

***Metallurgy of ALM  
Nickel-based  
alloys: Which TTT  
diagrams ?***

30-11-2022



# Agenda

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# SAMC, a key player for decarbonization in aeronautics

- 12 500 m<sup>2</sup> to closely connect
- AM design, research
- and production

- THE R&T CENTER
  - 40 engineers and PhDs in materials and processes
  - Laboratory equipped to the highest possible level: geometric, metallurgical powder categorization, surface condition, etc...
  - An innovation workshop to prepare future medium-volume production
- THE TRAINING CENTER
  - An in-place training center, underpinning the goal of sharing and improving skills on an ongoing basis

## THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

40 design/production engineering staff specialized in AM  
Calculation and simulation resources

## THE PRODUCTION CENTER

75 operators and technicians qualified in AM  
30 printers and heat treatment, chemical and finishing resources

## Key milestones

July 21: official receipt of the building and start of industrial means qualification

September: first parts manufactured

Q1 22: AS/EN 9100 certification

Q2 22: first serial production

Project Launch

Factory built launch

Factory Campus available

- 1st serial parts deliveries
- R&D lab and equipment ready

05/07/19

13/01/20

July/21

July 22



## **Case Study: Hastelloy® X**



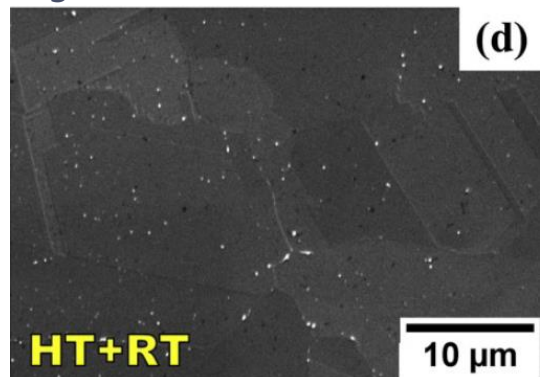
# Case Study: Hastelloy® X - context

## Chemical composition (wt%) : Nickel Base superalloy

	Ni	Fe	Cr	Mo	W	C	Co	Mn	Si
Min	Bal.	17,0	20,5	8,0	0,2		0,5		
Max		20,0	23,0	10,0	1,0	0,1	2,5	1,0	1,0

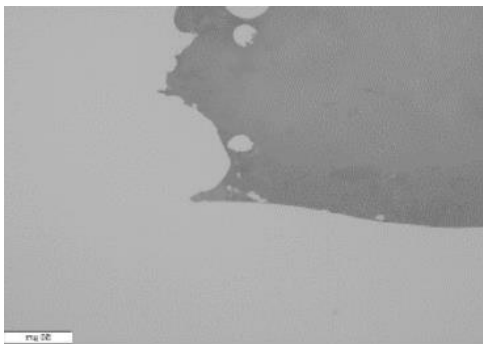
- Hastelloy® X microstructure:
  - ❖ Solution hardening + carbides
  - ❖ No gamma prime

Annealing: 1177°C for 2h under Ar + air cooled

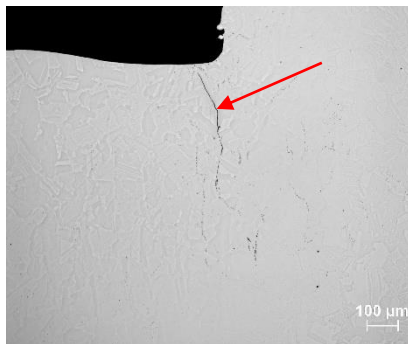


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Before Heat Treatment (HT)



After Heat Treatment



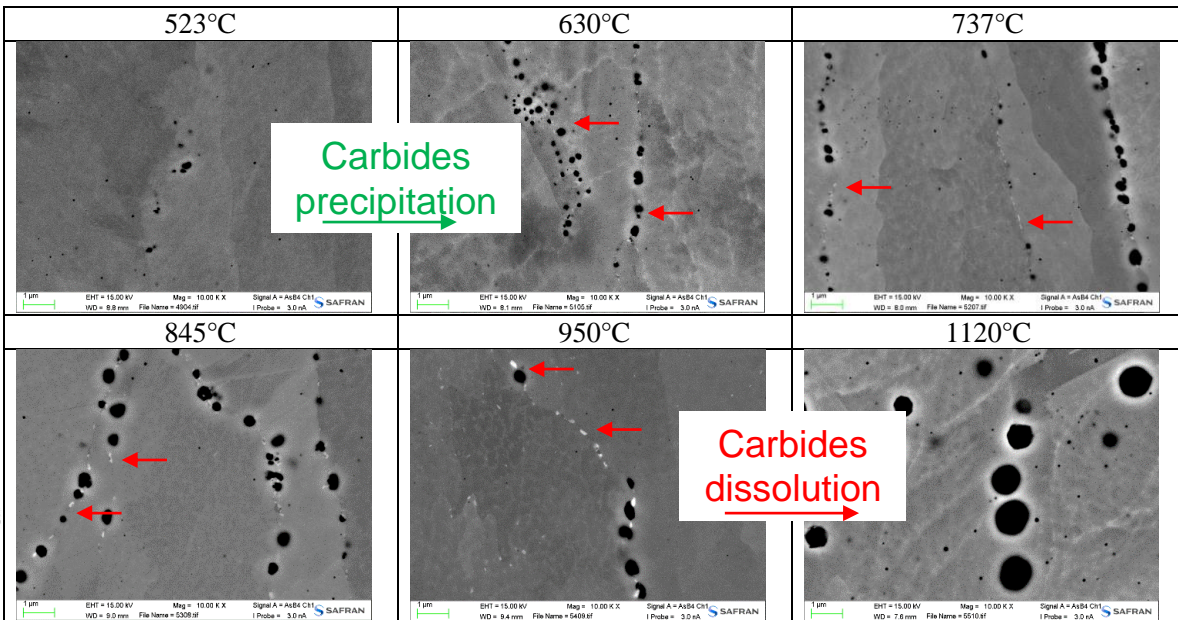
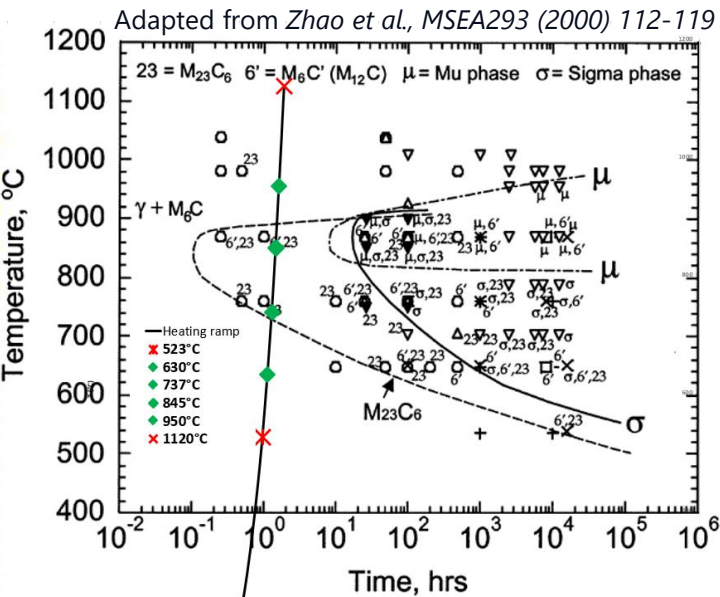
Building direction

- Voids appear:
  - ❖ Well aligned
  - ❖ No clear link with microstructure (i.e. not at grain boundaries)
  - ❖ Some voids are connected (red arrow)



# Case Study: Hastelloy® X - first trial

HT interrupted: heating ramp 10°C/min + water quench



Necessity to Up-Date TTT diagram

Montero-Sistiaga works had the same conclusion  
 Montero-Sistiaga et al. Additive Manufacturing 31 (2020)

# Case Study: Hastelloy® X - experimental procedure

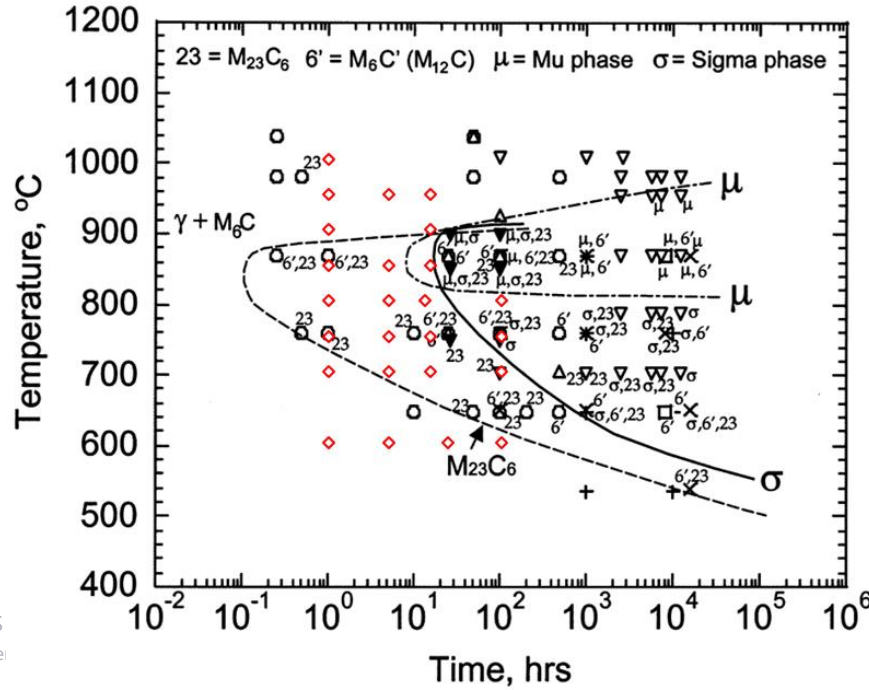
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- ❖ Small samples electro-machined in an as built bar, ~2x2x2mm to avoid thermal inertia
- ❖ Hot furnace stabilized, at least, 1h before sample introduction
  - ❖ Thermocouple in the furnace close to the crucible
  - ❖ Furnace stabilized in less than 5min after introduction
- ❖ Water quench in large water volume at room temperature
- ❖ Time-Temperature conditions:
  - ❖ Between 1 to 100h (need to fit in 6 month internship)
  - ❖ Between 600 to 1000°C based on literature data (mainly, Zhao et al., MSEA293 (2000) 112-119)
- ❖ SEM-EDS observation:
  - ❖ Sample are embedded + polished until 1µm
  - ❖ Carbon coating
  - ❖ EDS : 5kv / WD ~10mm



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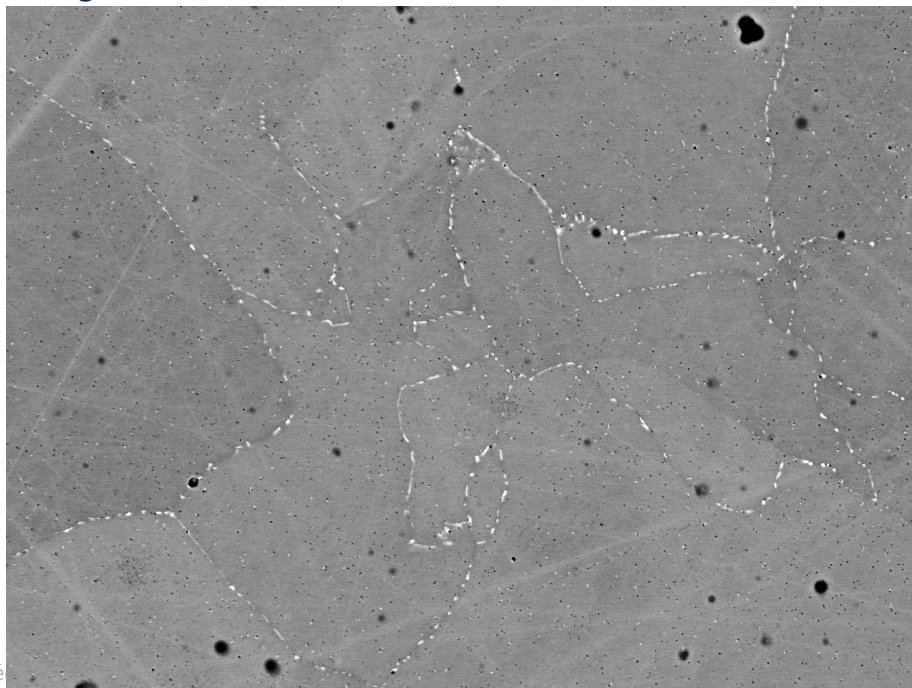
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  - ❖ First precipitation at grain boundaries

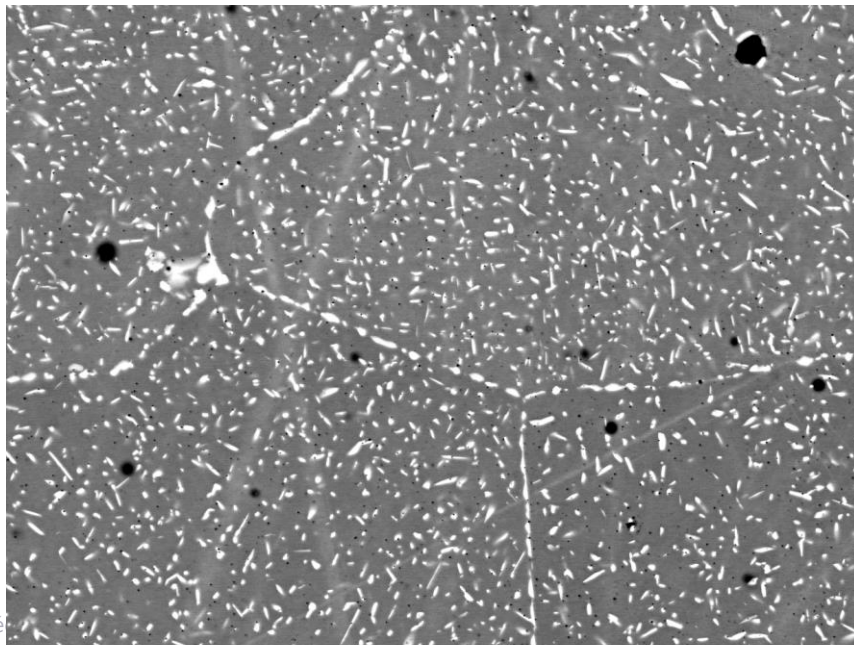
800°C/1h



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- } Same chemical composition

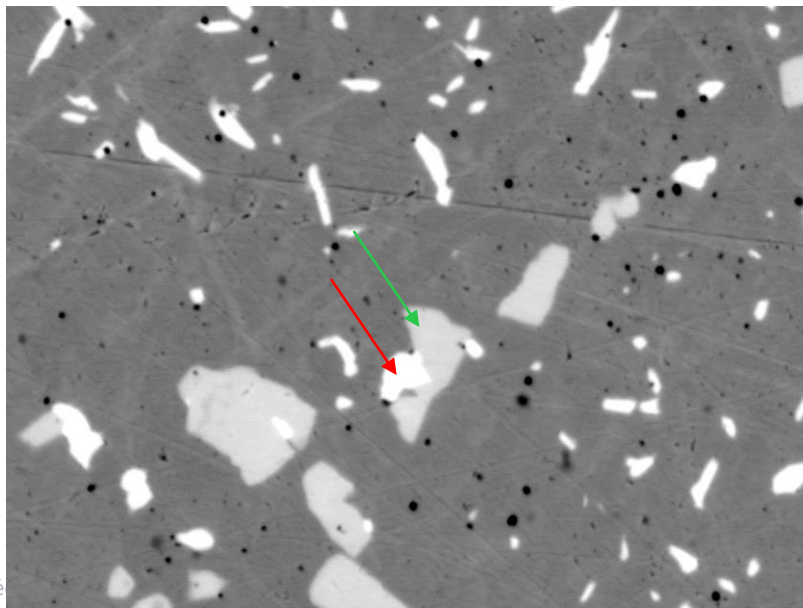
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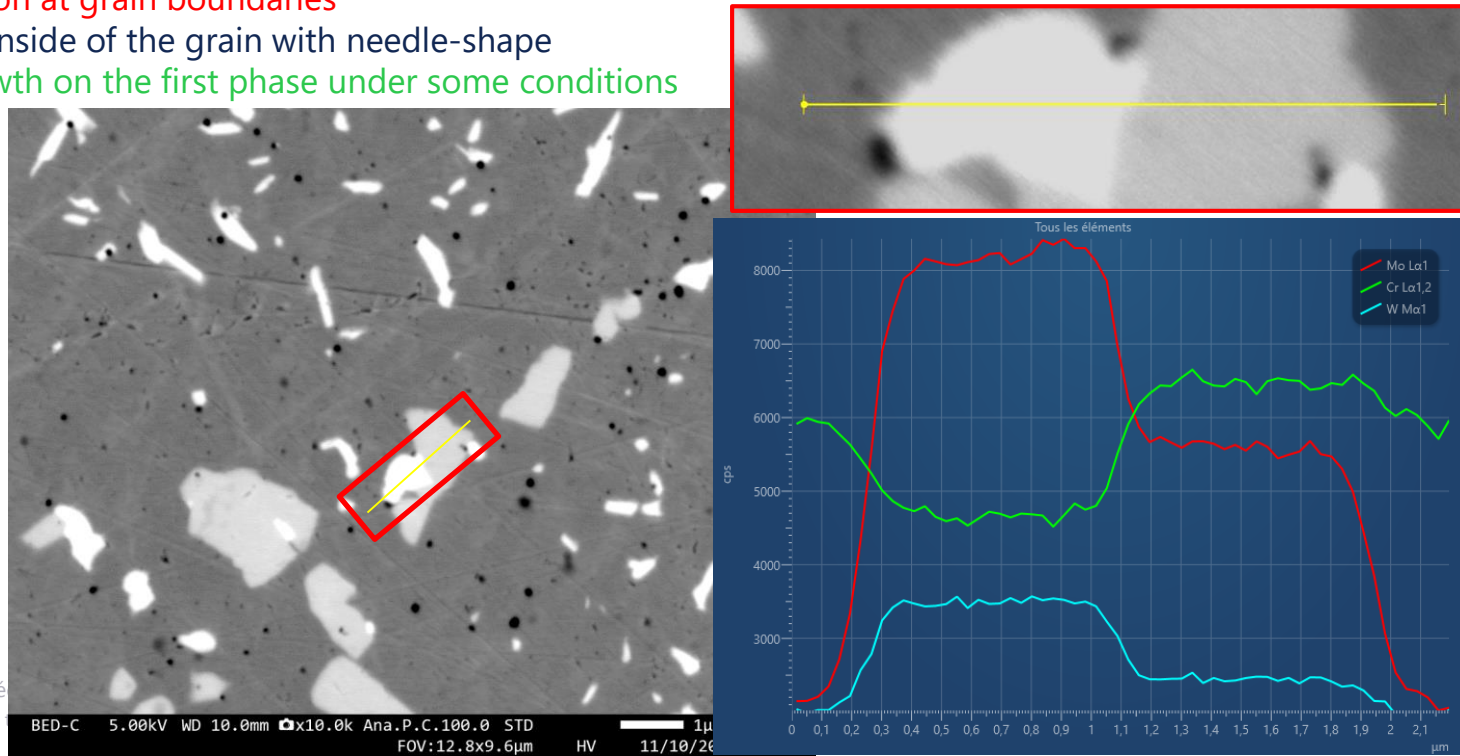
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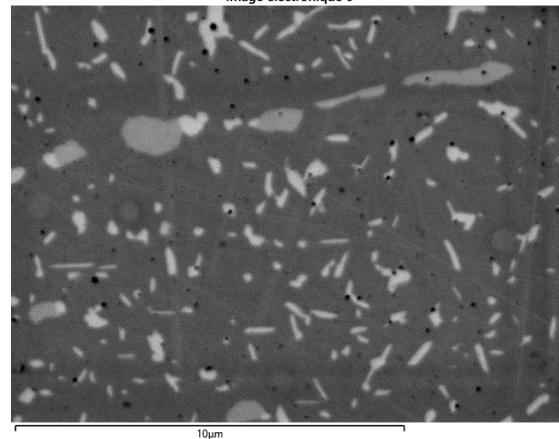




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750°C / 100h

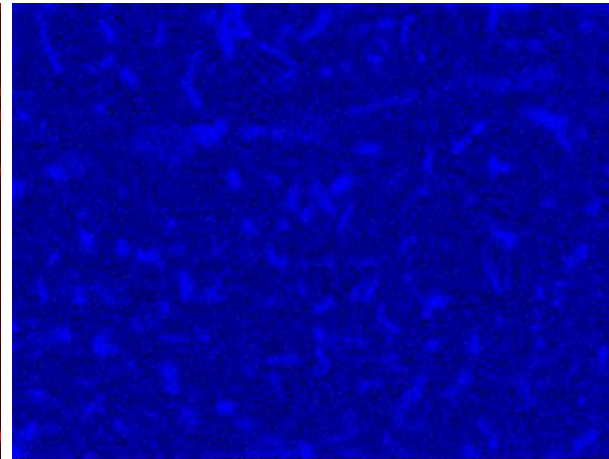
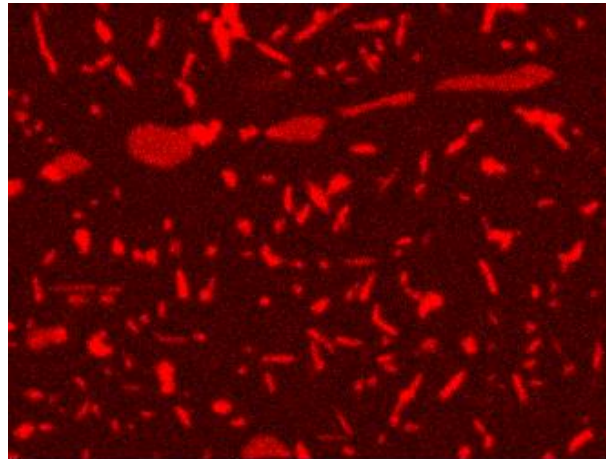
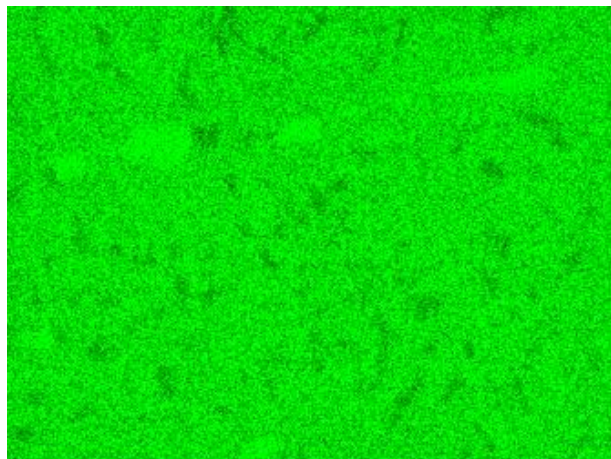
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Cr

Mo

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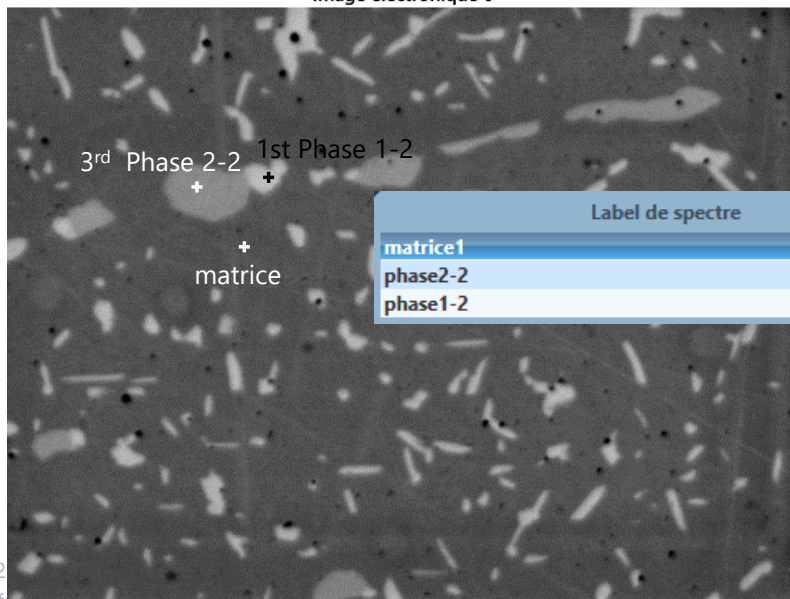




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750°C / 100h

Label de spectre	Al	Ti	Cr	Fe	Co	Ni	Mo	W	Total
matrice1			18.37	19.69	1.54	53.78	5.53	1.11	100.00
phase2-2	0.26	0.00	28.31	14.68	1.92	25.25	26.88	2.70	100.00
phase1-2	0.27	0.00	12.83	13.38	1.94	22.61	43.76	5.21	100.00

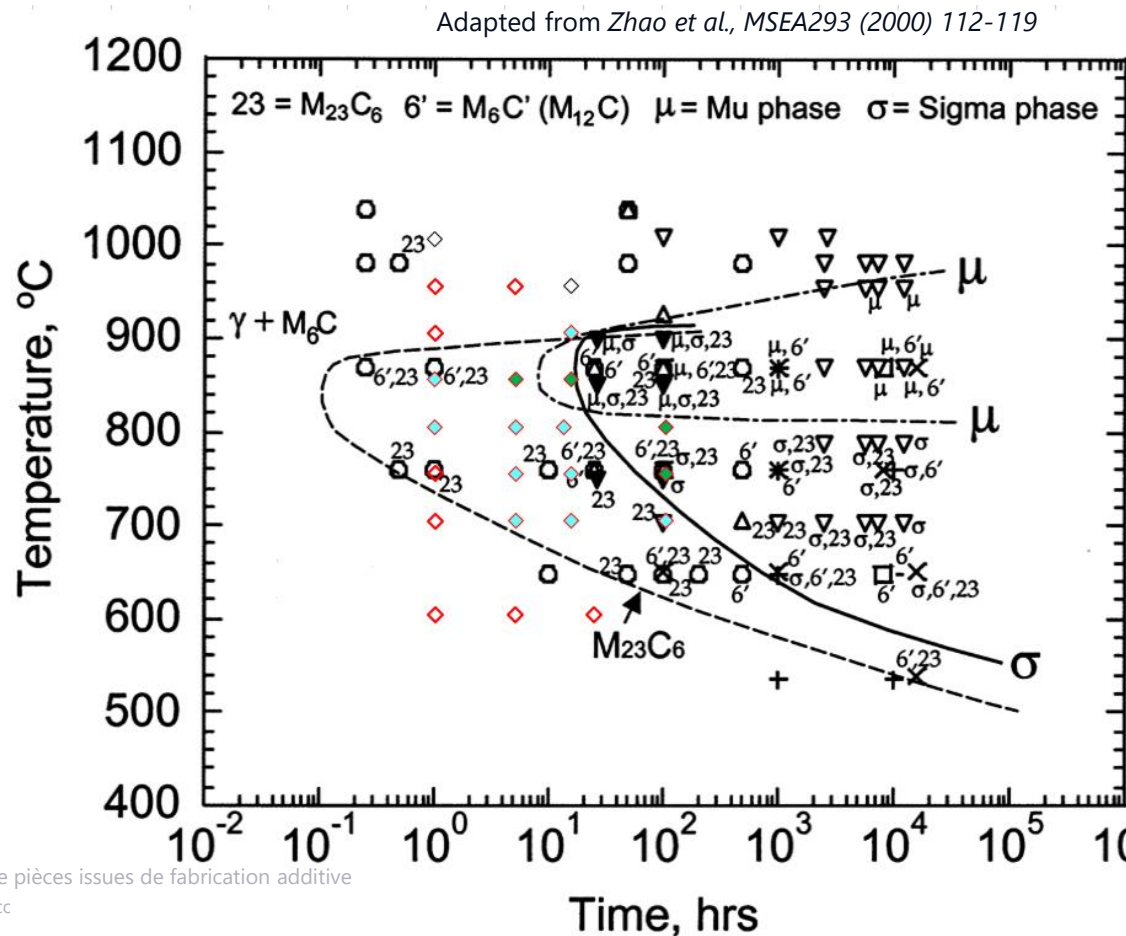
Wt%



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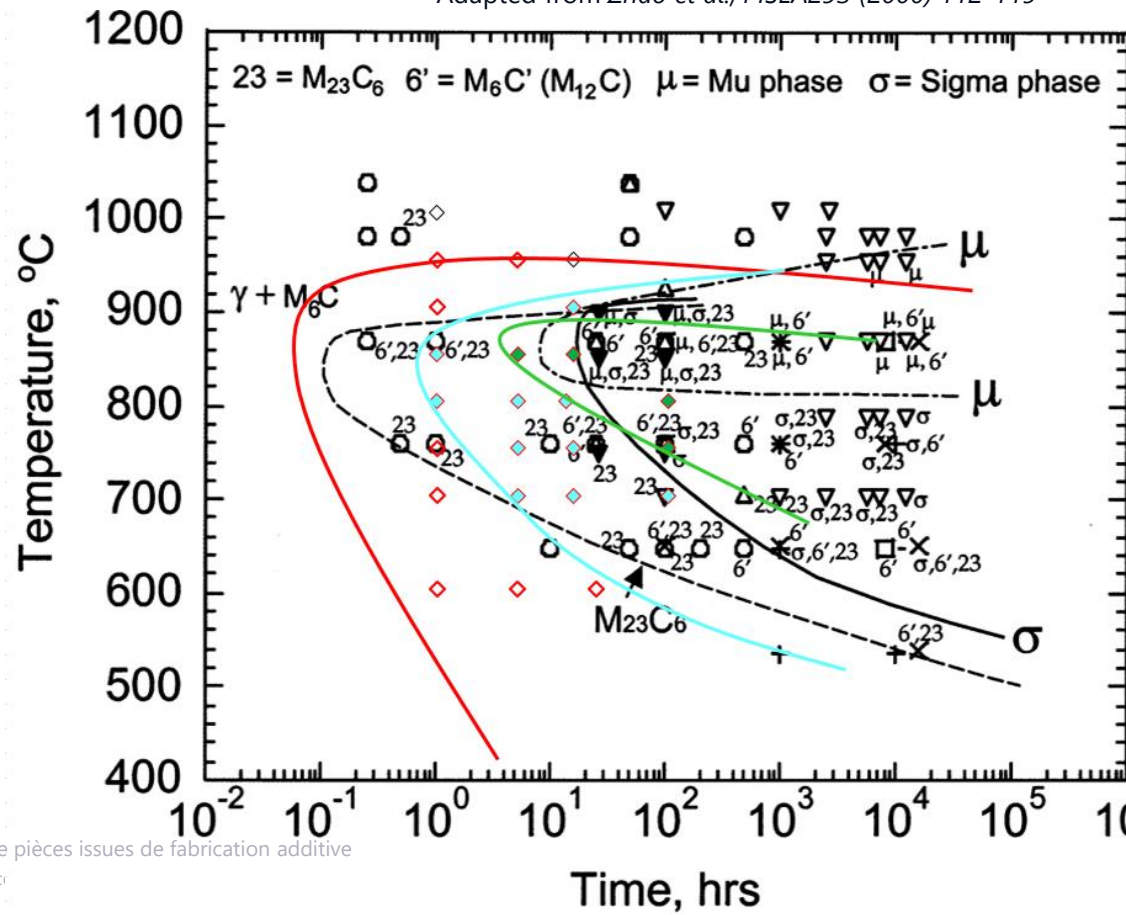


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At that point, we cannot clearly identify the phases

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- ❖ Hastelloy® X:
  - ❖ Need a careful identification of the phases:
    - ❖ EDS/EBSD, on-going
    - ❖ X-ray diffraction or TEM to be done if needed
  - ❖ Some point can be done after annealing treatment also
- ❖ Need to be extend to other alloys, e.g. Inconel® 718
- ❖ Comparison and calibration with numerical tools (e.g. Thermo-calc/DICTRA), on-going

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