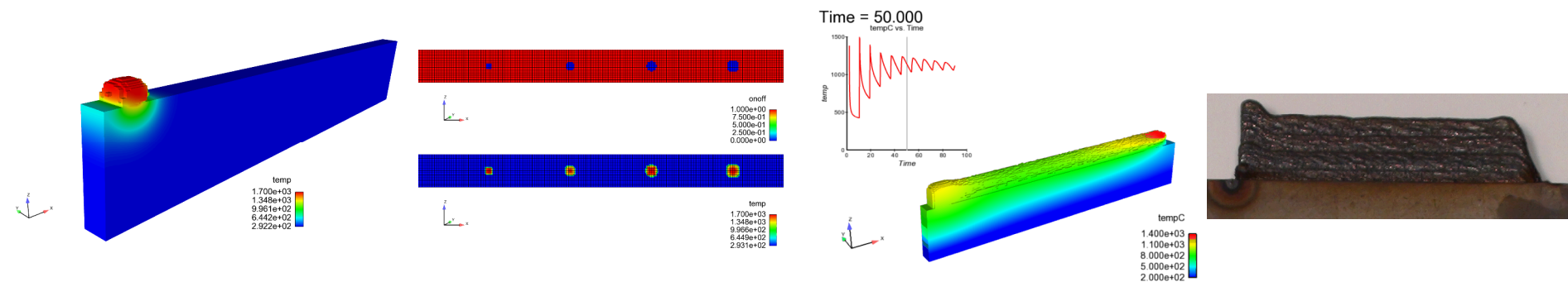


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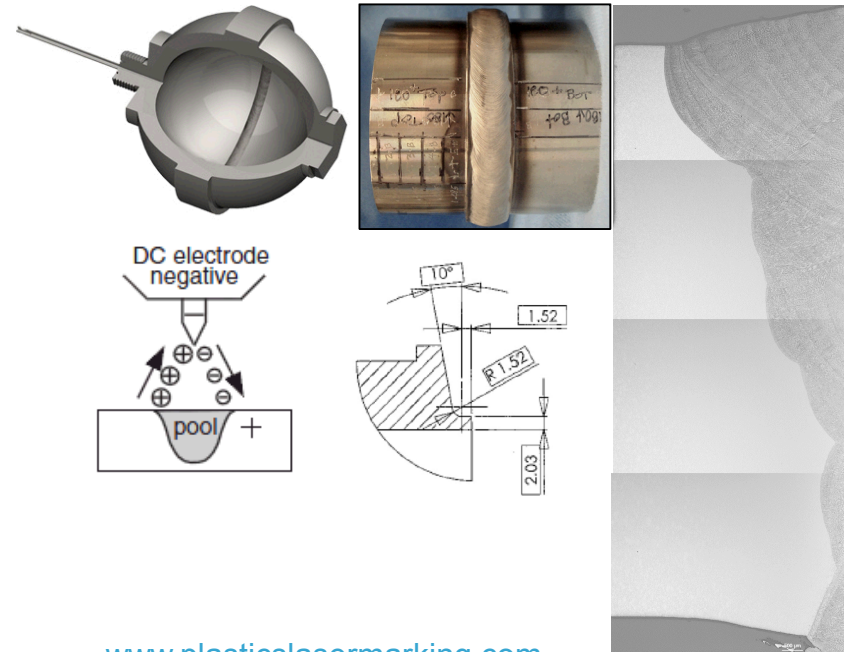
# Process Modeling for Additive Manufacturing

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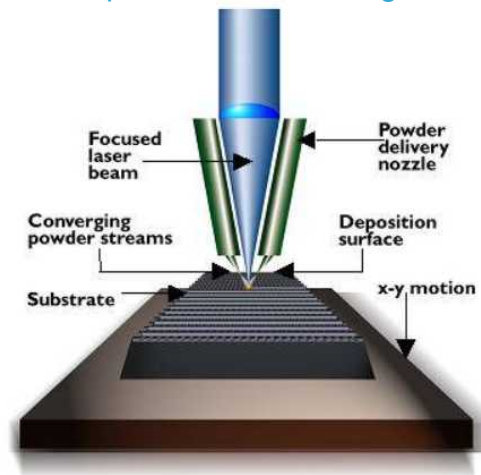
# Objectives

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- Develop the capability to predict residual stresses in AM products
- Extend high-fidelity material models to capture material evolution during the formation process, leading to prediction of end-state material properties
- Provide basis to propose improvements to AM process variables, including those that minimize variation
- Apply to welding processes involving material deposition (future work):
  - Gas tungsten arc (GTA) weld
  - Electron beam
  - Laser welding



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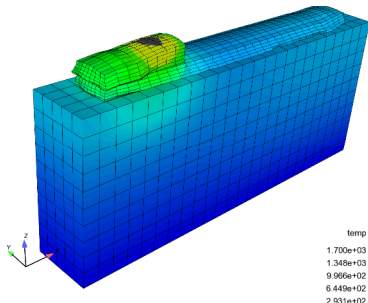
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# How this fits in the AM community

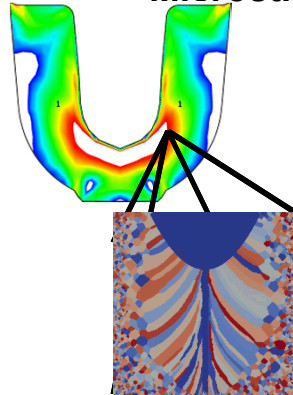
## Lifecycle Analysis of Additively Manufactured Components

### Process Design and Simulation

Advanced process controls and diagnostics enable simulation tools to “grow” near-net-shape structure

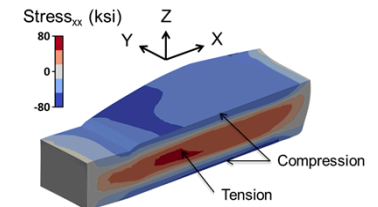


### Microstructure and Properties



Internal state variable models account for microstructural evolution and distribution of properties (related to spatial variations of thermal history)

### Residual Stresses

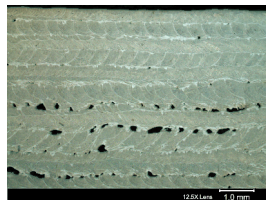


Solidification and thermal history result in strong residual stresses, which can impact performance

- Predictive uncertainties result in large safety factors, reduced lifetimes, and increased costs
- Our approach develops tools to reduce uncertainty, increase understanding, and enhance predictive capability.

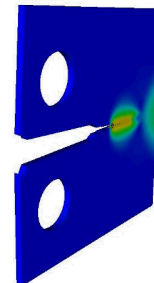
### Margin/Uncertainty → Design Life

Service requirements may dictate design iteration to assure sufficient margin based on predictive uncertainties. The lifecycle analysis provides a tool to enable design optimization to meet the requirements.



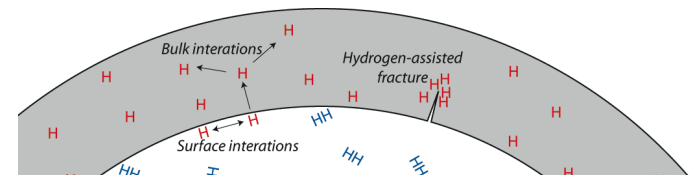
### Crack Initiation, Growth and Failure

Transition from crack initiation to failure is not well characterized and depends on microstructure and defects



### Assembly and Service

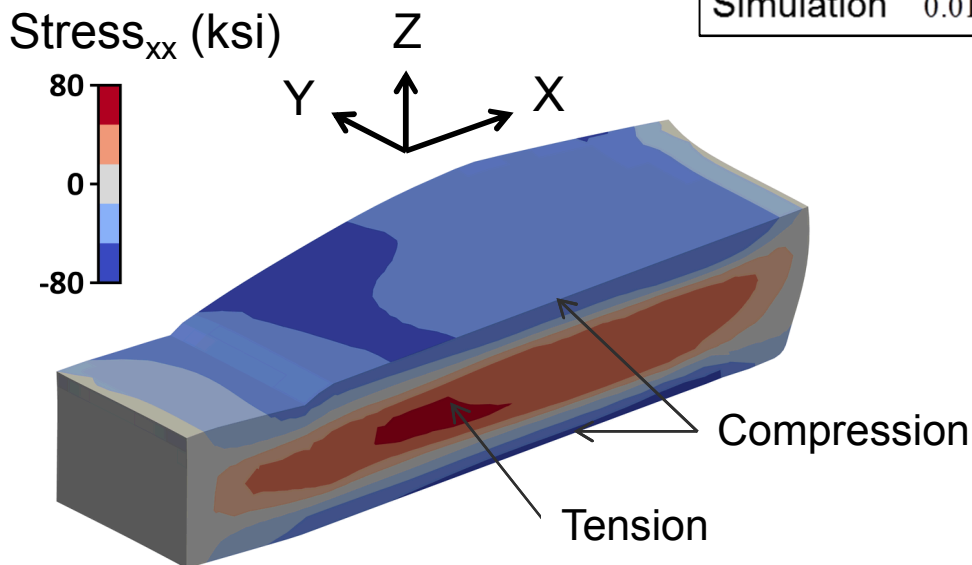
Multiphysics approaches for fully coupled simulation of chemical/thermal transport, mechanical loading, etc. to predict performance



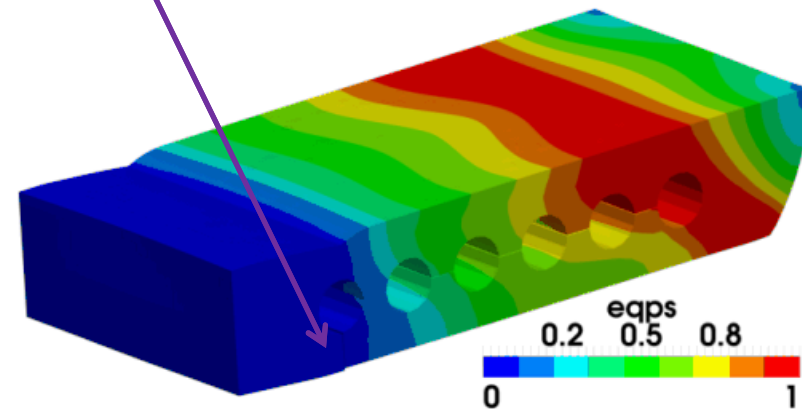
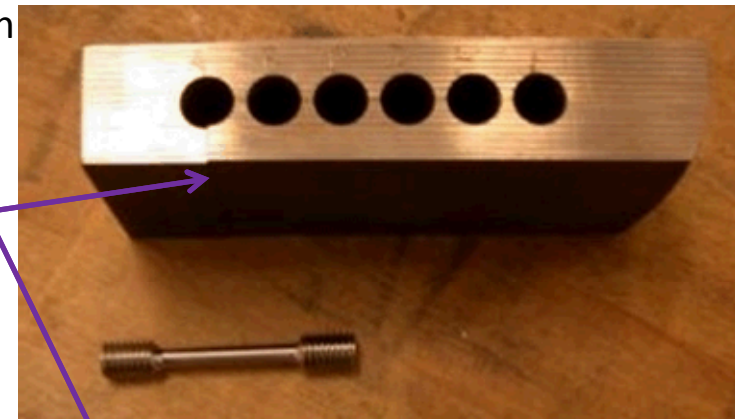
(includes unique service environments, such as hydrogen embrittlement, corrosion, microstructural aging, etc) 3

# Motivation

- Residual stress can lead to undesirable distortion and cracking
- We have developed the ability to predict residual stress evolution
  - Part of the forged wedge is computationally machined away
  - The remaining material is then allowed to relax
  - Good comparison between experiment and simulation

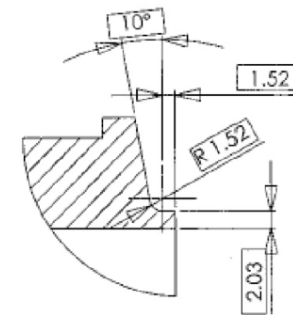
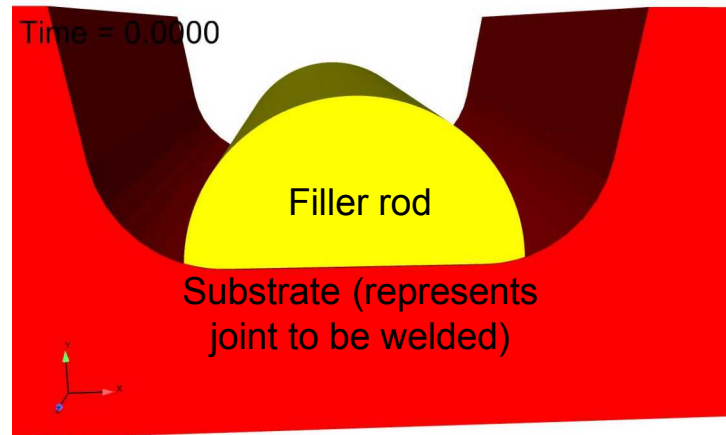


Step:  
Experiment  $0.016 \pm 0.001$   
Simulation  $0.015 \pm 0.002$

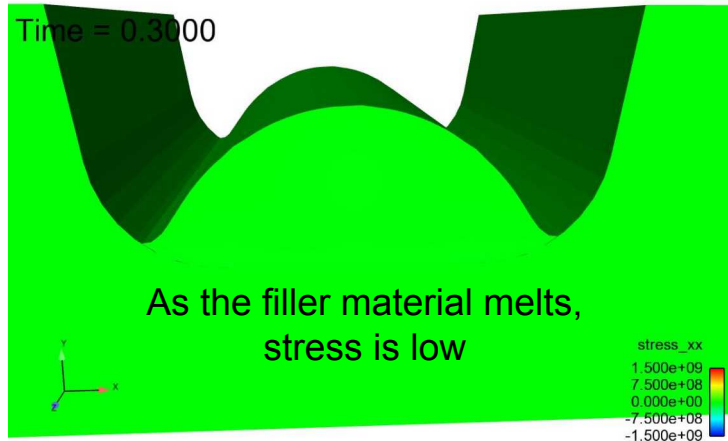


# Simulation of GTA weld

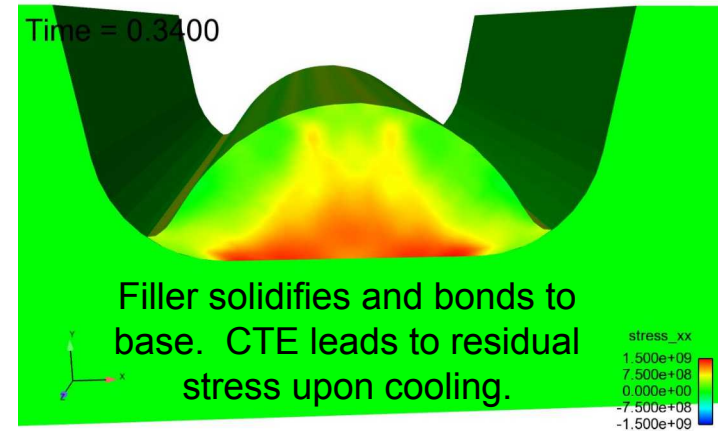
- Filler rod is melted (and behaves as an isotropic, incompressible Newtonian fluid)
- Filler material then solidifies as it cools
  - Upon solidification, it becomes glued using a slide-to-tied contact algorithm



Filler rod is heated

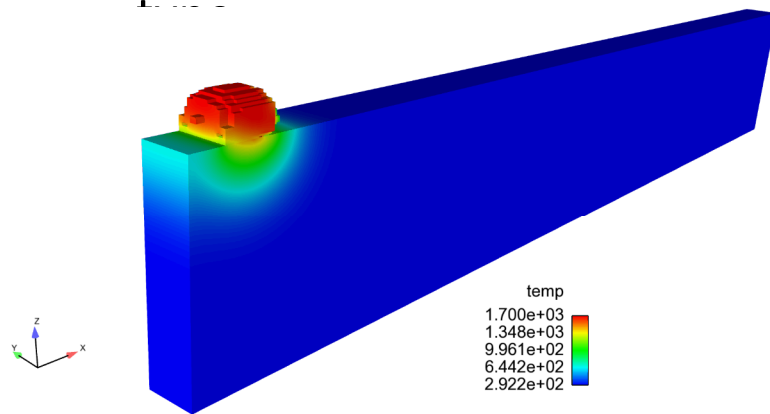


Filler rod is cooled



# Spherical heat source

- Material is activated via a spherical, volumetric heat source
  - Inputs: raster path, melt temperature, diameter, efficiency, radius, spatial influence factor and distribution



- Activation user variable – toggles conductivity on/off within the sphere

- Activation and melt pool size based on variable input power

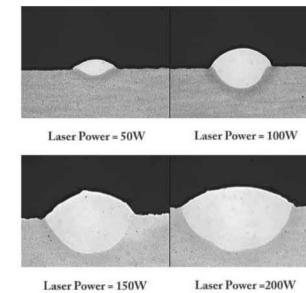
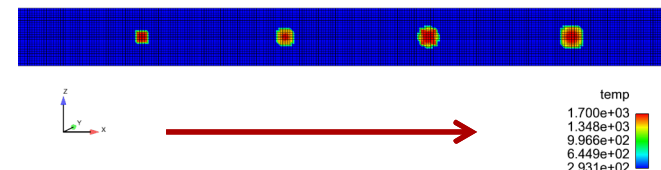


Figure 2: Cross-sectional photographs showing semi-circular type melt pool geometry over a range of laser powers. Travel speed = 5 mm/s, powder mass flow rate = 0.08 g/s.

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Number of activated elements increases with power

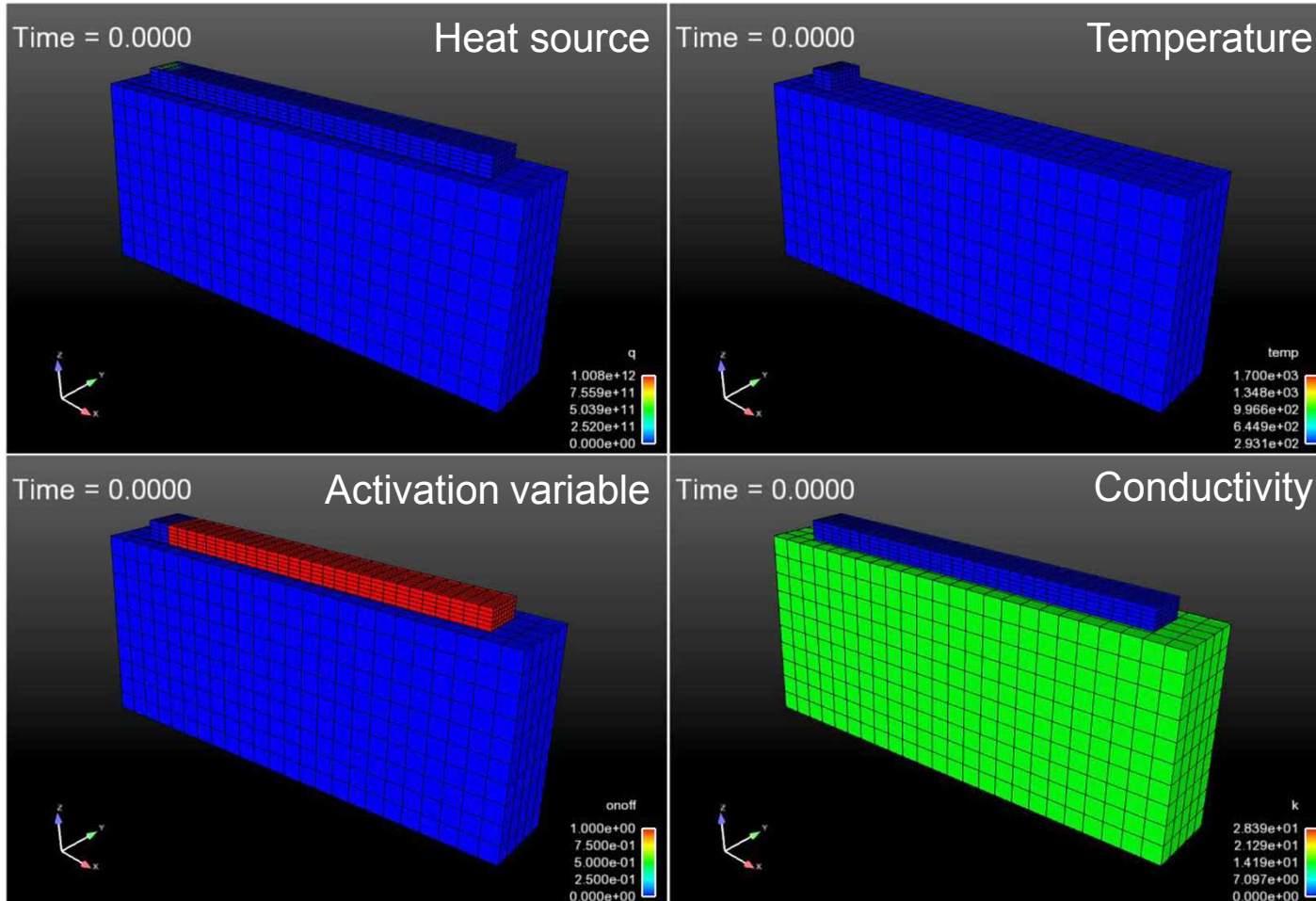


Melt pool size increases with power



# Activation demonstration

- Coupled Aria/Presto code



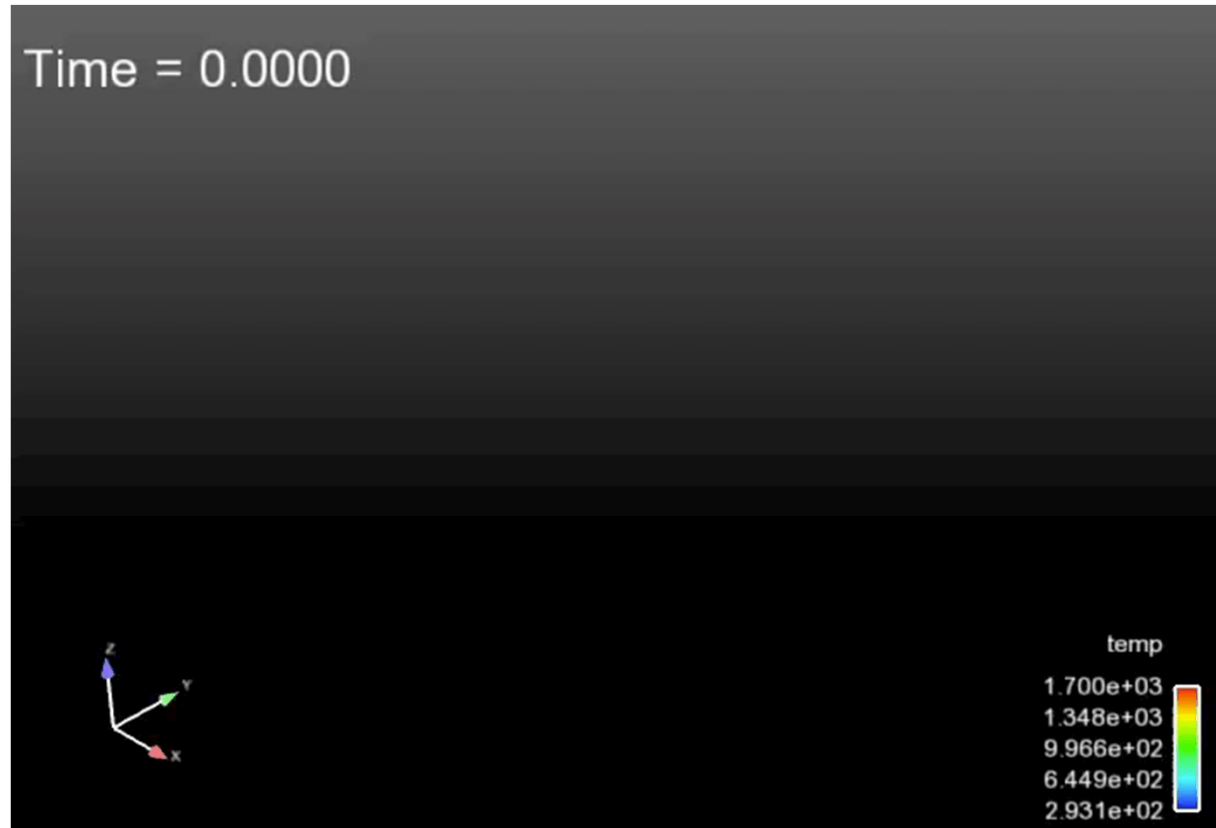
# Implementation in SIERRA

- ARIA thermal code
  - New spherical, volumetric heat source based on raster path and variable power
  - Element birth via “inactive” elements – variable conductivity based on heat source
  - Activation and melt pool size based on variable input power
  
- Solid mechanics
  - Phase transformation at melt temperature
  - Contact transitions from Coulomb to glued (material melts then solidifies) to build up residual stresses
  - Work is underway to implement active/inactive material (compliant and weightless) on the solid mechanics side



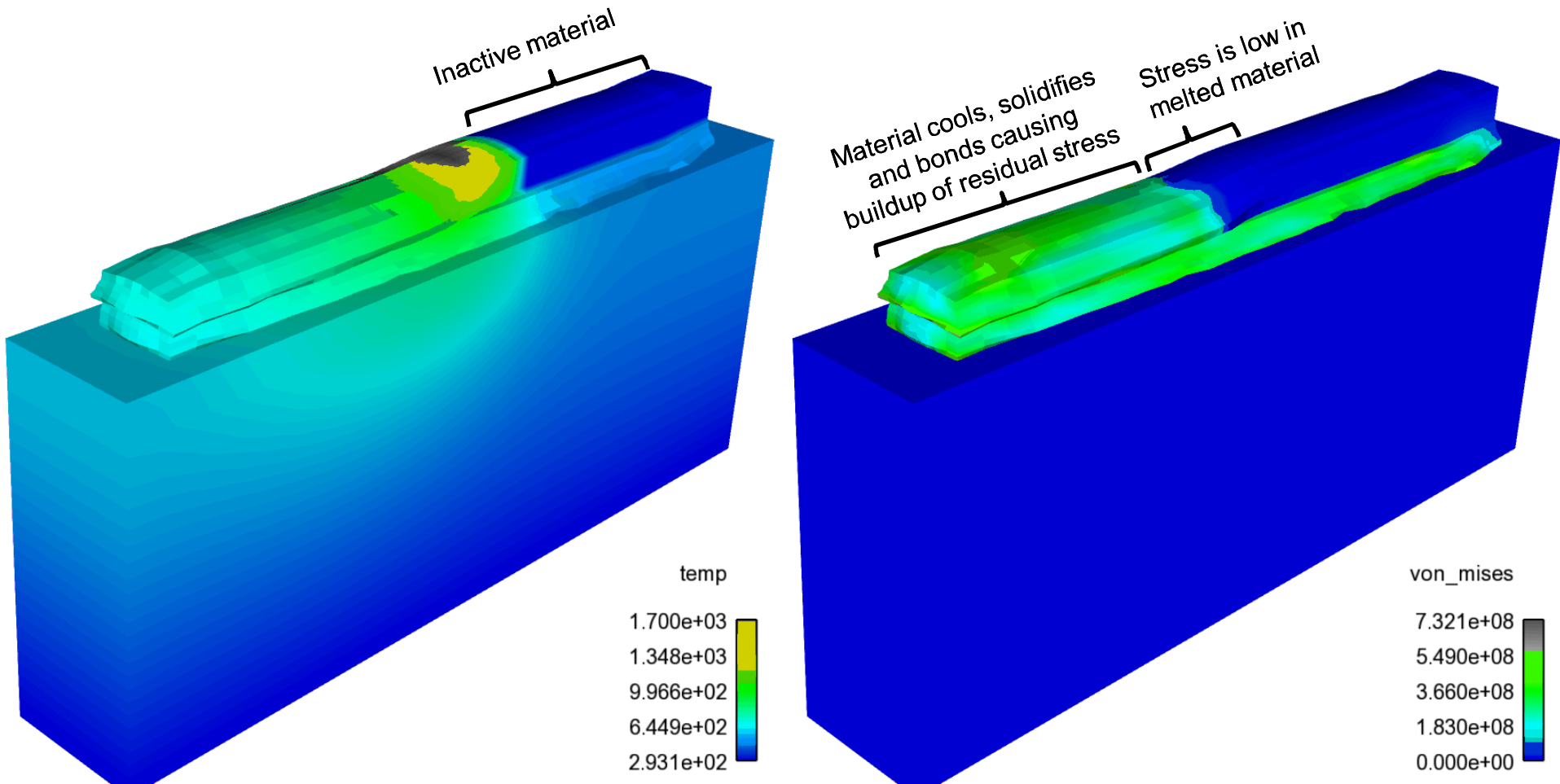
# SIERRA demonstration

- Coupled simulation



- Work is underway to validate thermal profiles

# Buildup of residual stress

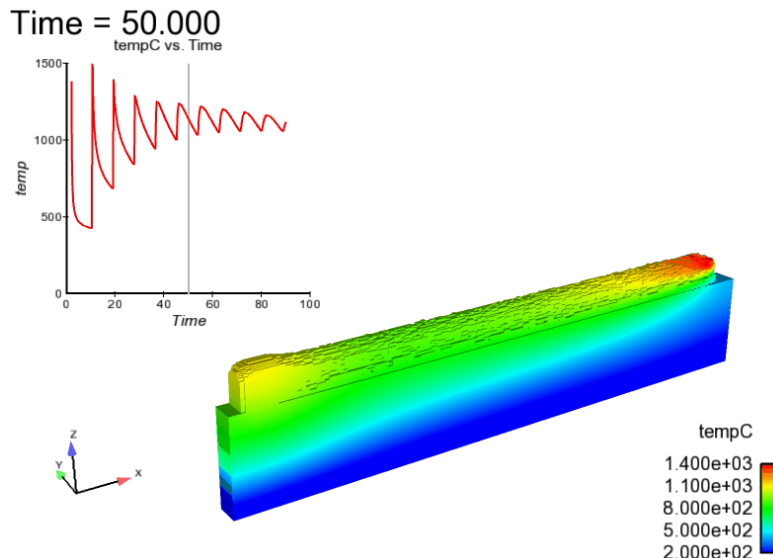


# Leveraging our efforts...

## ■ Validation activities



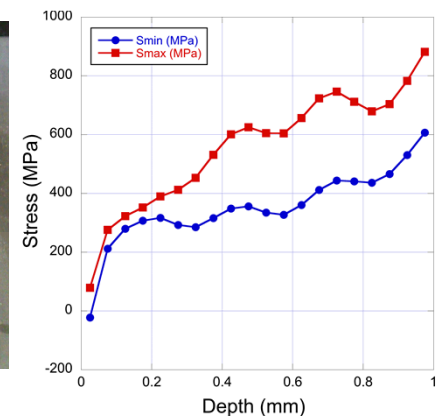
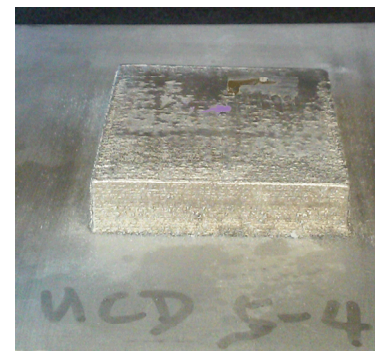
Experimental data provided by  
Josh Sugar's LDRD to validate  
the models



Modeling the thermal history of  
thin wall build

## ■ Ongoing SNL activities

- other LDRDs (Josh Sugar, Born Qualified, etc)
- UC Davis Campus Executive Fellowship
- GTS support for development of additive manufacturing
- new AM machines



Residual stress measurements  
(Tom Reynolds)

# Questions?