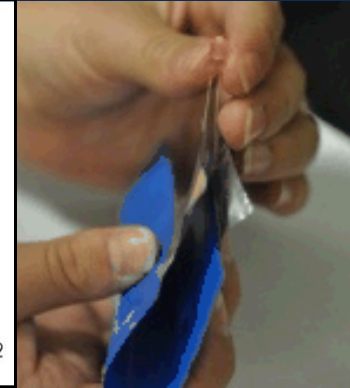
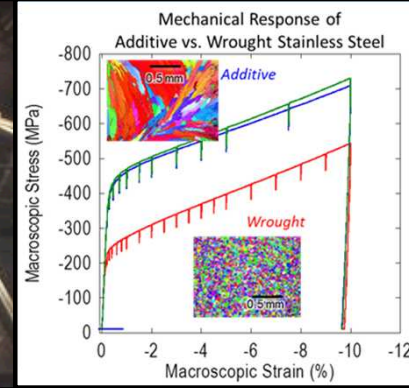
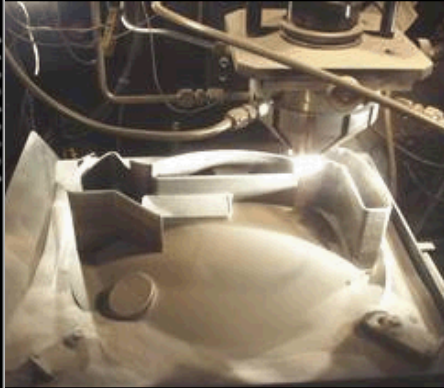
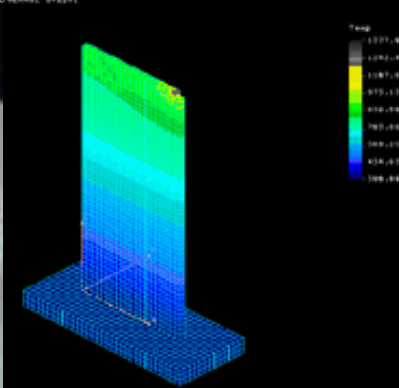


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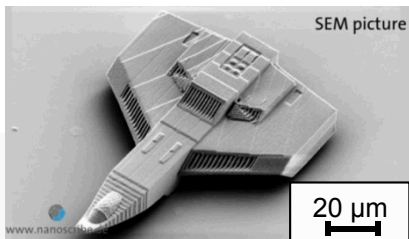
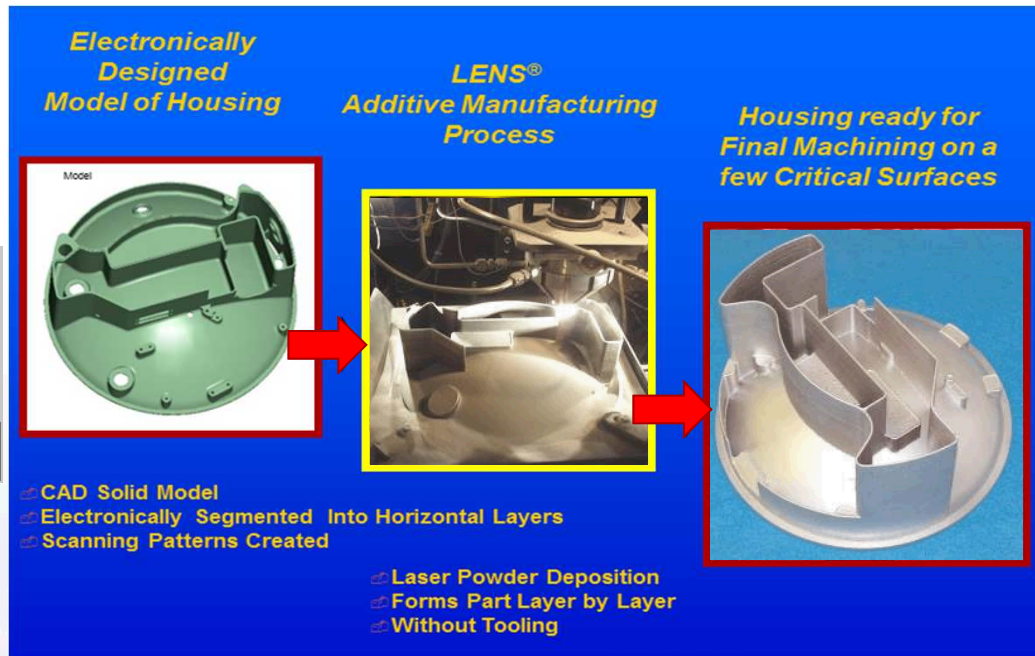
# *Additive Manufacturing at Sandia*

Dr. Mark F. Smith

Deputy Director for Additive Manufacturing  
Materials Science & Engineering Center

# 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)



## Many Different AM (3D Printing) Process Technologies

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

# Sandia Additive Mfg. Tech Development & Commercialization

30+ yrs of Pioneering Process/Materials R&D

## FastCast \*

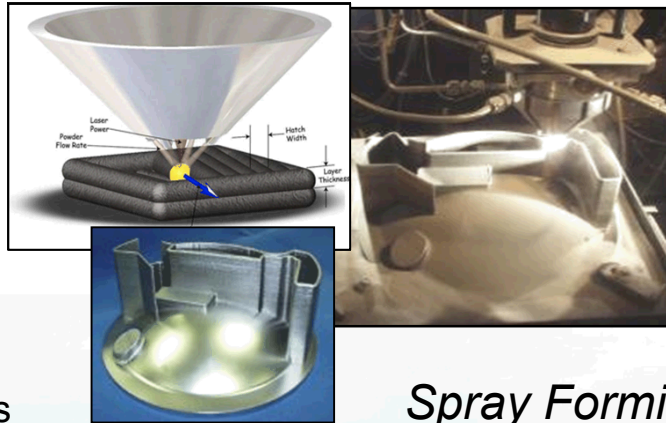
Development Housing



## Laser Engineered Net Shaping \*

LENS®

Stainless Housing



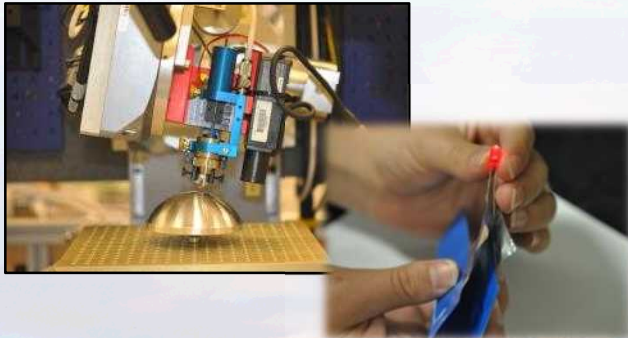
## RoboCast \*

Ceramic Parts



## Direct Write

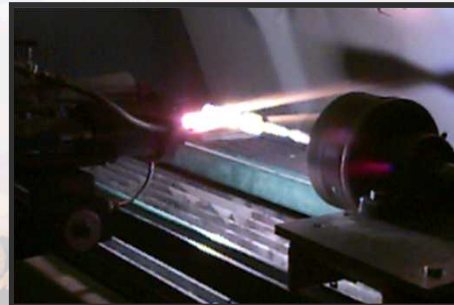
Conformal Electronics



Printed Battery

## Spray Forming

Rocket Nozzle



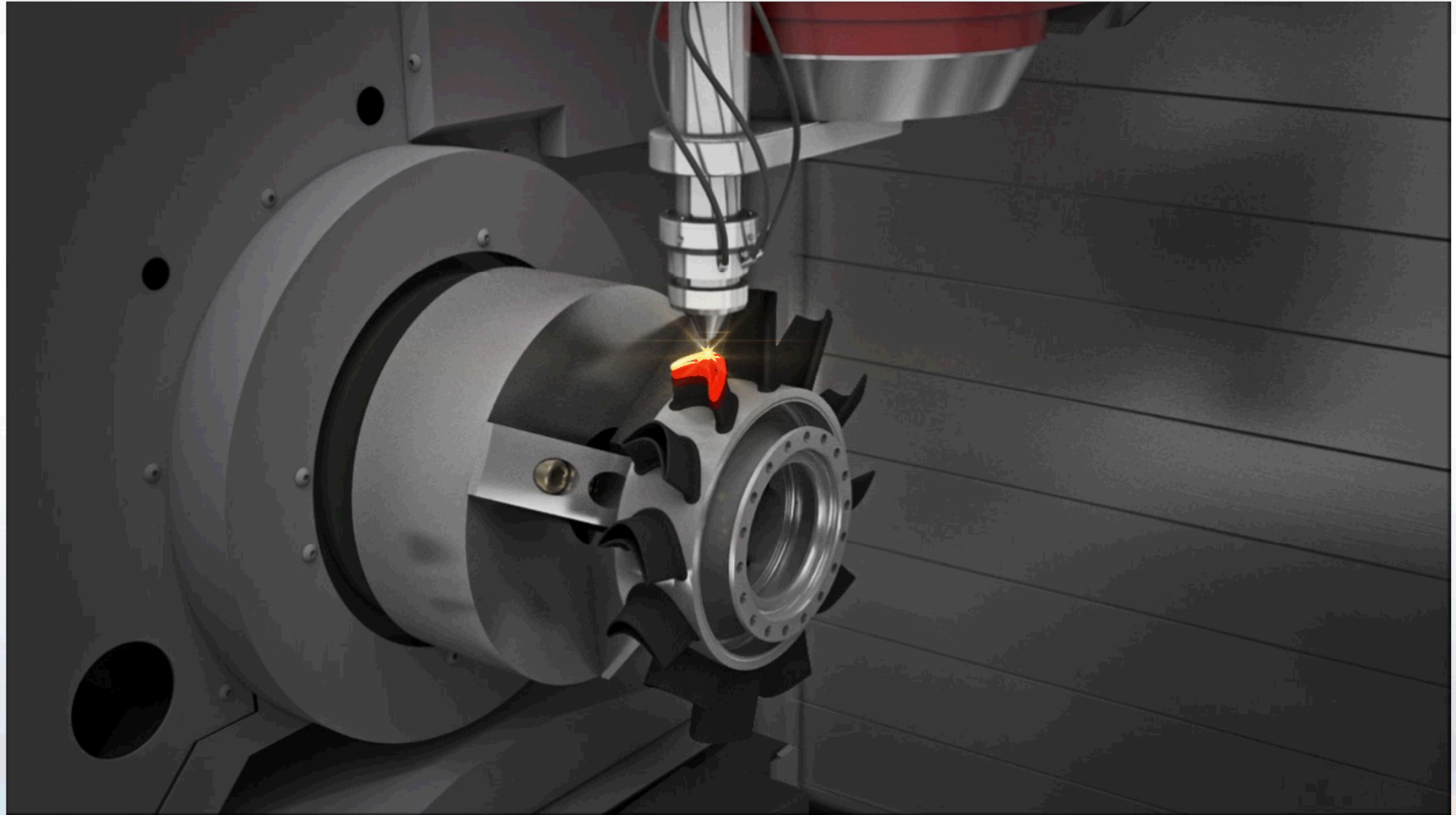
Energetic Materials



\* = Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies

Underline = Current Capability/Activity

# "Hybrid" Additive/Subtractive Machine Tools

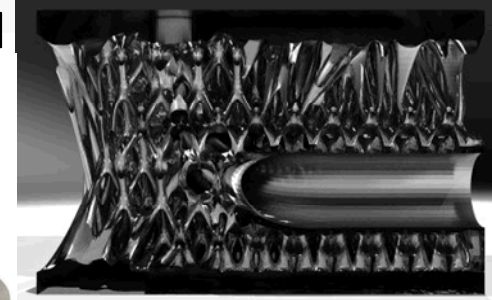
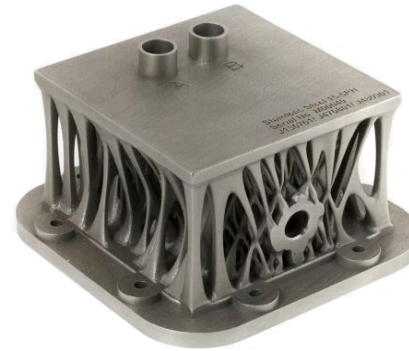


Video Courtesy of DMG Mori

# Why Use AM?

## Some Intriguing Possibilities

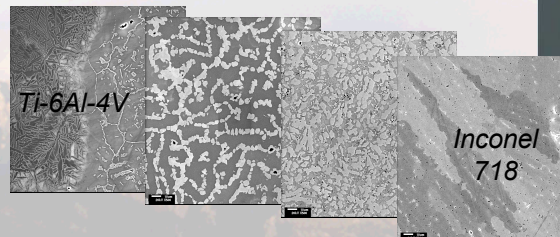
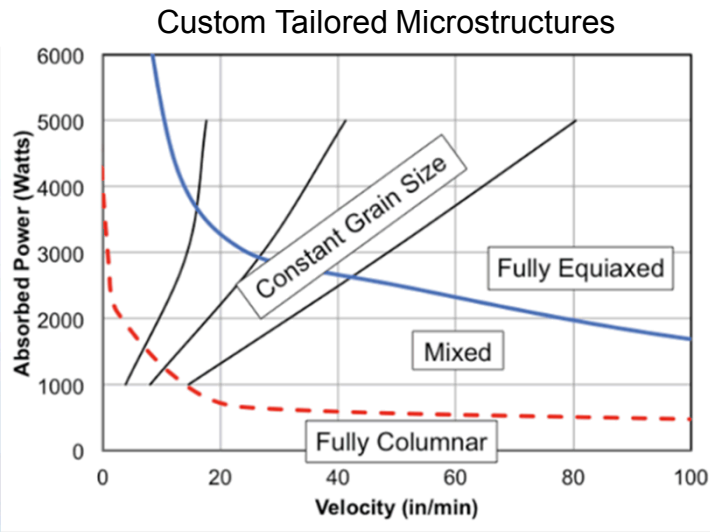
- Design Freedom – shapes previously unachievable/impractical
- Print Integrated Assemblies
- Engineered Materials – special properties
- Save Weight, Time, Money
- Reduce Waste & Design Risk



Within Technologies



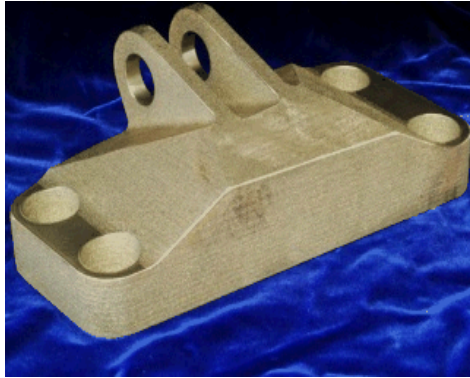
ZCorp



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

# 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

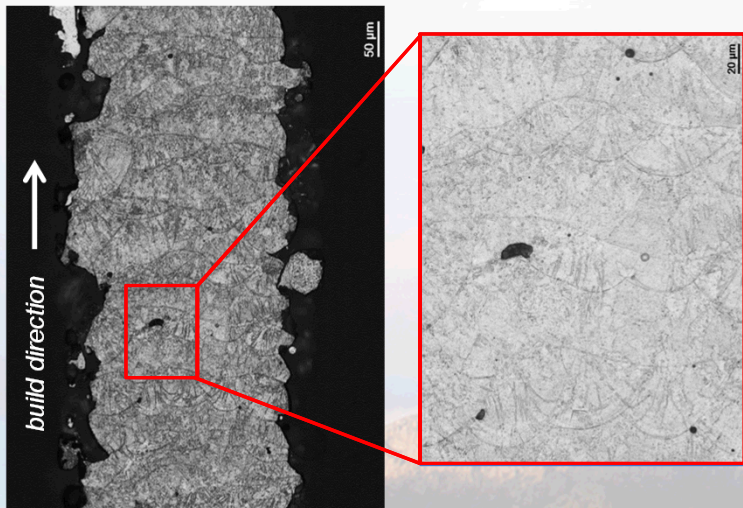
## Additively Manufactured LEAP Fuel Nozzle

- Internal geometry can't be built with traditional technology
- 5x lifetime, 25% lighter
- Replaces 20 parts with 1 -- eliminates joining operations
- 19 fuel nozzles per engine
- New \$50M Mfg. Plant, Auburn, AL, to build 40,000 nozzles/yr

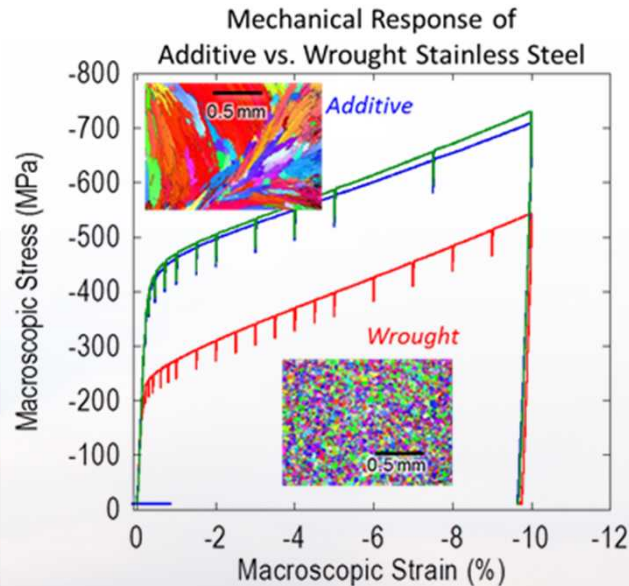


# Some Technical Challenges

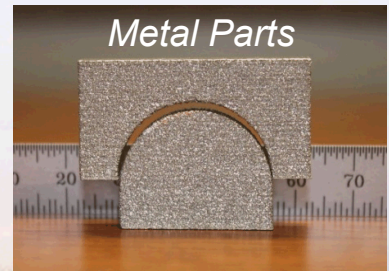
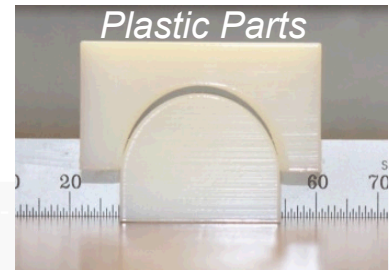
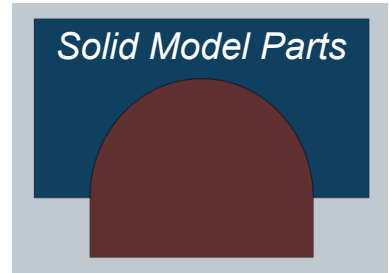
- Current Design Software Poorly Suited to AM
  - Need to Develop Requirements-Based / Analysis-Driven Design Tools
  - Need User-Friendly Interface / Reasonable Computing Resources
- AM Is Still an Evolving/Emerging Technology
  - Understand Material Properties / Create Standards
  - Understand & Control Variability
- Need to Address Production Issues
  - Model-Based Manufacturing
  - Inspection / Acceptance Methods



Surface & Interior Defects in 17-4 PH Stainless Steel



*AM Metals are Unlike Cast or Wrought Metals*

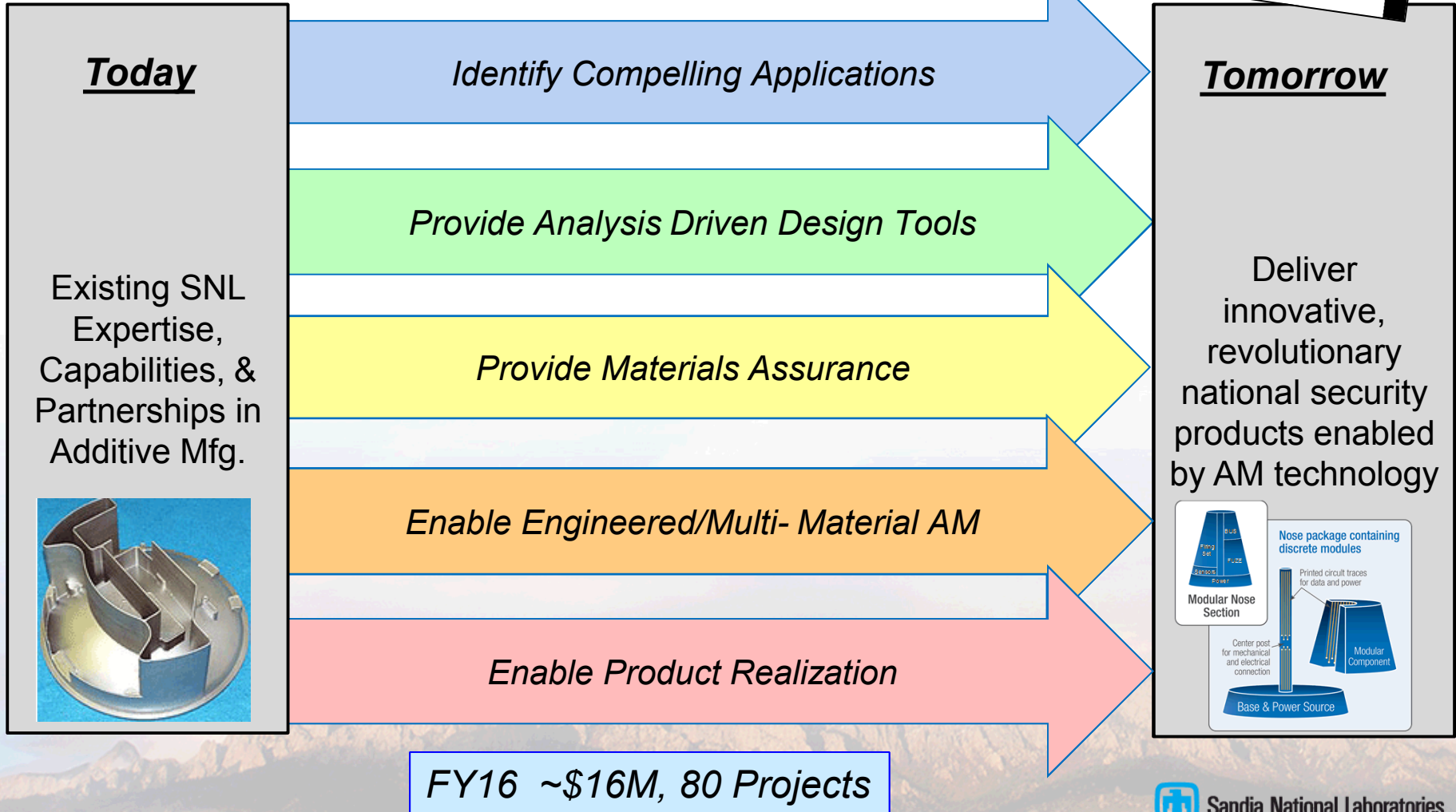


*Residual Stress is an Issue*

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

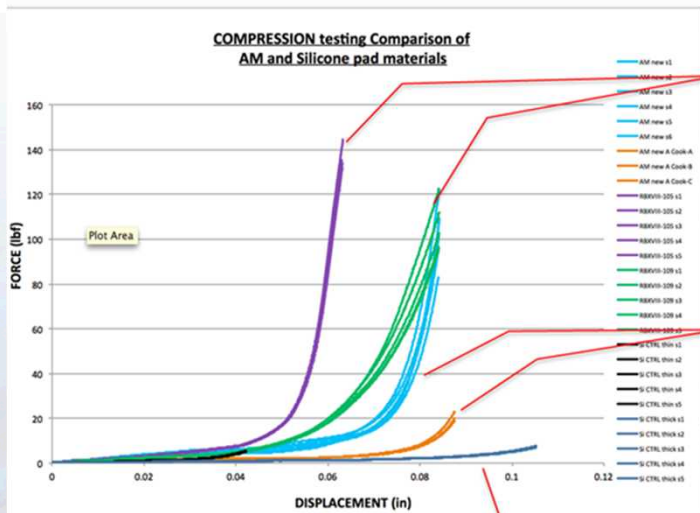
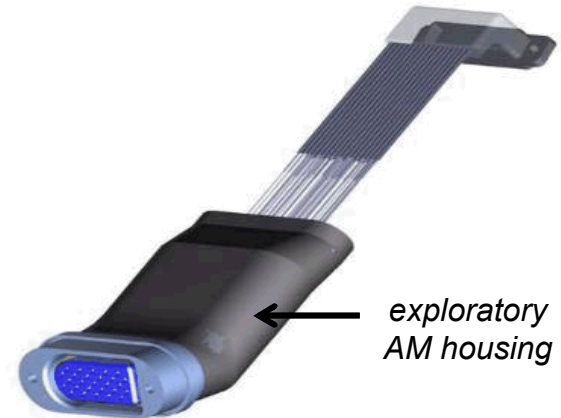
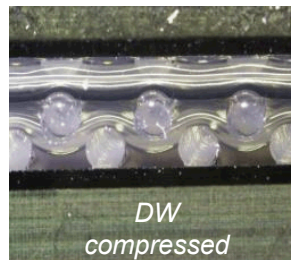
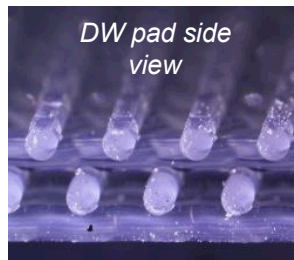
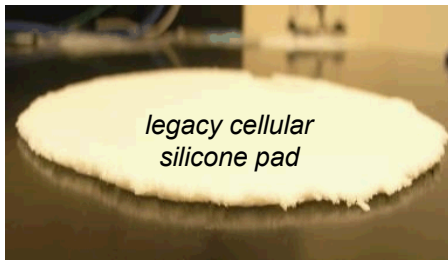


Fingers or other tools (drills, lights, ...) can be quickly magnetically attached in many configurations

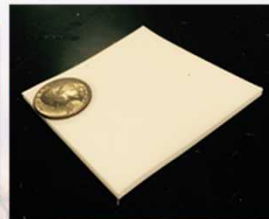


# Example High Design Margin AM Applications

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



3D Printed Silicone (unmodified) NSC



3D Printed Silicone (modified) SNL

LEGACY MATERIAL

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



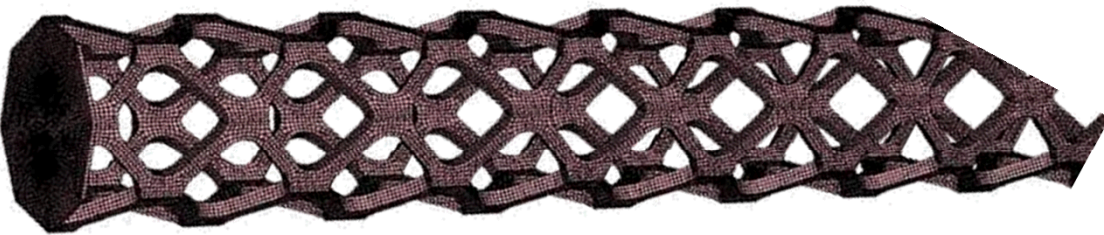
# Analysis Driven Design



# 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!*

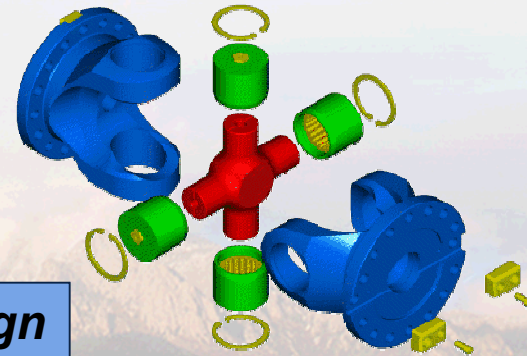


*Core of a dead Cholla cactus. It is interesting that optimized designs often resemble natural structures (bio-mimicry).*



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

**How can we use AM to achieve design objectives in revolutionary new ways?**



# Imagine a New Way of Designing & Realizing National Security Products



Requirements-Based, User-Friendly, Interactive, Analysis-Driven, Design Tools that Provide Test Guidance, Build Parameters, and Quantified Margins & Uncertainties



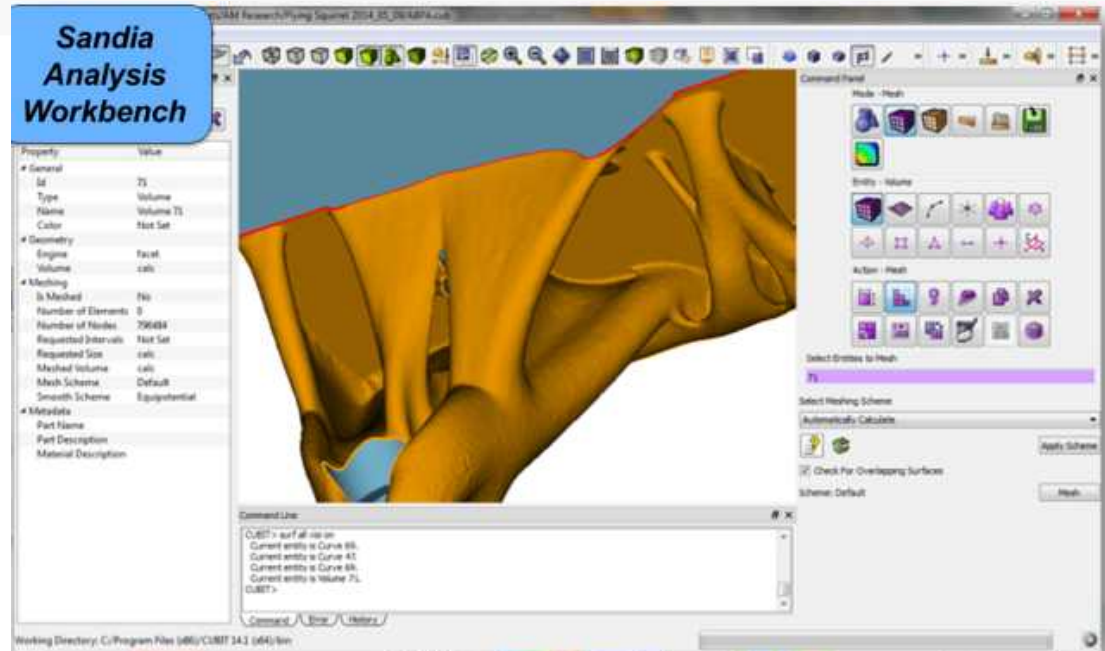
Seamless, Electronic, Agile, 3D Model-Based Manufacturing w Process Monitoring & Control

Final Products not Possible with Traditional Technologies; A New World of Possibilities!

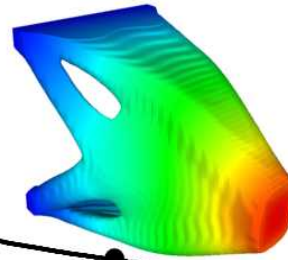
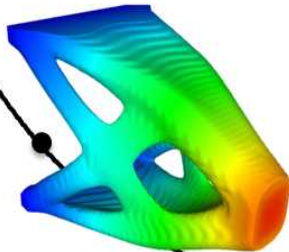
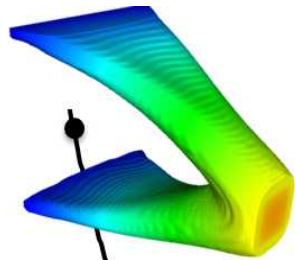


# AM Design Via Functional Prioritization

User Friendly Interface

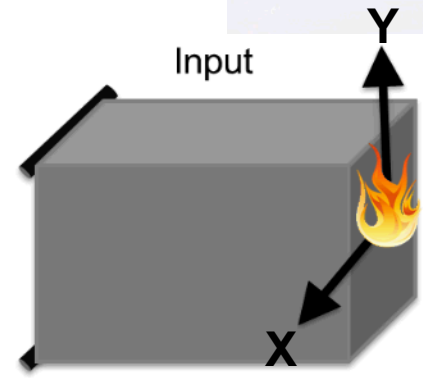


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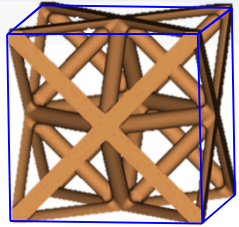


Pareto Suite of Topologies

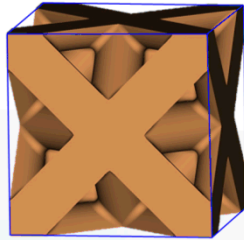
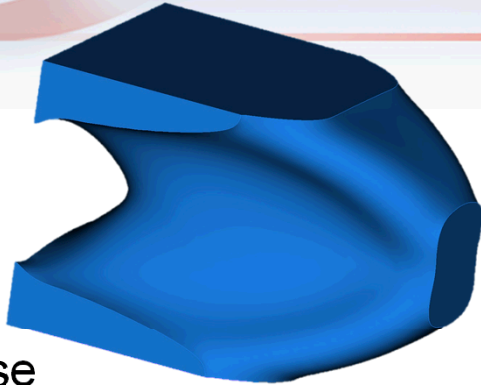
Stiffness



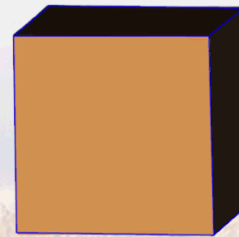
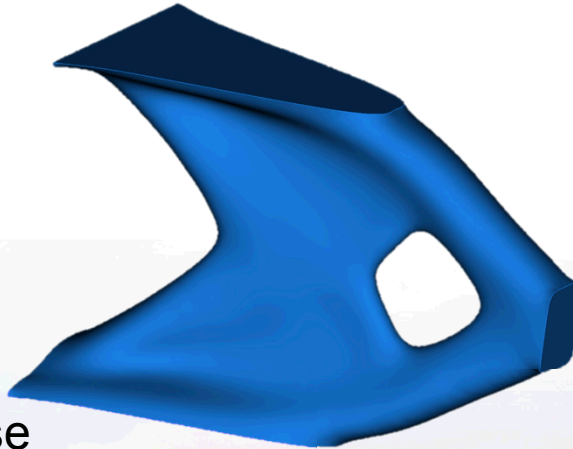
# Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass



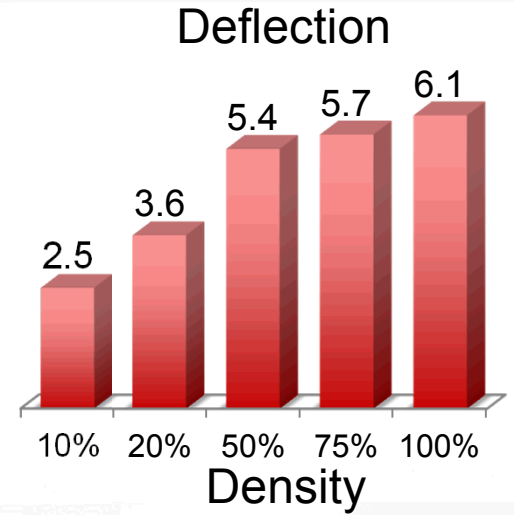
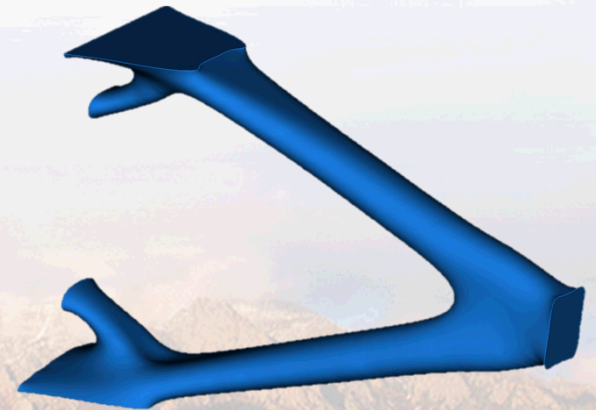
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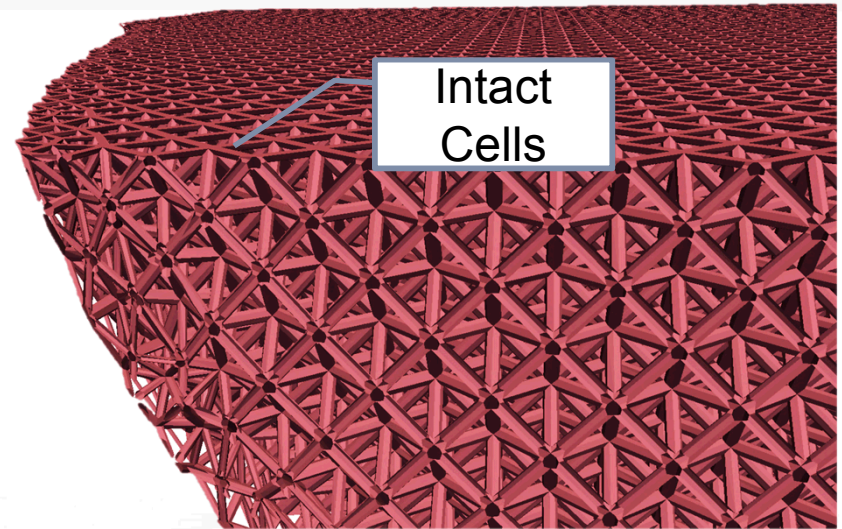
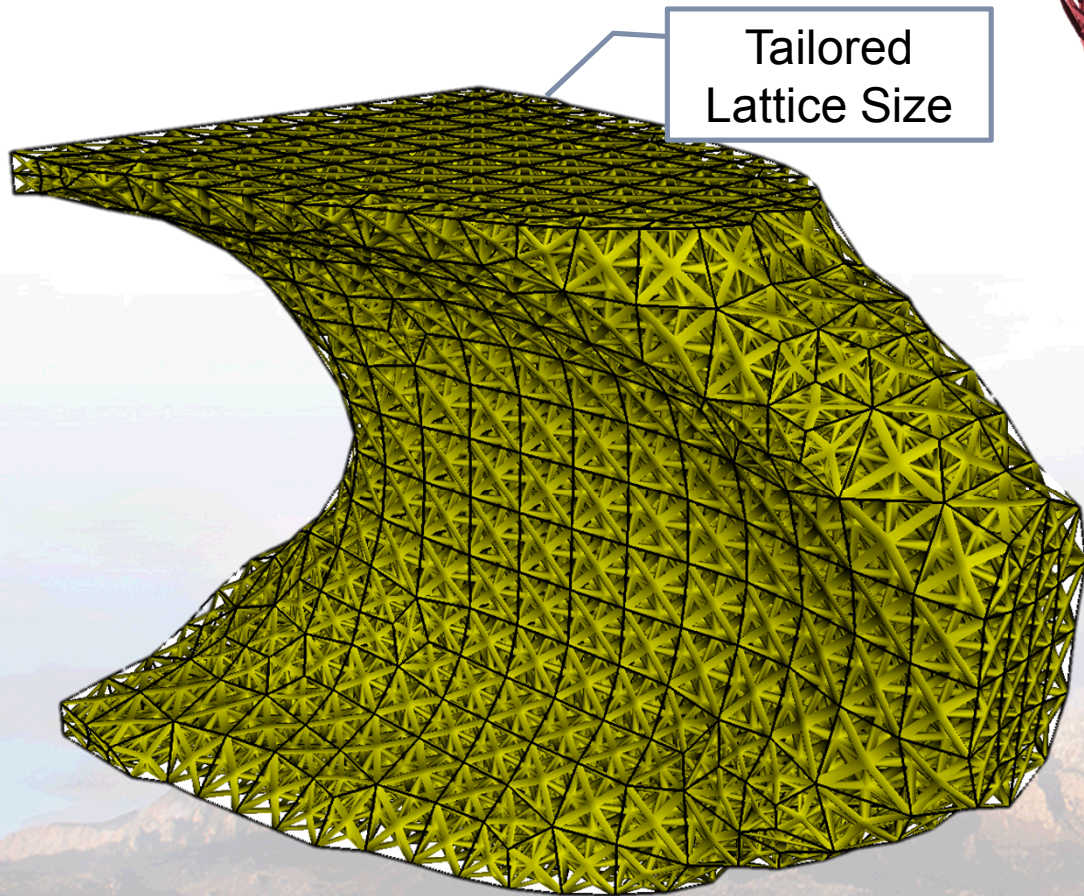
50% Dense



100% Dense



# Tailored Geometry Avoids "Loose Ends"

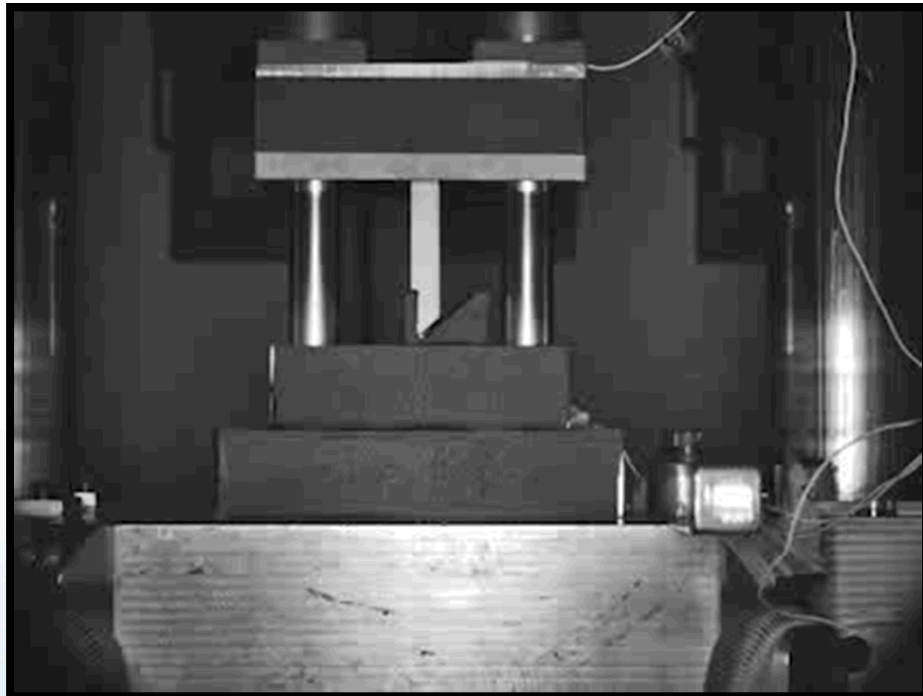




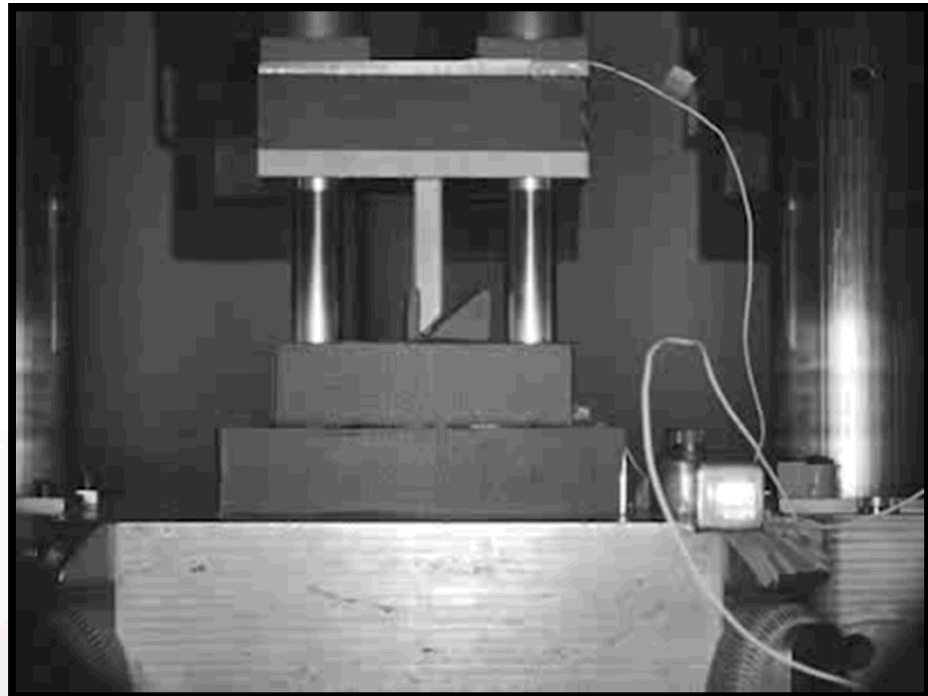
# Materials Assurance



# Longitudinal Impact Test



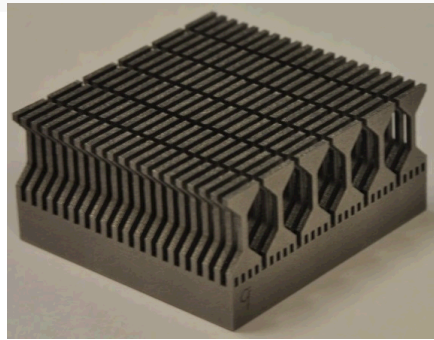
Machined/Welded Housing  
4047 Al alloy  
weight = 45 grams



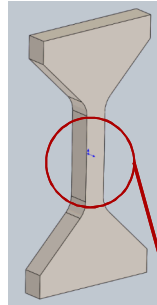
Additively Manufactured Housing  
AlSi10Mg Al alloy  
weight = 38 grams

# Leverage Sandia PPM to Quantify Variability/Defect Sensitivity

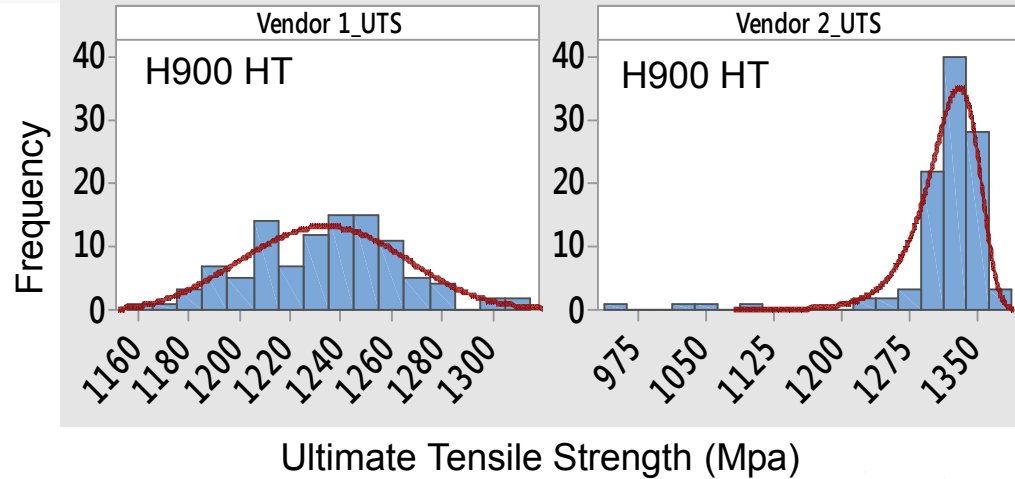
## Significant Property Variability



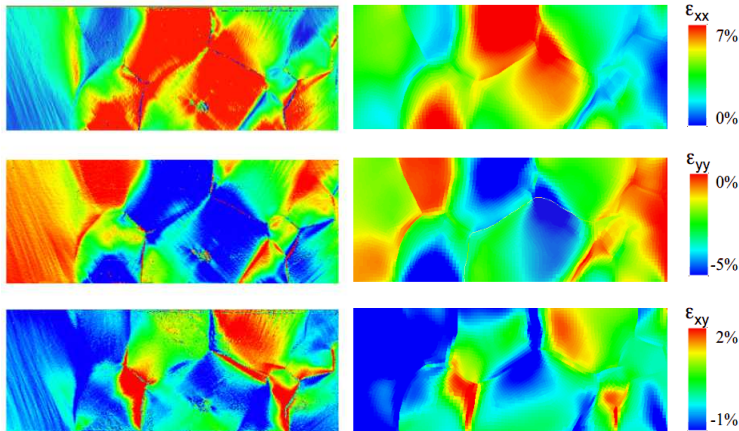
120 AM 17-4 PH SS tensile bars enable rapid, economical testing



1x1 mm gage section sample



### Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)

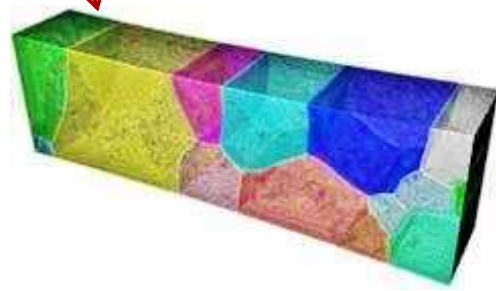


Experimental Results

Computed Simulations

### Sandia Predicting Performance Margins (PPM)

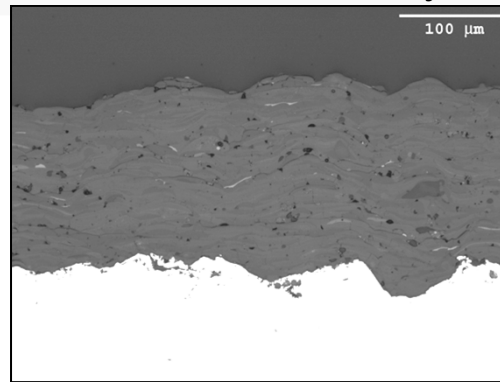
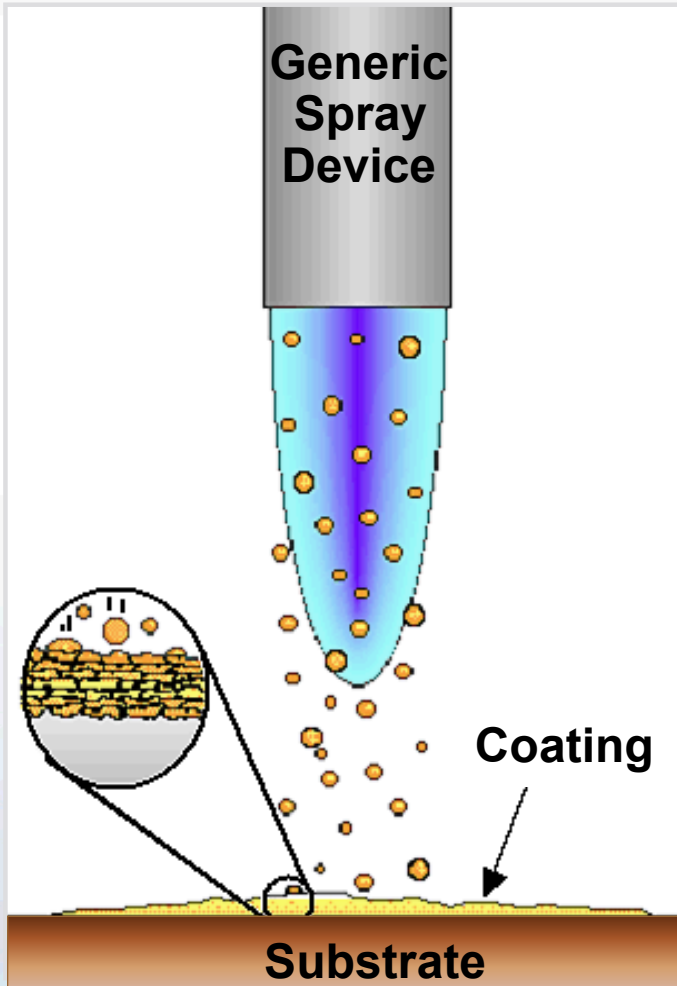
initiative seeks to understand fundamental science of microstructural variability and defects and to quantitatively predict the resulting variability of materials properties



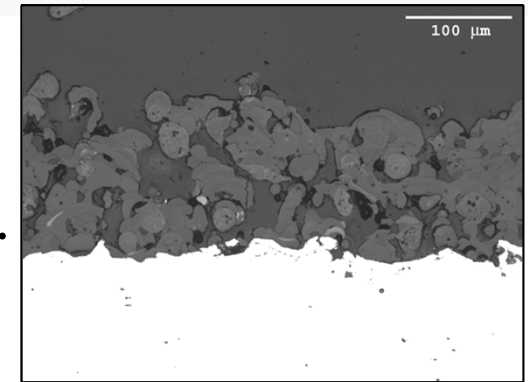
Gauge Section of Oligocrystal Tensile Specimen (1x3x5 mm)  
(Use Electron Backscatter Diffraction & Digital Image Correlation)

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

Same System, Same Feedstock,

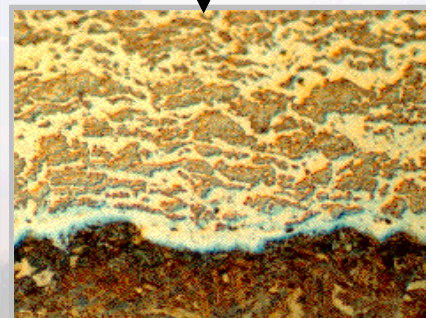


VS.



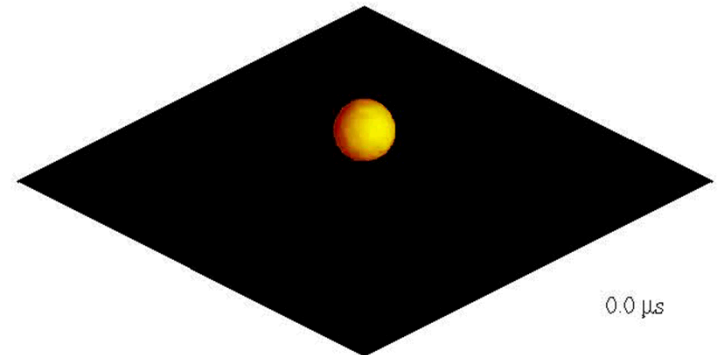
Very Different Results

Cemented Carbide Coating On Steel



Multiple Impact of Nickel Particles on 0.5x0.5 mm Stainless Steel\*  
Diameter = 40-80 μm, Velocity = 40-80 m/s, Impact time interval = 2 μs

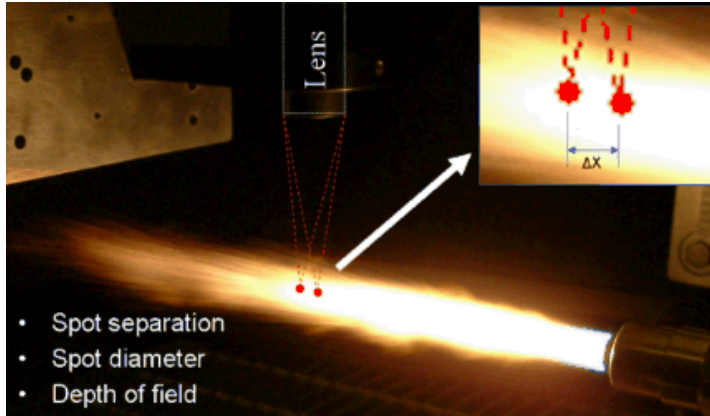
$$T_{di} = 1600-2000^{\circ}\text{C}, T_{wi} = 20^{\circ}\text{C}, R_c = 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$



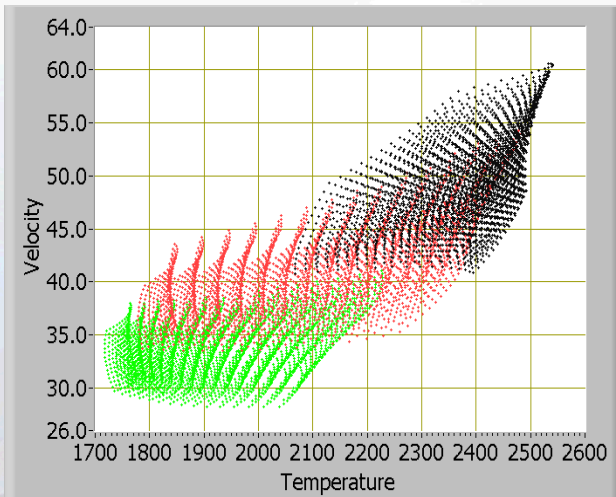
AM today is similar to Thermal Spray ~20 years ago

# 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

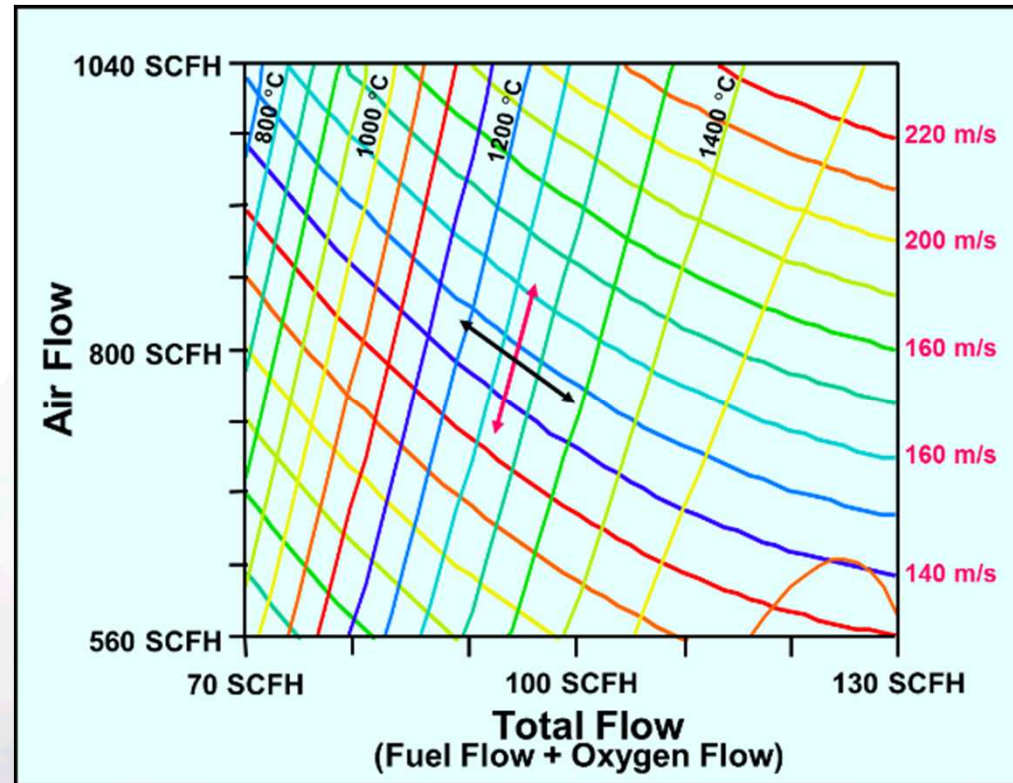


Process Diagnostics/Monitoring



Process Modeling

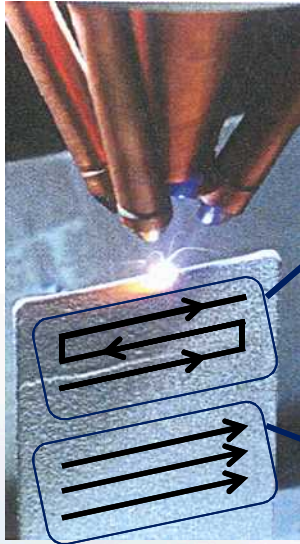
(All possible vel/temp regimes as a function of torch hardware)



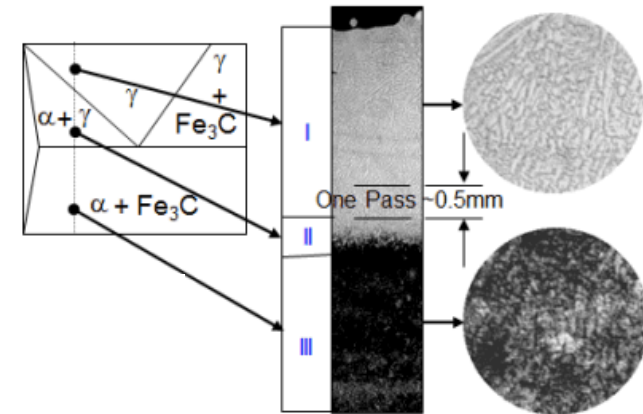
Response surface showing relationships between Process Inputs (Air Flow, Fuel Flow, Oxygen Flow) and Critical Outputs (droplet temperature, droplet velocity)

# Processing Strongly Affects AM Material Properties

Thermal history during bidirectional metal additive deposition

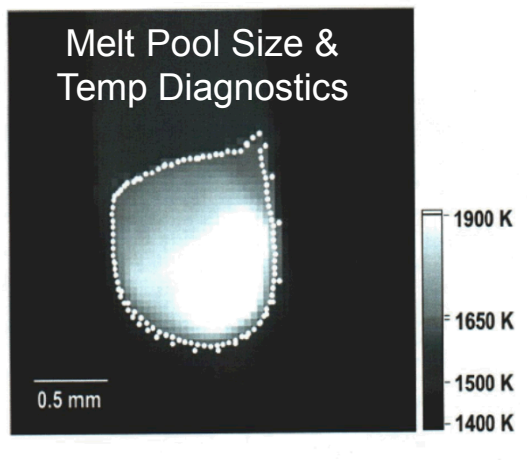
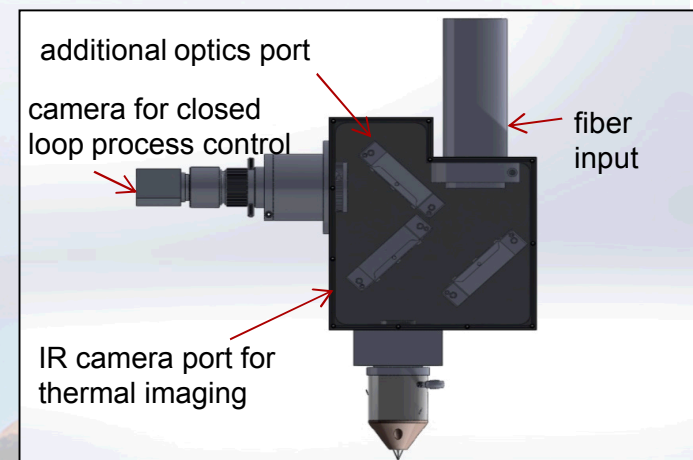
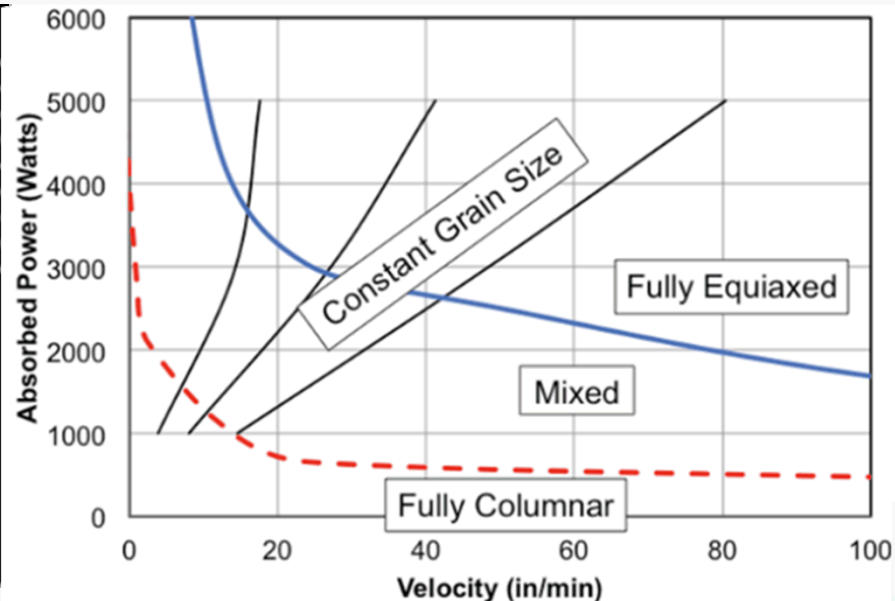
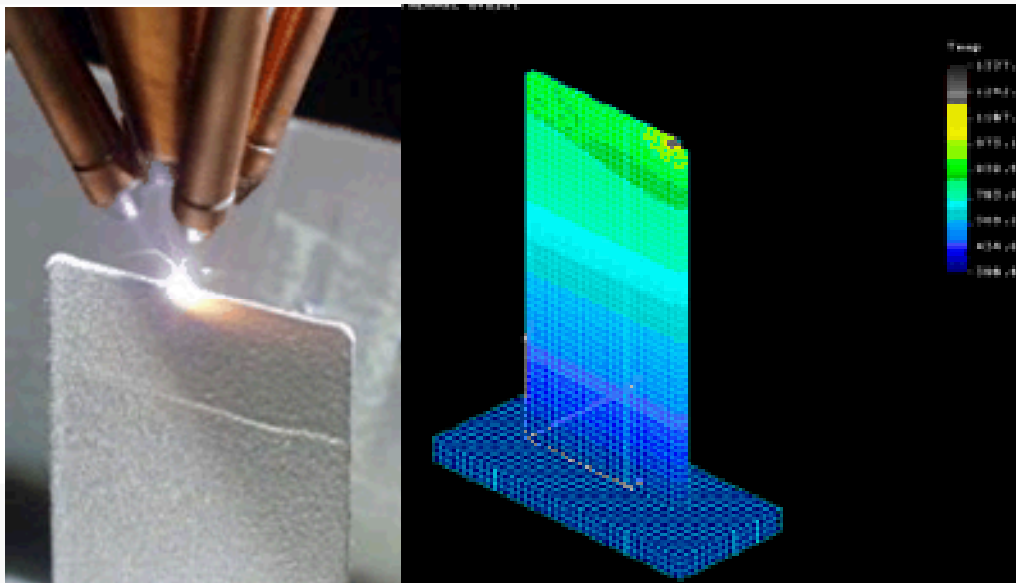


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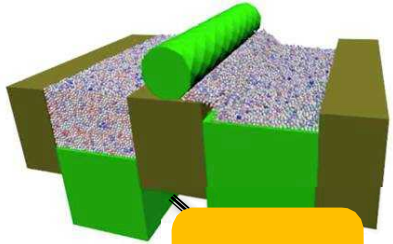
# LENS® Process & Materials R&D

## Process characterization/modeling



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

# Working to Understand/Control Process → Microstructure → Properties → Performance



Particle packing

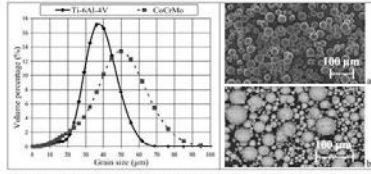
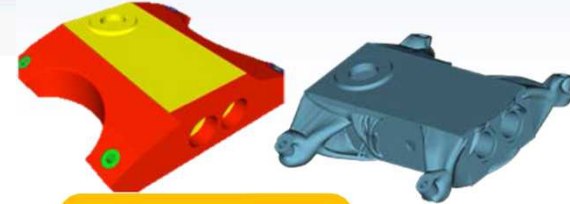


Fig. 1: Grain size distribution and micrographs of titanium (a) and cobalt-chromium (b) powder.



Topology Design

- Process control
- Materials characterization
- Interfaces
- GRANTA database

Heat Transfer

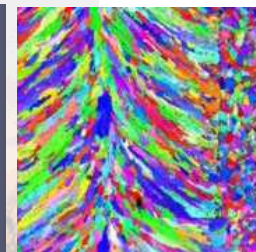
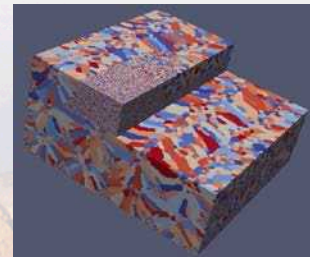
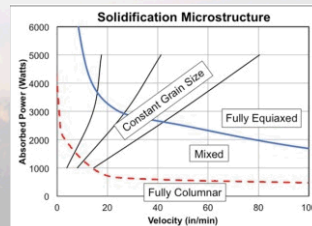
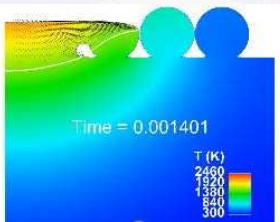
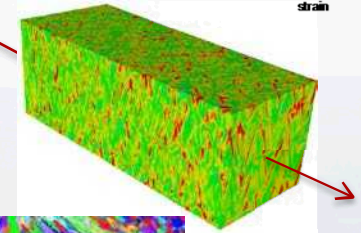
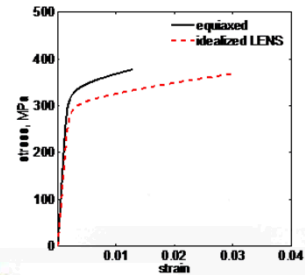
Partial melt & flow

Molten pool dynamics

Solidification

Property-Performance

Microstructure





# Multi-Material AM

# Printed Electronics

Printed Encapsulant

Current Collector

Printable Separator

Printed Anode / Cathode

Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)

Current collector (DW carbon ink)

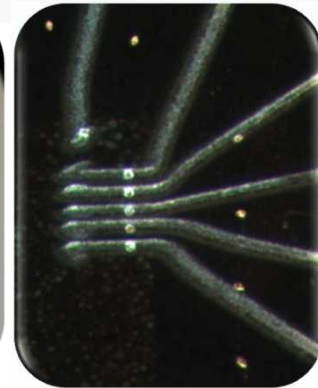
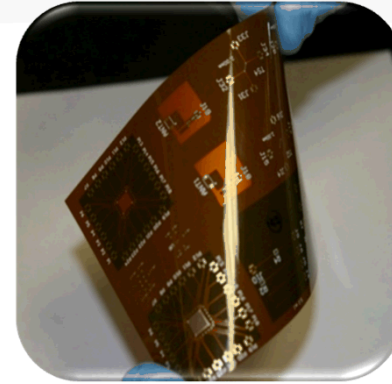
Anode (DW graphite/carbon)

Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)

Cathode (DW  $\text{LiFePO}_4$ )

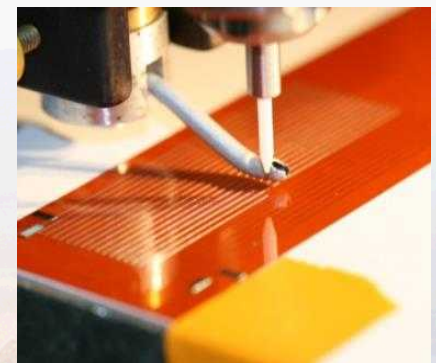
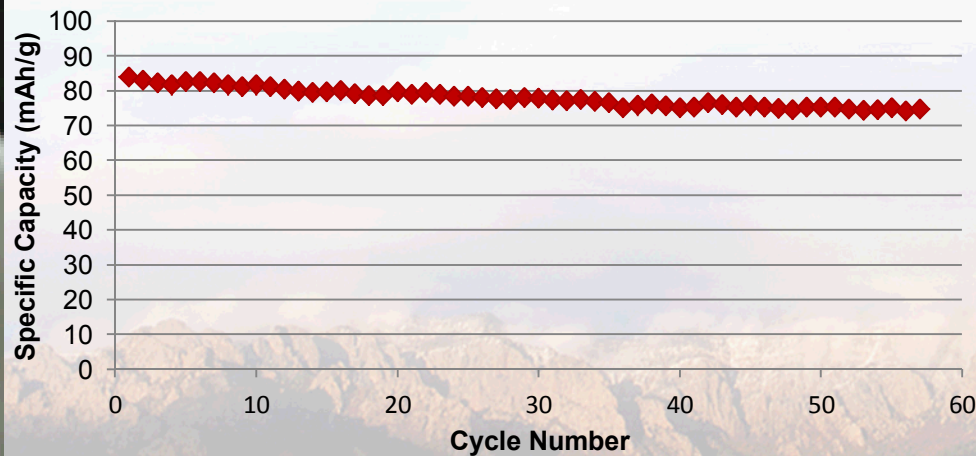
Current collector (DW copper ink)

Substrate (polyimide)



“Flexible Chips” with Printed Wirebonds

Capacity Loss With Increasing Cycle Number



Aerosol jet printing to 10  $\mu\text{m}$

# 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

