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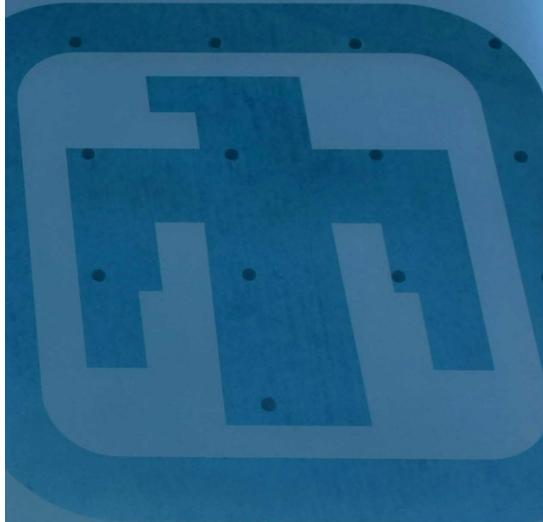
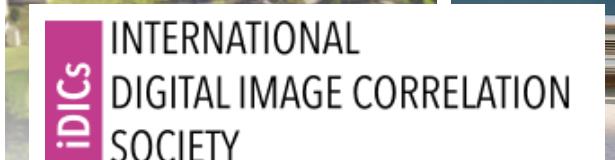
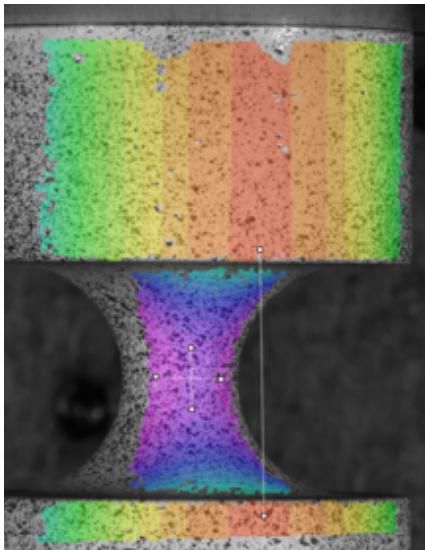
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# When taking (useful) pictures of stuff (aka: science) is really hard

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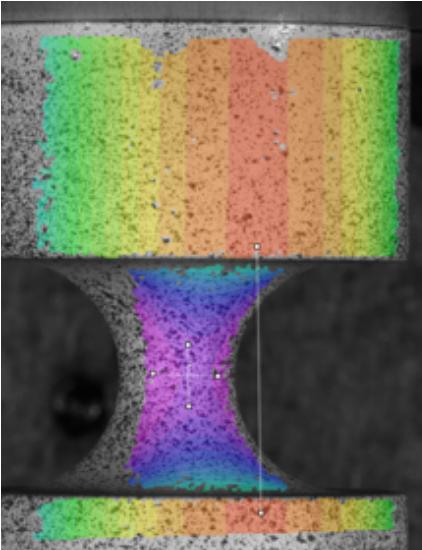
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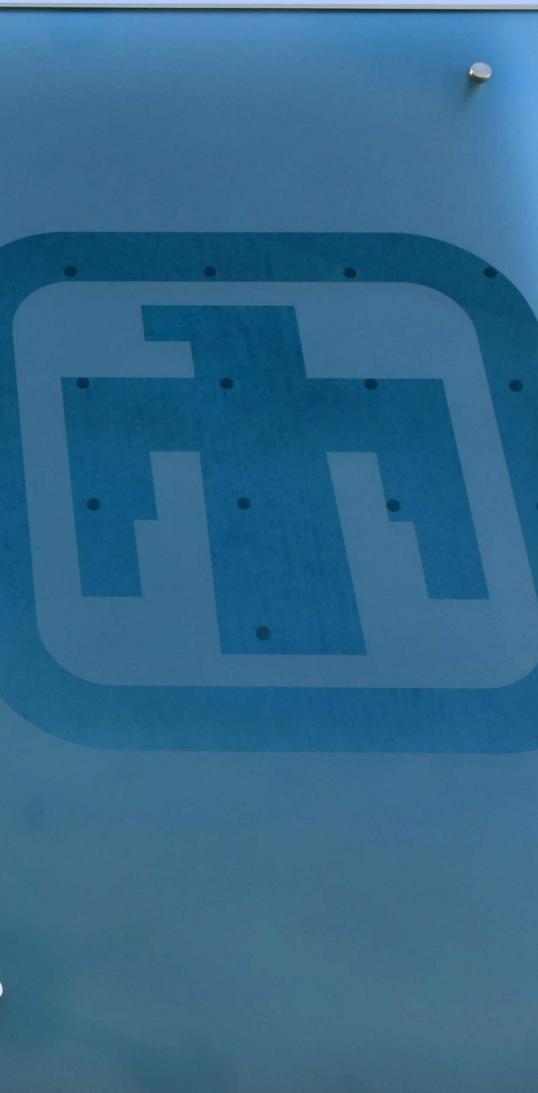
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# Benefits and challenges with imaging methods

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## Benefits and uses

- Don't need *a priori* knowledge of where to put a strain gage/thermocouple
- Works where traditional methods fail – fast, non-contact, full-field
- Adjust ROI/virtual gage as much as you want
- Useful for adding complexity to models
  - Thermal response/effects; Rate dependence/viscosity; Plasticity; Fracture/failure

## Challenges and considerations

- Mechanical
- Optical
- Physical
- Software/hardware
- Cost (\$  )

## 2 Examples:

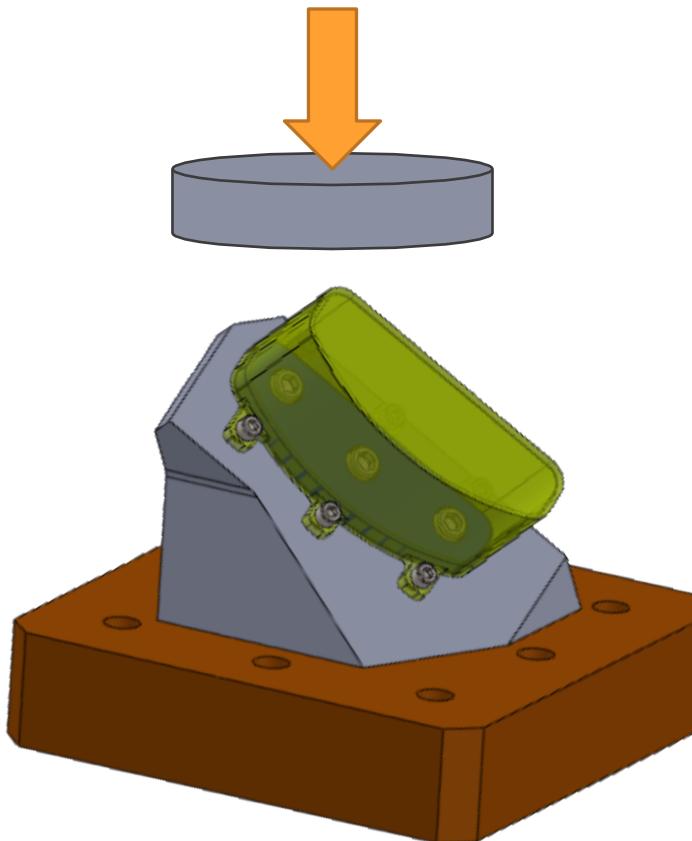
- Validation Problem: Can Crush
  - Highly ductile 304L SS
- Notched Compression
  - Moderately ductile Al 6061-T6
  - Highly ductile 304L SS

# Example 1: Can crush validation experiment

Goal: Validate elastic plastic material model for 304L-VAR material through ductile failure

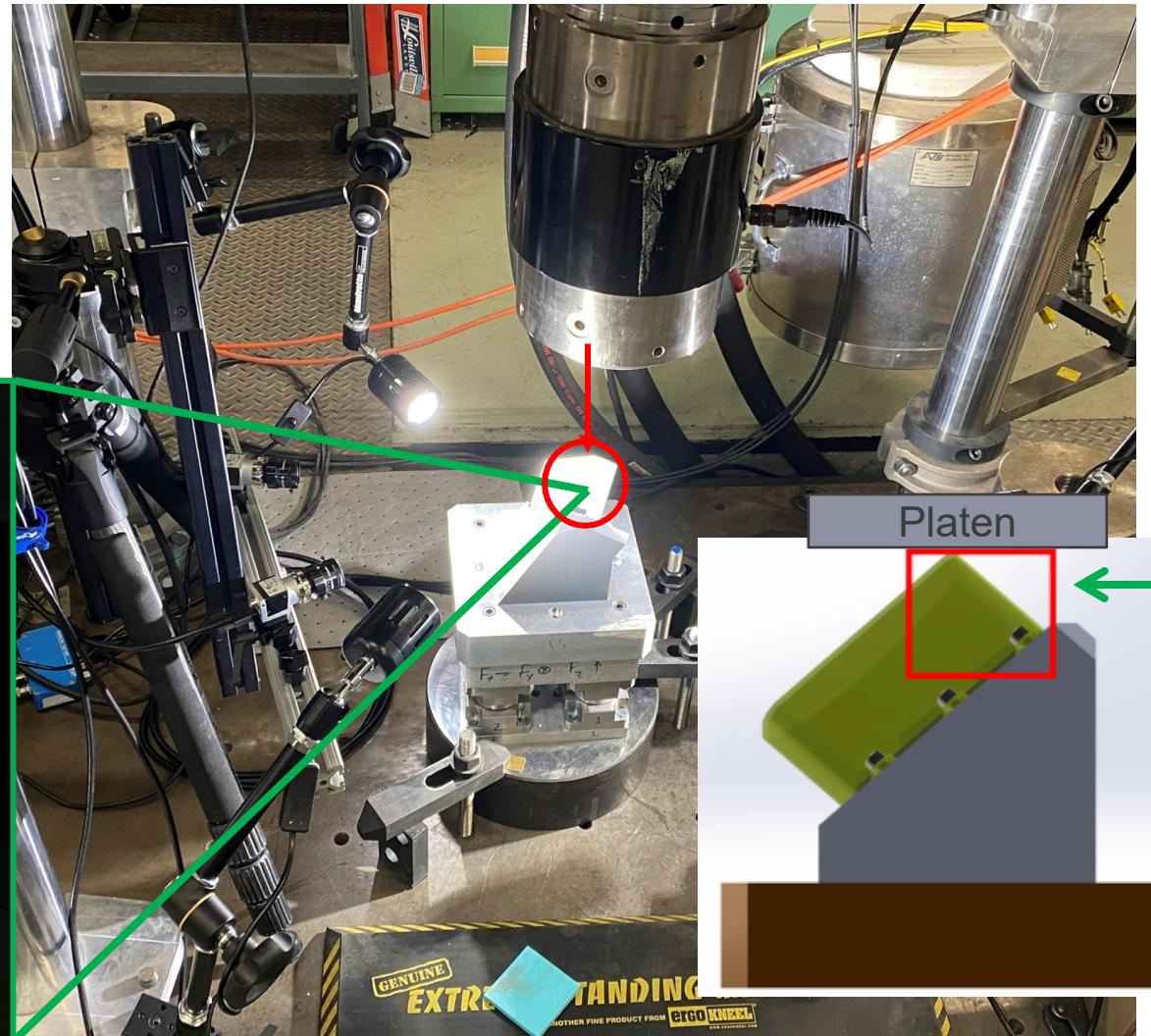
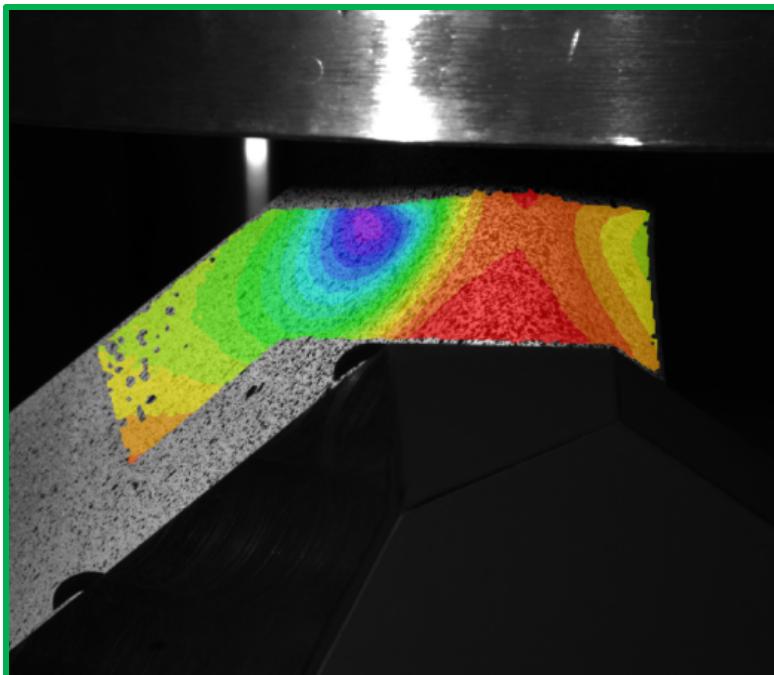
Experiment:

- Thin walled, open, can-like geometry
- Directly machined (no welds or joints)
- Complex loading angle
- Quasi-  
(0.25



# 3D-DIC (low-rate, 2 camera pairs)

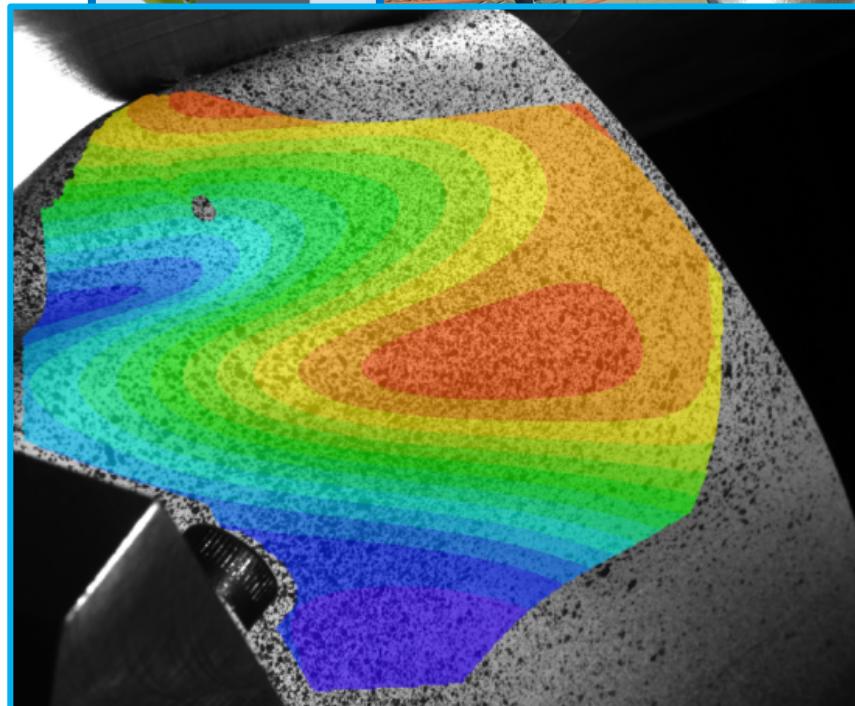
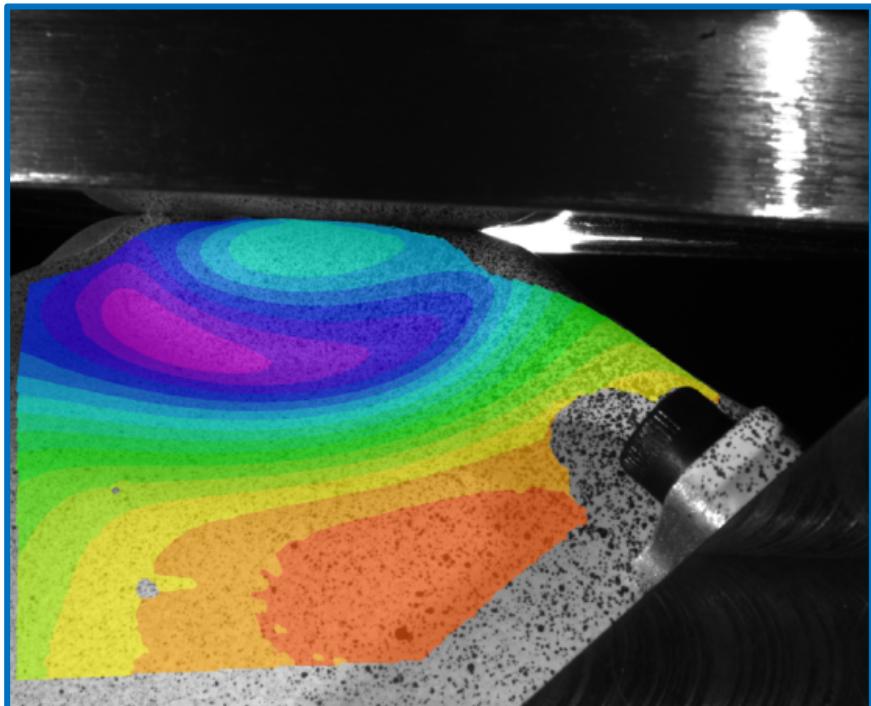
Shadows, obstructed view



# 3D-DIC (low-rate, 2 camera pairs)

Shadows, obstructed view

Oblique angles (focal depth)

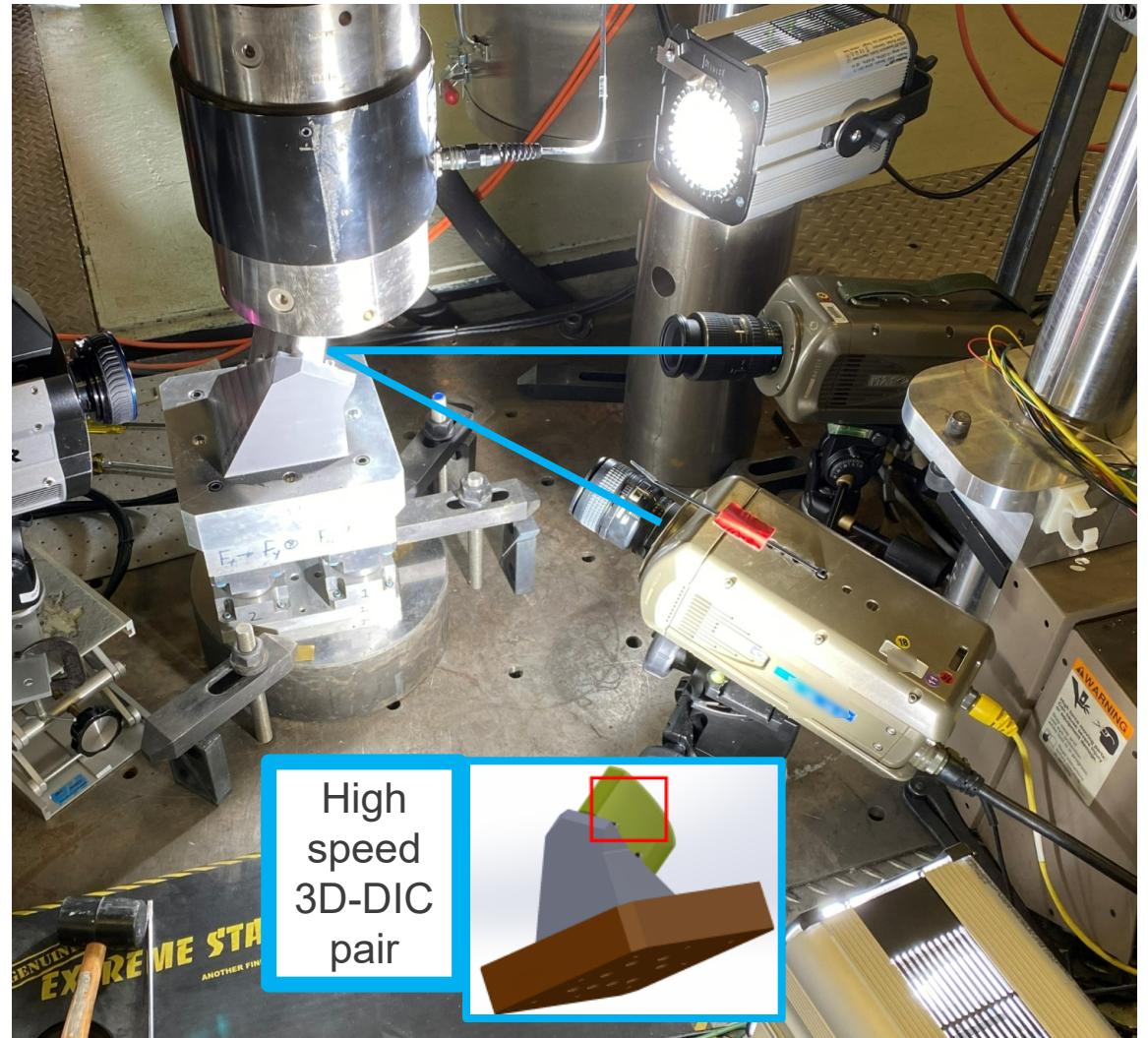
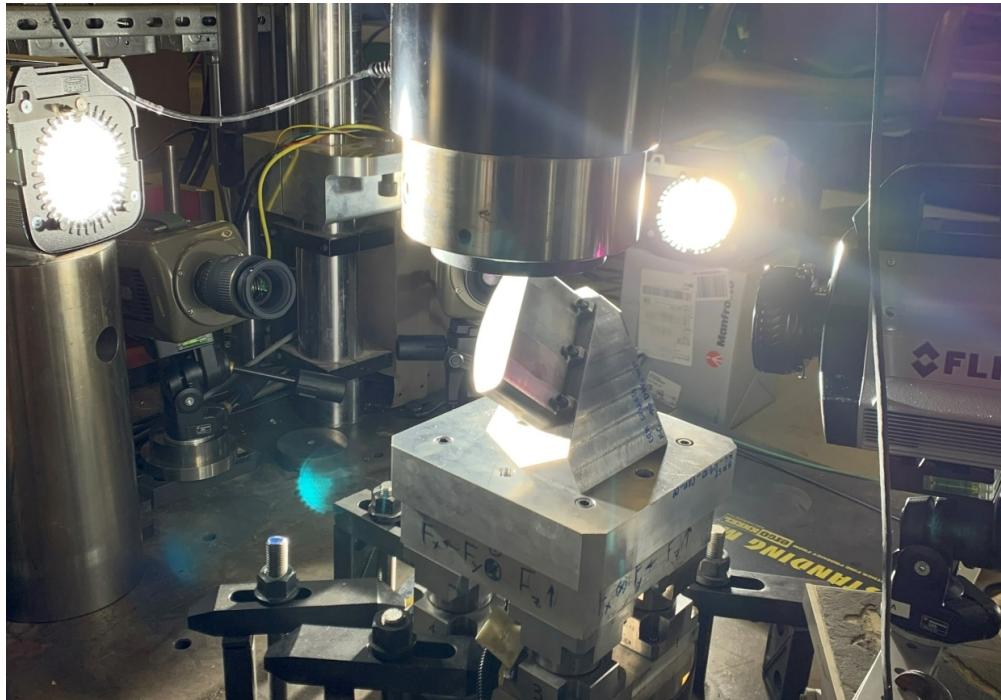


# 3D-DIC (high-rate)

Shadows, obstructed view, oblique angles

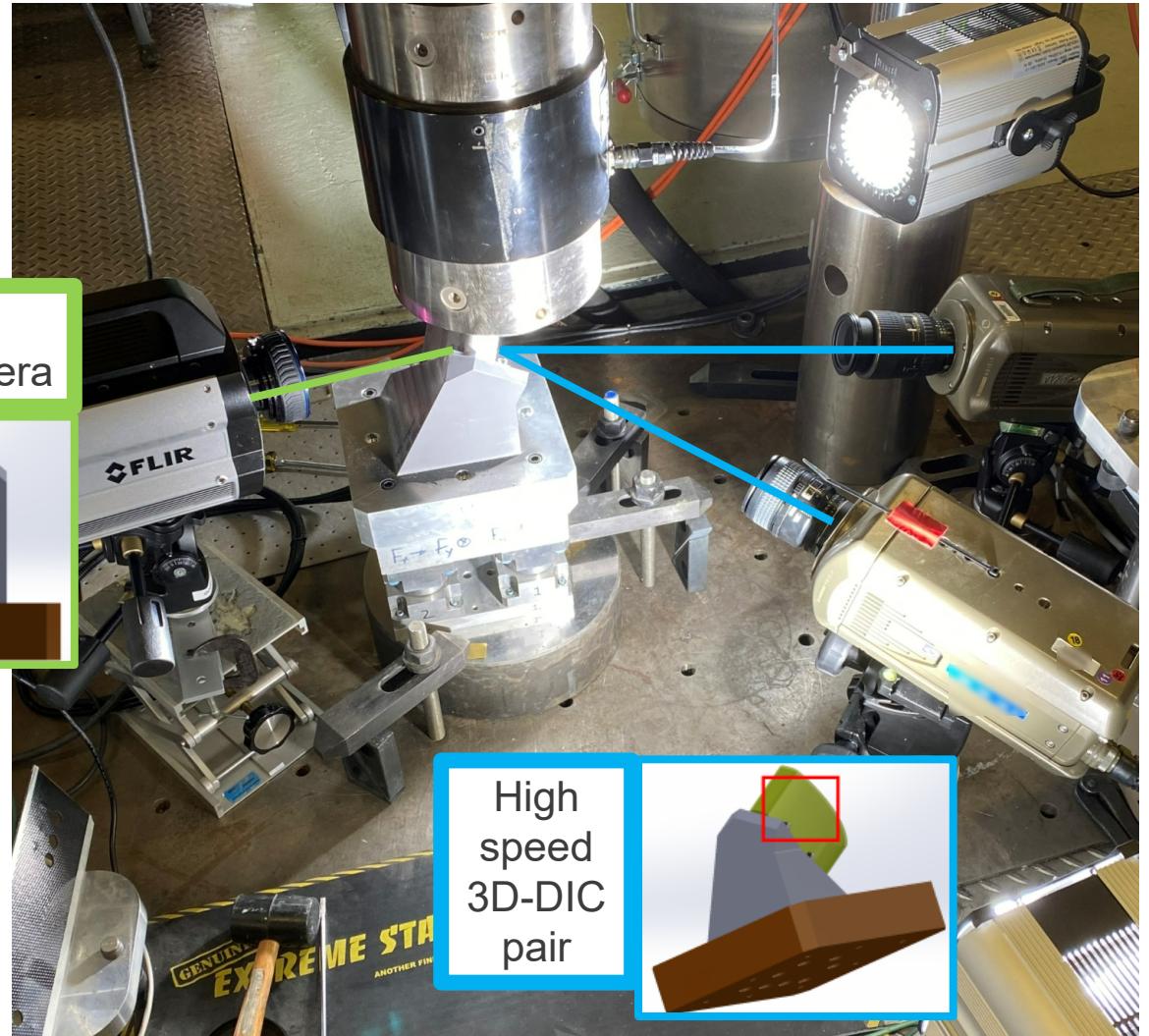
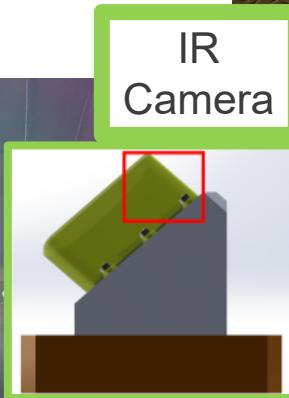
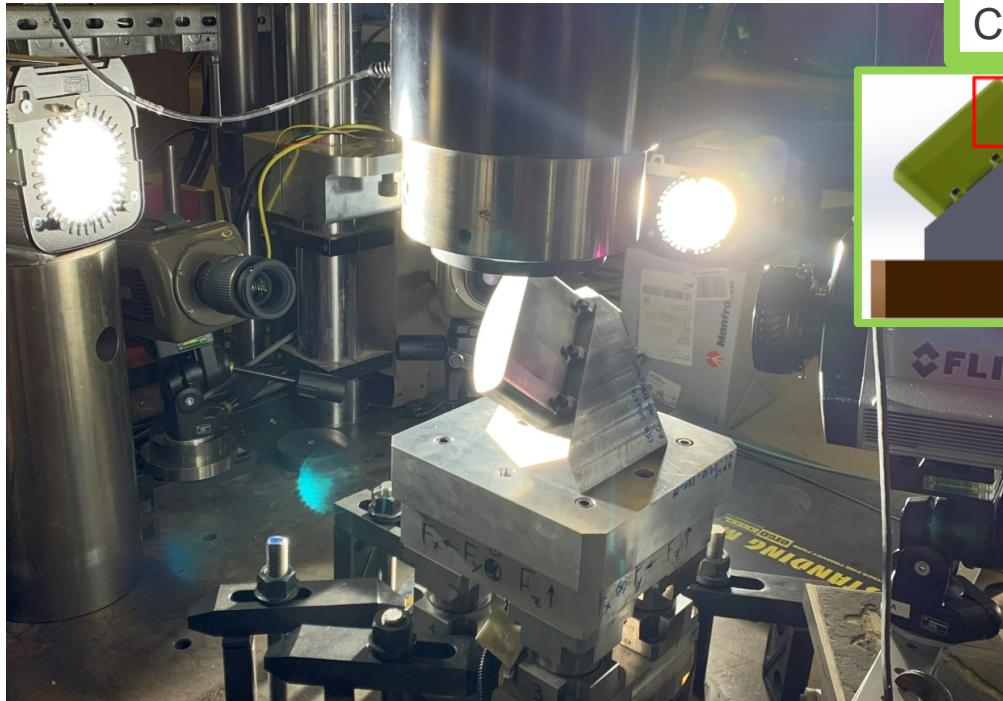
Physical size and space

Cost, data transfer and storage

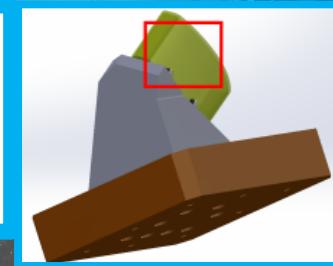


# 3D-DIC (high-rate) + IR imaging

Physical size and space; cost; data



High  
speed  
3D-DIC  
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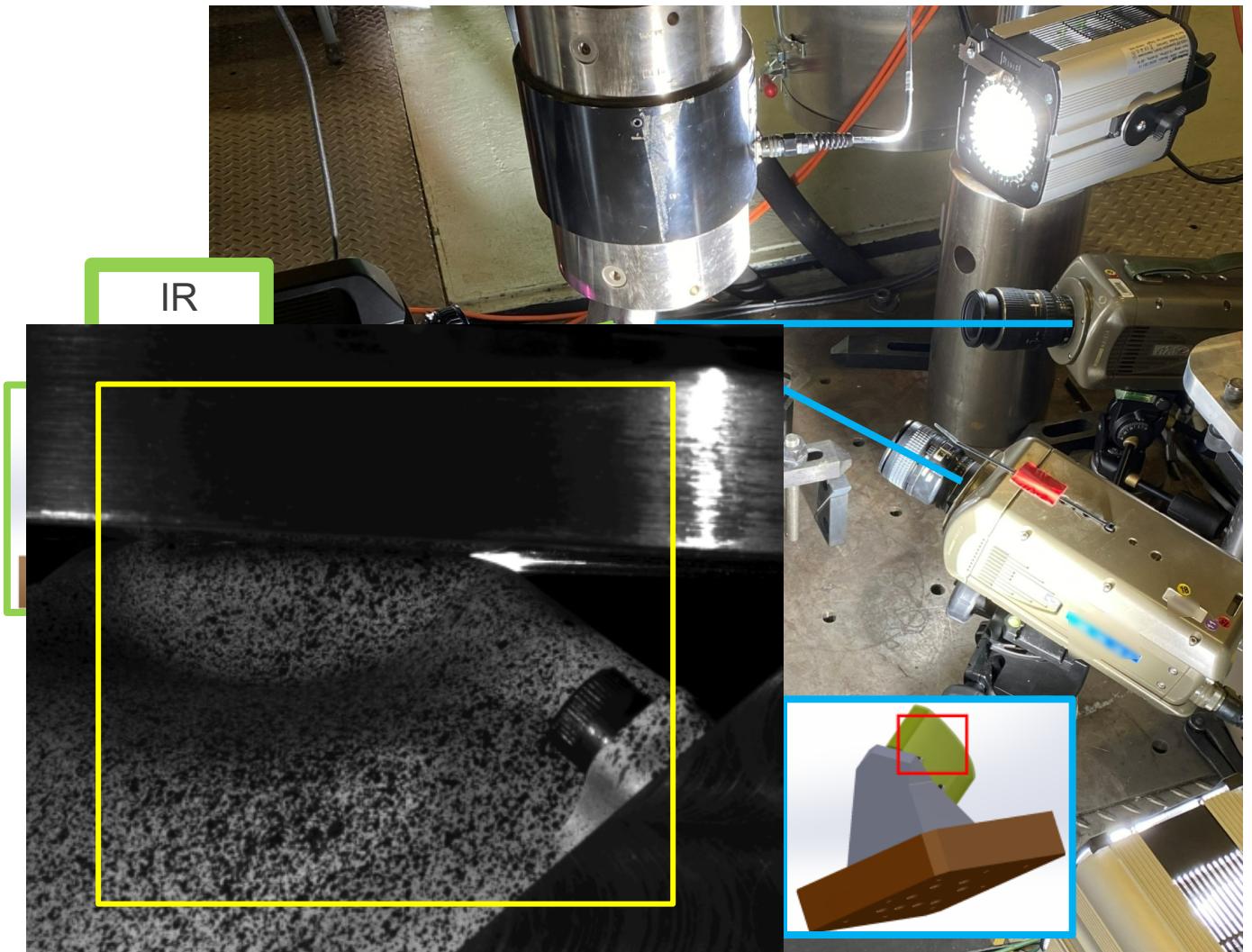
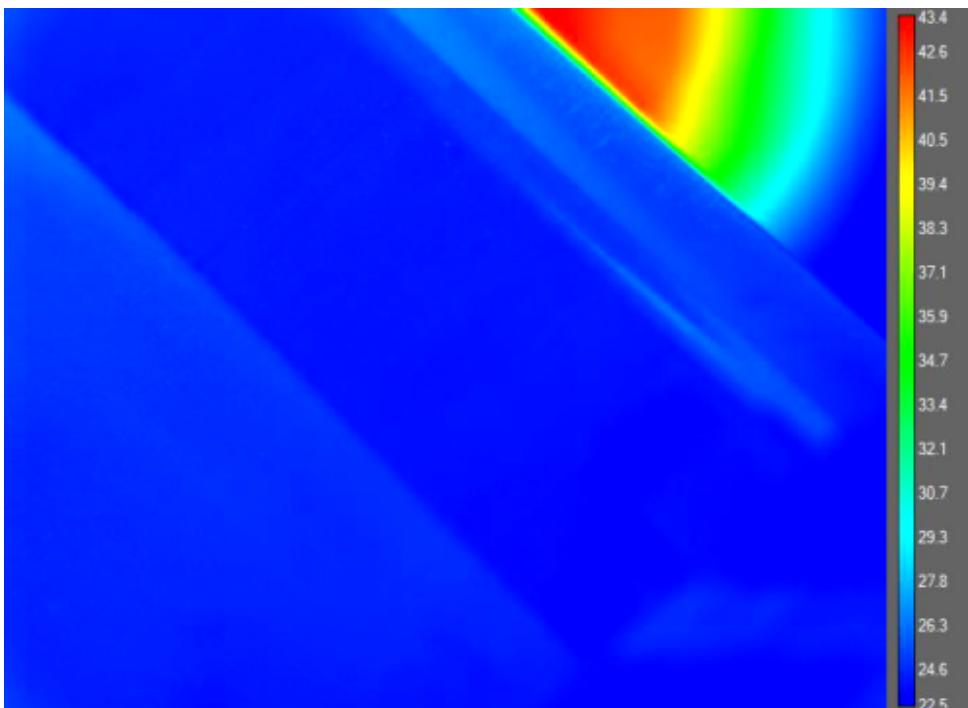


# 3D-DIC (high-rate) + IR imaging

Physical size and space; cost; data

Alignment; focal depth

Synchronization

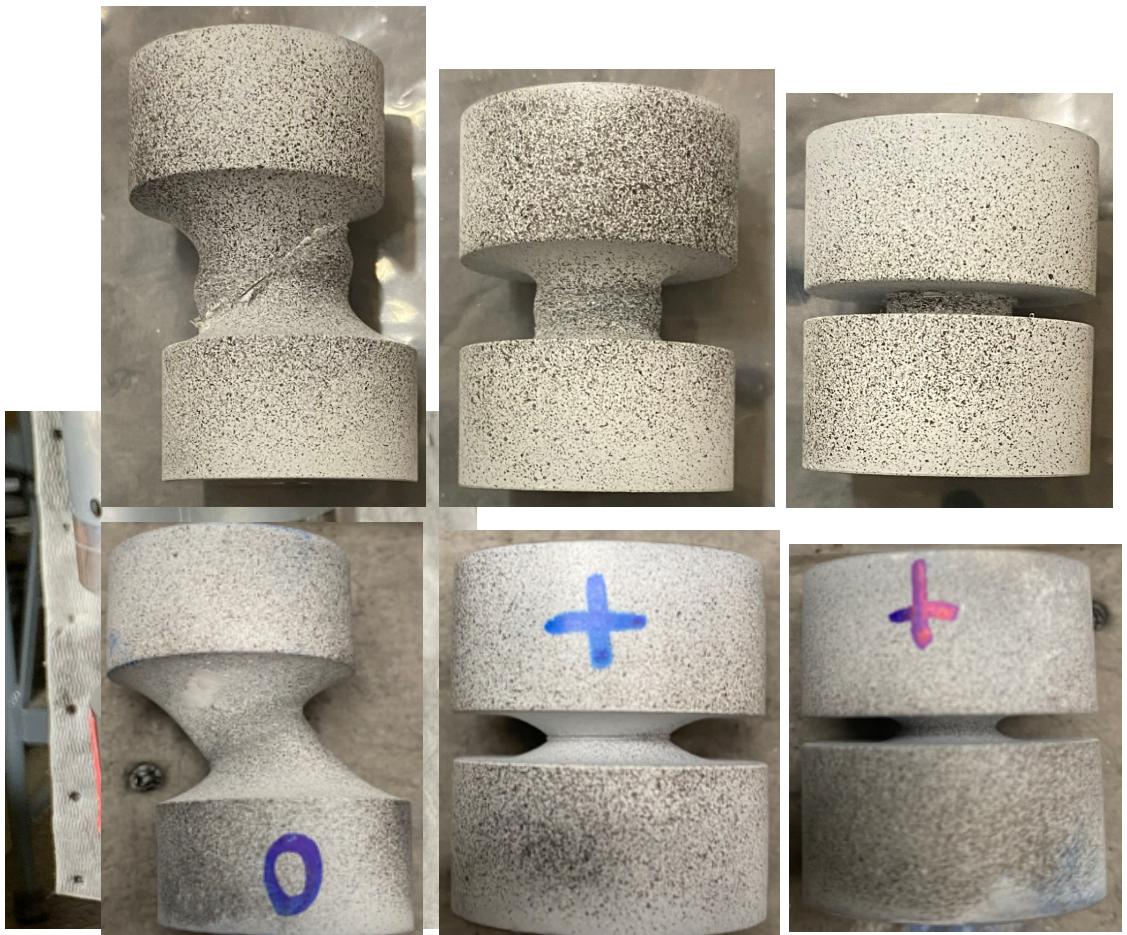


# Example 2: Notched compression tests

Goal: Investigate range of low triaxiality ( $<0$ ) load states in Al 6061-T6 and 304L SS materials

Experiment:

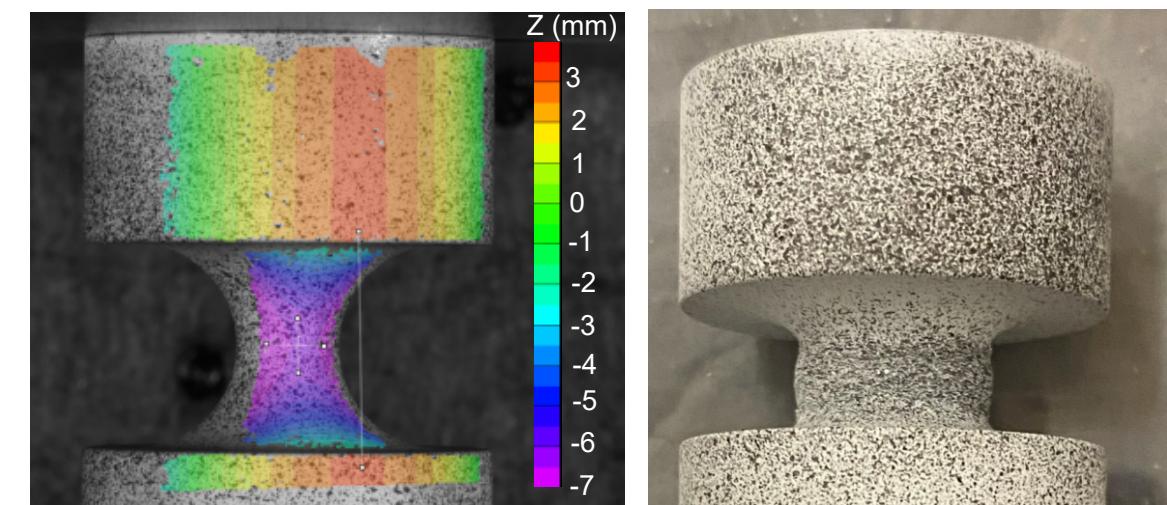
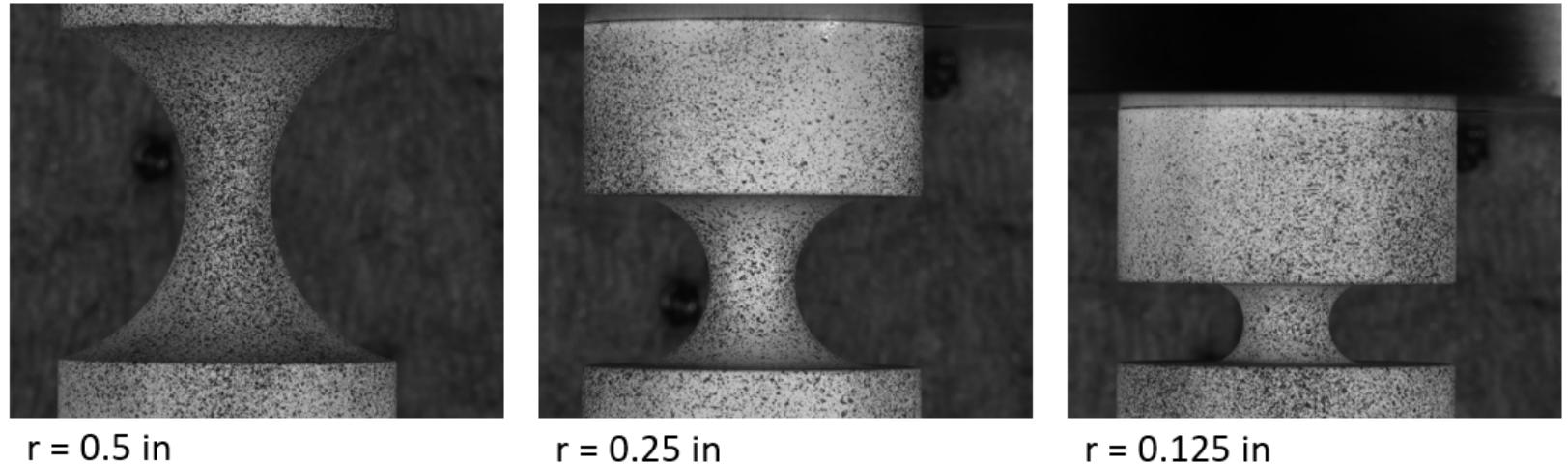
- Range of notch radii
- Compress to “failure”



# 3D DIC

## Speckling/patterning

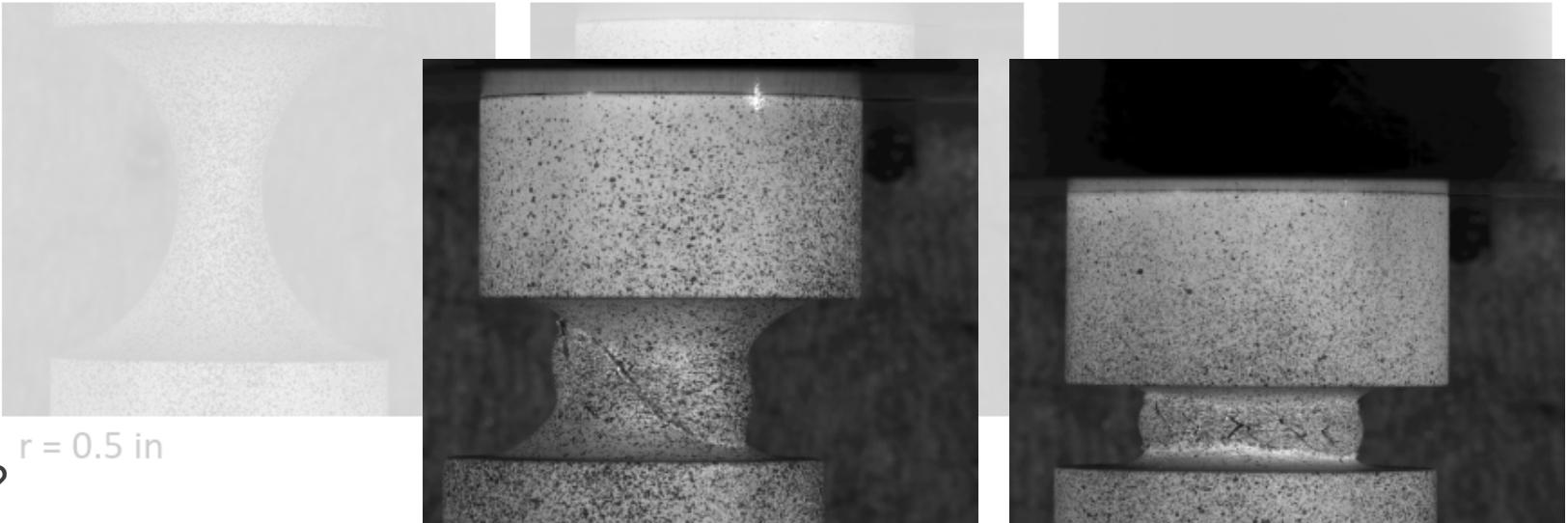
- Oblique angles
- Small space
- Even coating



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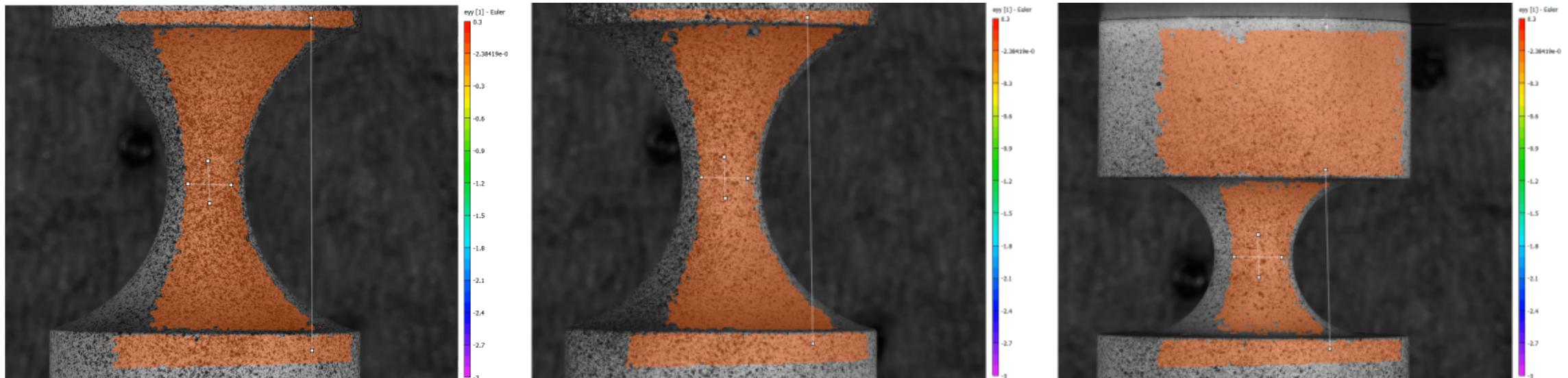
## Speckling/patterning

- Oblique angles
- Small space
- Even coating
- Flexibility/deformability



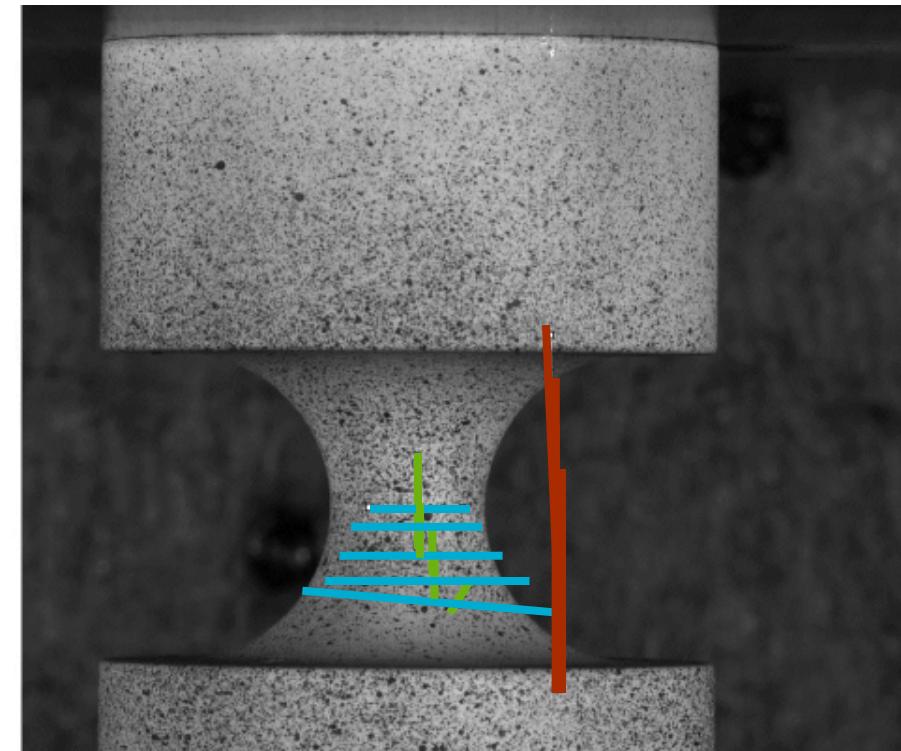
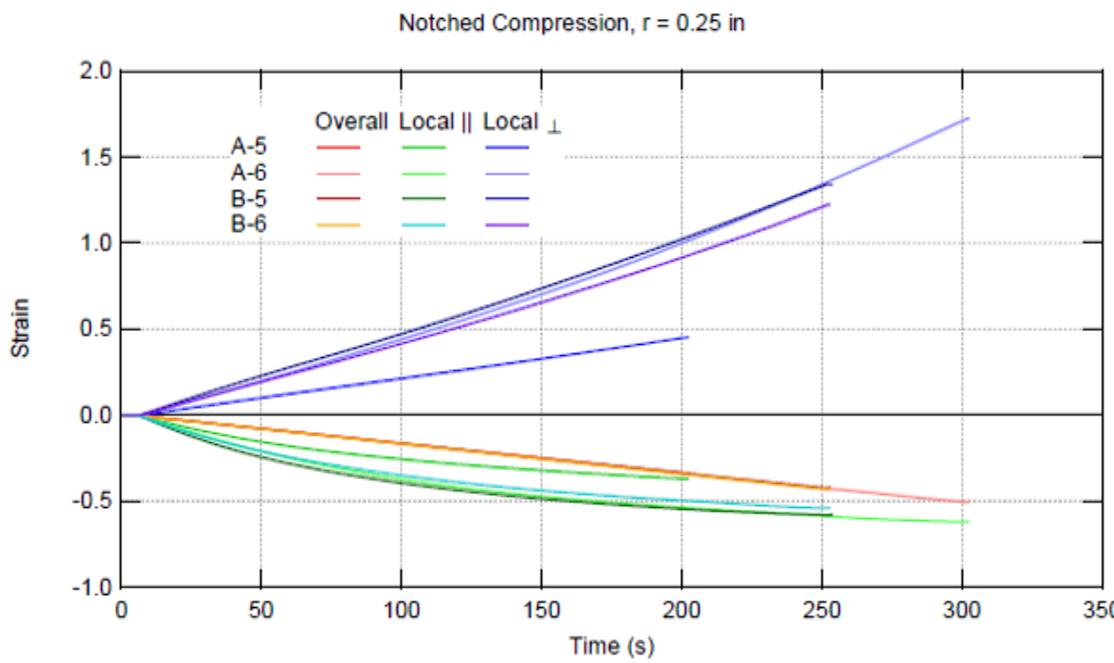
## Non-flat specimen

- Where does failure happen?

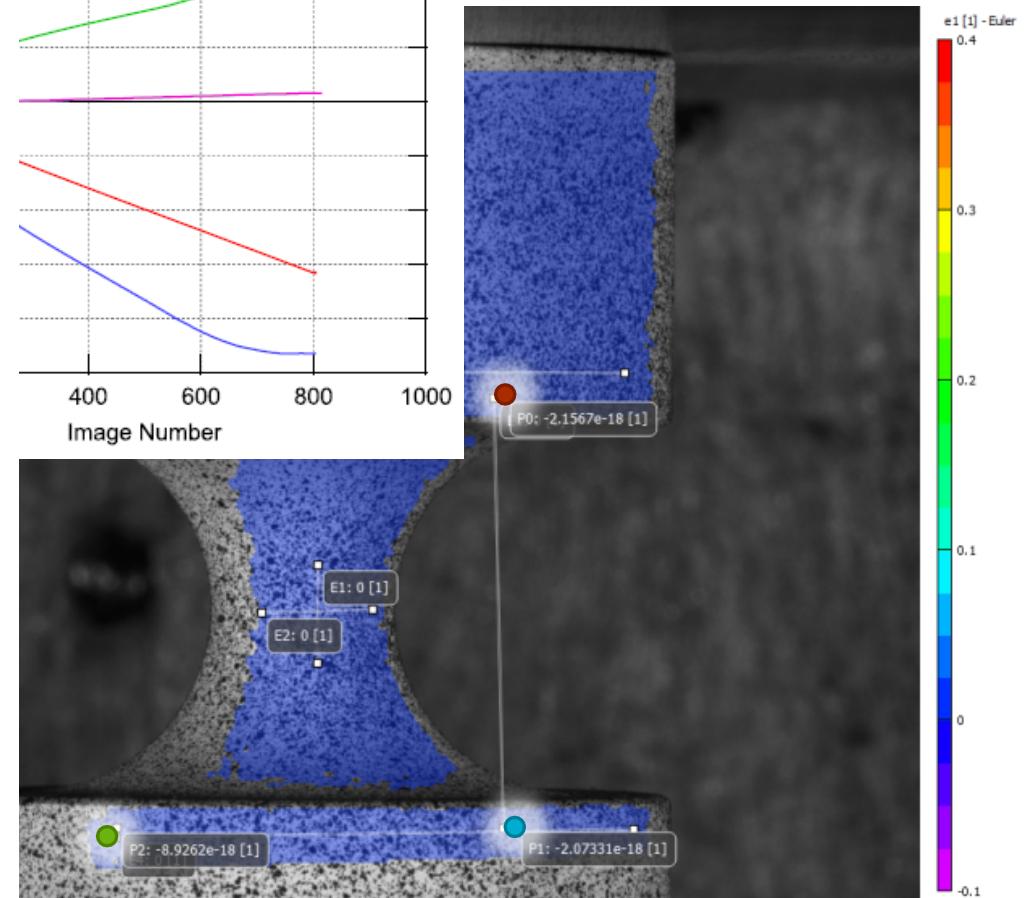
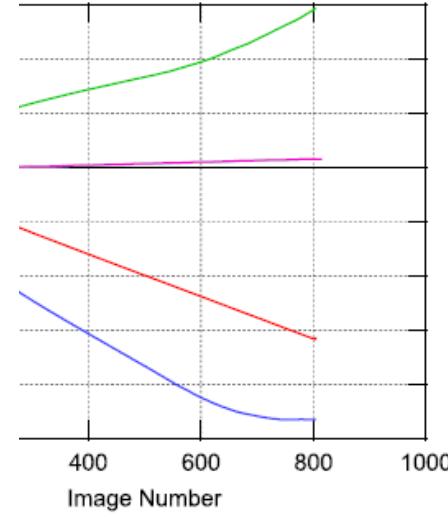
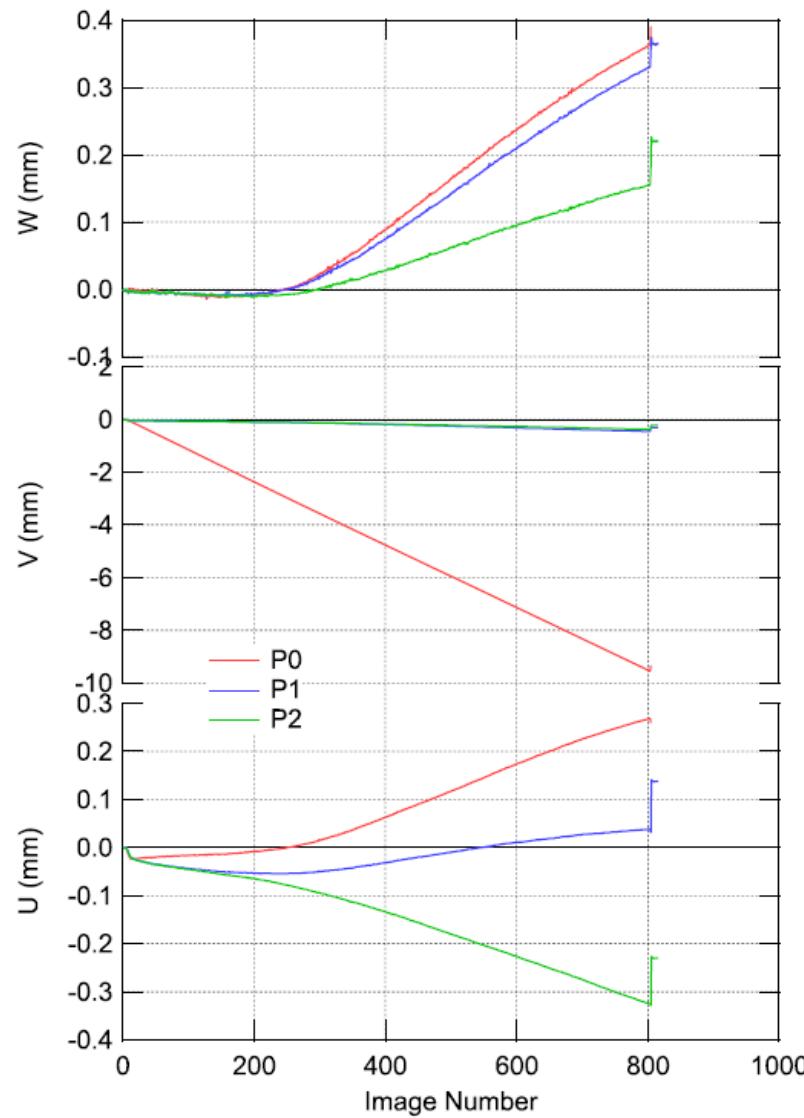
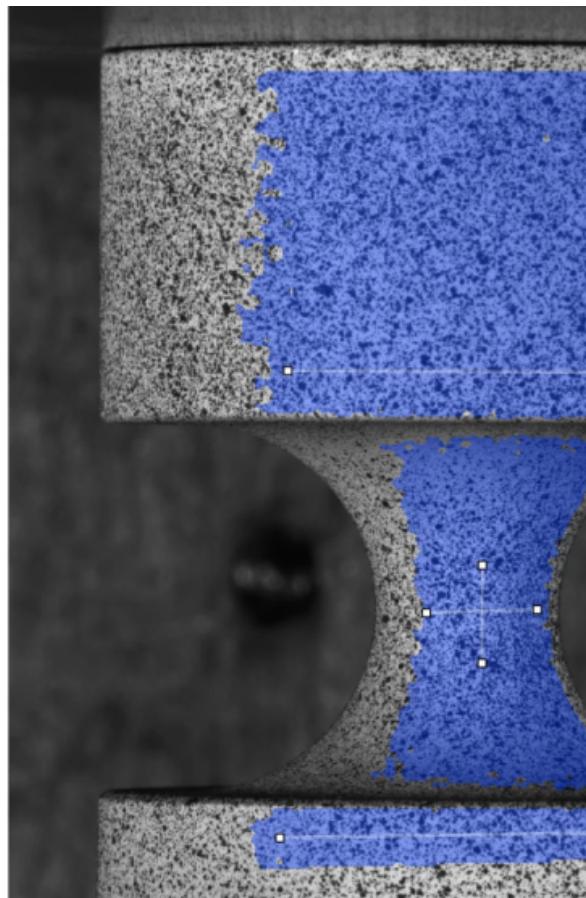


# 3D DIC – How to measure something useful

Virtual strain gages – global and local response



# 3D DIC – How to measure something useful



# Lessons learned and recommendations

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## High complexity, thermomechanical testing

- Design experiments with imaging needs in mind
- Be clever with use of tripods and stands
- Make use of multi-purpose instruments/cameras
- Can you rotate the fixture/test article?
- If possible, always collect DAQ signals with images

## Low complexity/"simple" mechanics

- Are there similar tests that are easier to speckle and image?
- Consider 360° systems (higher expense)
- Consider using mirrors (higher complexity – calibration, analysis)



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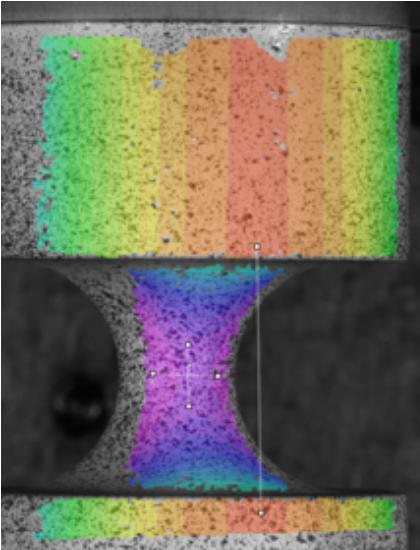
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