

**Summary Statistics for LC_HT03_130813:
Micro-CT Data Acquired at LLNL, Specimen 3 of 3**

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Executive Summary

LC_HT03_130813				
Measured Density: 0.85 g/cm ³		X-ray tube voltages (source filter materials)		
Parameter		μ_L 100 kV(Al), Al-BHC	μ_L 100 kV(Al), H ₂ O-BHC	μ_H 160 kV (AlCu)
LAC	Mean Measured LAC (LMHU) ¹	1117	1125	766
	Standard Deviation/Mean	9%	7%	8%
	Entropy	6.00	5.76	5.59
${}^L Z_{\text{eff}}$	From the mean measured LACs	7.79		
${}^{LW} Z_{\text{eff}}$	From the mean measured LACs	7.27		
μ_L/μ_H	Using Al-BHC	1.46		
μ_L/μ_H	Using H ₂ O-BHC	1.47		
QA	From Cu strip and References	See p.5		

Table 1. First-order statistics of the x-ray linear attenuation coefficient (LAC) in LC_HT03_130813, the estimated value of the effective atomic number, Z_{eff} [1] and μ_L/μ_H . Z_{eff} is calculated from the ratio of μ_L/μ_H . Beam hardening compensation has been applied to μ_L using both aluminum (${}^L Z_{\text{eff}}$) and water (${}^{LW} Z_{\text{eff}}$) beam hardening parameters.

Using x-ray micro computed tomography (MicroCT), we have characterized the linear attenuation coefficients (LAC), μ , of a sample of a dry powder material, lithium carbonate (LC). The specimen was prepared at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), loaded into a 60mL low density polyethylene (LDPE) bottle. After completed packing, the specimen was scanned following the protocol for MicroCT measurements under Test Plan 79 [2].

This particular specimen, LC_HT03_130813, recorded the bulk packing density (mass of sample divided by volume of sample) shown above. Two additional preparations were made and analyzed [3-4]. We used the computer program IMGREC to reconstruct the CT images. The values of the key parameters used in the x-ray data capture and image reconstruction are given in this report. Additional experimental details may be found in the SOP [5] and a separate document [6]. To characterize the statistical distribution of LAC values in each CT image, we first isolated an ~80% region or segment of volume elements (“voxels”) lying completely within the sample, away from the walls of the container. We then calculated the mean value, standard deviation and entropy for (a) the high and low energy image segments and for (b) their digital gradient images². The statistics of the initial image of LAC values are called “first order statistics;” those of the gradient image, “second order statistics.” See Seetho [7] for details of the analysis used to obtain the numbers reported in this document.

¹ LMHU: “LLNL modified Hounsfield units with respect to water.” To obtain the LAC in LMHU for some material at any energy, we multiply by 1000 and divide by the LAC of water at an x-ray energy of 160 kV with aluminum and copper filters.

² A digital gradient image of a given image was obtained by taking the absolute value of the difference between the initial image and that same image offset by one voxel horizontally, parallel to the rows of the x-ray detector array.

Summary of LC_HT03_130813 X-ray Statistics

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Material ID(s): LC_HT03_130813

Source		Collimator	Beam Hardening	Sample Preparation	X-ray Measurement	Linear Attenuation Coefficient (LAC)			
Bias (kV)	Filters		Number of slits	Parameter Source	Date	Date	Statistic	1 st order	2 nd order
	Material	Thickness							
100	Al	1.943 mm	2	H ₂ O	8/9/2013	8/13/2013	Mean	1125	58
							Std. Dev.	77	44
							Entropy	5.76	5.04
100	Al	1.943 mm	2	Al	8/9/2013	8/13/2013	Mean	1117	63
							Std. Dev.	98	48
							Entropy	6.00	5.13
160	Al Cu	1.943 mm 1.905 mm	2	None	8/9/2013	8/13/2013	Mean	766	54
							Std. Dev.	65	41
							Entropy	5.59	4.97
^L Z _{eff}	Based on measured LAC (Al-BHC)							7.79	
^{LW} Z _{eff}	Based on measured LAC (H ₂ O-BHC)							7.27	
μ_L/μ_H	Based on measured LAC (Al-BHC)							1.46	
μ_L/μ_H	Based on measured LAC (H ₂ O-BHC)							1.47	

Table 2. Key statistics [8] for x-ray measurements of Linear Attenuation Coefficient (LAC). ^LZ_{eff} is determined from 100 kV (Al) to 160 kV (AlCu) LAC (μ_L/μ_H) as given in reference [1]. The statistics here are from the 2-slit image data (not the 1-slit open image data).

Comments: _____

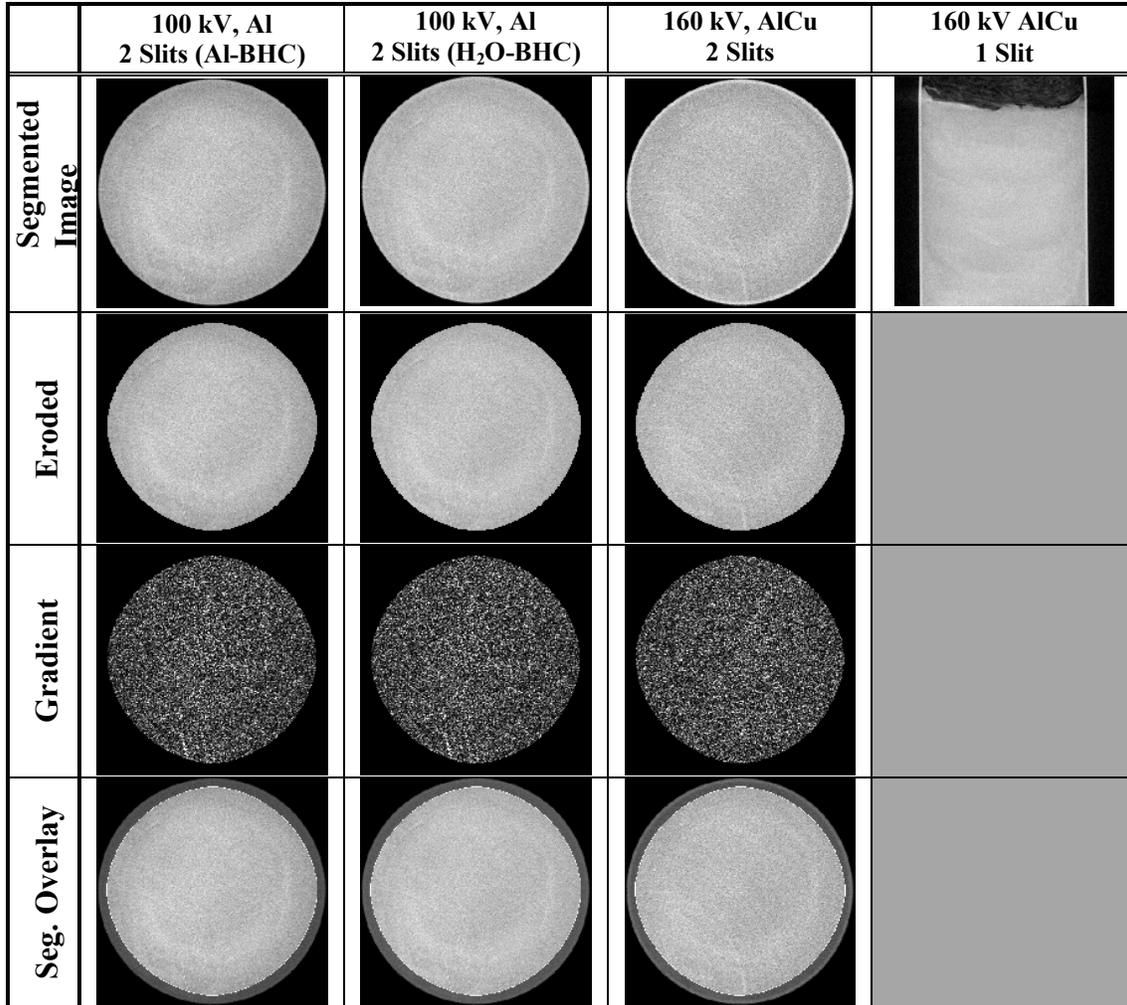


Figure 1. X-ray slice images with $150\mu\text{m} \times 150\mu\text{m} \times 150\mu\text{m}$ voxels. Raw data (top row), segmented images (second row), eroded images (third row) used to calculate first order statistics. Fourth row, difference or gradient image used for second-order statistics. Images not to scale and use different gray scales to obtain maximum contrast. Single slit images (top right) are used for a qualitative visual assessment of homogeneity.

Comments/Observations on Appearance of Sample (texture, color, other):

The specimen displays a fine powder texture. There is a visible ring in the center of the horizontal slice image suggesting compression oriented in the center of the cylinder, and visible striations in the vertical slice image suggesting progressive compression of the material.

SUPPLEMENTAL ANALYSIS

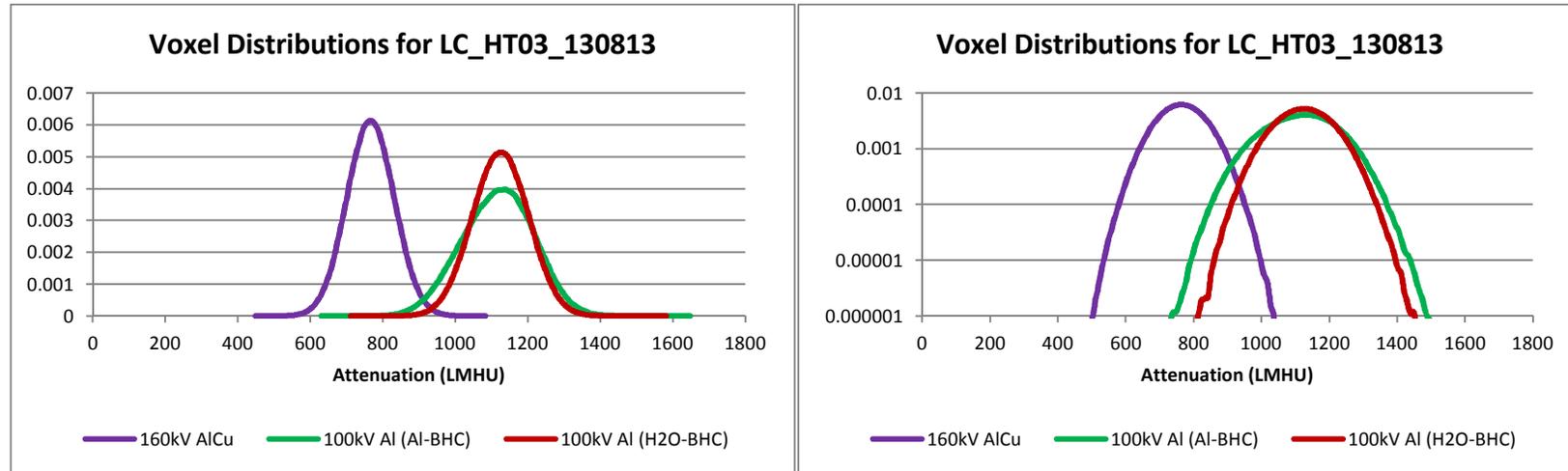


Figure 2. KDE histograms of values of the linear attenuation coefficient (LAC) for LC_HT03_130813 for two x-ray source settings (linear plots – left; semi-log plots – right).

Comments/Observations on Histograms: These histograms are made with a Gaussian Kernel Density Estimator (KDE) [8, 9] using 150- μm voxel upper-slit CT images.

Reference Specimens

	Parameter	<i>graphite</i>	<i>ethanol</i>	<i>Delrin</i> *	<i>water</i>	<i>Teflon</i> **	<i>aluminum</i> ***
100kV, Al (Al-BHC)	Mean (LMHU)	1734	1035	1806	1407	3042	7006
	Std Dev LMHU)	81	56	81	55	89	132
100kV, Al (H2O-BHC)	Mean (LMHU)	1847	1121	1936	1503	3170	6724
	Std Dev LMHU)	77	57	74	55	65	226
160kV, AlCu	Mean (LMHU)	1394	807	1340	1000	1923	2954
	Std Dev LMHU)	61	47	58	47	59	75

Table 3. Linear attenuation coefficients of six reference materials as measured simultaneously with LC_HT03_130813.

*Acetron® GP copolymer. **Enflo Corp. PTFE. ***T6061 alloy.

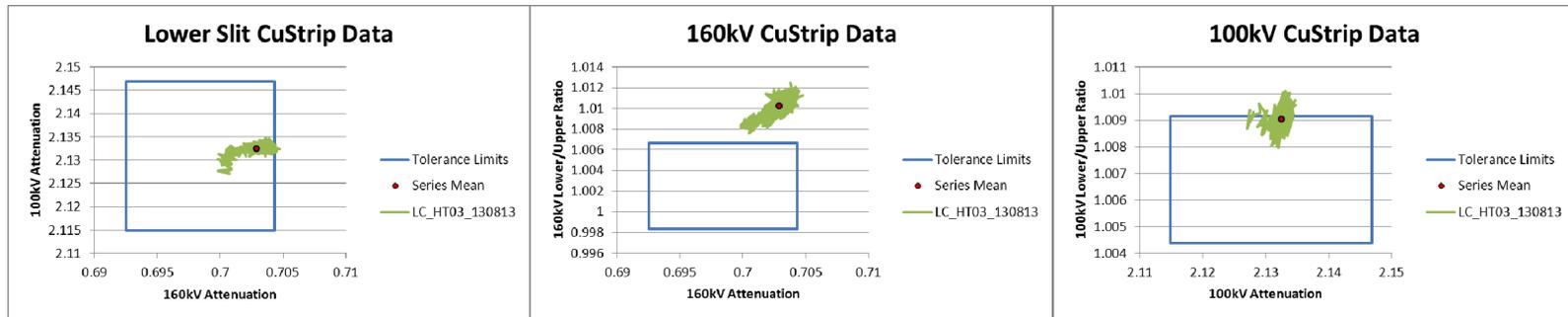


Figure 3. Copper strip ratio value for 160kV is above limits. These tolerance limits were defined using a set of scans spanning from April through May 2013.

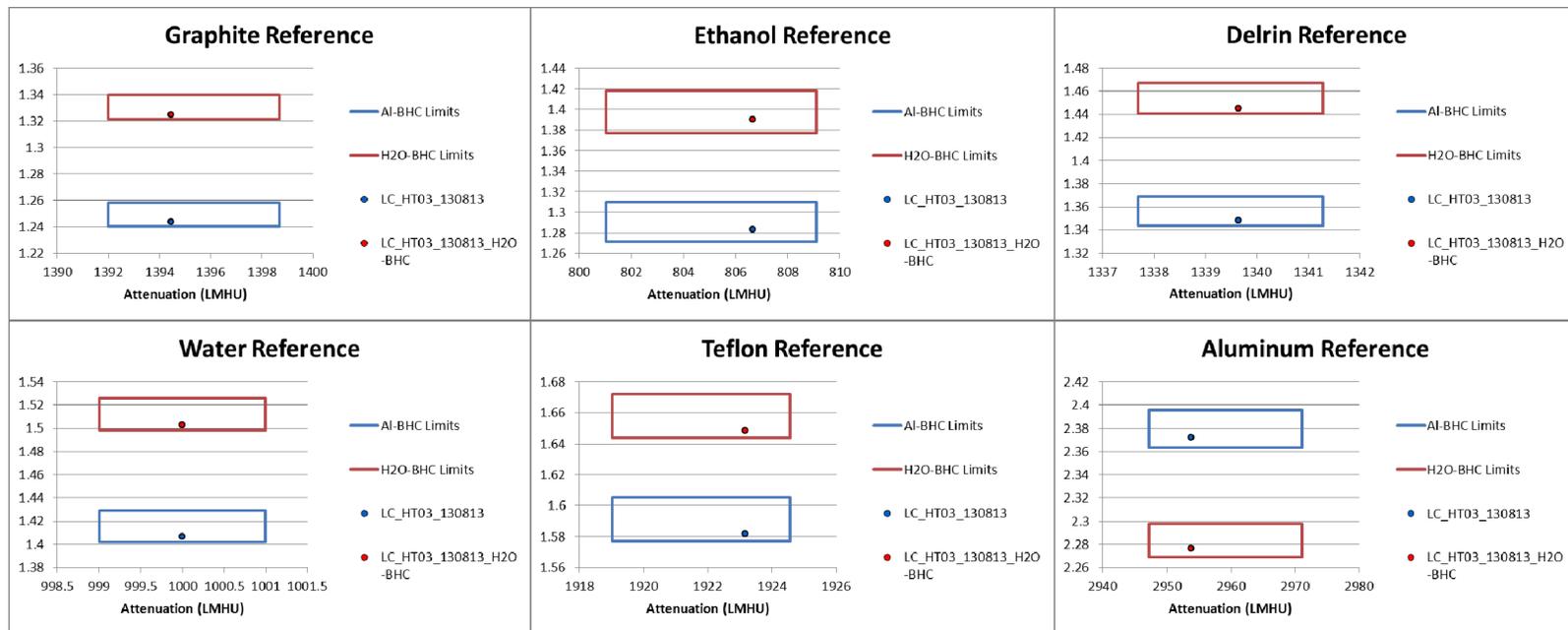


Figure 4. Reference materials are within the defined tolerance limits. These tolerance limits were defined using a set of scans spanning from April through May 2013.

Micro-CT System Configuration

1. Scan Location Site: LLNL HEAF
2. Source: Yxlon D09 450 kV Tube; Mfr. Catalog Number: 9421-172-33503; S/N 21-5204
3. Detector: Thales Flashscan 33 with Lanex Fine Gadolinium Oxysulfate Scintillator Screen; s/n 91106194
4. Rotation control system. Controller: Newport Model ESP7000 SN: 1250
5. Carousel: LLNL 2-tray, 6" Dia.
6. Data capture computer: Dell DHM/J4271

Micro-CT Scan Parameters

1. Scan Geometry:¹ SOD (mm): 1131.0 ODD (mm): 298.7
Number of positions: 400 Angular Range: 200° Angular Increment: 0.5°
2. Number of Frames averaged per Image: 4
3. Integration time per frame: See p 7.

¹ Distances are those recorded in the .sct file for this experiment and are the values used in image reconstruction.

File Storage Locations for X-ray Data

Specimen

Root Data Path:

\\Working\TP79_IMXXXXXX_Microstructure_Studies_V1\LLNL\None\HEAFCAT\None\LC_HT03_130813\Test_Data\{sub directory}\

Specimen ID	Date	Radiographer	Slits	kV	mA	Al Filter (mm)	Cu Filter (mm)	Integration <i>dpix</i> Setting [time/frame (s)]	{sub directory}	File Name
LC_HT03_130813	130813	Morales	2	100	1.1	1.943	0	8 [2.8s]	LC_HT03_130813_100Al	LC_HT03_100Al_ <i>nm</i> .sdt ¹
	130813	Morales	2	160	4.35	1.943	1.905	8 [2.8s]	LC_HT03_130813_160AlCu	LC_HT03_160AlCu_ <i>nm</i> .sdt
	130813	Morales	1	160	4.35	1.943	1.905	8 [2.8s]	LC_HT03_130813_160AlCu1slit	LC_HT03_160AlCu1slit_ <i>nm</i> .sdt

Dark current, mid-range, bright field and I_o

Root Data Path:

\\Working\TP79_IMXXXXXX_Microstructure_Studies_V1\LLNL\None\HEAFCAT\None\LC_HT03_130813\Test_Data\{sub directory}\

Slits	kV	Filter	{sub directory}	Dark Image File Name	Mid-Brightness Image File Name	Max Brightness Image File Name	I_o Image File Name
2	100	Al	LC_HT03_130813_100Al	LC_HT03_100AldrkR.sdt	LC_HT03_100AlmidR.sdt	LC_HT03_100AlIitR.sdt	LC_HT03_100Albak.sdt
2	160	AlCu	LC_HT03_130813_160AlCu	LC_HT03_160AlCudrkR.sdt	LC_HT03_160AlCumidR.sdt	LC_HT03_160AlCulitR.sdt	LC_HT03_160AlCubak.sdt
1	160	AlCu	LC_HT03_130813_160AlCu1slit	LC_HT03_160AlCu1slitdrkR.sdt	LC_HT03_160AlCu1slitmidR.sdt	LC_HT03_160AlCu1slitlitR.sdt	LC_HT03_160AlCu1slitbak.sdt

¹ *nm* - is the CT angular index number (0 through 399) for each individual data file

Reconstruction

Reconstructed by: Kenneth E. Morales

Date: 8/13/2013

Location: LLNL

Computer: Dell Precision 690

Reconstruction Software

Software: IMGREC

Version: 2.8.1.1c11

Beam hardening compensation: Only for 100 kV Al filtered data using Al and H₂O reference materials for compensation.

Script Files

LLNL_script_LC_HT03_100Al.txt

LLNL_script_LC_HT03_160AlCu.txt

LLNL_script_LC_HT03_160AlCu1slit_tw_WDB.txt

LLNL_script_H2OBHC_LC_HT03_100Al.txt

Reconstructed Specimen Files

Root Data Path:

\Working\TP79_IMXXXXXX_Microstructure_Studies_V1\LLNL\None\HEAFCAT\None\LC_HT03_130813\Reconstruction\
Recon_130813\{sub directory}\

Slits	kV	Filter	{sub directory}	Reconstruction file name
2	100	Al	LC_HT03_130813_100Al	recobj_nn ¹ .sdt
2	100	Al	H2O_Recon\LC_HT03_130813_100Al	recobj_nn.sdt
2	160	AlCu	LC_HT03_130813_160AlCu	recobj_nn.sdt
1	160	AlCu	LC_HT03_130813_160AlCu1slit	recry_nn.sdt , ry_nn.sdt

Observations: _____

¹ nn - is the index number for each reconstruction file, modified by an offset corresponding to the frame subsection extracted and analyzed.

Analysis

Analysis by: Isaac Seetho

Date: 8/13/2013

Location: LLNL

Computer: Dell Precision T7500

Analysis Software

Software: MATLAB

Version: R2010b

GUI Function/Script Files

micro_ct_gui_1_3.m¹

custrip_gui_split.m

Reference & Specimen Analysis Files

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LC_HT03_130813_analysis_IMS_130813\

Analysis File	LC_HT03_130813_characterization.xlsx
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BHC_analysis_IMS_130813\

Analysis File	LC_HT03_130813_H2O-BHC_characterization_Corrected.xlsx
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Copper Strip Analysis Files

Root Data Path:

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LC_HT03_130813_custrip_IMS_130813\

Aggregate Statistics	Stats_LC_HT03_130813_W80xH7.xls
Mean Value Time Series	Custrip_LC_HT03_130813_W80xH7.xls

¹ Analysis using the MicroCT GUI is done according to the steps outlined in reference [7].

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