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## Fatigue Performance And EIDS Distributions of Wrought And Powder-Bed Additively- Manufactured Ti-6Al-4V

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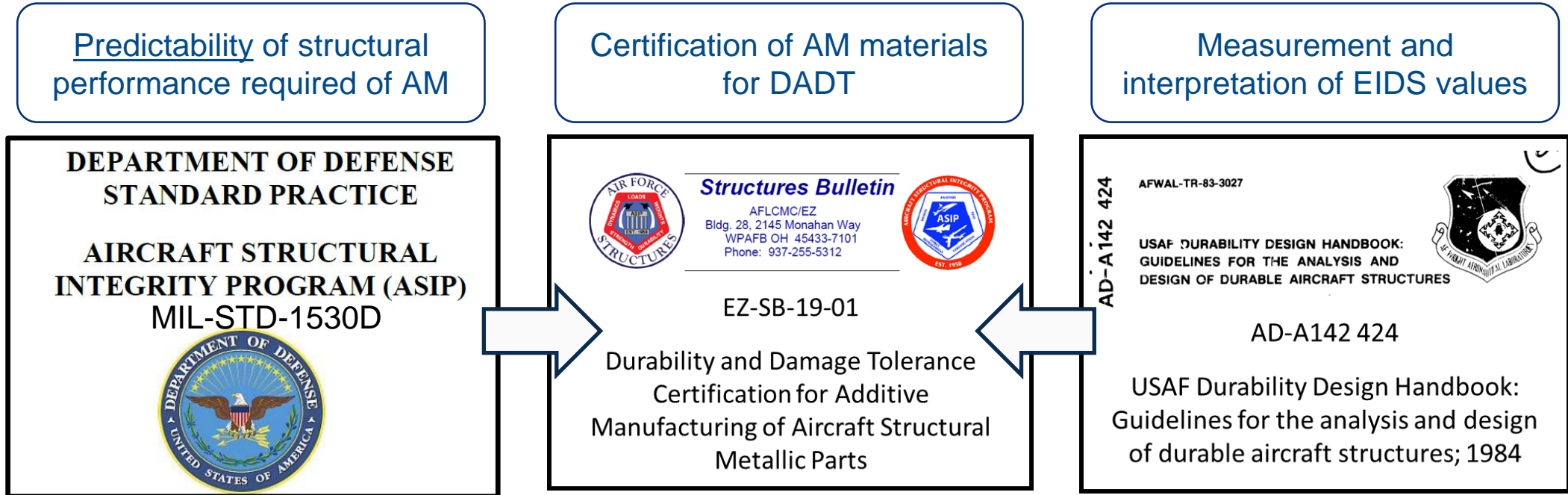
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# Project motivation and foundational USAF documents



## Key questions:

- Do AM parts have EIDS values that are problematic (> DADT limits, > conventional)
- How does EIDS vary with orientation, surface, etc.
- Can defects associated with EIDS be identified, measured?



## Objectives – this work

- Provide to the USAF preliminary EIDS data developed for PBF AM Ti-6Al-4V
- Explore variation in EIDS distributions with:
  - Fabrication modality
  - Surface condition
  - Orientation
- Identify gaps in analysis methodology: foundation for further development of analytical approach

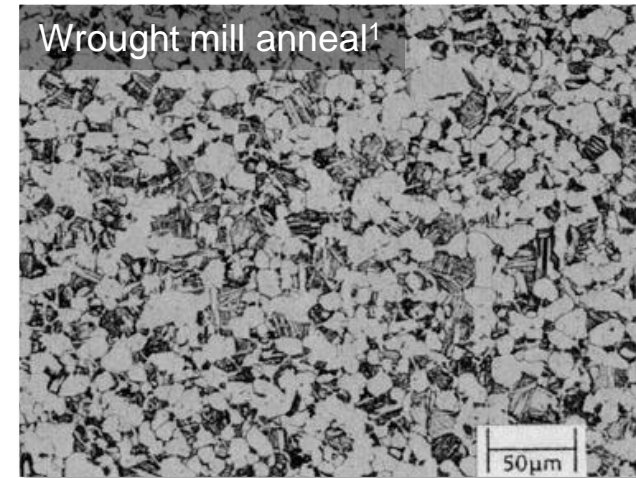
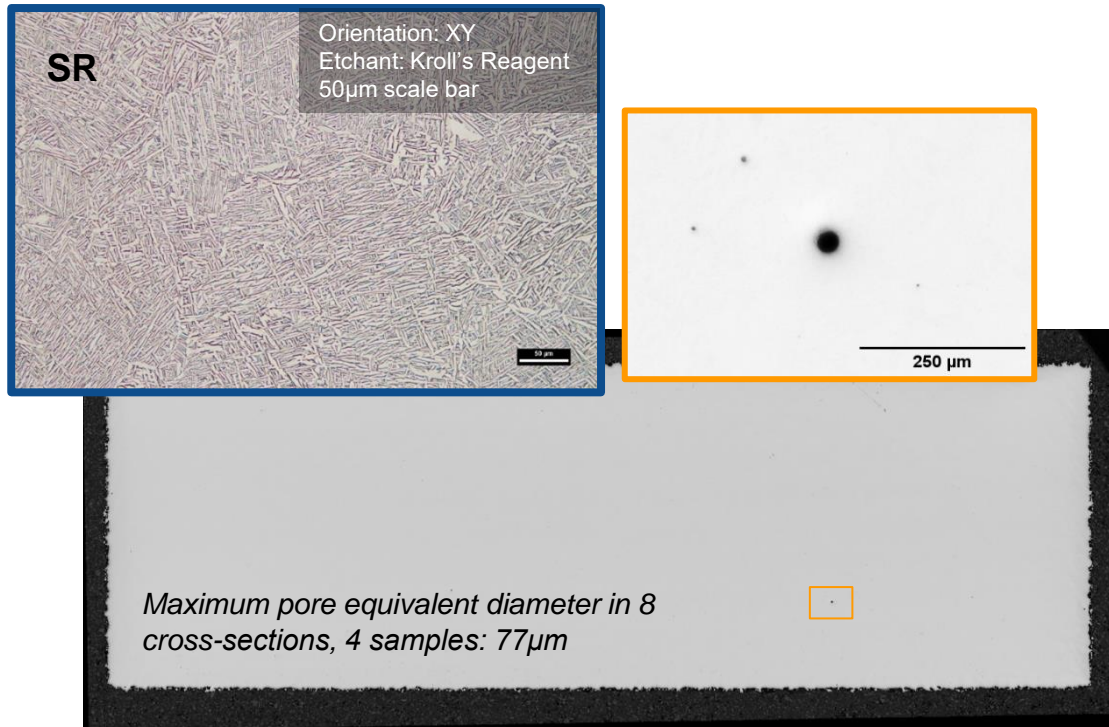


# MATERIAL AND AM PROCESS



# Material and Processing

- Powder-bed additive manufacturing
  - Laser – EOS M290 → Stress relief (SR):  $913 \pm 14^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 hr, rapid Ar cooling
  - Electron-beam – Arcam Q10+ → HIP (proprietary conditions)
- Wrought
  - Forged plate → Solution heat treat  $932 \pm 14^\circ\text{C}$  / 1h + mill-anneal  $704 \pm 14^\circ\text{C}$  / 2h



1. JP Gallagher et al, AFRL-ML-WP-TR-2001-4159, 2001



# PBF Material: Composition

Specimen Pedigree						Composition measurement							
Sample ID	Sample description	Use Modality	Build	Reuse No.	Form	O	N	C	H	Al	V	Fe	Y
F2924-14	ASTM standard	--	--	--	--	0.20	0.05	0.08	0.015	5.50 - 6.75	3.50 - 4.50	0.30	0.005
MC-21-1112	AP&C Cert (LPBF cut)	EOS	--	--	Powder	0.17	0.01	<0.01	0.002	6.38	4.04	0.20	<0.001
MC-21-1113	AP&C Cert (EBM cut)	Arcam	--	--	Powder	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.01	6.4	3.99	0.20	<0.001
13258-05	Reuse 2 Powder	EOS	B	2	Powder	0.124	0.008	0.014	0.0016	6.33	4.09	0.21	<0.0005
13258-05	Reuse 2 Sail 1	EOS	B	2	Solid	0.136	0.016	0.016	0.0005	6.36	3.99	0.21	<0.0005
14007-01	Reuse 6 Powder	EOS	G	6	Powder	0.128	0.011	0.013	0.0017	6.35	4.08	0.21	<0.0005
14007-01	Reuse 6 Sail 1	EOS	G	6	Solid	0.172	0.028	0.016	0.0005	6.34	3.99	0.21	<0.0005
14038-04	Reuse 10 Powder	EOS	H	10	Powder	0.136	0.014	0.014	0.0023	6.31	4.01	0.21	<0.0005
14038-04	Reuse 10 Hex Bar	EOS	H	10	Solid	0.142	0.021	0.016	0.0005	6.39	3.99	0.20	<0.0005
14911-01	Reuse 17 Powder	EOS	O	17	Powder	0.173	0.011	0.0146	0.0028	6.35	4.09	0.20	<0.0005
14911-01	Reuse 17 Sail	EOS	O	17	Solid	0.177	0.003	0.0202	0.0005	6.36	4.16	0.19	<0.0005

Methods: Oxygen & Nitrogen - Inert gas fusion - ASTM E 1409-13  
 Carbon - Combustion infrared detection - ASTM E 1941-16  
 Hydrogen - Inert gas fusion - ASTM E 1447- 16  
 All others - Direct current plasma emission spectroscopy - ASTM E 2371-13

Compositions meet ASTM F2924-14 specification (powder bed fusion Ti-6Al-4V) for:

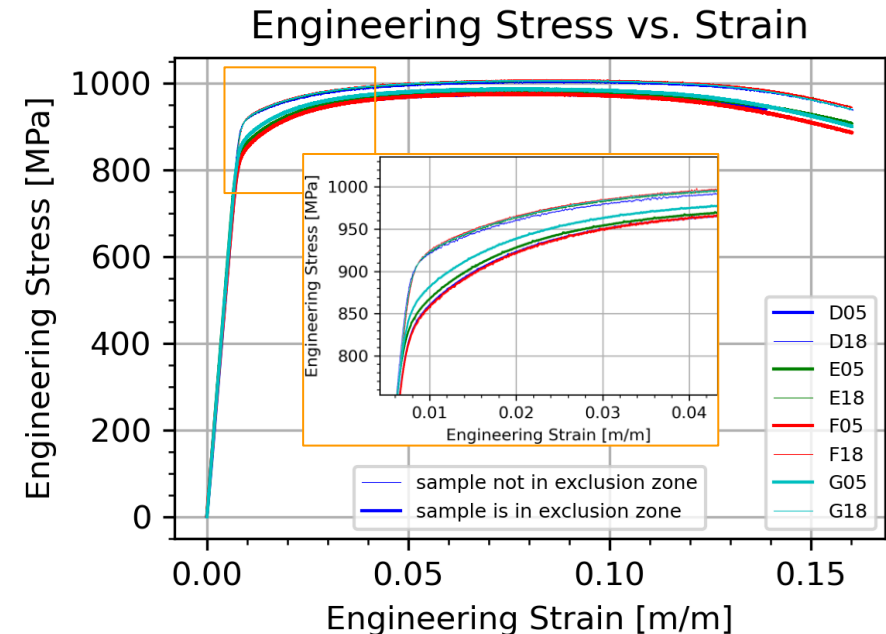
- Source powder
- up to 17x reused powder samples
- up to 17x reuse consolidated metal



# LPBF Material: Tensile testing

- Powder bed fusion using direct metal laser melting (DMLM) on EOS M290
- Optimized post processing
  - Stress relief (SR): 1675 ± 25°F for 3 hr - 0 min / + 30 min, followed by rapid Ar cooling

EOS M290 ASTM E8-21 Tensile Data							
Effort	Excluded zone for allowables calculation	Powder, Heat treat condition, and build orientation	Yield Strength [MPa] Mean	UTS [MPa] Mean	Elongation [%] Mean	Number of data points	
ASTM F2924-14	--	Class A-D, minimum	XY	825	895	10	--
	--		Z	825	895	10	--
Archival	No	AP&C Ti-6Al-4V Stress Relief	XY	945	1020	17	182
	No		Z	931	1014	18	189
Current	No	AP&C Ti-6Al-4V Stress Relief	Z	920	1006	19	4
	Yes		Z	857	979	17	4



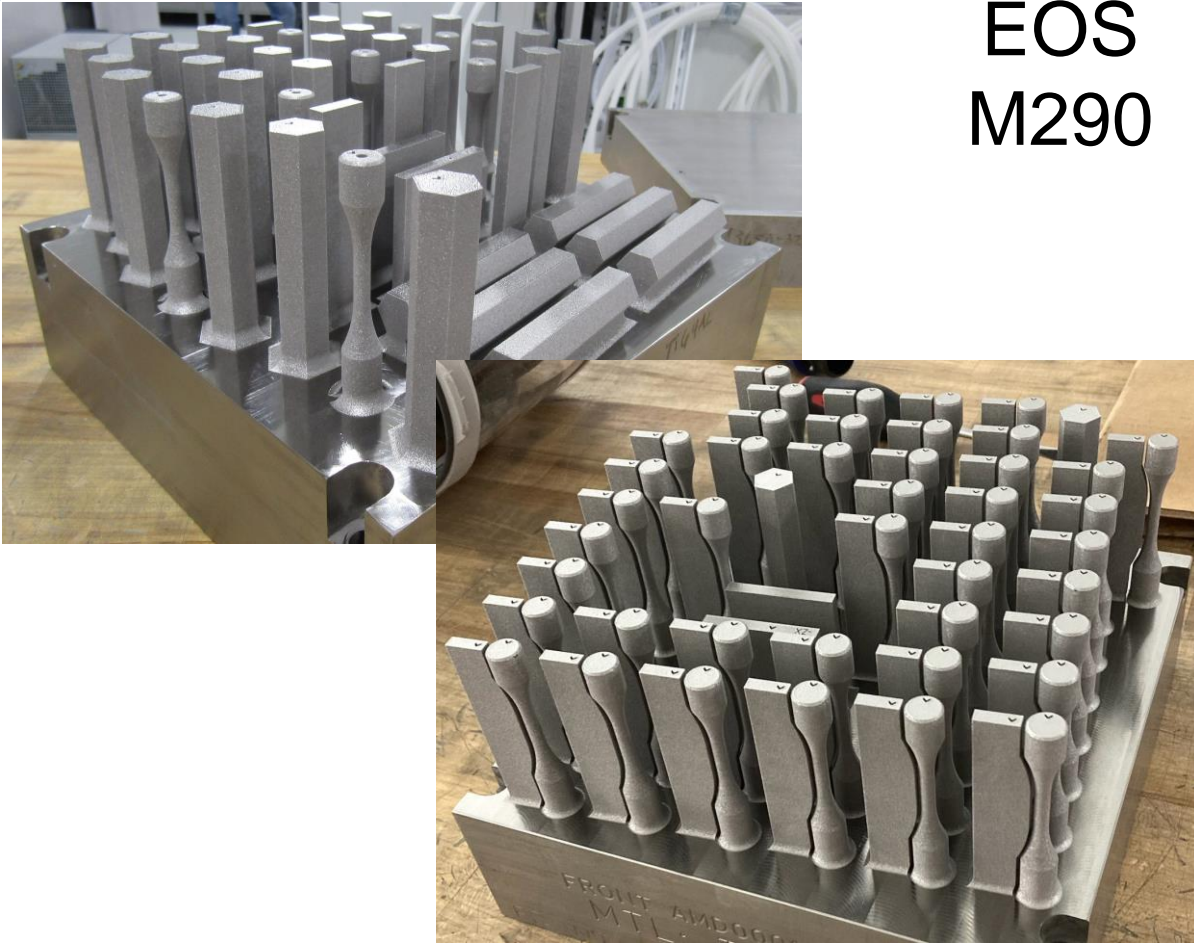
Tensile properties meet ASTM F2924-14 specification (powder bed fusion Ti-6Al-4V)

Systematic difference in tensile properties depending on position on the build plate - “exclusion zone”

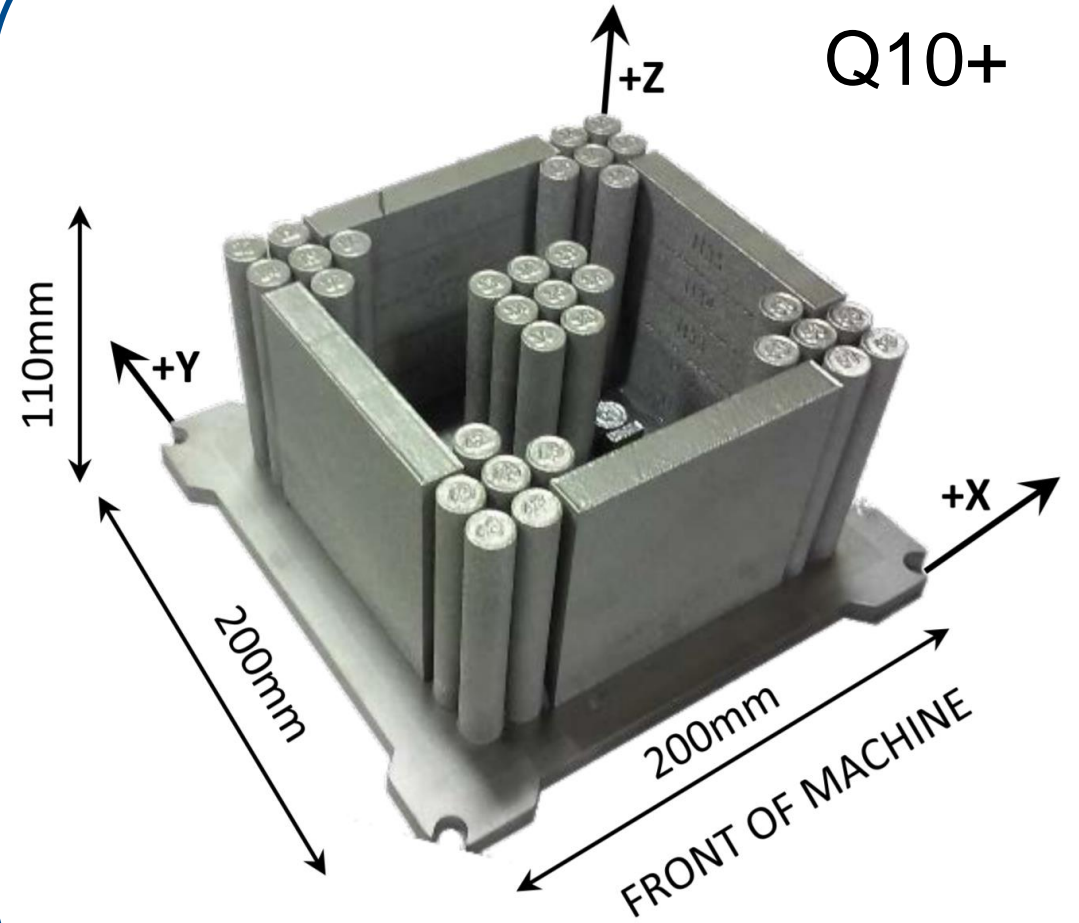


# Build Lay-outs

EOS  
M290



Arcam  
Q10+





# Material processing variables for fatigue testing

Fabrication process / AM Platform	Material source program	Heat treatment	Surface condition	Orientation <sup>4,5</sup>
LPBF / EOS M290	Current	SR <sup>1</sup>	LSG	Z / vertical <sup>4</sup>
LPBF / EOS M290	Current	SR <sup>1</sup>	as-built	Z / vertical <sup>4</sup>
LPBF / EOS M290	Current	SR <sup>1</sup>	LSG	X / horizontal <sup>4</sup>
EBM / <u>Arcam Q10+</u>	Current	HIP <sup>2</sup>	LSG	Z / vertical <sup>4</sup>
Plate forging / –	Current	MA <sup>3</sup>	LSG	long. <sup>5</sup>
Plate forging / –	Archival	MA <sup>3</sup>	LSG	long. <sup>5</sup>

1. Combined stress-relief and solution heat treatment in vacuum
2. Hot isostatically pressed
3. Solution heat treat 932±14 °C / 1h + mill-anneal 704±14 °C / 2h
4. Z and X designate orientations parallel to build direction and to the build plane, respectively.
5. Long. designates parallel to the longitudinal direction of material flow during plate forging

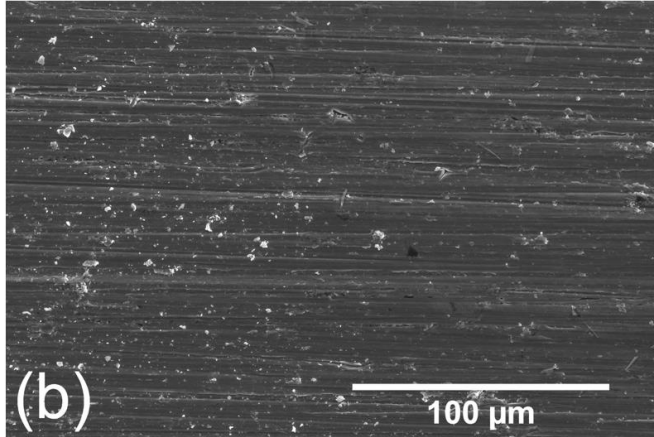
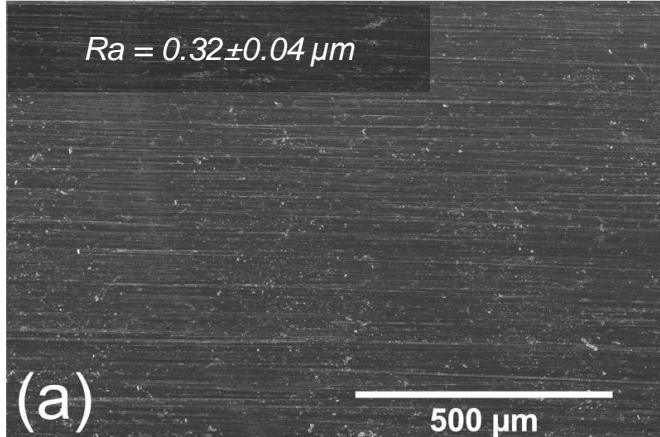


# SURFACE CONDITION

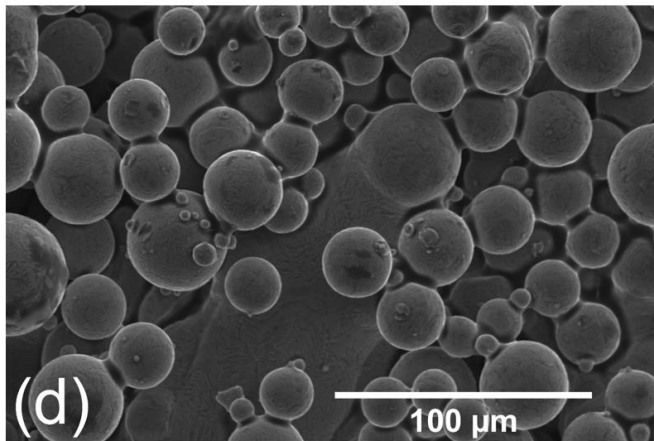
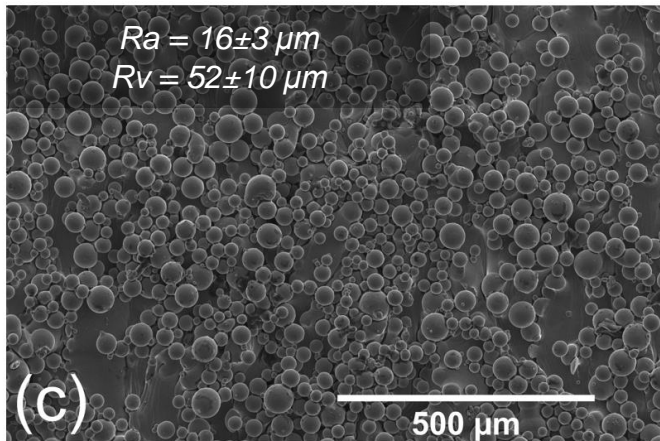
# As-built vs LSG surfaces



Low-stress grind

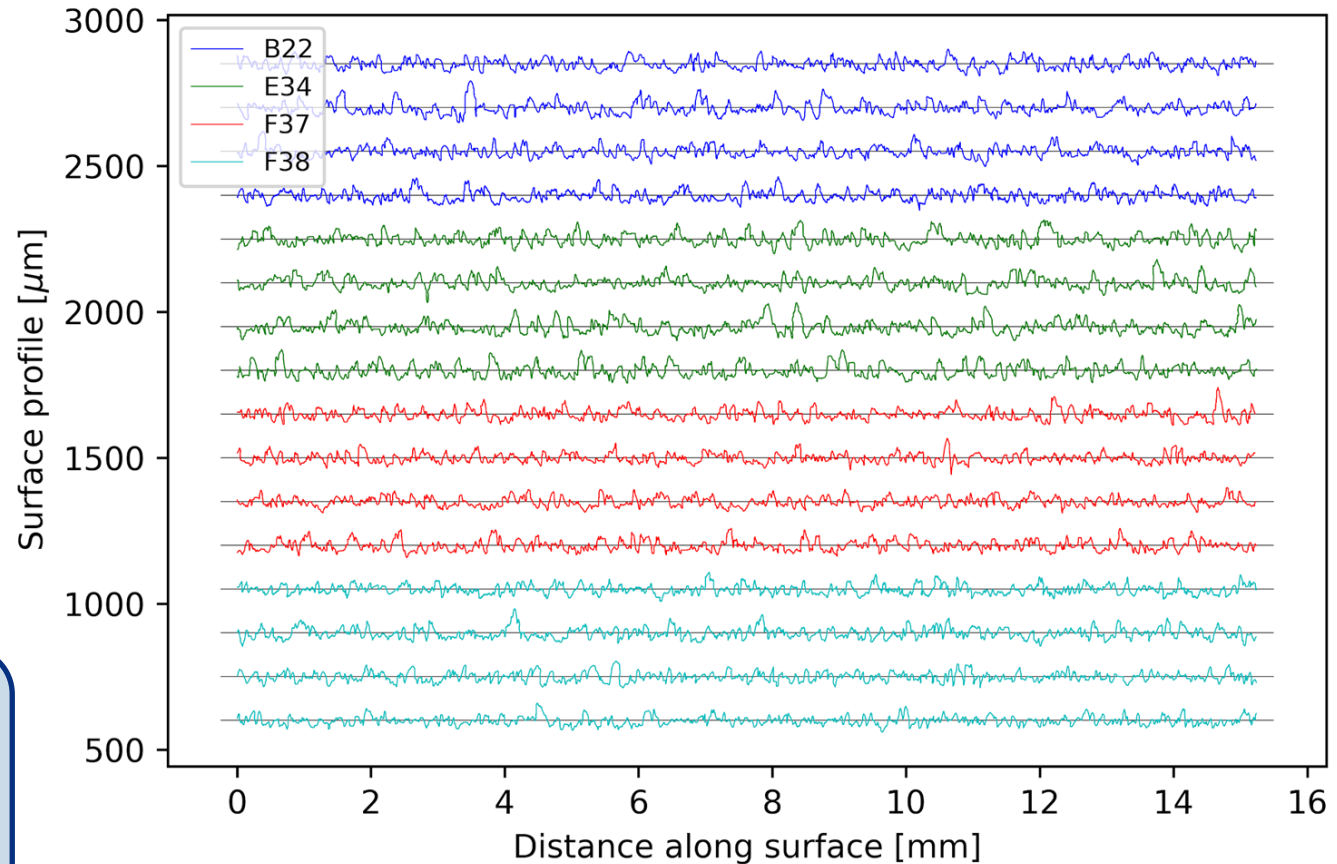
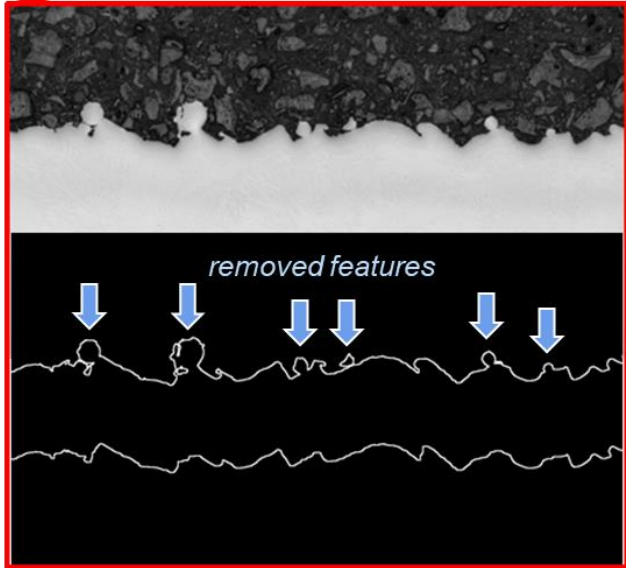
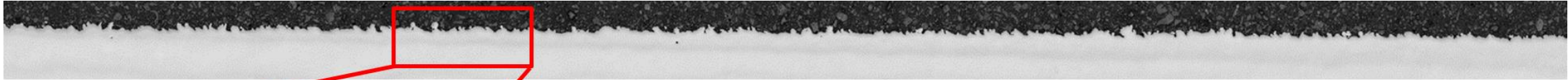


Orders of magnitude difference in roughness feature sizes due to machining



As-built

# As-built vs LSG surfaces



AM surface roughness is a critical initiating feature  
Methods in development for measuring  
Extreme-values stats. for life prediction

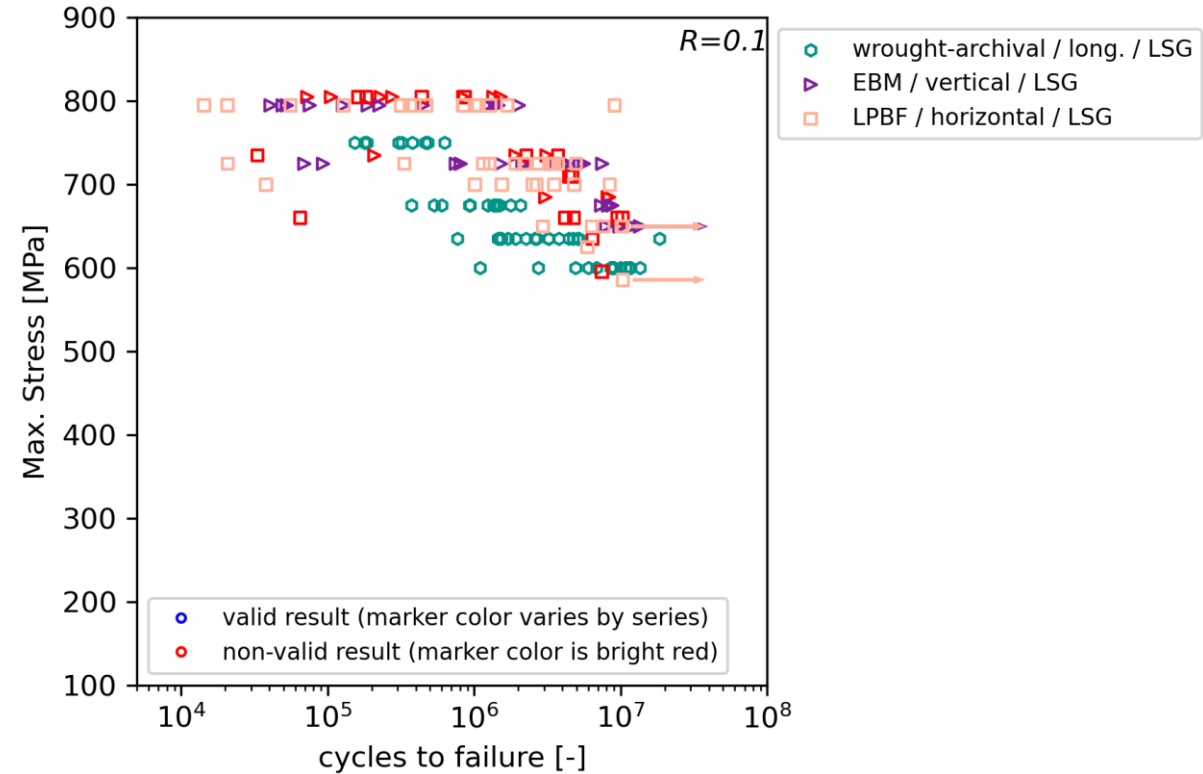
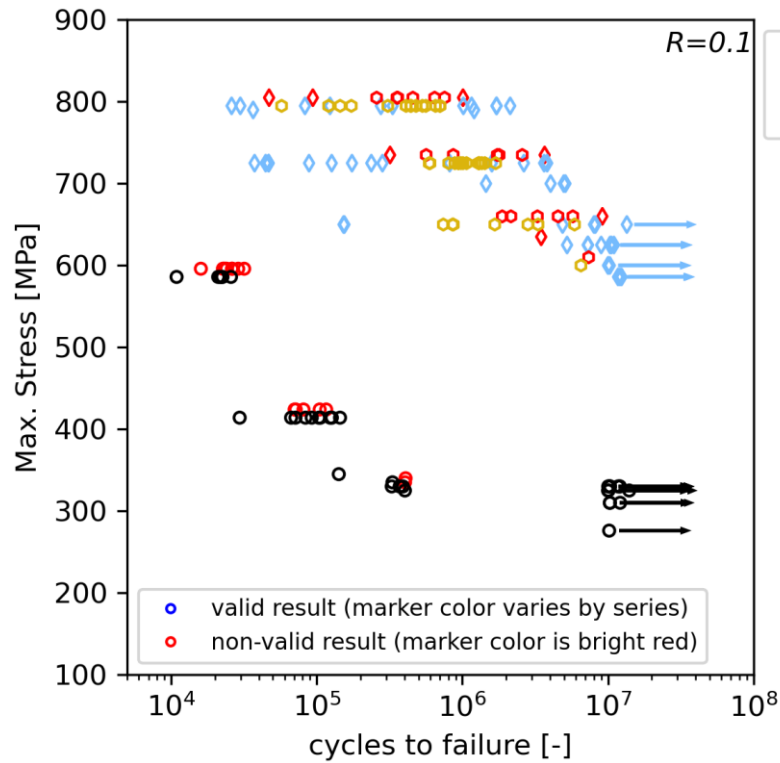


# FATIGUE TESTING RESULTS



# Fatigue Test Results (S-N)

for clarity: results split into two plots; non-valid results displaced +10MPa

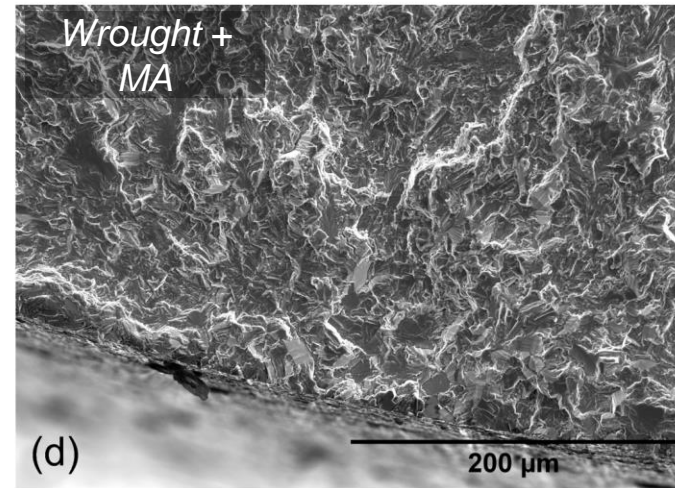
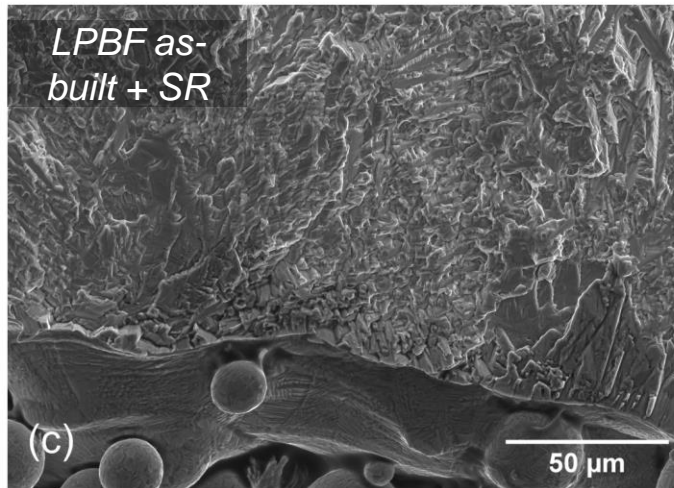
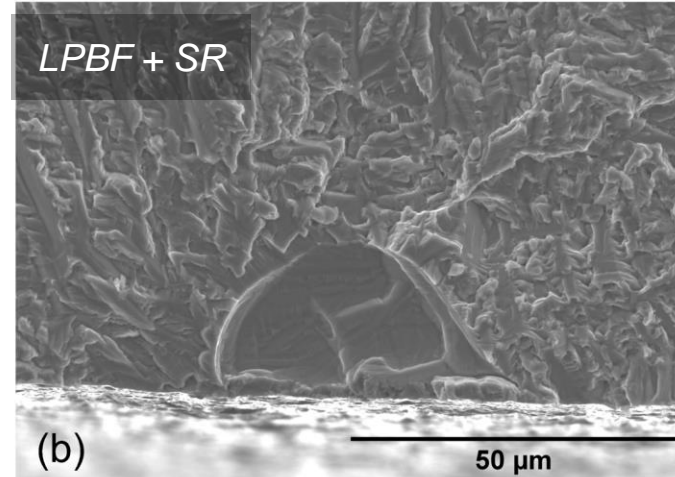
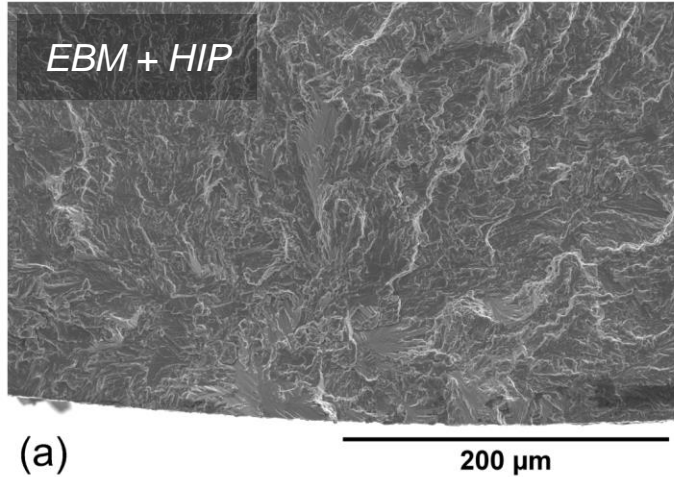


58% of as-built sample tests are non-valid

Rough as-built surface → run-out stress halved vs. LSG surface

Machined specimens:  $N_f$  distributions broader for AM than for wrought

# Initiation features at $N_f \sim 3 \times 10^5$ cycles



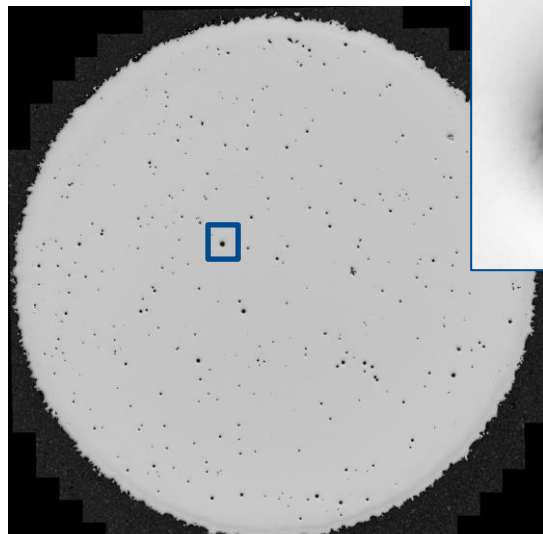
Initiations at surface when  $N_f < 1 \times 10^6$

Initiations are internal for  $N_f > 1 \times 10^6$ ,  
except for as-built specimens

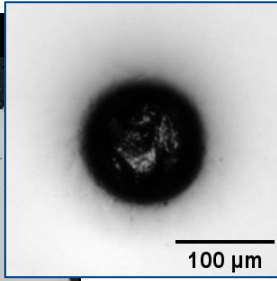
Initiation feature class varies by  
fabrication and post-processing



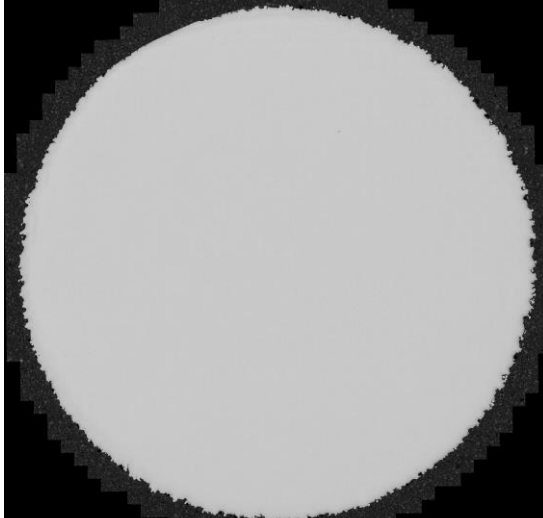
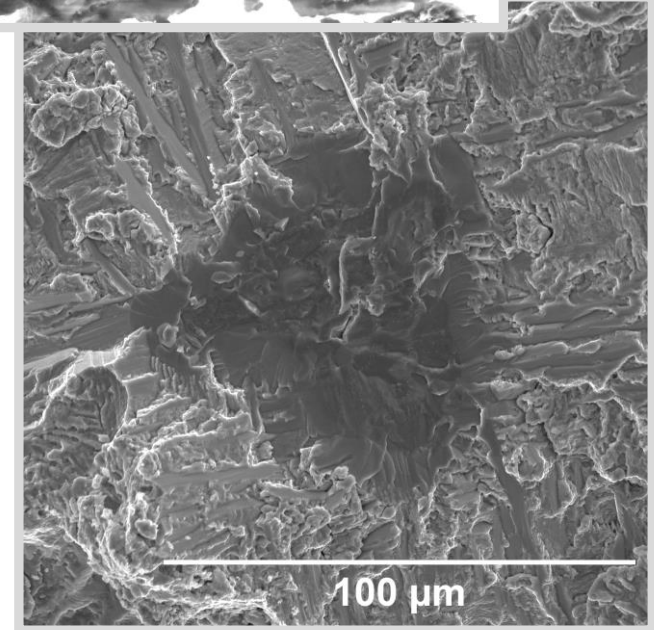
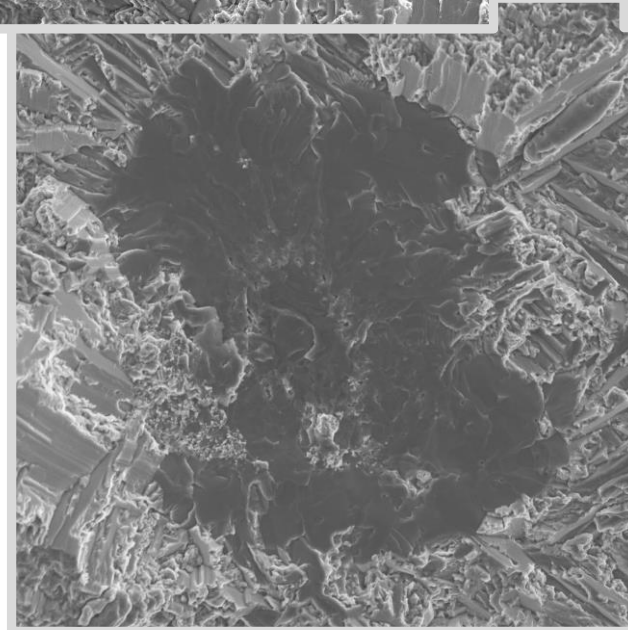
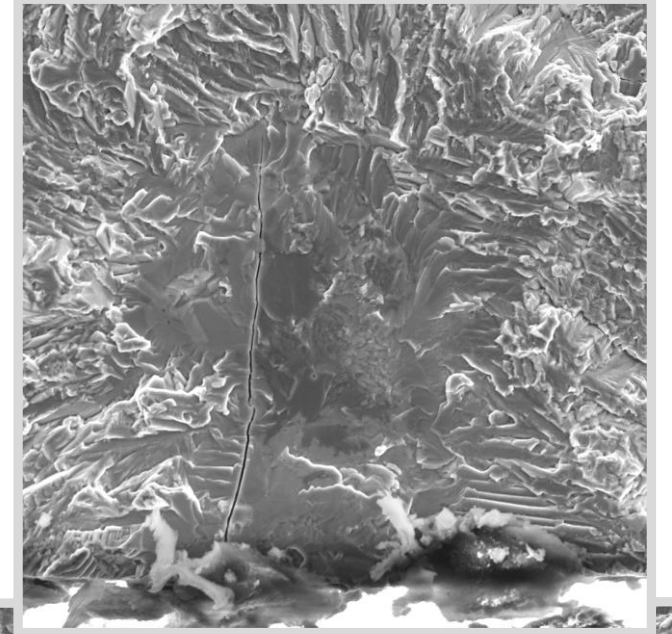
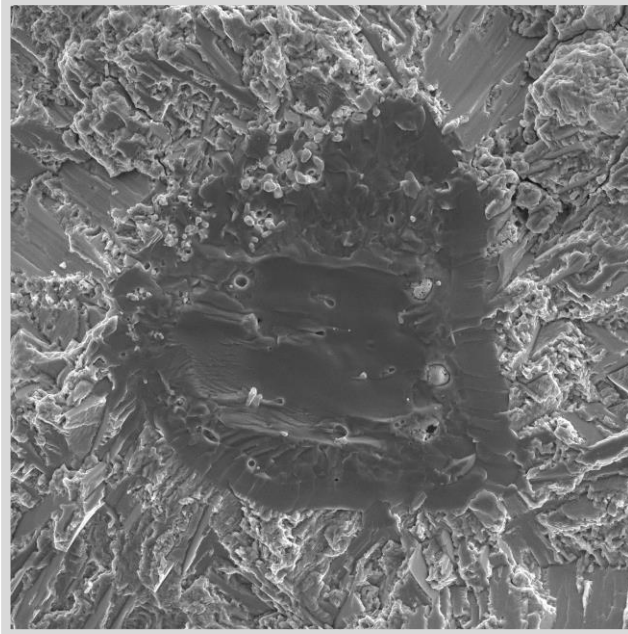
# EBM porosity: failure to heal?



0.4% porosity as-printed



$100\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 0.1\mu\text{m}$   
 $\Delta d_{\text{pore}}$  for ideal gas  
under HIP conditions

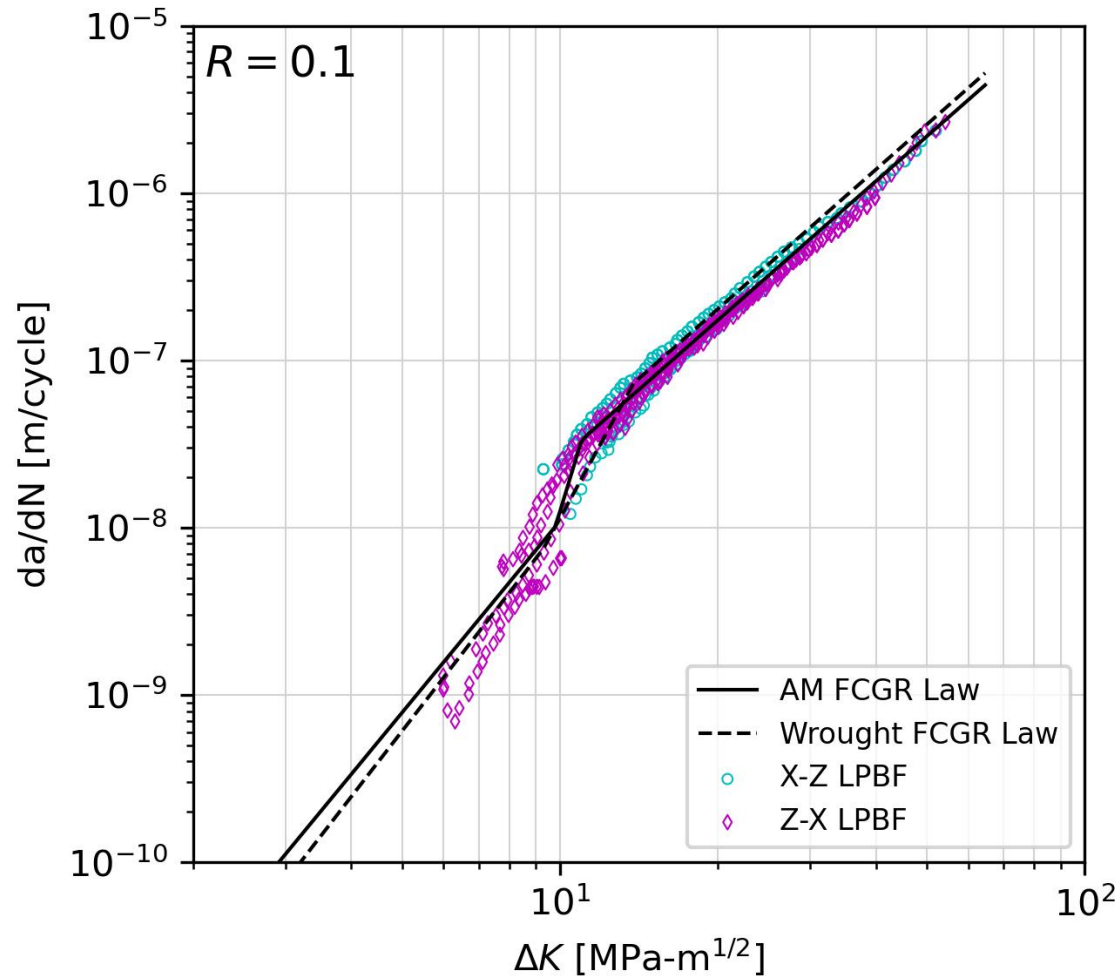


~0% porosity HIP'ed

ATORY



## FCGR results, and model



### Features, shortcomings

- Continuous three-part piecewise Paris-law fit
- NASA EBM data<sup>1</sup> used for lowest- $\Delta K$  branch
- Small-crack behavior treated as extrapolation to arbitrarily small sizes
- Wrought data from prior AFRL effort<sup>2</sup> fitted
- All AM data pooled – currently only  $R=0.1$ , LPBF

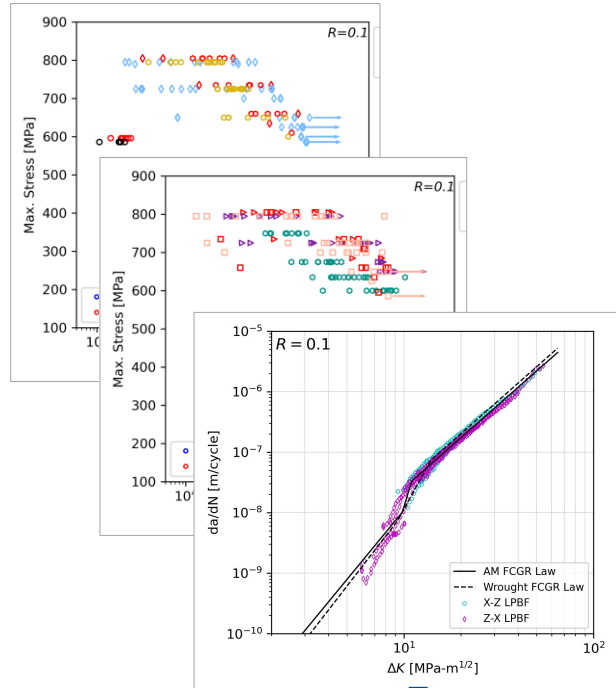
### Pending refinements

- Small crack growth treatment
- Multiple  $R$
- Differentiation of EBM, LPBF
- Internal vs. external CGR law

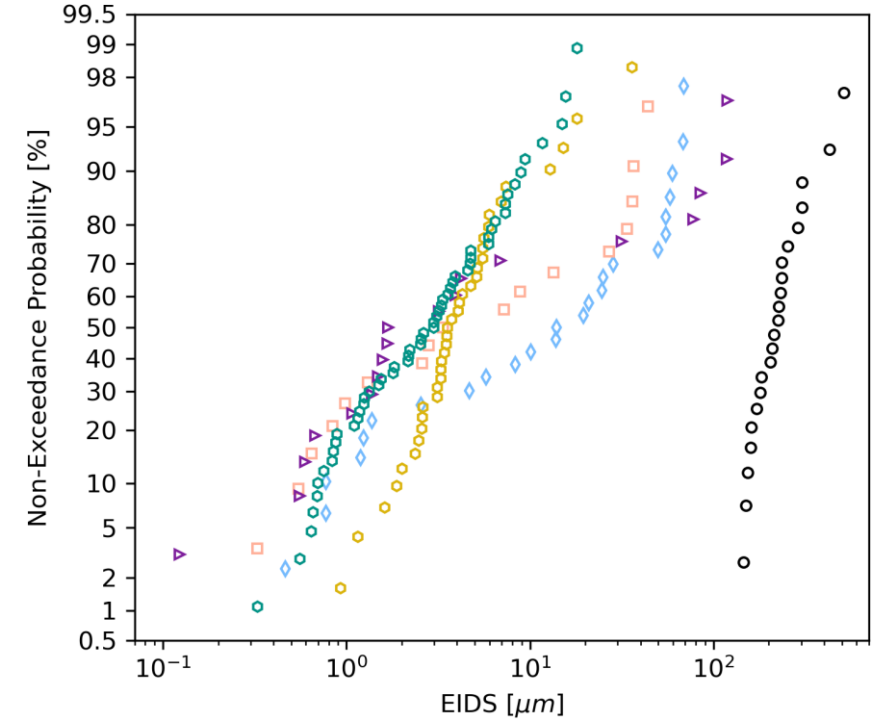
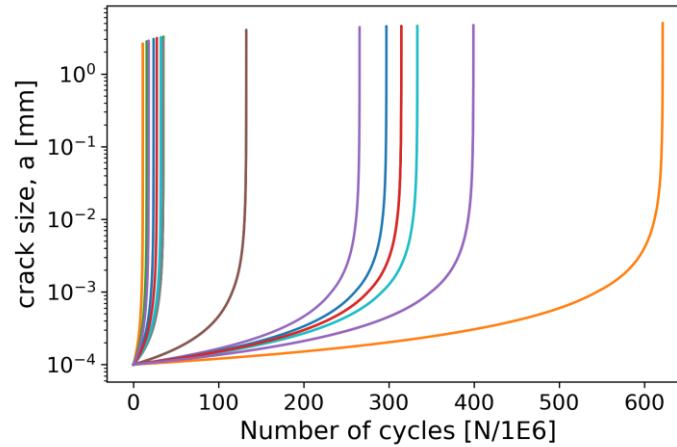
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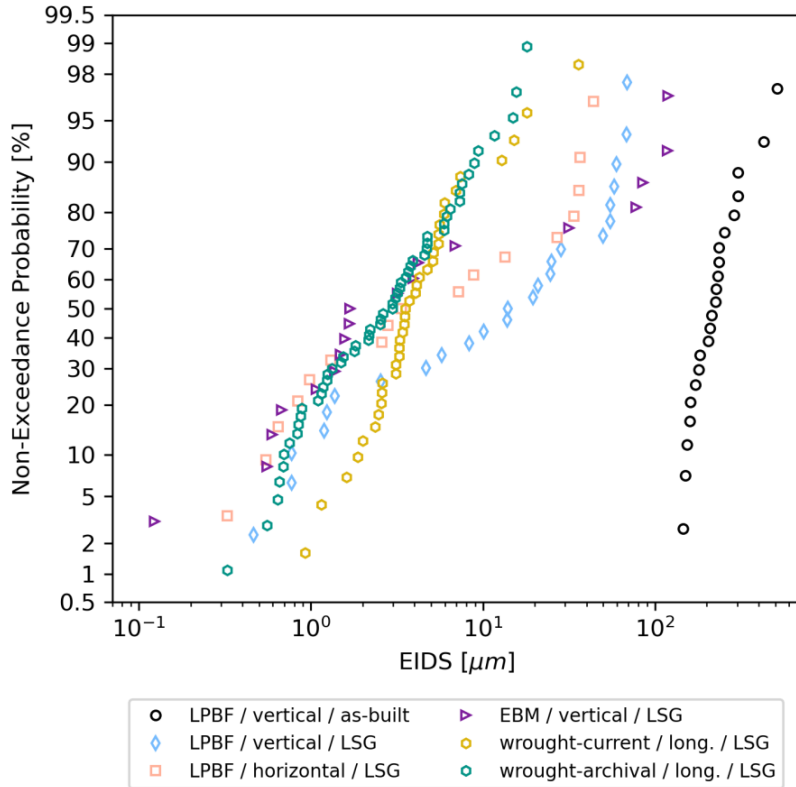


*Newman-Raju K solution for semi-elliptical surface crack embedded in a rod in tension*



- LPBF / vertical / as-built
- ◇ LPBF / vertical / LSG
- LPBF / horizontal / LSG
- ▽ EBM / vertical / LSG
- wrought-current / long. / LSG
- wrought-archival / long. / LSG

# EIDS comparisons



**EIDS<sub>max</sub> relationships**

As-built AM ≈ 4-12x machined AM  
 Machined LPBF ≈ 1-2x machined wrought

Table 1: Damage sizes for DADT crack growth analyses<sup>1</sup>

Part Criticality	Durability requirement		Damage Tolerance requirement	
	P <sub>exceed</sub>	EIDS <sub>min</sub> [μm]	P <sub>exceed</sub>	EIDS <sub>min</sub> [μm]
NC	1x10 <sup>-1</sup>	250	–	–
FC or DC	1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	250	1x10 <sup>-7</sup>	1300

1. AFLCMC/EZ, Structures Bulletin EZ-SB-19-01, (2019).

Table 4: Maximum EIDS values for each specimen class

Specimen class	Total number of specimens	Number of valid, non-runout specimens	Number of specimens in EIDS plot <sup>1</sup>	EIDS <sub>90</sub> [μm] <sup>2</sup>	EIDS <sub>max</sub> [μm] <sup>3</sup>
LPBF / vertical / as-built	53	22	22	426	512
LPBF / vertical / LSG	57	40	25	68	69
LPBF / horizontal / LSG	50	34	17	36	44
EBM / vertical / LSG	57	39	19	118	119
wrought-current / long. / LSG	58	37	37	13	36
wrought-archival / long. / LSG	75	75	75	9	18

1. EIDS data are plotted for tests that were valid, not run-outs, and which exhibited surface initiation
2. Smallest value in the EIDS distribution having a probability of non-exceedance of at least 90%
3. Maximum value in the EIDS distribution for the number of samples in the EIDS plot



# SUMMARY



# Summary

- ~500 bars being fatigue tested, paired with FCGR curves to produce EIDS values
- Fabrication variables: AM Modality (+ forging), as-built surface, orientation, bar size\*, heat treatment\*, load mission\*  
*\*Testing is pending*
- Initiating features are specific to fabrication modality (surface roughness, crystallographic, as-deposited porosity, HIP-unhealed porosity, alpha particles)
- Fabrication-specific EIDS trends emerging – formal analysis of distribution pending



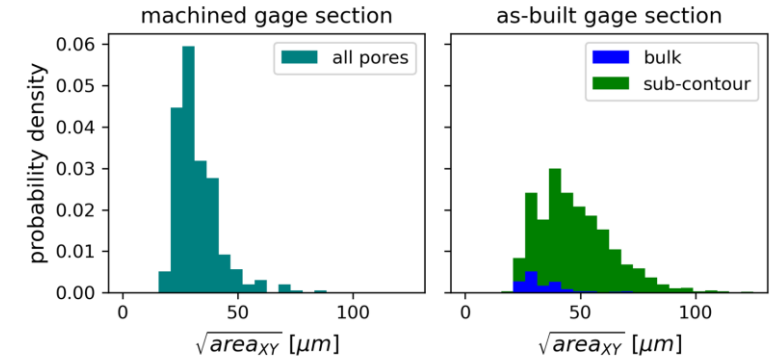
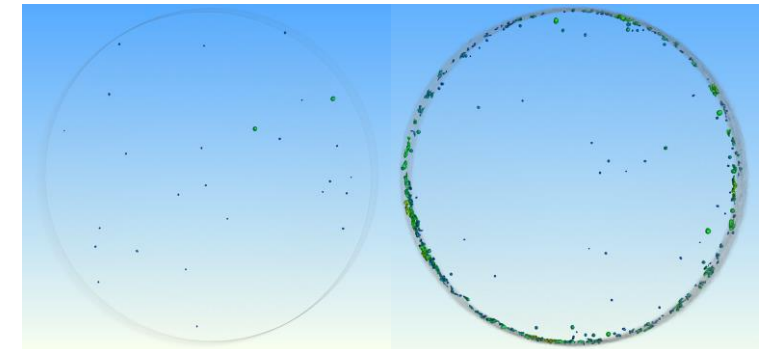
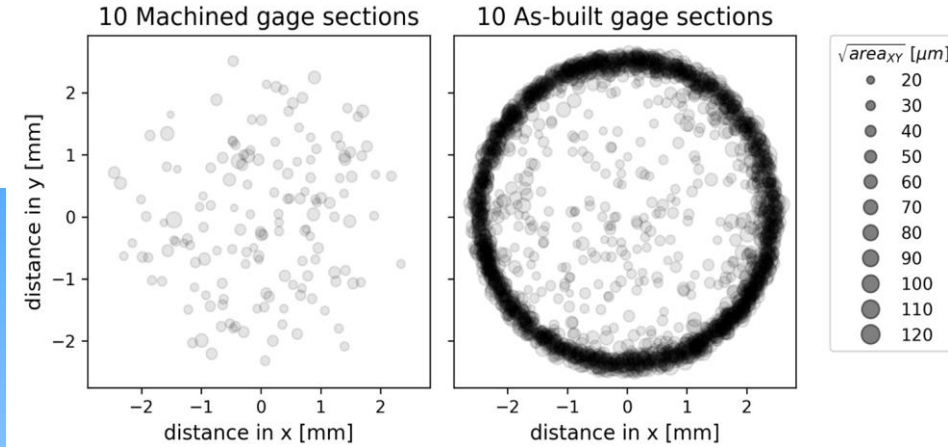
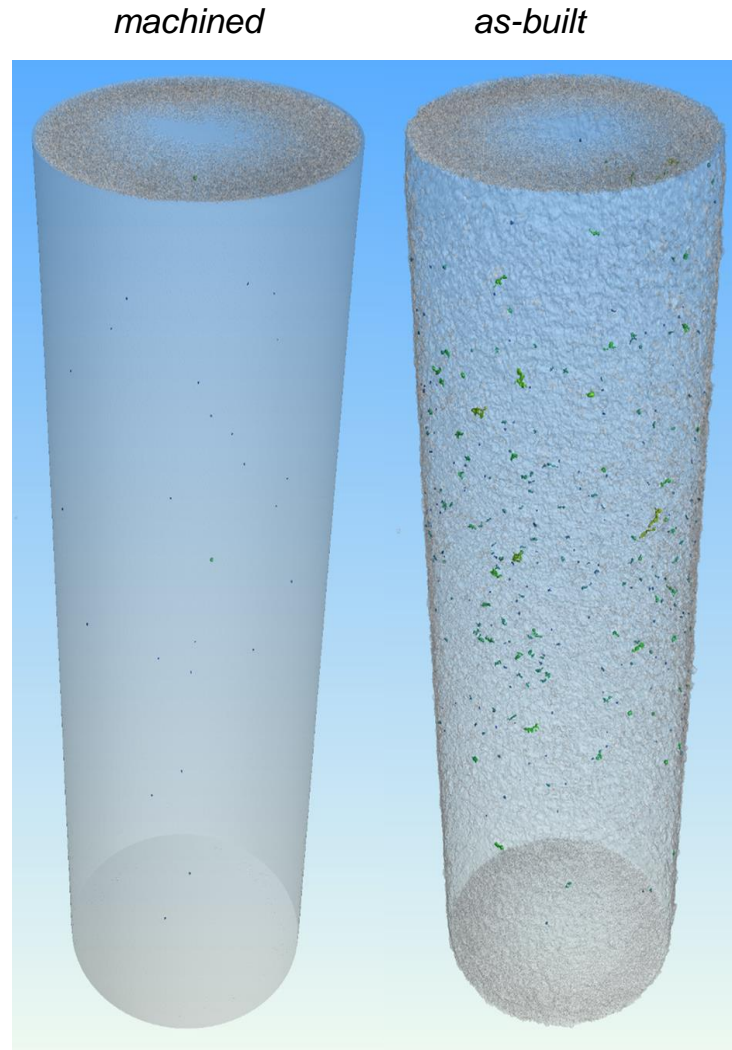
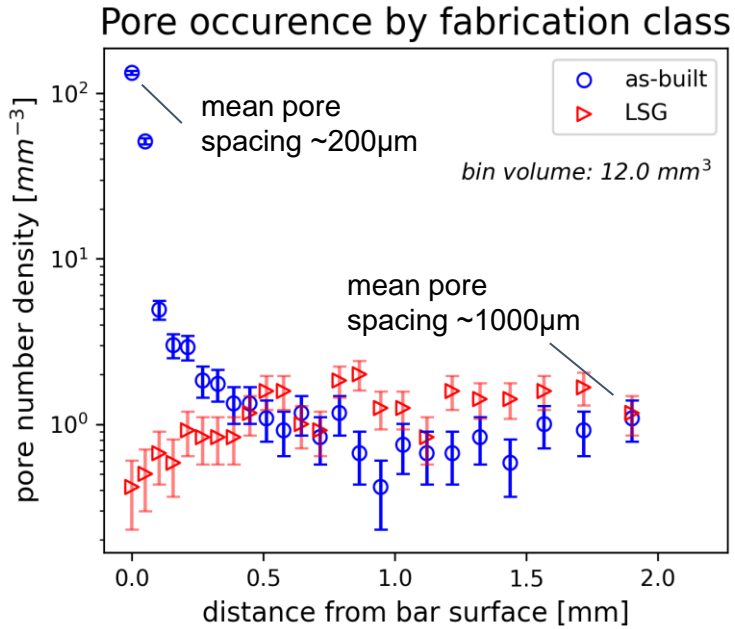
# QUESTIONS?



# BACK-UP



# LPBF porosity measured by CT



- Baseline porosity content  $\sim 1\text{mm}^{-3}$
- As-built bars have significant sub-contour porosity
- Beam hardening may be affecting pore detection near surface