

# Mesoscale models to understand material variability and damage evolution

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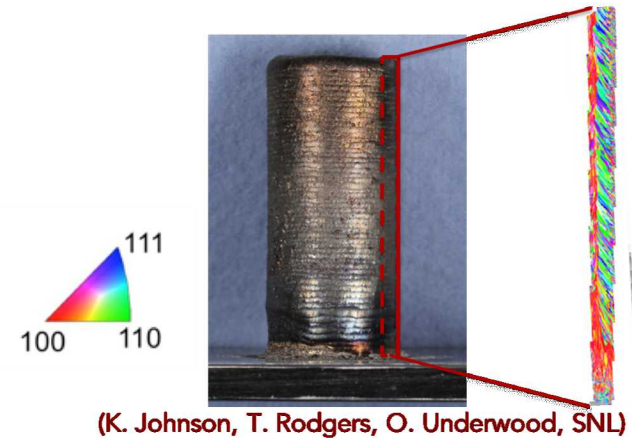
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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction: Why Mesoscale Models?
- Case Study 1: Thermal damage in propellants
- Case Study 2: Microstructure variability in additively manufactured metals
- Case Study 3: Damage evolution in elastic syntactic foams
- Conclusions



- Propellants:
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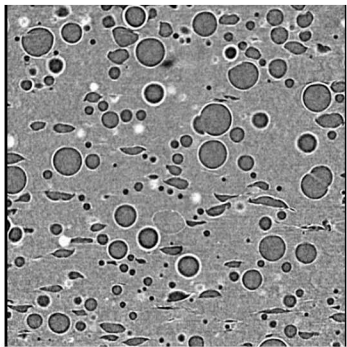
# Mesoscale Phenomena in Materials

- Mesoscale— *an intermediate scale*

## Mesoscale Process

## Macroscale Response

Material Failure



Local damage evolution

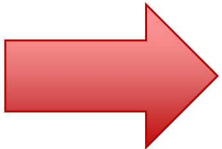
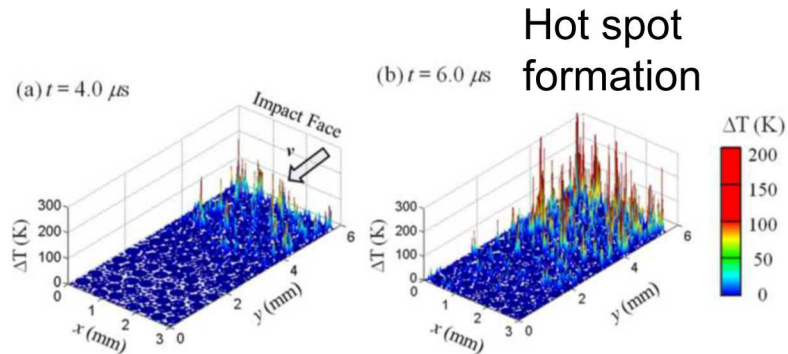


Figure 7. Shear cracks formed during plateau region on syntactic foam. Ahmadi et al., 2014

Shock Initiation of Explosives



Hot spot formation



A. Barua, S. Kim, Y. Horie, M. Zhou, J. App. Phys. 113 (2013) 064906.

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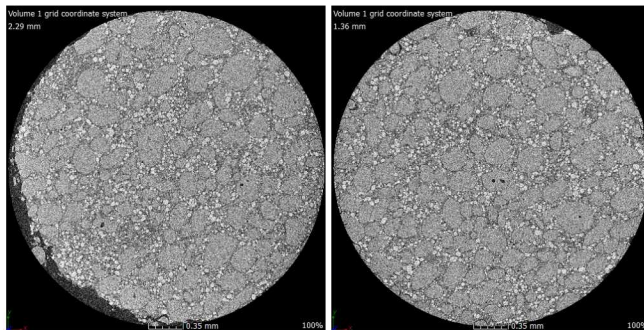
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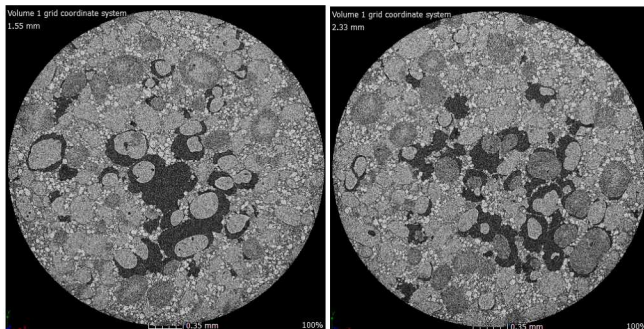
- Why do we care?
  - Thermal Damage can result in increased reaction violence in cookoff (faster flame spread, convective combustion, DDT)
  - Hypothesis: connected porosity leads to these effects

AP/HTPB propellant

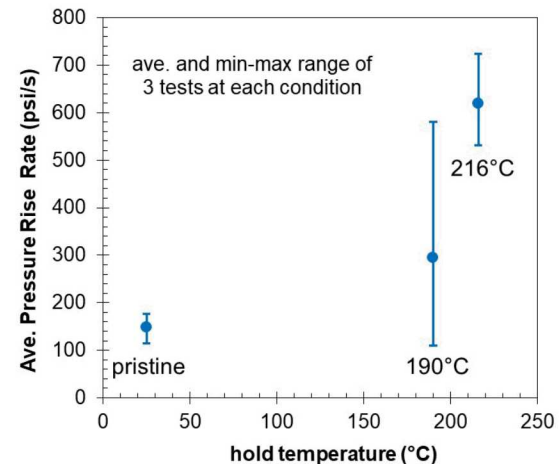
Pristine



2 hrs. at  
216°C



Average pressure rise rate  
(3 tests at each condition)

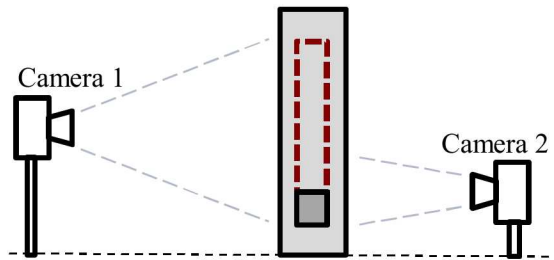


- Implied ~4x burn rate enhancement over pristine with 216°C hold



# Thermal Damage Visualization (TDV) Test\*

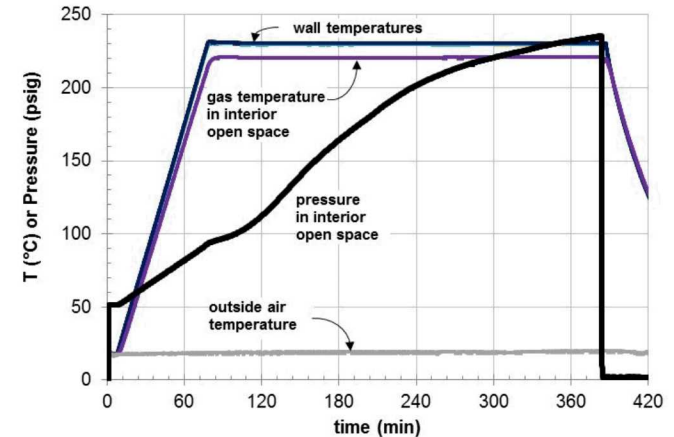
Schematic of TDV



Propellant in TDV Apparatus



Temperature and Pressure History



## • Solid Propellant Material:

- AP + Al + HTPB (IPDI cured) + aziridine bonding agent
- Trimodal AP particle size distribution (majority is 400  $\mu\text{m}$ )

## • Test Procedure:

- Test device sealed, initially 50 psi (3.4 MPa) argon.
- Heated to 230°C at 3°C/min, then hold
- Test went for ~5 hrs. with no ignition.
- Heat was cut off and pressure released.

initial state    at hold (230°C)    hold +10 min    hold +20 min    hold +30 min    hold +40 min    hold +50 min    hold +1 hr    hold +2 hr    hold +3 hr    hold +4 hr    hold +5 hr    pressure released



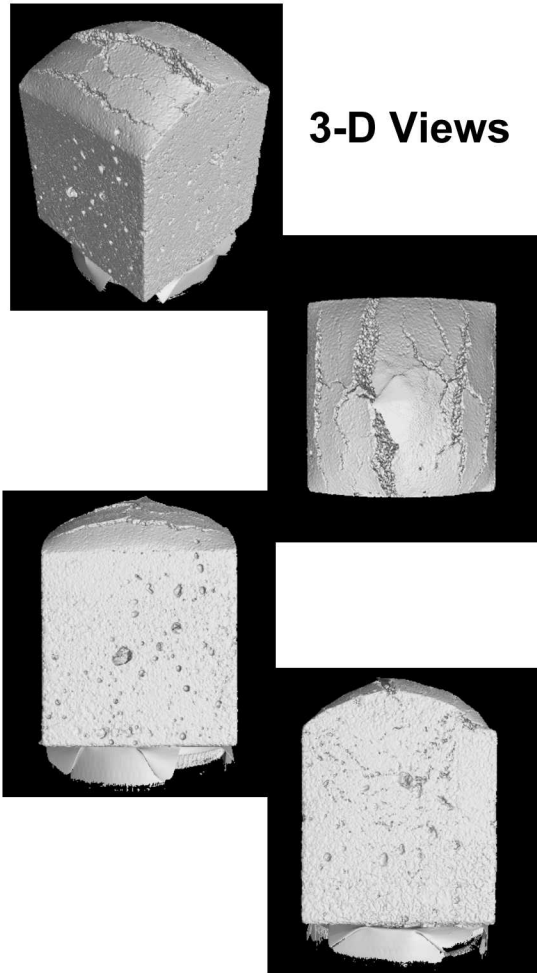
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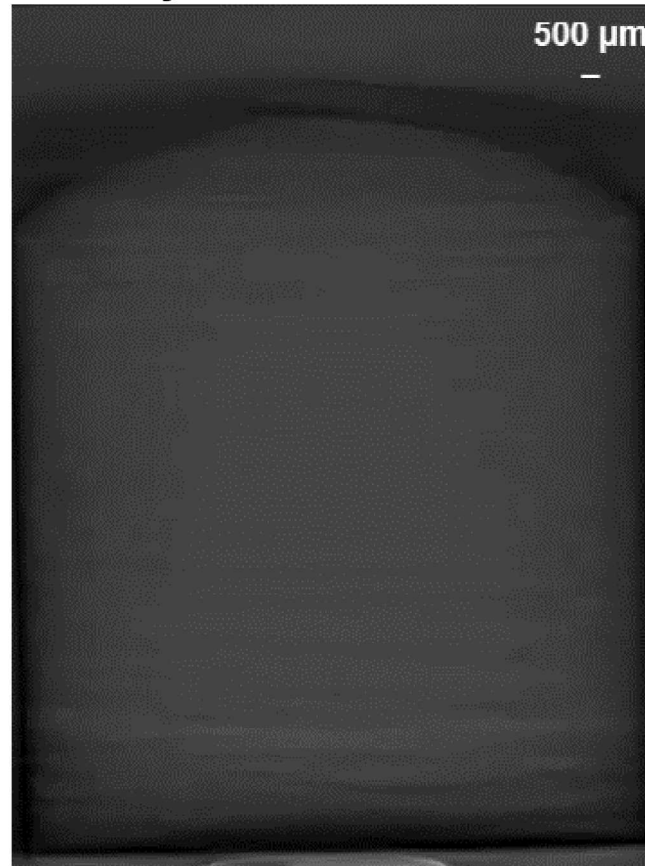
# Thermal Damage Visualization CT Scan\*

CT Scan of quenched sample from TDV test (pixel size  $\sim 44 \mu\text{m}$ )  
Material has large AP crystals (mostly  $400 \mu\text{m}$ )

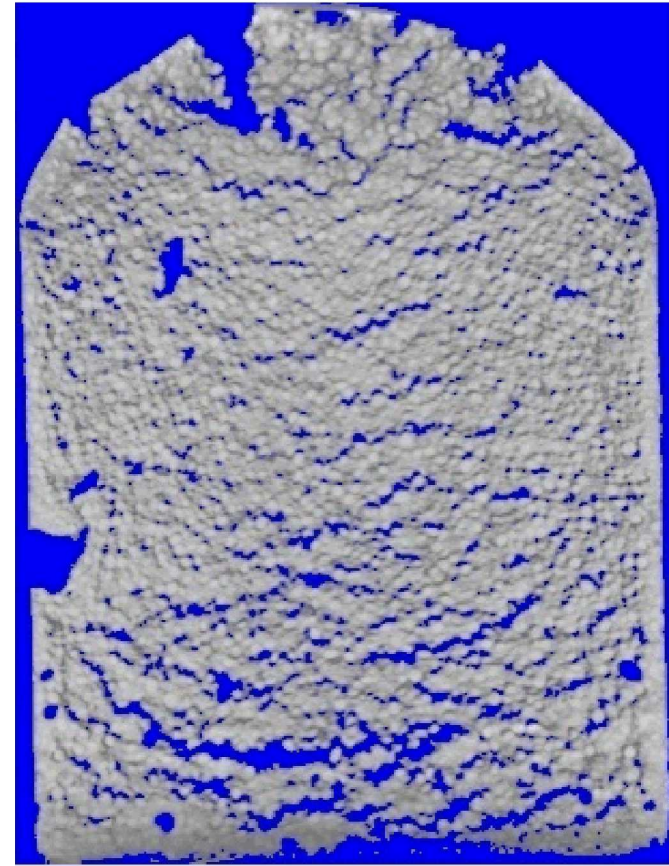
3-D Views



Grayscale Sliced View



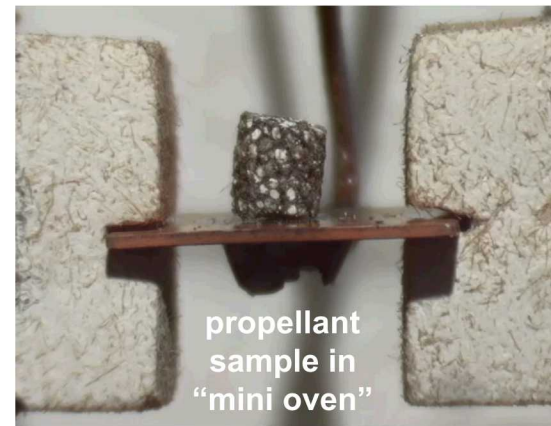
Threshold Applied (blue = void)



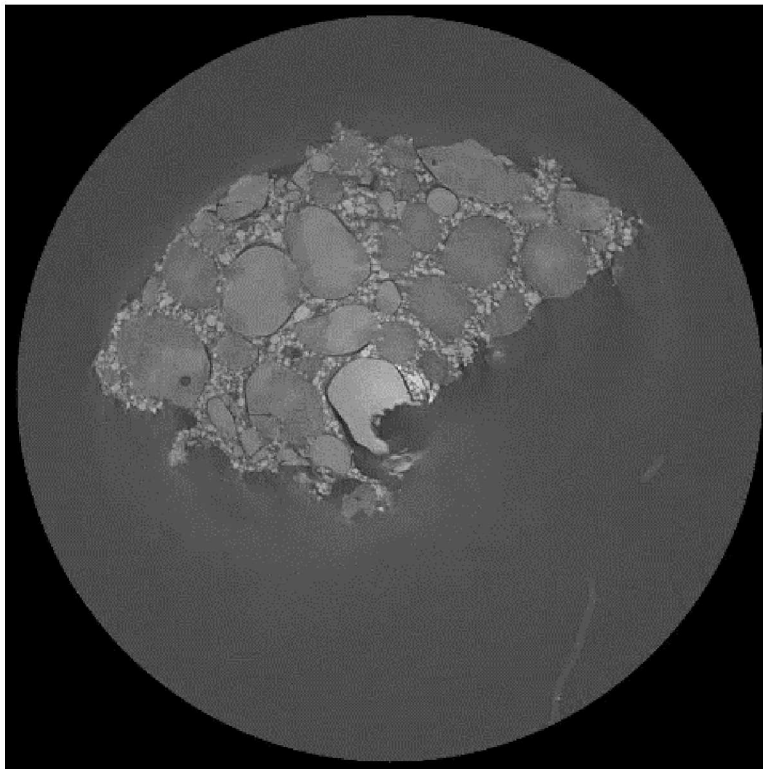
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# High Resolution CT Scans

- Small propellant sample (3.2 mm x 3.2 mm cylinder)
- heated unconfined in “mini-oven” at constant temperature for 2 hrs.
- CT scan performed on cooled samples.



2 hr. at 215°C (3.4  $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ )



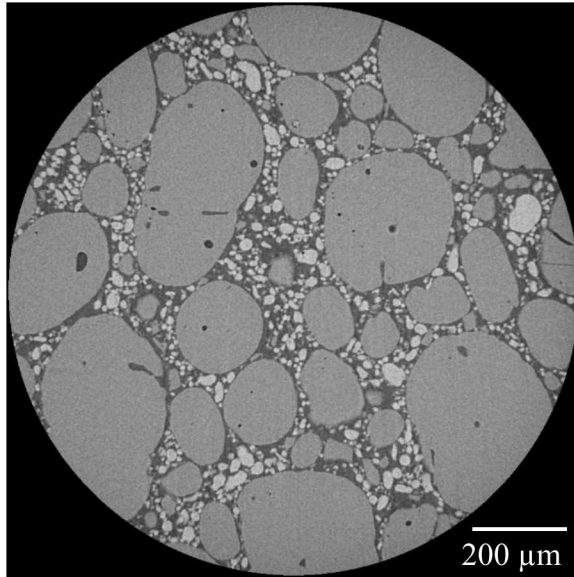
2 hr. at 240°C (3.4  $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ )



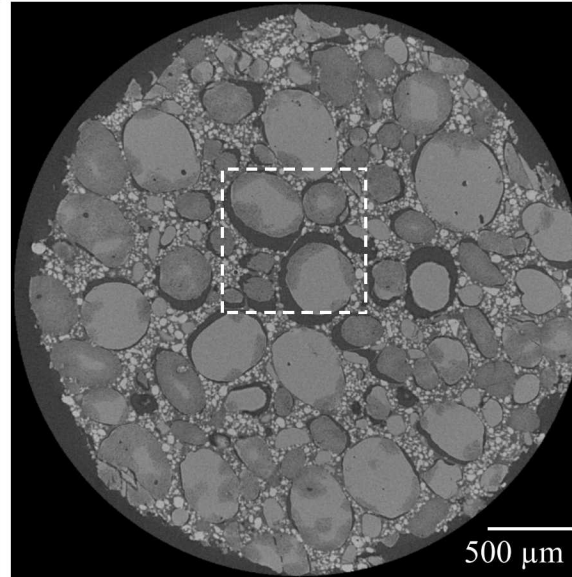


# Effect of Temperature

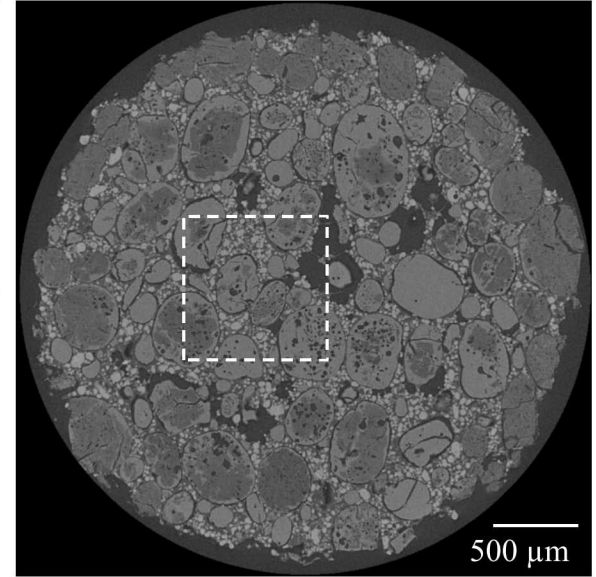
Pristine (1.24  $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ )



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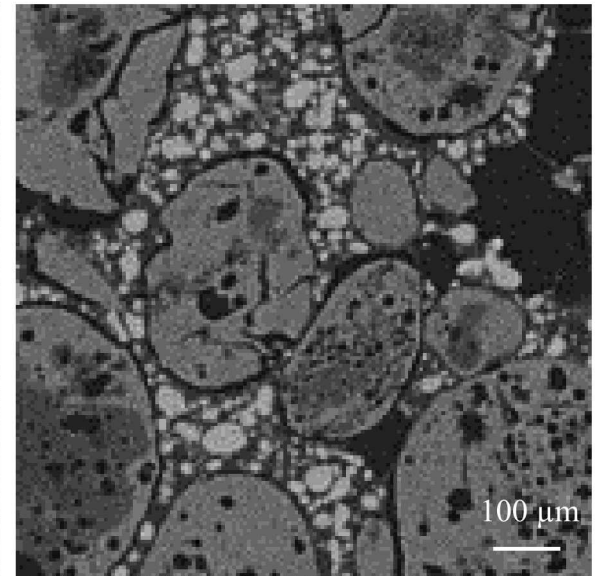
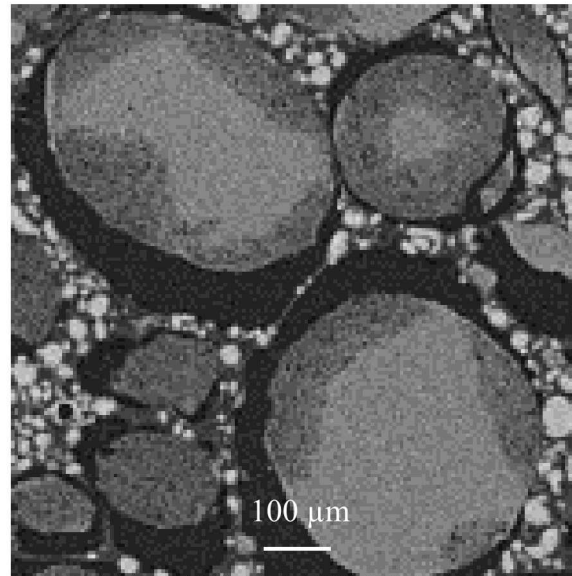


## 215°C Observations

- crescent-shaped voids around particles; more voids toward the center of sample
- two-tone gray of particles shows inner region is pristine; outer is porous

## 240°C Observations

- particles exhibit cracking
- much more porosity within the particles
- porosity outside particles hasn't changed much compared to 215°C

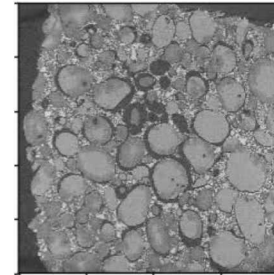


# Connected Porosity in High Resolution Scans

- Python-based script using open source libraries (*NumPy*, *scikit-image*, *SciPy*) was used to:

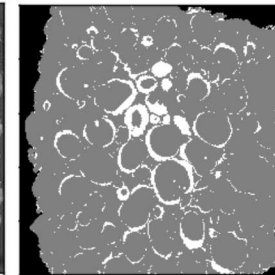
- Remove noise, threshold, remove small features
- Identify connected clusters (connected components labeling algorithm)
- Determine porosity and pore surface area statistics (marching cubes algorithm)
- Examine percolation characteristics

CT scan  
Grayscale

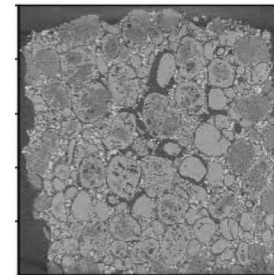
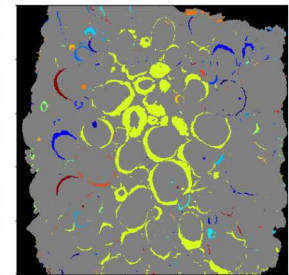


215°C  
sample

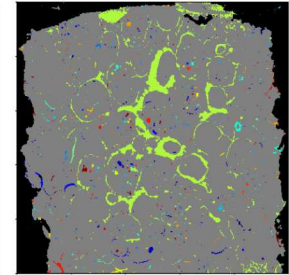
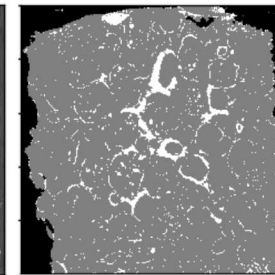
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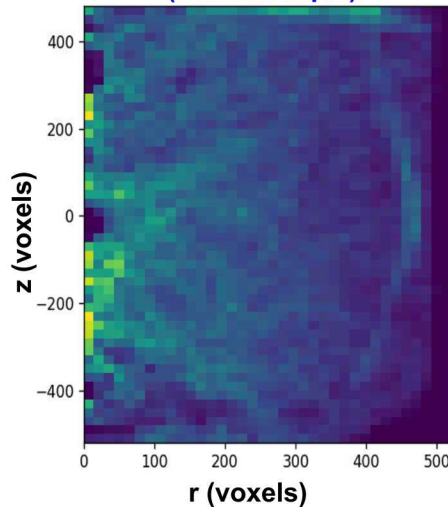
Connected  
Pore Clusters



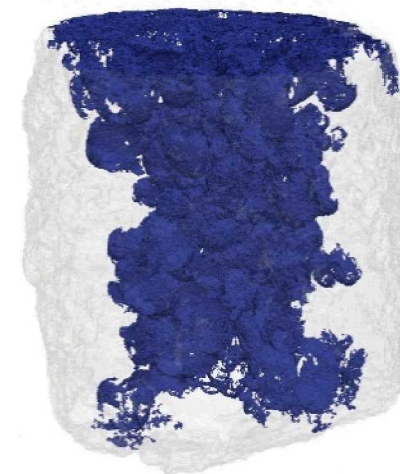
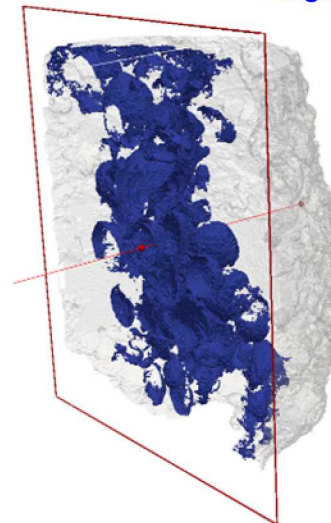
240°C  
sample



Porosity Map  
(215°C sample)



Largest Connected Cluster  
(215°C sample)

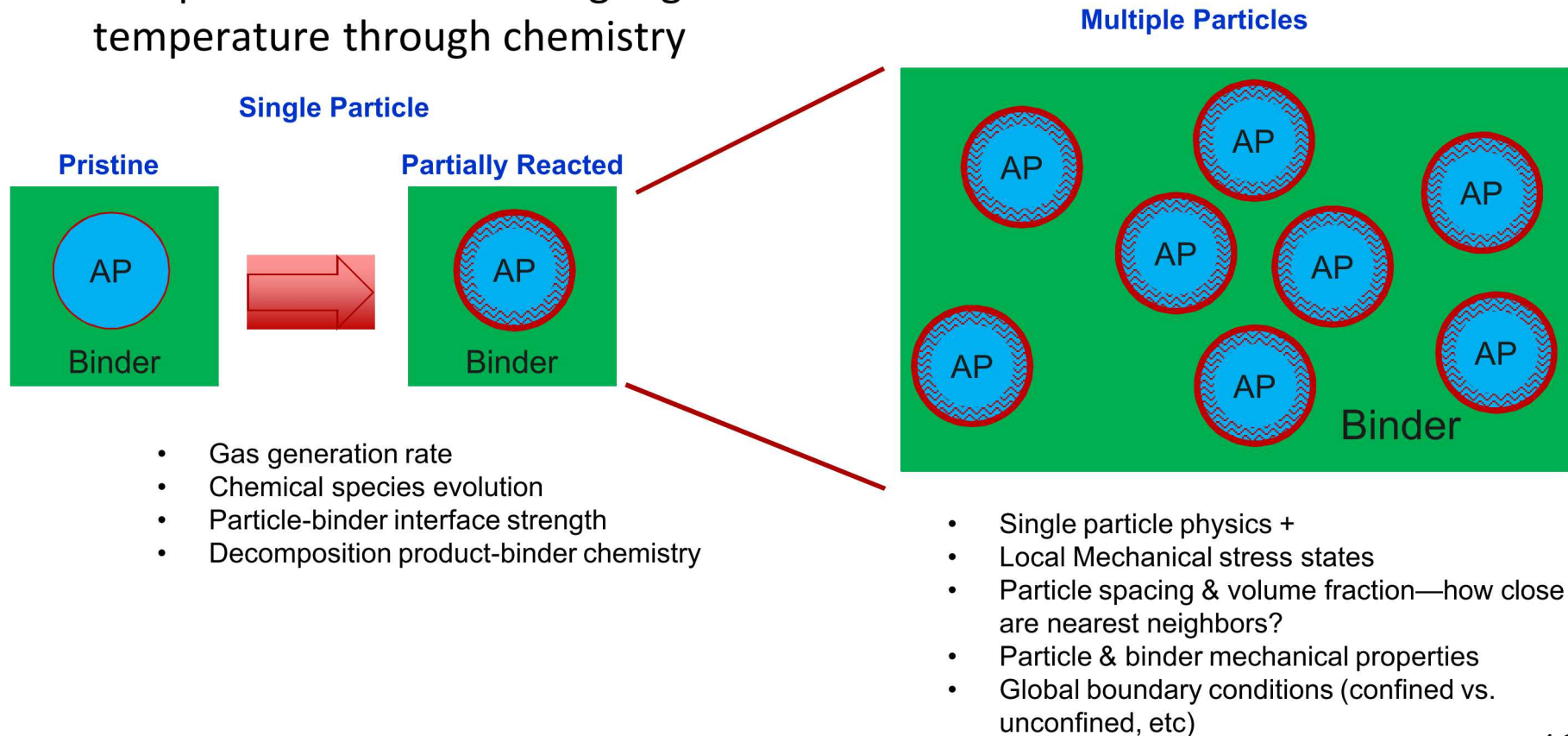




# Mesoscale Model of Thermal Damage

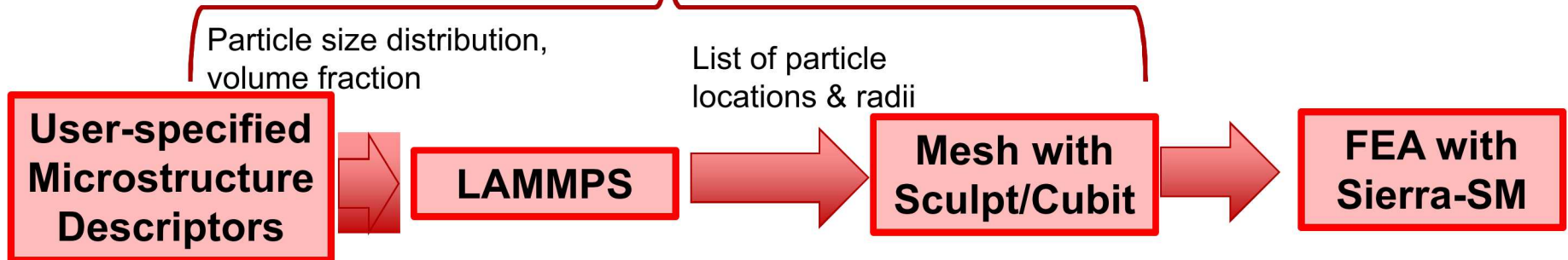
## Objectives:

- Predict evolution of connected porosity
- determine physics factors contributing to porosity evolution & void coalescence
- Link pressure evolution to gas generation rates and temperature through chemistry



# Mesoscale Modeling Workflow

## ■ Synthetic Microstructure Model Generation



**LAMMPS**—Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator

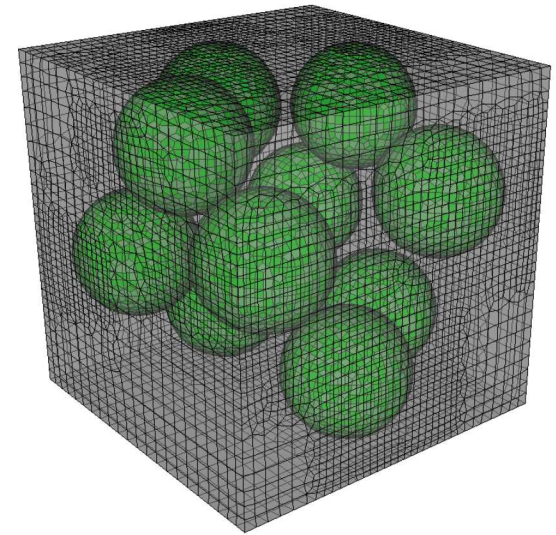
<http://lammps.sandia.gov>

**Sculpt**—Meshing tool that generates automated all-hex mesh

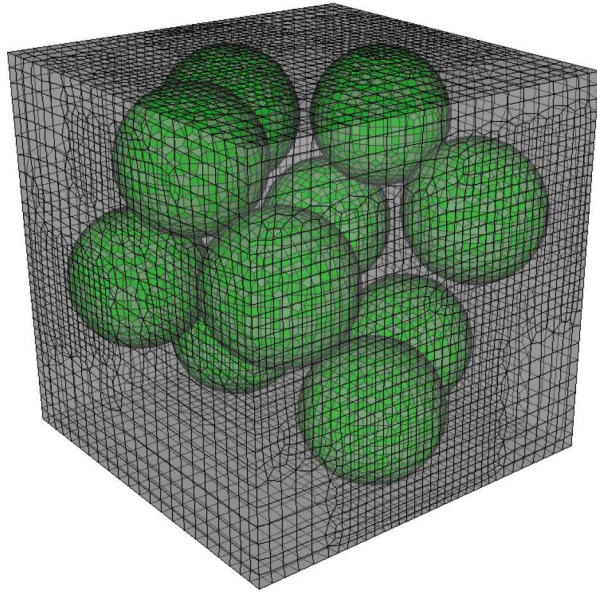
S.J. Owen, **J.A. Brown**, C.D. Ernst, H. Lim, K.N. Long,  
“Hexahedral Mesh Generation for 3D Computational Materials Modeling,” *Procedia Engineering*, 203, (2017), pp. 167-179.

**Sierra Mechanics**—Finite element software, large deformations, multi-physics coupling

[https://www.sandia.gov/asc/integrated\\_codes.html](https://www.sandia.gov/asc/integrated_codes.html)



# Finite Element Model

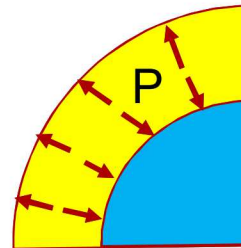


- Elastic-plastic model for AP pellets
- viscoelastic model for binder
- cohesive zone model to represent the bonded interface between particle & binder

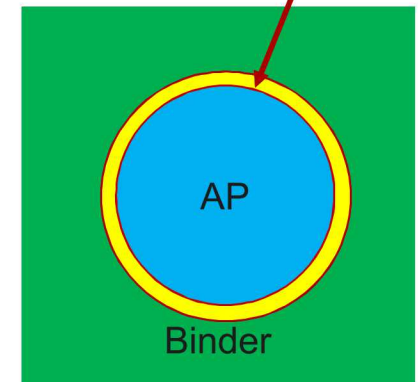
Approximately tuned to AP/HTPB properties & bond strength

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

Apply pressure boundary condition at particle-binder cohesive zone interfaces



Cohesive zone elements





# Gas Generation Rates

- Ideal gas law holds:  $P = \frac{nRT}{V}$
- At low temperatures, AP decomposition follows a **sigmoidal pattern** (induction, acceleration, deceleration), with a **max. decomposition level** (typically 30%).
- First-cut representation of the gas generation (moles per time) we assume:

- 1 mol AP  $\rightarrow$  4 moles gas ( $N_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , ...)
- Experimental data for decomposition ( $d\alpha/dt$ ) taken at one temperature was related to other temperatures by assuming:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = f(\alpha)k(T)$$

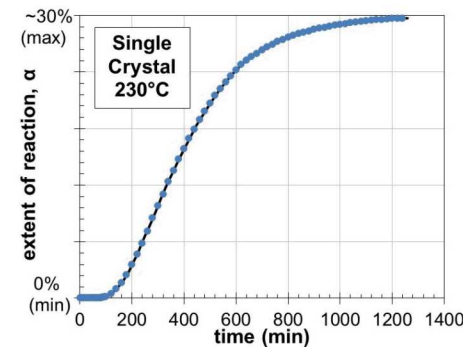
$$k(T) = Ae^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$$

$\alpha$  is extent of reaction

$f(\alpha)$  is a reaction model (sigmoidal behavior)  $E_a = 80 \text{ kJ/mol}$   
( $E_a$  chosen at 80 kJ/mol)

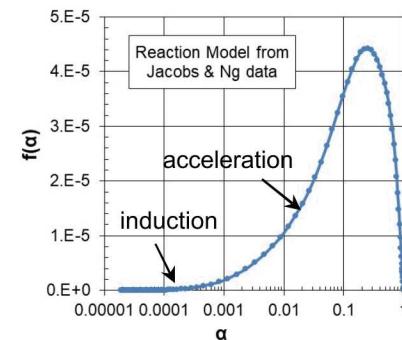
- Moles of gas evolved per particle,  $n(t)$  is directly proportional to  $\alpha(t)$ . Calculated for 190, 215 and 240°C.

AP Decomposition Data

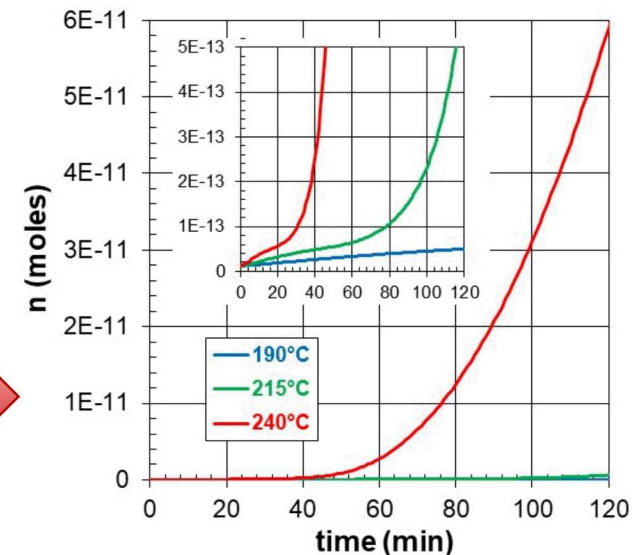


Jacobs & Ng, *Proc. of 7th Int'l. Symp. on the Reactivity of Solids*, Bristol, England: Chapman and Hall, 398-410 (1972).

AP Rxn. Model



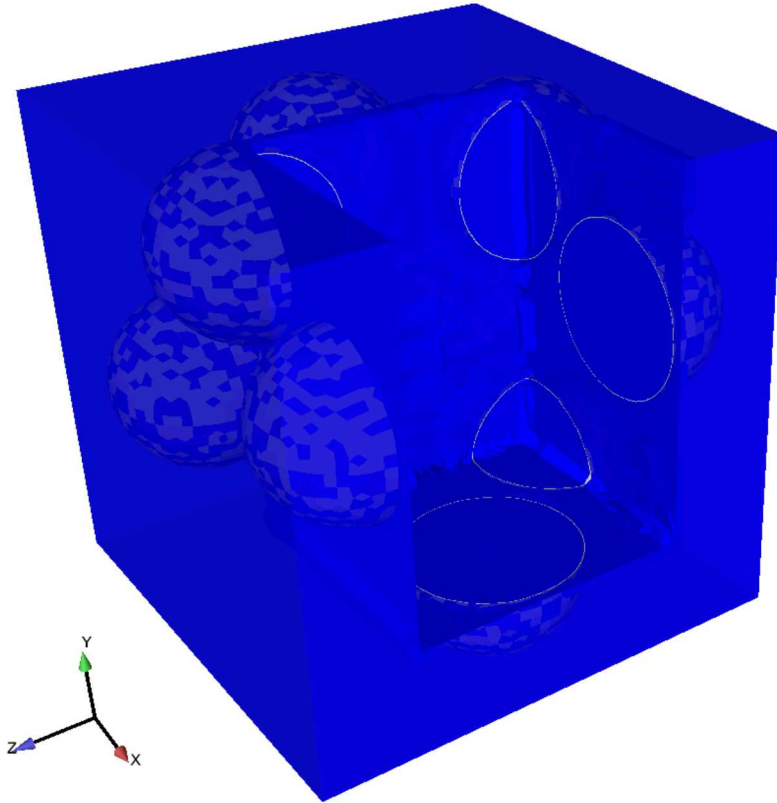
Gas Evolved for 400  $\mu\text{m}$  AP particle



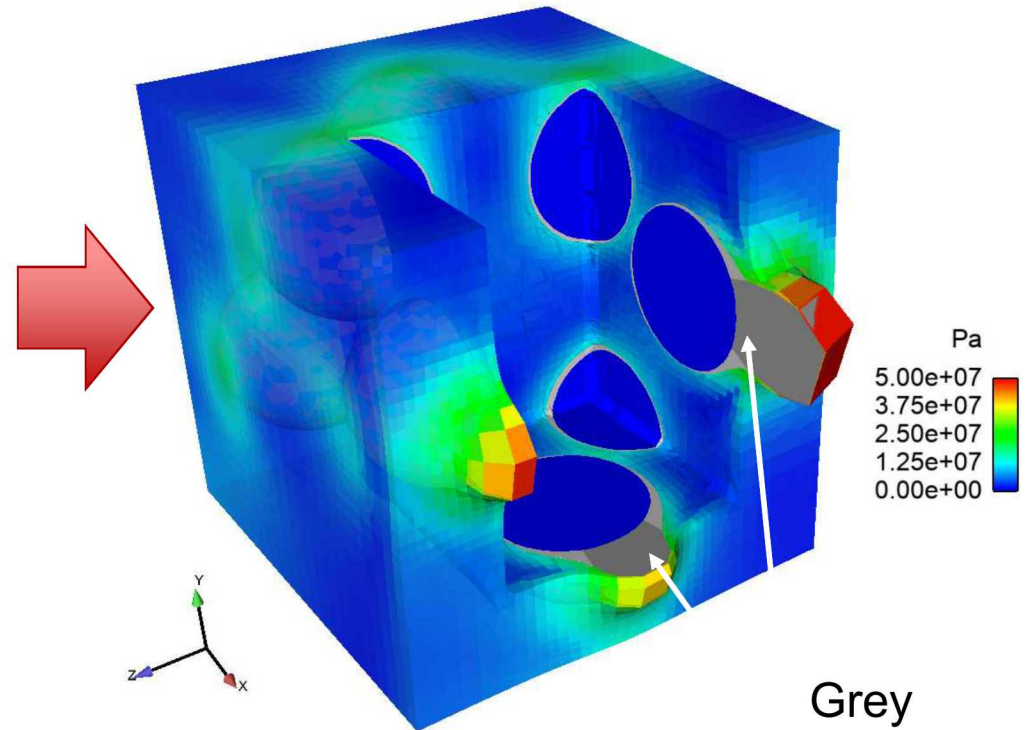


# Porosity Evolution

Pristine



85 min at 240C



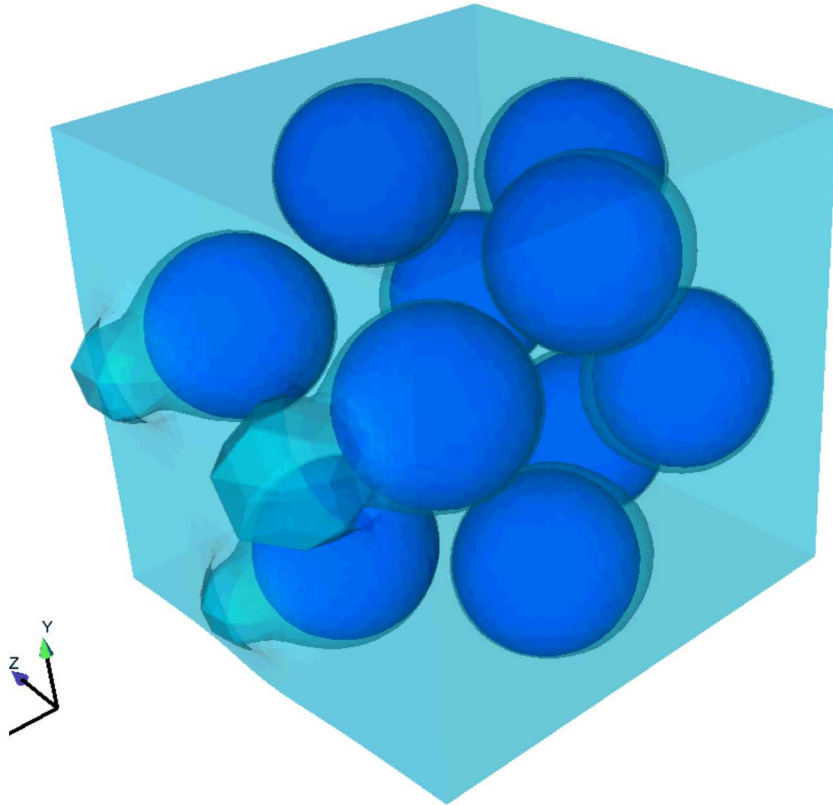
Grey  
region is  
void

- High stress regions form in-between particles as gas pressure increases
- A free surface allows large deformation of binder and would likely result in venting

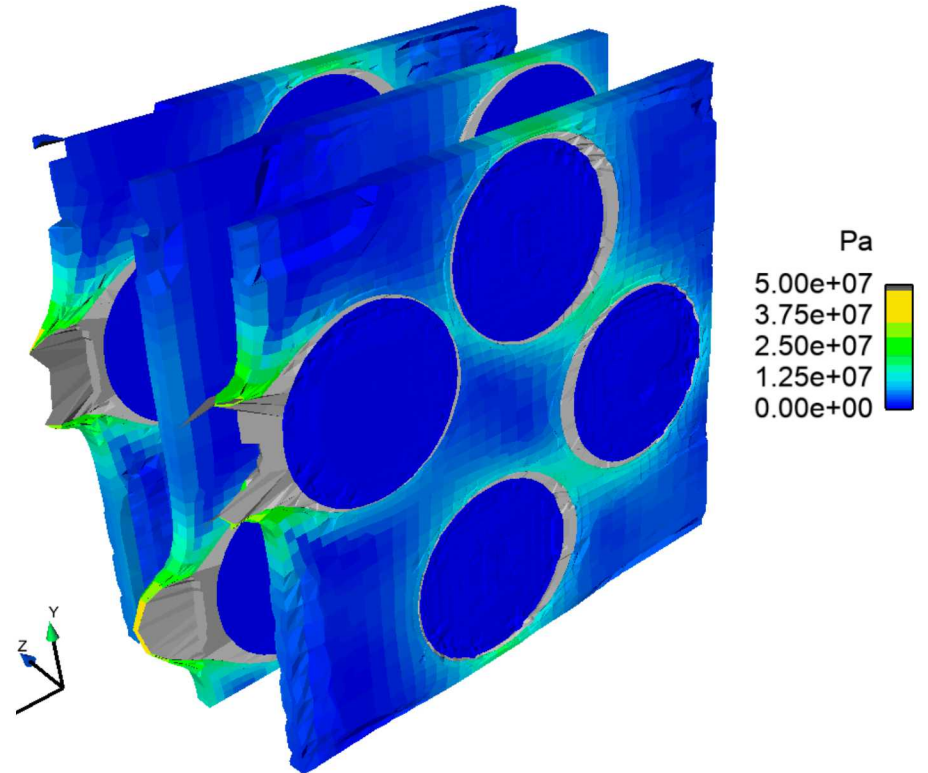
# Porosity Evolution

85 min at 240C

3D view (transparent matrix)



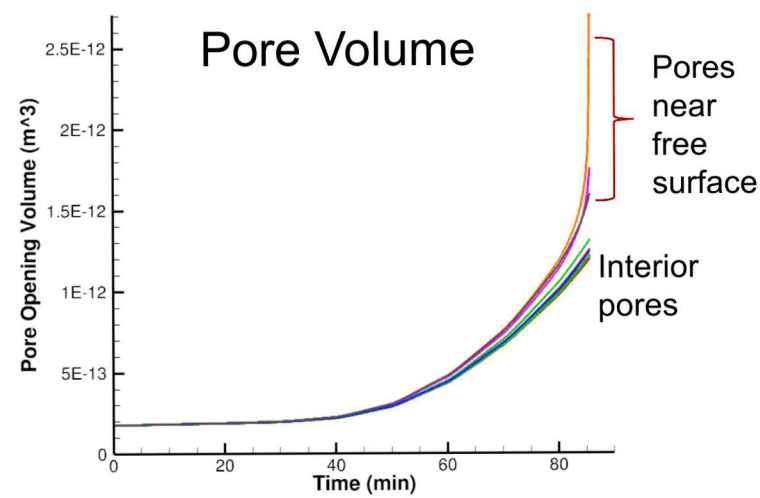
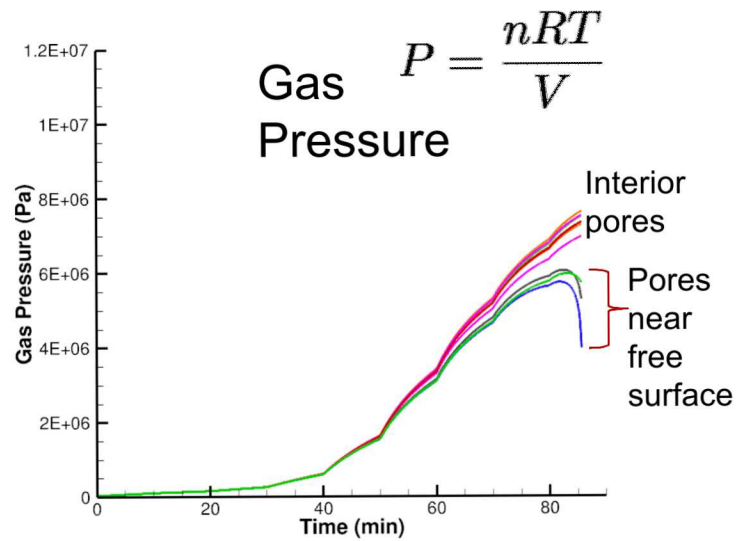
2D slices along Z axis



# Pressure and Pore-Volume Histories

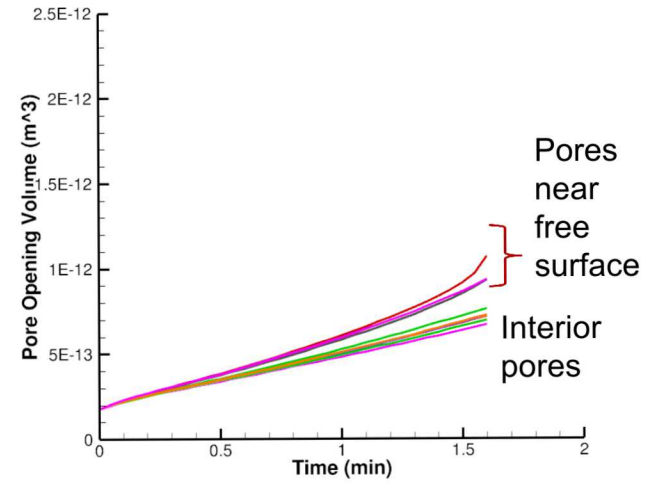
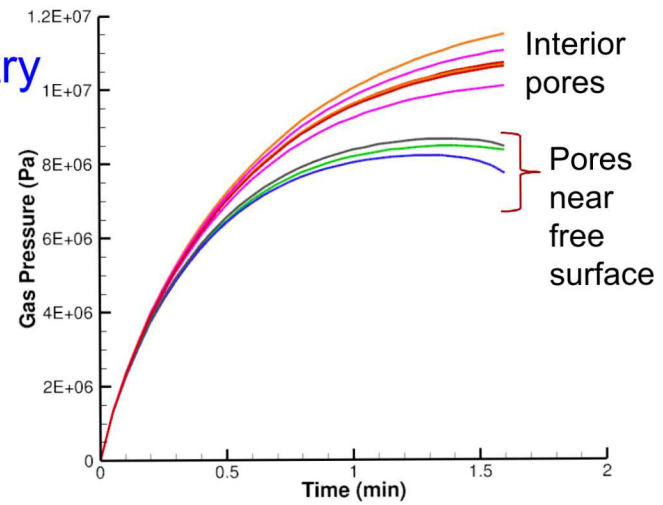
With Chemistry

$$n = f(\alpha, t, T)$$



Without Chemistry

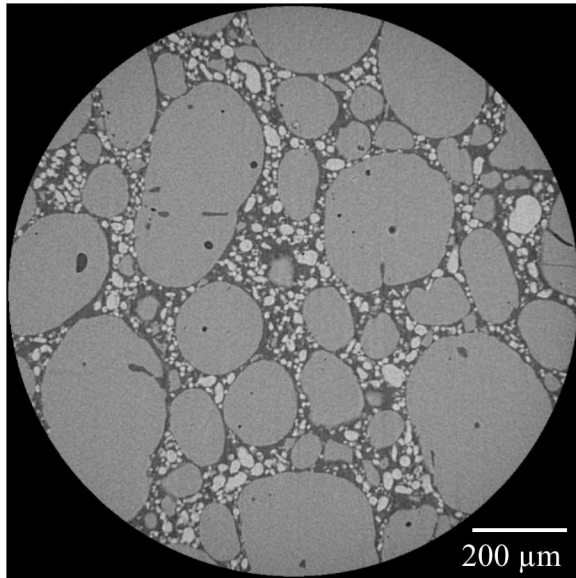
$$n = \text{constant}$$



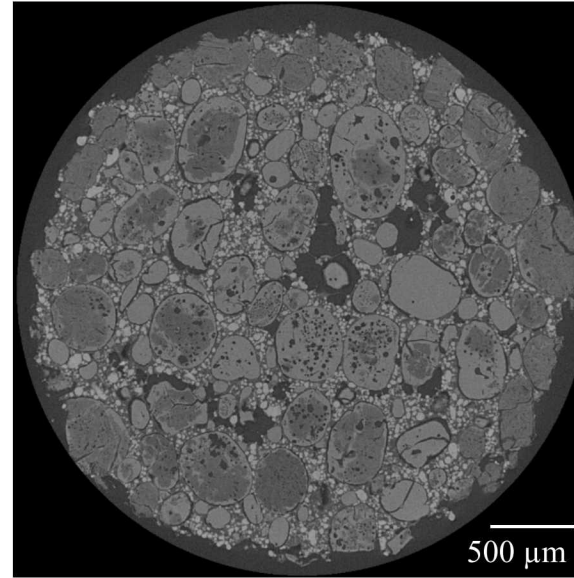


# Comparison of Model and Experiment

Pristine (1.24  $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ )

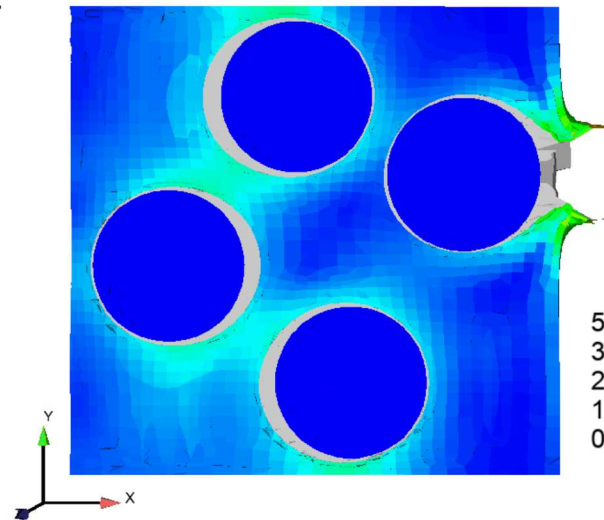
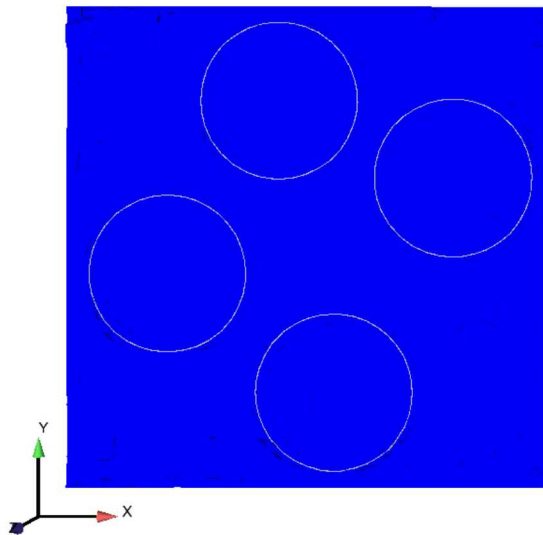


2 hr. at 240°C (3.4  $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ )

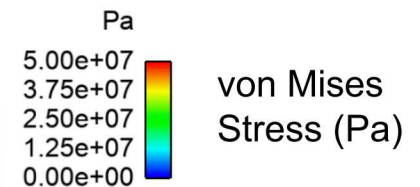


- Observations from CT scan images show **crescent-shaped voids** surrounding the particles; presumably from decomposition gases trapped in the gas-tight binder

Model cross-section



**crescent-shaped voids** develop with preference toward regions of lower stress





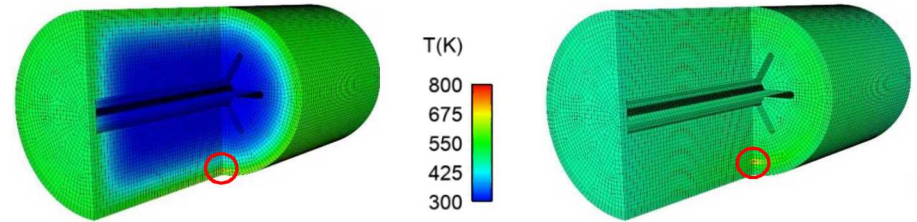
# Informing Macroscale Cookoff Models

- Two Test cases with simplified geometry (pseudo rocket motor)
  - Slow Heating (15°C/hr. rate),
  - Fast Heating (800 K radiant source)
- Locations with **extent of rxn. > 0.75%** were deemed “damaged” (mesoscale sims) and given a **4x burn enhancement** value (from combustion bomb measurements).

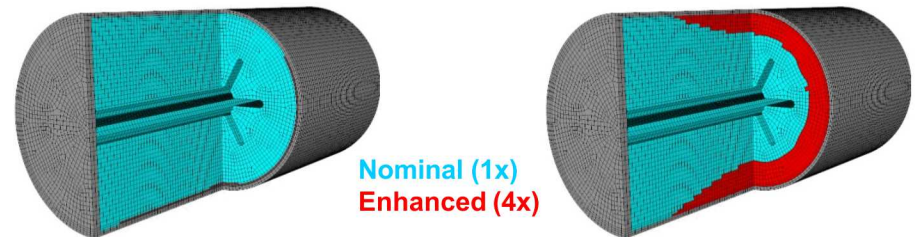
**Fast Heating**  
(13.8 min.,  $T_{\text{wall}} = 336^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

**Slow Heating**  
(13.9 hr.,  $T_{\text{wall}} = 233^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

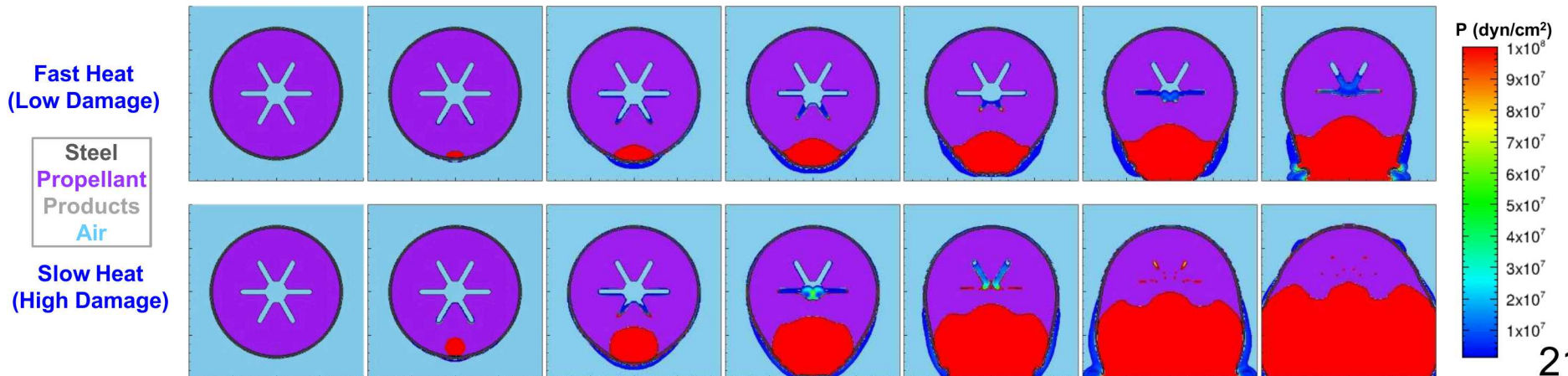
Temperature at Ignition



Burn Rate Enhancement



2D Slice of Pressure & Materials (20  $\mu\text{s}$  image spacing)



## Summary:

- High-resolution CT scans show crescent-shaped voids form around large AP particles
  - Significant amount of connected (percolating) porosity
- Model predicts crescent-shaped voids develop with preference toward regions of lower stress
  - governed by global boundary conditions and local nearest-neighbor distances

## Future Work:

- Add failure criteria for binder material—growth of connected porosity
- Add failure criteria for AP particles—particle cracking
- Extend approach to include larger volumes, experimentally determined particle size distributions

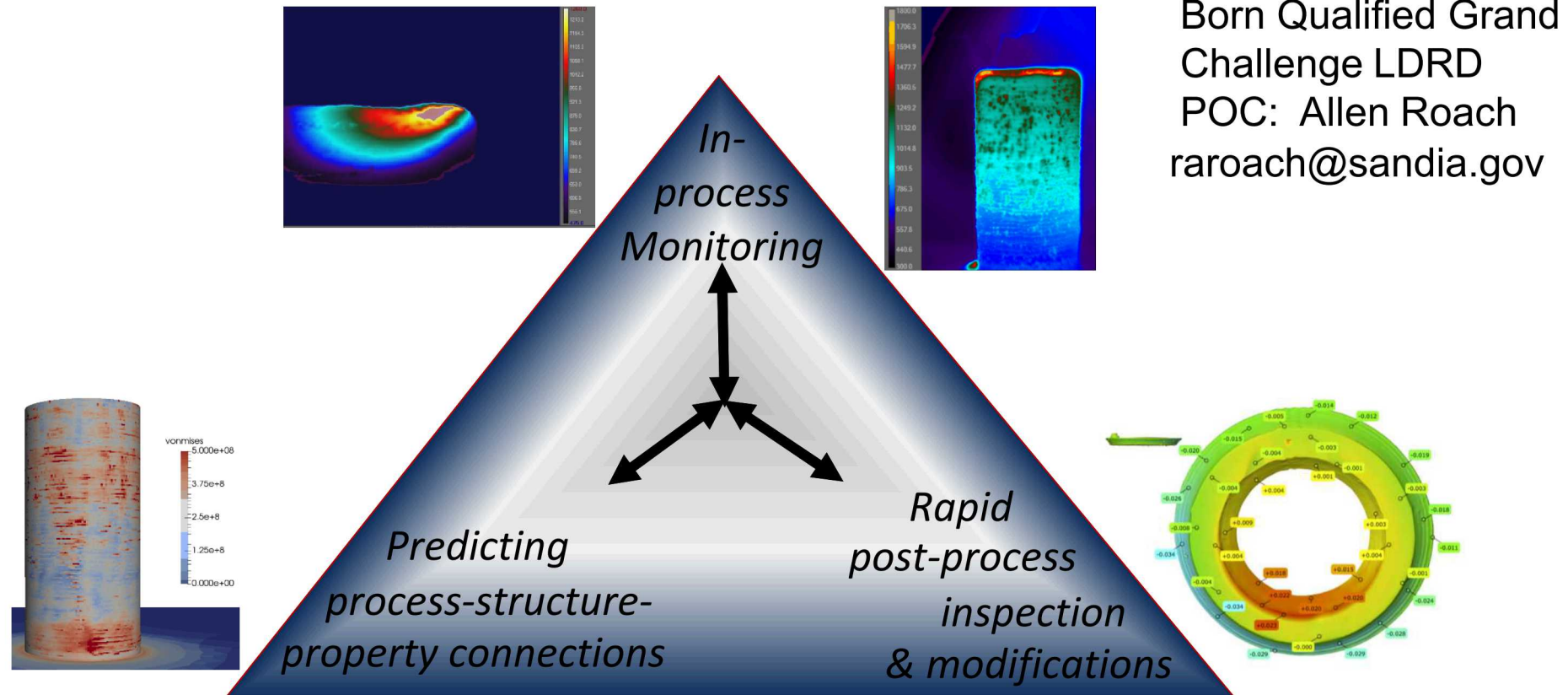
# Accounting for Microstructure Variability in Additively Manufactured Metals

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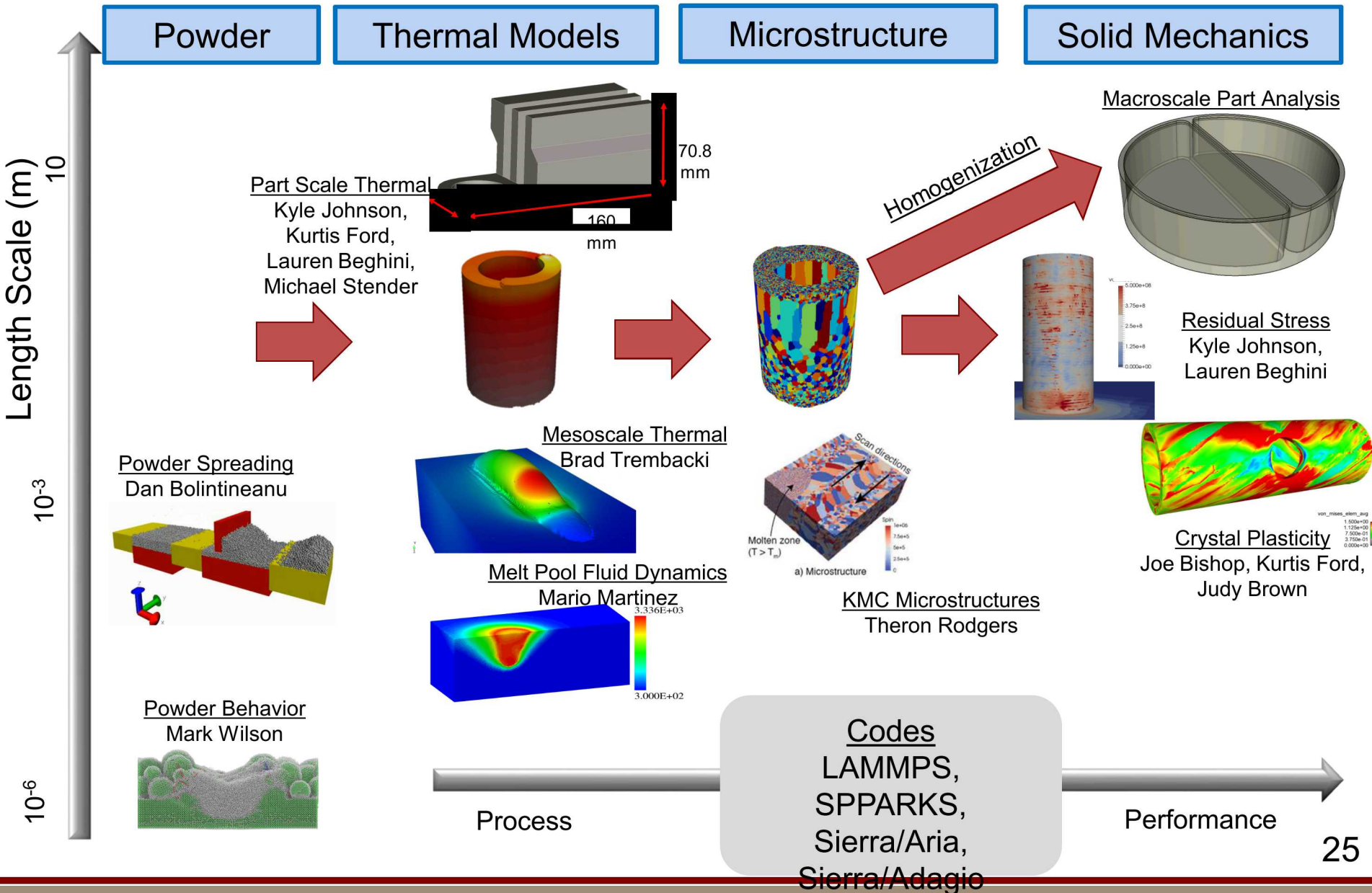


# AM for Design Paradigm Change

- Sandia is developing an assurance capability that is rapid, flexible, and practical that exploits disruptive capabilities of Additive Manufacturing
- Develop deep materials & process understanding by integrating validated, predictive capability with real-time and ex-situ diagnostics to realize Uncertainty Quantification driven qualification of design and process



# AM Modeling Efforts at Sandia



Powder

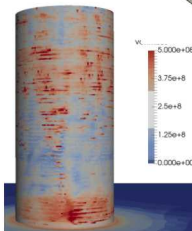
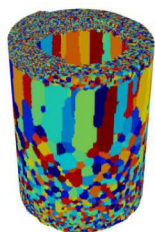
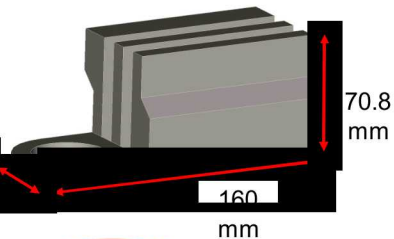
Thermal Models

Microstructure

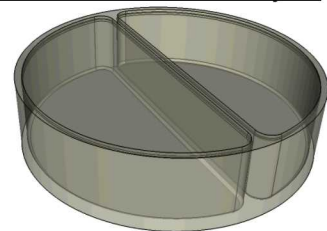
Solid Mechanics

Length Scale (m)  
10  
10<sup>-3</sup>  
10<sup>-6</sup>

Part Scale Thermal  
Kyle Johnson,  
Kurtis Ford,  
Lauren Beghini,  
Michael Stender

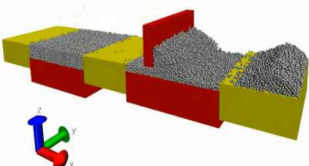


Macroscale Part Analysis

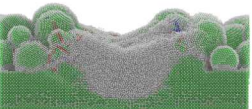


Residual Stress  
Kyle Johnson,  
Lauren Beghini

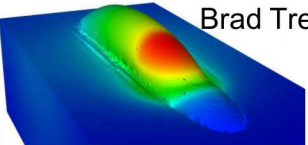
Powder Spreading  
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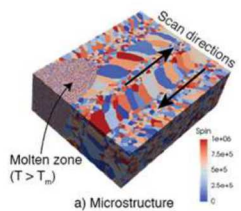
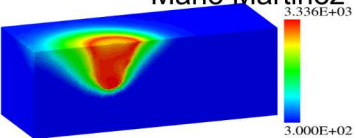
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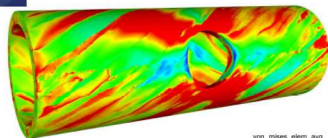
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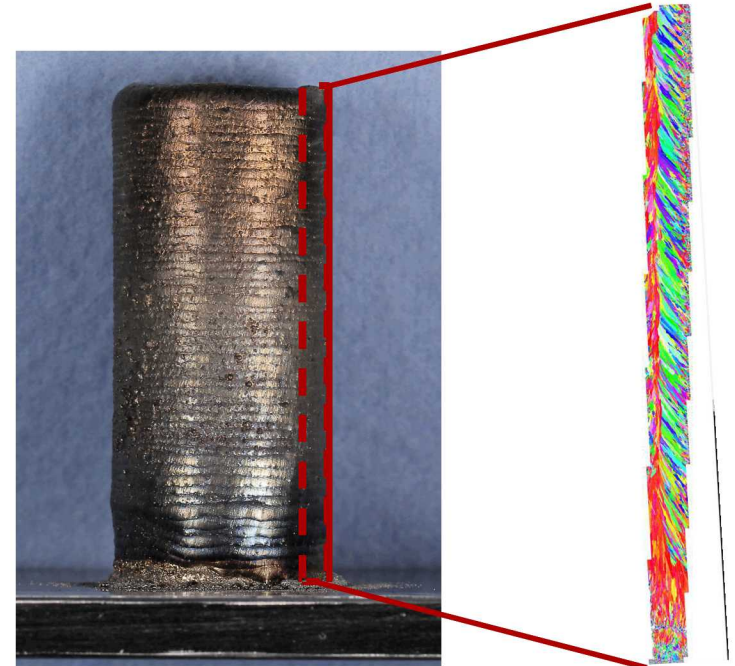
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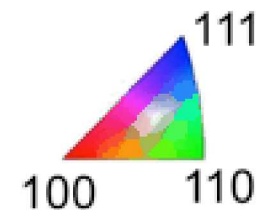
Performance

# Unique Microstructure in AM Structures

- Highly process-dependent: AM process, local thermal history, melt pool shape, scan pattern & velocity
- How should we choose material models for macroscale AM structures?
  - Is there part-scale texture/anisotropy?
  - Regions of local texture?
- Quantify errors introduced by simplified material models used for welds and AM structures
  - Model-form error estimation
  - Unknown/uncertain material properties
  - Effects of microstructural variability



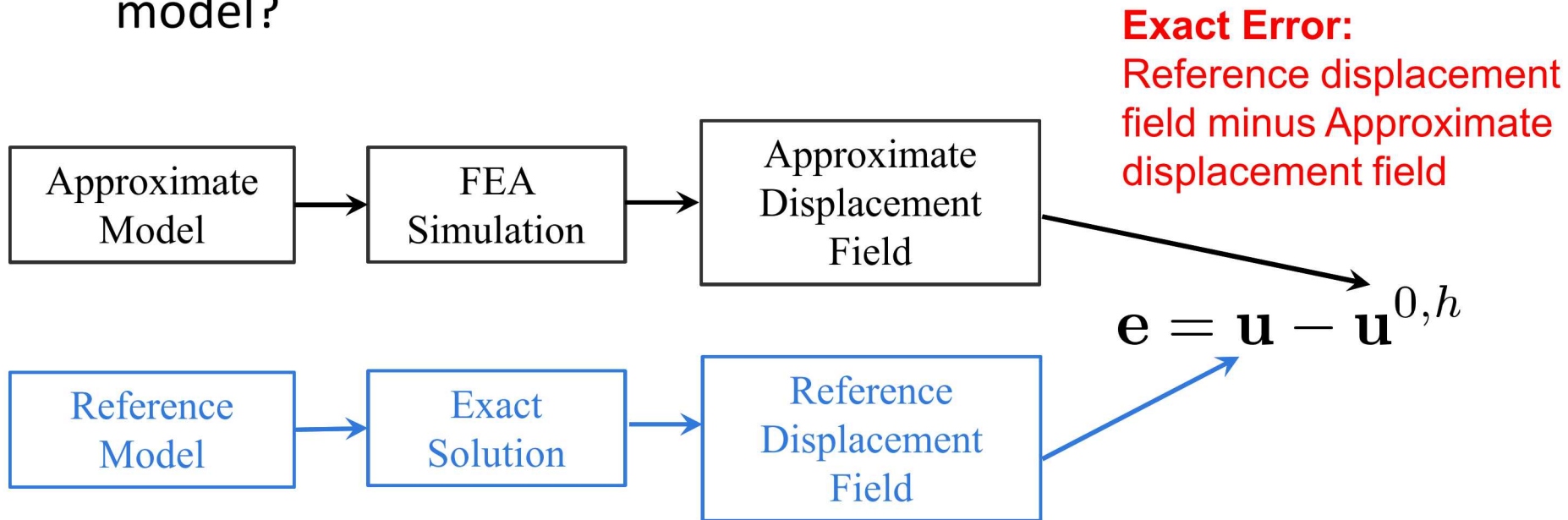
(K. Johnson, T. Rodgers, O. Underwood, SNL)





# A Posteriori Modeling Error

- What is error introduced by using an approximate material model?



$$\|\mathbf{e}\|_E = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{0,h}\|_E \leq \underbrace{\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^0\|_E}_{\text{Model-form error}} + \underbrace{\|\mathbf{u}^0 - \mathbf{u}^{0,h}\|_E}_{\text{Discretization error of approximate model}}$$

Model-form error      Discretization error of approximate model

# Error Estimation: Material Model Error

(Zohdi, Oden, Rodin, 1996, "Hierarchical modeling of heterogeneous bodies", CMAA)

**Energy Norm of Displacement Error**      **Approximate solution**      **Error Indicator**

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^0\|_E^2 \leq \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0 - \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}) : (\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0) d\Omega \approx \sum_{i=1}^N V_e \eta_i^2$$

displacement field using true material model: **generally unknown**

approximate displacement field from simplified or approximate material model

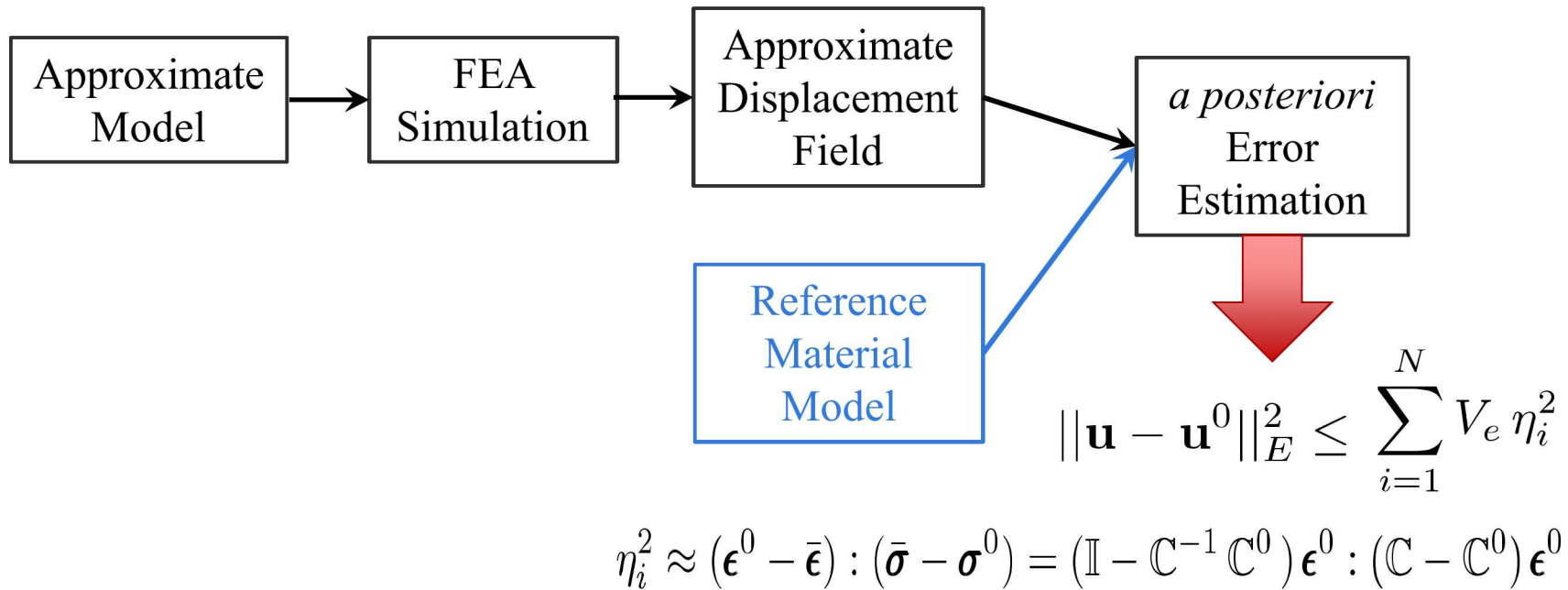
strain field resulting from approx. stress field but true material model

stress field resulting from approx. strain field but true material model

$$\eta_i^2 \approx (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0 - \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}) : (\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0) = (\mathbb{I} - \mathbb{C}^{-1} \mathbb{C}^0) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0 : (\mathbb{C} - \mathbb{C}^0) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0$$

- Key Point: Can bound error using only known quantities: approximate stress & strain fields and reference material properties

# Error Estimation: Material Model Error

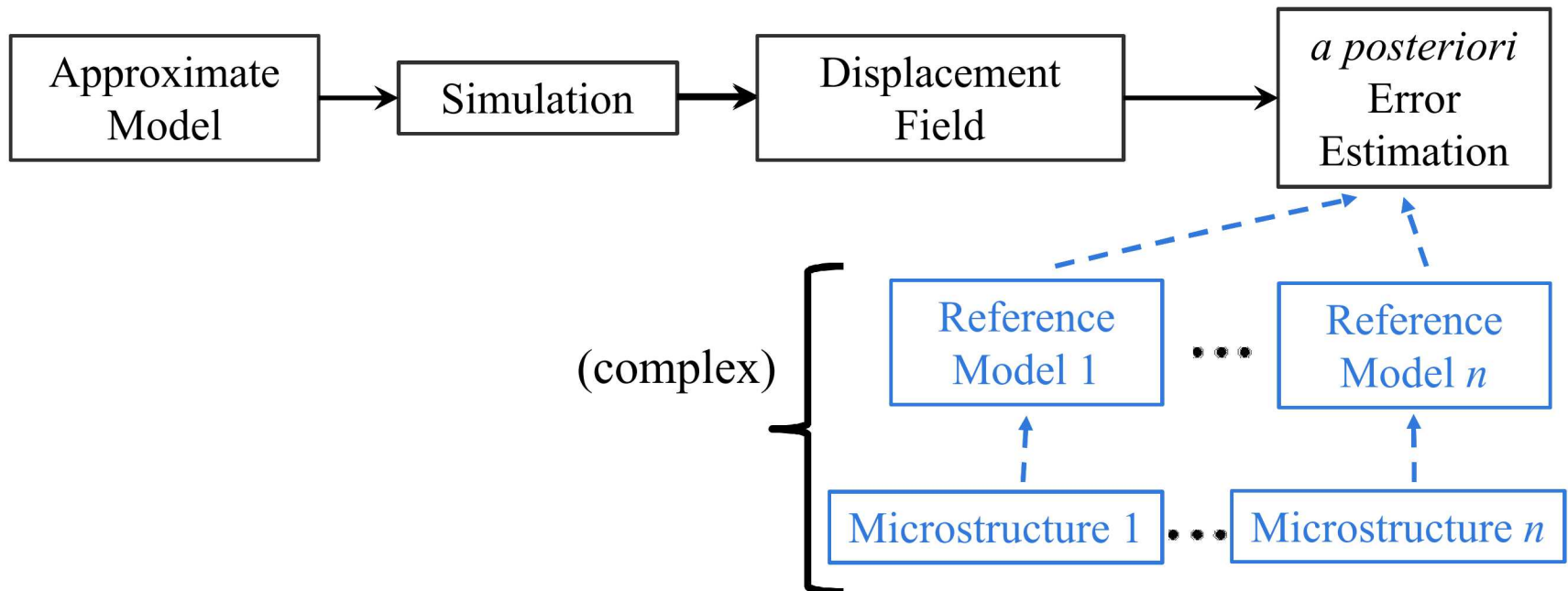


- Key Point: Don't need to run reference model simulation, just need to know reference material model.

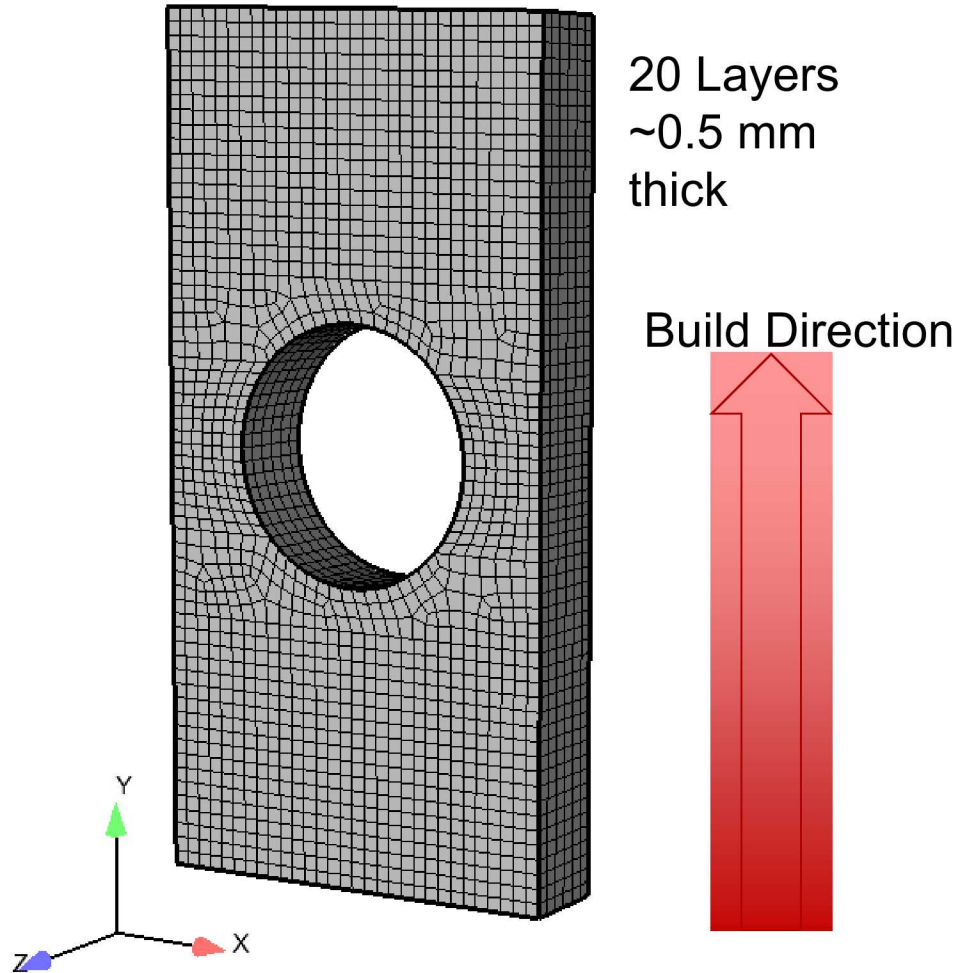


# Error estimation as UQ

- What if the true material properties are unknown or properties vary throughout the structure?



# Example AM Structure



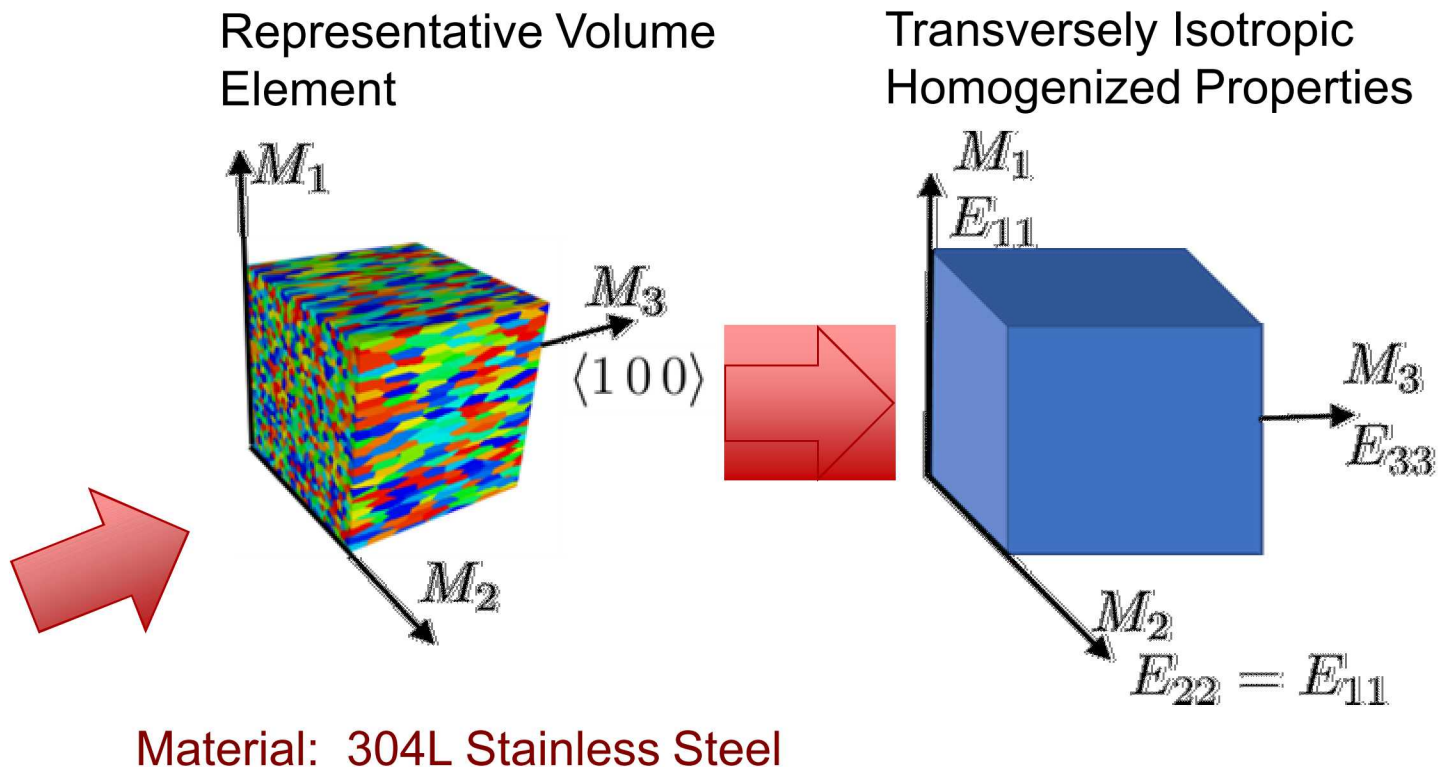
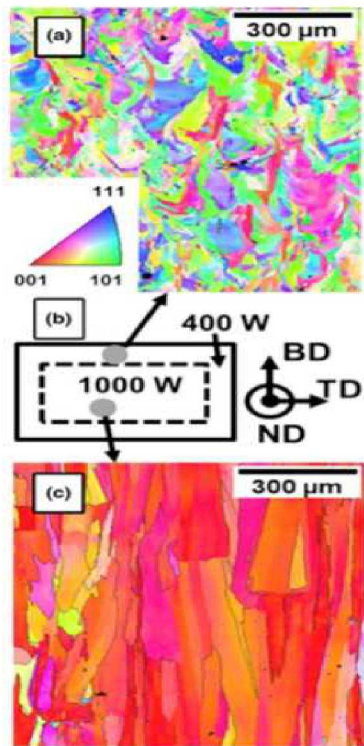
- Finite Element Model, ~74,000 Hex8 elements
- Uniaxial tension traction BC
- Unit load to study small-strain elastic response
- Plate Material: 304L Stainless Steel

- Approximate Model:
  - Isotropic,  $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.3$

“Best Engineering Guess” at material properties and model form

# Reference Material Model

- Based on the strong  $\langle 100 \rangle$  fiber textures seen in many AM structures

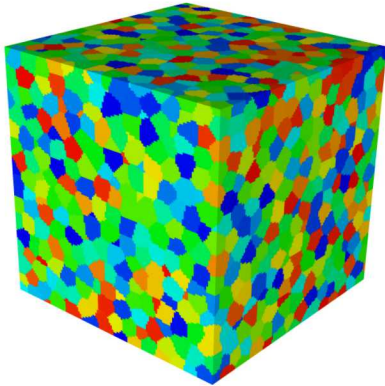


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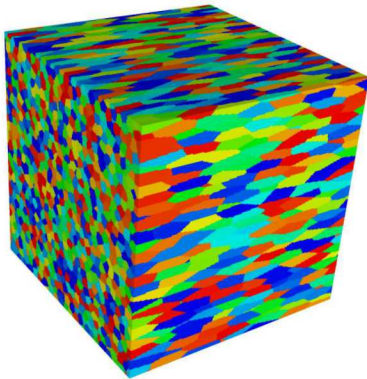


# Homogenized Reference Properties

Voronoi Tessellation,  
random orientations



Idealized Pure Fiber  
Texture <100>

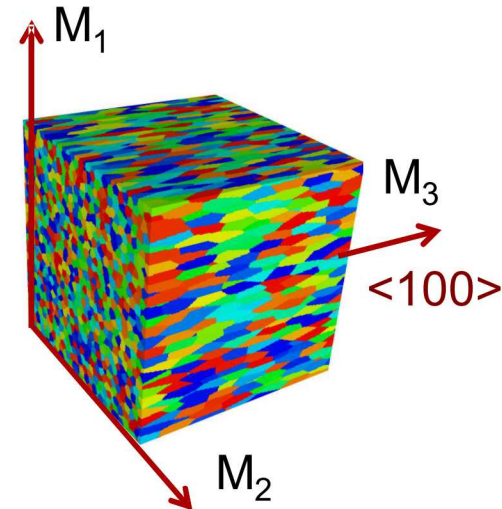


	$E_{11}$	$E_{22}$	$E_{33}$	$\nu_{12}$	$\nu_{23}$	$\nu_{13}$	$G_{12}$	$G_{23}$	$G_{13}$
Random Orientations	198			0.294			76.5		
Pure Fiber Texture	143	143	90.9	0.114	0.615	0.615	58	126	126

$E, G$   
values  
given  
in GPa

# Relate Fiber Texture to Structure Geometry for Reference Models

- Material coordinate system ( $M_1, M_2, M_3$ )
- Structure coordinate system: ( $X, Y, Z$ )

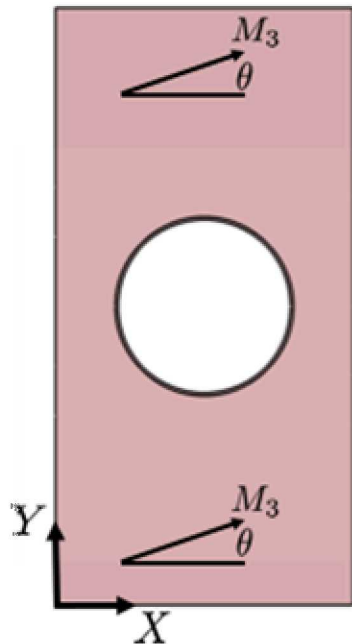


Uniform Orientation

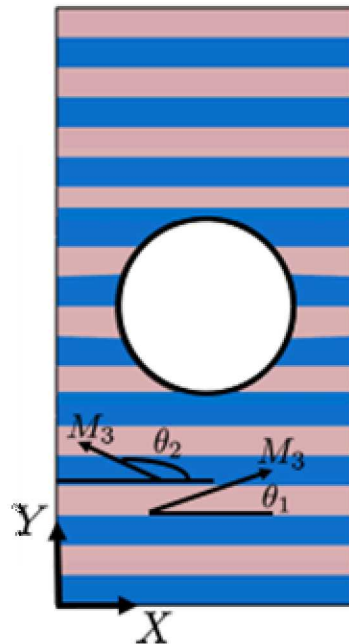
Alternating  
Orientation by Layer

Orientation Gradient  
Along Height

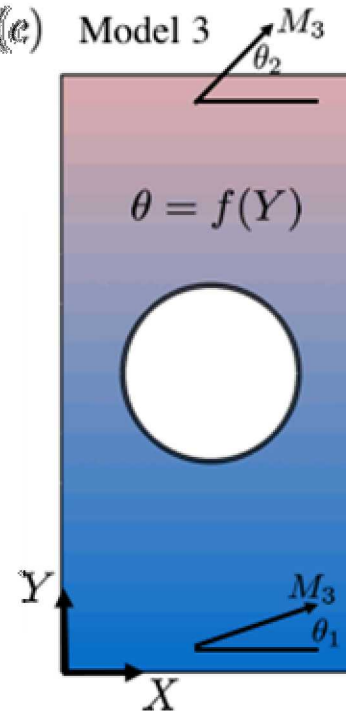
(a) Model 1



(b) Model 2



(c) Model 3



Pure Fiber Texture  
Homogenized Properties

$$E_{11} = 143 \text{ GPa}$$

$$E_{22} = 143 \text{ GPa}$$

$$E_{33} = 90.9 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu_{12} = 0.114$$

$$\nu_{23} = 0.615$$

$$\nu_{13} = 0.615$$

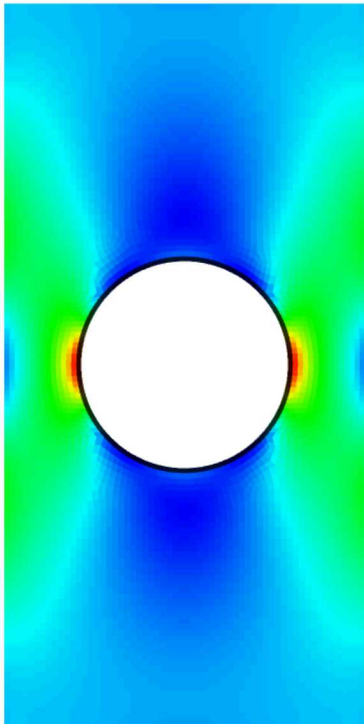
$$G_{12} = 58 \text{ GPa}$$

$$G_{23} = 126 \text{ GPa}$$

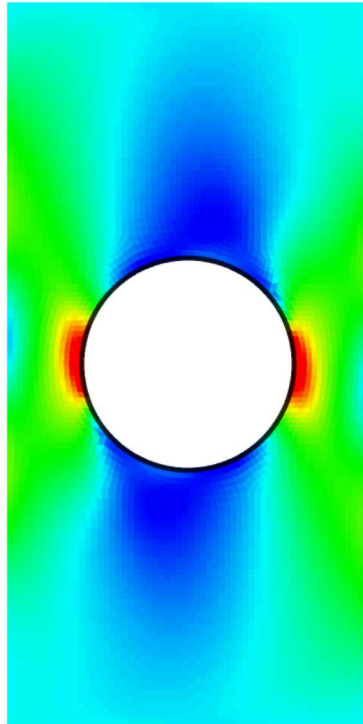
$$G_{13} = 126 \text{ GPa}$$

# Strain Responses

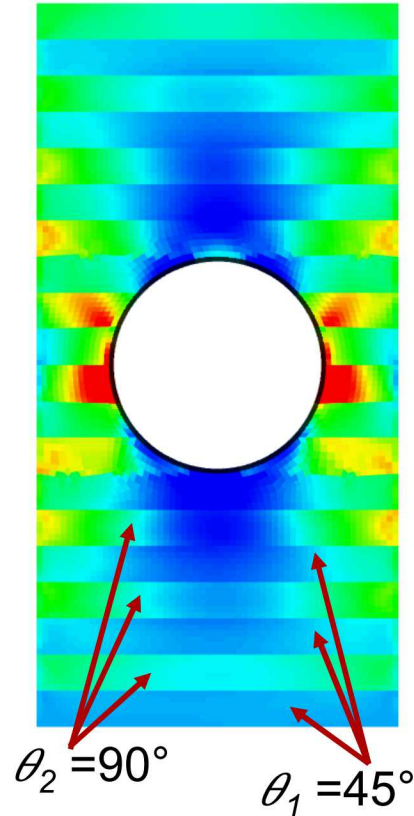
Approximate  
Isotropic



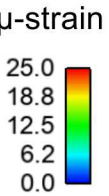
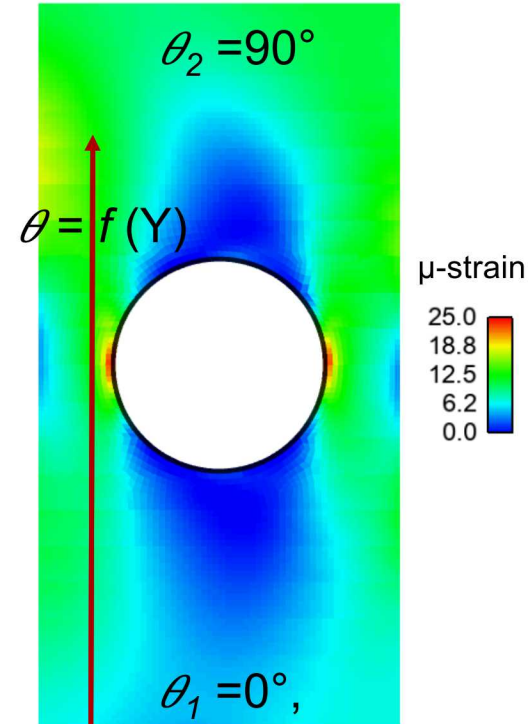
Model 1:  
Uniform  $\theta = 60^\circ$



Model 2:  
 $\theta_1 = 45^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$



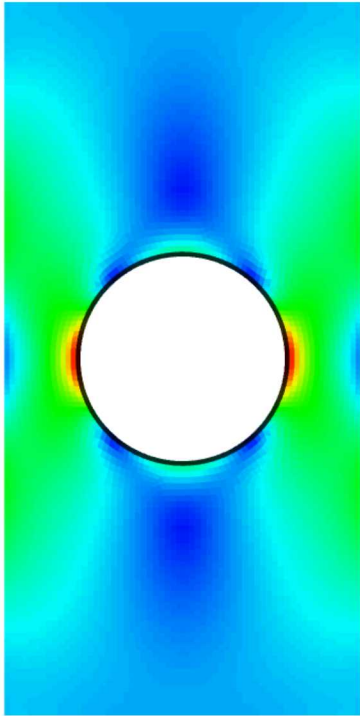
Model 3:  
 $\theta_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$



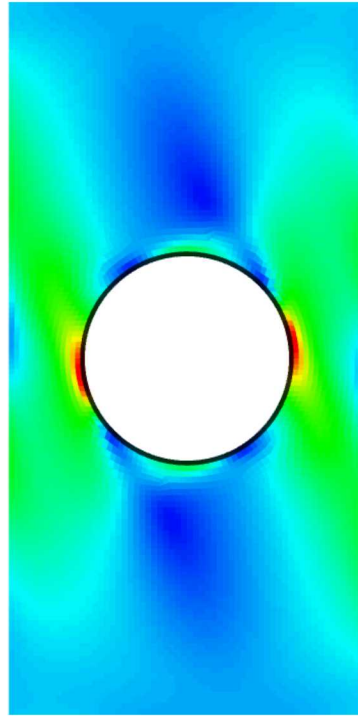


# Von Mises Stress Response

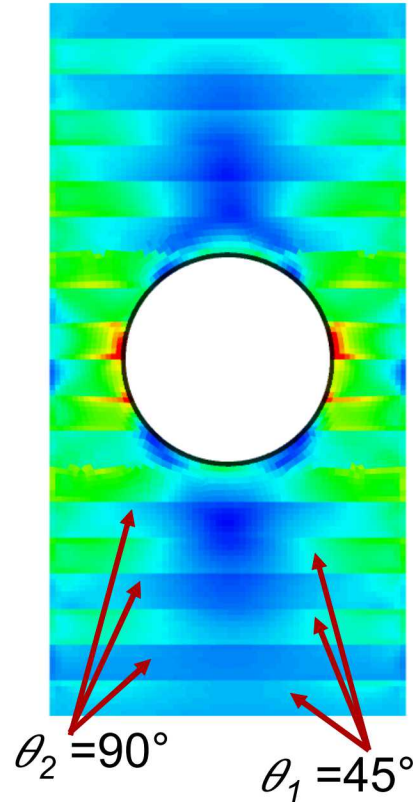
Approximate  
Isotropic



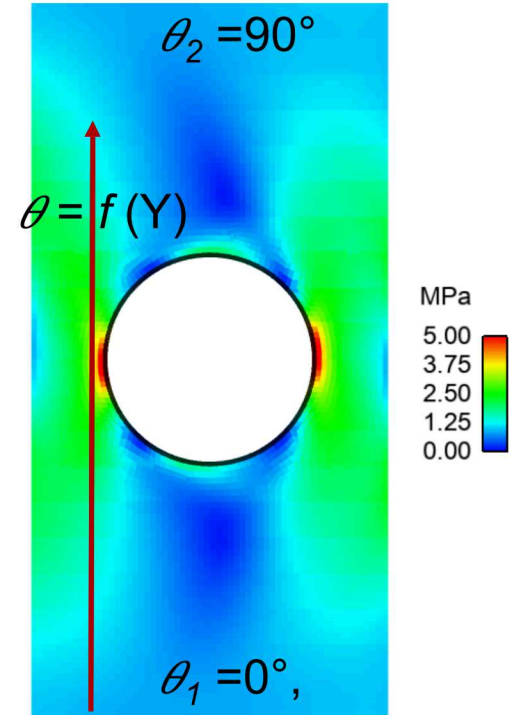
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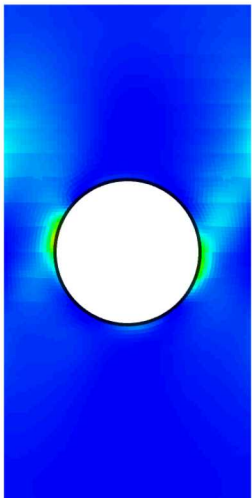
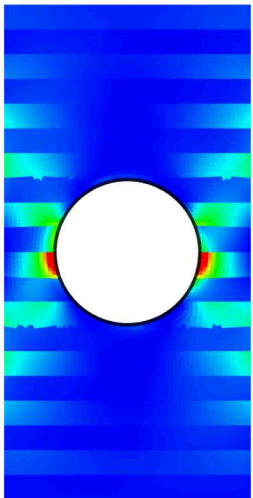
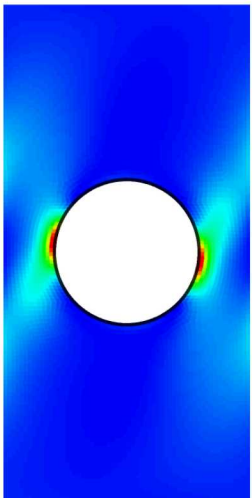
MPa  
5.00  
3.75  
2.50  
1.25  
0.00

# Error Indicator Verification

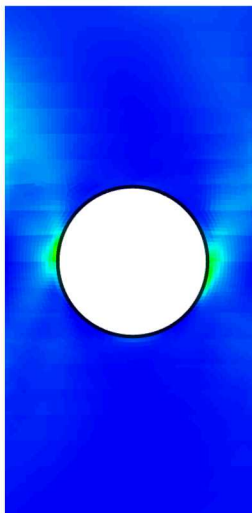
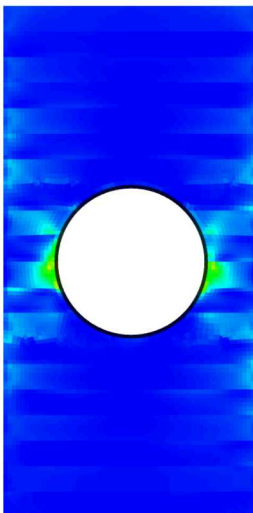
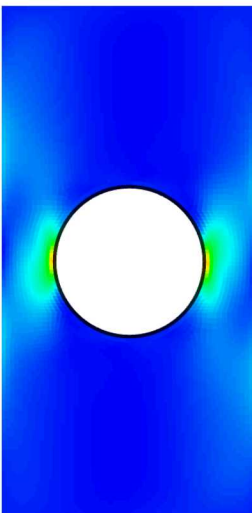
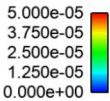
Model 1:  $\theta = 60^\circ$

Model 2:  $\theta_1 = 45^\circ, \theta_2 = 90^\circ$

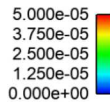
Model 3:  $\theta = f(y)$



Error Indicator



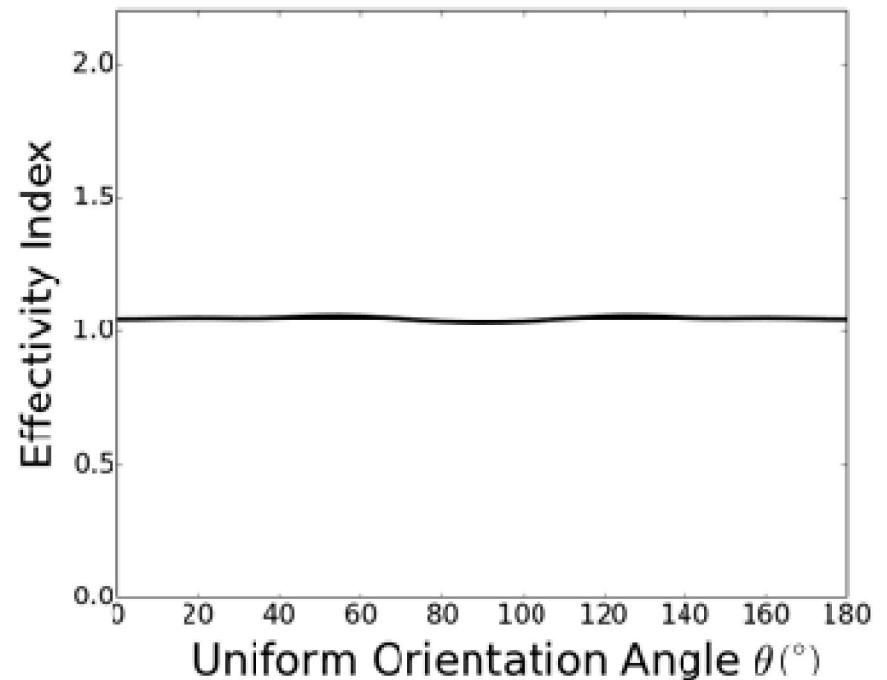
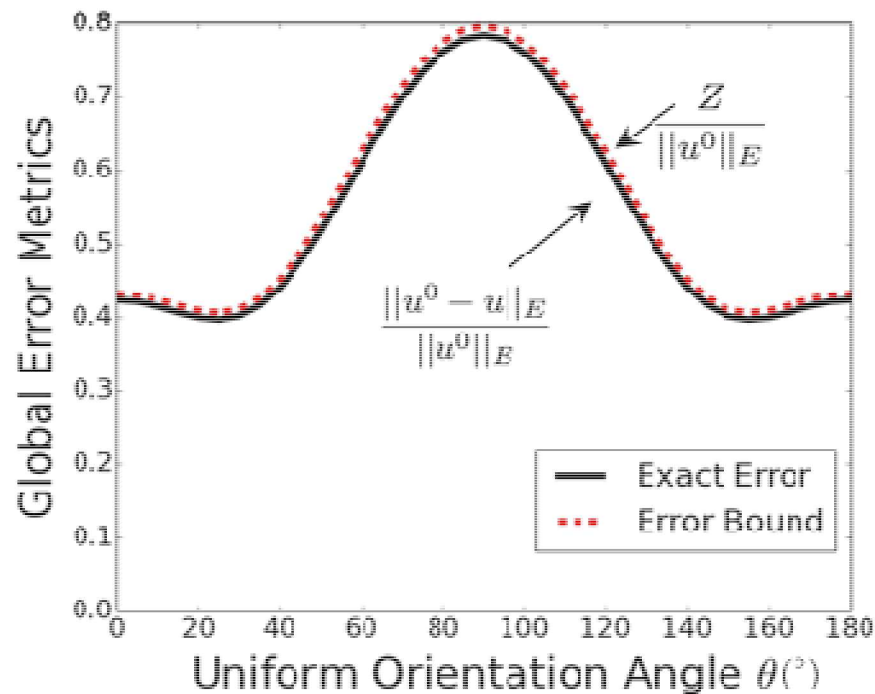
Energy Norm of Exact Displacement Error



# Error Estimation as UQ

- Sweep over multiple reference model possibilities to obtain range of error bounds

Model 1:  
Uniform Material Orientation  $\theta$

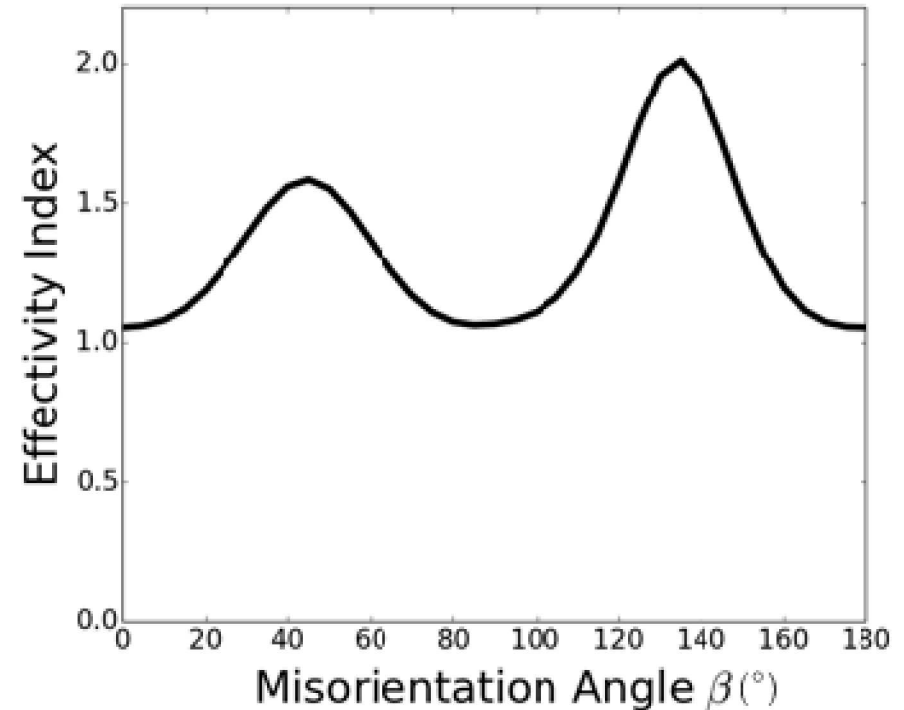
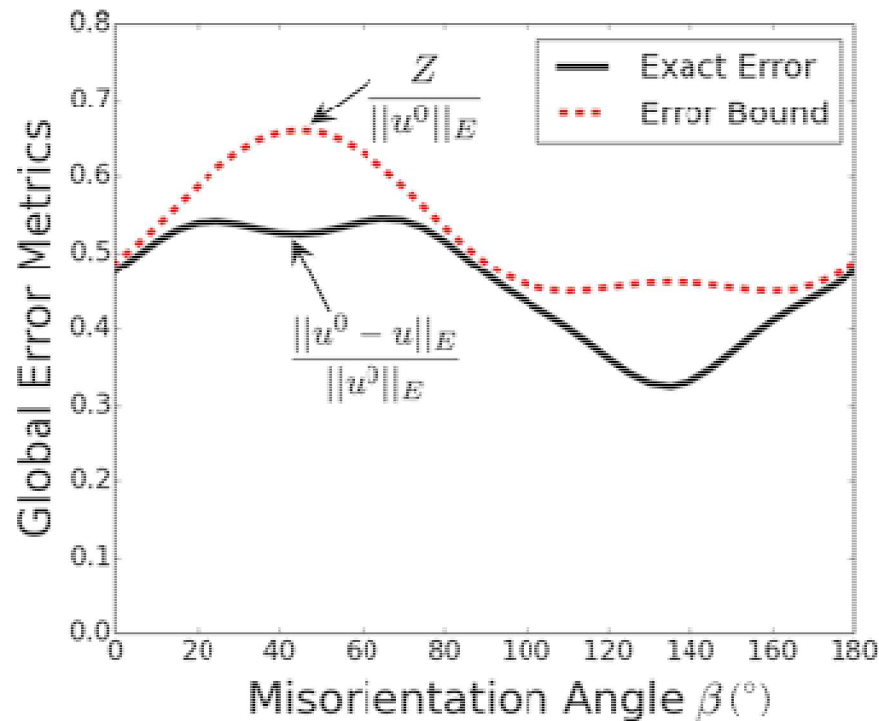




# Error Estimation as UQ

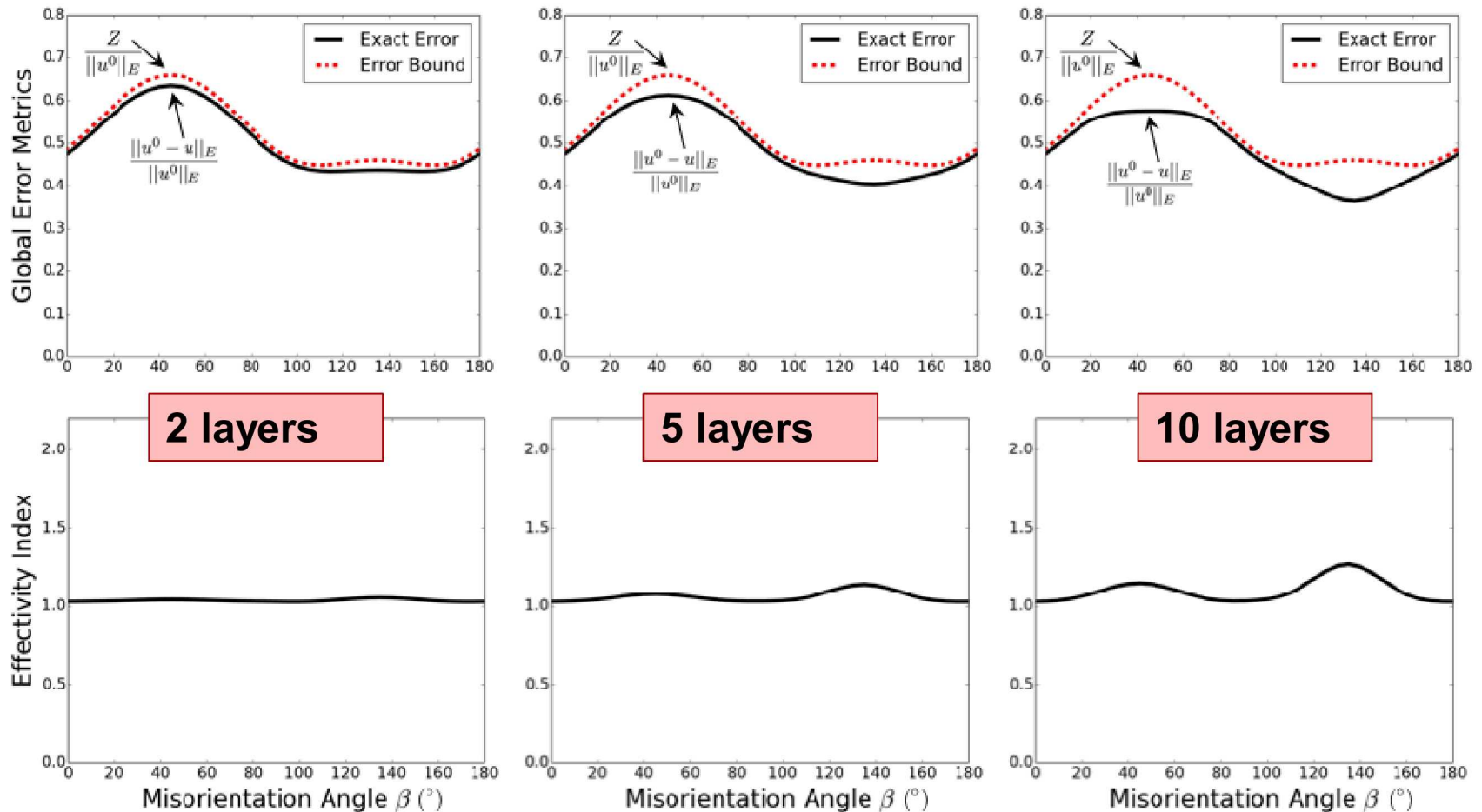
- Sweep over multiple reference model possibilities to obtain range of error bounds

Model 2:  
Alternating Material Orientation per Layer  $\theta_1, \theta_2$



# The Need for Multi-Scale

- Interfaces with distinctly different material properties introduce pollution errors the bound does not account for



## Summary:

- Error Indicators calculated *a posteriori* can provide bounds and spatial locations of deviations from an approximate model
- Presence of macro or micro texture can affect quantities of interest in AM structures

## Future Work:

- Multi-scale error estimation, extend reference models to grain scale (crystal elasticity, crystal plasticity)
- Use P-S-P model framework to develop process-linked reference microstructures
- Extend approach to study plastic deformation regime and other quantities of interest (failure, porosity, etc.)



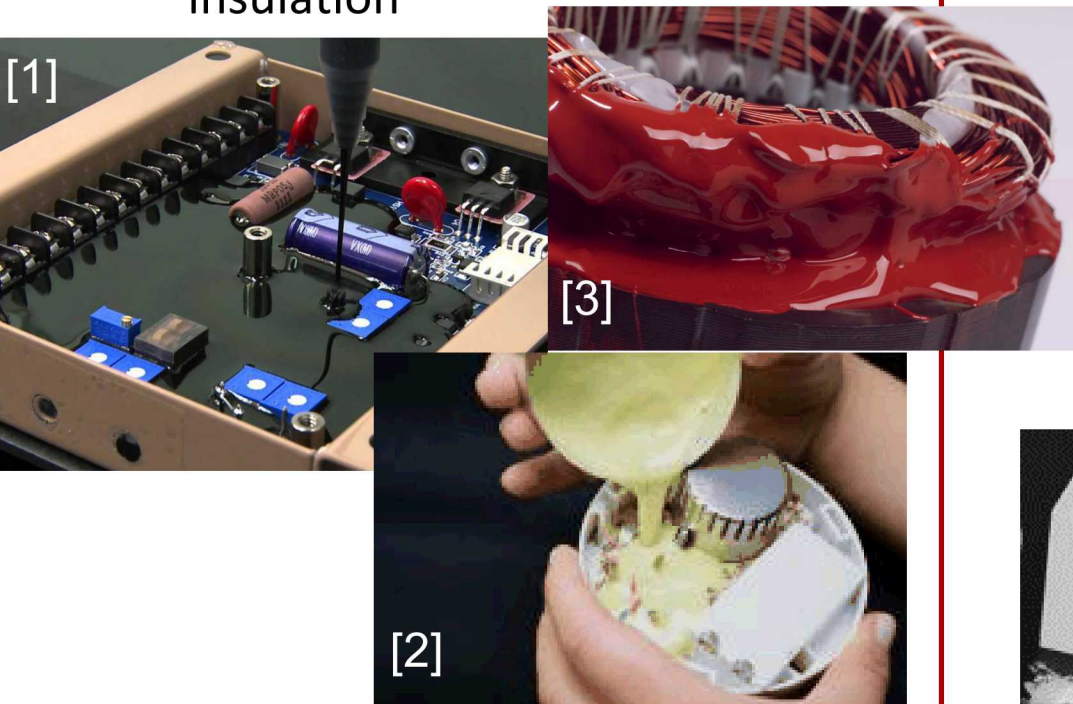
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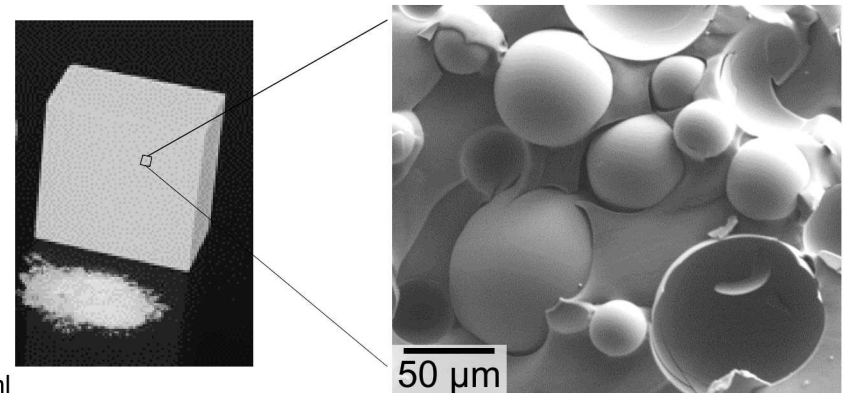
- Vibration dampening
- Electrical & environmental insulation



## Sylgard/GMB Syntactic Foam

Sylgard® 184 (PDMS) matrix with embedded Glass Microballoons (GMBs) (3M® A16/500)

- Crushable foam
- Increased stiffness
- Low Density
- Reduced thermal expansion



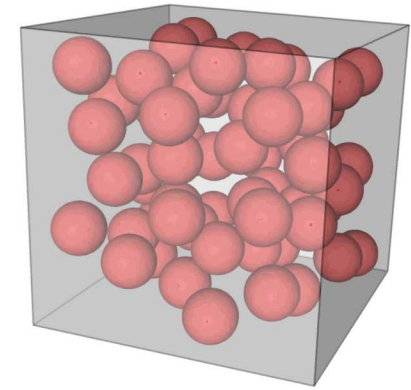
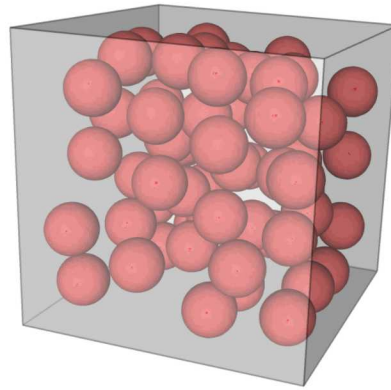
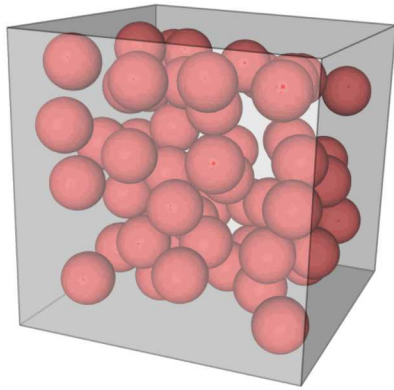
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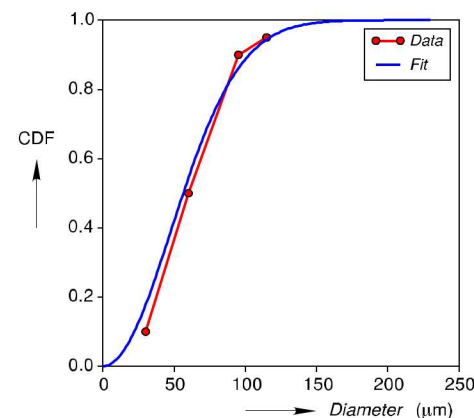
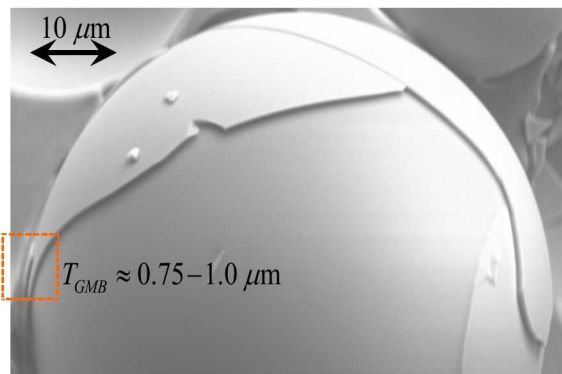
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# Synthetic Microstructure Generation

- Generate Stochastic Volume Element (SVE) models of Sylgard/GMB microstructure



Estimate  
Characteristic  
GMB Thickness:  
 $1\ \mu\text{m}$

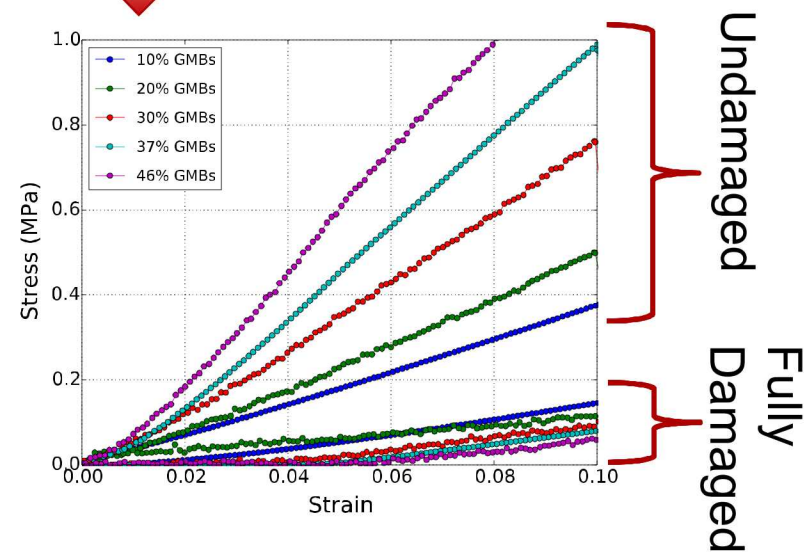
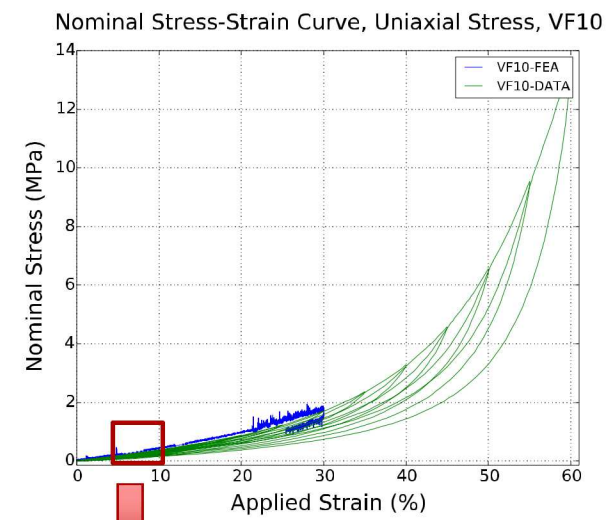
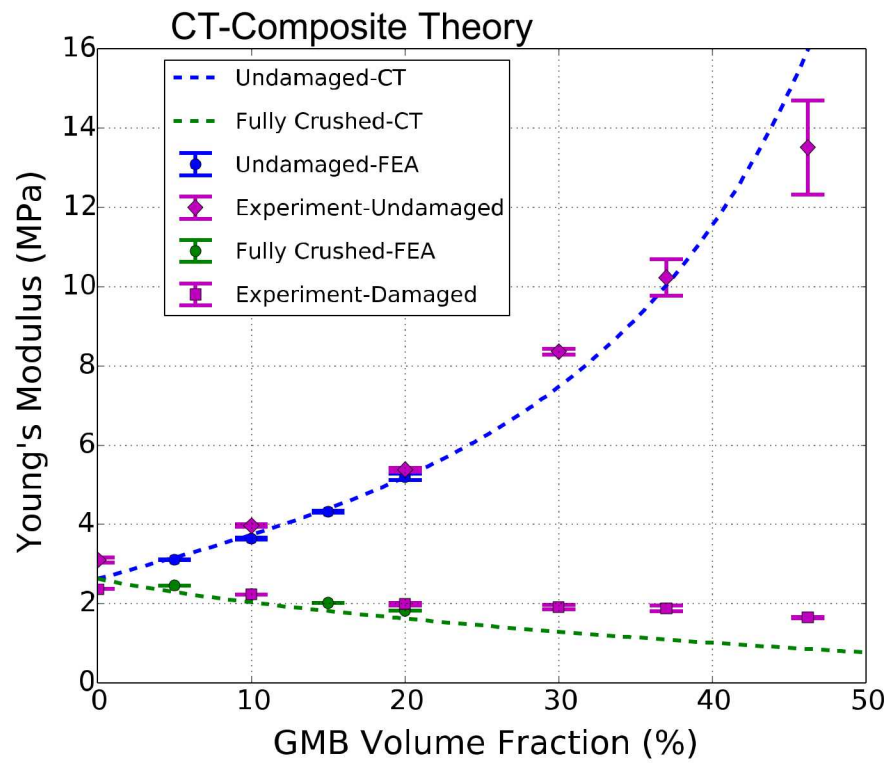


Manufacturer's (3M®)  
Cumulative Distribution  
Data for A16/500 GMB

Average GMB Diameter:  
 $60\ \mu\text{m}$



# Effect of Volume Fraction on Young's Modulus

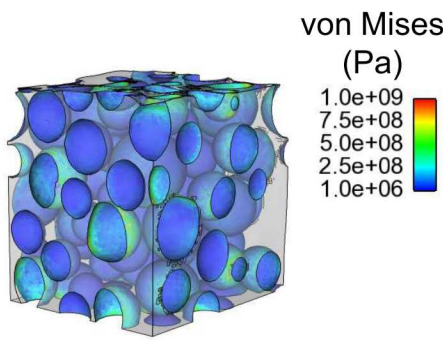


Increasing GMB Volume Fraction also increases the initial composite Young's Modulus

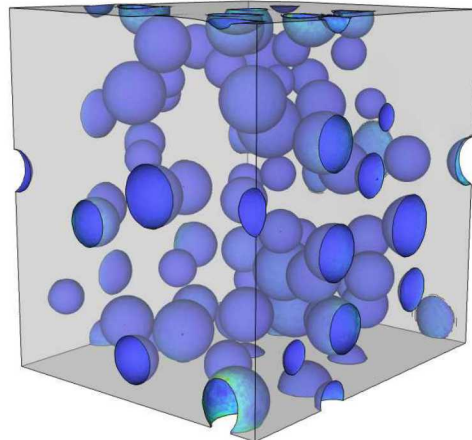
--Well predicted by FEA and composite theory

# Effect of GMB Volume Fraction on Damage

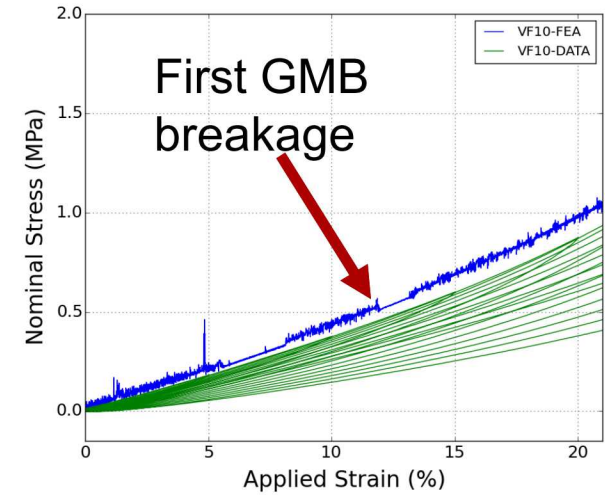
46% GMBs



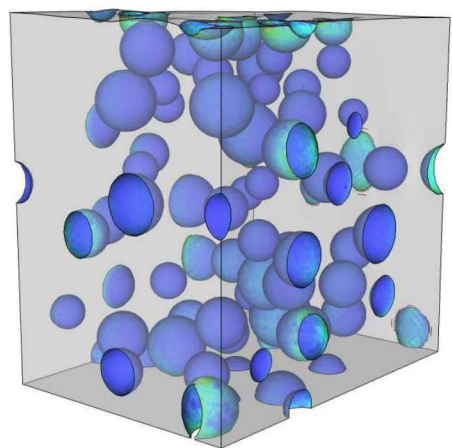
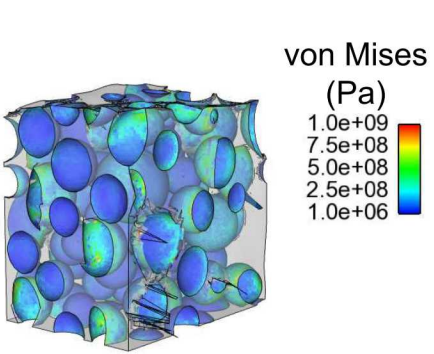
10% GMBs



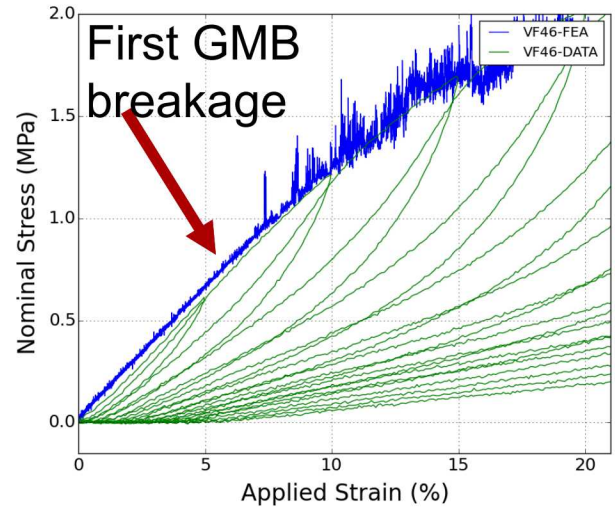
Nominal Stress-Strain Curve, Uniaxial Stress, VF10



20% strain



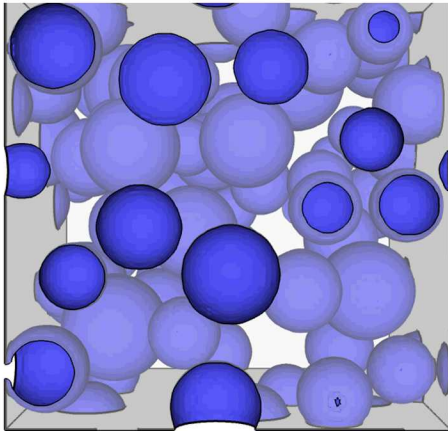
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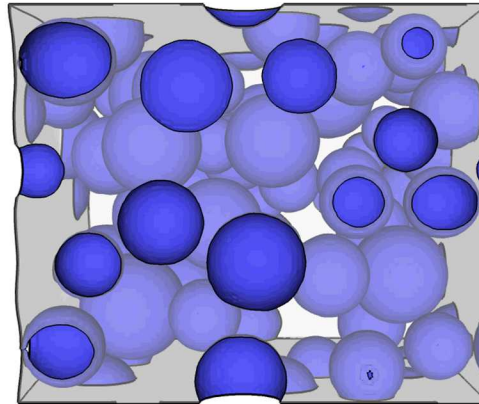
# Comparison with X-Ray CT, 25% GMBs

Undeformed

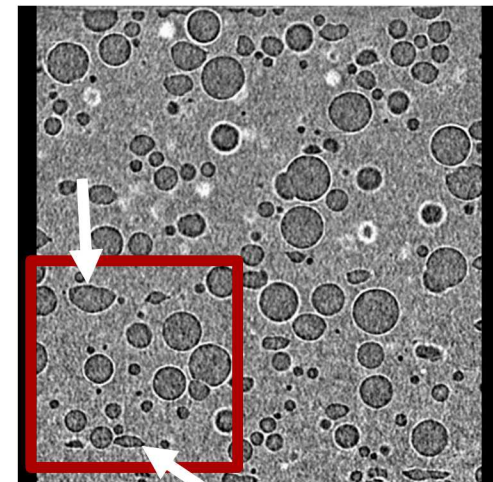
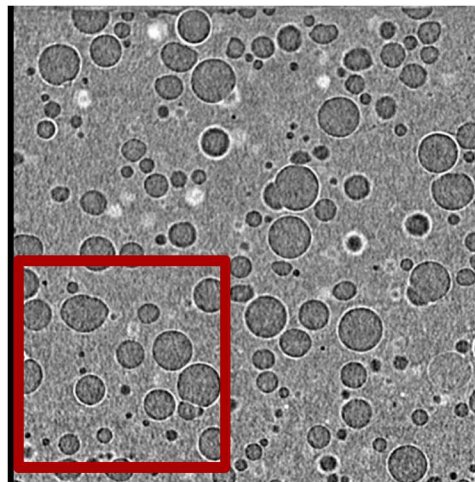
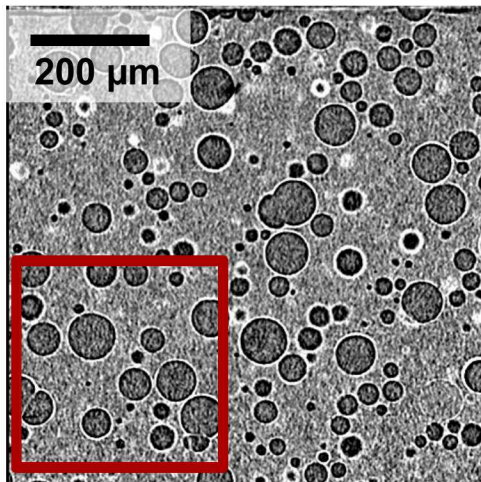
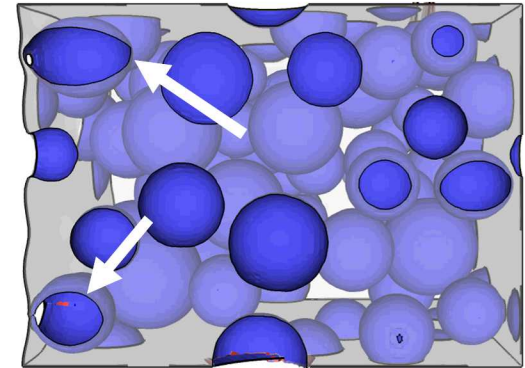


200  $\mu\text{m}$

10% Strain



20% Strain



## Summary:

- GMB breakage is the primary damage mechanism
  - However, some GMBs remain intact!
- As GMB volume fraction increases:
  - Initial undamaged Young's modulus increases
  - material incurs damage at smaller strains

## Future Work:

- Refine failure criteria used for GMBs
- Macroscale constitutive model development
- Exemplar problem for numerical tool development



# Conclusions

- Mesoscale models coupled with experiments help provide understanding of underlying physical mechanisms
  - Ultimate goal is transfer of these insights to part-scale models
- Case Study 1:
  - Tie AP decomposition chemistry to local stress states and porosity formation to predict thermal damage in AP/HTPB propellant materials
- Case Study 2:
  - Use *a posteriori* calculations to assess model form error bounds in performance predictions for additively manufactured metals with uncertain microstructure
- Case Study 3:
  - Mesoscale model enables study of damage evolution processes in foams with varying design parameters (e.g. filler volume fraction, filler design, matrix material)

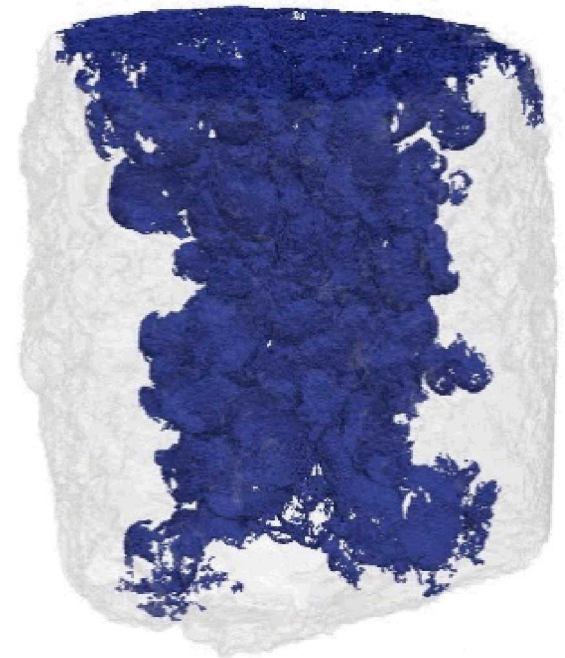


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# Thermal Damage in Propellants

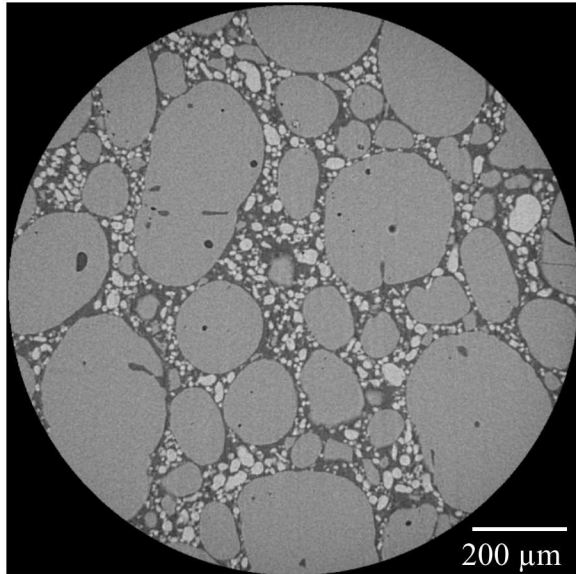
- Why do we care?
  - Thermal Damage can result in increased reaction violence in cookoff (faster flame spread, convective combustion, DDT)
  - Hypothesis: connected porosity leads to these effects
- Material / Experiments
  - Thermal Damage Visualization test (TDV)
    - Both large and small samples
  - Pre & Post test X-ray CT Scans as a tool to characterize porosity
- Methods for analysis:
  - Image processing/threshold effects
  - Mesoscale multiphysics model for porosity evolution
- Conclusions



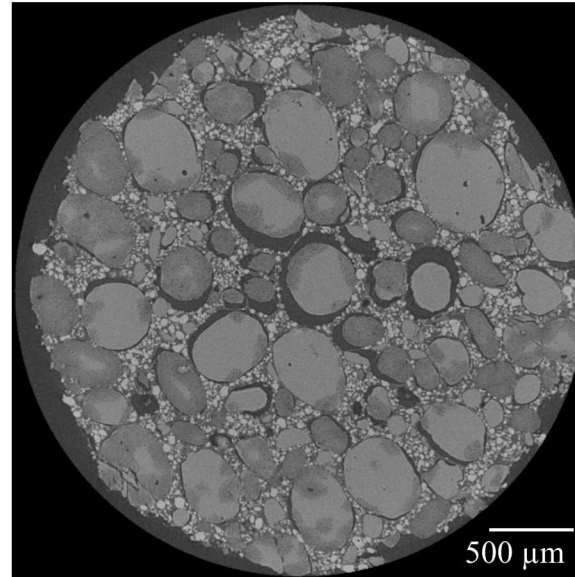


# Comparison of Simulation and Experiment

Pristine (1.24  $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ )

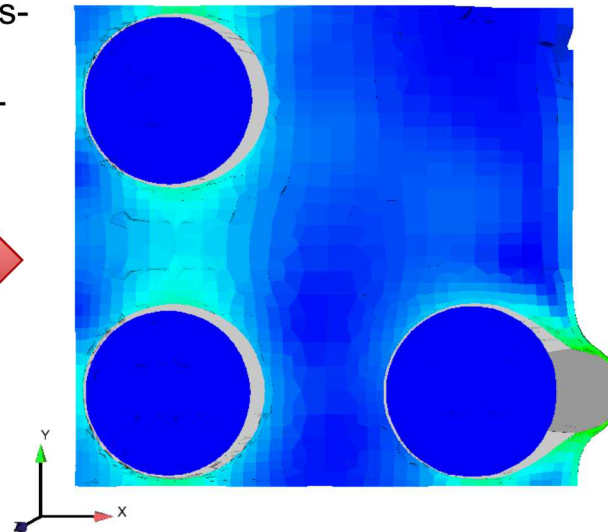
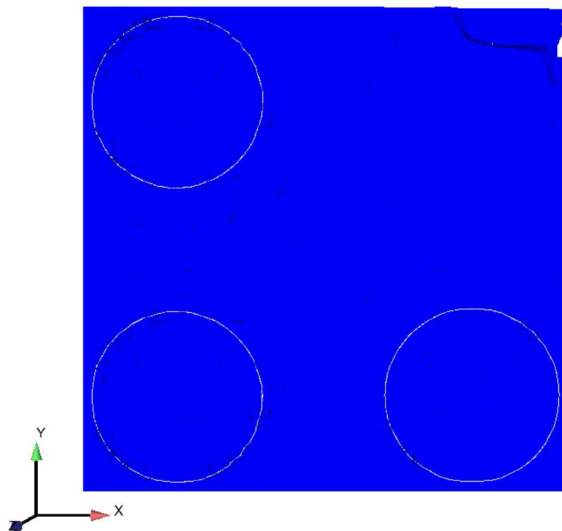
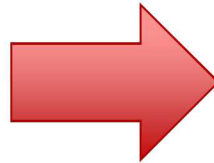


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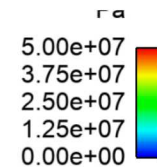


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Model cross-section at center of Z-dimension



von Mises  
Stress (Pa)

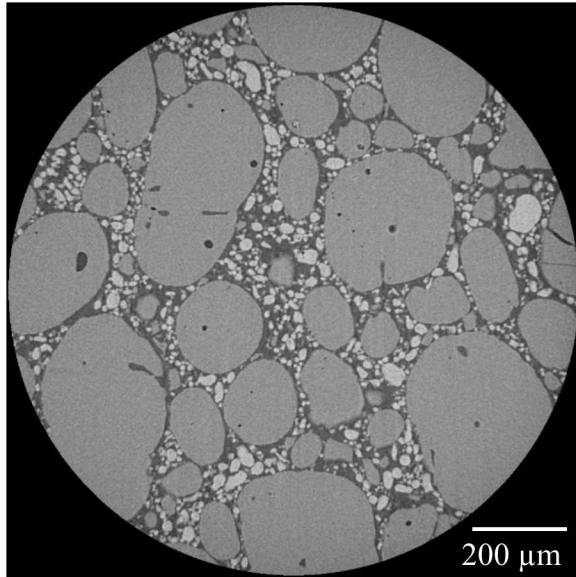


**crescent-shaped voids** develop with preference toward regions of lower stress

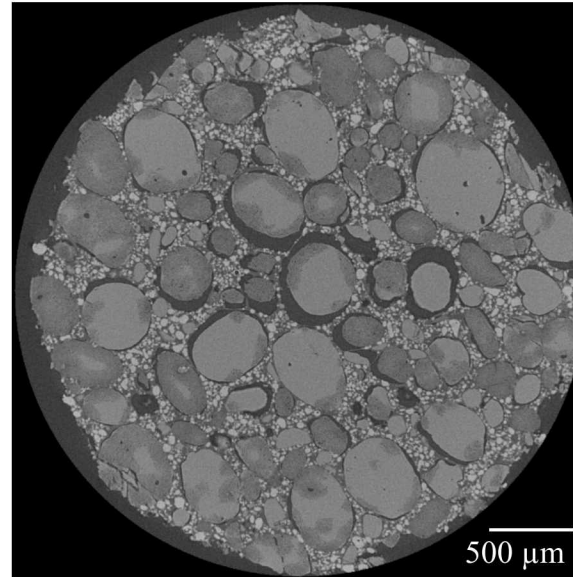


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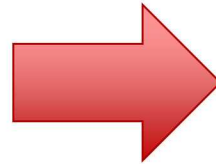
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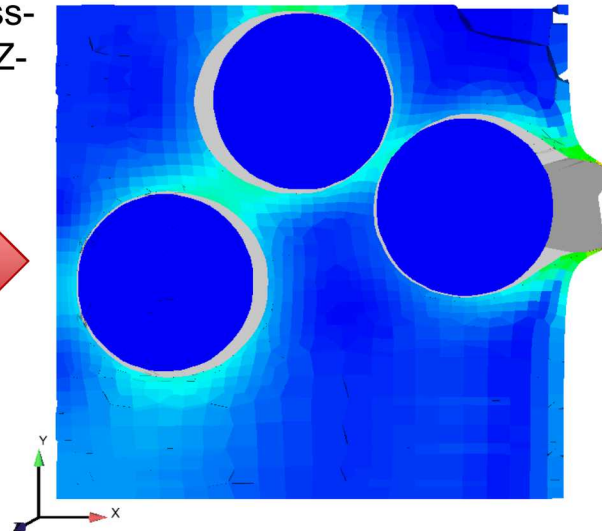
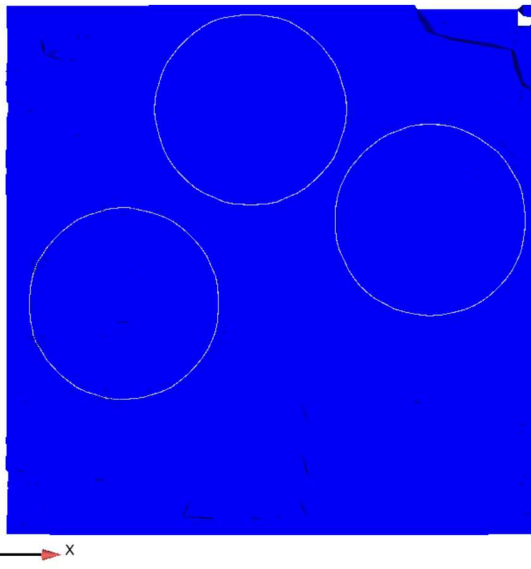
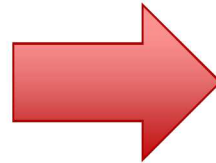
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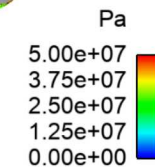
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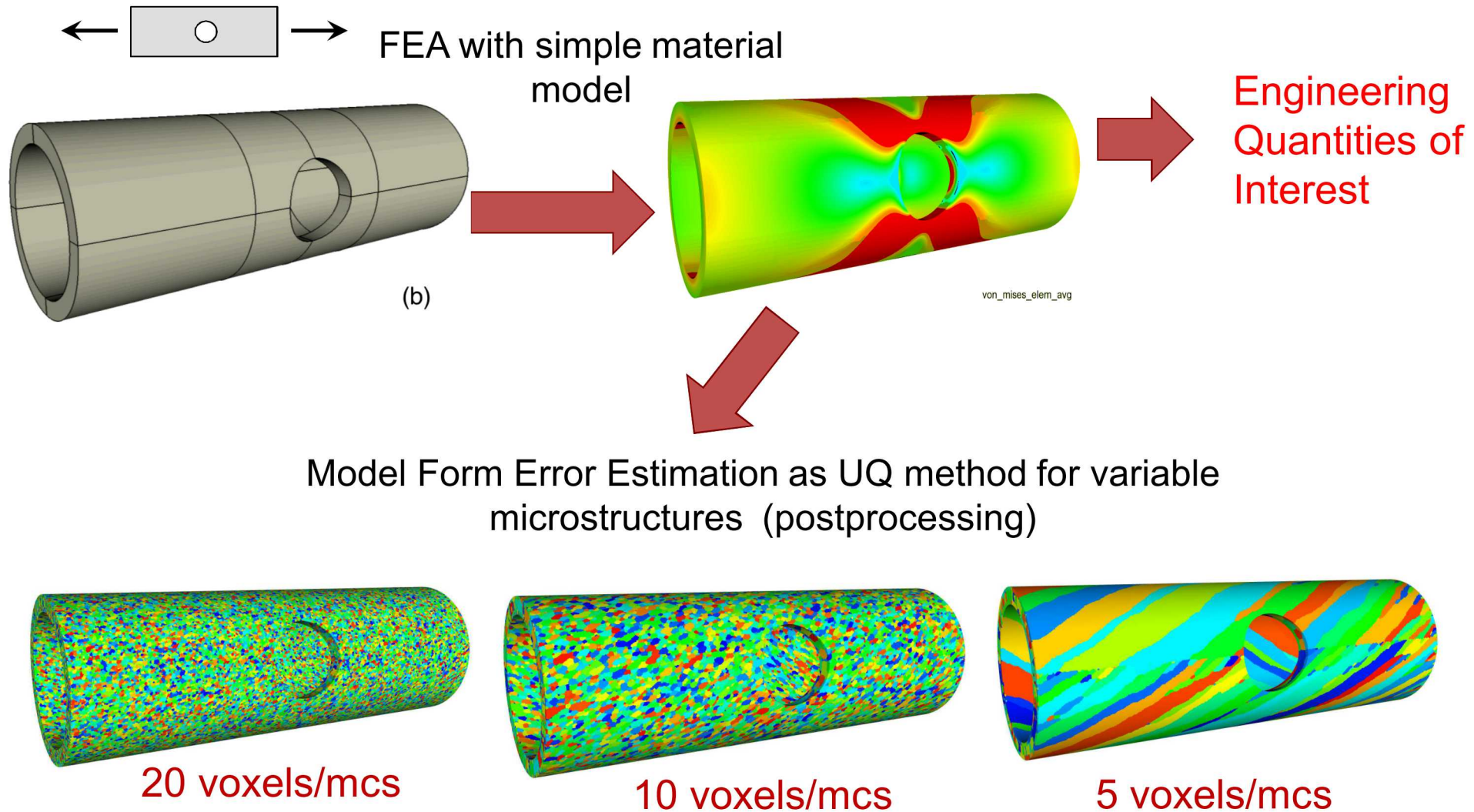


von Mises  
Stress (Pa)

# Sources of Uncertainty in AM parts

- Defects:
    - Porosity
    - Inclusions/contaminants/oxide particles
    - Compositional differences
  - Thermal History
  - Residual Stress
  - Variability within a part
  - Variability between parts/builds
  - Powder feedstock
  - Microstructure
    - Local/Global texture
    - Dislocation density
    - Solute segregation at grain boundaries (alloys)
    - Different phases
    - Cellular sub-grain structure
- Identify “critical” defects
  - Predict performance probabilistically
  - Science-based modeling approach

# What if the Exact Microstructure/Properties are Unknown?





# How to Obtain Representative Reference Properties?

## Computational Homogenization

**Material:** 304L Stainless Steel

**Material Model:** FCC Crystal Plasticity:  
(K. Matous, A. Maniatty, 2004, *IJNME* )

**Single crystal elastic constants  
(austenite):**

$$C_{11} = 204.6 \text{ GPa}$$

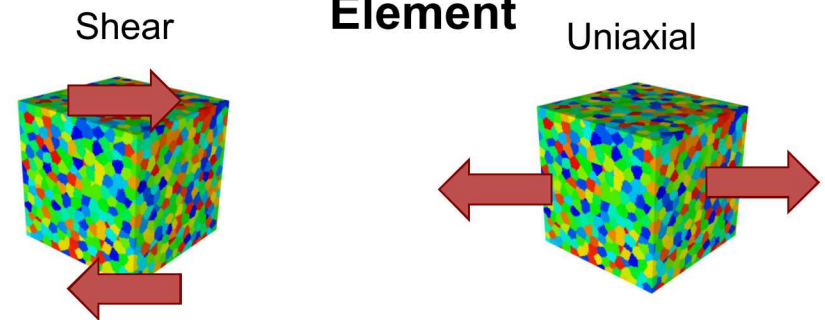
$$C_{12} = 137.7 \text{ GPa}$$

$$C_{44} = 126.2 \text{ GPa}$$

anisotropy ratio

$$A = \frac{2C_{44}}{C_{11} - C_{12}} = 3.77$$

**Uniaxial and Shear Boundary Value  
Problems on Stochastic Volume  
Element**



Volume averages of  
local quantities

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \frac{1}{\Omega_v} \int_{\Omega_v} \sigma(x) d\Omega$$

$$\langle \varepsilon \rangle = \frac{1}{\Omega_v} \int_{\Omega_v} \varepsilon(x) d\Omega.$$

**Populate Stiffness Tensor via Hooke's Law**

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \mathbb{C} \langle \varepsilon \rangle.$$



# Literature-Based Library of Possible Microstructures

- Uniform angle throughout microstructure (pure fiber texture)

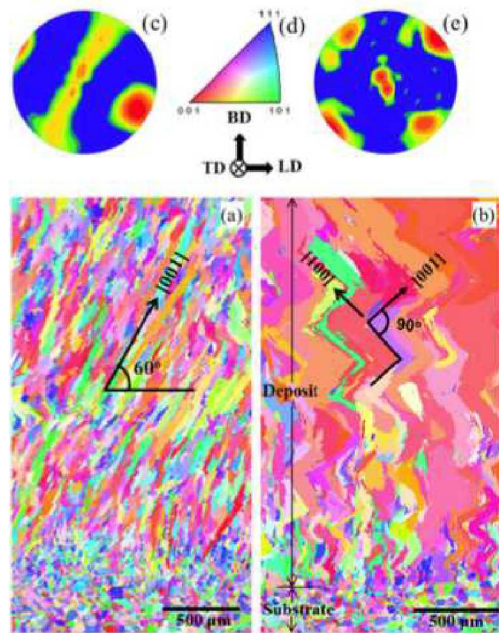
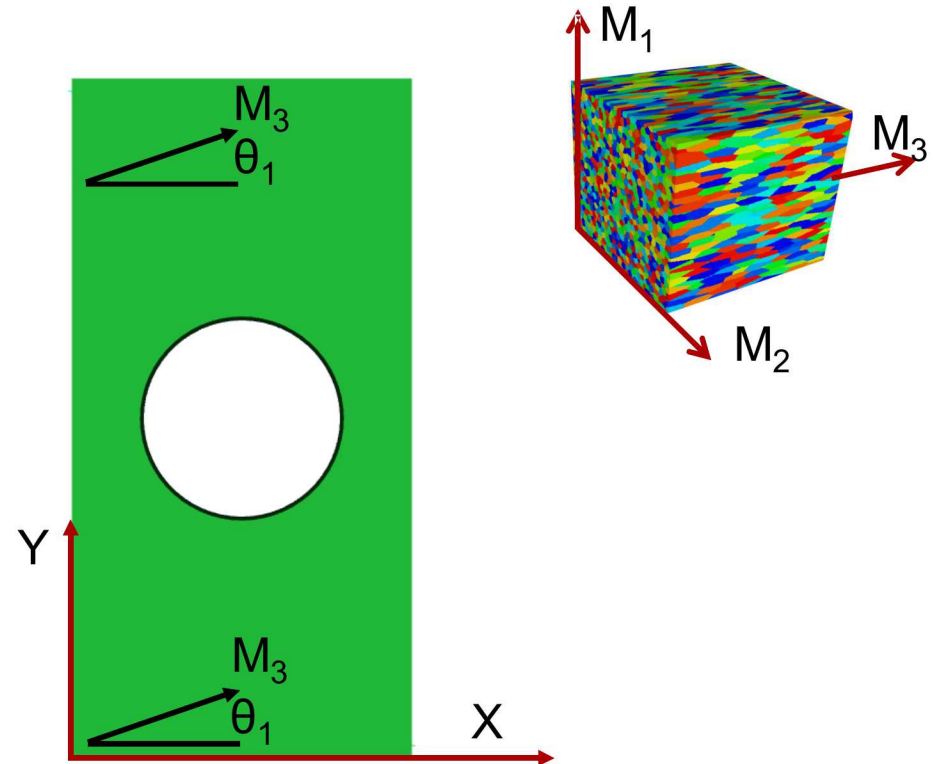


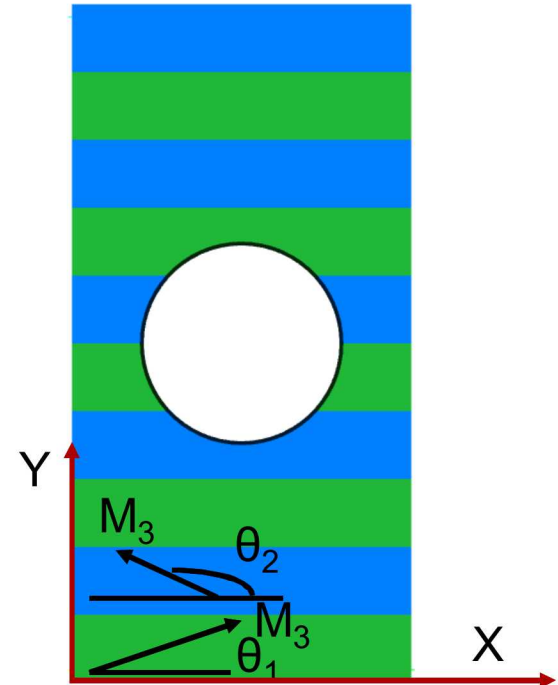
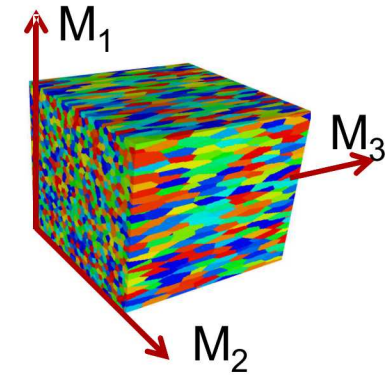
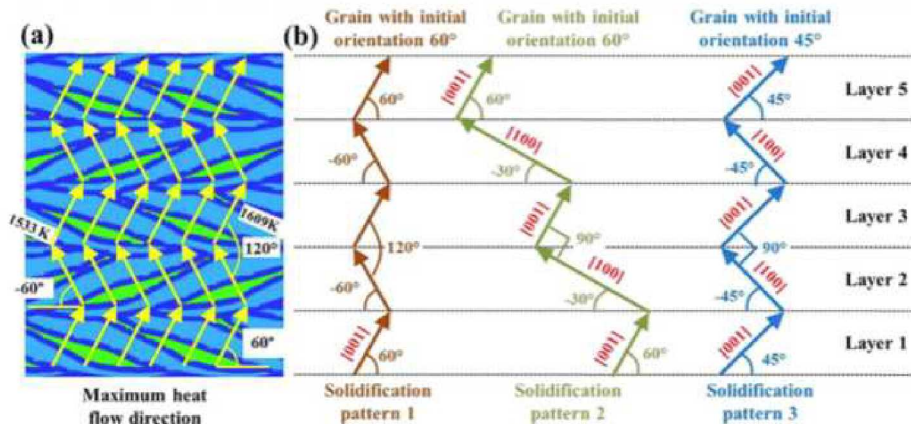
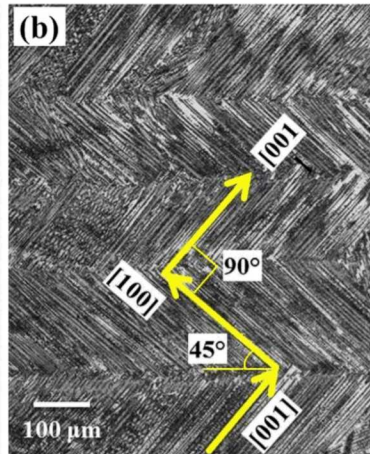
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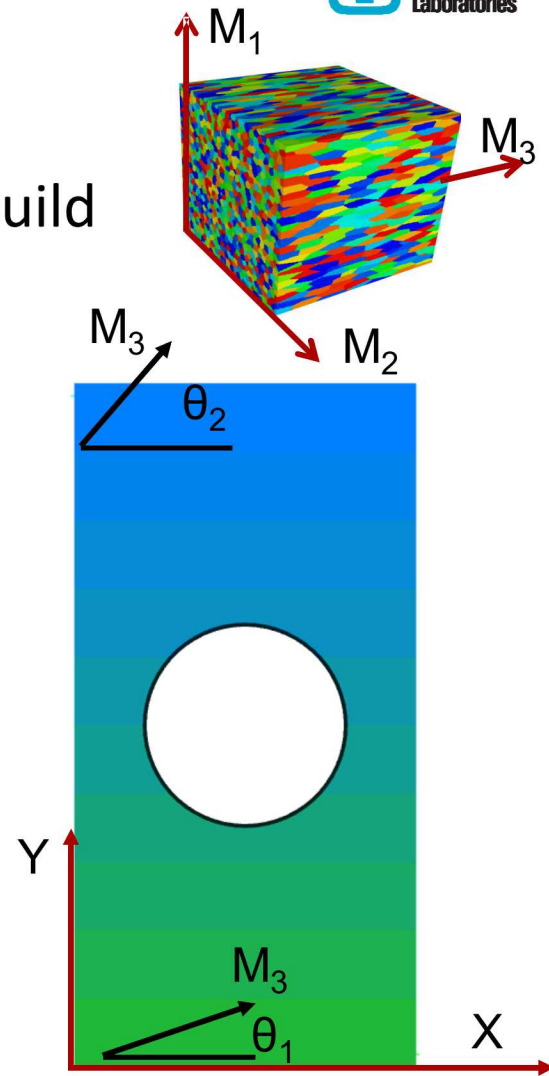
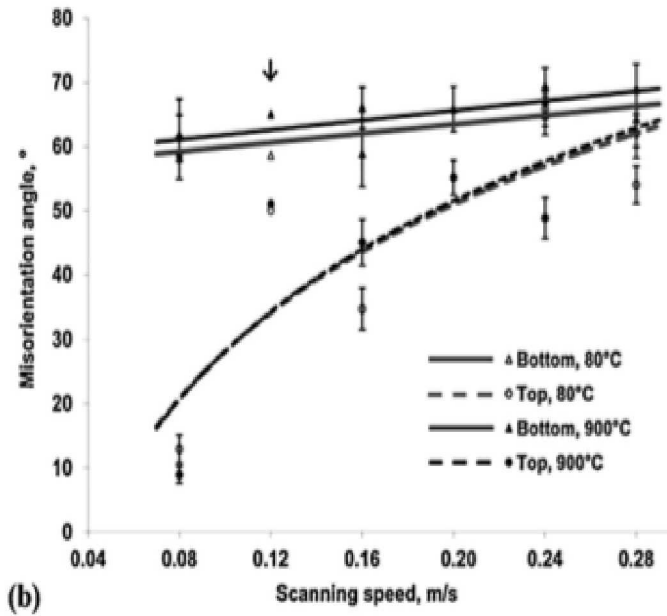
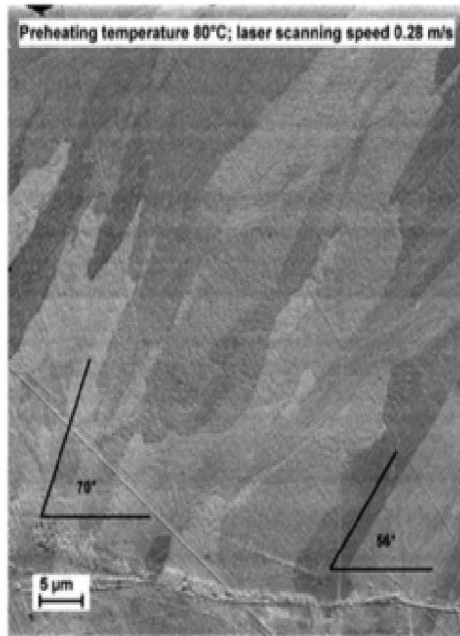
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- Alternating angle for each layer



# Literature-Based Library of Possible Microstructures

- Gradient angle between bottom and top of build

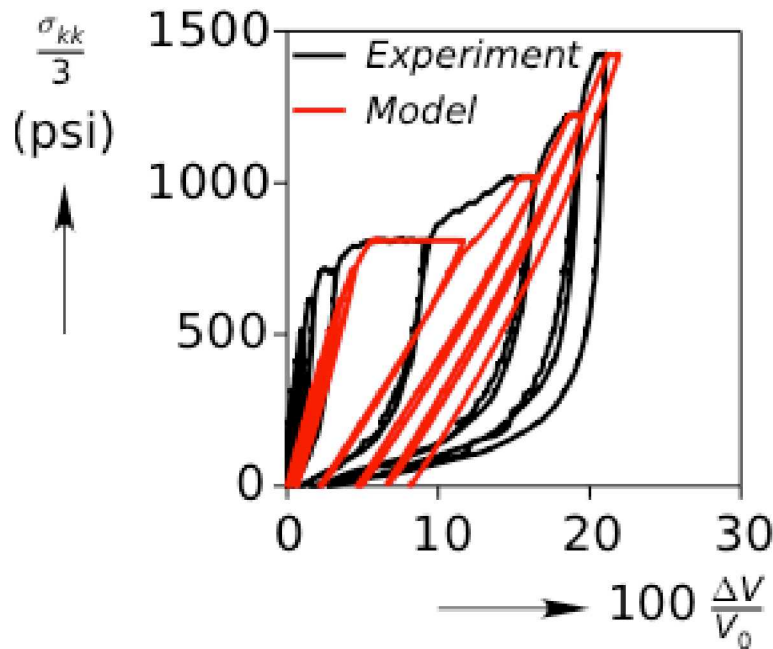


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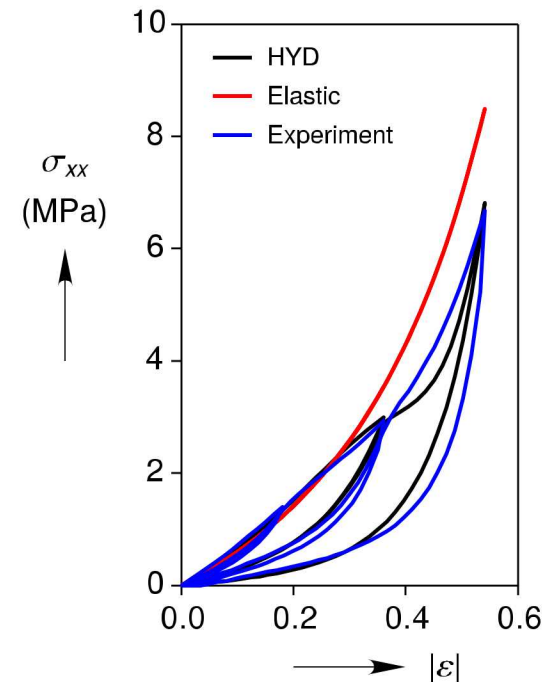


# Simple Macroscale Constitutive Modeling Is Unsuccessful

- Hyperelastic Yeoh Model with Isotropic-Kachanov Style Damage
- Quasi-Linear Viscoelasticity Does Not Help



HYD model does not fit the hydrostatic pressurization data well



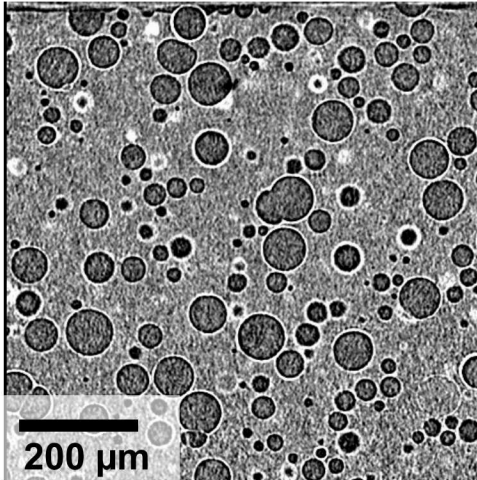
Model reasonably fits the uniaxial compression data (Mullins Effect)

**Simple phenomenological efforts fail to capture bulk behavior—We Need a Detailed Understanding of the Damage Behavior**

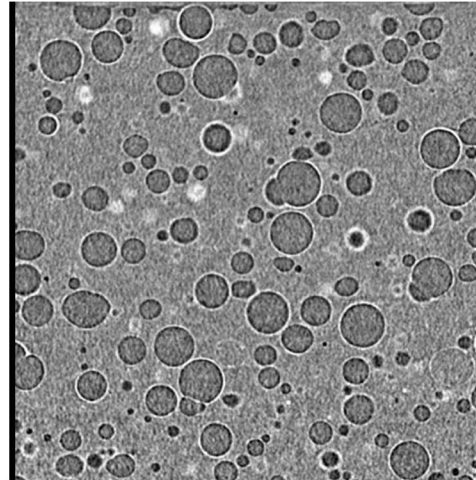


# High Magnification X-ray CT, in-situ Compression

0% Strain

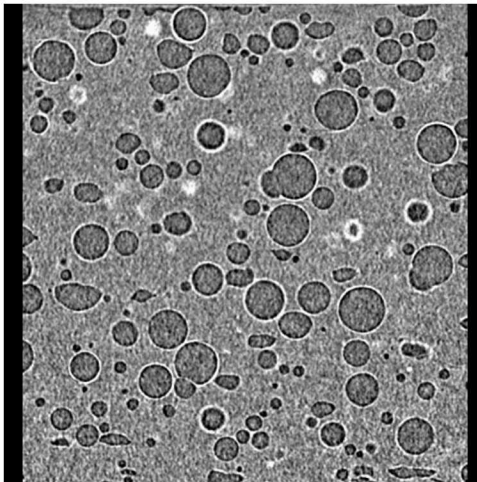


10% Strain

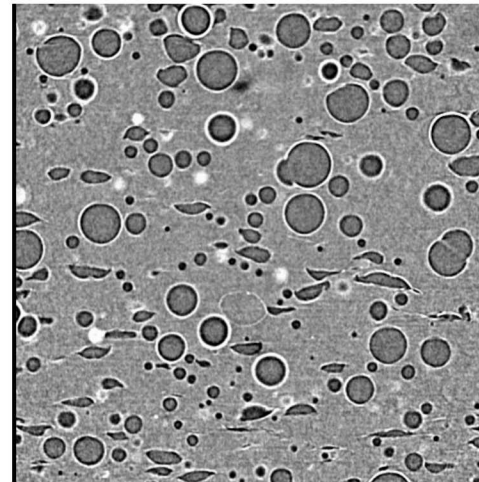


- Up to 10% strain, very few broken GMBs
- At 40% strain, some GMBs still intact!!

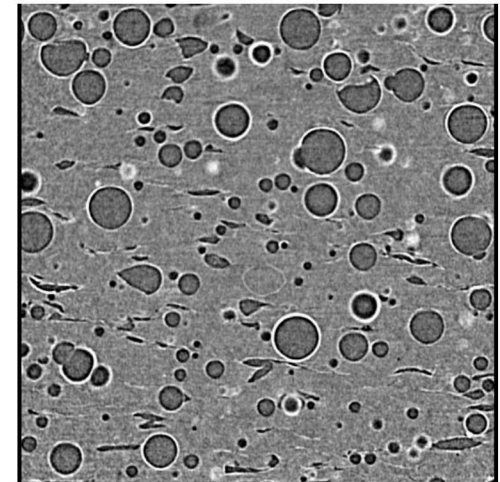
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30% Strain



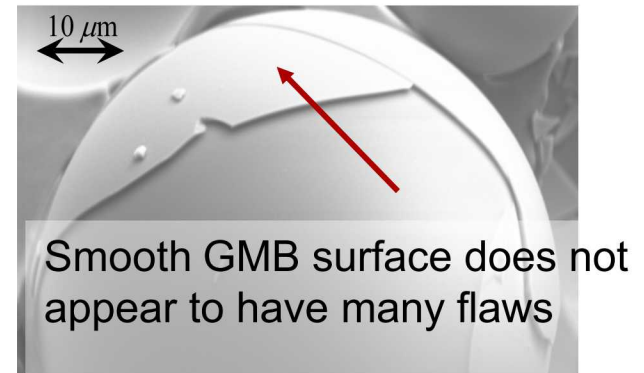
40% Strain



# Failure Model for GMBs

## Borosilicate Glass Wall Material:

- Elastic Properties<sup>1</sup>:  
 $E_{\text{glass}} = 61 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu_{\text{glass}} = 0.19$
- Characteristic wall thickness
  - $T_{\text{wall}} = 1 \mu\text{m}$



Estimate flaw size  $\sim 0.2 \mu\text{m}$

## Failure Criteria Estimate:

- Fail individual shell elements (element death) when max principal stress = failure stress
- LEFM approach to estimate failure stress

$$\sigma = \frac{K_{1c}}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \approx \frac{0.8 \text{ MPa} \sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{\pi (0.2 \times 10^{-6}) m}} \approx 1 \text{ GPa}$$

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