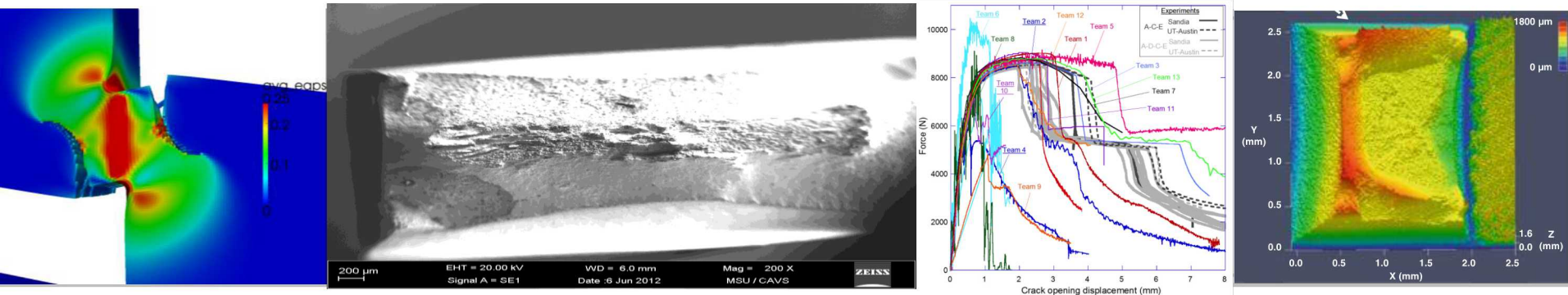


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# Sandia Fracture Challenge and the Structural Reliability Partnership: Moving from Cooperative Assessment to Collaborative Research

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# Purpose

- Motivate failure understanding and prediction of failure process for specific applications
- Overview Sandia Fracture challenge as a successful model for collaborative Government, Industry, and University capability assessment
- Propose Structural Reliability Partnership to focus pre-competitive capability advancements

# Why model failure?

- Most design problems focus on preventing failure in normal service conditions
- A specialized subset must accommodate failure **as part of the** the performance envelop

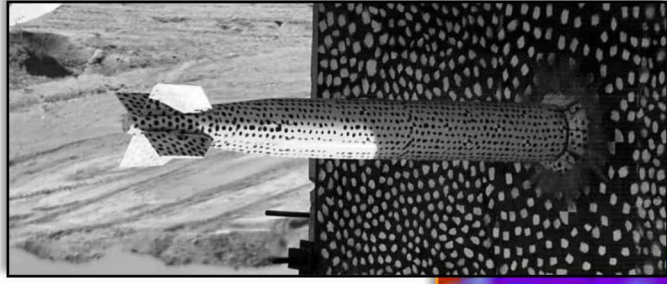
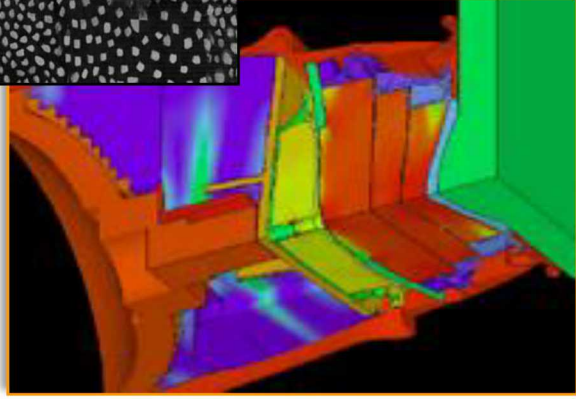


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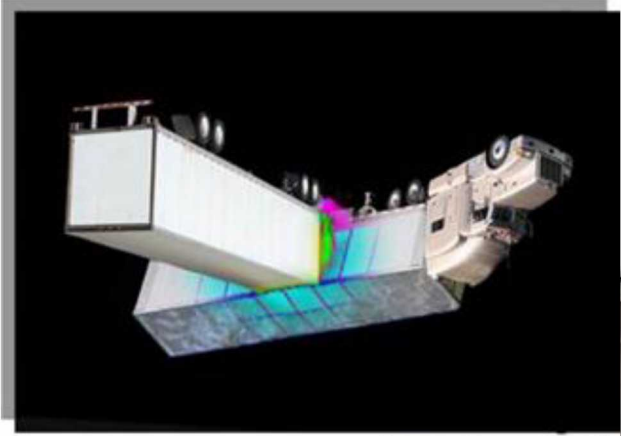


# Sandia's stewardship mission drives predictive failure capabilities

- Predicting performance in normal environments

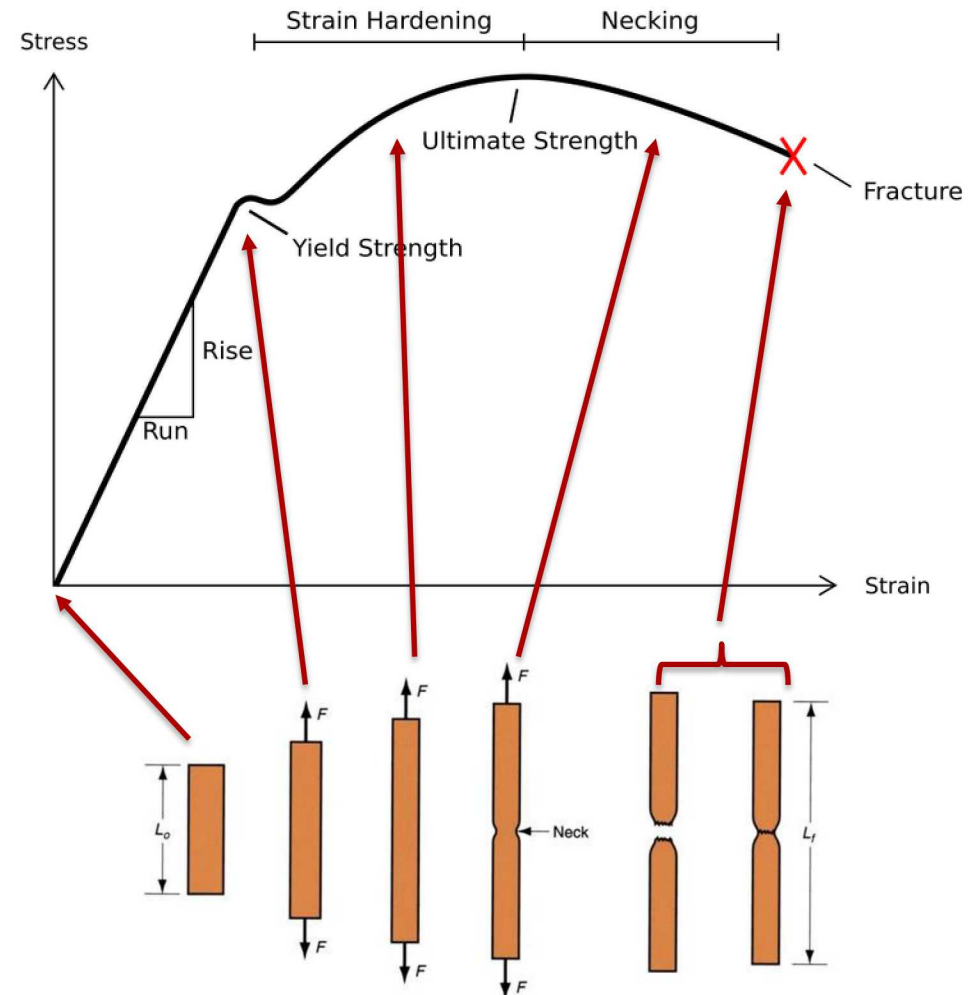


- Assessing safety in accident or adversarial scenarios



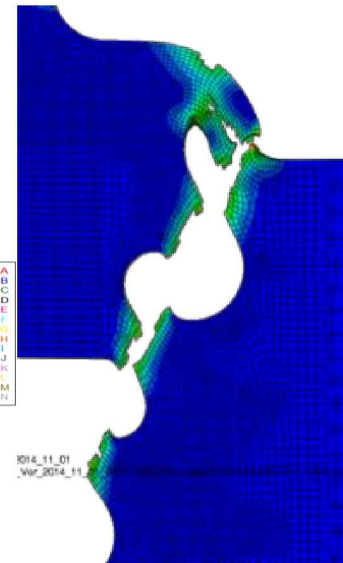
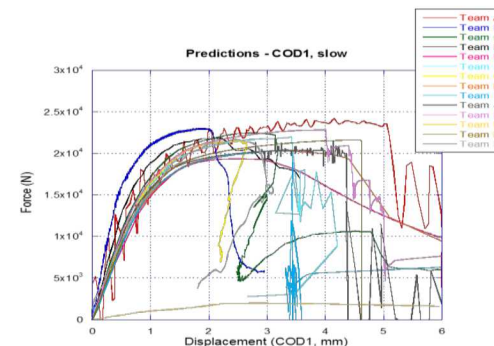
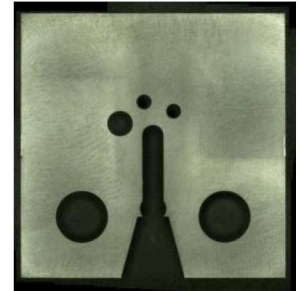
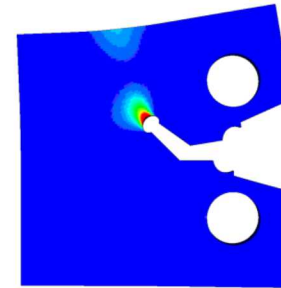
# Predicting ductile failure requires many elements

- Includes full load history
  - Elasticity
  - Yielding (isotropic or orthotropic)
  - Plasticity
  - Hardening
  - Localization / stress concentration
  - Crack initiation
  - Propagation
  - Strain rate & temperature effects
- Simulation requires
  - Verified simulation code
  - Calibrated material model
  - Appropriate failure criteria (uniaxial vs multiaxial loading)
  - Cracking - arbitrary crack initiation & propagation, crack branching, free surface, convergent result, ...



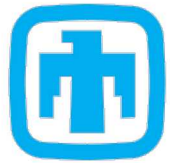
# Sandia Fracture Challenge – cooperative assessment of existing capabilities

- Leverages the international research community to advance failure modeling for ductile metals
- Three Challenges have fostered a model of ‘coopetition’ with voluntary participation and full autonomy in approach
- A double blind approach with parallel independent experimental assessments
- Information provided:
  - Extensive materials characterization
  - Structure geometry and tolerances
  - Loading conditions
  - Metrics
- Teams predict response through failure and submit for assessment against a set of pre-determined metrics

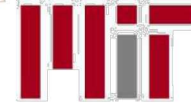
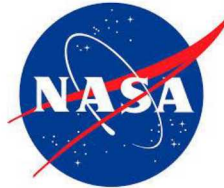
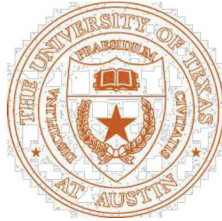




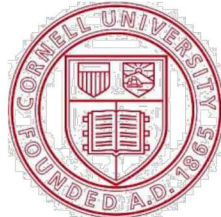
# SFC features a diversity of participants and approaches



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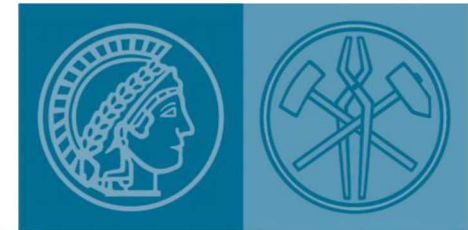
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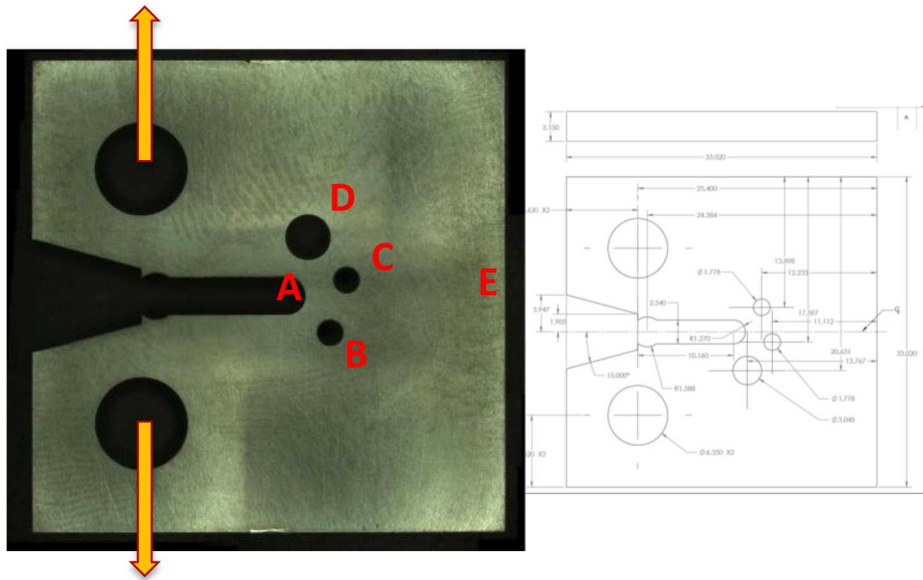


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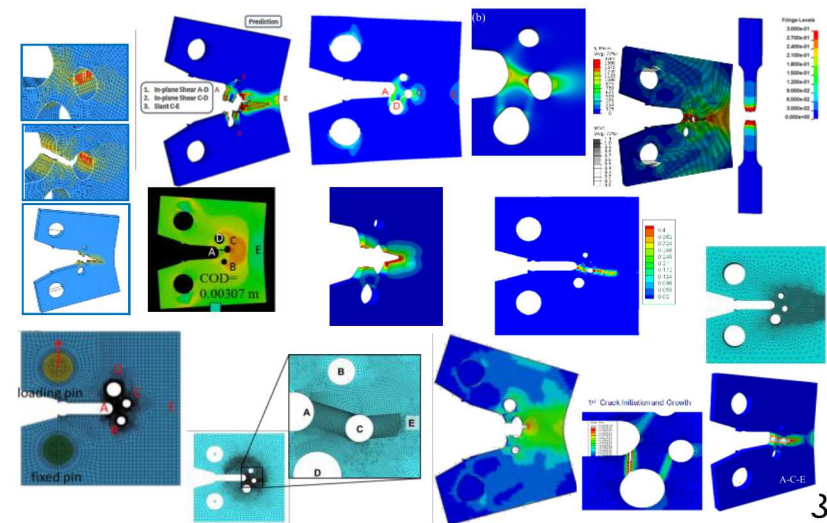
# First external challenge - SFC1 2012



Alloy: 15-5PH H1100

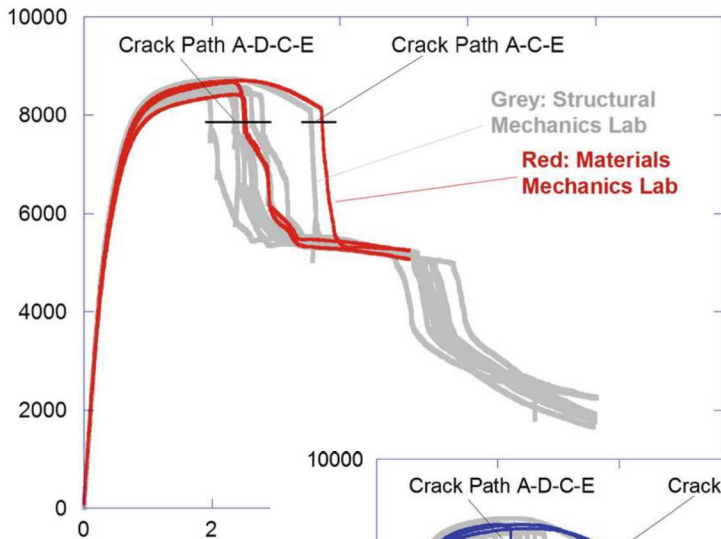
Over 50 researchers from 14 institutions participated in the SFC1 with a variety of prediction approaches spanning from simple of complex, both for the failure models and the computational approaches.

- Given tensile data in rolling and transverse plate directions, fracture toughness-like experimental data, microstructural data... for the 15-5 PH stainless steel plate
- Given Challenge geometry and boundary conditions (0.0005 in/s loading rate)
- Predict crack path and critical load and crack-opening-displacement (COD) of the first two crack initiations

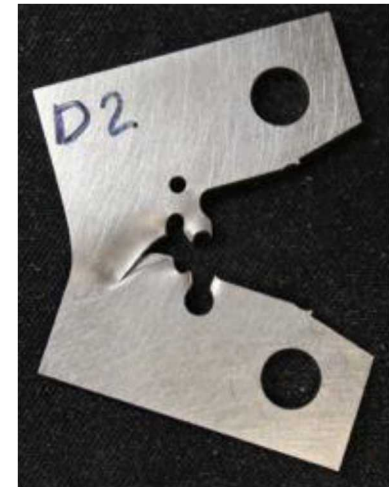
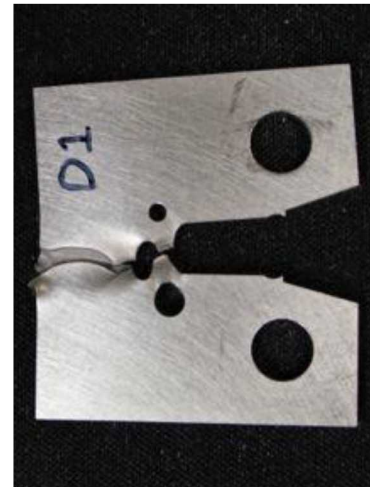
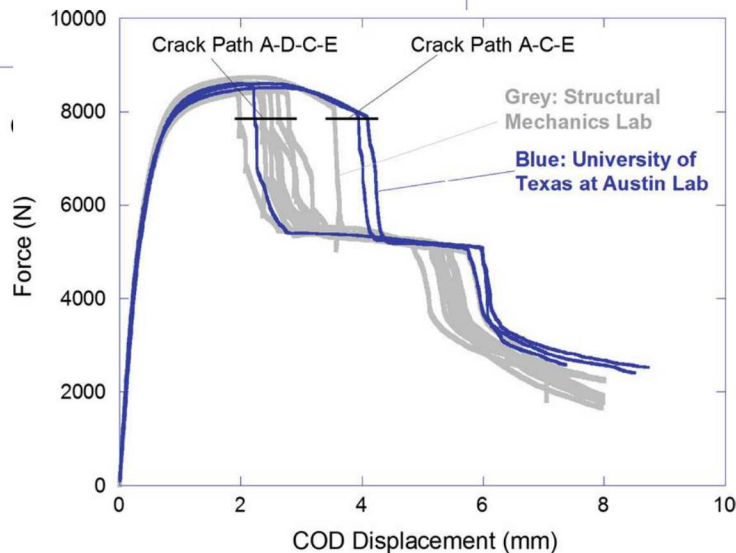




# Experimental variability identified interesting complexity



**Crack Paths  
A-C-E (left)  
and A-D-C-E  
(right)**

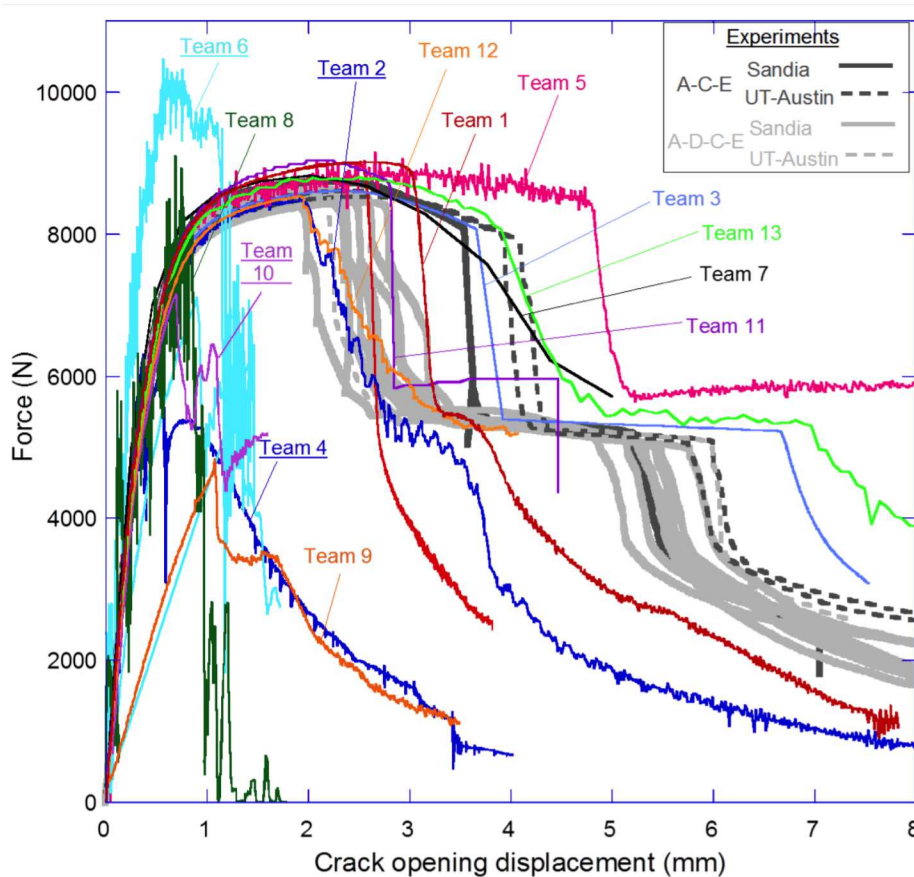


*Two different crack paths observed by three independent labs from minor geometric/loading variations!*

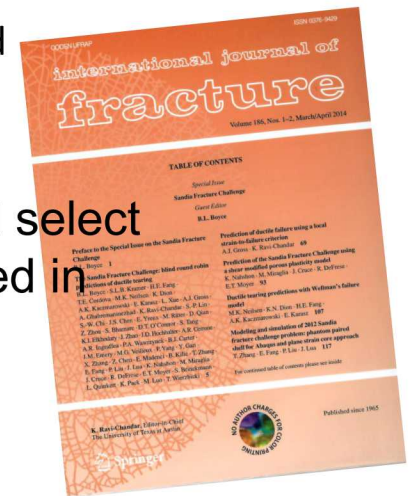
# Variability in computational predictions dwarfed experimental uncertainty

## Methods Exercised

- Explicit vs Implicit Solver
- Boundary Conditions
- Element Type
- Discretization Level
- Material Model
- Thermomechanical Coupling
- Failure Criterion (strain parameter, damage law, triaxiality dependence)
- Fracture Method (deletion, cohesive surface, etc)
- Calibration Data Used
- ...

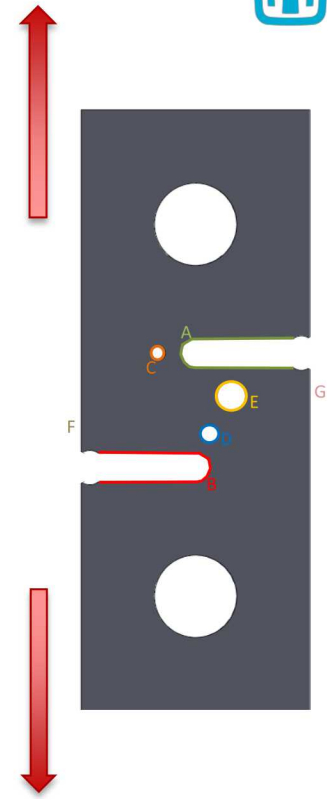
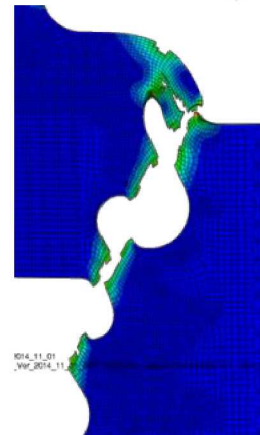
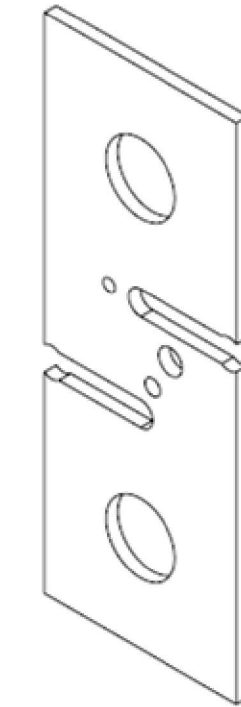


Overview article and select approaches published in special edition of *IJ of Fracture*



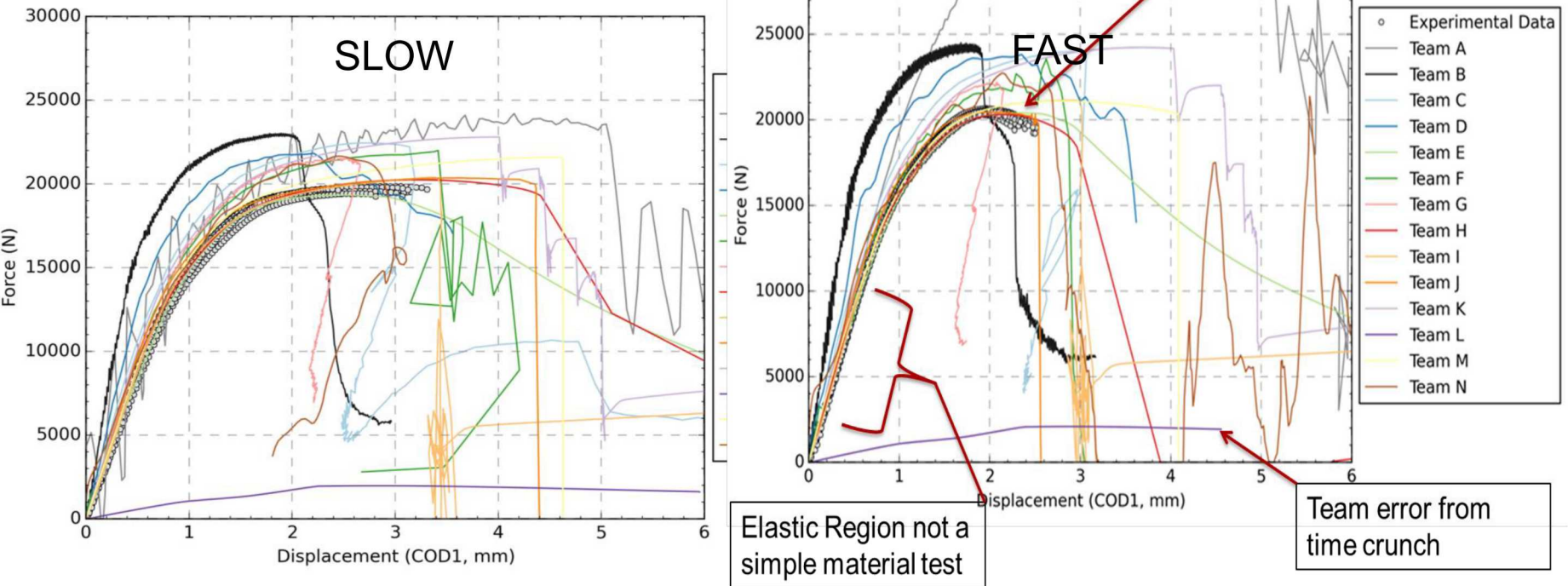
# SFC2 2014 – Exploring rate effects

- 14 international teams participated
- Predict the forces and gap opening
  - Material: Ti-6Al-4V, 3.15 mm-thick sheet
  - Two different loading rates: 0.0254 mm/sec, 25.4 mm/sec.
- All teams provided extensive materials characterization and asked to predict component response
  - Tensile and shear failure data in both axes at 2 rates
  - Images of all broken samples
  - Exact measured geometry of each test coupon





# A complex comparison, but general improvement...

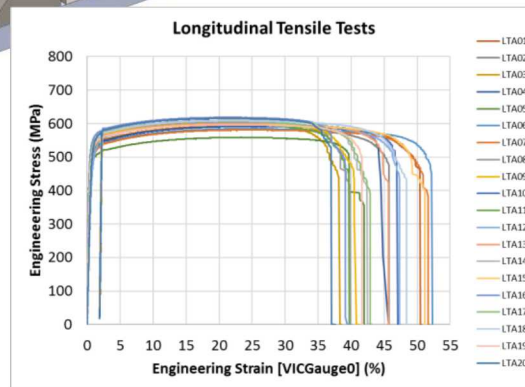
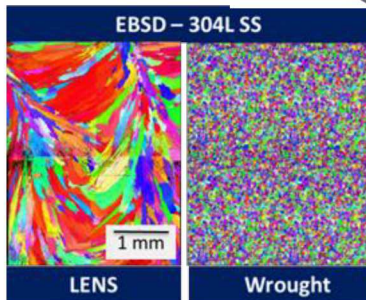
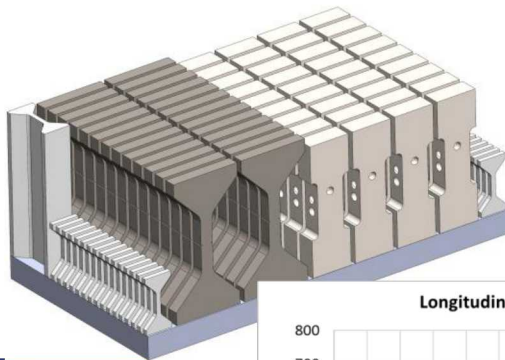


## Lessons Learned from SFC2:

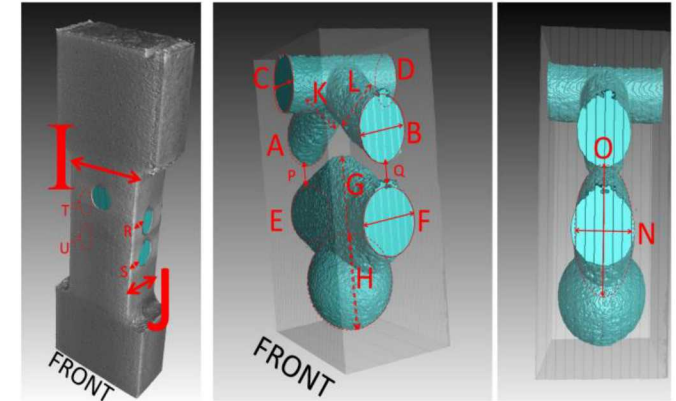
- Boundary condition model played an unexpectedly important role in simulations
- Thermal work contribution is significant, even for modest strain-rates
- Models must account for anisotropy in plasticity
- Shear calibrations tests help, but are not standardized
- Little consideration for uncertainty and absence of microstructure

# SFC3 – AM Challenge 2017

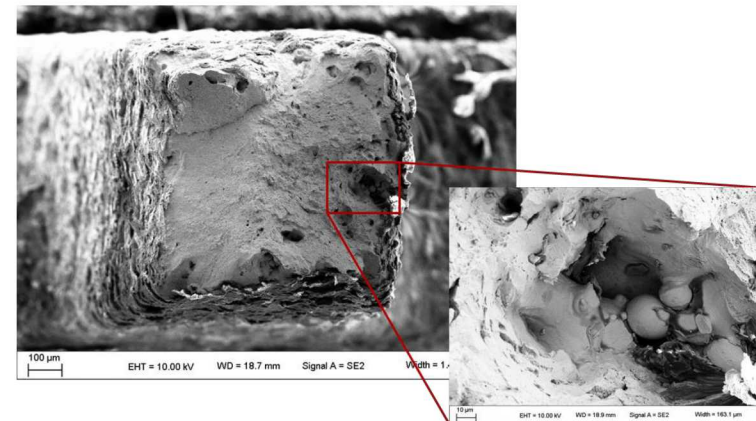
- AM chosen in hopes of driving grain scale effects and uncertainty
- Results submitted July 2017 and currently under assessment
- High throughput testing used for material characterization
- Porosity may be dominant effect



## SFC3 Challenge Commitments



## Rough Fracture Surface with Porosity



# Moving from collective assessment to collaborative capability advancement



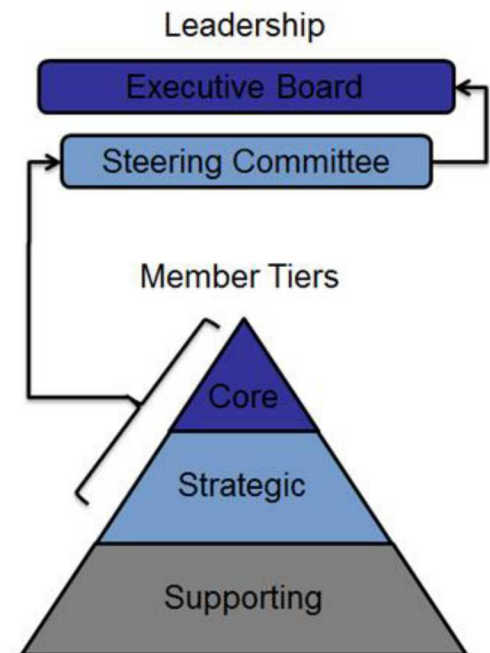
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Initial SRP meeting August 29-30 in Albuquerque.

A partnering model of  
tiered in-kind support to  
organize challenges and  
focus research efforts





# Summary Remarks

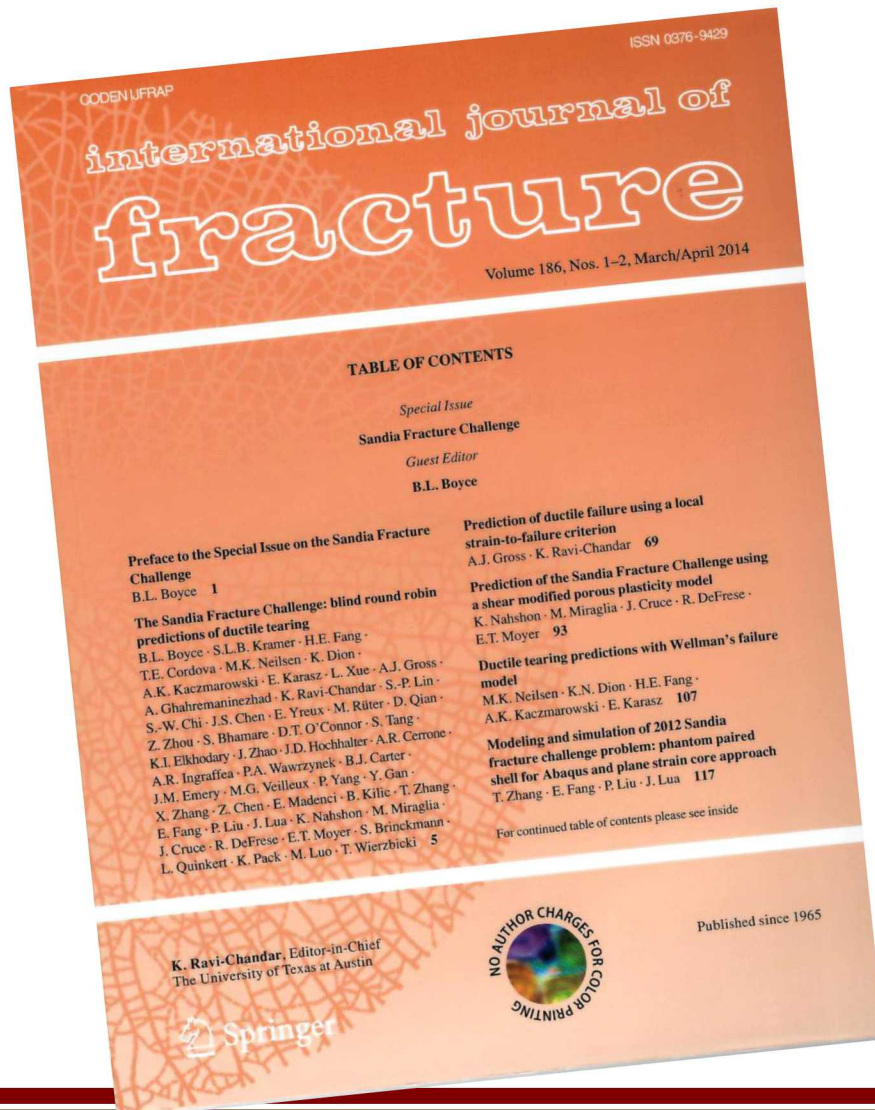
- Sandia's National Security mission motivates deeper understanding of the complete failure process
- Sandia Fracture Challenge brings together Government, Industry, and academic partners from around the world for collective assessment
- Structural Reliability Partnership moves to collective capability advancement through leveraged pre-competitive in-kind support.

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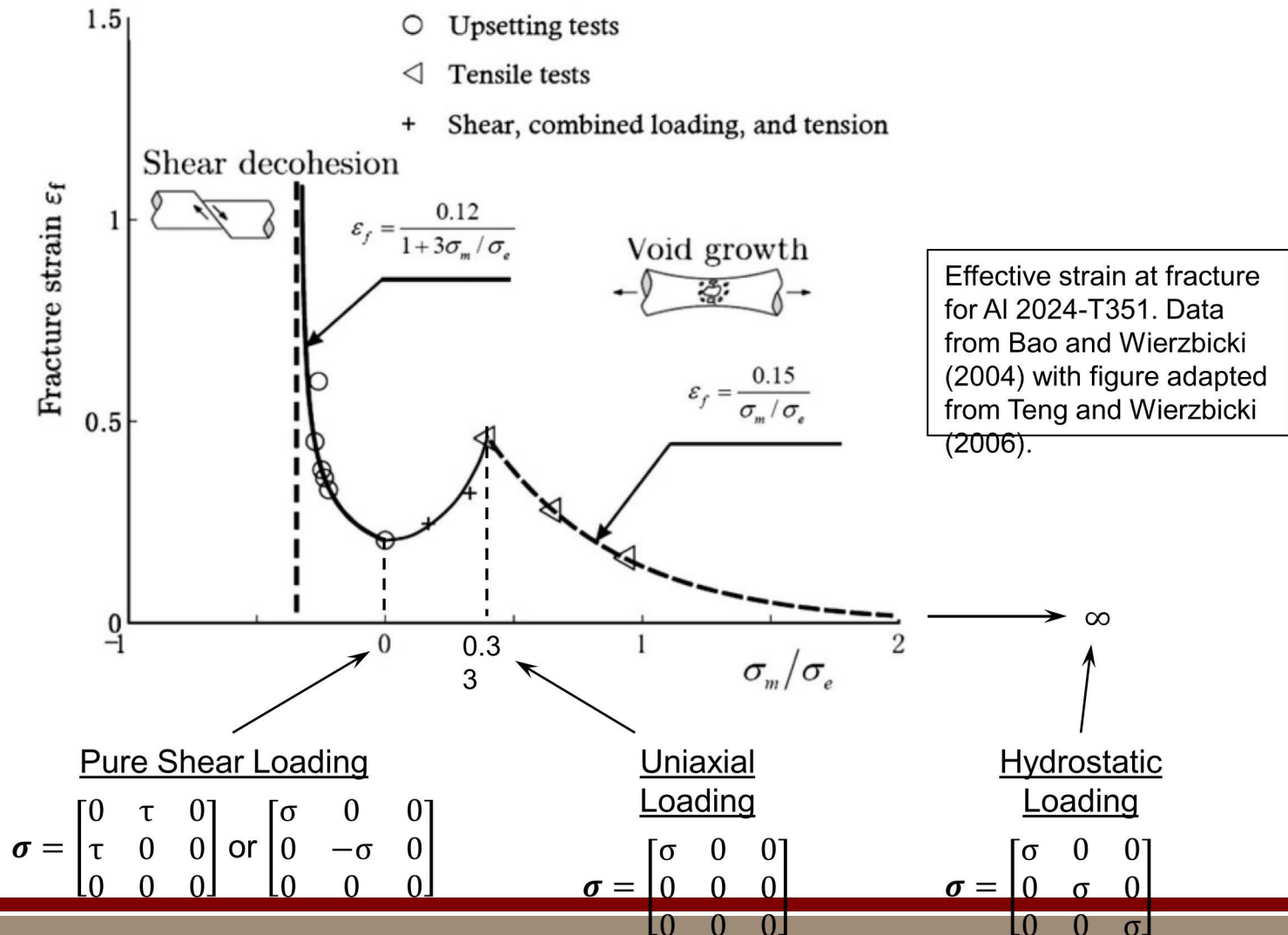
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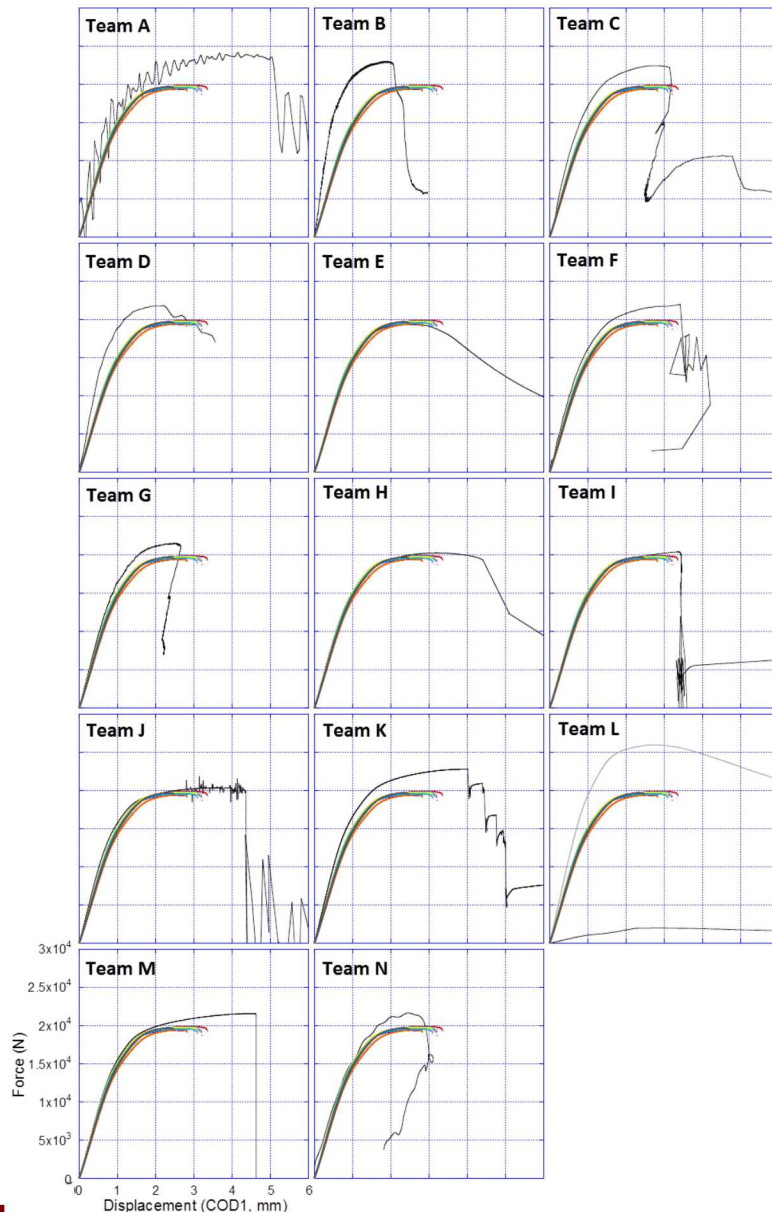
# More details available in Special Issue of International Journal of Fracture (2014)



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# Parsing the Individual Team Issues



- Explicit vs Implicit Solver
- Thermomechanical Coupling
- Boundary Conditions
- Element Type
- Discretization Level
- Fracture Method (deletion, cohesive surface, etc)
- Uncertainty Method
- Anisotropic Plasticity Model (J2, Hill)
- Hardening Law (Power-law, Swift, Piecewise Linear)
- Failure Criterion (strain parameter, damage law, triaxiality dependence)
- Calibration Data Used

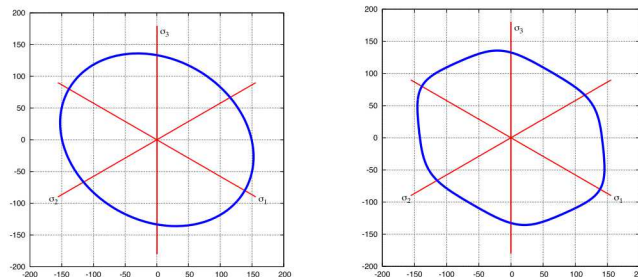
## Lessons Learned from SFC2:

- Results were overly sensitive to boundary condition models
- Thermal work contribution is significant, even for modest strain-rates
- Models with anisotropy and lode-angle effects are necessary
- Shear calibration tests help, but are not standardized
- Insufficient capture of uncertainty
- No consideration to microstructure in predicting failure



# UT hosted workshop identified collective deficiencies and opportunities

- Boundary conditions, thermal effects, rate dependence, and anisotropy were all important
- Extensive testing was still insufficient! – need more sophisticated approaches to material parameter calibration particularly for heat
- Limited use uncertainty bounds, and material multiscale was absent
- Internal Sandia research portfolio influenced by SFC
  - Improved void nucleation and growth models to account for shear dependence
  - New anisotropic plasticity and failure models
  - Improved viscoplasticity models
  - New methods to eliminate mesh dependence (non-local, gradient, X-FEM)
  - Multi-scale methods to couple meso and continuum material mechanics



Improved yield surface models

