

Characterizing Populations, Predicting Presence & Examining Mechanical Response Using 3D Reconstructions of Porosity in Laser Welds

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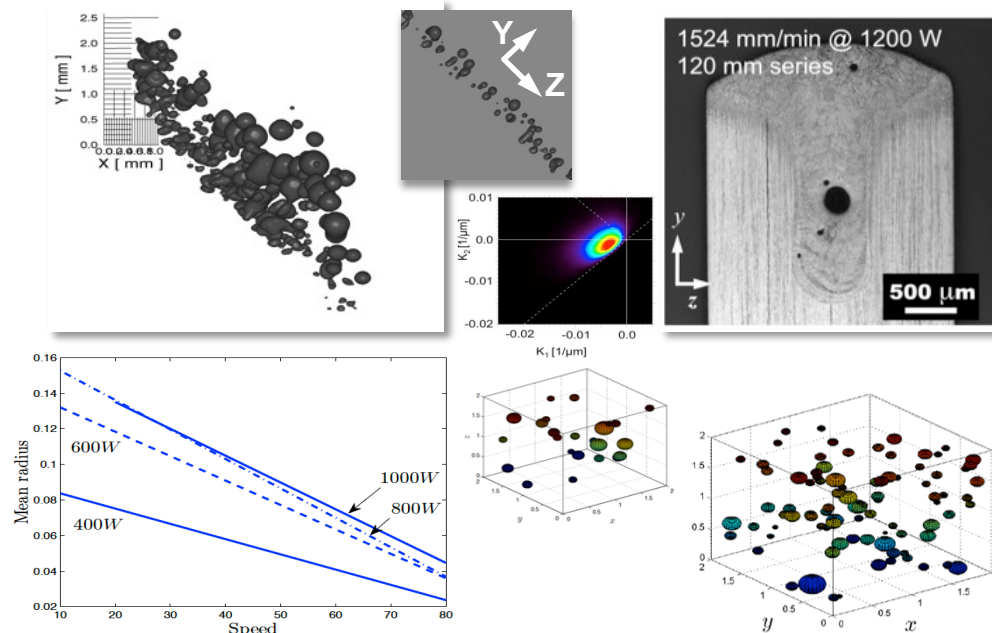
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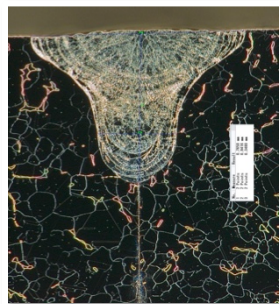
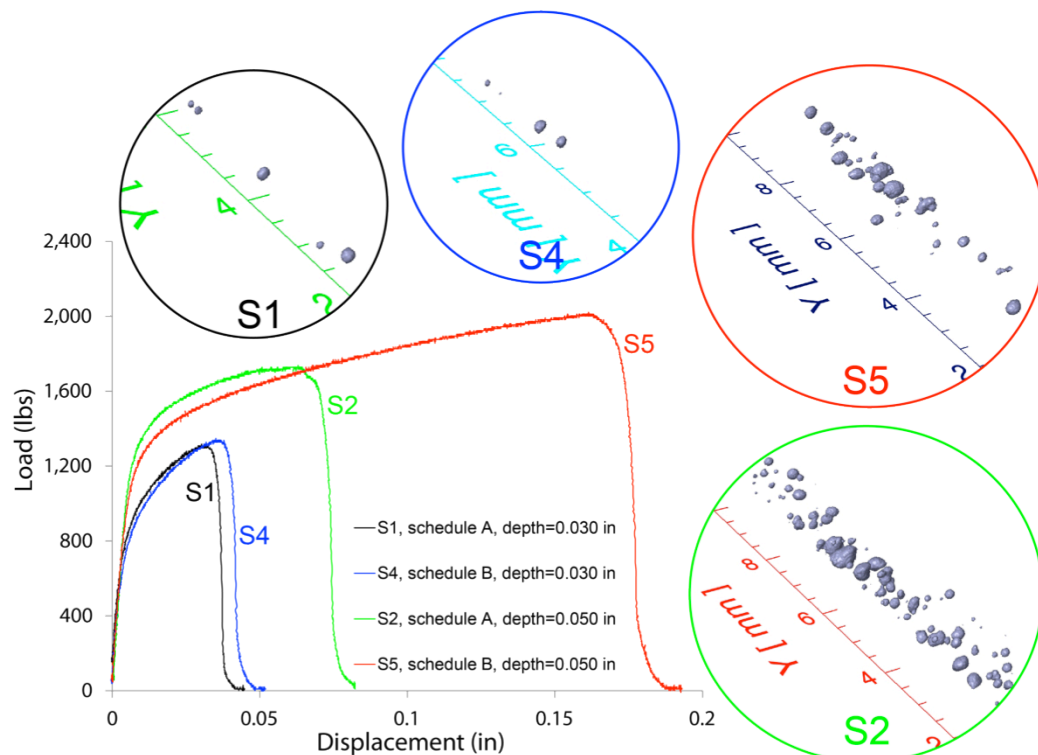
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Laboratory Directed Research & Development

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SNL Interest in Welds & Joinings



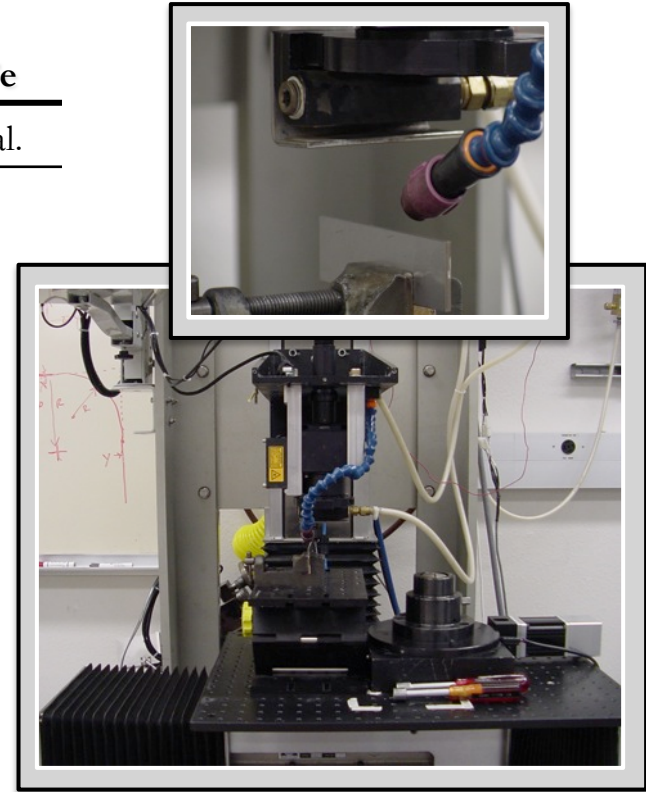
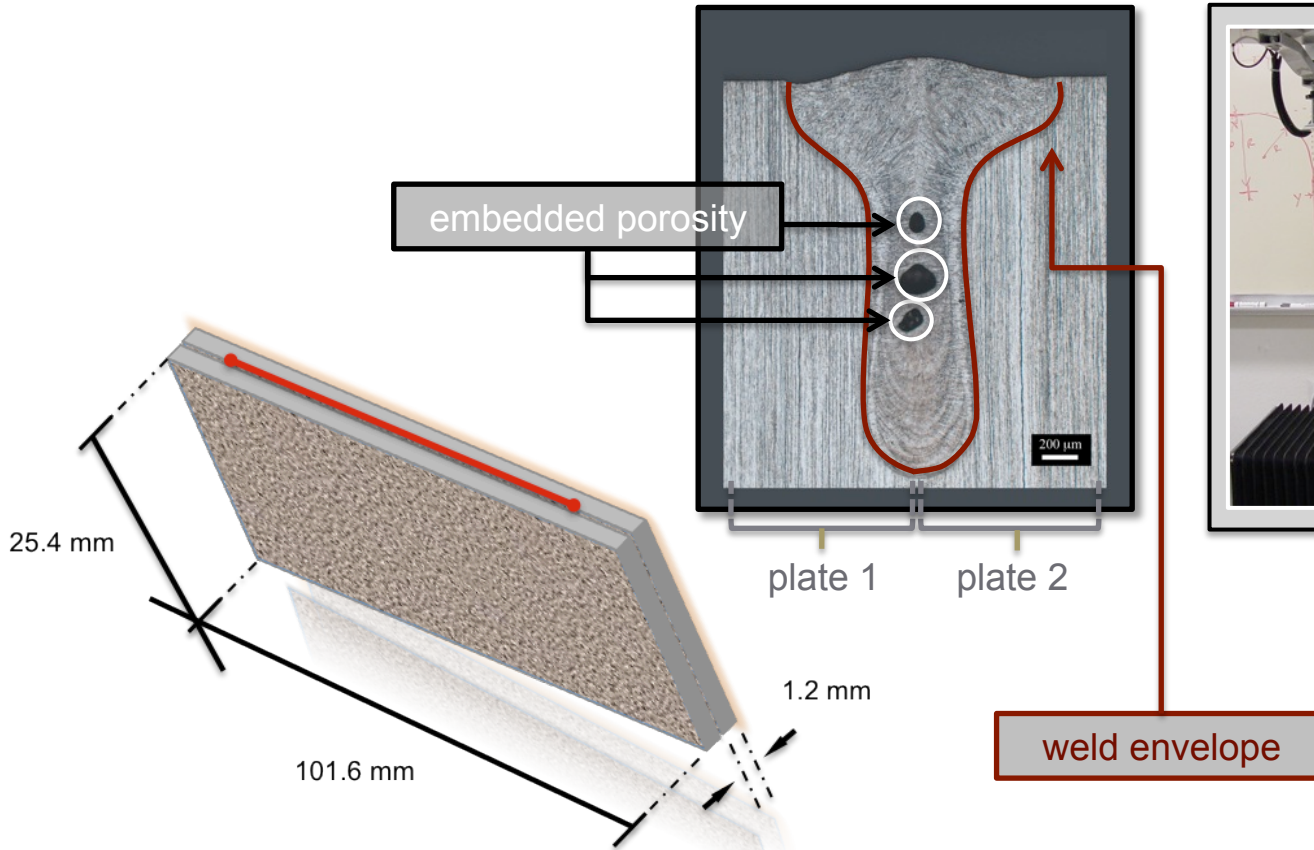
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Laser Welding

C	Cr	Cu	Mn	Mo	Ni	N	P	S	Si	Fe
0.03	18.09	0.2	1.73	0.16	8.57	0.06	0.024	0.001	0.36	bal.

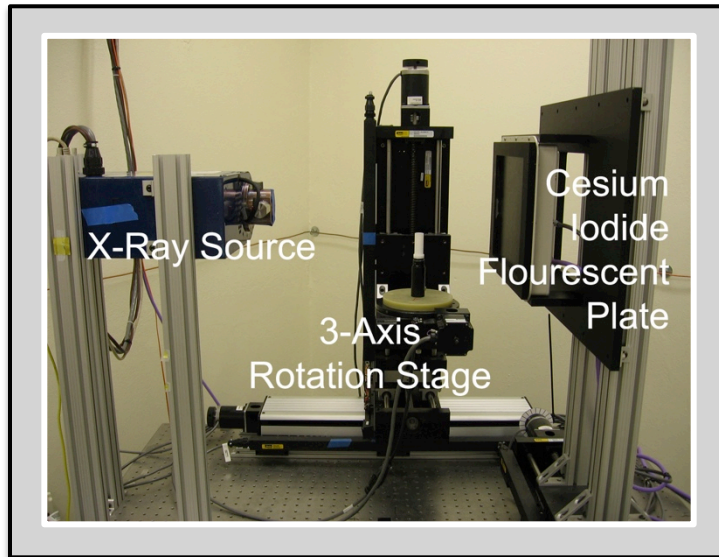
304L STAINLESS STEEL (wt%)



ROFIN SINAR Nd:YAG

- 3-axis stage
- Constant speed
- Ar shielding gas
- CW or PW

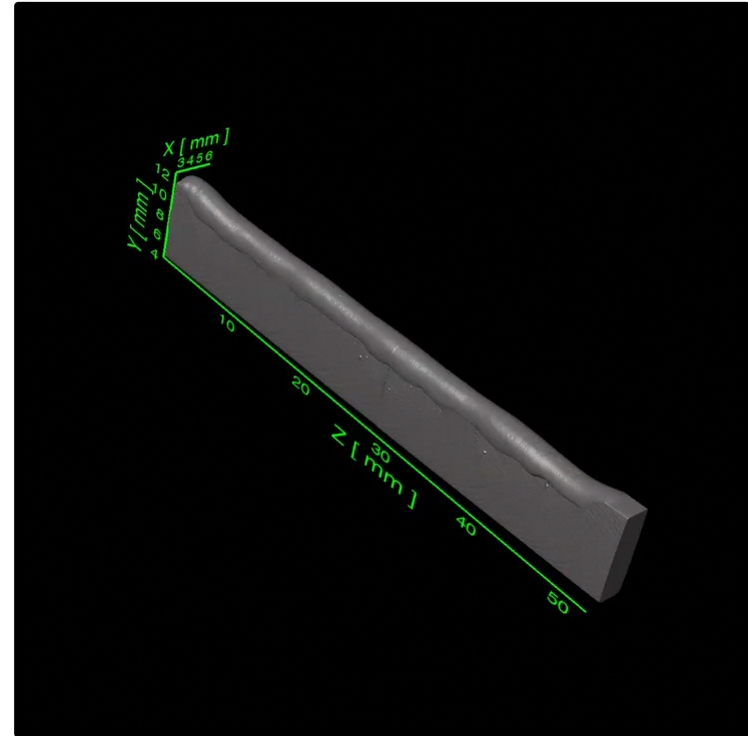
μ -Computed Tomography



Kevex PSX 10-65W X-ray Tube
Varian 2520 Detector



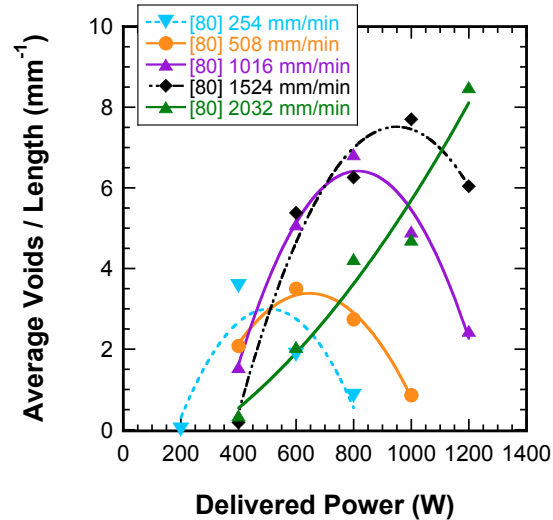
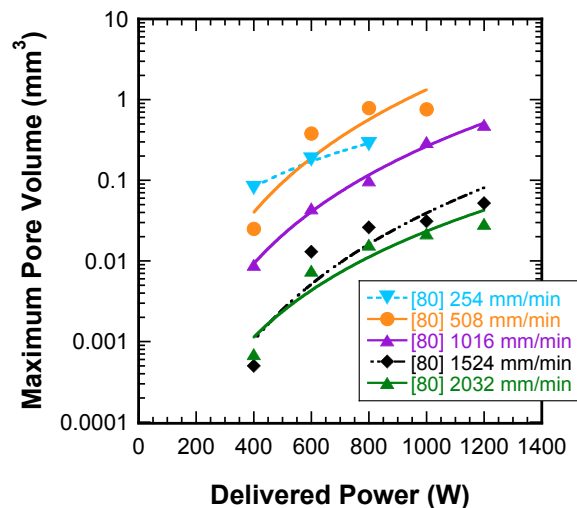
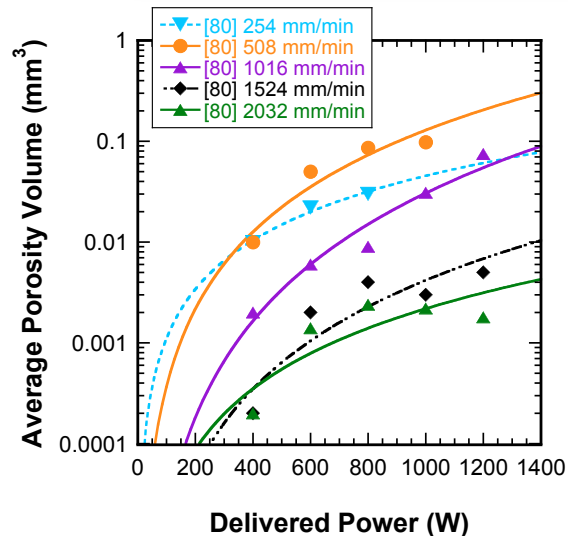
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YXLON Demountable Microfocus Tube



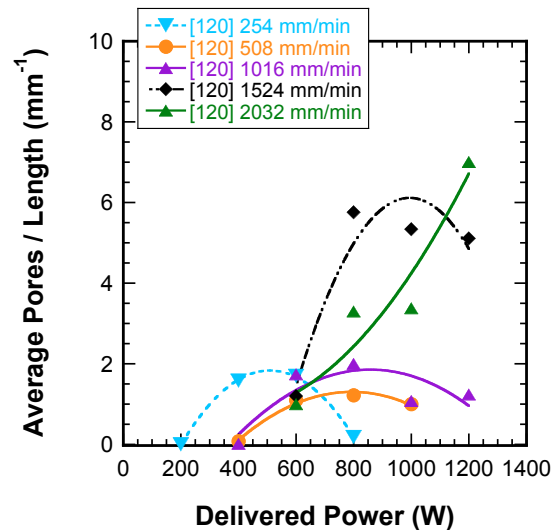
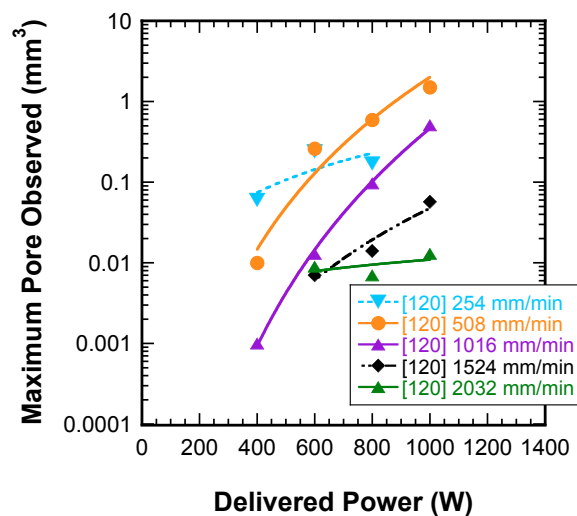
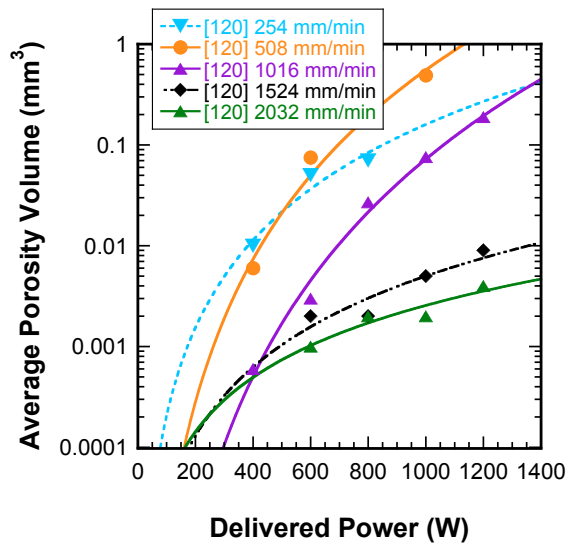
- At SNL we have multiple micro-computed tomography options for experimental characterization and non-destructive evaluation
- Options present an ability to accommodate various sample sizes and meet various resolution constraints
- 6 powers (200 – 1200 W)
- 5 speeds (200 – 2000 mm x min⁻¹)
- 2 focal lenses (80 mm | 120 mm)

Porosity Trends

80 mm lens

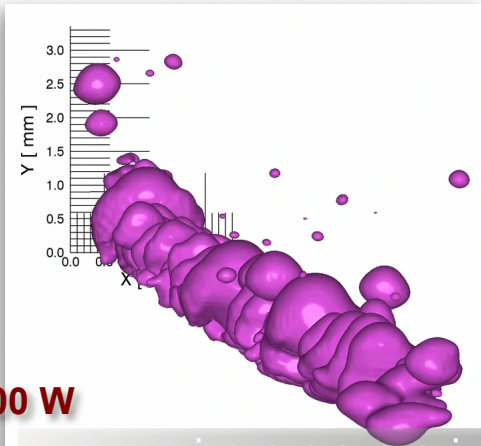


120 mm lens



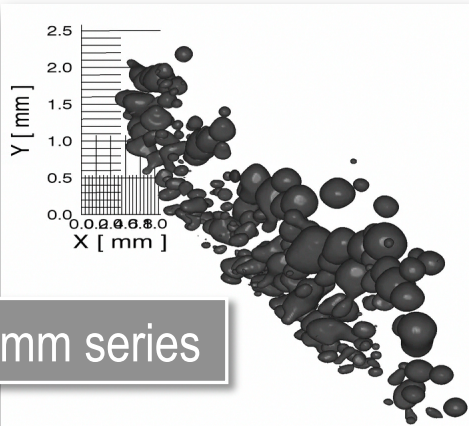
Porosity At First Glance

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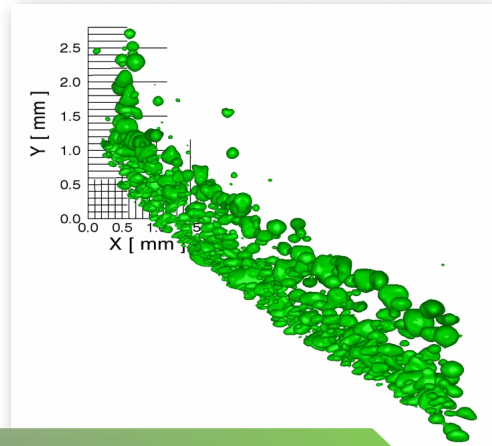
1200 W

1524 mm/min

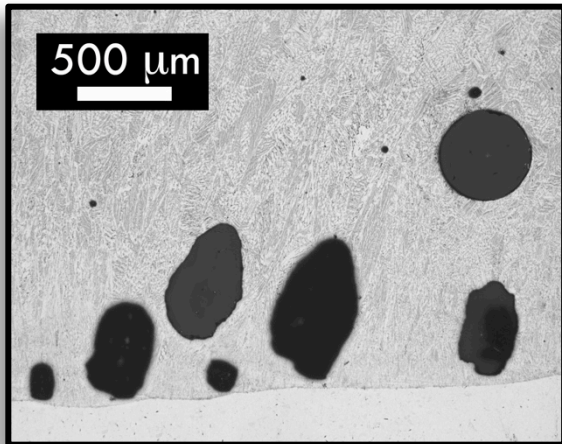


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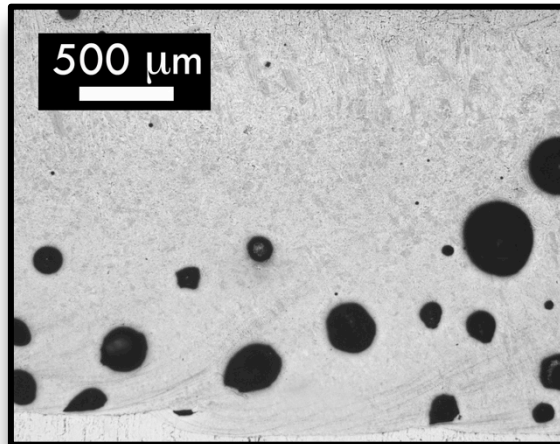
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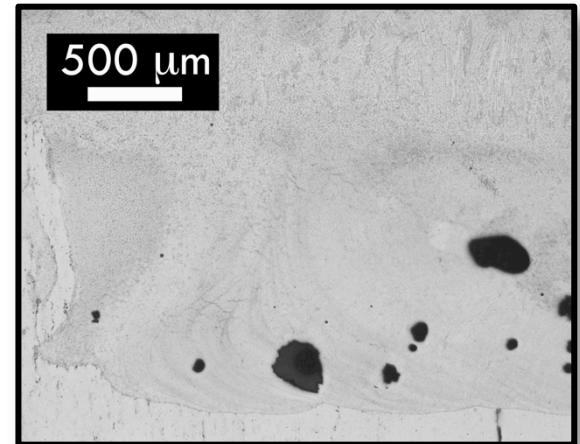
increasing weld speed



1016 mm/min



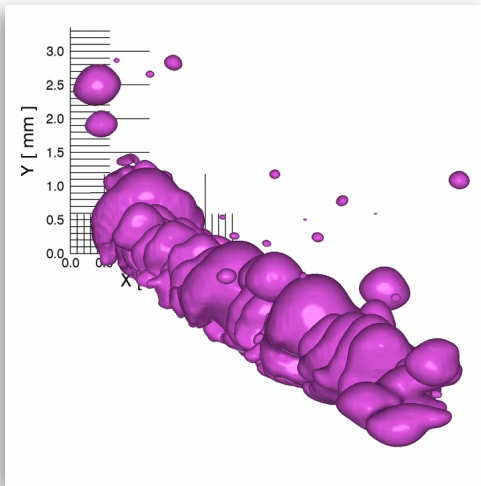
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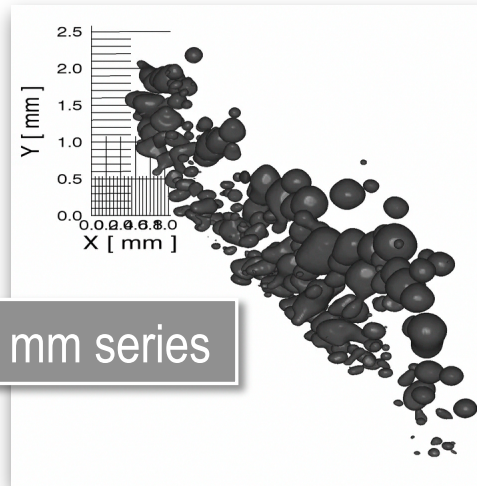
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Porosity Distributions

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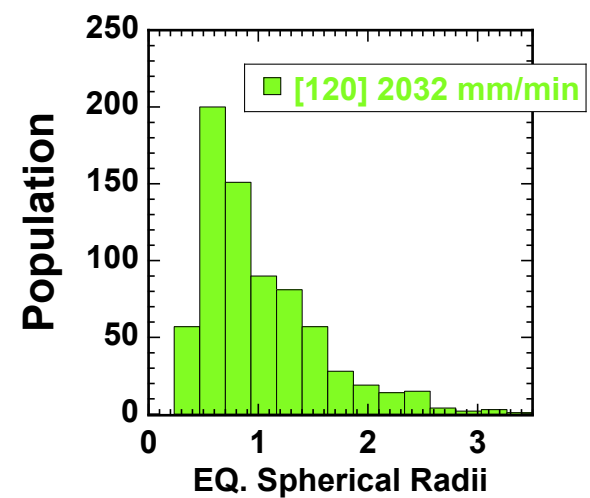
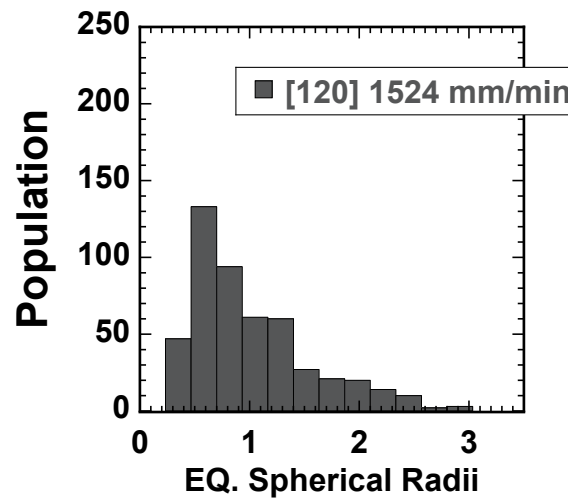
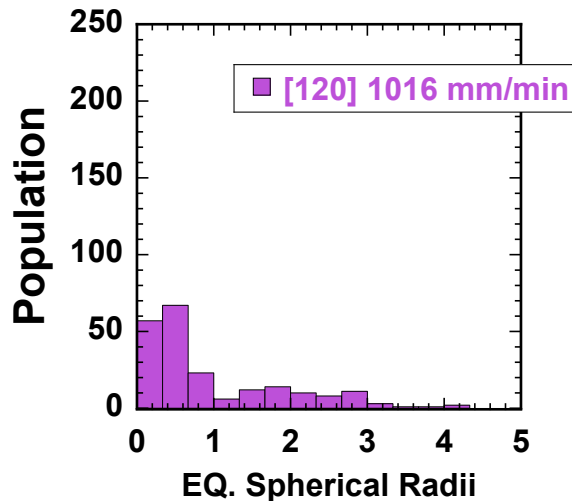
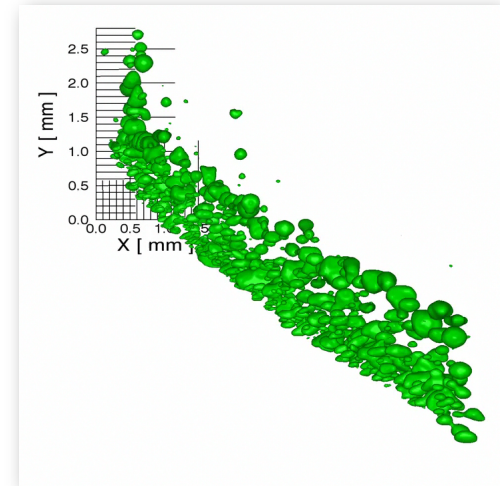


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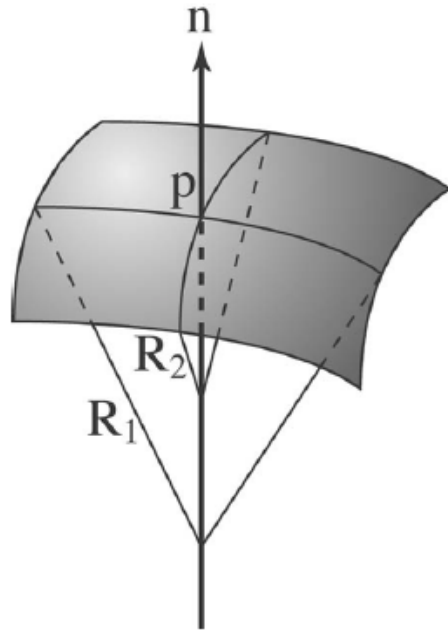


120 mm series

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Interfacial Measures



$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

Mean Curvature

$$K = \left(\frac{1}{R_1 R_2} \right)$$

Gaussian Curvature

$$\kappa_1 = H - \sqrt{H^2 - K}$$

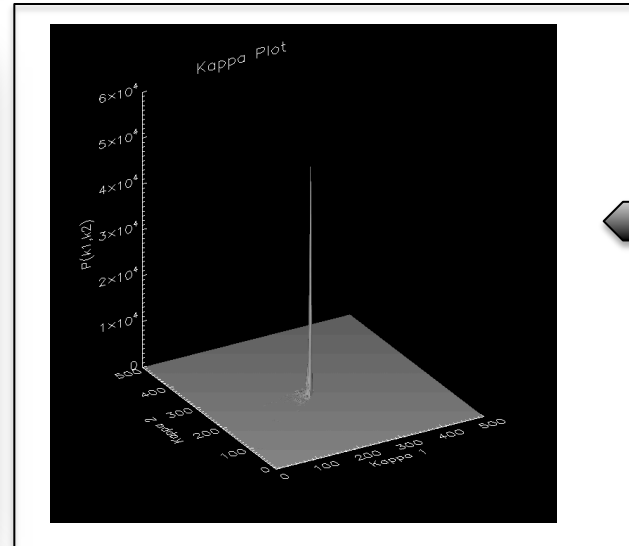
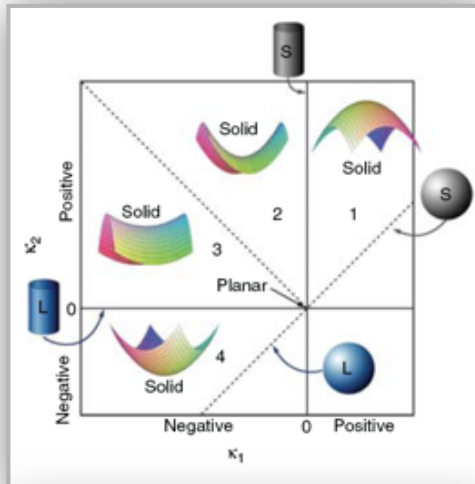
$$\kappa_2 = H + \sqrt{H^2 - K}$$

Minimum & Maximum
Principle Curvatures

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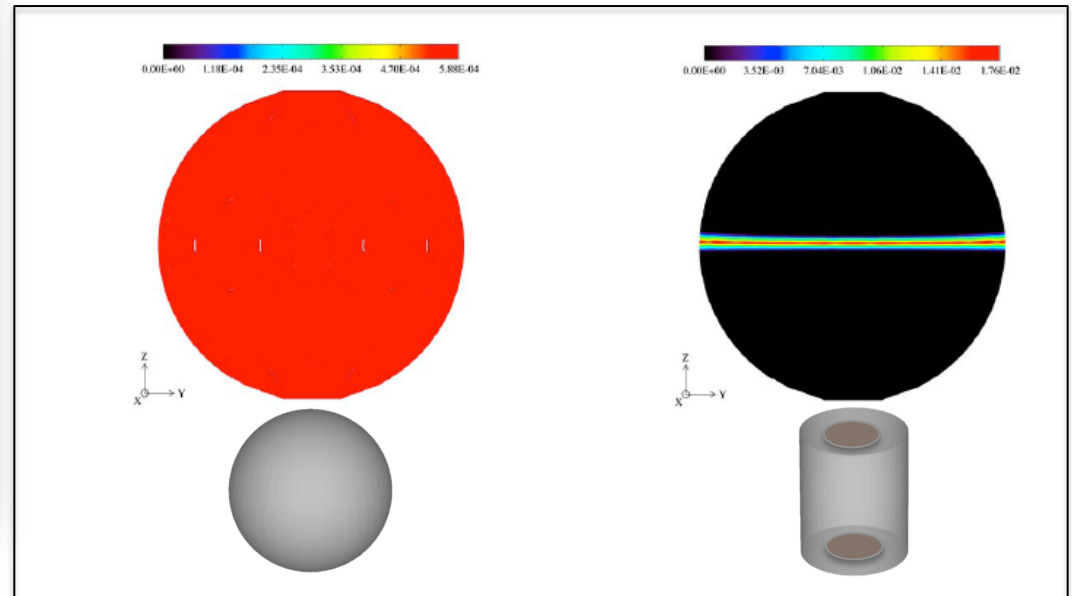
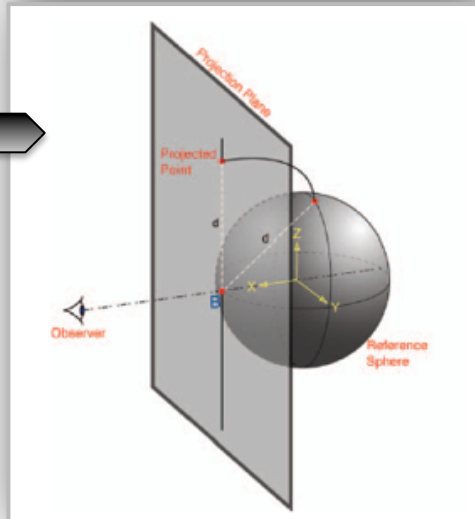
ISD



$$P(\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$$

$$P(n)$$

IND



Kammer & Voorhees, *Acta Mater.*,
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1200 W

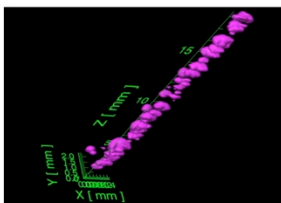
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DELIVERED

1000 W

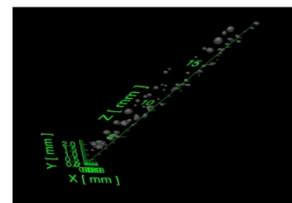
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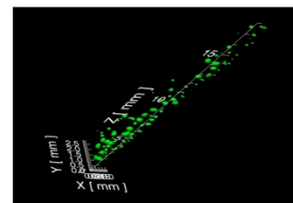
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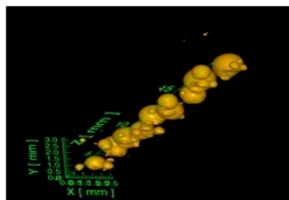
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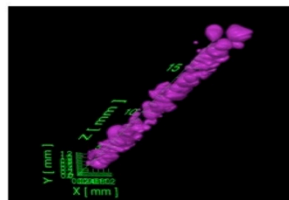
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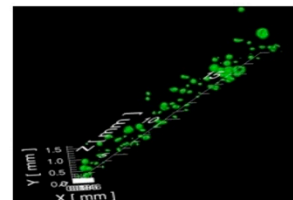
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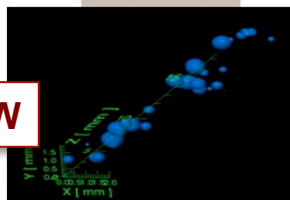
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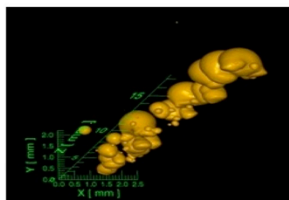
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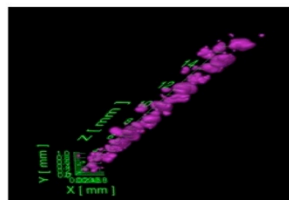
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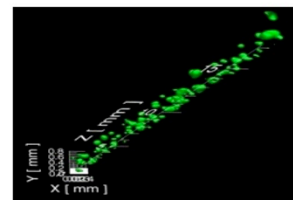
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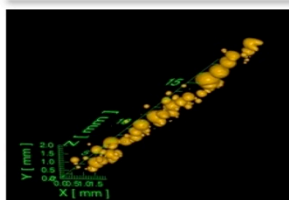
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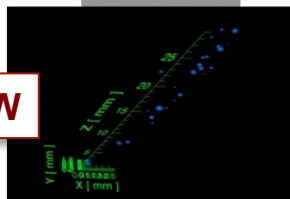
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120-400-10

120 mm series

INCREASING WELD SPEED

3D Reconstructions

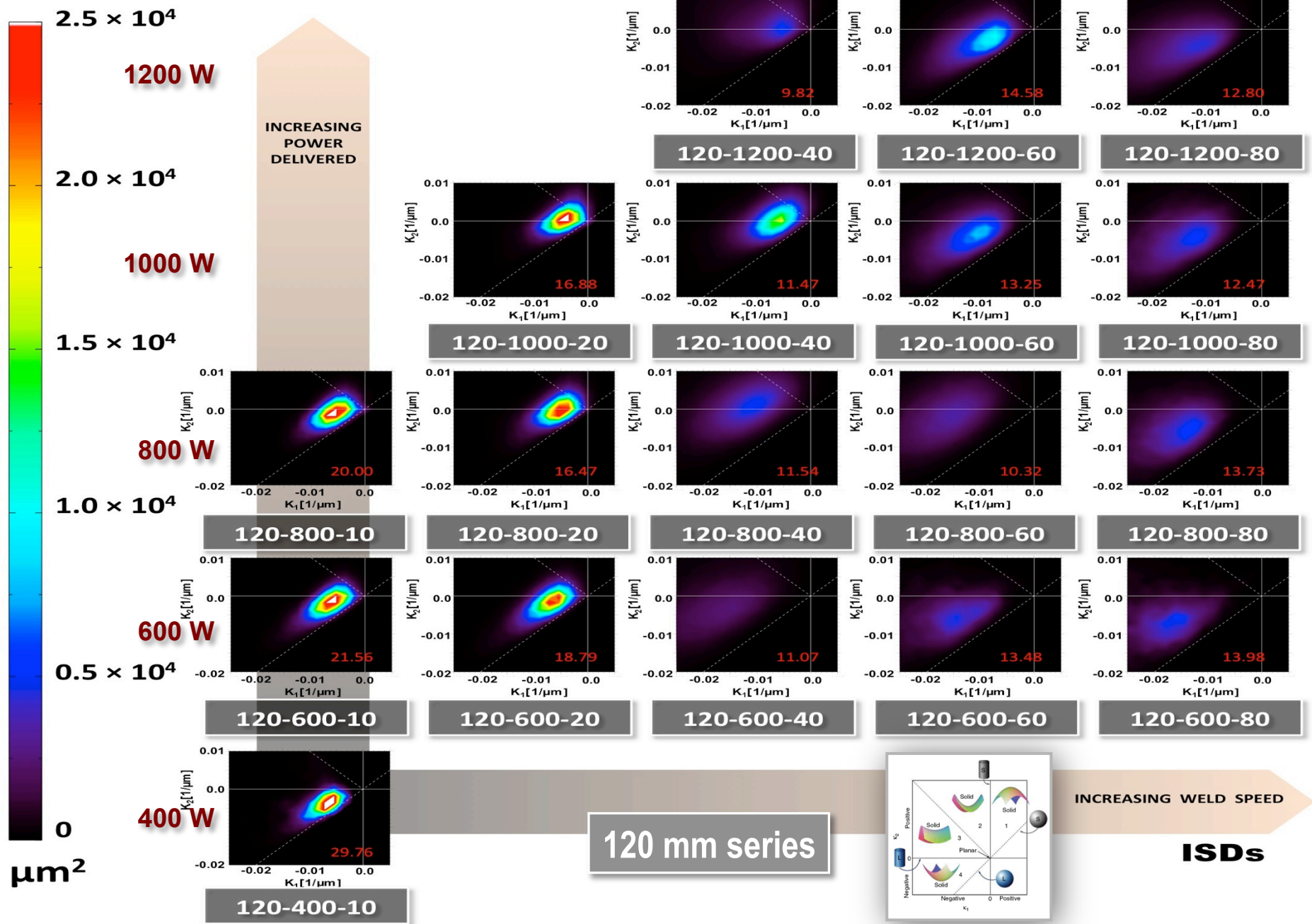
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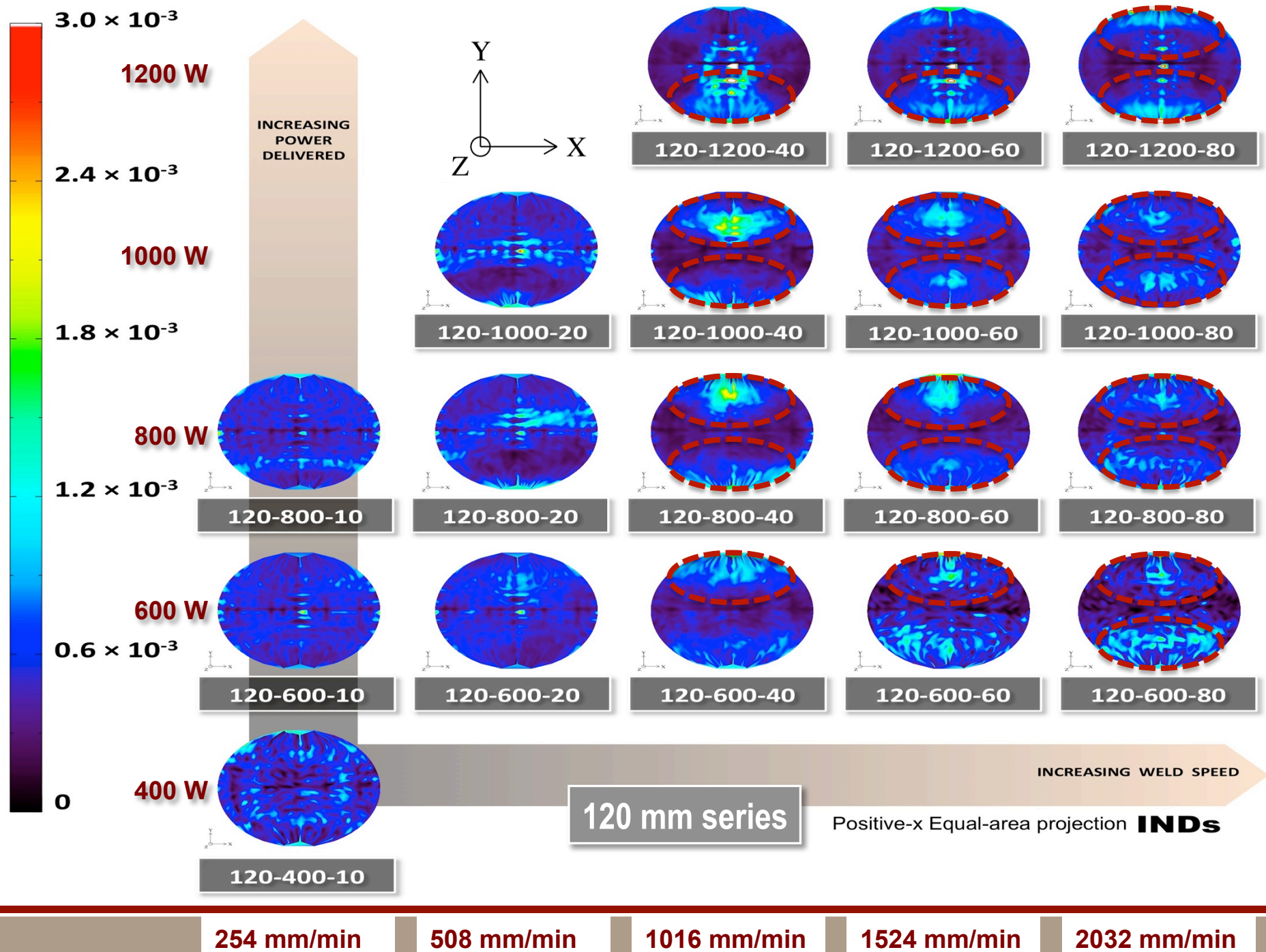
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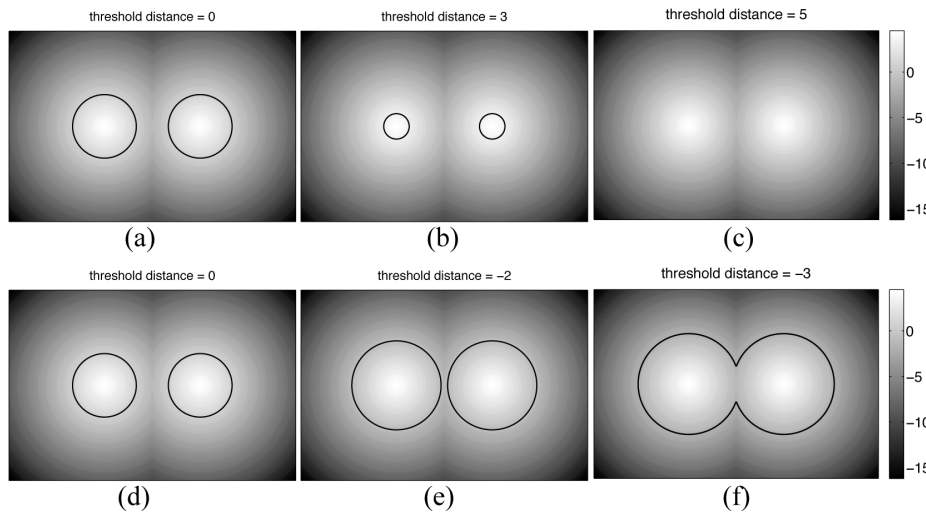
1524 mm/min

2032 mm/min





Pore Interspacing I

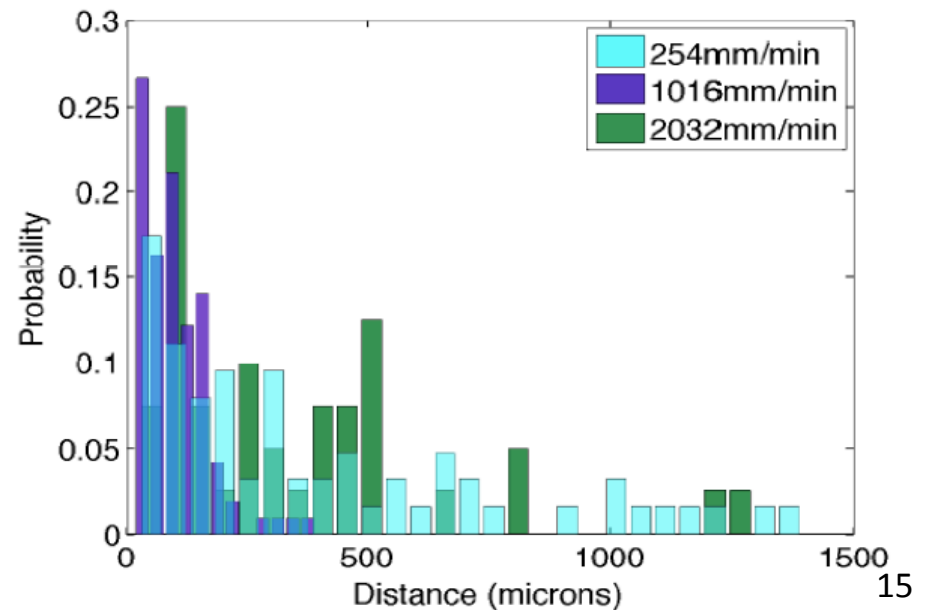
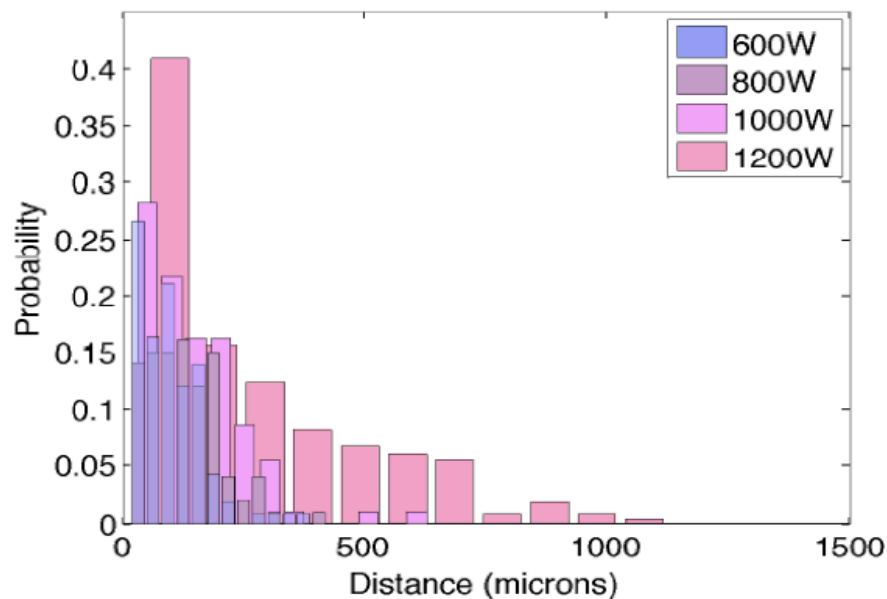


Interfacial Distance Distribution (IDD)

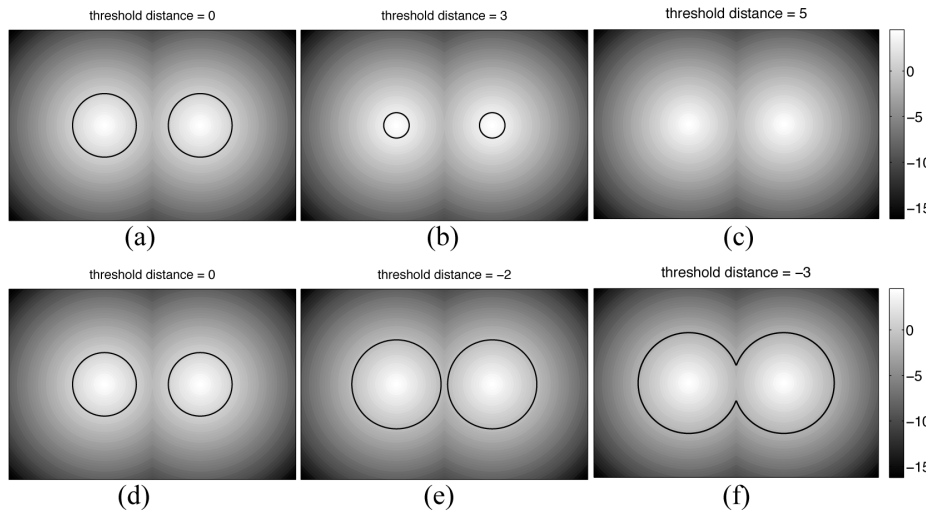
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Pore Interspacing Distribution (PID)

Measures the fraction of pores lying a specific interfacial distance apart by tracking topological changes in 3d under expanding or contracting isosurfaces



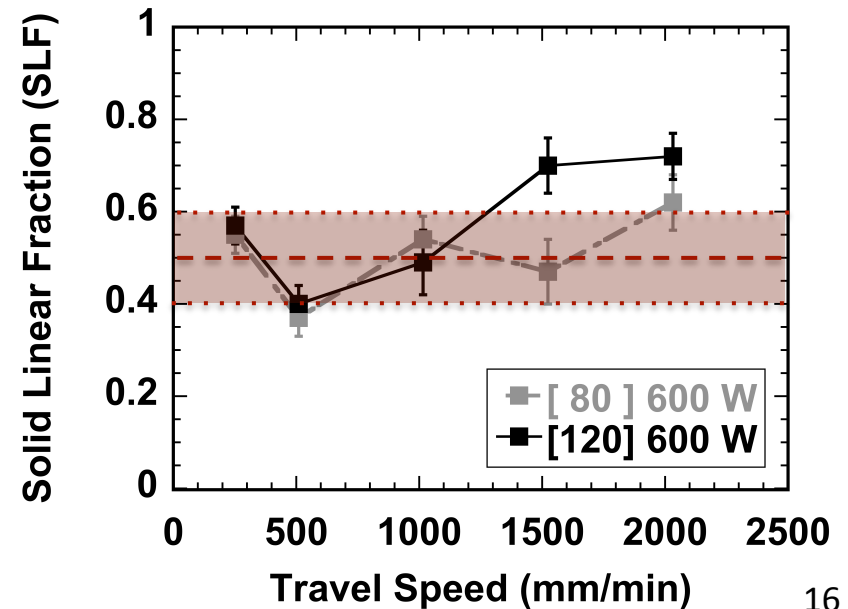
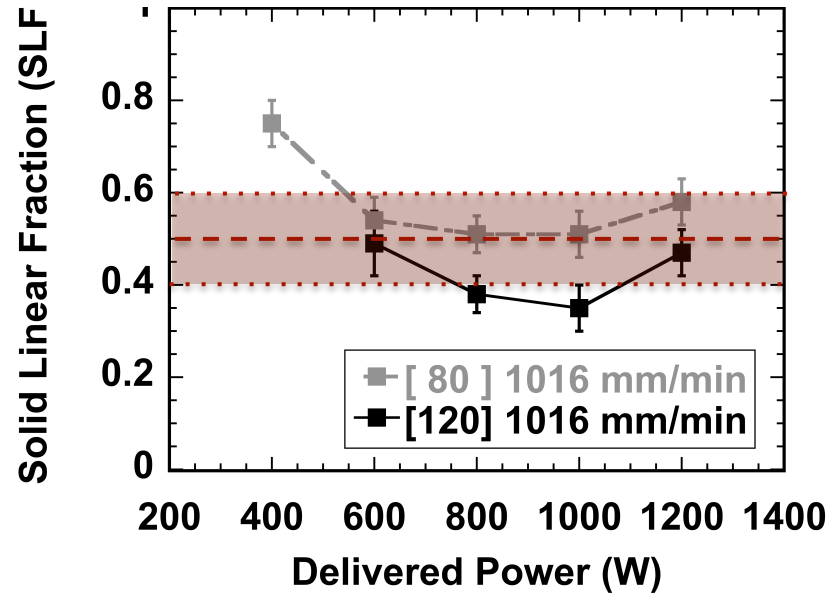
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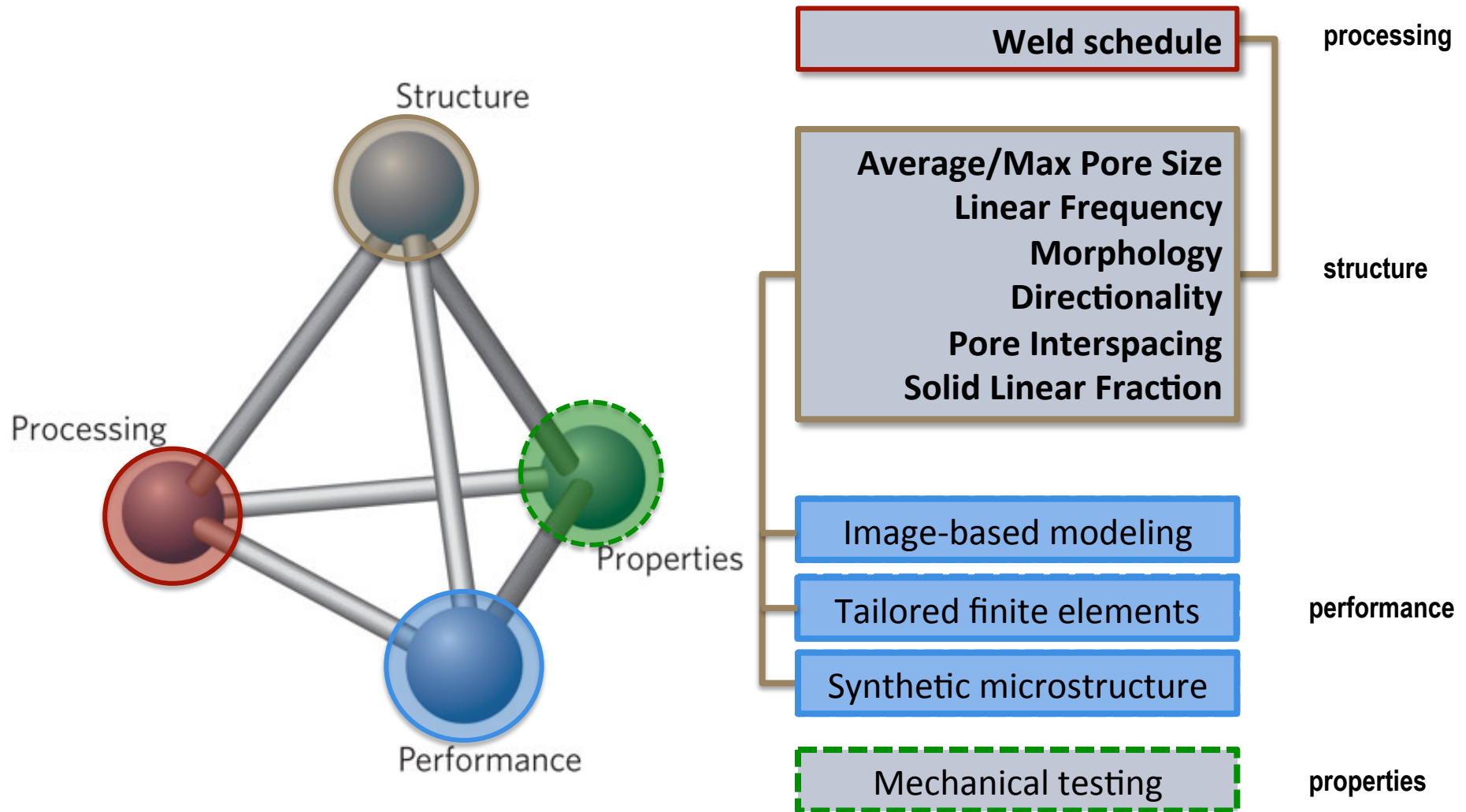
Solid Linear Fraction (SLF)

$$SLF = \frac{R}{r + R} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\bar{\mu}_w(PID))}{\mu(r) + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\mu}_w(PID))}$$

Provides a linear measure of solid fraction between centers of neighboring pores scaled relative to the average pore size



Now what.....



Pore Prediction

Gamma distribution with a shift $r_{\min} = 0.02\text{mm}$ and
Pore radii $= R = r_{\min} + X$ where X is a gamma random variable
with shape parameters $\alpha, \beta > 0$ estimated from observation

moment of
PDF of X $= E[X^r] = \beta^r \Gamma(\alpha + r) / \Gamma(\alpha)$ for $r \geq 1$

mean $= \mu_X = \beta \Gamma(\alpha + 1) / \Gamma(\alpha) = \alpha \beta$

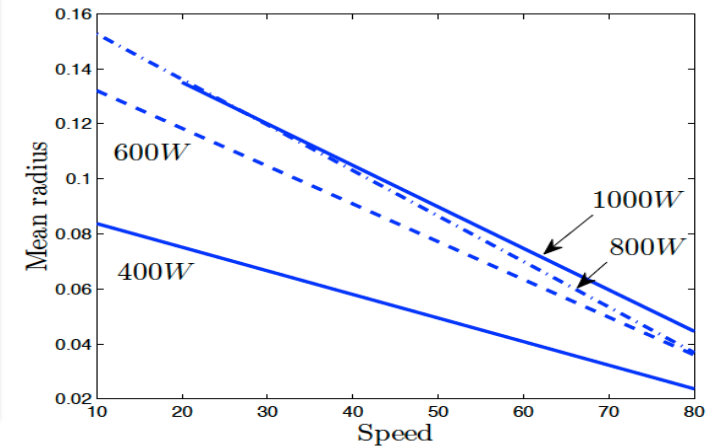
variance $= \sigma_X^2 = \alpha \beta^2$

coefficient of
variation $= v_X = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2} / \mu_X = \alpha^{-1/2}$

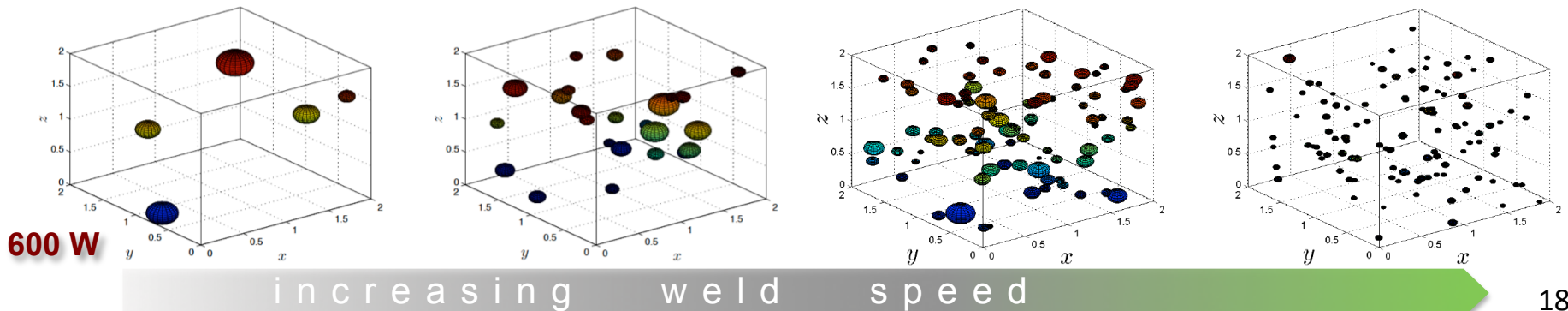
skewness
coefficient $= \gamma_{3,X} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_X)^3]}{(E[(X - \mu_X)^2])^{3/2}} = 2\alpha^{-1/2}$

$E[R] = r_{\min} + \mu_X$

$\gamma_{3,X} = \gamma_3$



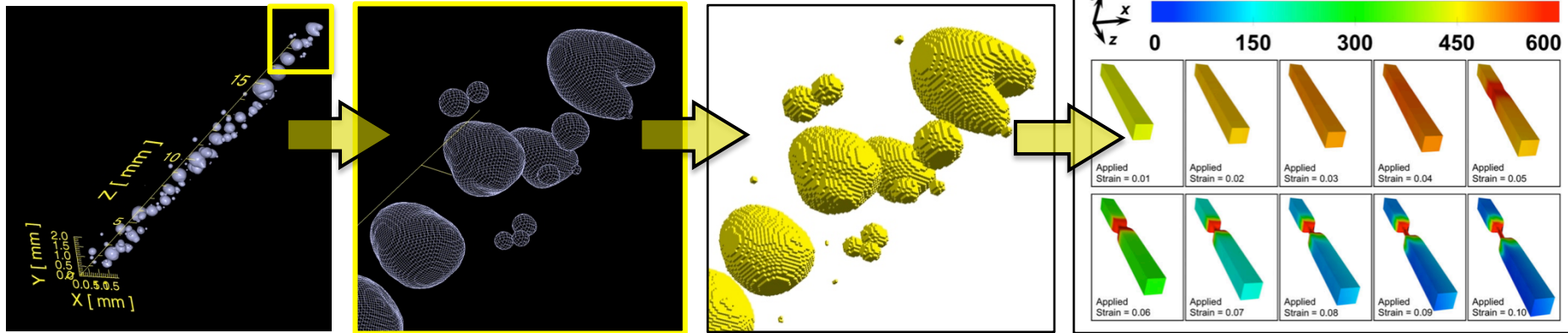
$$r_{\text{mean}} = \begin{cases} 0.0923 - 0.0009v \\ 0.1458 - 0.0014v \\ 0.1692 - 0.0017v \\ (0.1652 - 0.0015v) (v \geq 20) \end{cases} \quad \gamma_3 = \begin{cases} 0.6267, & \text{for 400W} \\ 0.8735, & \text{for 600W} \\ 0.9784, & \text{for 800W} \\ 0.9359, & \text{for 1000W} \end{cases}$$



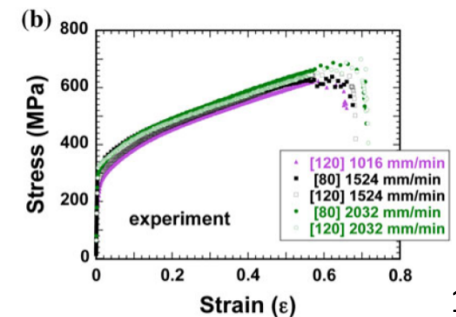
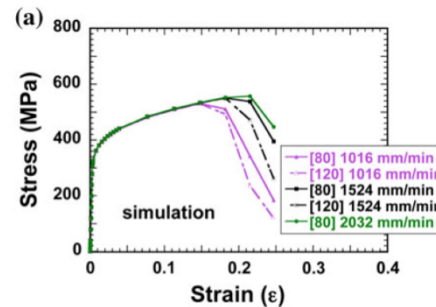
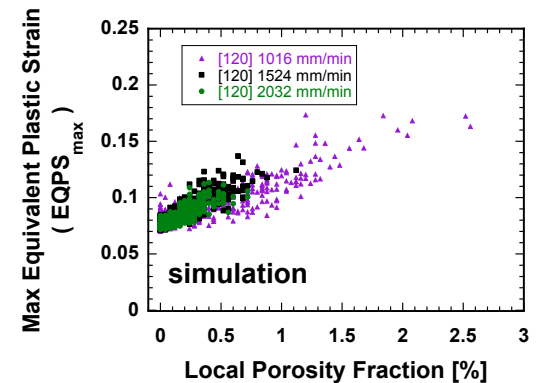
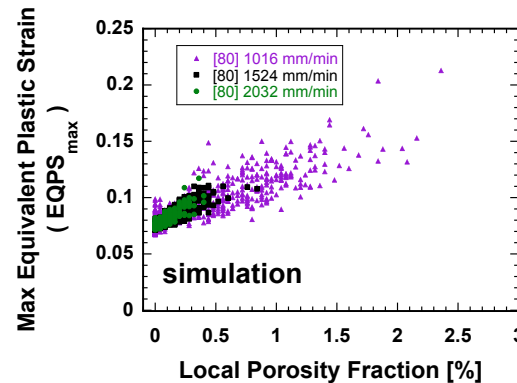
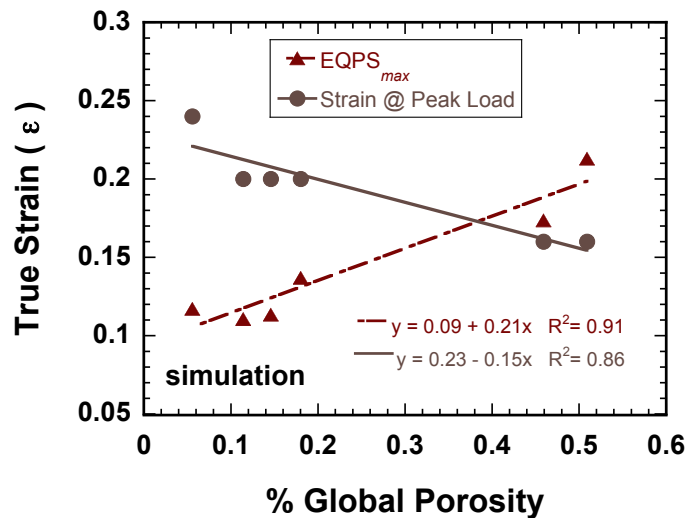
Mechanical Response I

Explicit microstructure

Jas3D



We explicitly embed the 3d microstructure obtained via μ CT into a F.E.A. environment to examine local and global strain behavior and compare this to tensile tests of the actual microstructures



Mechanical Response II

Empirically Informed Ideal Cases

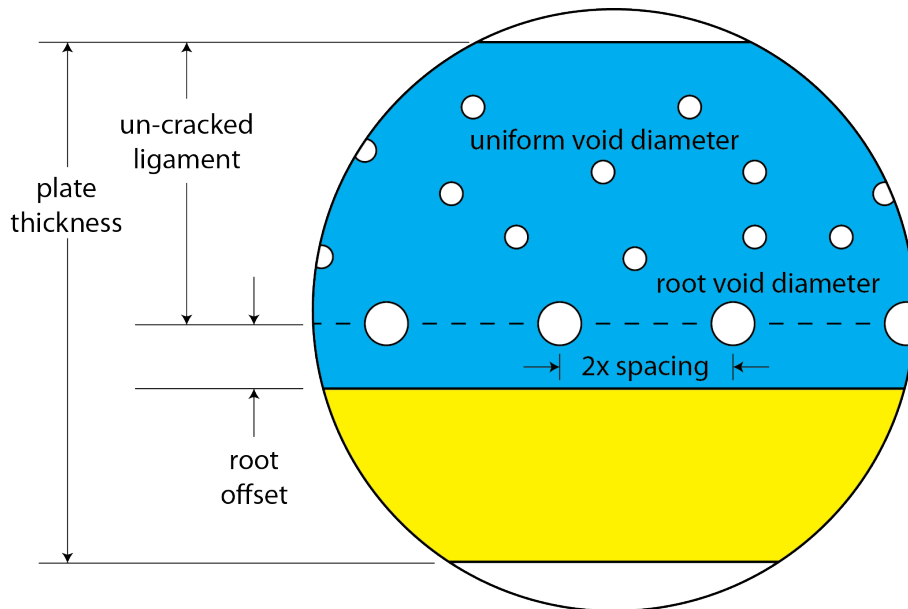
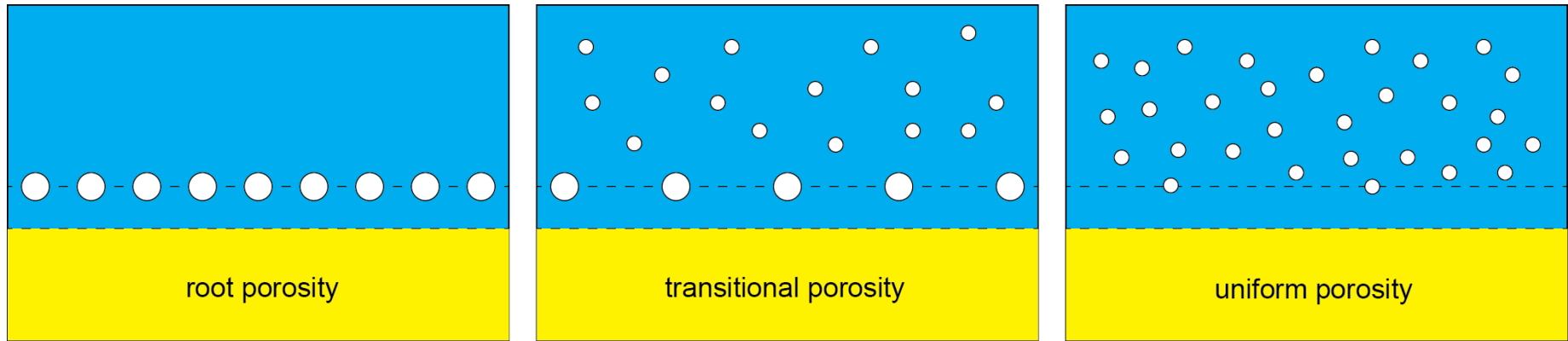
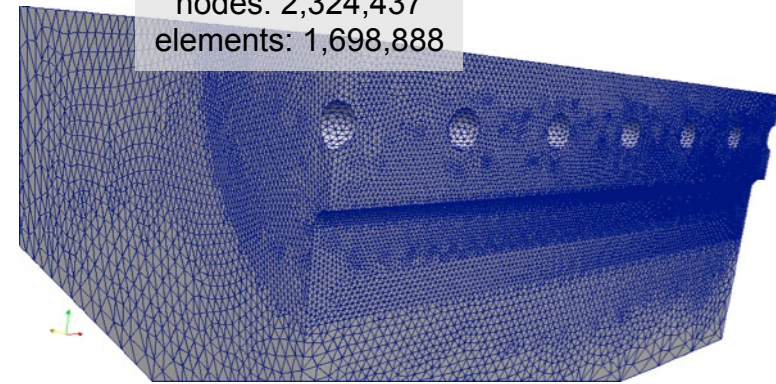
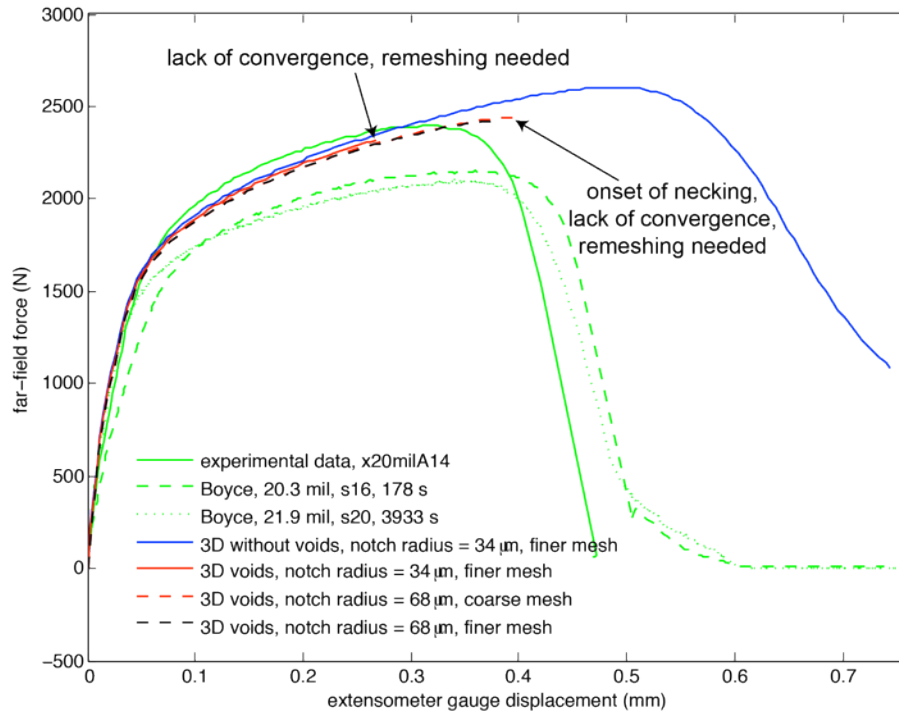


plate thickness: 0.090 in., 2.29 mm
un-cracked ligament: 0.060 in., 1.52 mm
root offset: 280 microns
root void diameter: 191 microns
uniform void diameter: 95.2 microns
root void spacing: 1D, 191 microns
common area fraction: 0.049

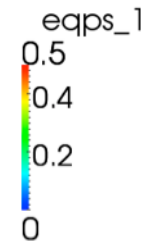
Root porosity is uniformly distributed - uniform porosity is randomly distributed. ☺ 20

Mechanical Response III

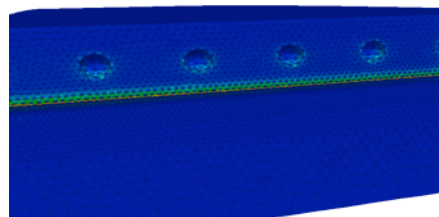
Characteristic measures



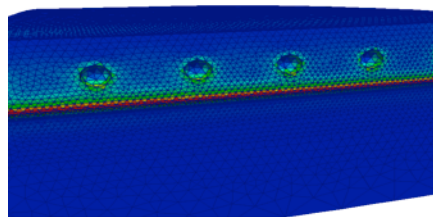
notch radius: 68 μm
nodes: 2,324,437
elements: 1,698,888



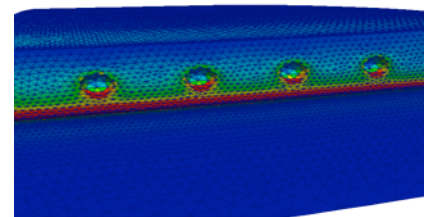
Sheet thickness: 1.6 mm
Ligament length: 508 μm
Number of voids: 6
Void diameter: 150 μm
Area fraction: 0.066 (~target)
Location: centerline of ligament
Coarse element size: 24 μm
Finer element size: 12 μm
Element type: composite-tet (10 nodes)



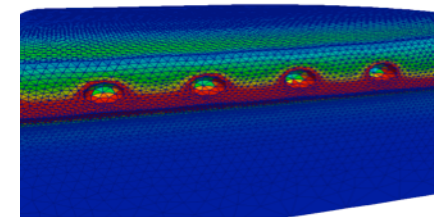
$t = 0.20$ s



$t = 0.40$ s



$t = 0.60$ s



$t = 0.86$ s

Summary

- Average and maximum pore volume increases with decreases speed or increasing power
- Pore frequency can be reduced by increasing power beyond a speed specific threshold
- ISDs and INDs illustrate pore shape and directionality are qualitatively and quantitatively similar for a given welding speed despite power delivered
- ISDs show pore shapes are nearly spherical or ellipsoidal at low and high travel speeds and are far more irregular at moderate travel speeds.
- INDs show pore orientations become anisotropic at moderate to high travel speeds with large concentrations of pore interfacial normals pointing toward and away from the direction of laser incidence.
- Characteristic pore interspacing is nominally equivalent to characteristic pore diameter for welds with a broad range of process parameters, as reflected in the solid linear fraction (SLF) values.
- A predictive model for instantiation of pore quantity, size and their distributions has been developed based on experimentally characterized laser welds of 304L SS
- Preliminary modeling and experiments both show while smaller collections of pore volumes may significantly outnumber larger pores, smaller collections can sustain greater strains and accommodate higher stresses, even when spaced similarly as larger pore collections

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