

# Comparison of Reduced Order Numerical Residual Stress Predictions to Neutron Diffraction Measurements of Laser Powder Bed Fusion Parts



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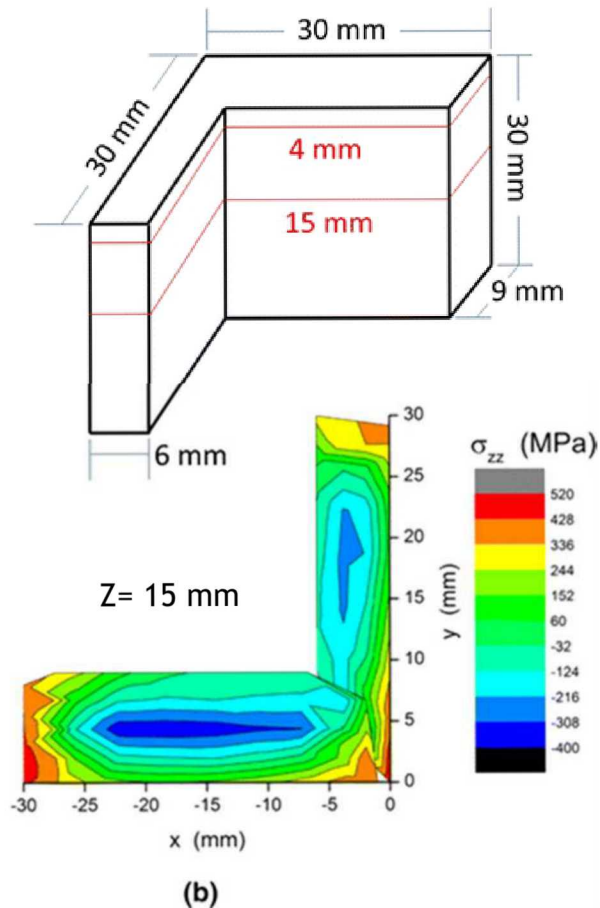
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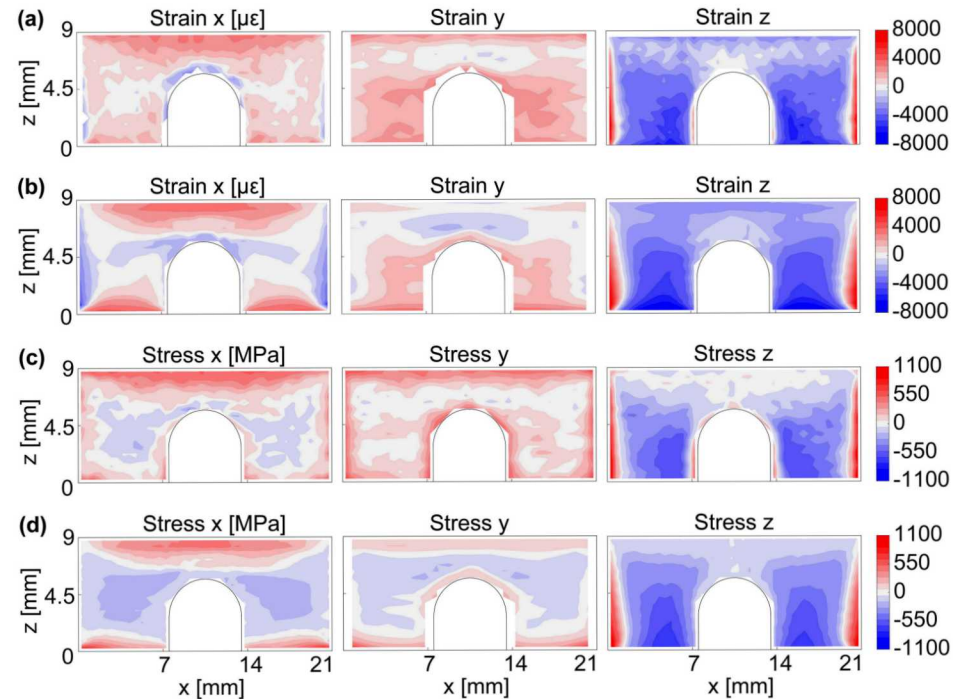
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# High Thermal Gradients Produce High Residual Stresses

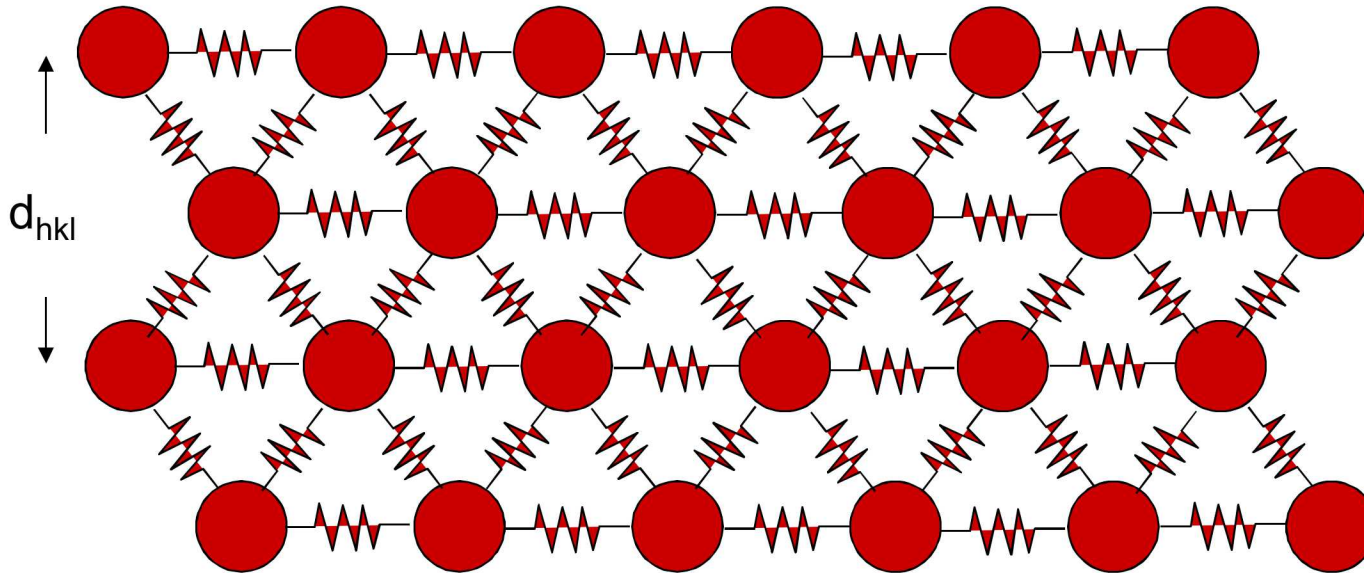


316L Stainless Steel Powder Bed  
Wu *et al.* 2014

Simulation Experiment



Ti-6Al-4V Powder Bed  
Strantz *et al.* 2018



- We measure the spacing between atoms very accurately,  $\sim 10$  ppm.
- Calculate lattice strains from change in atomic spacing due to stress.

– Lattice strain :  $\varepsilon = \frac{d_{hkl} - d_0}{d_0}$

- If we know the spring constants, we can calculate the stresses from the strains.

–  $\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl}$        $\sigma_i = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \left[ (1-\nu)\varepsilon_i + \nu(\varepsilon_j + \varepsilon_k) \right] \quad i, j, k \in L, T, N$

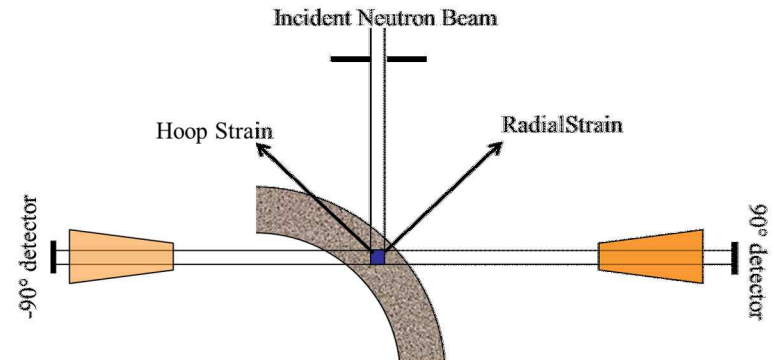
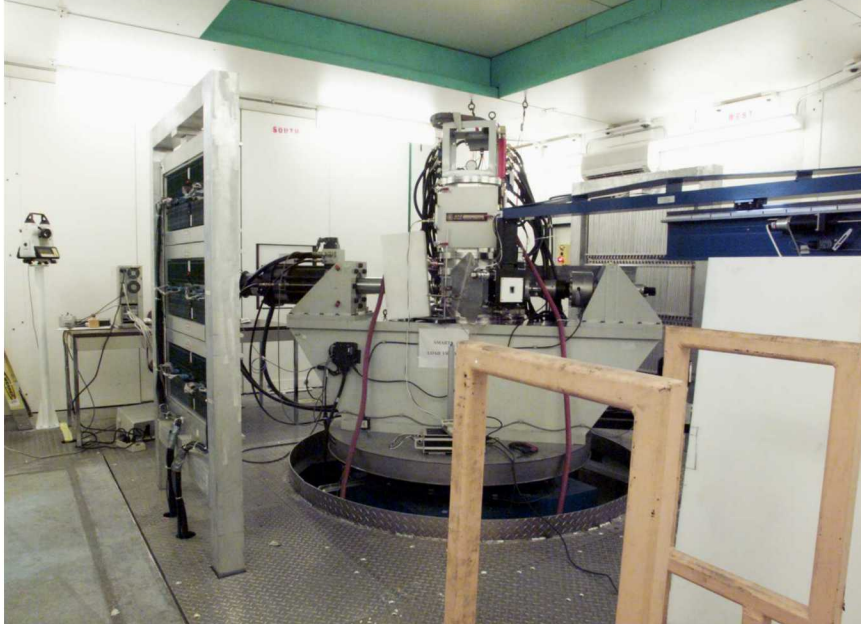
- It is important to note that the lattice strain is necessarily proportional to the stress on the grain set, not the macroscopic stress.





# Sample Dimensions and Objectives Drive Measurement Type

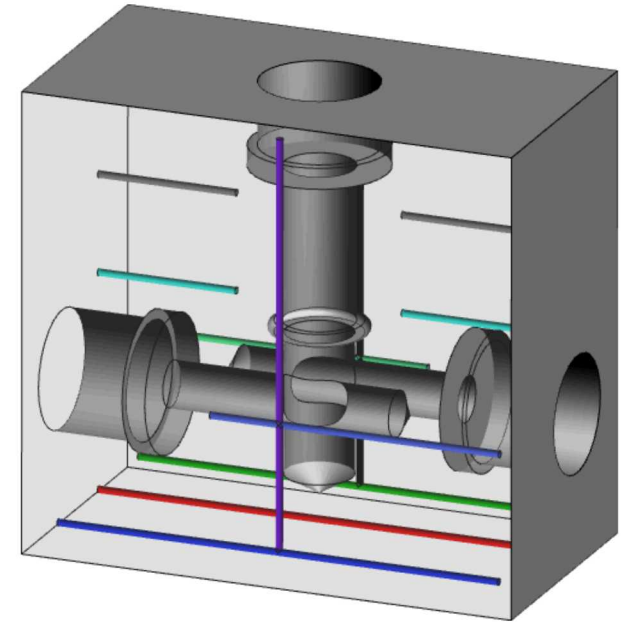
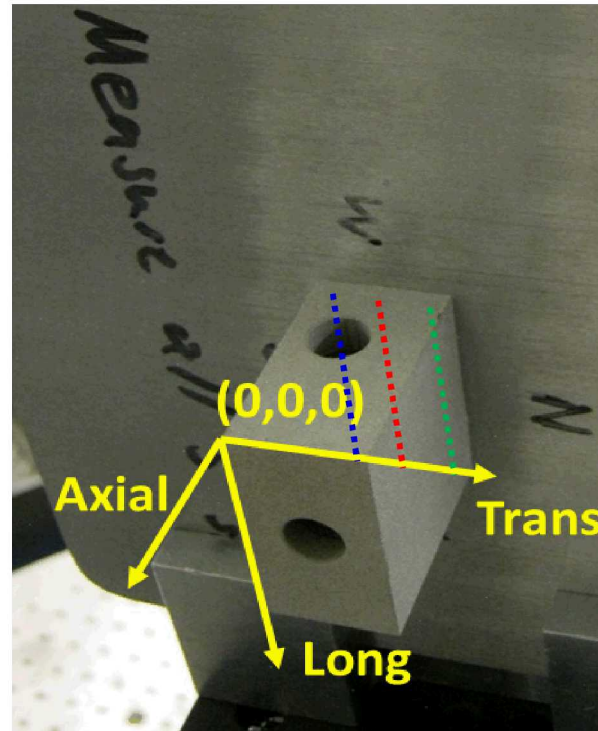
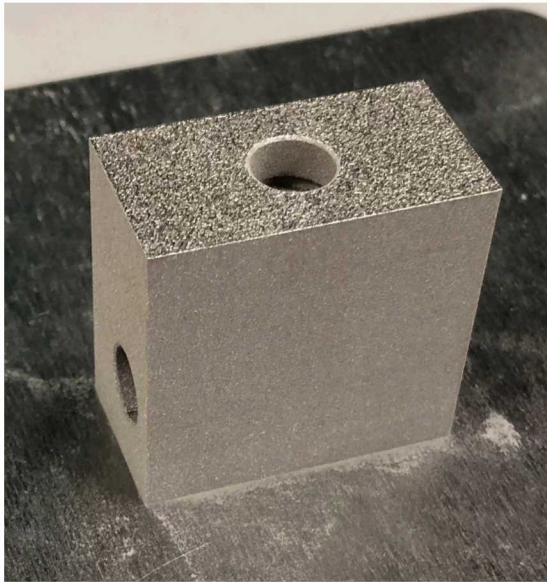
## Neutrons: SMARTS



- Best spatial resolution of 0.5mm.
- Count times 5-60 minutes
- Sample table : horizontal travel  $\pm 30$  cm, vertical  $\pm 60$  cm, 370° rotation.
  - 1500 Kg capacity.
- Titanium and Vanadium difficult or impossible.

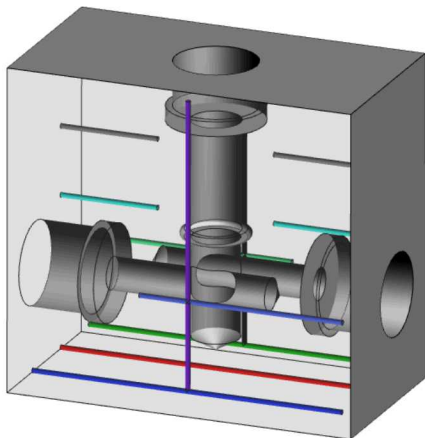
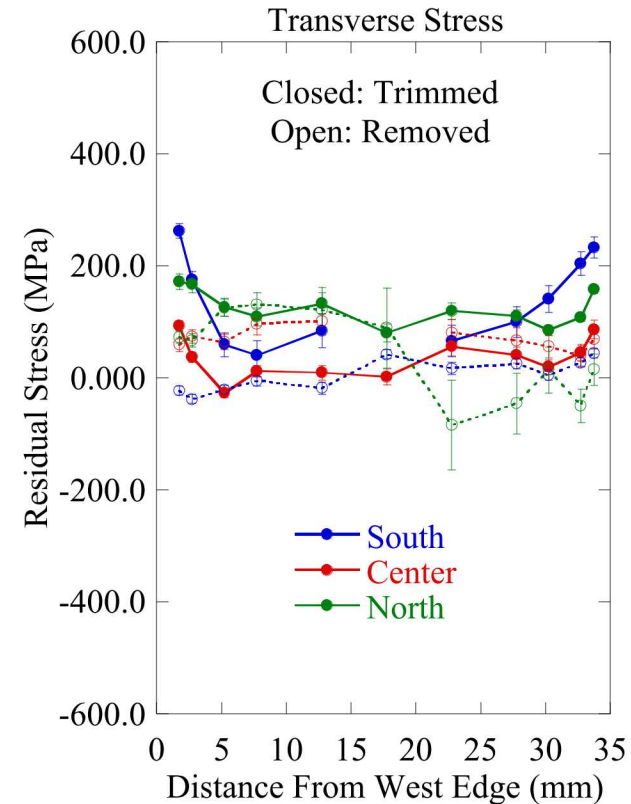
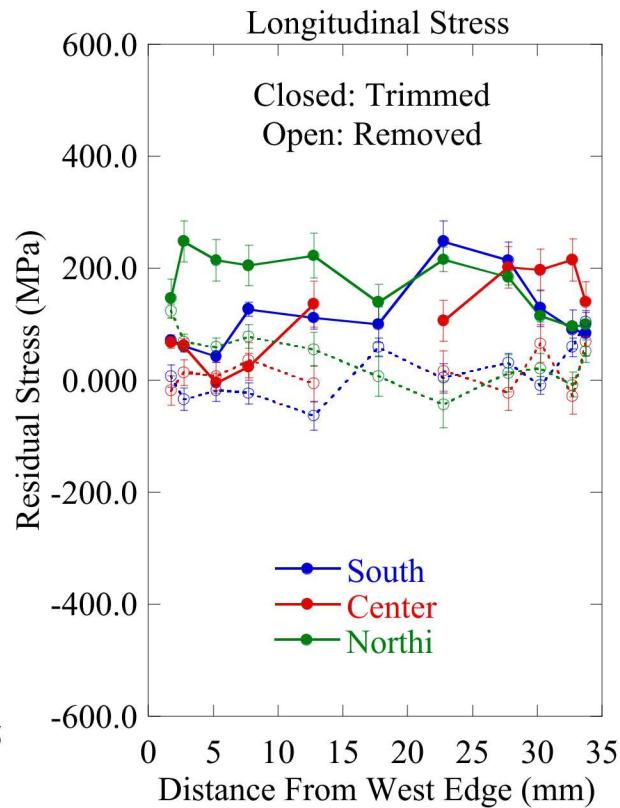
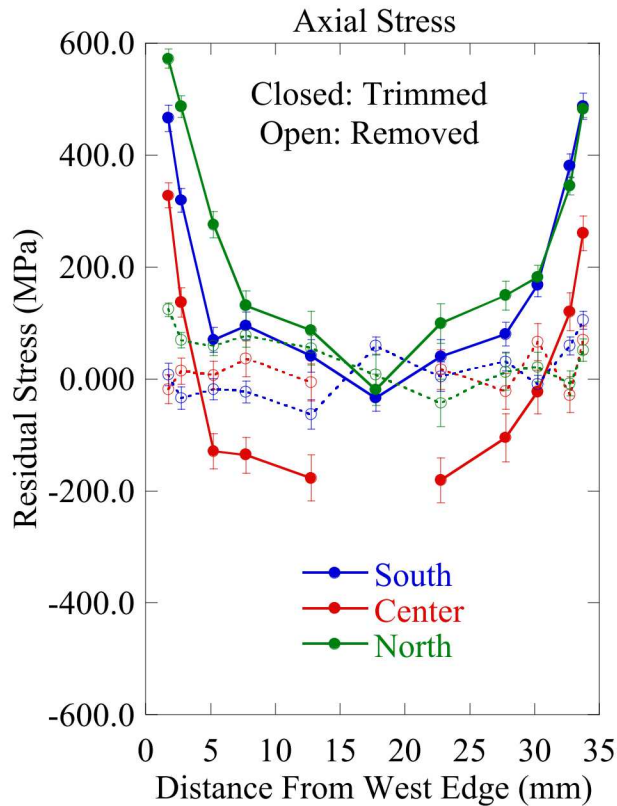
- $\lambda=1-4\text{\AA}$ .
- Beam cross section : 2mm x 2 mm
- Usually easy to get 3 orthogonal strain components.

# Neutron Diffraction (ND) Measurements on AM Part



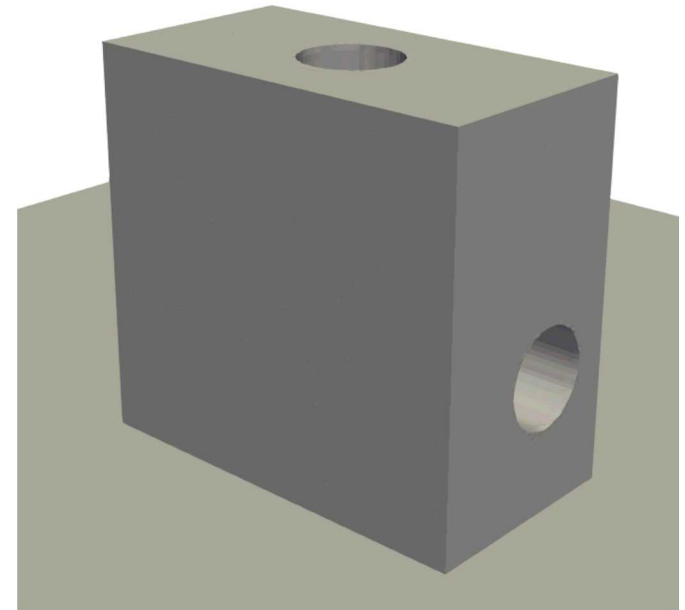
- 316L stainless steel part
- >1000 layers
- Internal channels
- Neutron Diffraction results from Don Brown, Bjørn Clausen, and Maria Strantza at LANSCE

# Stress Results Before and After Base Plate is Cut



- Part size is challenging for full solution
- Inherent strain method developed for weld stress prediction
  - (Ueda, Fukuda, Tanigawa 1979; Ueda, Kim, Yuan 1980, Hill and Nelson 1995)
- Strain tensor is applied in layers over time
  - Quick approximation for distortion and stress
- Does not capture local variations due to different thermal gradients

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$





## 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

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

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

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

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

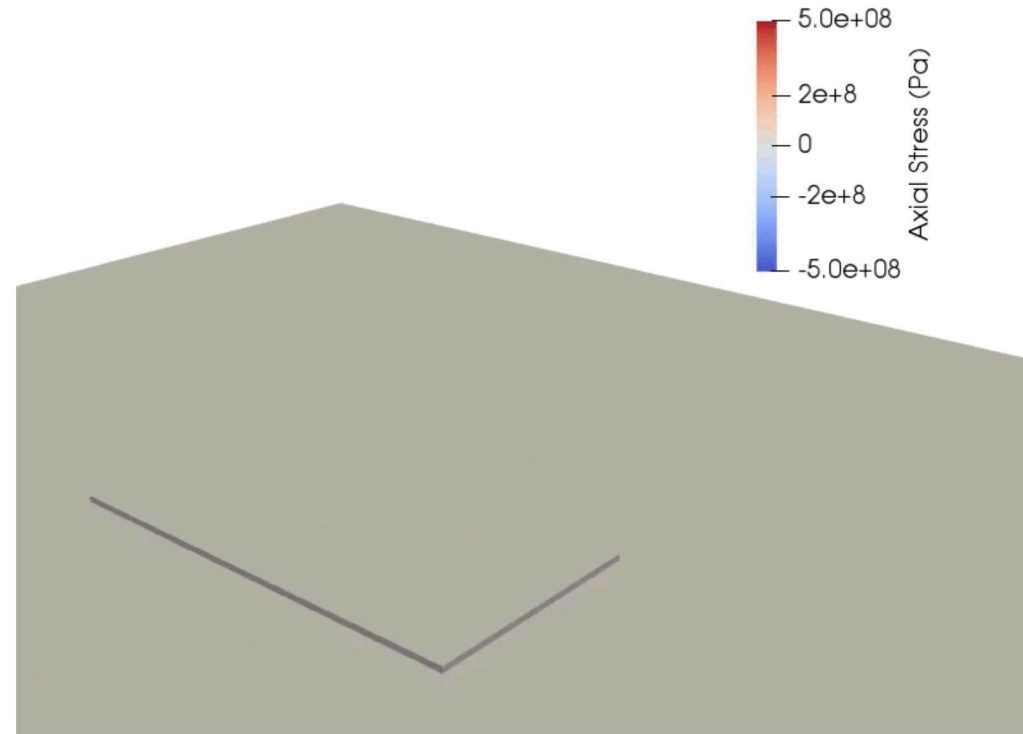
$$\dot{\kappa} = \kappa \frac{\dot{\mu}}{\mu} + (H(\theta) - R_d(\theta)\kappa)\dot{\epsilon}_p$$

# Anisotropic Inherent Strain Model Using “Quiet” Element Approach

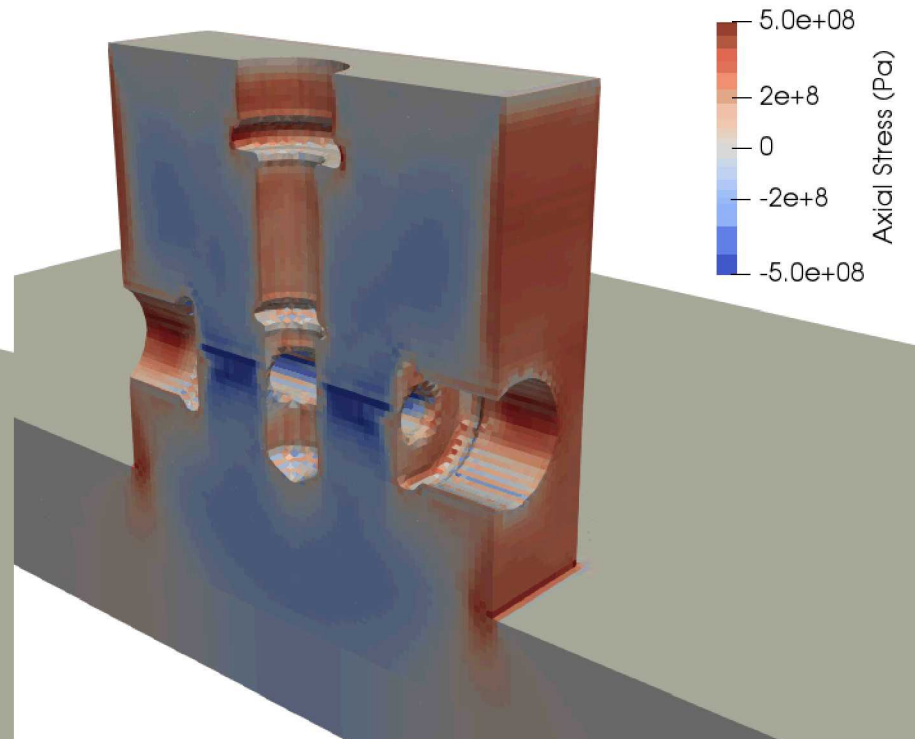
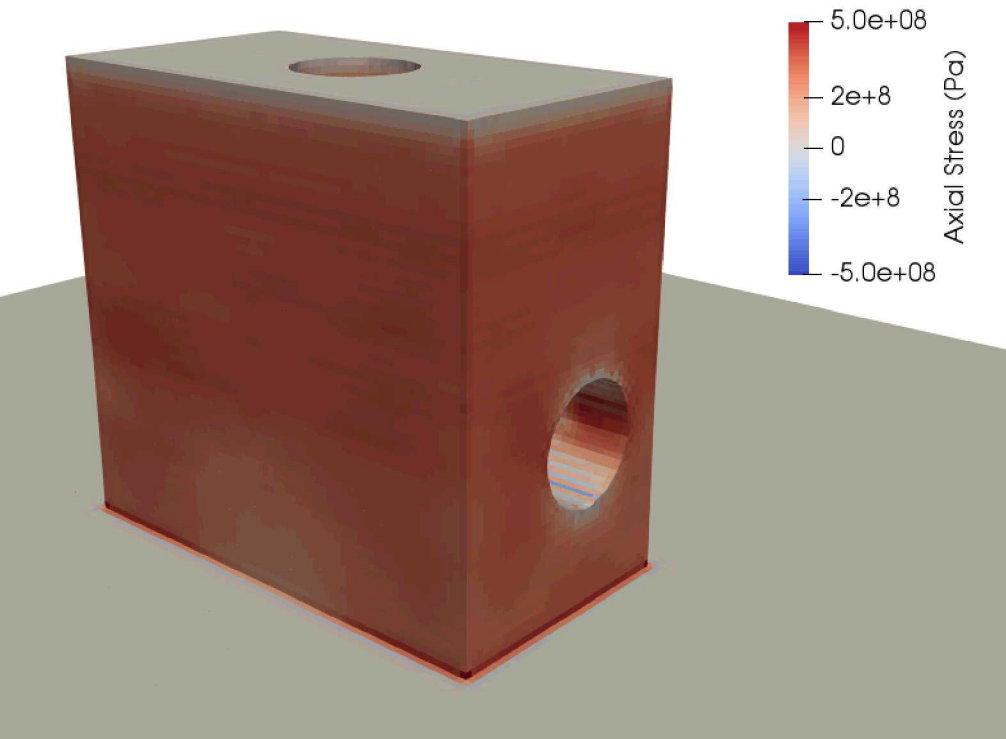
- Transverse (normal to build direction) strains are reduced
- Results are qualitatively reasonable
- Elements activated using “quiet element” approach (reduced stiffness)

$$\varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} -0.002 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-0.02} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.002 \end{bmatrix}$$

Build Direction

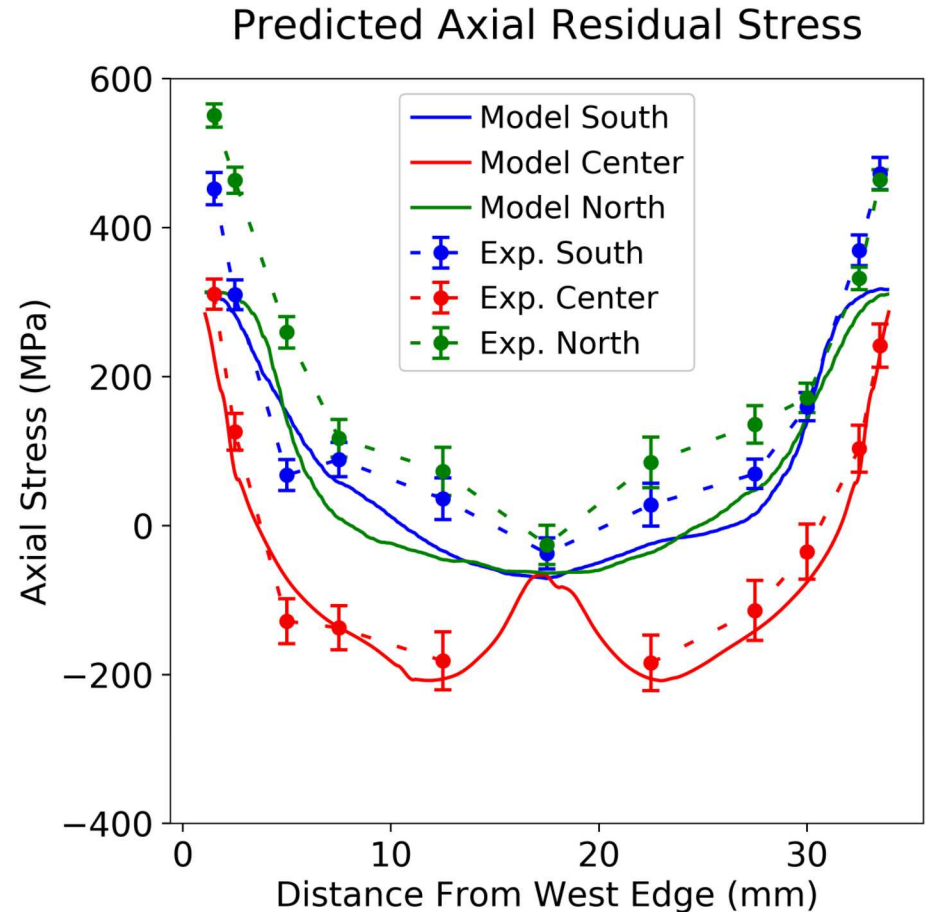
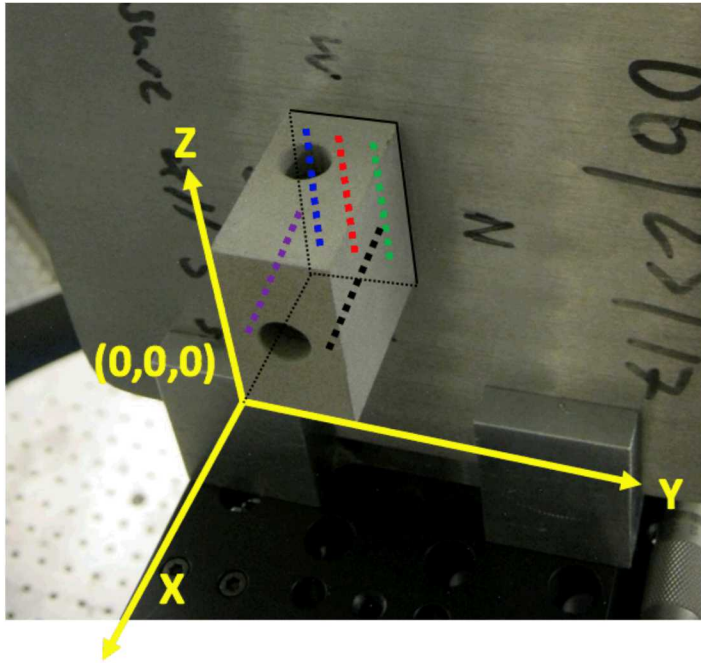


# Inherent Strain Stress Contours



- Axial stress values appear similar to ND measurements
  - $\sim 300$  MPa exterior,  $\sim -200$  MPa interior
- Wall time  $\sim 30$  min on 60 cpus ( $\sim 12X$  faster than real-time 6 hr build)

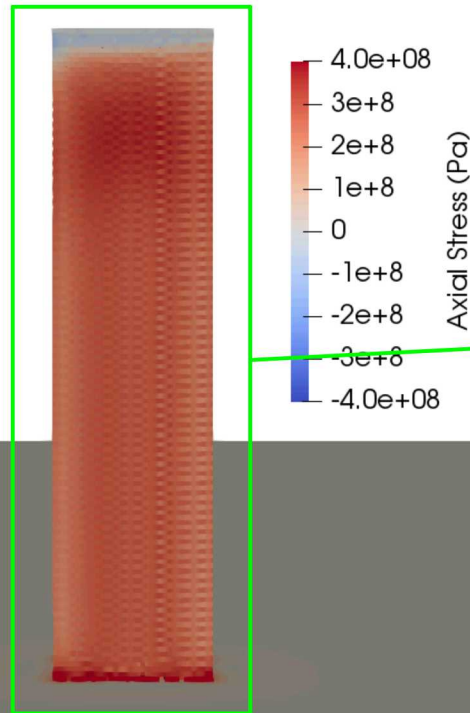
# Residual Stress Predictions Compare Well with ND Results for Center Line



- Predicted Axial (Build Direction) Stress Shown for Blue, Red, and Green Dashed Lines



## Second Attempt: Multiscale Inherent Strain Method With Fully Inactive Elements



$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Run full fine-scale solution on manageable part with same process settings – tensile dogbone gage section
- Upscale strain information to inherent strain model
- Use fully inactive elements rather than quiet elements in inherent strain model
- Could capture process dependent information

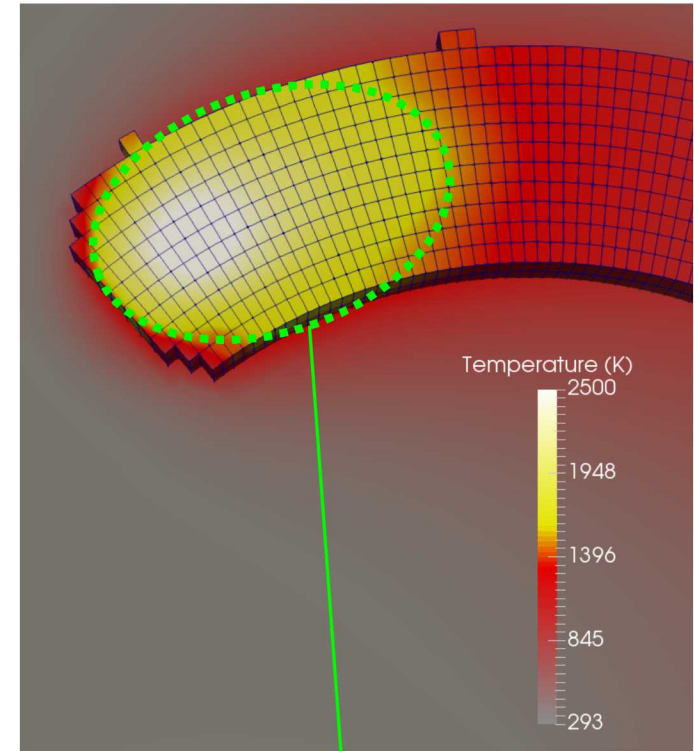
# Full Simulation Thermal Approach

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

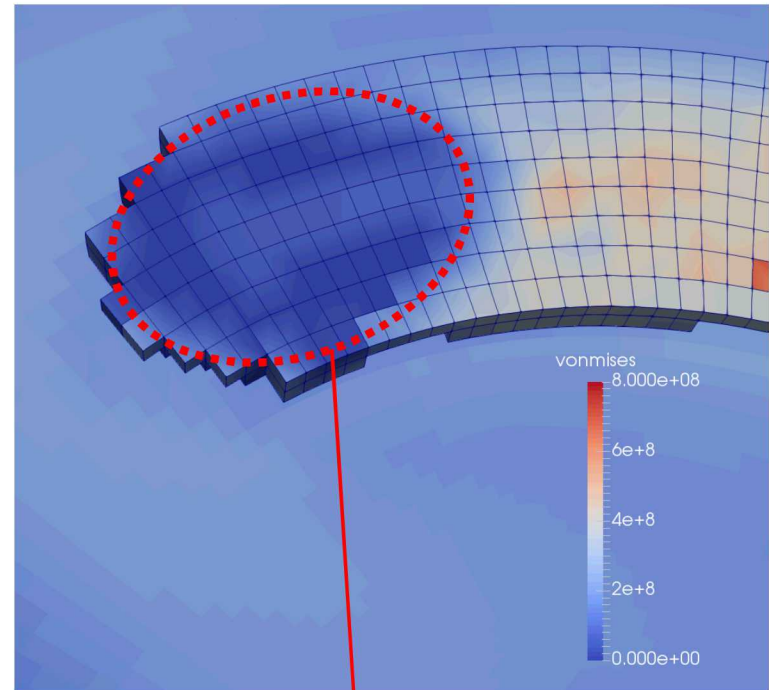
# Full Simulation Solid Mechanics Approach

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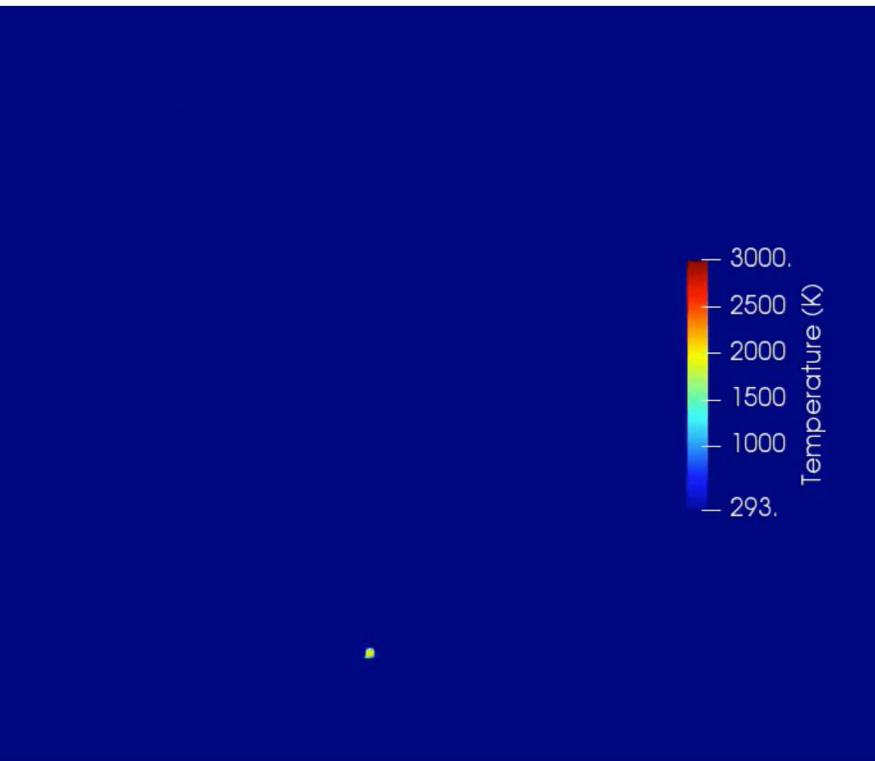
Thermal output file is read at every time step to provide temperatures

Elements are activated once they reach melt temperature

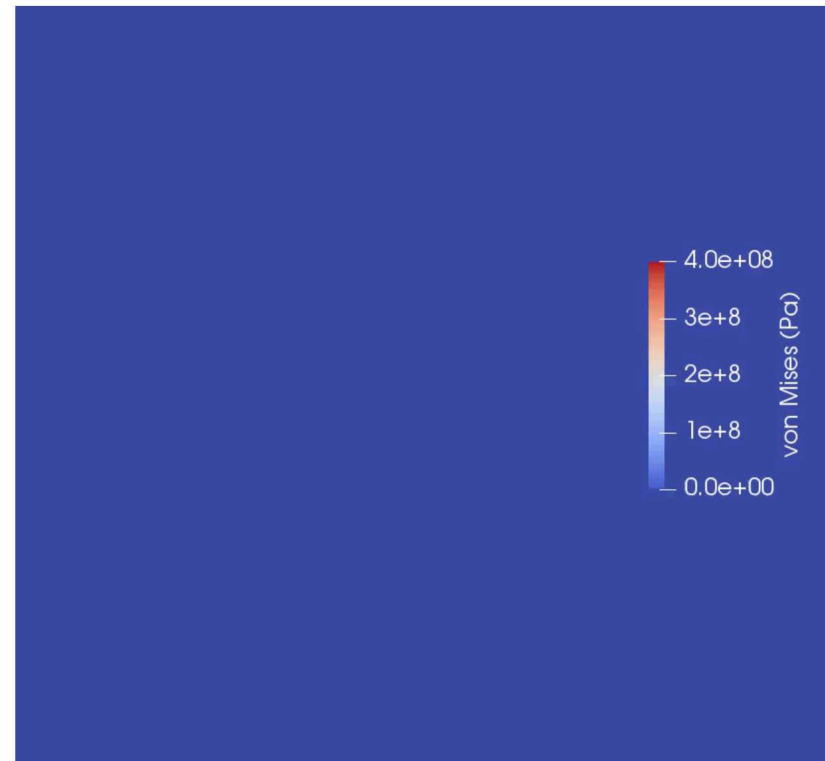
Residual stress builds as elements contract upon cooling and build thermal strain



Approximate Melt Pool  
(~zero stress)



Thermal



Structural

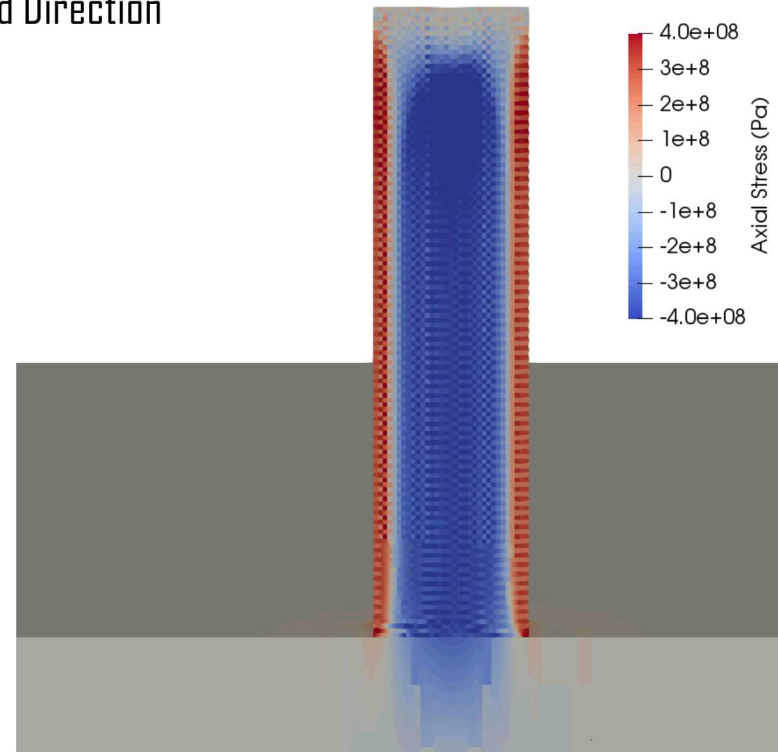
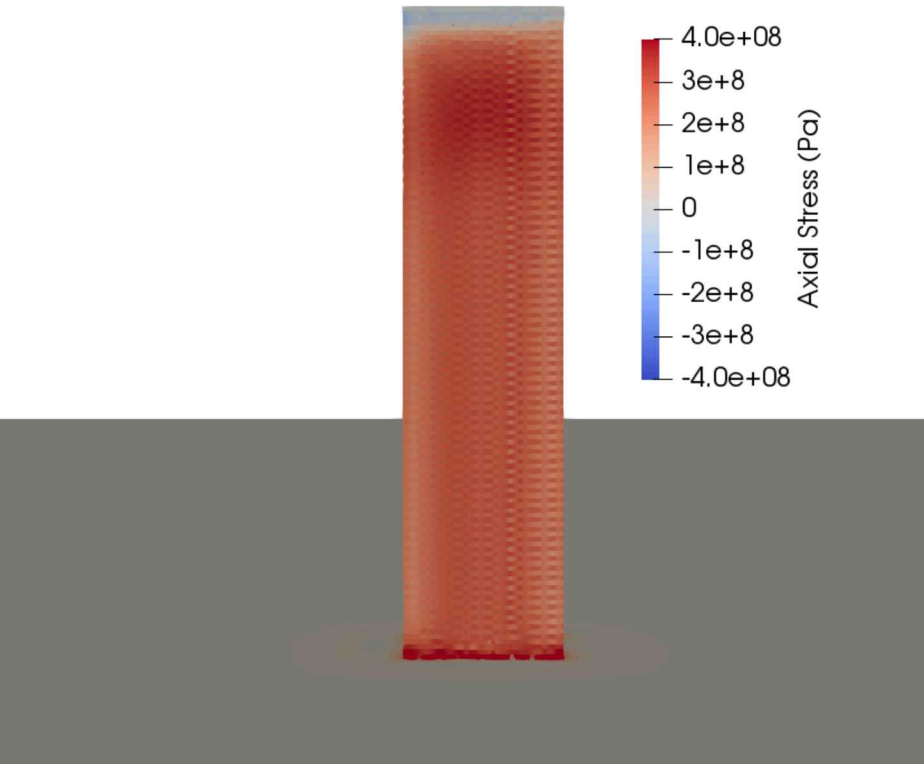


# Significant Tensile and Compressive Residual Stresses Remain

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.019 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.019 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.026 \end{bmatrix}$$

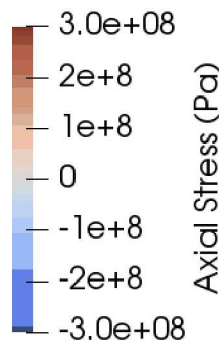
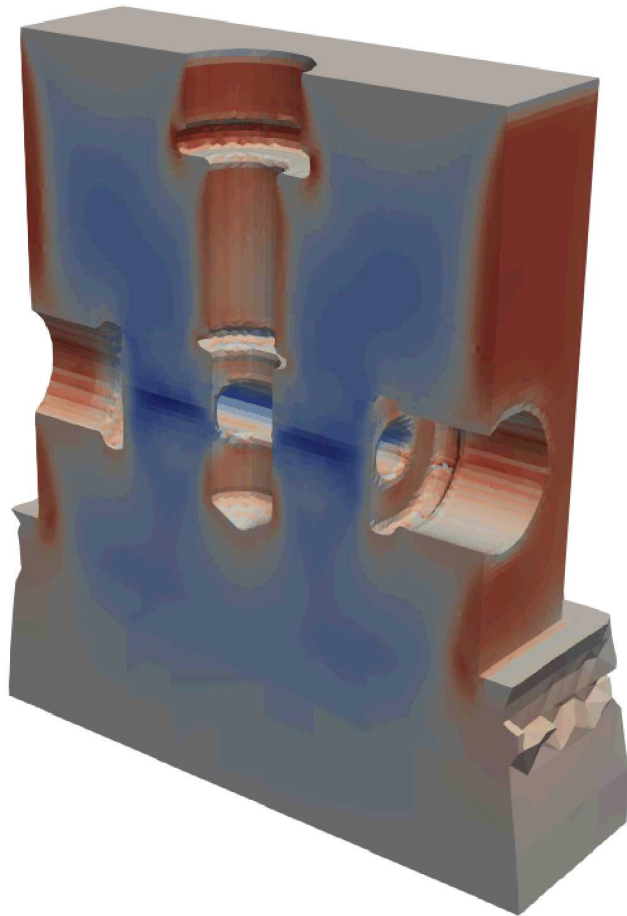
Mid-plane Cut View

Build Direction

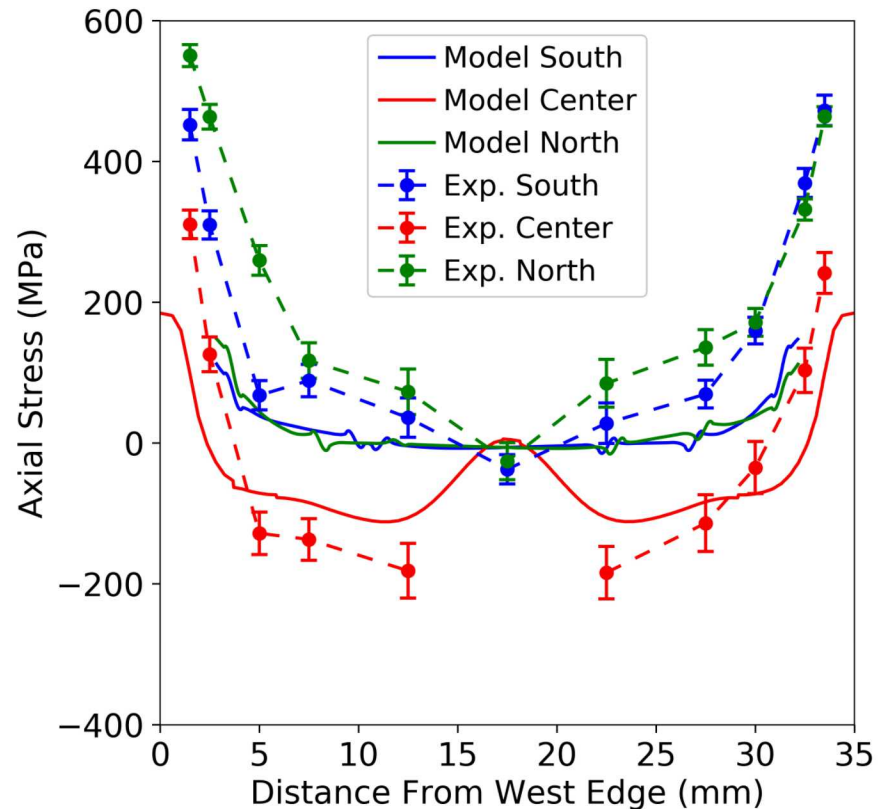


- Average strain values are upscaled to inherent strain model

# Results Show More Deviation Than Quiet Element Approach But Faster Solution Time

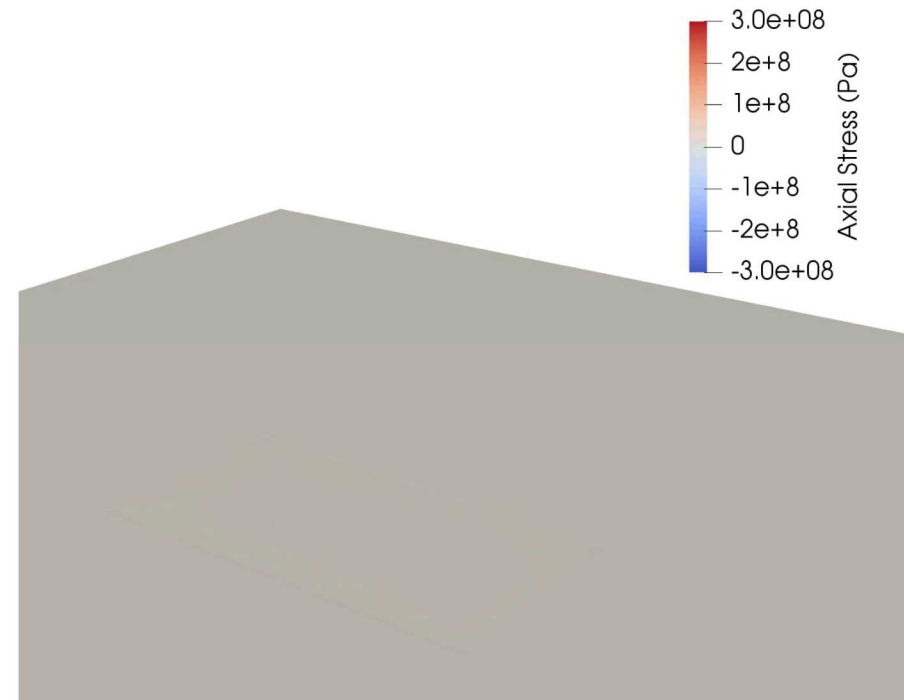
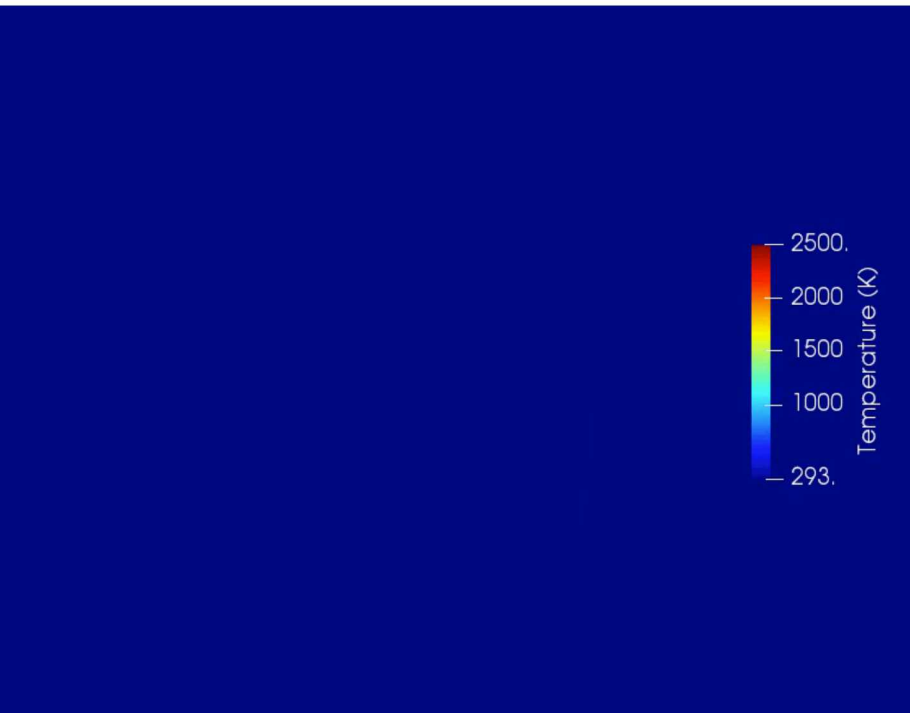


## Predicted Axial Residual Stress



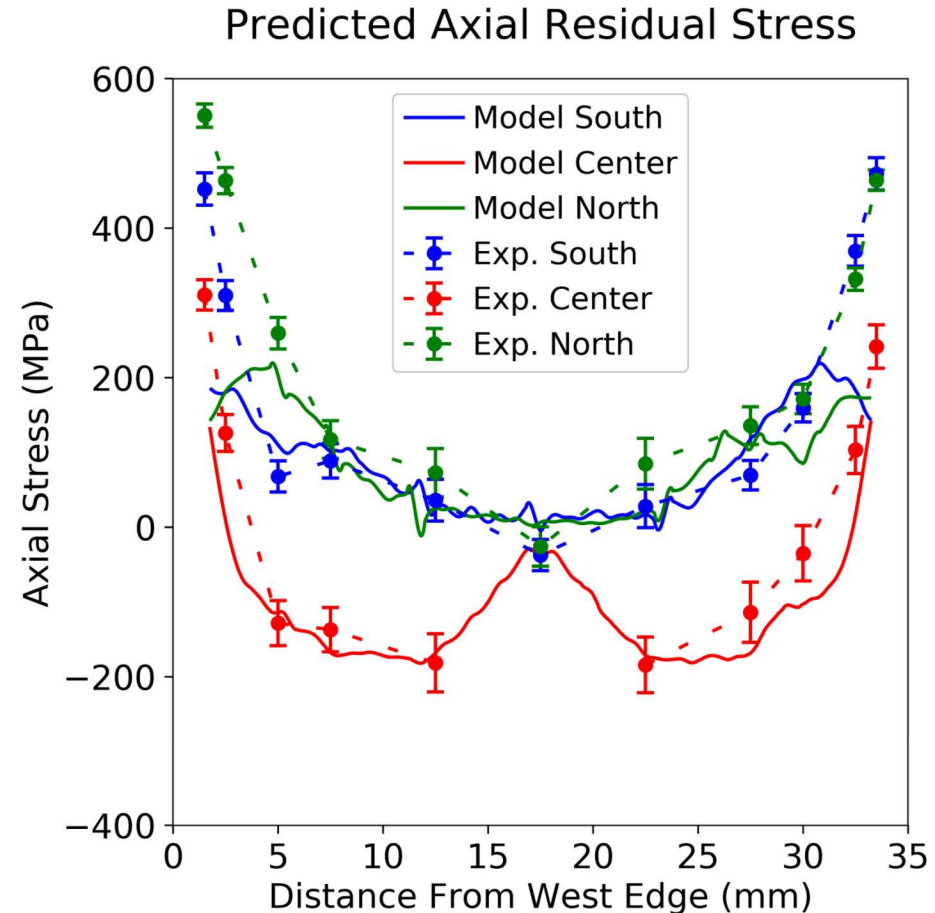
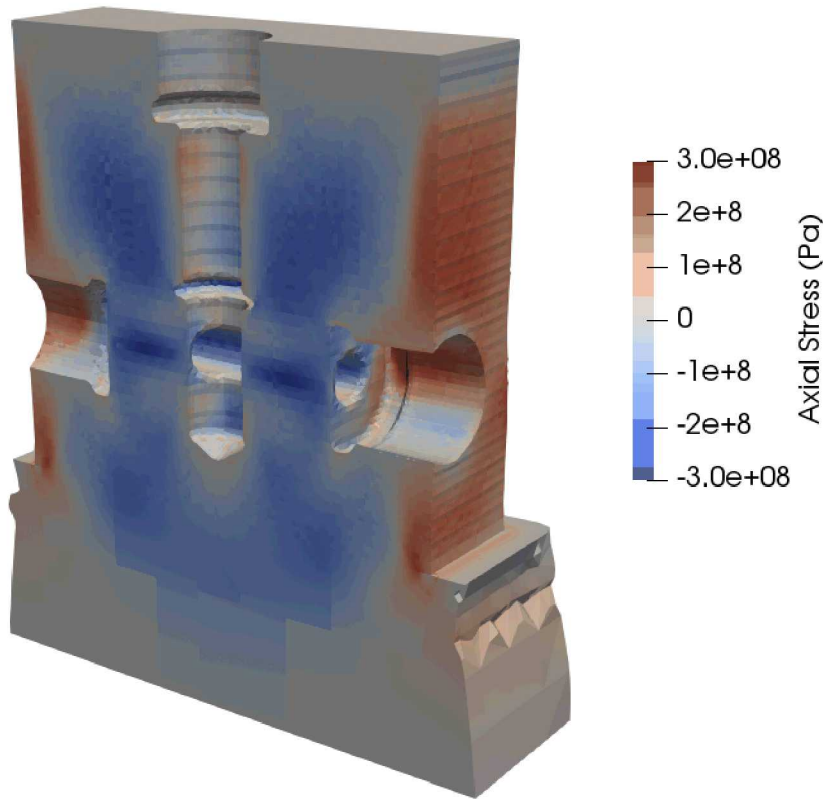
- Fully inactive element activation method reduces wall time to ~8 min on 60 cpus (45x faster than real-time 6 hr build)

# Lumped Laser Method



- Approach similar to Hodge *et al.* 2014 and 2016; Stender *et al.* 2018; Strantzis, Ganeriwala *et al.* 2018
- ~3 mm laser diameter
- Laser radius to layer height ratio and total inter-layer cooling time held constant from actual conditions
- 0.84 mm layer height
- Laser speed unchanged – 1400 mm/s
- 40 layers
- Wall time ~6 hours on 100 cpus

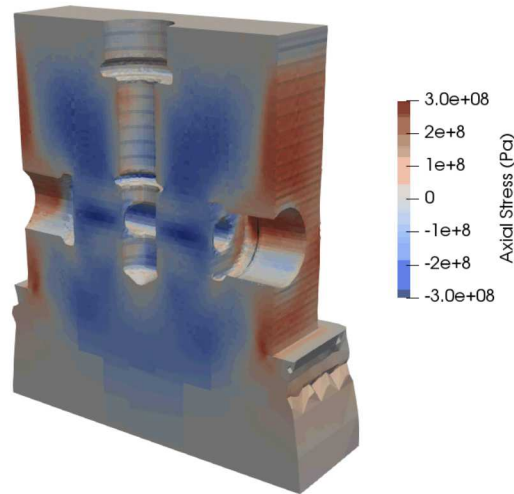
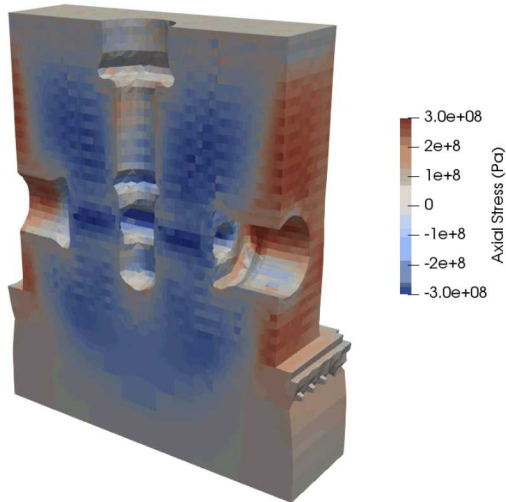
# Results With 40 Layers and $\sim 0.4\text{mm}$ Elements Compare Well With Experiments



- Method begins to capture stress asymmetry in green and blue lines that inherent strain method misses

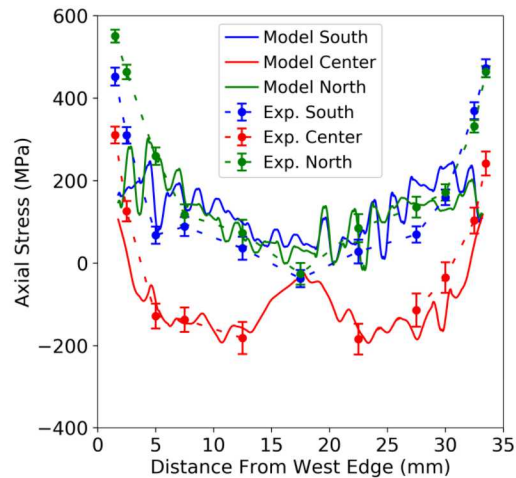


# Effect of Layer Agglomeration and Mesh Size



\*Showed  
excessive  
heating

Predicted Axial Residual Stress

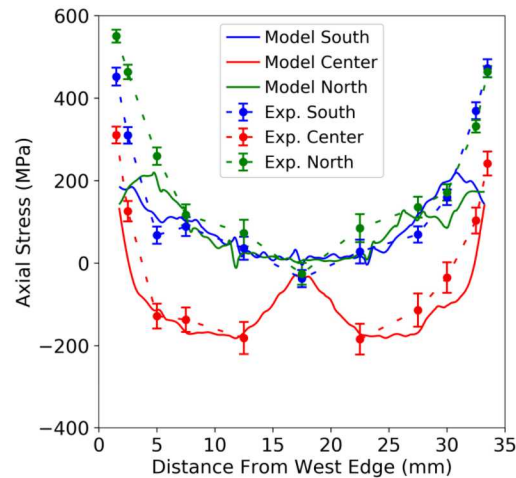


40 Layers

0.8mm Elements

3mm Laser

Predicted Axial Residual Stress

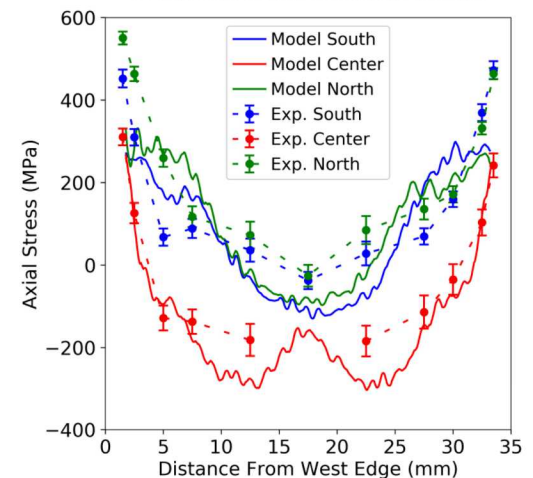


40 Layers

0.4mm Elements

~3mm Laser

Predicted Axial Residual Stress

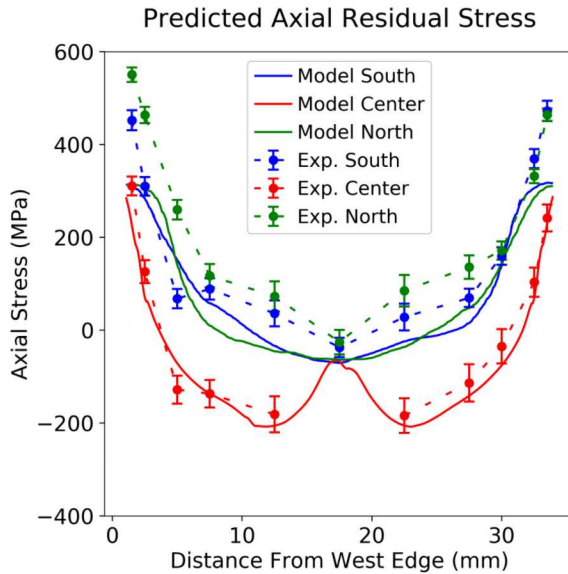


80 Layers

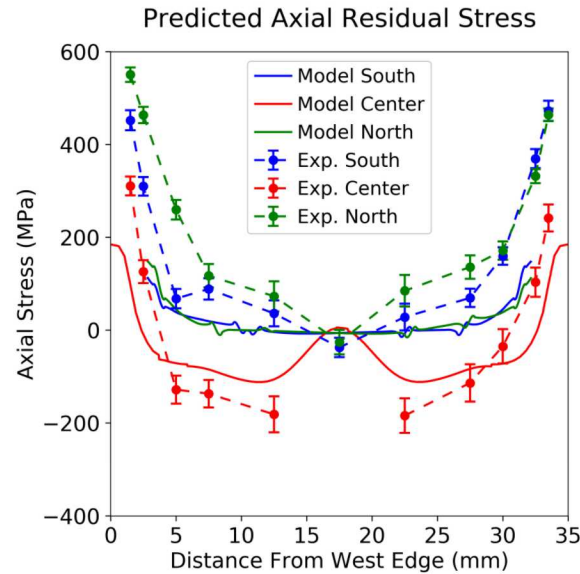
0.4mm Elements

~1.5mm Laser

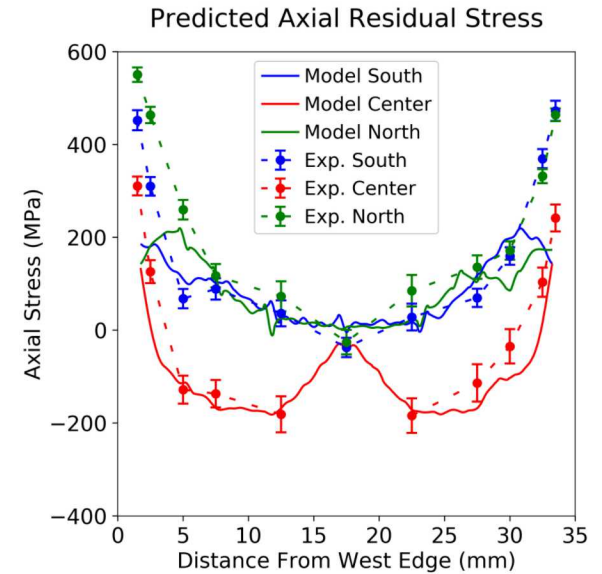
# Comparison of Approximation Methods



Inherent Strain with Quiet  
Elements  
30 mins on 60 cpus



Multiscale Inherent Strain with  
Inactive Elements  
8 mins on 60 cpus



Lumped Laser with 40 Layers and  
~0.4mm Elements  
6 hours on 100 cpus

# Conclusions

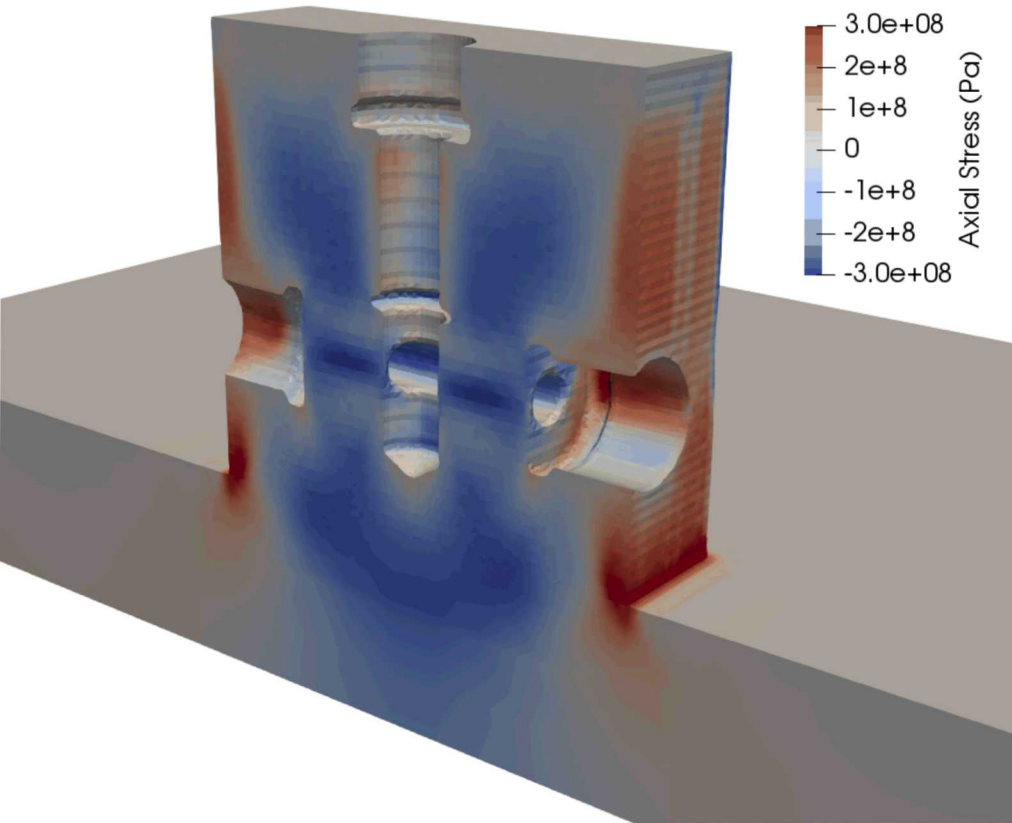
- Neutron diffraction can be used to determine residual stresses in AM parts
- Stresses can be near yield level.
- Stresses relax when removed from base plate, and components distort.
- Exemplar part contains very high residual stresses (at or above yield)
- Residual stress can be (approximately) predicted using efficient reduced order methods
- Residual stress predictions near edges of part need improvement in inherent strain method
- Coarse element size can lead to stress oscillations

## Future Work

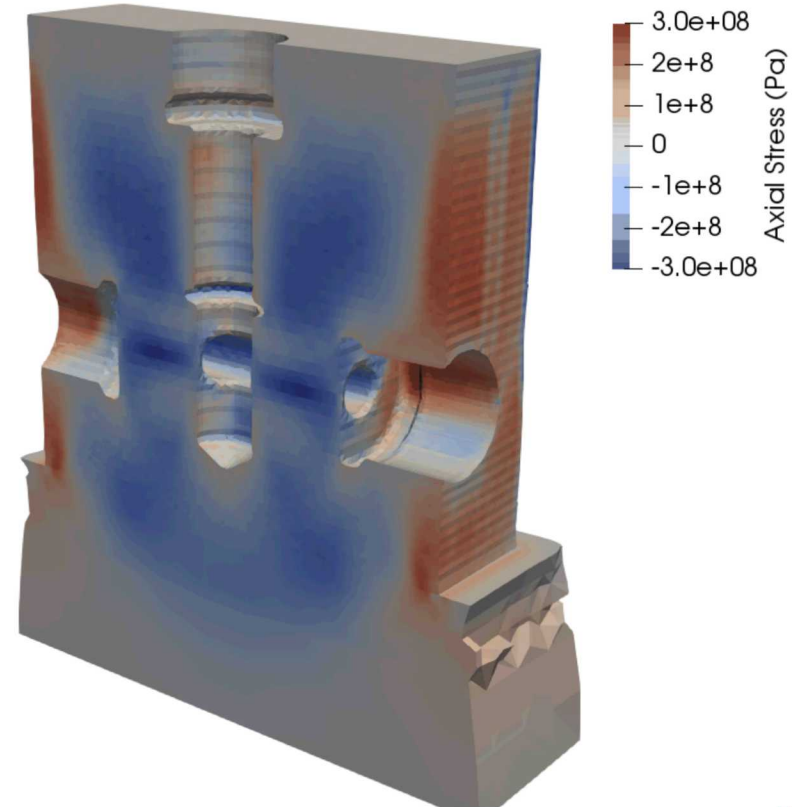
- Heat input in lumped laser model needs to be validated
- Average stresses over 2mm volume for direct comparison to ND results

Questions?





Full baseplate, fixed base



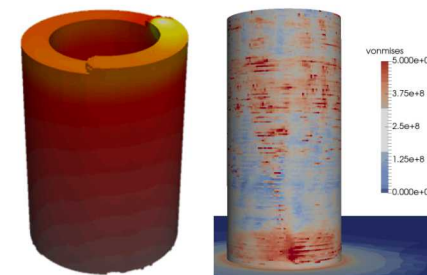
Trimmed baseplate, free base

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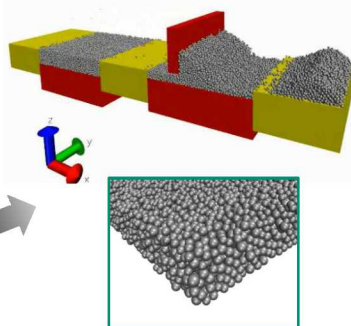
LAMMPS, SPPARKS,  
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Sierra/Adagio

Part Scale Thermal & Solid Mechanics  
Kyle Johnson, Kurtis Ford, Mike Stender,  
Lauren Beghini & Joe Bishop

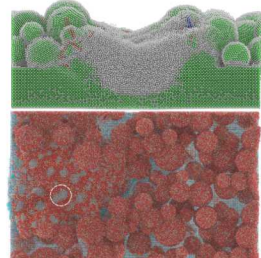
Mesoscale Thermal Behavior  
Mario Martinez & Brad Trembacki



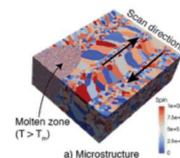
Powder Spreading  
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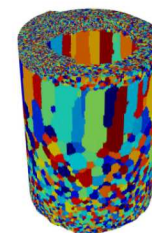
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Mesoscale Texture/Solid Mechanics/CX  
Judy Brown, Theron Rodgers and Kurtis Ford



Part Scale Microstructure  
Theron Rodgers


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 $10^{-3}$ 

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Length Scale (m)