



# Kinetic Metallization™

## Tungsten and Chrome Carbide Coatings

ITSC - New Materials for Wear and Corrosion  
Applications

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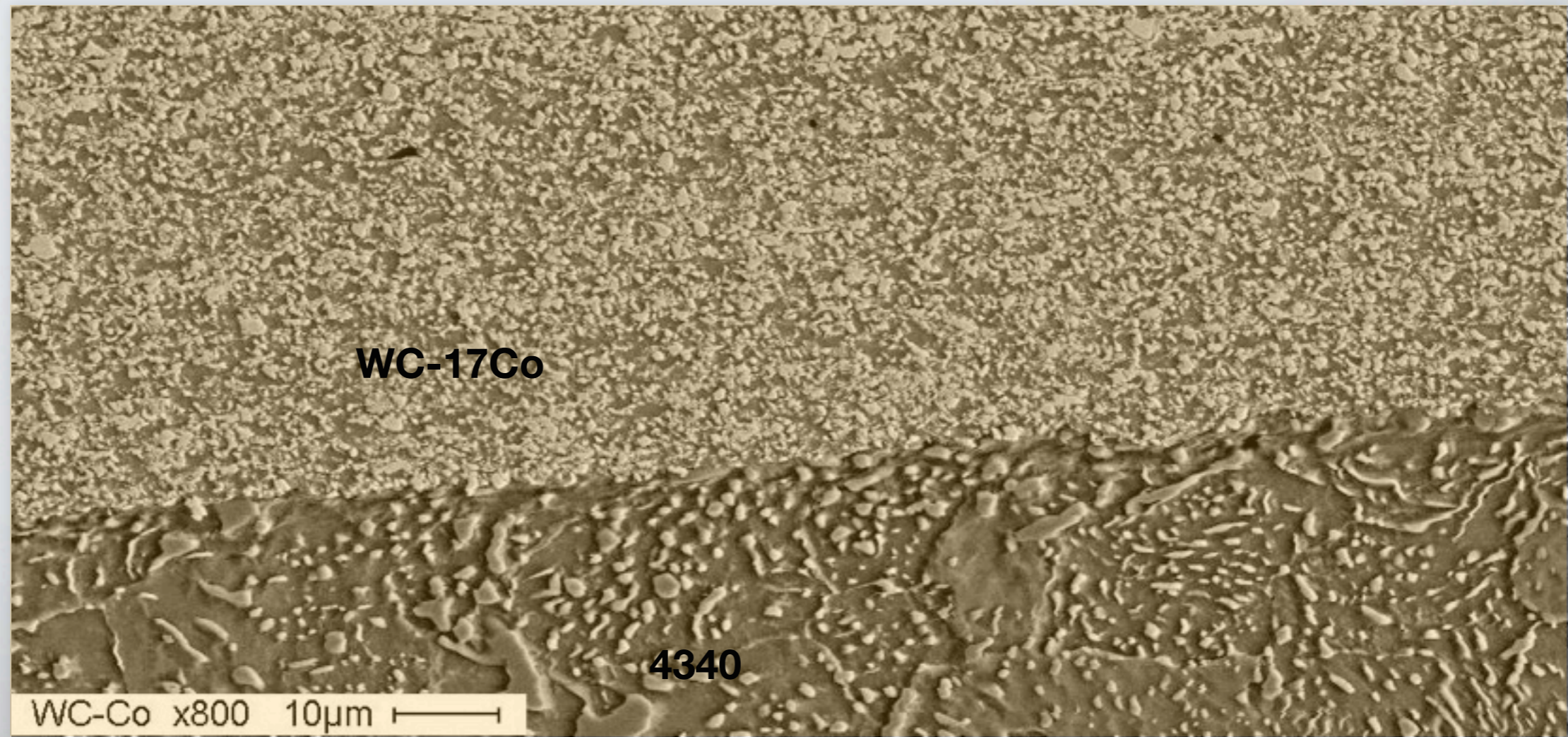
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# Overview

- Introduction to Kinetic Metallization™ (KM™)
  - Process, Equipment, and Control Parameters
- Tungsten Carbide Coatings
  - Comparison to HVOF
- Chromium Carbide Coatings

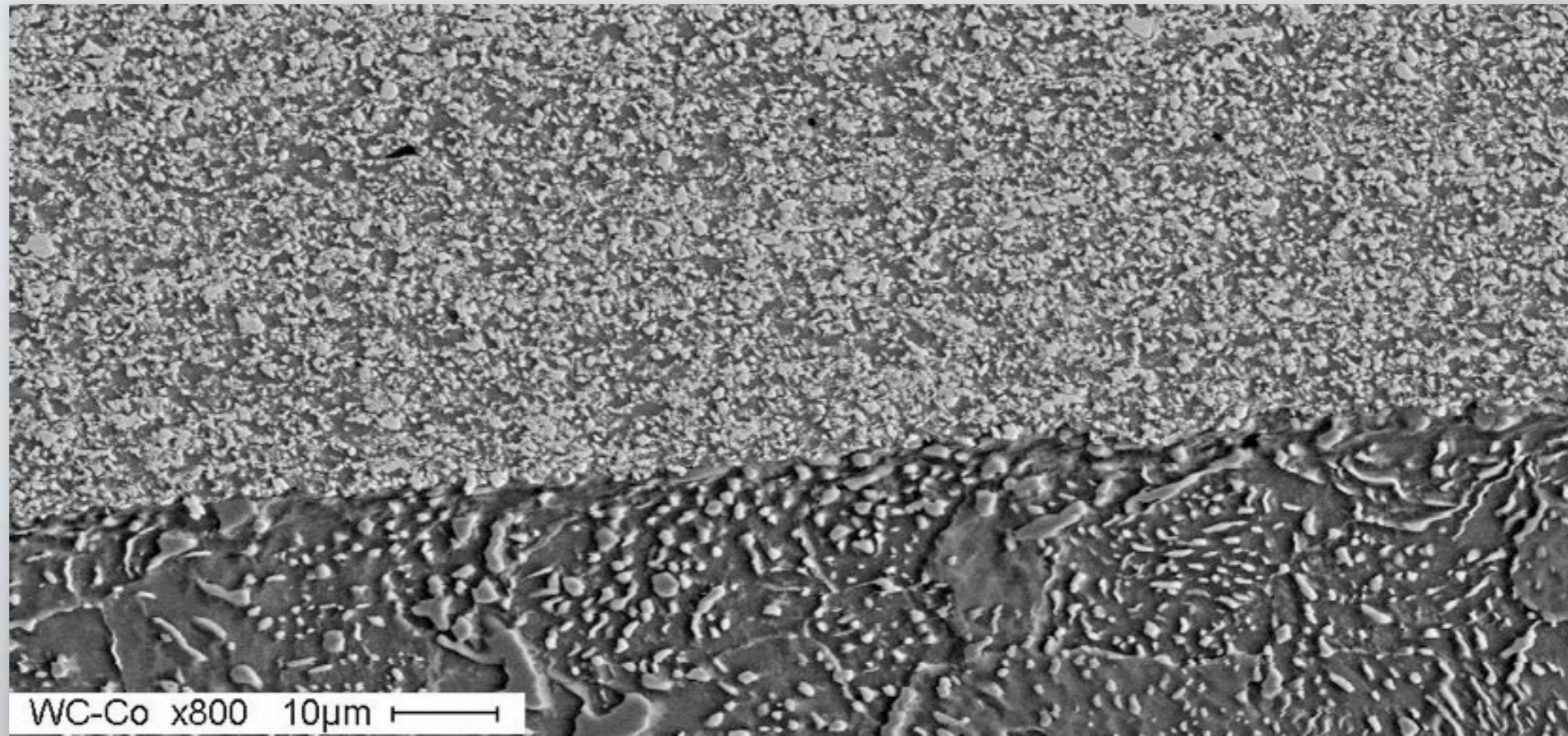


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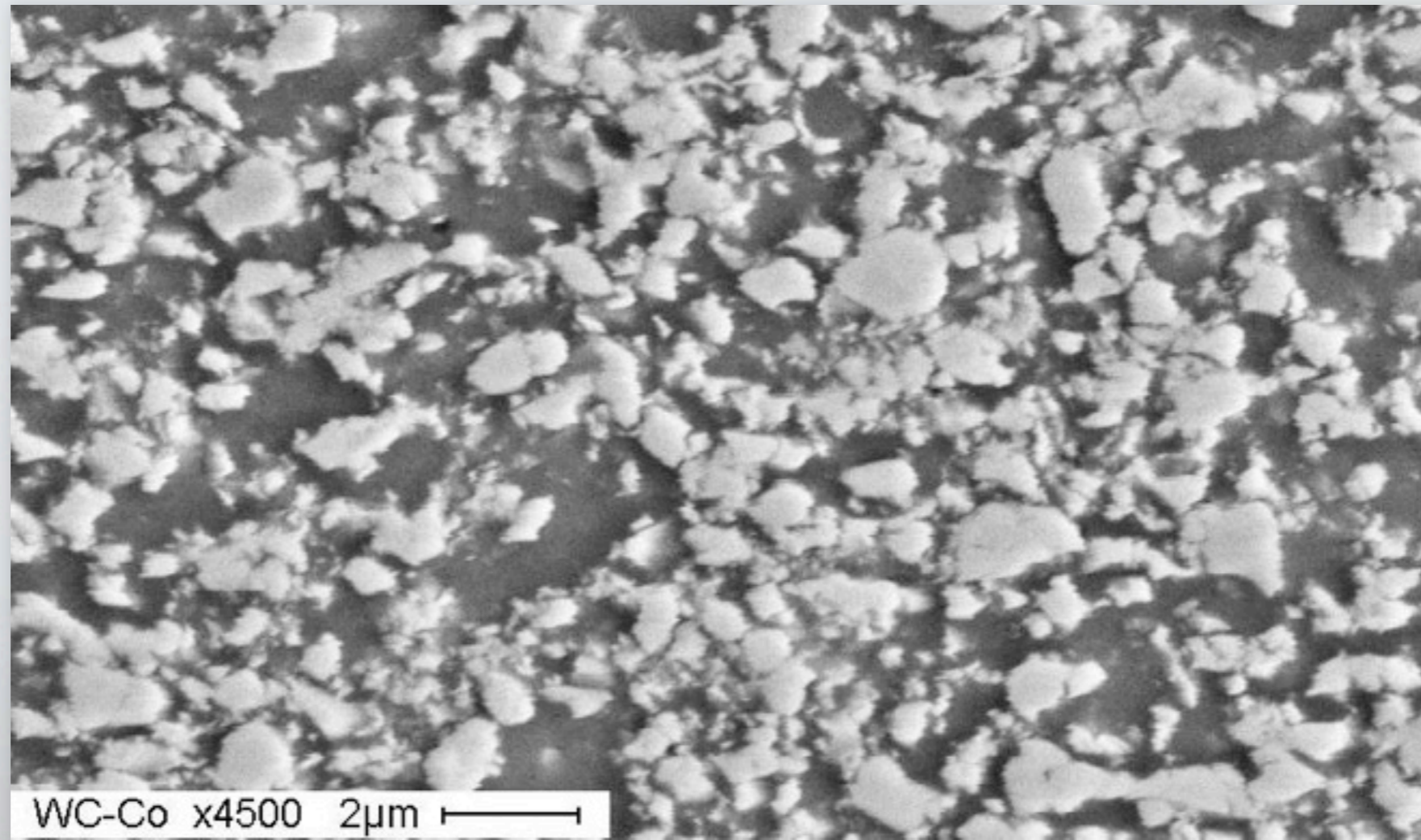


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Substrate



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Powder

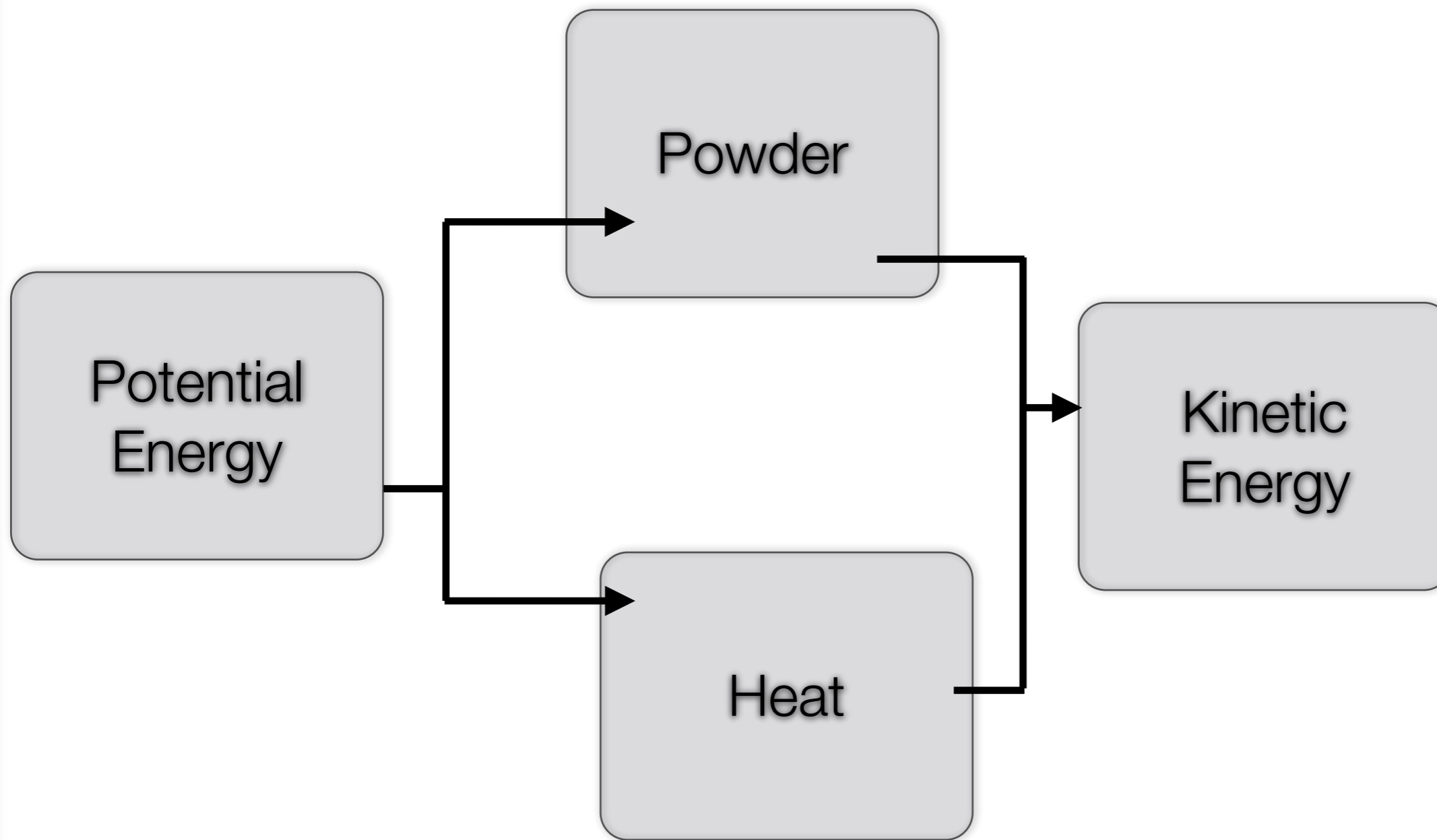
Potential  
Energy

Kinetic  
Energy

Heat







Gas Storage System



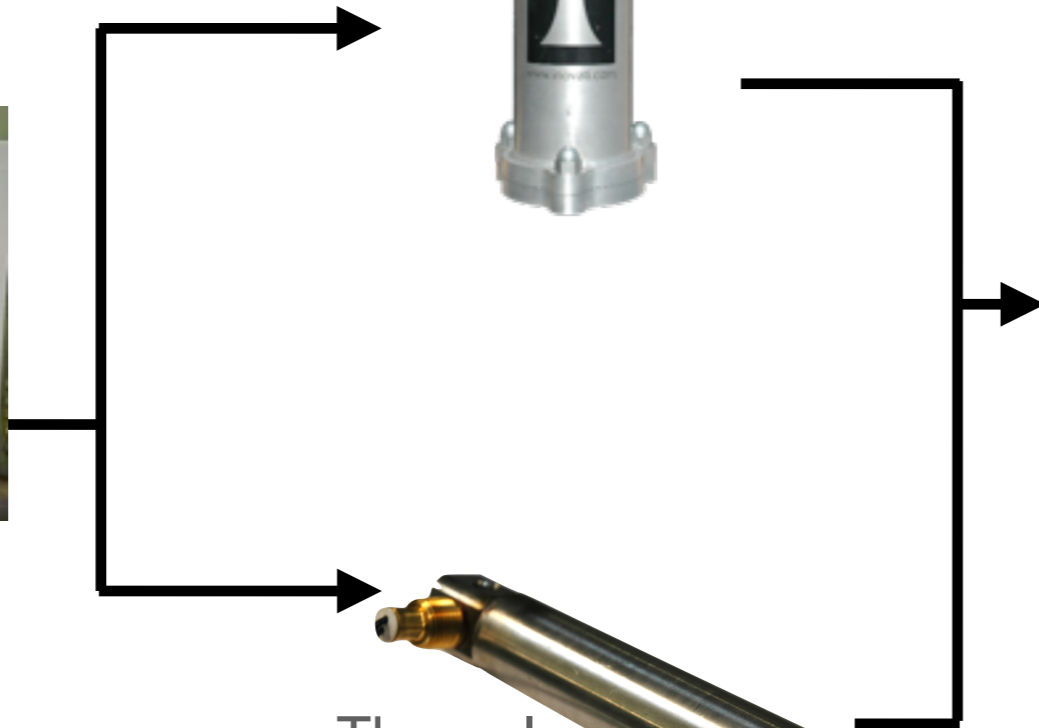
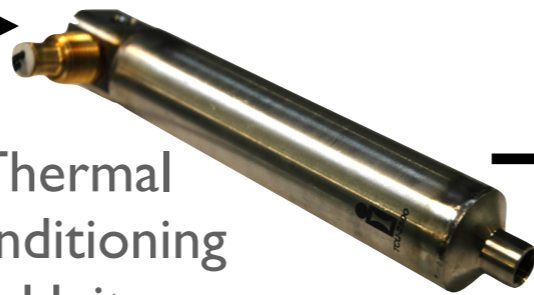
Powder  
Fluidizing  
Unit



Deposition  
Nozzle



Thermal  
Conditioning  
Unit





# Control Parameters

- Nozzle
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
- Powder
  - Feed rate
- Translation
  - Speed / Step size
  - Layers

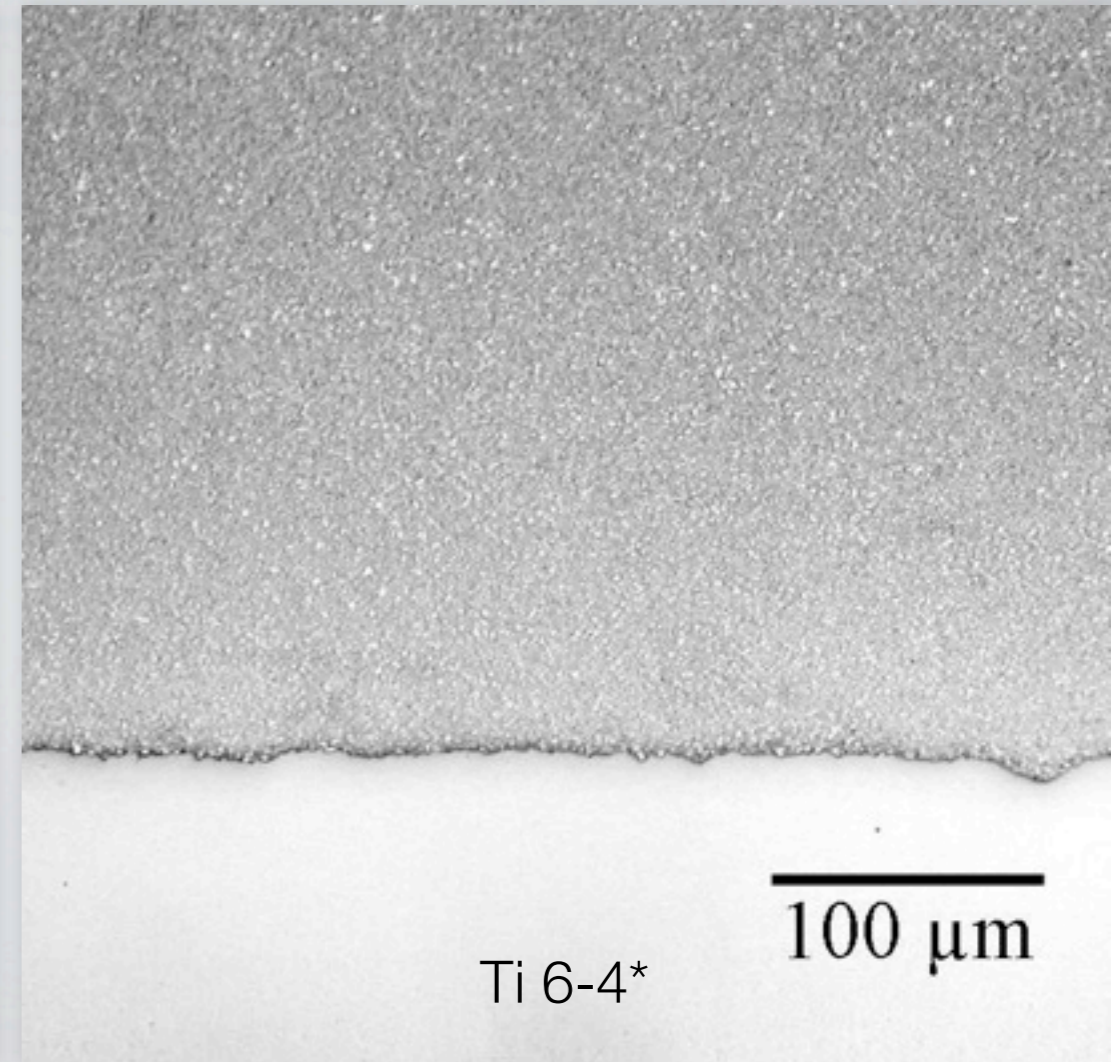
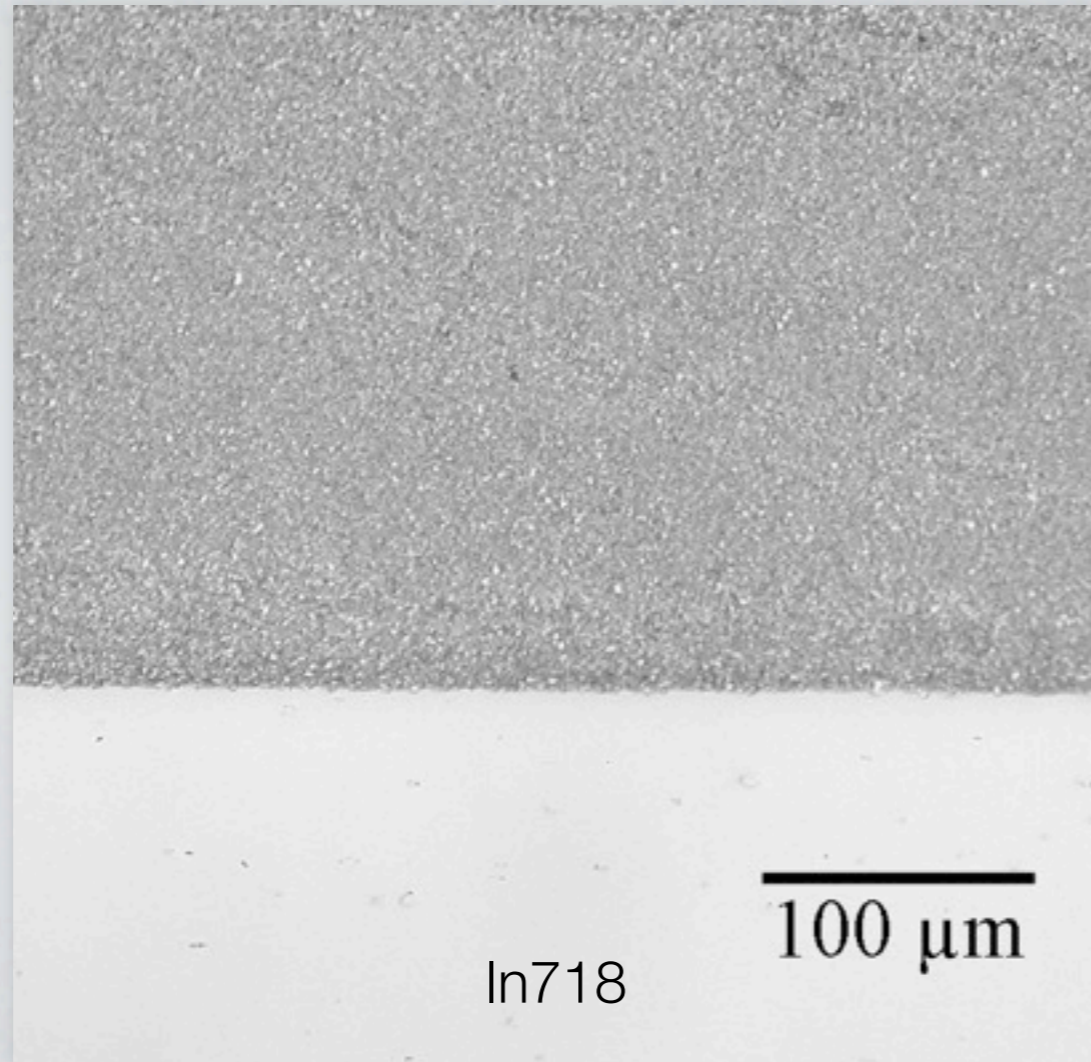




Tungsten Carbide  
Coatings



KM1000 WC-Co



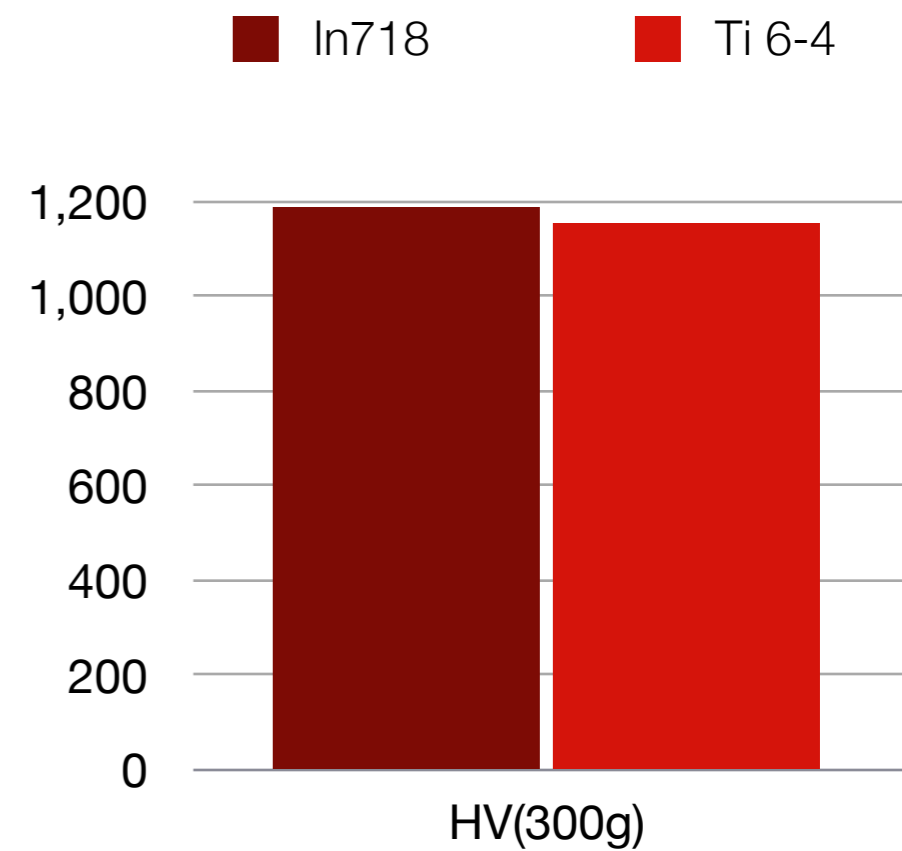
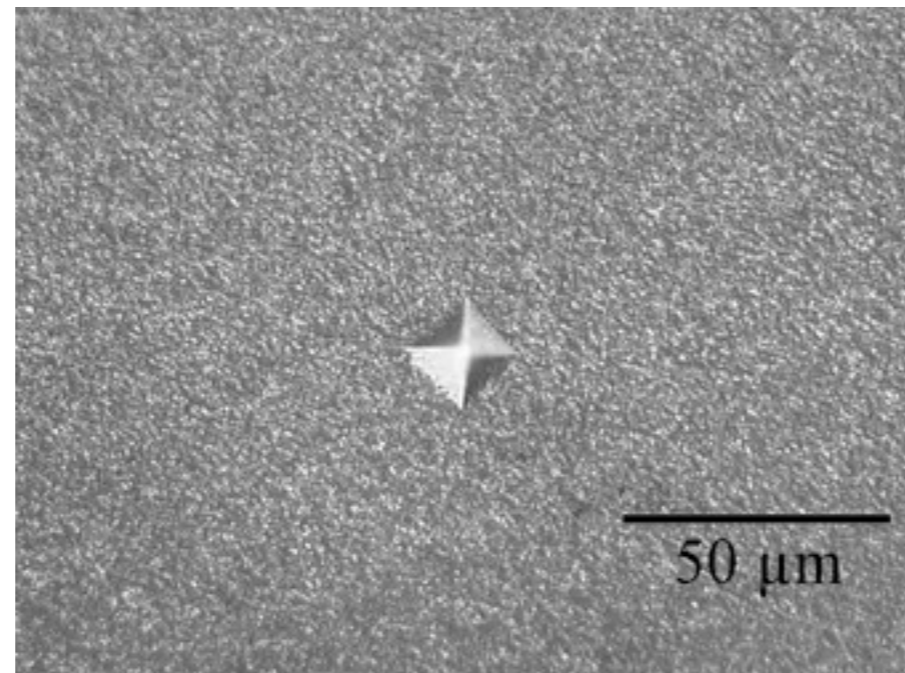
# WC-Co Typical Microstructure

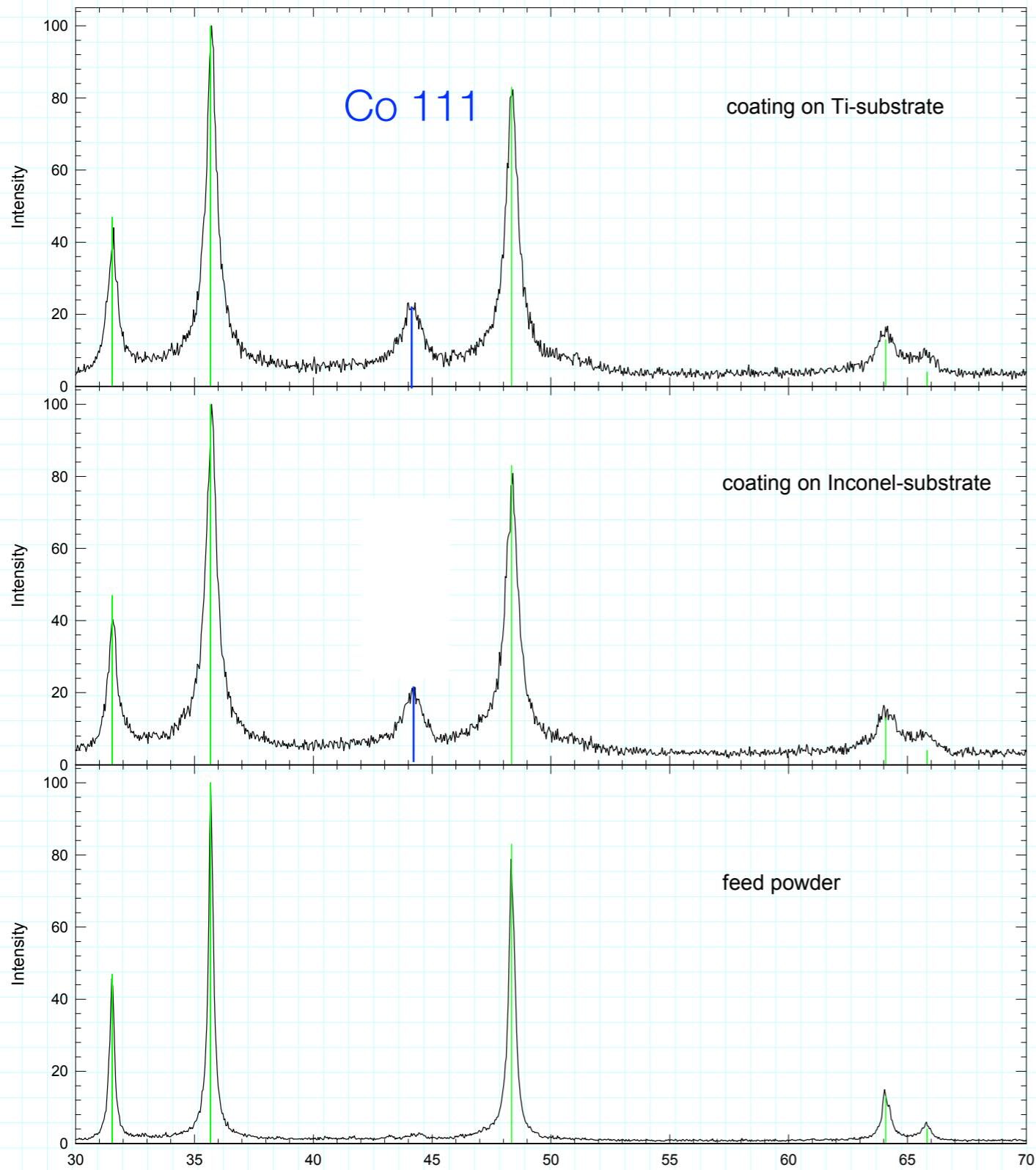
\*relief at interface introducing image contrast



# KM1000 WC-Co Microhardness

■ Vickers hardness - 300g load





- X-Ray Diffraction
- No decarburization
- No W metal
- No conversion
- No cobalt carbide
- No oxides present

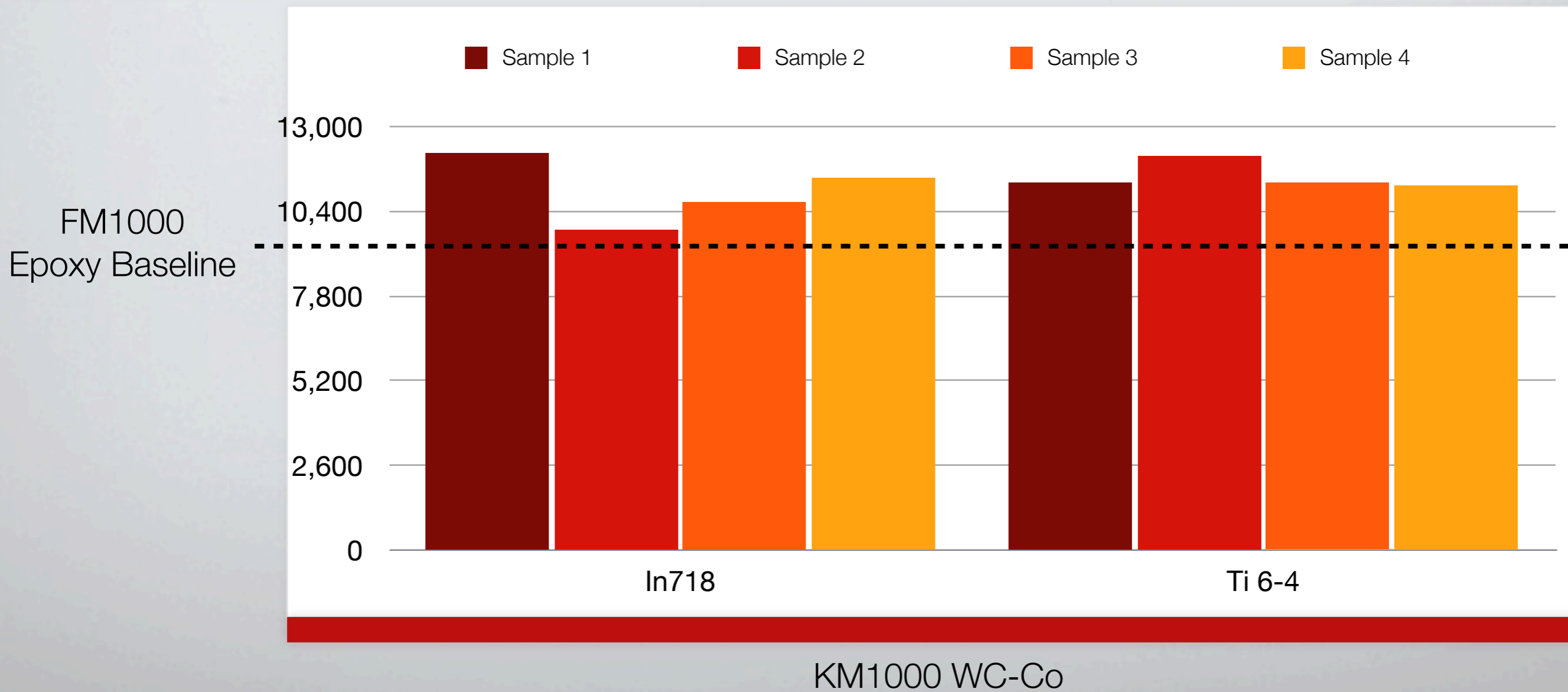


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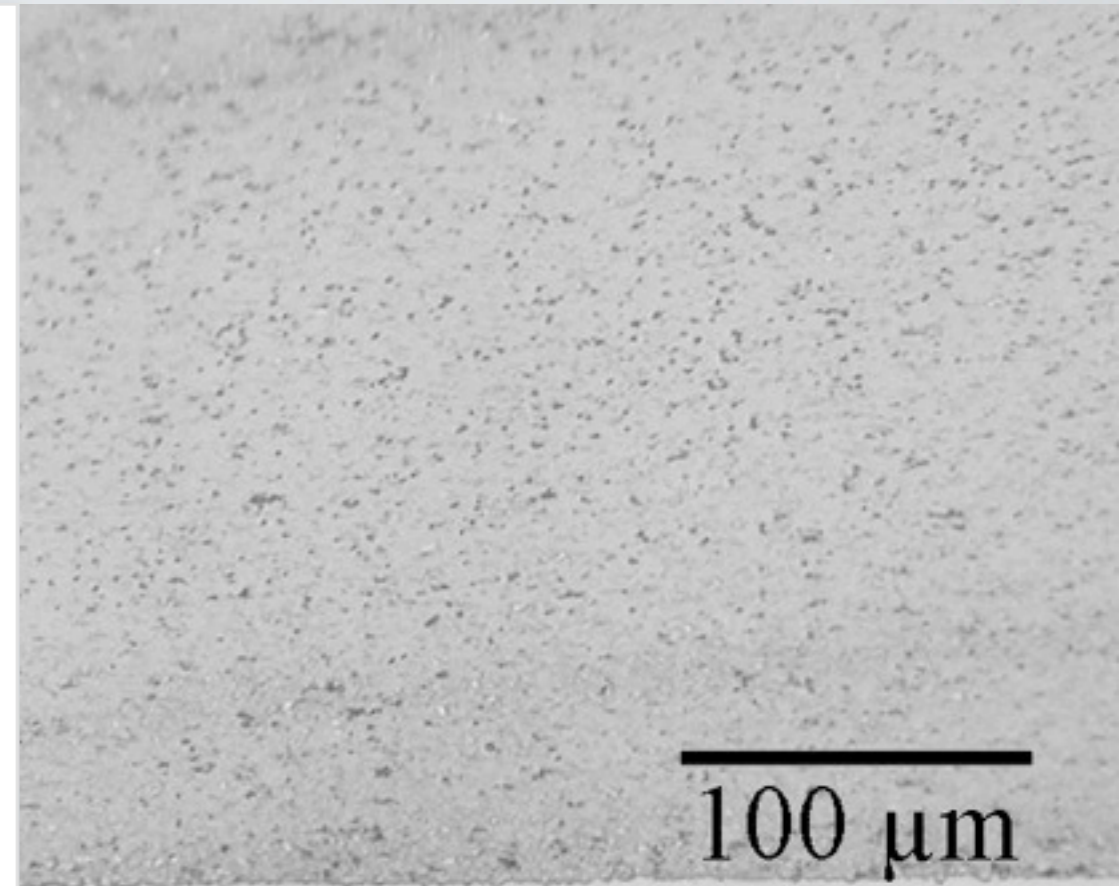
# ASTM C633 Adhesion Testing





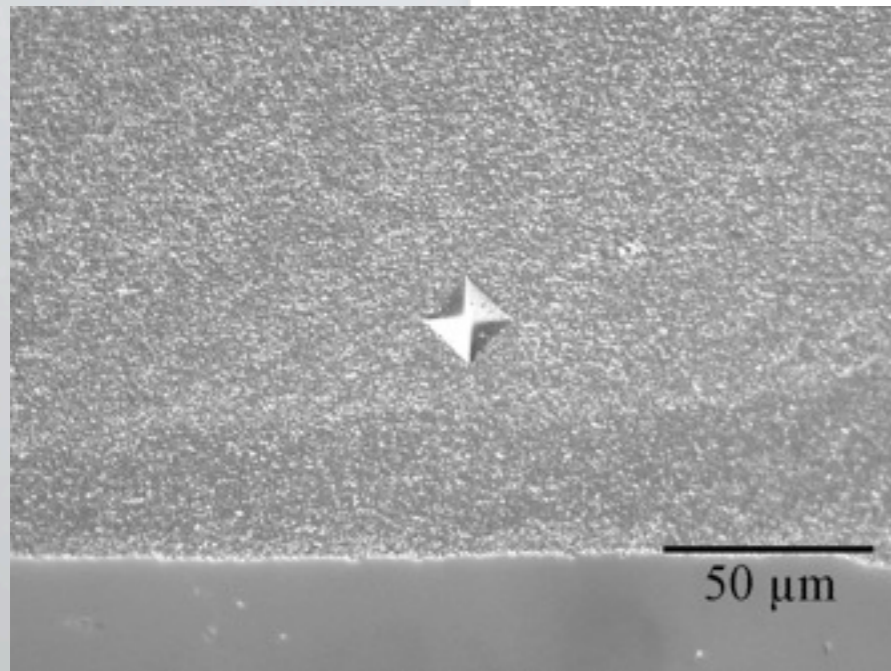
# WC-NiCrCo on In718

- Higher hardness than WC-Co
- Superior corrosion resistance
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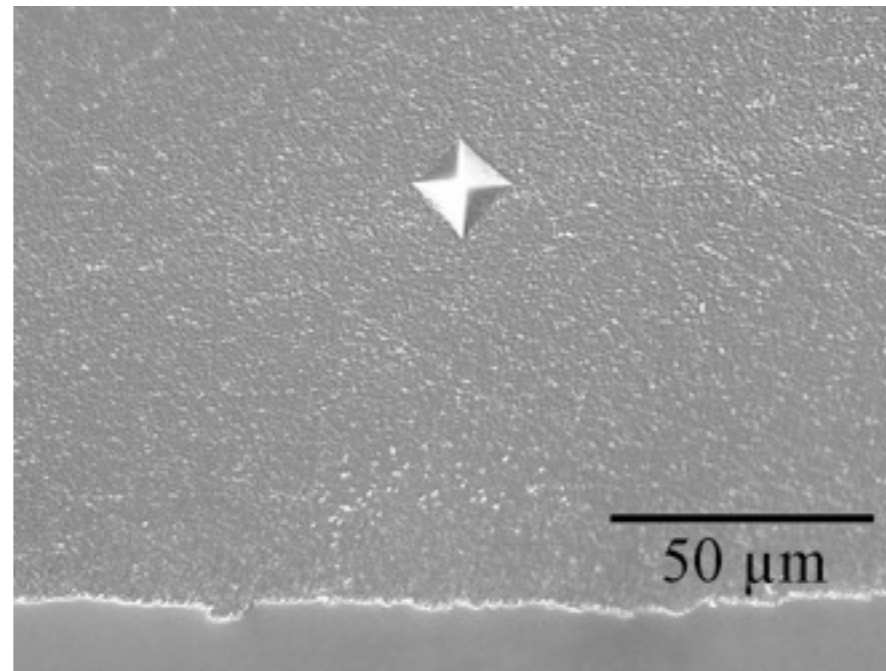


# WC-NiCrCo Microhardness

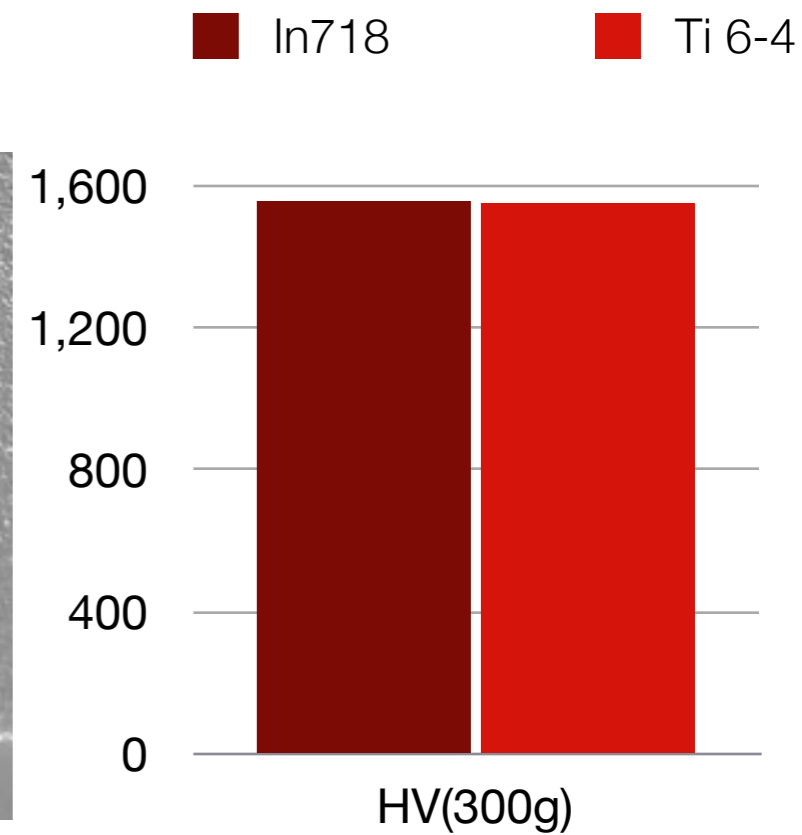
- Vickers hardness (300g load)
- Hardness >1,500HV



In718

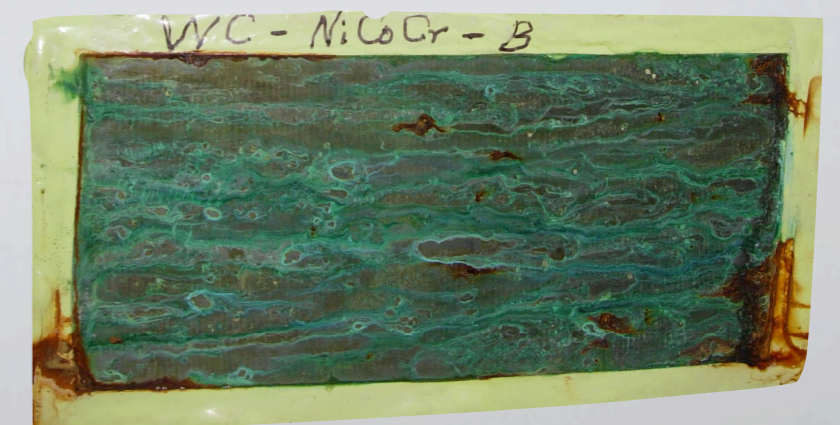
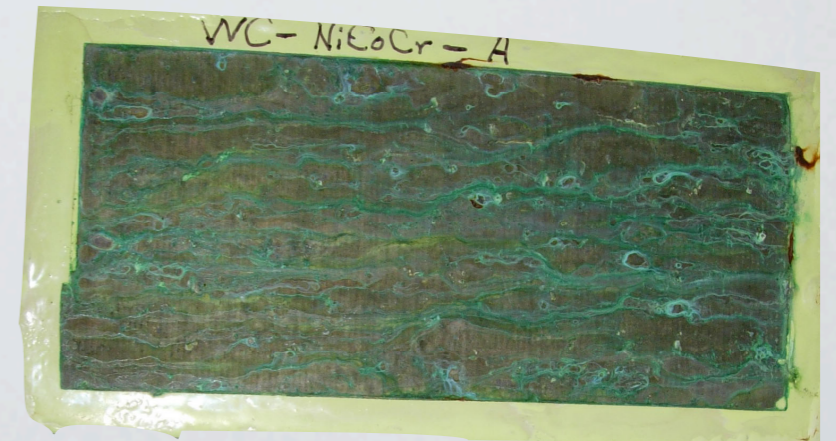


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# WC-NiCrCo Corrosion Resistance

- ASTM B117 Neutral Salt Fog
- Photos after 900 hours exposure
- Surpasses WC-Co baseline

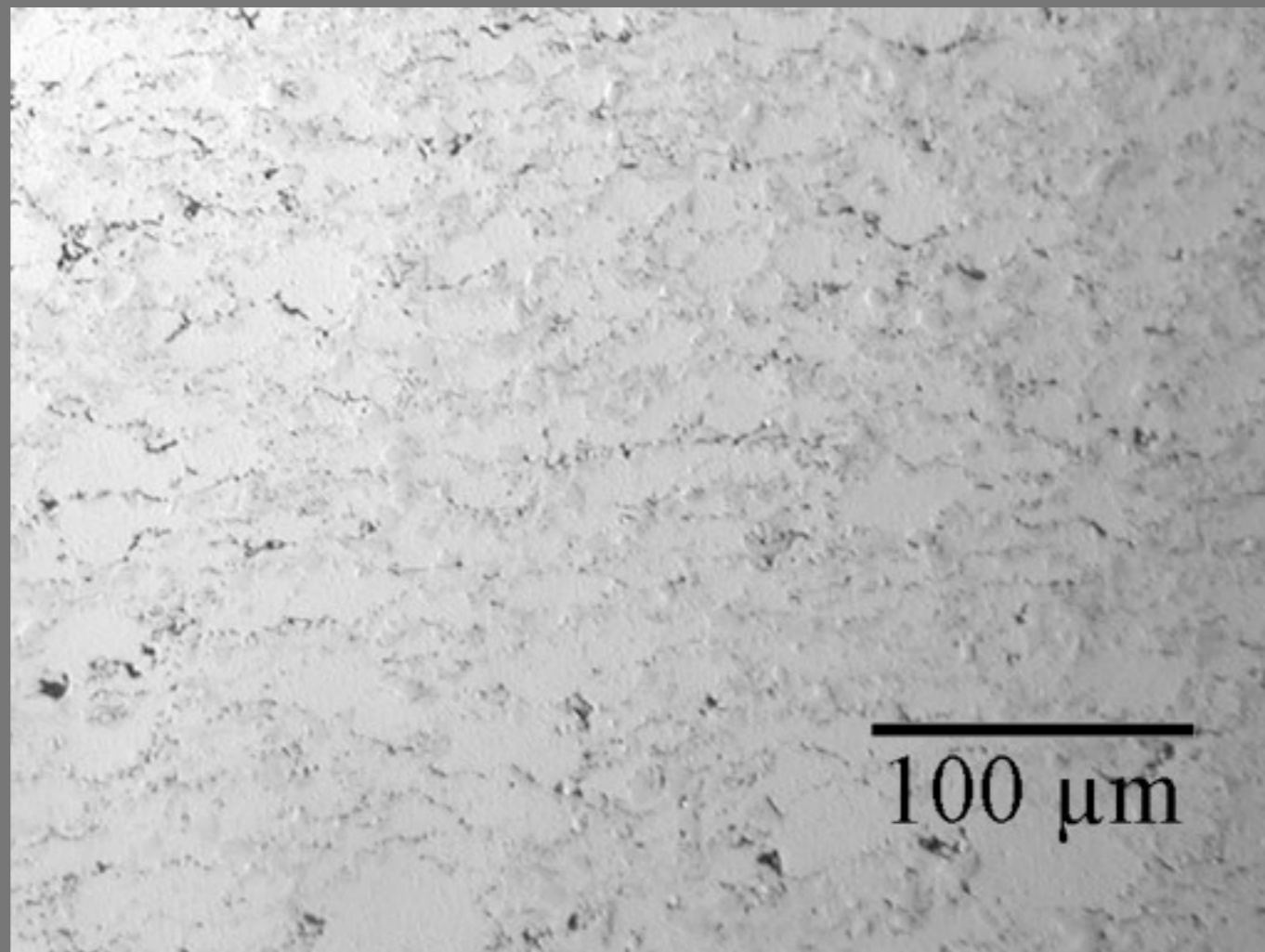






# Chromium Carbide Coatings

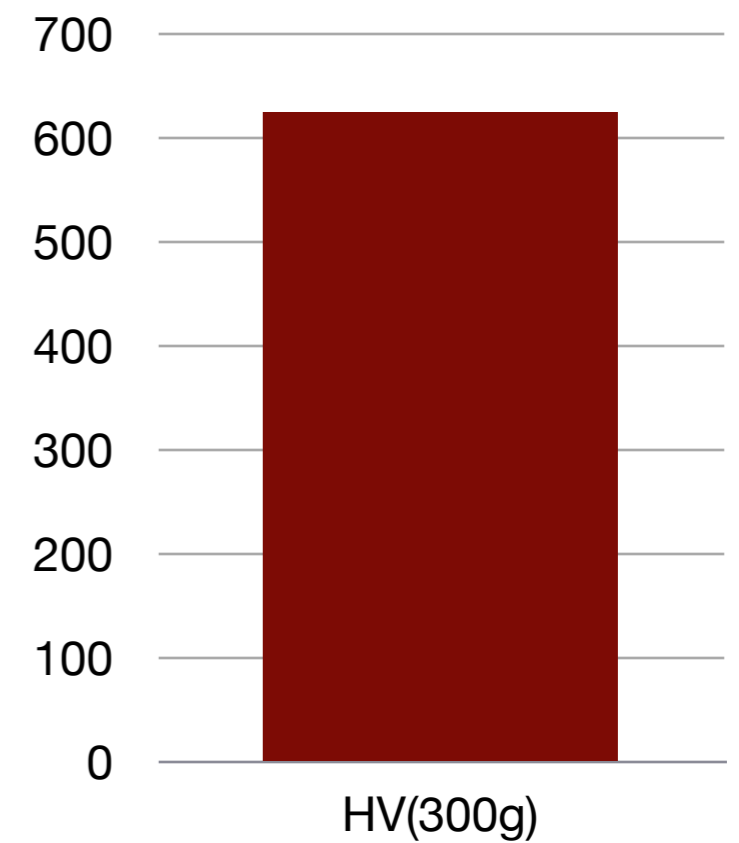
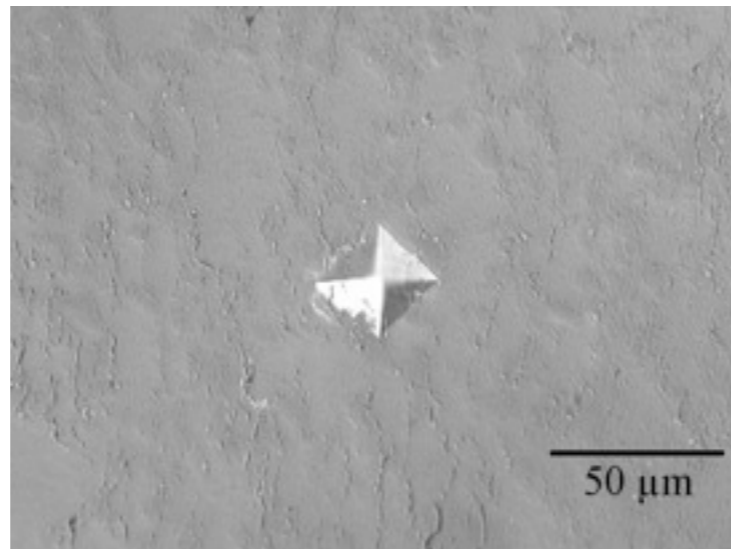
# $\text{Cr}_3\text{C}_2$ -NiCr Micrograph



# Cr<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-NiCr Microhardness

- Vickers hardness

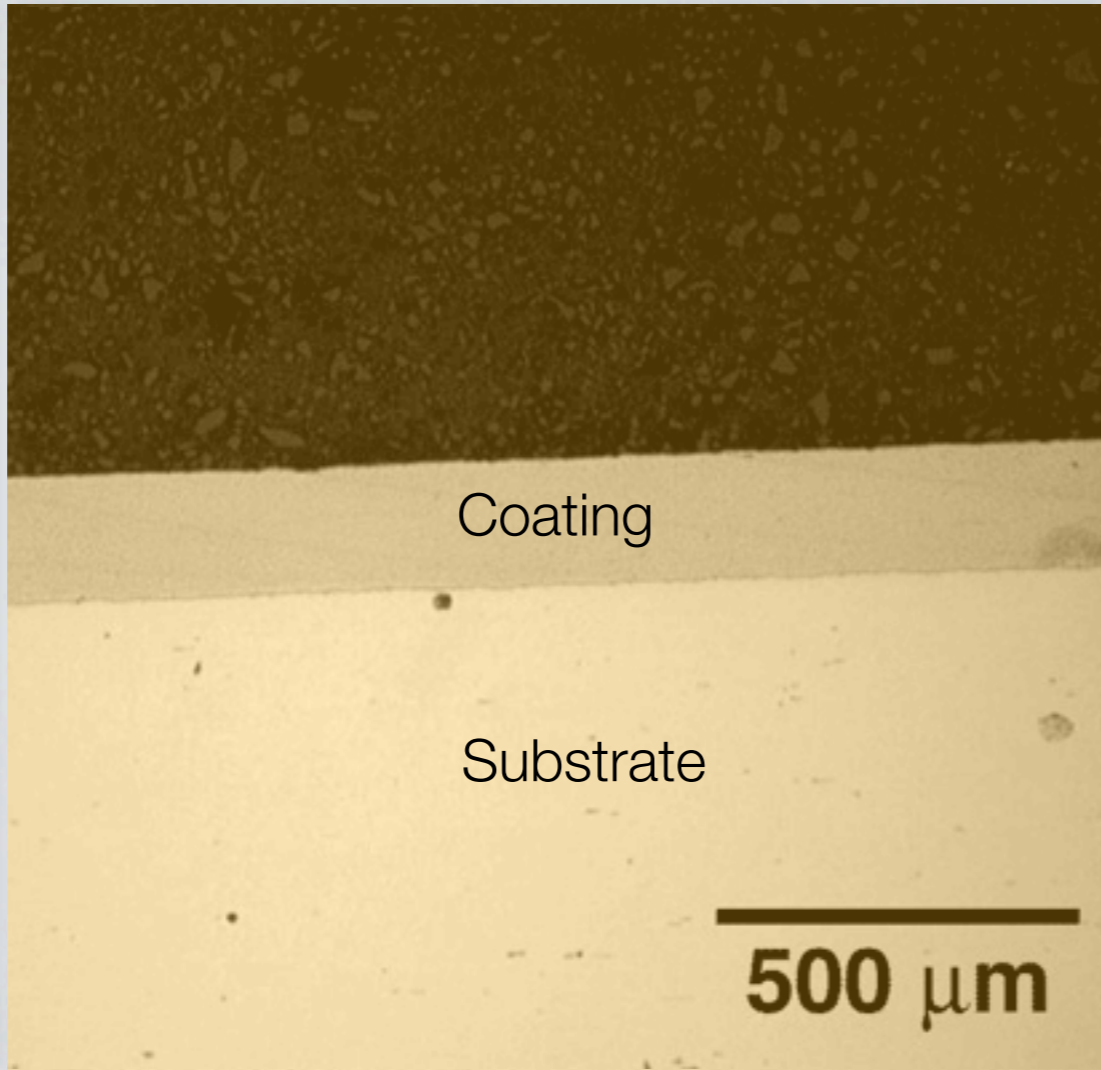
- 300g load



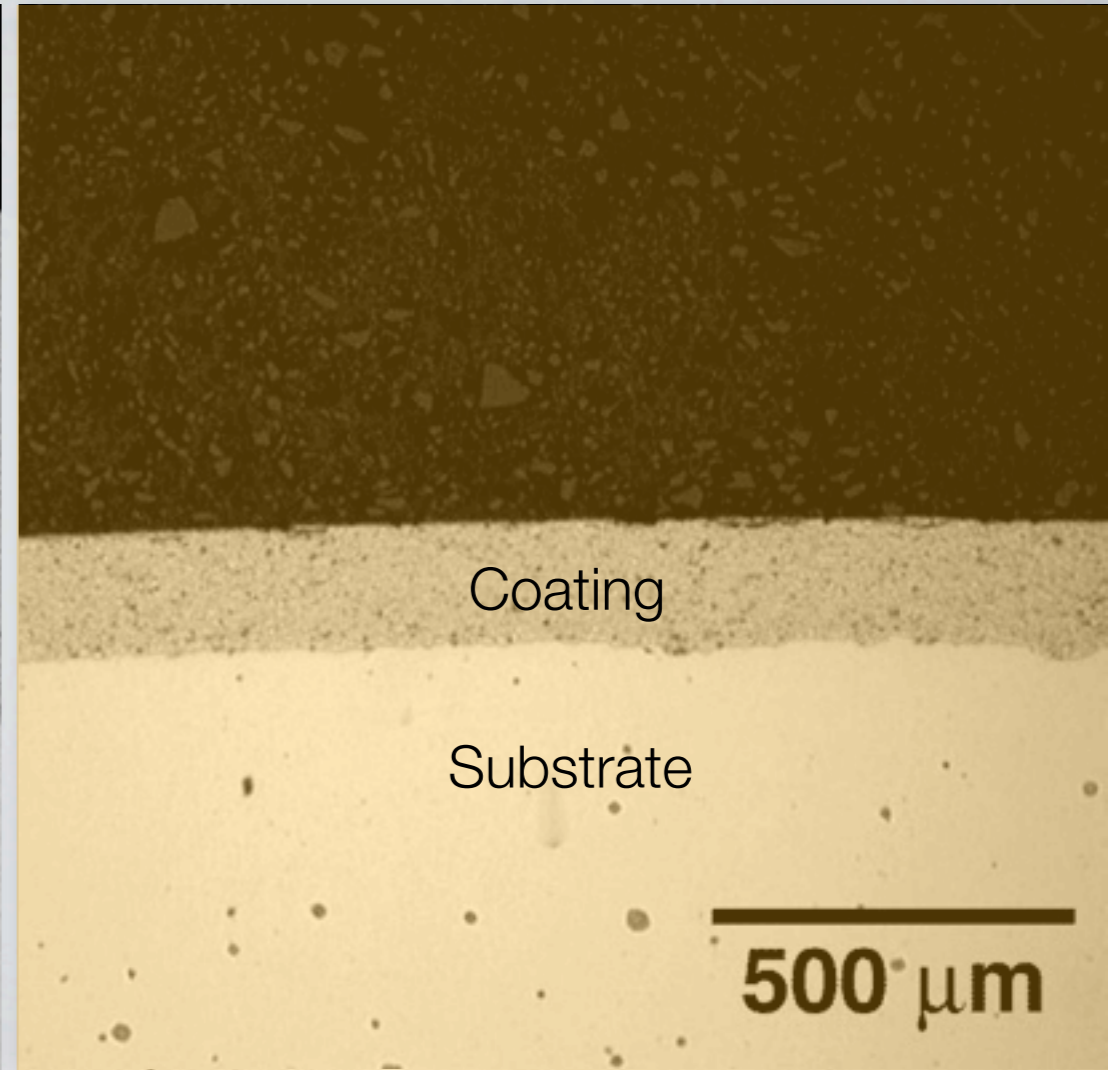




# KM – HVOF Microstructure, Superfinishing and Cost Comparison



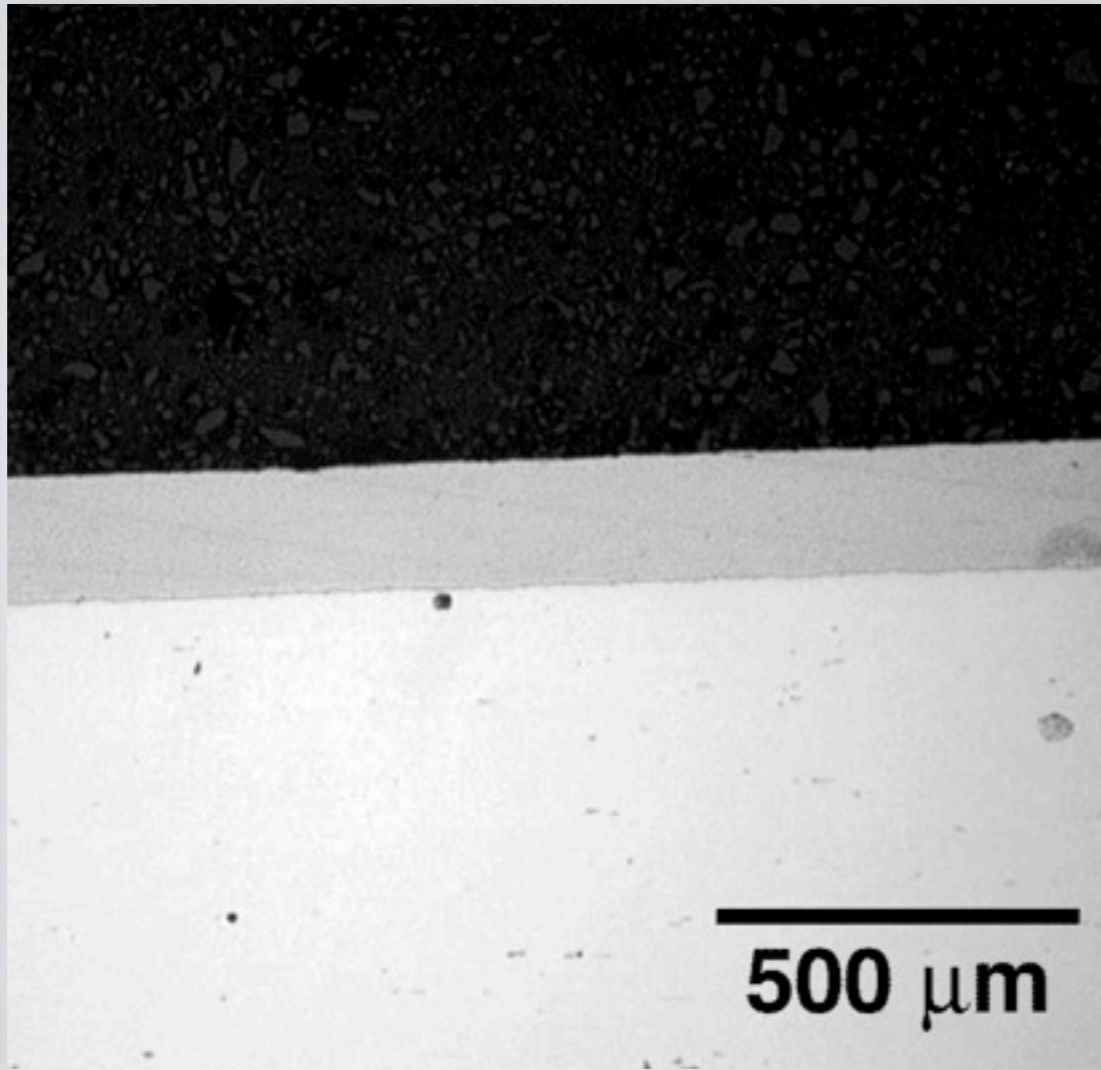
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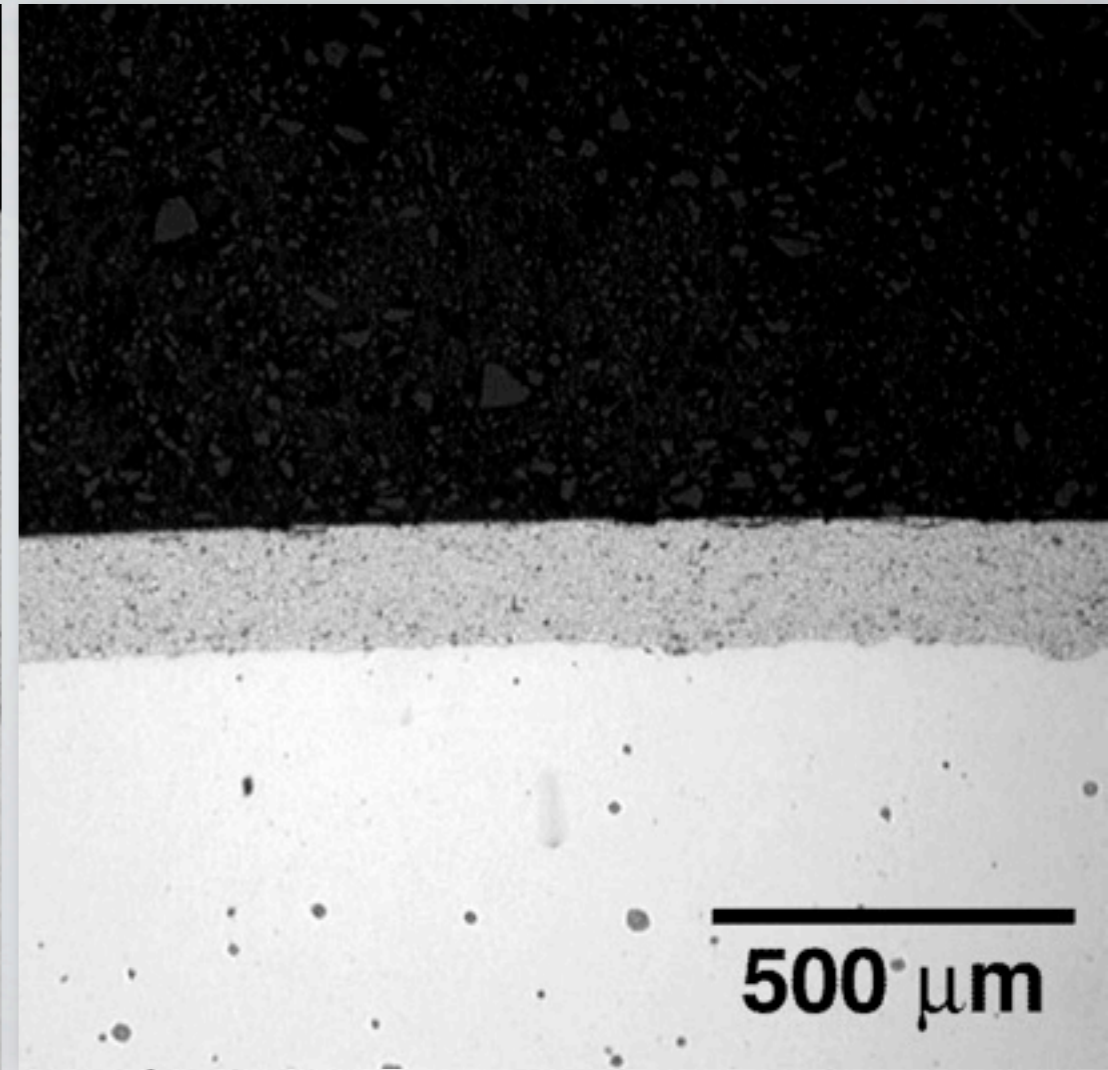
HVOF

# KM vs HVOF - Microstructure

50x Bright Field



KM

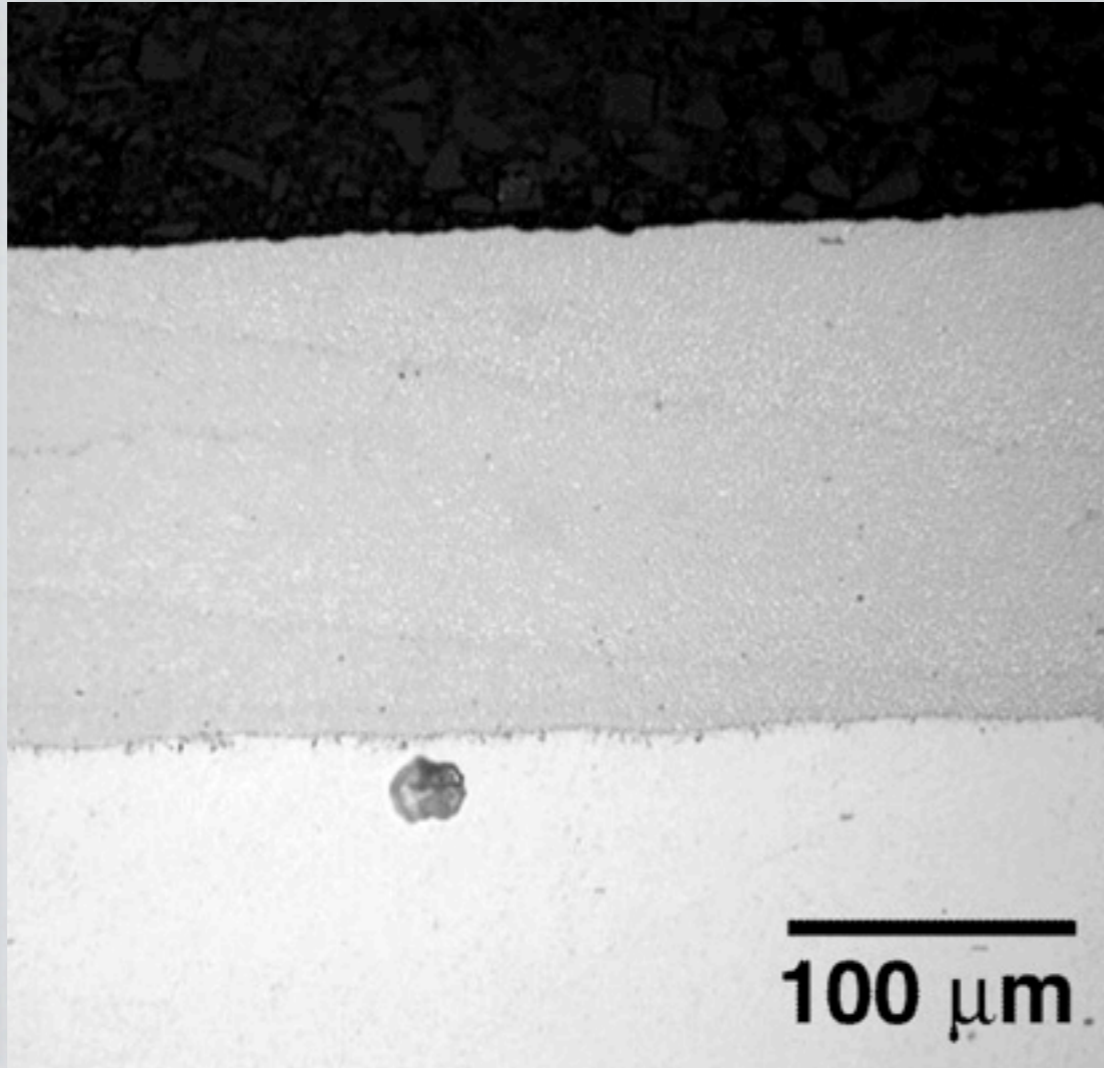


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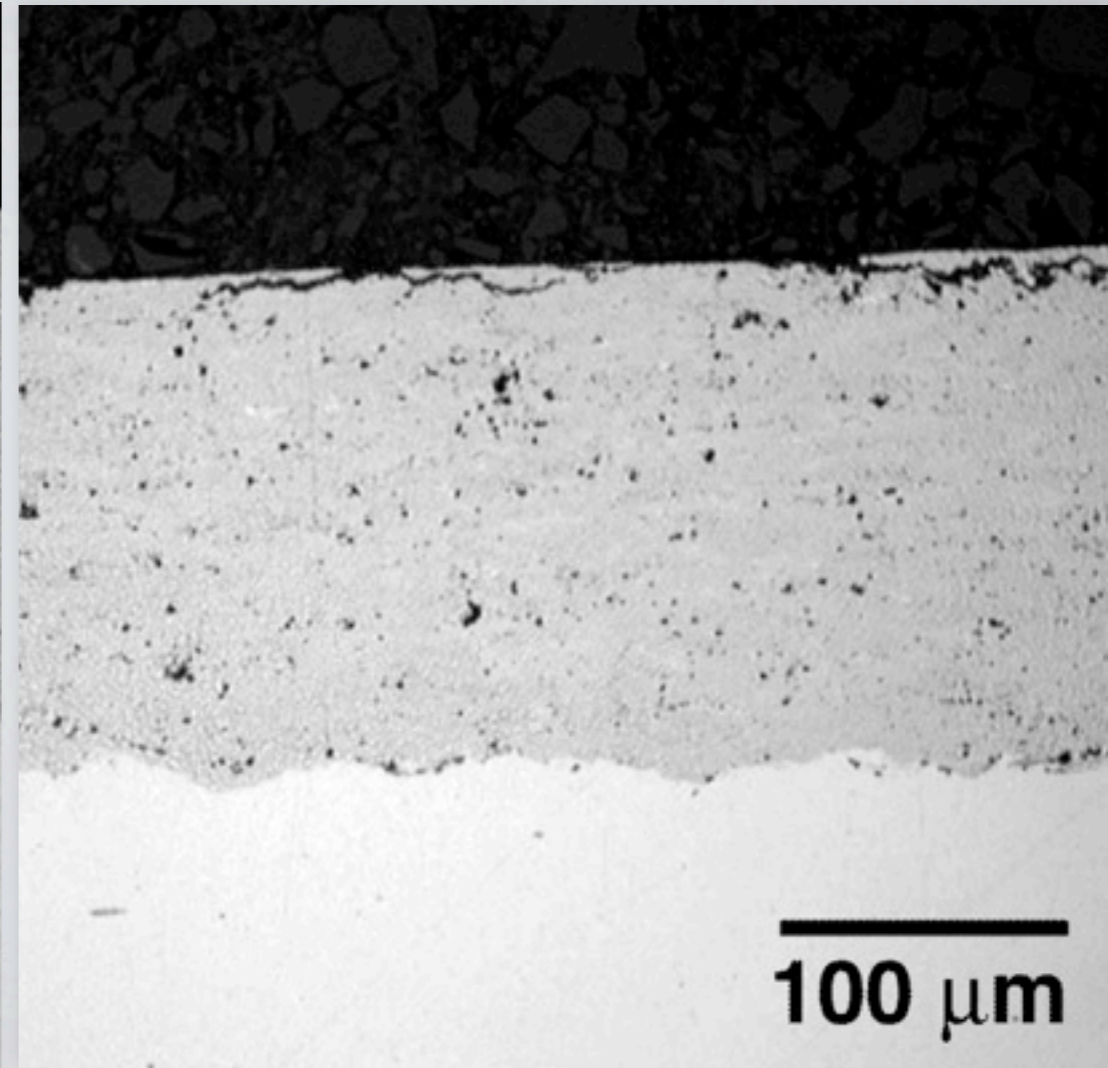
## KM vs HVOF - Microstructure



200x Bright Field



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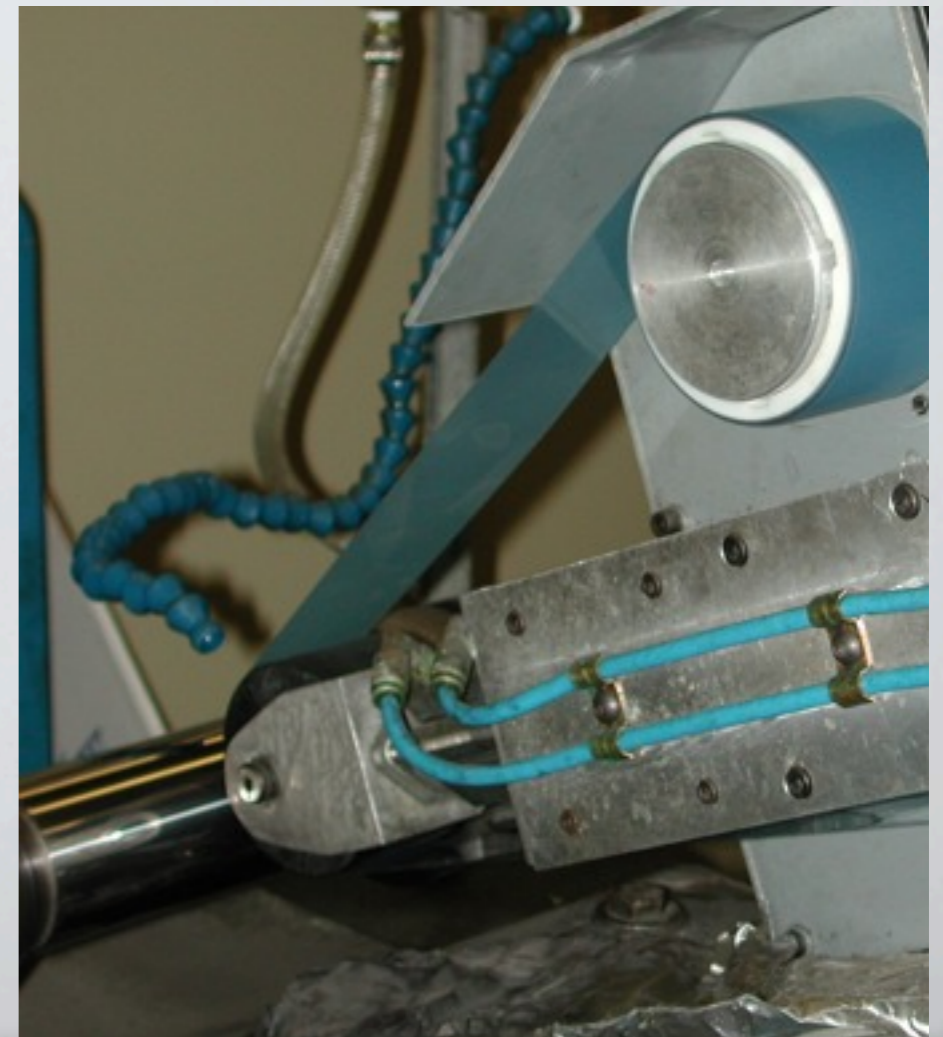


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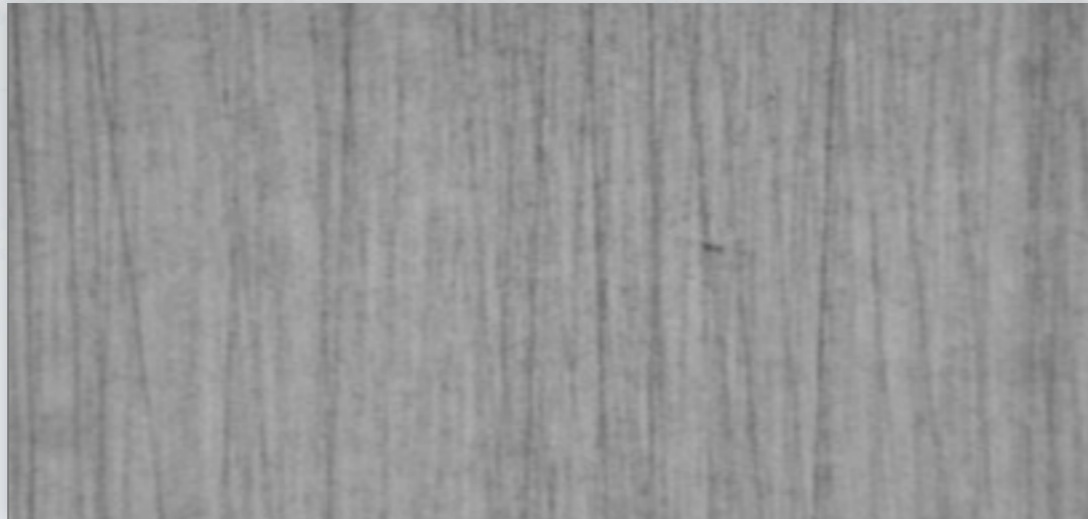
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# Superfinishing Study Objective

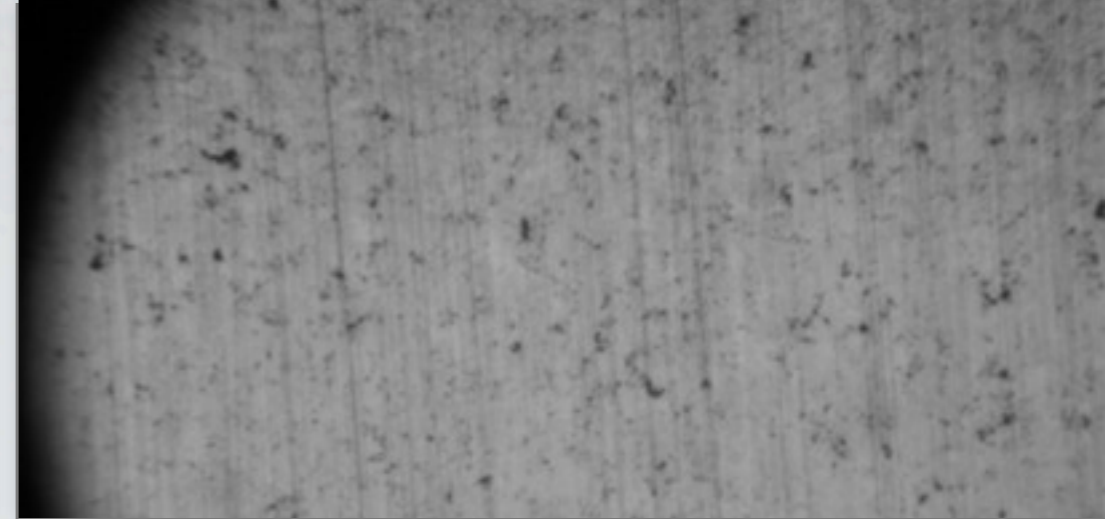
- Compare resultant surface finishes
- Compare visual appearances
- Coatings evaluated
  - WC-Co (85%, 15%) – Kinetic Metallization™
  - WC-Co-Cr (86%, 10%, 4%) – High Velocity Oxygen Fuel (HVOF)



KM (50X original)



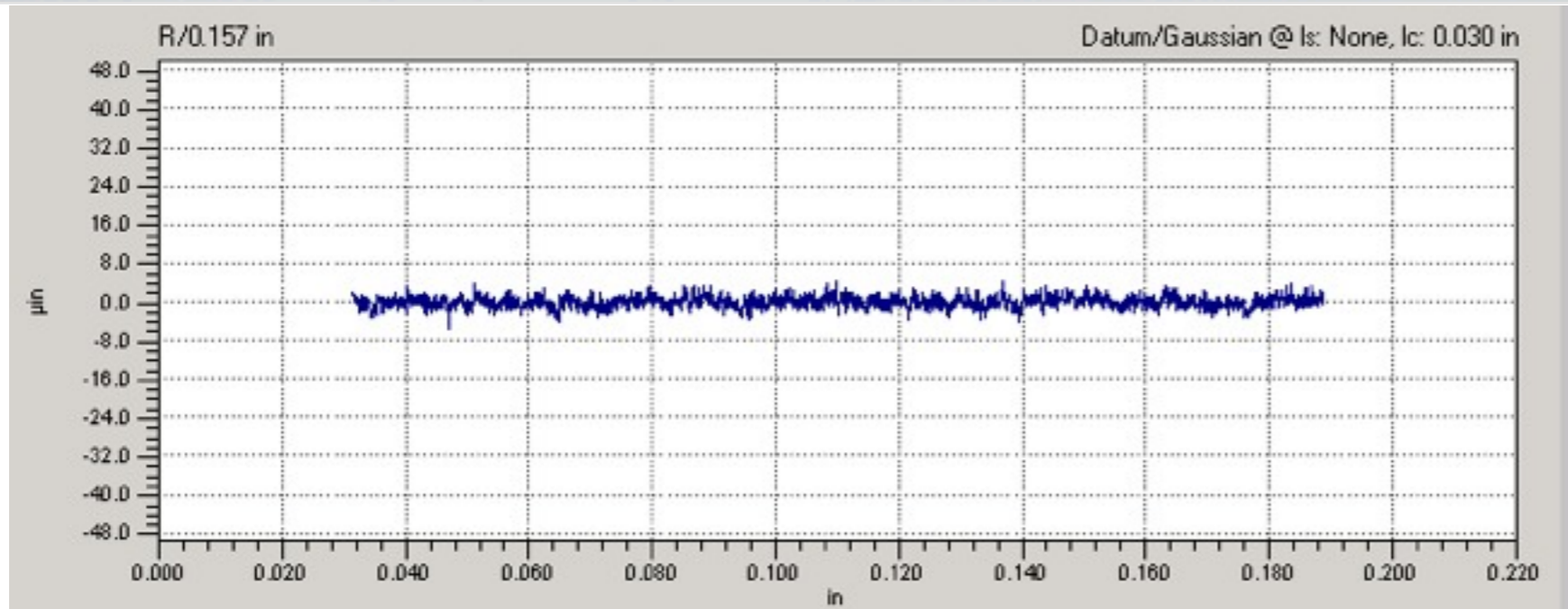
HVOF (50X original)



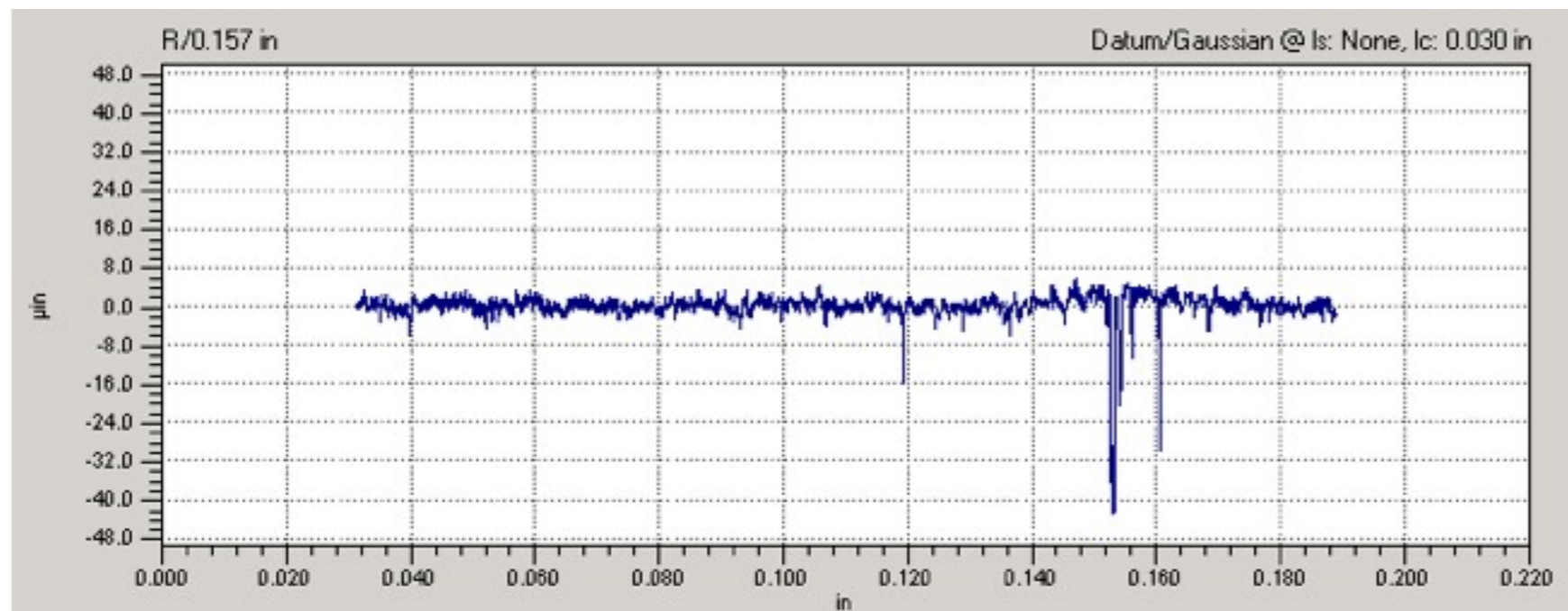
## 9 $\mu$ Finishes & Photos

	Ra	Rz	Tp%
KM	1.03	7.97	100
	1.08	8.1	100
HVOF	1.17	12.16	99.42
	1.05	10.28	99.77





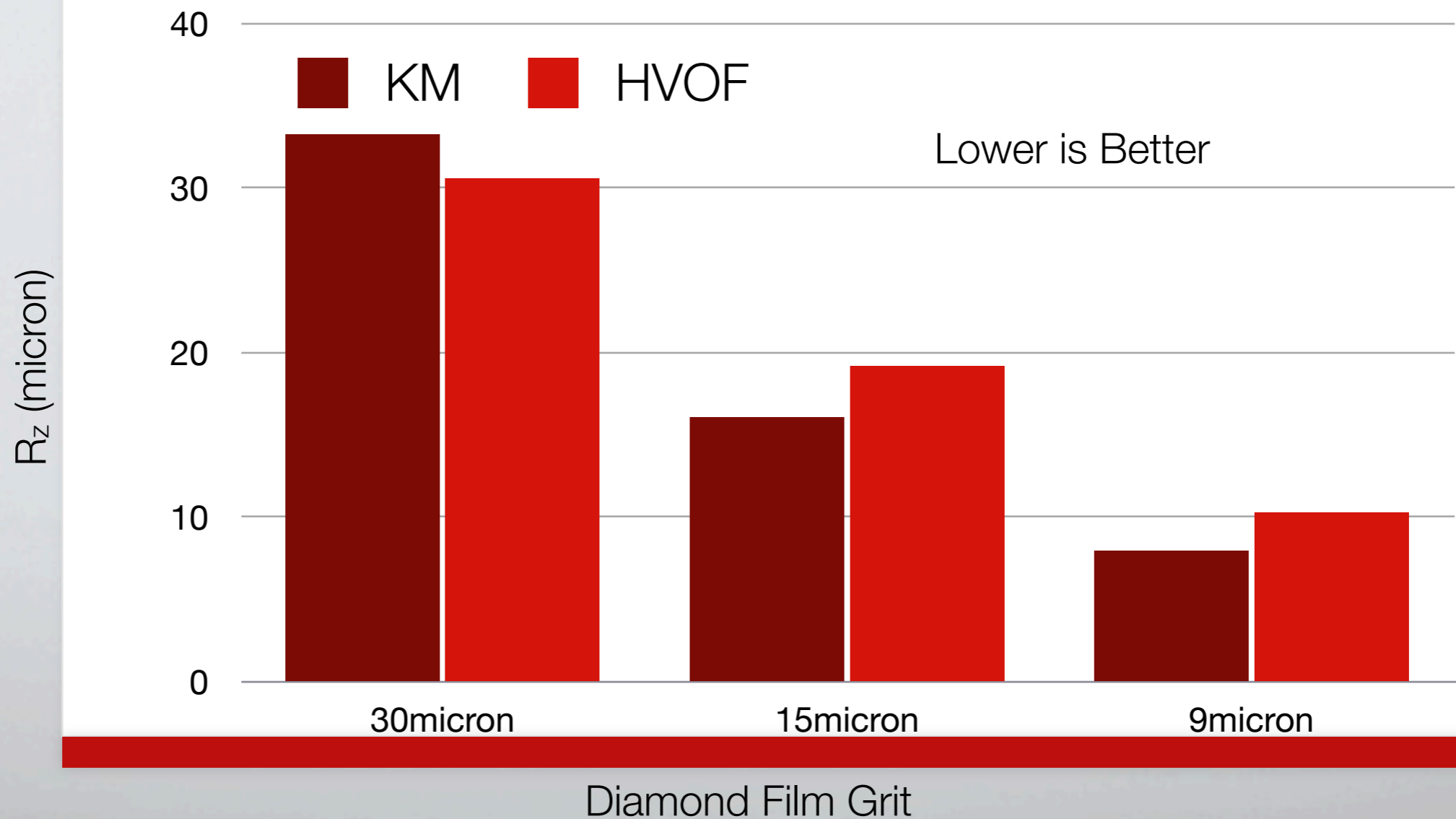
KM 9 $\mu$  DLF Trace



HVOF 9 $\mu$  DLF Trace



# Surface Finish Summary





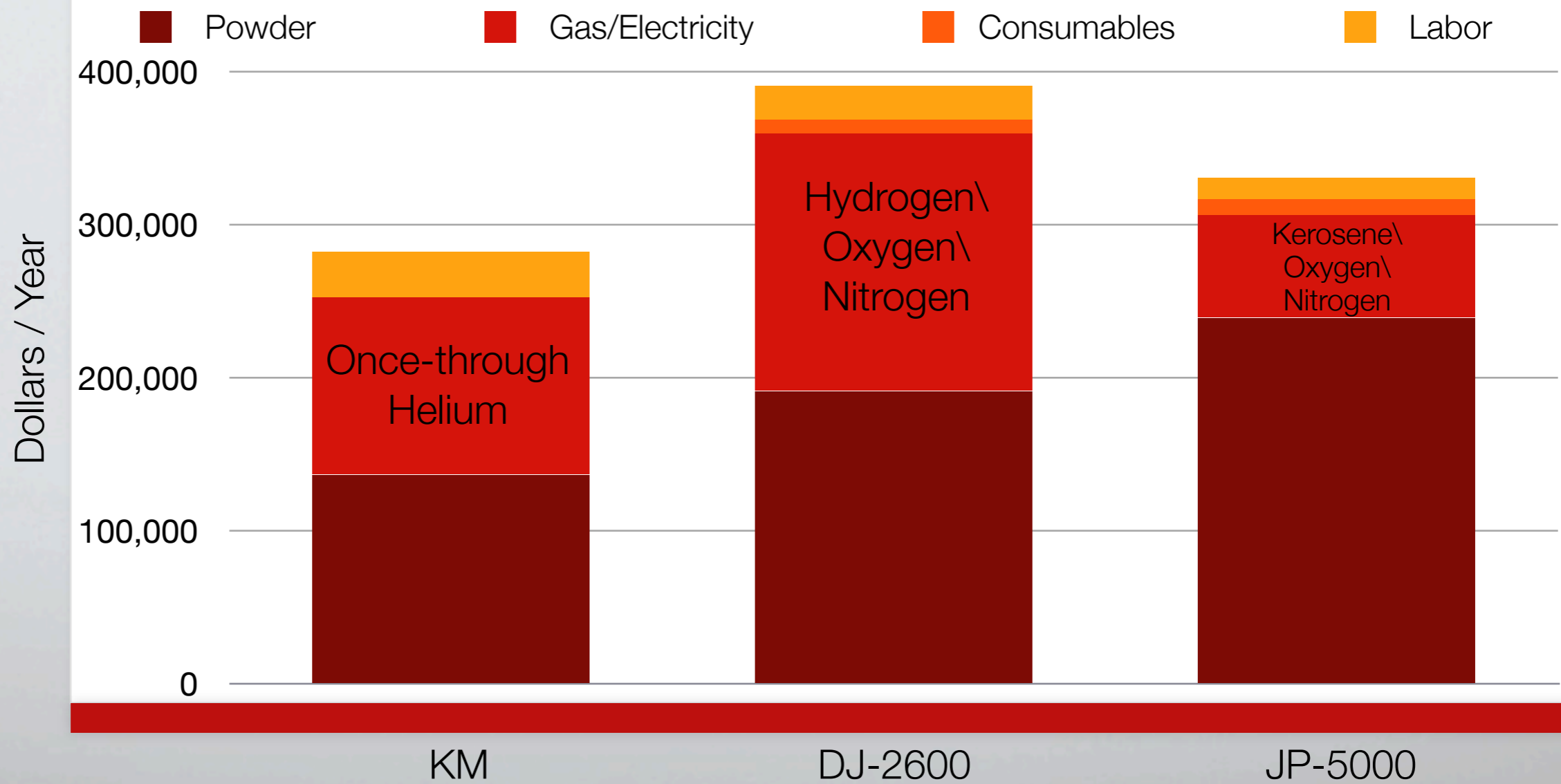
# KM – HVOF Cost Comparison



# KM vs. HVOF\* Operational Costs

- KM compared to DJ-2600 (hydrogen) and JP-5000 (kerosene)
- WC-Co at 0.010" thickness
- Calculate annual costs on square foot basis (300 sq. ft. per month)
- KM gas costs based on **once-through** helium
- Labor Rate \$20/hr
- Costs associated with masking, loading, preparation not included
  - Analysis **understates** HVOF cost

# Annual Cost Summary



# Summary

- KM deposited WC-Co coatings exhibit:
  - Low porosity and high adhesion
  - No conversion of coating material
- WC-NiCrCo
  - Higher hardness and better corrosion performance than WC-Co
- Chromium Carbide Coatings
  - Fully Dense





# KM-MCS

Mobile Coating System



# KM-PCS

Production Coating System

