

# Deep Convolutional Neural Networks as a Rapid Screening Tool for Complex Additively Manufactured Structures

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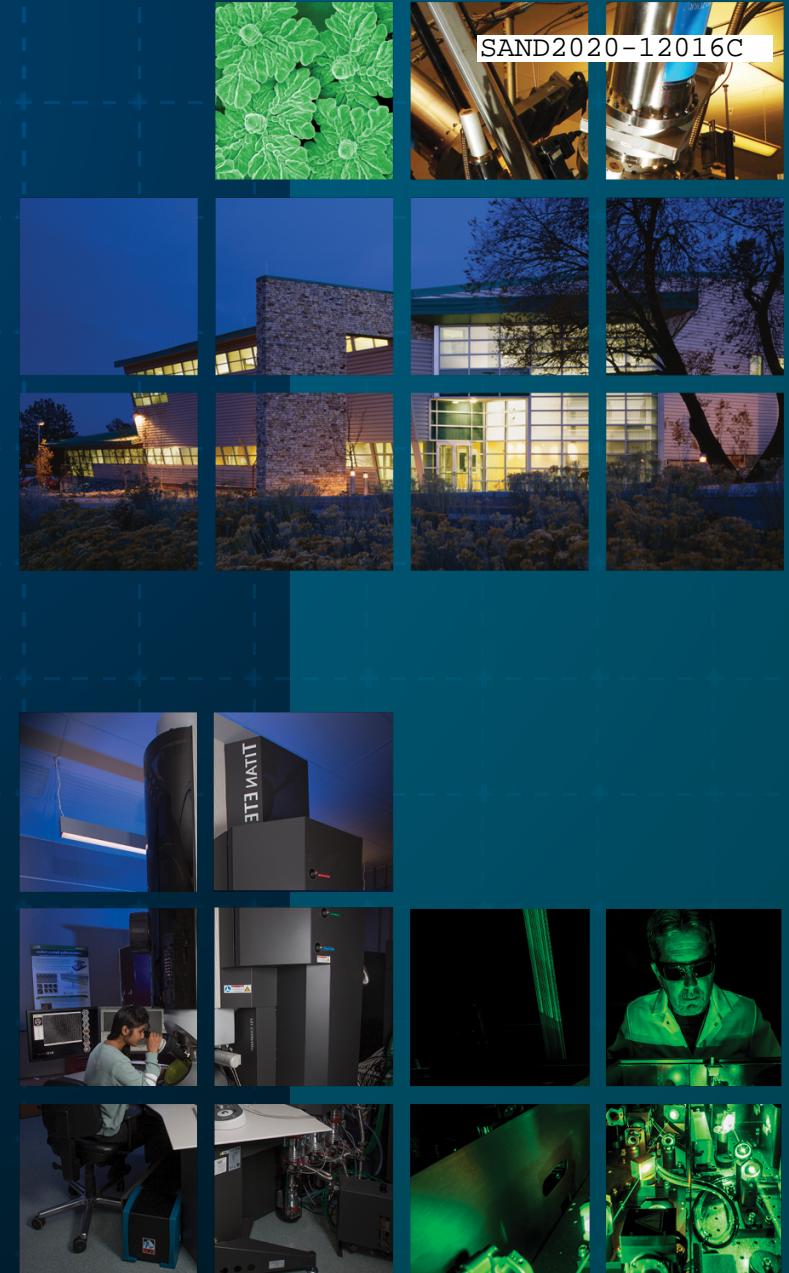
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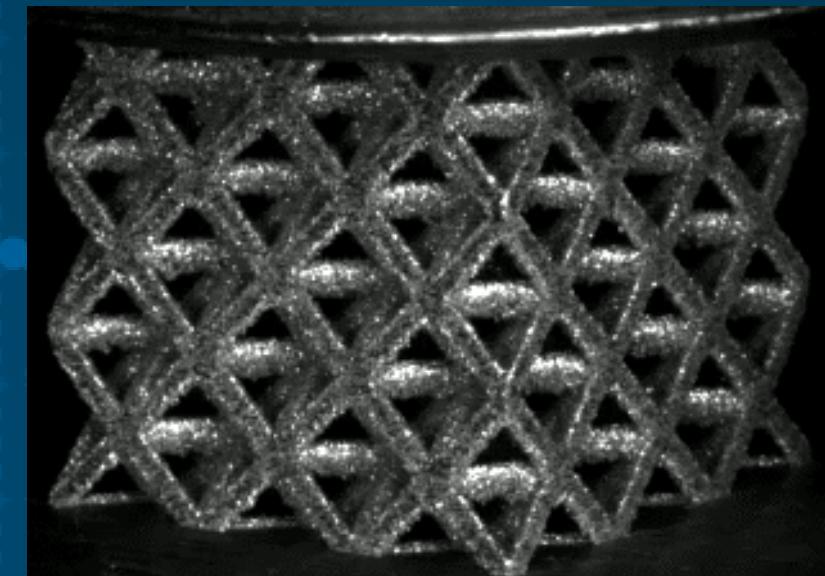
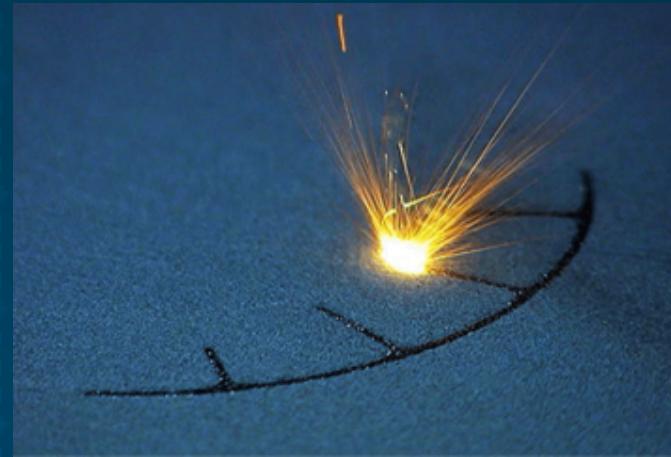


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# Background: Additive Manufactured Metal Lattices

Additive Manufacturing enables producing lattice metamaterials

1. Laser powder bed fusion enables making 316SS lattices
  - Start with a 3D model
  - Printer melts powder together 1 layer at a time.
  - Slowly build up the part
2. Lattice metamaterials can have unique properties
  - a) High strength to weight ratio (i.e. light weight)
  - b) High energy absorption during crush.
  - c) Shock mitigation
  - d) Vibration attenuation

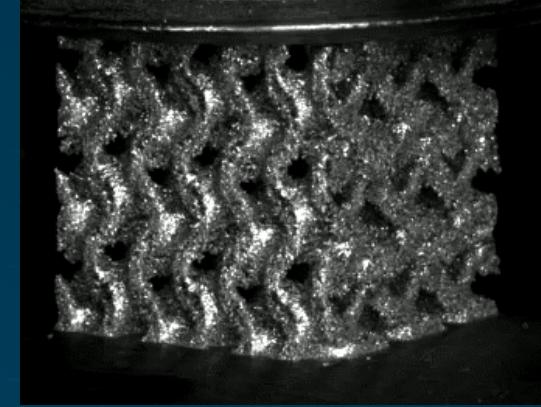
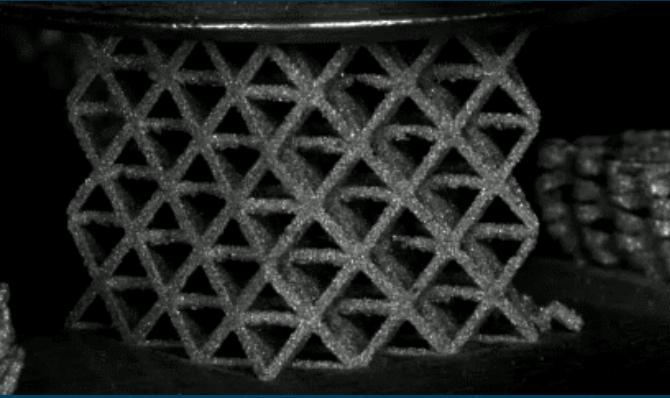


# A Process-Structure-Property Dataset for Lattices

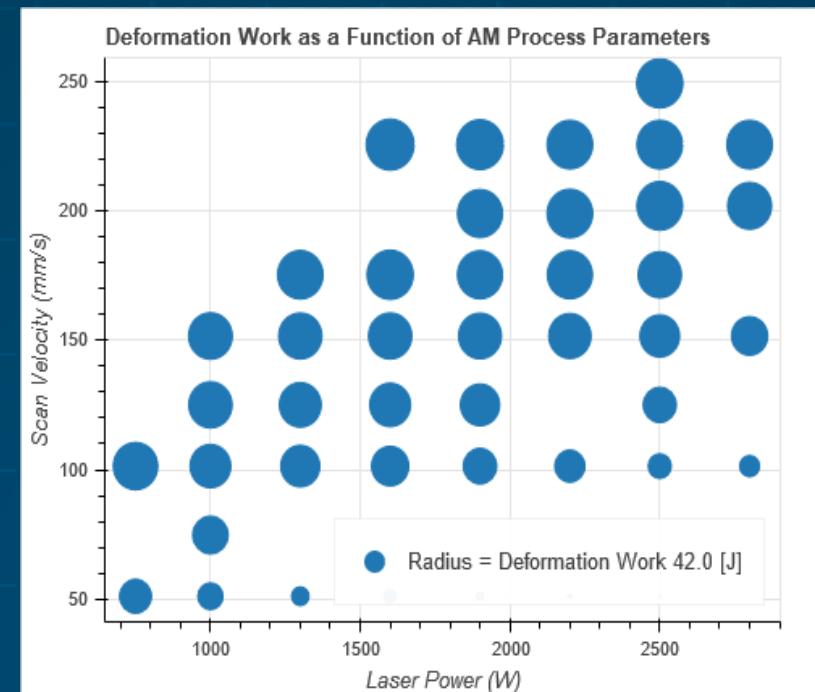
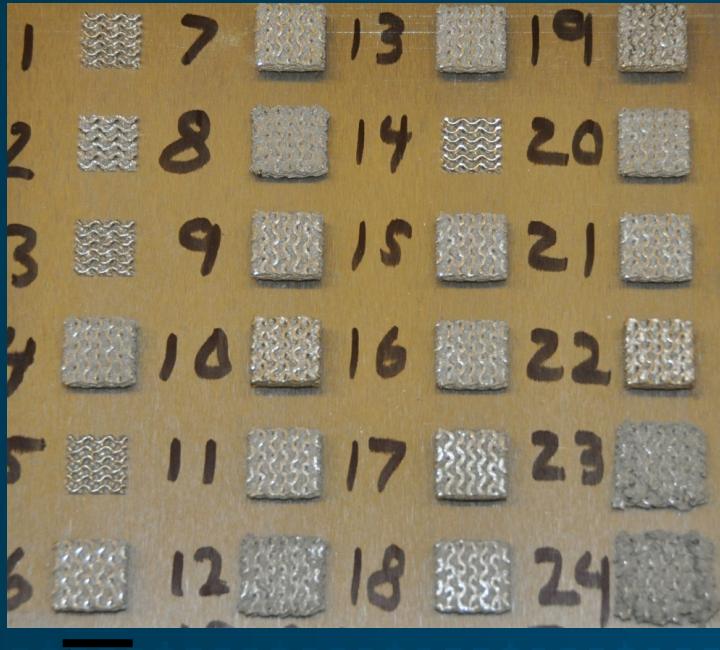
## Printed 98 Lattice

- 48 gyroids and 48 octets (FCC)
- Purposefully varied the laser power and scan speed

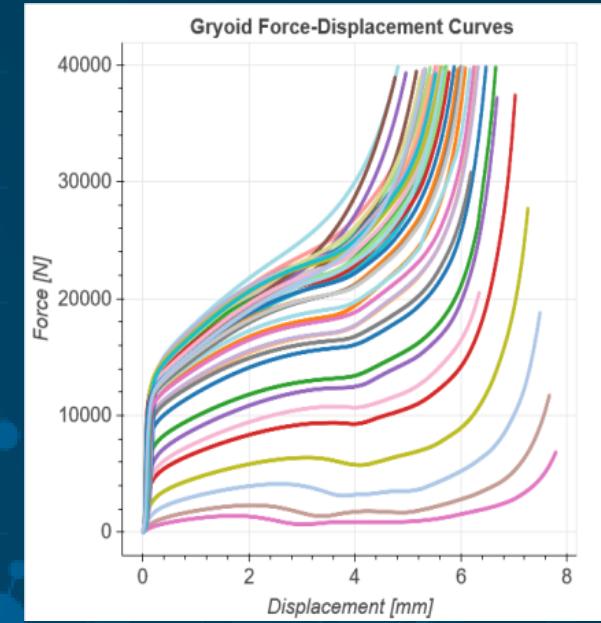
1. Changes the physical process of melting
2. Changes the lattice properties.



## 24 crushed lattices

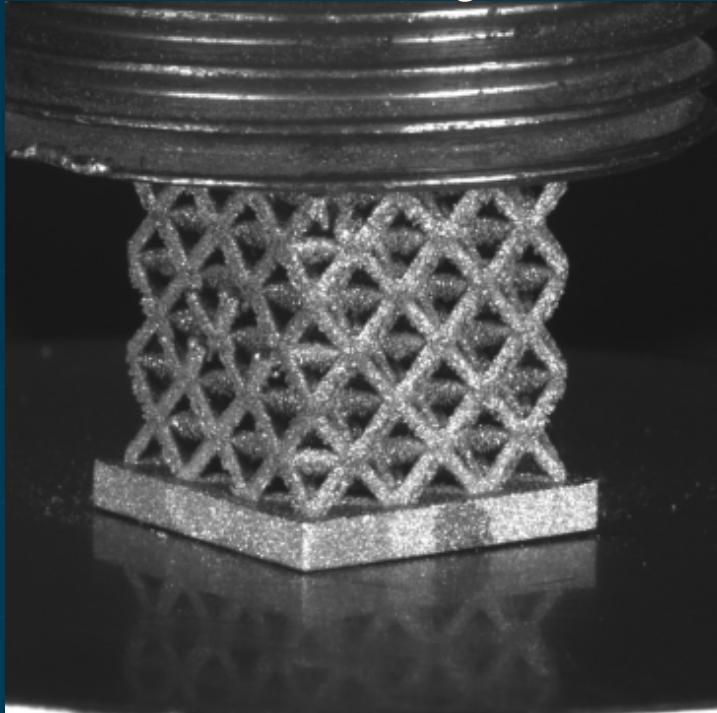


Crush Energy as a function of process parameters.



# The ridiculous proposition

*Initial image*



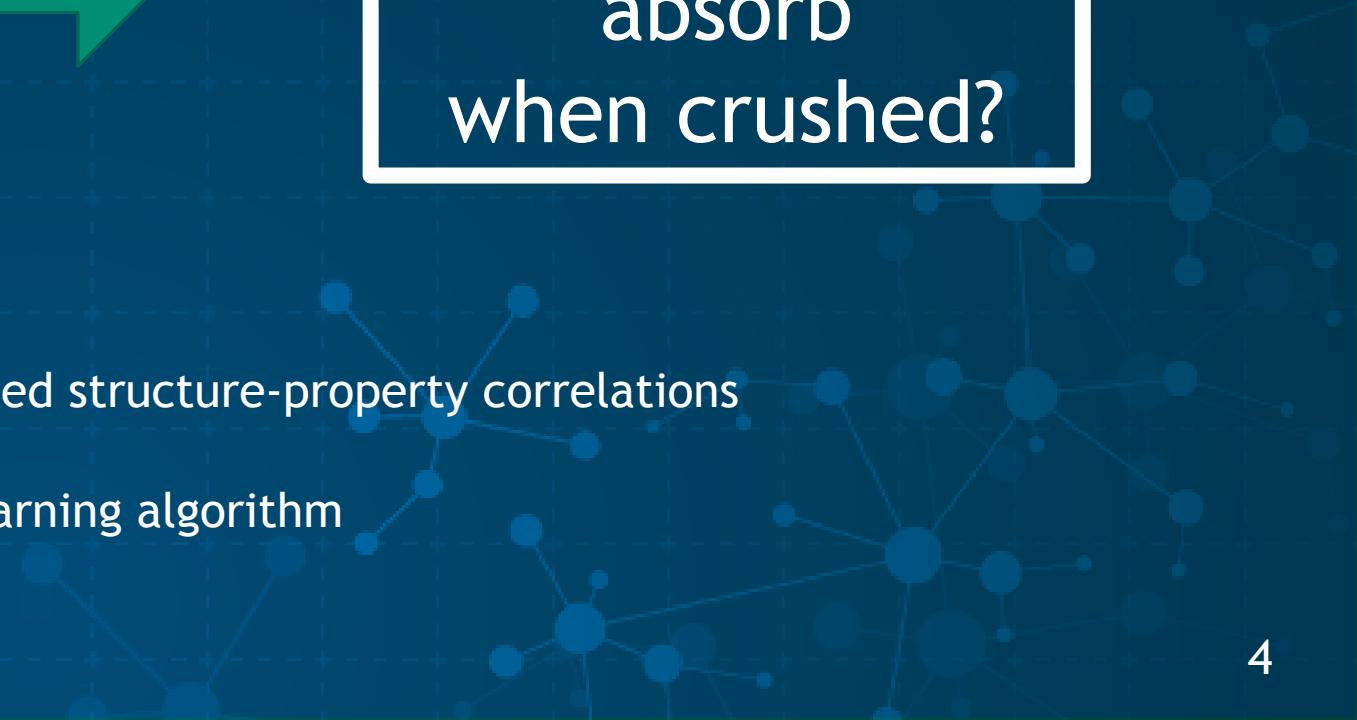
*prediction*



How much  
energy will it  
absorb  
when crushed?

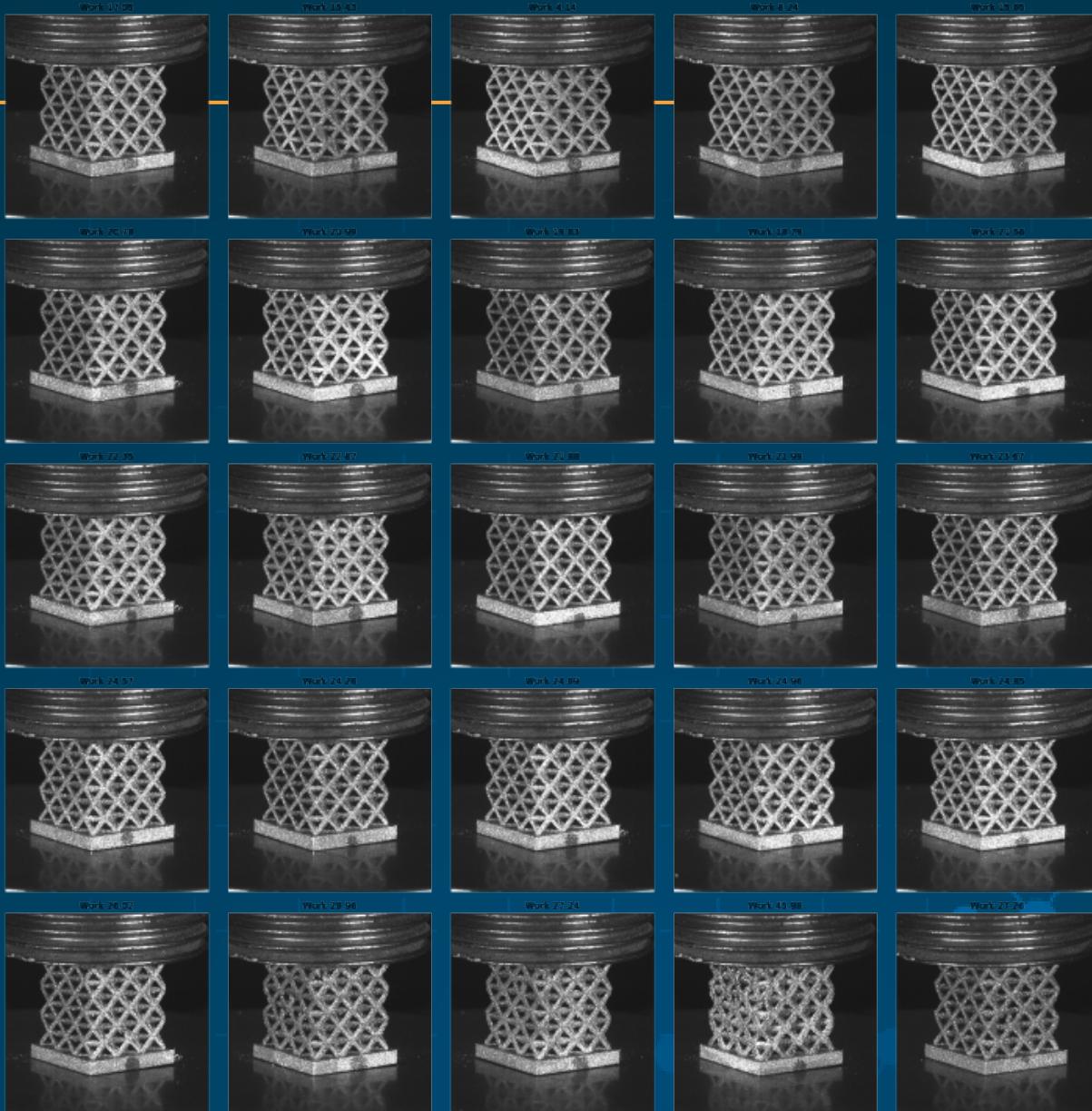
Method 1: Traditional expert-guided structure-property correlations

Method 2: Automated machine learning algorithm



# The ridiculous proposition

Laser Scan Speed



Laser Power

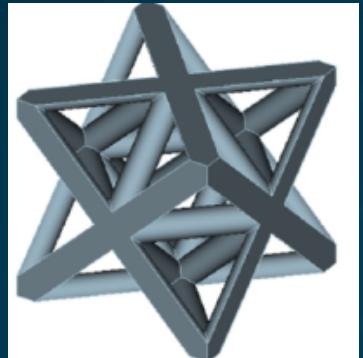
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## Method 1: Structure-Property relationships guided by human experts

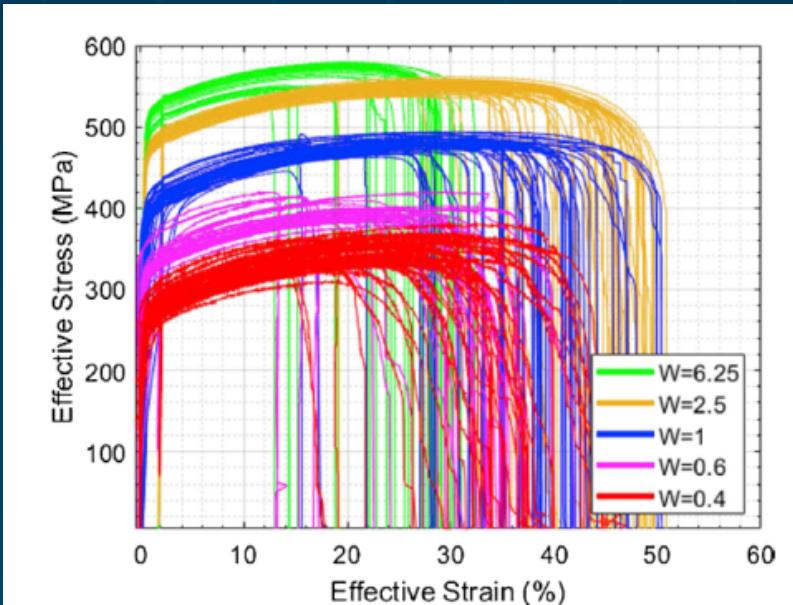


# Method 1: The traditional **expert-guided** method to predict mechanical properties

## Shape & topology



## Base Material Constitutive Properties



## Hierarchical representations of shape

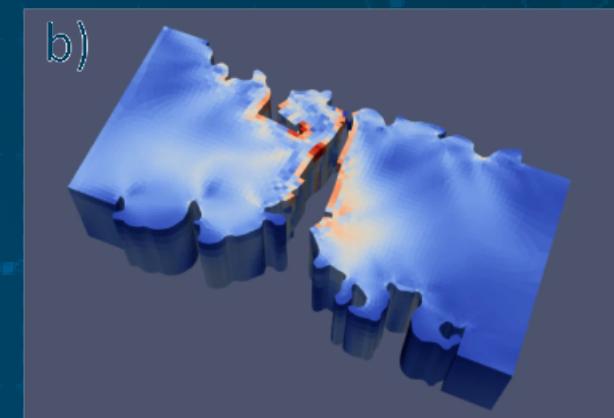
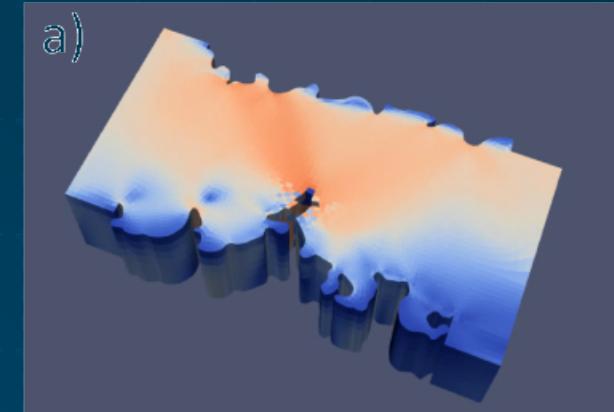


Constitutive model:  
Yield criterion; flow rule; hardening law

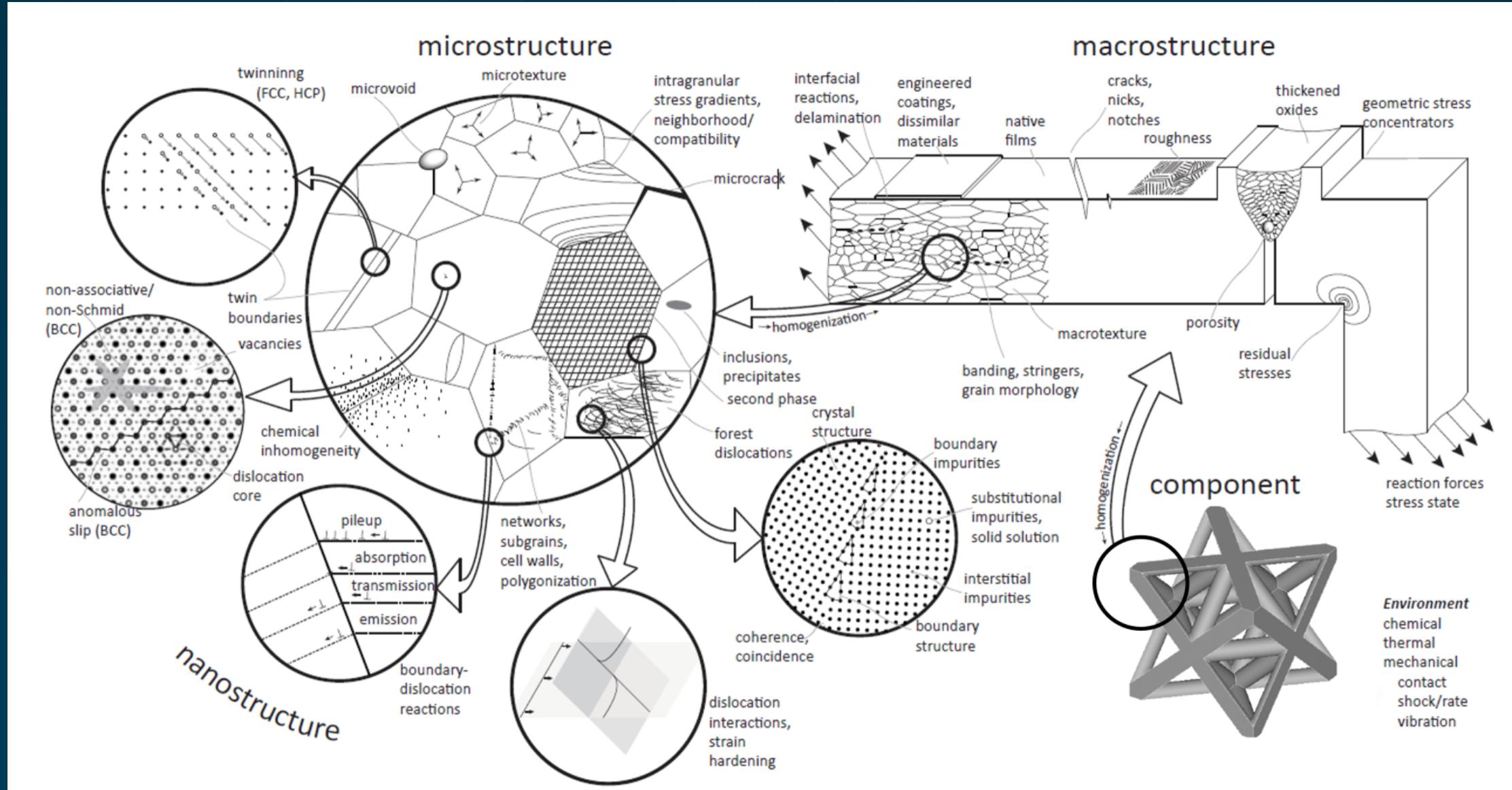
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} \left\{ 1 + \alpha \left( \frac{\sigma}{Y} \right)^{n-1} \right\}$$

Ramberg-Osgood

## Explicit Direct Numerical Simulation

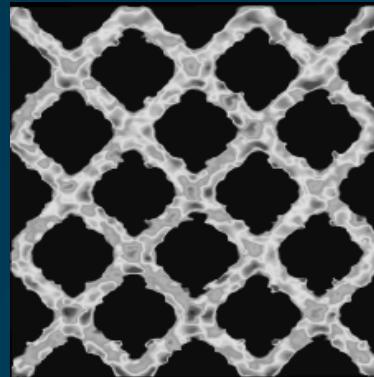


# Pandora's Box... what do we need to capture explicitly?



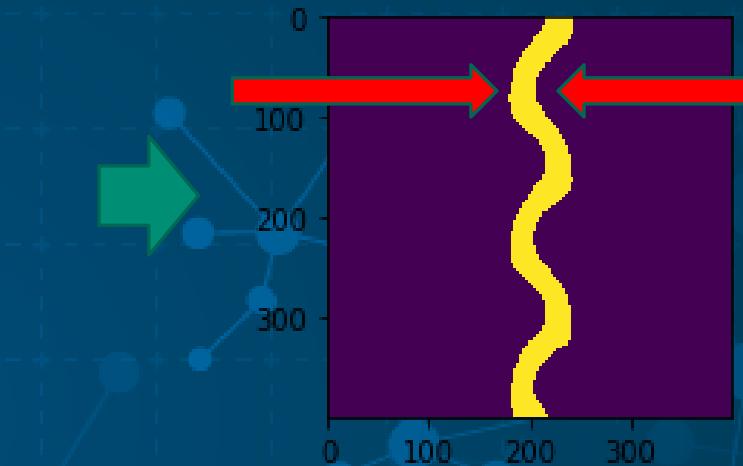
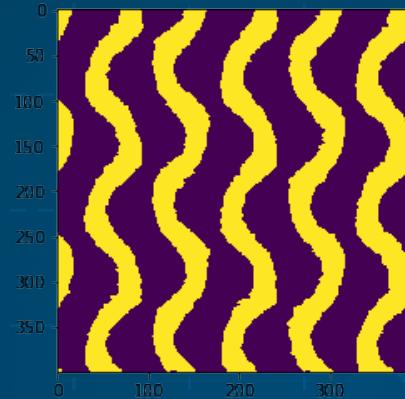
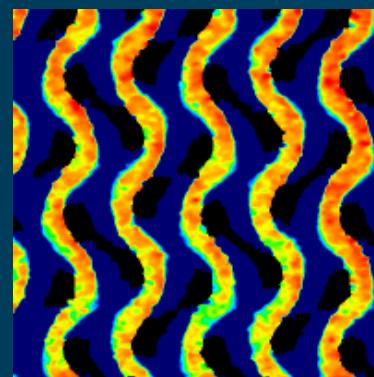
# Method 1: requires laboratory measurements of structure

**Expert guided assumption:** surface roughness and strut/wall thickness are the primary factors influencing crush energy absorption.



Extract strut width  
OR estimate with  
density and Surface  
Roughness

Measure Width



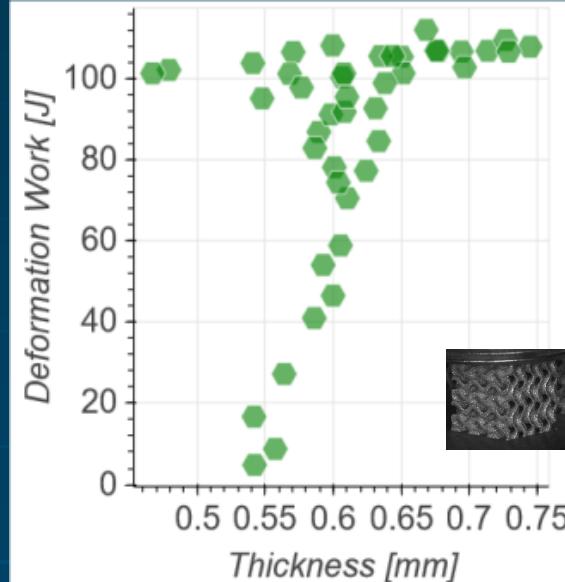
# Correlate feature dimensions with properties



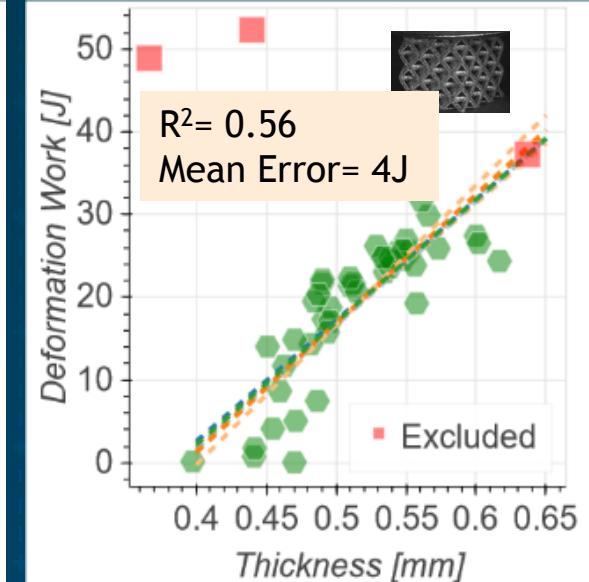
Neither surface roughness nor strut/wall thickness correlated very well with deformation response

## Thickness Effect

### Gyroid Lattice

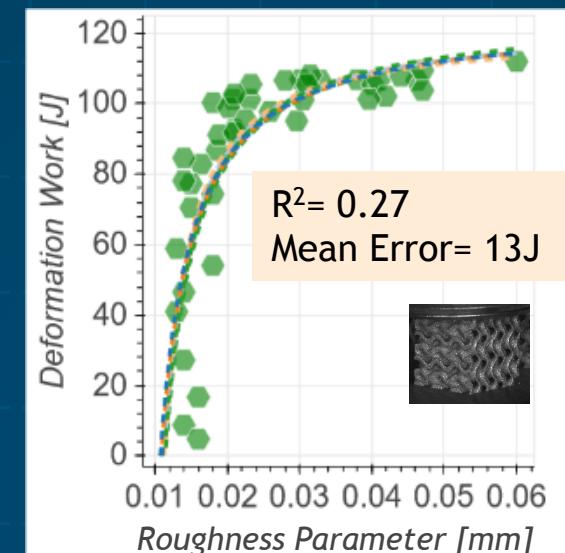


### Octet Lattice

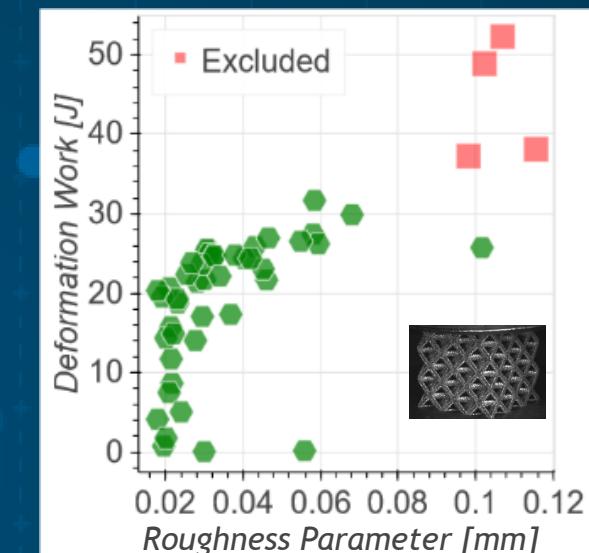


## Roughness Effect

$R^2 = 0.27$   
Mean Error = 13J



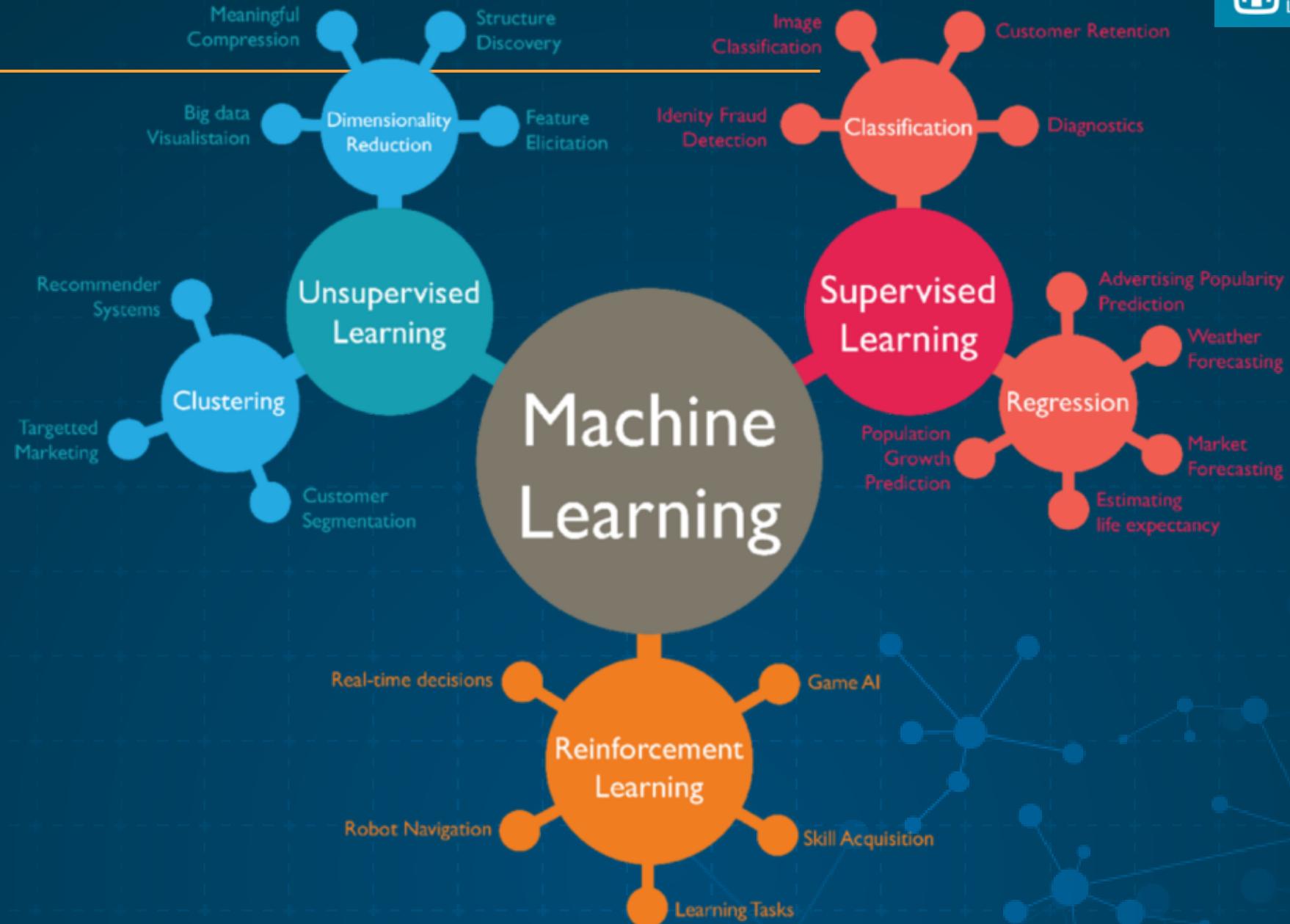
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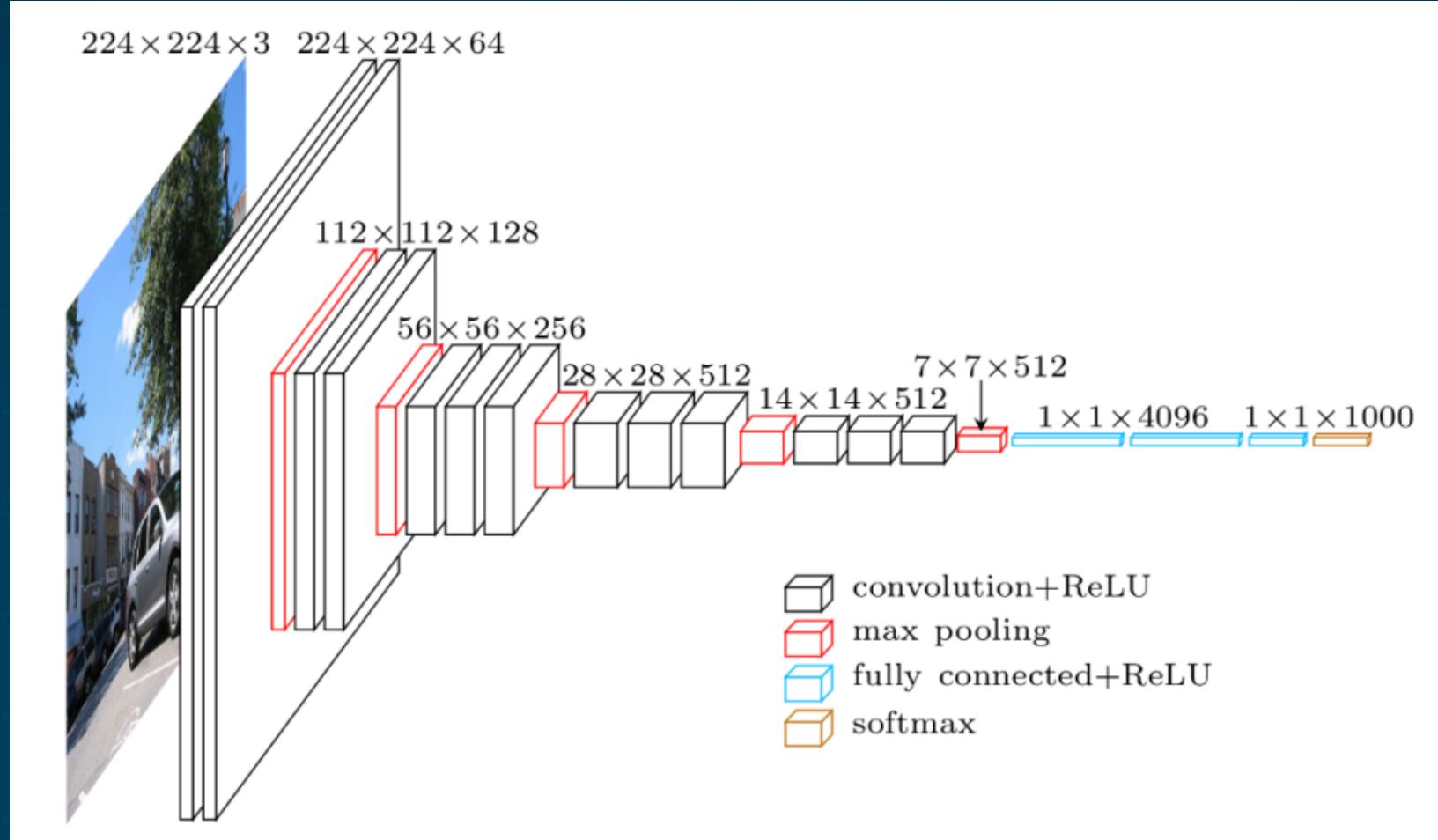
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## Method 2: Property correlations revealed by machine learning



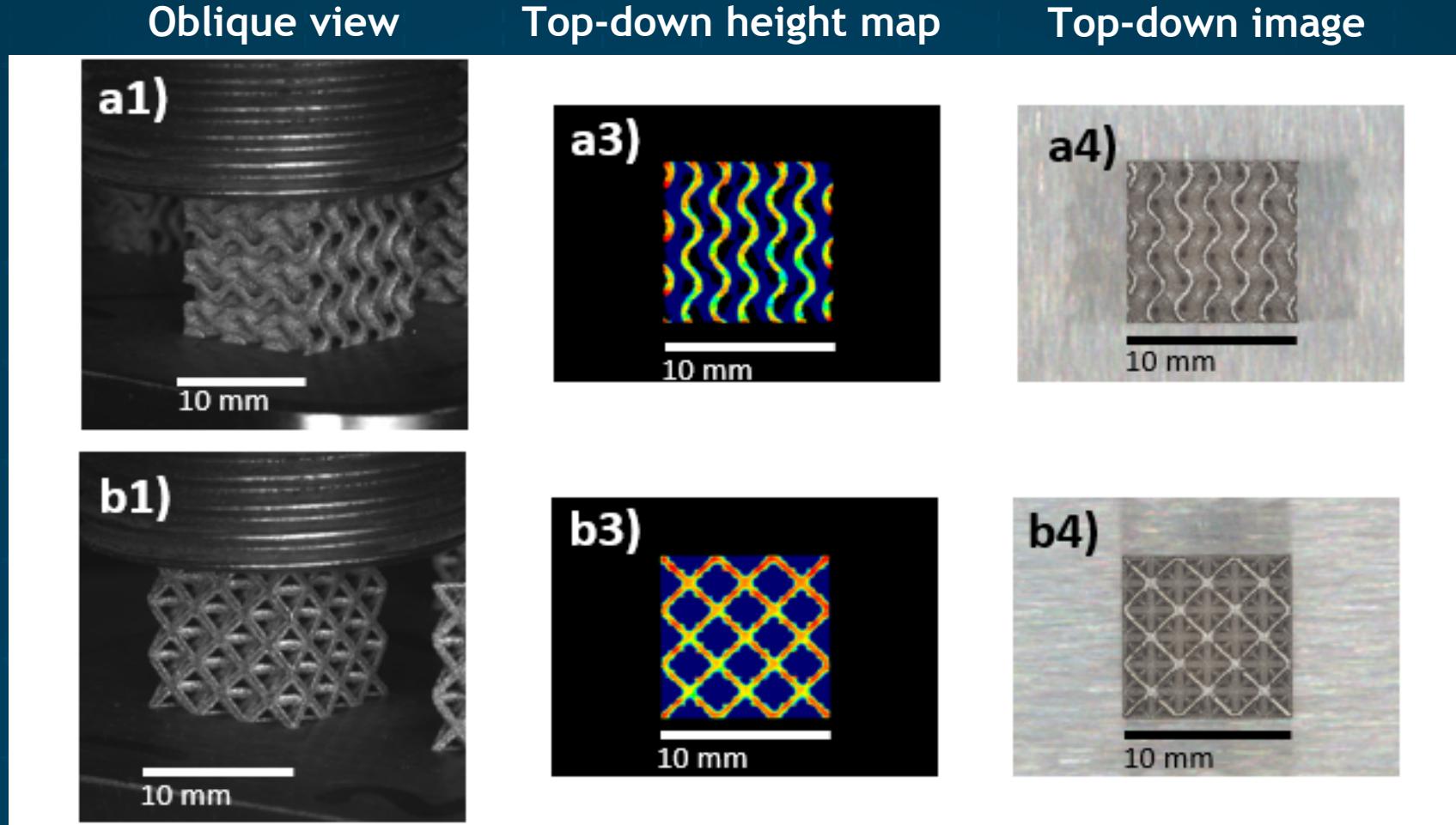


# Deep convolutional neural network: image-based classification or regression



# Method 2: Machine learning source data

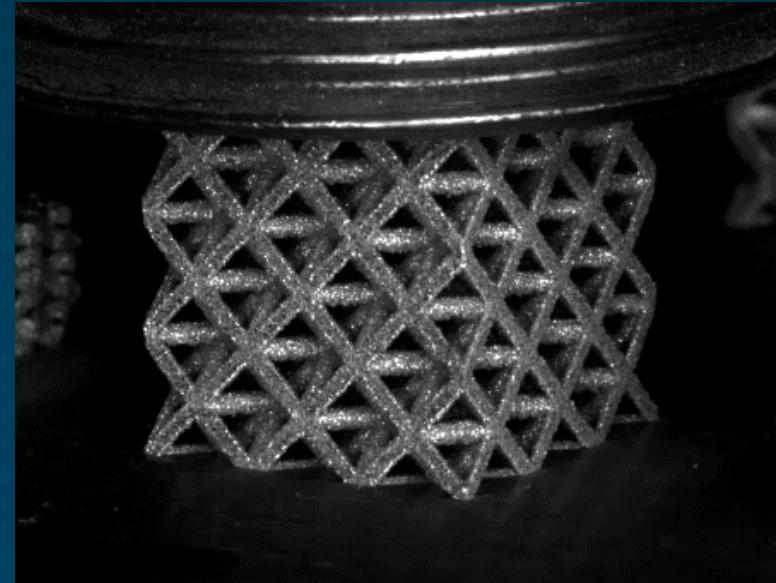
**Non-traditional source data: camera images of the as-printed lattices**



# Challenge with an ML approach

Very little data!

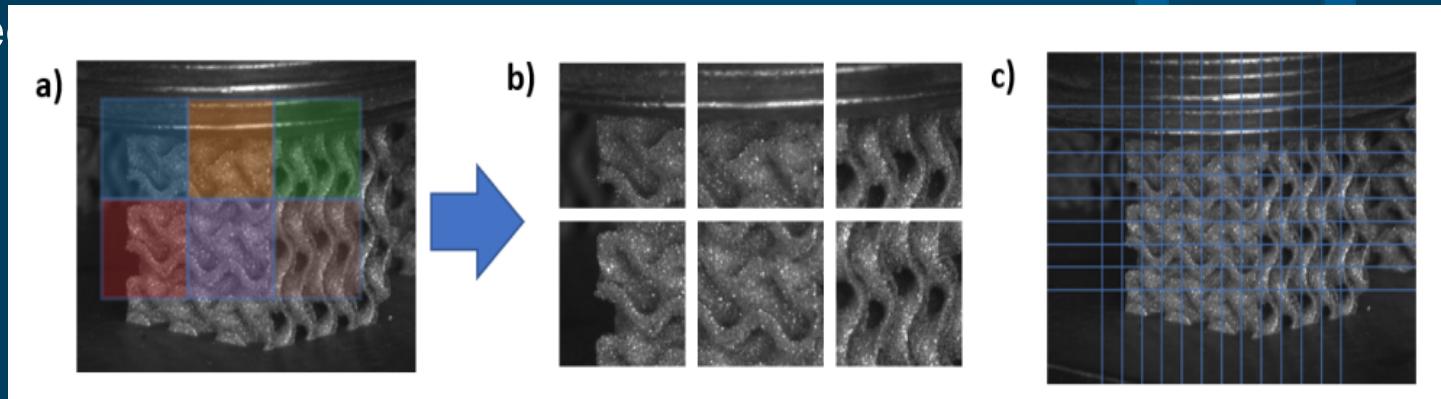
1. 48 octet data points
2. 43 gyroid data points (5 gyroids didn't survive the printing process and can't be tested)



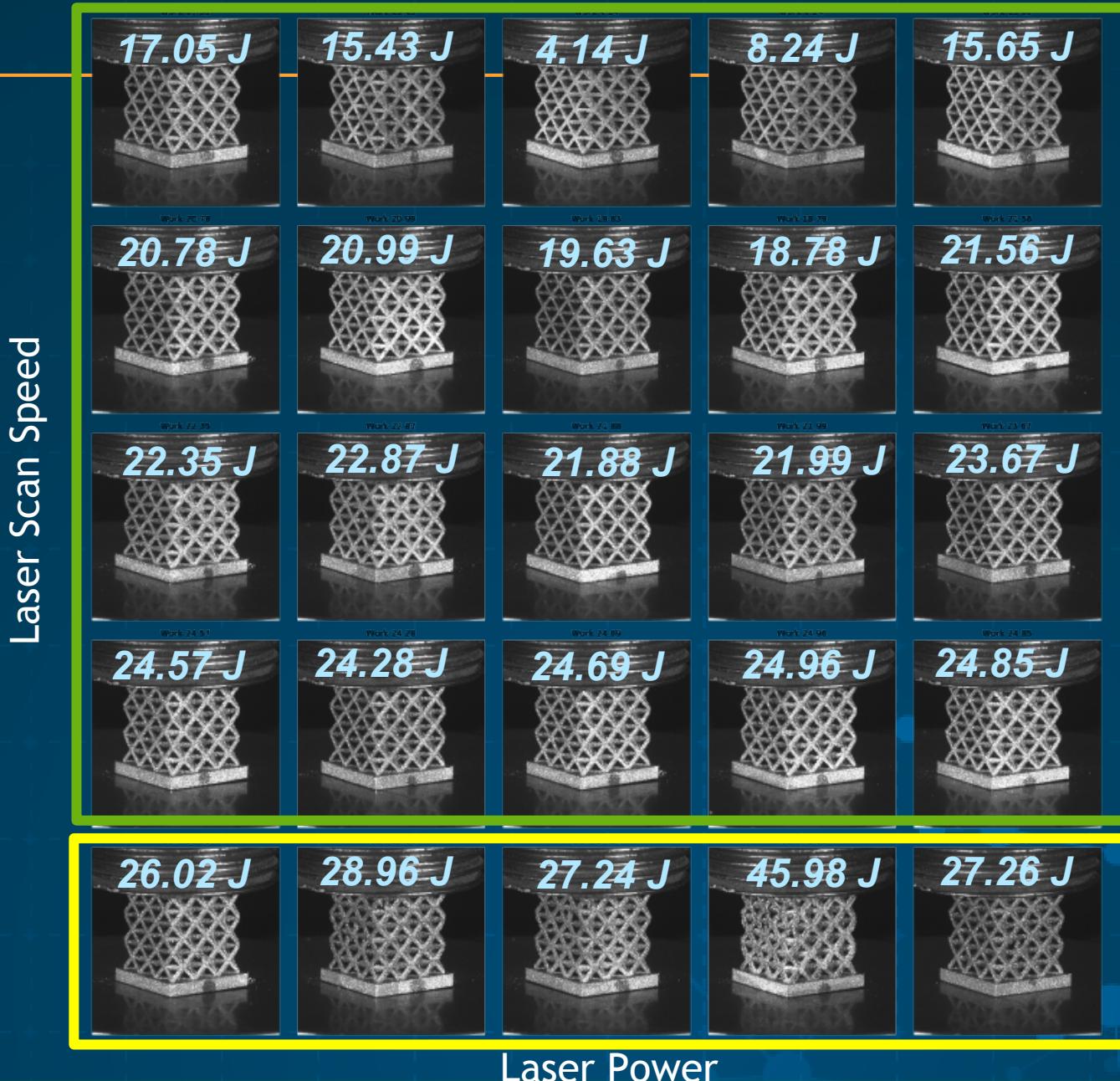
*Every octet lattice image available.*

**Solution: Subdivide images into representative subimages**

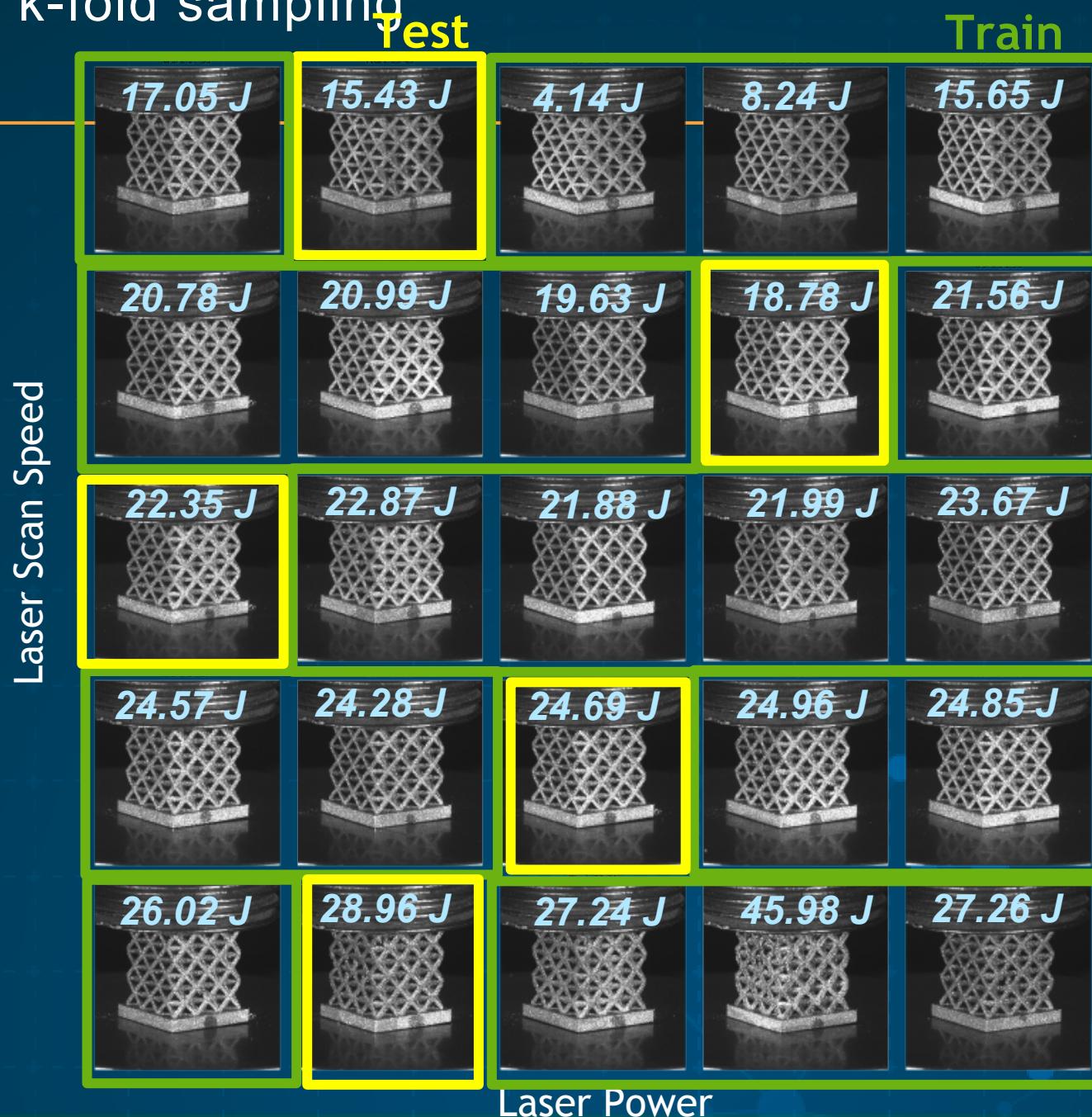
Works, be-



# Biased sampling!



# Stratified k-fold sampling



1. Use Stratified K-fold testing.
  - Subdivide the data into classes or quantiles.
  - Perform normal k-fold testing, but the test data must equally sample all classes.

## 2. Data Augmentation

- Cut each image into 48 subimages
- Do the normal data augmentation tricks (flipping LR [not up-down], warping, zooming, cropping, skewing, lighting changes)

## 3. Model: ResNet 16 Technology

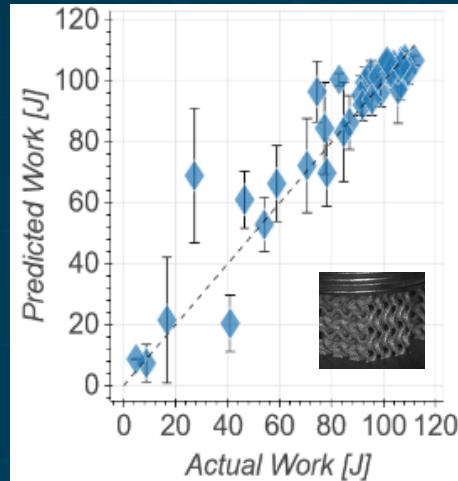
fast.ai library (wrapper around pytorch)

Scikit-learn for stratified k-fold.

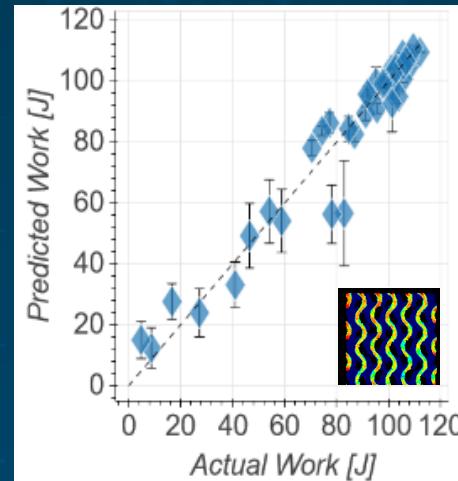


# Results

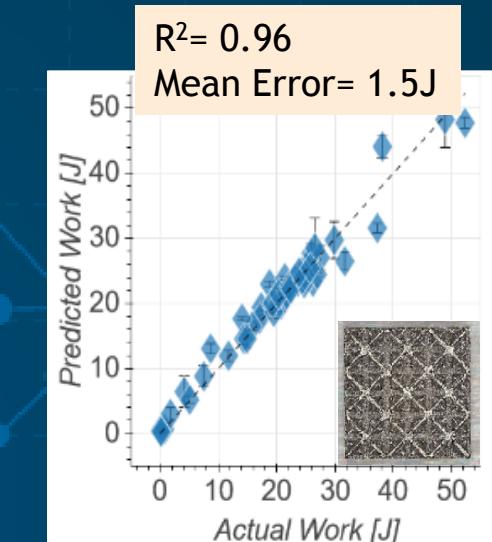
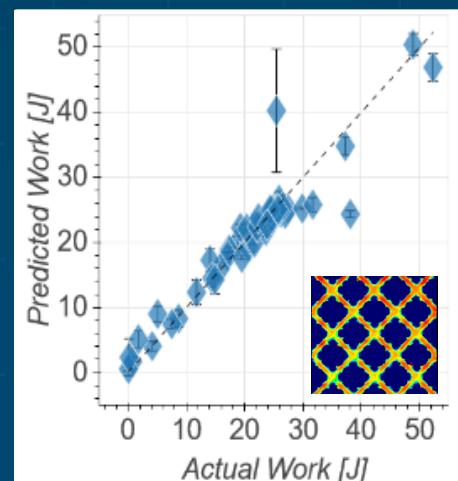
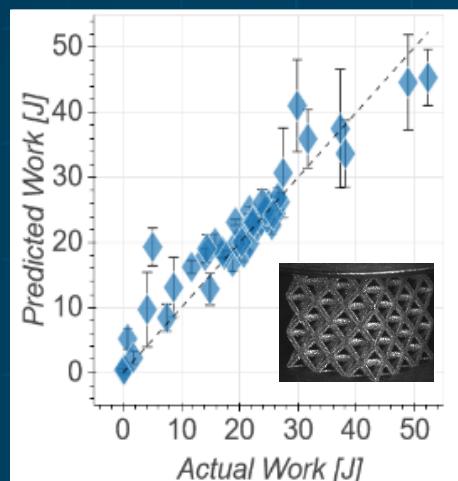
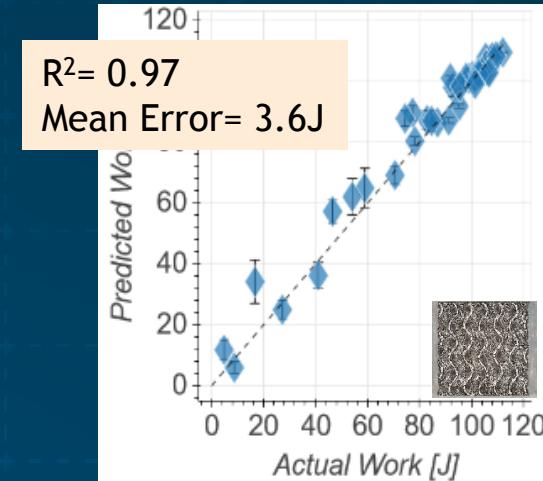
## Oblique view



## Top-down height map

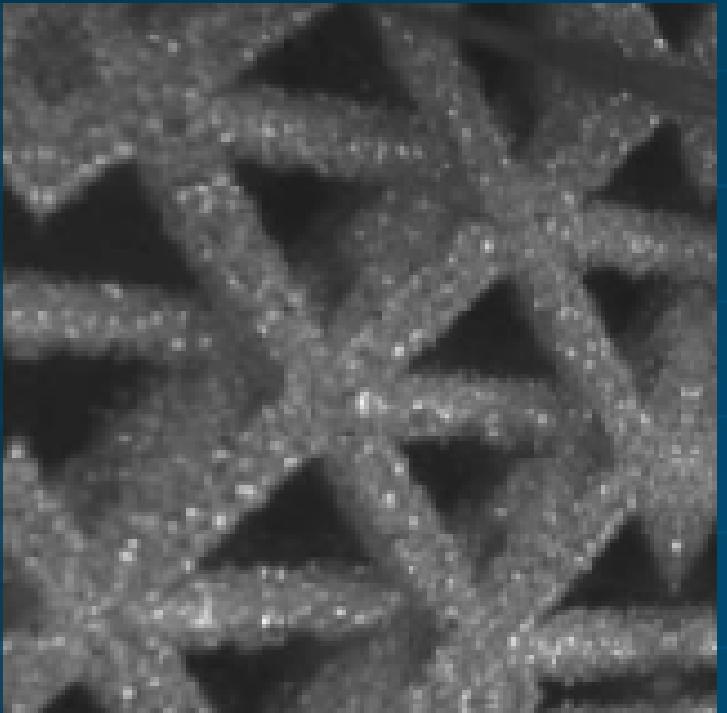


## Top-down image

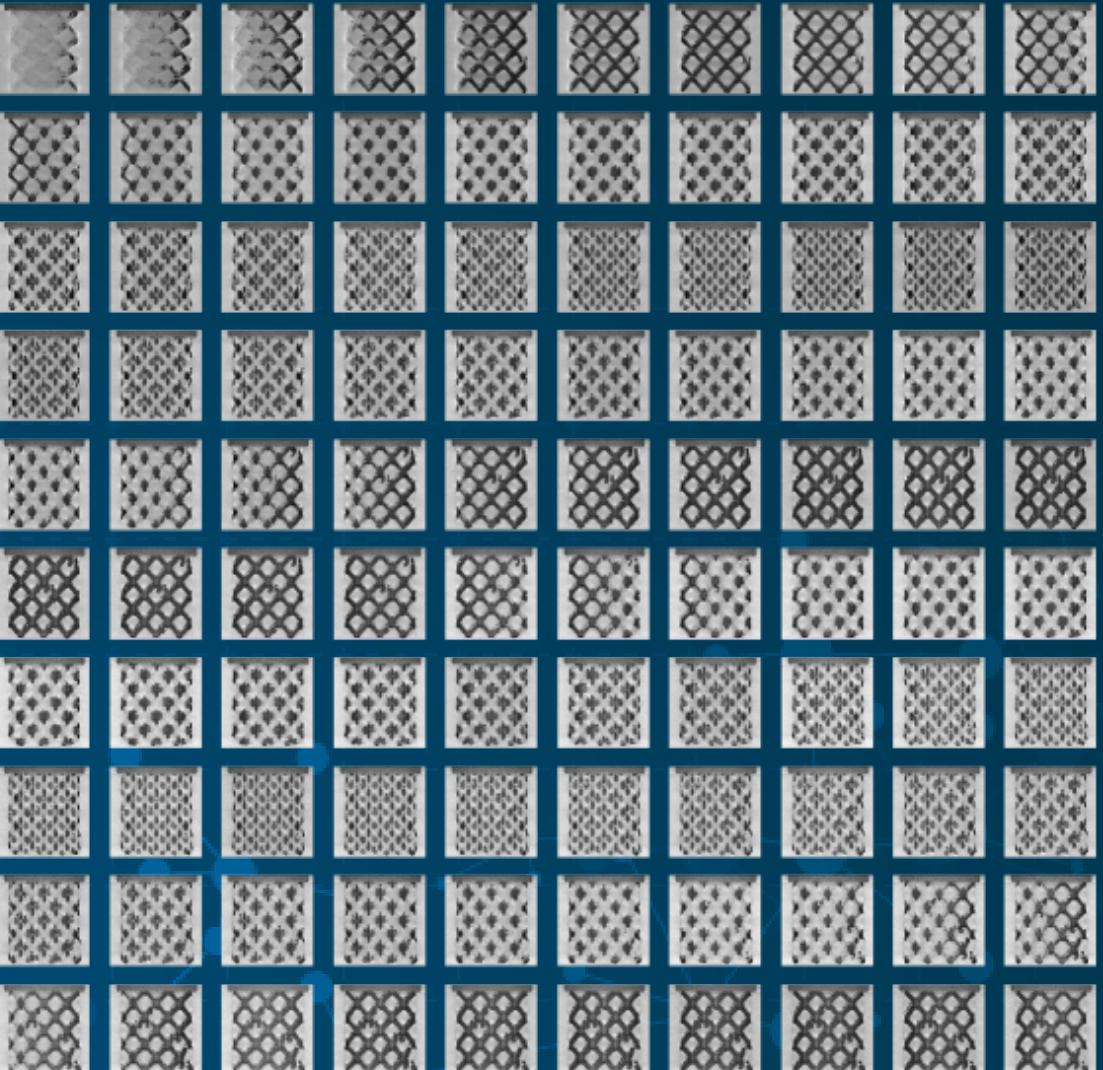


# Why did this work?

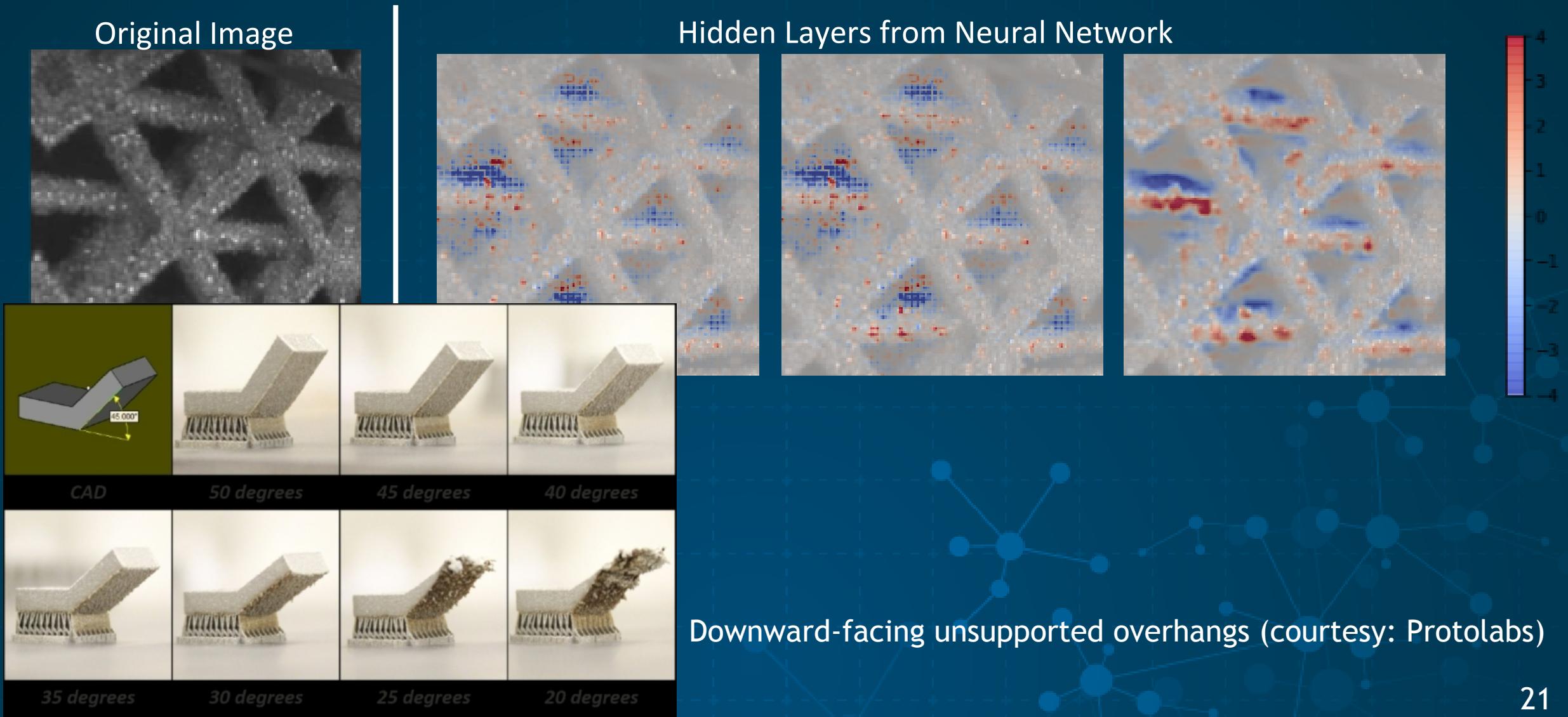
- 1) sufficient training data
- 2) careful sampling
- 3) source data has representative features



*Surface roughness  
Strut diameter  
Broken struts  
What else???*



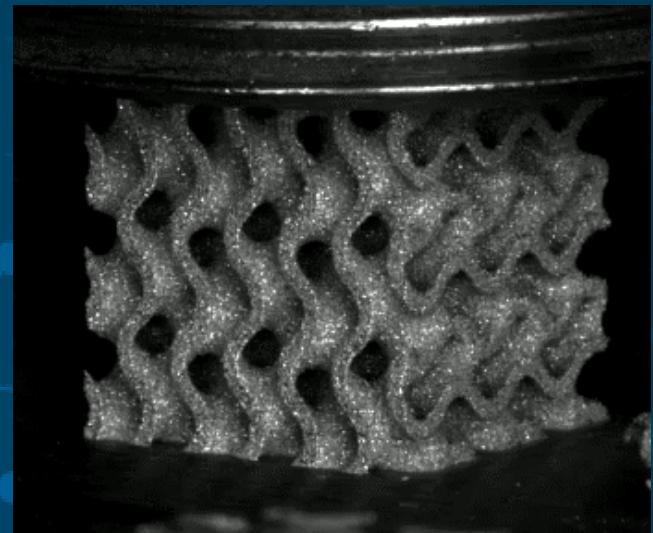
# Interpretability



# Take-home messages

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1. **Complex structure-property relationships** can be developed by a trained machine learning algorithm instead of by expert-guided modeling.
2. **Non-traditional source datasets** may have sufficiently encoded features that correlate to the underlying structural parameters governing behavior.
3. After a ML correlation has been developed, the **causation** may be explainable by analyzing the intermediate transfer functions (hidden layers).
4. Such approaches may serve as **fast, efficient product screening tools**.



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**ABSTRACT**

Additively manufactured metamaterials such as lattices offer unique physical properties such as high specific strengths and stiffnesses. However, additively manufactured parts, including lattices, exhibit a higher variability in their mechanical properties than wrought materials, placing more stringent demands on inspection, part quality verification, and product qualification. Previous research on anomaly detection has primarily focused on using in-situ monitoring of the additive manufacturing process or post-process (ex-situ) x-ray computed tomography. In this work, we show that convolutional neural networks (CNN), a machine learning algorithm, can directly predict the energy required to compressively deform gyroid and octet truss metamaterials using only optical images. Using the tiled nature of engineered lattices, the relatively small data set (43 to 48 lattices) can be augmented by systematically subdividing the original image into many smaller sub-images. During testing of the CNN, the prediction from these sub-images can be combined using an ensemble-like technique to predict the deformation work of the entire lattice. This approach provides a fast and inexpensive screening tool for predicting properties of 3D printed lattices. Importantly, this artificial intelligence strategy goes beyond 'inspection', since it accurately estimates product performance metrics, not just the existence of defects.

**1. Introduction**

Additive manufacturing (AM) enables fabrication of complex free-form shapes including engineered lattices, such as gyroids and octet trusses, that are not possible or very difficult to fabricate with other traditional manufacturing methods [1]. Lattices are typically employed for two distinct purposes: (1) as support or "infill" to facilitate printability of cavities, overhangs, and suspended features, or (2) as structural qualification requirements [21].

The successful use of structural lattices is directly related to the ability to assure that the properties and shape of the printed lattice meet design requirements. To qualify AM parts, it is necessary to confirm that the component meets predefined physical performance requirements. A prerequisite for qualification is measuring part properties directly or by using a model to relate a secondary measured property to the true properties of interest. Measurements could include inspecting the final

1. We redid the entire experiment by printing 48 more octet lattices and we were able to replicate the results.
2. ML for lattice design (inverse problem)





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