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Acoustic Wavenumber Spectroscopy

- used as a nondestructive evaluation technique
- transducer provides single-tone steady-state excitation to specimen being examined
- laser Doppler vibrometer (LDV) takes raster scan of moving part and records complex-valued velocity response
- from there, we can analyze amplitude, phase, and wavenumber of spatial response



AWS inspection of Boeing 737

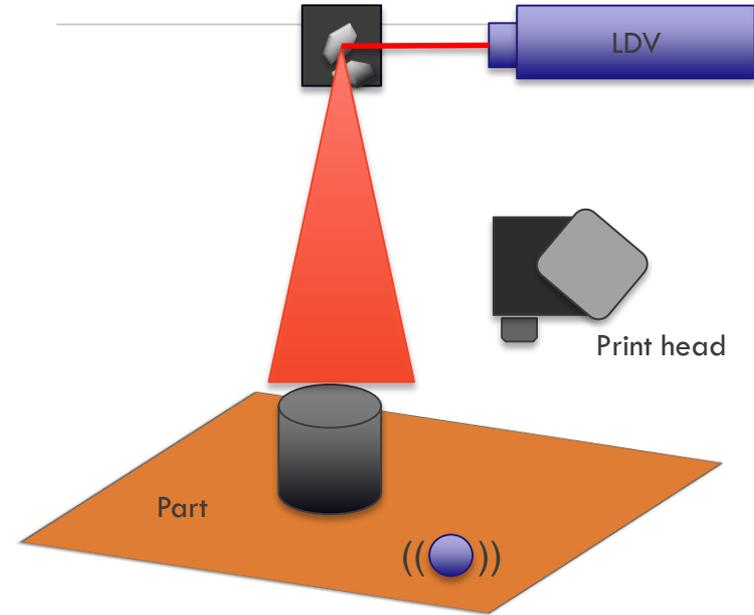
- 1 In-process inspection for additive manufacturing
- 2 AWS inspection of complex geometries- scanning at oblique angles
- 3 Nondestructive evaluation of aerospace composite materials

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Additive Manufacturing

3D-Printing Inspection

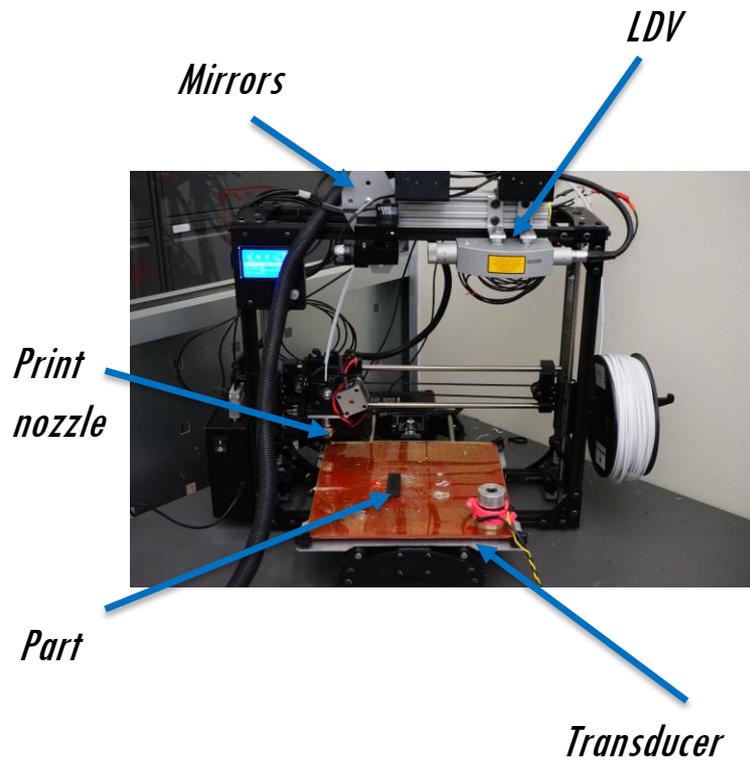
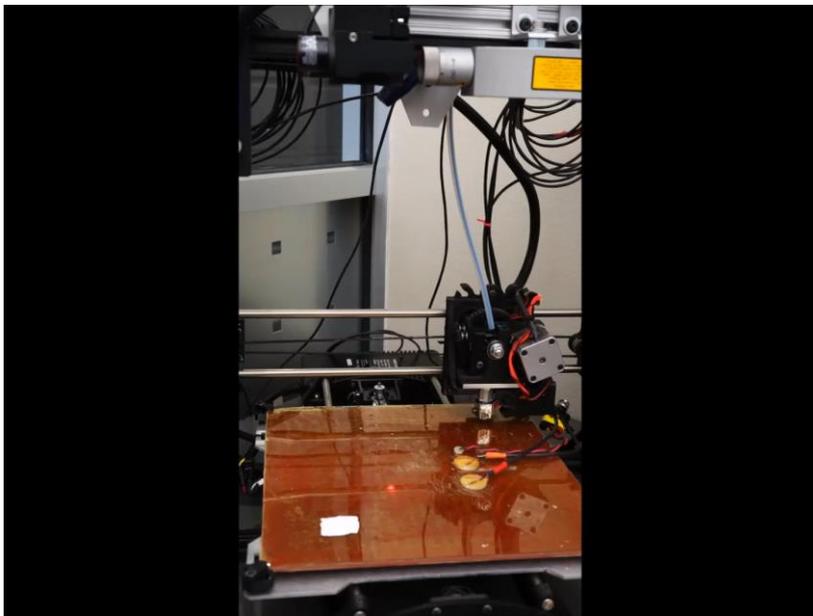
- Currently 25% of post-manufacturing process is spent on inspection (NASA)
- Develop fast, layer-by-layer inspection technique to minimize cost and effort
- Altered g-code of 3D-printer
 - Inserted python script for AWS scan



Between layers, the print head is removed from the 3D-printed part so that the LDV can take a raster scan of the part's surface layer.

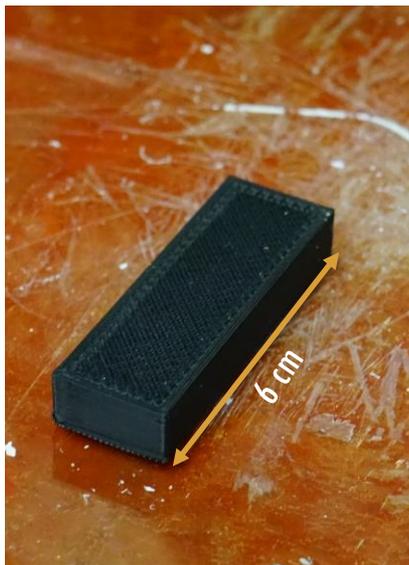


Experimental Setup





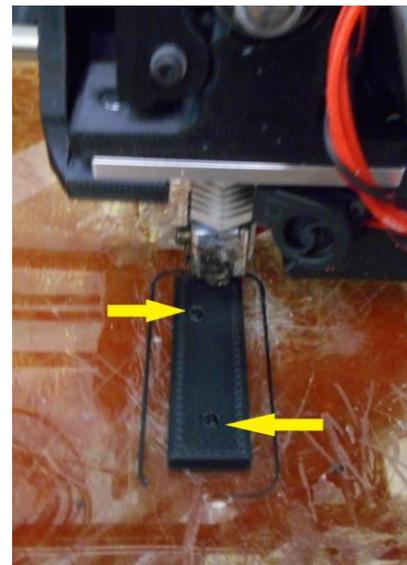
Introducing Damage



“Healthy” print



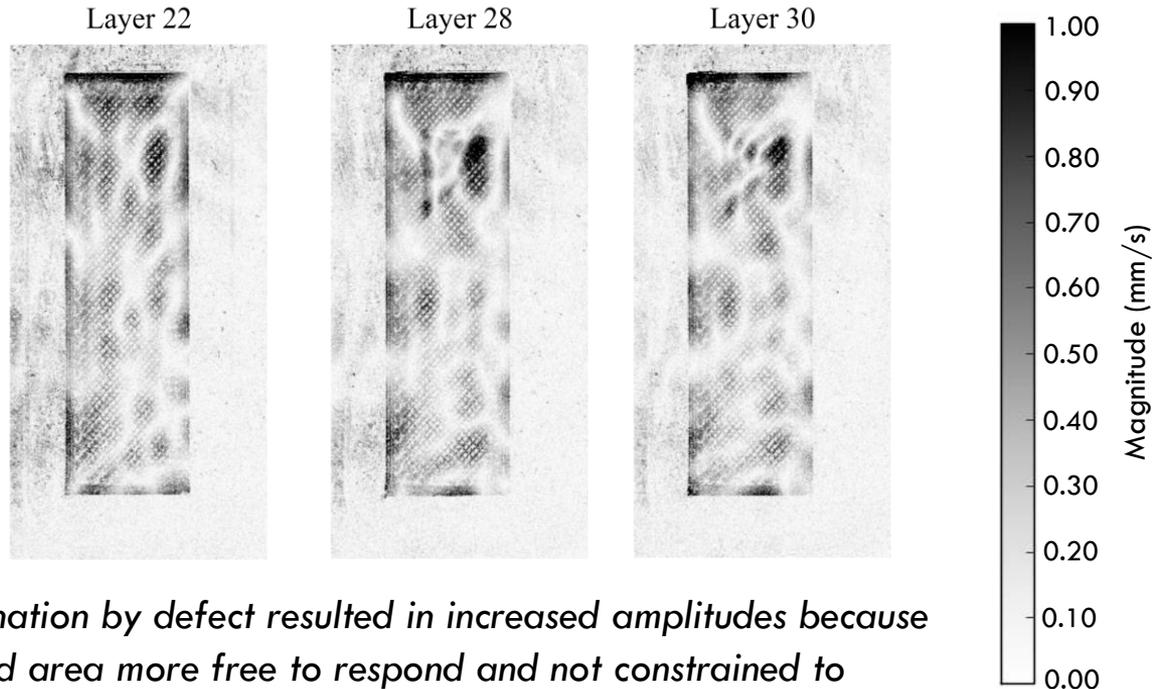
Foreign object damage print



Localized heating damage print



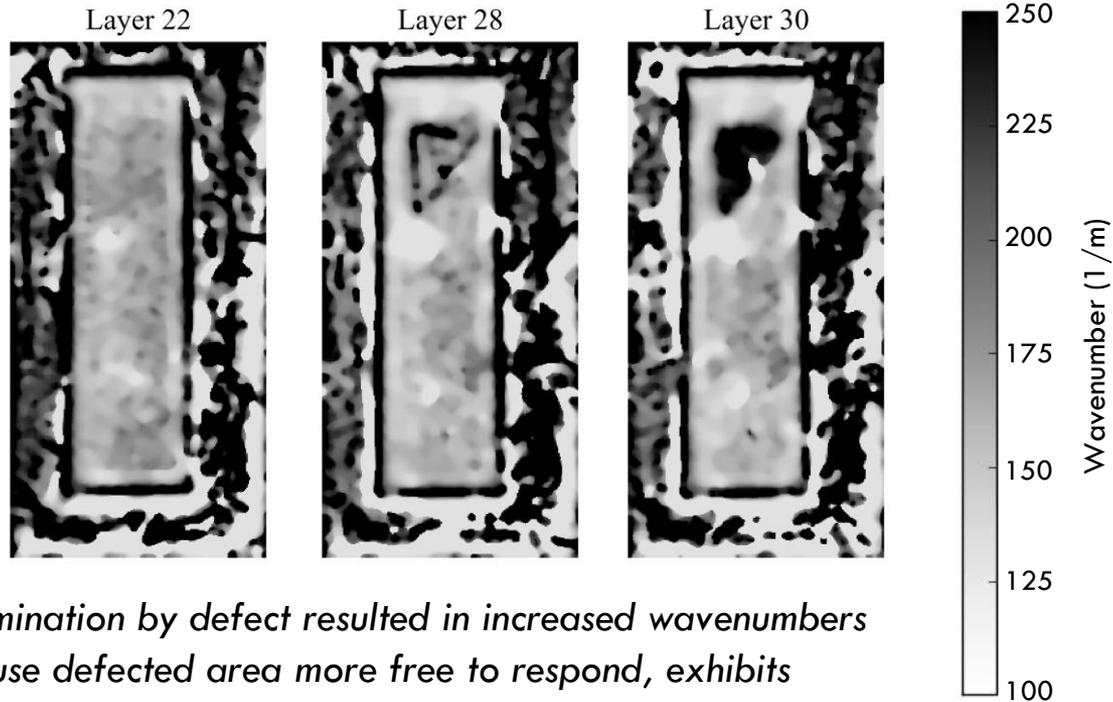
Detecting Damage using Amplitude



Delamination by defect resulted in increased amplitudes because defected area more free to respond and not constrained to greater mass and greater stiffness of 3D-printed part



Detecting Damage using Wavenumber



Delamination by defect resulted in increased wavenumbers because defected area more free to respond, exhibits decreased stiffness, and lower mass

Results

Foreign Object Damage Print

- Damage introduced in 27th layer
- Seen in amplitude plots from 27th to 35th layers
- Wavenumber plots from 27th layer to 39th layer



Damage introduced between these layers

Layer

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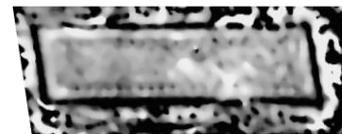
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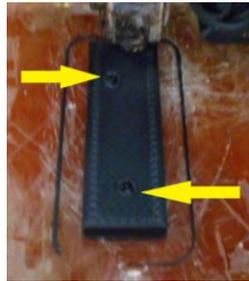
Amplitude (mm/s)

Wavenumber (1/m)

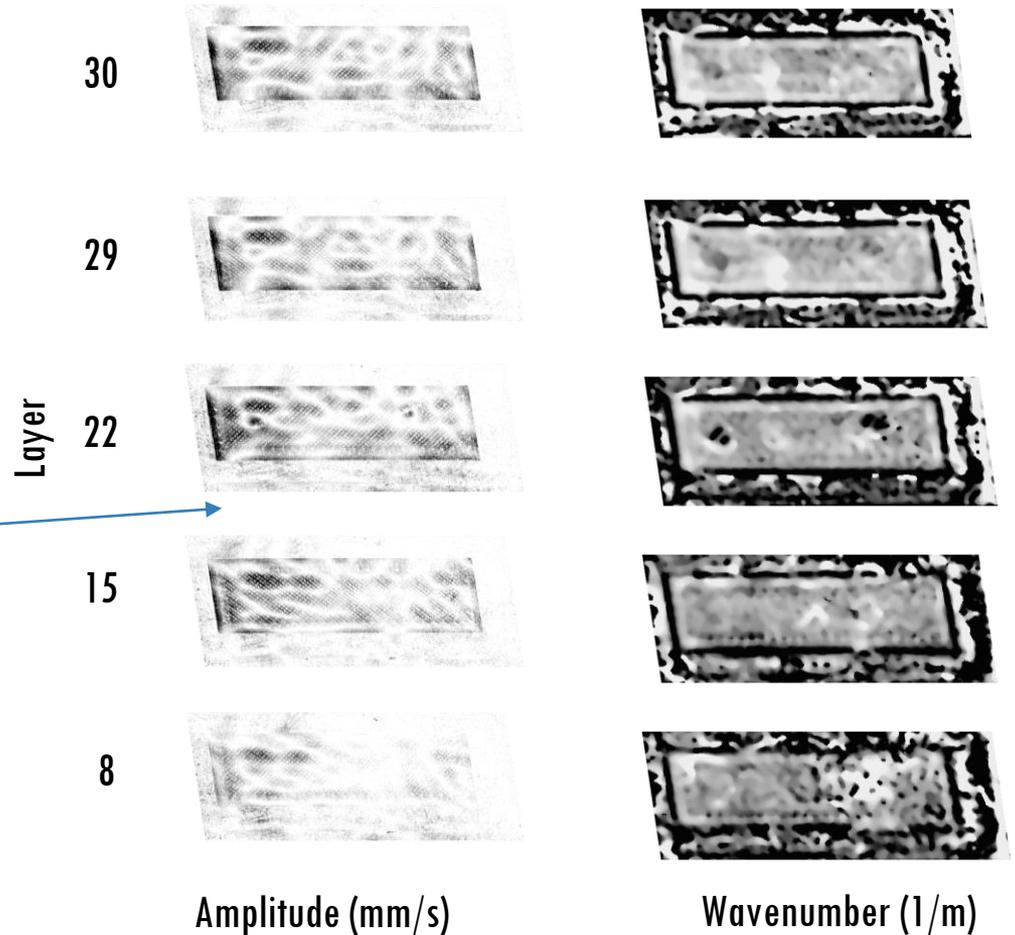
Results

Localized Heating Damage Print

- Damage introduced in 20th layer
- Seen in amplitude plots from 20th to 31st layers
- Wavenumber plots from 20th layer to 34th layer

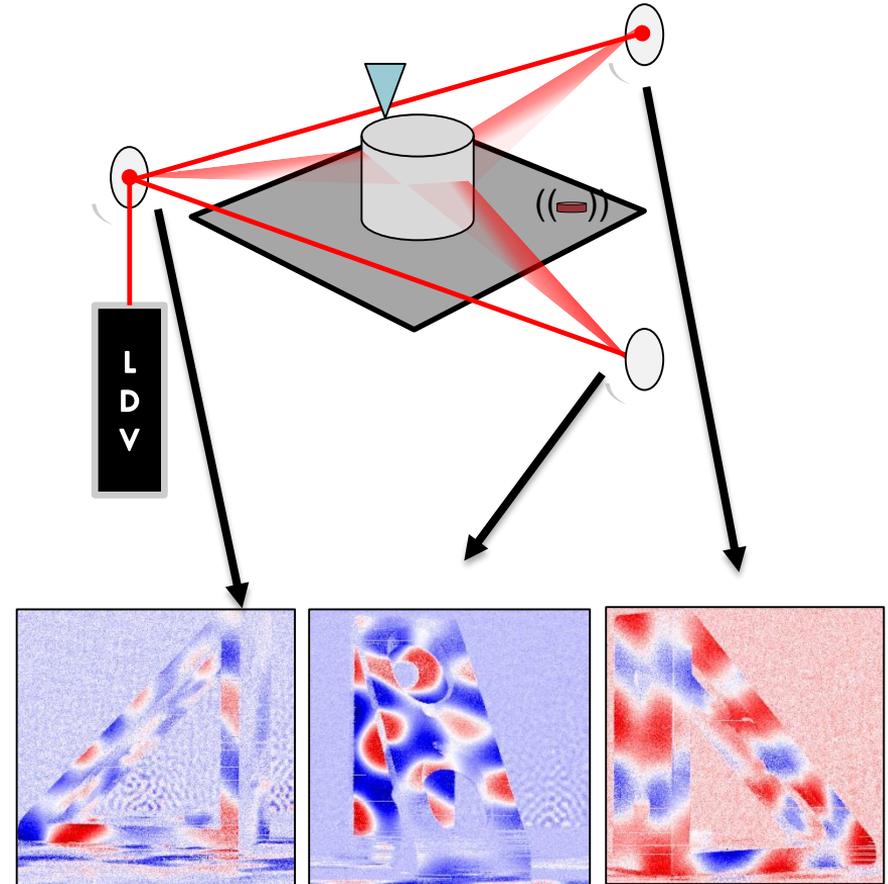


Damage introduced between these layers



Summary and Future Investigations

- Amplitude provides most accurate lens as to size, shape, and nature of given defect
- Wavenumber can detect damage in later layers of print
- AWS can provide layer-by-layer in-process inspection for additive manufacturing
- In future, would like to investigate use of multiple scanning mirrors to provide 360° inspection



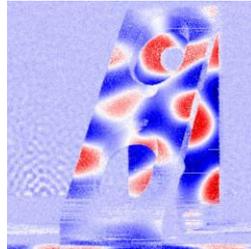
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Scanning at Oblique Angles



Perspective Projection and Interpolation

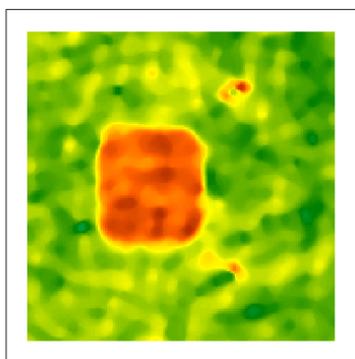
- Goal is to scan more complex geometries:
 - 3D-printed components
 - Beams/joints
 - Round surfaces



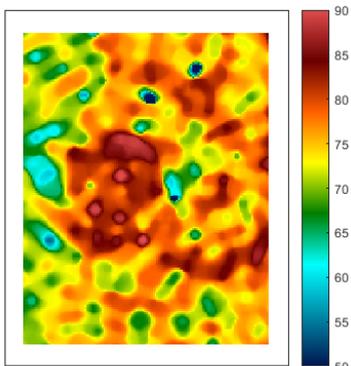


The Problem

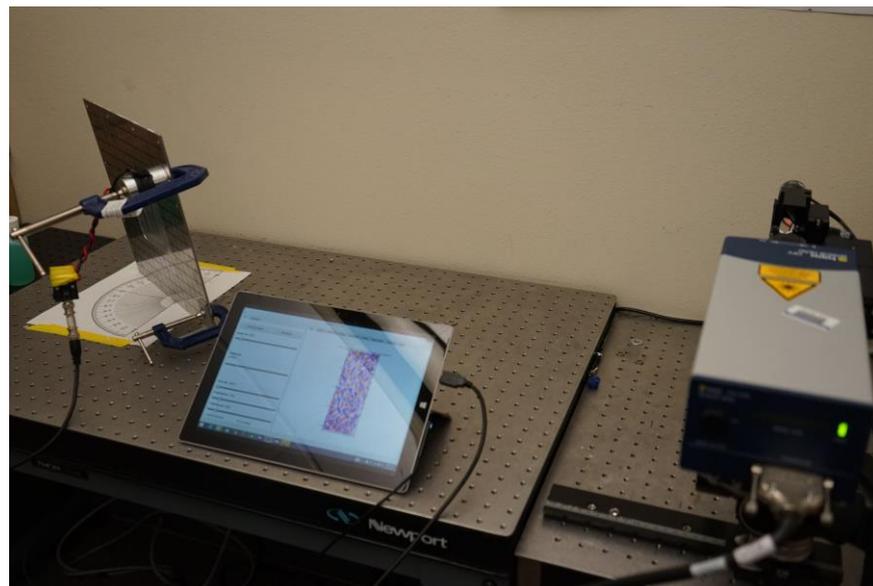
- scans taken at non-normal incidence angle result in skewed wavenumber responses due to perspective



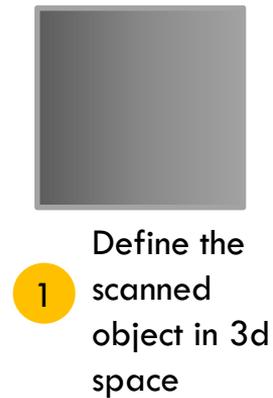
Damaged sample #3 scanned at 0° incidence angle



Damaged sample #3 scanned at 30° incidence angle



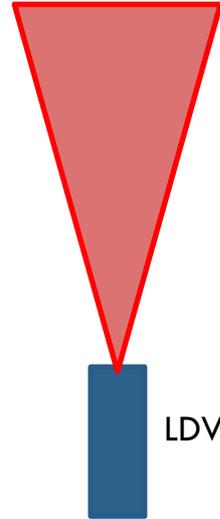
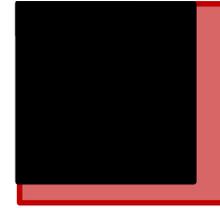
Damaged sample #3 scan setup at 60° incidence angle



2 Translate and rotate object to actual distance and angle from LDV



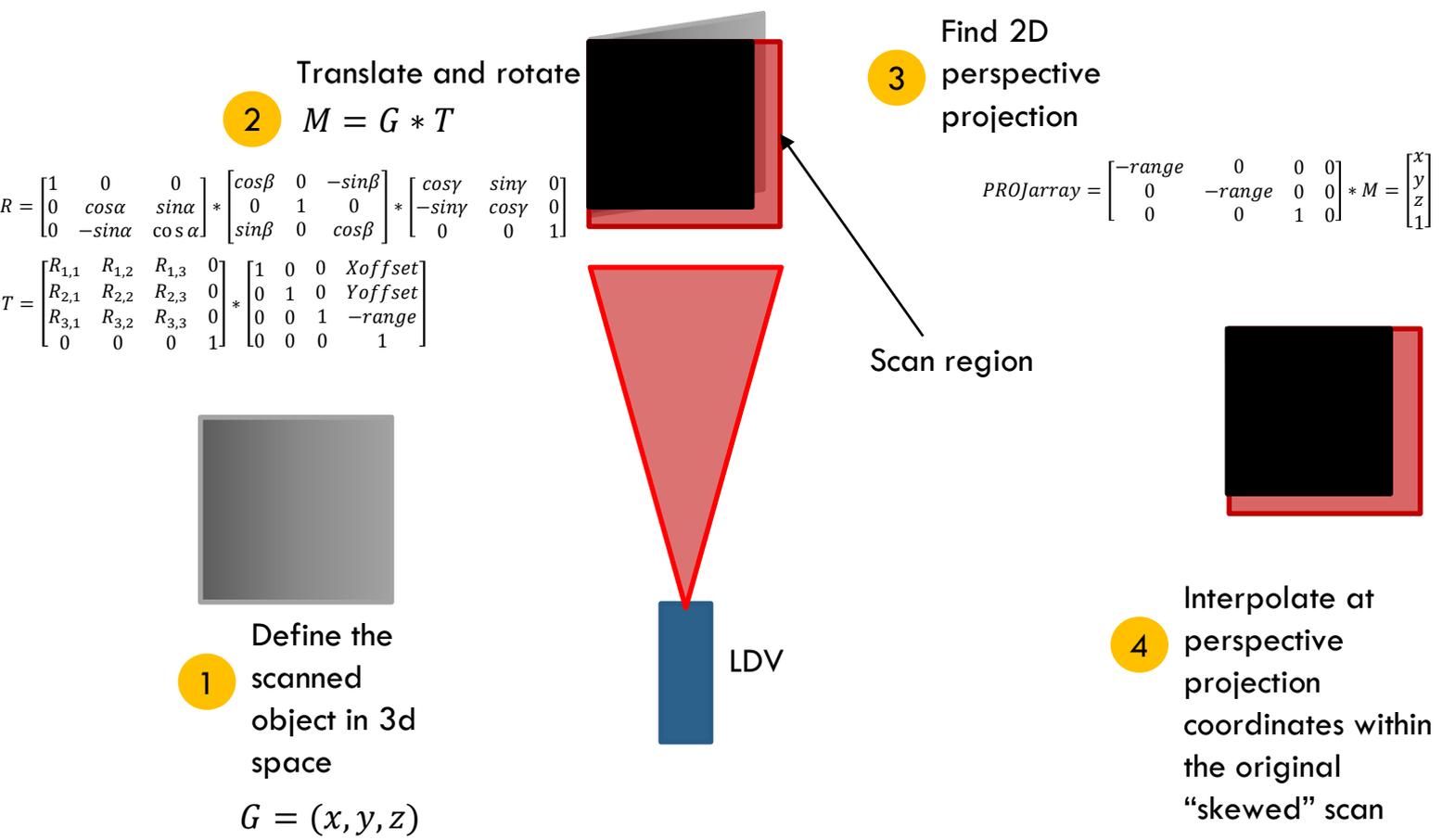
3 Find 2D perspective projection of object at normal incidence angle



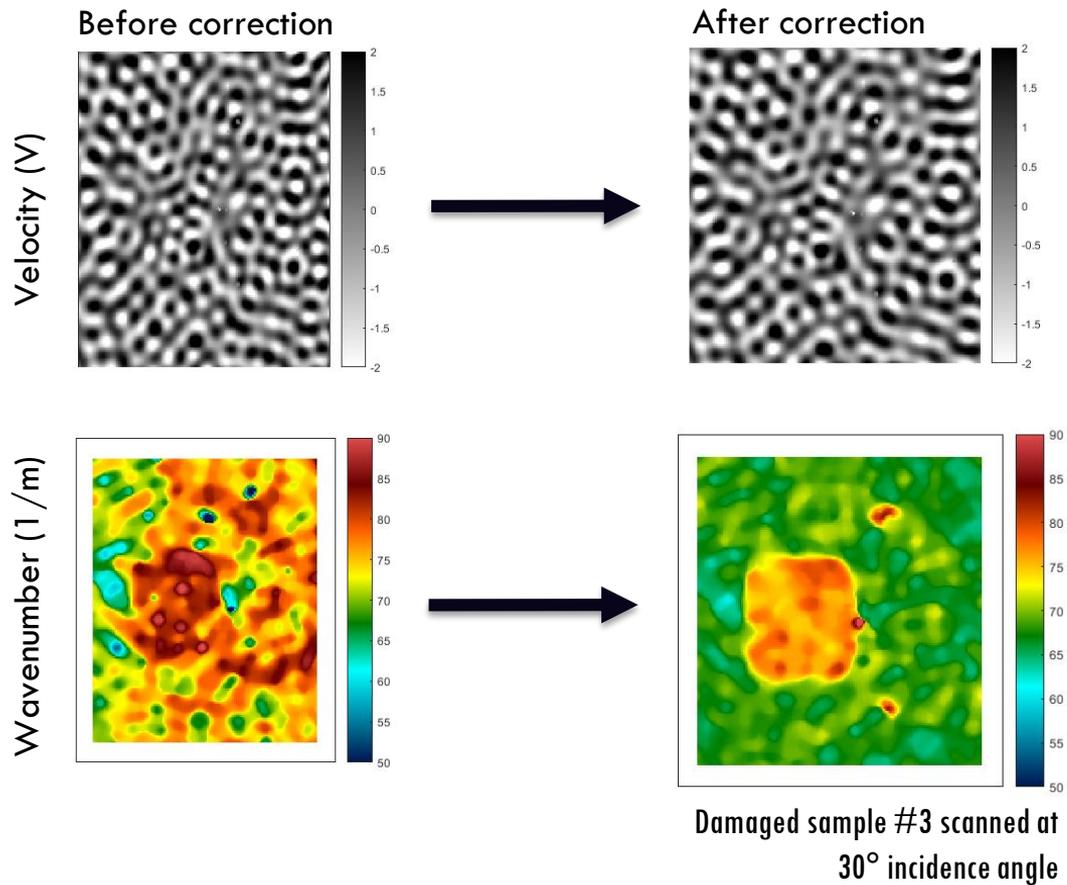
Scan region

4 Interpolate at perspective projection coordinates within the original "skewed" scan

It turned out to be a multistep problem.



We can detect damage!

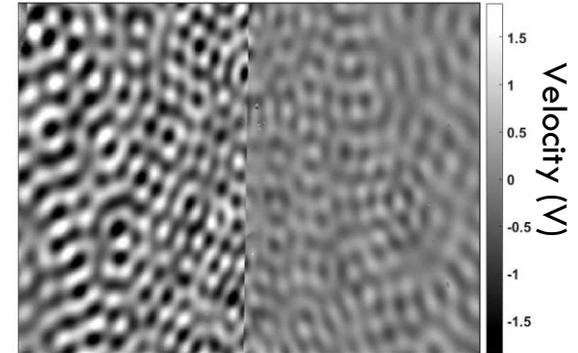
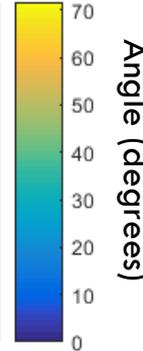
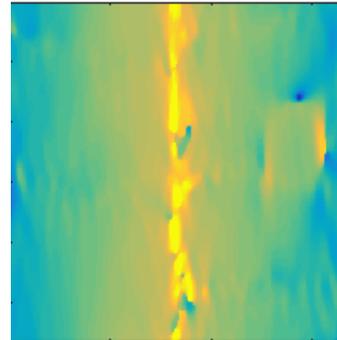
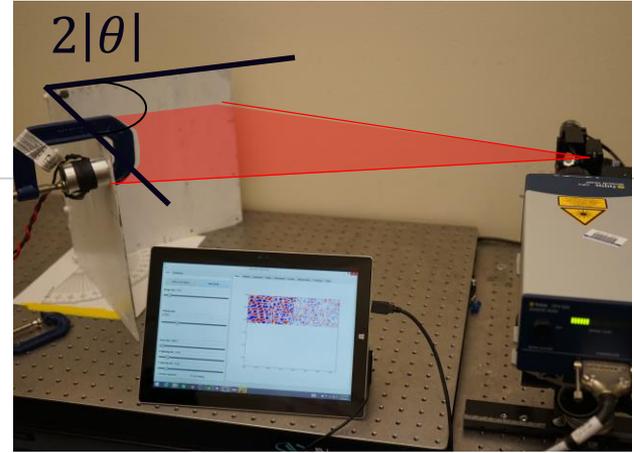




Incidence Angle from Wavenumber

- Algorithm can correct image based on “known” rotation angle
- Can detect incidence angle using changes in the nominal wavenumber response
 - Estimate the change in wavenumber at each pixel as compared to wavenumber at normal incidence angle

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{nominal wavenumber}}{\text{skewed wavenumber}}$$



Velocity (M)

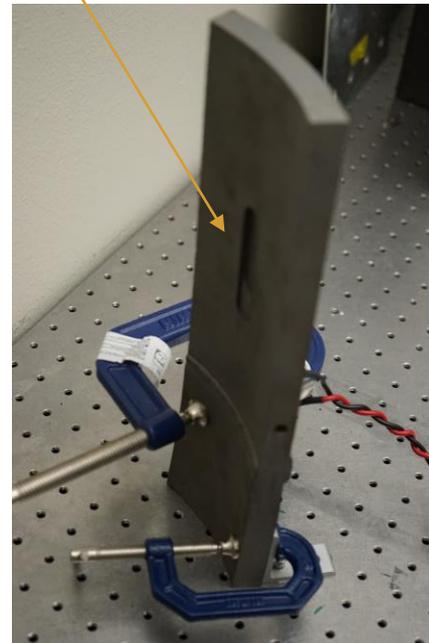


Future Investigations

- use 3D-range finder to by-pass first step of interpolation calculation- no longer need to define the 3D object
- use algorithm to “flatten” scans of cylindrical containers and other complex geometries



Detectable defect

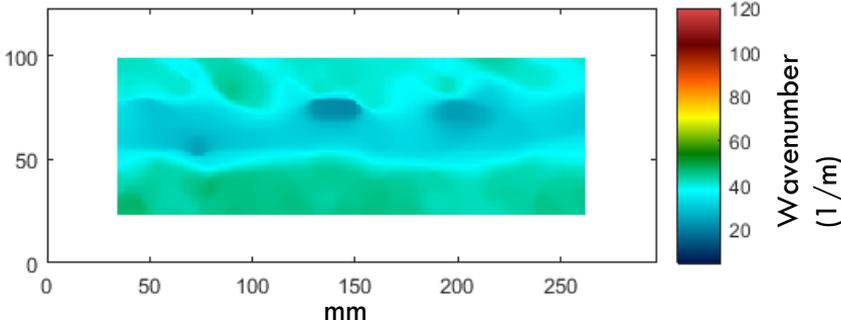
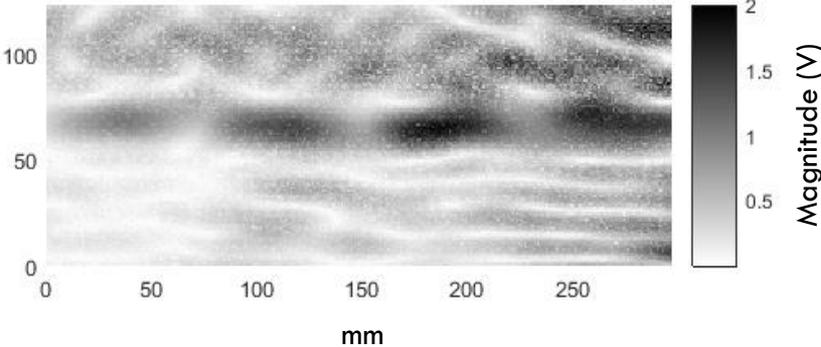


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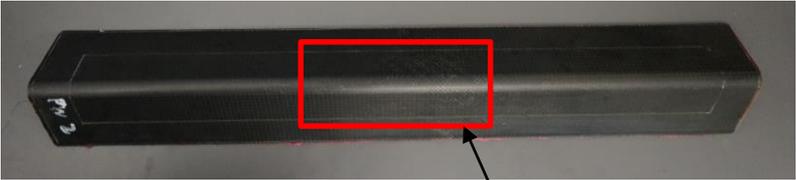
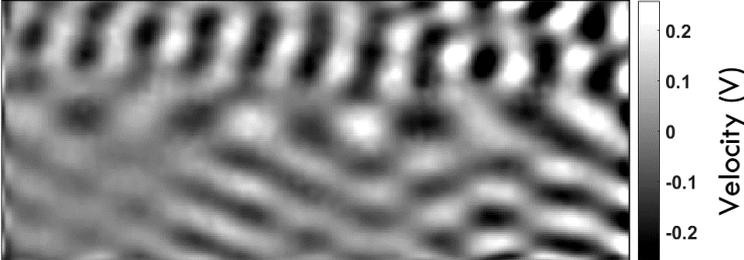
NDE of Composite Materials

PW2- not damaged

81.5 KHz excitation



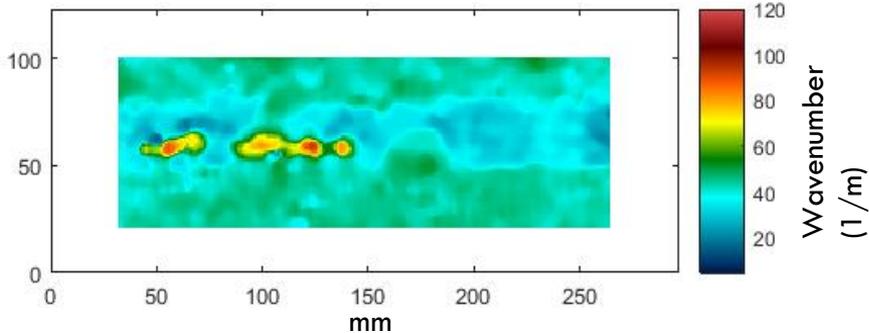
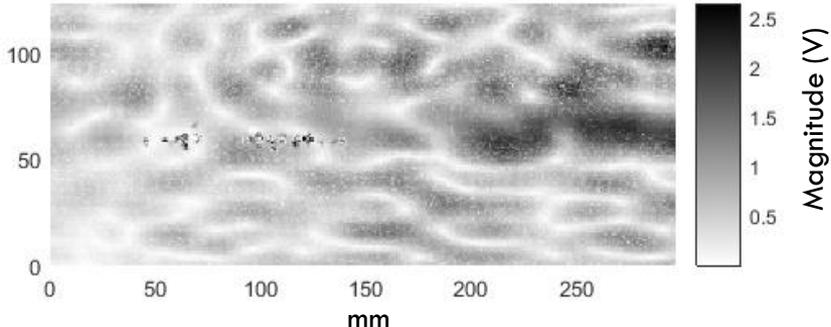
Animation/Video



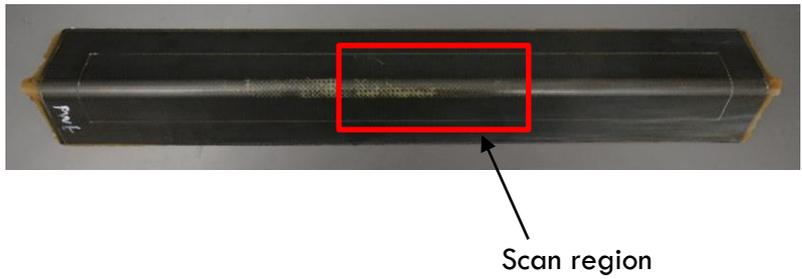
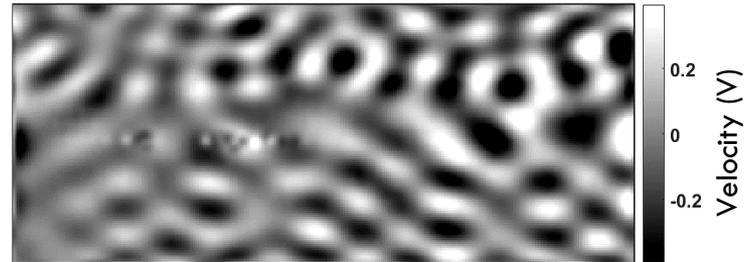
Scan region

PW6- damaged

81.5 KHz excitation

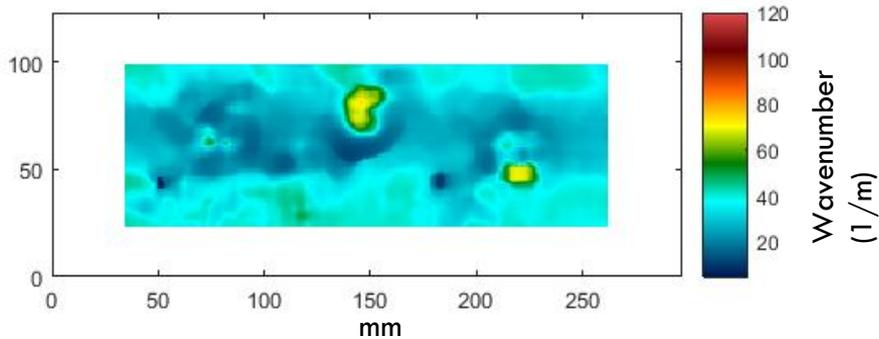
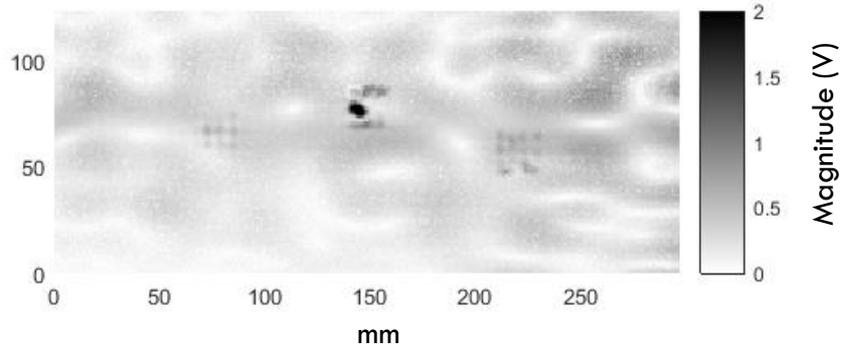


Animation/Video

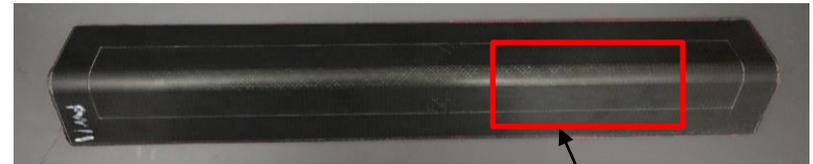
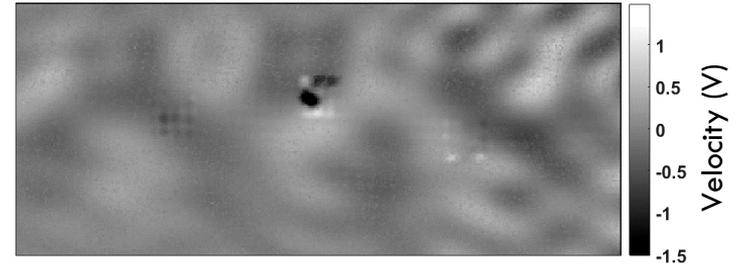


PW11- damaged

81.5 KHz excitation



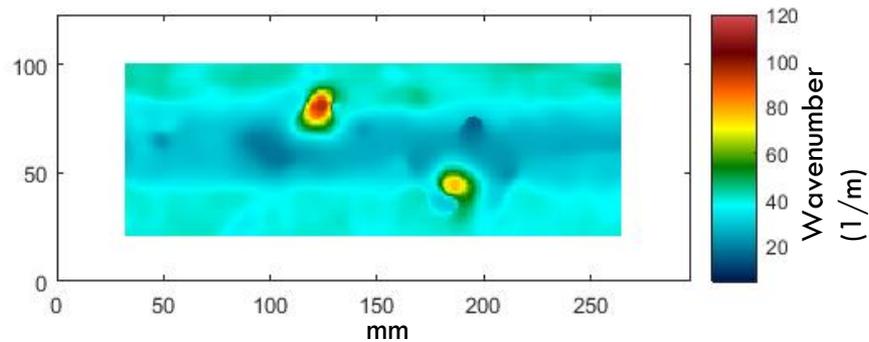
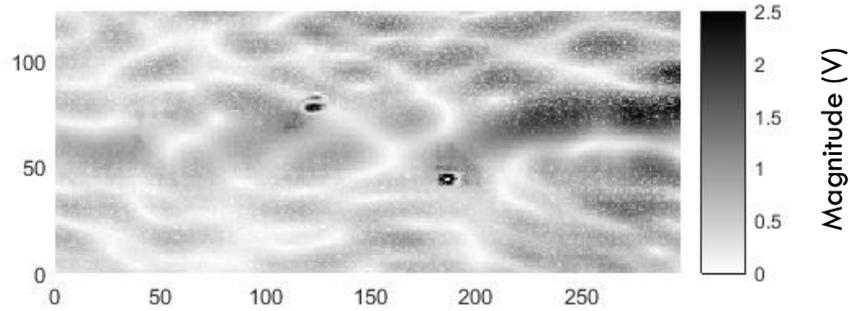
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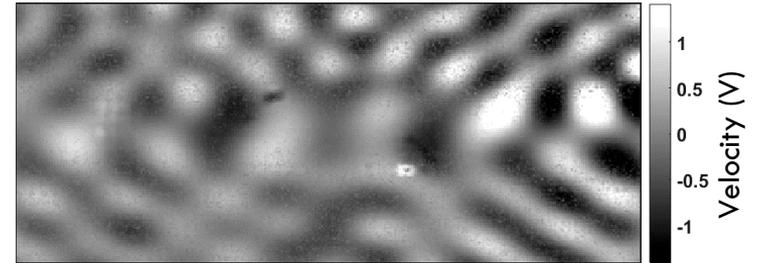
Scan region

PW12- damaged

81.5 KHz excitation



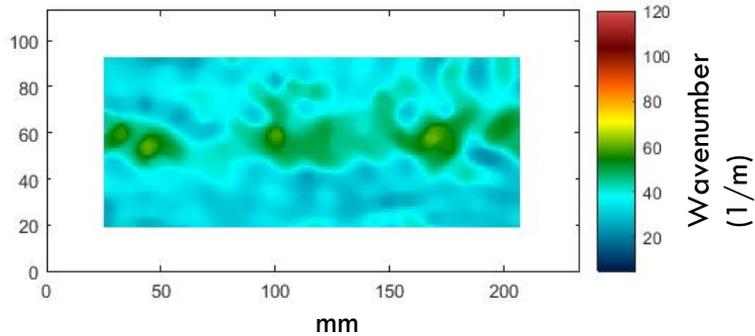
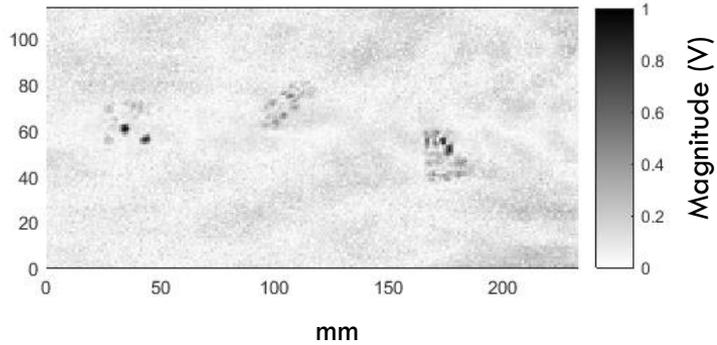
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Scan region

PW12- damaged

213 KHz excitation



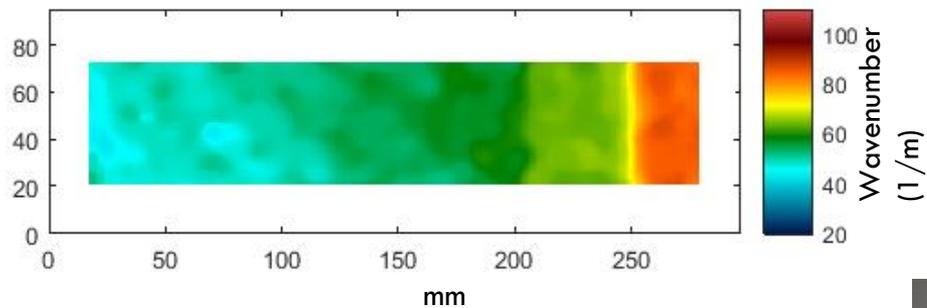
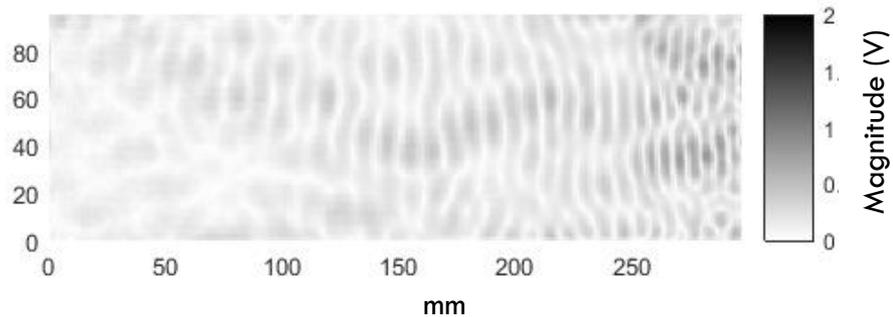
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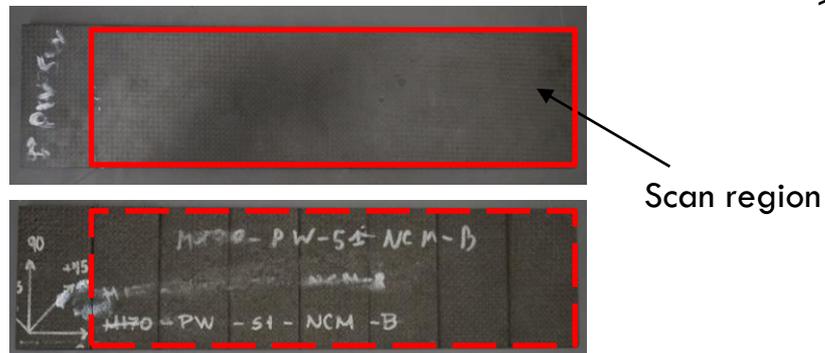
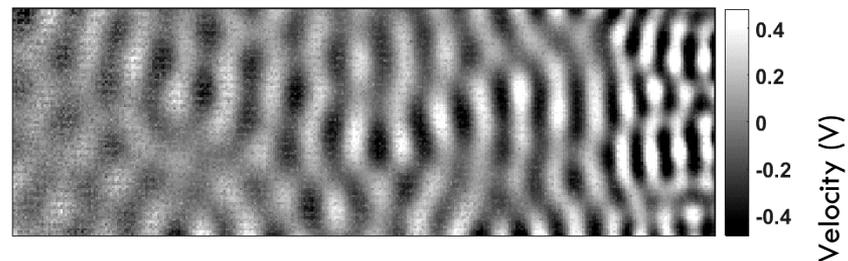
Smaller defects are more apparent with increasing excitation frequency. However, increasing excitation frequency results in a lower SNR.

PWSW

82 KHz excitation

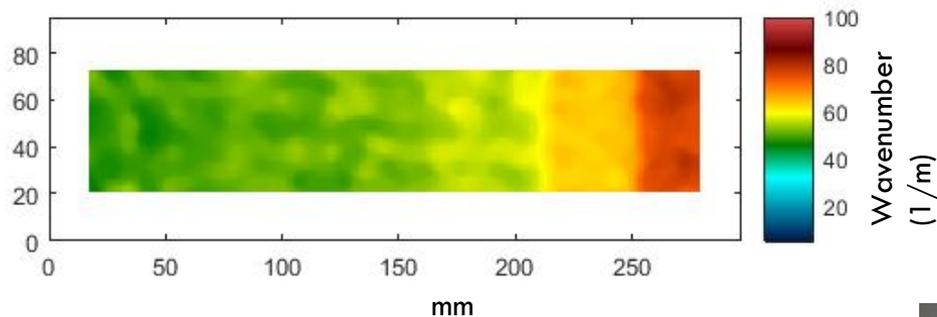
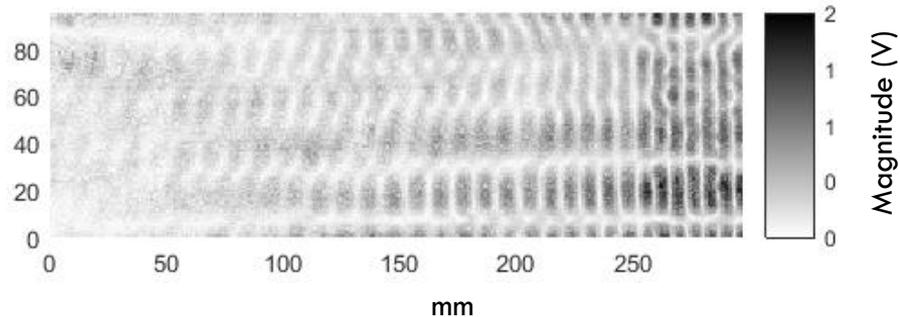


Animation/Video

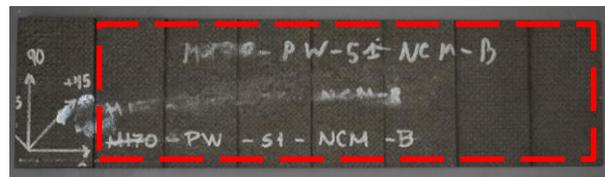
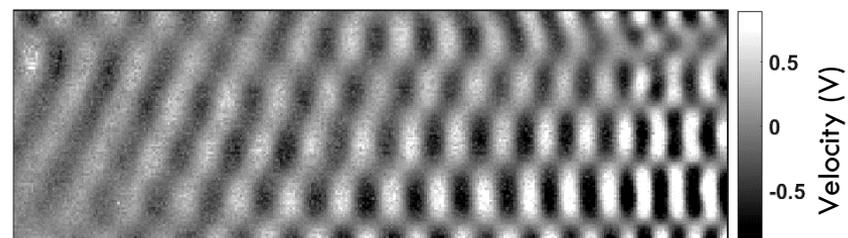


UDSW

81.5 KHz excitation



Animation/Video





NDE Composite Research

Detect defects

We found both delamination and plastic radial inserts embedded within the composites.

Detect changes in thickness

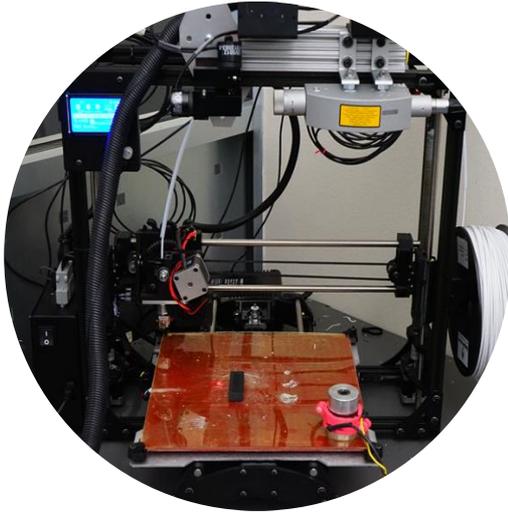
We were able to detect changes in thickness for two different composite materials.

Balance trade-off of SNR and damage detection

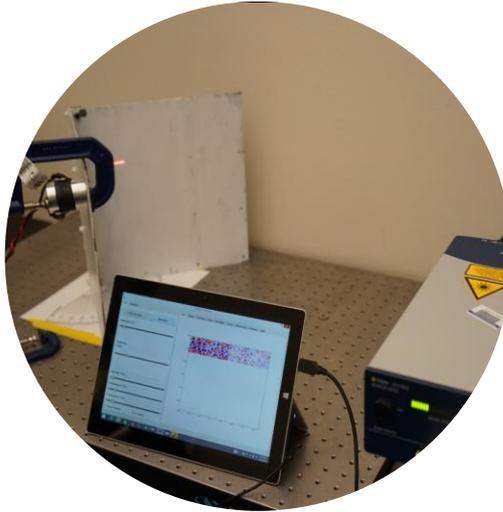
In most of the scanned composites, a frequency of 134 KHz or higher was required to make defects “visible.”



Final Summary



Developed a **new in-situ technique** for the inspection of additively manufactured parts



Created an algorithm which can **correct “skewed” scans** of angular parts/taken at oblique angles



Used AWS to detect hidden defects and thickness changes in **aerospace composites**



Thanks

for listening!



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