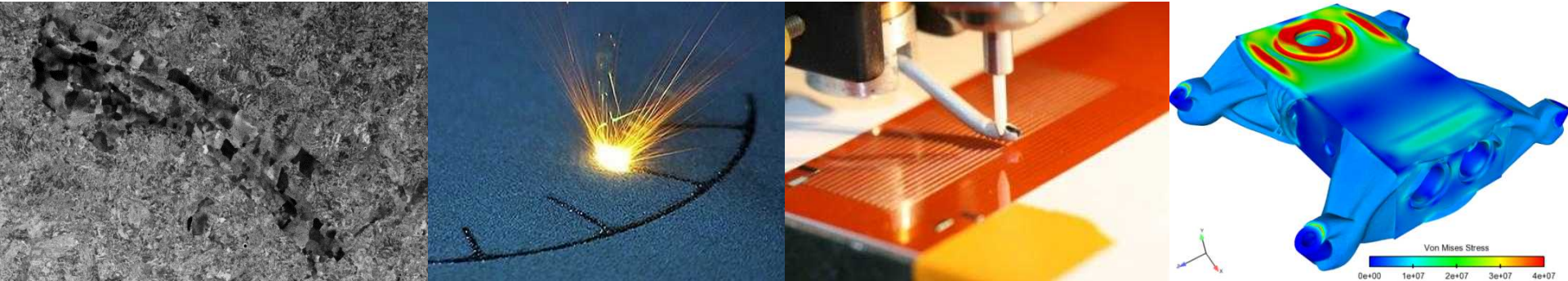


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# Applications of Material and Computational Science to AM at Sandia

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# Outline

- Sandia Overview
  - history
  - motivation
  - process capabilities
- Computational Science
  - engineered materials
    - process simulation
    - predicting material performance
  - design optimization
- Material Science
  - material assurance challenges
  - critical defects in metal powder bed fusion (PBF)

# Sandia National Laboratories

- A National Security Science & Engineering Laboratory
  - “Exceptional service in the national interest”
- Nuclear Weapons
- Defense Systems & Assessments
- Energy & Climate
- International, Homeland, & Nuclear Security





# Sandia Has a Long History in AM

- 30+ yrs of pioneering AM tech development & commercialization

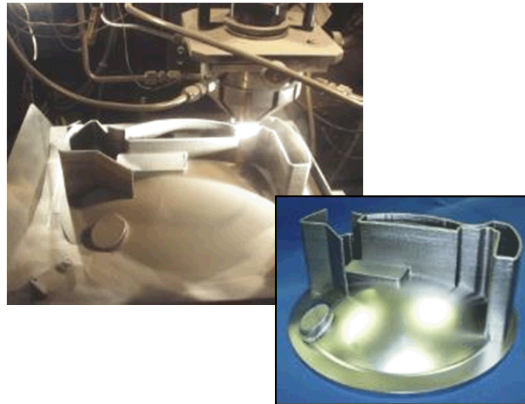
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prototype test unit



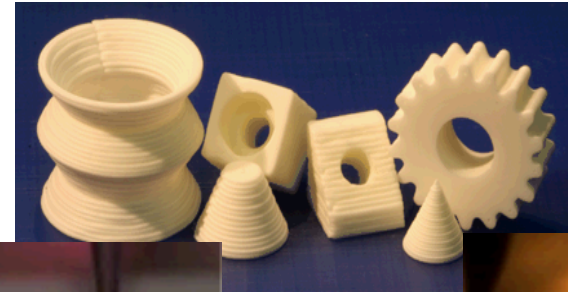
## LENS®\*

fireset housing

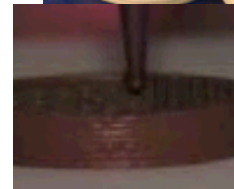


## RoboCast\*

ceramic parts

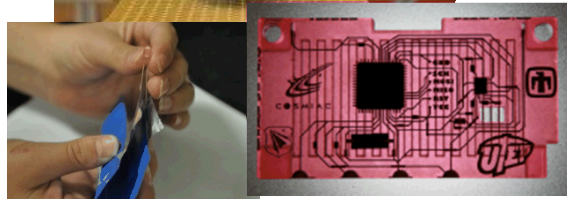
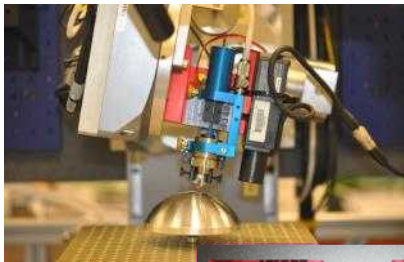


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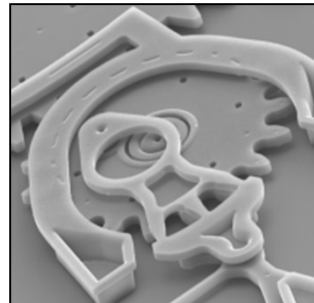
## Direct Write

conformal electronics



## MEMS SUMMIT™ \*

micro gear assembly



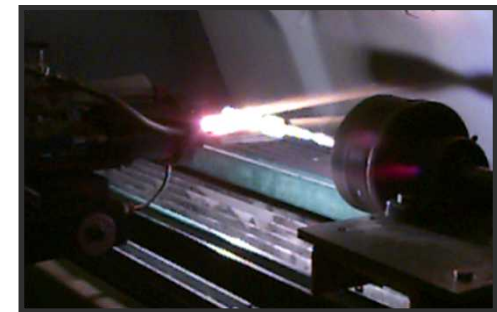
## LIGA

"Hurricane" spring



## Spray Forming

rocket nozzle

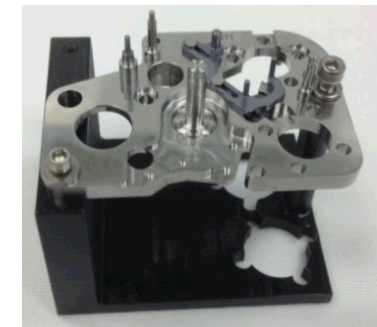
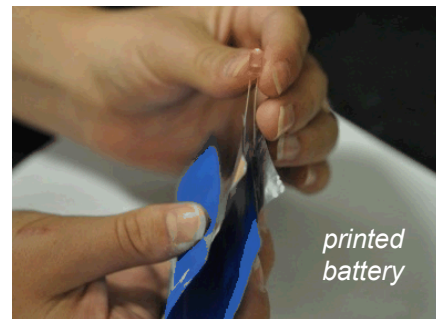
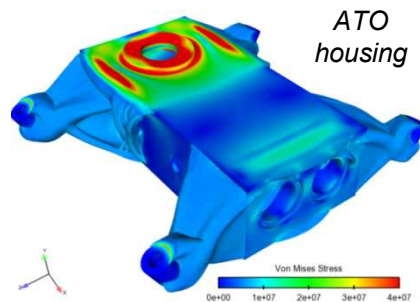
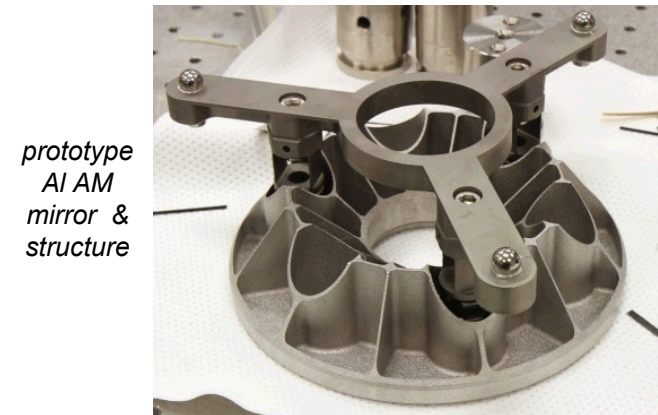
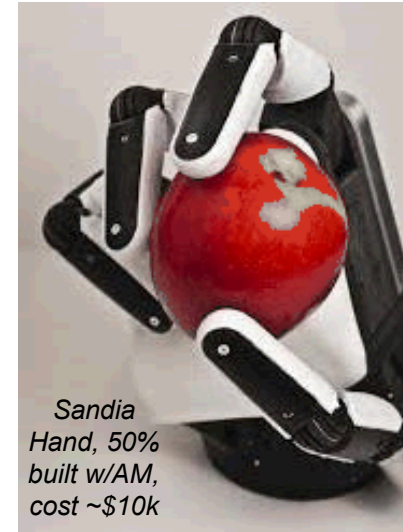


\* licensed/commercialized technology



# SNL's Additive Interest

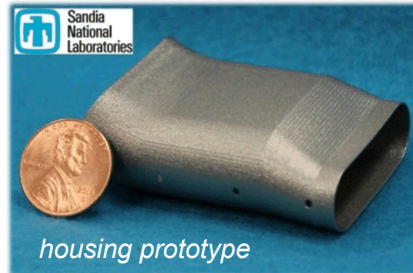
- Reduce risk, accelerate development
  - simplify assembly & processing
  - prototypes, test hardware, tooling & fixturing
    - > 75-100 plastic machines
    - cost reductions often 2-10x
  
- Add value
  - design & optimize for performance, not mfg
    - complex freeforms, internal structures, integration
  - engineered materials
    - gradient compositions
    - microstructure optimization & control
    - multi-material integration



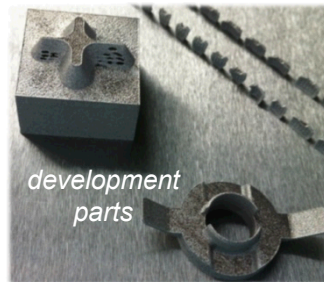
# Metal Additive



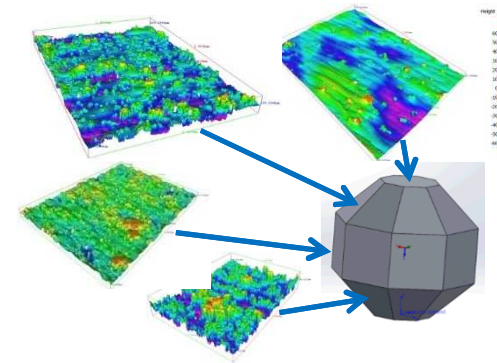
**Powder bed**



housing prototype



development parts

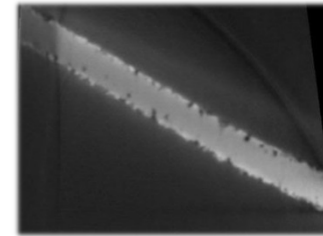


17-4PH polyhedron texture anisotropy map

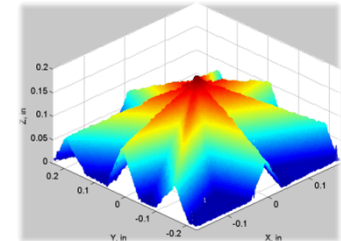
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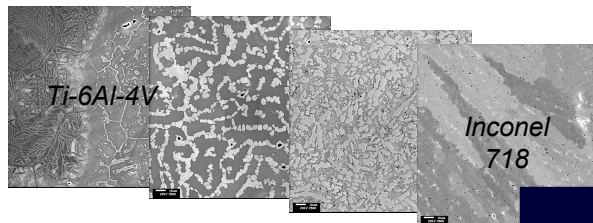
"Death" star for process evaluation



17-4PH voids & defects w/CT



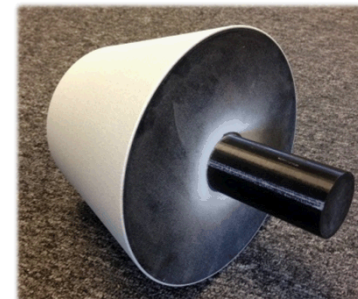
Ti6Al4V Siemens star data



functionally graded materials

**LENS**

thermal history during bi-directional metal deposition



3D printed mandrel w/thermal sprayed zinc

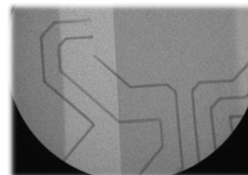
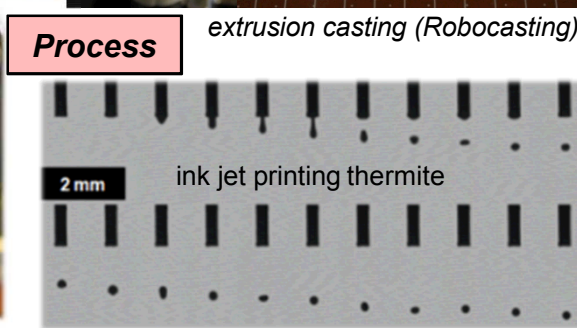
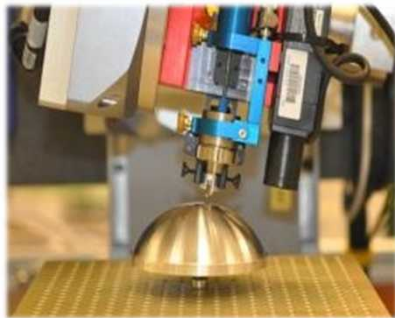
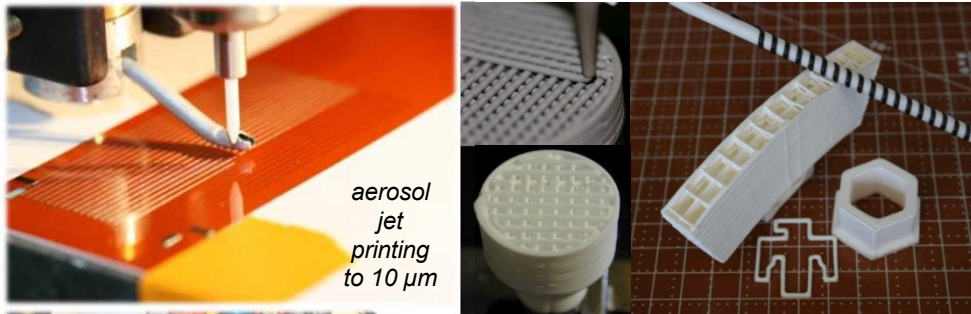
**Thermal spray**



Cu-Al plasma sprayed graded density coating

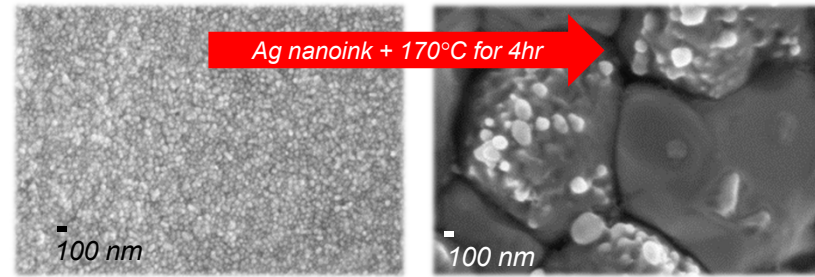


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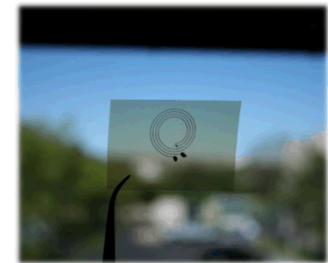
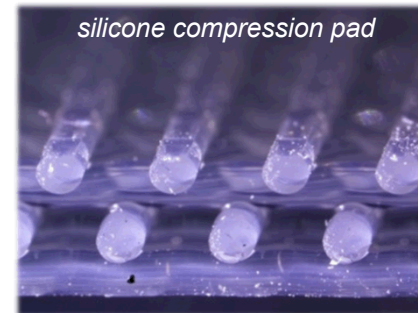
rapid circuit prototyping & production  
for thick film LTCC

## Applications

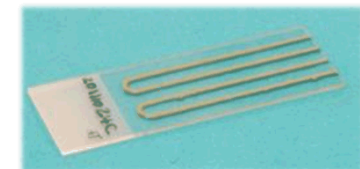


sintering of Ag nanoinks for conductive pathways

## Materials



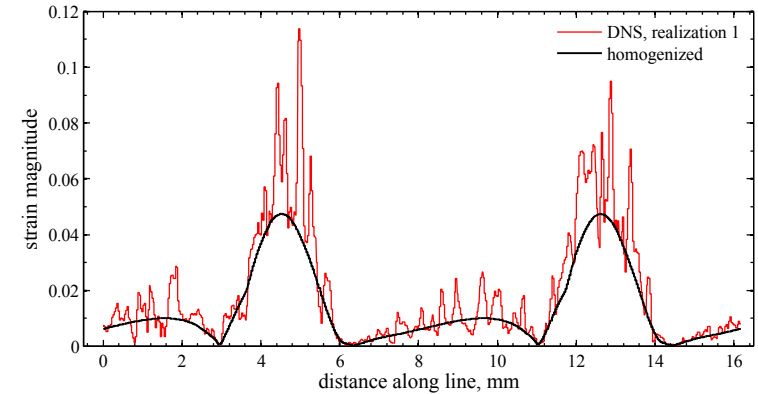
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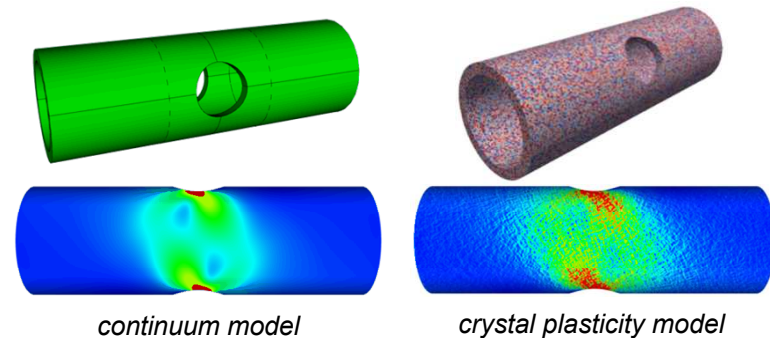


# Engineered Materials

- Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME)
  - materials analog to mechanical engineering
  - microstructure matters
  
- Voxel access introduces new opportunities for control & design
  - spanning multi-scales is difficult
  - metallurgical limits exist



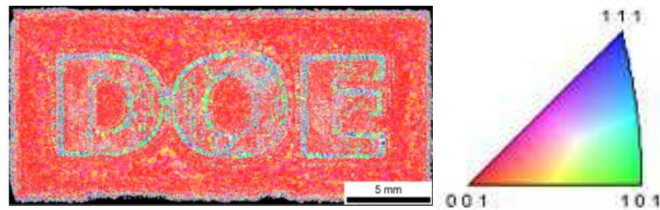
*strain field due to tension-torsion*



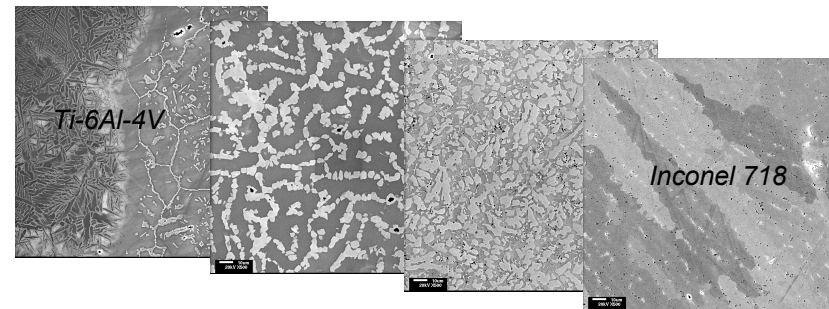
*continuum model*

*crystal plasticity model*

AM Inconel 718 texture control demo by ORNL

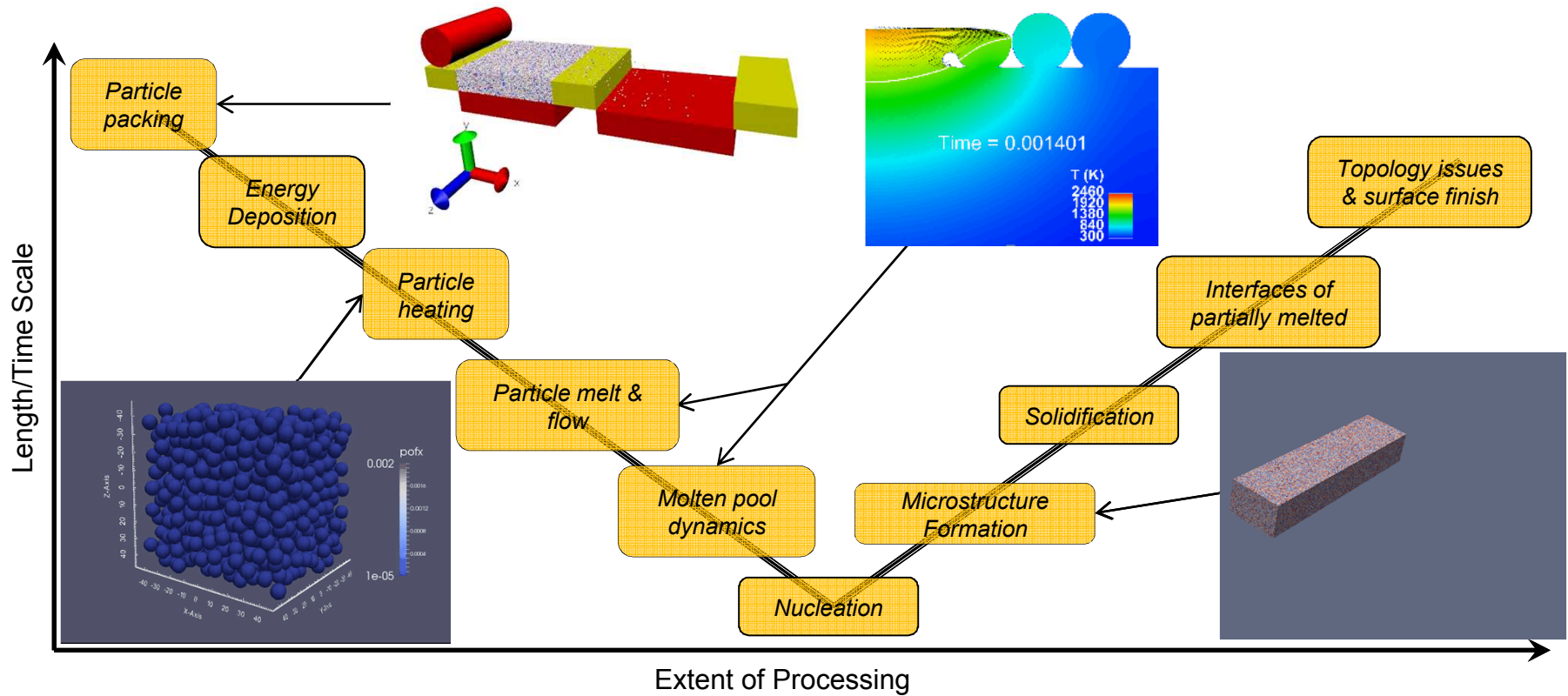


"We can now control local material properties, which will change the future of how we engineer metallic components," R. Dehoff



*LENS® functionally graded materials*

# Application of Process Simulations



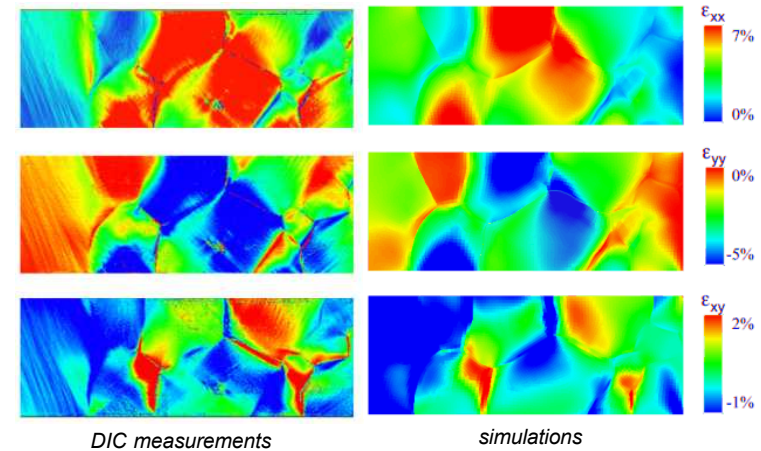
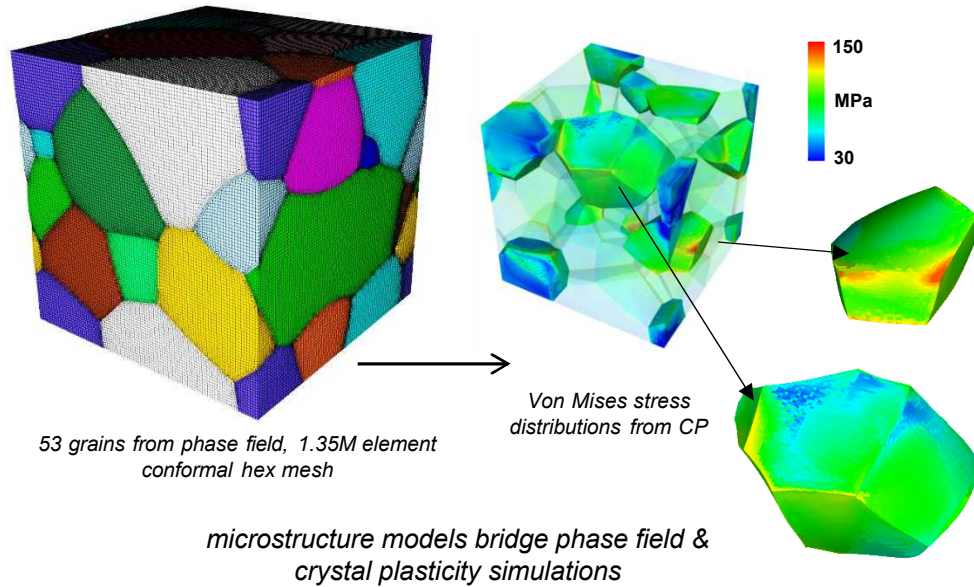
## ■ Process

- reduce experimentation
  - laser-material interaction
  - discrete particle physics
- process -> structure relationships
- process limits

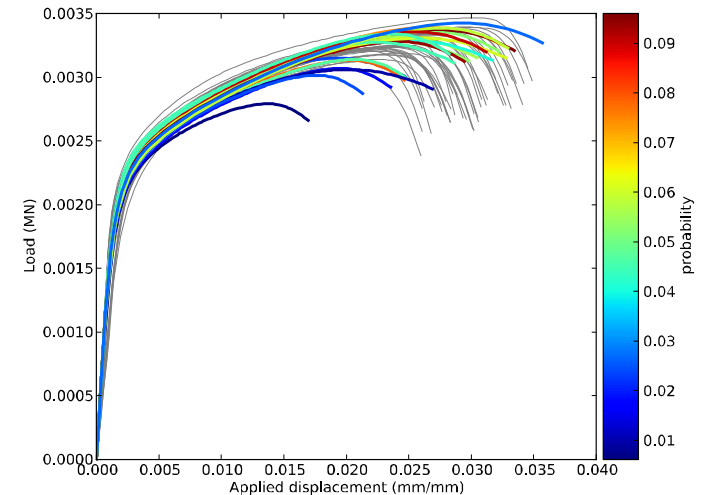
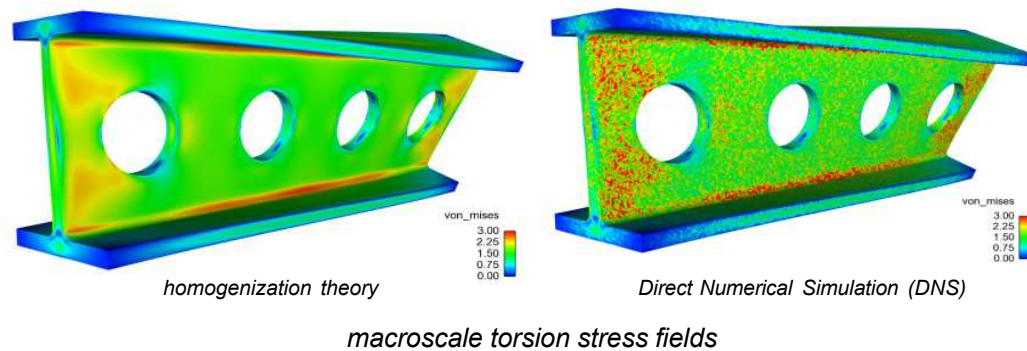
## ■ Defect impact

- understand formation mechanisms
- explore uncertainty quantifications
- predict response from stochastic process knowledge

# Predicting Material Performance



oligocrystal tensile load experiment vs. crystal plasticity models

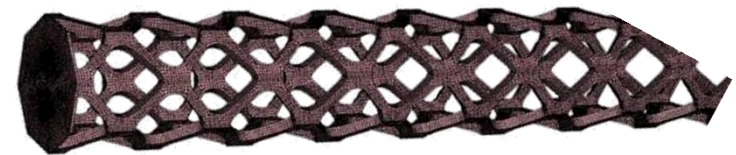
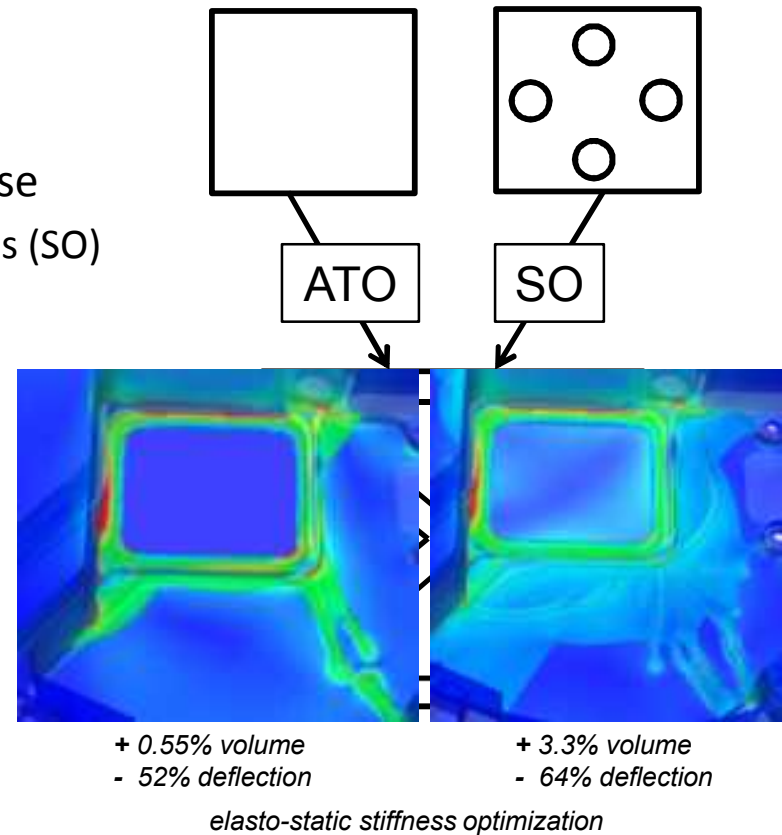
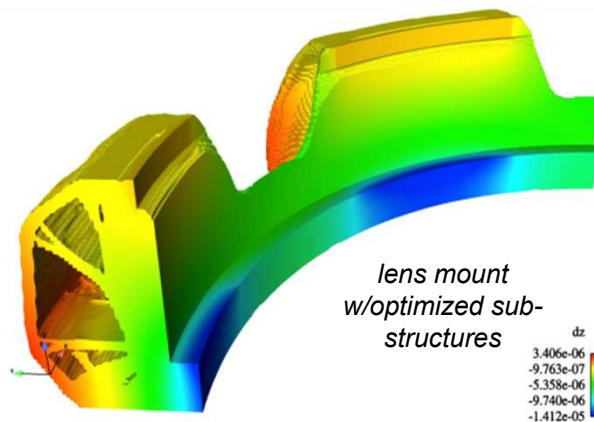


predicted (color) vs. measured (grey) response for welds (PPM)



# New Design Freedom

- Computational synthesis for optimal material use
  - adaptive topological (ATO) & shape optimizations (SO)
  - leverages “complexity is preferred”
  - constrained by performance requirements
  - bio-mimicry requires AM
  - design occurs concurrent w/simulation

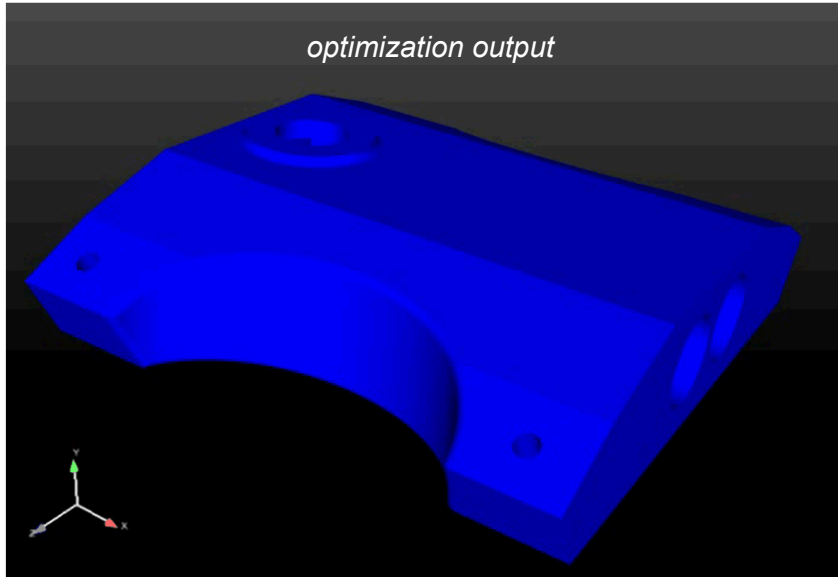


solution for a bar in pure torsion resembles a cholla cactus

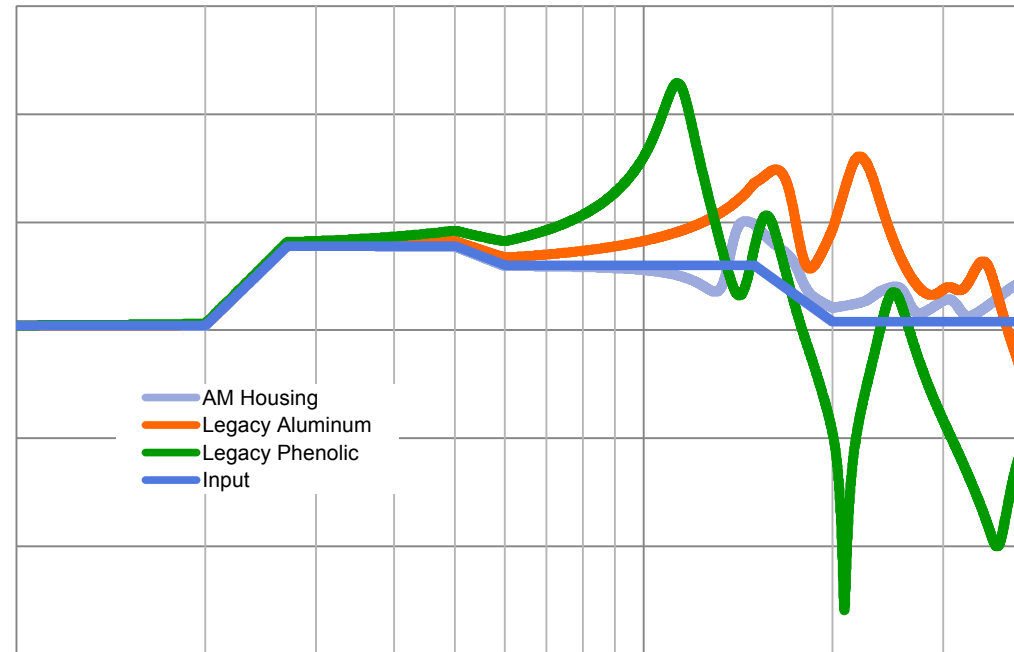
# Optimization Impact

Optimized design (using same mass and material, i.e., carbon phenolic) achieves 39% average increase in modes of interest, compared to 23% increase achieved by printing original design in aluminum.

*optimization output*



Housing Response



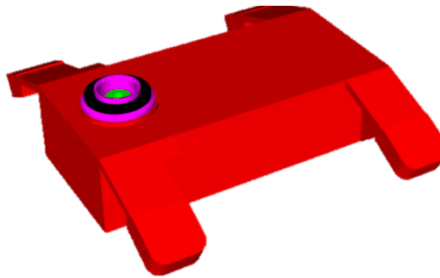
# Inverting the Design Cycle

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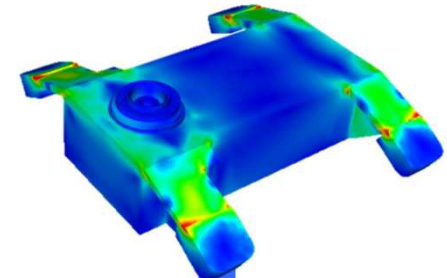
Specify Form



Design



Verify Function Using  
FEA

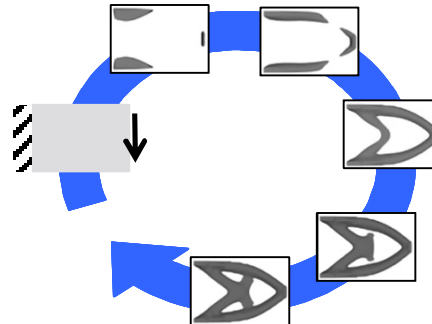


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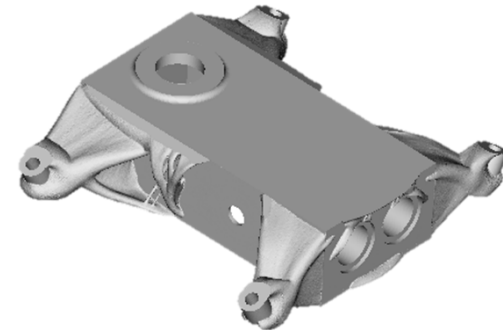
Specify Design Domain  
and Function



Use Topology Optimization (FEA) to  
Determine Form that Meets Function

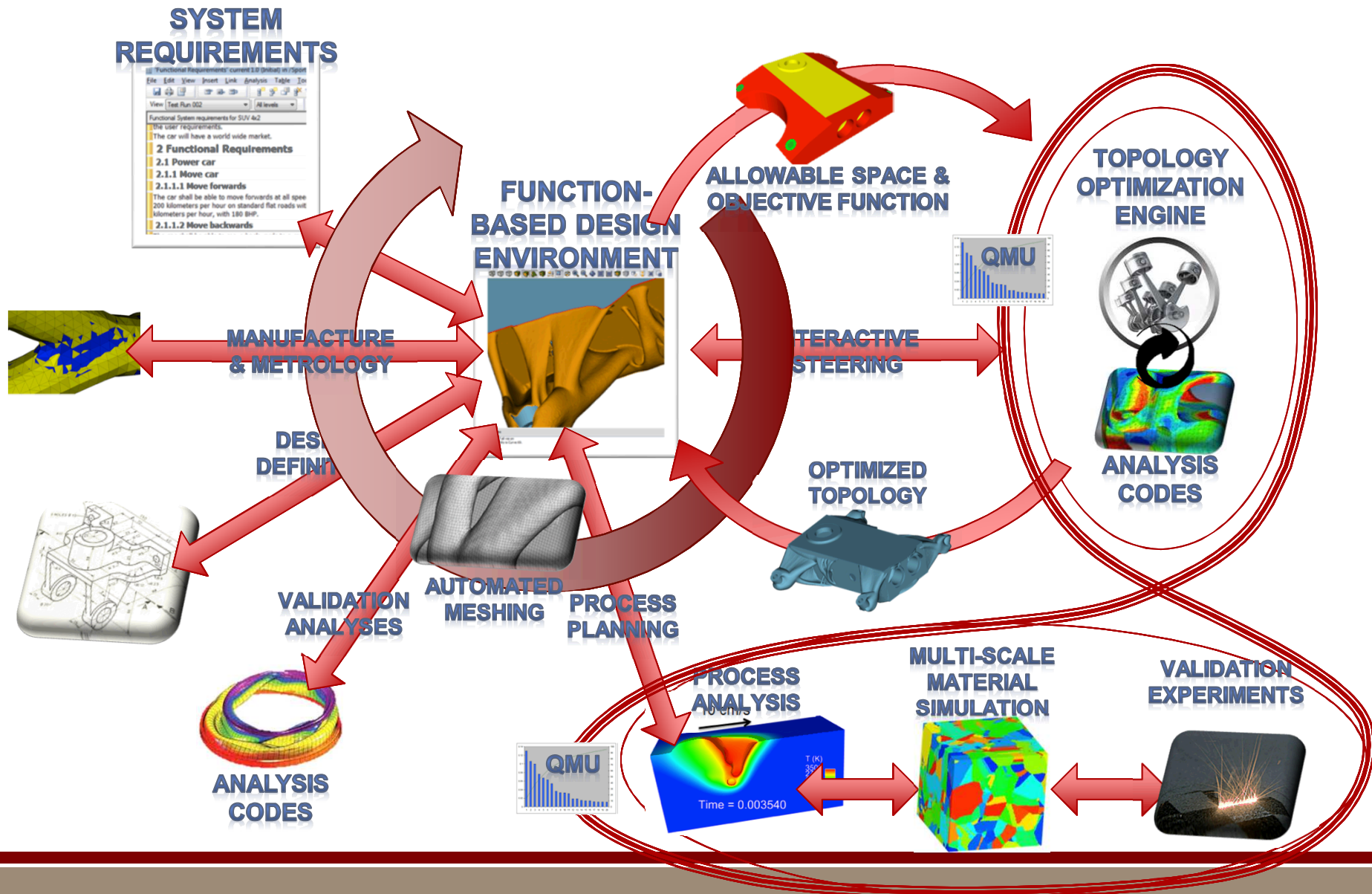


Optimized  
Design (Form)

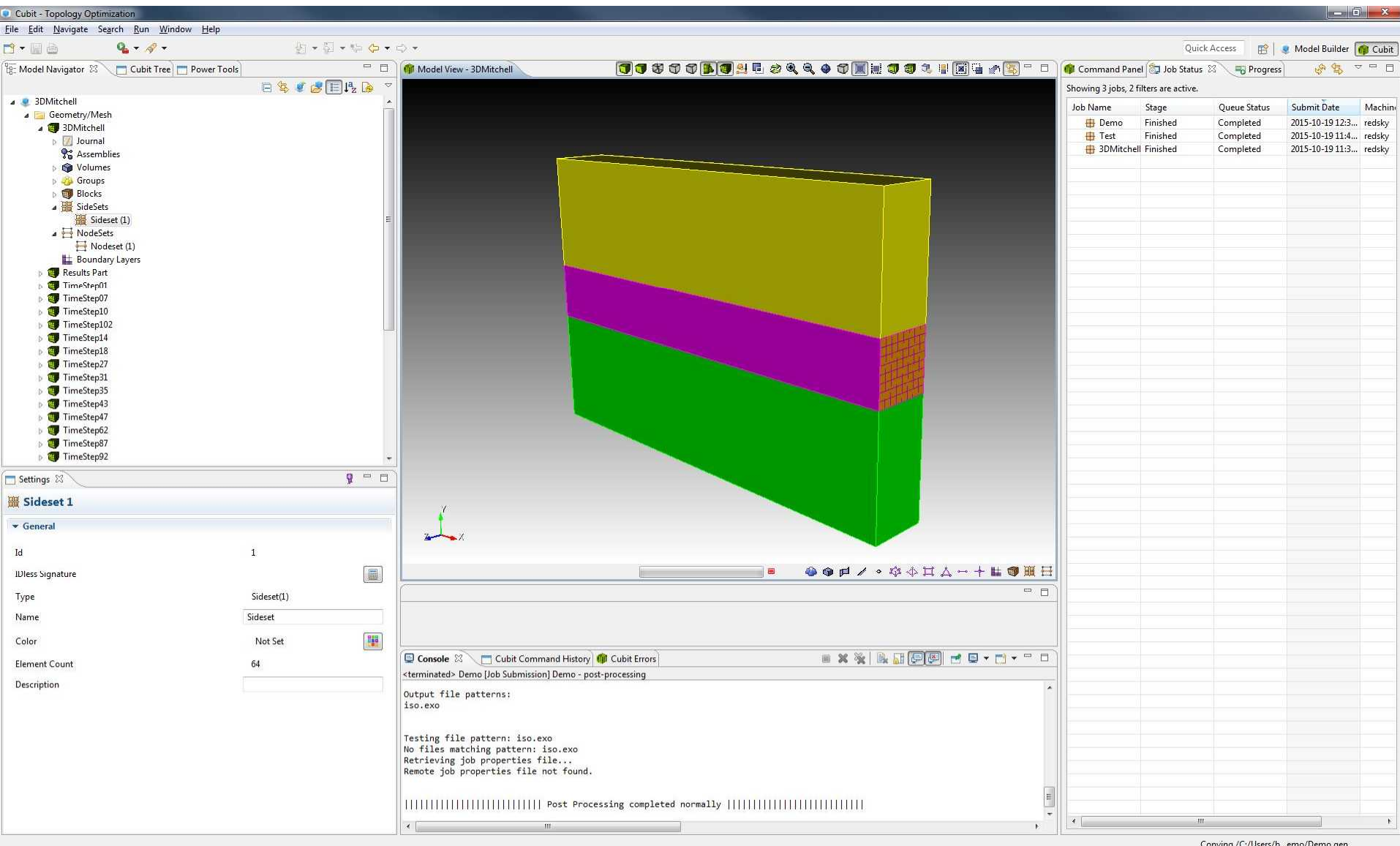




# How Will This Revolution Work?



# Sandia Analysis Workbench (SAW)



The screenshot displays the Cubit - Topology Optimization software interface. The main window shows a 3D model of a rectangular block with a brick-like pattern on one side. The interface includes several panels and toolbars:

- Model Navigator:** Shows the hierarchy of the model, including Geometry/Mesh, 3DMitchell, Journal, Assemblies, Volumes, Groups, Blocks, SideSets, NodeSets, and Boundary Layers.
- Settings:** Displays the configuration for the selected SideSet 1, including General, ID, IDless Signature, Type, Name, Color, Element Count, and Description.
- Model View - 3DMitchell:** The central 3D view showing the model.
- Command Panel:** Shows the status of jobs, including Job Name, Stage, Queue Status, Submit Date, and Machine.
- Console:** Displays the output of the software, including the command history and error messages.

The Command Panel shows the following jobs:

Job Name	Stage	Queue Status	Submit Date	Machine
Demo	Finished	Completed	2015-10-19 12:3...	redsky
Test	Finished	Completed	2015-10-19 11:4...	redsky
3DMitchell	Finished	Completed	2015-10-19 11:3...	redsky

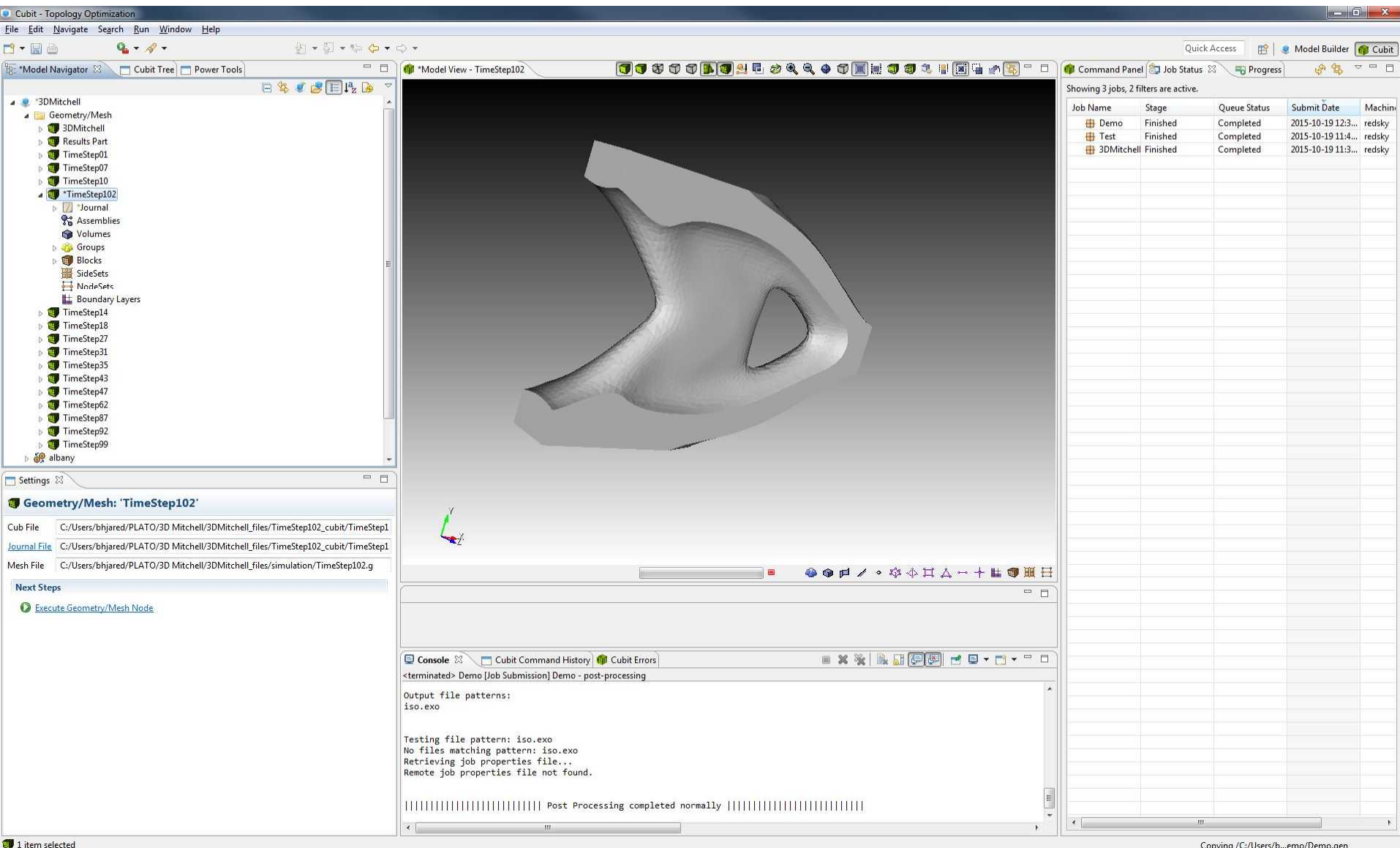
The Console shows the following output:

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Output file patterns:
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Testing file pattern: iso.exo
No files matching pattern: iso.exo
Retrieving job properties file...
Remote job properties file not found.

Post Processing completed normally
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# Sandia Analysis Workbench (SAW)



**Cubit - Topology Optimization**

File Edit Navigate Search Run Window Help

Quick Access Model Builder Cubit

Showing 3 jobs, 2 filters are active.

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**Geometry/Mesh: 'TimeStep102'**

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 Mesh File: C:/Users/bhjared/PLATO/3D Mitchell/3DMitchell\_files/simulation/TimeStep102.g

**Next Steps**

[Execute Geometry/Mesh Node](#)

**Console** Cubit Command History Cubit Errors

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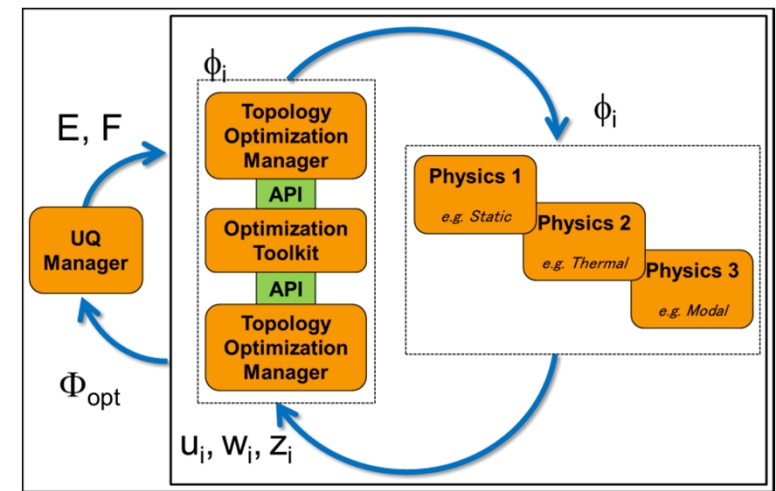
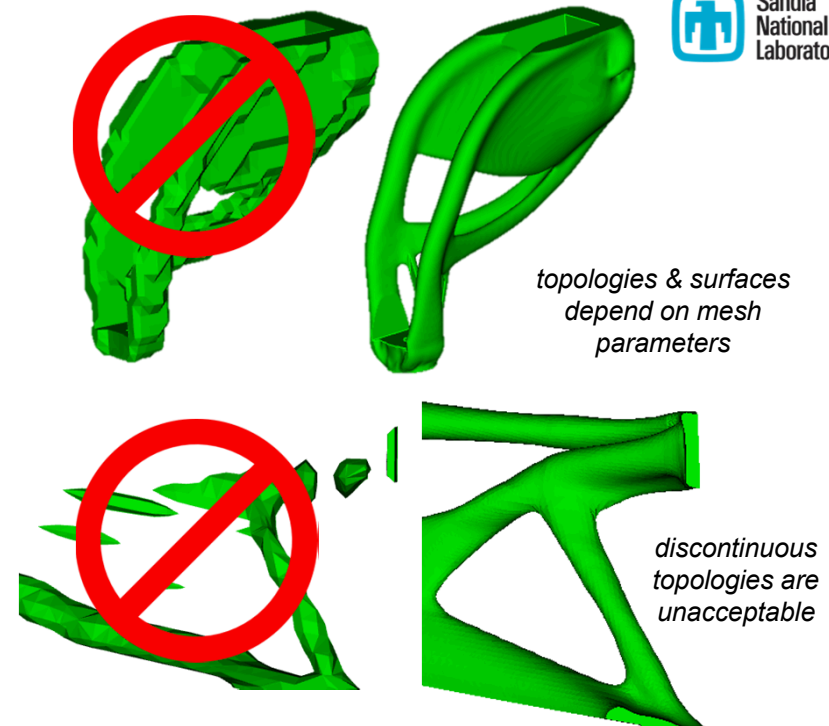
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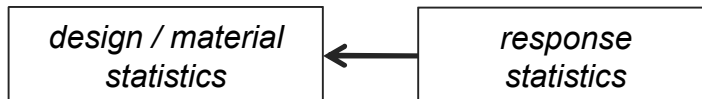


# Design Challenges

- Ease of use
  - data formats
  - interactive steering
  - smooth, connected geometries
- Efficiency
  - manipulating volume data
  - reduced order models
  - faster converging algorithms
- Physics
  - elasto-statics, modal, thermal exist
  - complex boundary constraints (ex. sliding)
  - multi-physics
  - process constraints & design rules
- Uncertainties
  - computational, requirements, materials
  - solve stochastic inverse problem

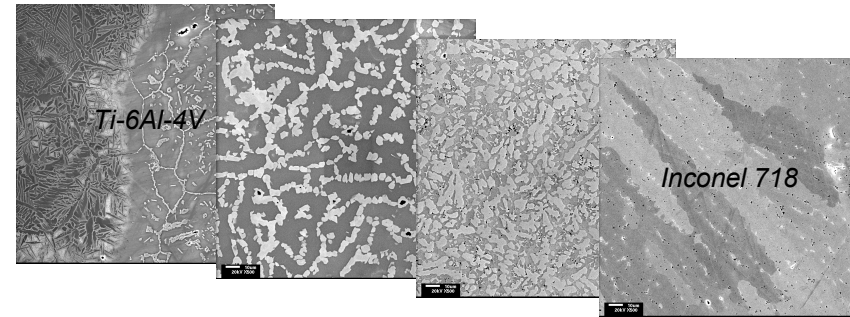


*optimization scheme*

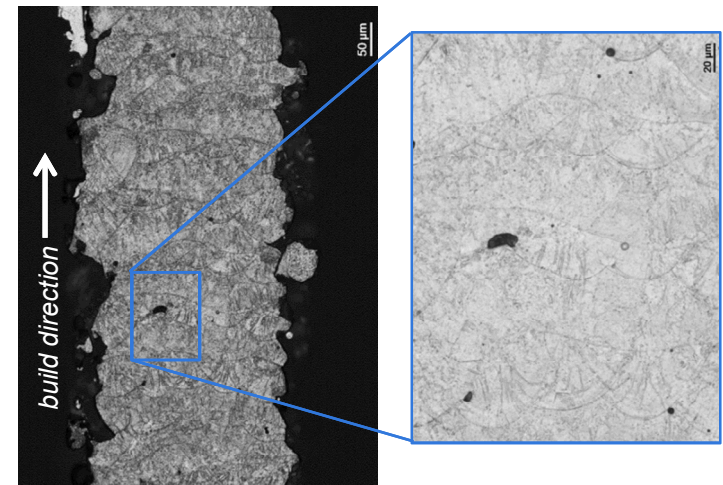


# Challenges Managing Additive Metals

- Material formation concurrent w/geometry
  - feedstock certs inadequate for performance
  - how to ID a bad part?
    - ex-situ evaluation can be too slow, expensive, inaccurate &/or late
    - need worst case properties & distributions, not just the mean
  - complexity isn't "free"
    - traditionally just measured surfaces
    - properties vary w/geometry
  
- Processes
  - predominantly open loop
    - enables large margins or post-process inspection
    - unacceptable for high consequence parts
  - process monitoring becoming available
    - defect detection
    - path to moderate margins & yields (?)



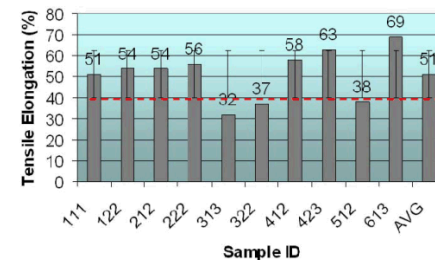
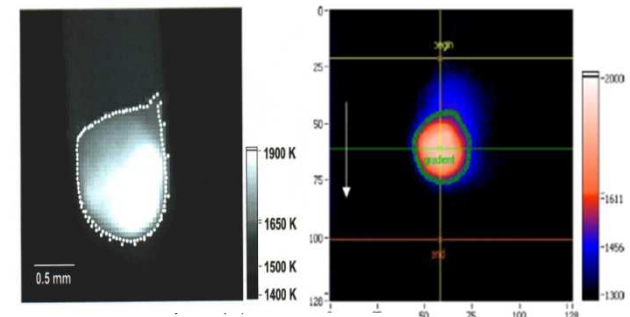
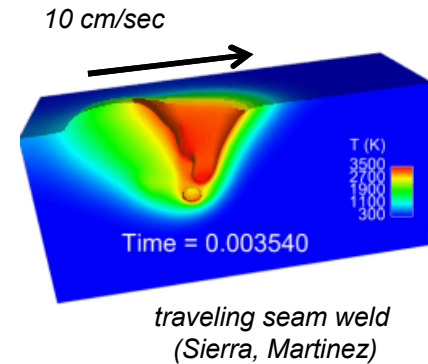
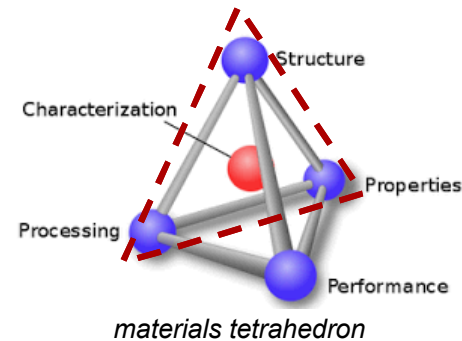
LENS<sup>®</sup> functionally graded materials



defects in 17-4 PH w/ 0.015" nominal wall thickness

# New Paradigm for Material Assurance

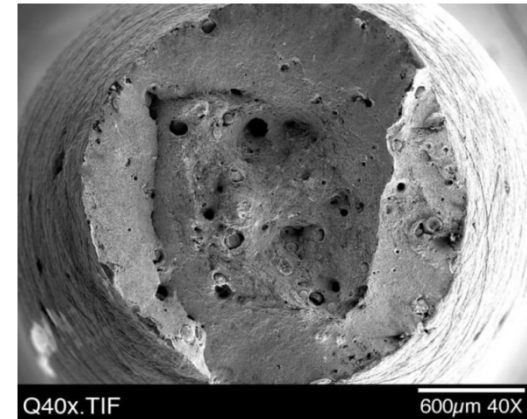
- Quantify process-structure-property relationships
  - process maps, constitutive models & HPC simulations
  - *understand behavior & formation of critical defects*
- Implement process control
  - start w/in-situ monitoring
    - establish property bounds & control needs
  - predictive process control
    - defect prevention (and correction?)
    - material optimization
- Leverage experience in LENS®, laser welding, thermal spray, casting



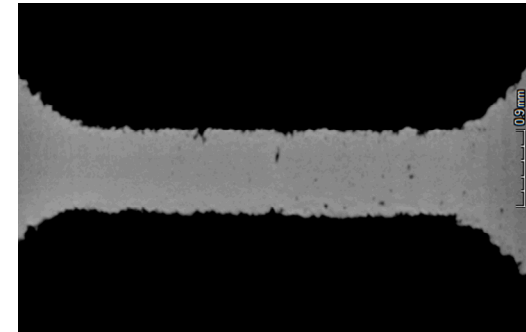
LENS® control of  
melt pool &  
microstructure

# Exploring Critical Defects

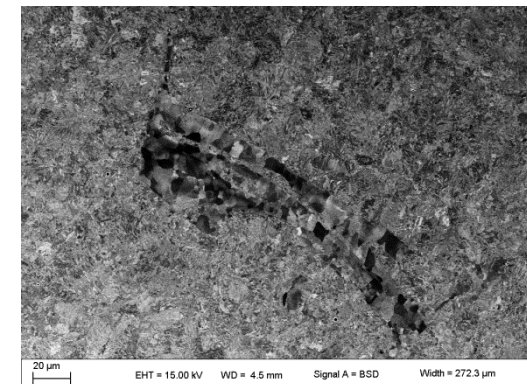
- Characterize, predict & control for metal powder bed fusion
  - exploring PH13-8Mo as an alternative to 304L
    - initial work in 17-4PH
  - higher strength w/multiple strengthening mechanisms
  
- Quantifying morphologies & distributions
  - micro-CT, destructive sectioning
  - multi-modal analyses
    - grain orientation, composition, localized hardness, micro-segregation, secondary phases
  - what can we ID accurately & efficiently?
  
- Understand mechanistic impacts on properties
  - characterize stochastics
  - build structure-property relationships



*ductile fracture initiated by LENS® defects in PH13-8Mo\**



*CT of 17-4PH dogbone sample*

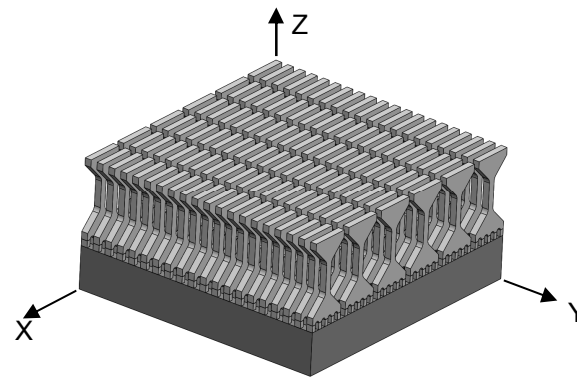


*untransformed austenite+ferrite in 17-4PH*

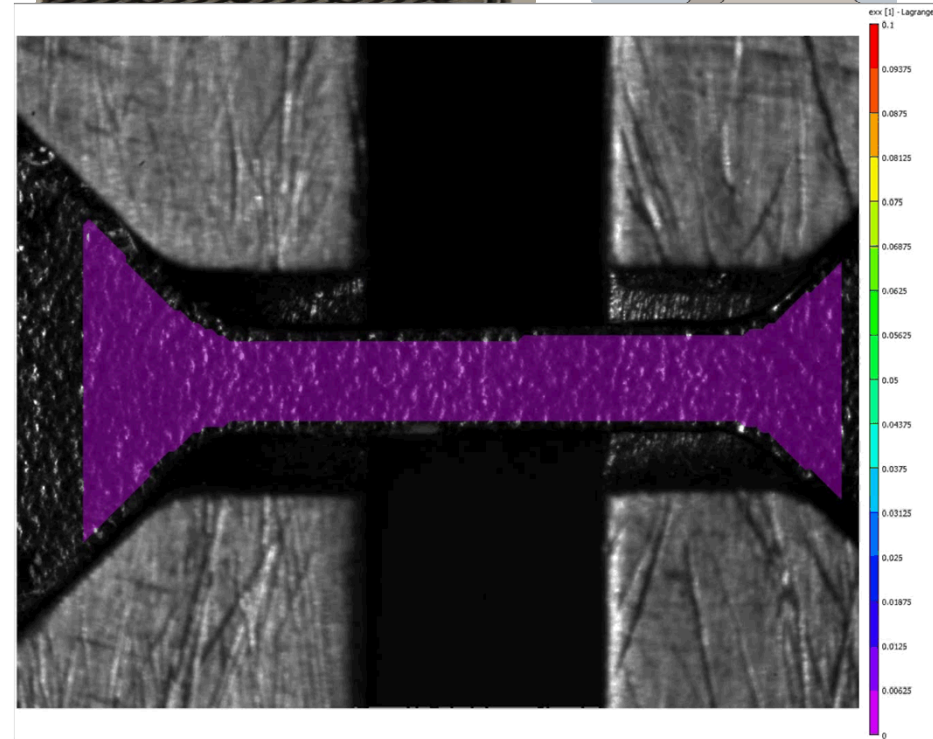
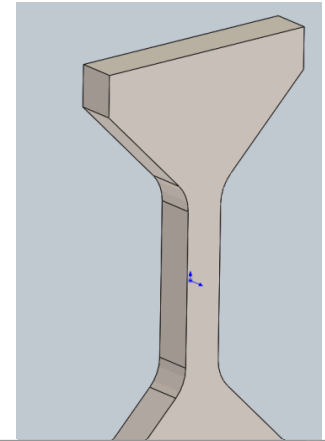
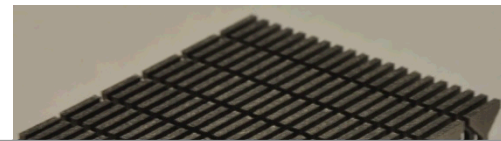


# Tensile Testing

- Characterizing stochastics
  - **large sample sets**
  - **high throughput**
    - approaching 100/hr
  - custom dogbone test sample
    - follows ASTM guidelines
  - using digital image correlation (DIC)
    - off-line analysis
- Initial testing
  - 0.4, 1.0, 2.5 mm square gage sections
  - “constant” build process from two vendors
    - vertical build orientation
    - individual part locations tracked
  - exploring heat treatment, build orientation & process parameters

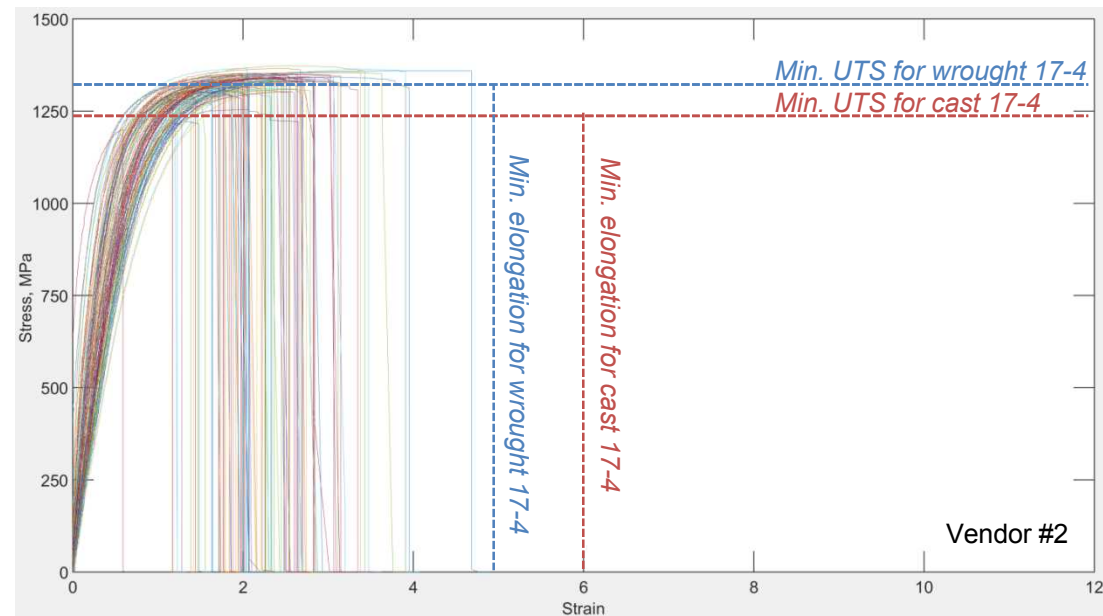
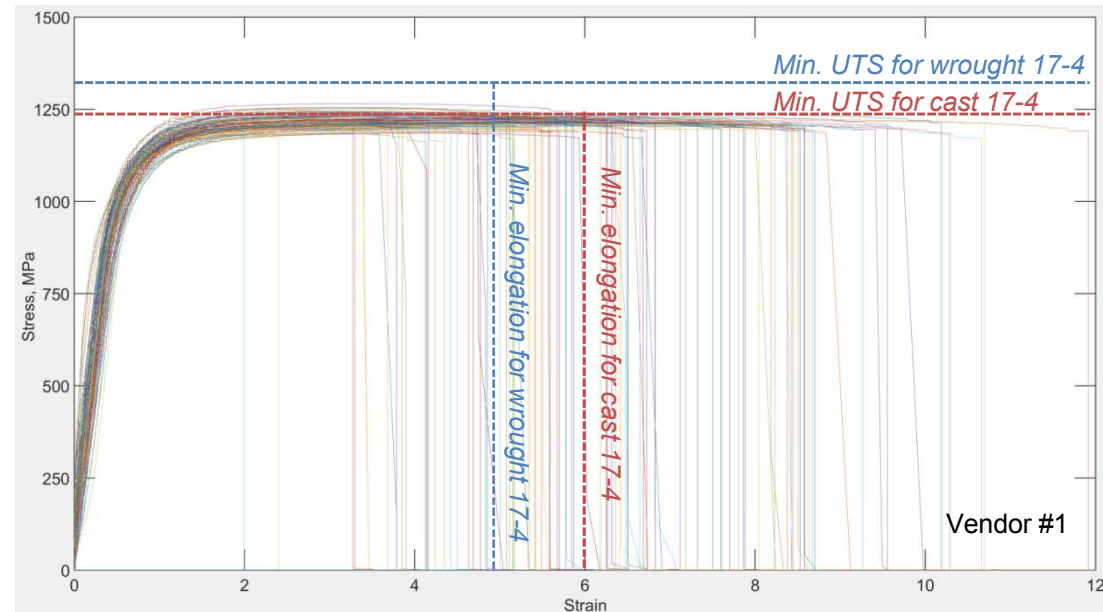


“cooling fin” dogbone sample



# Tensile Data

- Two vendor sets
  - 104 samples each
  - H900 heat treatment
  - Vendor #1
    - bead blasted
  - Vendor #2
    - no bead blasting
  
- Observations
  - vendor differences
  - strength & ductility variations
  - AM vs. wrought / cast

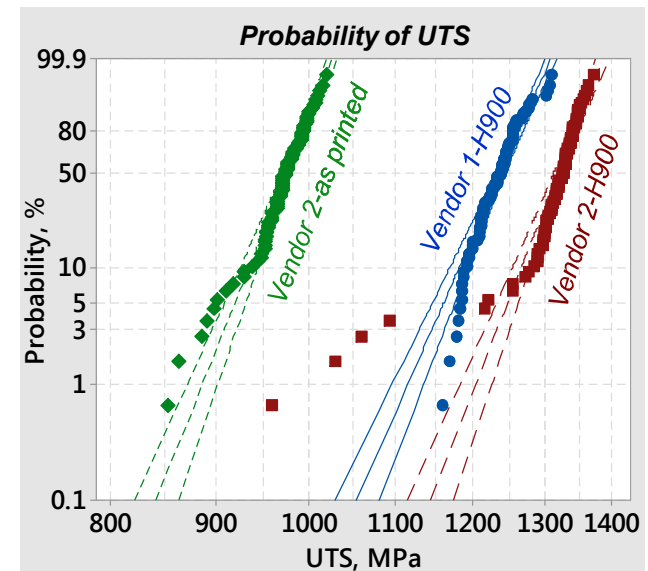
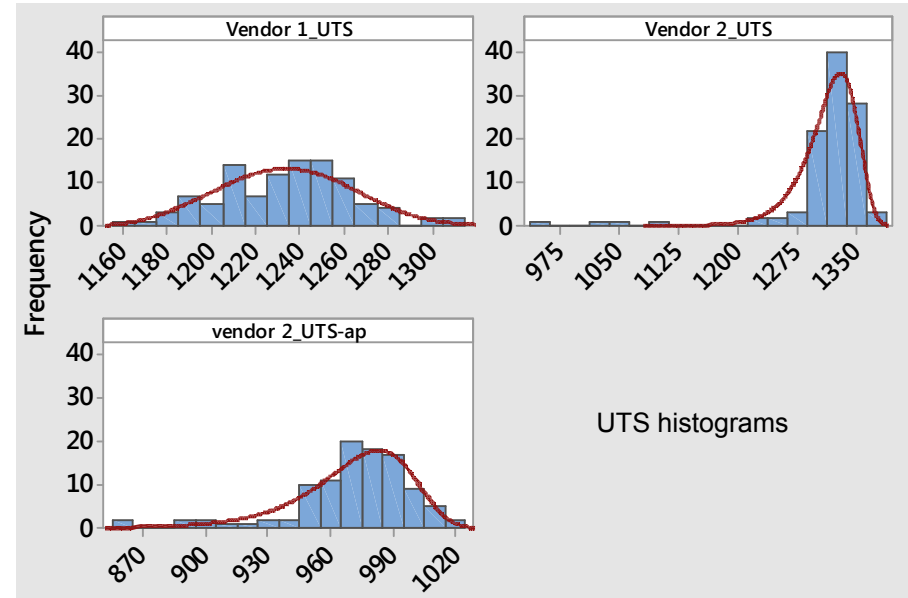


# Material Distributions

- Data variation suggests defect dominated failure
  - Similar to ceramics, castings
- Weibull distributions prove appropriate

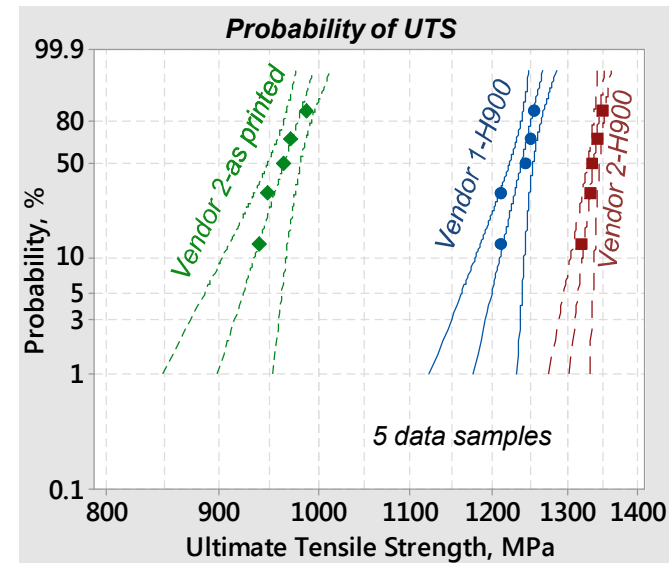
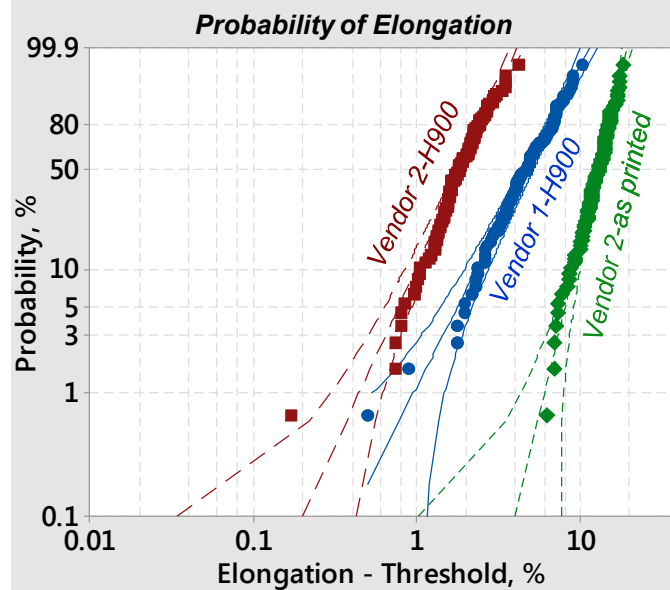
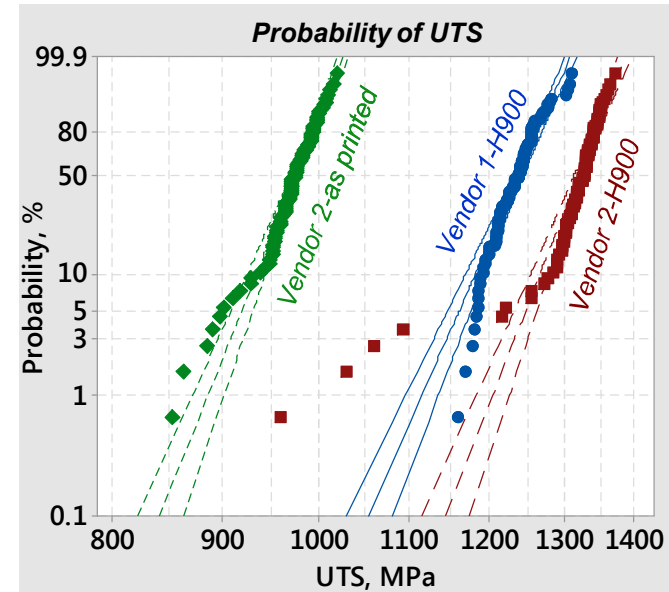
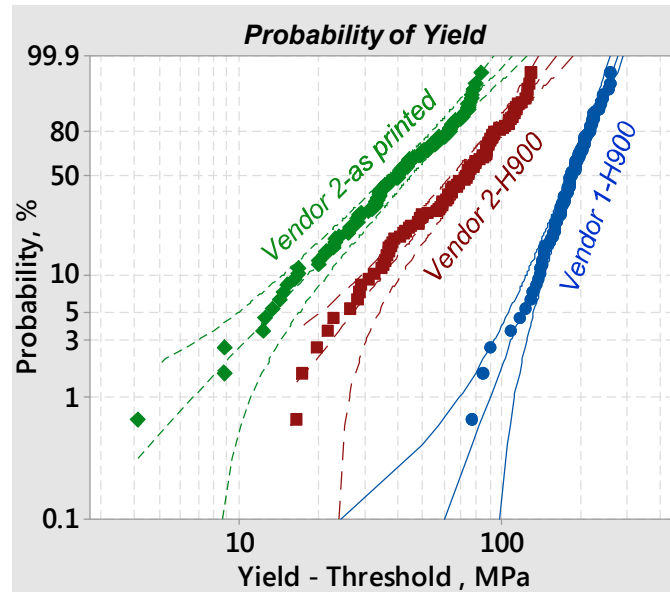
$$\log \left( \log \left( \frac{1}{1-P} \right) \right) = m \cdot \log(\sigma) + \log \left( \frac{V \cdot \log(e)}{\sigma_o^m} \right)$$

- where
  - $P$  = probability of failure at stress,  $\sigma$
  - $m$  = Weibull modulus, i.e. scatter
  - $V$  = material volume
  - $\sigma_o$  = strength for which  $P = 0$



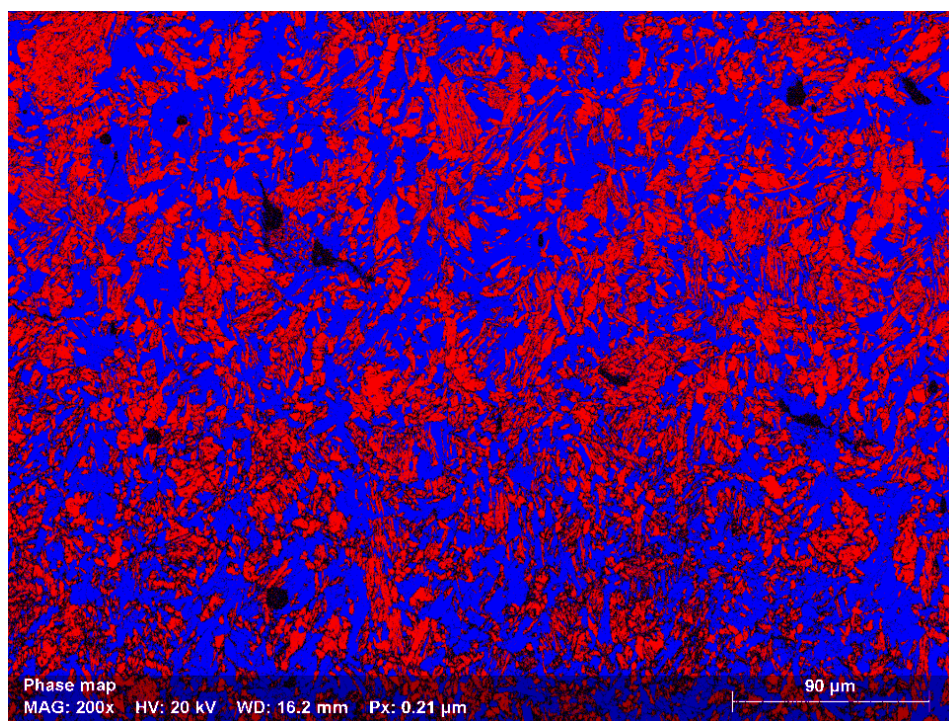


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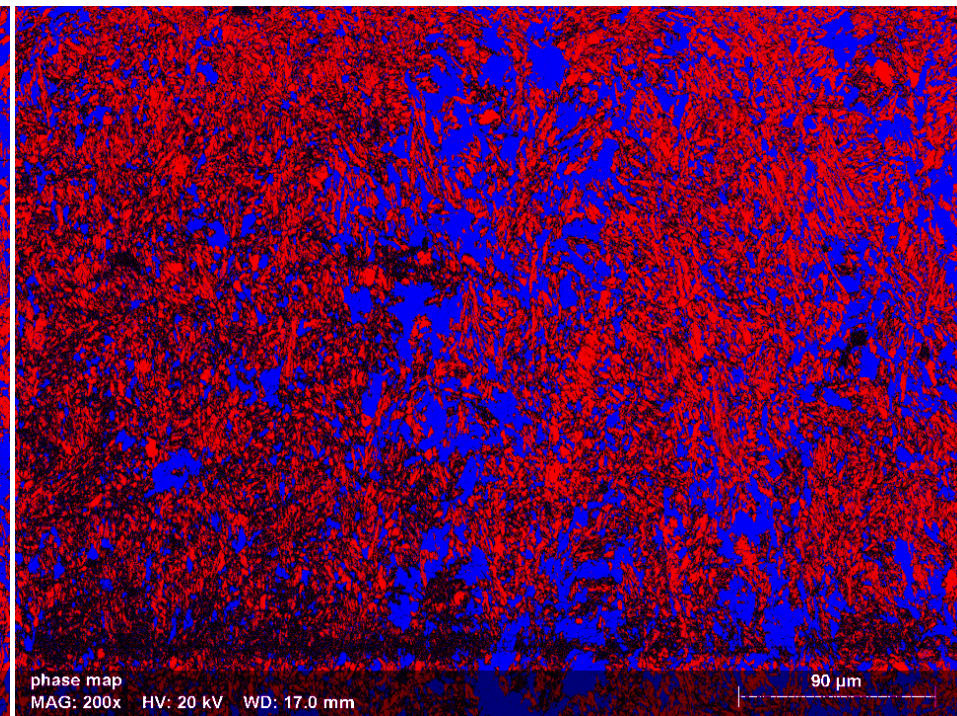


# Why Higher Strength for Vendor #2?

- Large fraction of retained austenite exists after solution heat treatment + H900 age
- Conventionally processed 17-4 PH H900 should contain effectively no retained austenite



*as-printed*



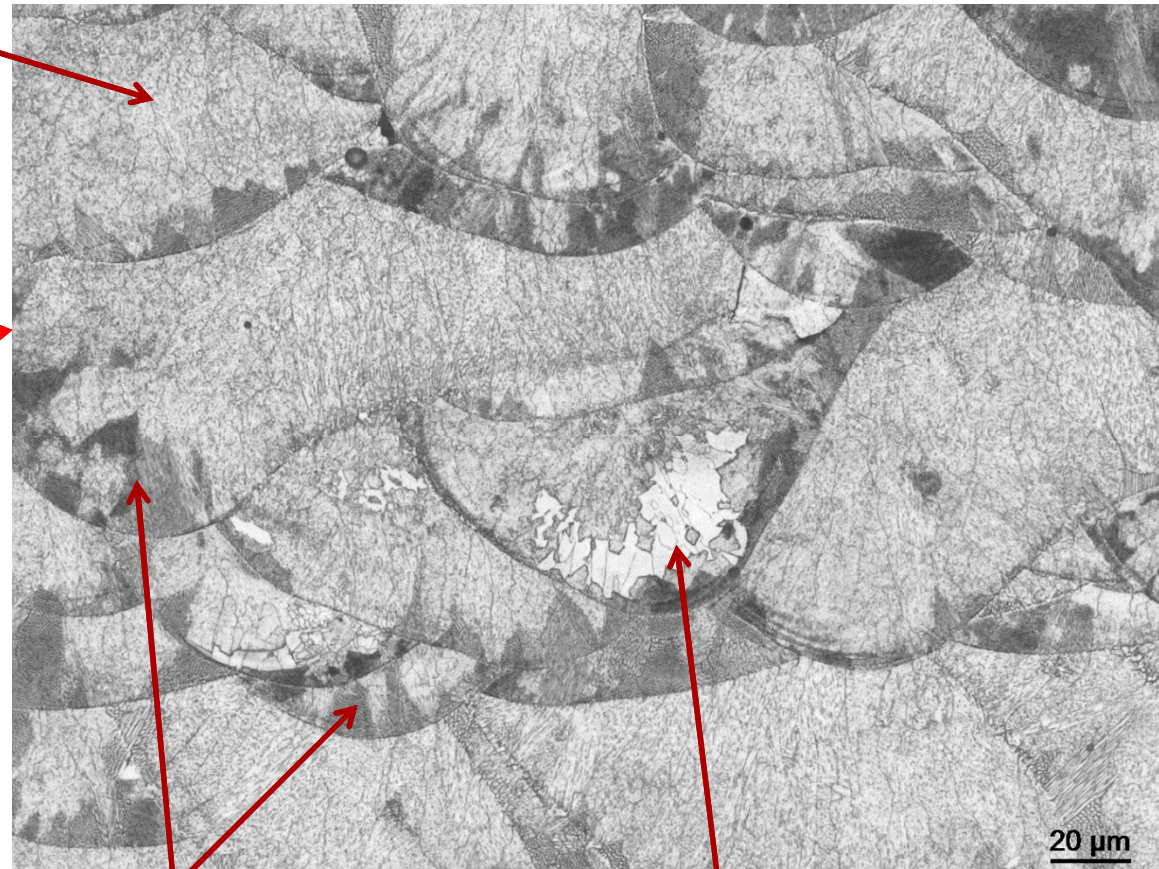
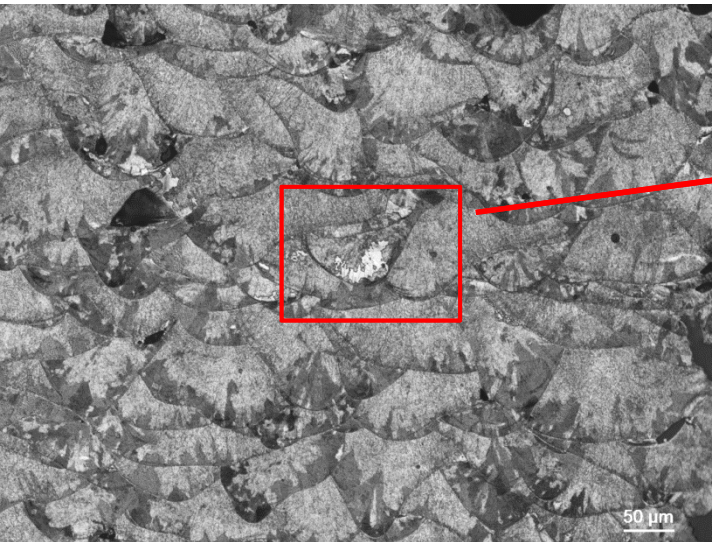
*SHT + H900 age*



# Etched Vendor #2 AM 17-4 PH microstructure reveals unexpected solidification features

Build Direction  
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Solidification proceeded as primary ferrite—this is the expected mode for 17-4 PH



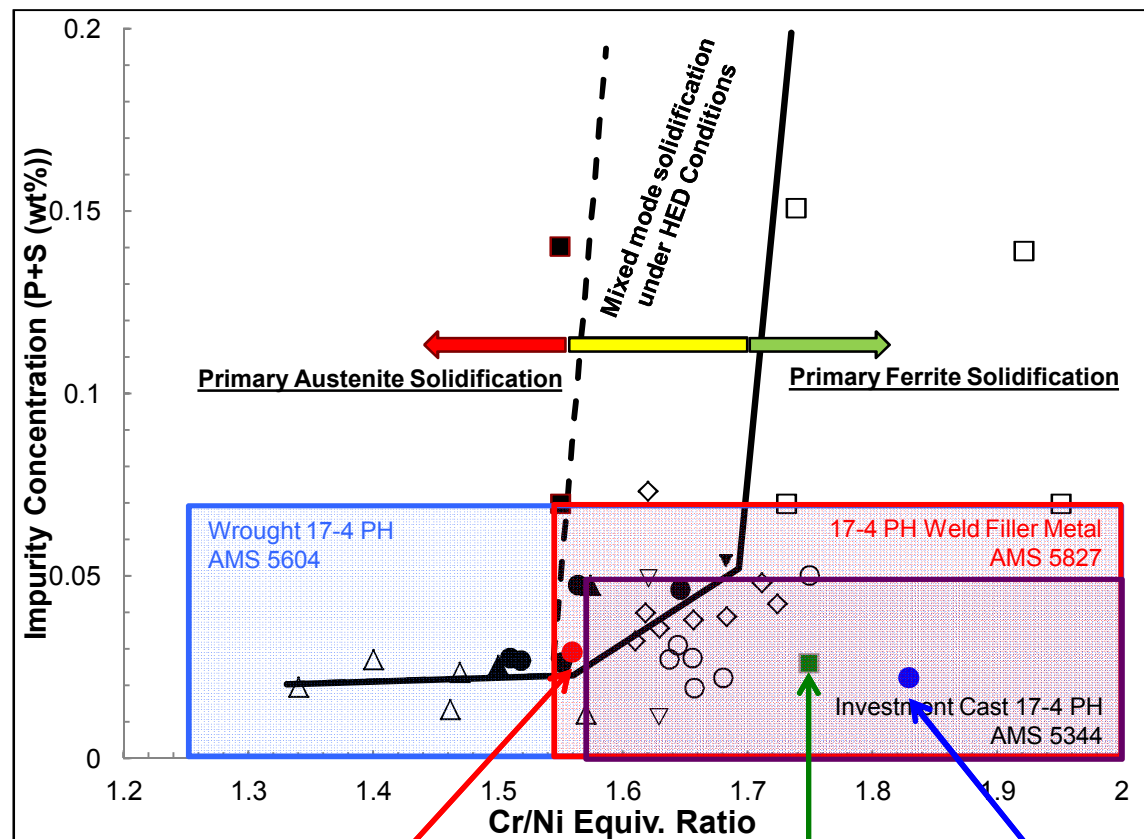
■ Unusual mixed-mode solidification observed in Vendor #2 as-printed

Solidification proceeded as primary austenite—**this is NOT the expected mode for 17-4 PH**

Highly Al-rich region; likely contamination



# Compositional analysis of AM 17-4 PH shows high austenite stability and propensity for primary austenite solidification for Vendor #2 builds



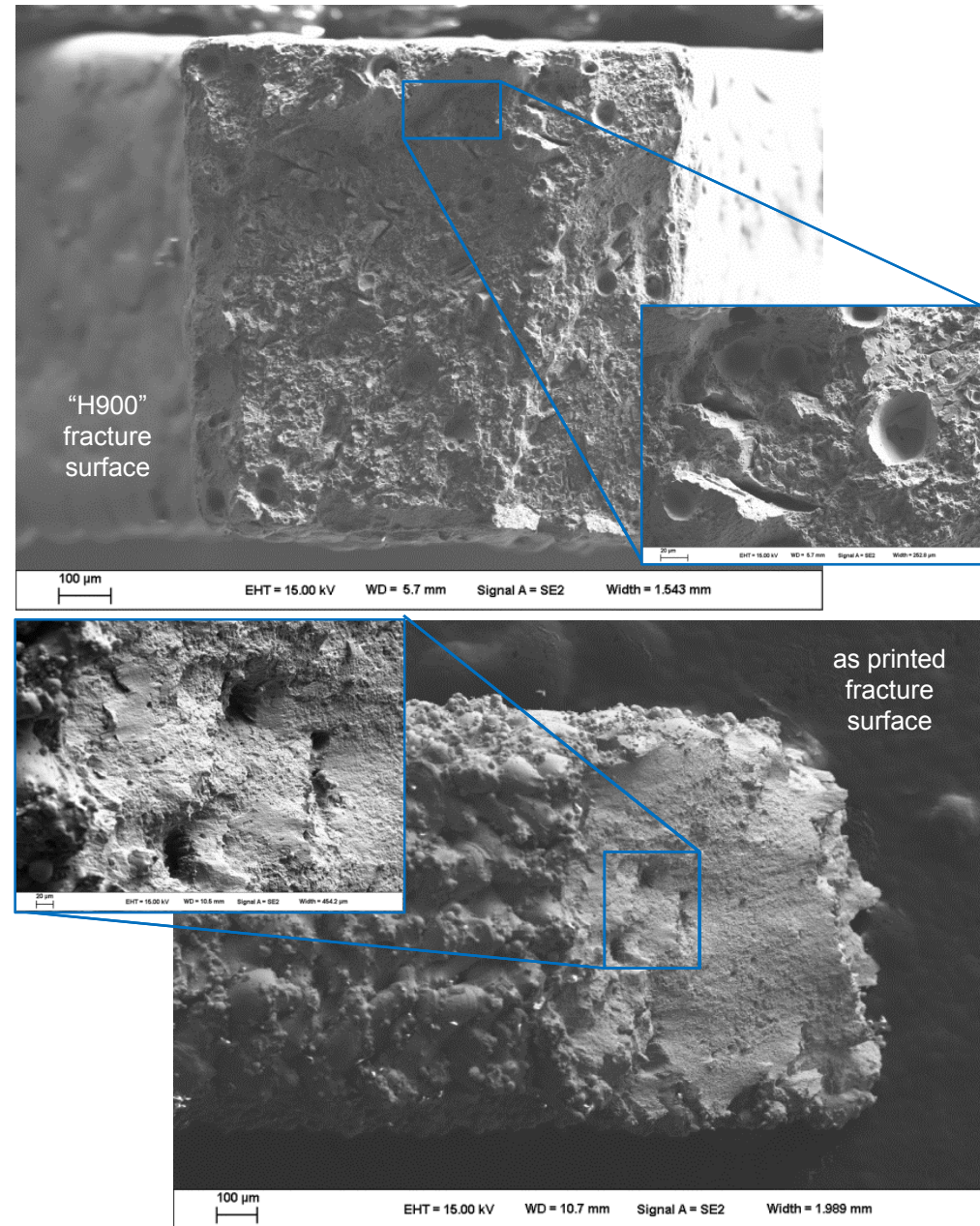
Vendor #2  
 $M_s$ :  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$

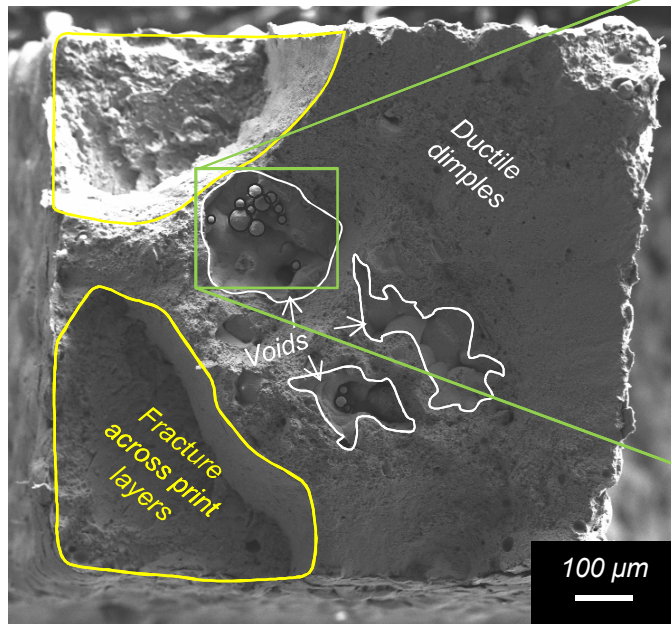
17-4 PH sheet  
 $M_s$ :  $109^{\circ}\text{C}$

Vendor #1  
 $M_s$ :  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$

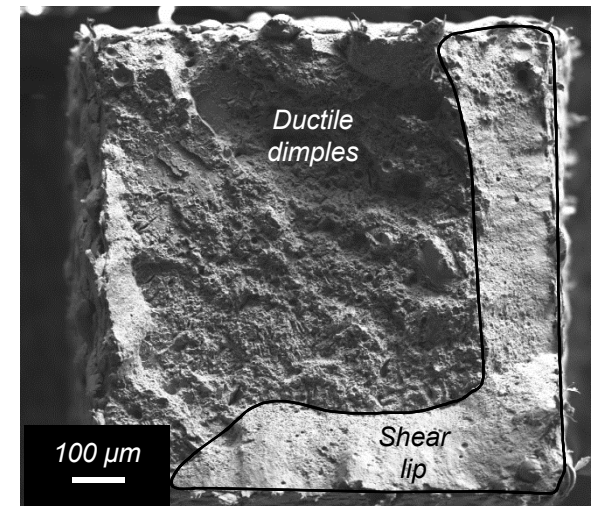
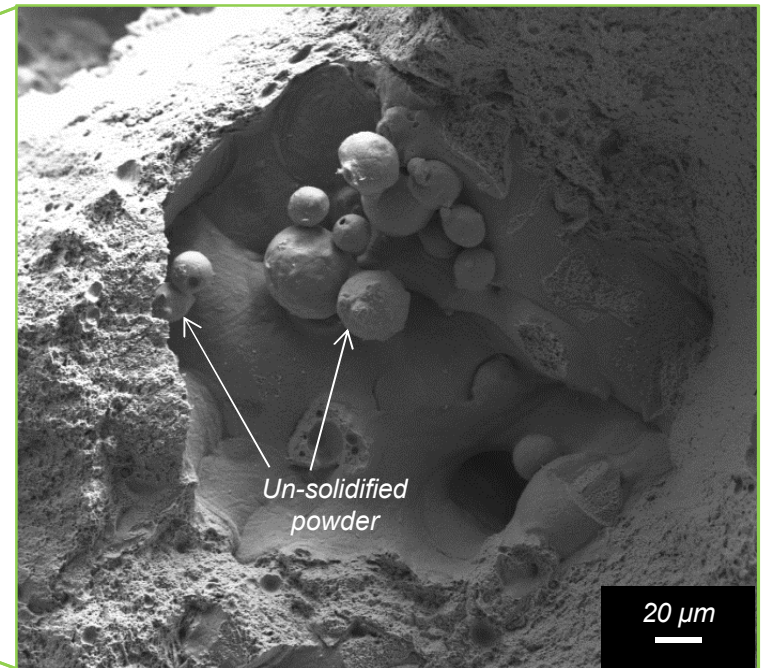
# Fractures Suggest Defect Dominated Failure

- “H900”
  - limited area reduction consistent w/“brittle” behavior
  - no clear point of crack nucleation
  - voids at lack-of-fusion boundaries are likely culprits
  
- As printed
  - modest reduction in area
  - surface consistent w/shear-lip tensile failure
    - fine ductile dimples & planes of shear rupture are present
  - spherical particles & voids again suggest lack-of-fusion boundaries as nucleation sites





failure at 2% elongation, Vendor 1



failure at 12% elongation, Vendor 1



# QUESTIONS?

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