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# The Digital Twin in Metal Additive Manufacturing – A Paradigm Integrating Modeling, Sensing and Machine Learning for Defect Prediction

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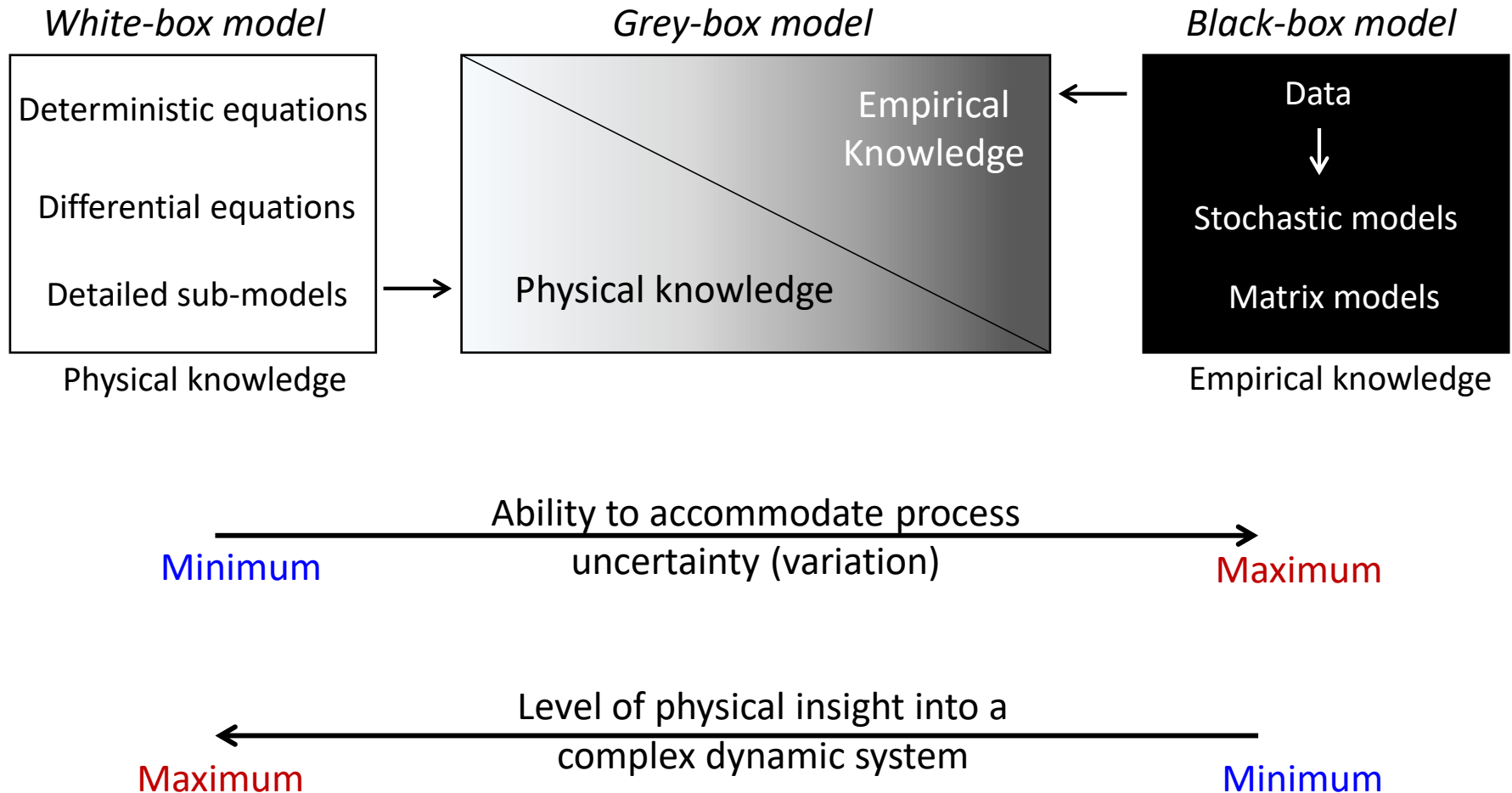
The data for this work was generated at Mississippi State University (MSU) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).



Defect-free production of AM parts by integrating in-situ sensor data and knowledge of process physics.

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# Digital Twin – A Gray-Box Model



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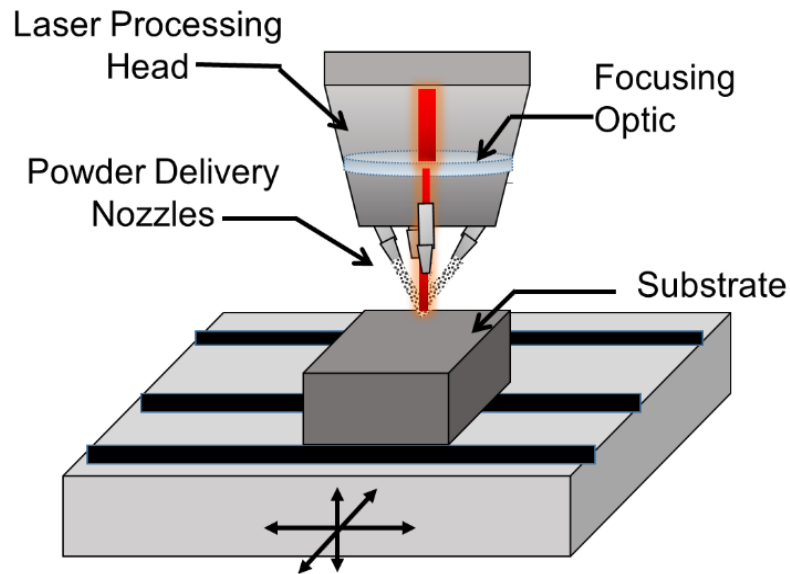
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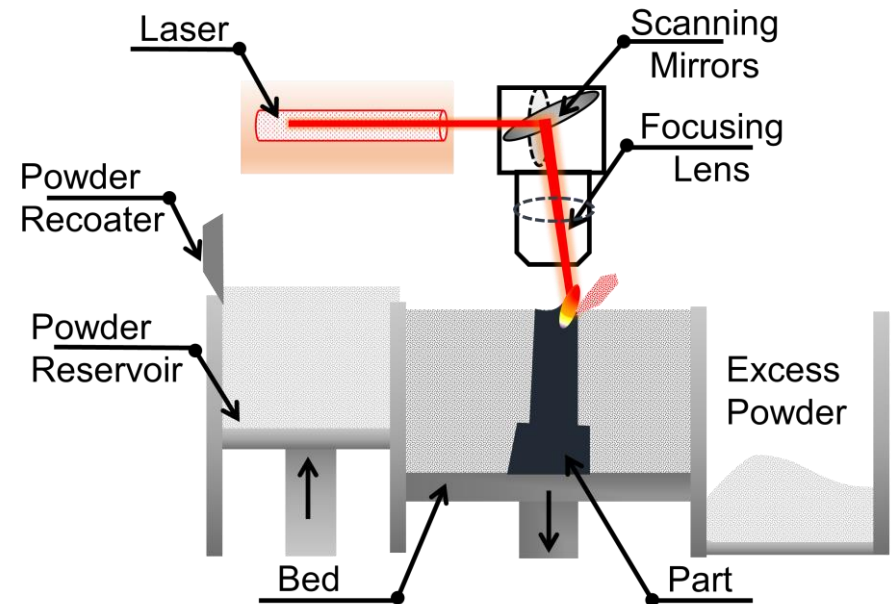


# Background

This work focusses on two of the following metal additive manufacturing processes



Directed energy deposition (DED) process

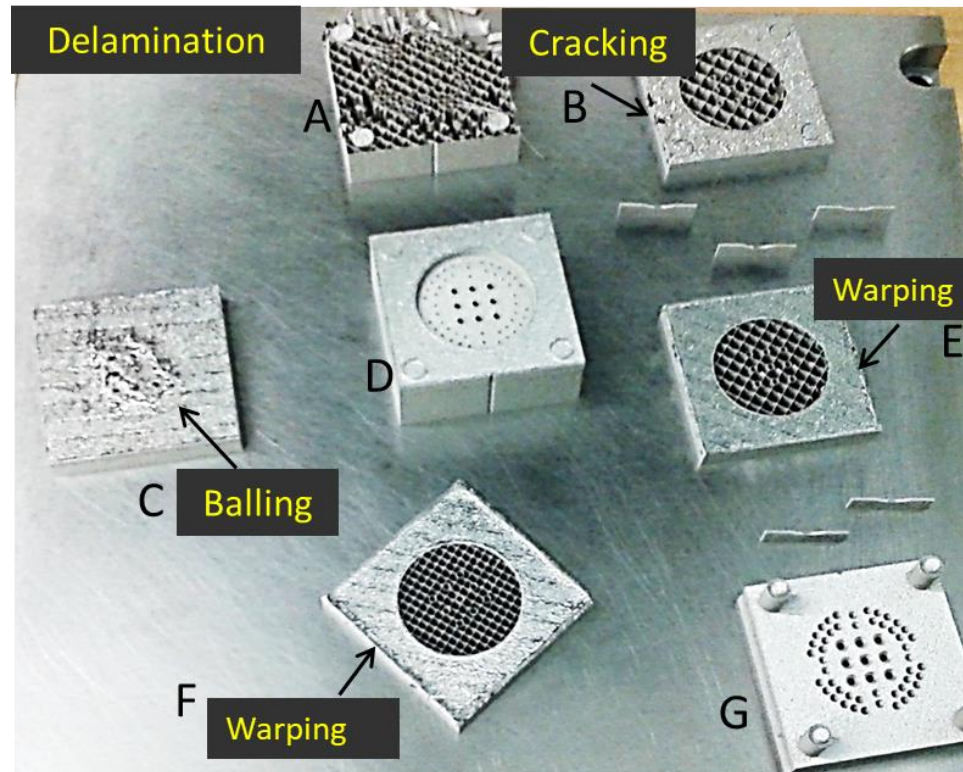


Laser powder bed fusion (LPBF) process

# Motivation

Part quality inconsistency is major impediment in AM

Only 2 out of 7 parts were built defect free

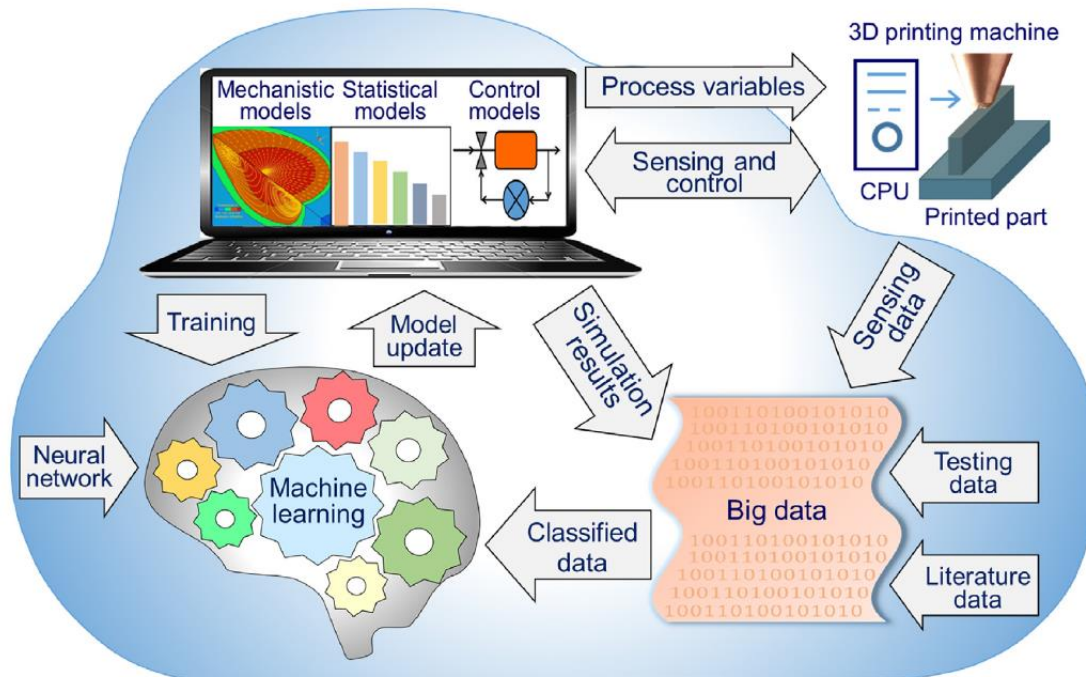


Can we build parts without having to print-and-pray?



# Previous work in the Digital Twin

- G.L. Knapp, T. Mukherjee, J.S. Zuback, H.L. Wei, T.A. Palmer, A. De, **T. DebRoy** Building blocks for a digital twin of additive manufacturing, Acta Materialia, Volume 135, 2017.
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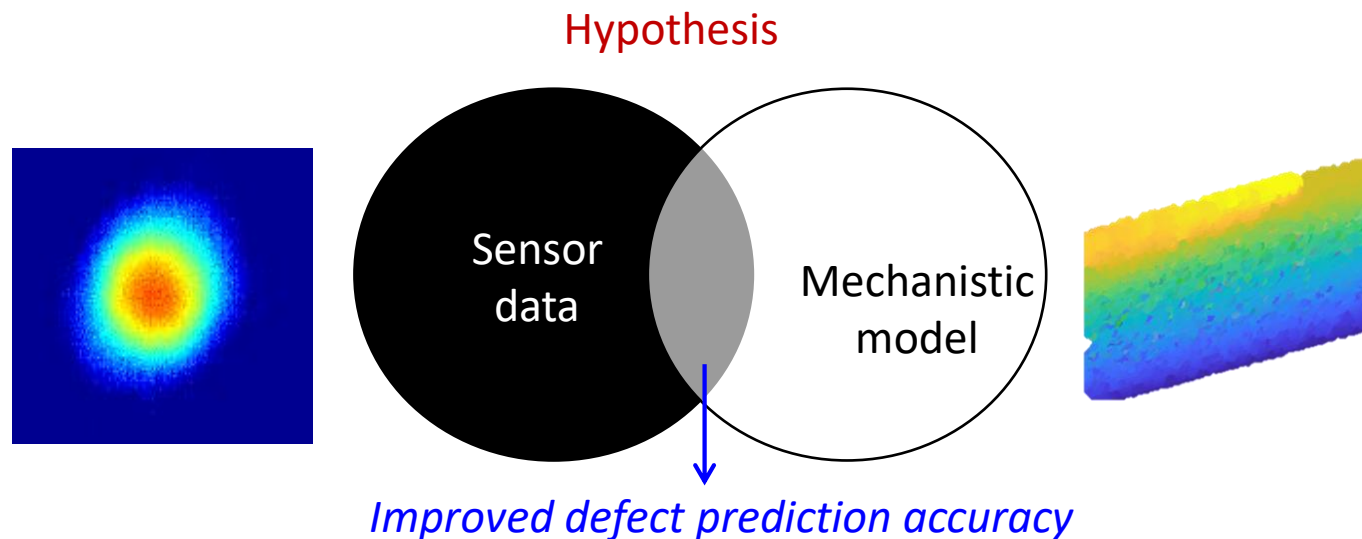
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# Objective and Hypothesis

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Predict the instantaneous spatiotemporal temperature distribution with graph-theory and combine with in-process sensor data to monitor the process condition.



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# Thermal Modeling using Graph Theory

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The following heat continuum equation is solved

$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial T(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} - k \left( \frac{\partial^2 T(x, y, z, t)}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2 T(x, y, z, t)}{\partial^2 y} + \frac{\partial^2 T(x, y, z, t)}{\partial^2 z} \right) = Q(x, y, z, t)$$

Representing the continuous Laplacian operator as

$$\Delta[T(x, y, z, t)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) T(x, y, z, t)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p}$$

Boundary condition:  $Q(x, y, z, t = 0) = T_0$ , i.e. melting temperature of the material.

# Thermal Modeling using Graph Theory

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Therefore, heat equation reduces to a steady state form

$$\frac{\partial T(x,y,z,t)}{\partial t} - \alpha \Delta [T(x,y,z,t)] = 0; \text{ with initial condition } T_{t=0} = T_0$$

The continuous Laplacian operator ( $\Delta$ ) is approximated by a discrete Laplacian operator called the graph Laplacian matrix ( $\mathbb{L}$ )

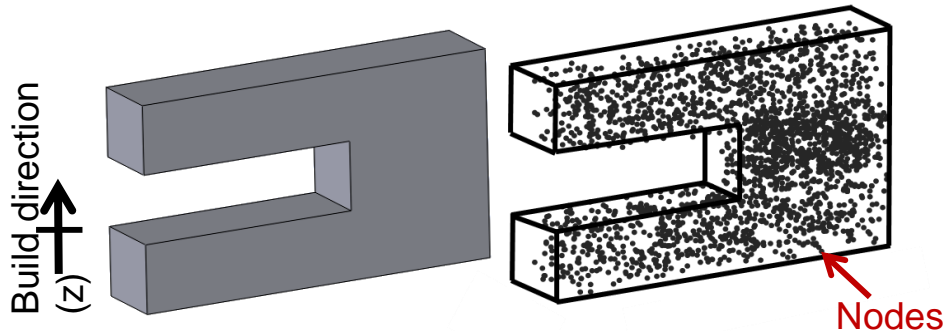
The solution takes the form

$$T(x,y,z,t) = \Phi e^{-\alpha g \Lambda t} \Phi' T_0$$

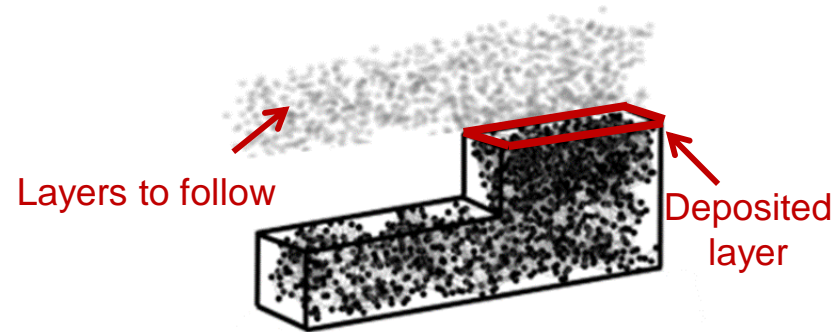
$\Lambda$  and  $\Phi$  are the Eigen spectrum of the Laplacian matrix.

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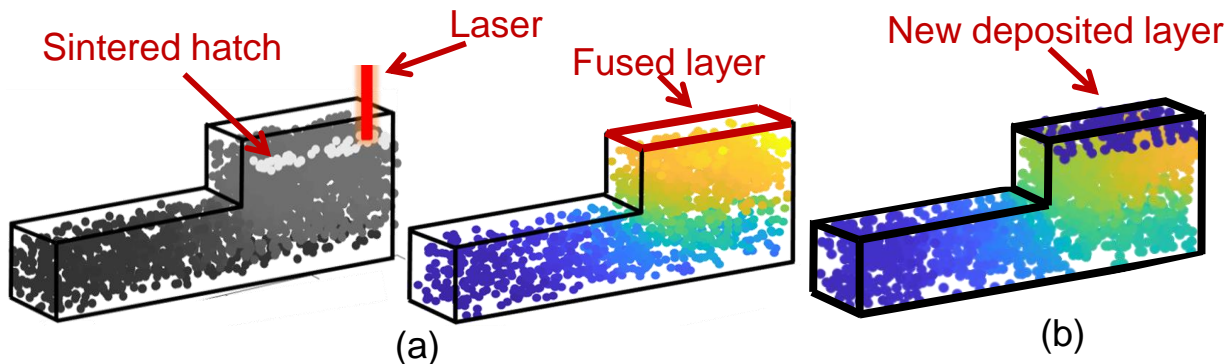
## Steps involved in graph theory-based thermal modeling



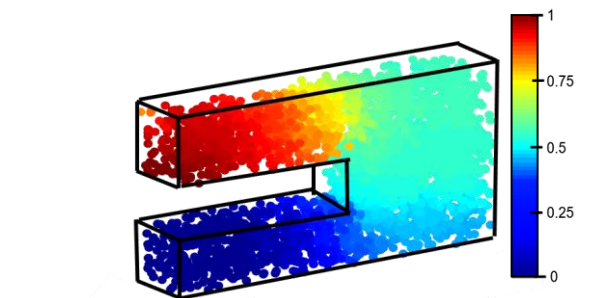
Step 1- Obtain the geometry of a part and convert it to a set of discrete nodes.



Step 2- Construct a network graph from the sampled nodes.



Step 3- (a) Heat a layer hatch-by-hatch to diffuse heat through the part (b) Deposit a new layer.

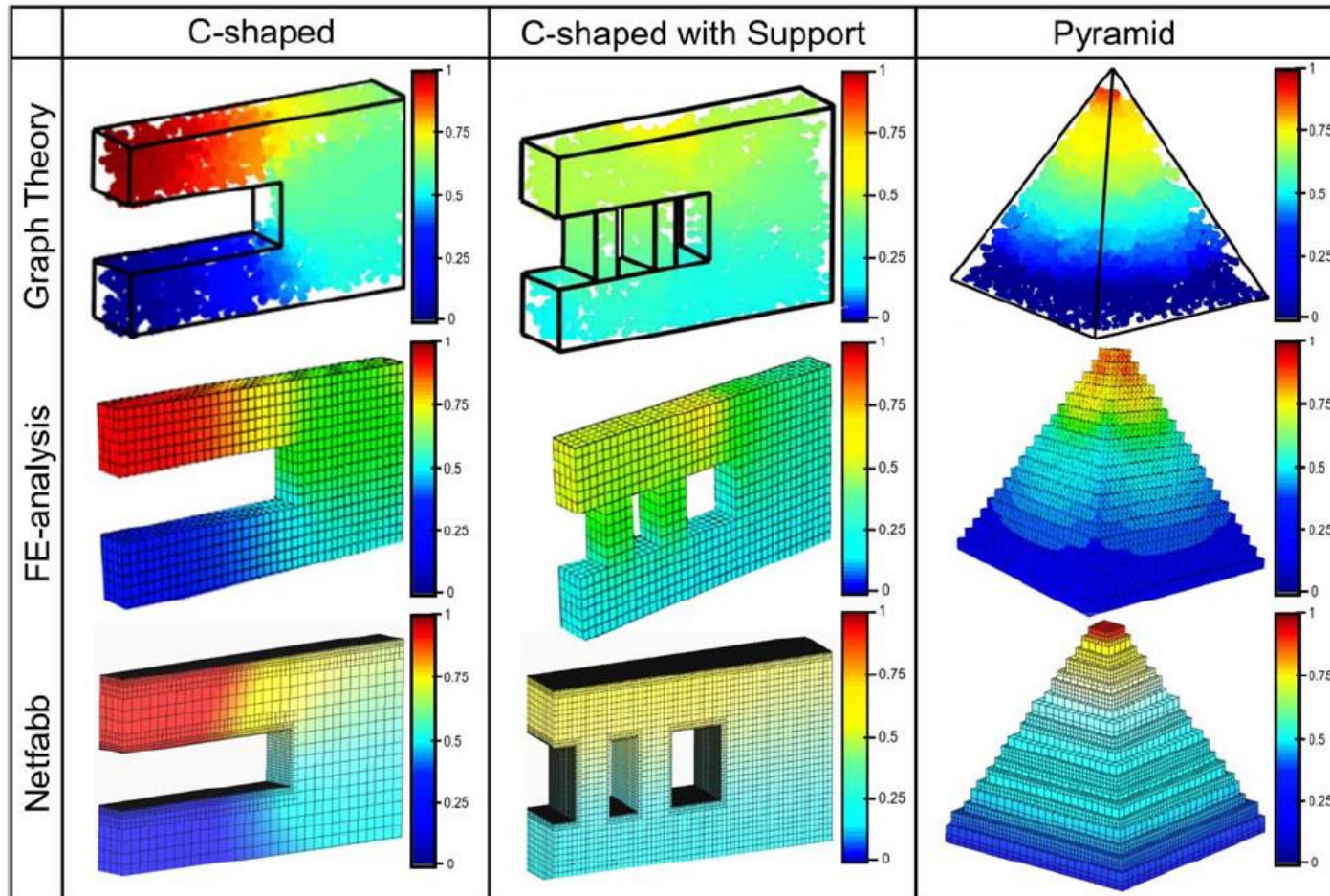


Step 4- Obtain the result as temperature array ( $T$ ) which shows the temperature history of the part.



# Thermal Modeling using Graph Theory

Reduces the time taken for thermal simulation to 1/10<sup>th</sup> of FE analysis with error less than 10%.



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Flaw Prediction in thin-wall made using DED
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## Case Study 1

Experimental data was generated at  
Mississippi State University by Dr. Linkan Bian

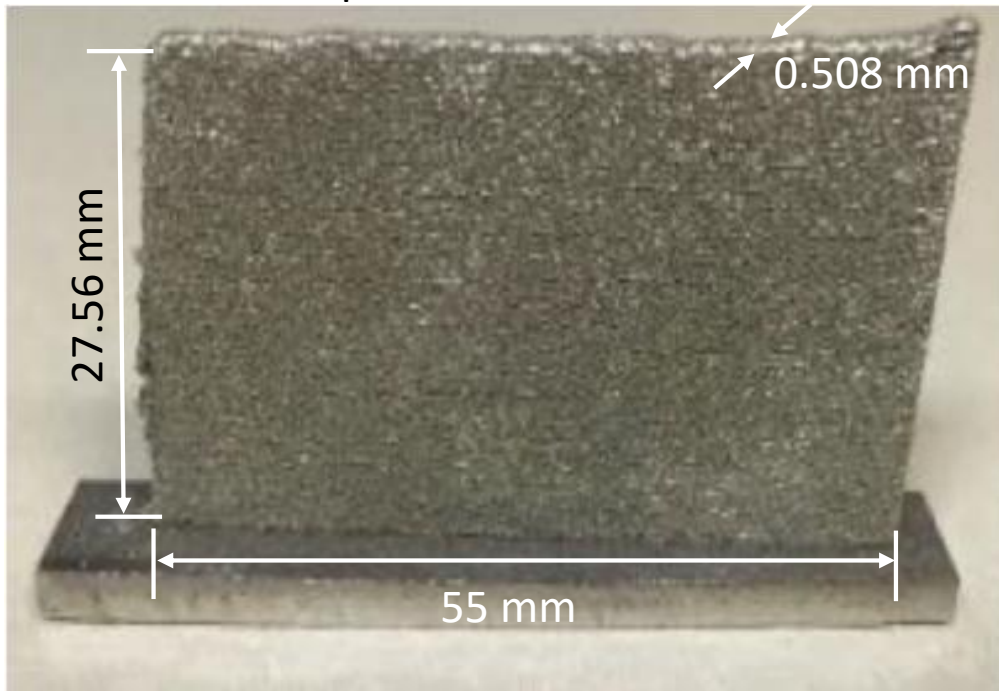
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# Test Artifact

Detecting flaws in thin-walls by combining in-situ pyrometer data and the corresponding graph theory-derived simulated temperature

Single track thin wall part with  
Ti6Al4V Optomec LENS 750

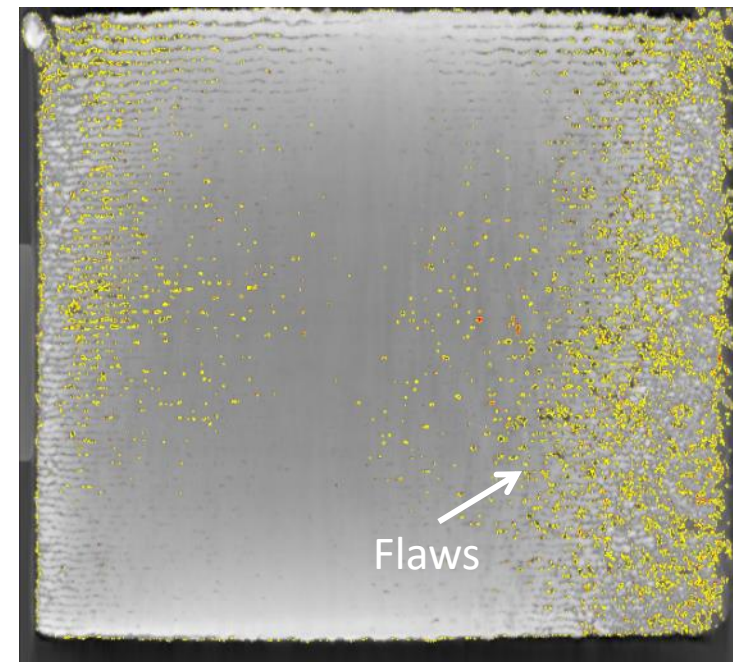


Power: 300 W

Scan Speed: 12.7 mm/s

Layer Thickness: 0.508 mm

Post-process characterization with  
X-ray computed tomography



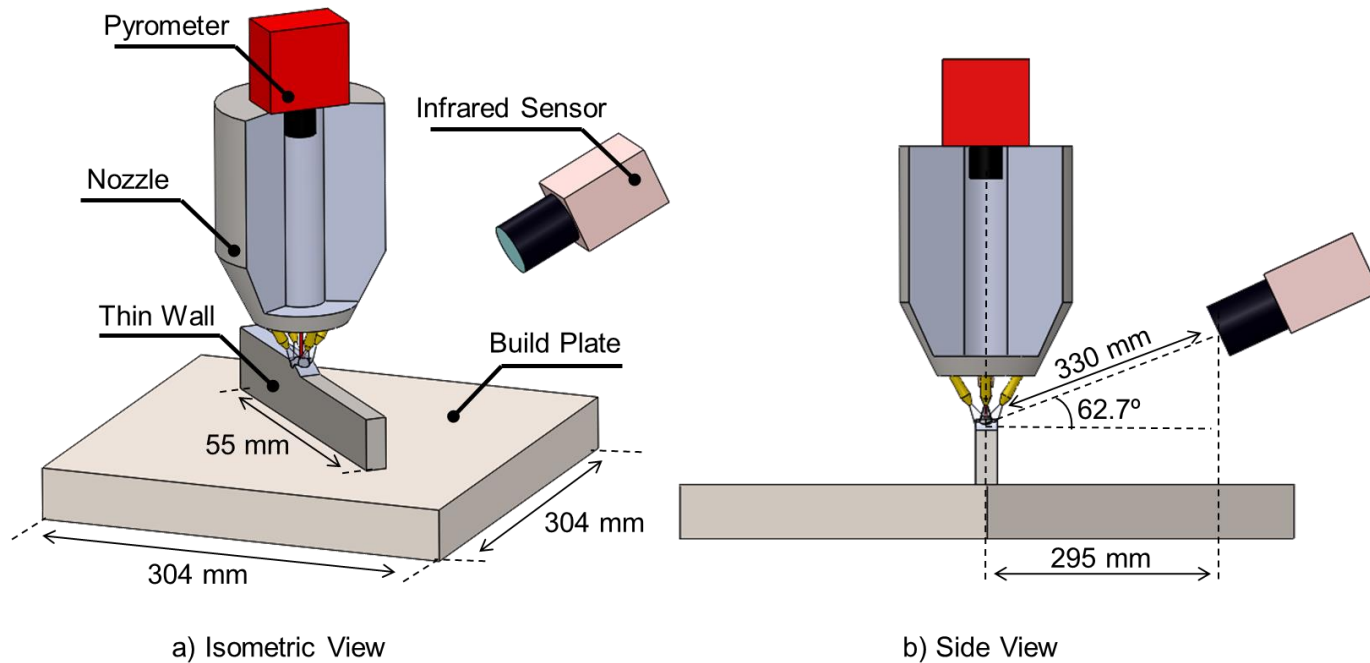
# Experimental Setup

## Dual-wavelength pyrometer

- CMOS detector with array size of 752 pixel  $\times$  480 pixel
- Exposure time (2.0274 ms)
- Coaxial view the laser shaft

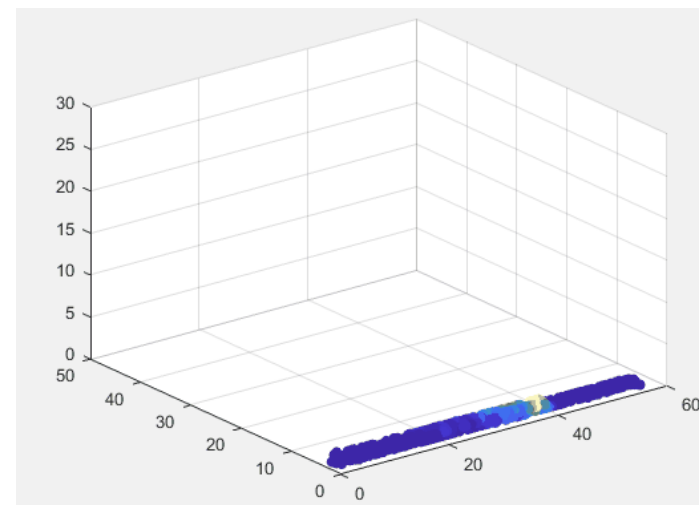
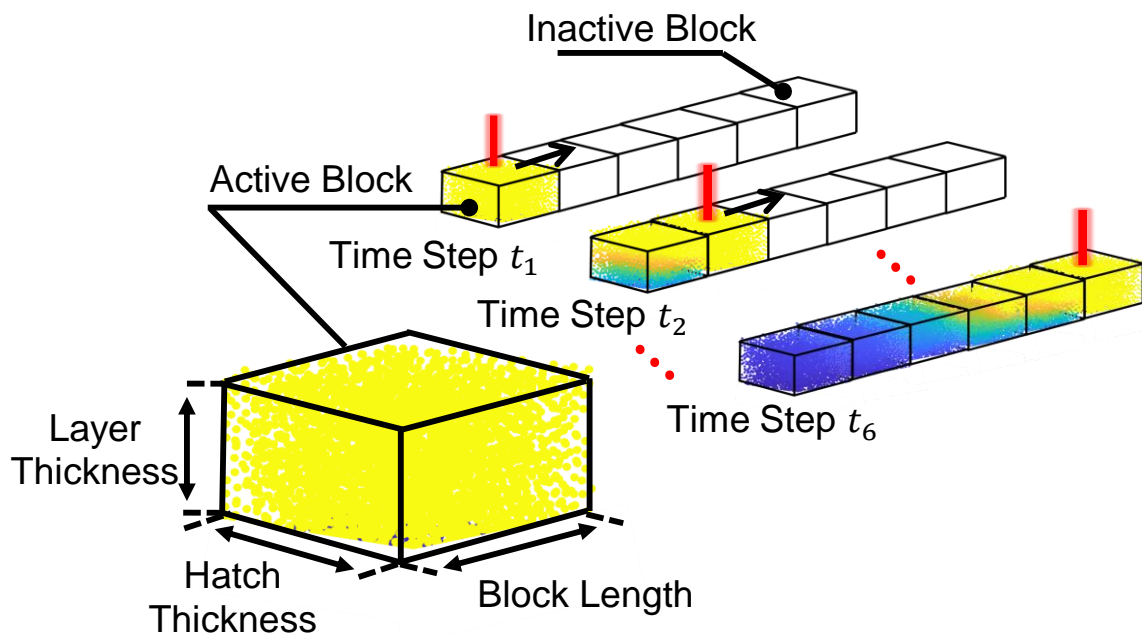
## Short-wave infrared (SWIR) camera

- Oriented at approximately  $45^\circ$  to the table



# Simulation of thin-wall

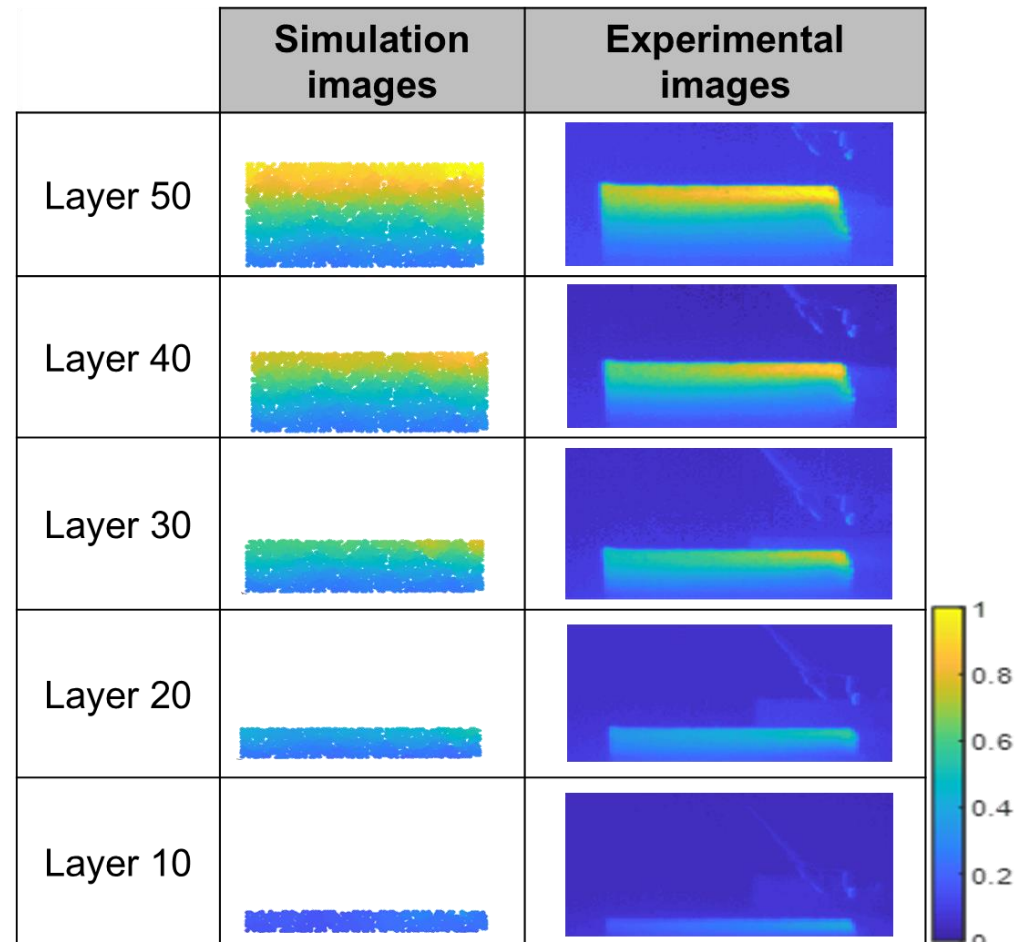
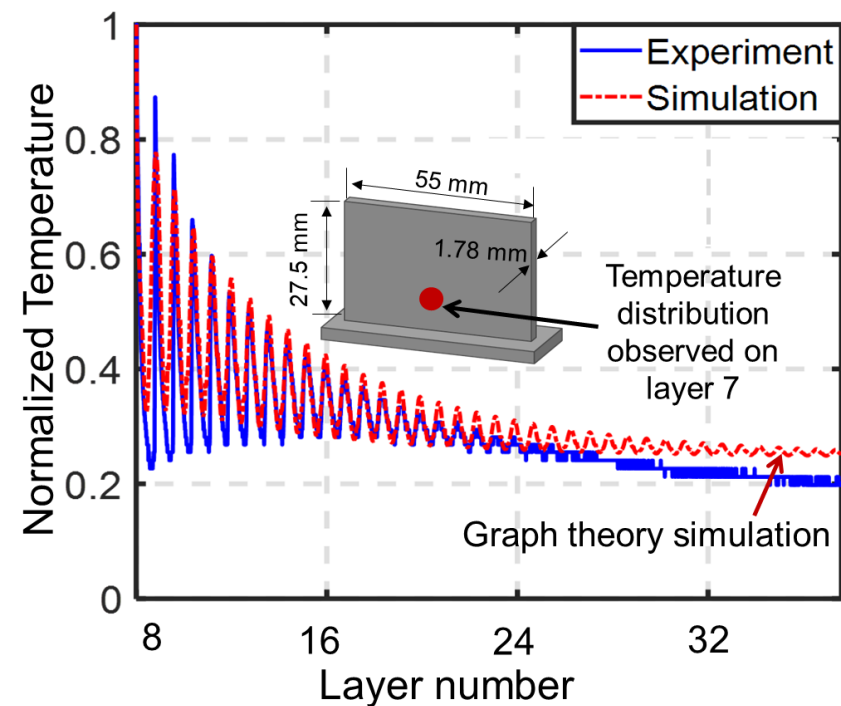
Block-by-block regime is adopted to simulate the thin-wall



# Comparison Between Experimental and Simulation Data

There is a high correlation between simulated part-level temperature and experimental meltpool temperature data.

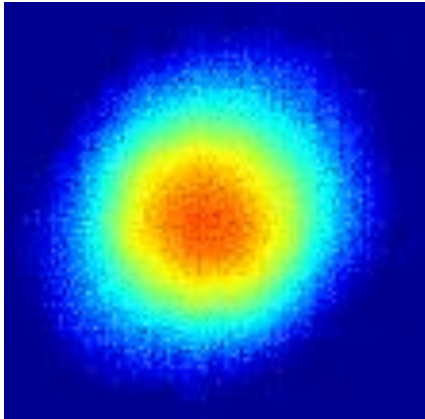
Temperature reading observed on Layer 7



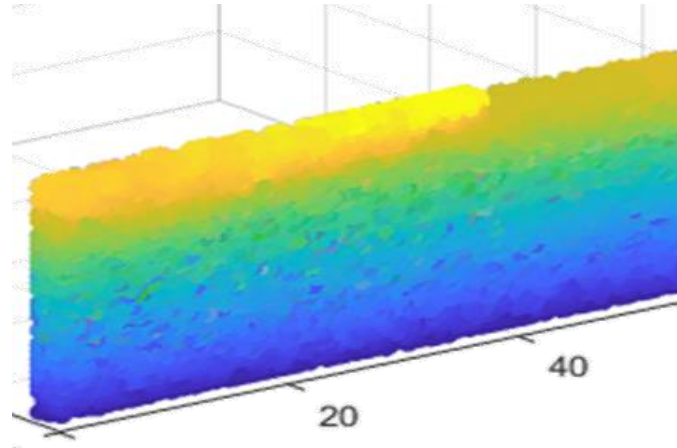
# Combining Simulation and Sensor Data

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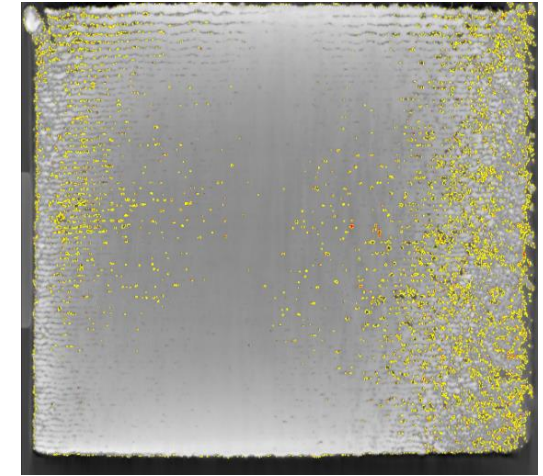
Experimental Data  
Meltpool Images



Part-level Simulation



Ground Truth: XCT



- Obtain features (mean, standard deviation) of each melt pool image where pixel values are above 1600 °C.
- Calculate the statistical features (mean, standard deviation) of the part temperature from simulation.
- Use X-ray CT data to label locations with flaw size larger than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



# Prediction of Porosity

Data	Input features	F-Score
Pyrometer data	2: mean, standard deviation of meltpool area.	81.6% (3.2%)
Simulation data	2: mean, standard deviation of temperature readings.	82.9% (2.7%)
<u>Digital Twin:</u> Pyrometer + Simulation data	2: mean, standard deviation of pyrometer readings. + 2: mean, standard deviation of temperature readings.	<b>91.0% (1.2%)</b>

<i>Confusion Matrix for two-level classification (Digital Twin)</i>		
True Classes ↓	Predicted Classes	
	Non-Porous	Porous
Non-Porous (38 total)	38	0 (False Alarm, Type I error)
Porous (38 total)	6 (Failing to detect , Type II error)	32

The digital twin predicts the occurrence of porosity with higher accuracy in comparison to individual sensor and simulation data





## Case Study 2

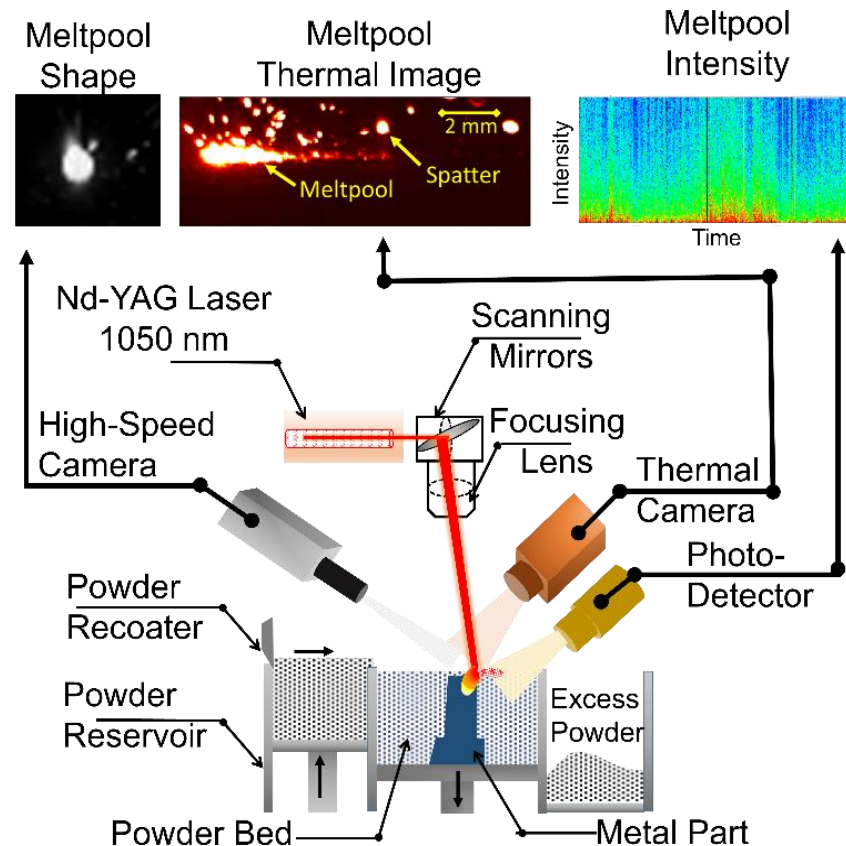
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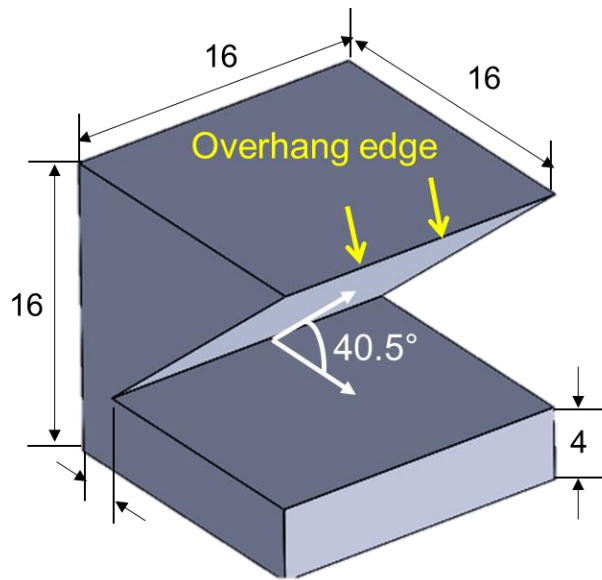
## Heterogeneous sensor setup used in this work



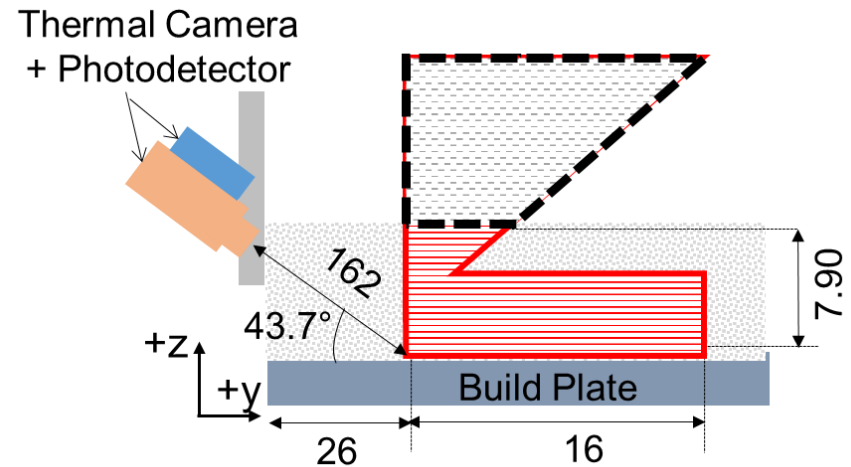
- Thermal camera  
Frame rate 1800 fps  
Wavelength 1350 nm – 1600nm
- High speed camera: Frame rate 4000 fps
- Photodetector: Sampling rate 1MHz

# Test Part Geometry

16 mm × 16 mm × 16 mm test part (Inconel 625) with 40.5° overhang



3-D part schematic



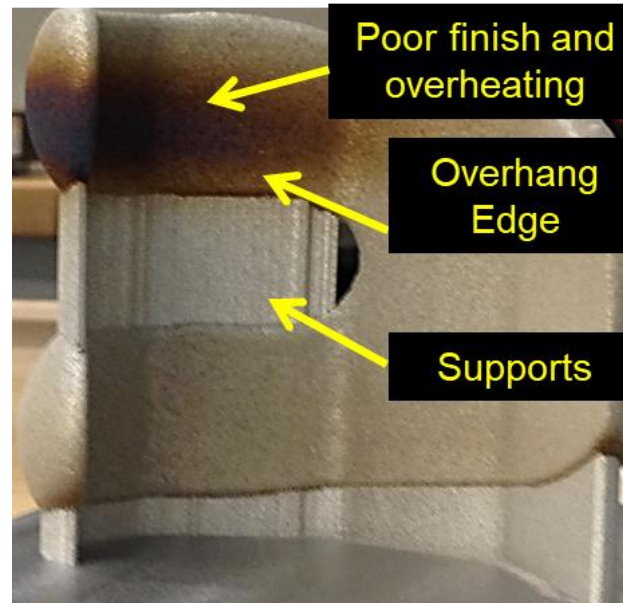
Side view schematic

Classify the difference between the overhang and bulk section by combining photodetector and thermal model data

# Rationale

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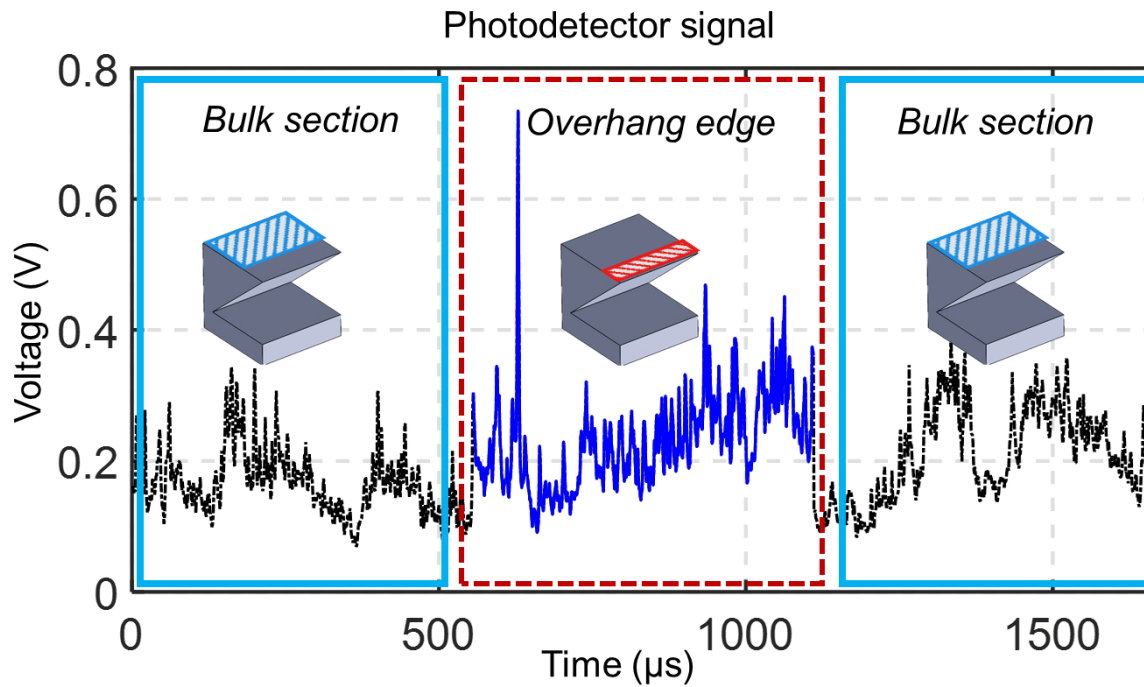
Overhang geometries are challenging to build and prone to failure



Heat tends to accumulate in the overhang region which leads to flaw formation, e.g., poor surface finish

# Sample Sensor Data

The photodetector and thermal camera capture the change in laser position from bulk section to overhang edge



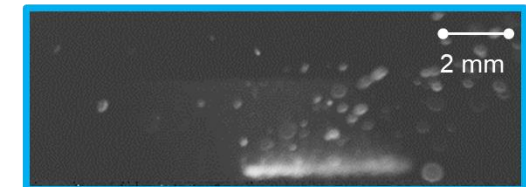
Thermal camera frames  
*Bulk section*



*Overhang section*

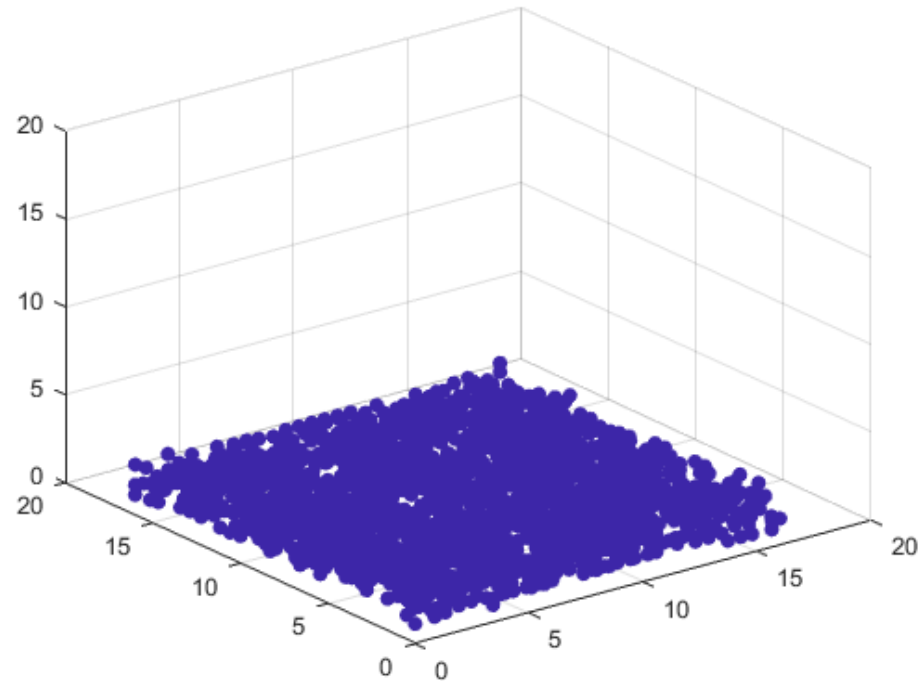
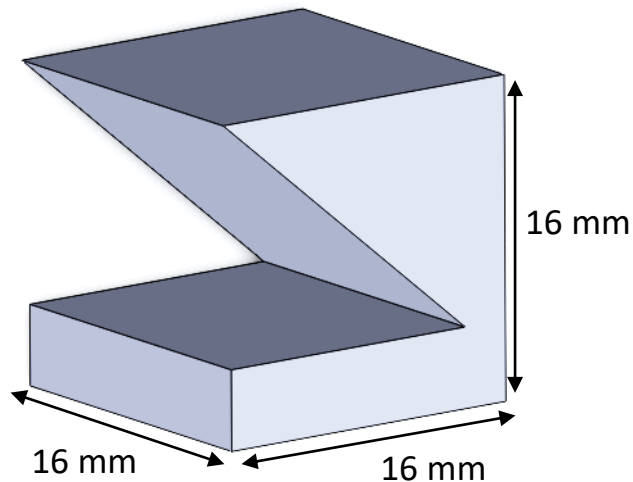


*Bulk section*



# Simulation of Test Artifact

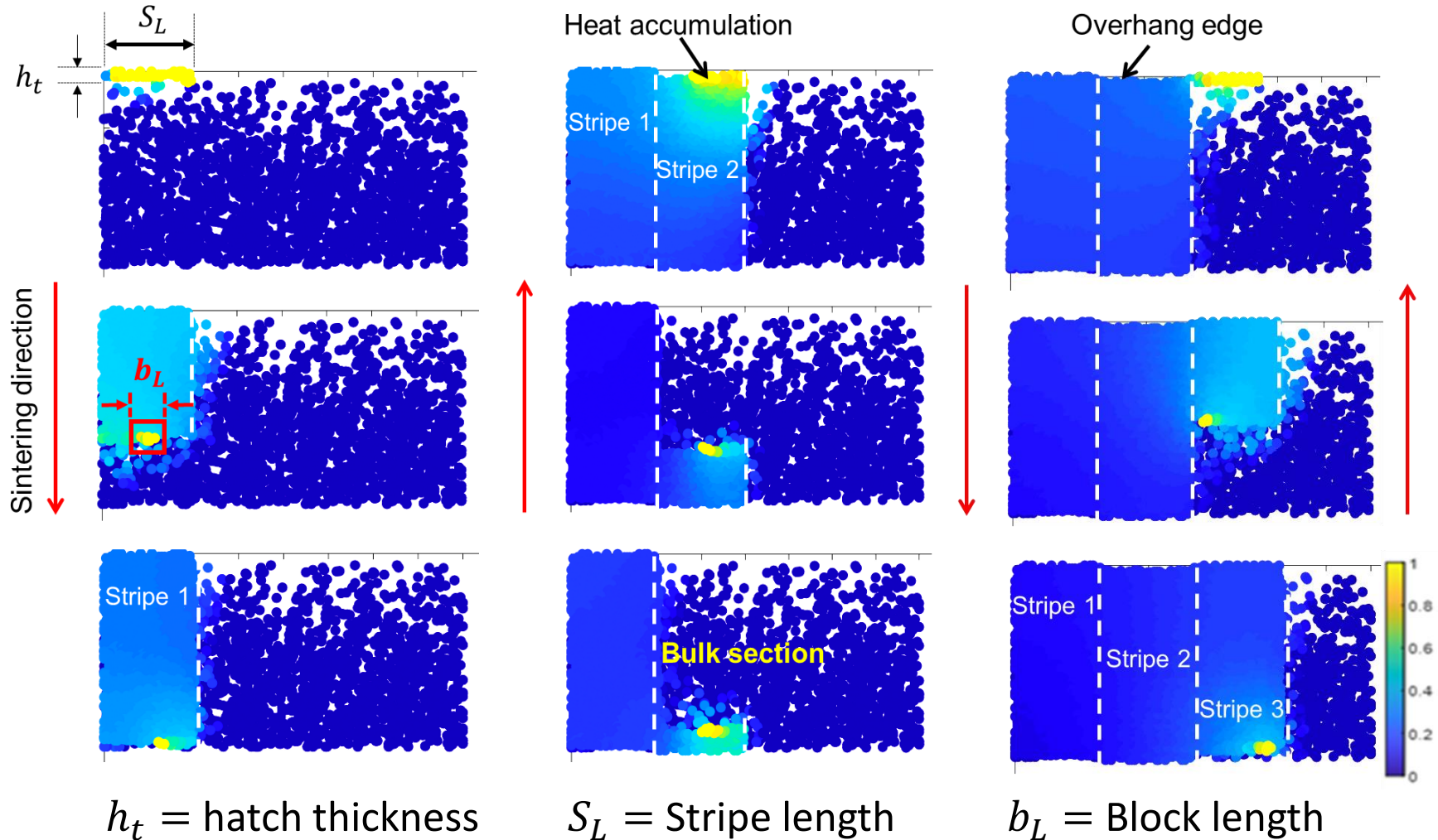
The graph theoretic model predicts the overheating of the overhang structure



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# Modified Stripe-wise Simulation

The simulation is modified to accurately correspond with the sensor data





# Predicting Signatures Belonging to Different Section

Data	Input features	F-score
Photodetector data	2: mean, standard deviation of intensity readings taken over 60 consecutive hatches in a moving window. Data is available for 320 total hatches.	79.6% (1.5)
Simulation data	2: mean, standard deviation of temperature predictions for 15 consecutive blocks. There are 10 blocks per hatch, for a total of 3200 simulation blocks.	76.3% (1.1)
<u>Digital Twin:</u> Photodetector + Simulation data	2: mean, standard deviation of intensity readings + 2: mean, standard deviation of temperature readings.	<b>87.5% (1.4)</b>
Ground truth: Thermal camera data	2: mean, standard deviation of intensity readings.	93.2% (1.9)

<i>Confusion Matrix for two-Level Classification (Digital Twin)</i>		
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Bulk	57 (out of 59)	2 (False Alarm)
Overhang	12 (Failing to detect)	47 (out of 59)

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# Conclusion and Future Work

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Combining the theoretical simulations with in-process sensor data leads to higher statistical fidelity of detecting process flaws.

- Prediction fidelity increases to over 85% compared to 75% using only sensor data or simulation alone.

Extend for prediction of different types of flaws, such as cracking and deformation, with data acquired from multiple in-process sensors.

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