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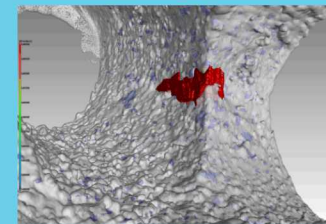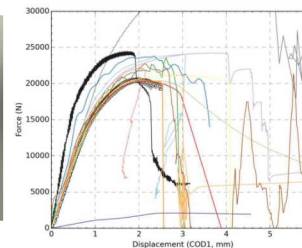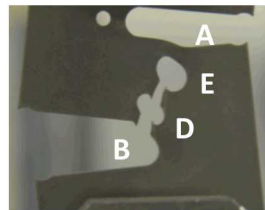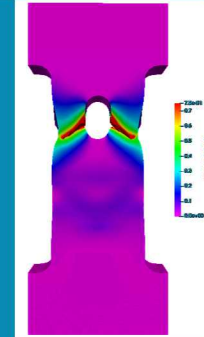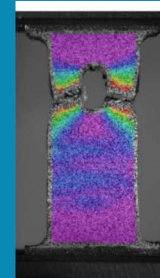
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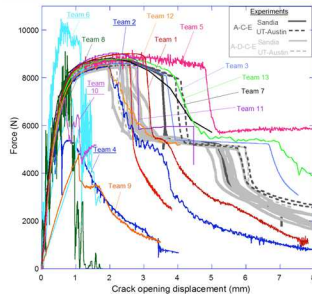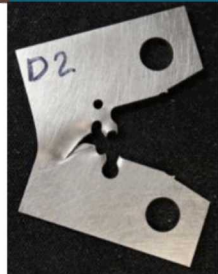
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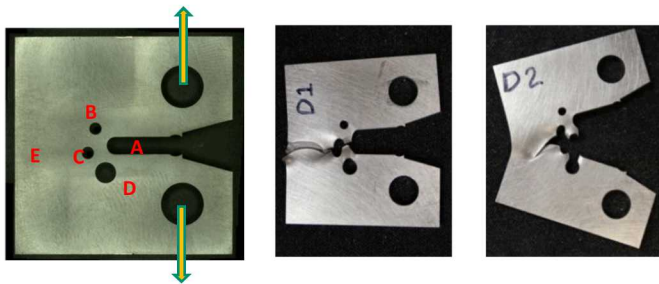# 10 Years Ago In Guggenheim…

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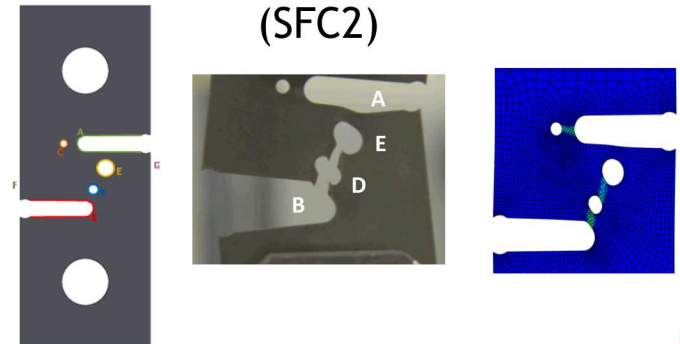(even though what "it" is can be elusive at times).**

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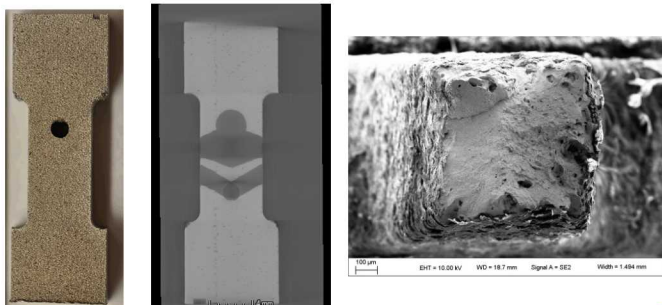
What is the Sandia Fracture Challenge?

First Sandia Fracture Challenge (SFC1)

Second Sandia Fracture Challenge (SFC2)

Third Sandia Fracture Challenge (SFC3)

Structural Reliability Partnership (SRP)

What is the Sandia Fracture Challenge?

Assessment of blind prediction capability of metallic fracture of an unfamiliar geometry by international volunteer research community

- ○ Assess the whole prediction stream
- ○ Replicate real-world engineering constraints
- ○ Test geometrically simple 'Toy Problem' that captures salient difficulties of real-world problems
- ○ Do not specify the methods to be used
- ○ Report **blind** predictions before confirmation experimental results are made available
- ○ Verify the experimental outcome in multiple labs
- ○ Use the assessment to inspire improvements

Constitutive and Failure Models

Experimental Calibration and Validation

Predicting Ductile Failure

Numerical Methods and Codes

Geometry and Boundary Conditions
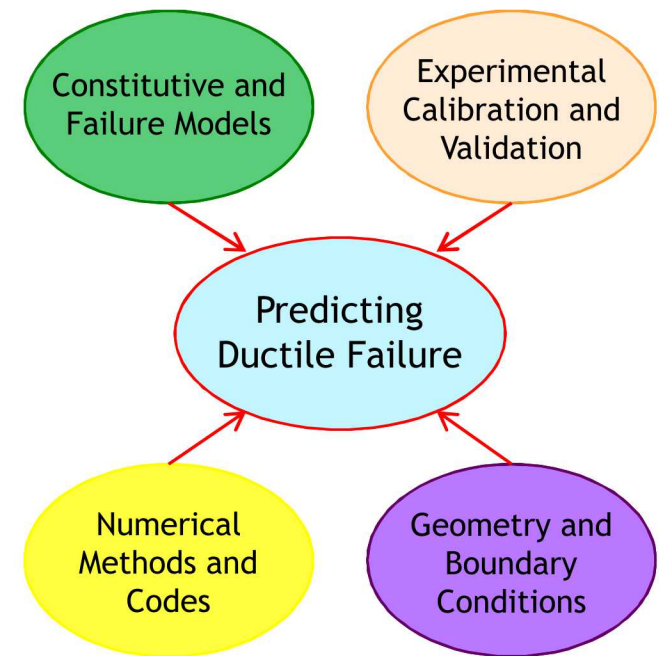
COOPERATION DRIVES INNOVATION

The First Sandia Fracture Challenge (SFC1)

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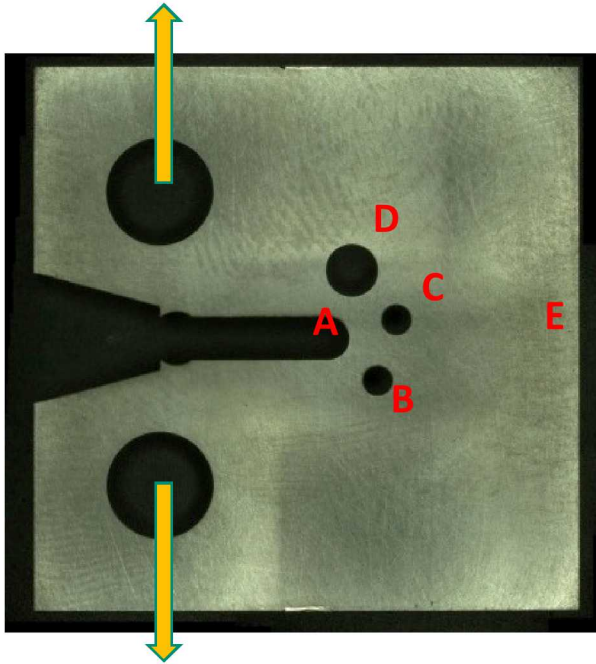
- Predict crack path and critical load and crack-opening-displacement (COD) of the first two crack initiations
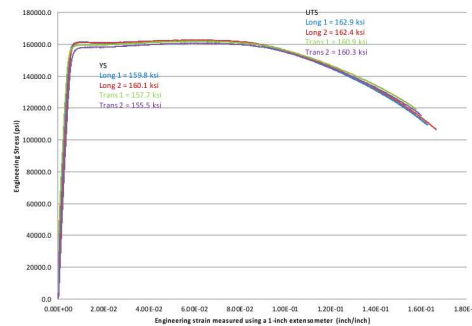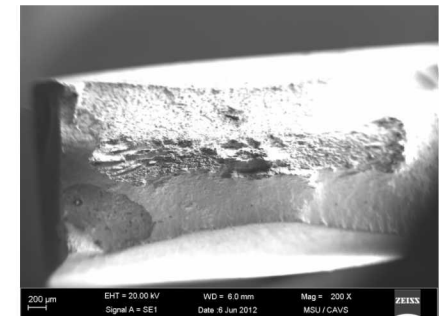- Given tensile data in rolling and transverse plate directions, fracture toughness-like experimental data, microstructural data for the 15-5 PH plate
- Given Challenge geometry and boundary conditions (0.0005 in/s loading rate)

Tensile Data

**Fracture Surface Images**

Impact of SFC1:
- Participation: Over 50 researchers from 14 institutions
- The variety of prediction approaches spanned from simple of complex, both for the failure models and the computational approaches.
- SFC1 provided a platform for comparing these based on the same experimental data set, never done before on a ductile failure problem.

SFC1: Experimental Results

Observation to *two* different crack paths by three independent labs

- Bifurcation in failure solution attributed to some of the critical holes being slightly out of machining tolerances

- Two crack paths were due to real-world machining issues, not experimental technique

- Two crack paths led to large ranges for answers to the Challenge questions

Subsurface cracking occurred prior to the appearance of a surface crack, suggesting mixed-mode failure: Additional experiments with shear loading may have helped the failure model calibrations

Overlay of Experimental Results From Three Independent Laboratories
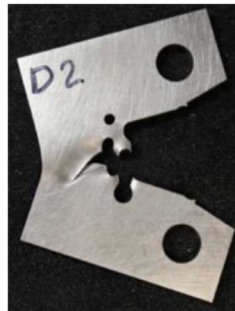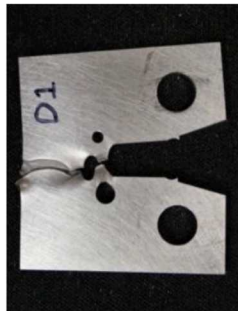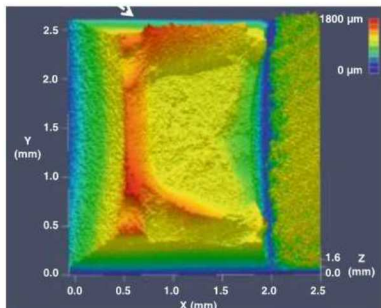
*Height Profile of A-C Crack (left);
Crack Paths A-C-E (middle) and A-D-C-E (right)*
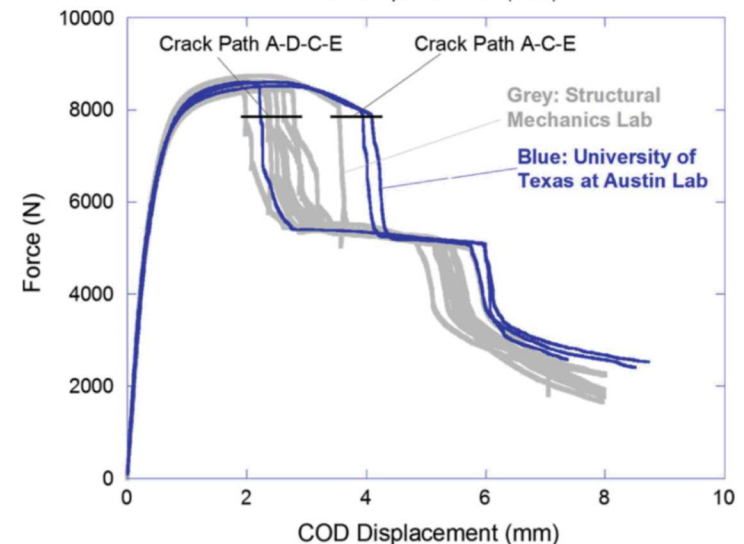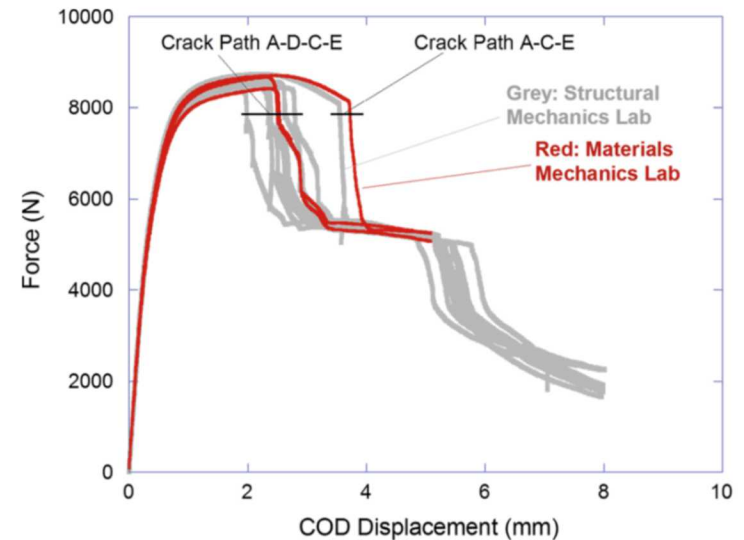
SFC1: Predictions and Conclusions

Lessons Learned from Computational Results:

- o Most teams (9 of 14) could predict elasticity, yield, and hardening
- o No consensus on failure model or numerical implementation
- o Tensile and fracture toughness tests were insufficient
- o No team accounted for geometric tolerance uncertainties!

Impact:

- ° 2012 ASME Symposium on SFC
- ° Special Issue of International Journal of Fracture in March 2014 on the SFC
- ° Requests by participants for future fracture challenges
- ° Inspired a tribology challenge (Muser, et. al. Tribol Lett (2017) 65:118)

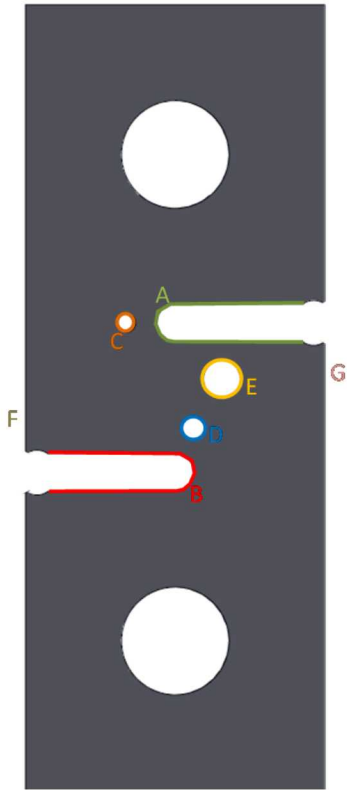**There was no clear "winner" of the Challenge.**

More research is required to find the gaps in the process and the methods that are considered "standard."



Overlay of Predictions on Experimental Results
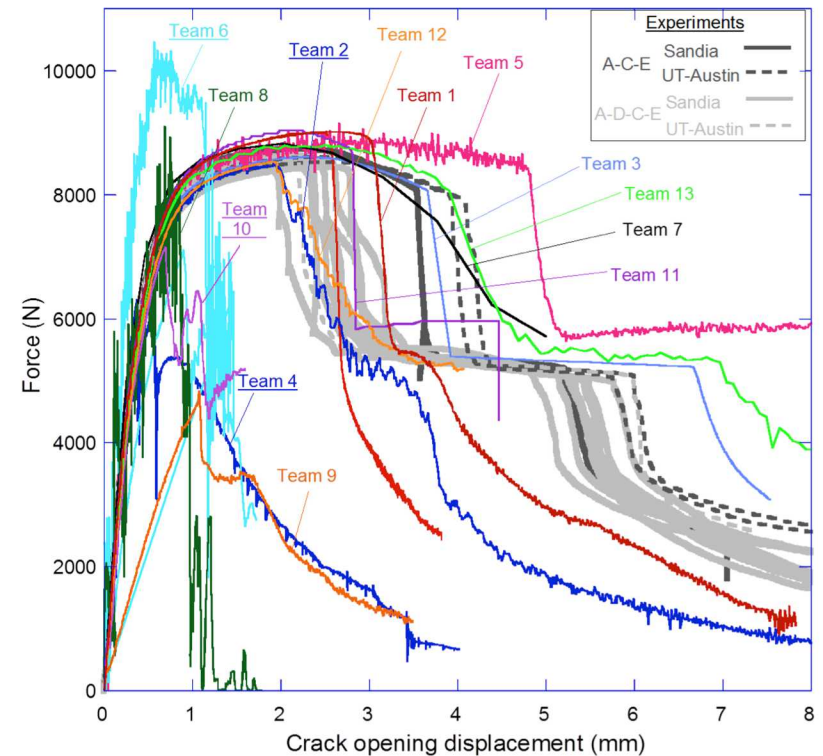
SFC1 Lead Article is one of the most downloaded articles for IJF at 8.2k.

The Second Sandia Fracture Challenge (SFC2)

- o **Predict the crack path and forces and displacement** associated with crack initiation and propagation in the geometry shown on the left in Ti-6Al-4V at two loading rates (25.4 mm/s and 0.0254 mm/s)
- o Given extensive material characterization including
  - Detailed engineering drawings with tolerances
  - Dimensional measurements of all test coupons
  - Heat treatment details, with hardness values
  - Extensive tensile data (2 rates, 2 orientations, 5 tests each)
  - Extensive shear deformation & failure data (non-standard)
  - Grip details
  - Fixture compliance measurements
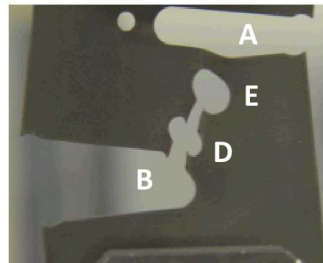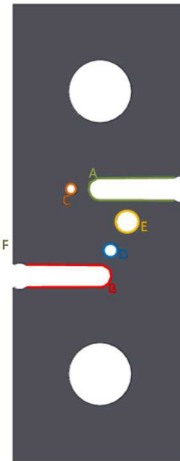 - Deformed shape
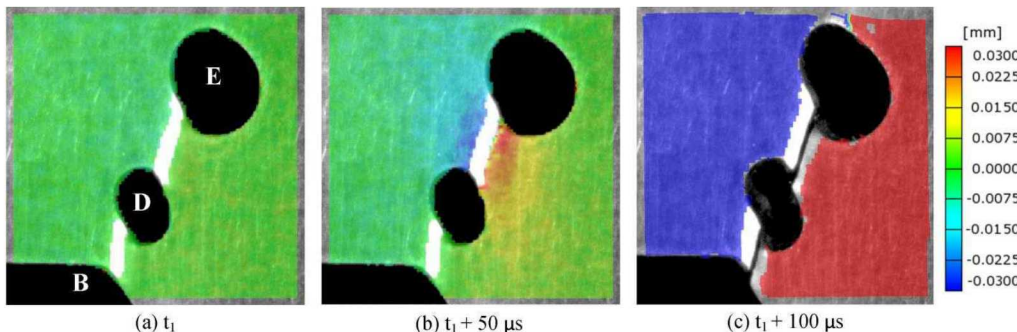 - Fractography
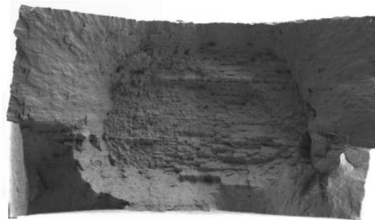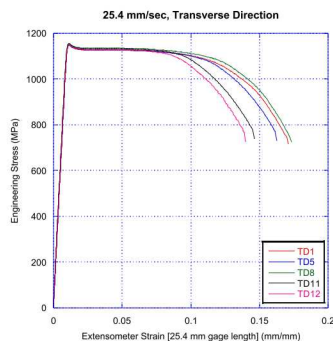
Tensile Data and Fracture Surface
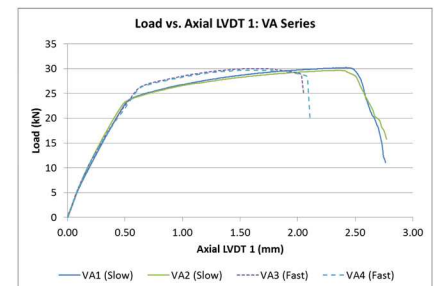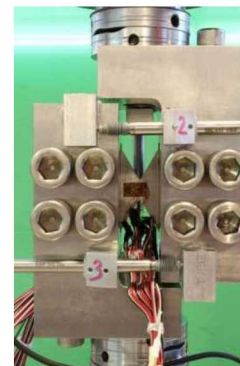
Non-Standard Shear Setup and Data

SFC2: Experiments

○ Two independent labs blindly tested samples and obtained similar results of the **shear-dominated B-D-E-A fracture and Load-COD profiles**

○ One experimental observation of tensile-dominated A-C-F considered an outlier (warpage of part and unusual fracture surface)

○ Post-blind testing with DIC at UT Austin revealed failure in the D-E ligament before the B-D ligament

Experimental Results From Two Independent Labs
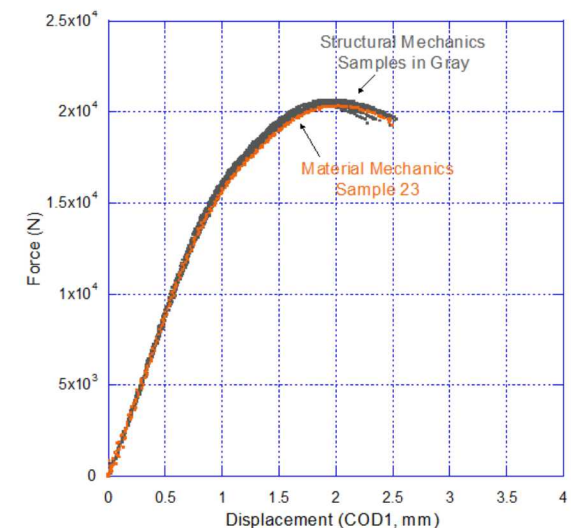
Slow Rate: 0.0254 mm/s

Fast Rate: 25.4 mm/s

DIC Displacement Data Near Failure

(a) t_1 (b) $t_1 + 50$ μs   (c) $t_1 + 100$ μs

[mm]
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-0.0150
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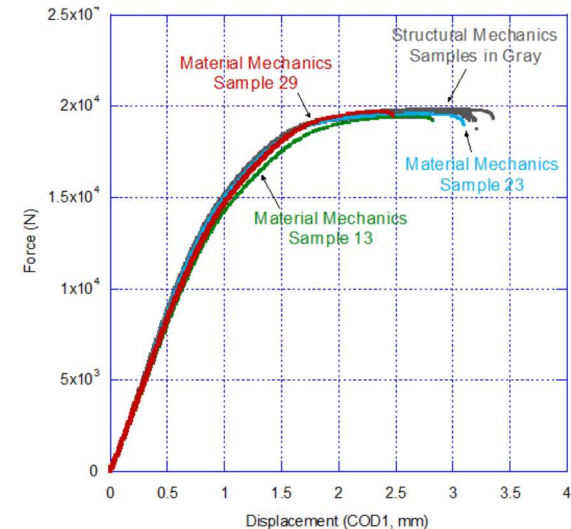
SFC2: Predictions

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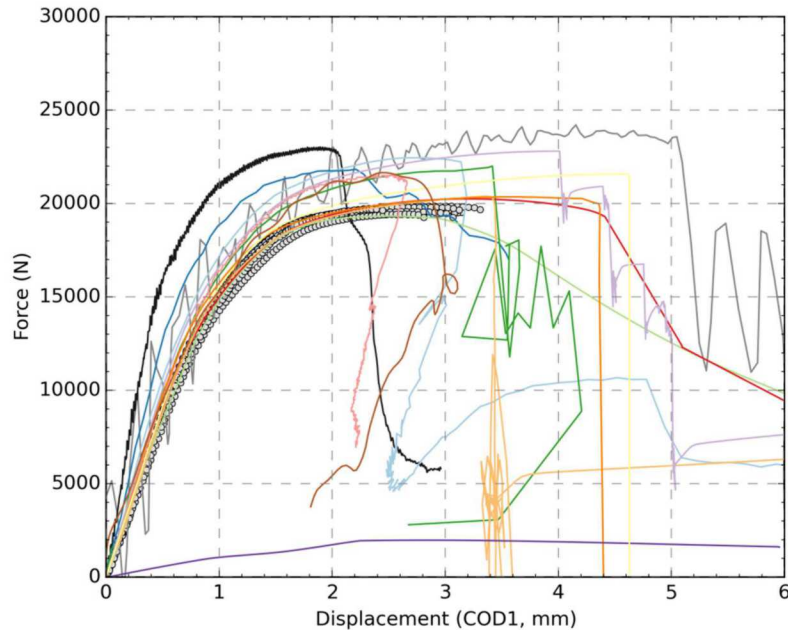
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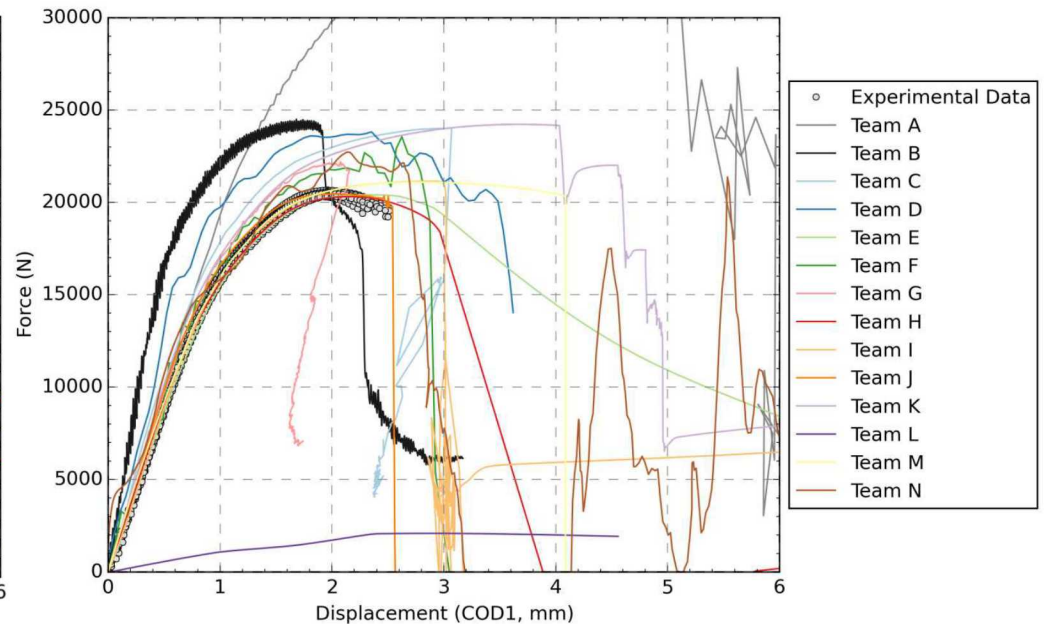
14 teams gave predictions with a general improvement compared to SFC1

- One team (low purple line) made a human error to sum all reaction nodes
- 8 teams could predict behavior up to peak force within 10% of the experimental scatter
- Teams tended to systematically <u>overpredict</u> stiffness & yield
- Post-necking behavior and crack initiation continue to be a source of significant discrepancy

SFC2: Observations

Sources of Discrepancies

- Gap 1: Boundary Conditions – representing surface contact and friction

- Gap 2: Plasticity Model – accounting for sheet anisotropy and Lode angle dependence

- Gap 3: Coupling – estimating thermal work coupling factor

- Gap 4: Failure Criteria – choosing a realistic failure parameter

- Gap 5: Damage Progression and Fracture Morphology

General Features of Successful Predictions

- Boundary Conditions: Generally contiguous pin with translation/rotation or contact pin

- Anisotropic yield function

- Utilization of both tensile and shear data

- Amongst teams that did better, there was no consensus approaches on thermal coupling, plastic hardening, failure criterion, or damage evolution

> **SFC2 showed general improvement compared to SFC1, but revealed new sources of discrepancies.**
>
> **See the March 2016 issue of the *International Journal of Fracture* for more details**


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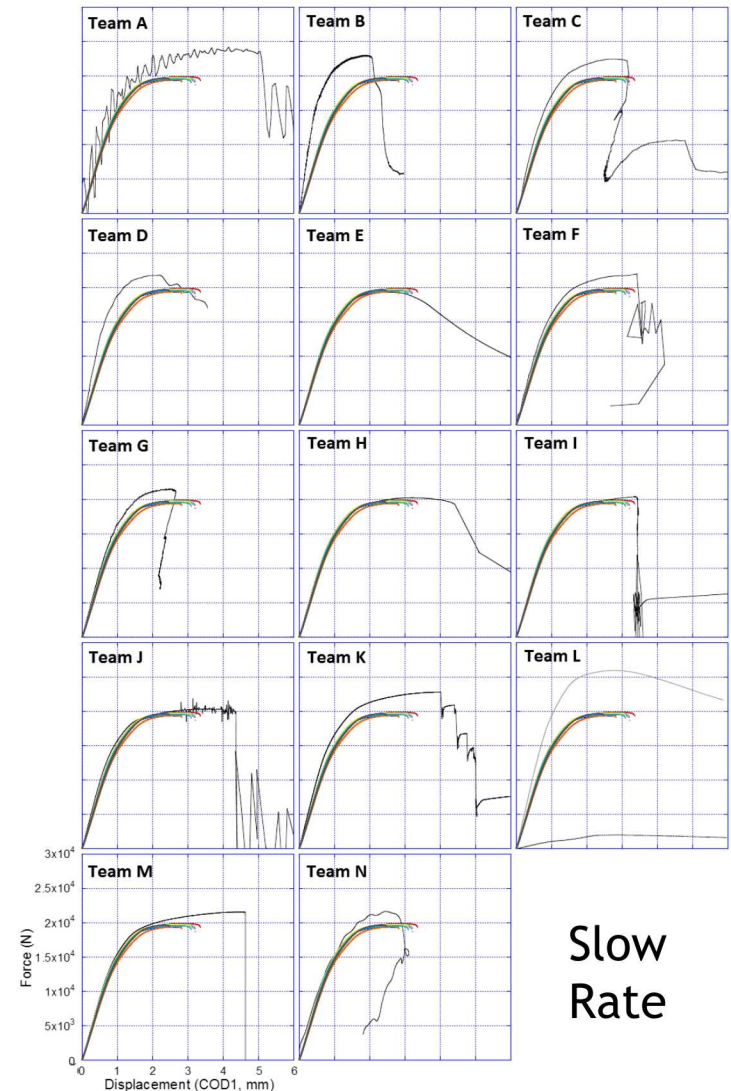
SFC3: Failure in an AM Metal

The Third Sandia Fracture Challenge explores the experiments and model methods required to predict ductile failure in AM metal parts.

SFC3 AM Build Plate
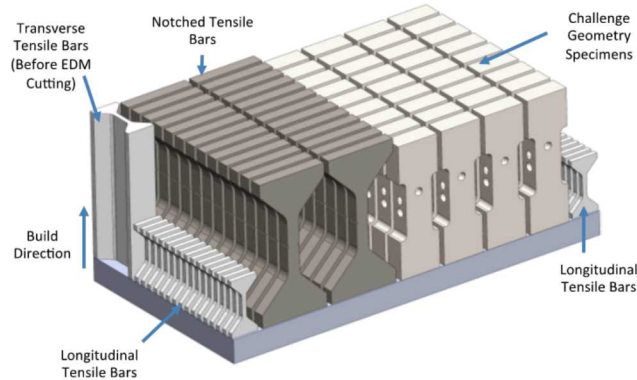
- **Material:** Additively manufactured 316L stainless steel from a commercial vendor; Laser Powder Bed Fusion also known as Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS) method with 20-micron layers
- **Extensive material property information**
- **Six Questions of global and local measures** based on load and DIC measurements
  - Required nominal response and requested 20th and 80th percentile bounds as optional
- **Challenge Issuance: December 15th, 2016**
- **Prediction Deadline: July 15th, 2017**
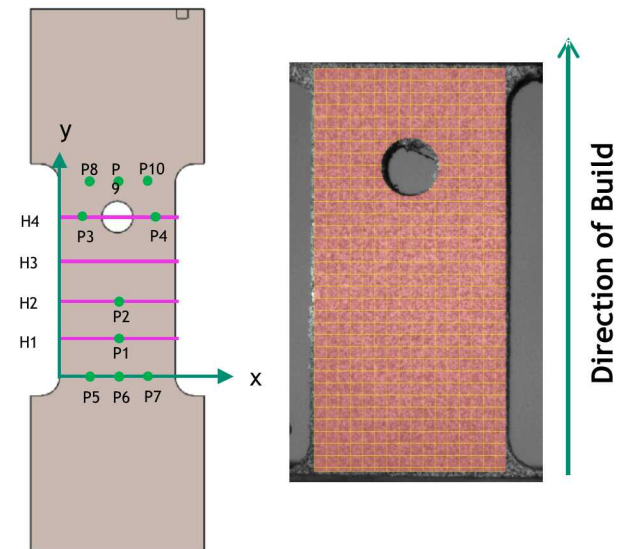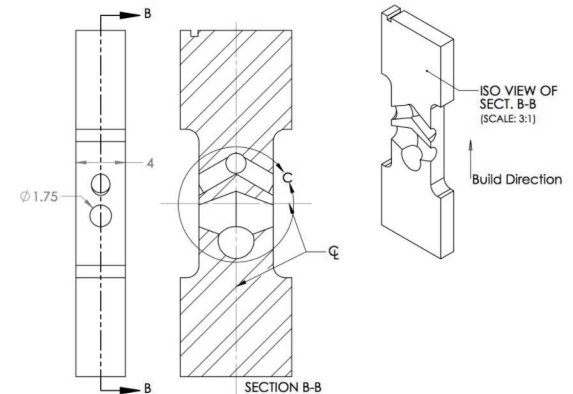
Challenge Geometry: Drawing (Top Image),Front View Schematic of Points and Lines of Interest (Bottom Left Image), and Representative DIC Area of Interest 41-pix Subsets (Bottom Right Image)

Examples of Provided Data
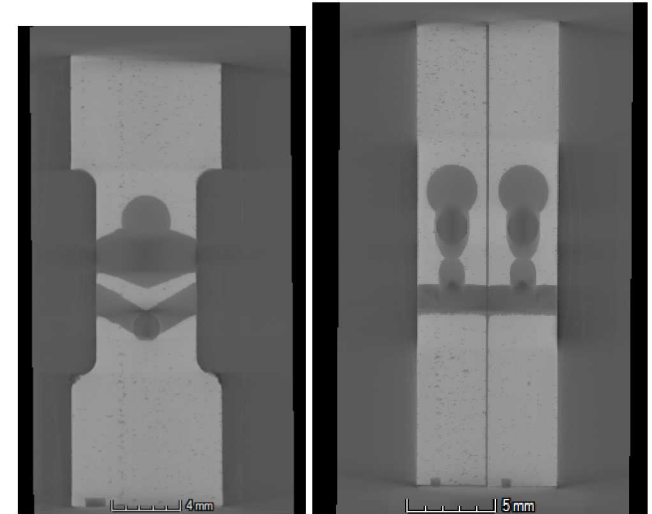
AM Build of All Test Specimens (Left); Central Cross-Section Schematic (Center) and Front Views of the Challenge Geometry (Right)
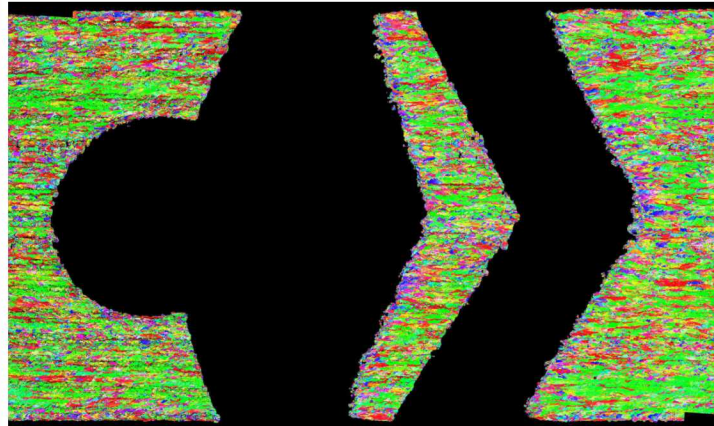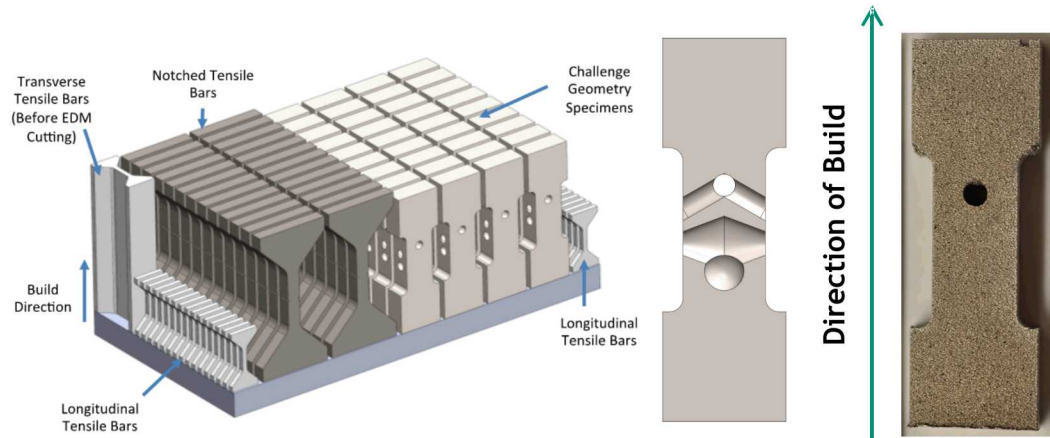
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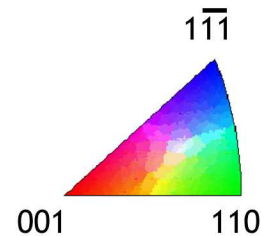
Example of micro-CT Scans of Challenge Geometry

A32 Front View "Thick Slab" Image

Side View Image of A32 (left) and A15 (Right)
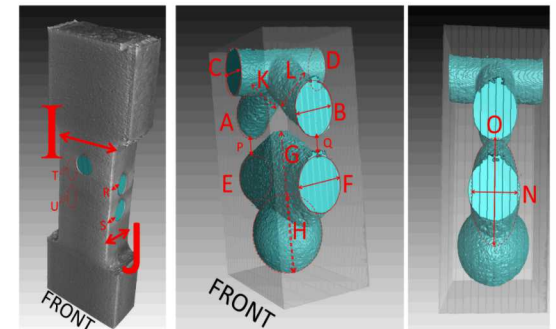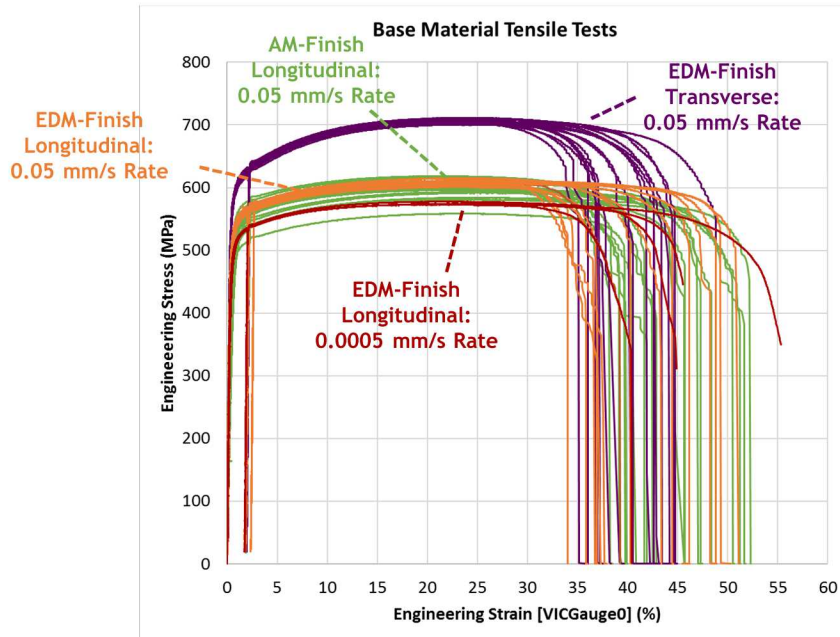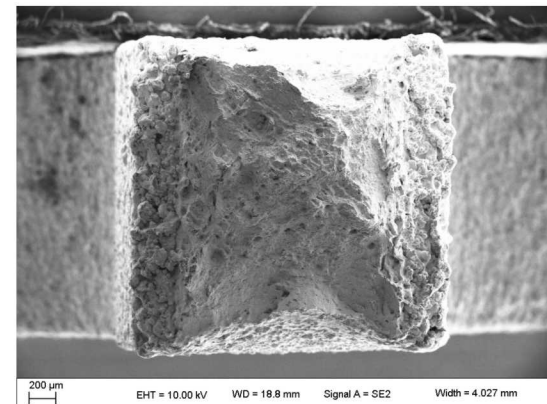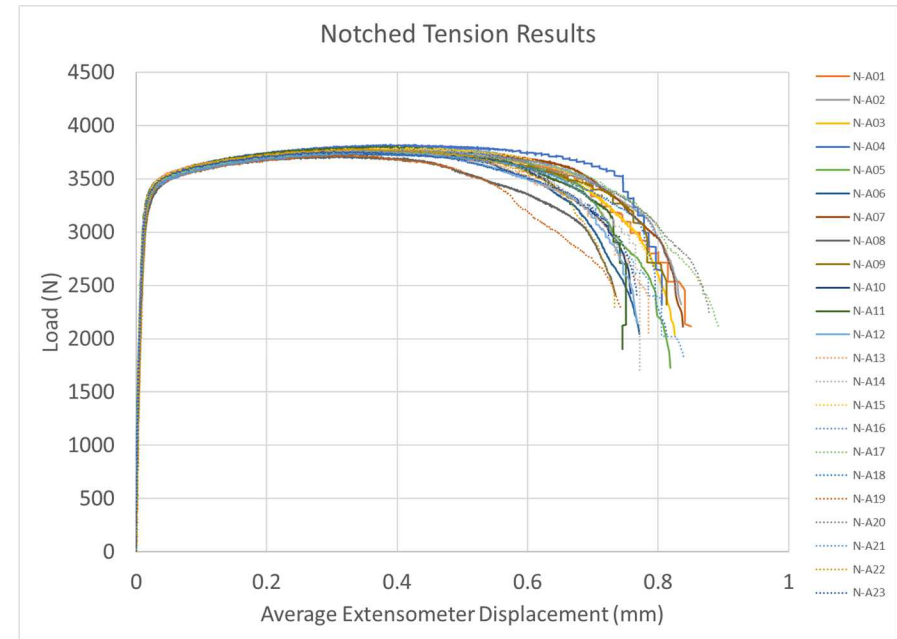
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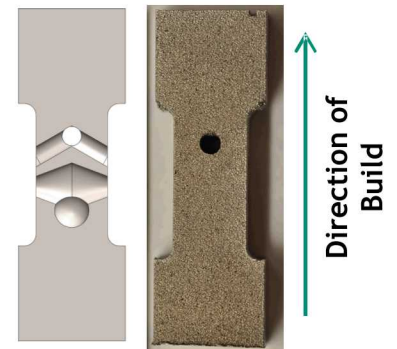
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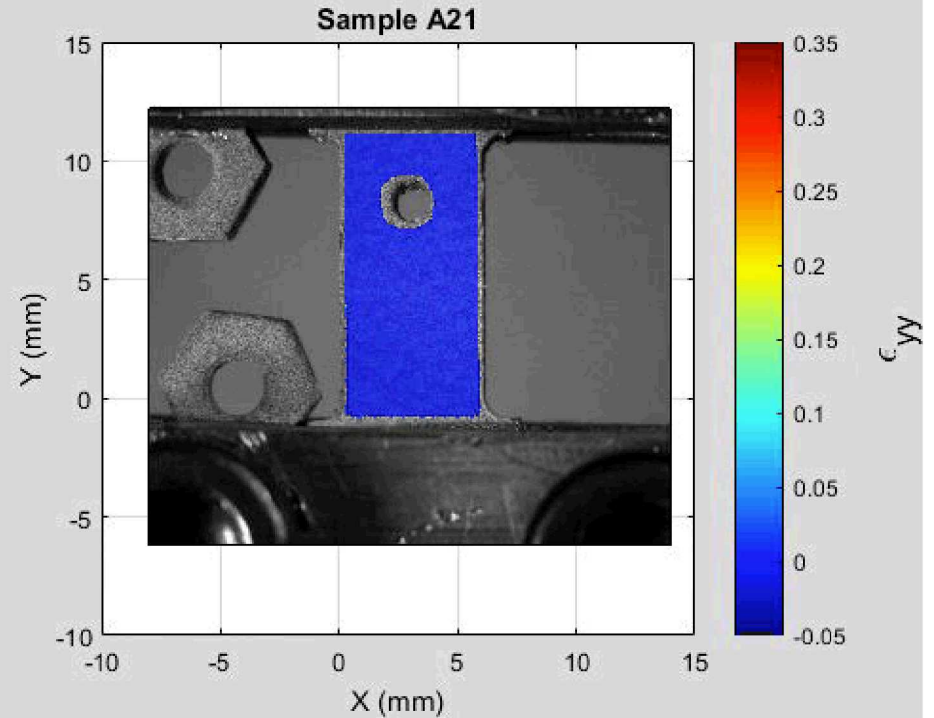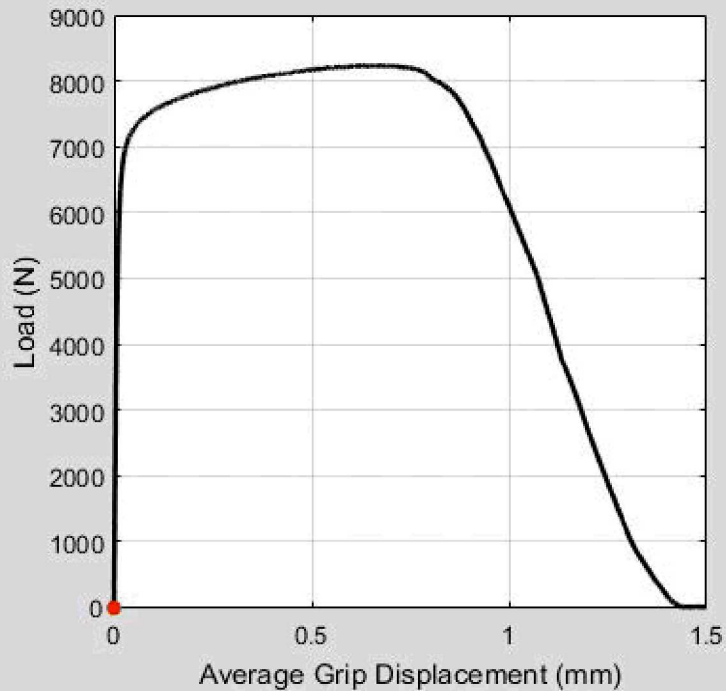
Base Material Test Data (Top); SEM Image of Fracture Surface of Tensile Specimen LTA04 (Bottom)
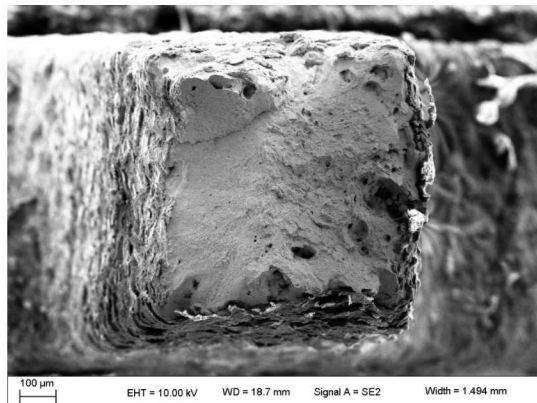
Notched Tensile Test Data (Top); SEM Image of Fracture Surface of Notched Tensile Specimen NA05 (Bottom)

Challenge Geometry Experimental Result

Sample A21

Direction of Build

Experiments: Question 3 & 6

Force vs. Gage Displacement D
19 Specimens with Average and Bounds

Hencky Tensile Strain Fields at Failure

A04   A05   A21
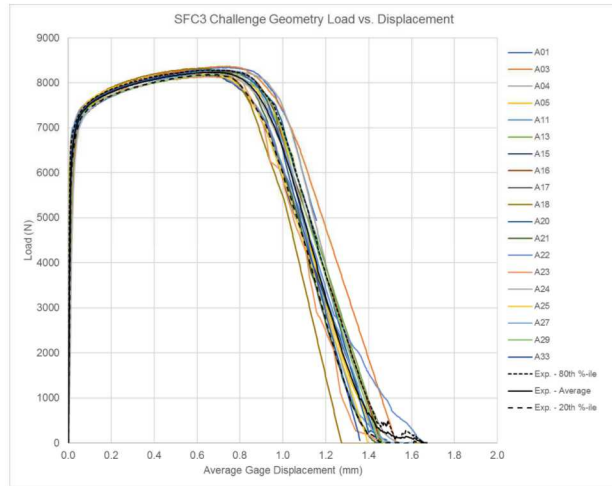
- Relatively repeatable experimental data set with all specimen failing in nominally the same location
- Experimental data from two testing laboratories (12 specimens for the Structural Mechanics Laboratory and 7 specimens from the Material Mechanics Laboratory) overlap
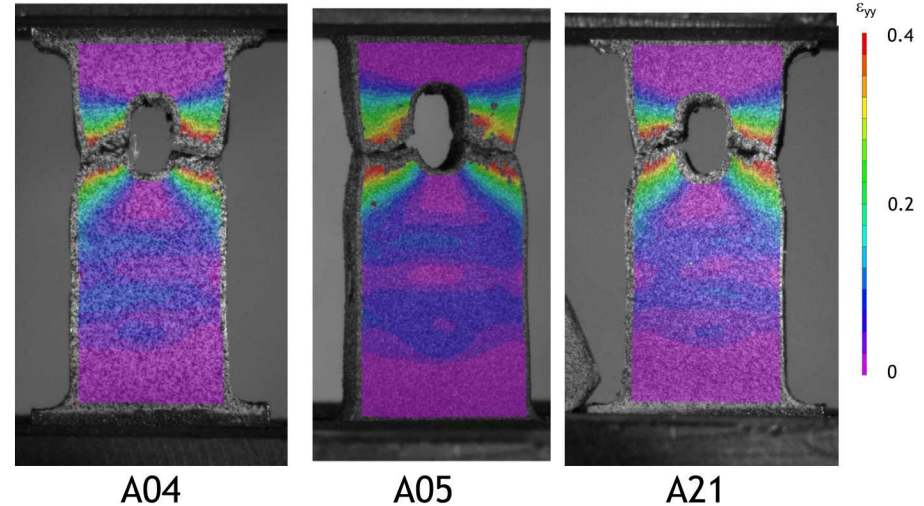
DIC Parameters		
Subset	41 pixel x 41 pixel	0.368 mm x 0.368 mm
Step	7 pixels	0.063 mm
Strain Window	9 step	--
Virtual Strain Gage	**57 pixel**	**0.512 mm**

Crack path is similar for each specimen, but are not necessarily following the angled channels in every specimen.

Predictions: Global Measures

21 Predictions and Bounds with Exp. Average and Bounds
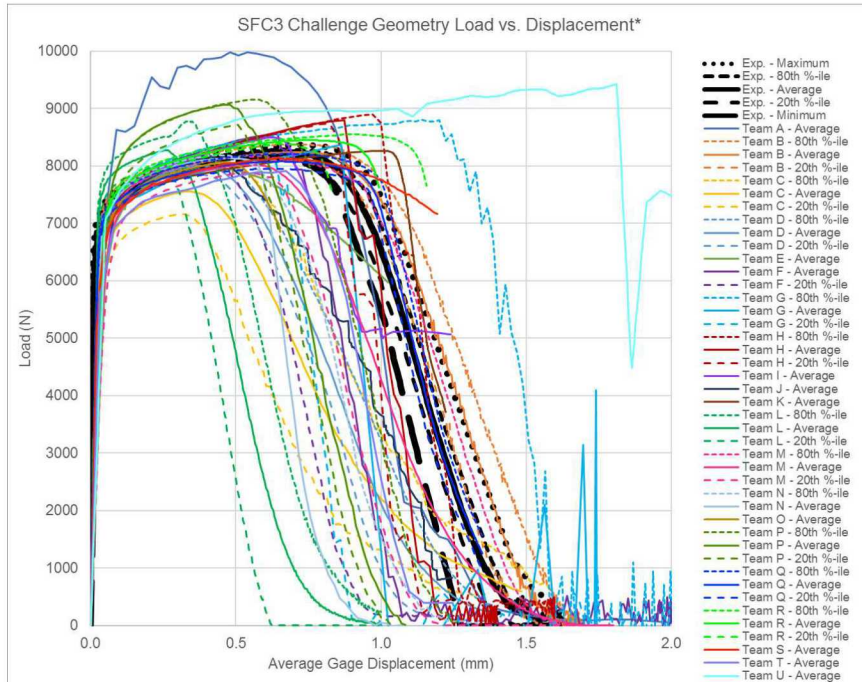
21 Nominal Predictions with Exp. Average and Bounds
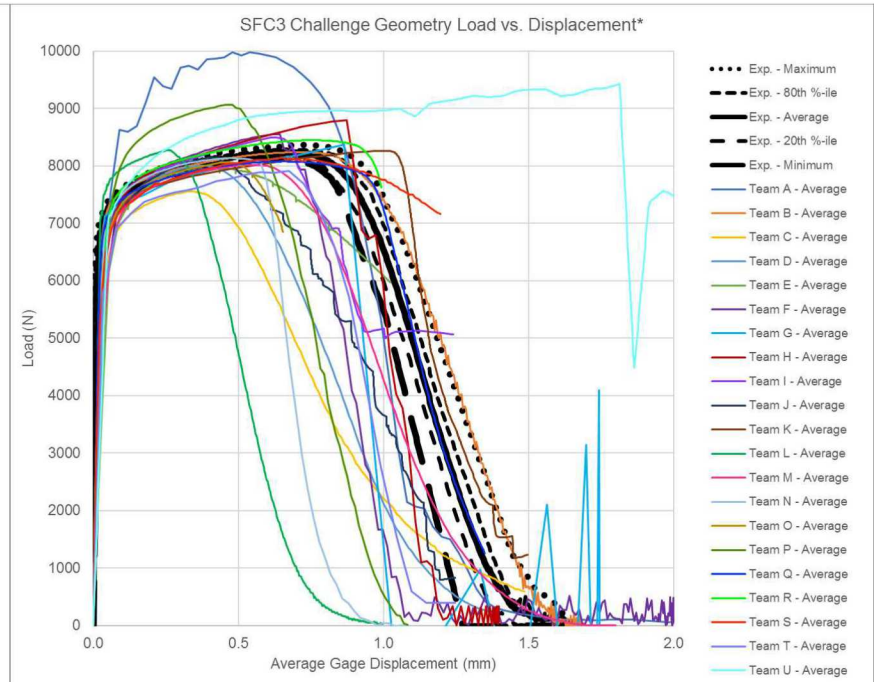
- **All 21 predictions correctly identified the nominal crack path with initiation at the through-thickness hole**
- More teams under-predicted the failure displacement than over-predicted.
- There were only two teams whose nominal prediction fell within the bounds of the experimental data (Teams B and Q).
- The uncertainty bounds on predictions ranged from too small to too large, with most unlike the experiments where there was little initial variability with moderate variability after peak load.

Predictions: Local Measures

Challenge Geometry
(Surface – Left,
Cutaway – Right)

Question 4: Report force vs. Hencky strain in the vertical direction (ε_{yy}) at P4.
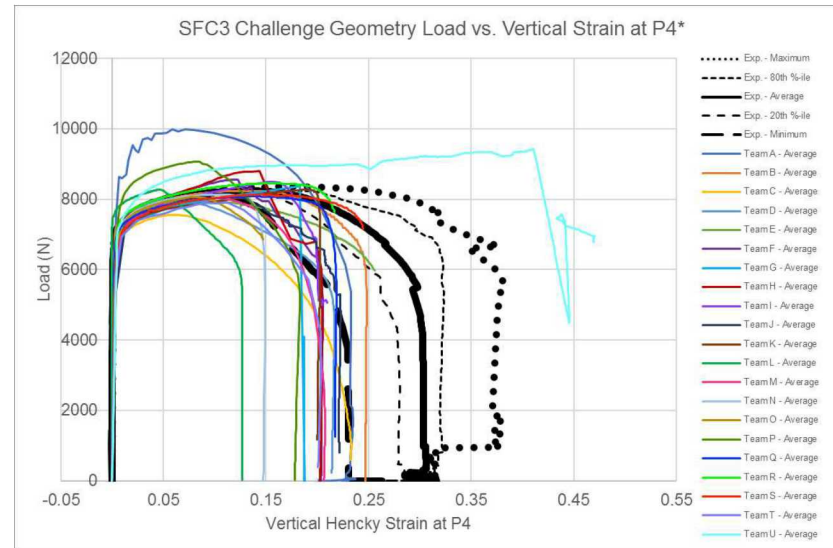
Strain predictions close to failure were generally too low.

Question 5: Report force and Hencky strain in the vertical direction (ε_{yy}) along horizontal line H4 on the surface at forces F1, F2, F3, and F4.

Most teams over-predicted the nominal strain at F1, but many teams' predictions improved for higher forces.
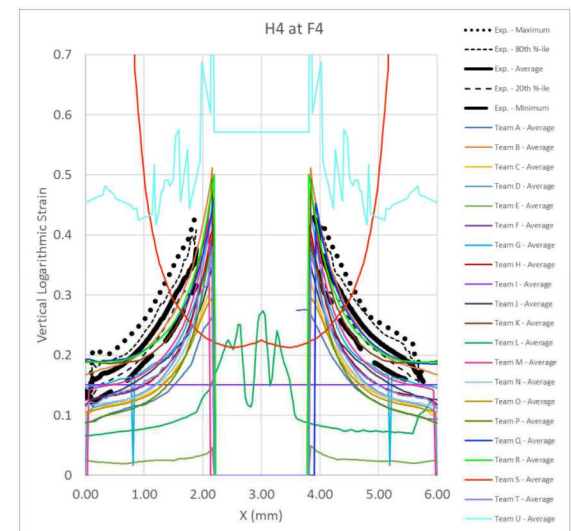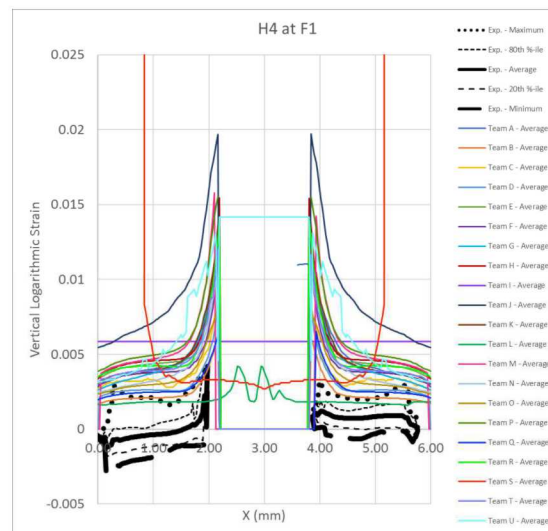
Example Predictions: Question 6 Failure - Strain

A13

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team L

Team M

Team Q

Team T

SFC3 Observations
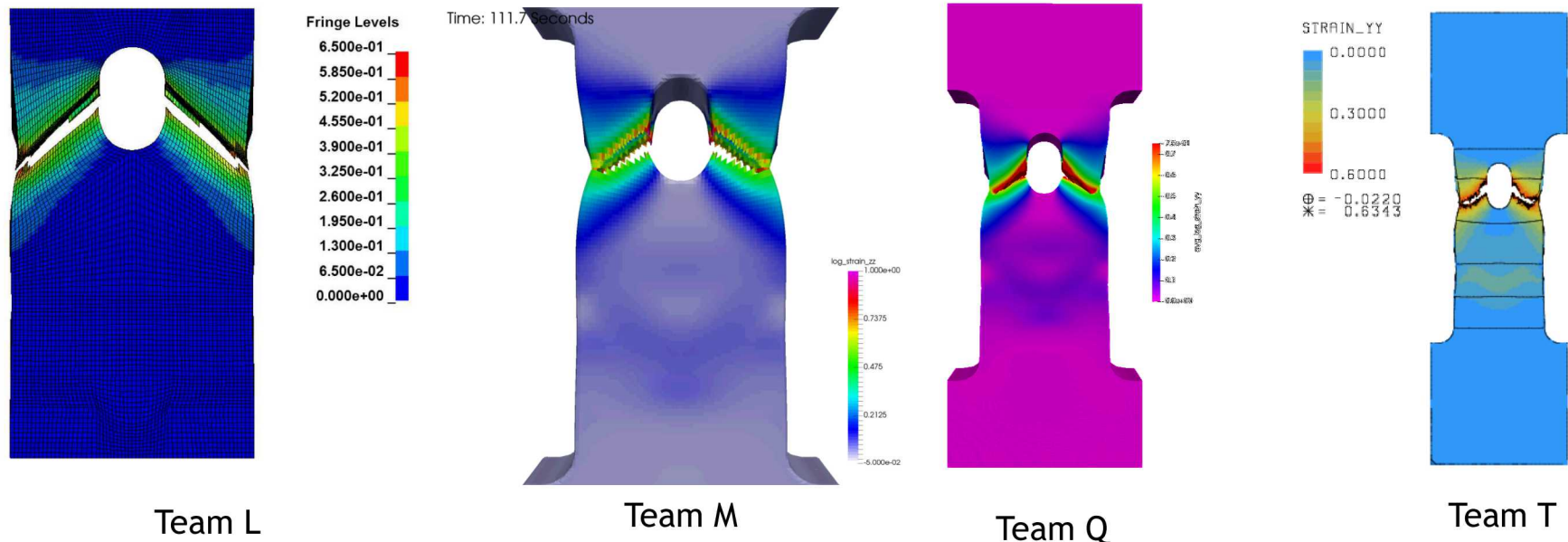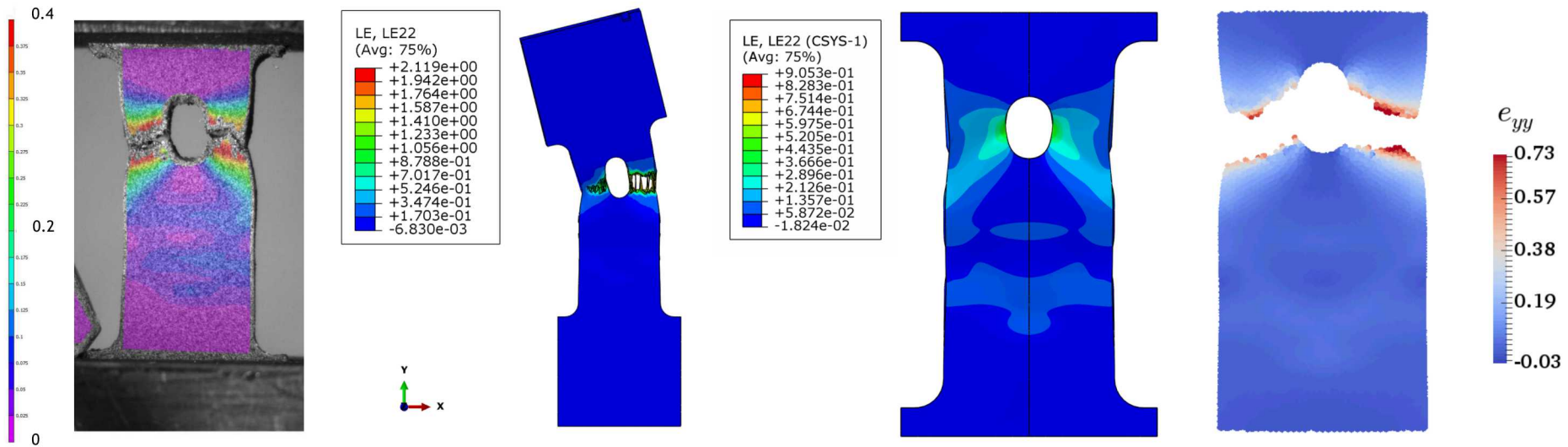
Predictions

- **All teams predicted the correct crack path**
- Two teams predicted a nominal load-displacement behavior within experimental bounds
- All teams used provided **tensile data of AM-manufactured specimens** with similar void structure as the Challenge geometry
- Predictions of **surface strains** (local measures) were generally different than in experiments
- The teams took vastly different approaches to predict **uncertainty bounds** in their models
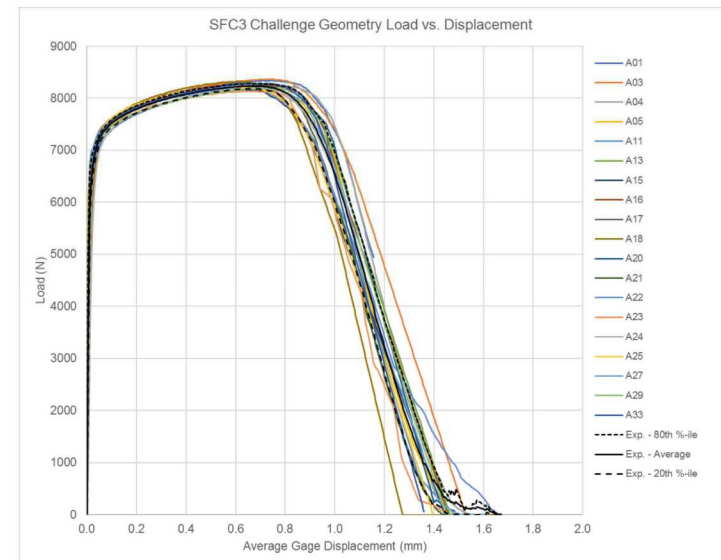- Few teams considered the geometric variation and pore structures characteristic of AM metals, despite considerable data provided to aid that effort
- The post-blind assessment revealed several **clerical errors** in the predictions

Overall

- **Large features in the AM part overwhelmed the overall response** of the structure compared to the unintentional voids, a hope to use of AM parts
- **We need further research to understand the role of the voids of the local fracture processes**
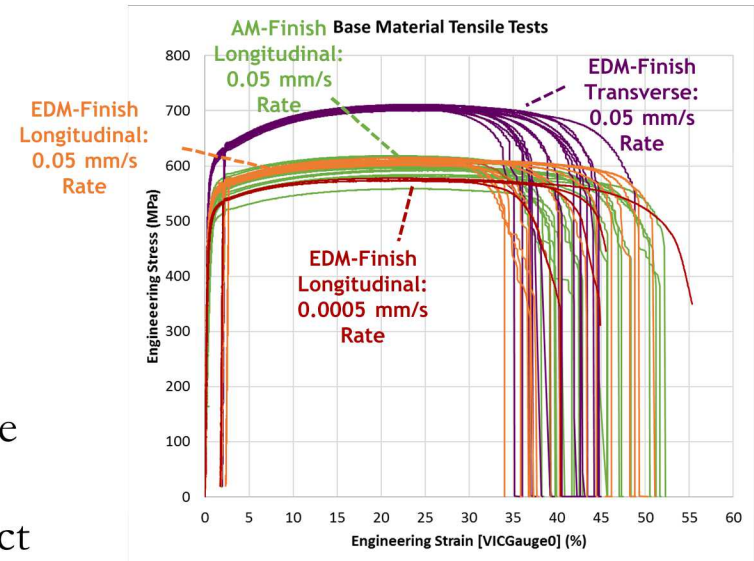
Base Material Tensile Tests

SFC3 Challenge Geometry Load vs. Displacement

SFC3 Experimental Reinvestigation
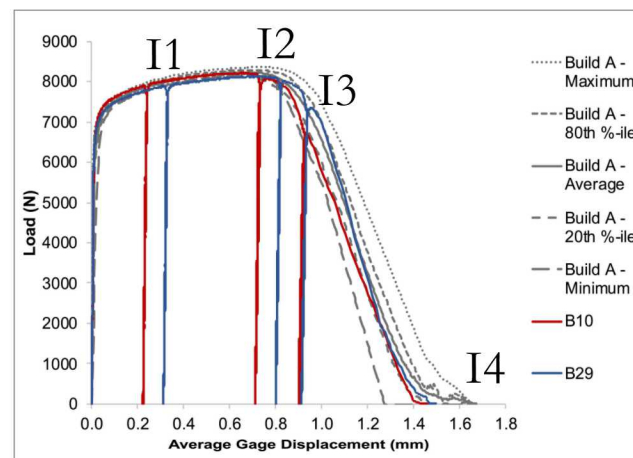
Question: What is the effect of pre-existing voids on deformation, damage, and failure in AM metallic structures like the SFC3-geometry specimens?
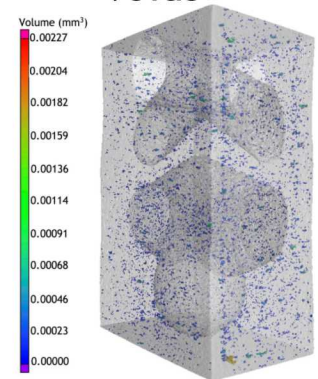
We will look at the global behavior and local crack initiation and growth relative to pre-test void population and the evolution of void growth and crack evolution via interrupted testing with ex situ micro-CT imaging.

Example of Interrupted Response

Pre-test μ-CT Data Showing Voids

◦ Tested 6 "Build B" specimens to failure to see overlap with original "Build A" specimens

◦ Interrupted test intervals for six specimens:
  ◦ I1 – To middle of hardening
  ◦ I2 – Peak load
  ◦ I3 – Visible crack
  ◦ I4 - Failure

◦ All interrupted test specimens had the same failure mode as tests to complete failure

Geometry Dominates Global Behavior in SFC3 Specimens:
Metrics of the pre-existing void population do not correlate with the global mechanical behavior of the SFC3 specimens, but rather the large stress concentrations from the geometry overwhelmingly dominate the global behavior.

SFC3: Effect of AM Voids

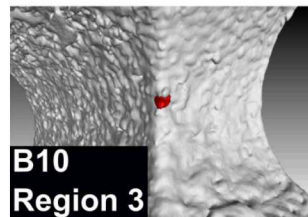**Voids Influence Local Crack Initiation and Growth:**
Voids and surface defects influence local crack initiation and growth by introducing variation in crack initiation site in some cases and deviation from initial crack path to intersect voids.

Fracture Surfaces
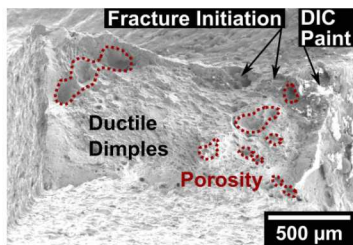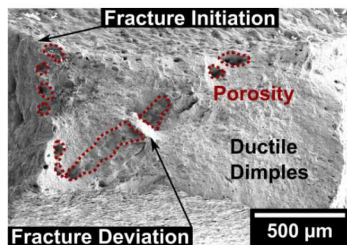
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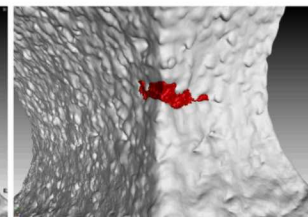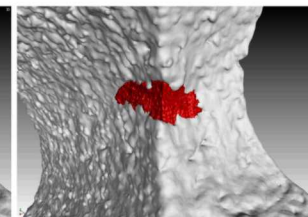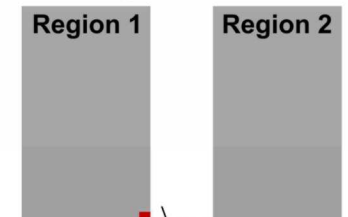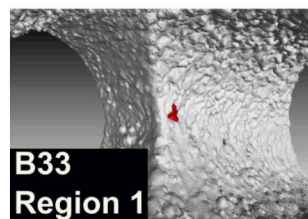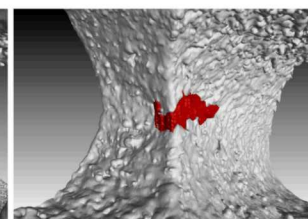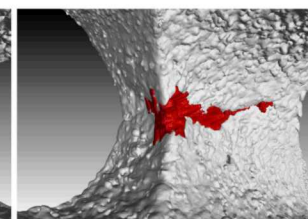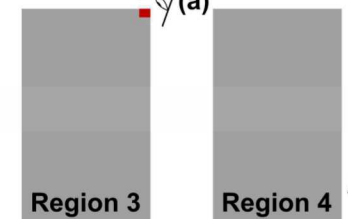
- Fracture at high-stress intersection point or at large surface defect
- Crack initiation at a surface defect occurs in I1, while otherwise can happen at I1-I3
- Cracks deviate to intersect voids
- Cracks initiating at surface defects grow faster, but total specimen crack volume growth does not vary much

SFC: What We Have Learned So Far

- A **good calibration of plasticity** is a prerequisite for predicting ductile failure

- **No single numerical method, constitutive model, or failure criterion** dominates amongst the more successful predictions

- **Experience and peer review** matter

- We need considerable **research on ductile failure** including:

  - **Stochastic and local nature of ductile failure**

  - Accepted **shear-dominated experiments** for model calibration

  - Theoretical and experimental work on **thermomechanical coupling**

  - Effect of material **anisotropy** on failure

  - **Efficient constitutive and failure models** for large structures

  - **Quantitative comparison** of full-field experimental and computational data

  - Methods for **uncertainty quantification** on engineering time-scales

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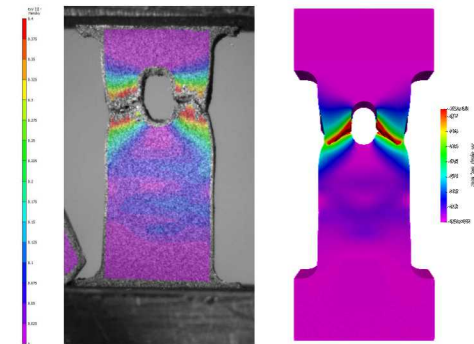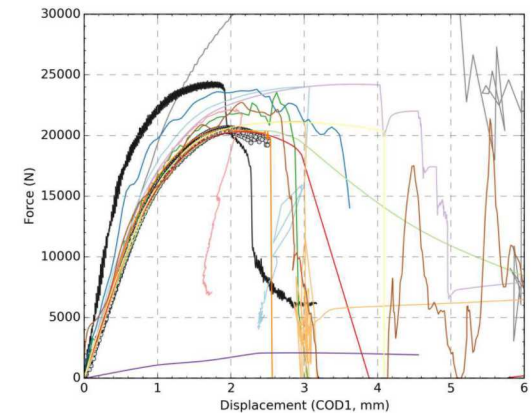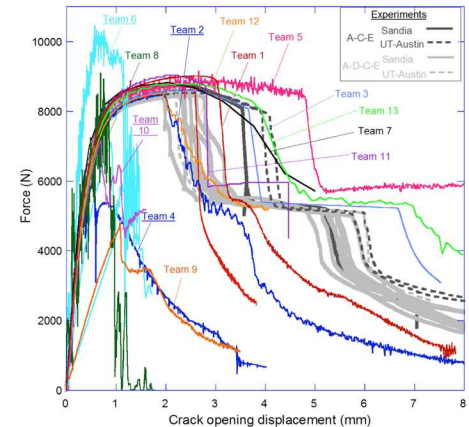
STRUCTURAL RELIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

The purpose of the Structural Reliability Partnership is to coordinate research, share best practices, and leverage investments from multiple institutions on areas of mutual interest in the domain of structural reliability.

PILOT PARTNERS:

Sandia National Laboratories   ExxonMobil   THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Initial Participant Institutions:

Lawrence Livermore National Lab	Georgia Tech University
University of Utah	Boeing
Purdue University	Mississippi State University
National Science Foundation	Oak Ridge National Lab
Pratt & Whitney	Naval Research Labs
Pacific Northwest National Lab	Johns Hopkins University
NIST	University of California at Davis
University of Illinois	Michigan State University

Joint Challenge Scenarios

Model Materials Exchange

R&D to Address Gaps / Shortcomings

Academia

Industry   Gov't Labs

Coordination Workshops

Data Sharing Repository
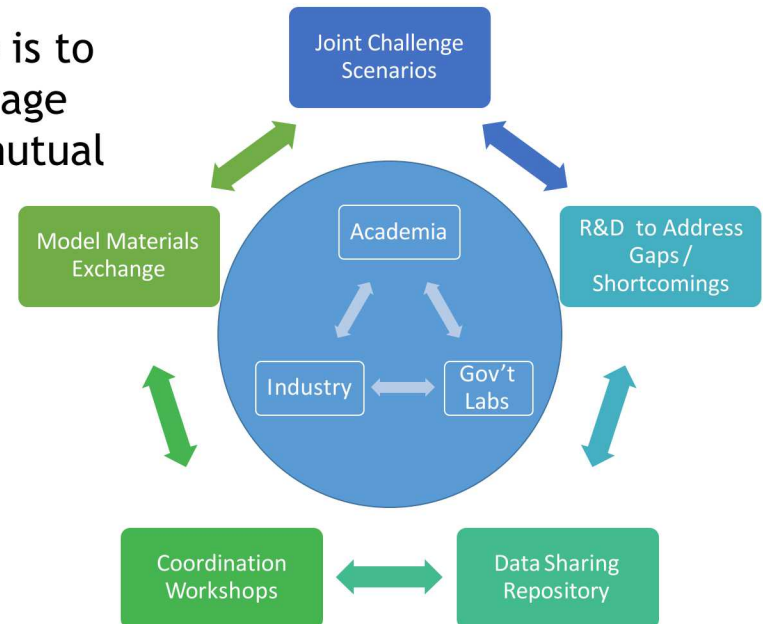
As a result of the August 2017 Workshop, the Partnership launched two initial focus areas: (1) Reliability in additive manufacturing, and (2) Hydrogen-assisted fracture in pipeline welds

Summary

Sandia Fracture Challenge:

- Provides a **collaborative environment** for capability assessments
- Provides documentation of **'state-of-the-art'** in ductile failure predictions
- Illustrates **key deficiencies** in ductile failure predictions
- Raises international **awareness on the need for improved simulation capabilities**

Structural Reliability Partnership is a new paradigm of **cooperative research** using the "Challenge scenario" as the medium to research capabilities in experiments and computations **in structural mechanics**.

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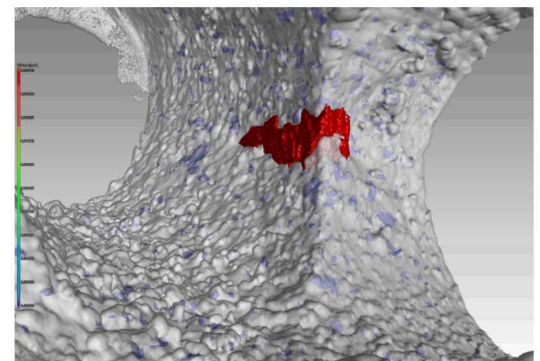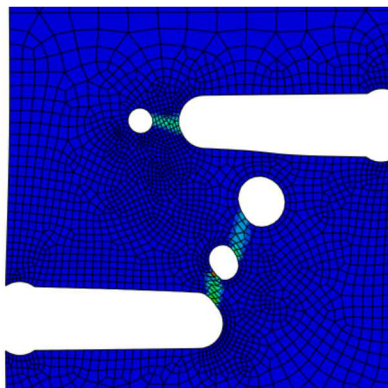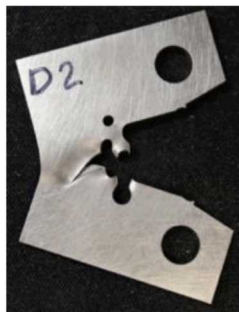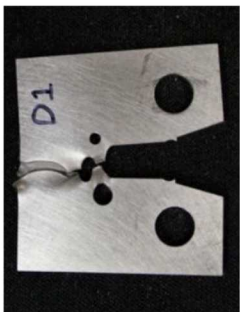
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More details on SFC3 will be available in the summer in a special volume of the *International Journal of Fracture.*

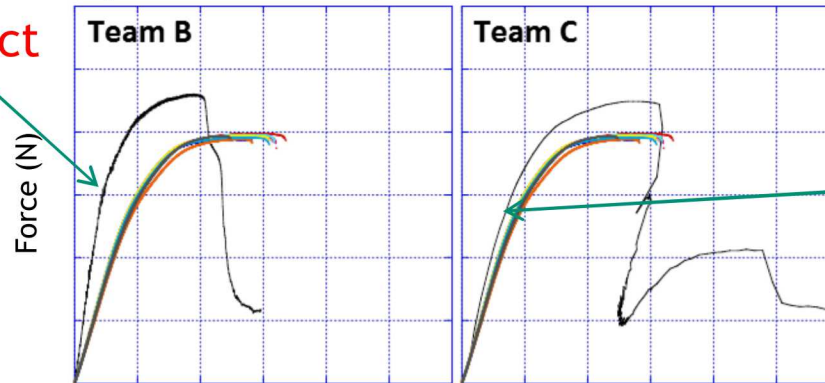Kramer, S.L.B. *et al.,* "The third Sandia Fracture Challenge: predictions of ductile fracture in additively manufactured metal" (DOI: 10.1007/s10704-019-00361-1), (in press).

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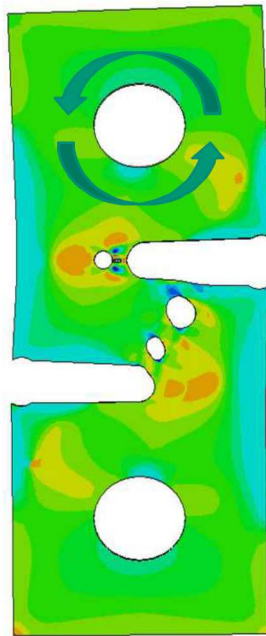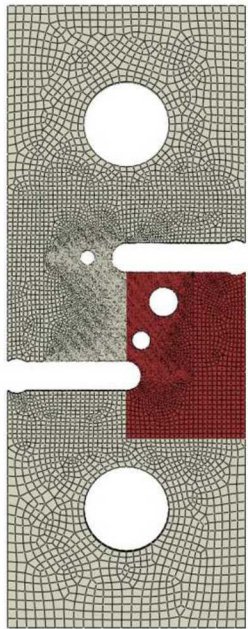
Backup Slides

SFC2 Gap 1: Representing surface contact and friction

Rigid, fixed pin contact

Rigid pin, friction coefficie[n]

Team B

Team C

Force (N)

Displacement (COD1,mm)

Stress Triaxiality

- 1.0
- 0.85
- 0.70
- 0.55
- 0.40
- 0.25
- 0.10
- -0.05
- -0.20
- -0.35
- -0.50
- -0.65
- -0.80
- -1.0
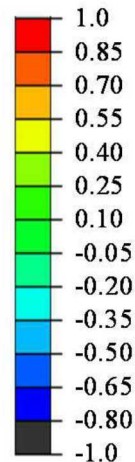
- Apparent stiffness was overpredicted by ~1/2 the teams. In some cases the predicted stiffness was 2X the experimental result!

- Teams that chose fully constrained non-sliding pin contact tended to overpredict stiffness and peak forces.

- Frictionless or free-rotating pin contact appeared to mimic experiments most closely.

Model From Team C

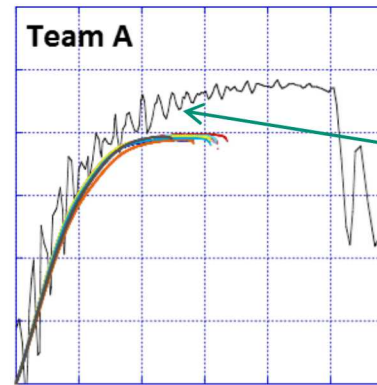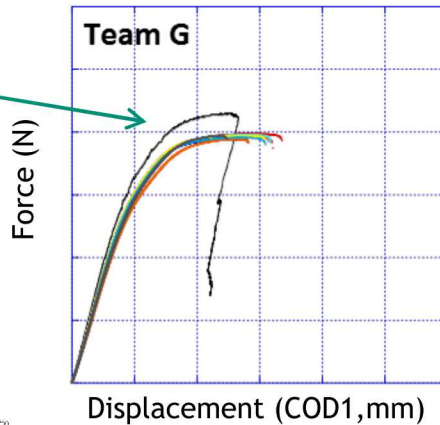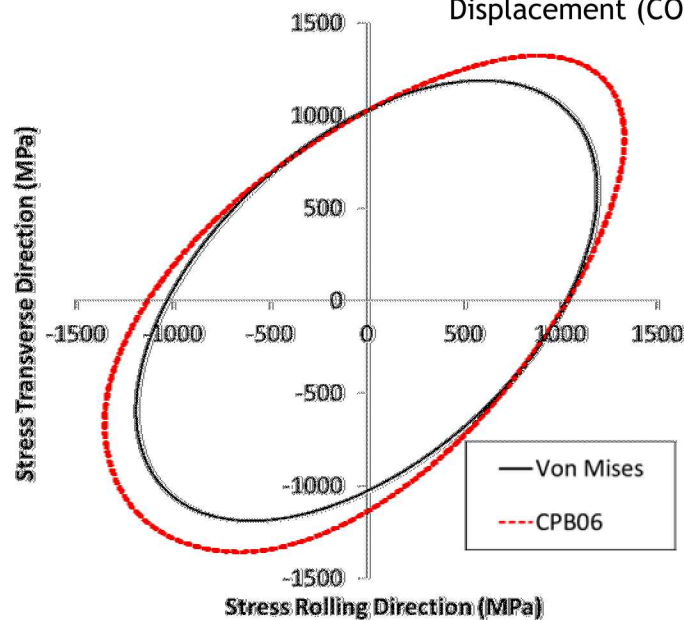# SFC2 Gap 2: Accounting for sheet anisotropy and Lode Angle dependence

No anisotropy or lode angle dependence

Team G

Force (N)

Displacement (COD1,mm)

Team A

J_2 plasticity law, No calibration to shear data

1500
1000
500
0
-500
-1000
-1500

-1500 -1000 -500 0 500 1000 1500

Stress Transverse Direction (MPa)

Stress Rolling Direction (MPa)

— Von Mises
---- CPB06

Team B: Comparison of yield surfaces at zero plastic strain
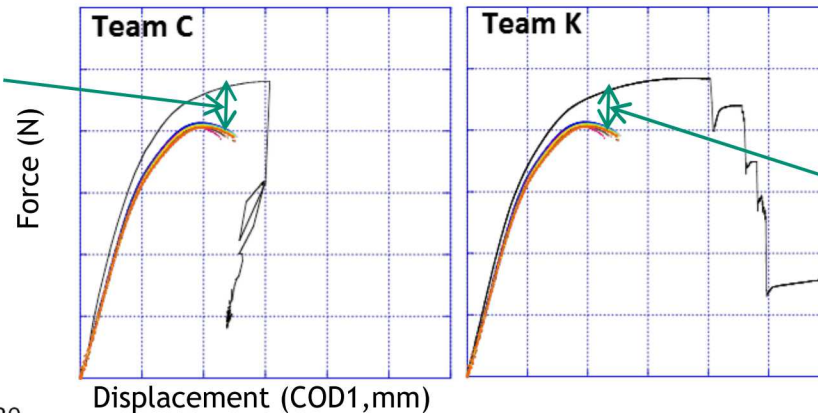
ld in shear was 0.88X the value of predicted by on Mises yield surface.

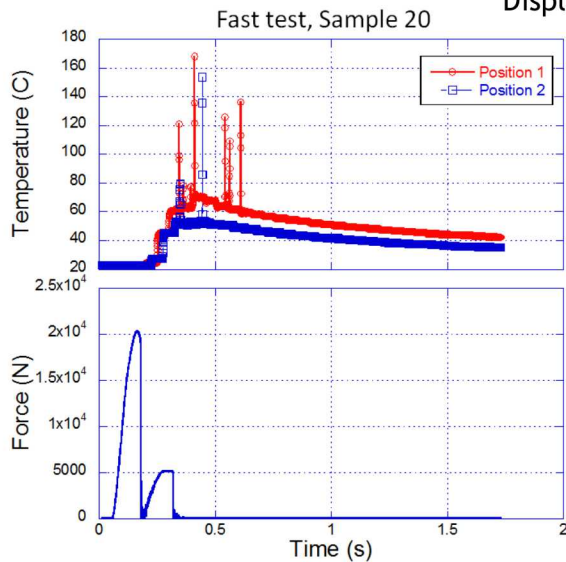s effect was only observable by comparing the sile yield points to the yield point of the non-ndard shear test.

ms that used a simple J_2 (von Mises) plasticity del tended to overpredict yield/hardening navior since the yield in shear was softer than in tension.

SFC2 Gap 3: Estimating thermal work coupling factor

No thermal coupling

No thermal coupling

Team C

Team K

Force (N)

Displacement (COD1,mm)

Fast test, Sample 20

Temperature (C)

- Position 1
- Position 2

Force (N)

Time (s)

Volumetric heating rate

$$\dot{Q} = \eta \dot{W}^p = \eta \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{in}$$

Taylor-Quinney coefficient

- There was a >60ºC temperature rise in the necking ligament under the faster loading condition.

- Many teams ignored the plastic-work induced thermal softening that occurs under modest dynamic loading.

- Teams that chose either an adiabatic condition or some coupling parameter tended to capture some degree of extended necking behavior.

- There is little data (and even contradictory data from the same group) on the plastic work thermal coupling parameter (Taylor-Quinney coefficient).
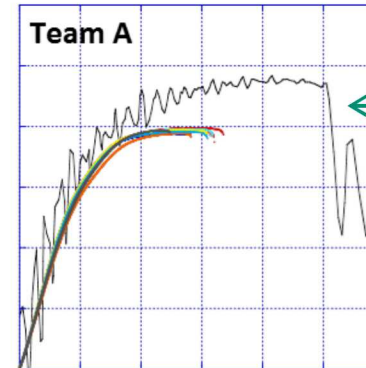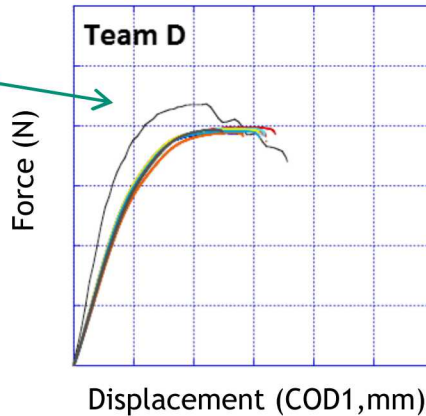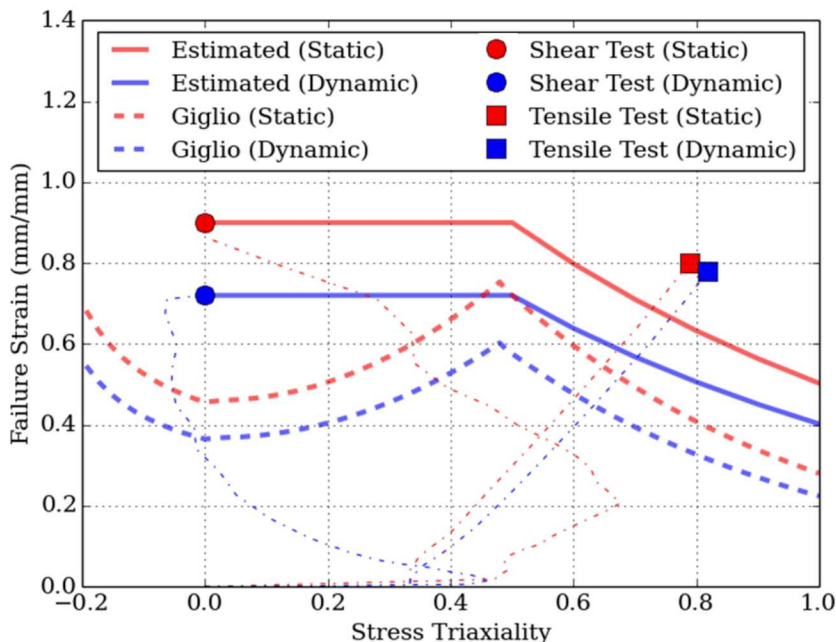
SFC2 Gap 4: Choosing a realistic failure parameter

Plastic strain criterion does not account for triaxiality / shear

Team D

Force (N)

Displacement (COD1,mm)

Team A

Failure parameter calibration only used tension data, not shear data.

Failure Strain (mm/mm) vs Stress Triaxiality

- Estimated (Static)
- Estimated (Dynamic)
- Giglio (Static)
- Giglio (Dynamic)
- Shear Test (Static)
- Shear Test (Dynamic)
- Tensile Test (Static)
- Tensile Test (Dynamic)

- There is no consensus on a realistic model for crack initiation. **(Gurson is not sufficient)**

- Predictions tended to be more accurate if they used shear data and calibrated a triaxiality-dependent failure model.

- While a suite of various loading paths and triaxiality conditions is needed, there are no standards for such material testing. **(A tension test is not sufficient)**

SFC2 Gap 5: Damage progression / fracture morphology

Quasi-static cohesive zone law did not predict unstable fracture

Incorrect crack path

Team E

Team N

Force (N)

Displacement (COD1,mm)

PEEQ
(Avg: 75%)
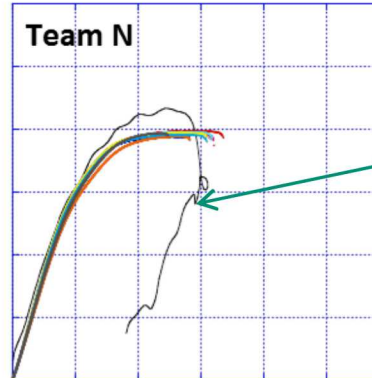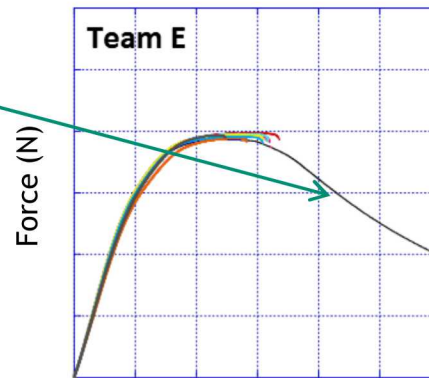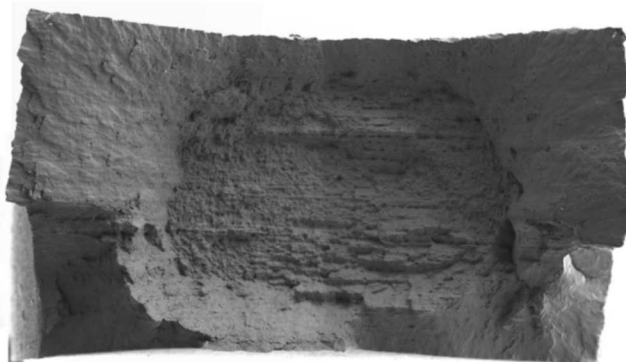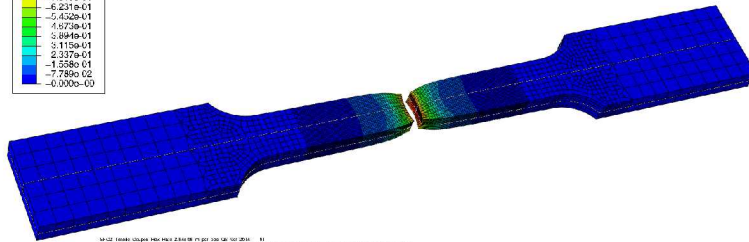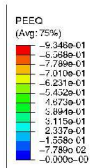
- Some approaches have difficulty capturing the unstable nature of crack propagation.

- Some approaches do not properly characterize the resistance of the material to crack growth (and hence crack path).

- None of the approaches accurately capture the macroscopic 3D profile of a real fracture surface, such as shear lips vs flat fracture seen in the calibration fracture surfaces.

500 μm

Challenge Questions

Questions regarding point measures and for the entire test, utilizing load and DIC measurements with uncertainty bounds.

**Question 1:** Report the **force at the following displacements D**: 0.25 mm, 0.5 mm, 0.75 mm, and 1.0 mm.

Question 2: Report **force and Hencky (logarithmic) strain in the vertical direction (ε_{yy}) at four points**, P1, P2, P3, and P4, on the surface at 75% of peak load before peak load (F1), 90% of peak load before peak load (F2), at peak load (F3), and at 90% of peak load after peak load (F4).

**Question 3:** Report the **force vs. gage displacement D** for the test.

Question 4: Report **force vs. Hencky (logarithmic) strain in the vertical direction (ε_{yy}) at four points,** P1, P2, P3, and P4, on the surface **for the test**.

Question 5: Report **force and Hencky (logarithmic) strain in the vertical direction (ε_{yy}) along four horizontal lines**, H1, H2, H3, and H4 on the surface at forces F1, F2, F3, and F4. Line scan data should be provided with a data spacing of Δx=0.030 mm.

Question 6: Provide images of the model directly viewing the front surface (same as the side for DIC) at crack initiation and at complete failure, showing **contours of Hencky (logarithmic) strain**.
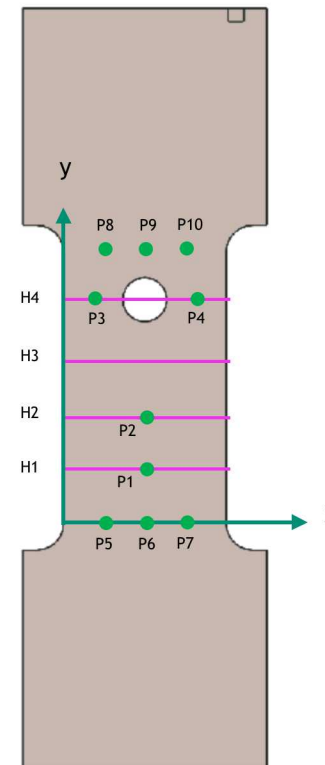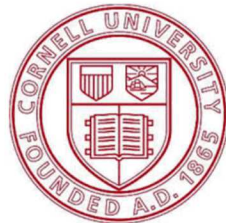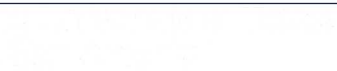

Front View of Challenge Geometry
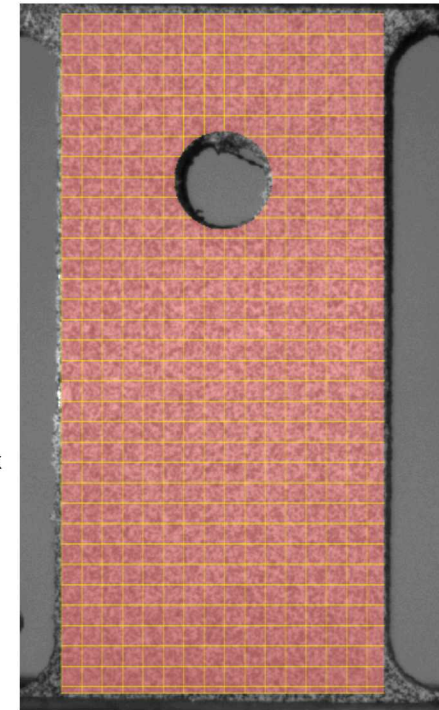
Representative DIC Area of Interest Showing a Grid of 41 pixel x 41 pixel Subsets
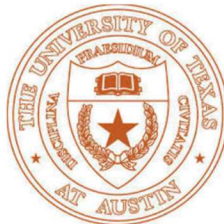
*For Questions 1-4, please report nominal (average) value and optionally report the 80-percentile upper bound and 20-percentile lower bound values to compare to a population of 19 experimental observations.

21 Teams of Challenge Participants

Universities

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MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Prediction Methods
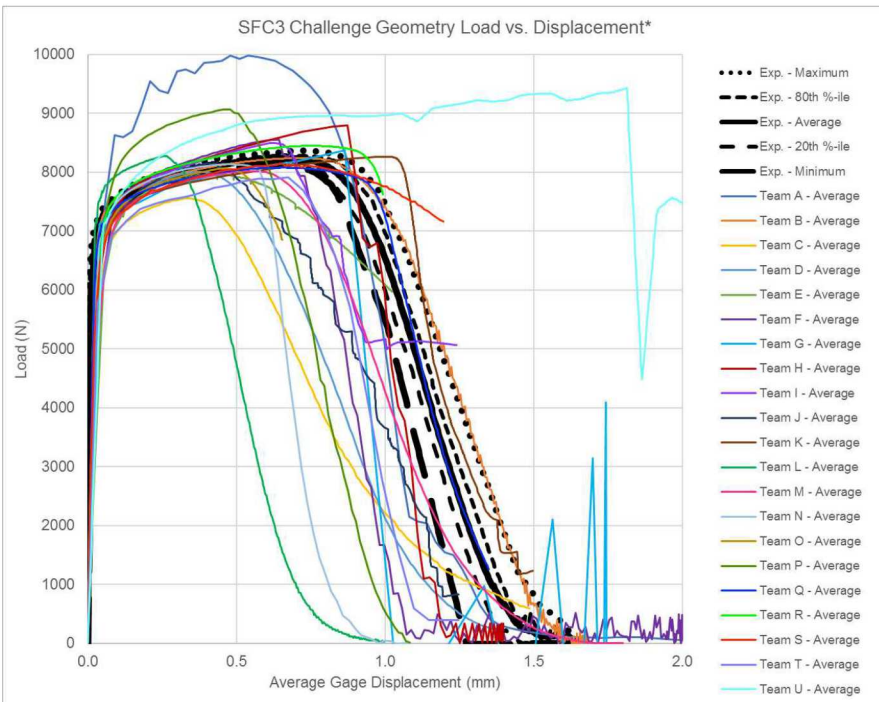
The 21 predictions were obtained from a variety of methods, for example:

- **Solvers**: Explicit vs. Implicit; Quasi-statics vs. Dynamics
- **Fracture Method**: Element deletion, Peridynamics with bond damage, XFEM, Damage (stiffness degradation), and Adaptive remeshing
- **Uncertainty**: Material and geometric
- **Plasticity**: J2 plasticity or Hill yield with Isotropic hardening, mixed Swift-Voce hardening, kinematic hardening, or custom hardening curves
- **Fracture Criteria**: GTN model, Hosford-Coulomb, triaxiality-dependent strain, critical fracture energy, damage-based model, critical void volume fraction, and Johnson-Cook model
- **Damage Evolution**: Damage accumulation / evolution, crack band model, fracture energy, displacement value threshold, incremental stress triaxiality, Cocks-Ashby void growth, and void nucleation / growth / coalescence
- **Calibration Data**: Various combinations of the tensile specimens, the notched tensile specimens, and literature data

All 21 predictions correctly identified the nominal crack path with initiation at the through-thickness hole

**13 teams offered uncertainty bounds on their predictions**

SFC3 Predictions: Question 1 & 2

Question 1: Report the force at the following displacements D: 0.25 mm, 0.5 mm, 0.75 mm, and 1.0 mm.

Several teams predicted the initial structural yield, but the variation broadened with increasing displacement.
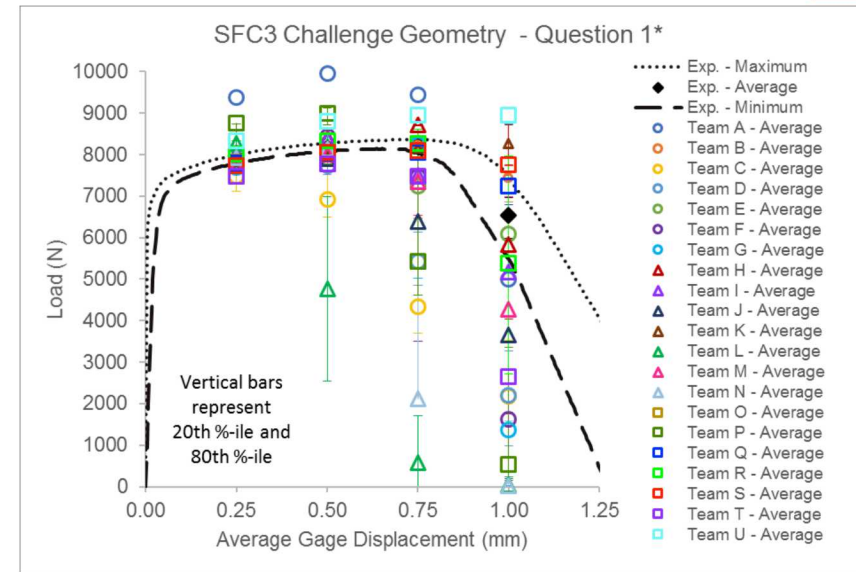
SFC3 Challenge Geometry - Question 1*

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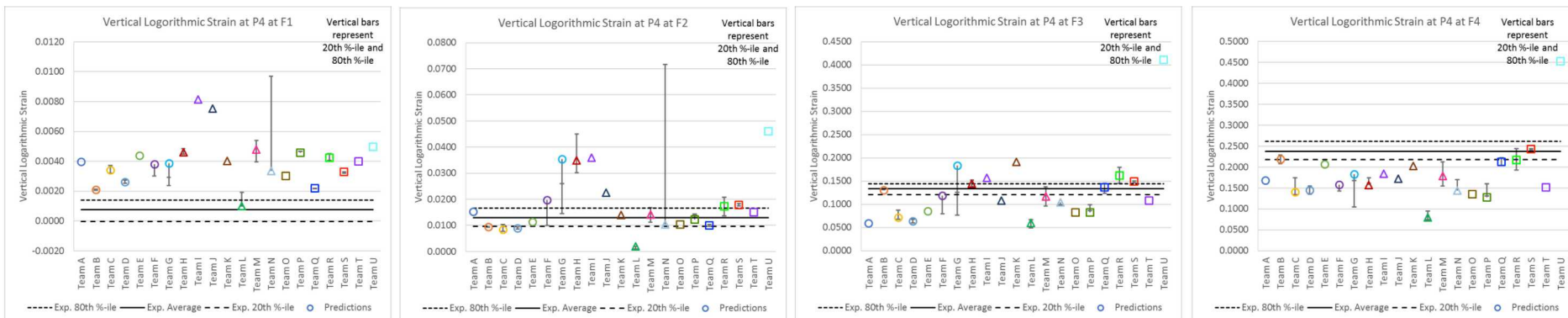
Generally, the predictions were initially too high, particularly for F1, and then were under-predicting by F4.

The Third Sandia Fracture Challenge explores the experiments and model methods required to predict ductile failure in AM metal parts.

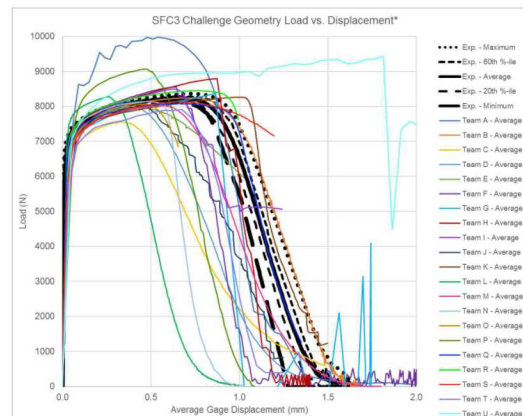### AM 316L SS Build Plate: Laser Powder Bed Fusion

SFC3-Geometry Specimens

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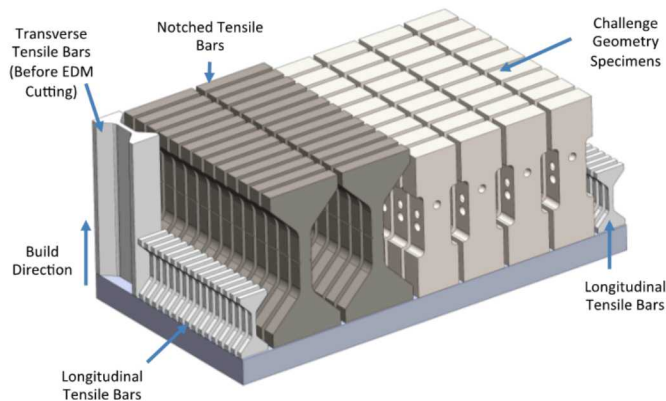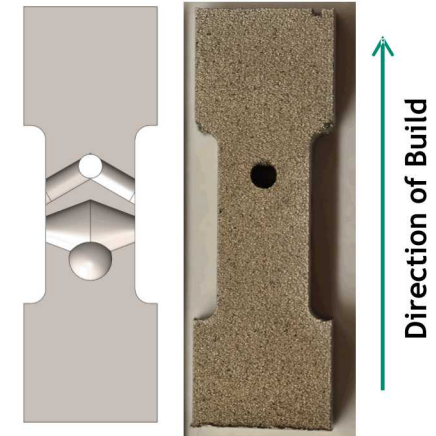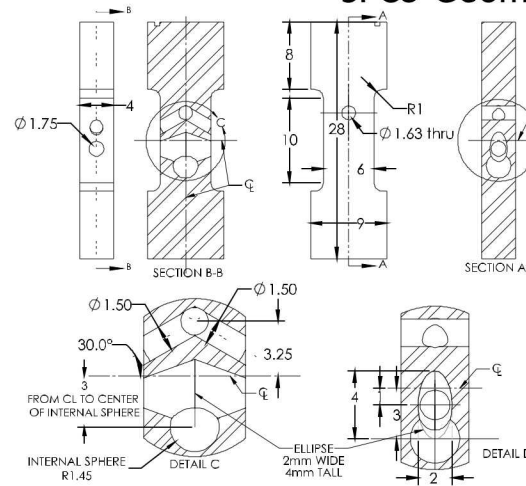
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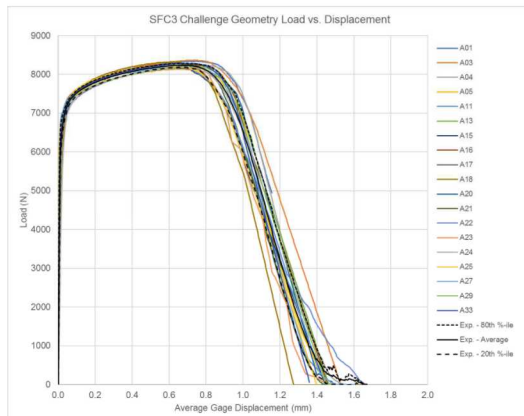
21 Nominal Predictions with Exp. Average and Bounds

Most predictions did not consider the AM porosity, but yet did reasonably well in predicting the global response. This implies that geometry, not porosity, dominates global behavior.

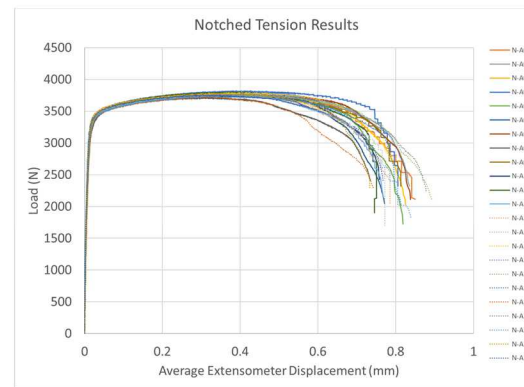**Question: What is the effect of pre-existing voids on deformation, damage, and failure in AM metallic structures like the SFC3-geometry specimens?**

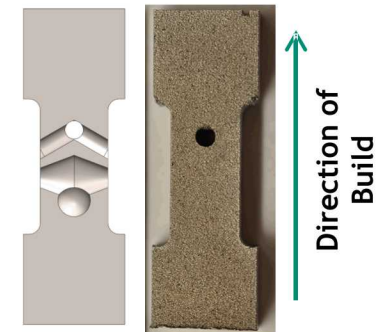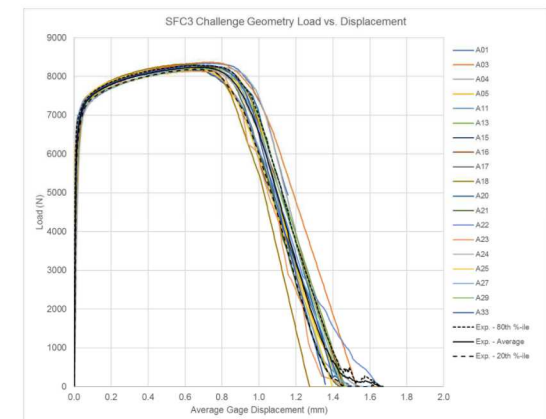AM 316L SS Build Plate
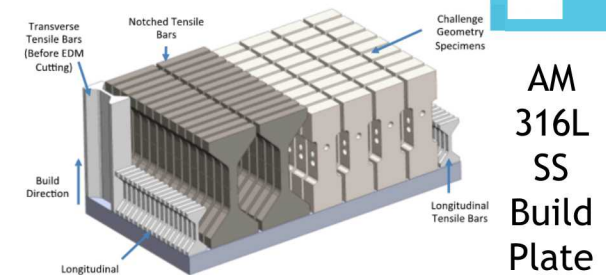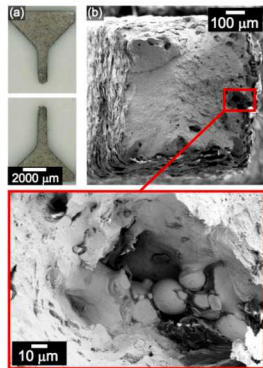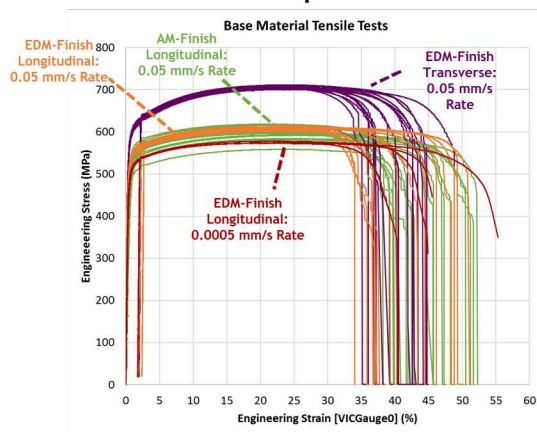
Tensile Specimens

## Notched Tensile Specimens
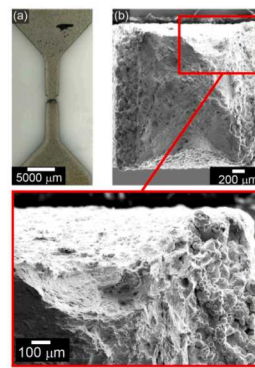
SFC3-Geometry Specimens

We will look at the global behavior and local crack initiation and growth relative to pre-test void population and the evolution of void growth and crack evolution.

- Tested 6 "Build B" specimens to failure to see overlap with original "Build A" specimens

- Interrupted test intervals for six specimens:
  - I1 – To middle of hardening
  - I2 – Peak load
  - I3 – Visible crack
  - I4 - Failure

- All interrupted test specimens had the same failure mode as tests to complete failure

Interrupted Response
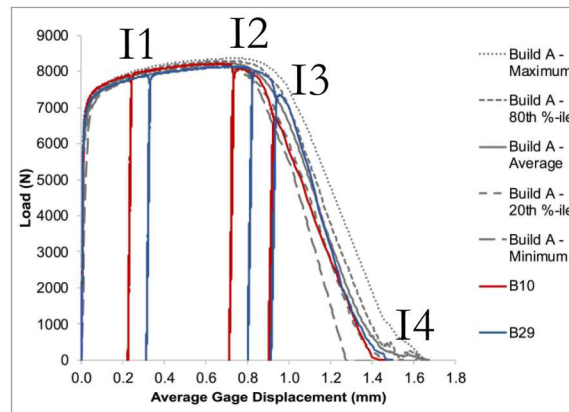
MTS 100-kN load frame with custom AM grips and Correlated Solutions Stereo DIC system (VIC3D)
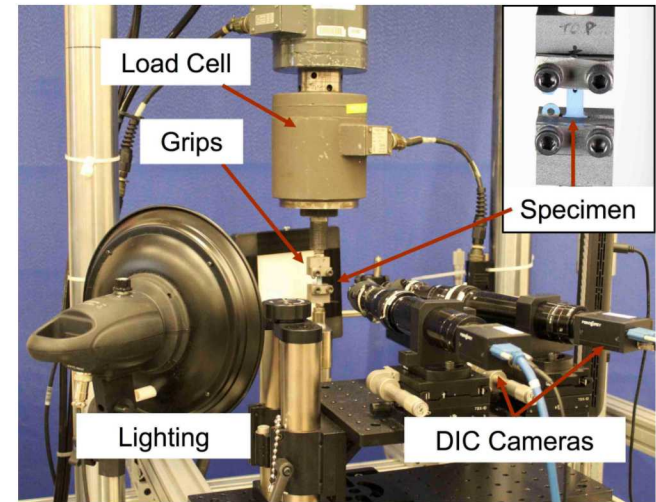
Hencky Tensile Strain Fields for B28

Subset Size (pix)	41
Step Size (pix)	8
Strain Window (pix)	9
Virtual Strain Gage (pix)	65
Virtual Strain Gage (mm)	0.517
Pixel to Length Ratio (pix/mm)	125.8

I1 — Hardening
I2 — Near Peak
I3 — Surface Crack
I4 — Failure
ε_{yy}

Specimen A21 — Failure
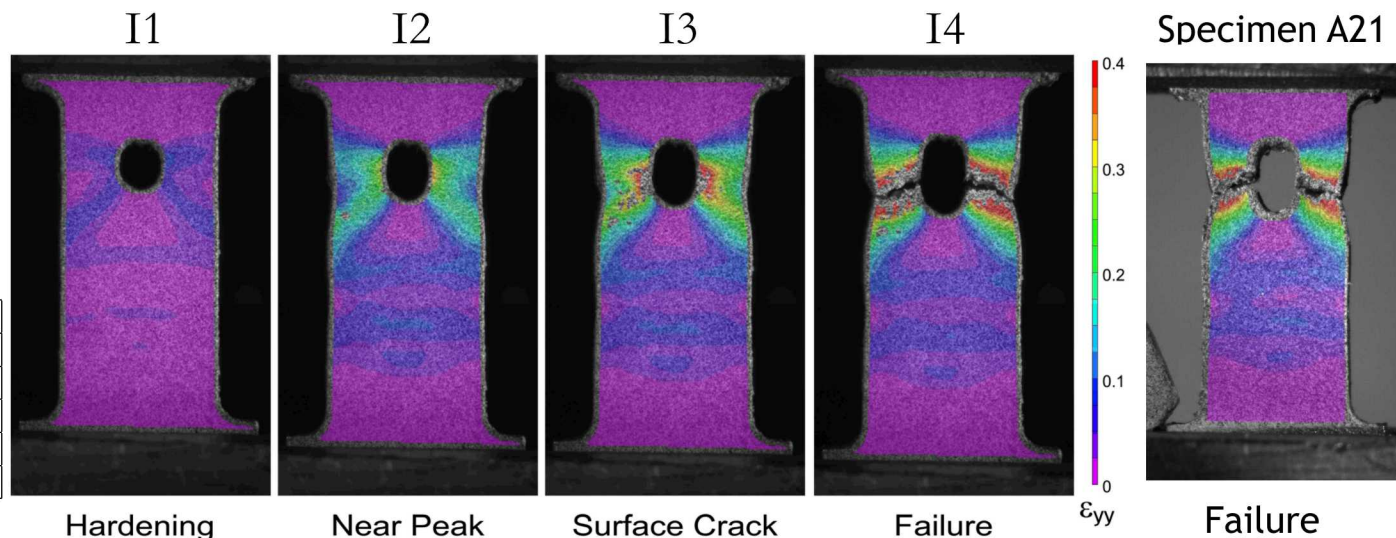
Micro-CT and Void Analysis Methods

- X-Ray Worx 225kV tubehead with a Varian cesium iodide 2520DX detector using North Star Imaging software

- **Voxel resolution of 6.2+/-0.6 μm**

- 16-bit tiff images reconstructed with Volume Graphics 3.2 Max software

- Image processing in FIJI and MATLAB

- Void analysis performed using IDL software with a requirement of **at least 8-connected voxels to count as a void with a minimum Equivalent Spherical Diameter (ESD) of 13-9-16.9 μm**
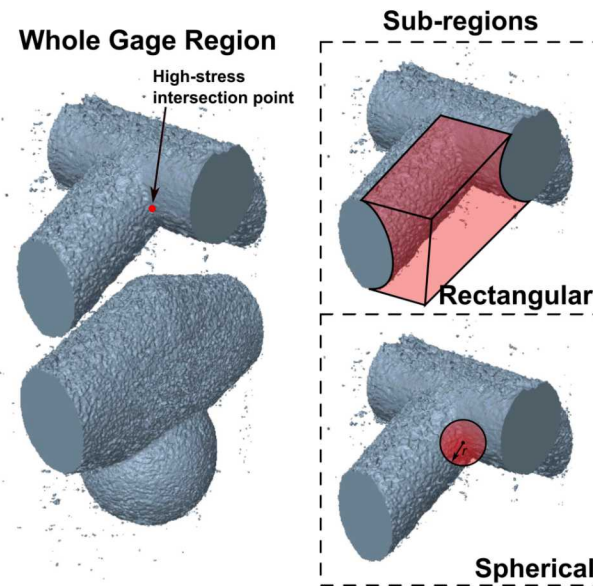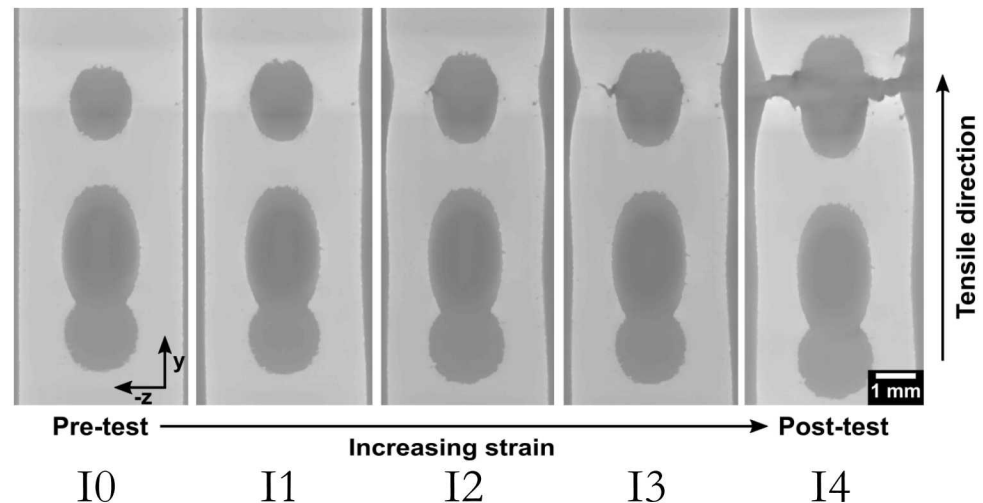
Isolation of voids with high-stress intersection point identified and different volumes for pre-test void analysis

Pre-test data showing voids
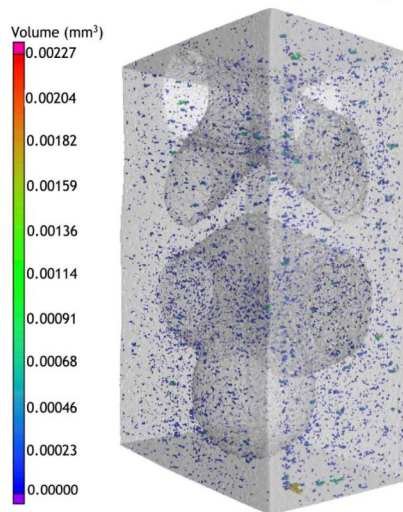
Ex situ micro-CT internal slices for Specimen B33

Mechanical Response

SFC3-Geometry specimens from "Build B" behaved similarly to those from "Build A", so analysis of "Build B" specimens is assumed represent that of all SFC3 specimens.
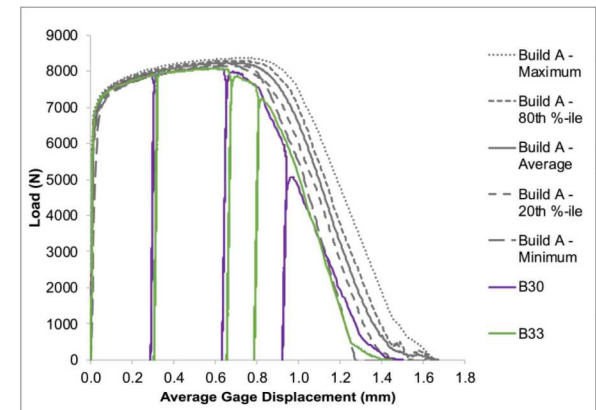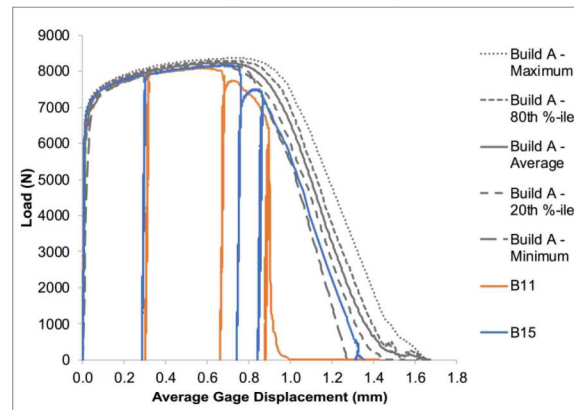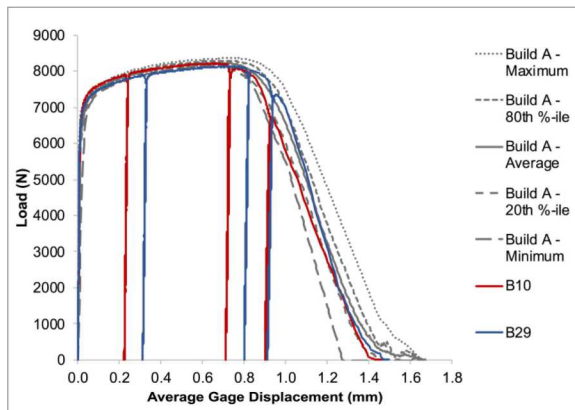
Global measures considered:
◦ Peak load
◦ Displacement at peak load
◦ Displacement at failure
◦ Maximum unloading rate

All measures for monotonic and interrupted "Build B" specimens were similar to that of the monotonic "Build A" specimens.

Monotonic Response

Interrupted Response
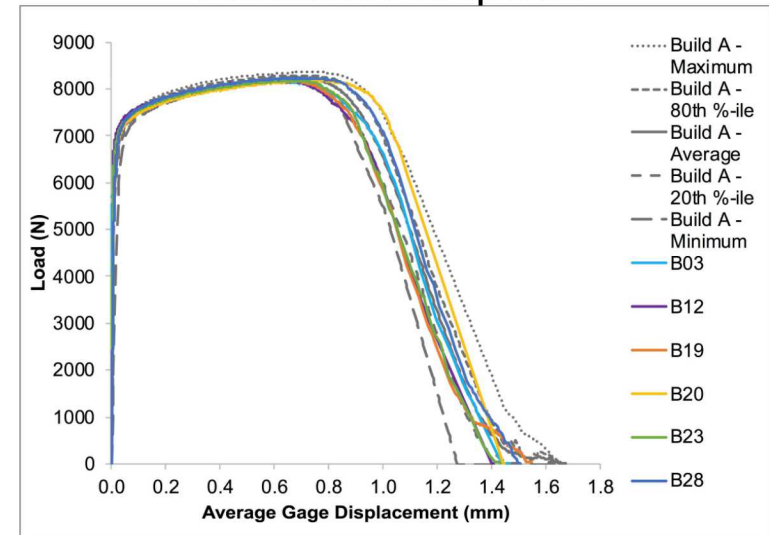
# Influence of Aggregate Void Metrics on Mechanical Response
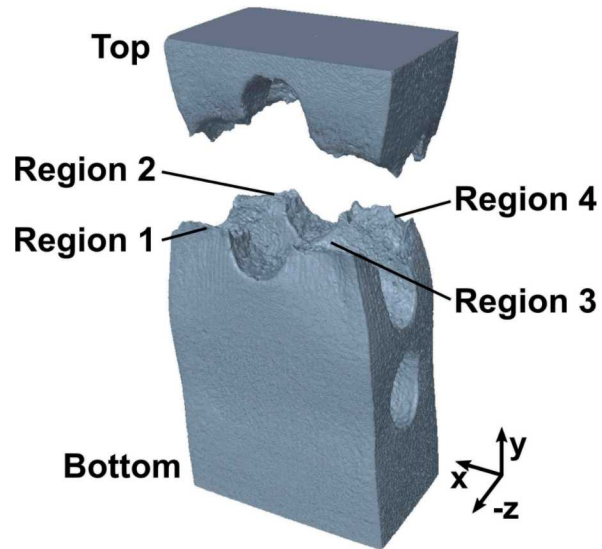
Original Hypothesis:
Metrics of aggregate pre-test void population will correspond to mechanical behavior
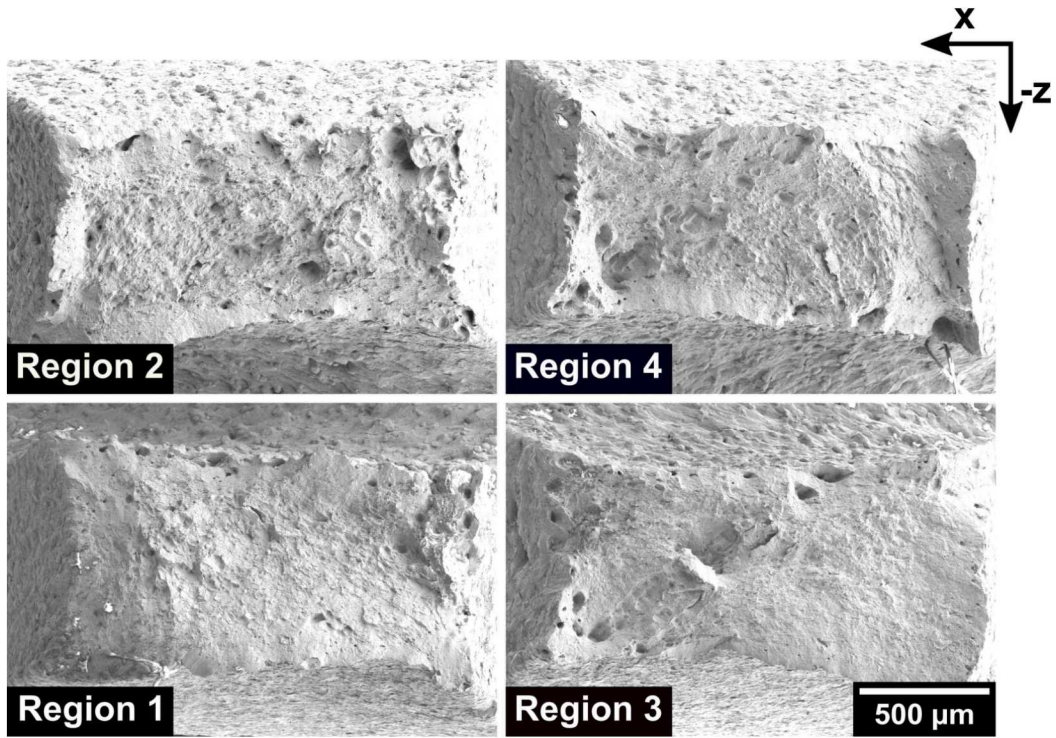
Finding:
Metrics of pre-test void population do not strongly correspond to variations seen in mechanical performance

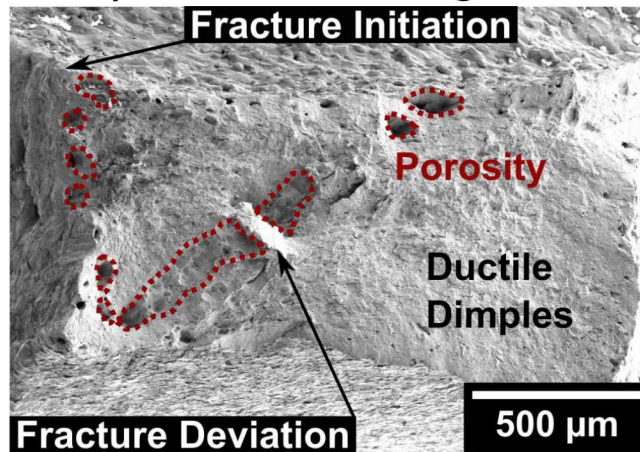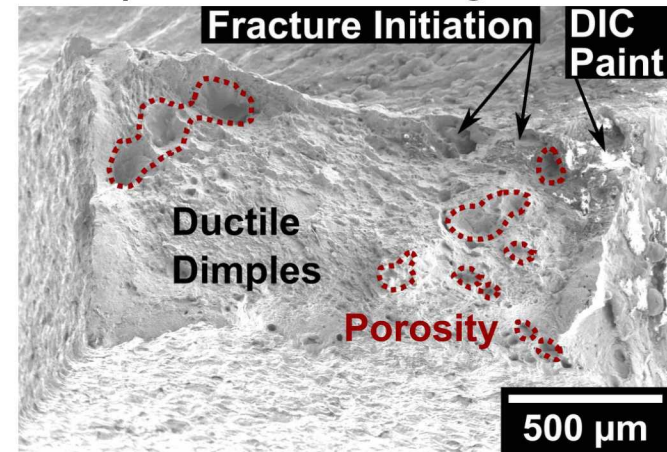## Example: Displacement to Failure Versus Void Volume Over Different Regions
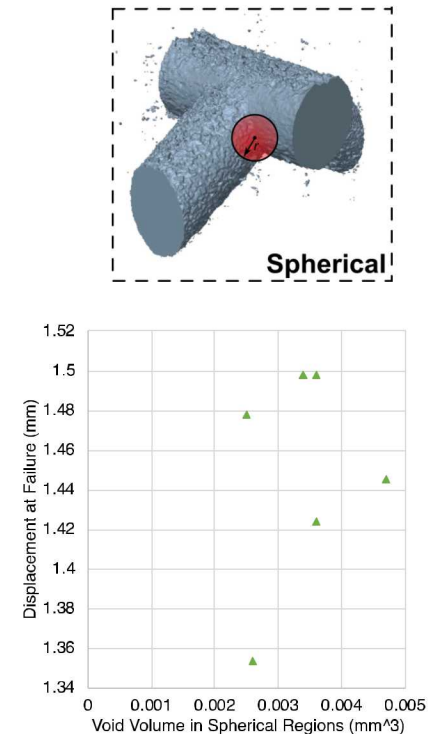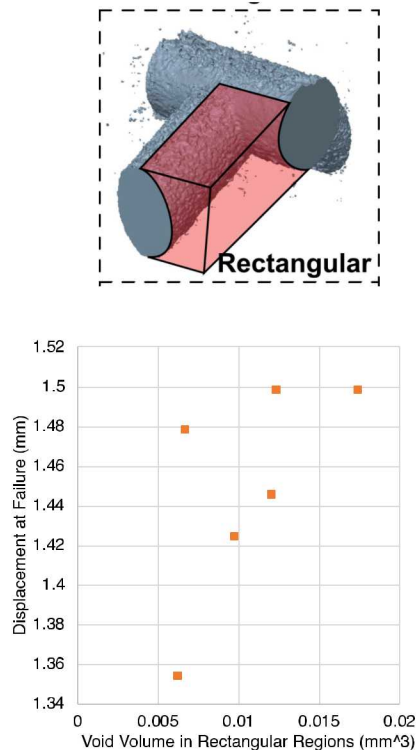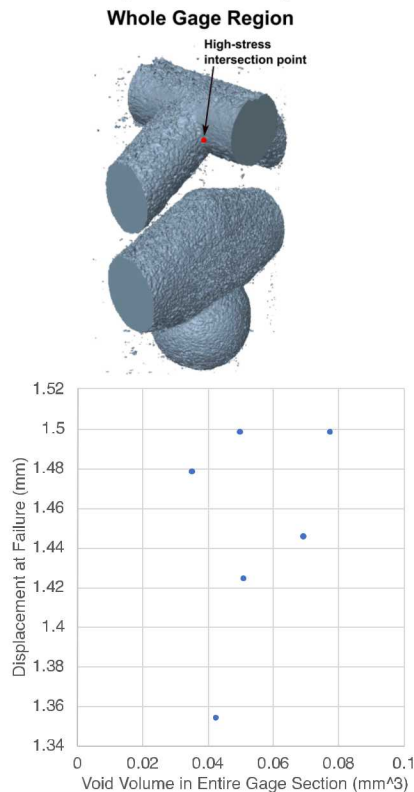
Specimen B10

- Ductile dimples
- Intersected voids

Influence of Void Presence on Fracture

Specimen B10 Region 3

Specimen B33 Region 1
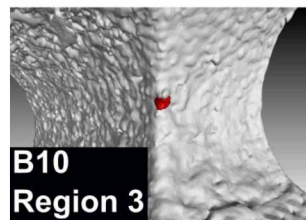

3D Reconstructions Highlighting Crack Volume

o Ductile dimples

o Intersected voids

o Fracture deviation

o Different crack initiation locations (Surface defect or geometric intersection point)

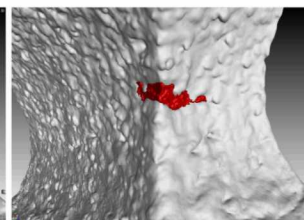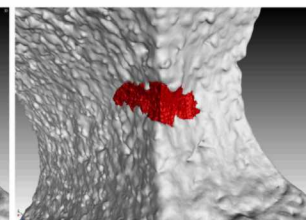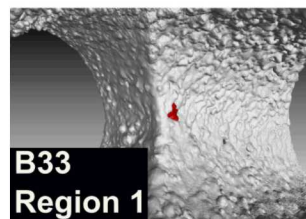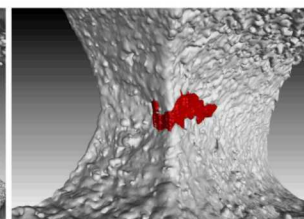# Void Evolution Under Increasing Plastic Strain

Specimen B10 Region 3

Fracture Surface with Voids Highlighted

Fracture Surface Height Map

Void Evolution: 3D Reconstruction of Voids Near the Fracture Surface (Red Voids Intersected Fracture Surface)

Pre-Test   **I1**   **I2**   **I3**
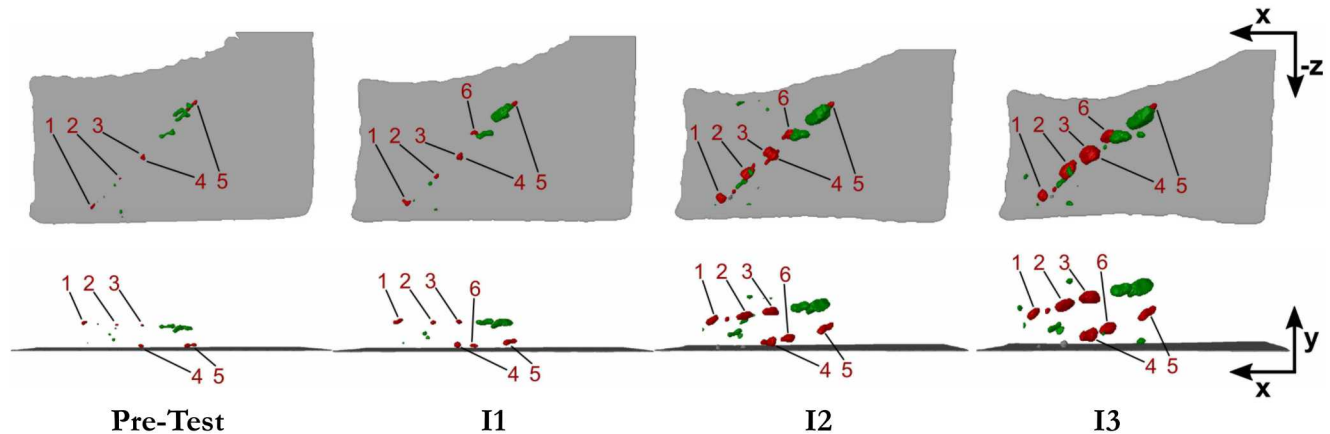
- **All voids grew** regardless of their involvement with the fracture surface.
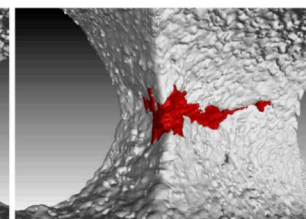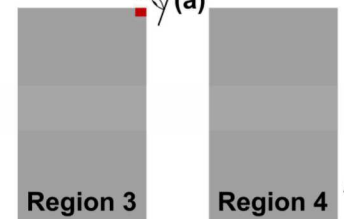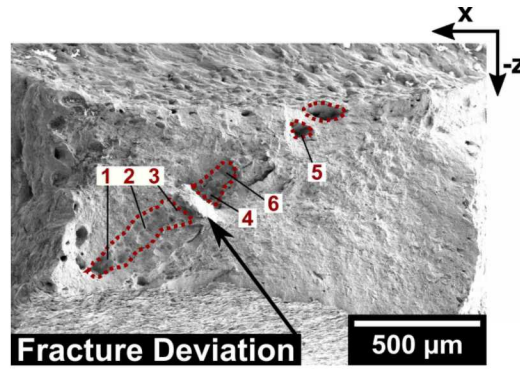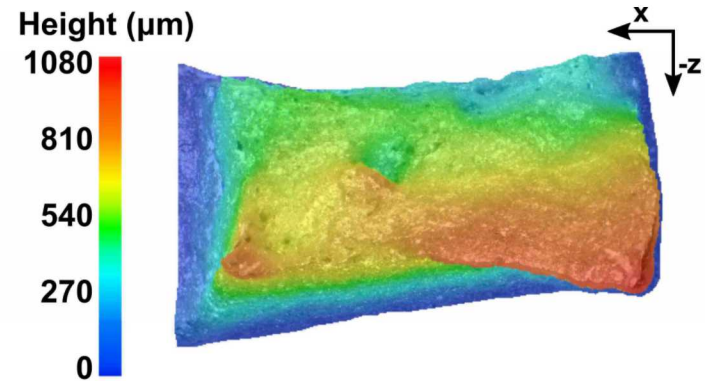- **New voids** (or voids too small to be resolved in pre-test scan) such as void 6 **appeared due to deformation** and grew larger than many voids observed in pre-test.
- **The fracture surface did not intersect some of the largest pre-test voids** in this region (see green).
- During I4, **the crack deviated** from the plane of voids 1-3 down to voids 4-6 (or from void 4-6 up to voids 1-3), avoiding the large green voids nearby.

Influence of Local Porosity on Fracture Initiation

Local porosity can change the fracture initiation location and timing.

- **Surface Defect**: Depressions with depths >50 µm
- **Surface Roughness**: Smooth depressions with depths between 11-33 µm

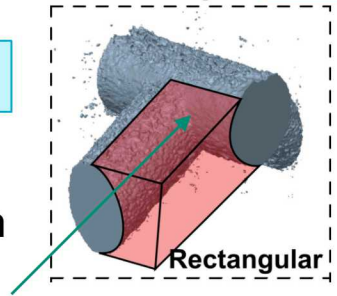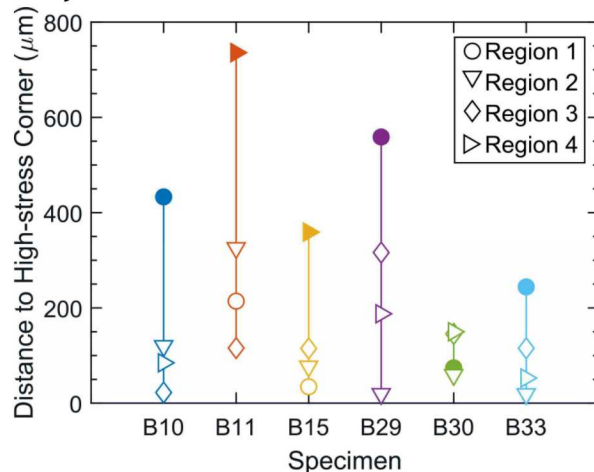High-Stress Intersection Point

Loading Interval of Fracture Initiation

Specimen	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
B10	1*	2	1	2
B11	2	2	1	1*
B15	2	3	2	1*
B29	1*	1	3	2
B30	1*	2	3	3
B33	1*	1	2	2

* denotes fracture initiation at a surface defect

Distance of Fracture Initiation Site to High-Stress Intersection Point

(Filled symbol denotes initiation at a surface defect)

Box and Whisker Plots of Equivalent Spherical Diameter (ESD) of Pre-Test Void Population in Rectangular Sub Regions and Table of Pre-test Size of Surface Defects Initiating Fracture
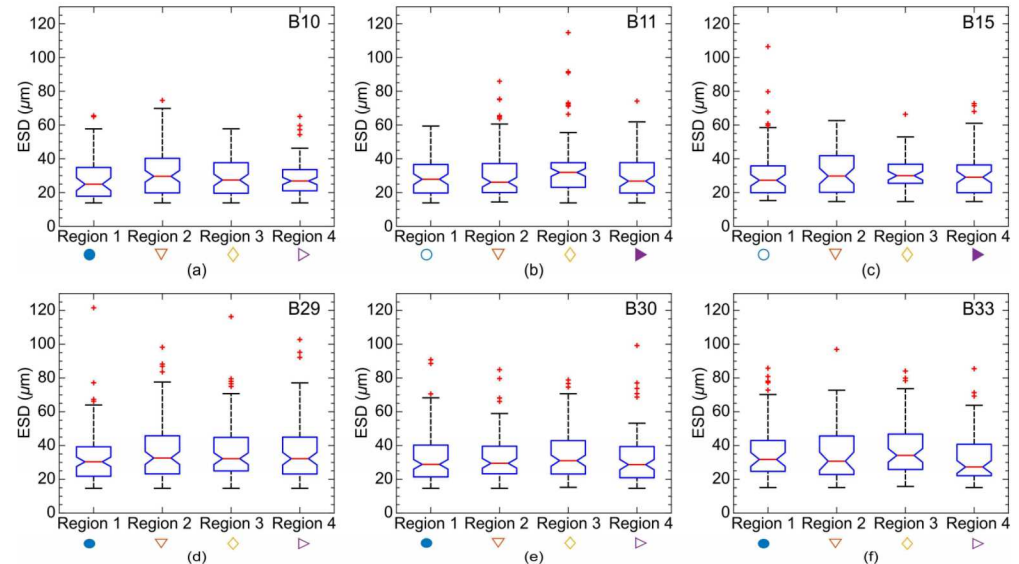
Specimen	B10	B11	B15	B29	B30	B33
Surface Defect ESD (μm)	102	169	80	57	73	113
Region	1	4	4	1	1	1

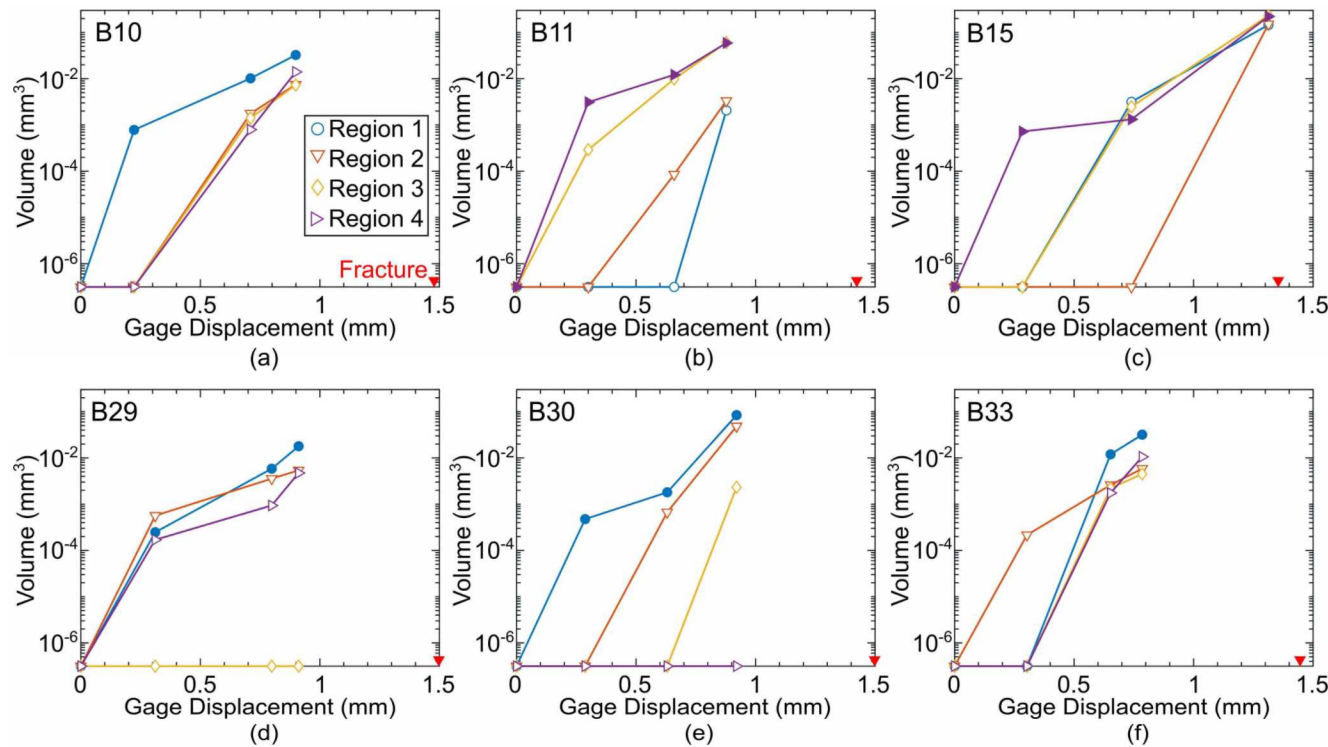**Cracks that initiated at a surface defect tend to grow faster than those that initiated at the high-stress intersection point.**

Unloaded Crack Volume After Each Interval for Each Region Versus Unloaded Gage Displacement
(Filled symbol denotes initiation at a surface defect)

Total Unloaded Crack Volume Versus Unloaded Gage Displacement
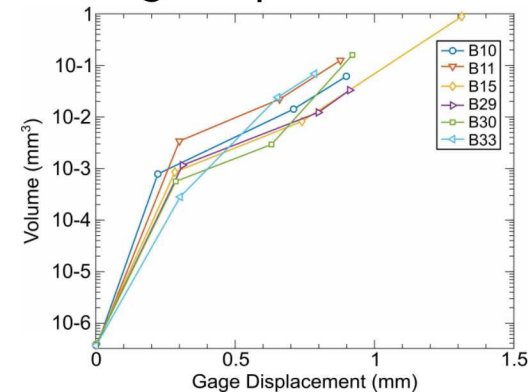
Despite variation in crack volume evolution between regions, agglomerate volume evolution does not greatly vary between specimens, much like mechanical response.

| Goal: |
| :--: |
| Deconvolve influence of several variables including void size, void location, void population, surface roughness, and geometric features on overall part performance. |

Various SFC3 Cases to Experimentally Study:

◦ Case 1: AM-built structure with only the through-hole and angled channel features;

◦ Case 2: AM-built tensile bar with surface roughness removed and the through-hole and angled channel features machined into the part;

◦ Case 3: a wrought-metal tensile bar with the through-hole and angled channel features machined into the part;

◦ Case 4: Case 1 that has undergone Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP); and

◦ Case 5: Case 2 that has undergone HIP.

Additional Cases:

◦ Different geometric feature sizes relative to void sizes;

◦ Geometries with only one or two feature; and

◦ Many more!

SFC3 Geometry Denoted Features
To Be Removed
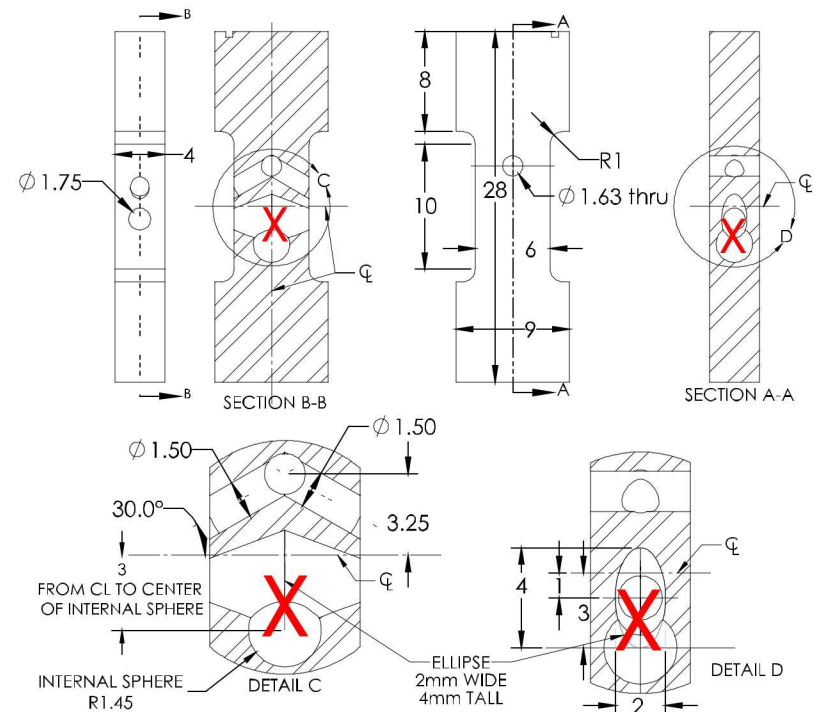
Conclusions

Geometry Dominates Global Behavior in SFC3 Specimens:
Metrics of the pre-existing void population do not correlate with the global mechanical behavior of the SFC3 specimens, but rather the large stress concentrations from the geometry overwhelmingly dominate the global behavior.
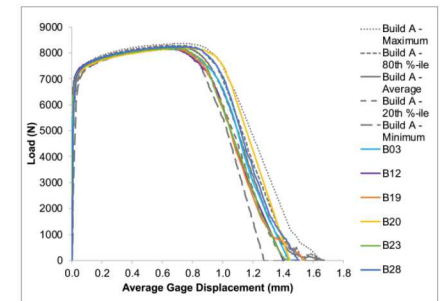
Voids Influence Local Crack Initiation and Growth:
Voids and surface defects influence local crack initiation and growth by introducing variation in crack initiation site in some cases and deviation from initial crack path to intersect voids.
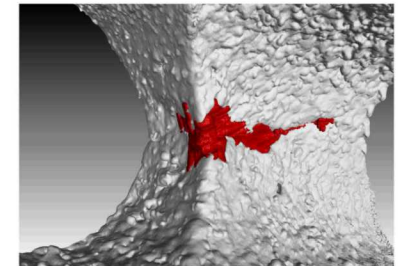
Open Question: When Do Voids or Geometry Dominate?
Future work is required to deconvolve influence of several variables including void size, void location, void population, surface roughness, and geometric features on overall part performance.