

Computational Materials-informed Qualification and Certification of Process-Intensive Metallic Materials

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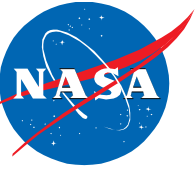
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Outline



- Computational Materials for Qualification and Certification (CM4QC) Steering Group and Roadmap
- Work of the Computational Materials-informed Qualification and Certification Research Group

Input from the Aviation Community



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Vision 2040: A Roadmap for Integrated, Multiscale Modeling and Simulation of Materials and Systems

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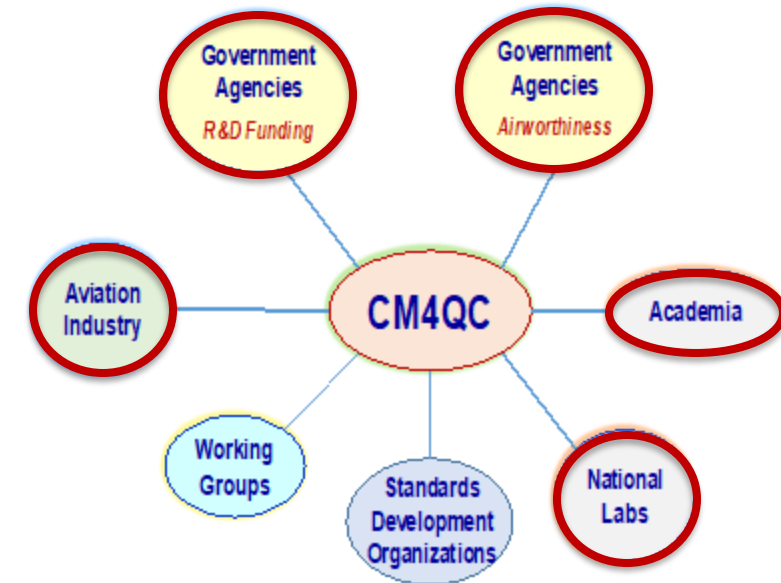
Primary goals

- Provide **coordination for and focus to investments** in the development of computational materials-based approaches for metallic materials
- Identify key considerations and **acceptance of CM methods** by **certifying authorities'**

Operation

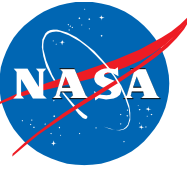
- High TRL: **...CM4QC is a paradigm change**
- Mid TRL: **...CM4QC is a paradigm change**
- Low TRL: Development of required **computational materials & measurement capabilities**

Not “certification by analysis”
...CM4QC is a paradigm change
→ CM4QC is a paradigm change



Expected initial outcome –
Multi-year implementation plan

Steering Group Membership



Government

National Aeronautics and Space Administration*

Federal Aviation Administration*

National Institute of Standards and Technology*

Sandia National Laboratory*

U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

U.S. Army Aviation Command

U.S. Navy Air Systems Command

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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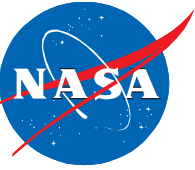
Carnegie Mellon Univ.*

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Northwestern Univ.

Highlights from the CM4QC Roadmap



Maturation of computational materials approaches in qualification and certification for metal additive manufacturing (as an example of process-intensive materials) in aviation

Produced by the Computational Materials for Qualification and Certification (CM4QC) Steering Group

The purpose of this group is not to establish Federal policy, but to enable a free-ranging discussion of emerging issues. Participants have provided non-consensus, non-voting advice, informational background, and technical and administrative assistance.

- CM4QC Steering Group and Roadmap
- Work of the Computational Materials-informed Qualification and Certification Research Group



Computational Materials-informed Qualification and Certification Research Group



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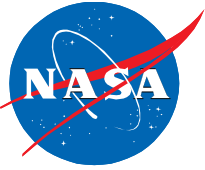
Mid Technology Readiness Level

The place where low TRL capabilities & technologies go to die

A Few (Rhetorical) Questions

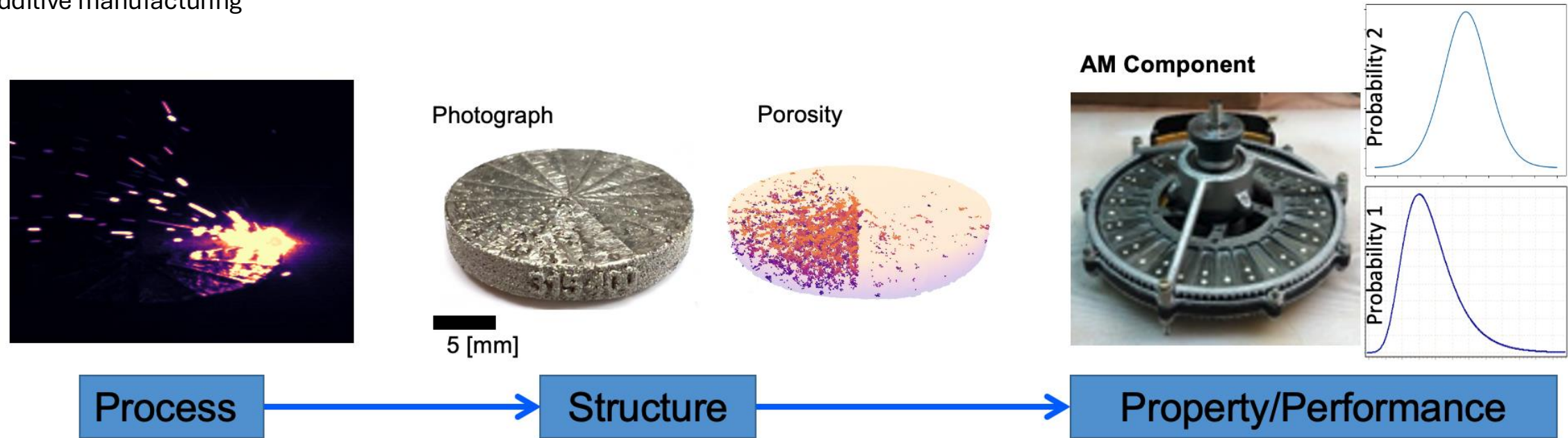
- What is the gap between the State-of-the-Art and the State-of-Practice?
- How much foundational research is funded and published every year?
- How much of it languishes for decades, trapped in journal papers?
- Which components of this work (by NASA, others) can/should be matured as the foundation for new solutions for flight?

Computational Materials-Informed Qualification and Certification of Additively Manufactured Flight Hardware



Q&C: Qualification and certification

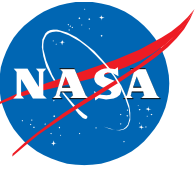
AM: Additive manufacturing



Small deviations in processing parameters may result in large differences in performance
Current approaches for Q&C of metallic materials (including AM) are entirely based on test data

Goal is to change the paradigm for Q&C: Develop a computational materials-informed ecosystem for quantifying sources of variability in fatigue performance of additively manufactured metallic materials through integrated multi-scale, multi-physics simulation, characterization and monitoring

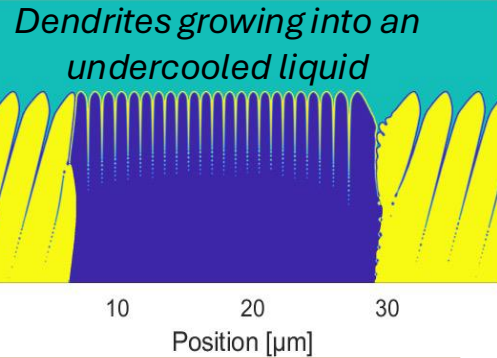
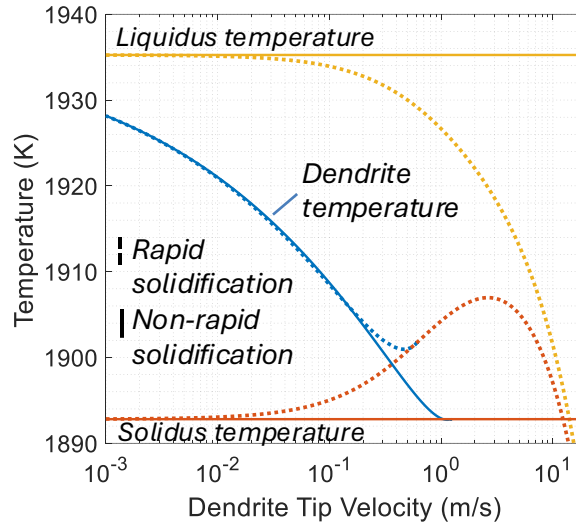
Grain-scale Process-Structure Modeling



Grain-scale Prediction of Microstructure Evolution

Analytical modeling of dendritic growth

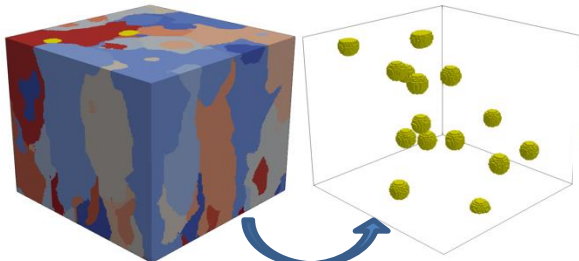
Dendrite velocity vs. undercooling



Phase-field modeling of dendritic growth (input to Monte Carlo simulation)

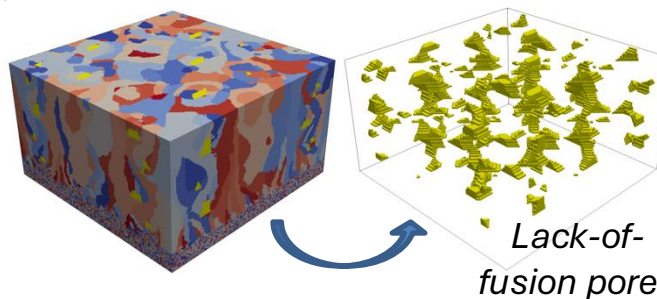
Defect modeling

Keyhole pores



(Stochastic) Keyhole modeling

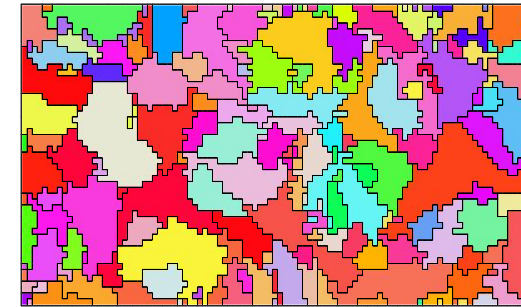
(Geometric) Lack-of-fusion modeling



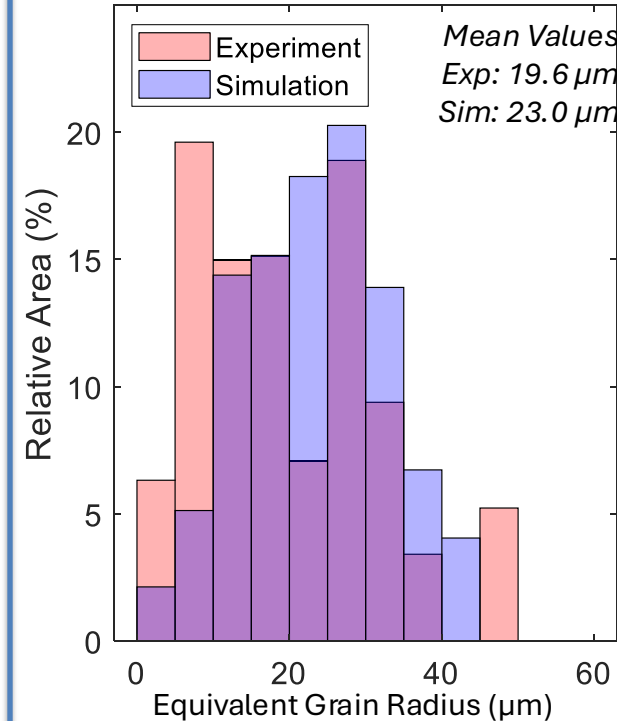
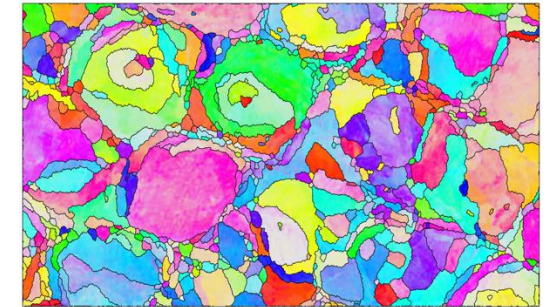
Lack-of-fusion pores

Simulation vs. Experiment

Simulated Microstructure



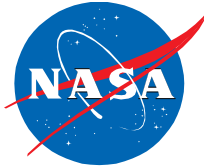
Experimental Microstructure



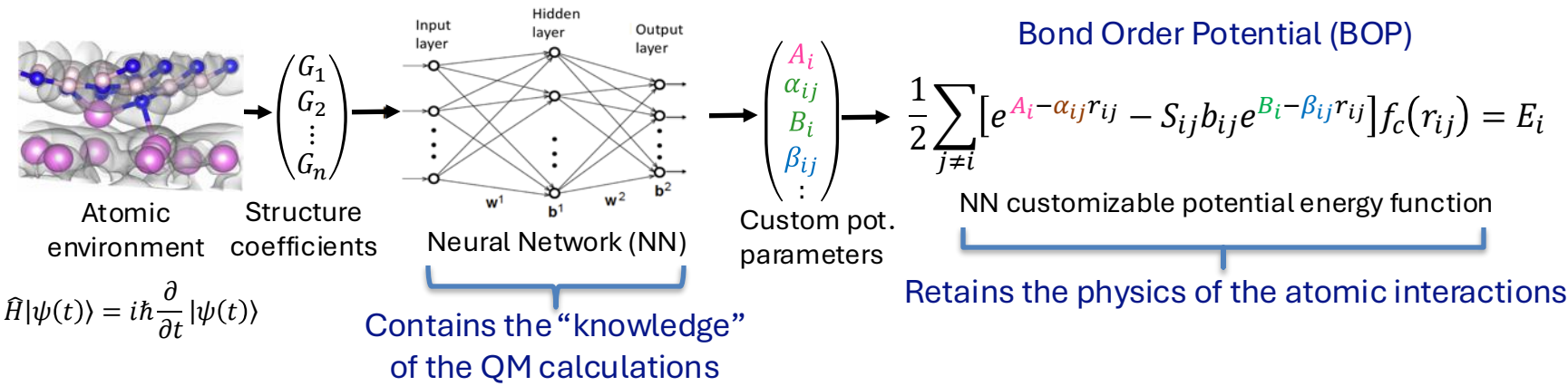
Observations: [001] [111] [011]

- Calibrated microstructure evolution models can accurately capture simulate grain morphology
- Enables studying how process parameters affect resulting structure
- Provides a hand-off for structure-property-performance simulations

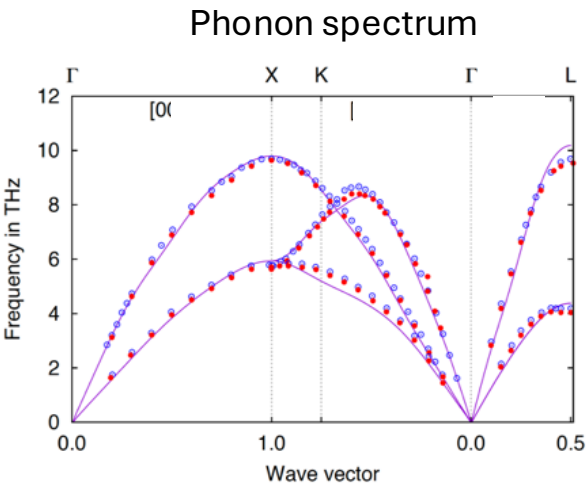
Physically Informed Neural Networks (PINN) Atomistic Simulations



Large scale atomistic simulations with quantum mechanics accuracy: machine learning and empirical potentials

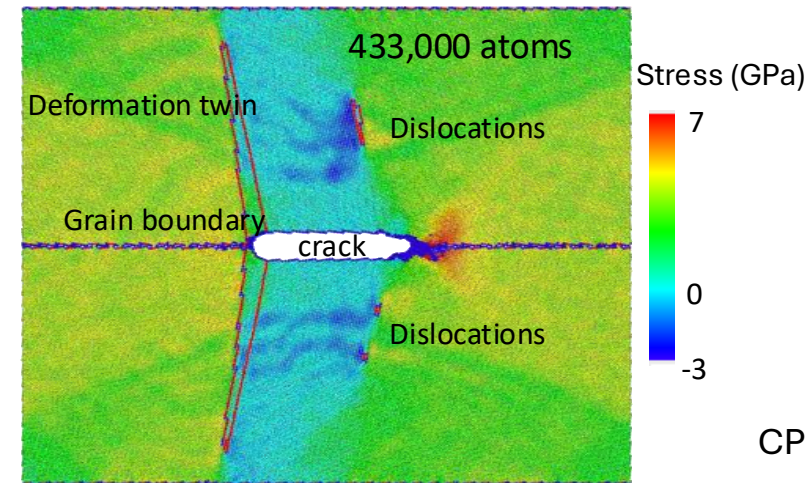


Accuracy: PINN ~1% of DFT

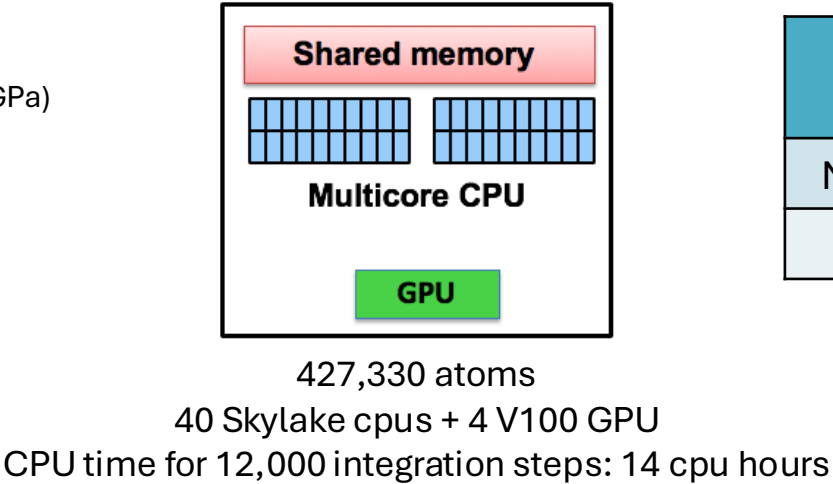


Quantum mechanics-based Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations are used to train a NN

Fracture simulation with DFT precision: central crack nucleation in Al



Computing: optimized for multicore processors with graphic (GPU) accelerators

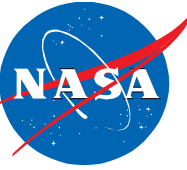


Speed: PINN >> DFT

t (s) 100 Steps	PINN 16 cores	DFT 32 nodes
N=500 atoms	35 s	46,688 s
N=72,000	528 s	13.5 years*

*Extrapolation

Crystal Plasticity Framework and Applications



$$F = F^e F^p$$

elastic-plastic

$$L^p = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\gamma}_{\alpha} (s_{\alpha} \otimes m_{\alpha}) \quad \text{slip rule}$$

$$\dot{\gamma}^{\alpha} = \dot{\gamma}_0 \frac{\tau_{\alpha}}{g} \left| \frac{\tau_{\alpha}}{g} \right|^{\frac{1}{m}-1}$$

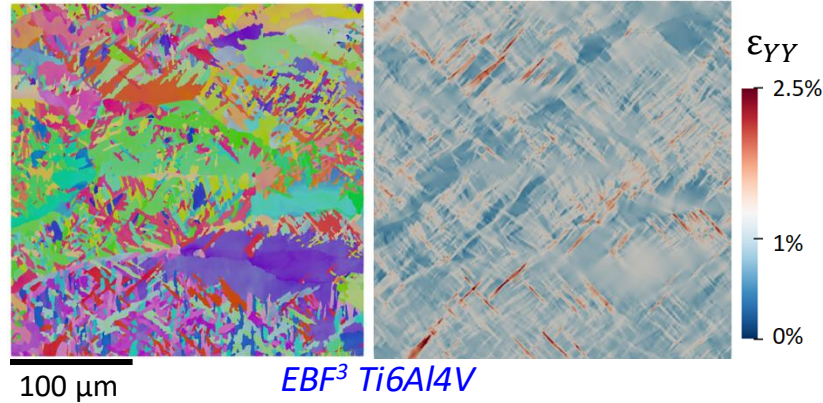
$$\dot{g} = G_0 \left(\frac{g_s - g}{g_s - g_0} \right) \dot{\gamma}_t \quad \text{Voce-Kocks hardening}$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_t = \sum_{\alpha} |\dot{\gamma}_{\alpha}|$$

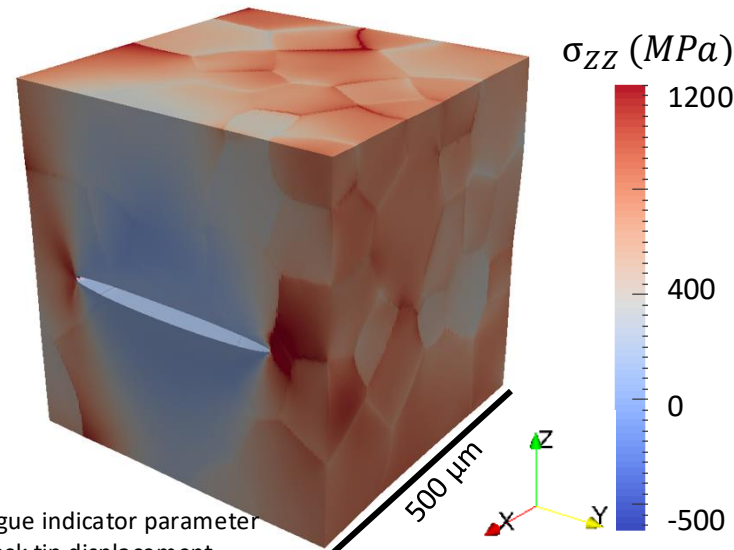
$$g_s = (g_0 + g_s^*) |\dot{\gamma}_t|^{\omega}$$

- F is deformation gradient
- F^e, F^p are elastic and plastic portion of F , respectively
- L^p is the velocity gradient; $\dot{\gamma}_0$ is the reference slip rate
- $\dot{\gamma}^{\alpha}$ is the slip rate along slip system α
- $\dot{\gamma}_t$ is the absolute sum of slip rate on all slip systems
- g is the slip resistance
- m is the shear rate sensitivity parameter
- τ^{α} is the resolved shear stress acting on slip system α
- $\dot{g}$ is the rate of hardening; G_0 is hardening coefficient
- N_{ss} represents the number of slip systems
- ω is saturation rate exponent
- g_s^* is normalized reference saturation hardness

Example application 1: Study structure-property relations in AM materials

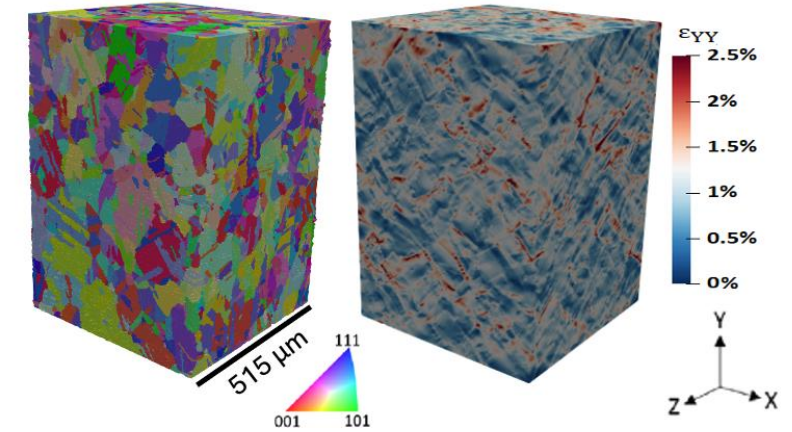


Example application 2: Study CTD/FIP relation using explicit cracks

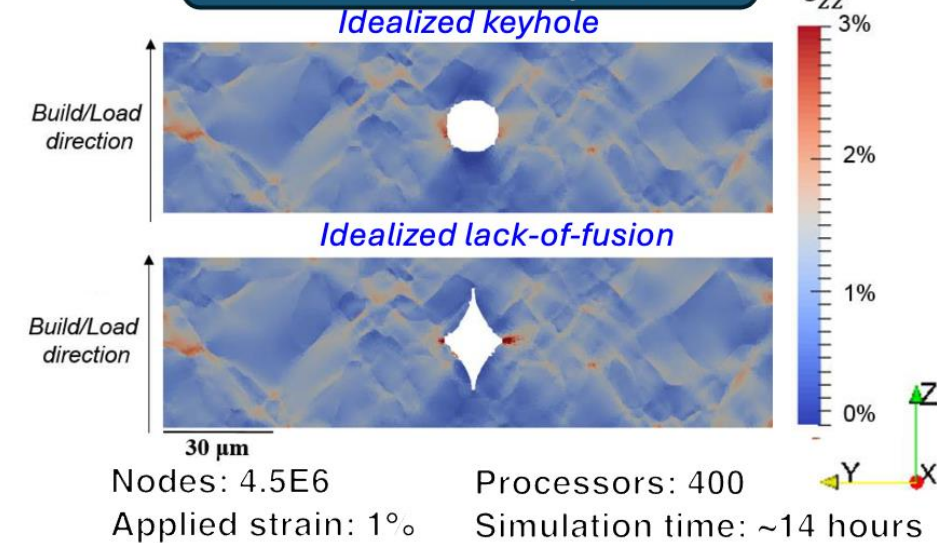


FIP: fatigue indicator parameter
CTD: crack tip displacement

L-PBF Inconel 625



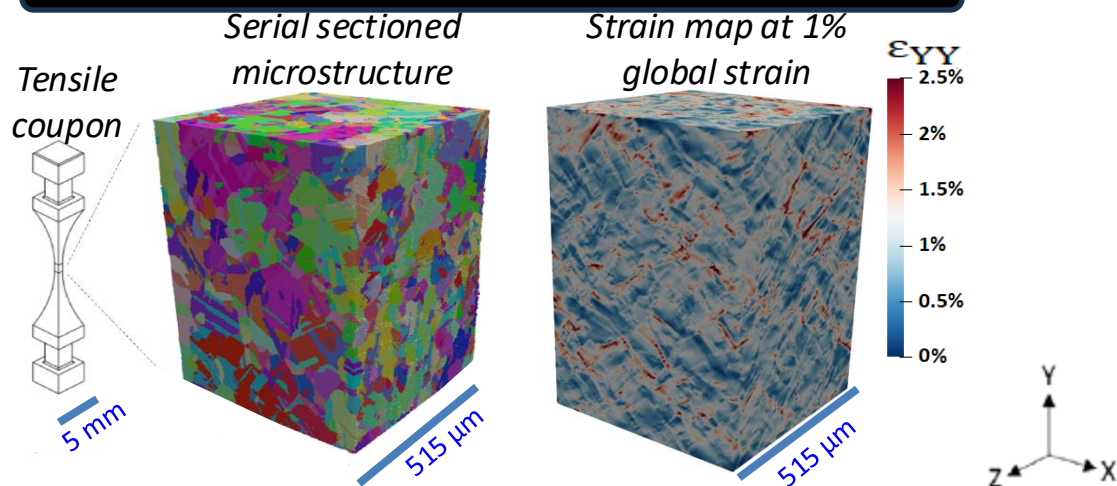
Example application 3: Strain localization near pores



Microstructure Generation

Microstructure models from characterization

Method 1: Use characterization data directly

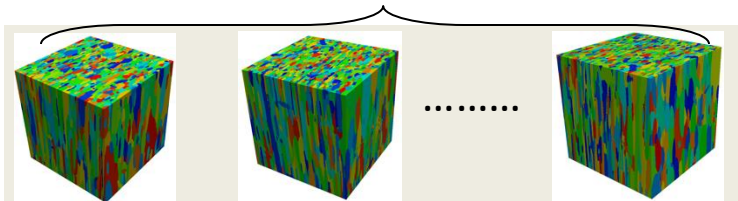


Method 2: Generate statistically equivalent microstructures based on characterization data

EBSD/XCT/HEDM/Serial sectioned microstructure

Statistics (grain size/shape/grain boundary character/texture etc.,)

Statistically equivalent microstructures

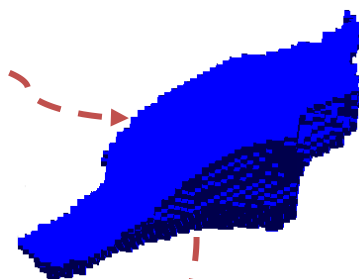
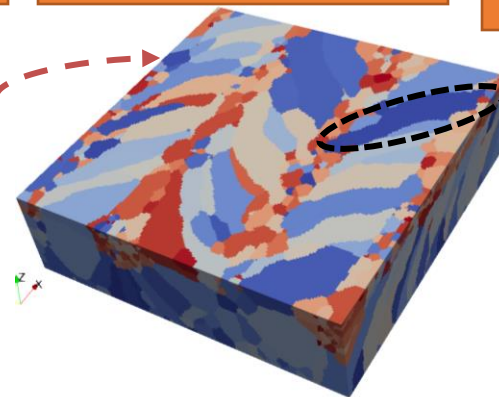
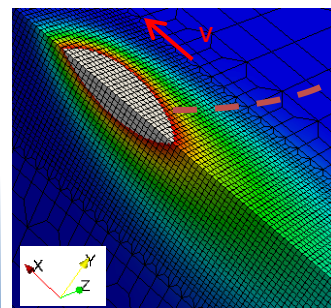


Process-specific 3D microstructure

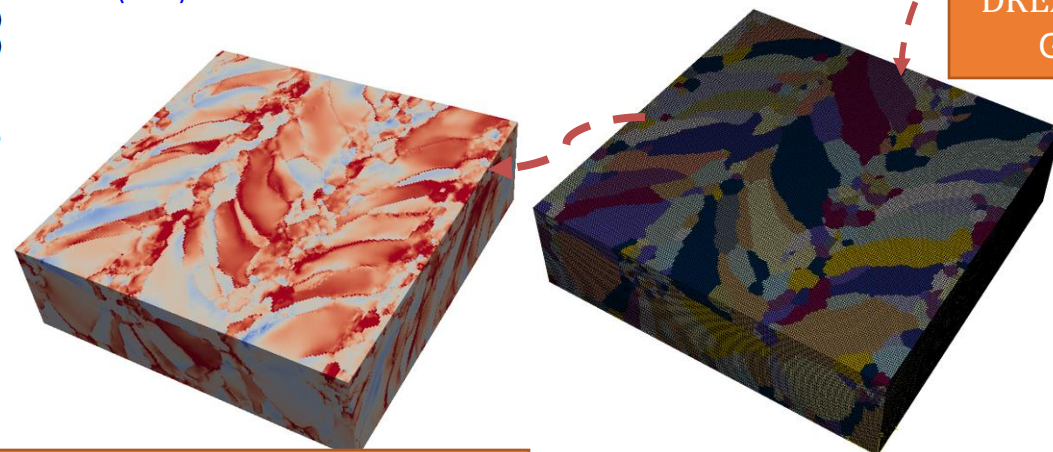
Finite Element Thermal Analysis

AM process simulation SPPARKS¹

Use Output from SPPARKS and generate .stl files of grains using DREAM. 3D²



DREAM. 3D³/
Gmsh



Use ScIFEN³ to solve for heterogeneous stress/strain fields

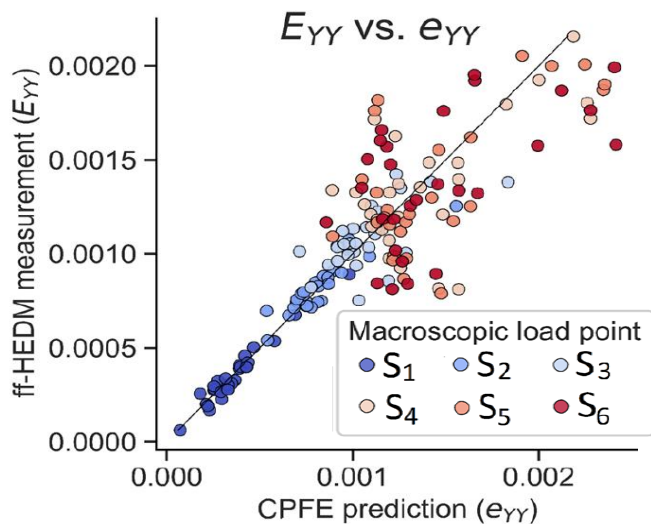
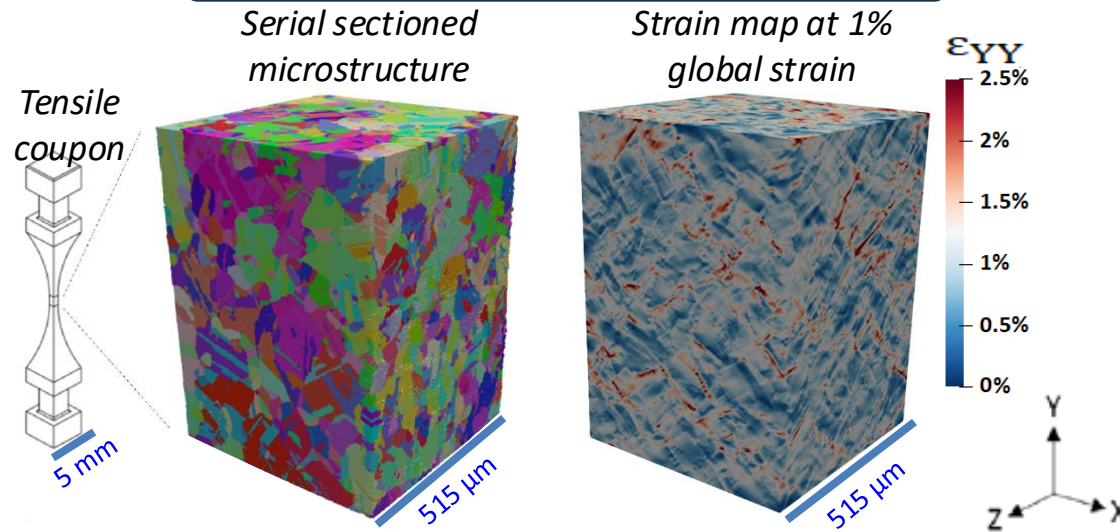
¹SPPARKS: spparks.sandia.gov

²DREAM.3D: dream3d.bluequartz.net

³ScIFEN: <https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-18720-1>

CP Simulation Validation Efforts

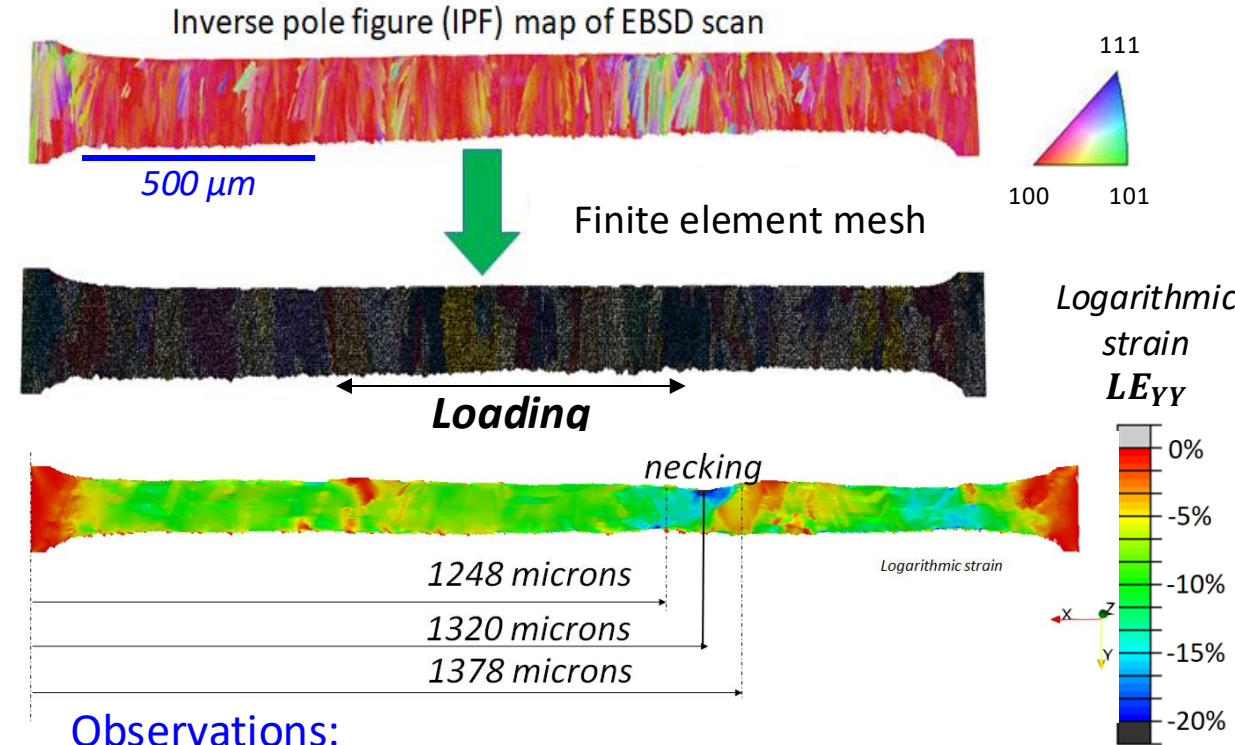
AFRL AM Modeling Challenge (2020)



Observations:

- CPFE predictions show good agreement with HEDM measurements for grain-average elastic strains in elastic regime
- Discrepancies observed in plastic regime
- Percentage error in elastic modulus is $\sim 1.5\%$

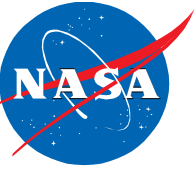
NIST AM-Bench Modeling Challenge (2022)



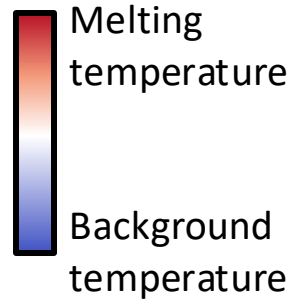
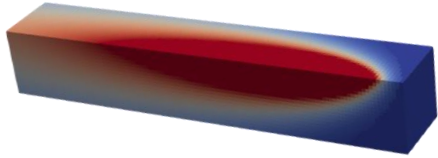
Observations:

- Percentage error in predicted elastic modulus is $\sim 40\%$
 - Measured elastic modulus: 102 GPa
 - Predicted elastic modulus: 141 GPa
- High prediction errors observed across all participating teams
- Sources of discrepancy
 - Lack of full 3D microstructure (only 2D EBSD data was given)
 - Potential error in C_{ij} values (borrowed from literature)

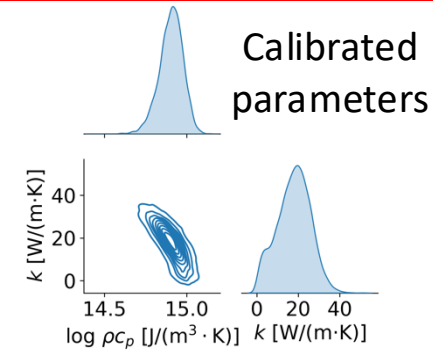
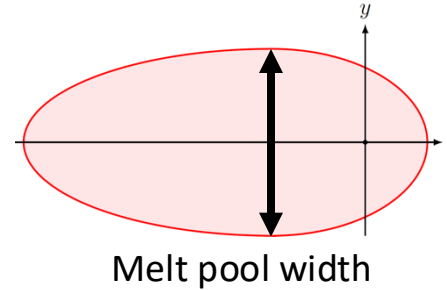
Process-Structure-Property Simulations with Uncertainty Quantification



1. Thermal model: melt pool, temperature field

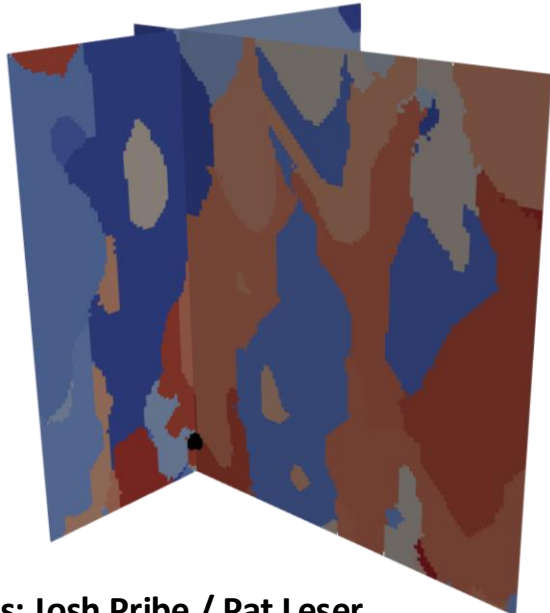


Probabilistic calibration

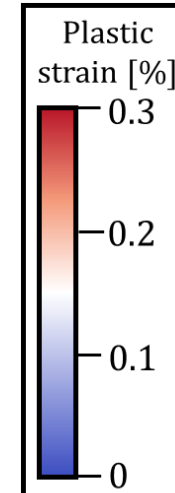
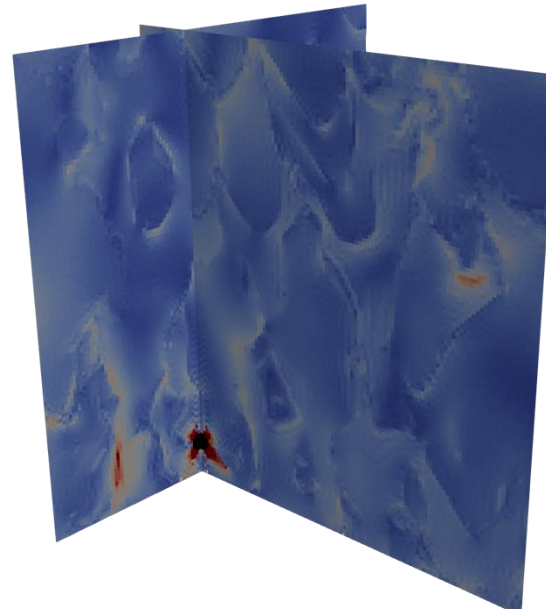


Repeat simulations

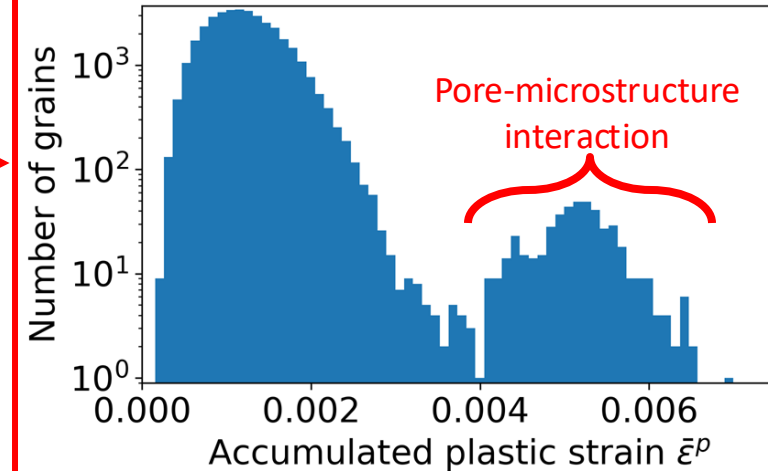
2. Process-structure model: solidification, texture, defects



3. Structure-property model: stress and strain fields, fatigue indicator parameters

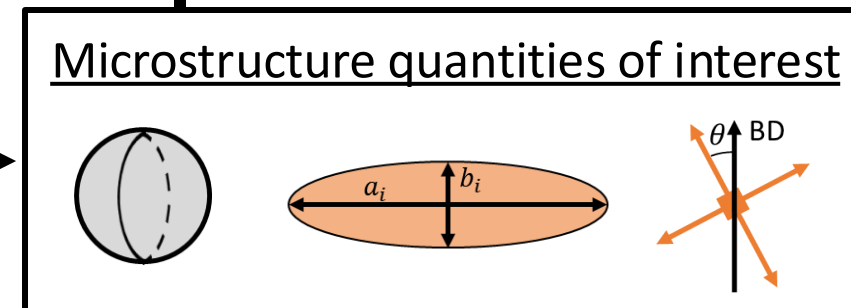
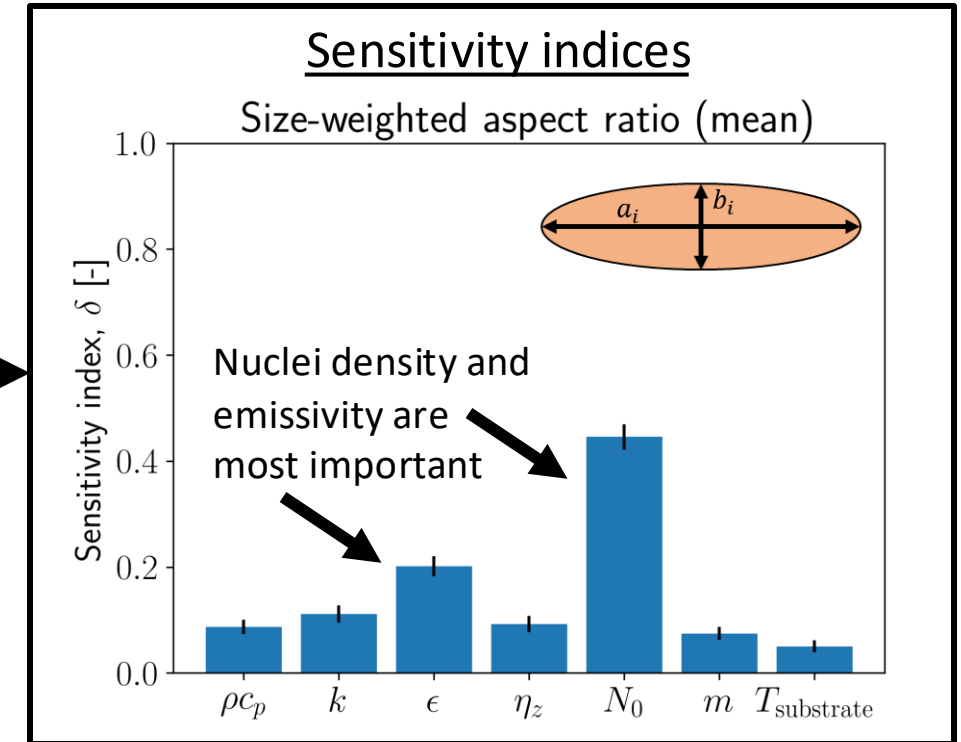
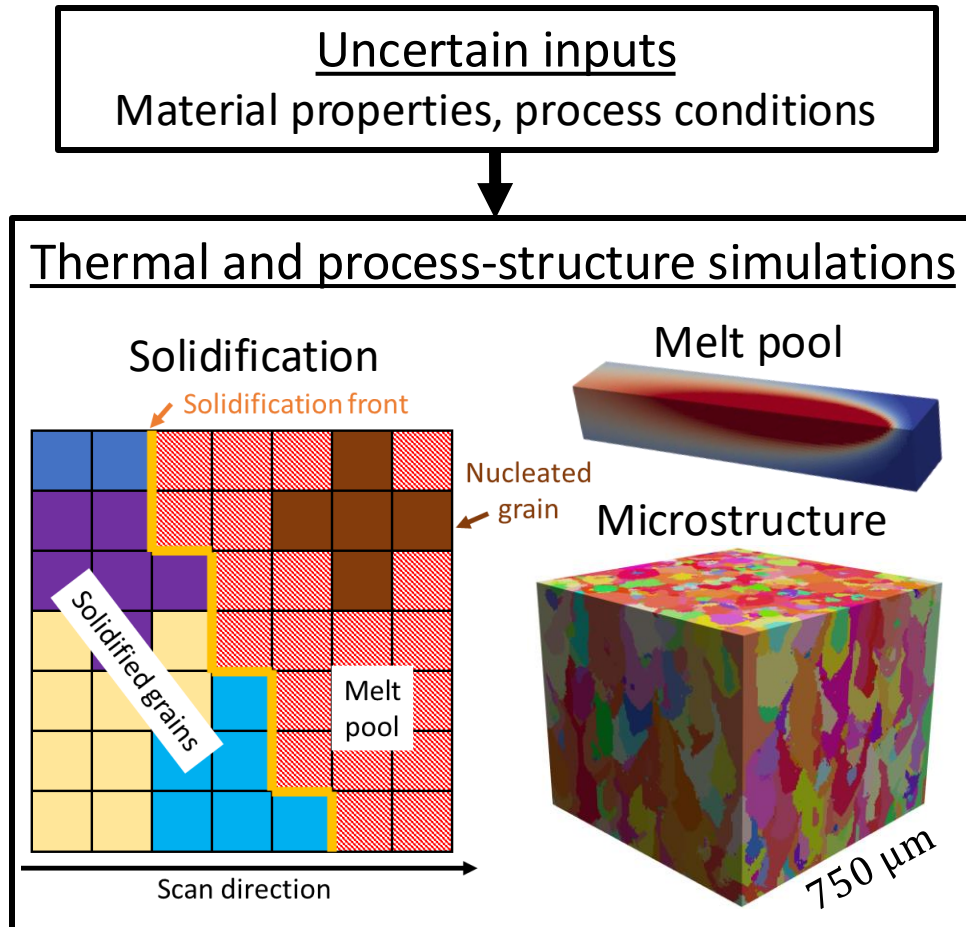


Fatigue indicator parameter statistics and extreme values

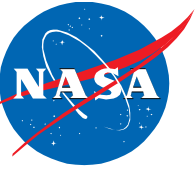


Global Sensitivity Analysis

Identifying inputs that need further calibration and process conditions that need tighter control using global sensitivity analysis of process-structure model



Configurable Architecture Additive Testbed (CAAT)



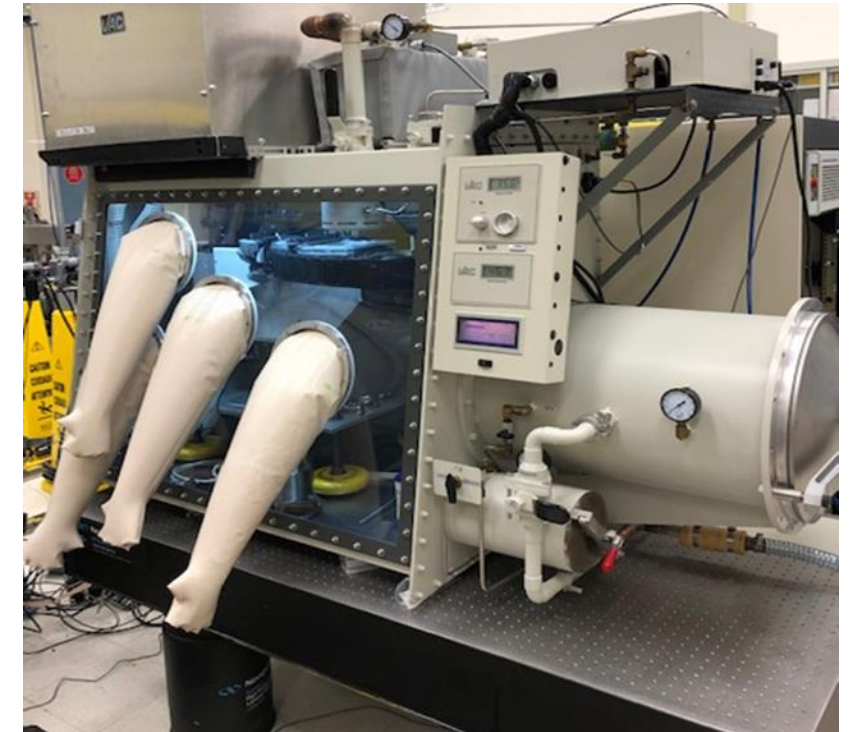
Configurable architecture AM testbed including in-situ non-destructive evaluation (NDE) for build quality assessment, informing qualification / certification models, processing condition measurements, and comparison to post build inspections with data fusion

Approach: Achieve high-fidelity understanding and measurements of process to structure relationships so that quality of build assessments can be informed in industry relevant conditions

Establish: the Configurable Architecture Additive Testbed (CAAT) Lab

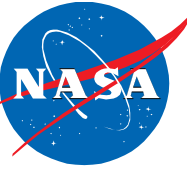
The CAAT lab studies the LPBF additive manufacturing using:

- 1) CAAT process capabilities:
 - 1) Max power: 700W
 - 2) Max speed: 2.5 m/s
 - 3) Minimum spot-size: 35 μm
- 2) Suite of in-situ process monitoring: Fully registered
- 3) In-situ monitoring to calculate, calibrate, and validate process metrics at the part scale
- 4) Connection with higher fidelity models
 - 1) thermal measures integrate with microstructure models

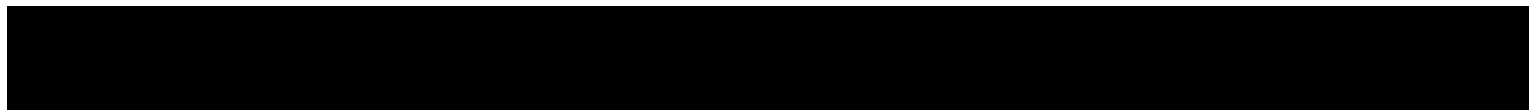


The CAAT lab is well suited to develop in-situ NDE based on the P-S-P models for LPBF additive manufacturing

In-situ NDE for Metal Additive Manufacturing¹

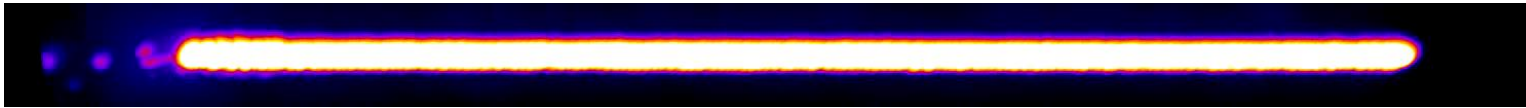


Near Infrared 750 nm Band Imagery Reconstructed to Follow Build Path²

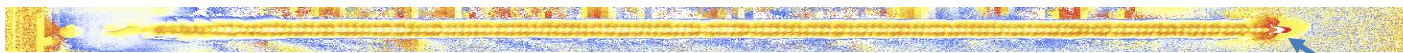


0.8 mm

Near Infrared 750 nm Band Imagery Reconstructed for NDE Inspection



In-situ NDE Inspection Image using Principal Component Analysis



X-ray CT Validation of Detected Damage



Defect Area

Use Co-axial to the Laser Thermal Imaging to Monitor Temperature



Reconstruct Thermal Imagery to Follow the Laser Build Path and Obtain Layer by Layer Temperature

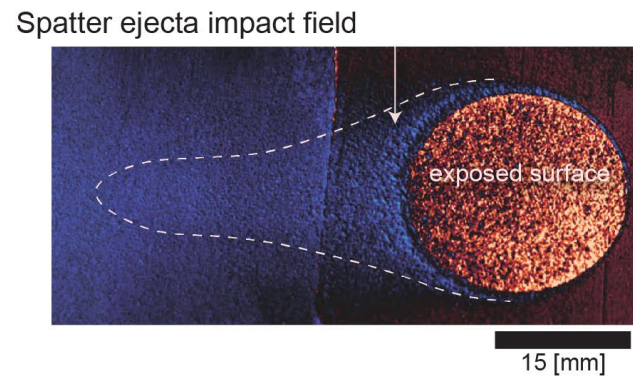
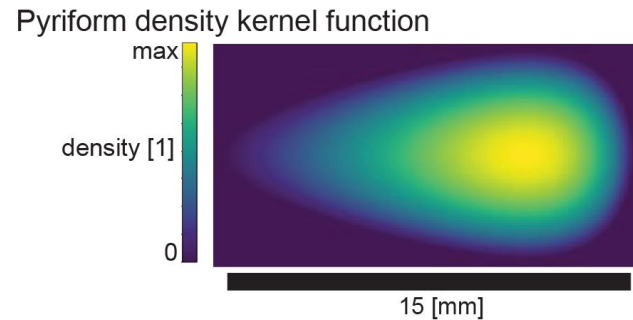
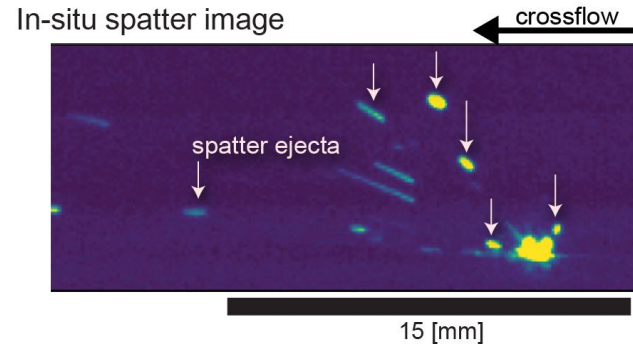


Process the Layer Temperature Responses for Changes in Transient Cool Down to Detect Defects

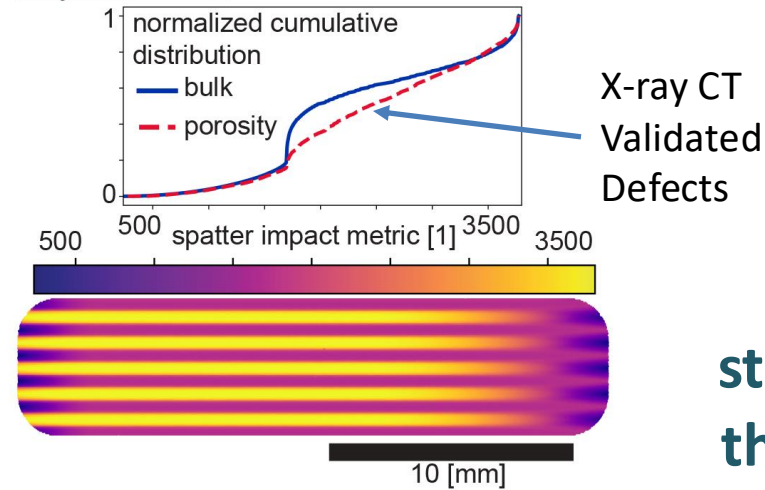
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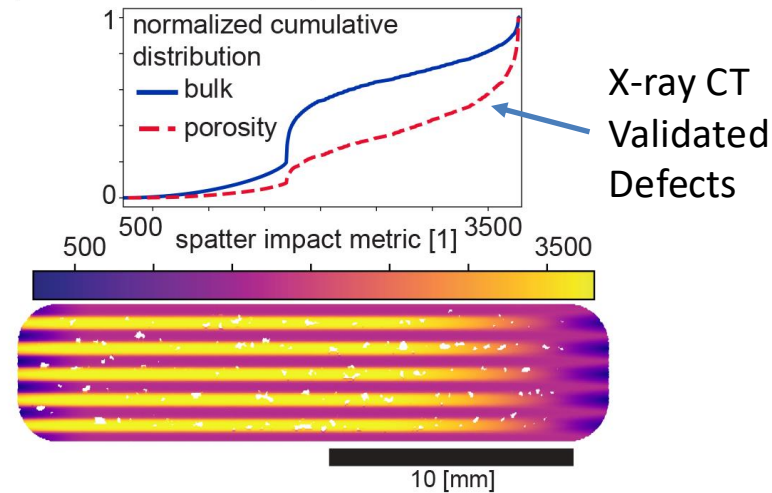
Spatter and Defects¹



Keyhole mode



Lack of fusion mode



Process defects are statistically correlated with the spatter impact metric.²

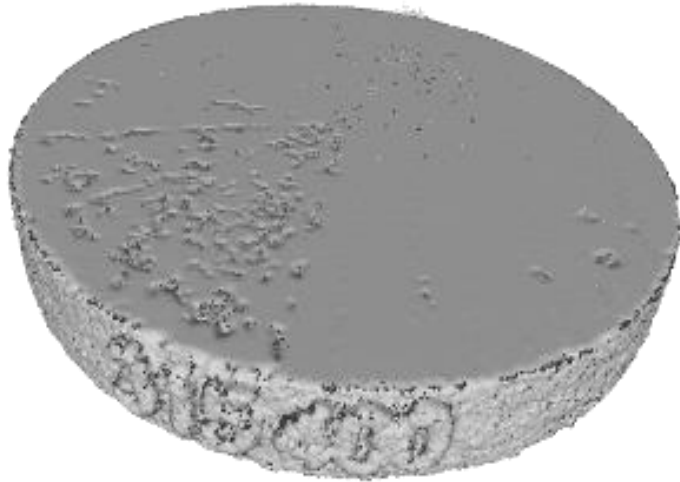
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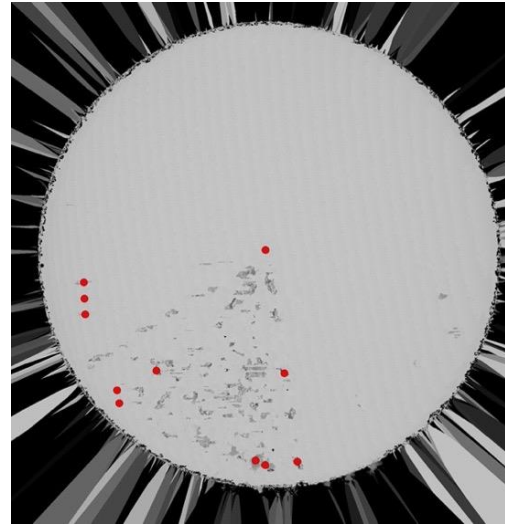
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Improving X-Ray CT Defect Characterization by Integration with Optical Profilometry

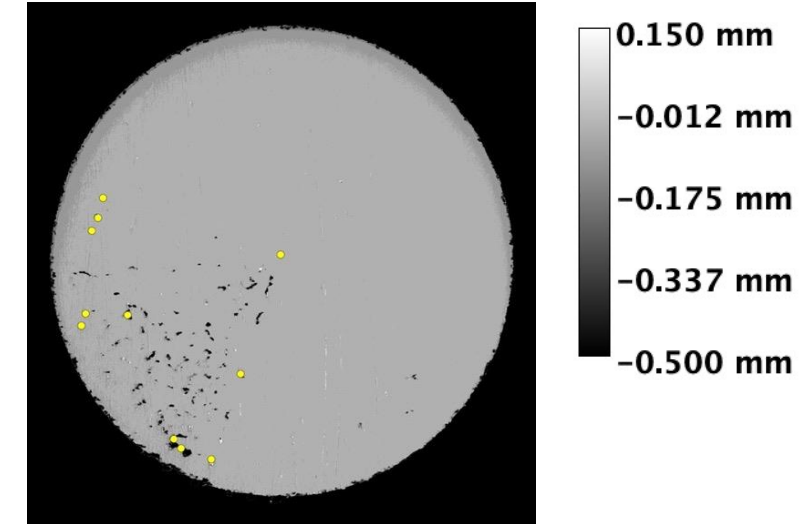
Component surface derived
from X-ray CT segmentation



Surface depth estimated from
X-ray CT segmentation



Comparison against high
resolution surface profilometry



- Improvements to defect detection and metrological accuracy of X-Ray CT for AM metal porosity detection
 - Material agnostic algorithm, may be applied to other material and defect types
- Approach may be used to both characterize and optimize X-Ray CT volumetric defect detection

Patent Pending

E. Frankforter and P. Spaeth: “System and Method of Quantifying and Improving X-Ray Computed Tomography Measurement Accuracy”

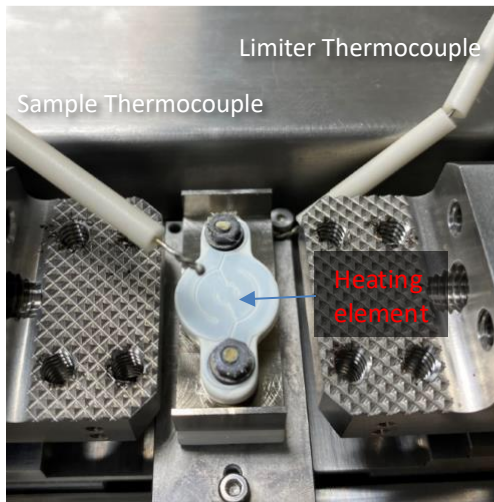
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Testing at Elevated Temperatures

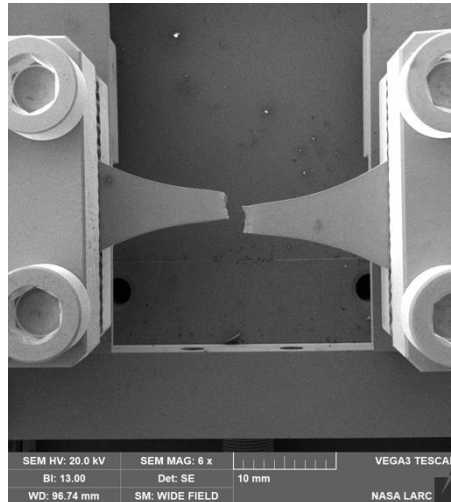
In-situ Mechanical Tests at Elevated Temperatures

High-Temperature Setup for In-Situ Tests

- A significant impact of **operation temperatures** on crack behaviors in Ni-based superalloys
- In-situ load stage system is rated up to 800°C
- **Thermal electron emission** (starting over 500°C) interferes SEM-DIC and EBSD
- Local heating induces thermal expansion in both the sample and the stage, causing vibration and drift of samples during loading
- Solutions to high-temperature in-situ: contact heater, thermal insulation to isolate the other parts, uniform thermal expansion



Heating element for in-situ stage

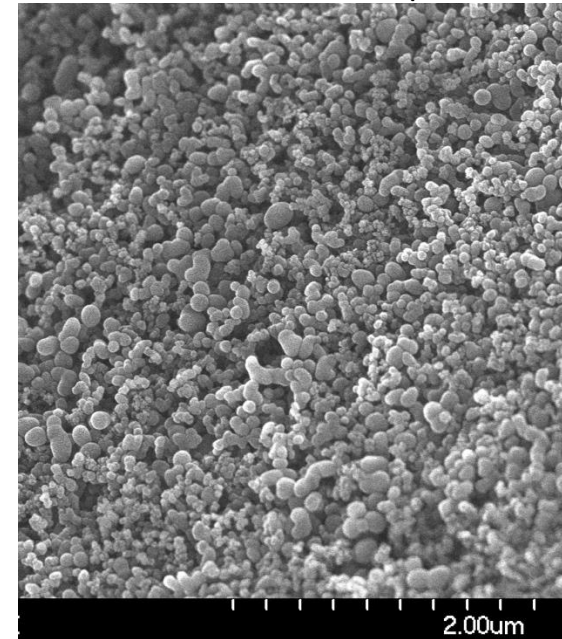


In-situ tensile test under SEM

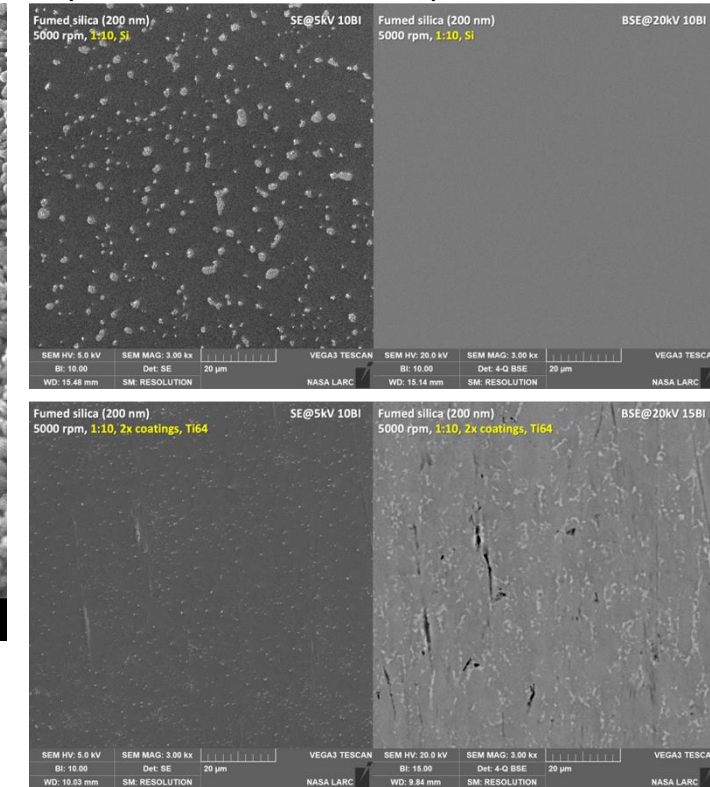
High-Temperature Micro Speckle Patterning

High-Temperature Speckle Pattern – Silica Nanoparticles

- High-temperature micro speckle patterns need **thermal stability** and **amorphous structure** for simultaneous acquisition of DIC and EBSD
- Fumed silica nanoparticles: amorphous, 200 nm, stable up to 1000°C

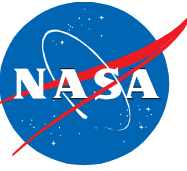


Fumed silica nanoparticles: amorphous, 200 nm in average size, thermally stable up to 1000°C



High-temperature speckle patterns of fumed silica nanoparticles on (top) silicon wafer and (bottom) Ti64 (left: SEM image; right: BSE image)

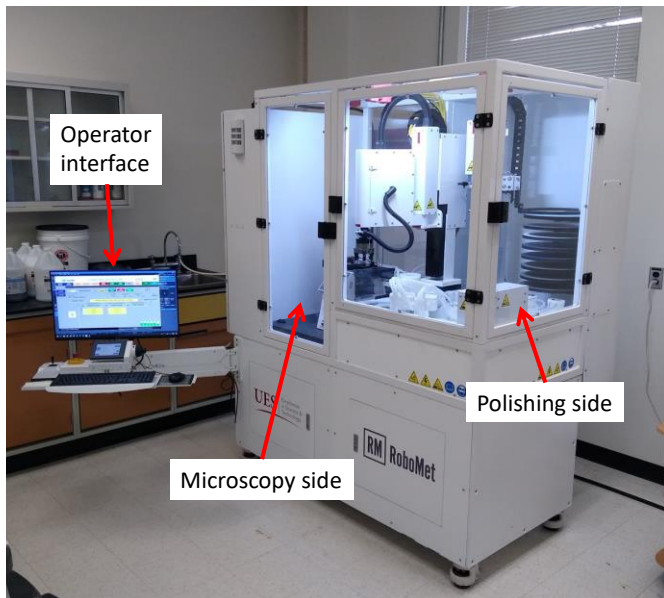
Microstructure Characterization and Residual Stress Analysis



Microstructure Characterization Tools

Microstructure Analysis and Fabrication

- Microstructure/composition analysis:
 - SEM: Secondary and Backscattered Electron Imaging
 - Electron Back Scatter Diffraction (EBSD)
 - Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS)
- Nanofabrication:
 - Plasma Focused Ion Beam (PFIB)
- 3D microstructure investigation
 - RoboMet to identify pores and cracks



RoboMet

- Automated Polishing and Microscopy Image Capturing
- Rapid sample preparations
- 3D microstructure imaging
- Serial sectioning for grain size and pore distribution in AM materials
- EBSD sample preps
- Interrogation volumes:
FIB 0.001 mm³ vs. RoboMet 1000 mm³

Residual Stress Analysis

Residual Stress Analysis of AM builds

- Hole drilling method
 - Hole drilling with PFIB and measuring the resulting strains
 - Local residual stress can be measured
 - Destructive method
- XRD method
 - Nondestructive determination of surface/subsurface residual stress of AM build samples
 - Only shallow (<0.001 inch) surface layer is measured, requiring electrolytic polishing to remove top layers of subsurface

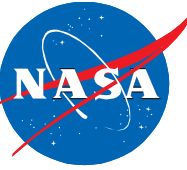


Helios PFIB for nanofabrication



XRD for residual stress analysis

The TRUST-AM Platform



Platform for prototyping Computational Materials-informed Qualification and Certification

State of the Discipline: Qualification and Certification (Q&C)

Industry needs learned from the CM4QC Steering Group

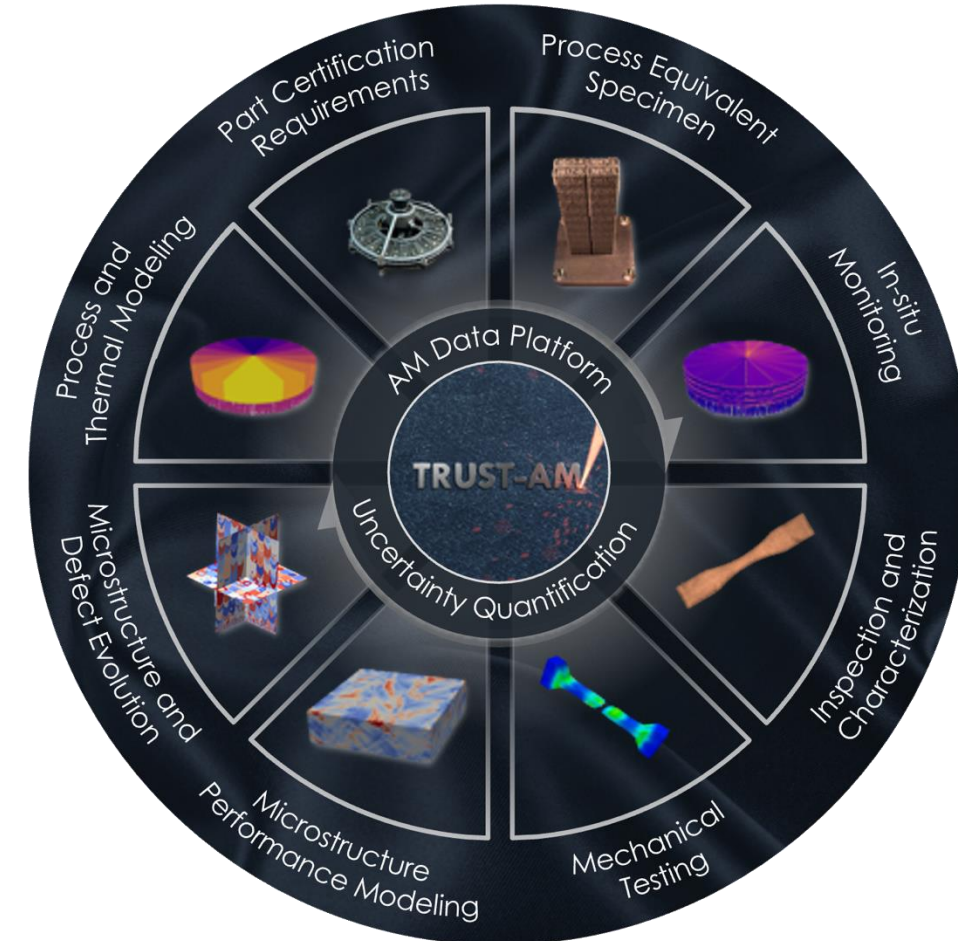
- Time and cost of Q&C limits adoption of additive manufacturing
- Manufacturing technology is outpacing regulatory environment

TRUST-AM

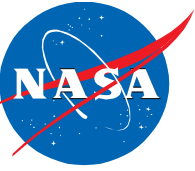
- An agile response from NASA’s Transformational Tools and Technologies (T³) Project to address industry needs for digitally accelerated Q&C
- Augments physical testing requirements with modeling, simulation, uncertainty quantification, and data science
- A platform for prototyping Computational Materials-informed capabilities as part of a Q&C package

Impact

- Rapidly mature and transition Computational Materials research and development as the foundation for OEM-relevant engineering technologies
- Increase trust in modeling and simulation while reducing cost of Q&C



Summary



- CM4QC Steering Group and Roadmap
- Work of the Computational Materials-informed Qualification and Certification Research Group

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