

Additive Manufacturing – A New World of Opportunities and Challenges

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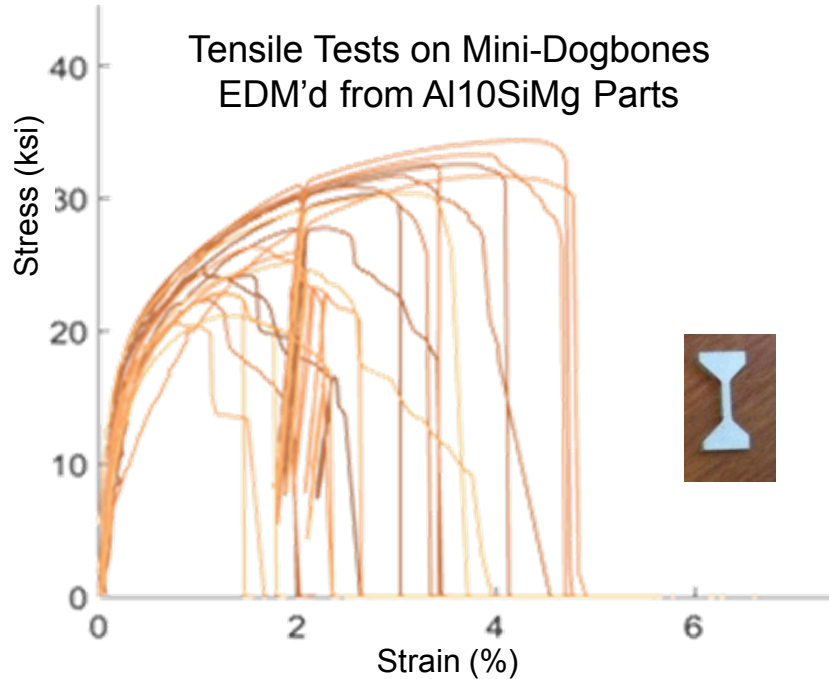
Graded Implementation Slide

Impact Tests

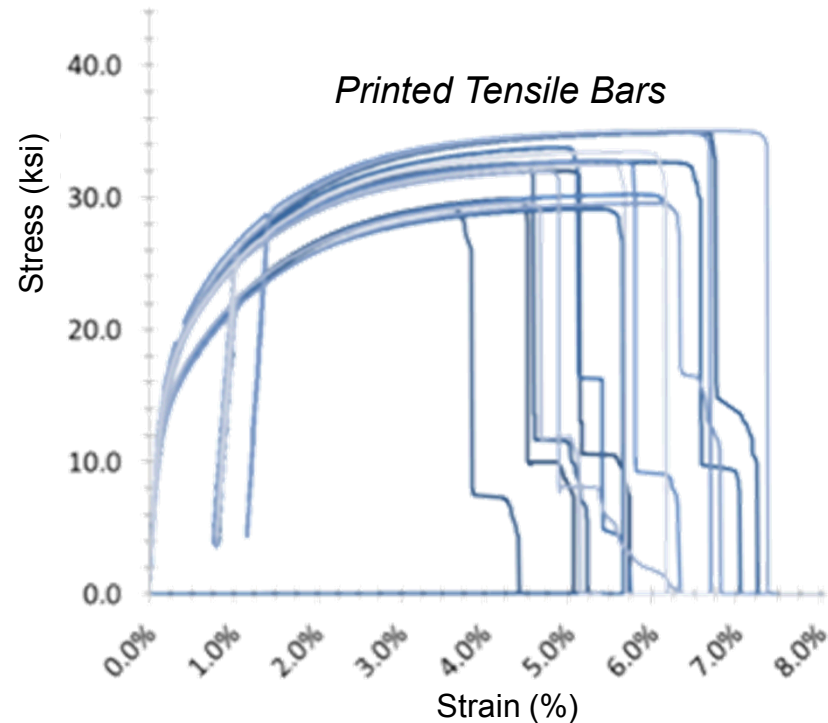
AM vs. Traditional Designs

But, Variability of AM Properties and Inability to Assure Properties Prevented Insertion

Tensile Tests on Mini-Dogbones
EDM'd from Al10SiMg Parts



Printed Tensile Bars

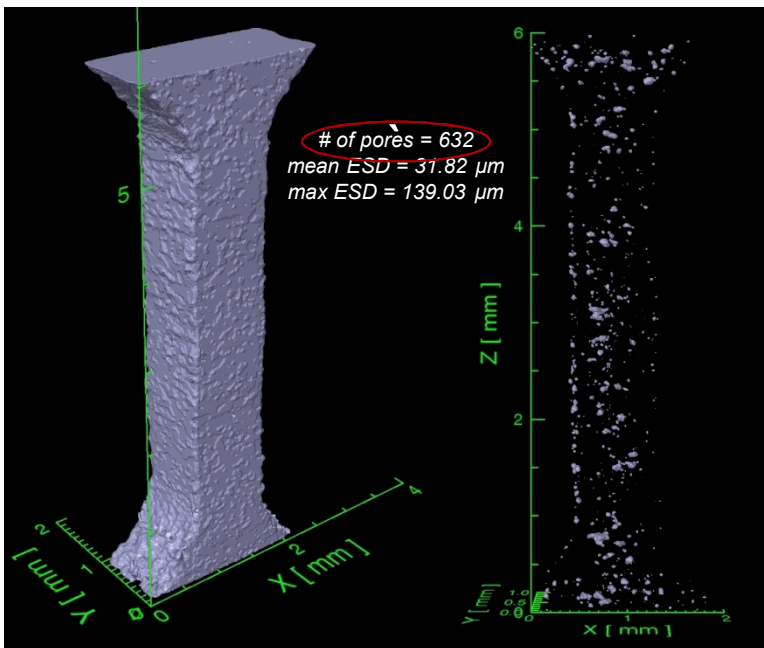


- Test results appear to vary with sample size \Rightarrow defect sensitivity
- Porosity in is higher in areas where mini-dogbones were EDM'd

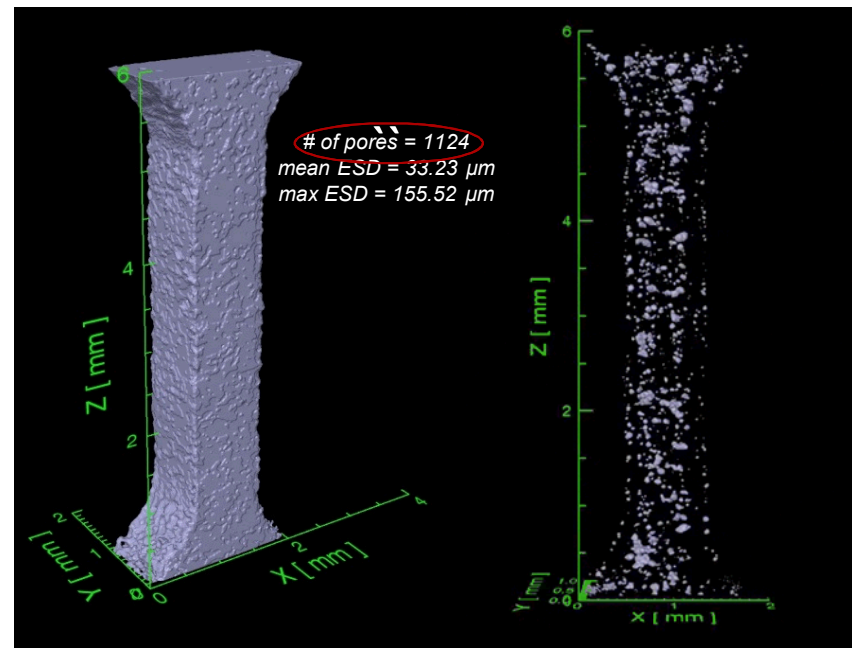


Still Working to Understand Defect Sensitivities and Failure Modes

- AlSi10Mg dogbones
 - Gage sections imaged with resolution of 7 or 10 μm voxel edge length
- Quantifying defect distributions
 - What can we see? Does it inform material behavior predictions?
- 632 pores vs. 1124 similar size pores below; Very similar tensile test results; Why ???



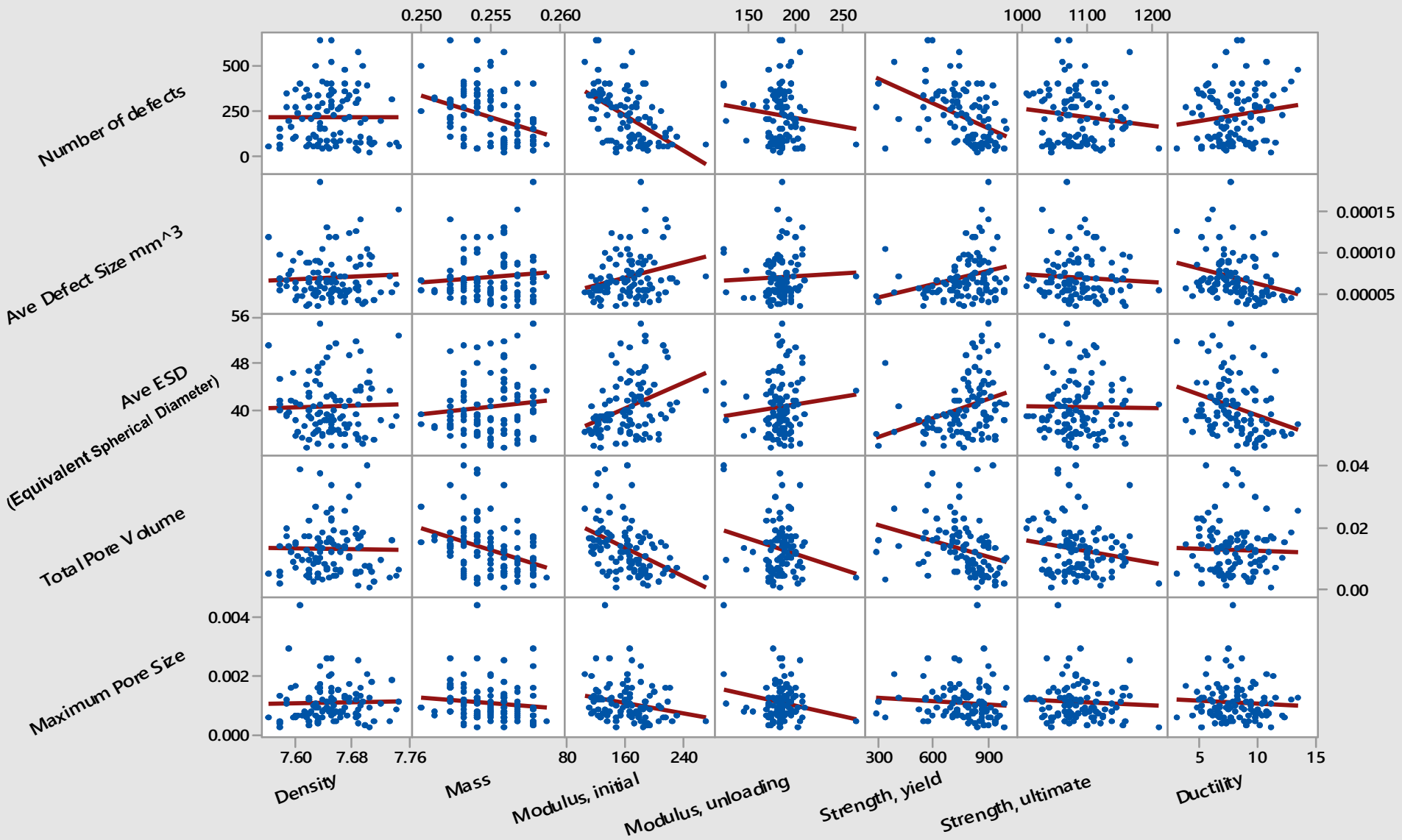
dogbone B,16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)



dogbone C,16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)

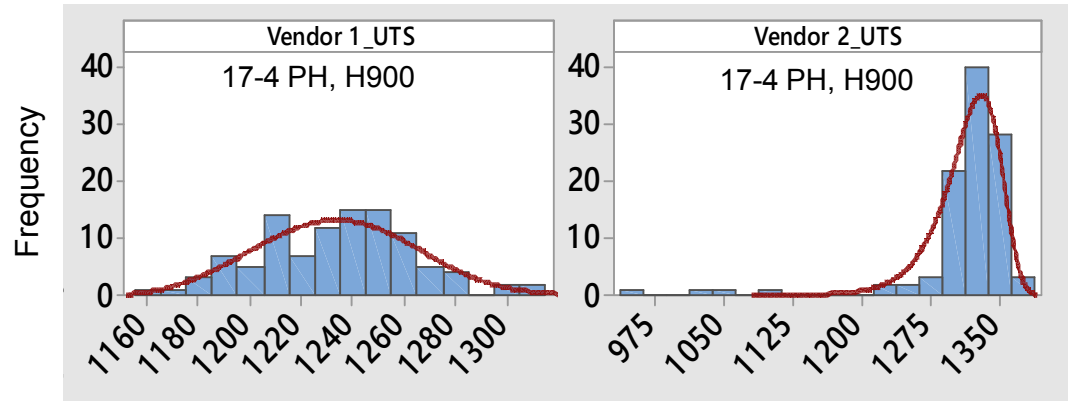
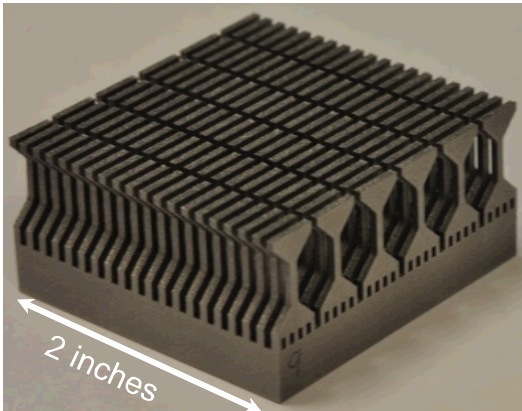
ESD = equivalent spherical diameter

On-going Data Analytics Studies To Investigate Potential Relationships



How Can We Assure That a Specific AM Component is Reliable?

High Throughput Tensile Testing



Ultimate tensile strength (Mpa)

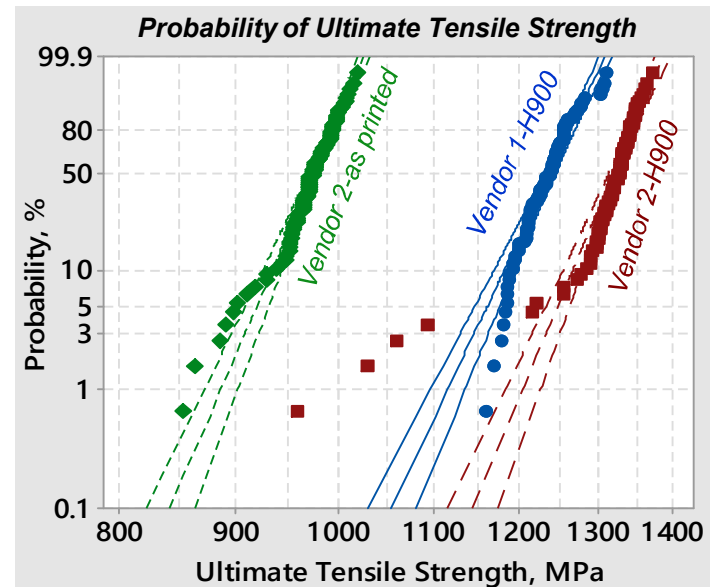
(Handbook 17-4 PH, H900 UTS ~ 1450 MPa)

- 17-4 behavior similar to ceramics & castings
- Weibull distributions prove appropriate

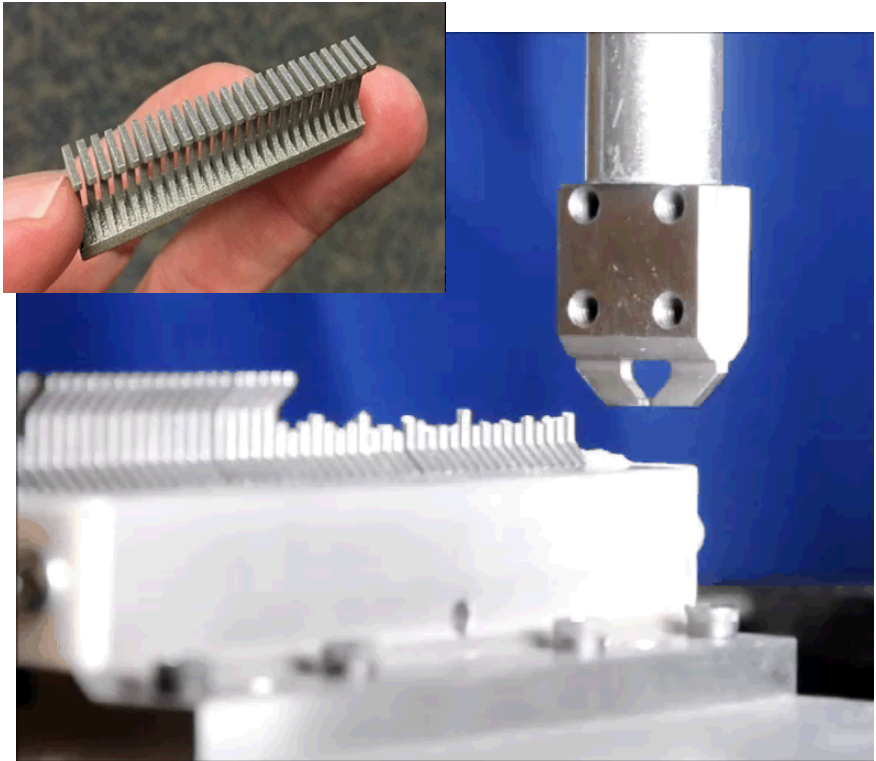
$$\log \left(\log \left(\frac{1}{1-P} \right) \right) = m \cdot \log(\sigma) + \log \left(\frac{V \cdot \log(e)}{\sigma_0^m} \right)$$

where

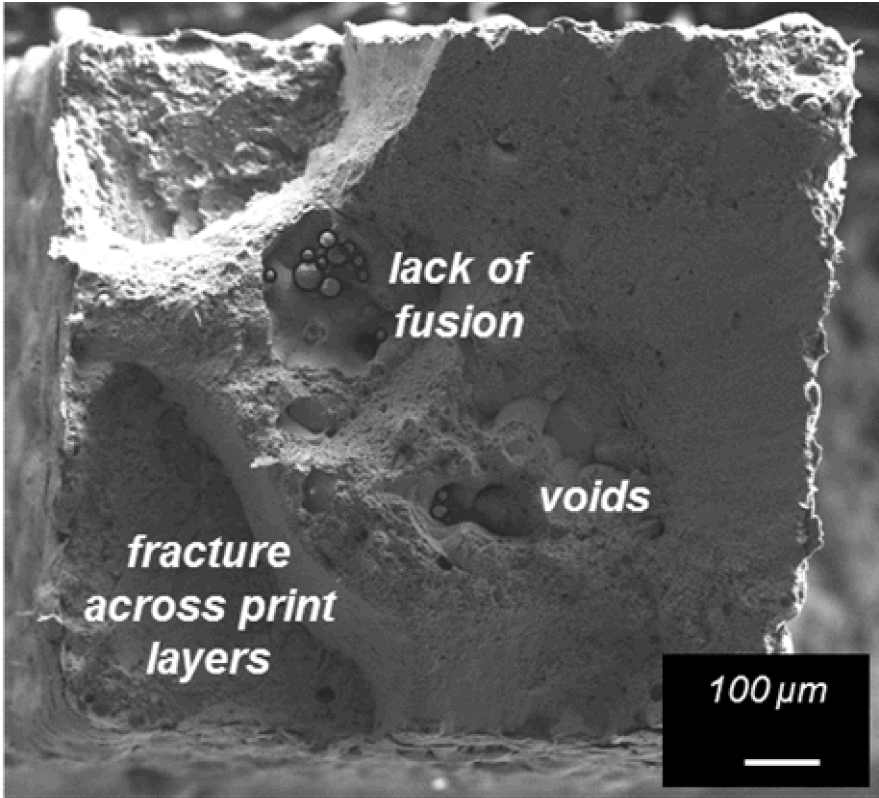
- P = probability of failure at stress, σ
- m = Weibull modulus, i.e. scatter
- V = material volume
- σ_0 = strength for which $P = 0$



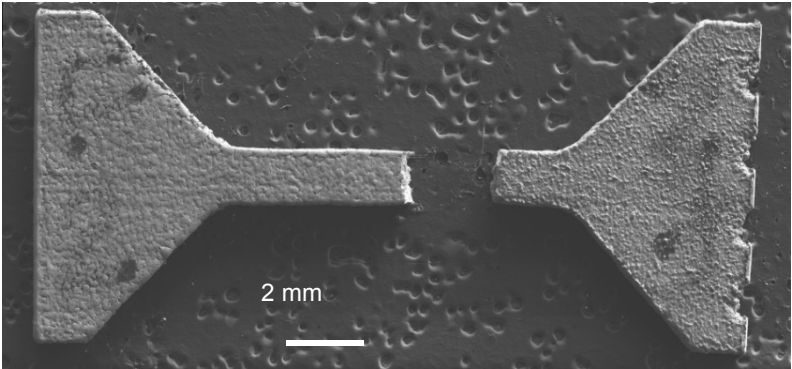
High Throughput Tensile Testing



17-4 PH SS, H900 "brittle" fracture

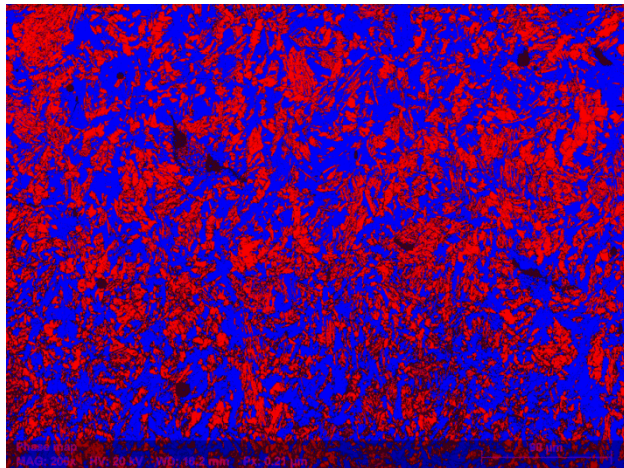


Failure at 2% elongation

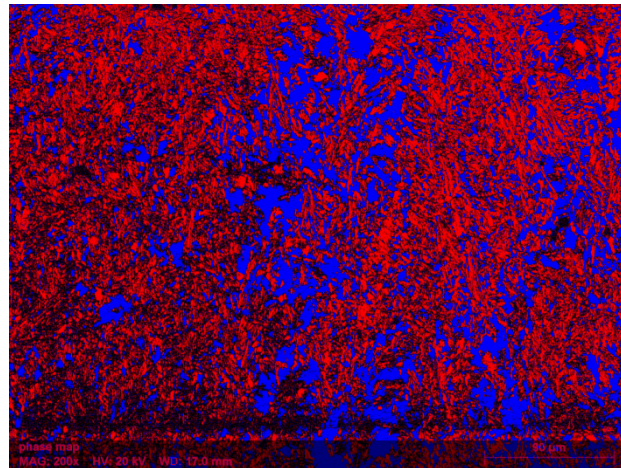


High % Retained Austenite in AM 17-4 PH SS

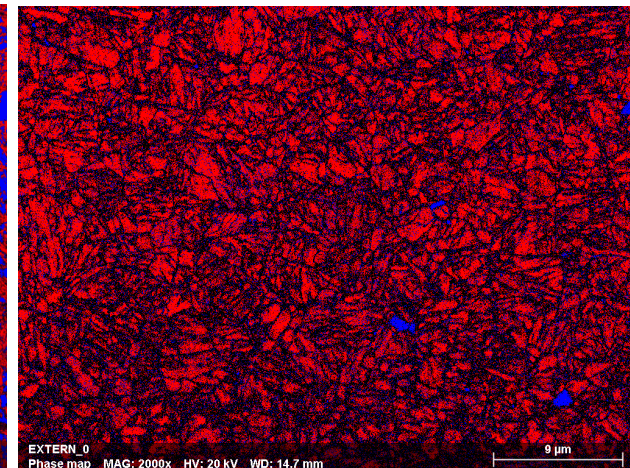
- Anomalous phase composition in AM vs. wrought 17-4 PH Stainless
 - Large fraction of retained austenite after solution heat treatment + H900 age
 - Cryo treatment to -196°C for 5 min still does not transform austenite



As-printed, 47% Austenite



SHT + H900 Age, 43% Austenite

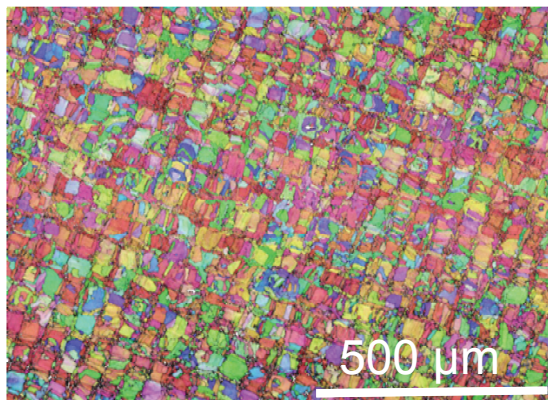


*Wrought Sheet Shows
Fine-grained Martensite*

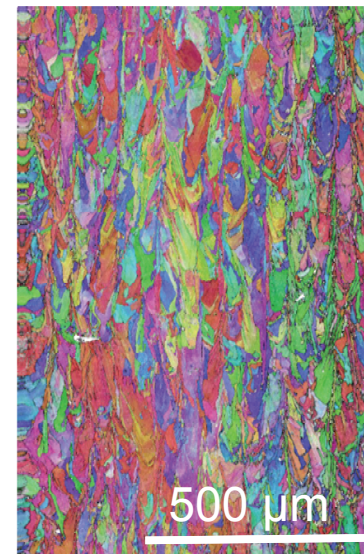
Blue = austenite (FCC), **Red** = martensite / ferrite (BCC), **Black** = not indexed

AM 316L Has Unique Microstructure with Reasonable, But Still Variable, Strain-to-Failure

Top View
(Normal to Build Direction)



ProX 200
EBSD
maps for
316L SS



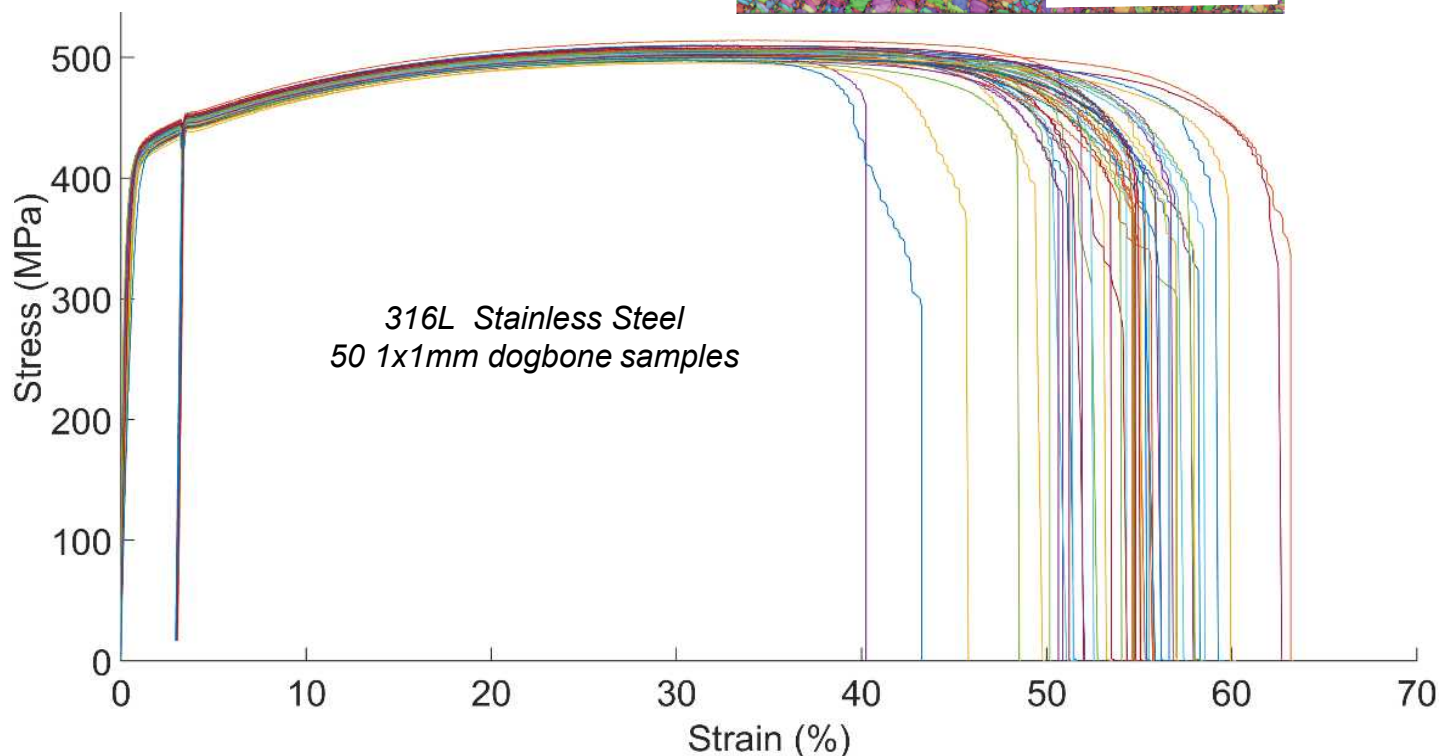
Cross Section
(Parallel to Build Direction)

Typical Handbook Values for 316L SS

UTS ~ 515 MPa

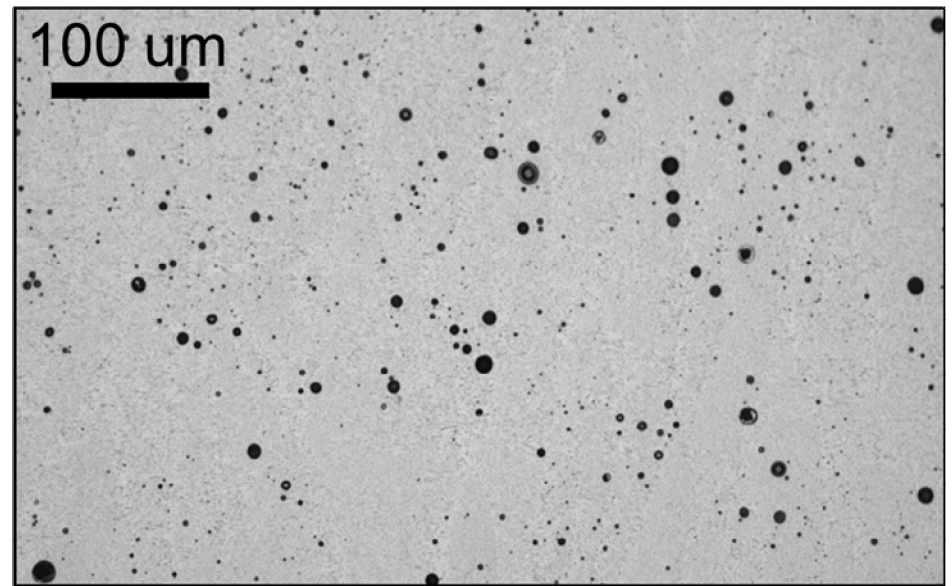
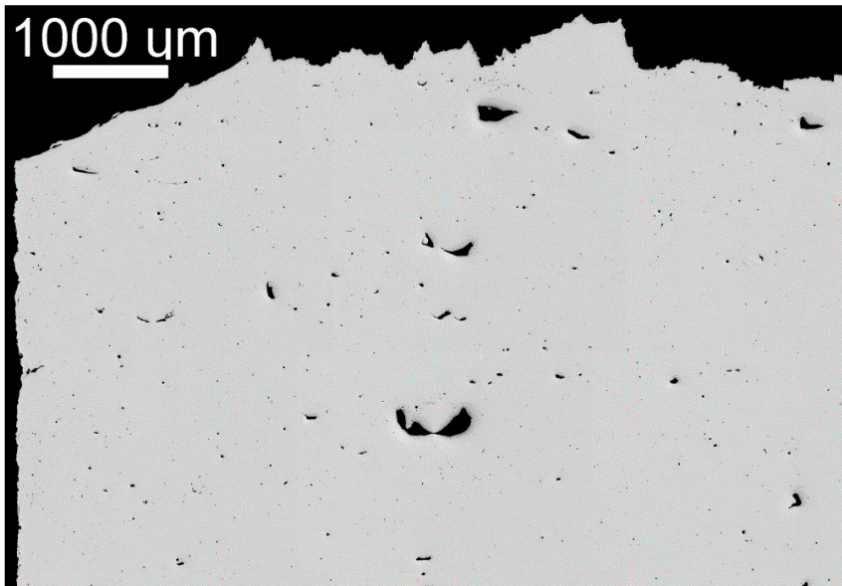
YS ~ 205 MPa

Strain-to-Failure ~ 60%



Metallographic Porosity (*RoboMET.3D™*)

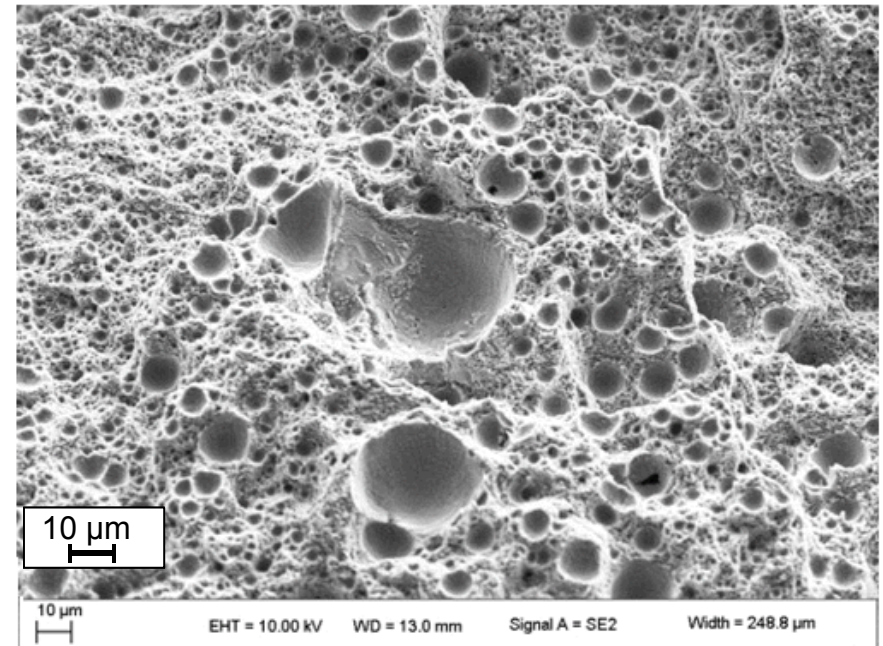
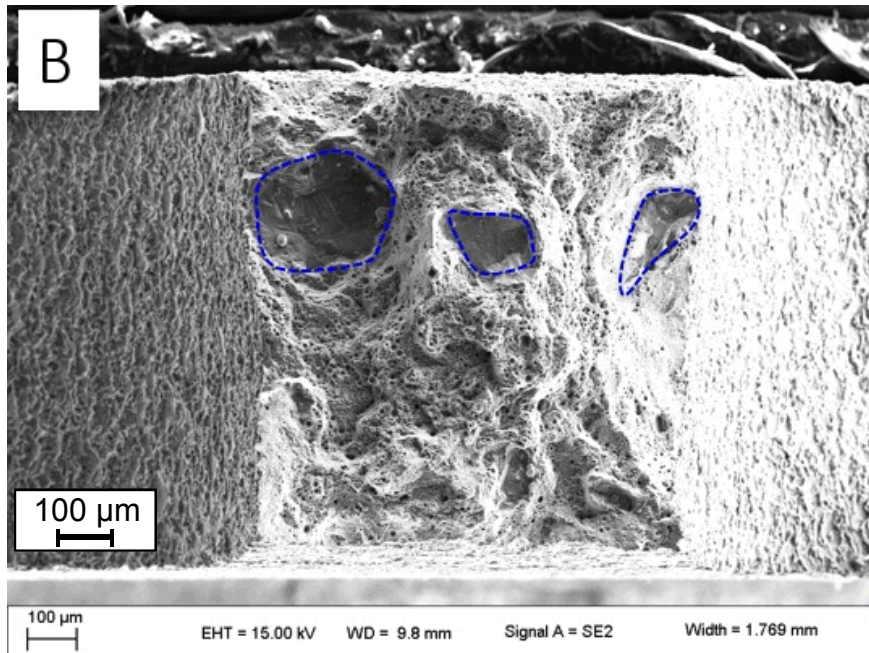
- Technique characteristics
 - Destructive - automated serial sectioning/imaging
 - Image analysis to measure porosity
- We find two basic types of porosity in AM AlSi10Mg
 - Lack of fusion (from the process) irregular, ~ 10+ to 500+ microns
 - Gas porosity (from the powder) spherical, < ~10 microns



(note 10X difference in magnification between these two images)

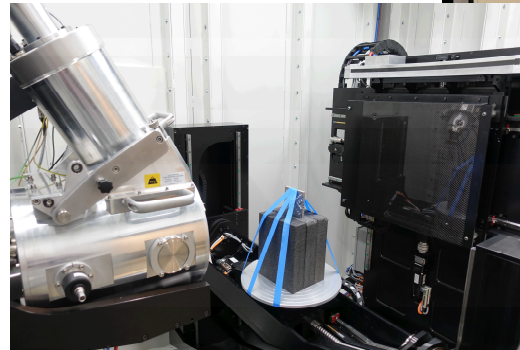
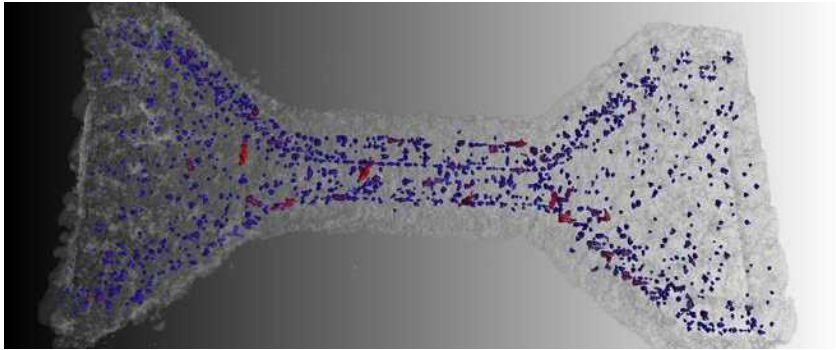
Fracture Surface Porosity

- Technique characteristics
 - Fractured sample (destructive)
 - Biased sampling, may not be representative of bulk
 - Human/manual, subjective selection of porosity
 - Magnification effect on data



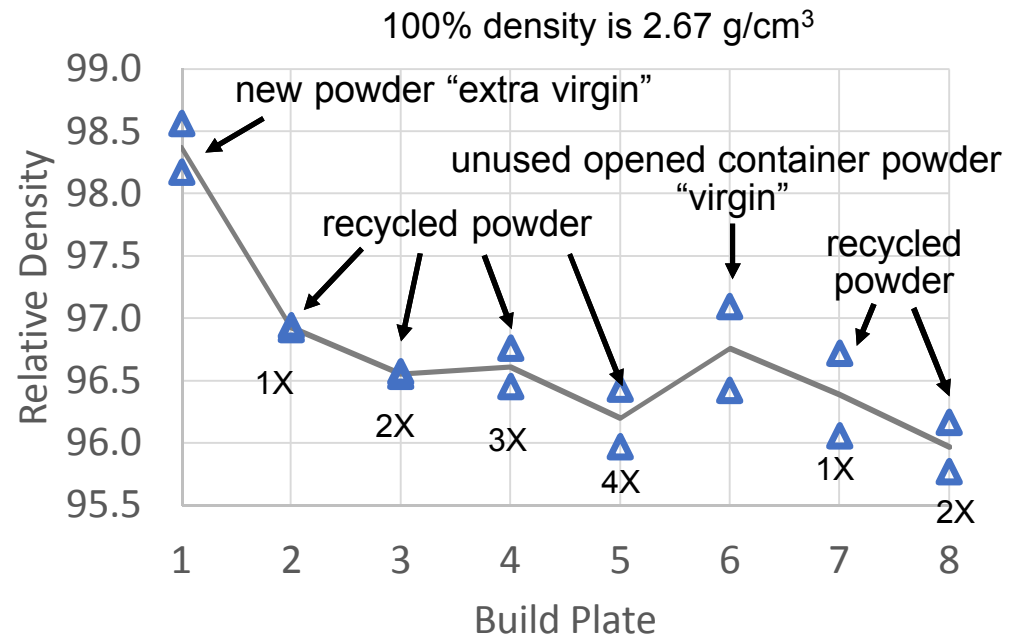
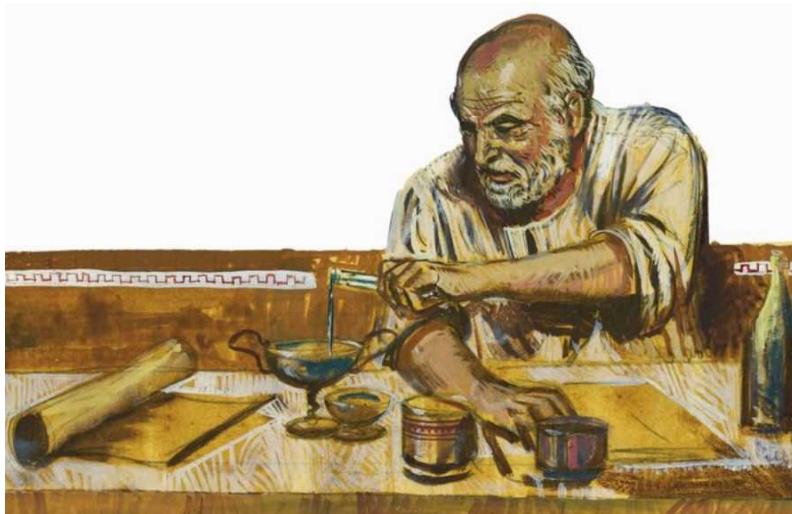
Computed Tomography Porosity

- Technique characteristics
 - Nondestructive
 - Amenable sample – X-rays have to be able to penetrate
 - Resolution/time can be issues; i.e., resolution/speed tradeoff
 - May not detect very small (gas) porosity or pores filled with unmelted powder

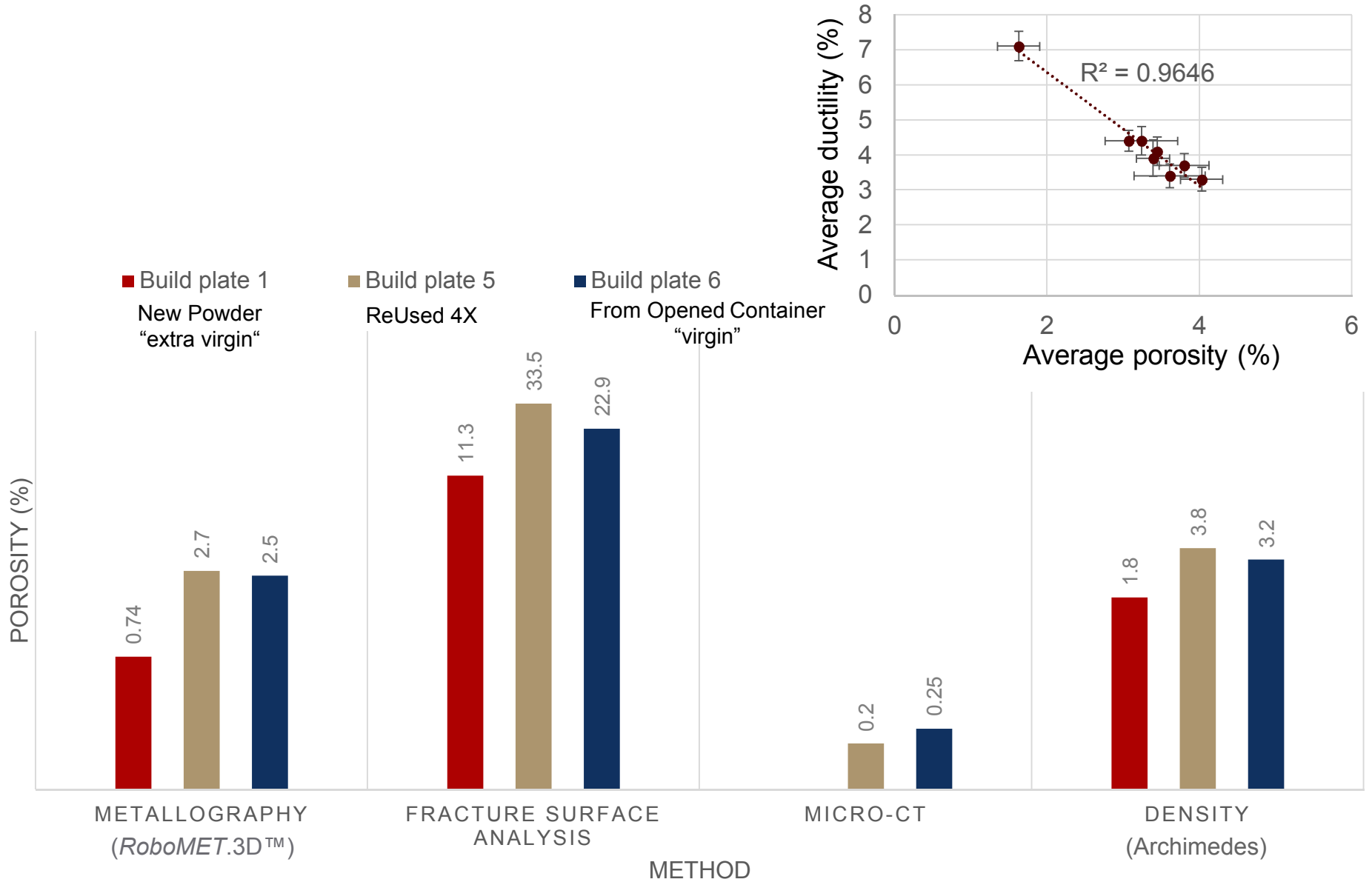


Density – Archimedes Porosity

- Technique characteristics
 - Nondestructive
 - Relatively quick and inexpensive
 - Immersion of part
 - Surface voids and wetting can be convoluting factor
 - Won't account for pores filled with unmelted powder

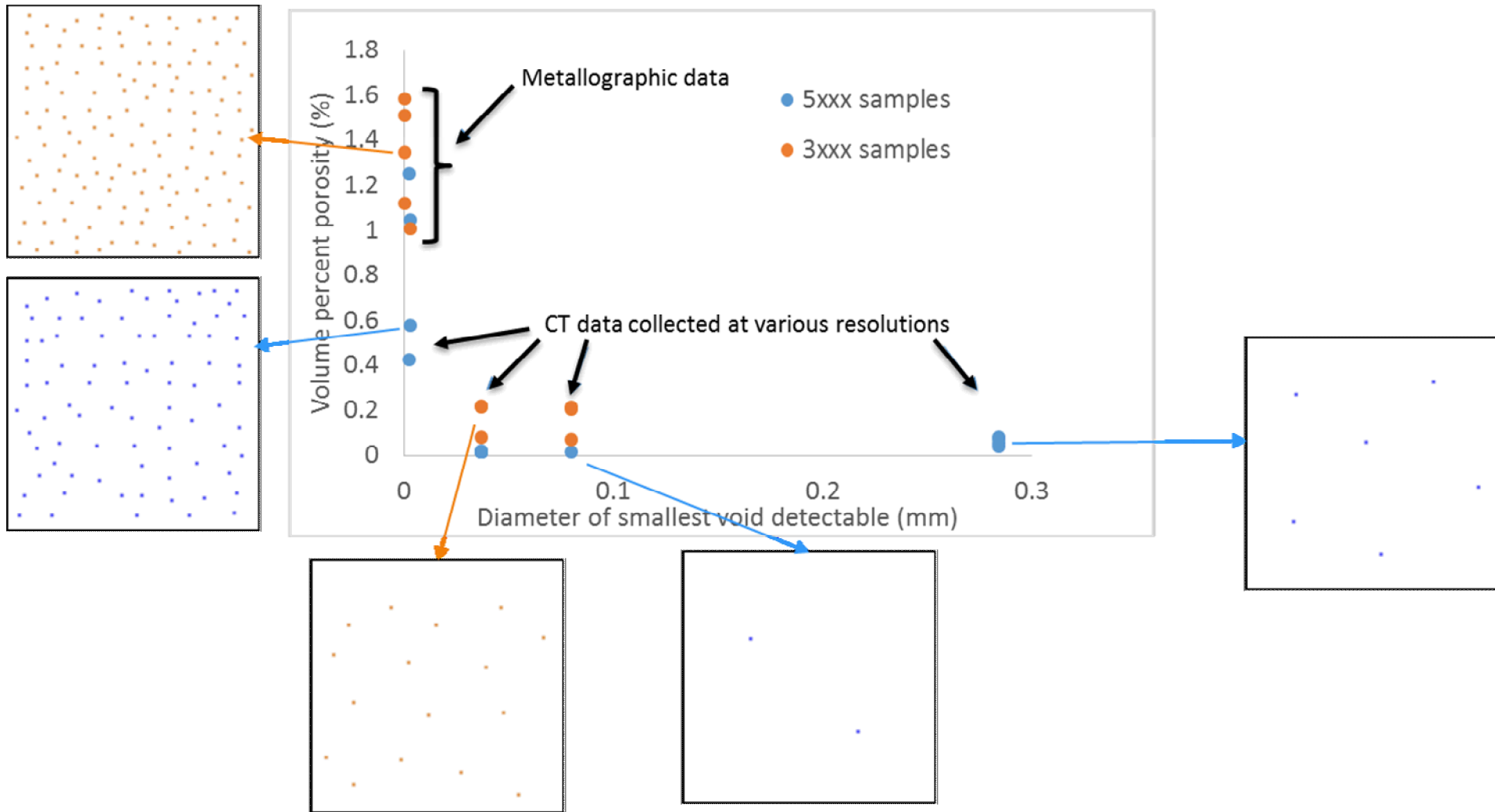


Results Vary With Measurement Method



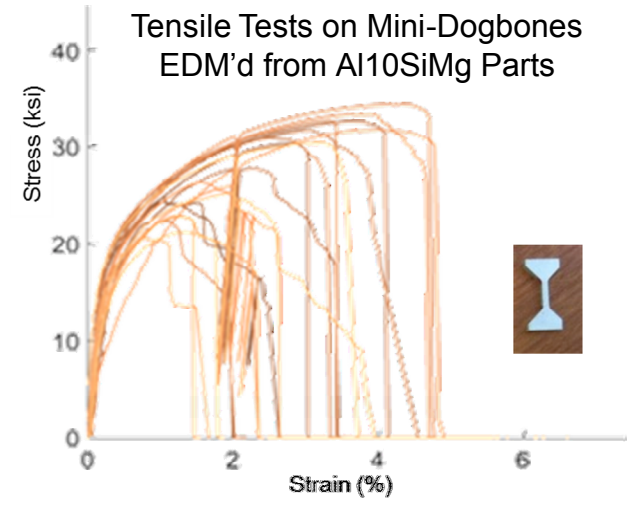
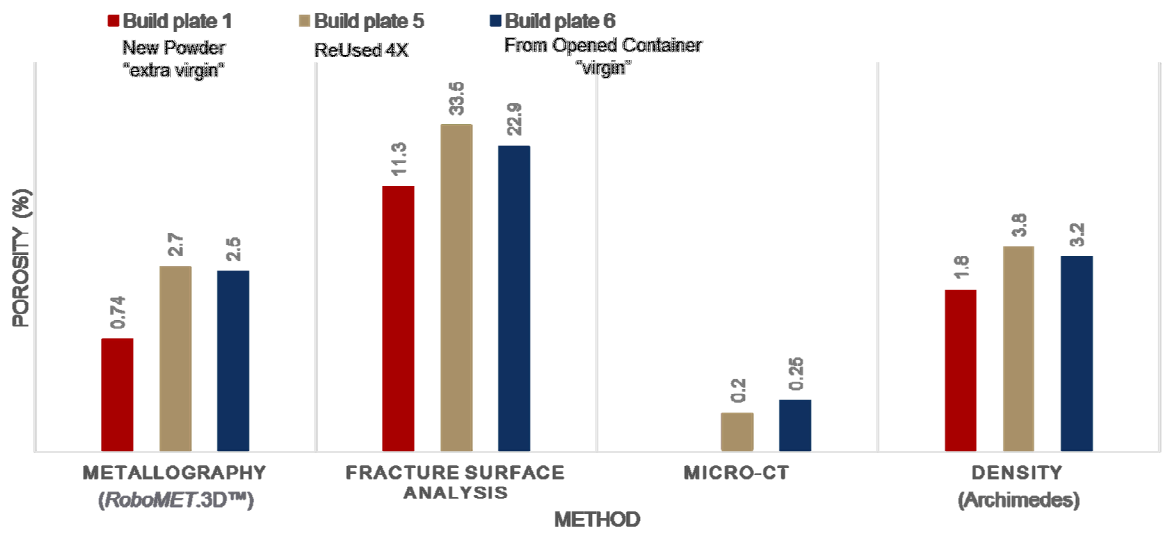
CT Missed Very Small Pores – Does That Matter?

Images show examples of the measured % porosity in two different AlSi10Mg builds

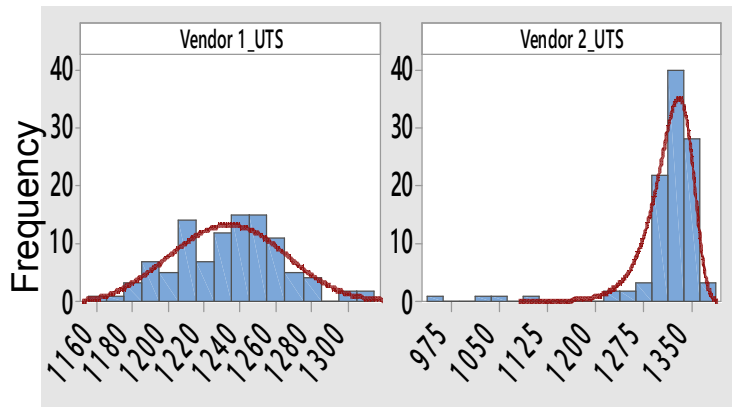


Key Take Aways

- Porosity results vary with method; Archimedes seemed to correlate better with Metallography than CT, but more work is needed
- To select the best NDE method for a given application, we will need to know what defects are of concern (i.e., what is a “critical” defect?)



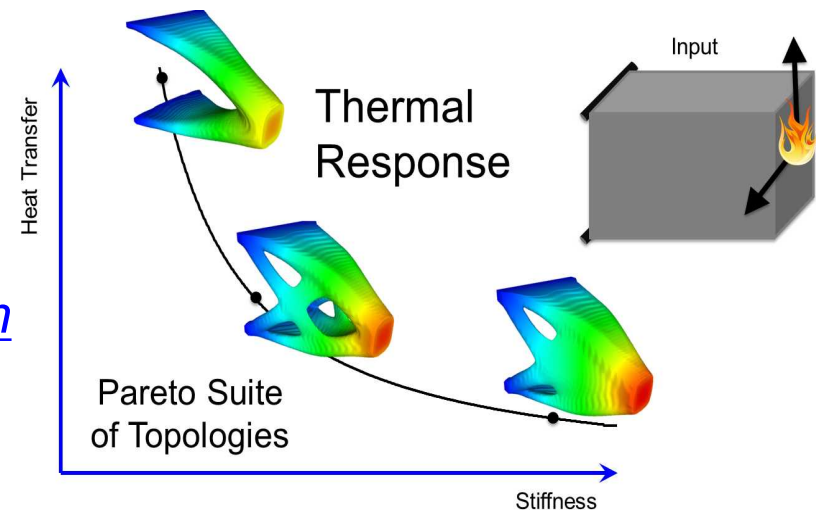
Three Primary Areas of Emphasis in Ongoing Sandia AM R&D



Ultimate Tensile Strength 17-4 PH (MPa)
(Typical wrought H900 ~ 1450 MPa)

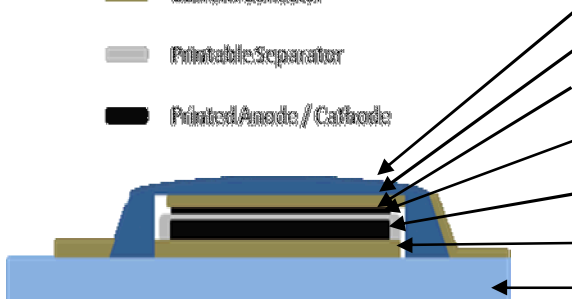
Materials Assurance (Process & Materials Experiments & Modeling)

Engineering Analysis Driven Design (PLATO v 1.1)



Multi-Material Additive Manufacturing (Printed electronics, packaging, ceramics,...)

- Printed Encapsulant
- Current Collector
- Printable Separator
- Printed Anode / Cathode

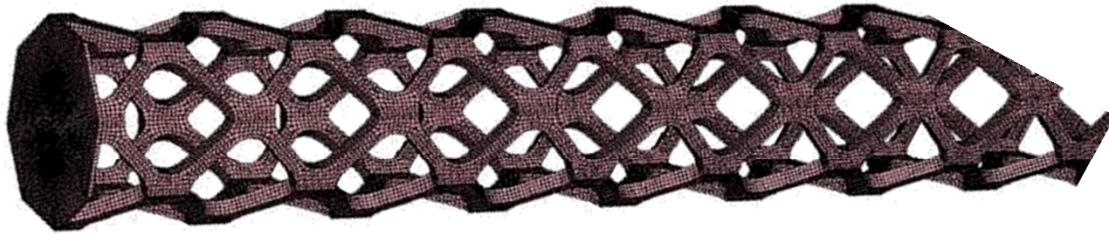


- Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)
- Current collector (DW carbon ink)
- Anode (DW graphite/carbon)
- Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)
- Cathode (DW LiFePO₄)
- Current collector (DW copper ink)
- Substrate (polyimide)

Analysis-Driven AM Design Optimization

We combined *Topological Optimization (TO)* with *eXtended Finite Element Modeling (X-FEM)* & *LENS®* to optimize selected properties, e.g., strength/weight ratio.

“Titanium Cholla” -- Minimum Weight, Maximum Strength, Rapidly Manufactured!



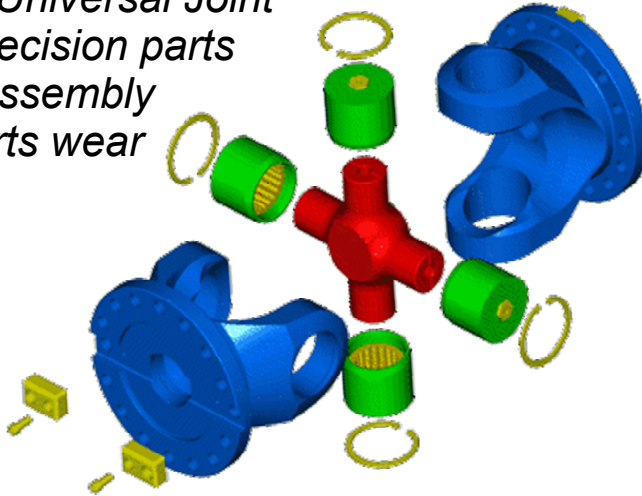
With AM it is faster and cheaper to build this optimized shaft than a solid shaft!



Dead Cholla cactus. TO designs often resemble natural structures (bio-mimicry).

Conventional Universal Joint

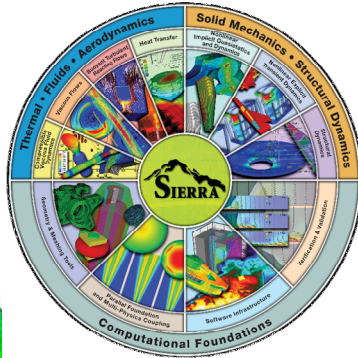
- *Many hi-precision parts*
- *Complex assembly*
- *Moving parts wear*



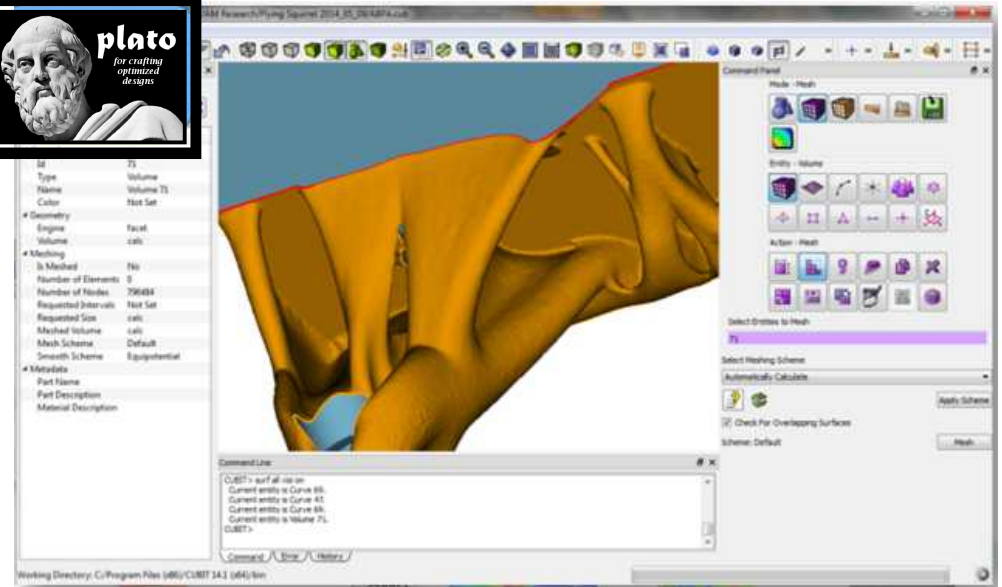
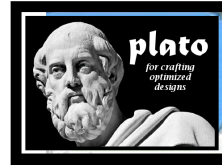
“Loxosphere”

- *1 piece*
- *No assembly*
- *No moving parts*

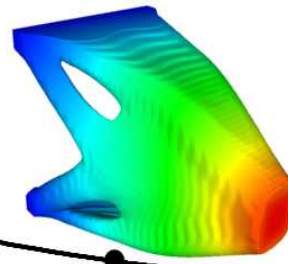
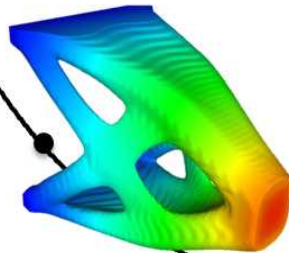
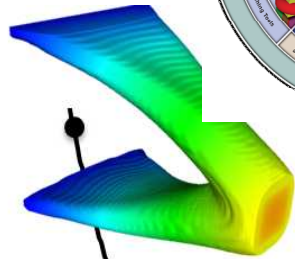
AM Design Via Functional Prioritization



User-Friendly GUI Interface
PLATO - PLATform for Topology Optimization

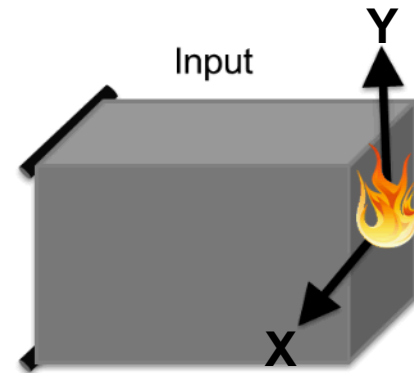


Heat Transfer

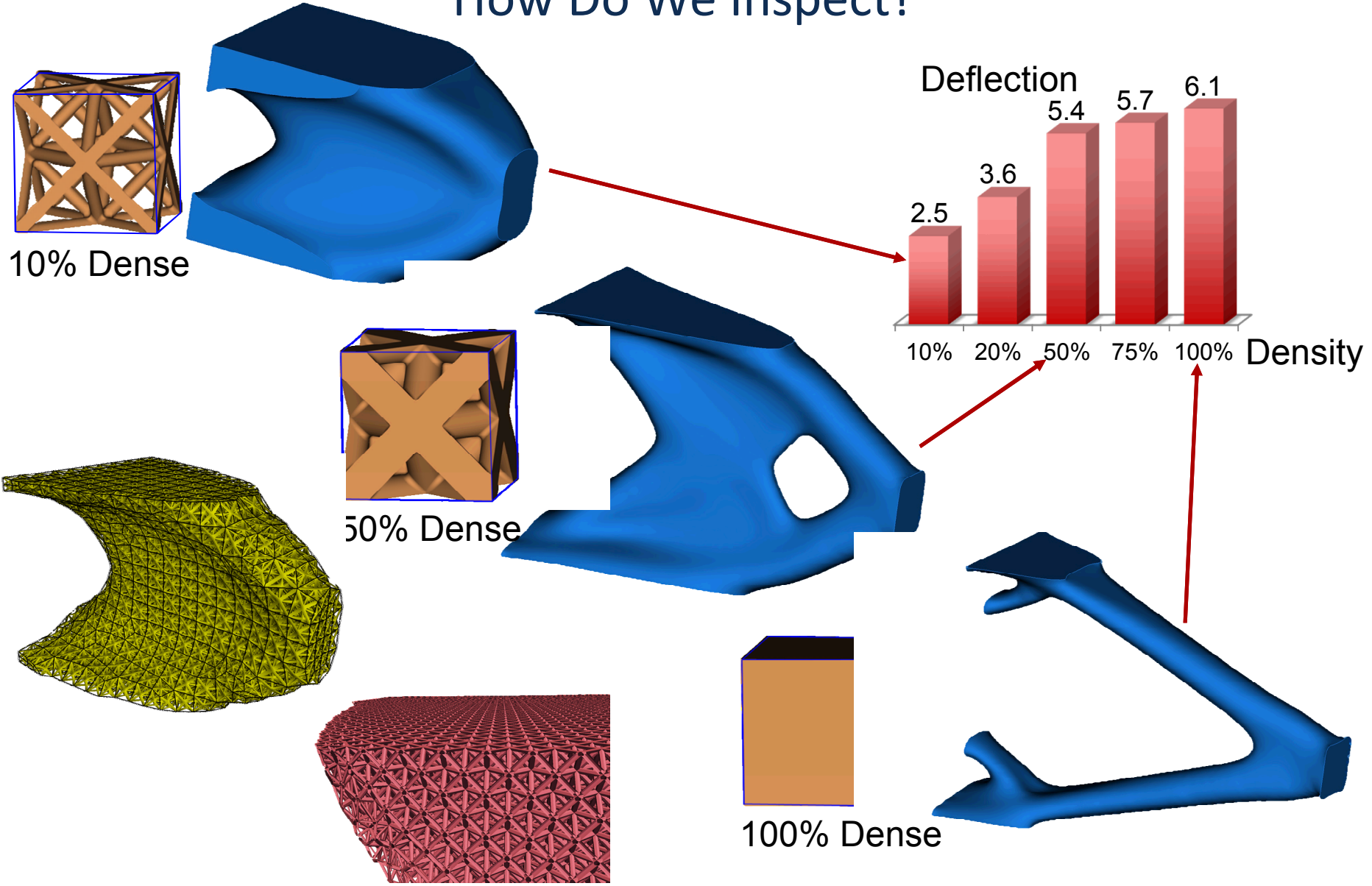


Pareto Suite of Topologies

Stiffness

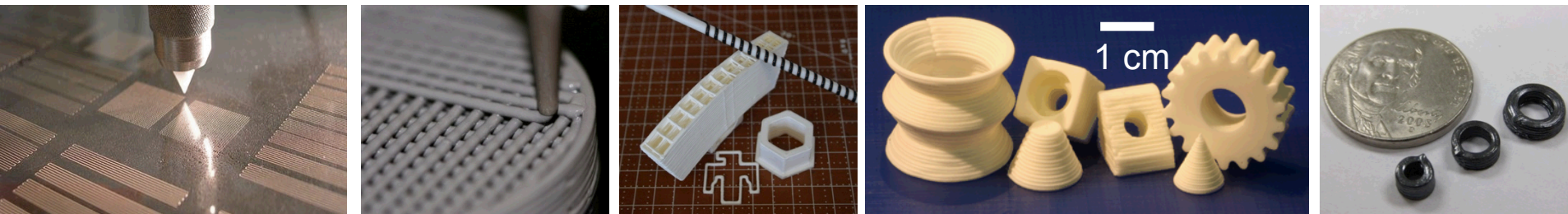


Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass, How Do We Inspect?

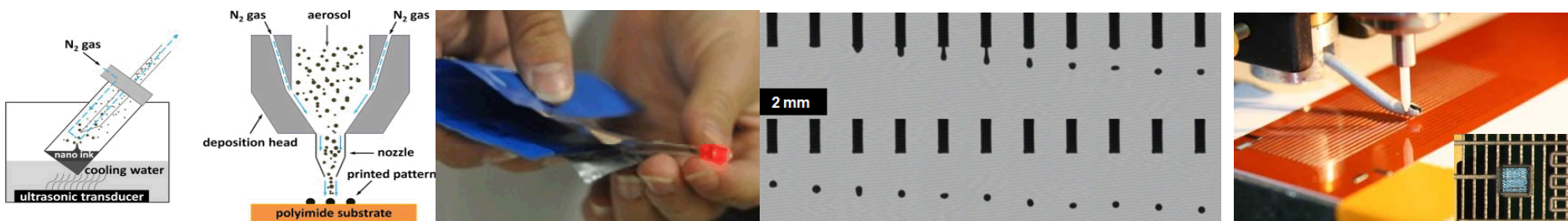


Direct Write Covers a Wide Range of Materials & Size Scales, Posing More Potential NDE Challenges

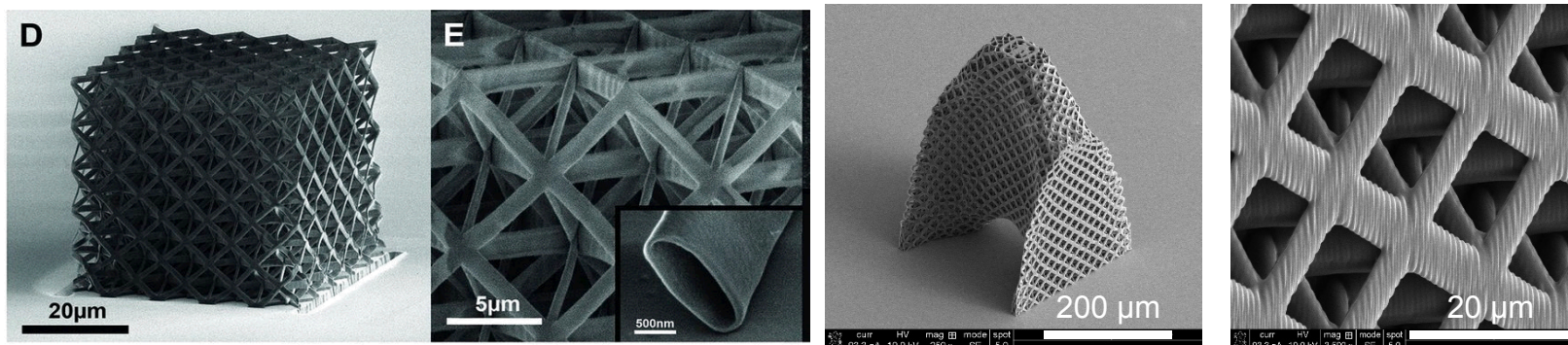
Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



Direct Write by Laser Photo-Lithography



Summary

- AM offers great new opportunities, but it is still immature and presents significant challenges
- Materials variability and assurance represent major barriers to stockpile insertion
- To achieve effective NDE, we need a better fundamental understanding of “critical” defects
- New design possibilities and multi-material structures present additional NDE challenges
- Sandia looks to team with AWE and the other NNSA sites to improve NDE for AM

