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Why changing process ?

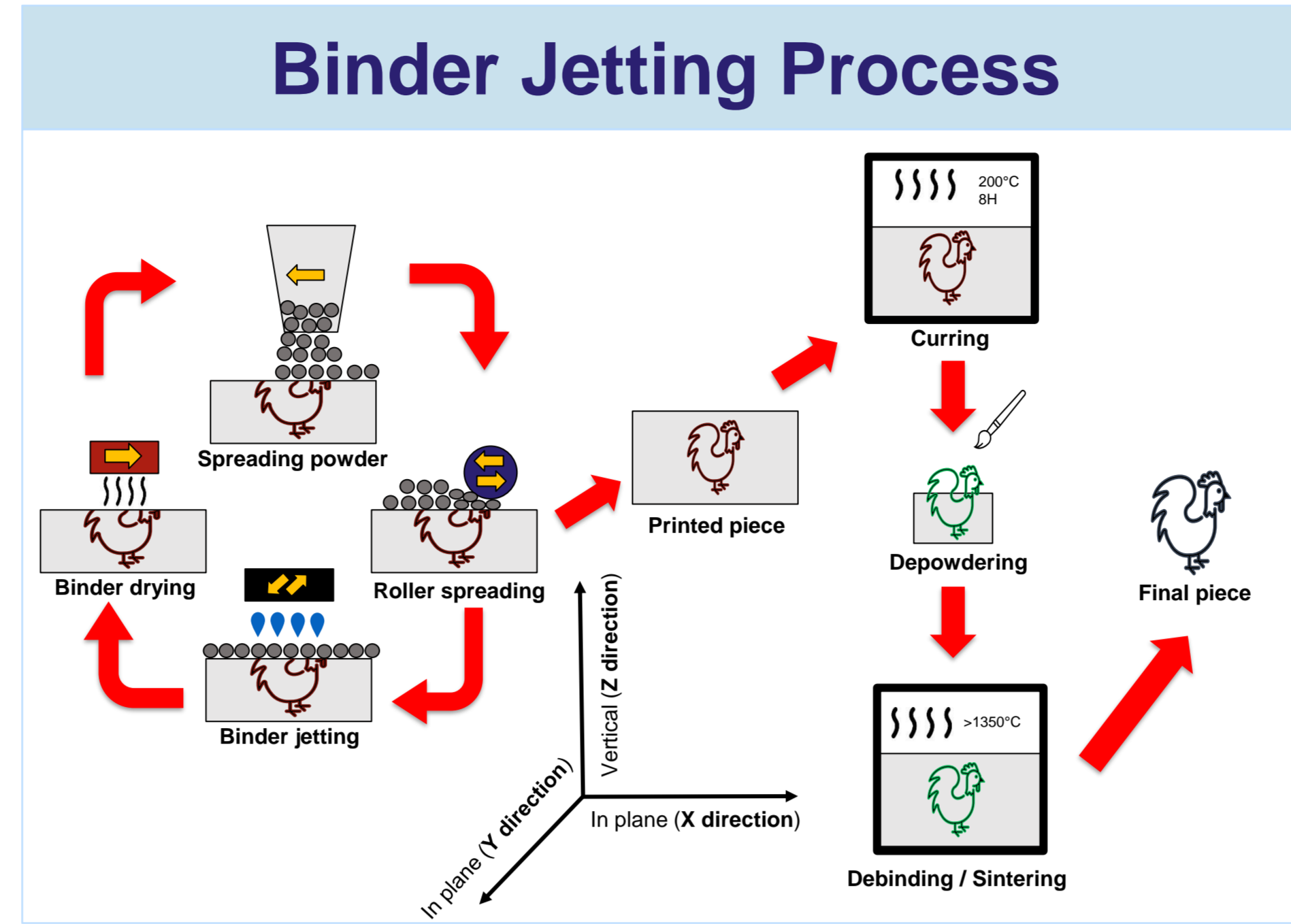
Compaction → **Binder Jetting + Sintering**

B.J. key points

- Time/energy saving
- Powder recycling
- Complex form
- Near net shape

Problems to solve

- Which powder to use ?
- How to print ?
- Debinding/sintering cycle
- Shrinkage modeling ?

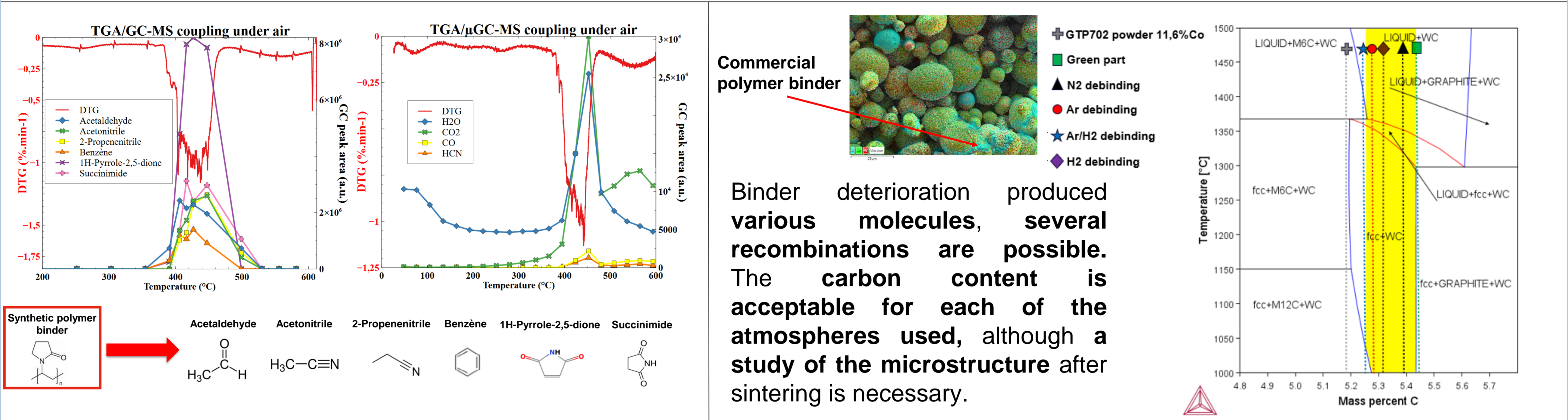


Control of final properties

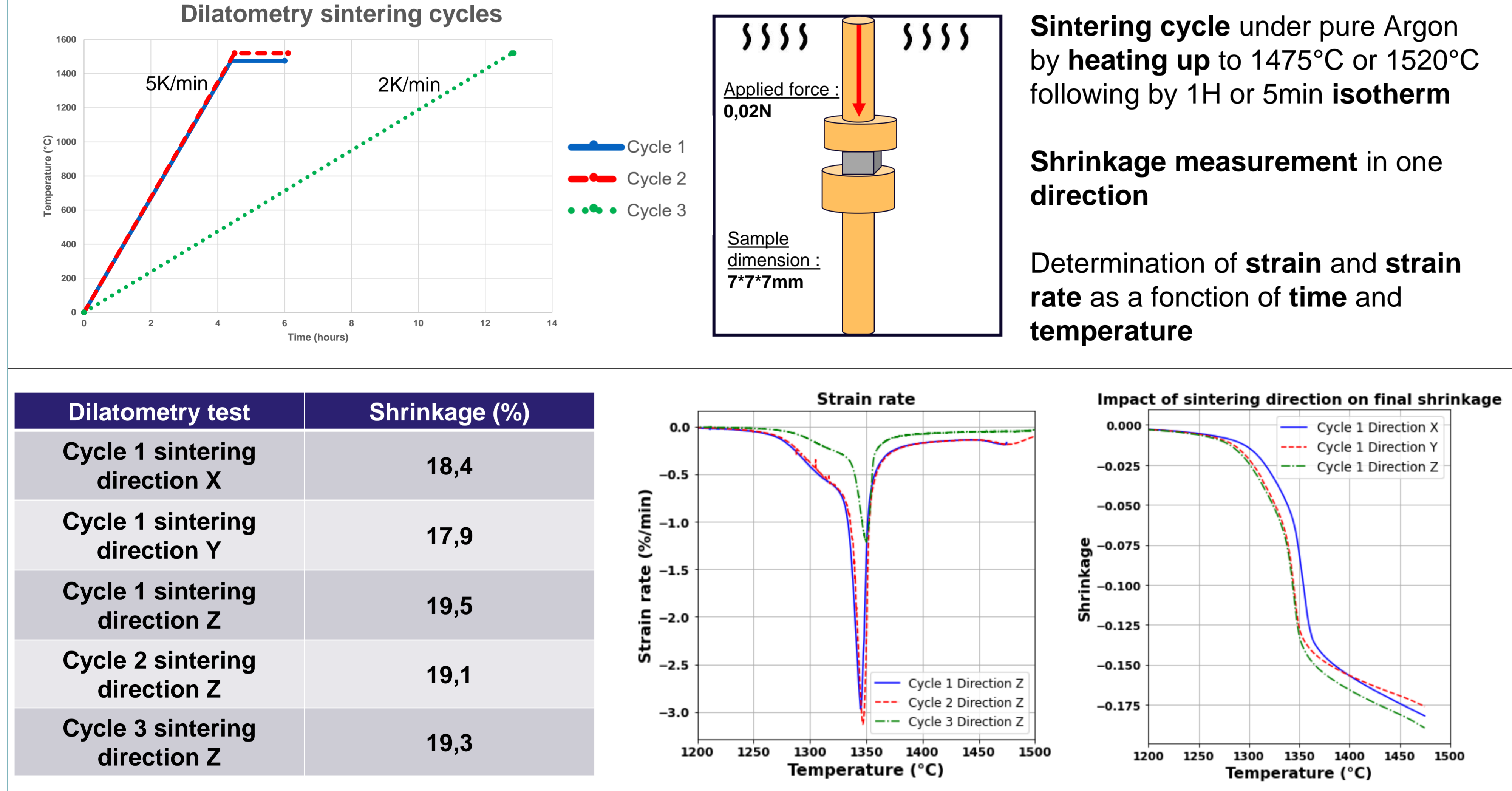
Good balance between **hardness** and **toughness**
 High **transverse rupture strength (TRS)**
Carbon content window
Density and grain size control

Debinding study by mass spectroscopy and carbon analysis

The aim of this study is to gain a better understanding of **binder deterioration during debinding**, and to **optimize the debinding cycle**. The objective is to **establish a link between carbon content and the debinding cycle**. Carbon content should be within the **carbon window** in order to maintain good **mechanical properties** : hardness, toughness, transverse rupture strength (TRS).



Dilatometry with the Netzsch TMA 402 F1 Hyperion



Conclusions

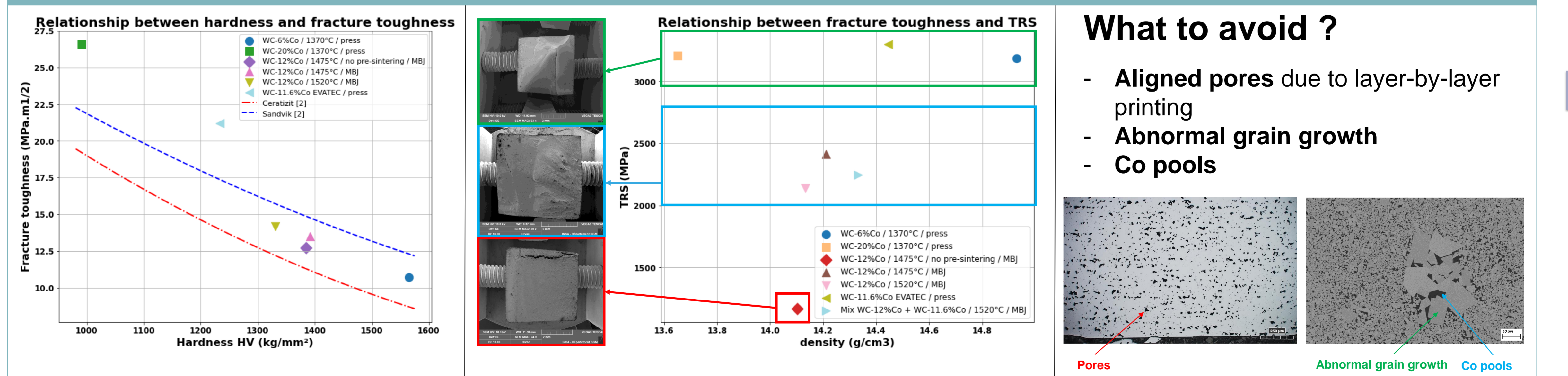
- All debinding cycles are acceptable although study of impact on final properties is needed
- Final properties of binder jetted part can match the one from the press/sinter process
- Sintering anisotropy was quantified to be implemented in the shrinkage model

Perspectives

- Impact of printing parameters on the green part strength and the final properties
- Predict the shrinkage during sintering using dilatometry data



Final properties



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