

# Multi-axial fatigue behaviour of high-strength steel obtained by additive manufacturing: effects of defects and microstructure

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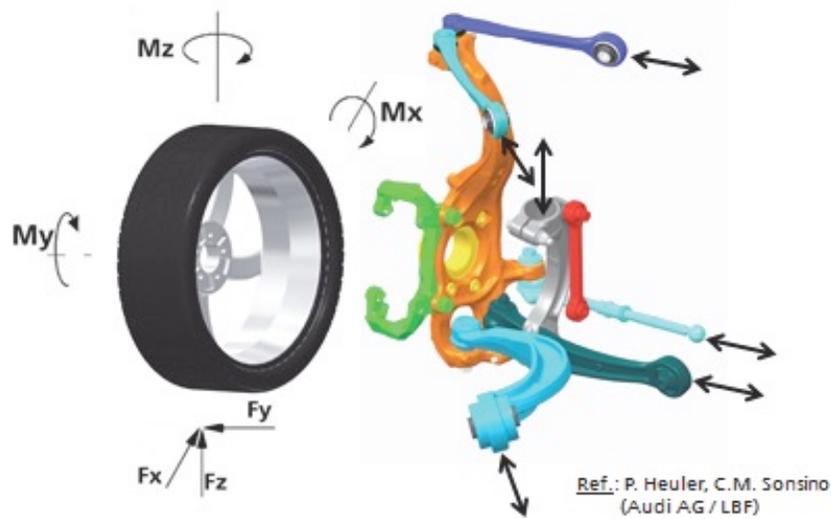
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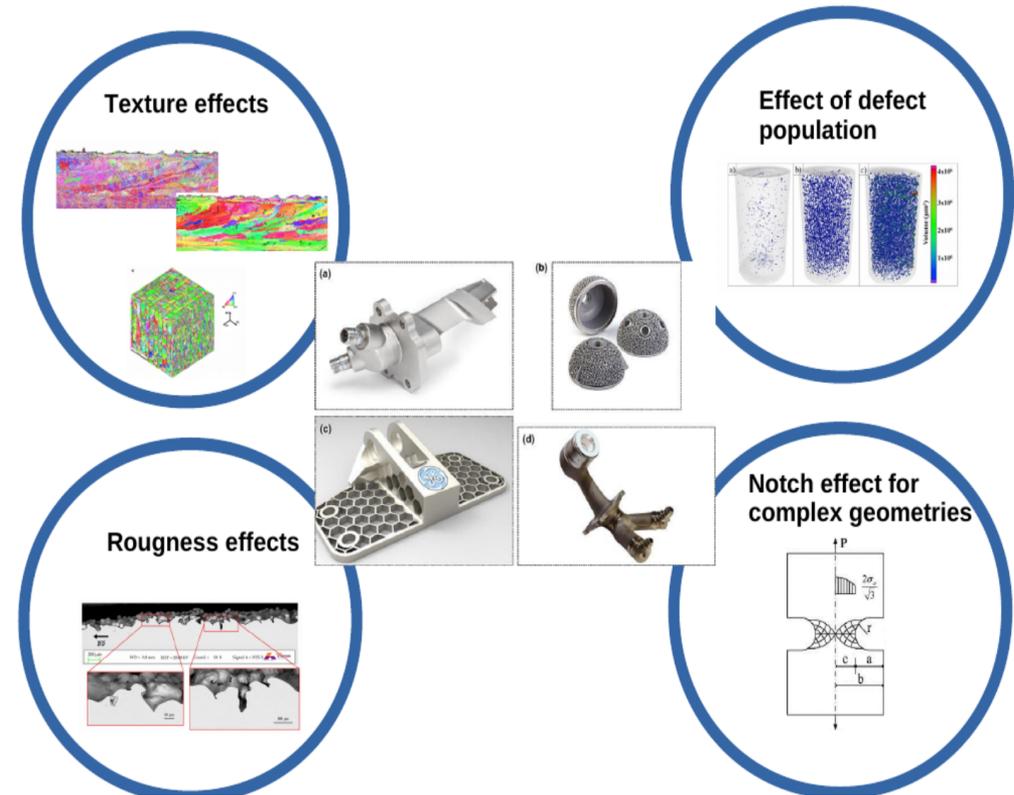
## Challenges

### Lab to Industrial application

Fatigue – Process interaction for additive manufacturing

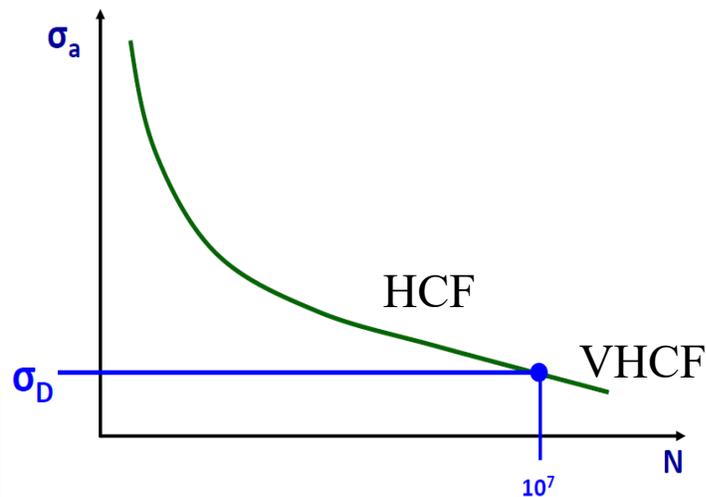
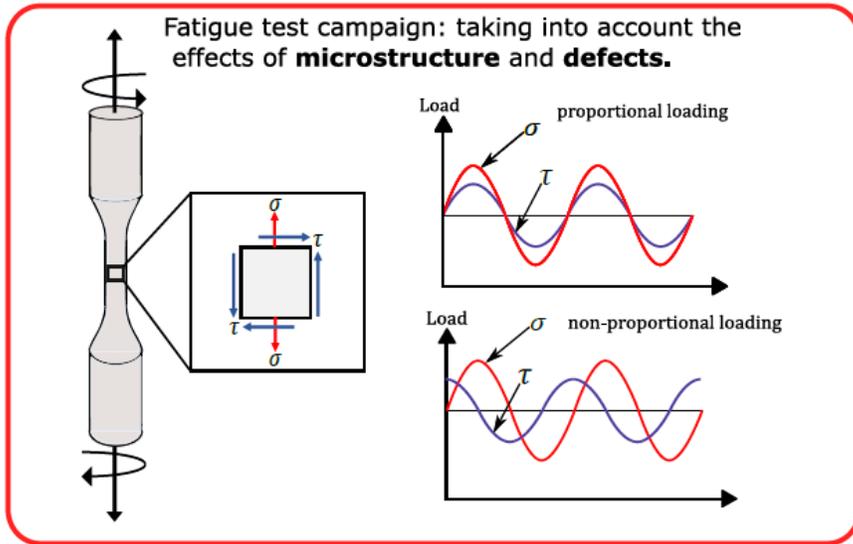


Multi-axial loads acting on wheel and steering knuckle [C.M. Sonsino et al., *Frattura ed Integrità Strutturale*, 2016]

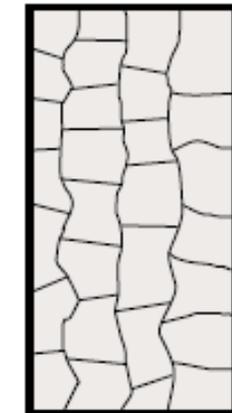
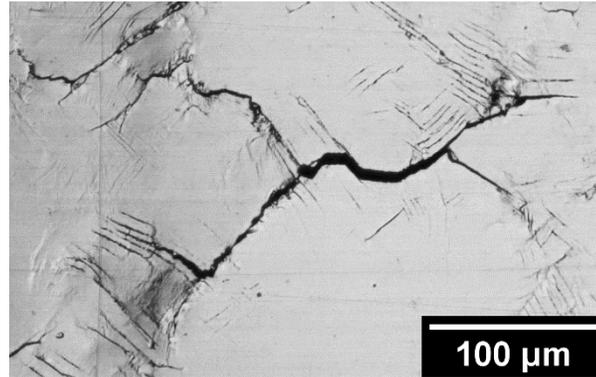


# Thesis objectives

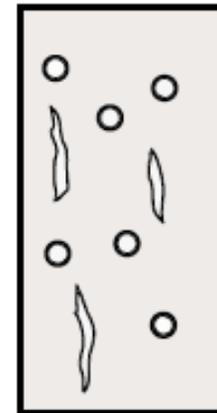
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## 2. Identification of damage mechanisms

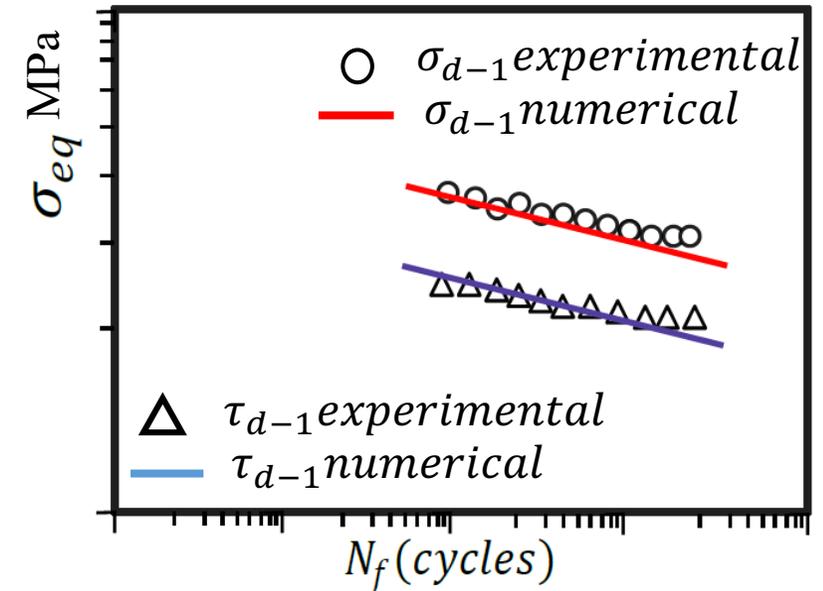


microstructure



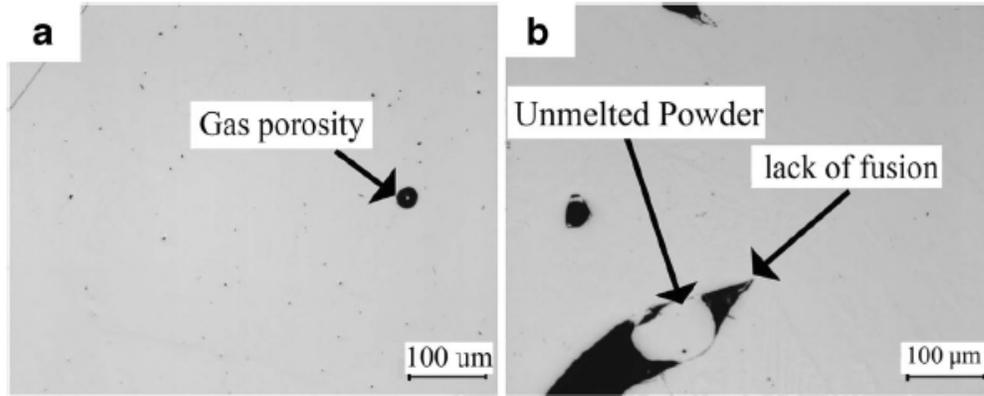
defects

## 3. Numerical approach

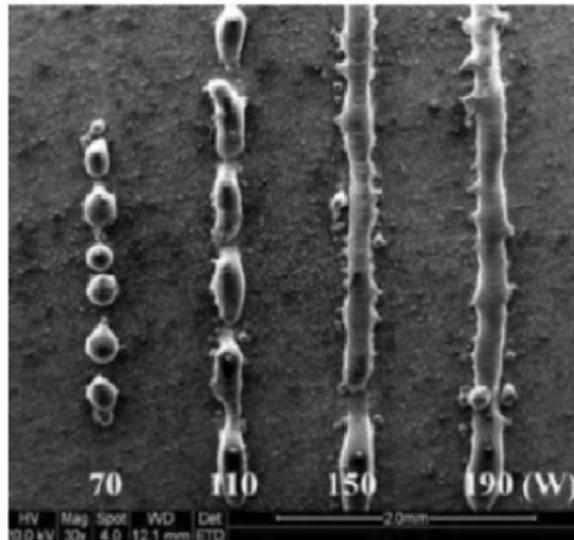


# Literature Review

## Formation of defects

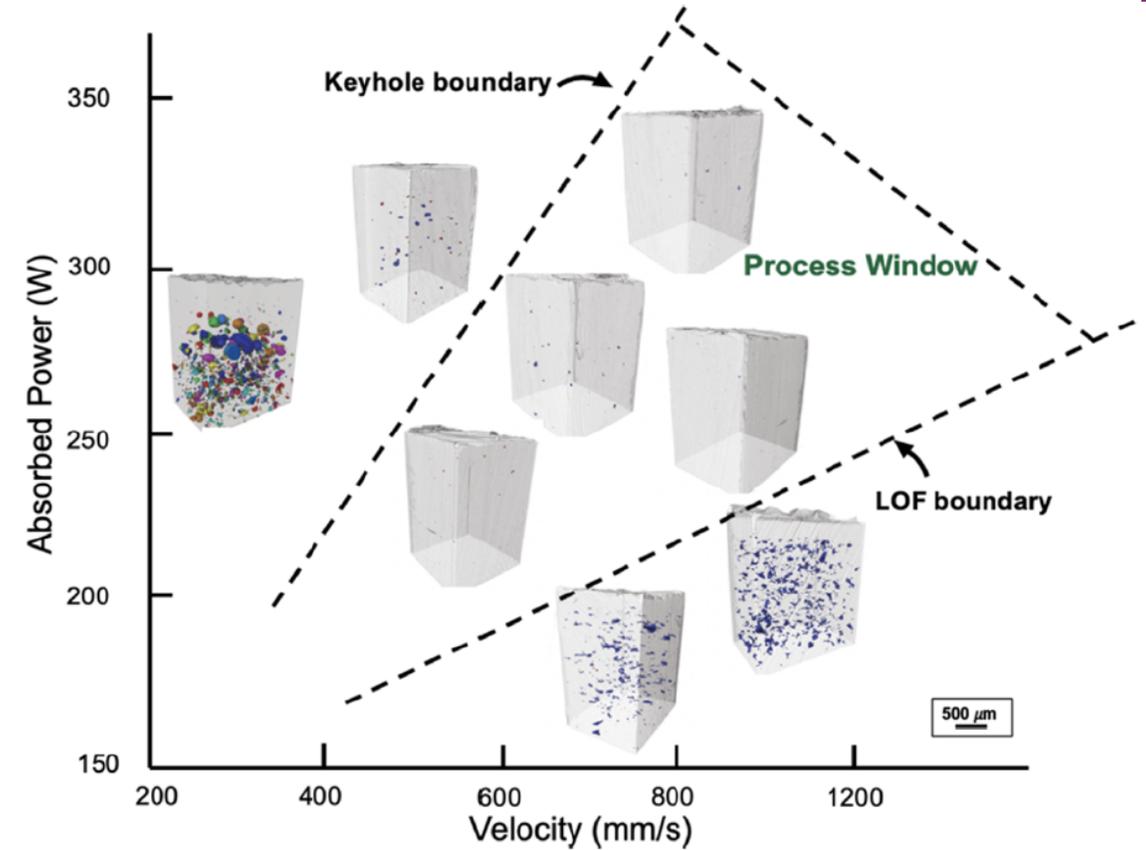


Metallographic observation of Inconel 718. [P.Karimi et al., Intl Adv Manuf Tech, 2018]



5 Balling phenomenon observed on SS 316L. [Bourell, David et al., 2017, In: CIRP Annals - Manufacturing Technology]

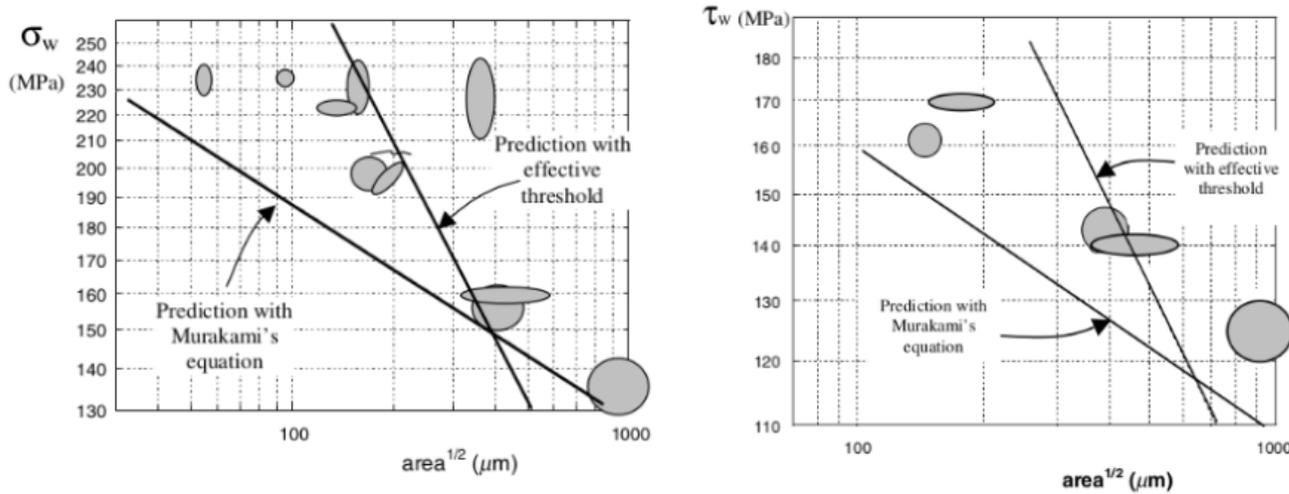
$$VED = \frac{P}{vht} J/mm^3$$



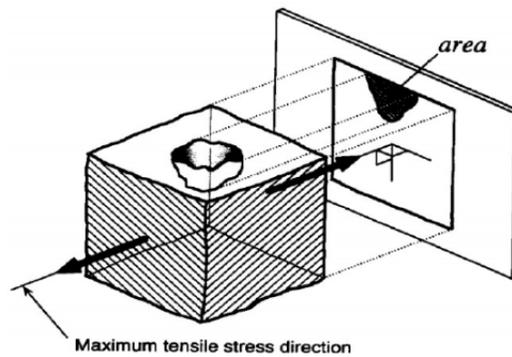
Variation of defect morphologies in TA64 alloy with respect to SLM process parameters. [Gordon, Jerard V. et al., 2020, Additive Manufacturing]

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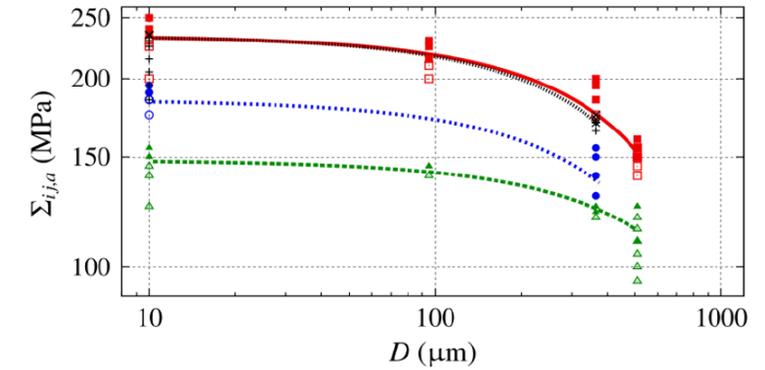
## Fatigue behaviour



(left) Fully reversed tension/compression loading, variation of fatigue limit with  $\sqrt{area}$  parameter. (right) Fully reversed torsion loading: evolution of the fatigue limit with  $\sqrt{area}$ . Material is C36 steel. [Billaudeau, T., Y. Nadot, and G. Beziue, 2004, *Acta Materialia*]

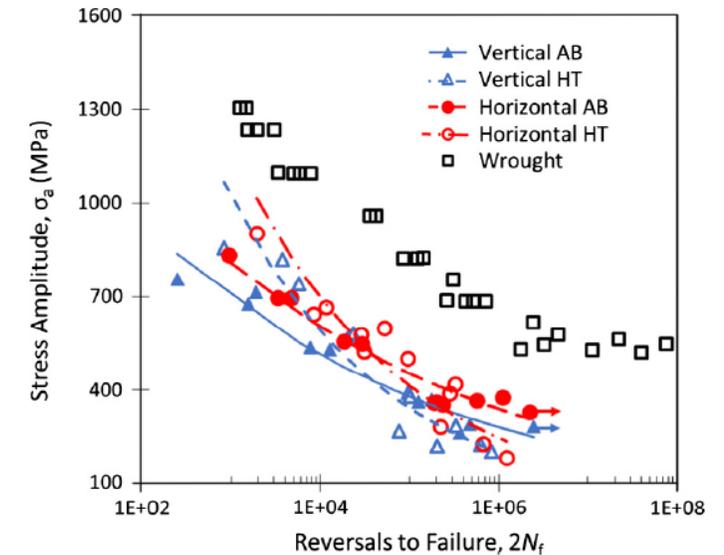


Murakami  $\sqrt{area}$  parameter.



Loading condition	Tension	Torsion	Tension-torsion $\varphi = 45^\circ$	Tension-torsion $\varphi = 90^\circ$
Unbroken	□	△	○	+
Broken	■	▲	●	×

Fatigue test results at uniaxial and complex loading conditions, at  $R = -1$ . Material is SS 316L [Guerchais, R. et al., 2015, *Fatigue & Fracture of Engineering Materials & Structures*]



Strain-life fatigue data of SLM 17-4PH for different conditions. Note: where HT is CA-H900 condition. [A. Yadollahi et al., *Intl J. Fatigue*, 2017]

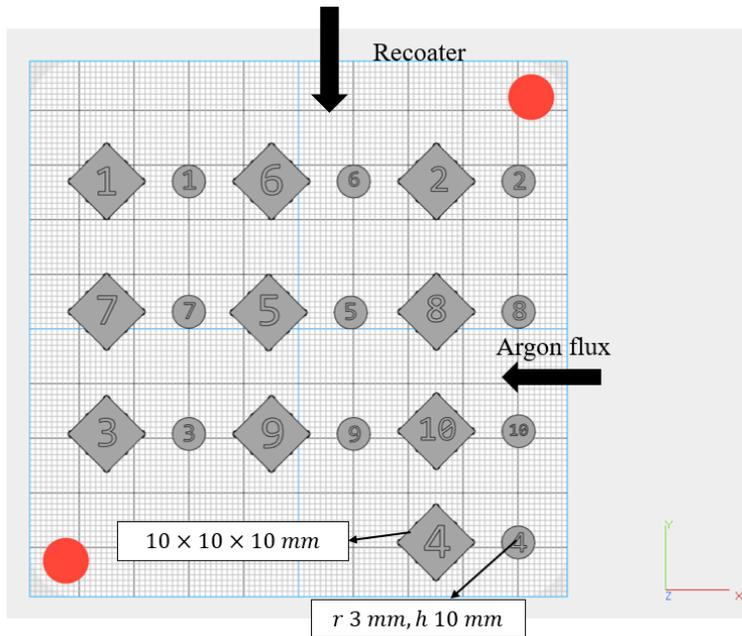
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## *Intermediate conclusions*

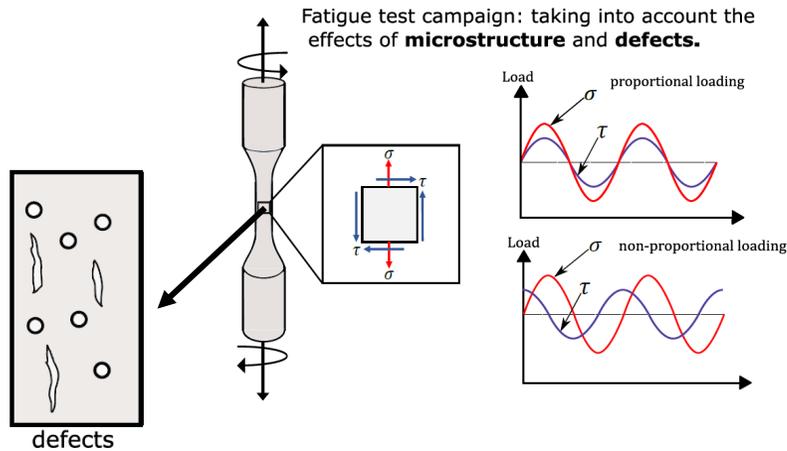
- ❑ Laser power (W) and scan speed (mm/s) are most influential parameters in the formation of gas pores and LoFs.
- ❑ In HCF regime, high-strength steels are more sensitive to defects.
- ❑ No significant influence of defect geometry under tensile and torsion loading condition (in C36 steel).
- ❑ There exists an influence of complex loading condition on the fatigue strength.

# Global strategy

## SLM process map study

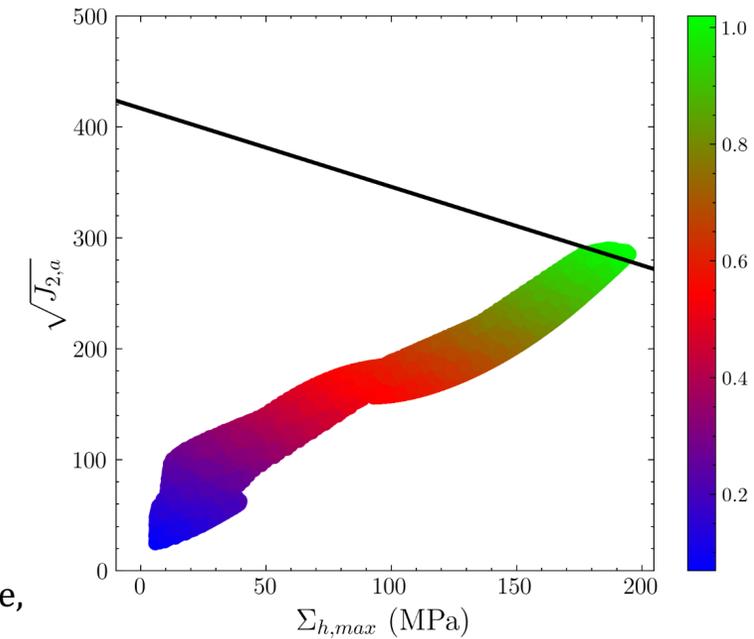


## Fatigue tests



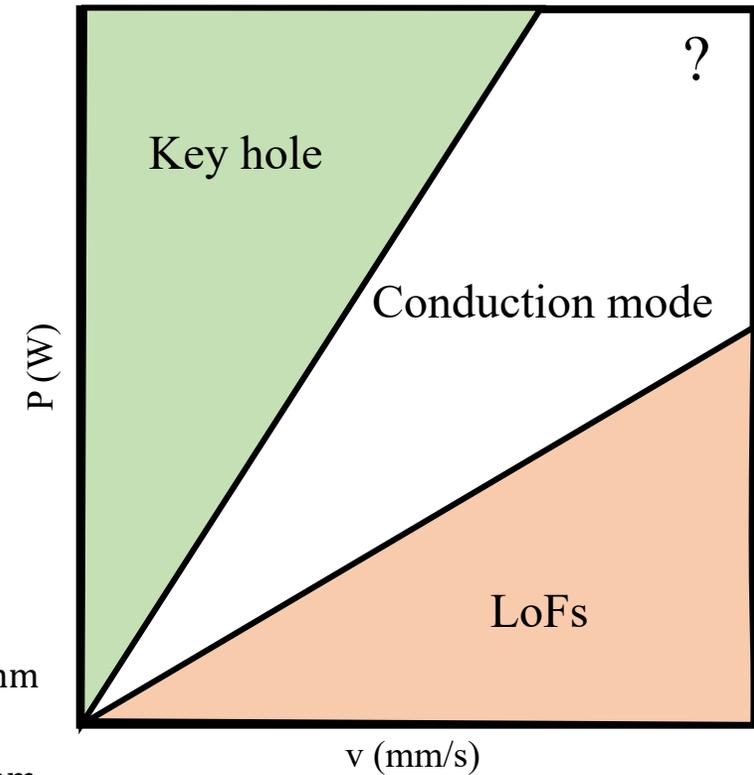
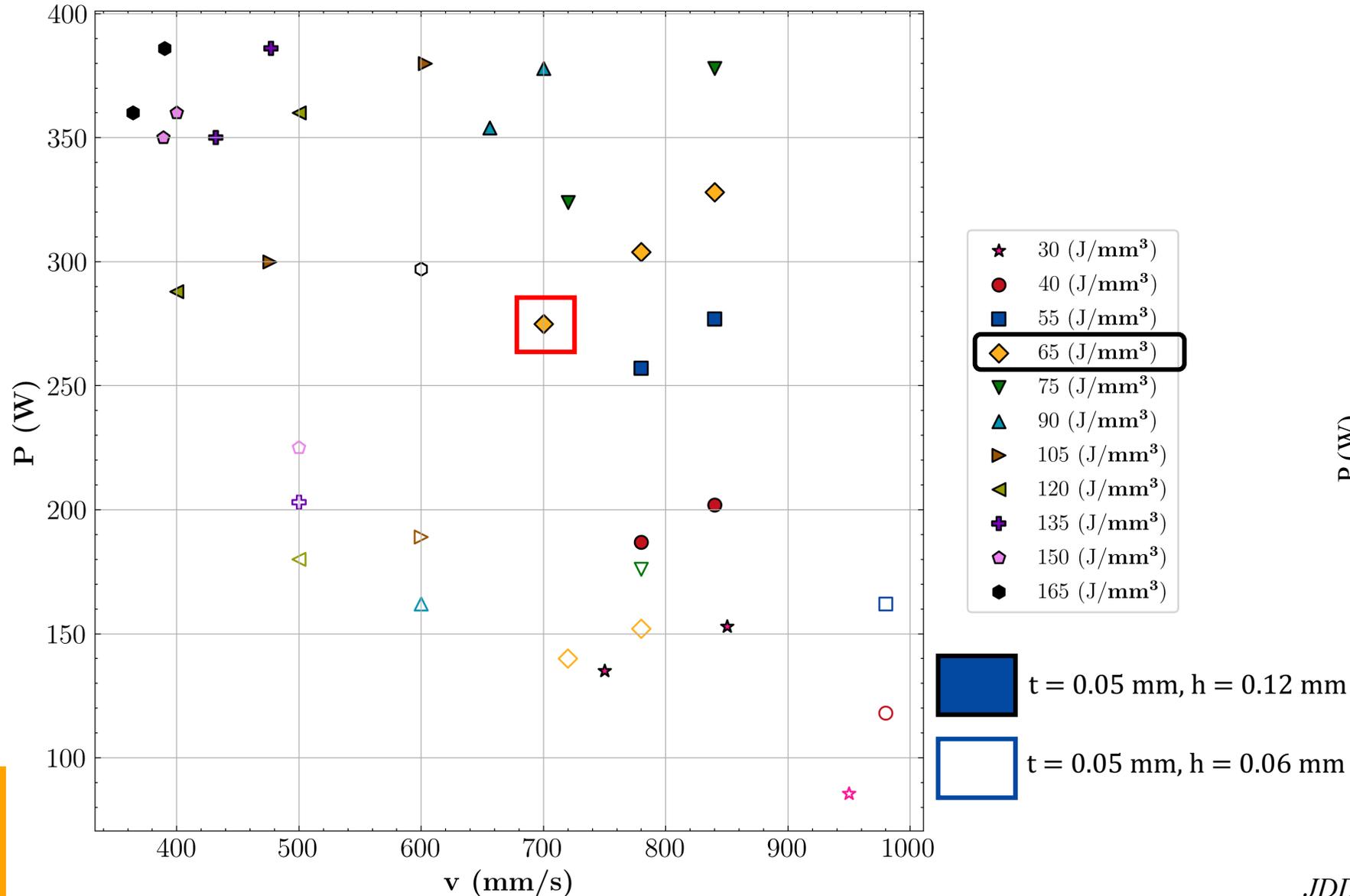
- Influence of defects anisotropy obtained from two different build orientation  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ .
- Influence of complex loading conditions (in-phase, out-of-phase ( $45^\circ$  or  $90^\circ$ ) with different bi-axial stress ratios) in the presence of defects.

## Numerical approach



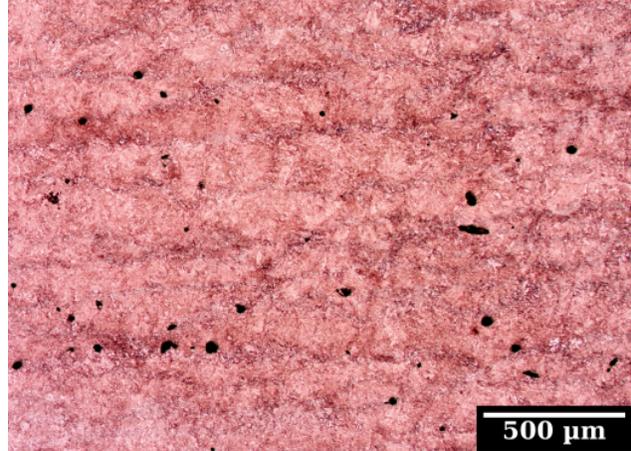
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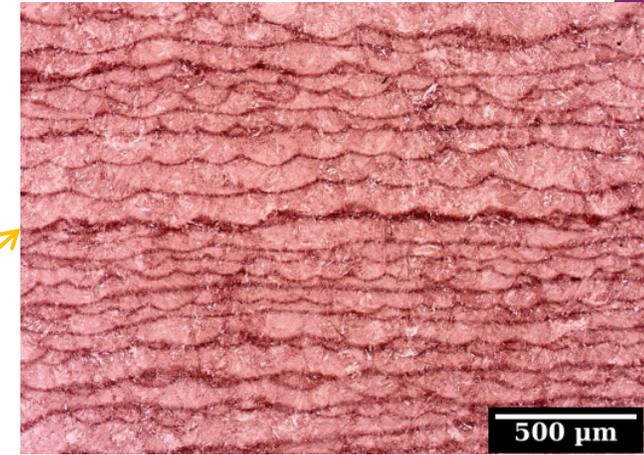
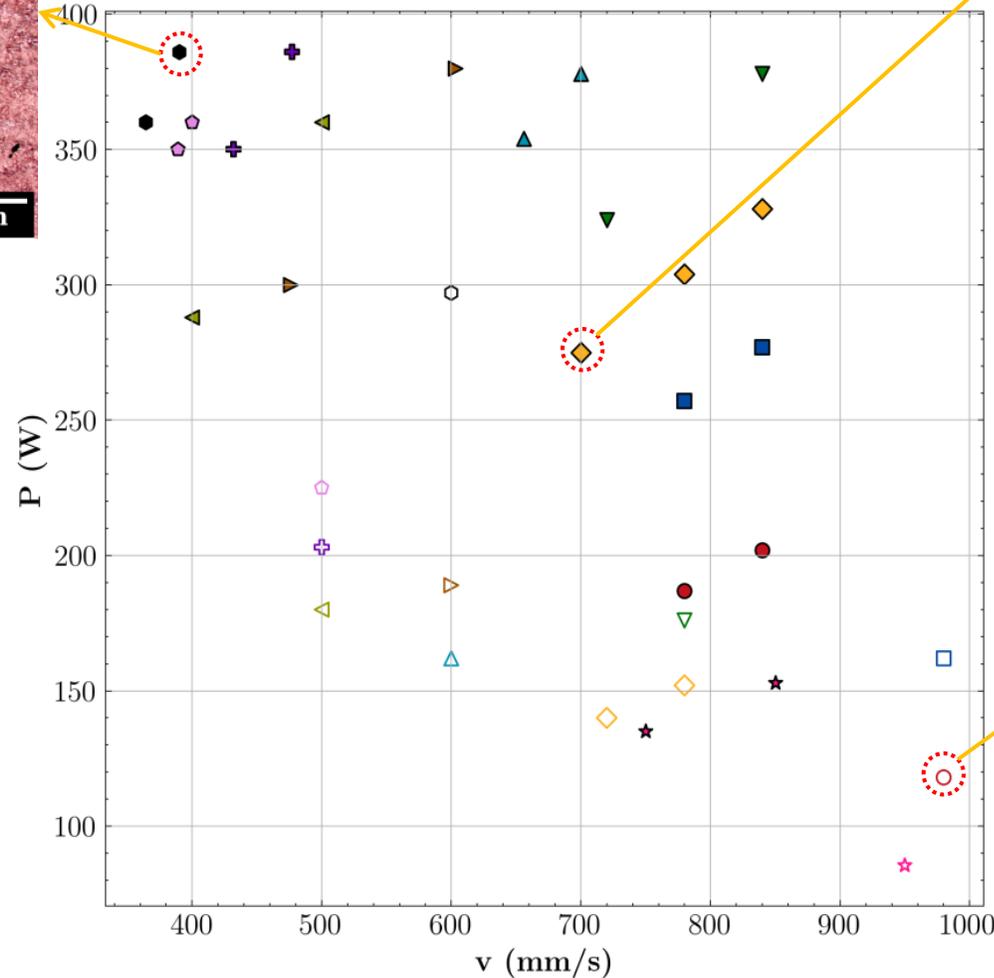
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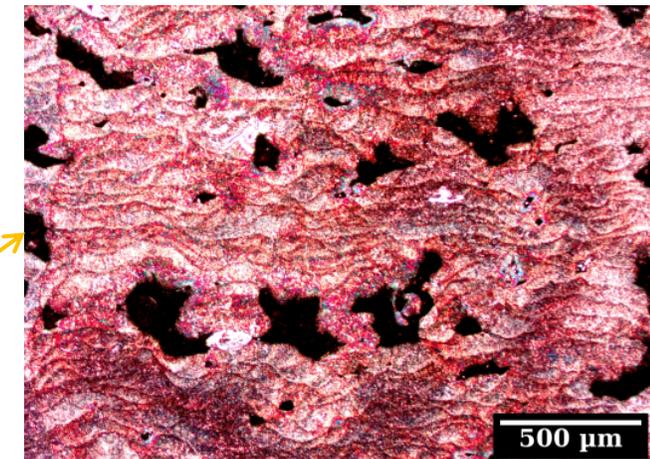


C30 165 J/mm<sup>3</sup> HV 310

Microstructure



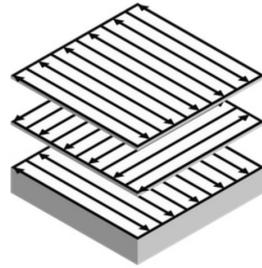
C5 65 J/mm<sup>3</sup> (ideal) HV 355



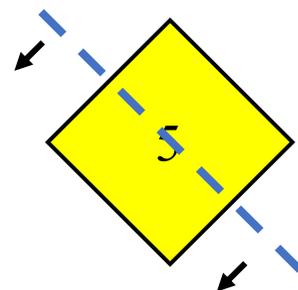
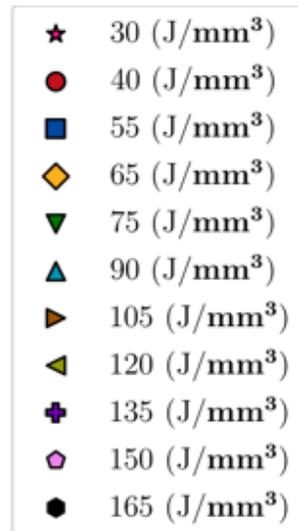
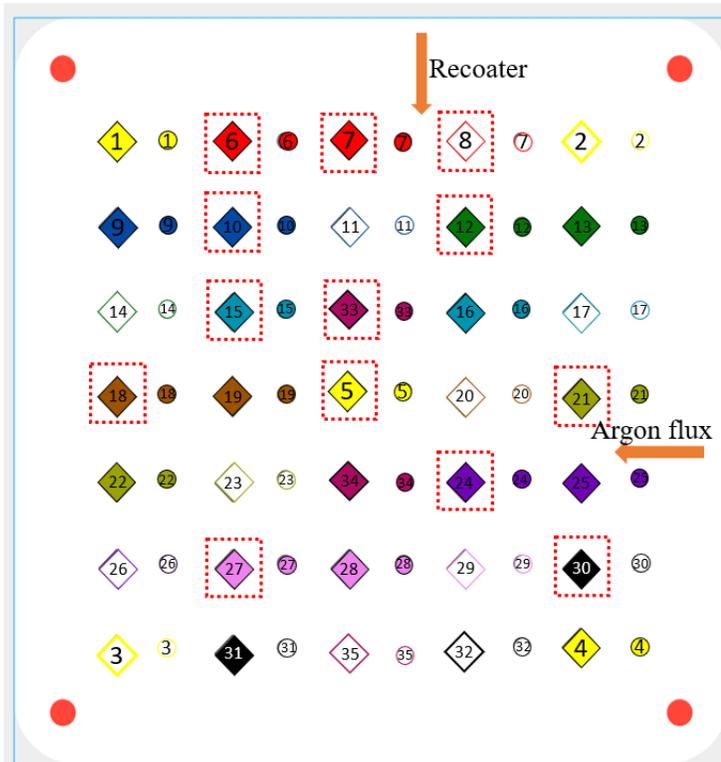
C8 40 J/mm<sup>3</sup> HV 292

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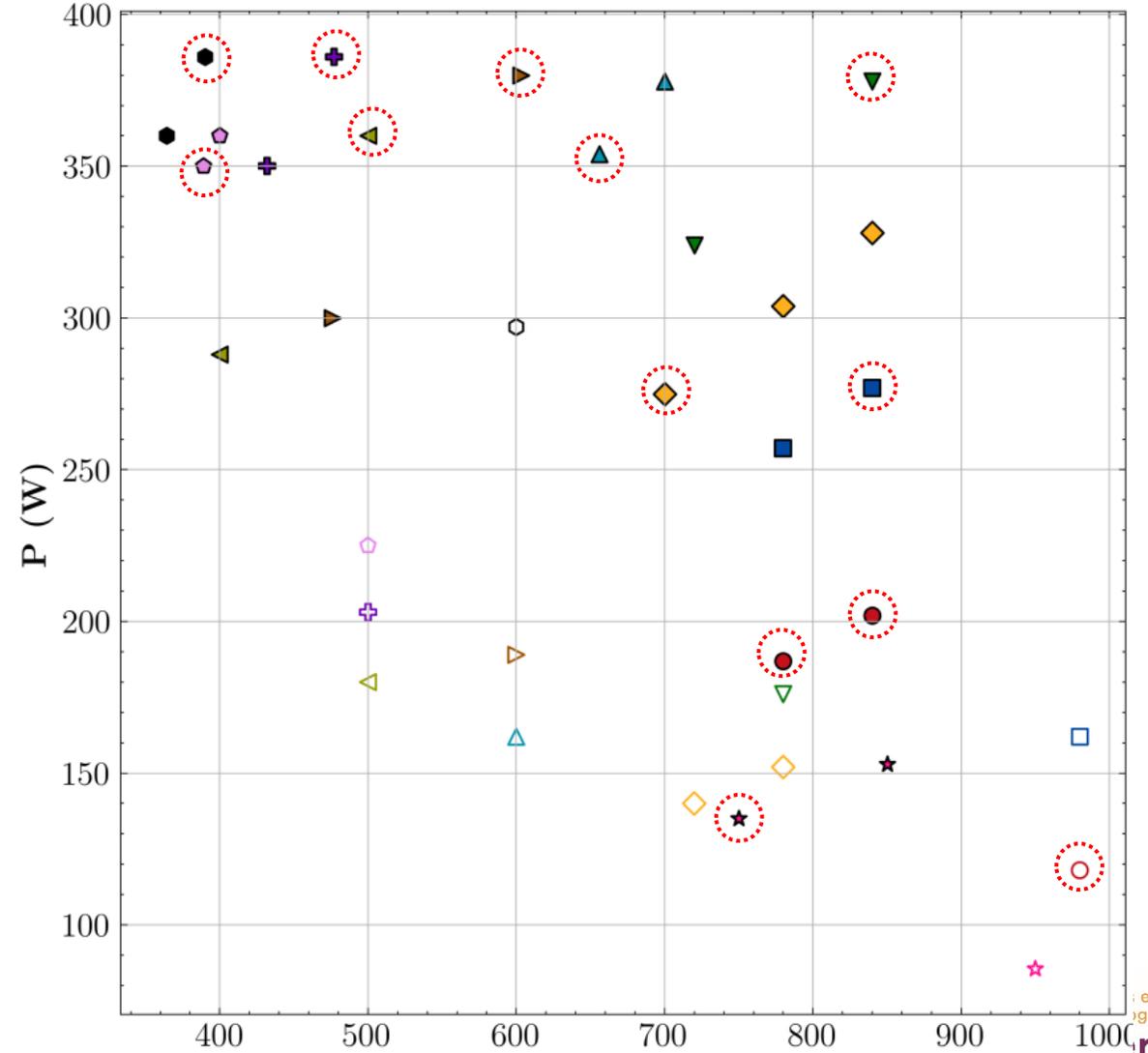
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Stripes scan strategy



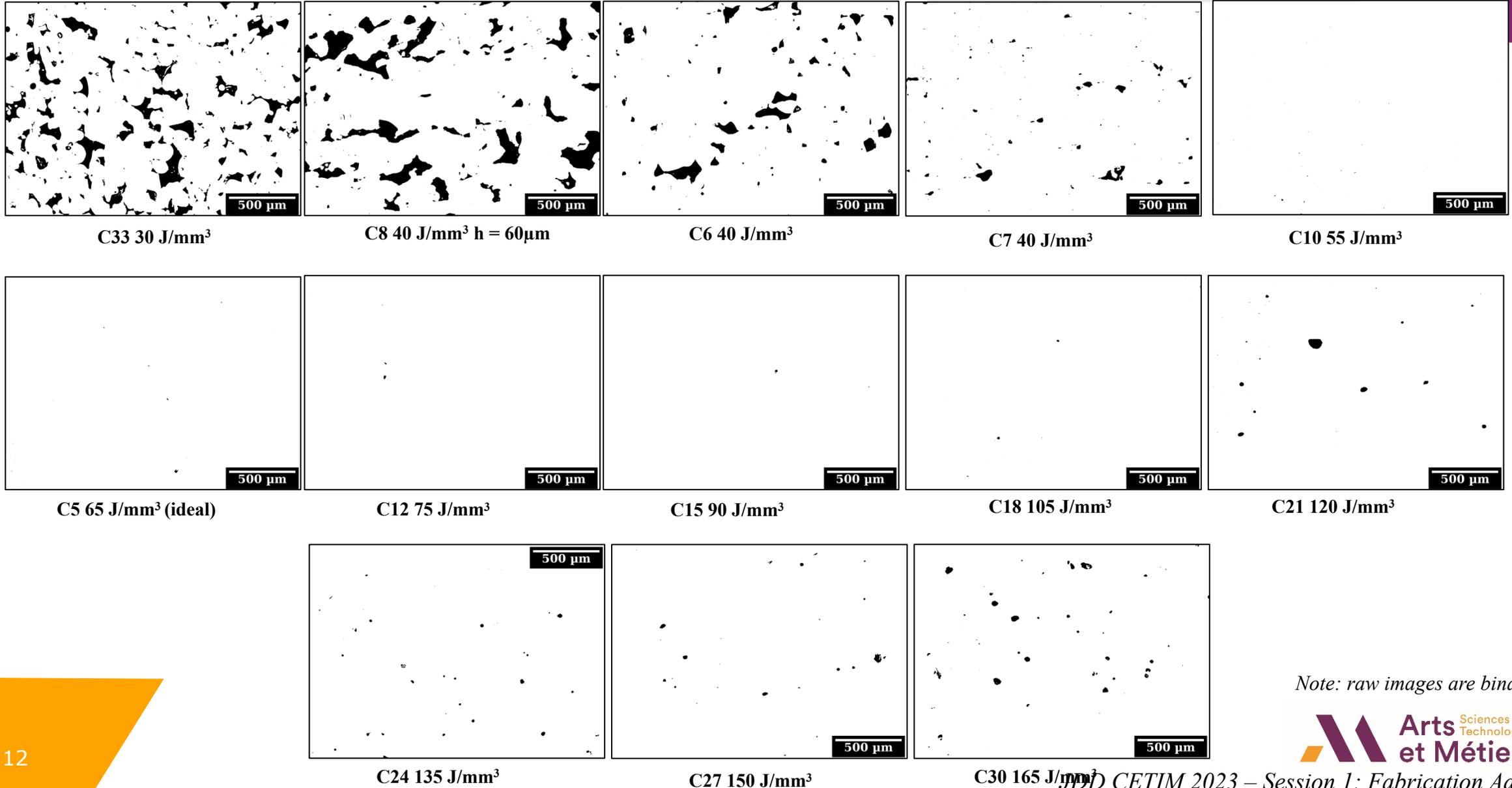
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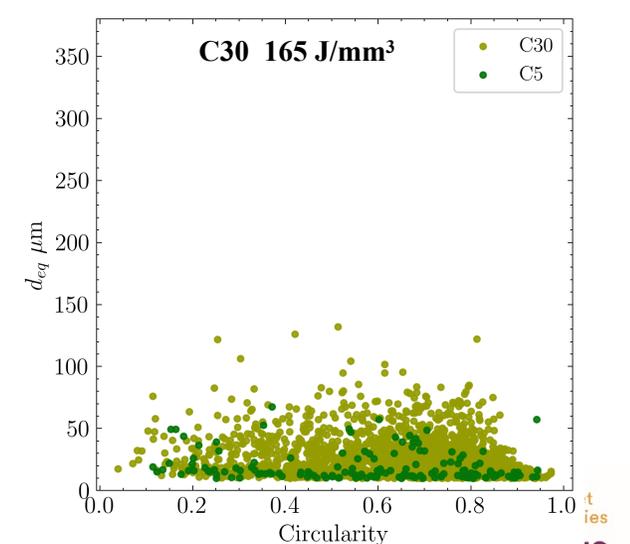
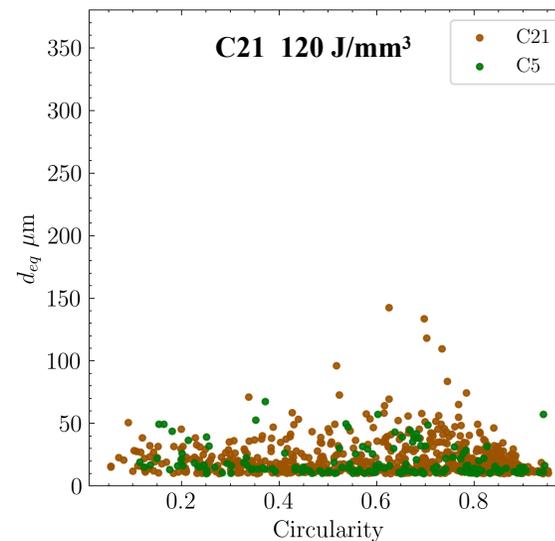
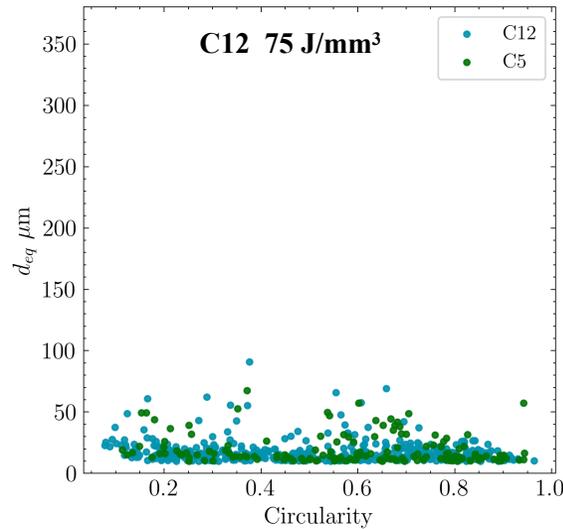
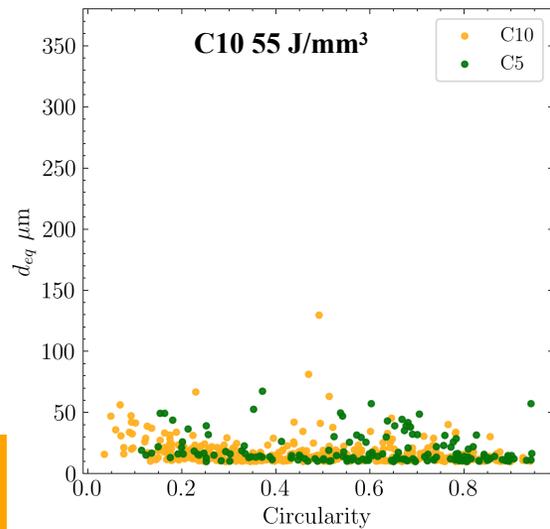
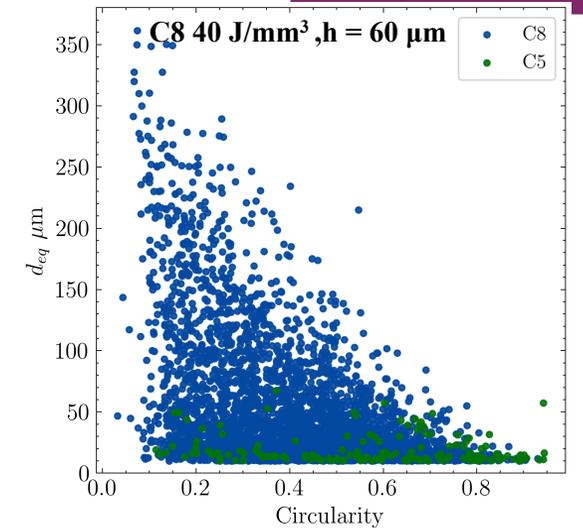
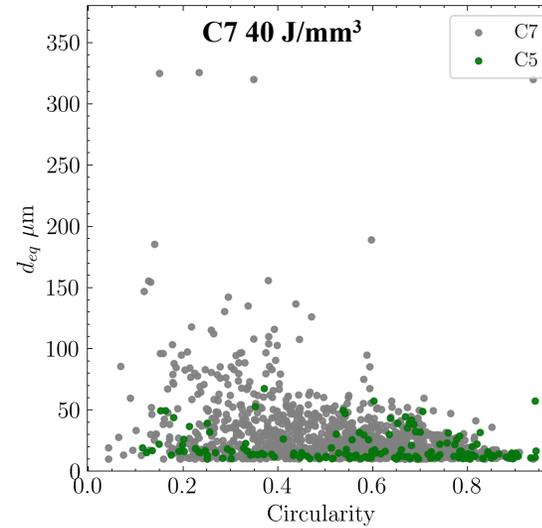
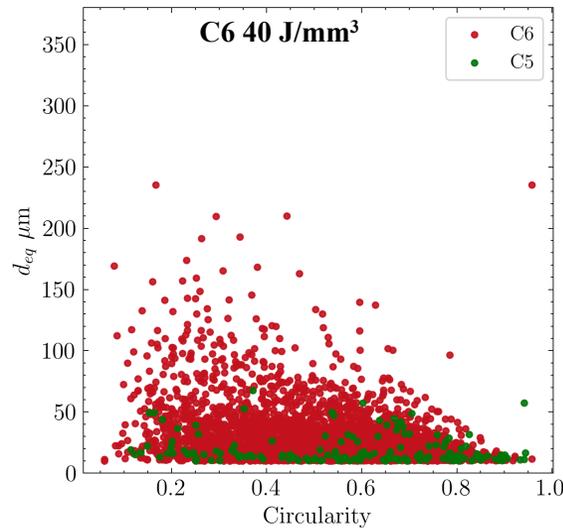
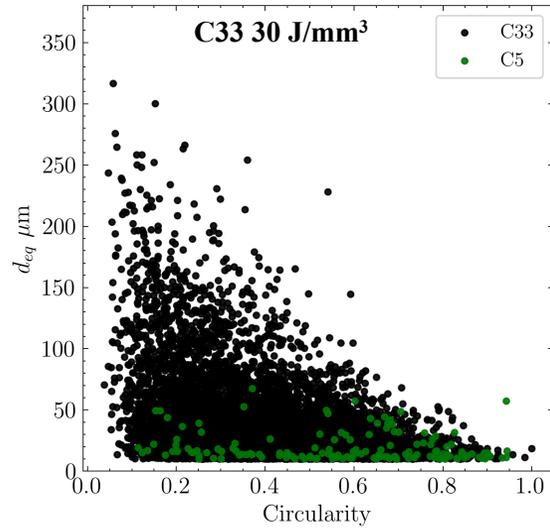


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# Statistical analysis of defects

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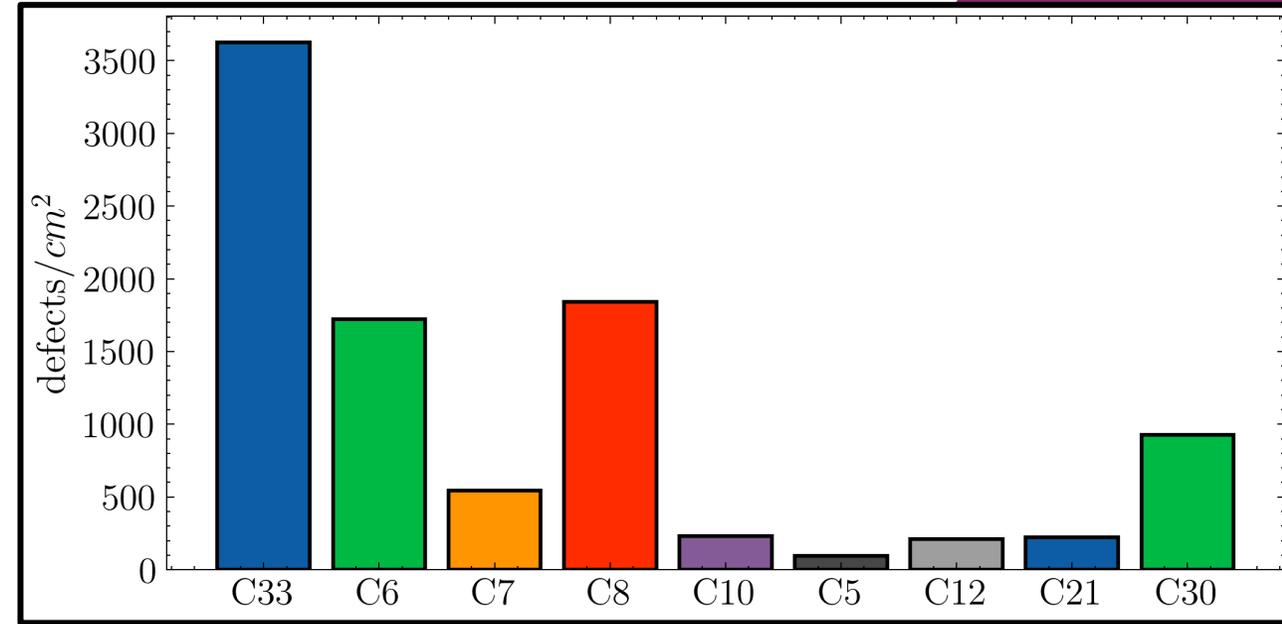
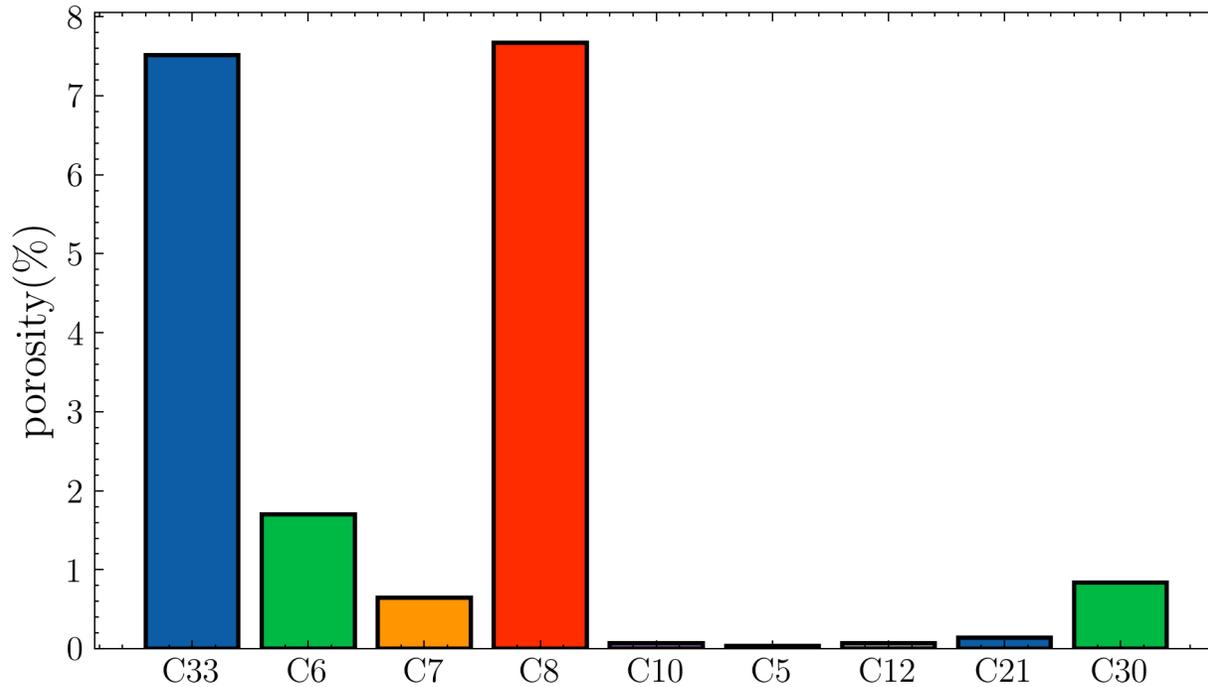
## Defect size as a function of circularity



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Porosity (%) and defect density (defects/cm<sup>2</sup>)



Specimen id	VED (J/mm <sup>3</sup> )
C33	30
C6	40
C7	40
C8	40 (h = 0.06 mm)
C10	55
C5	65
C12	75
C21	120
C30	165

Note:

C8 40 (h = 0.06 mm)

# Conclusions

- ❑ LoF zone at low energy density (between 30-40 J/mm<sup>3</sup>) and key-hole mode at high energy densities (between 120 – 165 J/mm<sup>3</sup>).
- ❑ High probability of finding a large defect in specimens fabricated at 30 and 40 J/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- ❑ Presence of high number of complex shape defects whose circularity is between 0.1 to 0.6, in samples fabricated at 30 and 40 J/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- ❑ At 40 J/mm<sup>3</sup>, change in h (from 0.12 to 0.06 mm) has drastic outcomes in terms of porosity (%) and defect density (defects/cm<sup>2</sup>).
- ❑ Sample C7 process parameters could be suitable for inducing LoFs in fatigue specimens.