

# Improved Material Representations for More Predictive Modeling

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# Background

- Graduated May of 2016 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from N.M. State
- Will attend Purdue University in the Fall of 2016 as a Master's student under Dr. Wayne Chen
- Master's research will involve shocking energetics using a gas gun
- Third summer at Sandia (second in 1554)
- Native of Albuquerque
- Love sports (especially baseball), and living an active lifestyle



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# Technical Problems

- Weibull Distribution

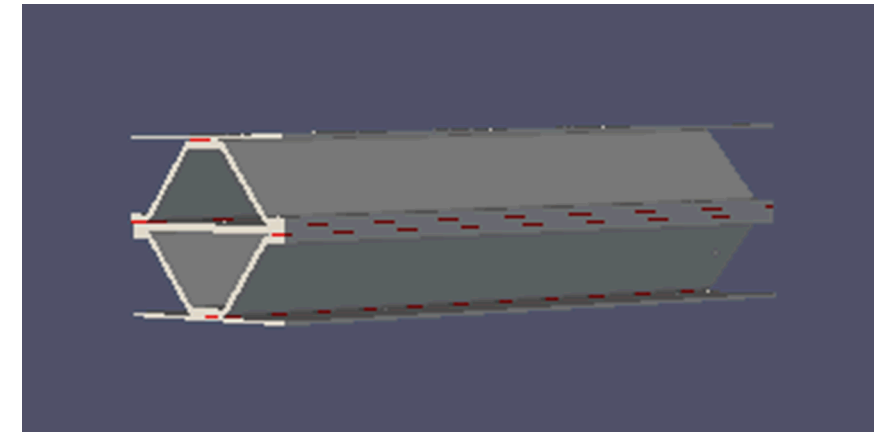
- Crack sensitivity in aluminum case is too high
- Will change behavior based on number of processors, small change in unrelated component
- Ability to obtain consistent cracking behavior is desirable



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- Aluminum Characterization

- Al-5052 used in honeycomb structure for energy absorption
- Need better simulation match to gas gun material characterization experiments



# Technical Approach

- Weibull Distribution
  - Hasn't been implemented for aluminum case material models
  - Explore what material models will accept a Weibull Distribution
  - Use the distribution to try and desensitize cracking behavior
  
- Aluminum Characterization
  - Desire a better representation of Al-5052 Stress/Strain behavior
  - Used a Ductile Fracture model
  - Implement calibrated material model into Honeycomb Crush sim

# General Weibull Distribution

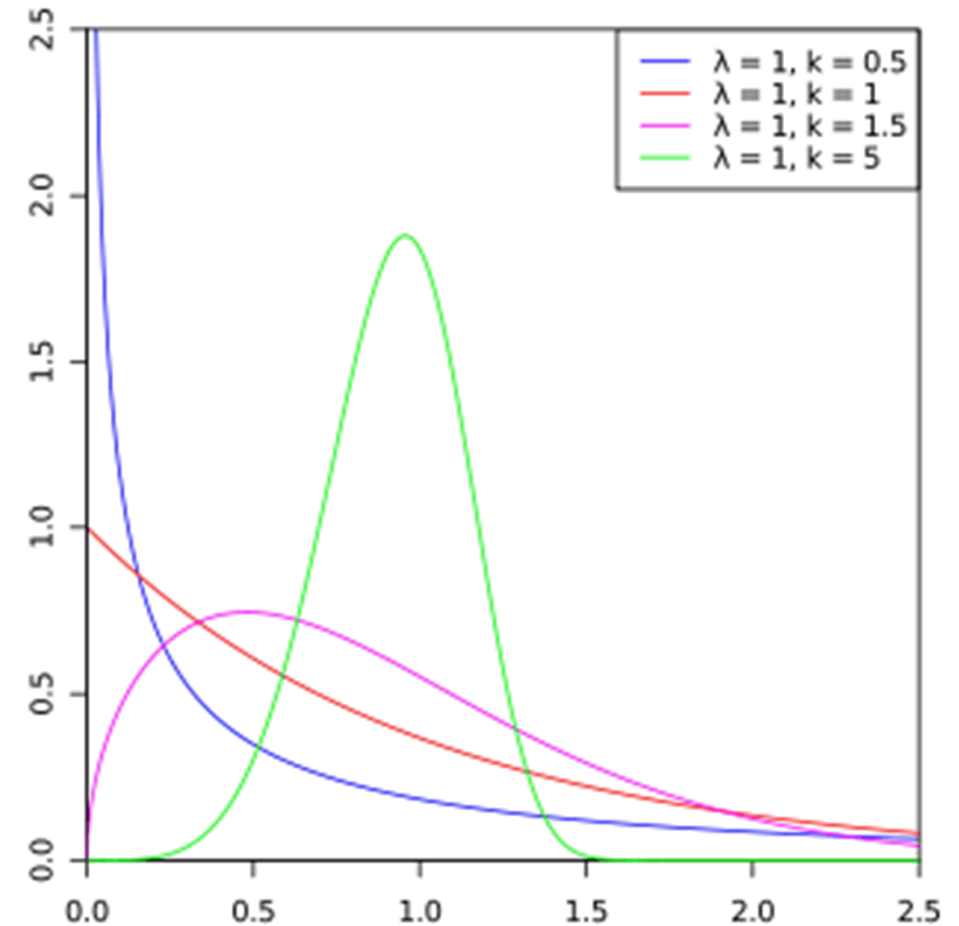
## ■ What is Weibull?

- Used most commonly in failure analysis
- Two critical parameters
  - Shape ( $k$ )
  - Scale ( $\lambda$ )

- $f(x; \lambda, k) = \frac{k}{\lambda} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{k-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^k}; x \geq 0$

## ■ How it is used in SIERRA

- Use to assign different values for a certain material property
- Can change Weibull parameters to change distribution
- Same Weibull parameters and mesh will produce repeatable distribution of properties

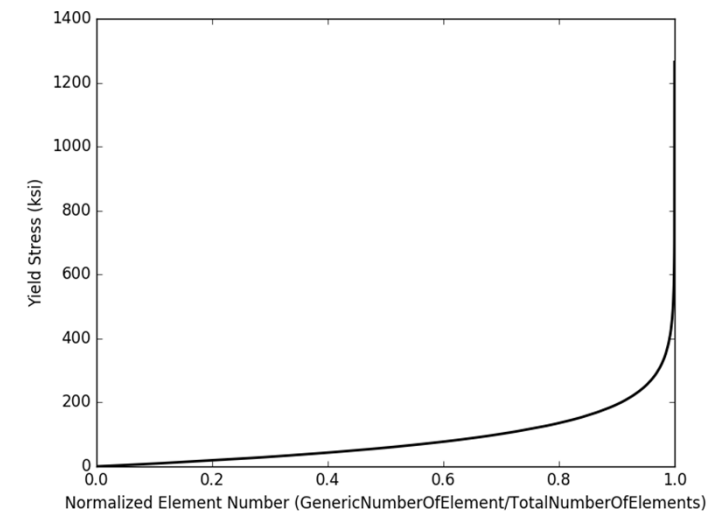
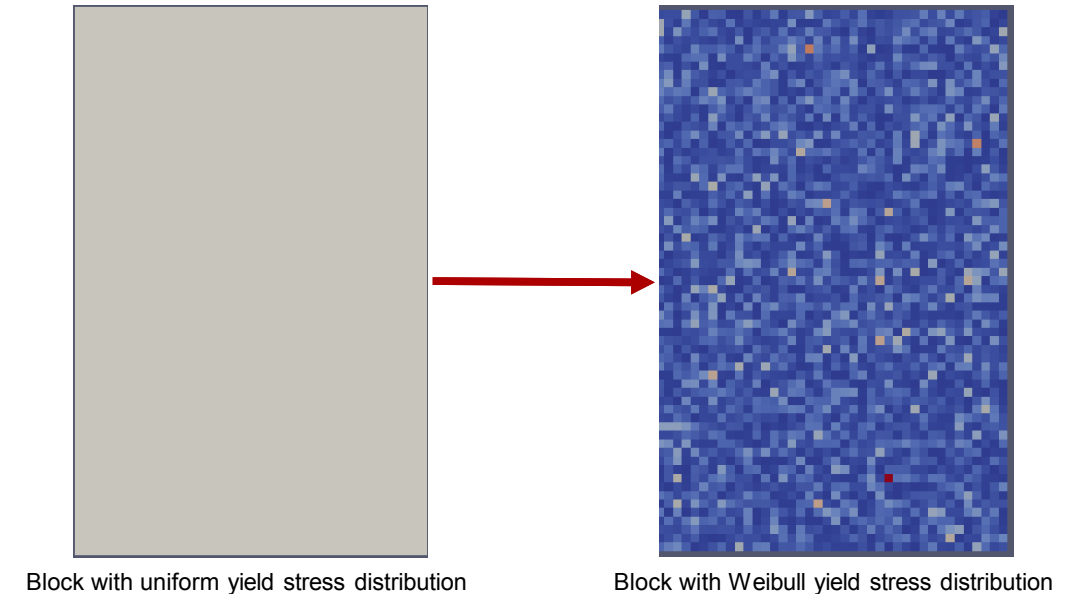


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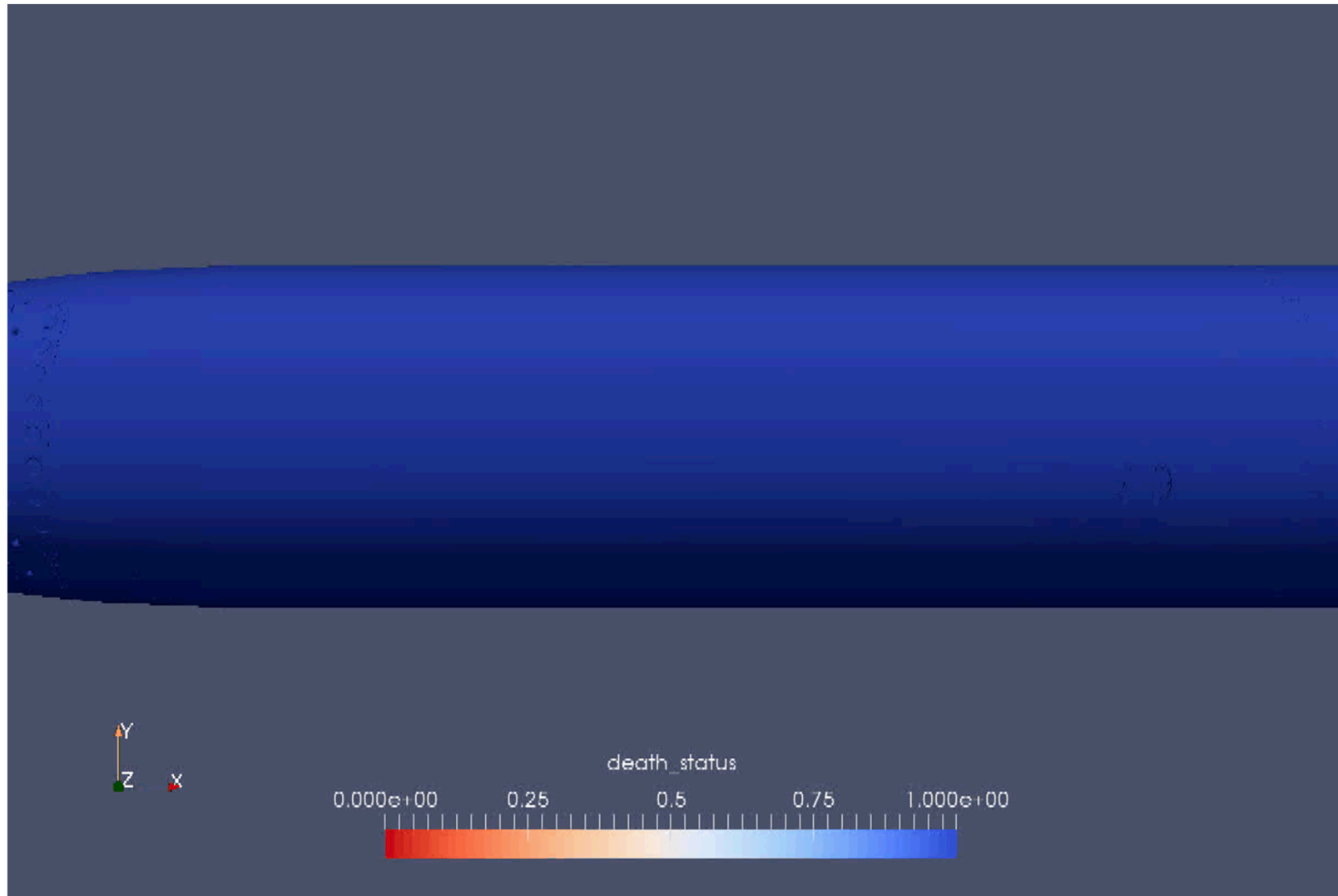
# Implementing a Weibull Distribution

- Start with Johnson-Cook model to get Weibull distribution implemented correctly in SIERRA
- Switch over to `ml_ep_fail` model using same Weibull code
- Run multiple simulations to examine crack behavior sensitivity

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BEGIN INITIAL CONDITION Weibull_YieldStress
  block = block_200
  initialize variable name = yield_stress
  variable type = element
  weibull median = {yield_stress}
  weibull seed = 123456
  #weibull scale = 5
  weibull shape = 1
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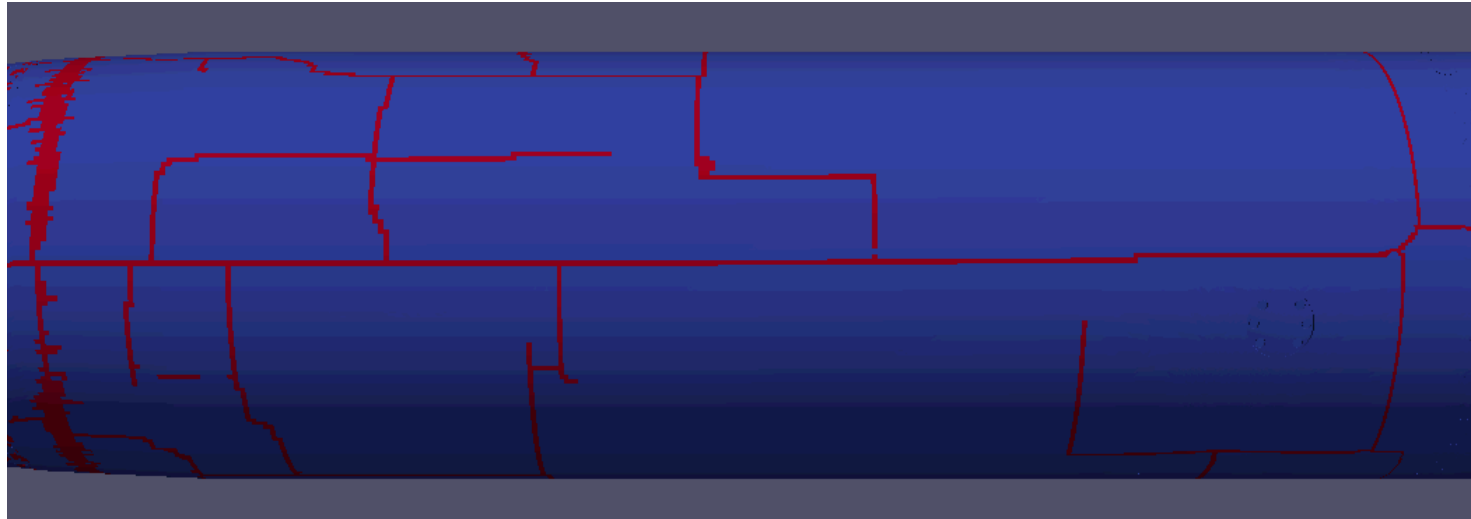
# Results





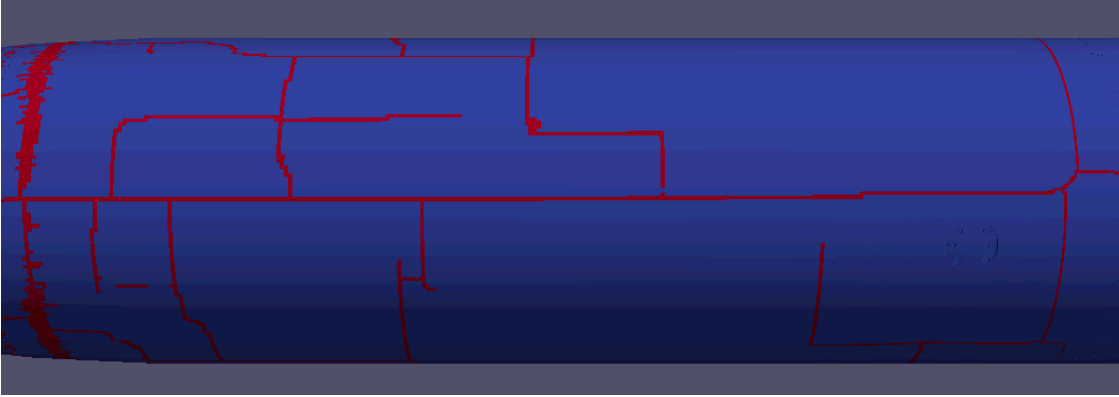
# Results (Baseline)

- Uniform aluminum case yield stress distribution
- Filler concrete yield stress at 4000 psi

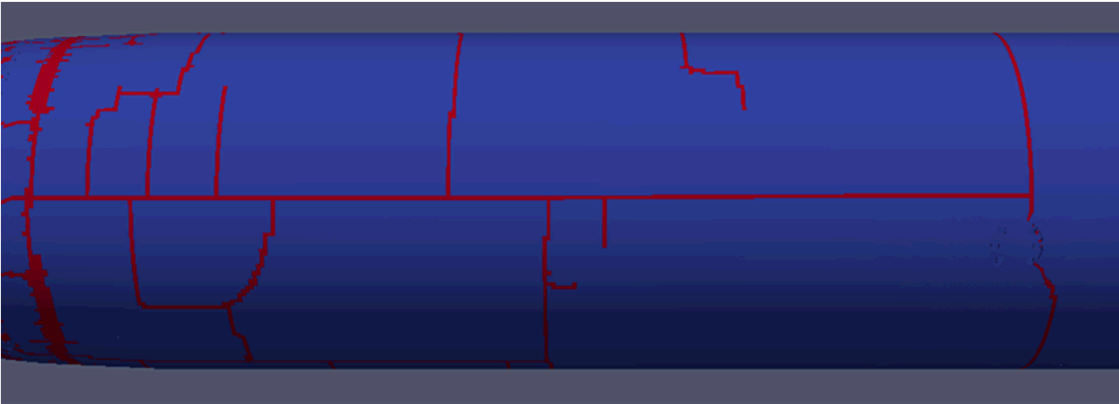


No Weibull ; YS = 4000

# Results



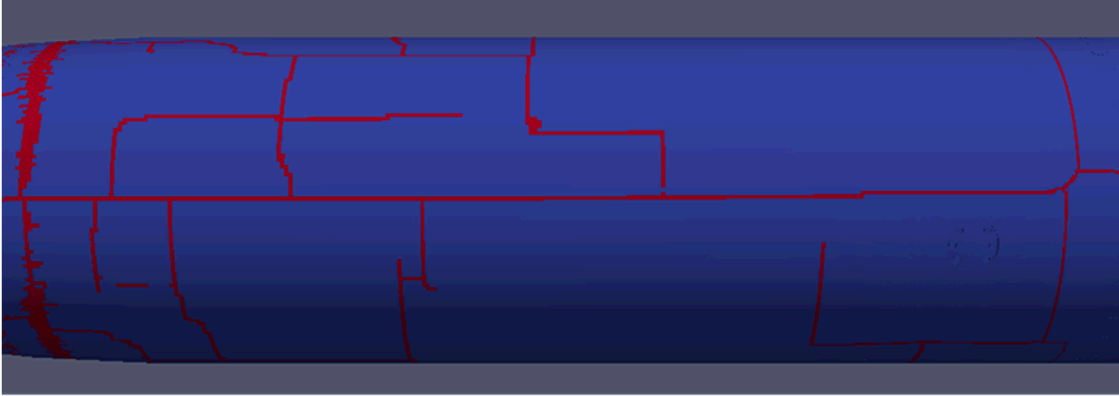
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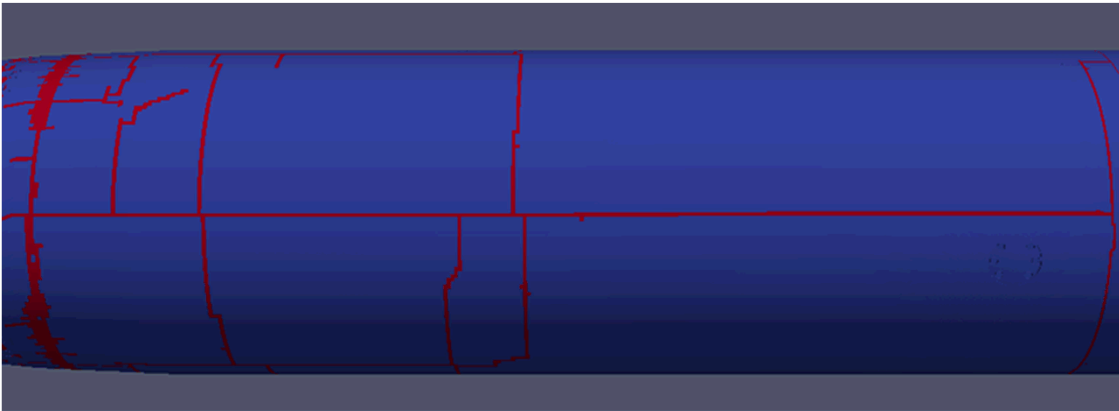
Weibull Implemented; YS = 4000

- Implemented Weibull distribution for aluminum case yield stress
- Kept filler concrete yield stress at 4000 psi
- Expected different crack pattern from baseline simulation

# Results



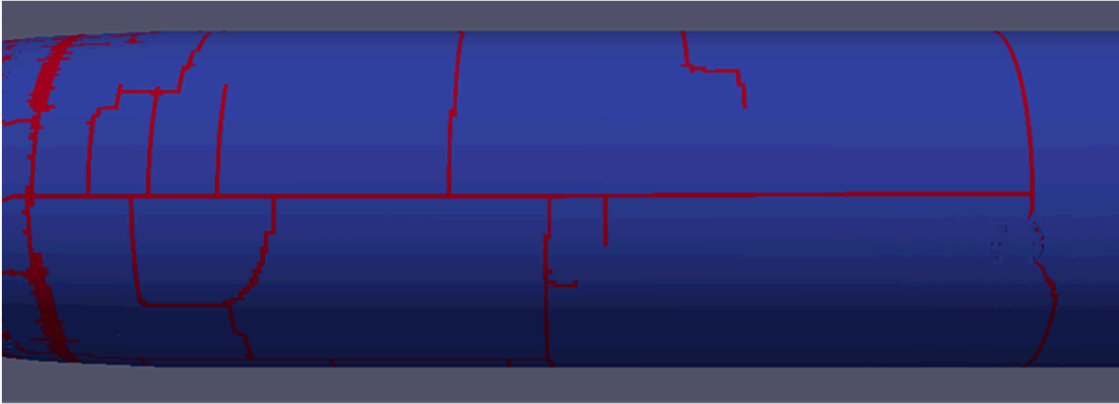
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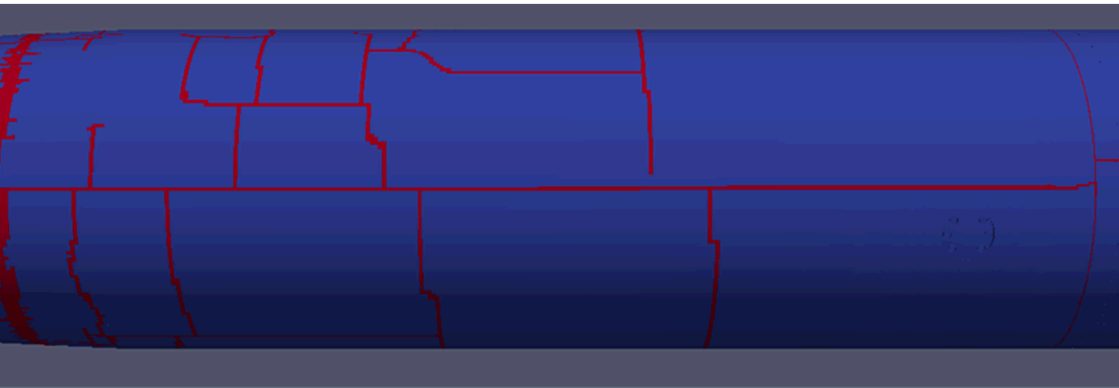
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- Increased filler concrete yield stress to 4010 psi (increase of .25%)
- Both simulations have uniform distribution of aluminum case yield stress
- Expected different crack patterns

# Results



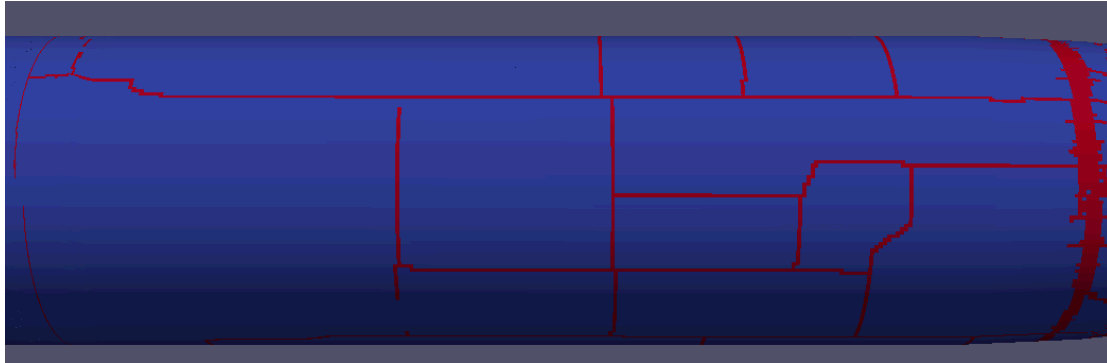
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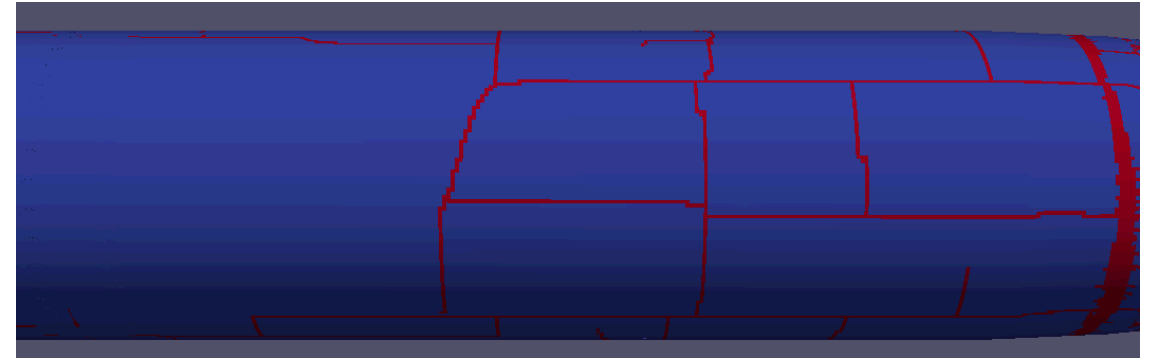
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- Increase filler concrete yield stress to 4010 psi (increase of .25%)
- Both simulations have Weibull distribution of aluminum case yield stress
- Hoping for same crack pattern

# Results (Side 2)



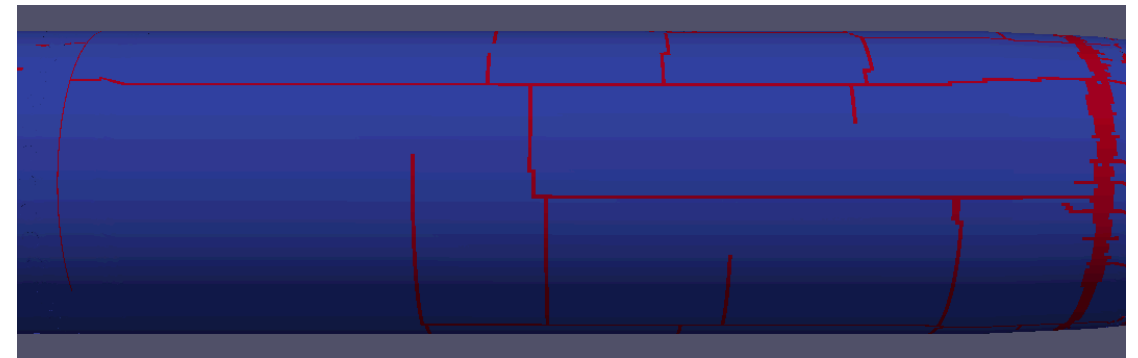
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# Progress and Future Work

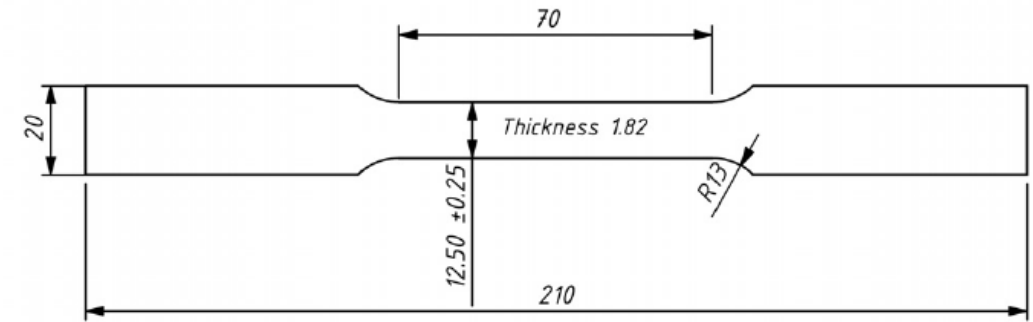
- Reproduced randomness in aluminum case cracking
- Successfully implemented Weibull distribution
- Try another distribution or method to desensitize cracking behavior
- Get more ideas from the SIERRA team

# Al-5052 Characterization

- Approach
  - Model experimental setup from literature
  - Come up with a better representation of Stress/Strain behavior for Al-5052
  - Implement new material model into honeycomb simulations
  - Compare Photo Doppler Velocimetry (PDV) data with old and new simulations to determine success

# Simulating the Experiment

- Dogbone specifications came from Ozturk et al.  
Ozturk F, Toros S, Kilic S. Evaluation of tensile properties of 5052 type aluminum-magnesium alloy at warm temperatures. Arch Mater Sci Eng 2008;34:95–8.
- Modeled one quarter of experimental setup
- Used a Ductile Fracture material model in the tensile test simulation



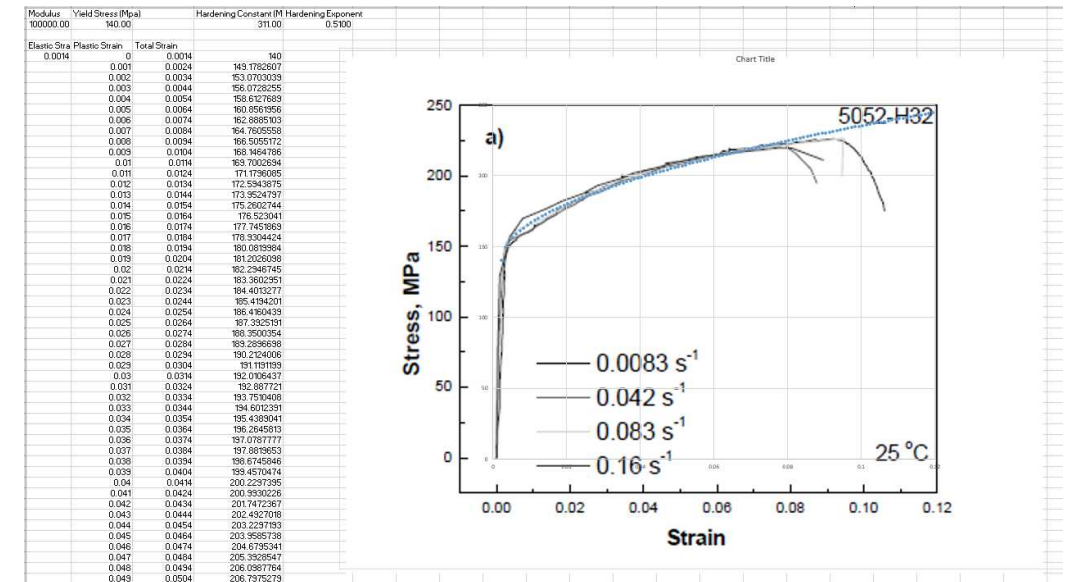
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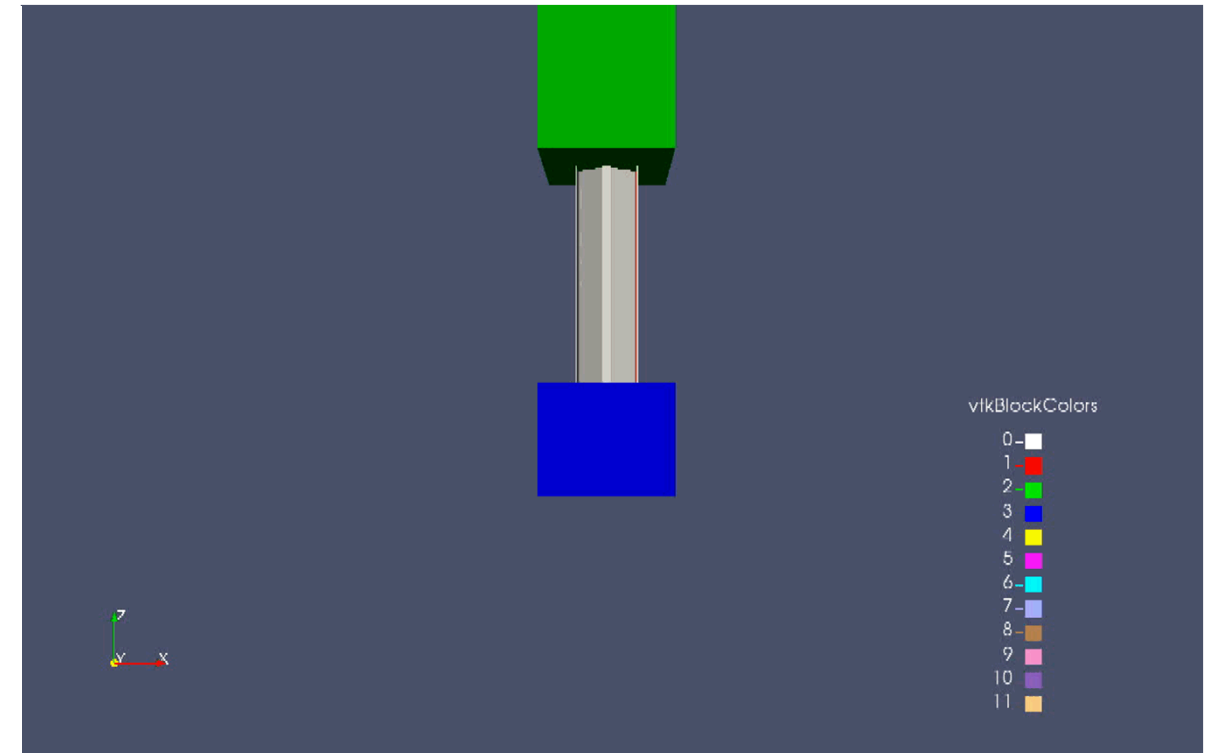
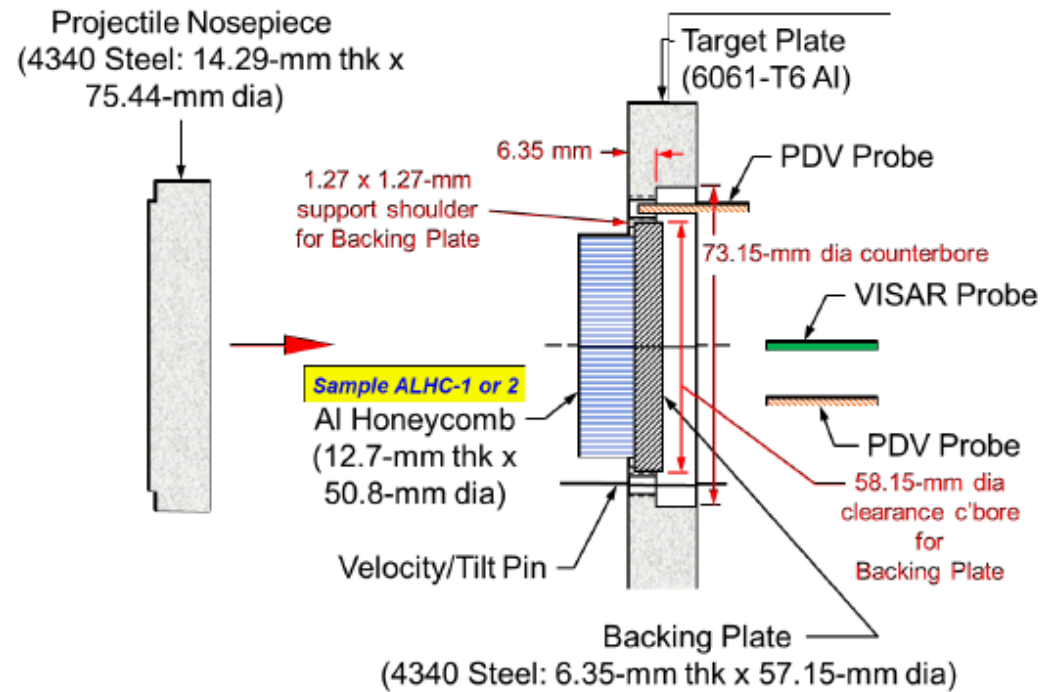


# Fitting the Aluminum Material Model

- Experimental data came from Ozturk et al.  
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- Elastic region fit well with yield stress and Young's modulus
- Took a few iterations to obtain acceptable hardening behavior
- Utilized critical tearing parameter for failure criterion
- Used Excel and the Stress/Strain curve from the literature to fit Power Law Hardening
- $\sigma = \sigma_y + K\epsilon_p^n$  (K and n are the independent variables)



# Crushing Aluminum Honeycomb



# Results

- Successfully implemented calibrated Aluminum 5052 model into honeycomb simulation
- Ran simulations at 702 ft/s and 541 ft/s
- Velocity vs Time for the impactor and base plate better align with experimental data

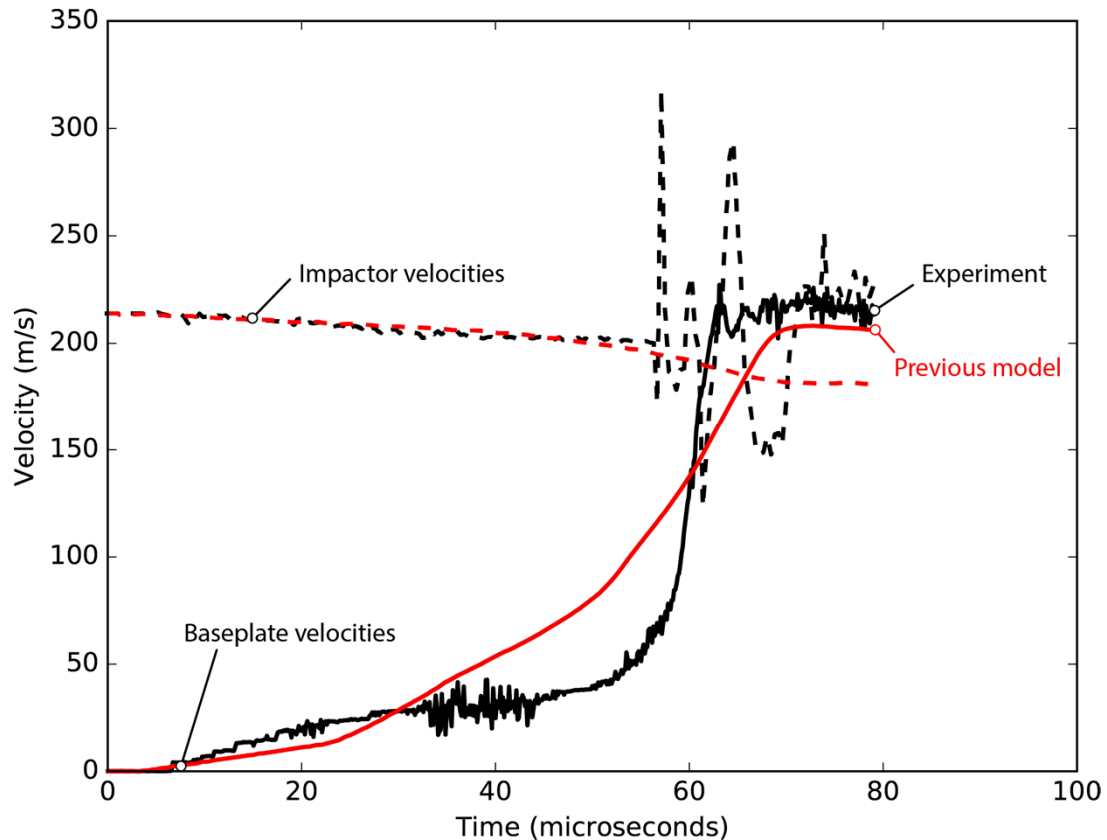


702 ft/s



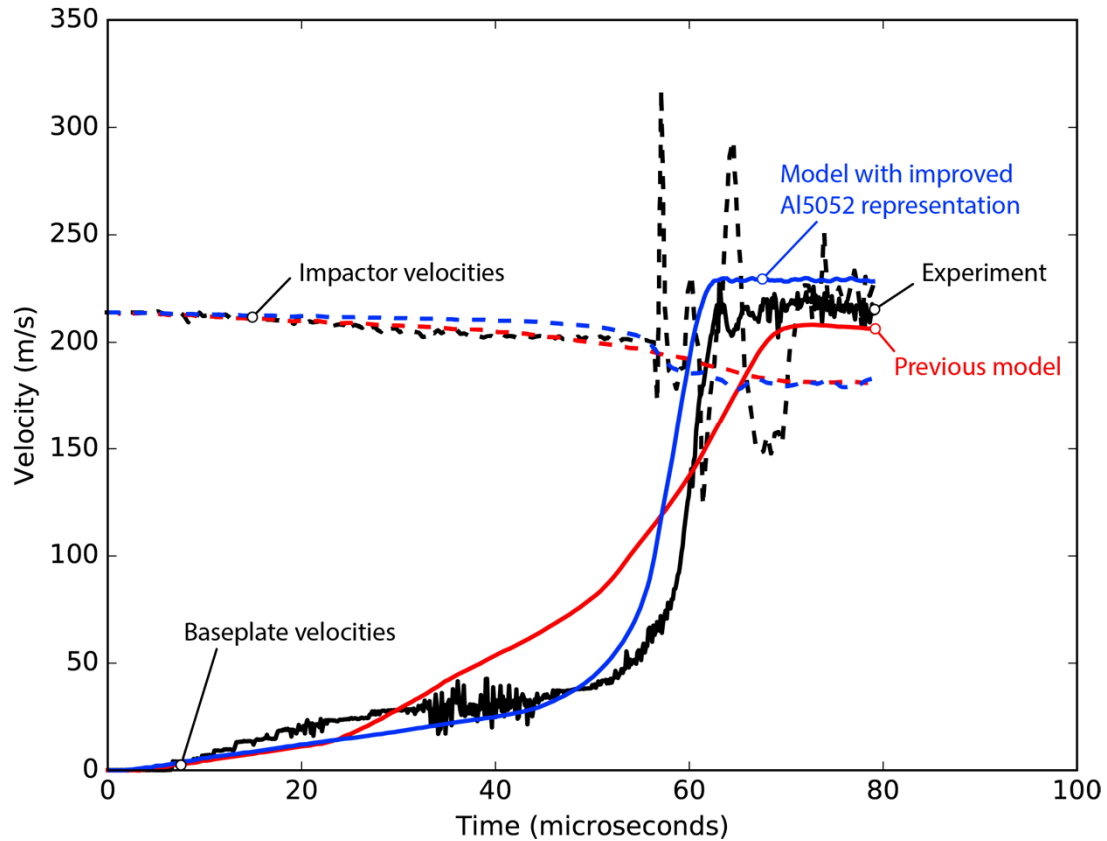
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# Progress



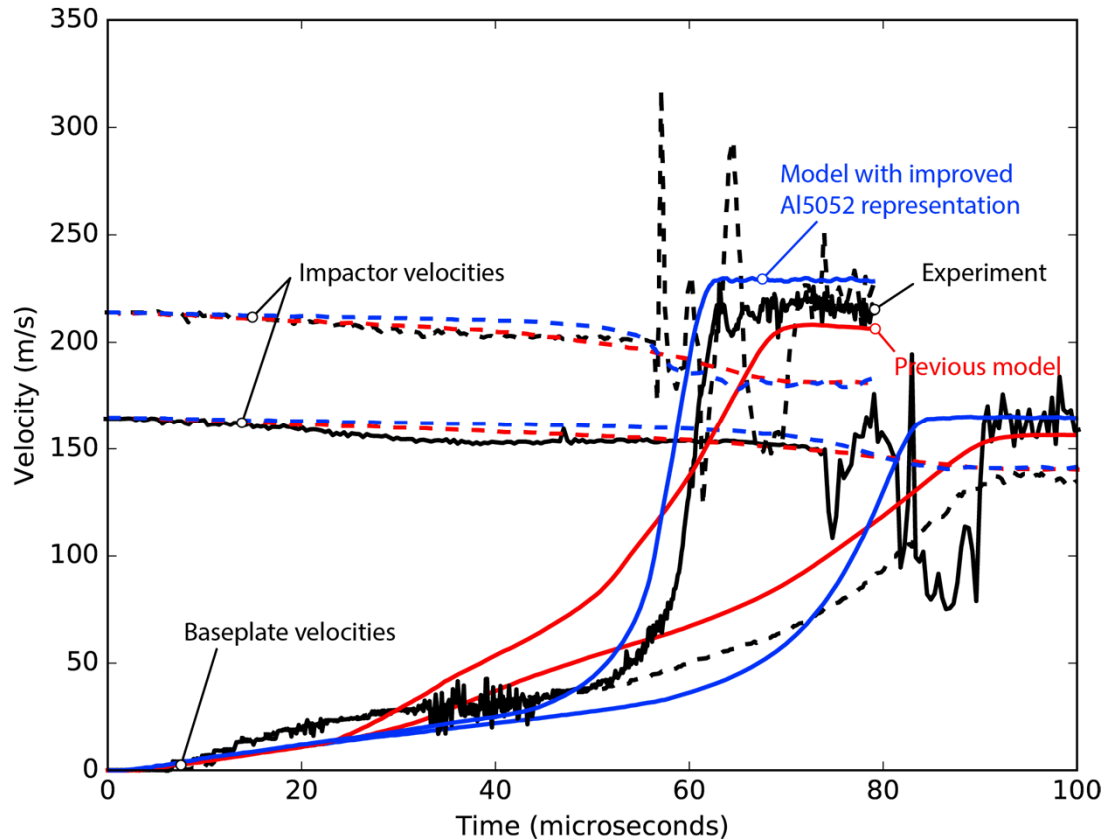
- Comparison using past simulation and material model
- Old material model is simple elastic plastic
- Investigation of new more complex model to try and improve results

# Progress



- New material model is ductile fracture
- Comparison is at 702 ft/s
- Improvement

# Progress



- Addition of comparison for 541 ft/s
- Clear difference in simulations at 541 ft/s
- Not a clear improvement at slower speed

# Conclusion

- Weibull Distribution
  - Successfully implemented in aluminum case material model
  - Did not create repeatable cracking patterns
  - I learned about the Weibull Distribution, Workbench, and sometimes getting the wrong answer can be a success
- Aluminum characterization
  - Calibrated a ductile fracture material model for Al-5052
  - Successfully implemented this material model into honeycomb crush simulations
  - Closed the gap between simulation and experimental data (at least at higher speeds)
  - I learned about Power Law Hardening, gas guns, and a simple understanding of the basics can make objectives more attainable