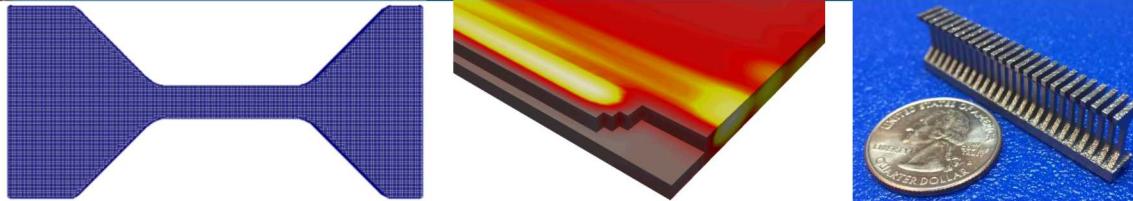


# Advanced Model Predictions of Mechanical Properties and Process Parameter Effects in High Throughput L-PBF Tension Specimens



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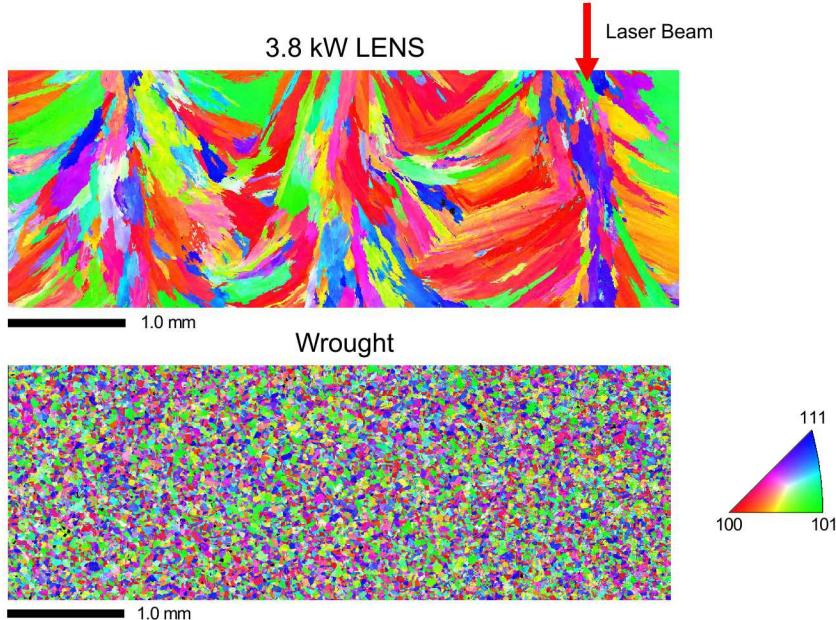
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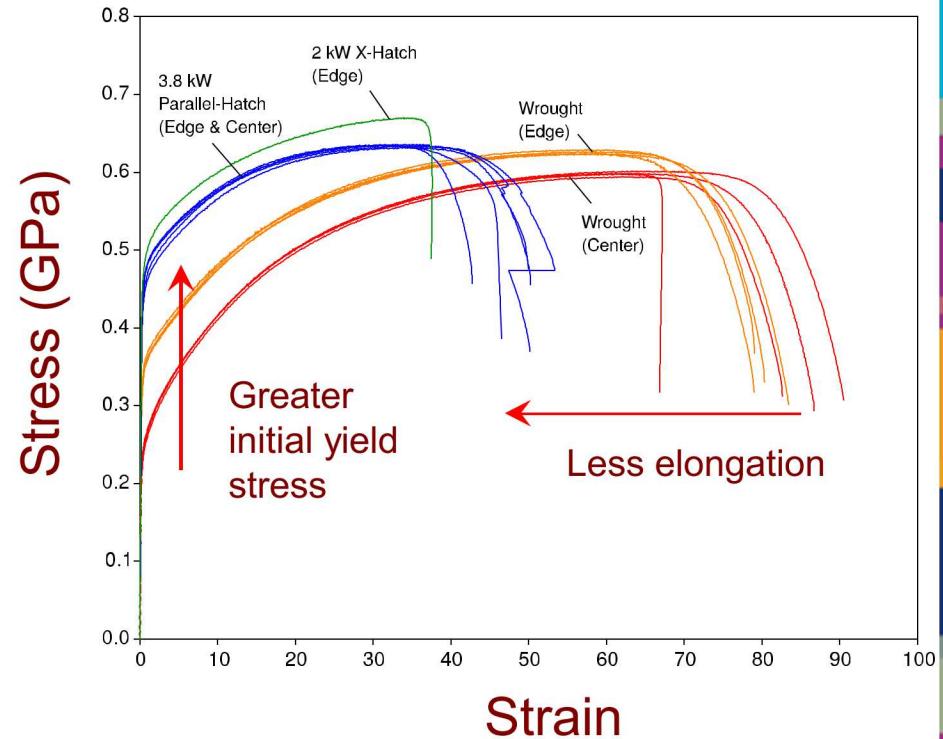
Conclusions and Future Work

# AM Can Produce Extreme Properties



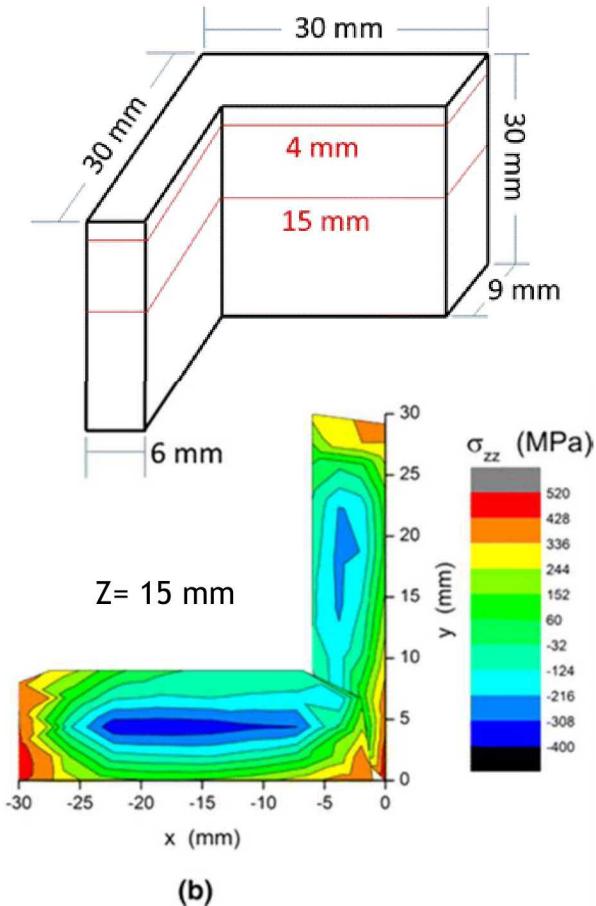
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- 304L Stainless Steel

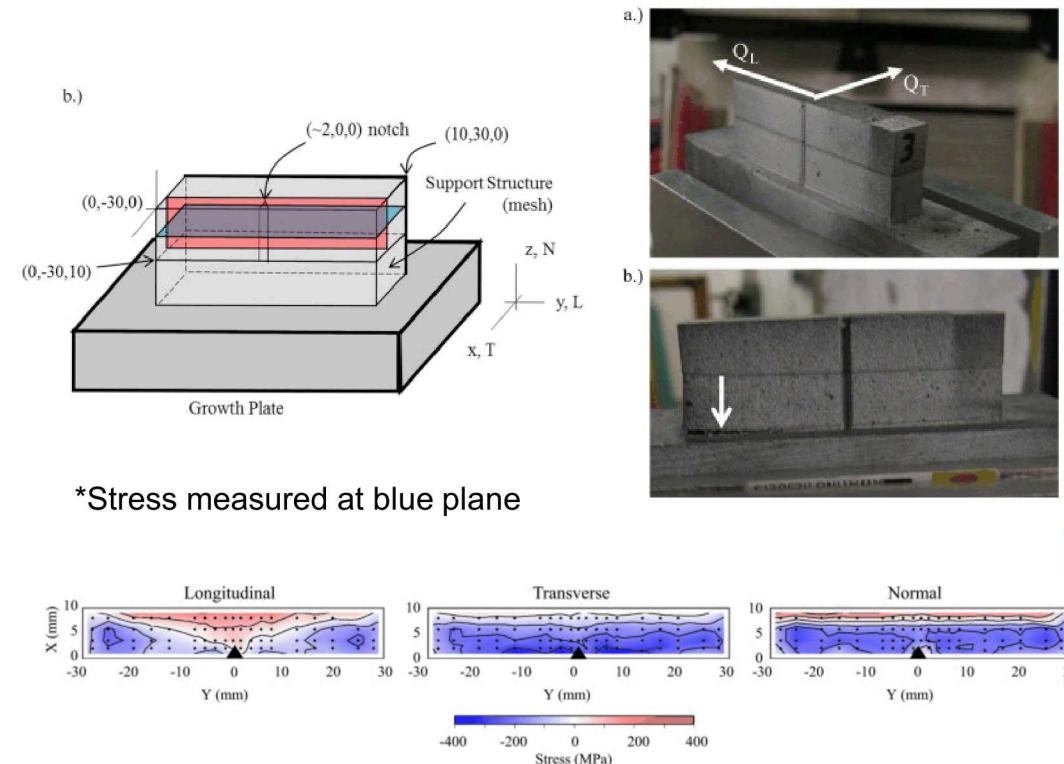


(J. Carroll, SNL)

# High Thermal Gradients Produce High Residual Stresses



316L Stainless Steel Powder Bed  
Wu *et al.* 2014 (LLNL, LANL)



17-4 Stainless Steel Powder Bed  
Brown *et al.* 2016 (LANL)

# AM Materials Exhibit Higher Dislocation Density

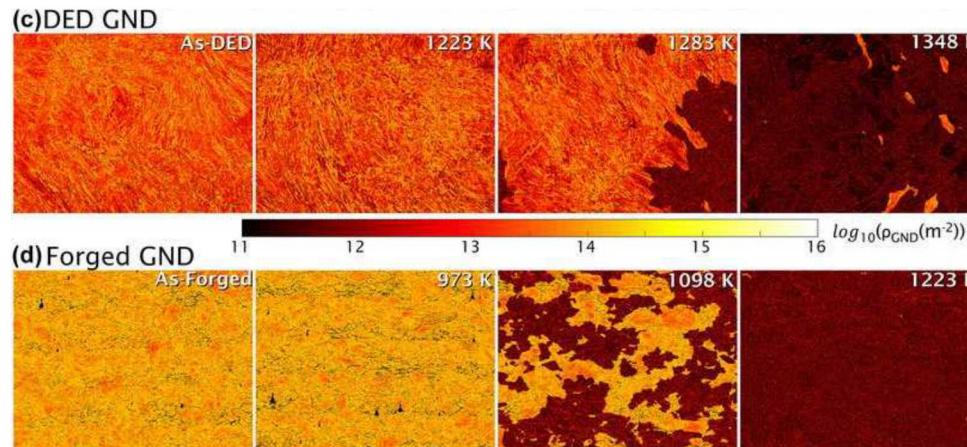
Brown *et al.* 2017, *Met Trans A*

Table III. Microstructural Parameters Determined from DLPA

Sample	T/C geometry	Applied Strain	$X_A$ (nm)	$\rho \times 10^{14}$ (1/m <sup>2</sup> )	$M$
W-U	C	0	Wrought 304L		2.25
W-U	T	0	Wrought 304L		
P-U	C	0	Wrought 304L		2.14
P-U	T	0	Wrought 304L		3.50
X-U	C	0	LENS 304L		3.73
X-U	T	0	LENS 304L		3.03
W-C					1.86
P-C					2.29
X-C					1.49
W-T					1.32
P-T					1.61
X-T					
W					

Can we predict the higher yield caused by increased dislocation density?

Smith *et al.* 2018, *JOM*



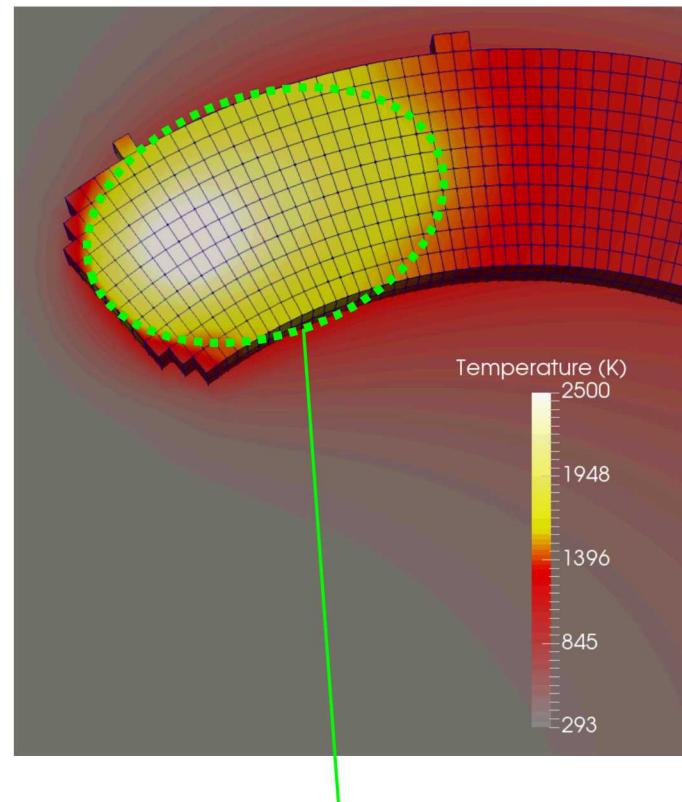
# Thermal Approach

Pre-meshed part is initialized with "inactive" elements.  
Baseplate elements are active.

Laser heat source is scanned according to input path

Elements are activated by a thermal conductivity increase once they reach melt temperature

Conduction, convection, and radiation are considered.



Approximate Melt Pool

# Solid Mechanics Approach

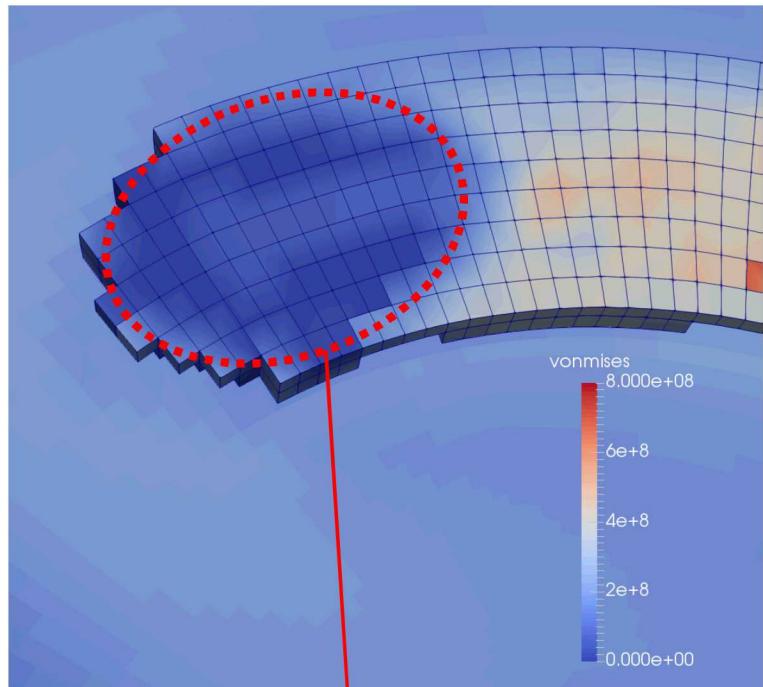


Pre-meshed part is initialized with "inactive" elements.  
Baseplate elements are active.

Thermal output file is read at every time step to provide temperatures

Elements are activated once they reach melt temperature

Residual stress builds as elements contract upon cooling and build thermal strain



Approximate Melt Pool  
(~zero stress)

# Bammann-Chiesa-Johnson (BCJ) Material Model

- Temperature and history-dependent viscoplastic internal state variable model
- Stress is dependent on damage  $\phi$  and evolves according to

$$\dot{\sigma} = \left( \frac{\dot{E}}{E} - \frac{\dot{\phi}}{1-\phi} \right) \sigma + E(1-\phi)(\dot{\varepsilon} - \dot{\varepsilon}_p)$$

- Flow rule includes yield stress and internal state variables for hardening and damage

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_p = f \sinh^n \left( \frac{\frac{\sigma_e}{1-\phi} - \kappa}{Y} - 1 \right)$$

- Statistically stored dislocations are represented by isotropic hardening variable  $\kappa$

$$\kappa = c_{\varepsilon_{ssds}} b \mu(\theta) \sqrt{\rho_{ssds}} \quad \dot{\rho}_{ssds} = \left[ \frac{k_1}{L_s} + \frac{k_2}{L_g} - R_d(\theta) \rho_{ssds} \right] \dot{\varepsilon}_p$$

- The isotropic hardening variable  $\kappa$  evolves in a hardening minus recovery form.

$$\dot{\kappa} = \kappa \frac{\dot{\mu}}{\mu} + (H(\theta) - R_d(\theta) \kappa) \dot{\varepsilon}_p$$

- Geometrically necessary dislocations are represented by a misorientation variable  $\zeta$

$$\dot{\zeta} = \frac{\zeta}{\mu(\theta)} \frac{d\mu}{d\theta} \dot{\theta} + h_\zeta \mu(\theta) \left( \frac{\zeta}{\mu(\theta)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{r}} |\dot{\varepsilon}_p|$$

# Incorporating porosity as initial damage



## Void Growth

Pre-existing voids captured by void growth

$$\dot{\phi} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{\epsilon}_p \frac{1 - (1 - \phi)^{m+1}}{(1 - \phi)^m} \sinh \left[ \frac{2(2m - 1)}{2m + 1} \frac{\langle p \rangle}{\sigma_e} \right]$$

## Void Nucleation

Fine scale voids ( $< 1\mu\text{m}$ ) indicate nucleation

$$\dot{\eta} = \eta \dot{\epsilon}_p \left( N_1 \left[ \frac{4}{27} - \frac{J_3^2}{J_2^3} \right] + N_2 \frac{J_3}{J_2^3} + N_3 \frac{\langle p \rangle}{\sigma_e} \right)$$

\*Fractography taken from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandia Fracture Challenge

# LPBF High Throughput Dogbone Example



## Process

Thermal and Structural Model (Scan path, laser power, laser speed)



## Structure

Initial dislocation density, defects



## Property

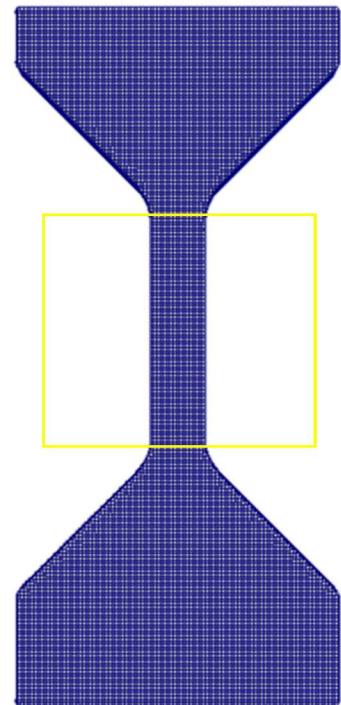
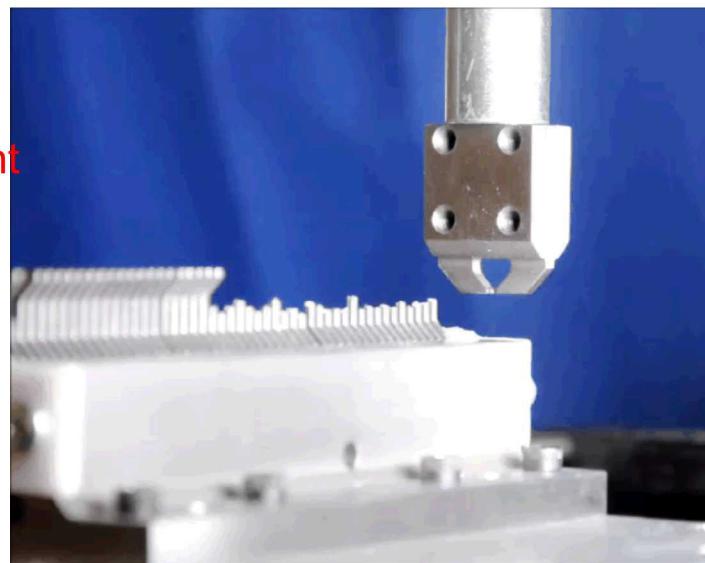
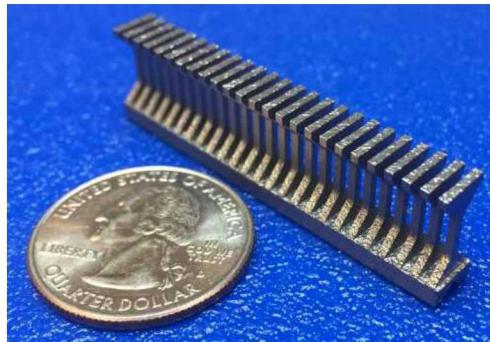
Residual Stress, Higher yield, UTS



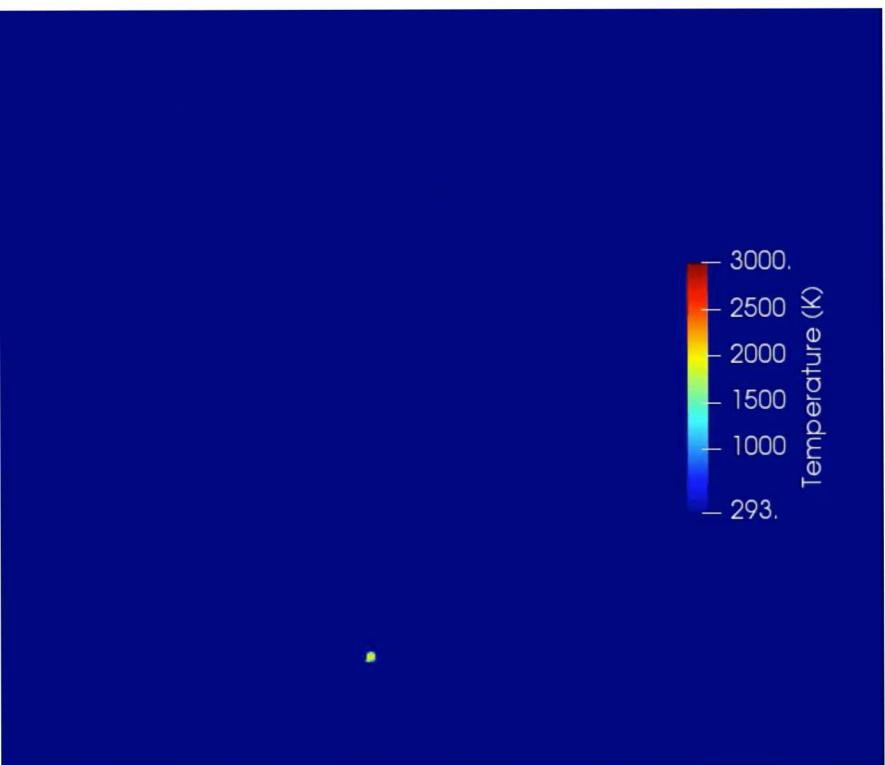
## Performance

Component behavior using as-built properties, residual stress, and porosity

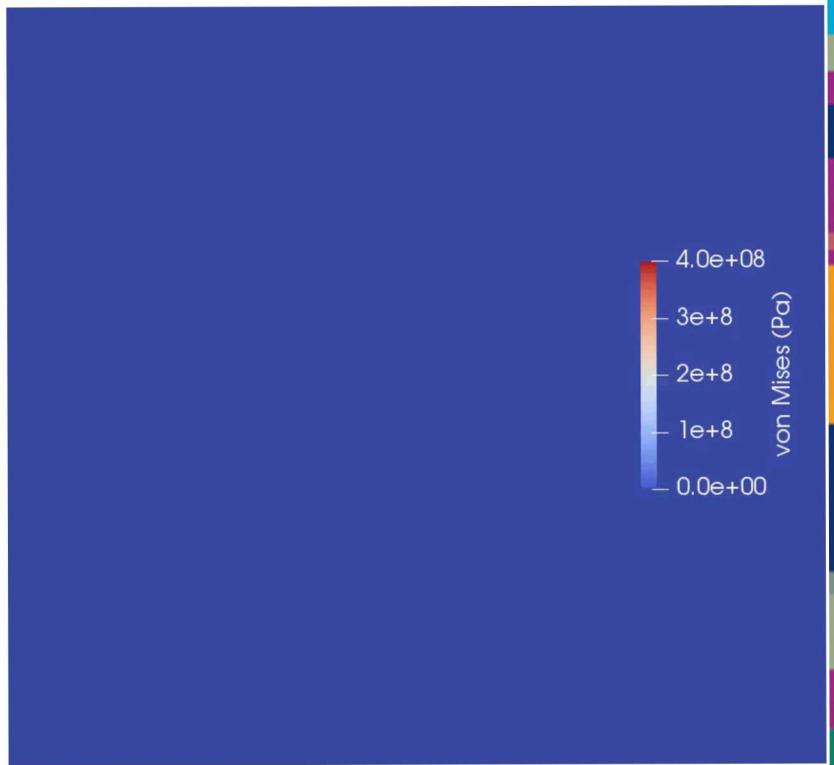
- Laser diameter = 120  $\mu\text{m}$
- Laser Speed = 1400 mm/s
- Layer Thickness = 0.03 mm
- Laser Power = 120 W
- Hatch Spacing = 60  $\mu\text{m}$
- **Material model calibrated to wrought data**



# Thermal and Structural Results



Thermal

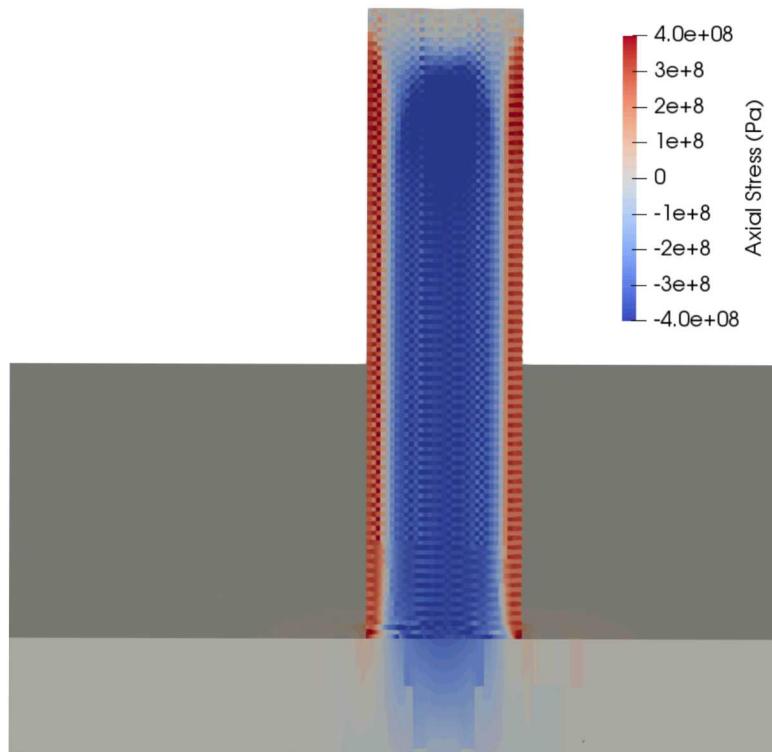
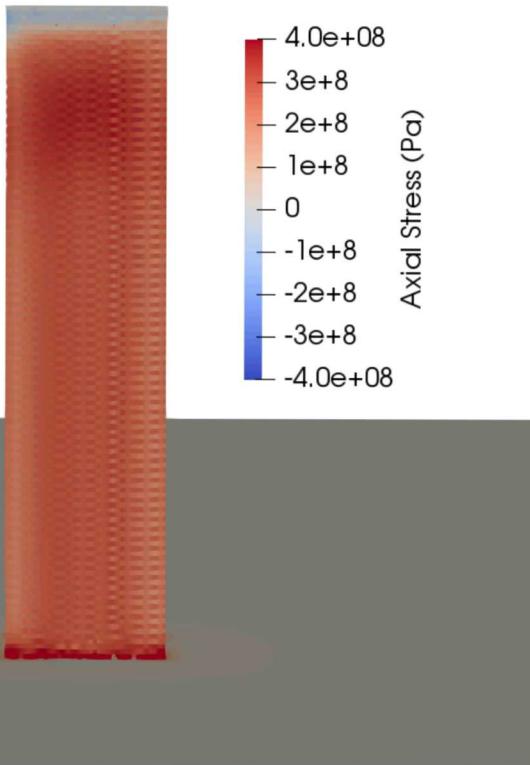


Structural

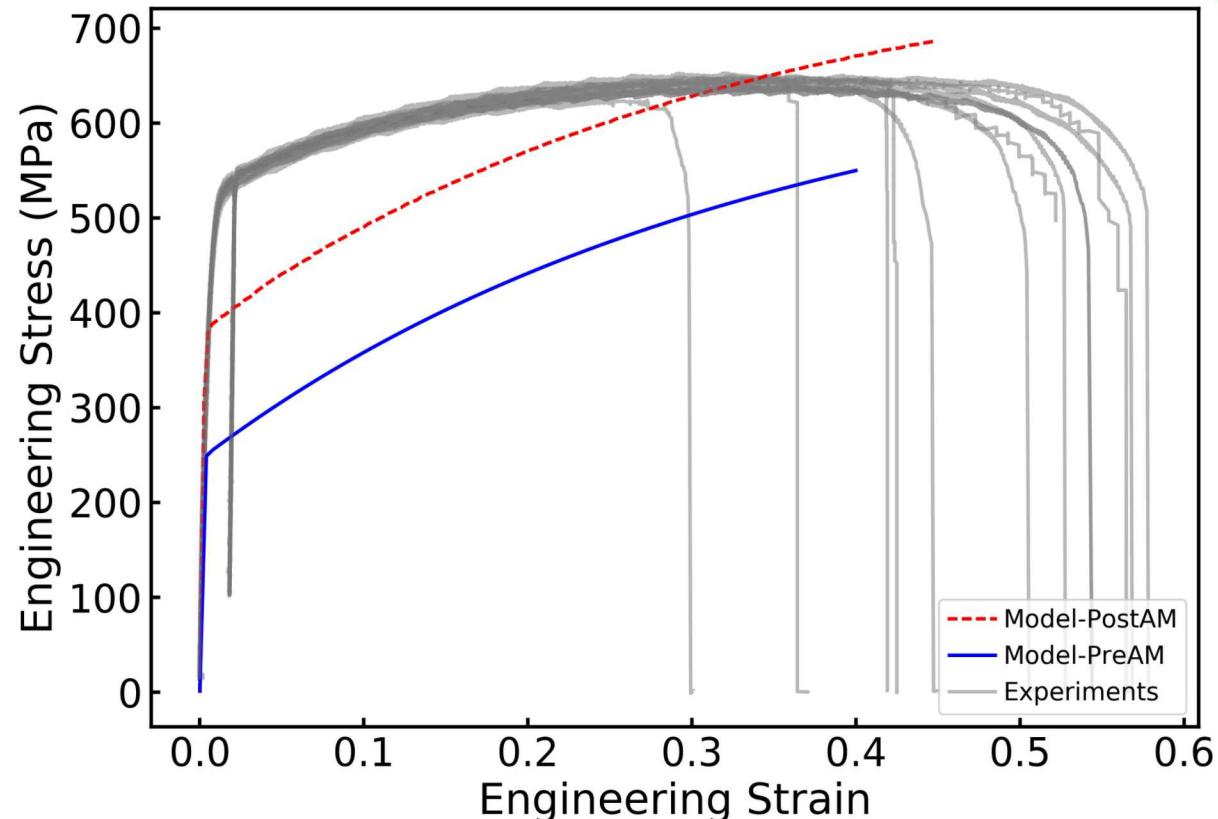
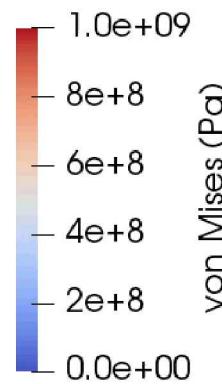
# Significant Tensile and Compressive Residual Stresses Remain



Mid-plane Cut View

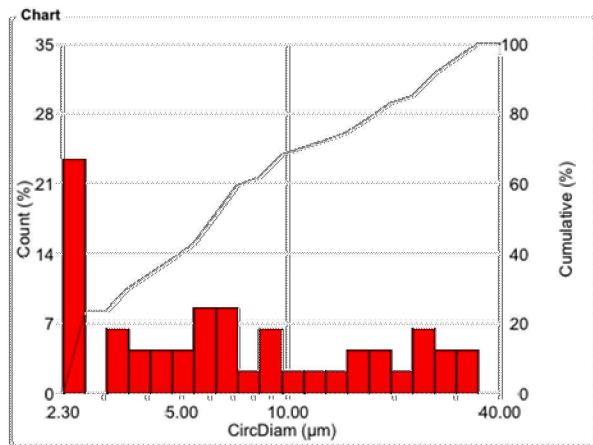
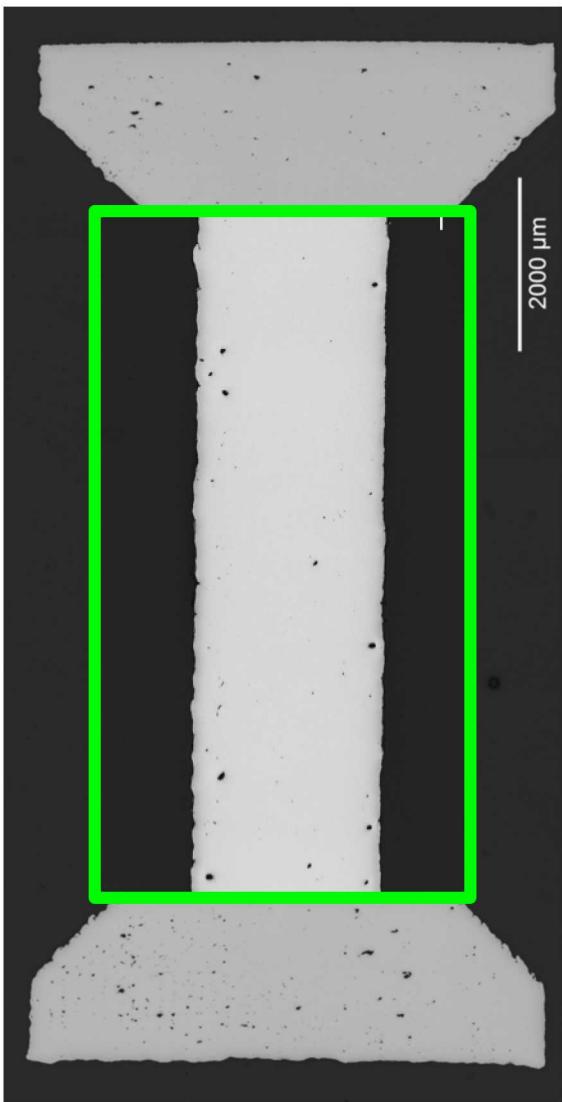


# Model Captures Higher Yield but Under-Predicts Stress



- Model with no residual stress was also simulated, but results were similar

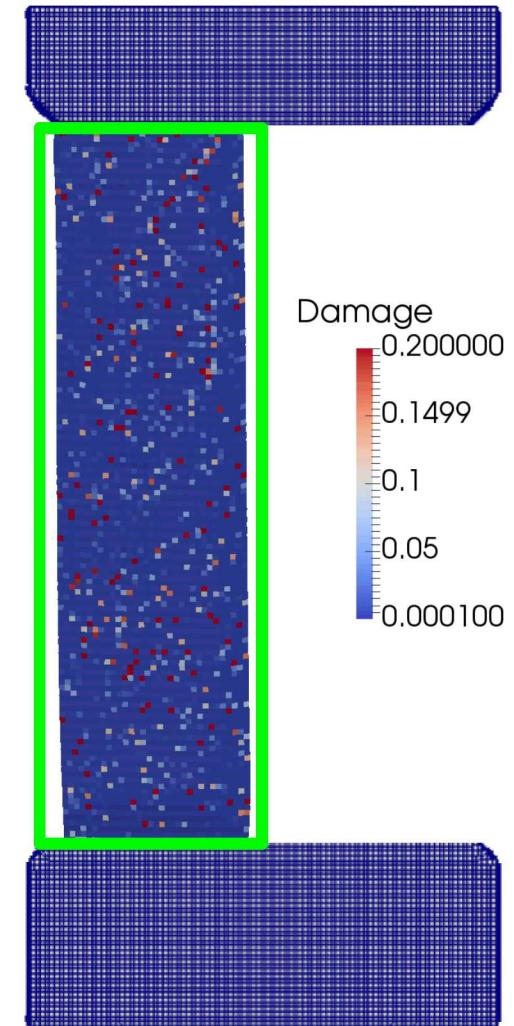
# Porosity Distribution is Directly Mapped to Mesh



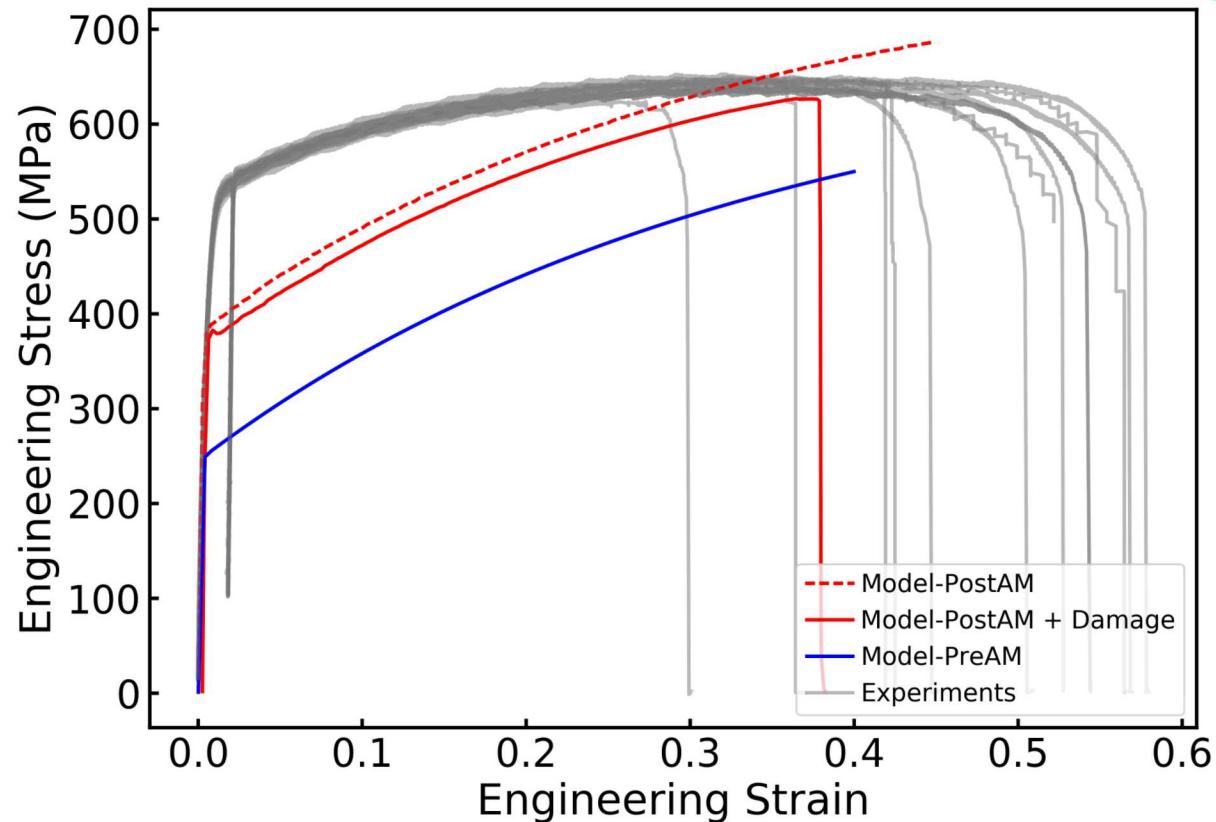
Porosity Mapping  
 $X, y, Z, r_{pore}$



- Total Porosity: 2%
- Sample distribution taken from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandia Fracture Challenge



# Tensile Results with Porosity



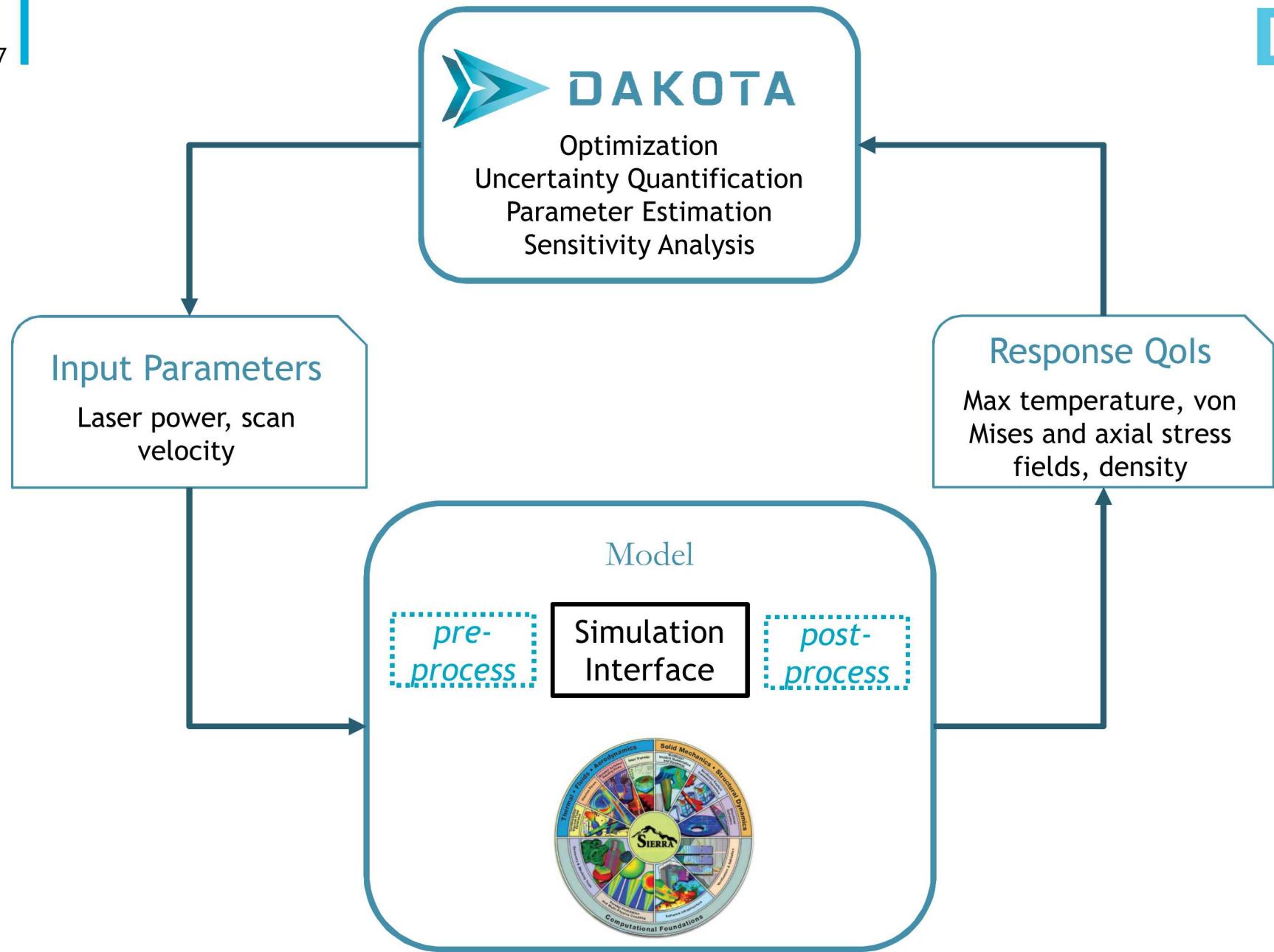
# Laser Parameter Study

Running a parameter study over 3 levels of laser power and scan velocity, for a total of 9 runs.

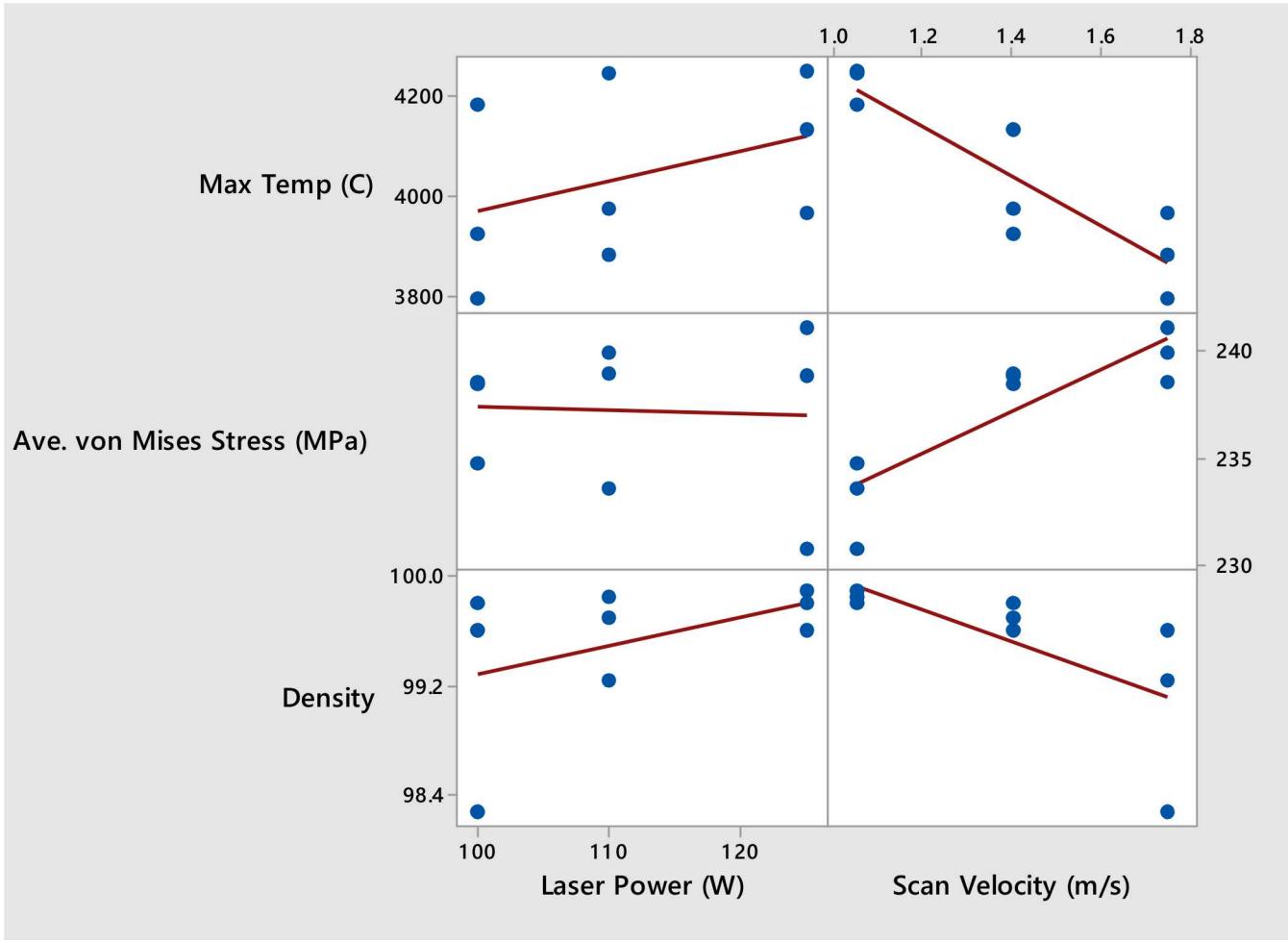
This will result in a matrix which we can use to do a main effects study and also compare with data from the ProX machine

Initial step toward model validation

Scan Velocity (m/s)	Laser Power (W)		
	100	110	125
1.05			
1.4			
1.75			

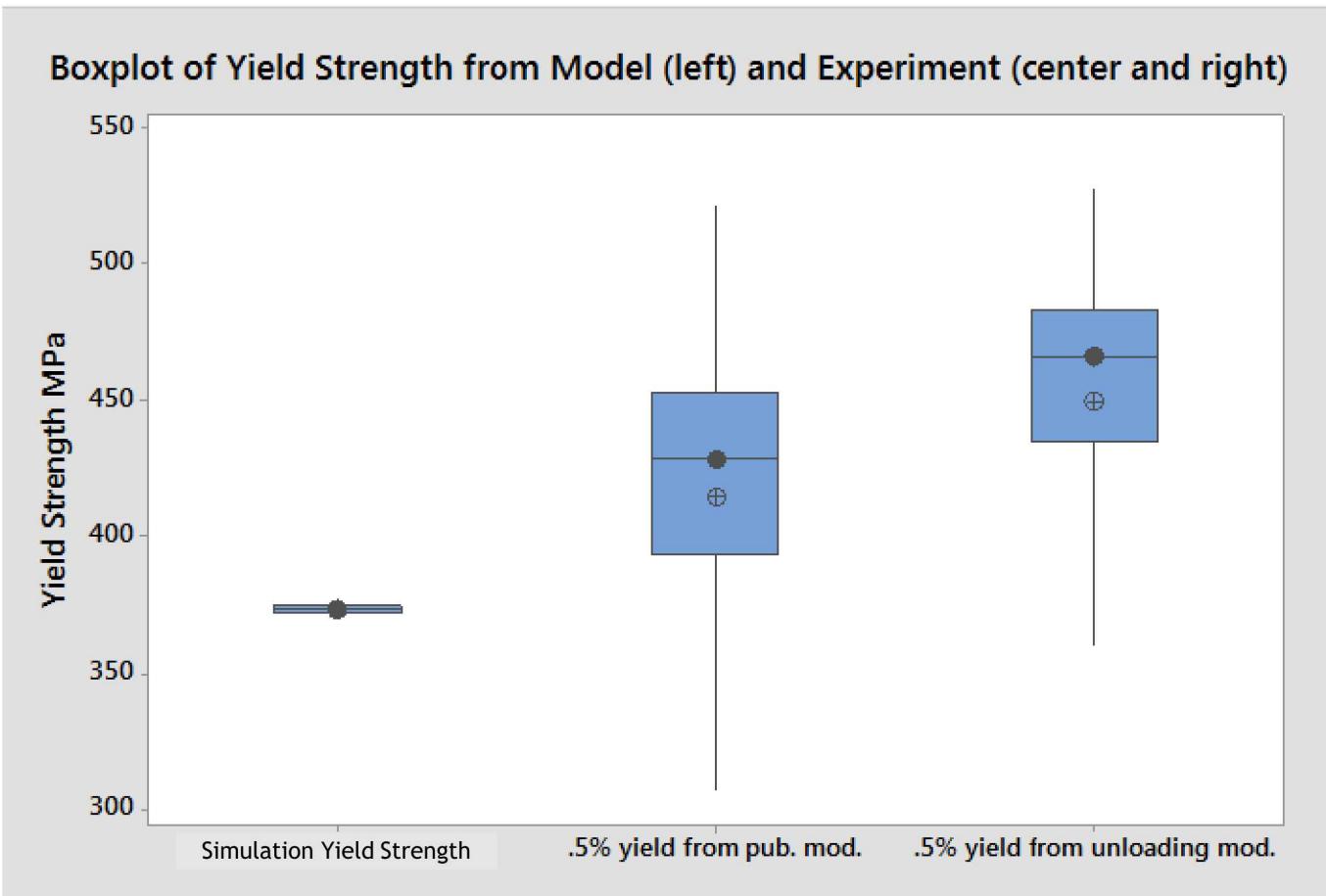


# Correlation Results

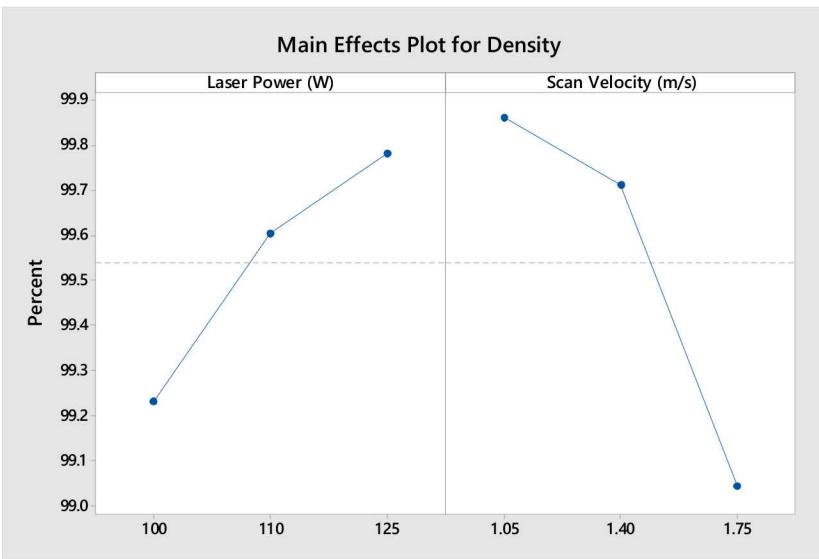
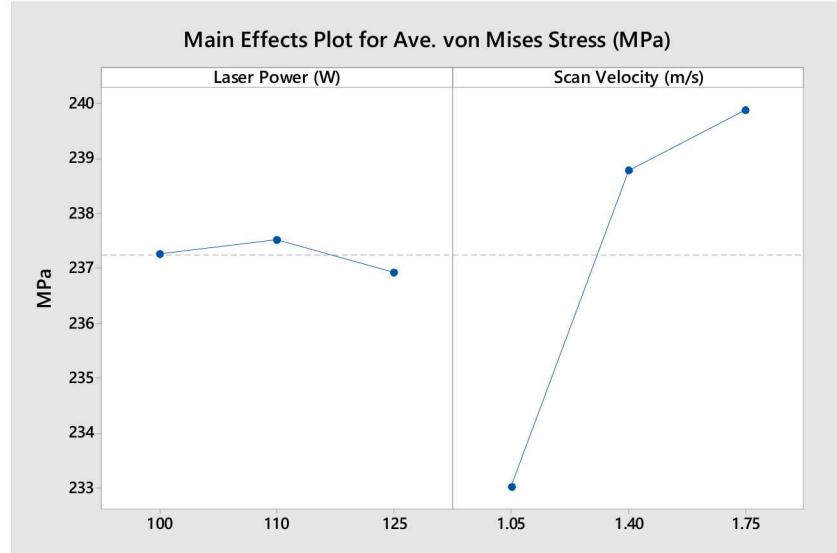
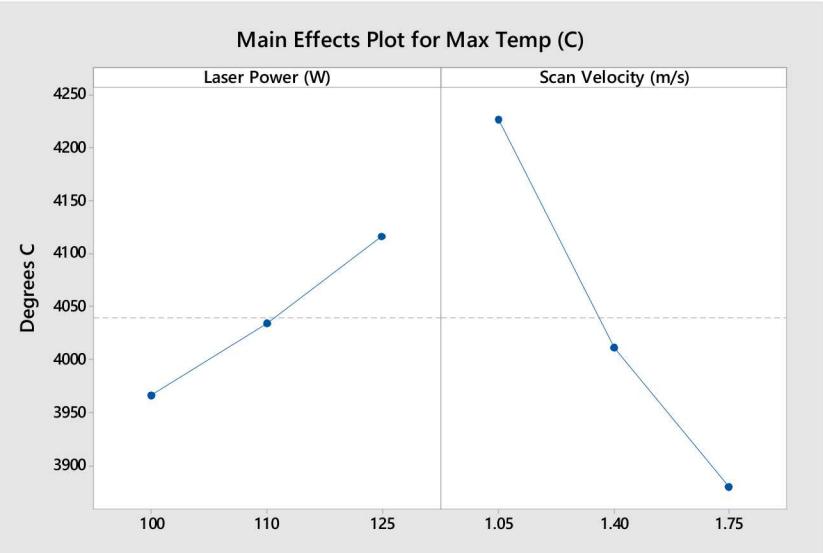


- Laser power is positively correlated to maximum temperature and density,
- Scan velocity is negatively correlated with temperature and density, and positively correlated with von Mises stress.

# Yield Strength Predictions are Lower Than Experimental Results



# Max Temperature, Stress, and Density Appear to Show Higher Correlation to Scan Velocity



# Conclusions

- Tensile specimen has been simulated to investigate P-S-P-P relationships
- Initial higher yield and decreased hardening is predicted
  - Yield predictions are too low, possibly due to incorrect high temperature assumptions
- Residual stress is predicted
- Damage variable provides a way to directly map defects to performance simulations
- Laser parameter study demonstrates initial step toward qualification
- Rich data set which shows some overall main effect trends that are as expected

## Future Work – Property Prediction

- Refine material model at high temperatures with near melt Gleble test data
- Run more realizations of porosity for UQ (only 1 shown)
- Simulate full dogbone
- Simulate heat treatments
- Predict microstructure for crystal plasticity comparison



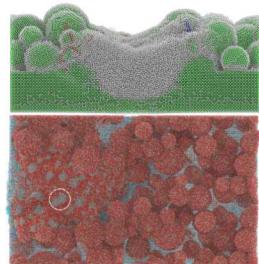
# Questions?

# SNL Modeling Work

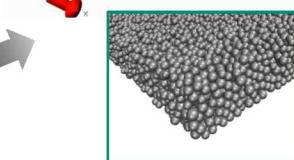
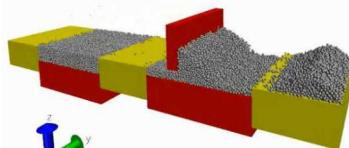


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 Sierra/Aria,  
 Sierra/Adagio

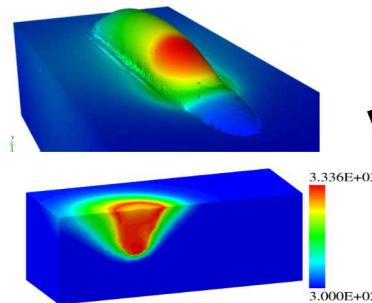
Powder Behavior  
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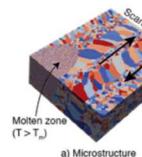
Powder Spreading  
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Mesoscale Thermal Behavior  
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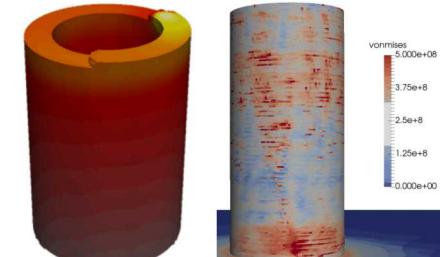


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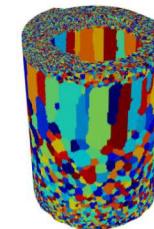


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 Length Scale (m)

Part Scale Thermal & Solid Mechanics  
 Kyle Johnson, Kurtis Ford, Mike Stender,  
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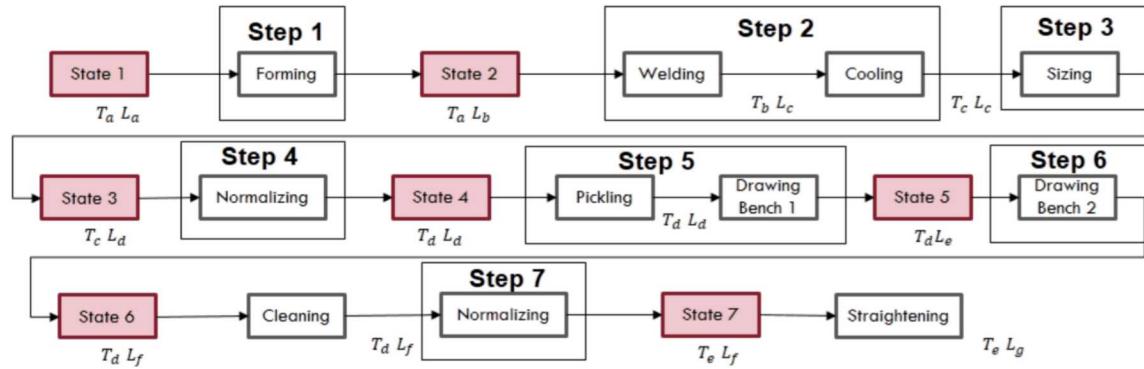


Part Scale Microstructure  
 Theron Rodgers



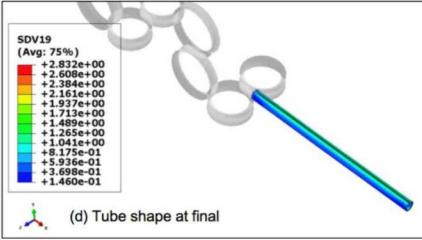
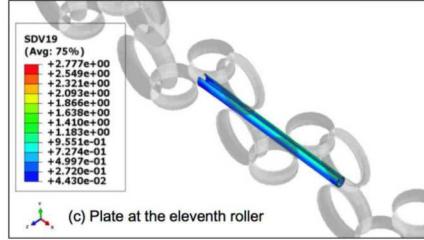
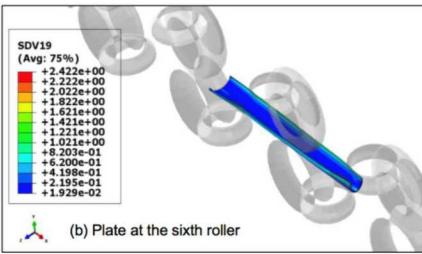
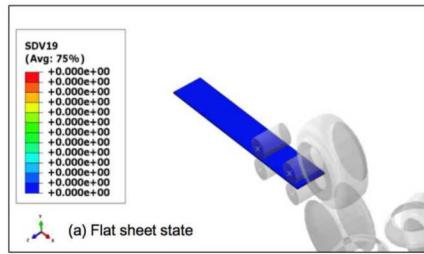
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# Example: Full Tube Forming Process



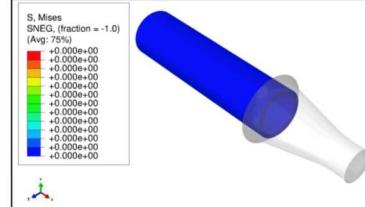
## Microstructure

- Ferrite grain size distribution
- Ferrite area fraction
- Carbide size and distribution
- Carbide area fraction

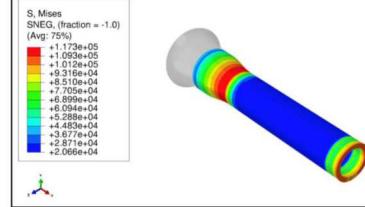


## Mechanical Properties

- Vicker's hardness
- Low strain rate tension/compression data
- High strain rate tension/compression data
- High temperature tension/compression data



(a) Initial state when drawing starts



(b) Elongation of the tube by die

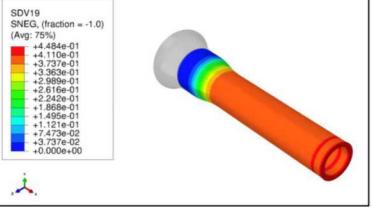
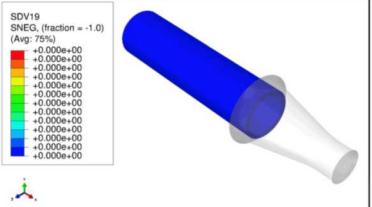


Figure 7.19. Second drawing simulation presenting von Mises stress (left, in Psi) and the equivalent plastic strain (SDV19, right) progressions. At this process, tube was significantly deformed due to small radius of the die.

Figure 7.7. Tube forming simulation showing the plastic equivalent strain progression from sheet to tube.

H. Cho, Y. Hammi, D.K. Francis, T. Stone, Y. Mao, K. Sullivan, J. Wilbanks, R. Zelinka, and M.F. Horstemeyer. ICME book (in progress)

H. Cho *et al.*, "Finite Element Model for Plymouth Tube Processing using Internal State Variables", ICME 2015.

# Model Showed Good Agreement at Each Step in Process

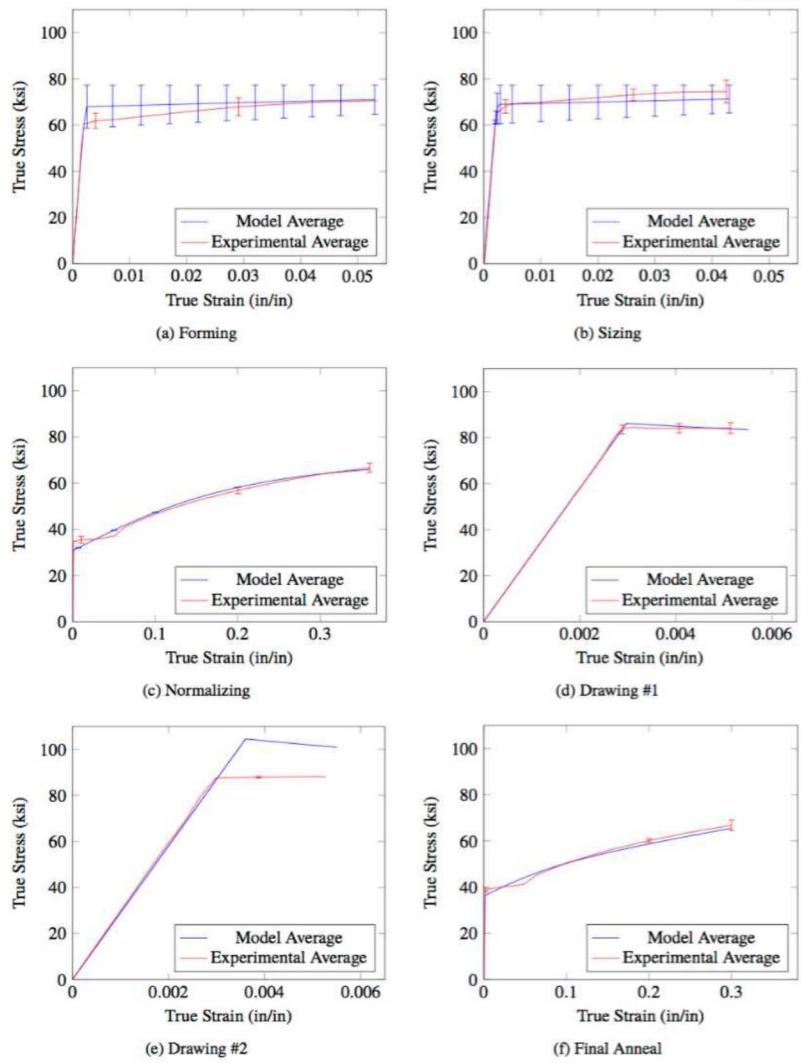
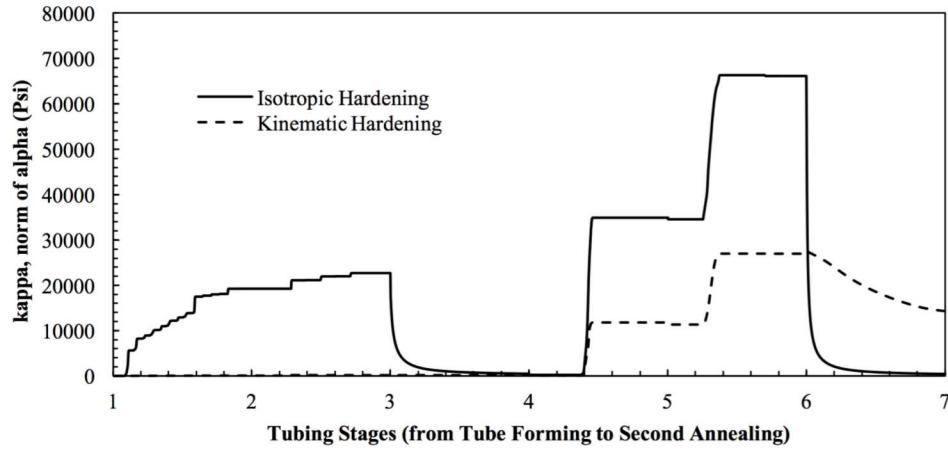
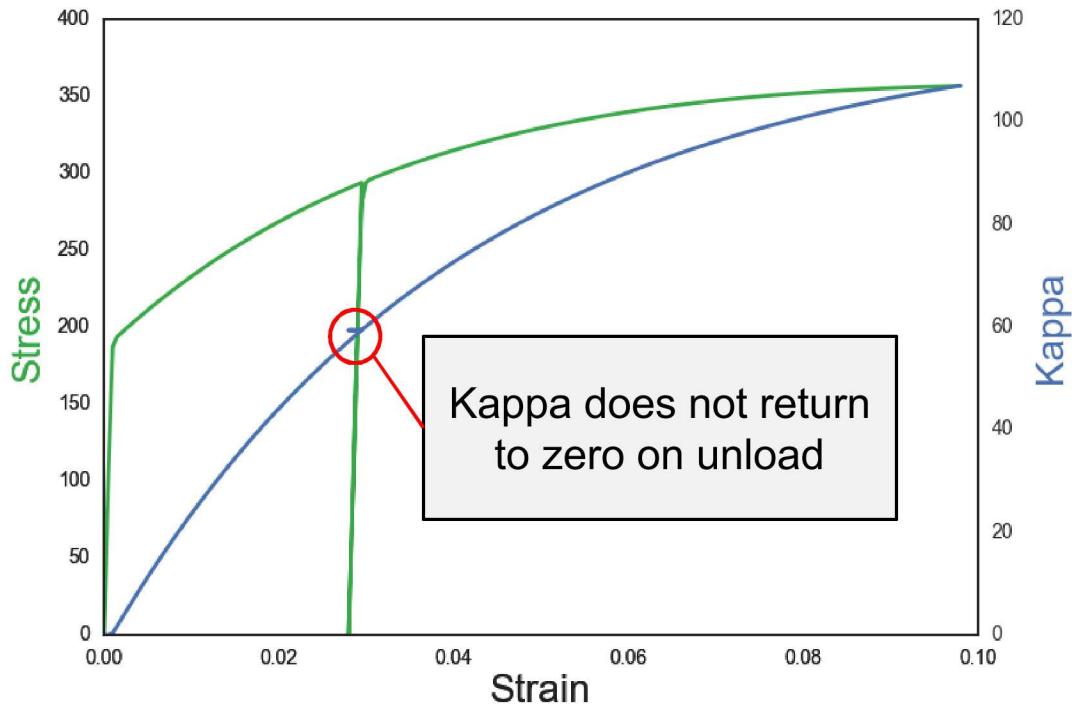


Figure 3 Stress-strain behavior comparison between simulation and experimental result (tension) after each step

# Performance: Higher Yield Captured in 304L SS Upon Reloading



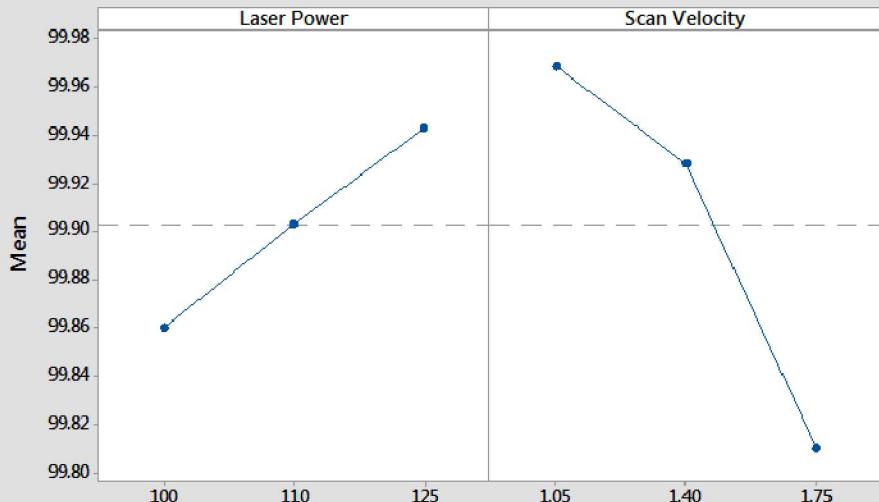
$$\dot{\kappa} = [H(\theta) - R_d(\theta)\kappa]\dot{\epsilon}_p$$

- Example: One element 304L SS loaded to 3 % strain, followed by unload and reload
- Model accurately captures loading history with kappa ISV

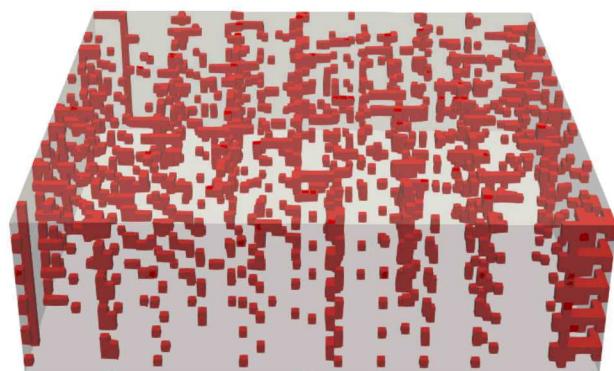
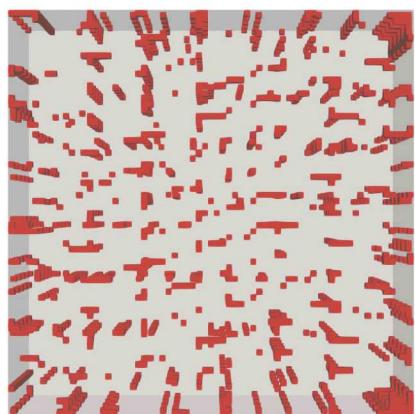
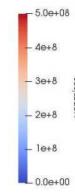
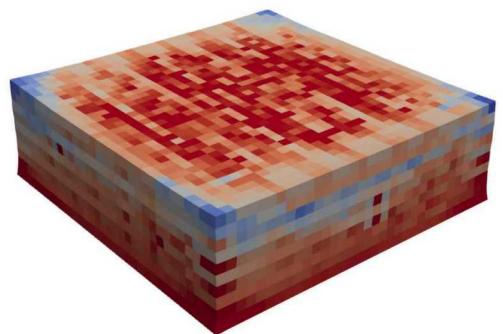
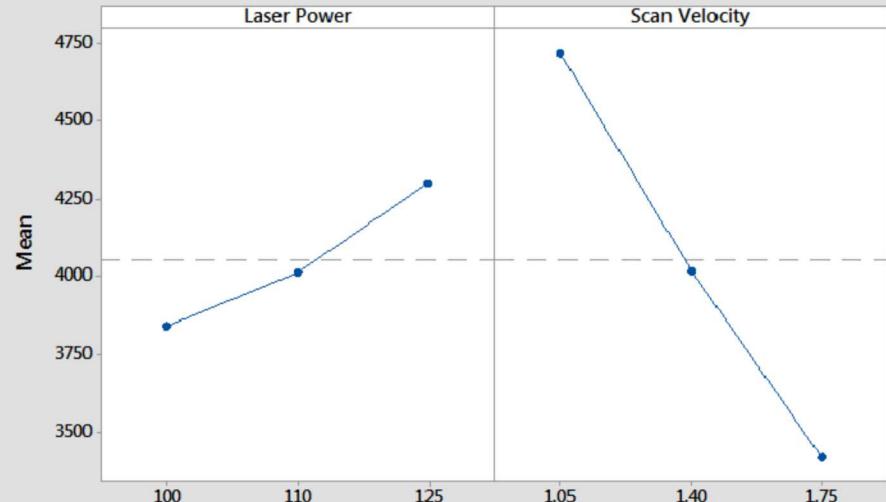
# Process Setting Effects on Properties (Laura Swiler)



Main Effects Plot for Density  
Data Means



Main Effects Plot for Max Temp  
Data Means



# Thermal Modeling in Aria

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho C_p \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla T = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + H_V$$

## Radiation and Convection

$$\mathbf{q} = \varepsilon \sigma (T^4 - T_r^4)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = h(T - T_\infty)$$

## Conduction

$$\mathbf{q} = -k \nabla T$$

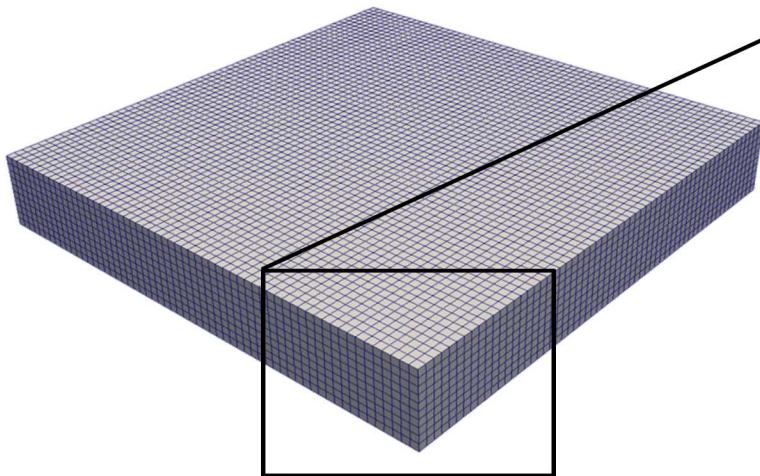
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Inactive Powder Bed	Powder Property (< 1)
Active	Bulk Property

## Volumetric Gaussian Laser Heat Source

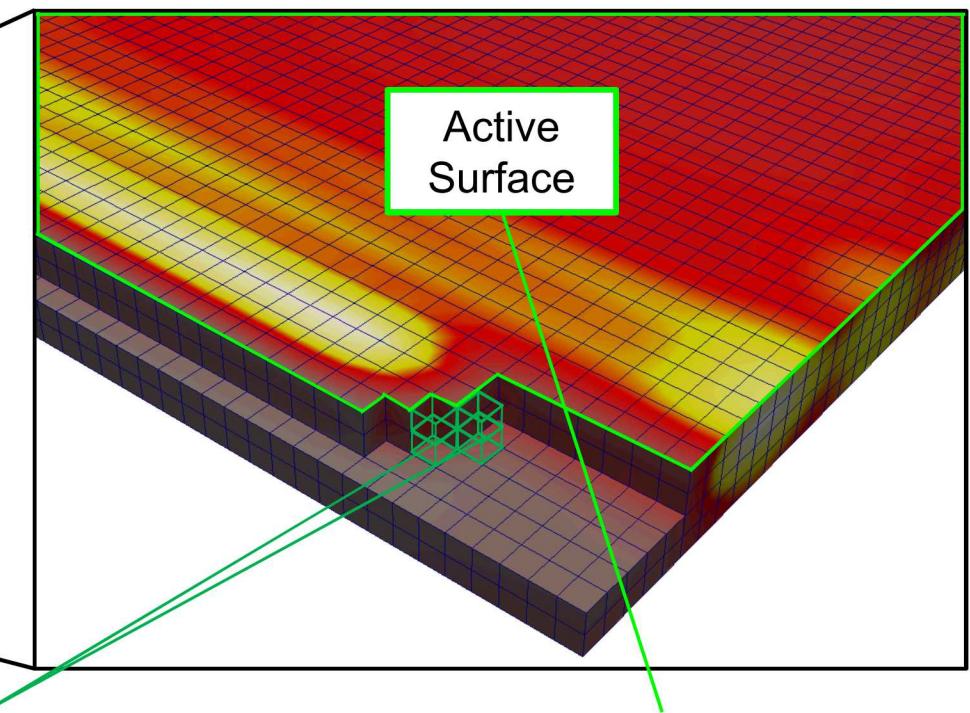
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  Activation Temperature = 1698
  power = 2000
  beam diameter = 4.2
  efficiency = 0.4
  path function = path
  depth direction = -z
  distribution = gaussian
  source type = activation_hemisphere
  spatial influence factor = 1.2
  add volume block_40
end
```

# Material Addition in Aria

Pre-meshed Part



Part During Process



Elements ahead of laser are inactive

Convection and radiation are applied to active surface as it evolves