

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

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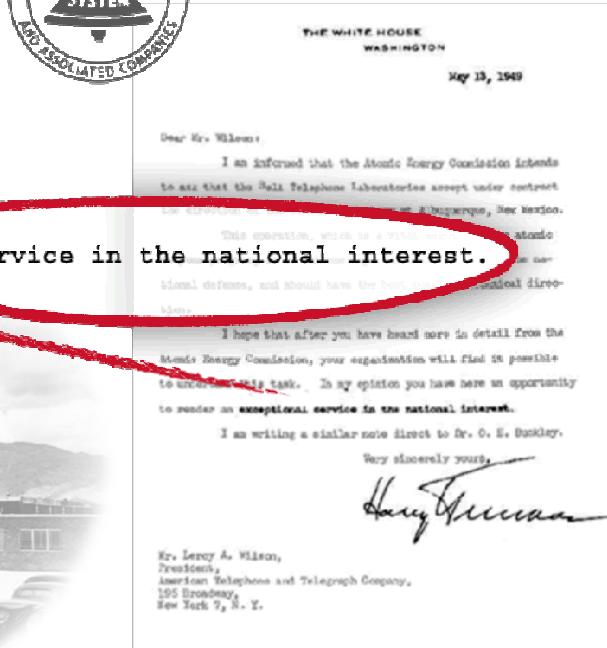


Laboratory Directed Research & Development

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Sandia's History



Sandia's Evolving Mission

1950s

Production engineering & manufacturing engineering



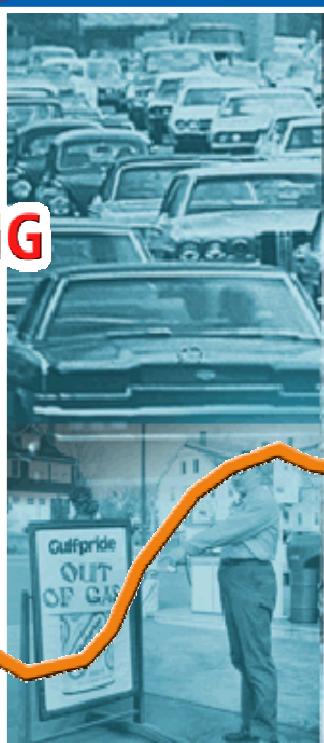
1960s

Development engineering



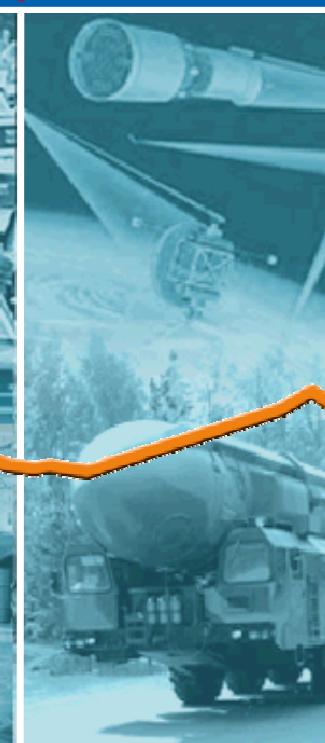
1970s

Multiprogram laboratory



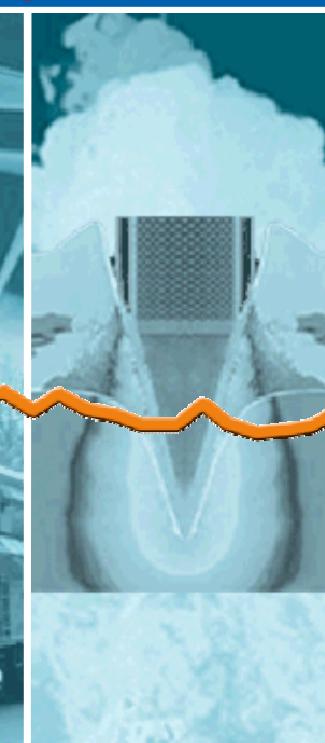
1980s

Research, development and production



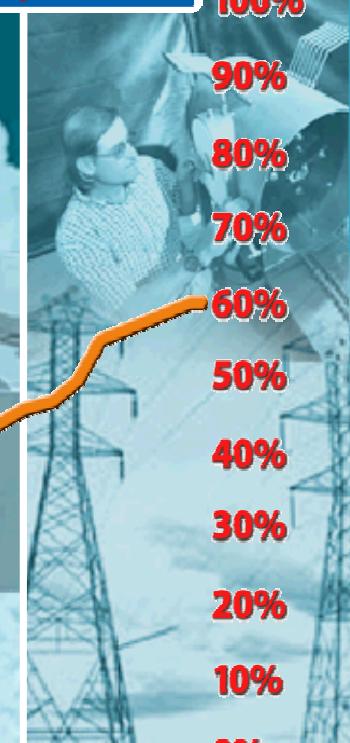
1990s

Post-Cold War transition



2000s

Broader national security challenges



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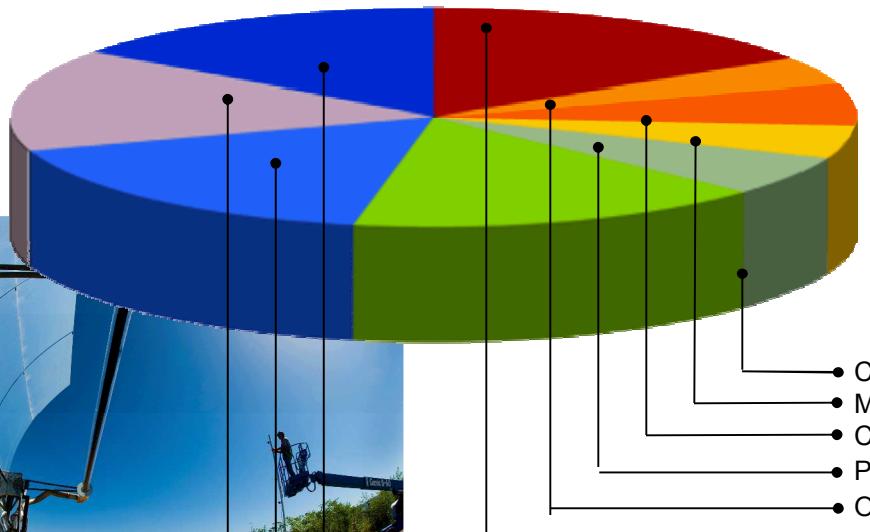
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People and Budget (as of 10.15.2010)

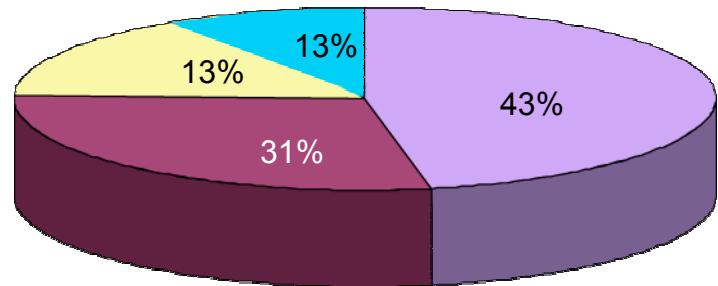
- On-site workforce: 11,677
- Regular employees: 8,607
- Gross payroll: ~ \$898.7 million

Technical staff (4,277) by discipline:



- Electrical engineering 21%
- Mechanical engineering 16%
- Other engineering 15%

FY10 operating revenue
\$2.3 billion

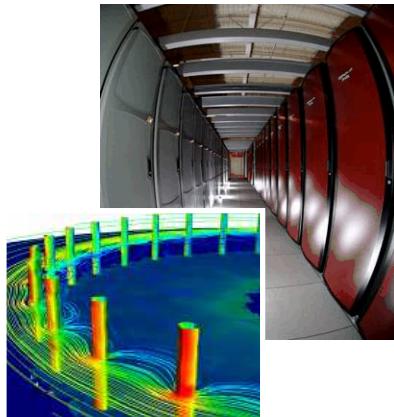


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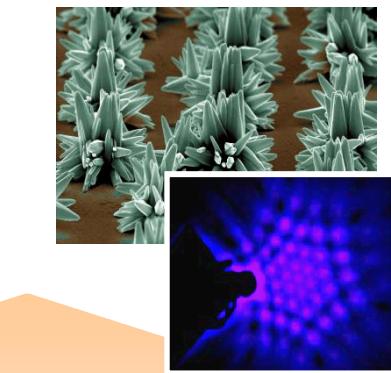
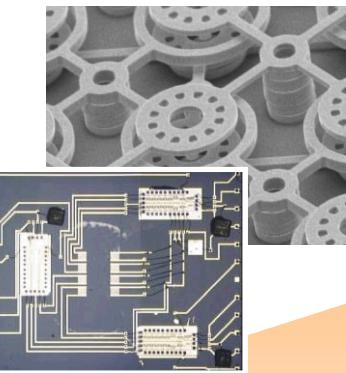
- Nuclear Weapons
- Defense Systems & Assessments
- Energy, Climate, & Infrastructure Security
- International, Homeland, and Nuclear Security



Research Disciplines & Capabilities



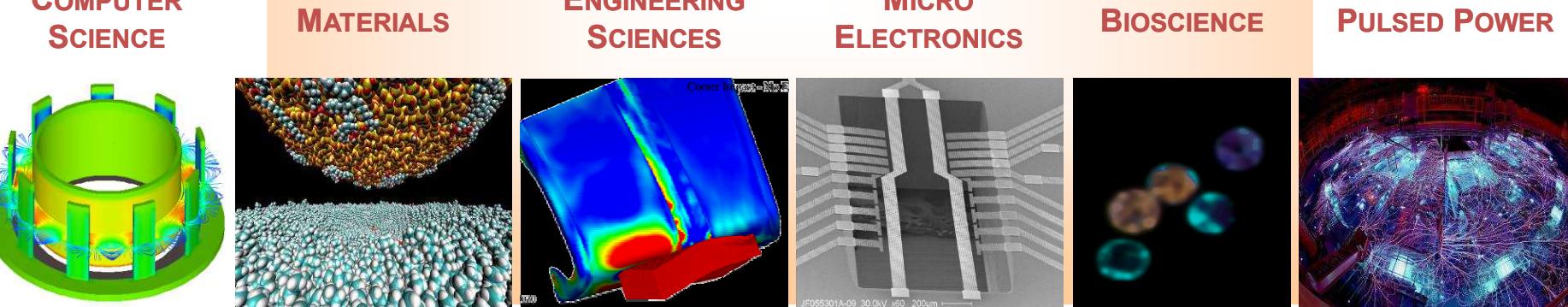
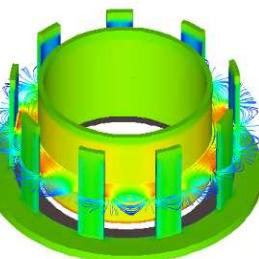
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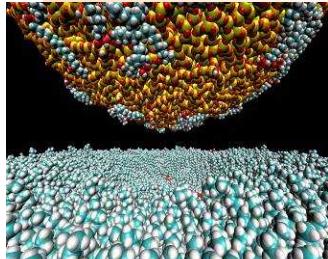
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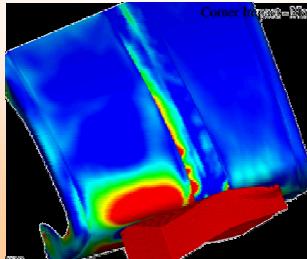
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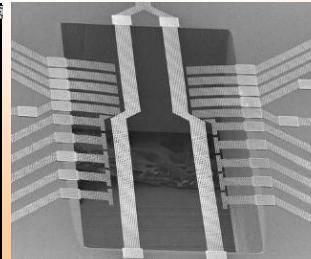
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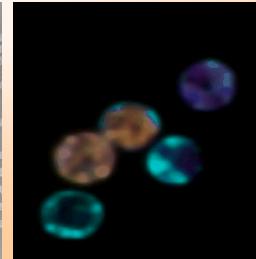
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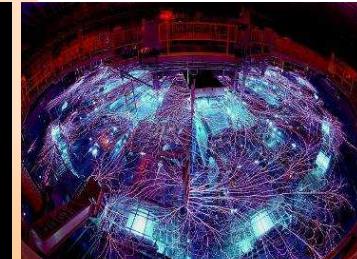
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BIOSCIENCE



PULSED POWER



RESEARCH DISCIPLINES

Emerging National Security Thrusts



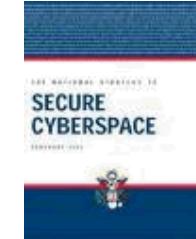
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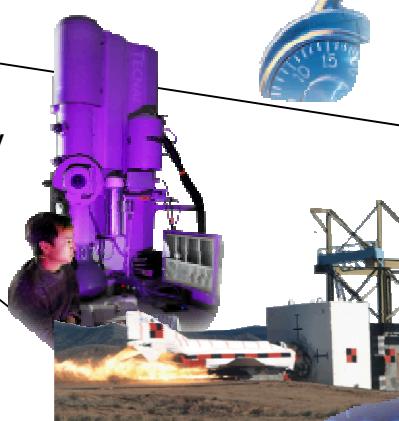
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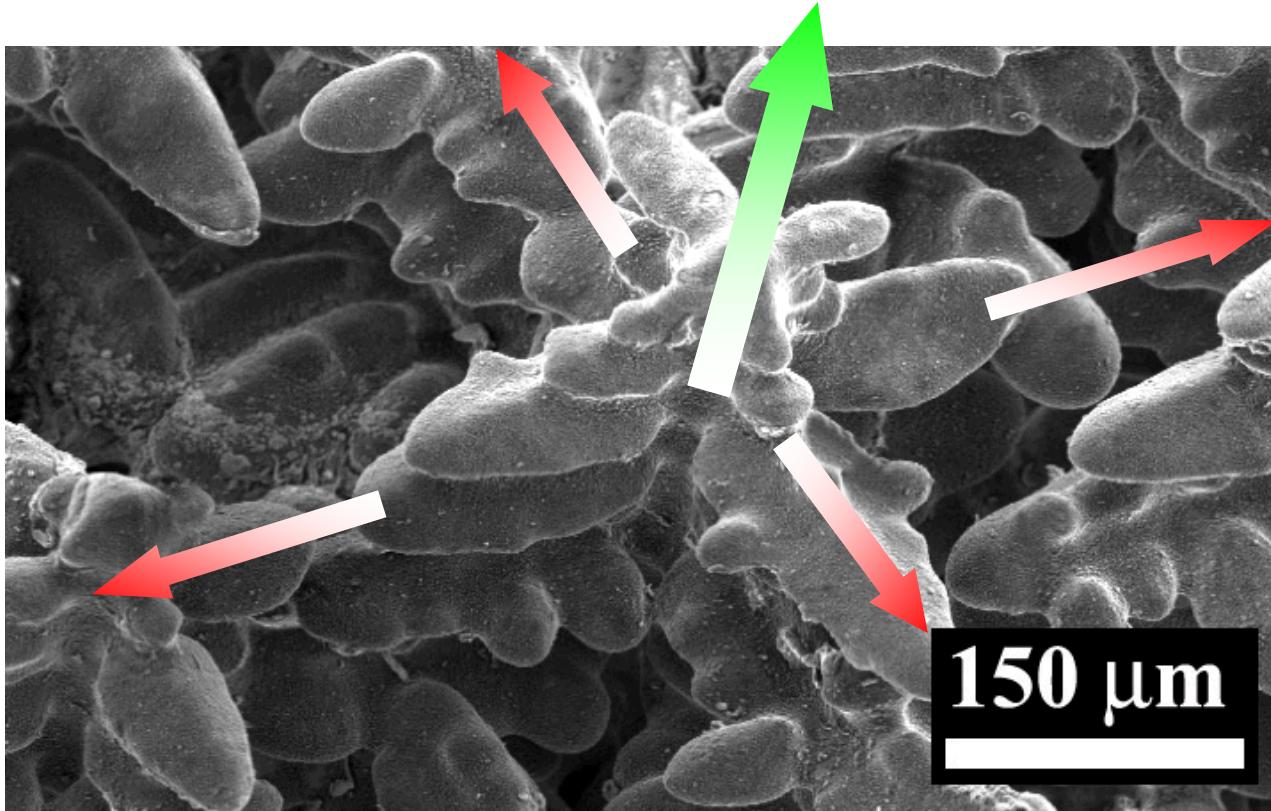
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Science & Technology



3-Dimensionality



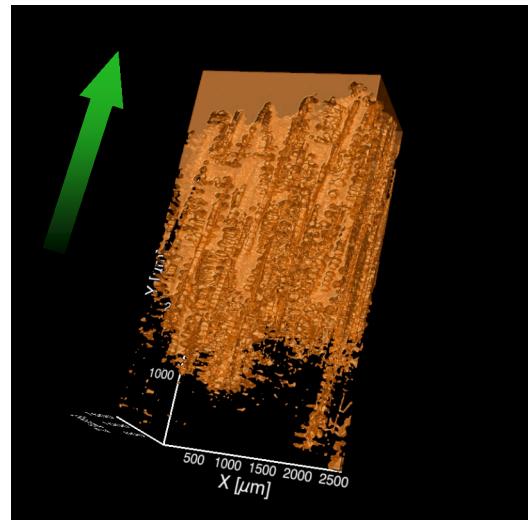
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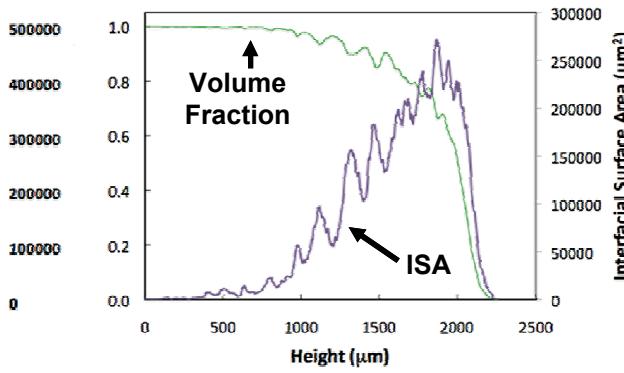
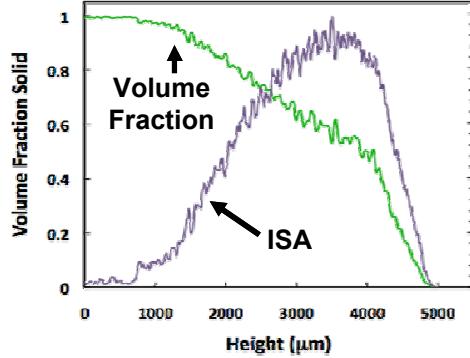
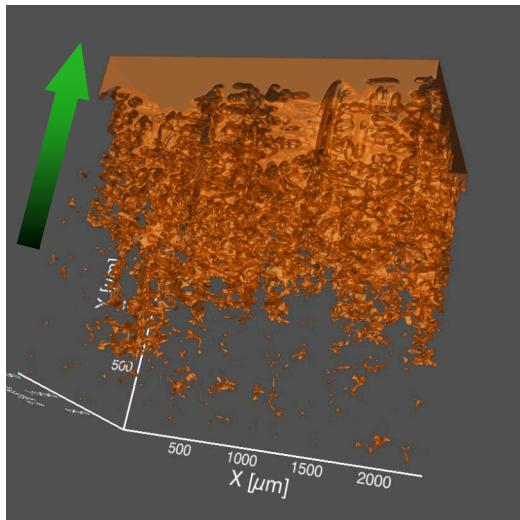
Characterization > Modeling

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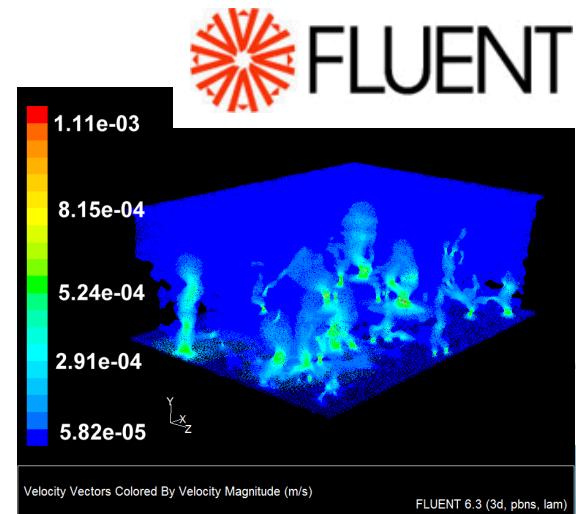
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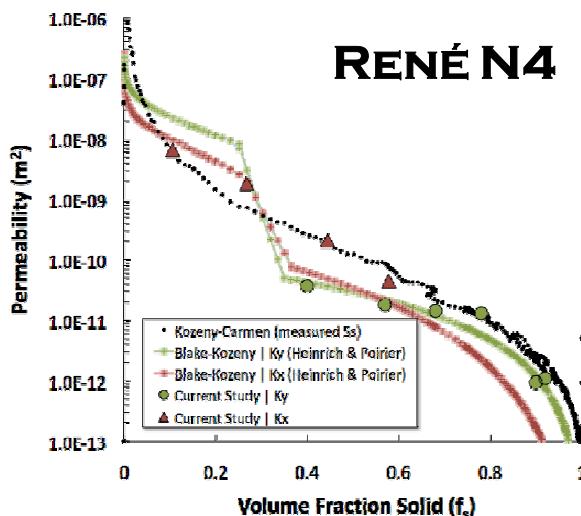
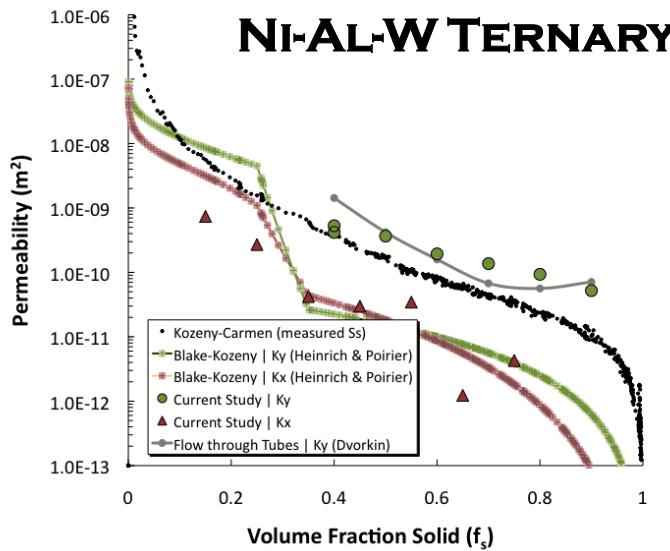


- 3D reconstructions at the dendritic front in two experimentally derived nickel-base superalloy systems
 - Characterization including direct measurement of interfacial surface area providing indication of its effect on flow
- Simulation of 3D fluid flow parallel (K_y), and normal (K_x), to the primary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

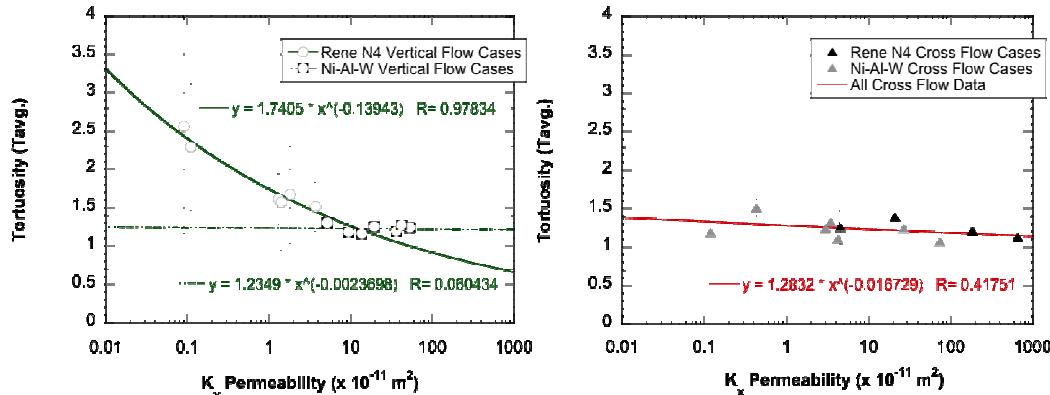


Model > Predictors

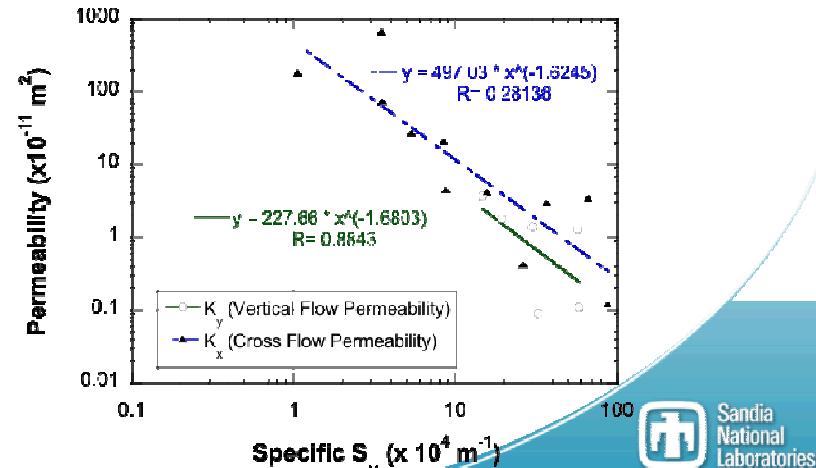
$$Ra = \frac{(\Delta\rho / \rho_o)gKh}{\alpha v}$$



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

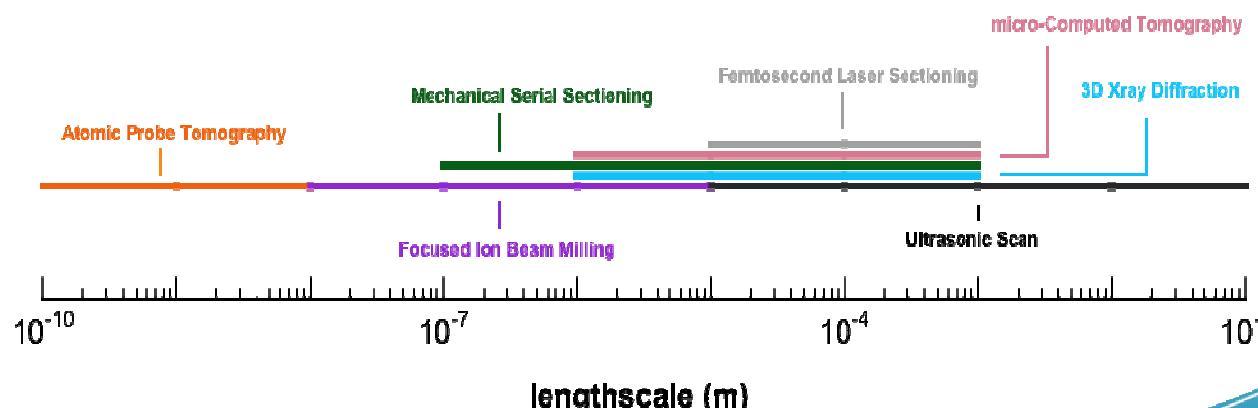


- Permeability scales inversely with S_v in both vertical and cross flow (K_y) regardless of volume fraction



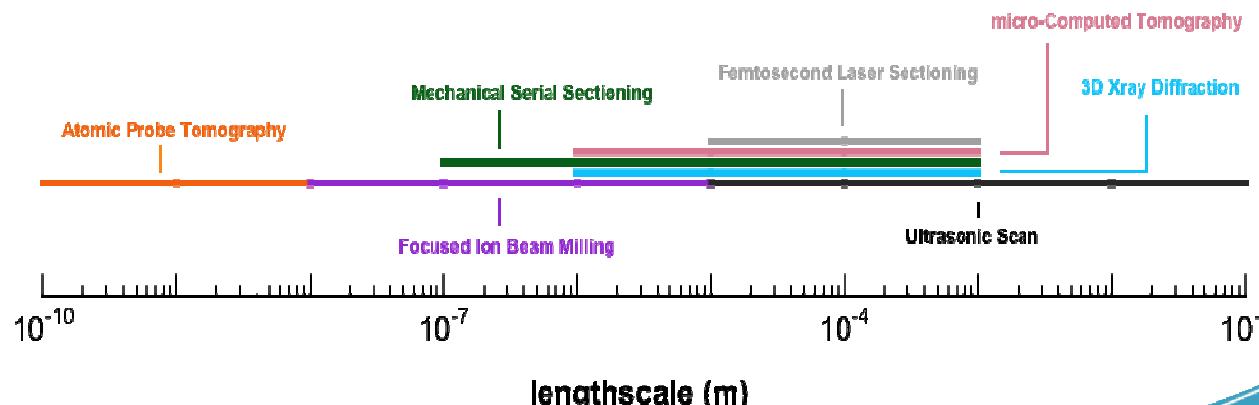
Interrogation Methods

	Length scales (m)	Destructive (D/ND)	Labor Intensity	Data Acquisition Time
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 [μ 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

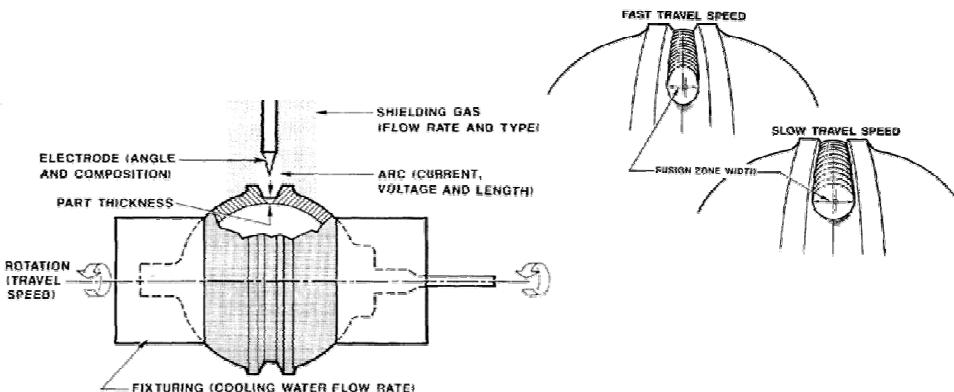


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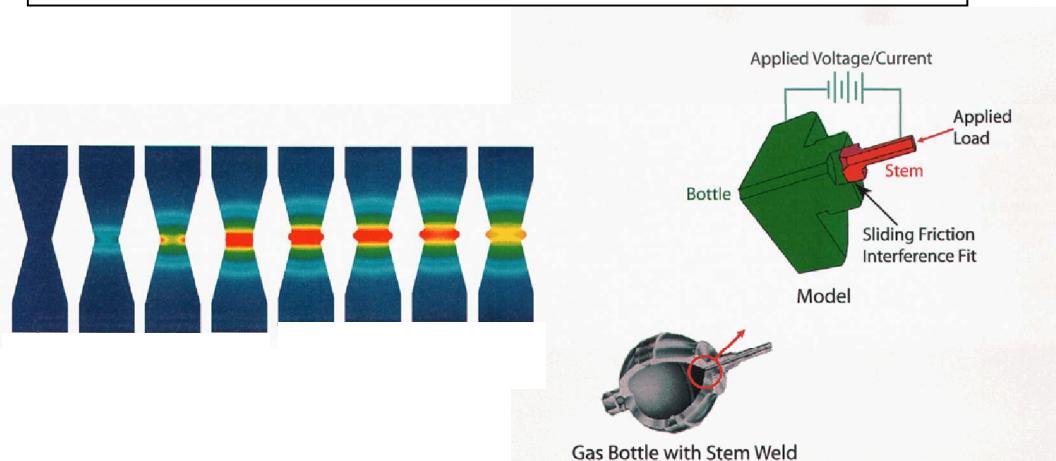
	Obtainable Data	References
Atom Probe Tomography [APT]	(<i>in-situ</i>) material absence, elemental composition, inclusion identification	Y. Amouyal, D.N. Seidman, <i>Acta Mat.</i> , 2011, in press D. Isheim, <i>Scripta Mater.</i> , 2006, p. 35
Focused Ion Beam Milling [FIB]	(<i>in-situ</i>) material absence, crystallography, inclusion identification	M. Uchic, et al., <i>Scripta Mater.</i> , 2006, p. 23 M. Uchic, et al., Ultramicroscopy, 2009, p. 1229
Mechanical Serial Sectioning [MS]	material absence, crystallography, inclusion identification	J. Spowart, <i>Scripta Mater.</i> , 2006, p. 5 G. Spanos, et al. <i>MRS Bulletin</i> , 2008, p. 597
3DXray Diffraction [3DXRD]	material absence, crystallography, inclusion identification	E. Lauridsen, et al., <i>Scripta Mater.</i> , 2006, p. 51 D. Juul Jensen, et al., <i>MRS Bulletin</i> , 2008, p. 621
Micro-Computed Tomography [μ 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
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Weld Applicability to SNL

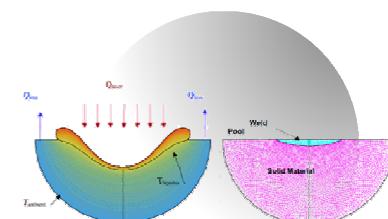


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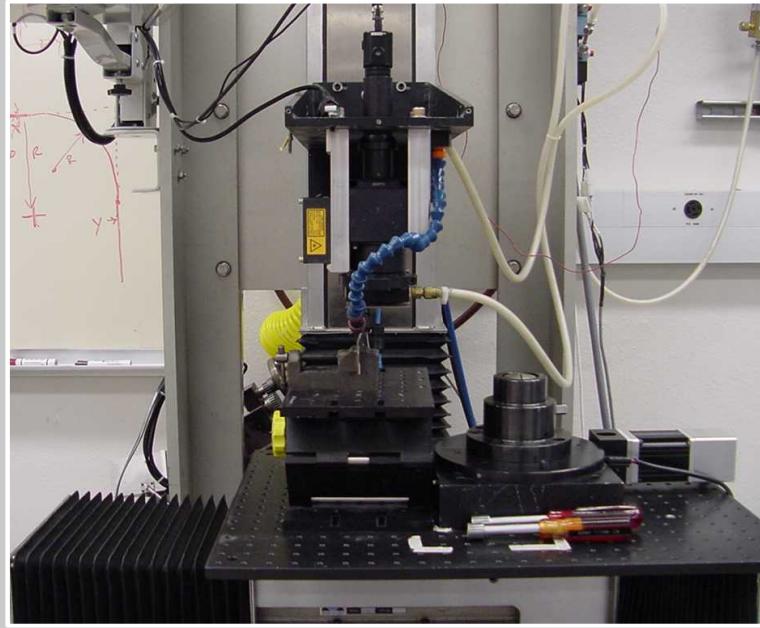


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- V. Semak, G. Knorovsky, D. MacCallum, R. Roach, "Effect of Surface Tension on Melt Pool Dynamics During Laser Pulse Interaction," *J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys.* Vol. 39, (2006) pp. 590-595
- J. Norris, M. Perricone, R. Roach, K. Faraone & C. Ellison, **SAND2007-1051** : Evaluation of Weld Porosity in Laser Beam Seam Welds: Optimizing Continuous Wave and Square Wave Modulated Processes, February 2007



Design of Experiment

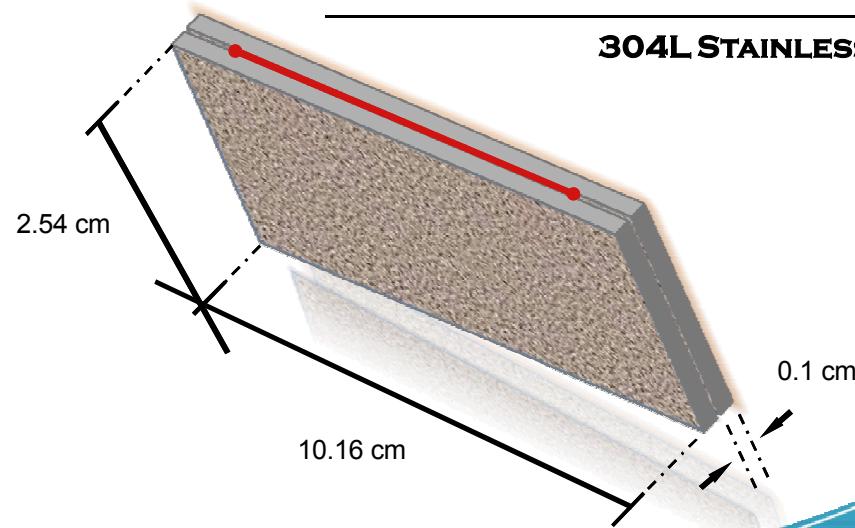


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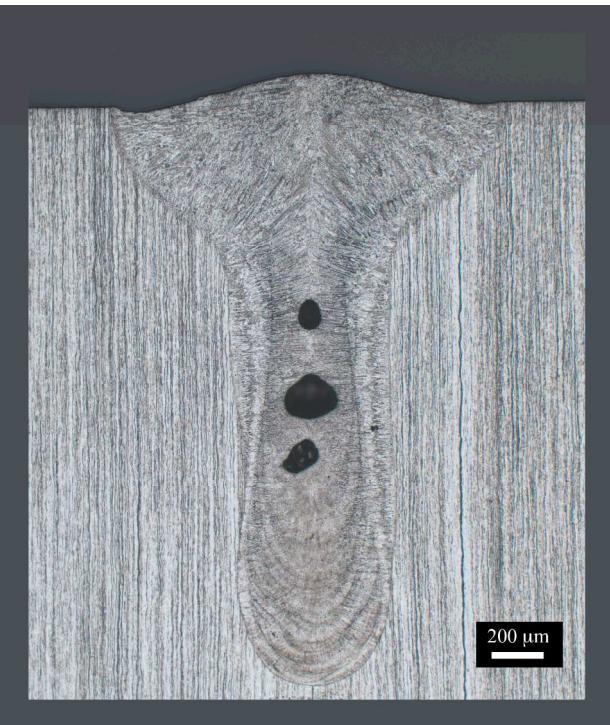
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Material: 304L Stainless Steel
Heat : 481361 (1.92 Cr/Ni)
Laser: Rofin Nd:YAG



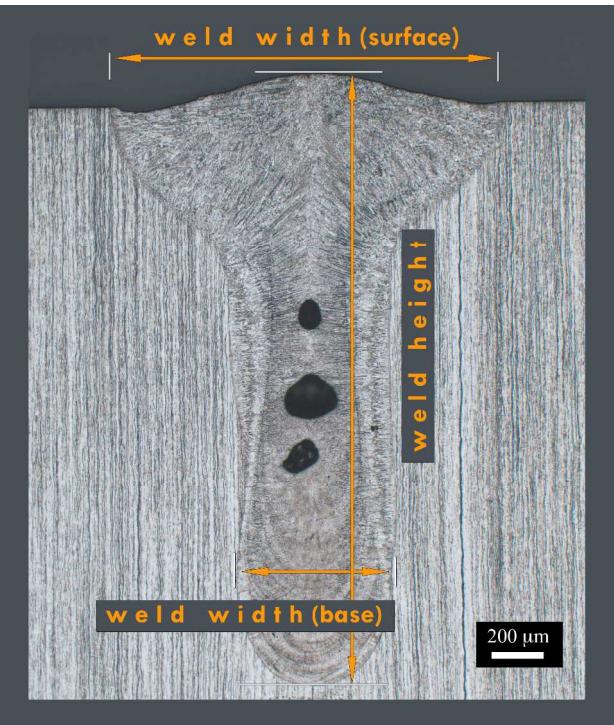
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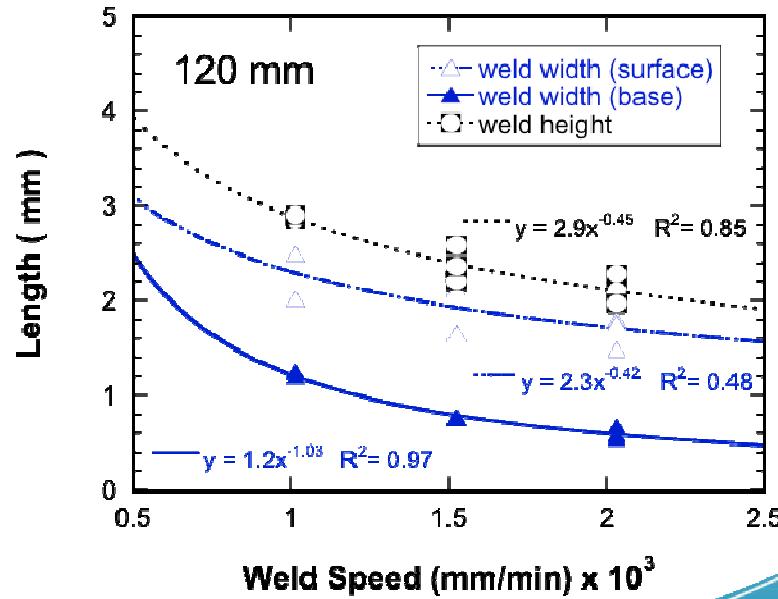
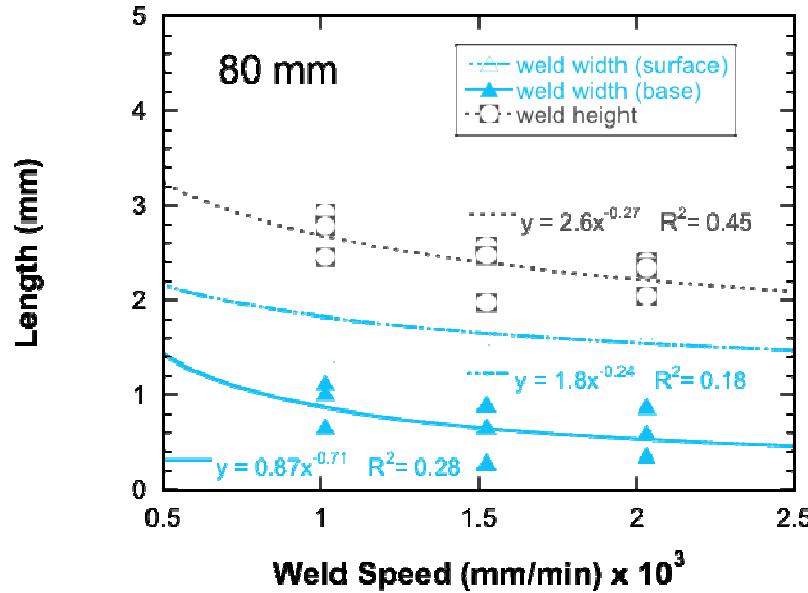
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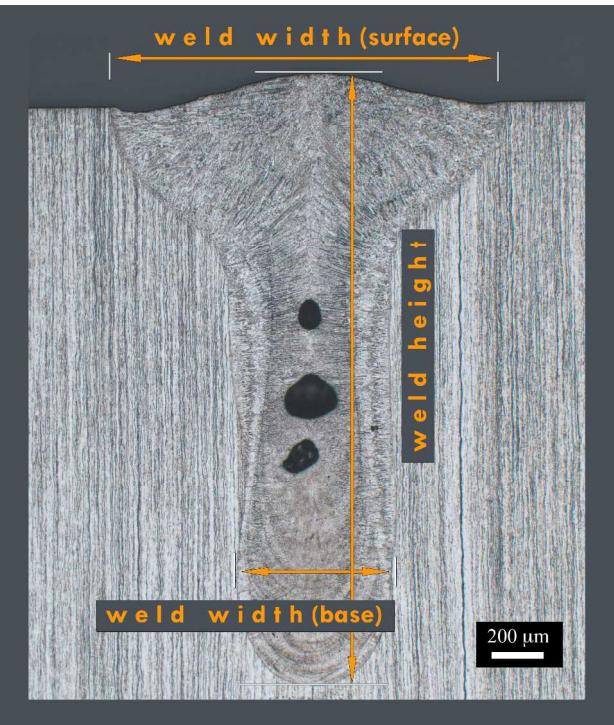


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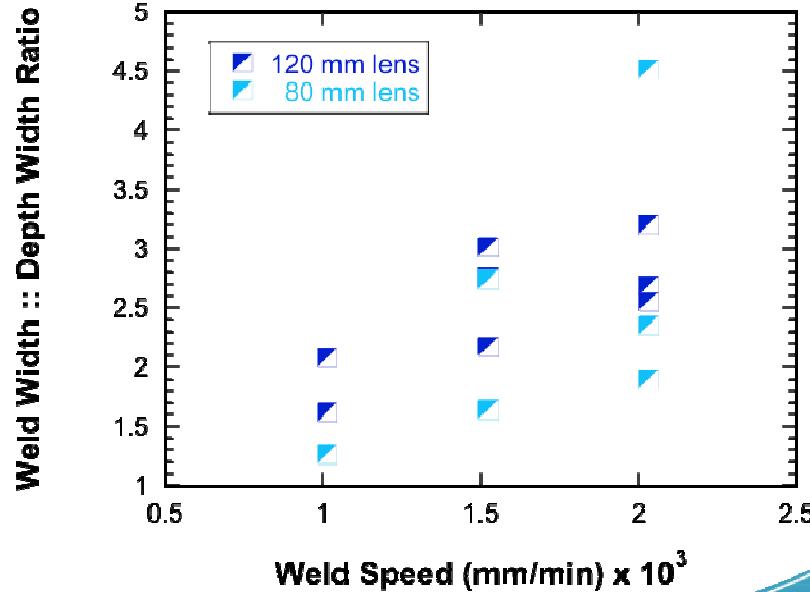
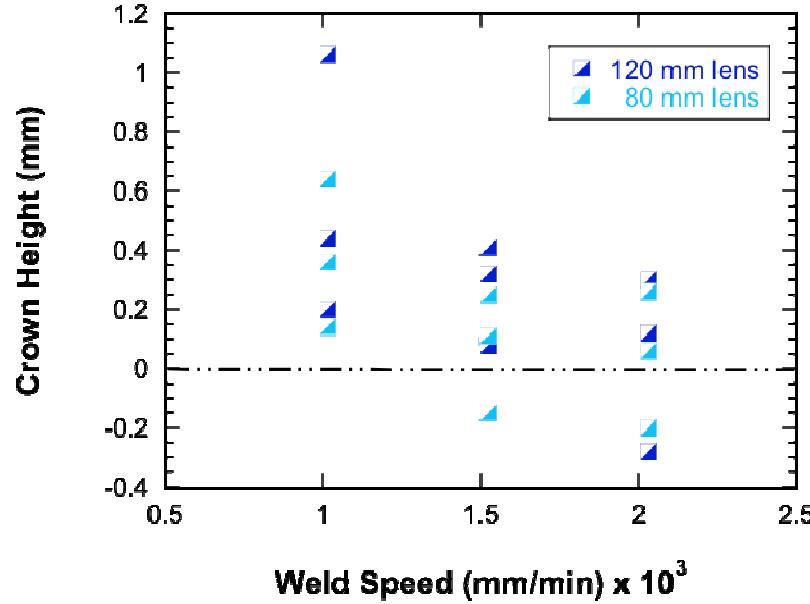


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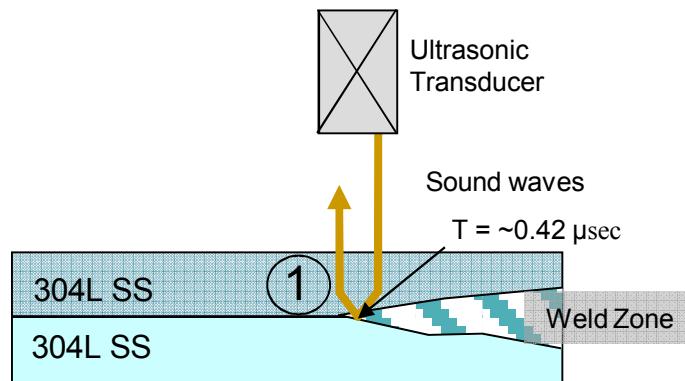
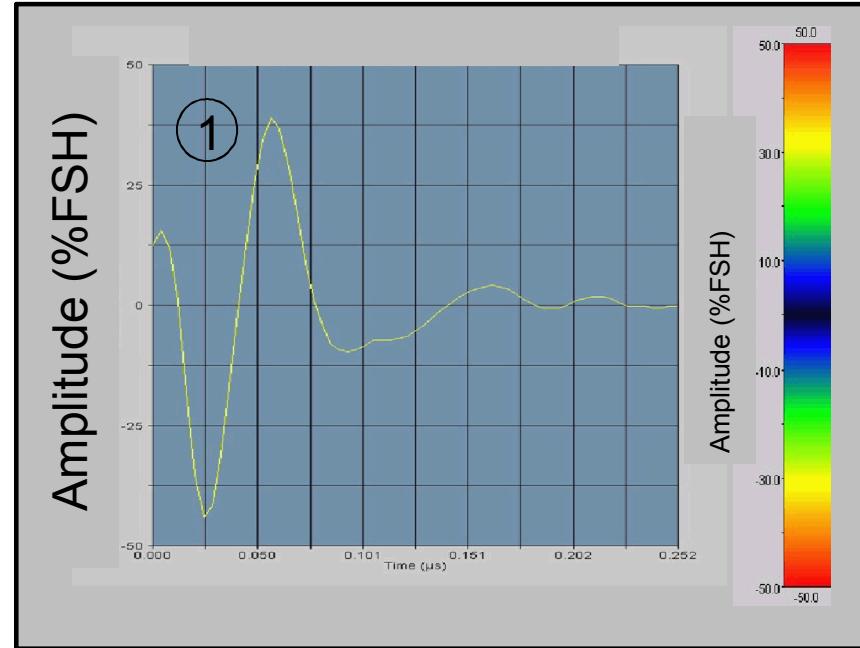
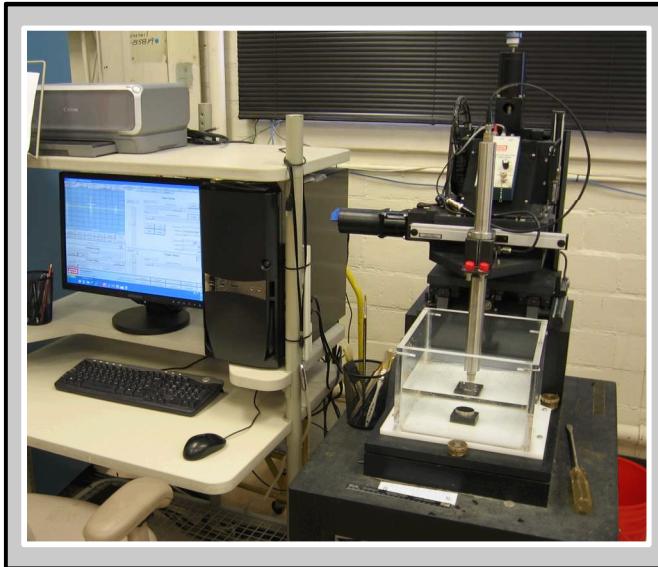


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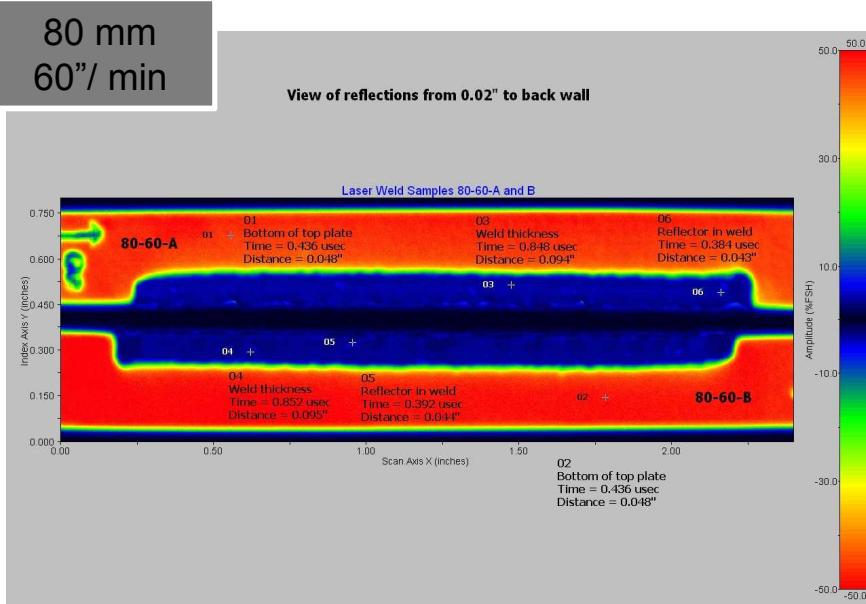
Ultrasonics [UTC]



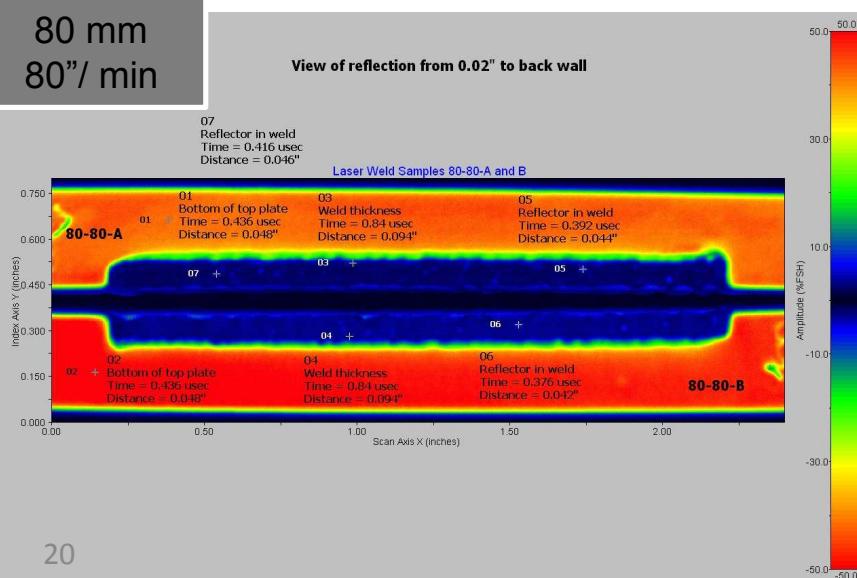
- Sound waves travel across well bonded interfaces better than poorly bonded interfaces.
- Poorly bonded interfaces reflect more sound and produce higher amplitude signals ($\pm 50\%$ Full Screen Height). Well bonded interfaces produce a weaker amplitude signal if any (0% FSH)

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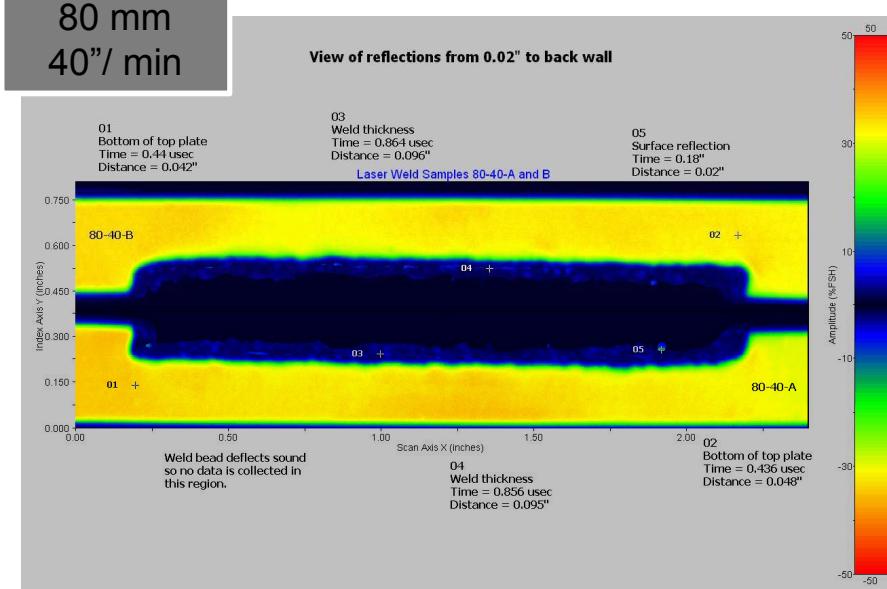
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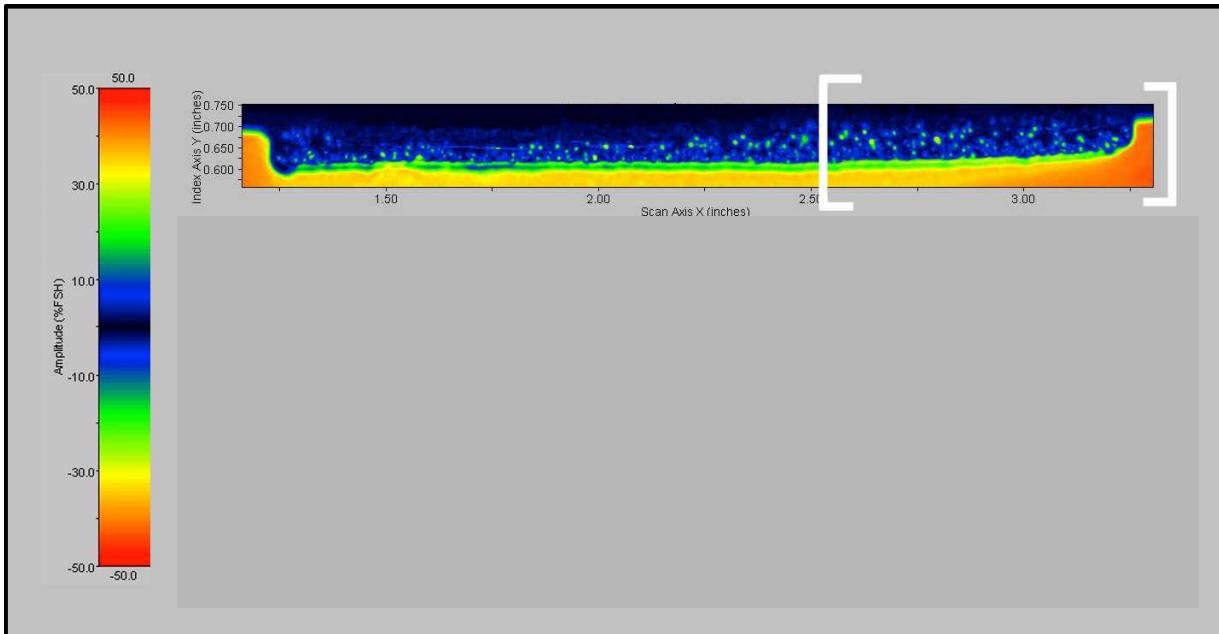


80 mm
40"/ min



- UTC scans provide resolution of features ~ 0.1 mm³ 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)
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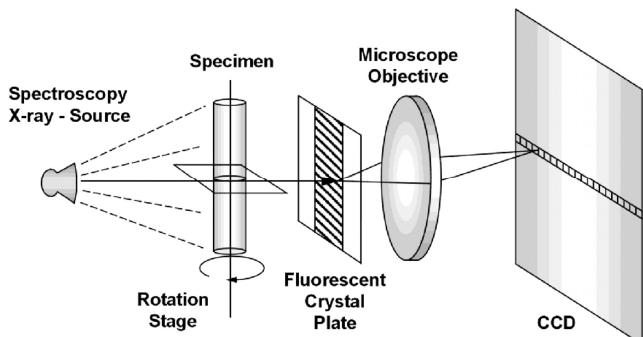
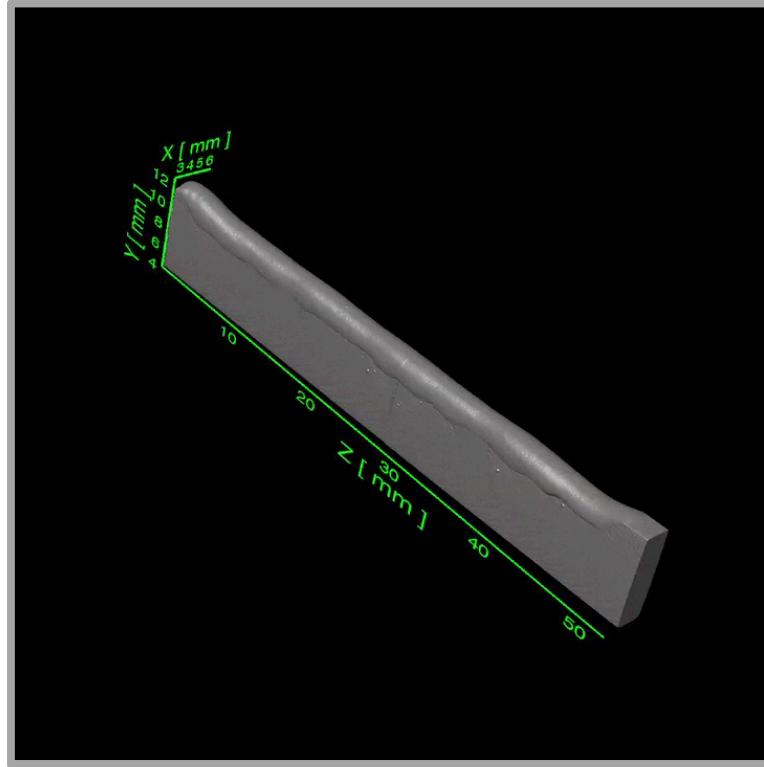
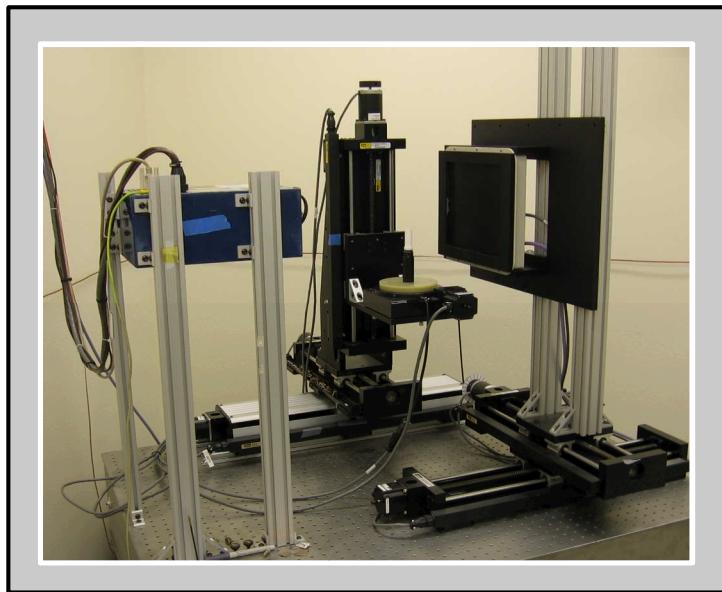


3.67% void fraction

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 [μ 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 μ m
- Energy is set to 130KV and 250uA yielding a spot size on the order of 27 μ m
- Objects 14 μ m in size can be detected but resolution is not adequate until objects reach 27 μ 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

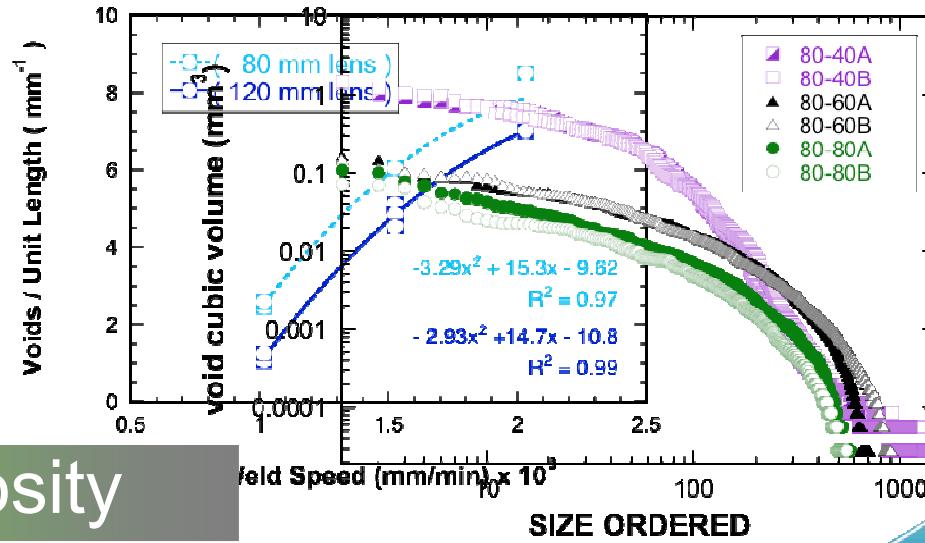
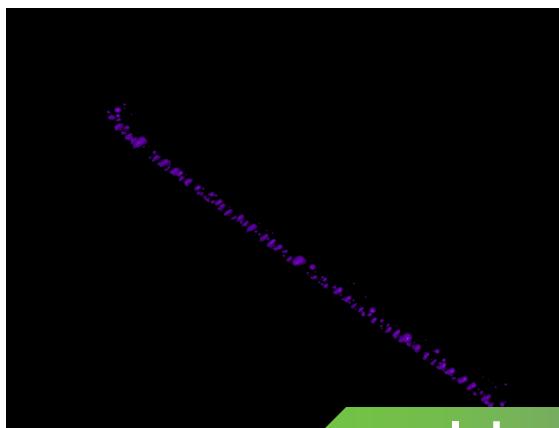
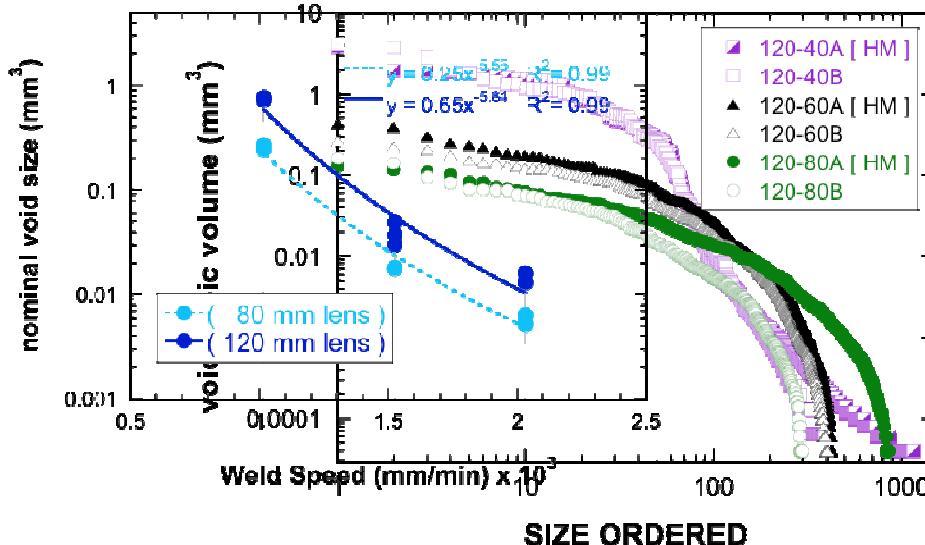
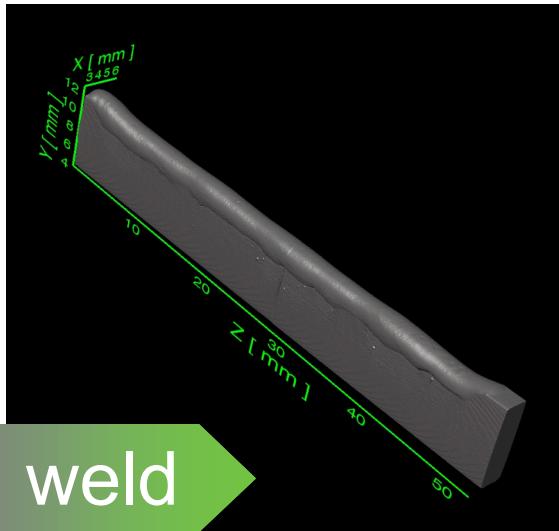
Reconstruction & Analysis

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

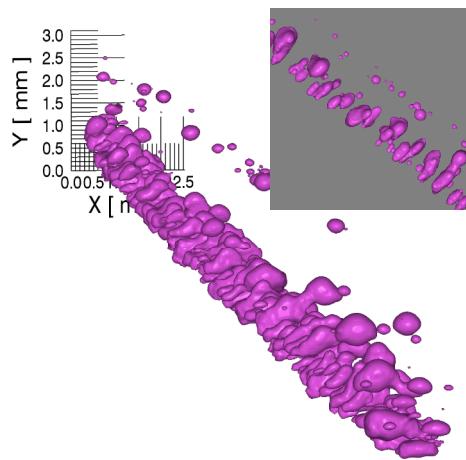
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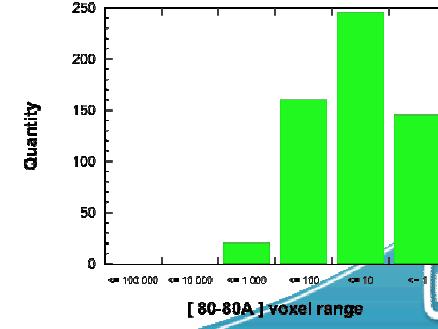
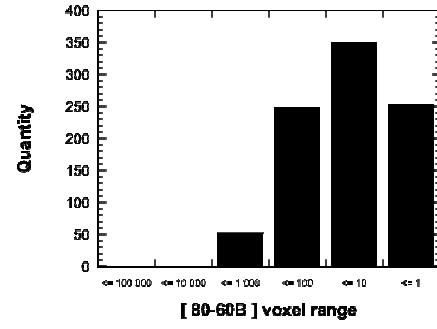
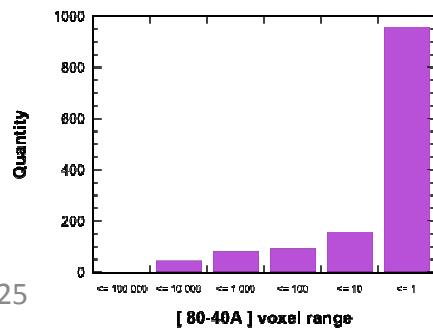
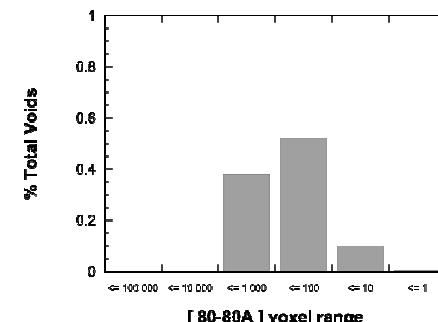
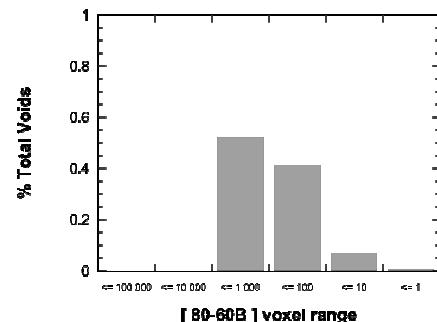
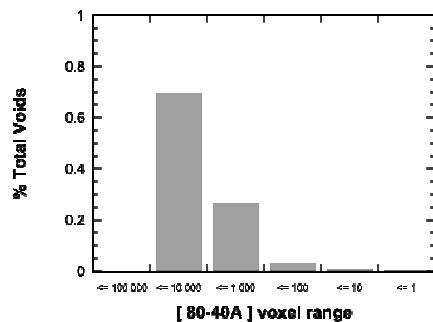
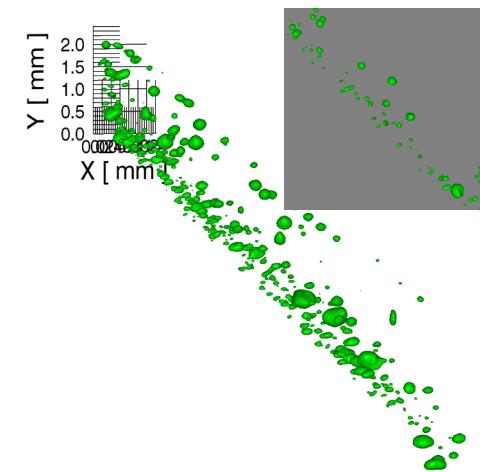
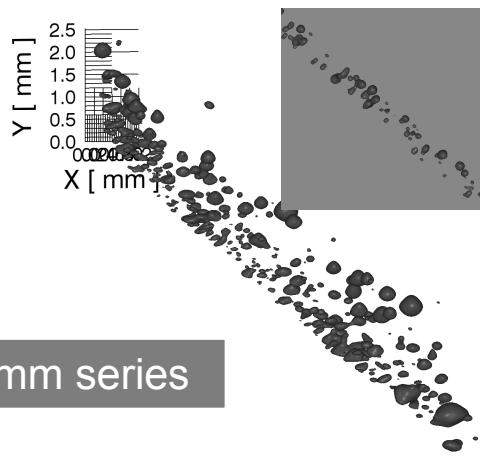
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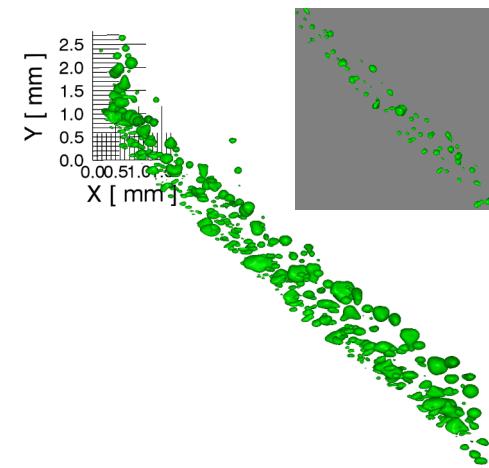
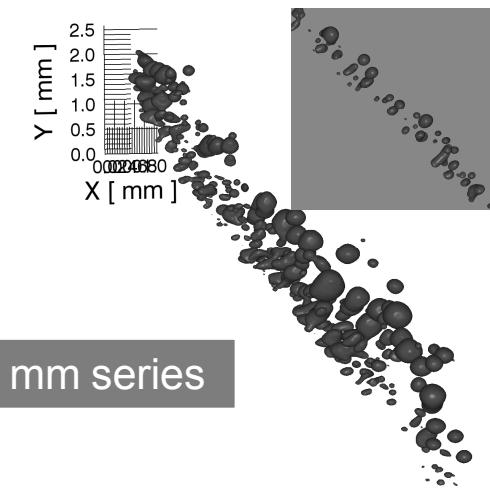
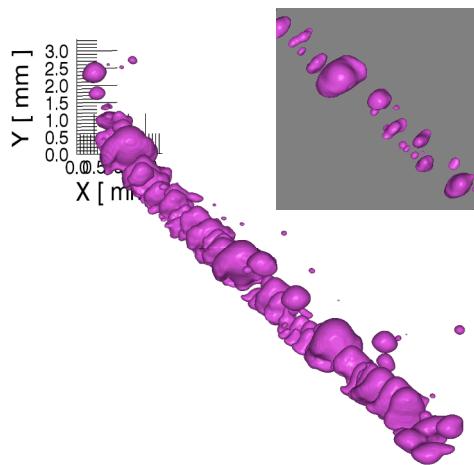
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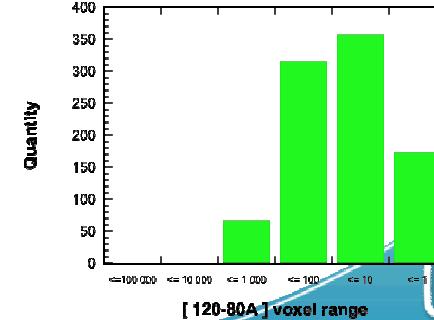
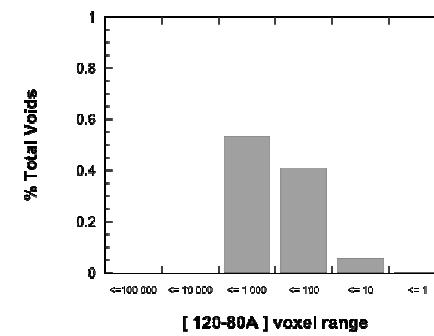
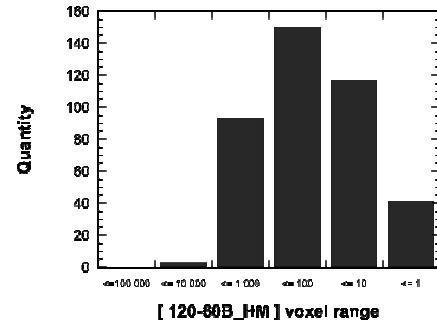
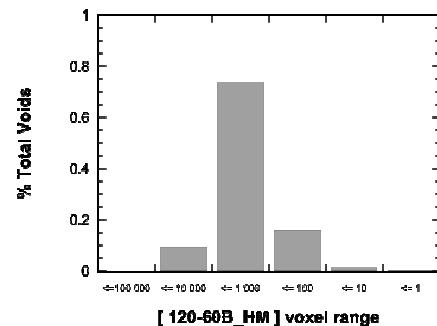
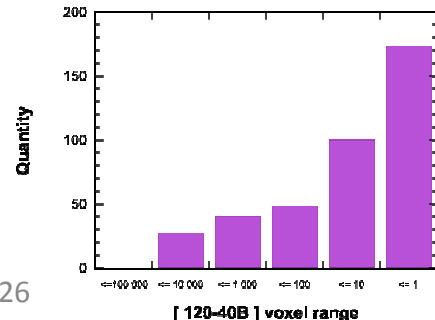
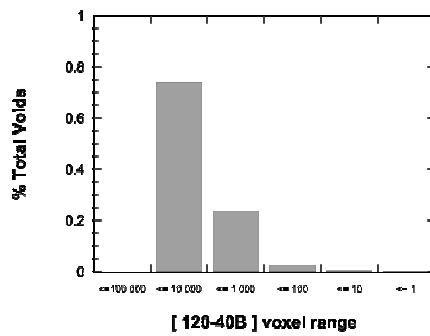
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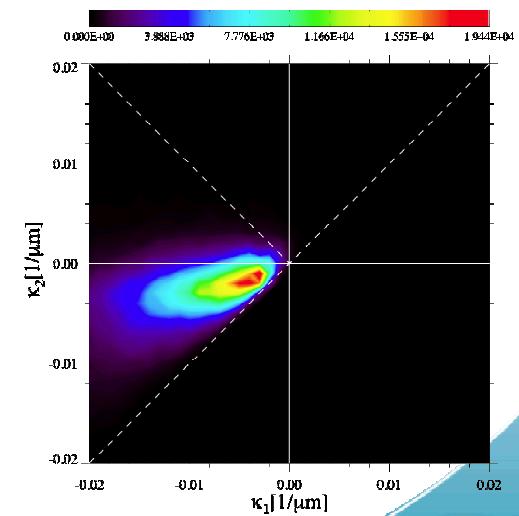
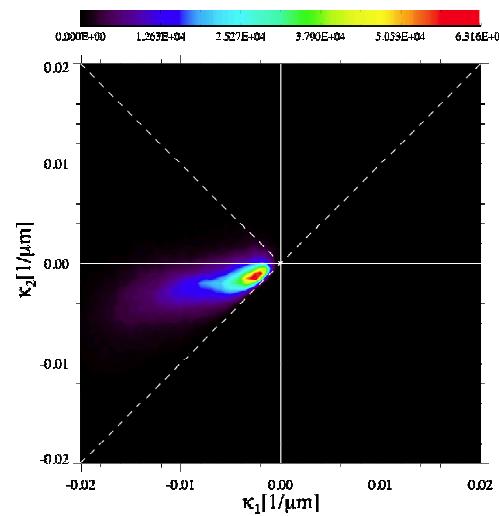
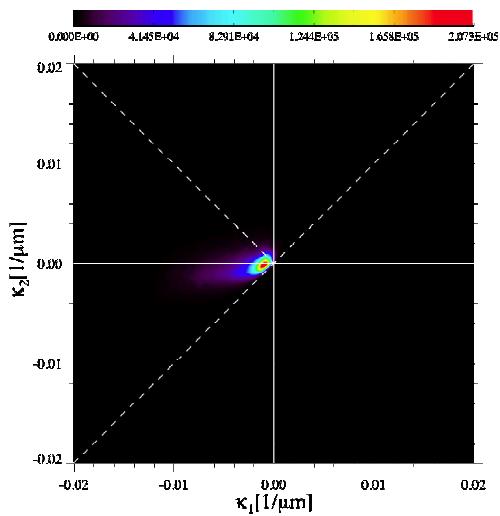
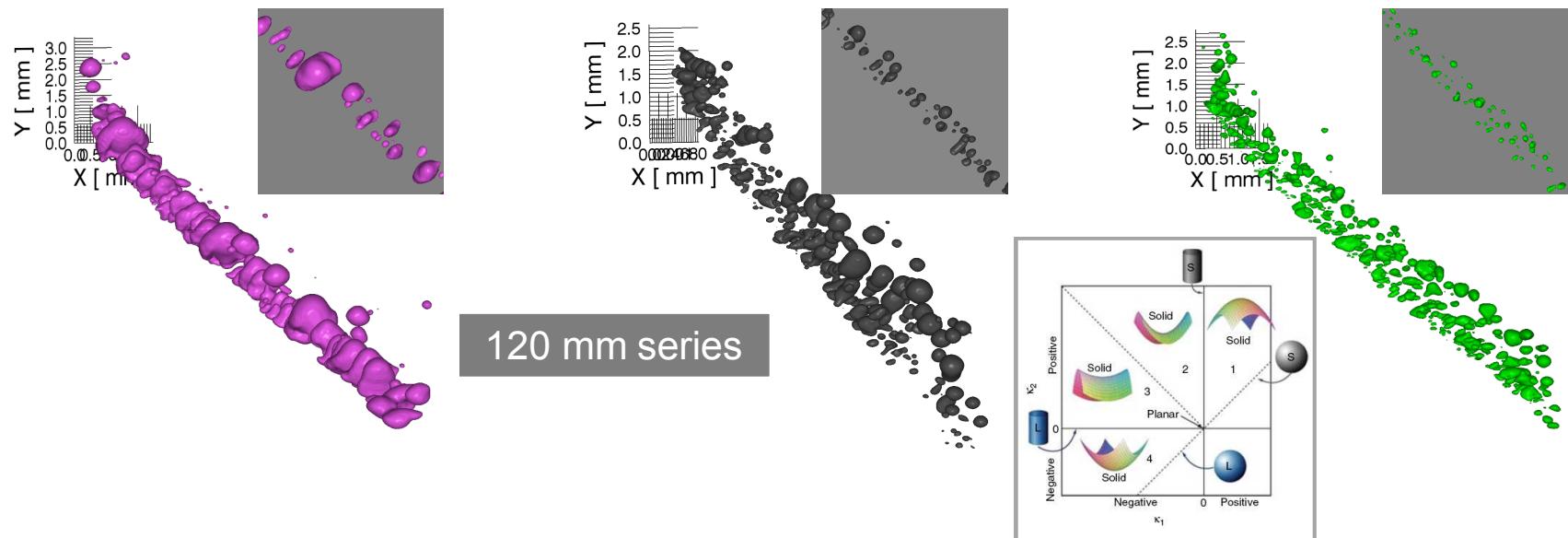
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Why Study Microstructure in 3D?

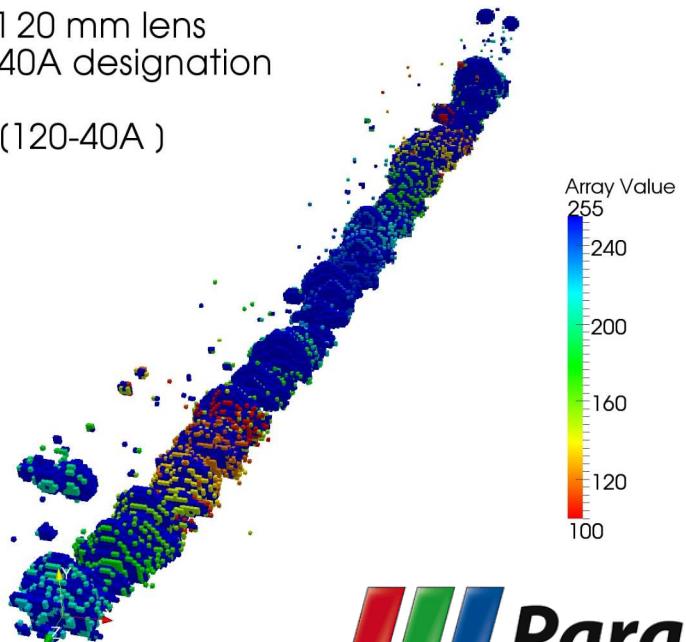
- Typical optical & electron microscopy techniques which view 2-Dimensional sections and are inadequate for determining accurate internal 3-Dimensional microstructure
 - Many mistakes in past literature have been revealed in recent 3D studies
- 3-Dimensional shapes & distributions of morphologies:
 - 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 Materialia*, 2006, vol. 55, no. 1)
 - (e.g. *JOM*, 2006, vol. 58, no. 12)
 - (e.g. *MRS Bulletin*, 2008 vol. 33, no. 6)

Summary

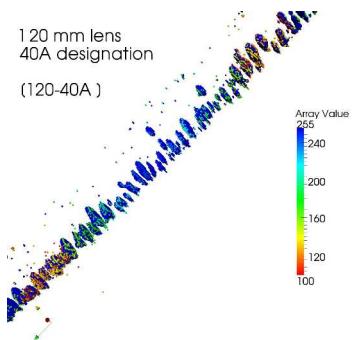
- UT scans are useful in identifying bonding gaps, depths of penetration and qualitative estimates of porosity in welds
- MS provides useful information regarding size, shape and relative weld dimensions that can be directly related to processing parameters
- Over the range of parameters examined, increases in weld speed result in an increase in weld width :: depth width ratio and resultant crown heights
- μ 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

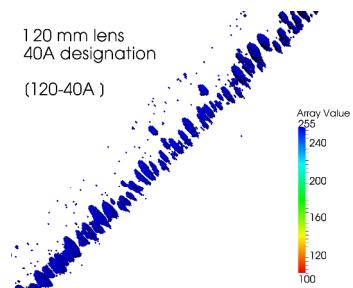
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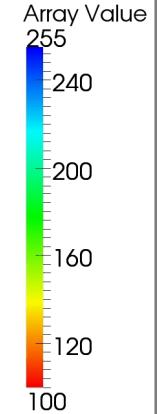
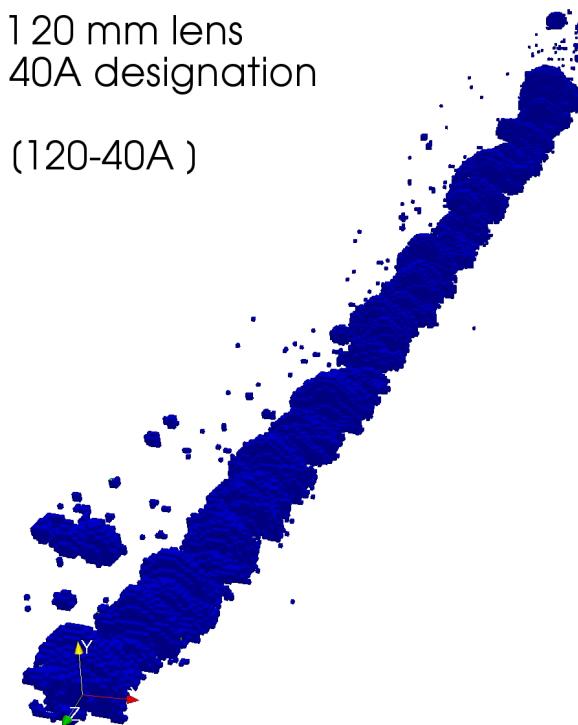
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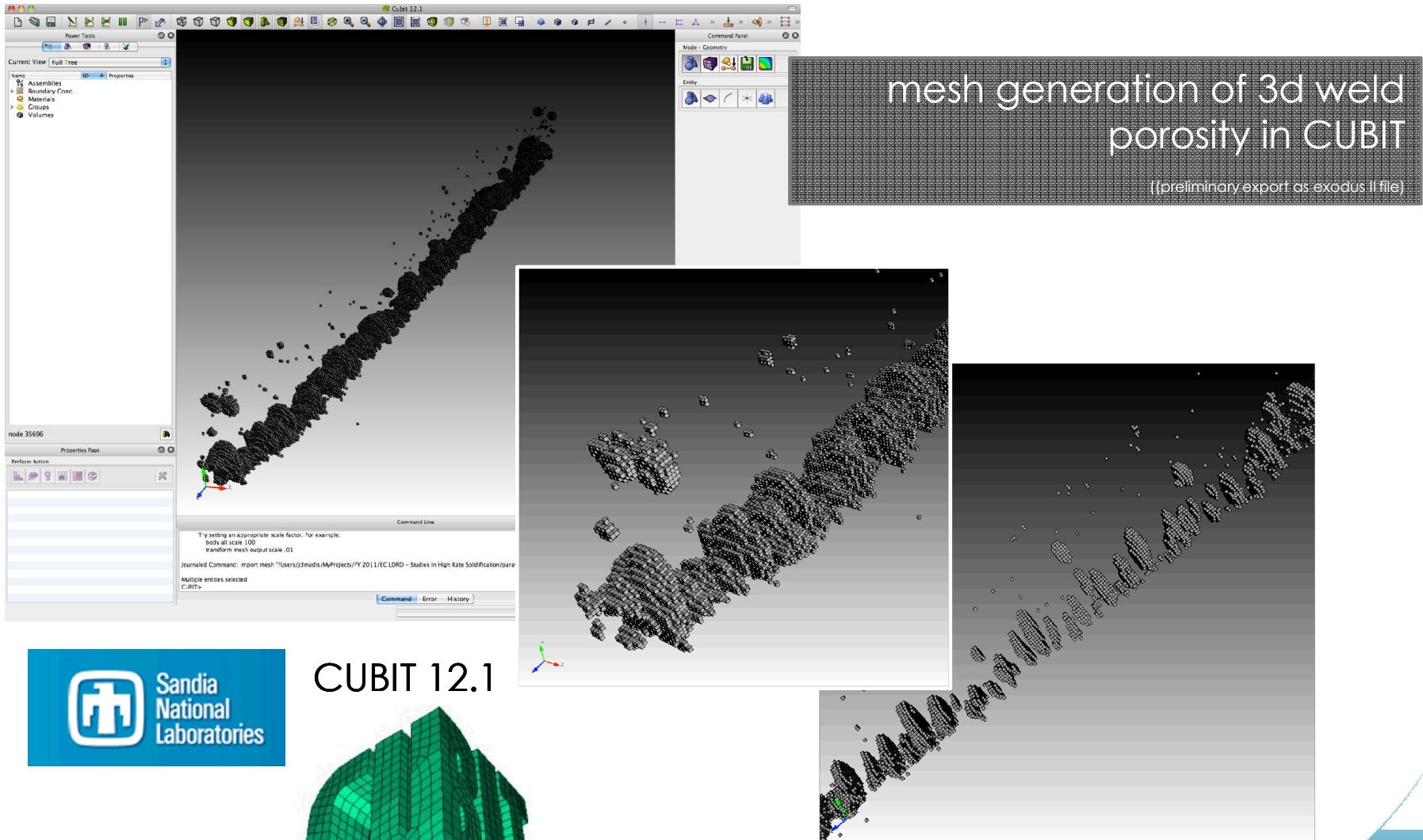
visualization of 3d weld porosity
from IDL™ to Paraview

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

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Questions