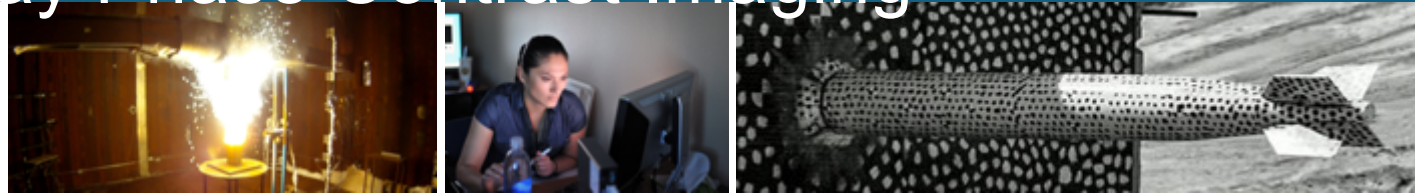




Meso-Scale Simulations of the Transient Deformation in Additively Manufactured 316L Stainless Steel Lattices Characterized with in-situ X-ray Phase Contrast Imaging



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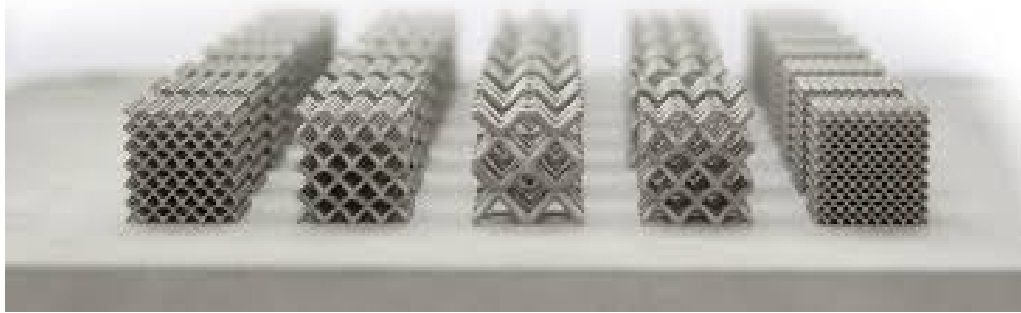
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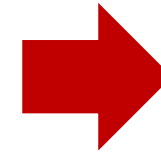
Background & Motivation



- How does microstructure control deformation mechanisms in AM lattices?
- What role does grain structure, filament porosity, processing defects, etc. have on performance of lattice metamaterials?
- How does topology dominate performance characteristics in AM lattice metamaterials under shock loading?

AM has enabled the interconnection of solid struts from edges and faces of cells in order to decrease the relative density (ρ^*/ρ_s) permitting the design of components that are:

- lightweight
- increased stiffness
- other unique mechanical properties



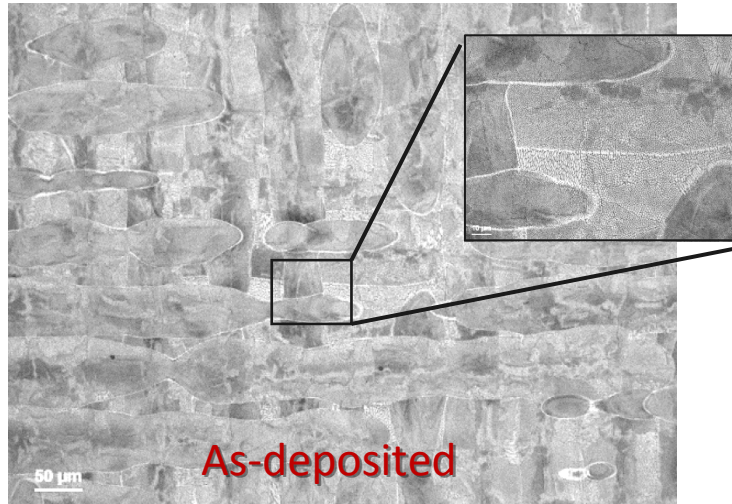
Energy Dissipation

Lattices are being developed as an engineering solution for vibration and shock mitigation in transportation, aerospace and military applications.

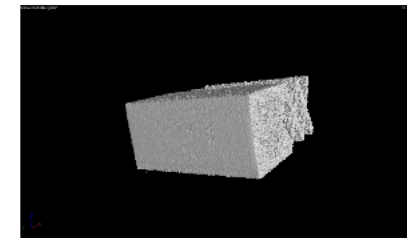
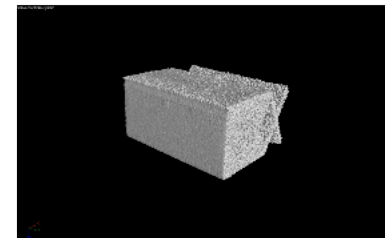
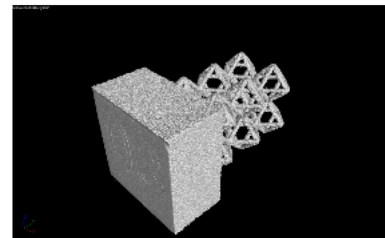
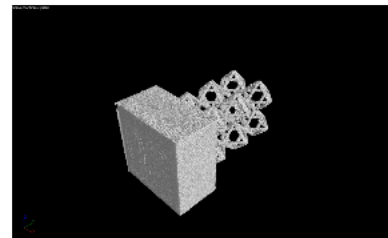
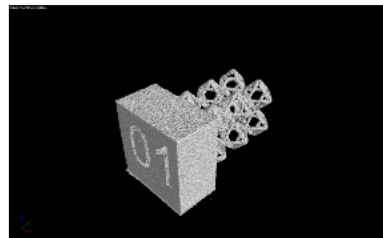
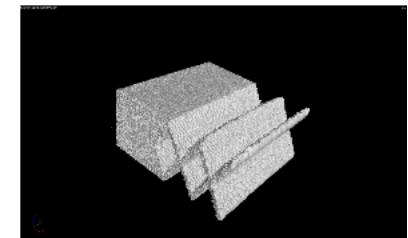
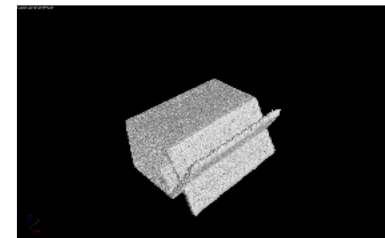
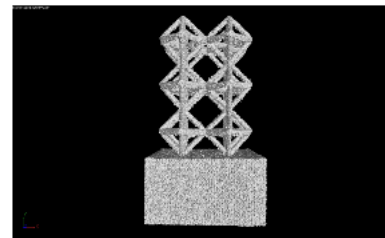
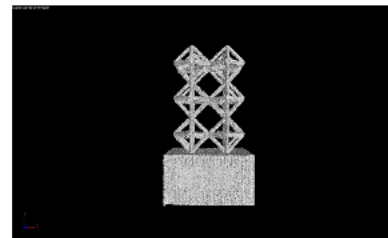
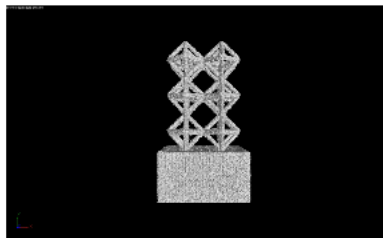
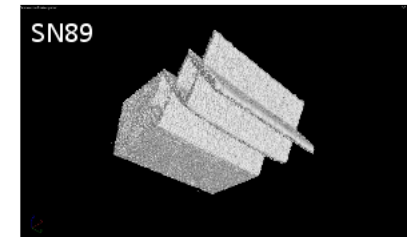
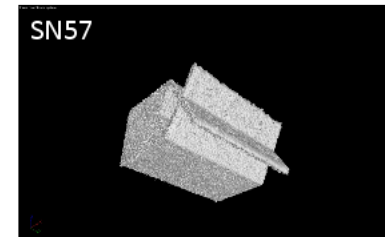
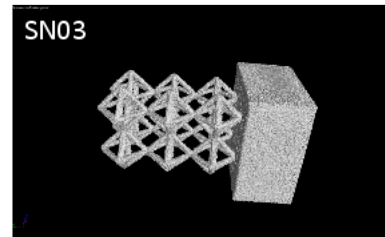
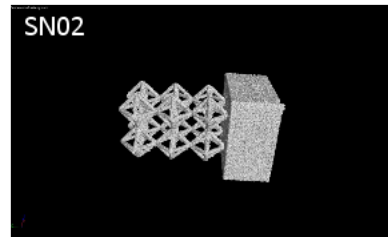
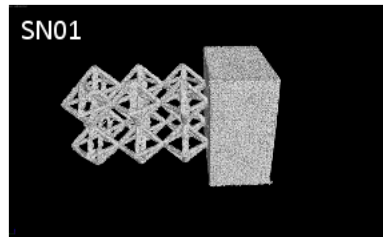
Studies probing lattice performance at high strain rates limited to polymers, limited understanding of metal lattices at high impact pressure.

AM of 316L Stainless Steel

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- Laser Powder Bed Fusion System:
- 25-50μm best accuracy
- surface finish: >5-10μm Sa (~ casting)
- wall thickness: > 100 μm, overhangs < 45°
- single material > 99% density



Computed Tomography Characterization

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Analysis performed using VGDefX

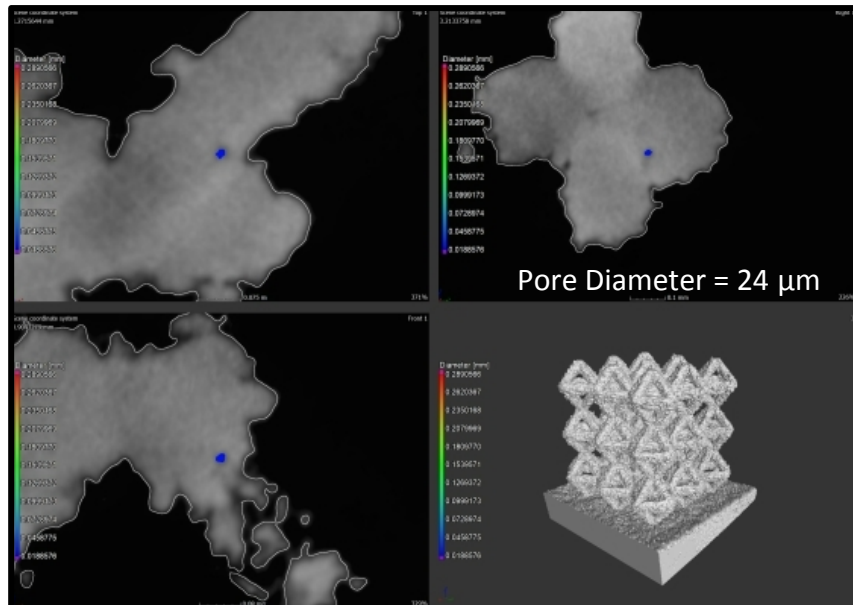
Standard settings were used for analysis, except:

- Probability Threshold: 0.85
- Minimum edge distance: 13 μm (2 voxels)

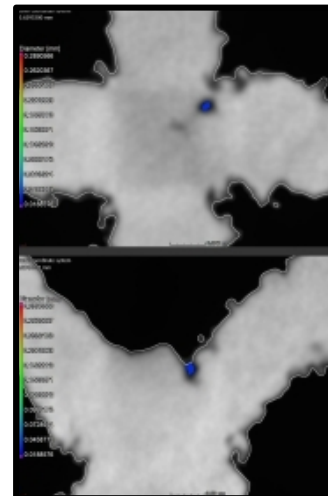
Pores down to $\sim 20\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ were detected with confidence, however it is likely that misidentifications are made for pores of this size.

Most difficult part of porosity analysis for lattices with struts of this size is ensuring that the tortuous surface is not misidentified as a pore. Surface effects become more significant with smaller struts [1].

Porosity Analysis



Edge-crossing Defect

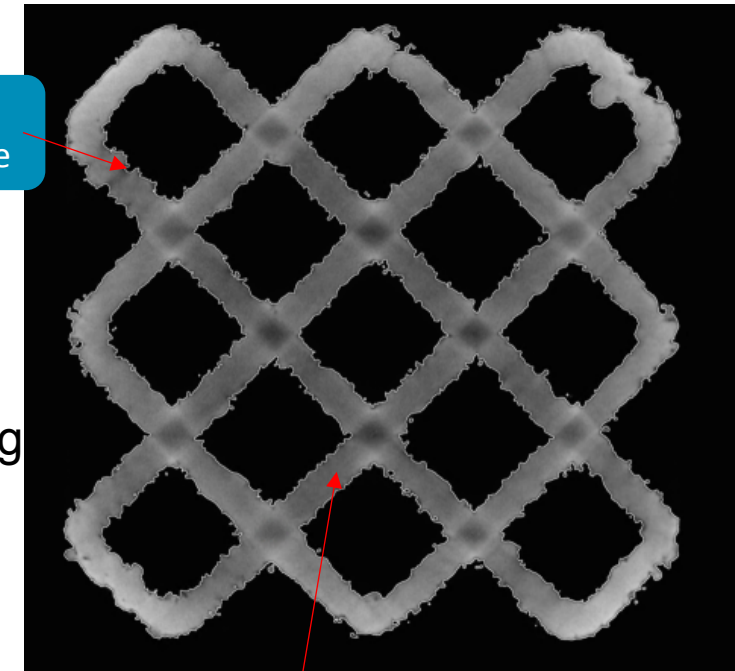


The “pore” is open to surface and therefore is not an internal defect.

Pore Location to Edge: mean 0.035 mm

Pore Diameter: mean 0.0379 mm

Grayer “pores” near lattice edge



Dark “indications” at lattice nodes. This appears to be an CT image artifact from beam hardening

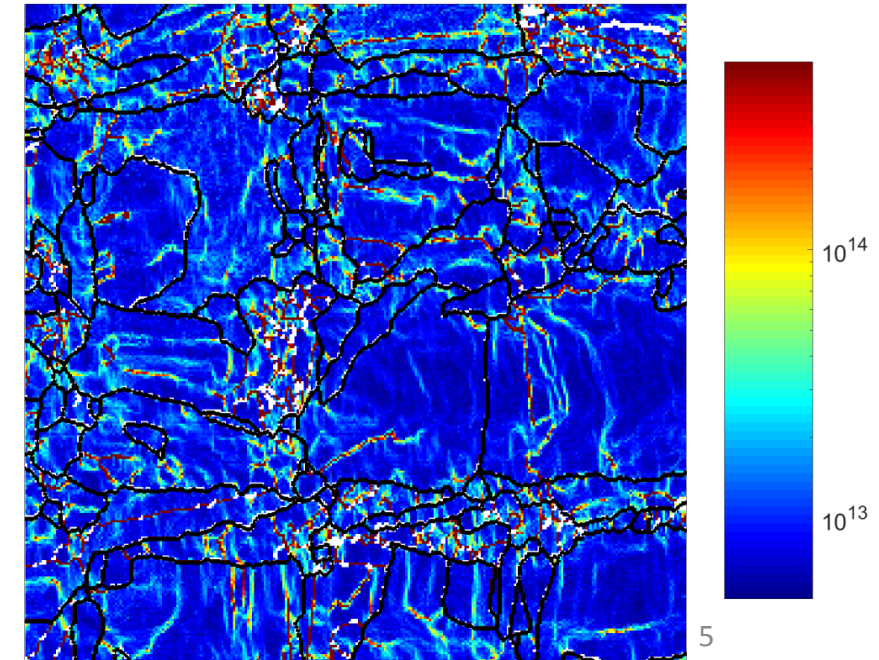
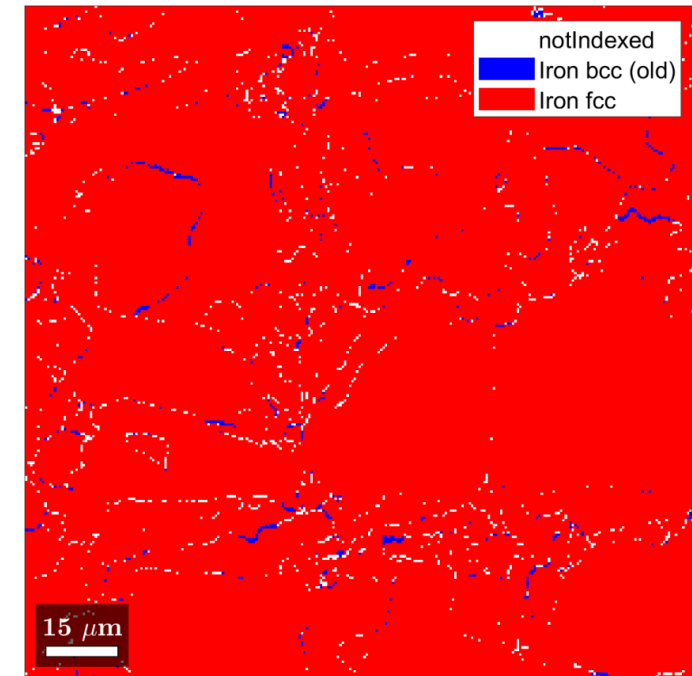
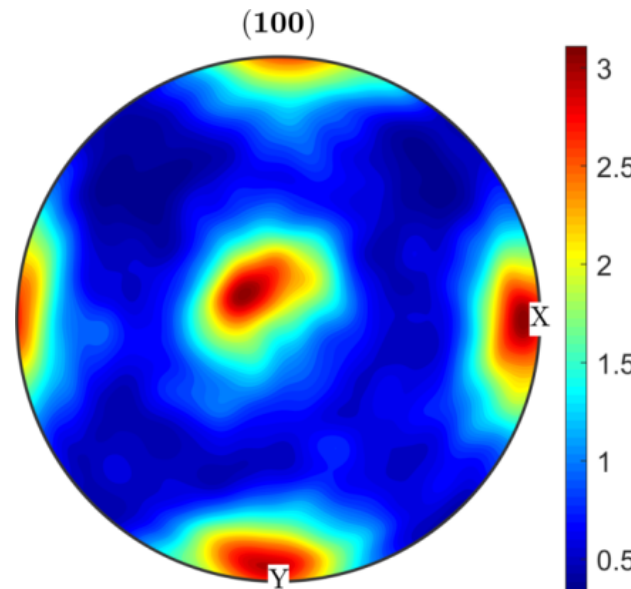
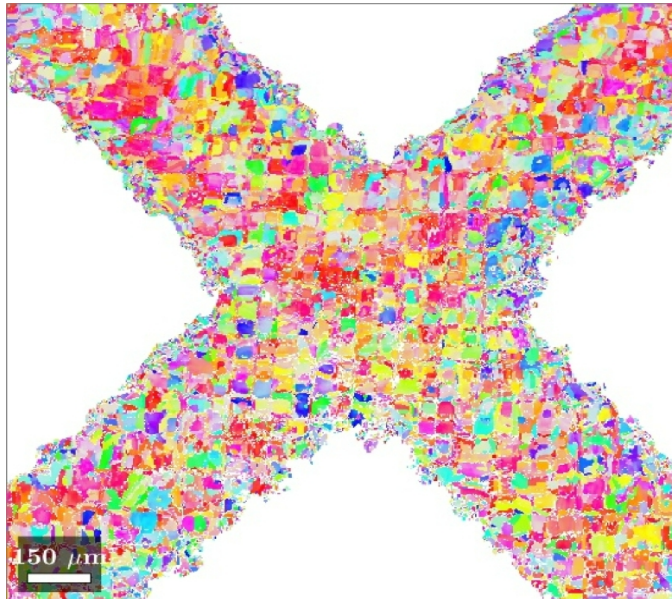
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Microstructural Characterization

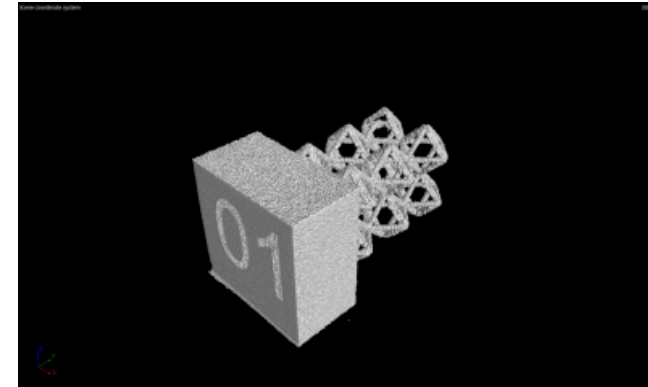
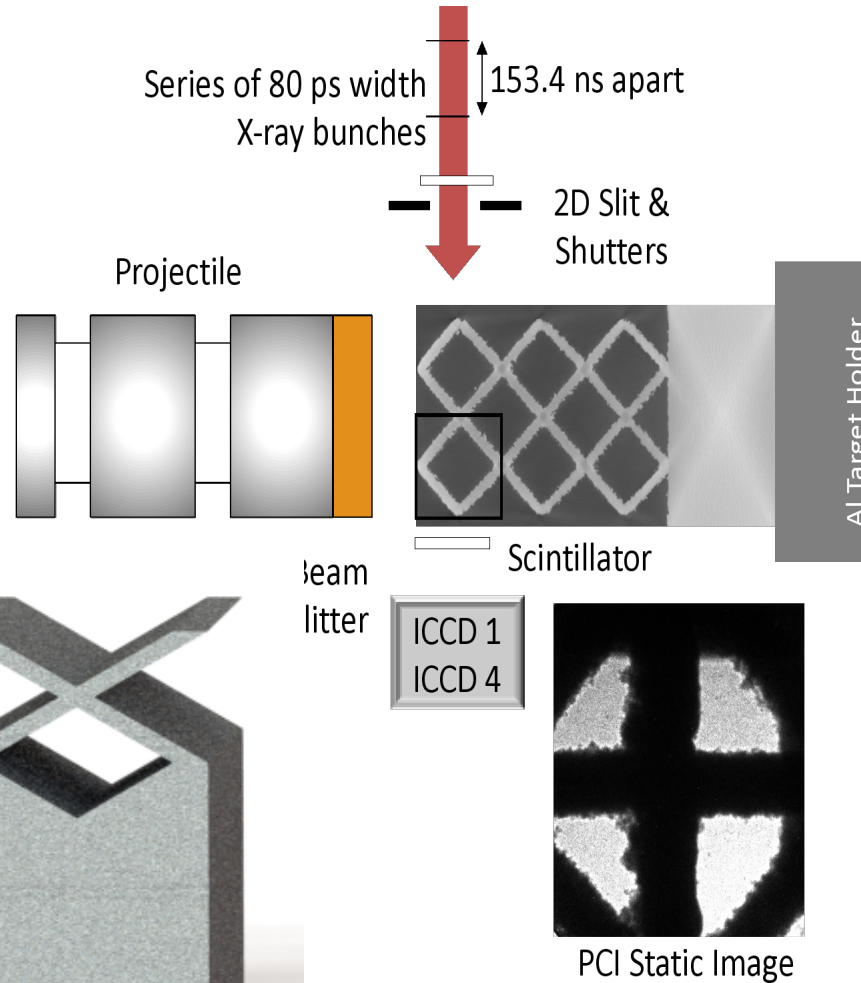
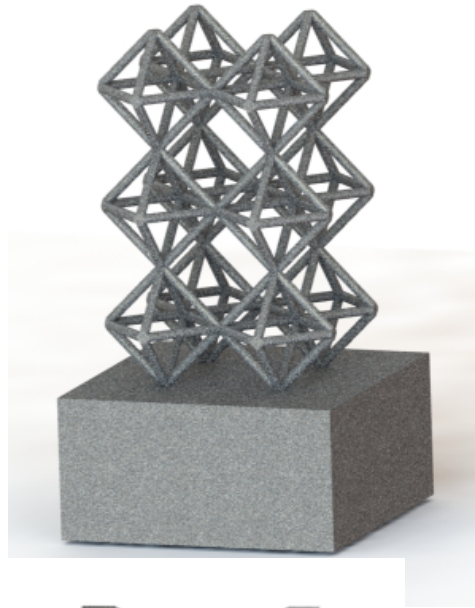
Electron Backscatter Diffraction

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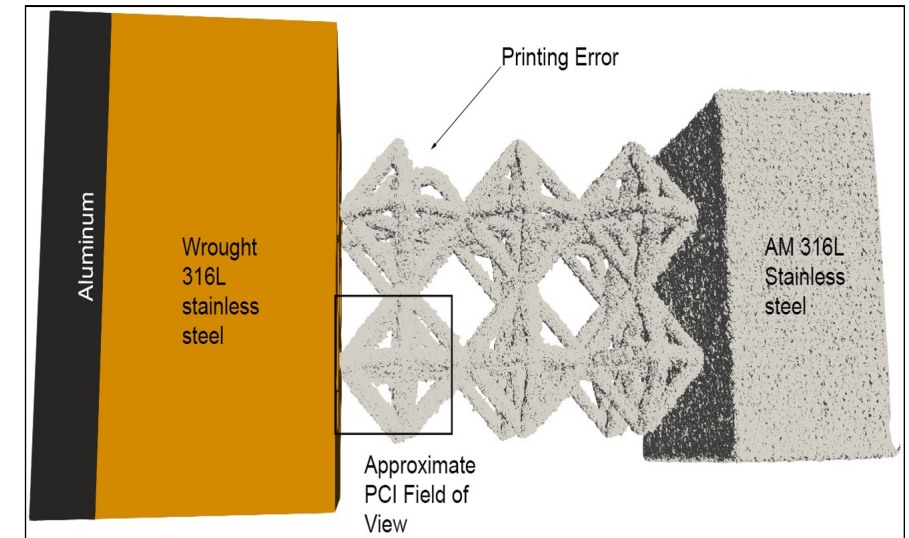
- As-built microstructures show a cuboidal grain morphology related to the path of laser during additive manufacturing.
- Strong cubic texture: the {100} family of planes tends to align with the x, y and/or z directions.
- All samples are primarily austenitic, with small amounts of ferrite at the grain boundaries.
- Geometrically necessary dislocation (GND) content dispersed throughout microstructure.



Constrained PCI Studies on Lattices @ DCS



CTH Simulation



Mesoscale Modeling

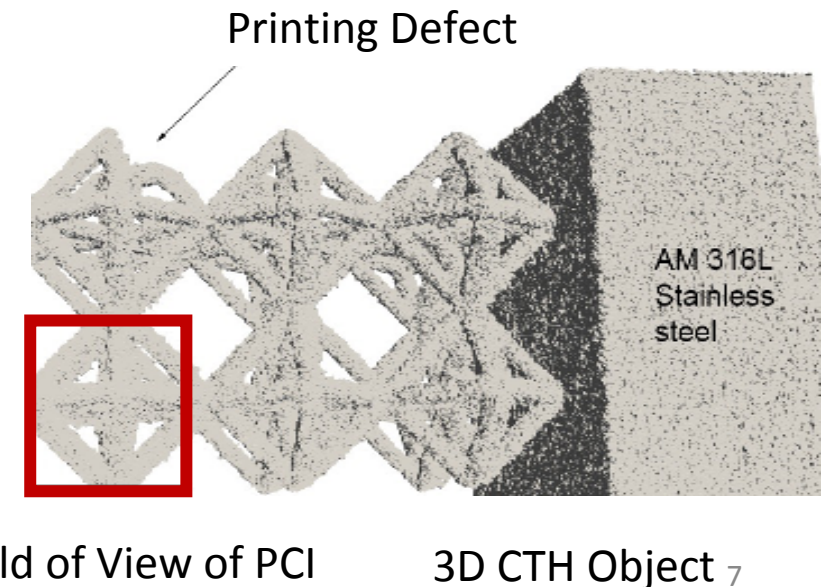
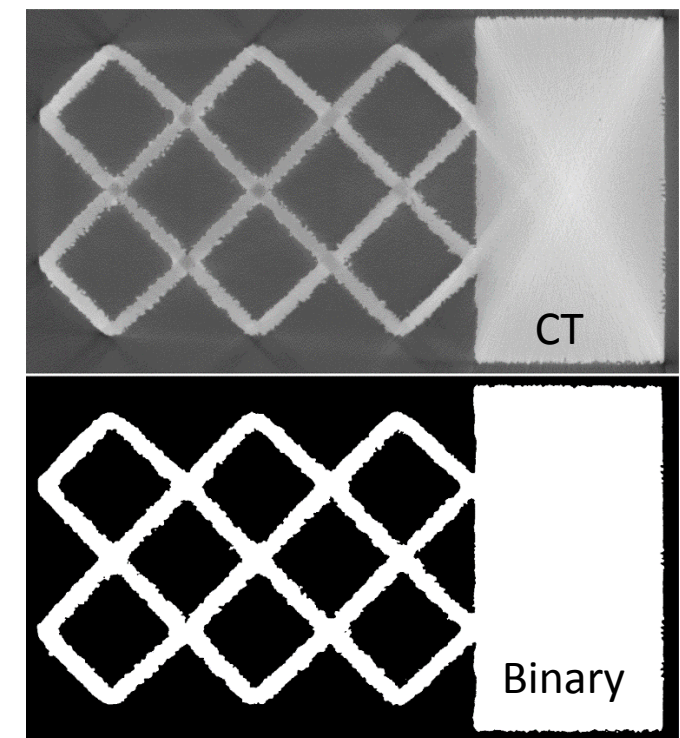
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CTH Rendering of the As-built Lattice

- From CT characterization, 2D slices were generated and converted into binary image using Image Class in SMASH toolbox.
- 3D geometry rendered in CTH
 - Trace edges of lattice
 - Store coordinates of each point on the edge in pixels
 - Convert x and y dimensions using voxel size of CT scan.

Modeling Compaction Response in CTH

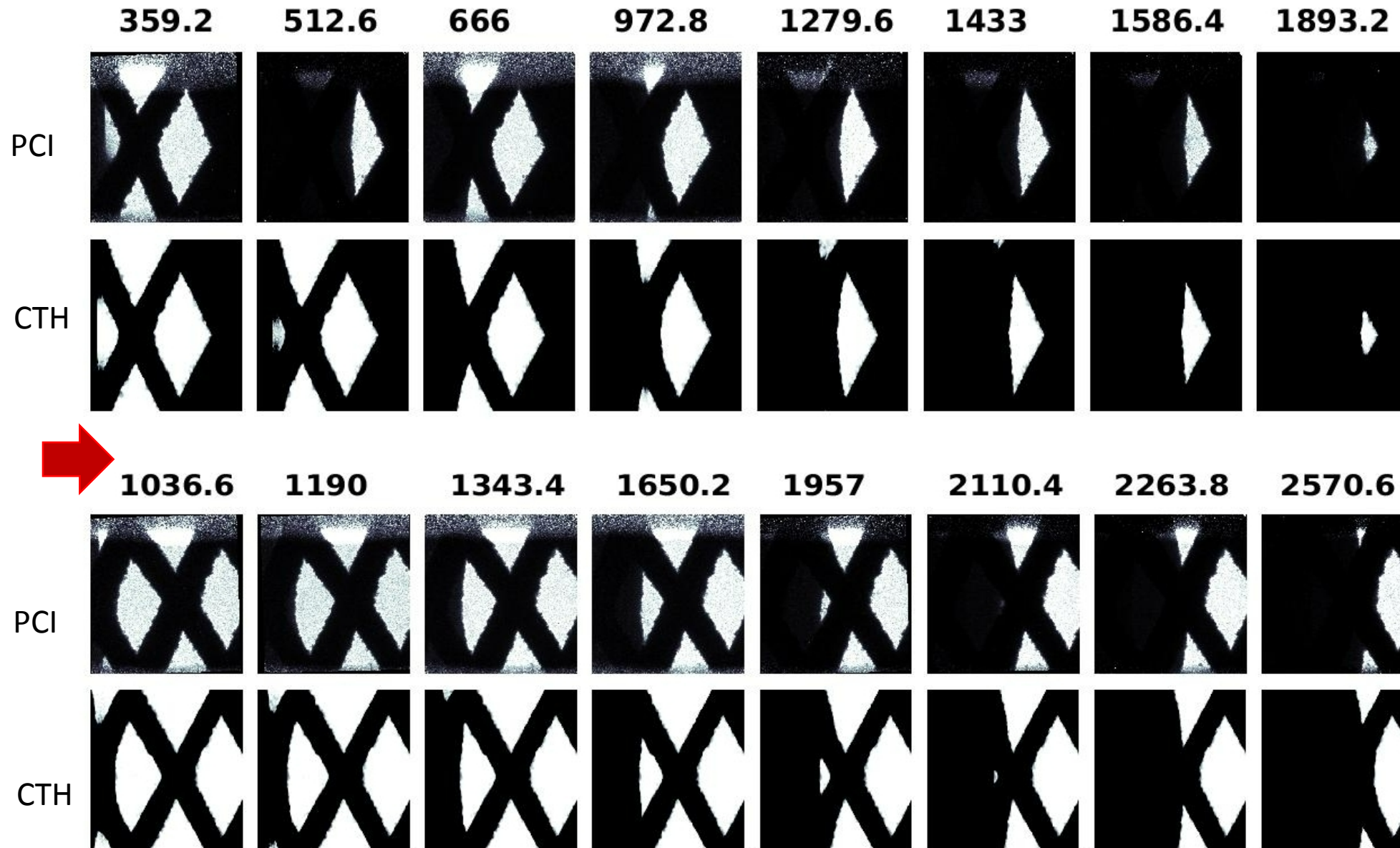
- Measured thickness of the Al6061 impactor (3700 SESAME and SG) and impact velocity.
- Semi-infinite BCs were used along the X and Y boundaries along with the negative Z direction.
 - ❖ wave reflection from the edges of the projectile will not influence the results during TOI
- Void BC in positive Z direction
 - ❖ compaction wave never reaches positive Z boundary during the length of the experiment
- 316L SS was modeled using the SESAME 4270 table and Steinberg-Guinan (SG) strength model parameters for 304L SS
 - ❖ 304L and 316L stainless steel are austenitic and have similar composition
- Initial yield point for the SG strength model was increased to 0.55 GPa to match quasi-static compression measurements for SS.
- Simple void insertion based on a tensile pressure threshold was used to approximate the failure response of all materials and interfaces. The impact plane was given an extremely low failure pressure to ensure that it would separate upon any tensile load.



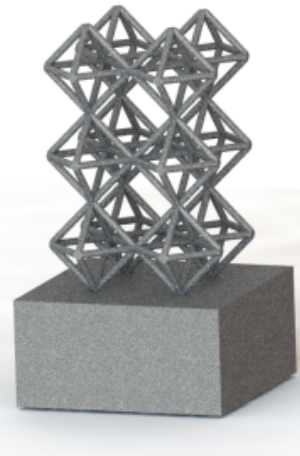
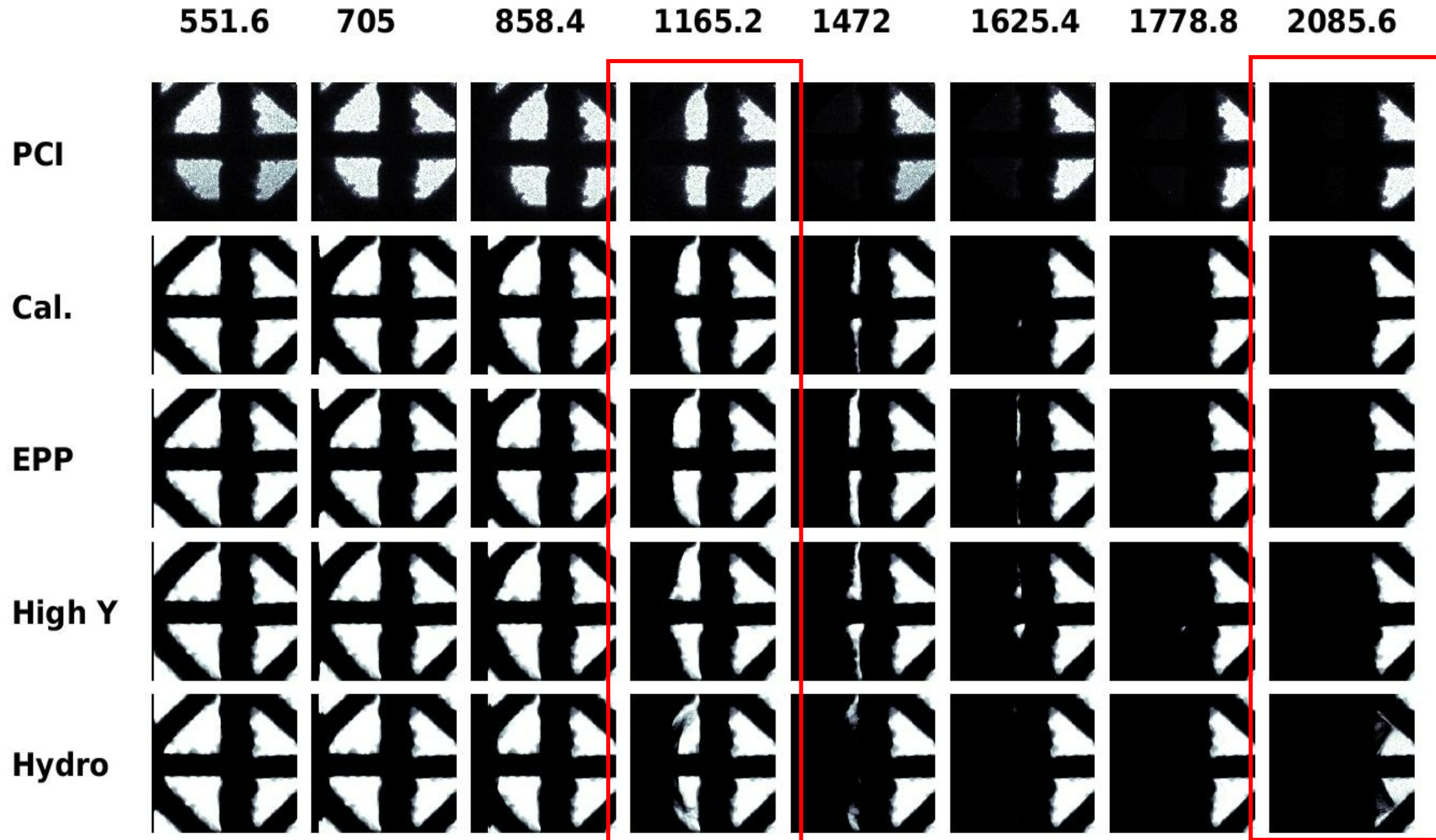
Field of View of PCI

3D CTH Object 7

PCI Results Compared to Simulations



Strength Calibration for 316L Lattices



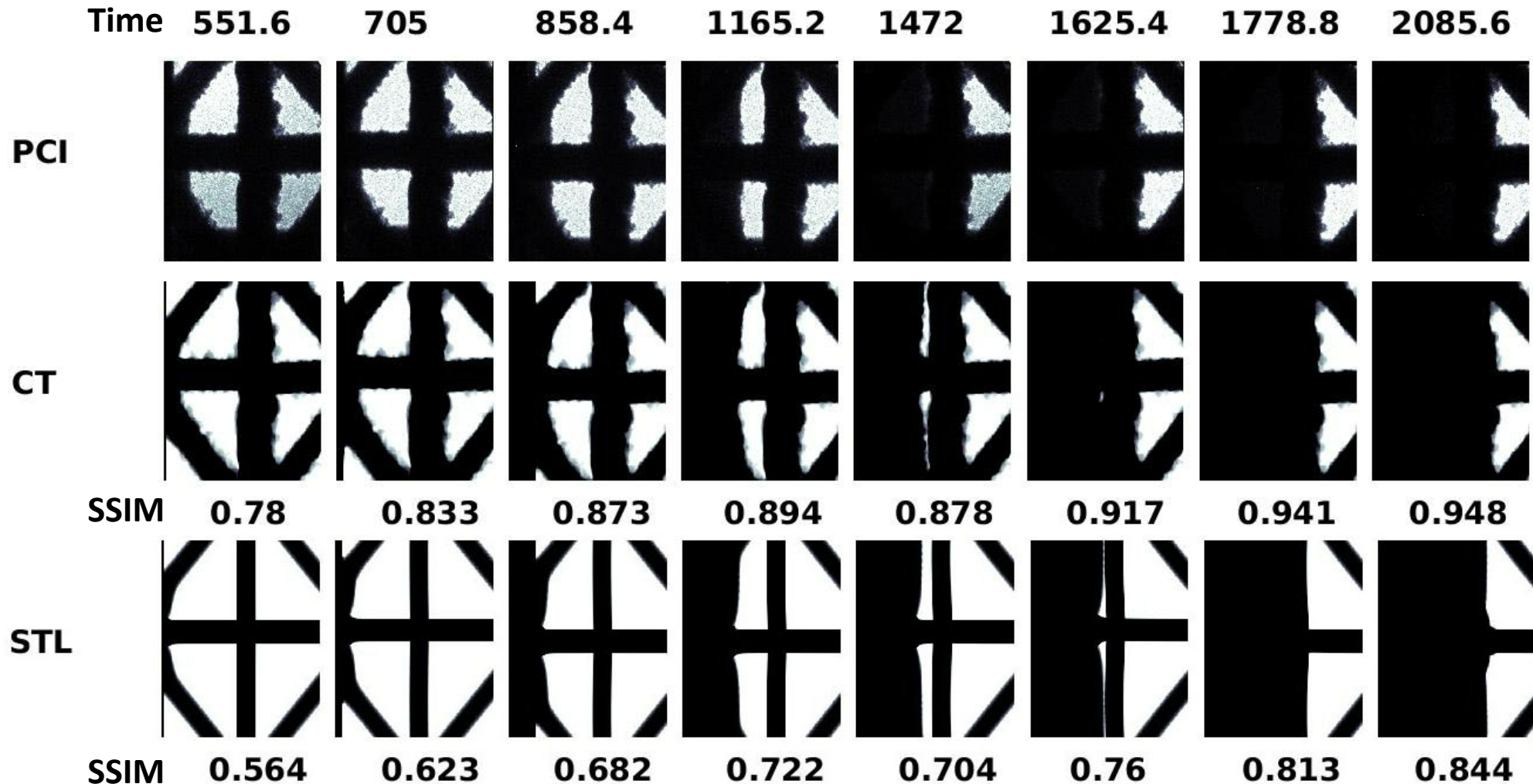
Modified Structural Similarity Index (SSIM)



Quantify Agreement between PCI and Simulated Radiographs

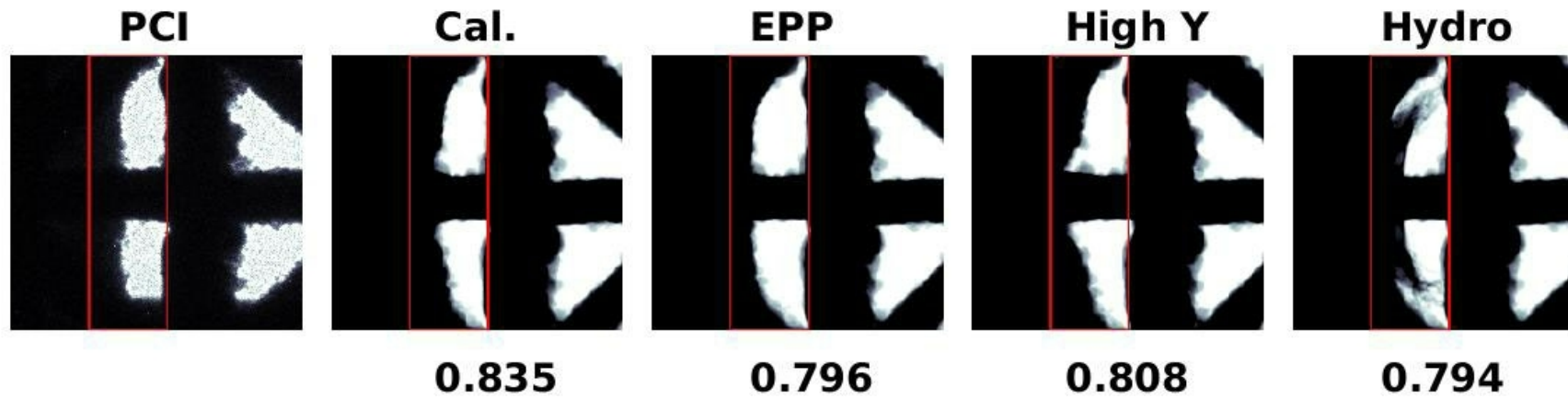
- Uses luminance, contrast and structure terms to assess similarity.

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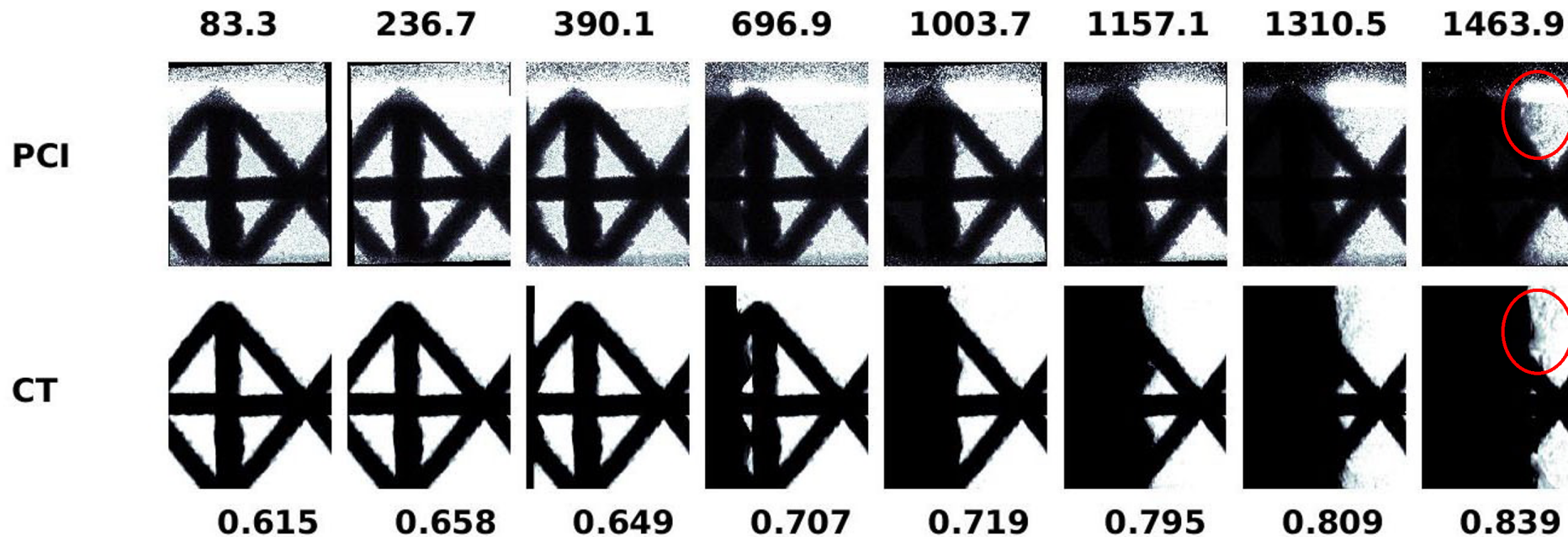


Demonstrate Importance of Utilizing As-built Geometries!

Strength Calibration using SSIM



Predicting Failure



Conclusions



- ✓ Realized lattice architectures with high spatial resolution (200 μm) for imaging experiments at DCS with a limited FOV (2.2 mm).
- ✓ Characterized SS 316 lattice using ex-situ computed tomography (CT) inspection and incorporated the as-built lattice into CTH.
- ✓ Conducted CTH modeling incorporating material strength distributions in order to predict and accurately model deformation characteristics through simulated radiographs for direct comparison to X-ray phase contrast imaging (PCI).

Direct comparison of PCI and CTH simulations offers robust validation for constitutive properties to further our understanding of lattice compaction!

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