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Scientific Foundations and Approaches for Qualification of Additively Manufactured Structural Components

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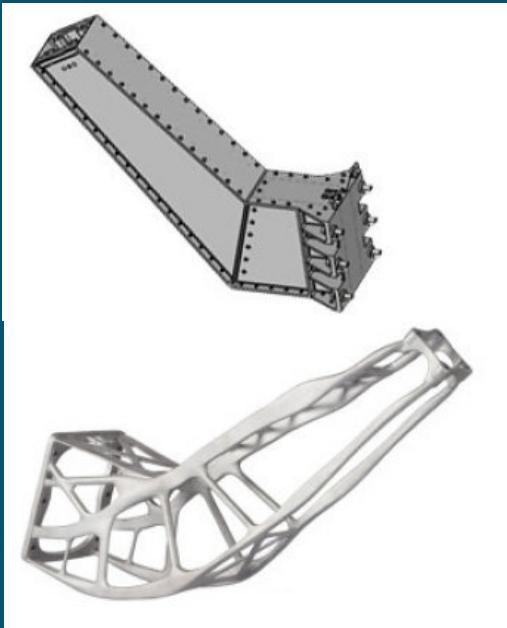


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End Goal: Quickly Fabricated, Tailored AM Metal Structures



Faster Realization of Parts
(Reduction Design and
Qualification Time)



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Time to Get
Prototype

Conventional
AM

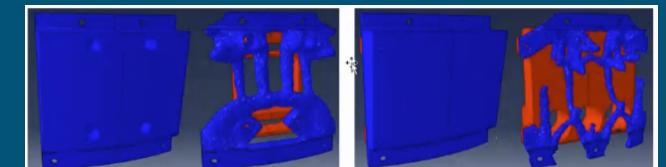
6-24 months

0.5-3 months

Smaller Manufacturing
Facilities
(Small Lots)



Novel Designs and
Architectures
and New Functionalities

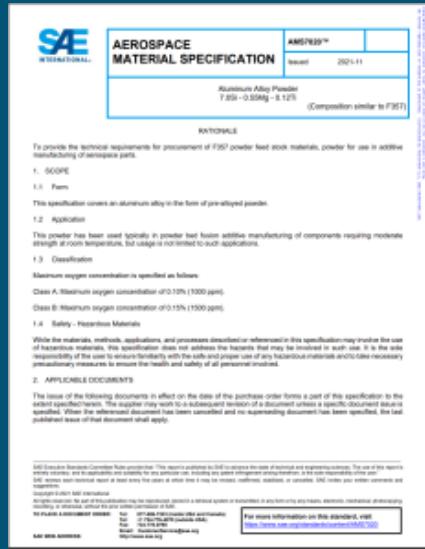


Conventional Vs Weight-
Reduced AM Designs

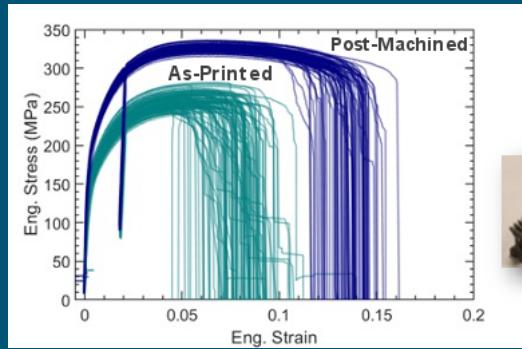
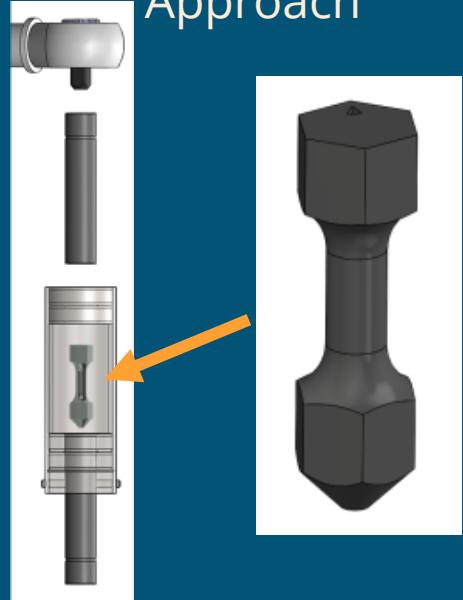
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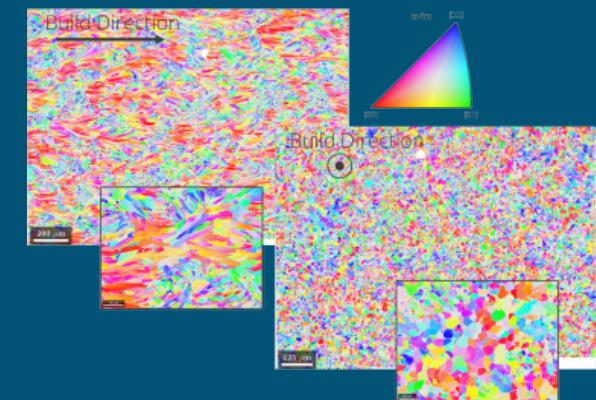
Development of AM Material Specifications



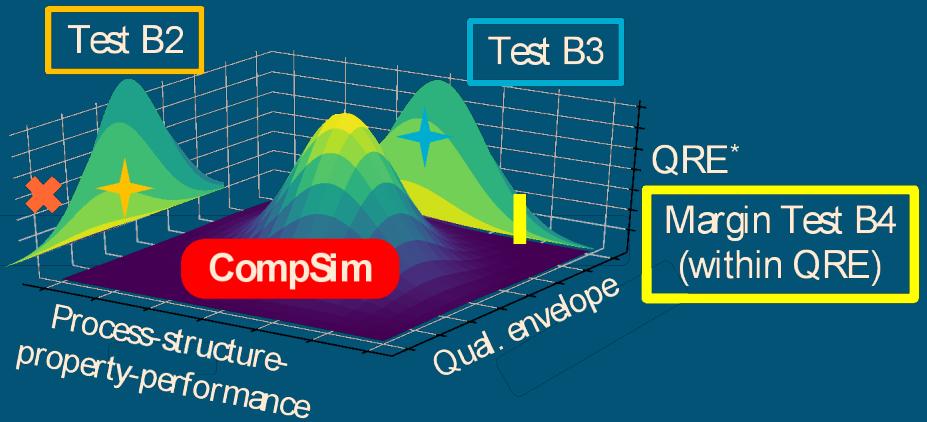
Accelerated Build Health Inspection Approach



Foundational Science of AM Variables Affecting Performance



Enveloped Part Qualification Approach: Qualification Response Envelope (QRE)

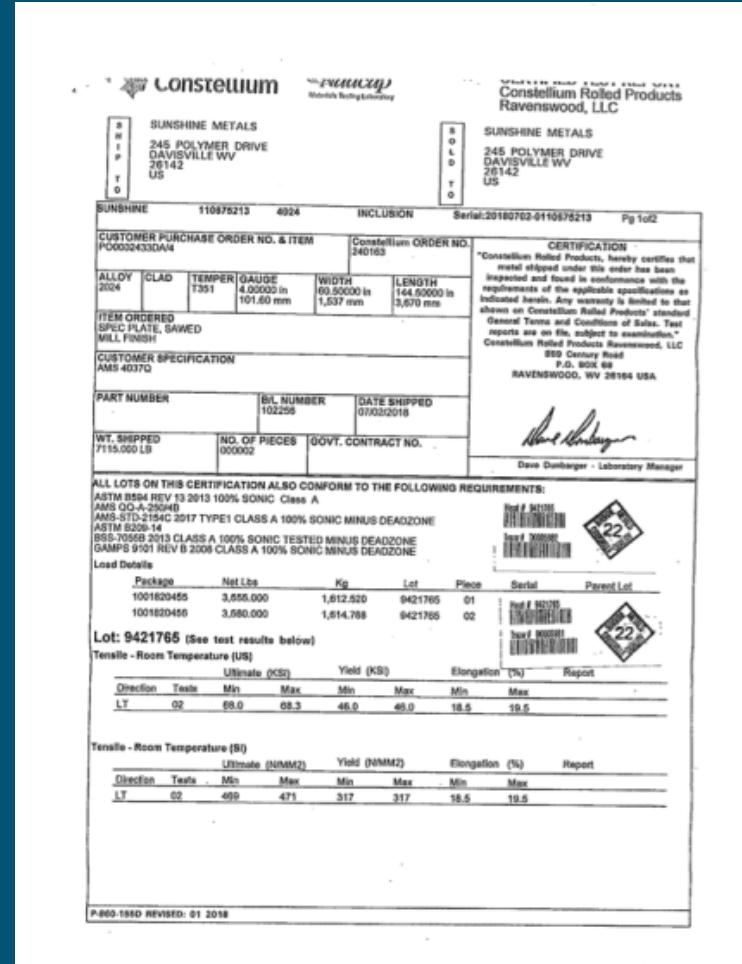


Materials Specification (MS) Approach(es)



Precedent for Material Specifications

- ✓ **Volumetric** forming processes
- ✓ **Single-document material specifications** with monolithic properties
- ✓ **Testing** of stock represents material and subsequent parts
- ✓ **Wide applicability** for forms used in subtractive manufacturing



Problems with AM Paradigm

- ✗ **Lack of volumetric consistency**
- ✗ **Material specifications** need large safety factors with uncertainty
- ✗ **Witness coupons** may not represent part
- ✗ **Where is a material specification appropriate or useful?**

Process Control Verification via MS



Developed AM Part



Performance Requirements

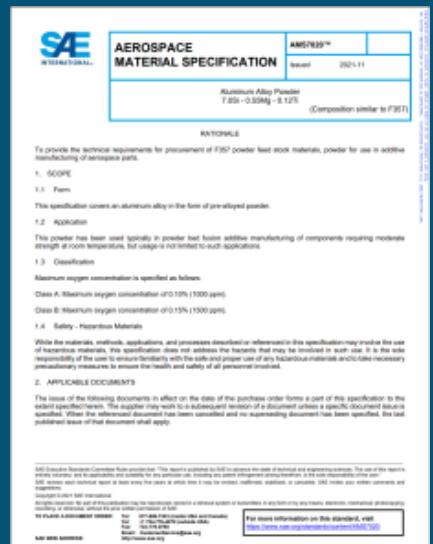
- No Yield with Applied Force of 500 N
- Deflection no Greater than 10 mm During Service

Need to Verify
Process Health and Reproducibility
 During Production

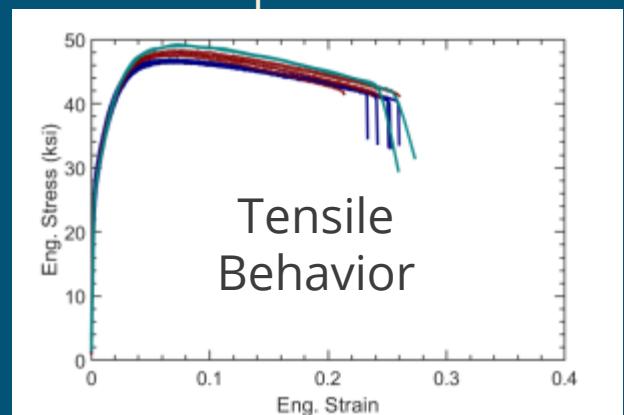
Production AM Parts



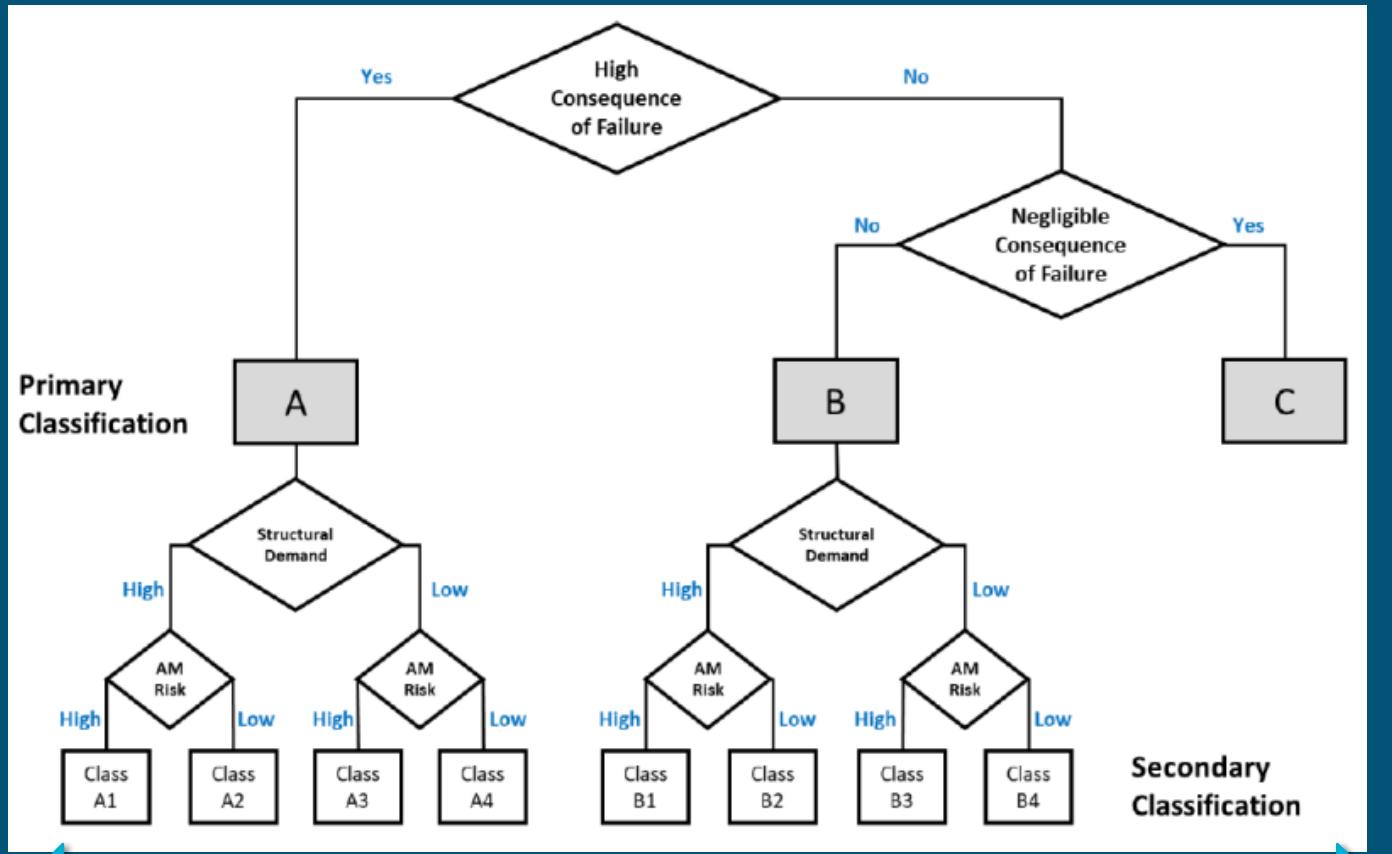
AM MS Gate



Required Witness Coupon Tests



NASA-STD-6030: Quantifiable AM Risk Metric



High Witness Sampling Requirement Low

Risk metric guides witness sampling strategies, but testing burden can be time-inefficient, which is being addressed.

Class	A1	A2	A3	A4
Tensile	6	6	6	6
FH Contingency	1	1	1	1
Metallography	2	2	1	1
Chemistry	1	1	-	-
HCF	2	2	2	2
Low Margin Point	A/R	A/R	-	-
Witness sub-article	A/R	-	A/R	-
Witness article	1 for 6	-	-	-
CQMP	A/R	A/R	A/R	A/R

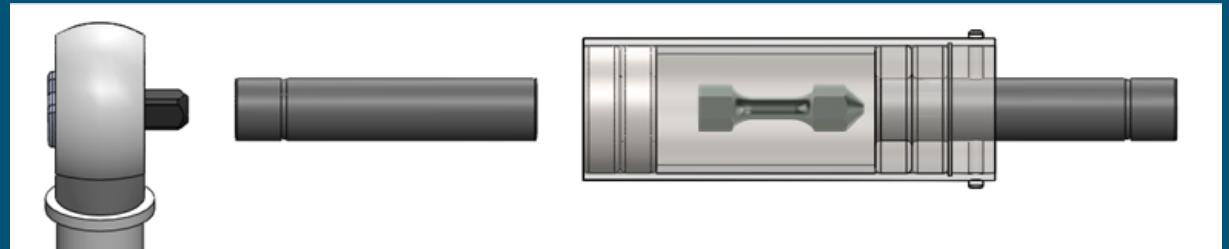
Notes:

FH Contingency = Full-height contingency specimen

A/R = As required when specified in the PPP/QPP

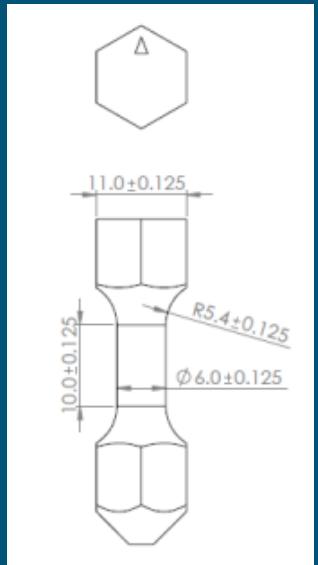
B1	B2	B3	B4
Tensile	6	6	6
FH Contingency	1	1	-
Metallography	1	1	-
Chemistry	-	-	-
HCF	2	-	-
Low Margin Point	-	-	-
Witness sub-article	A/R	-	-
Witness article	-	-	-
CQMP	A/R	A/R	-

Accelerated Build Health Inspection



- Torsion witness coupon design for testing immediately after build completion
- Designed to monitor build health and intervene post-processing by identifying major build health issues
- Early detection of build corruption
- Provides minimal acceptance criteria for post-processing

Example Torsion Coupon



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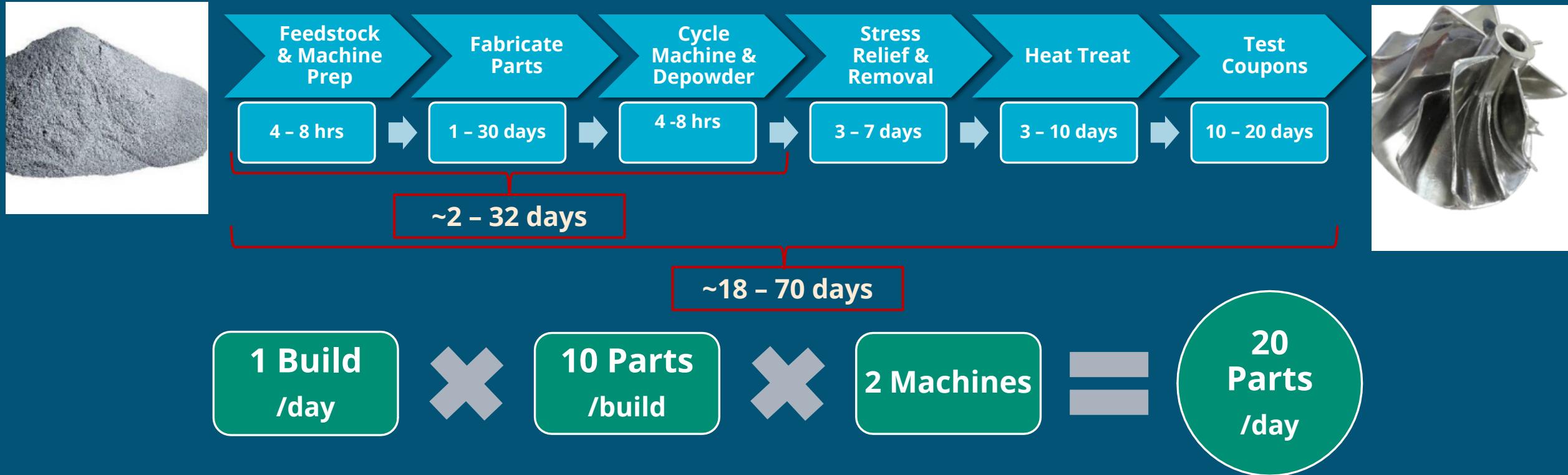


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Impact of Unrecognized Build Corruption



Where is the most efficient point in the production cycle to detect build corruption?



With Production Cycle Interruption
(\$1,000/part)

20 parts/day X 1 day \rightarrow 20 scrapped parts

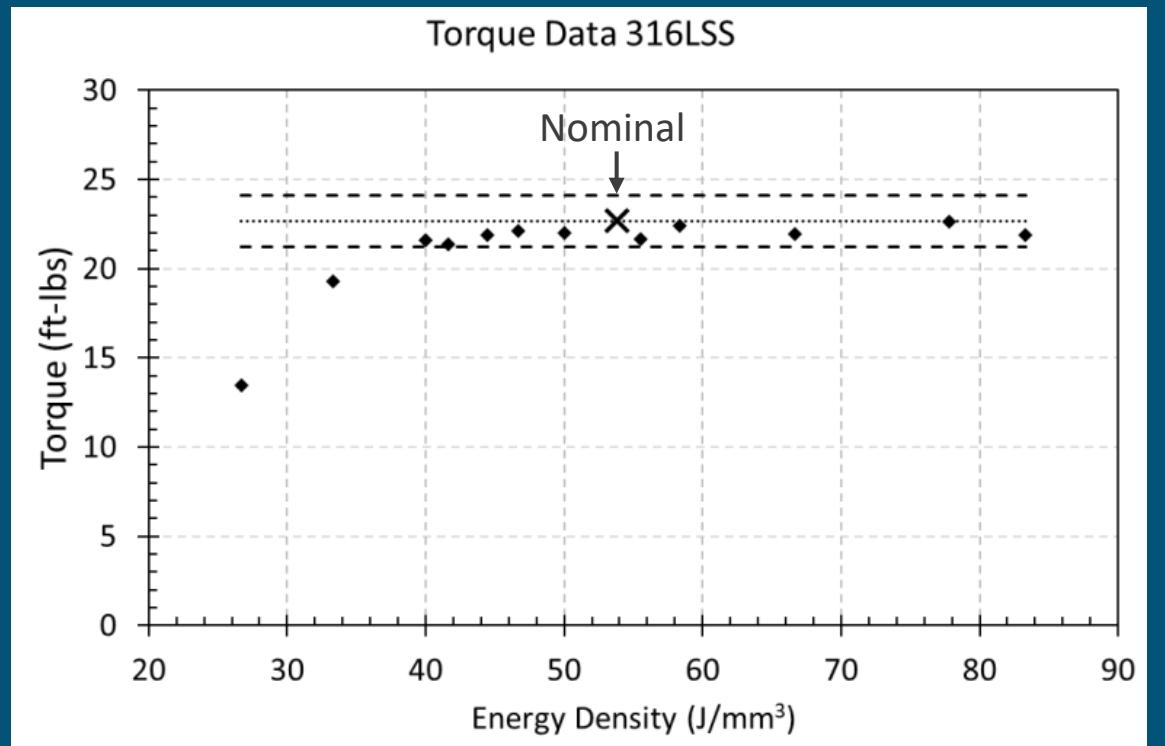
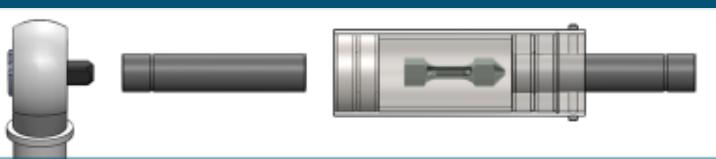
\$20,000 in scrapped parts

Without Production Cycle Interruption
(\$1,000/part)

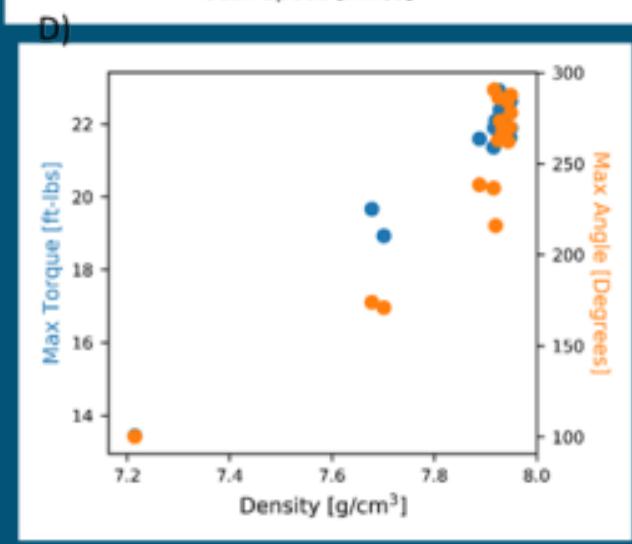
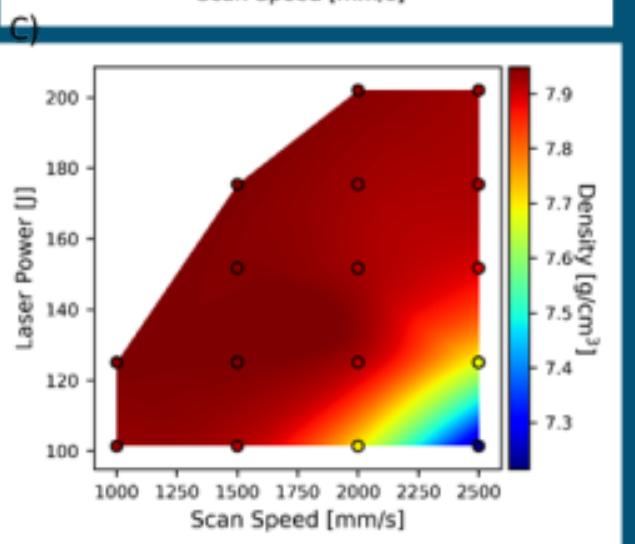
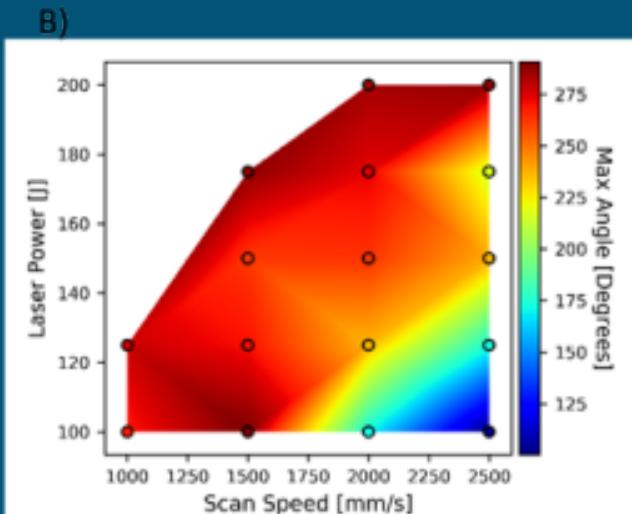
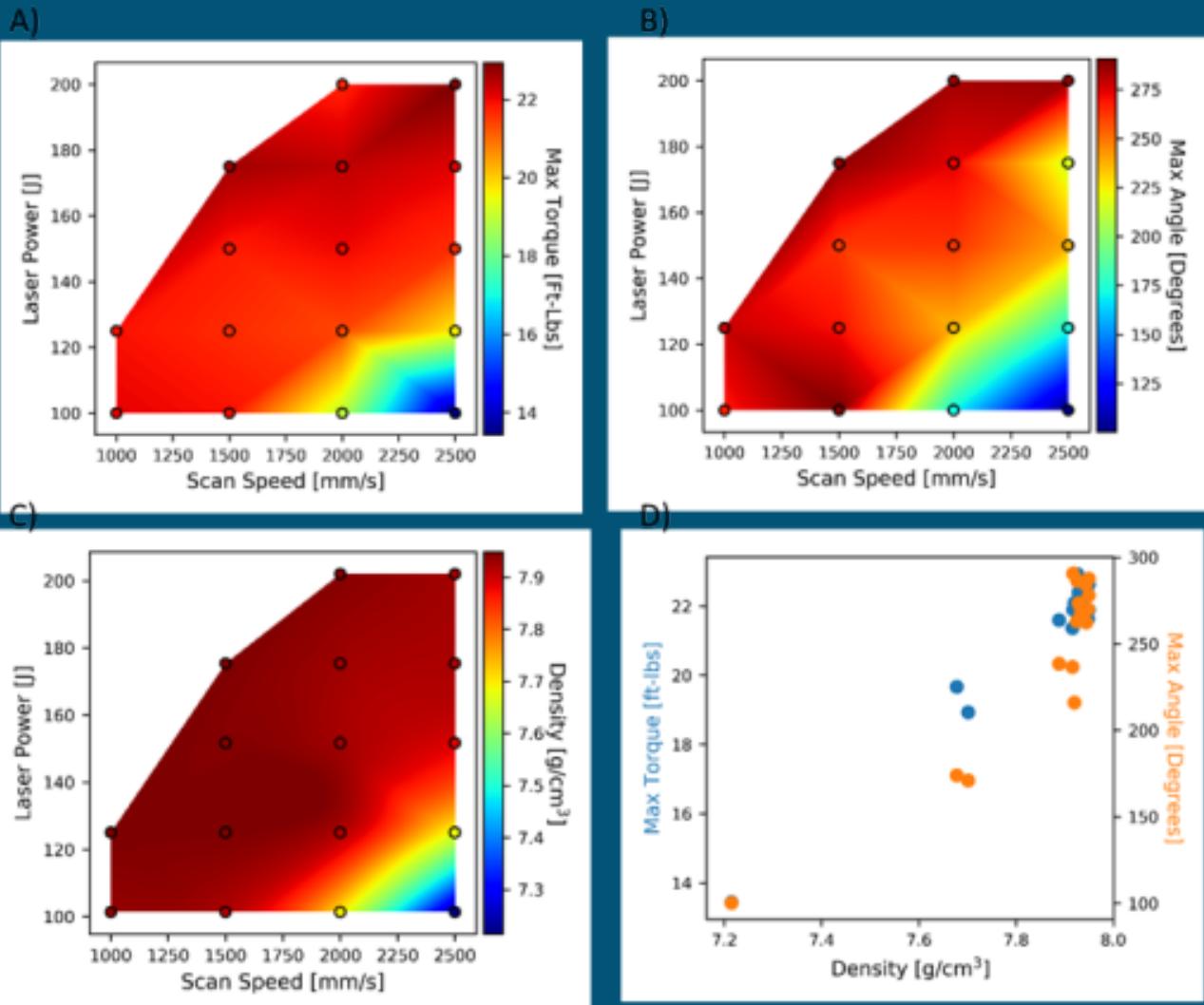
20 parts/day X 42 days \rightarrow 840 scrapped parts

\$840,000 in scrapped parts

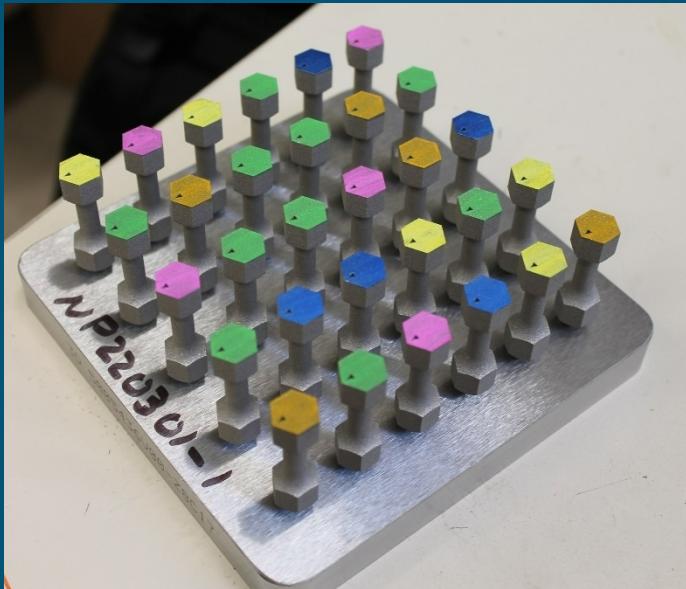
Process Data for 316LSS: ProX 200



- Low energy conditions rapidly fall below 3 standard deviations from nominal mean
- Both max torque and angle of twist follow trends for density within similar process window



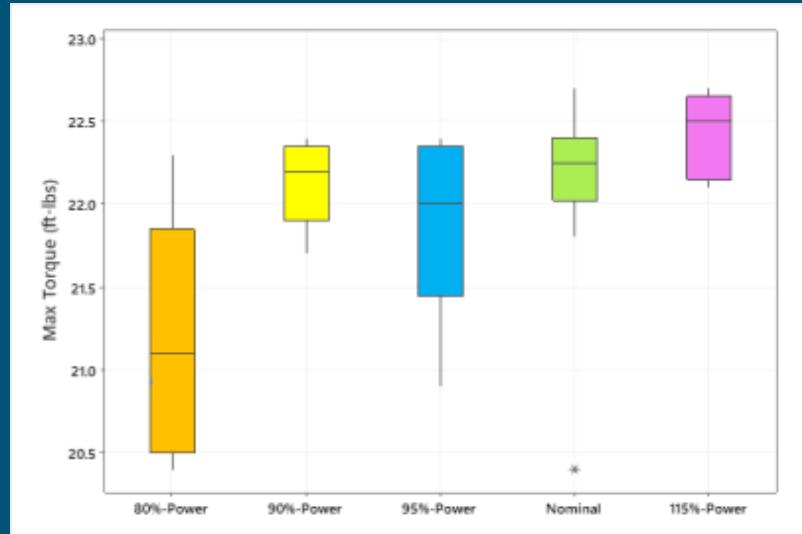
Single Layer Corruption Detection



Single Layer Corruption

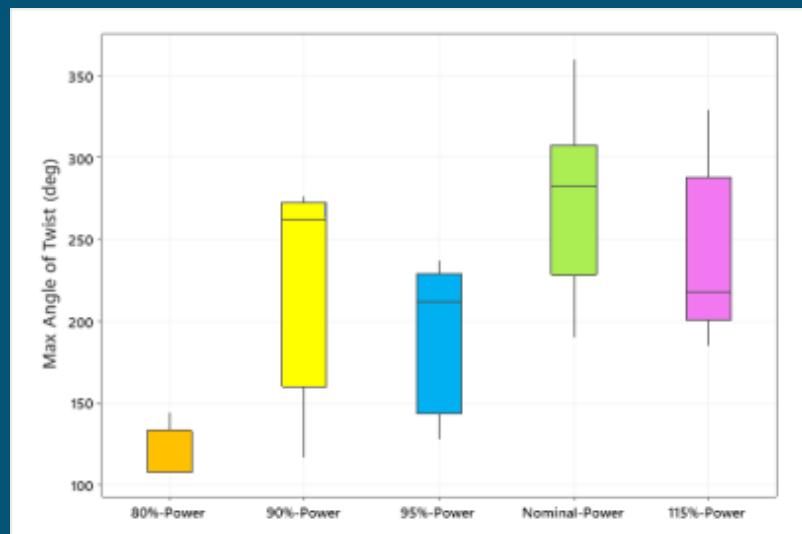


Color	Power
Pink	115%
Green	Nominal
Blue	95%
Yellow	90%
Orange	80%



Tukey Method and 95% Confidence

Factor	N	Mean	Grouping
115%-Torque	5	22.420	A
90%-Torque	5	22.140	A
Nominal-Torque	10	22.080	A
95%-Torque	5	21.920	A
80%-Torque	5	21.160	B



Tukey Method and 95% Confidence

Factor	N	Mean	Grouping
Nominal-Twist	10	273.8	A
115%-Twist	5	239.0	A
90%-Twist	5	225.4	A
95%-Twist	5	191.2	A
80%-Twist	5	118.00	B

Means that do not share a letter are significantly different.

Foundational Science of AM Variables That Affect Performance

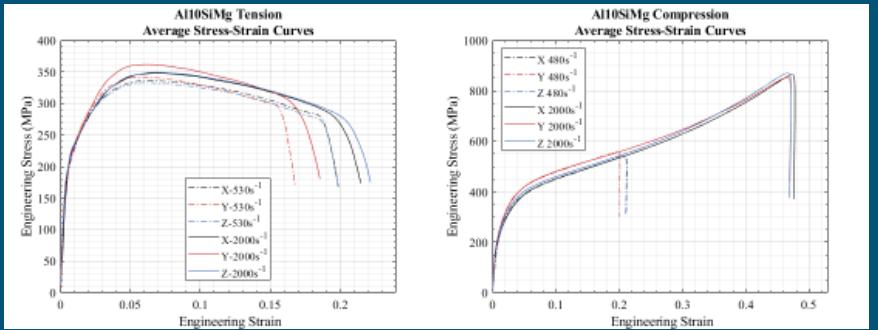


AM Variables

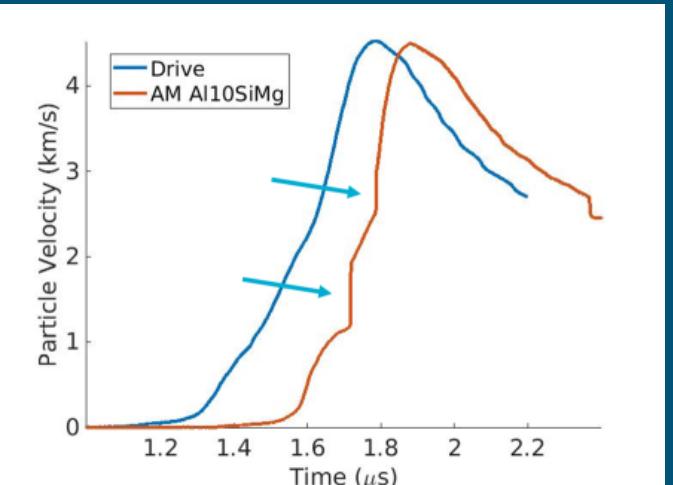
- Process
- Microstructure
- Flaws
- Geometry
- Heat Treatment
- HIP
- Post-machining
- Anisotropy
- Strain-Rate
- Mode of Deformation
- Damage
- Fatigue
- Fracture

Process-Structure-Property-Performance (PSPP) Relationships

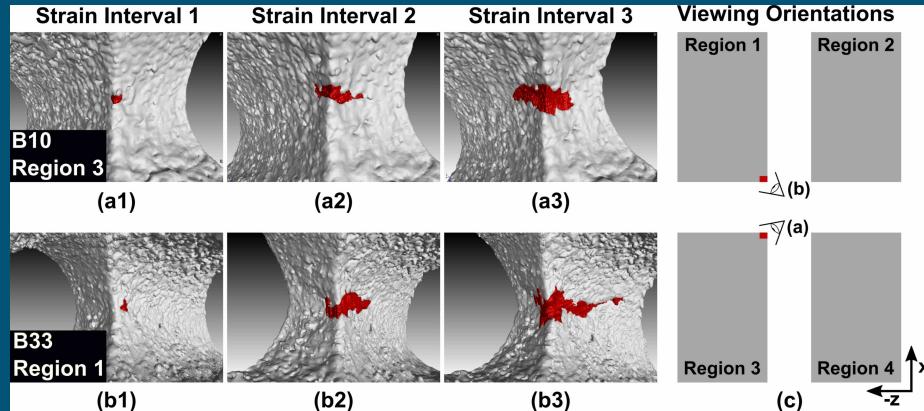
Strain-Rate Dependence in Tension But Not In Compression for AM AlSi10Mg



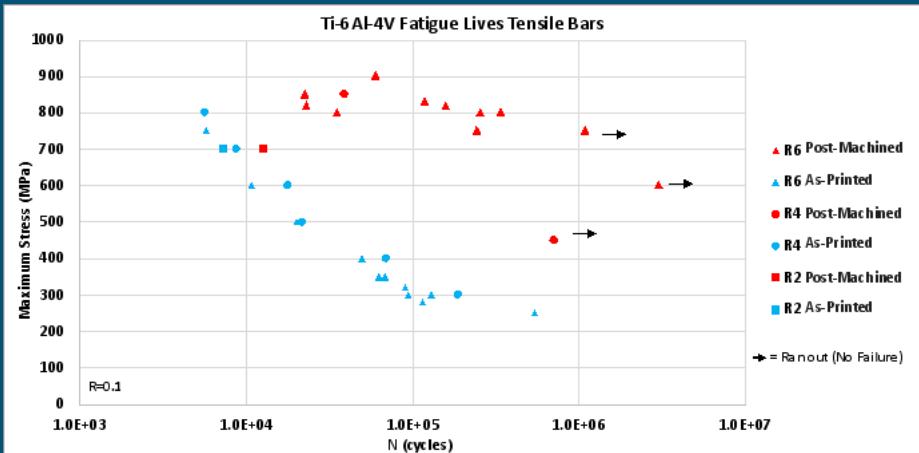
High-Pressure Phase Changes in AM AlSi10Mg Not Present in Al 6061



Fracture Evolution, Geometry, Pores, and Surface Roughness in AM 316L SS



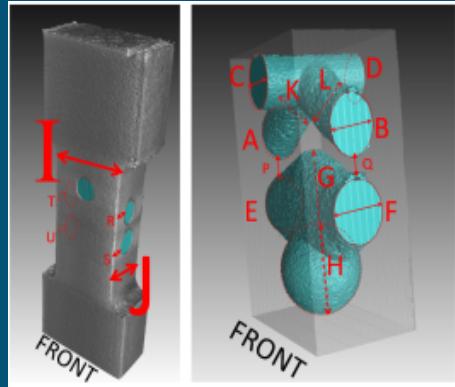
Effect of Post-Machining and Size on Fatigue Life in AM Ti-6Al-4V



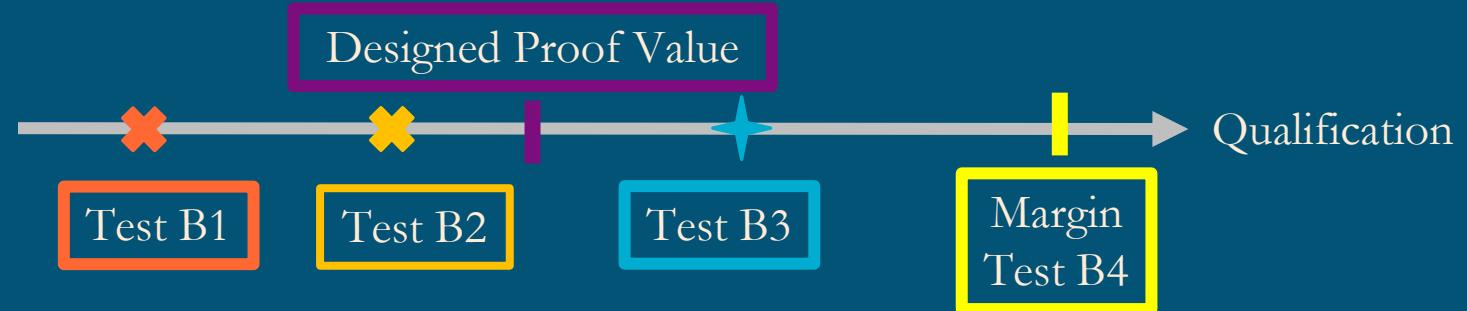
New Paradigm for Designing and Qualifying AM Parts



Prototype
Builds B1-B4



Current Paradigm

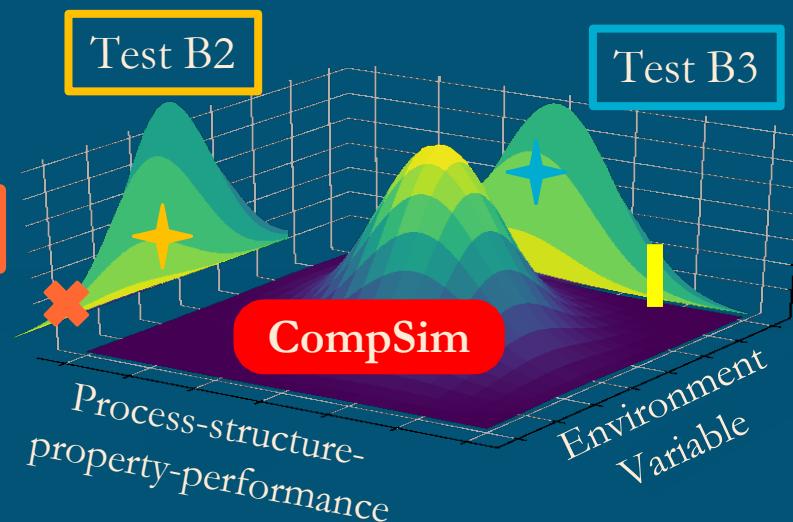


Future
Production
Builds BA-BZ



New Paradigm: Qualification Response Envelope (QRE)*

Test B1



*In reality a
multi-dimensional
hypersurface

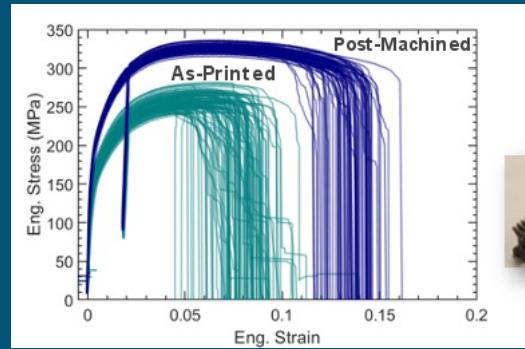
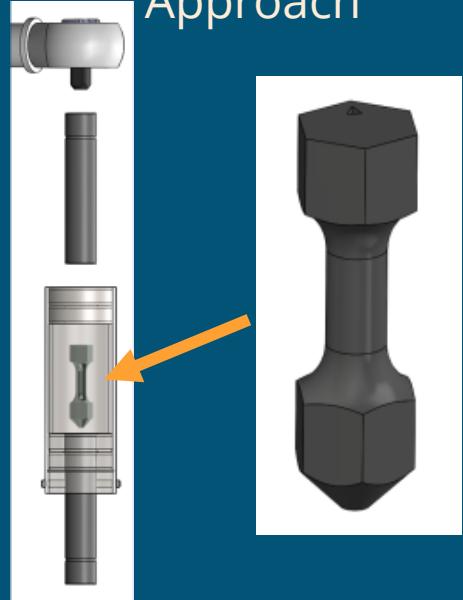
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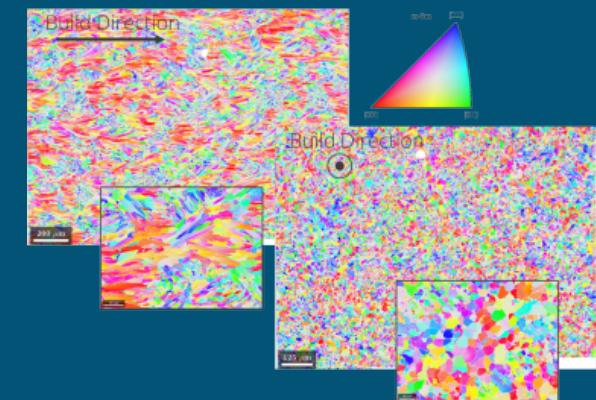
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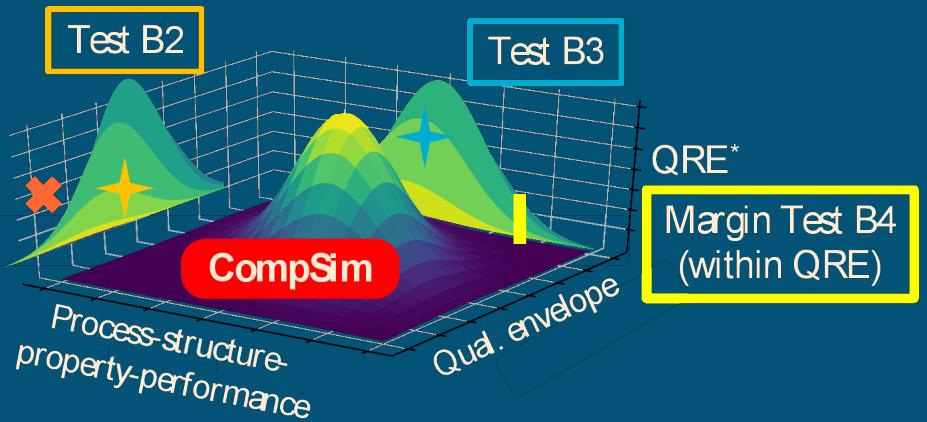
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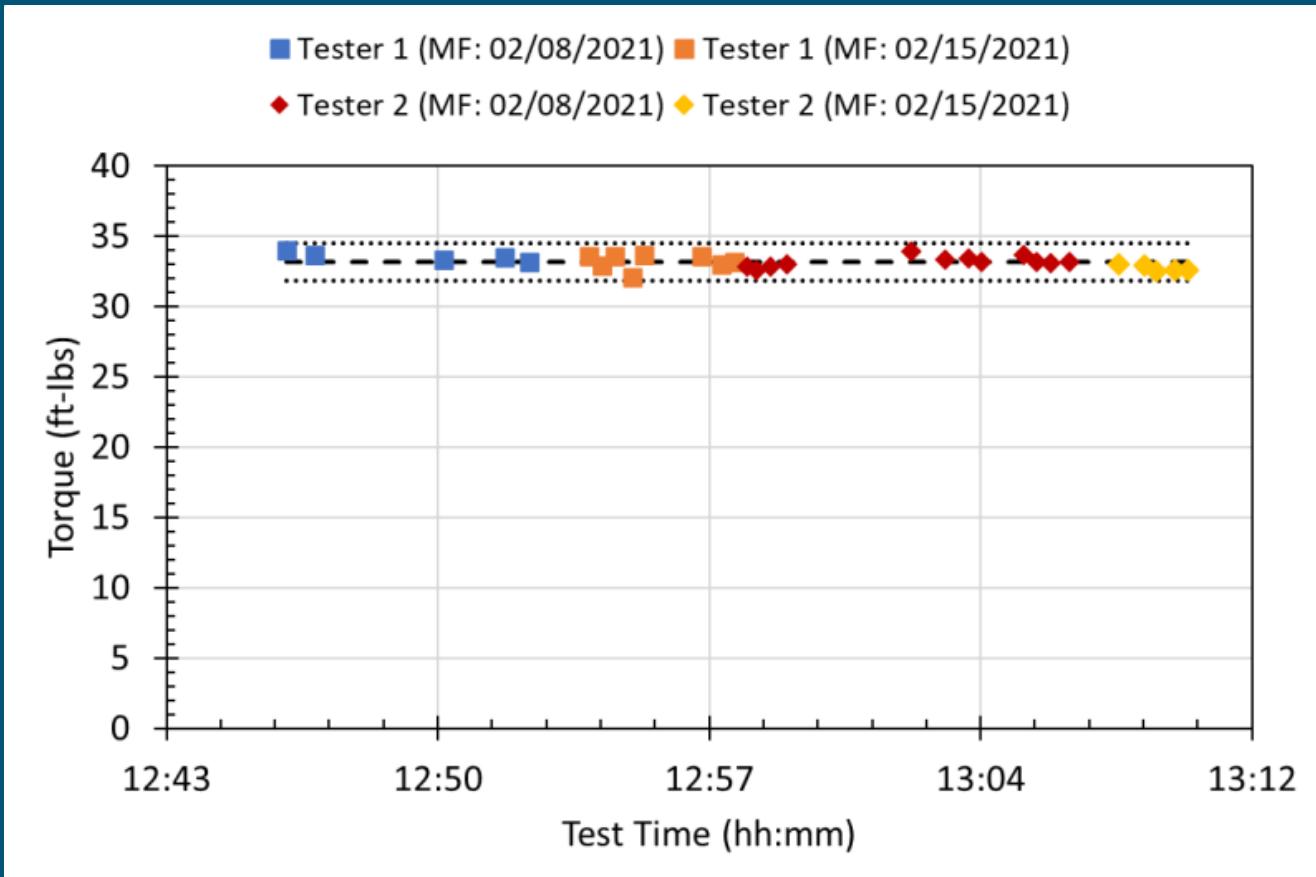
Backups

Cross-site & Tester Repeatability: 15-5 PH SS

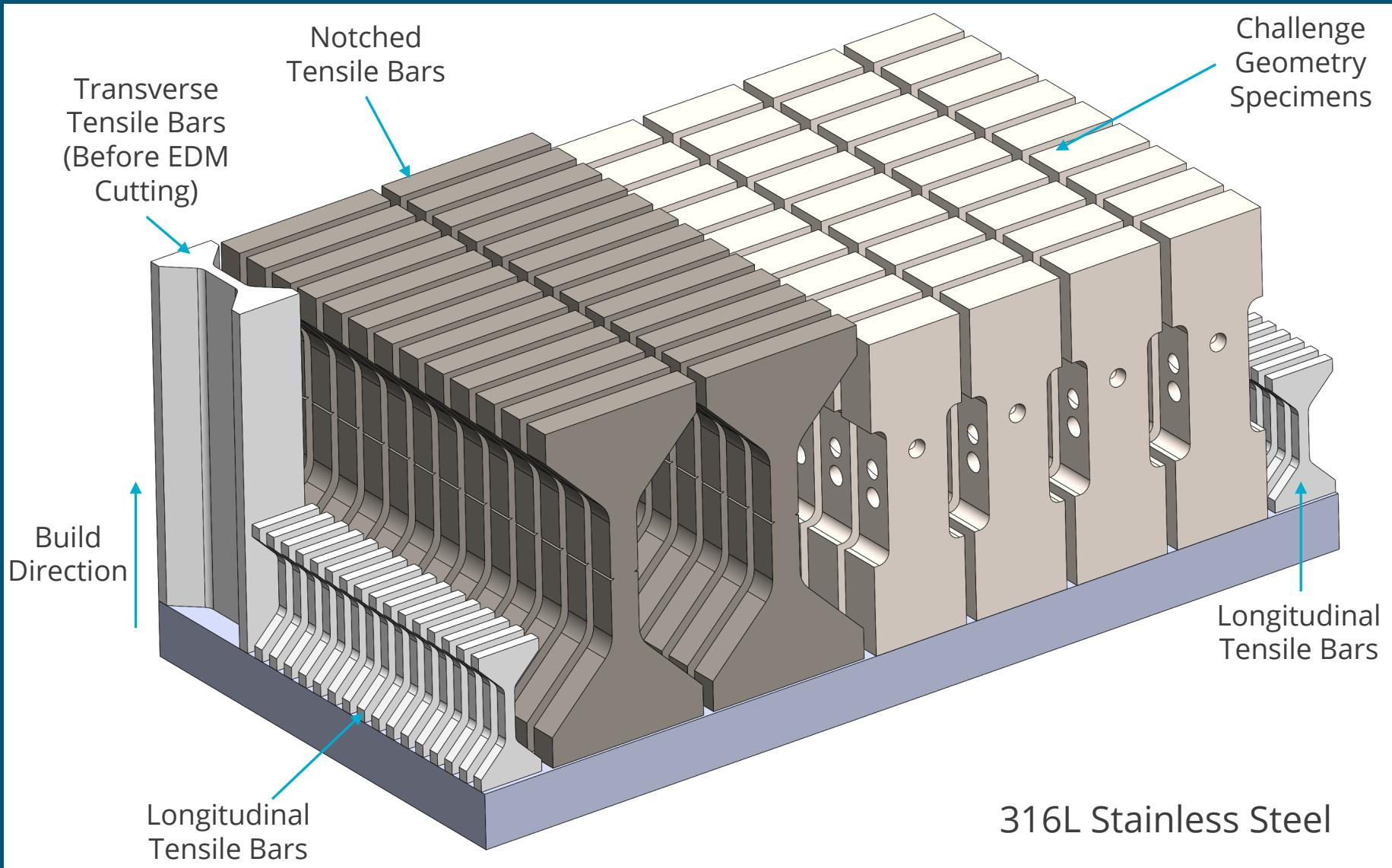


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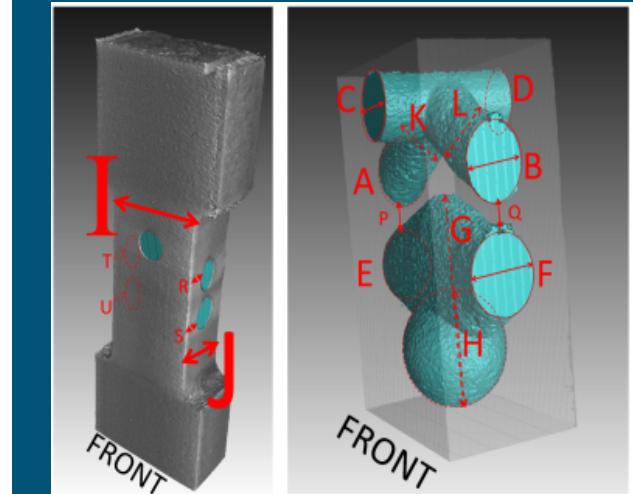
- Tests conducted by two users covering two different manufacture dates
- Test specimens were torqued to failure using “high” and “low” twist rates
- Ongoing efforts to compare consistency across different materials, manufacturer dates, testers, and test devices



Third Sandia Fracture Challenge

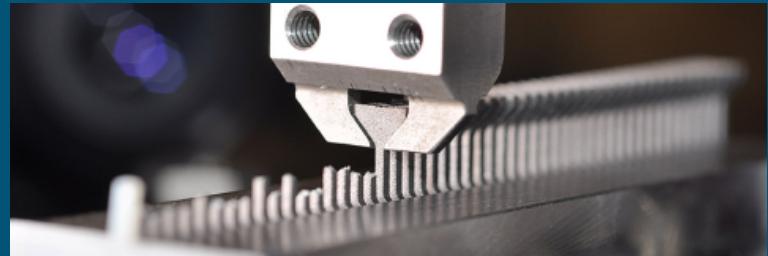


316L Stainless Steel



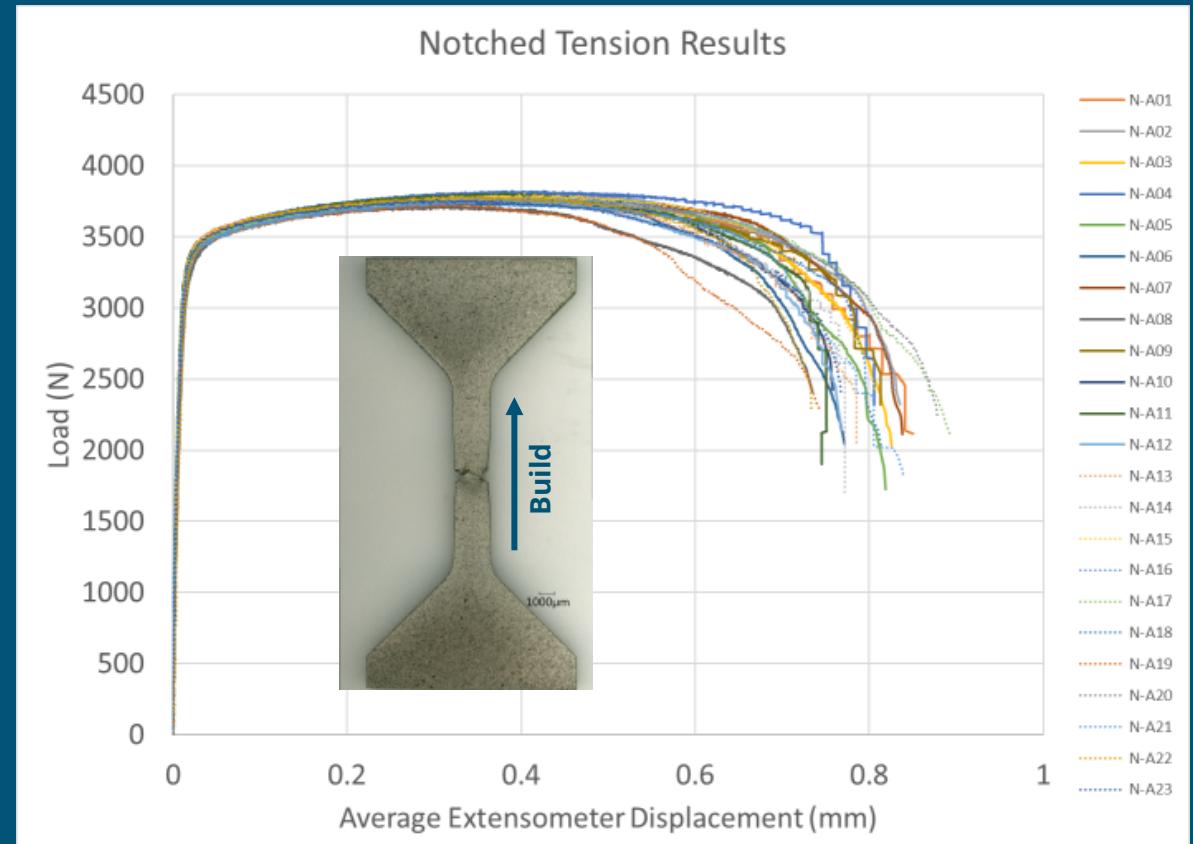
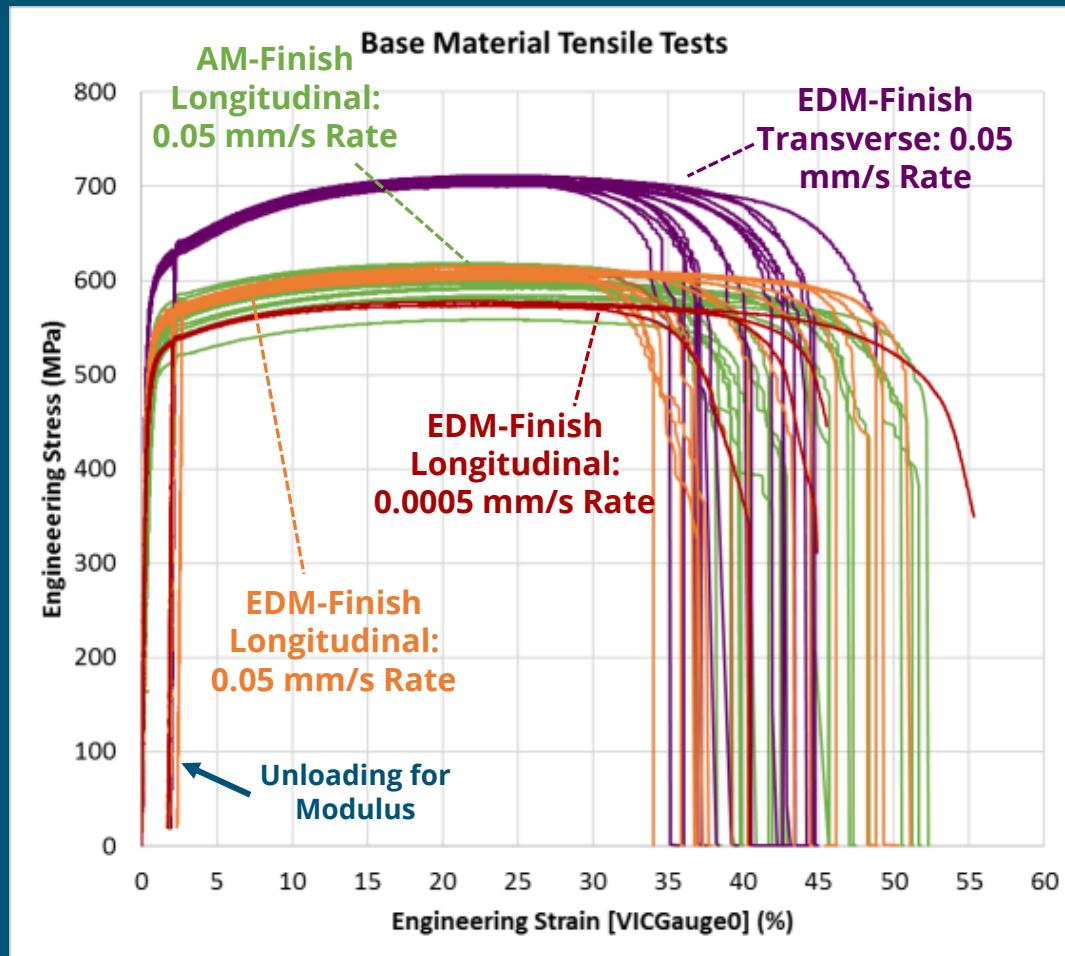
Kramer, S.L.B., et al. The third Sandia fracture challenge: predictions of ductile fracture in additively manufactured metal. *Int J Fract* **218**, 5-61 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10704-019-00361-1>

Variability in Mechanical Response of Base Material

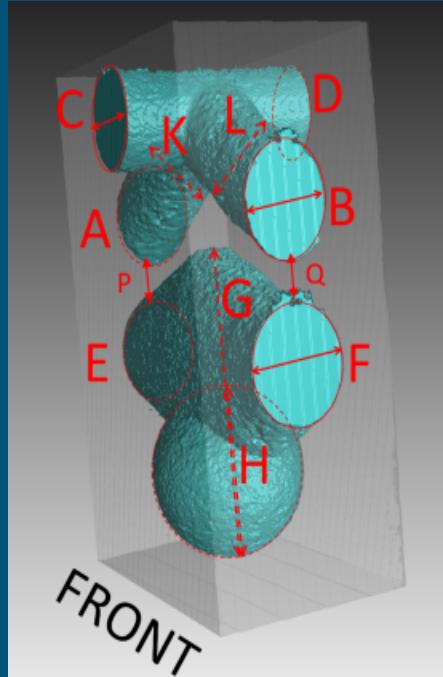
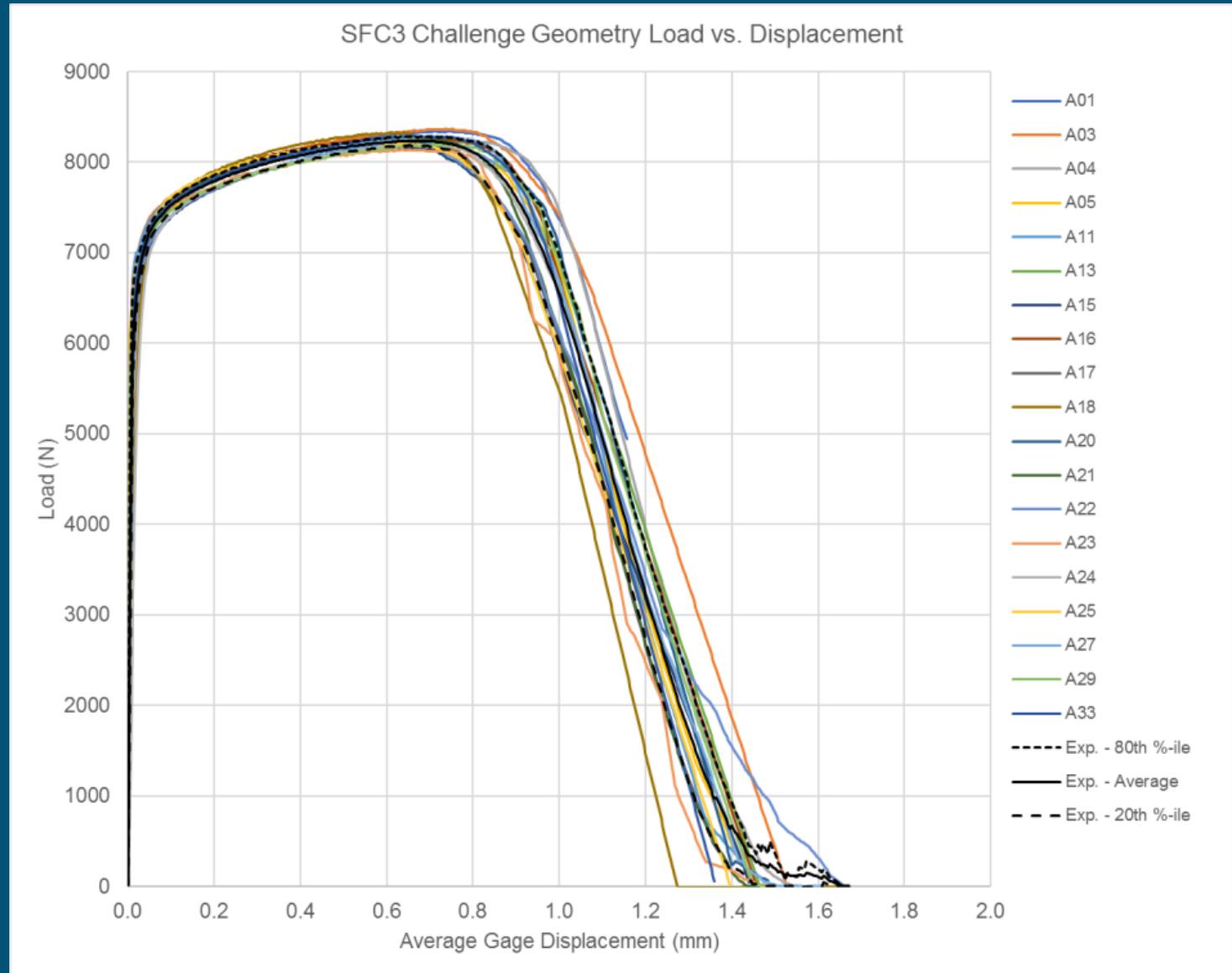


Uniform Cross-Section → Variability

Notched Cross-Section → Less Variability



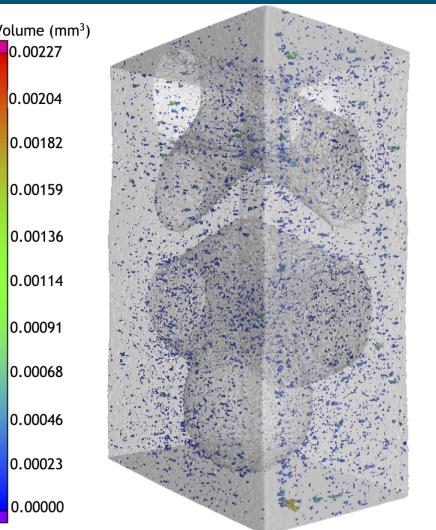
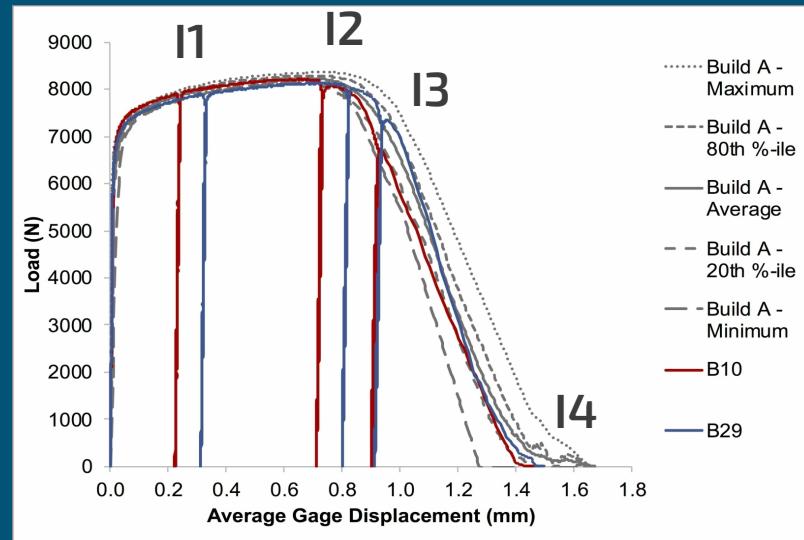
Global Mechanical Response of Structured Parts



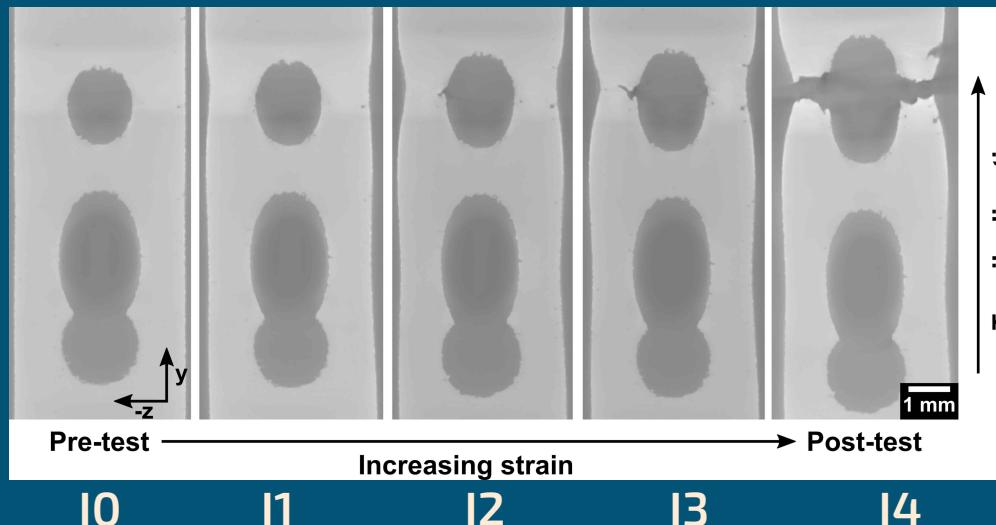
Interrupted Testing to Track Fracture Evolution



Interrupted Response



Pre-test data showing voids



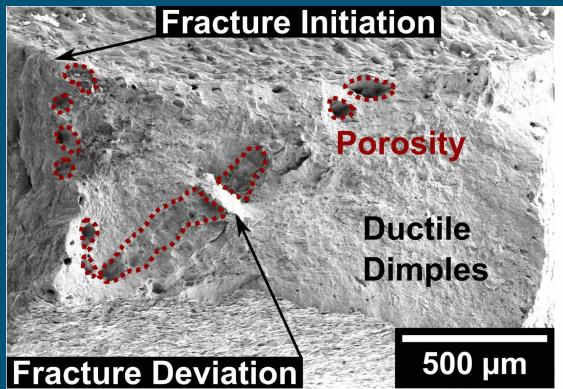
Ex situ micro-CT internal slices for Specimen B33

Kramer, S.L.B., Ivanoff, T.A., Madison, J.D. *et al.* Evolution of damage and failure in an additively manufactured 316L SS structure: experimental reinvestigation of the third Sandia fracture challenge. *Int J Fract* **218**, 63–84 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10704-019-00357-x>

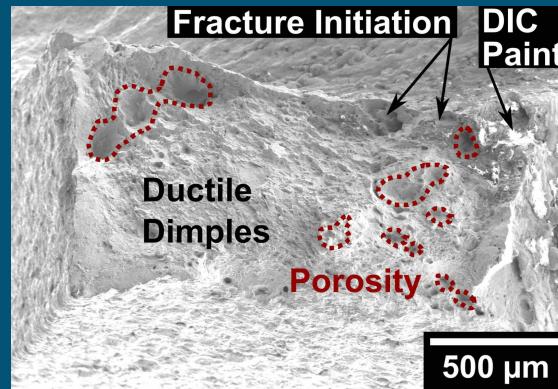
Local Fracture Variation in Structured Parts



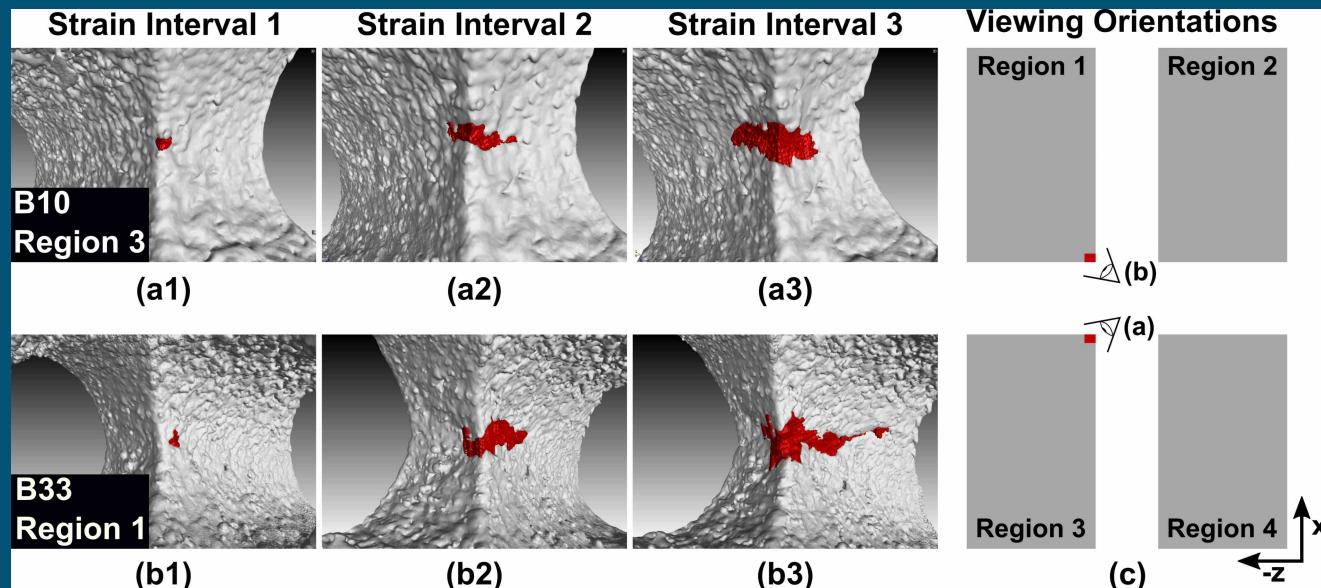
Specimen B10 Region 3



Specimen B33 Region 1



3D Reconstructions Highlighting Crack Volume



Lessons Learned and Open Questions



What Dominates Mechanical Response?

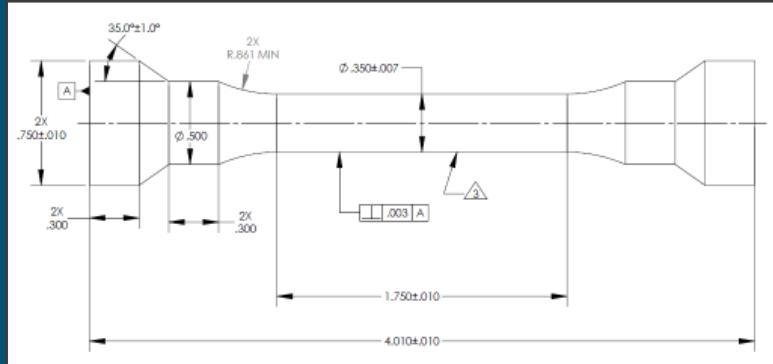


Fatigue in AM Ti-6Al-4V: Variables

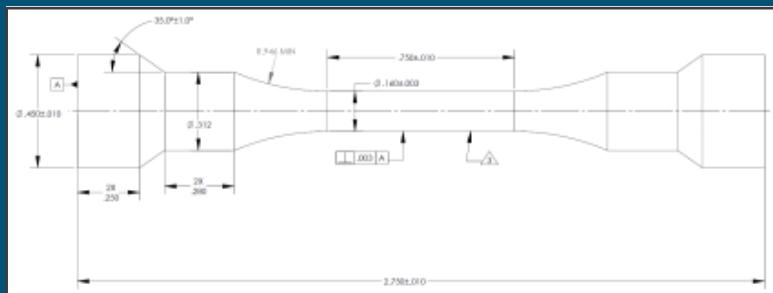


AM Ligament Size

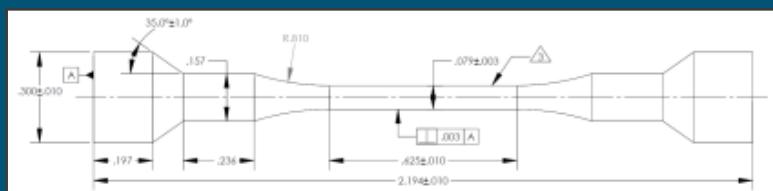
R2 Specimen
D = 8.89 mm



R4 Specimen
D = 4.06 mm

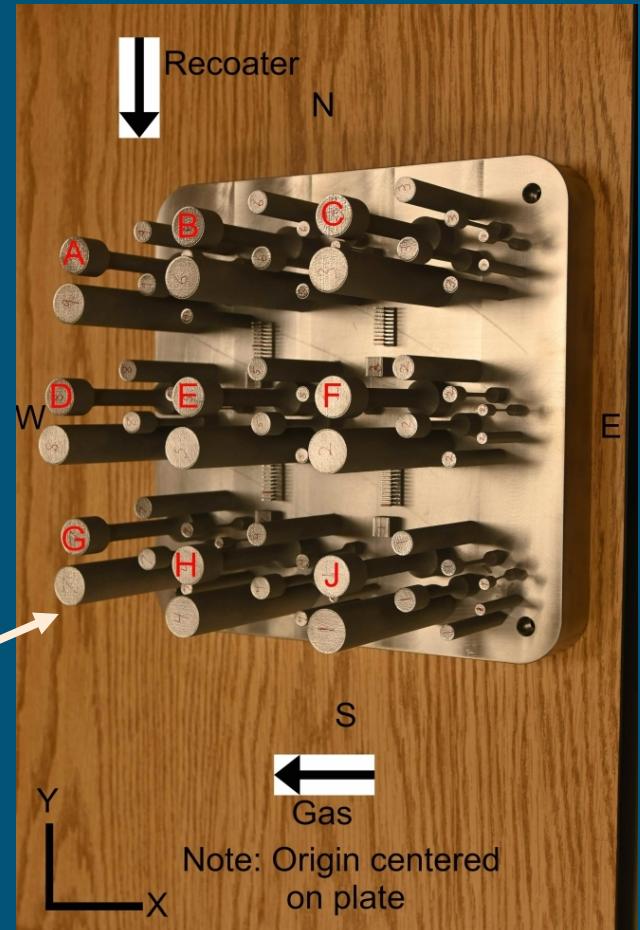


R6 Specimen
D = 2.01 mm

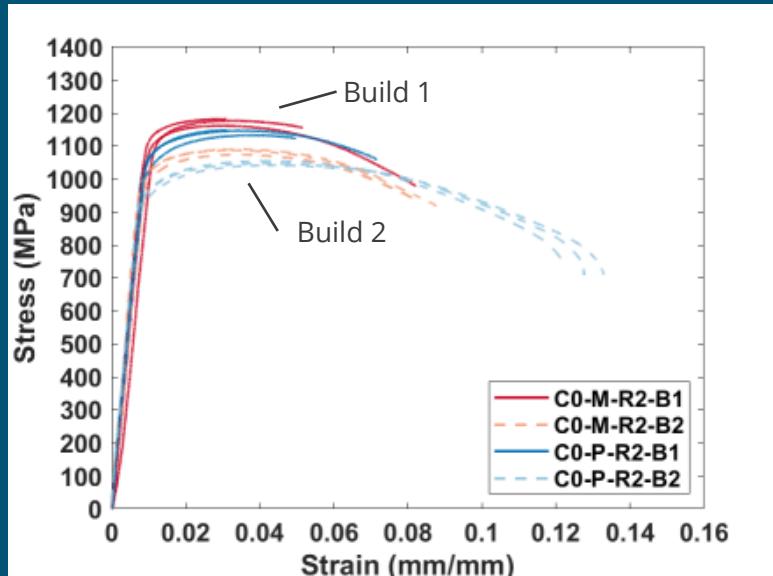
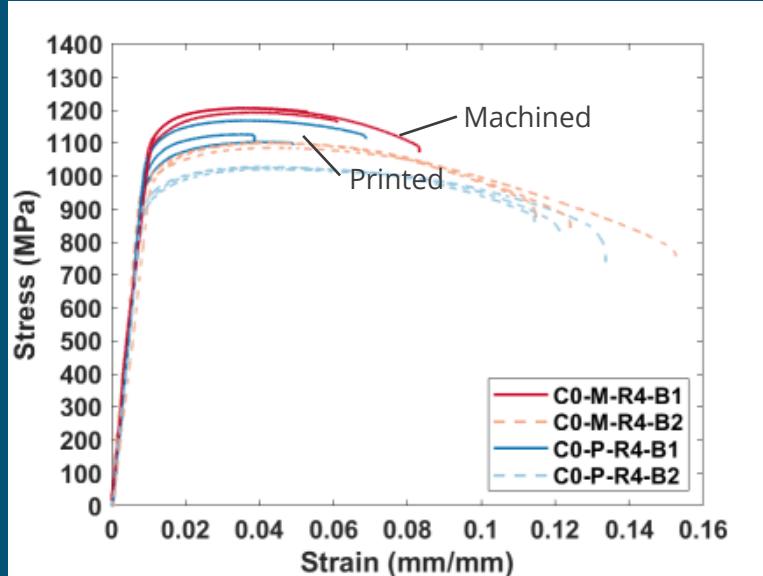
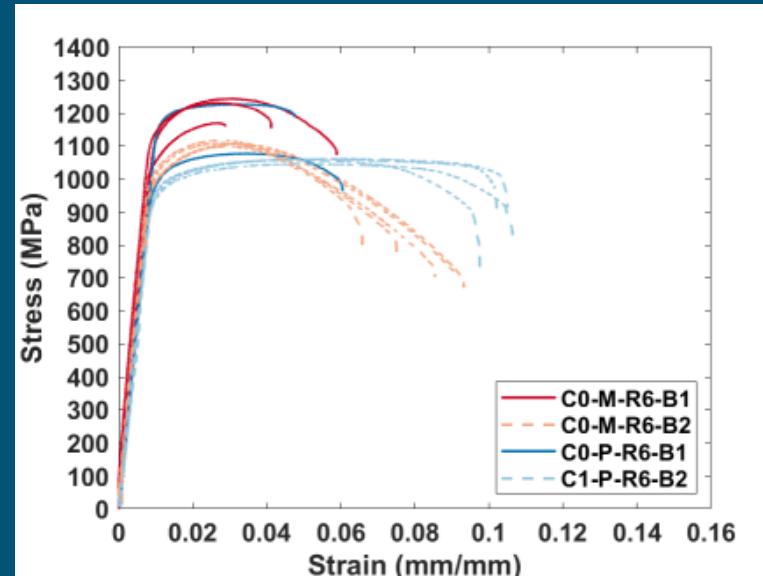


As-Printed vs. Post-Machined

Printed
Cylinders
To Be
Machined



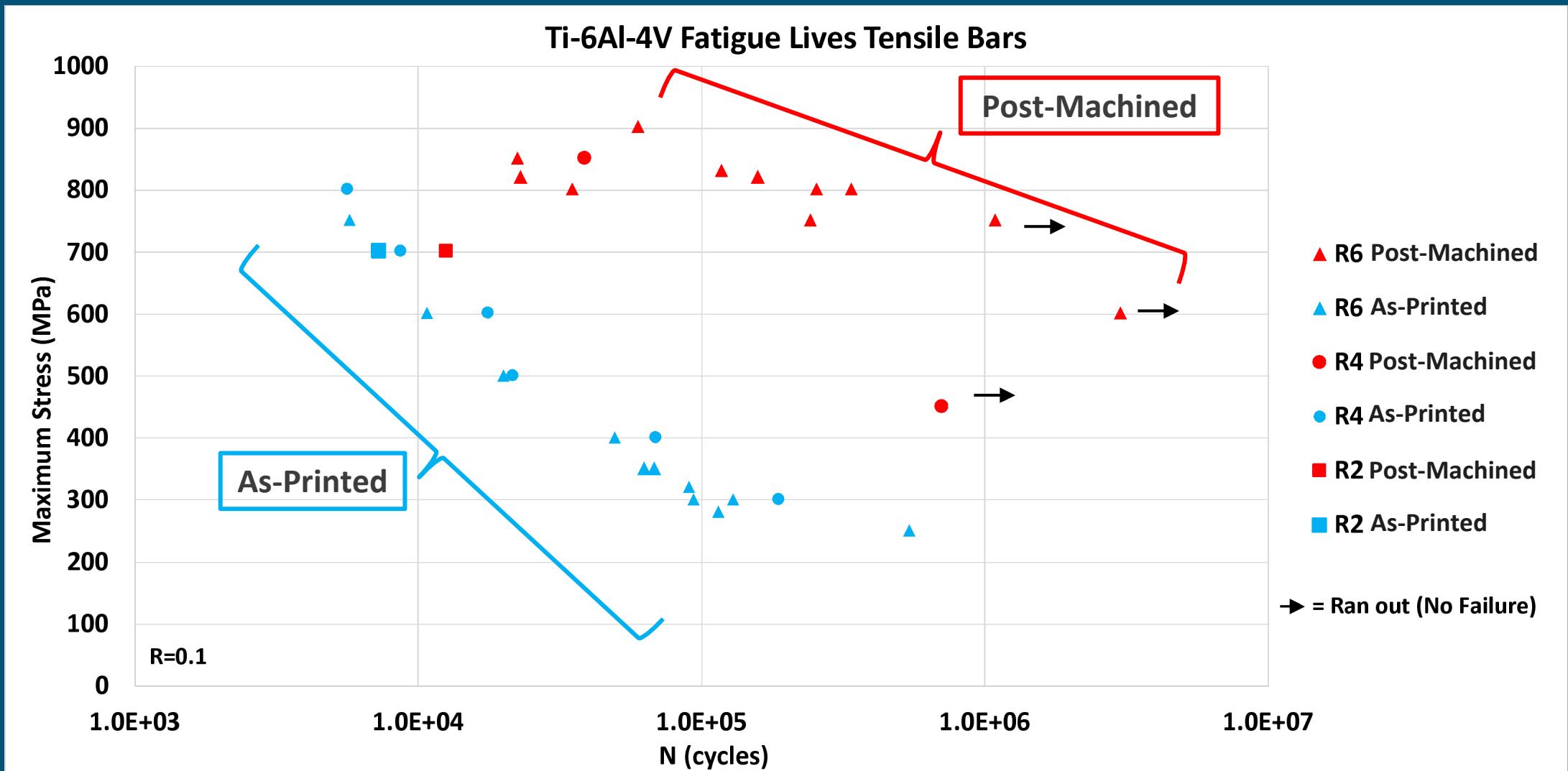
Monotonic Tension Results

**R2****R4****R6**

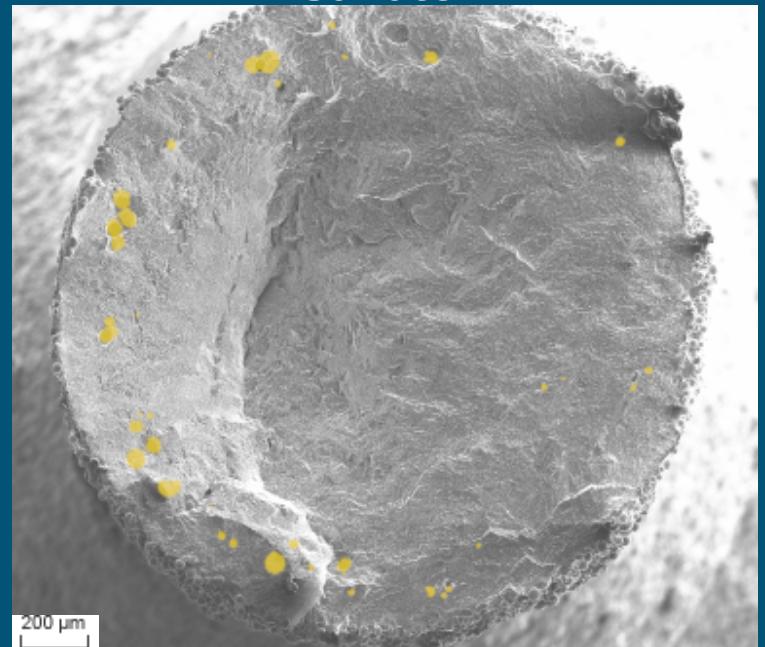
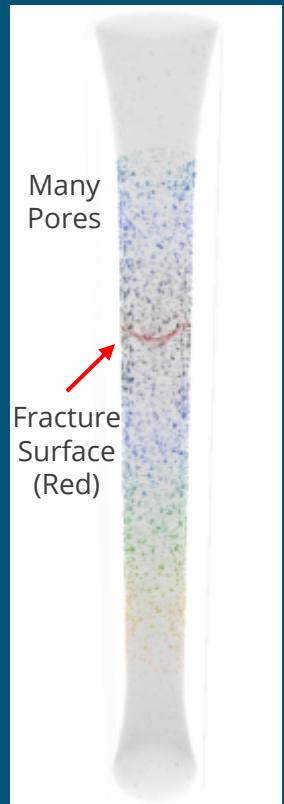
Decreasing Sample Size



Fatigue Results



Fatigue Crack



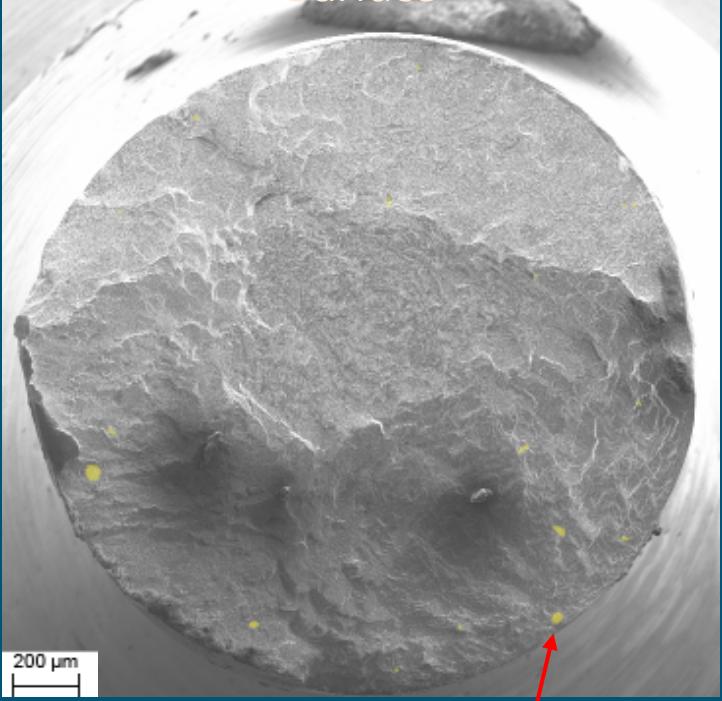
XCT-identified Pores

As-Printed



XCT-identified Pores

Post-Machined



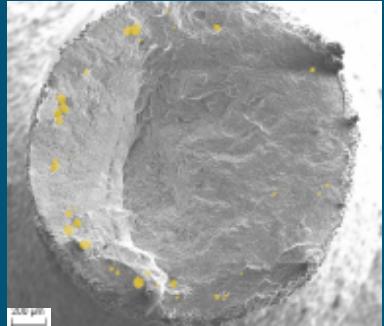
Failure Pore

Fatigue: Future Variables of Interest

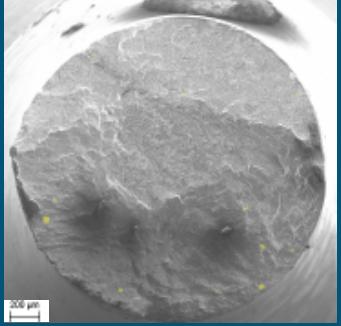


Different Post-Machining Methods

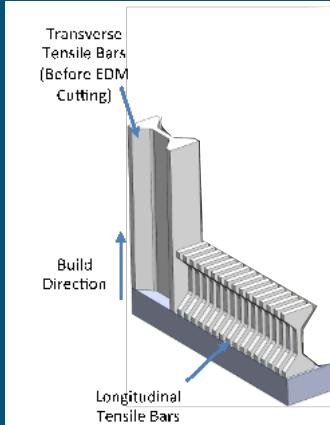
Remove Crust Only



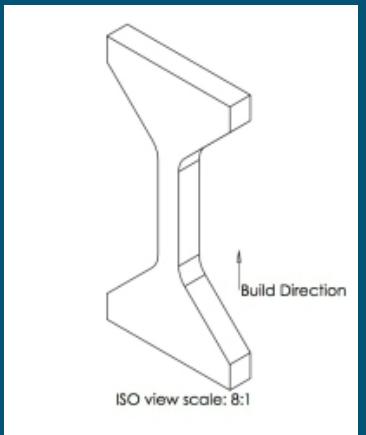
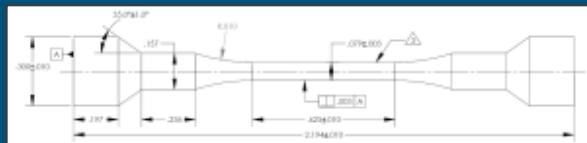
Polish Machining Marks



Build Orientation



Round vs. Flat Fatigue Specimens



Witness Fatigue Specimens

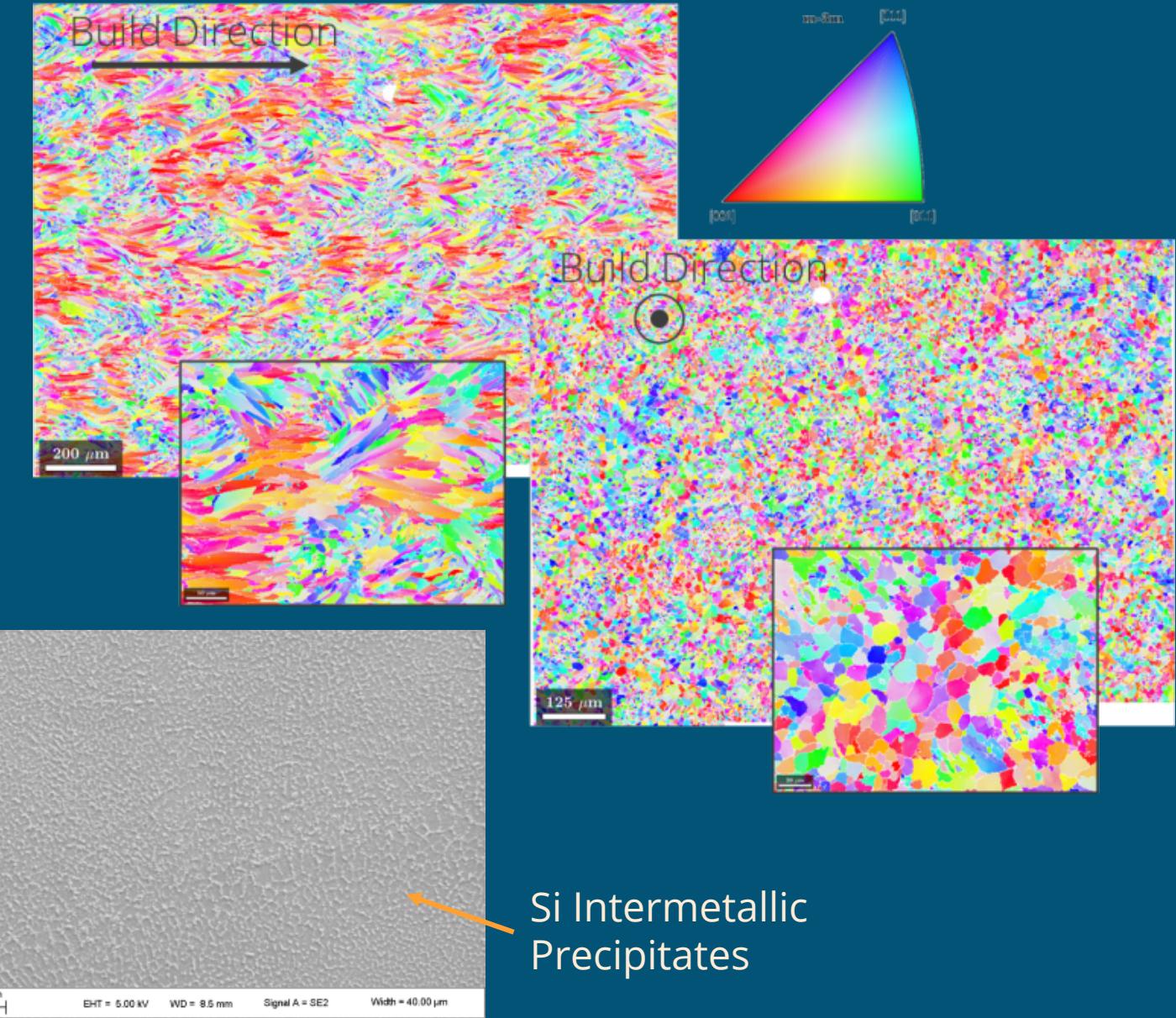
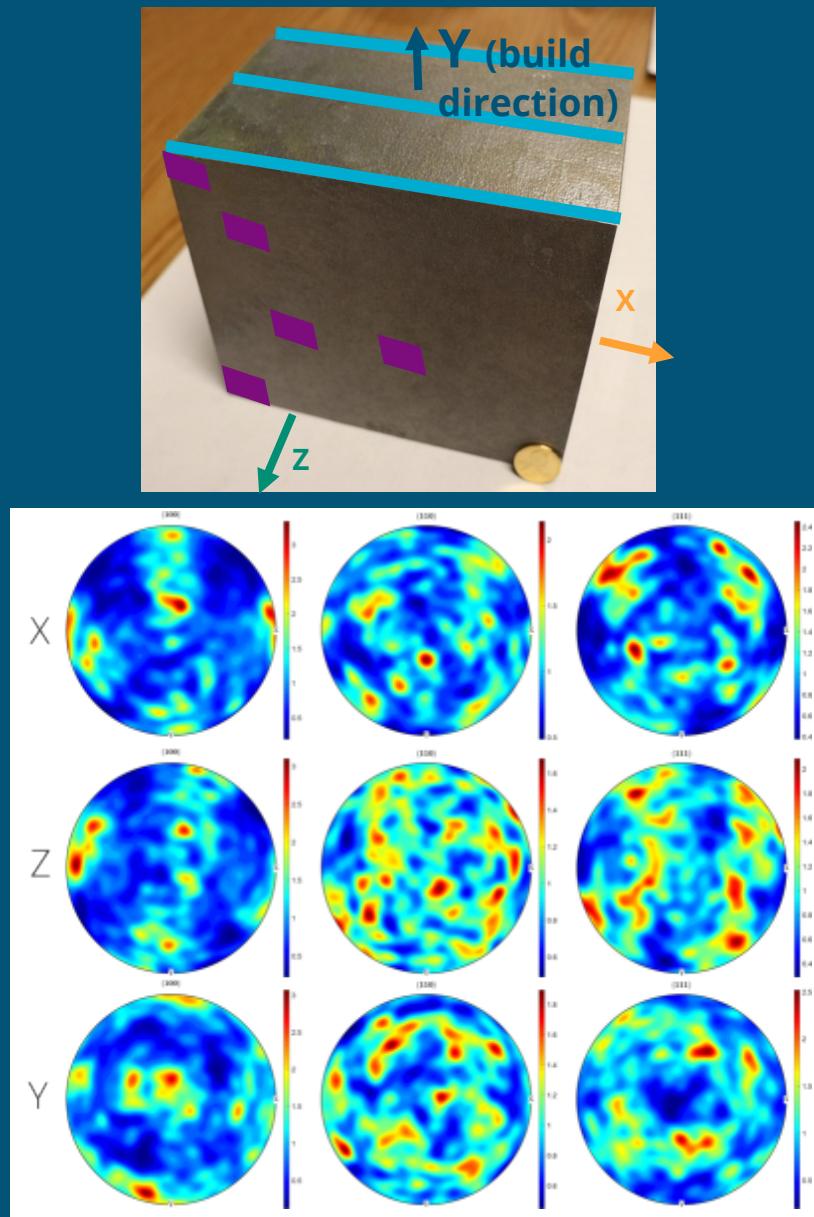
Compare to:

- Fatigue of specimen cut from part
- Fatigue of entire part

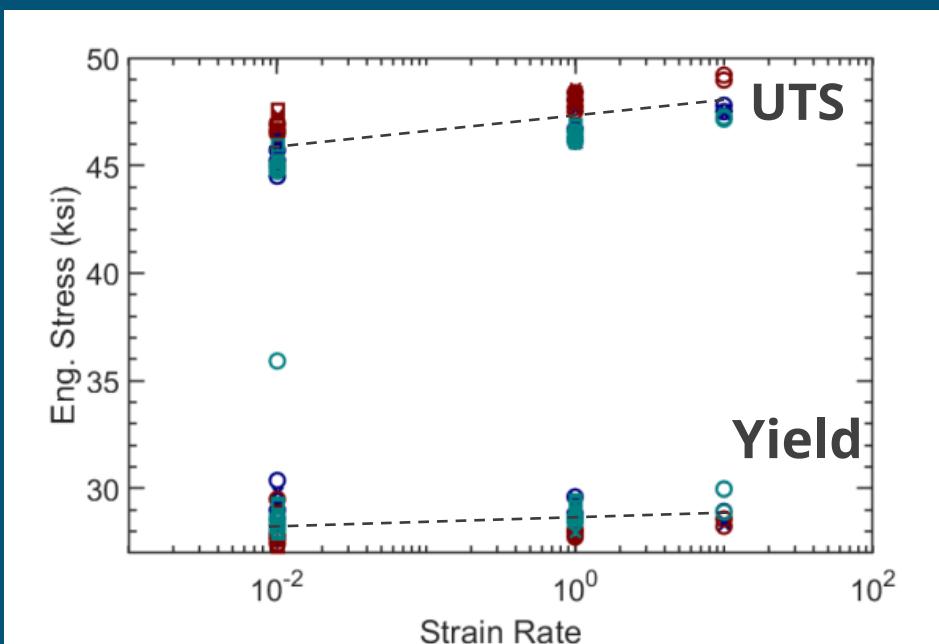
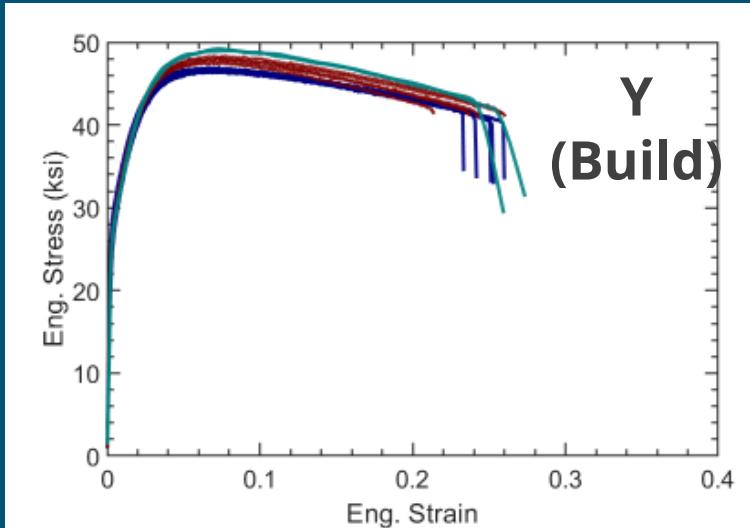
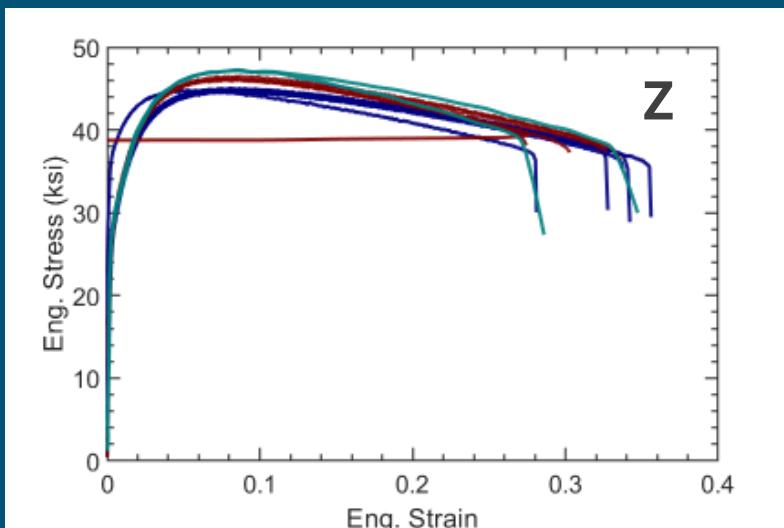
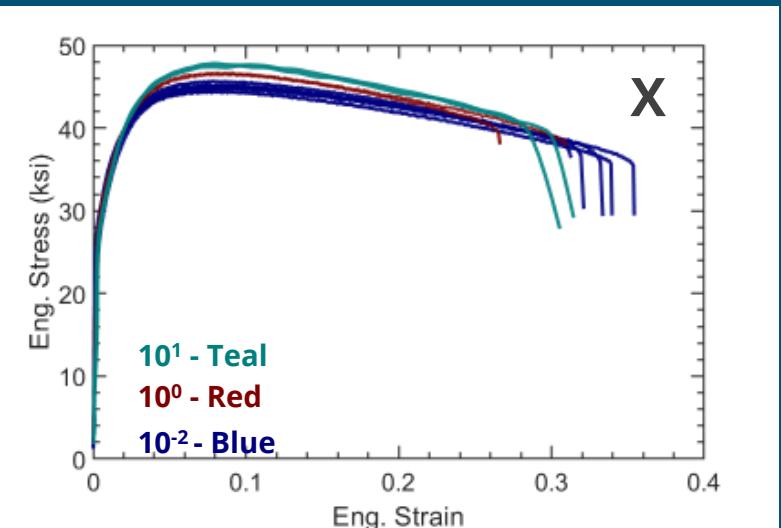


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AlSi10Mg Microstructure

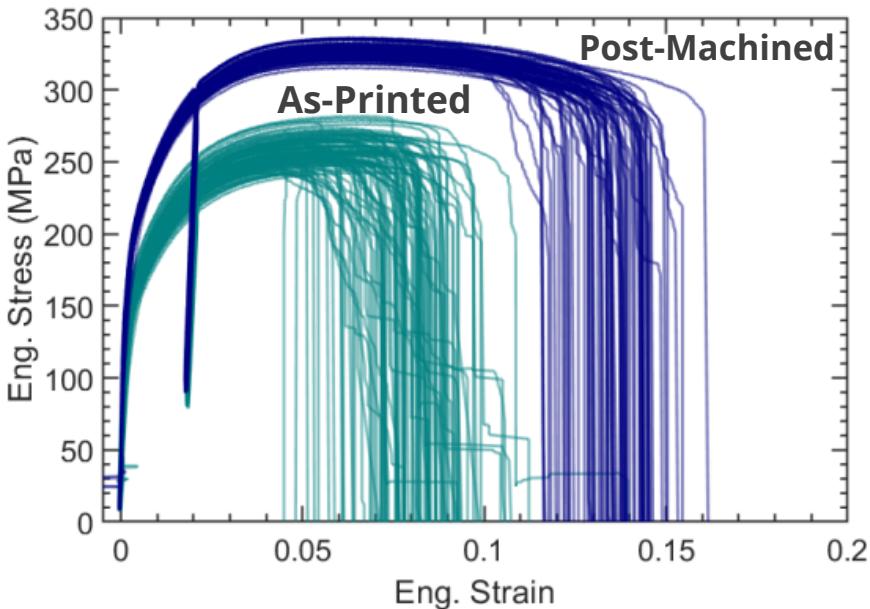


Tension for 10^{-2} to 10^1

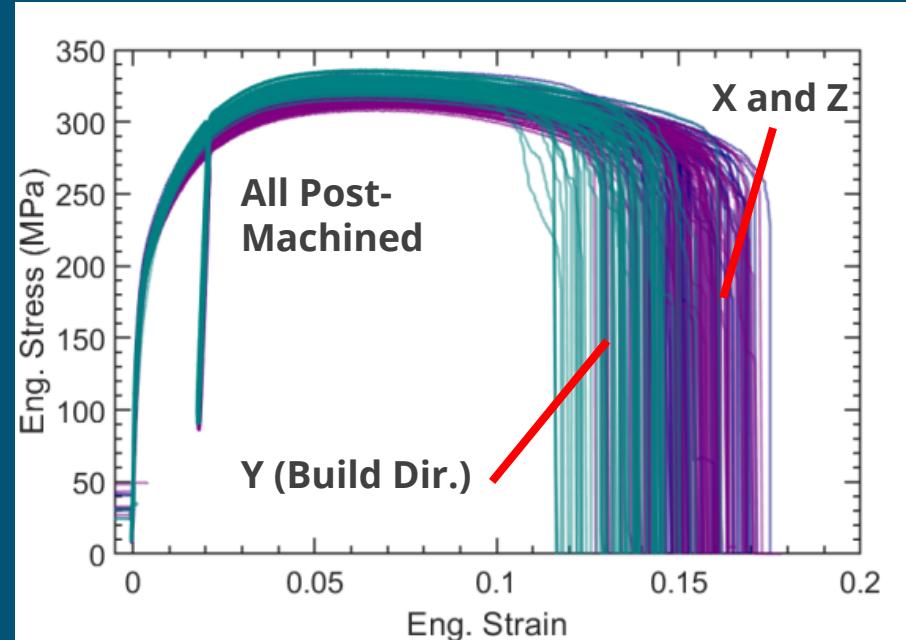


Colors represent the different testing directions, and the shapes represent the locations along the build height

Effect of Processing History and Surface Finish



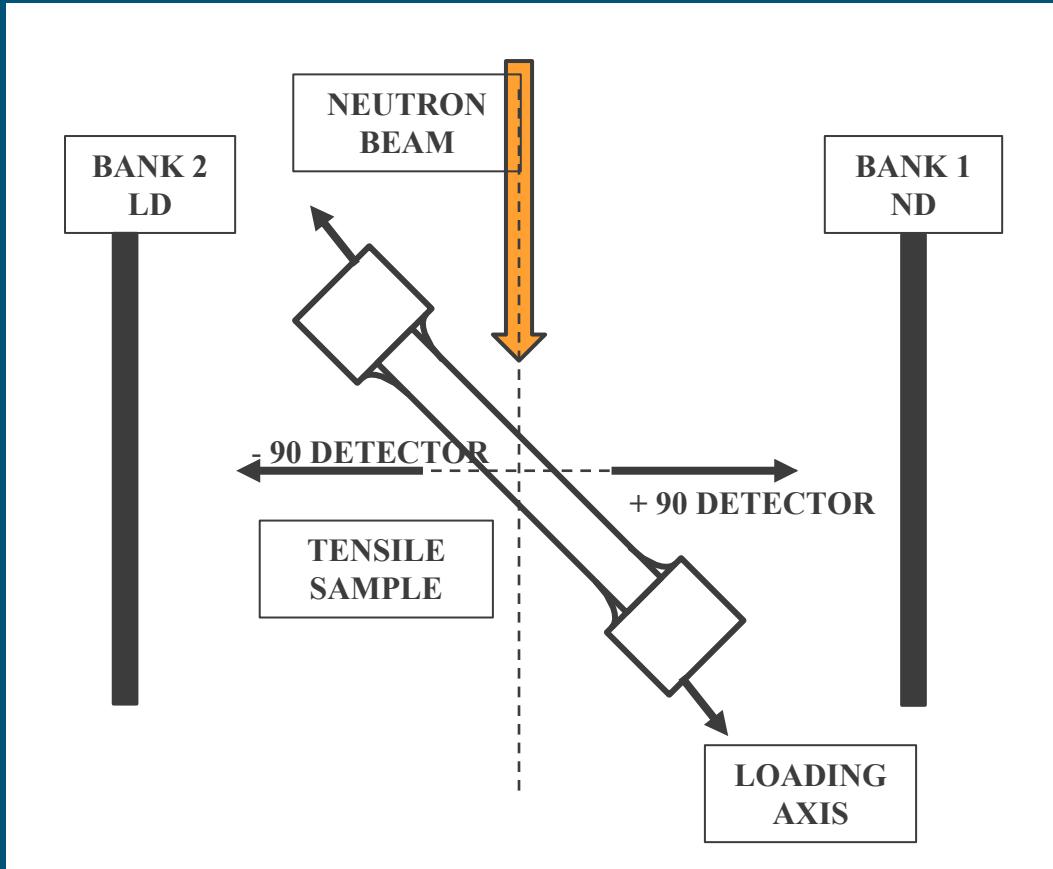
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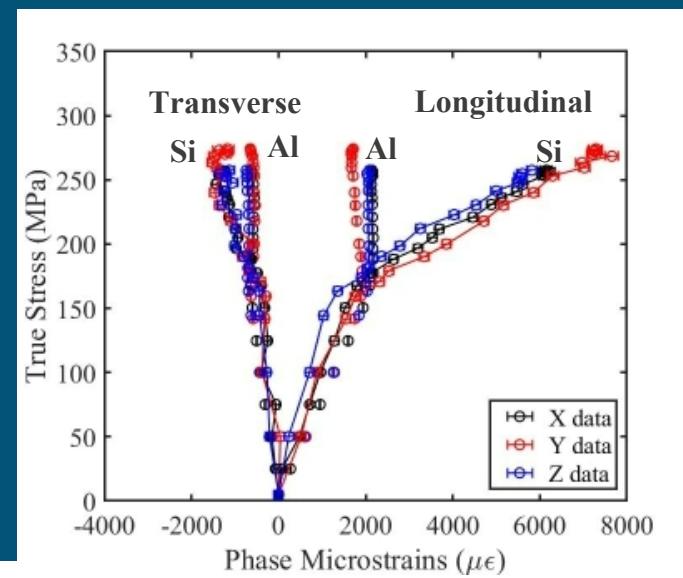
Surface roughness can be a significant driver of the material response

Stress-Partitioning Tensile Experiments

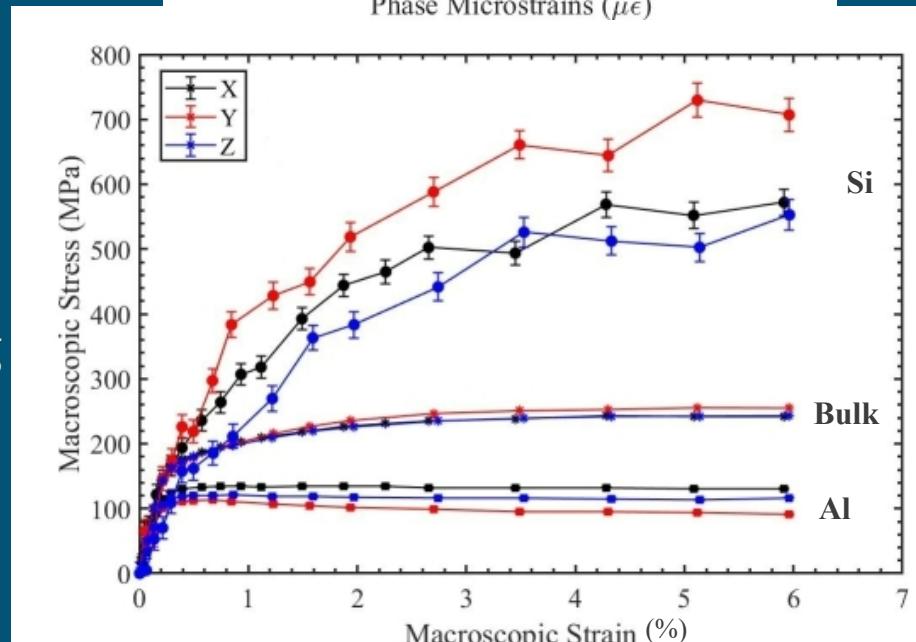
Schematic of tensile-loading stress partitioning experiment



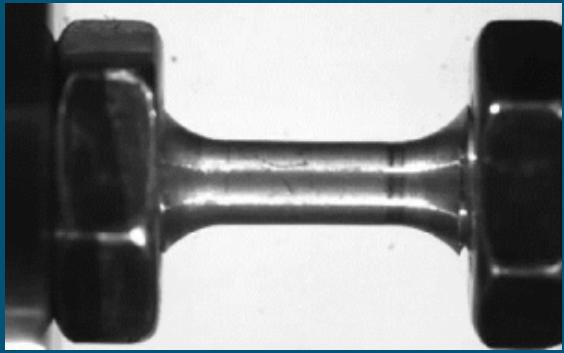
Phase lattice stress vs. strain



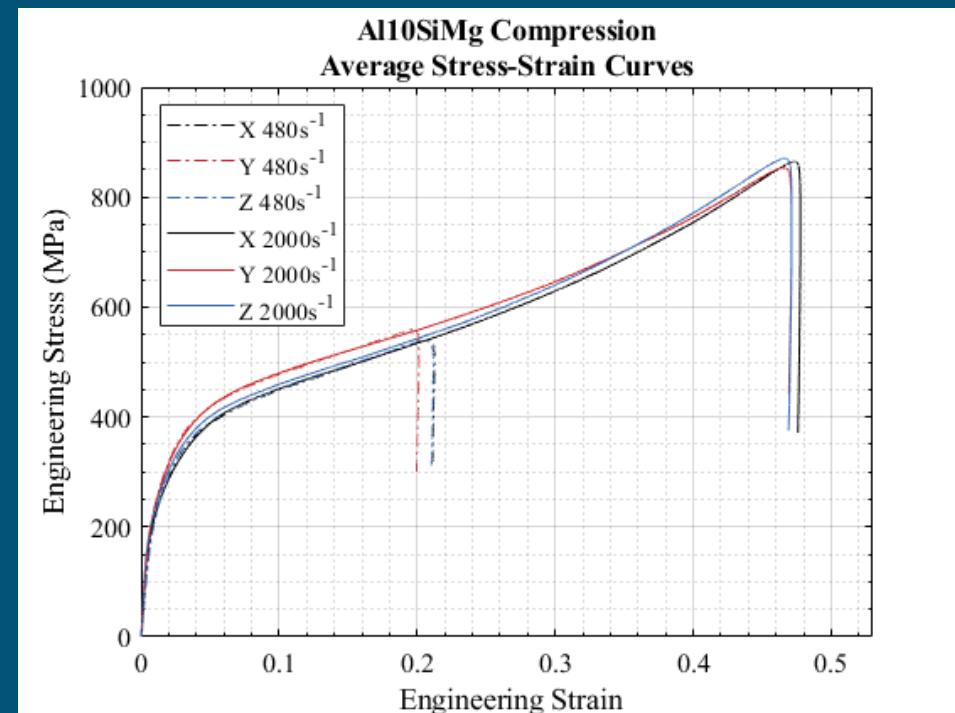
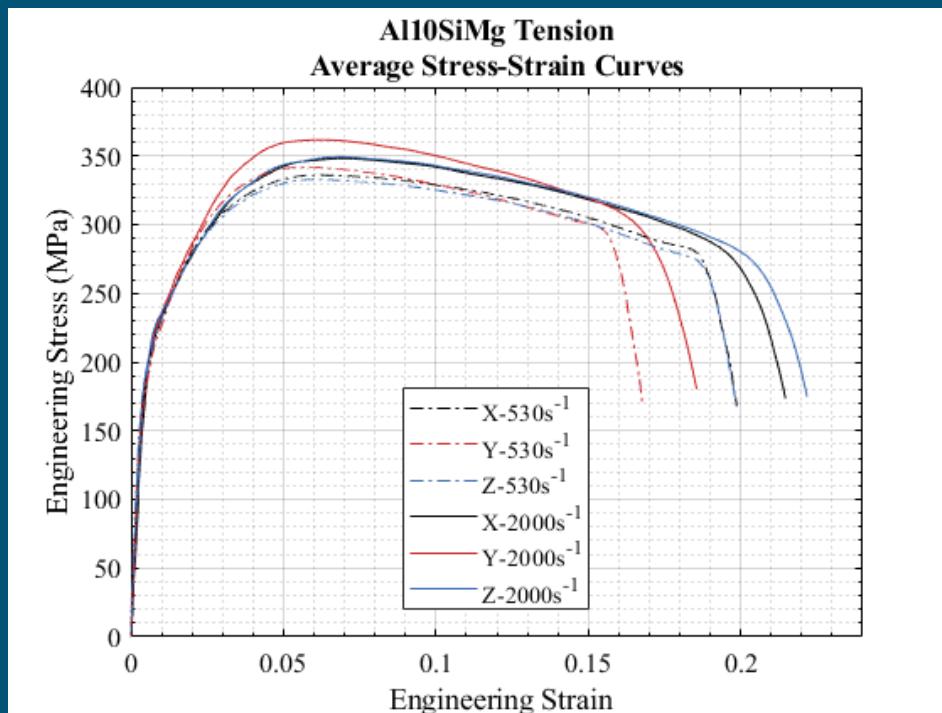
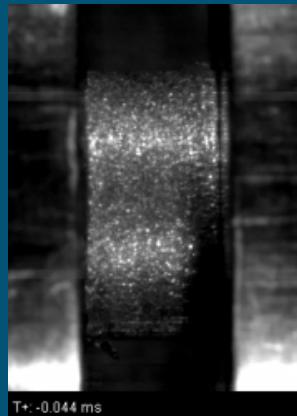
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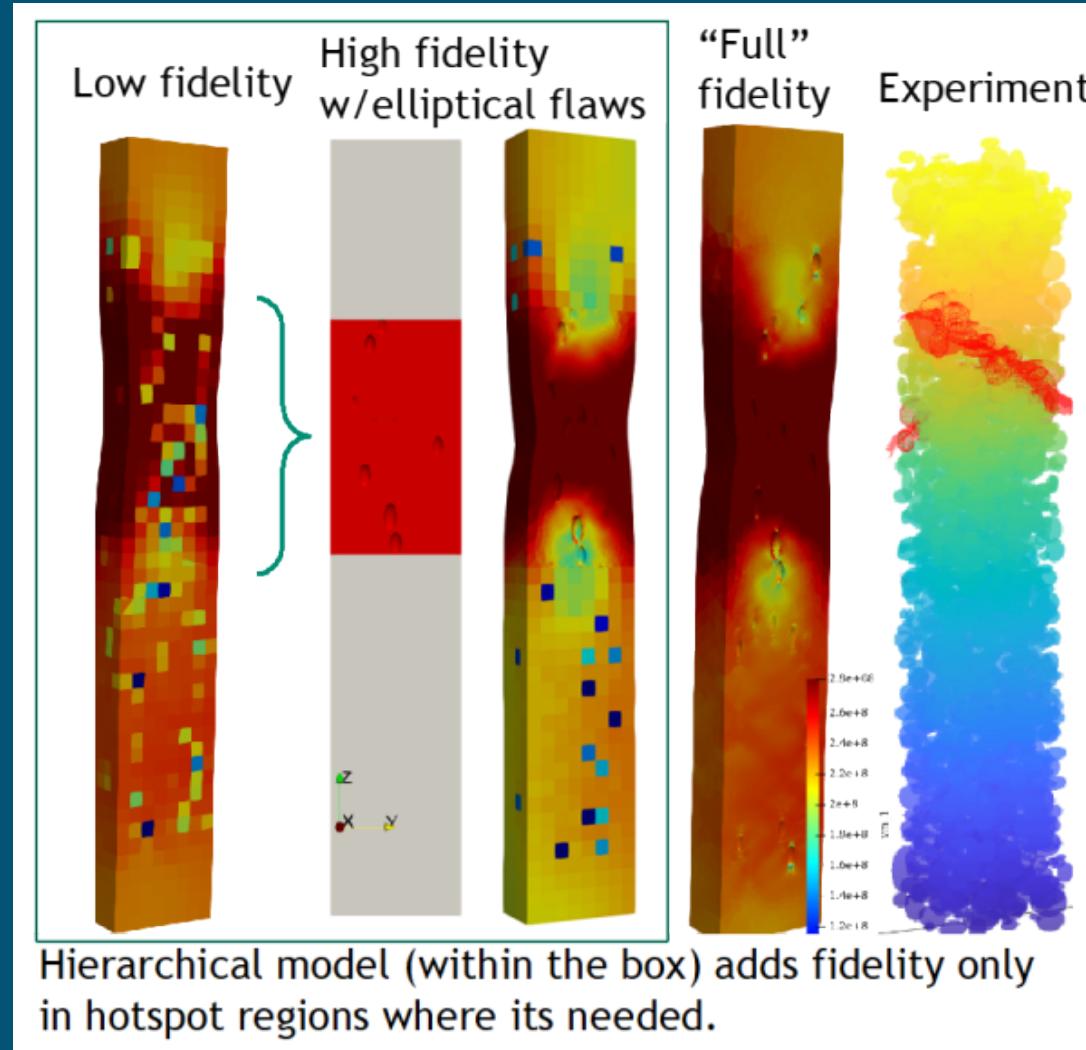
Tension and Compression for 10^2 to 10^3



Split-Hopkinson
Pressure Bar
Testing



Solid Mechanics Modeling Approach



High-Rate Material Modeling



EOS model

pressure: p

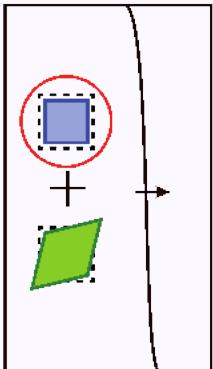
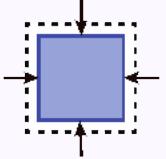


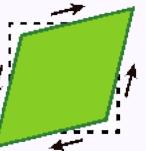
plate impact

$$p \gg \tau$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon} \sim 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

strength model

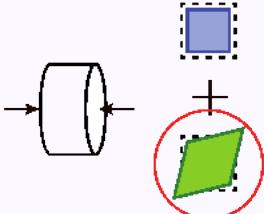
shear: τ



uniaxial tension

$$\tau \sim p$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ to } 10^1 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Hopkinson bar

$$\tau \sim p$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon} \sim 10^2 \text{ to } 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

failure model

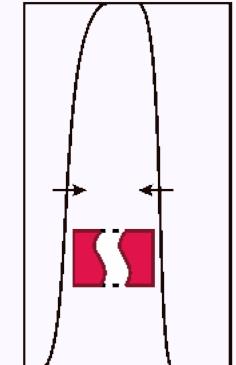
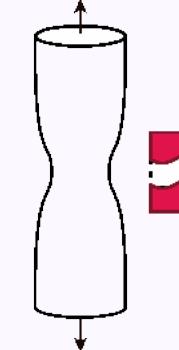


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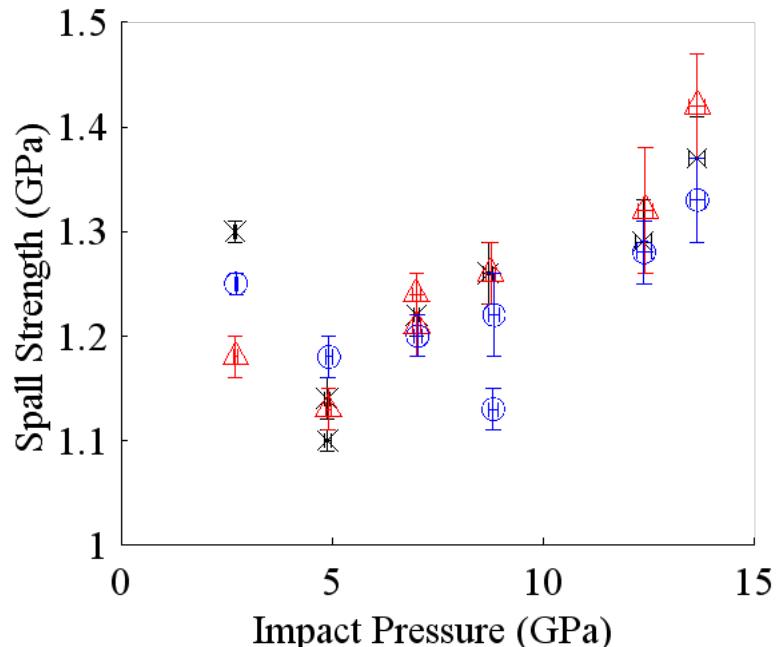
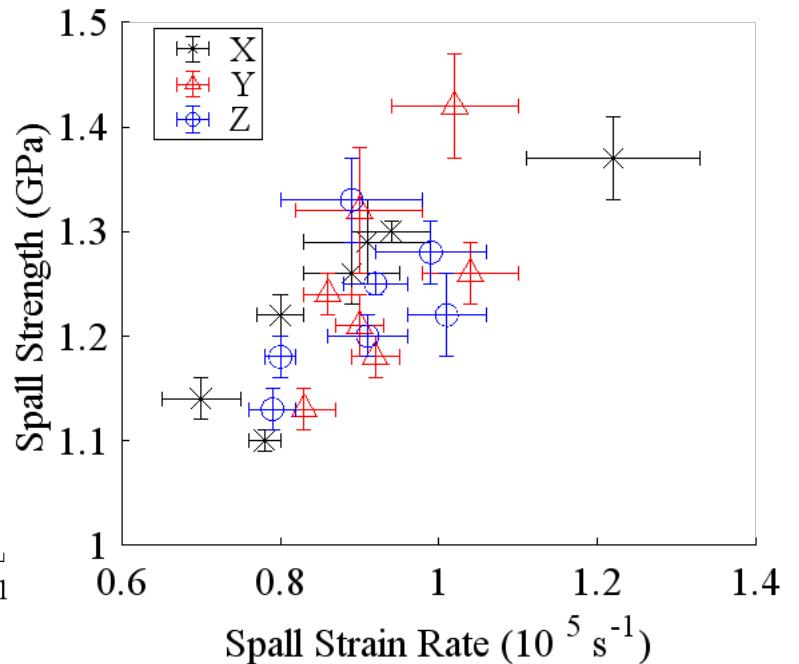
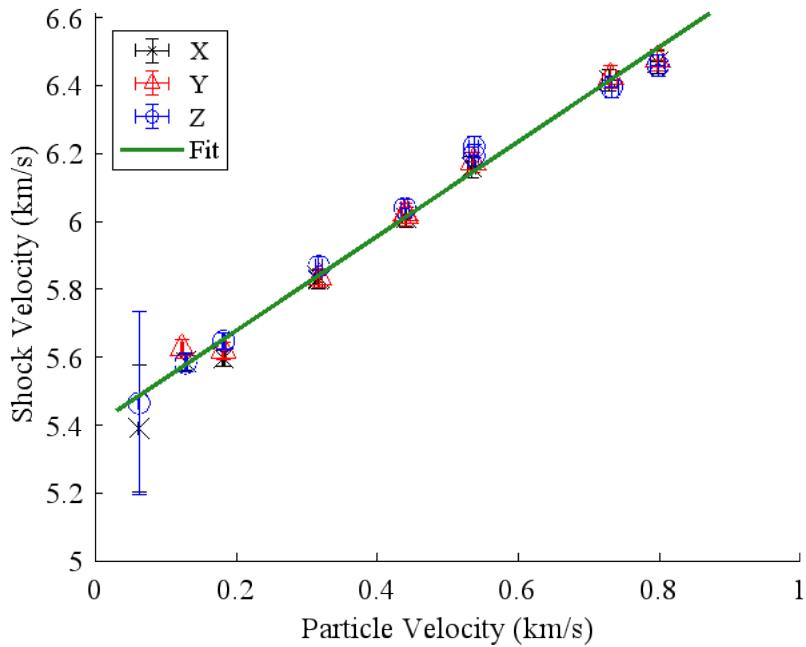
spall



uniaxial tension

ductile failure

EOS and Spall Response



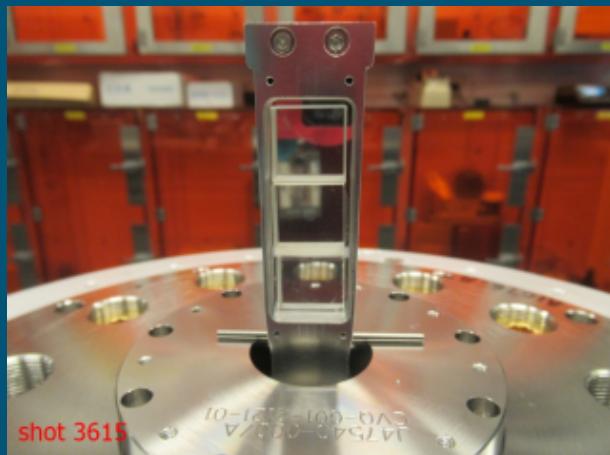
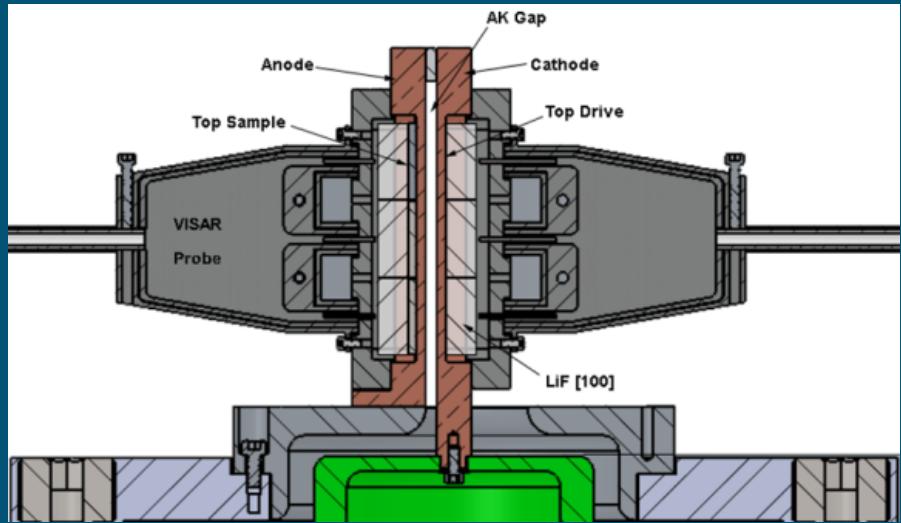
EOS for AlSi10Mg Like That
for Al 6061 up to ~ 13 GPa

Isotropic Spall Strength
(Anisotropic response disappears at high strain-rates)

Quasi-Isentrope Experiments on Z-Machine

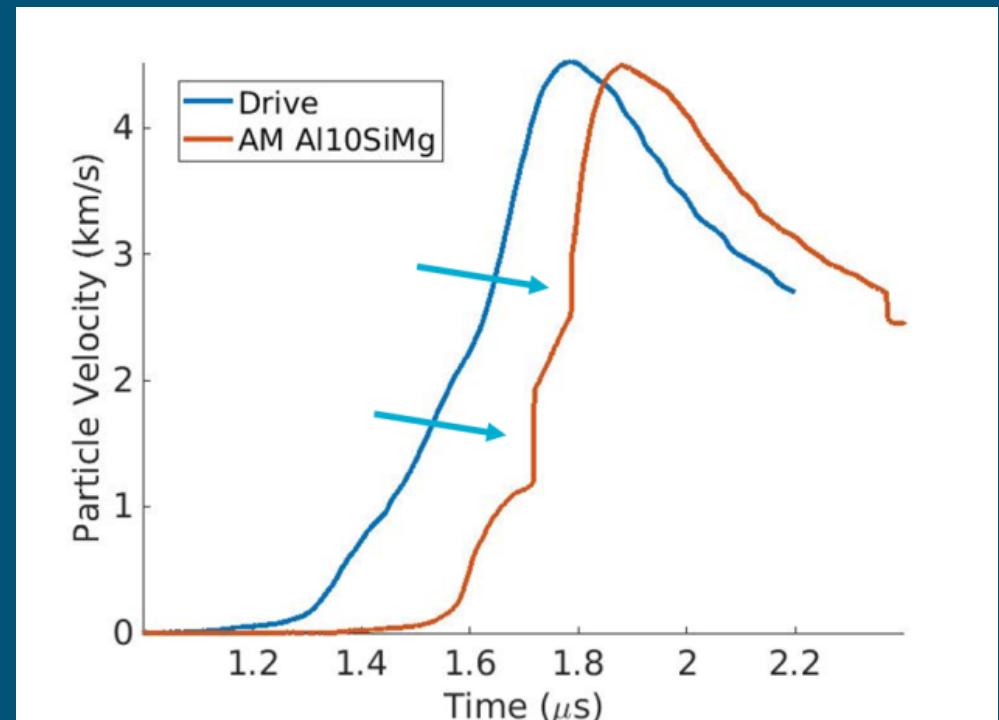


Ramp-Release Experiments at Mega-Bar Stresses

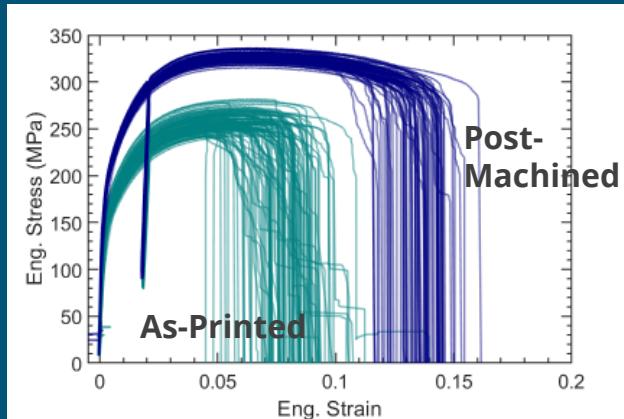


Z3615 Target

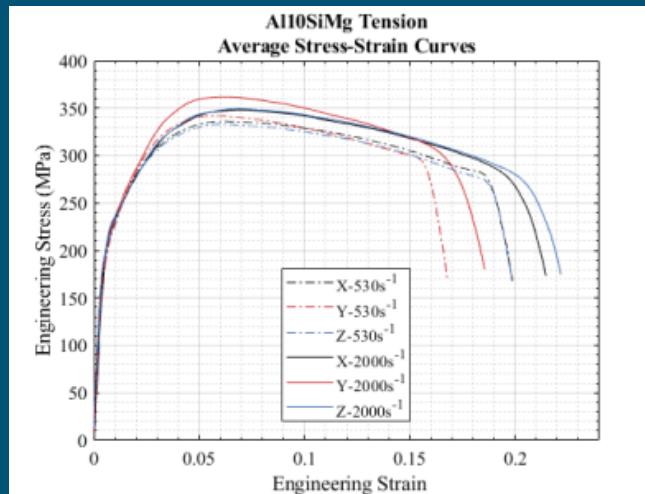
AM AlSi10Mg exhibits two low pressure phase changes



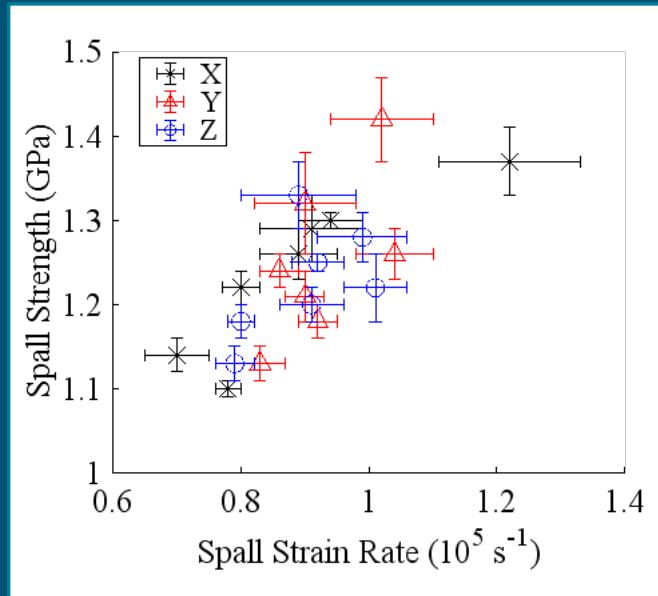
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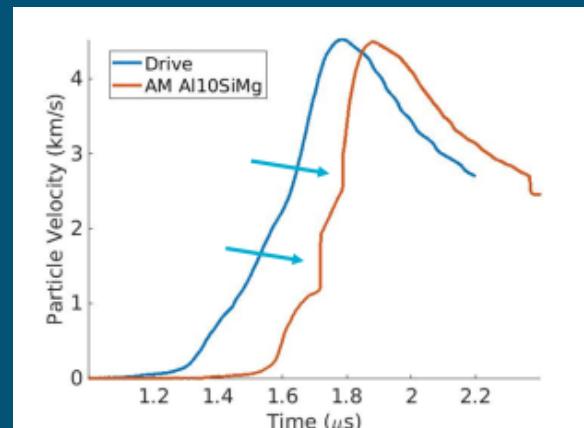
Size of Printed Part and Surface Finish Matter



Strain Rate-Dependent and Anisotropic Behavior at Q.S. and intermediate Strain Rates



Strain Rate-Dependent and Behavior at High Rates, but Anisotropic Response Disappears

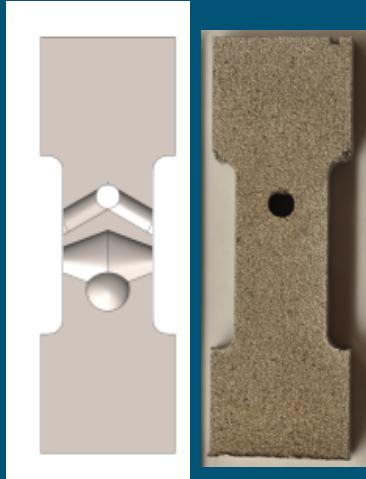


Unexpected Phase Changes in an Al Alloy at High Pressures

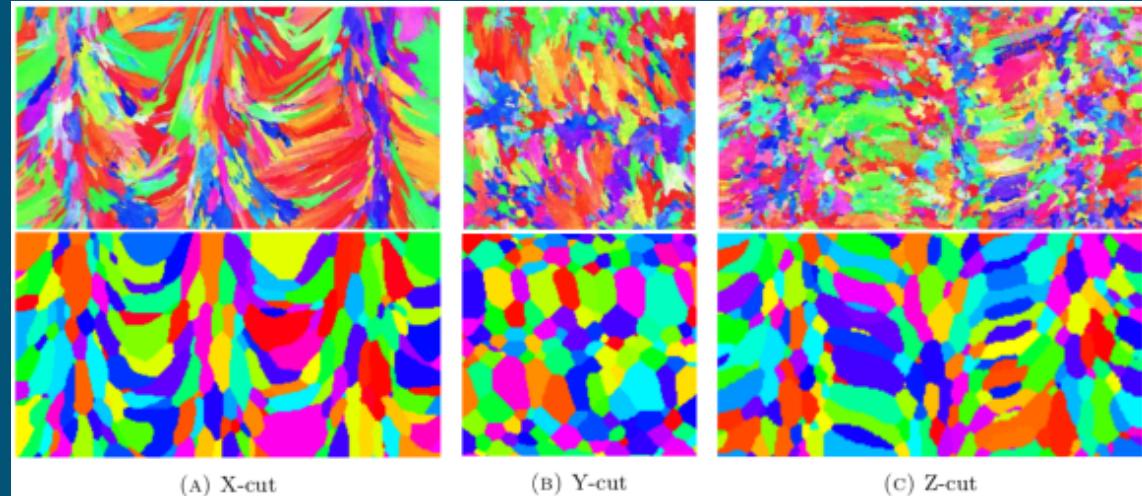
Future Work on Strain-Rate Dependent Behavior



Effect of Geometry



Improved modeling at all rates



EBSD

SPPARKS

Topology Optimization



Design Guidance

Stress
Concentrations

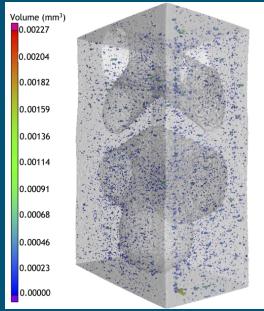
Ligament
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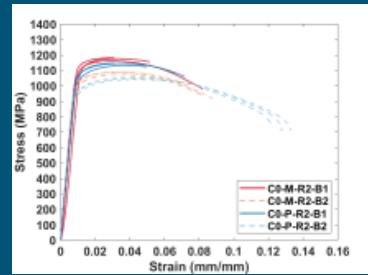
Summary of Foundational Research for QRE and Future Work



Role of Inspection



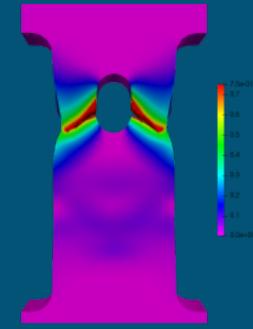
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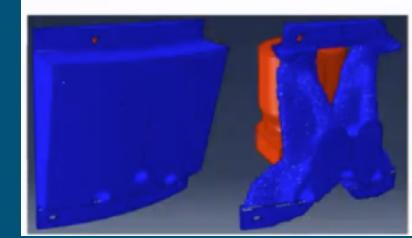
Part Geometry Effects



Part Performance Predictions



Topology Optimization



Future Work for QRE

Sources of Variability in Mechanical Response

- Flaw Structure
- Surface Finish
- Part Geometry
- Build History (Thermal History)
- Microstructure / Anisotropy

**Complex Relationship Between
Part Geometry and Flaw Structure**