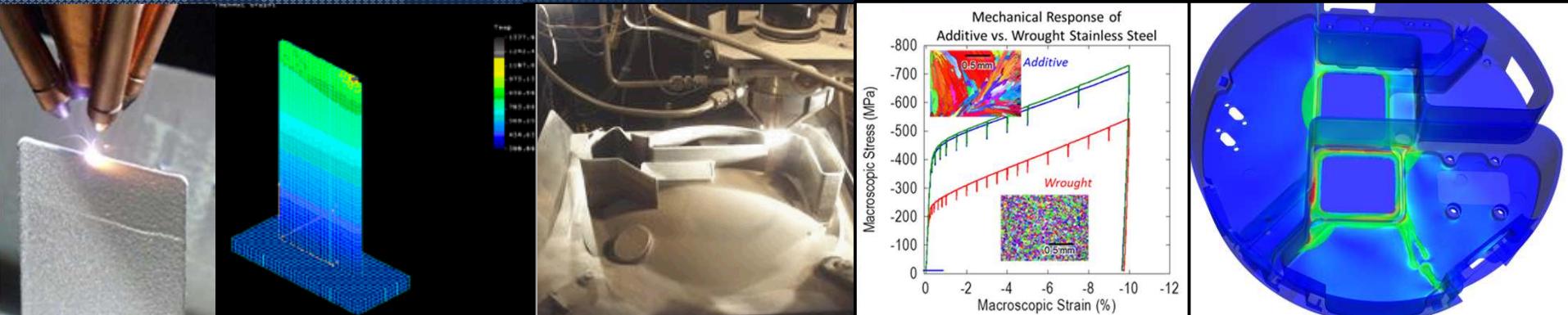


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# *Additive Manufacturing at Sandia*

Mark F. Smith  
Deputy Director for Additive Manufacturing  
Materials Science & Engineering Center



# Sandia Additive Mfg. Tech Development & Commercialization

30+ yrs of Pioneering Process/Materials R&D

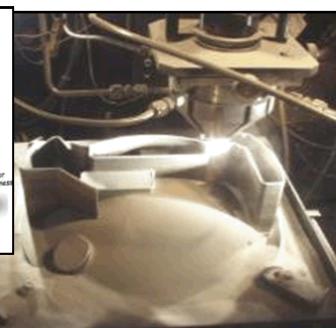
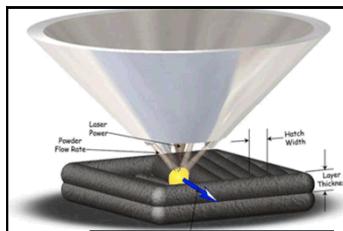
*FastCast* \*

Development housing



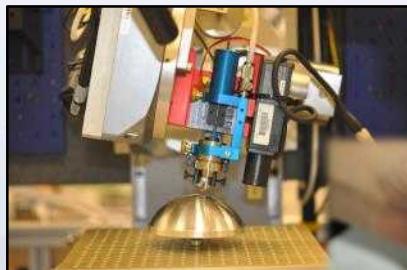
*Laser Engineered Net Shaping*  
**LENS®** \*

Stainless housing



*Direct Write*

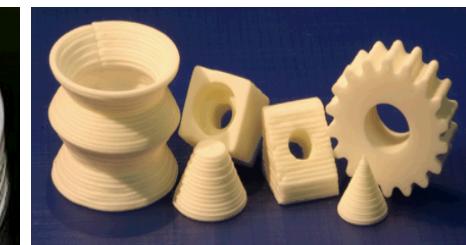
Conformal electronics



Printed battery

*RoboCast* \*

Ceramic Parts



*Spray Forming*

Rocket nozzle



Energetic Materials



*FY16 ~\$16M, 70 Projects*

*Current Capability/Activity*



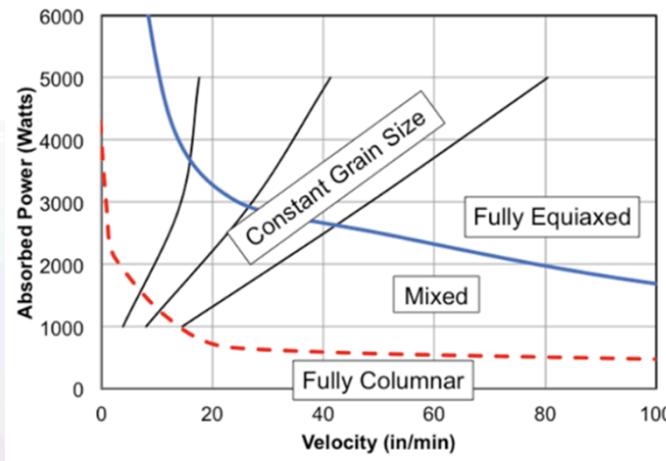
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\* Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies

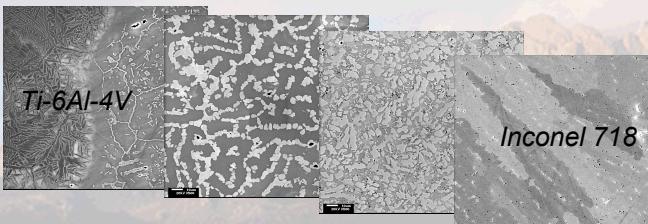
# Why AM at Sandia? - Mission Drivers

- Revolutionary New Design Possibilities
  - Optimize for Performance, Not Machinability
  - Engineering analysis driven designs
- Engineered Materials
  - Multi-material and graded material parts
  - Potential for microstructural control
- Cost/Schedule/Risk Benefits

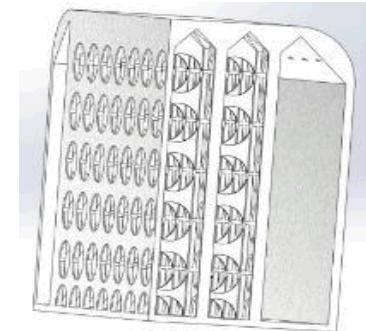
## LENS® Microstructure Control



## LENS® Functionally Graded Materials

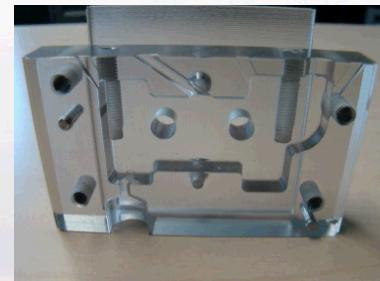


## Electronic Component Mass Mock



Customize mass, center of gravity, moment of inertia

## 50% Cost Reduction for Neutron Generator Tooling 1st Yr



Connector Mold



Forming Tool



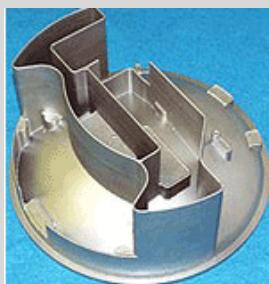
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# Sandia Additive Manufacturing Strategy

## 5 Strategic Thrust Areas

### Today

Existing SNL  
Expertise,  
Capabilities, &  
Partnerships in  
Additive Mfg.



*Identify Compelling Applications*

*Provide Analysis Driven Design Tools*

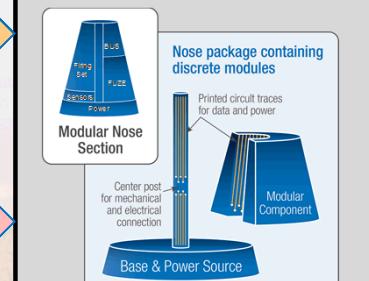
*Provide Materials Assurance*

*Enable Engineered/Multi- Material AM*

*Enable Product Realization*

### Tomorrow

Deliver  
innovative,  
revolutionary  
national security  
products enabled  
by AM technology



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# Example Applications



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# Sandia Hand – AM Enabled Innovative Design and Substantial Cost Reduction

(~50% of hand built with AM)

- Developed for bomb disablement
- AM Enabled rapid design iterations
- Cost \$10k vs. ~\$250k
- “Glove” controller
- Current version has “touch” sensors



Fingers or other tools (drills, lights, ...) can be quickly magnetically attached in many configurations

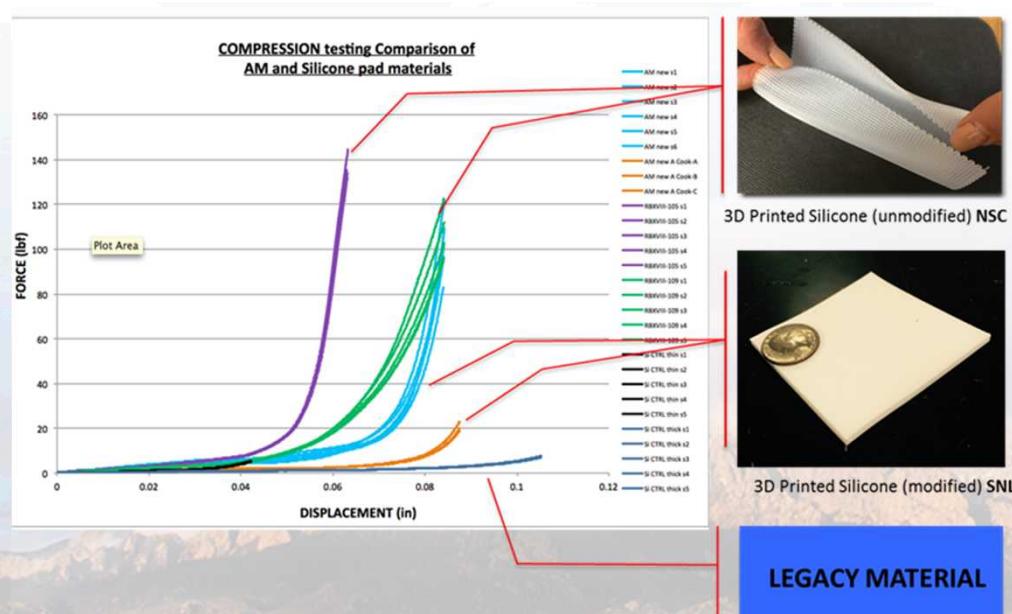
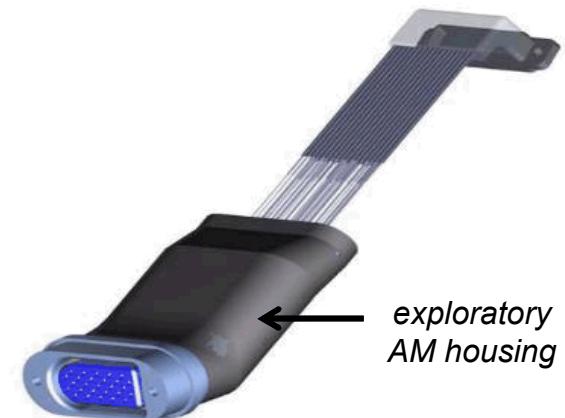
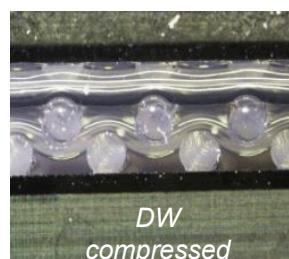
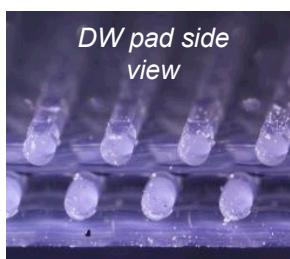
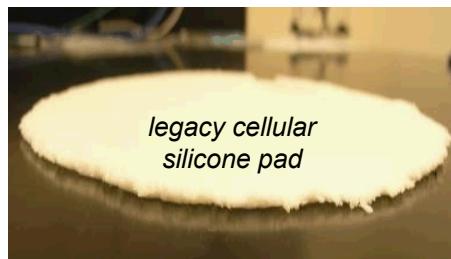


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# Example High Design Margin AM Applications

- Value Proposition to Replace Foam with Direct Write Pads
  - Prior manufacturing issues w legacy foam
  - Potential \$2M cost & 90% mfg. floorspace savings @ NSC
  - Ability to custom tailor stress-strain response





# Analysis Driven Design



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# Engineering Analysis Driven Design & Margins

We combine Topology Optimization (TO) with eXtended Finite Element Modeling (X-FEM) & LENS® to optimize selected properties, e.g., strength/weight ratio.

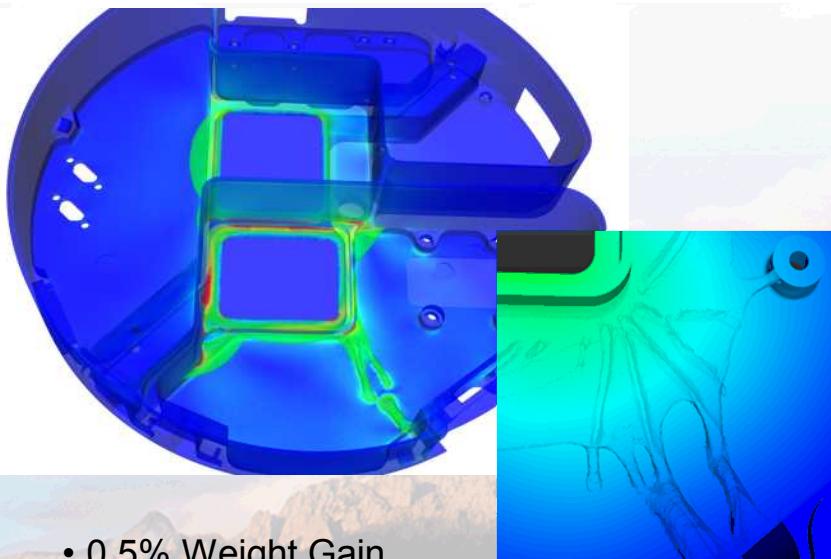
"Titanium Cholla" LDRD -- Minimum Weight, Maximum Strength, Rapidly Manufactured!



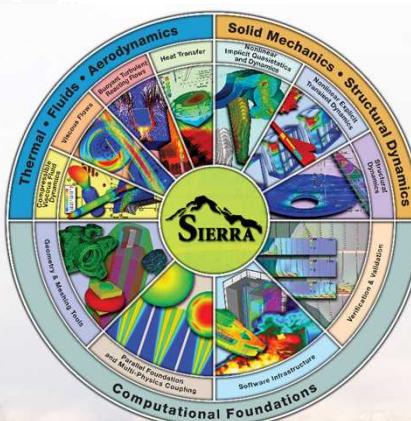
With AM it is faster and cheaper to build this optimized shaft than a solid shaft



Core of a dead Cholla cactus  
(bio-mimicry)



- 0.5% Weight Gain
- 52% Less Deflection Under Load



- NNSA lead lab for engineering code development
- Leverage extensive HPC codes/capabilities for AM

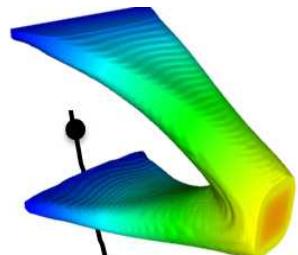


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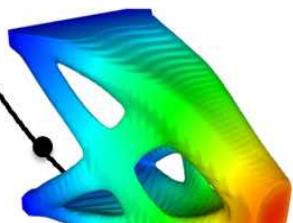
# AM Design Via Functional Prioritization

User Friendly Interface

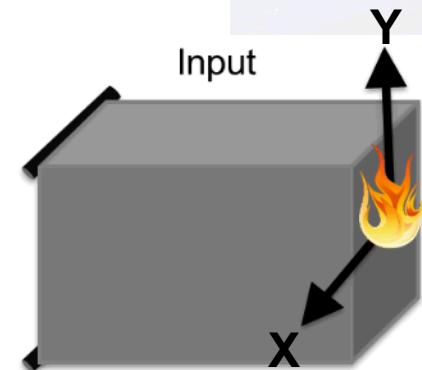
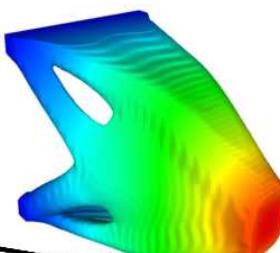
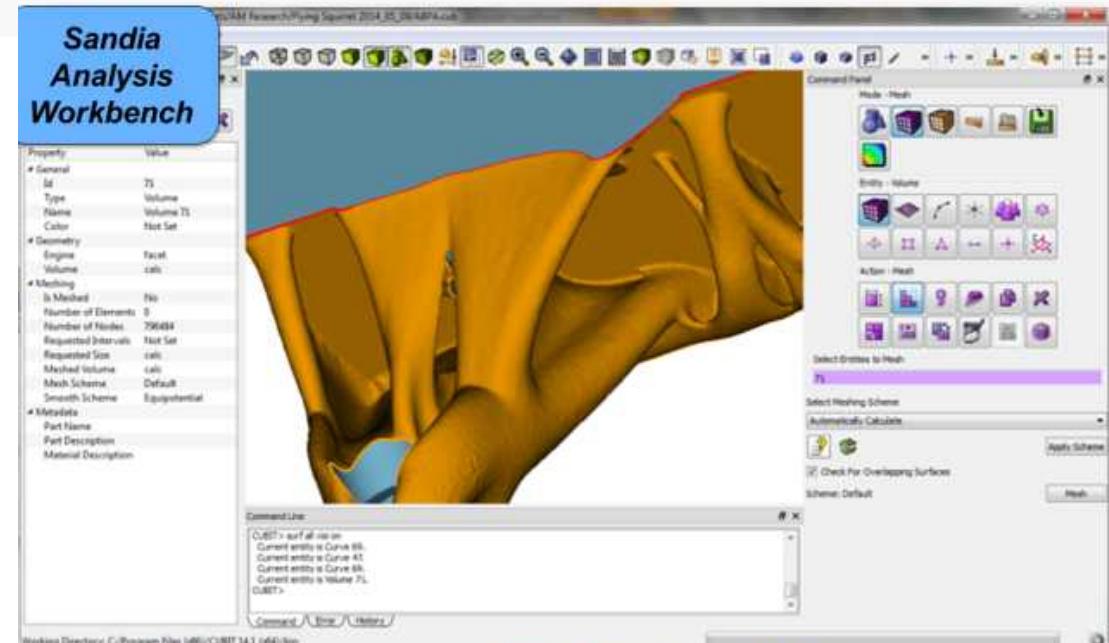


Heat Transfer

Pareto Suite  
of Topologies

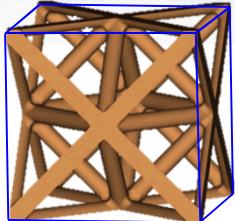


Stiffness

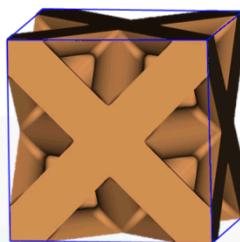
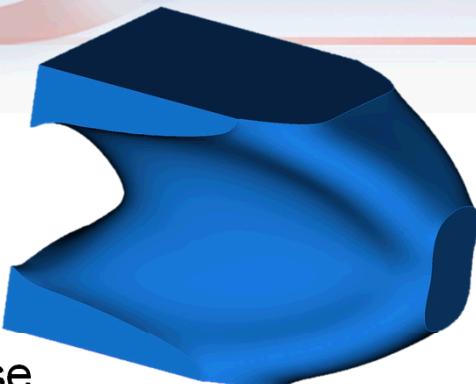


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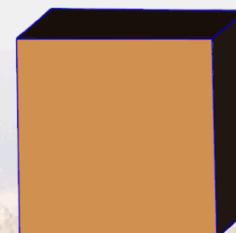
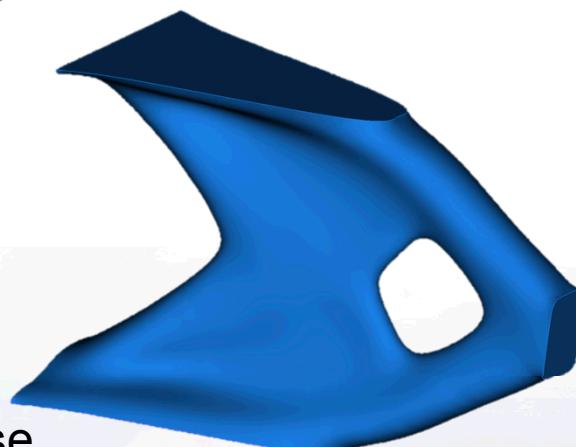
# Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass



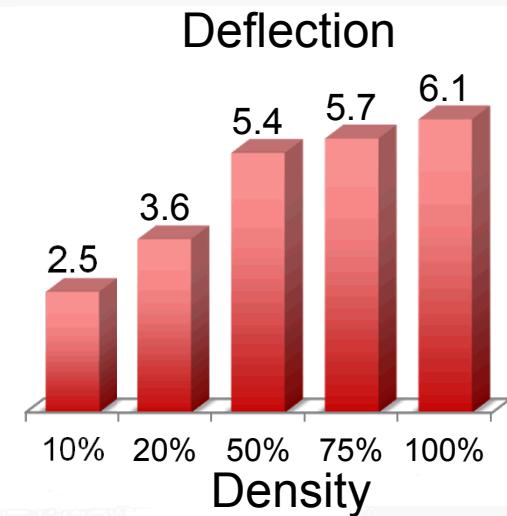
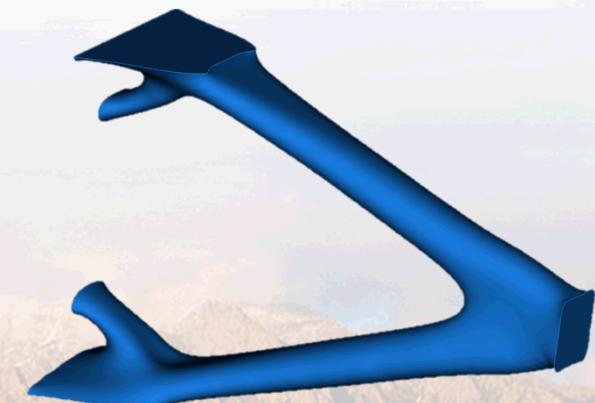
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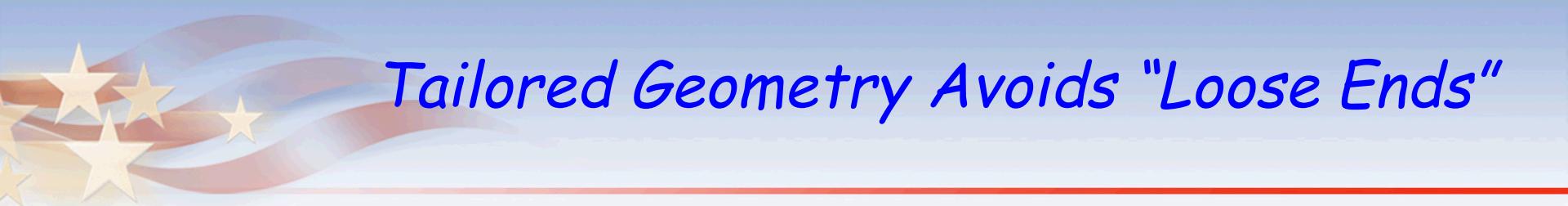
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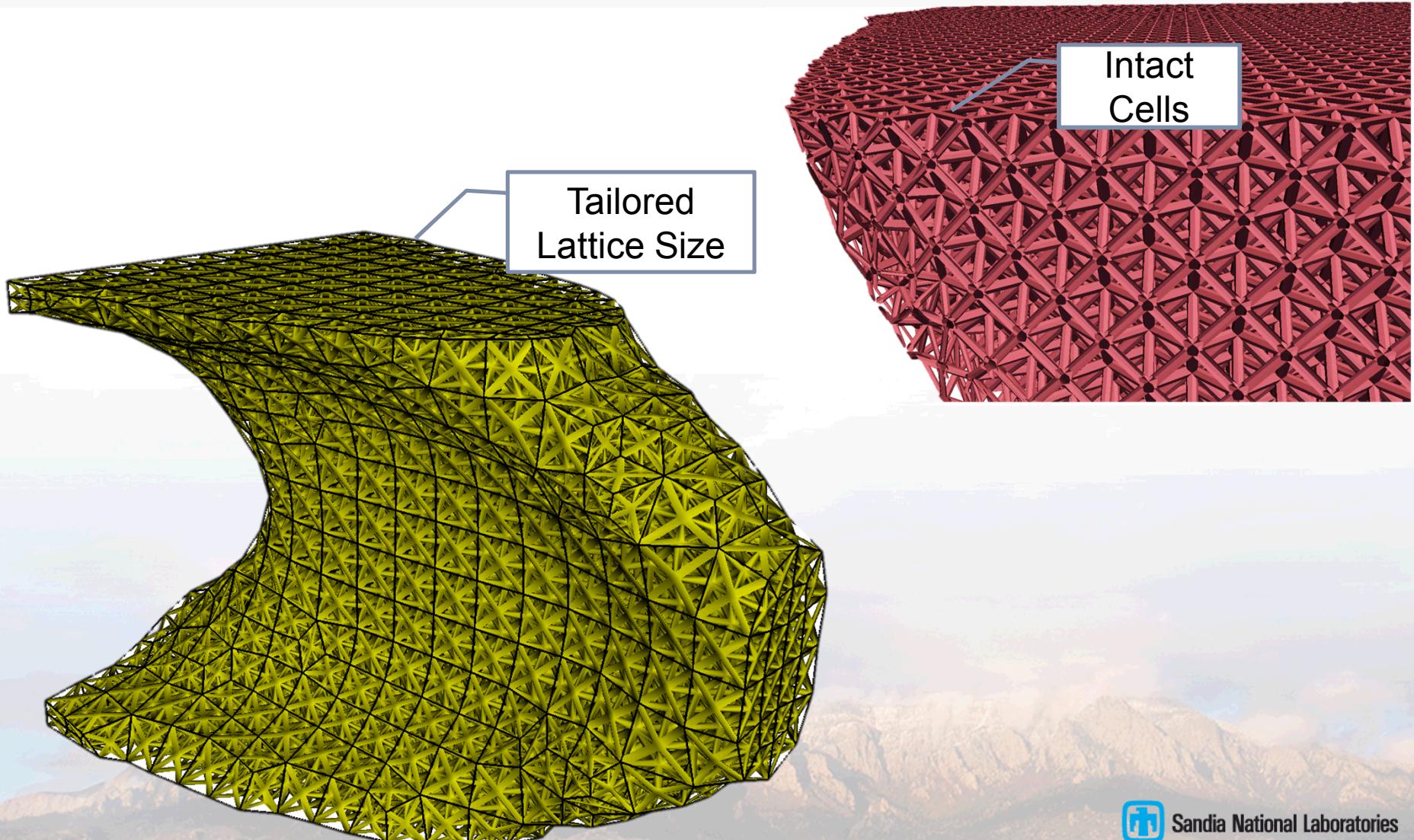
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# Tailored Geometry Avoids "Loose Ends"



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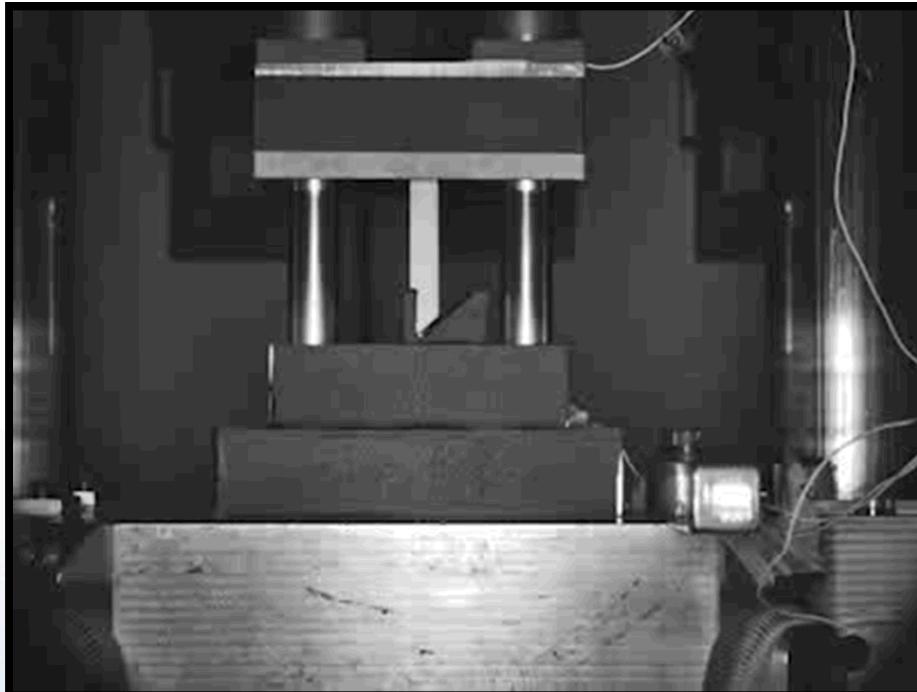
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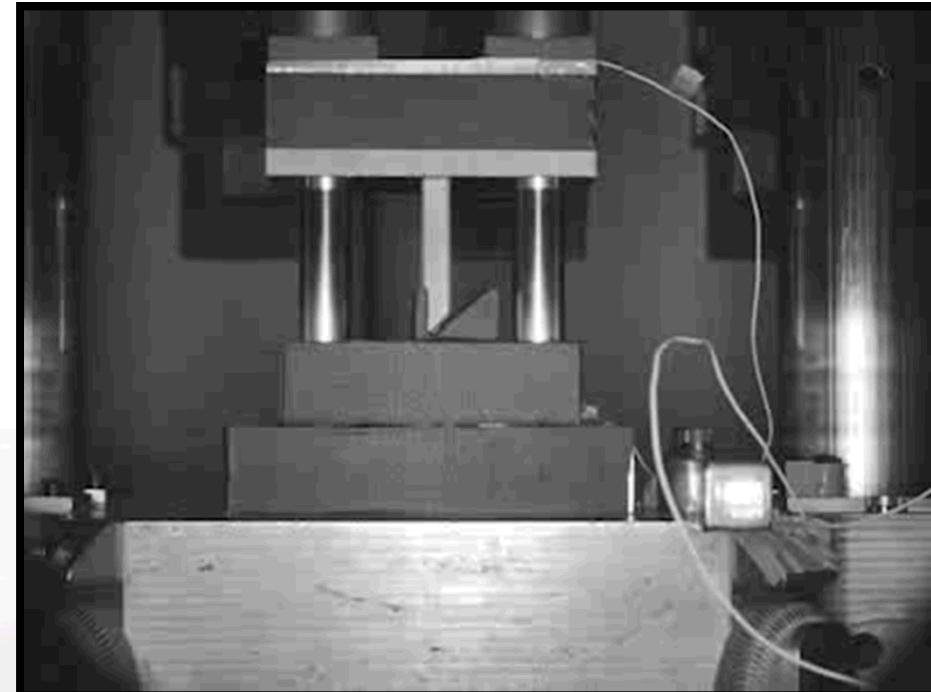
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# *Longitudinal Impact Test*



Machined/Welded Housing  
4047 Al alloy

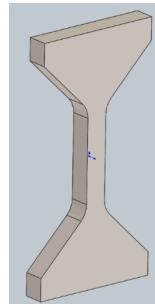
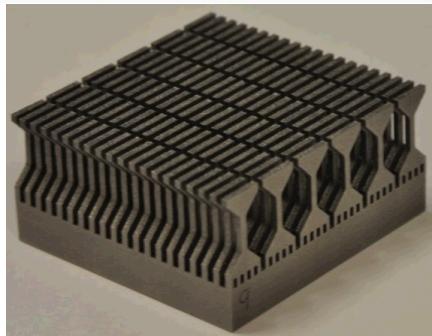


Additively Manufactured Housing  
AlSi10Mg Al alloy



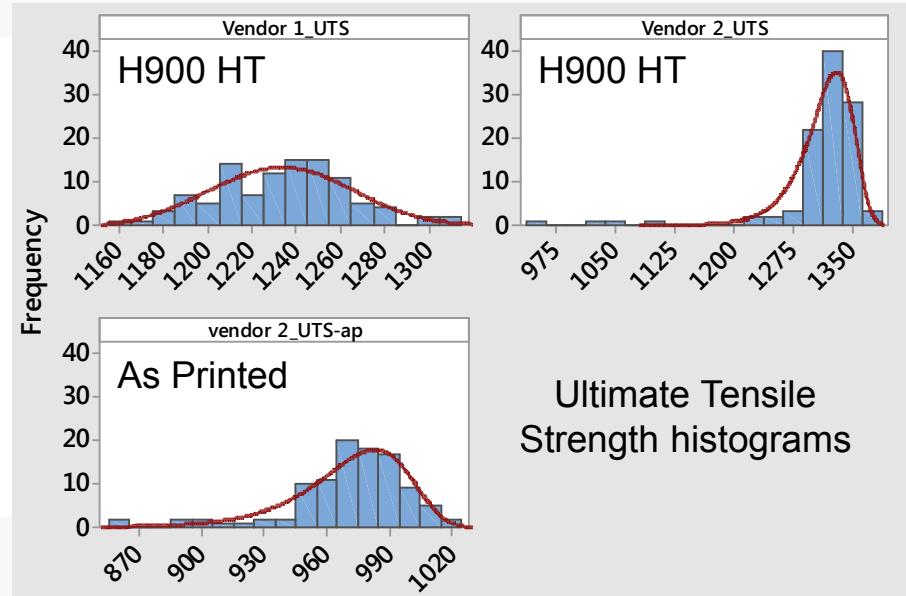
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# Leverage Sandia PPM to Quantify Variability/Defect Sensitivity



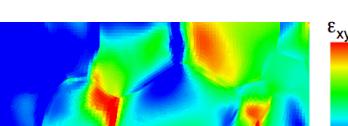
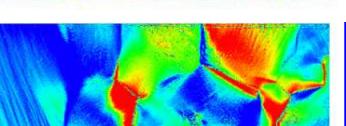
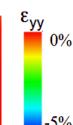
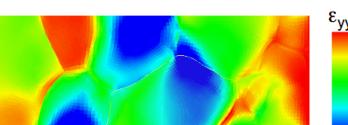
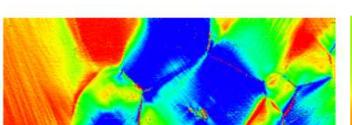
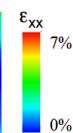
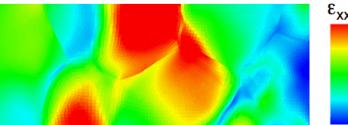
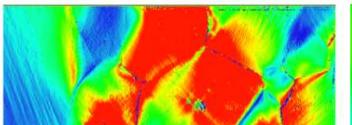
1x1 mm gage section sample

120 AM 17-4 PH SS tensile bars enable rapid, economical testing



Ultimate Tensile Strength histograms

Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



Experimental Results

Computed Simulations

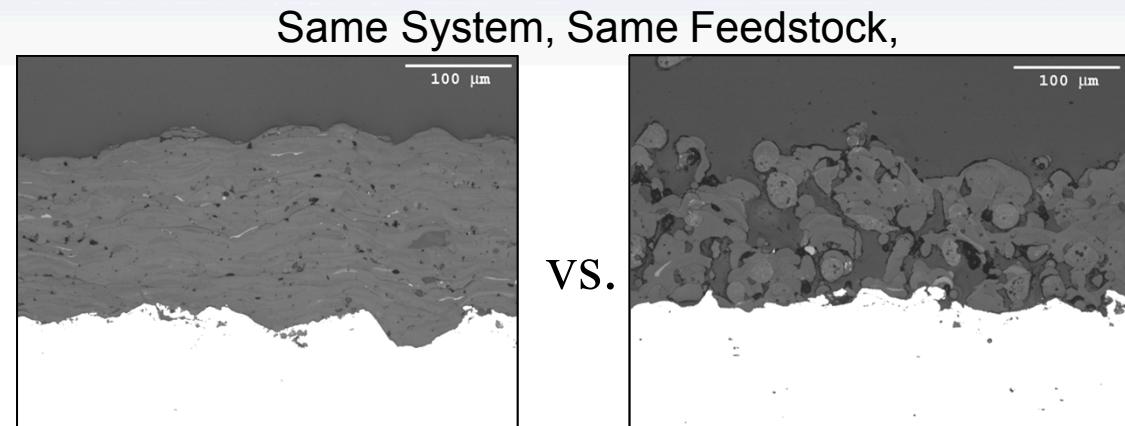
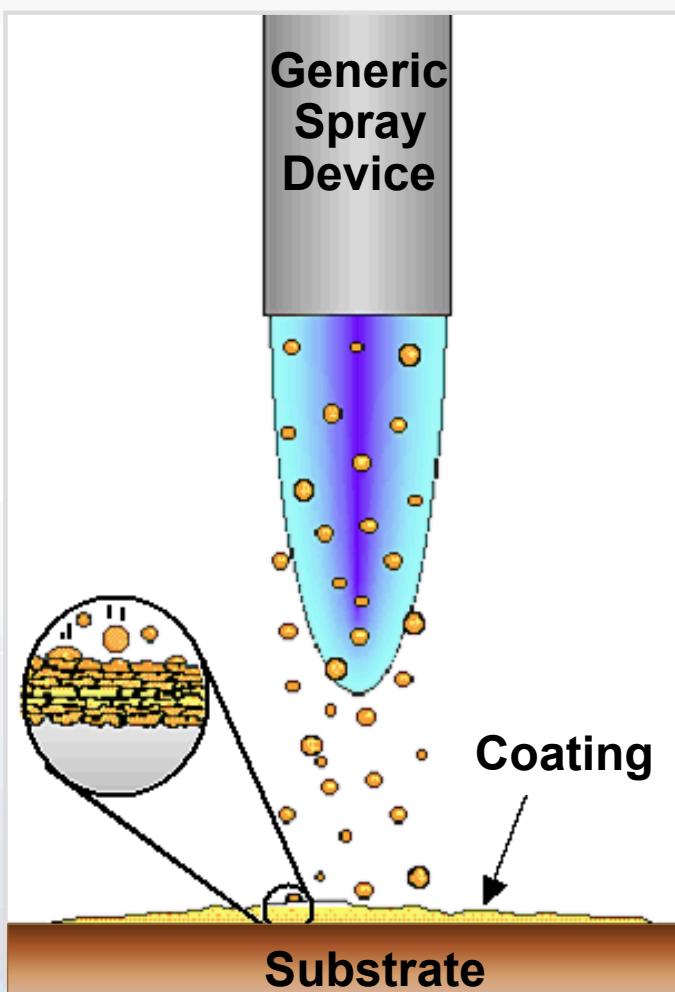


Gauge Section of Oligocrystal Tensile Specimen (1x3x5 mm)

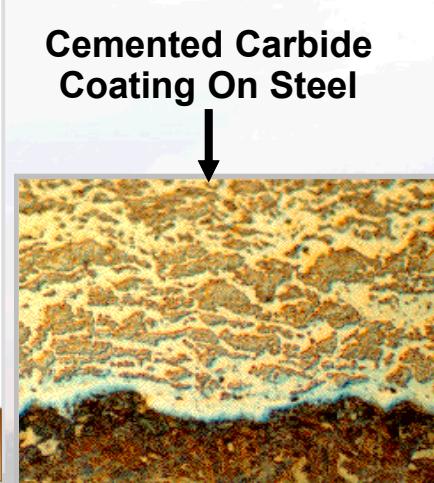


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# Build on Prior Success with Process Control of Another AM Process --Thermal Spray



Very Different Results



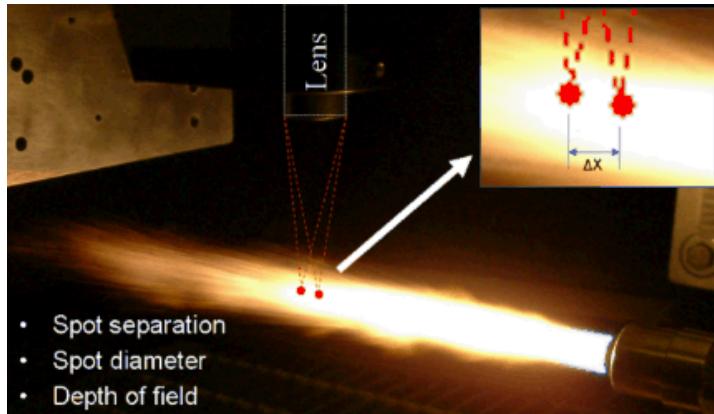
AM today is similar to Thermal Spray ~20 years ago



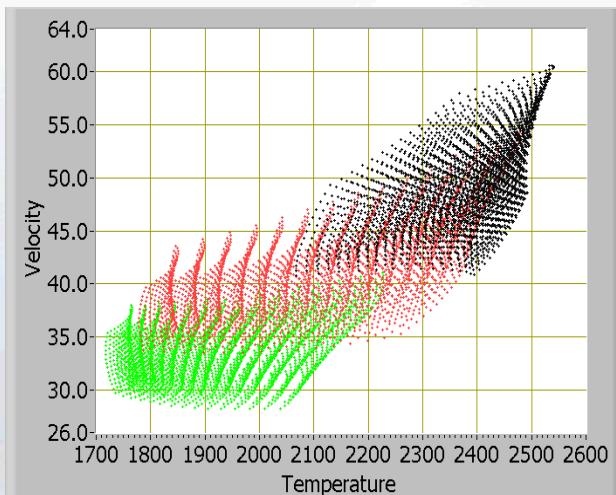
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# Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

- Experimental/computational R&D used to develop processing-microstructure-properties relationships



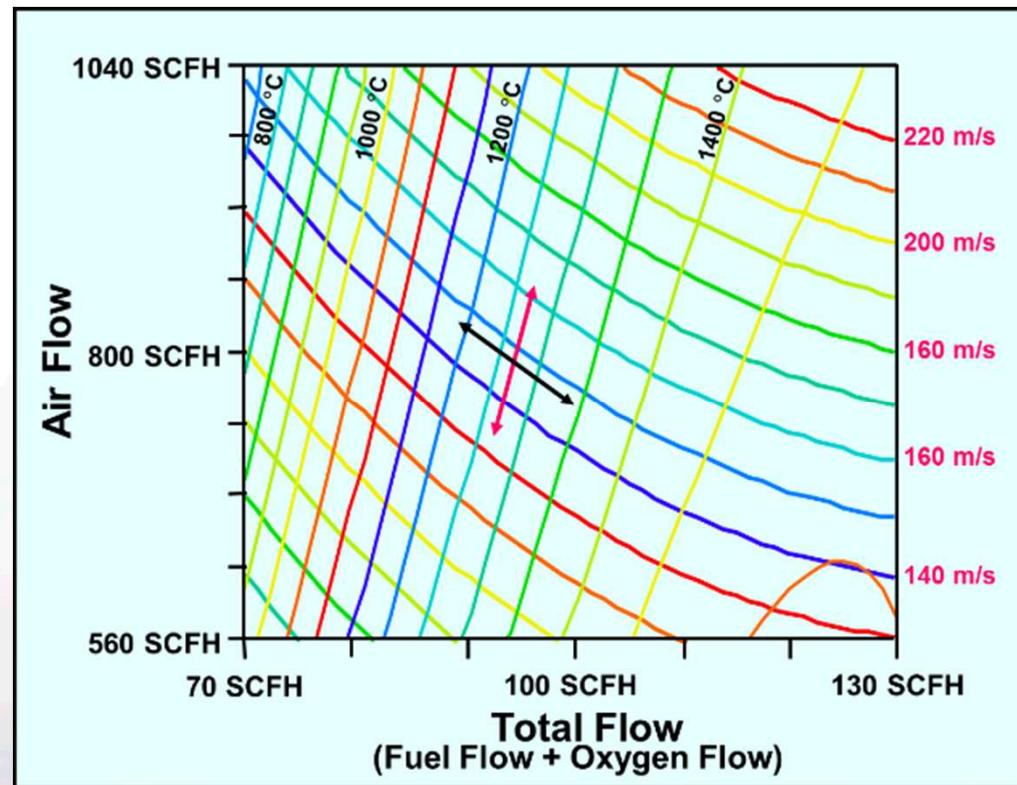
Process Diagnostics/Monitoring



Process Modeling

(All possible vel/temp regimes as a function of torch hardware)

- Fundamental process understanding used to implement closed-loop control based on droplet temperature and velocity to reduce variability



Response surface showing relationships between Process Inputs (Air Flow, Fuel Flow, Oxygen Flow) and Critical Outputs (droplet temperature, droplet velocity)

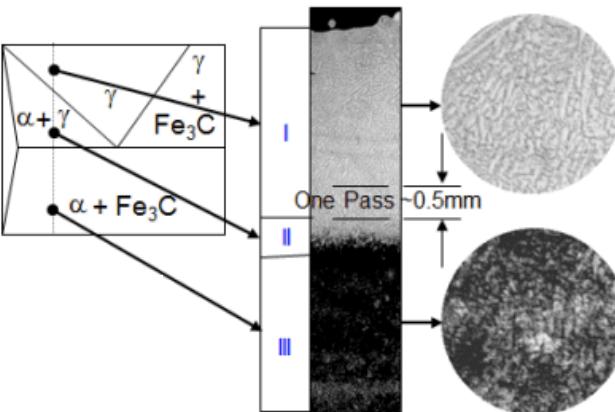
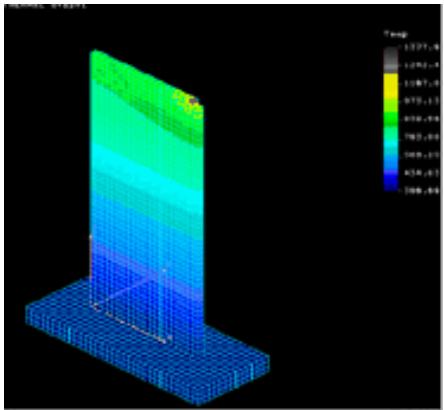
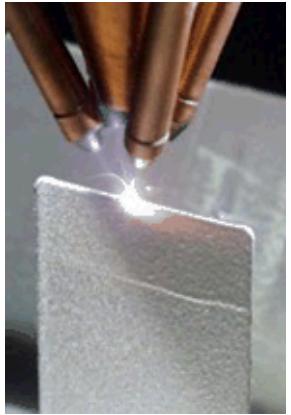


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# LENS® Process & Materials R&D

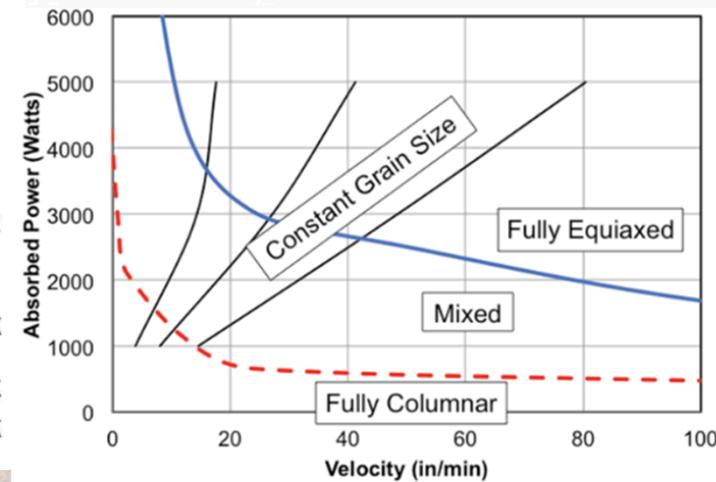
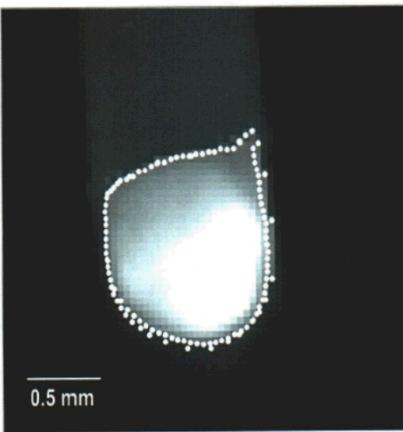
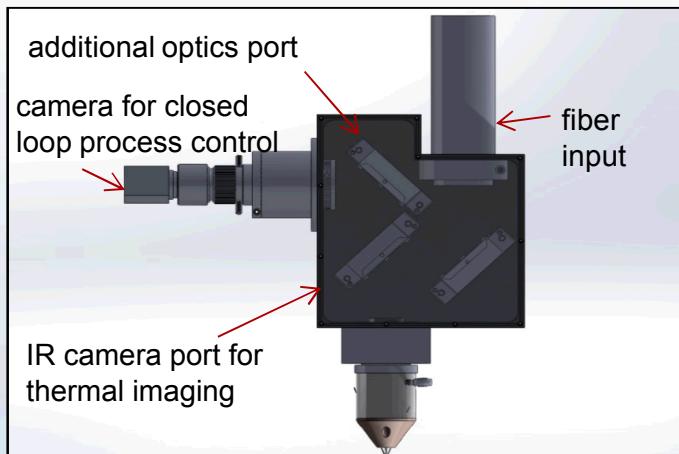
## Process characterization/modeling



### Uni-directional Solidification

- Built narrow “wires” to achieve 1-D heat flow
- Simplified comparison with model predictions

Part heats up during the build & heat flow changes -- so microstructure & properties in the top (I), middle (II), & base (III) may differ

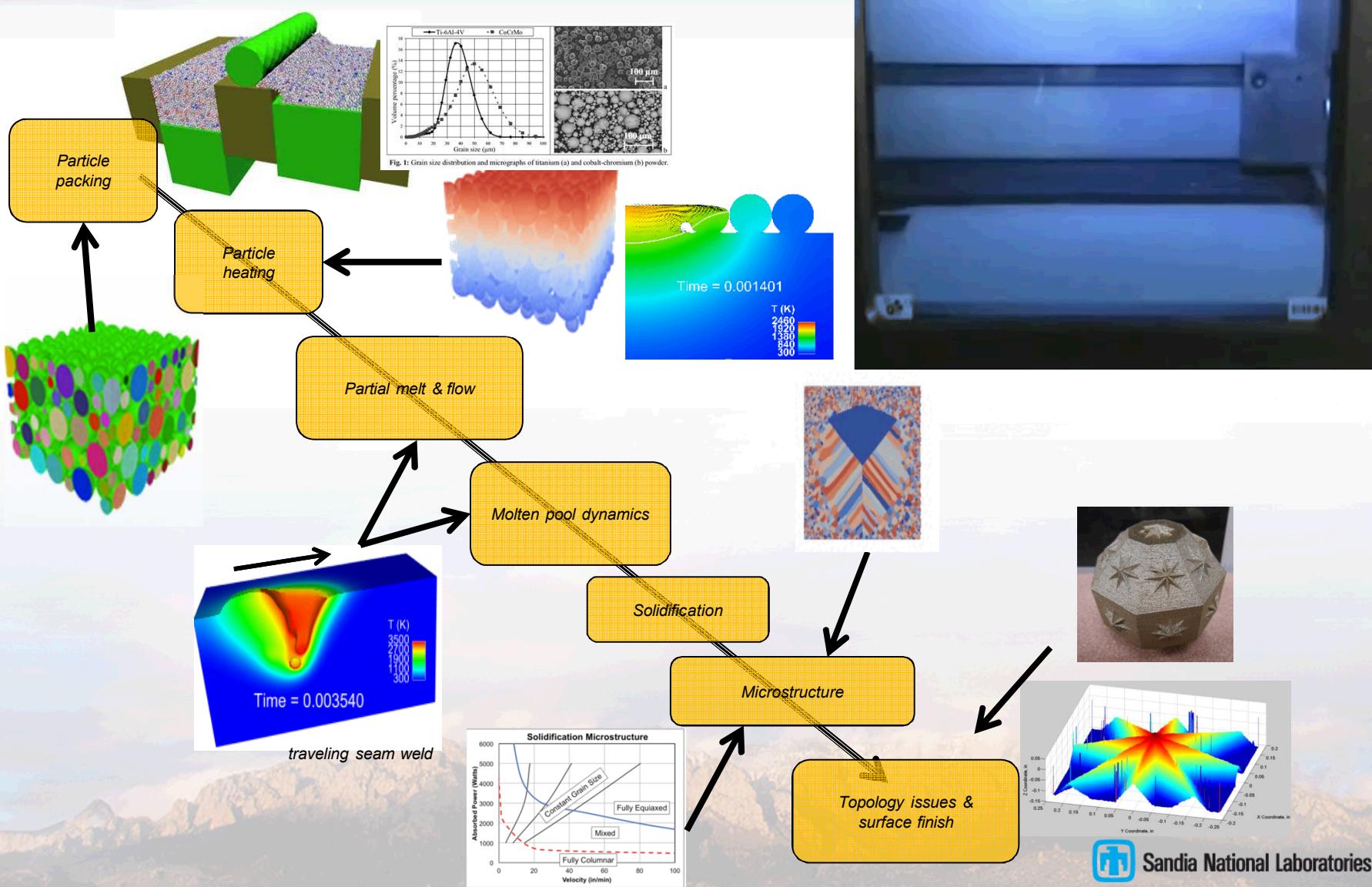


Successfully demonstrated control of melt pool size & temperature to control microstructure and reduce variability



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# Working to Model Process → Microstructure





# Multi-Material AM

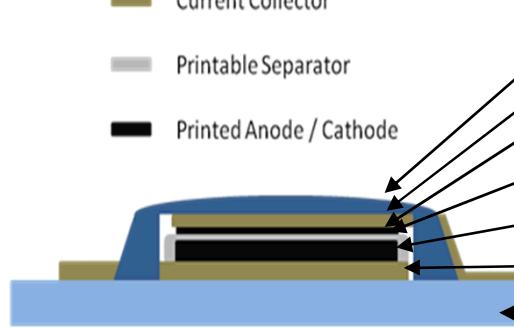


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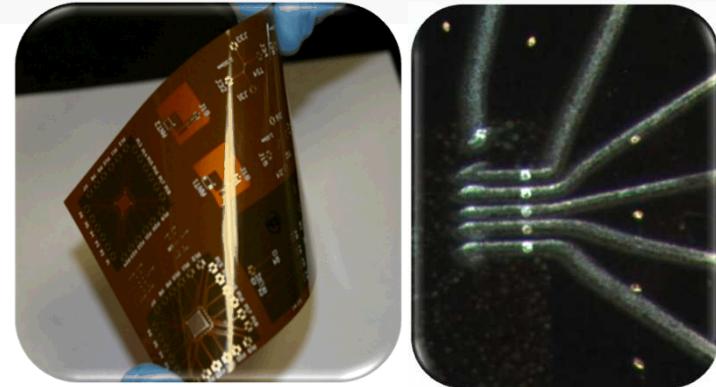


# Printed Electronics

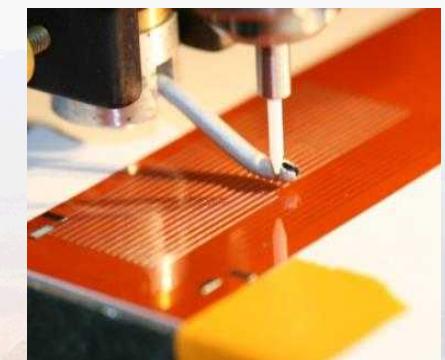
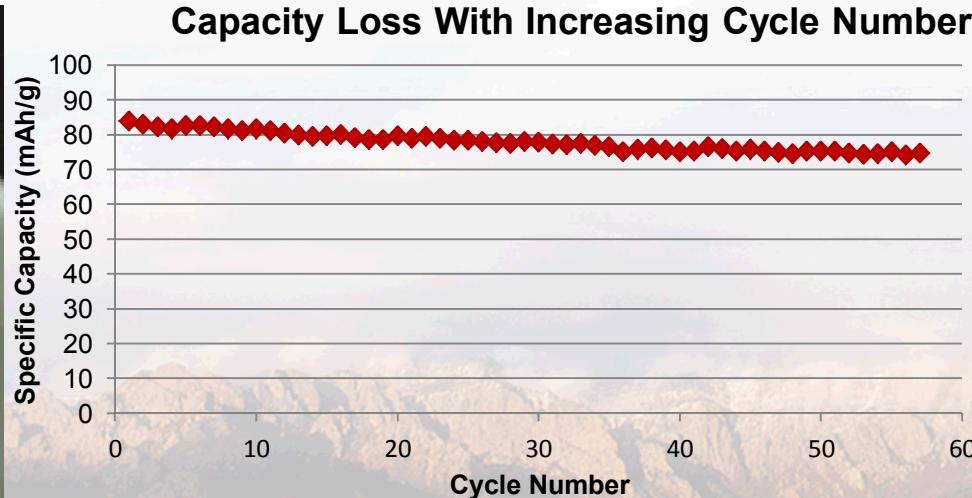
- Printed Encapsulant
- Current Collector
- Printable Separator
- Printed Anode / Cathode



- Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)
- Current collector (DW carbon ink)
- Anode (DW graphite/carbon)
- Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)
- Cathode (DW LiFePO<sub>4</sub>)
- Current collector (DW copper ink)
- Substrate (polyimide)



“Flexible Chips” with Printed Wirebonds



Aerosol jet printing to 10  $\mu$ m



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# Summary

- Sandia has a Rich History in AM technology development & commercialization
- We are especially interested in Design for AM and Materials Assurance
- We have strong High Performance Computing & Experimental Capabilities
- We also have strong interest/expertise in Multi-Material AM
- We are very interested in working with others to advance AM technology

