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The Wonderful (and not so wonderful) World of Additive Manufacturing

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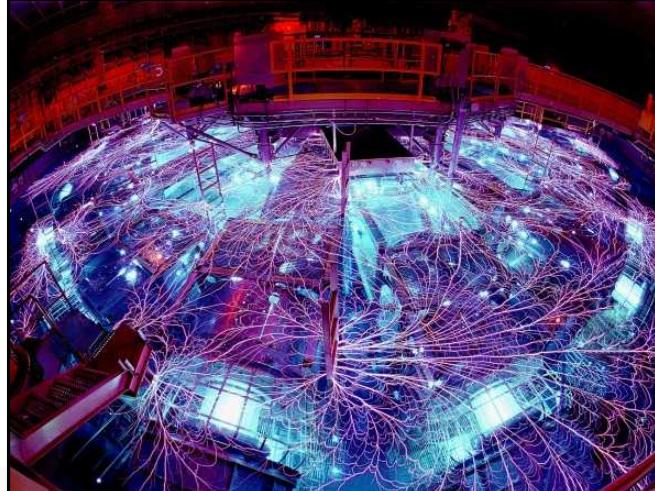
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Weapon Drop Test



Energy R&D



Threat Test

- Historical mission -- non-nuclear component design and full system integrator for all US nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon security
- Today, broader mission in science & engineering for U.S. national security

“We work on technologies at a scientific lab, but we must emphasize that science is not an end. The end is solving problems for the nation. Science is perhaps the best tool to achieve that end.”

C. Paul Robinson, SNL President 1995-2005



30+ yrs of Sandia AM Tech Development & Commercialization

FastCast*

Development Housing



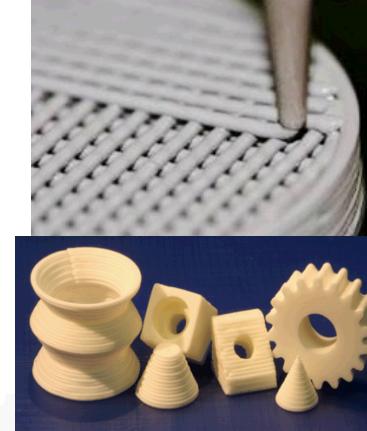
LENS®*

Stainless Housing



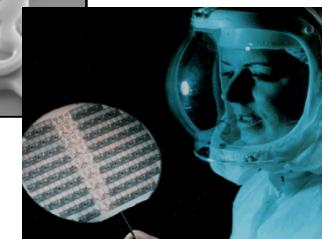
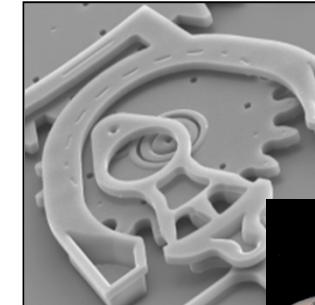
RoboCast *

Ceramic Parts



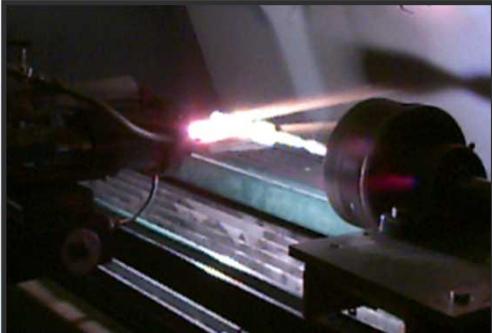
MEMS SUMMIT™ *

Micro Gear Assembly



Spray Forming

Rocket Nozzle



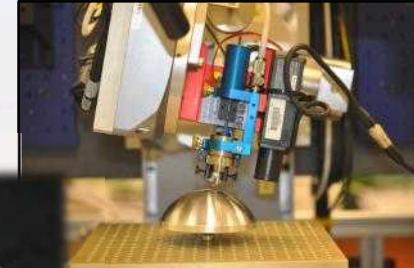
LIGA

Miniature Spring



Direct Write

Conformal Electronics



Printed Battery

* Licensed/Commercialized SNL AM technologies



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A Balanced Overview of Additive Manufacturing

- *What is Additive Manufacturing?*
- *Potential Advantages -- Examples*
- *Potential Limitations -- Examples*
- *Some Important Trends*
- *Summary*



Commercial Metal AM Machine



Sandia Hand



BRINGING A **NEW DIMENSION** TO YOUR WORK

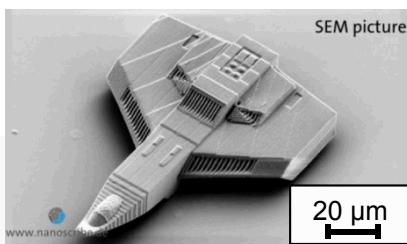


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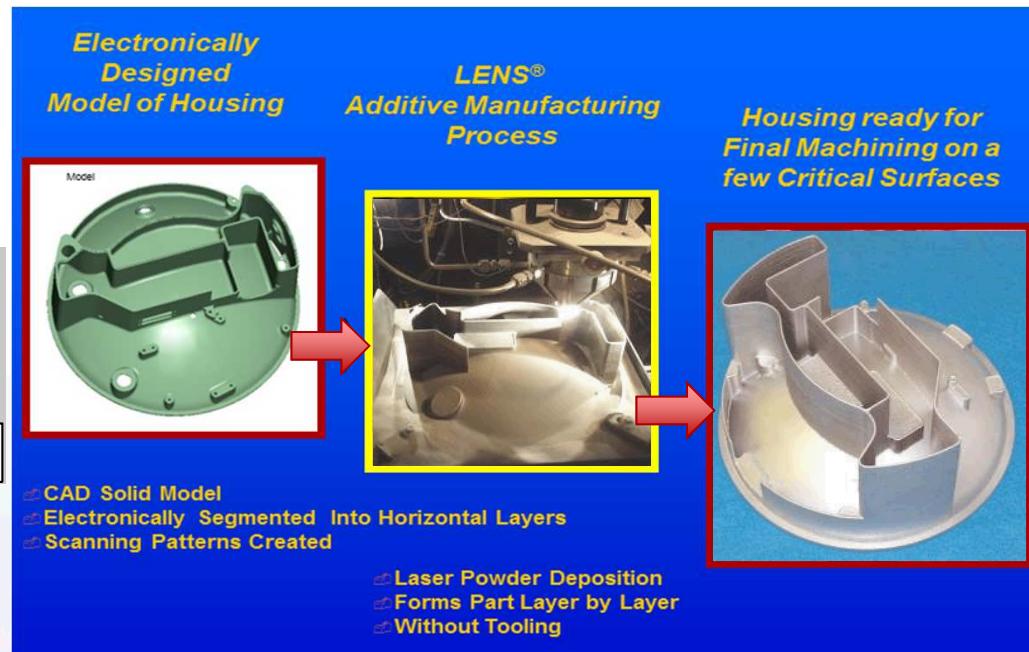


What is Additive Manufacturing (AM)?

ASTM F2792: “A process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing methodologies”



Laser Photopolymerization
(Nanoscribe GmbH)



Electron Beam Freeform Fabrication
(Accleron Inc.)

Many Different AM (3D Printing) Process Technologies

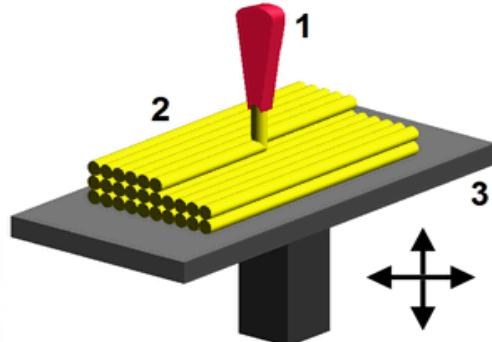
- Plastics – Relatively Mature
- Metals – Less Mature, but Rapidly Evolving
- Ceramics – Relatively Limited at Present
- Multi-Material – Great Potential, Needs Further Development



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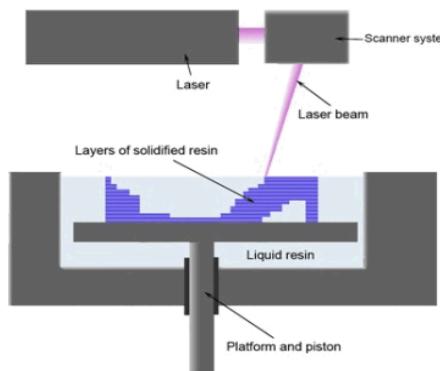
7 ASTM Additive Manufacturing “Process Categories”

Material Extrusion (e.g., FDM, Direct Write)
Thermoplastics, Metal/Ceramic Inks



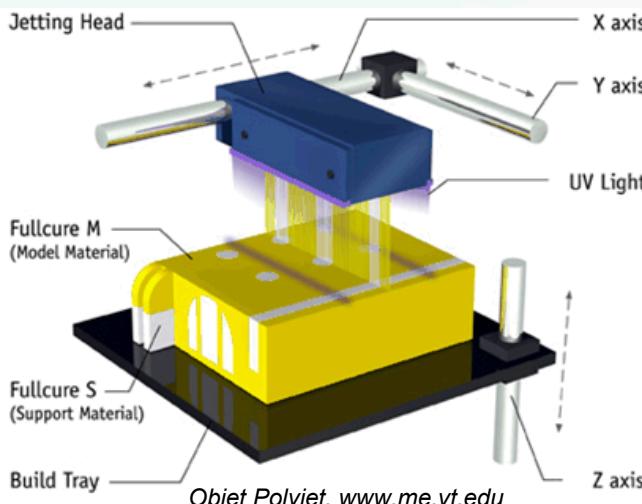
“Fused Deposition Modelling”, Wikipedia

Vat Photo-Polymerization (e.g., SLA, Stereolithography)
Photopolymers, Epoxyes (Investment Casting Patterns)

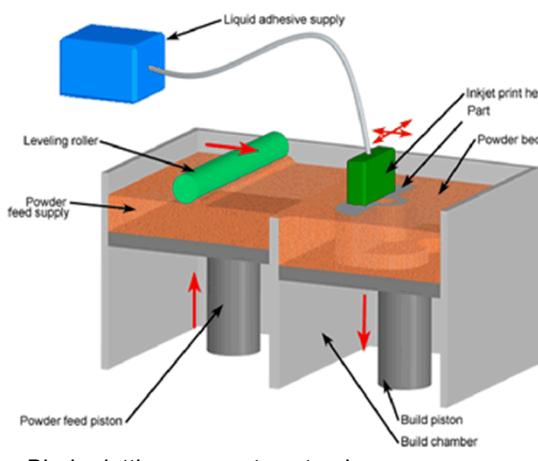


“Stereolithography”, Wikipedia

Material Jetting (e.g., “ink jetting” plastic)
UV Cure Photopolymers



Binder Jet (2 step process, Print then Infuse)
Plastics, Metals (composite)



Binder jetting, www.utwente.nl

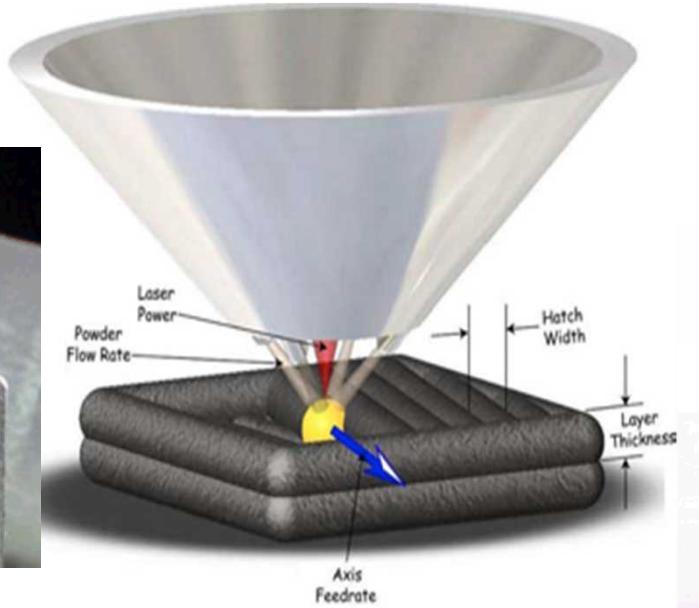


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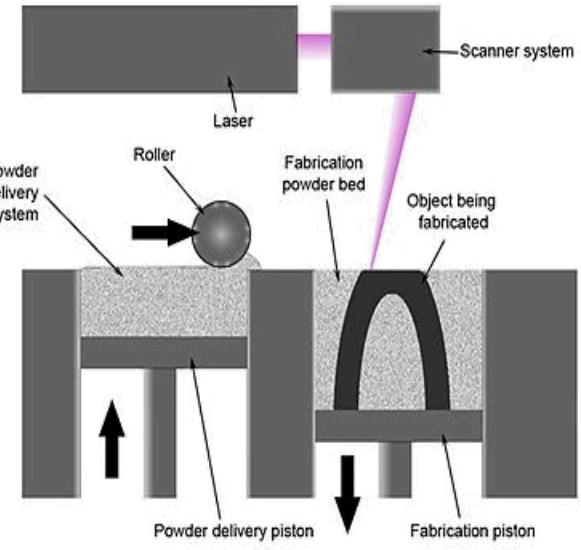
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Directed Energy Deposition (e.g., LENS®)
Metals, Ceramics

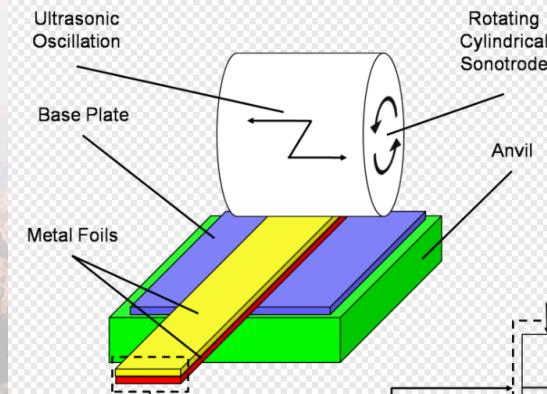


Powder Bed Fusion (Laser or e-Beam)
Thermoplastics, Metals, Ceramics



“Selective laser melting”, Wikipedia

Sheet Lamination (Ultrasonic, low temp)
Multi-Material Composites



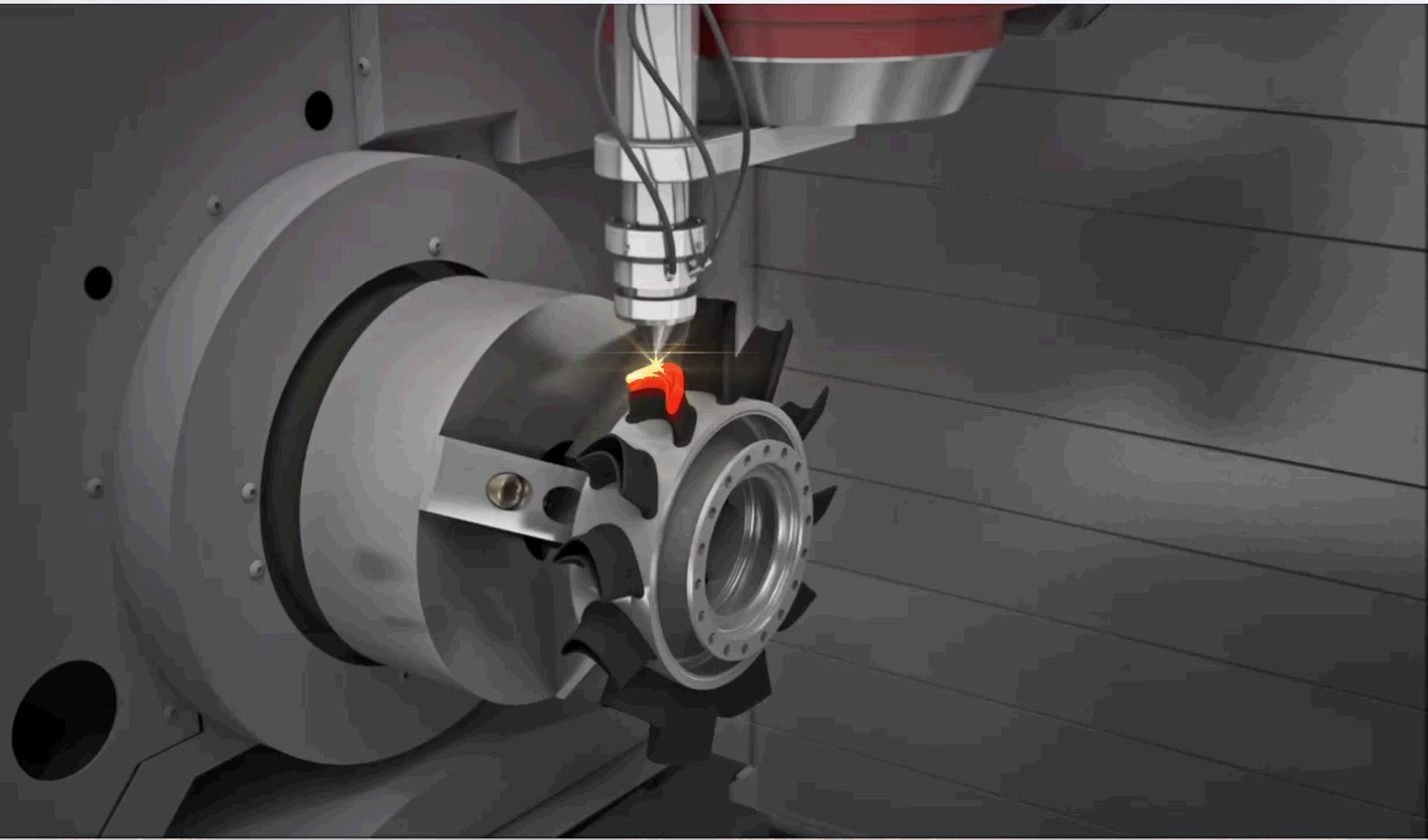
“Ultrasonic consolidation”, Wikipedia



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“Hybrid” Additive/Subtractive Machine Tools

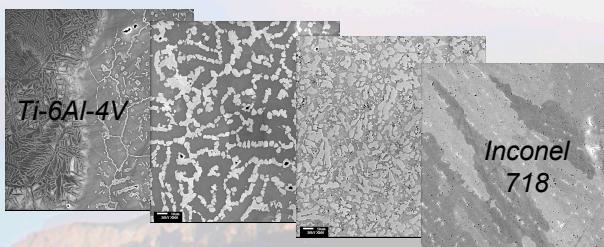




Why Use AM?

Some Potential Advantages

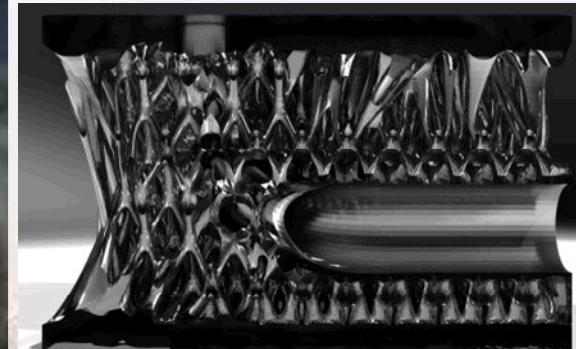
- Design Freedom – shapes previously unachievable/impractical
- Save Weight, Time, Money, Energy
- Print Integrated Assemblies
- Reduce Waste/Materials Cost
- Engineered Materials – special properties
- Rapid/Inexpensive prototypes/jigs/tooling/fixtures



LENS® functionally graded materials



Within Technologies



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Commercial Aerospace Hardware

GE Additive Manufacturing Design Competition



Original Design 4.5 lb.



Winning AM Design 0.7 lb.

- 84% wt. reduction
- Performed well in load tests



CFM* LEAP Engine Fuel Nozzle

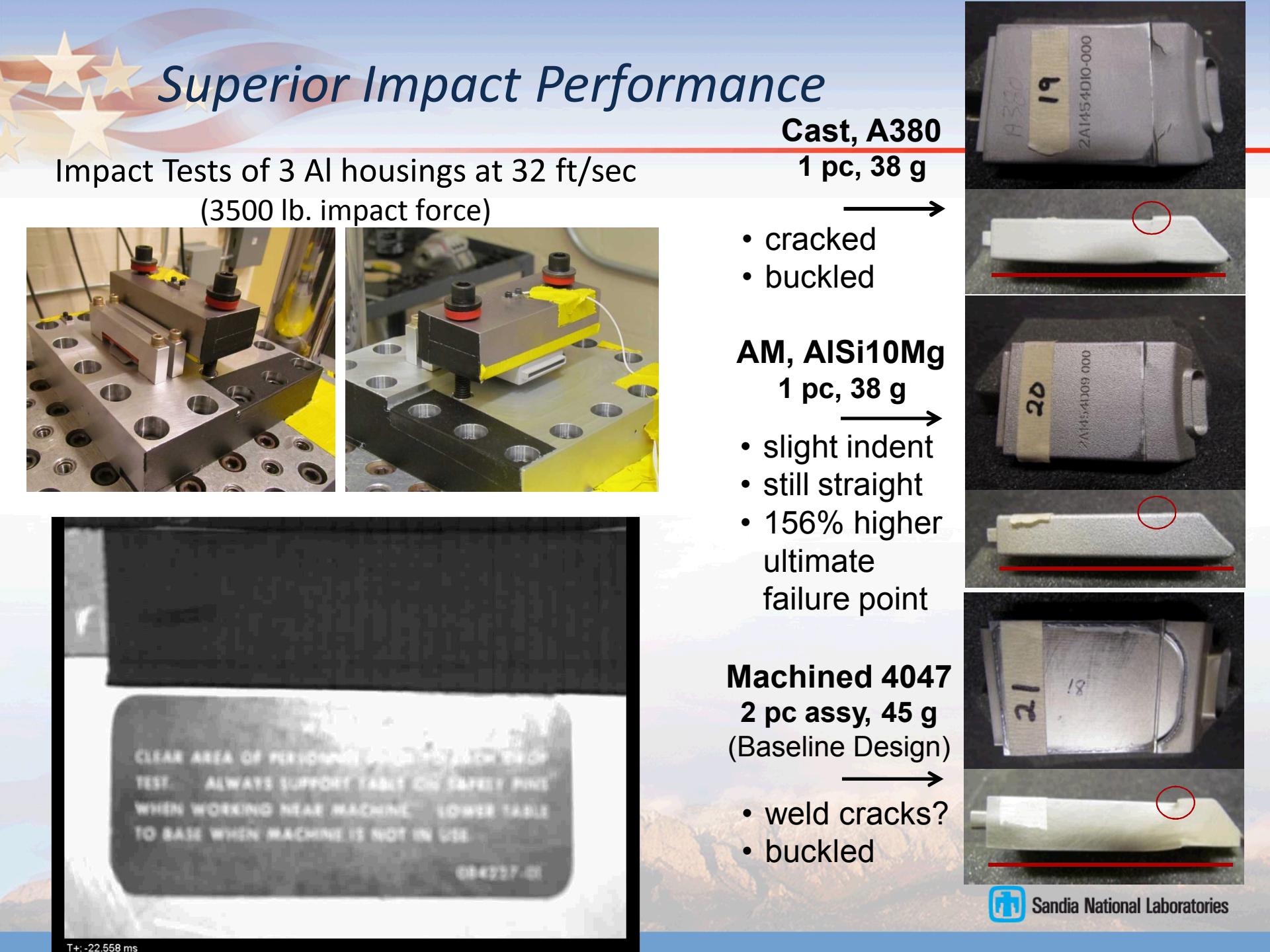


Additively Manufactured LEAP Fuel Nozzle

- Internal geometry can't be built with traditional technology
- Replaces 18 parts with 1 -- eliminates joining operations
- 25% lighter, 5x more durable
- 19 fuel nozzles per engine
- New \$50M Mfg. Plant, Auburn, AL, to build 40,000 nozzles/yr

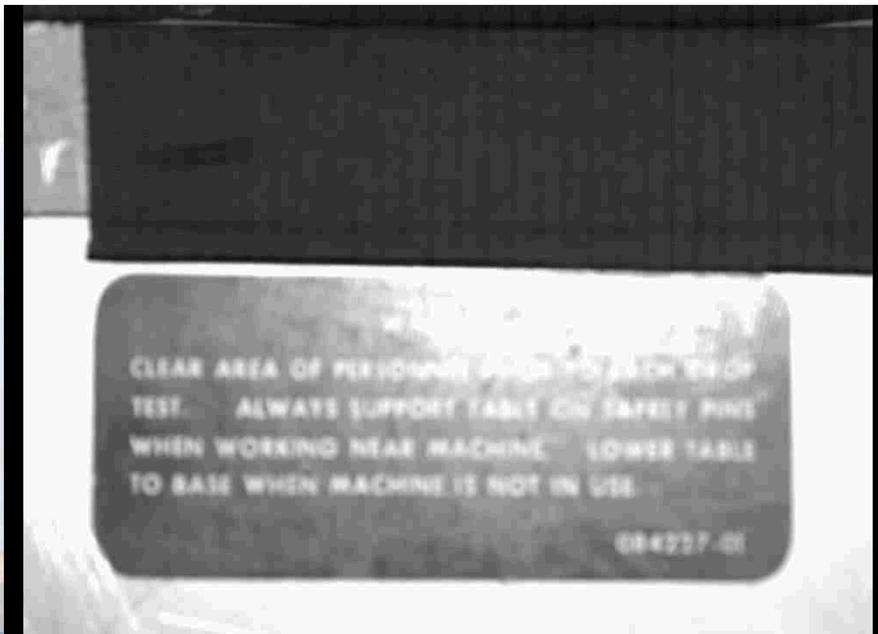
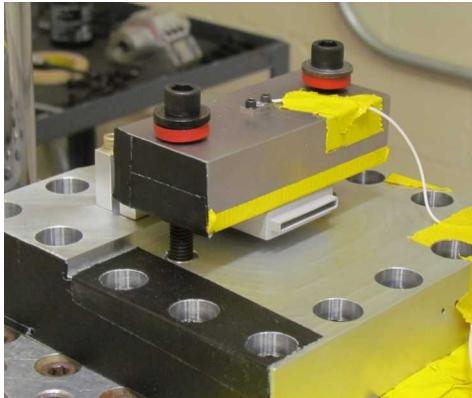
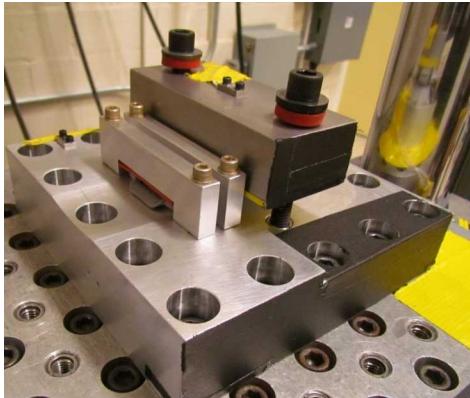


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Superior Impact Performance

Impact Tests of 3 Al housings at 32 ft/sec
(3500 lb. impact force)



Cast, A380

1 pc, 38 g

- cracked
- buckled

AM, AISi10Mg

1 pc, 38 g

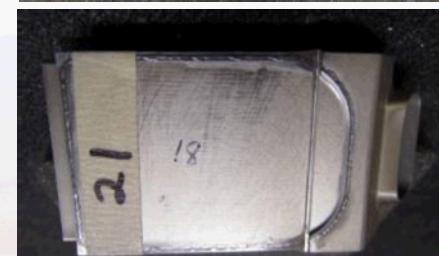
- slight indent
- still straight
- 156% higher ultimate failure point

Machined 4047

2 pc assy, 45 g

(Baseline Design)

- weld cracks?
- buckled



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ORNL “3D Printed” Cobra



Oak Ridge National Lab/Cincinnati Inc.
50th Anniversary “BAAM” Shelby Cobra



Local Motors
“Rally Fighter”



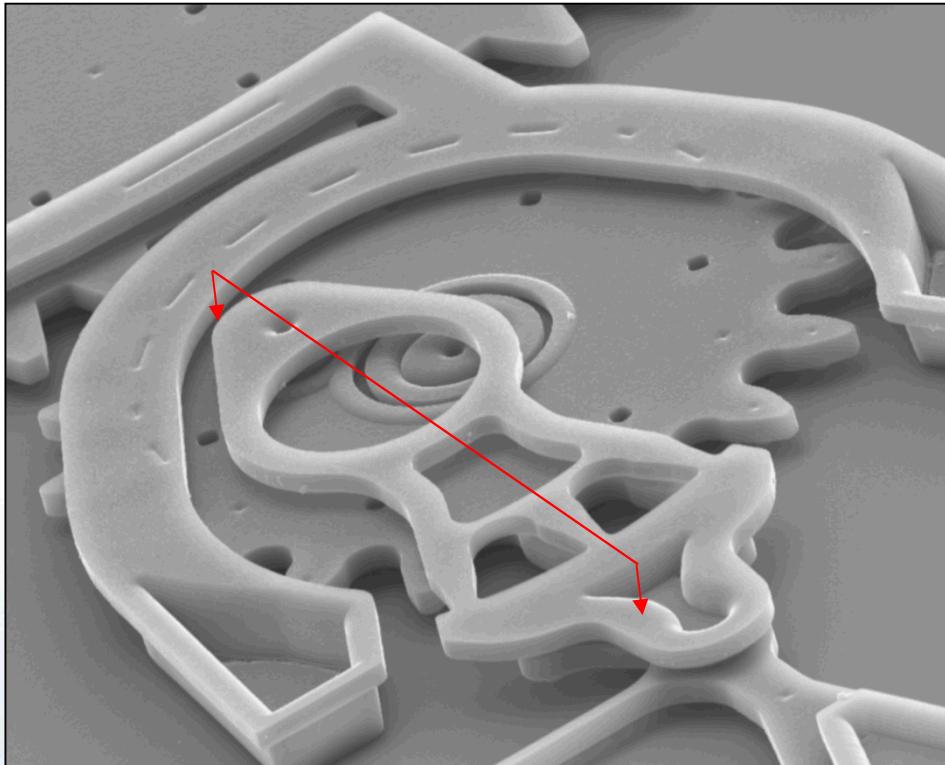
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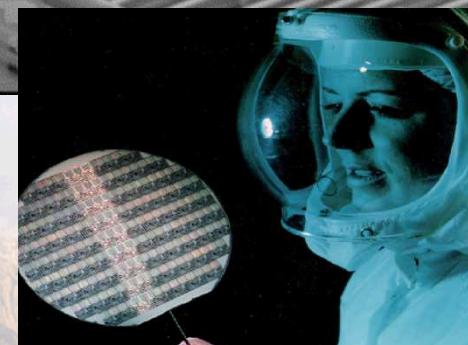
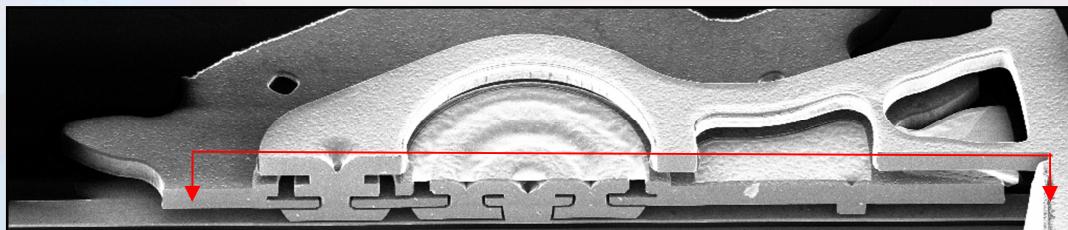
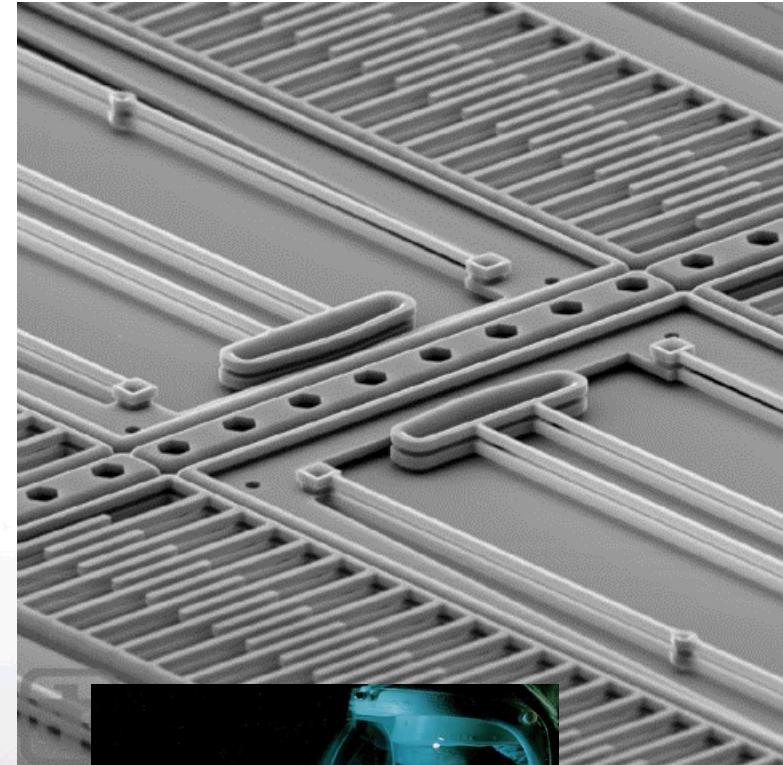
SUMMiT™ Process

(Sandia Ultra-planar Multi-level MEMS Technology)

Gear Assembly



Comb Drive



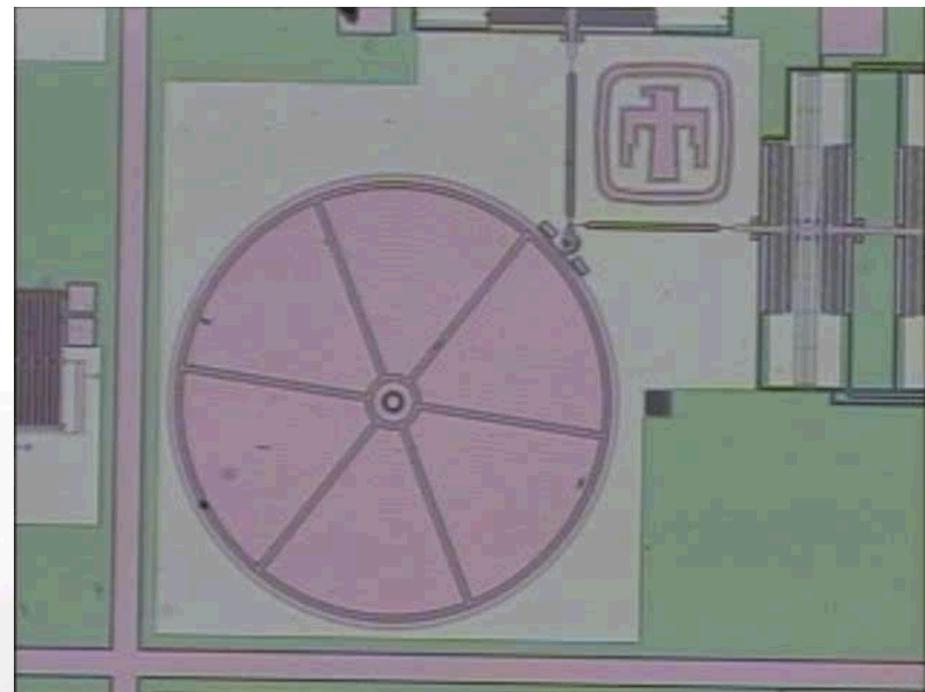
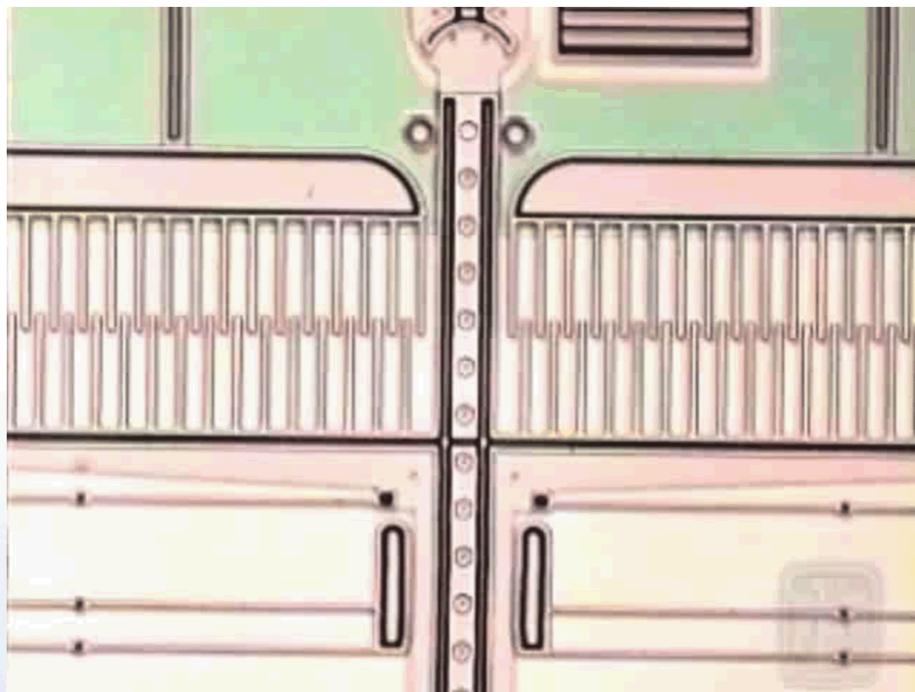
There is no piece part assembly!



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MEMS Drives in Action



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Need:

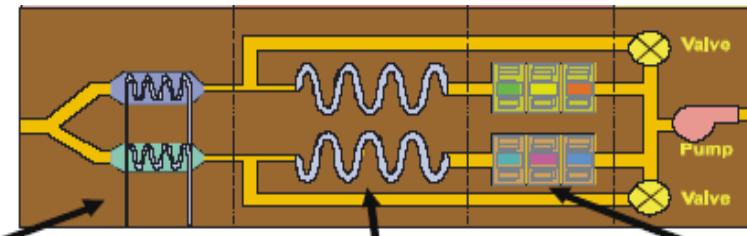
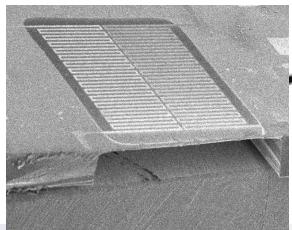
- Small, inexpensive, handheld analyzer for military, first responders, and other applications



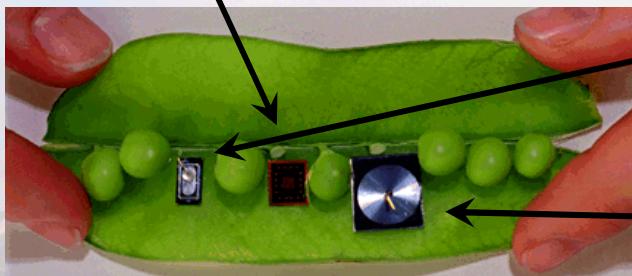
Technical Approach:

- Use MEMS to create functional components
- Use Gas Chromatography (GC) column together with selective-surface sensors for analysis.

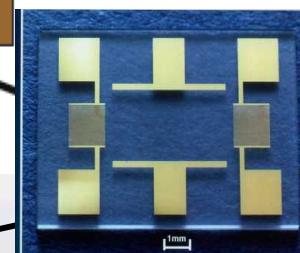
Pre-Concentrator
Collects Species of
Interest



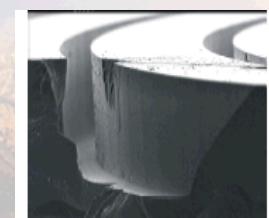
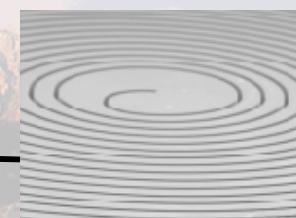
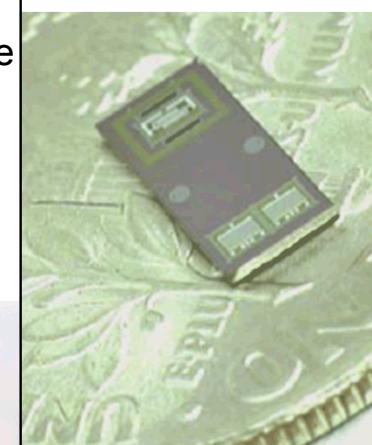
Gas Chromatograph Column
Separates Species in Time



Chemically Selective
Surface Acoustic Wave
(SAW) Sensors



Current all-silicon
unit on a dime



~1 Meter Gas
Chromatograph
Column



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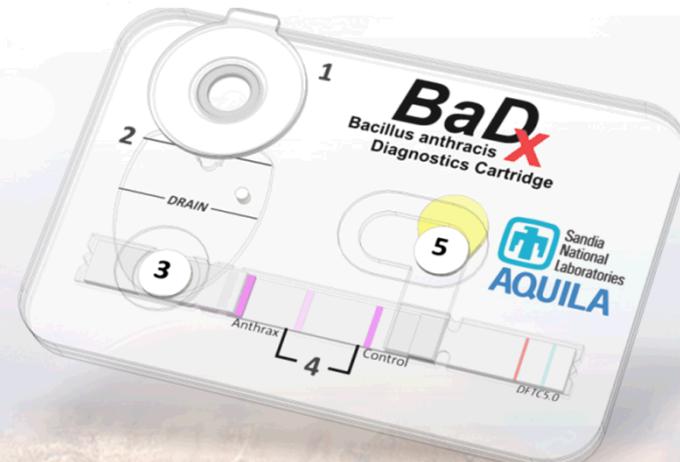


BaDx Anthrax Diagnostics Tool

- Microfluidic platform for bacterial detection
- Rapid/inexpensive prototyping & design revisions
- Self-contained, credit card-sized “Lab in a Pocket”



SNL Scientists Jason Harper, Melissa Finley, and Thayne Edwards



† Edwards *et al.* *Biomicrofluidics* 2011, 5, 044115.



3D Printed Flexible Battery

Printed Encapsulant

Current Collector

Printable Separator

Printed Anode / Cathode

Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)

Current collector (DW carbon ink)

Anode (DW graphite/carbon)

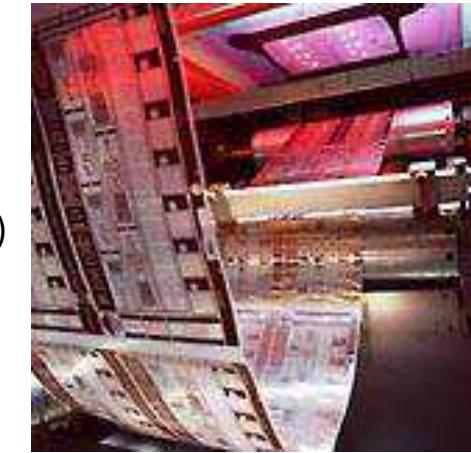
Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)

Cathode (DW LiFePO₄)

Current collector (DW copper ink)

Substrate (polyimide)

Roll-to-Roll Printed Electronics



Cleveland Clinic Prosthetics



ALLELES Design Studio, CA



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Sandia Hand – AM Enabled Innovative Design and Substantial Cost Reduction

(~50% of hand built with AM)

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



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



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Analysis-Driven Design Optimization

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

“Titanium Cholla” -- 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. It is interesting that optimized designs often resemble natural structures (bio-mimicry).



“Loxosphere” Universal Joint printed as a single integrated assembly – far fewer parts, no complex assembly required!

How can AM be used to design/build more complex integrated components?

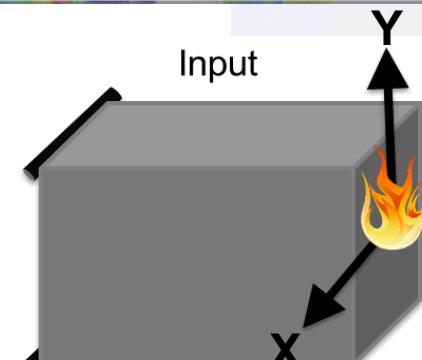
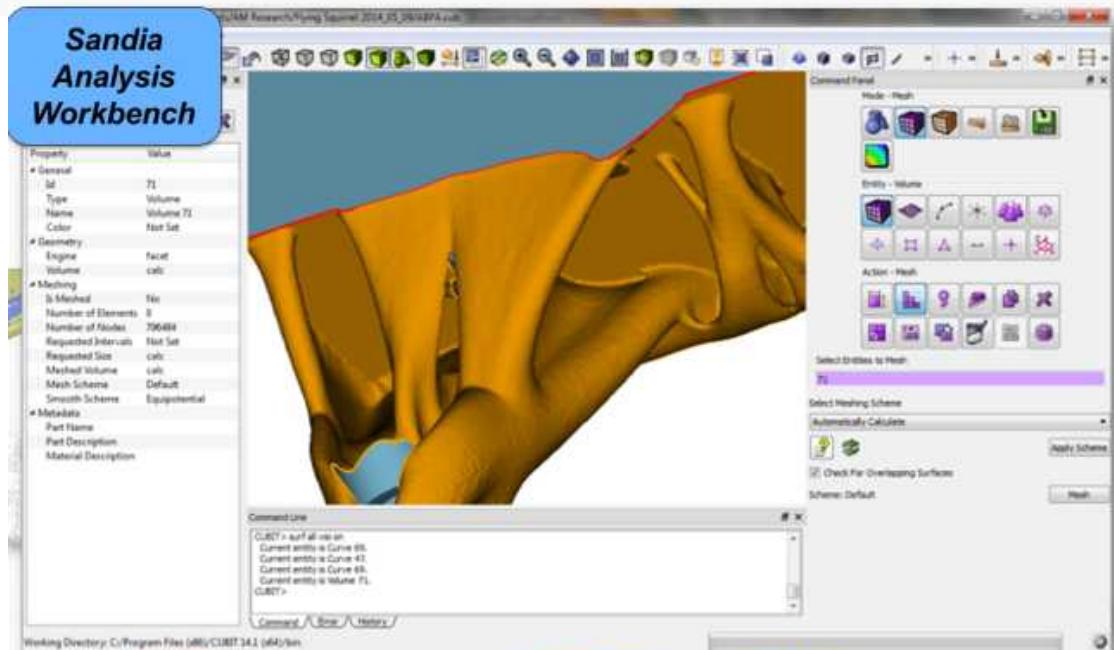
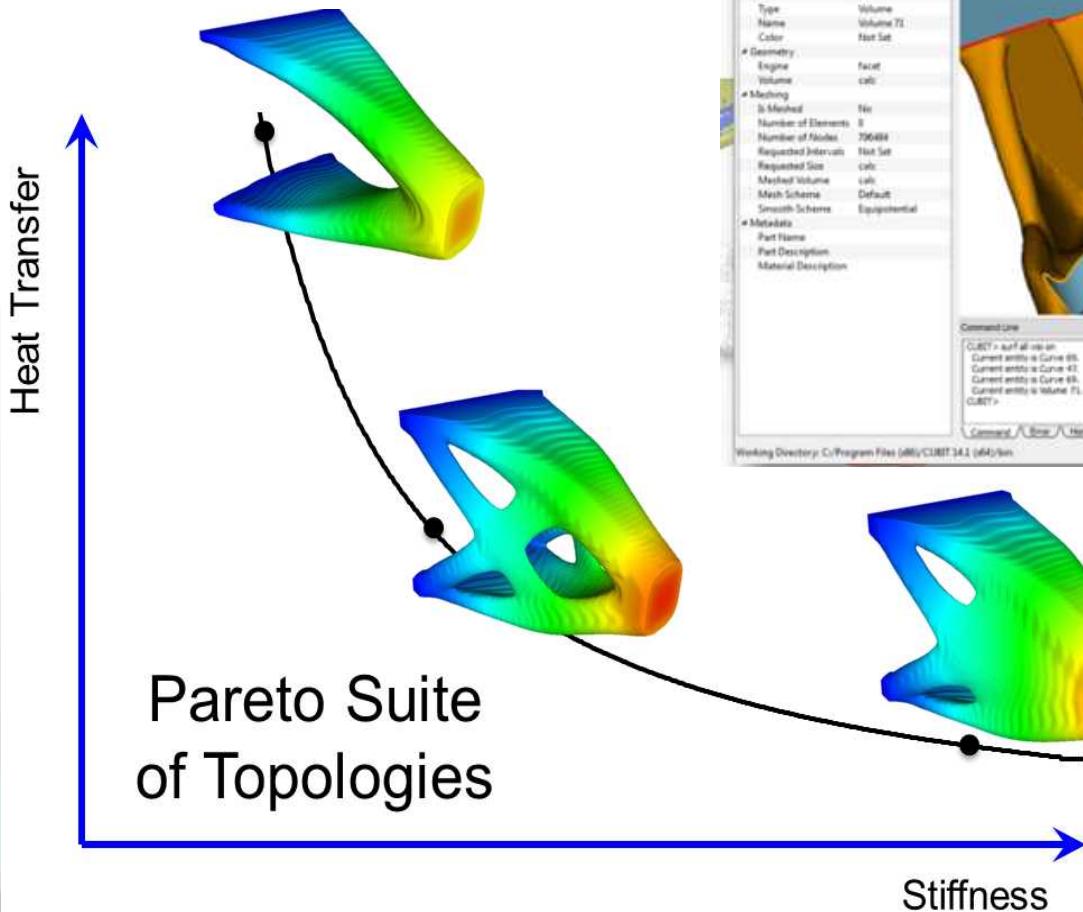


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AM Design Via Functionality Prioritization

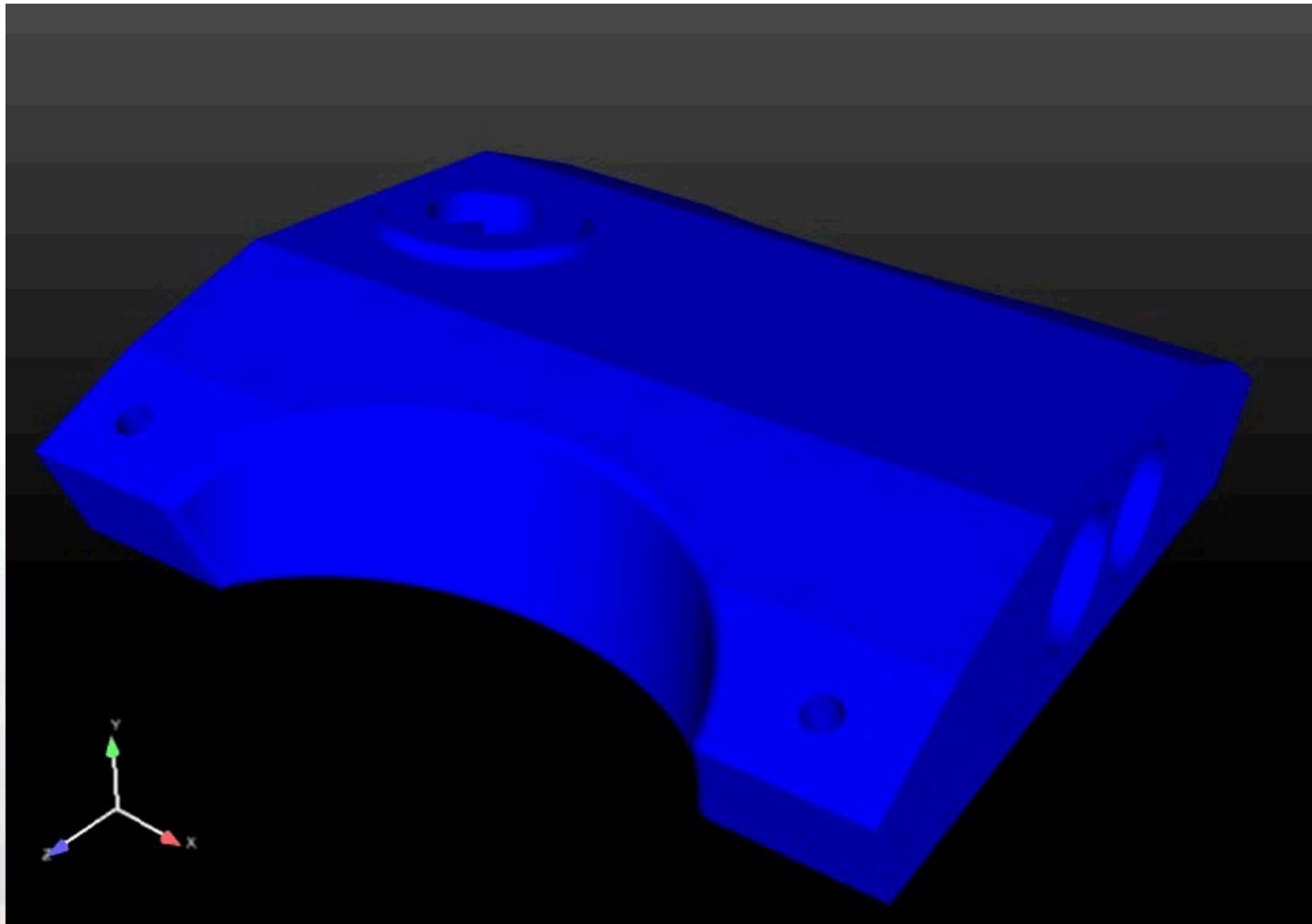
User Friendly Interface



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Early Topology Optimization Design



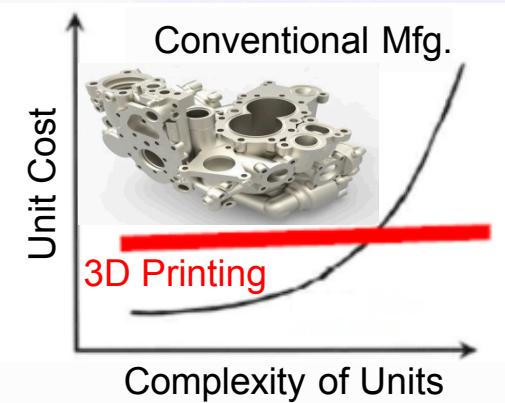
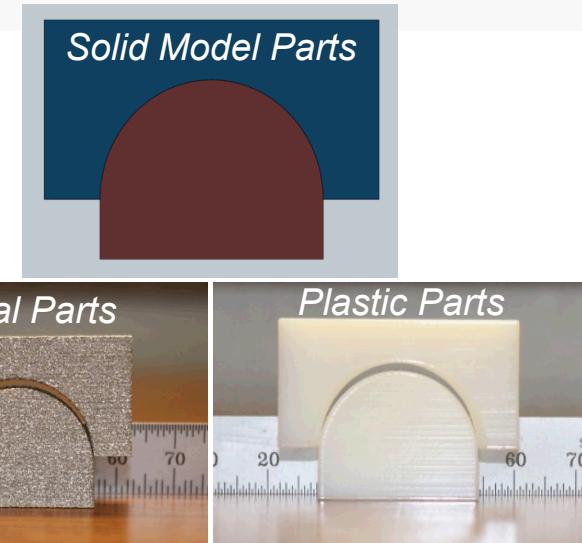
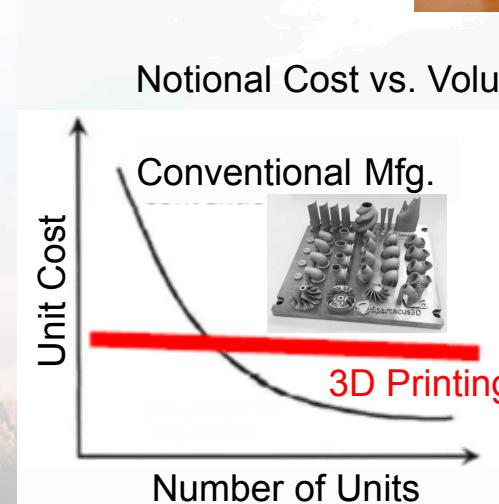
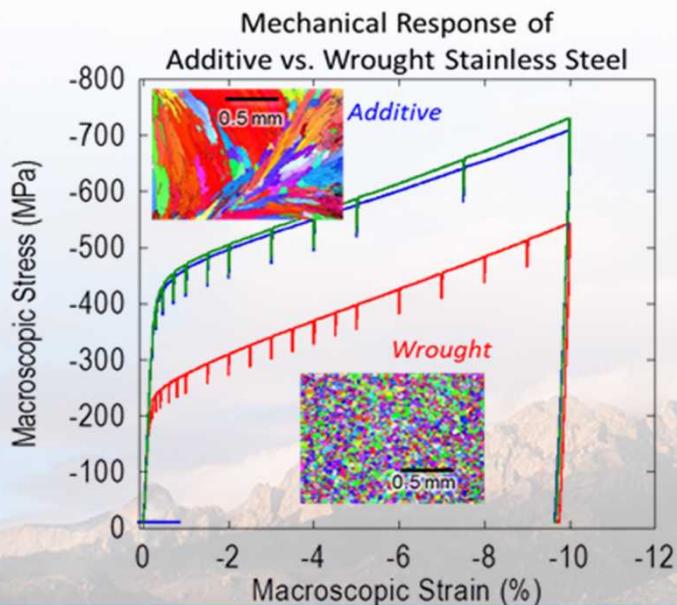
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Josh Robbins (1444), Tom Voth (1443)

Why Not Additive?

Some Potential Disadvantages/Limitations

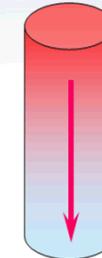
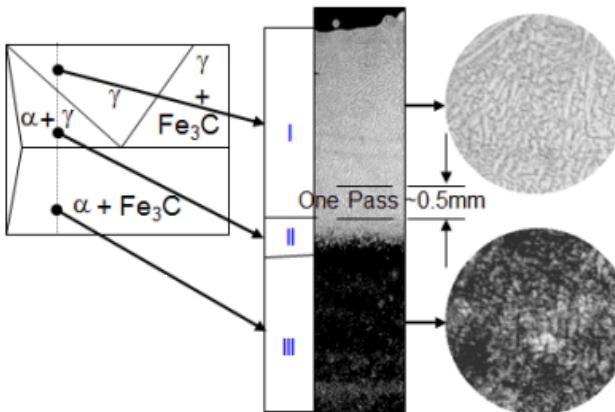
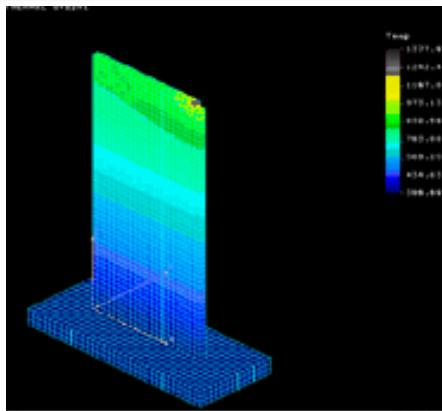
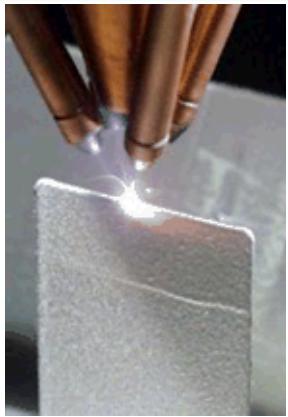
- AM Is Still an Evolving/Emerging Technology
- Many Sources of Variability – Still a Fair Amount of “Art”
- Material is “Built” Along with the Part – Is It Good?
- Lack of Engineering Data/Standards for Designers
- There ARE Design Constraints/Design Software Limitations
- Tolerances, Surface Finish, Residual Stress
- AM Isn’t Always Faster/Cheaper
- Inspection/Metrology Challenges
- Additional Support Equipment





LENS® Process & Materials R&D

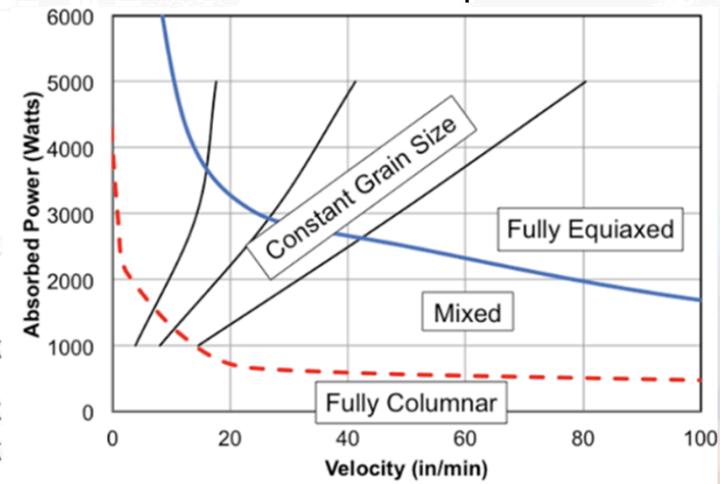
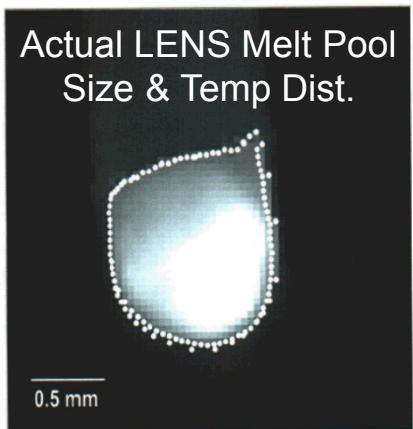
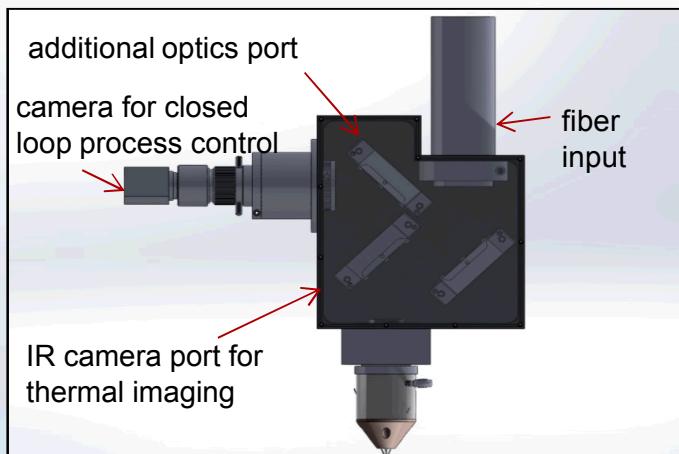
Process characterization/modeling



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



Sandia has successfully demonstrated active control of melt pool size & temperature to control microstructure and reduce variability



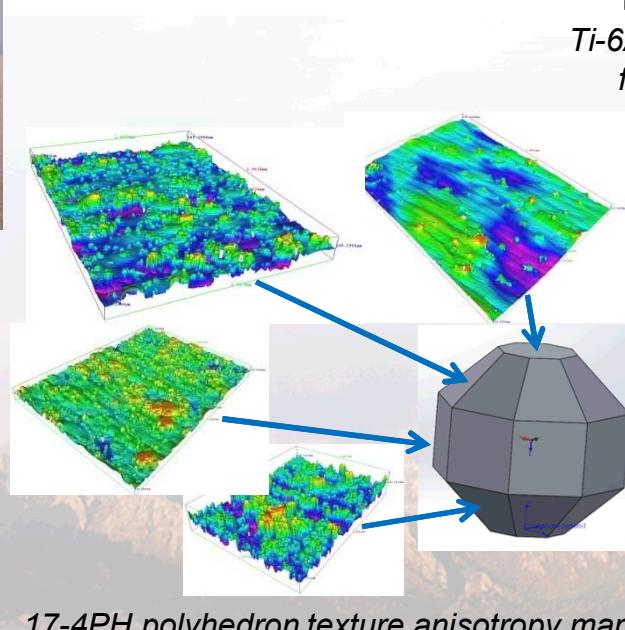
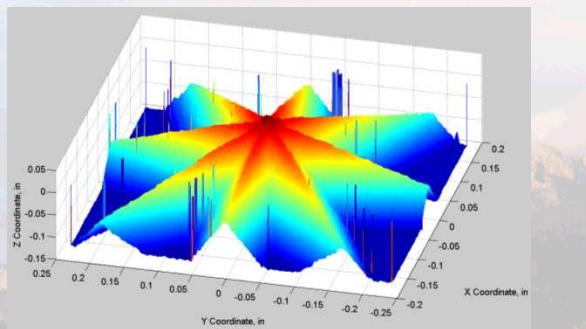
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Metrology Is A Key Challenge

- Family of artifacts designed, printed, & measured
 - Fabrication has been easier than metrology
 - Working to develop optimum measurement techniques
- Unique challenges for process/equip. characterization
 - Tolerances/Surface Finish/Properties vary with machine, material, print orientation, support structures, post-processing,...
 - Sandia working with NIST to develop better metrology artifacts



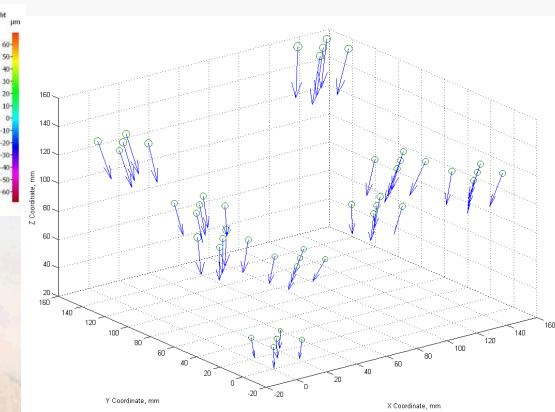
Siemens star geometries for resolution evaluation



17-4PH polyhedron texture anisotropy map



Ti-6Al-4V polyhedron & "Manhattan" artifacts for MPE (maximum permissible error)



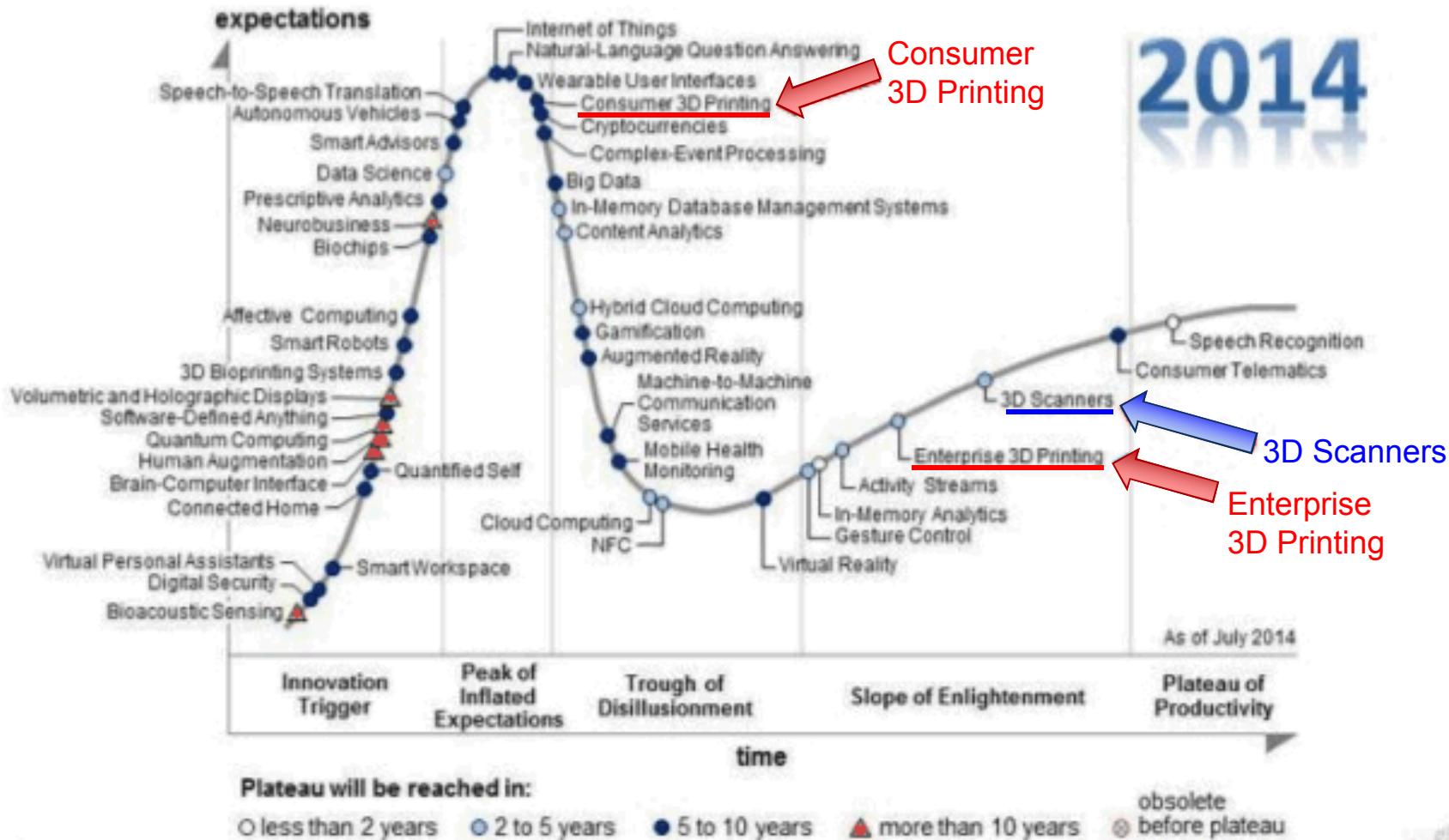
"Manhattan" Error Map



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Commercial 3D Printing is Maturing

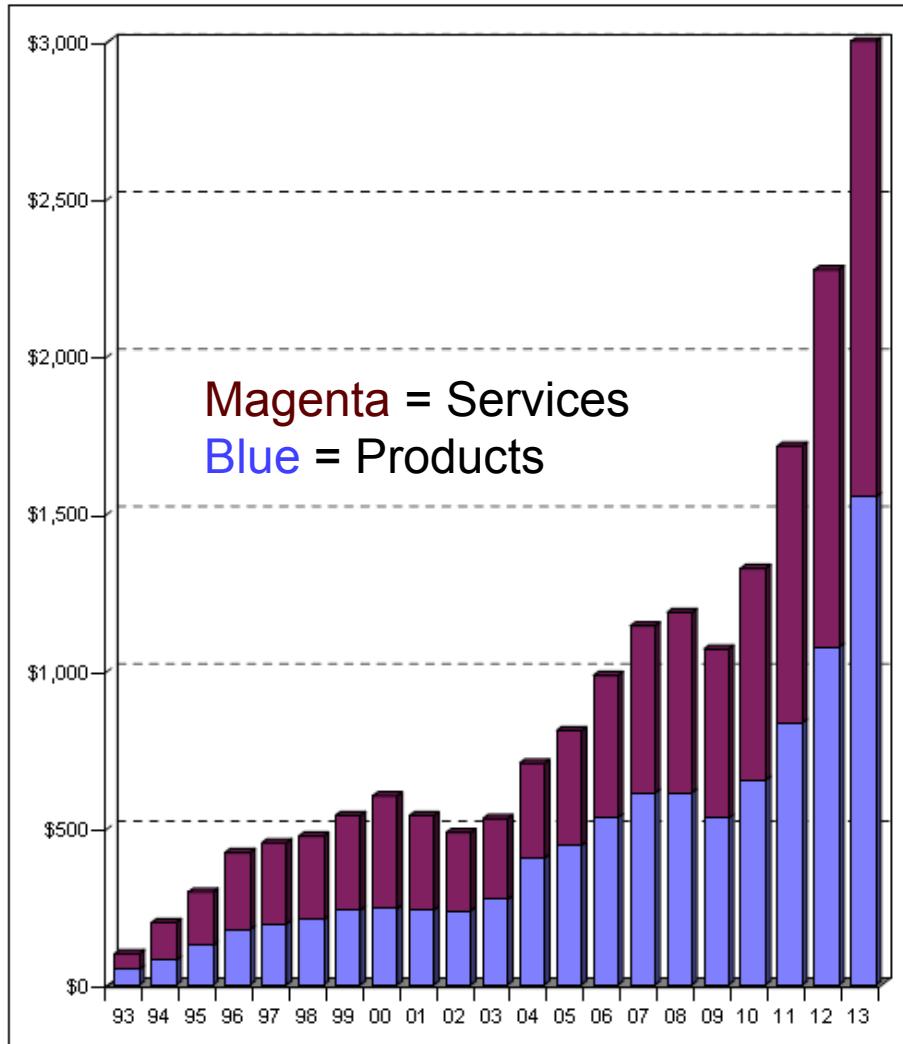
3D PRINTING & SCANNING Gartner's Hype Cycle



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Total Revenues & Metal AM Are Growing Rapidly

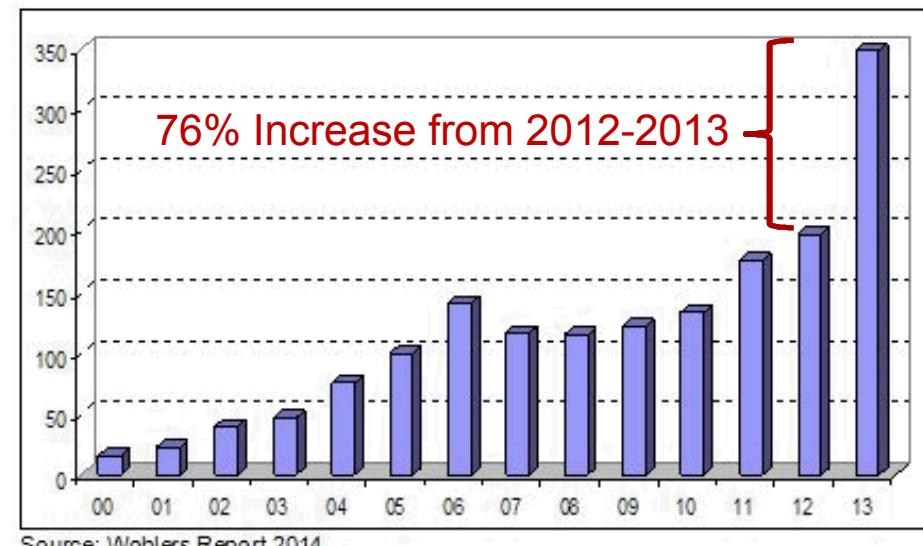
Total Worldwide AM Revenues (\$M)



The US, Europe, and Far East are all major players in the world market with the US having the largest installed base of AM machines

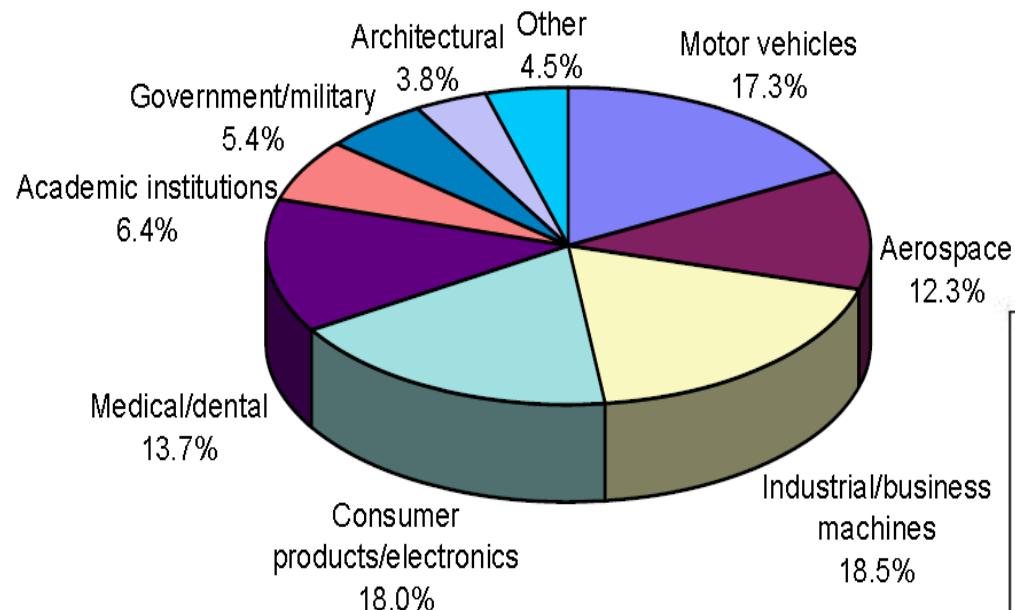
The cost of commercial AM machines is comparable to commercial machine tools

Annual Sales of Metal AM Machines



The Market for AM Is Broad & Growing

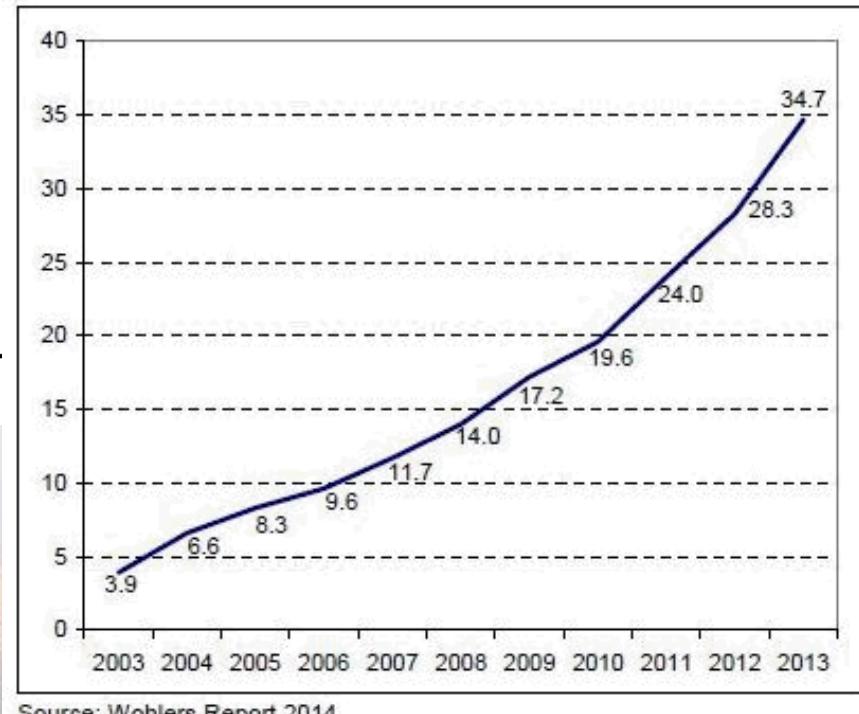
AM Has A Highly Diversified Market Base



Source: Wohlers Associates, Inc.

Use of AM for Part Production
Grew Nearly 10 Fold From
2003 to 2013

(% of total product/service revenue)



Source: Wohlers Report 2014



Closing Remarks

- Additive Mfg/3D Printing offers revolutionary new design/mfg possibilities
- It is NOT a panacea, but is a very important and extremely versatile new mfg. tool
- Commercial AM technology is still evolving, but it is maturing rapidly
- This may be a good time to consider an initial entry into this rapidly growing market



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