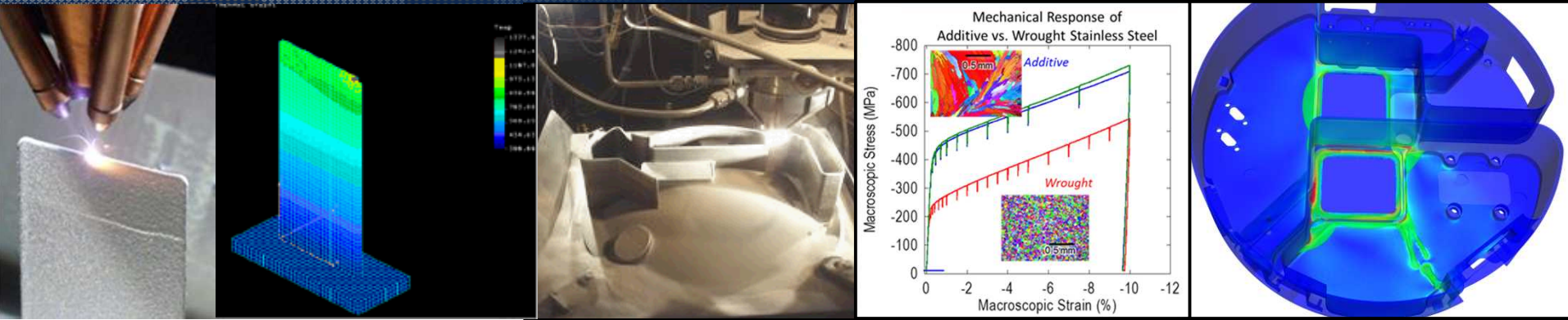


Exceptional service in the national interest



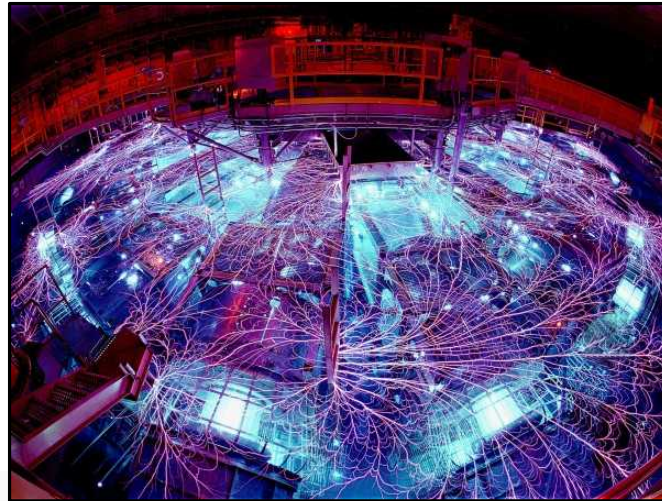
Additive Manufacturing at Sandia

Mark F. Smith
Senior Manager
Materials Science & Engineering Center

Sandia is a National Security Science and Engineering Laboratory



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

Sandia National Laboratories Sites

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Livermore, California



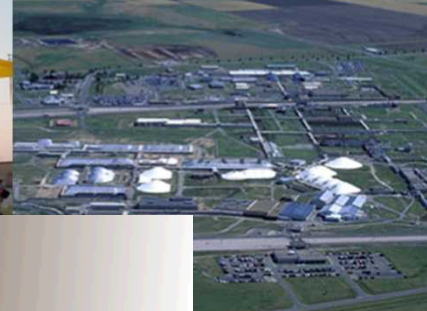
Kauai, Hawaii

United States
Department of Energy
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



*Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,
Carlsbad, New Mexico*

*Pantex Plant,
Amarillo, Texas*



*Tonopah,
Nevada*

All sites: 12,000 employees, \$2.8B annual budget



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Sandia Additive Mfg. Tech Development & Commercialization

30+ yrs of Pioneering Process/Materials R&D

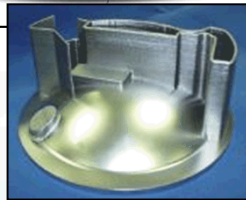
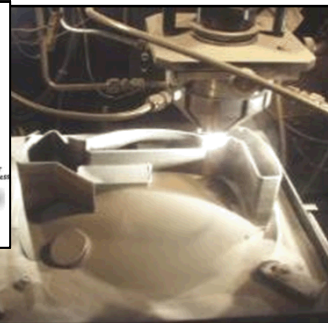
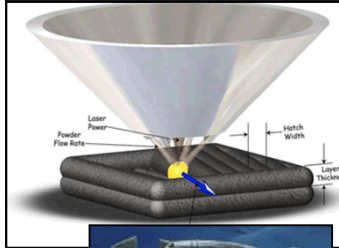
FastCast *

Development housing



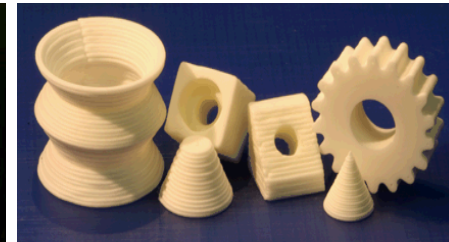
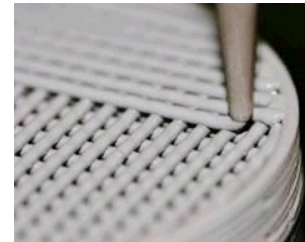
**Laser Engineered Net Shaping
LENS® ***

Stainless housing



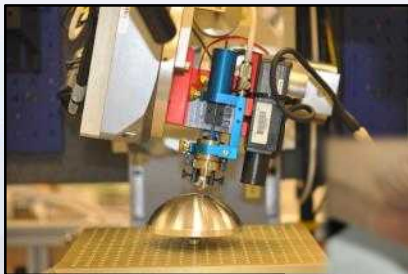
RoboCast *

Ceramic Parts



Direct Write

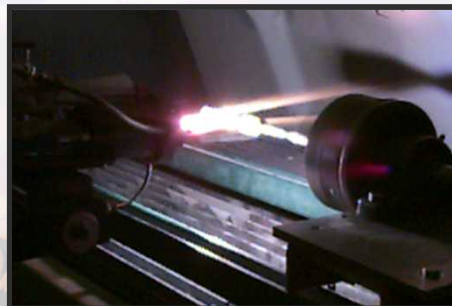
Conformal electronics



Printed battery

Spray Forming

Rocket nozzle



Energetic Materials



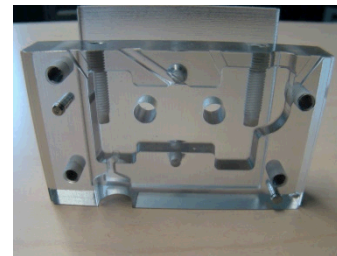
Current Capability/Activity

* Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies

Why AM at Sandia? - Mission Drivers

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

50% Cost Reduction for
Neutron Generator Tooling 1st Yr



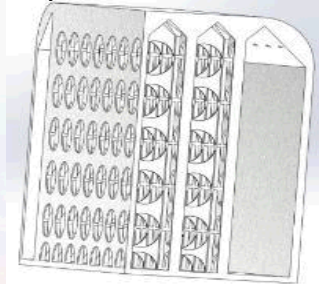
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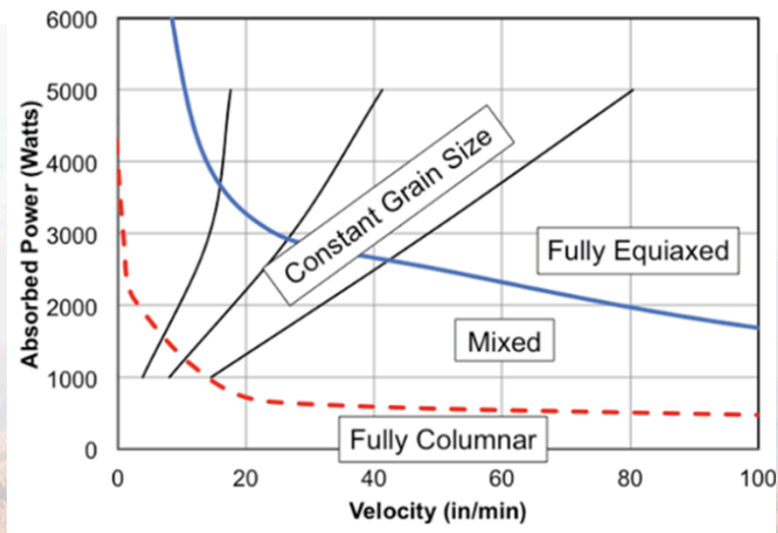
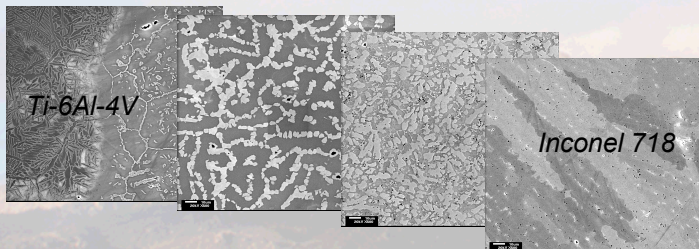
Forming Tool

Electronic Component Mass Mock

Customize mass, center of gravity, moment of inertia



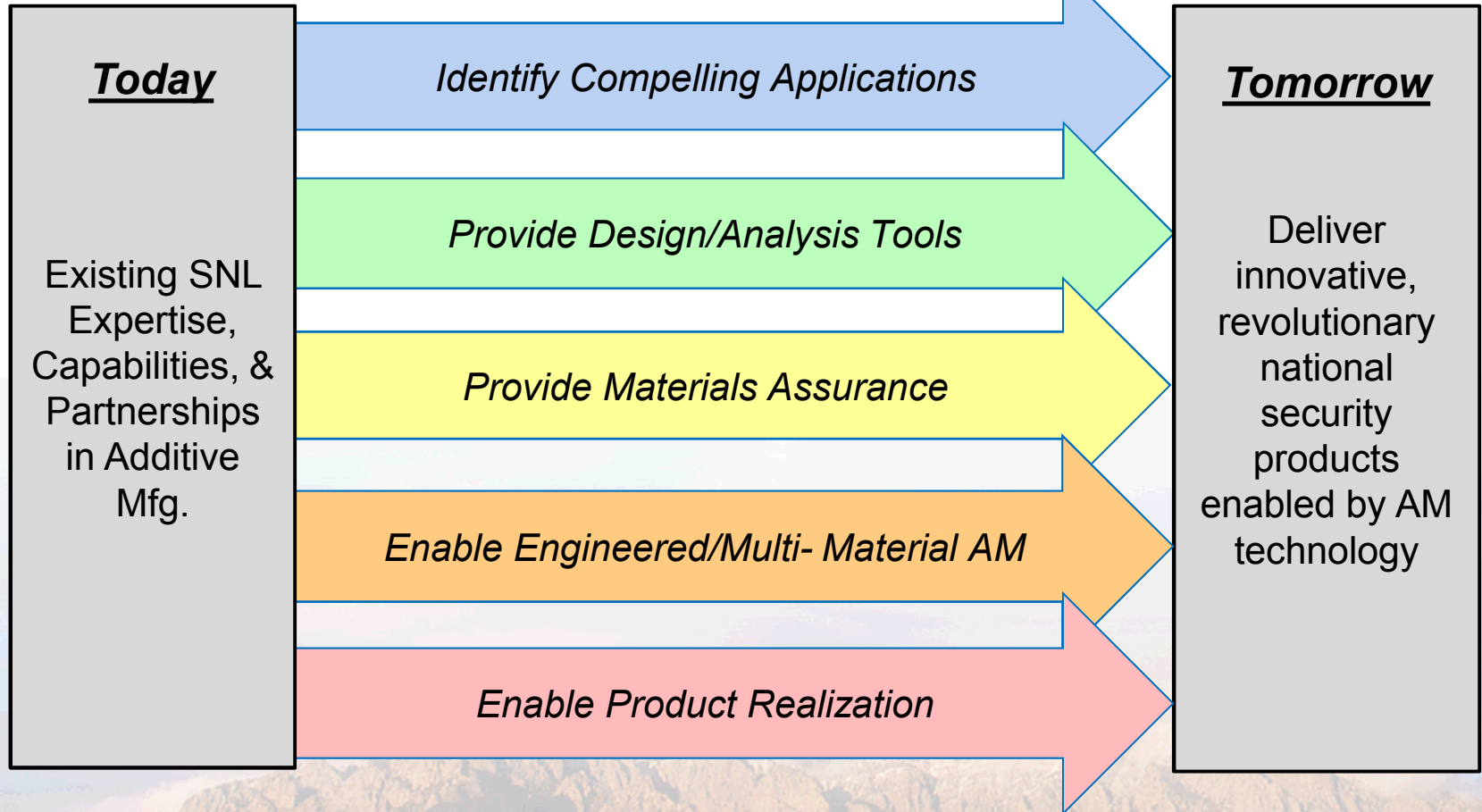
LENS® Functionally Graded Materials



LENS®
Microstructure
Control

Sandia Additive Manufacturing Strategy

5 Strategic Thrust Areas





Example Applications



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 includes “touch” sensors

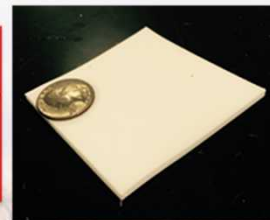
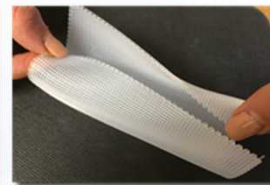
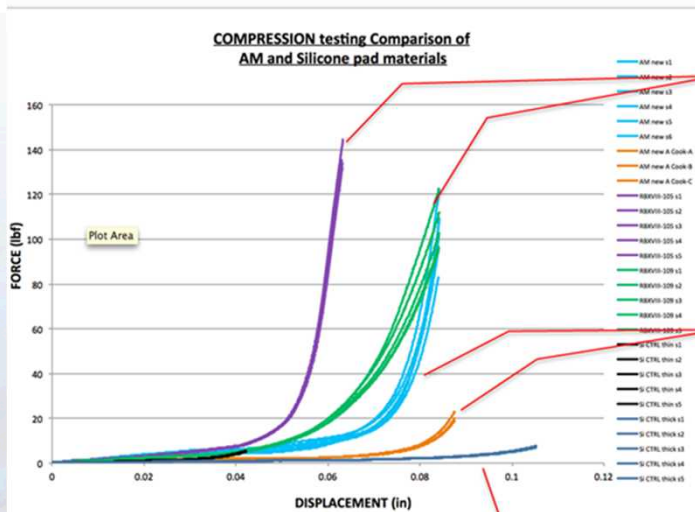
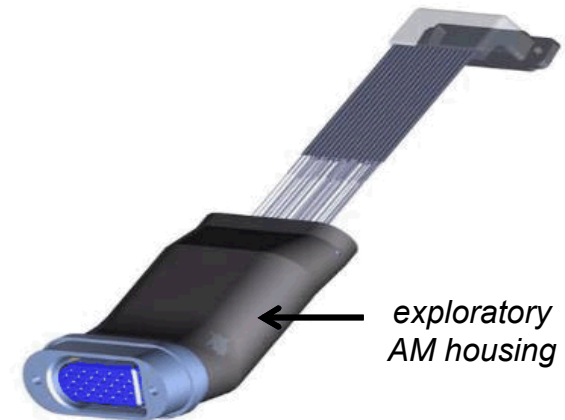
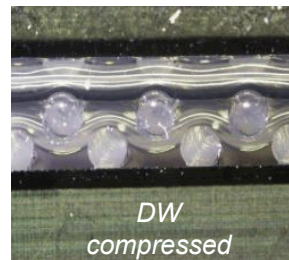
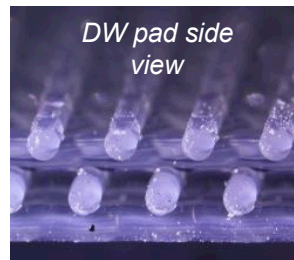
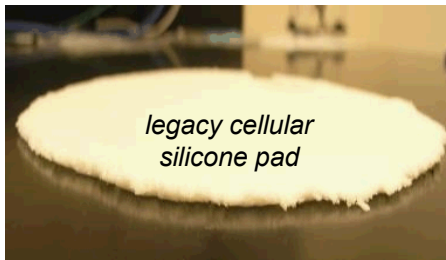


Fingers or other tools (e.g., drills) can be quickly magnetically attached in many configurations



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



LEGACY MATERIAL

- AM Offers Potential Advantages for Complex, Thin-Walled Shape



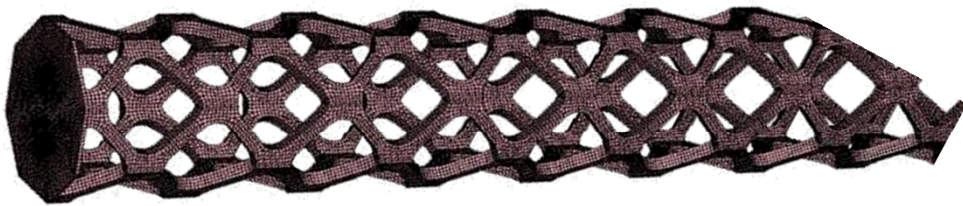
Design/Analysis Tools



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.

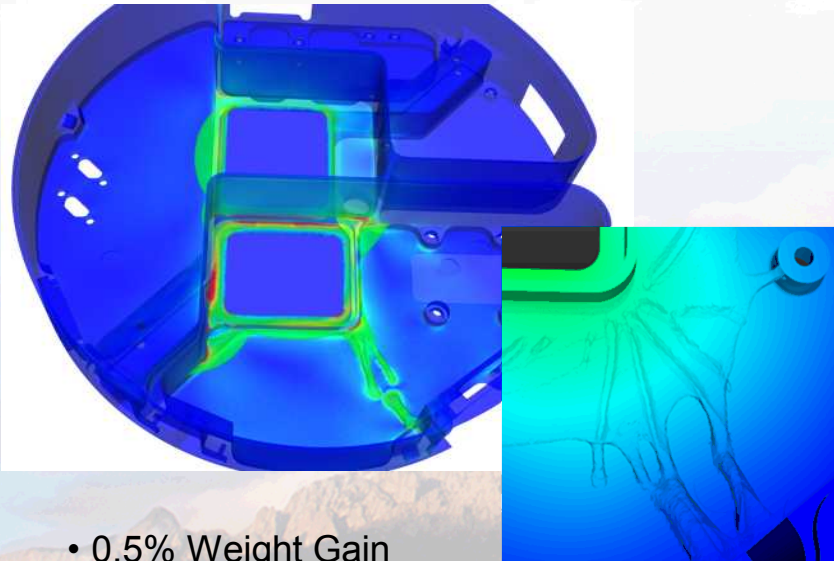
“Titanium Cholla” LDRD -- Minimum Weight, Maximum Strength, Rapidly Manufactured!



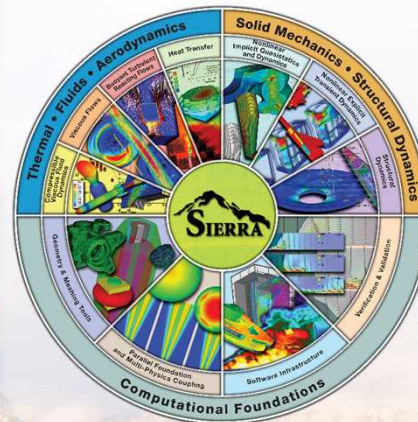
With AM it is faster and cheaper to build this optimized shaft than a solid shaft



Core of a dead Cholla cactus
(bio-mimicry)



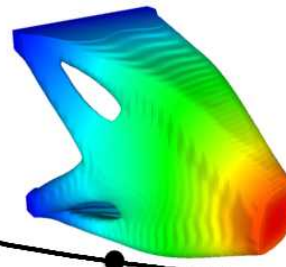
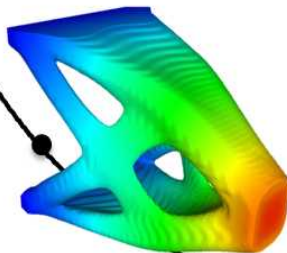
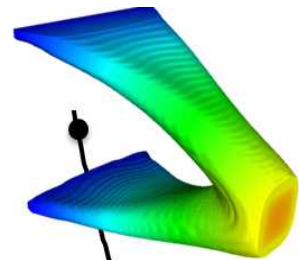
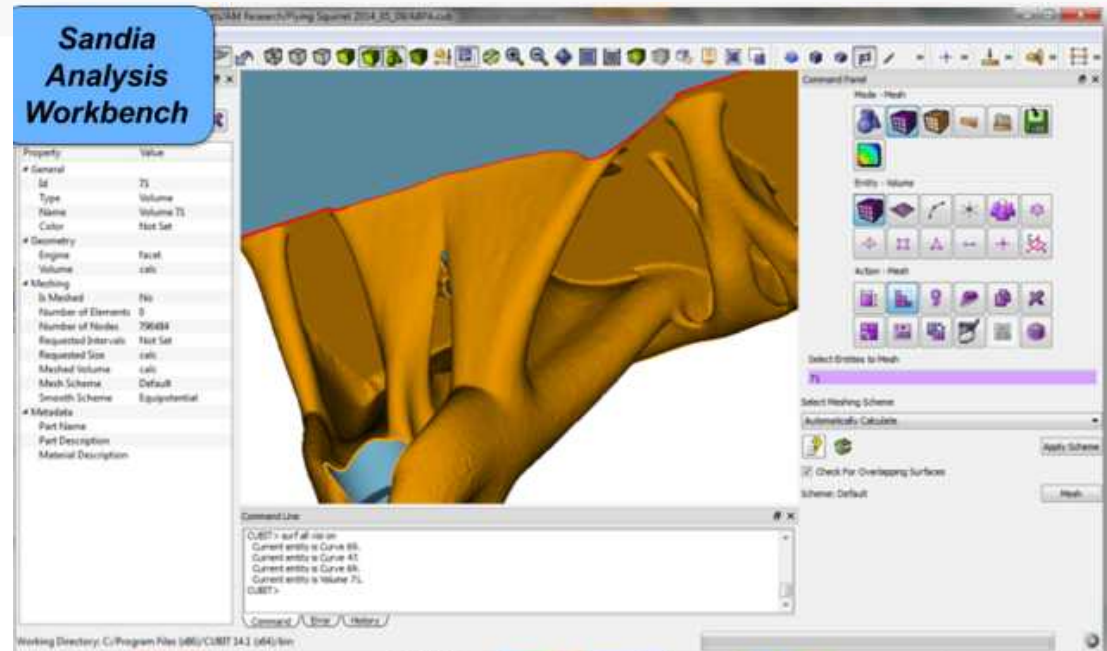
- 0.5% Weight Gain
- 52% Less Deflection Under Load



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

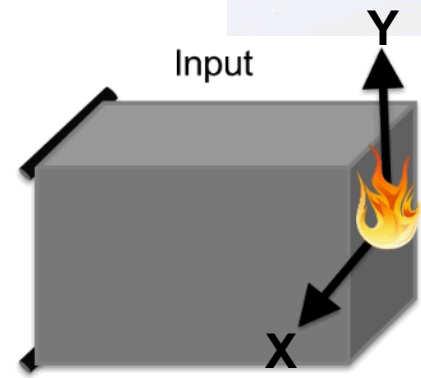
AM Design Via Functional Prioritization

User Friendly Interface

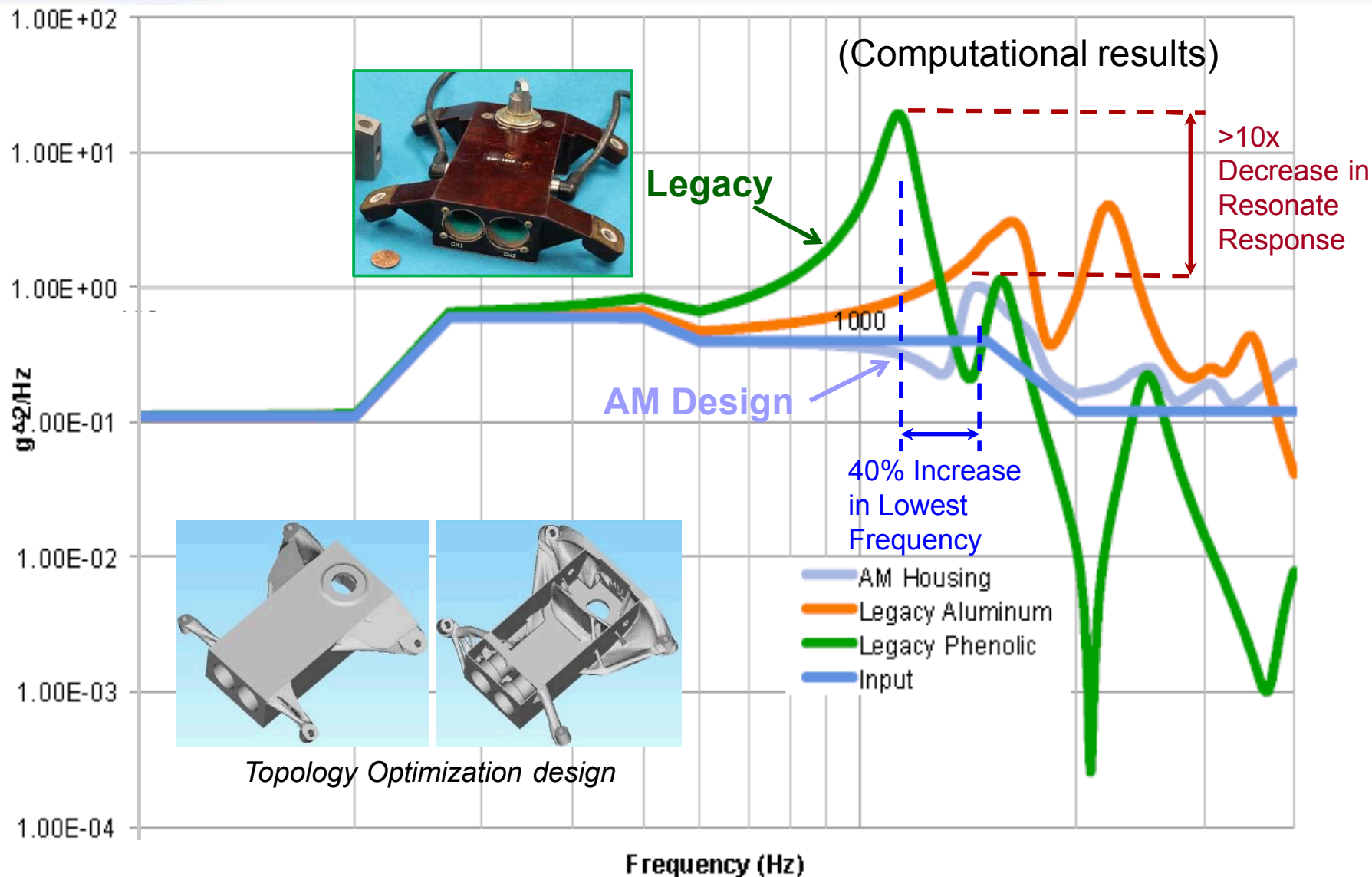


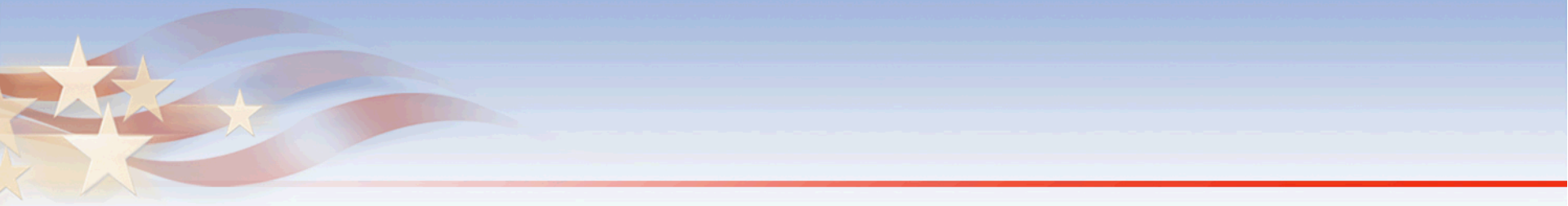
Pareto Suite of Topologies

Stiffness



Improved Vibrational Response with Topology Optimized Housing Design



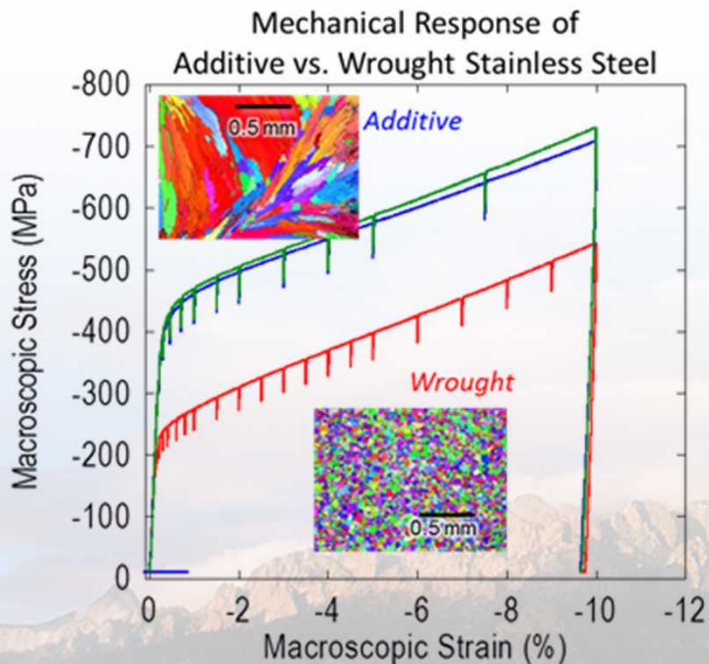


Materials Assurance

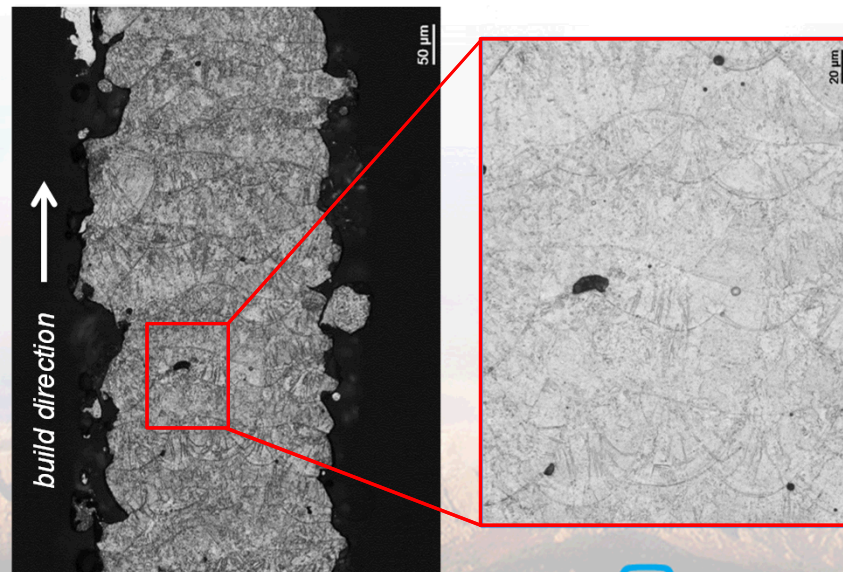


Materials Assurance -- a Key Challenge for AM

- AM Materials Are Unlike Traditional Materials
 - Little data on AM materials properties, including variability & long-term reliability
 - No official materials standards
- AM Materials Are “Built” Along with the Part
 - Qualifying starting material is not sufficient
 - Technology is immature – high variability, defects common
 - How to detect defects, assure microstructure/properties?

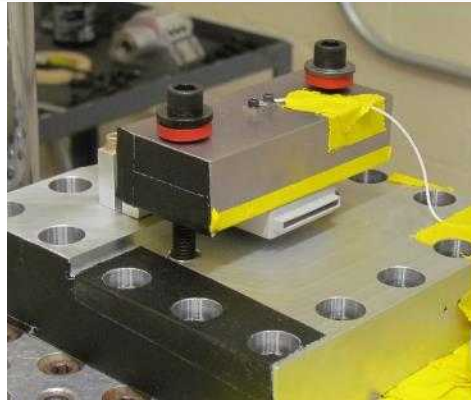
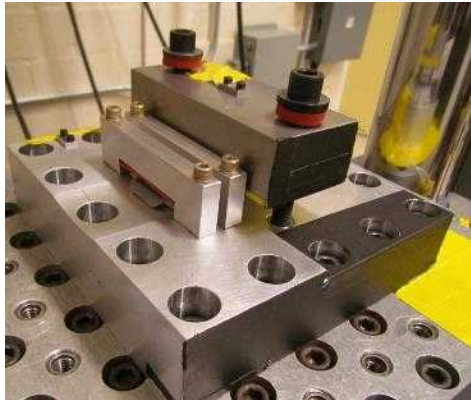


Surface & Interior Defects in 17-4 PH Stainless Steel



AM Hardware Included in Development Tests

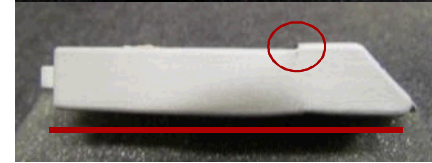
Impact Tests of 3 Al housings at 32 ft/sec (3500 lb. impact force)



Cast, A380

1 pc, 38 g

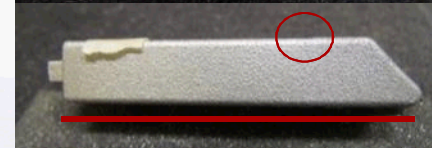
- cracked
- buckled



AM, AlSi10Mg

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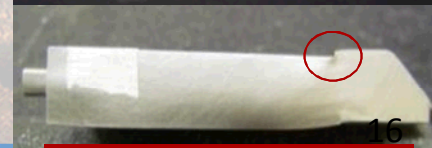
- slight indent
- still straight



Machined 4047

2 pc assy, 45 g
(Baseline Design)

- weld cracks?
- buckled

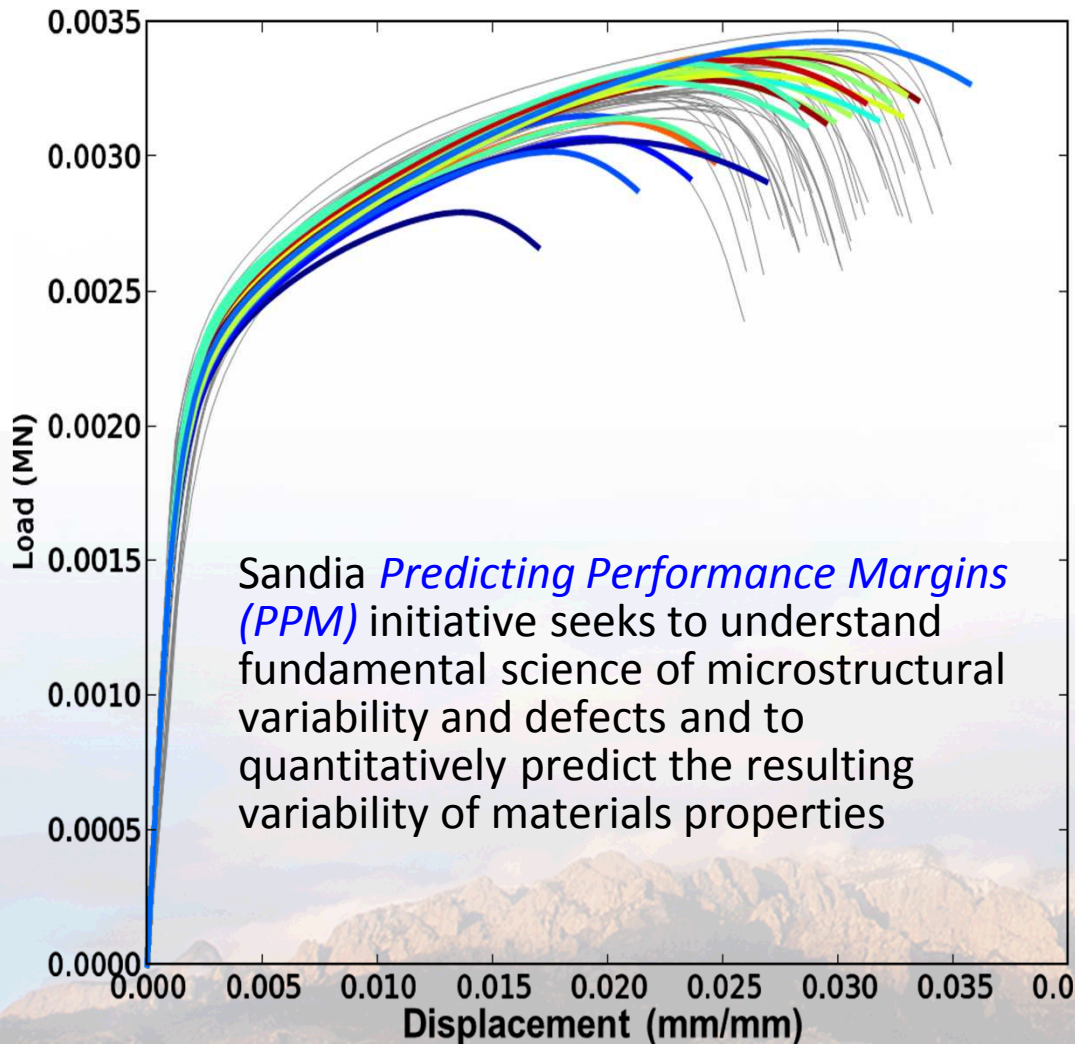


CLEAR AREA OF PERSONNEL MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES DURING TEST. ALWAYS SUPPORT TABLE ON SAFETY PINS WHEN WORKING NEAR MACHINE. LOWER TABLE TO BASE WHEN MACHINE IS NOT IN USE.

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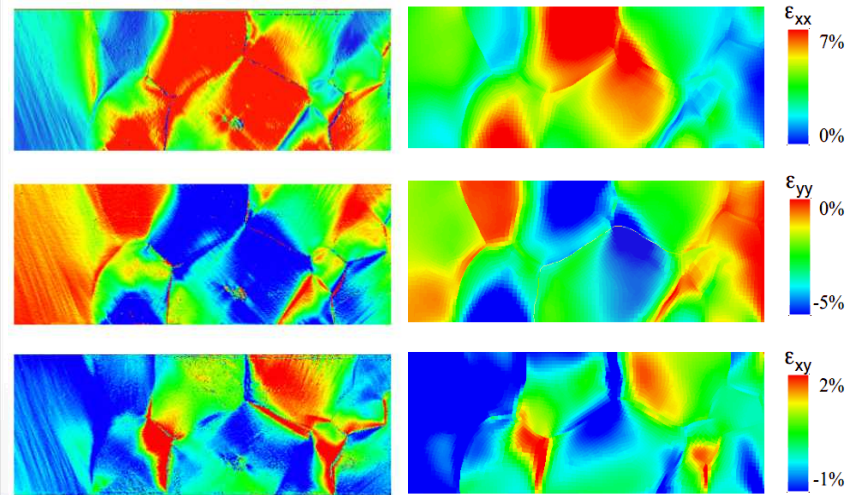
Leverage Sandia PPM to Quantify Variability/Defect Sensitivity

Predicted (color) vs. measured (grey) responses for laser welds (PPM)



Promising agreement of experimental vs. computational results

Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



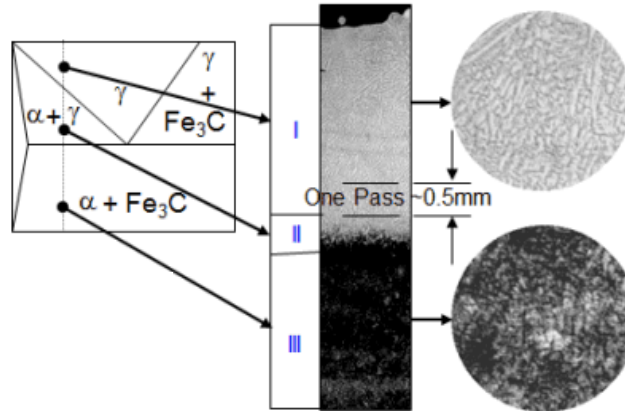
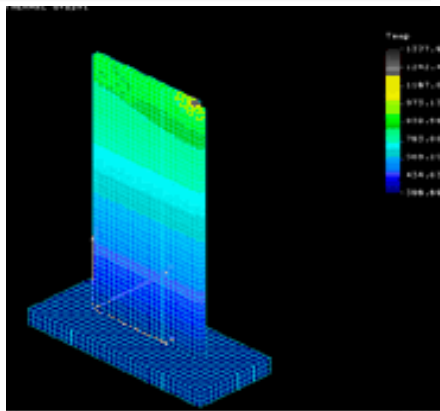
Differential Interference Contrast Experimental Measurements Computed Simulations



Gauge Section of Oligocrystal Tensile Specimen (1x3x5 mm)

LENS® Process & Materials R&D

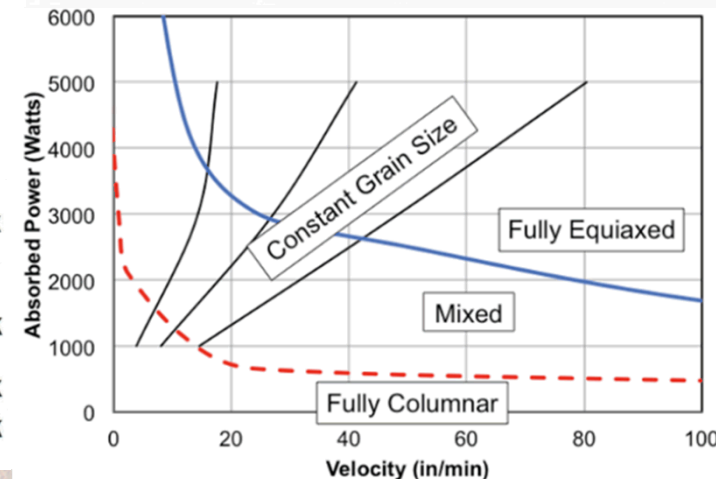
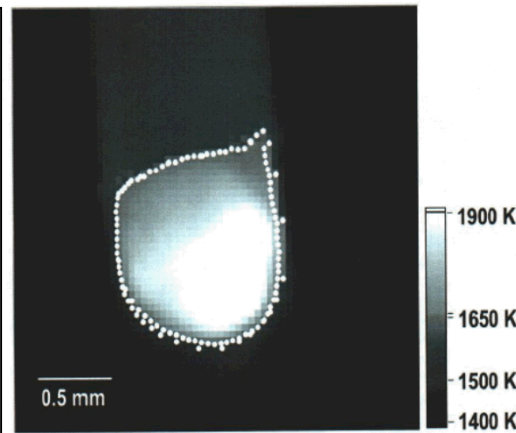
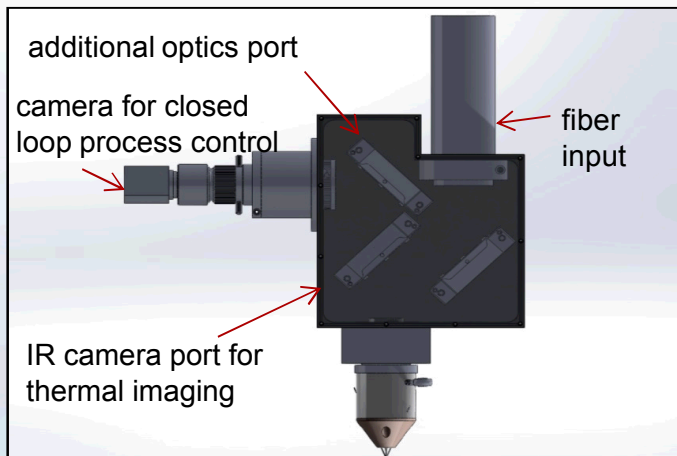
Process characterization/modeling



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



Multi-Material AM



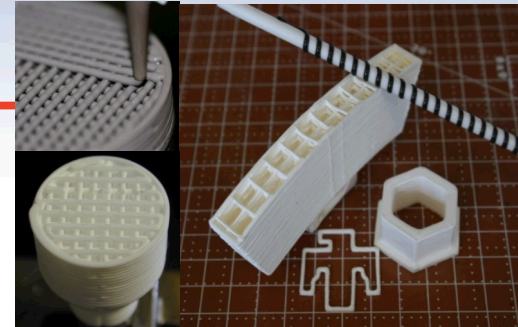
Direct Write, A Versatile, Multi-Material Process

■ Materials

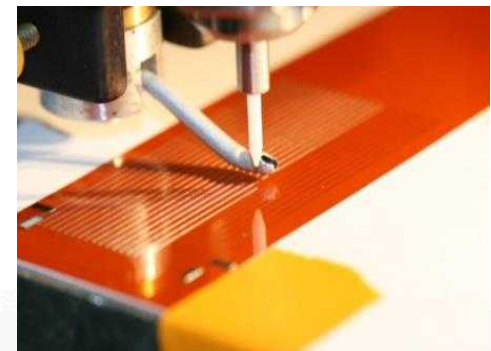
- Print: ceramics, metallics, polymerics, energetics, multi-phase
- Substrates: ceramics, metals, plastics, polyimide, encapsulants, FR4, glass, paper

■ Example Applications

- DC & RF interconnects, antennas
- Flexible electronics
- Sensor networks / structural health (strain, crack, temperature, ...)
- Electronic package integration (resistors, capacitors, inductors, transistors, batteries)
- Conformal printing



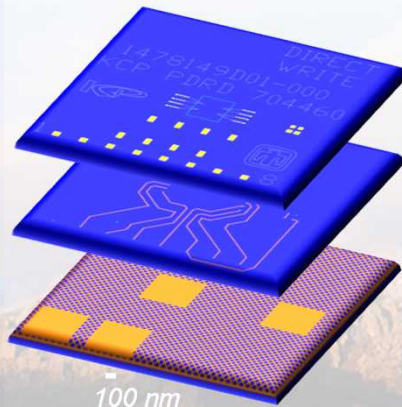
Extrusion casting (Robocasting)



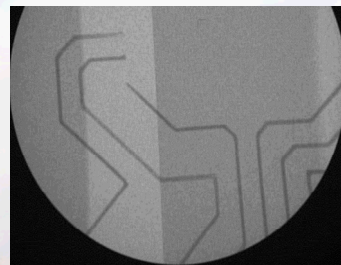
Aerosol jet printing to 10 μm



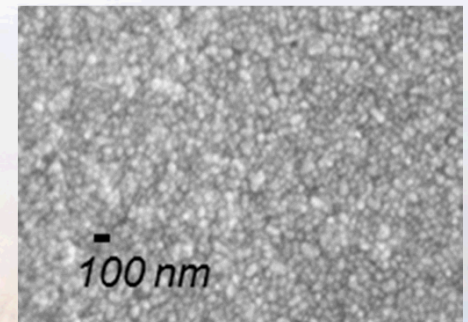
*DW circuit
fabrication*



Multi-level circuit



*X-ray of 4 layer
composite
system, 200 μm
conductors*

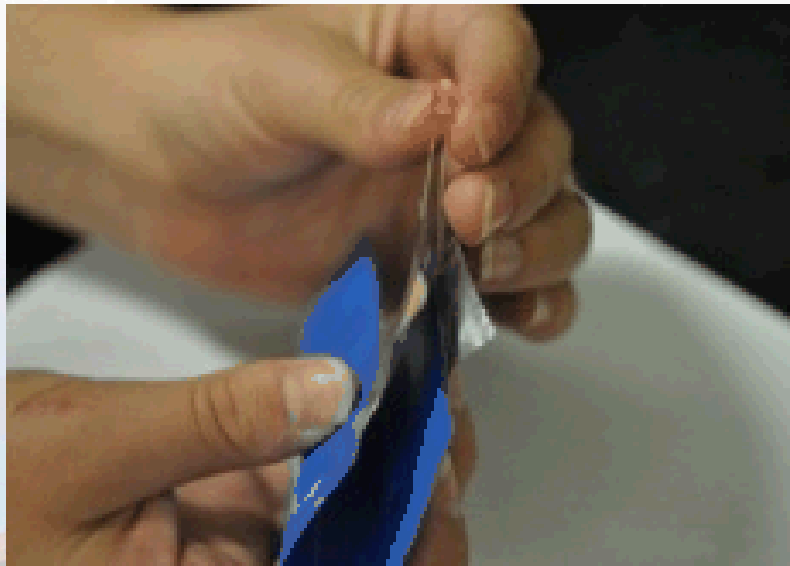
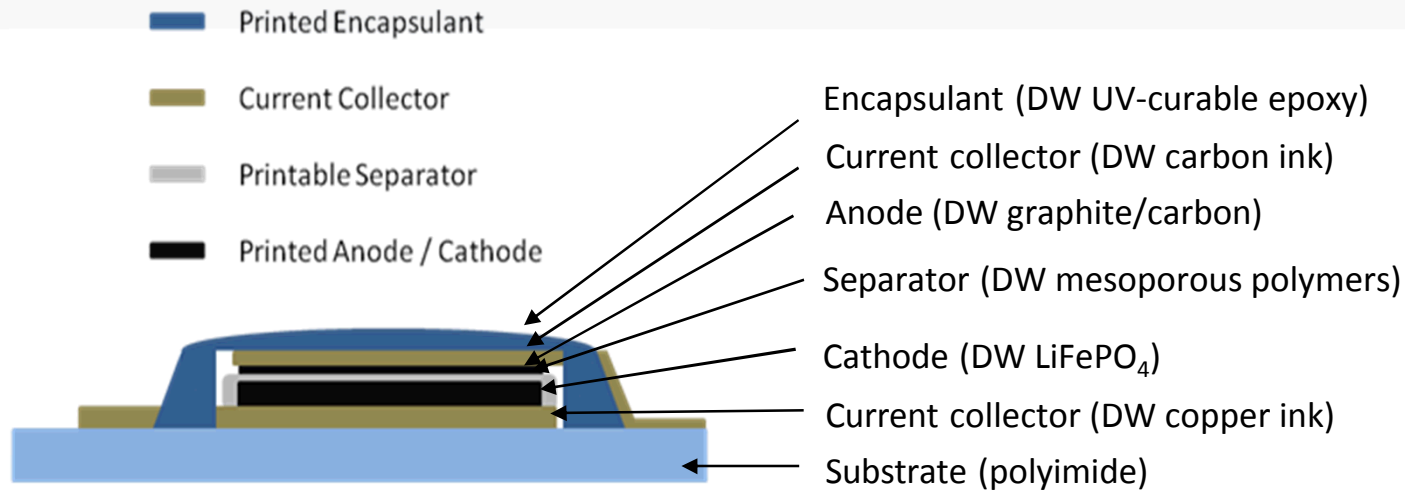


*Nano-particle Ag inks
for conductive pathways*

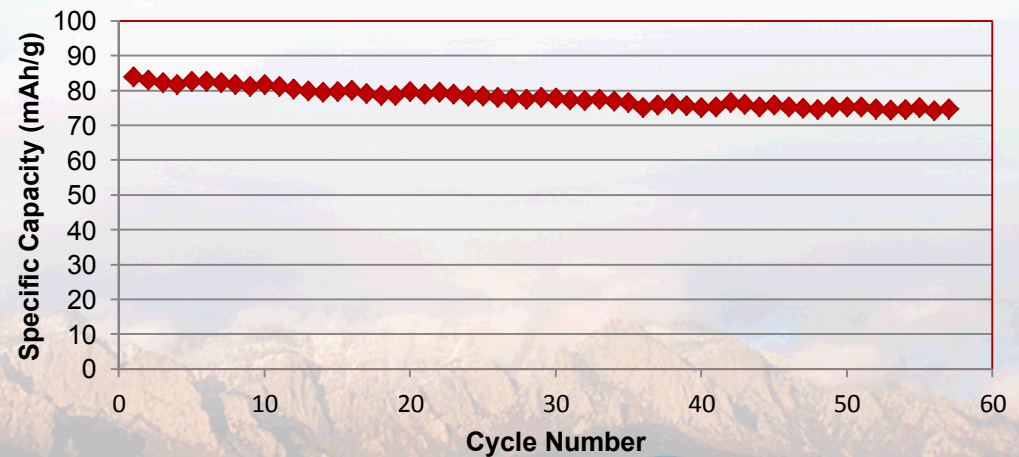


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Direct Write Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Performed Well

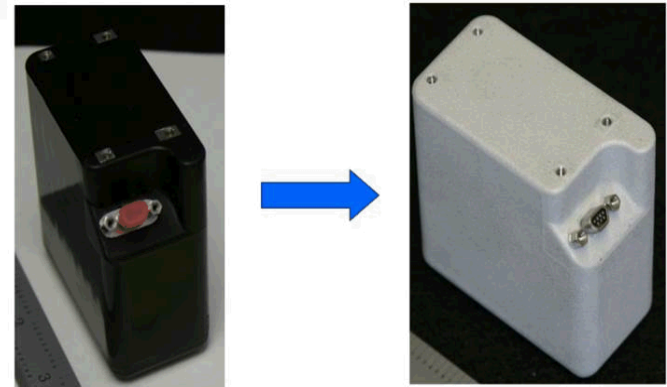


Capacity Loss With Increasing Cycle Number

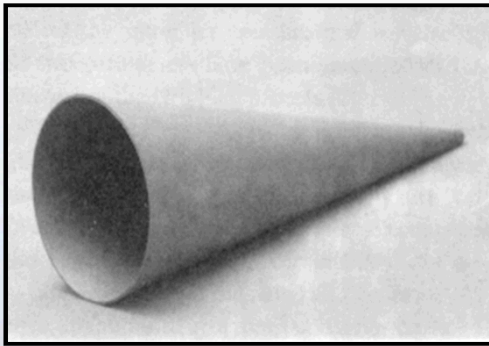


World Class Capabilities in Thermal Spray/Cold Spray

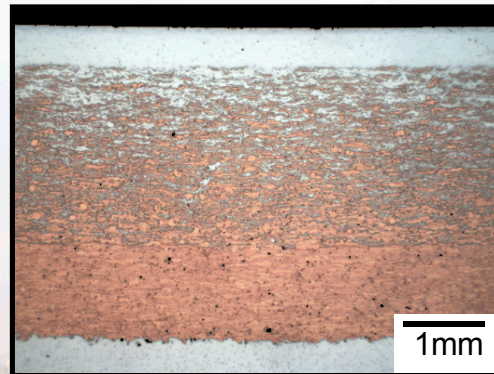
- High Deposition Rates
- Wide Choice of Materials
“anything that melts”
- Combine Highly Dissimilar Materials
- Unique Microstructures / Properties



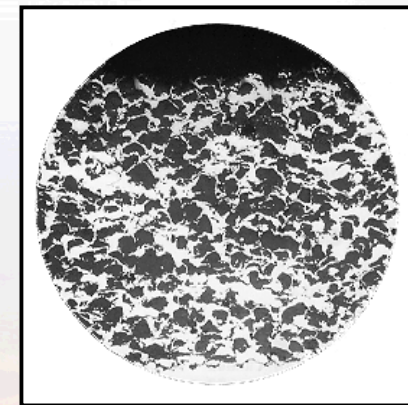
Metal Sprayed onto Plastic for Electromagnetic Shielding



*Spray-Formed
B₄C Cone[†]*



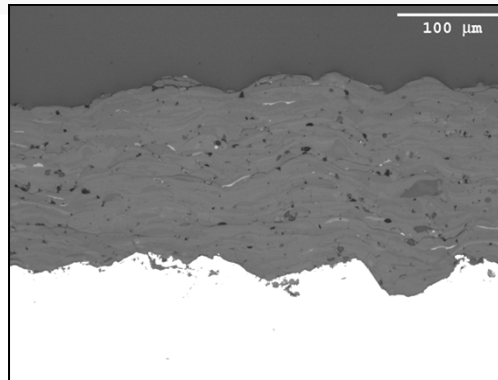
*Graded Density Cu→Al
Spray-Formed Flyer Plate*



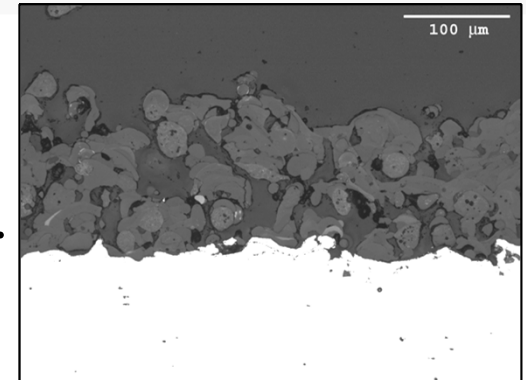
*AlSi / Polyester
Composite*

Prior Success with Qualification for Thermal Spray Production

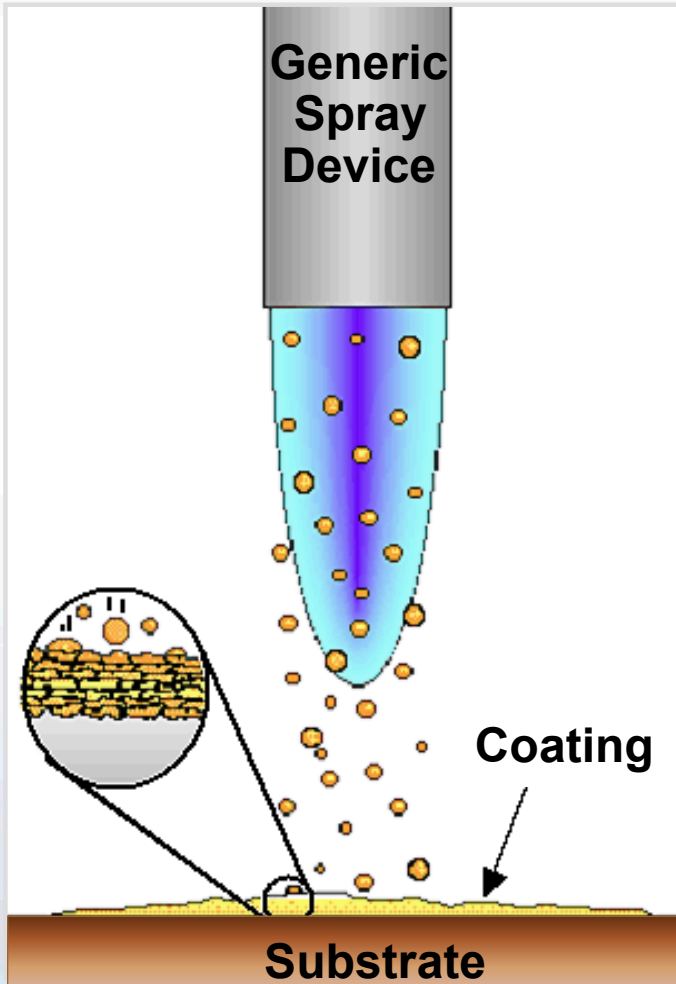
Same Equipment, Same Feedstock,



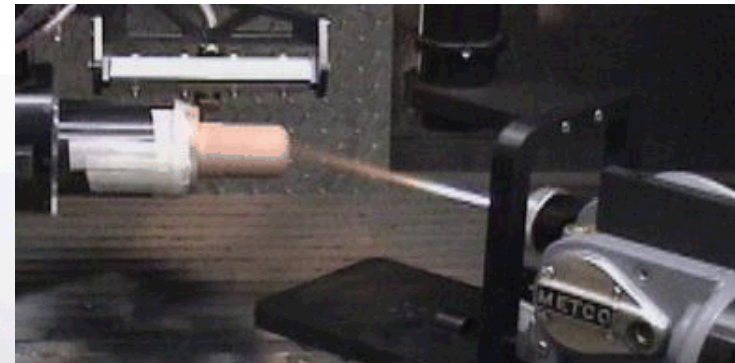
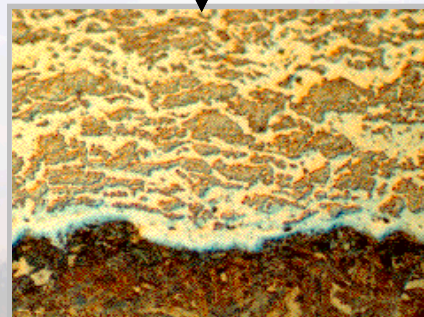
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Very Different Results



Cemented Carbide
Coating On Steel



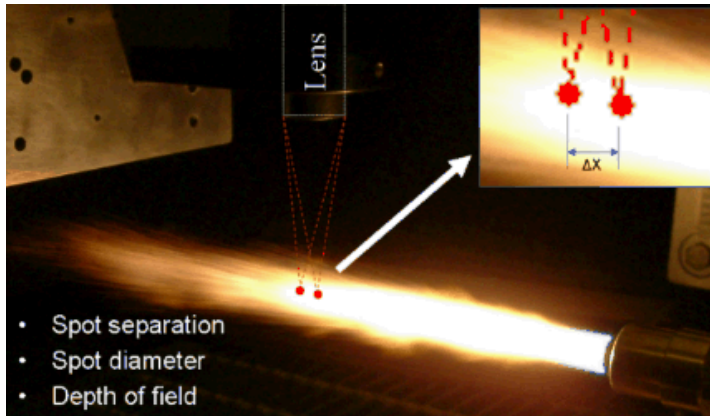
Sandia Thermal Spray Production

- Final step, ~\$100k/part
- No re-work

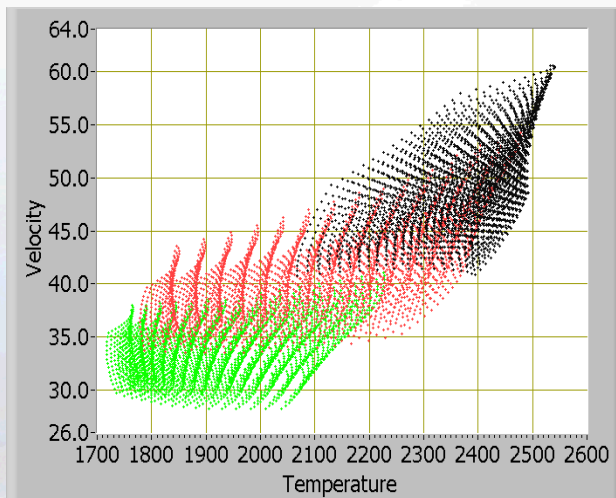
AM today is similar to Thermal Spray ~20 years ago

Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

- Experimental/computational R&D used to develop processing-microstructure-properties relationships
- Fundamental process understanding used to implement closed-loop control based on droplet temperature and velocity to reduce variability

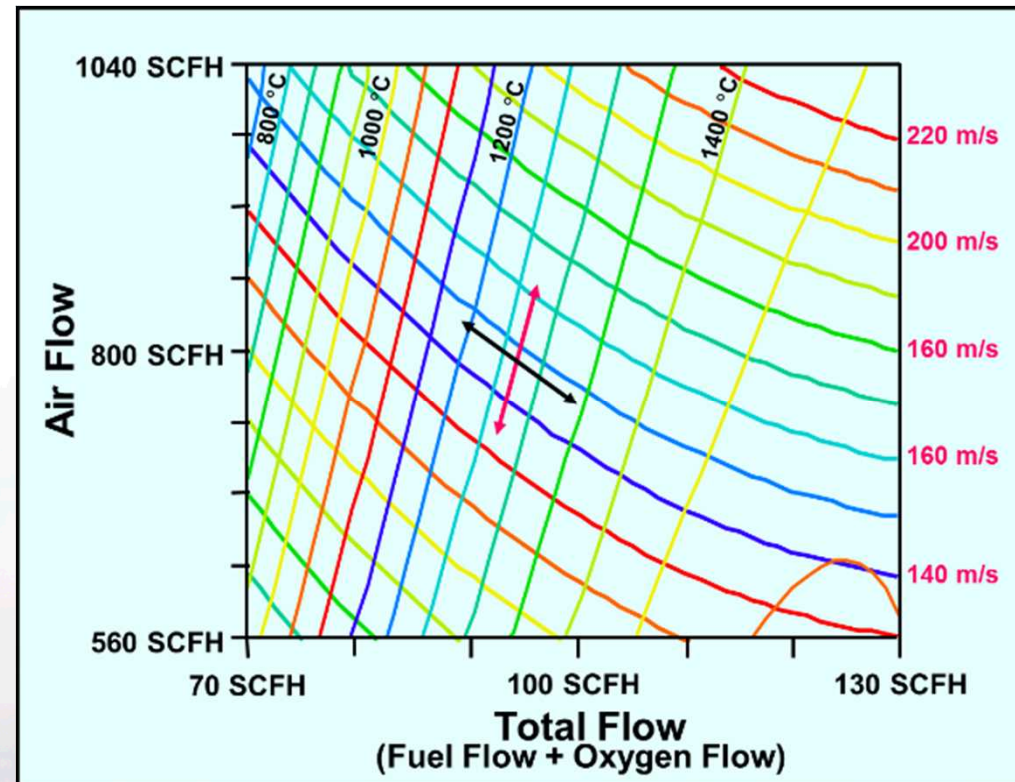


Process Diagnostics/Monitoring

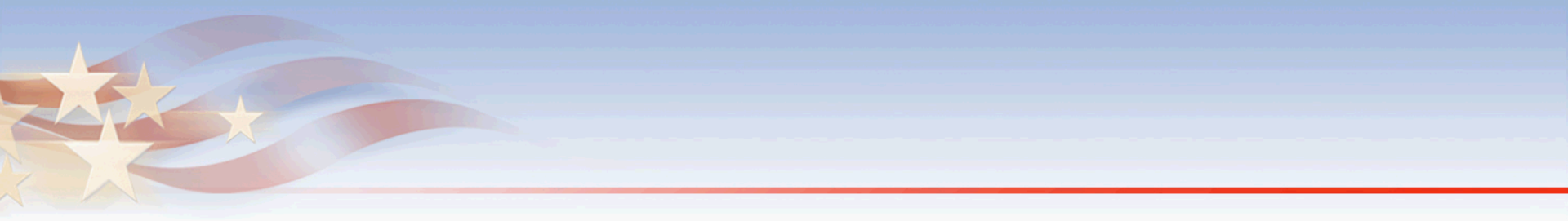


Process Modeling

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



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



AM Equipment



Plastic AM Machines

- ~ 100 Plastic AM machines at Sandia
- Web-based Central AM Printing Service



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If your file size exceeds 30 MB, please upload your file to Dropzone or FileNet. Then click "Enter URL" and paste the path where we can retrieve your file.

→ **Location of product delivery (building/room) ***

→ **Special Instructions**

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Our current rates includes labor, post-production, clean-up, and delivery:

- \$18.00 per cubic inch of raw material used (unburdened) for FDM process
- \$1.25 per gram of material used (unburdened) for Polyjet process

Preparing .stl Files

Follow these guidelines when preparing CAD .stl files for 3D printing:

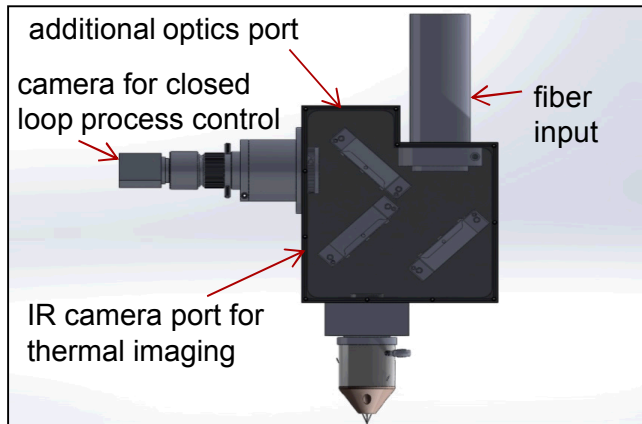
- Generate .stl files in binary format
- Enter zero for chord height; the software then defaults to the lowest possible setting
- Leave angle control at the default setting; 0.5 is the preset setting that works well

"You Think It, We'll Print It!"



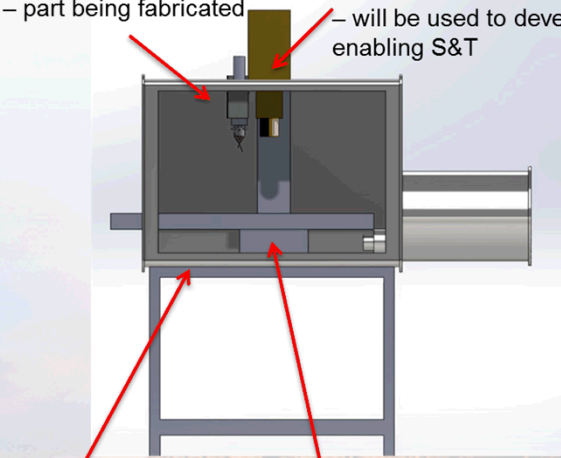
Metal AM Machines

Custom Built Additive/Subtractive LENS® System



LENS deposition head
– part being fabricated

Extensive Process Diagnostics
– will be used to develop enabling S&T



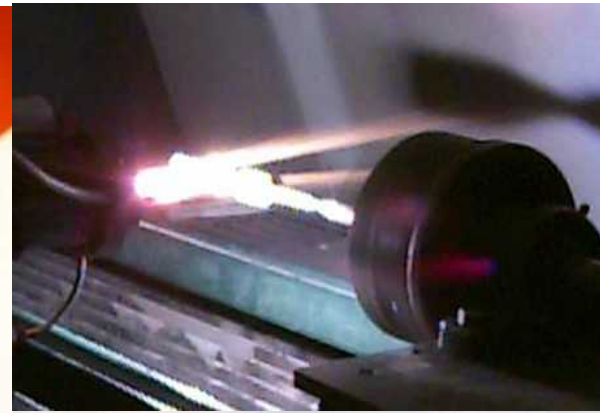
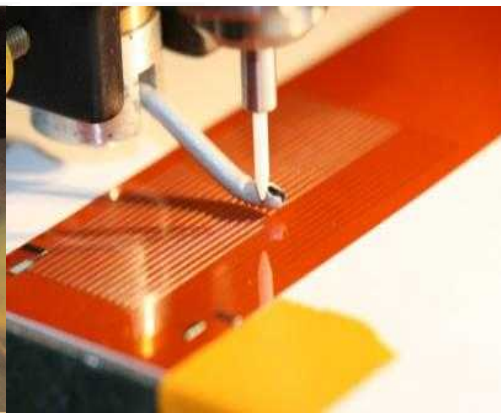
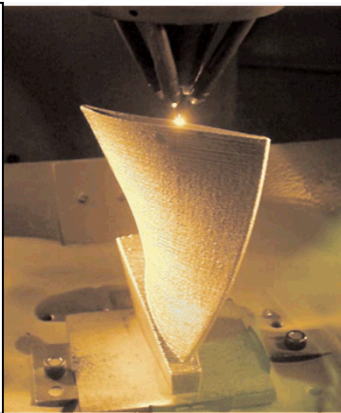
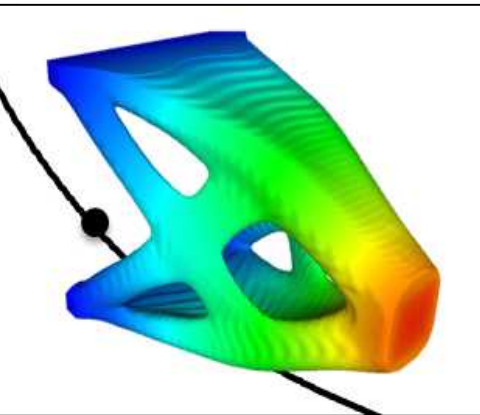
Commercial Powder Bed Laser Systems

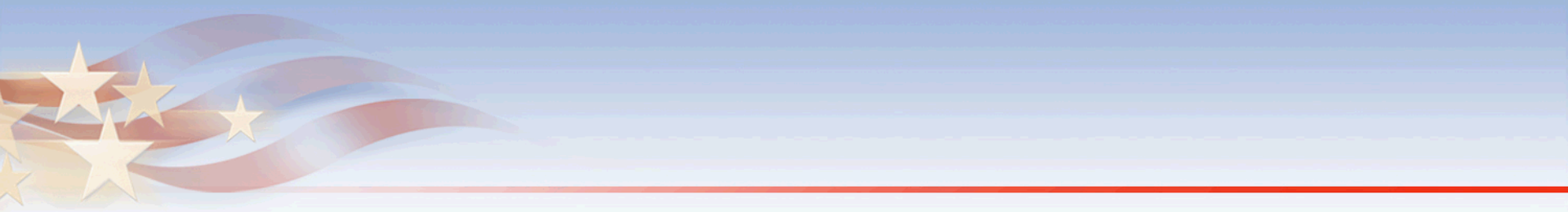


- Two 3D Systems ProX 300
- One 3D Systems ProX 200
- 9.8 x 9.8 x 11.8 inches build volume
- Many metals, some ceramics?

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 have strong expertise in Multi-Material AM & Spray Technology
- We are very interested in working with others to advance AM technology

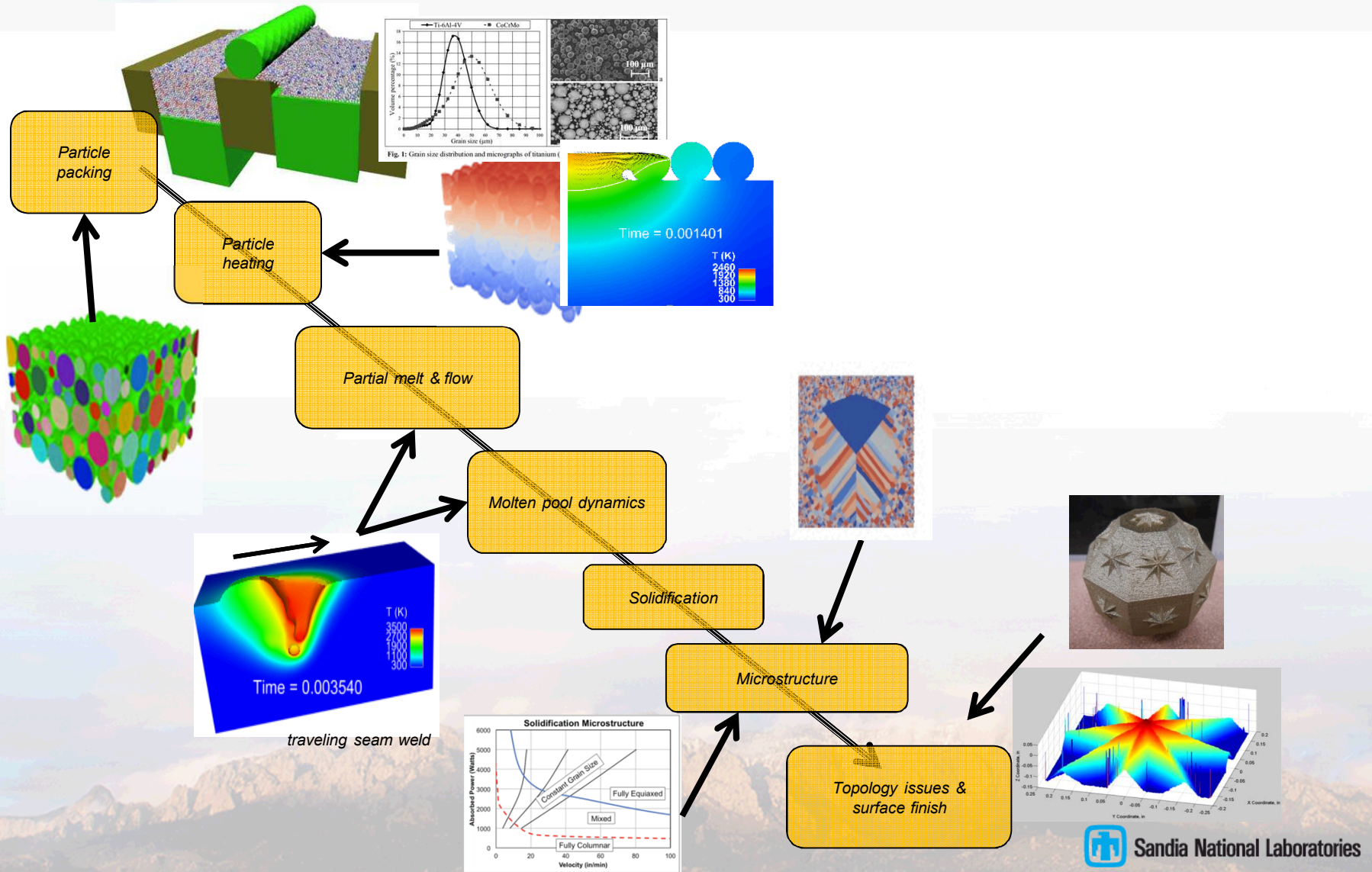




Backup Slides



Working to Model Process → Microstructure

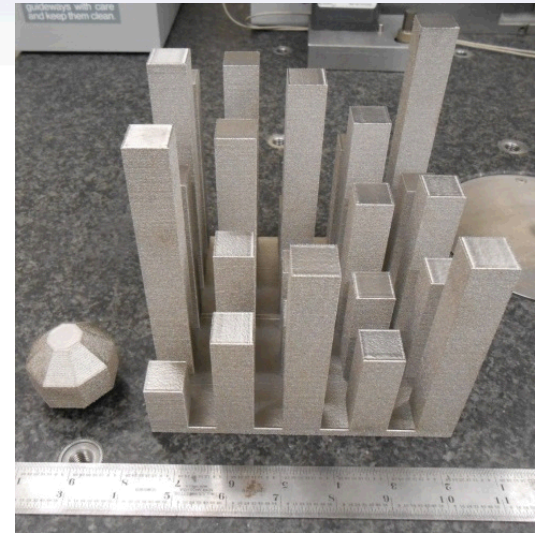


Metrology for AM Is Also A Key Challenge

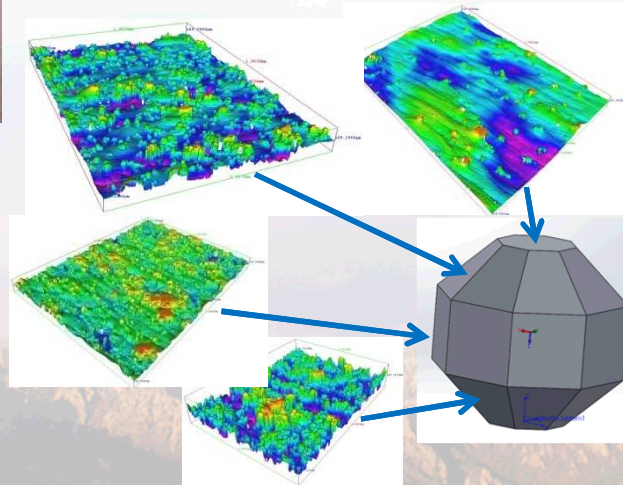
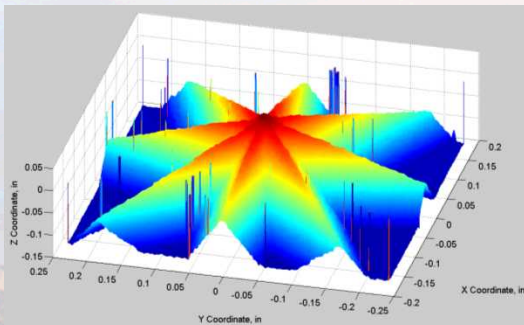
- Family of artifacts designed, 3D printed, & measured
 - Sandia Primary Standards Lab working w NIST to develop better AM metrology artifacts
- Unique challenges for process/equip. characterization
 - Tolerance/Surface Finish/Properties vary with machine, material, print orientation, support structures, post-processing,...)



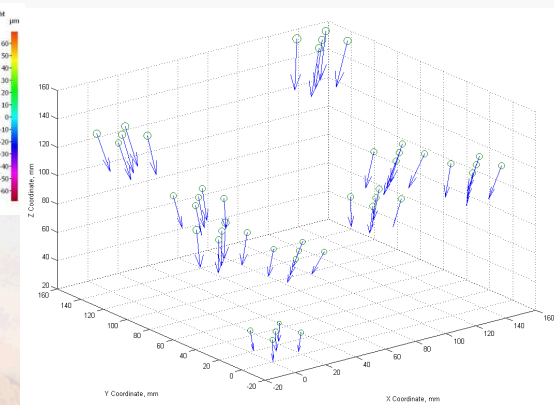
Siemens star geometries for resolution evaluation



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



17-4PH polyhedron texture anisotropy map



Ti "Manhattan" error map





Partnering to Leverage Our AM Efforts/Investments

■ Nuclear Security Enterprise, DOE, Other Federal Agencies

- Ongoing, strong NSE AM Partnerships with NSC, LLNL, LANL
- Interacting w AWE thru monthly VTC's, JOWOG meetings, & Joint Tech Demonstrator
- Actively working potential partnerships with ORNL/MDF, AFRL, NIST

■ Academic / Industry Involvement

- *America Makes* project with 3D Systems, Lockheed Martin, & Univ. of Delaware
- Currently negotiating AM CRADA with US-based AM supplier
- Active & potential collaborations with several universities
 - U of Pennsylvania
 - UC Davis
 - University of Colorado
 - University of Wisconsin
 - = Active Partnerships
 - Carnegie Mellon
 - Case Western Reserve
 - UT Austin
 - Univ. of Louisville
 - UT El Paso
 - = Active Discussions

■ Other External AM-Related Activities

- Tech landscape survey of Topology Optimization, Materials Assurance, and Multi-Material AM
- Exploring joint SNL/CA – LLNL AM facility at Livermore Valley Open Campus

