

Supplementary Table S1. Mechanical properties of 17-4 PH SS produced by L-PBF from previous studies [23, 26-31]

| Ref. No. | Title | Heat treatment | Building direction | Yield strength (MPa) | Elongation (%) |
|----------|--|---|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 23 | LeBrun, T.; Nakamoto, T.; Horikawa, K.; Kobayashi, H. Effect of retained austenite on subsequent thermal processing and resultant mechanical properties of selective laser melted 17-4 PH stainless steel. Mater. Des. 2015, 81, 44-53. | AB | NA | 661 | 16.2 |
| | | CA | NA | 939 | 9 |
| | | H900 | NA | 945 | 15.5 |
| | | H1025 | NA | 870 | 13.3 |
| | | H1150 | NA | 1005 | 11.1 |
| | | CA+H900 | NA | 1352 | 4.6 |
| | | CA+H1025 | NA | 1121 | 9.6 |
| | | CA+H1150 | NA | 859 | 16.6 |
| | | AB | H | 850 | 13 |
| 26 | Auguste, P.; Mauduit, A.; Fouquet, L.; Pillot, S. Study on 17-4 PH stainless steel produced by selective laser melting. UPB. Sci. Bull. Ser. B-Chem. Mater. Sci. 2018, 80, 197-210. | AB | V | 760 | 2.5 |
| | | 550 °C/4 hr | H | 1210 | 0.5 |
| | | 1040 °C/1.5 hr + 480 °C/1 hr | H | 785 | 4.6 |
| | | 1040 °C/1.5 hr + 480 °C/1 hr | V | 590 | 1 |
| | | 1190 °C/2 hr +1040 °C/1.5 hr +480 °C/1 hr | H | 1400 | 3 |
| | | 1190 °C/2 hr +1040 °C/1.5 hr +480 °C/1 hr | V | 1240 | 1 |
| | | AB | H | 650 | 9.8 |
| 27 | Nezhadfar, P. D.; Burford, E.; Anderson-Wedge, K.; Zhang, B.; Shao, S.; Daniewicz, S. R.; Shamsaei, N. Fatigue crack growth behavior of additively manufactured 17-4 PH stainless steel: Effects of build orientation and microstructure. Int. J. Fatig. 2019, 123, 168-179. | AB | V | 720 | 6.4 |
| | | 1038 °C/0.5 hr + 482 °C/1 hr | H | 910 | 7.8 |
| | | 1038 °C/0.5 hr + 482 °C/1 hr | V | 950 | 3.5 |
| | | 1050 °C/0.5 hr + 552 °C/4 hr | V | 1176 | 32.7 |
| | | AB | H | 650 | 14.5 |
| 28 | Yadollahi, A.; Shamsaei, N.; Thompson, S. M.; Elwany, A.; Bian, L. Effects of building orientation and heat treatment on fatigue behavior of selective laser melted 17-4 PH stainless steel. Int. J. Fatig. 2017, 94, 218-235. | AB | V | 580 | 5.8 |
| | | CA + H900 | H | 1250 | 11 |
| | | CA + H900 | V | 1020 | 2.8 |
| | | 1040 °C/0.5 hr + 550 °C/4 hr | NA | 1032 | 16.64 |
| 29 | Hu, Z.; Zhu, H.; Zhang, H.; Zeng, X. Experimental investigation on selective laser melting of 17-4PH stainless steel. Optic. Laser. Tech. 2017, 87, 17-25. | | | | |
| 30 | Pasebani, S.; Ghayoor, M.; Badwe, S.; Irrinki, H.; Atre, S. V. Effects of atomizing media and post processing on mechanical properties of 17-4 PH stainless steel manufactured via selective laser melting. Addit. Manuf. 2018, 22, 127-137. | H1150 | NA | 1116 | 5.1 |

AB: as-built

NA: not available

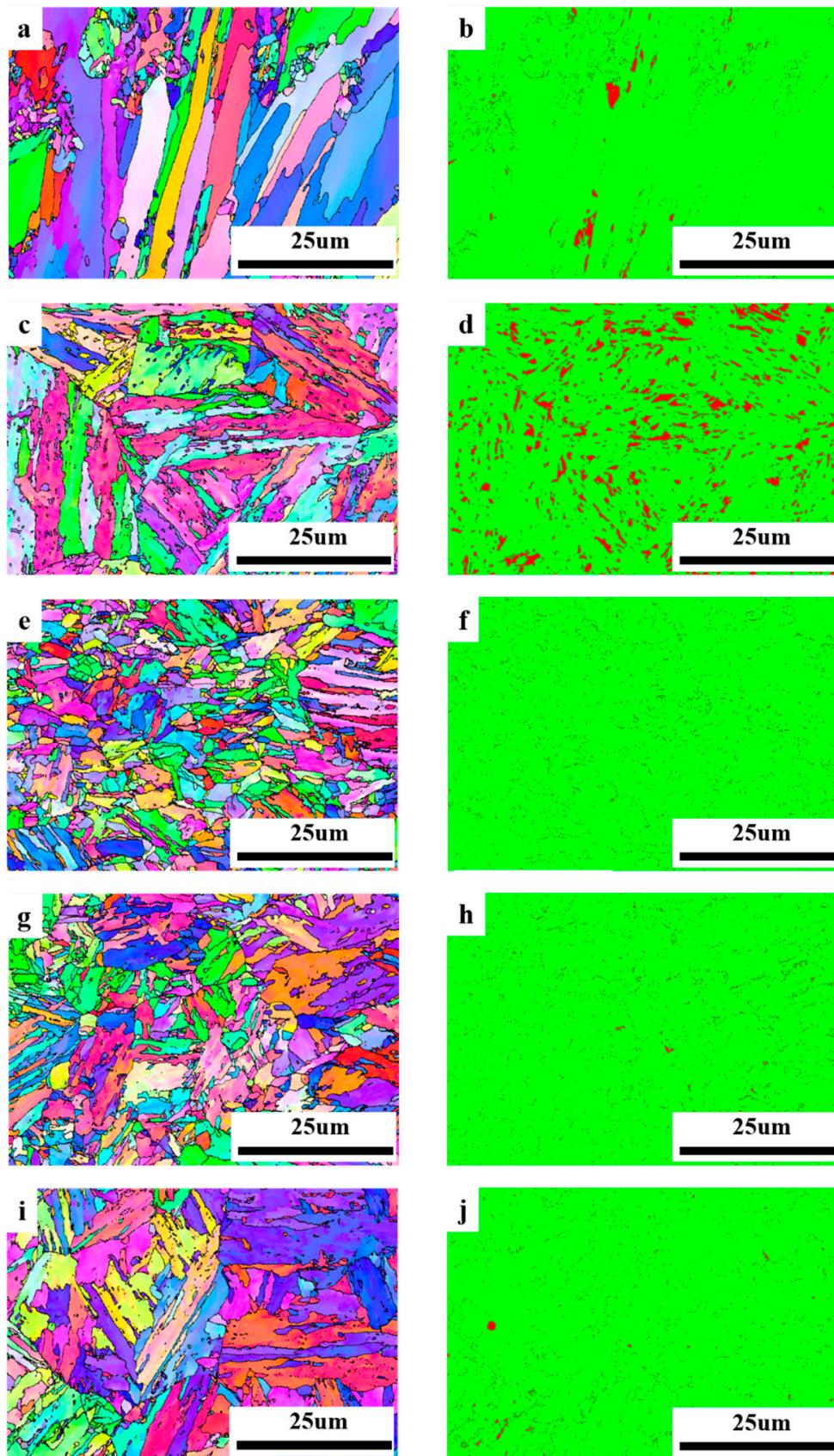
H: horizontal direction

V: vertical direction

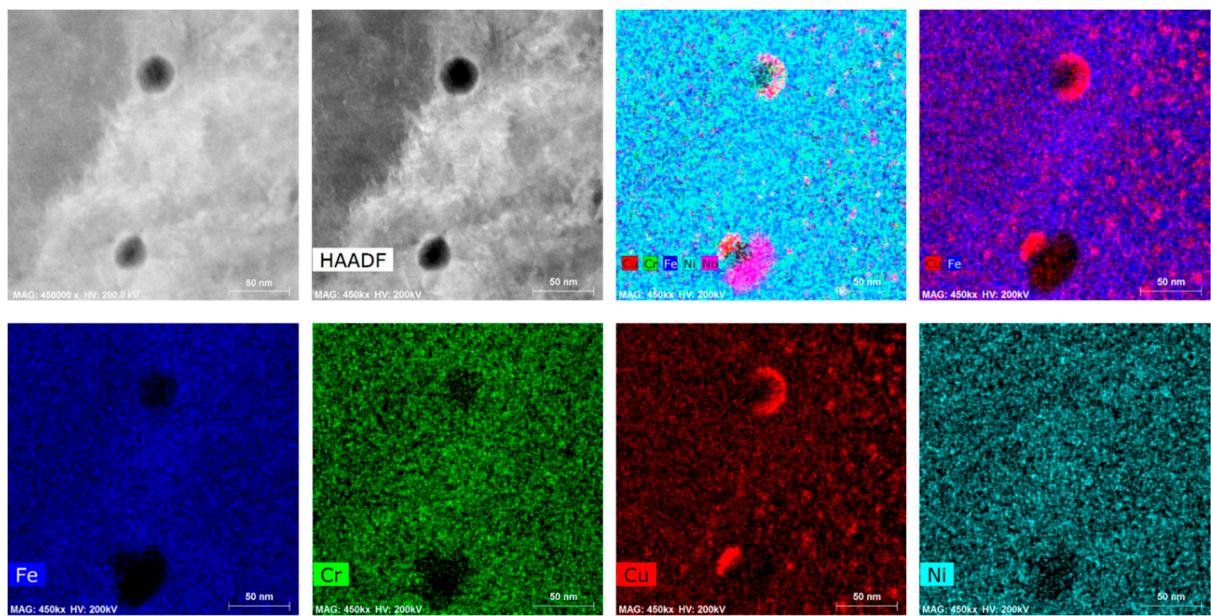
CA: condition A

Supplementary Table S2. Result of EBSD-Phases map showing phases fraction of AB and HT specimens

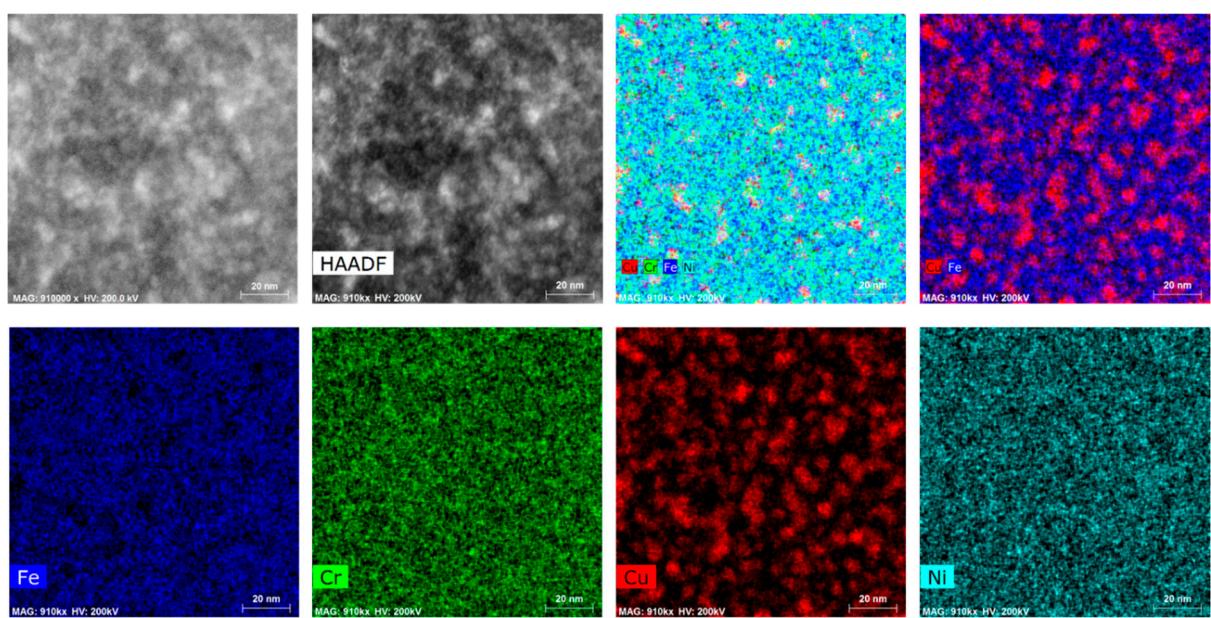
| Specimens | FCC (austenite) fraction (%) | BCC (ferrite and/or martensite) fraction (%) |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| AB | 1.7 | 98.3 |
| N | 9.8 | 90.2 |
| S | 1.0 | 99.0 |
| SA | 0.9 | 99.1 |
| NSA | 1.0 | 99.0 |



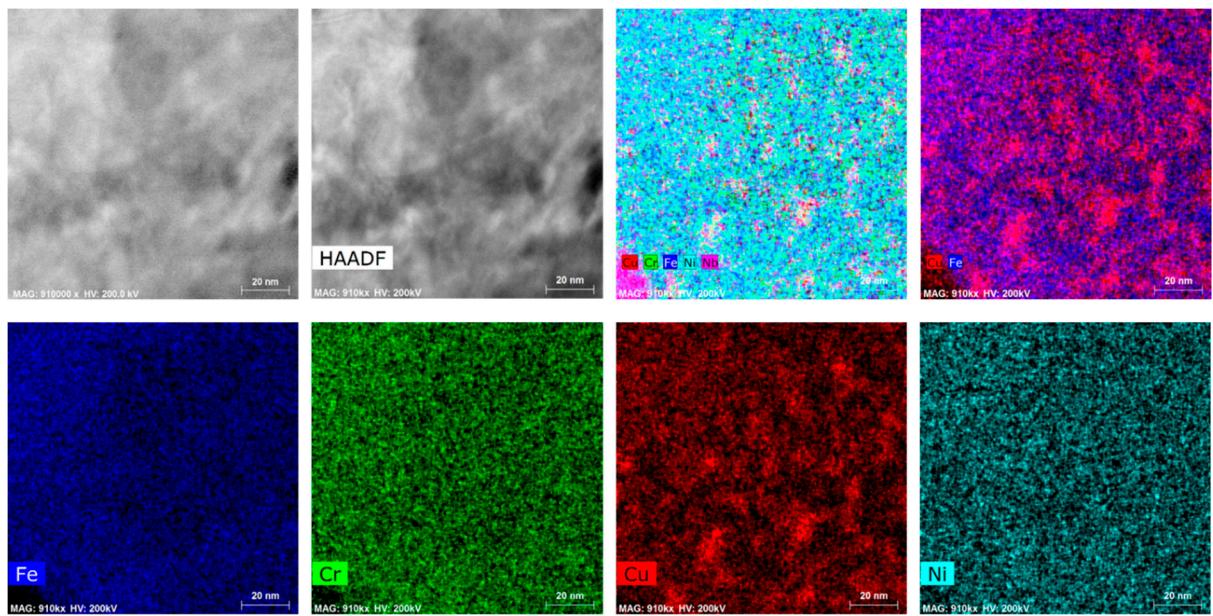
Supplementary Figure S1. EBSD orientation maps and Phase maps (green: ferrite and/or martensite, red: austenite) obtained from the as-built and heat treated 17-4 PH samples: (a-b) AB, (c-d) N, (e-f) S, (g-h) SA, (i-j) NSA.



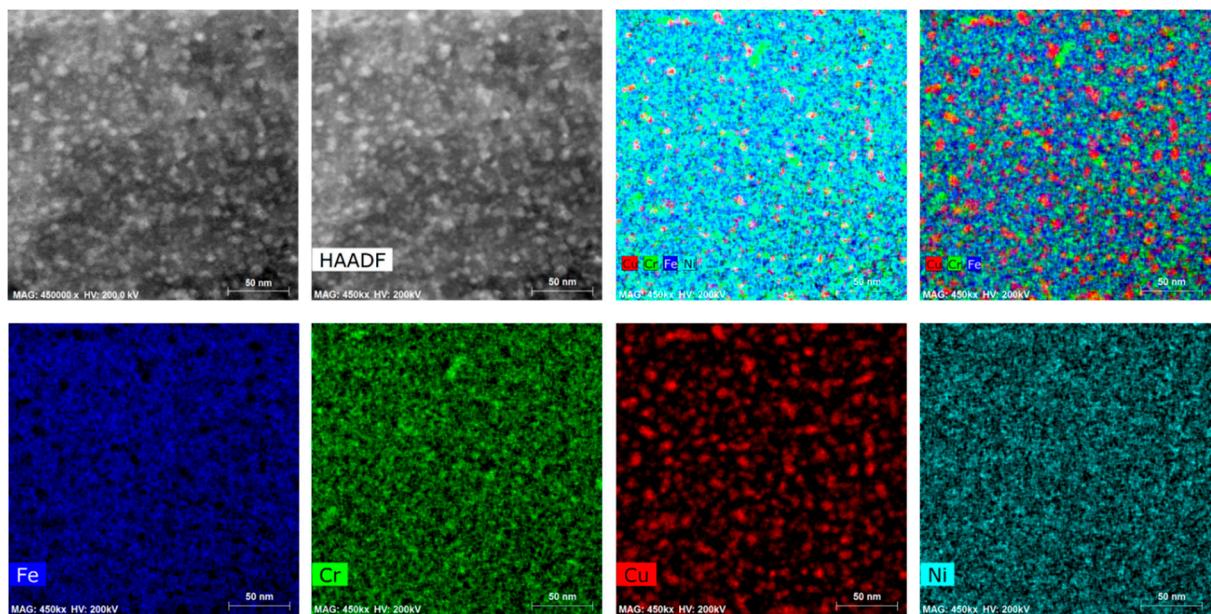
Supplementary Figure S2. TEM-EDS analysis of SA specimen showing inhomogeneous Cu-rich precipitation (magnification: 450 kx)



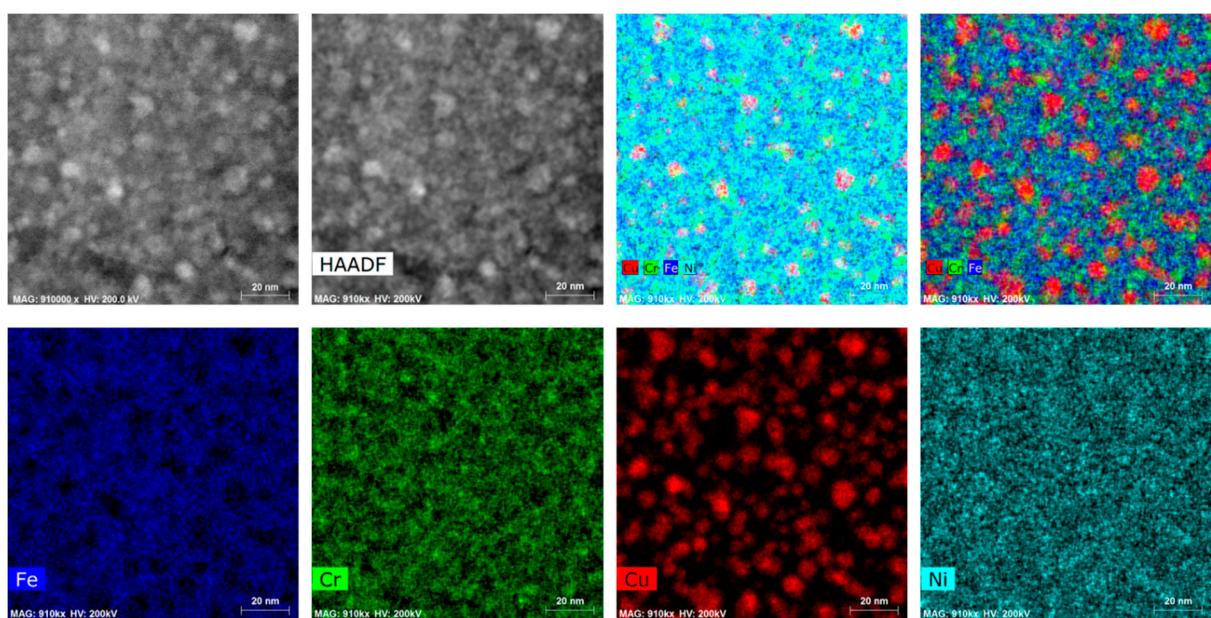
Supplementary Figure S3. TEM-EDS analysis of SA specimen showing nano-scale Cu-rich precipitation (magnification: 910 kx)



Supplementary Figure S4. TEM-EDS analysis of SA specimen showing homogeneous Cu-rich precipitation (magnification: 910 kx)



Supplementary Figure S5. TEM-EDS analysis of **NSA specimen** showing homogeneous nano-scale Cu-rich precipitation (magnification: 450 kx)



Supplementary Figure S6. TEM-EDS analysis of **NSA specimen** showing homogeneous nano-scale Cu-rich precipitation (magnification: 910 kx)