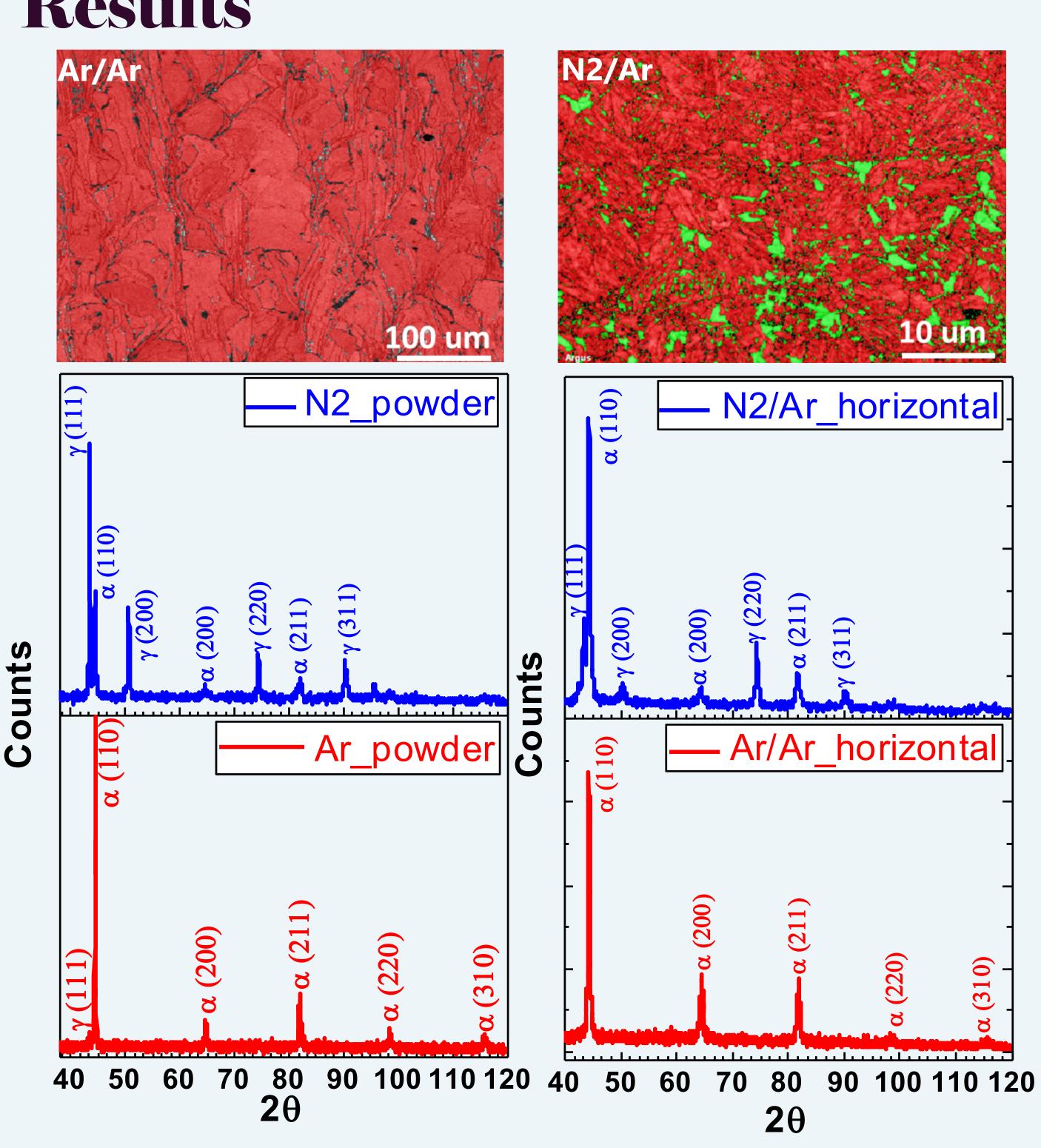


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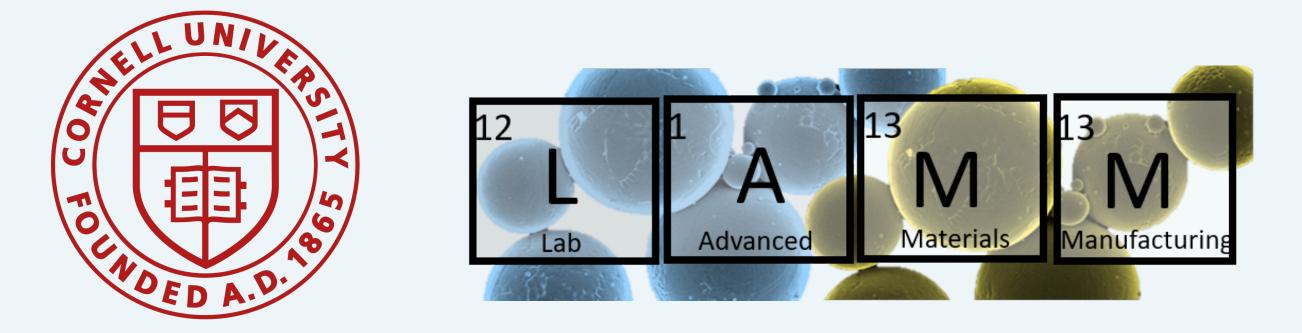
The type of gas used during atomization of the feedstock powder can affect the microstructure, phase composition and consequently, the mechanical properties of the part printed using selective laser melting (SLM). The impact of two different atomizing gases, nitrogen and argon on SLM printed precipitation hardened 17-4 stainless steel (PH17-4 SS) has been investigated.



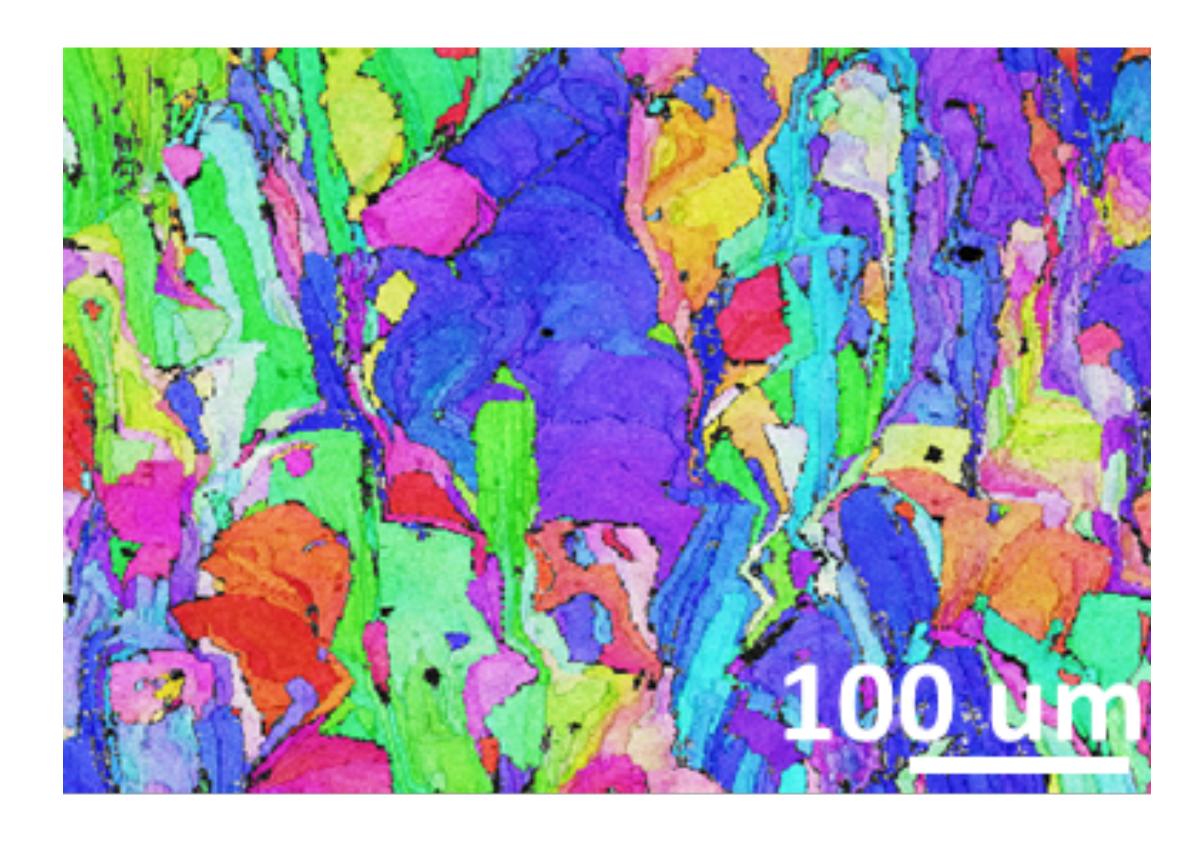


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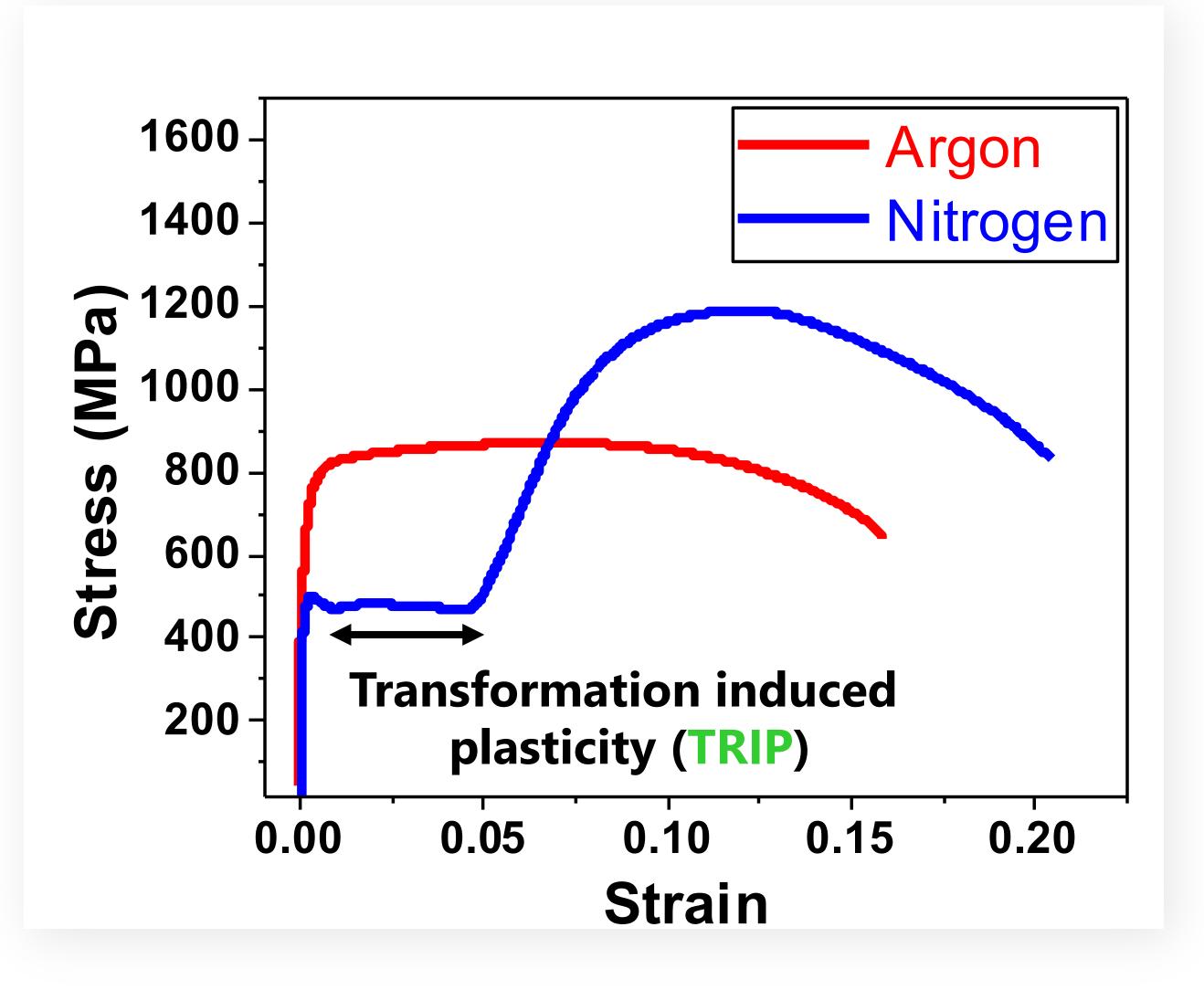
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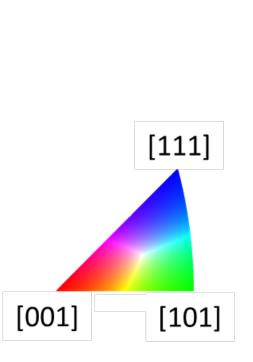
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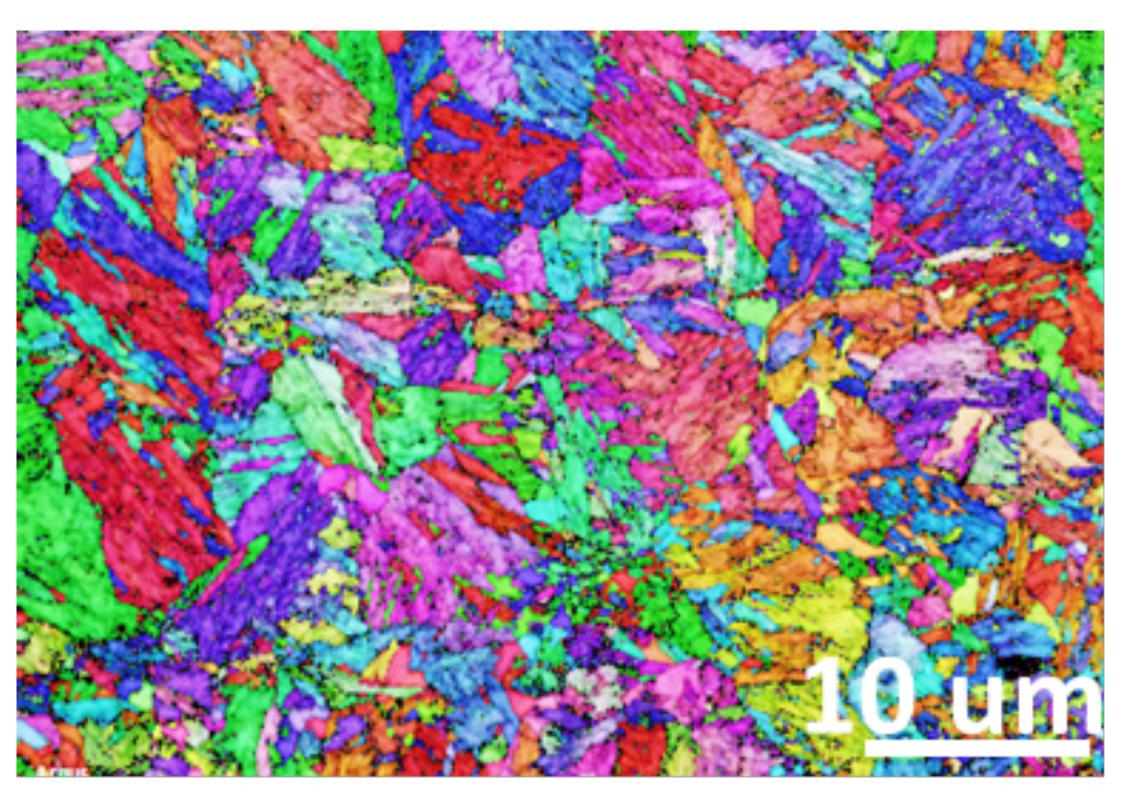


Both tensile strength and ductility are higher in case of nitrogen atomization

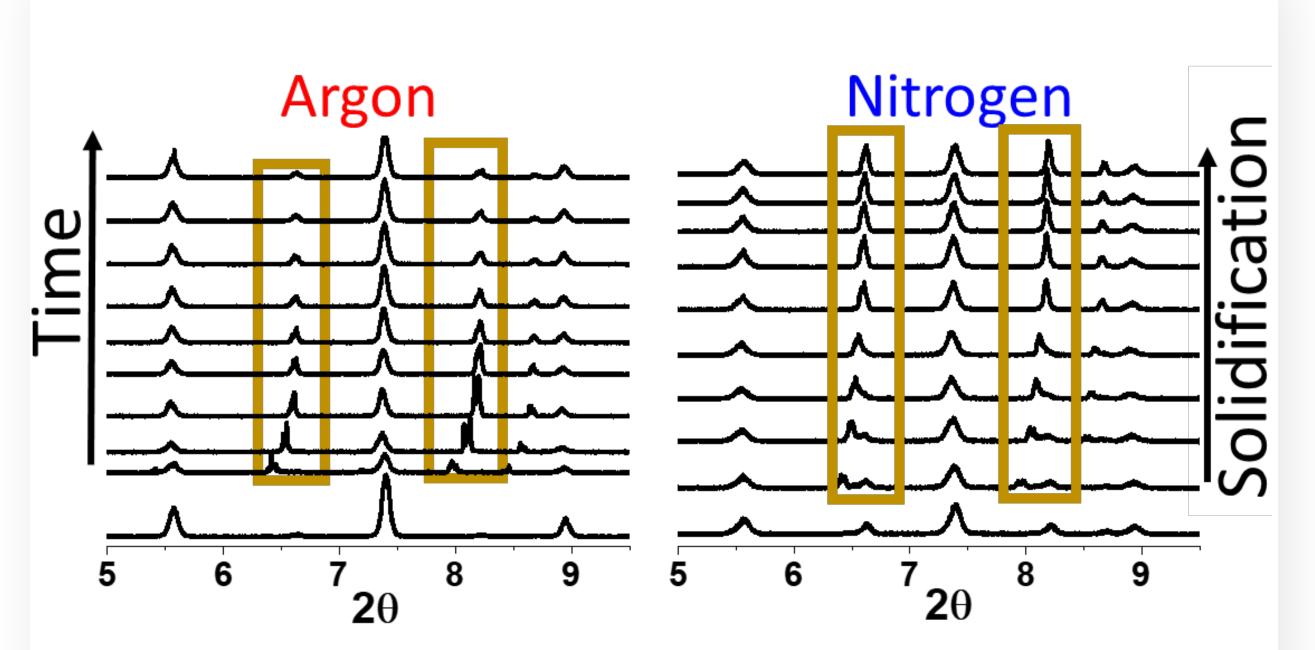


Use of nitrogen atomized powders leads to grain refinement (20x smaller)





Nitrogen atomization enables austenite retention at room temperature



Metastable austenite peaks disappear upon solidification with argon atomized powder whereas the peaks are retained in case of nitrogen



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