



# Structural Failure Analysis

Wed., May 22, 10 am CDT

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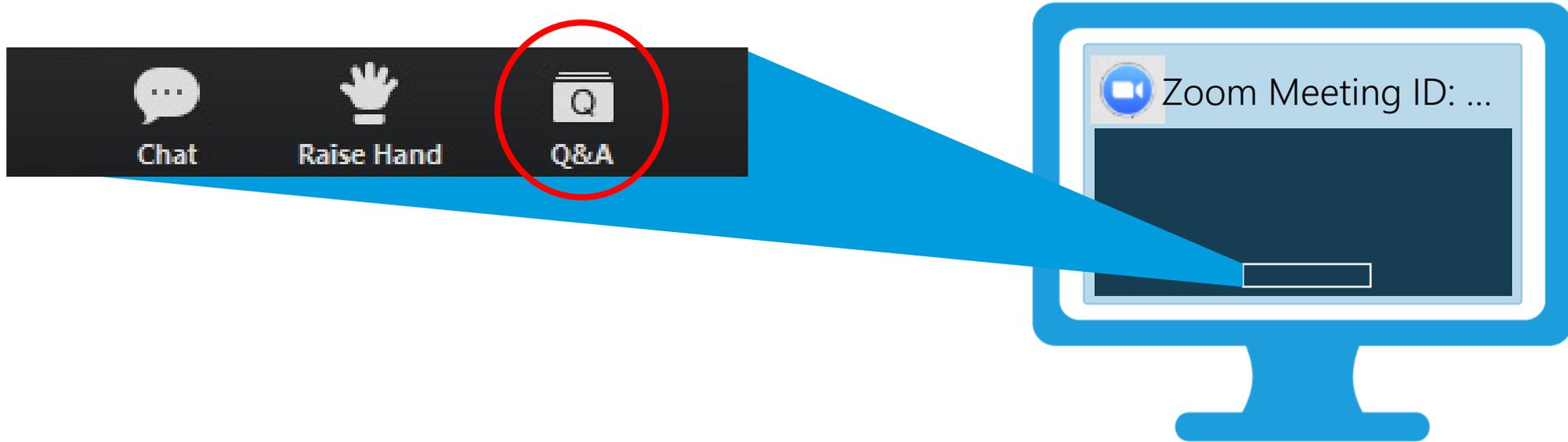


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Co-presenter: **Angela Criswell** | Director of X-ray Imaging

Host: **Tom Concolino** | X-Ray Diffraction and X-Ray Imaging  
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# Decoding Defects: Failure Analysis Using X-ray CT

## Structural failure analysis

# What is Structural Failure Analysis ?

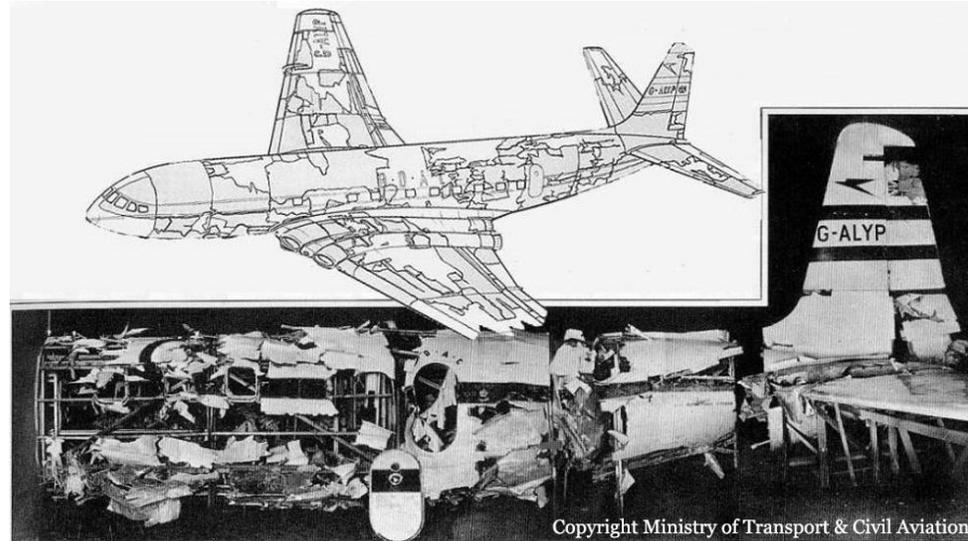


## You will learn

- What is structural failure
- What leads to structural failure
- What are signs of potential failure
- How X-ray CT helps you navigate

# Cost of structure failure

- Catastrophic disaster



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# Cost of structure failure

- Catastrophic disaster

**UK public buildings feared to be at risk of collapse as concrete crumbles**

**Ministers launch inquiry into use of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC)**



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**Sydney apartment complex 'at threat of collapse' after 'serious defects' found in concrete, NSW Building Commission order says**

By Millie Roberts and Penny Timms

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# Cost of structure failure

- Failing product

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# Cost of structure failure

- Failing product



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# Polling Question #1



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# What is Fracture ?

The separation or fragmentation of a **structure** into two or more parts, under the action of stresses.

— *Mechanical Behavior of Materials*  
by Mer Meyers and Krishan Chawla



## Types of fracture

- Simple fracture
- Impact fracture
- Fatigue fracture
- Environment assisted fracture

# Simple fracture



Force too strong for intended condition

# Impact fracture



Concentrated force in short period of time

# Fatigue fracture

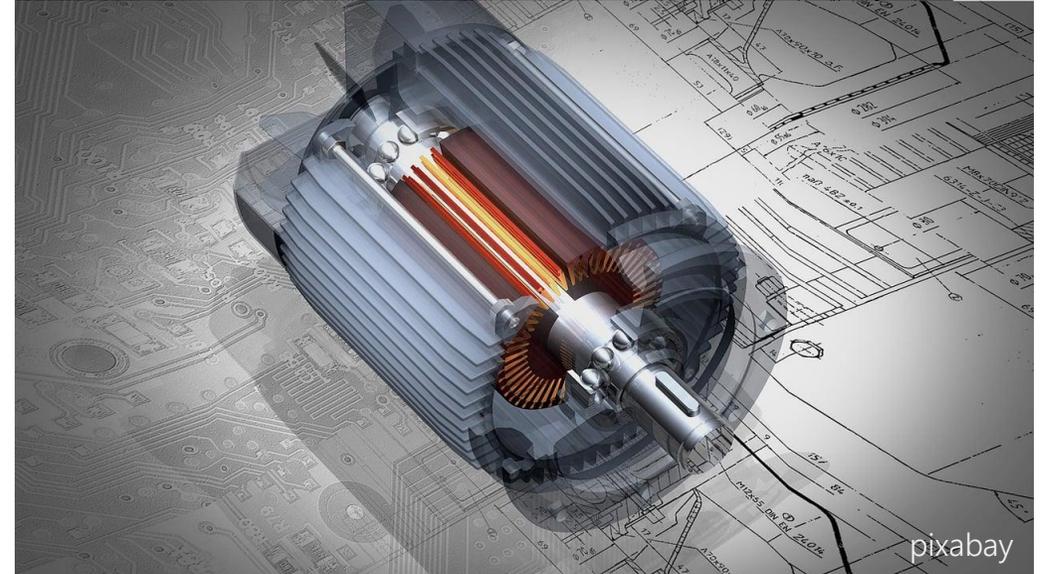


Great number of loading cycle

# Environment assisted fracture



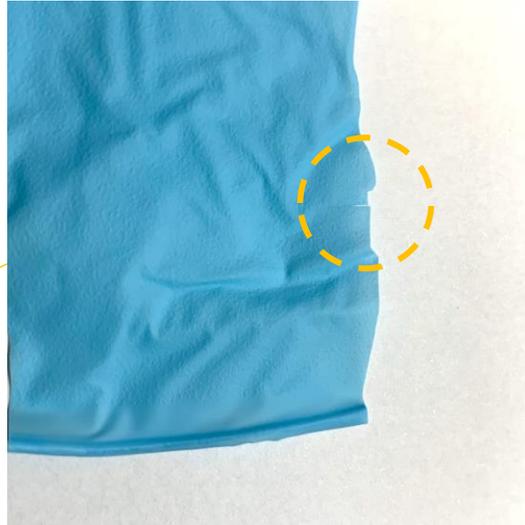
Corrosion cracking



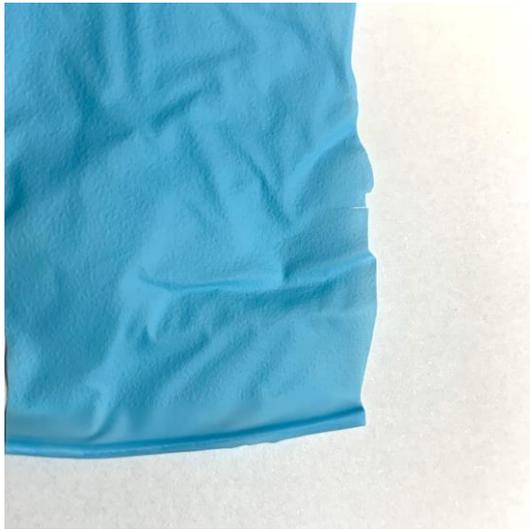
High temperature failure (Creep)

# How does Fracture happen?

# Process of fracture



# Process of fracture

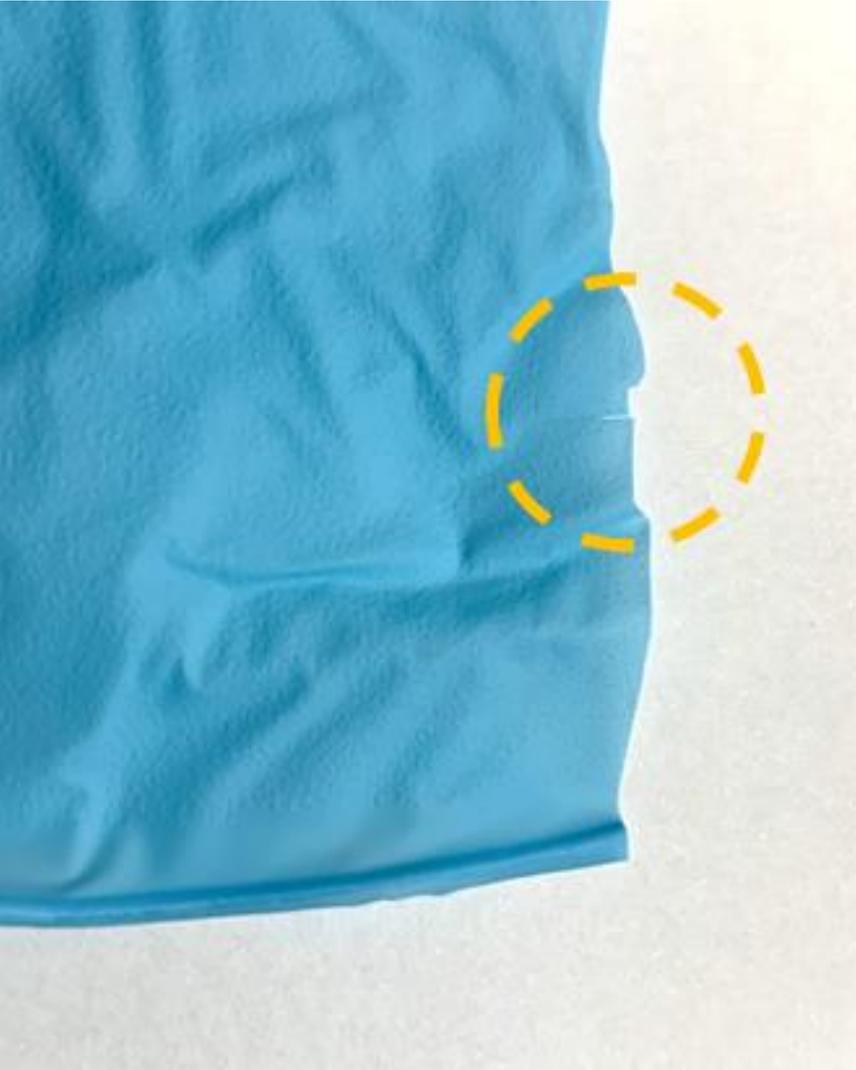


Damage accumulation

Nucleation of more  
cracks / voids

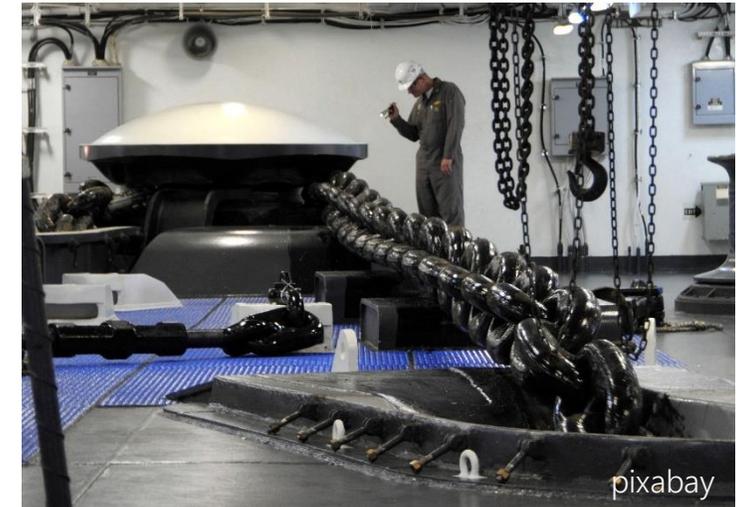
Growth of  
cracks / voids

Rupture



# Damage accumulation

- Field inspection (Surface level)





# Nucleation of more cracks or voids

- Field inspection (Internal structure)
- Quality assurance
- R&D



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## Growth/coalescence of cracks or voids

- Mining, drilling
- Academic research





# Rupture

- Post-mortem analysis
- Quality assurance
- R&D
- Everyone

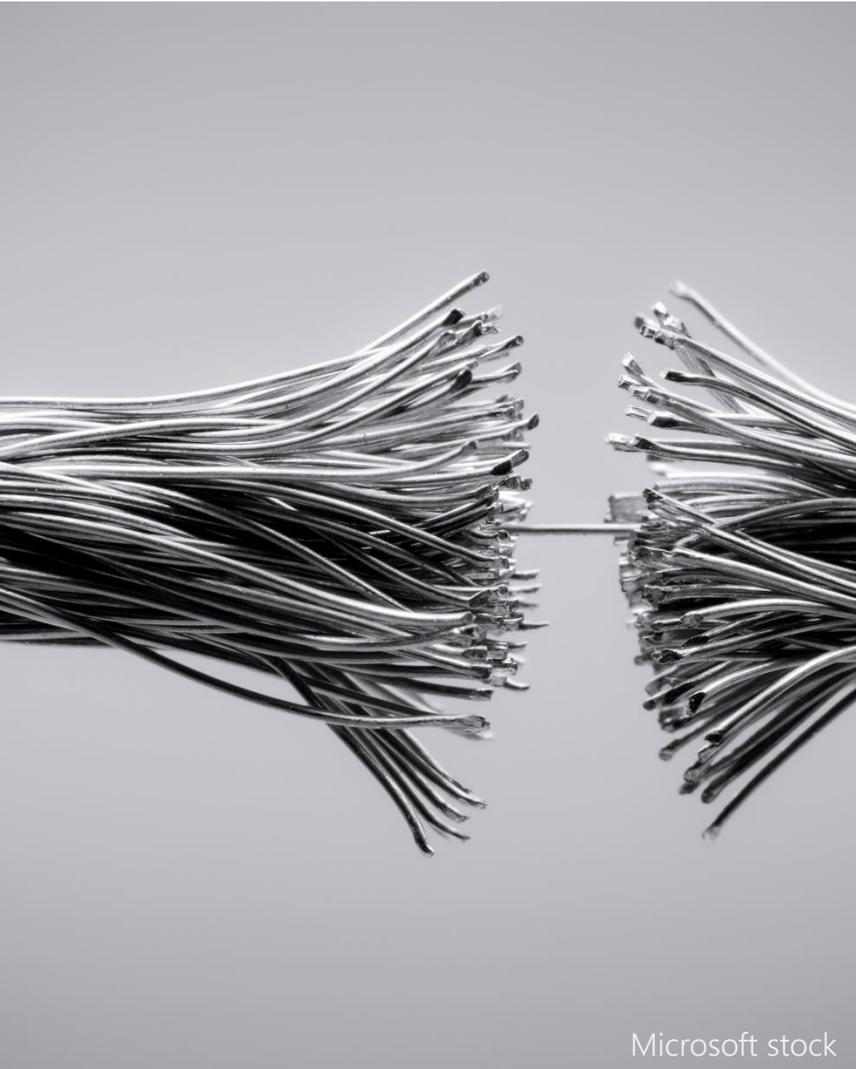


# Polling Question #2



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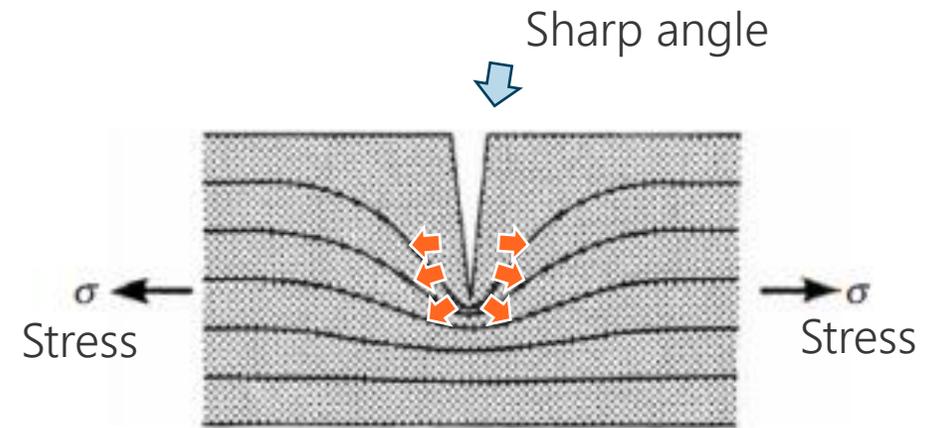
# How to spot Fracture potential?



## Structural weak points

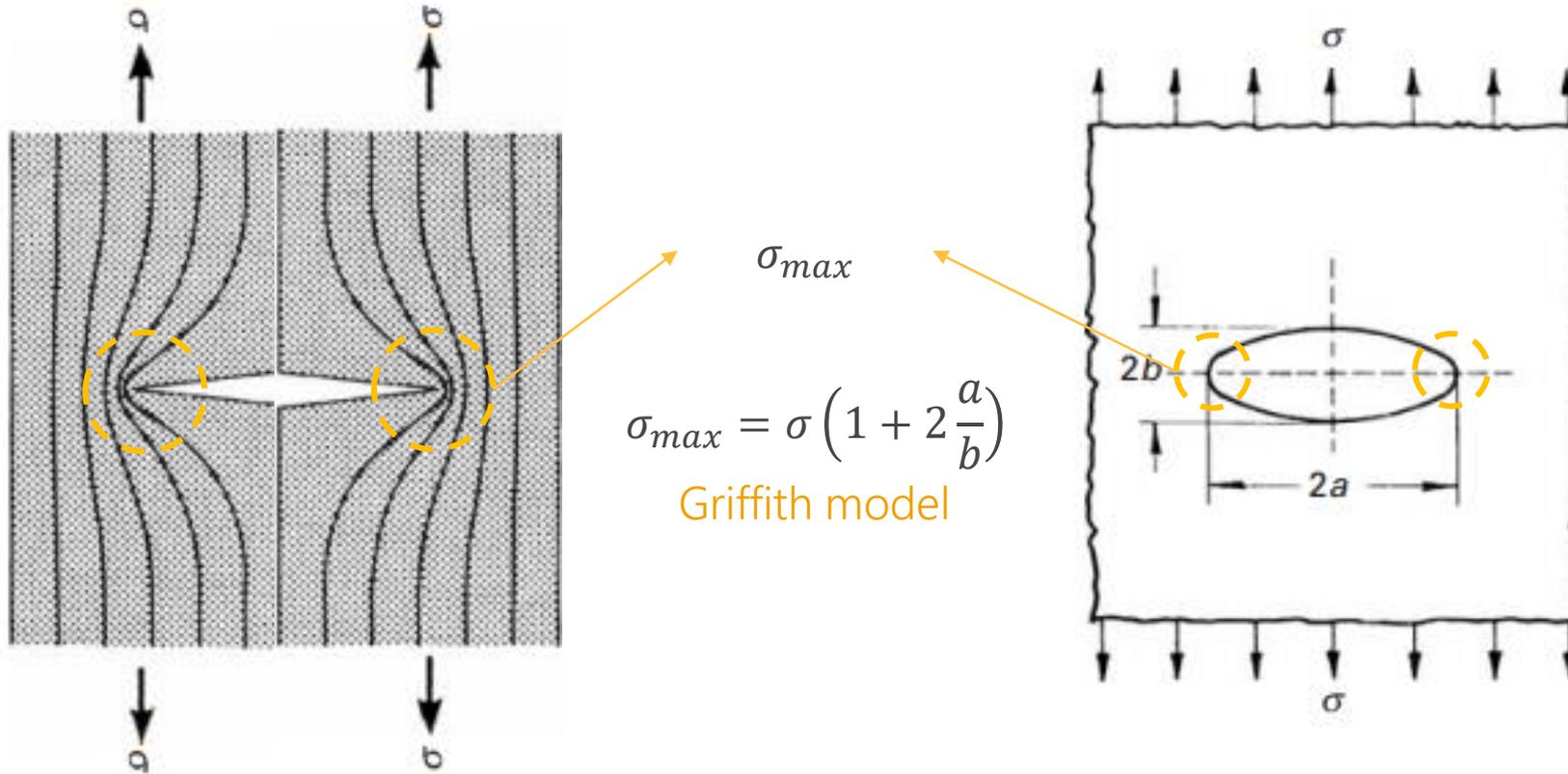
- Sharp angle
- Cracks
- Pores/voids
- Others

# Sharp Angle



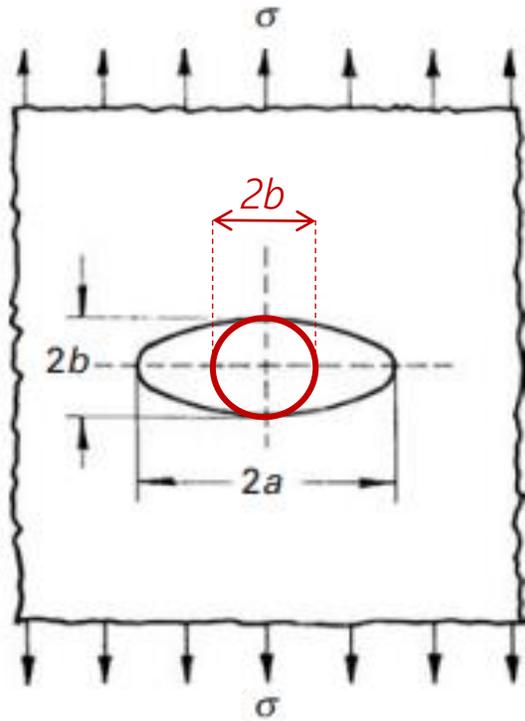
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# Cracks



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# Pores / voids

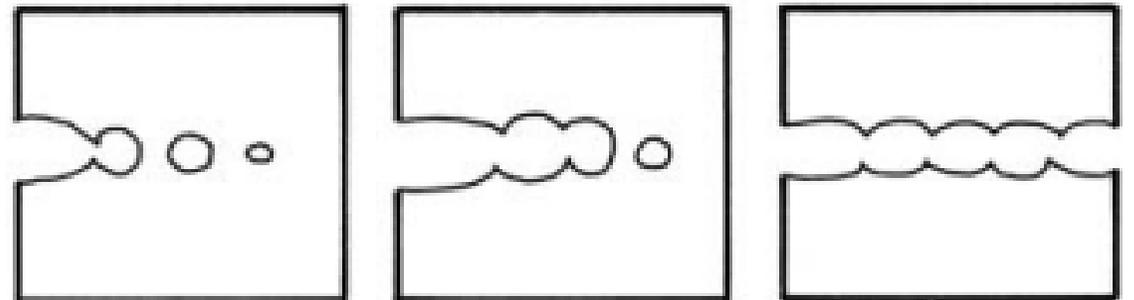
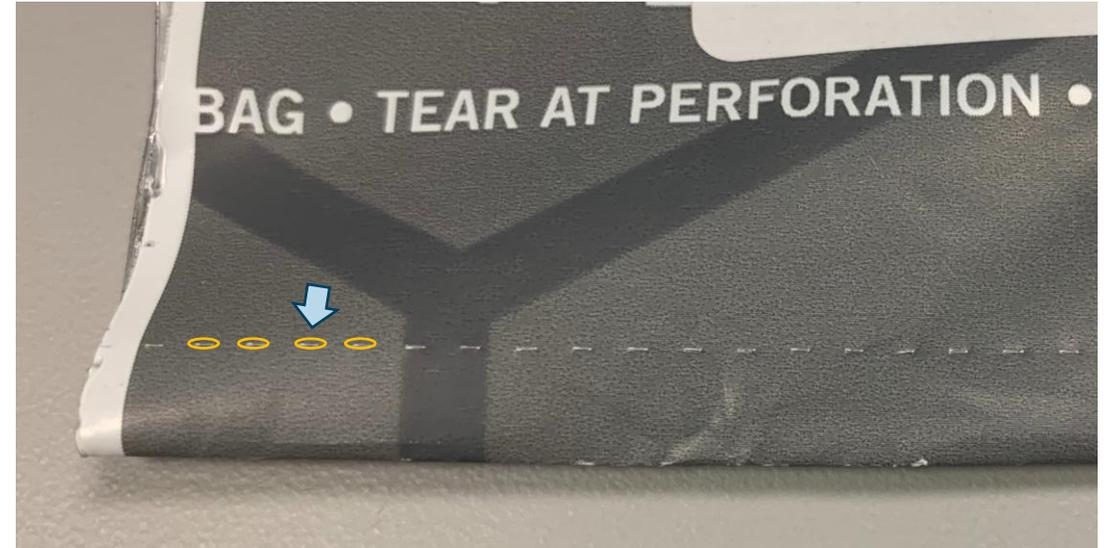


Griffith model

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma \left( 1 + 2 \frac{a}{b} \right)$$



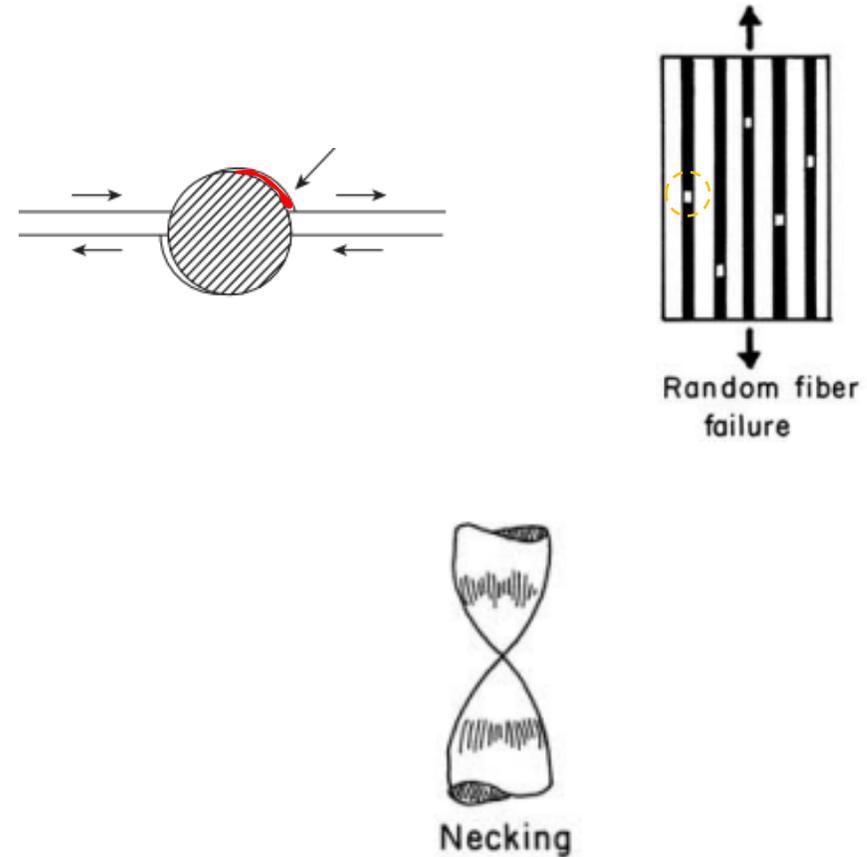
$$\sigma_{max} = 3\sigma$$



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# Others

- Structure specific flaws
  - Inclusion/fiber mismatch
- Reduction of load area
  - Necking/manufacturing error
- Environment specific flaws



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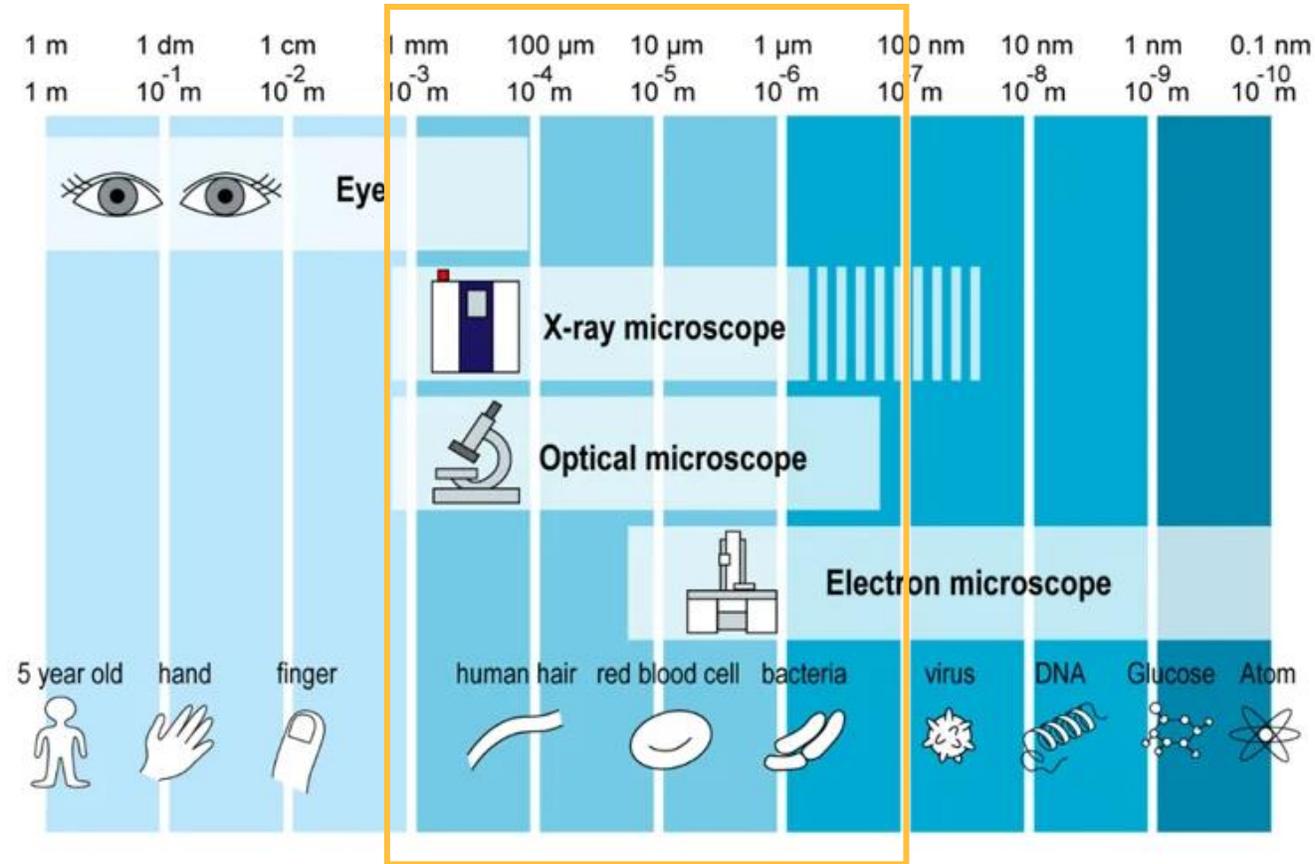
# Structural failure analysis **methods**



## Structural failure analysis methods

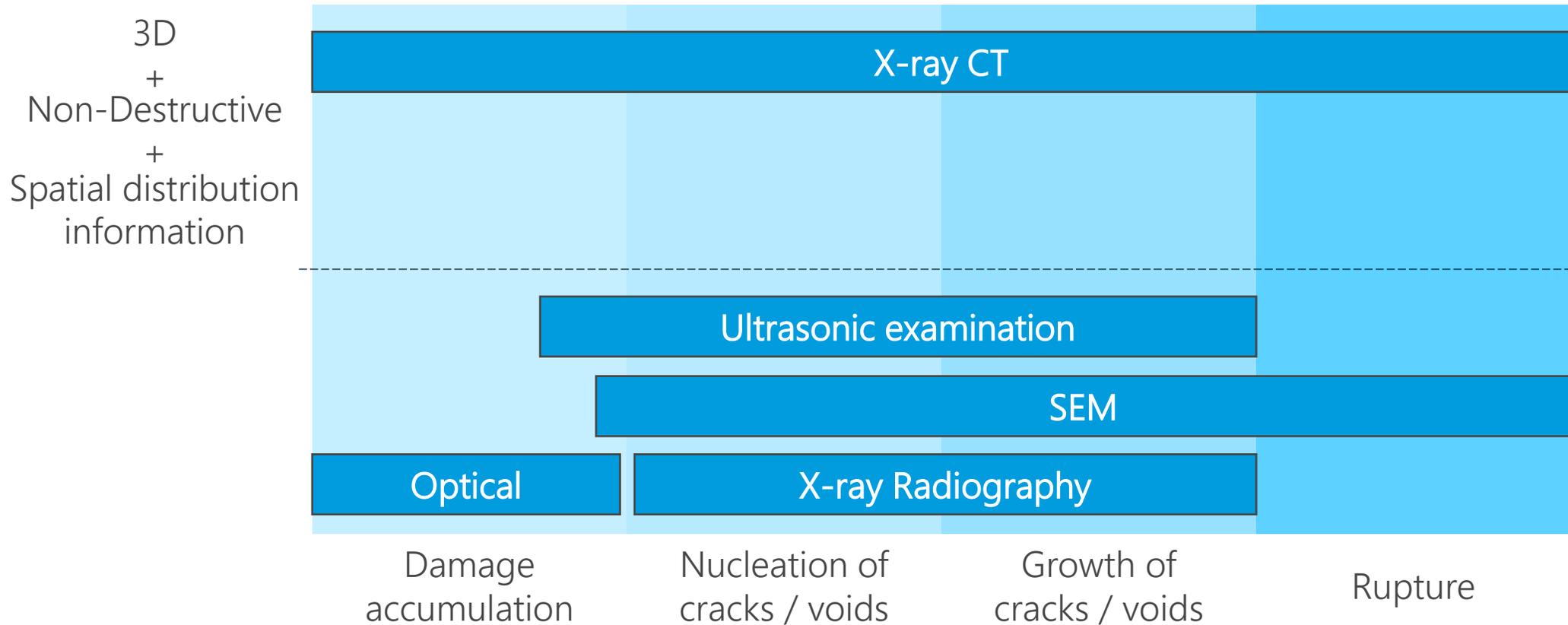
- Material standard testing
- Simulation
- Actual product inspection
  - Microscopy (Optical, SEM)
  - Ultrasonic flaw detection
  - X-ray radiography
  - X-ray CT

# Tools for structural failure analysis

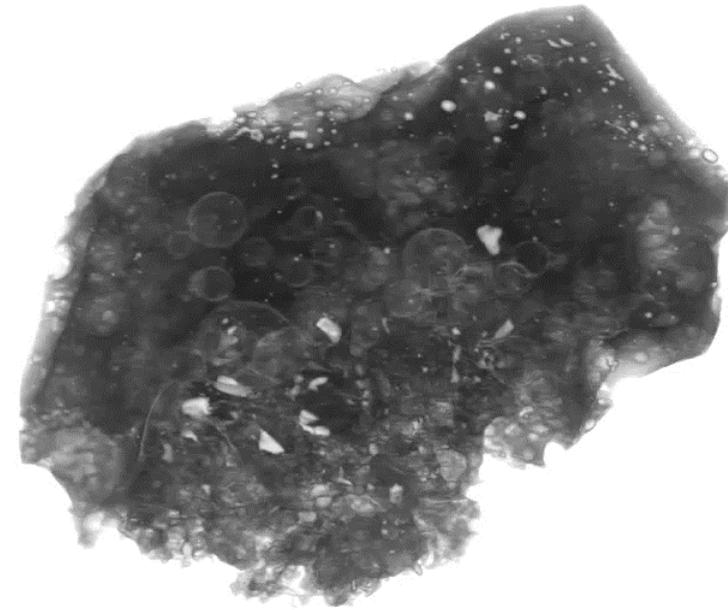


Size range of structural defects

# Why choose X-ray CT?

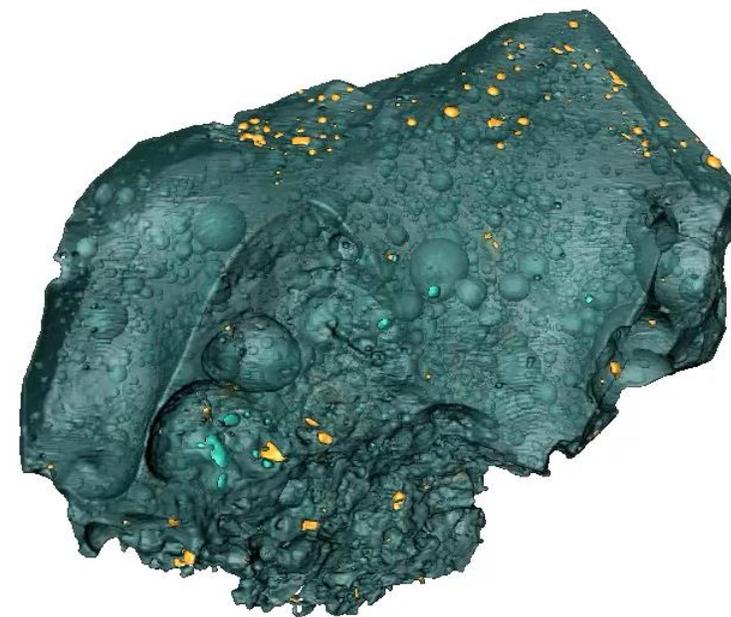
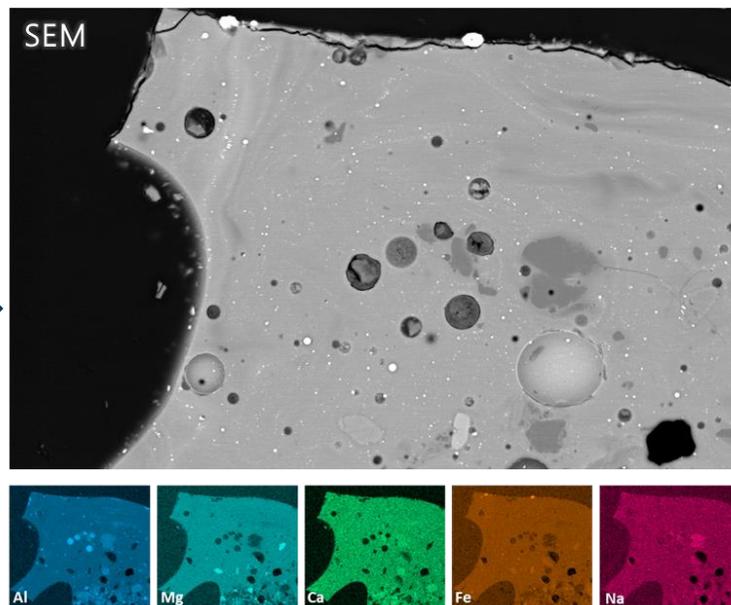
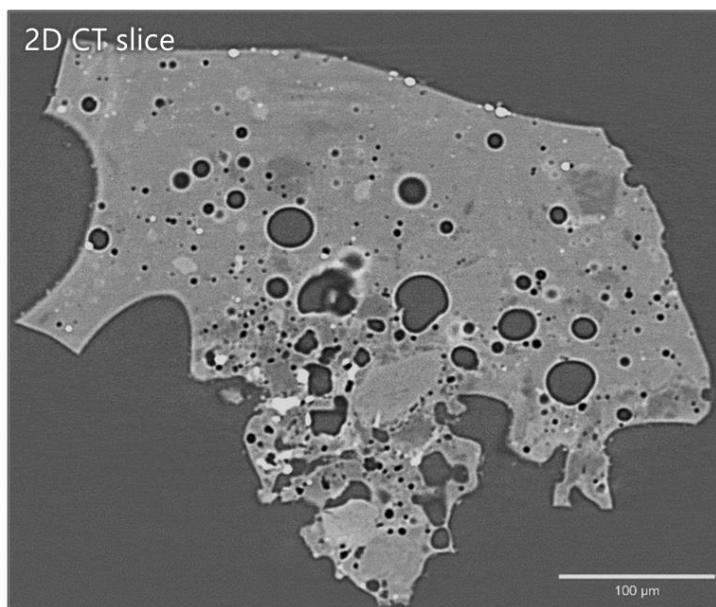


# Structural information from X-ray CT



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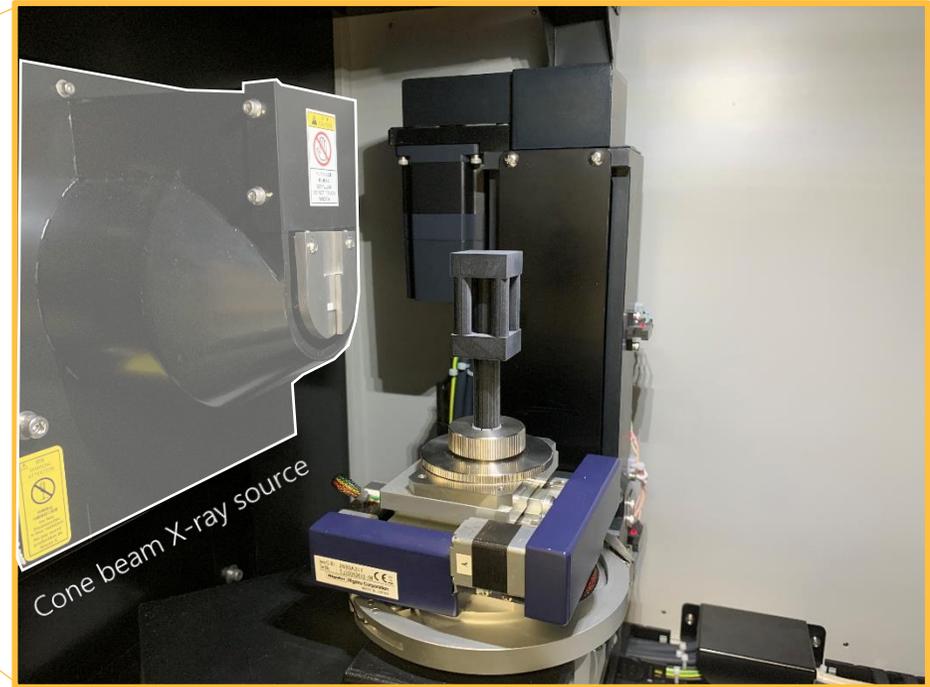


Correlate info from SEM back to 3D CT scan

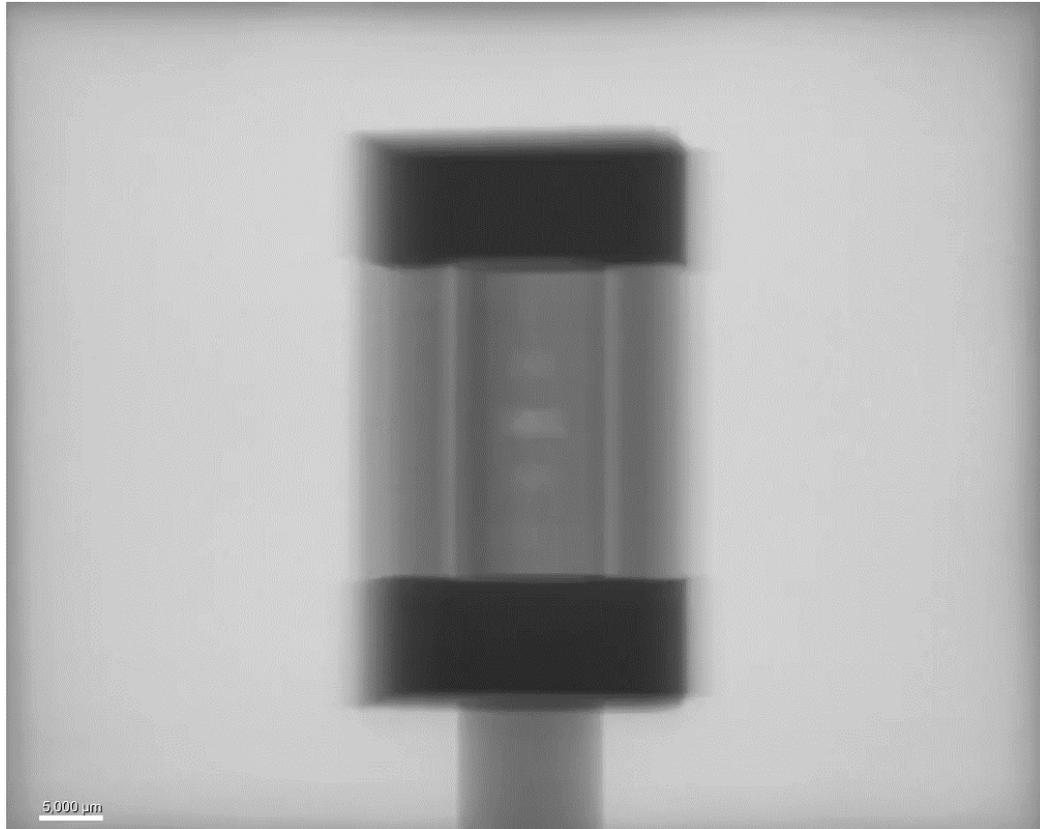
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# Structural failure analysis X-ray CT examples

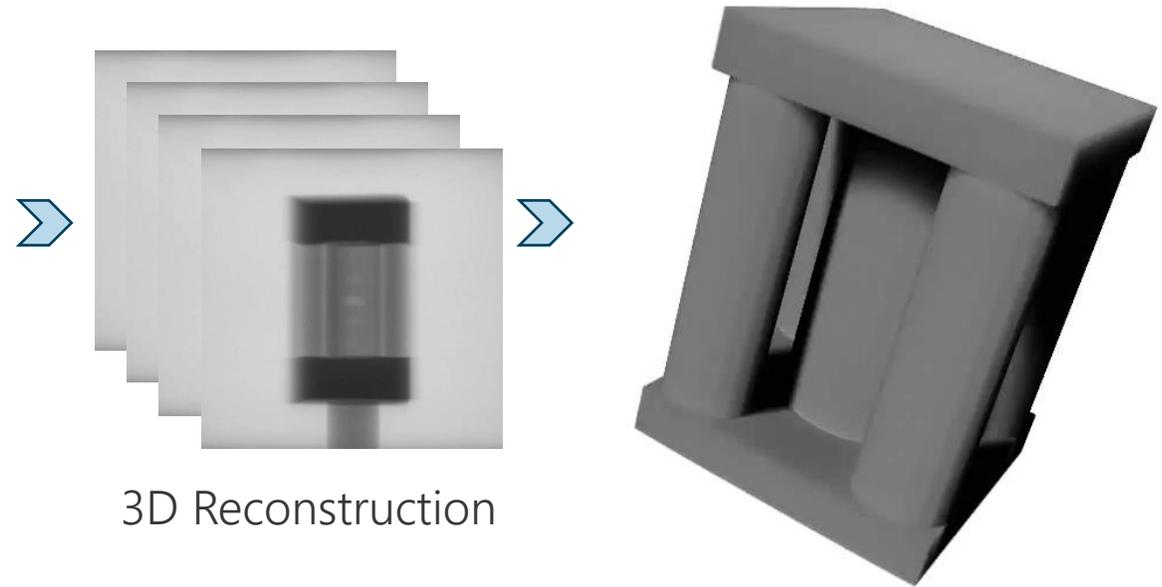
# Analysis example- 3D printed structure



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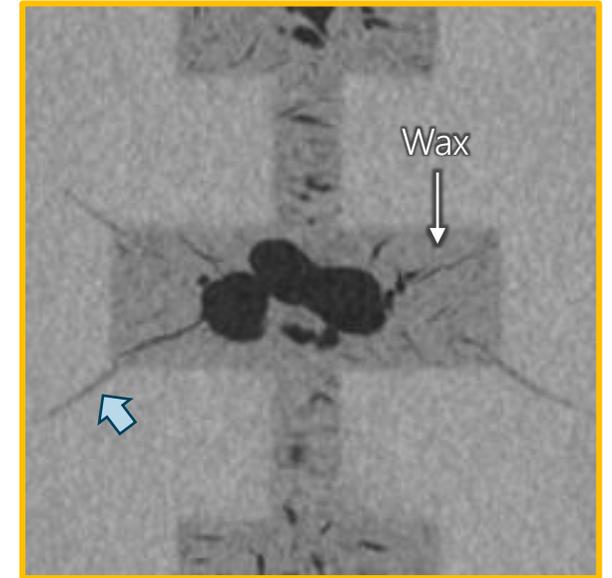
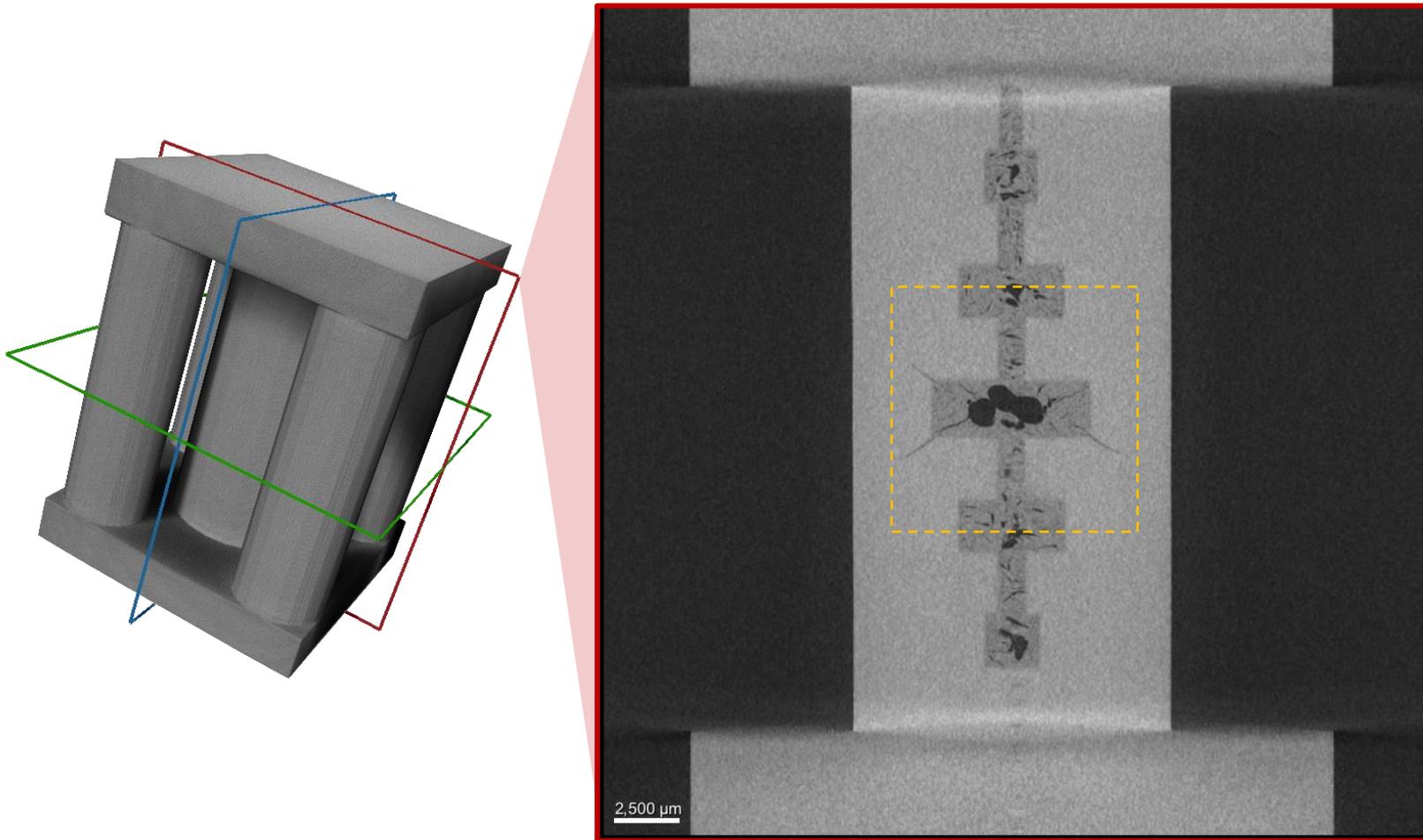


2D Radiograph



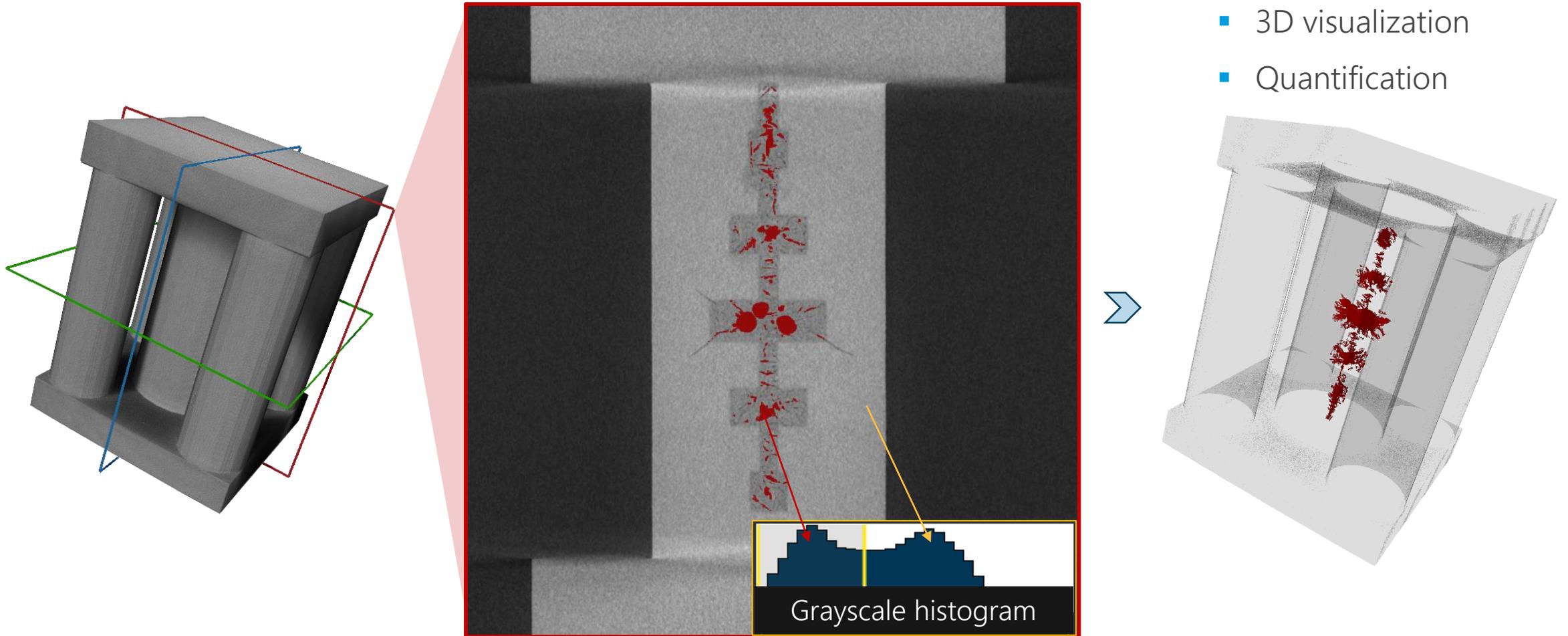
3D Reconstruction

# Analysis example- 3D printed structure

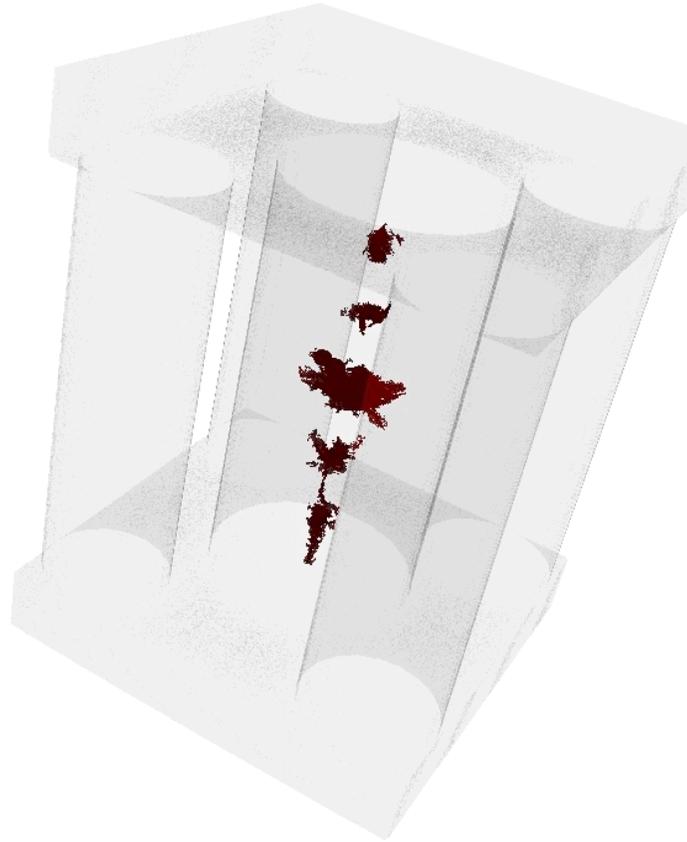


Crack growth into printed material

# Analysis example- 3D Printed Structure



# Analysis example- 3D printed structure



Larger voids

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma \left( 1 + 2 \frac{a}{b} \right)$$

Griffith model

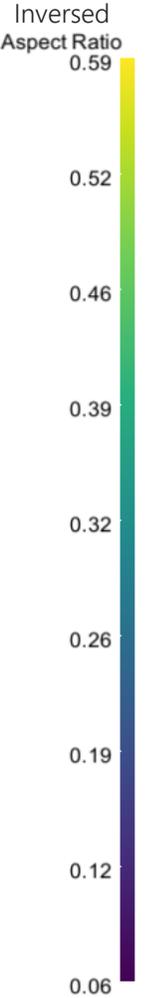


$$\frac{a}{b}$$

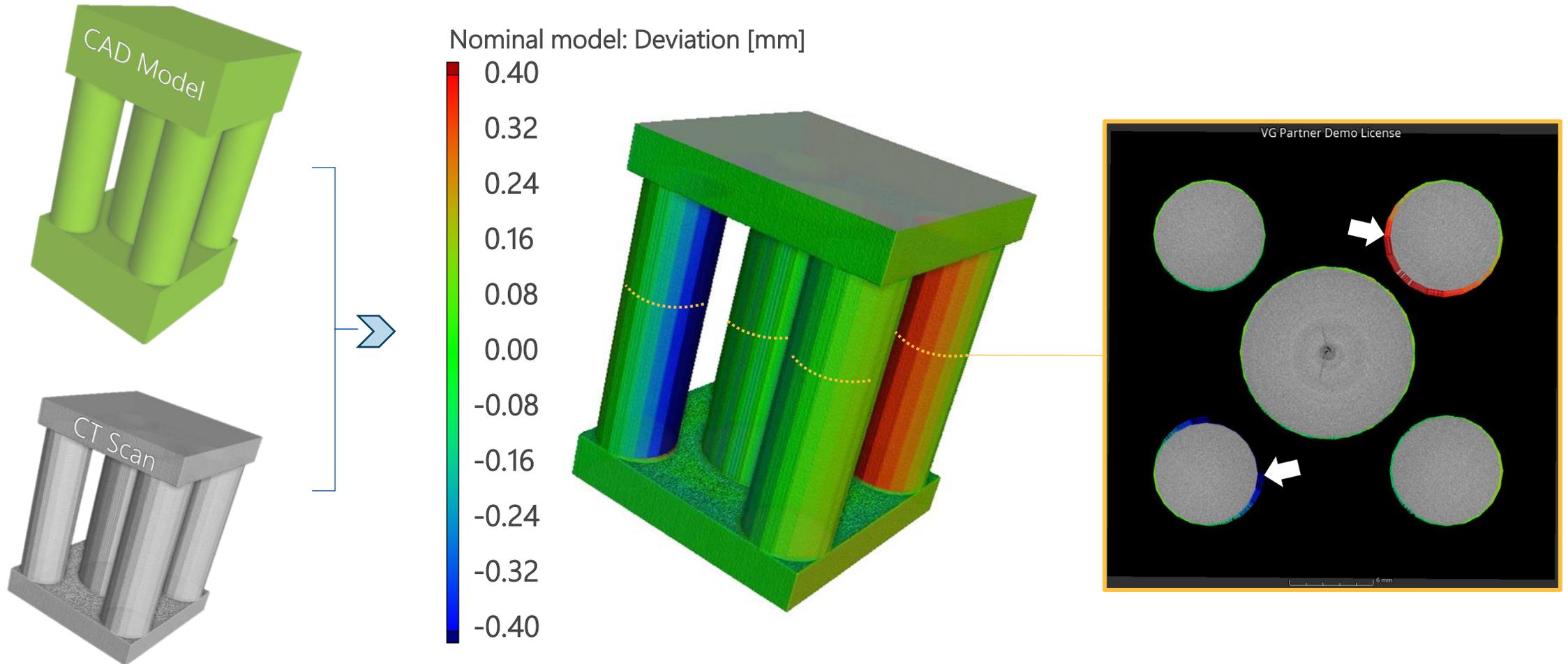
Aspect Ratio



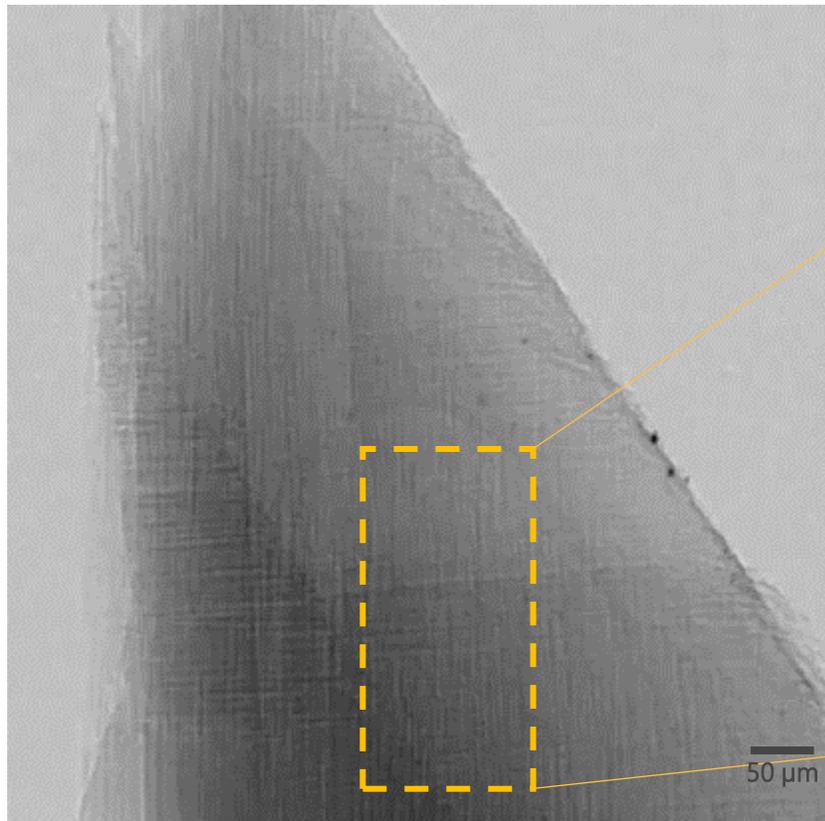
Small pores



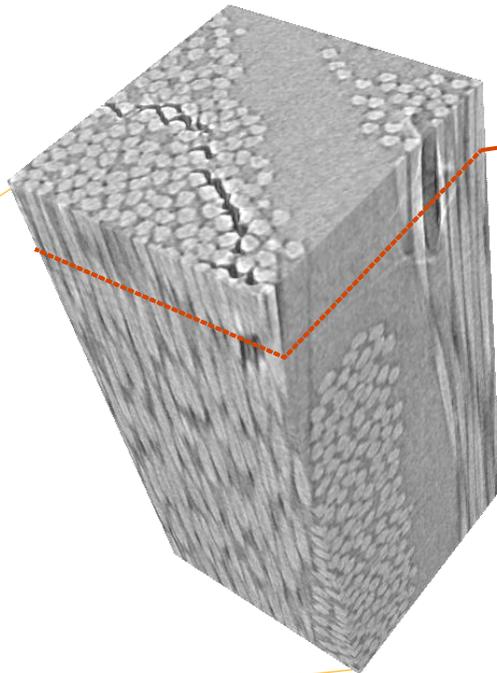
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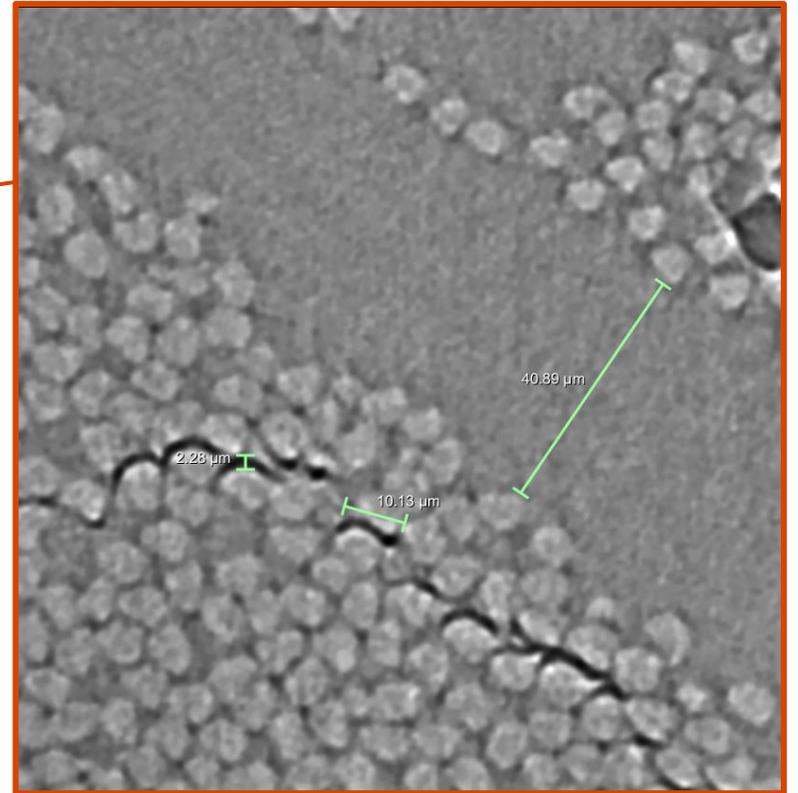
# Analysis example- CFRP



2D Radiograph

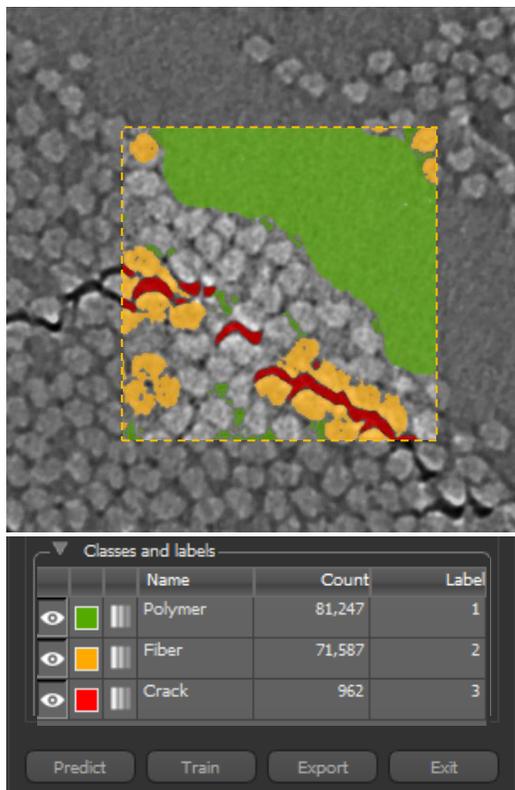


3D Scan

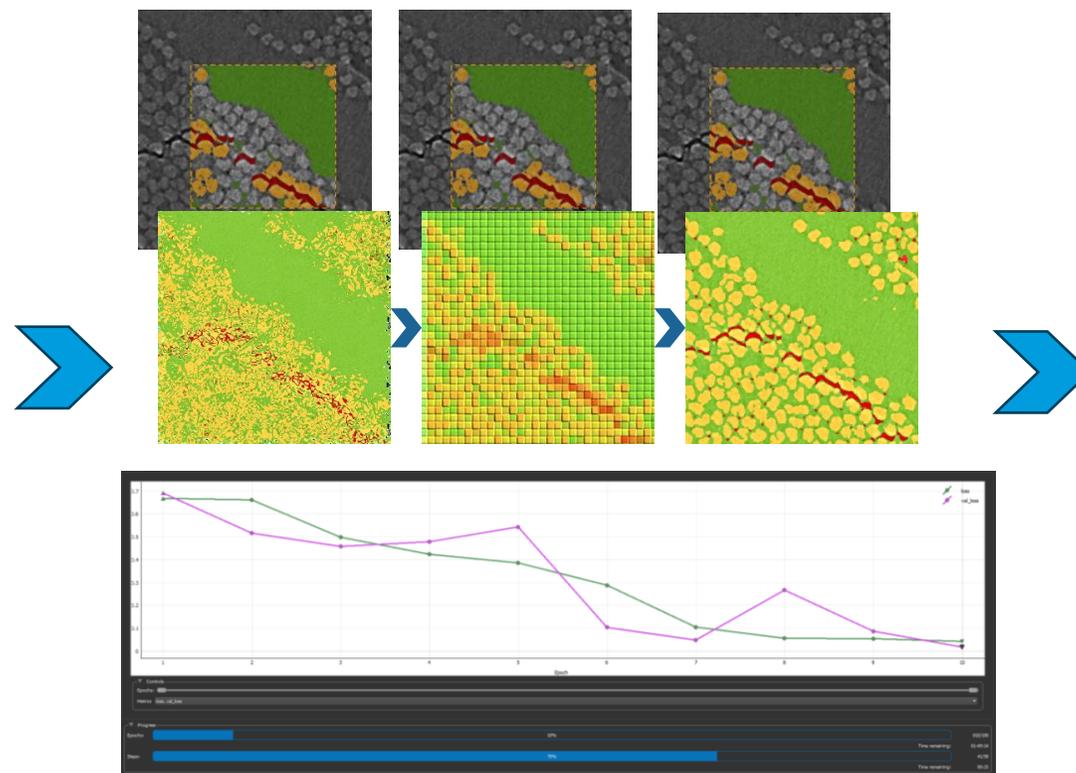


2D Cross section

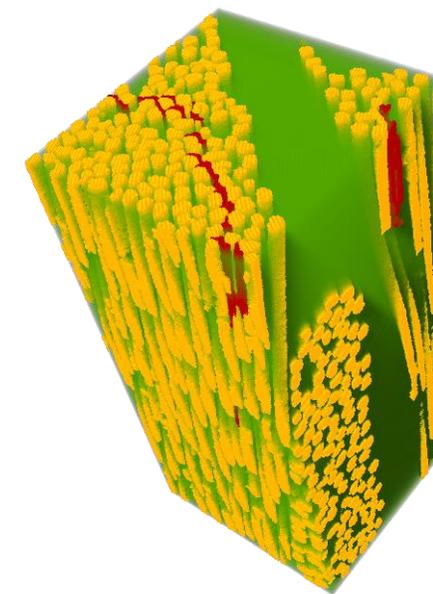
# Analysis example- CFRP



Training data input



Deep learning



3D segmented Data

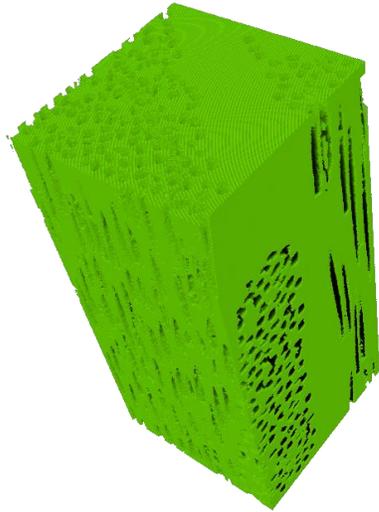
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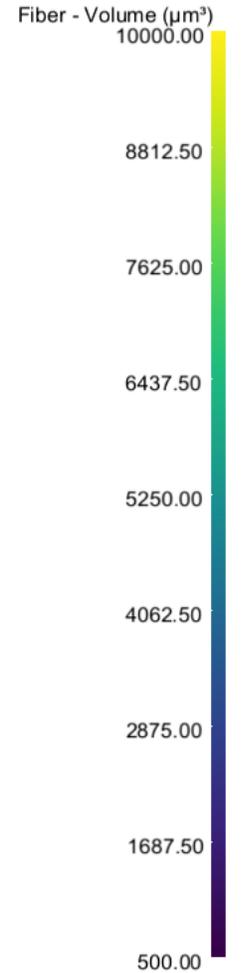
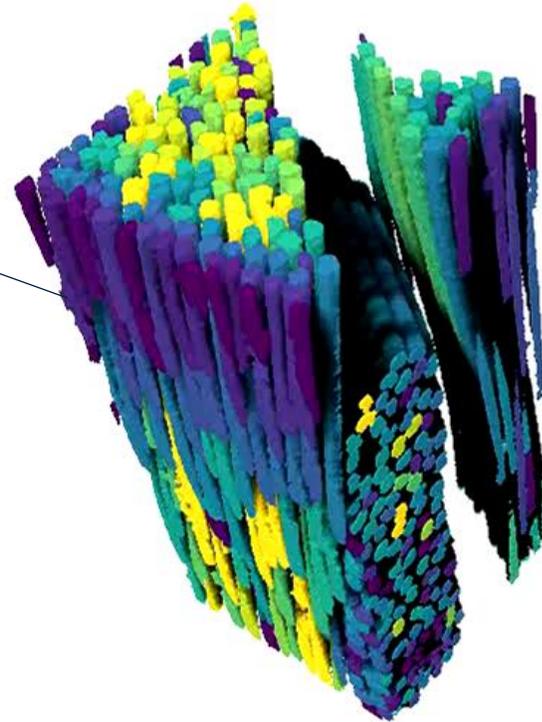
Cracks



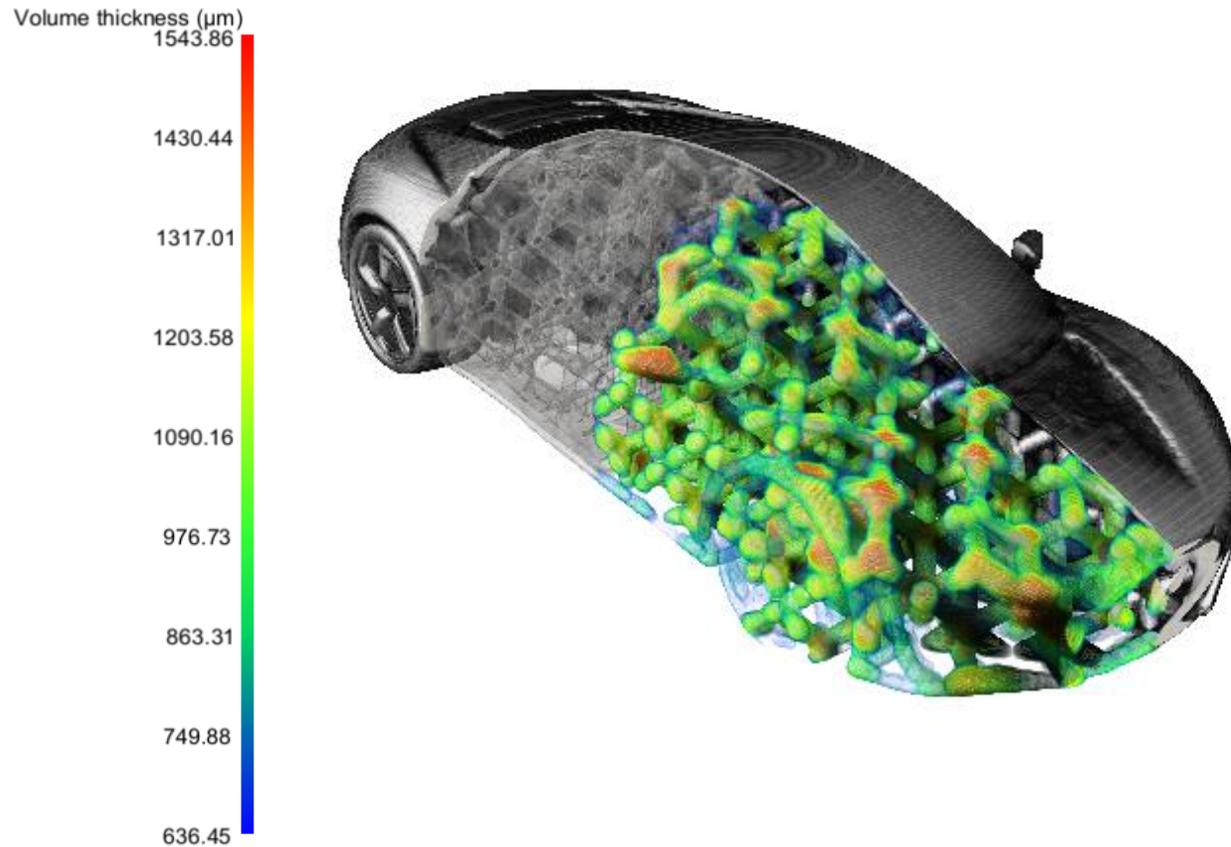
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Fibers



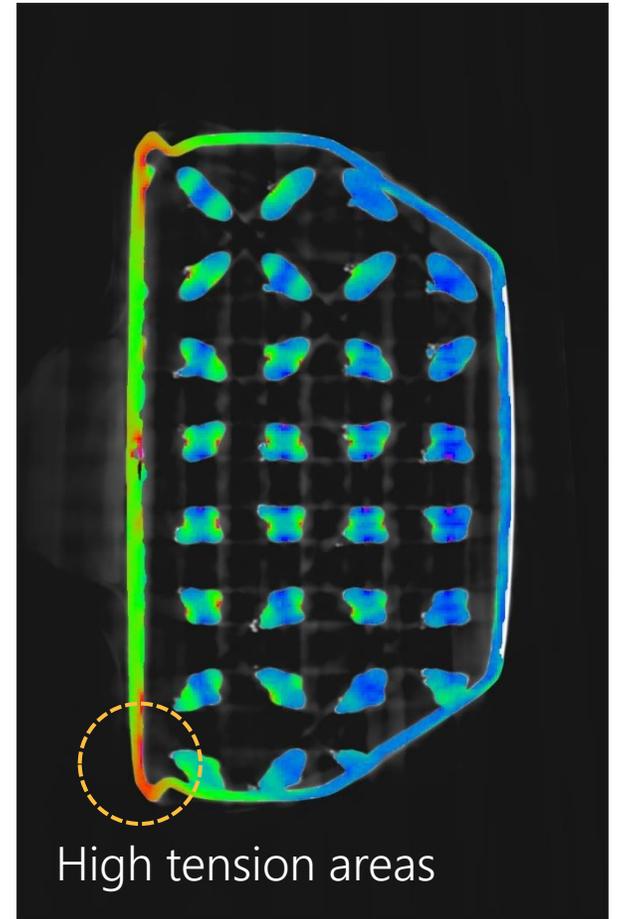
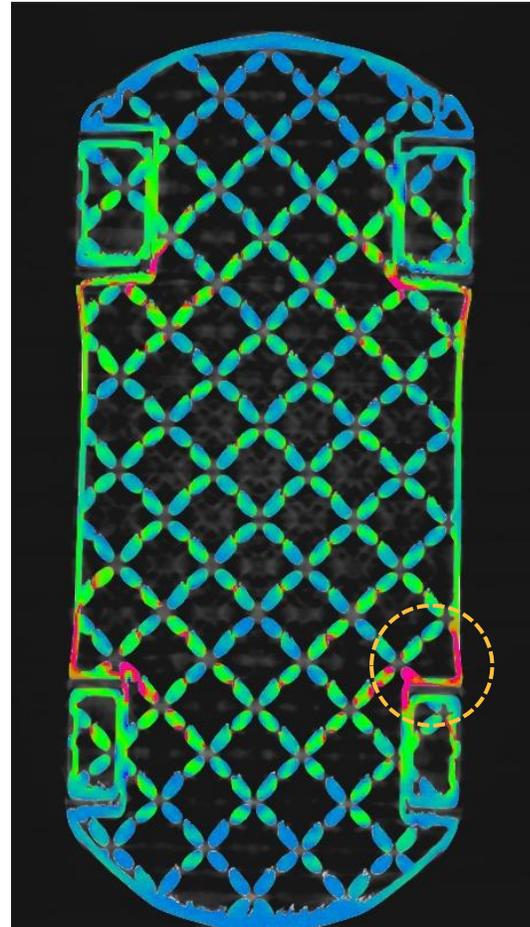
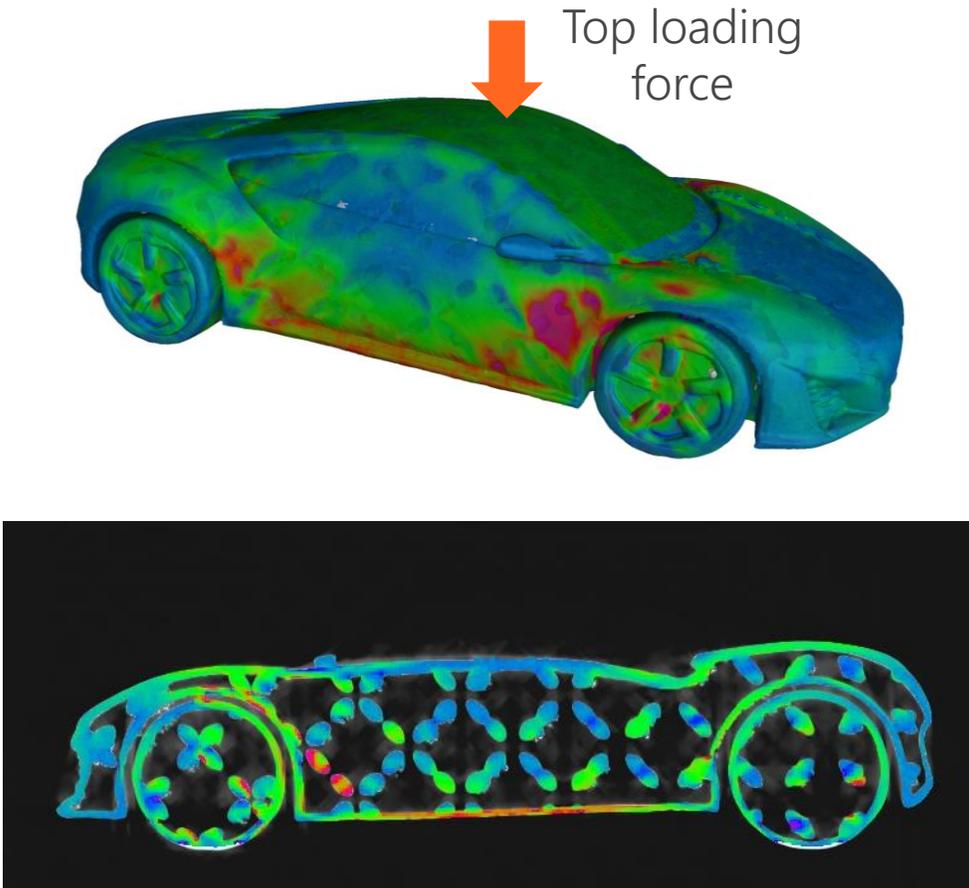
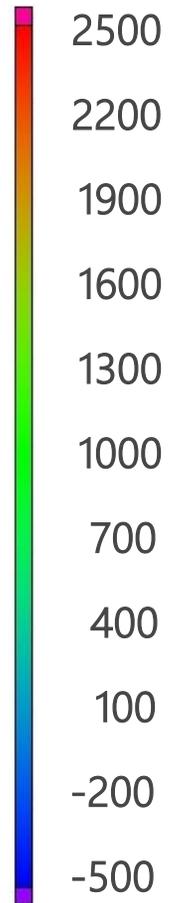
# Analysis example- Super alloy 3D print

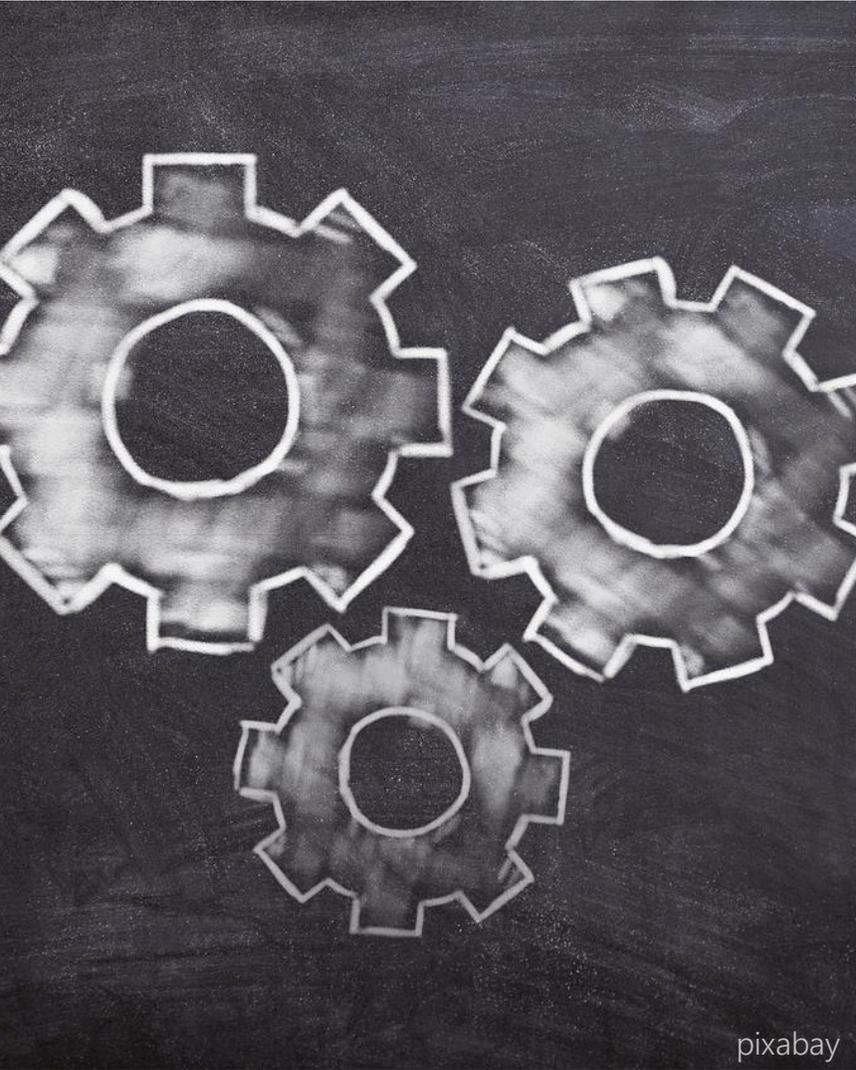


- Simulation
- Load distribution

# Analysis example- Super alloy 3D print

Max. principal stress [MPa]





## You have learned

- What is structural failure
- What leads to structural failure
- What are signs of potential failure
- How X-ray CT helps you navigate

# Q & A Session



# Functional Failure Analysis

Wed., June 9, 10 am CDT

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