

## Nondestructive Measurement of Strength, Ductility, and Toughness


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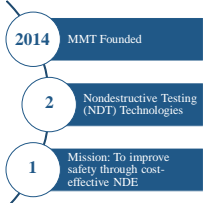

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**Massachusetts Materials Technologies LLC (MMT)**




**Initial Sponsor:** National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Strong team:**



**Customers:** Exxon, Dow, GE, TCPL, National Grid




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### Building Experience in Oil and Gas Pipeline Testing

- \$800K+ in Revenues from Testing Services
- 12+ Customers

2016 Two Years of Progress → 2018

- Improve Pipeline Safety
- Enable Life Extension
- Prioritize Inspection and Repairs
- Meet Regulatory Requirements

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### Accelerating Growth through New Markets




- Oil & Gas
- Defense
- Power
- Process Facilities
- Bridges
- Aerospace

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### MMT's Complementary Nondestructive Testing Solutions

Hardness, Strength, and Ductility (HSD) Tester Measures Strength




**Nondestructive**

Accurate

Cost Efficient

Time Saving

Nondestructive Toughness Tester (NDTT) Measures Toughness



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### Fundamentals of Frictional Sliding

- Contact mechanics test using a hard stylus (e.g. diamond)
- Press stylus into softer material causing local deformation
- Slide stylus across the surface of the material creating a permanent groove (depth < 0.002 inches)

Residual Groove Profile

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### Finite Element Analysis (FEA) of Frictional Sliding

Plastic Strain

Material Flow

Steady state simulations

- Material properties
- Stylus geometries
- Friction coefficients

Bellemare et al., *Int. J. Solids and Structures*, 2007  
 Bellemare et al., *Journal of Applied Mechanics*, 2008  
 Bellemare et al., *Acta Materialia*, 2010

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### Dimensional Analysis

(a) Side View (b) Top View (c) Front View

#### Frictional Sliding Measurements

Stylus sliding hardness,  $H = \frac{8P}{\pi a^2}$

Stylus attack angle,  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin\left(\frac{a}{2R}\right)$

#### Representative Stress-Strain Functions

Representative strain,  $\epsilon_r = f(\phi)$

Representative stress,  $\sigma_r = f(\phi, H, E_n)$

Reduced modulus,  $E_n = \left[ \frac{1-\nu_s^2}{E_s} + \frac{1-\nu^2}{E} \right]^{-1}$

Stylus Elastic Constants      Substrate Elastic Constants

Dao et al., *Acta Materialia*, 2001

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### Relating Frictional Sliding to Tensile Testing

Increasing plastic strain

Stylus 1 Stylus 2 Stylus 3 Stylus 4

Experimental data on steel alloy

- Dissimilar styluses used to measure material response at different strain magnitudes (Chollacopet et al., *Acta Materialia*, 2003).
- Complete stress-strain curve obtained by power-law fit to independent measurements
- Determine yield and ultimate tensile strength from stress-strain curve

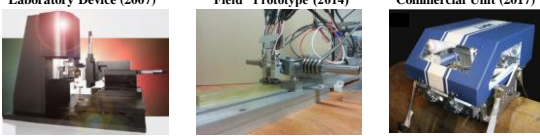
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### Hardness, Strength, and Ductility (HSD) Tester

**Background**

- Scientific basis established through academic research at MIT (2004 – 2014)
- Portable technology designed and implemented by MMT (2014 – present)

**Laboratory Device (2007)**      **“Field” Prototype (2014)**      **Commercial Unit (2017)**

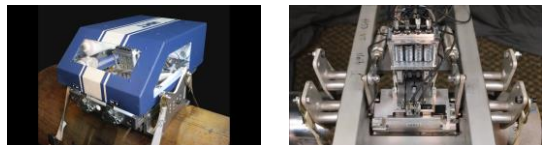


<http://www.niccomaterials.co.uk/NanoTest.asp>      S.D. Palukovic, M.S. Thesis, MIT, 2014

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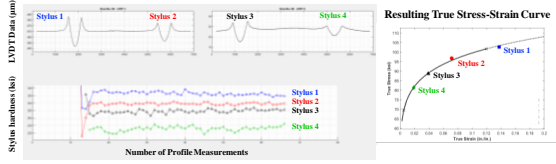
### HSD Hardware

**Tests plates, curves, and irregular surfaces**      **Load and groove geometry measured continuously**



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### Typical Test Output



Stylus hardness (dsk)      LUT Data (mm)

Stylus 1      Stylus 2      Stylus 3      Stylus 4

Resulting True Stress-Strain Curve

Yield = 52.0 ± 1.0 ksi      Yield = 52.6 ± 1.3 ksi

UTS = 79.1 ± 1.1 ksi      UTS = 74.4 ± 1.4 ksi

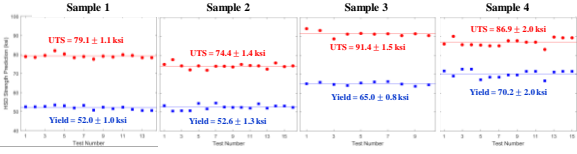
UTS = 91.4 ± 1.5 ksi      UTS = 86.9 ± 2.0 ksi

Typical test is ~35 mm long and takes 10 minutes (60-80 measurements)

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### Repeatability on the Same Material

- Results combined from two HSD units on four homogeneous steel samples (collected over 3 months)
- Plots show average and standard deviation of yield and ultimate tensile strength (UTS)



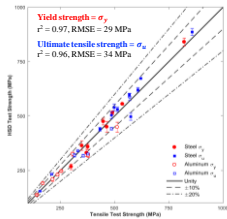
Sample 1      Sample 2      Sample 3      Sample 4

UTS = 79.1 ± 1.1 ksi      UTS = 74.4 ± 1.4 ksi      UTS = 91.4 ± 1.5 ksi      UTS = 86.9 ± 2.0 ksi

Yield = 52.0 ± 1.0 ksi      Yield = 52.6 ± 1.3 ksi      Yield = 65.0 ± 0.8 ksi      Yield = 70.2 ± 2.0 ksi

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### Comparison with Laboratory Tensile Test



Alloy	Steel		Aluminum	
	Yield (MPa)	UTS (MPa)	Yield (MPa)	UTS (MPa)
1020	300	452	303	143
A42	371	574	5052	170
4130	377	499	5086	215
4140	448	608	5083	238
A572	464	513	5456	255
A656	537	621	6061	315
A514	821	858	7075	512
			570	

Additional published validation data on steel pipes, copper, brass, aluminum and nickel alloys

Pallares et al., CORROSION 2018, 2018; Pallares et al., PPIW 2018, 2018; Pallares et al., Journal of Pipeline Engineering, 14(2), 2015; Bullenar et al., Acta Materialia, 2010

### Applications with Cold Spray Samples

#### Influence of powder processing on HSD measurements (2017)

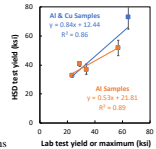
Sample ID	Material	T (°C)	P (Bar)	Comments	HSD Yield (ksi)	HSD UTS (ksi)	HSD Strain Hardening (n)
M2-U	6061 Al	230	35	No processing	38.6	44.4	0.067
M4-P	6061 Al	230	35	Preheated @ 230°C for 75 min	31.2	44.3	0.127
V1-U	6061 Al	230	35	No processing	38.0	39.3	0.024
V3-P	6061 Al	230	35	Preheated @ 230°C for 75 min	29.9	37.1	0.089

#### Comparison of Laboratory Tensile tests with HSD measurements

Sample ID	Material	T (°C)	P (Bar)	Tensile Elongation	Tensile Yield or Max (ksi)	HSD Yield (ksi)
CS-18-043	6061 Al	450	35	7.6%	33.8	37.0
CS-18-044	6061 Al	300	20	1.9%	29.1*	40.9
CS-18-047	3003 Al	400	---	3.2%	23.6	32.8
Valmet 7050	7050 Al	430	35	Could not test	57**	53.3
AcqPowder 155A	Cu	400	25	2.1%	64.2*	73.2

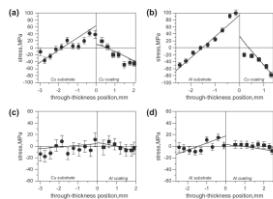
\*Tensile sample failed prior to 0.2% offset yield strength

\*\*Using literature values from Rokni et al.(2017) for 7050 Al w/ similar spray conditions



### Residual Stresses in Cold Spray Deposits

#### Measured residual stress distributions (Luzin et al., Acta Materialia, 2011.)



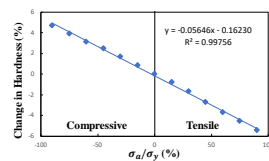
Yield strength ( $\sigma_y$ ) considered:

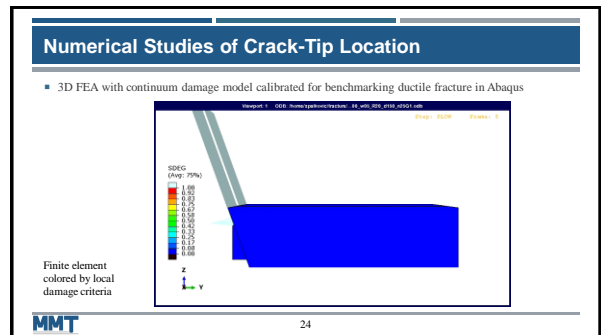
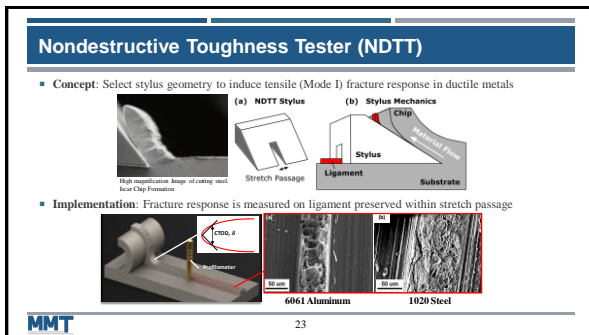
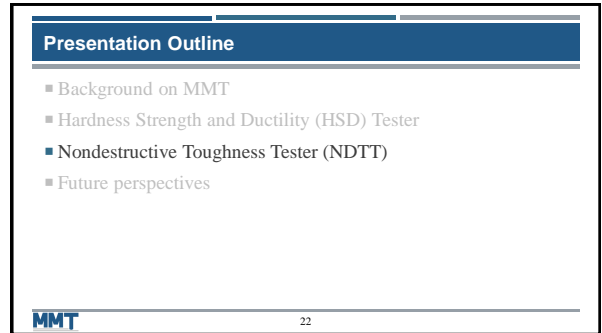
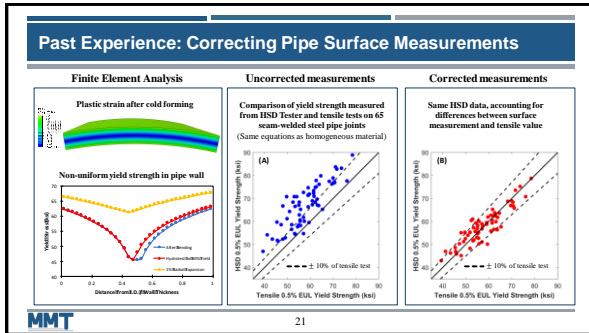
- CP Cu = 60 MPa
- CP Al = 30 MPa

### Influence of Residual Stresses on HSD Test

#### Numerical Study

- FEA with external stress applied  $\sigma_a$





### Numerical Studies of Crack-Tip Stress Fields

- Results shows significant hydrostatic tension, a critical parameter for fracture of metals and polymers

**(A) Maximum absolute principal stress distribution in stretch passage**

Stylus  
Chip  
Ligament surface  
Cut surface

**(B) Stress and damage evolution for an element in the stretch passage and on failure plane**

Hydrostatic Stress  
von Mises Stress  
Element is in front of stylus leading edge  
Element enters stretch passage  
Damage initiates  
Complete fracture

Simulation time (proportional to stylus travel)

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### NDTT Prototype

**Laboratory prototype**

**Testing on interior surface**

**Testing on exterior surface**

**Portable prototype**

**NDTT Tests**

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### Proof-of-concept for Pipeline Steel

- Tests conducted on 8 pipeline steel samples Pallavicini et al., IPC 2018 (accepted)

**NDTT Test Orientation Nomenclature**

S-L: Accessible in field  
T-L: Direction of laboratory CT Test, and lowest capacity for modern pipelines (Xu and Tyson, 2015)

**Comparison of NDTT Measurement and Destructive Lab Tests**

Fracture Mechanics Theory:  $\delta_{CTOD} \propto \frac{L_c}{\sigma_y}$

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### Applications on Cold Spray Samples

**CS-18-043: Tensile UTS = 41 ksi, Tensile elongation = 8%**

**CS-18-044: Tensile UTS = 29 ksi, Tensile elongation = 2%**

**Bulk 6061: Tensile UTS = 48 ksi, Tensile elongation = 15%**

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### Applications on Cold Spray Samples

Sample ID	Material	T (°C)	P (Bar)	Comments	HSD Strain Hardening (n)	NDTT Ligament height (mm)
CS-18-043	6061 Al	450	35	Tensile Strain = 7.6%	0.126	38.2 ± 8.7
CS-18-044	6061 Al	300	20	Tensile Strain = 1.9%	0.095	32.6 ± 7.1
CS-18-047	3003 Al	400		Tensile Strain = 3.2%	0.036	27.9 ± 8.5
Valuec 7050	7050 Al	430	35	Rokni et al.(2017); Tensile Strain = 7%	0.086	27.9 ± 13.4
V1-A	6061 Al	230	35	No processing	0.024	17.5 ± 2.2
V1-P	6061 Al	230	35	Preheated @ 230°C for 75 min	0.089	31.9 ± 7.2

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### Future Work – Cold Spray Bond Strength

#### Cold Spray Bond Strength

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### Summary of HSD & NDTT Findings

- **Hardness Strength and Ductility (HSD) Tester**
  - Accurate and repeatable for power-law hardening metals
  - Correlates with strength and ductility from laboratory tensile tests
  - Identify influence of different processing parameters
- **Nondestructive Toughness Tester (NDTT)**
  - Correlates with ductility of cold spray coatings
  - Future work should investigate toughness, fatigue, and bond strength correlations

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### Aging Infrastructure and Fleet is a Global Problem

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### MMT Delivers Performance Testing

**Characteristic Analysis**  
Many technologies available  
Data such as:

- Geometry
- Porosity
- Microstructure

**Performance Testing**  
MMT technologies  
Critical and hard to get data such as:

- Strength
- Toughness
- Interface Integrity

BOTH ARE NEEDED

**Complete performance verification ensuring safety and component/repair longevity.**

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### NDTT Application to Additive Manufacturing

The NDTT can quantify anisotropic properties by testing in different configurations.

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### Material Evaluation is Necessary

Evaluate Manufacturing Methods

Prioritize Maintenance and Repairs  
\$9B Navy  
\$12B Air Force

Minimize Costs

Improve Safety

Enable Life Extension

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## Anticipated Roadmap

- Continue process performance testing and refine the specific attributes to be tested (yield, ductility, toughness, large porosities, bond strength)
- Complete the adaptation of the tools to test both cold spray samples and repaired parts for the specific attributes selected
- Standardize the testing method, procedure and quality assurance

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