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AM Defect Detection Using X-ray Phase Contrast Imaging

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Outline



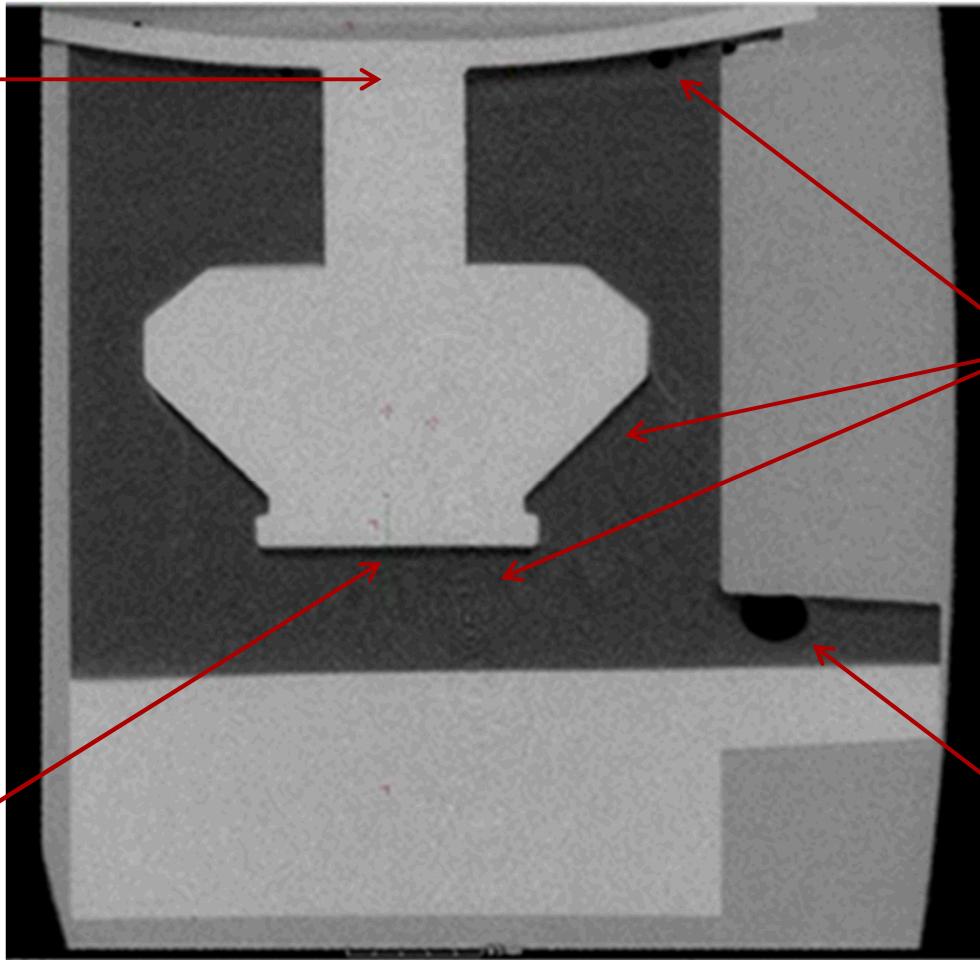
- Defect detection and validation & verification in AM
- Introduction to X-ray phase contrast imaging
- Application to defect detection for AM
- Status at Sandia-NM

DEFECT DETECTION AND VALIDATION & VERIFICATION IN AM

- Inspection is critical to assuring functionality and security
 - “Slice and dice” inspection
 - Randomly selected samples
 - Labor intensive
 - Limited imaging depth
 - Complicated sample preparation
 - Limited in materials that can be inspected
- X-ray phase contrast imaging (XPCI)
 - Non-destructive
 - Three orders of magnitude greater sensitivity to phase over absorption imaging
 - Complementary imaging modalities (absorption, phase, dark-field)
 - Visualization of internal structure
 - Compare part topography to CAD design
 - Look for cracks, voids
 - Identify unfused powder

AM Part Imaged at SNL Using X-ray CT

Suspending
beam bows
from shrinkage



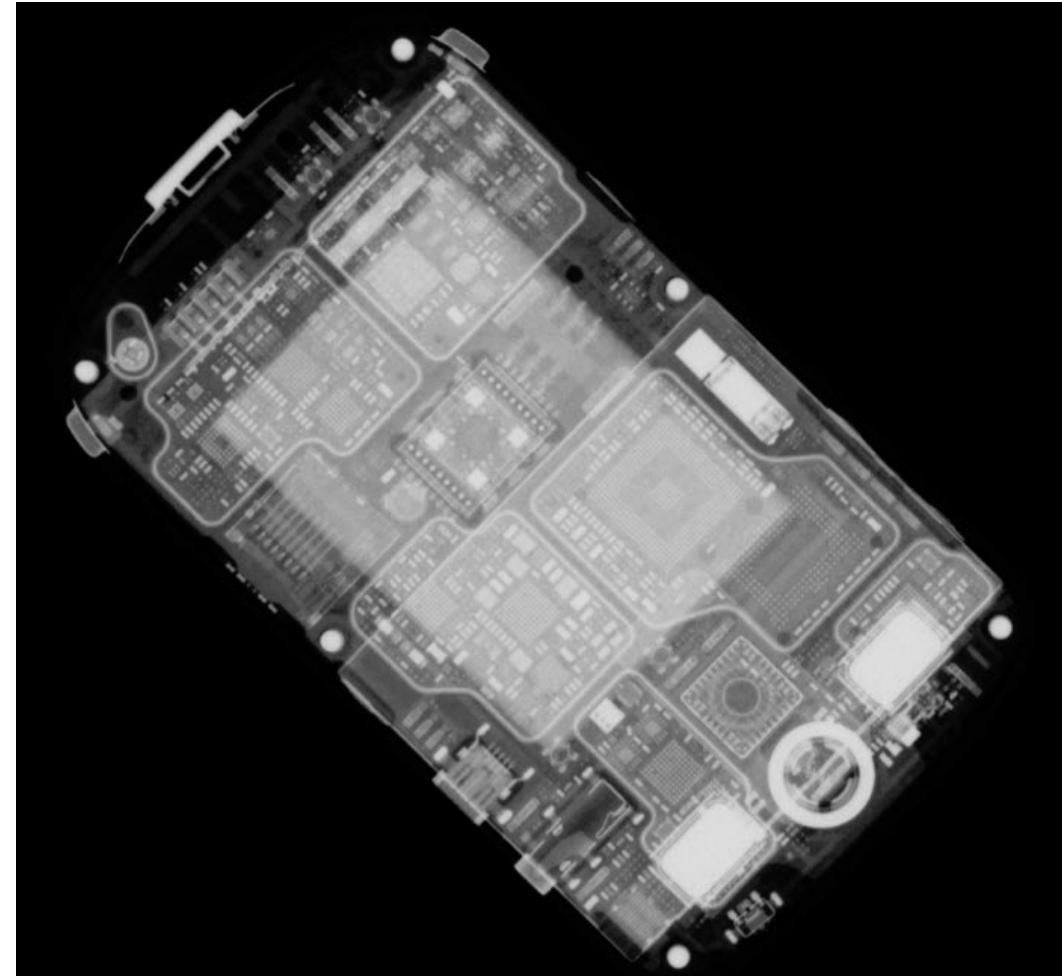
Void from
delamination of
epoxy from shape

Lower density regions

Large bubble
causes void

INTRODUCTION TO X-RAY PHASE CONTRAST IMAGING

X-ray Phase Contrast Imaging



X-Ray Phase Contrast Imaging: Complementary Data



Absorption

Contrast between dense and less-dense (low-Z) regions.
No material detail.



Phase Contrast

Fine structure within the low-Z regions.



Dark-Field

Sharp contrast at boundaries.
Microstructures cause scattering.

To acquire only attenuation data leaves out significant information about the material properties

M. Bech, et. Al., Z. Med. Phys., **20**, 7, 2010.

Greater Sensitivity with Phase Contrast

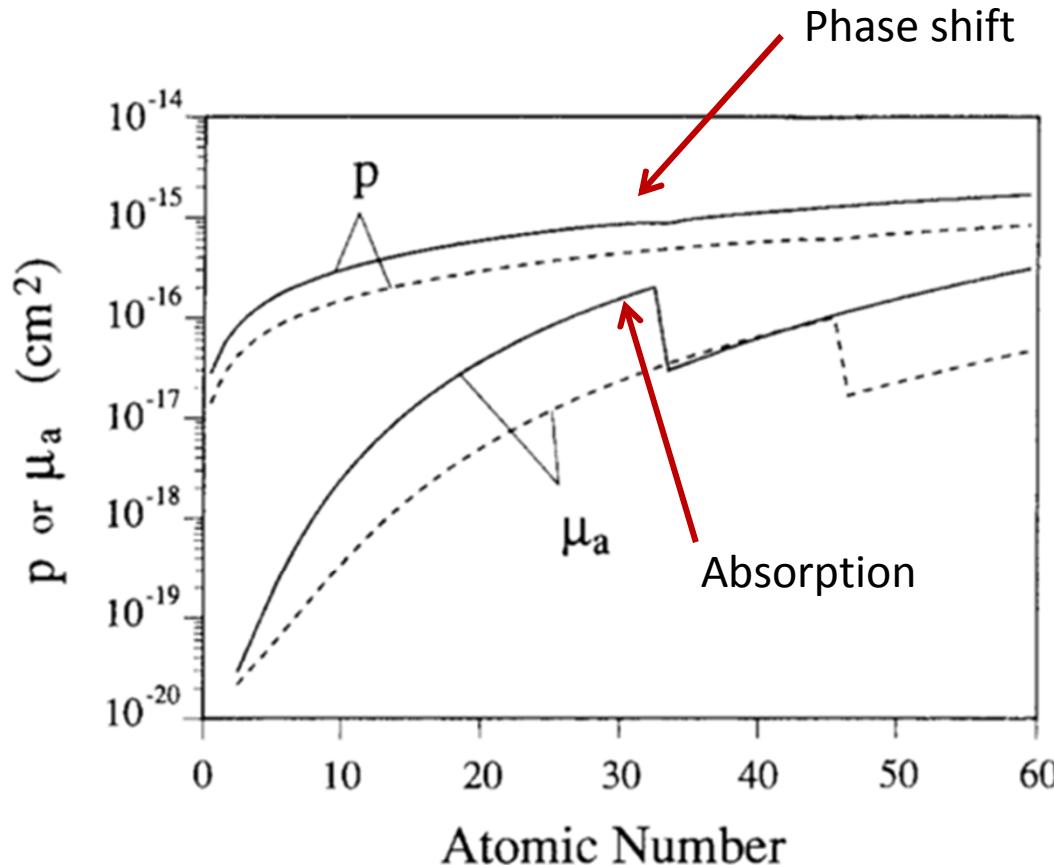
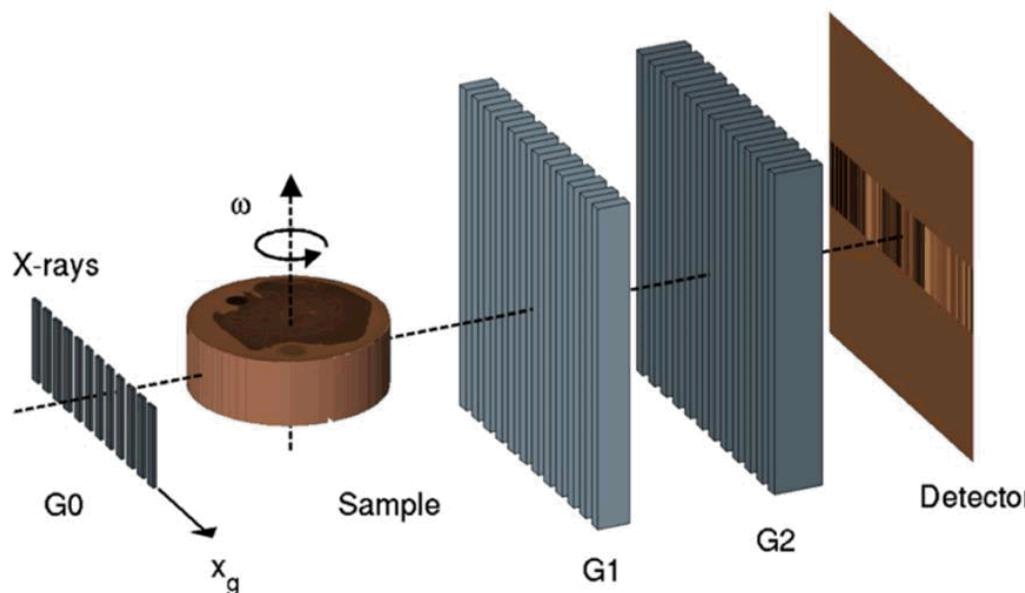


FIG. 1. Atomic x-ray phase shift p and absorption μ_a for 1 \AA (solid line) and 0.5 \AA (dashed line) x-rays are plotted versus the atomic number Z . The value of p is almost a thousand times larger than μ_a for light elements.

Ref: A. Momose and J. Fukuda, Med. Phys., **22**, 375, 1995.

Phase contrast
1000x more sensitive

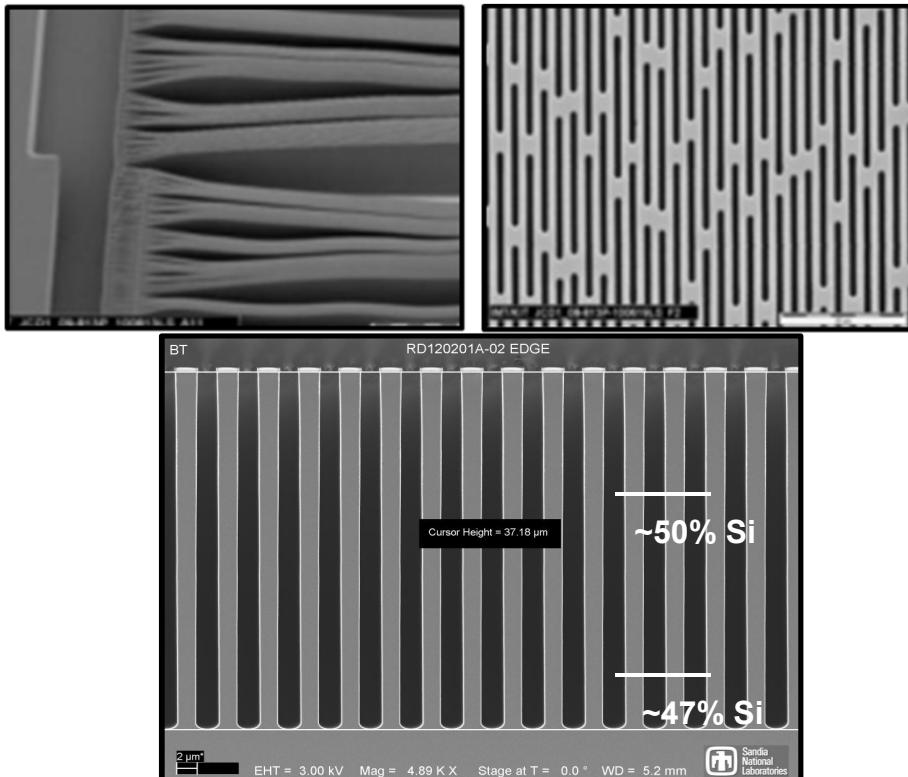
Talbot-Lau Interferometer



- Source grating: G0
 - Enables use of conventional x-ray tube
- Phase grating: G1
 - Imposes a modulated phase shift on wavefront
- Analyzer grating: G2
 - Converts narrow fringe pattern to intensity signal

Source grating enables
lab-based XPCI

- Unparalleled grating fabrication capability
- Advanced NDE/NDT facilities
- Materials science applications critical to national security



37µm deep

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APPLICATION OF XPCI TO ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Porosity Measurements

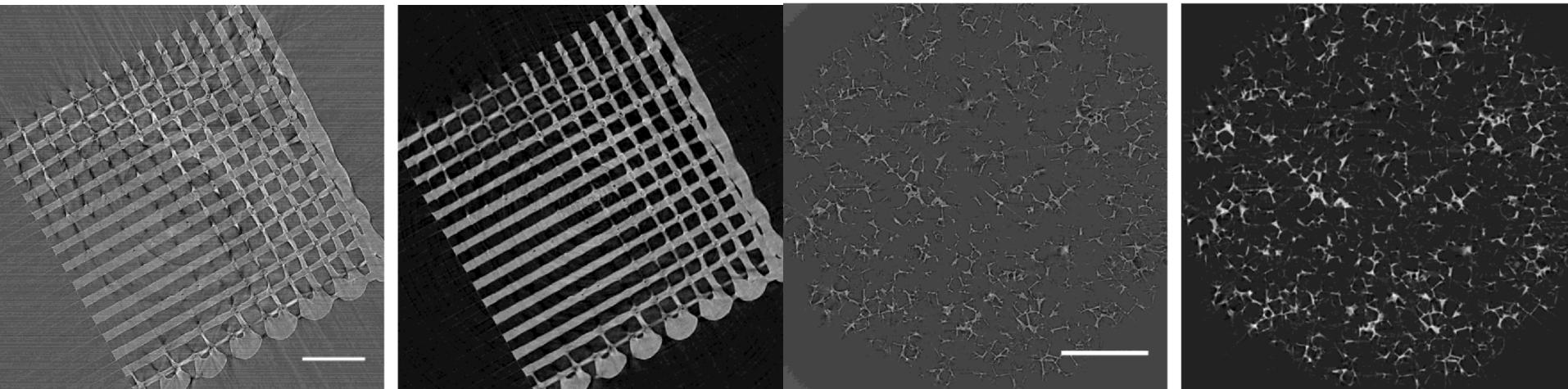
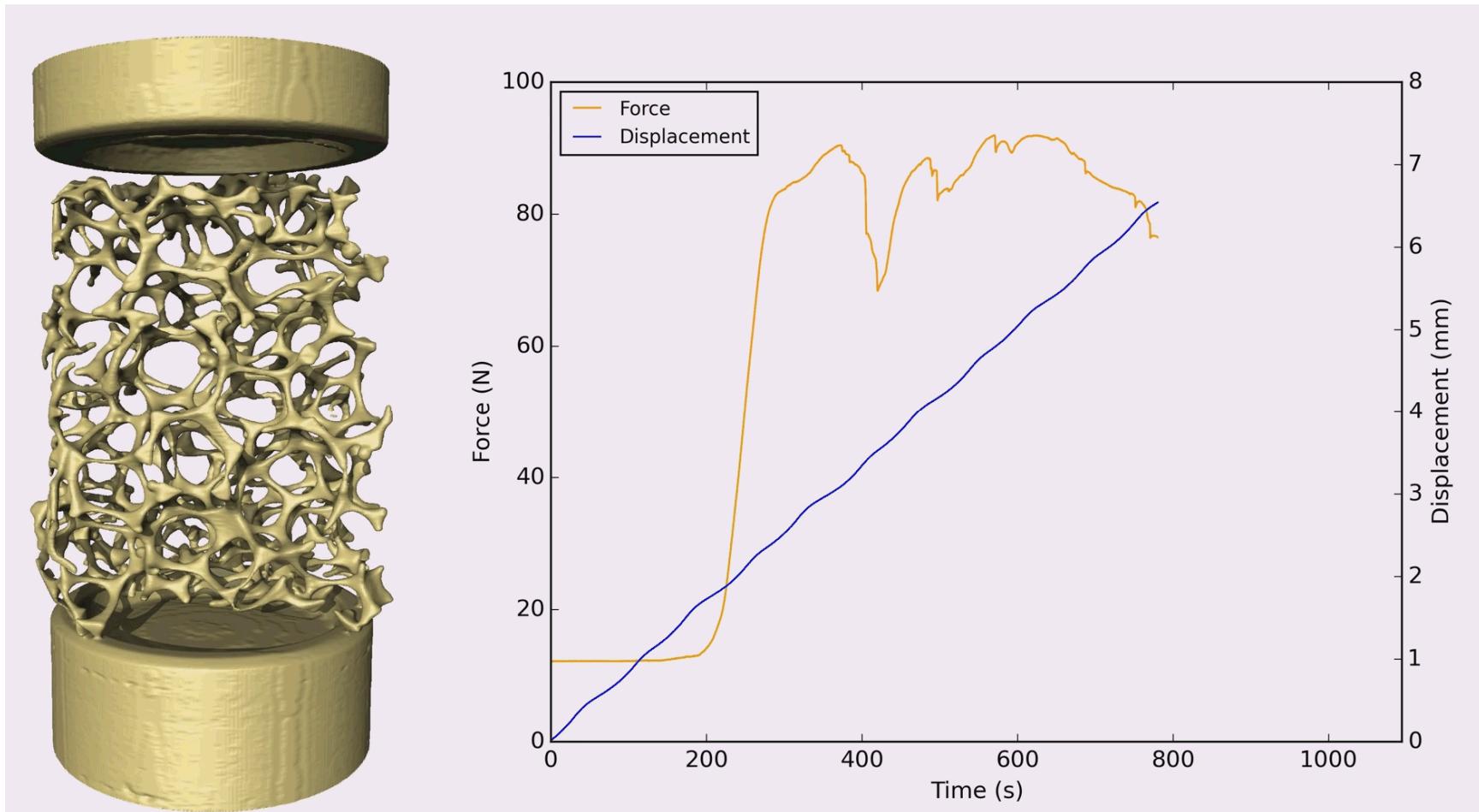


Table 1. Results of the quantitative image analysis of the considered VOIs.

	Additive Manufacturing	Conventional
Porosity [-]	47 %	89 %
Specific Surface Area [mm ⁻¹]	4.87	7.45
Pore size: mean \pm SD (min \div max) [mm]	0.36 \pm 0.02 (0.27 \div 0.42)	0.25 \pm 0.08 (0.03 \div 0.52)
Throat size: mean \pm SD (min \div max) [mm]	0.23 \pm 0.06 (0.10 \div 0.37)	0.12 \pm 0.06 (0.02 \div 0.36)
Connection density [mm ⁻³]	4.20	22.61
Coordination number: mean \pm SD (max) [-]	3.8 \pm 1.1 (9)	5.0 \pm 3.5 (34)

Ref: Brun, F., et. al. (2013). *Journal of Instrumentation*, 8, 1–6.

Quantitative Analysis



Ref: XRE Engineering, Van Loo Lab, Ghent, Belgium

XPCI to Validate & Verify 3D Printed Parts

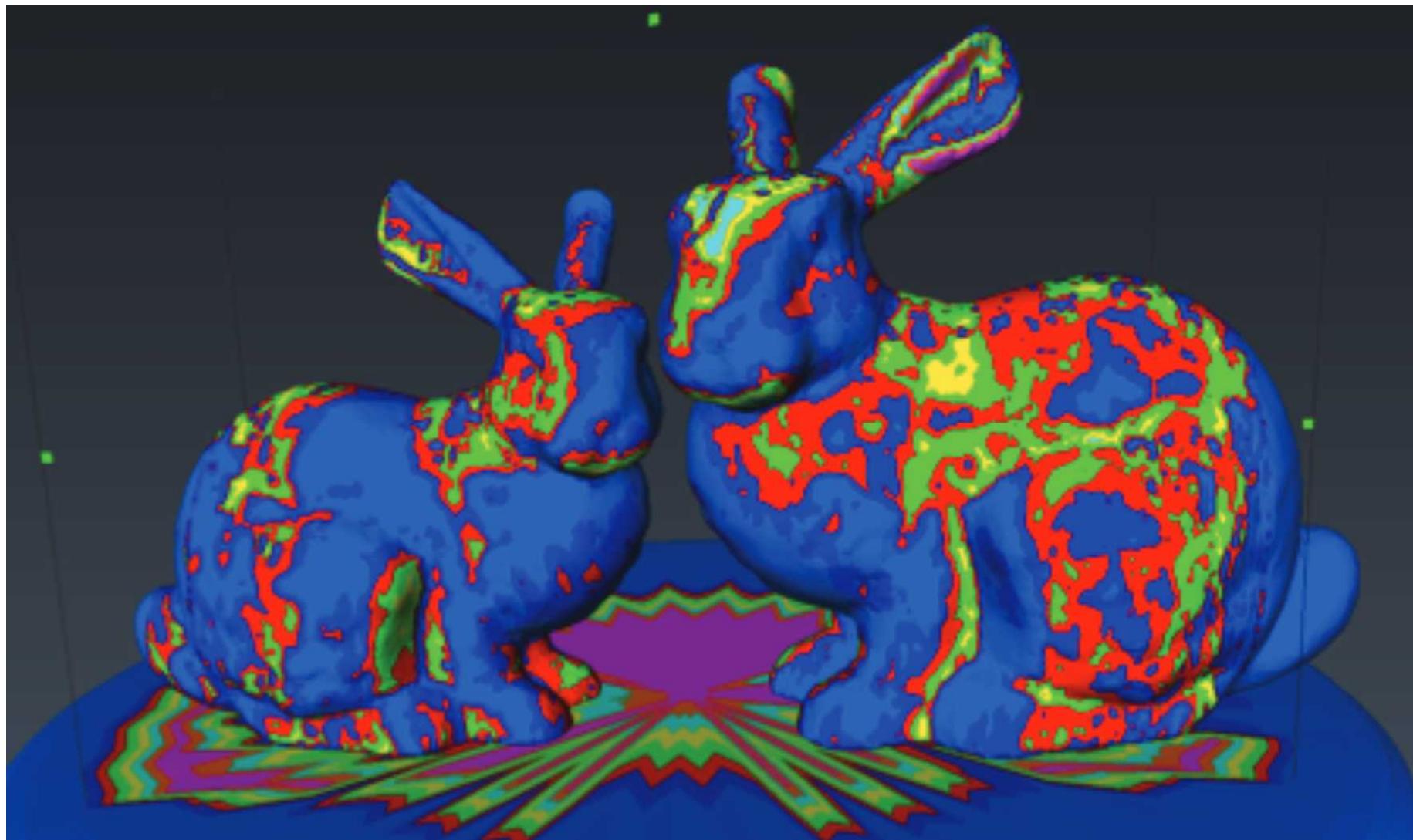
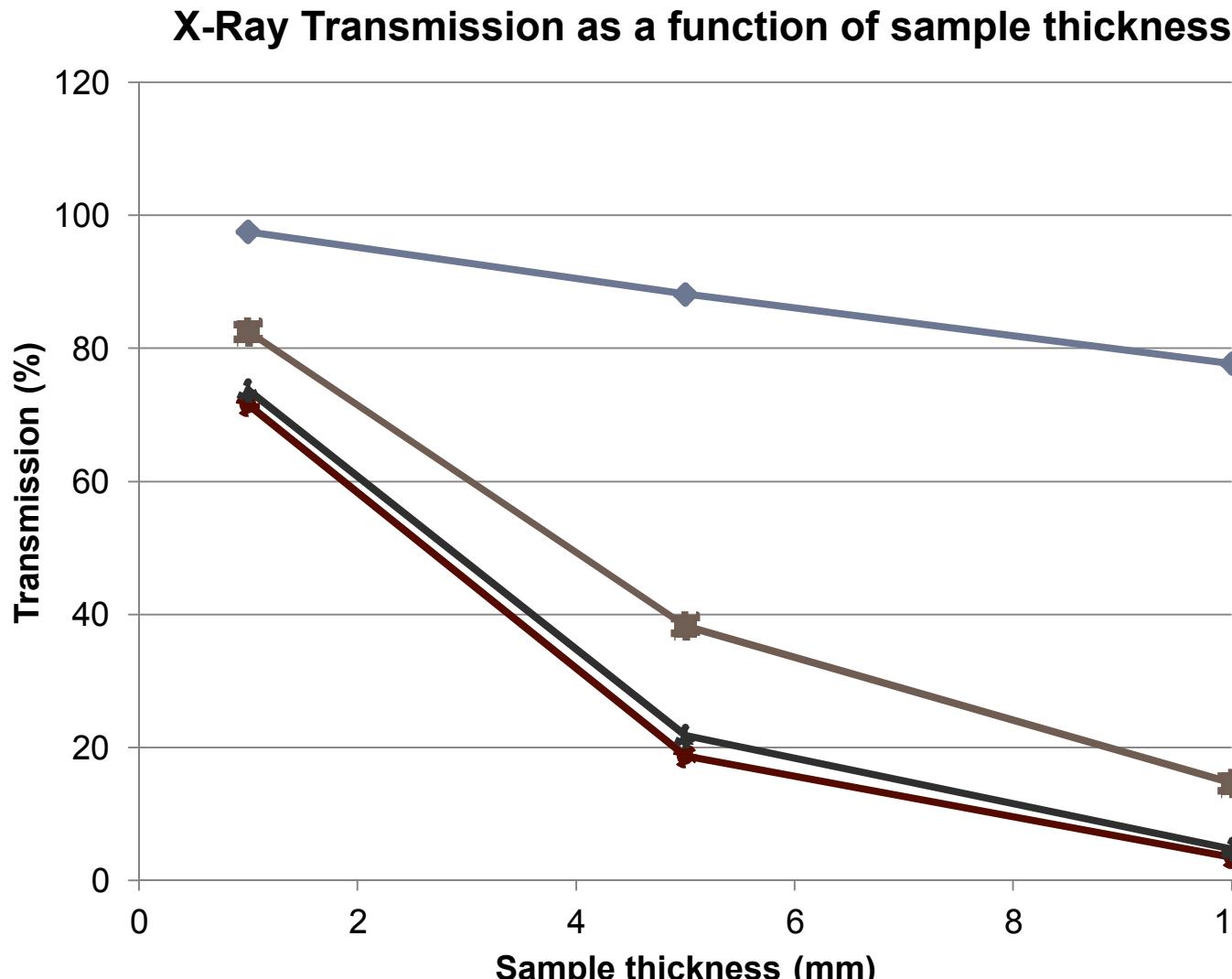


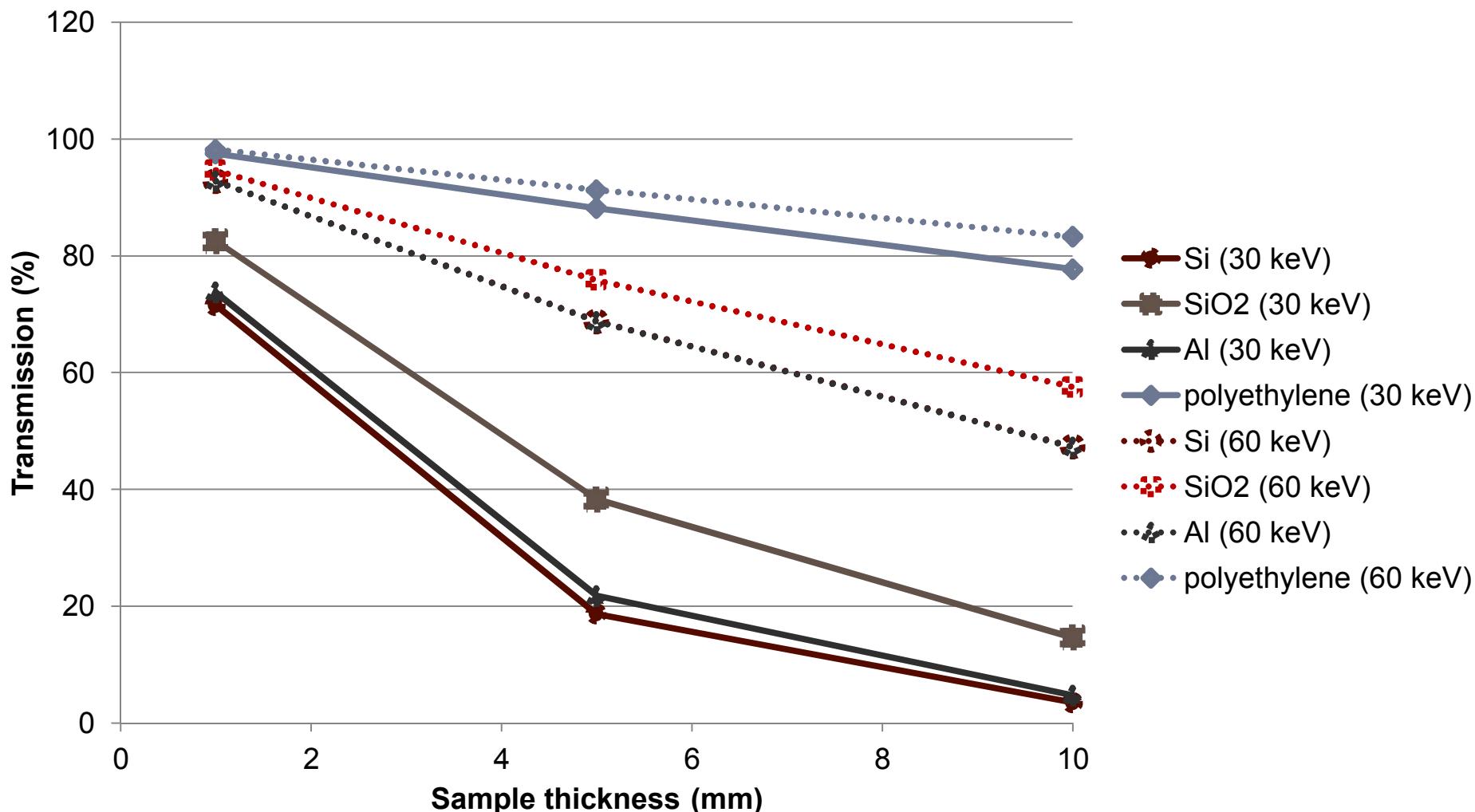
Figure from Butler lab, LSU-CAMD

Material Examples

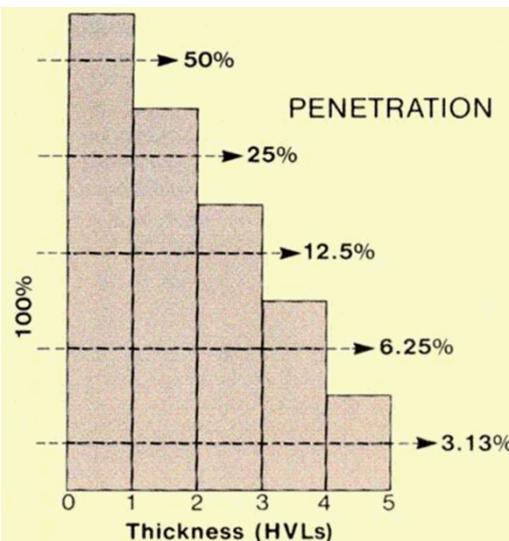
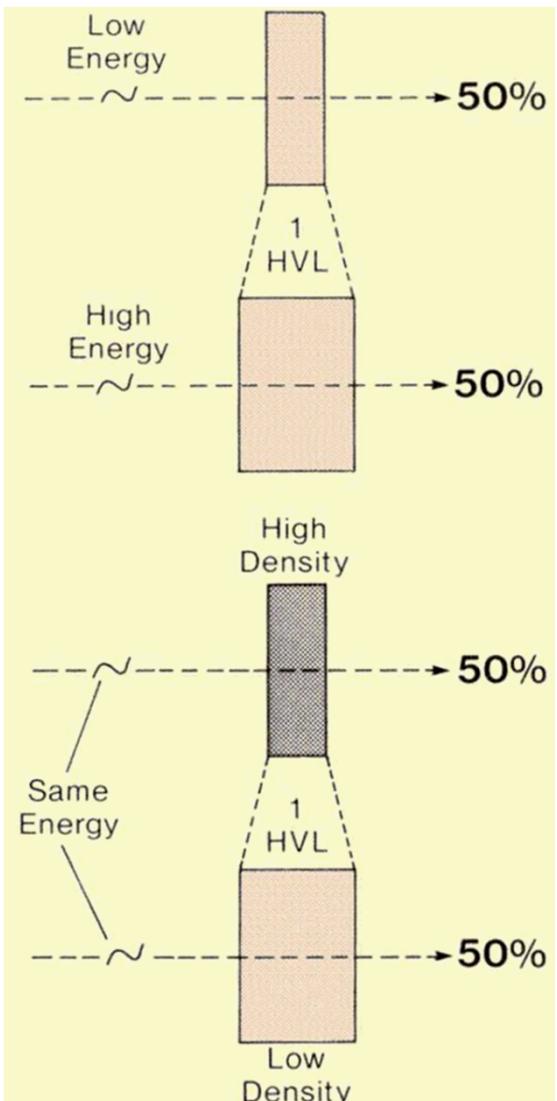


Effect of Increasing X-ray Energy

X-Ray Transmission as a function of sample thickness



Representative Half Value Layers



$$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

$$0.5 = 1.0 e^{-\mu x}$$

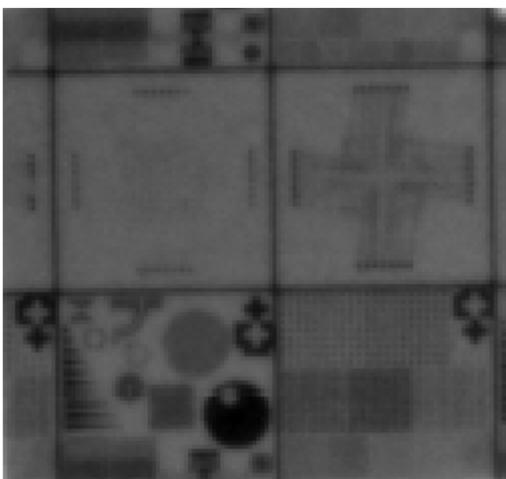
$$HVL = \frac{0.693}{\mu}$$

	HVL (mm)	
	30 keV	60 keV
Polyethylene	27.54	37.83
Water	18.45	33.66
Mylar	16.69	26.88
Teflon	7.65	16.38
Borosilicate	3.89	12.86
Concrete	3.14	11.33
Bone	2.71	11.47
Aluminum	2.28	9.24
Silicon	2.07	9.27
304L steel	0.11	0.73
CdTe	0.05	0.17
Lead Glass	0.05	0.29

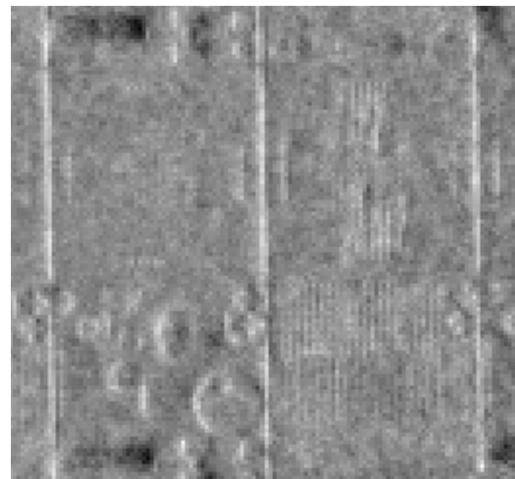
HVL cartoons from: <http://www.sprawls.org/ppmi2/RADPEN/>

Inspection Of Commercial Components

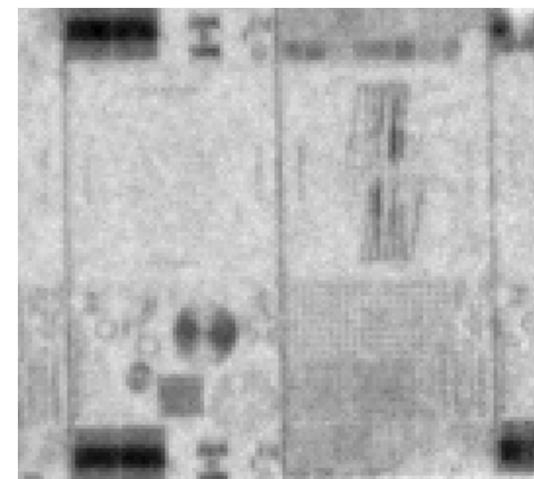
- Critical to assuring the functionality and security of integrated circuits (ICs)
 - “Slice and dice” inspection
 - Randomly selected samples
 - Labor intensive
 - Limited imaging depth
 - Complicated sample preparation
 - Limited in materials that can be inspected
- XPCI: non-destructive imaging of internal composition
 - 1000x more sensitive than x-ray absorption imaging for low-Z materials
 - Differences between ICs
 - Cracks or intentional/unintentional addition and deletion of materials



Absorption



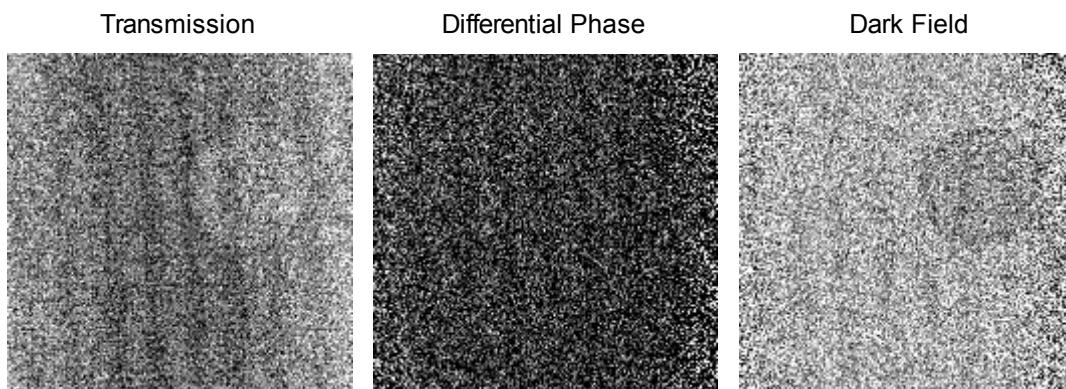
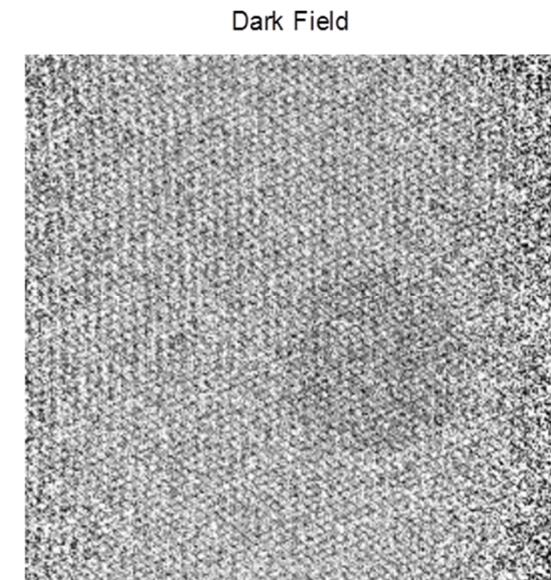
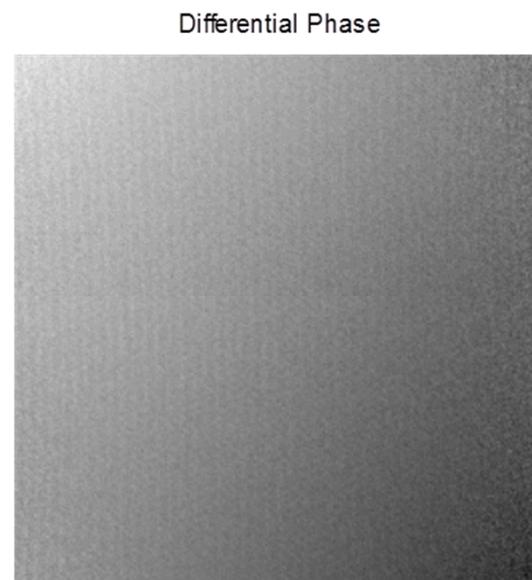
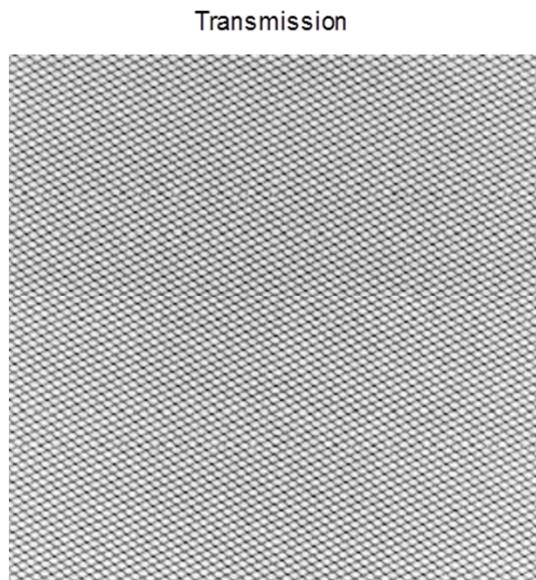
Phase Contrast



Dark Field

Grafoil in Aircraft Laminate

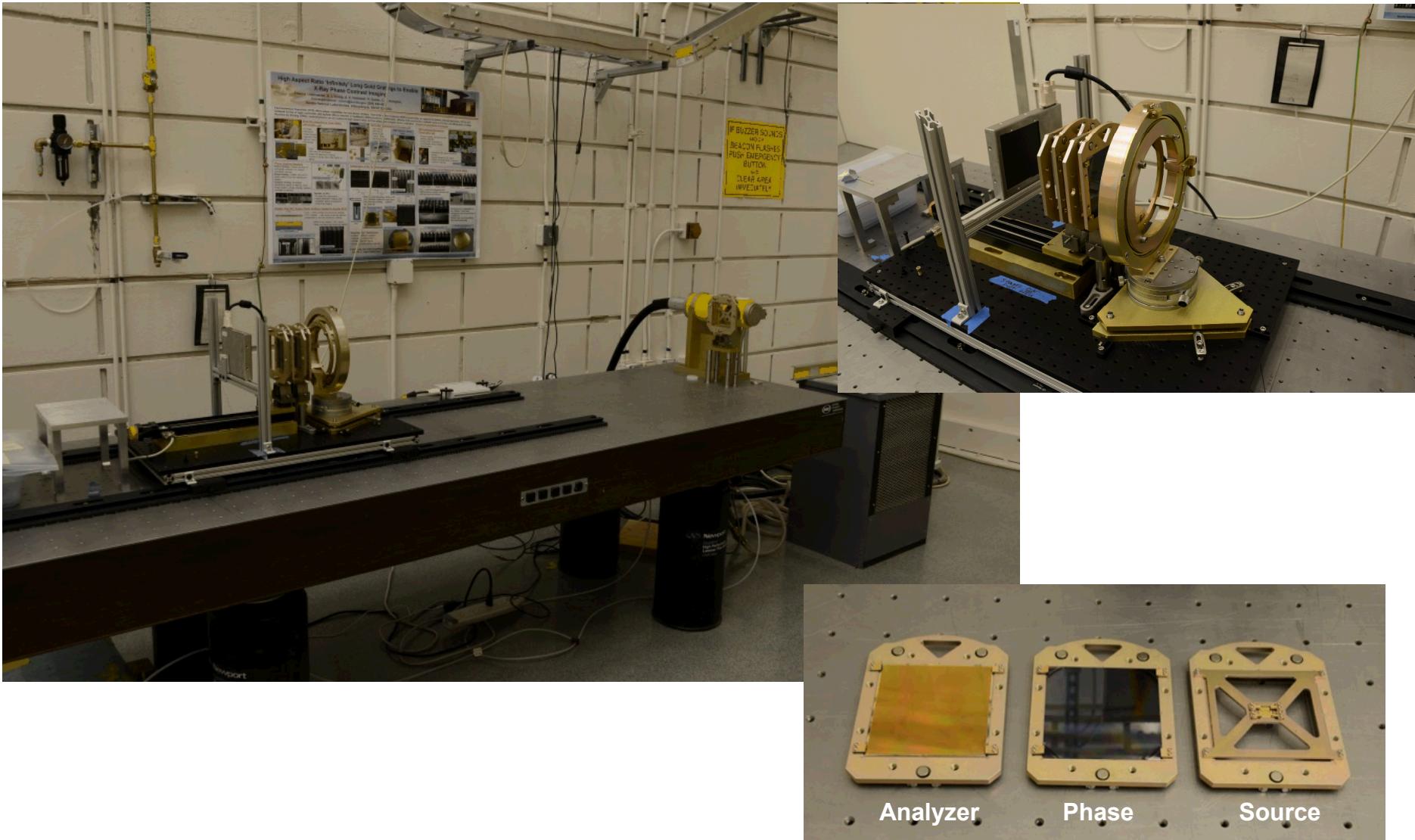
8 Ply laminate, copper mesh side, single 8-step sequence GF



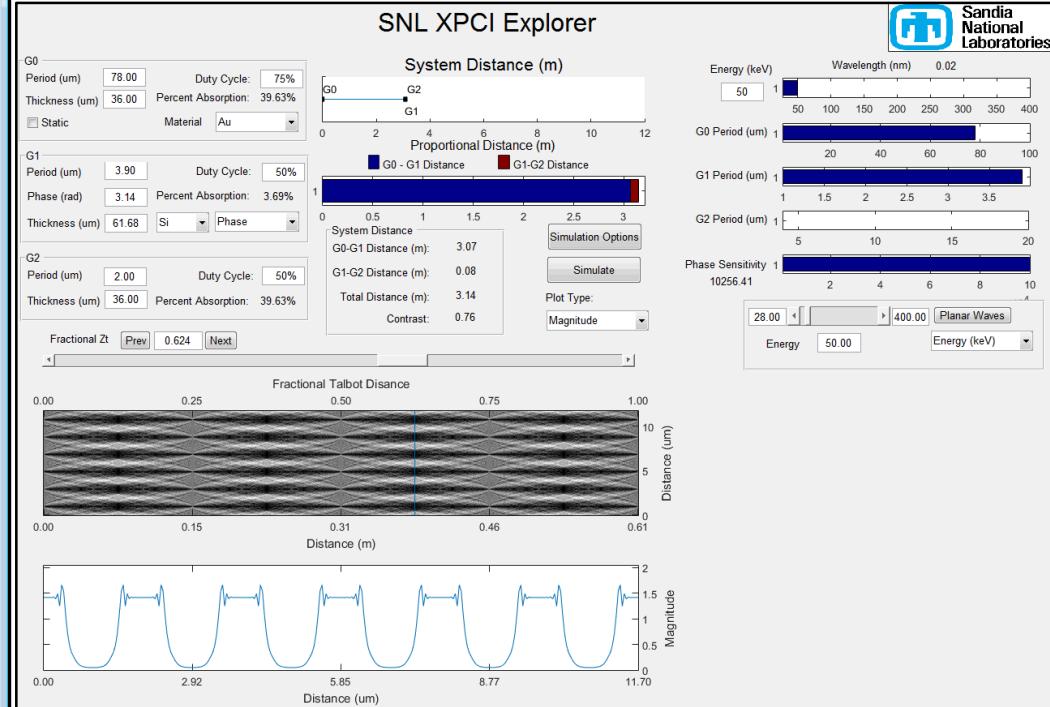
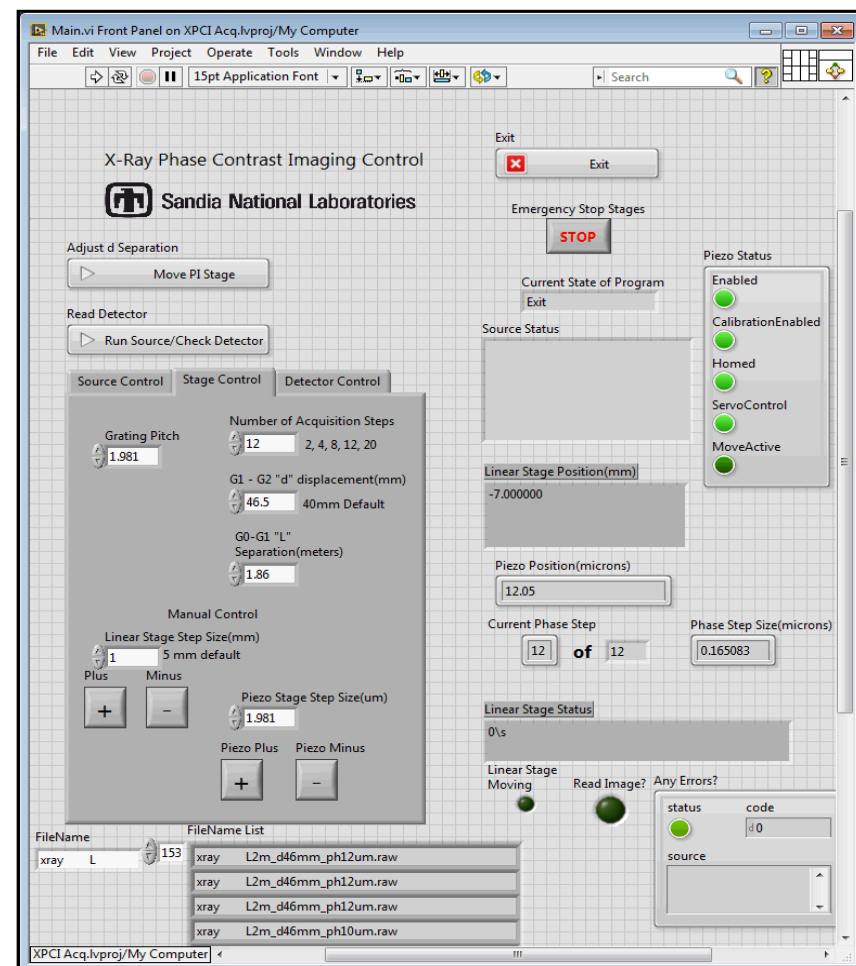
8 Ply laminate
NO copper mesh side
single 8-step sequence

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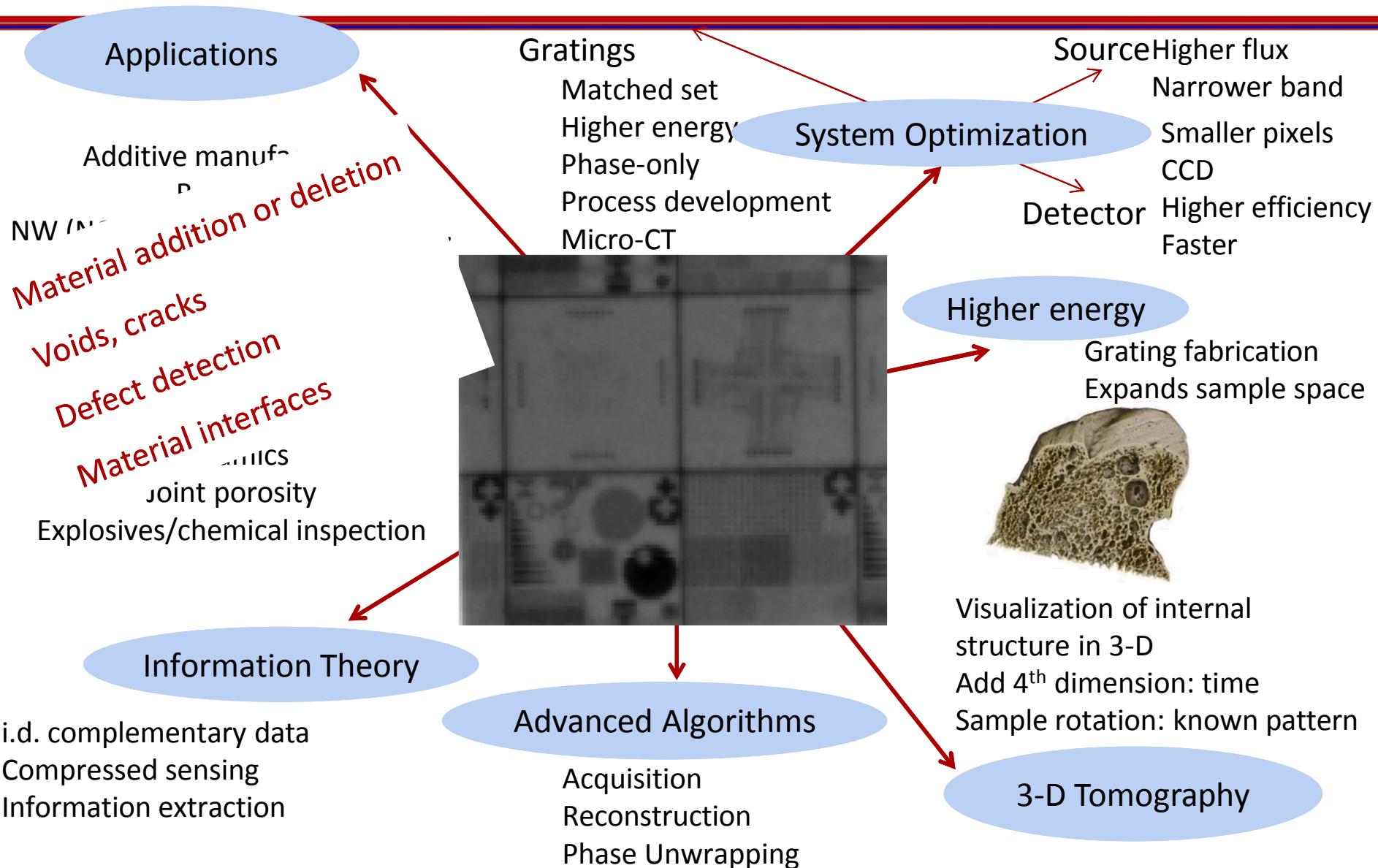
Laboratory Based System at Sandia



Interface & Modeling



Growth Opportunities



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