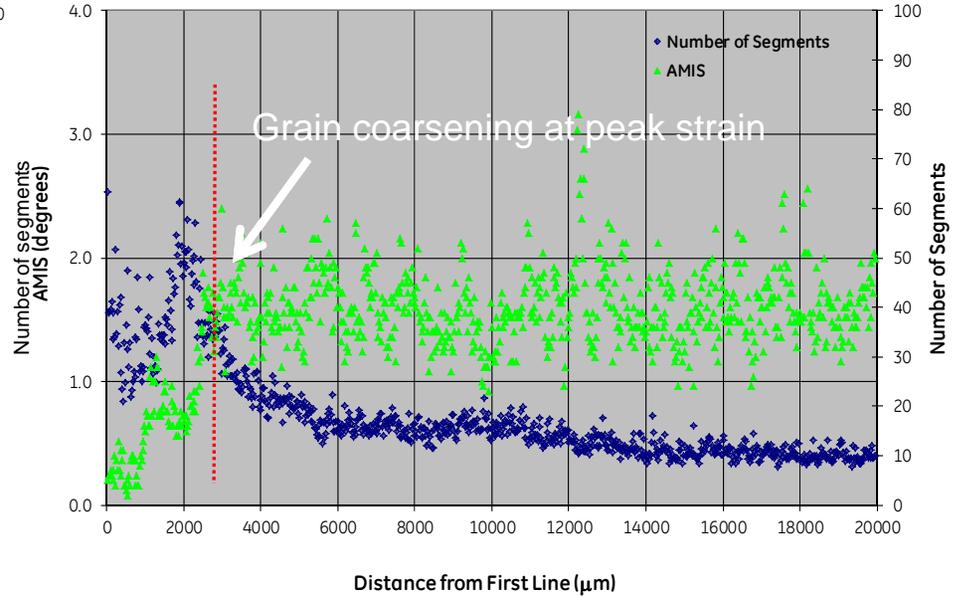
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## Microstructure Basis for Interface

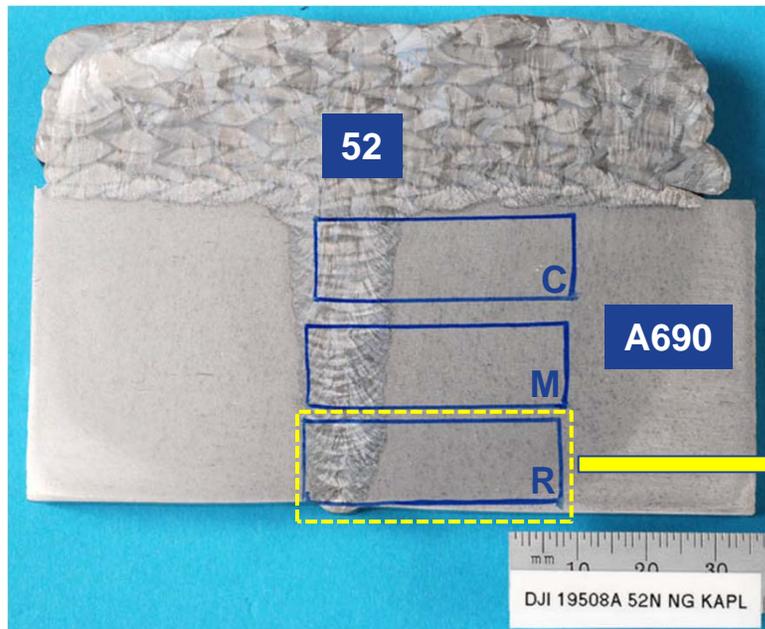
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# Alloy 52-A690 Weld Interface Microstructure Versus EPMA Comparison

## 19508A 52M Narrow Groove Weld

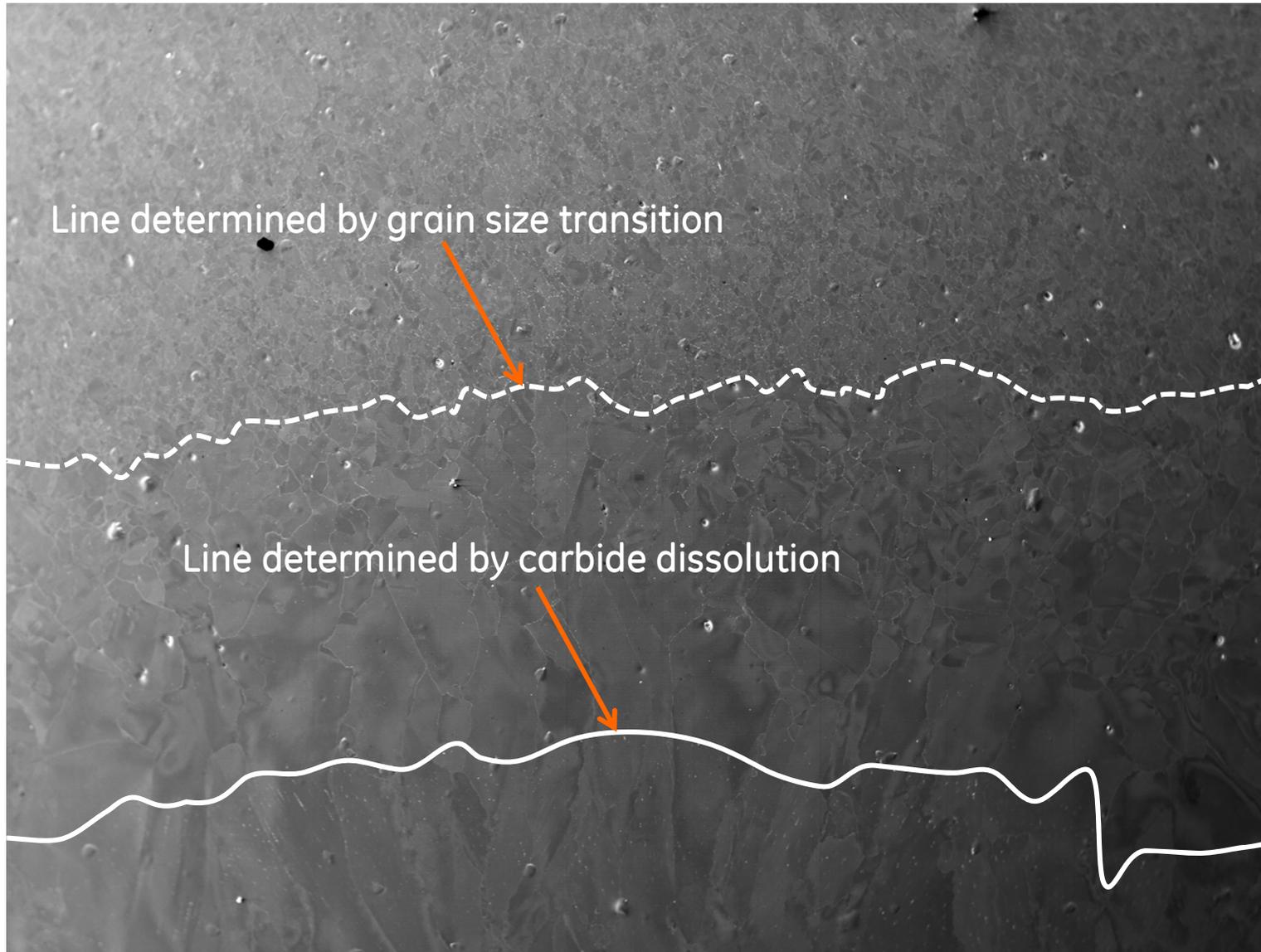
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# Alloy 52 to Alloy 690 weld DJI 19508A 52M NG - Root (Location 3) Setup



Approximate location of measurement

The section was rotated in an effort to have a horizontal Weld/PMZ+UMZ interface. (The resulting plastic strain data will have better representation from each individual region this way.)



Approximation of PMZ is based on the following:

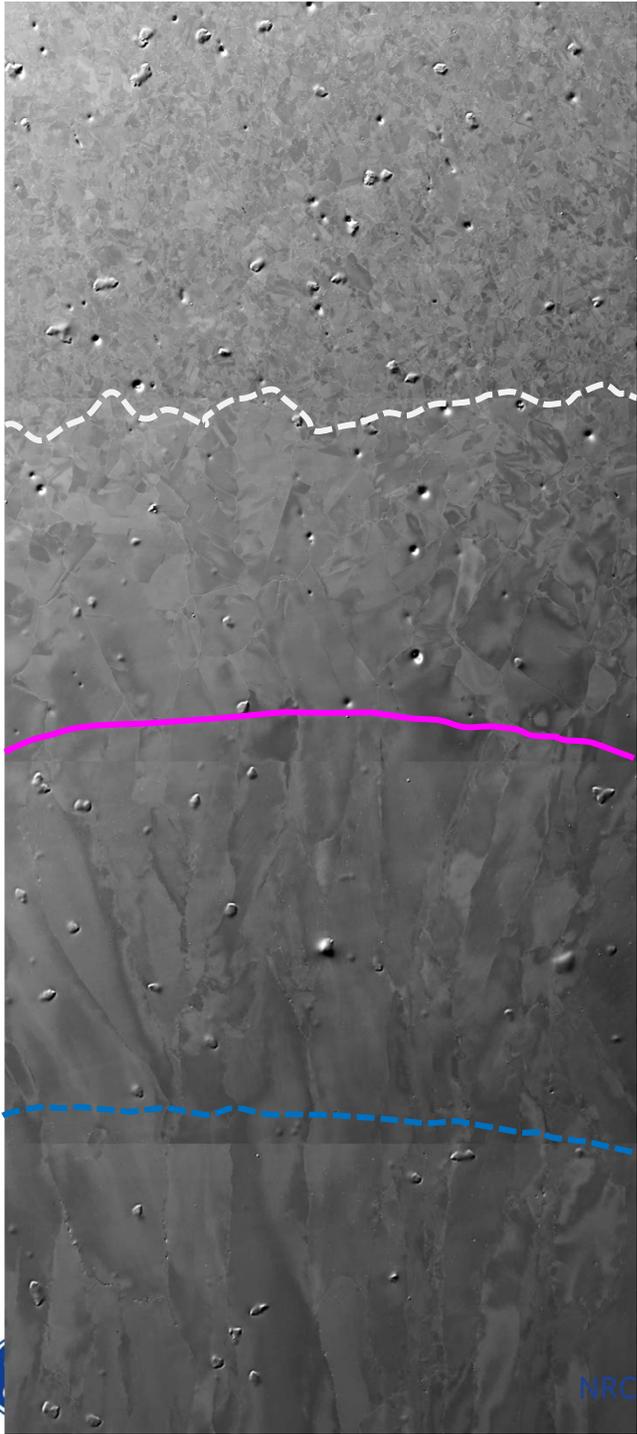
- Carbides precipitated along the dendrites cores (according to EPMA data, this is an indication of the transition to the PMZ from the weld)
- Grain size change (transition from PMZ to base material)

Approximate region of the PMZ based on dissolution of carbides.

500  $\mu\text{m}$

SE Image

Area Measured by EBSD



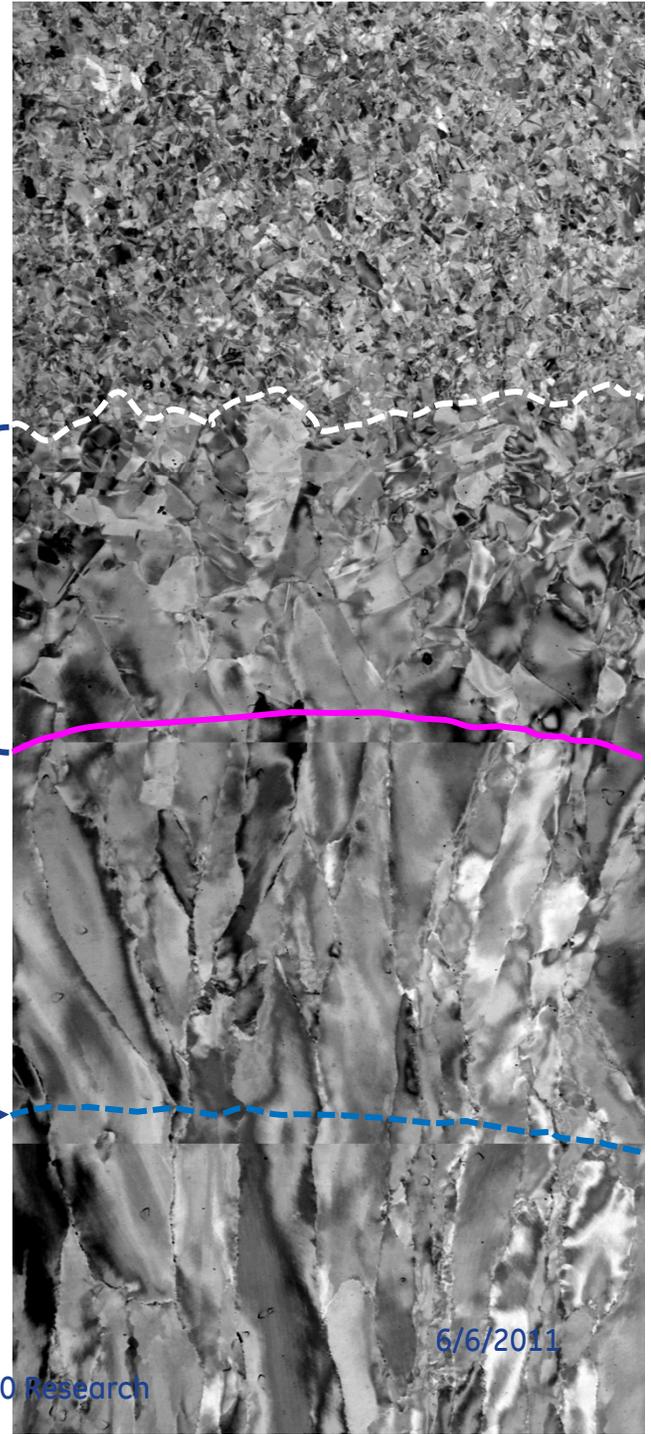
PMZ+UMZ.  
(Purple line confirmed by EPMA data.)

The dotted blue line represents the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> pass weld dilution zone. (Confirmed by EPMA data.)

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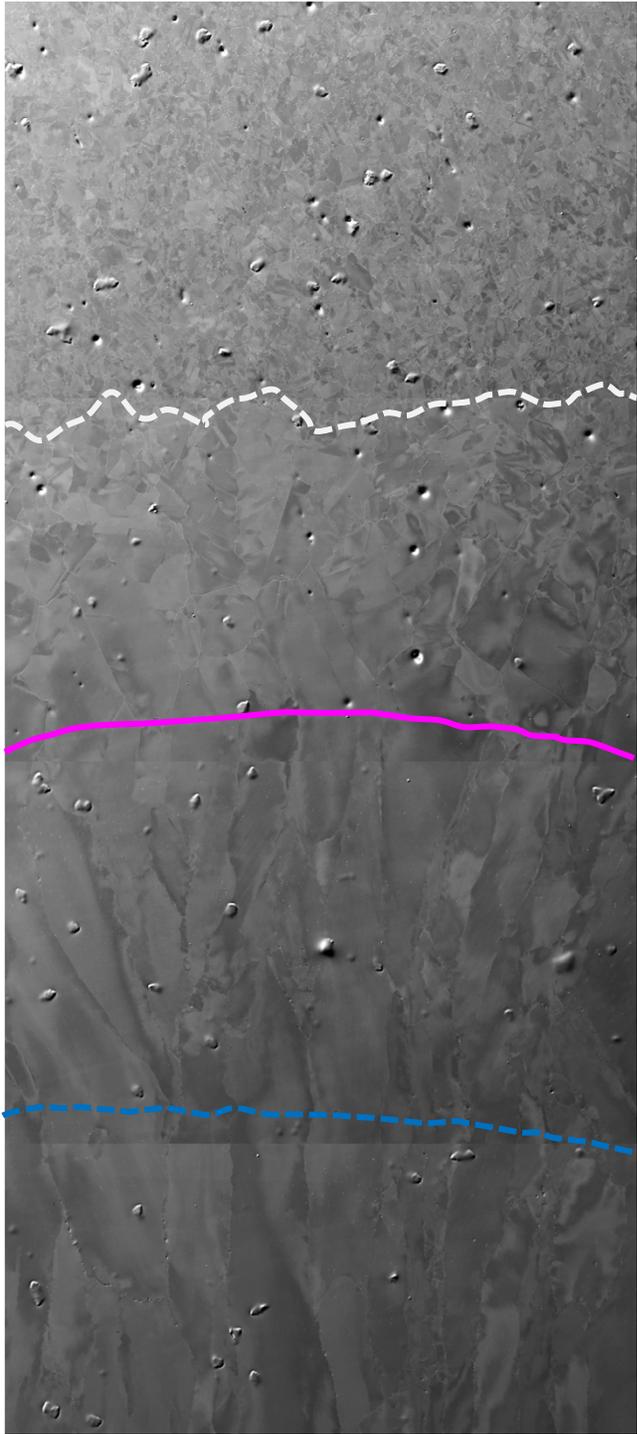
BSE Image



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Region of the  
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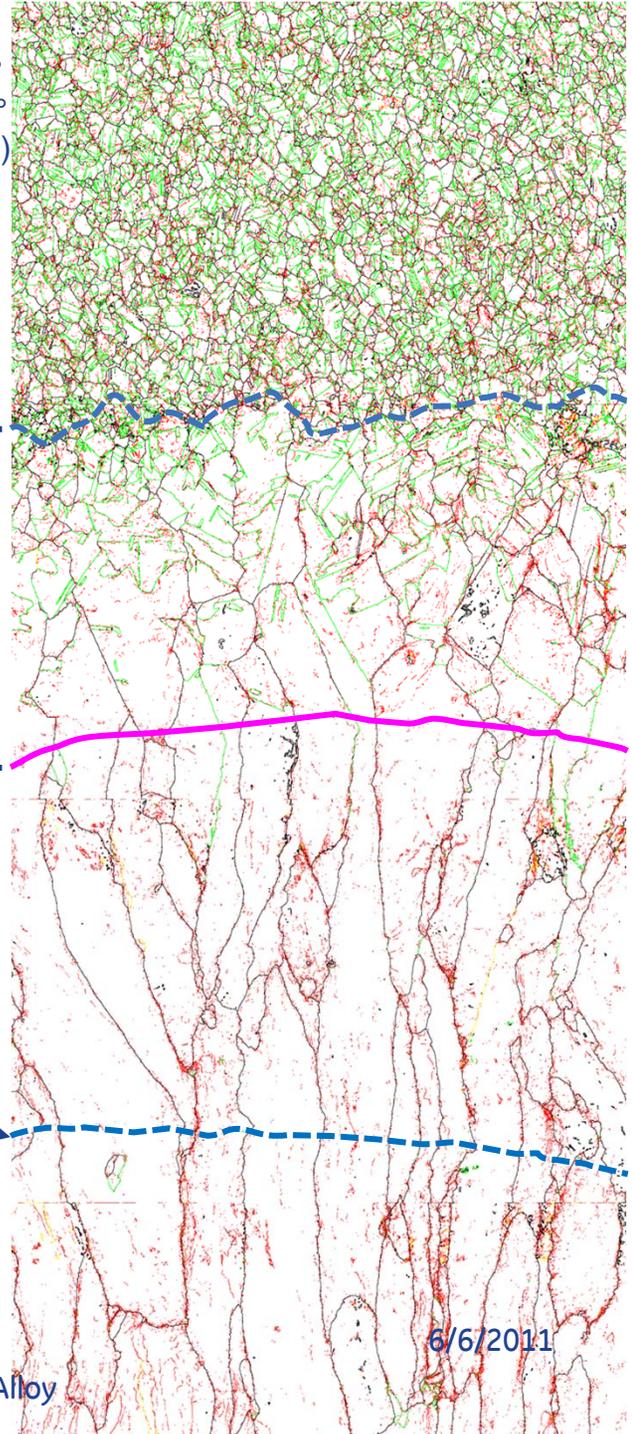
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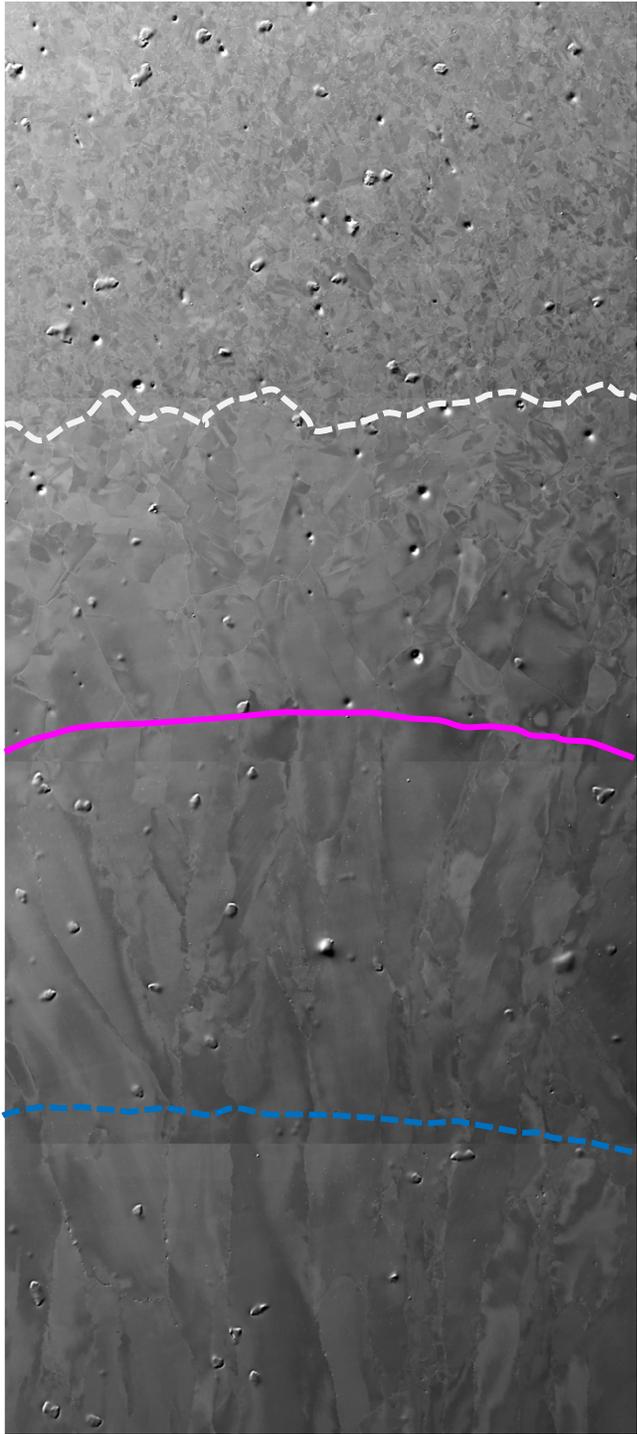
Boundary Map



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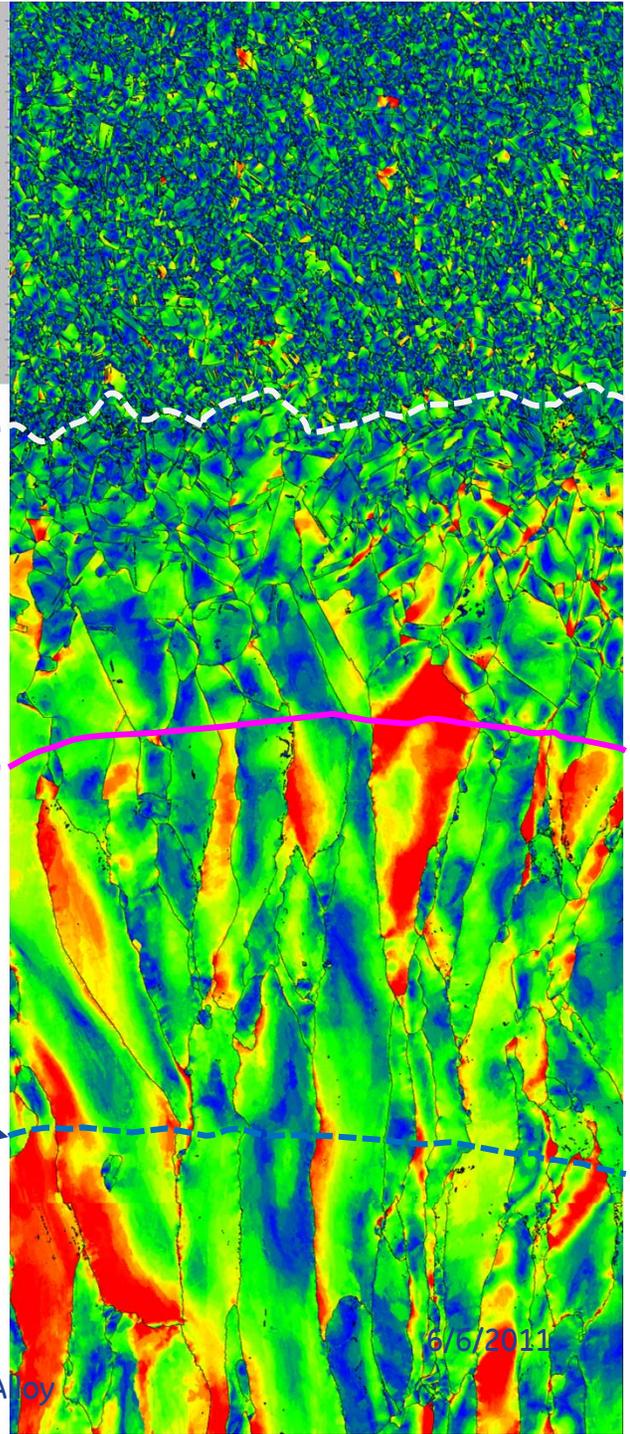
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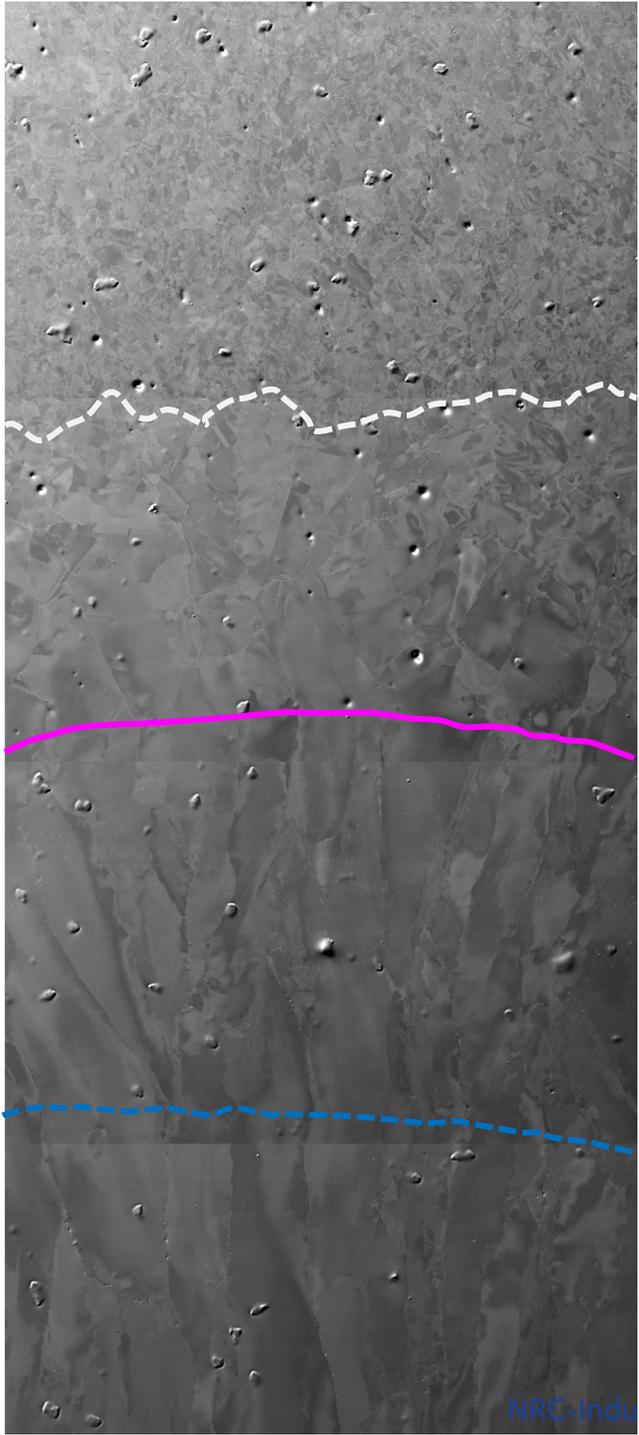
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Area Measured by EBSD 10° Misorientation Map

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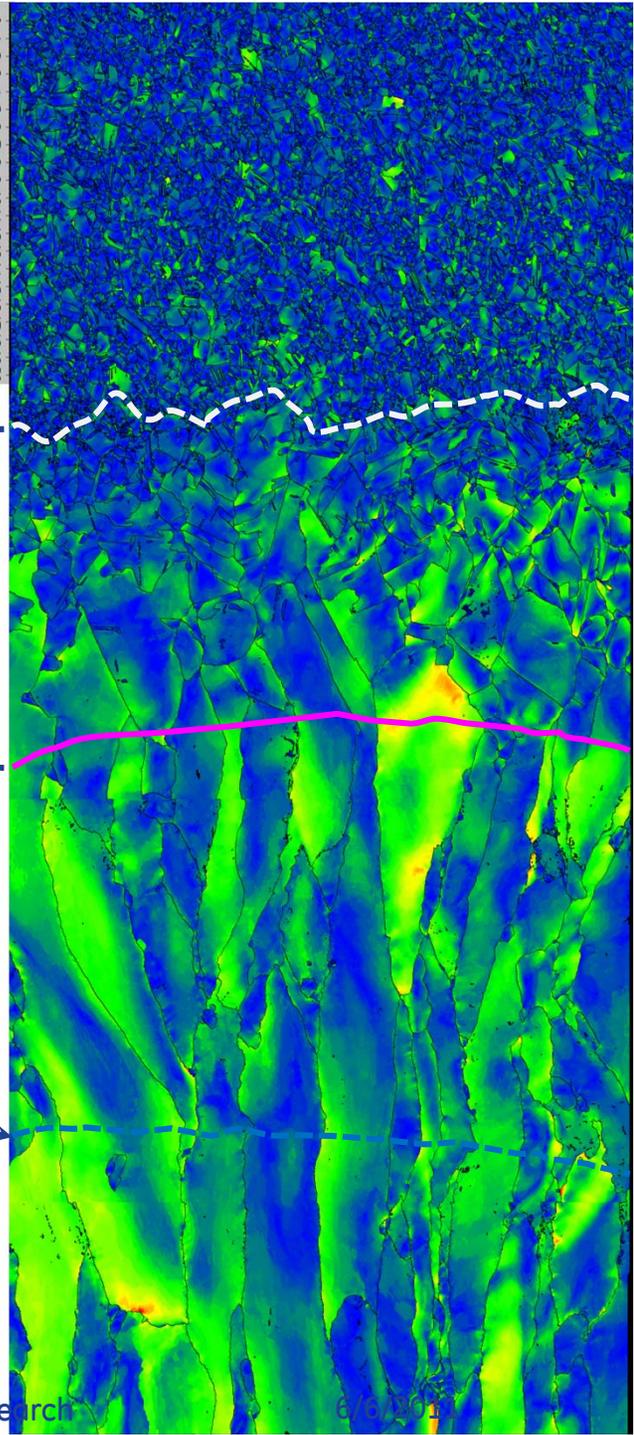
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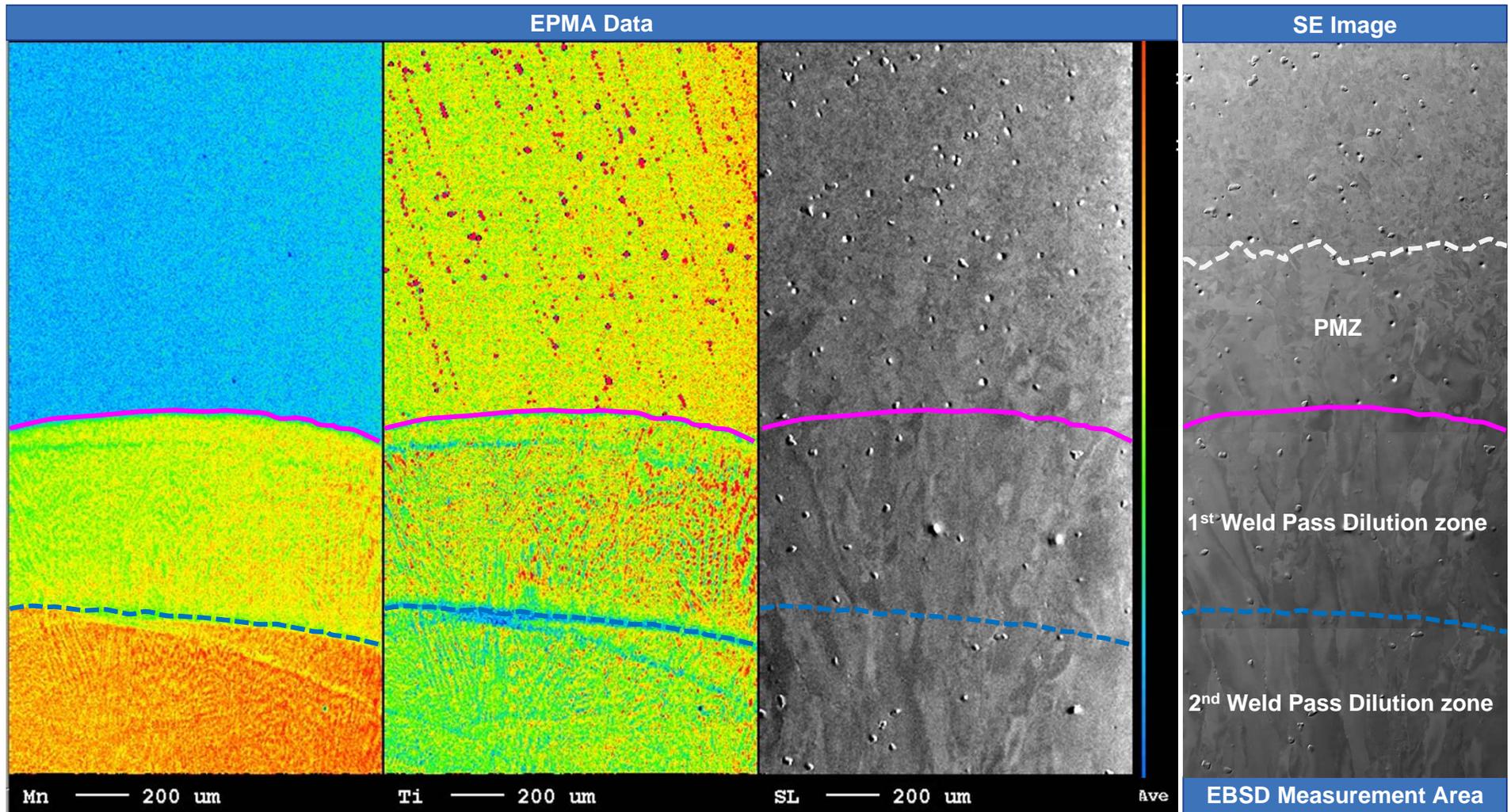
Area Measured by EBSD 20° Misorientation Map

# Background

## Chemical Basis for Interface

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# Chemical Basis for Alloy 690 UMZ+PMZ at Interface EPMA Data



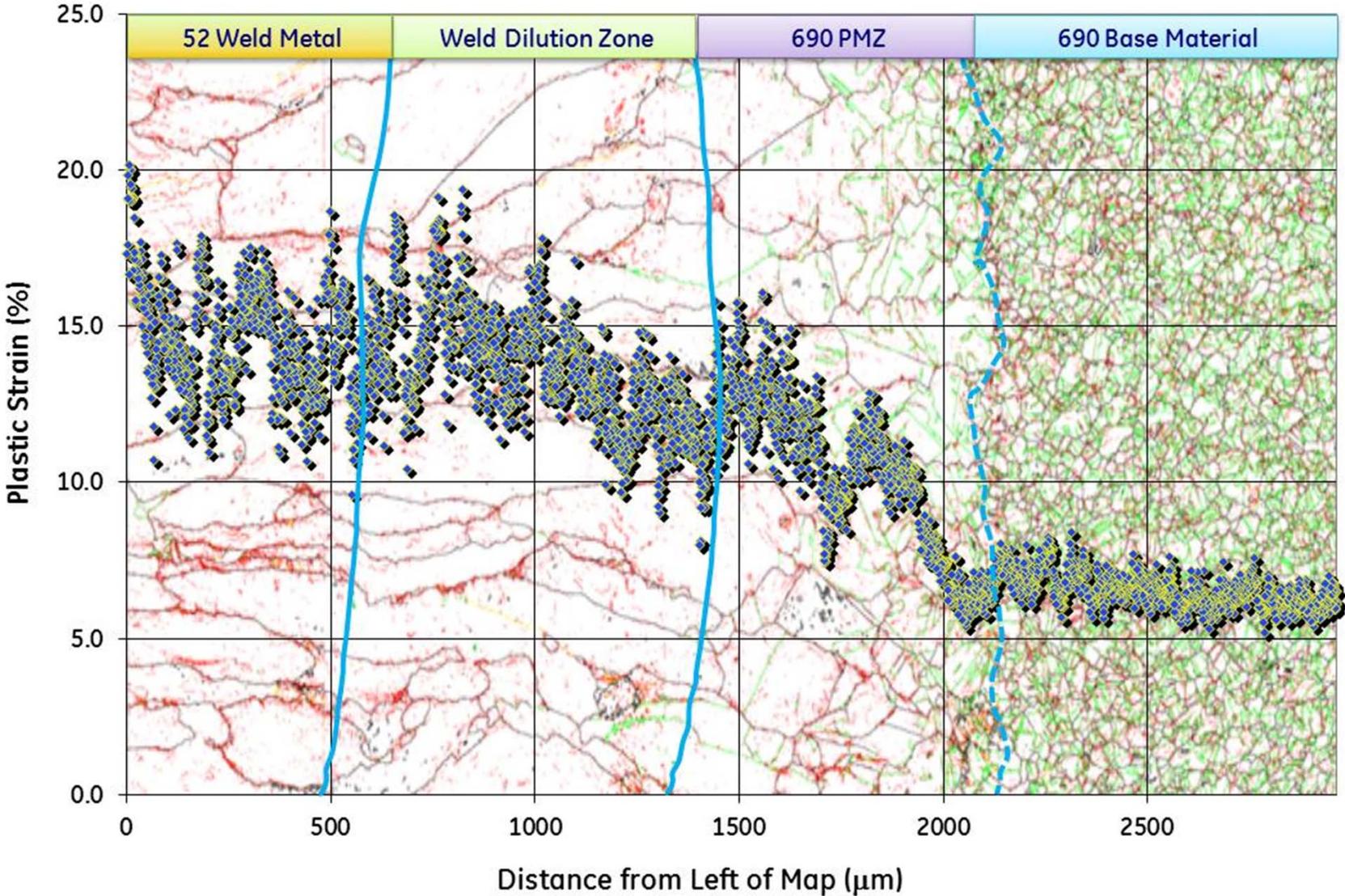
- Purple lines are drawn on the EPMA maps to indicate the chemical interface from the 1<sup>st</sup> weld pass dilution zone to the base Alloy 690 PMZ+UMZ.
- Dotted blue lines are indicate the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> weld pass dilution zone.

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The dotted white line shows where the grain size changes, end of the UMZ+PMZ.

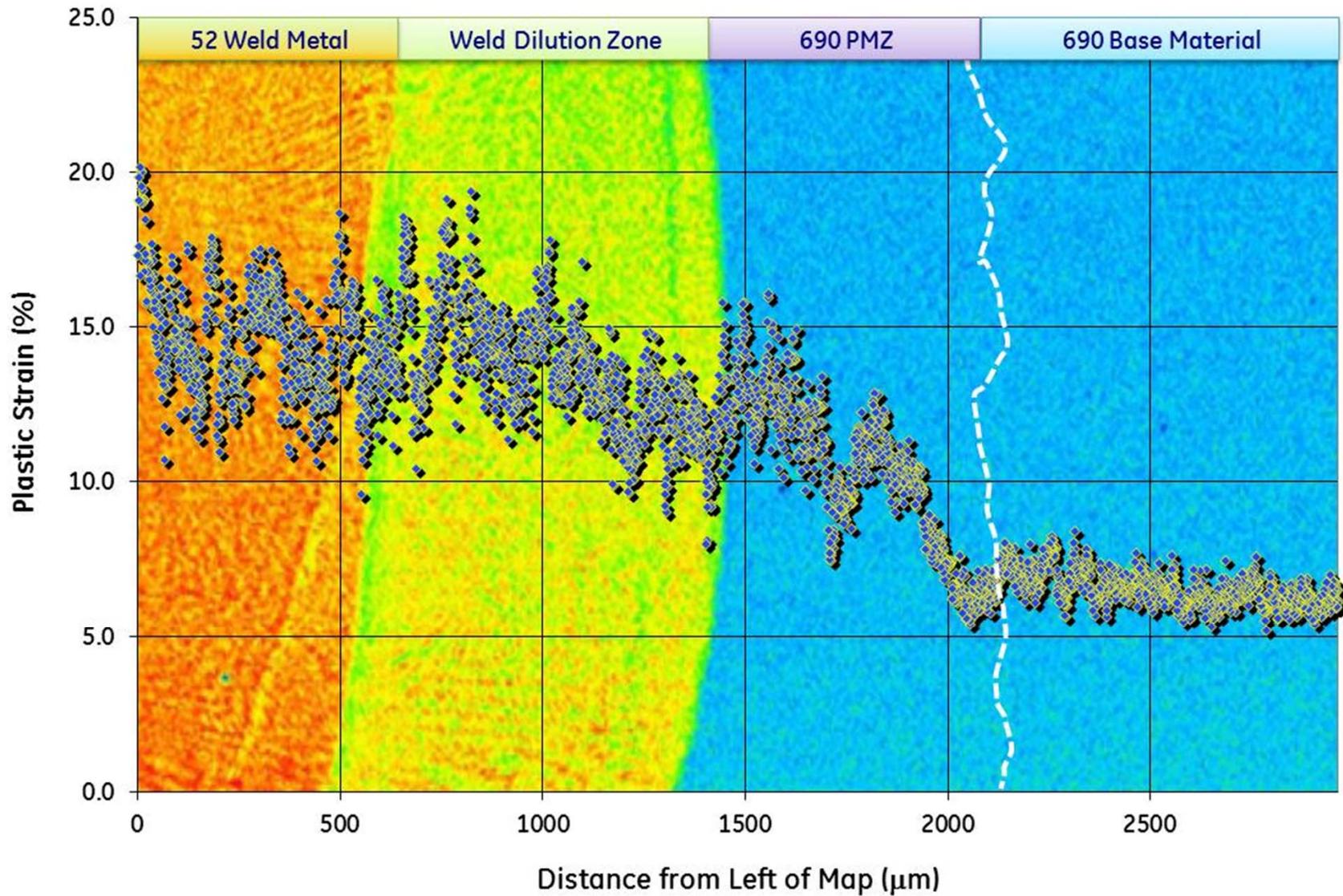
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Residual plastic strain plot overlaid onto grain boundary character map, note twin boundary (green) density in Alloy 690 base metal versus PMZ+UMZ.



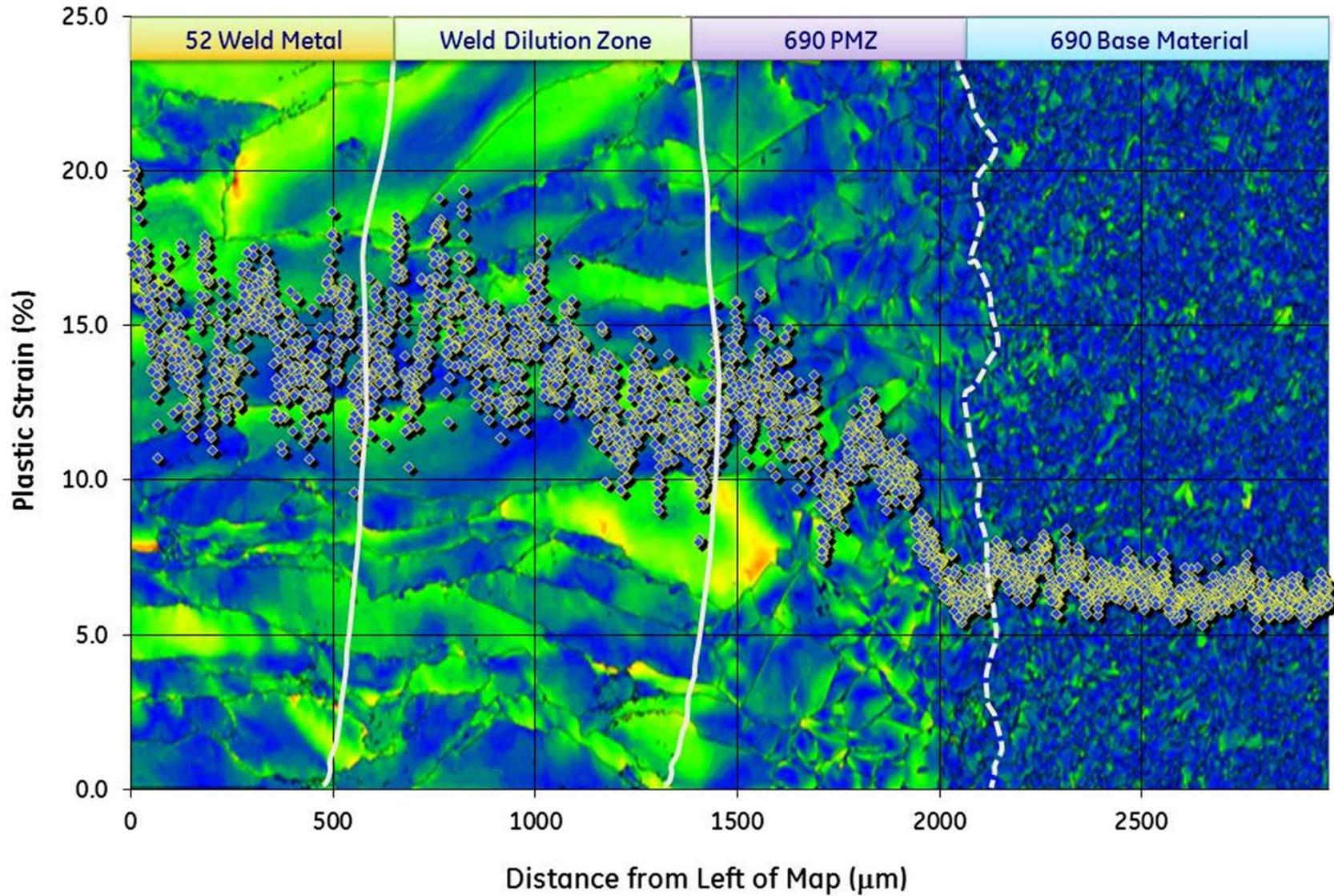
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Residual plastic strain plot overlaid onto EPMA Mn map. Note peak in residual plastic strain in Alloy 690 occurs in chemically identifiable Alloy 690 PMZ+UMZ.



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Residual plastic strain plot overlaid onto misorientation map. Note highest misorientation in Alloy 690 occurs in chemically identifiable Alloy 690 PMZ+UMZ.

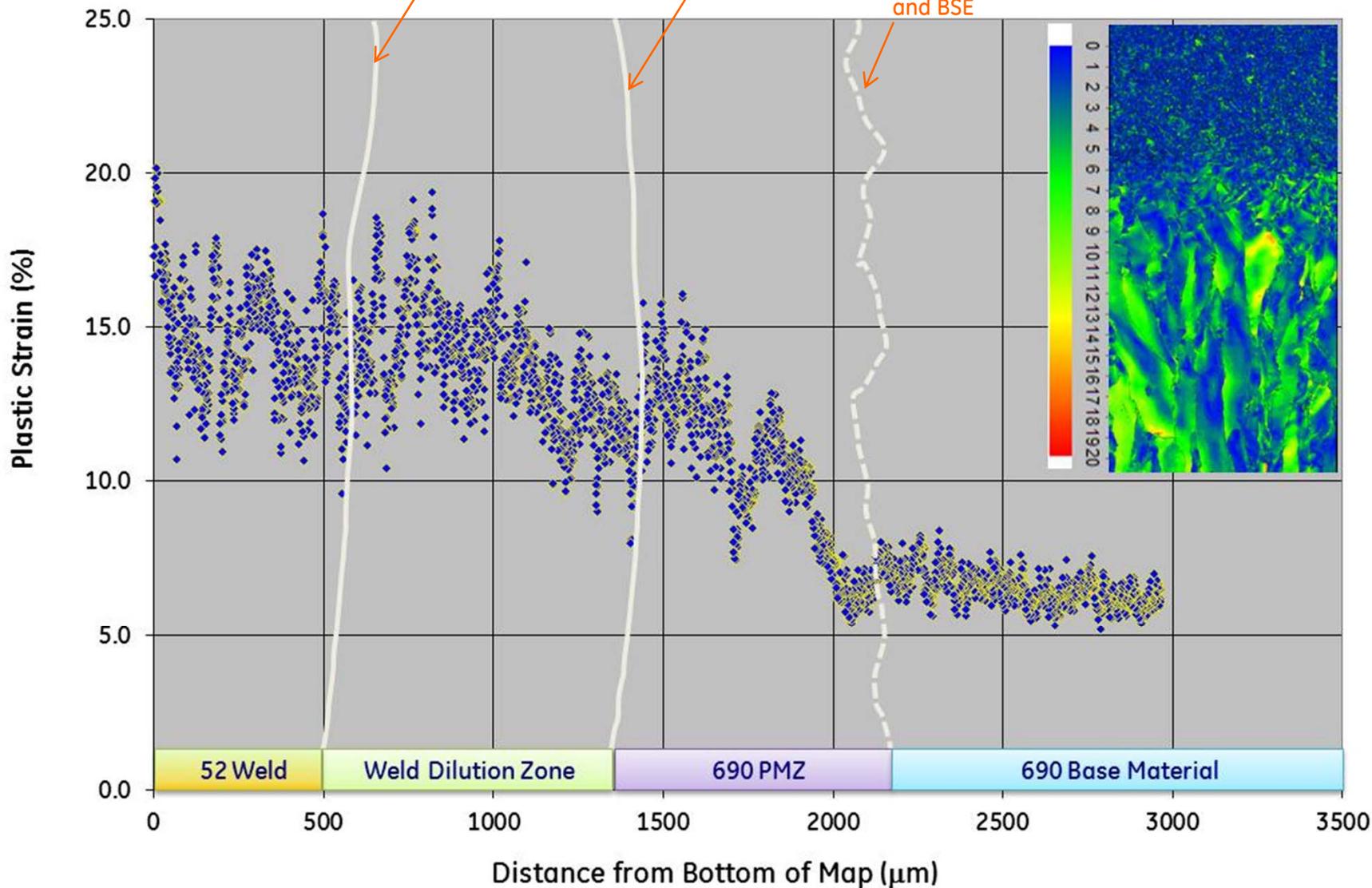


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Alloy 52 Weld/1<sup>st</sup> Weld Pass Dilution Zone Interface Determined by EPMA

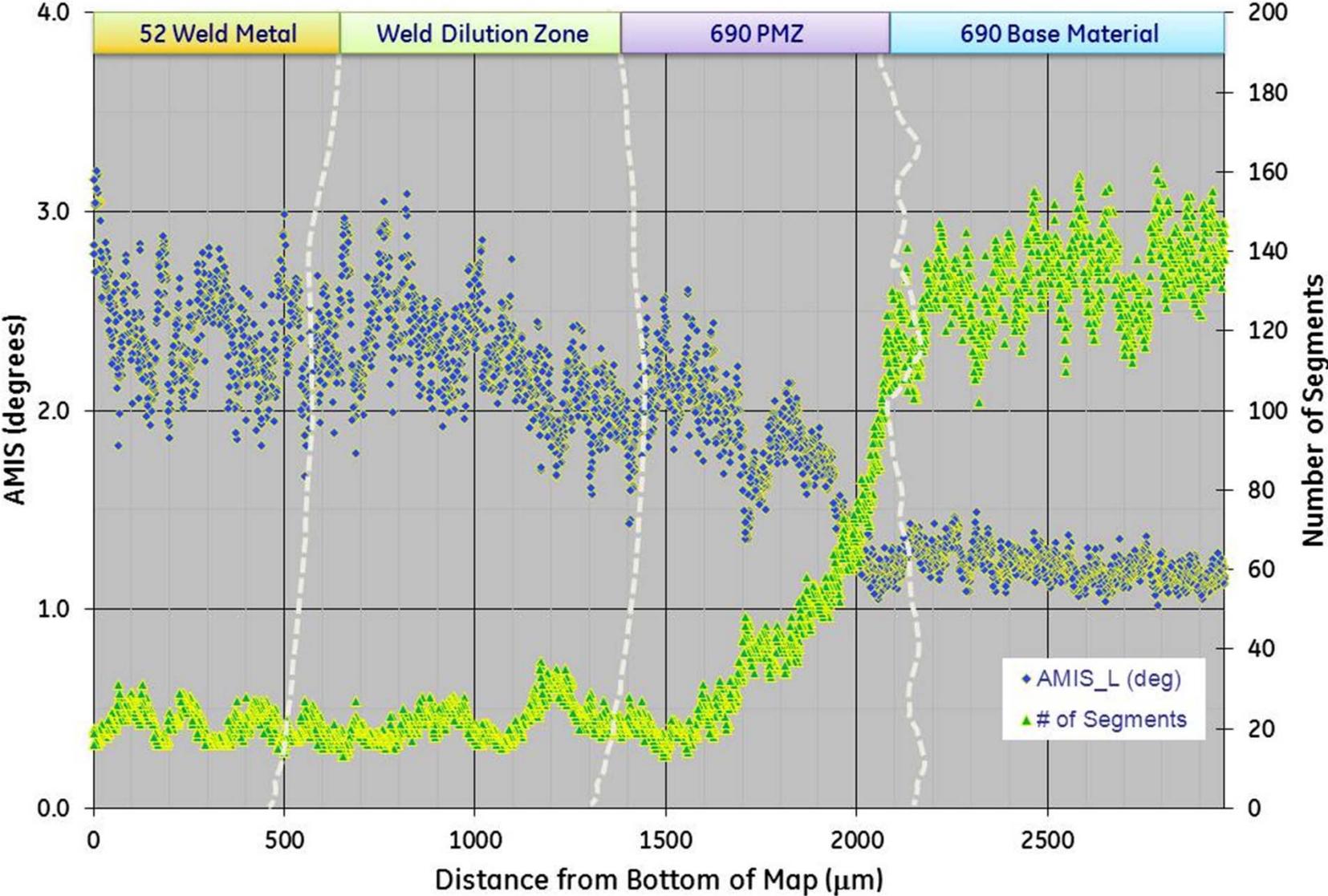
Alloy 690 PMZ/1<sup>st</sup> Weld Pass Dilution Zone Interface Determined by EPMA and EBSD

Alloy 690/690 PMZ+UMZ Interface Determined by EBSD and BSE



Residual plastic strain plot as a function of position across the weld interface 6/6/2011

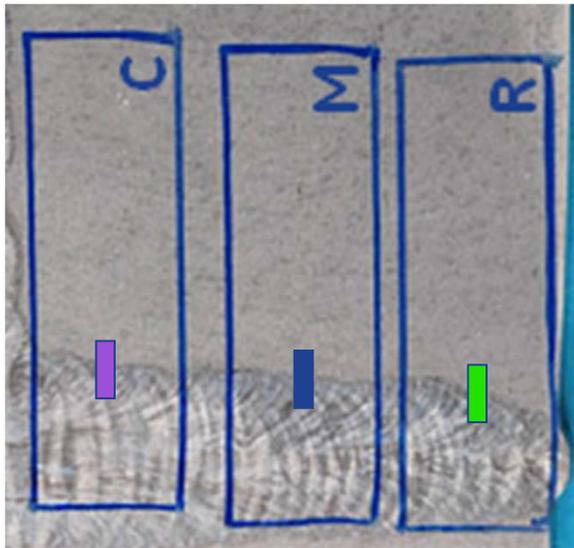
AMIS and Number of Segments (inverse of grain size) plots as a function of position across the weld interface. PMZ+UMZ transitions from mixed equiaxed fine and coarse grains to mixed coarse epitaxial dendrites and coarse equiaxed grains.



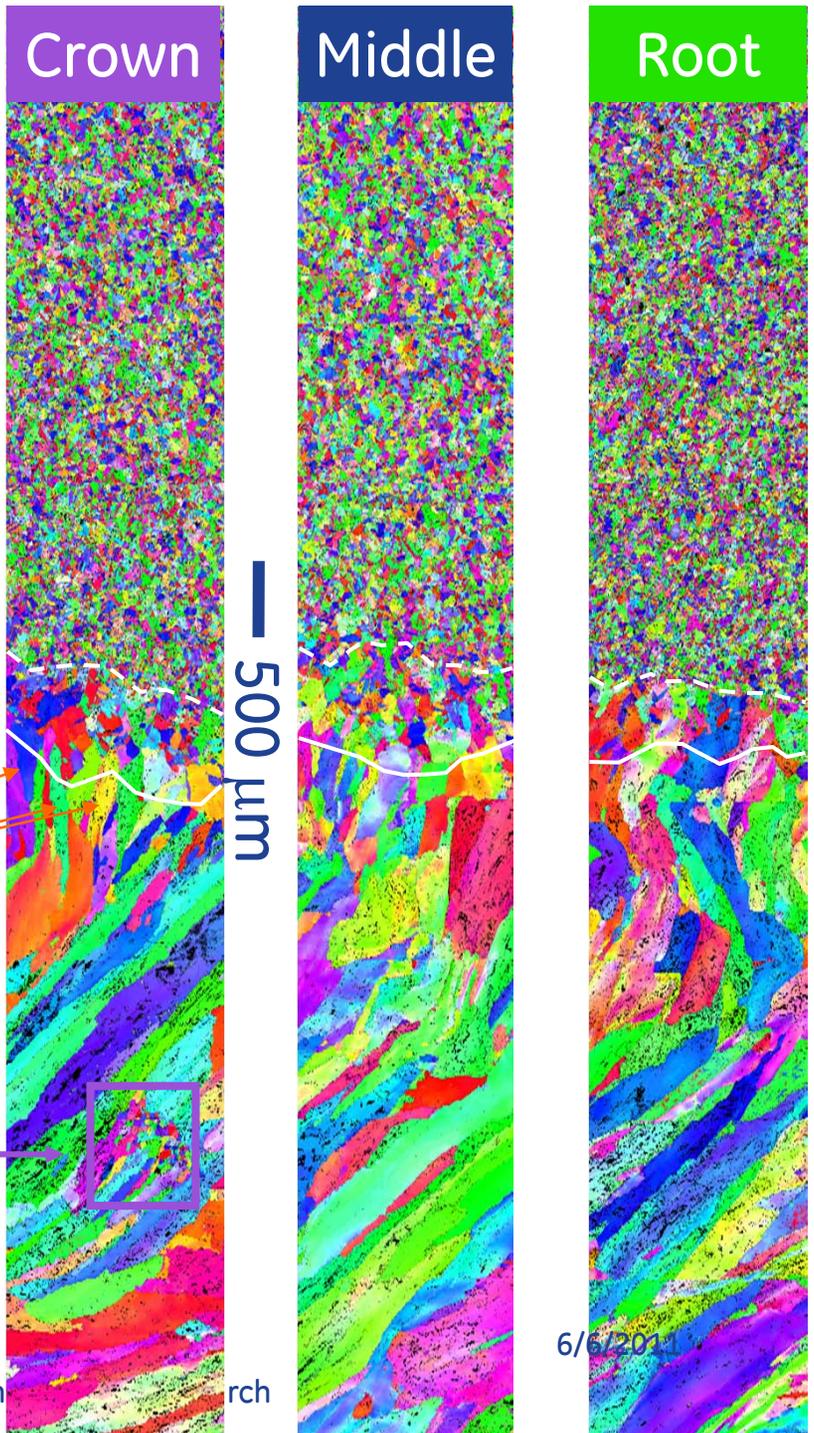
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# 19508A 52M – Interface Study

## IPF Maps of Entire Measurement Area



— Possible interface  
 ..... End of "transition" zone



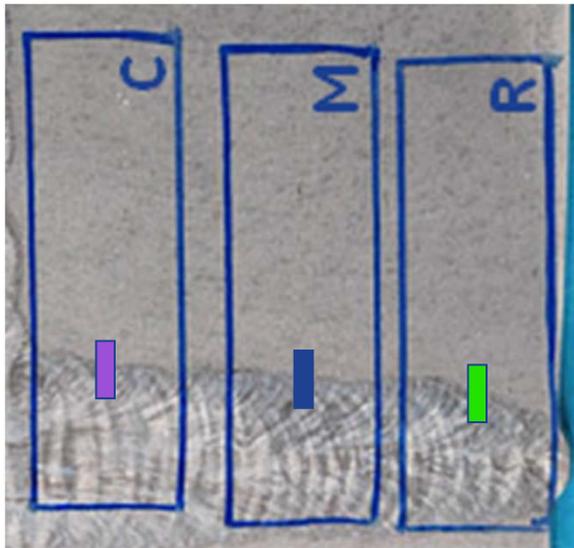
**Middle:** Epitaxial dendrites.

The weld portion has a region of recrystallized grains.

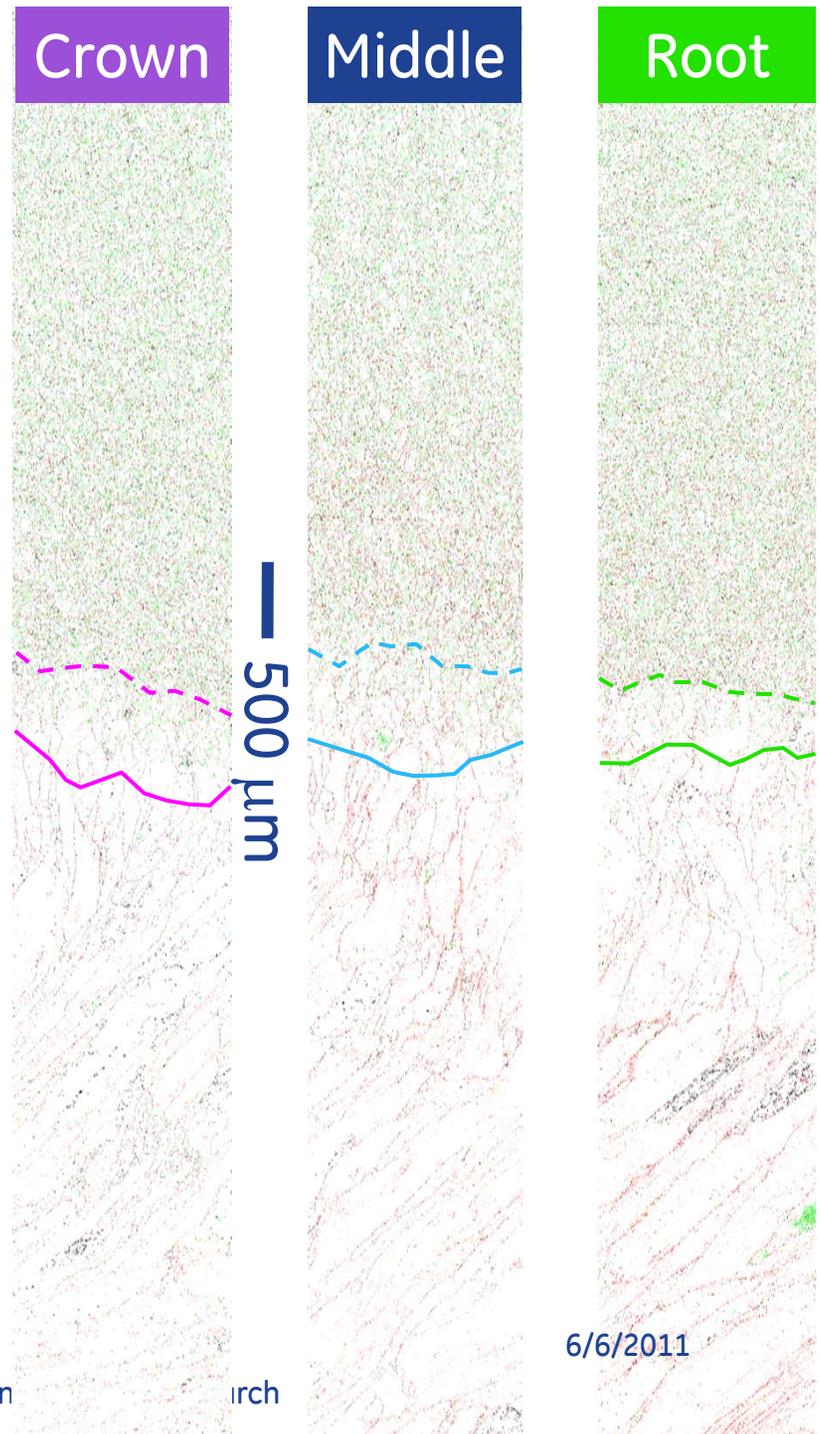


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## BSE Images of Entire Measurement Area

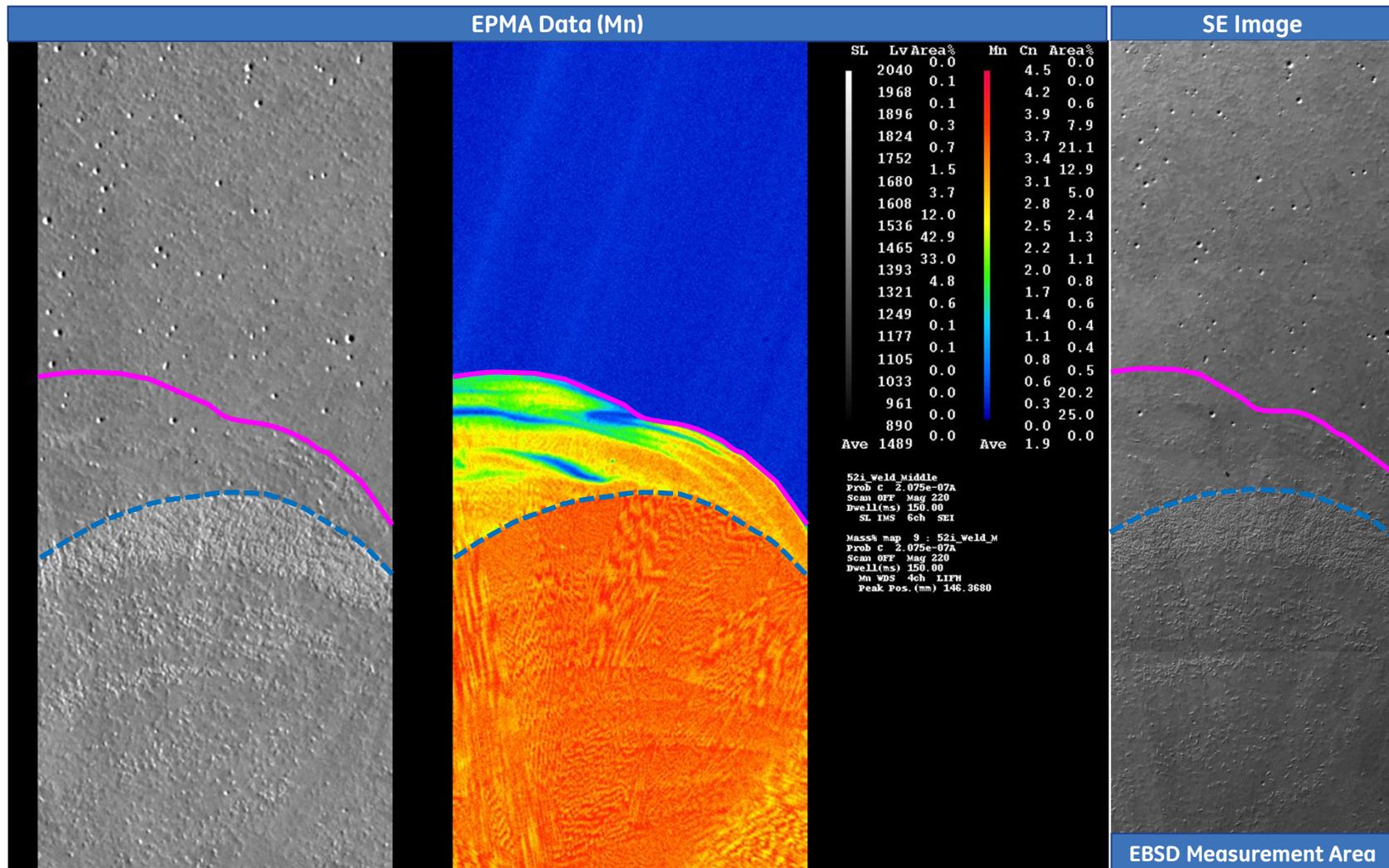


- Chemical 52/690 interface
- ..... End of "transition" zone



# Comparison 52i V-Groove Weld Mid-Plane Alloy 690

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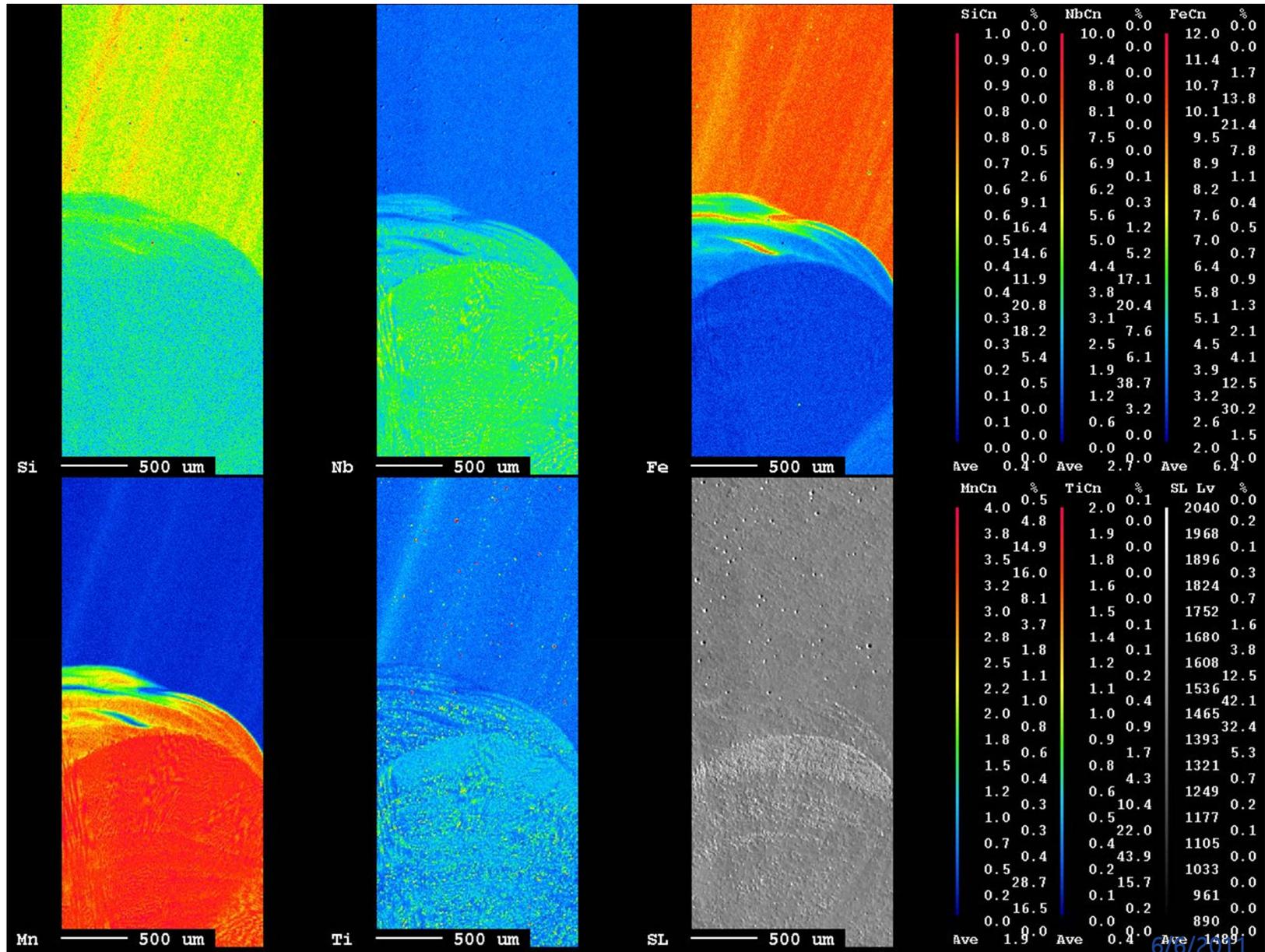


- Purple lines are drawn on the EPMA maps to indicate the chemical interface from the PMZ to the base material (690).
- The PMZ is chemically diluted with the 52i weld metal.

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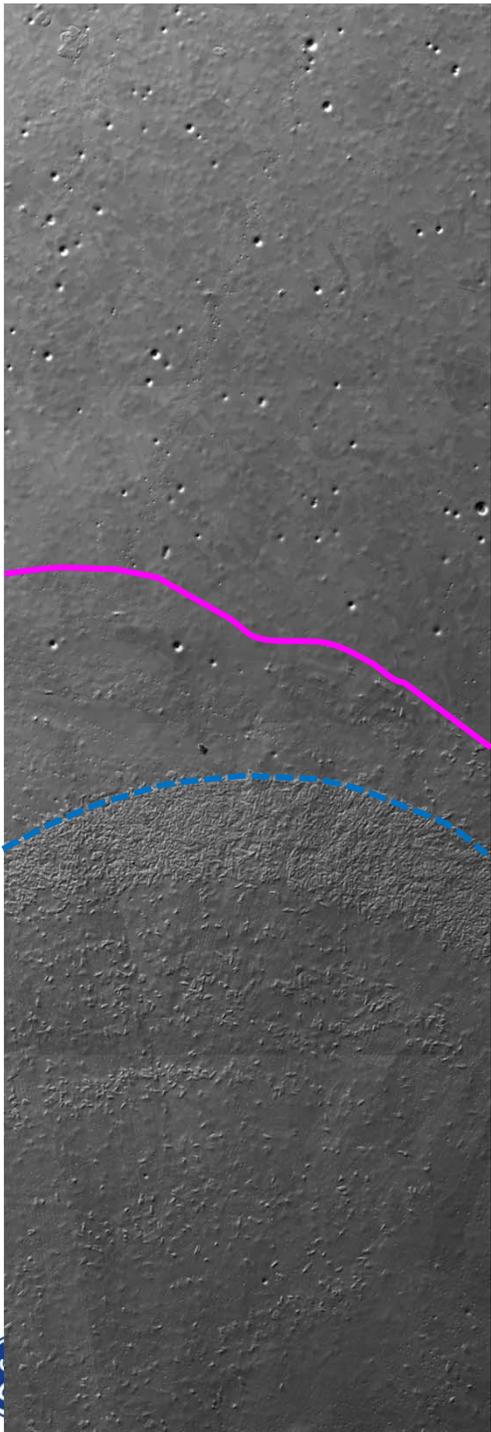
# COMPARISON: 52i V-Groove Weld Mid-Plane

# EPMA Data



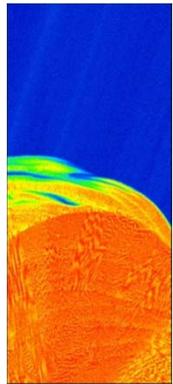
52i Left of Weld: Mid

SE Image



Grain size and morphology in the base metal is very different than the 52/690 systems.

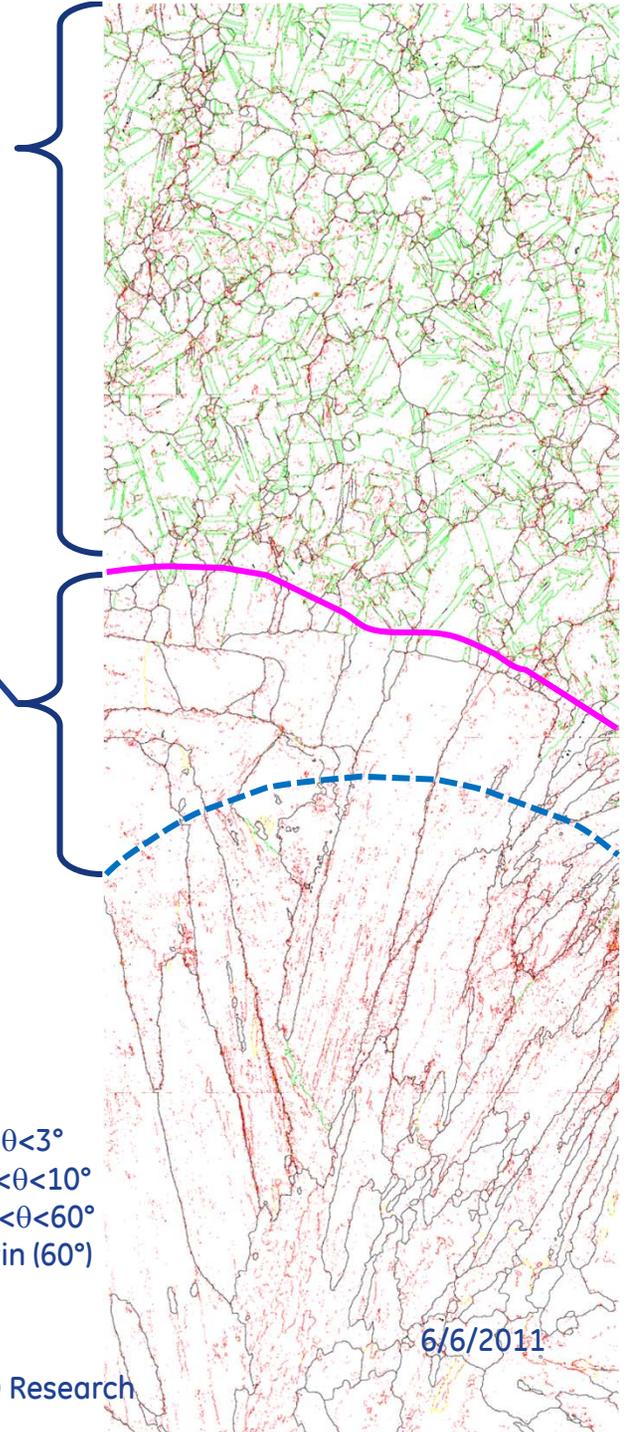
Partial Melt defined by EPMA and EBSD data.



Mn Map (EPMA)

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— 250  $\mu\text{m}$



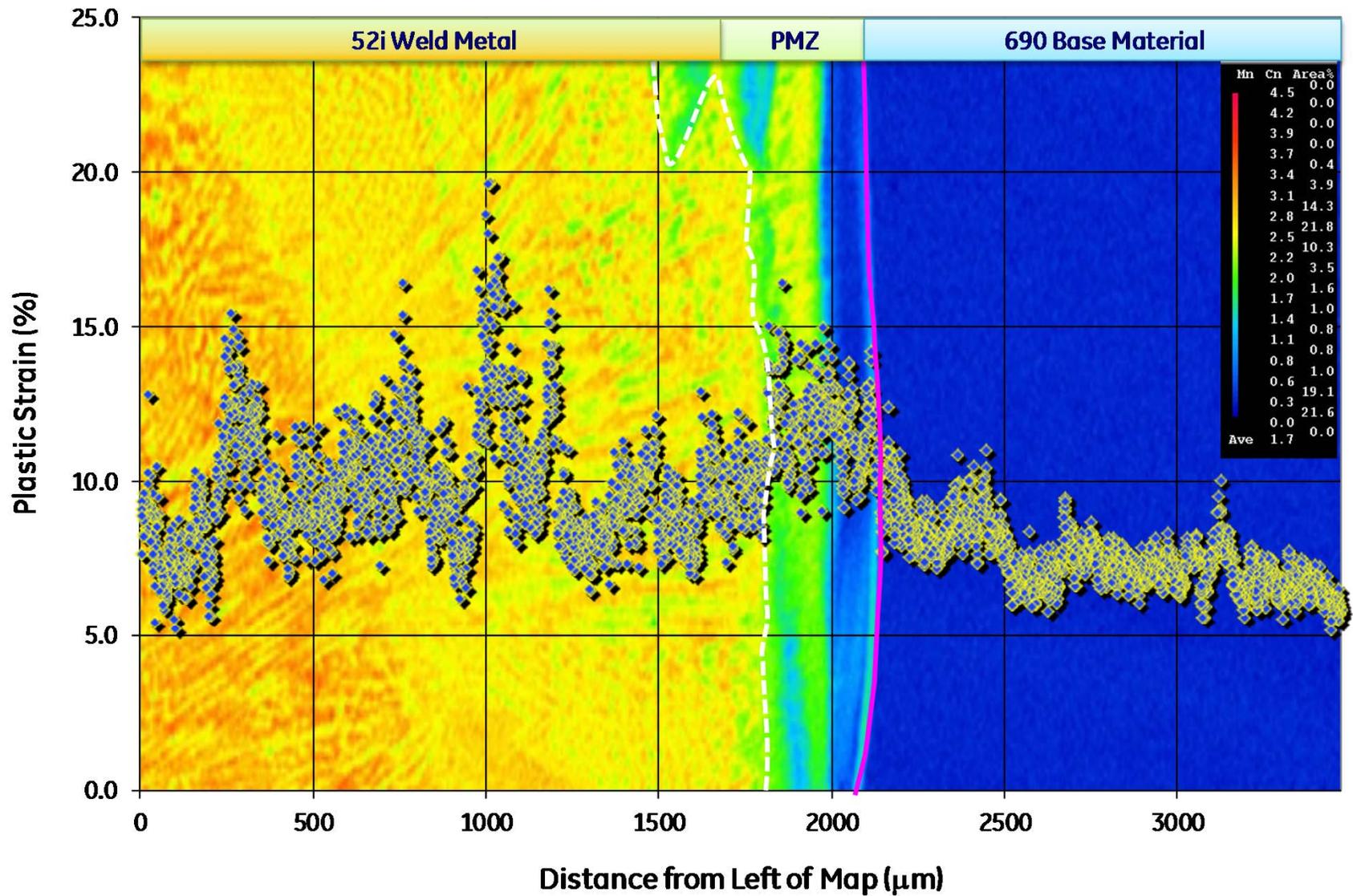
Boundary Map

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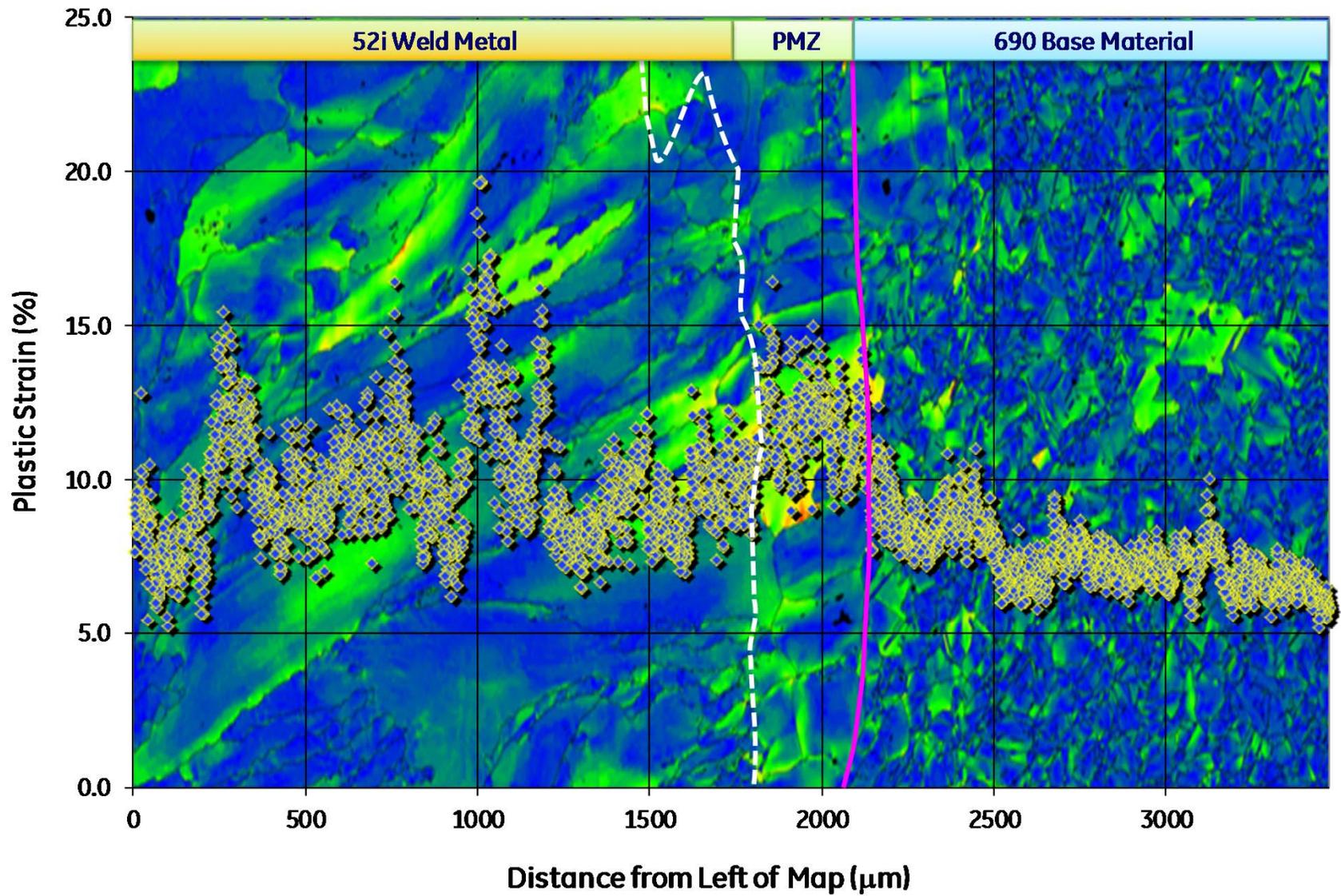
# COMPARISON: 52i V-Groove Weld Mid-Plane

# Strain versus EPMA Data



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# Strain versus Misorientation



# Summary – Alloy 690 PMZ

- After reviewing prior data from an Alloy 52 to Alloy 690 weld DJI 19508A 53N NG we confirmed that the Alloy 52 weld to Alloy 690 interface was structured as follows:

Alloy 52 Weld Passes / Alloy 52 1<sup>st</sup> Weld Pass Dilution Zone / Alloy 690 PMZ +UMZ/  
Alloy 690 Base metal

- The Alloy 690 PMZ+UMZ has a mixed microstructure consisting of large epitaxial dendrites, coarsened equiaxed grains, and fine recrystallized grains. **The Alloy 690 PMZ+UMZ is chemically Alloy 690** and varies in width, 670 microns wide in the region investigated.
- The Alloy 690 PMZ+UMZ consists of epitaxial dendrites, coarse grains, and fine recrystallized grains and is on average of much coarser grain size than the Alloy 690 base metal.
- While the Alloy 52 weld metal has the highest residual plastic strain in the weldment the highest residual plastic strains in the chemically identified Alloy 690 occur in the Alloy 690 PMZ.
- A very different interface chemistry has been observed in Alloy 52i to Alloy 690 weld interfaces

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# Summary – Alloy 690 PMZ

- Residual strain is located in the region of lowest yield strength at the time of weld solidification and cool down
  - Base metal if lowest YS
  - Base metal true HAZ
  - PMZ Alloy 690
  - Surrounding defects if dynamic recrystallization has not occurred.

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# Weld Defects and Dynamic Recrystallization in Alloy 52 Weld Metal

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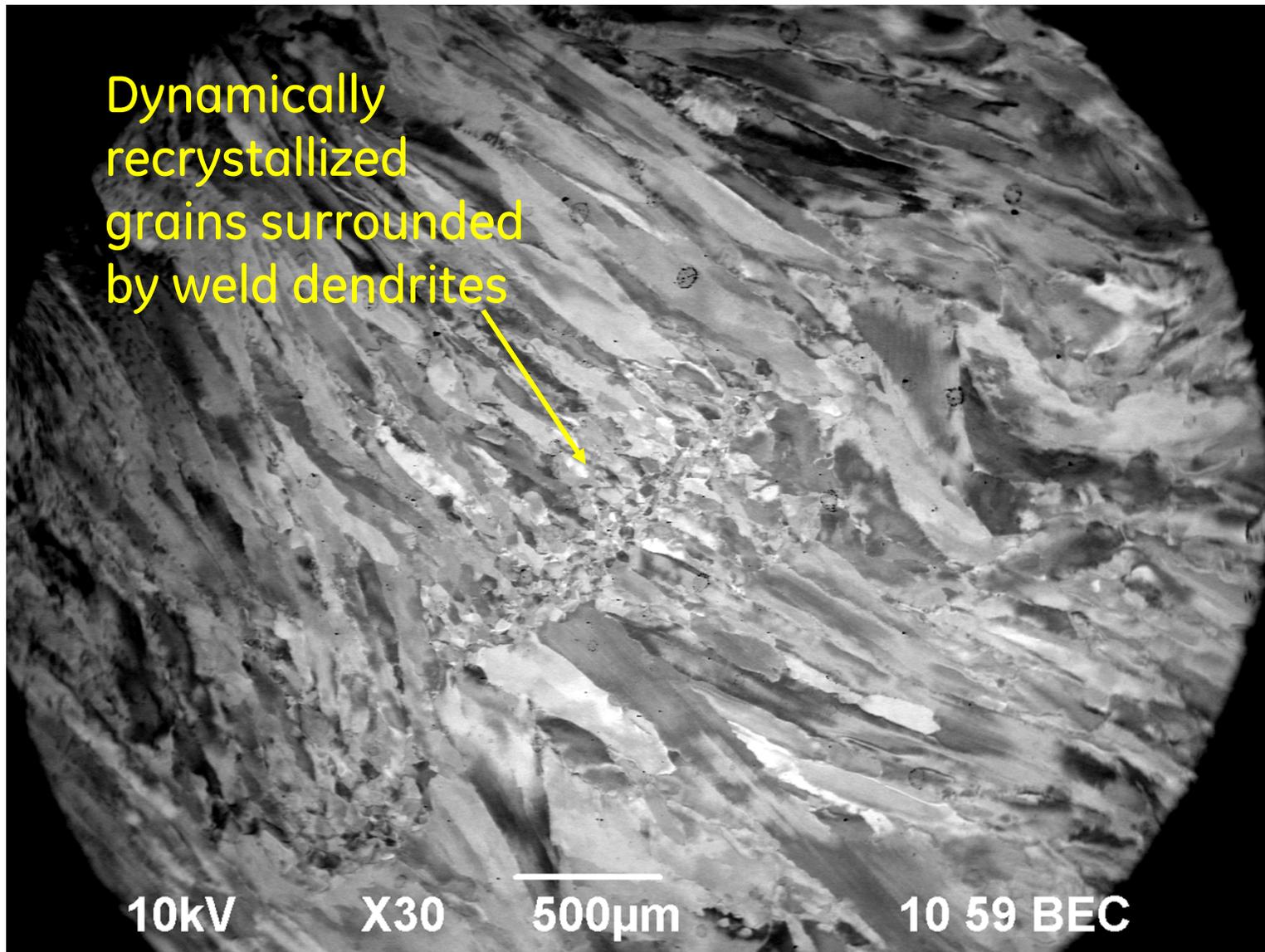
# EBSD Map of Dynamically Recrystallized Grains in 52 Weld

Weld: DJI 19508A 52M



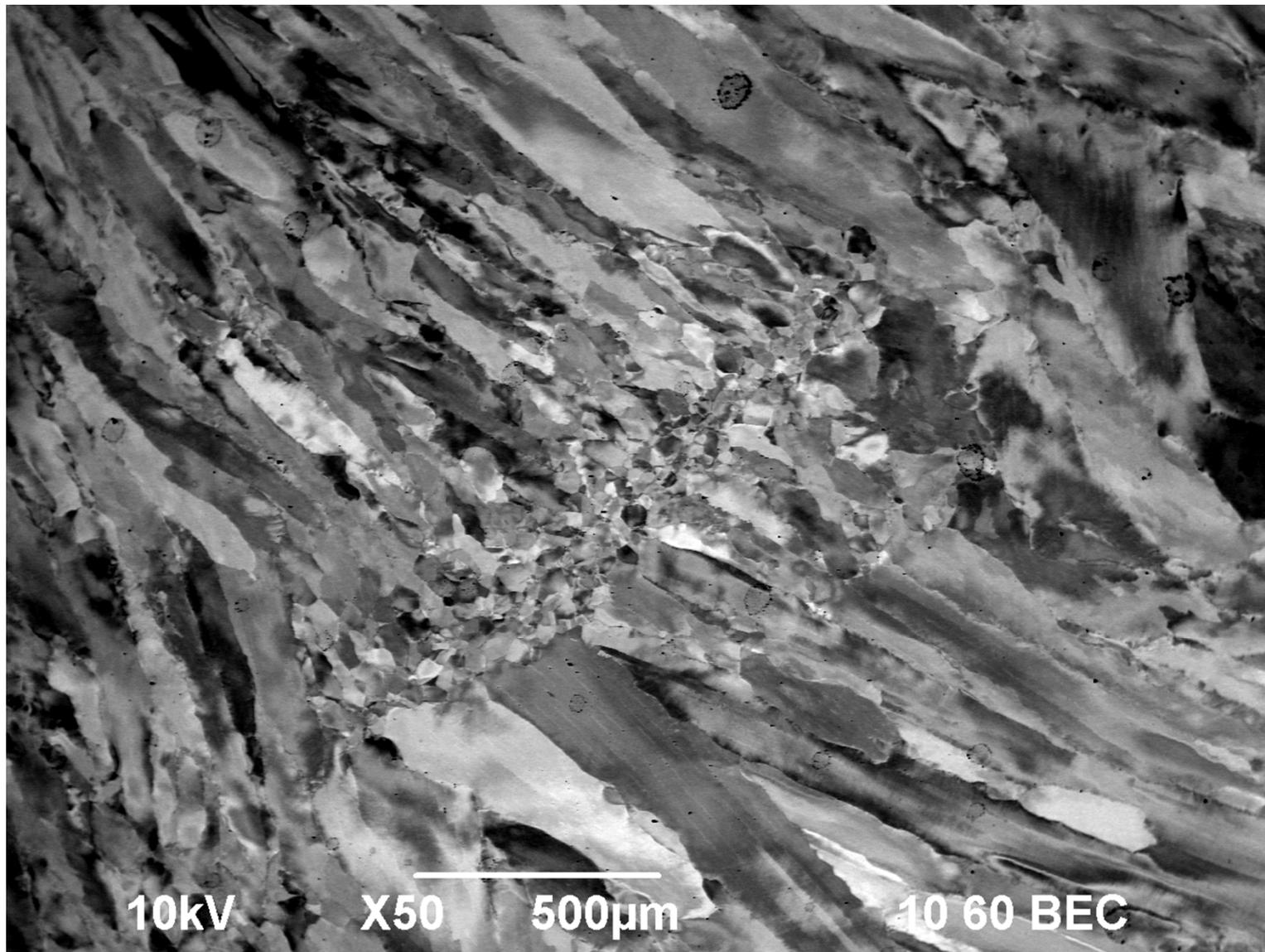
# Dynamically Recrystallized Grains

BSE Image: 30x



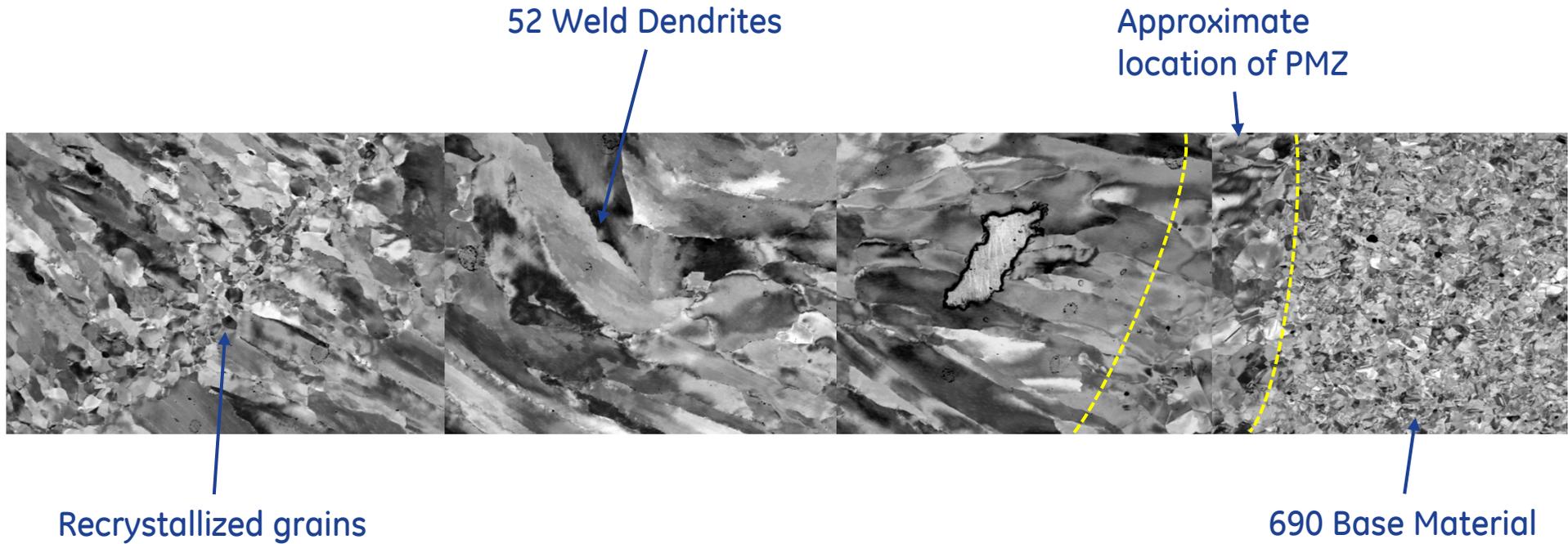
# Dynamically Recrystallized Grains

BSE Image: 50x



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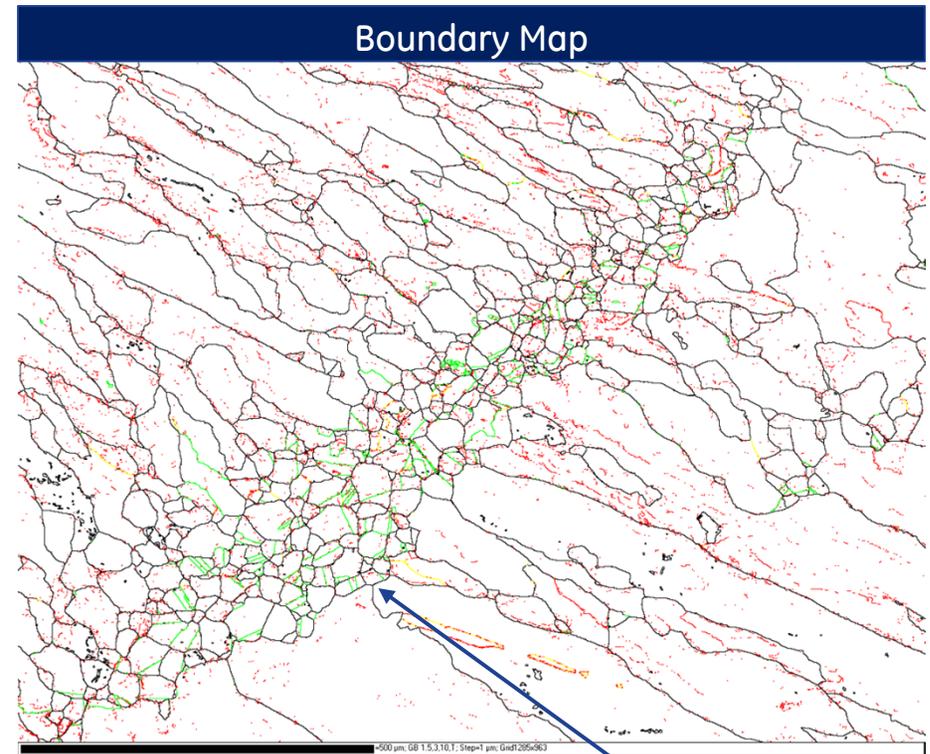
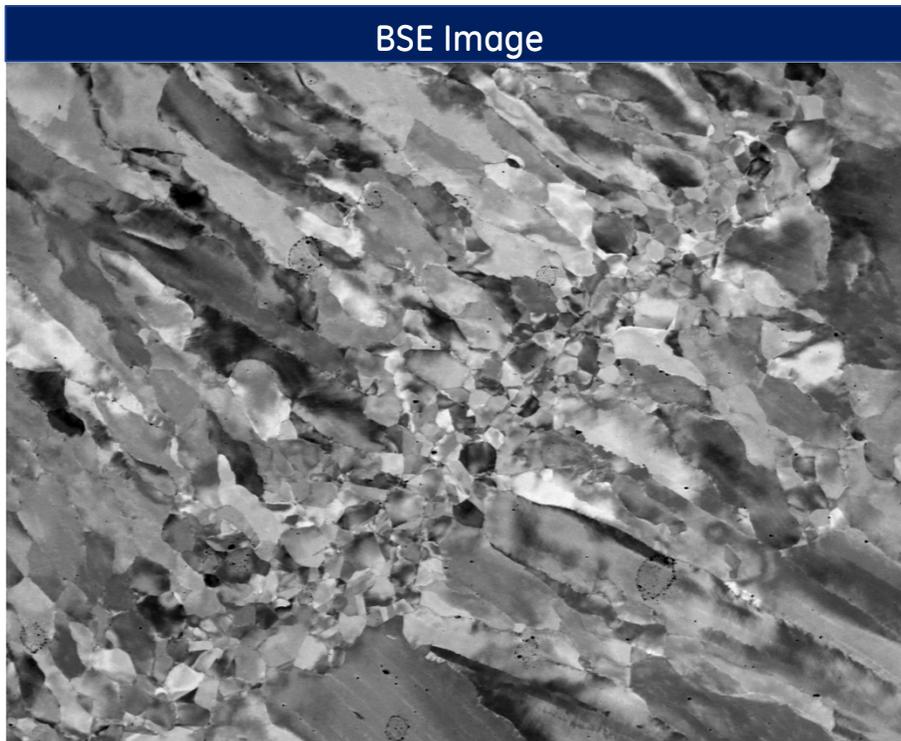
BSE Images: 100x



500  $\mu\text{m}$

# Dynamically recrystallized grains

# Boundary Map

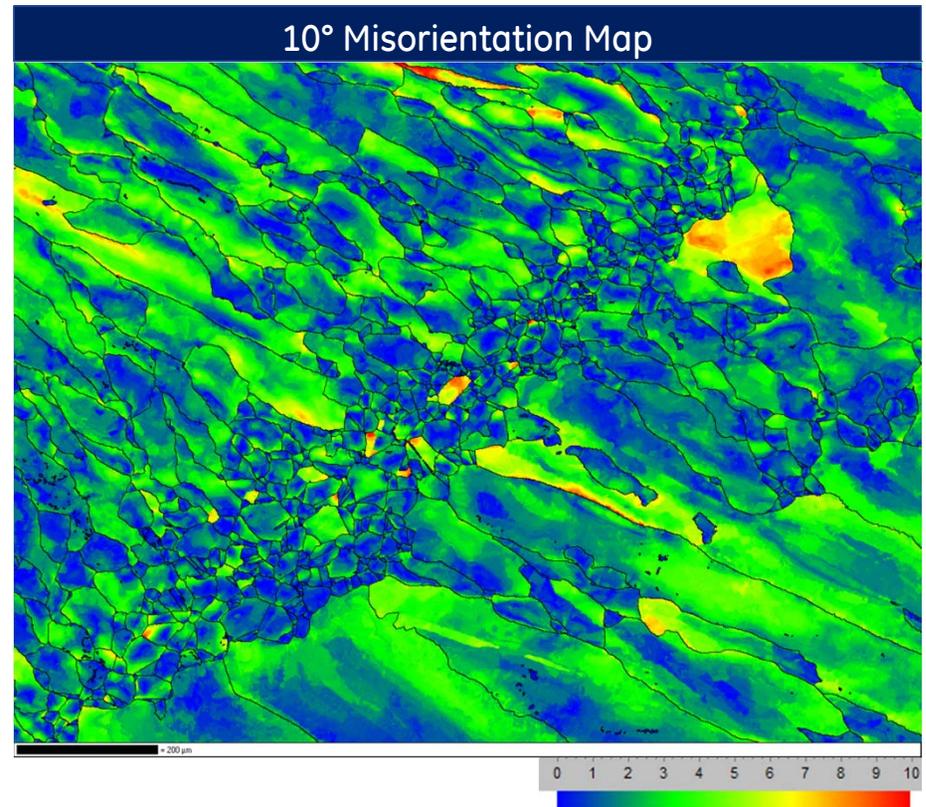
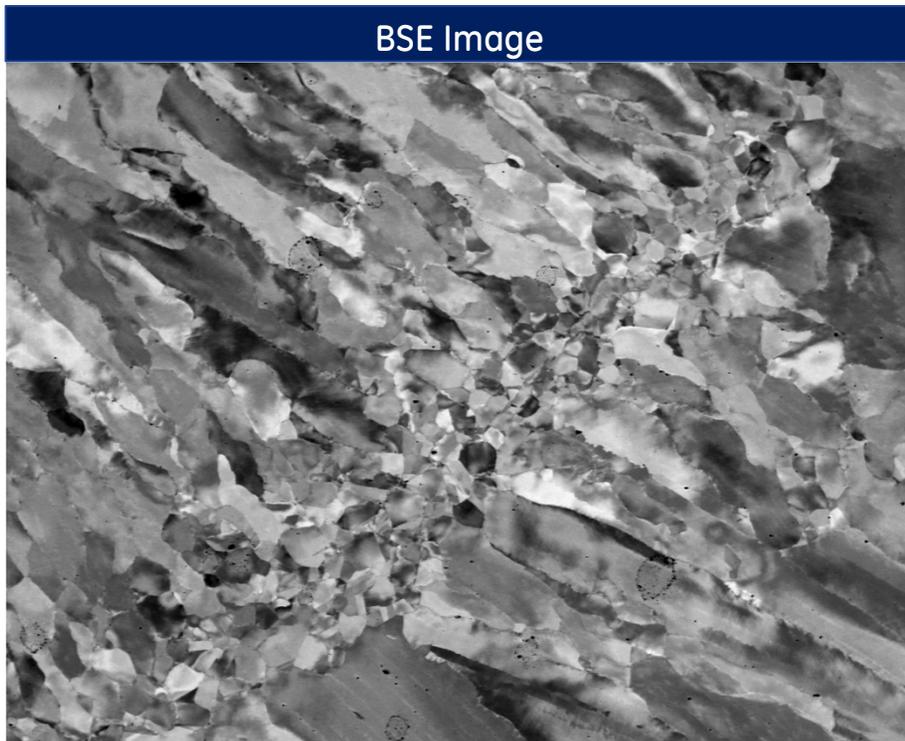


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Twins (green lines) present  
in recrystallized grains.

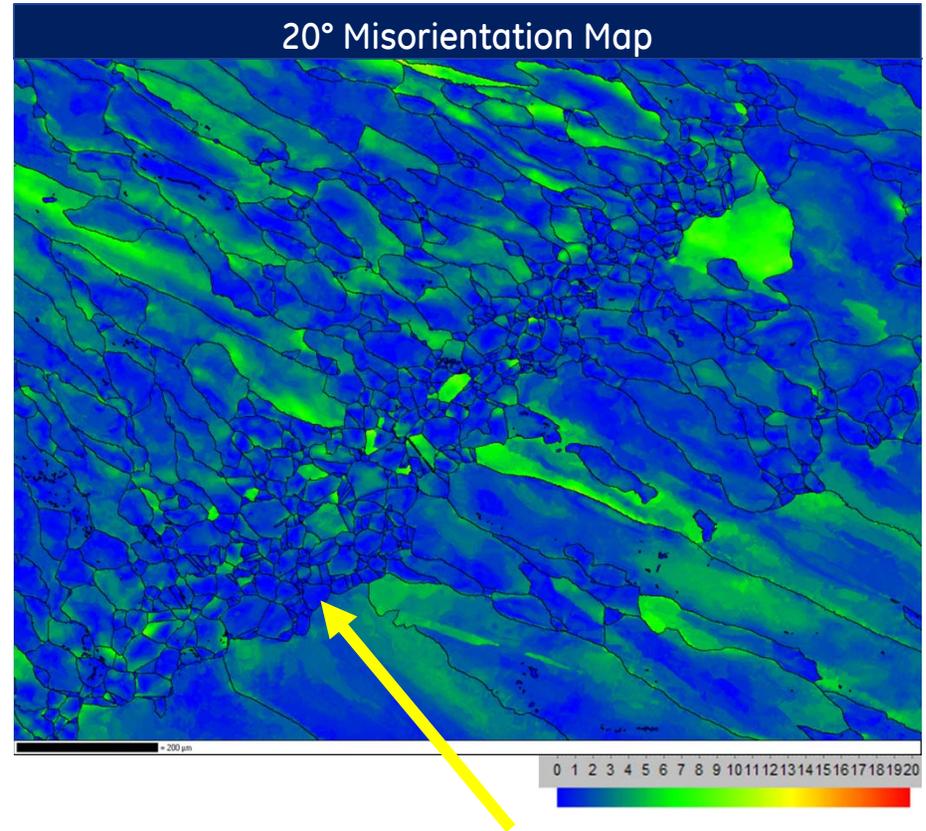
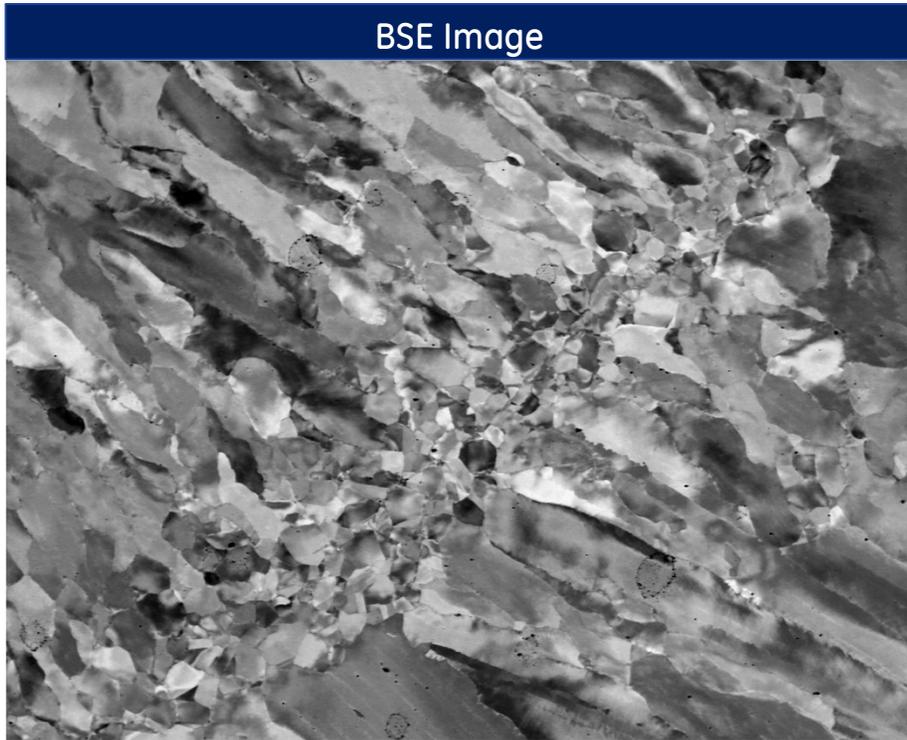
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# 10° Misorientation Map



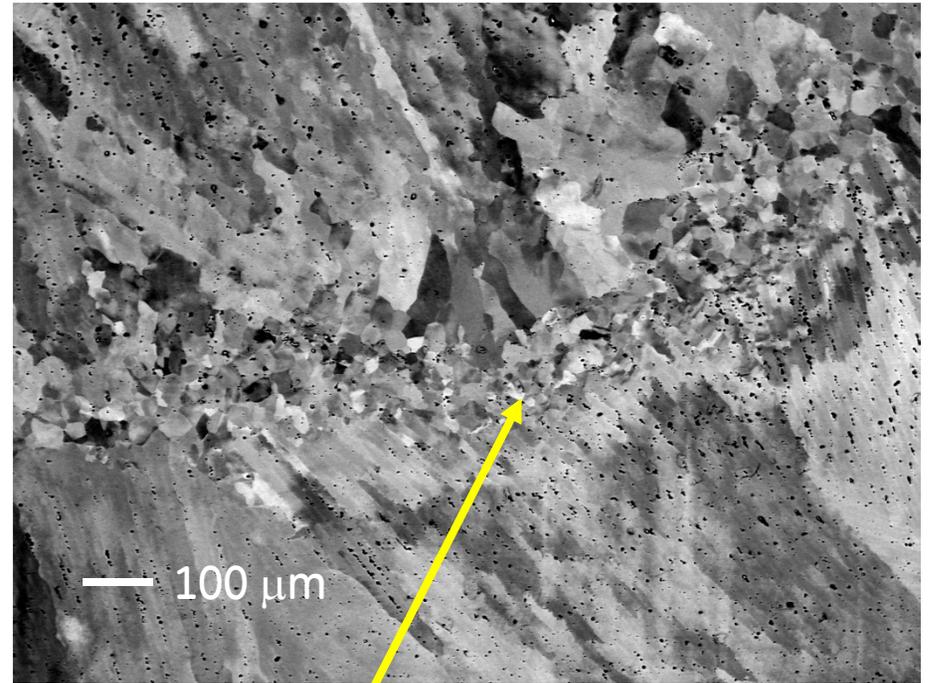
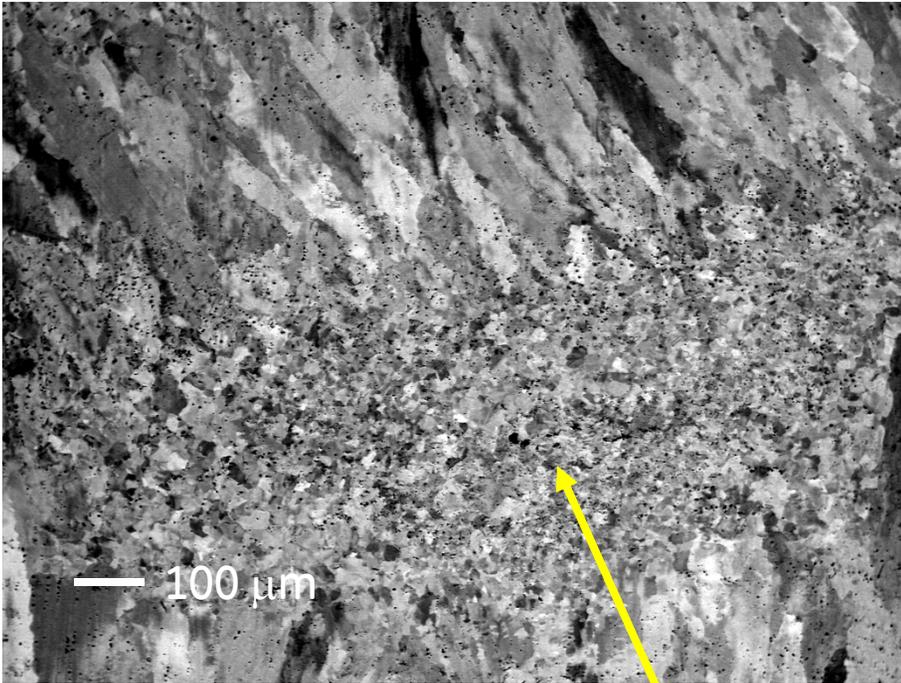
# Dynamically Recrystallized Grains

# 20° Misorientation Map



Recrystallized grains are relatively strain free in comparison to the surrounding dendrites.

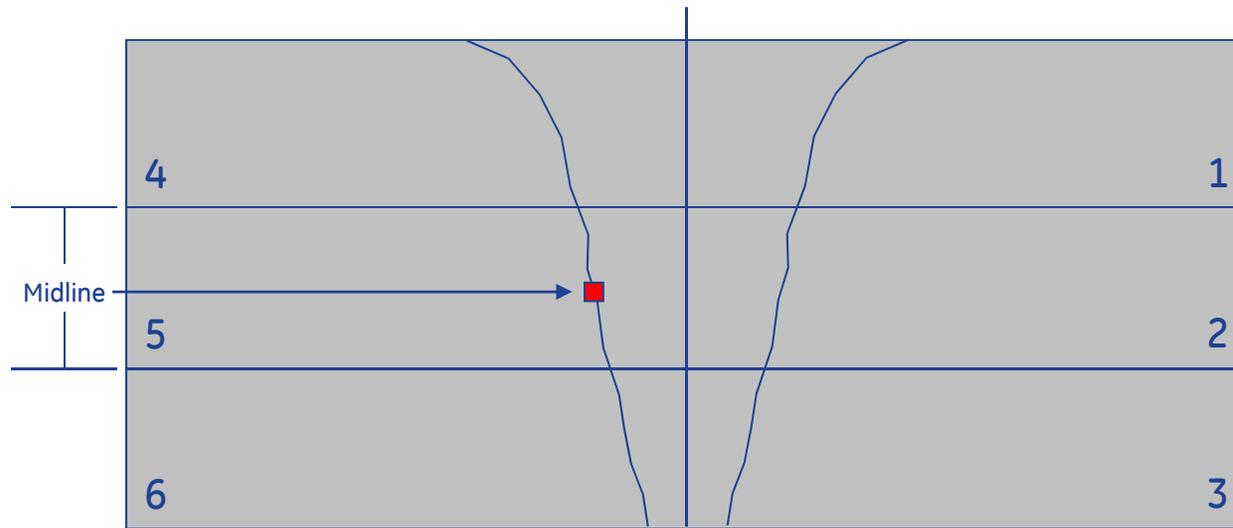
## Other Examples of Dynamically Recrystallized Grains in Alloy 52-Type Welds BSE Images



Dynamically recrystallized grains

# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – NX2579JK

## Location of Images

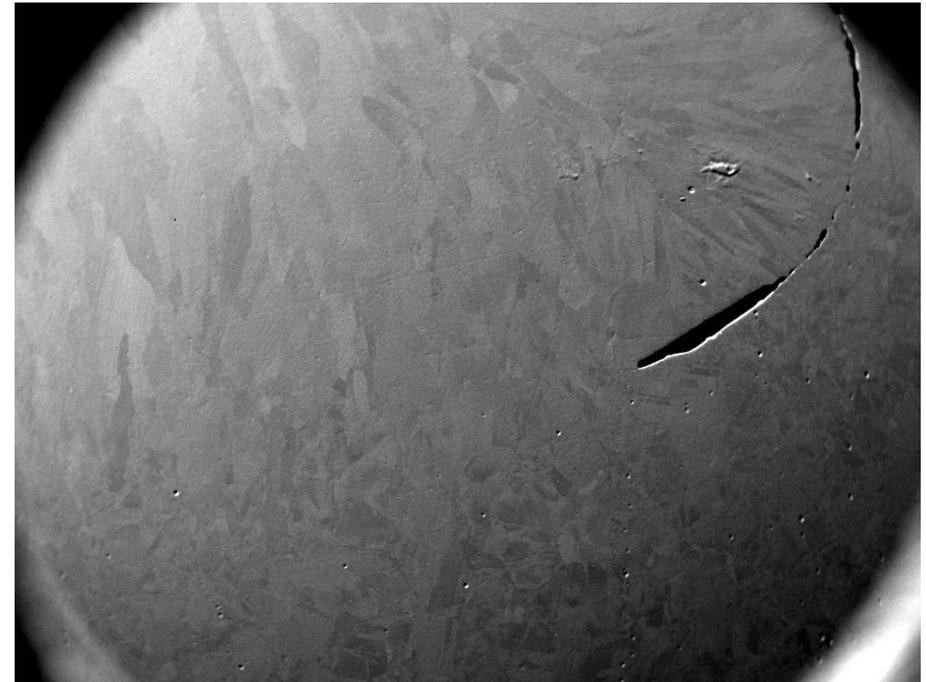
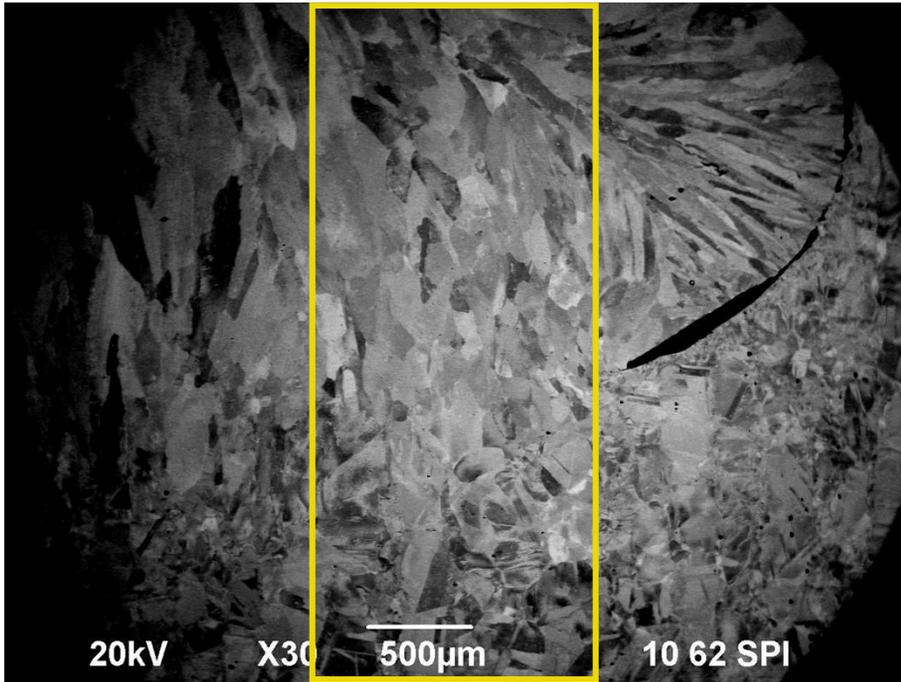


**Weld defect observed at the interface in Sample 5**

**This feature was ~0.5 mm from the AMIS  
measurements taken at the midline of the short  
axis of the sample**

# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – NX2579JK

## BSE, SE Images of weld defect



BSE Image

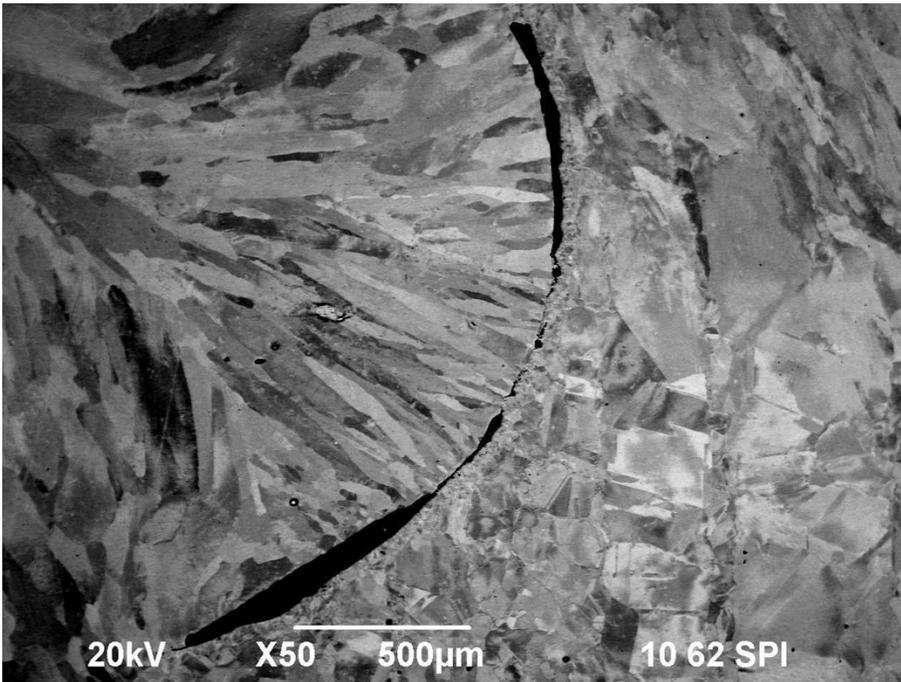
SE Image

Area inside the yellow box indicates the area measured by the Linescan measurements to produce AMIS data.



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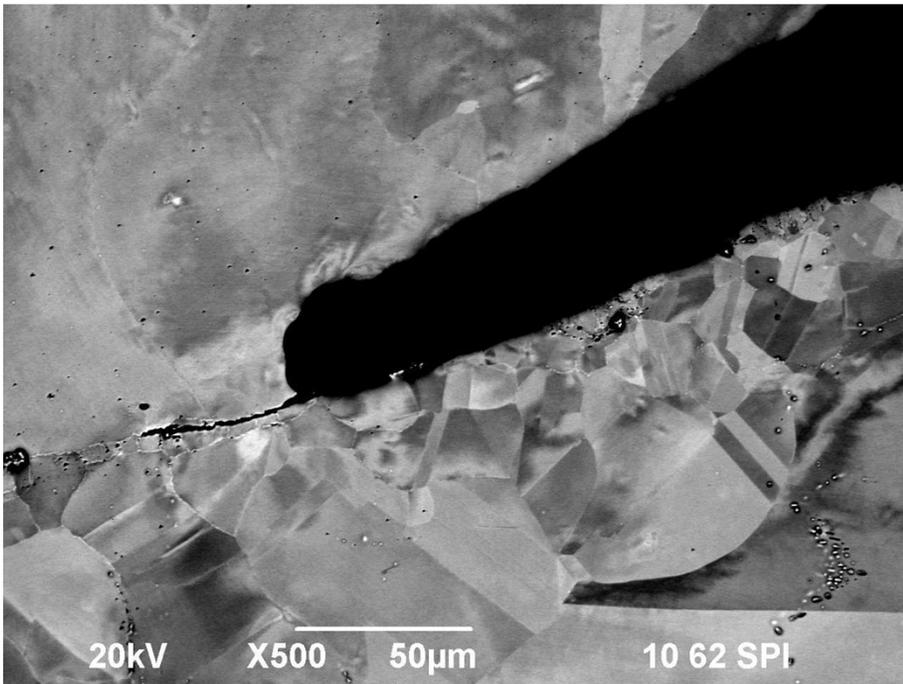
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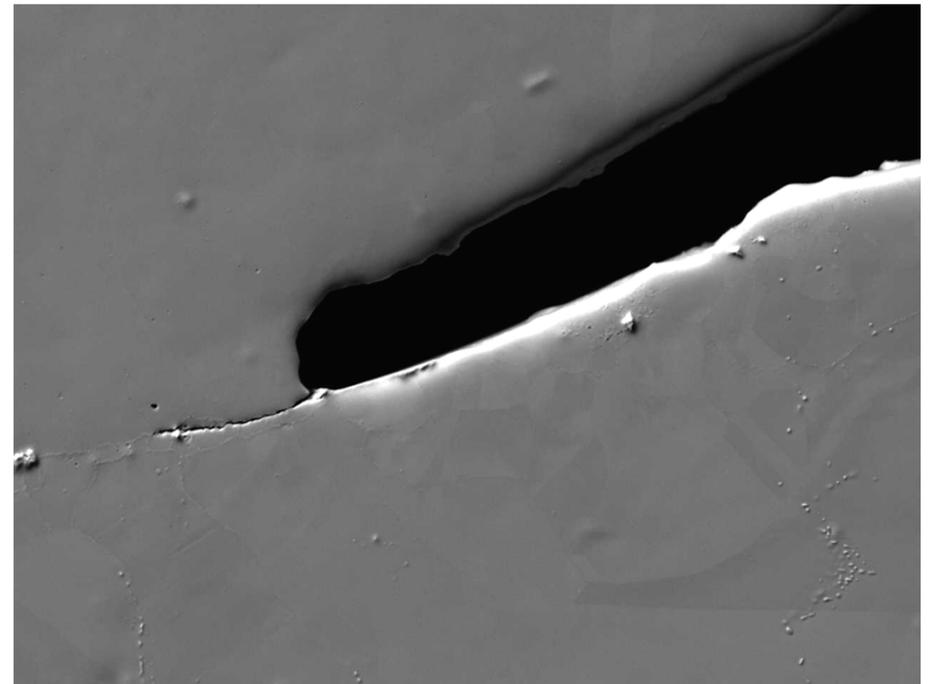


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BSE Image



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Middle

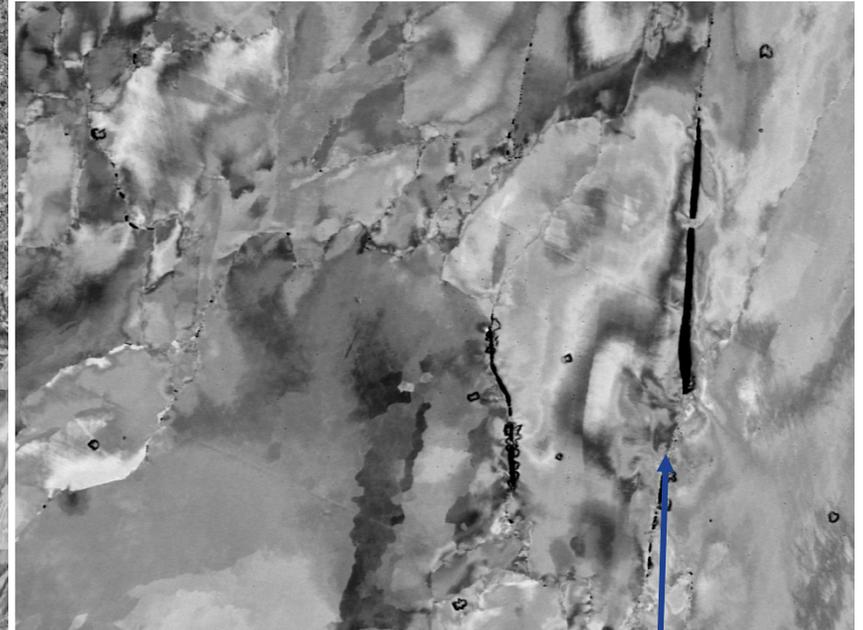
BSE/SE Images: 150x

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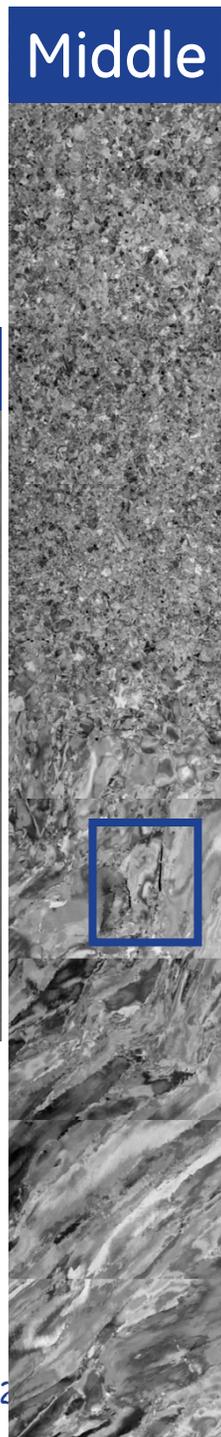


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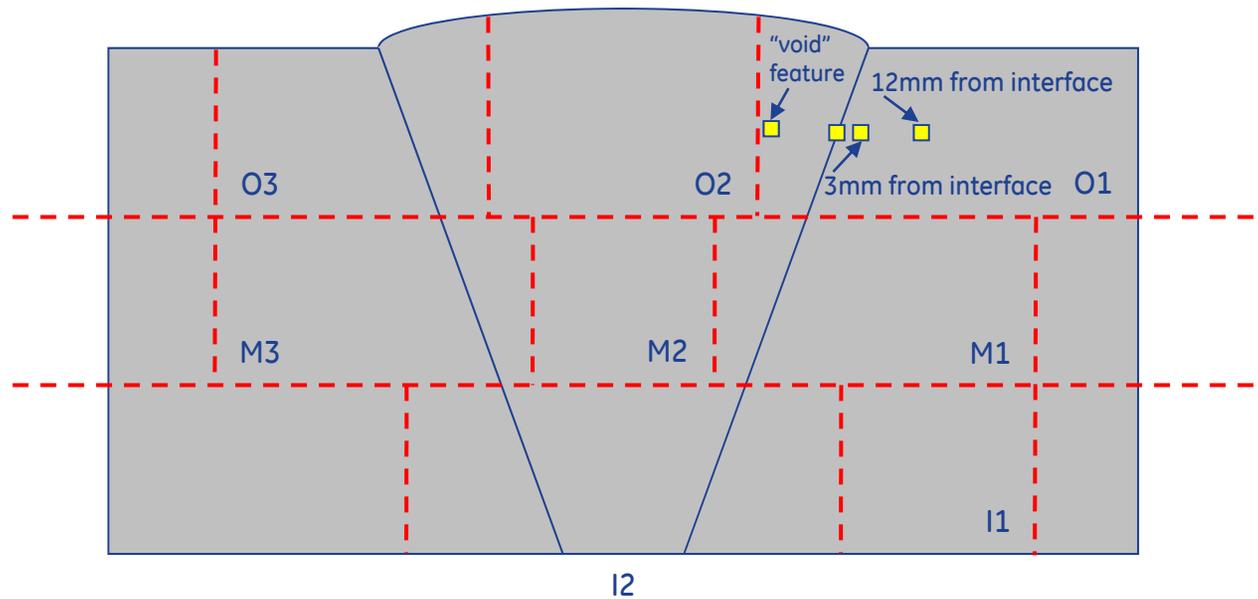


Plumes of plastic strain



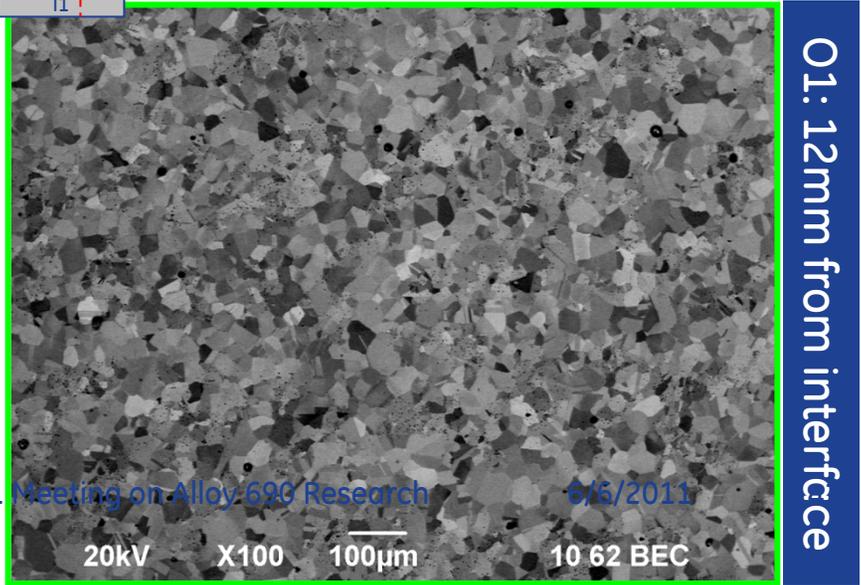
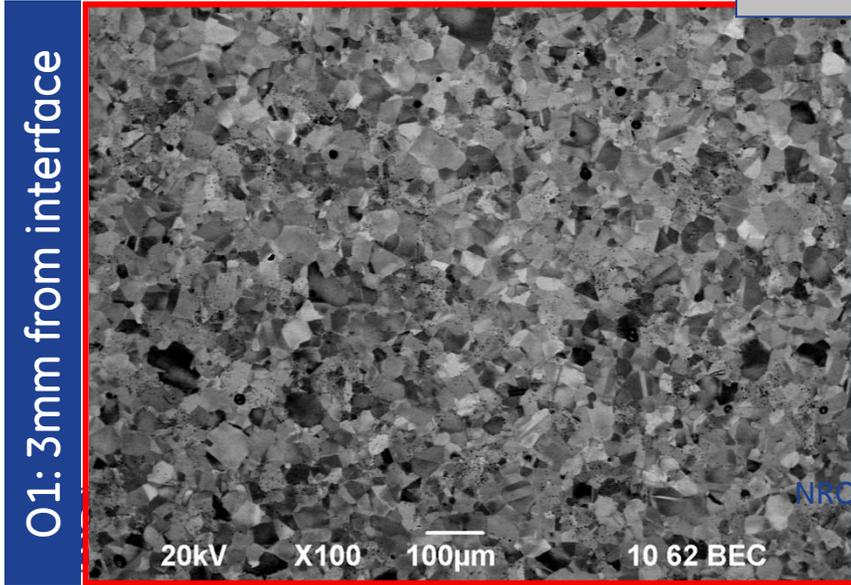
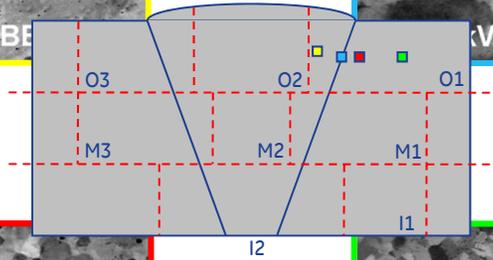
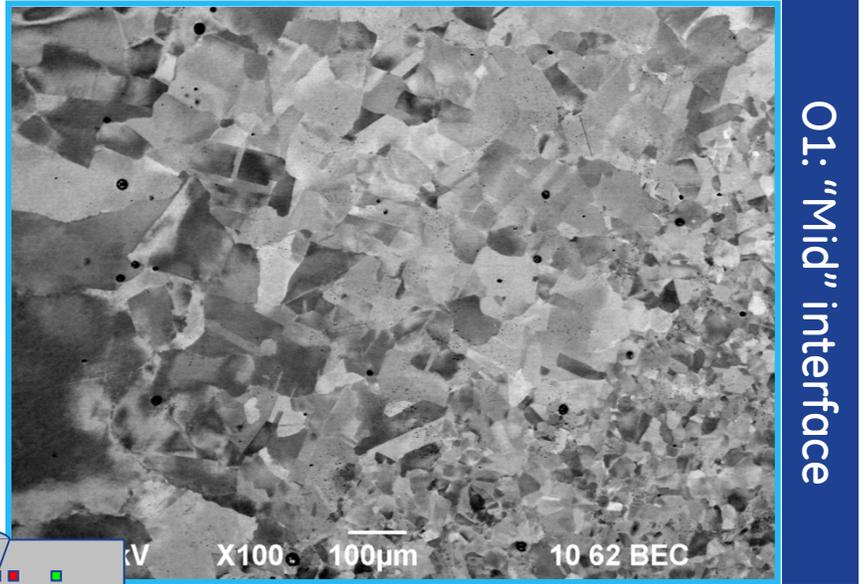
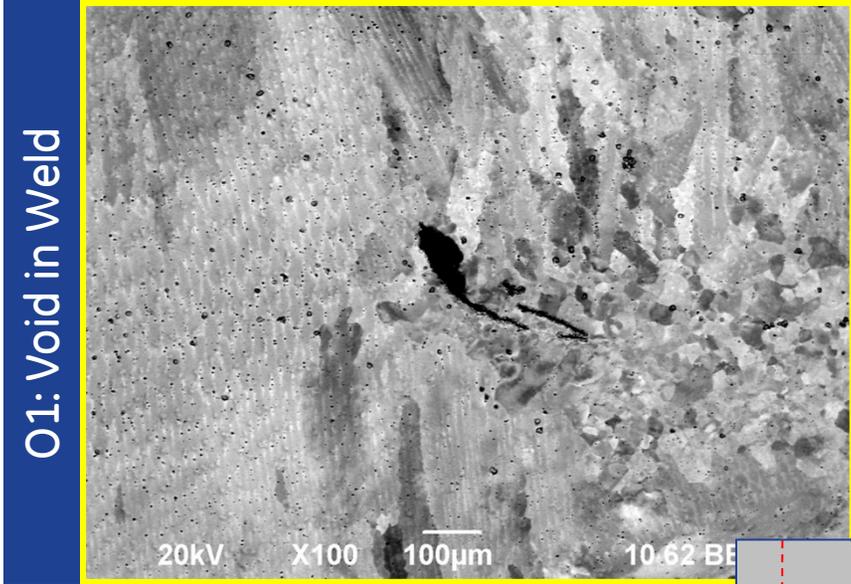
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## Section O1



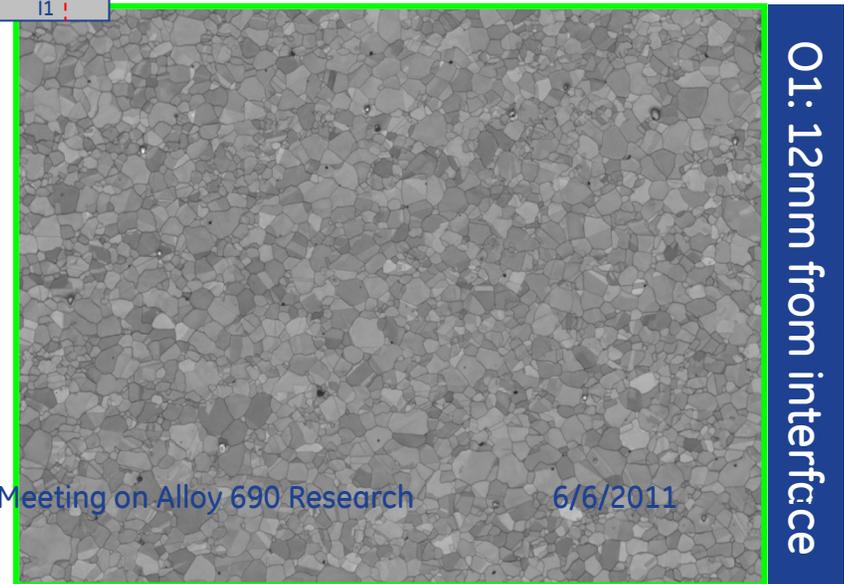
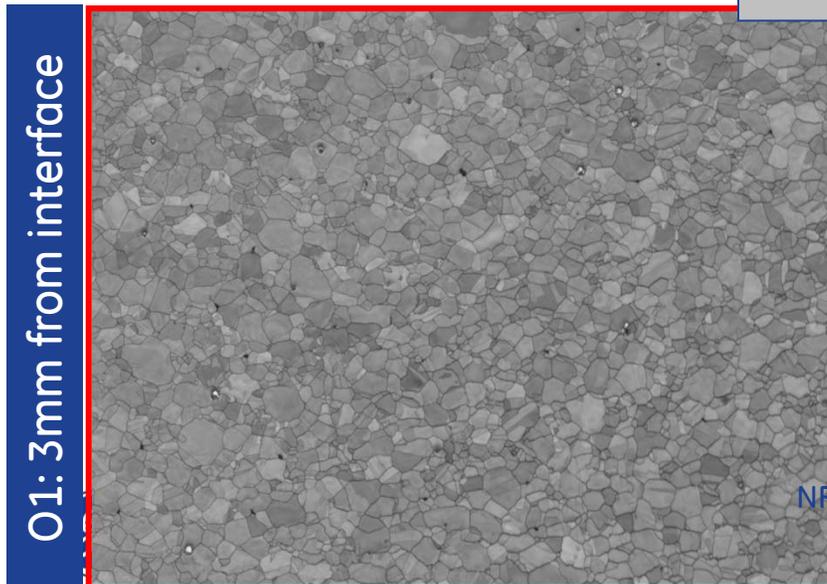
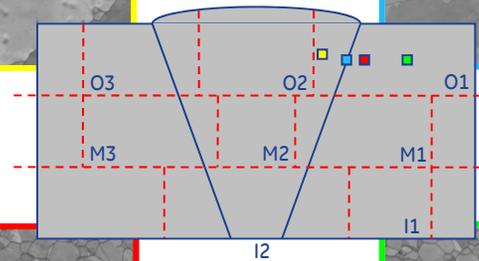
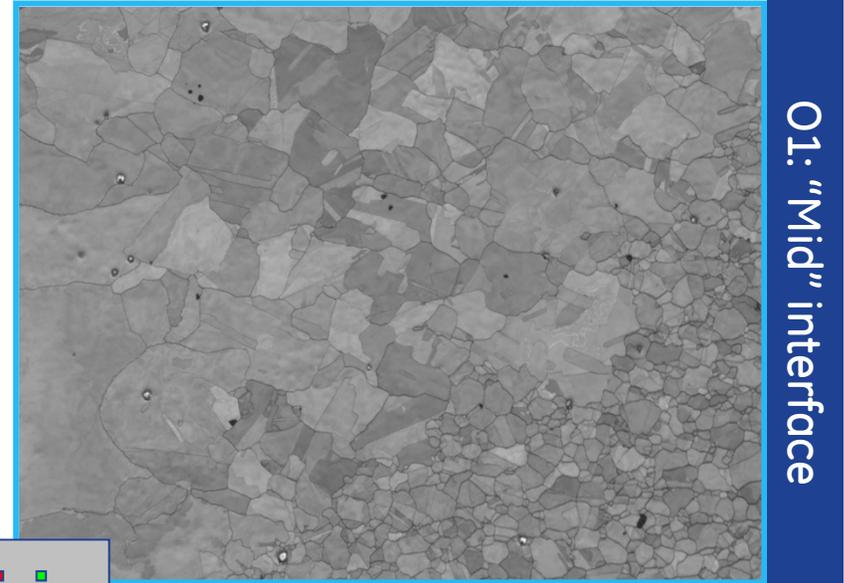
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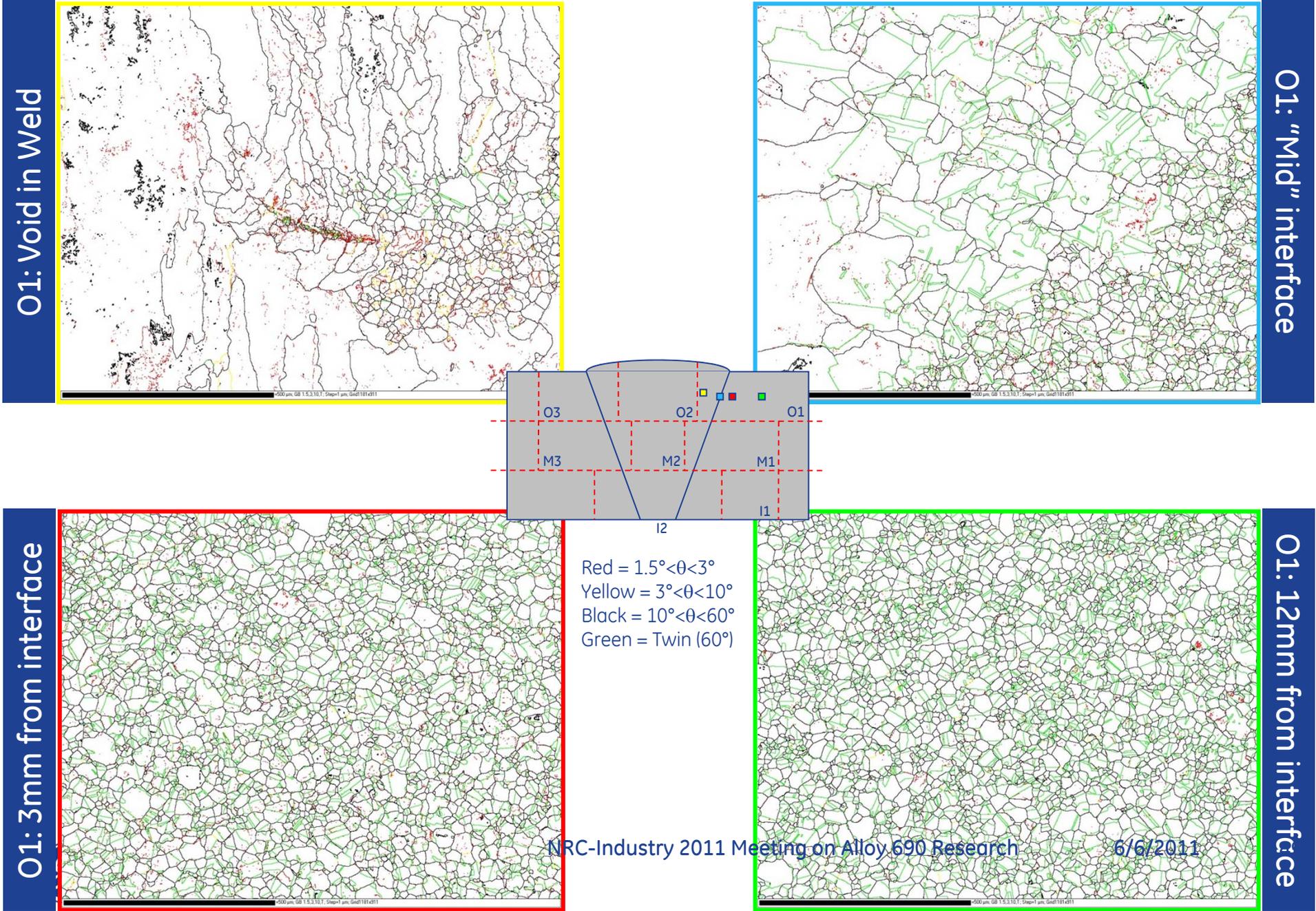
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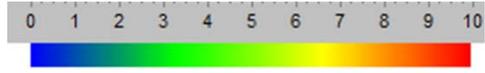


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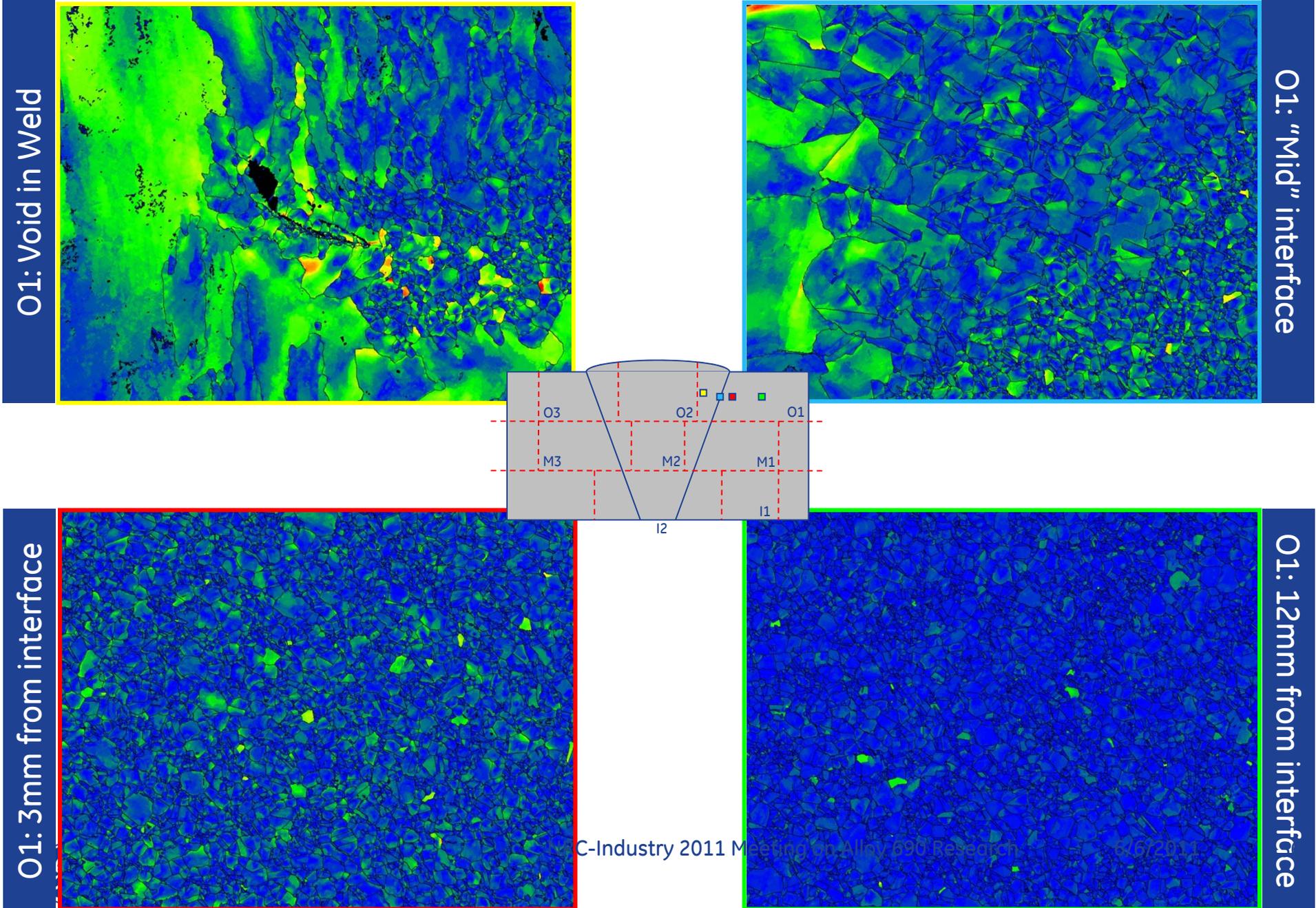
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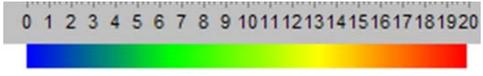
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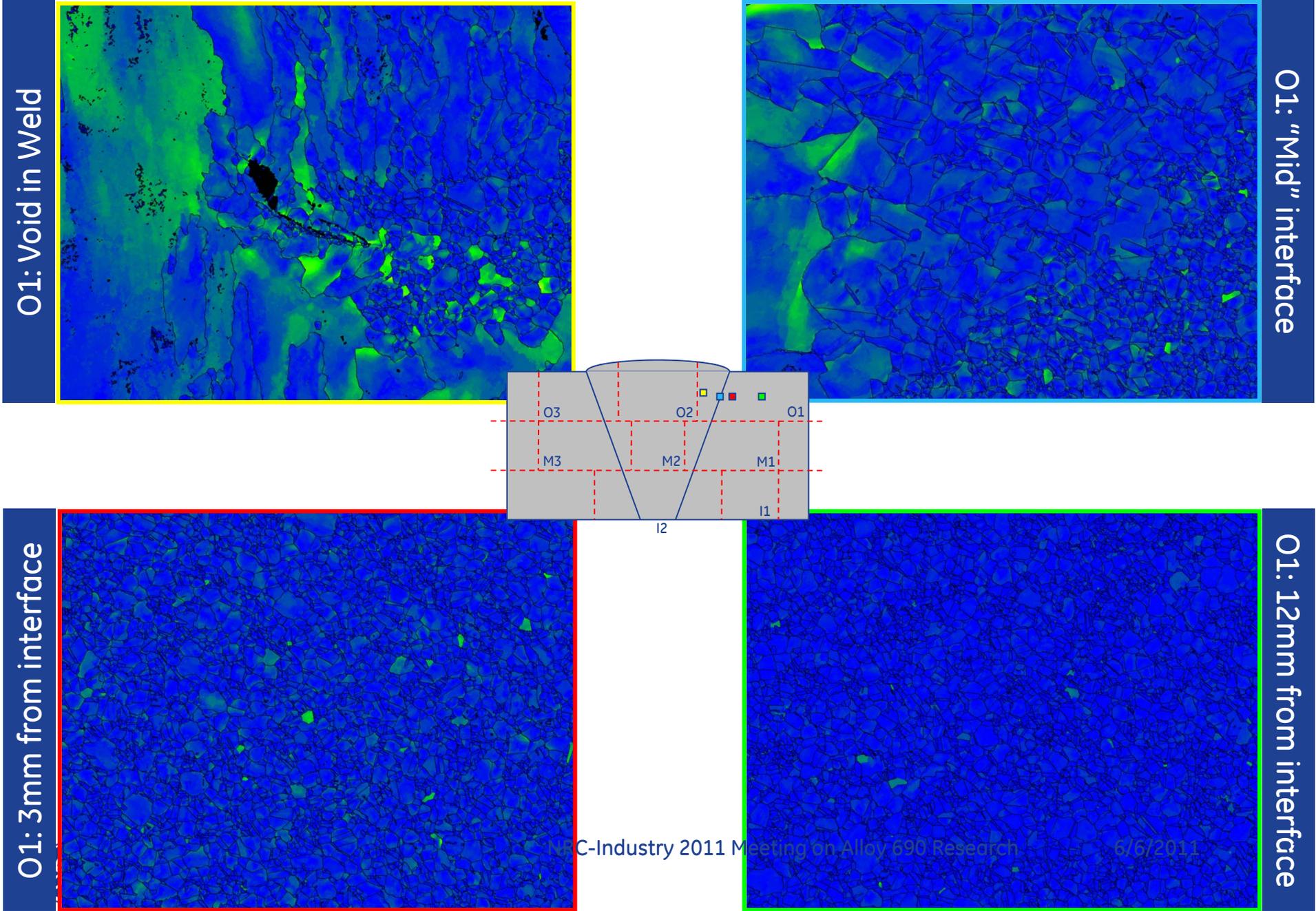
# 10° Misorientation Maps



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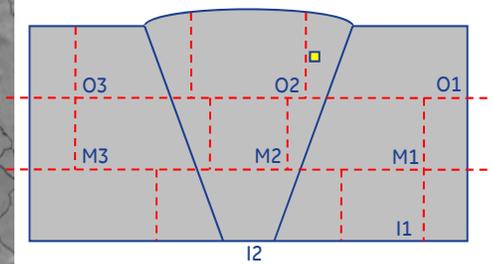
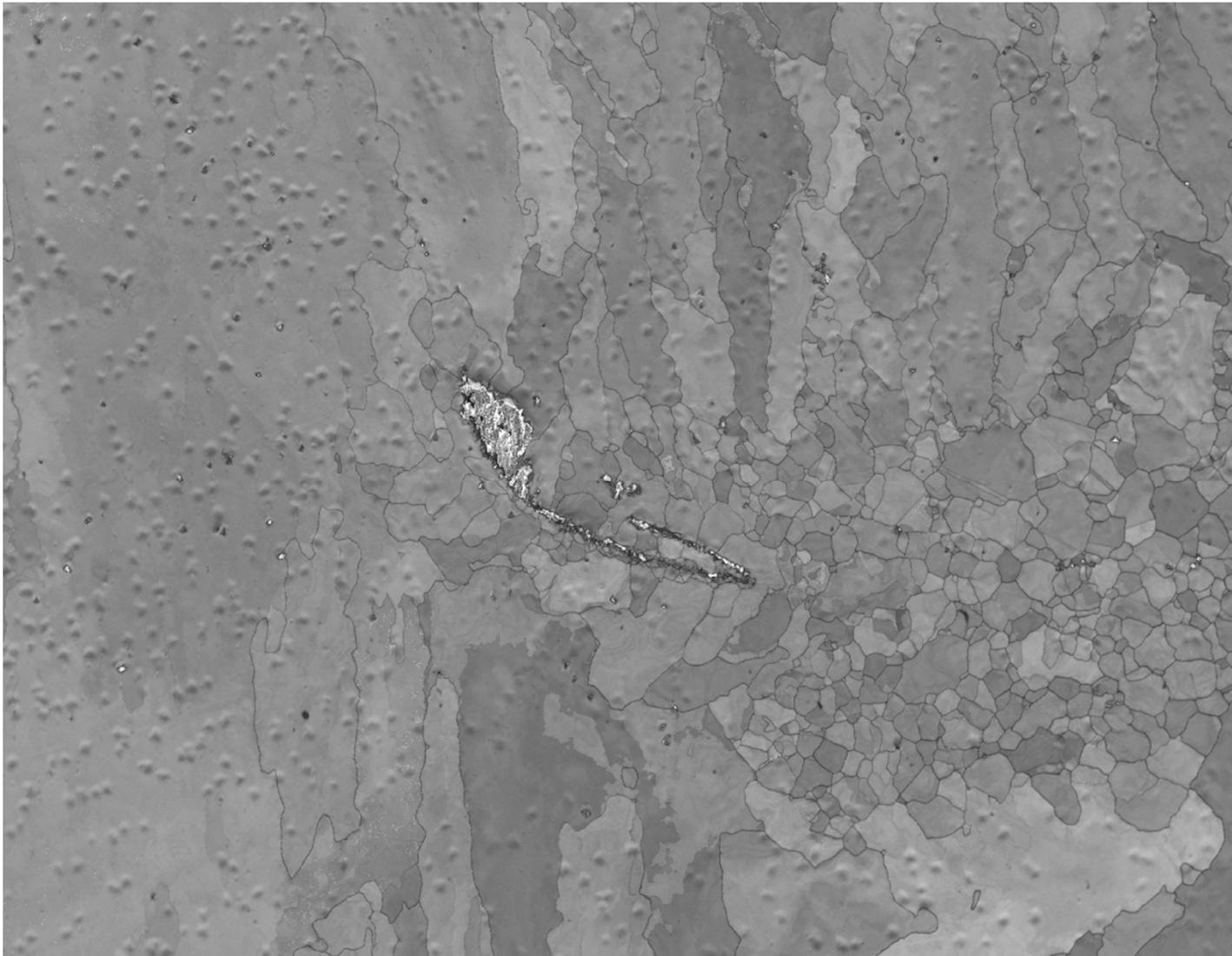


# 10° Misorientation Maps



# Section O1: Void

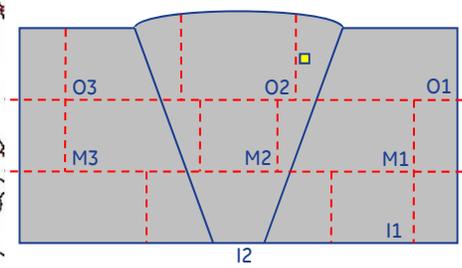
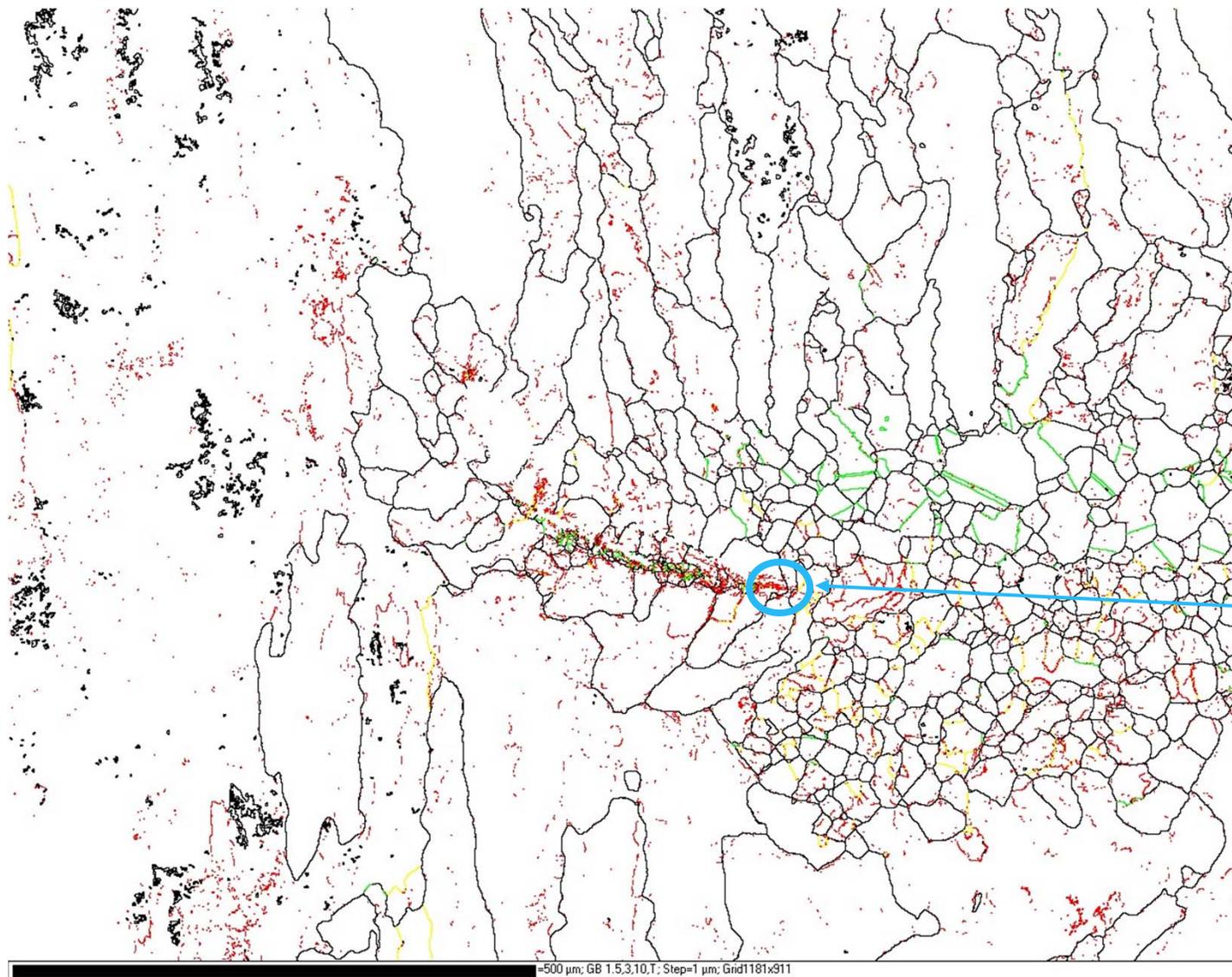
# Band Contrast Map



This feature is ~13.3 mm from the interface. Recrystallized grains are seen to the right of the feature, and very small recrystallized grains are observed at the bottom edge of the feature.

# Section O1: Void

# Band Contrast Map



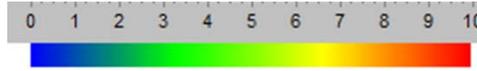
Some of the recrystallized grains on the right and at the bottom edge have formed twin boundaries (shown in green).

A small "plume" of low angle boundaries can be seen at the edge of the feature. This plume is nicely visualized in the misorientation map on the following slide.

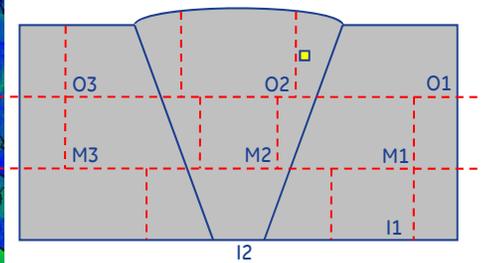
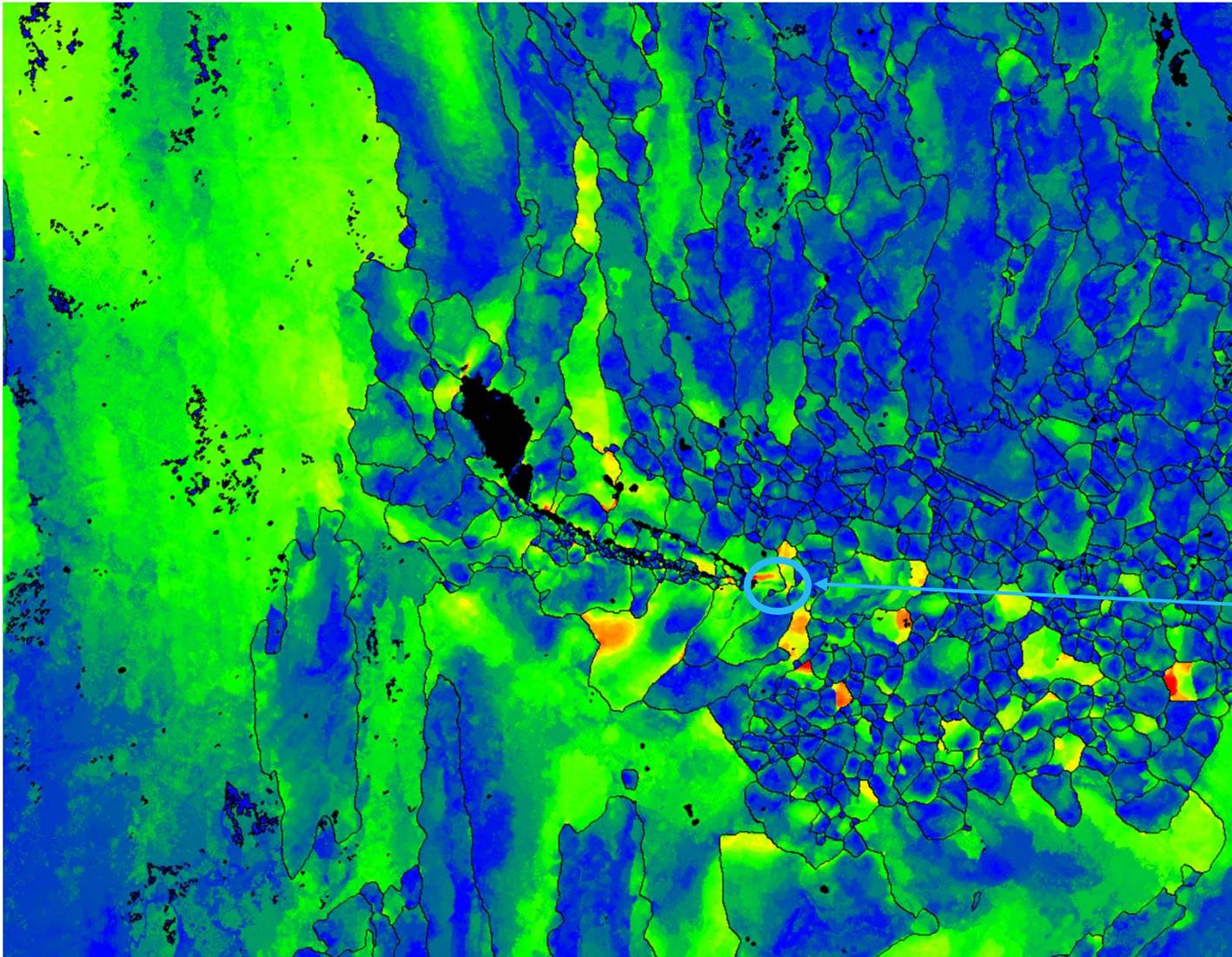
=500 μm; GB 1.5,3,10,T; Step=1 μm; Gnd1181x911

Red =  $1.5^\circ < \theta < 3^\circ$   
 Yellow =  $3^\circ < \theta < 10^\circ$   
 Black =  $10^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ$   
 Green = Twin ( $60^\circ$ )

# Section O1: Void



# 10° Misorientation Map



Zoom in to the area defined by the blue circle to see the “plume” of low angle boundaries at the edge of the feature.

# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – NX2579JK Summary

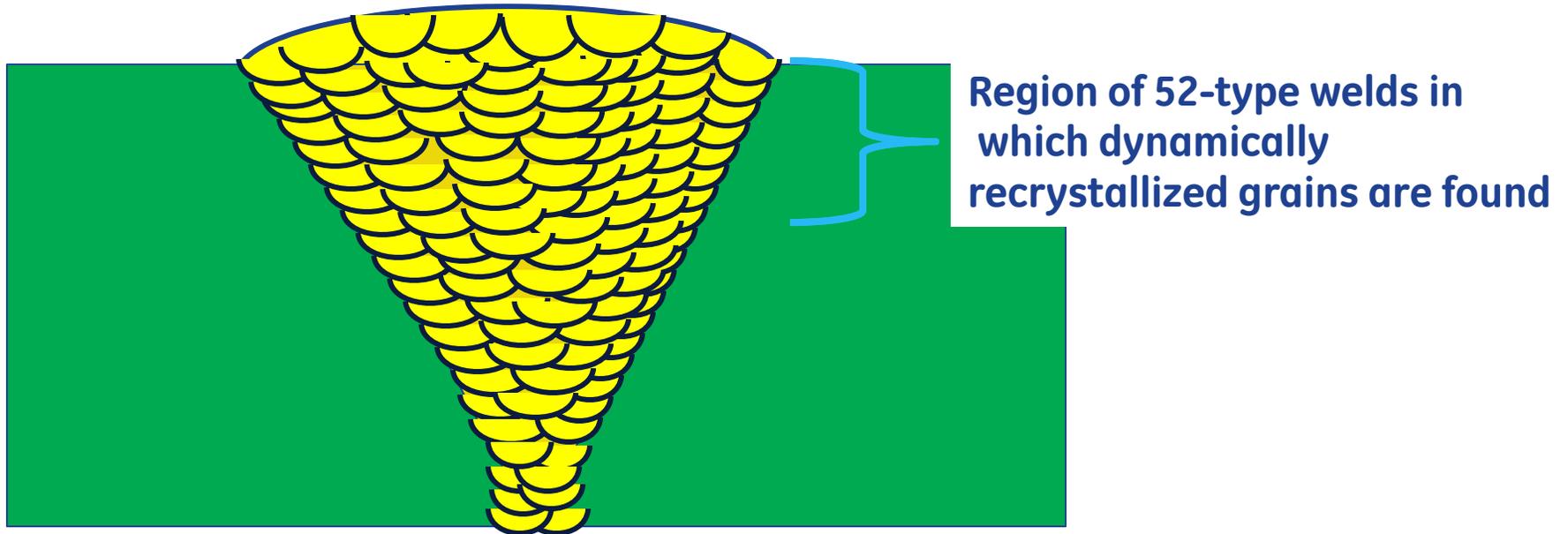
Large circular gap defect at weld interface - section 5

Small grains surround the gap on base metal side

High deformation around entire gap

Dynamic recrystallization around many weld defects in 52-type  
And 82 welds

# Map of Dynamically Recrystallized Grains in 52-Type Weld Metals



# Summary Dynamic Recrystallization in Alloy 52 Weld Metal

- Structure of Alloy 52 weld metal is not purely dendritic
- Regions of fine, low strain, equiaxed grains are present due to dynamic recrystallization.
- Dynamic recrystallization has been found to be localized to the upper third of the weld, presumably due to the slower cooling and higher strain rates there.
- Since dynamic recrystallization annihilates plastic strain it may be associated with the lower residual plastic strains found at weld interfaces in regions under weld caps.
- There is evidence that it occurs in regions between weld passes and in association with weld defects – association with regions of high residual plastic strain.
- Dynamic recrystallization has been observed in Alloy 82-type compositions but appears to be more prevalent in Alloy 52-type chemistries.

Alloy 690

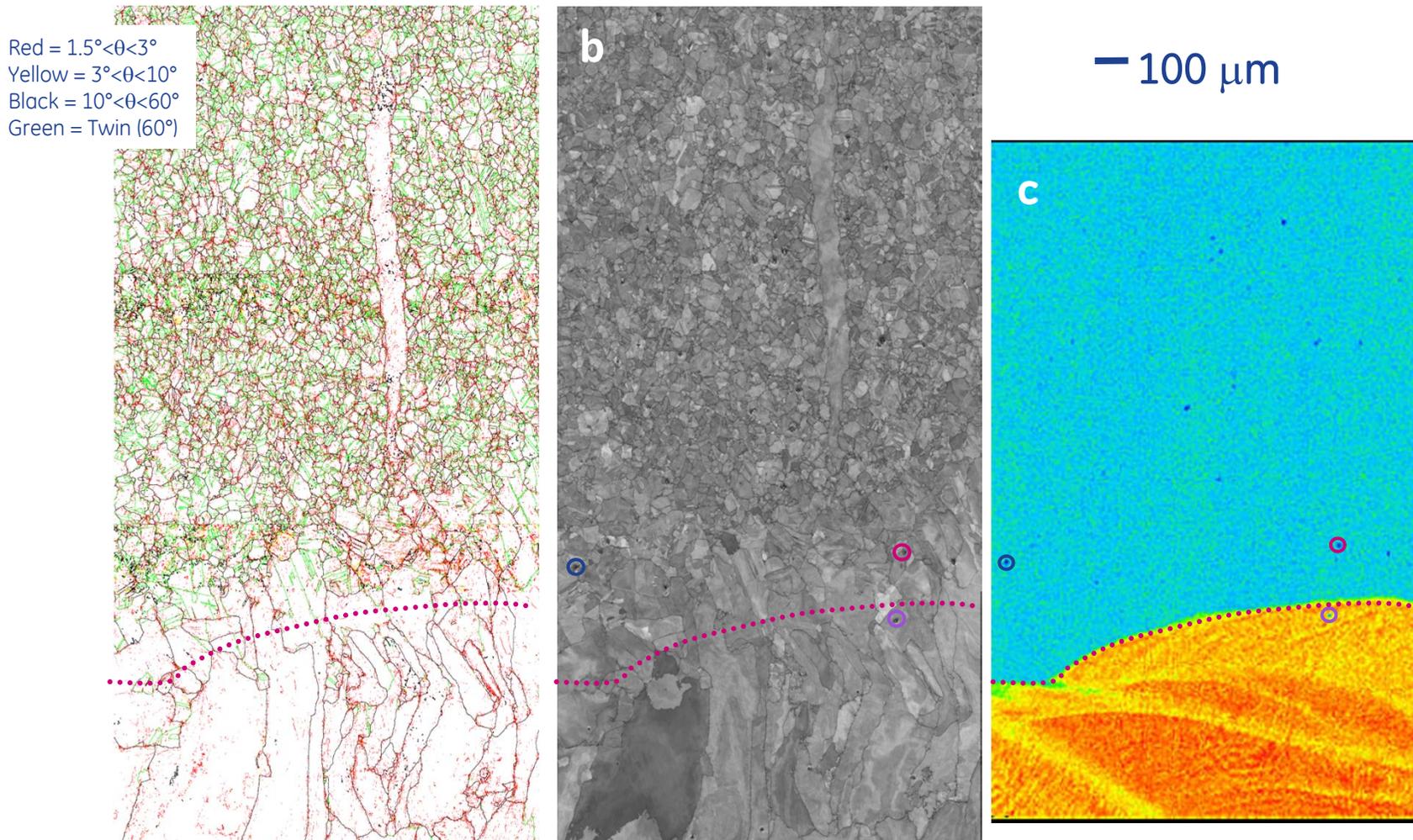
Residual strain in base metal

Microstructural features in base metal

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# 19508A 52M – Middle Weld Interface Sample

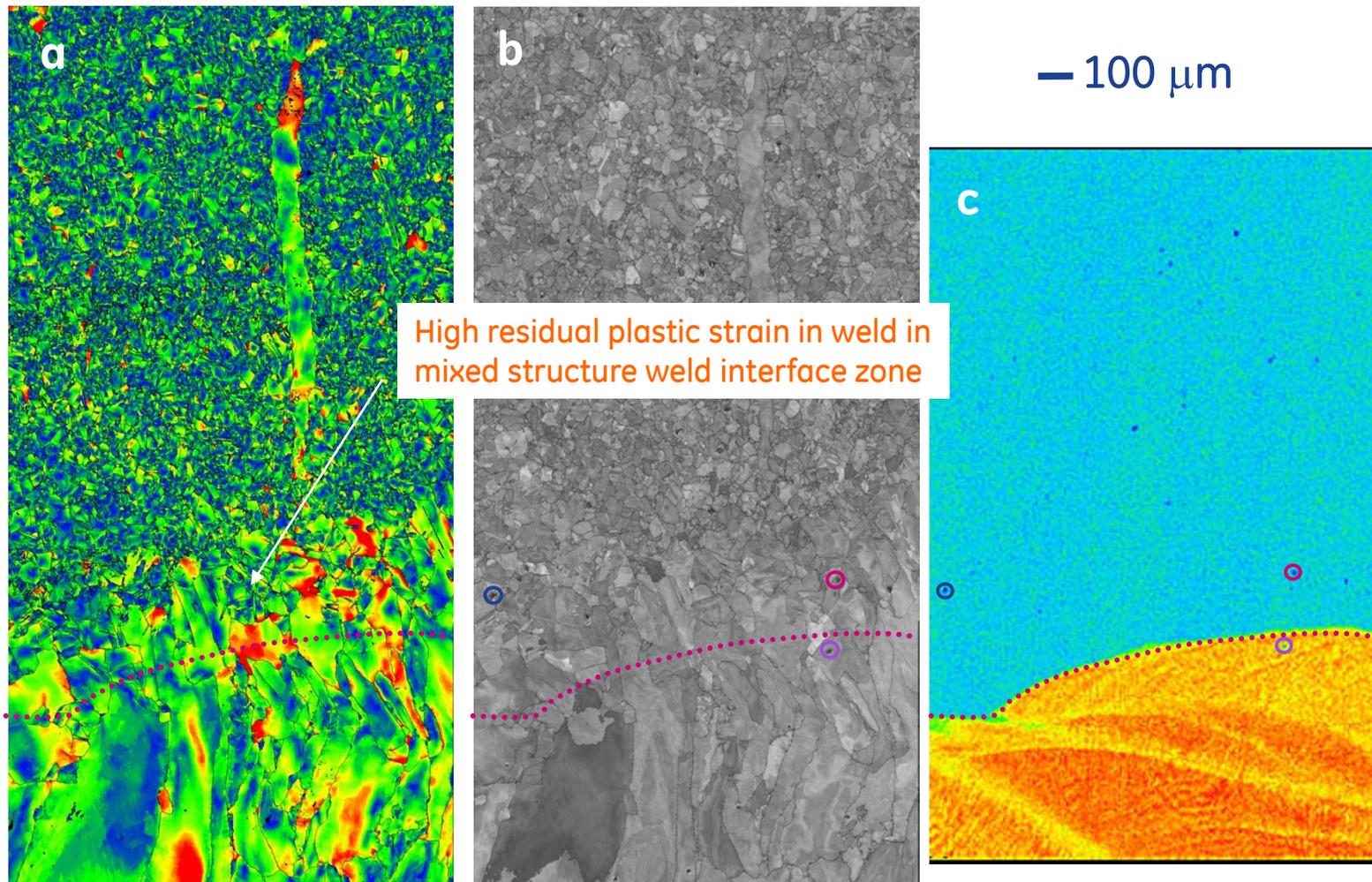
(a) Grain Boundary Map, (b) Band Contrast Map, and (c) EPMA Mn Map



Postulate epitaxial growth of dendrites into the alloy 690 base metal interfacial Zone – no chemical composition change in 690 where dendrites growth from 52 into 690

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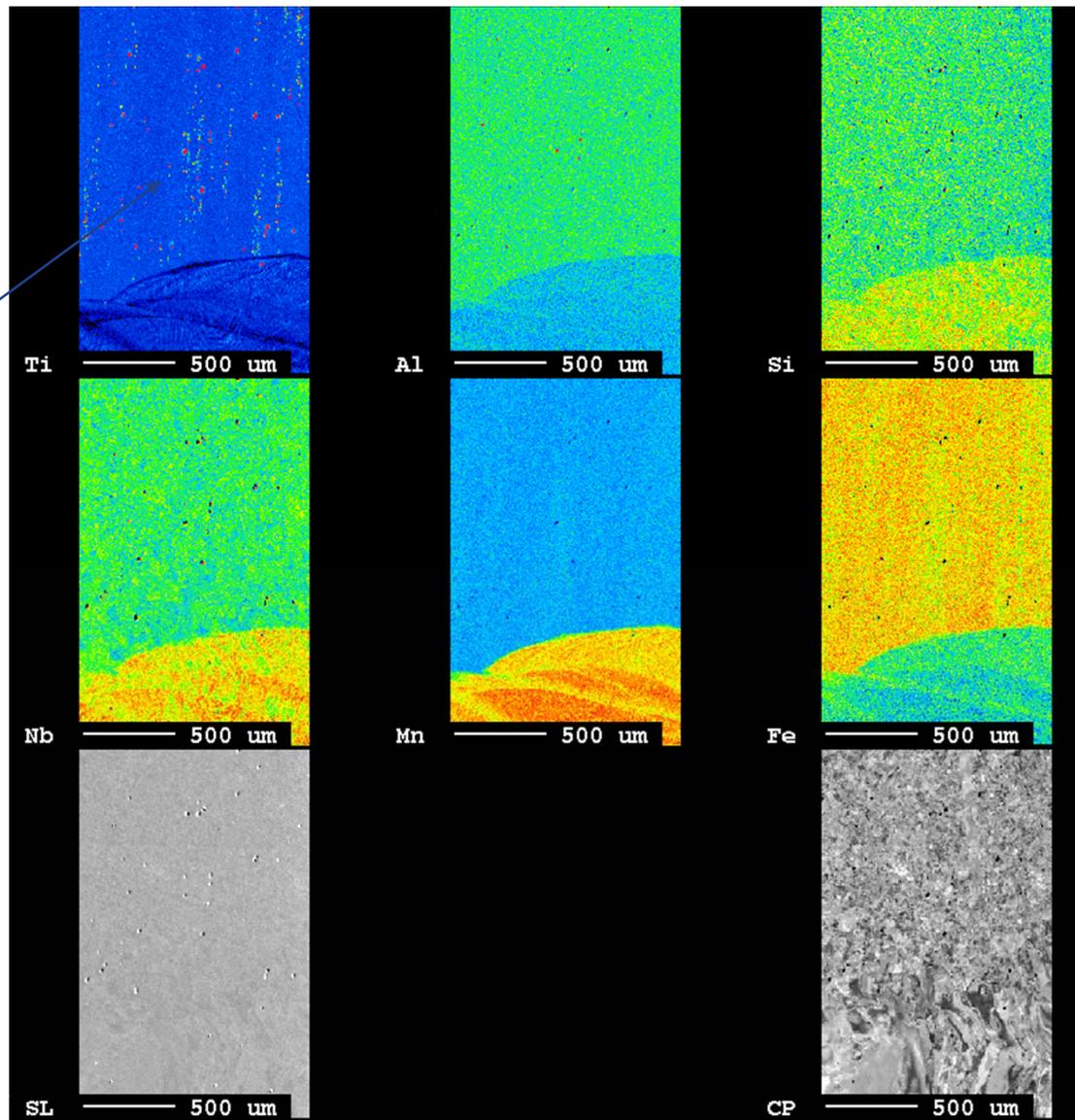
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# 19508A 52M – Middle Weld Interface Sample EPMA Maps

TiC carbide  
banding

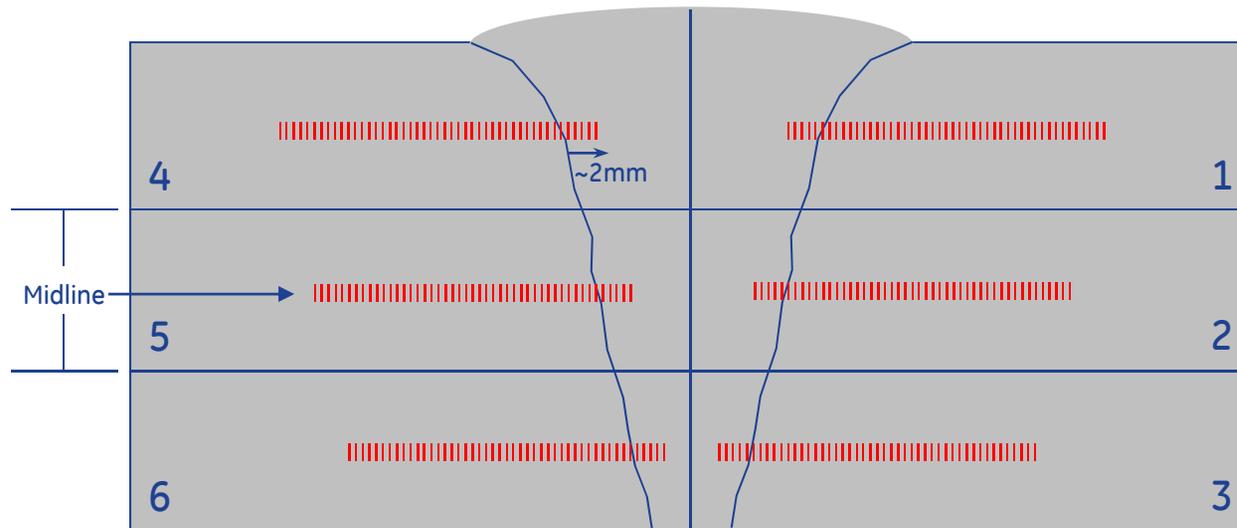


# Comparison MLTS-3-Cr Alloy 690 with 52 Filler Metal

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# Sample MLTS-3-Cr

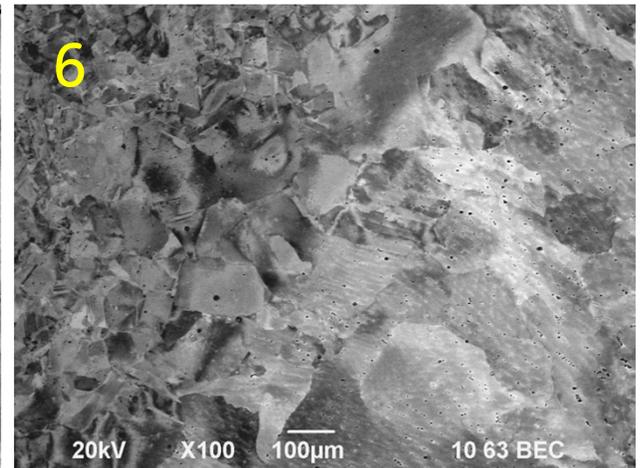
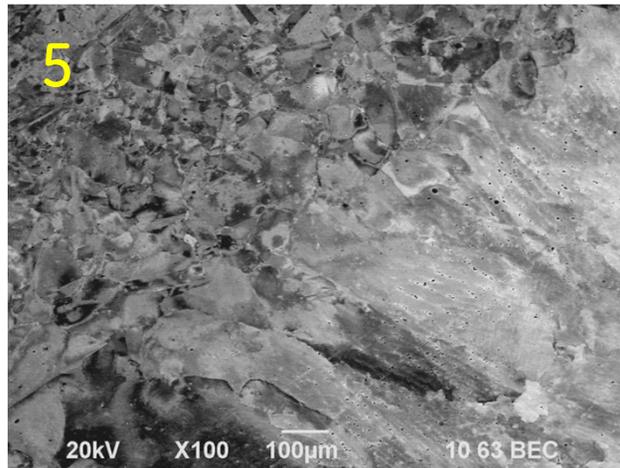
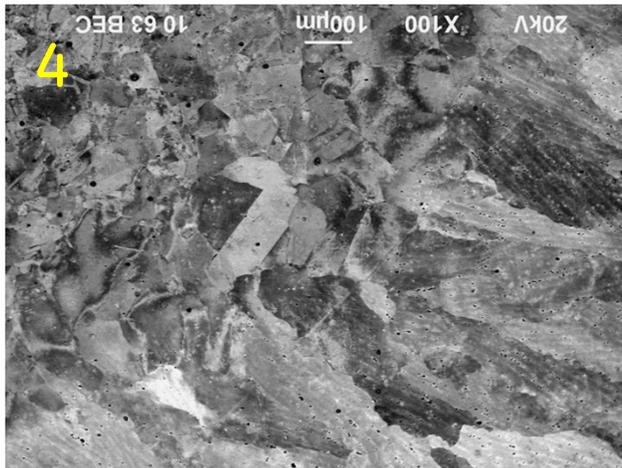
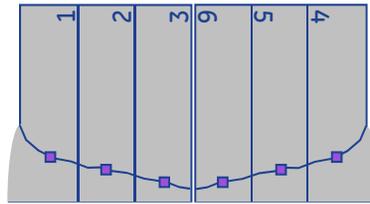
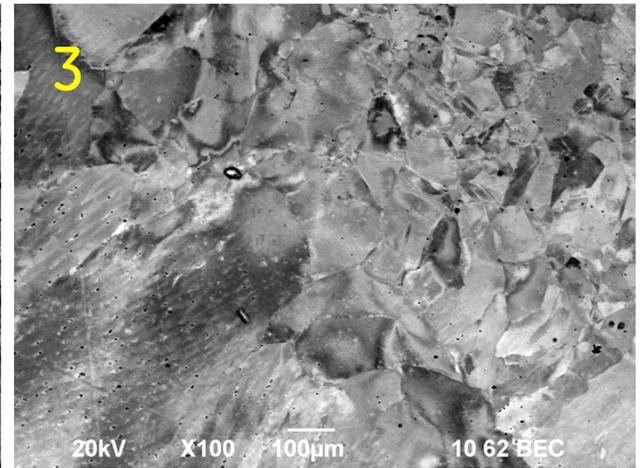
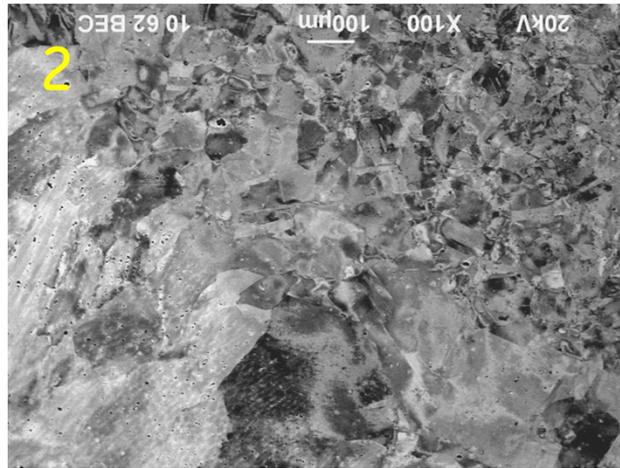
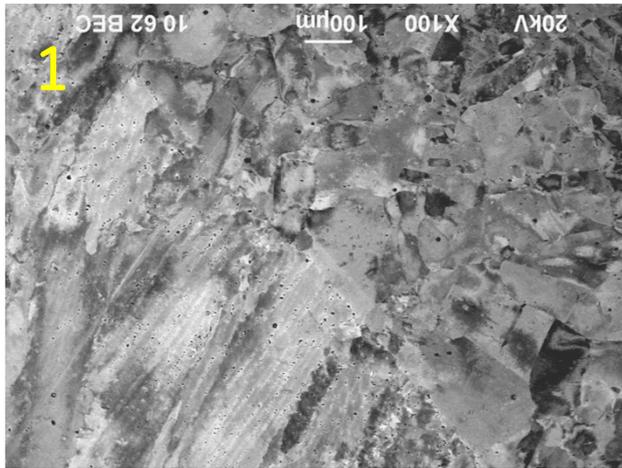
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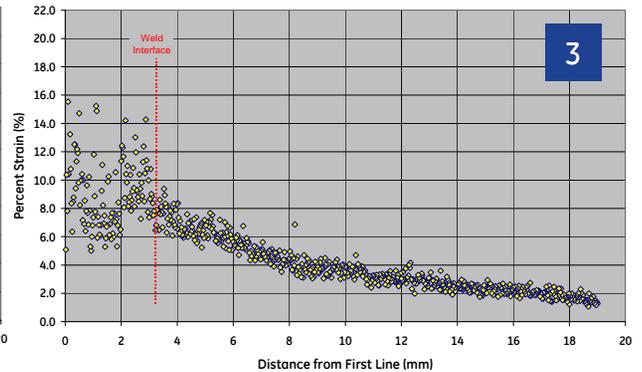
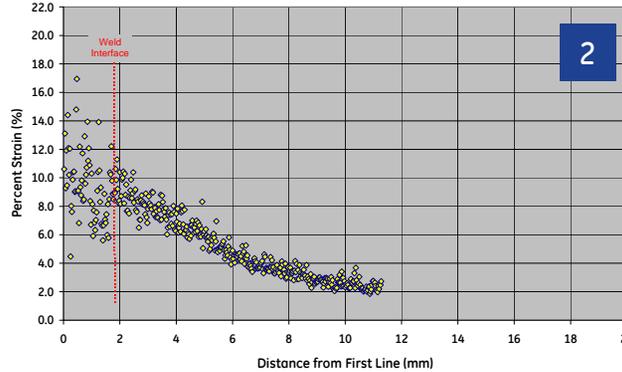
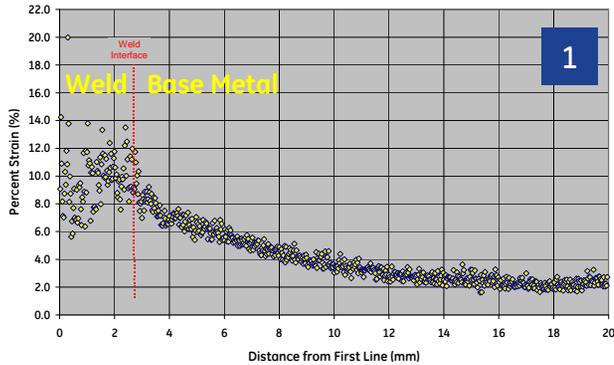
- The slice was cut into 6 individual samples (labeled 1 – 6 above)
- Linescan measurements were taken at the midline of the short axis of each sample
- Each measurement was started ~2mm below the weld interface to include a small amount of data from the weld region
- Measurements were taken as far into the base material as was allowed by the geometry of the microscope chamber or as far as the electropolished edge would allow

# Sample MLTS-3-Cr Images

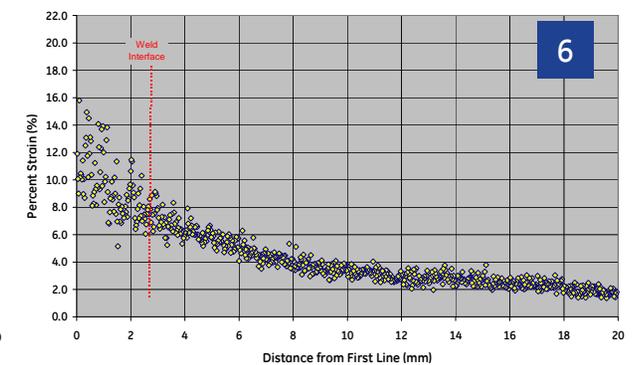
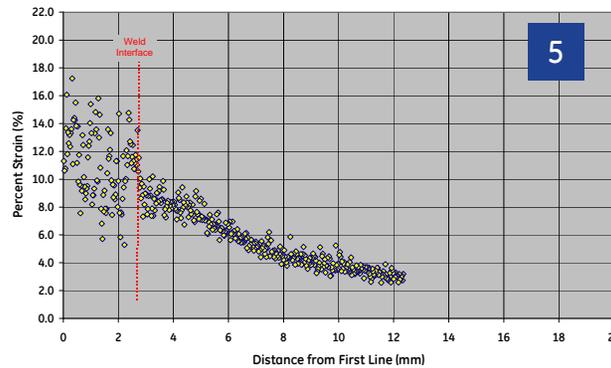
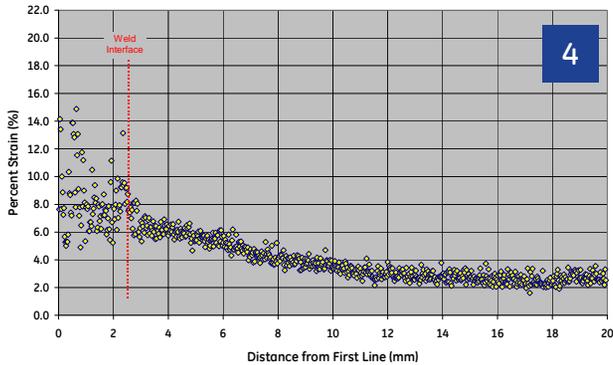
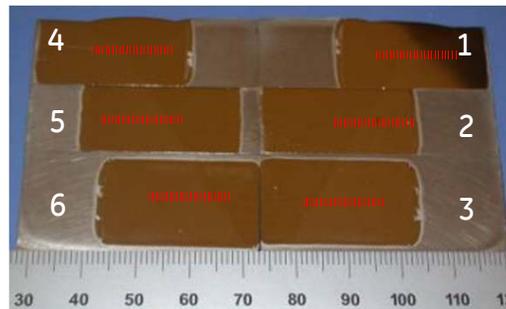
# Interface: 100x



# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – MLTS-3-Cr Plastic Strain Plots

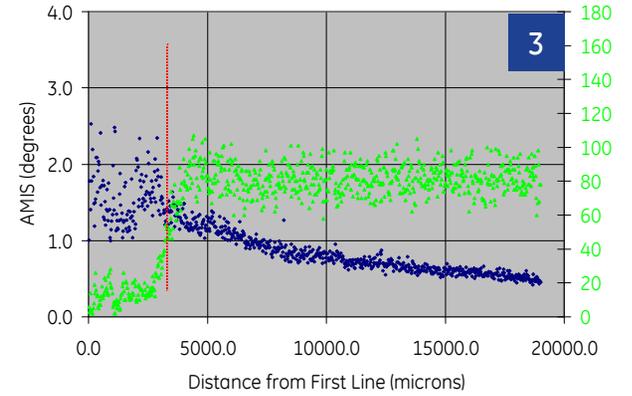
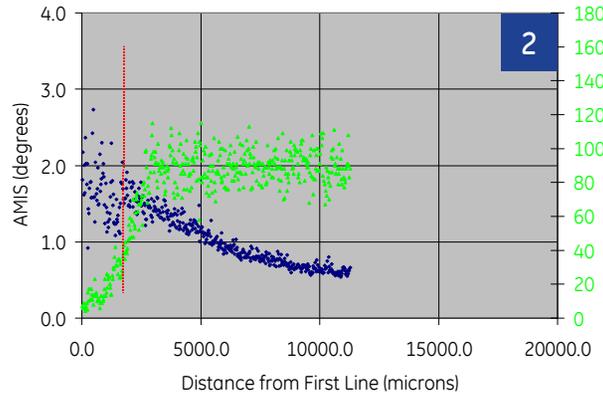
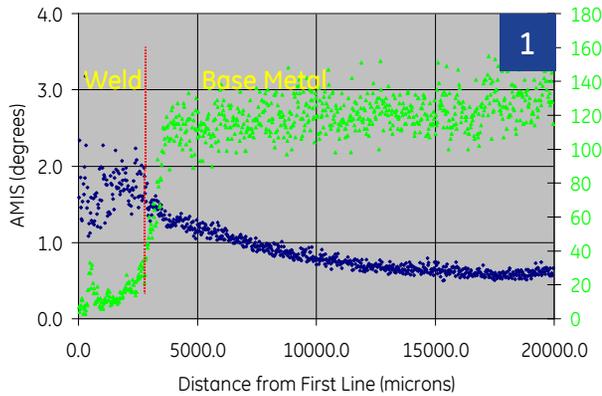


The vertical red dotted lines indicate the approximate locations of the weld interface



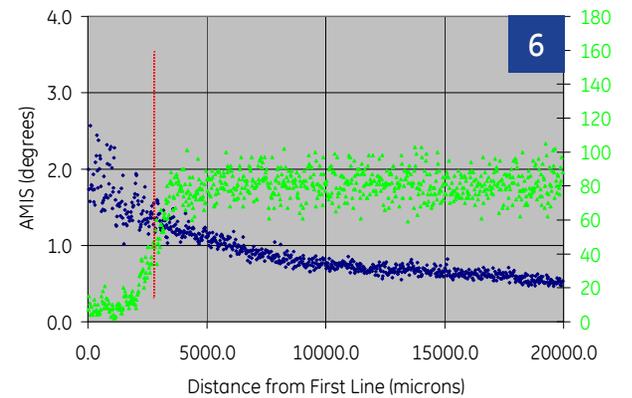
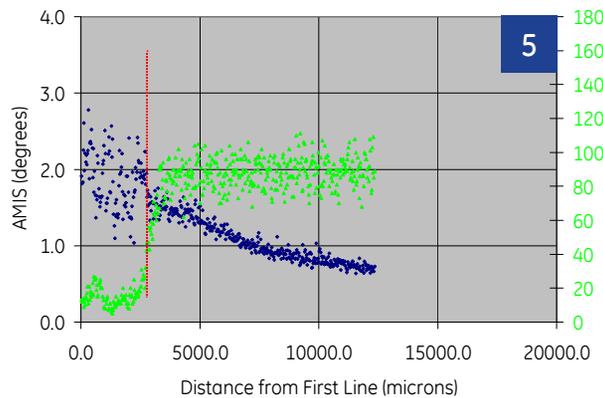
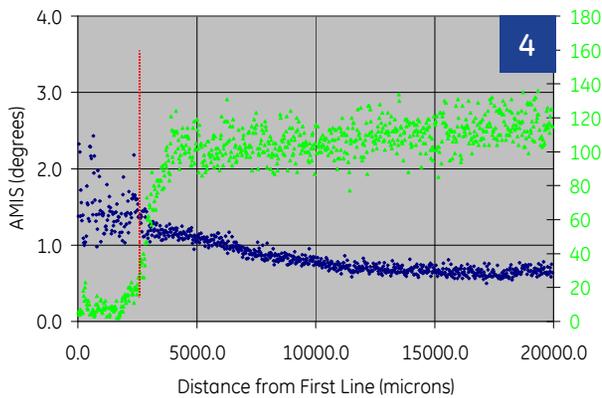
# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – MLTS-3-Cr

## AMIS and No. of Segments Plots



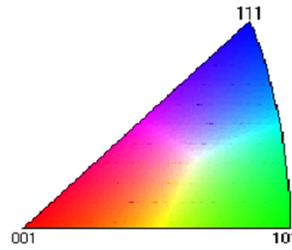
Number of segments – inversely related to grain size  
 Weld top → Root

— AMIS  
 — Number of Segments

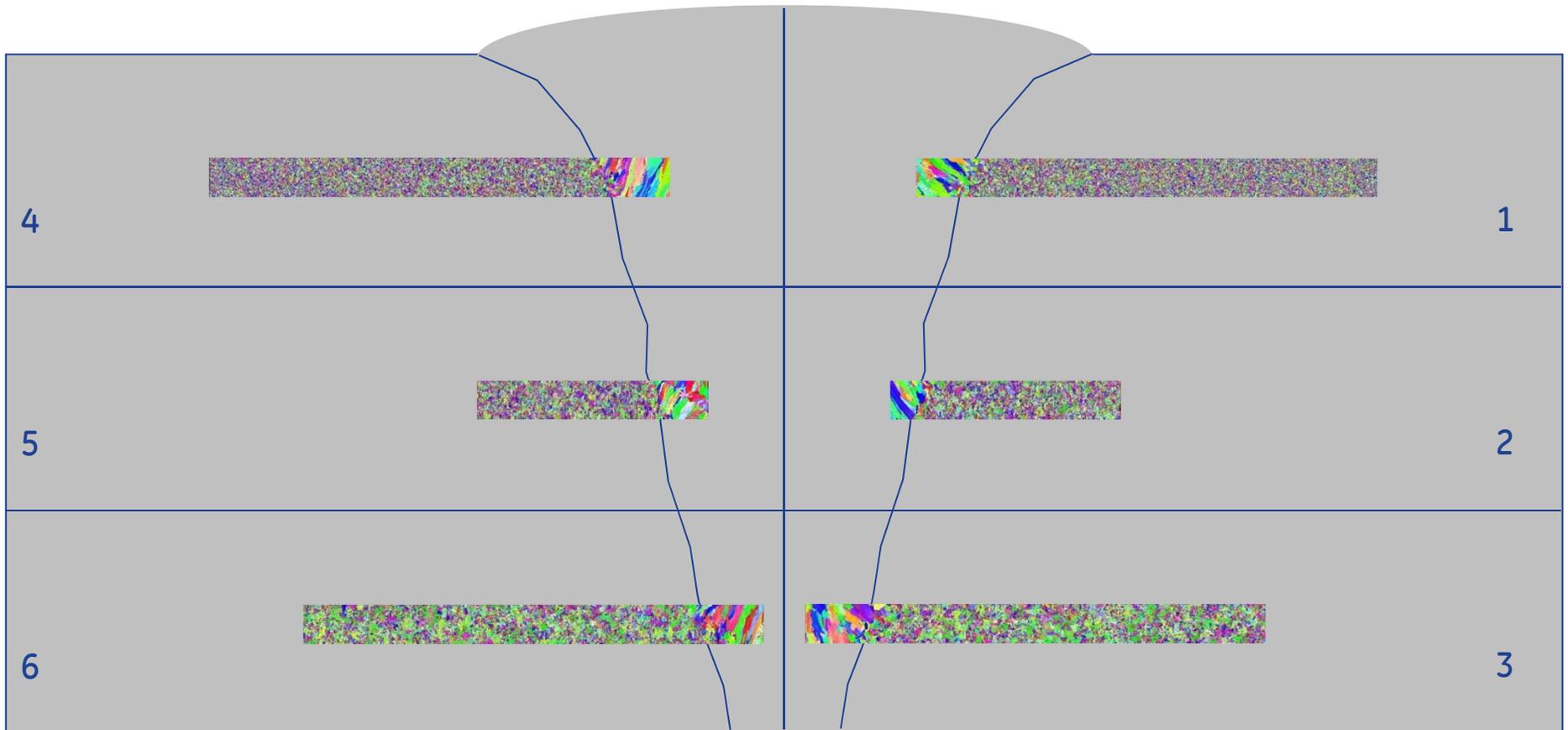


# Sample MLTS-3-Cr

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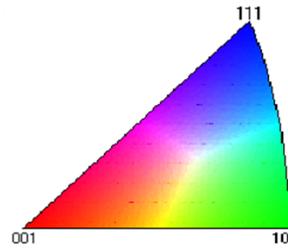


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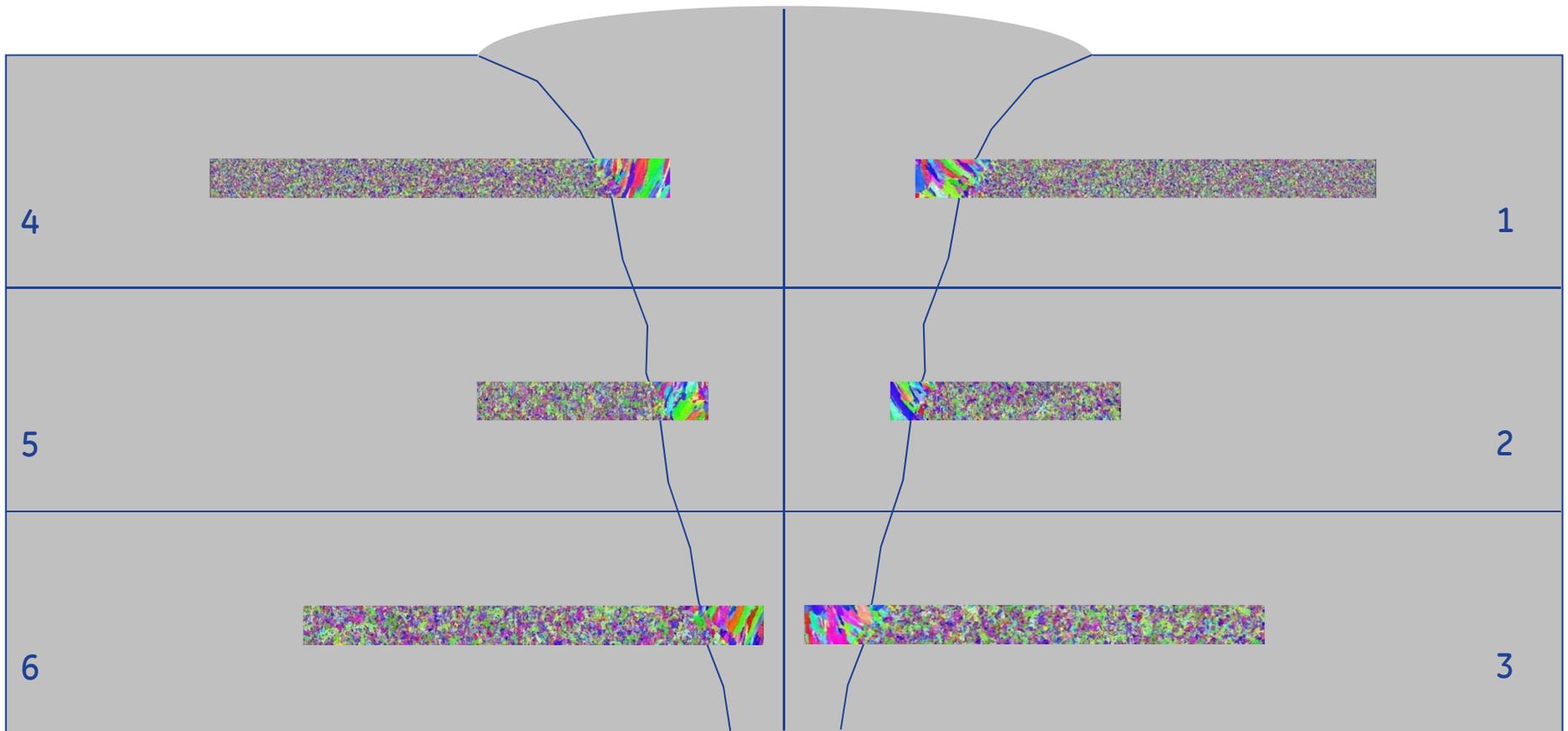
# Sample MLTS-3-Cr

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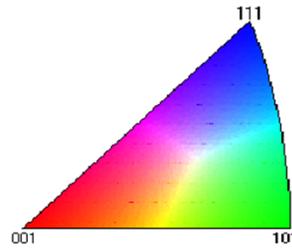
**Plate microstructure  
Changes through thickness**

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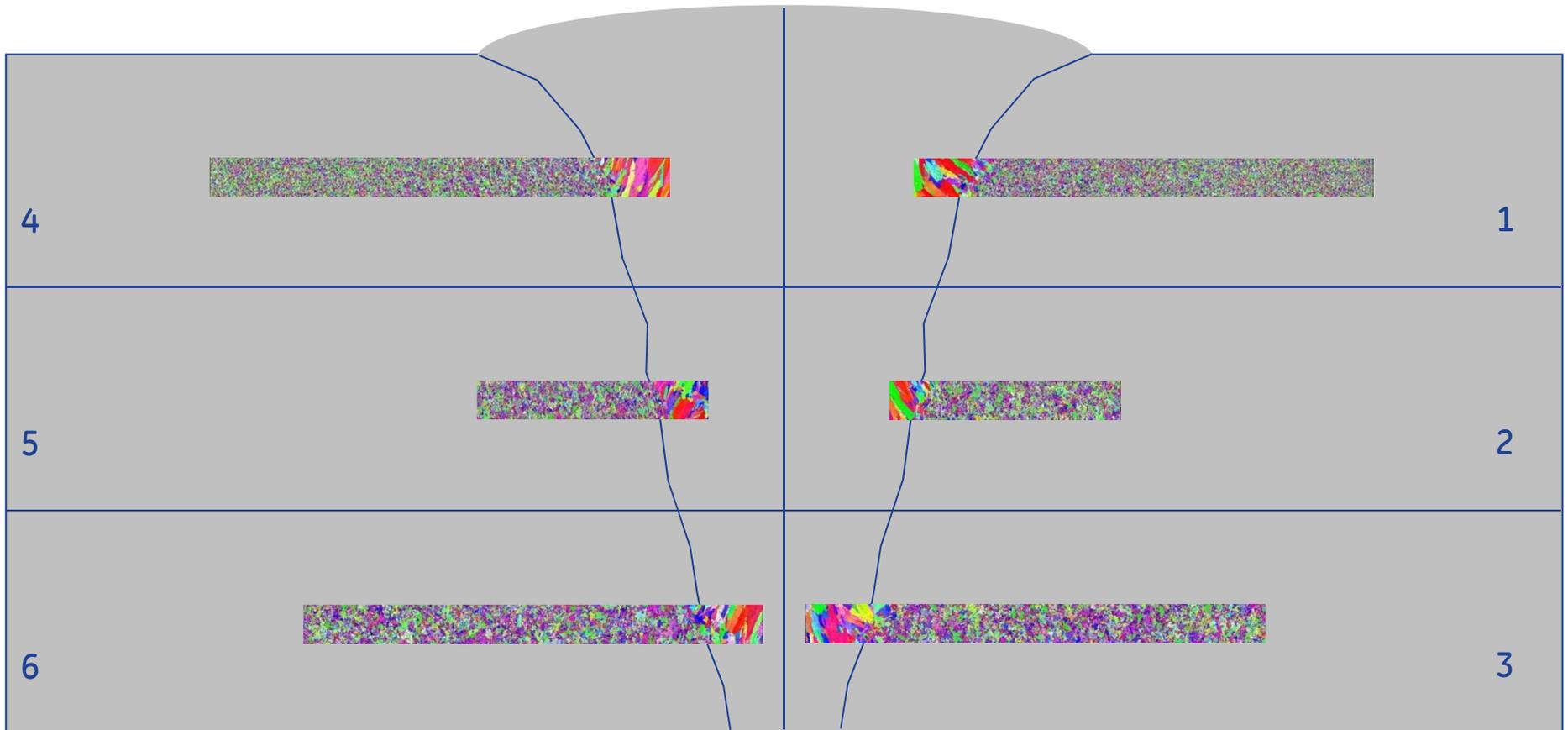


# Sample MLTS-3-Cr

# IPFz Maps



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# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – MLTS-3-Cr Summary

No banding in any of the sections

Grain size larger at the root of weld than at the top

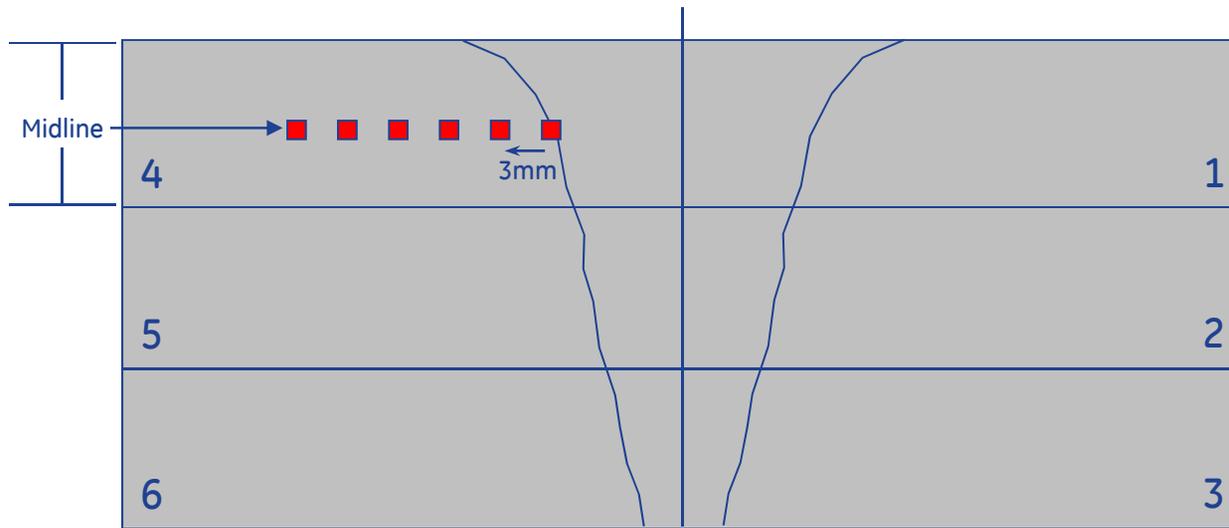
Some texture in sections 3 and 6

# Comparison Weldment Sample WC10E7 Alloy 690/152

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# Sample WC10E7-4

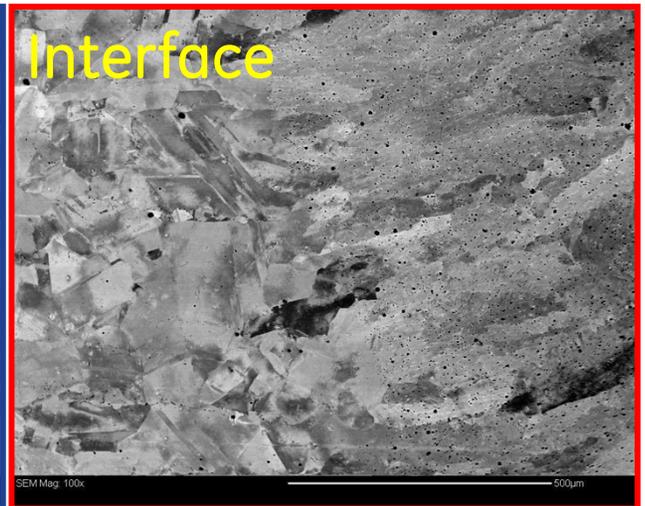
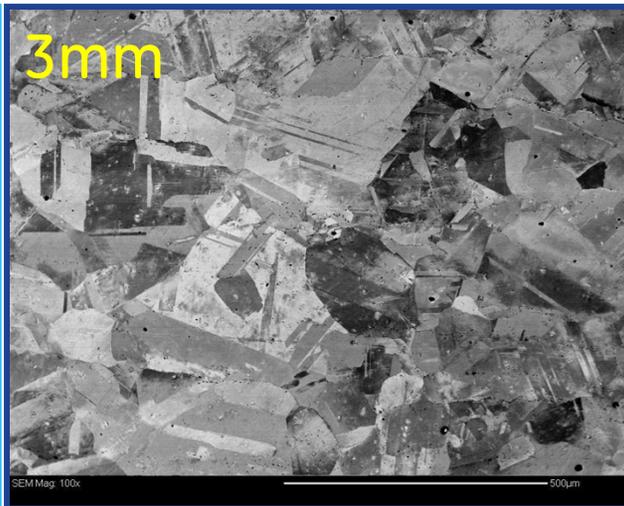
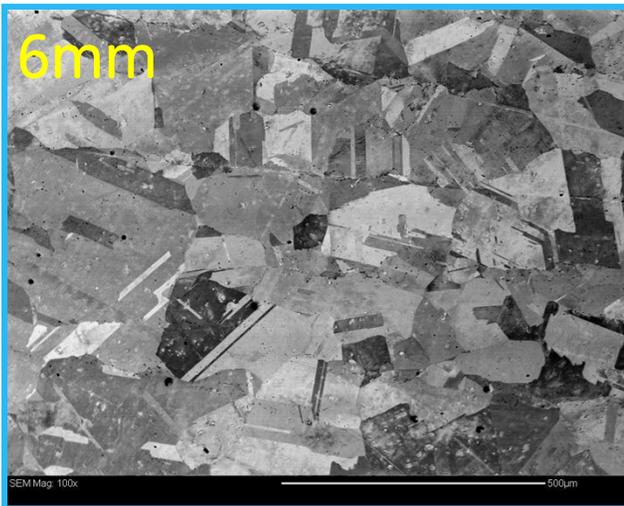
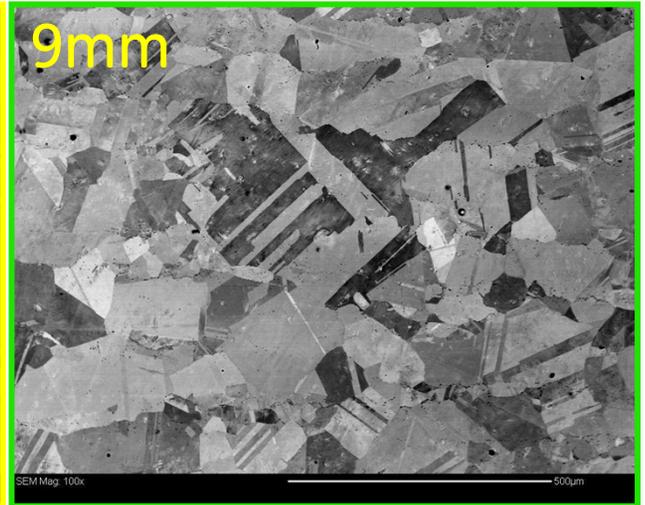
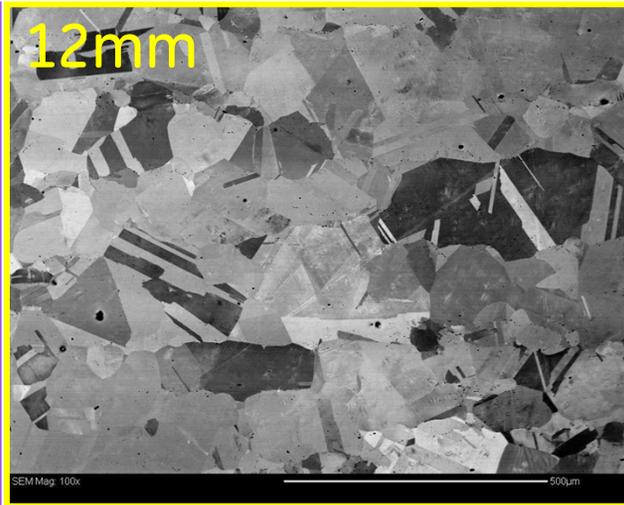
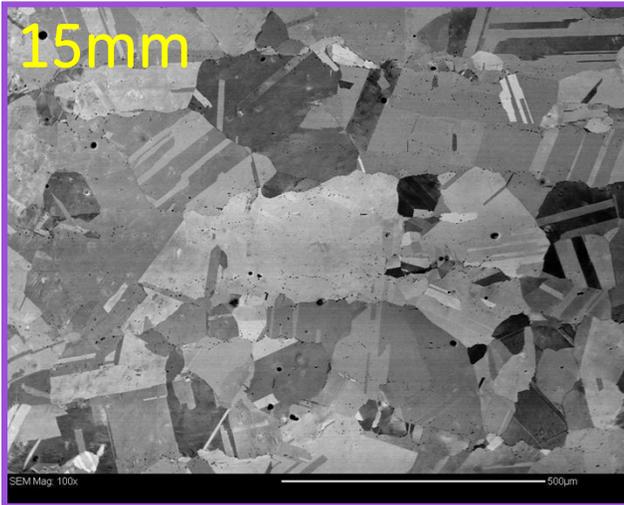
# Description of Map Measurements



- Section 4 was measured in 6 locations: Interface, and 3mm, 6mm, 9mm, 12mm, 15mm from the interface
- Map measurements were taken at the midline of the short axis of each sample

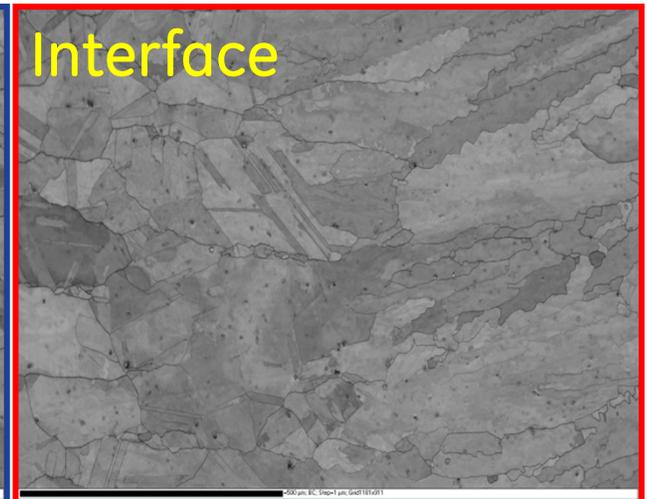
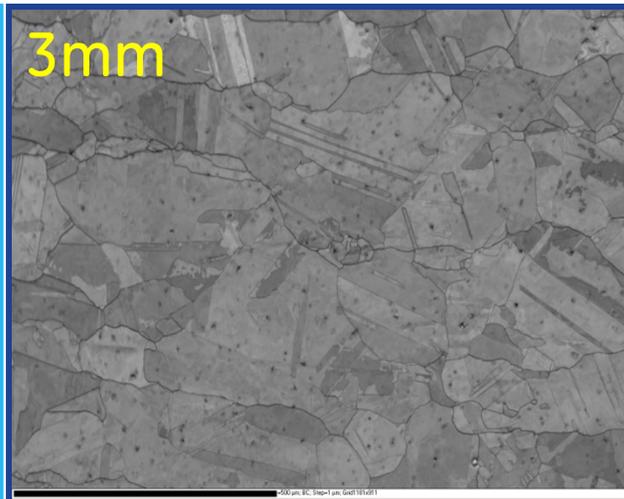
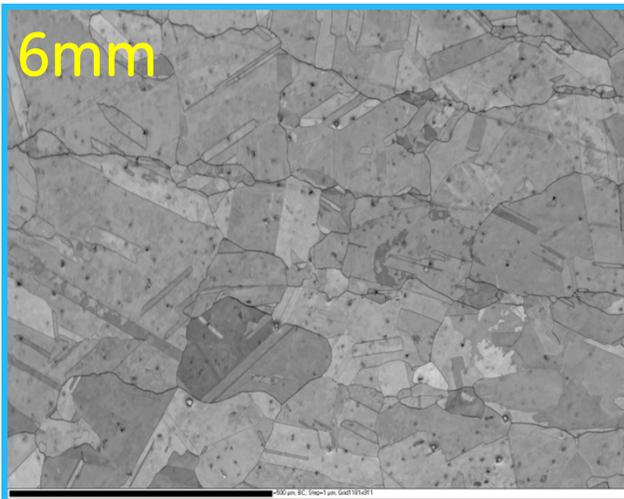
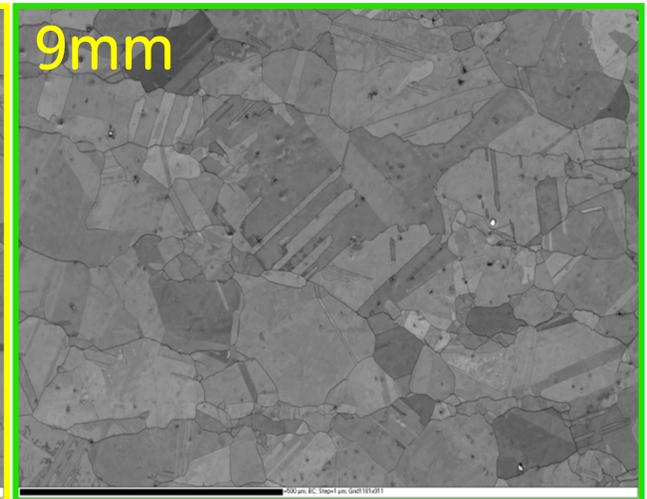
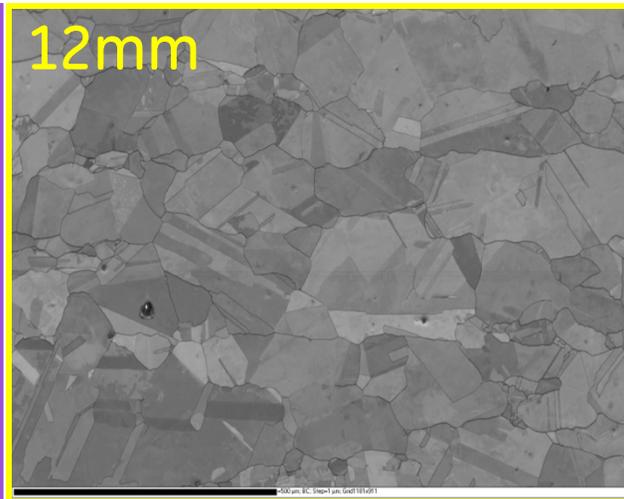
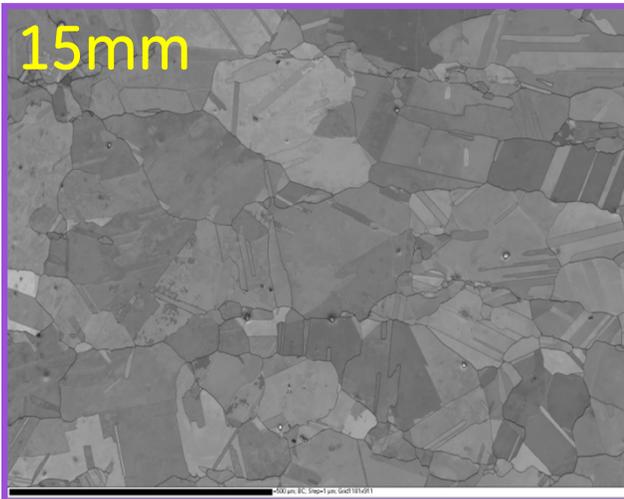
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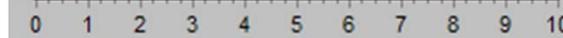
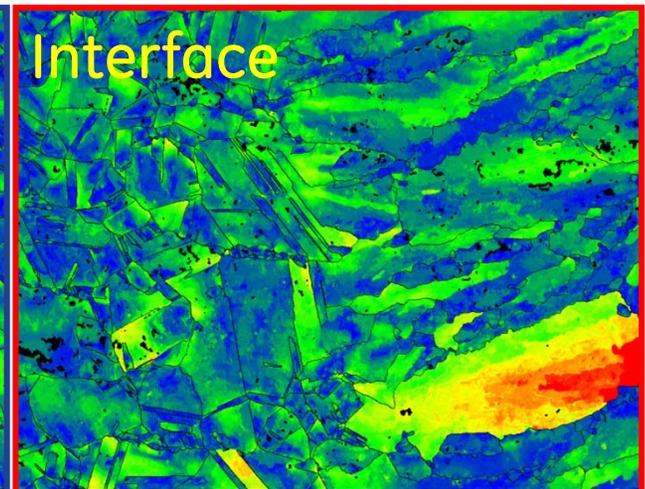
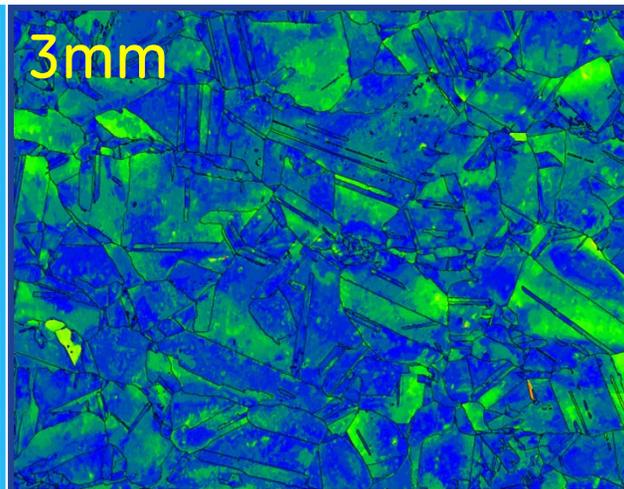
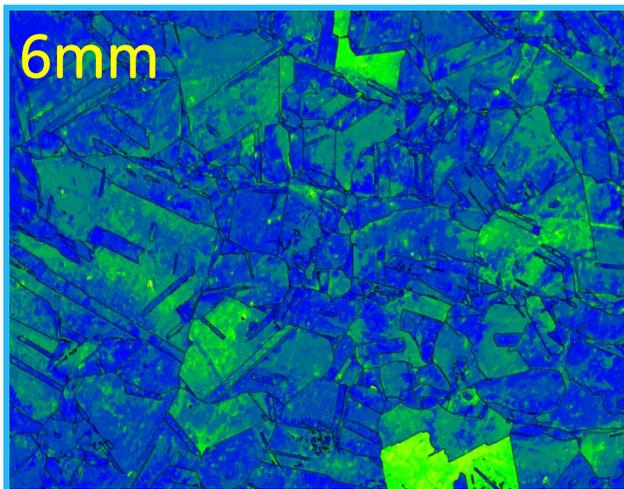
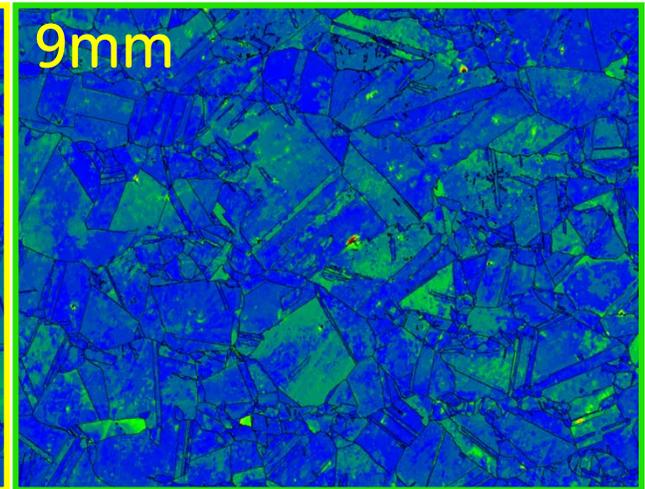
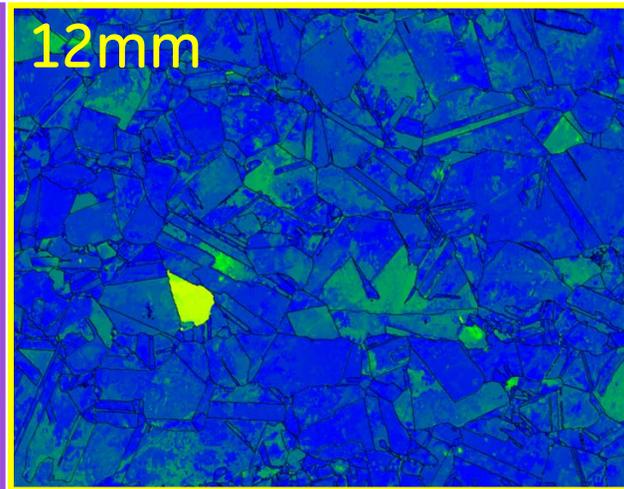
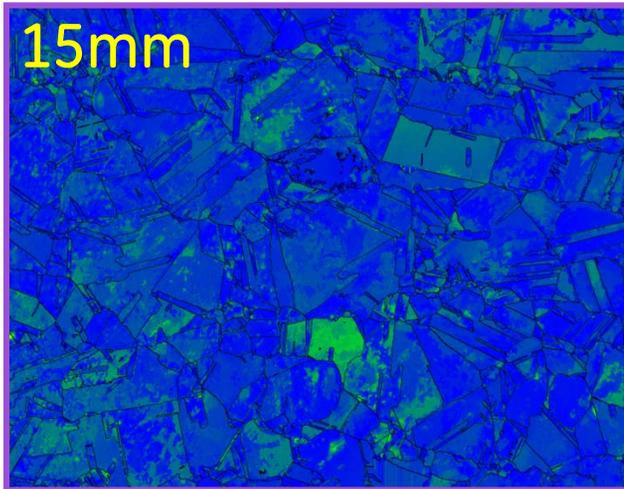
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# Band Contrast Maps



# Sample WC10E7-4

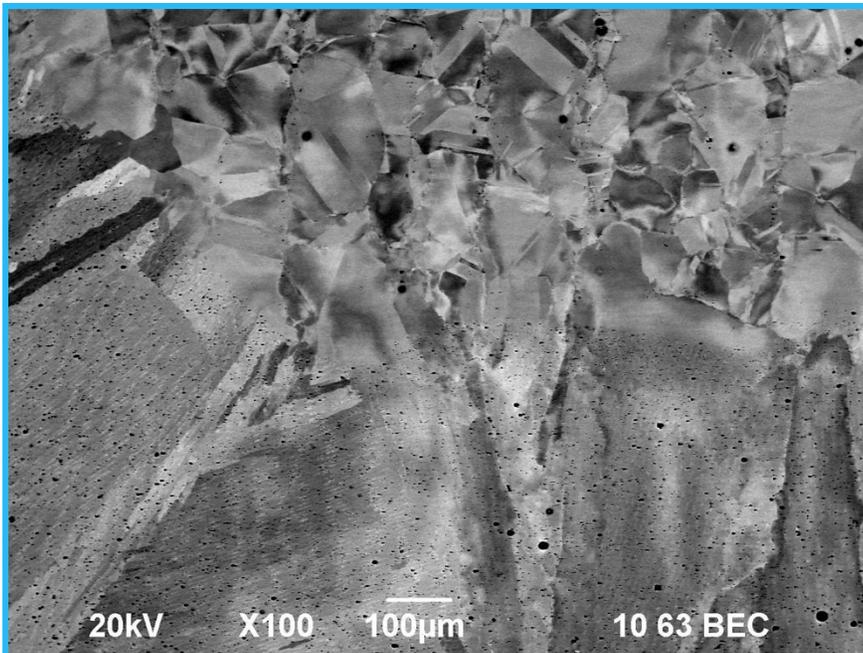
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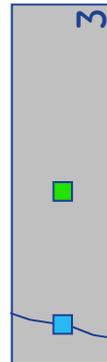
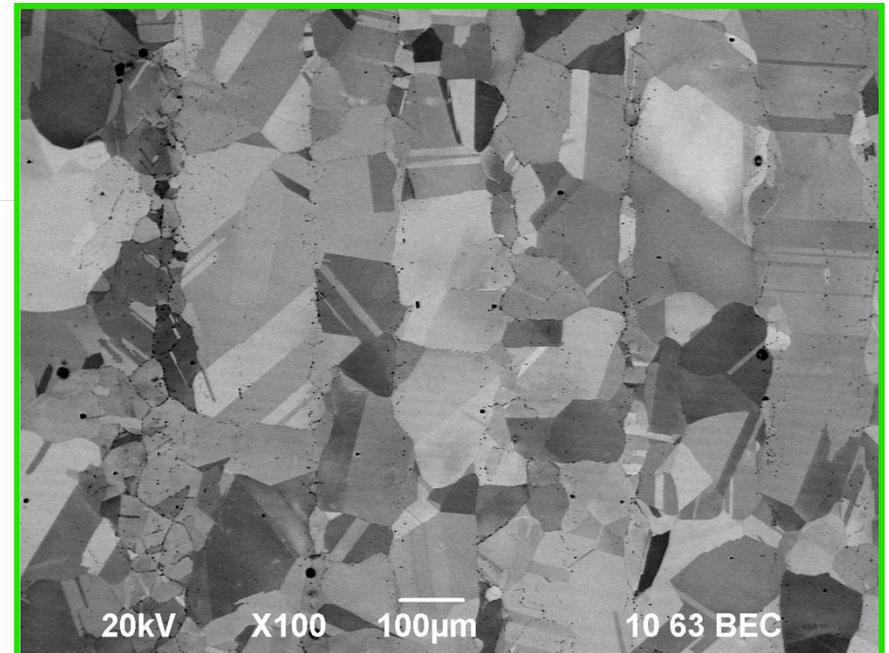
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## Interface



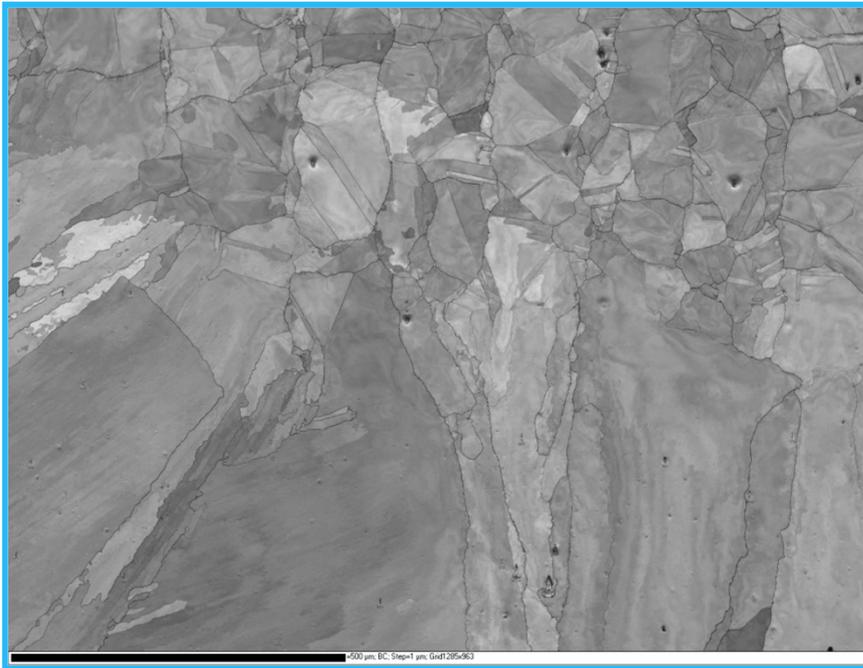
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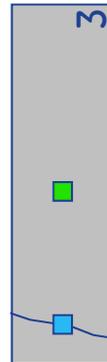
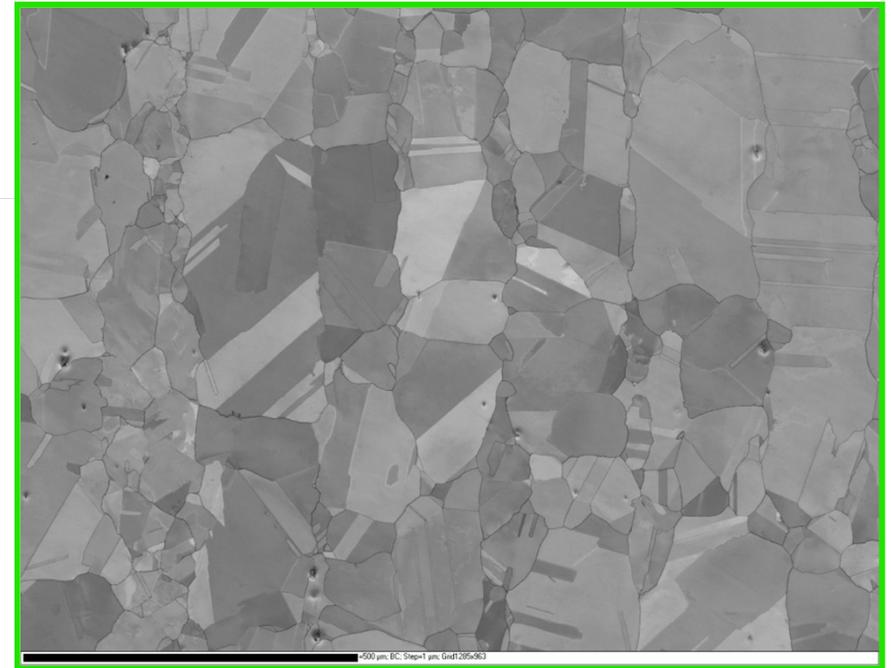
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# Band Contrast Maps

## Interface



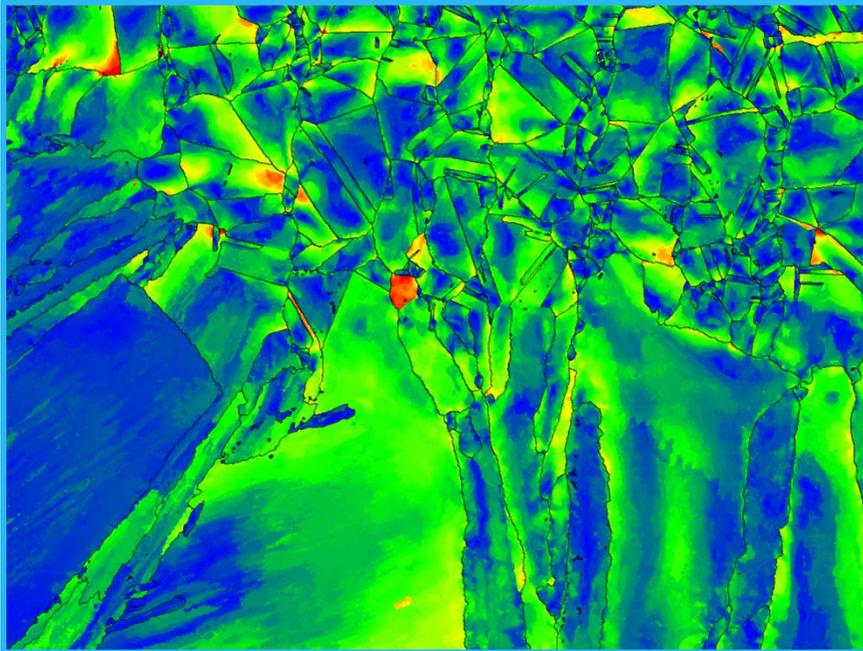
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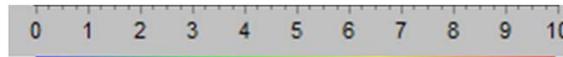
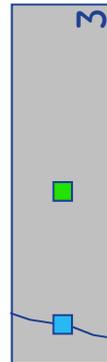
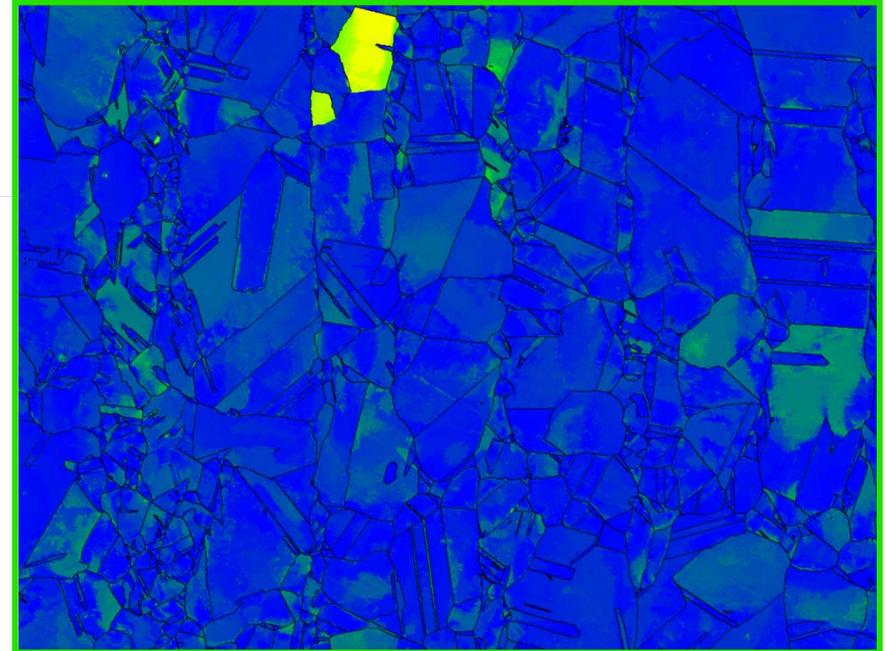
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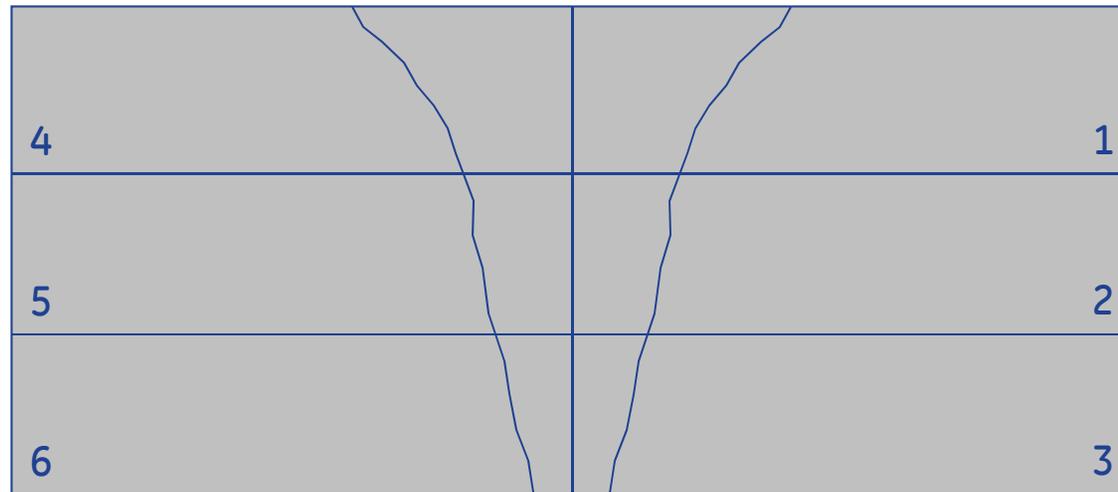
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# Sample WC10E7

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Weld = B&W Alloy 152



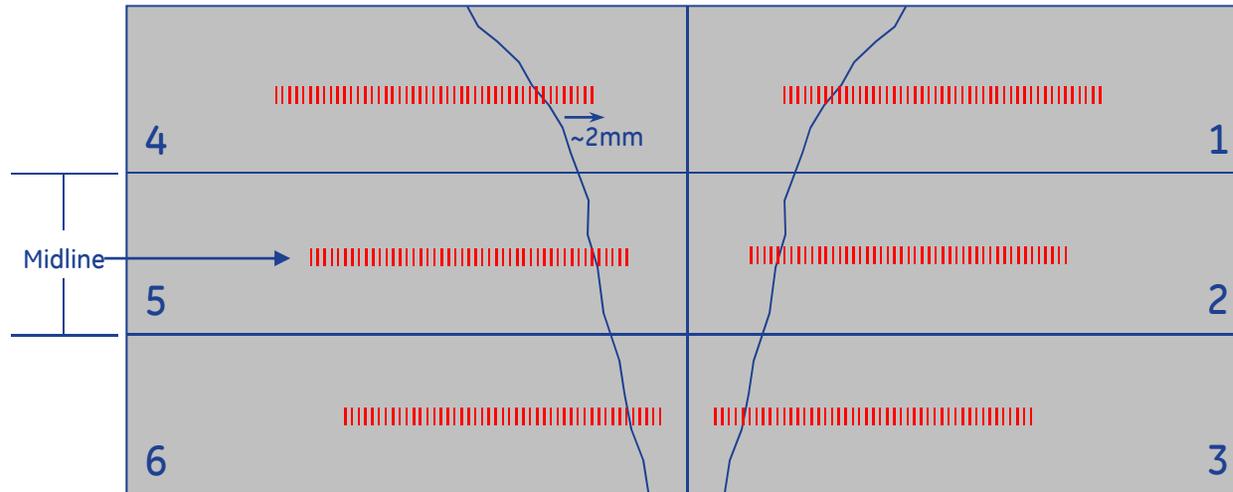
## AMIS Analysis



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# Sample WC10E7

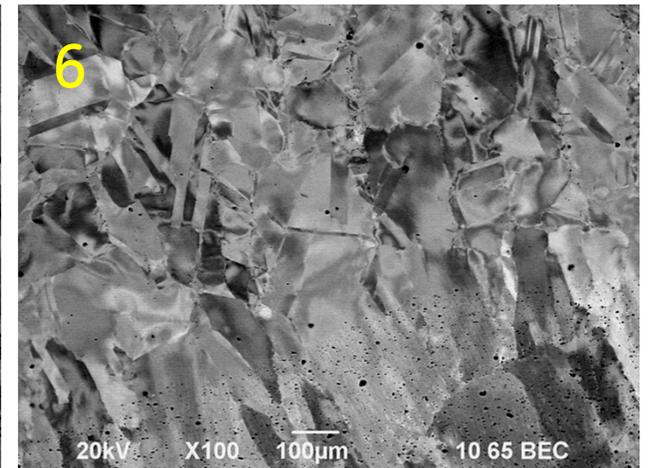
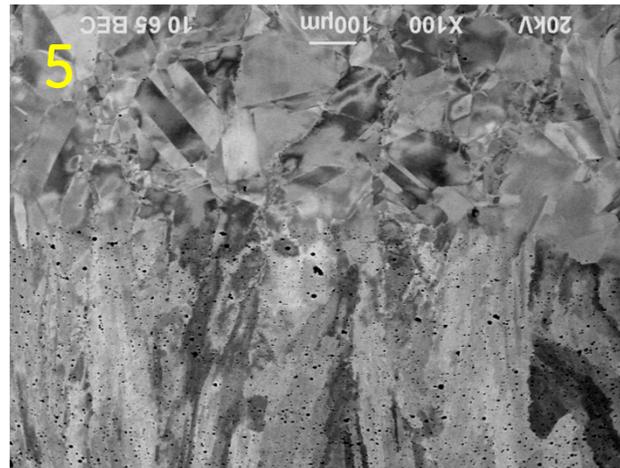
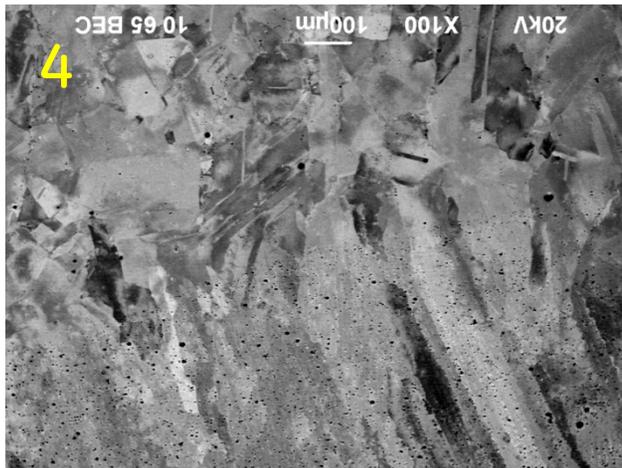
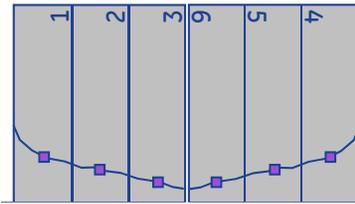
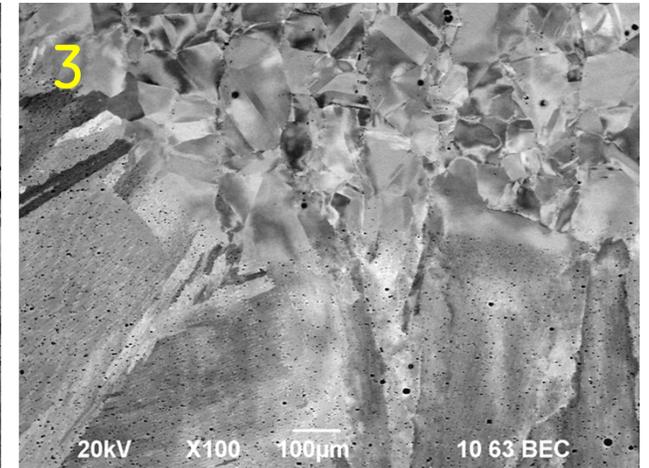
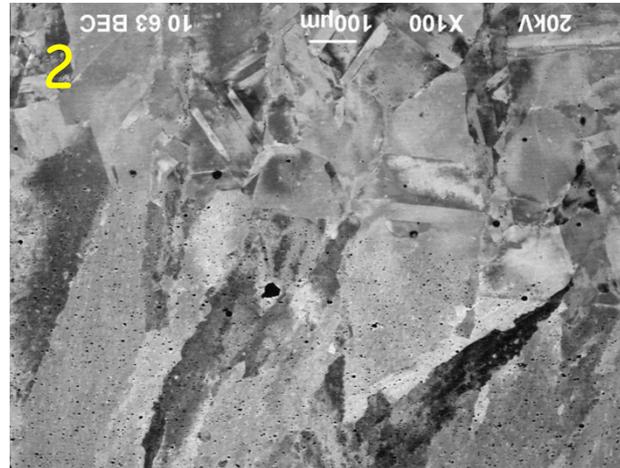
# Description of Measurements



- The slice was cut into 6 individual samples (labeled 1 – 6 above)
- Linescan measurements were taken at the midline of the short axis of each sample
- Each measurement was started ~2mm below the weld interface to include a small amount of data from the weld region
- Measurements were taken as far into the base material as was allowed by the geometry of the microscope chamber, or as far as the electropolished edge would allow

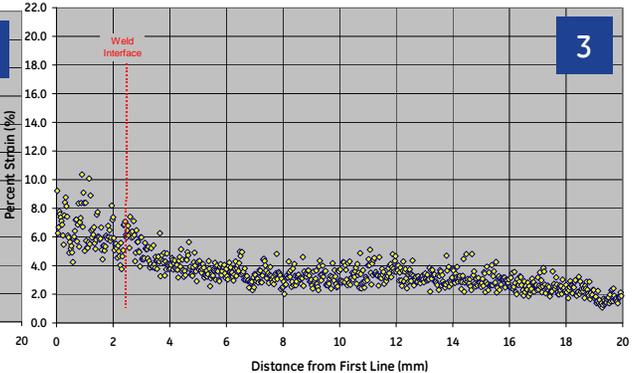
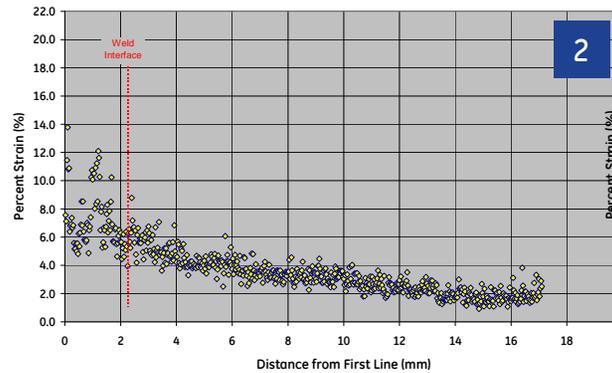
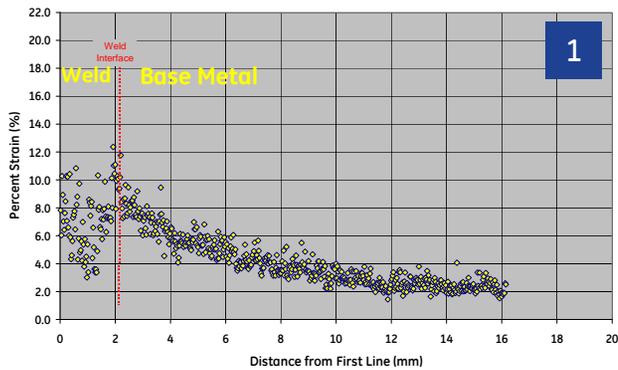
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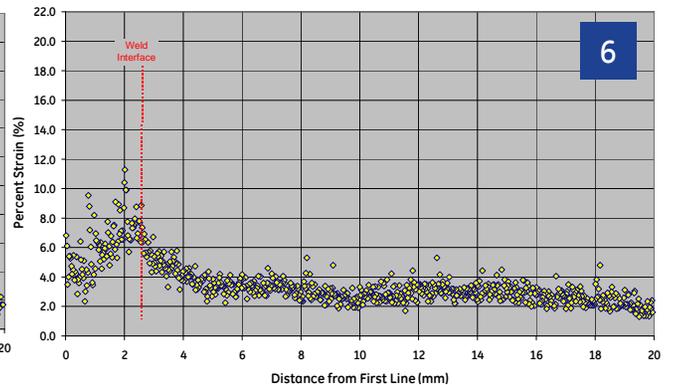
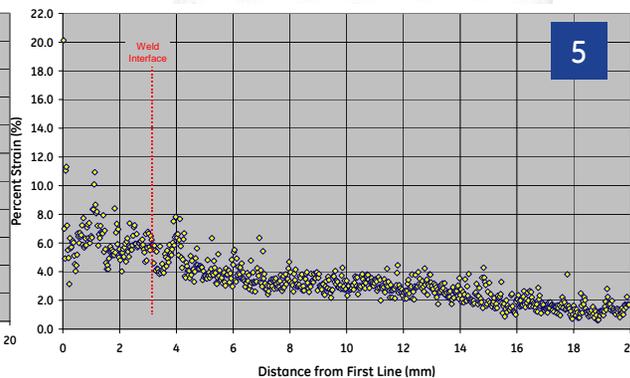
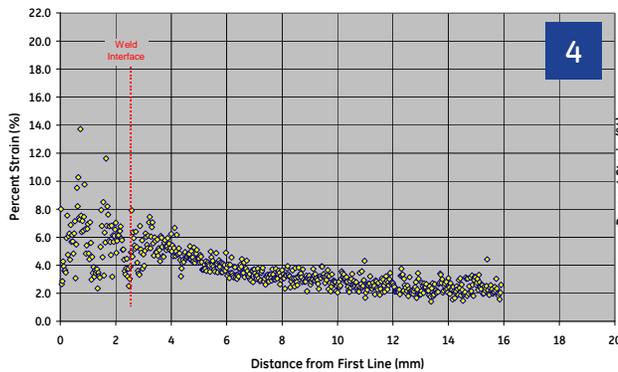
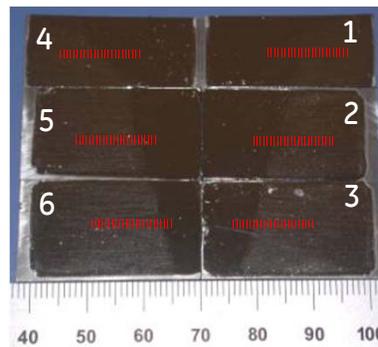


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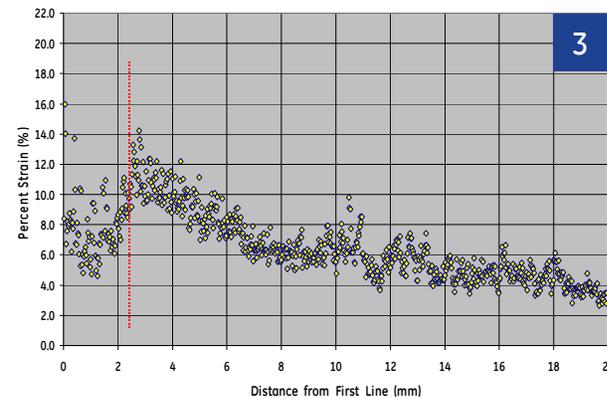
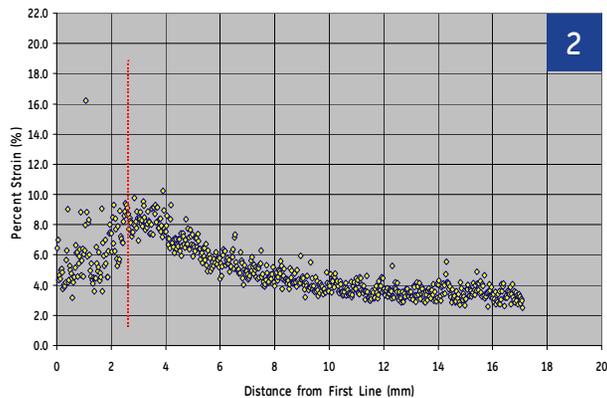
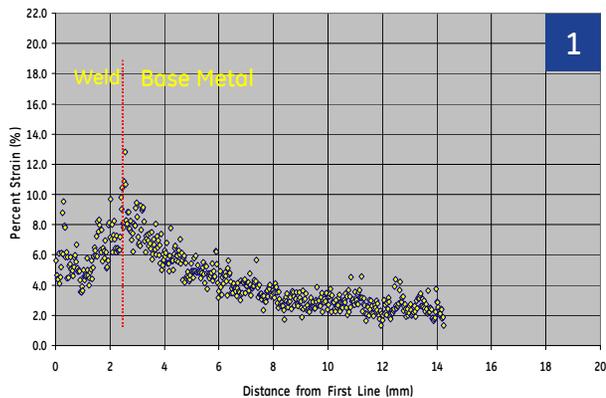
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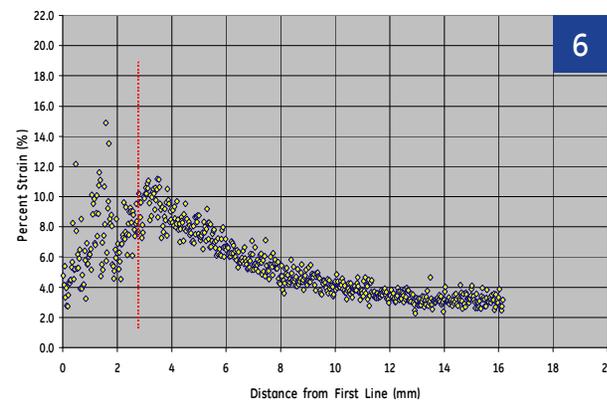
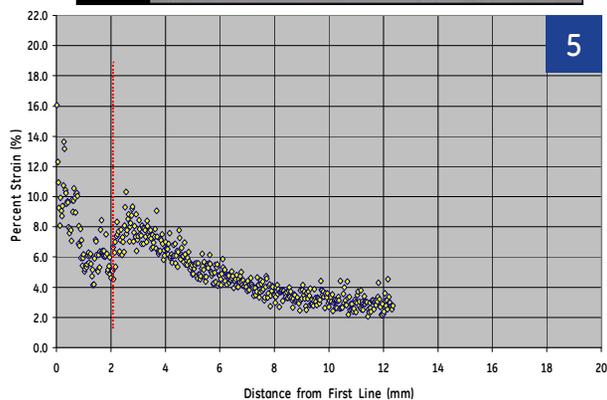
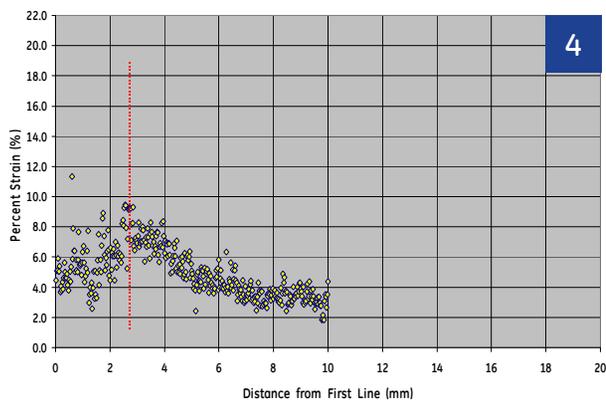
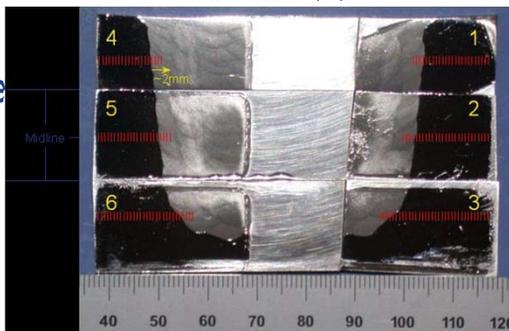
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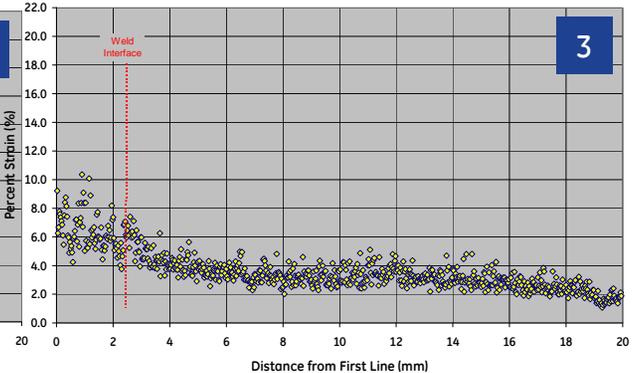
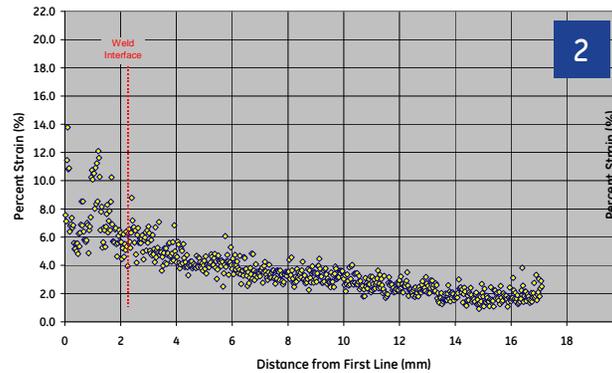
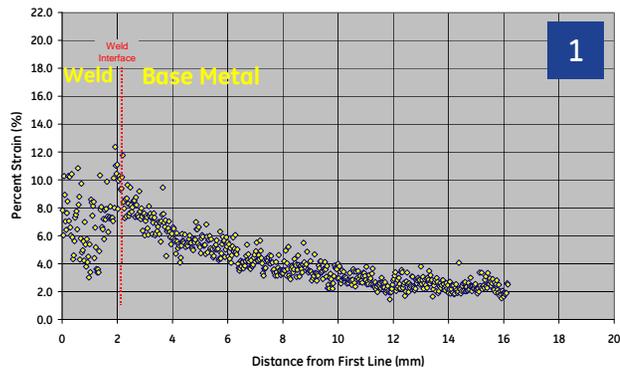


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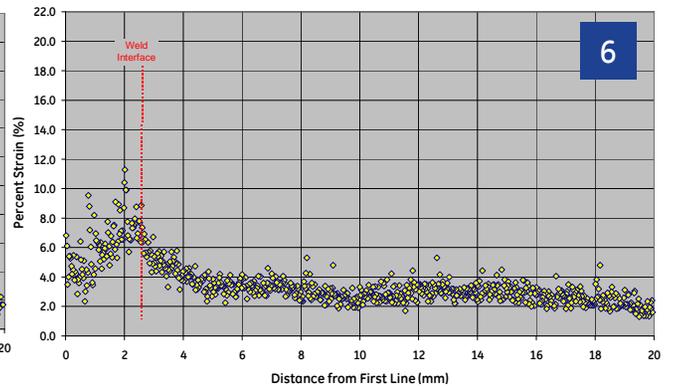
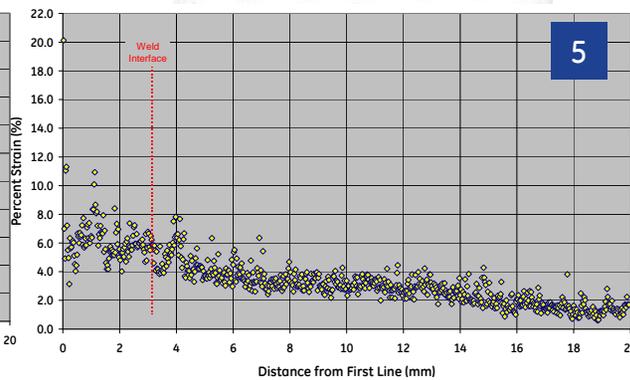
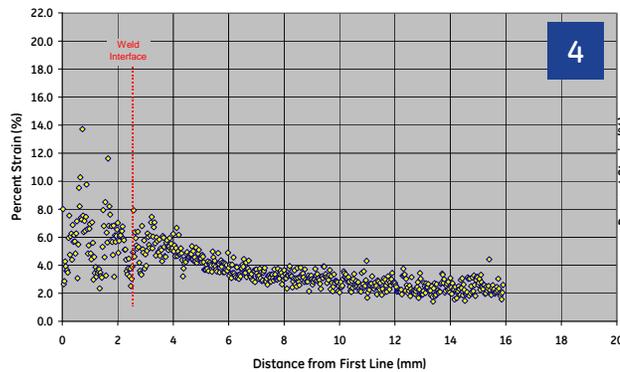
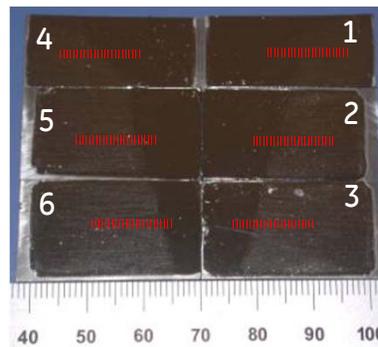


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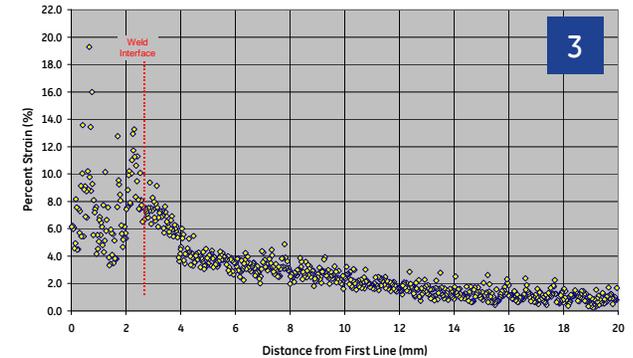
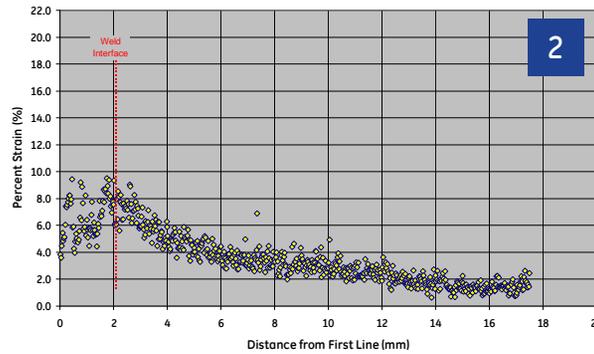
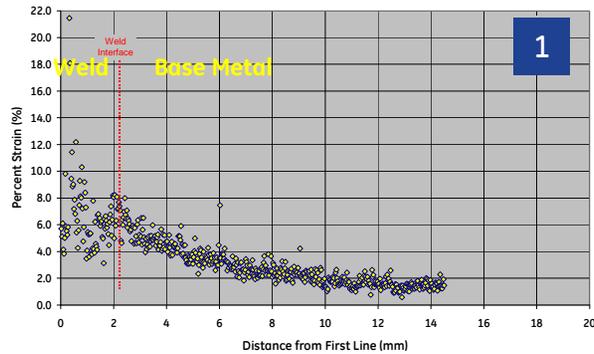
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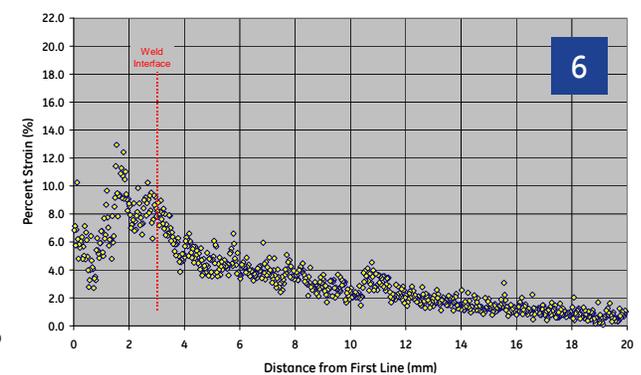
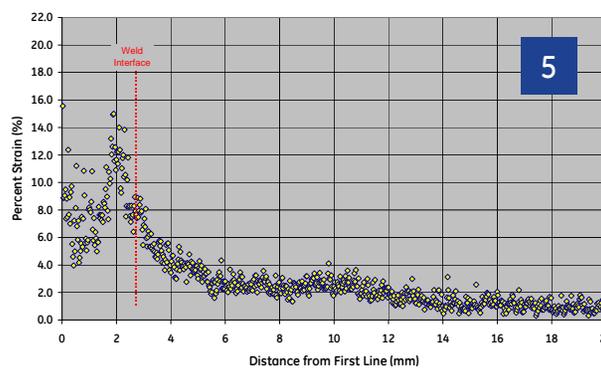
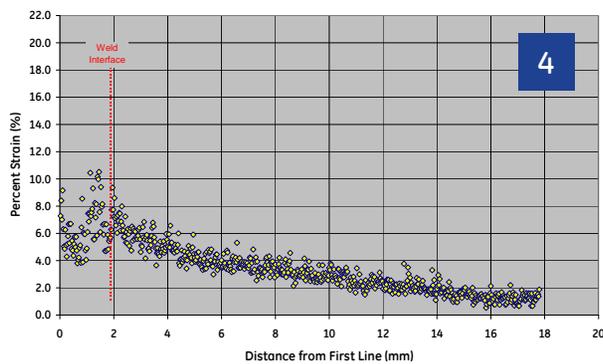
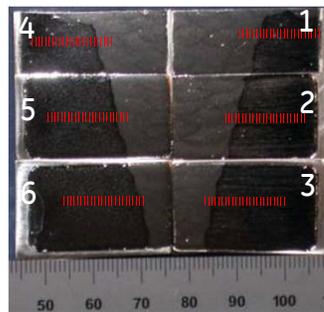
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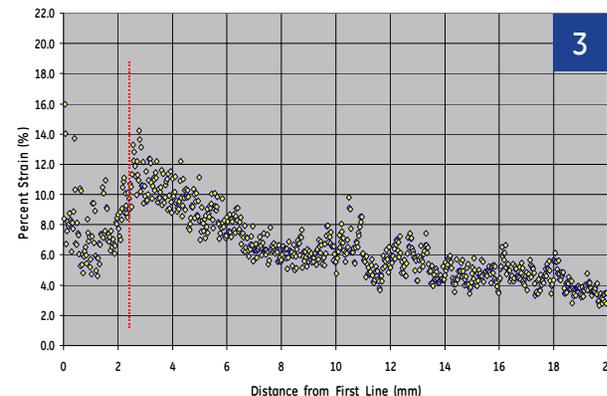
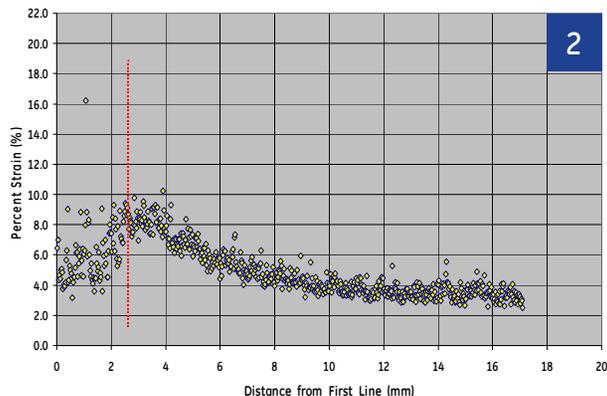
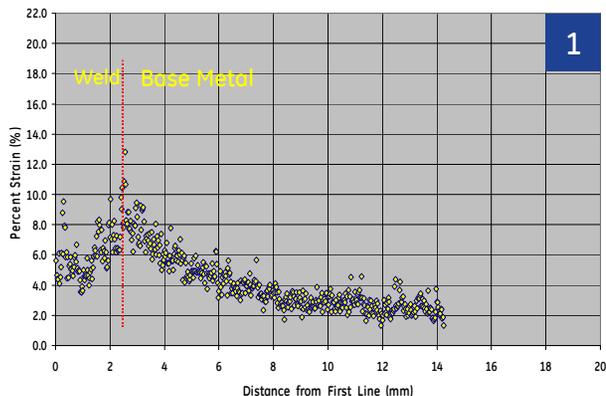
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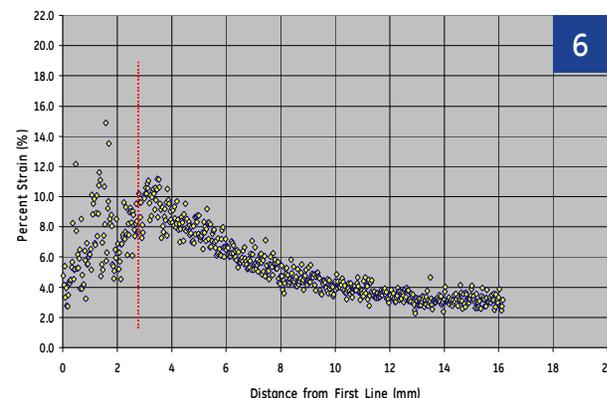
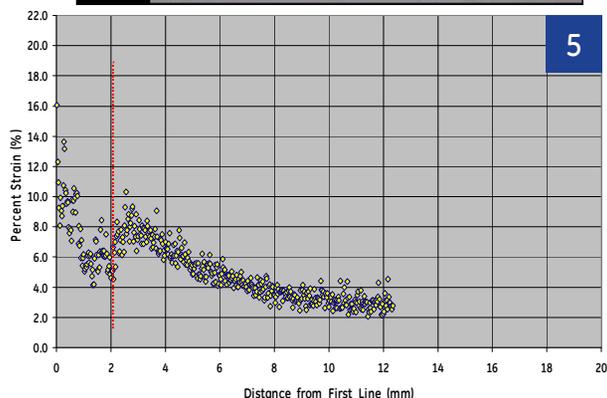
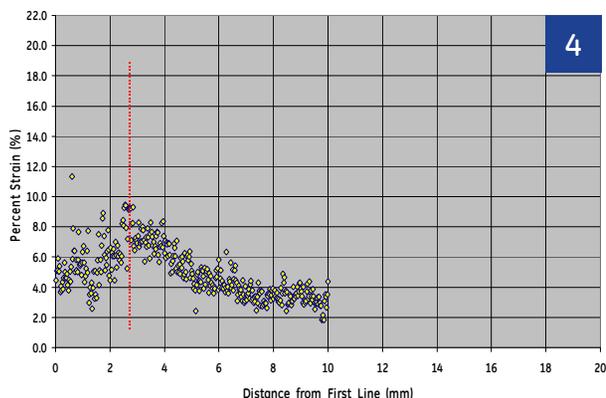
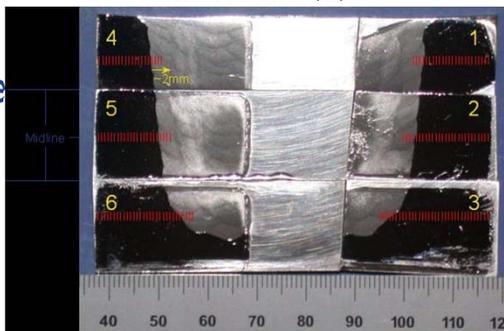
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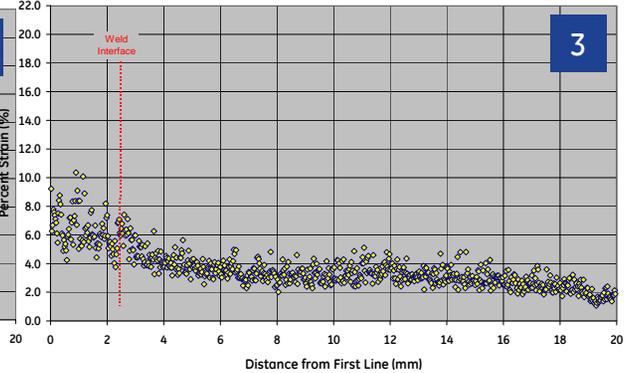
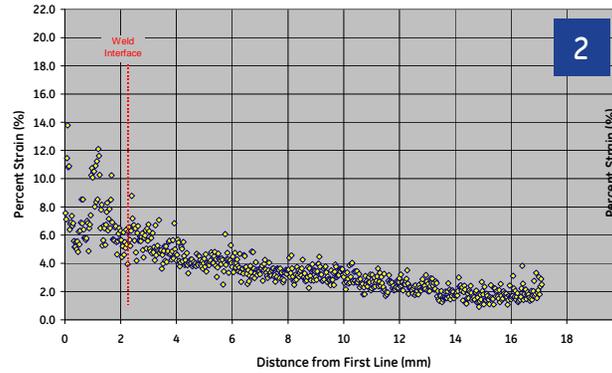
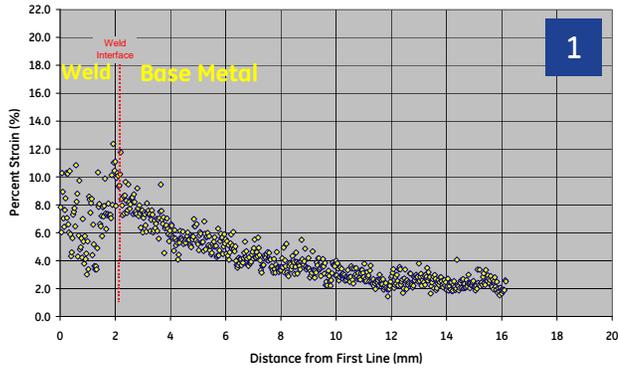


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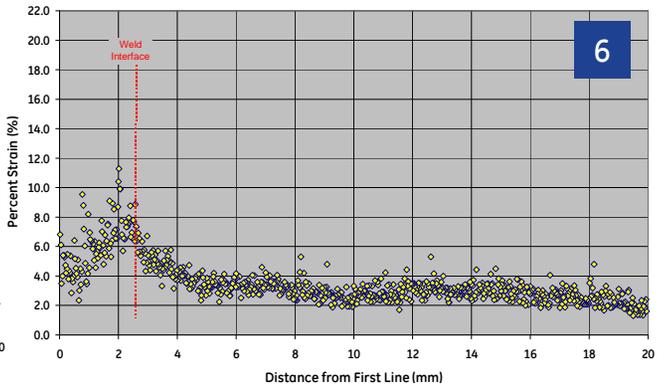
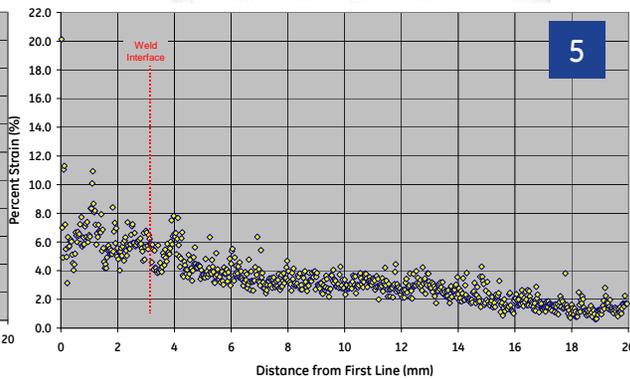
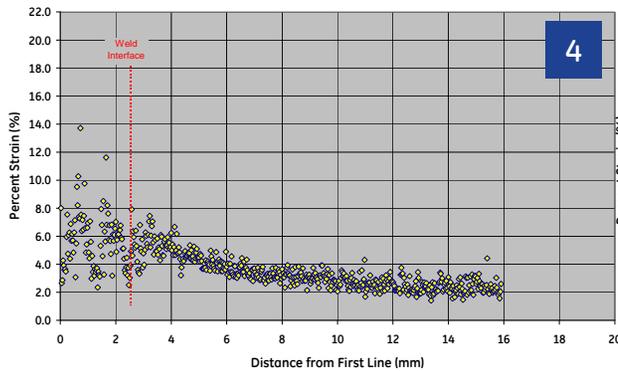
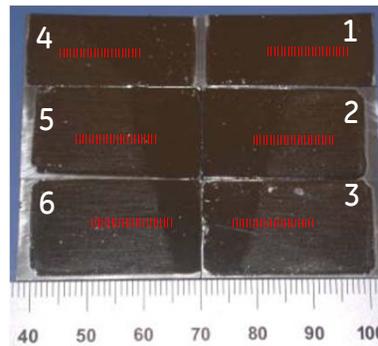


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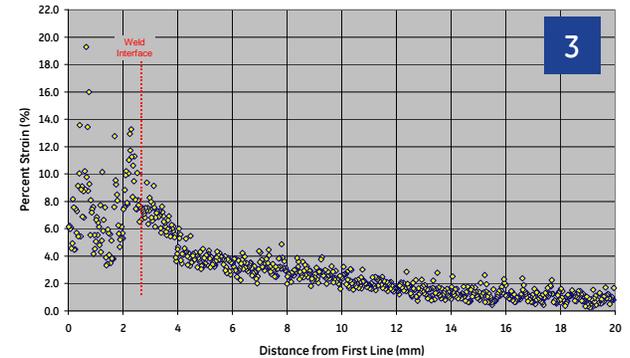
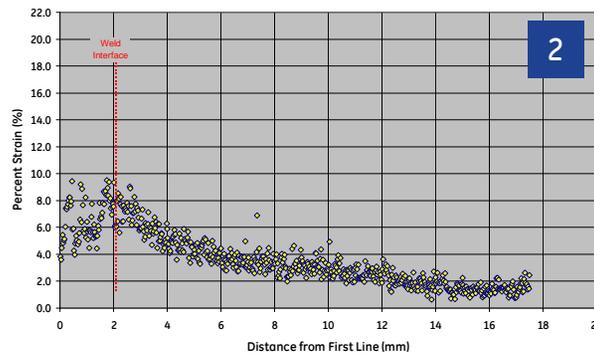
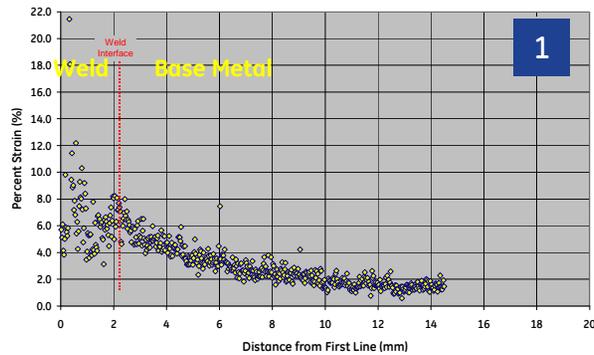
## Plastic Strain Plots



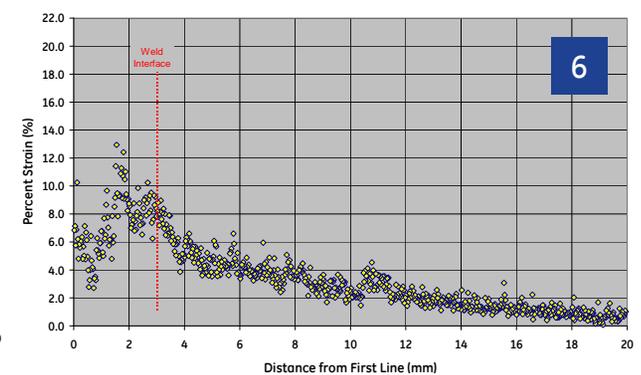
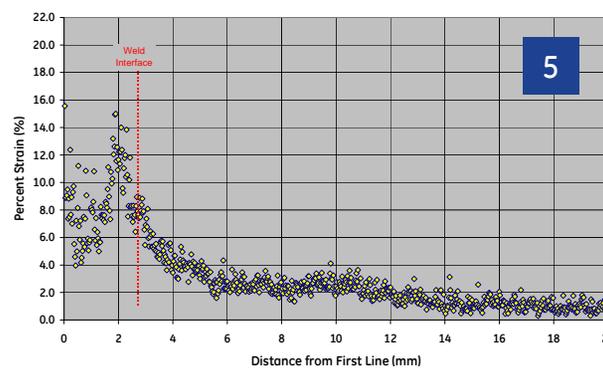
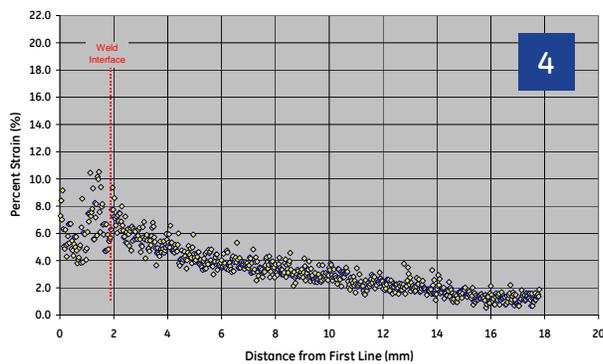
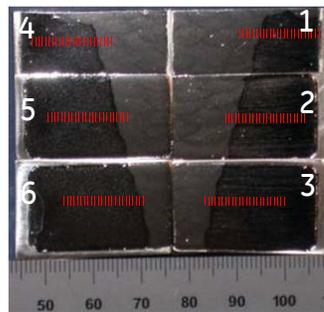
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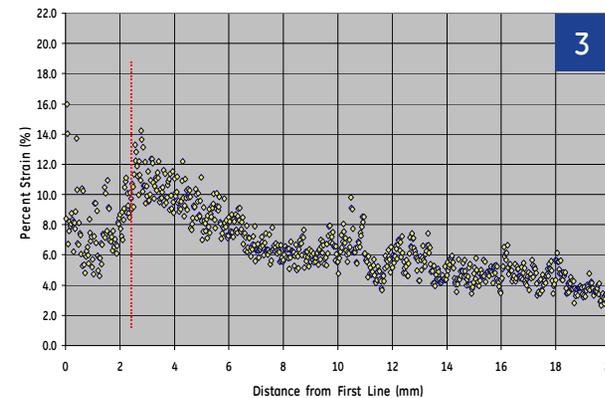
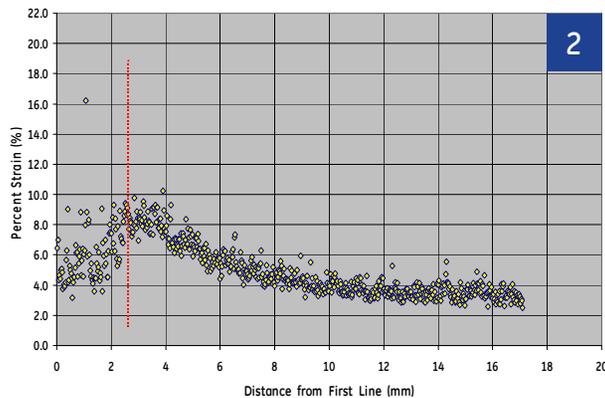
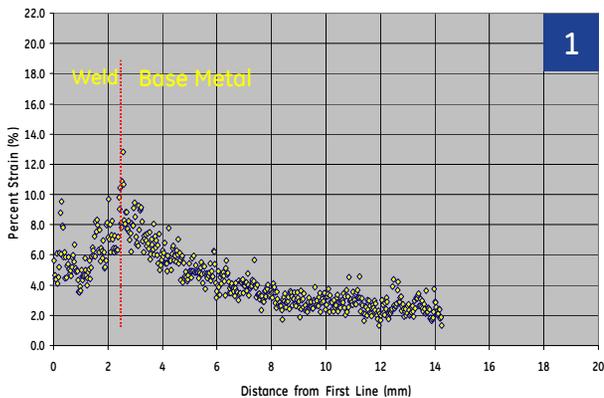
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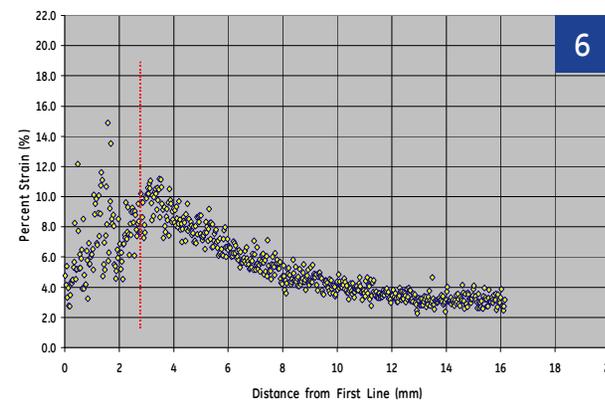
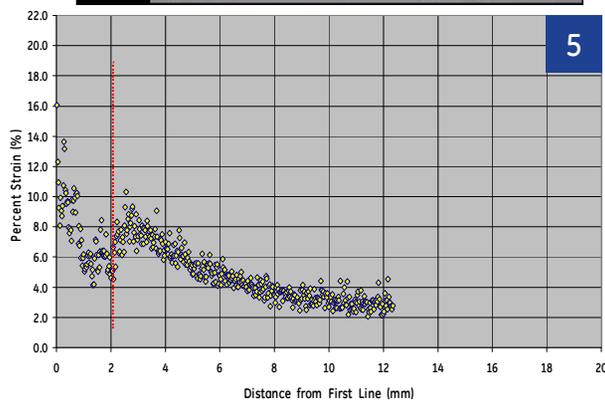
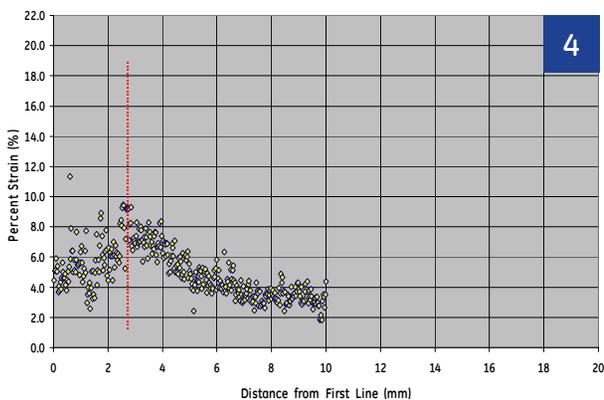
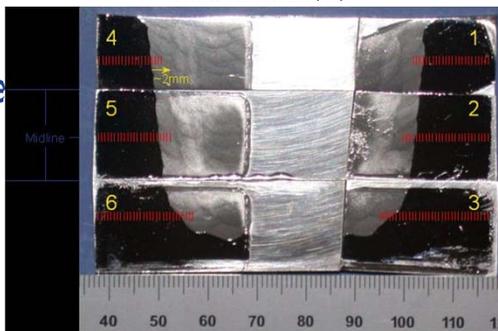
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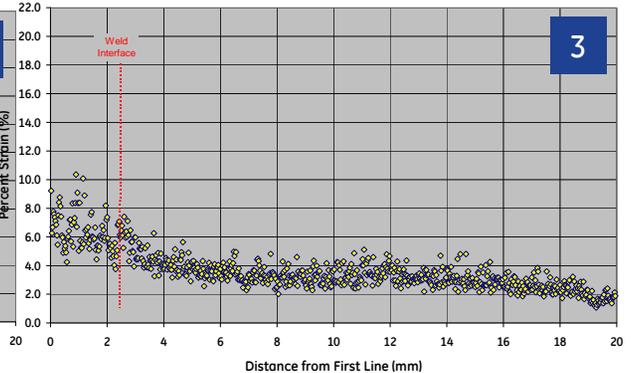
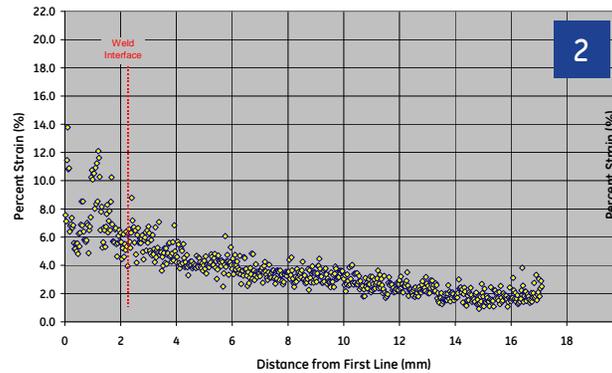
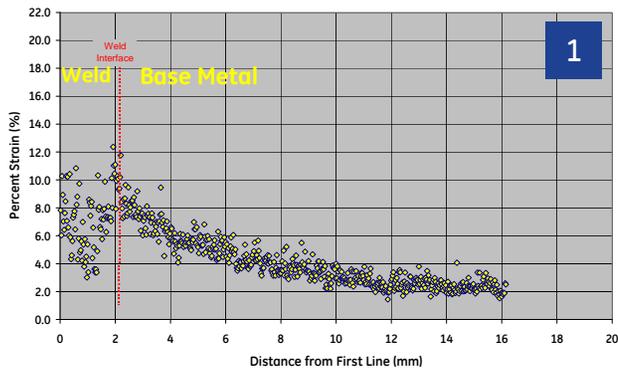


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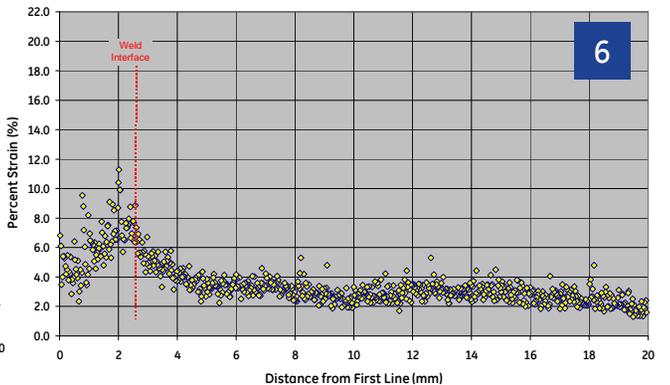
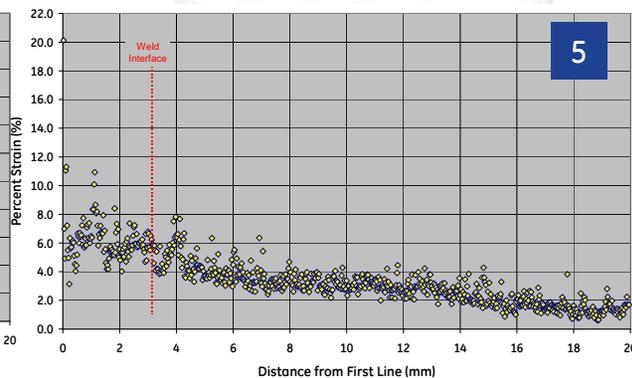
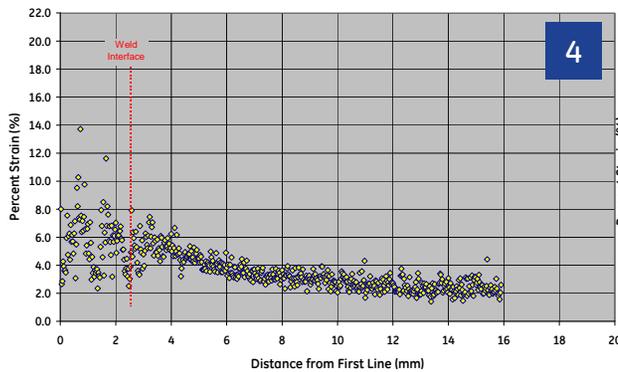
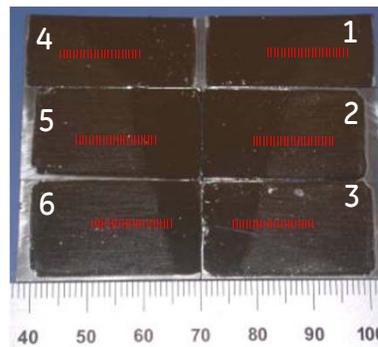


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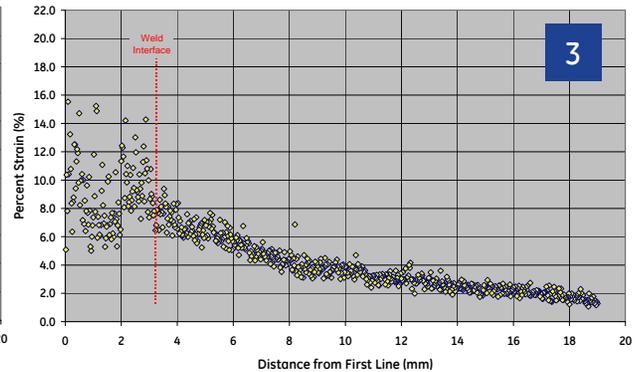
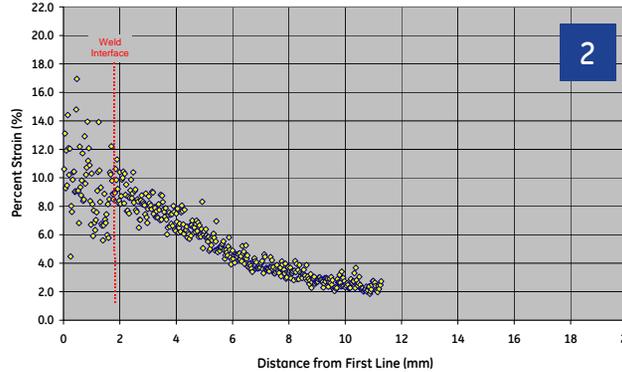
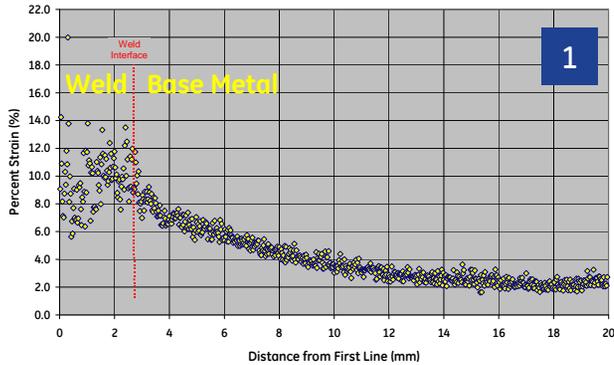
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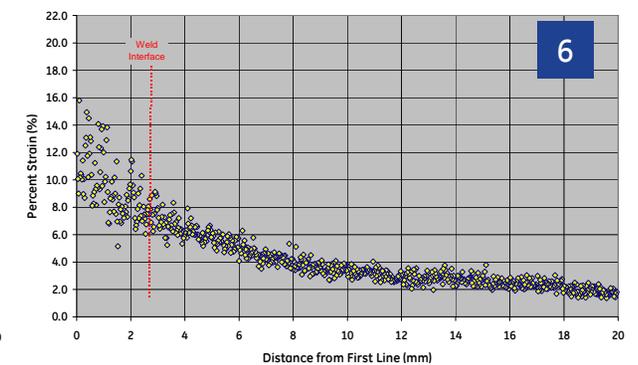
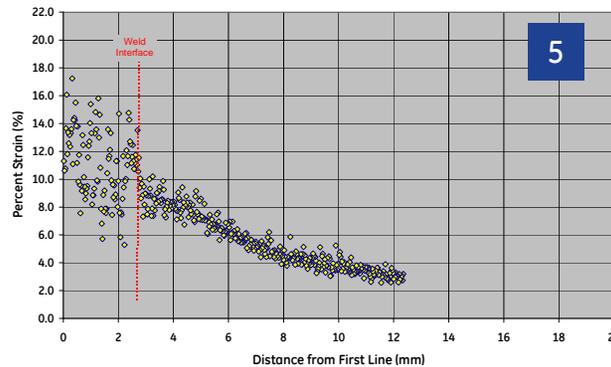
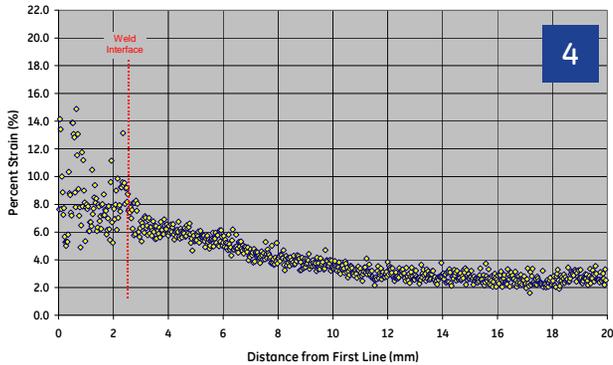
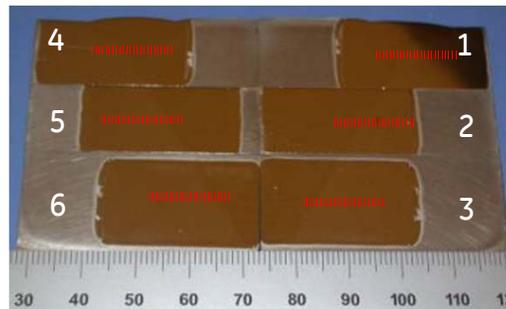
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# Alloy 52 Weld / 690 Base Metal – MLTS-3-Cr Plastic Strain Plots



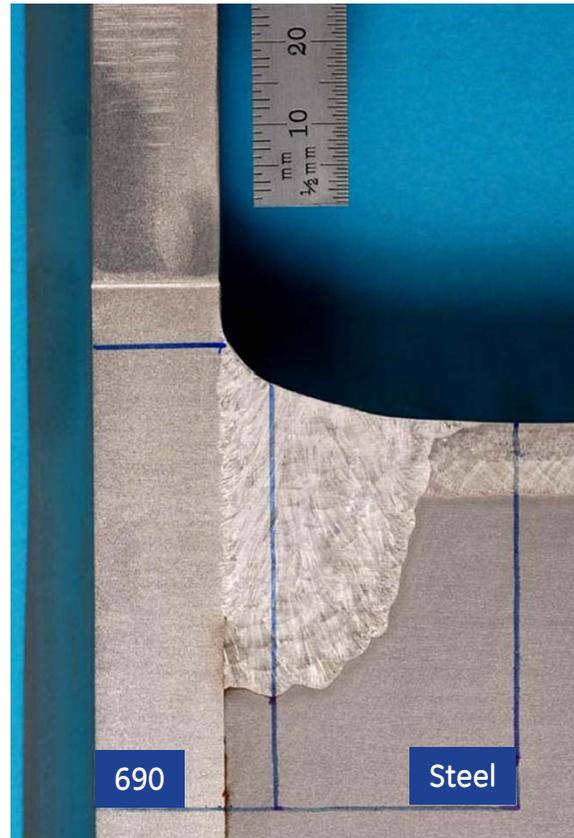
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# Comparison PG&E CRDM J weld mockup Valinox 690 Side

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# J-Groove Mock Up

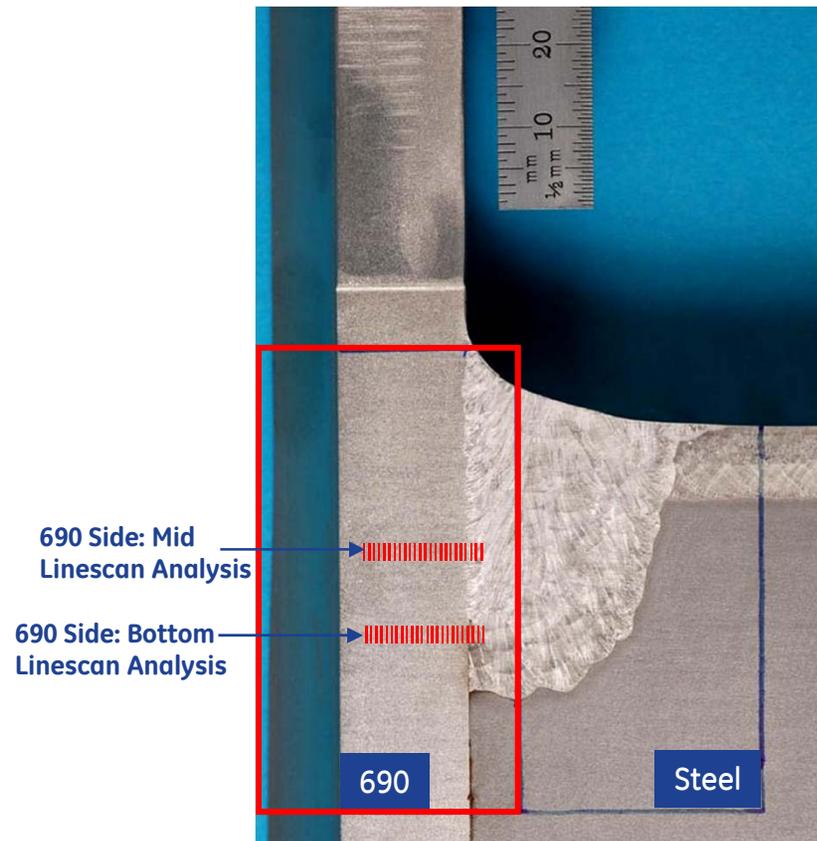


## EBSD Strain Analysis



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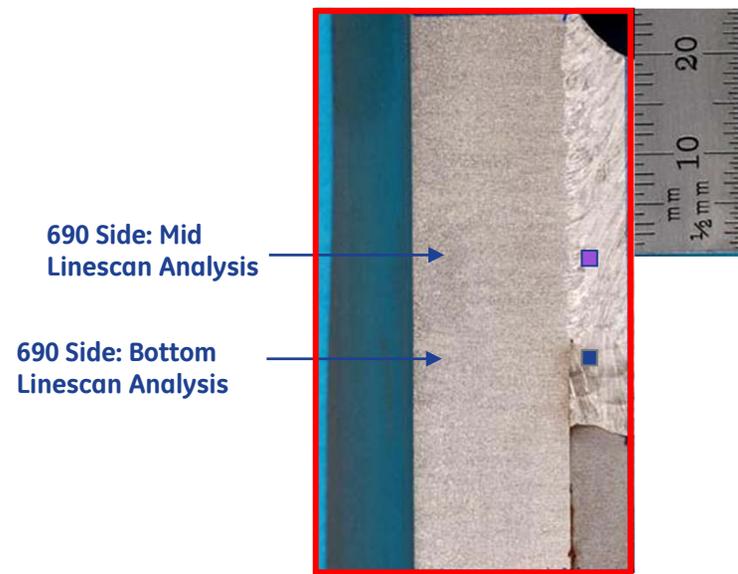
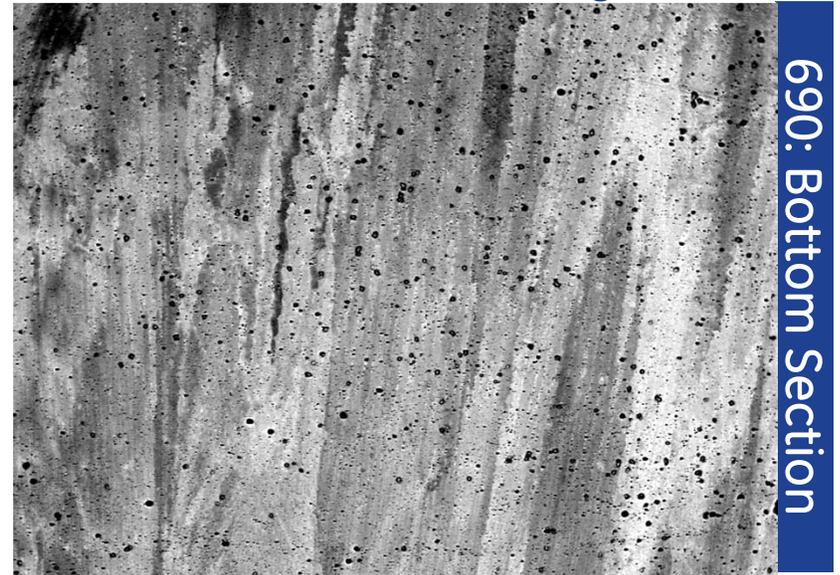
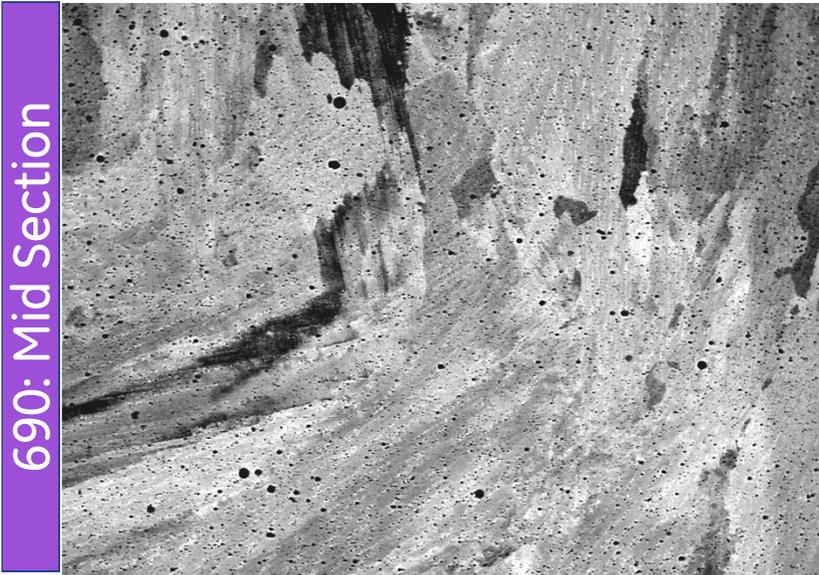
# J-Groove Mock Up



## EBSD Strain Analysis – 690 Side

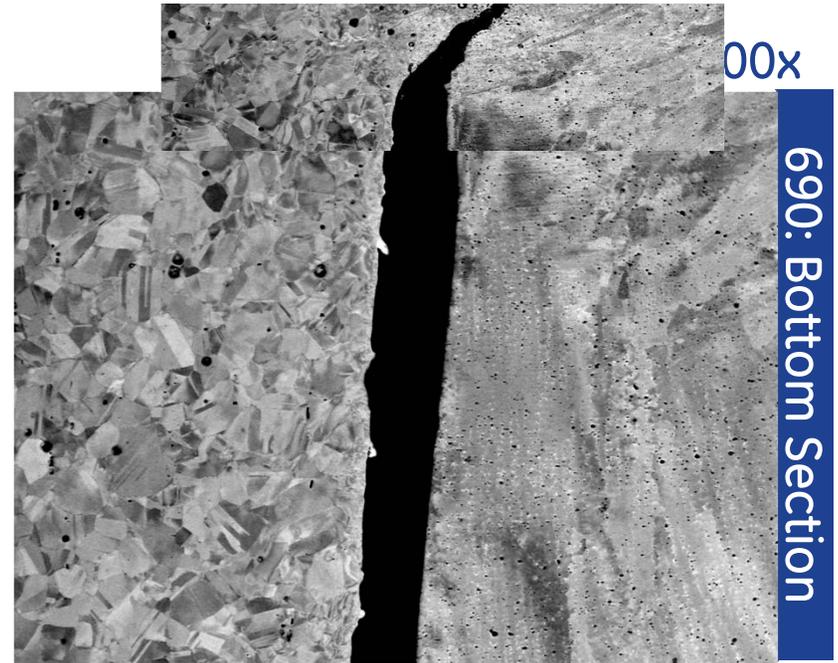
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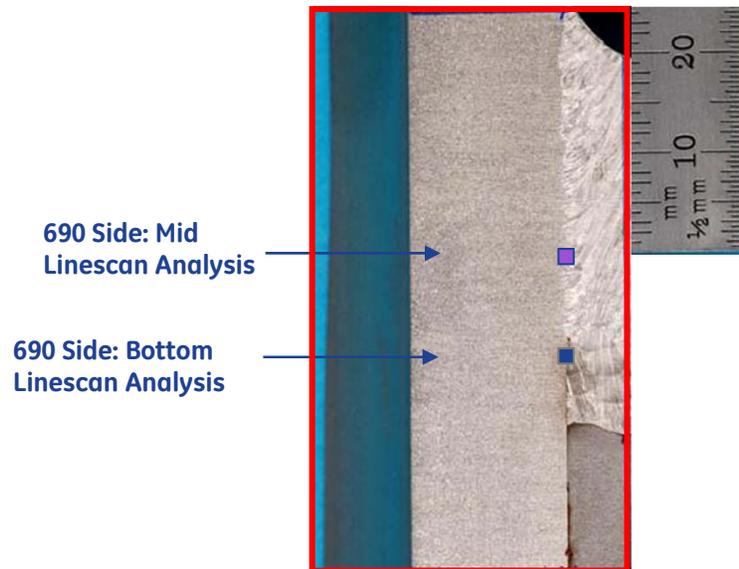


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# J-Groove Weld - 690 Side: Interface



↑  
Gap in the material at the interface.

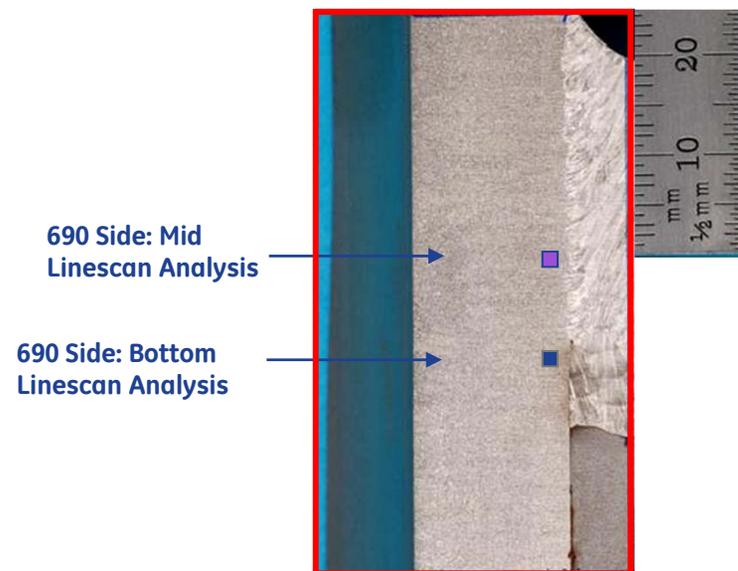
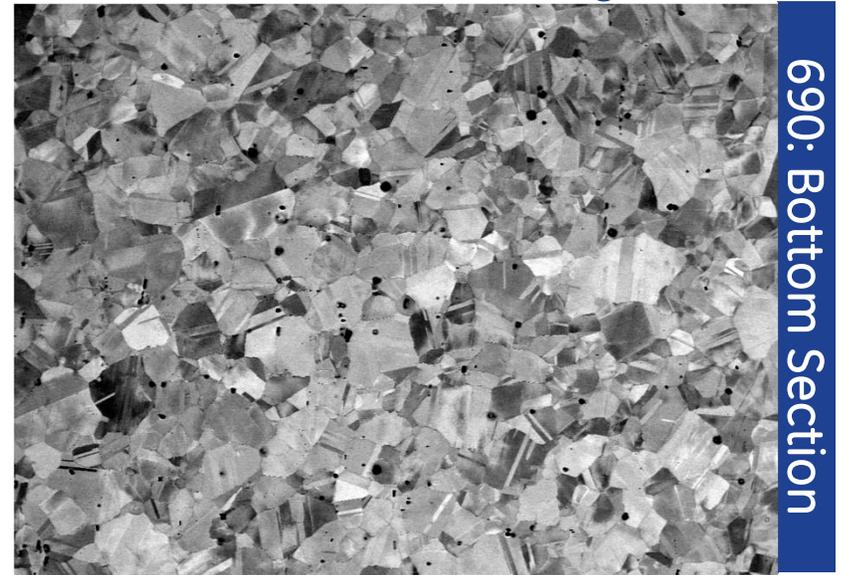
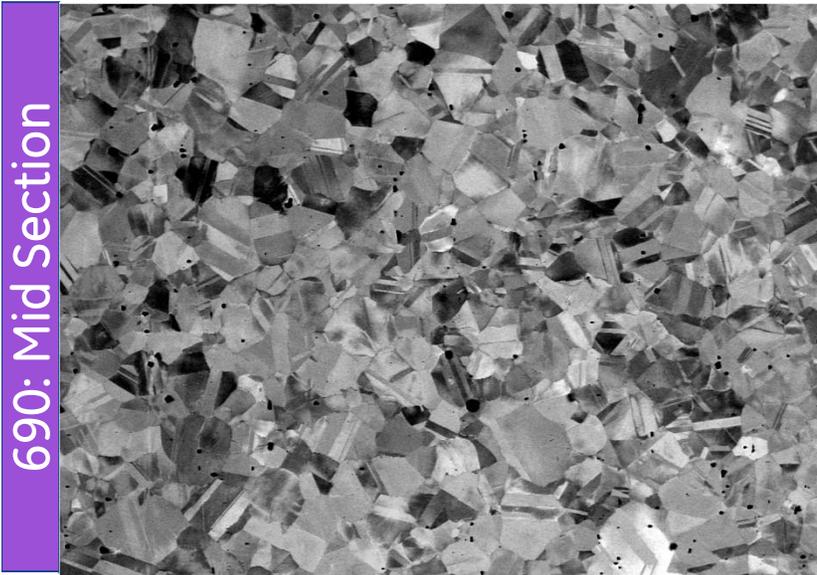


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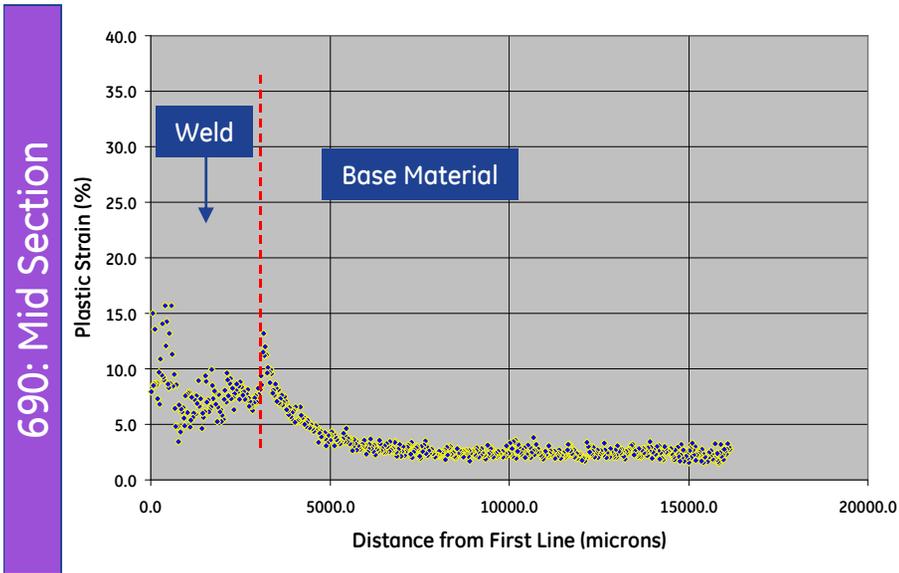
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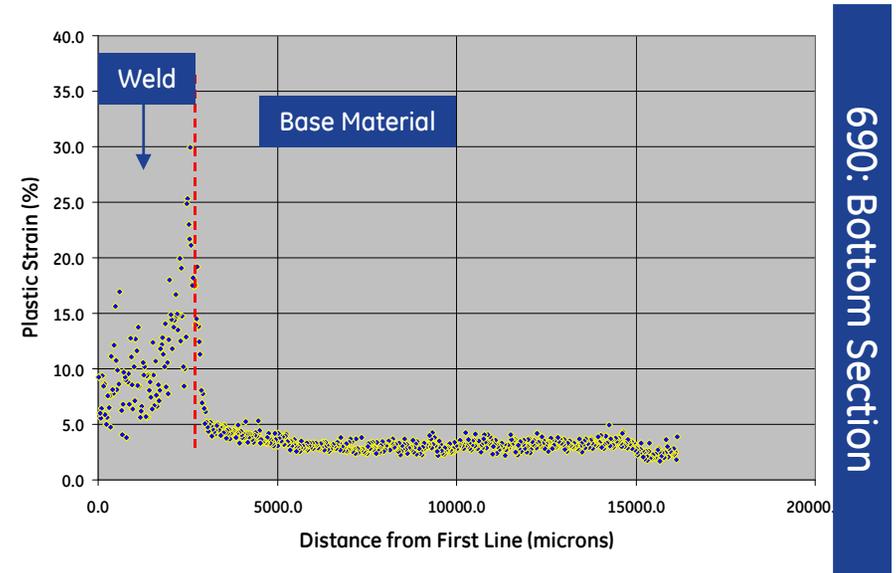


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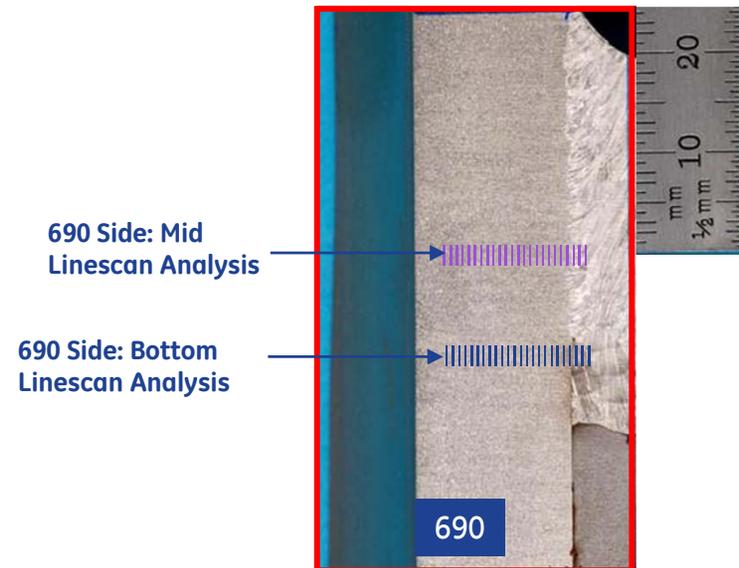
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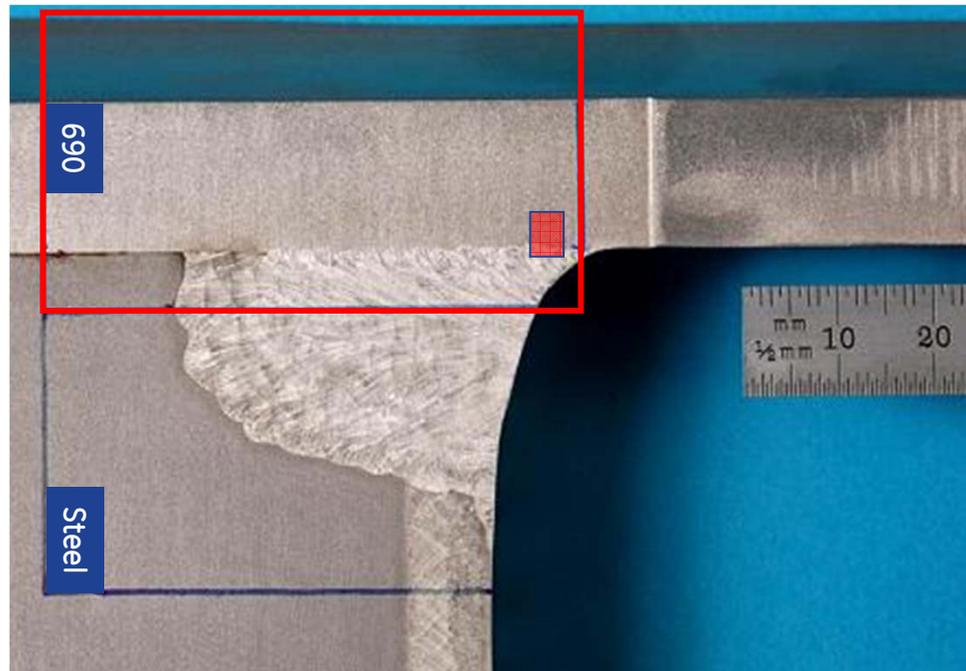
## Plastic Strain vs. Distance



Sharp rise in plastic strain in alloy 690 (30%) at the interface near lack of fusion region.



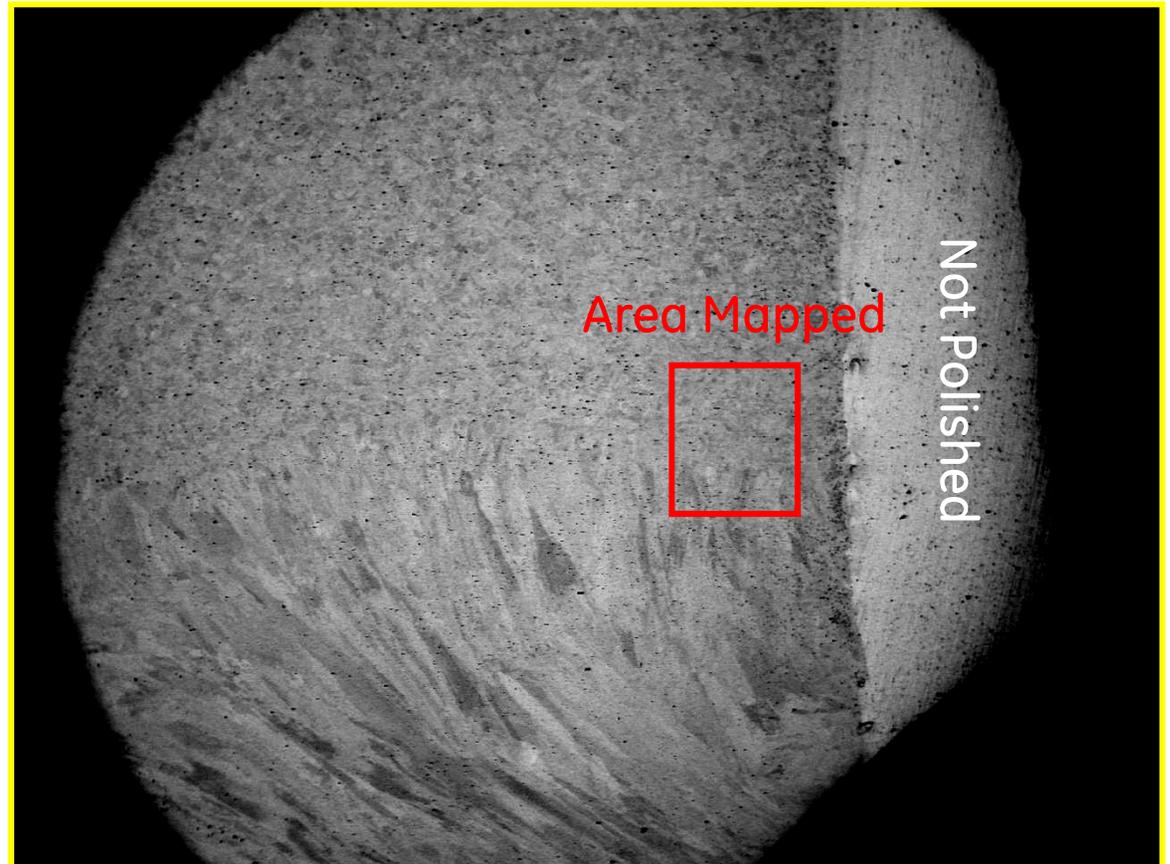
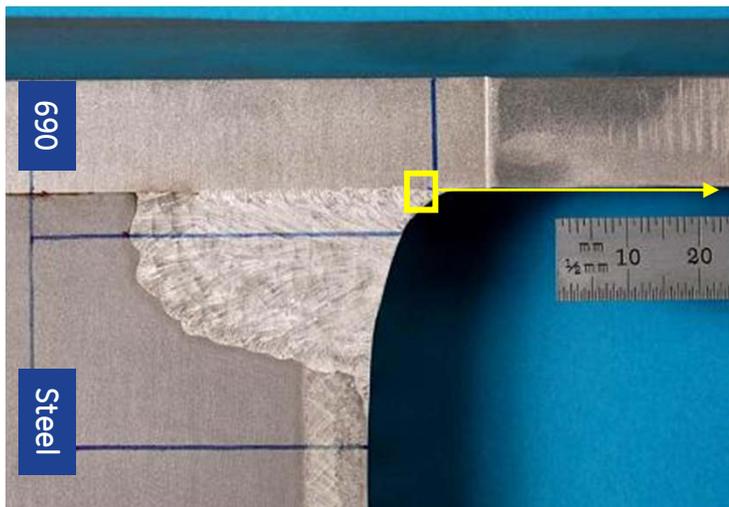
# J-Groove Weld



## EBSD Map Analysis – 690 Side

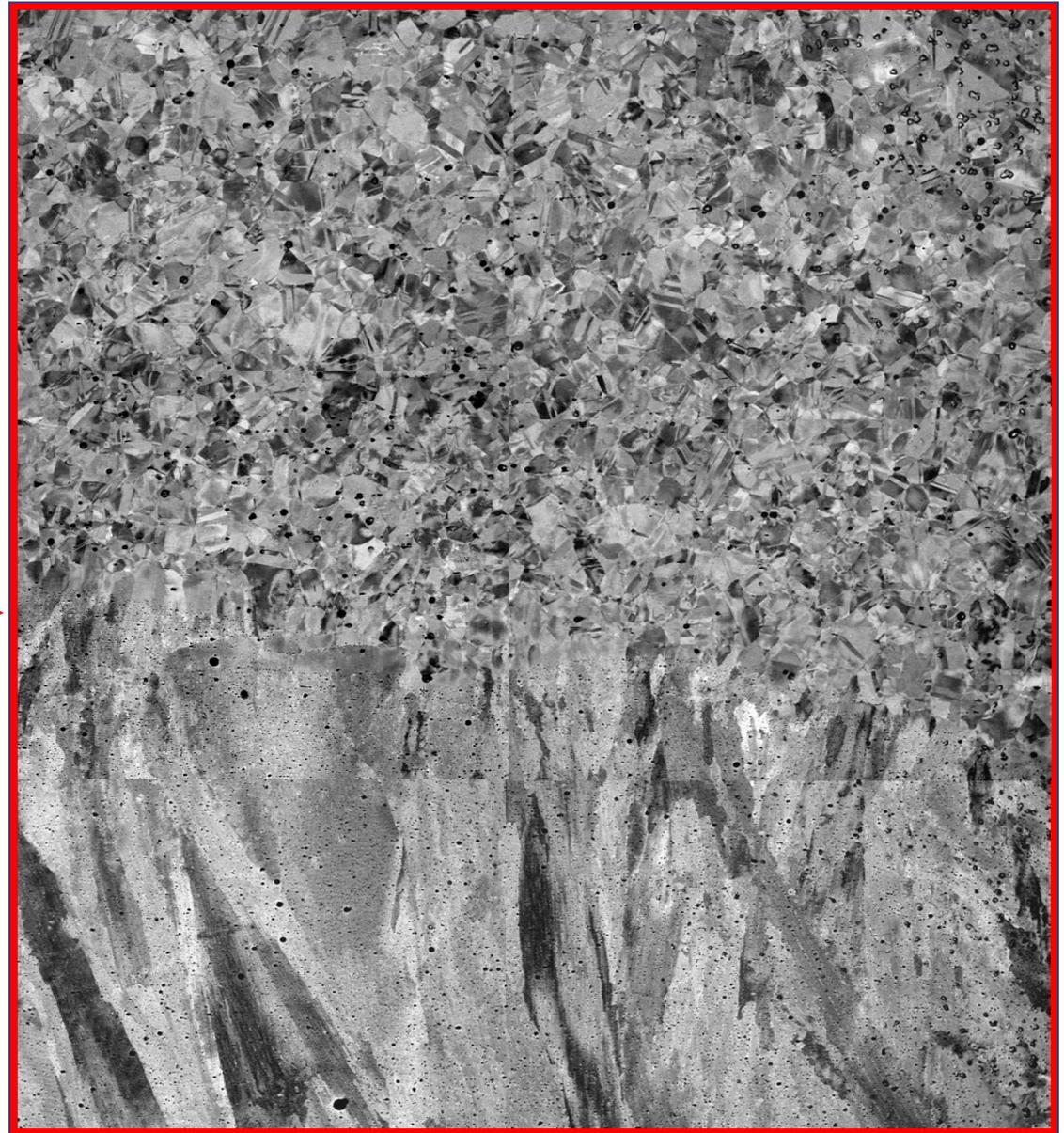
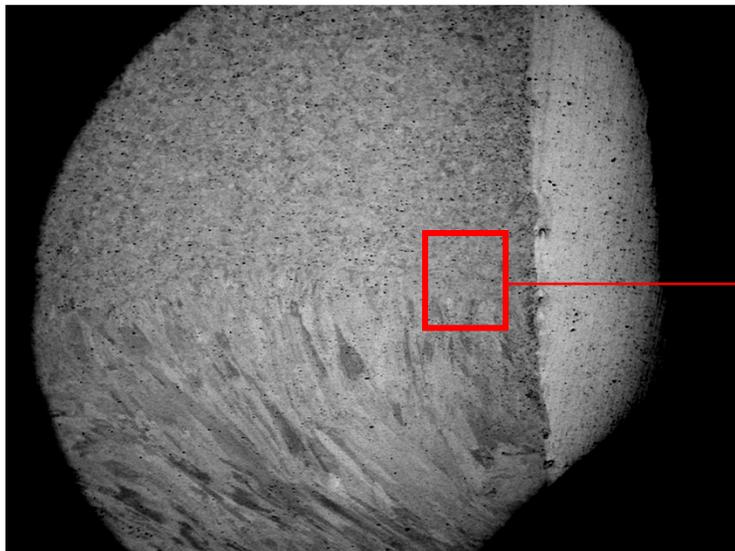
# J-Groove Weld - 690 Side: Mapped Region

BSE Images: 15x



# J-Groove Weld - 690 Side: Mapped Region

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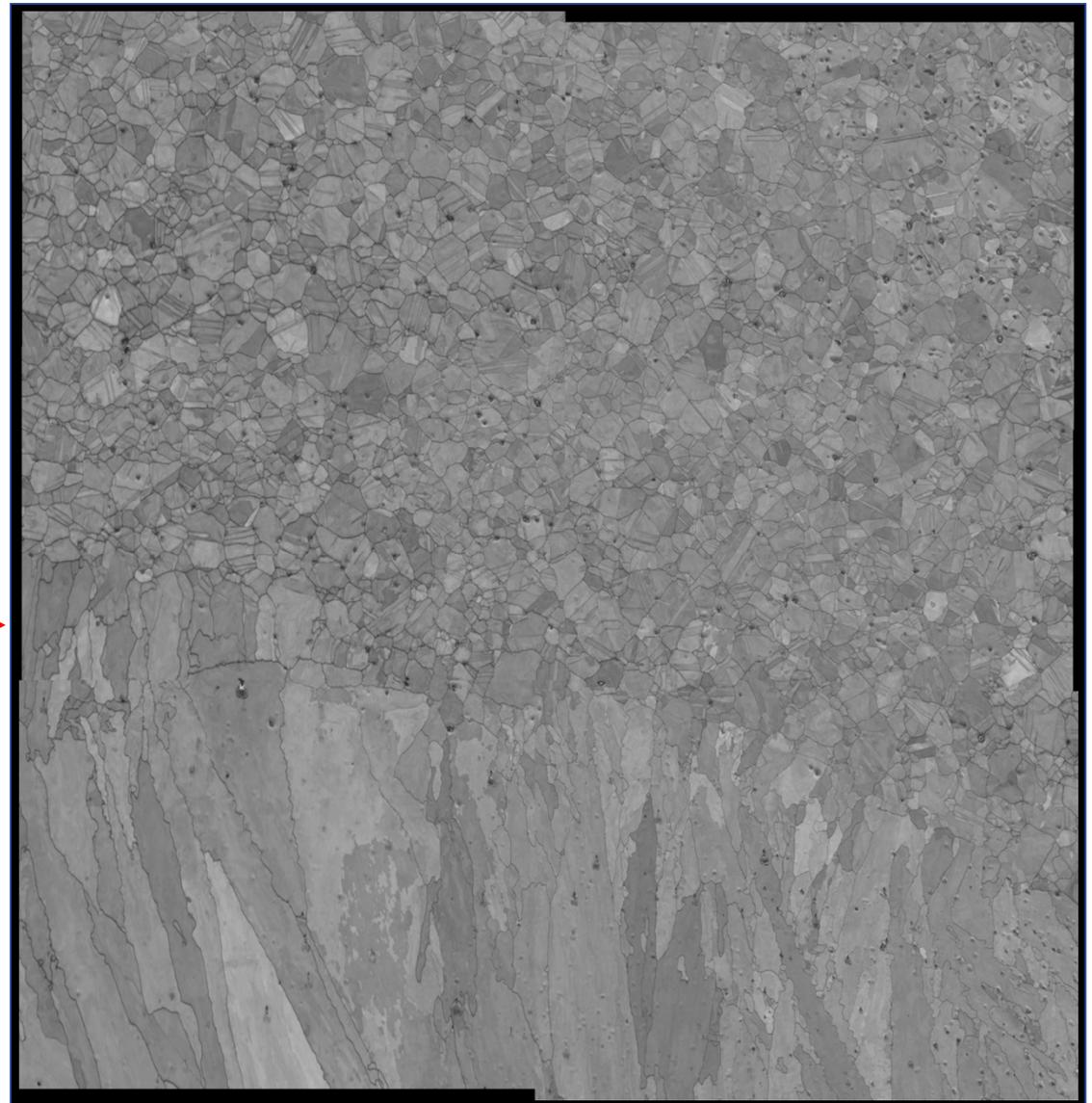
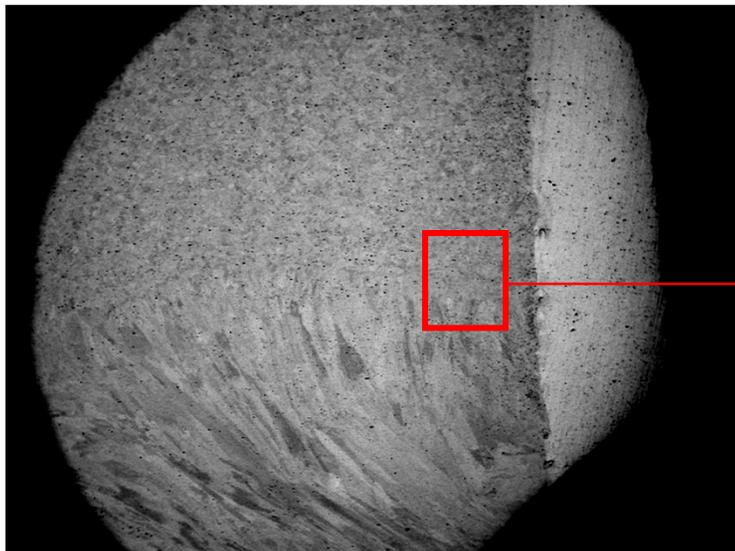


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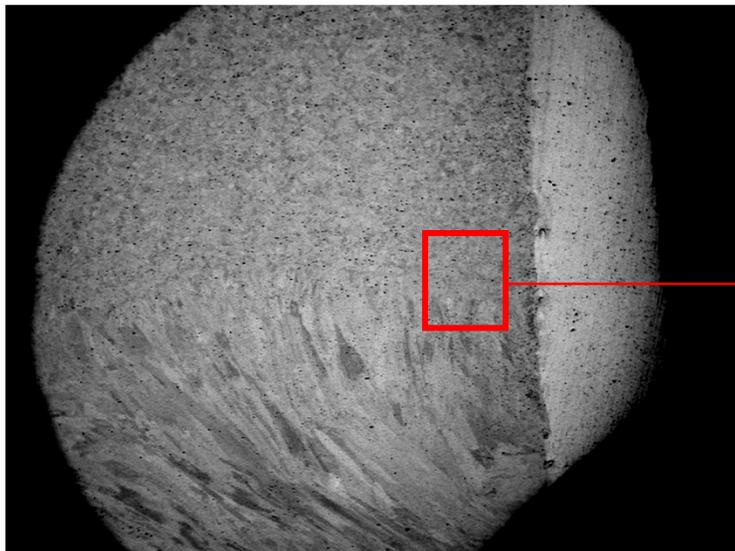
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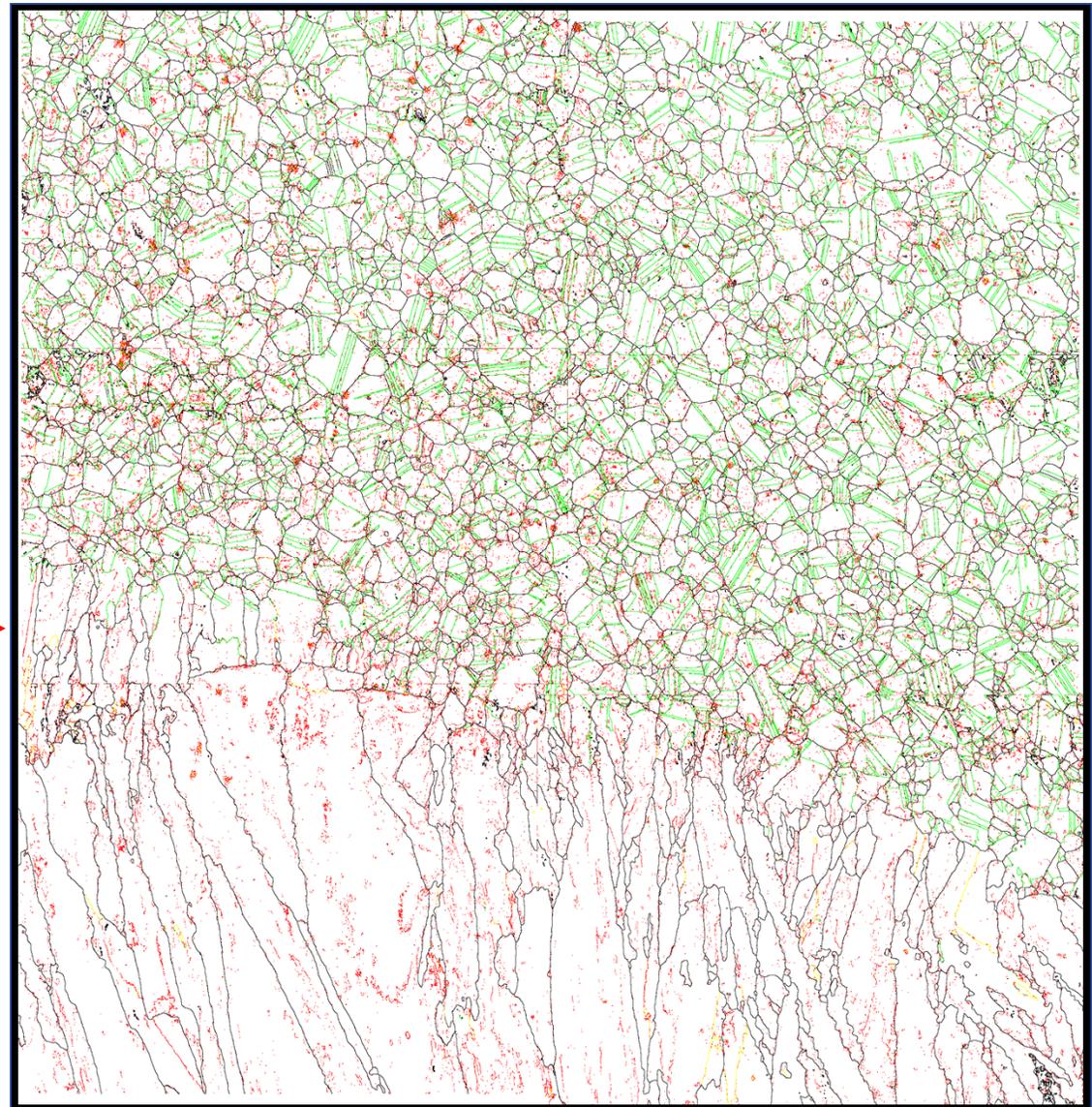
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# J-Groove Weld - 690 Side: Mapped Region

# Boundary Map



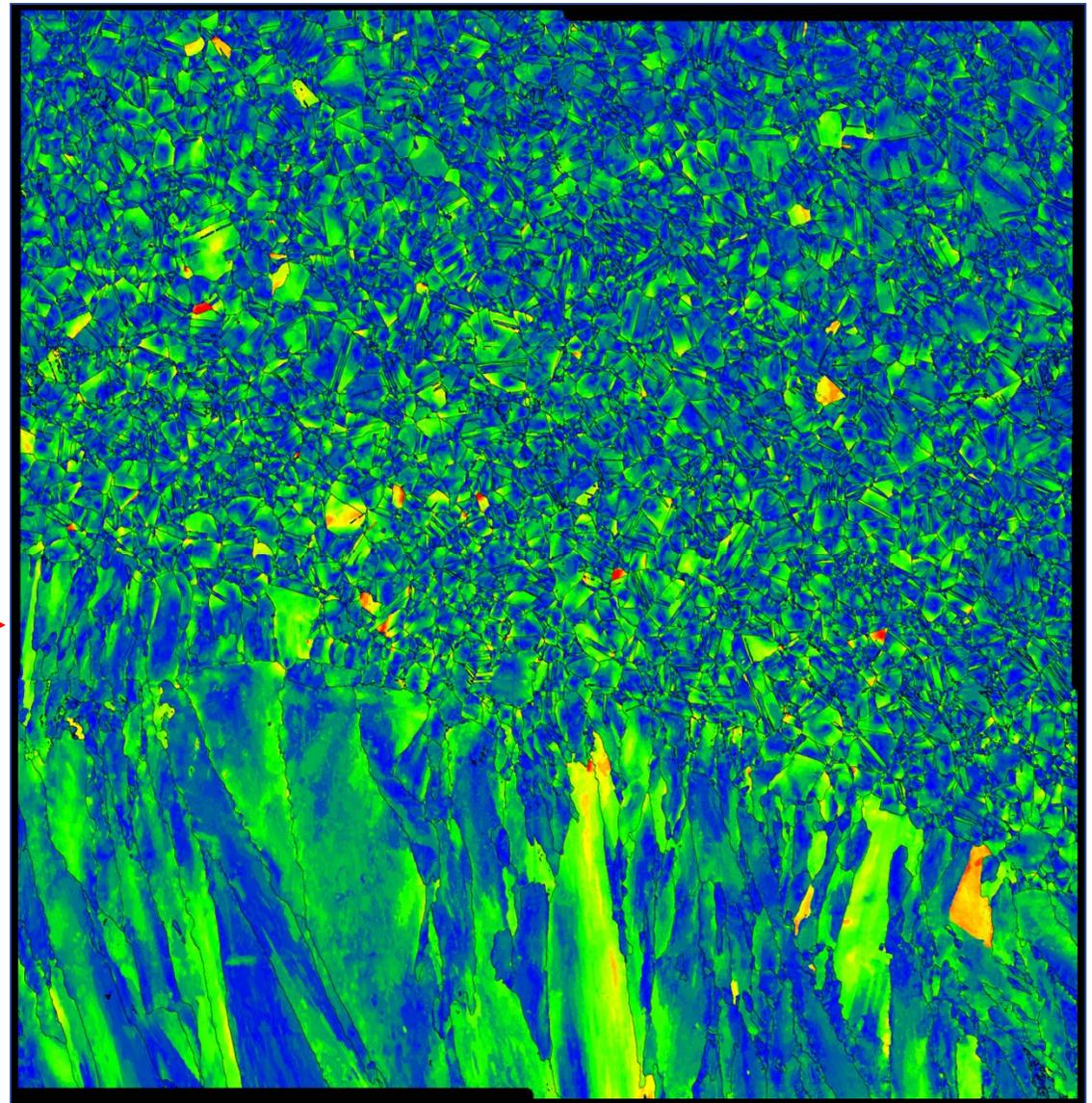
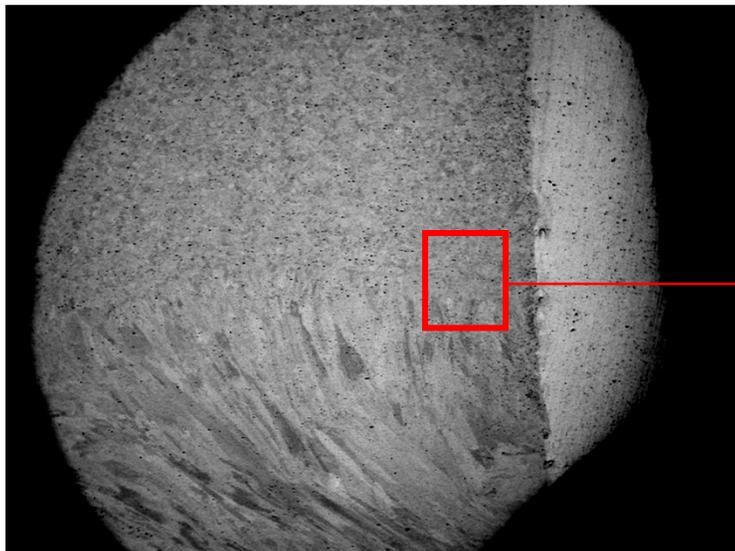
Red =  $1.5^\circ < \theta < 3^\circ$   
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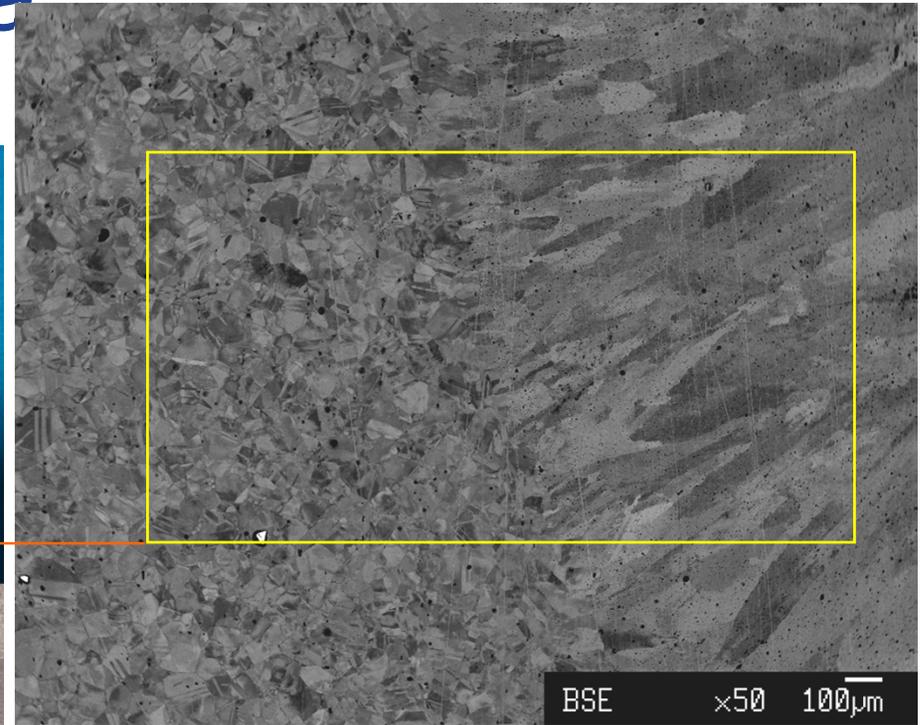
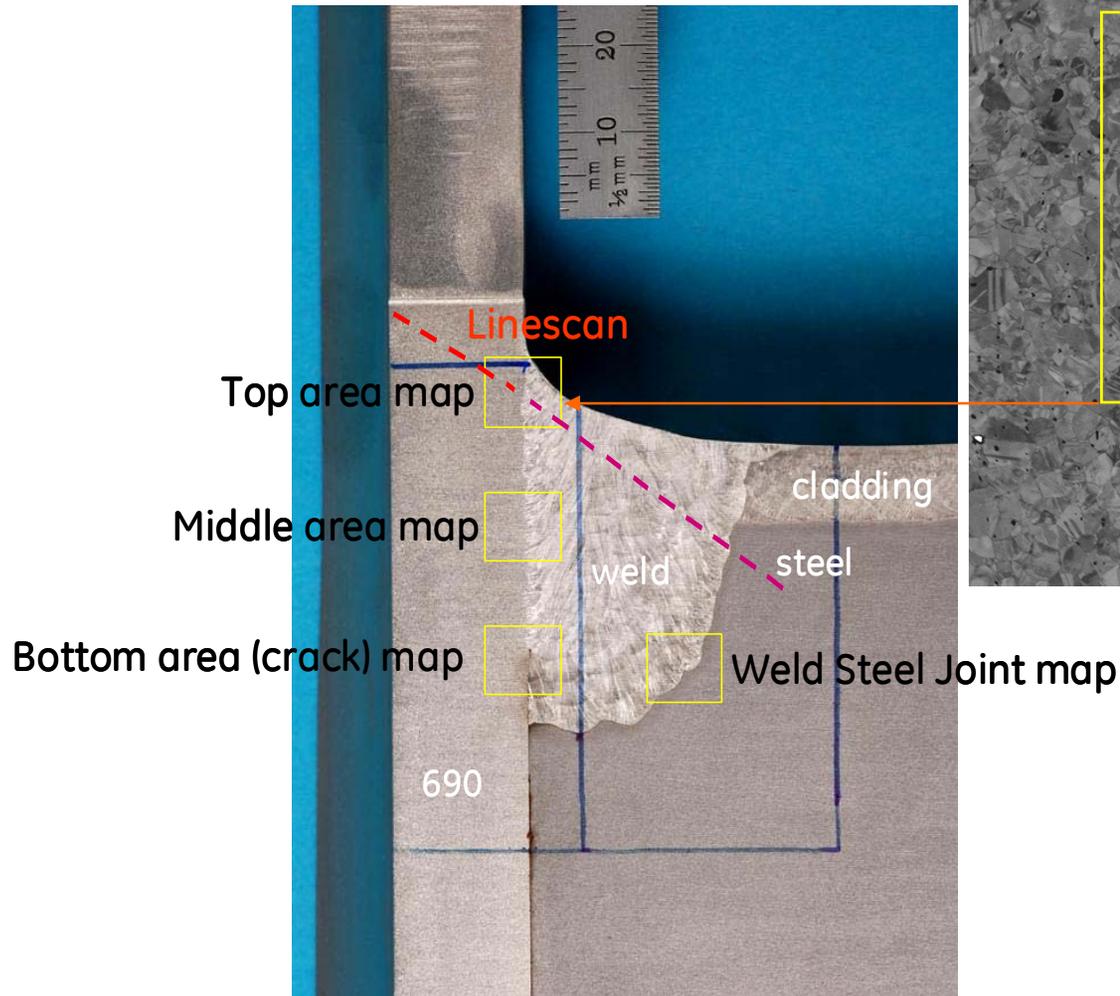
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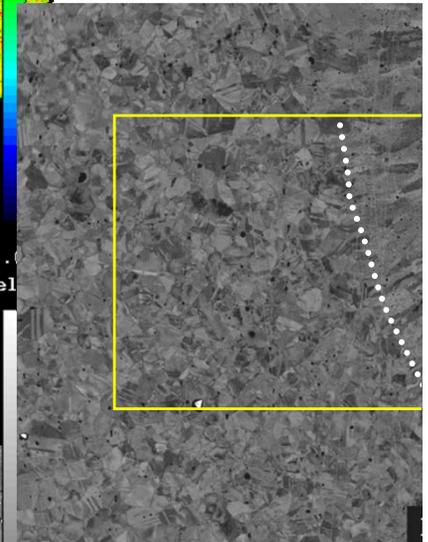
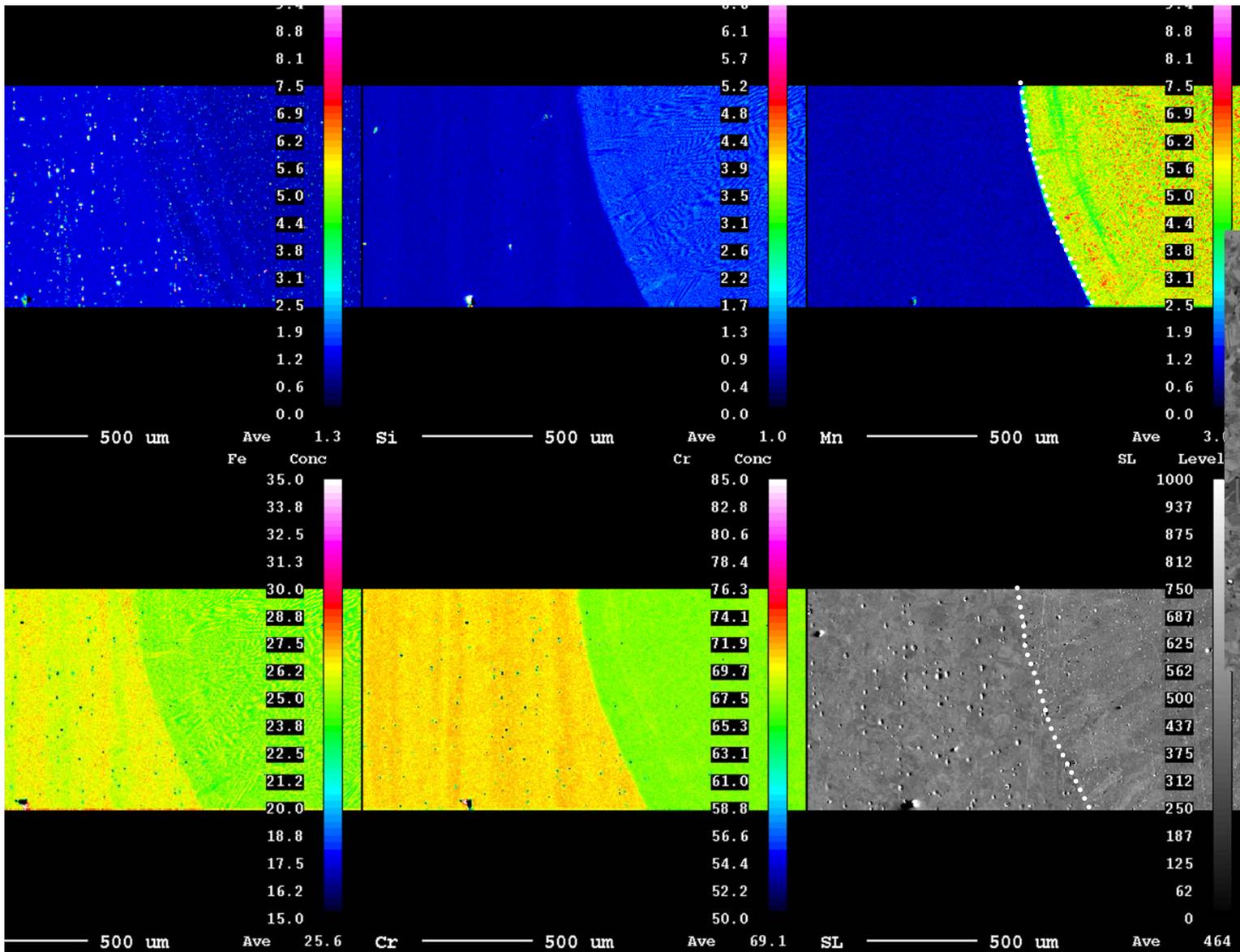
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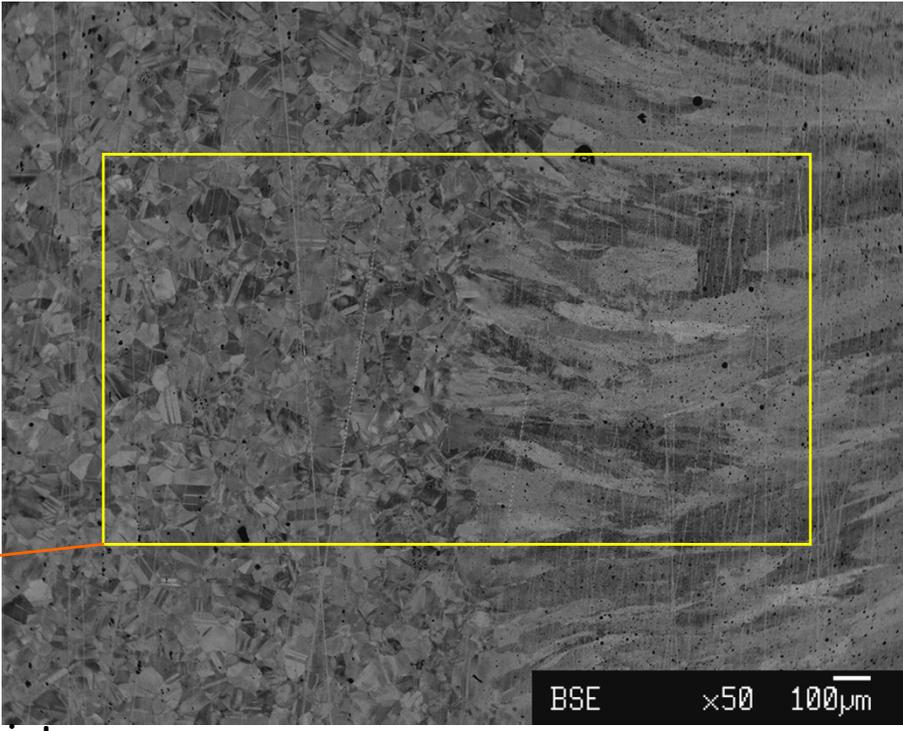
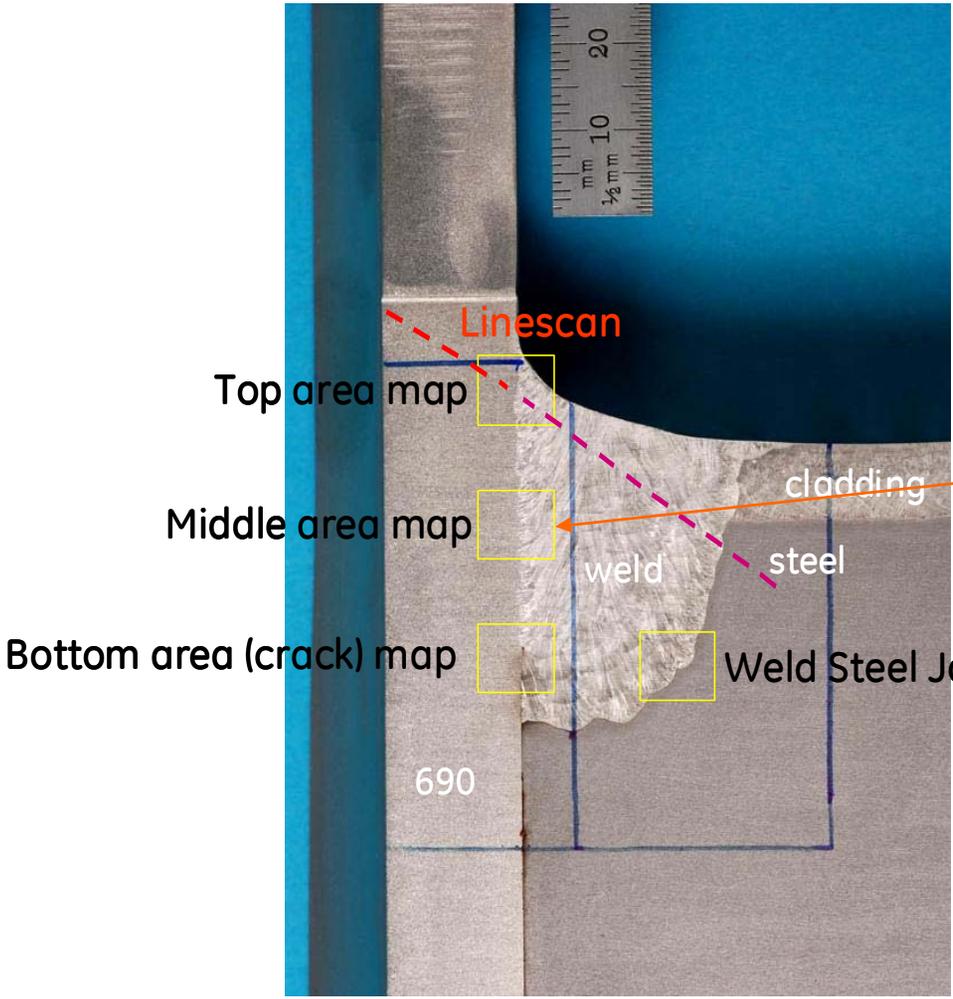
# J-Groove- Top area



yellow box shows  
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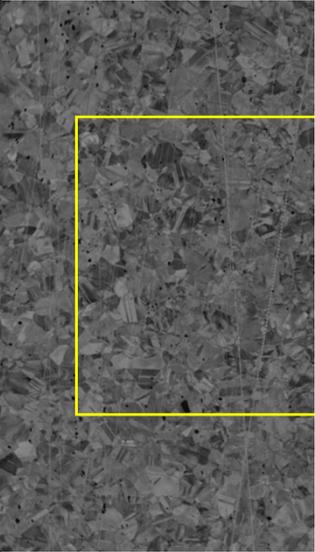
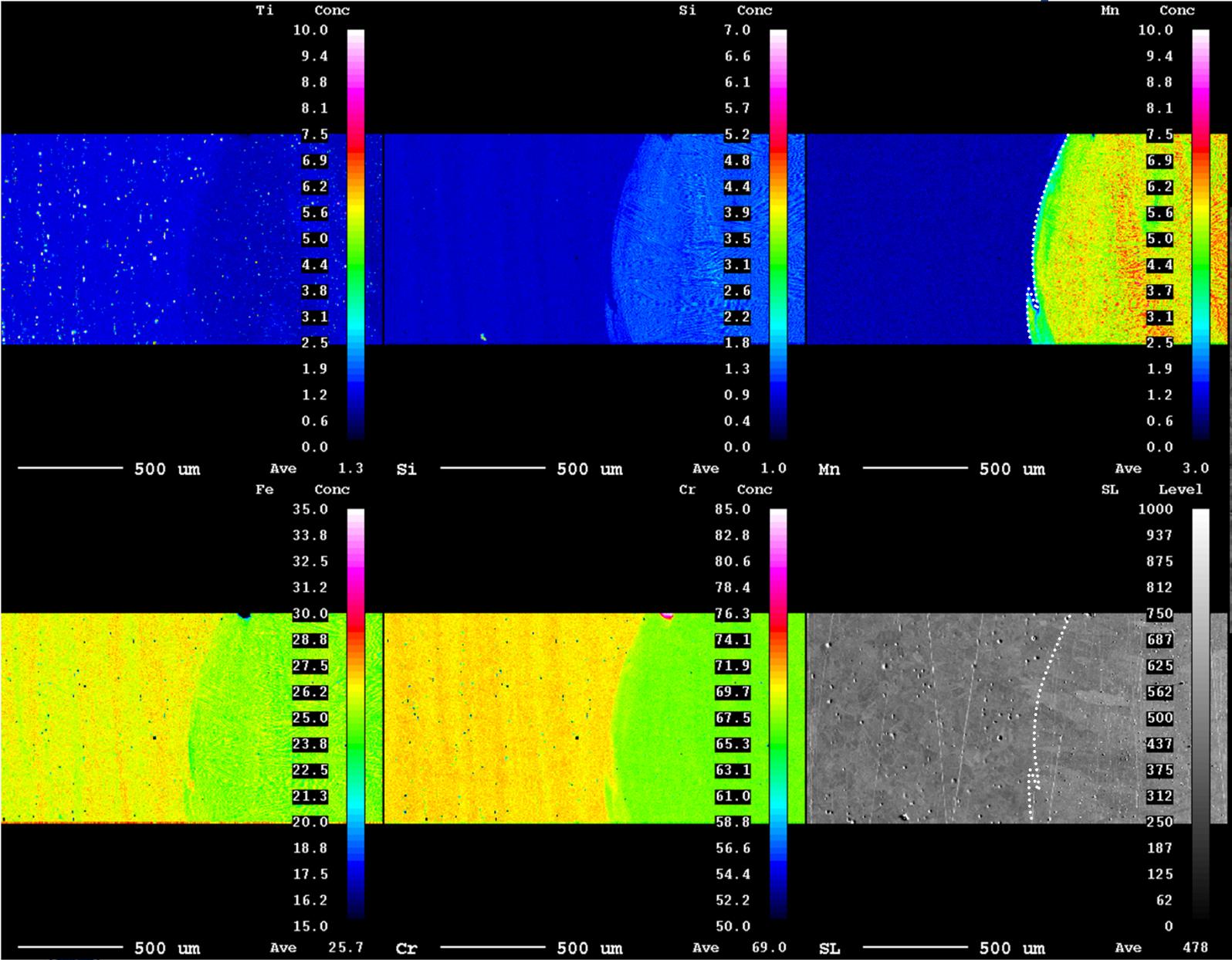


# J-Groove- Middle area- Map



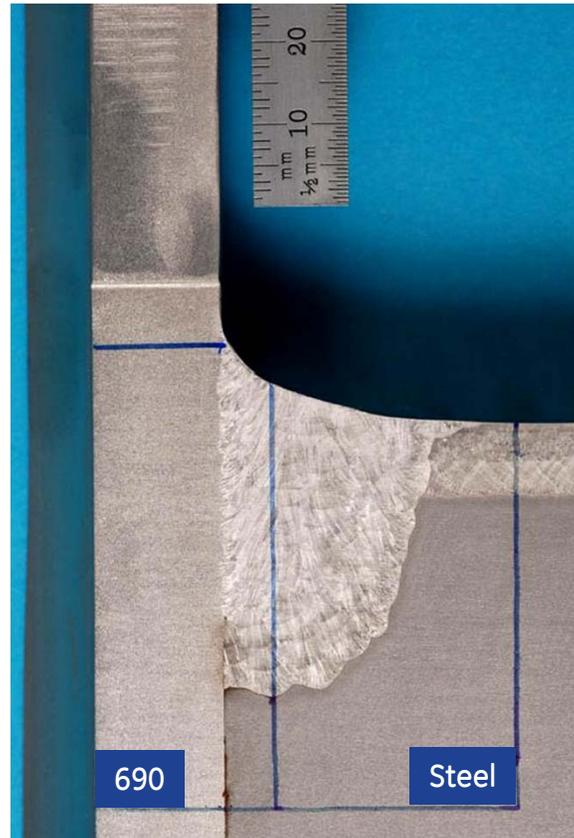
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# J-Groove- Middle area- Map



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# J-Groove Weld



## EBSD Strain Analysis – Steel Side

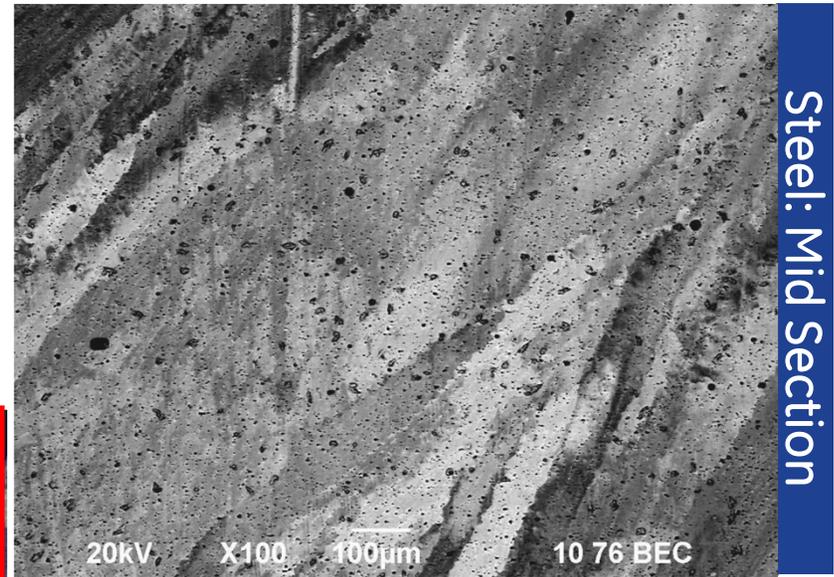
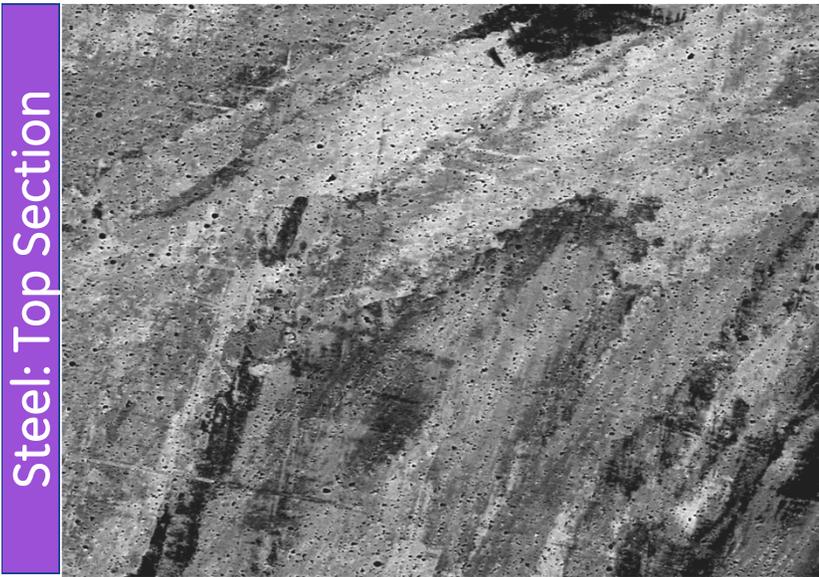


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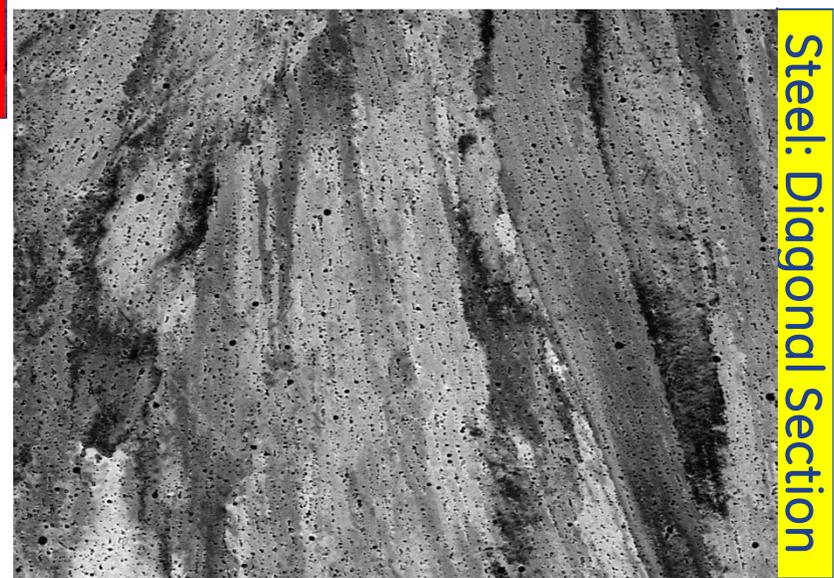
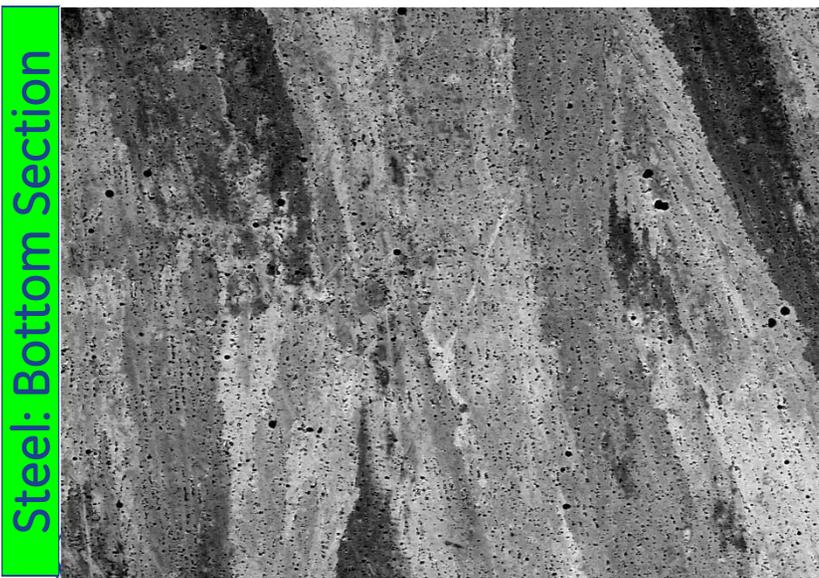
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# J-Groove Weld - Steel Side: 2mm Before Interface

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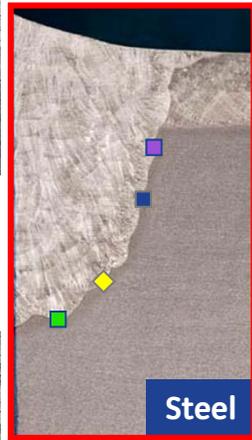
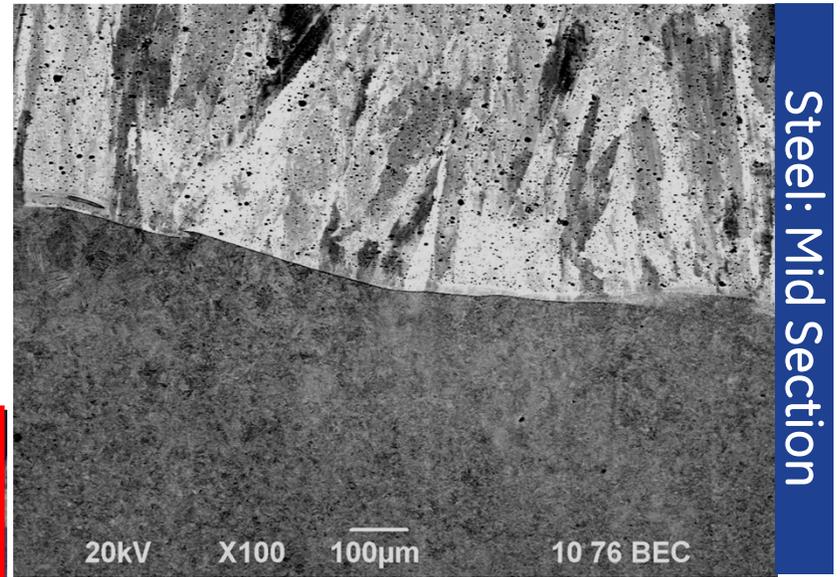
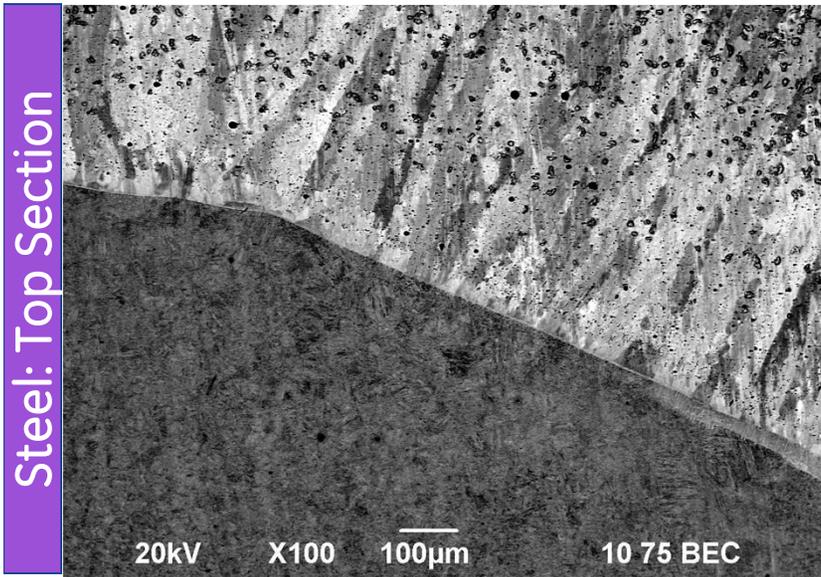


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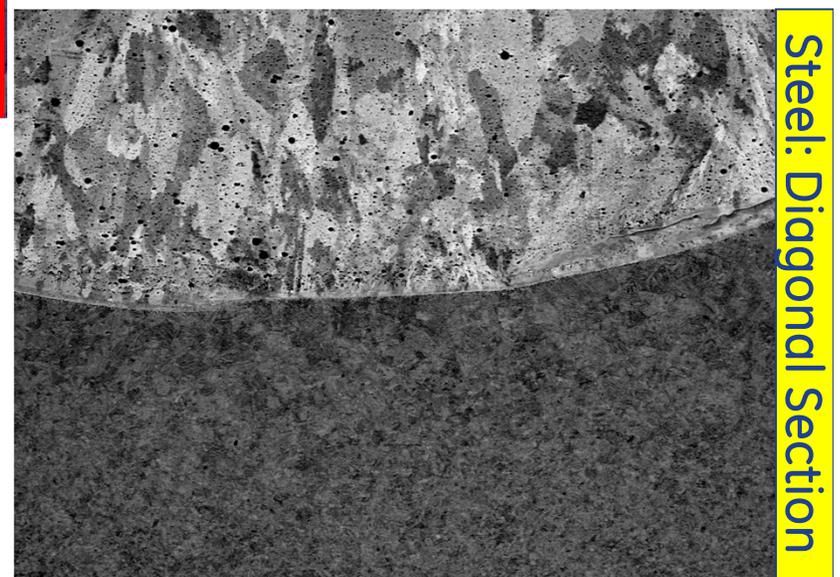
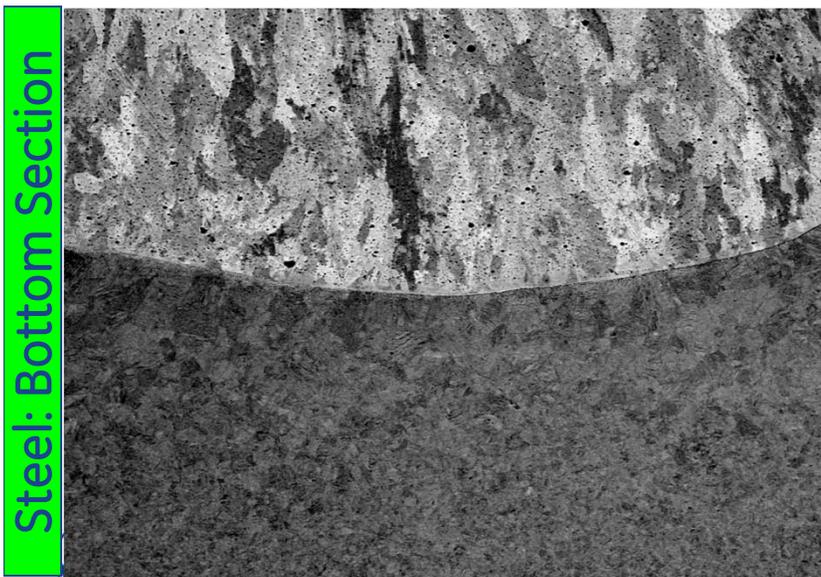


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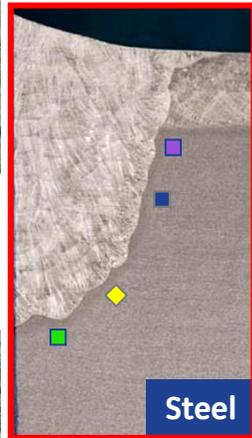
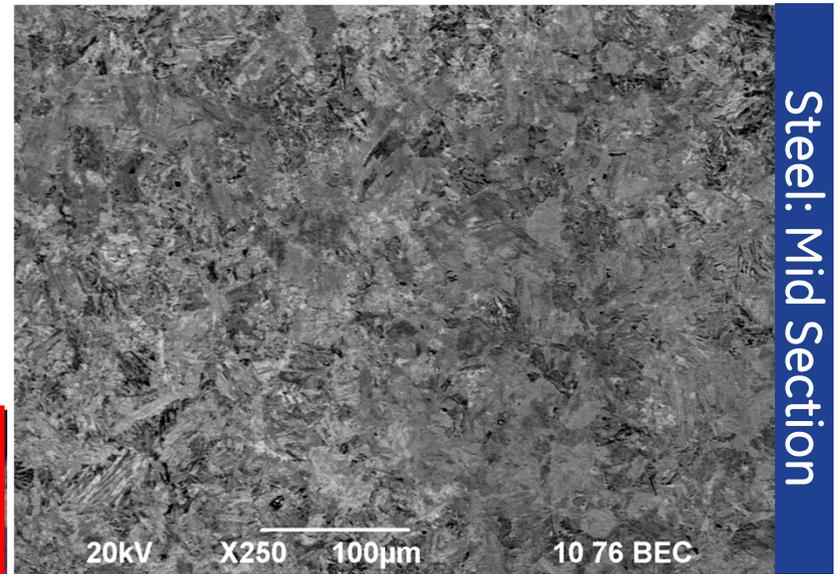
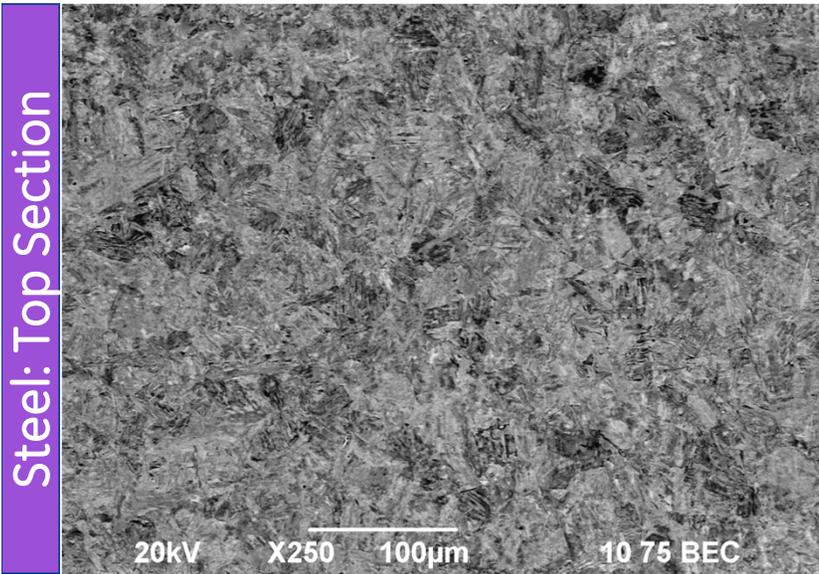


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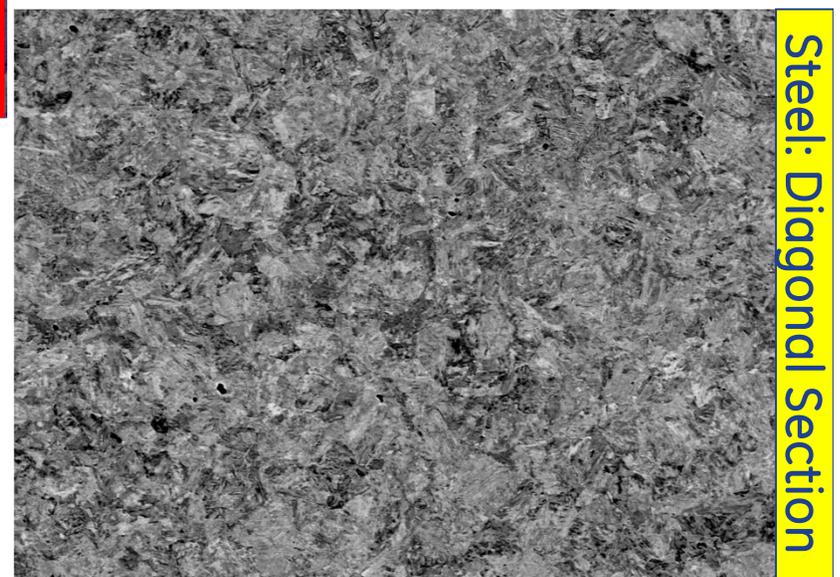
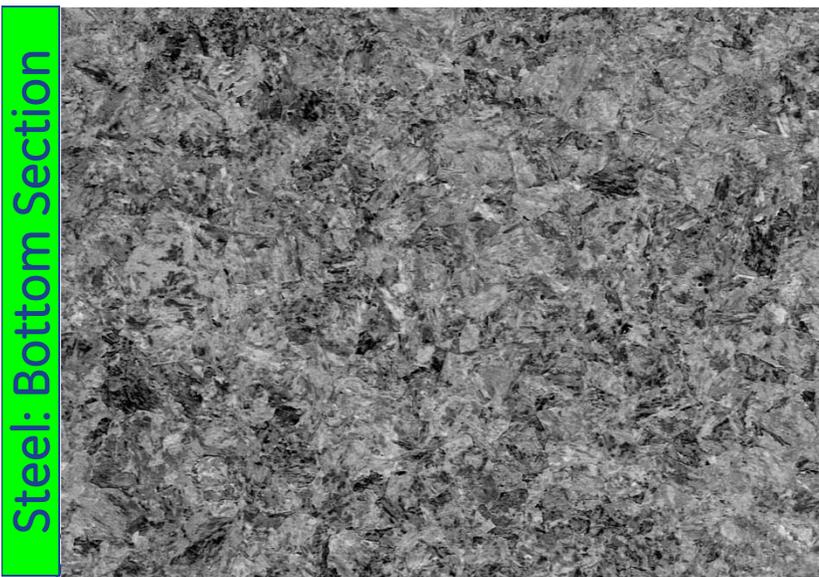


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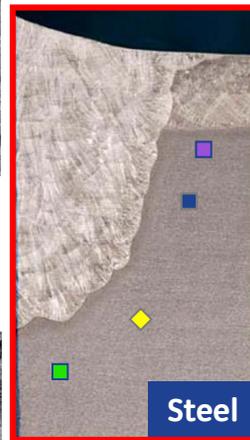
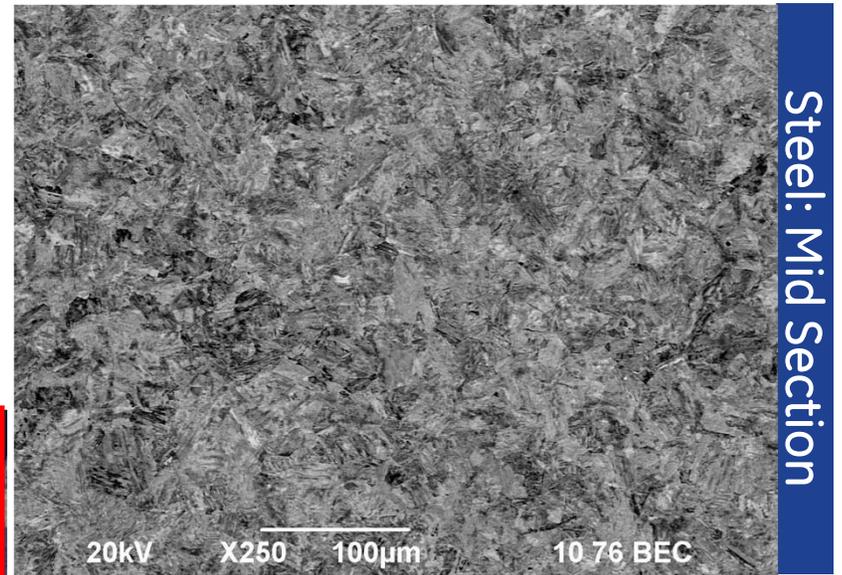
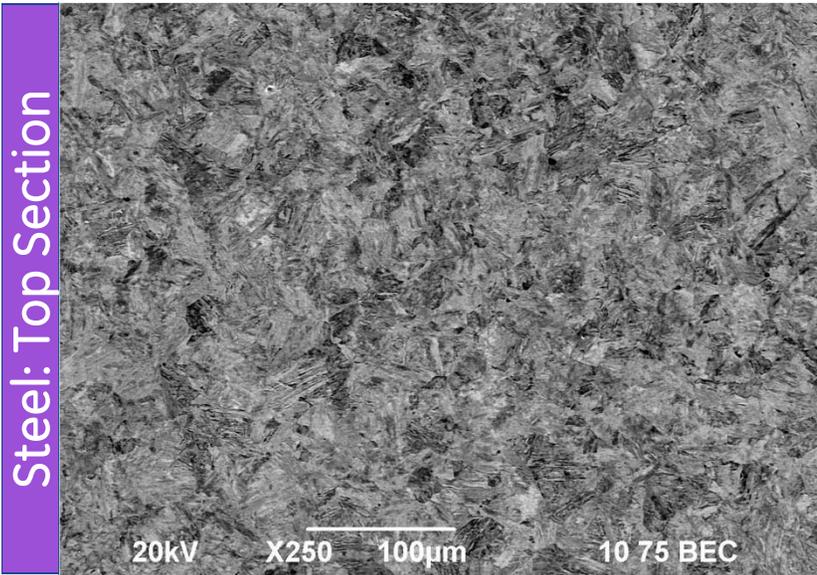


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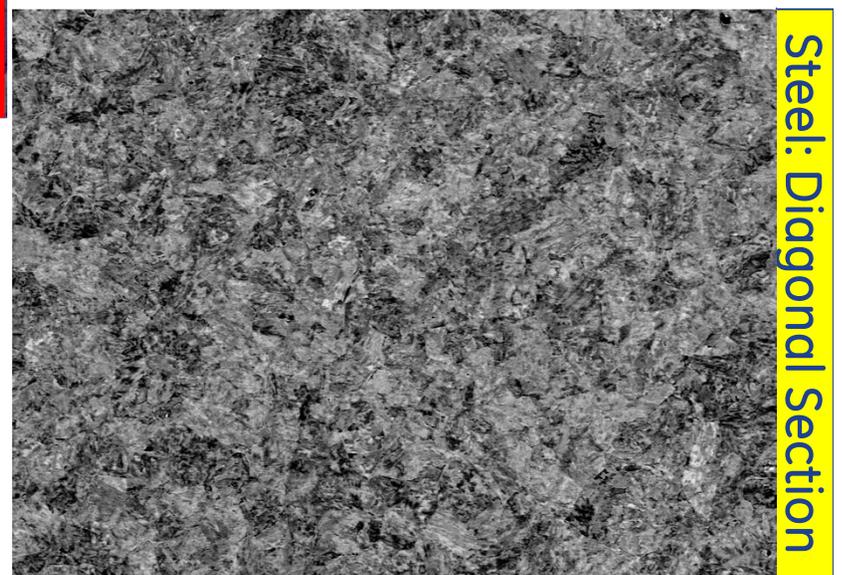
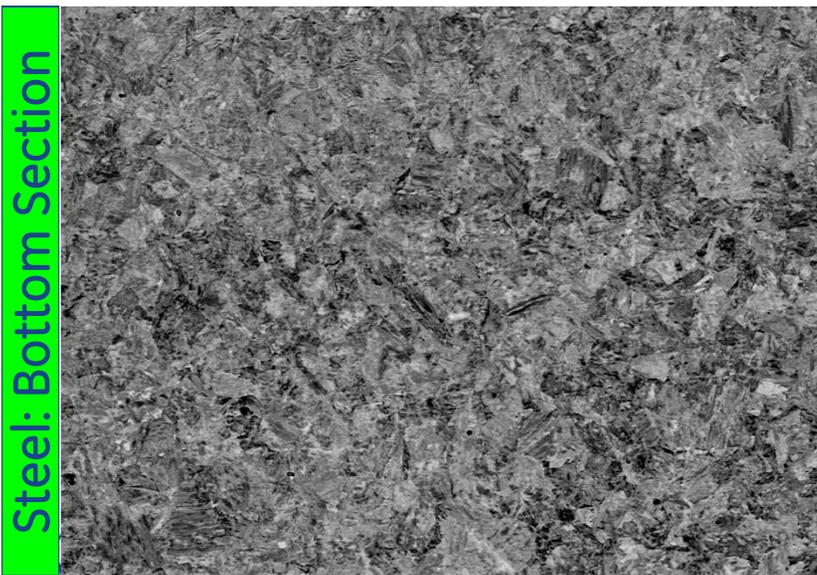


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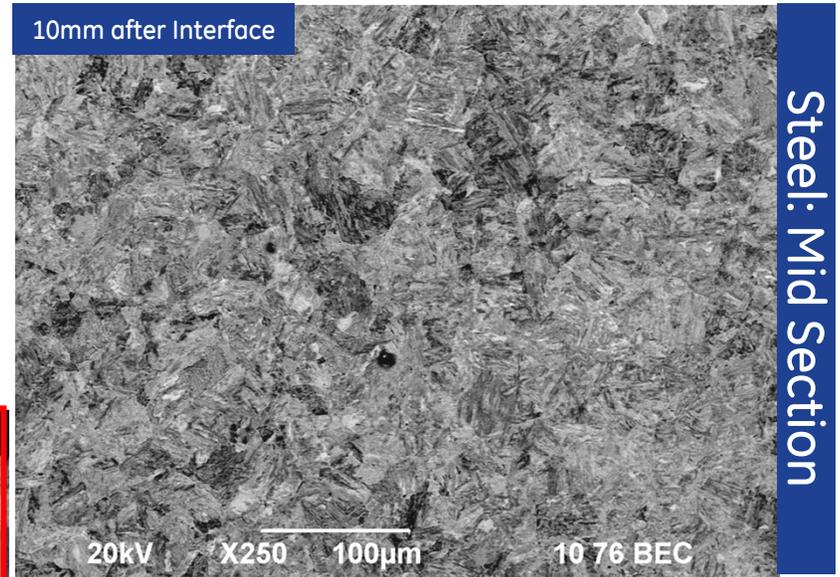
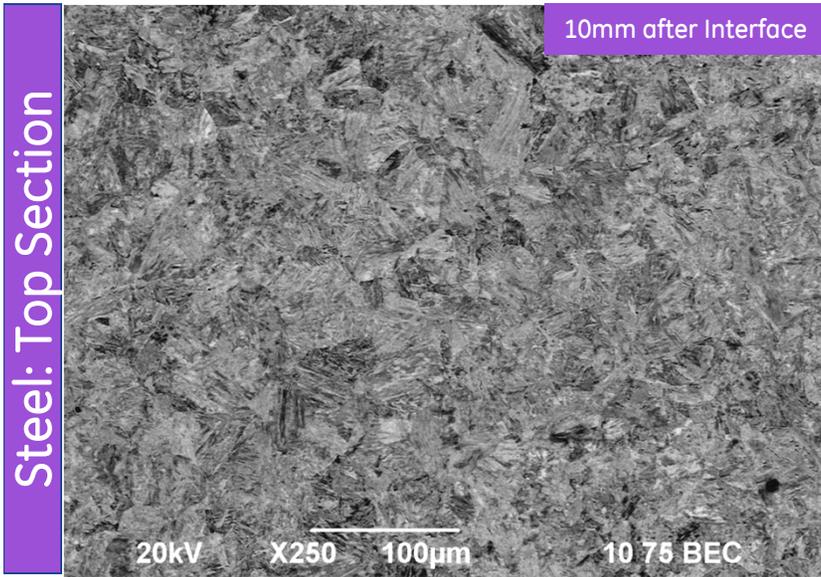


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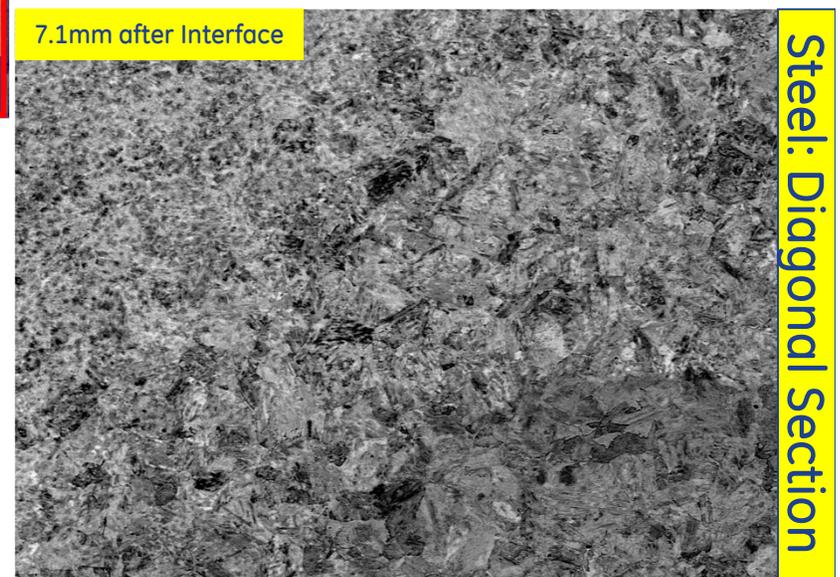
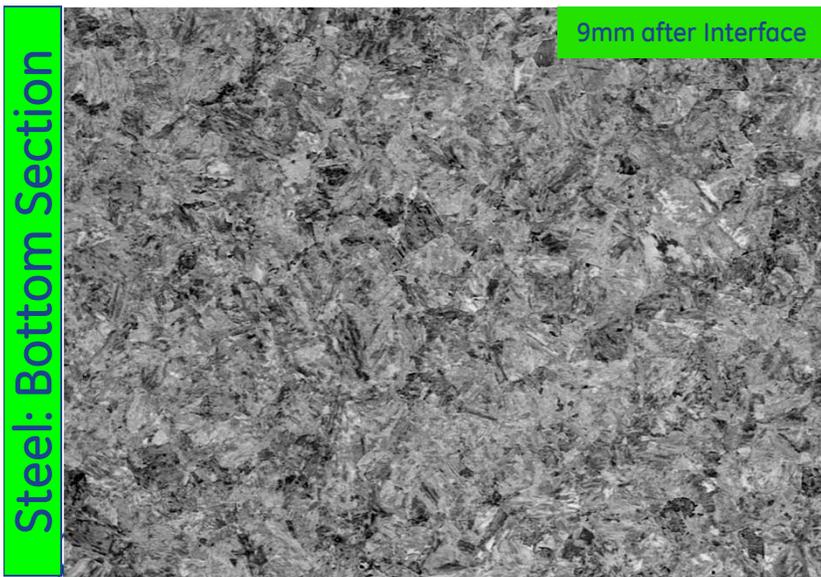


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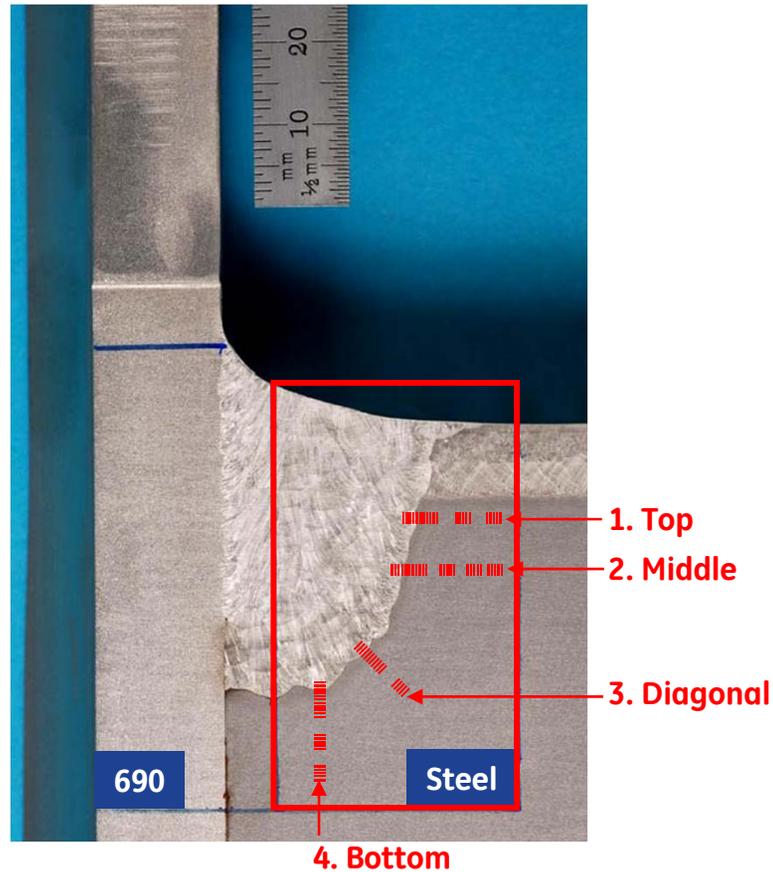
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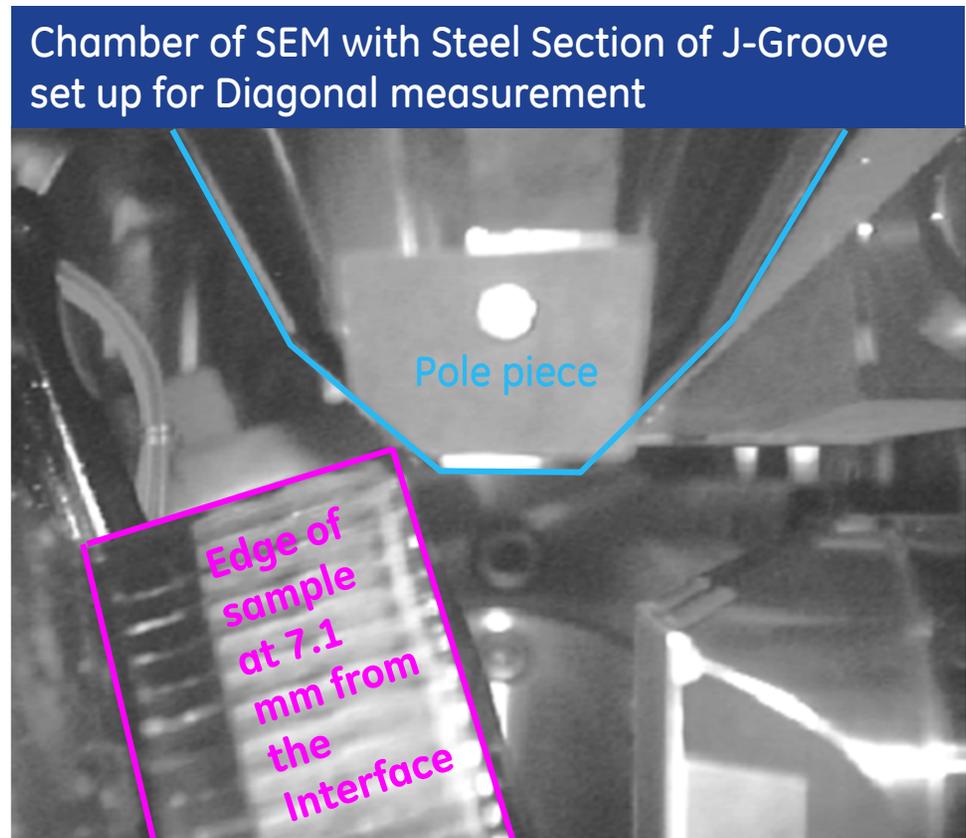
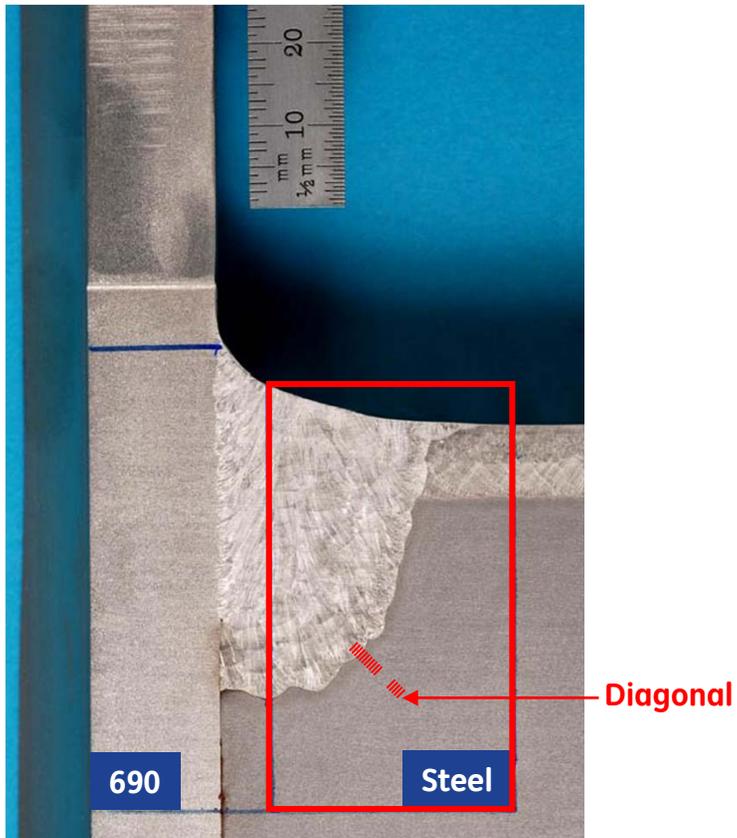
# J-Groove Weld



## EBSD Strain Analysis – Steel Side

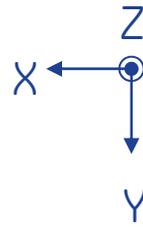
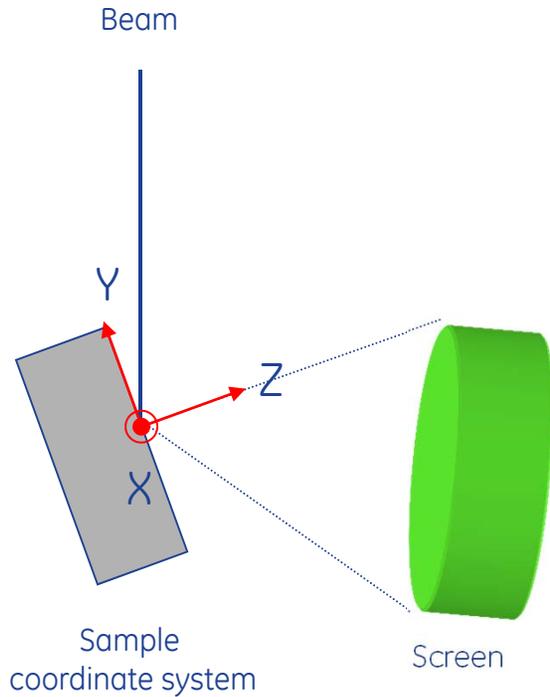
### Linescan Data

## Note regarding the Diagonal Section

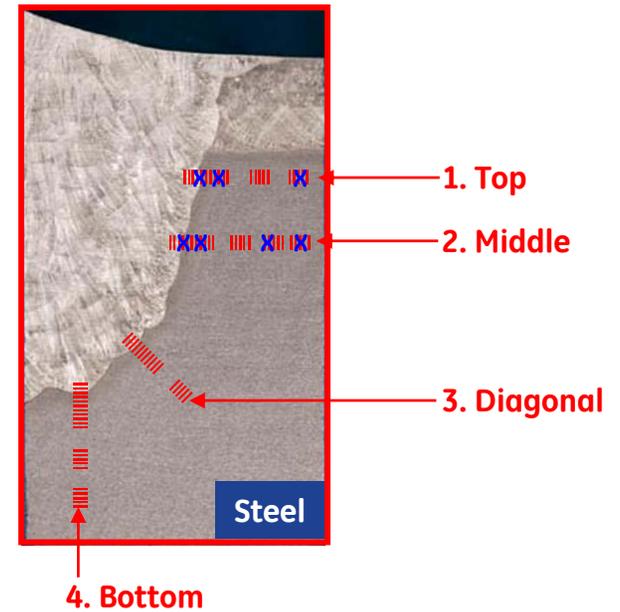


Due to the large physical size of the sample, measurement of the "Diagonal" section was limited to ~7.1mm from the interface.

# Measurement Setup:



Sample coordinate system orientation



- Linescan locations indicated in red
- Map locations are indicated by a blue X

## Sample prep:

- Samples were cut and ground down to 800 grit size at The M&P Lab
- Electropolished and measured by EBSD at GE-GRC

## Linescan Measurement Conditions:

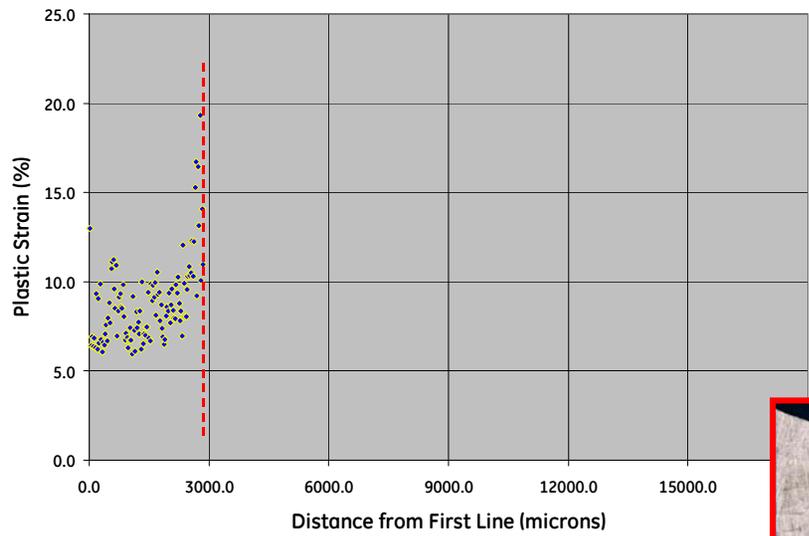
- Magnification = 100x
- 1.285 mm in the x direction
- Varies per location in the y direction
- 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  steps in the x-direction
- 50  $\mu\text{m}$  steps in the y-direction
- 20kV accelerating voltage (JEOL 6490)

## Map Measurement Conditions:

- Magnification = 100x
- 187.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in the x direction
- 187.5  $\mu\text{m}$  y direction
- 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  steps in the x-direction
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- 20kV accelerating voltage (JEOL 6490)

# J-Groove Weld - Steel Side

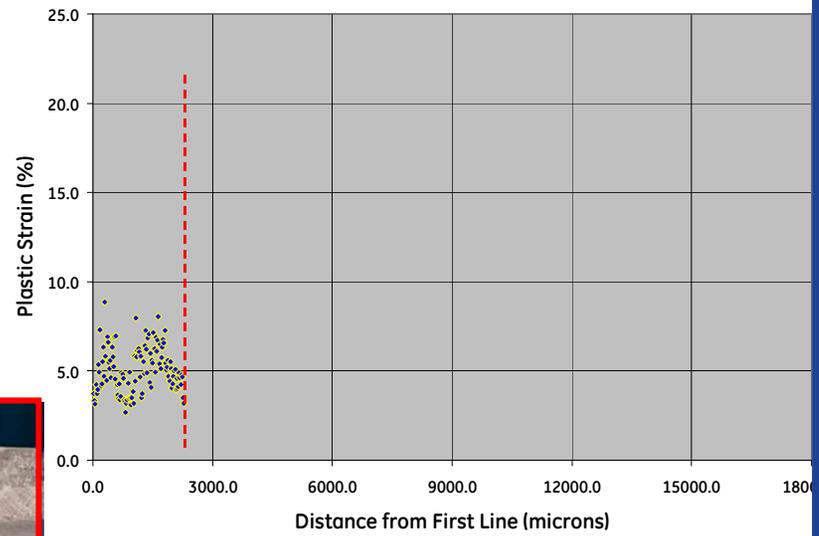
Steel: Top Section



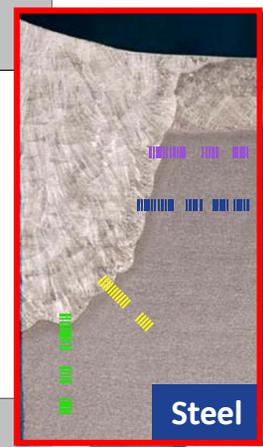
Plastic strain data is ONLY from the weld region.

# Plastic Strain vs. Distance

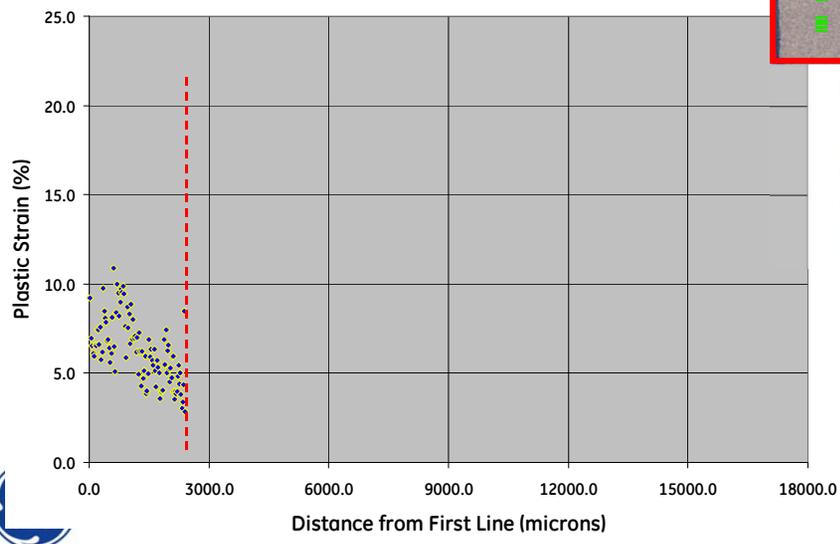
Steel: Mid Section



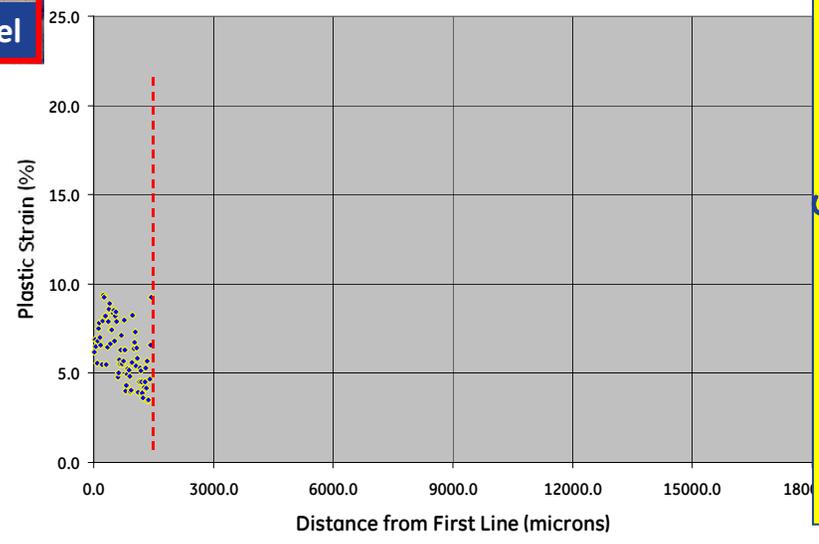
Plastic strain has not been calculated from the steel side of the interface since this material has not yet been calibrated for plastic strain.



Steel: Bottom Section

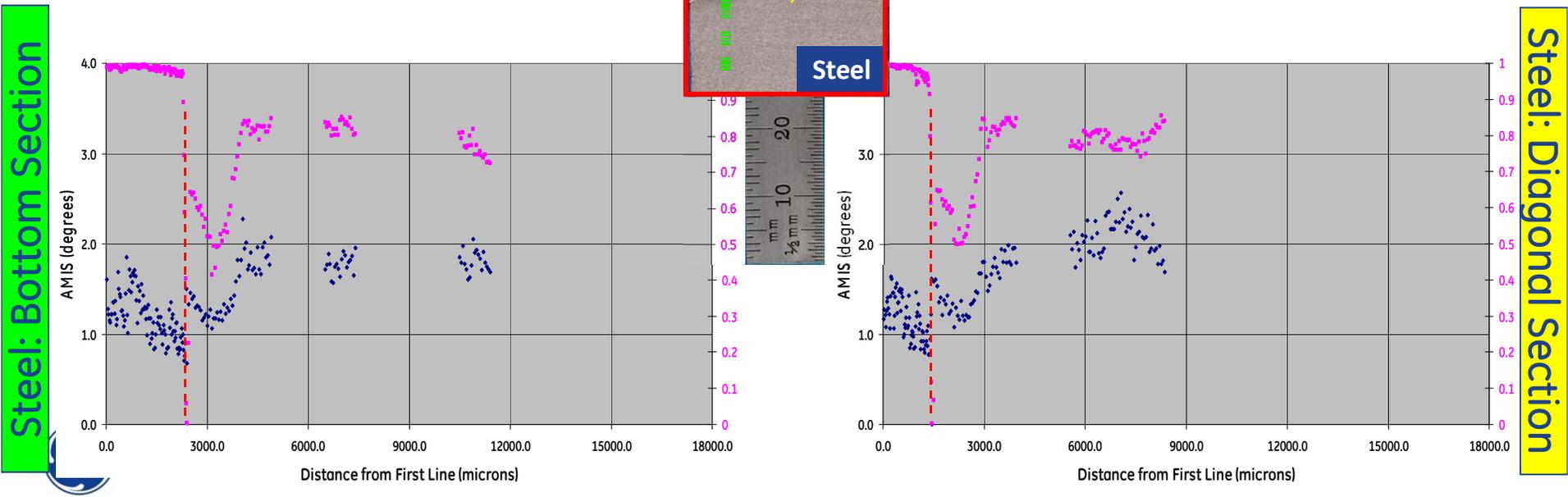
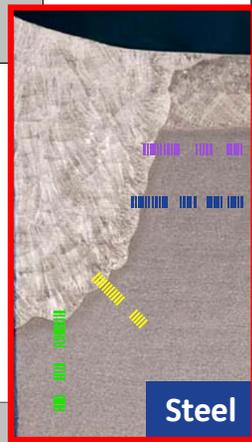
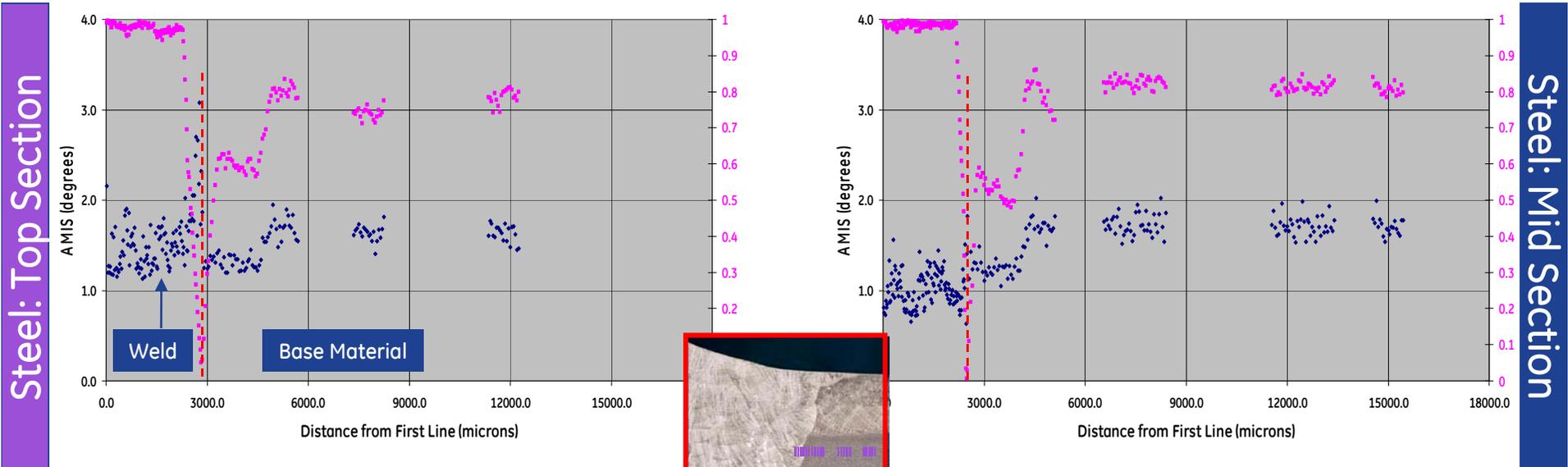


Steel: Diagonal Section



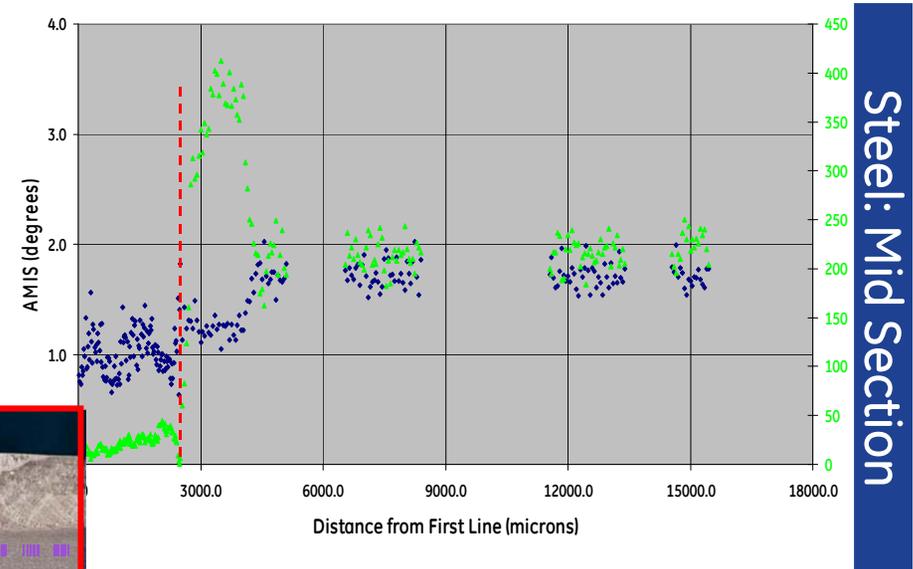
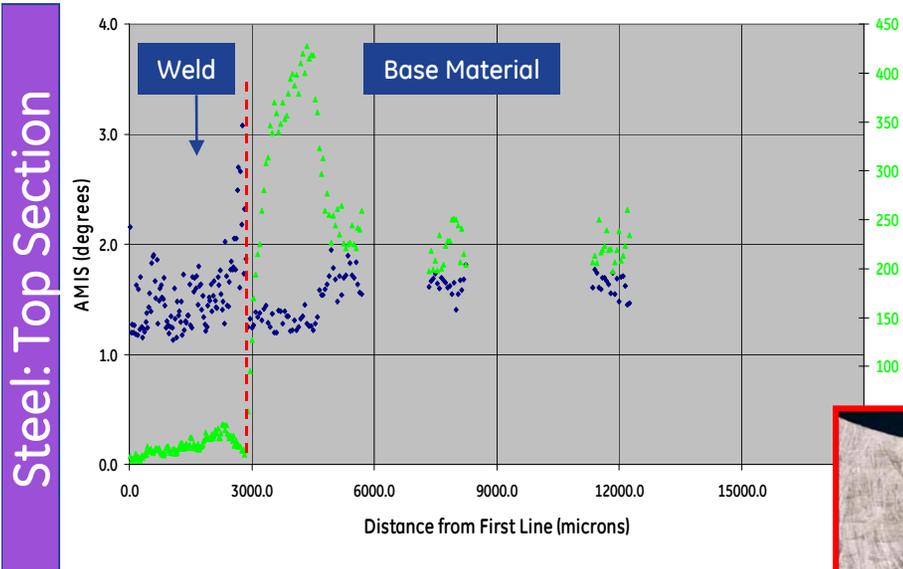
# J-Groove Weld - Steel Side

# AMIS/Hit Rate vs. Distance

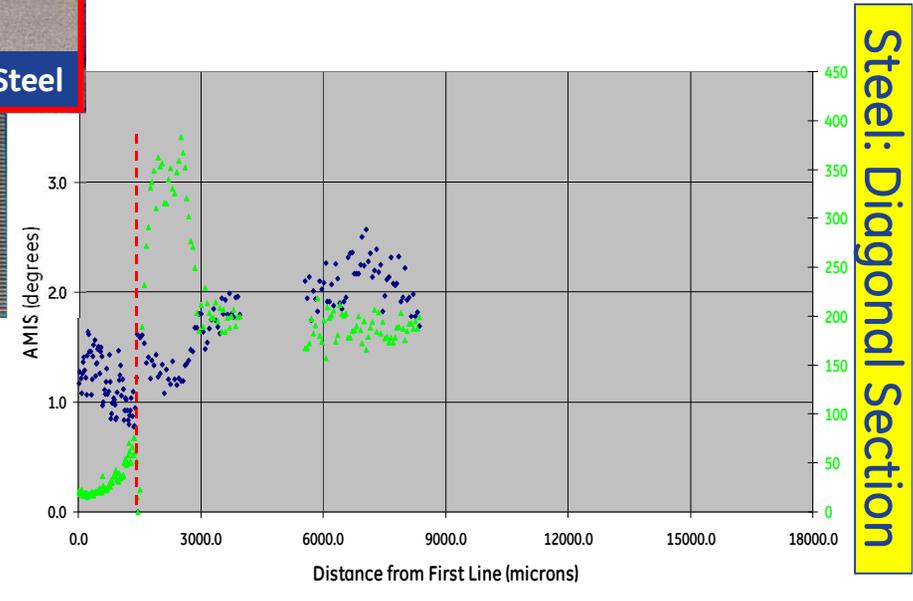
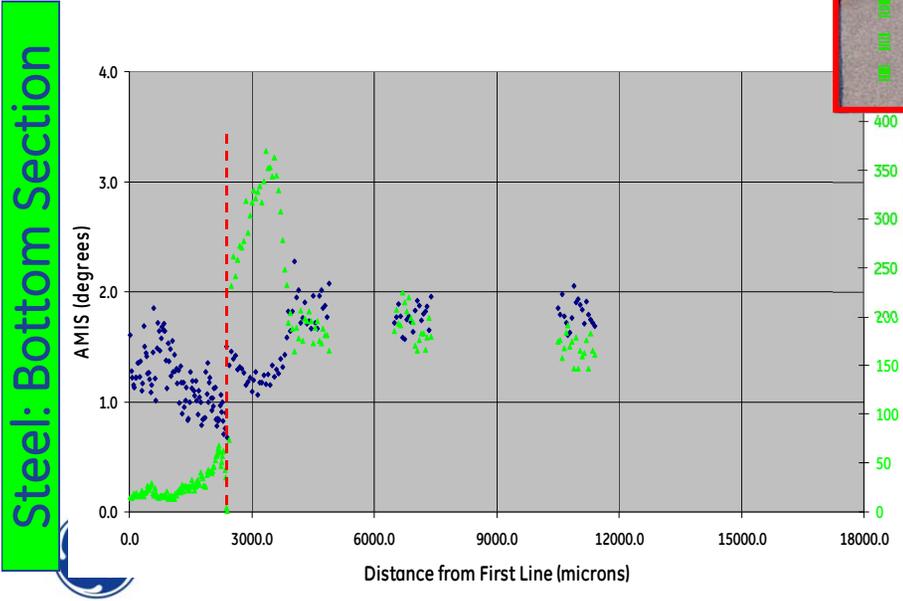
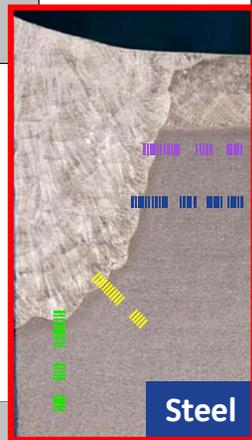


# J-Groove Weld - Steel Side

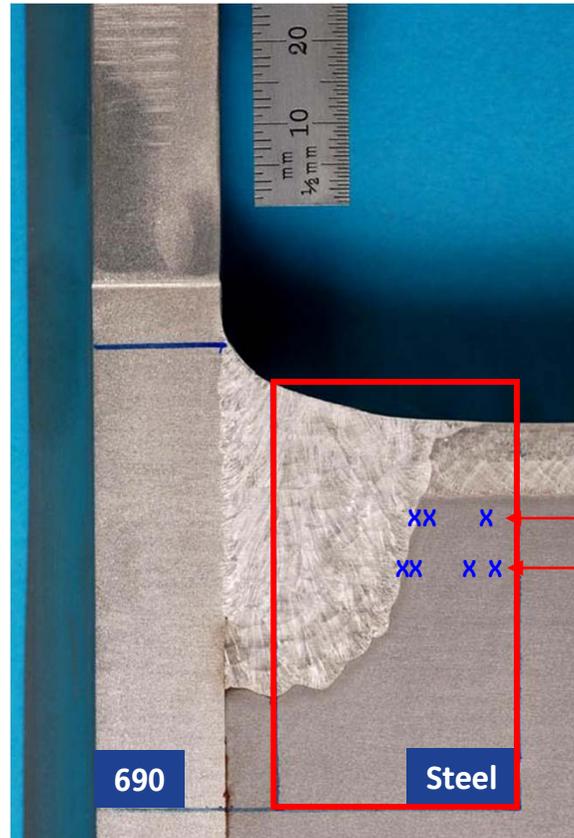
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— # of Segments  
— AMIS



# J-Groove Weld



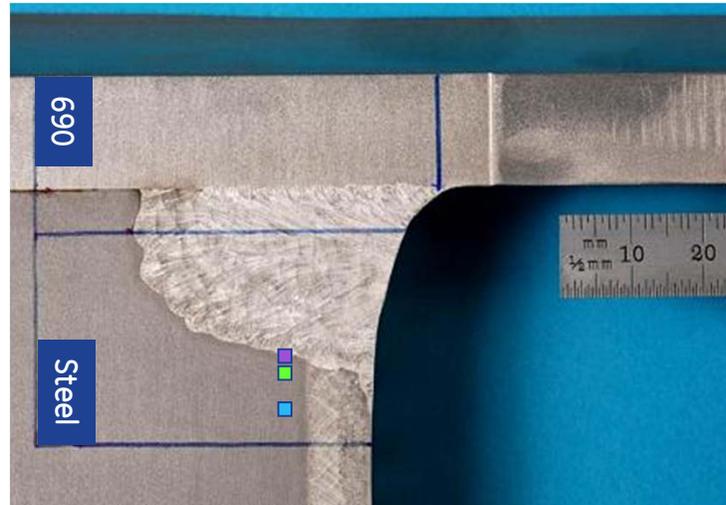
- 1. Top: Interface, 2mm from interface, 9mm from interface
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Map locations are indicated by a blue X.

## EBSD Strain Analysis – Steel Side

### Map Analyses

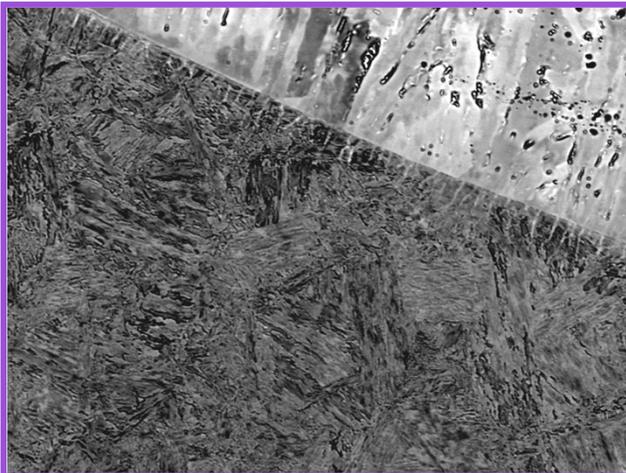
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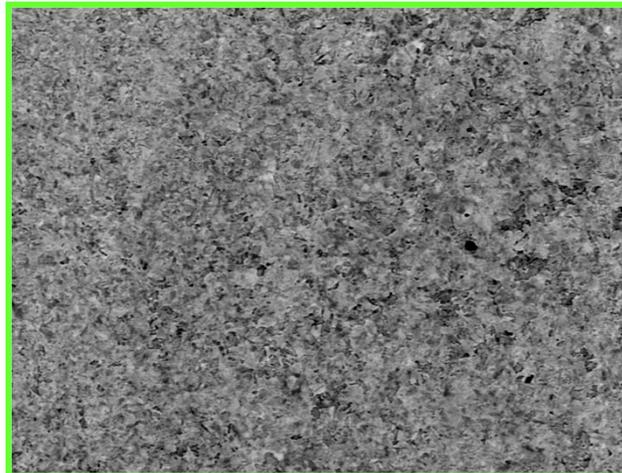
## Map Analyses: Top Section

# J-Groove Weld - Steel Side

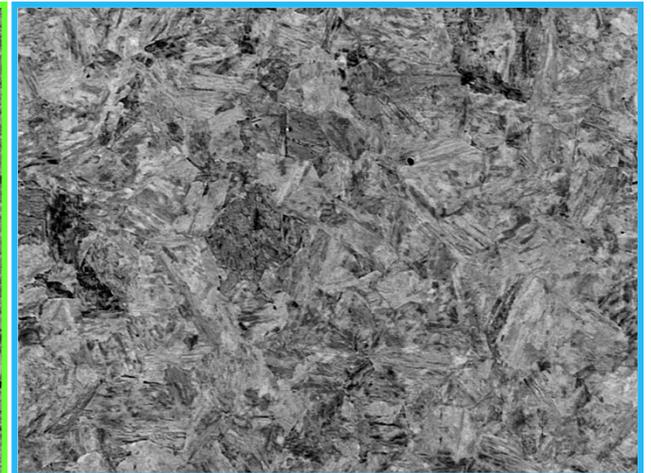
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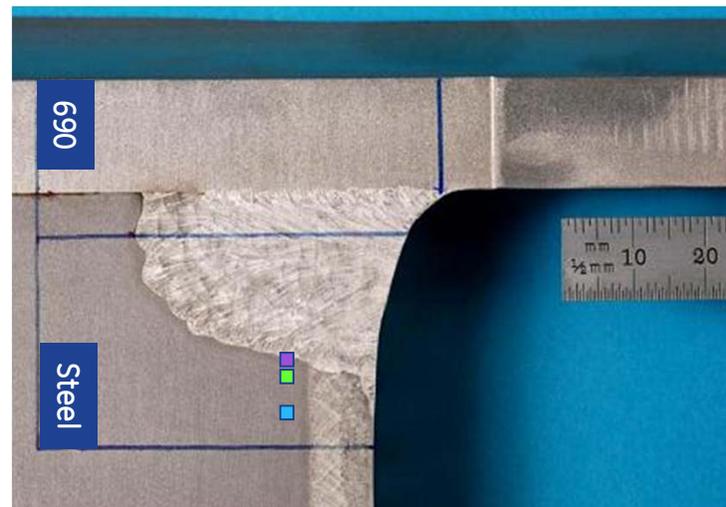
Interface



2 mm from Interface



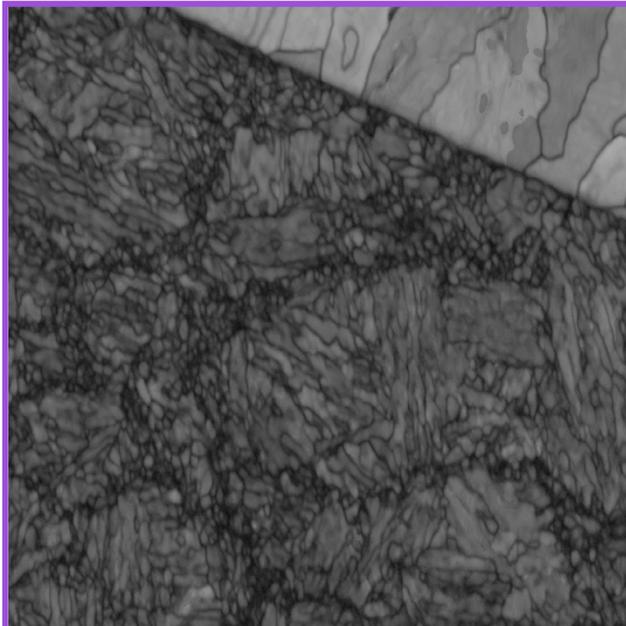
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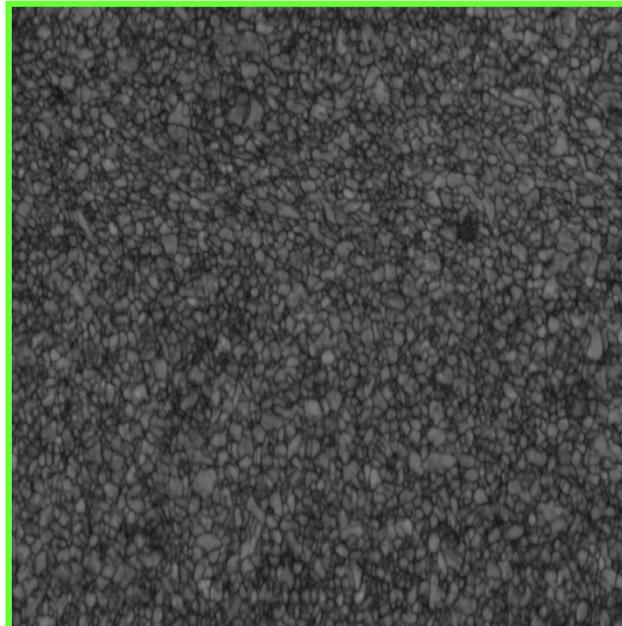
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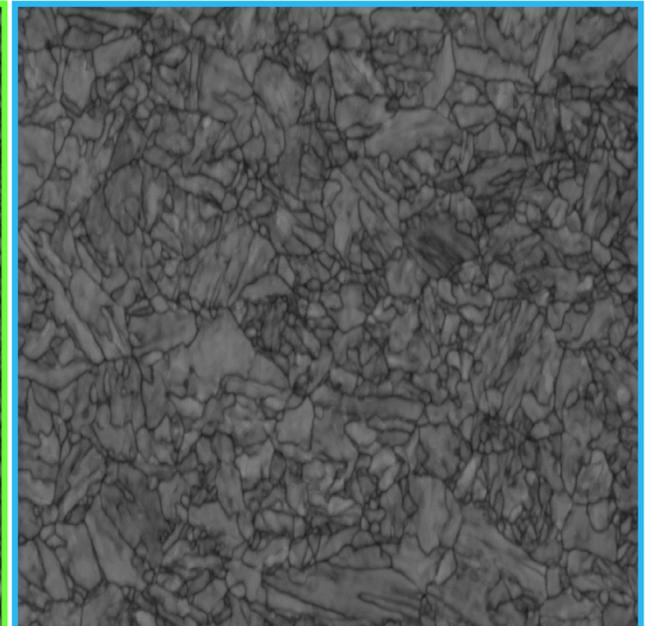
# Top Section: Band Contrast Maps



Interface

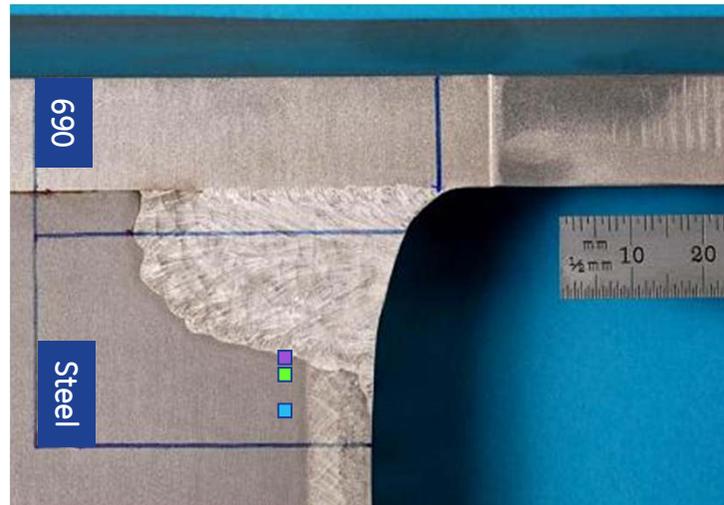


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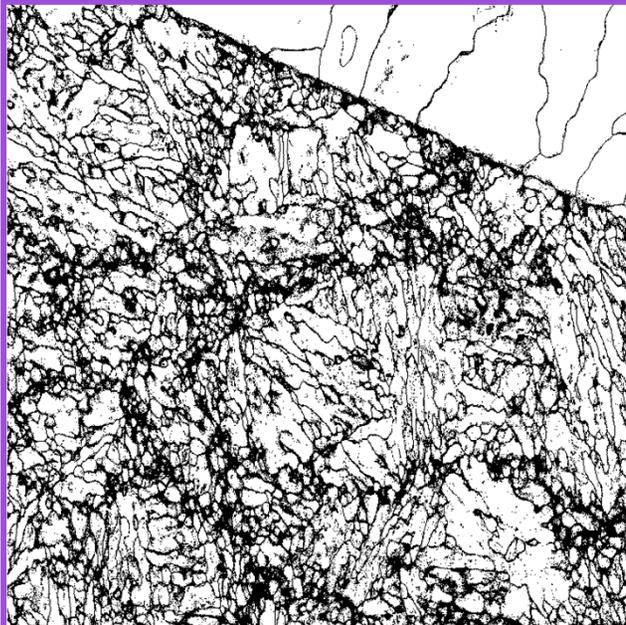
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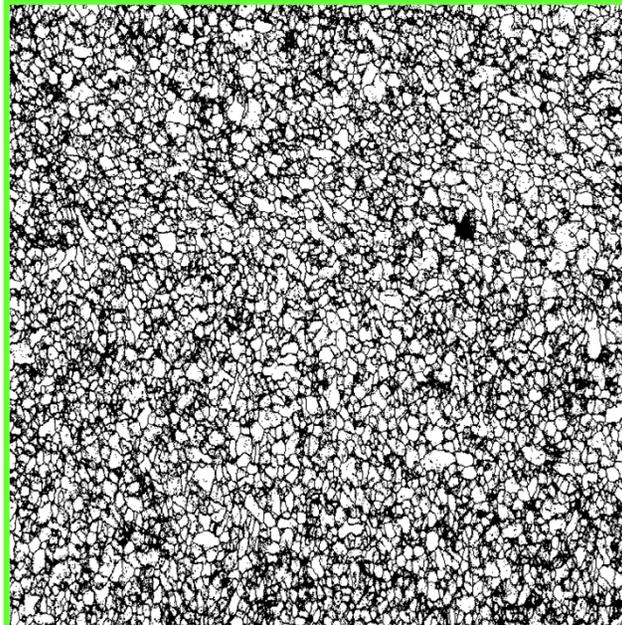
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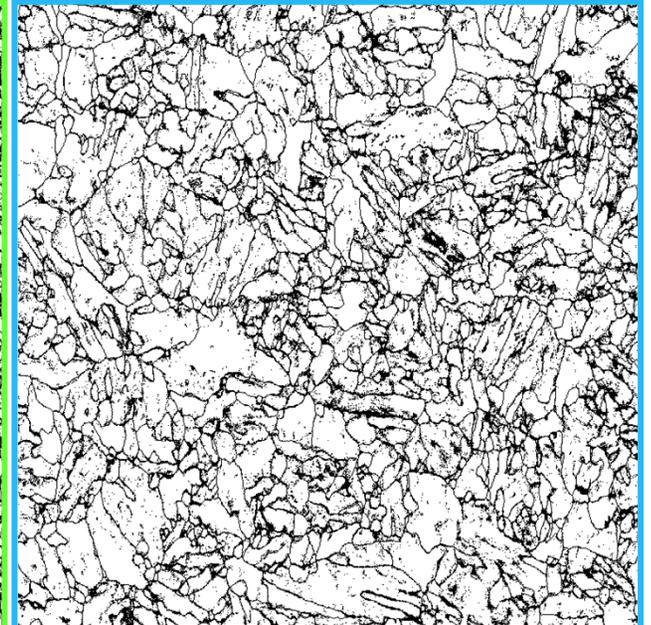
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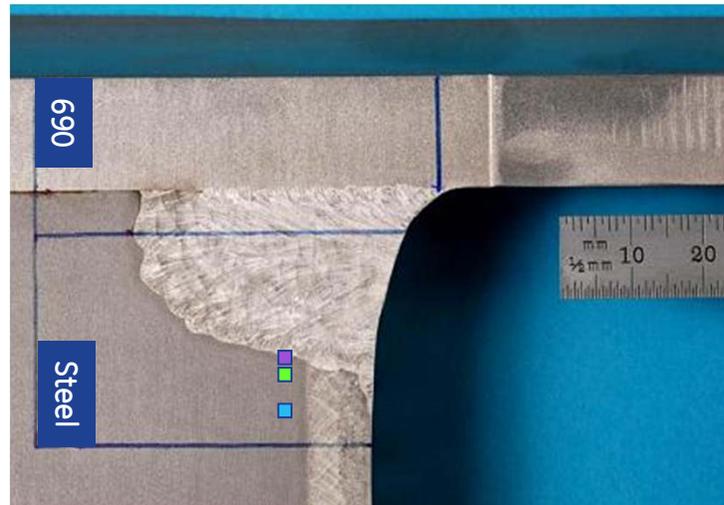


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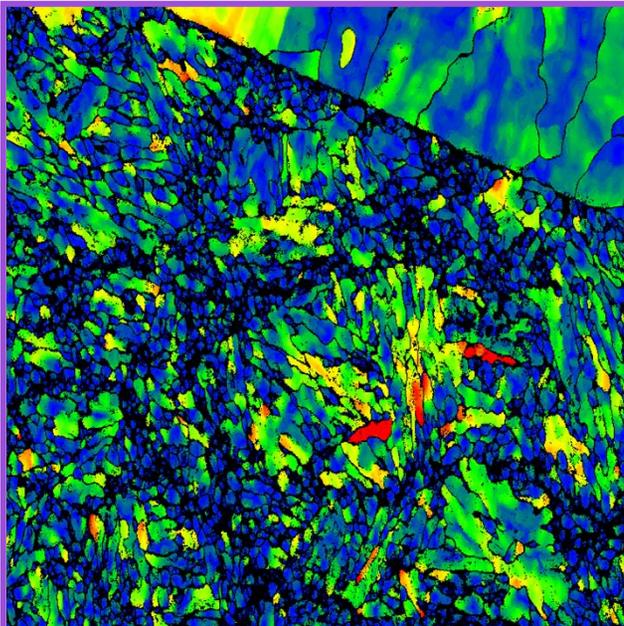
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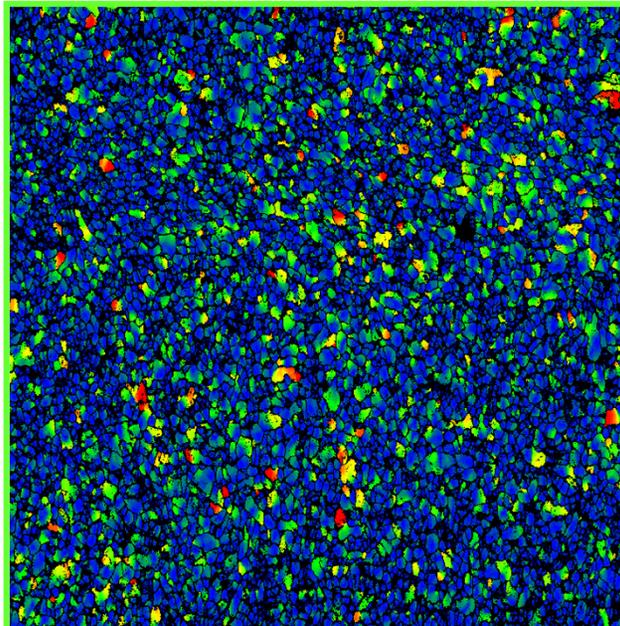
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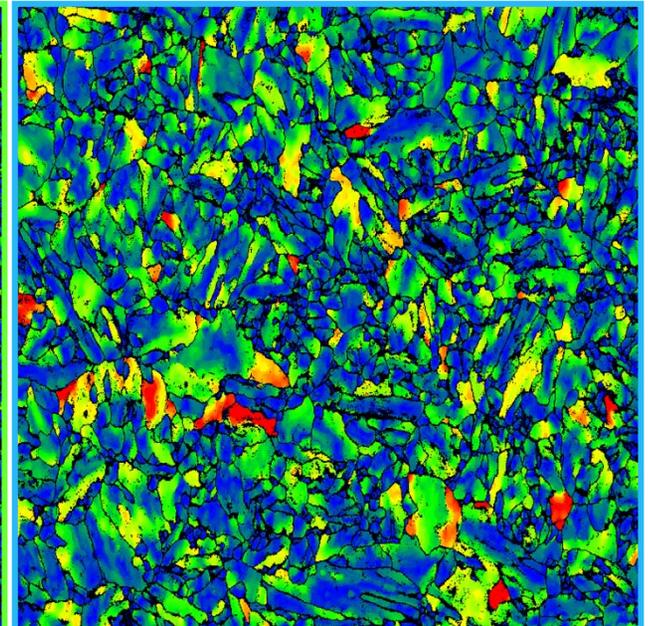
# Top Section: 10° Misorientation Maps



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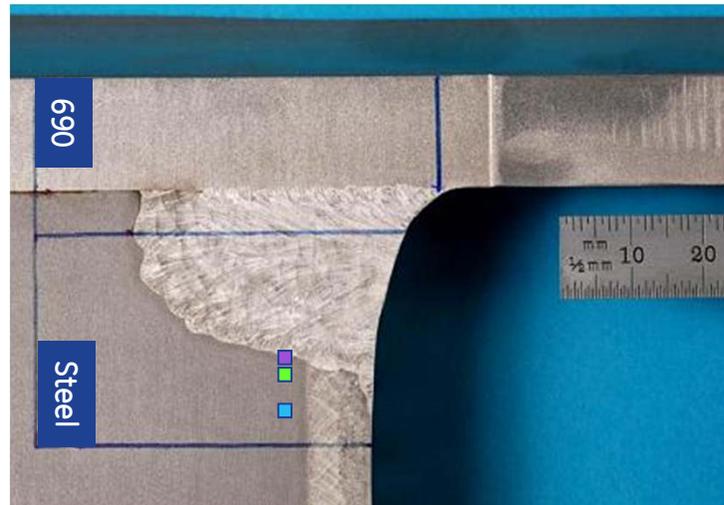


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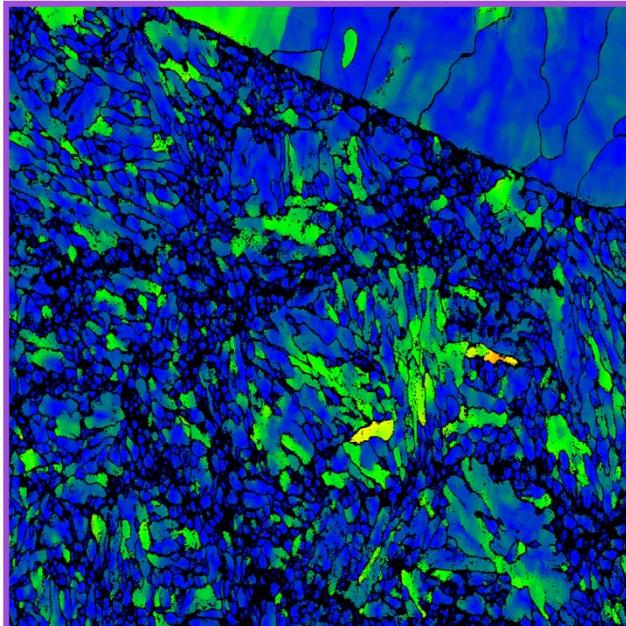
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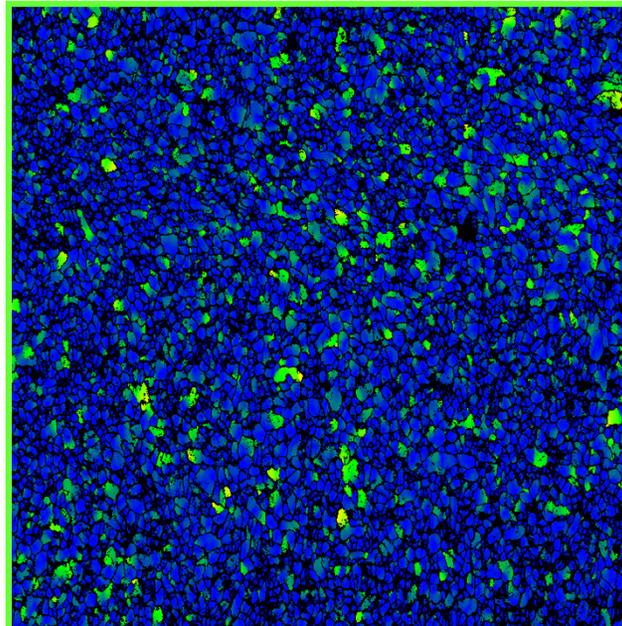
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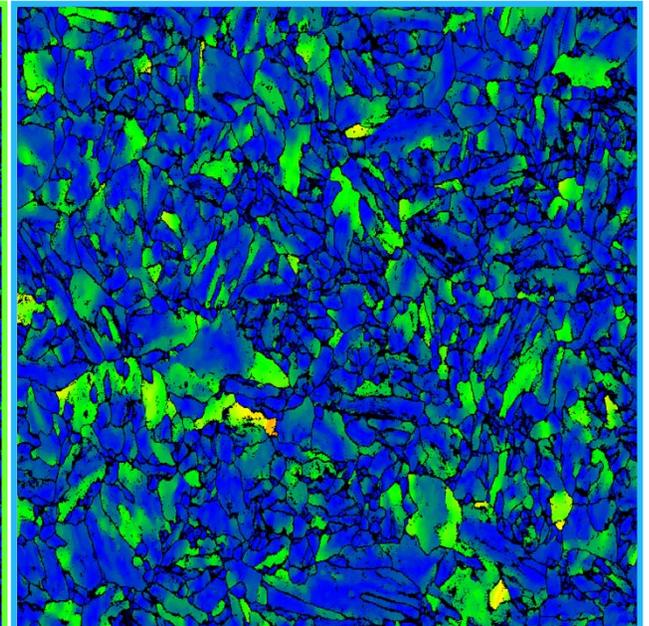
# Top Section: 20° Misorientation Maps



Interface



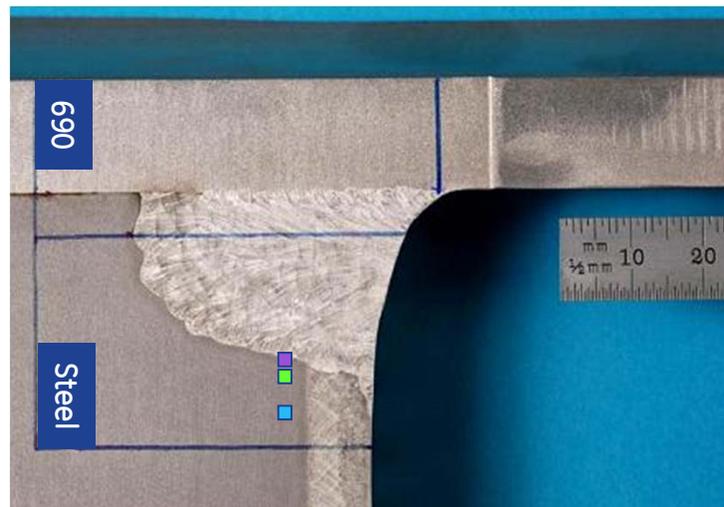
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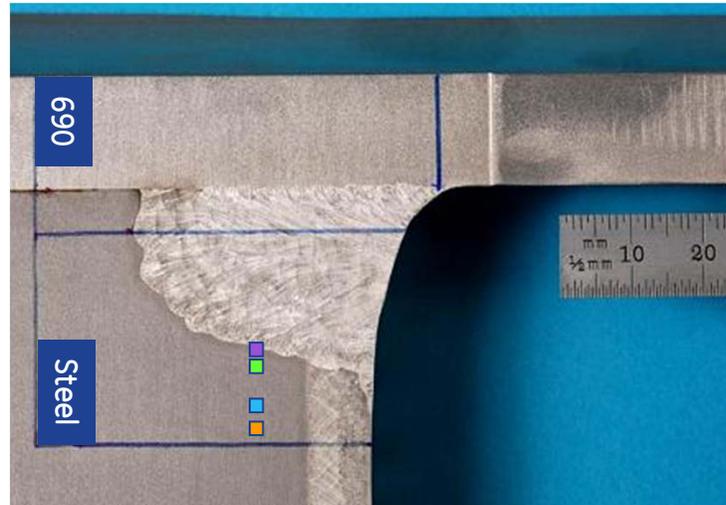
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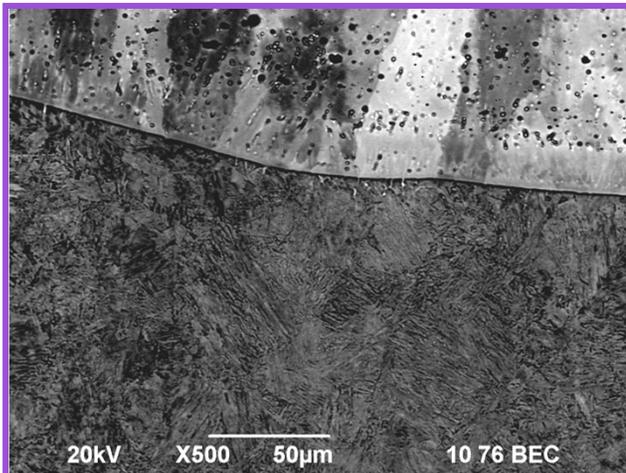
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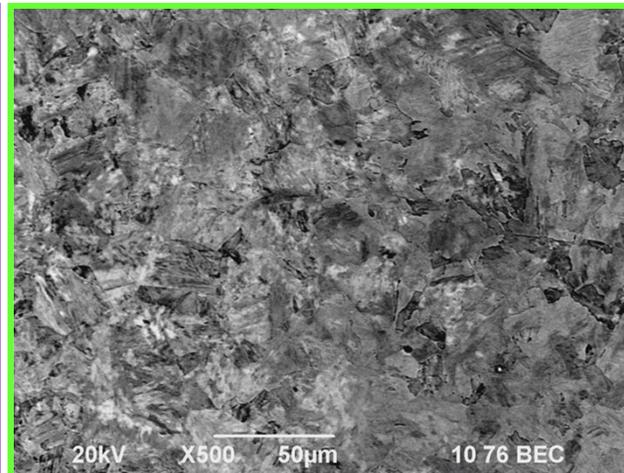
## Map Analyses: Mid Section

# J-Groove Weld - Steel Side

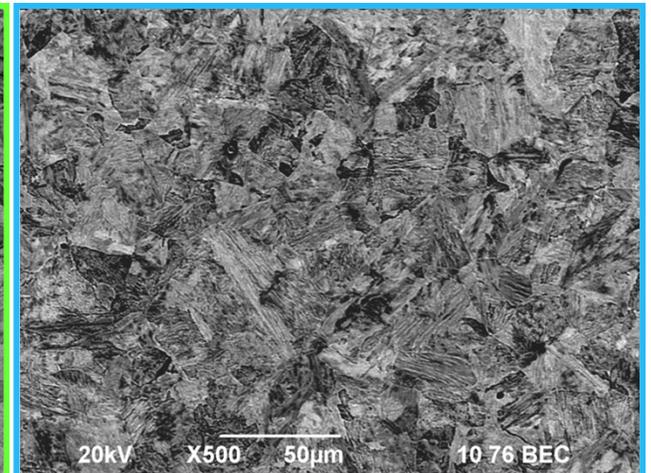
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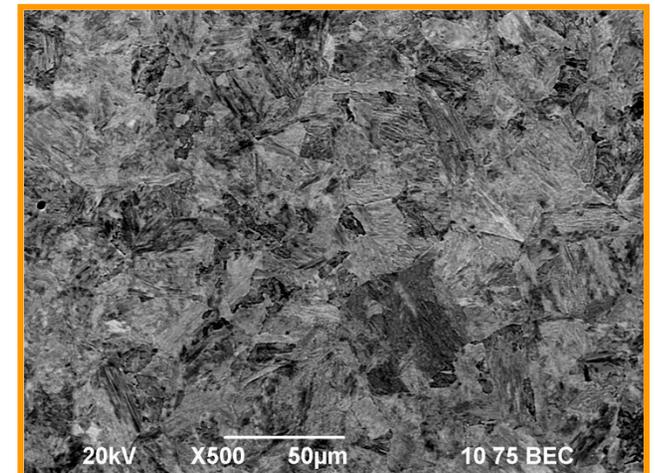
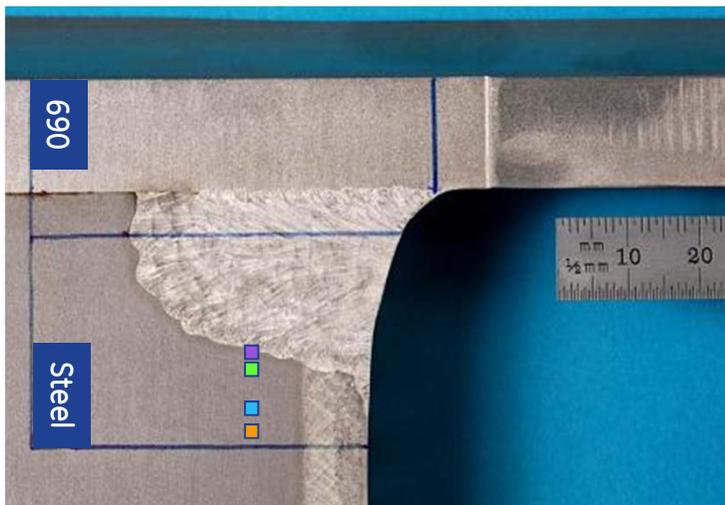
Interface



2 mm from Interface



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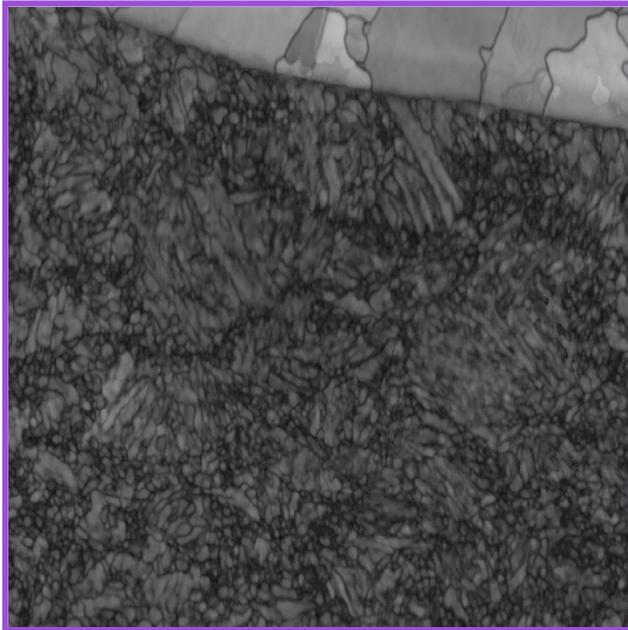
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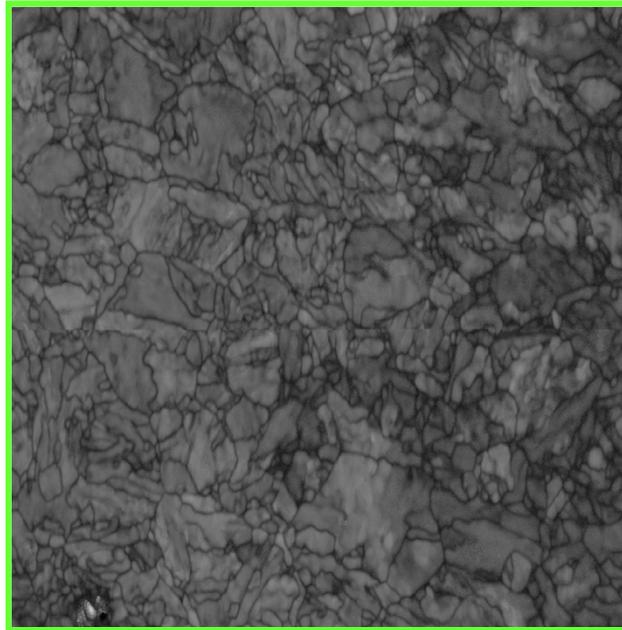
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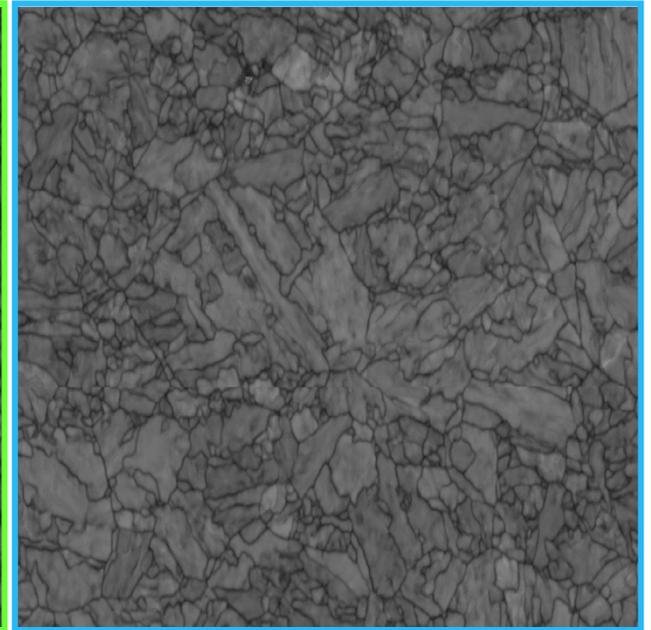
# Mid Section: Band Contrast Maps



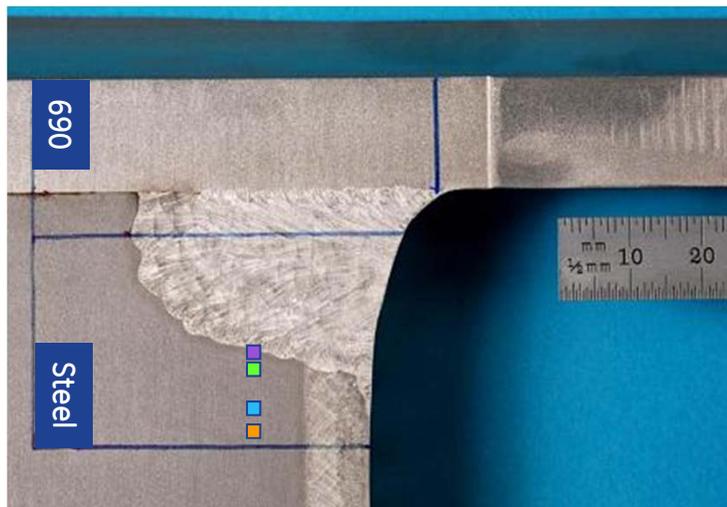
Interface



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50  $\mu$ m



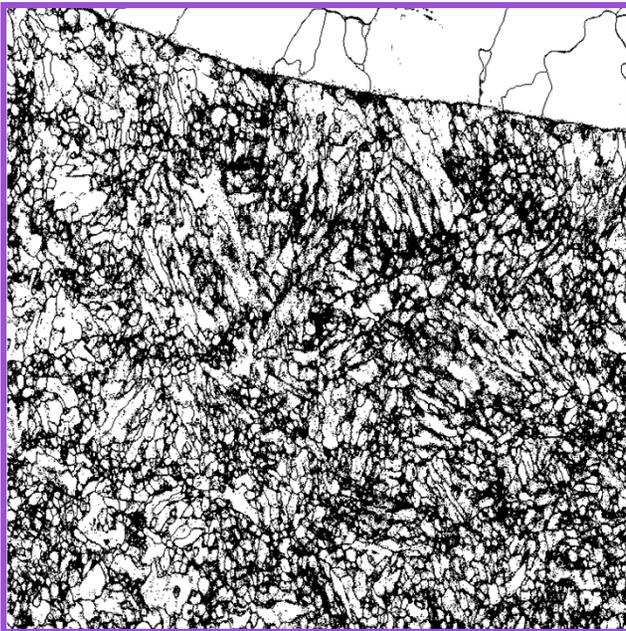
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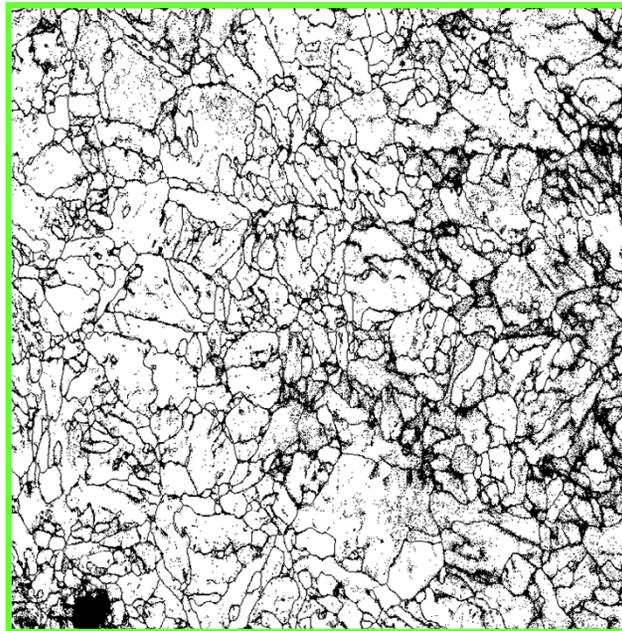
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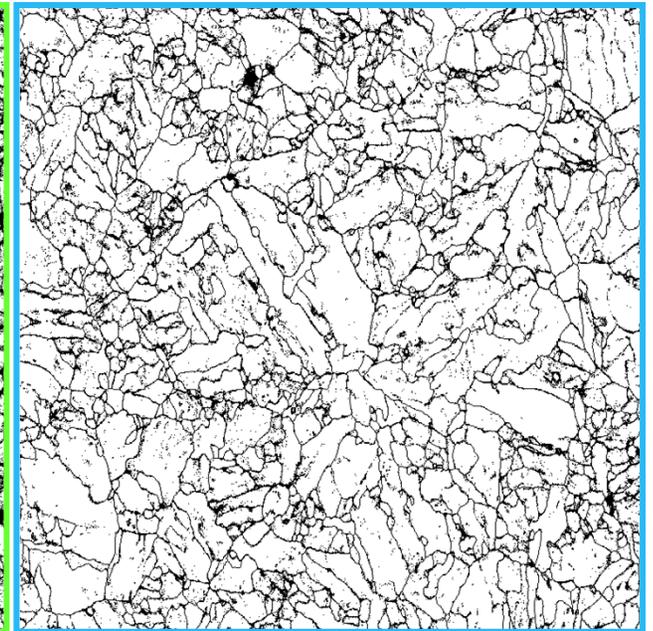
# Mid Section: Boundary Maps



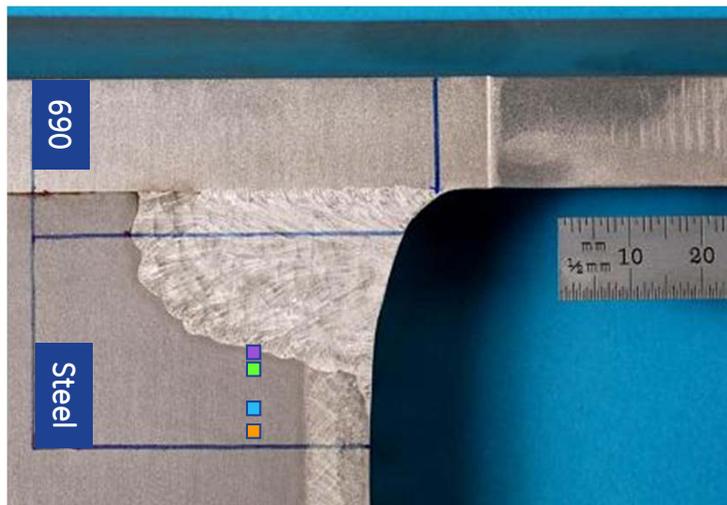
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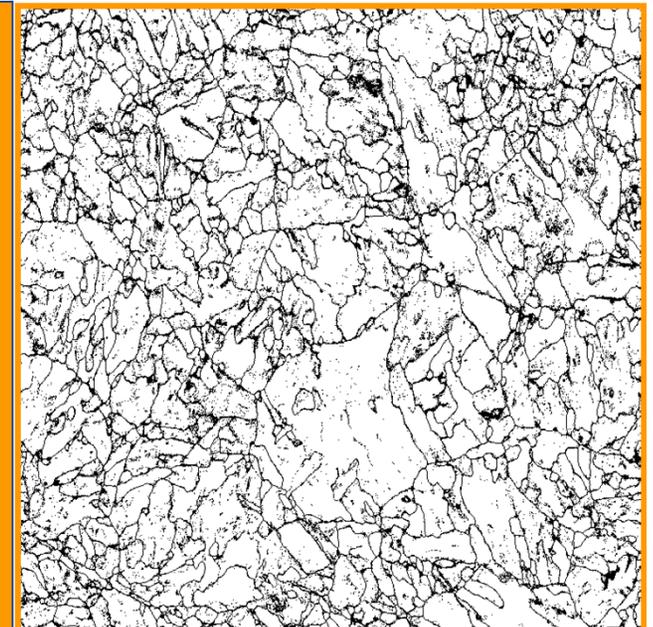
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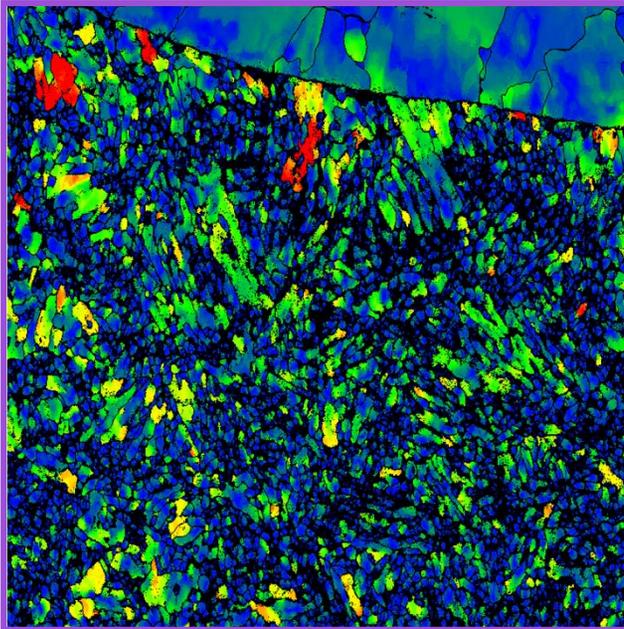
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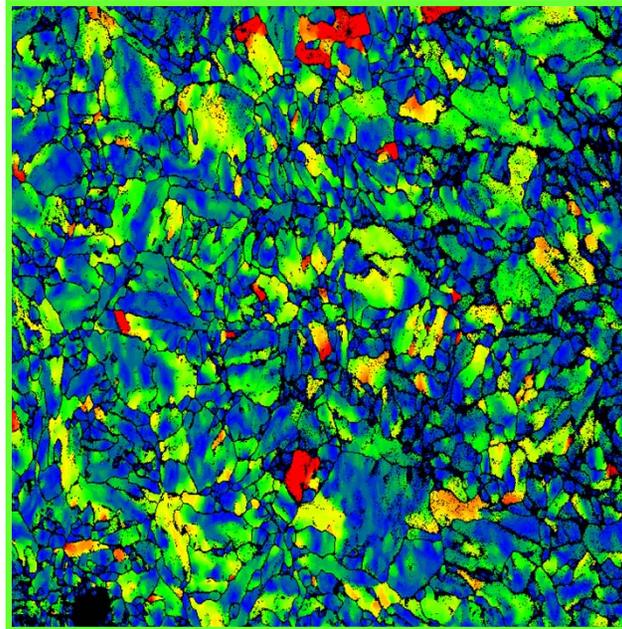
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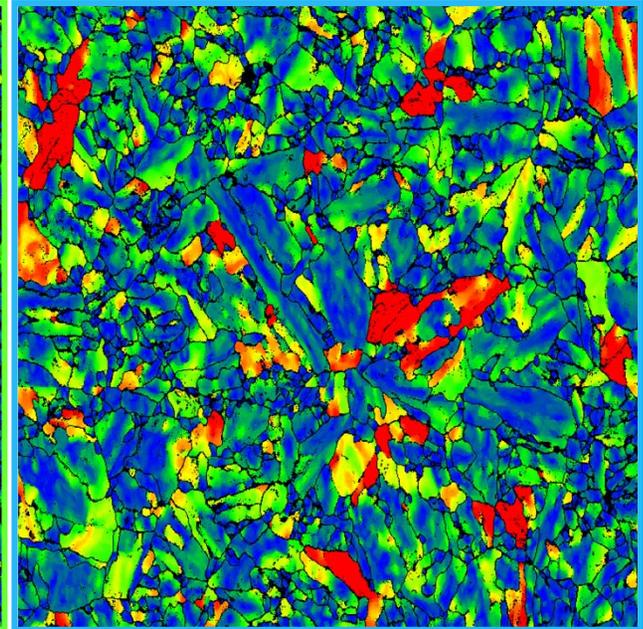
# Mid Section: 10° Misorientation Maps



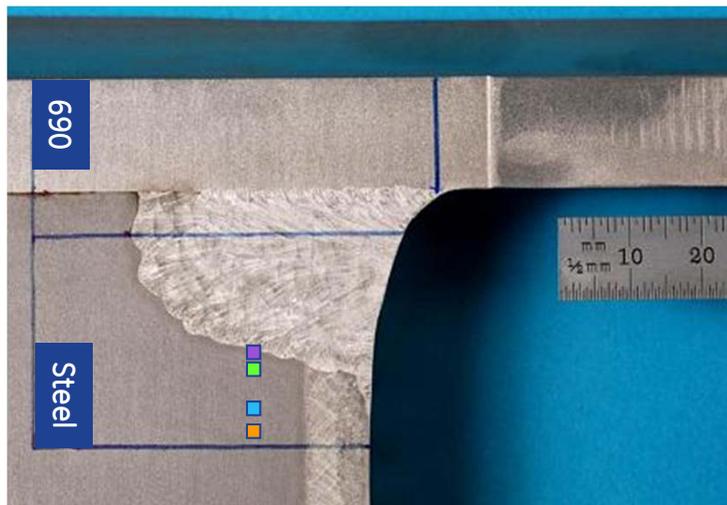
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2 mm from Interface

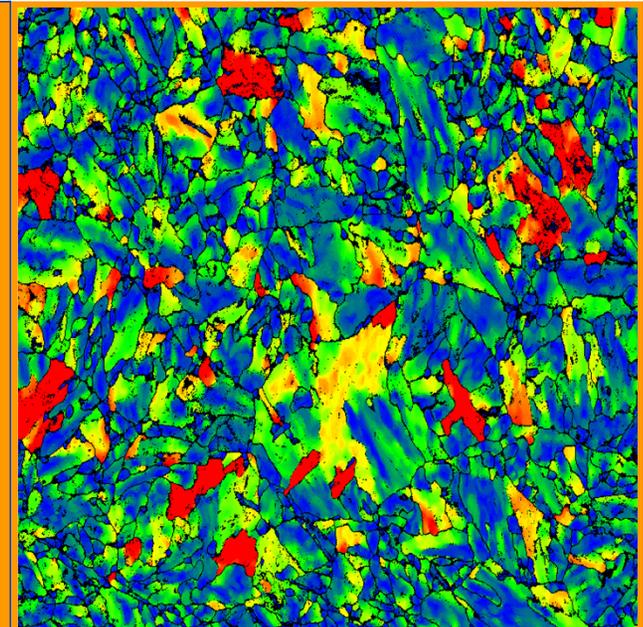


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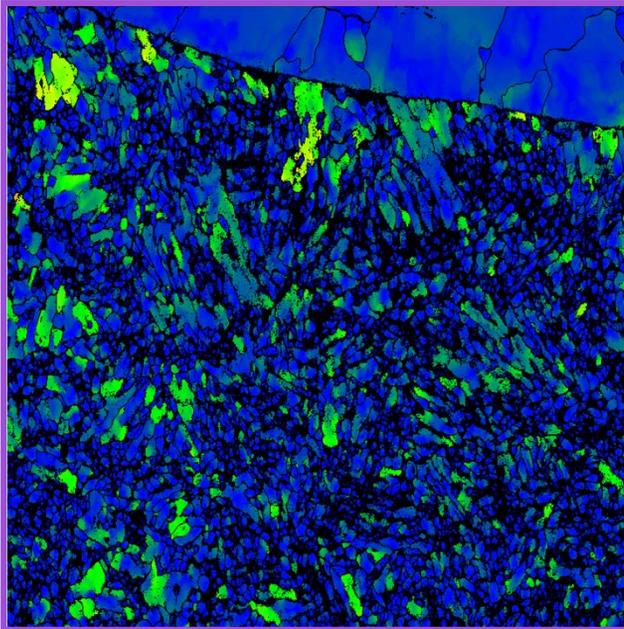
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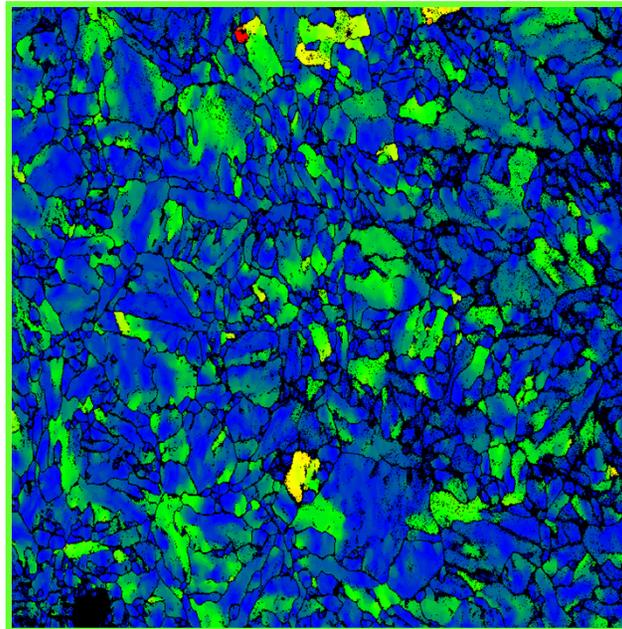
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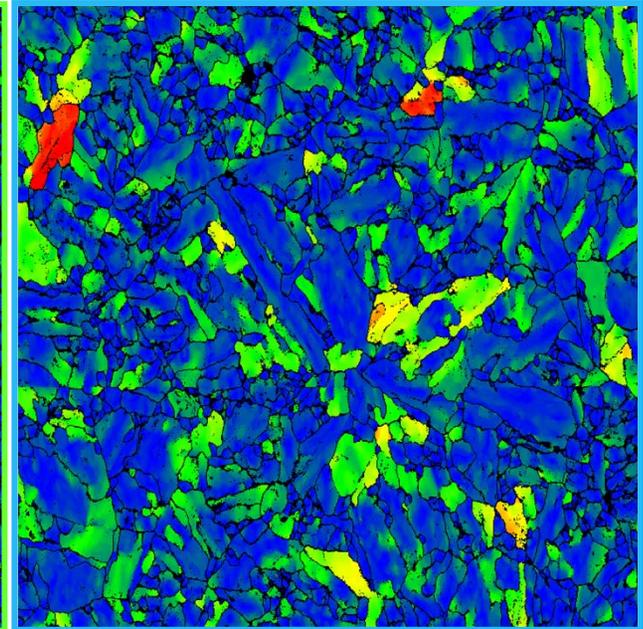
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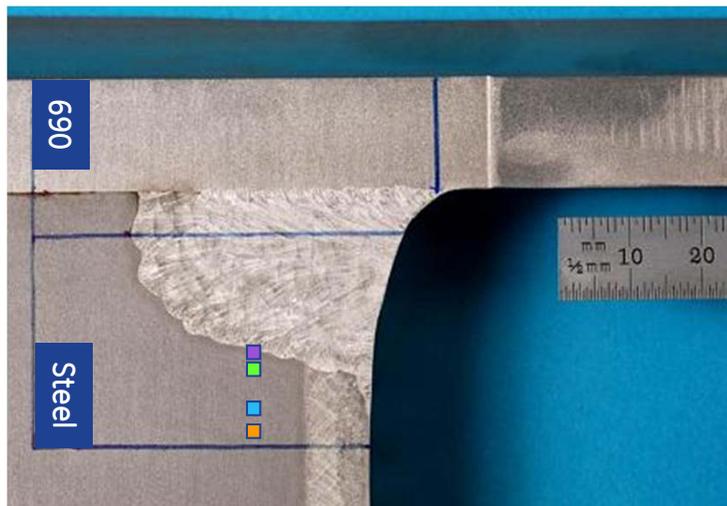
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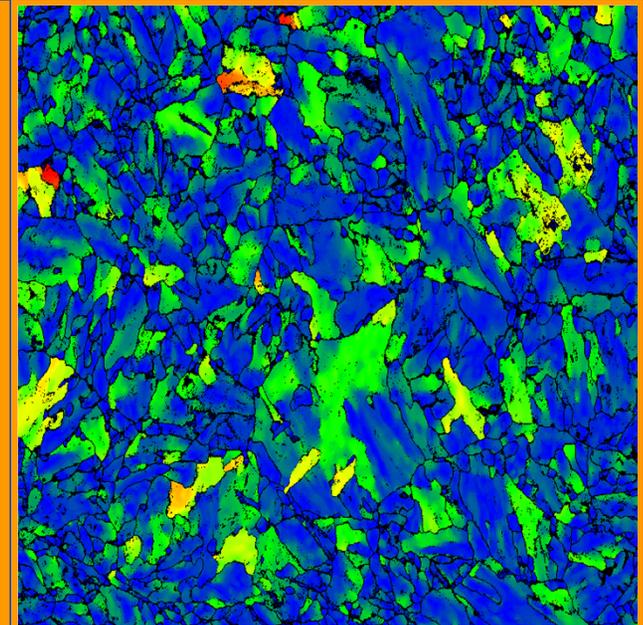
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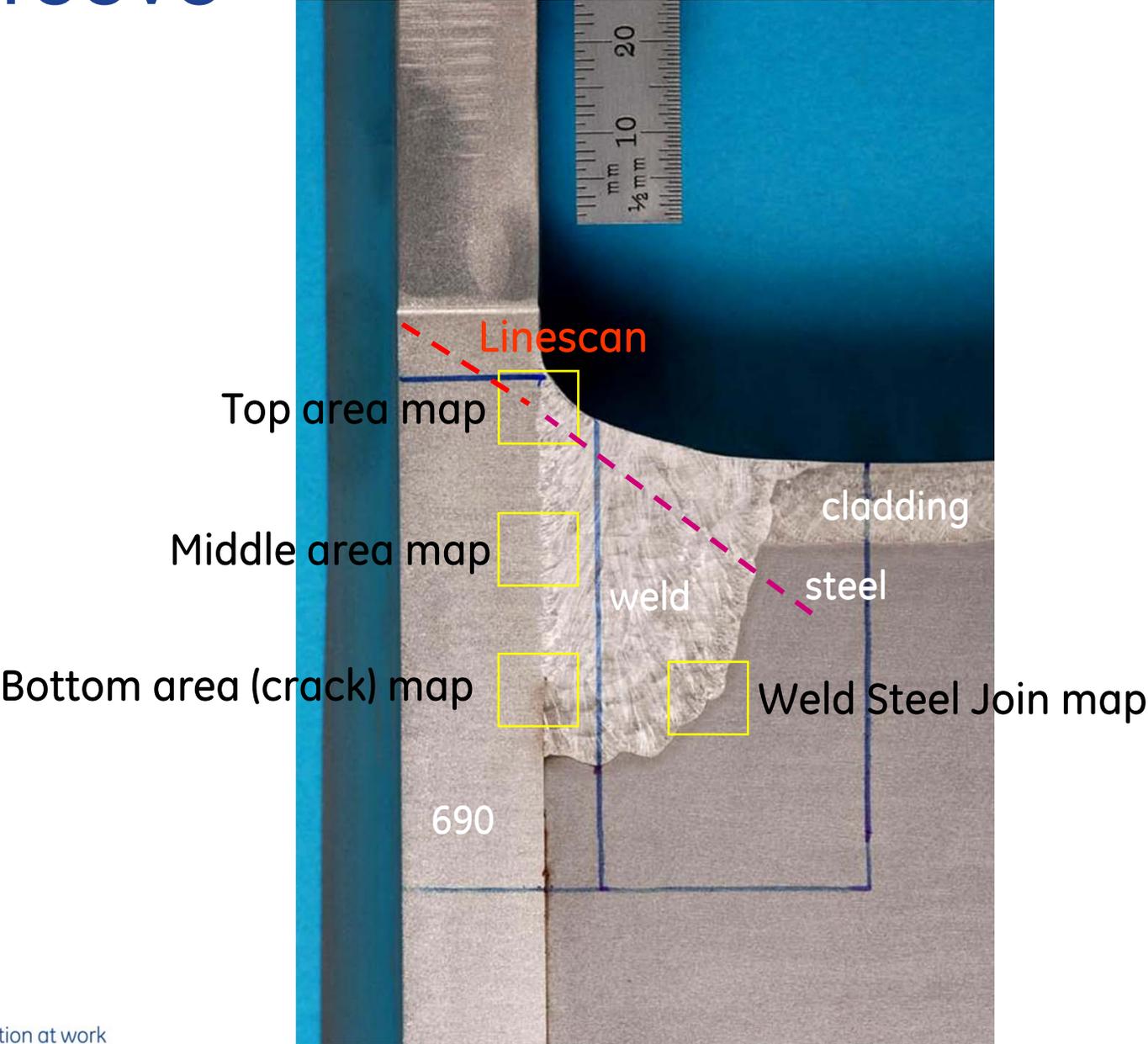
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# J-Groove

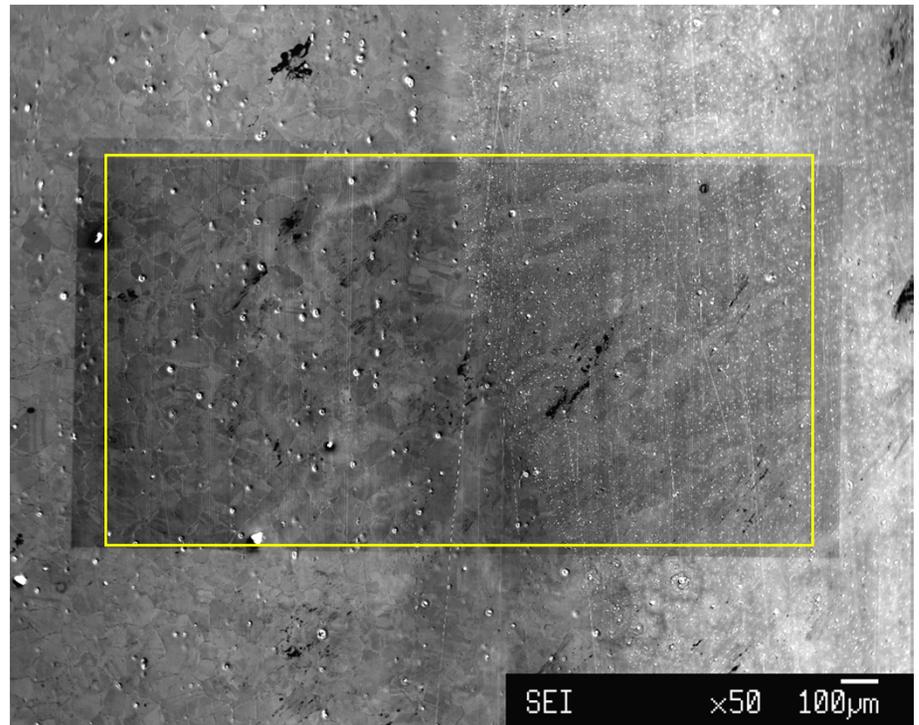
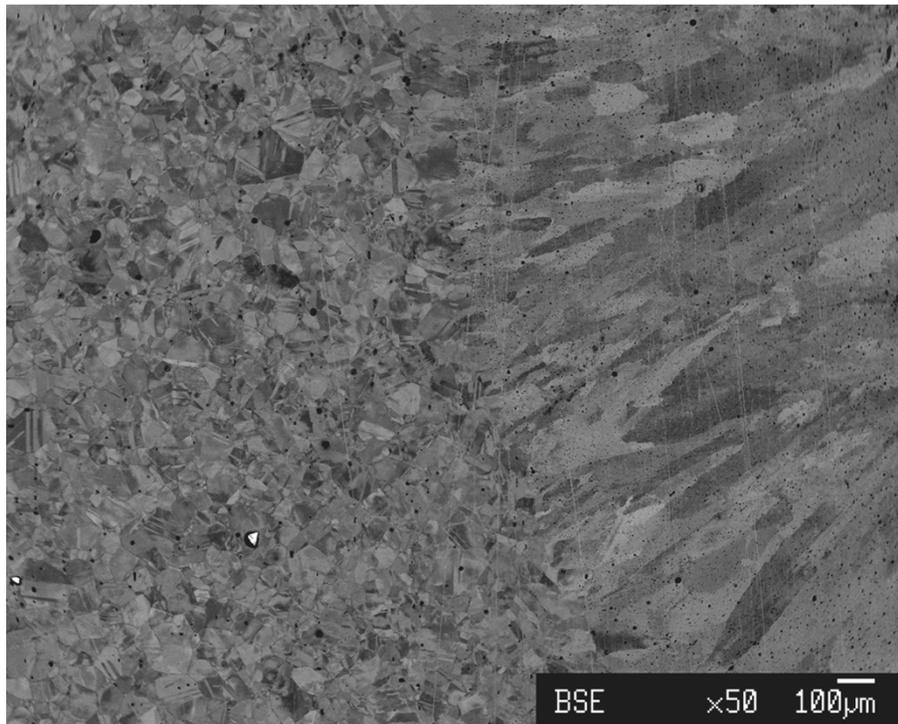


# EPMA analyses of components

all values in wt%

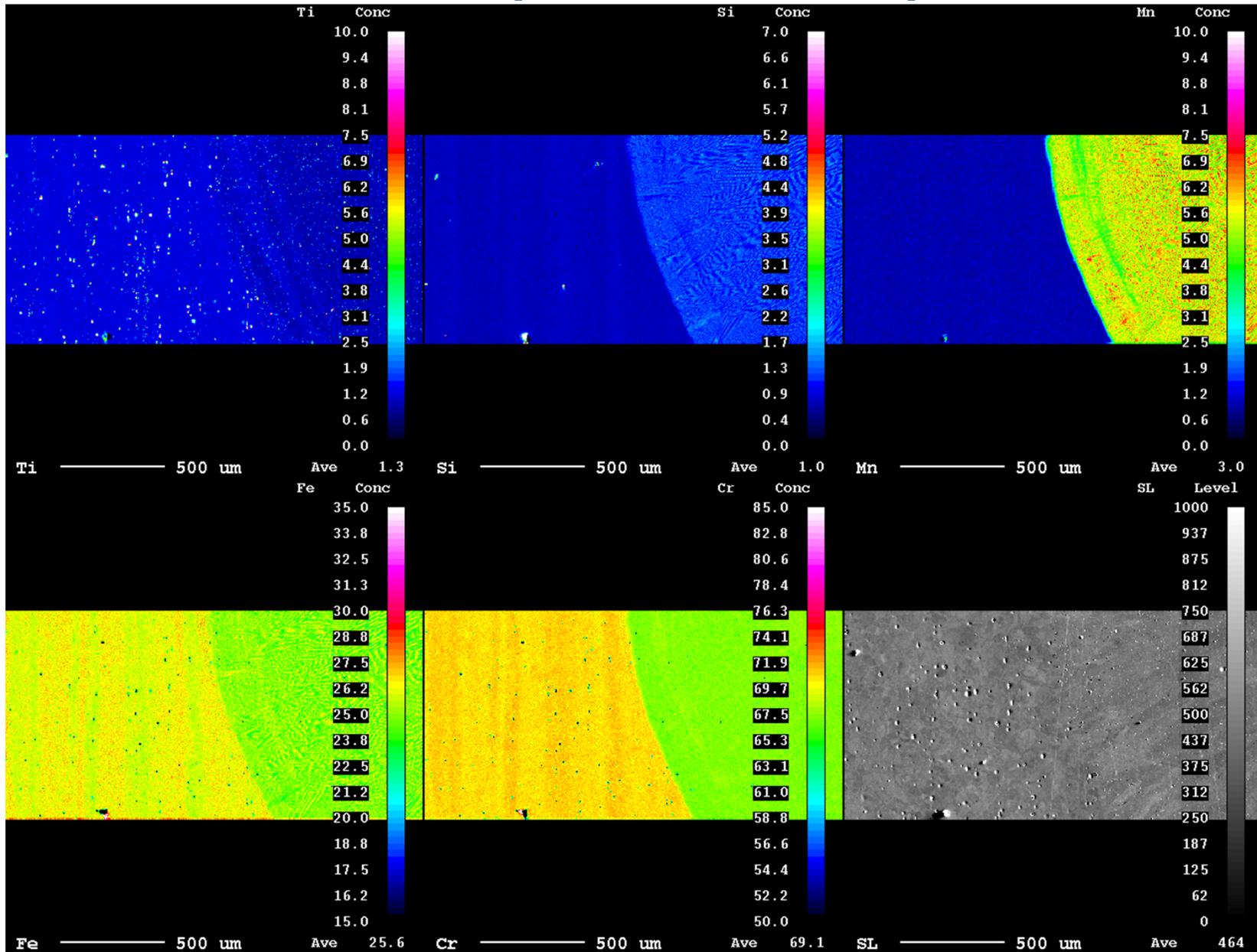
|          | Mo    | Al    | Nb    | Co  | Ni   | Ti    | Cr   | Si  | Fe   | Mn  | Cu  | Total |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| STEEL    | 0.3   | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.2 | 0.6  | (0.0) | 0.2  | 0.1 | 97.3 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.2 |
| STEEL    | 0.3   | (0.0) | 0.0   | 0.2 | 0.6  | (0.1) | 0.2  | 0.2 | 97.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.1 |
|          |       |       |       |     |      |       |      |     |      |     |     |       |
| WELD     | 0.0   | 0.2   | 1.2   | 0.0 | 50.5 | 0.1   | 27.0 | 0.3 | 17.2 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 100.2 |
| WELD     | (0.0) | 0.6   | 1.2   | 0.0 | 49.6 | 0.0   | 27.3 | 0.4 | 16.0 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 99.1  |
| WELD     | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.9   | 0.0 | 50.1 | 0.0   | 27.8 | 0.4 | 15.7 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 98.7  |
| WELD     | 0.0   | 0.1   | 2.0   | 0.0 | 53.2 | 0.1   | 28.7 | 0.4 | 11.1 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 99.6  |
|          |       |       |       |     |      |       |      |     |      |     |     |       |
| 690      | 0.0   | 0.2   | 0.0   | 0.0 | 58.9 | 0.1   | 29.7 | 0.1 | 10.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 99.6  |
| 690      | 0.0   | 0.2   | 0.0   | 0.0 | 59.9 | 0.1   | 29.8 | 0.2 | 10.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.7 |
|          |       |       |       |     |      |       |      |     |      |     |     |       |
| CLADDING | 0.0   | (0.0) | 0.0   | 0.1 | 9.9  | (0.0) | 19.7 | 0.5 | 68.3 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 100.2 |
| CLADDING | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1 | 9.9  | (0.1) | 19.9 | 0.5 | 68.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 99.7  |
| CLADDING | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1 | 9.6  | (0.0) | 20.1 | 0.5 | 67.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 99.5  |

# J-Groove- Top area

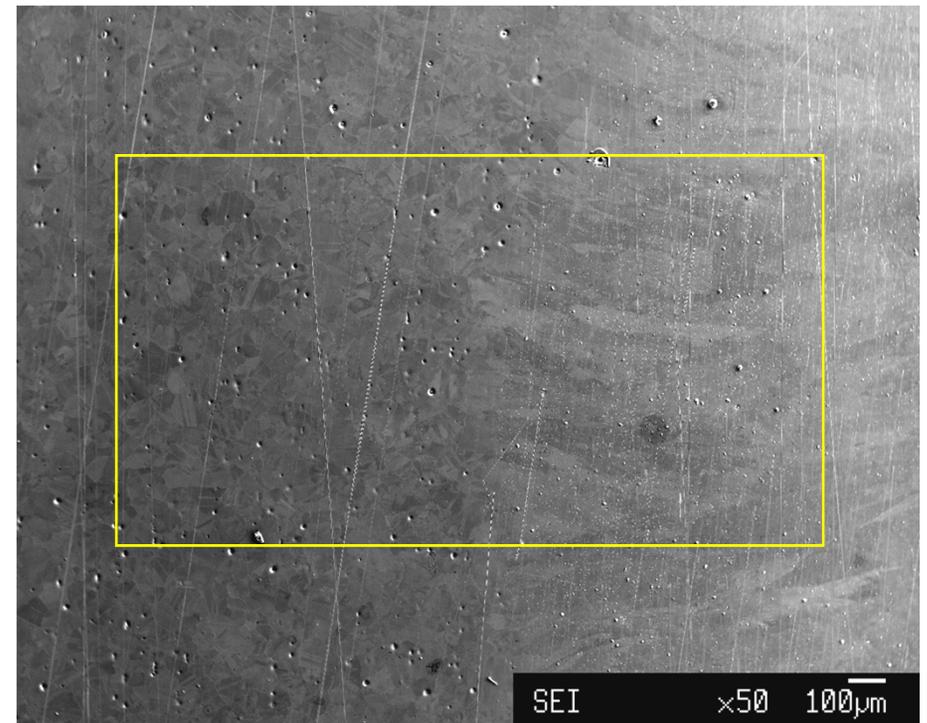
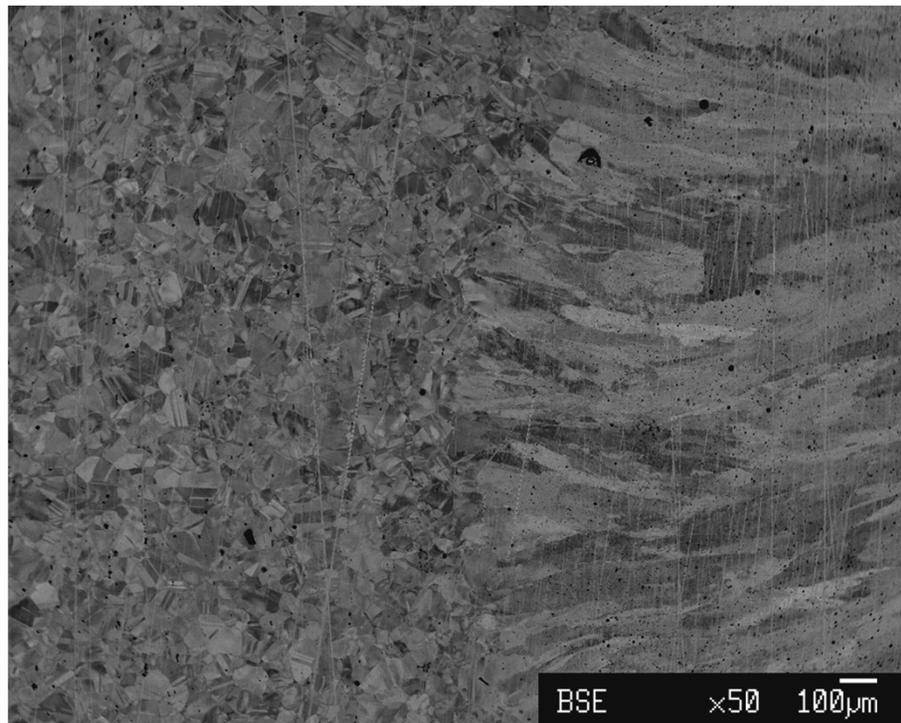


yellow box shows  
approximate area mapped

# J-Groove- Top area- Map

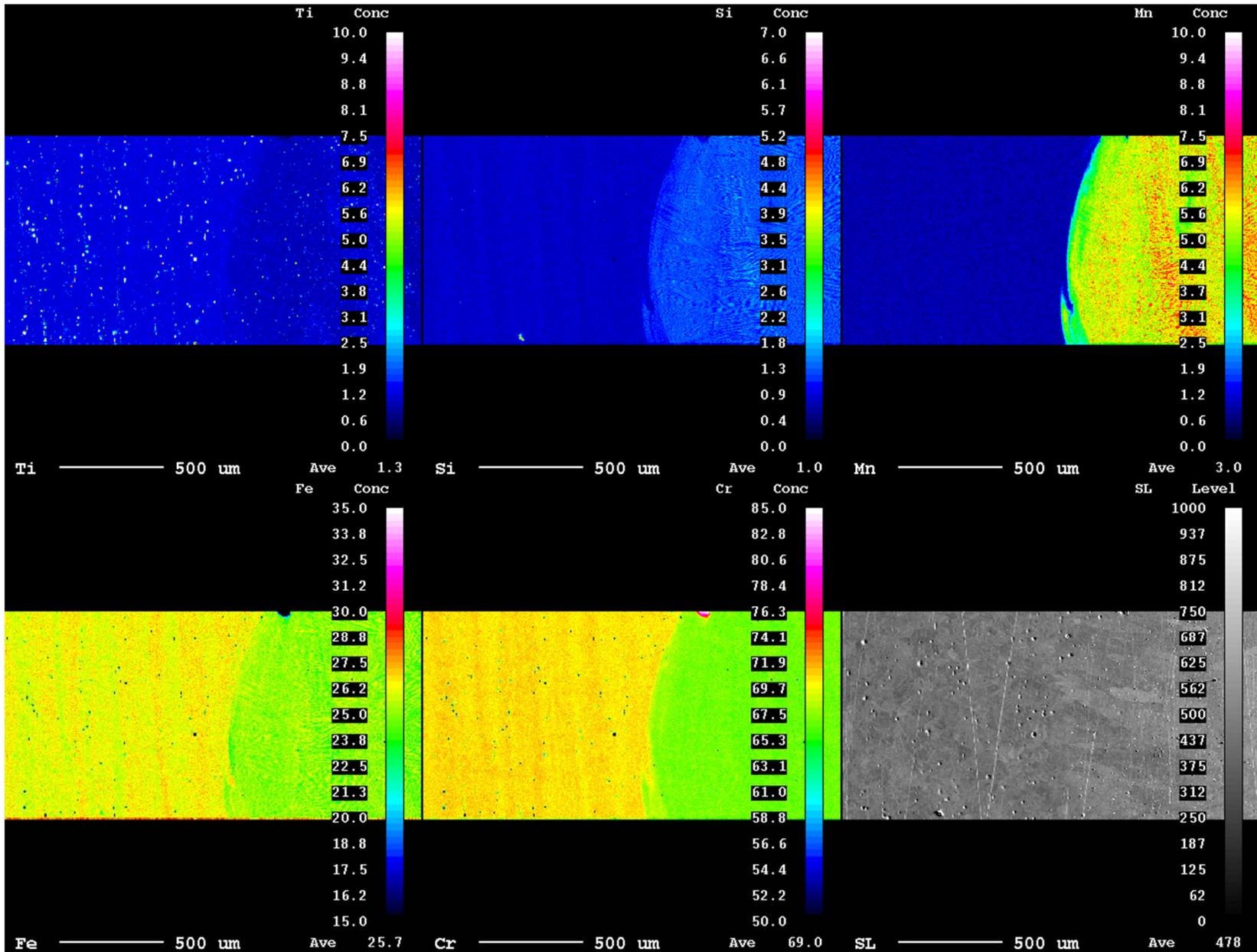


# J-Groove- Middle area- Map

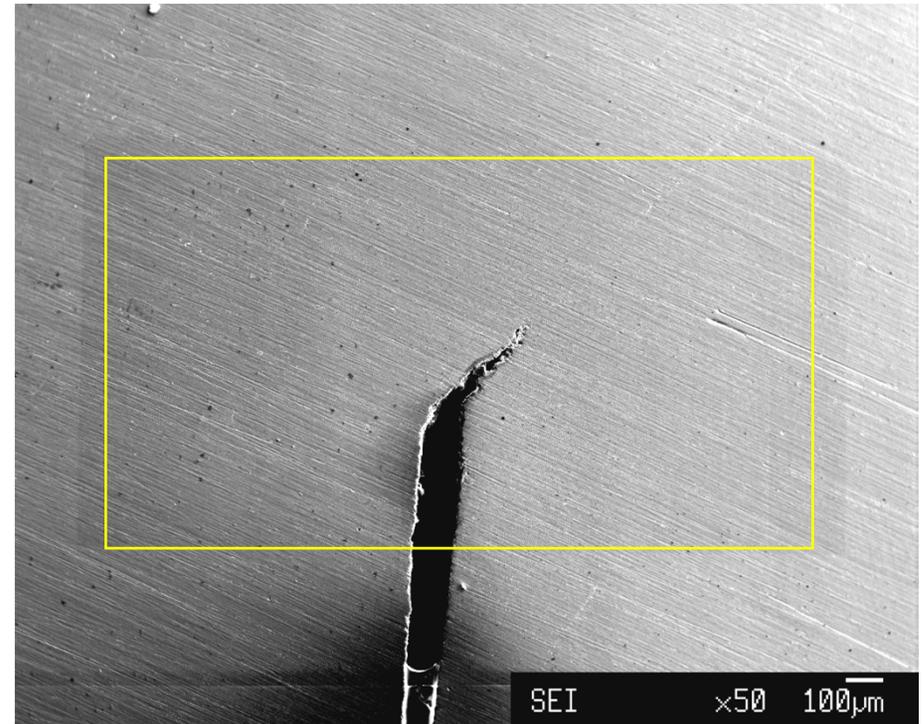
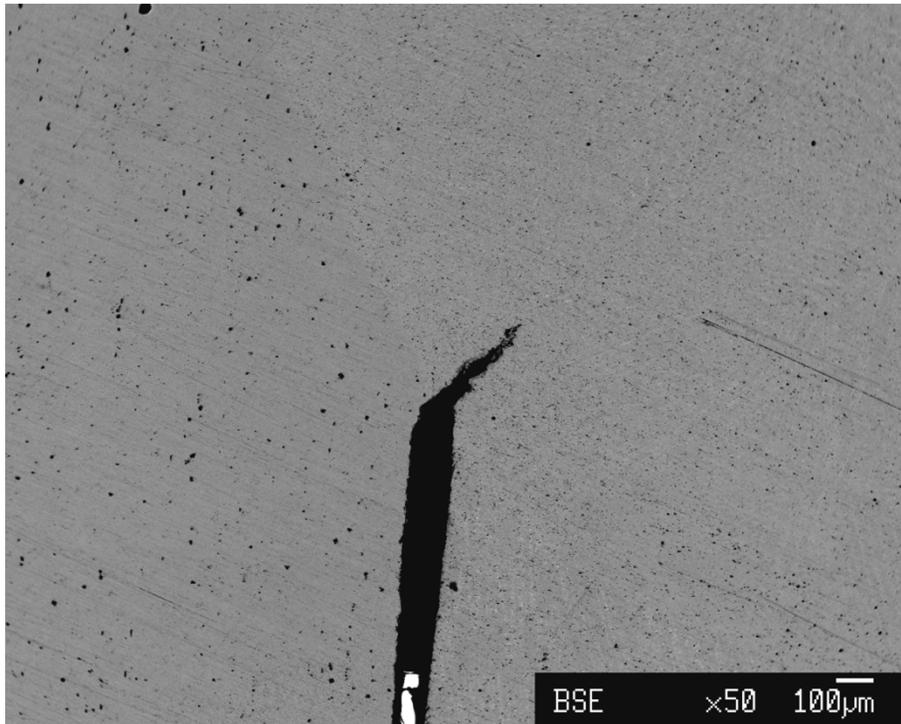


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# J-Groove- Middle area- Map

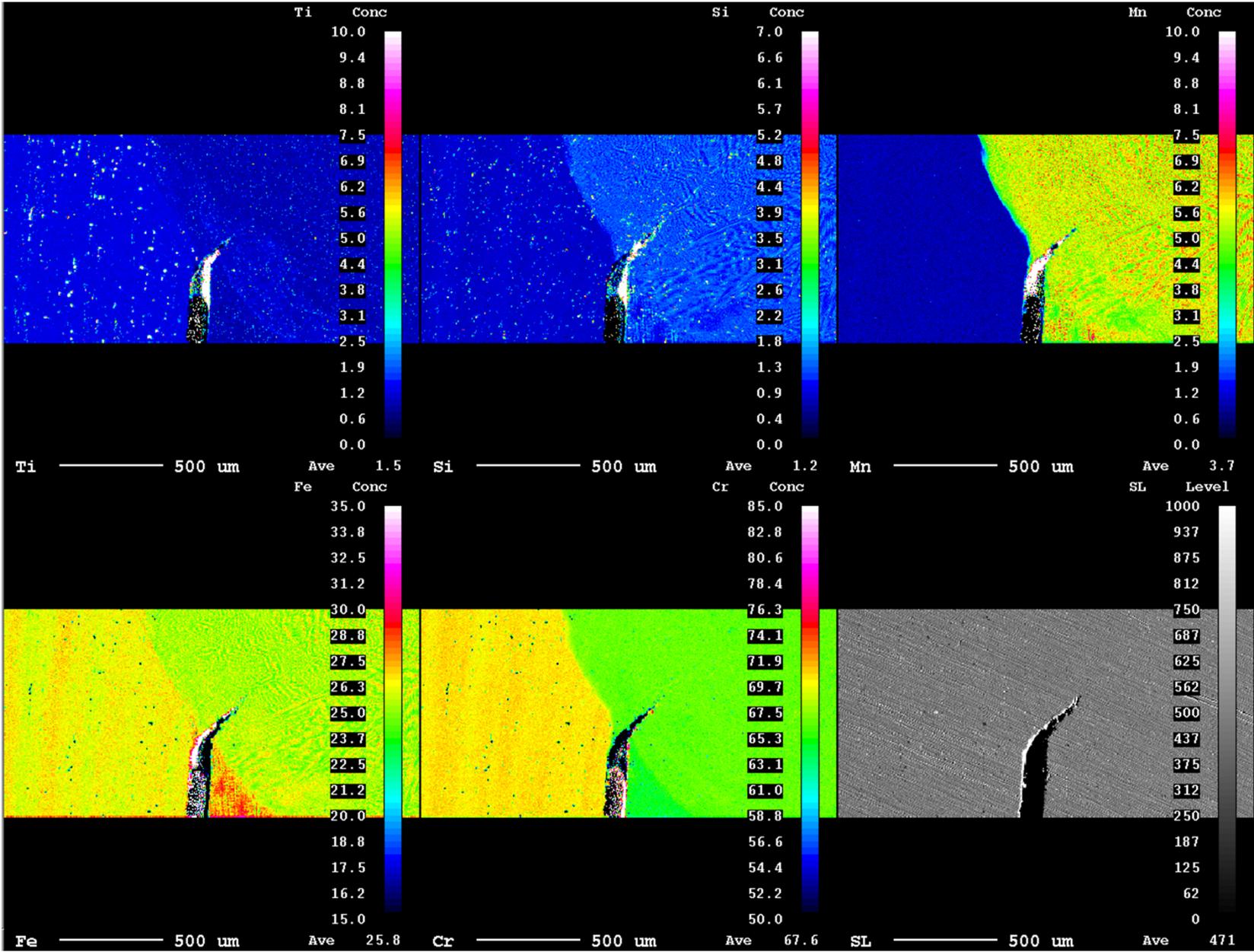


# J-Groove- Bottom area (crack)

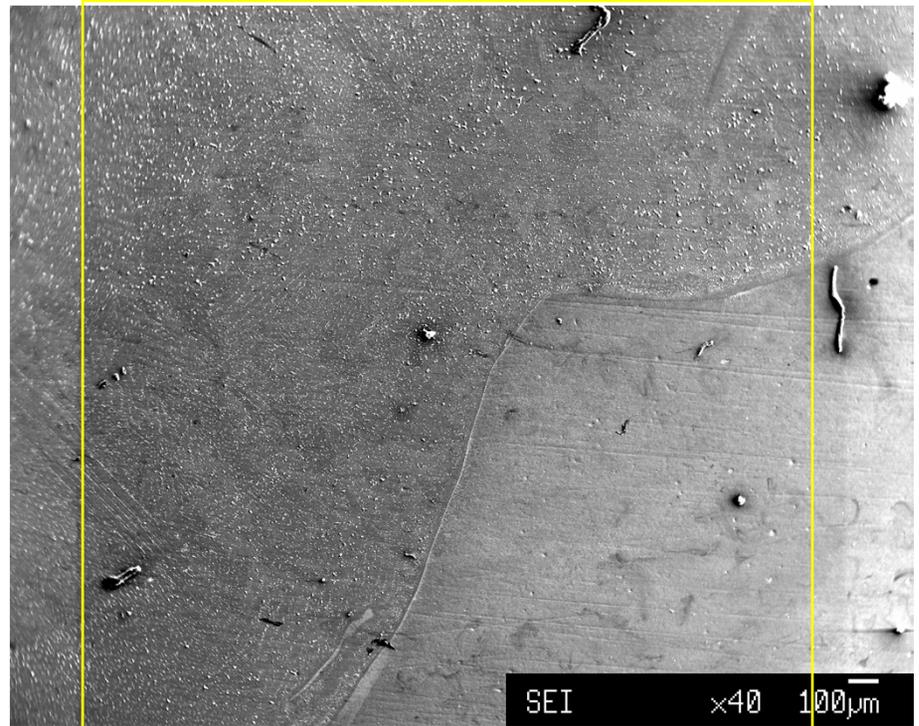
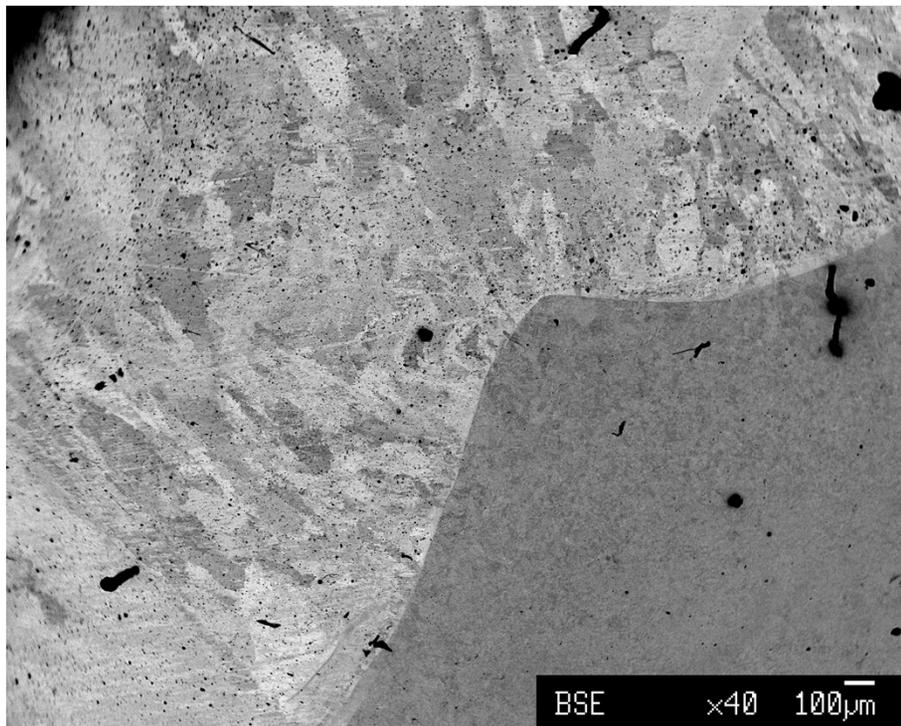


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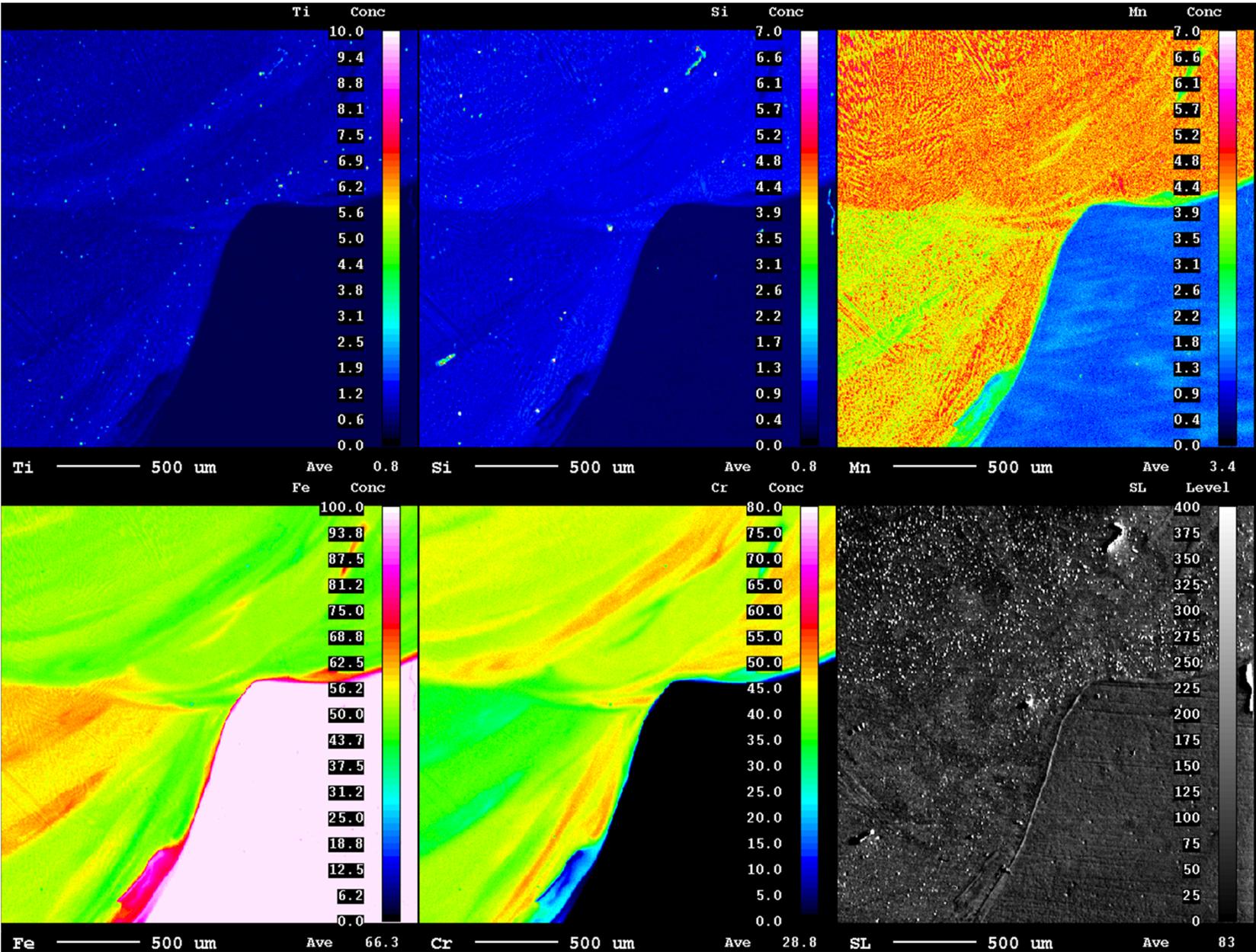


# J-Groove- Weld Steel Join



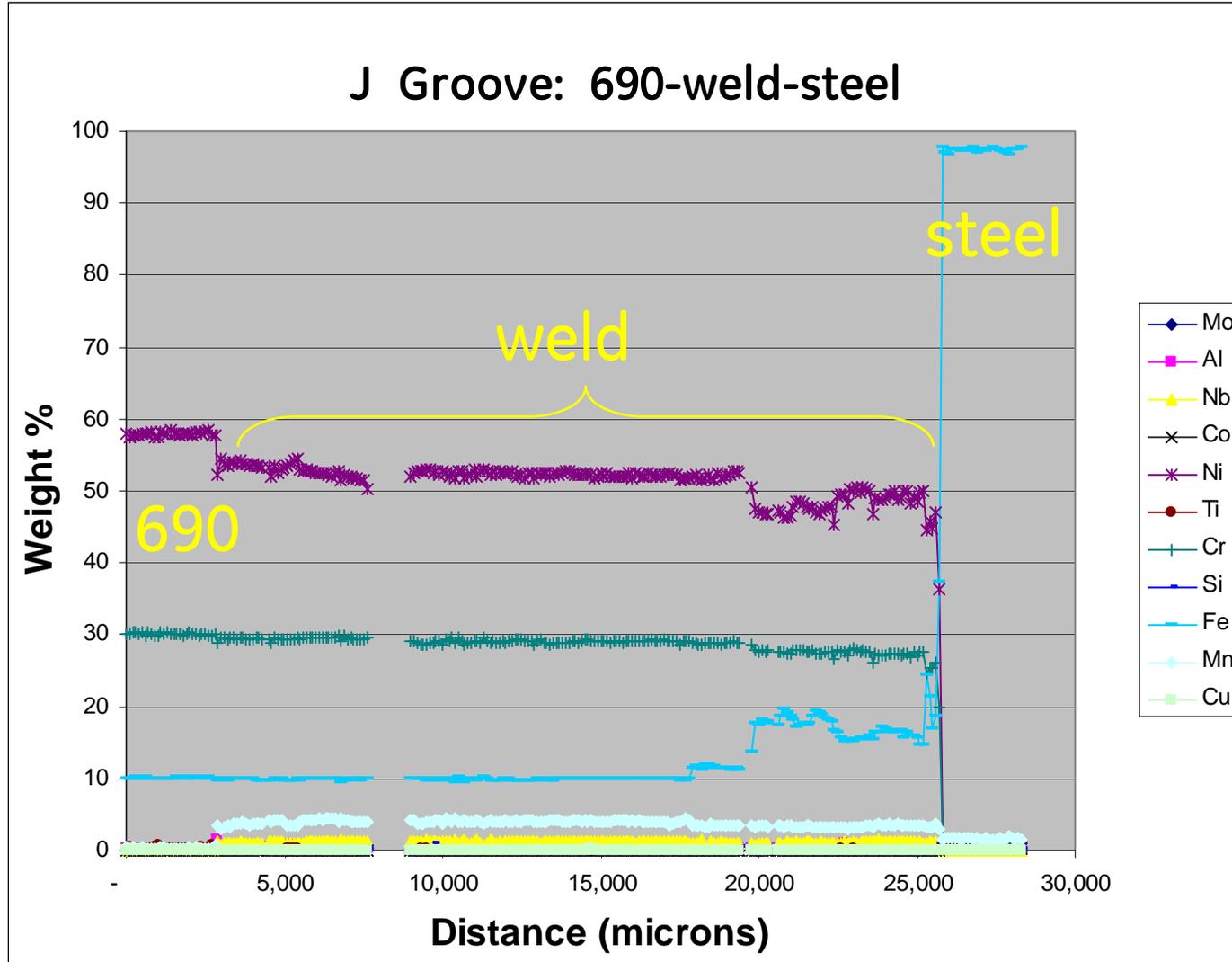
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# J-Groove- Weld Steel Join- Map

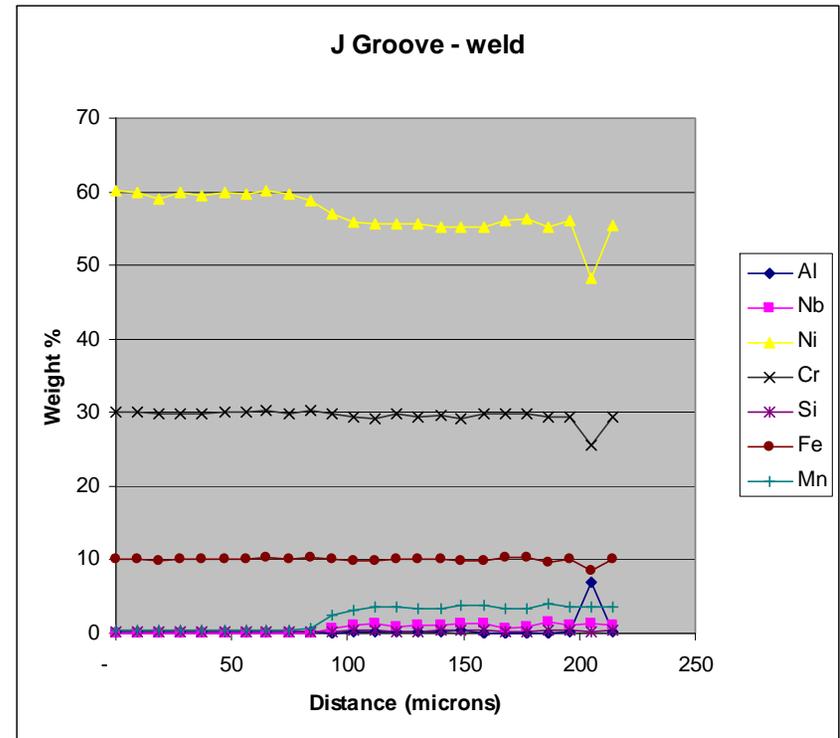
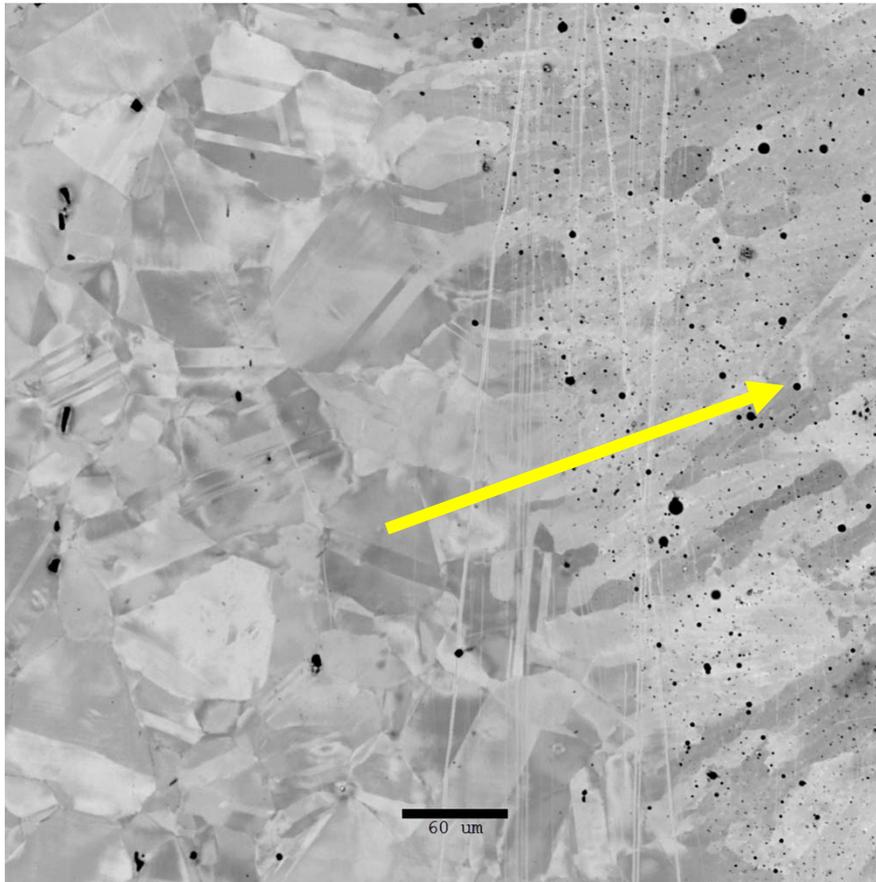


# Linescan from 690, across weld into steel

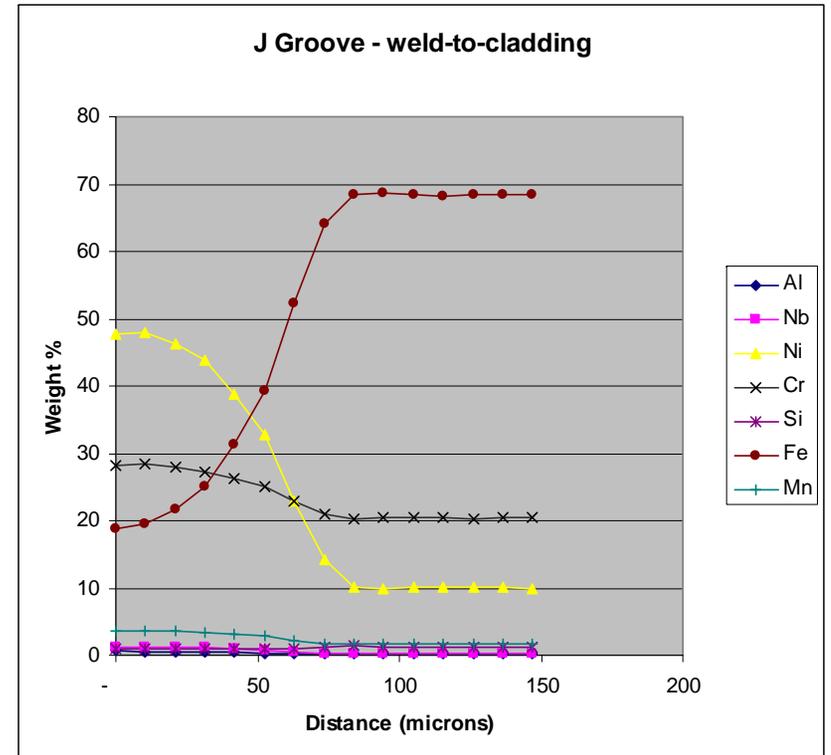
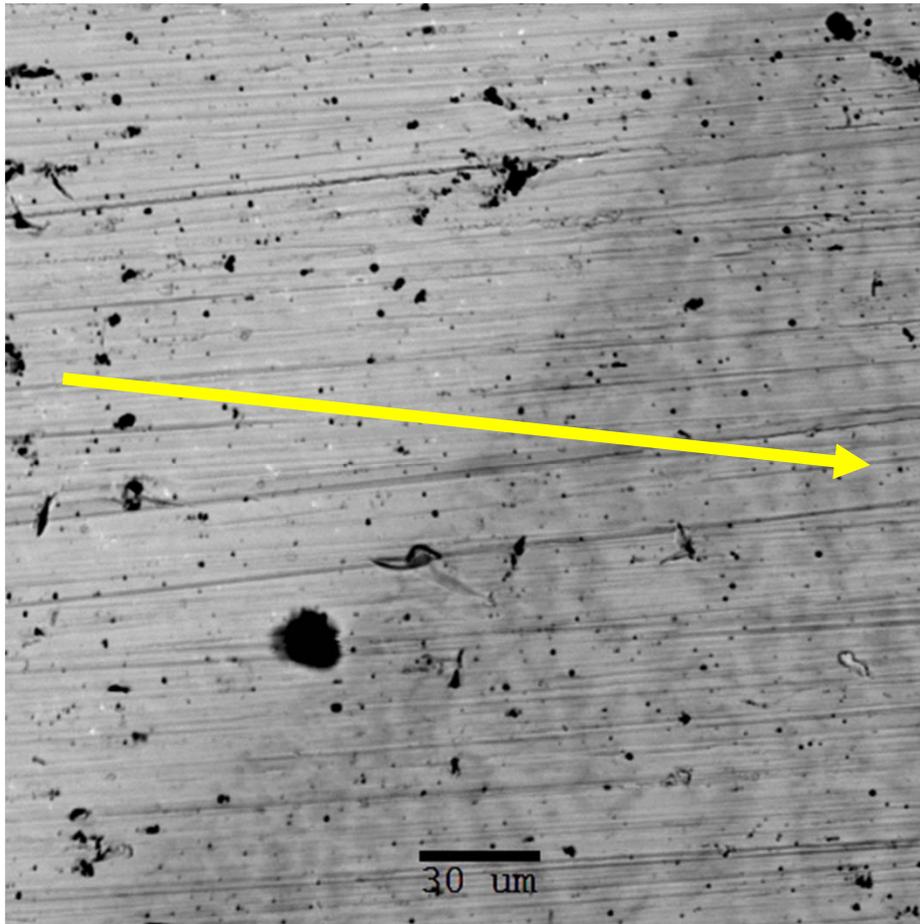
(large gap where sample was cut)



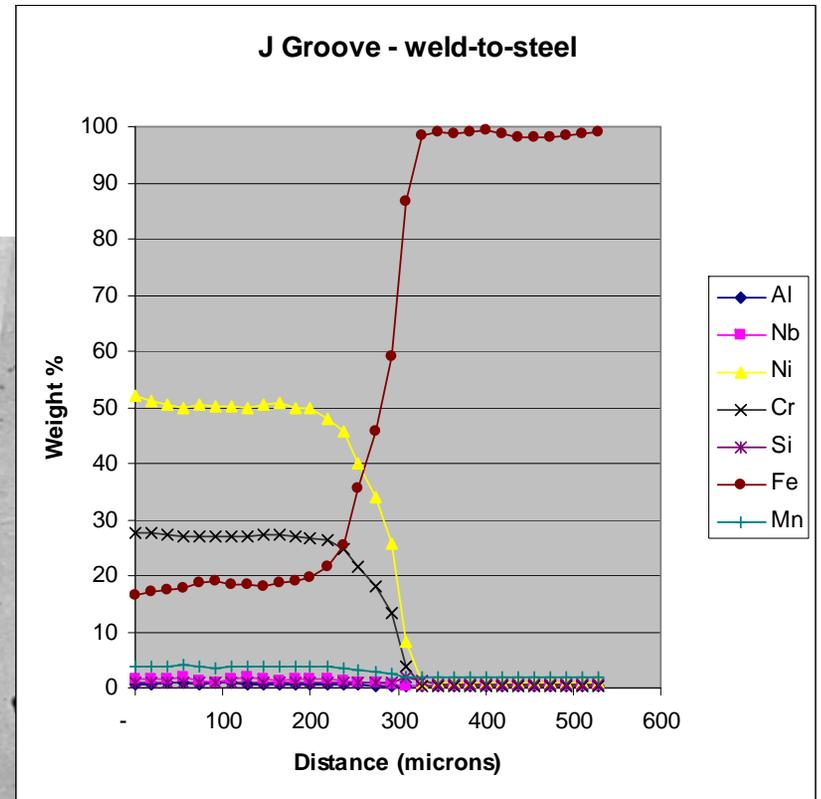
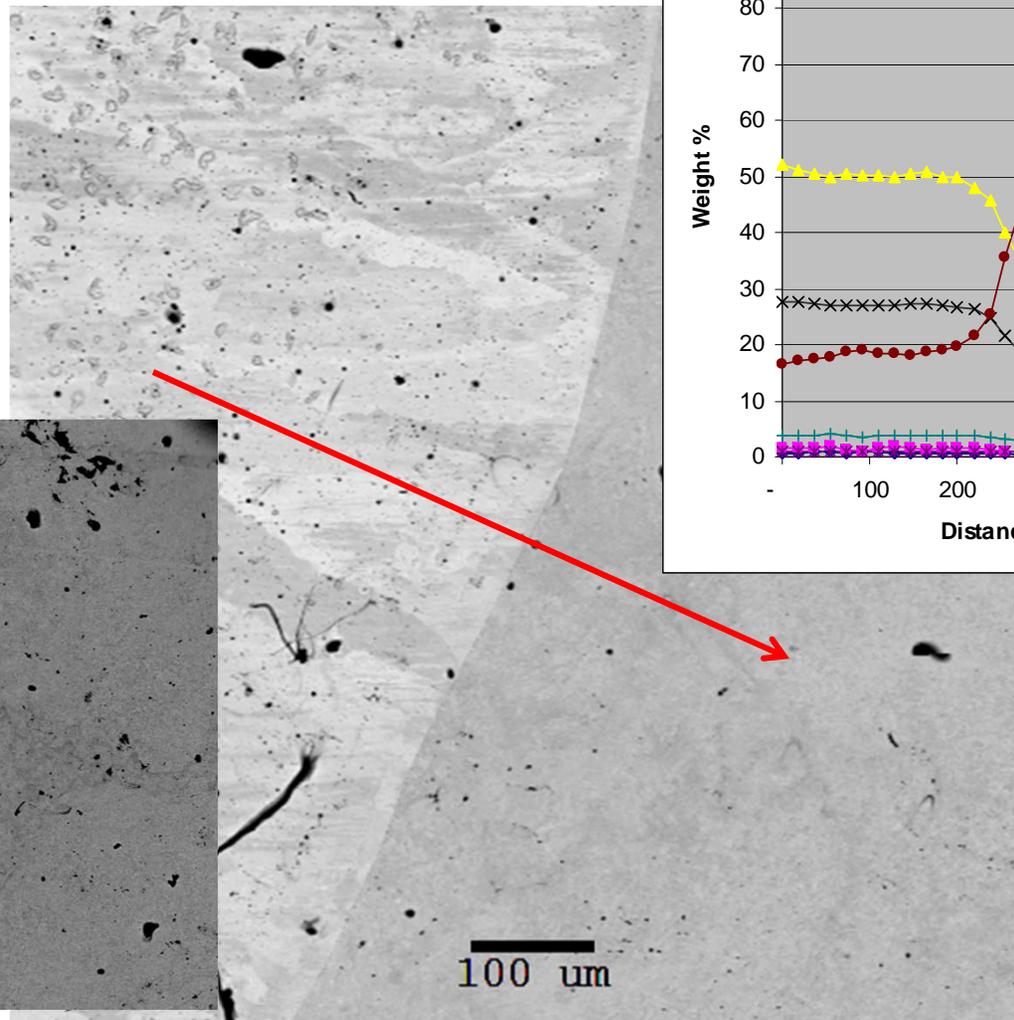
# Detailed linescan from 690 into weld



# Detailed linescan from weld into cladding



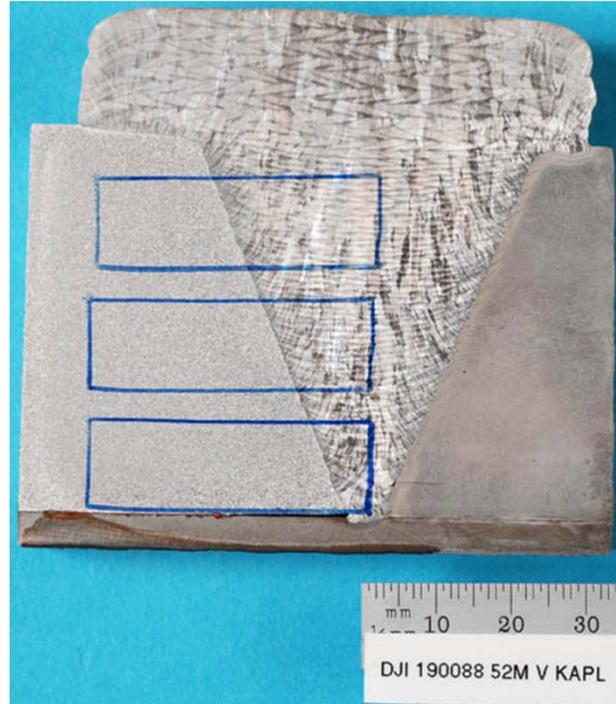
# Detailed linescan from weld into steel



# Comparison SS-CS V-Groove Weld with EN52M Filler Metal

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# DJI 190088 52M V-Groove Weld Stainless Steel to 52M Interface



## EBSD Strain Analysis

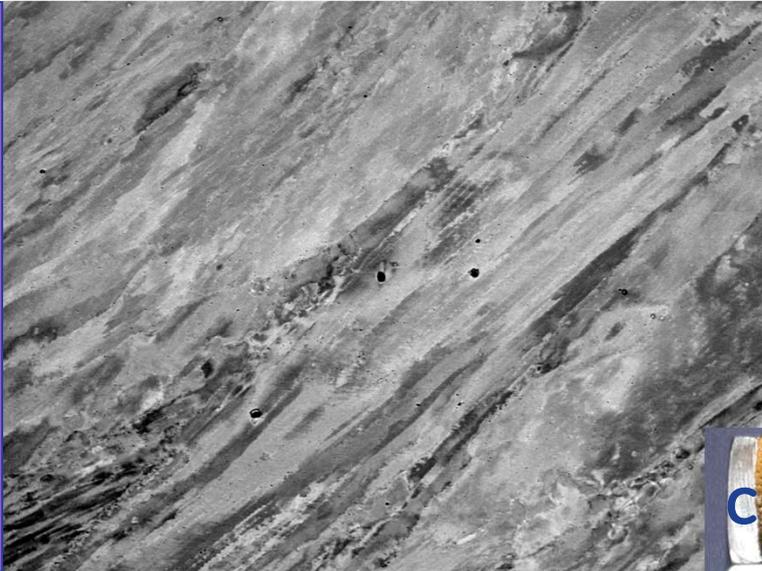


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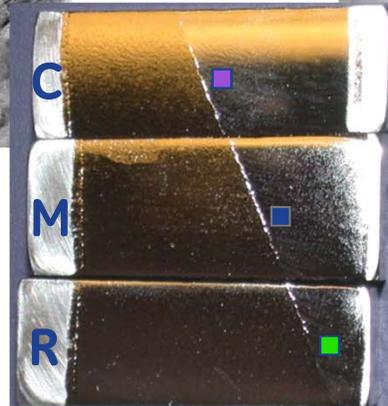
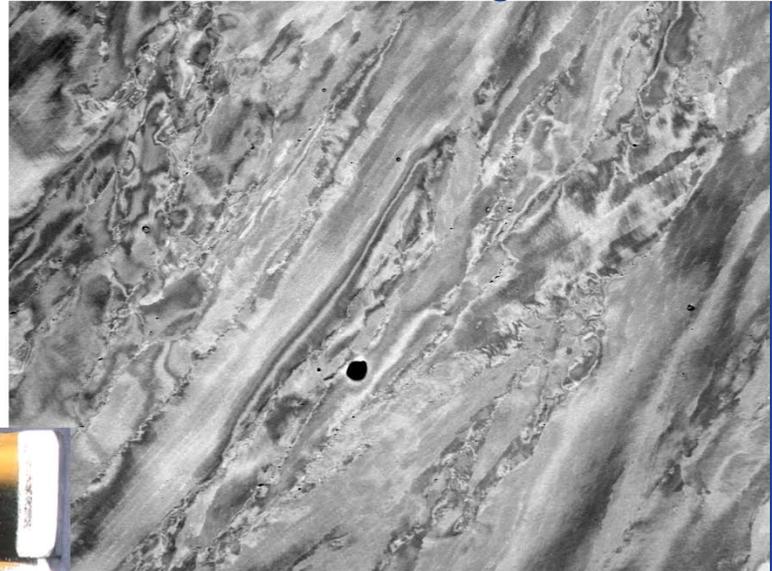
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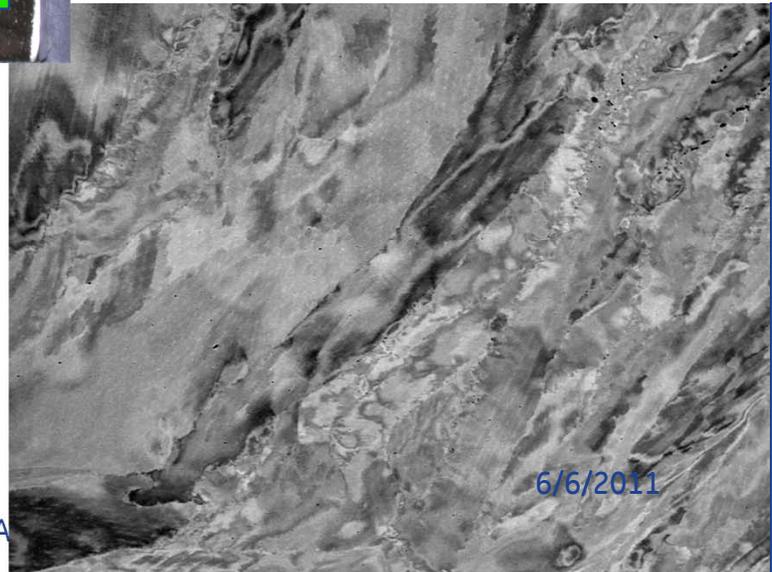
Section C



Section M



Section R



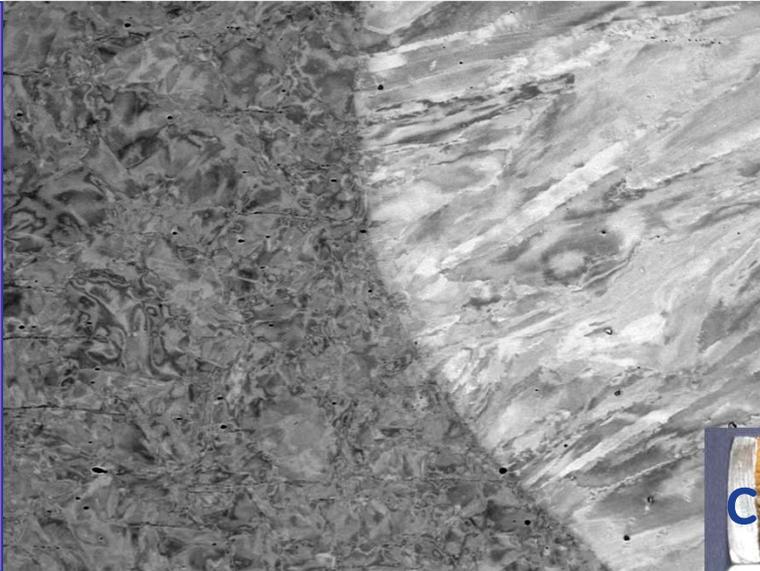
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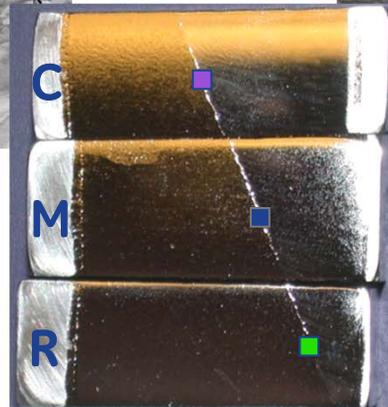
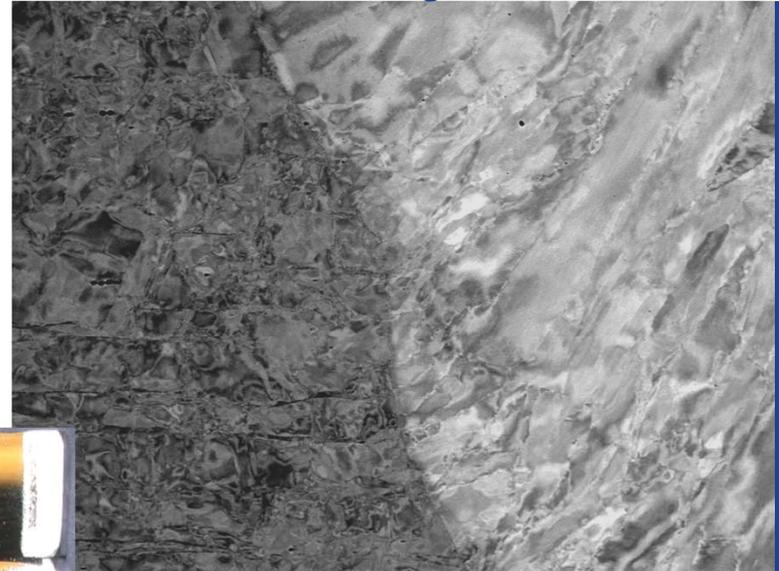
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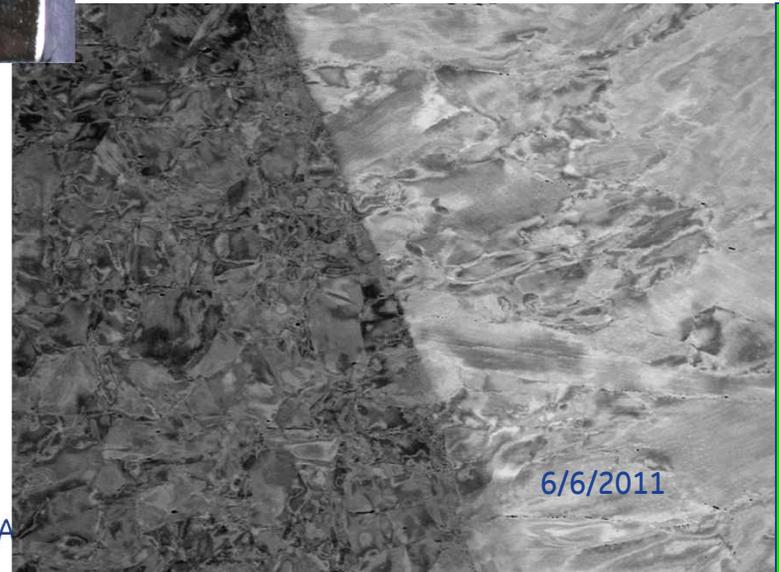


Section M



Sharp weld interface

Section R

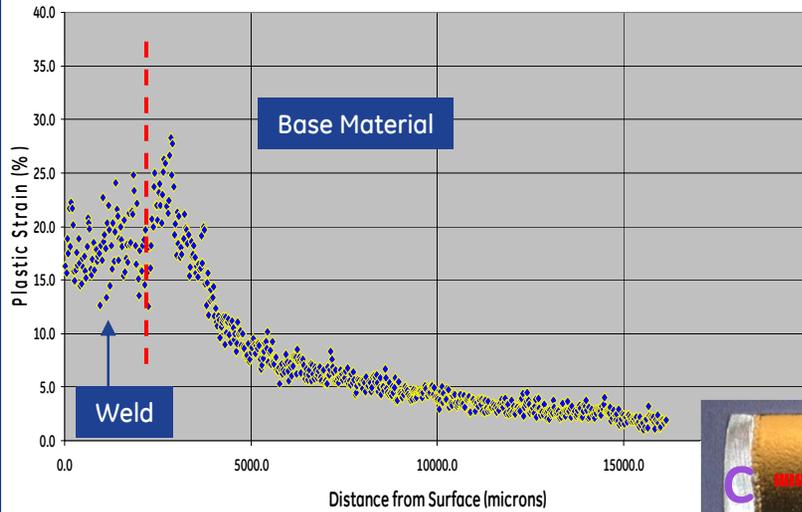


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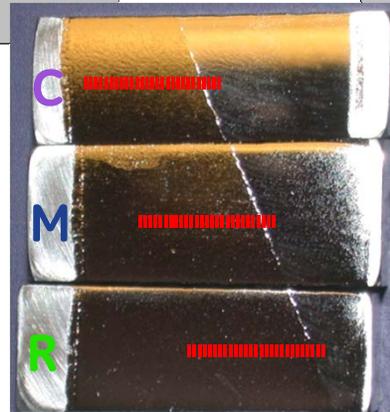
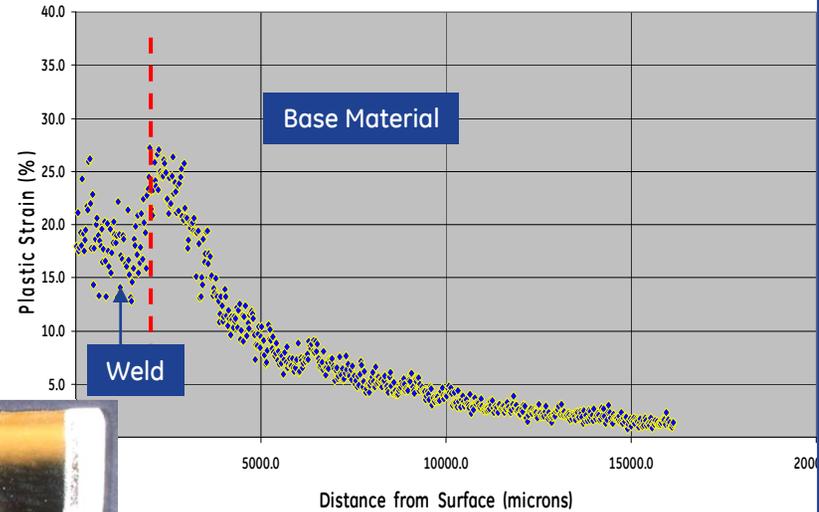
# DJI 190088 52M V KAPL Plate

# Distance vs. Plastic Strain

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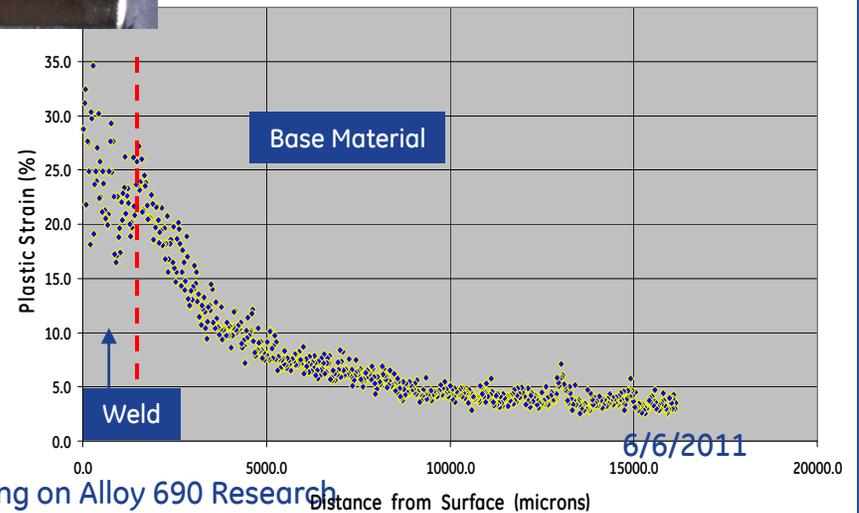


Section M



Sharp peak in plastic strain in SS at interface, above 25% plastic strain.

Section R



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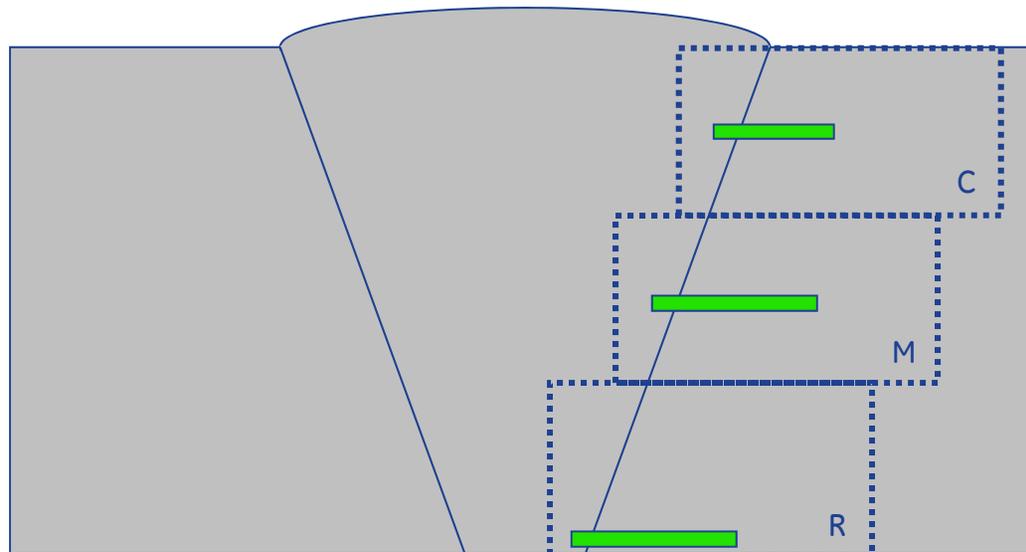
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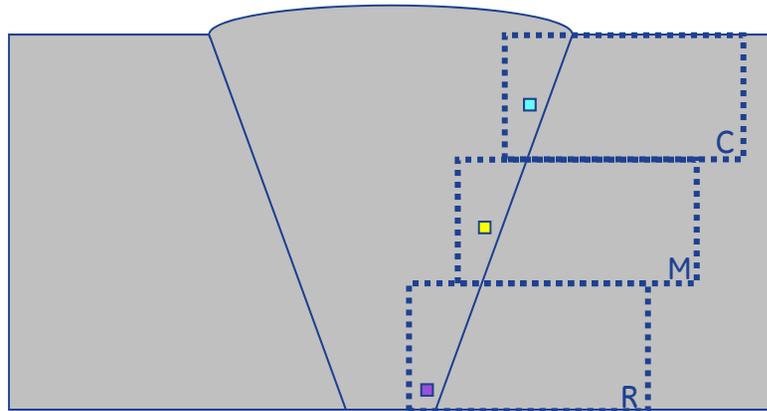
## Residual Plastic Strain Analysis by EBSD

### Images at Weld 52i/SS Interface



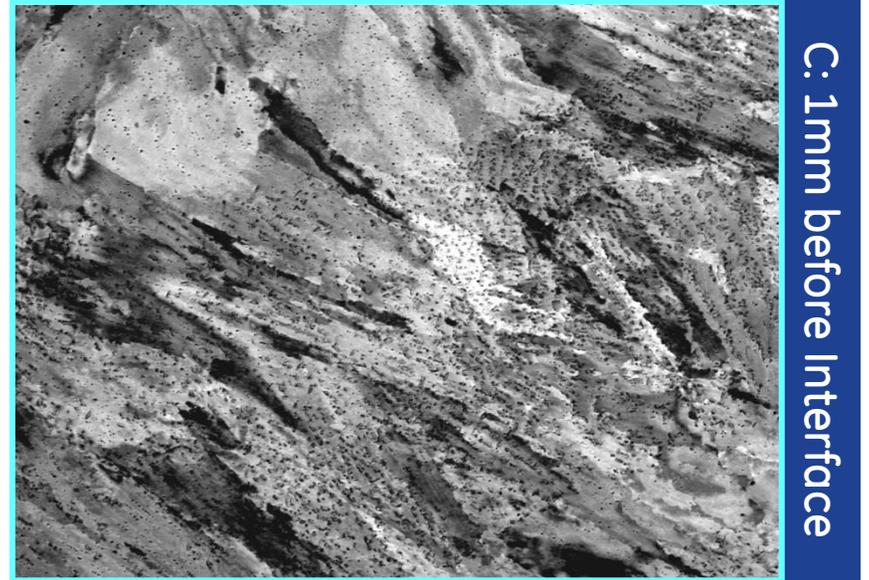
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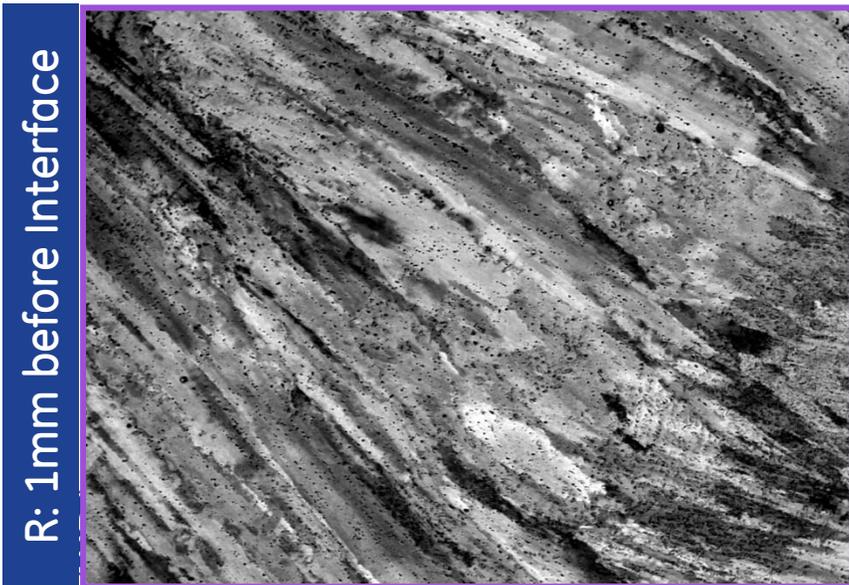


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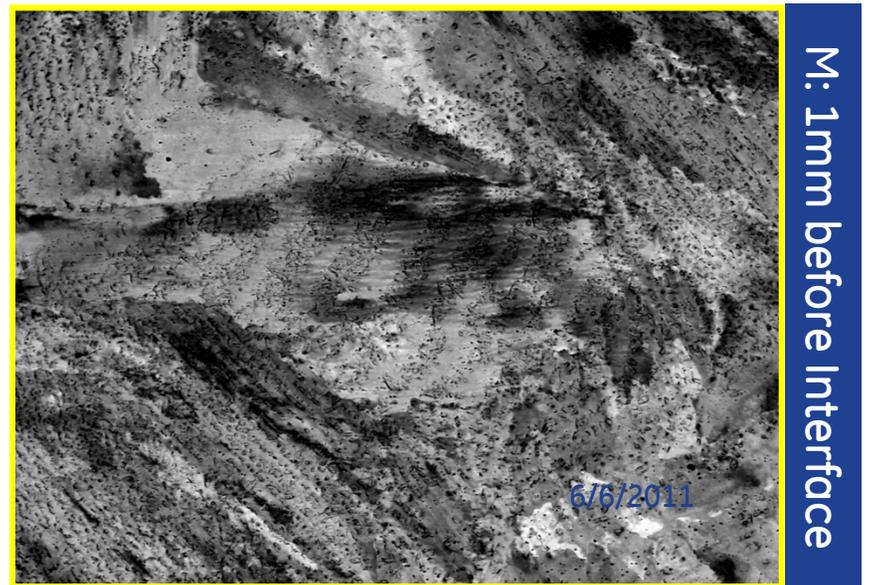
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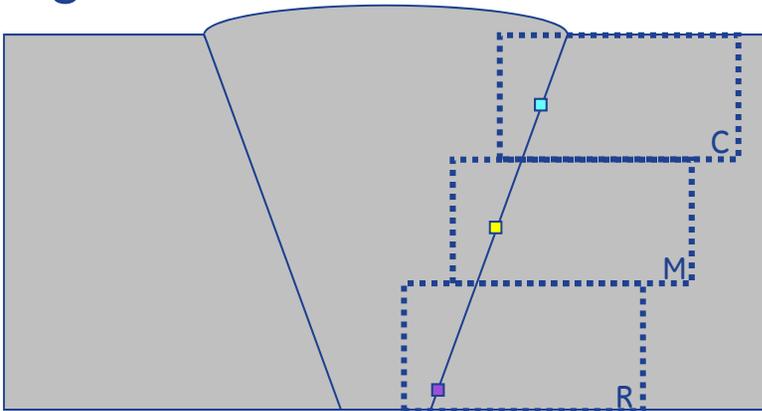
R: 1mm before Interface



M: 1mm before Interface

# KAPL 52i 187775 : Interface

Images: 100x



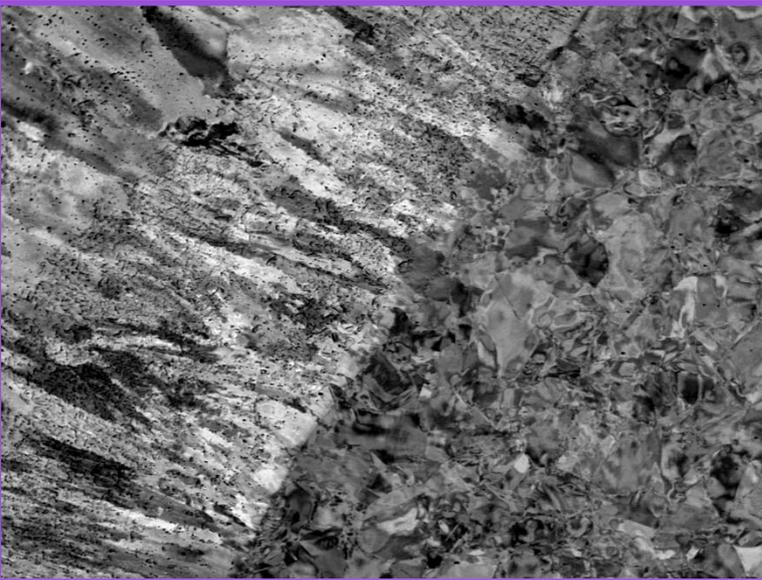
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C: Interface

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R: Interface



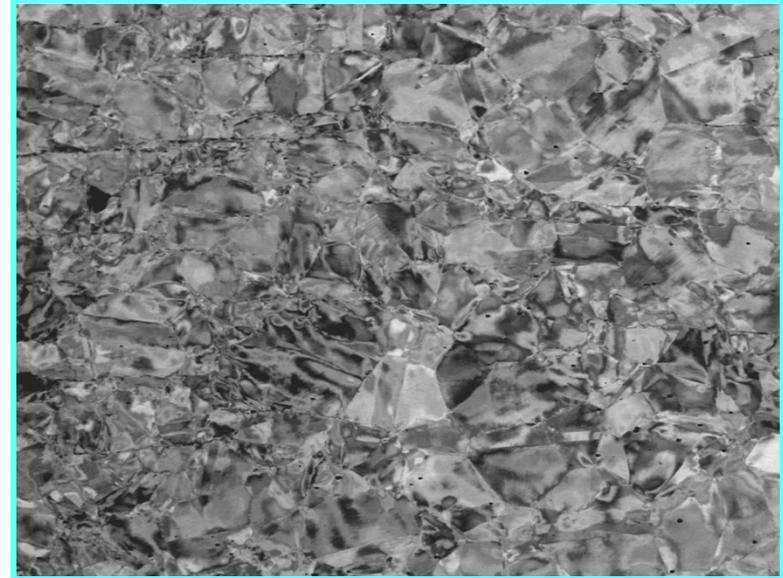
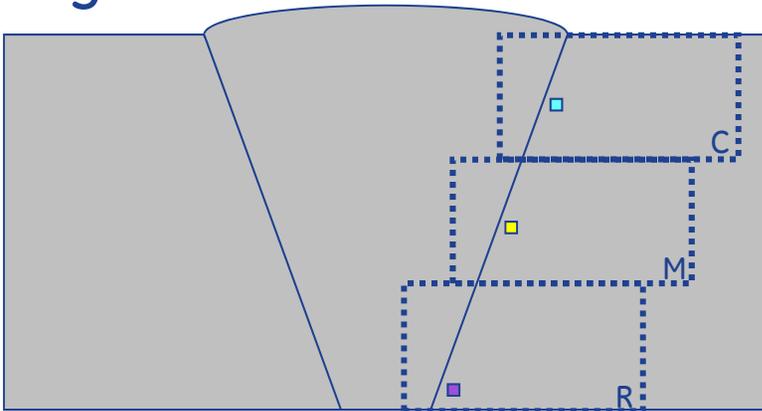
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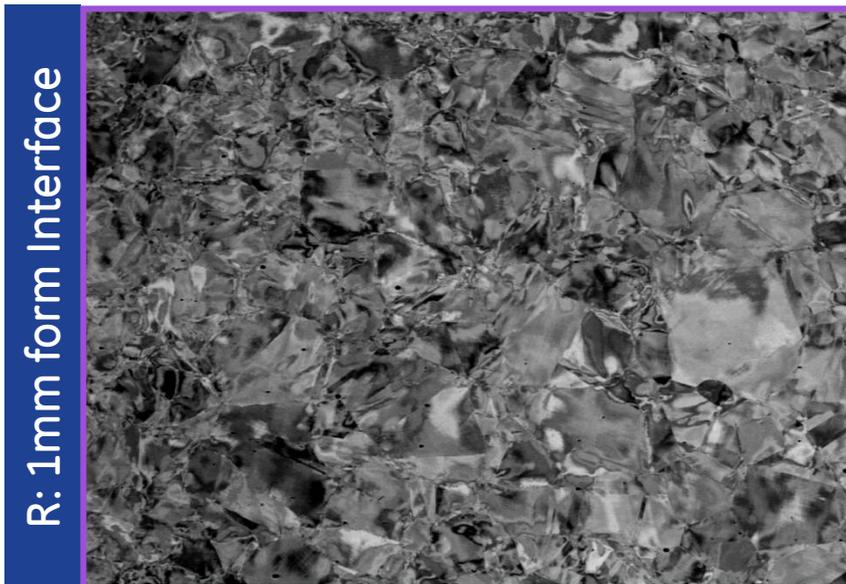
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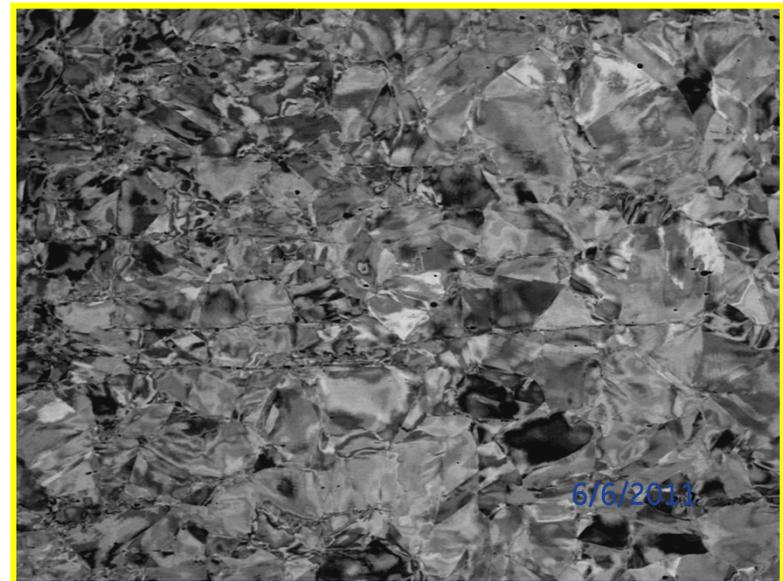


C: 1mm from Interface

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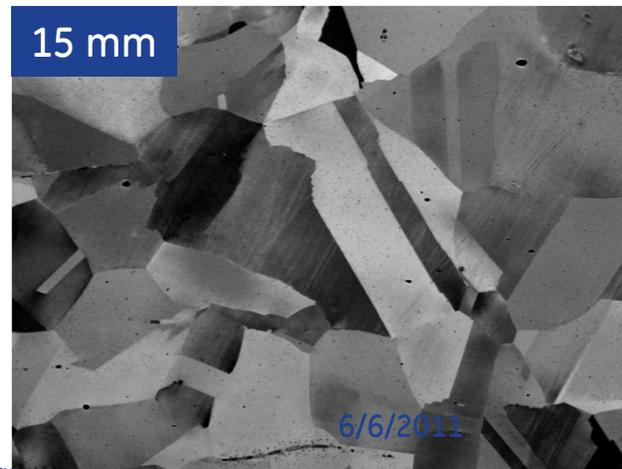
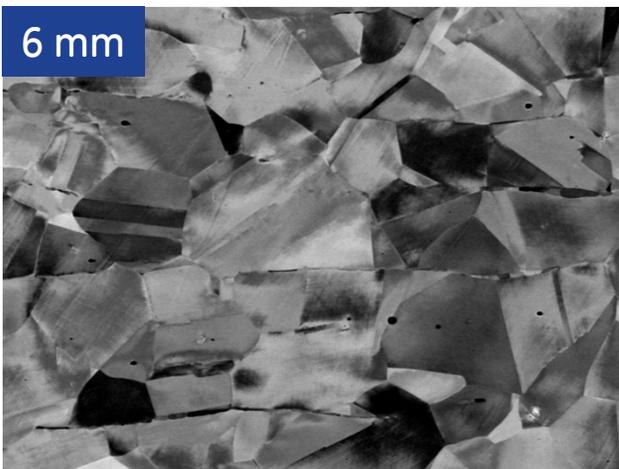
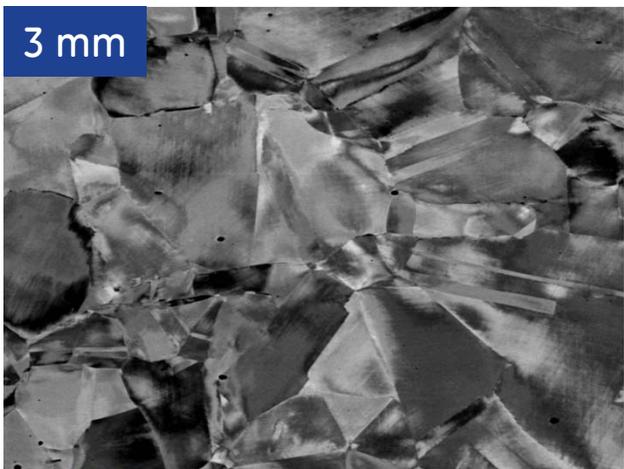
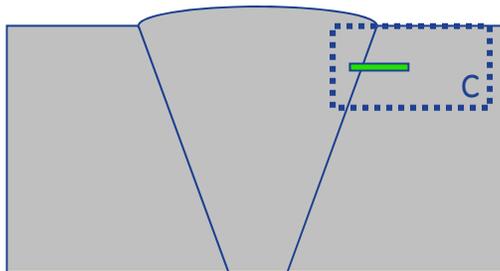
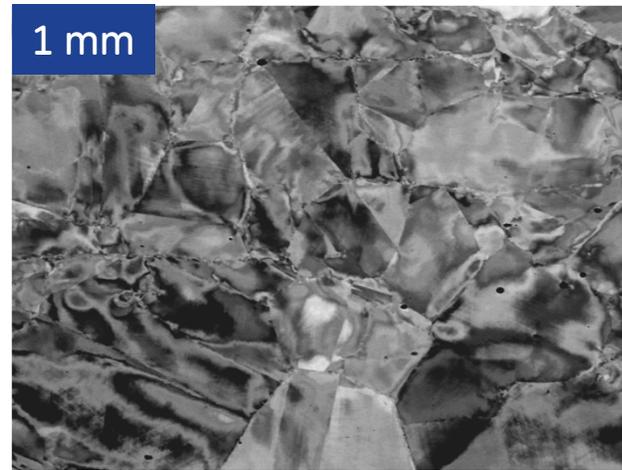
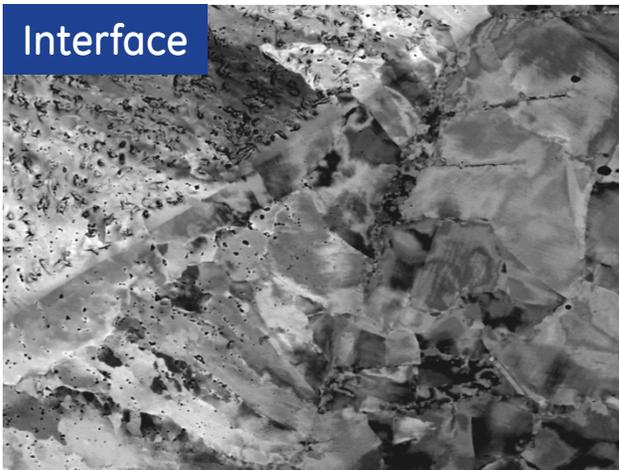
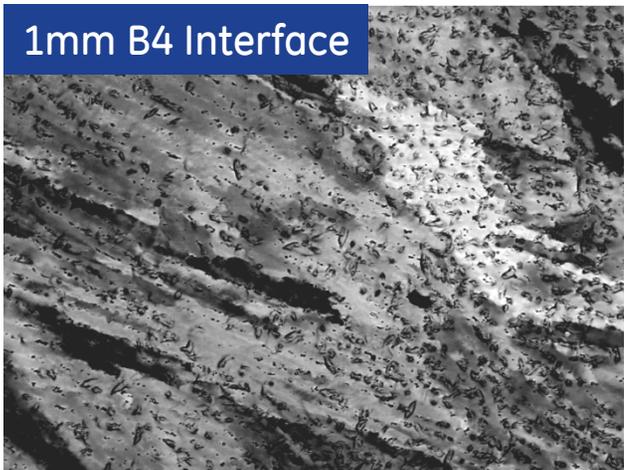
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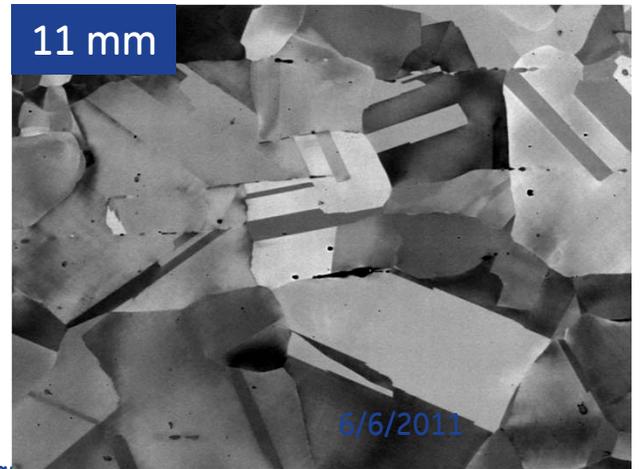
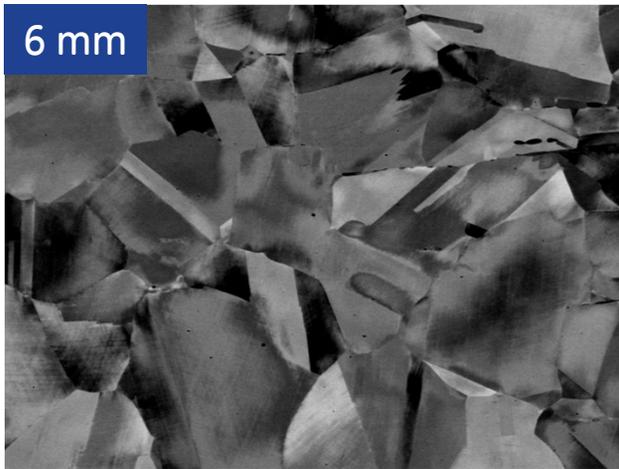
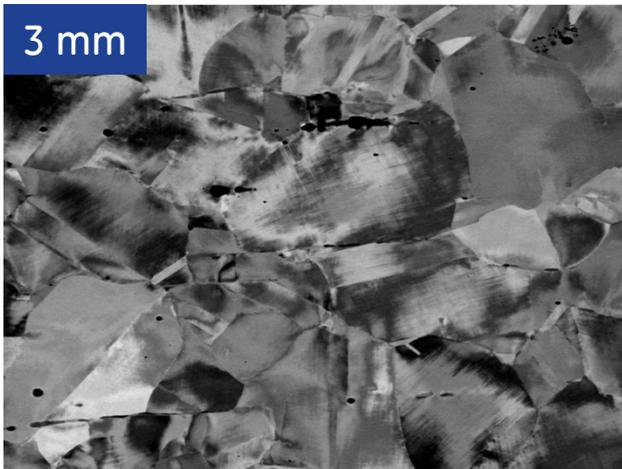
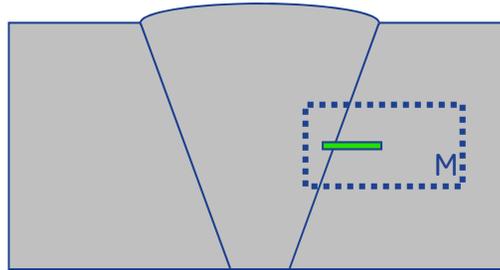
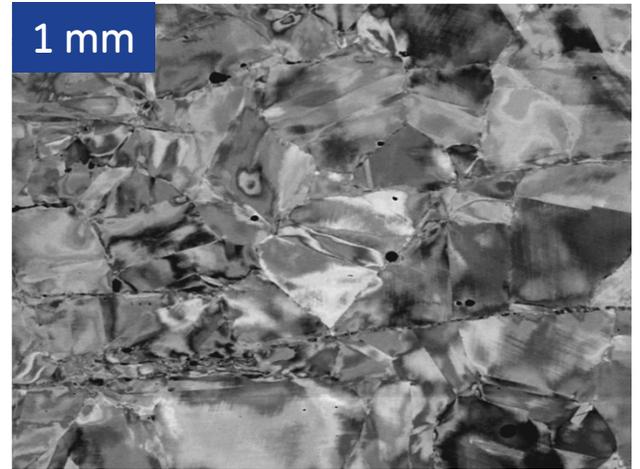
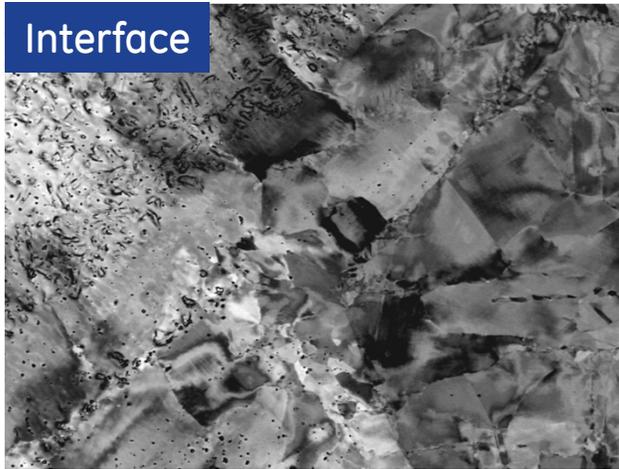
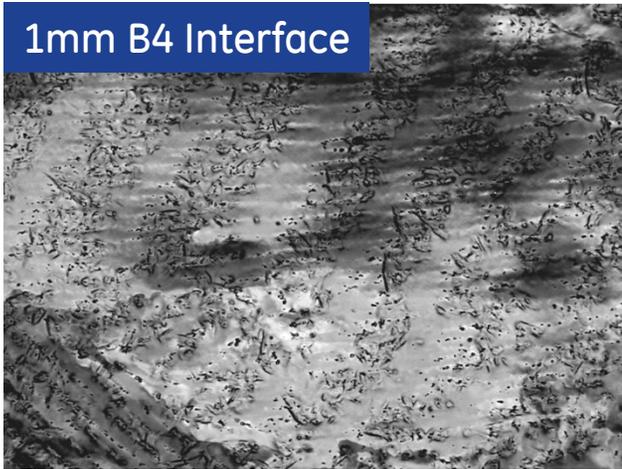
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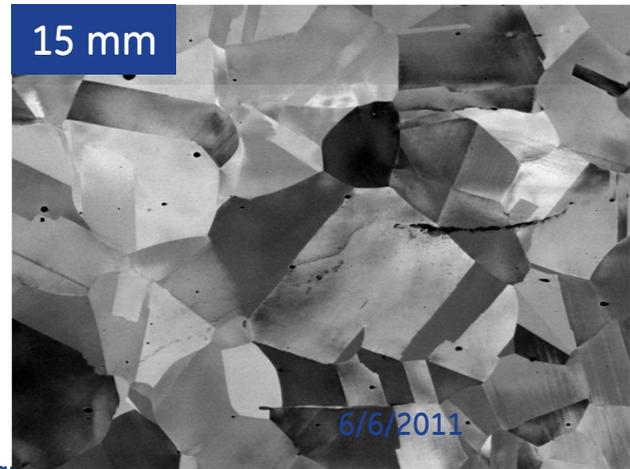
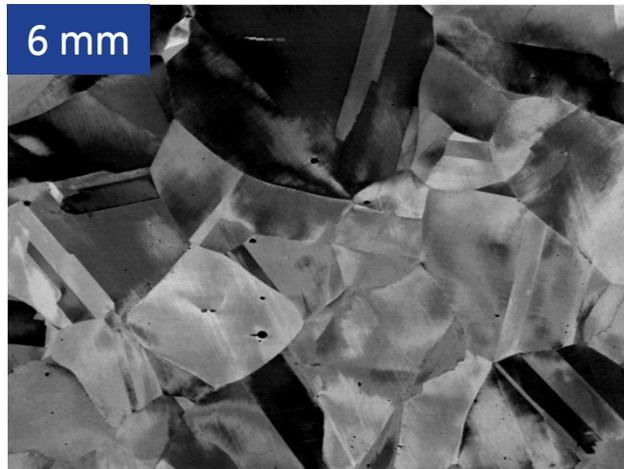
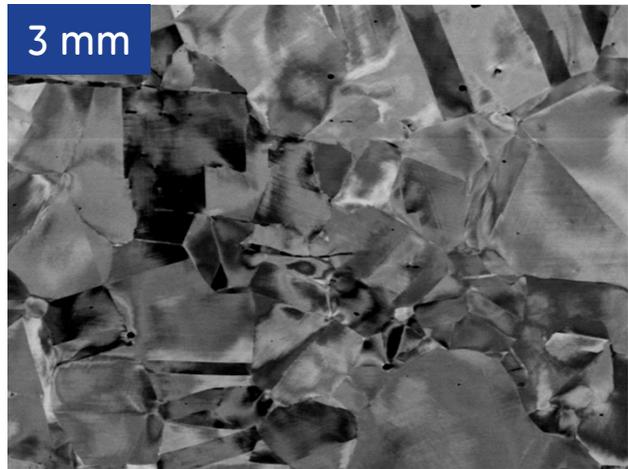
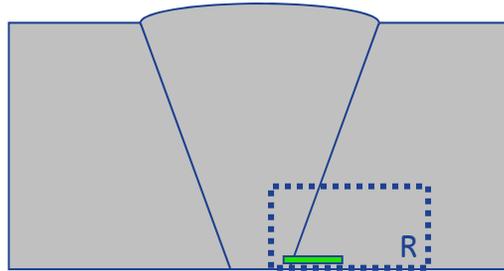
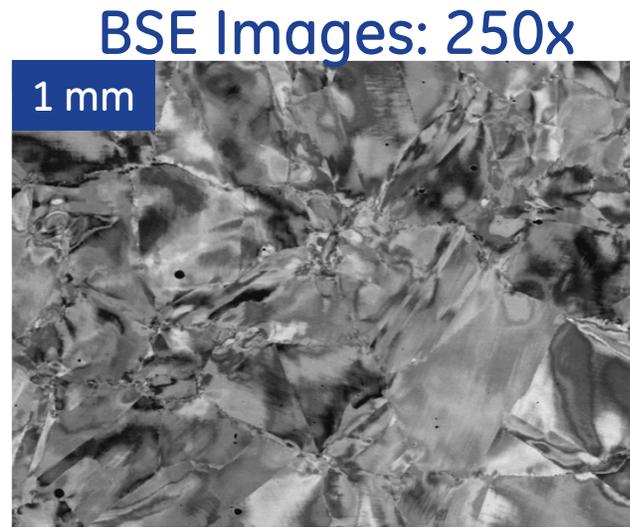
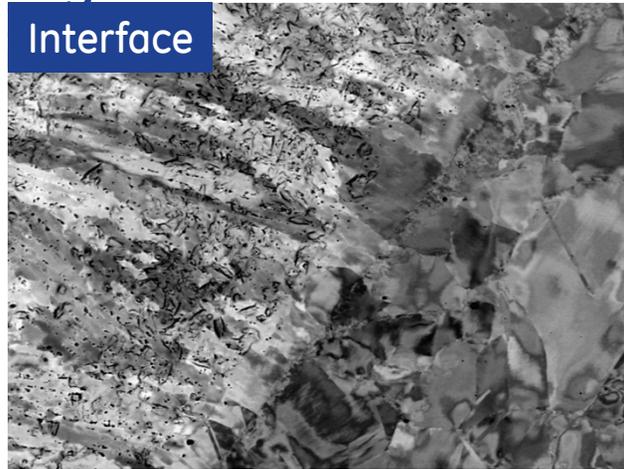
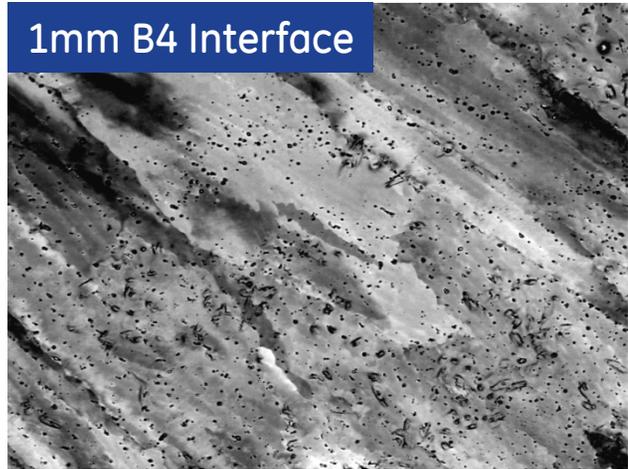


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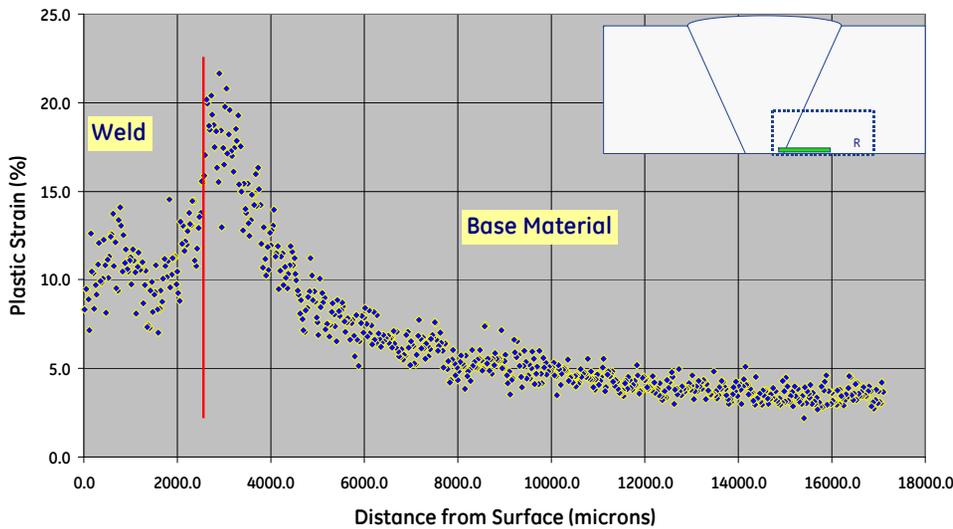
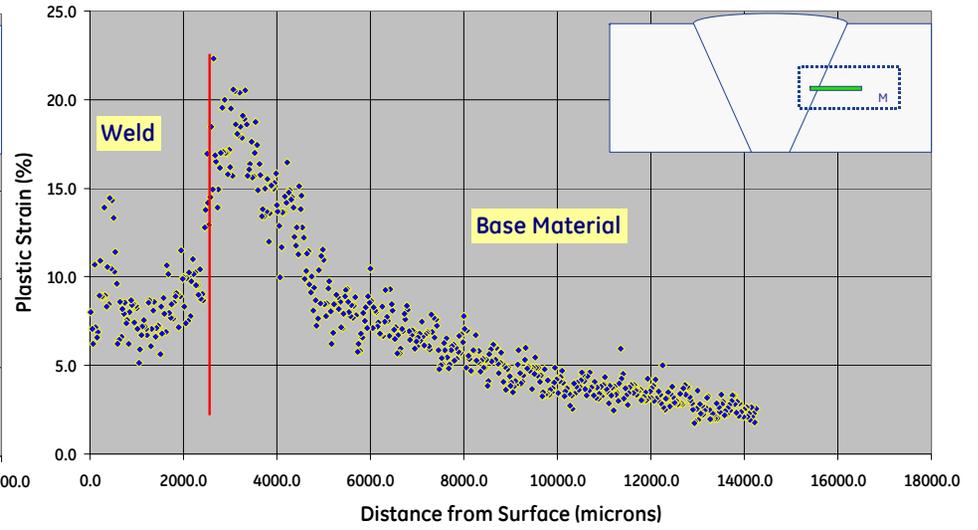
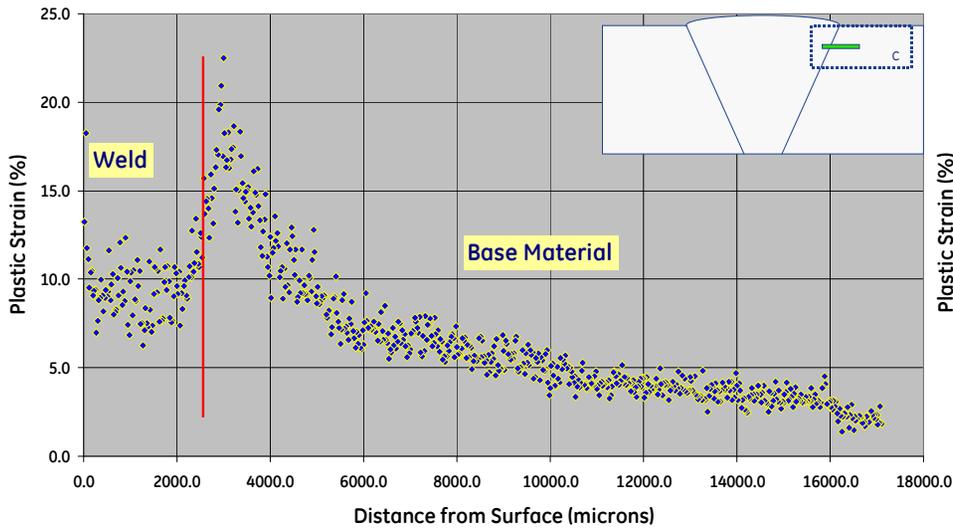


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# 304 SS to EN52i Filler Metal Heat 187775

# Distance vs. Plastic Strain



The location of the plastic strain peak in the stainless steel base metal is consistent

# SUMMARY

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- 690 – 52M weld interface appears to be more complex than seen in 52M – SS weld interfaces with the peak in residual plastic strain shifted to just inside the interface defined by the fine grained base metal.
- Peak in plastic strain in the 52M – 690 interfaces occurs just inside the interface defined by the fine grain 690 base metal.
- Prominent peak in residual plastic strain in coarse grain/epitaxial dendrite mix zone.
- Residual plastic strain in mix zone above 20% in some welds
- Other 52M-690 weld interfaces

NX2579JK – peak at 12% strain in interface mixed structure zone

MLTS-3-Cr – peak from 12 to 14% strain in interface mixed structure zone