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# MODELING ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED METALLIC MICROSTRUCTURES FOR DYNAMIC RESPONSE

## Representing Microstructures on FE Meshes

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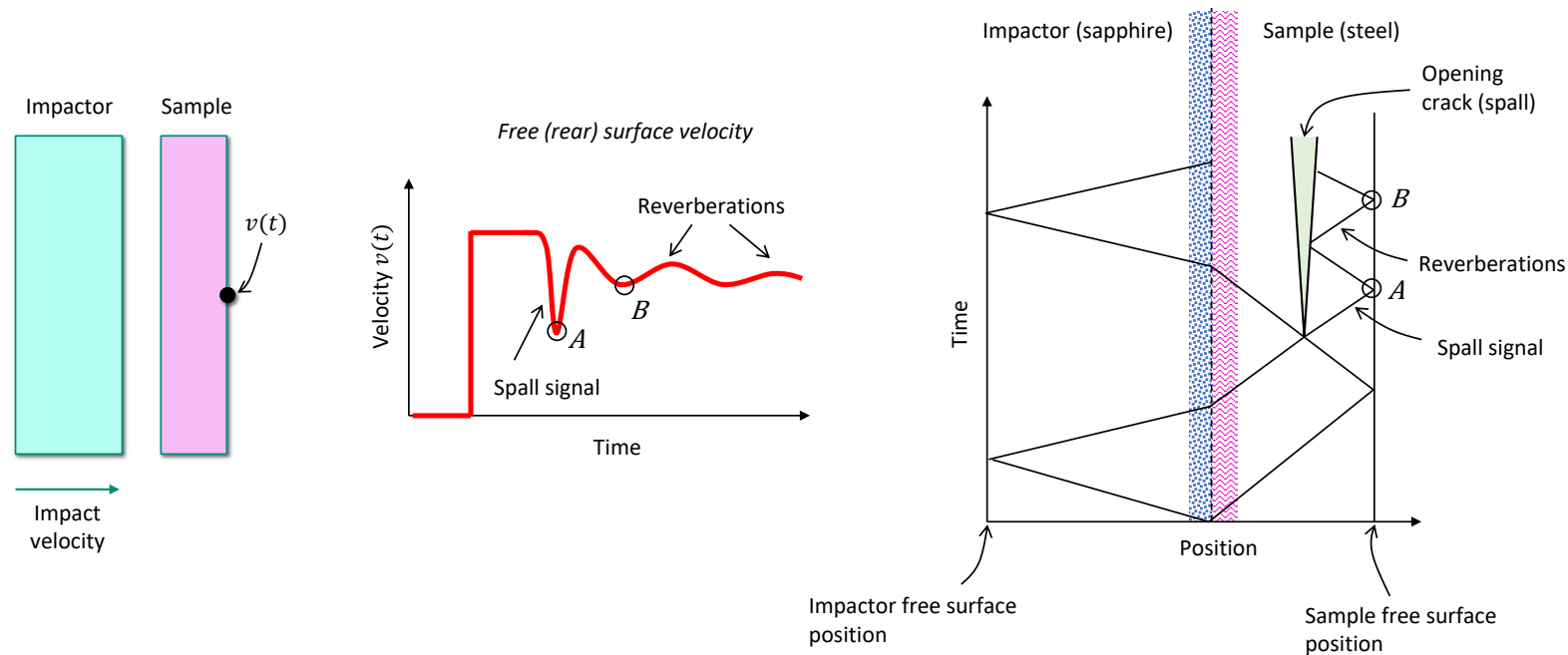
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# WORKFLOW TO ENABLE MICROSTRUCTURE AWARE SIMULATION OF SPALL DYNAMIC RESPONSE FOR AM STAINLESS STEEL



## Challenges

- Complex microstructure morphologies arising from additive manufacturing process
- Material heterogeneity at test sample length scale
- Reconcile properties and morphologies on FE discretization
- Microstructure variability from build to build
- Spall dynamic response and failure is induced by tensile conditions not preexisting crack



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# Modeling Additively Manufactured Metallic Microstructures for Dynamic Response

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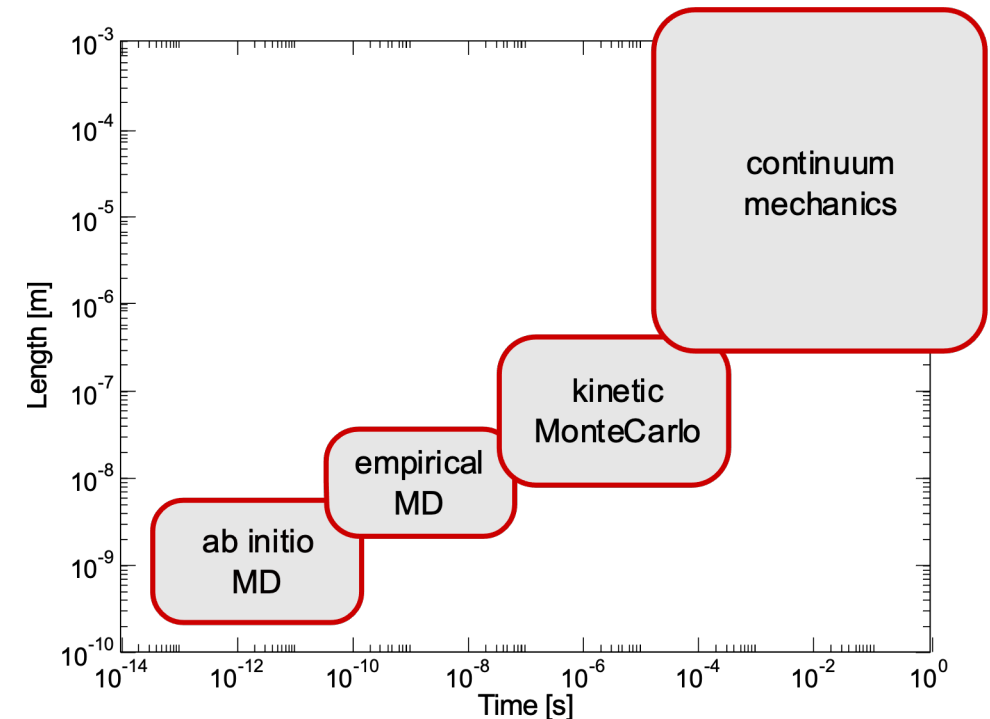
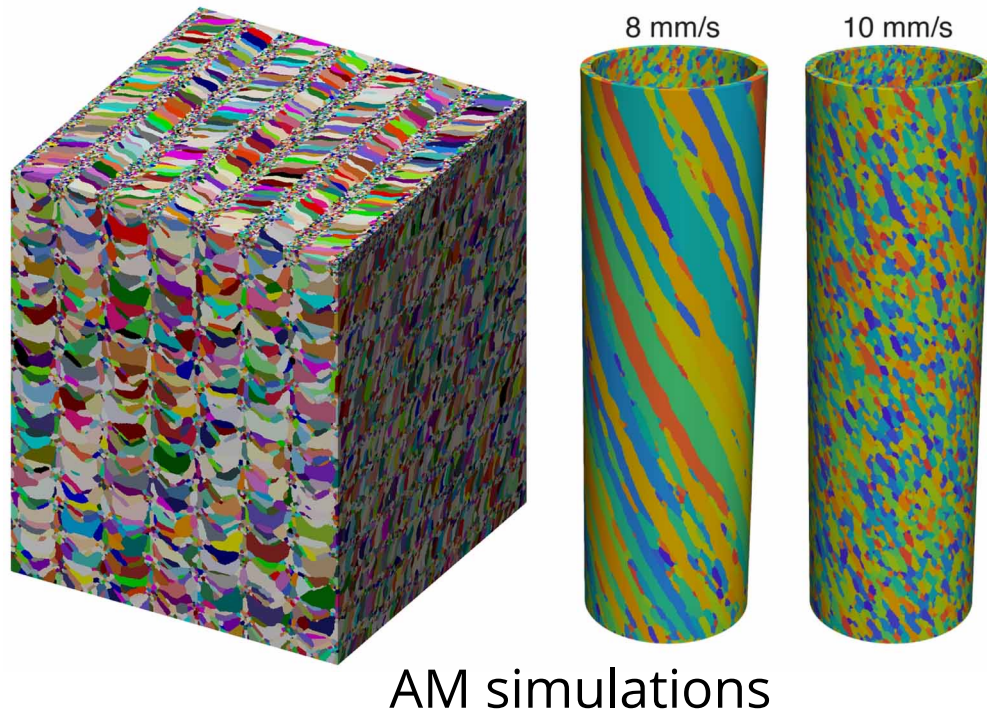
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# WHAT IS SPPARKS?

## SPPARKS: Stochastic Parallel **P**ARTicle Kinetic Simulator

Materials interact at the atomic scale, e.g. via mechanical, chemical, or electrical processes. However, response is often manifested and observed at the meso or continuum scales. Monte Carlo (MC) models are powerful computational tools for helping bridge these length and time scales.

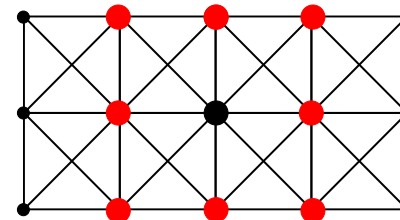
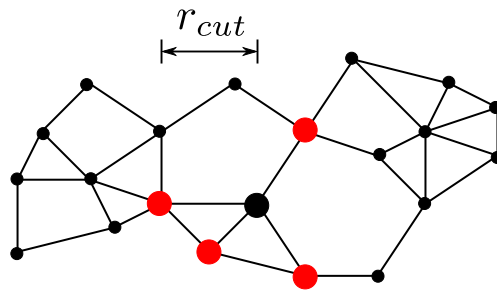
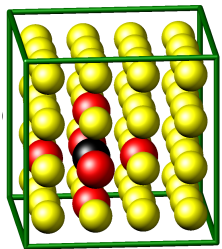
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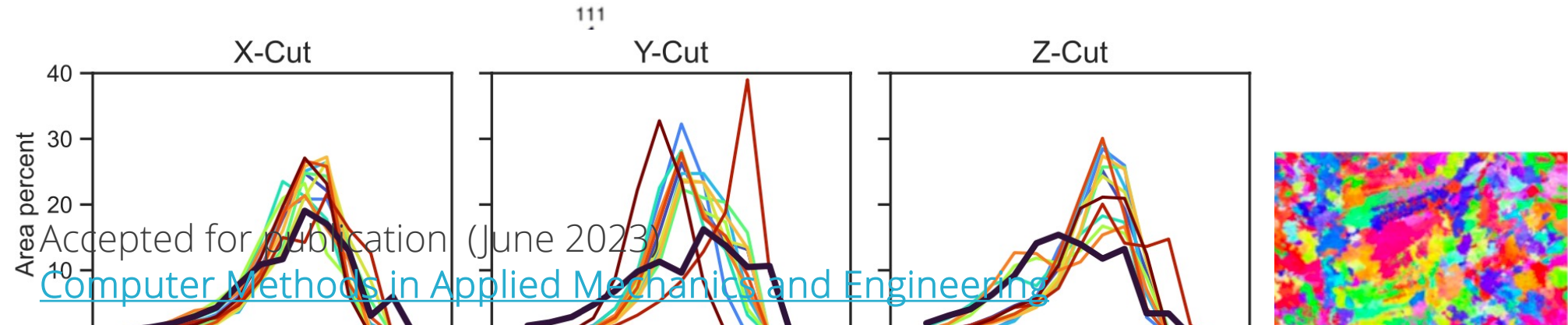
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**SPPARKS: Stochastic Parallel **P**ARTicle **K**inetic **S**imulator**

- ❖ [spparks.github.io](https://spparks.github.io)
- ❖ Parallel MC framework for simulating material processes
- ❖ Stochastically evaluates and evolves ensembles of processes/events
- ❖ C++, serial and parallel (using MPI)
- ❖ 2- or 3D simulations
- ❖ Extensibility to many material processes
- ❖ Suite of spatial lattices – lattice sites represent a "glob" of material



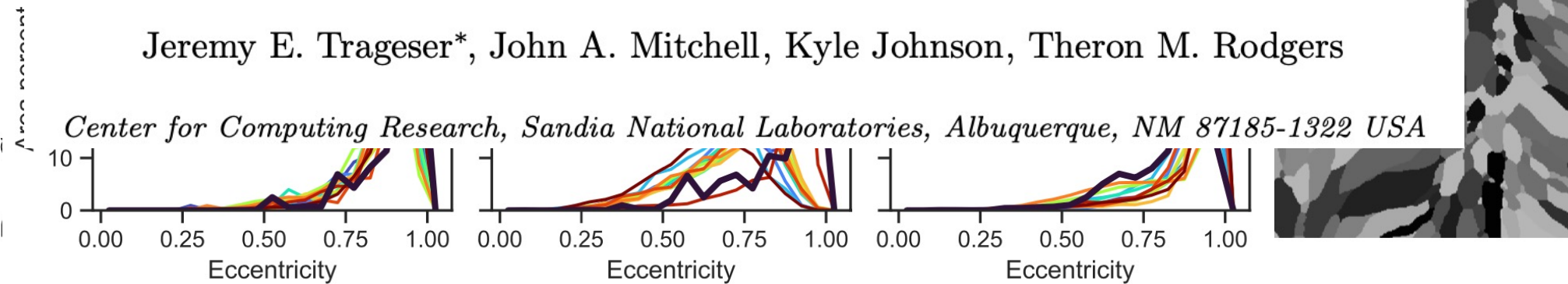
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## A Bézier curve fit to melt pool geometry for modeling additive manufacturing microstructures

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**Top row (EBSD) – color depicts grain orientations**  
**Thick black line (EBSD) data**  
**Bottom row (SPPARKS) simulated morphologies**  
**Color lines are SPPARKS simulated**

# REPRESENTING MICROSTRUCTURES ON DISCRETIZATIONS USING TWO-POINT CORRELATIONS

## Objectives

- Enable microstructure aware simulation for dynamic response of AM metallic materials
- Avoid vexing problem of meshing material details
- Provide a method for systematically representing grain morphologies at continuum scale
- Incorporate microstructure heterogeneity and AM material variability

# REPRESENTING MICROSTRUCTURES ON DISCRETIZATIONS USING TWO-POINT CORRELATIONS

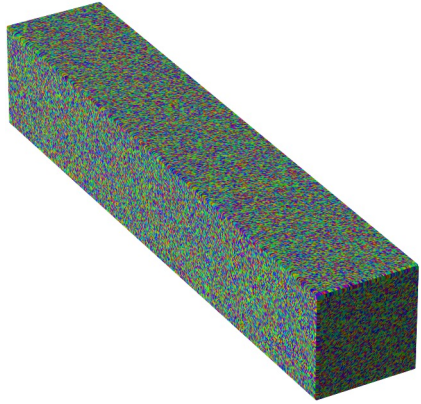
## Approach

- ❖ Use SPPARKS to simulate AM microstructures for process
- ❖ Given FE discretization which be used for microstructure aware simulation
- ❖ Compute two-point spatial statistics at FE mesh element centroids
- ❖ Use spectral clustering to reconstruct microstructure on FE mesh

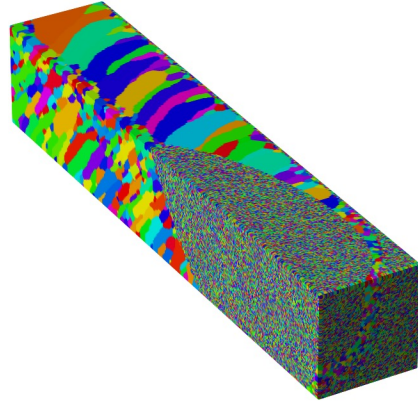
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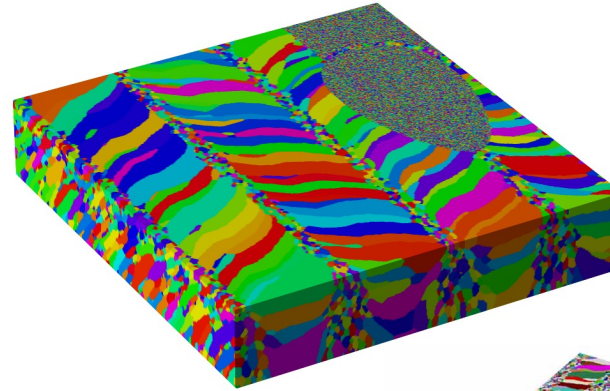
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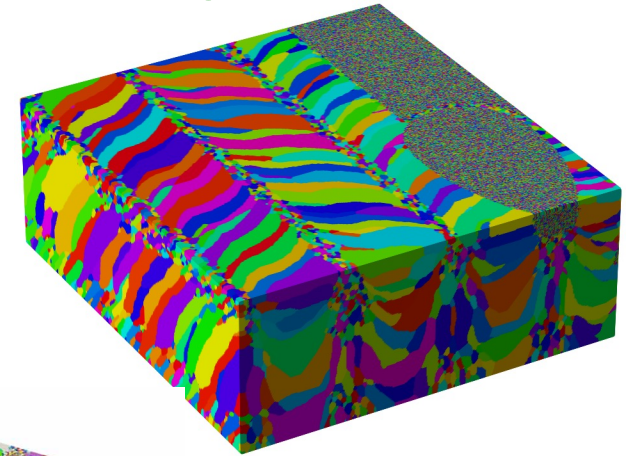
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1<sup>st</sup> layer



2<sup>nd</sup> layer

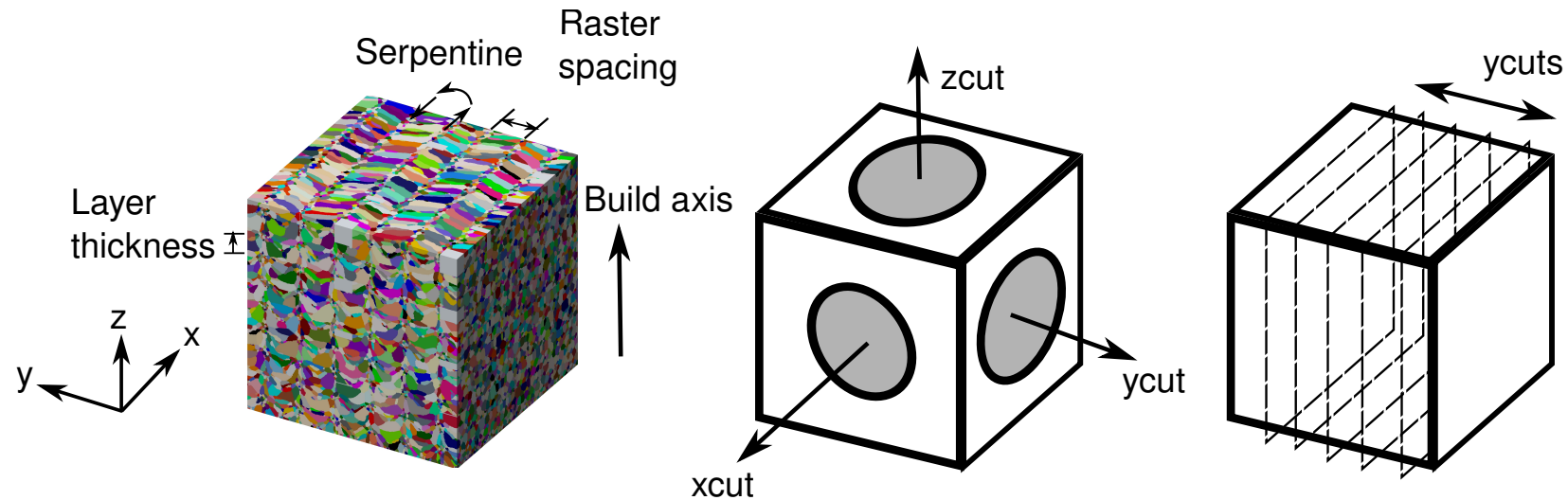


Simulate incrementally and use Stitch IO to combine ('stitch') domain together



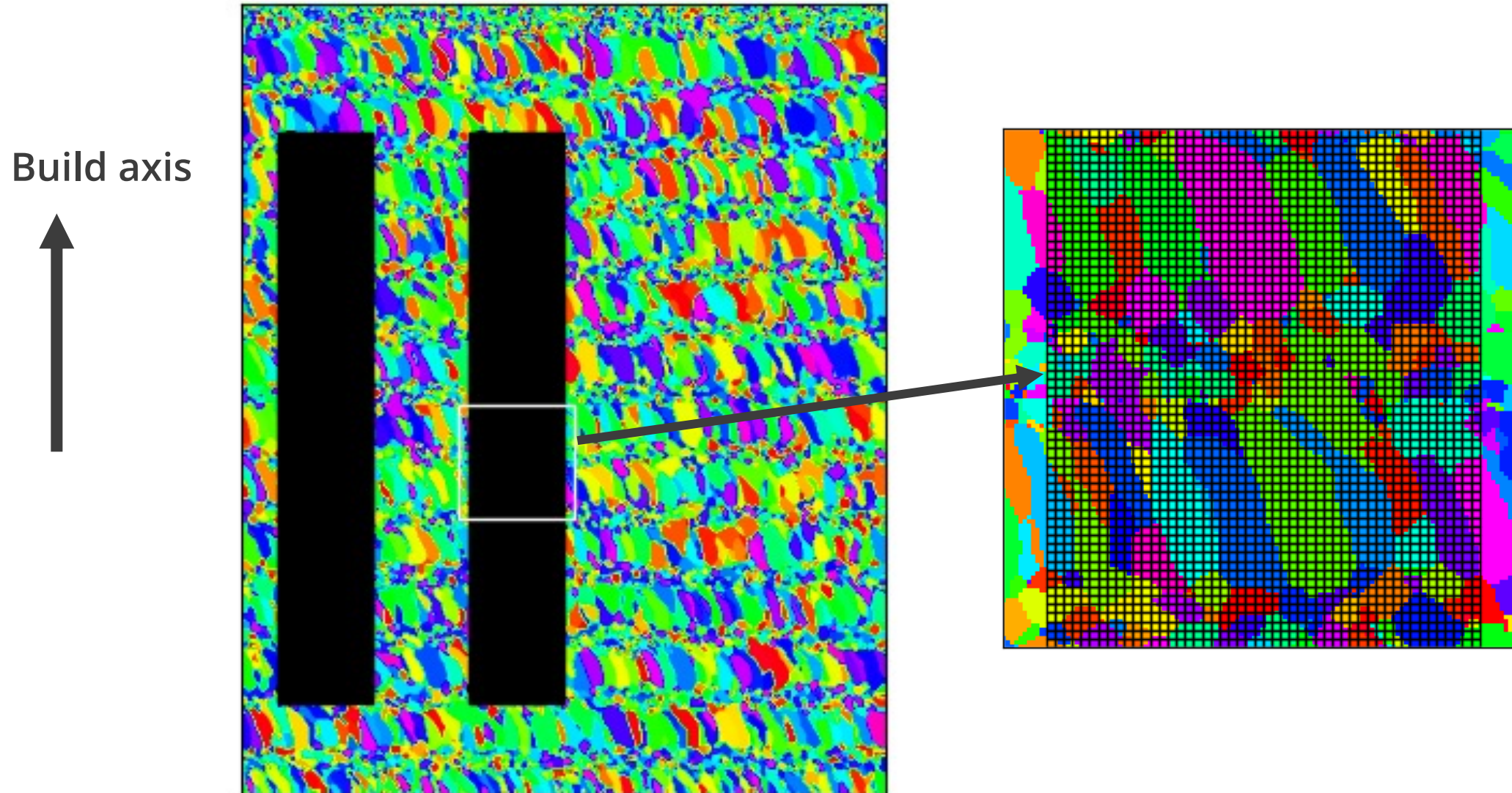
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Compute two-point spatial statistics at FE mesh element centroids



# Collecting data

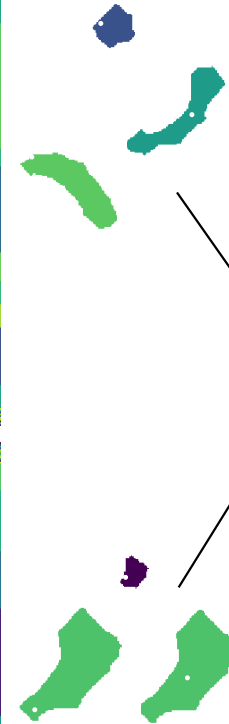
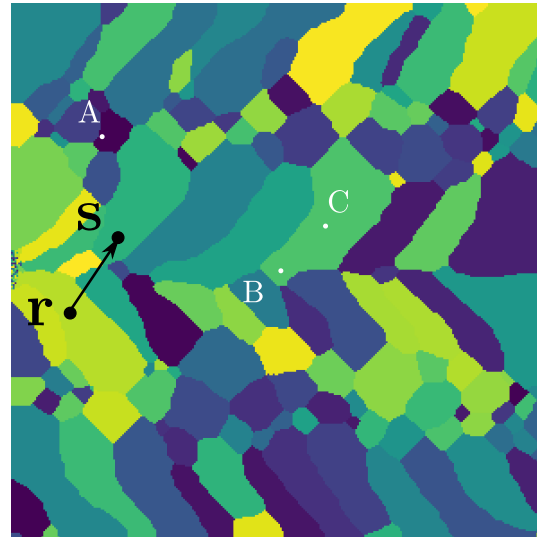
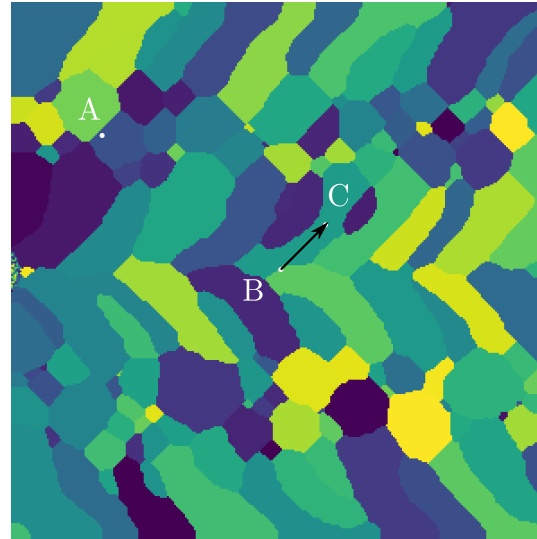
YCUT – each 2D FE overlays provide data set



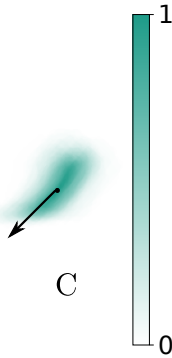
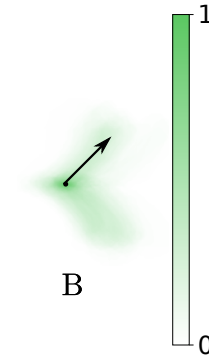
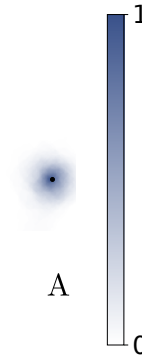
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Compute two-point spatial statistics

- Fixed points
- FE centroids
- Average probabilities



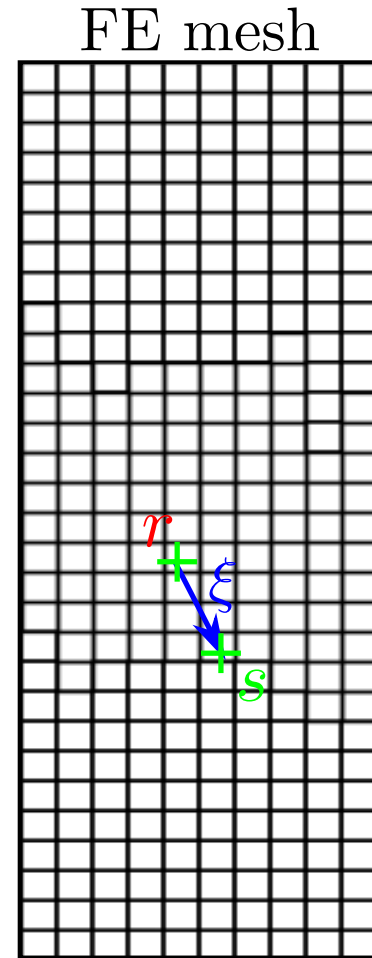
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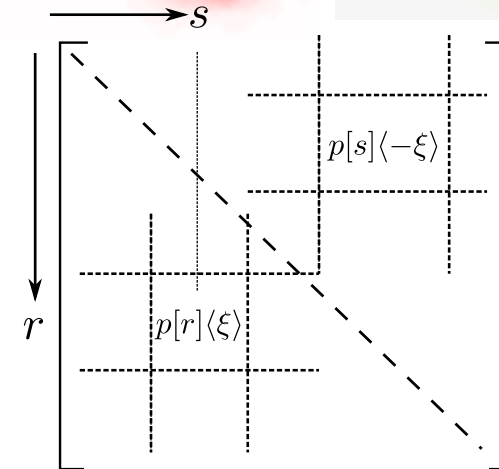
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Generalize probabilities for fixed observation points



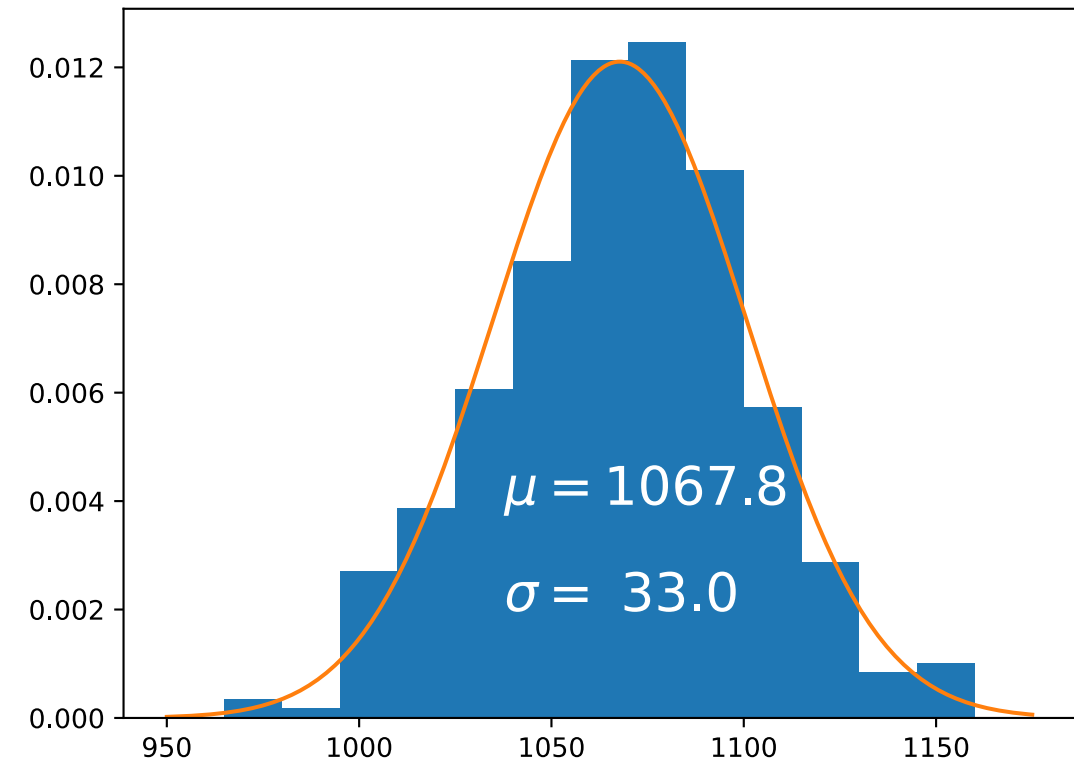
Symmetric affinity matrix

Identify FE quadrature points as fixed observation points

# REPRESENTING MICROSTRUCTURES ON DISCRETIZATIONS USING TWO-POINT CORRELATIONS

## Spectral clustering via Scikit-Learn

- **Reconstruct representation microstructure on FE mesh**
  - Represents build and process variability
  - Average representation
  - Input n



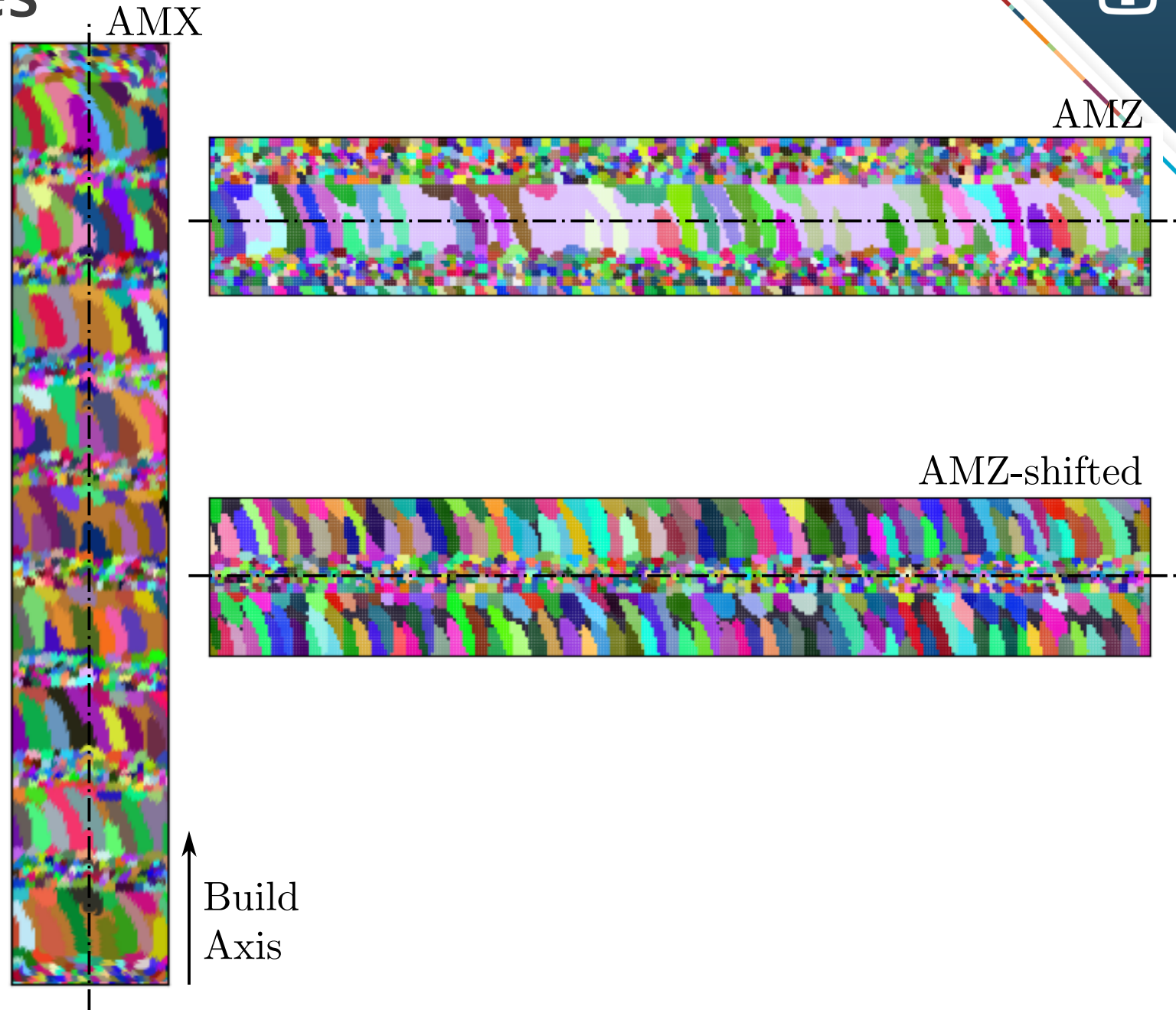
Number of unique grains ids associated with observation points for each sample forms a distribution across all data sets

# Discretization examples



## Spectral clustering methods

- “kmeans”
- “discretize”



# Discretization examples -- spall cases



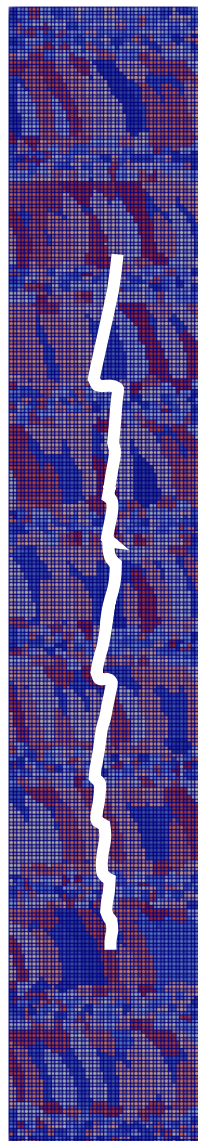
kmeans

imprint

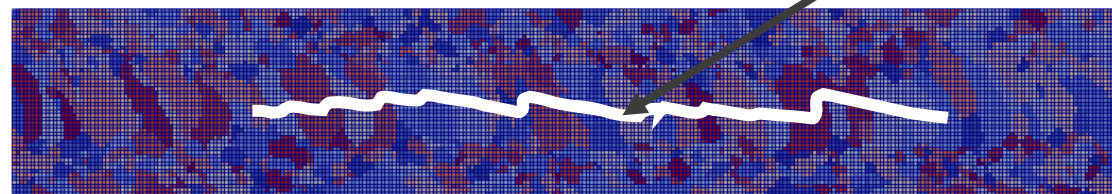
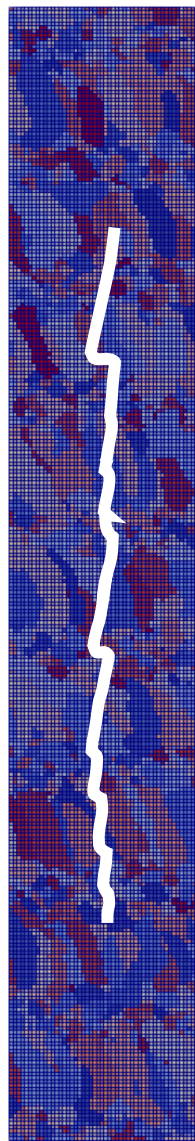
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spall plane

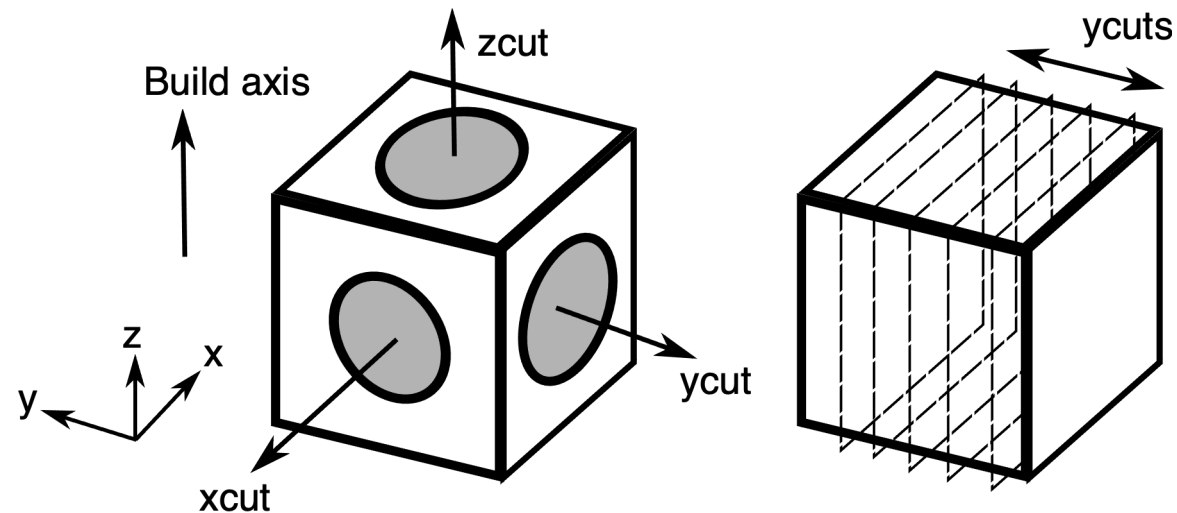
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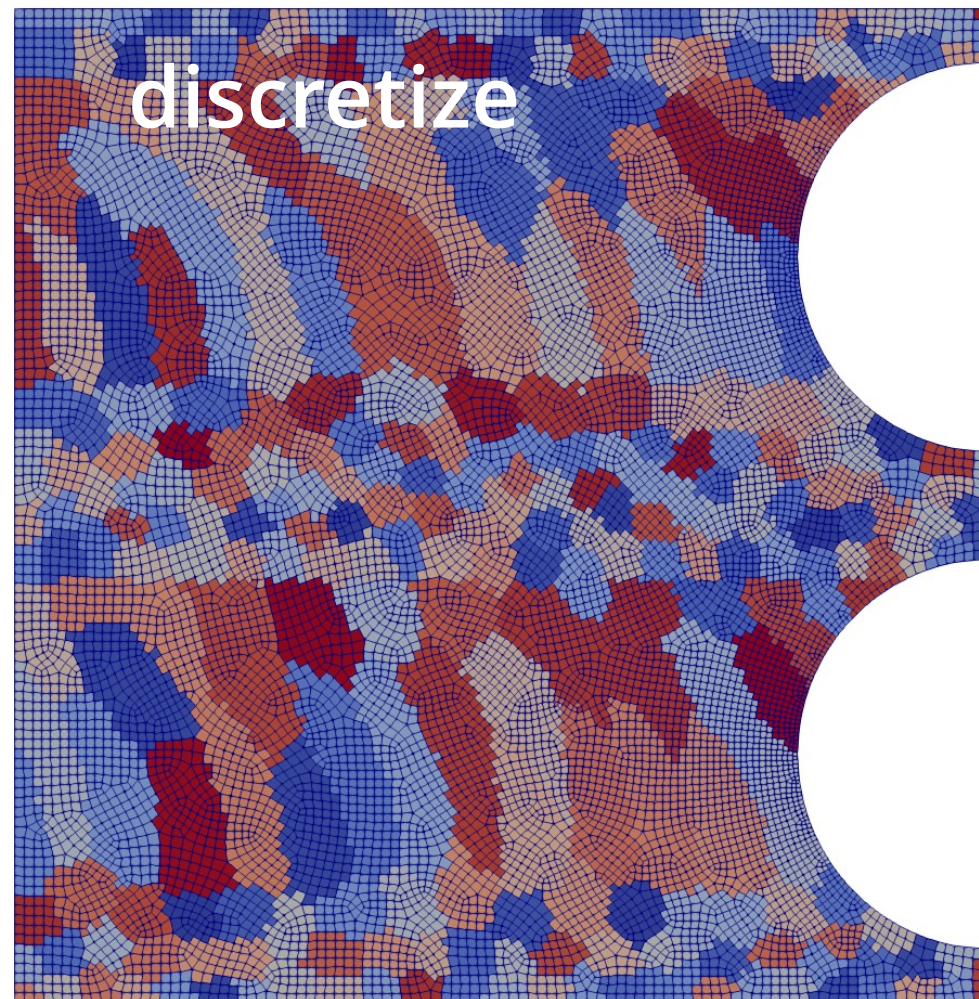
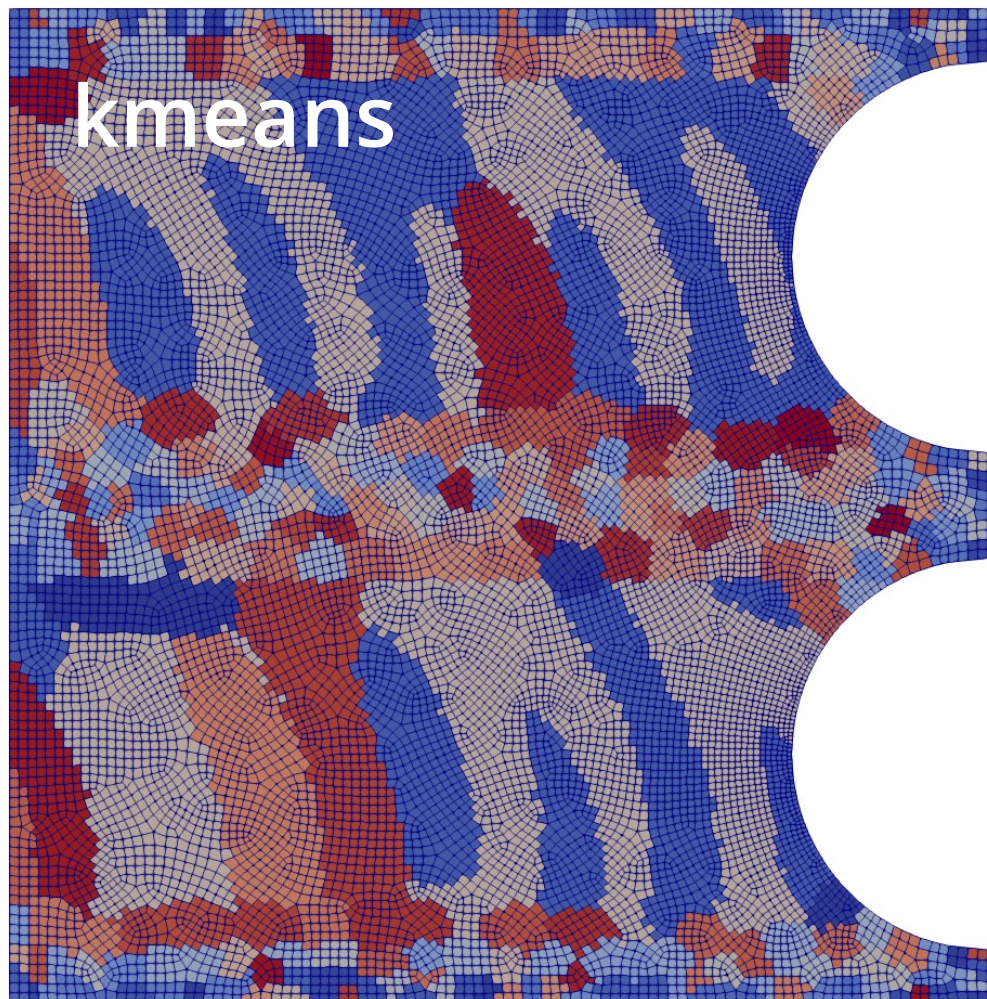
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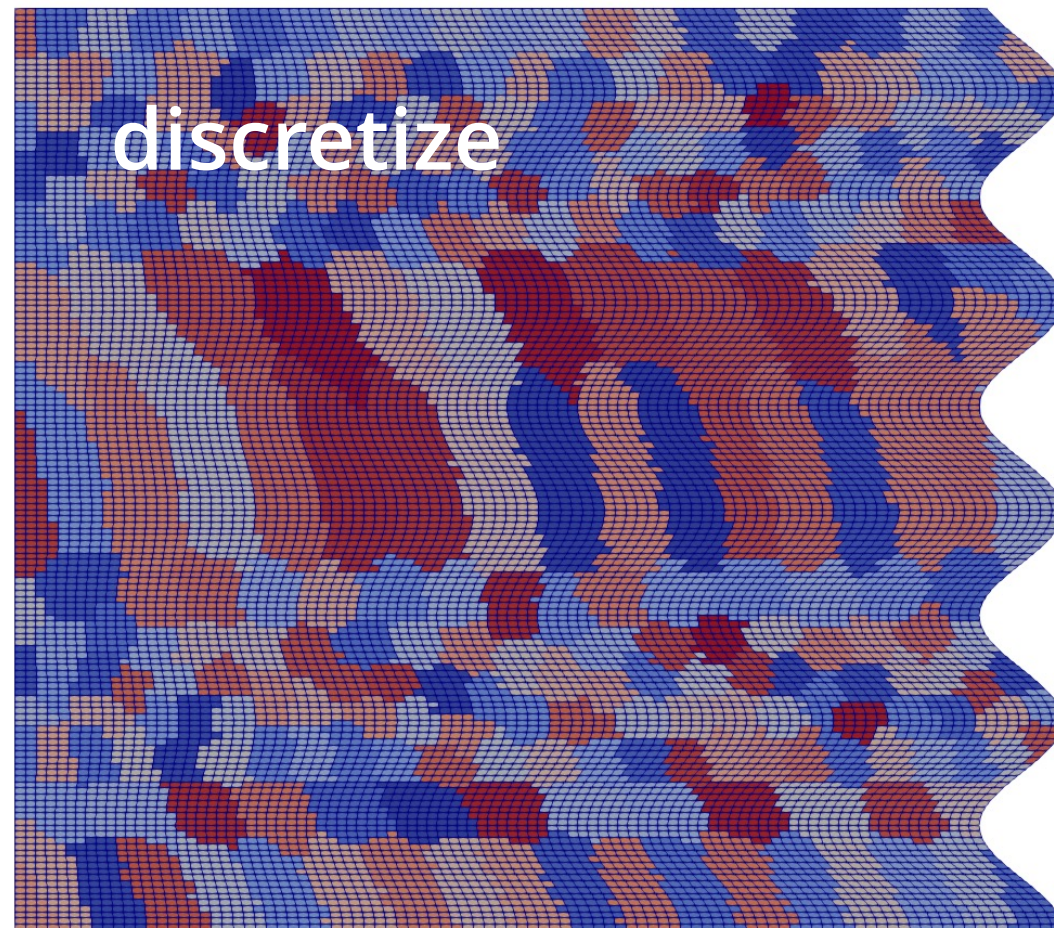
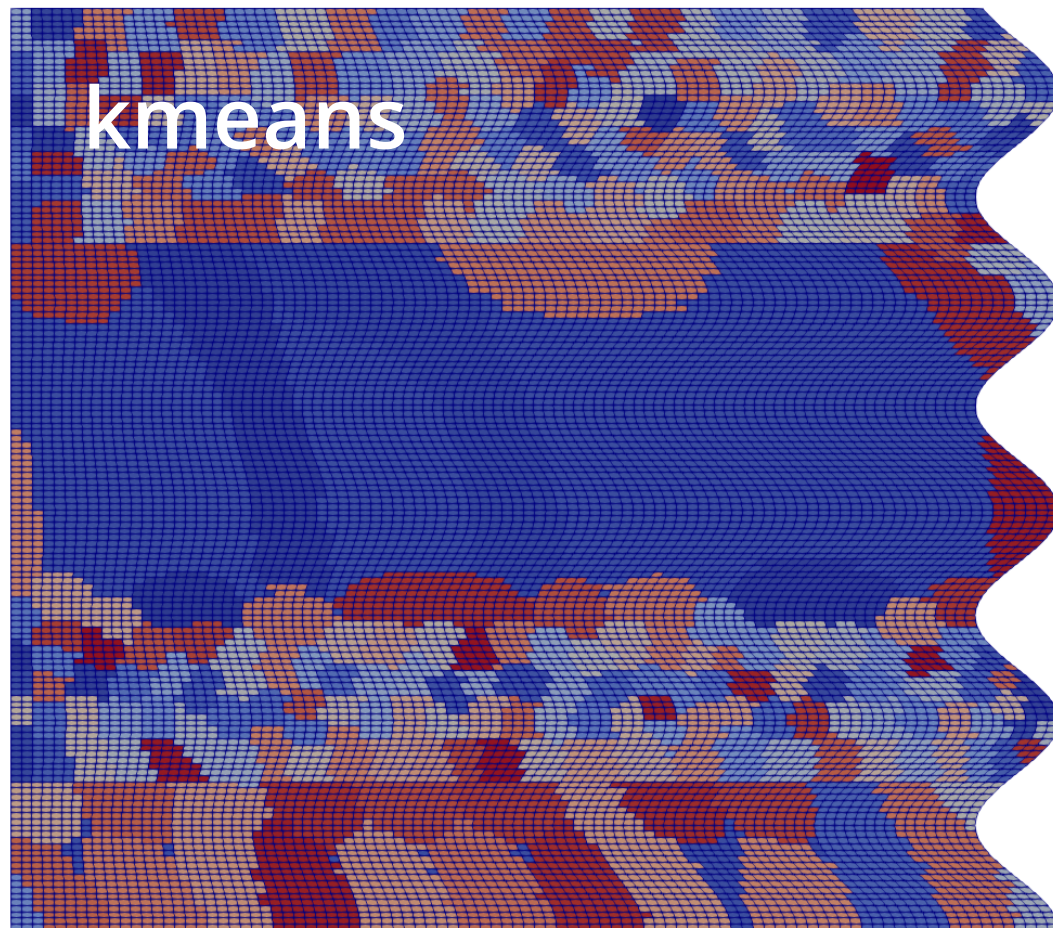
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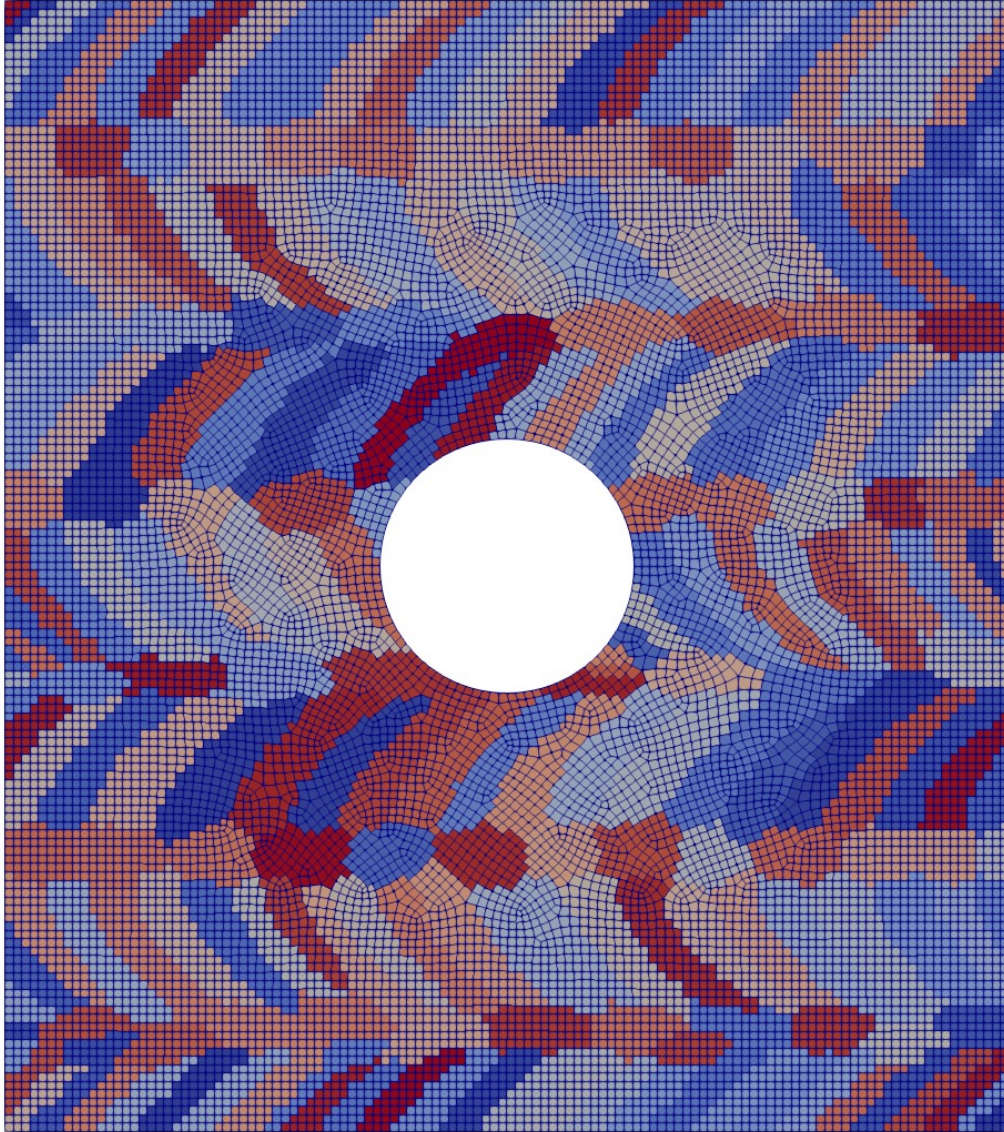
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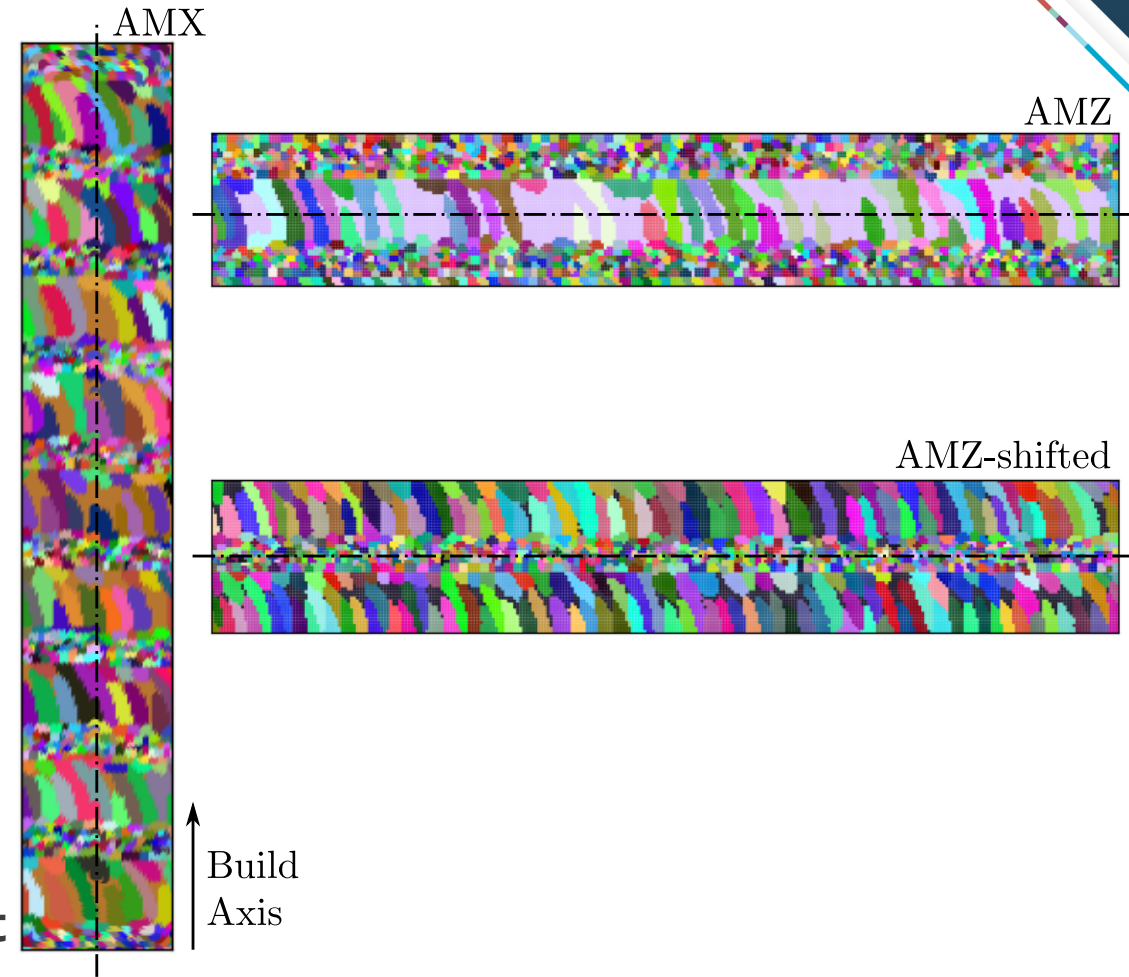


- Grains are like element blocks – collection of elements
- Each grain gets properties from a distribution

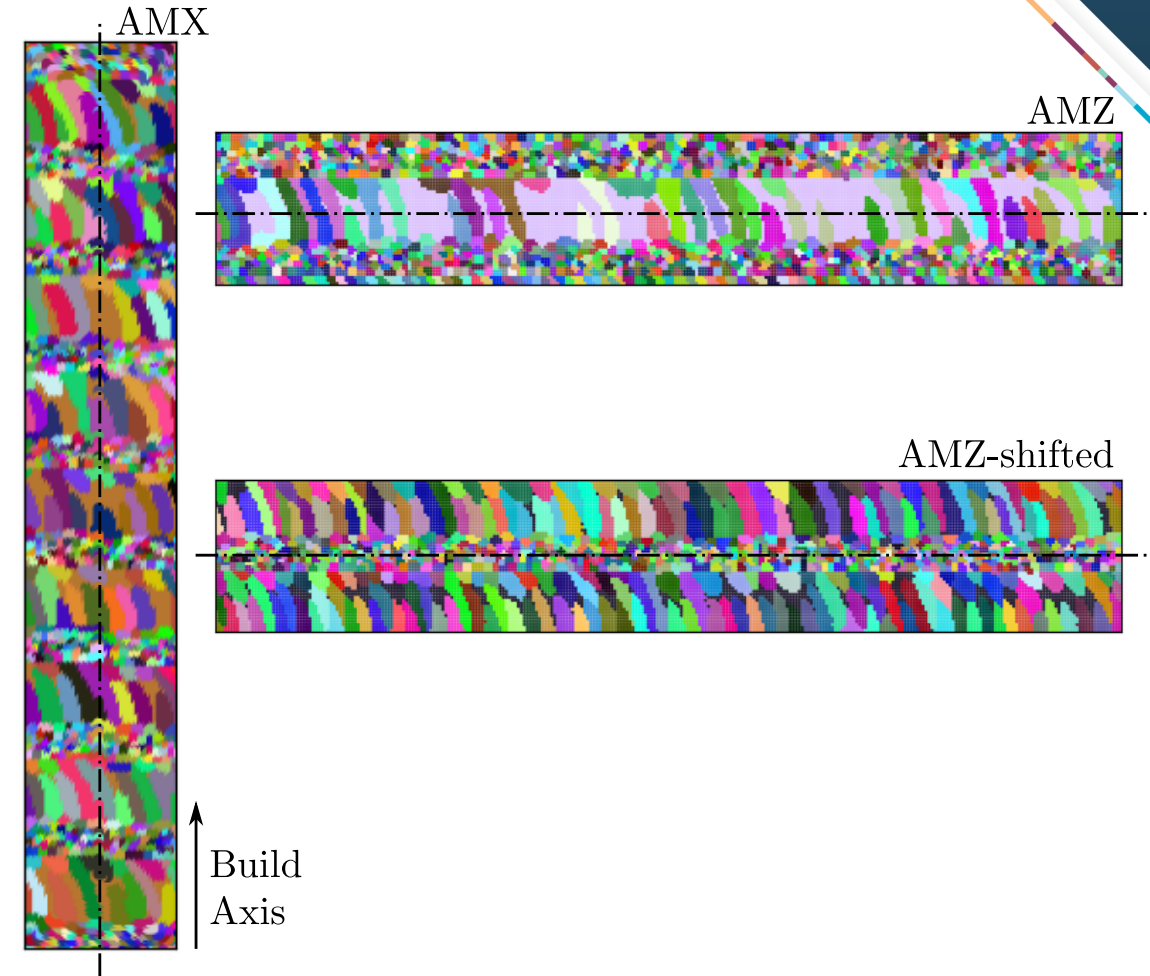
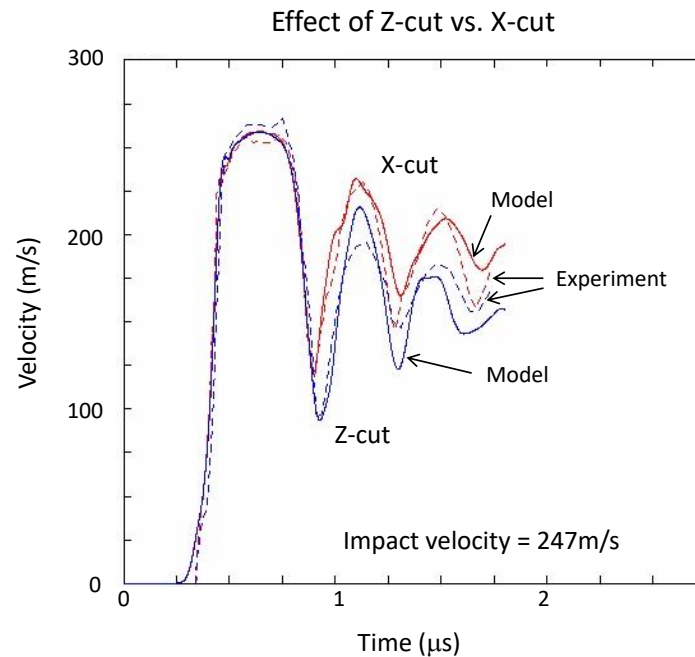
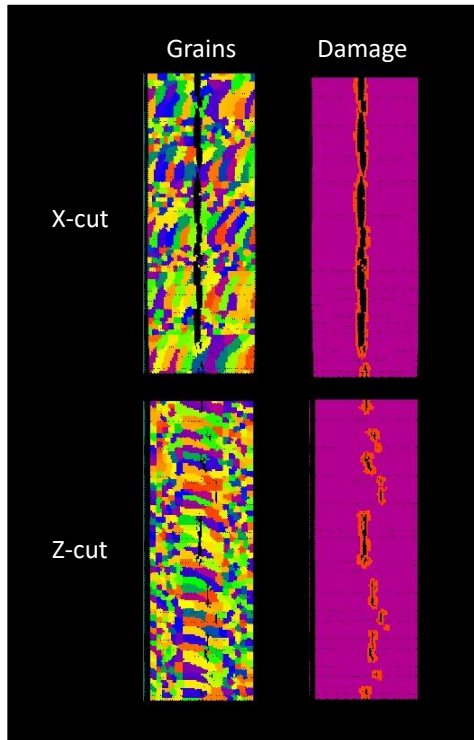
# Spall kinetics (SK) model, simulations and testing (briefly)



- ❖ Isotropic elastic and plasticity parameters
- ❖ Elastic wave speed randomly assigned by grain
- ❖ SK Model
  - Adjusts pressure from eos
    - Softens pressure leading up to spall
    - Slowly reduces pressure after spall
- ❖ Spall response **sensitive** to SK model parameters
  - Failure pressure at high loading rates
  - Grain size
  - Damage onset parameter
- ❖ Spall response relatively **insensitive** to
  - Plasticity model parameters
- ❖ Microstructure effects decrease with increasing impact velocity



# Spall simulations and testing <sup>1,2</sup> (briefly)



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# Future and Ongoing Work

- ❖ Strength modeling: texture, anisotropy
- ❖ mpi c/c++ implementation for spatial statistics calculations
- ❖ SPPARKS modeling of AM microstructures
  - HAZ modeling
  - Grain growth competition and sensitivity to temperature gradient
  - Multiphase materials
  - EBSD and texture mapping to spparks microstructures