

***Project 32-L: Algorithmic Analyses of X-Radiography  
and Computed Tomography for Multiscale Structural  
Investigations of Metals***

***Fall Meeting***

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# Project 32-L: Development of Cabinet-Based X-Ray Computed Tomography Methods for Studies of Microstructures and Defects in Metals



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**Project Duration**  
PhD: August 2017 to May 2021

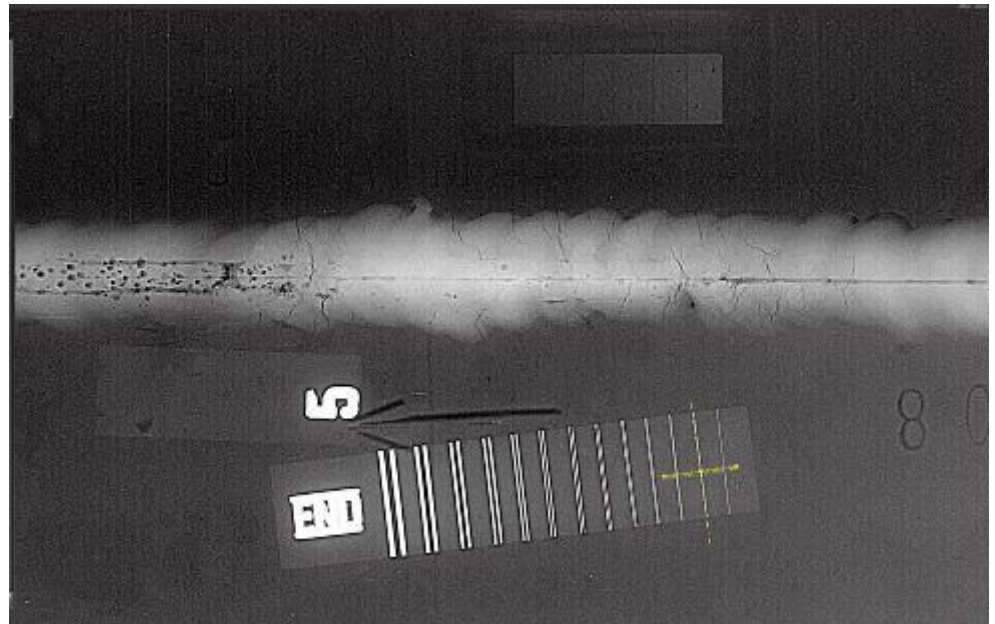
- **Problem:** Industrial processes of metals such as casting and additive manufacturing can benefit from static/dynamic radiography, but user facilities have technique and access limitations.
- **Objective:** Analyze existing radiography and tomography data and establish cabinet-based x-ray capabilities at Mines for further experimentation.
- **Benefit:** Identify technique limitations for defect detection in AM metals and studies of solidification.

- Recent Progress**
- Performed XCT of AM lattice structures using Zeiss Xradia 520 Versa Micro-CT at Mines
  - Segmented IDOX crystals in 3D XCT dataset of mock HE sample
  - Deployed web app to fit polynomial expressions to interface location data from experiments at the the APS AM simulator

Metrics		
Description	% Complete	Status
1. Establishment of high-energy micro-focus x-ray capabilities at Mines	90%	●
2. XCT of SNL AM lattice structures Micro-CT at Mines	20%	●
3. Web app for solid-liquid interface velocity analysis of the APS AM simulator data	75%	●
4. Dynamic XCT of SNL AM lattice structures during deformation	0%	●
5. pRad of SNL AM lattice structures	0%	●

# Industrial Relevance

- Identify defects in additively manufactured (AM) builds by non-destructive imaging
  - Qualification and certification
  - Technique limitations
- Weld inspection
  - Safe and stable welds
  - Failure points, inclusions, porosity



<http://solutionsinimaging.com/industrial-applications/weld-inspection/>

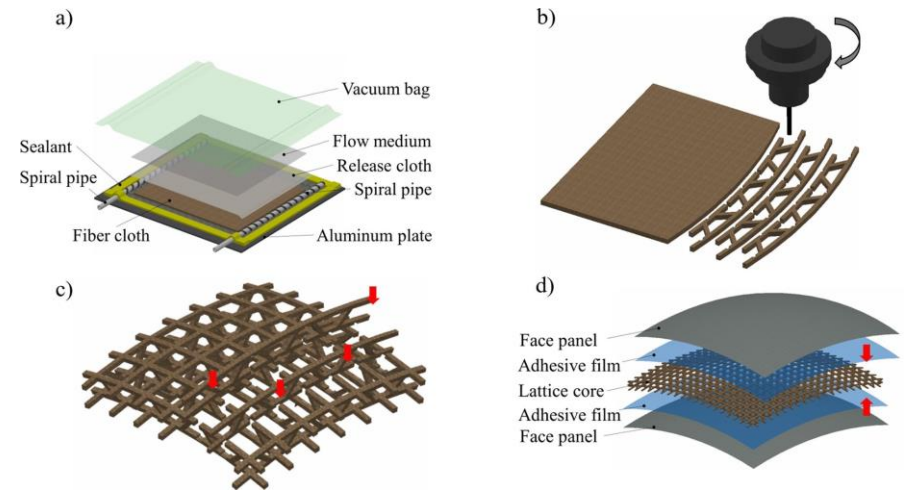
# Industrial Relevance



- In-situ x-ray imaging of dynamic materials processes to inform model development
- Establishment of x-ray radiography and computed tomography (CT) cabinet at Mines
  - Characterization of materials for thesis
  - Support ongoing projects
  - Consideration of future projects from industry
  - Accommodates custom/flexible experimental platforms (solidification: casting, welding, AM, etc.; deformation: tension, compression, etc.)

# Industrial Relevance

- Applications of AM-built lattice structures
  - Lattice-sandwich engine hood: 25% of weight for better pedestrian safety performance
  - Spur gear using honeycomb lattice structure: 19% volume reduction with same strength



S. Yin et al., Compos Struct, 201 (2018) 131–140.

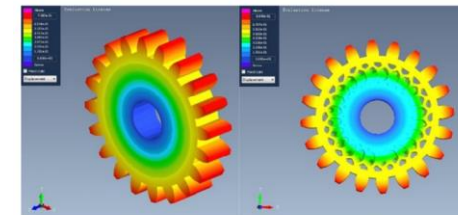


Fig. 2. Displacement on solid and optimized part.

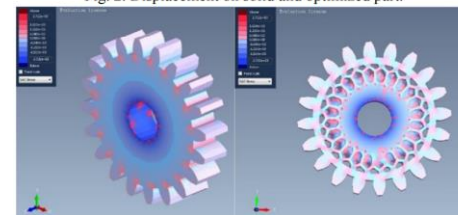


Fig. 3. Stresses on solid and optimized part.

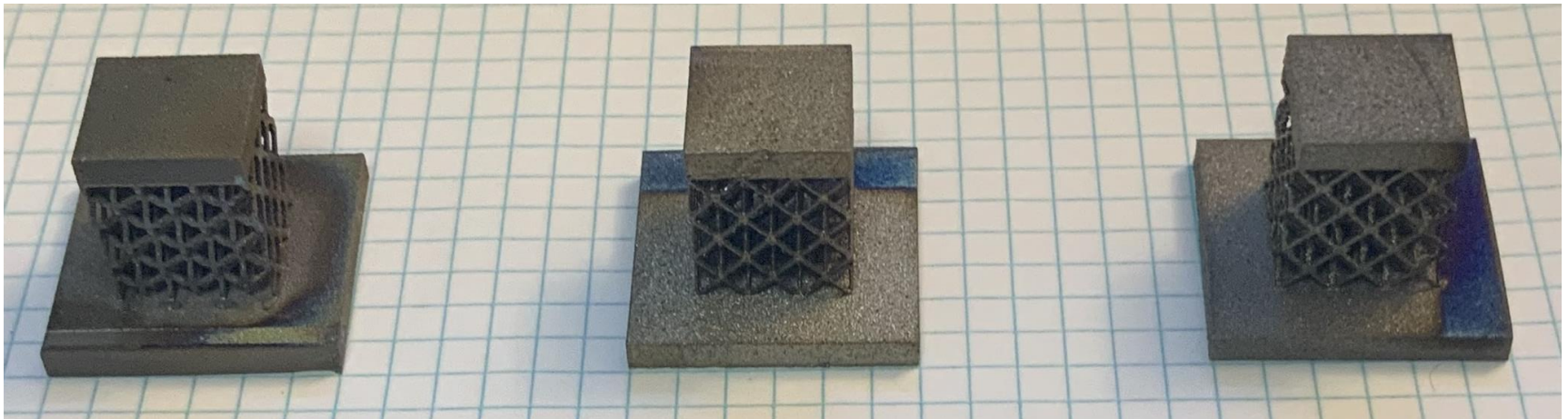
A. J. Kulangara et al., Mater Today, 5 (2018) 5068–5073.

# Cabinet Timeline



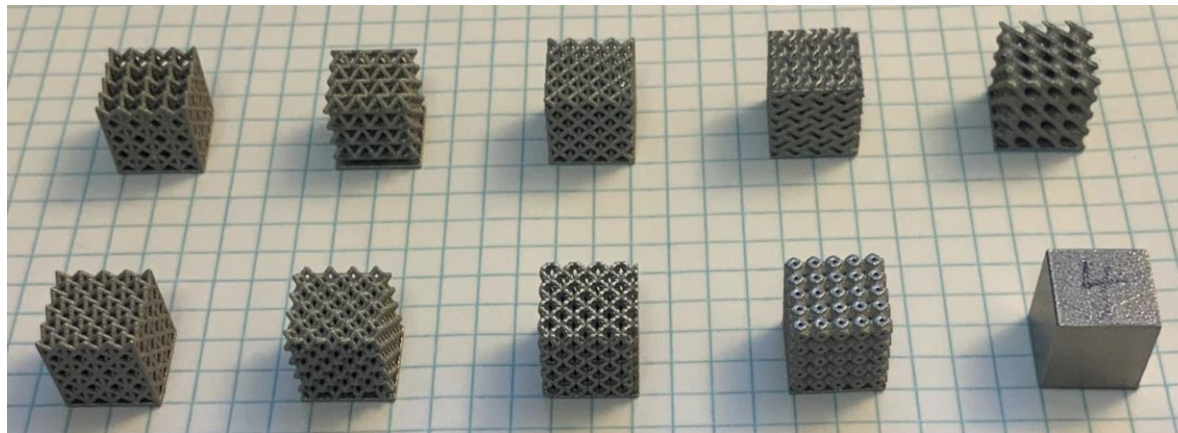
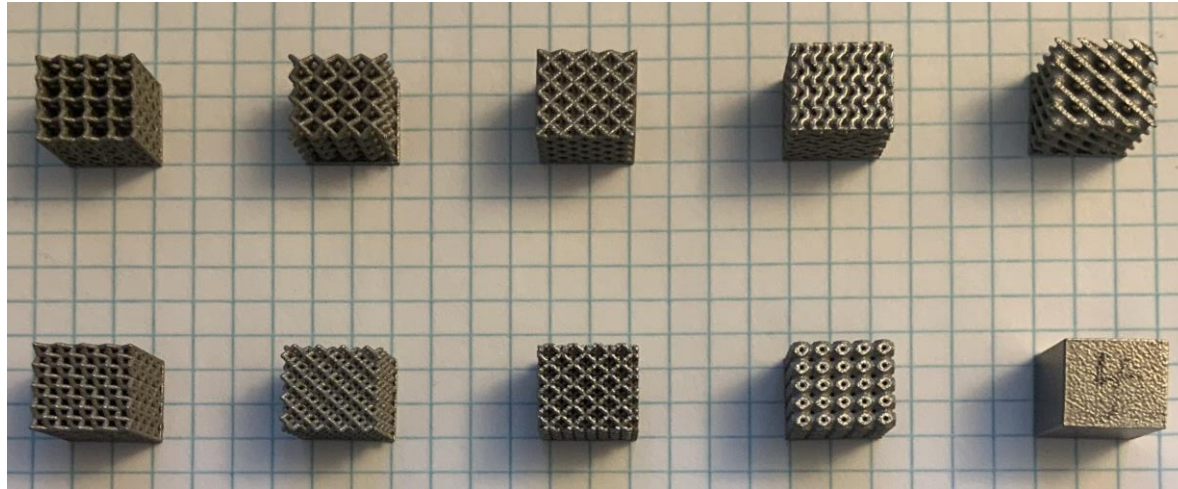
Process Donation Internally (LANL)	Ship to White Rock, NM	Ship to Santa Clara, CA for Refurbishing	Prepare Lab Space for System	Install New Micro-Focus System	Ship to Mines and Install
Complete	Complete	Complete	Ready	New Tube Shipped	ETA: December

# Ti-5553 Lattices from LANL



6 squares = 1 in

# Ti-64 Lattices from SNL

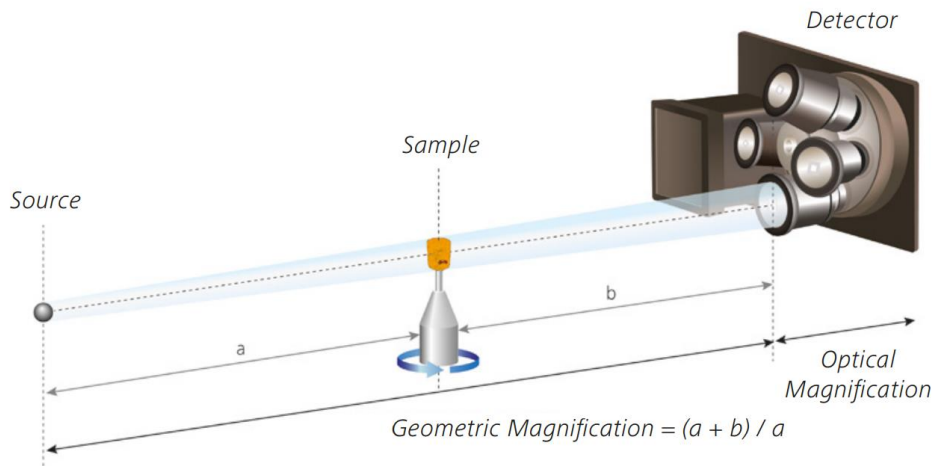


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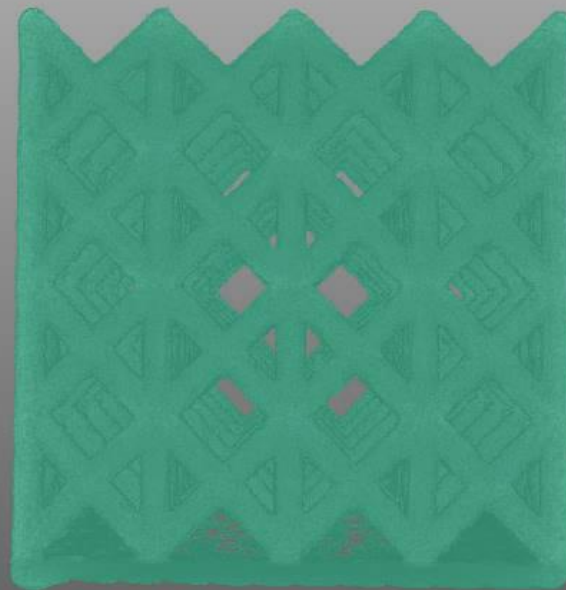


# Micro-CT with Zeiss Xradia 520 Versa at Mines

- 160 keV
- 10 W
- ~10.8 mm samples
- ~8  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution



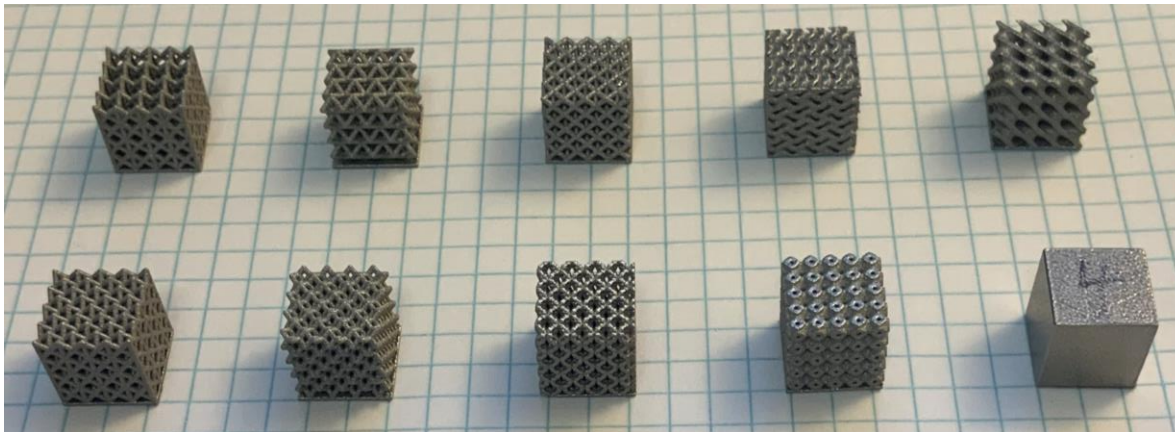
# Ti-64 Lattice 01



# Ti-64 Lattices

- Static imaging
- Proton radiography (pRad) at Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE) in December
- Pick samples for deformation imaging

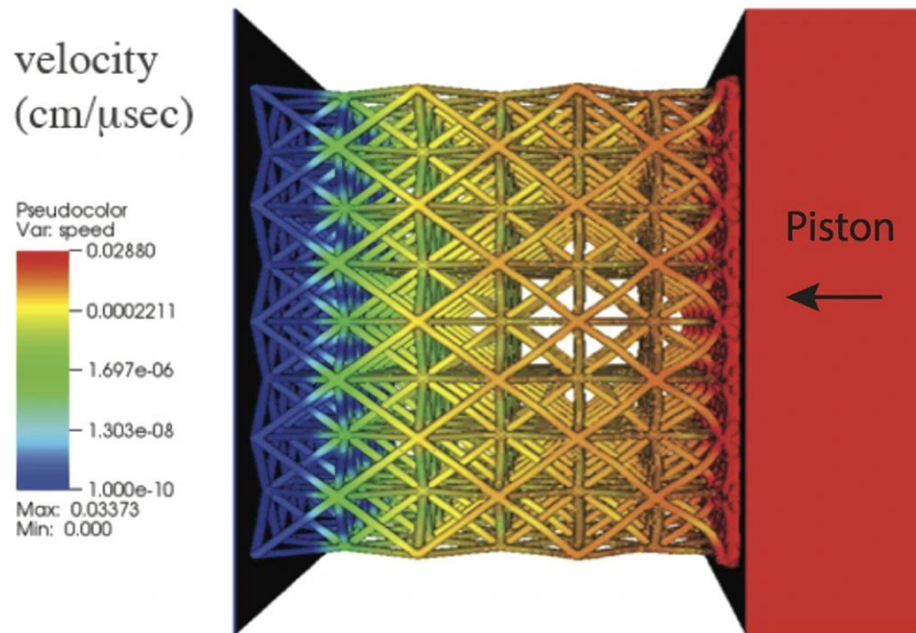
- **Lattice 01**
- **Lattice 02**
- Lattice 03
- Lattice 04
- Lattice 05
- Lattice 06
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- Lattice 08
- Lattice 09
- Lattice 01



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# Mock-HE Lattices

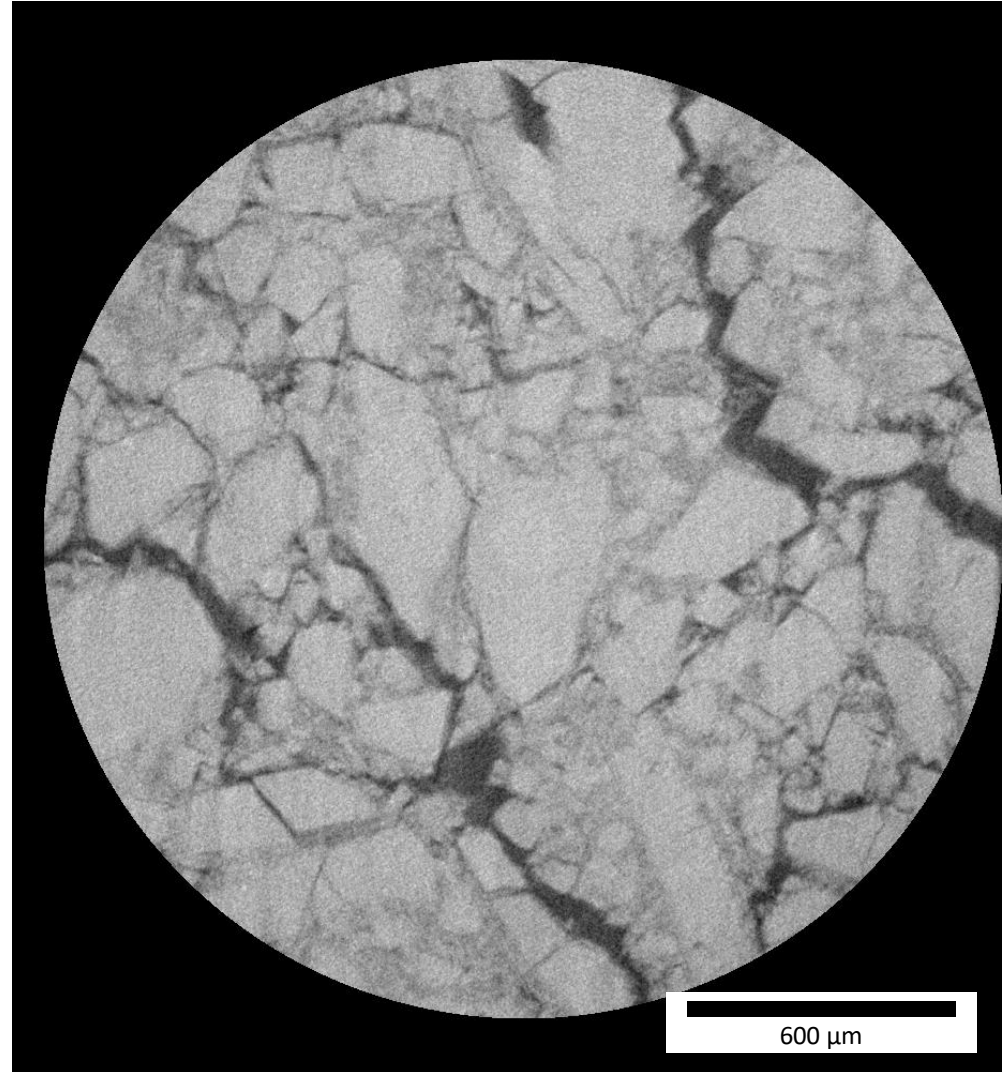
- Finite element simulation of AM-built 1,6-hexanedol diacrylate (HDDA)
- Simulates near instantaneous velocity rise at sample surface of gas gun loading



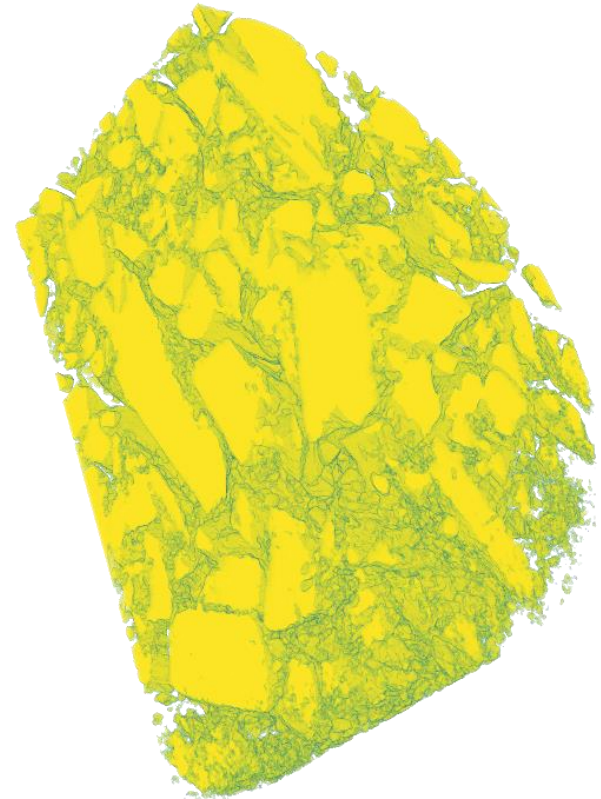
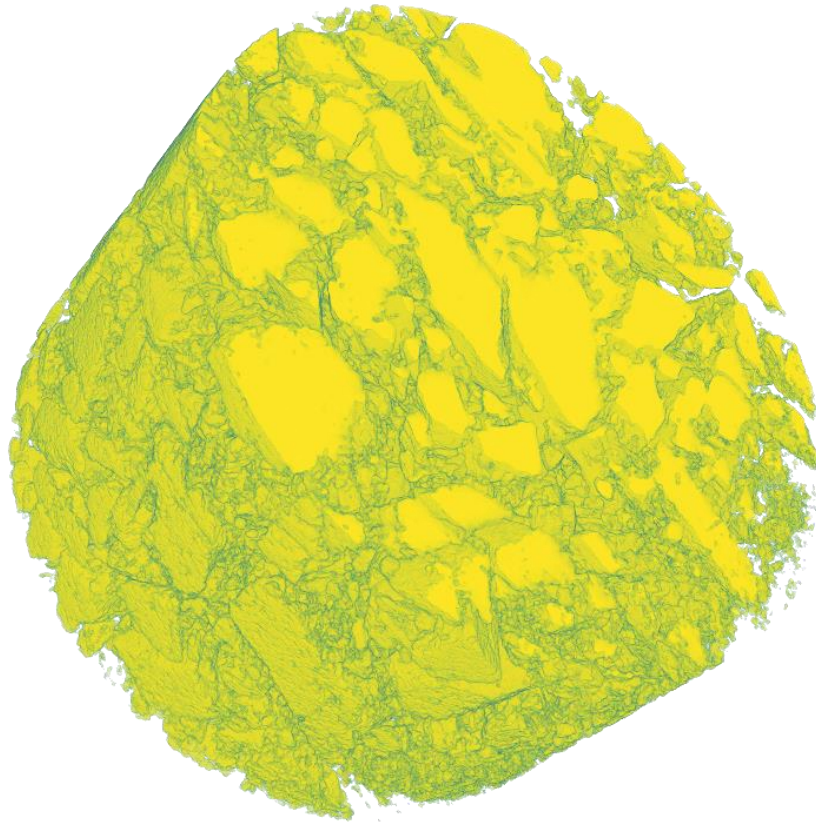
J. A. Hawreliak et al., *Scientific Reports*, 6 (2016).

# Mock HE from LANL

- High explosives (HE) replaced with mock HE during testing for safety
- 5-Iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (IDOX) crystals embedded in binder
- Surrogate for cyclotetramethylenetetra-  
nitramine (HMX)

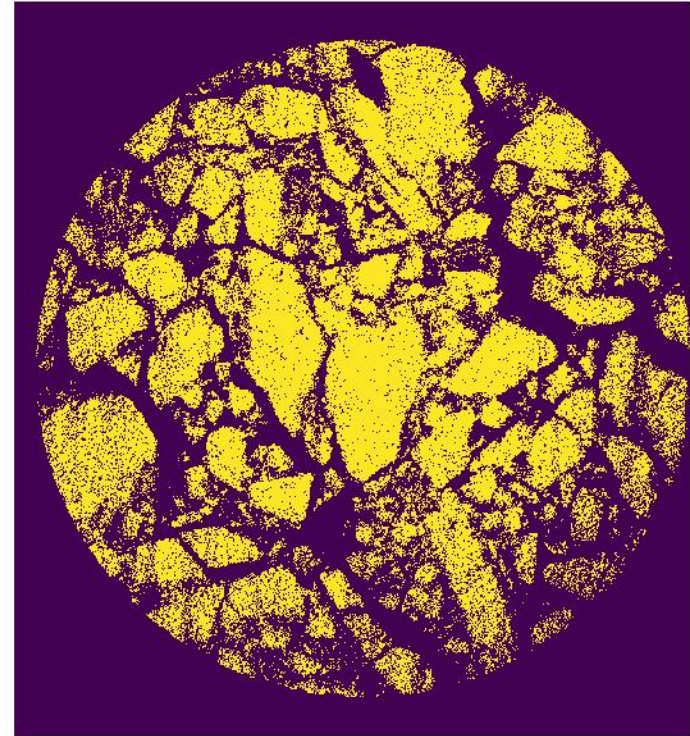
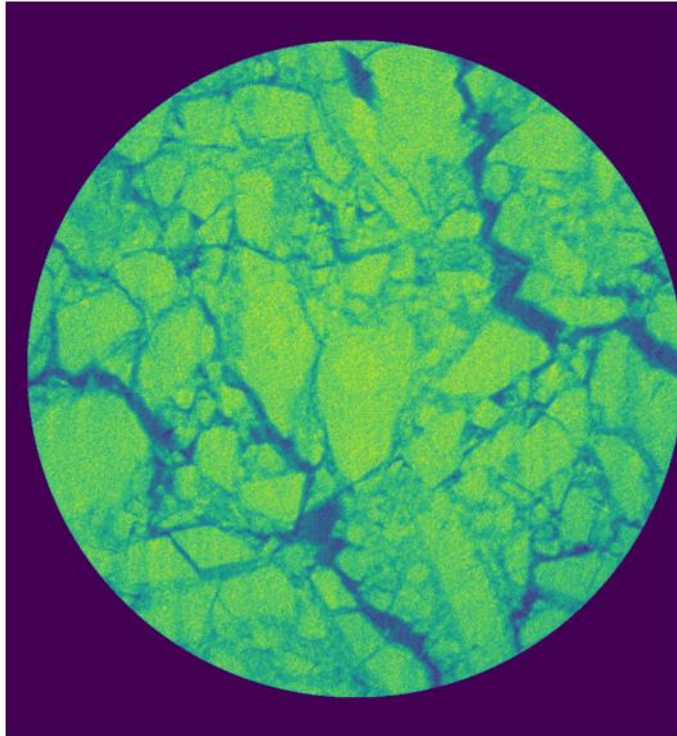


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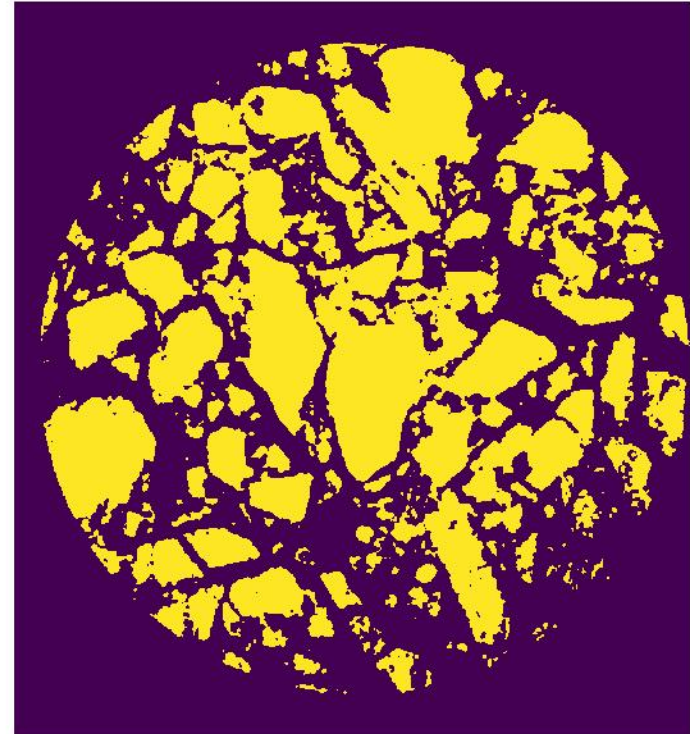
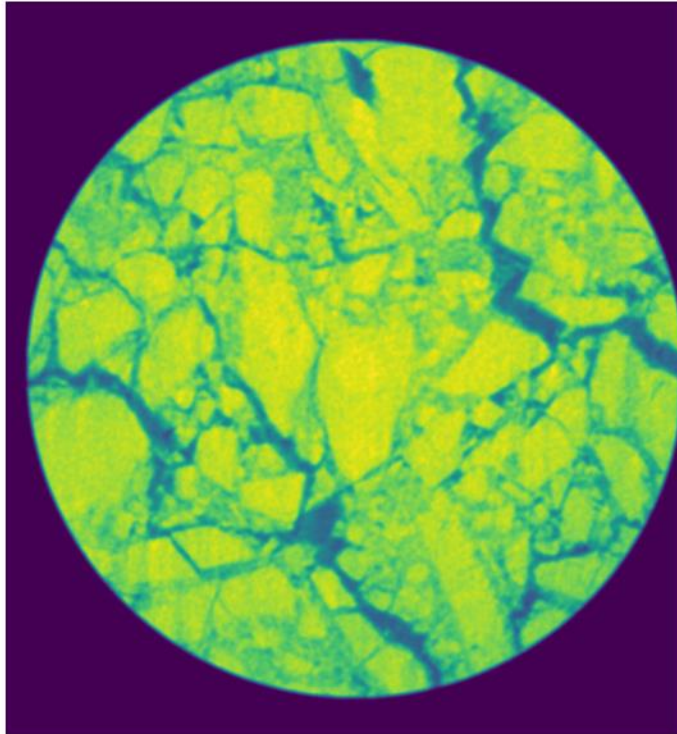


600  $\mu\text{m}$

# Segmenting IDOX Crystals

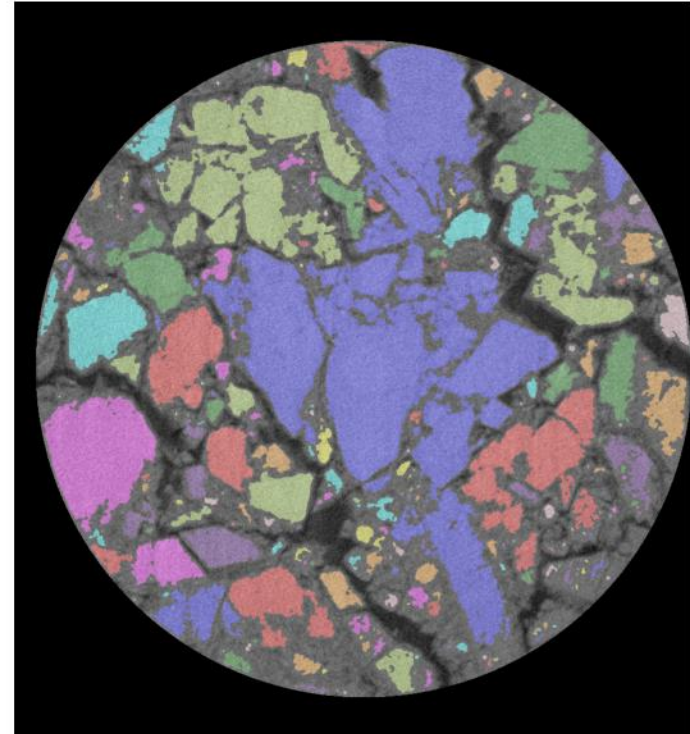
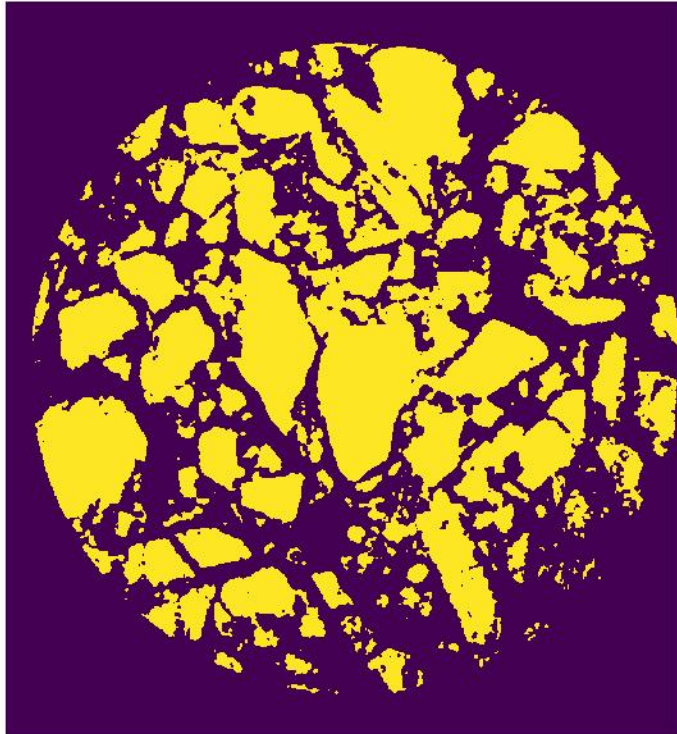


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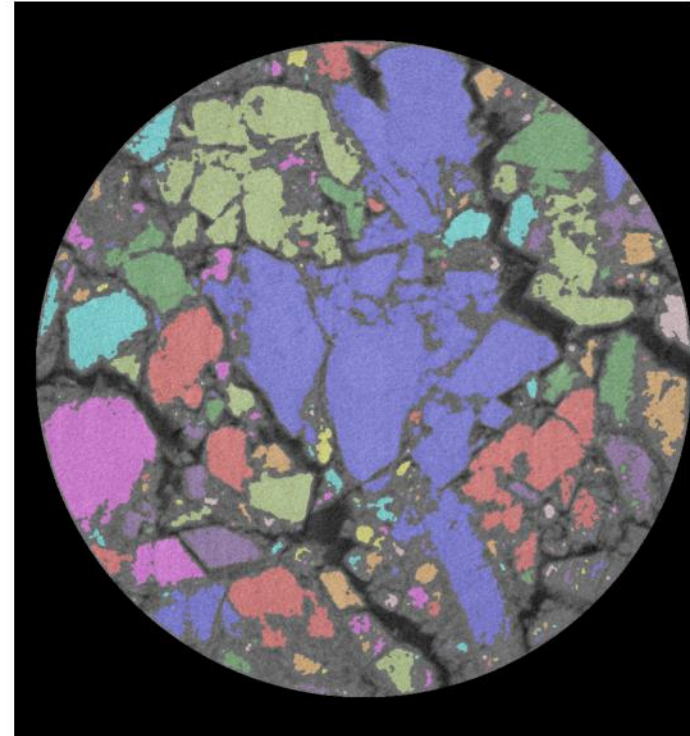
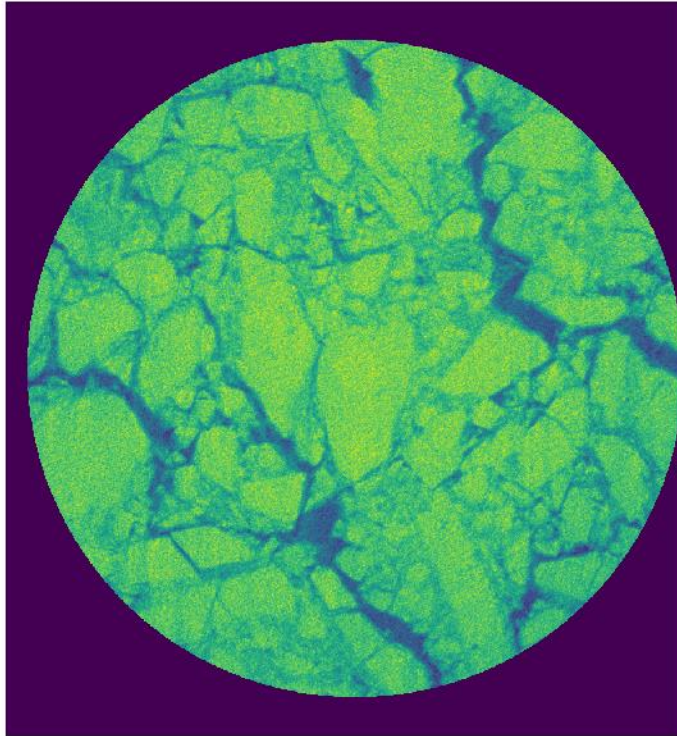




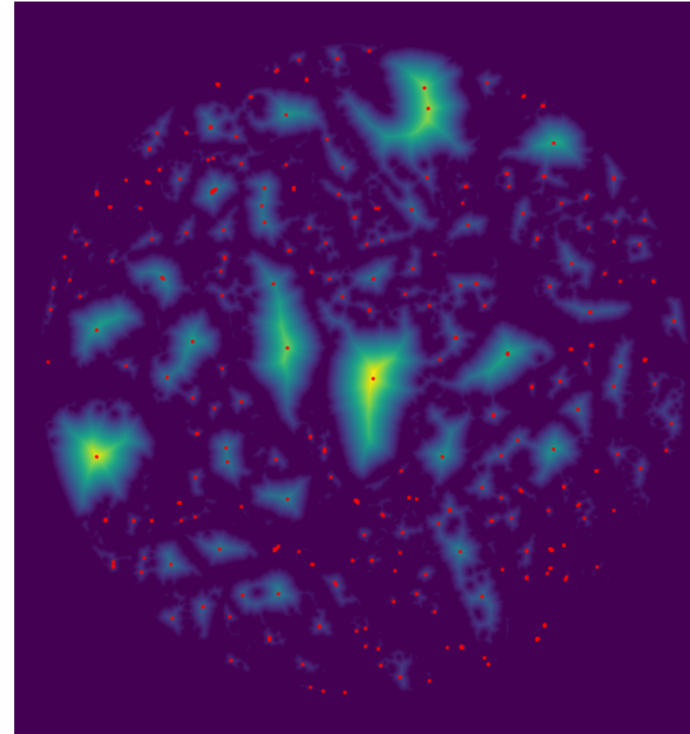
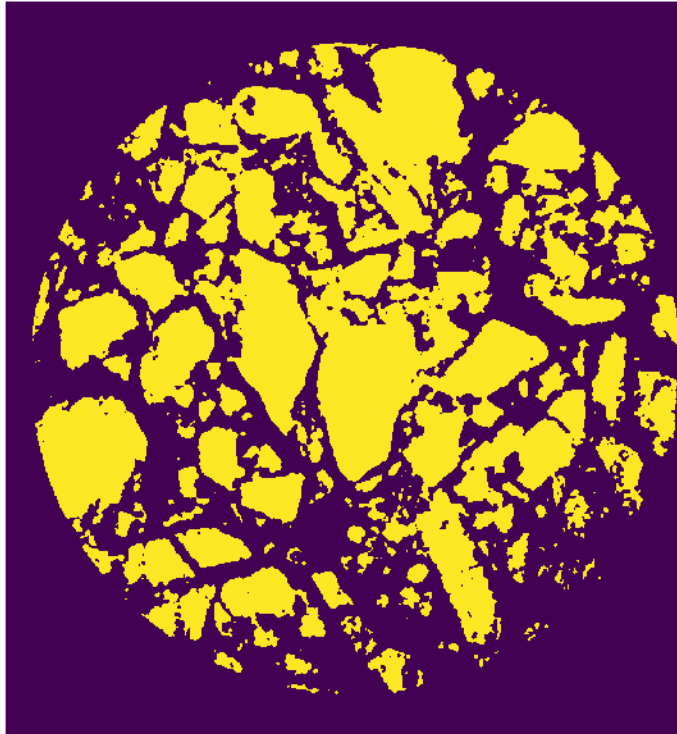
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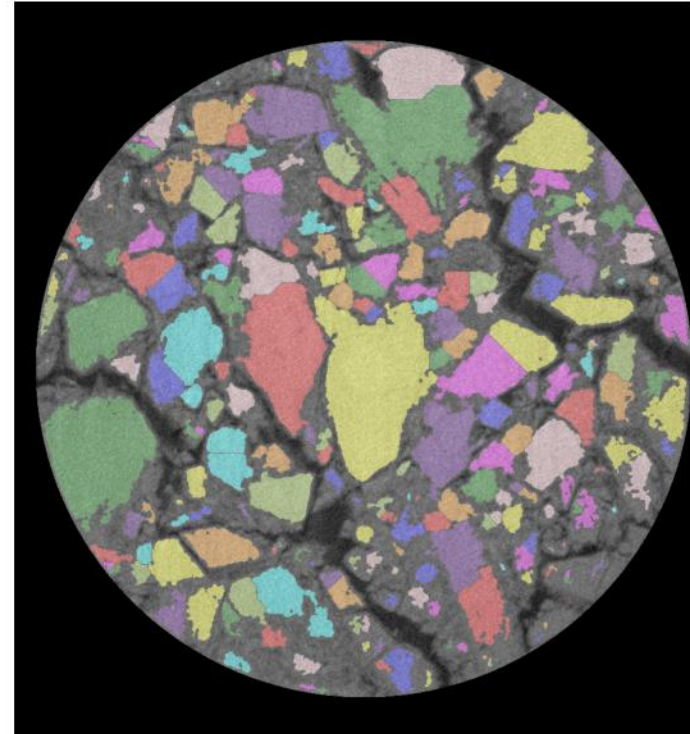
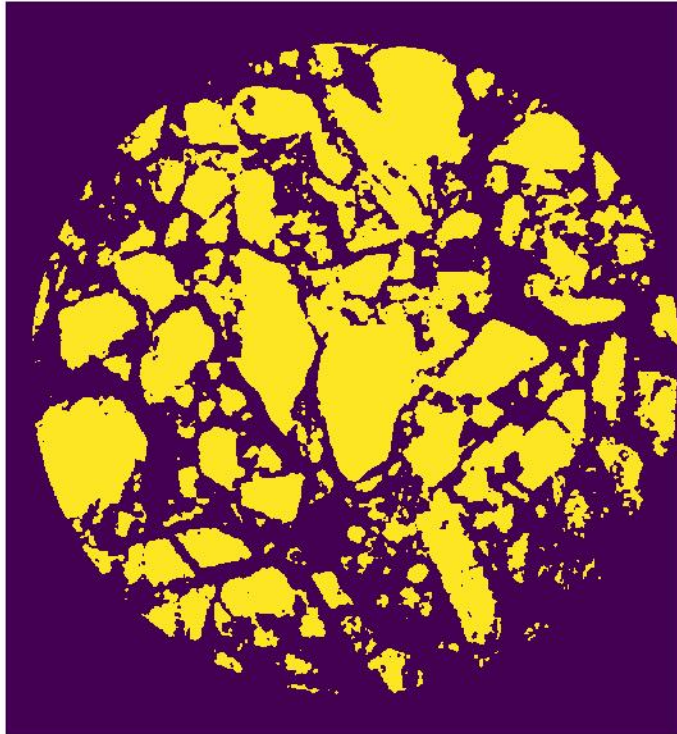
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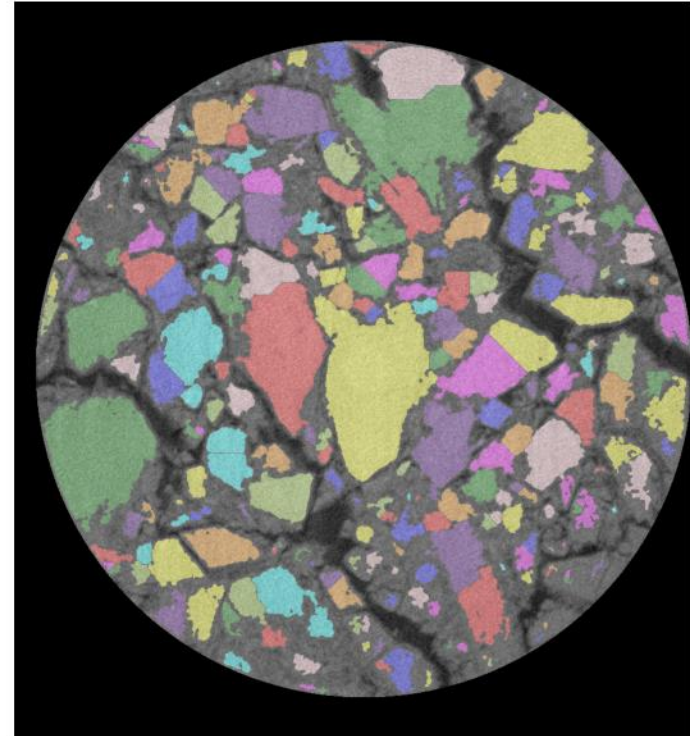
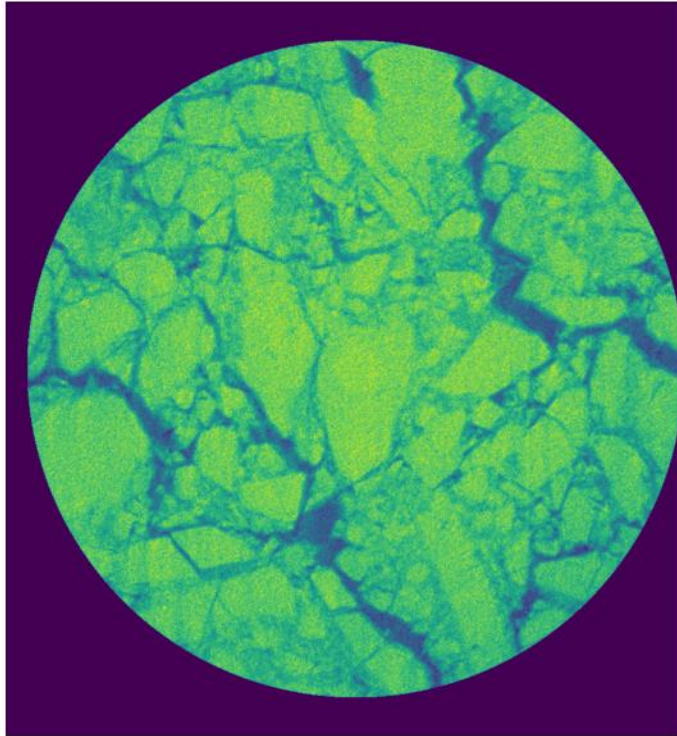
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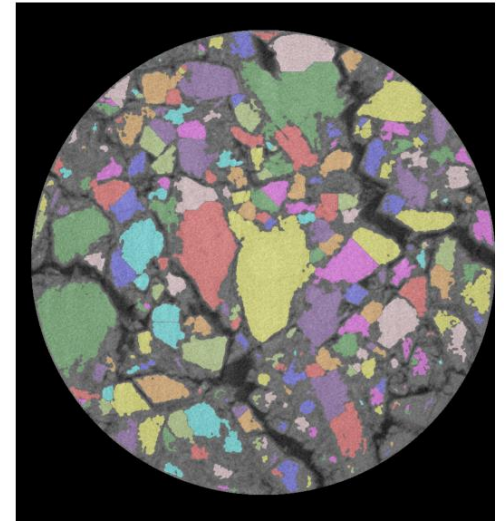
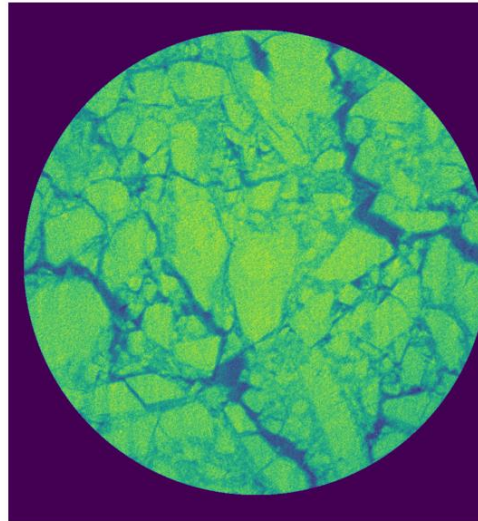


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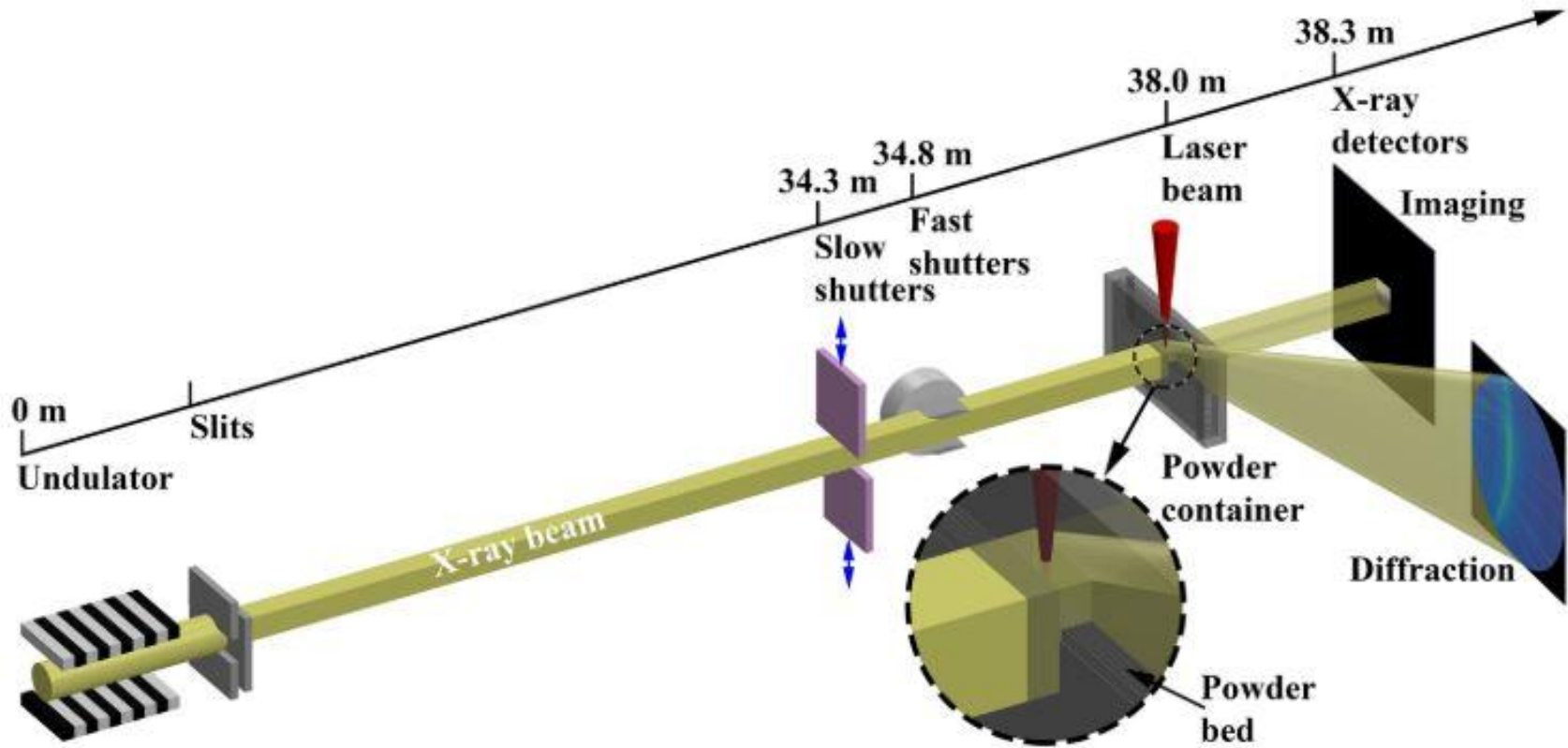


# Segmenting IDOX Crystals

- Improve watershed segmentation
  - Improve seed from local max of distance
  - Psuedo-flatfield correction on base image to improve thresholding
- Bring segmentation to 3D
  - StarDist: Object detection with star-convex shapes
  - Pre-trained ML algorithms
  - ImageJ plugin
  - Python library

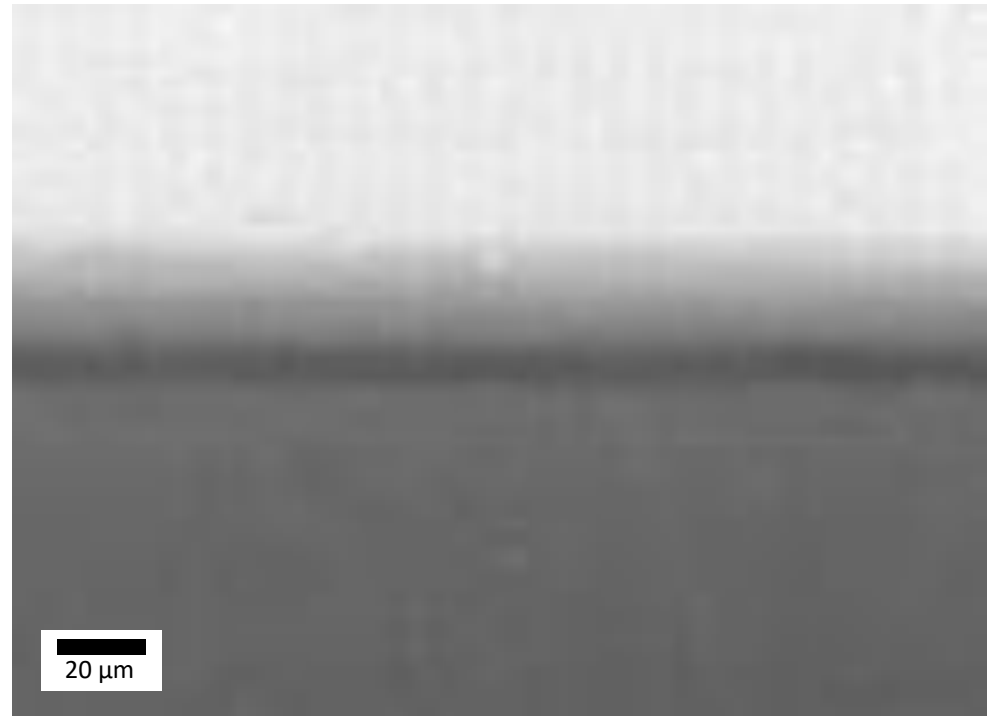


# AM Simulator at the APS



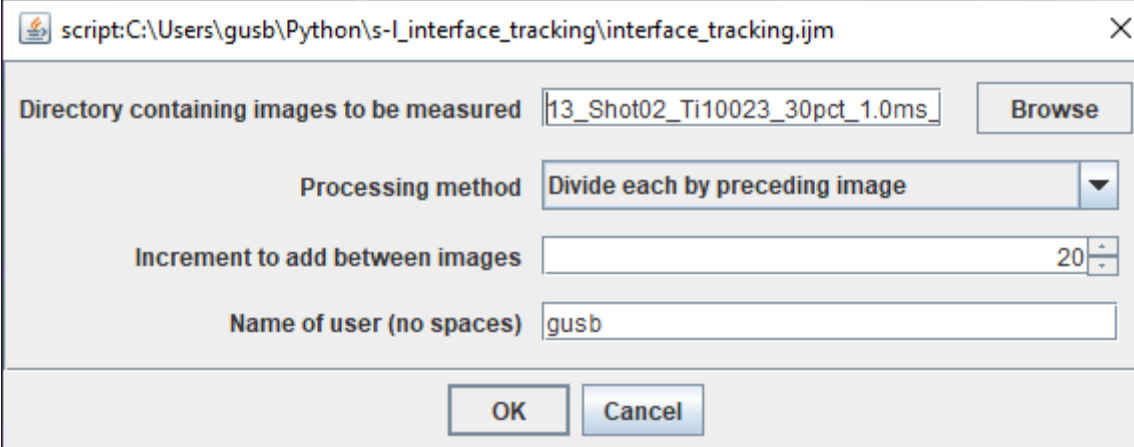
# AM Simulator Example Experiment from the APS

- Ni-based alloy
- Laser power: 108 W (20% max)
- 2 ms dwell time





# AM Simulator: S-L Interface Analysis Pipeline



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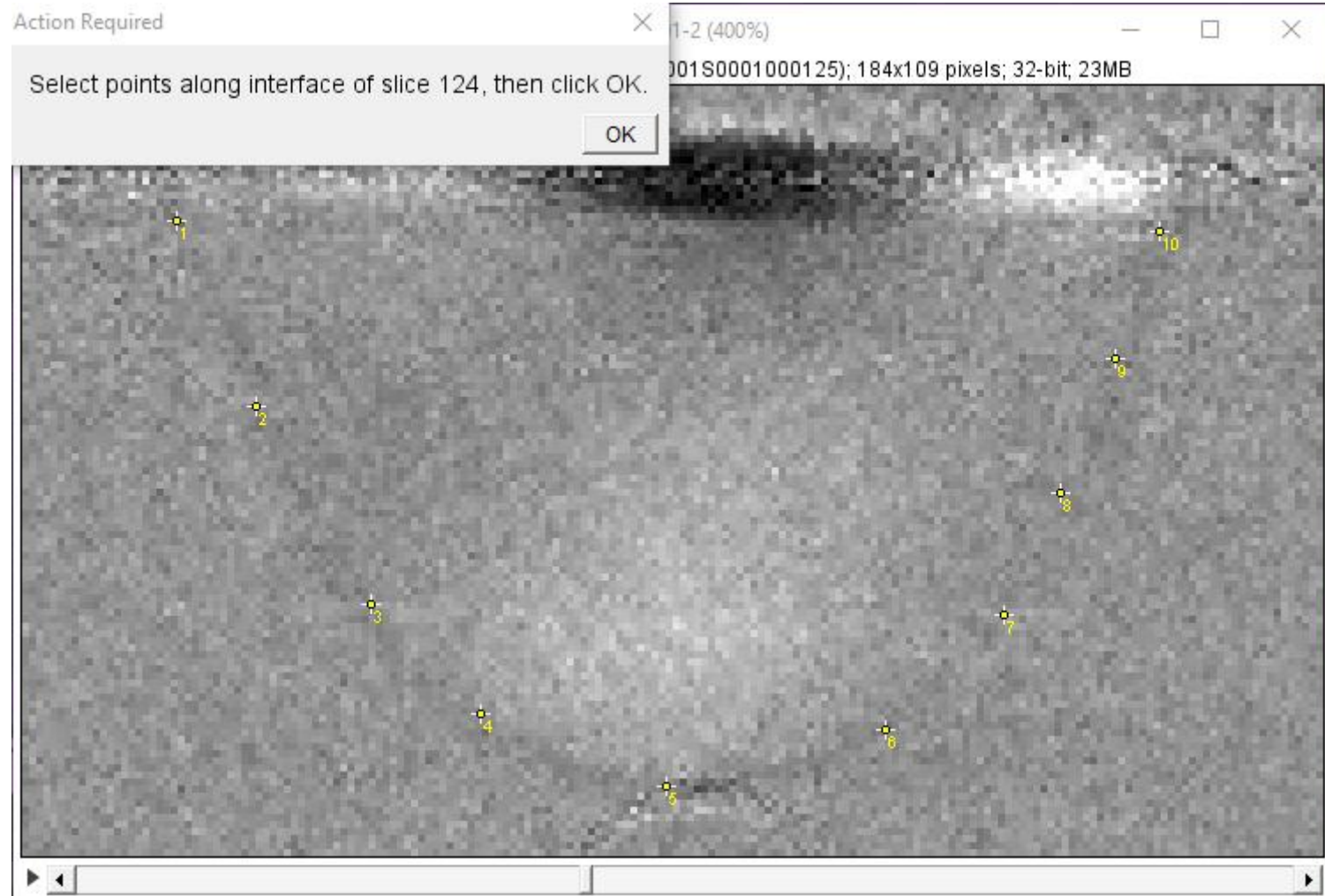
Directory containing images to be measured

Processing method

Increment to add between images

Name of user (no spaces)

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3	2	25	26	124
4	3	34	49	124
5	4	47	74	124
6	5	66	94	124
7	6	94	102	124
8	7	125	91	124
9	8	144	70	124
10	9	154	46	124
11	10	162	24	124
12	11	33	14	144
13	12	39	33	144
14	13	48	52	144
15	14	60	67	144
16	15	77	82	144
17	16	102	90	144
18	17	125	78	144
19	18	140	61	144
20	19	149	41	144
21	20	156	18	144

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<http://velocity.herokuapp.com/>

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A screenshot of a web browser displaying a Streamlit application. The browser's address bar shows 'app · Streamlit' and 'Not secure | velocipy.herokuapp.com'. The application interface has a light gray sidebar on the left with a close button (X) at the top right. The sidebar contains the title 'VelociPy' and a 'Data load method:' dropdown menu currently set to 'Load data from CSV'. Below this is a 'Select CSV file:' section with a light blue box containing the text 'Drop files here to upload or browse files'. The main content area is mostly blank white space. At the bottom of the sidebar, it says 'Made with Streamlit'. The Windows taskbar is visible at the very bottom, showing icons for Windows, File Explorer, Chrome, Photoshop, PowerPoint, and Teams, along with the system clock showing 6:08 PM on 10/9/2020.

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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the VelociPy application. The browser address bar shows 'veloci.py.herokuapp.com'. The application interface is split into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar, titled 'VelociPy', contains several controls: a 'Data load method' dropdown menu set to 'Load example data', two unchecked checkboxes for 'Show CSV' and 'Show interface points', a 'Polynomial fit degree' input field set to '2' with minus and plus buttons, and an unchecked checkbox for 'Show interface fit'. Below these are 'Line X1' and 'Line Y1' input fields, both set to '0.00' with minus and plus buttons. The main content area is titled 'Interface Position' and contains a large, empty white rectangular box. On the right side of this box is a vertical toolbar with icons for zooming, panning, and other interactive functions. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the time as 6:09 PM on 10/9/2020.

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### VelociPy

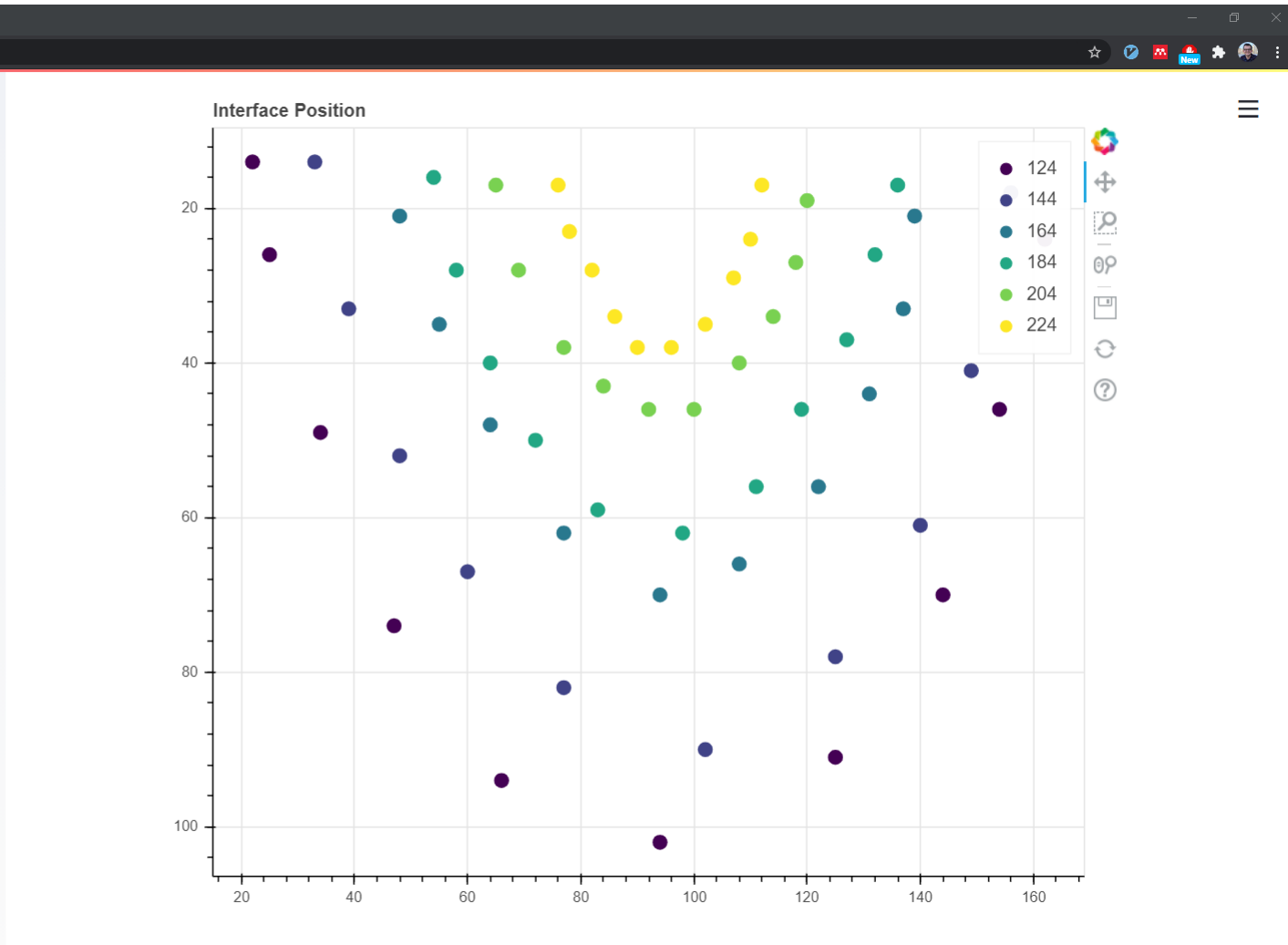
Data load method:

Load example data

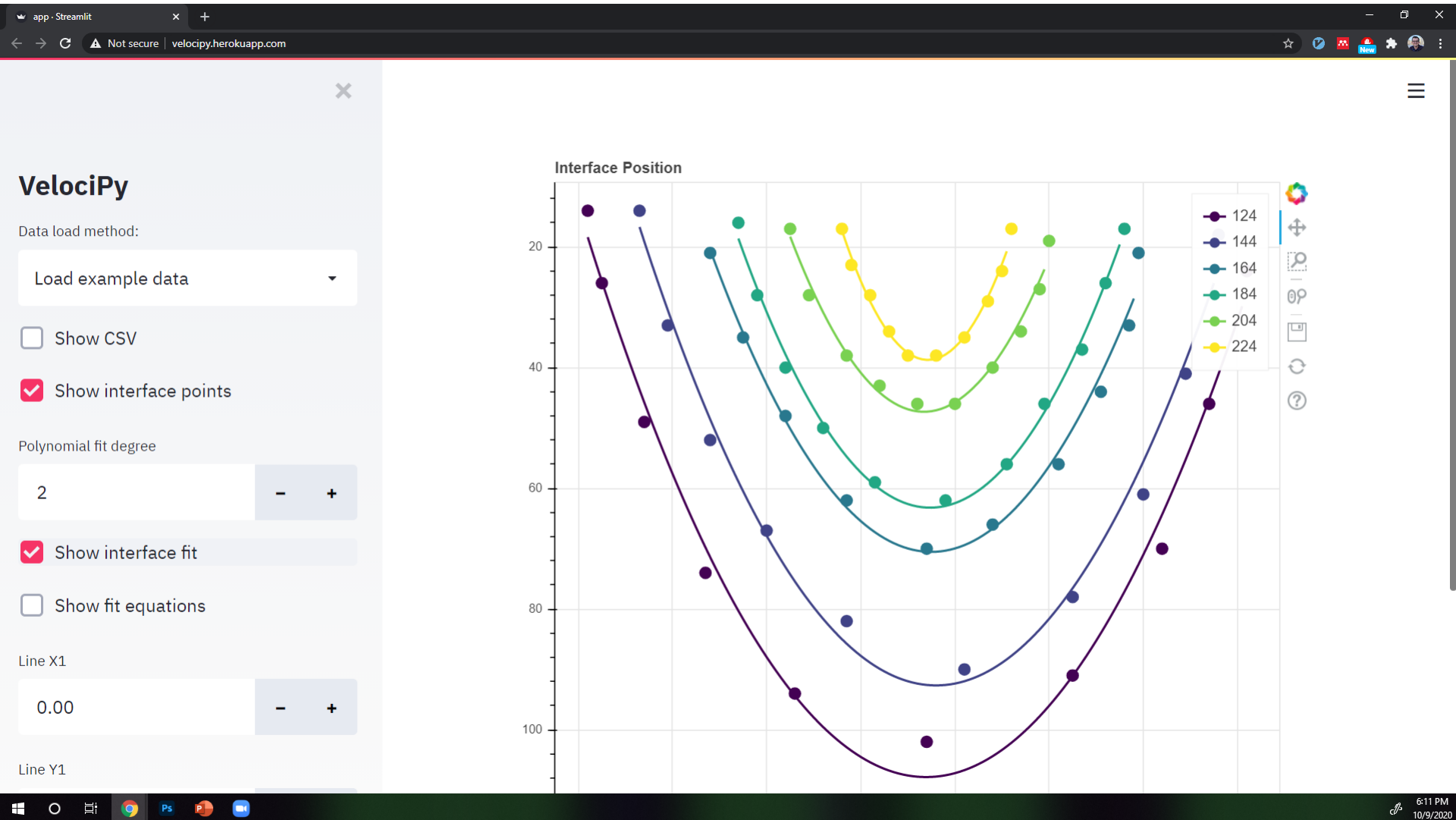
Show CSV

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10	11	33	14	144

Show interface points

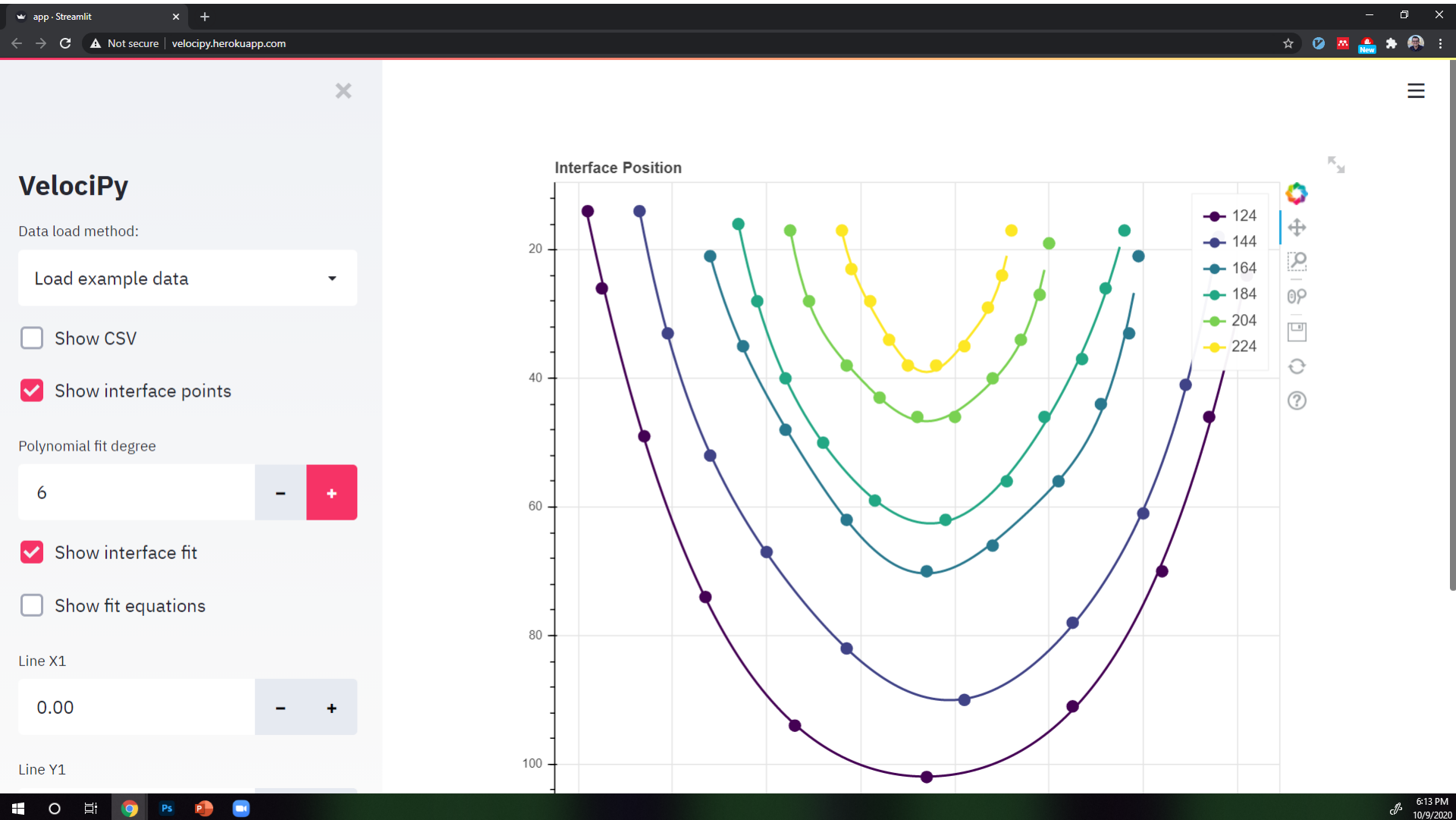


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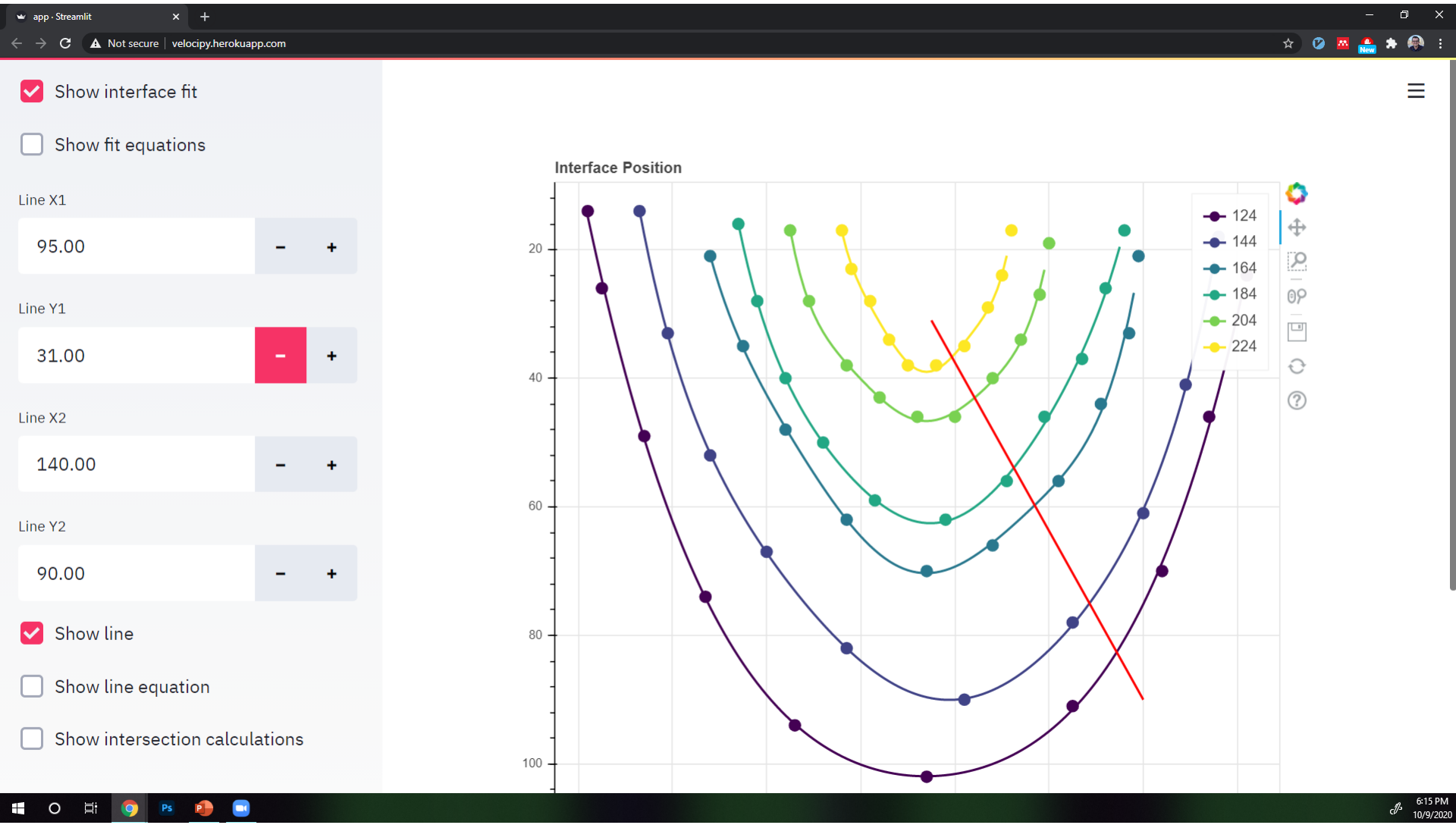




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Show fit equations

Line X1: 95.00

Line Y1: 31.00

Line X2: 140.00

Line Y2: 90.00

Show line

Show line equation

Show intersection calculations

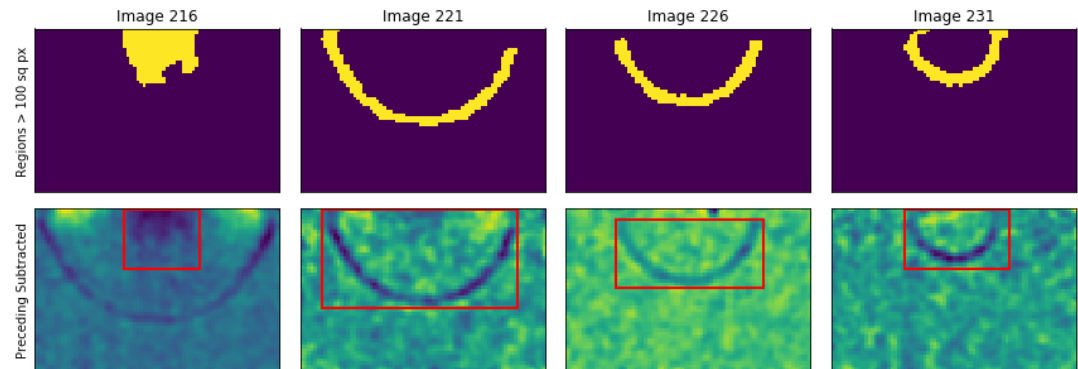
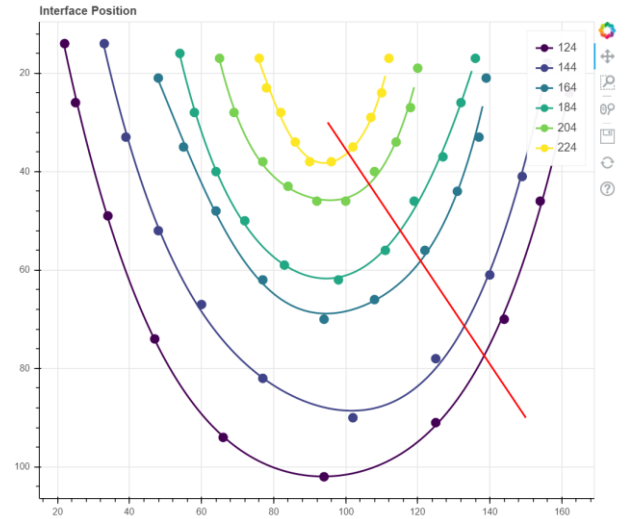
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1	144 $y = -434.3282437658443 * x^0 + 3...$	128.5727	75.0176
2	164 $y = -1912.608655968251 * x^0 + 1...$	116.9341	59.7581
3	184 $y = -3170.748885050668 * x^0 + 2...$	112.5012	53.9461
4	204 $y = -38908.80212283651 * x^0 + 2...$	104.1790	43.0347
5	224 $y = -376759.65380227484 * x^0 + ...$	99.3513	36.7050
6	line $y = 1.3111111111111111 * x - 93...$	NaN	NaN

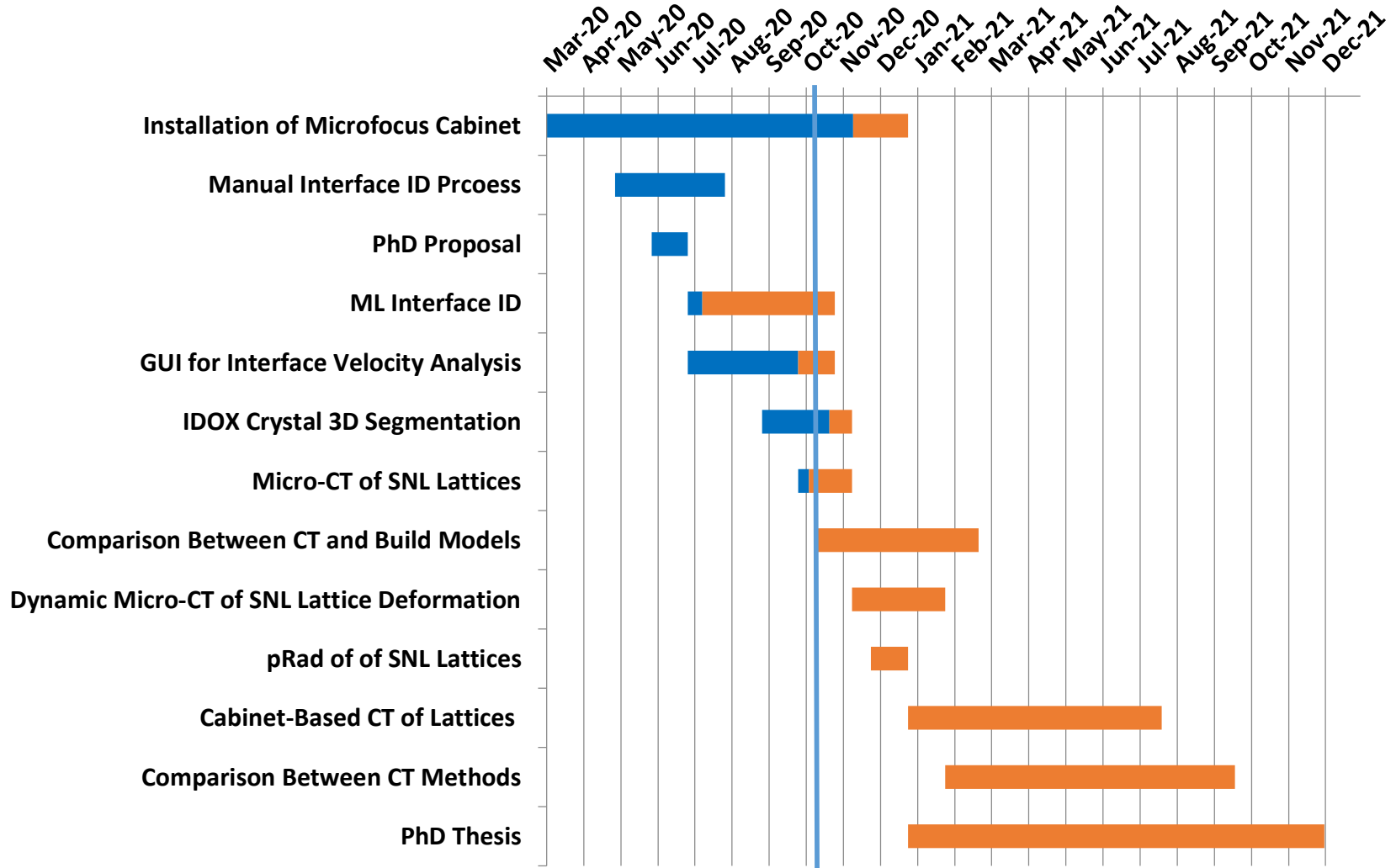
Slice 1	Slice 2	Distance
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6	144	9.5454
7	144	0
8	144	19.1914
9	144	26.5010
10	144	40.2238

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- Things to add to VelociPy:
  - Add ability to import image as background
  - Add different file types for exporting data
  - Add control for which data is exported
  - Add more diverse colormap options
- Further down the data processing pipeline:
  - Improved automated interface identification
  - ML interface identification



# Progress



# Challenges & Opportunities



- Cabinet-based x-radiography possibilities
- Streamlit and Heroku for deployable data science GUIs like VelociPy
  - <http://velocipy.herokuapp.com/>
- Automating the S-L interface analysis pipeline
  - Traditional image processing
  - ML model deployment

Thank you!

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