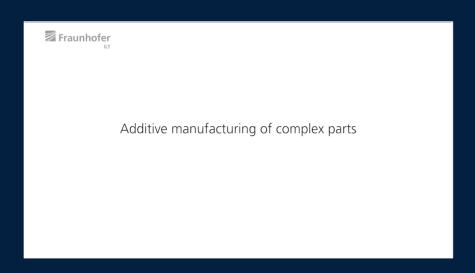


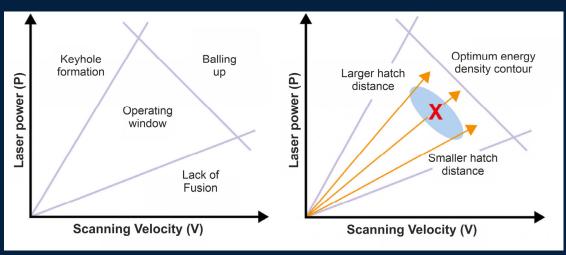
Ultrasound QNDE of additively manufactured components

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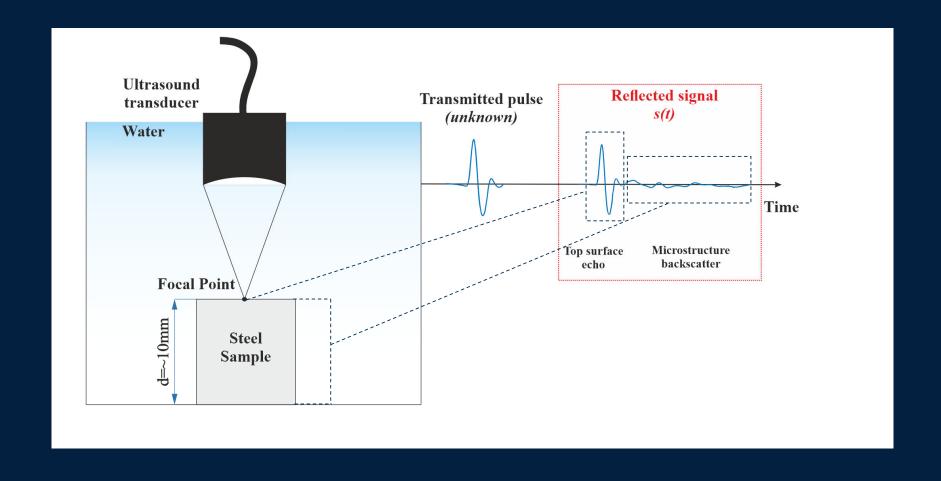


Additive Manufacturing





Ultrasound



Research Motivation

'Can we establish a relationship between ultrasound measurement, manufacturing parameters, and resulting material properties?'

The research question can be explored in the following ways:

- Can ultrasound be linked to the manufacturing parameters, and how can we differentiate between different samples based on ultrasound measurements?
- What is the influence of the manufacturing parameters on the variation in ultrasound captured from the AM samples?
- How to quantify the material properties and do quality assessment of samples based on ultrasound measurements?

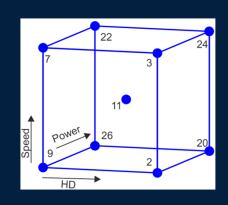
In other words...

Can we replace time-consuming and destructive material characterization with a rapid, non-destructive ultrasound technique?

Sample Printing

■ Experimental design (selected samples of 316L stainless steel, LBPF)

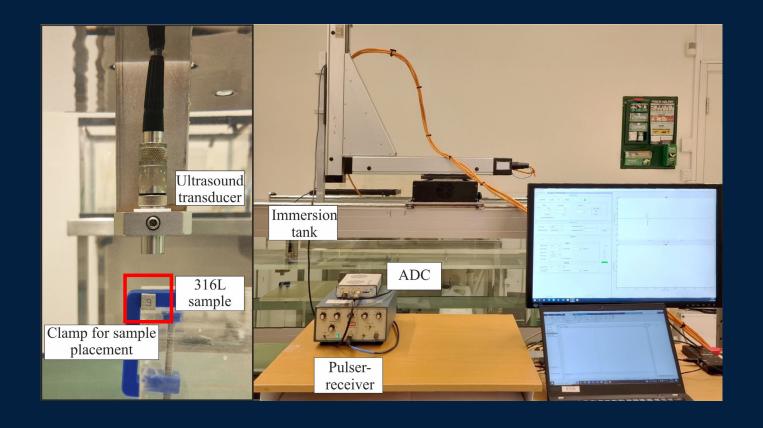




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9	195	50	90	80	600	72.2222
2	195	50	100	80	600	65
7	195	50	90	80	700	62.90476
3	195	50	100	80	700	55.71429
11	175	50	95	80	650	56.8016
26	155	50	90	80	600	57.40741
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22	155	50	90	80	700	49.20635
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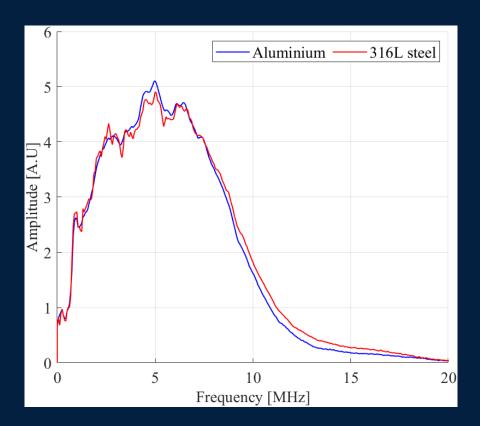


Experimental Setup – Ultrasound



Ultrasound Measurements

- Samples examined using 5 MHz and 7.5 MHz focused transducers.
- Data is collected from the build and transverse direction.
- Ultrasound echoes from 841 points were recorded for each sample.
- Ultrasound spectra computed for each recorded echo.



The supervised learning problem

Ultrasound data



Material properties or process information

Examples

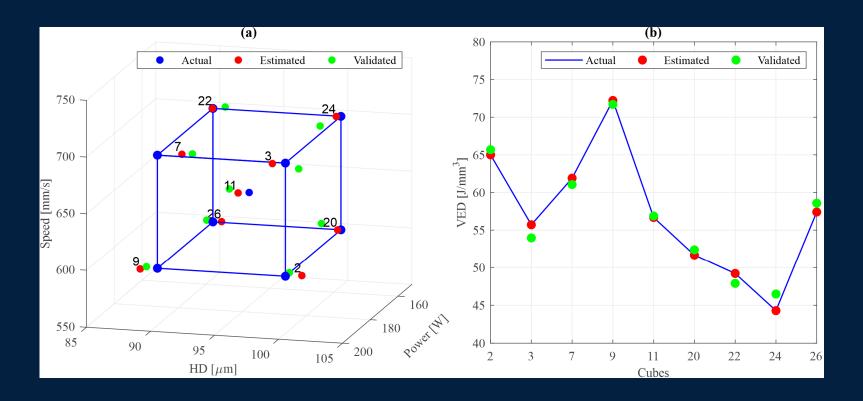
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- Assessing the influence of the manufacturing parameters on variability within samples, based on ultrasound data.
- Linking the material properties to ultrasound data.

Modelling the parameters

- Data randomly split into two data sets
 - Training
 - Testing
- A model is built for estimation of manufacturing parameters from ultrasound spectra.

Results

Estimation and validation of manufacturing parameters using 5 MHz transducer in build direction.



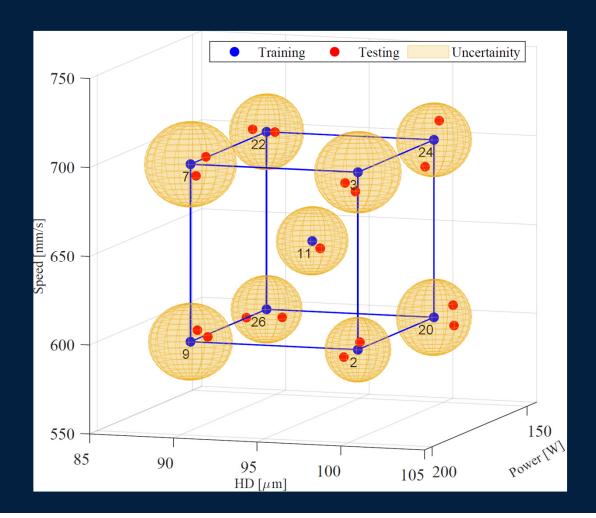
Assessing the uncertainty

Monte-Carlo simulations

- Variations in ultrasound spectra used to build multiple prediction models.
- Comparing models to assess the prediction error variance.

Results

Prediction of manufacturing parameters using 5 MHz transducer in the build direction.



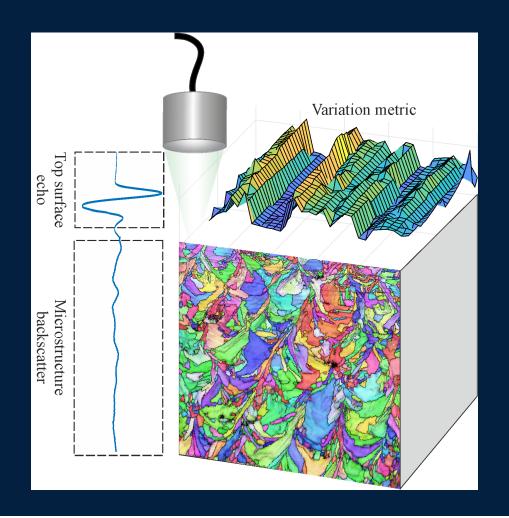
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Variability of microstructur backscatter

■ Idea:

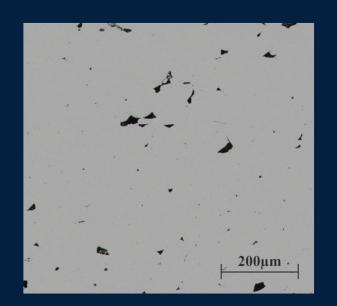
- If a sample is a homogeneous isotropic solid, the backscatter statistics should be consistent across a sample.
- Large variation in ultrasound is an indication of large variations in microstructure.
- Linking ultrasound variation to manufacturing parameters... possible way to fine-tune the process.

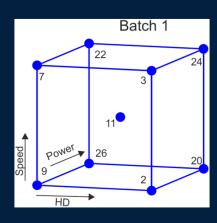


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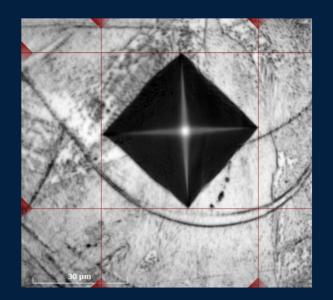
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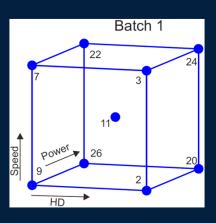
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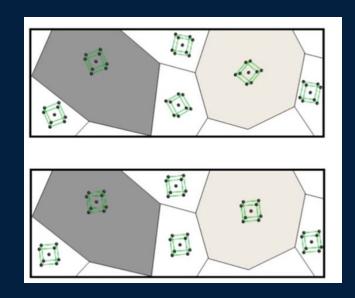


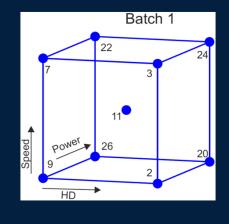
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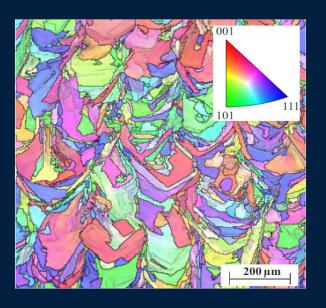




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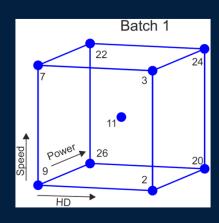






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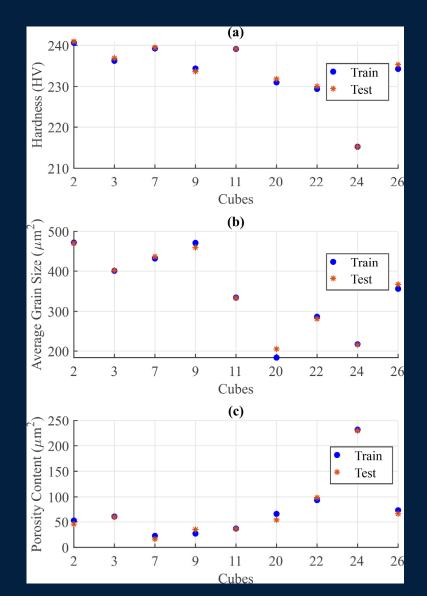




Prediction of Material Properties

- Hardness porosity and grain size
- Porosity
- Grain size

Uncertainties (±2σ)						
Sample	Hardness	Grain Size	Porosity			
2	0.123574	2.112873	1.143406			
3	0.125587	2.20308	1.162037			
7	0.12235	2.159209	1.148282			
9	0.123678	2.226281	1.175446			
11	0.127918	2.215124	1.184591			
20	0.120423	2.131117	1.112265			
22	0.120019	2.165733	1.127722			
24	0.122276	2.105198	1.1317			
26	0.124037	2.234214	1.16994			



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