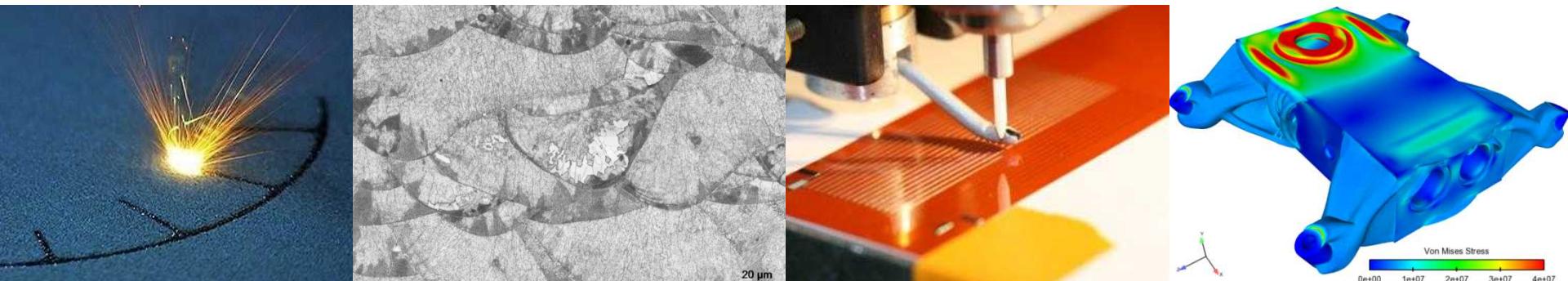


*Exceptional service in the national interest*



# Additive Manufacturing at Sandia National Laboratories

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# Sandia Has a Long History in AM

- 30+ yrs of pioneering AM tech development & commercialization

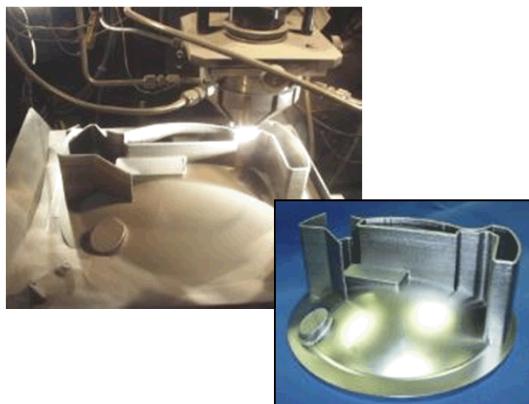
## FastCast\*

prototype test unit



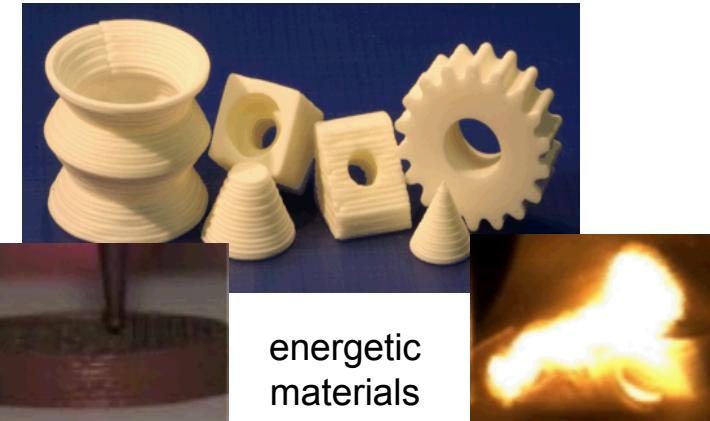
## LENS®\*

fireset housing

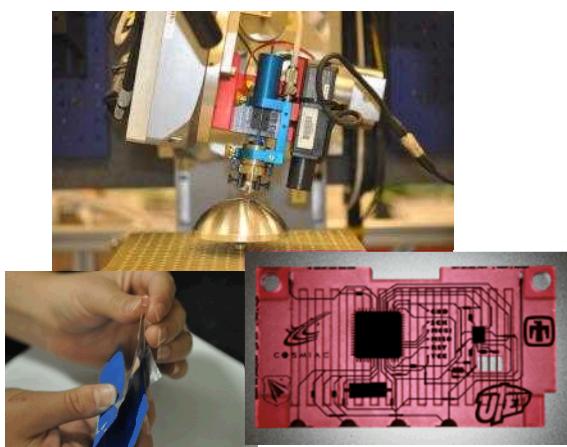


## RoboCast\*

ceramic parts

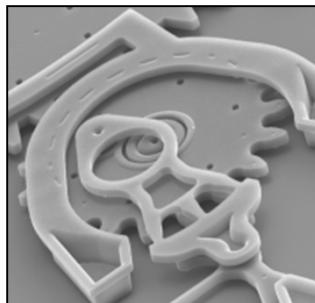


## Direct Write conformal electronics



## MEMS SUMMIT™\*

micro gear assembly



## LIGA “Hurricane” spring



## Spray Forming rocket nozzle



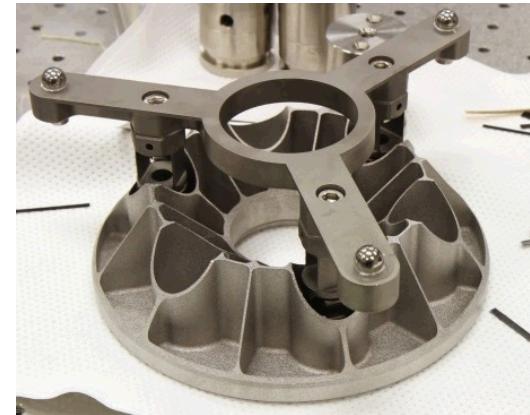
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# SNL's Additive Interest

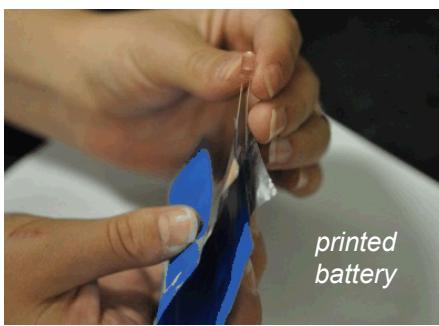
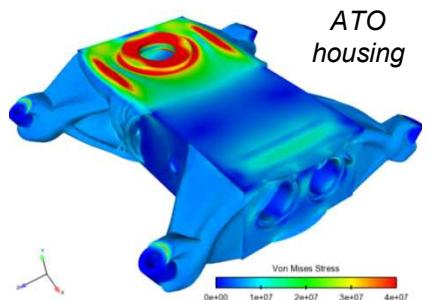
- Reduce risk, accelerate development
  - simplify assembly & processing
  - prototypes, test hardware, tooling & fixturing
    - > 75-100 plastic machines
    - cost reductions often 2-10x
- Add value
  - design & optimize for performance, not mfg
    - complex freeforms, internal structures, integration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



*Sandia  
Hand, 50%  
built w/AM,  
cost ~\$10k*



*prototype  
AI AM  
mirror &  
structure*



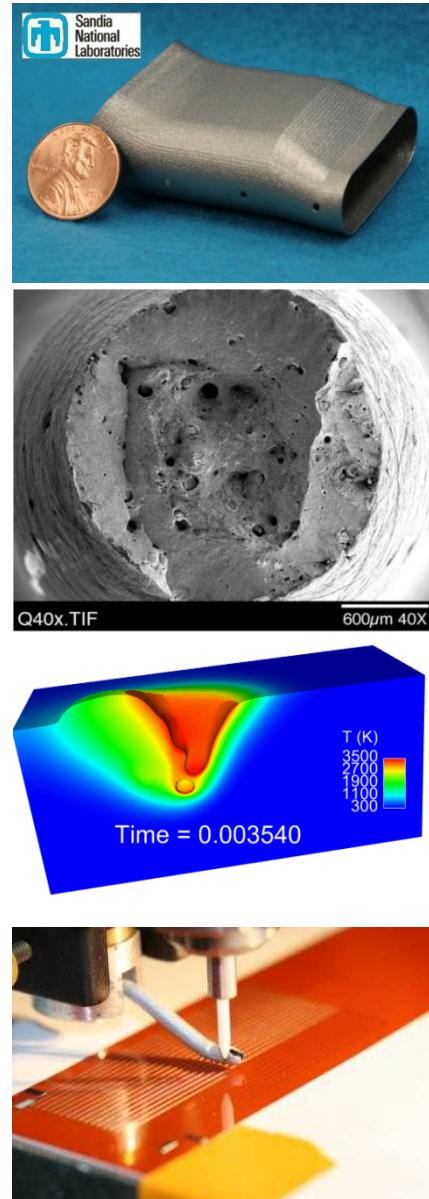
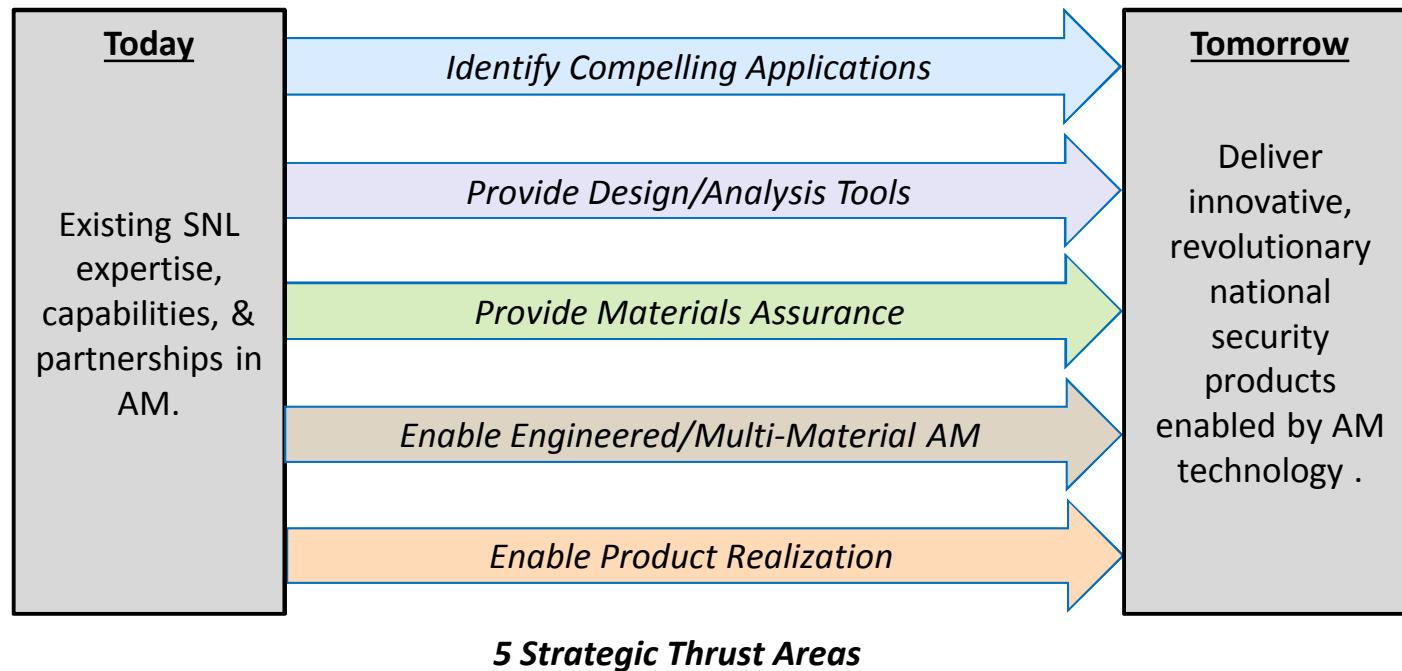
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battery*



*fixture generated in 1 day*

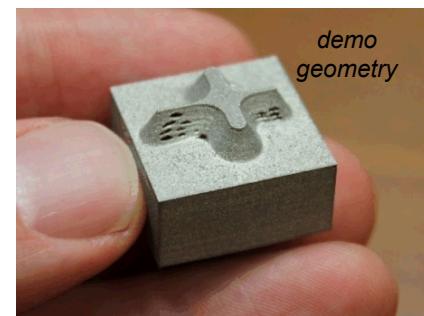
# SNL's Additive Strategy

**Vision:** We will deliver innovative national security products – impossible to create with traditional technologies – by exploiting the revolutionary potential of Additive Manufacturing.



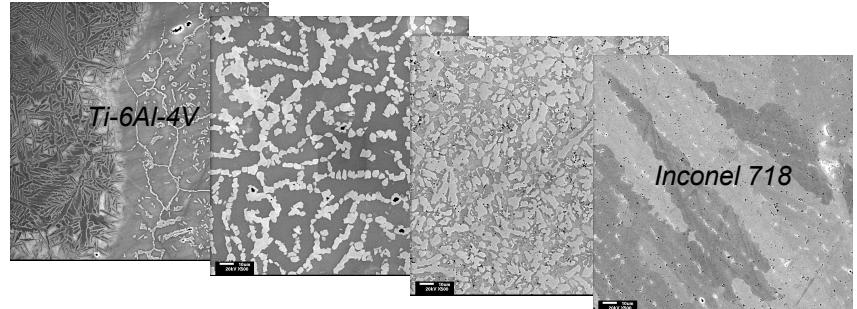
# Metal Powder Bed Fusion

- Growing activity exploring metal parts
  - existing components, future systems
  - process characterization
  - leveraging NSC & external vendors
- 3D Systems (Phenix) machine purchases
  - two ProX 300, one ProX 200
  - motivations
    - roller-wiper powder compression
      - spherical & non-spherical powders, 1  $\mu\text{m}$  minimum
      - 10  $\mu\text{m}$  layer thickness, 100  $\mu\text{m}$  features
      - metal (any with <3% C content), ceramic (alumina, cermet, WC)
      - claim 99.9% dense metals
      - 90% dense ceramics, 10  $\mu\text{m}$  finish
    - process flexibility – open architecture controller, semi-automated clamping & chucking

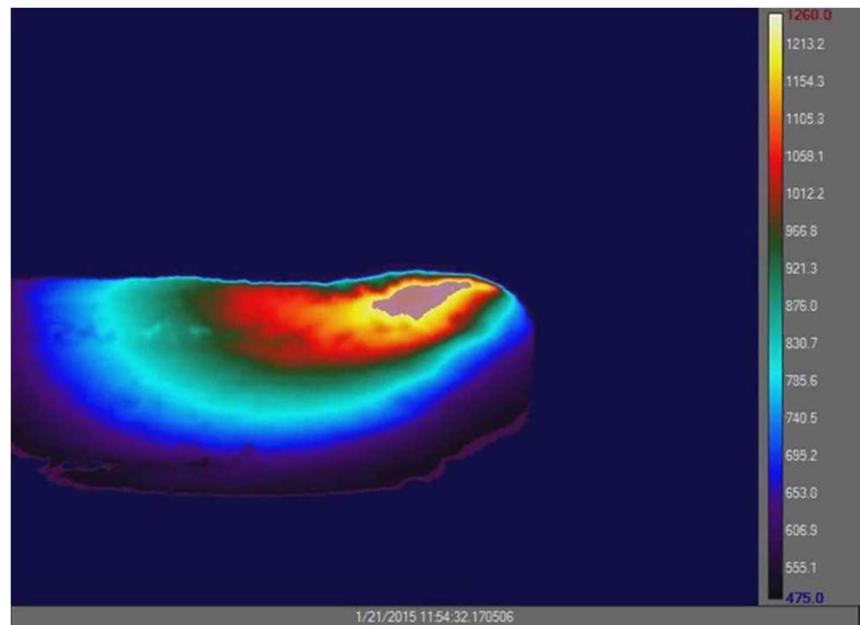
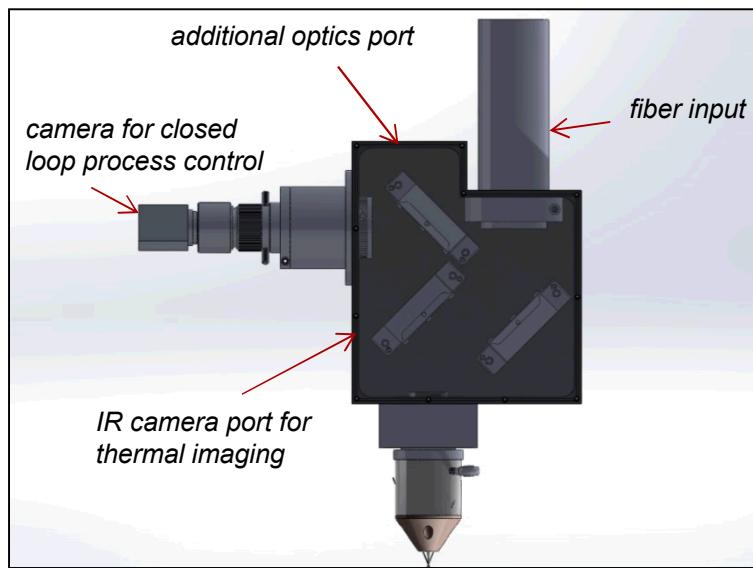


# Laser Engineered Net Shaping (LENS®)

- Historical
  - extensive SNL development efforts & investments
  - licensed to Optomec
  - foundation for metal additive research
- Custom research machine
  - re-establishing & expanding capability
    - additive & subtractive
    - deposition head designed for process diagnostics & feedback
  - leveraging existing hardware

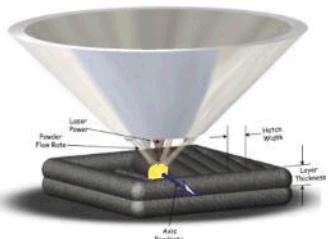


LENS functionally graded materials



thermal history during bi-directional metal deposition

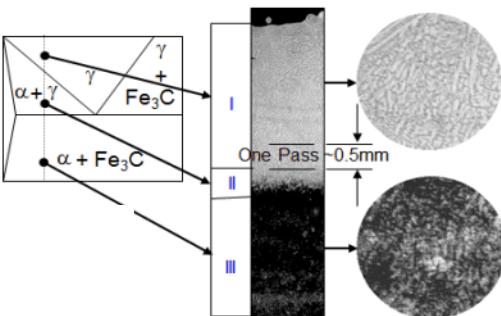
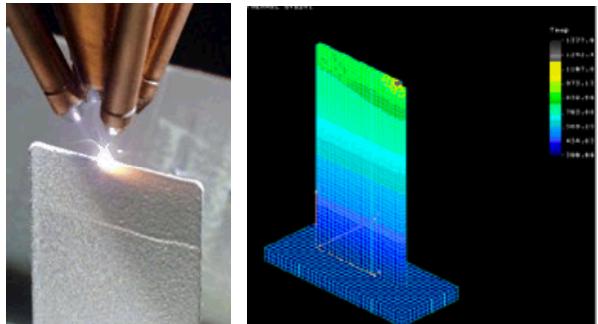
# Prior LENS® Research



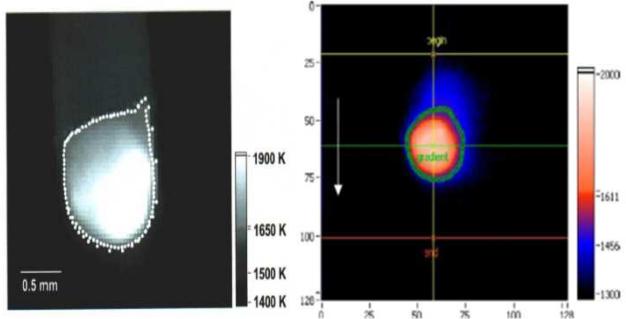
## Graded composition demonstration



## Process characterization/modeling



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



## Closed-loop process control melt pool -> microstructure

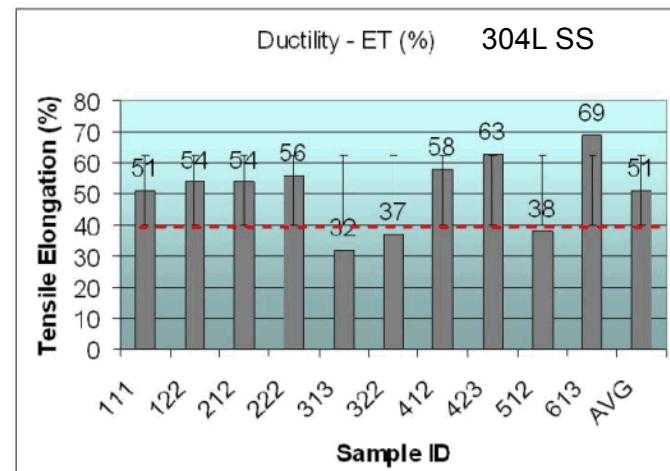
## Variety of LENS® metals

Ti-6Al-4V  
Aermet 100  
Stainless 304L, 316L  
tool steels  
Inconel  
graded NiTi

## Potential advantages

- fully dense material
- strength up to 1.5x wrought material
- no loss of ductility
- graded materials
- add to existing parts
- U.S. based supplier

## LENS® materials properties

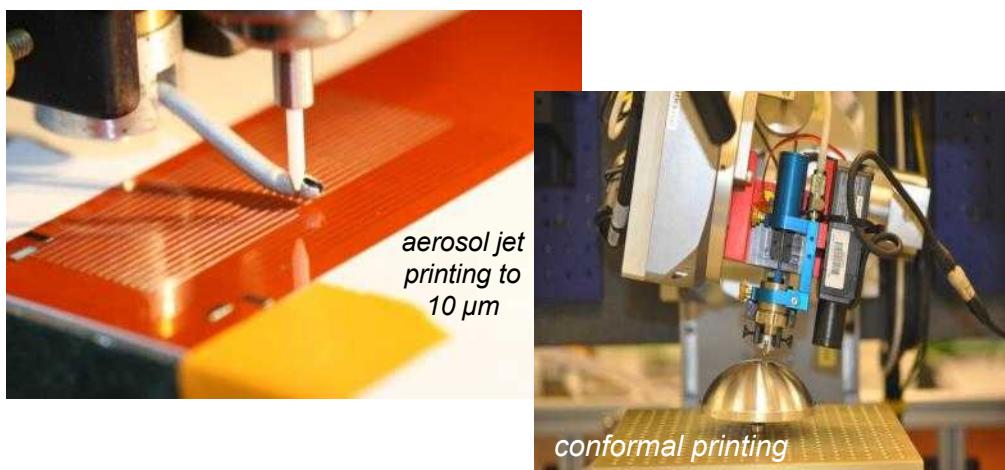
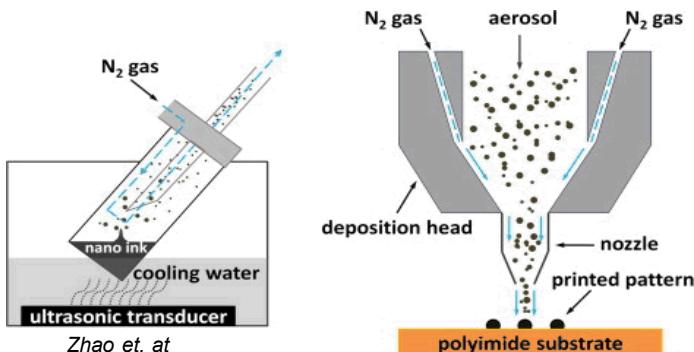
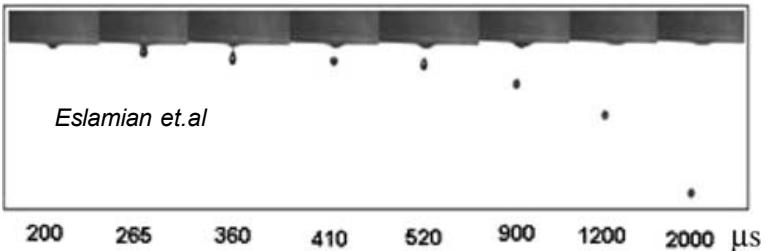


## Potential for process based quality

- process monitors ID'd build flaws

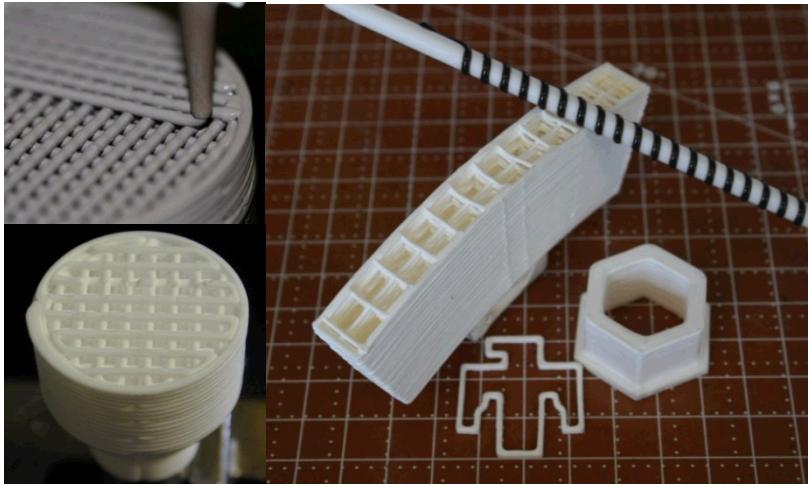
# Direct Write

- Ink jet
  - discrete droplets produce continuous line segments
  - line width a function of droplet size
    - diameter: 18-635  $\mu\text{m}$
  - material viscosity:  $1-1\times 10^6$  cPs
- Aerosol jet
  - ink atomized to produce dense aerosol mist
  - aerosol focused w/inert gas streams & small nozzle
  - Ag: 10  $\mu\text{m}$  line width, 0.5-3  $\mu\text{m}$  height
- Extrusion casting
  - volume deposition: 20 pl minimum
  - material viscosity:  $1-1\times 10^6$  cPs

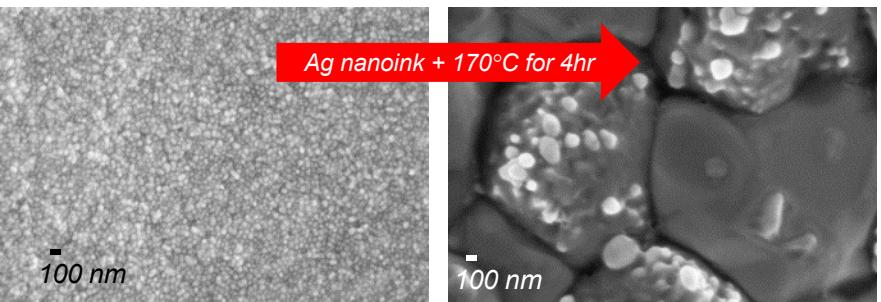


# Direct Write

- Materials
  - epoxies, silicones, dielectrics, ceramics, energetics
  - nano-inks: metallic, polymeric, multi-phase
  - material formulation, synthesis & characterization
  - substrates: plastics, ceramics, polyimide, encapsulants, metals, FR4, glass, paper
- Sintering / curing
  - thermal, joule heating, UV, plasma, laser, microwave, room temperature
- Applications
  - DC & RF interconnects, antenna
  - sensor networks / structural health (strain, crack, temperature...)
  - package integration (resistors, capacitors, inductors, transistors, batteries)
  - conformal geometries



*extrusion casting (Robocasting)*



*sintering of Ag nanoinks for conductive pathways*

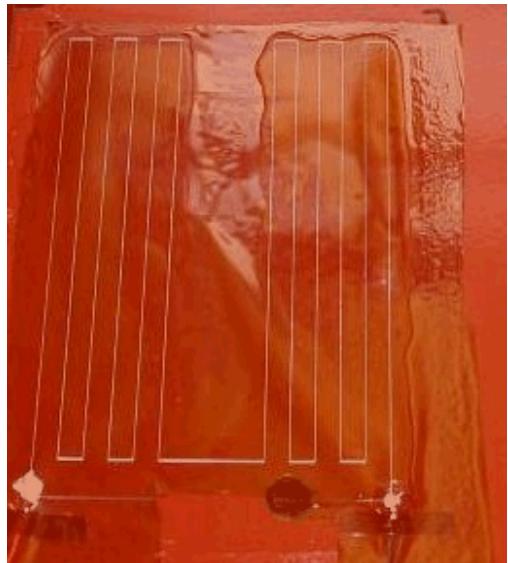
- Printed Encapsulant
- Current Collector
- Printable Separator
- Printed Anode / Cathode



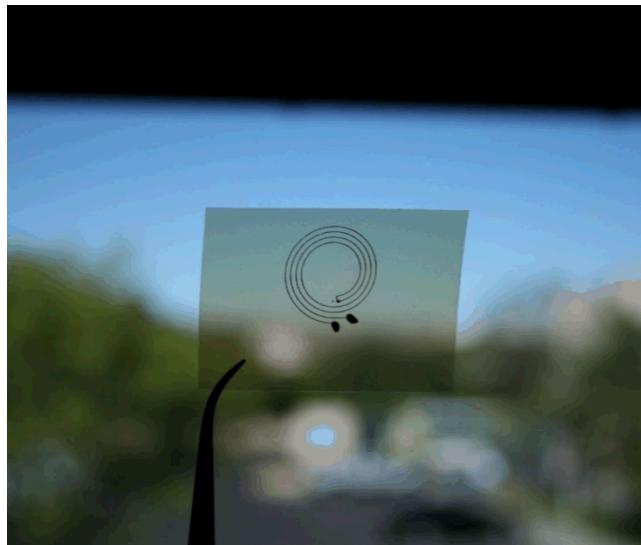
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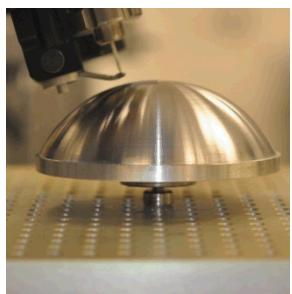
# Recent Activities



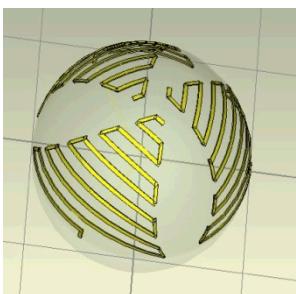
Ag traces on powdercoat with overcoat



room temperature cure of conductive traces on polymer film

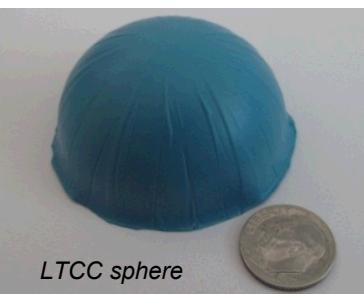


6-axis platform

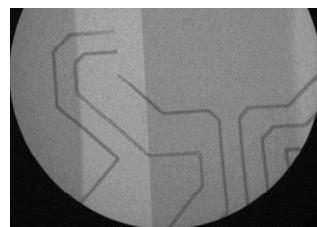


path planning

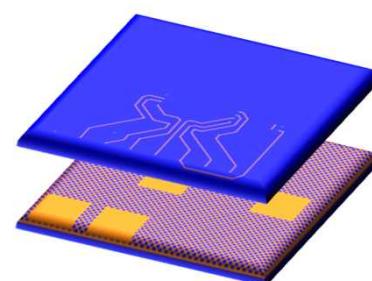
conformal printing



LTCC sphere



X-ray of 4 layer composite system, 200  $\mu\text{m}$  conductors



multi level circuit concept

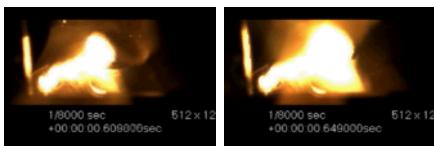
thick film low temperature co-fired ceramic

# Energetic Materials

## Robocasting



Aluminum/Nickel reactive material

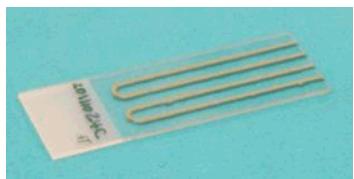


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## Inkjet printing

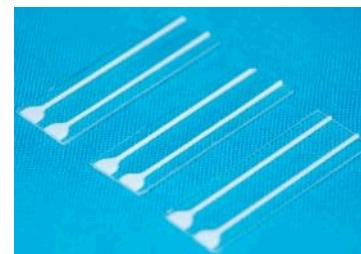


Aluminum/bismuth trioxide thermite

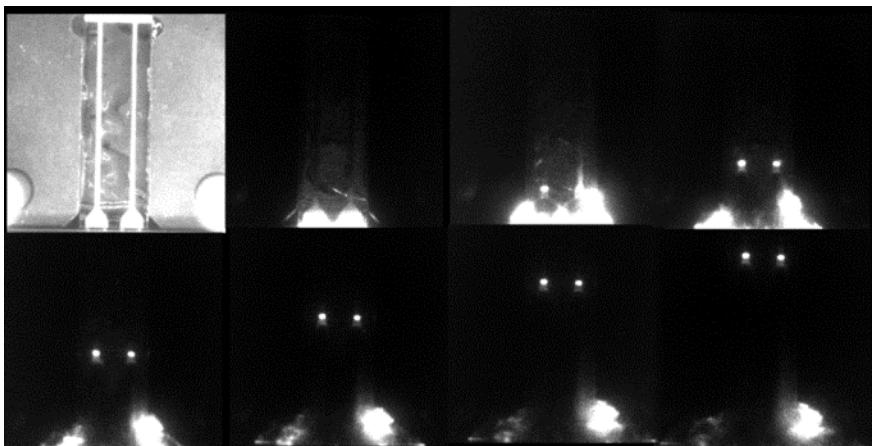


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## Physical vapor deposition



Pentaerythritol tetranitrate high explosive

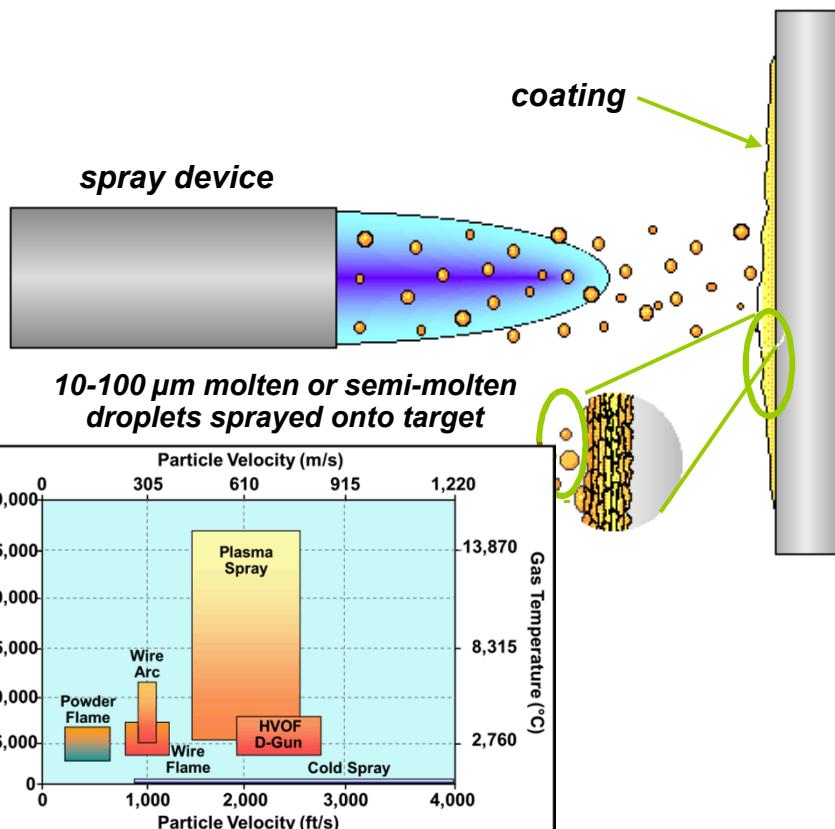
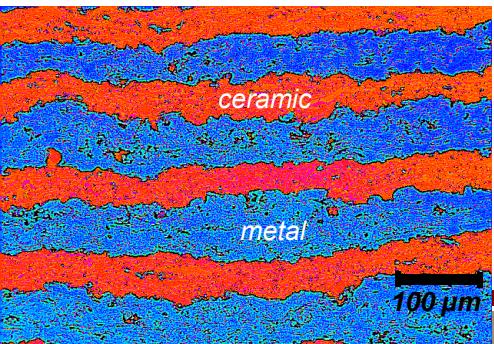
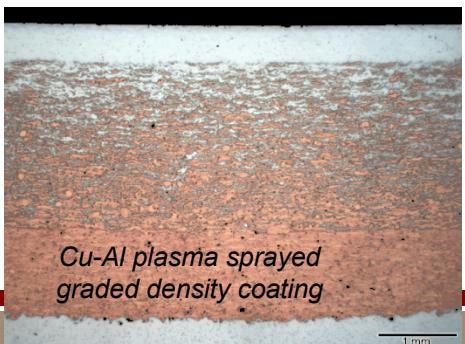


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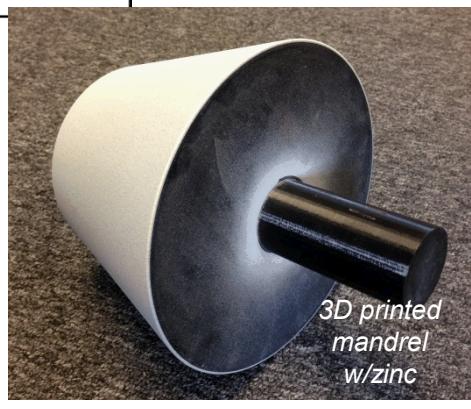
- Different materials and applications require different techniques

# Thermal Spray

- SNL has all 7 major technologies
  - plasma spray (atmosphere, vacuum), twin wire arc spray, powder flame spray, wire flame spray, cold spray, high velocity oxy-fuel
- Advantages
  - large material set (anything that melts)
    - pure metals, most alloys, traditional ceramics, cermet, carbides, polymer, composites, MMC
    - graded materials
    - able to deposit on lower-melting substrates
  - surface properties differ from bulk
  - high build rates over large areas (10 - 100 lb/hr)
    - thick deposits (mm to cm)
  - cold spray
    - solid state deposition, no composition changes or solidification stresses
    - near wrought properties w/heat treat

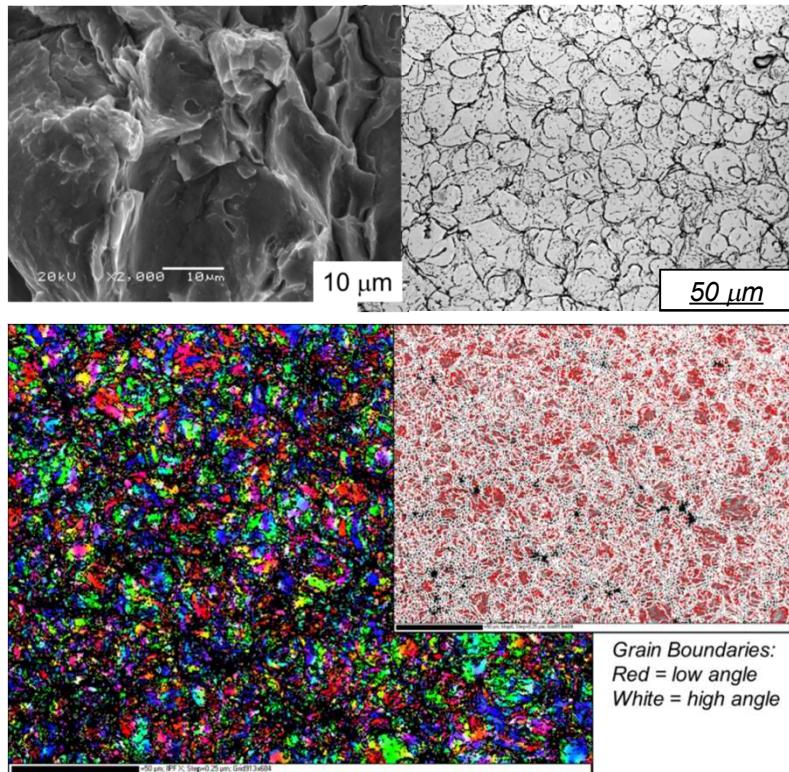


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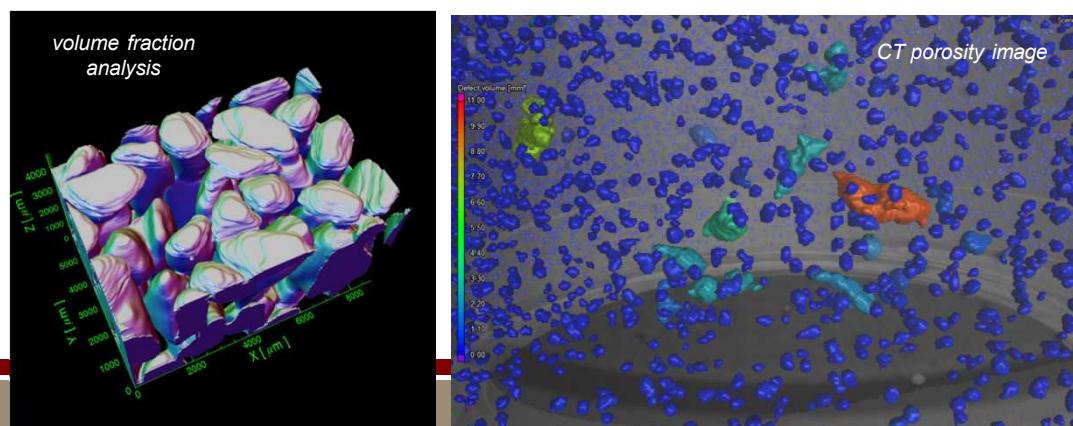


# Material Characterization

- Wide material tools available
  - SEM, FIB, TEM, AFM, EBSD
  - X-ray, neutron diffraction
  - spectroscopy
  - thermal & mechanical testing
  - digital image correlation (DIC) strain field mapping
  - metallography
- Defect detection / metrology
  - automated serial-sectioning
  - computed tomography
  - phase contrast x-ray imaging
- Primary challenges
  - large data sets
  - low throughput



pure Al cold spray coating

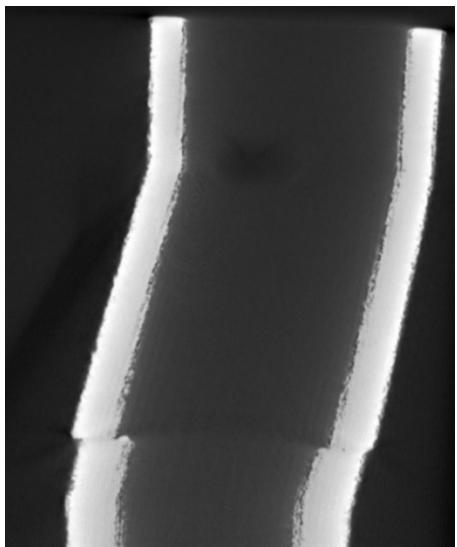


# Computed Tomography

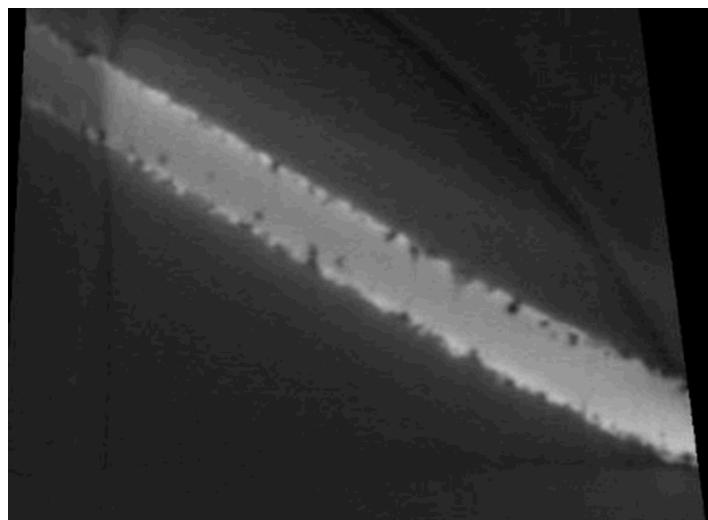
- Industry shift
  - 5 years ago – inspection, not metrology
  - now – necessary for AM complexity
- Interests
  - standards & verification
  - material characterization
  - dimensional metrology
  - big data (throughput, handling)
  - SNL capabilities in CT systems, data, metrology



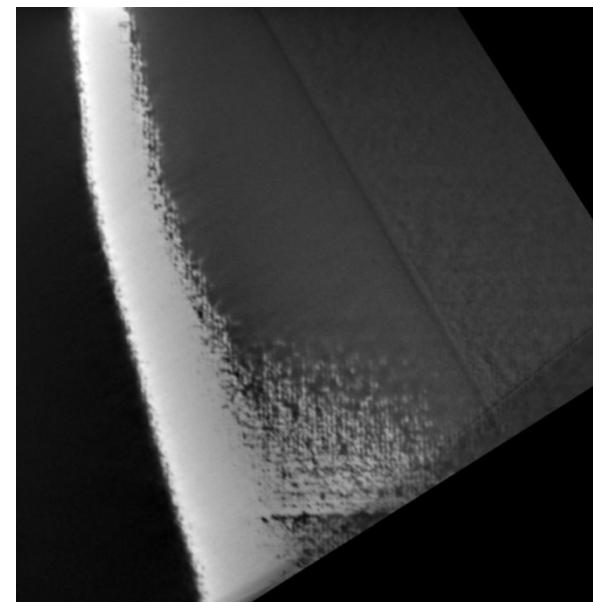
AM housing prototyped in 17-4PH stainless steel



defects – material or measurement?



detecting material voids & defects



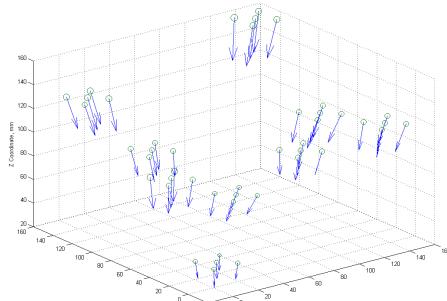
able to see build layers

# Metrology

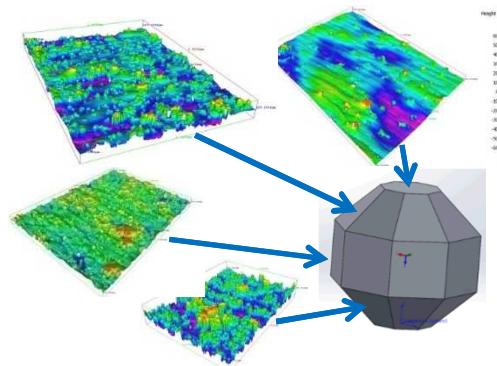
- Unique challenges for processes, equipment & parts
  - geometry depends on material, process, machine, orientation, supports, post-processing...
  - equipment accuracy generally exceeds process
- Challenges
  - metrology can be harder than fabrication
  - inferior surface quality
  - form deviations included in uncertainty analyses
  - GD&T applies, but less “traditional” surfaces
  - internal features
  - now worried about material, not just geometry



Ti-6Al-4V polyhedron &  
“Manhattan” artifacts



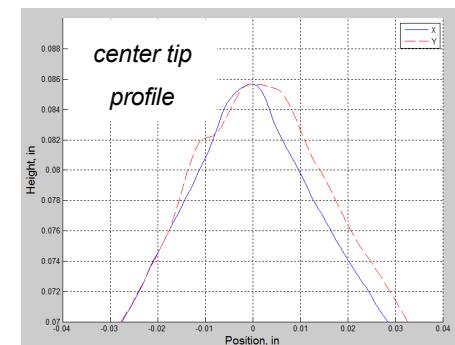
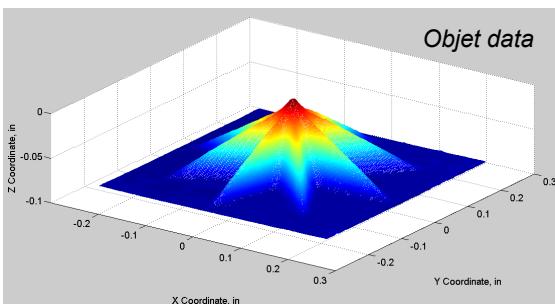
Ti “Manhattan” error map



17-4 PH polyhedron texture anisotropy map

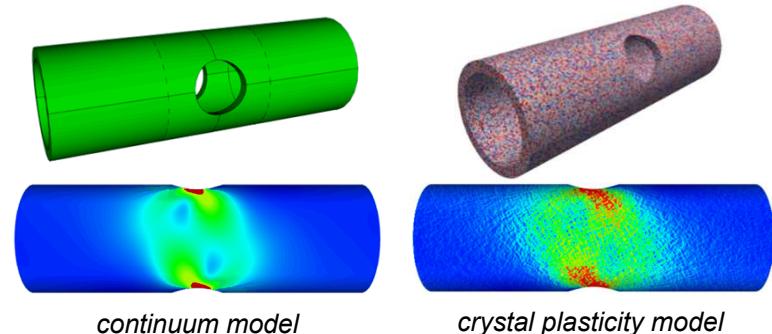
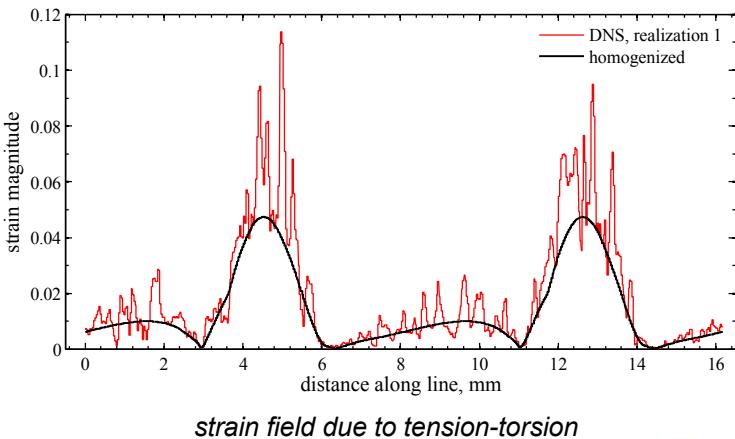


17-4 PH “death” star

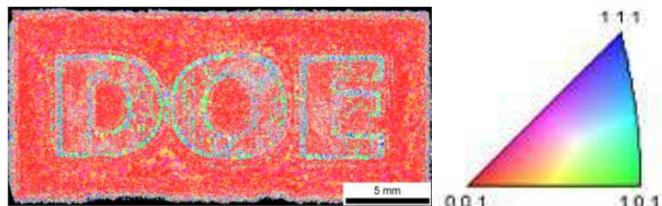


# Engineered Materials

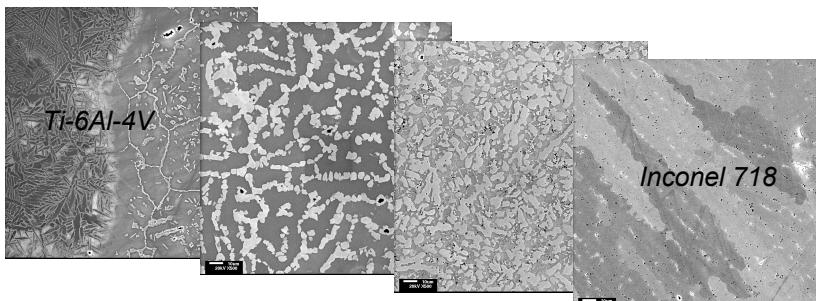
- Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME)
  - materials analog to mechanical engineering
  - microstructure matters
- Voxel access introduces new opportunities for control & design
  - spanning multi-scales is difficult
  - metallurgical limits exist



## AM Inconel 718 texture control demo by ORNL

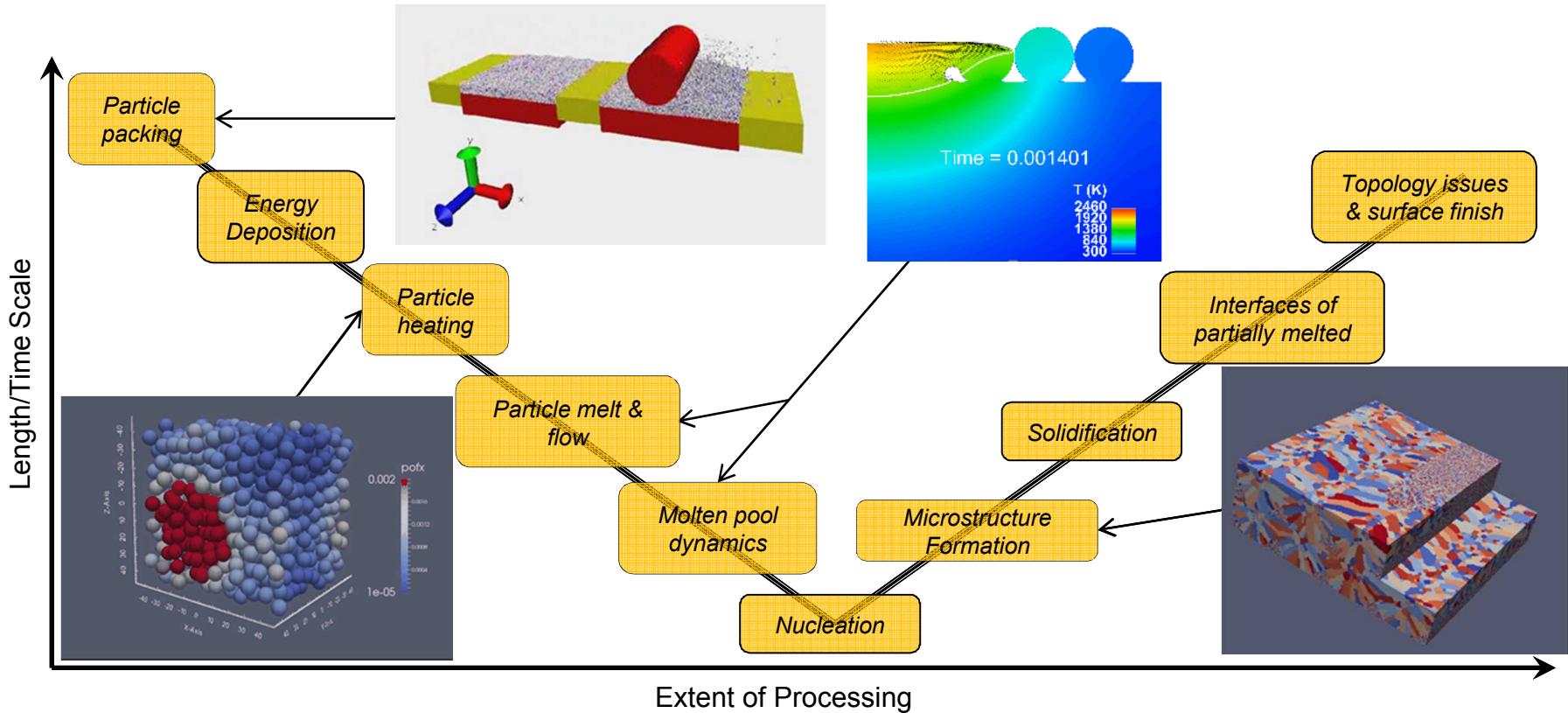


*"We can now control local material properties, which will change the future of how we engineer metallic components," R. Dehoff*



LENS® functionally graded materials

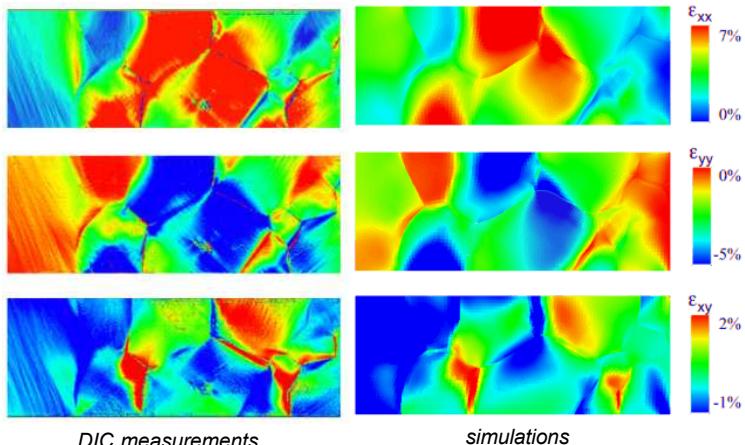
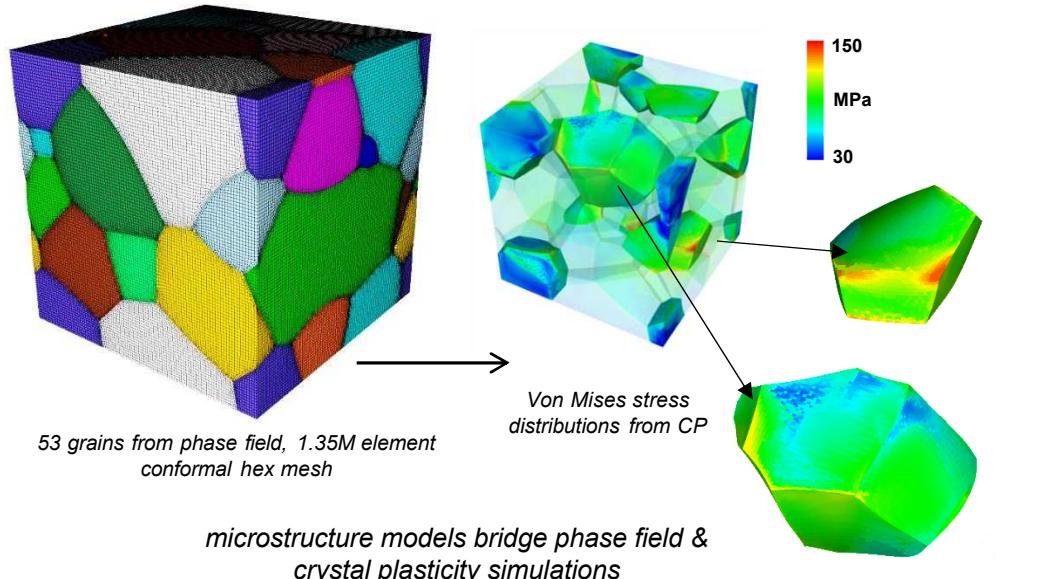
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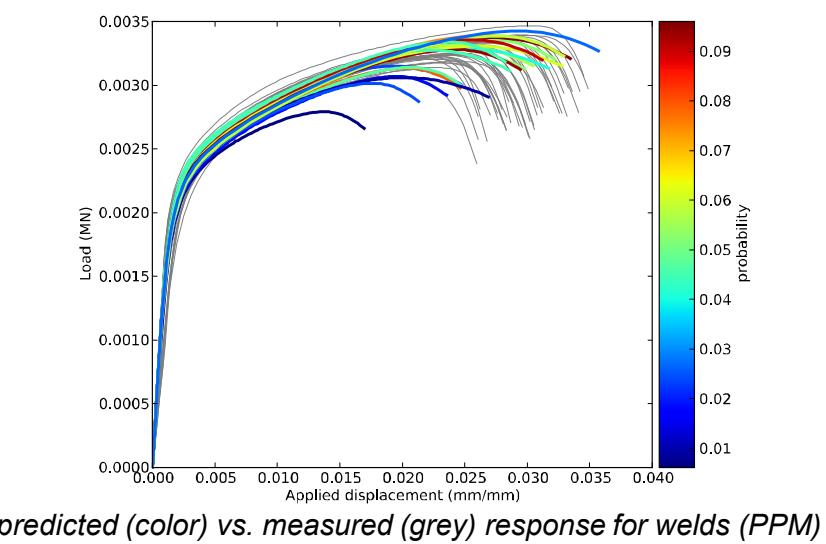
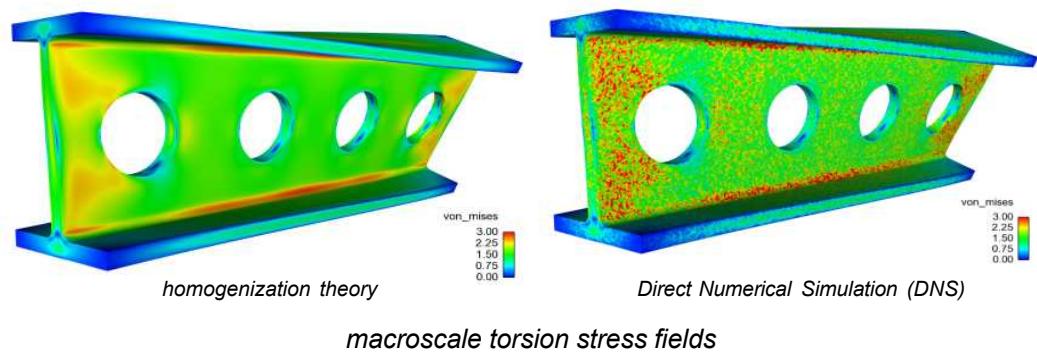
- Process
  - reduce experimentation
    - laser-material interaction
    - discrete particle physics
  - process -> structure relationships
  - process limits

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

# Predicting Material Performance

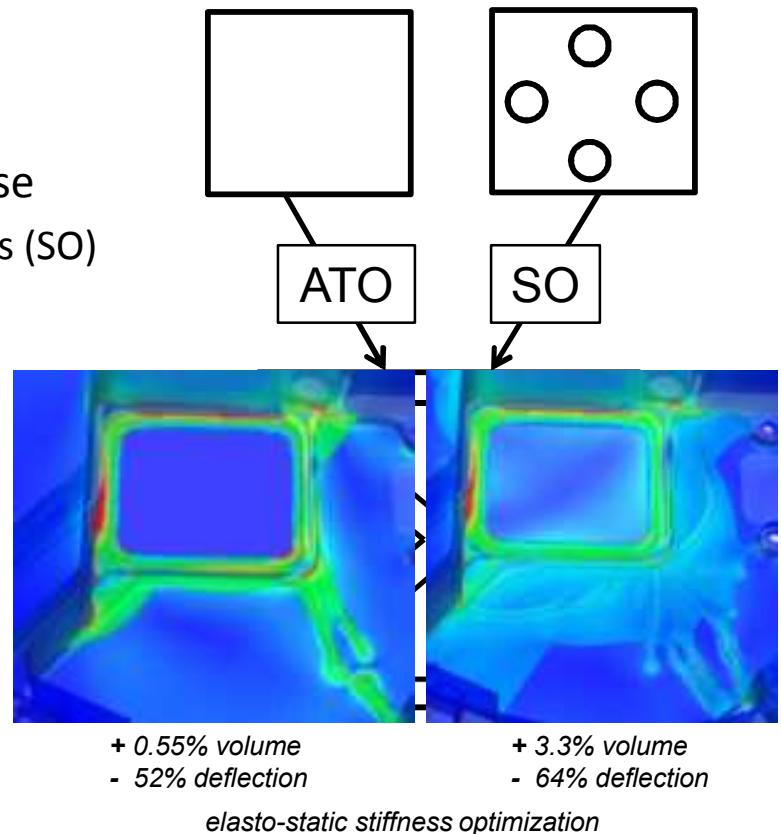
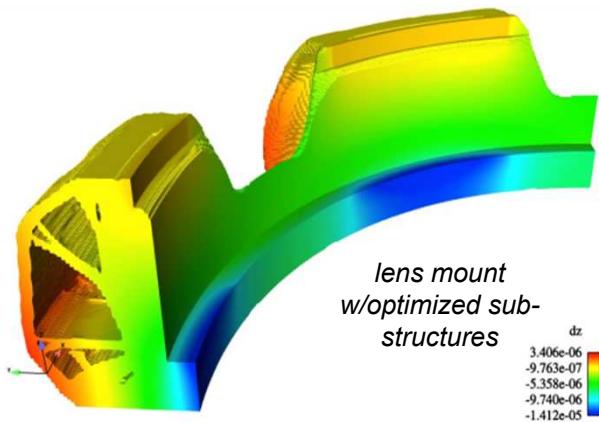


oligocrystal tensile load experiment vs. crystal plasticity models



# 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

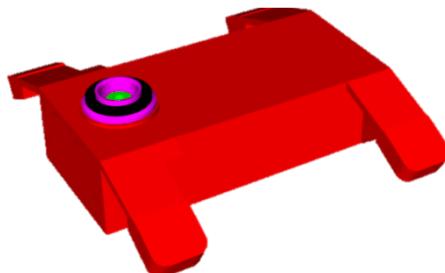
# Inverting the Design Cycle

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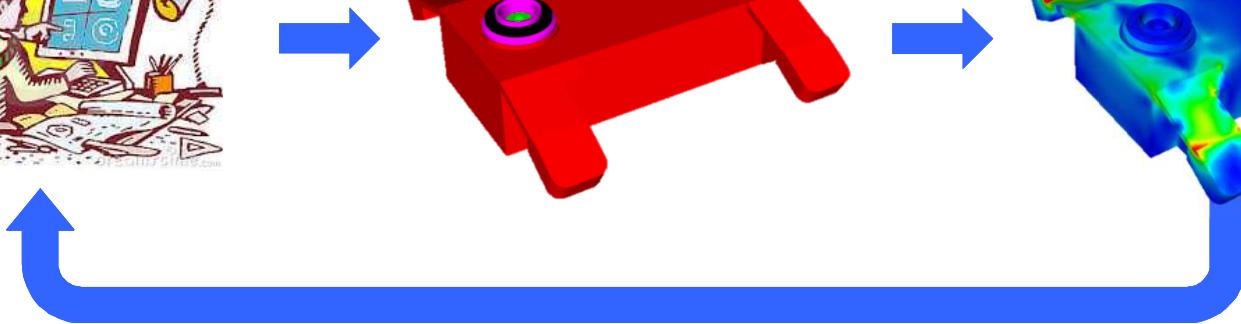
specify form



design



verify function w/FEA

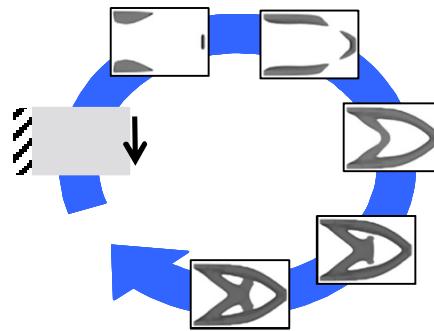


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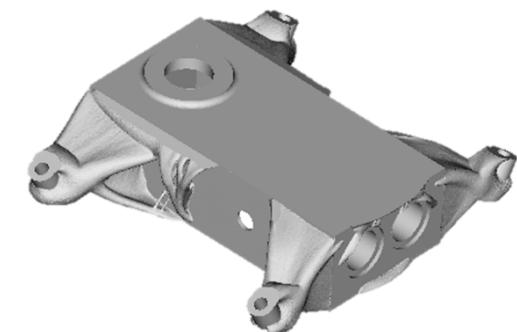
specify design domain & function



use topology optimization to determine form that meets function

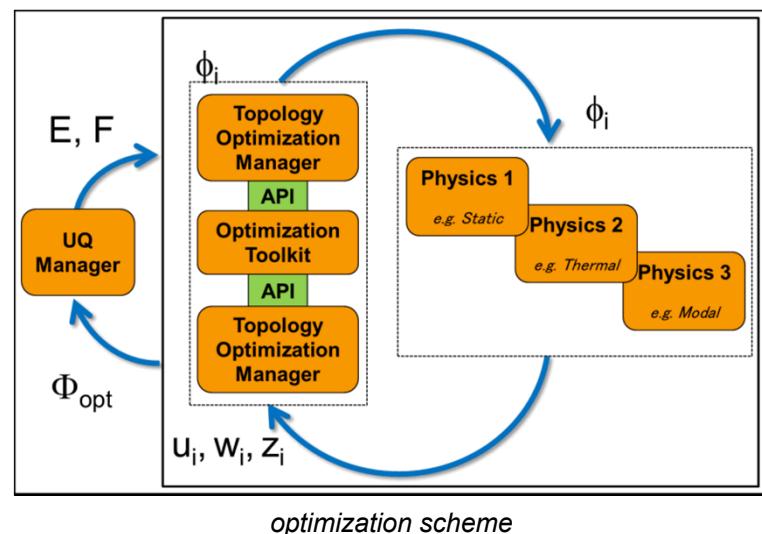
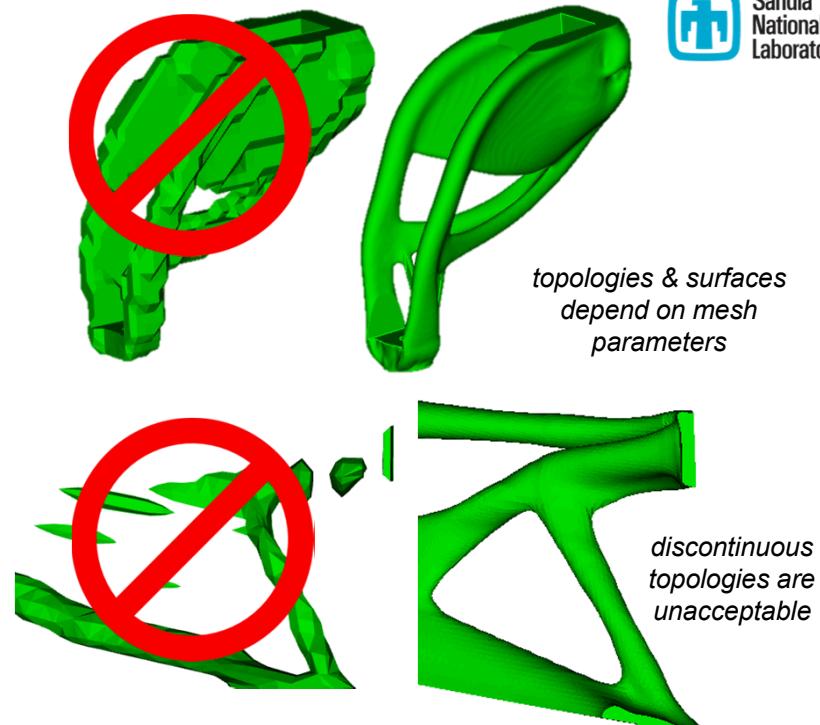
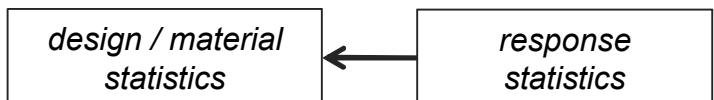


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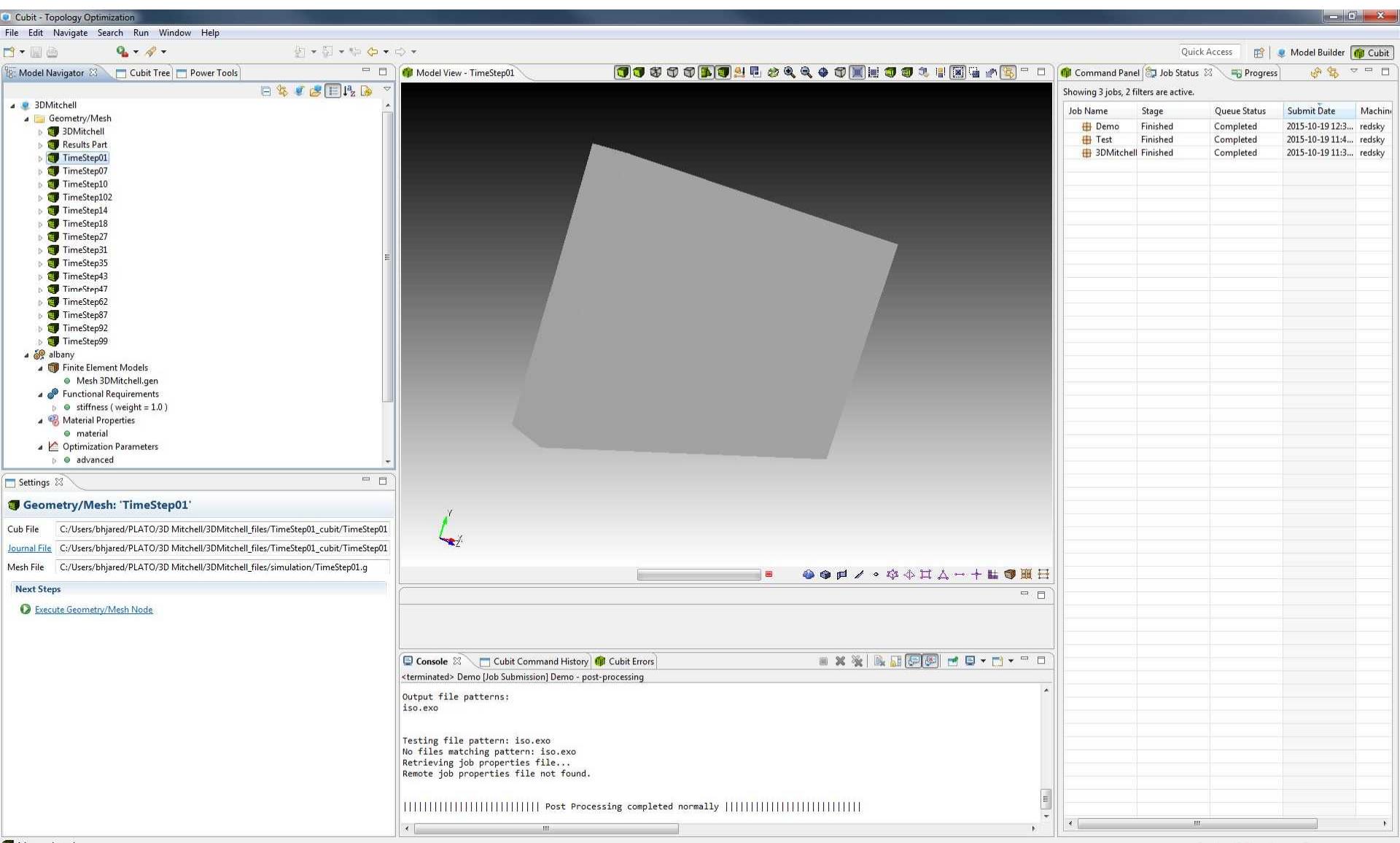


# Design Challenges

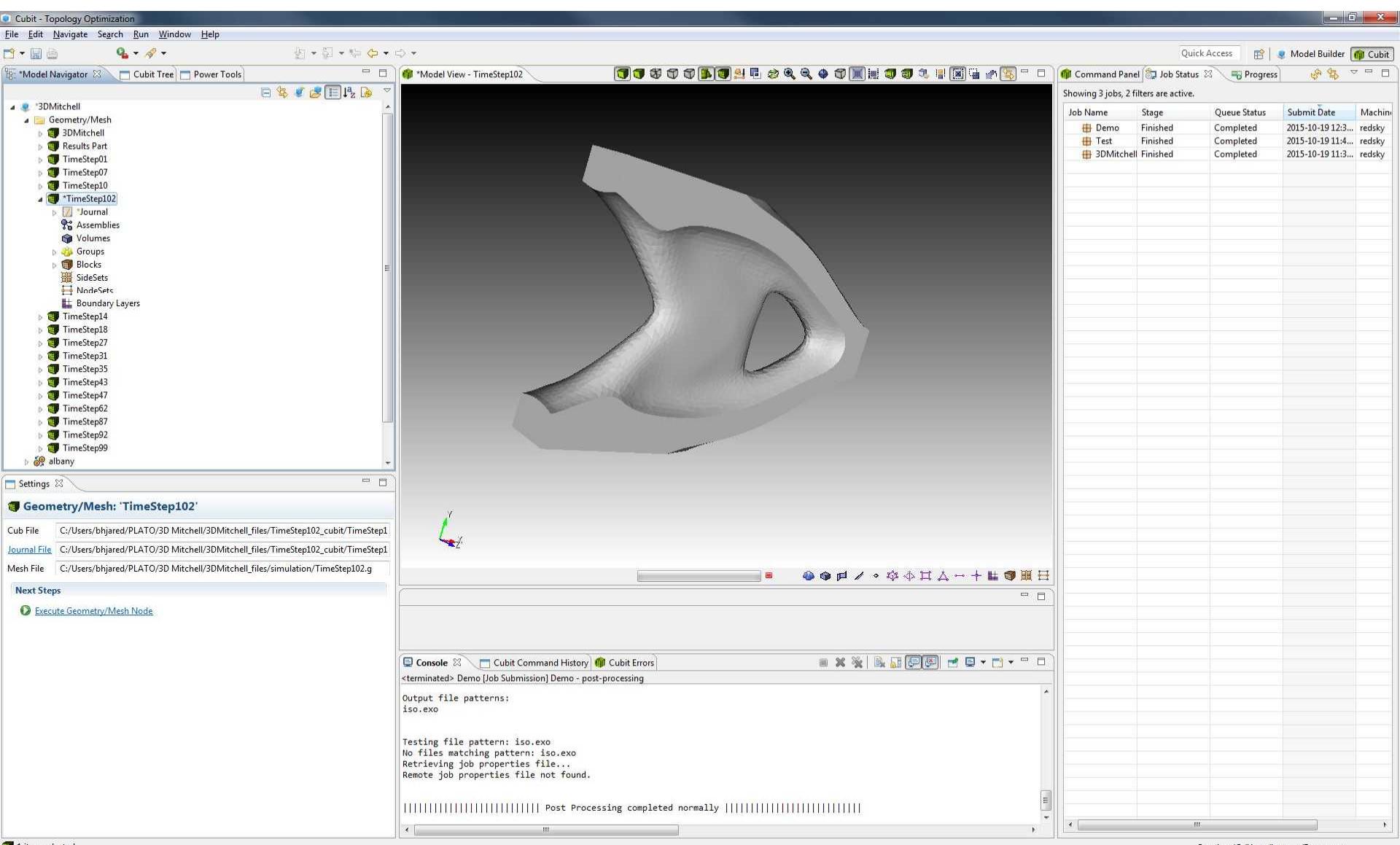
- Ease of use
  - data formats
  - interactive steering
  - smooth, connected geometries
- Efficiency
  - manipulating volume data
  - reduced order models
  - faster converging algorithms
- Physics
  - elasto-statics, modal, thermal exist
  - complex boundary constraints (ex. sliding)
  - multi-physics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



# Sandia Analysis Workbench (SAW)

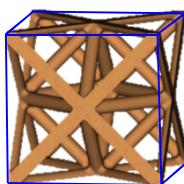
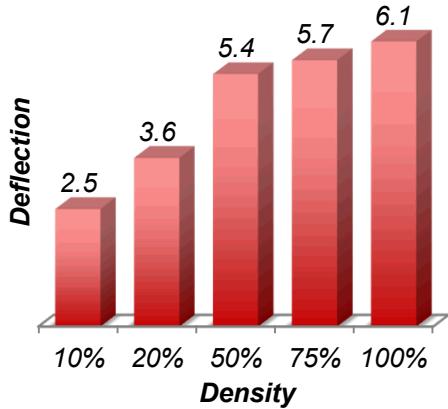
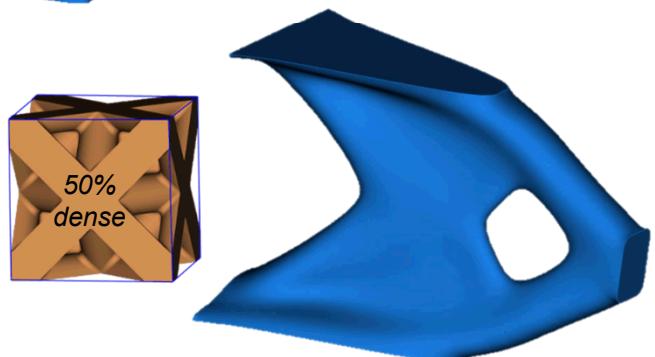
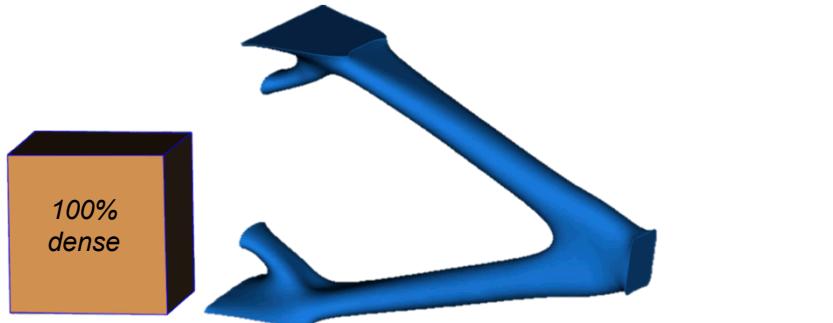


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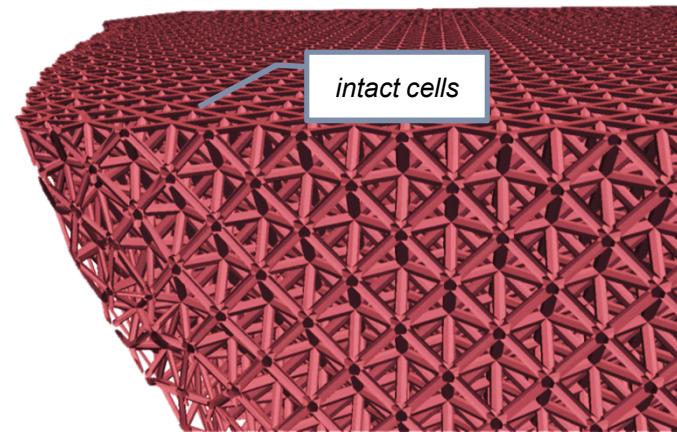
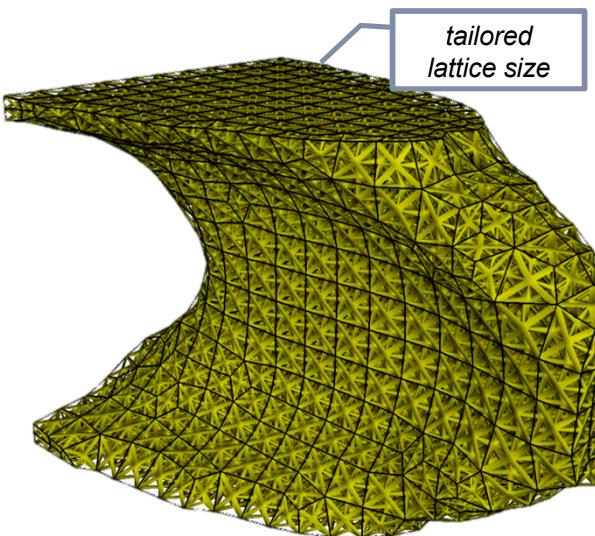


# TO w/Lattice Structures

Optimizing stiffness w/fixed mass

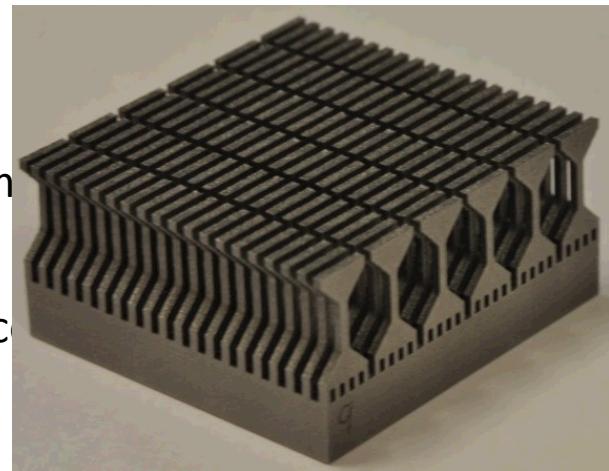


Tailored geometry avoids “loose ends”

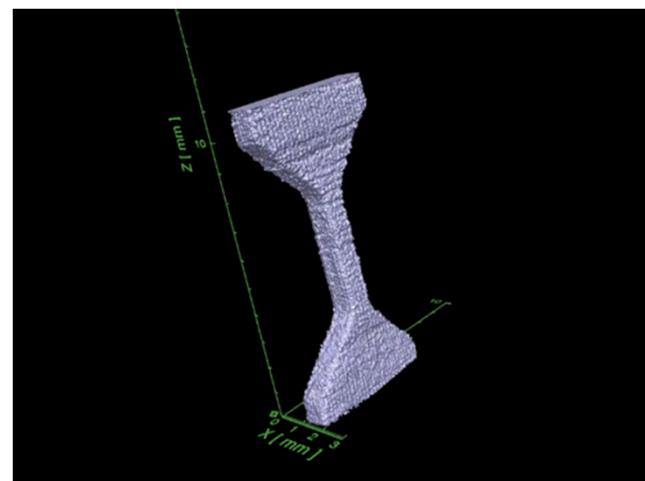


# Identifying Defect Signatures

- Examining multiple techniques
  - destructive
    - high throughput testing (HTT), fractography, microscopy
  - non-destructive
    - computed tomography (CT), density, process control (PCRT)
- AM enables large sample sets
  - desire similar measurement throughput
- Correlation study underway
  - data sets for 110 17-4PH dogbones
    - ~2 Gb/dogbone
  - parts from a single baseplate
    - nominally constant process parameters



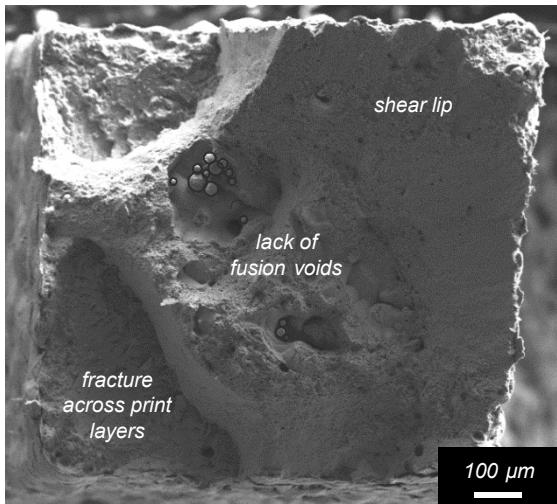
high throughput test sample w/120 dogbones, 1x1mm gage x-section



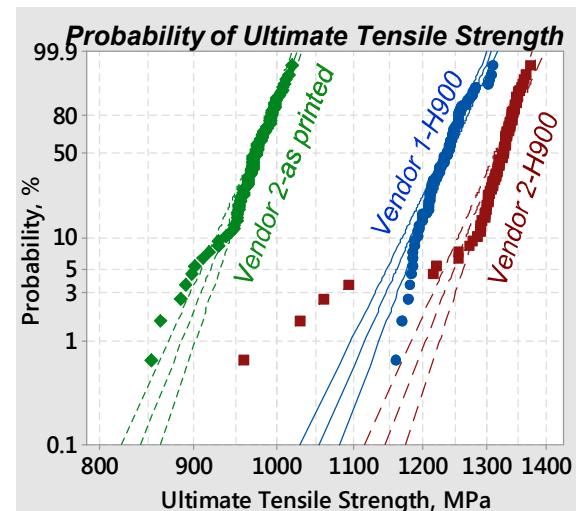
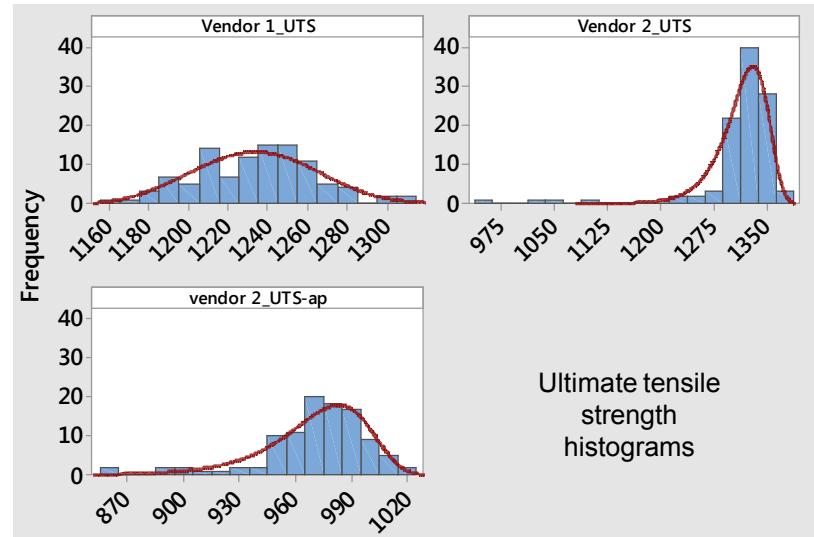
CT model of 1x1 mm test sample

# Mechanical Strength Distributions

- Characterizing using HTT tensile
  - quantifying mean, outliers & probabilities
- Current testing
  - 1.0 mm square gage sections
    - >100 samples / test condition
  - external vendor sources
    - limited process specificity
  - defect dominated behavior to-date
    - similar to castings & ceramics
    - Weibull distributions prove appropriate

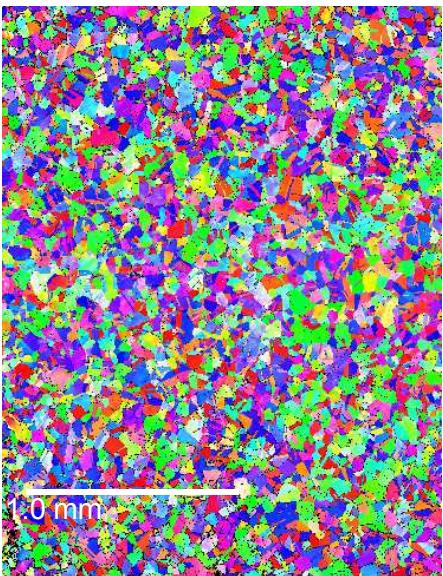


failure at 2% elongation, Vendor #1, H900

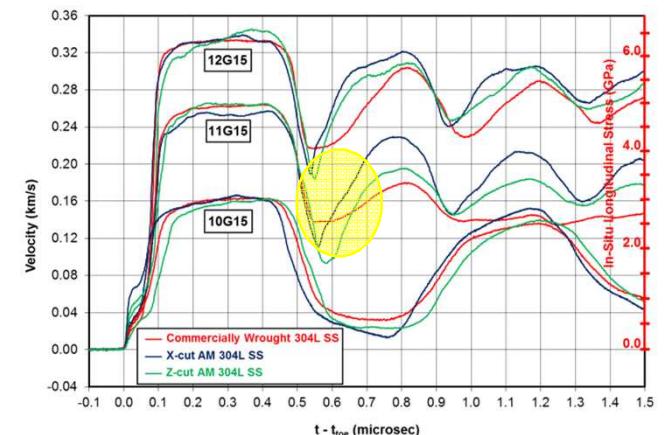
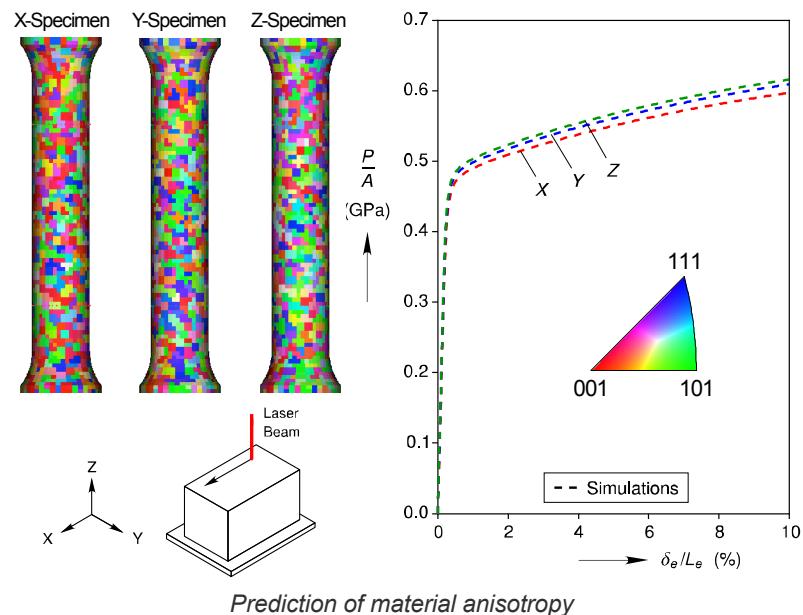
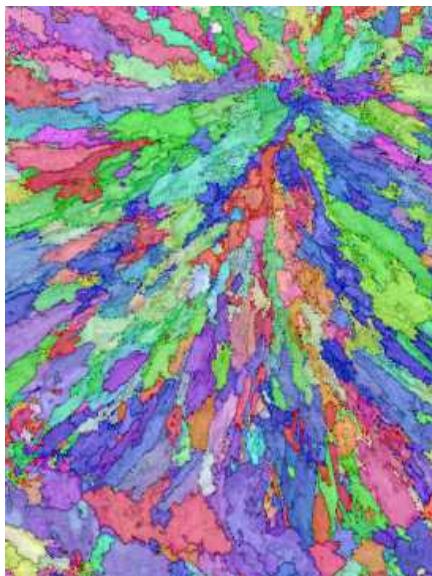


# Variable Strain Rate Mechanical Response

- High power LENS (0.5-3.8 kW, Penn State)
- Exploring strain rates from  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^6$  /sec
  - quasi-static to gas gun
- Building crystal plasticity predictive models
- Probing material behavior using neutron diffraction (LANL)



Wrought 304L SS microstructure (left) & AM (right)



Spall strength of LENS 304L SS varies from 3.27 to 3.91 GPa & exceeds wrought material (2.63 – 2.88 GPa)

# QUESTIONS?

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