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## **High-Throughput Process Mapping for Additively Manufactured 316L Stainless Steel and FeCoNiCrMn High Entropy Alloy**

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## Biography

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# Additive Manufacturing

Additive Manufacturing: the process of building a part by adding layers of material

Advantages:

- Complex geometries
- Reduced part number

Disadvantages:

- Prone to defects and build failures
- Little control over physical properties

METAL ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING OF

## BUCKY BADGER

3D PRINTING WITH STAINLESS STEEL



Support scaffolding is designed to provide consistent heat transfer during build-up

Scaffolding designs are being investigated to reduce material consumption and cost

3D PRINTED BY SELECTIVE LASER MELTING (SLM) OF A POWER BED



Effects of process parameters and heat treatment on the microstructure of metal is being investigated to achieve better control over microstructure evolution throughout the printing process

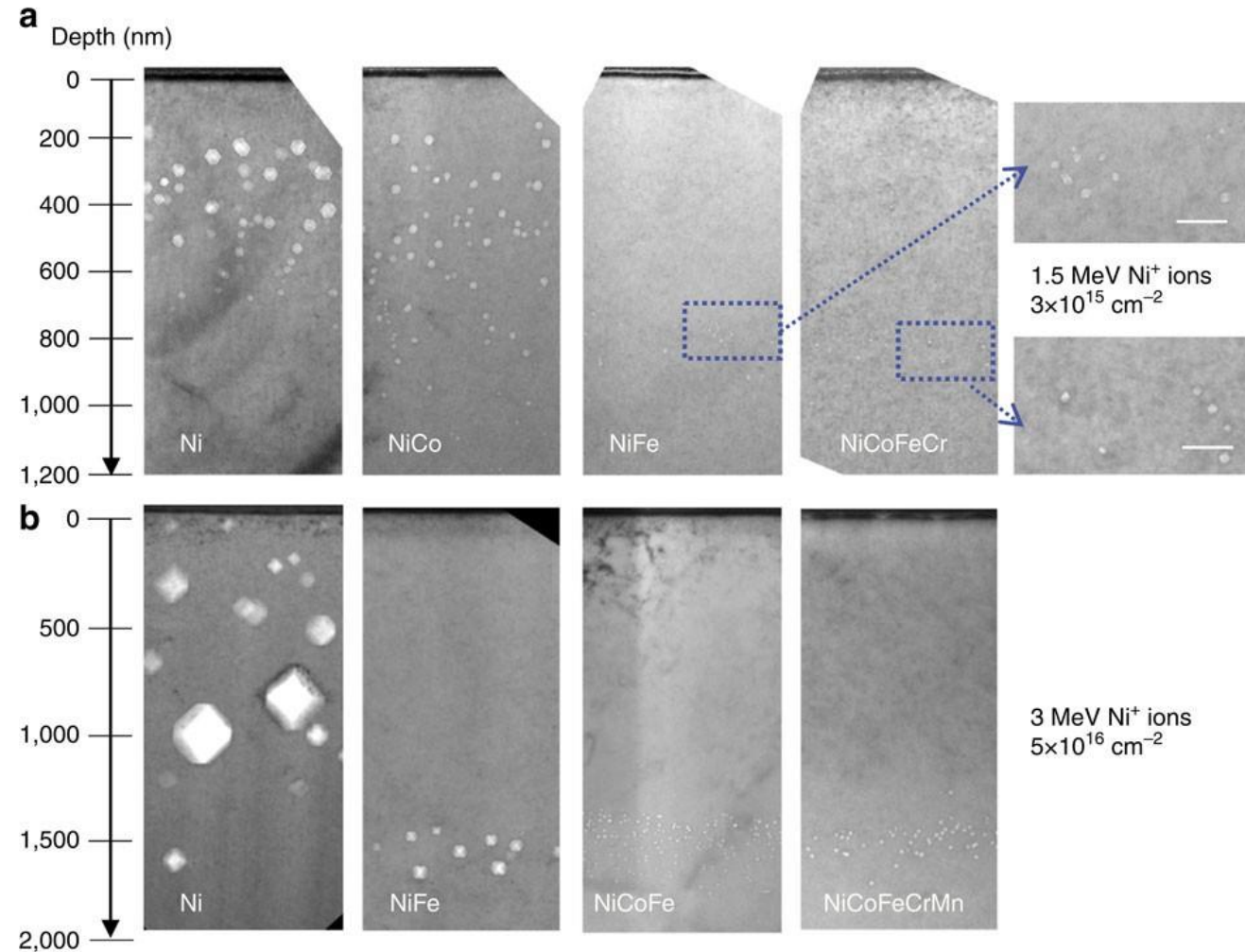


# FeCoNiCrMn High Entropy Alloy

B. Cantor et. al. discovered the unique high entropy alloy (HEA)  $\text{Fe}_{20}\text{Co}_{20}\text{Ni}_{20}\text{Cr}_{20}\text{Mn}_{20}$  in 2004.

- “High Entropy” due to high entropy of mixing<sup>1</sup>

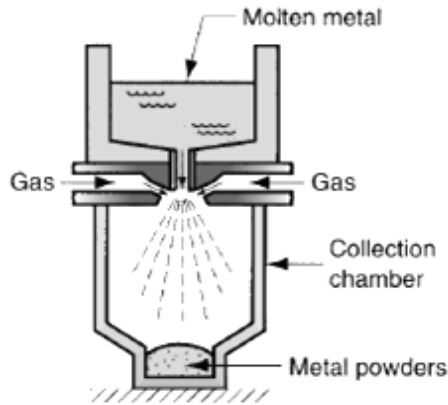
HEA’s have good radiation resistance by mitigating void swelling<sup>2</sup>



1. B. Cantor, et. al., Microstructural development in equiatomic multicomponent alloys, *Materials Science and Engineering A*, 2004
2. C. Liu, et. al., Enhancing radiation tolerance by controlling defect mobility and migration pathways in multicomponent single-phase alloys, *Nature Communications*, 2016

# Select Laser Melting

## Gas atomization

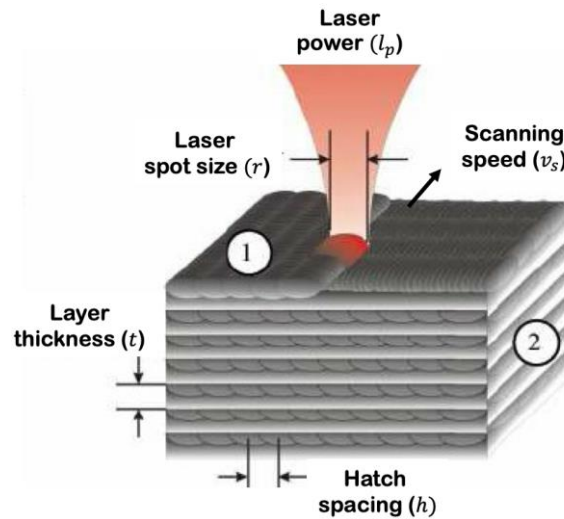


Composition  
Size & shape distribution

## CAD (3D models)



## Powder Bed Fusion

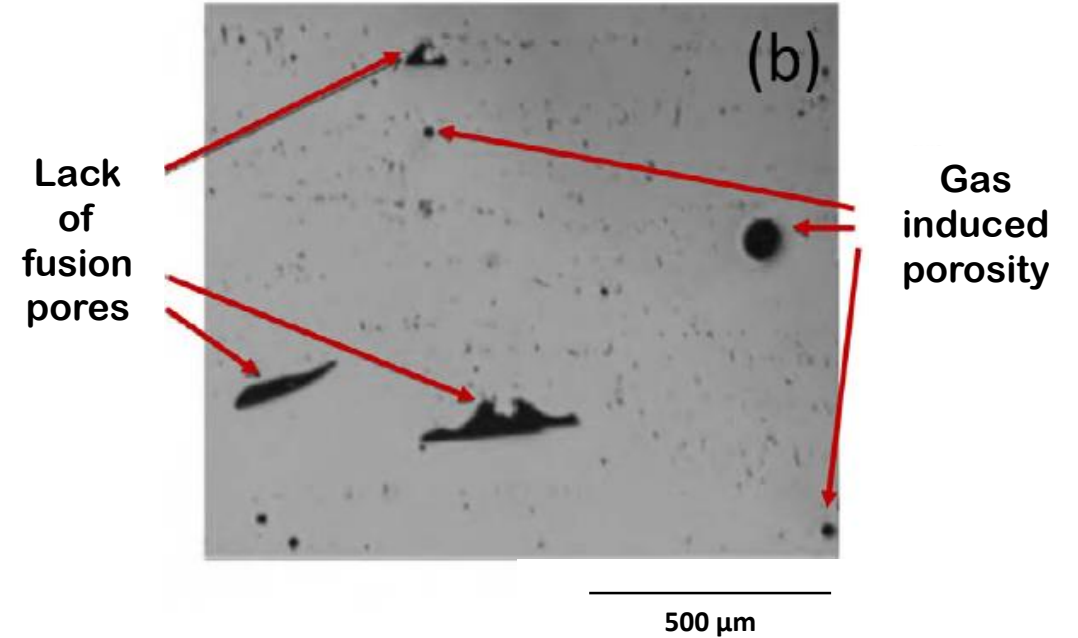
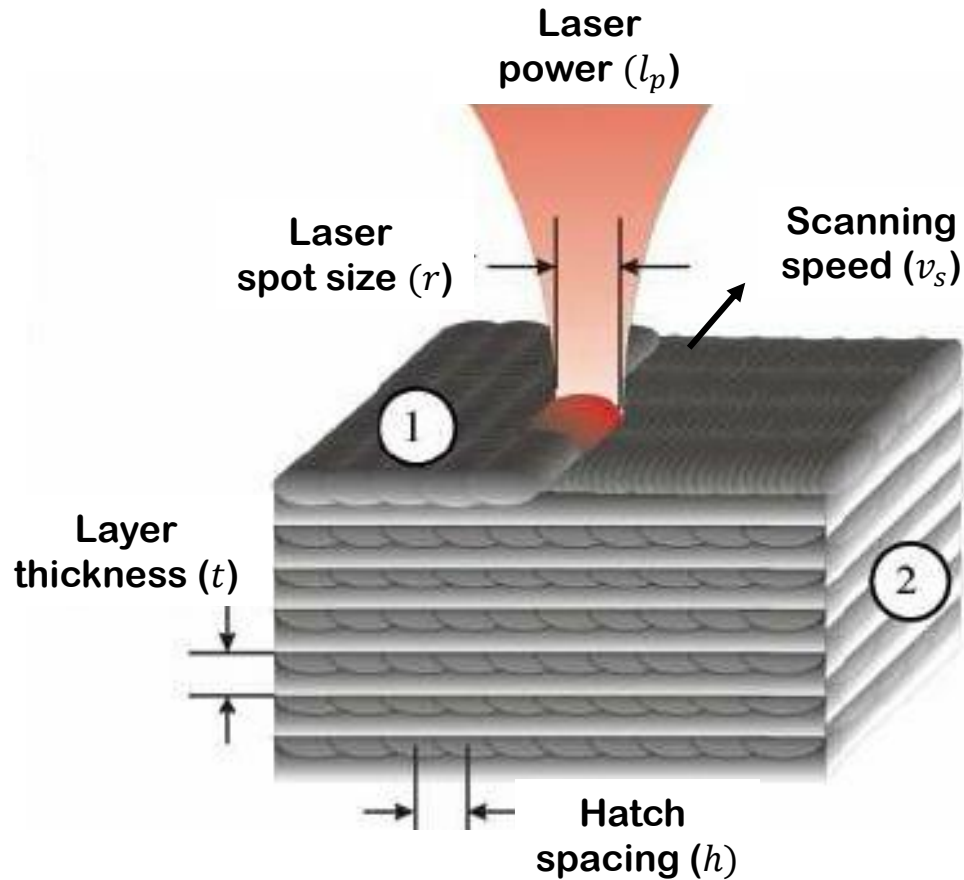


Processing Parameter Optimization  
Solidification Conditions  
In-situ Monitoring

## As-printed components



# Challenges in metal additive manufacturing



Volumetric Energy Density:

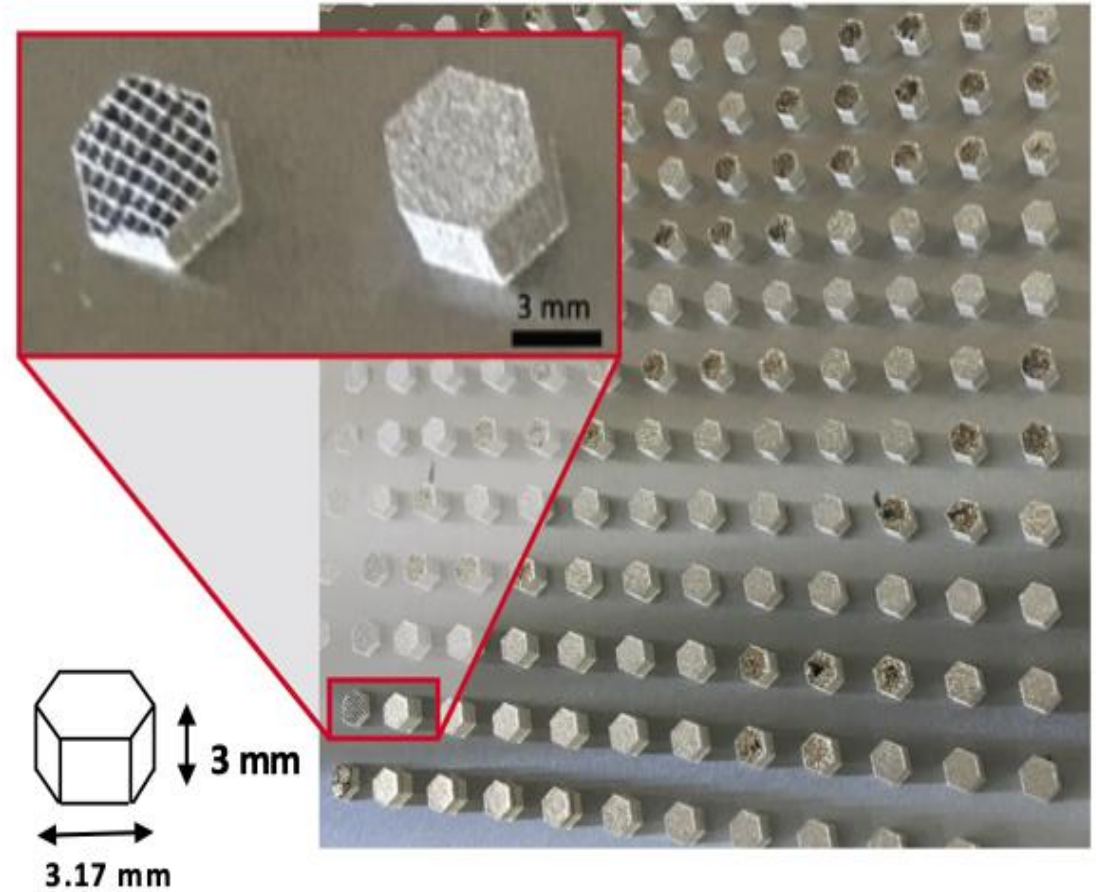
$$\text{VED} = \frac{l_p}{v_s \cdot h \cdot t}$$

# High Throughput Experiment

Day 1:  
Print Samples

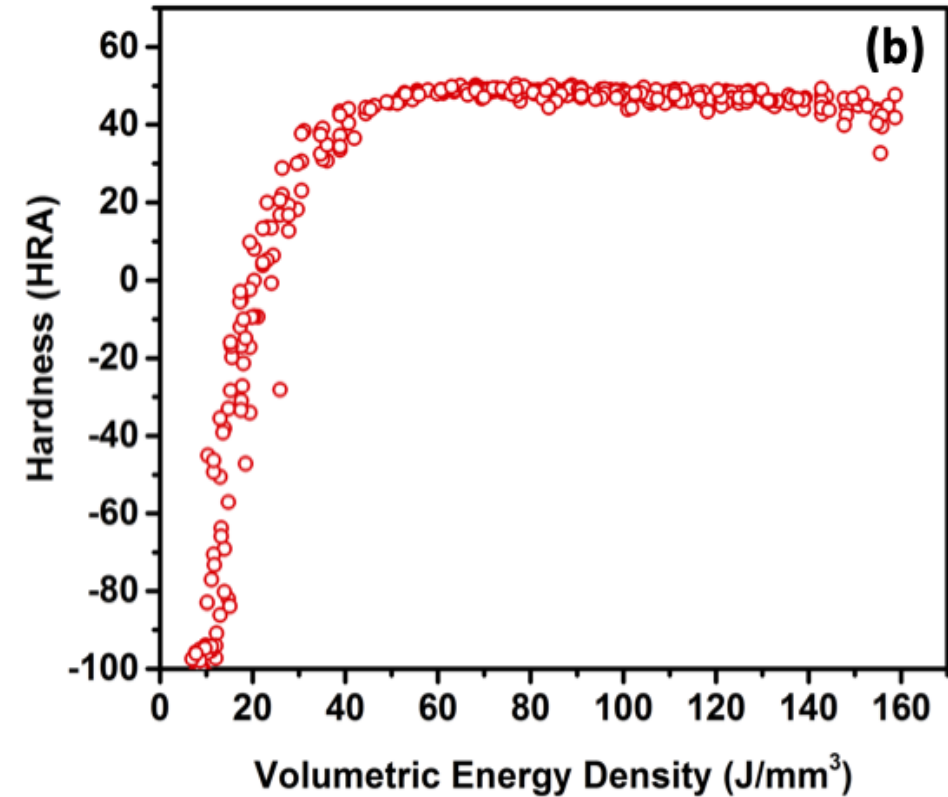
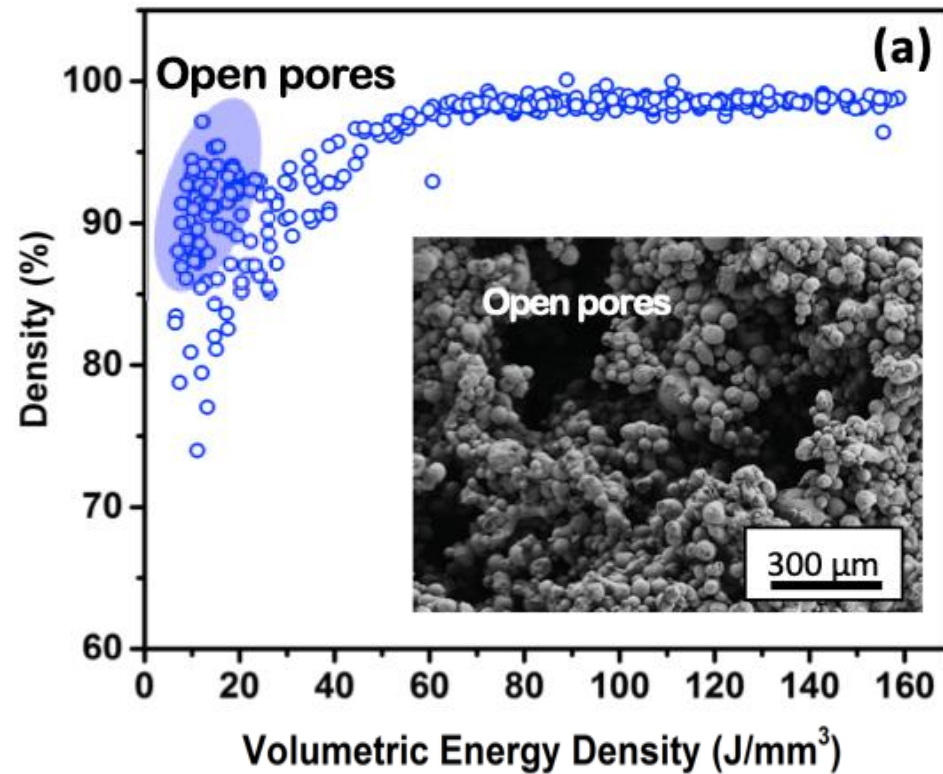
Day 2:  
Remove support  
Density measurement

Day 3:  
Hardness measurement



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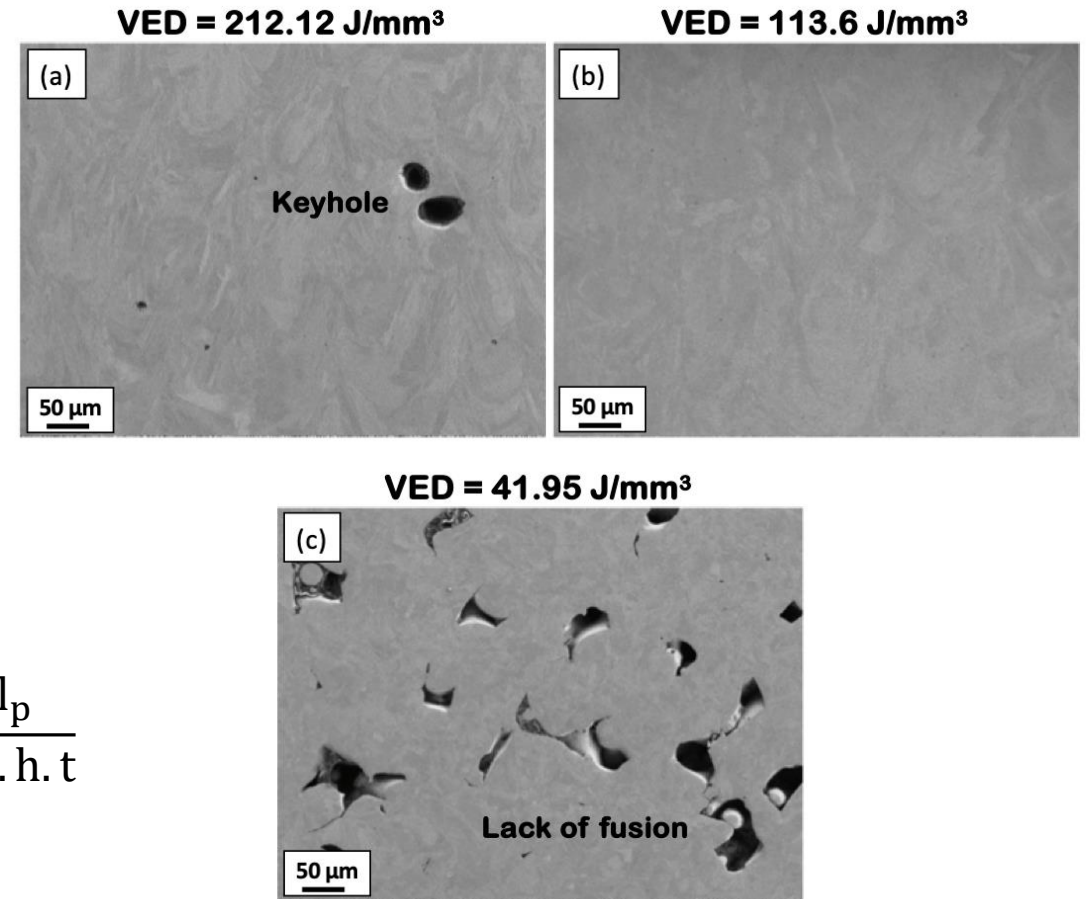
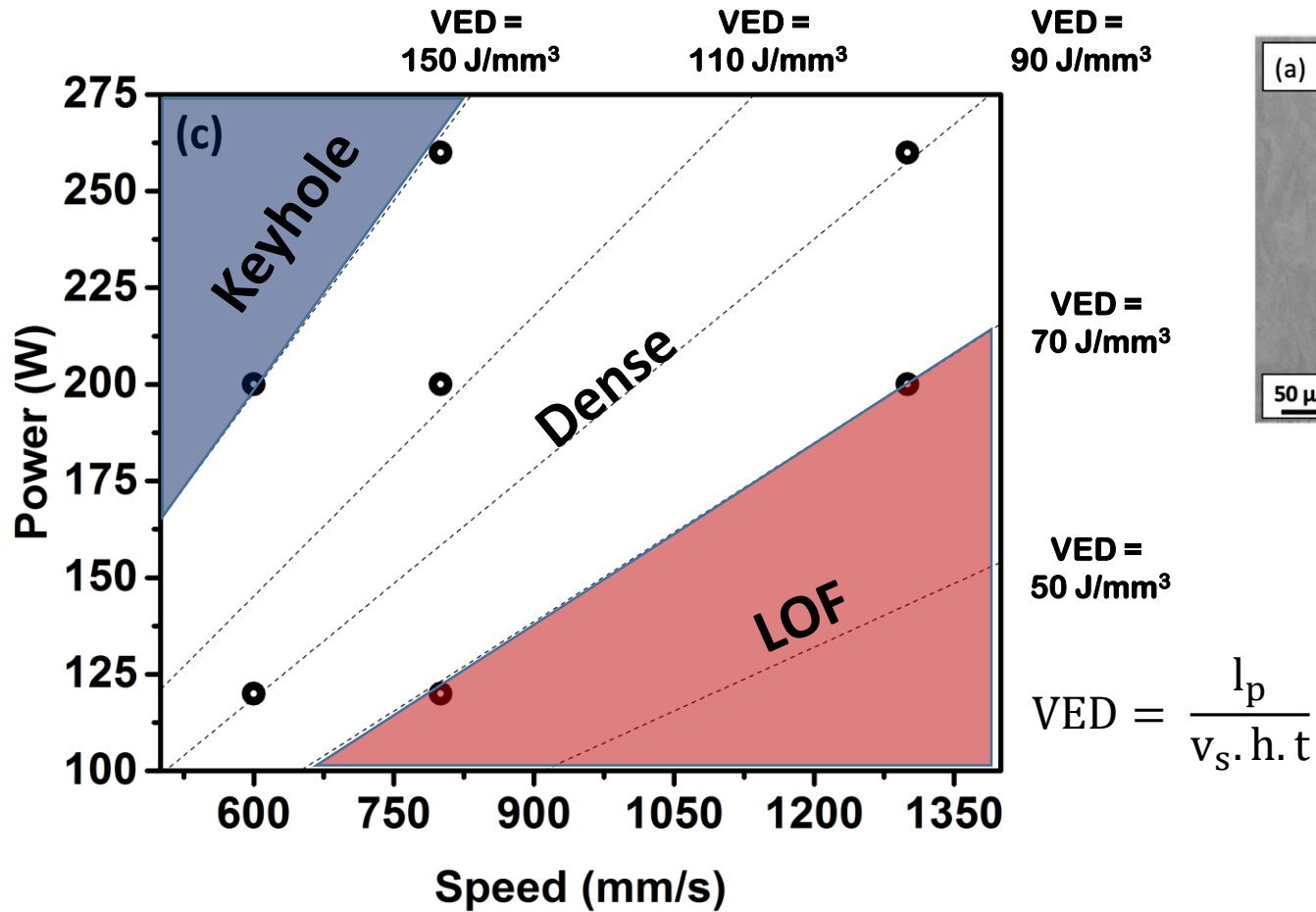
## 316L Stainless Steel Results



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## FeCoNiCrMn HEA Results

This data has not been published.  
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## Conclusion

High throughput experiments allow for quick identification of process maps for new materials

- Processing window for 316L and FeCoNiCrMn HEA is 70-150 J/mm<sup>3</sup>

Density and Hardness of SLM parts are strongly dependent on Volumetric Energy Density

High throughput experiments can be used to test many processing parameters for a new material (as in FeCrNiCoMn high entropy alloy) at once

# Alloy Design and Development Laboratory

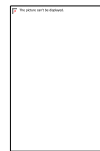
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