

# Interrogation Modalities and Benefits of 3-Dimensional Reconstruction in Weld Characterization

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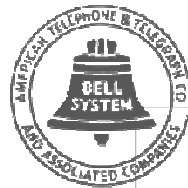
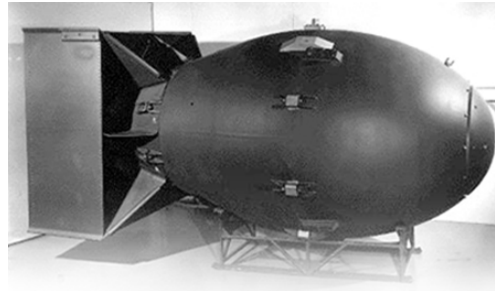


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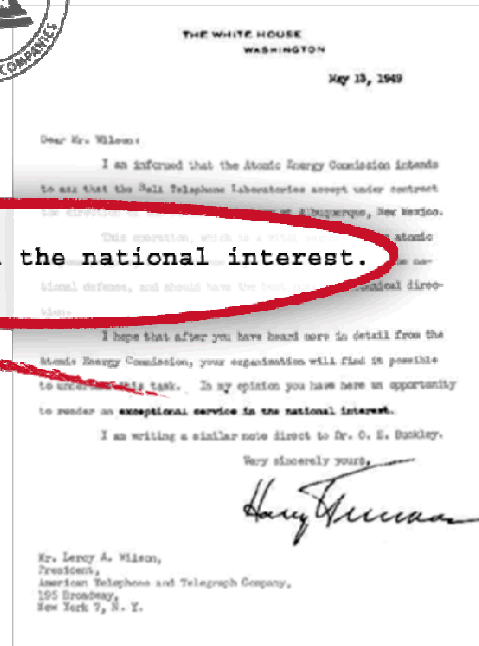
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# Sandia's History



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# Sandia's Evolving Mission

**1950s**

Production engineering & manufacturing engineering

**1960s**

Development engineering

**1970s**

Multiprogram laboratory

**1980s**

Research, development and production

**1990s**

Post-Cold War transition

**2000s**

Broader national security challenges

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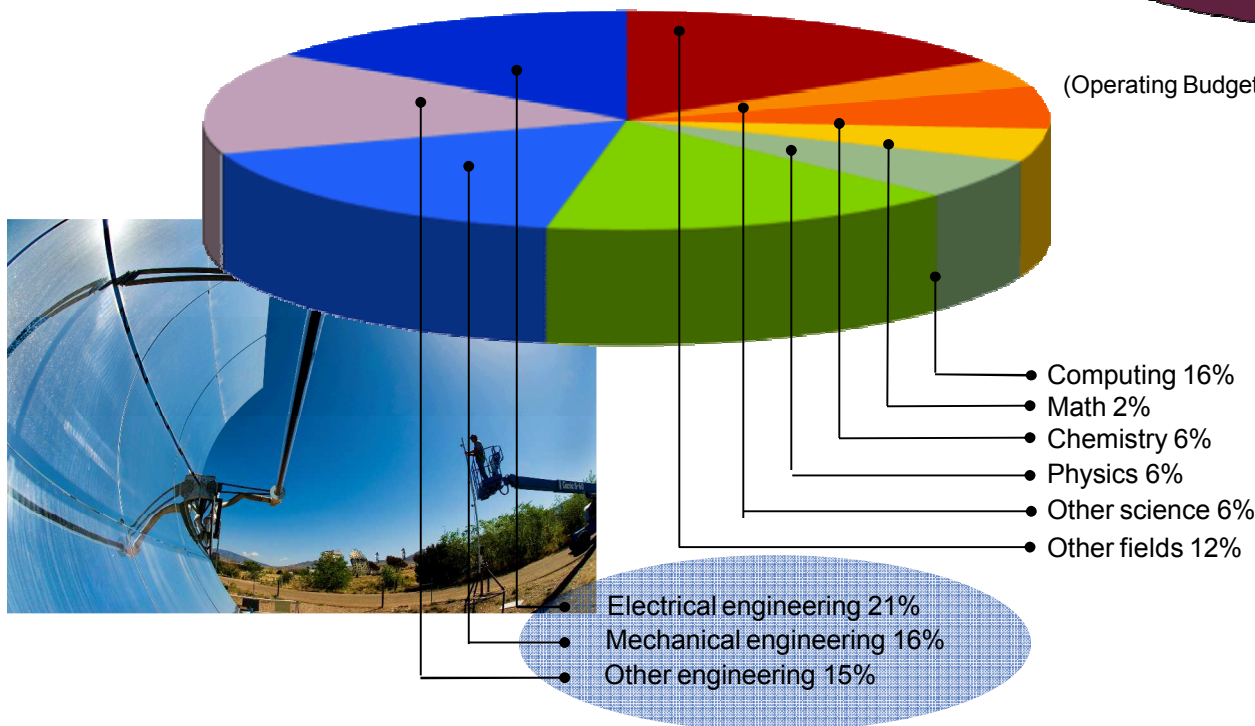
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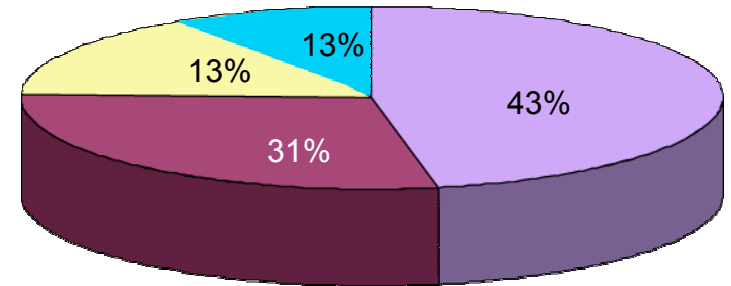
# People and Budget (as of 10.15.2010)

- On-site workforce: 11,677
- Regular employees: 8,607
- Gross payroll: ~ \$898.7 million

Technical staff (4,277) by discipline:



FY10 operating revenue  
\$2.3 billion

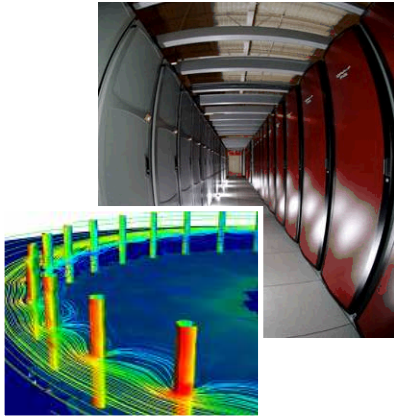


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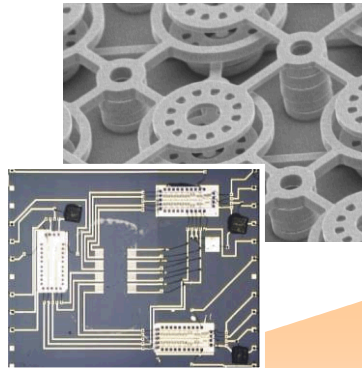
- Nuclear Weapons
- Defense Systems & Assessments
- Energy, Climate, & Infrastructure Security
- International, Homeland, and Nuclear Security



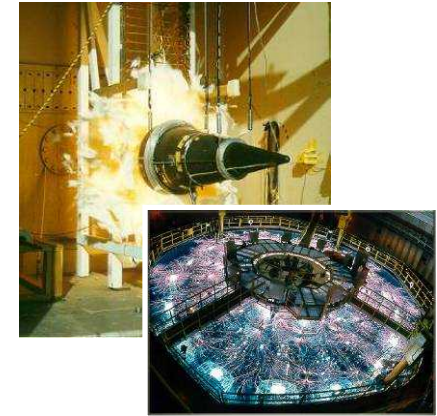
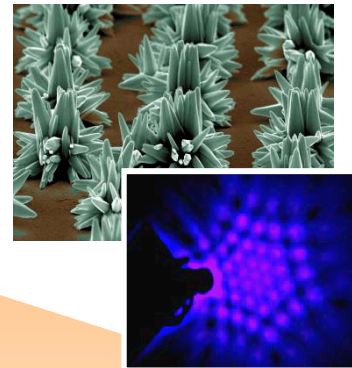
# Research Disciplines & Capabilities



**High Performance  
Computing**



**Nanotechnologies  
& Microsystems**



**Extreme  
Environments**

**COMPUTER  
SCIENCE**

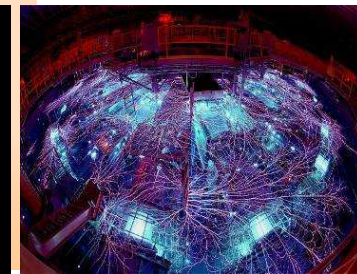
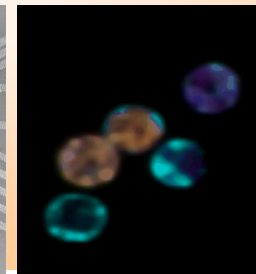
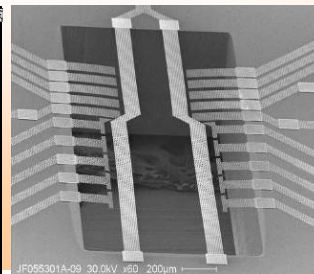
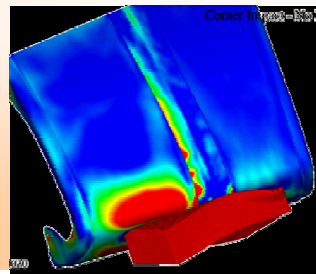
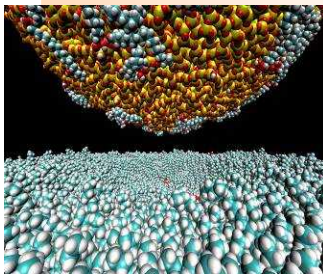
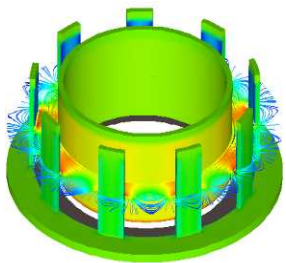
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Energy



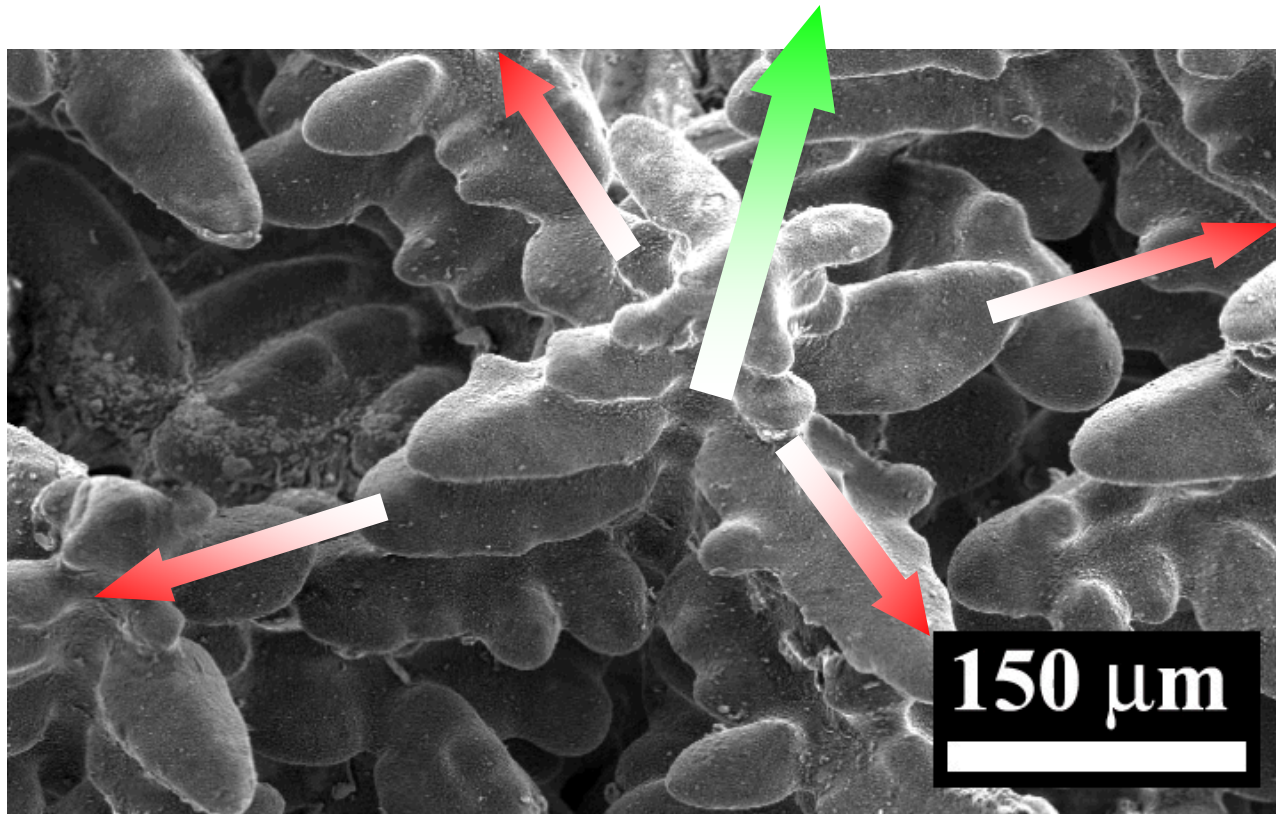
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# 3-Dimensionality



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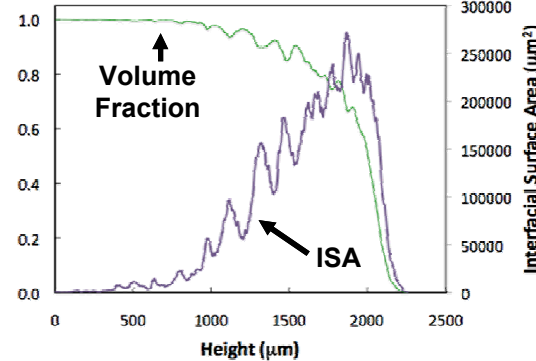
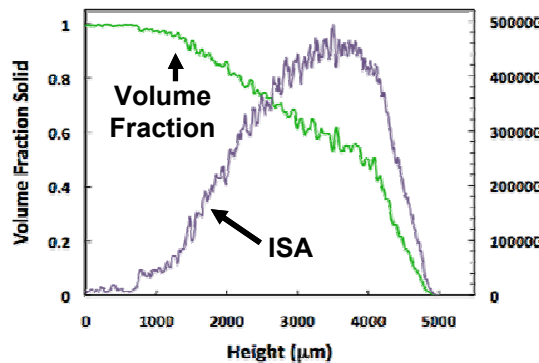
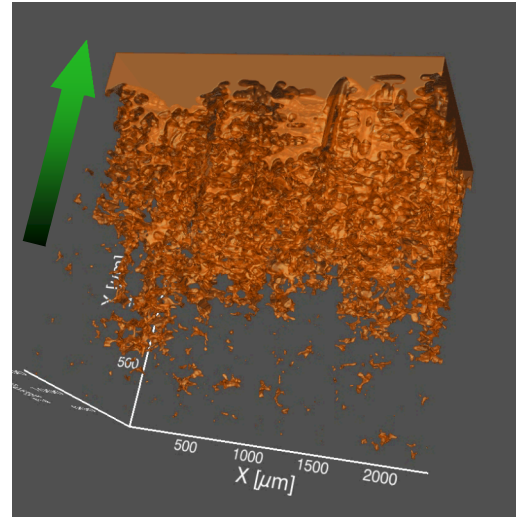
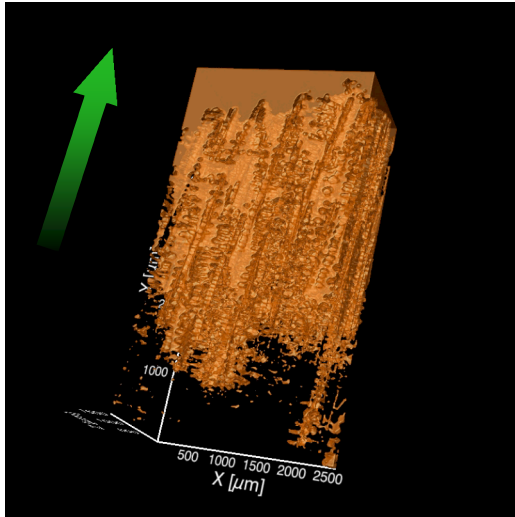
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# Characterization > Modeling

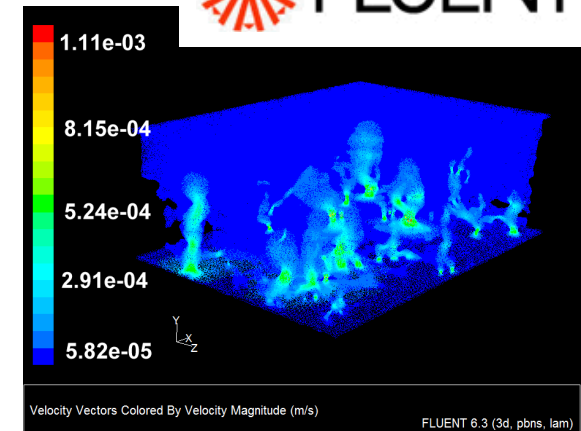
## LIQUID REPRESENTATIONS

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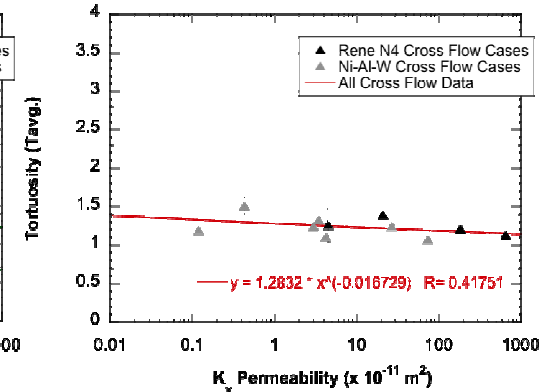
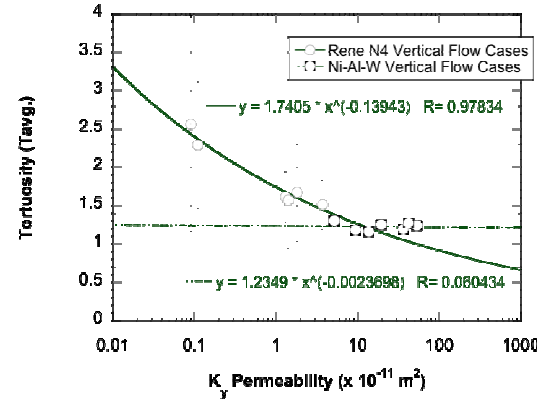
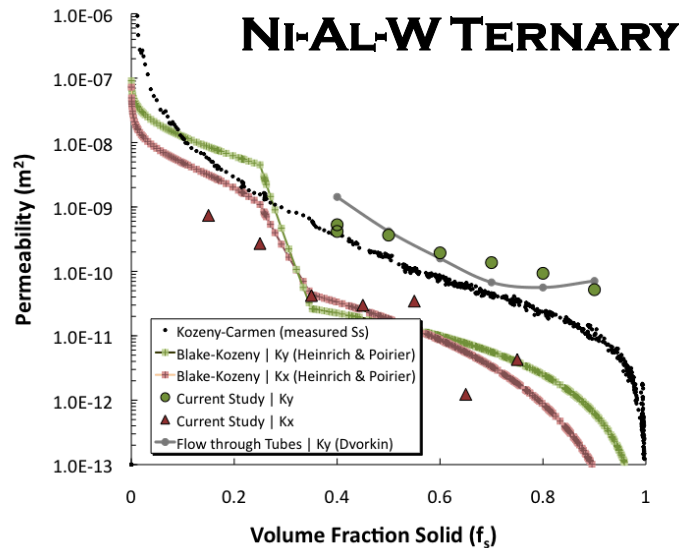
- 3D reconstructions at the dendritic front in two experimentally derived nickel-base superalloy systems
  - Characterization including direct measurement of interfacial surface area providing indication of its effect on flow
- Simulation of 3D fluid flow parallel ( $K_y$ ), and normal ( $K_x$ ), to the primary growth direction as functions of volume fraction.



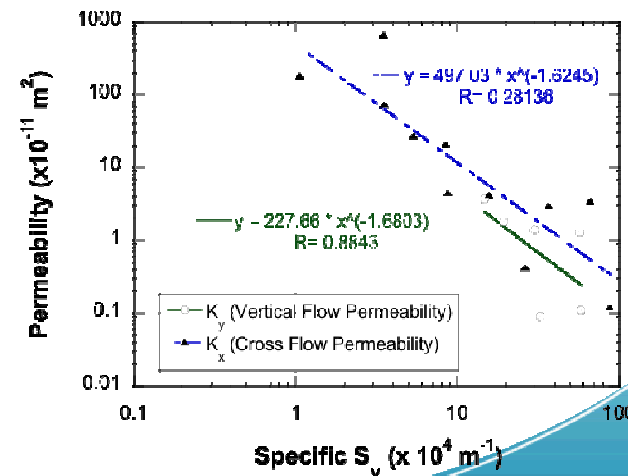
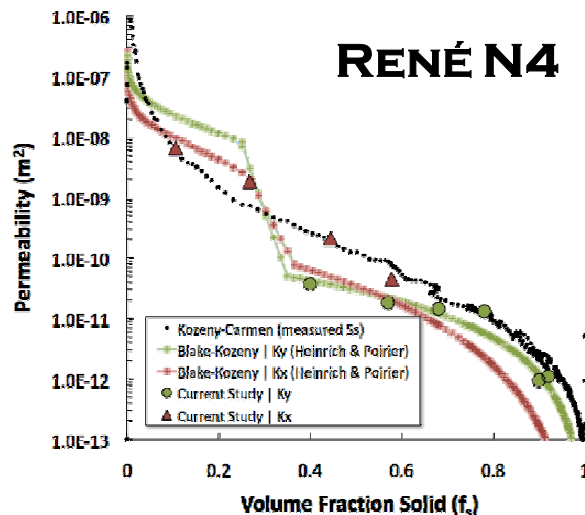
# Model > Predictors

$$Ra = \frac{(\Delta\rho/\rho_o)gKh}{\alpha\nu}$$

- Decreases in permeability coincide with increased tortuosity only in vertical flow ( $K_y$ )

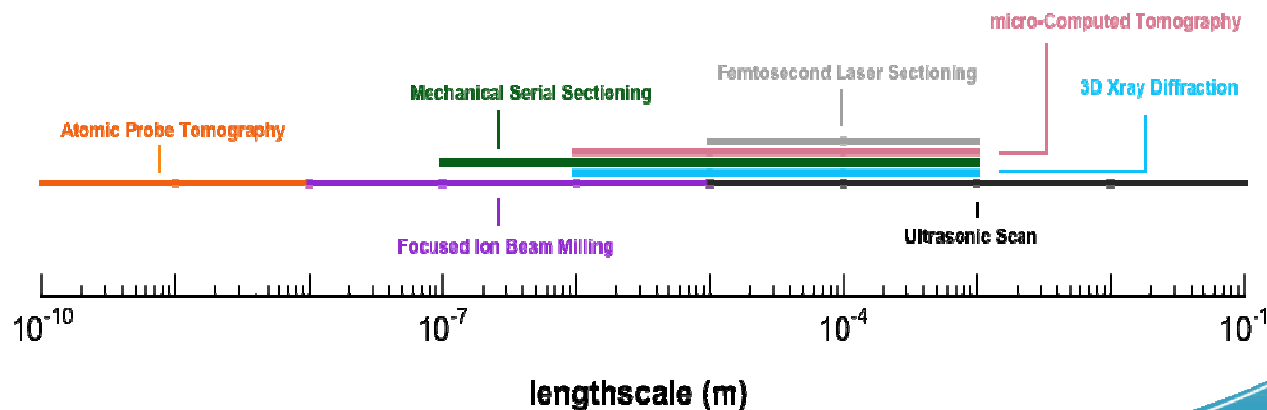


- Permeability scales inversely with  $S_v$  in both vertical and cross flow ( $K_y$ ) regardless of volume fraction



# Interrogation Methods

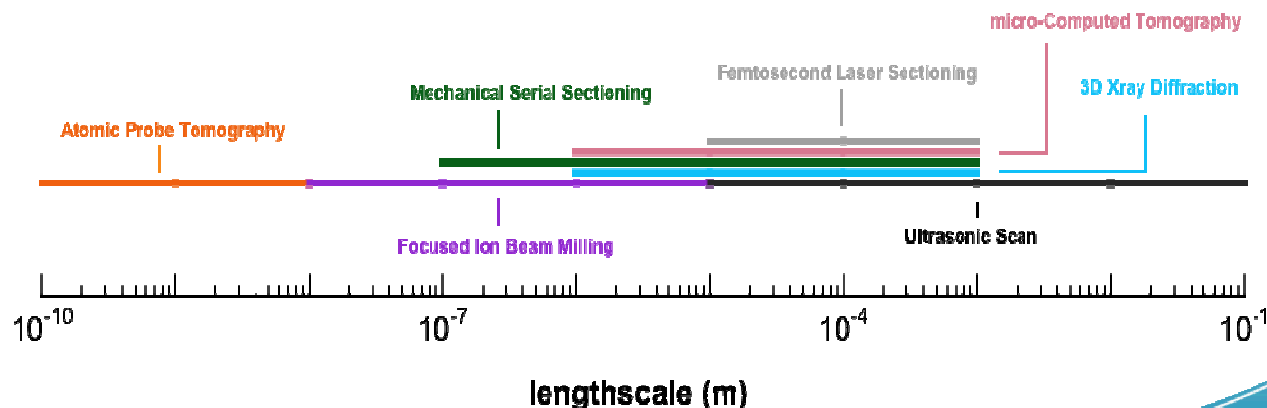
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Atom Probe Tomography [ APT ]	$10^{-10} - 10^{-8}$	D	Medium	Medium
Focused Ion Beam Milling [ FIB ]	$10^{-8} - 10^{-5}$	D	Low	Medium
Mechanical Serial Sectioning [ MS ]	$10^{-7} - 10^{-3}$	D	High	High
3DXray Diffraction [ 3DXRD ]	$10^{-6} - 10^{-3}$	ND	High	High
Micro-Computed Tomography [ $\mu$ CT ]	$10^{-6} - 10^{-3}$	ND	Low	Low
Femto-second Laser Sectioning [ FSL ]	$10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$	D	Low	Low
Ultrasonic Testing Scan [ UTC ]	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$	ND	Low	Low



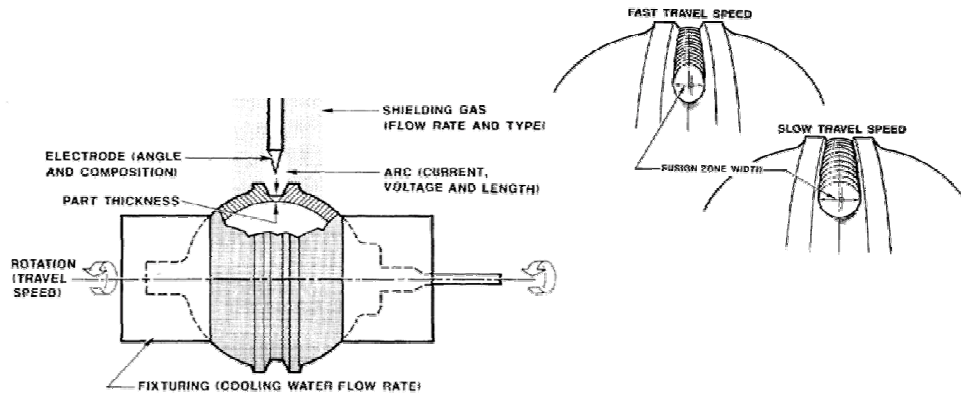


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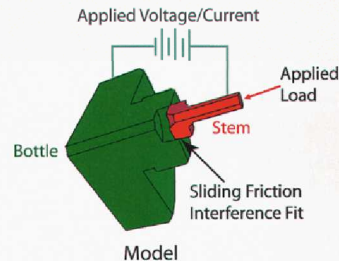
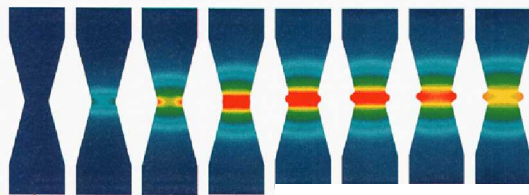
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Atom Probe Tomography [ APT ]	( <i>in-situ</i> ) material absence, elemental composition, inclusion identification	Y. Amouyal, D.N. Seidman, <i>Acta Mat.</i> , 2011, in press D. Isheim, <i>Scripta Mater.</i> , 2006, p. 35
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Micro-Computed Tomography [ $\mu$ CT ]	material absence	J. Baruchel, et al., <i>Scripta Mater.</i> , 2006, p. 41 J.-Y. Buffiere et al., <i>MRS Bulletin</i> , 2008, p. 611
Femto-second Laser Sectioning [ FSL ]	material absence, crystallography, inclusion identification	M. Echlin, et al., <i>Adv. Mater.</i> , 2011, p. 2339
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# Weld Applicability to SNL



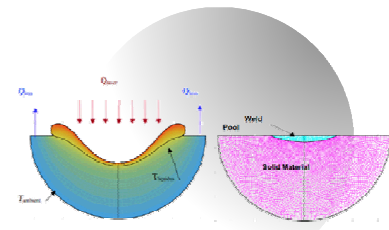
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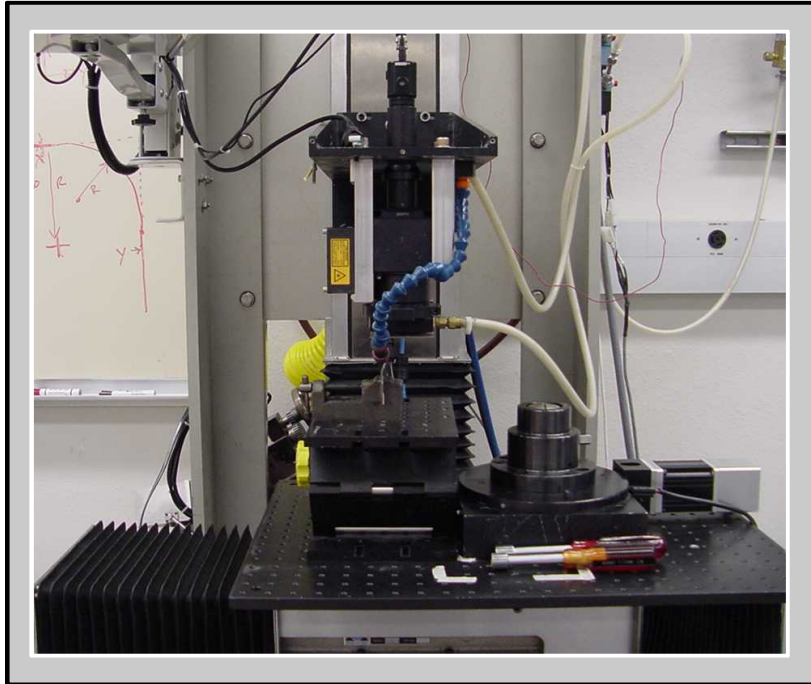
Gas Bottle with Stem Weld

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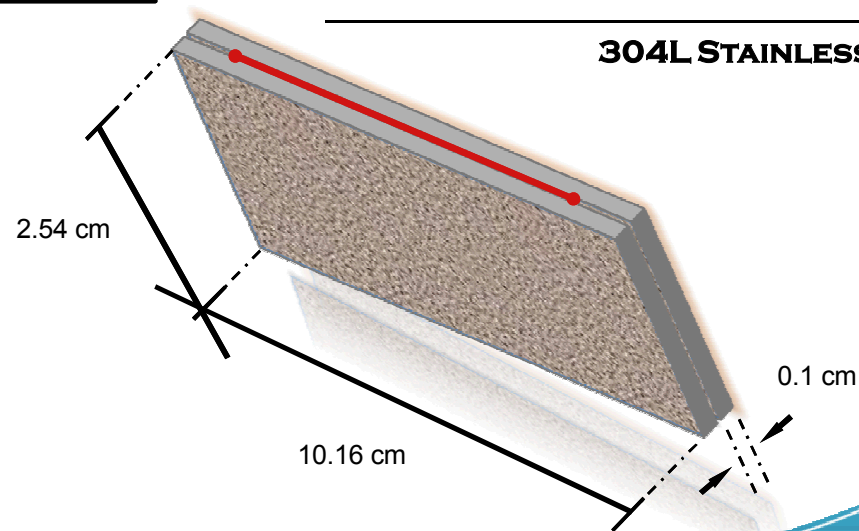
# Design of Experiment



C	Cr	Mn	Ni	N	P	S	Si	Fe
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**304L STAINLESS STEEL (wt%)**

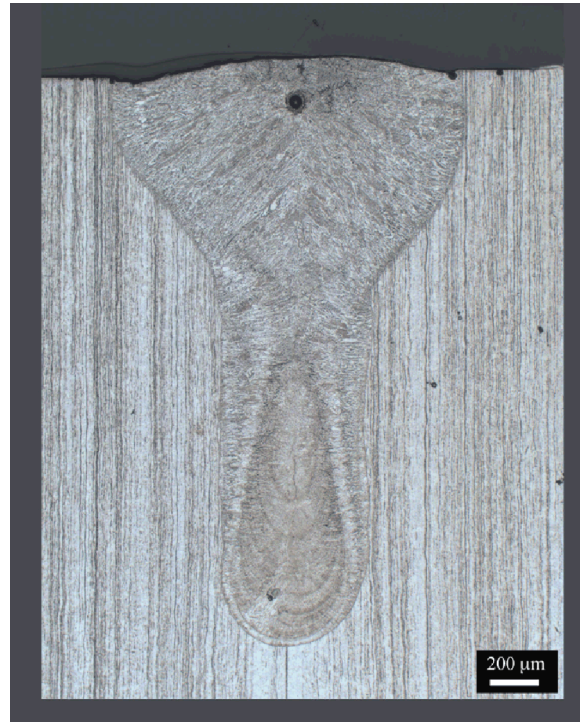
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Material: 304L Stainless Steel  
Heat : 481361 (1.92 Cr/Ni)  
Laser: Rofin Nd:YAG



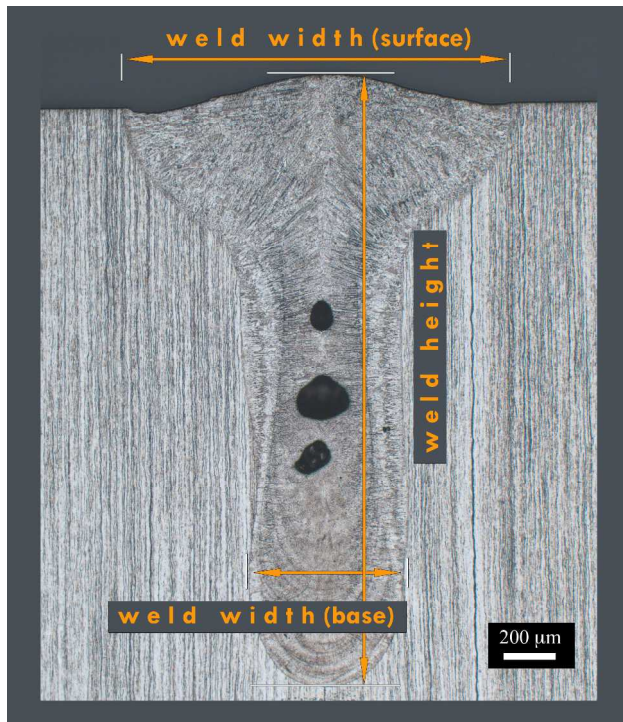
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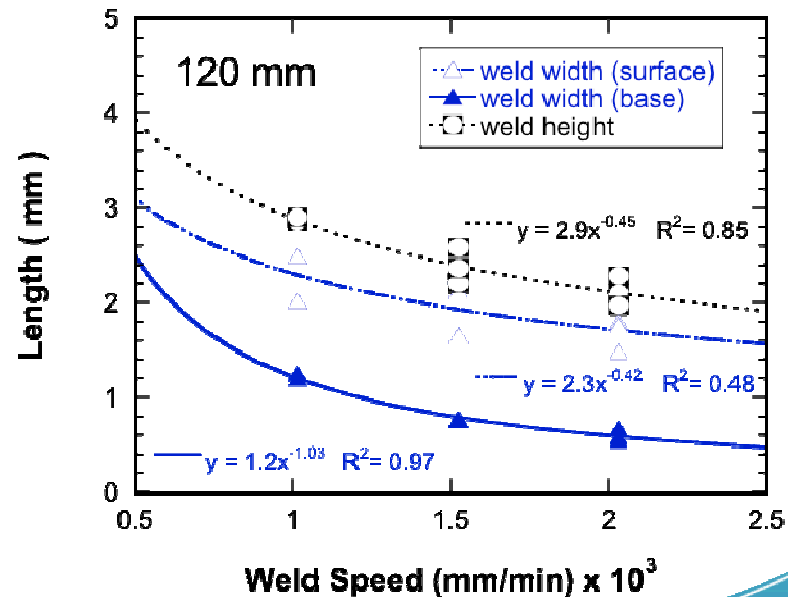
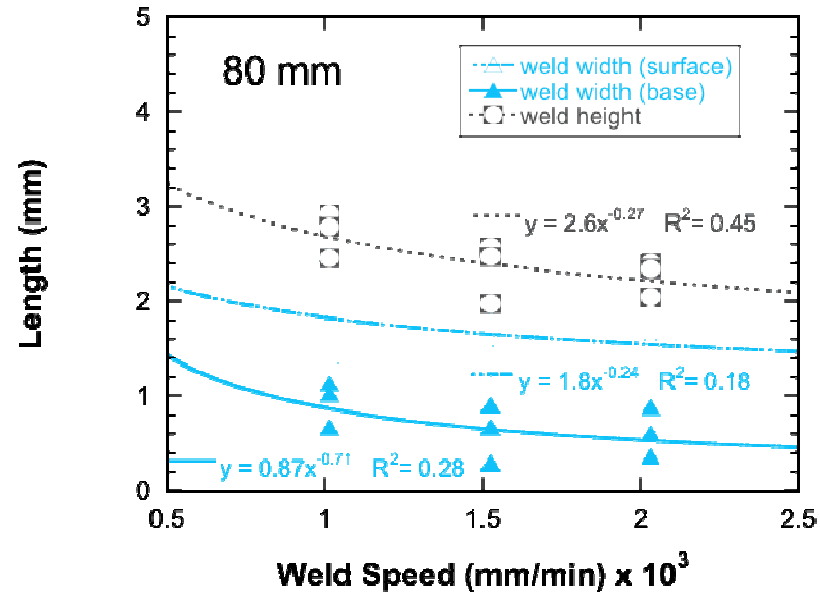
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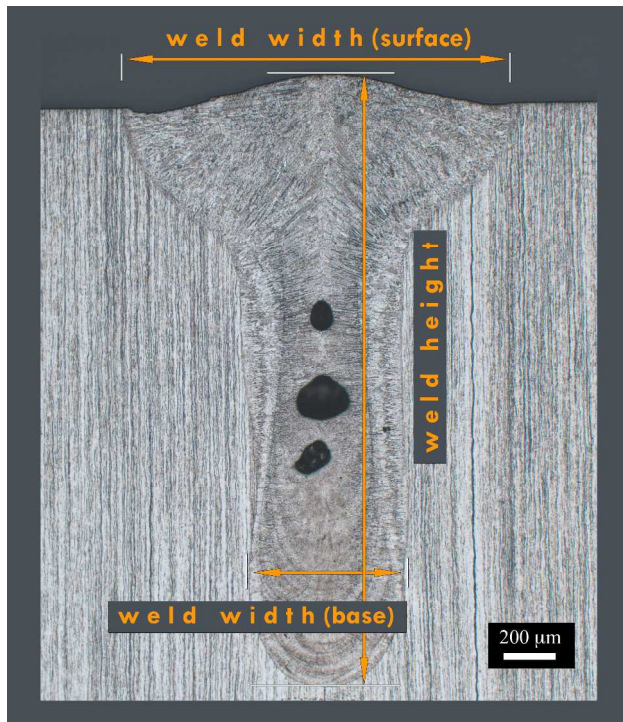


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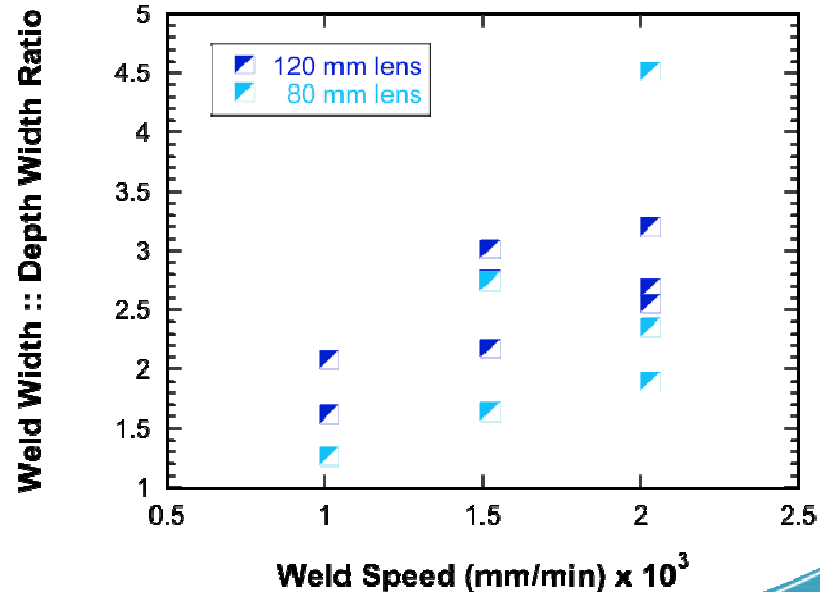
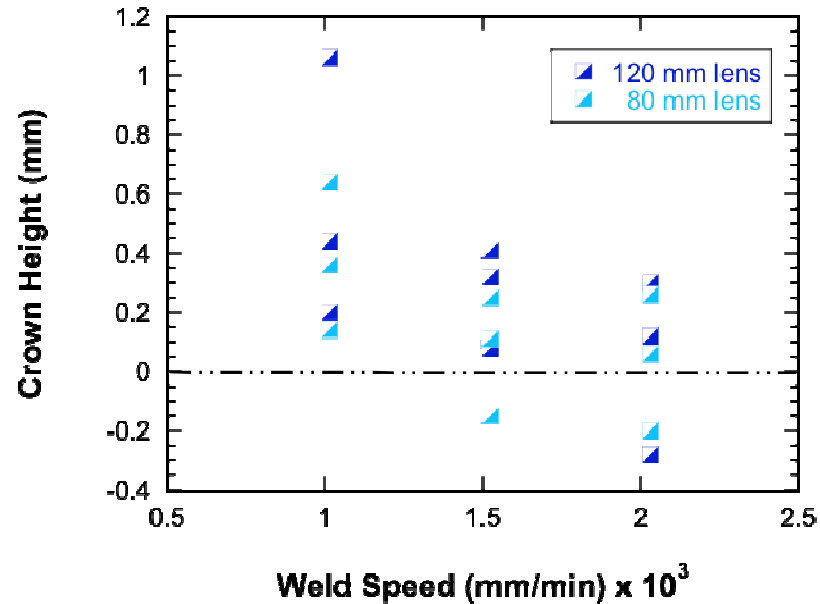


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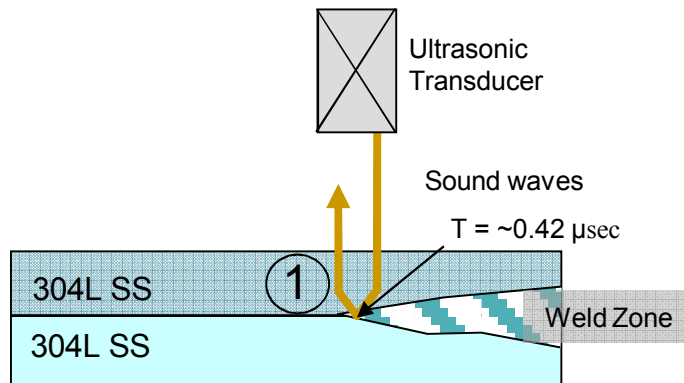
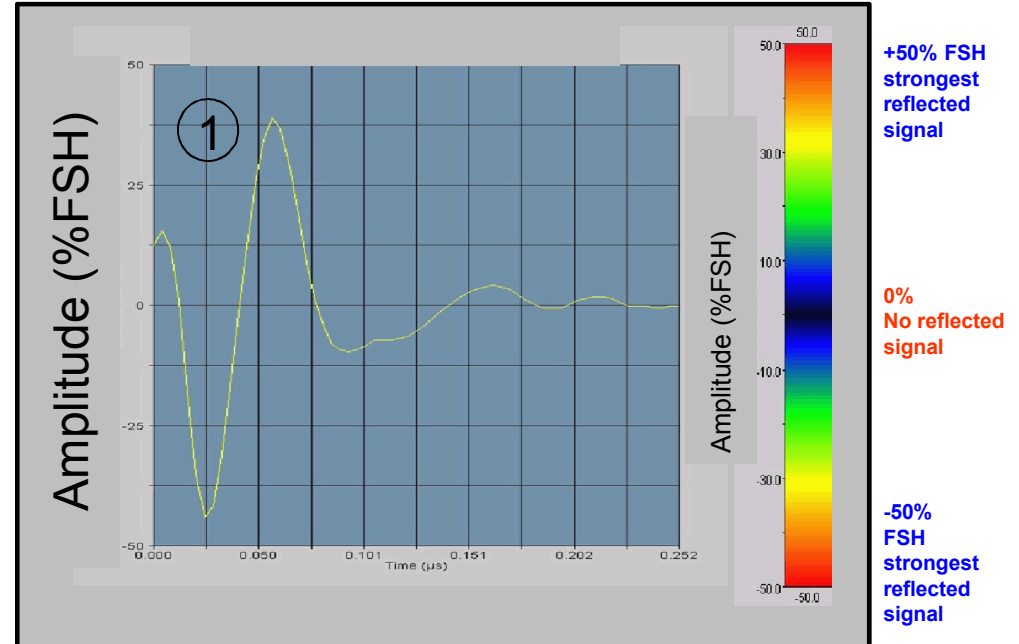
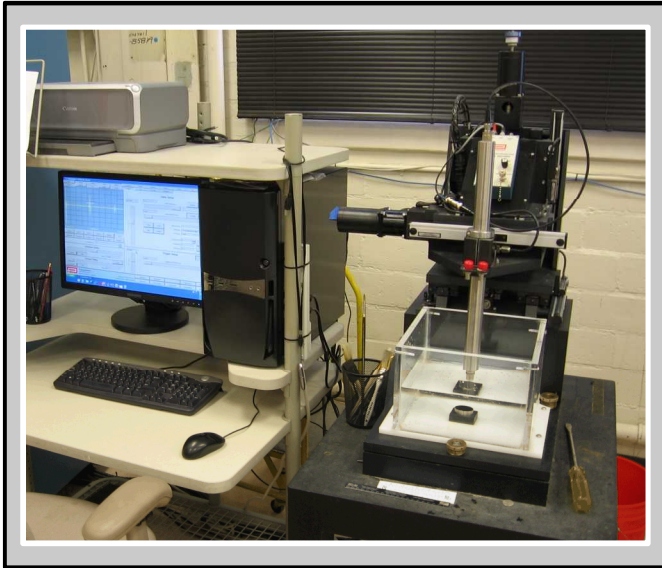
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# Ultrasonics [ UTC ]

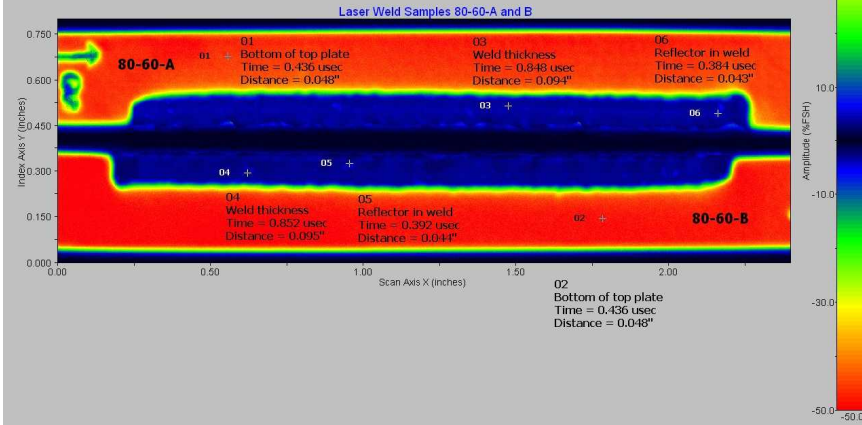


- Sound waves travel across well bonded interfaces better than poorly bonded interfaces.
- Poorly bonded interfaces reflect more sound and produce higher amplitude signals ( $\pm 50\%$  Full Screen Height). Well bonded interfaces produce a weaker amplitude signal if any (0% FSH)

# Ultrasonics [ UTC ]

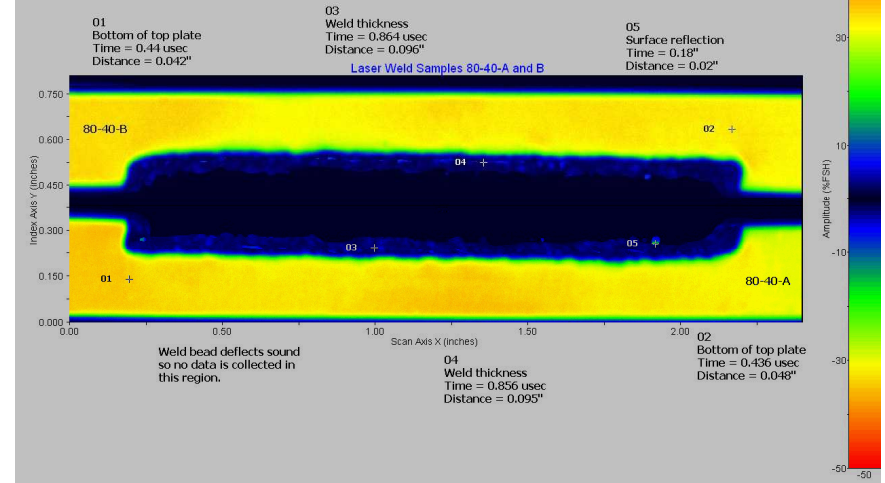
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View of reflections from 0.02" to back wall



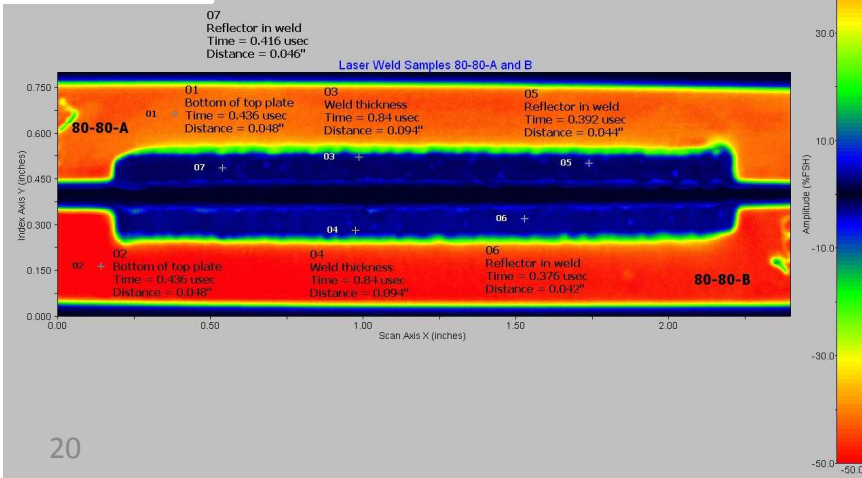
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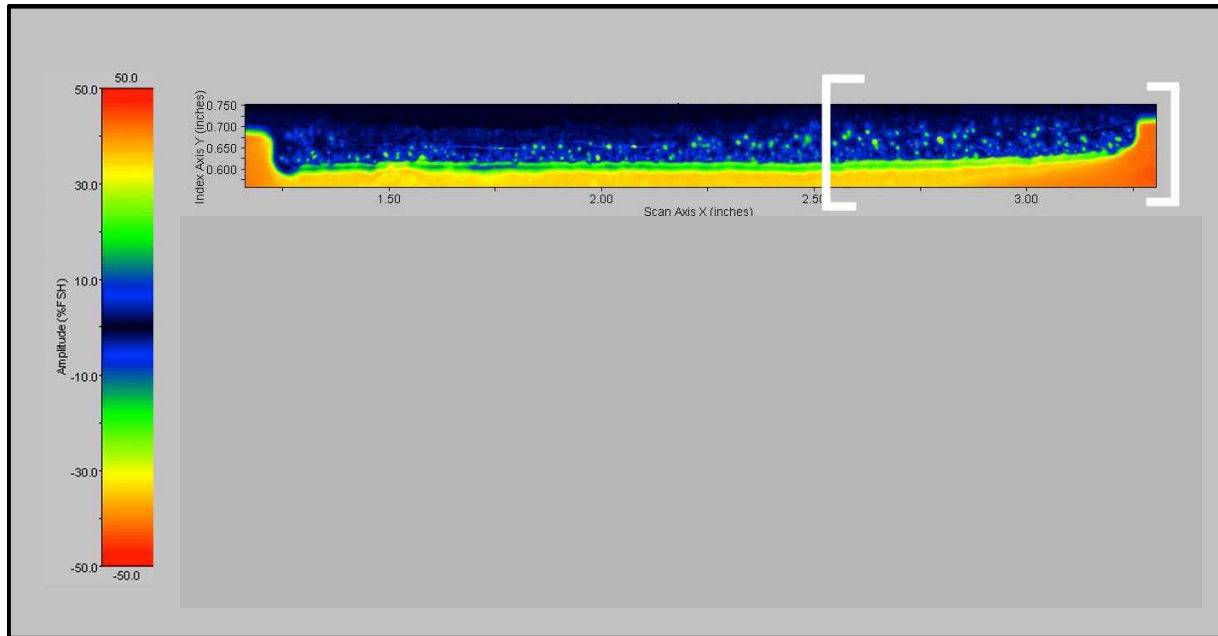
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- UTC scans provide resolution of features  $\sim 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$  and larger
- UTC results are very sensitive to surface character of region of interest
- Surface defects and curvatures deflect transmitted sound waves, which weaken and eliminate the reflected signal in that region.



# Ultrasonics [ UTC ]



## Delesse's Principle

$$V_V = A_A = L_L = P_P$$

$V_V$  = Volume fraction

$A_A$  = Area fraction

$L_L$  = Lineal fraction

$P_P$  = Point fraction

E.E. Underwood, Quantitative Stereology, Addison Wesley, (1970)

ASM Handbook, Vol. 9: Metallography and Microstructures, ASM Intl. (2004)

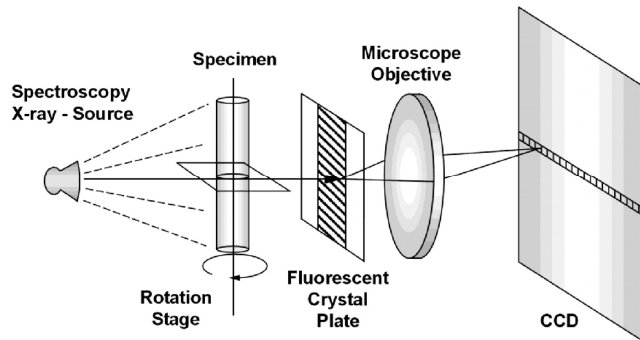
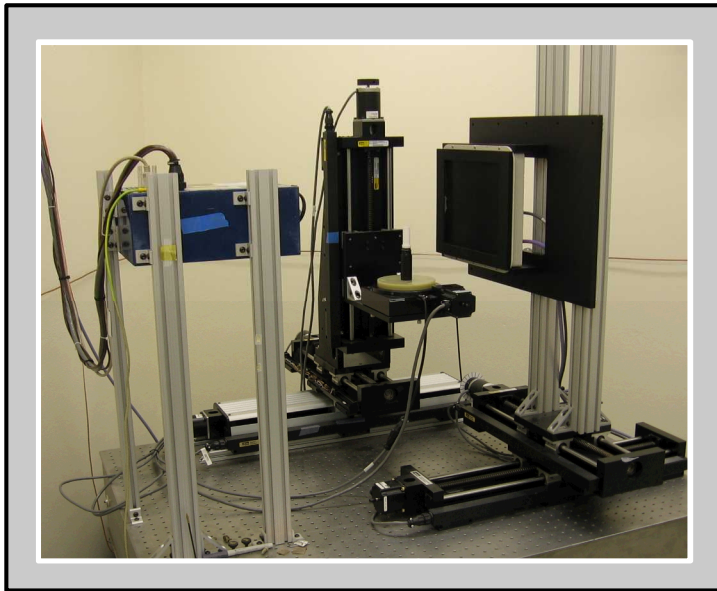
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3.67% void fraction

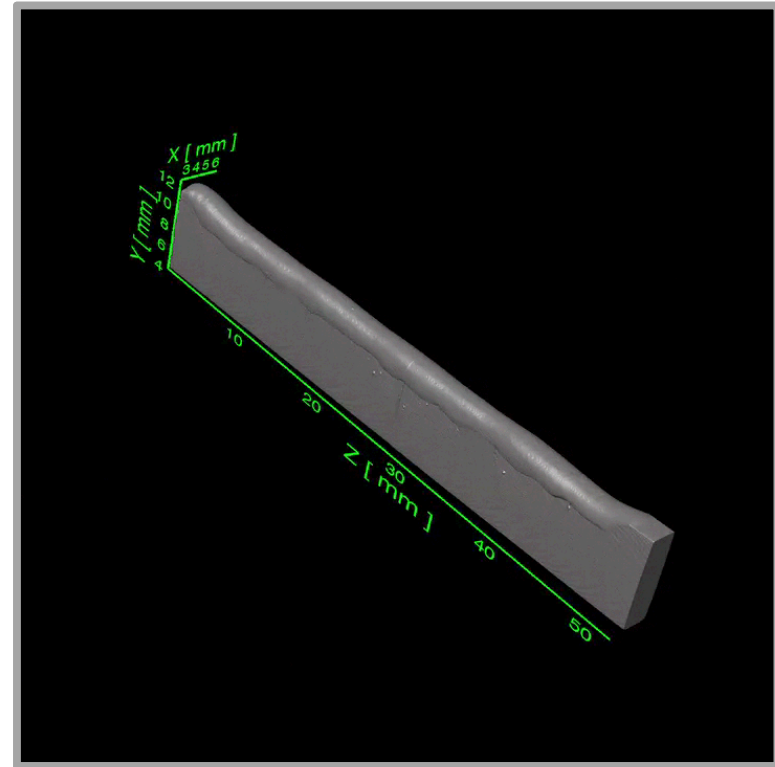
**Delesse's Principle only provides accurate relationships provided:**

- they are used with statistical uniformity
- 1D, 2D or 3D data represented is true to its dimension

# Computed Tomography [ $\mu$ CT ]



M.D. Bentley, et al. *Am. J. Physiol. Regul. Integr. Comp. Physiol.*, vol. 282, no. 5 (2002)



- Rotation occurs counter clock-wise in front of a fluorescent cesium iodide plate
- 9X magnification yields an effective pixel size of 14  $\mu$ m
- Energy is set to 130KV and 250uA yielding a spot size on the order of 27  $\mu$ m
- Objects 14  $\mu$ m in size can be detected but resolution is not adequate until objects reach 27  $\mu$ m in size

# Segmentation & Reconstruction

## Image Processing (7 steps)

- Image Shift - loose and initial aligning of images
- Coarse Cropping - remove unnecessary information from images
- Fine Cropping - further remove extraneous data
- **Cleaning** - **remove anomalies and potentials for error from images**
- **Make Binary** - **reduce memory needed to process images and simplify stacking**
- Set Size - establish size for all images based on largest image in stack
- Size Reduction - resize all images by a uniform scaling factor to allow for practical manipulation of data

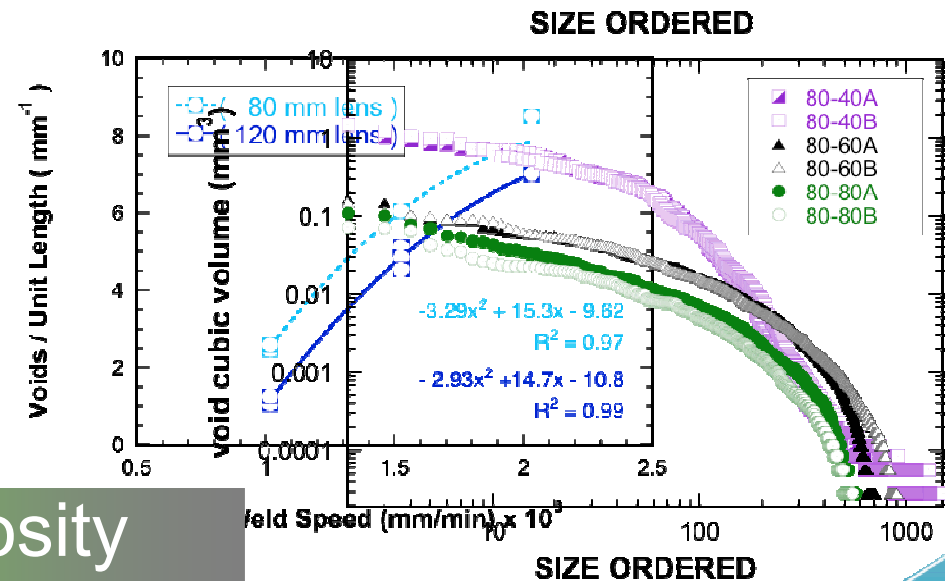
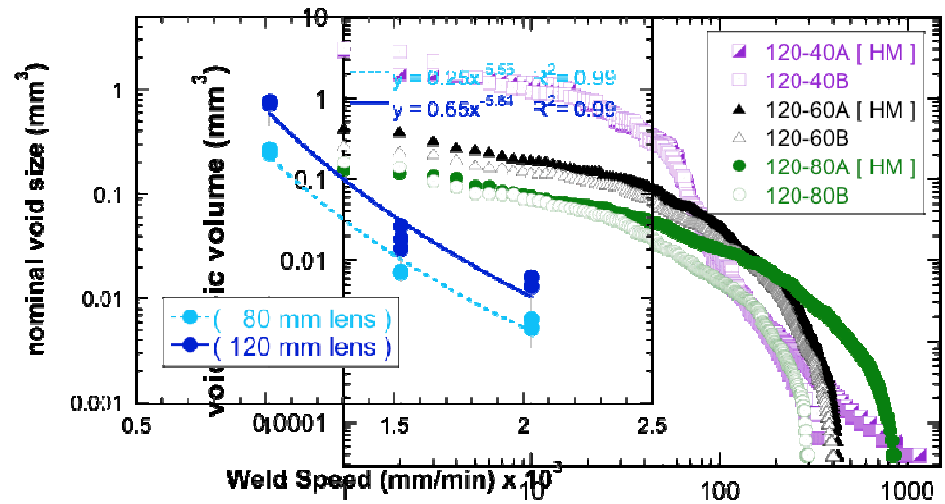
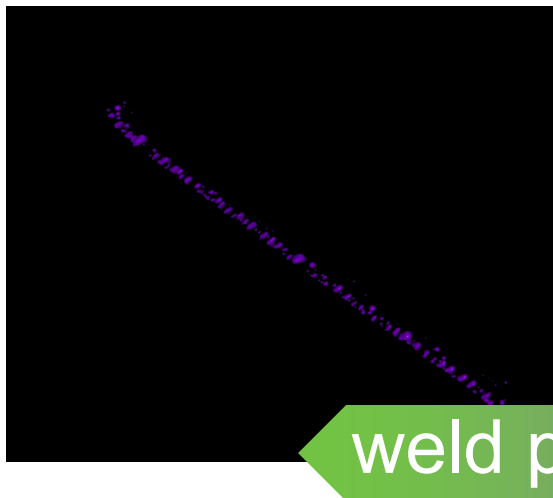
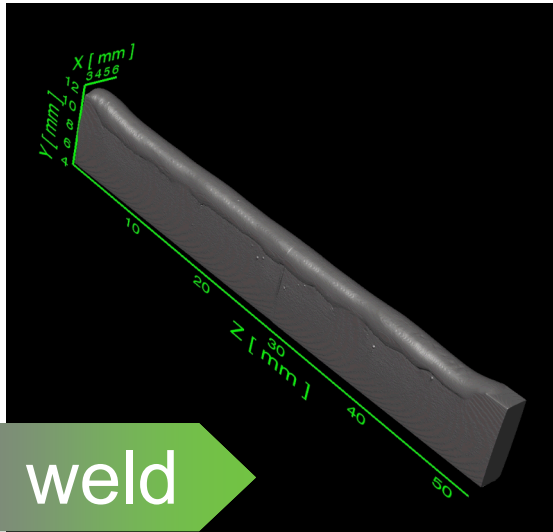
## Reconstruction & Analysis

- Stack<sup>†</sup> - create 3-dimensional volume
- Visualize Stack<sup>†</sup> - use GUI to interact with and survey volume in 3-D
- Additional Scripts - written to return specific values and measures desired

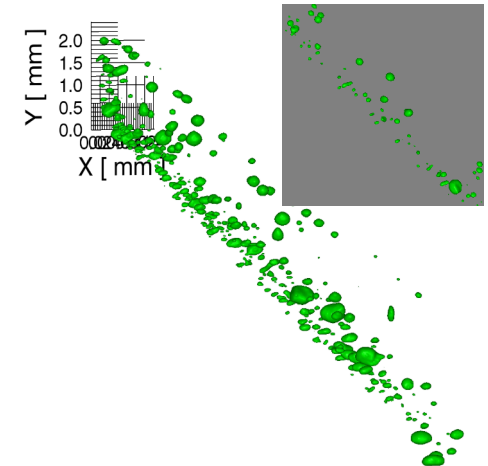
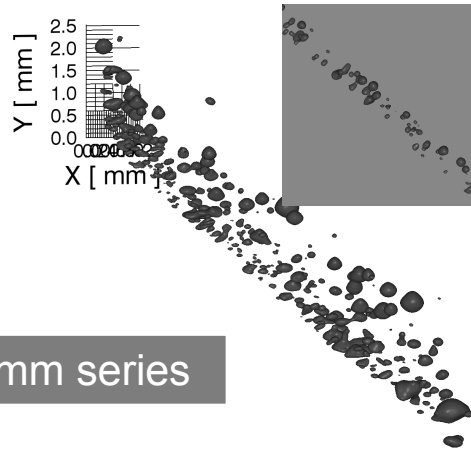
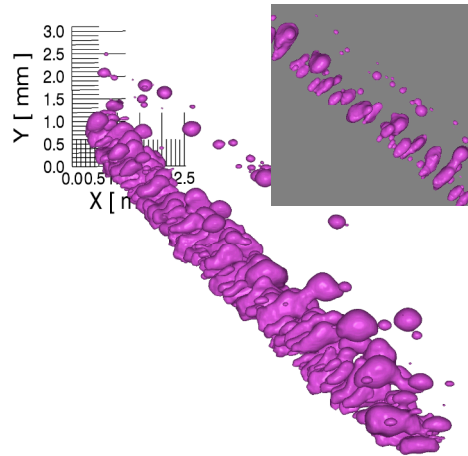
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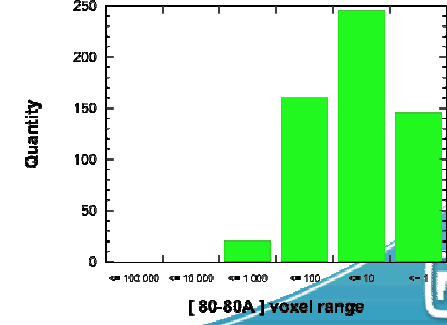
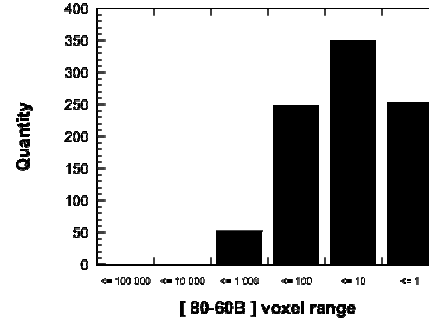
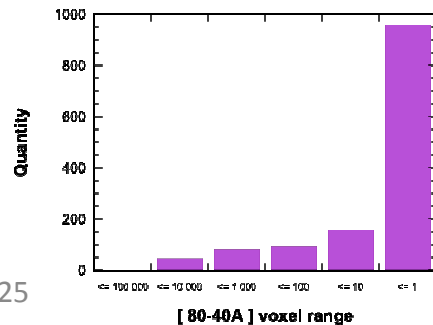
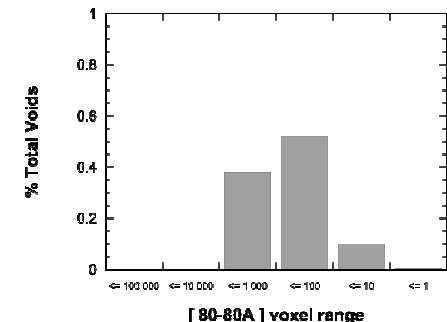
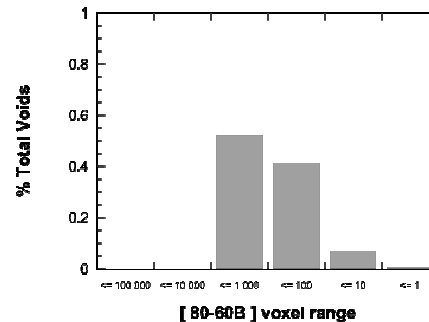
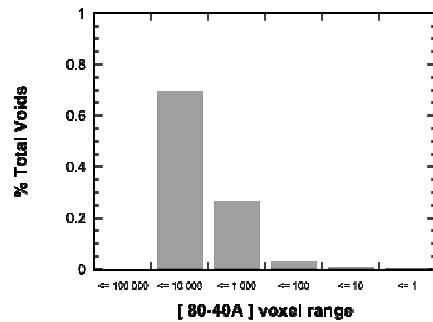
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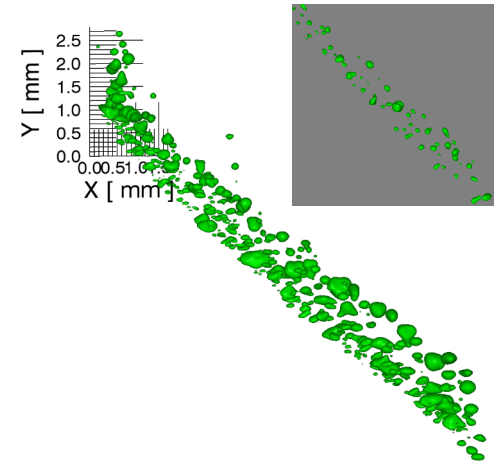
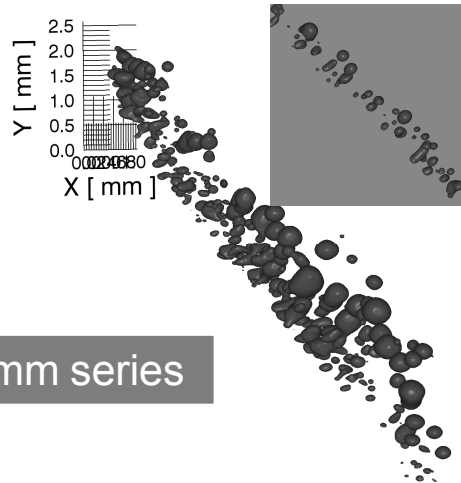
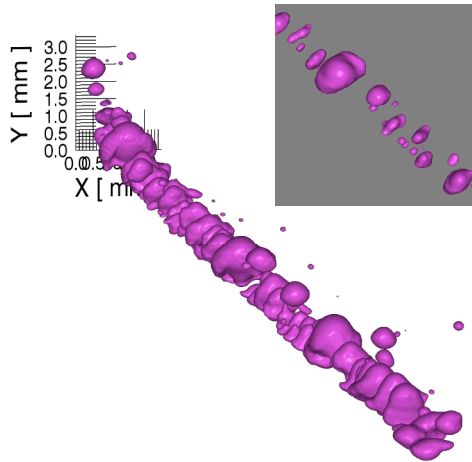
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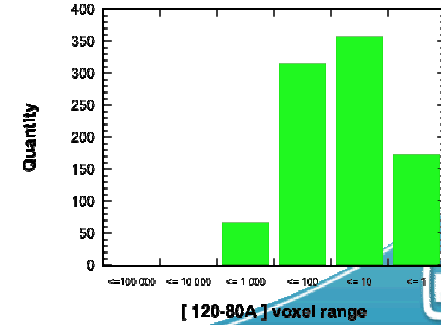
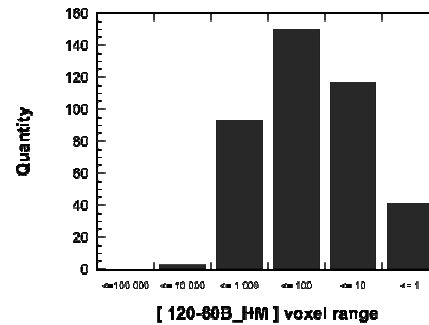
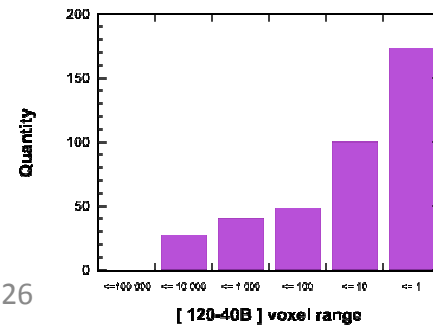
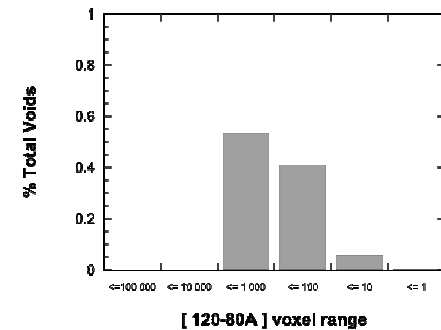
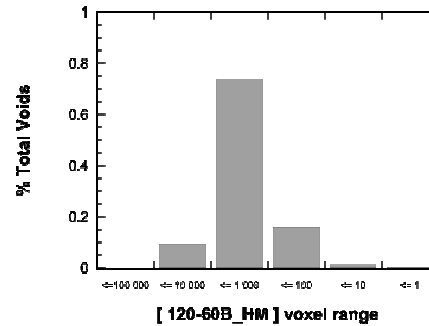
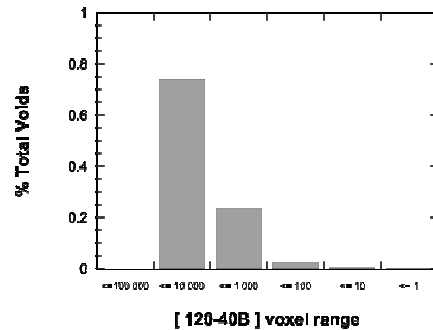
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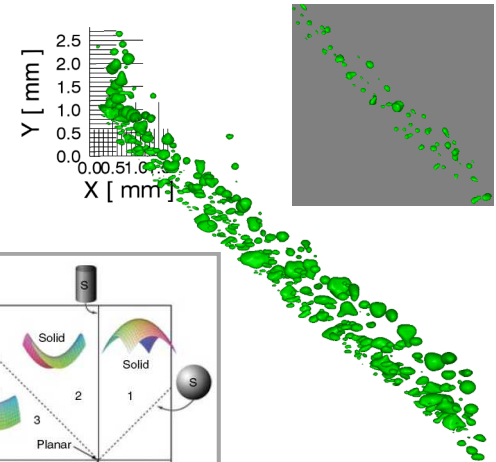
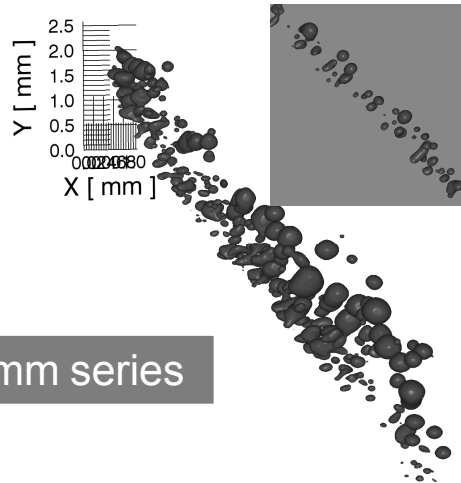
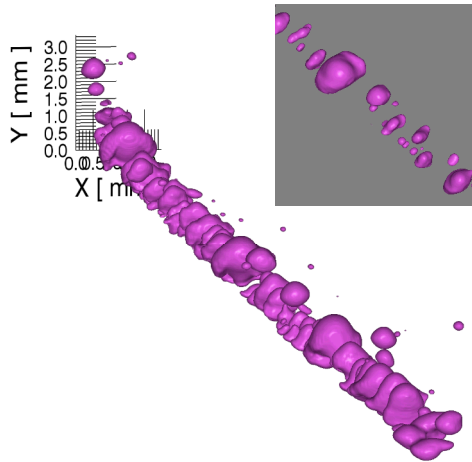
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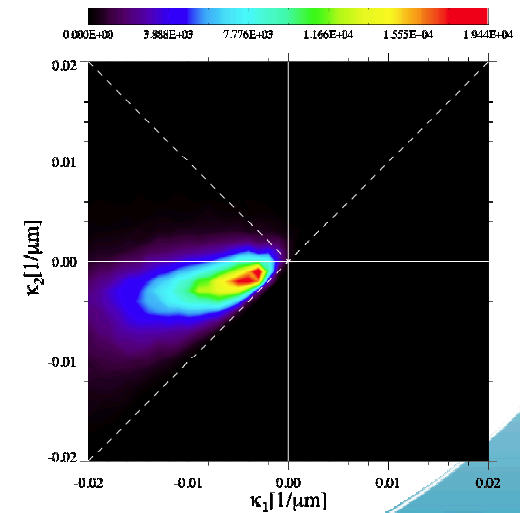
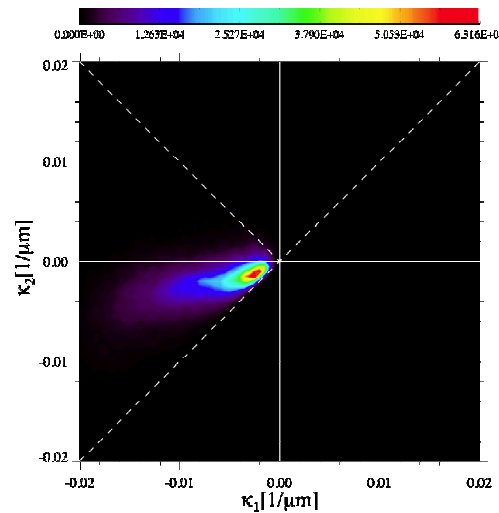
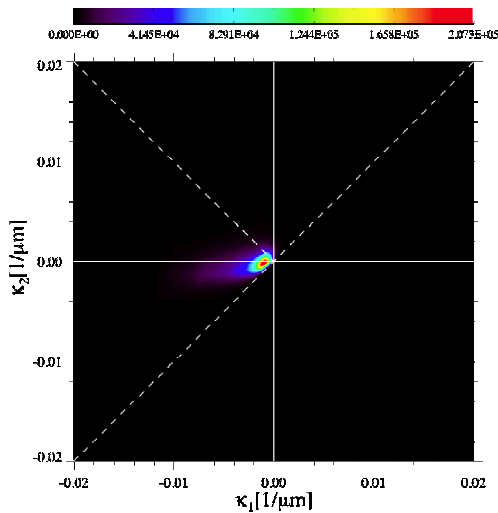
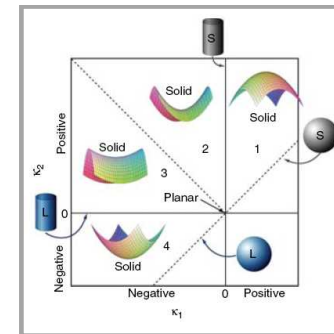
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# $\mu$ Computed Tomography



120 mm series



# Why Study Microstructure in 3D?

- Typical optical & electron microscopy techniques which view 2-Dimensional sections and are inadequate for determining accurate internal 3-Dimensional microstructure
  - Many mistakes in past literature have been revealed in recent 3D studies
- 3-Dimensional shapes & distributions of morphologies:
  - Strongly influence mechanical & physical properties of materials
  - Critical to the predictive models for mechanical and material response
- Powerful hardware and computer software now exists for 3-Dimensional reconstruction, visualization and analysis
- Importance of 3-Dimensional analysis in materials science is now well known and becoming increasingly documented
  - (e.g. *Scripta Materiala*, 2006, vol. 55, no. 1)
  - (e.g. *JOM*, 2006, vol. 58, no. 12)
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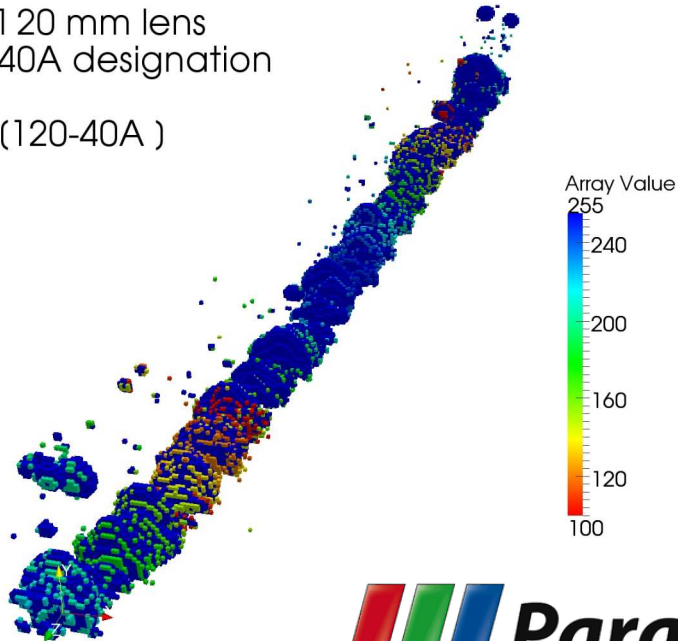


# Summary

- UT scans are useful in identifying bonding gaps, depths of penetration and qualitative estimates of porosity in welds
- MS provides useful information regarding size, shape and relative weld dimensions that can be directly related to processing parameters
- Over the range of parameters examined, increases in weld speed result in an increase in weld width :: depth width ratio and resultant crown heights
- $\mu$ CT provides a relatively rapid means to gain full 3d evaluations of weld porosity down to a resolution of  $27 \mu\text{m}^3$
- Across all welds examined, most frequently occurring void sizes constitute less than 10% of the total voided space
- At increasing weld speeds, characteristic porosity curvature transitions from large singular ellipsoids to more uniformly distributed spheres

# Future Work

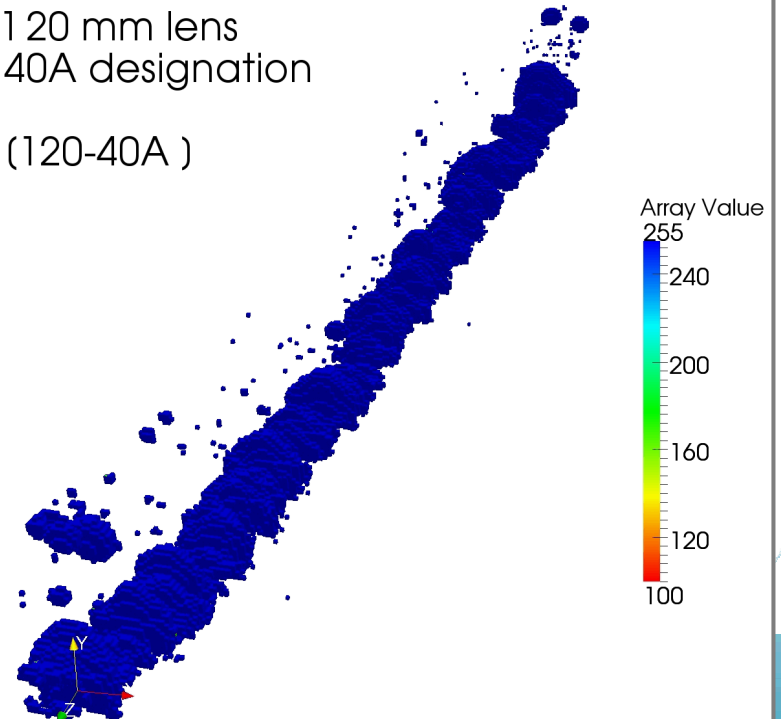
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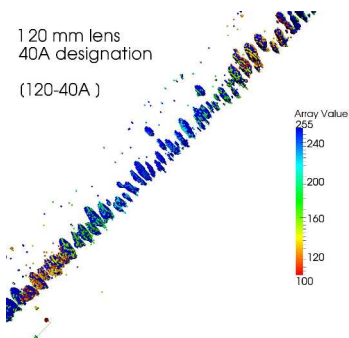
visualization of 3d weld porosity  
from IDL™ to ParaView

(left colored images denote minor adjustments to void edges from downsizing dataset in IDL before passing to Paraview)

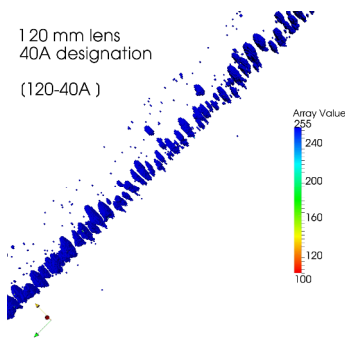
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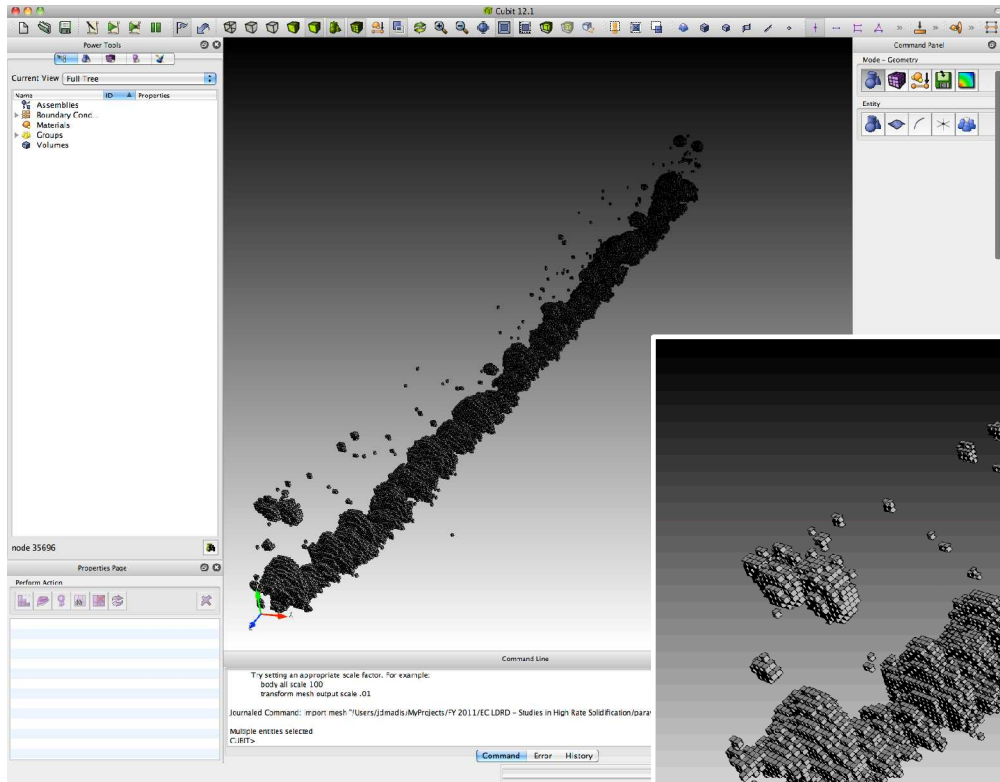
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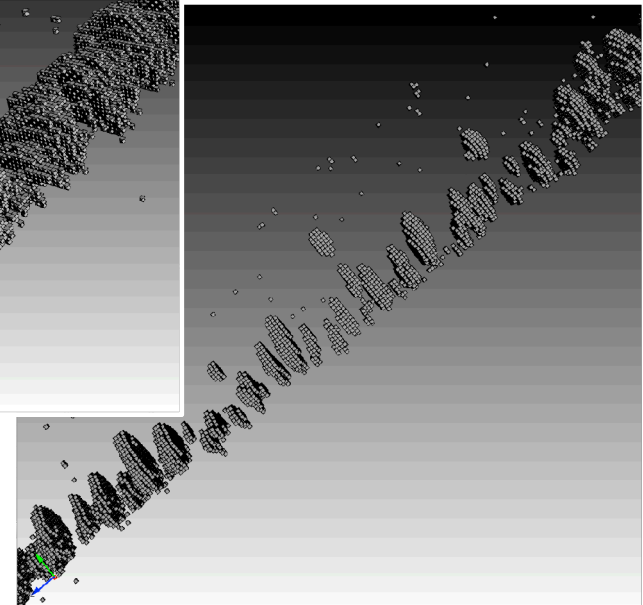
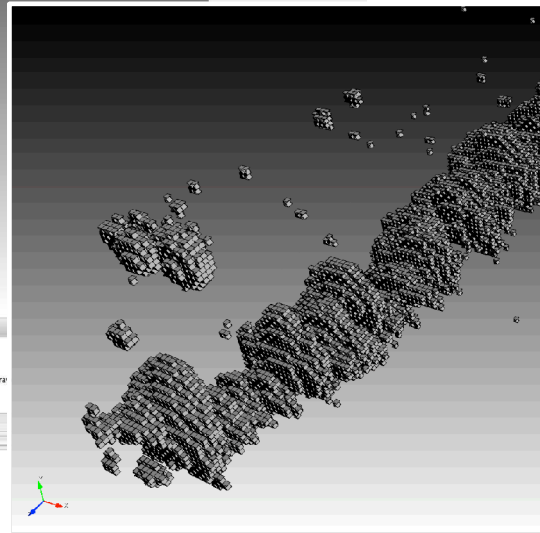
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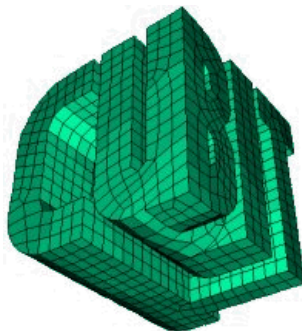
# Future Work



mesh generation of 3d weld porosity in CUBIT  
[preliminary export as exodus II file]



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# Questions