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# Advanced Powder Characterization & Modeling

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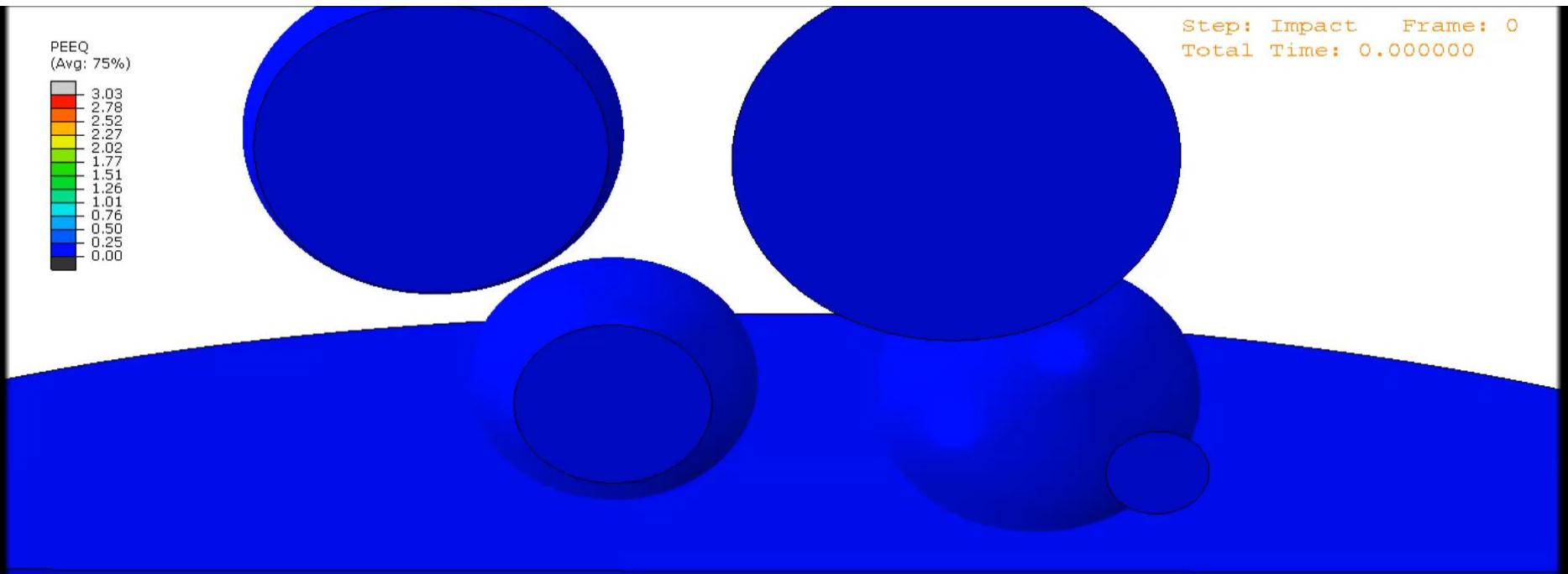
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# Cold Spray Impact Model



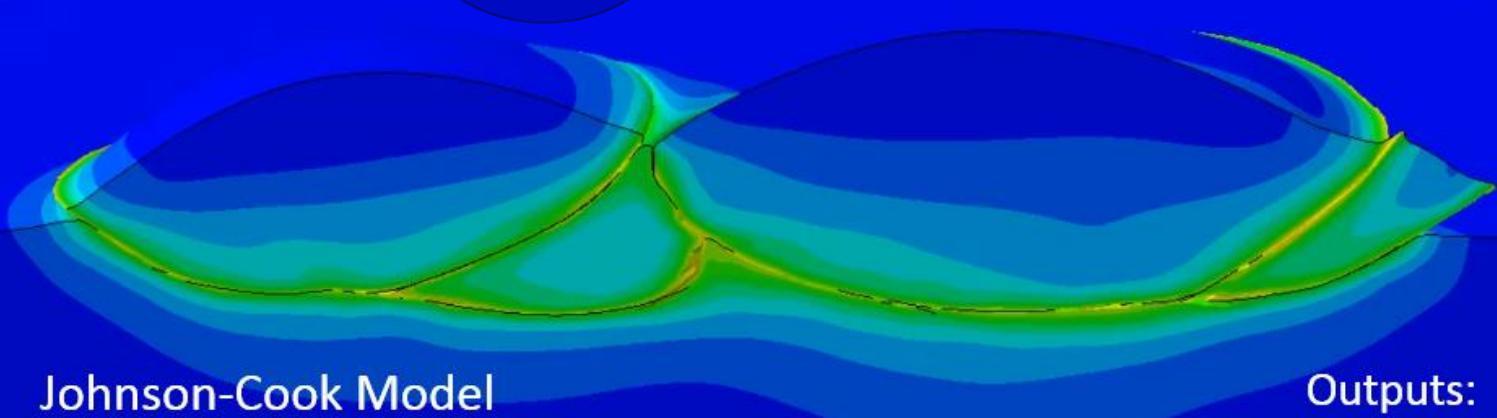
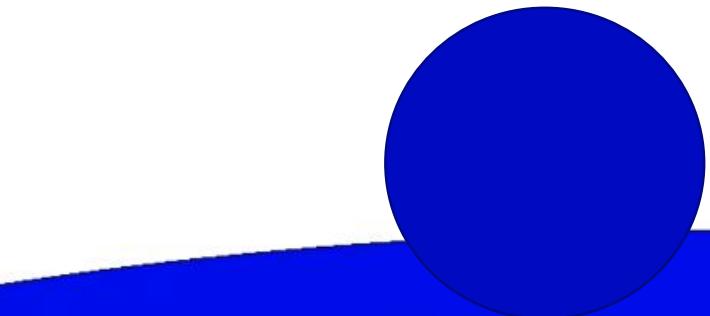
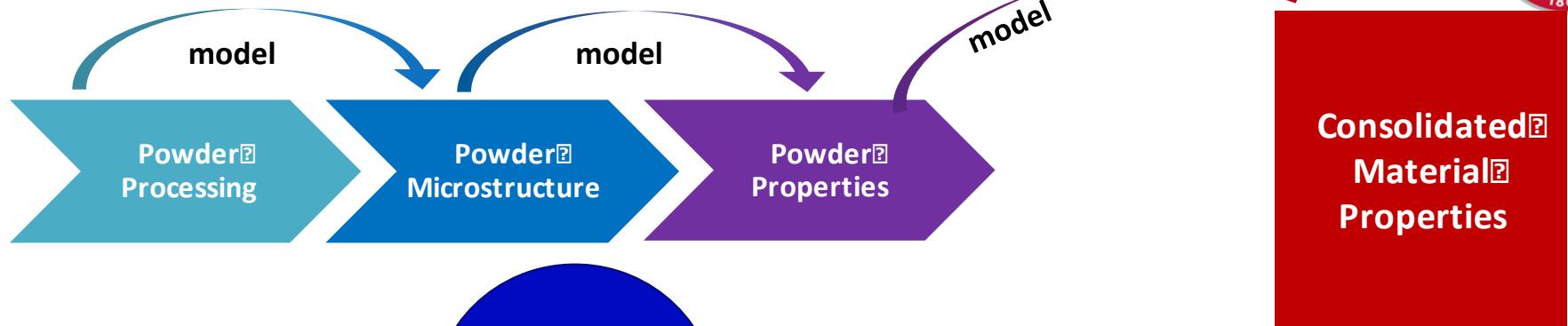
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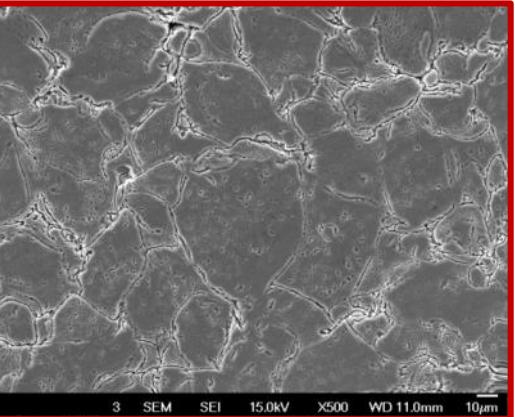
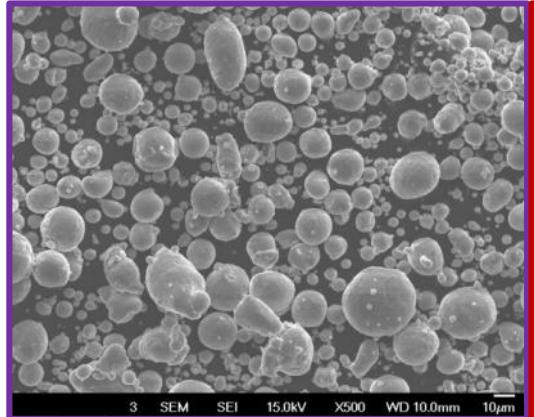
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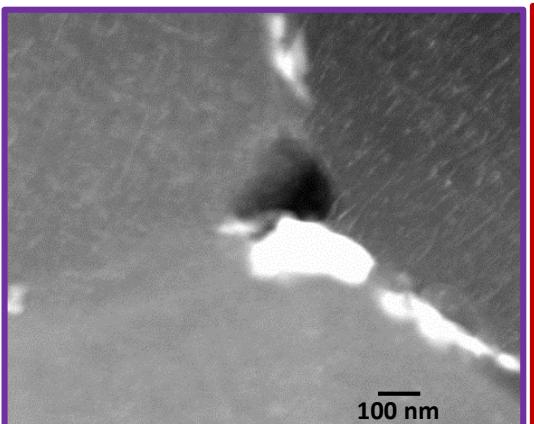
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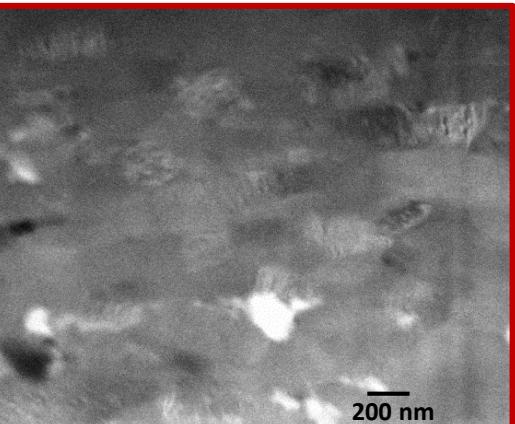
# Powder Significance



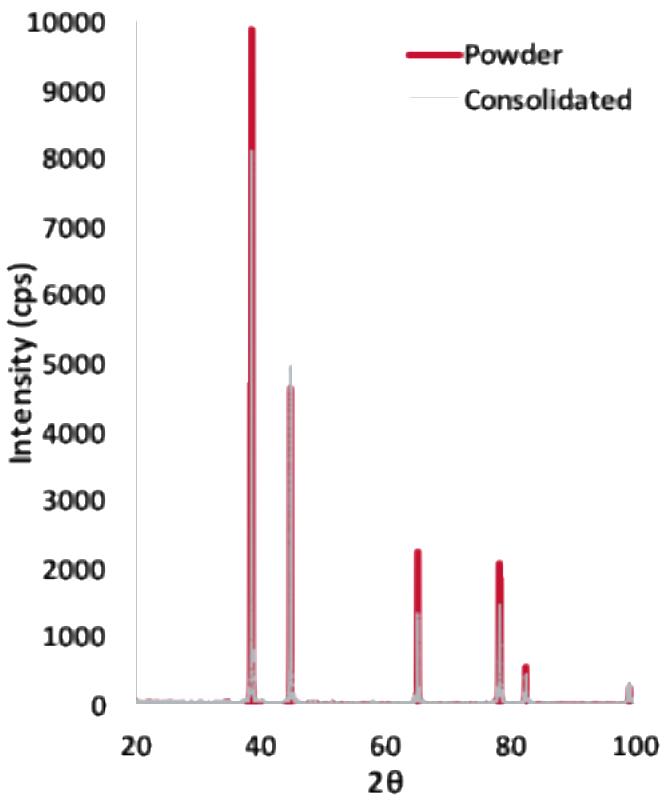
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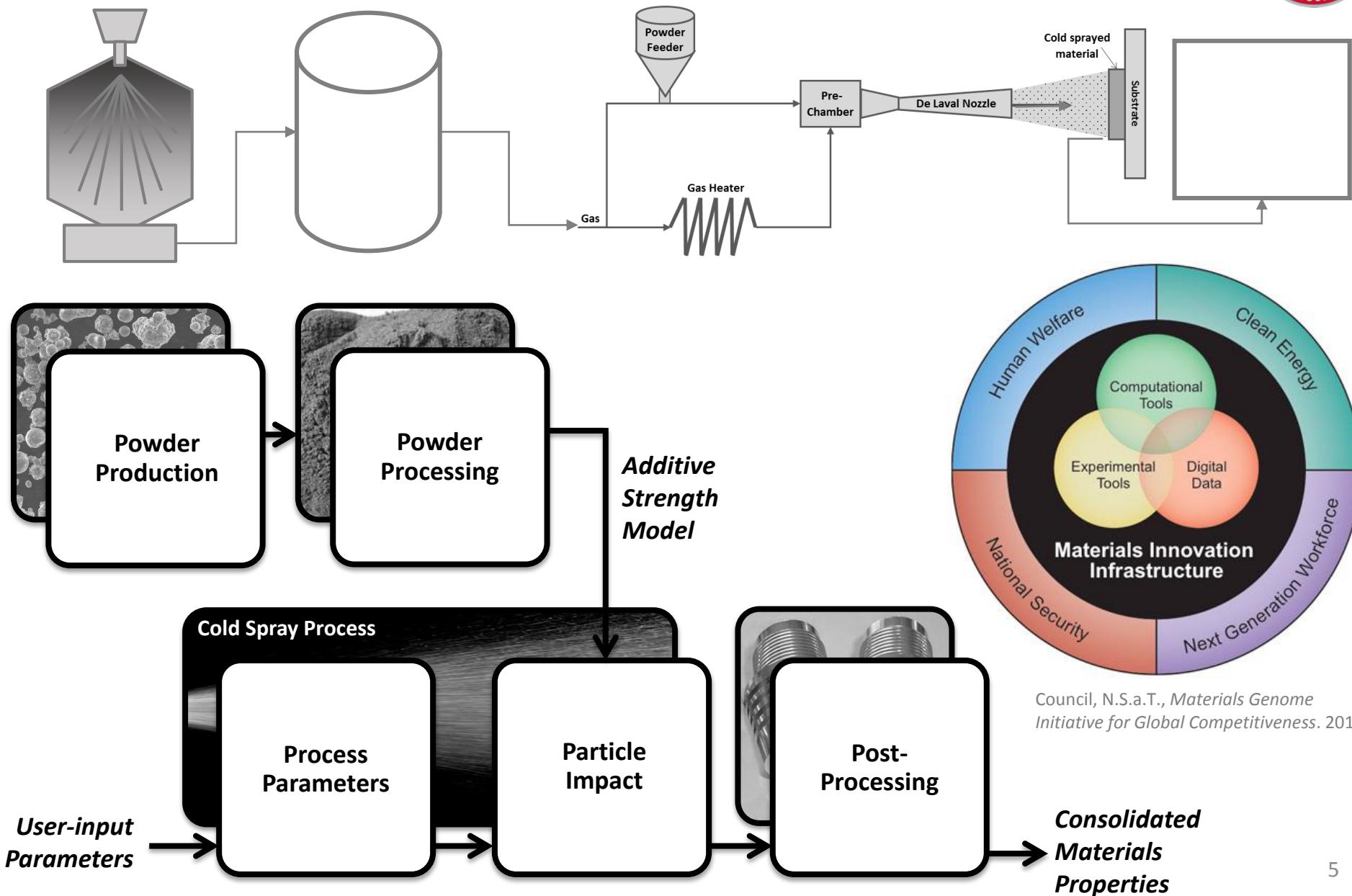
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# Through-Process Model

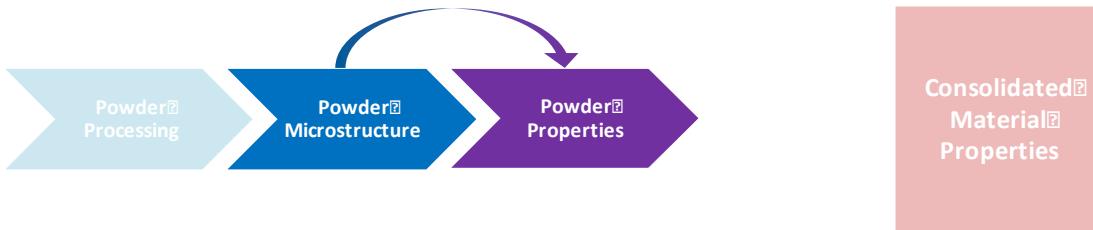


# Quantification of Powder Properties



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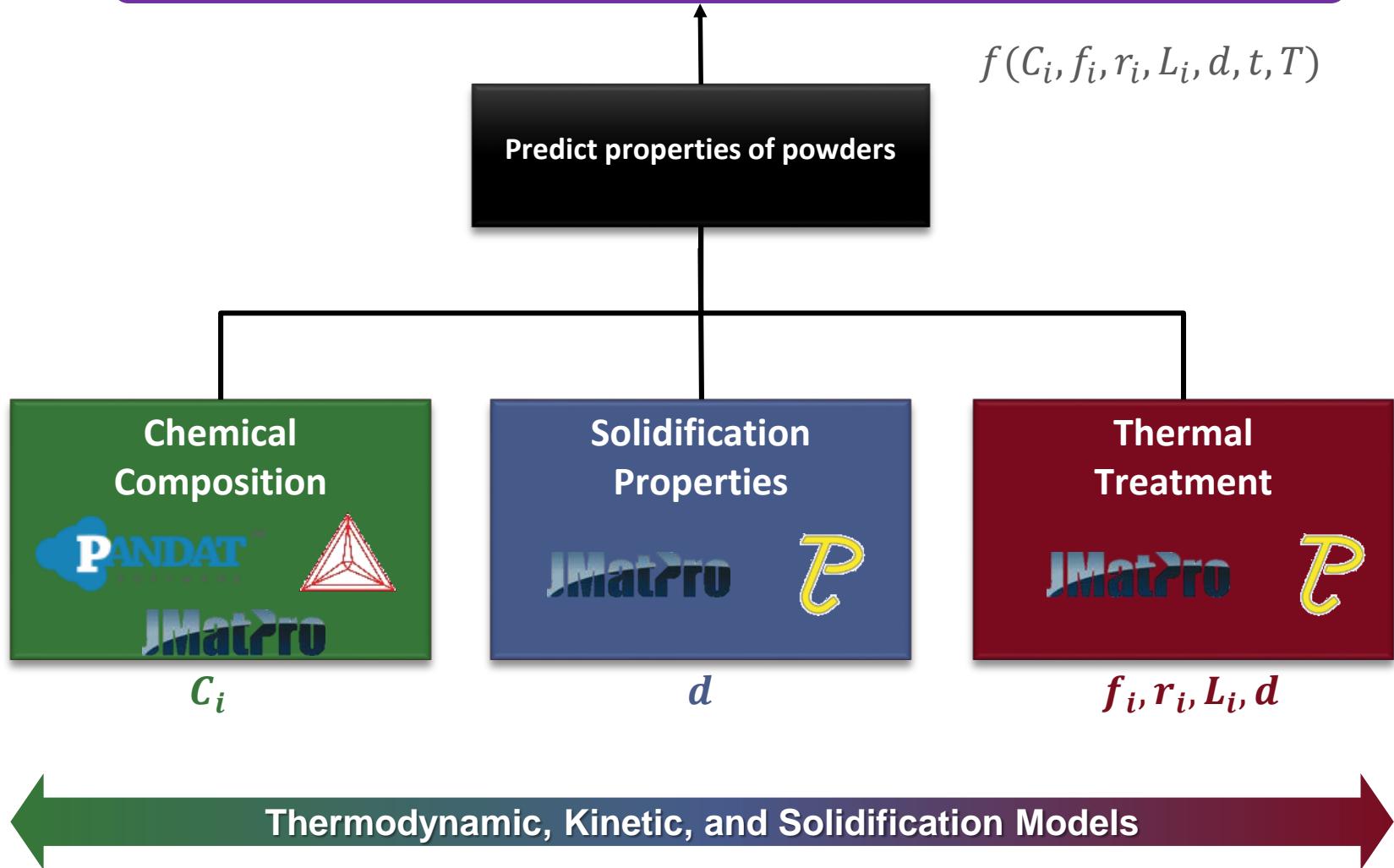
- Alloy composition,
- Powder particle size,
- T, t of heat treatment



Consolidated  
Material  
Properties

# Modeling Approach

$$\sigma_{YS}(d, t, T) = \sigma_o + \Delta\sigma_{ss}^m(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{mic}^n(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{ppt}^p(d, t, T)$$





# Experimental Approach

Function of:

- Alloy composition,
- Powder particle size,
- T, t of heat treatment

$$\sigma_{YS}(d, t, T) = \sigma_o + \Delta\sigma_{ss}^m(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{mic}^n(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{ppt}^p(d, t, T)$$

Solid Solution Strengthening

$$\Delta\sigma_{ss}(d, t, T) = \sum_i (G\varepsilon_s^{3/2} c^{1/2}) / 700 \longrightarrow \text{Solidification Model Composition}$$

Substitutional Solid-Solution

Grain Size/Microstructural Influence

$$\Delta\sigma_{mic}(d, t, T) = \frac{k_{gs}}{\sqrt{d}} \longrightarrow \text{Solidification Model Particle & Grain Size}$$

Hall-Petch Behavior

Precipitation Strengthening

$$\Delta\sigma_{ppt}(d, t, T) = \sum_i [\sigma_{Coherency, i} + \sigma_{Modulus, i} + \sigma_{Chemical, i} + \sigma_{incoh, i}]$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Coherency, i} = 7\varepsilon_{coh, i}^{3/2} G \left( \frac{rf}{b} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Modulus, i} = 0.01\varepsilon_{gp, i}^{3/2} G \left( \frac{rf}{b} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Chemical, i} = 2\varepsilon_{ch, i}^{3/2} G \left( \frac{rf}{b} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Incoh} = Gb / (L - 2r)$$

- X-Ray Diffraction
- Optical Microscopy
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
- Transmission Electron Microscopy
- Nanoindentation

Thermodynamic & Solidification Models

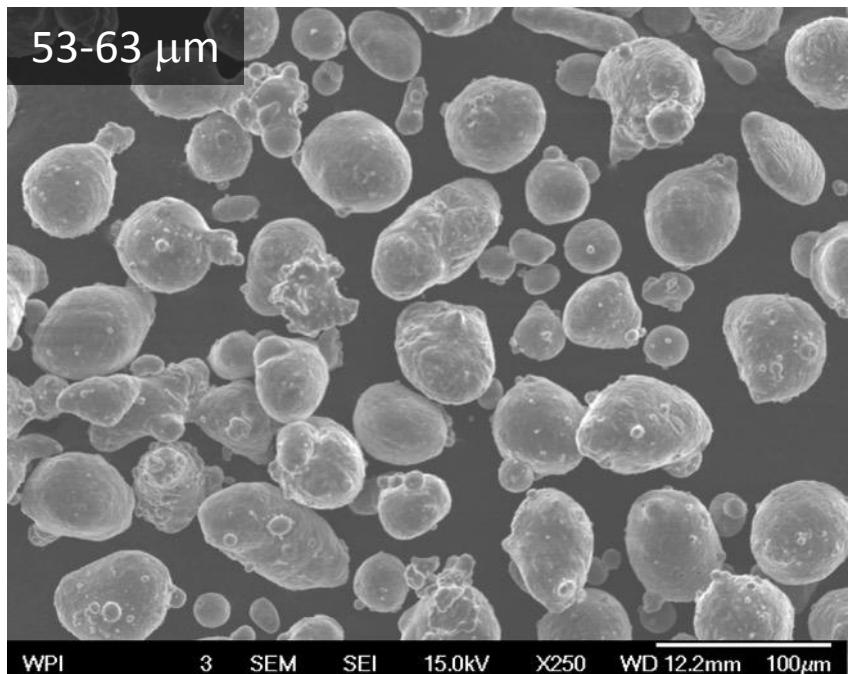
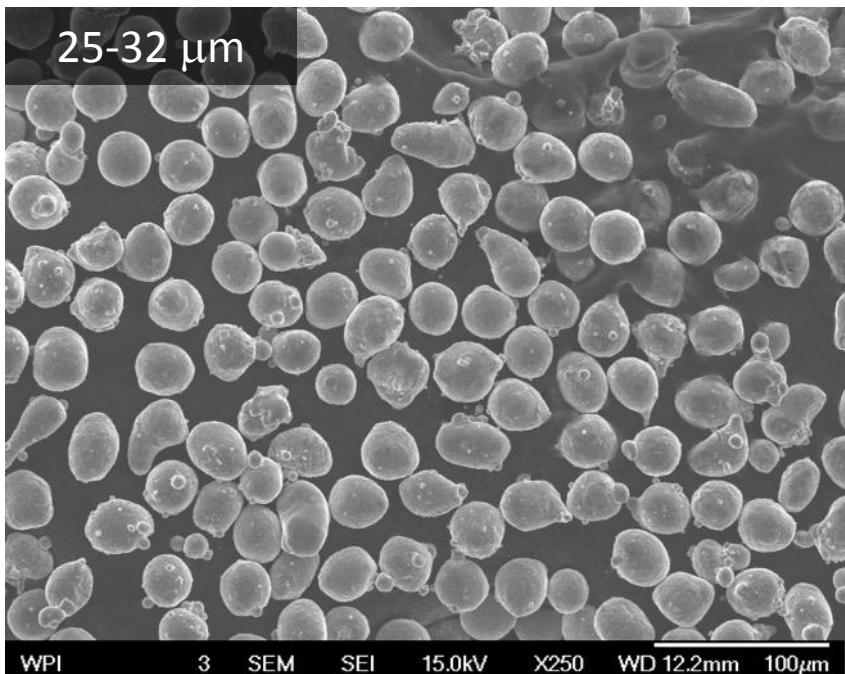
Phase Identification

Phase Morphology (Radius & Fraction)

# Sieved Powder – Al 7075

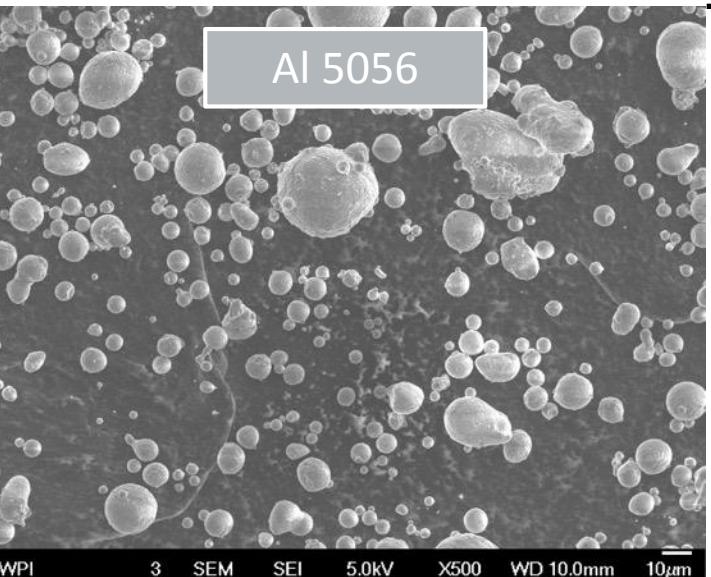
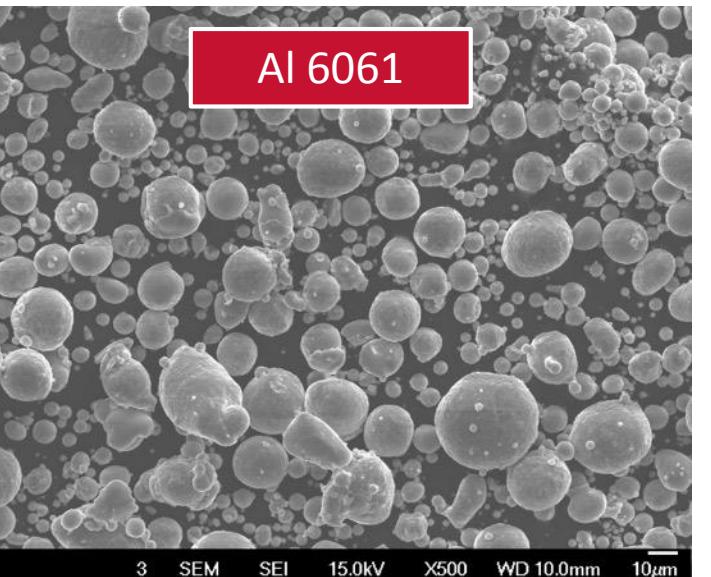


1. Remove fine particles < 20 µm
2. Sieve into 5 size ranges with stainless steel mess



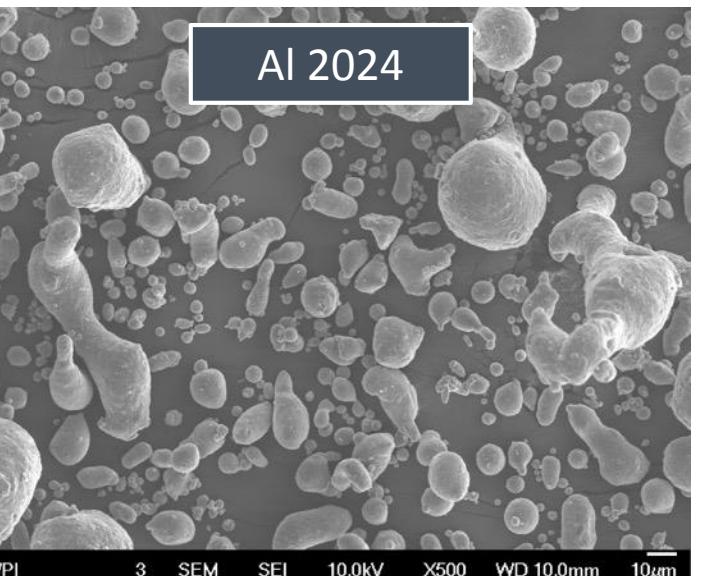
# Alloys Studied – Compositions [Wt%]

Cr	0.110
Cu	0.260
Fe	0.280
Mg	0.922
Mn	0.078
Ti	0.024
Zn	0.020
Si	0.591
Al	97.7

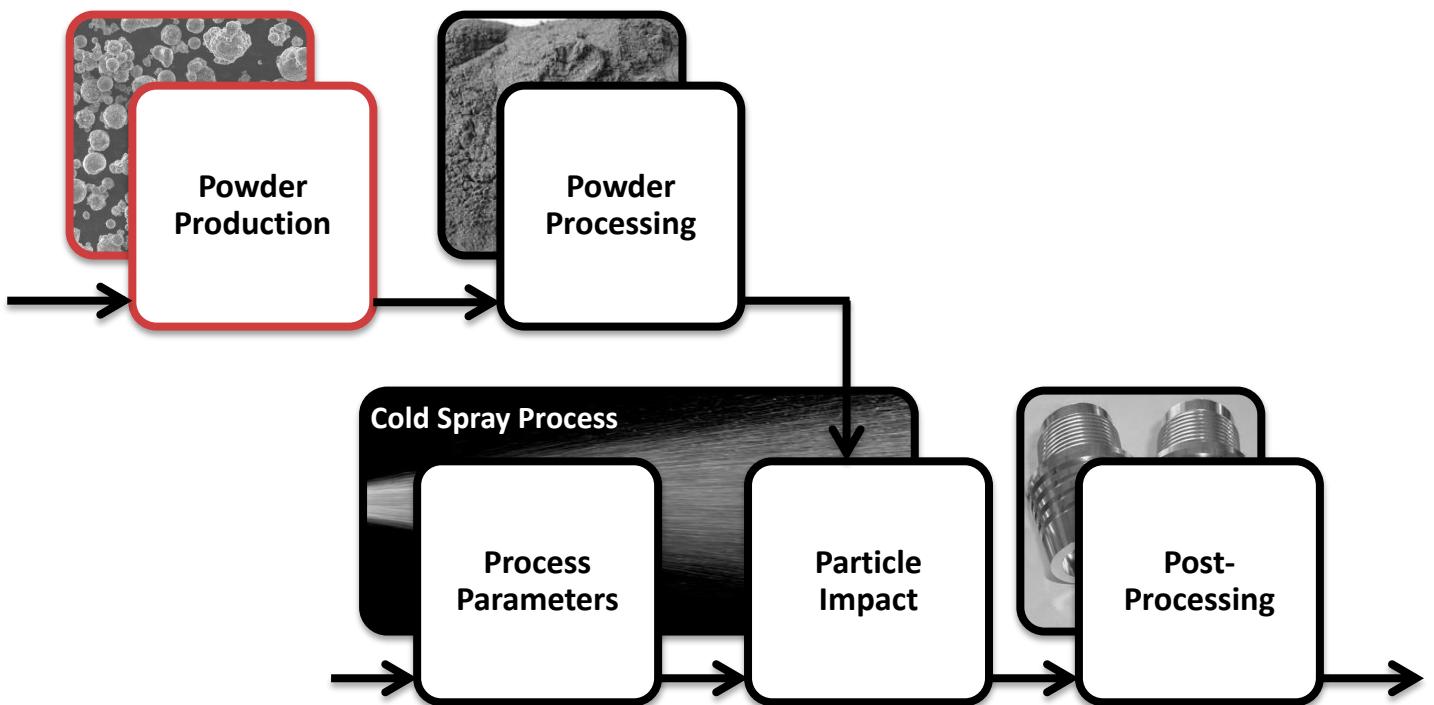


Cr	0.160
Cu	0.006
Fe	0.110
Mg	5.300
Mn	0.150
Ti	0.000
Zn	0.006
Si	0.050
Al	94.2

Cr	0.006
Cu	4.000
Fe	0.078
Mg	1.500
Mn	0.610
Ti	0.100
Zn	0.014
Si	0.130
Al	93.6



Cr	0.210
Cu	1.700
Fe	0.180
Mg	2.300
Mn	0.031
Ti	0.031
Zn	5.600
Si	0.110
Al	89.8

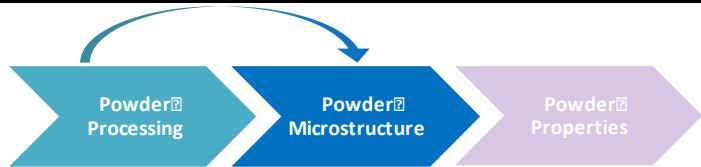


# Powder Production

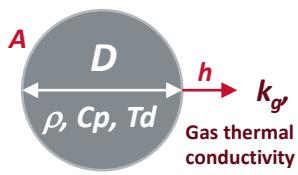
Solidification, Thermodynamic & Segregation Models

Characterization: Grain Size & Phase Identification

# Solidification Model



## Heat Transfer Model Gas Atomization Process



### Gas Atomization: Newtonian Heat Flow

- Heat transfer from droplet: forced convection
- Radiational cooling: neglected
- Heat conduction (w/in droplet): neglected (small size – Biot number < 0.1)

**Heat balance,**

$$-V \cdot \rho \cdot C_p \cdot \frac{dT_d}{dt} = h \cdot A \cdot (T_d - T_f) + \sigma \varepsilon (T_d^4 - T_f^4)$$

$$h = \frac{k_g}{d} (2.0 + 0.6 \sqrt{R_e} \cdot \sqrt[3]{P_r})$$

$$R_e = \frac{U \cdot \rho_g \cdot d}{\mu_g}$$

$$Pr = (C_g \mu_g / k_g)$$

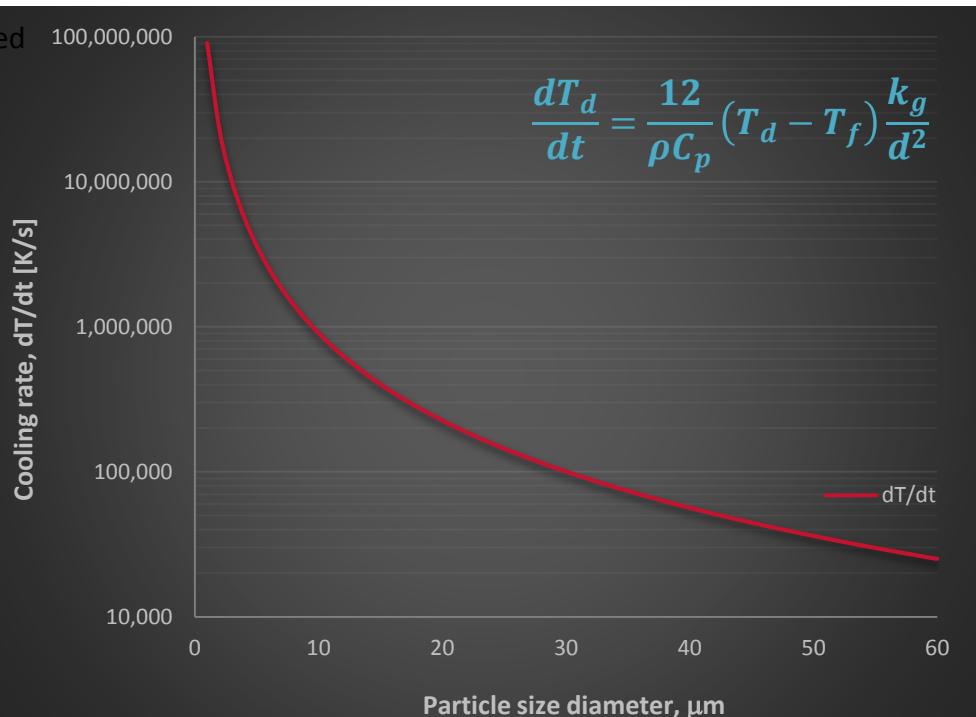
$$\left| \frac{dT_d}{dt} \right| = \frac{6}{\rho \cdot C_p} \cdot (T_d - T_f) \cdot \left( \frac{2.0 k_g}{d^2} + 0.6 \frac{k_g}{d} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_g U}{\mu_g d}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{P_r} \right)^0$$

$$\boxed{\left| \frac{dT_d}{dt} \right| = \frac{12}{\rho \cdot C_p} \cdot (T_d - T_f) \cdot \frac{k_g}{d^2}}$$

Consolidated Material Properties

### Thermophysical Properties of Al 2024<sup>1</sup>

Ar Atomizing Gas		Molten Droplet		
$T_f$	$K_g$	$\rho$	$C_p$	$T_d$
[K]	[W/(mK)]	[kg/m³]	[J/(kgK)]	[K]
300	1.79E-02	2270	1140	1473

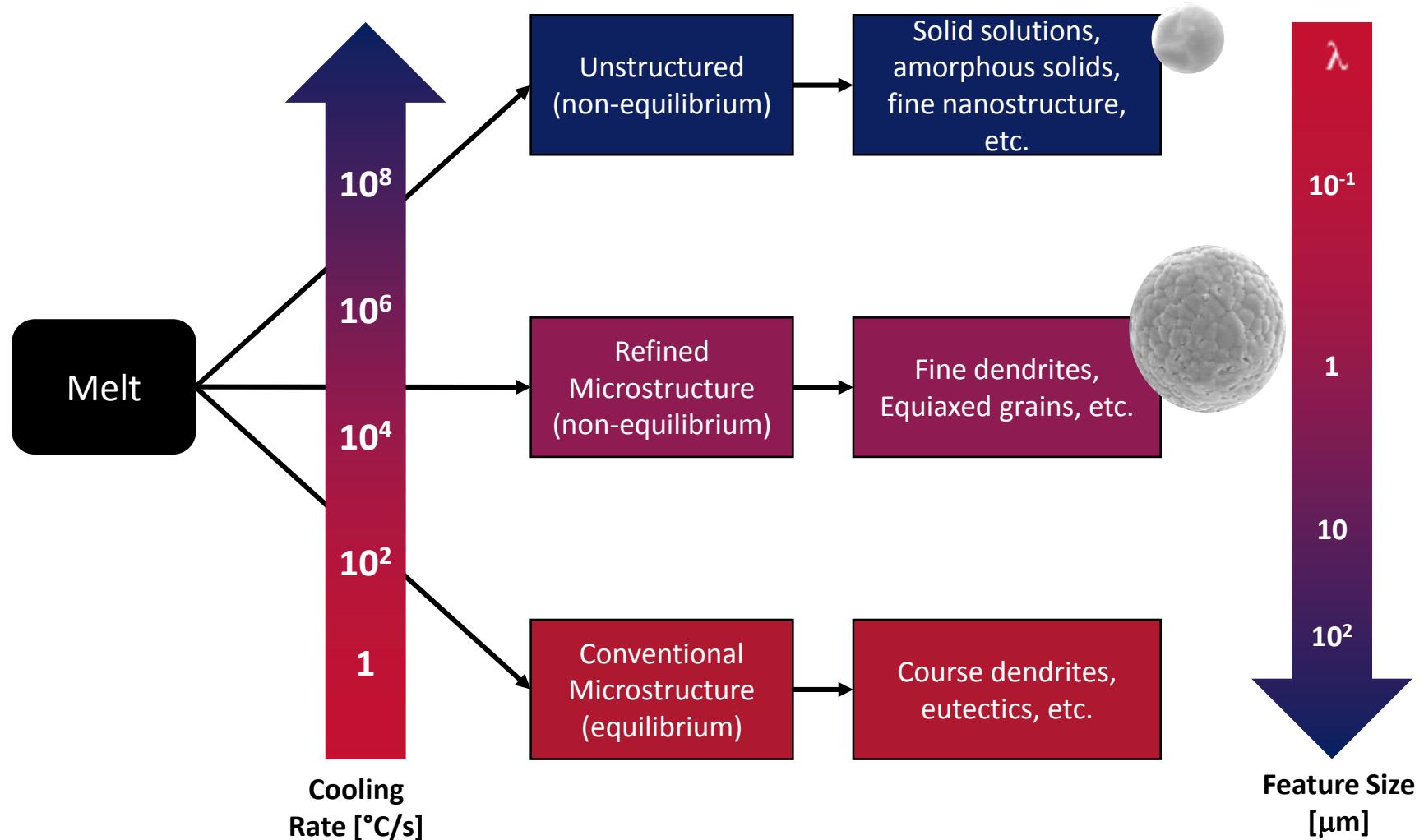


<sup>1</sup>Property Data Calculated using JMatPro

<sup>2</sup>Ranz, Marshall (1952)

<sup>3</sup>C He, S.W., Y. Liu, S. Guo (2009)

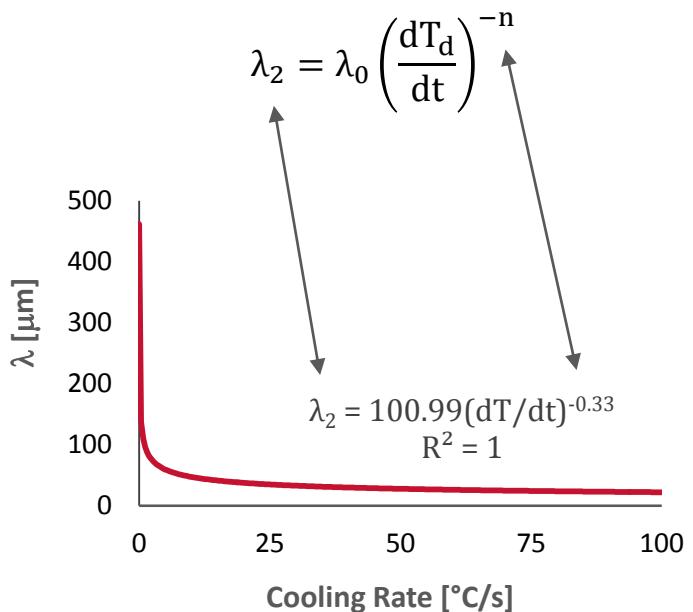
# Microstructural Dependence on Solidification Rate



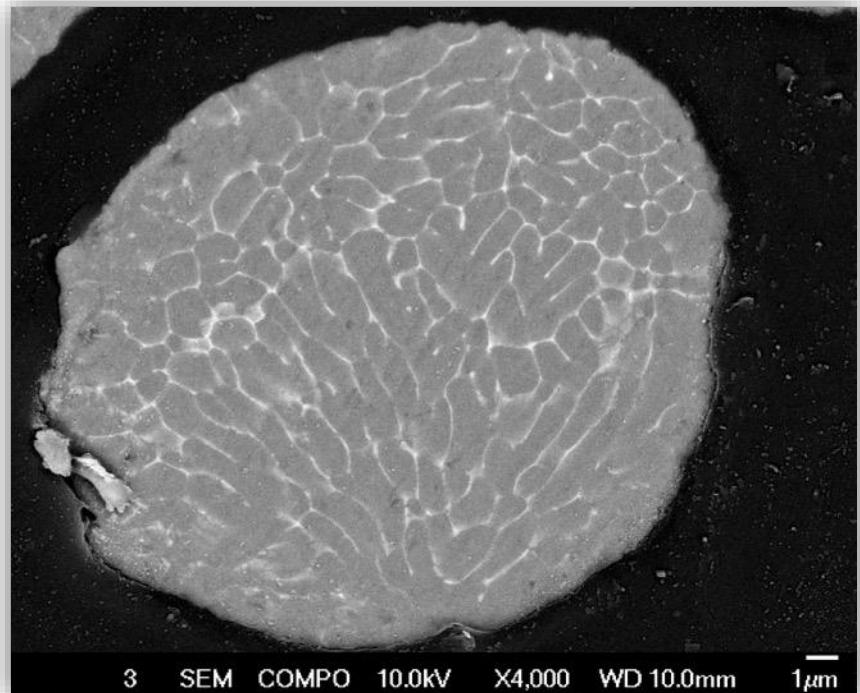
# Solidification Model



SDAS (feature size) and Cooling Rate:



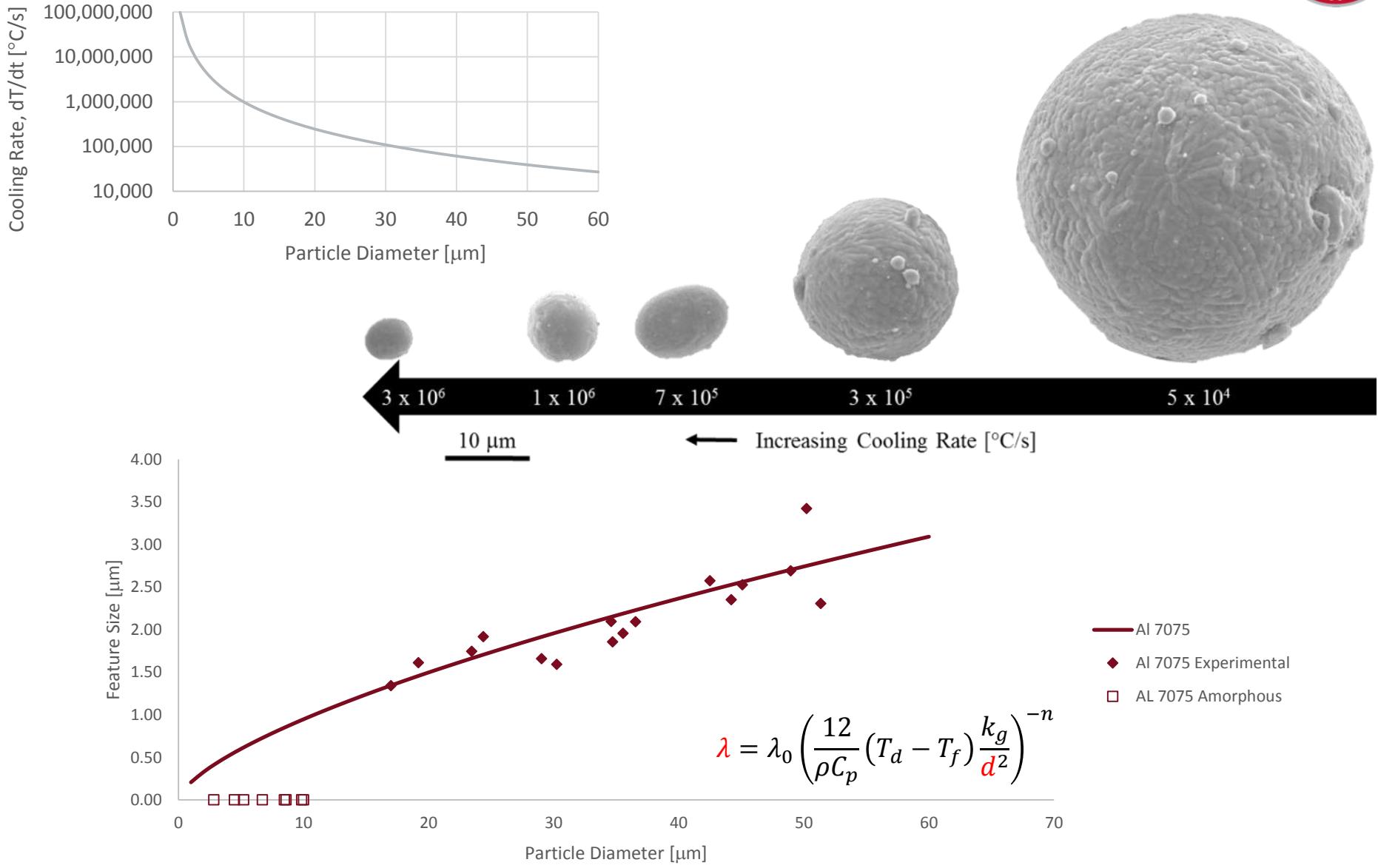
Model Data from JMatPro

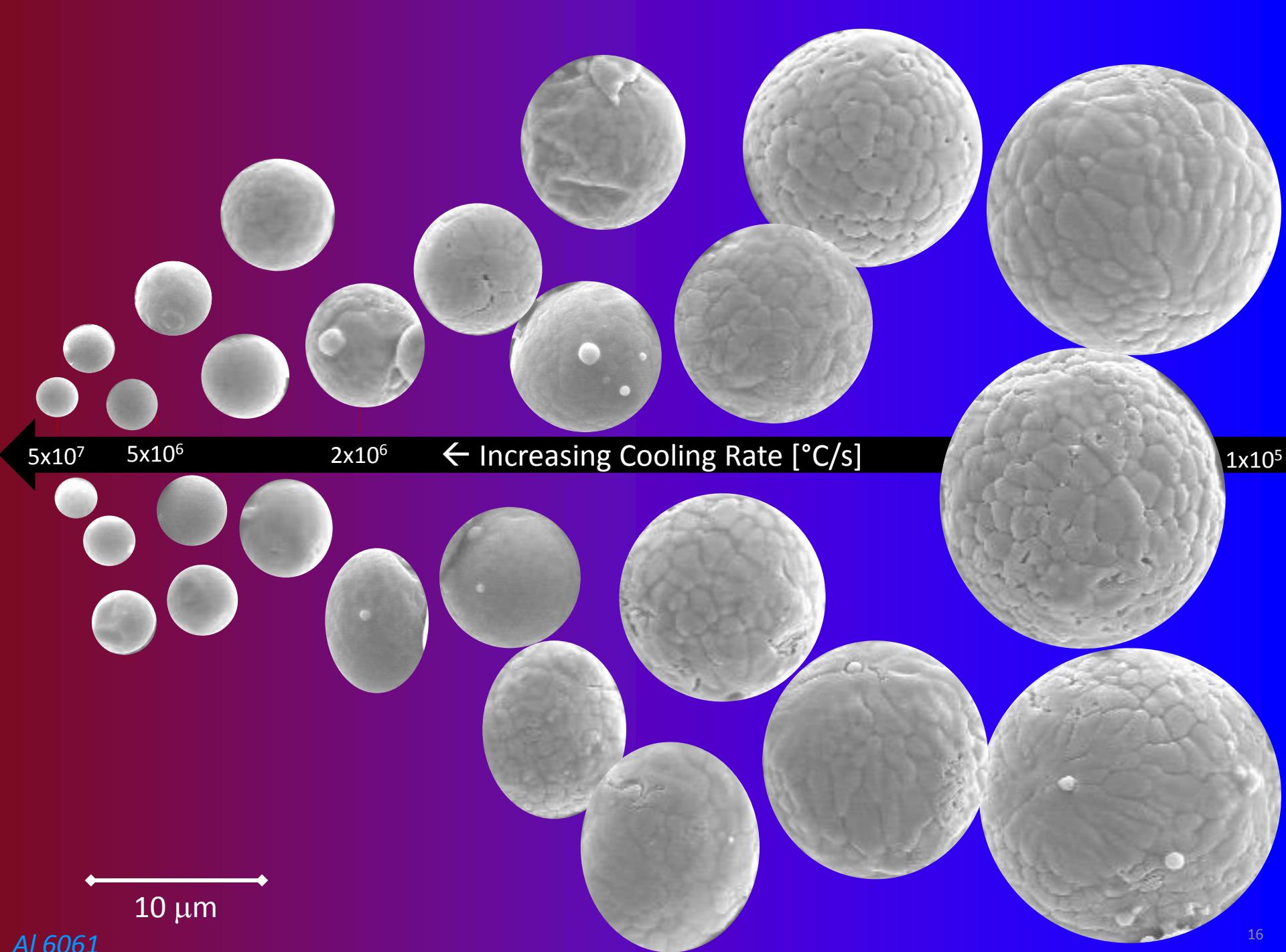


Relationship between feature size  
and particle diameter

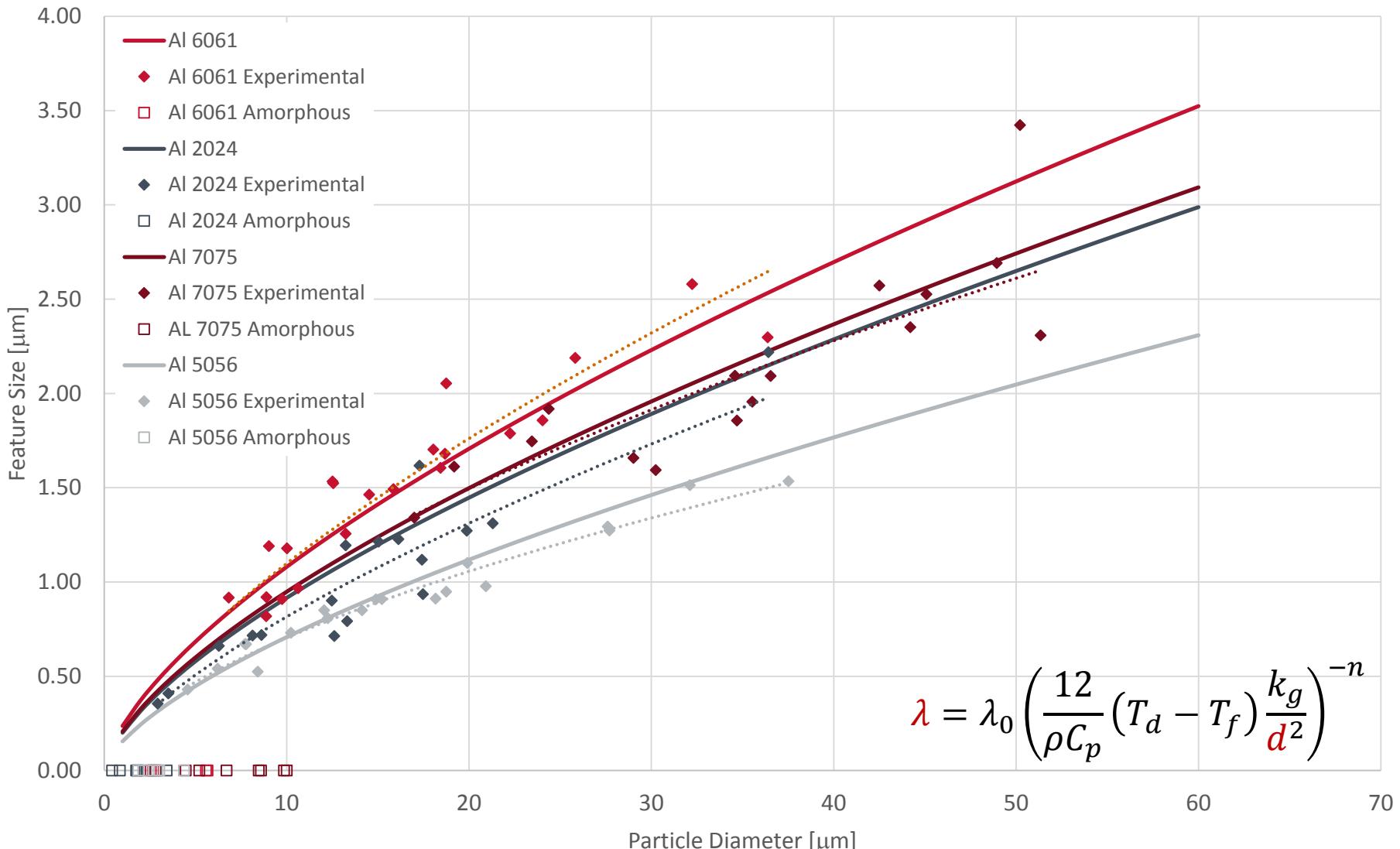
$$\lambda = \lambda_0 \left( \frac{12}{\rho C_p} (T_d - T_f) \frac{k_g}{d^2} \right)^{-n} \longrightarrow \Delta \sigma_{mic}(d, t, T) = \frac{k_{gs}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

# Solidification – Grain Size



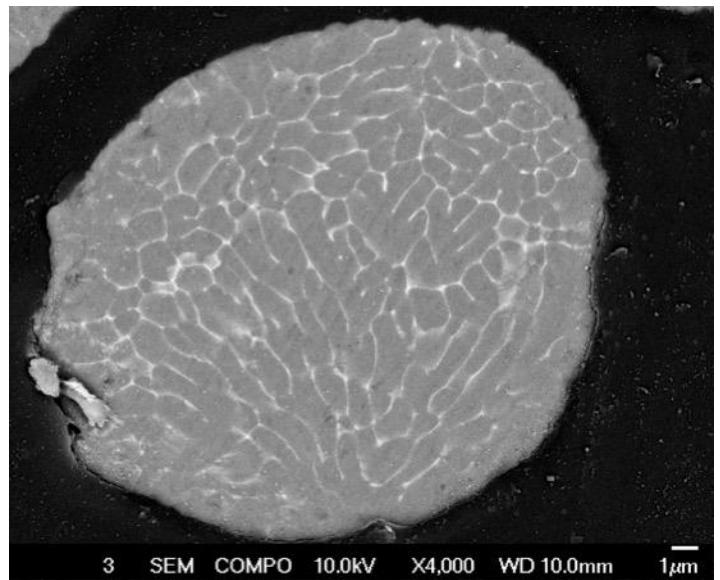


# Grain Size Variation with Alloy



$$\sigma_{YS}(d, t, T) = \sigma_o + \Delta\sigma_{ss}^m(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{mic}^n(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{ppt}^p(d, t, T)$$

# Solid Solution Strengthening



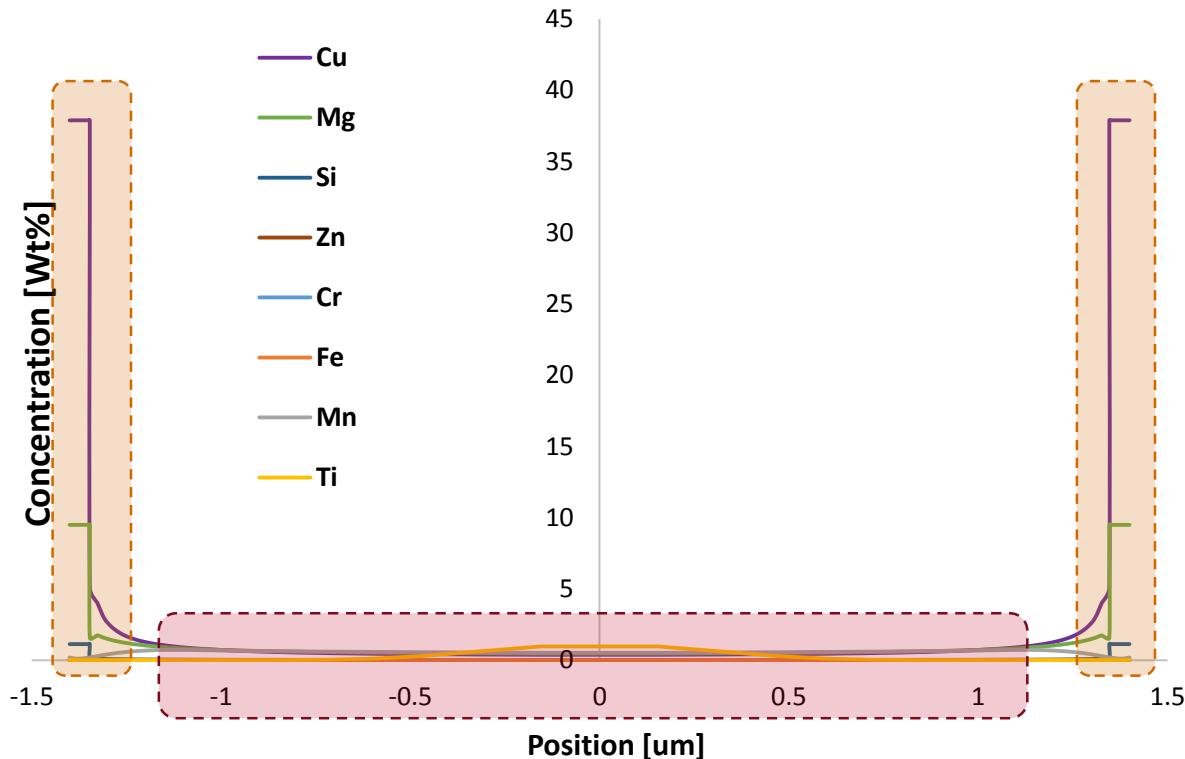
$$\Delta\sigma_{ppt}(d, t, T) = \sum_i [\sigma_{Co,i} + \sigma_{Mo,i} + \sigma_{Ch,i} + \sigma_{in,i}]$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{ss}(d, t = 0, T) = \sum_i (G\varepsilon_s^{3/2}c^{1/2})/700$$

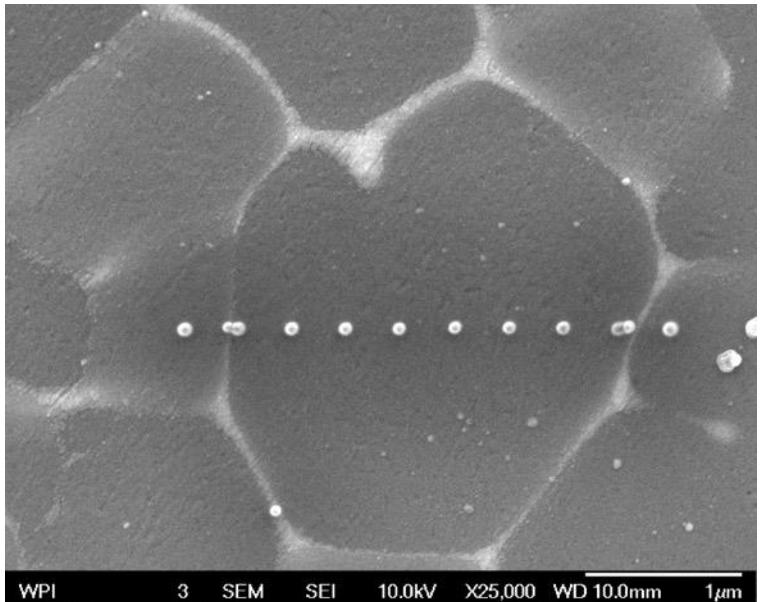
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## Segregation Model during Solidification

Cooling rate: 50,000 C/s



# Segregation – Al 2024

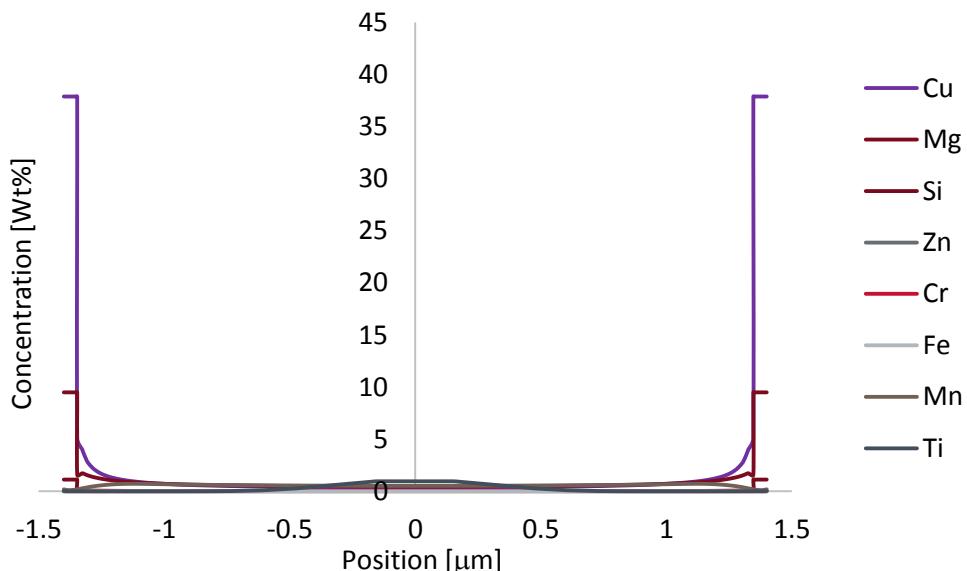
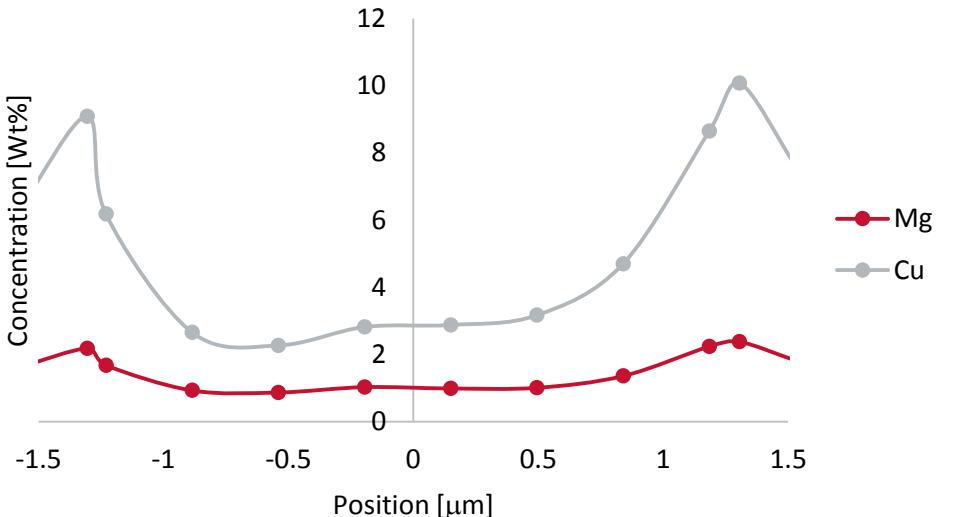


Particle Diameter: 45 μm

Grain Diameter: 2.8 μm diameter

Cooling Rate:  $5 \times 10^4$  °C/s

Phases at Grain Boundary	
Phase	Wt%
Al <sub>2</sub> Cu	48.58
T (Al,Cu,Mg)	32.01
FCC Al	14.99
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si	3.06
Al <sub>12</sub> Mn	1.32
Al <sub>15</sub> Fe <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	0.02
Al <sub>3</sub> Ti	0.01



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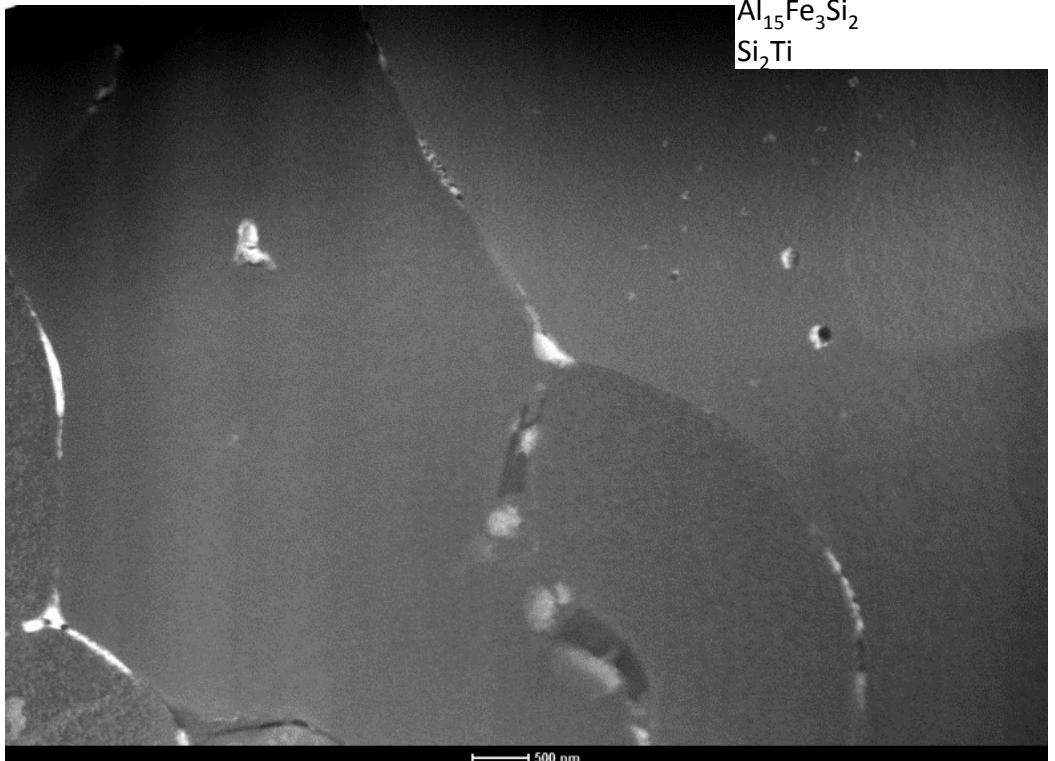
# Phase Identification – Al 6061



Particle Diameter: 28  $\mu\text{m}$

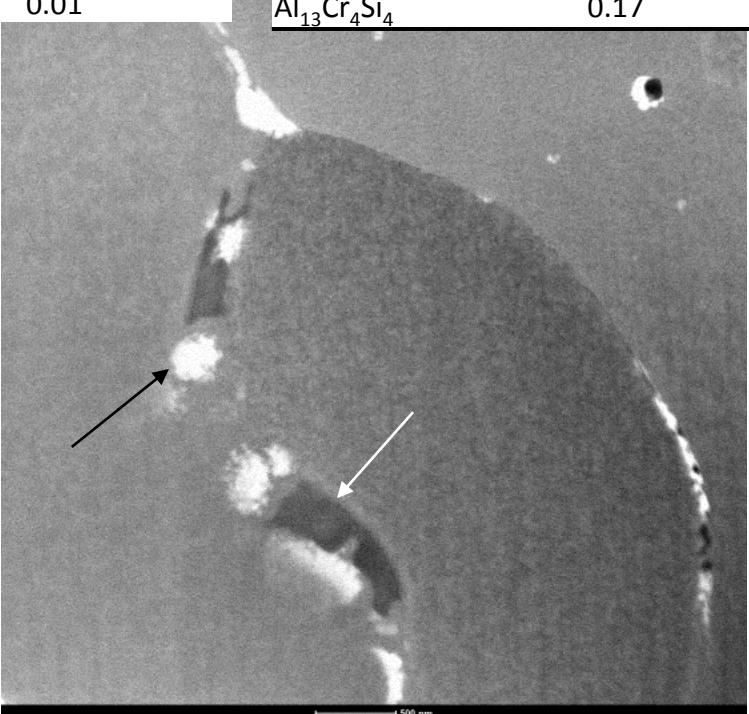
Grain Diameter: 2.15  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter

Cooling Rate:  $1.16 \times 10^4 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/s}$



Scale bar: 500 nm

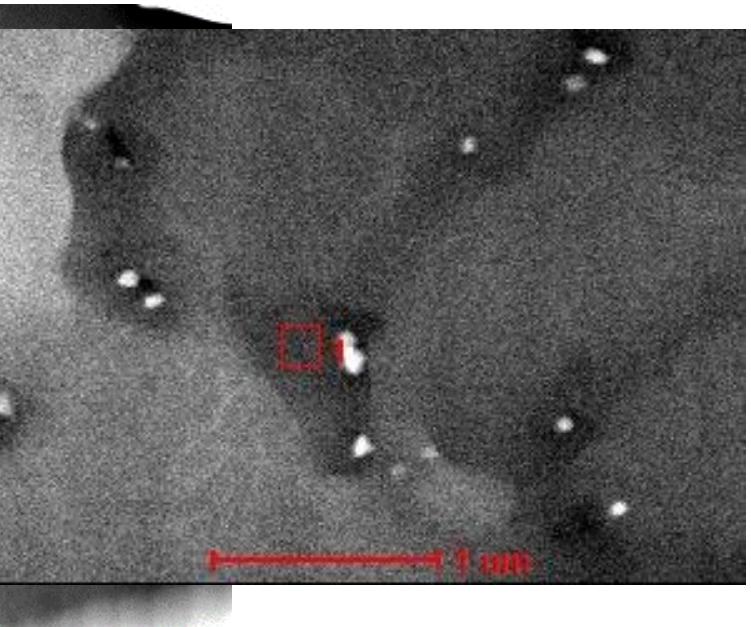
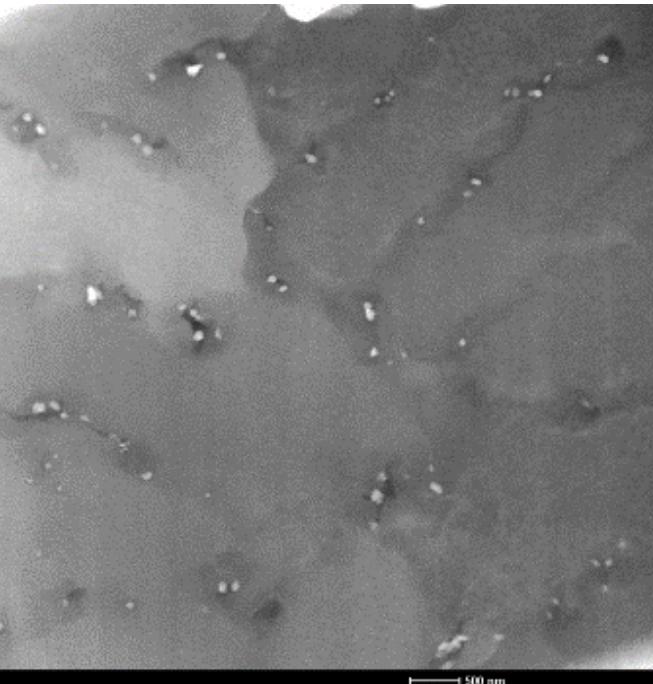
Phases at Grain Boundary		Equilibrium Phases	
Phase	Wt%	Phase	Wt%
FCC Al	62.08	FCC Al	96.5
$\text{Al}_2\text{Cu}$	20.12	$\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}$	1.41
Q ( $\text{Al}_5\text{Cu}_2\text{Mg}_8\text{Si}_6$ )	12.79	$\text{Al}_7\text{Cu}_2\text{M}$	0.76
Si (Diamond)	4.84	$\alpha$ ( $\text{Al}_{47}(\text{Fe,Mn,Cr})_{11}\text{Si}_5$ )	0.65
$\text{Al}_{15}\text{Si}_2(\text{Fe,Mn})_4$	0.07	E ( $\text{Al}_{18}\text{Cr}_2\text{Mg}_3$ )	0.23
$\text{Al}_{13}\text{Cr}_4\text{Si}_4$	0.06	$\text{Al}_3(\text{Fe,Cr})$	0.17
$\text{Al}_{15}\text{Fe}_3\text{Si}_2$	0.04	$\text{Al}_{13}\text{Cr}_4\text{Si}_4$	0.17
$\text{Si}_2\text{Ti}$	0.01		



Scale bar: 500 nm

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# Phase Identification – Al 5056



Particle Diameter: 22  $\mu\text{m}$

Grain Diameter: 1.2  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter

Cooling Rate:  $2.04 \times 10^4$   $^\circ\text{C}/\text{s}$

	Average Weight %	
	White	Gray
Mg	9.60	8.72
Al	66.95	85.63
Si	1.05	0.37
Cr	0.34	0.21
Mn	1.46	0.12
Fe	14.02	0.11
Cu	6.52	4.83
Zn	0.08	0.00

## Phases at Grain Boundary

Phase	Wt%
FCC Al	83.45
$\beta$ ( $\text{Al}_3\text{Mg}_2$ )	15.58
$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mn}$	0.83
T ( $\text{Al}_{29}\text{Mg}_{20}(\text{Cu},\text{Zn})_2$ )	0.06
$\text{Al}_{13}\text{Fe}_4$	0.04
$\text{Al}_{45}\text{Cr}_7$	0.03
$\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}$	0.02

## Equilibrium Phases

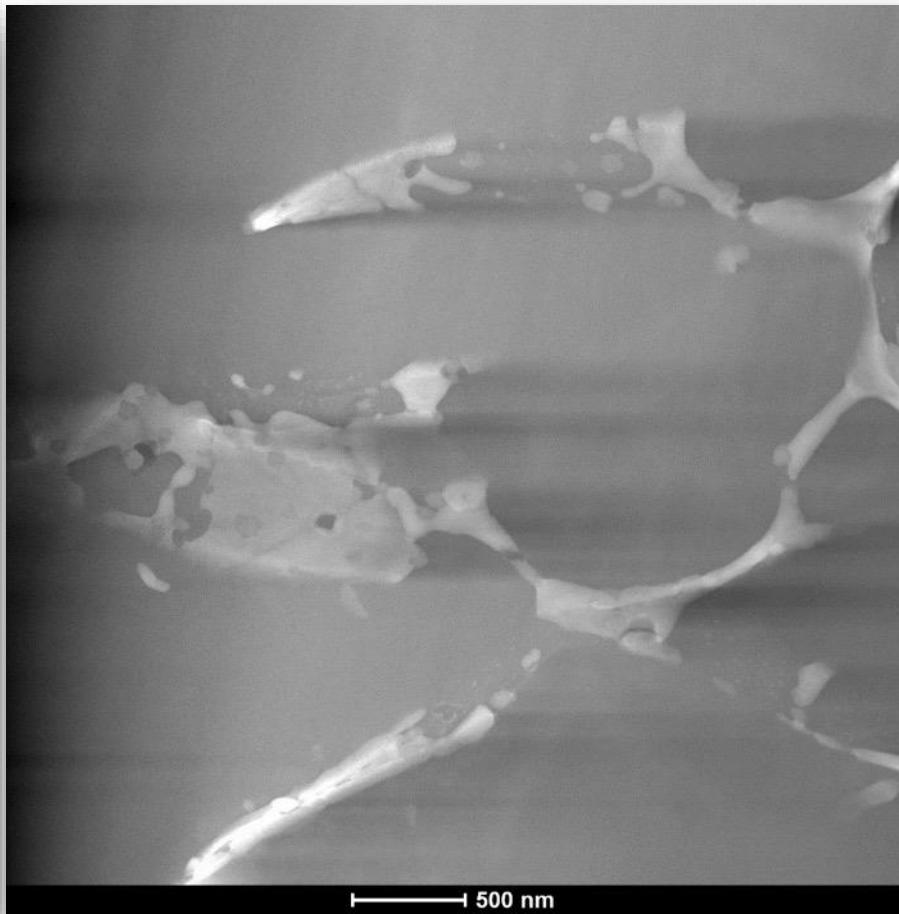
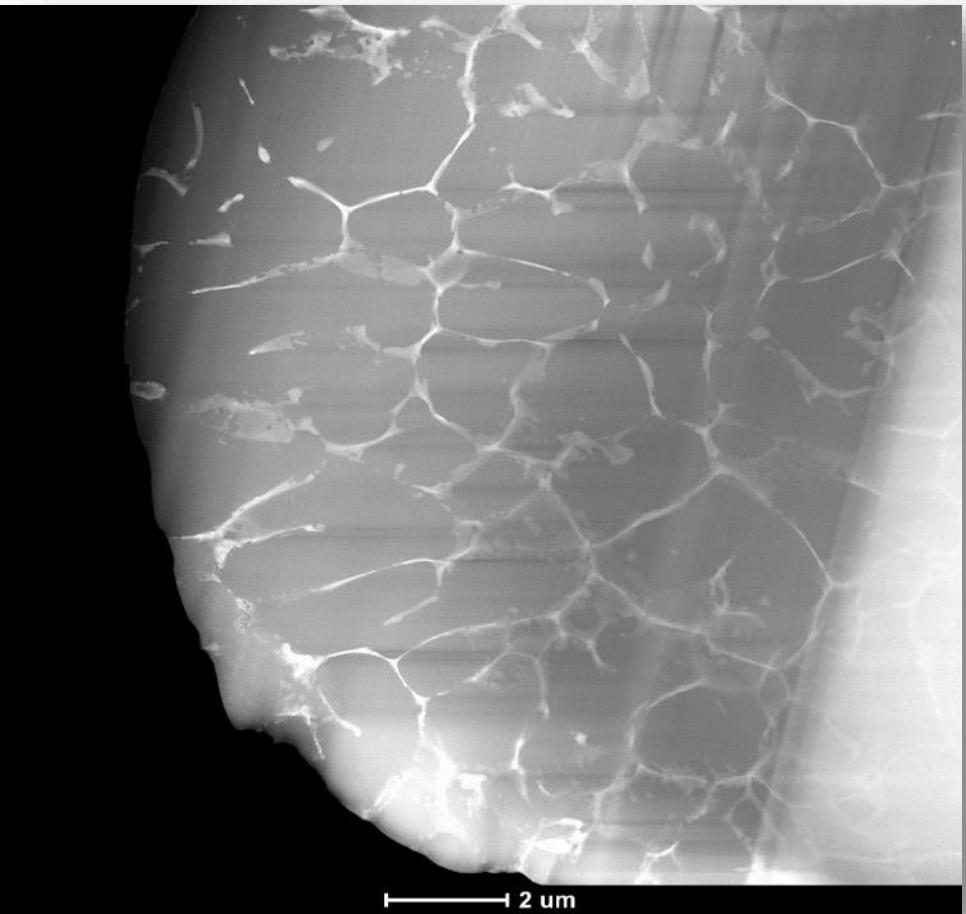
Phase	Wt%
FCC Al	84.8
$\beta$ $\text{Al}_3\text{Mg}_2$	13.3
$\text{Al}_{45}\text{Cr}_7$	0.7
$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Mn}$	0.6
$\text{Al}_{13}\text{Fe}_4$	0.5
T	0.1
$\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}$	0.1

$$\sigma_{YS}(d, t, T) = \sigma_o + \Delta\sigma_{ss}^m(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{mic}^n(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{ppt}^p(d, t, T)$$

# Phase Identification – Al 7075



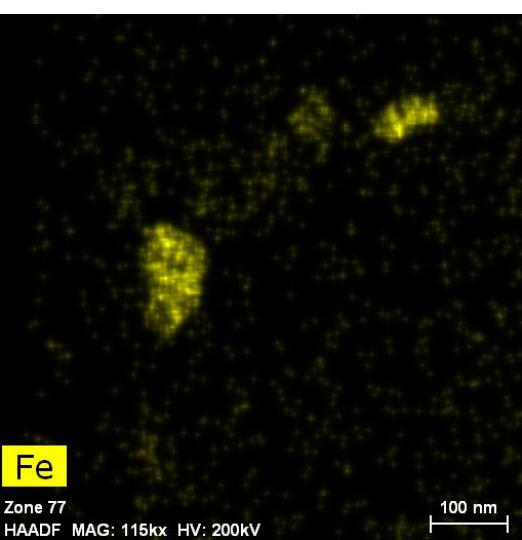
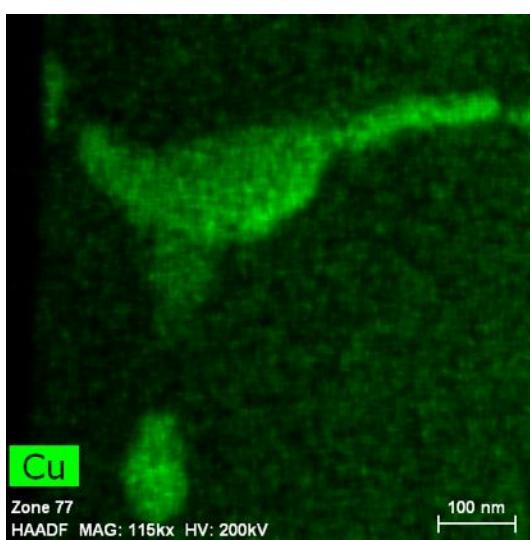
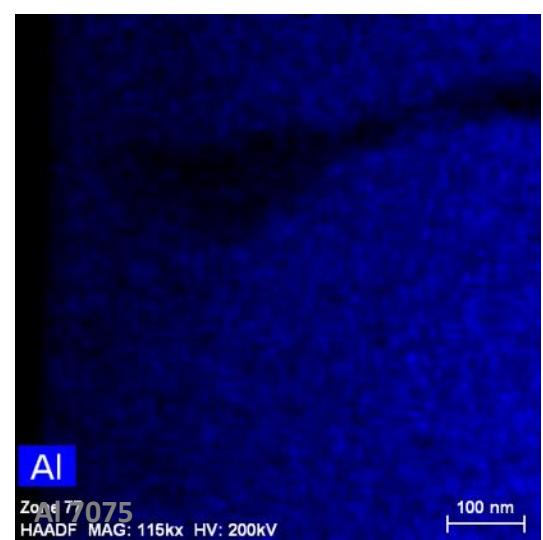
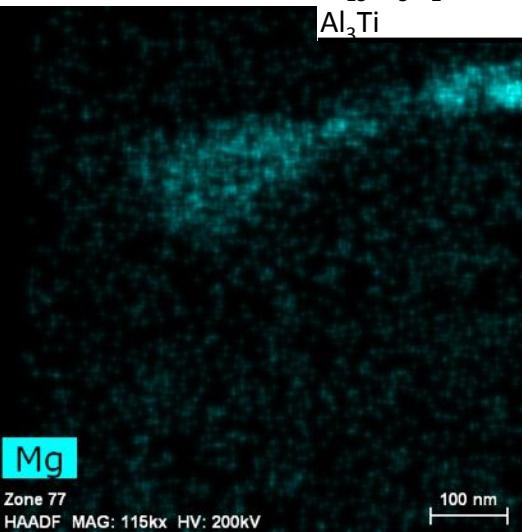
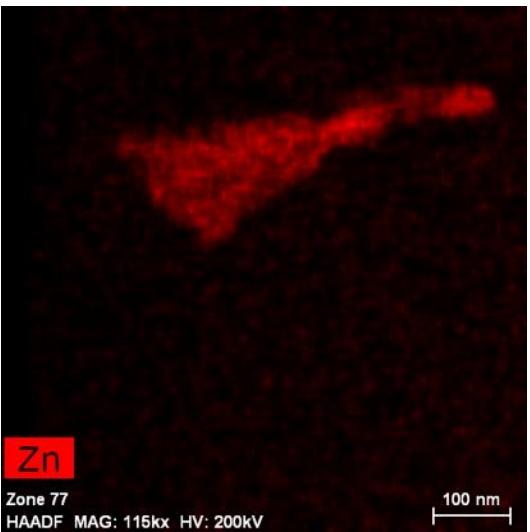
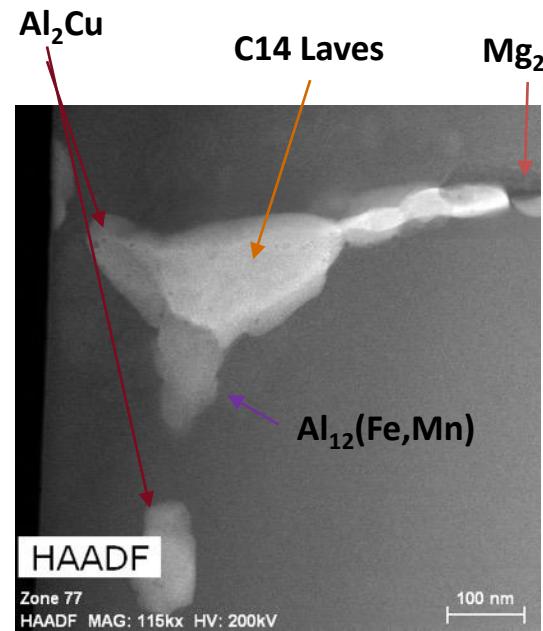
HAADF STEM Al 7075 (25-32  $\mu\text{m}$ )

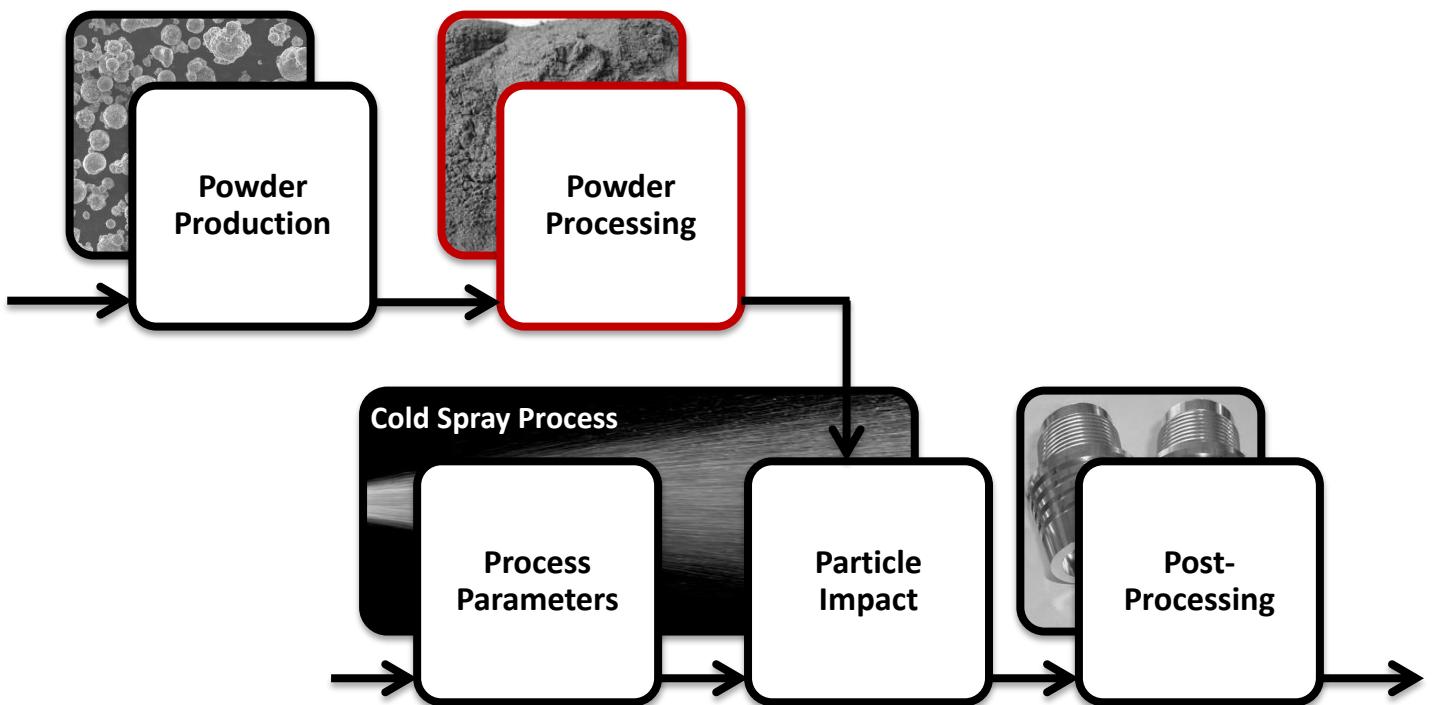


# Phase Identification – Al 7075

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Grain Boundary Phase	Wt%
FCC Al	85.91
C14 Laves ( $Mg(Zn,Al,Cu)_2$ )	11.16
T (Al,Cu,Mg)	1.76
Al <sub>2</sub> Cu	0.77
Al <sub>45</sub> Cr <sub>7</sub>	0.13
Al <sub>12</sub> (Fe,Mn)	0.14
Mg <sub>2</sub> Si	0.08
Al <sub>15</sub> Fe <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	0.04
Al <sub>3</sub> Ti	0.03





# Powder Processing

# Kinetic Modeling

# Thermal Treatment Effects



$$\Delta\sigma_{ppt}(d, t, T) = \sum_i [\sigma_{Co,i} + \sigma_{Mo,i} + \sigma_{Ch,i} + \sigma_{in,i}]$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Coherency,i} = 7\varepsilon_{coh,i}^{3/2} G \left( \frac{rf}{b} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Modulus,i} = 0.01\varepsilon_{Gp,i}^{3/2} G \left( \frac{rf}{b} \right)^{1/2}$$

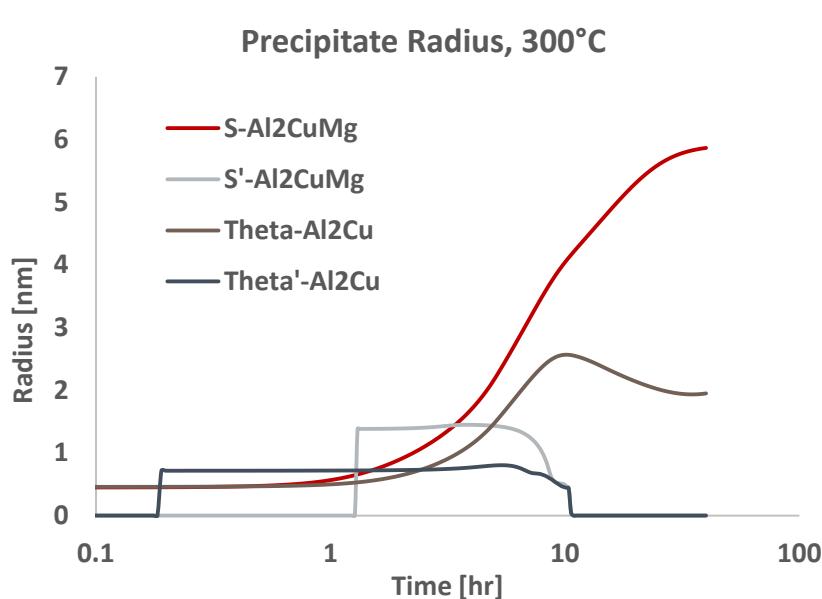
$$\Delta\sigma_{Chemical,i} = 2\varepsilon_{ch,i}^{3/2} G \left( \frac{rf}{b} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{Incoh} = Gb/(L - 2r)$$

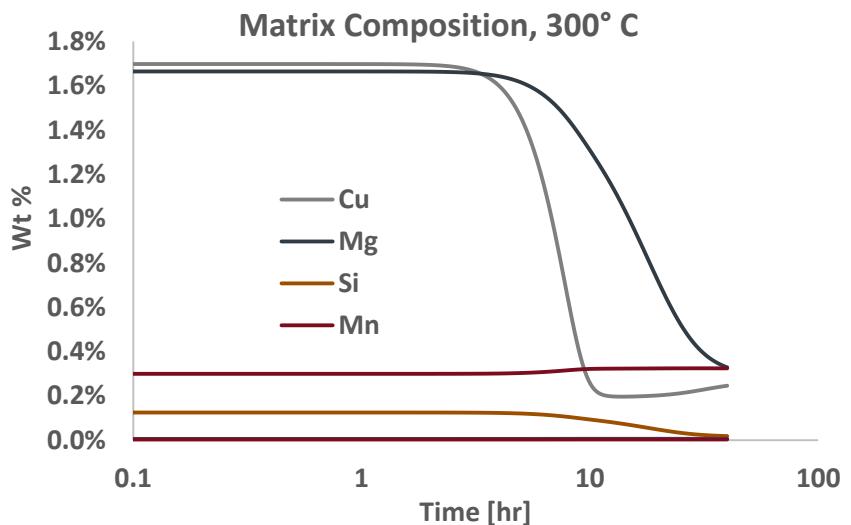
$$\Delta\sigma_{ss}(d, t = 0, T) = \sum_i (G\varepsilon_s^{3/2} c^{1/2}) / 700$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{mic}(d, t, T) = \frac{k_{gs}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

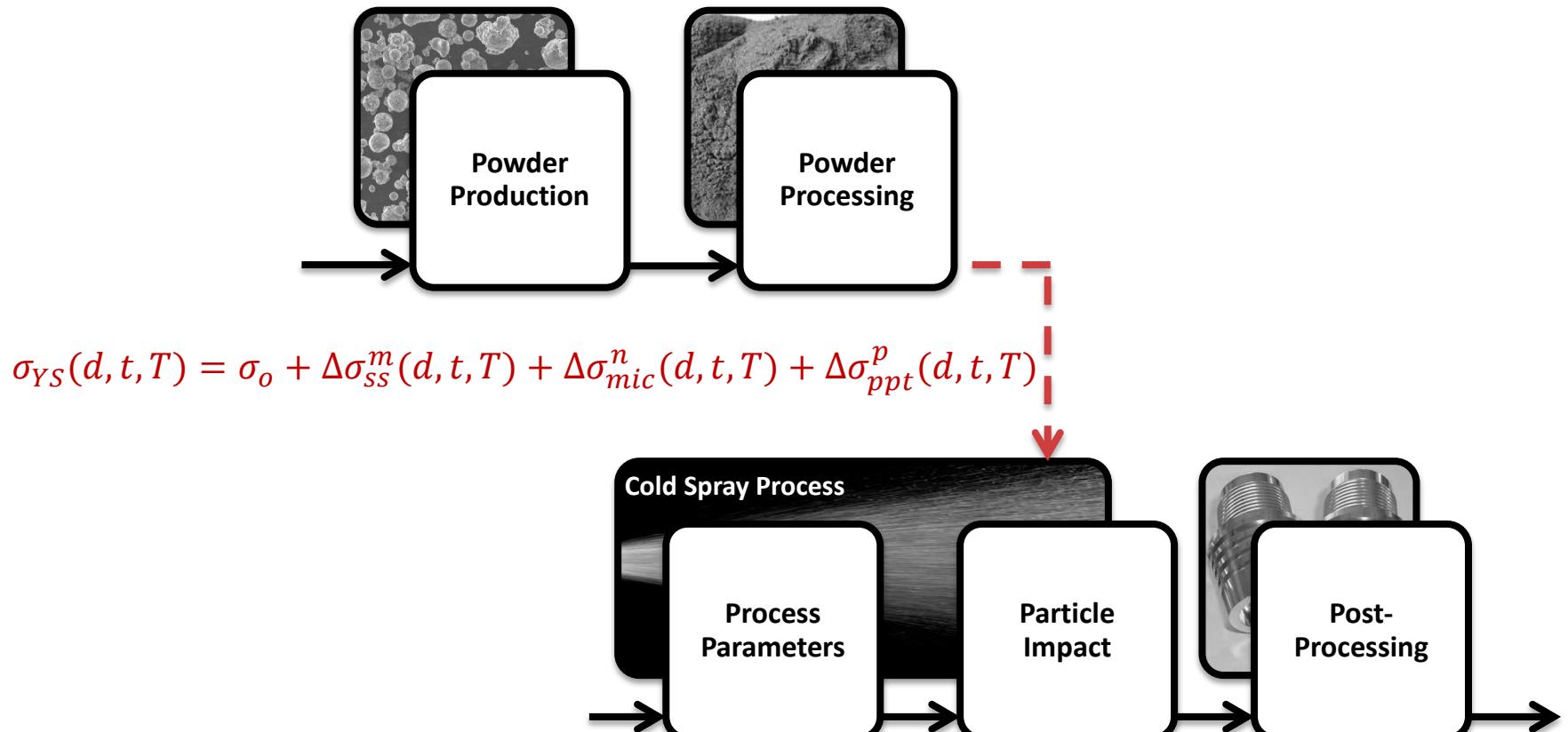
$$d^n - d_0^n = kt$$



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$$\sigma_{YS}(d, t, T) = \sigma_o + \Delta\sigma_{ss}^m(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{mic}^n(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{ppt}^p(d, t, T)$$

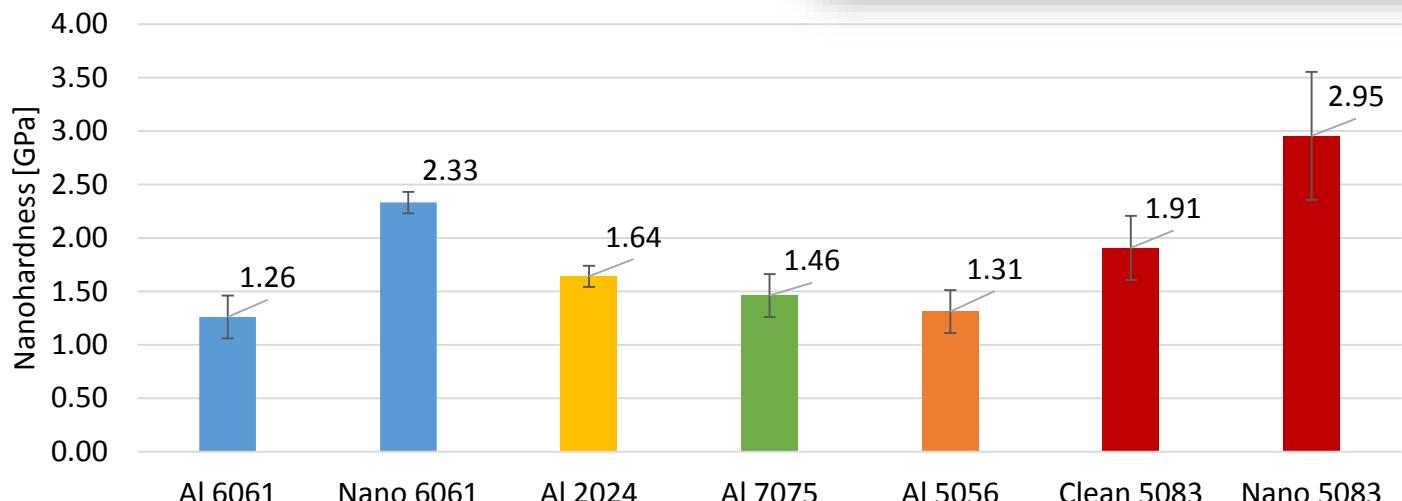
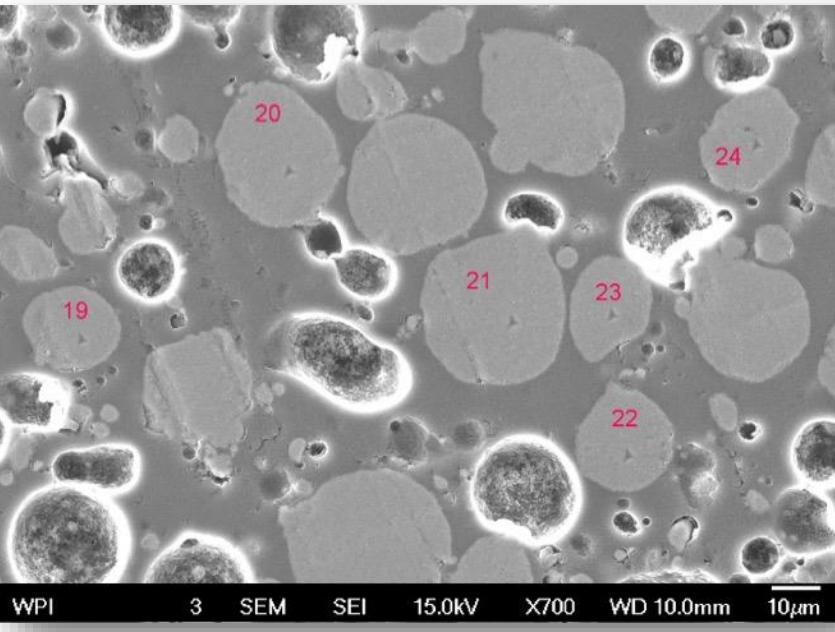
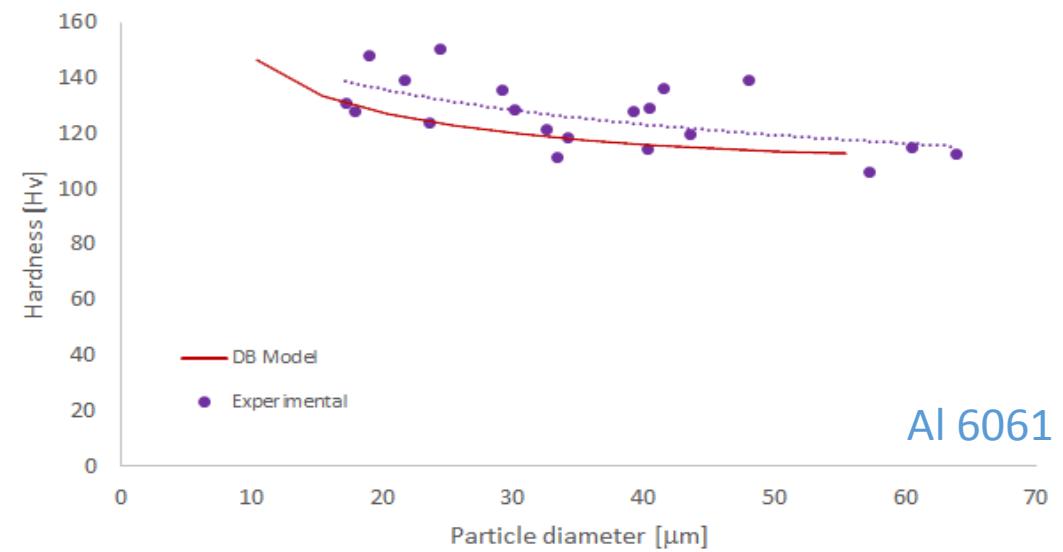


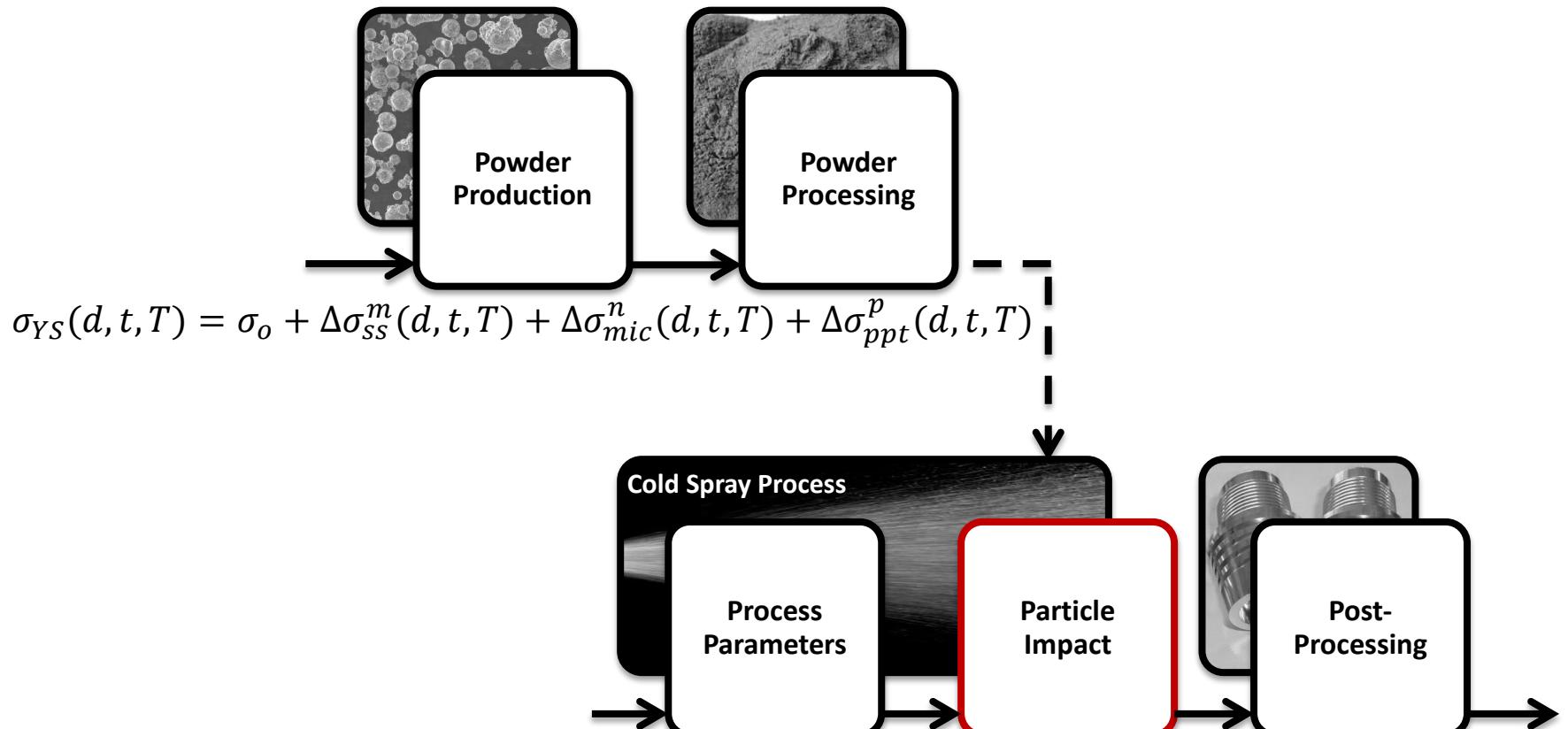
# Additive Yield Strength Model

Characterization: Nanohardness

# Additive Hardness Model – Al 6061

$$\sigma_{YS}(d, t, T) = \sigma_o + \Delta\sigma_{ss}^m(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{mic}^n(d, t, T) + \Delta\sigma_{ppt}^p(d, t, T)$$

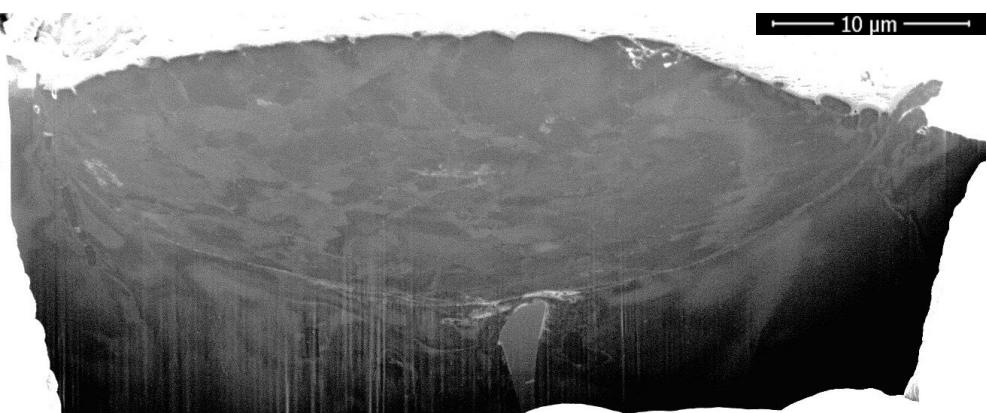
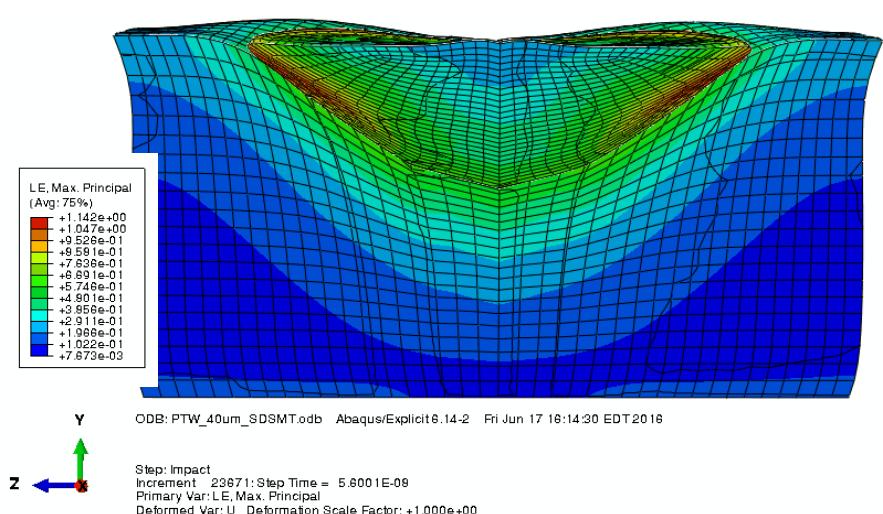




# Particle Impact

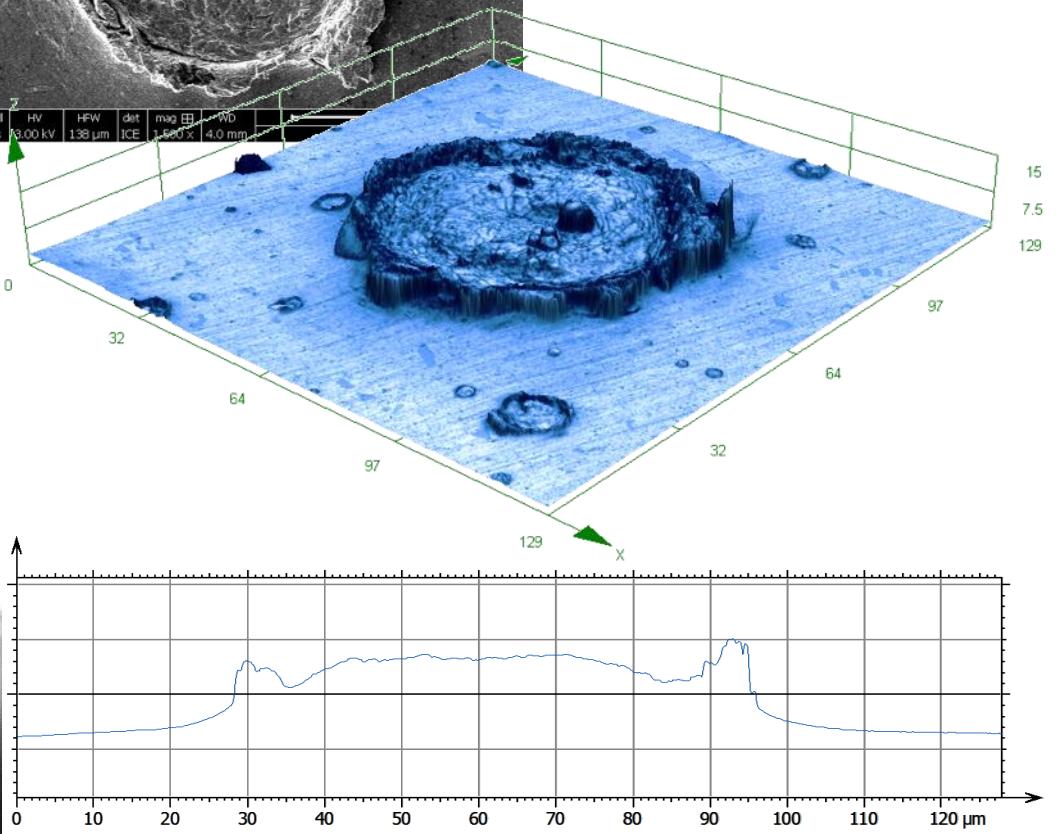
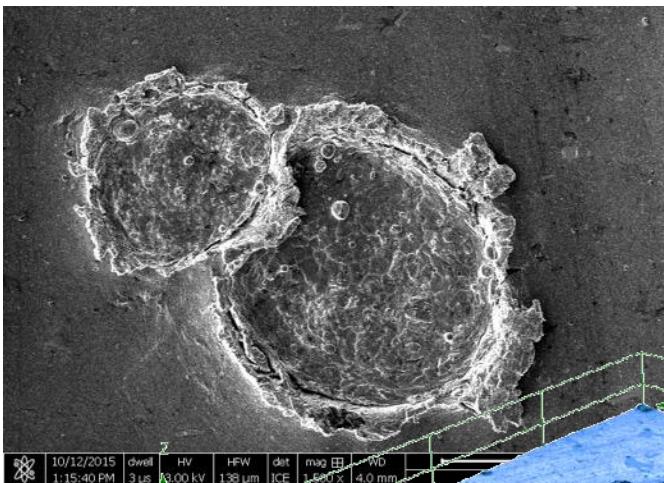
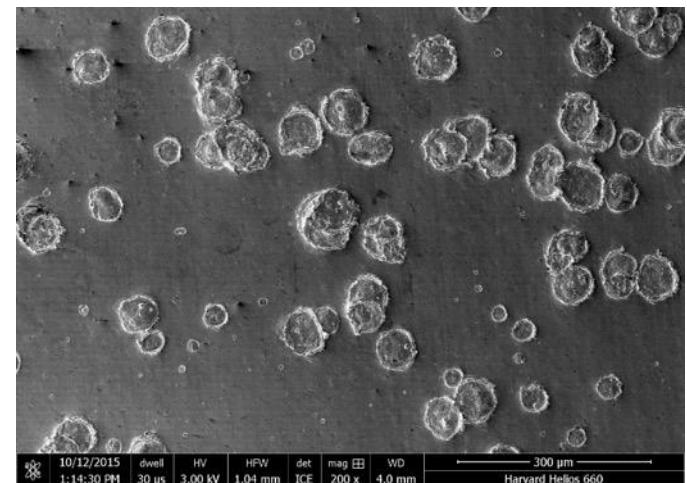
Impact Model  
 Characterization of Deposit

# Particle Impact Model and Experimental

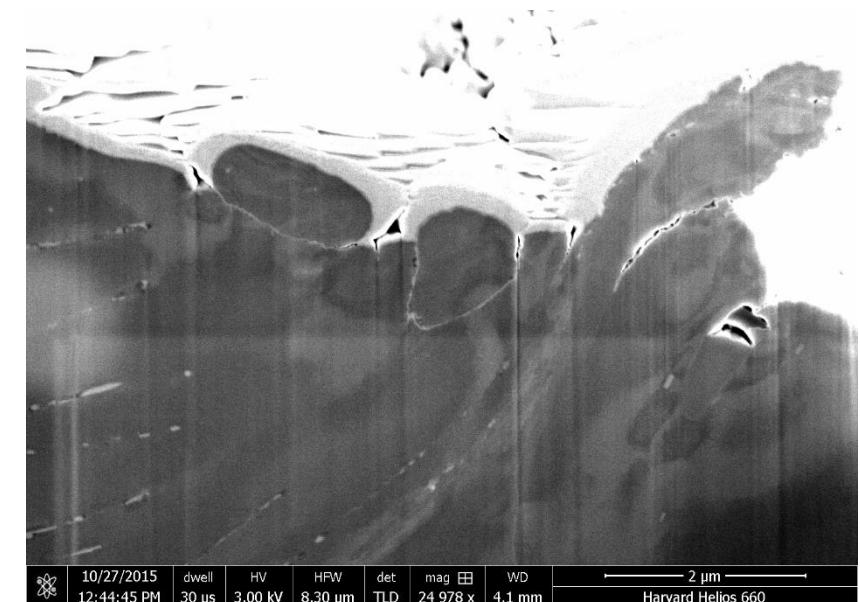


- Substrate: Al 6061 T6
- Particle: Al 6061 HT 230°C for 1 hour
- 40 μm diameter
- Output: Strain

# Single Particle Splats

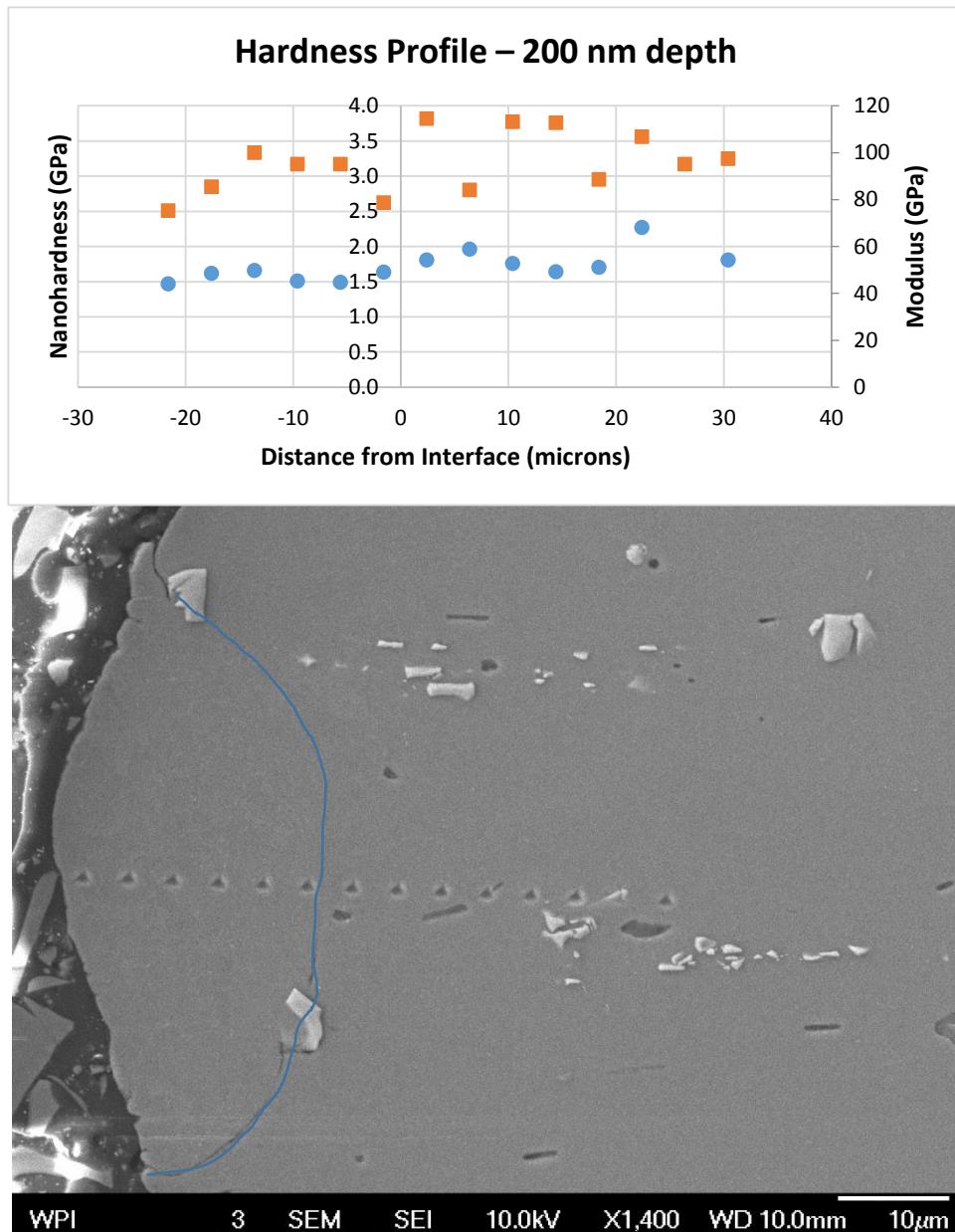


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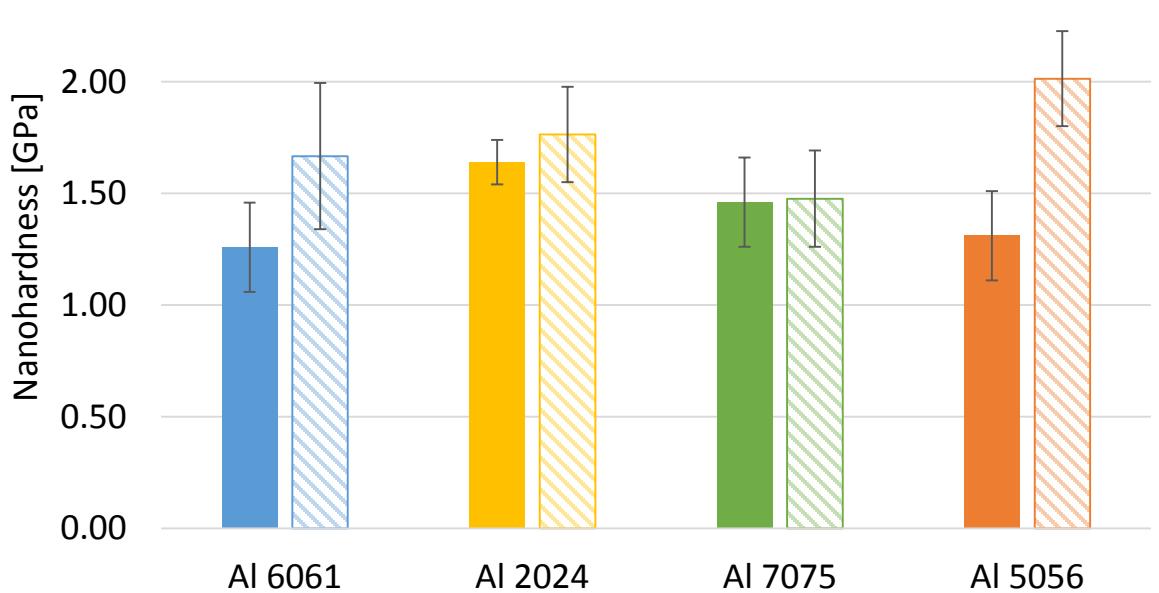
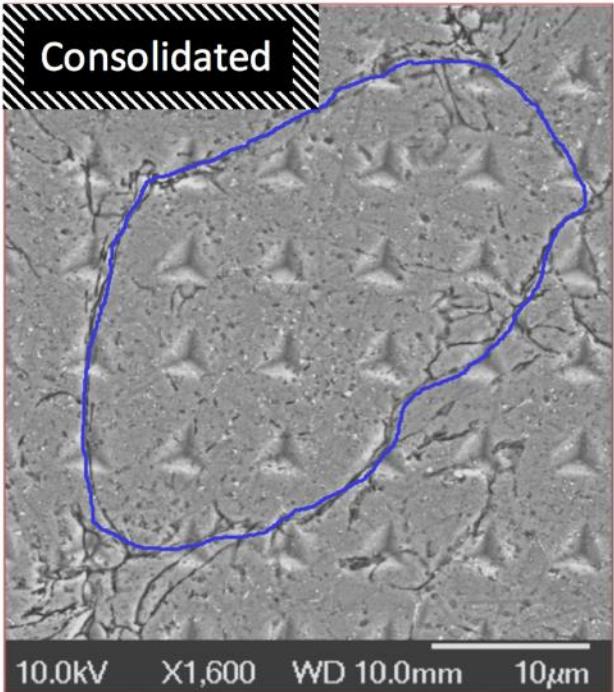
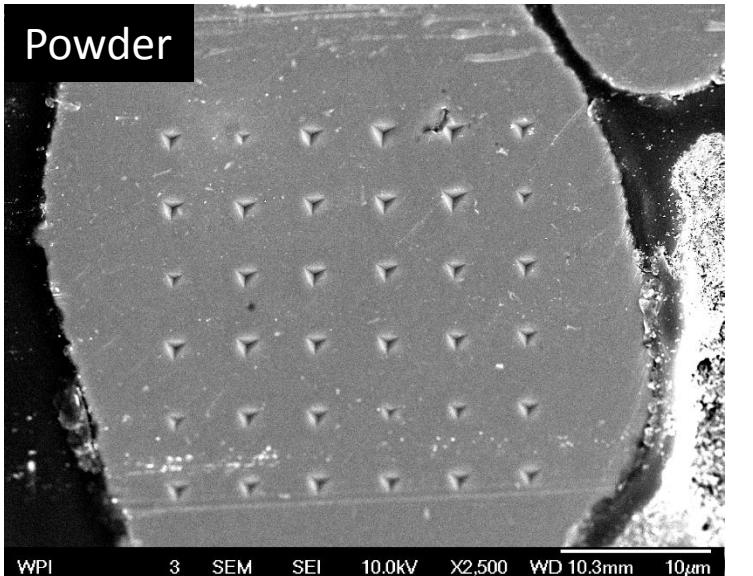
Laser Scanning Confocal Microscope

# Single Impact Nanohardness



# Cold Spray Deposit Properties

## Powder & Cold Spray Nanohardness

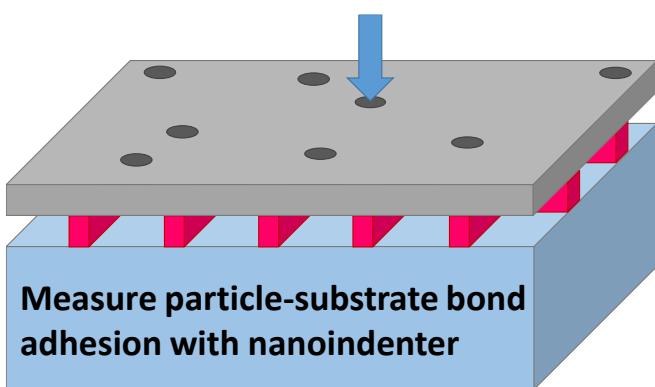
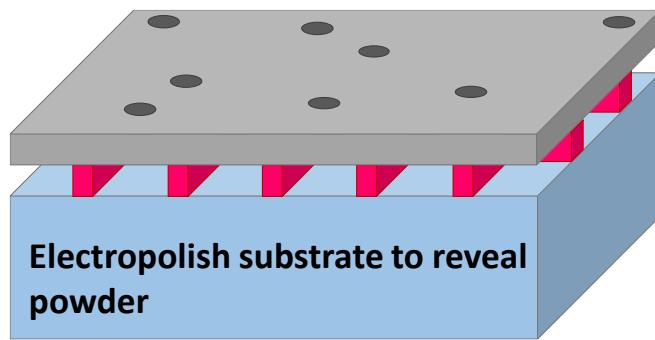
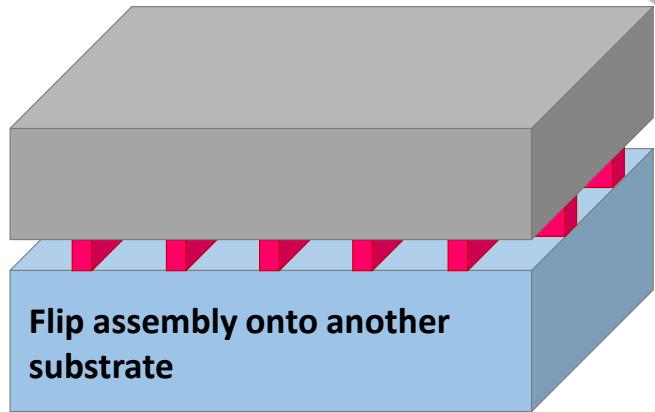
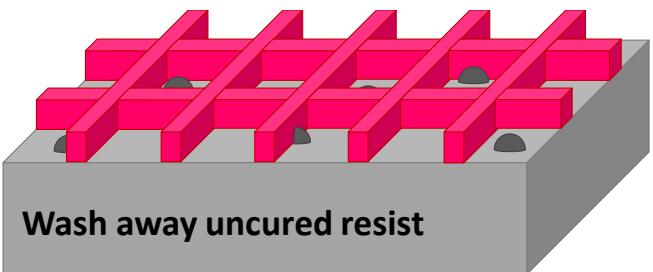
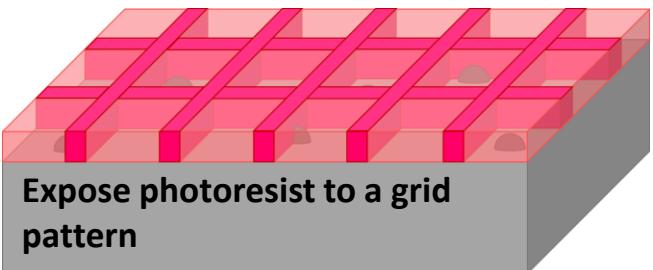
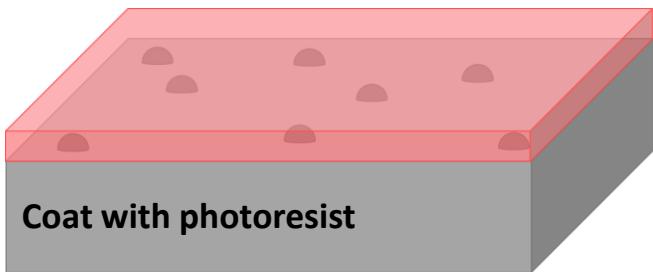
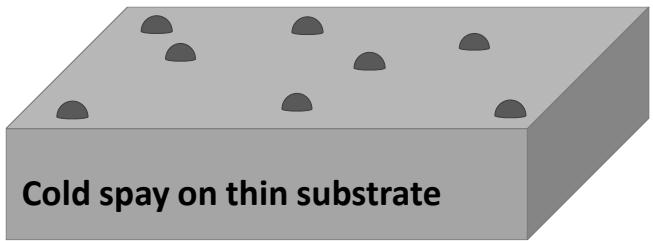


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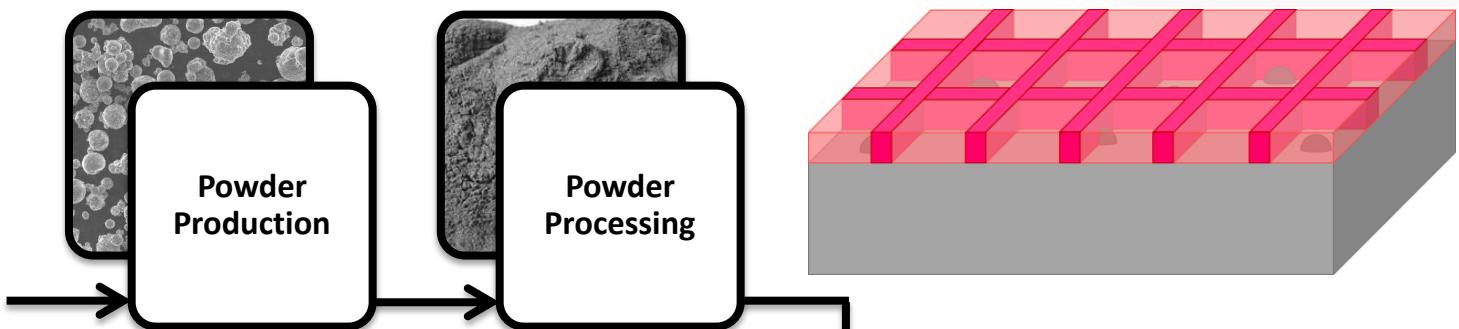
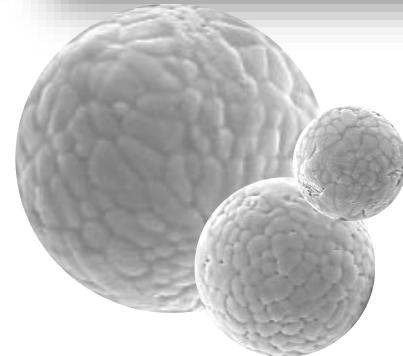
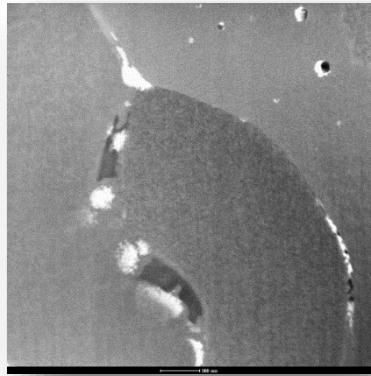
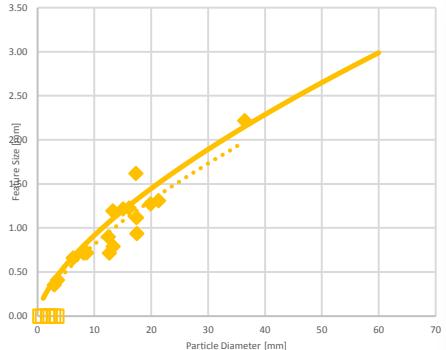
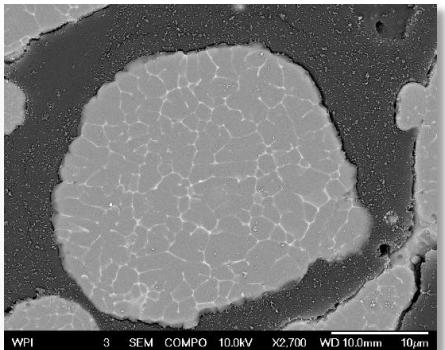
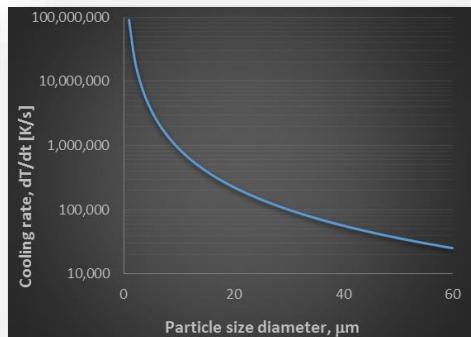


Cold Spray Deposit

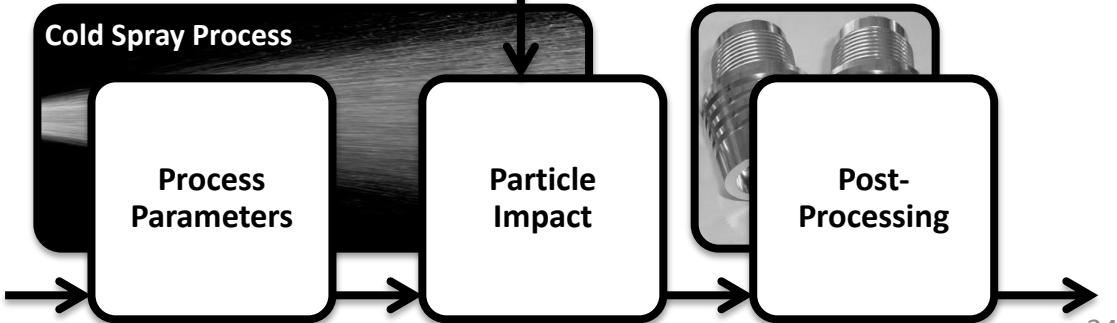
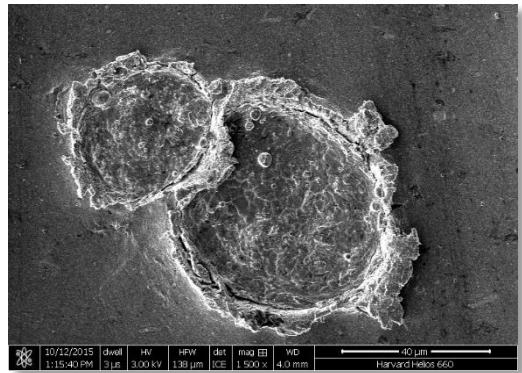
# Particle-Substrate Adhesion Test



# TPM Overview



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