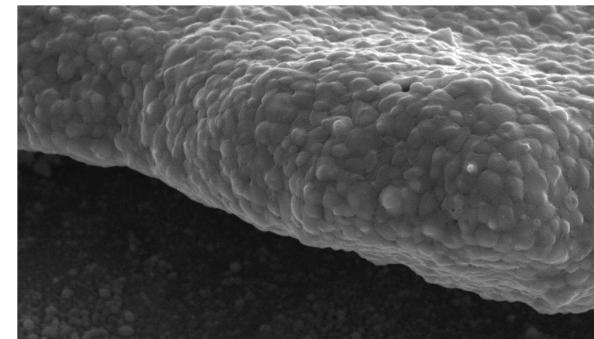
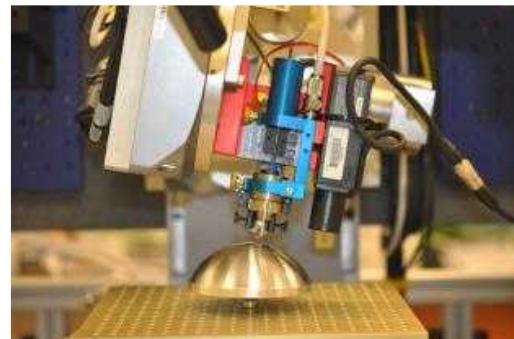


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# Integration of Multi-materials in Additive Manufacturing

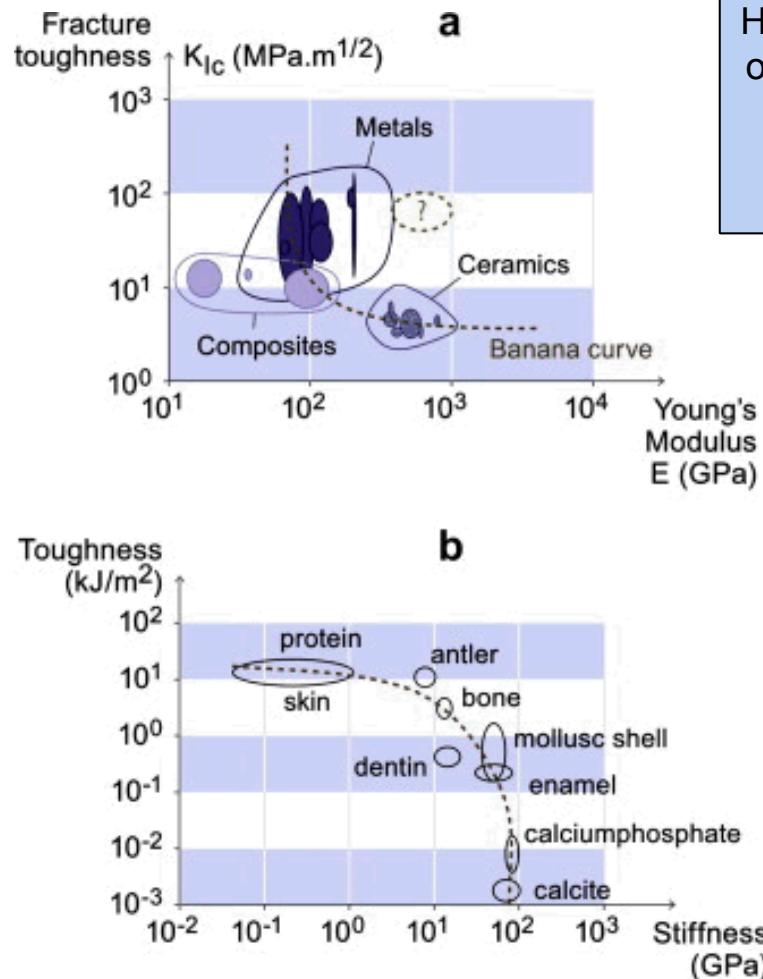
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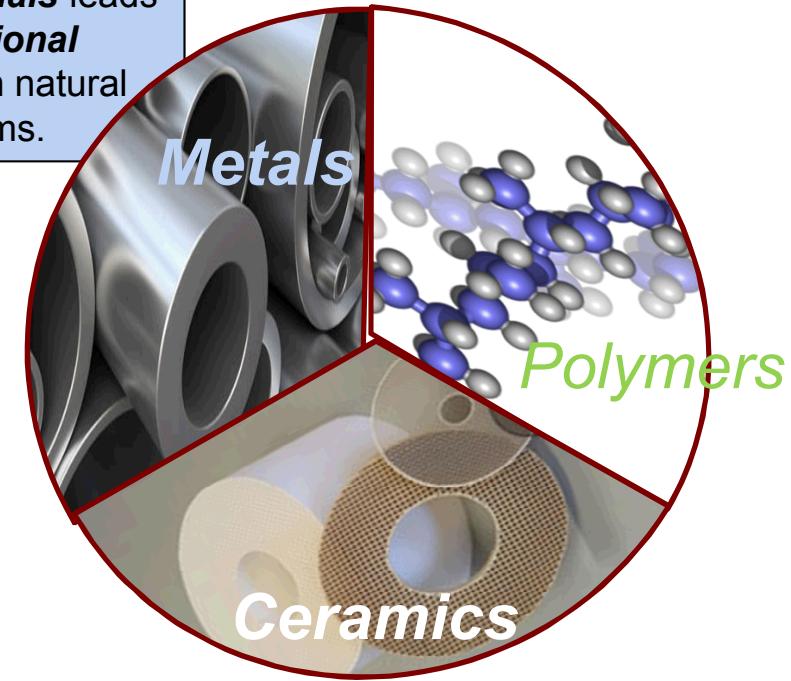


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# Additive Manufacturing Successes stem from Composition, Microstructure, and Interfaces



Hierarchical arrangement of **weak materials** leads to **exceptional properties** in natural organisms.



**Fundamental Research Question:**  
How can disparate classes of materials be deposited at low thermal cost?  
(i.e. without employing vastly differing temperature regimes.)

# The Advanced Materials Laboratory Performs Research in Novel Advanced Manufacturing at SNL

Advanced Materials Laboratory (AML) – a Sandia-leased facility on the campus of the University of New Mexico



*Original Vision: Foster substantive collaborative/partnering relationships in material science with UNM*

## Digital Printing and Coating Laboratory

- N-Tact precision slot die coater (1-10 micron patch coatings over wide range of viscosity)
- RG gravure printer – 20 micron feature size
- NSM gravure printer with multilayer registration capability – 1-20 micron
- Direct write machines
- Ink characterization: Rheometers, goniometers, DWS, zetasizers, etc.
- Film characterization: multispectral ellipsometer, SAW,
- Two-photon Lithography tool (100 nm)



# Sandia Additive Manufacturing

## Technical Development & Commercialization

30+ yrs of Pioneering Process/Materials R&D

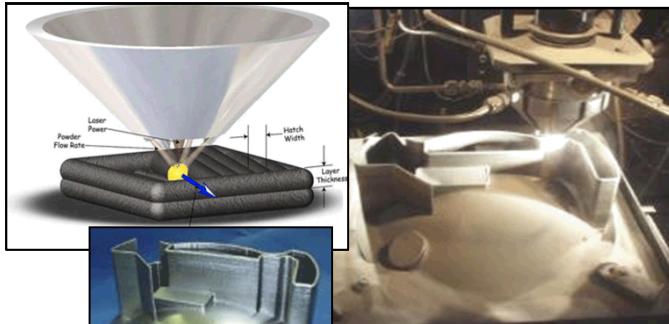
*FastCast* \*

Development housing



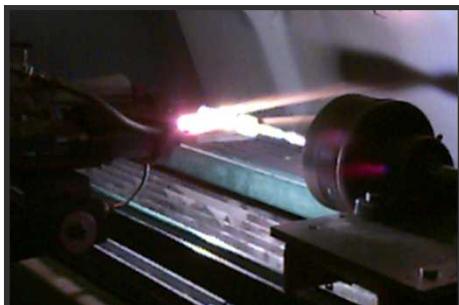
*Laser Engineered Net Shaping*  
**LENS® \***

Stainless housing



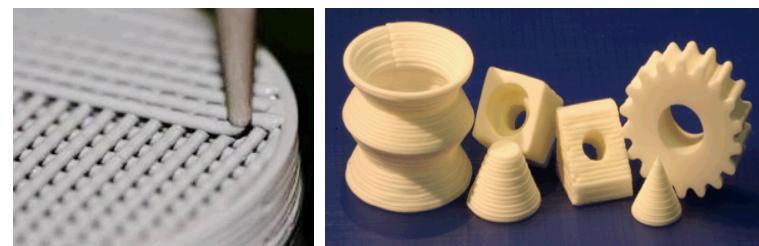
*Spray Forming*

Rocket nozzle



*RoboCasting* \*

Ceramic Parts

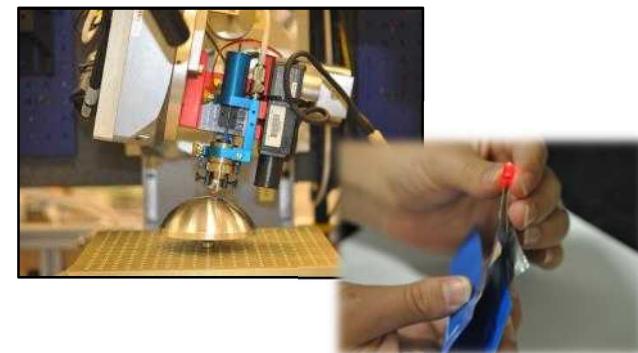


*Energetic Materials*



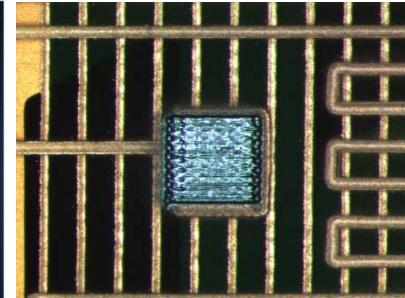
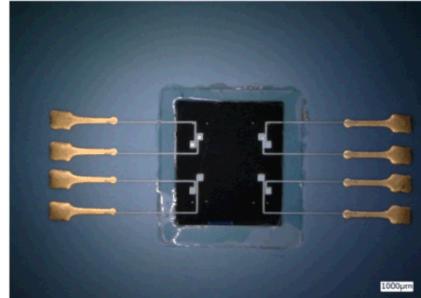
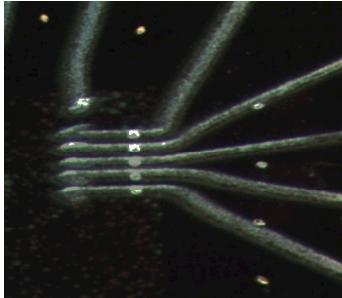
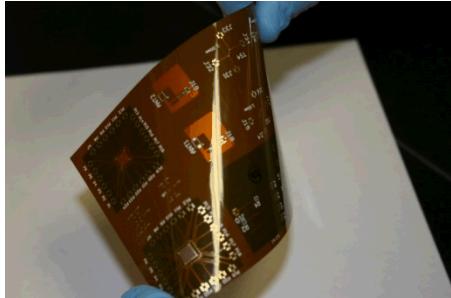
*Direct Write*

Conformal electronics

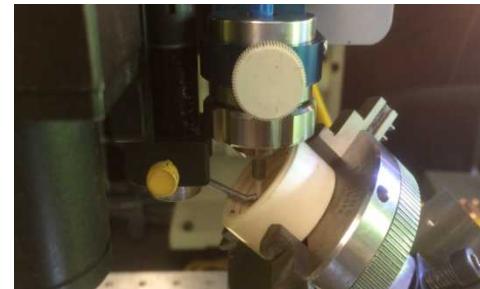
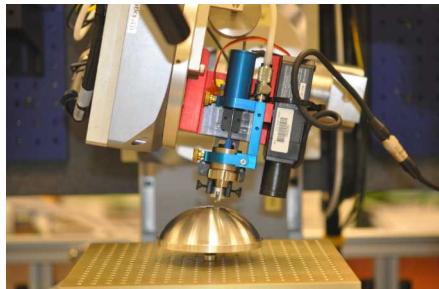


Printed battery

# Applications for Additively Manufactured Printed Electronics



Flexible electronics, printed wire bond replacement, multi-level circuit fabrication



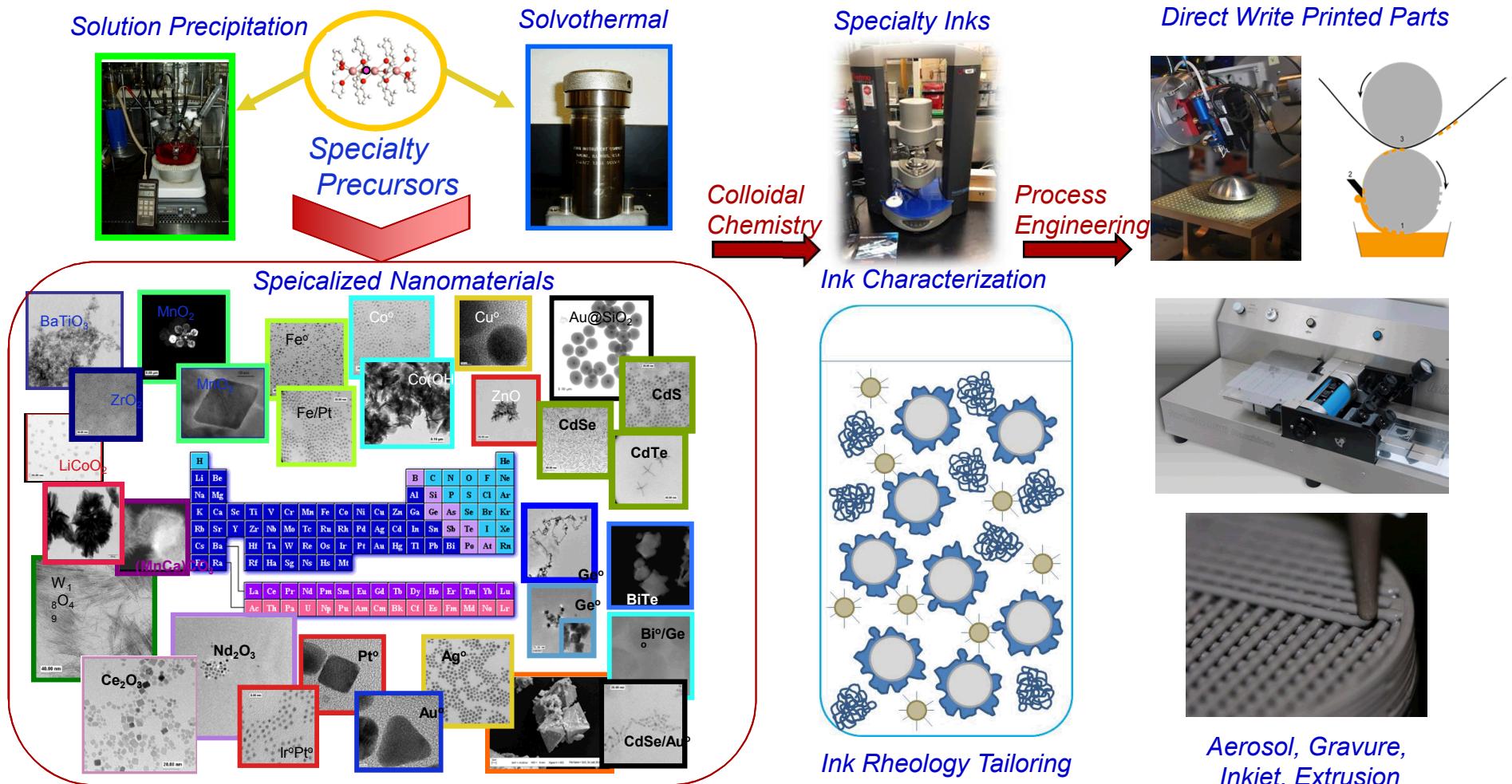
3, 5, and 6 axis conformal printing for non-planar material deposition and device fabrication



Printed power system components including ferrite based transformers and LiFePO<sub>4</sub> flexible batteries

Materials and processing limitations have historically restricted curing of electronic materials and components to low temperatures

# Device Development Integrates Chemical Synthesis and Processing for AM

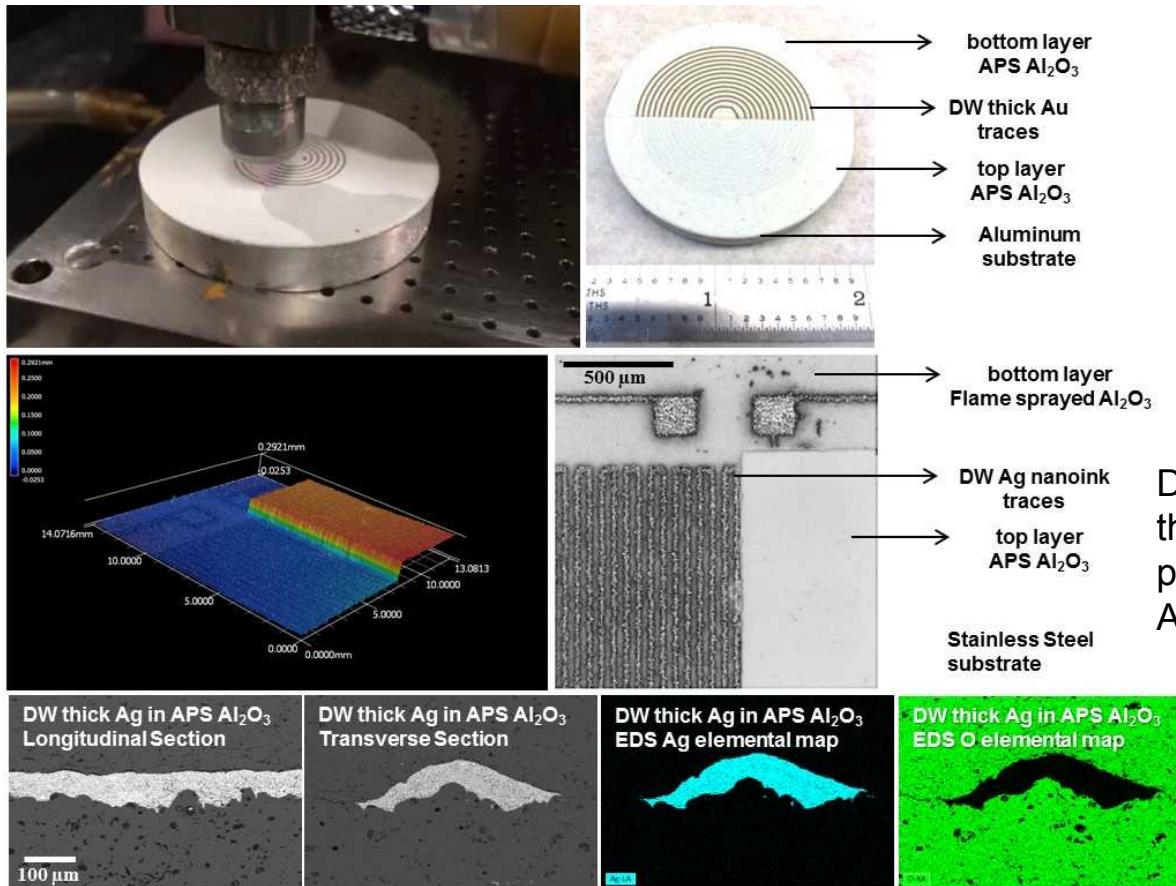


*From specialized, tailored nano-materials to process-able inks requires chemical synthesis, colloidal chemistry, rheology/characterization, process engineering*

# Integration of Multiple AM Processes Leads to Successful Integration of Material Classes

Direct write (DW) extrusion casting of thick-film Au ink onto an air plasma-sprayed (APS)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  coating over an aluminum substrate.

Profilometer topography of the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  APS top coat encapsulating the DW-printed Au trace

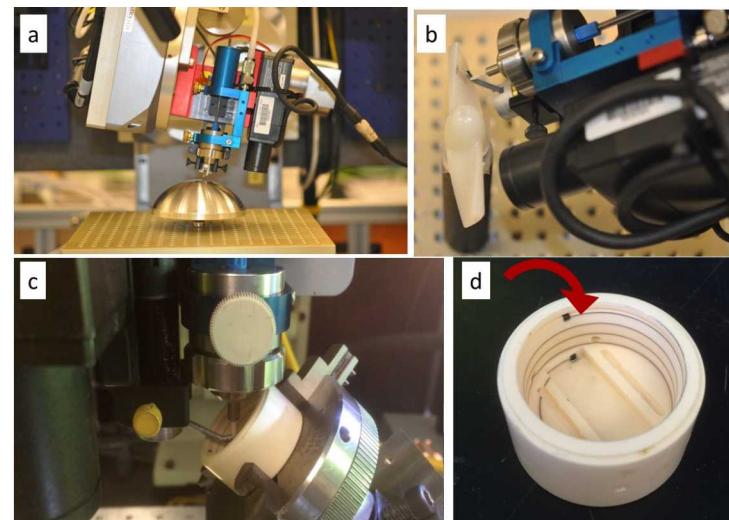
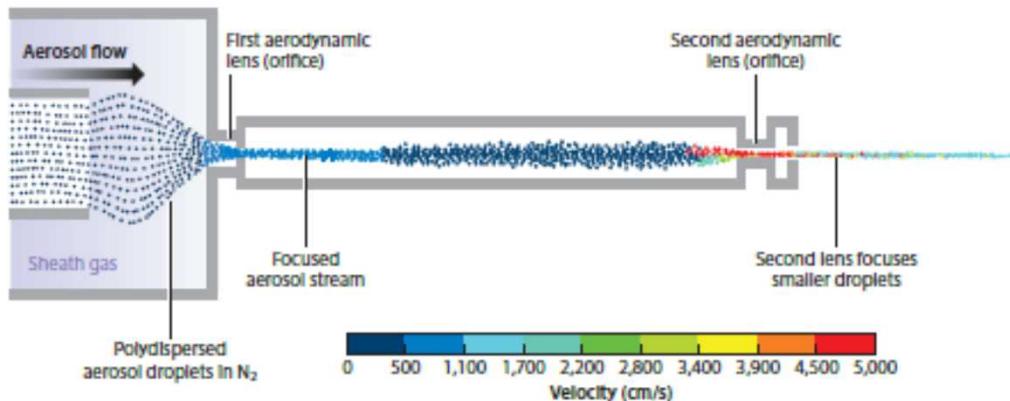


Transverse sectioning and elemental mapping

# AML has lead a strong effort in Direct Write (DW) for Multi-Material Processing

- Useful for 3D printing of polymers, metals, and ceramics
- Compatible with an extremely wide range of materials (1-1,000,000+ cPs)
- Provides an ideal platform for materials development and evaluation
- Allows for component fabrication using novel research materials not supported by the commercial 3D printing industry

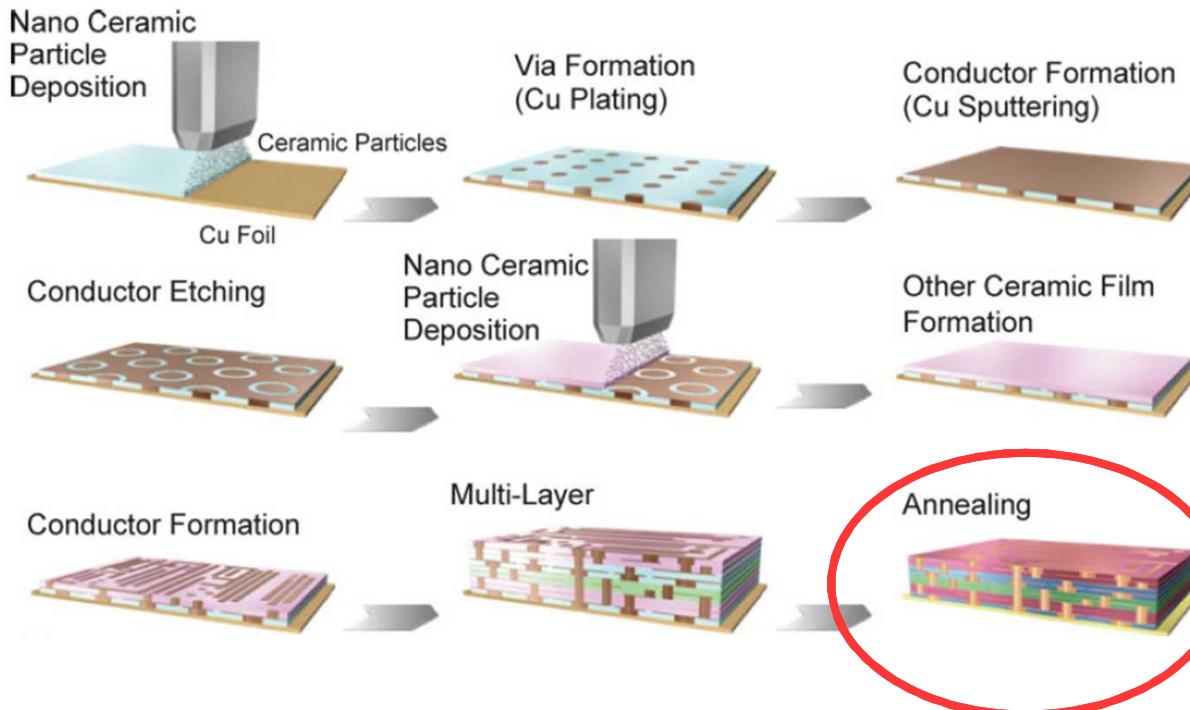
Innovation in theory and modeling improves resolution by droplet collimation in aerosol jet based printing technology.



Six-axis robotic platform for contactless electronics printing applications at Sandia National Laboratories.

# AM Approaches for Electronic Devices

Schematics of multilayered electronic device fabrication by aerosol deposition to deposit ceramic films, photolithography for patterning and dry chemical (HF/HNO<sub>3</sub>) etching, and electroplating/sputtering to deposit internal conductors.



Thermal Processing  
requires compatible  
material systems.  
Polymers and  
ceramics *generally*  
*not* compatible.

# High Performance Materials must use non-traditional approaches to Densification

Thermal Energy is traditional  
for sintering processes

## Atomic Diffusion/Transport Mechanism

- Lattice diffusion from grain boundary – atom from grain boundary diffuses through lattice
- Grain boundary diffusion – atoms diffuse along grain boundary
- Plastic deformation – dislocation motion causes flow of matter

Rapid Thermal Processes:  
Use localized heating or rapid rates  
to avoid substrate damage or create  
unique microstructures.

Novel Processing based on  
Pressure or Interfacial property  
manipulation are avenues for  
novel densification at low  
temperature.

- Nanosize Particles (Curvature)
- Surface Melting
- Interfacial Property Control
- Hydrothermal Film Growth
- Applied Electric Field Sintering
- Plastic Deformation Processing
- High Pressure Consolidation
- Hydrothermal Pressing

# Densification of NanoMetals is Enabled by Surface Property Control

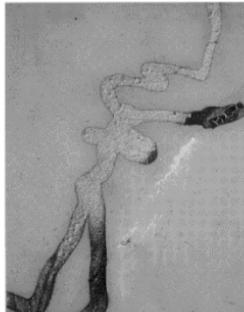
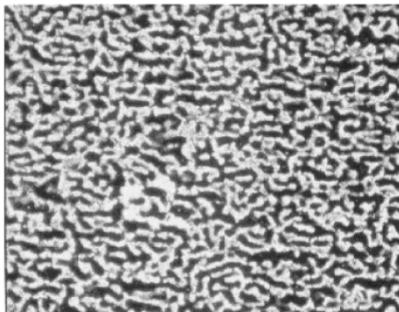
- Coinage metals (Au, Ag, Cu, Ni, Zn) are critical materials for electrical connection, antenna design, and meta material optical arrays.
- Low Temperature conversion relates to the reactivity of “clean” nanoparticles, and nanoparticle inks incorporating these chemistries prove successful in optimizing many properties.

Nanoscale particle size lowers melting temperature

$$T_m(d) = T_{m,0} \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{d}\right)$$

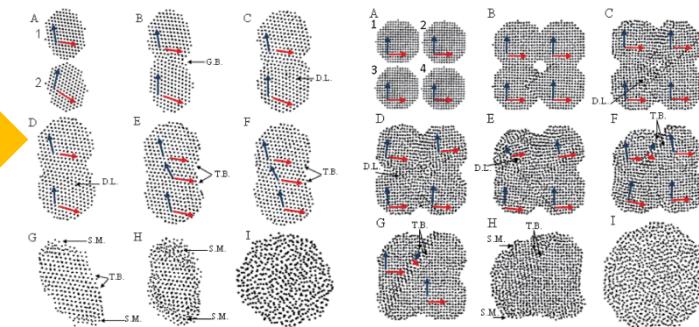
$\beta$  is a material constant and  $d$  is the particle size, and  $T_{m,0}$  is the bulk melting point of the material.

Laser treatment allows for patterning of nanoparticles into conductive films.

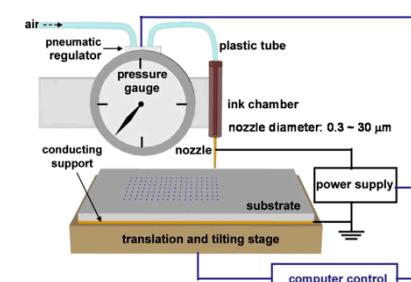
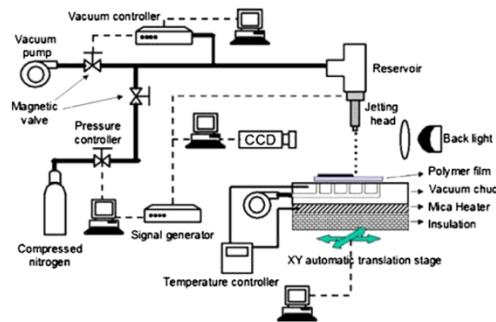


Sintering is spontaneous for clean surfaces.

Alarifi et al. *Mat. Trans.* **54** (2013) 884.



Metal Nanoparticle Inks are common to Direct Write Manufacturing



eHD Jet Printing

Barton et al. *Mechatronics* **20** (2010) 611.

# Routes to Ceramic Densification

## Cements/Geopolymers

- room temperature reaction



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Z. Li et al. JACerS (2002) 305

## Rapid Thermal Processing

- lamp thermal process for wafer anneals.

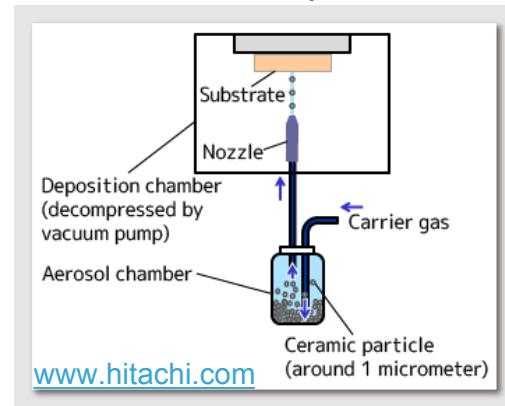


RTP/RTA system RLA 1200

<https://www.crystec.com/kruppe.htm>

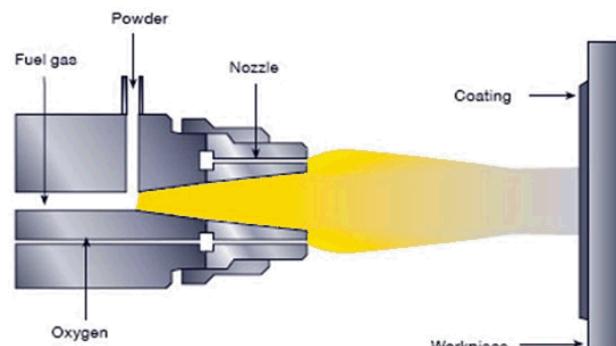
## Aerosol Deposition

- method for room temp ceramic film deposition



## Flame Spray of Ceramics

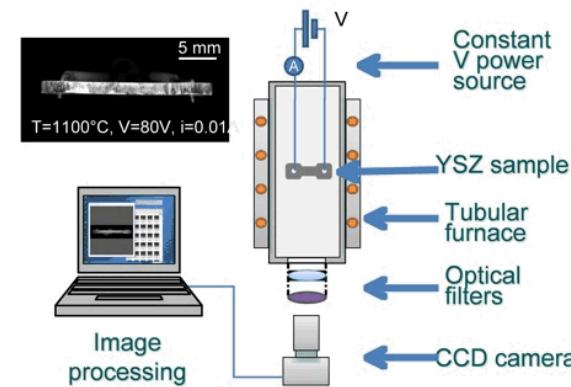
- used for ceramic films on metals



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## Electrical Flash Sintering

- sintering in seconds under heat and dc electric field



Ceramic Tech Today, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Hydrothermal Hot Pressing

- use of pressure and low T for densification

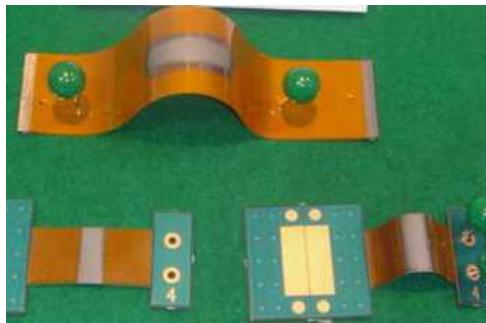
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## Layer Slurry Deposition & Laser Sintering

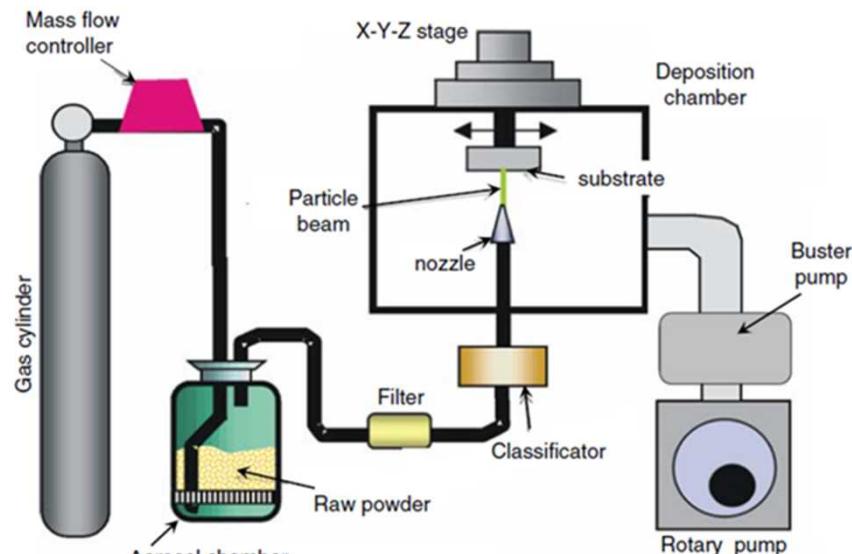
- Complex microstructure, additive manufacturing approach

# Aerosol Deposition

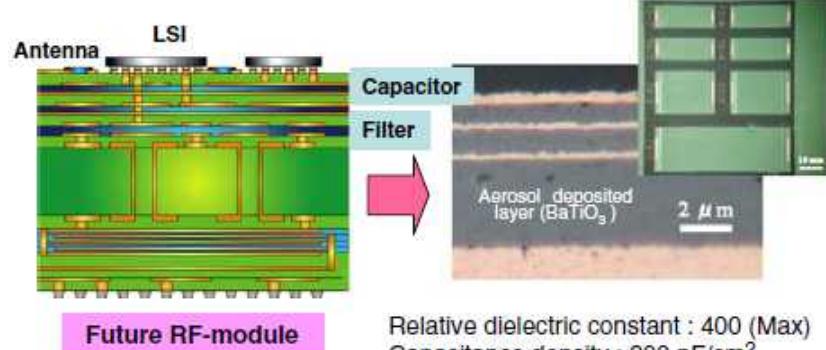
- Aerosol Deposition (AD) - A room temperature (RT) process enables deposition of engineering and electronic **ceramics for integration on plastic, metallic, and glass substrates**.
- Sub-micron ceramic particles accelerated to high velocity by pressurized gas, impact, deform, and consolidate at RT in vacuum, at high rates (10-30 $\mu$ m/min) [Akedo JTTEE5, 2007].



AD Flexible electronics from J. Akedo. JTST., 2007:17:181



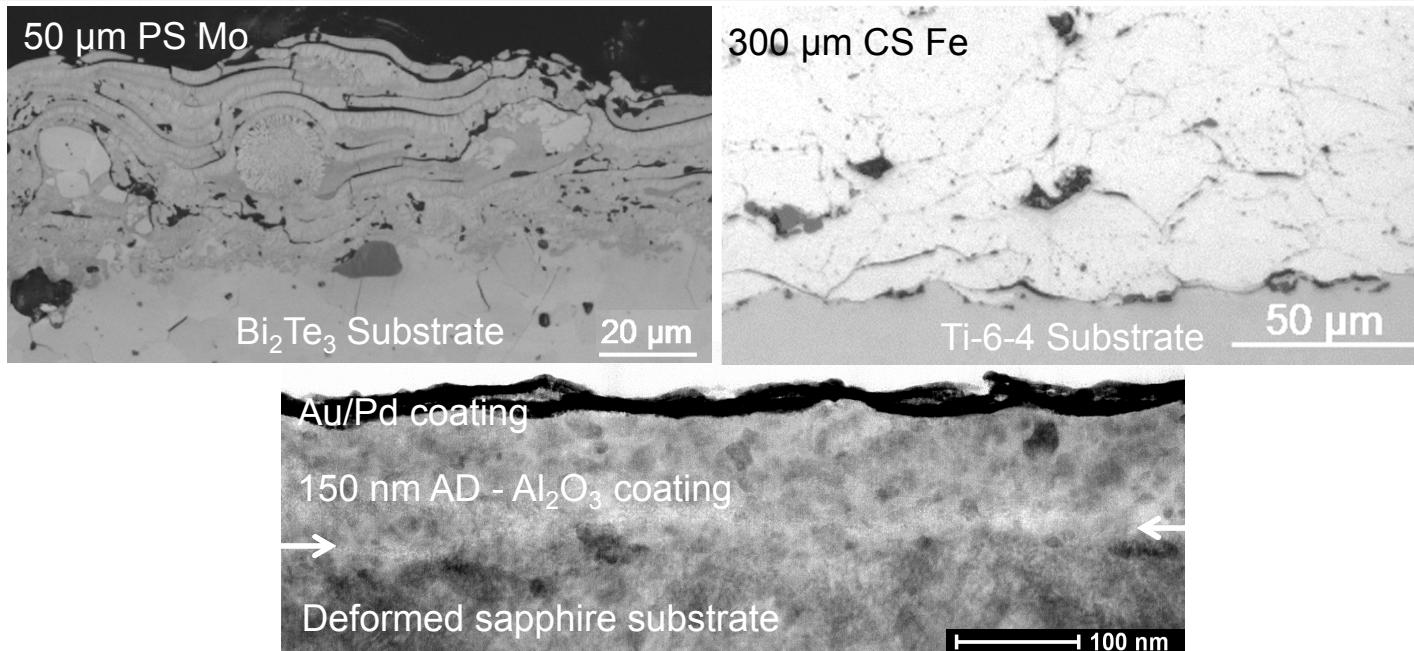
Schematics of AD system from J. Akedo. JTST., 2008:17:181



Example of applications enabled by AD. AD magnetic YIG - Y. Imakana 2006. AD Flexible electronics and RF module - J. Akedo. JTTEE5., 2007

# Process – Microstructures – Properties

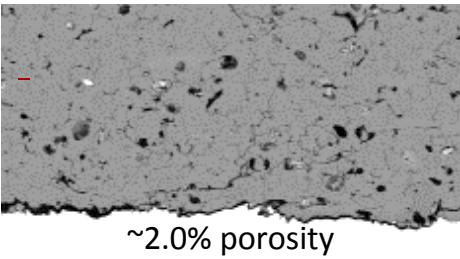
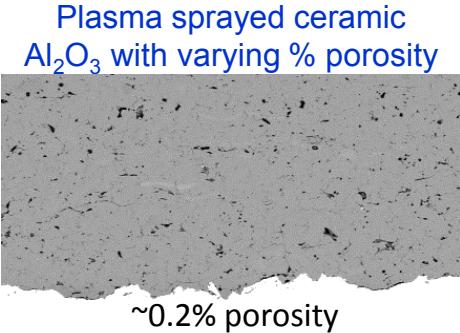
Processes	Energy Input	Feedstock		Environment	Metals	Ceramics	Composite	Thickness
Plasma Spray - PS	Thermal	melted	10-100 $\mu\text{m}$	atmosphere	✓	✓	✓	100 $\mu\text{m}$ - 1mm
Cold Spray - CS	Kinetic	solid-state	10-50 $\mu\text{m}$	atmosphere	✓		✓	200 $\mu\text{m}$ - 1cm
Aerosol Deposition - AD	Kinetic	solid-state	< 1 $\mu\text{m}$	vacuum	✓	✓	✓	100nm - 100 $\mu\text{m}$



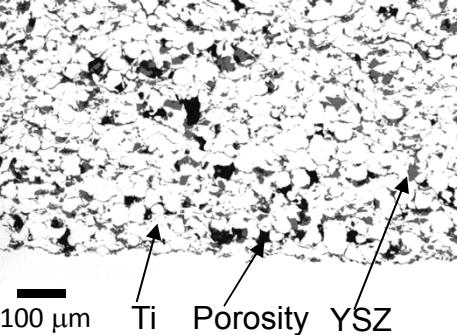
- Sprayed coatings often contain defects, pores, splat boundaries, oxides inclusions, etc.
  - Properties can be very different from those of wrought/bulk materials.
    - Oxide coatings can be non-stoichiometric.
    - Mechanical adhesion to substrate.
    - Manage residual stress.

# Process – Microstructures – Properties

- Power, gas type/pressure, standoff, feed rate, etc.

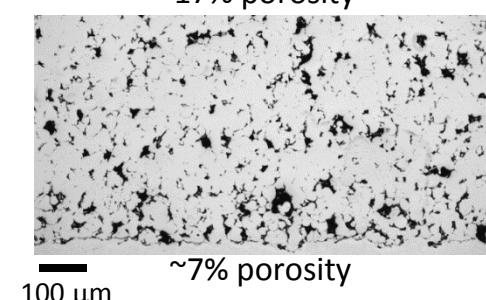
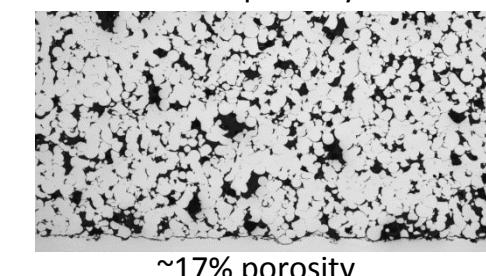
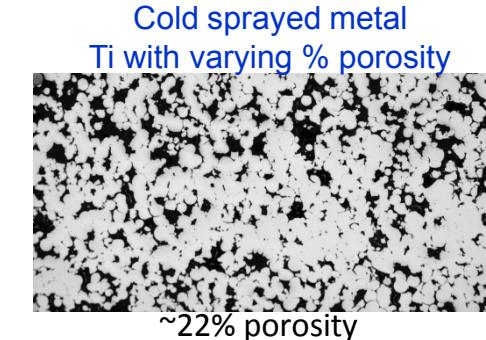
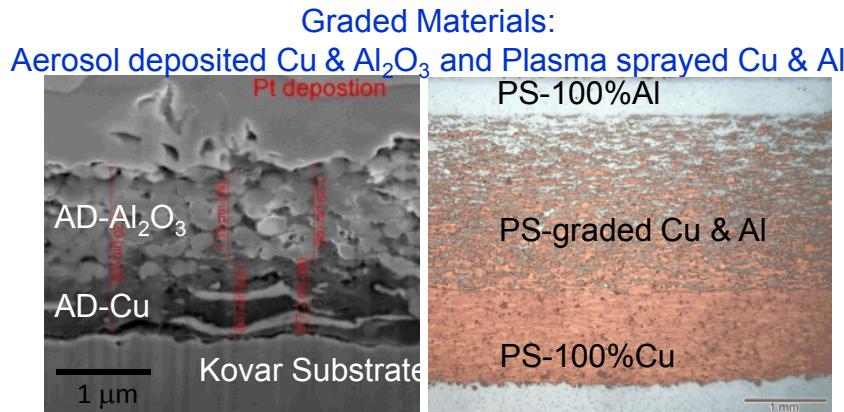
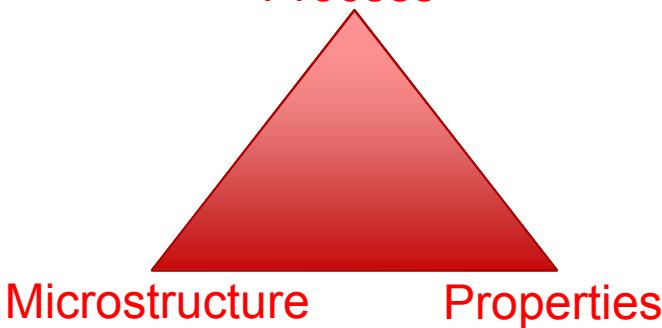


Materials integration - Composite  
Cold sprayed Ti + 15%YSZ



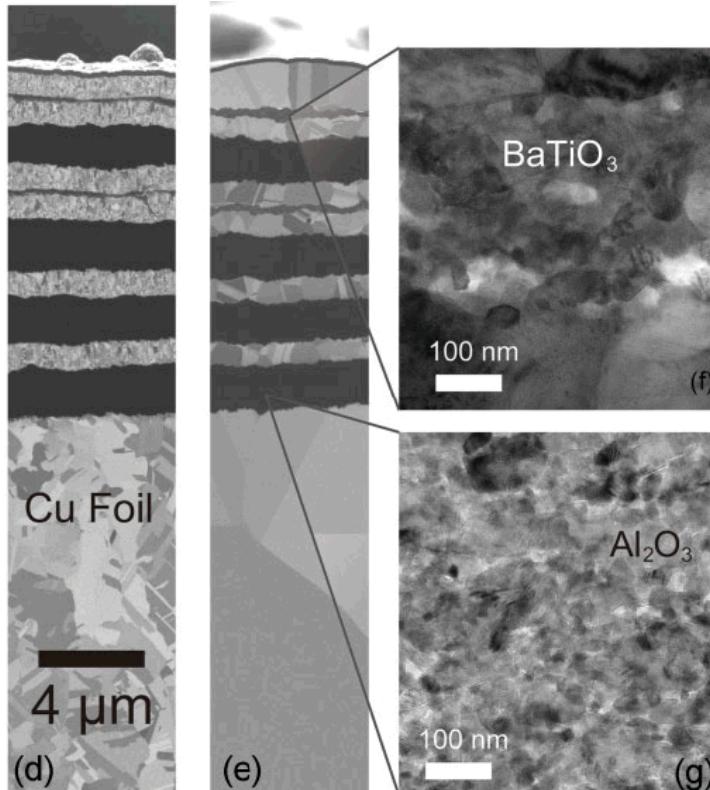
- Particle temperature and velocity
  - Graded materials / density
  - **PROCESS OPTIMIZATION**

- Establish Process

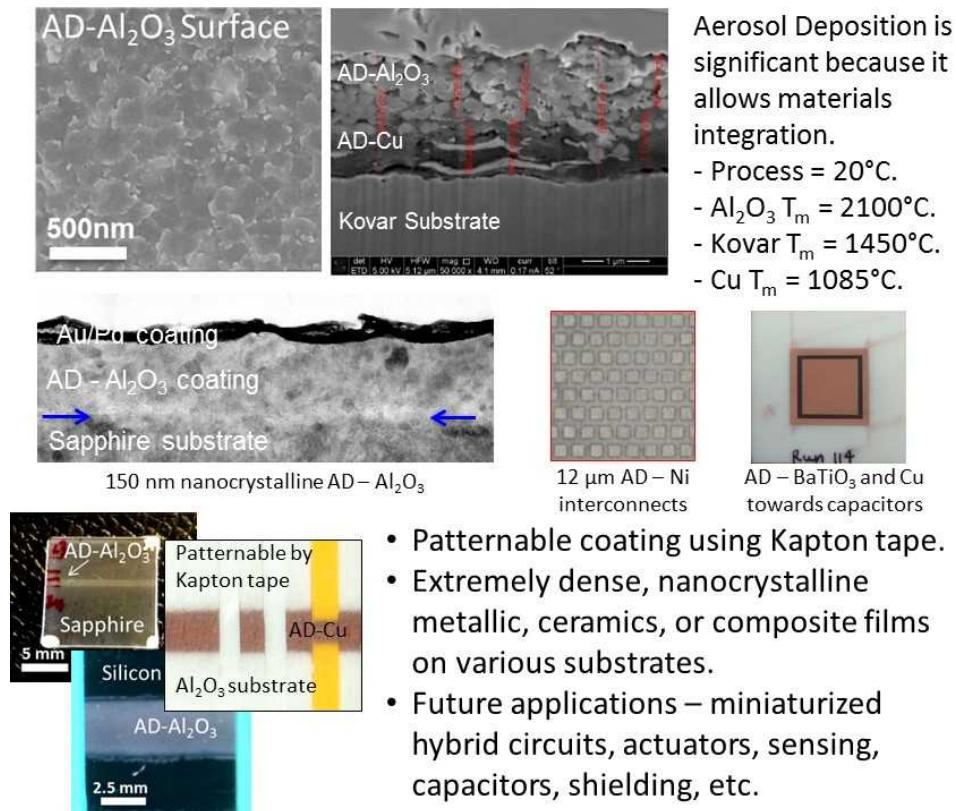


# Multiple Ceramic Systems can be layered to form device structures

- SNL focuses on the *fundamental mechanisms* behind submicron ceramic particle *deformation*, particle/substrate and particle/particle *bonding* in consolidated films.

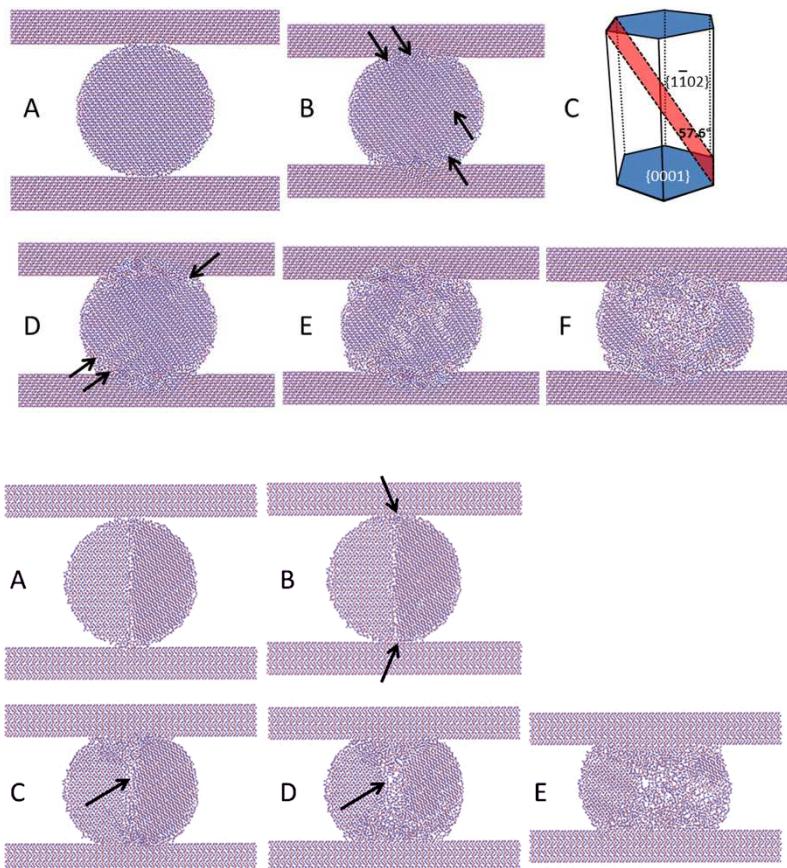


$\text{BaTiO}_3/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Cu}$  multi-layered structure produced by AD and electroplating from Y. Imanaka *et al.* *Adv Engr Mater.*, 2013:15:1129



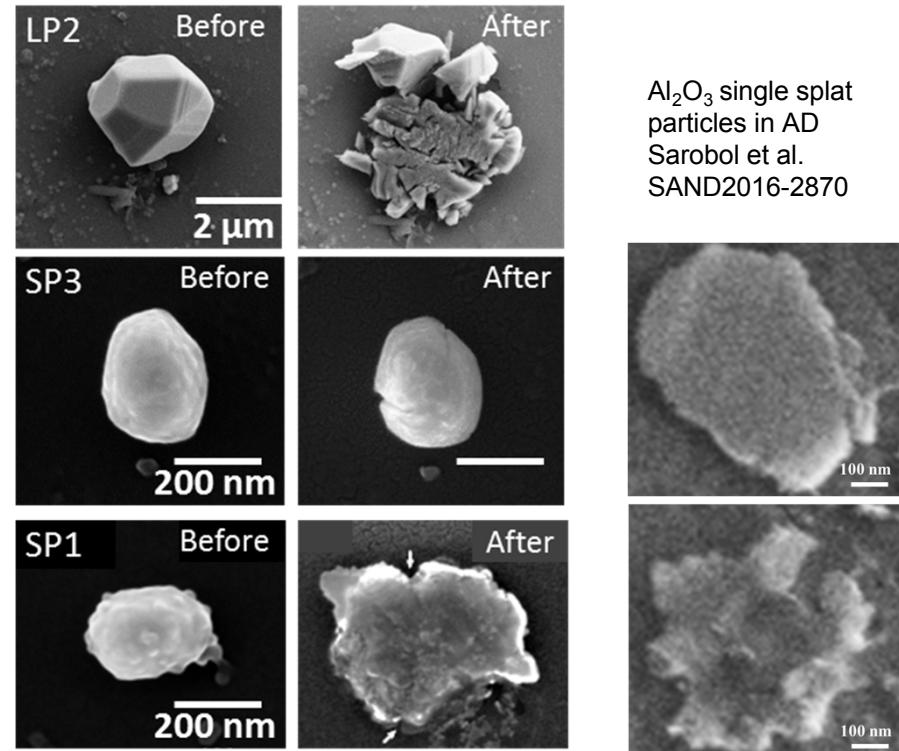
# Fundamental Mechanisms in Ceramic Particle Kinetic Deformation

## Simulation of Single Crystal or Bicrystal Deformation Mechanics



Sarobol, P. et al. "Room Temperature Deformation Mechanisms of Alumina Particles Observed from In Situ Micro-compression and Atomistic Simulations," J. Thermal Spray Tech. (2016) **25** 82-93.

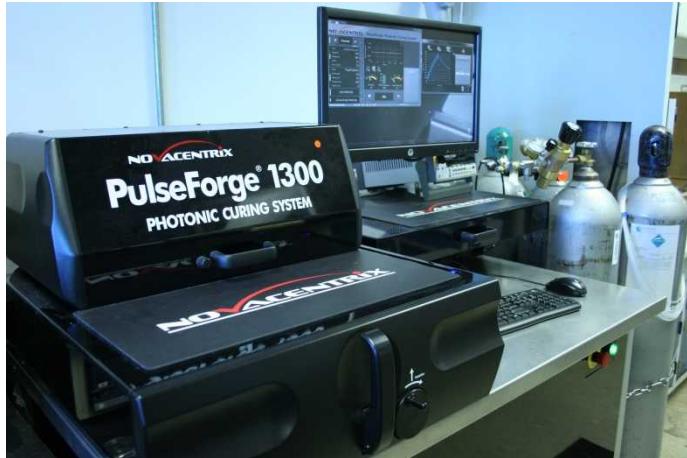
## Experimental Verification of Deformation under Pressure



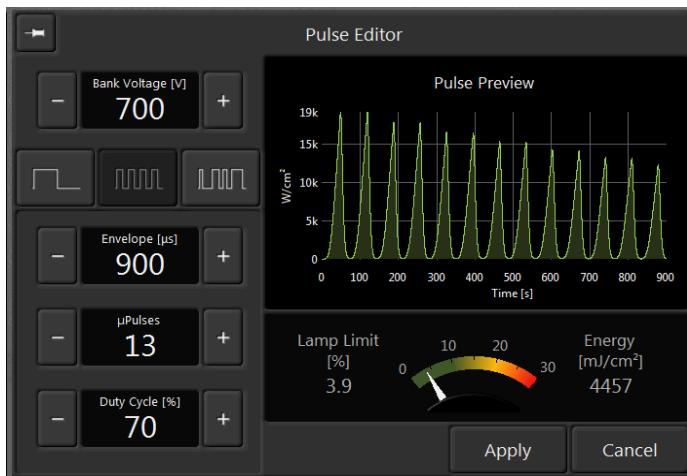
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  single splat particles in AD  
Sarobol et al.  
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- Submicron particles with mobile dislocations deform to produce coherent films.

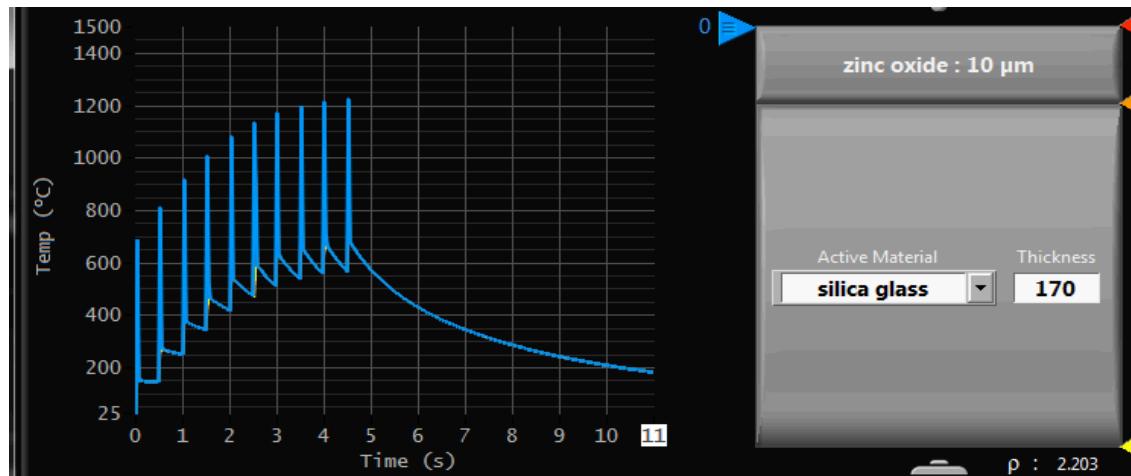
# Rapid High Temperature Sintering via Pulsed Flash Lamp Processing (Photonic Sintering)



- Pulse Forge (Novacentrix) utilizes photonic curing by a pulsed flash lamp.
- Transient heating enables reaction on low temperature substrates like paper and polymers.
- Thermal pulses allow for much higher temperatures in 1 millisecond timeframes.



Example waveform used to process AZO thin films

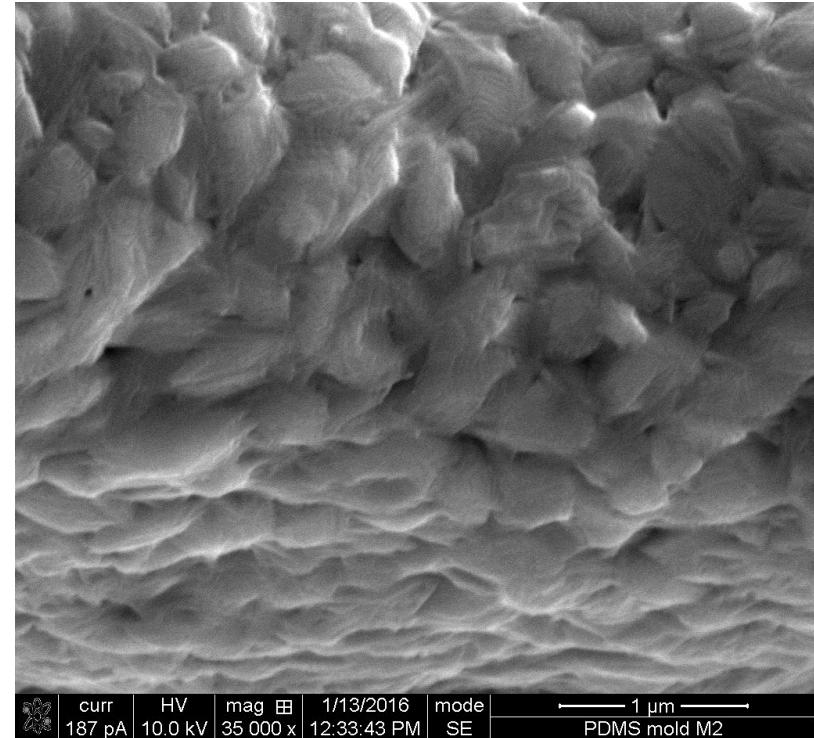
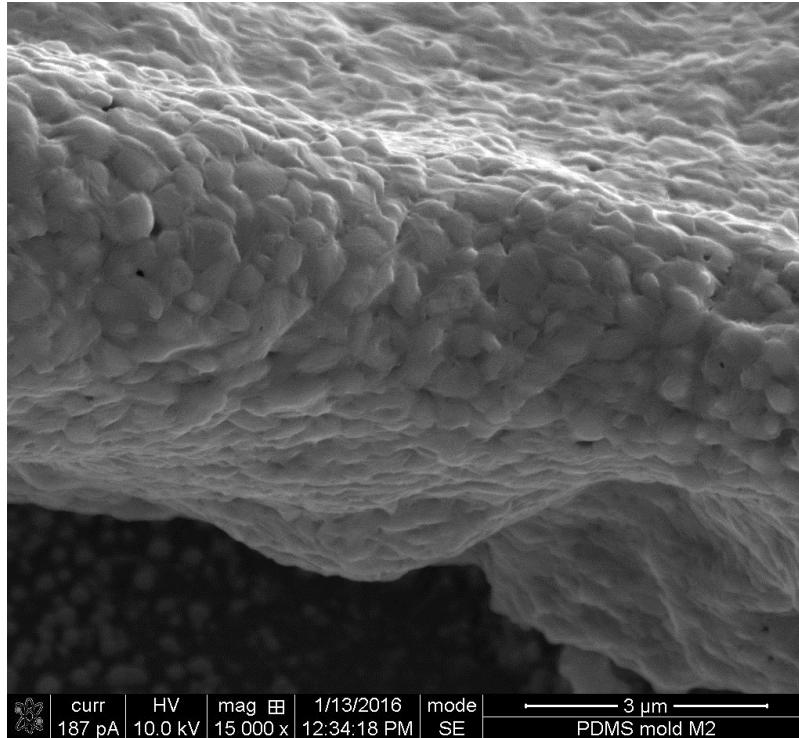


Simulated thermal heating profile resulting from pulsed flash lamp processing of AZO thin films

Material Name	Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)	Mass Density (g/cm³)	Specific Heat (J/kg)	Melt Temp (deg. C)	Heat Fusion (kJ/mol)	Boil Temp (deg. C)	Heat Vapor (kJ/mol)	Mol Weight (g/mol)	Attenuation (1/cm)
zinc oxide	15	5.606	523	1975	348	2360	4000	81.408	0.5

Material properties used in the Novacentrix proprietary modeling software for estimation of thermal heating profiles

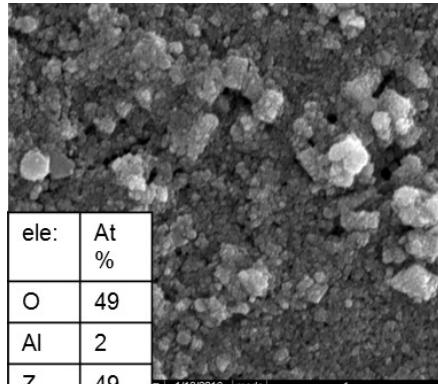
# Surface Structure of Photonically Sintered AZO Films



- Surface topologies are fibrous or terraced between initial “grains”, and grain size is larger than the initial material.

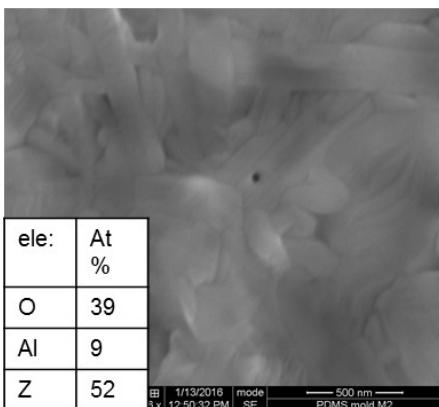
# Solution Deposited AZO thick film: Photonic Sintering Results

Initial  
Colloidal  
Film

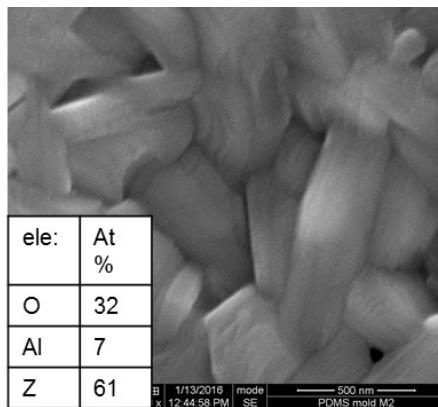


Inset is EDS determined composition

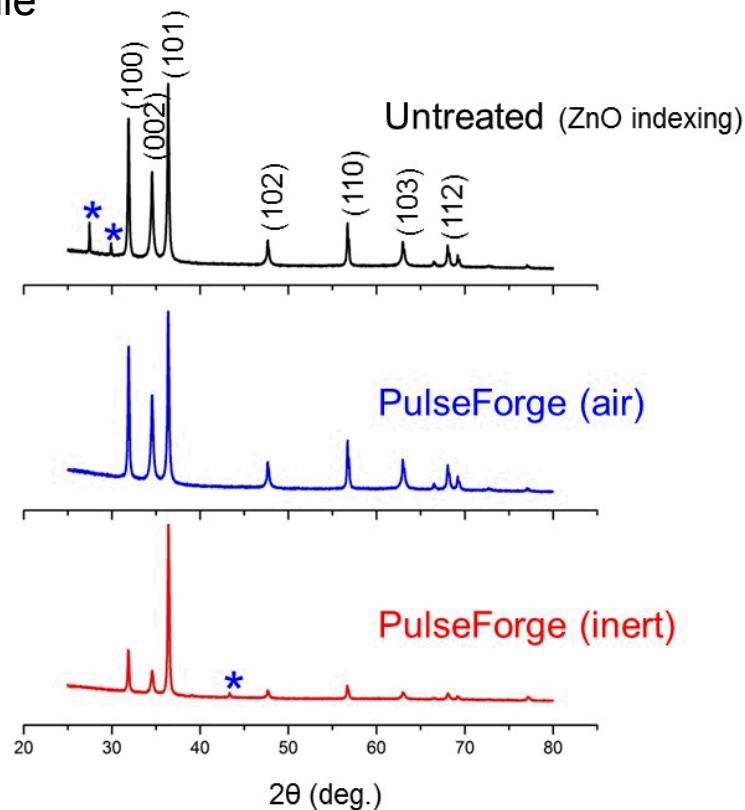
Processed in Air



Processed in  $N_2$



- Photonic Curing densifies ceramic AZO
- Stoichiometry affected by environment and thermal profile



\*Asterisks indicate loss/gain of peaks from processing conditions

# Future Efforts

- The processing conditions to integrate multiple material classes and their thermal regimes for densification is a primary challenge in fabricating novel devices with AM.
- Nanomaterial Development enables the formation of acceptable materials via their surface properties and internal structural defects.
- Aerosol Deposition techniques are useful in the initial and post-fired conditions for creating conformal electronics
- Novel processing in patterning aerosol deposition and in photonic curing are avenues for new achievements.

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Line-of-sight process. Use thermal (melting/solidification of feedstock) or kinetic (solid-state deposition – deformation of feedstock) energy.

Traditionally used for making passive coatings. Research now moving towards making active (functional) coatings.

Many knobs to turn. Need to perform process optimization to achieve the process-microstructure-properties relationship. Then use it to make desired coatings.

Included details of 3 processes—plasma spray, cold spray, and aerosol deposition. Please, prioritize the aerosol deposition as it is new/exciting with lots of potential.



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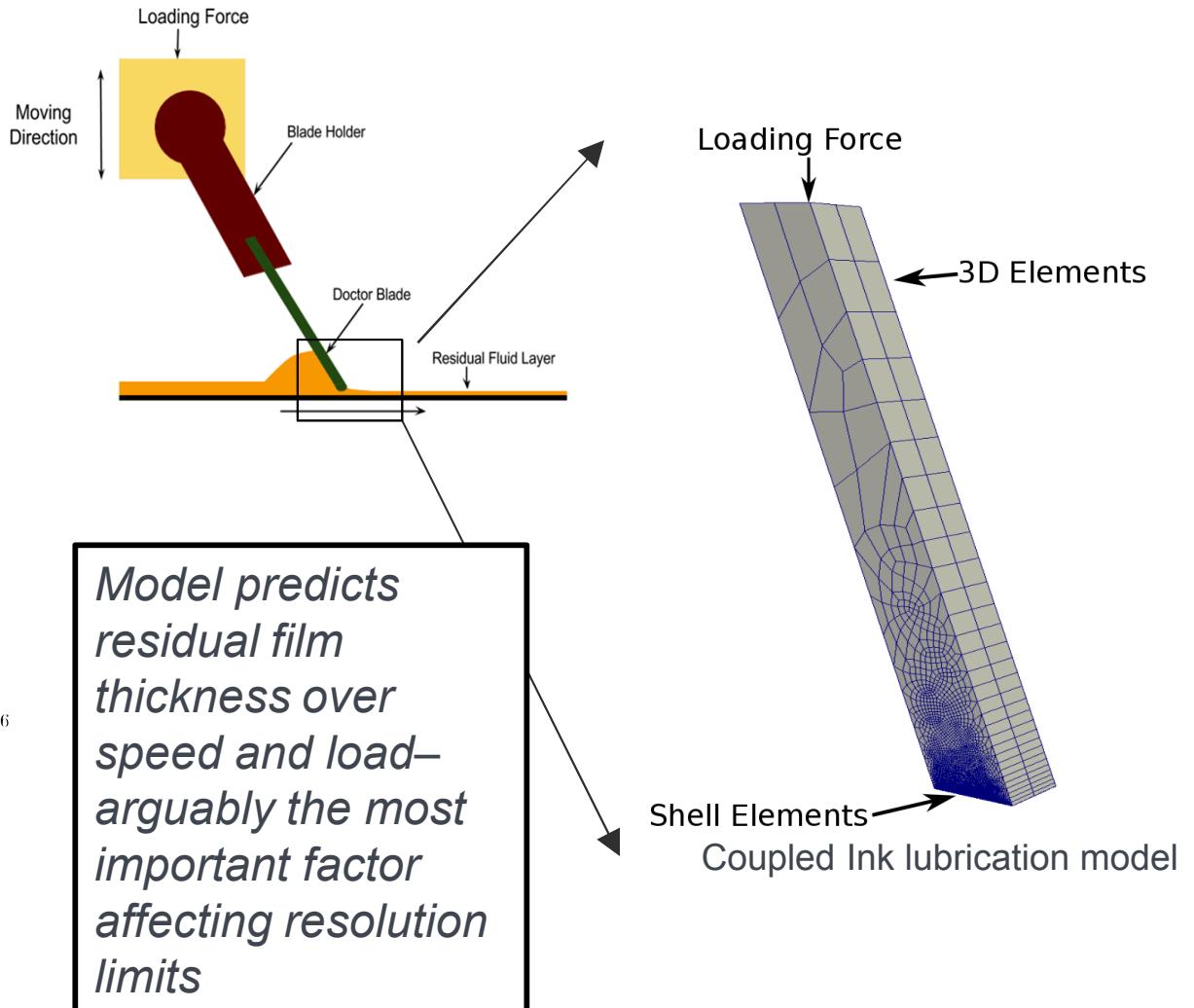
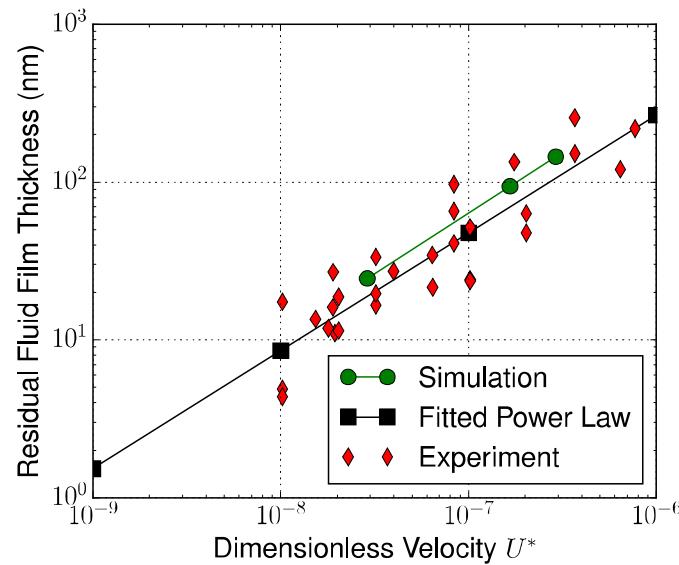
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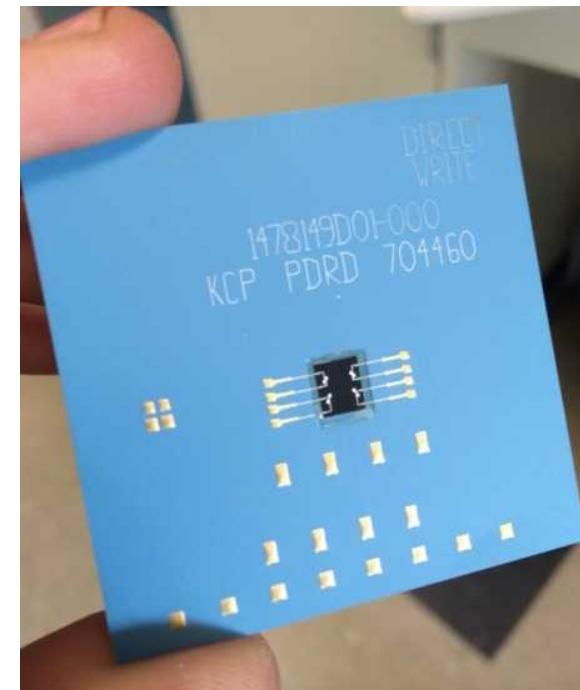
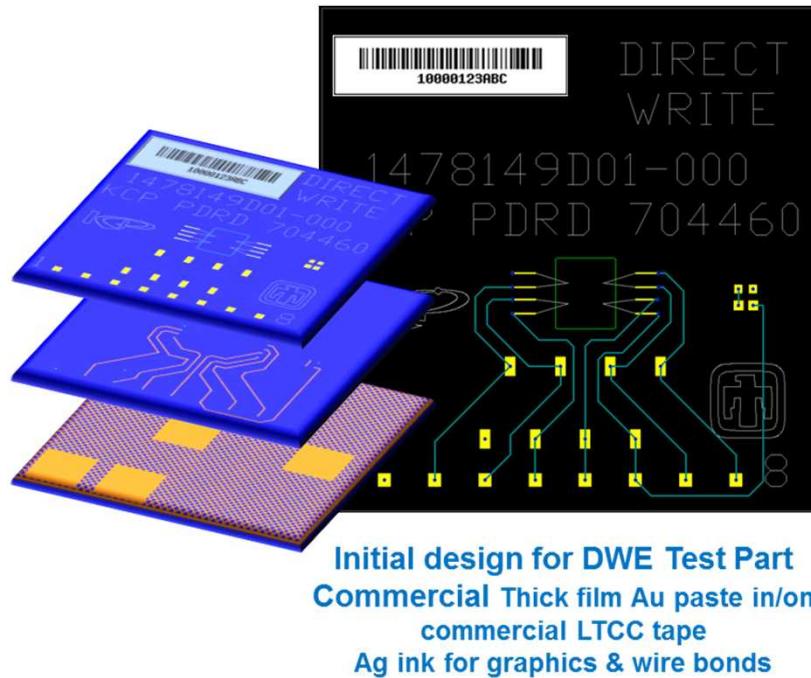
# Computational model of doctoring in gravure printing

Thrust: P-2C Reliable Processes for High-Speed Printing



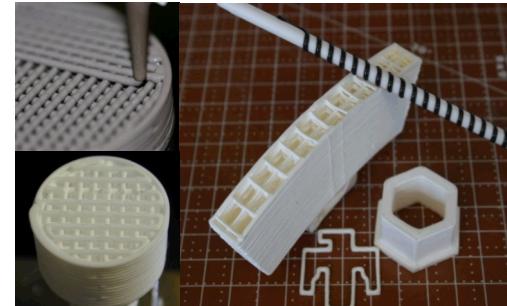
Low temperature co-fired ceramic (LTCC/MCM direct write electronics (DWE) demonstration part.

(a) Schematic desing of layer patterns and vias. (b) Direct write Ag and Au traces on green tape LTCC. Fired LTCC with Ag aerosol jet text and wire bonds. The chip was fixed in place with dispensed, UV-curable adhesive.

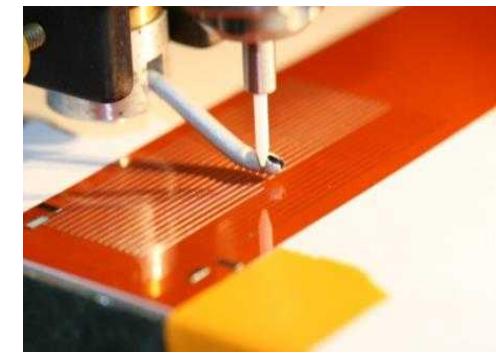


# Overview

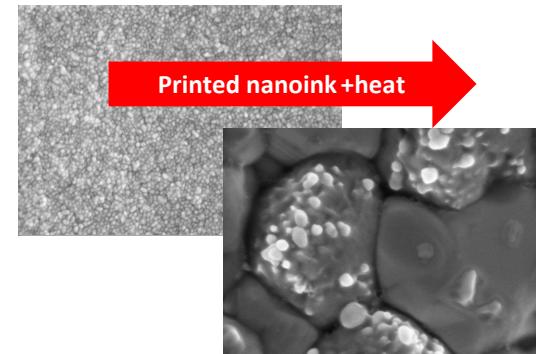
- Additive Manufacturing
- Processing Needs
- Al-Doped ZnO Synthesis
- Pulse Forge Technology
- Photonic Consolidation of AZO Nanopowders
- Summary



Extrusion casting (Robocasting)



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



Nano-particle Ag inks for conductive pathways

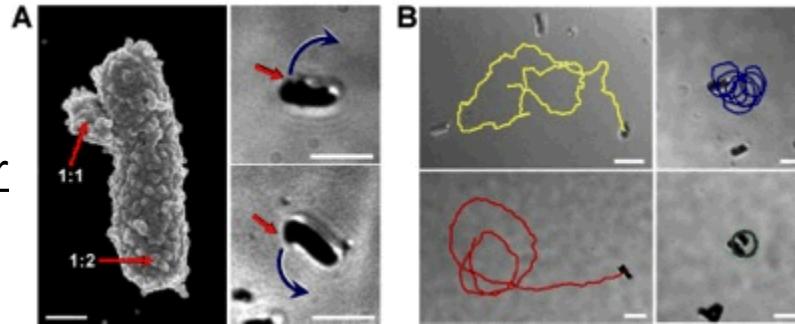
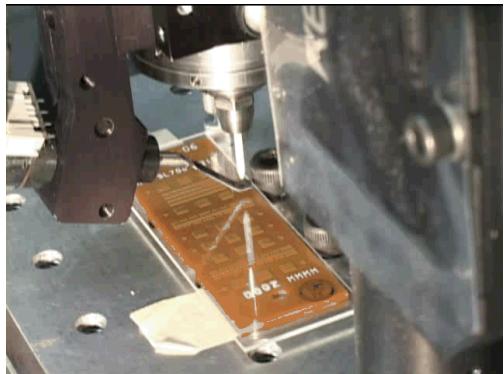
# The AML has a wide range of capabilities important to Sandia's mission

## Synthetic Chemistry

- Novel inorganic precursor
- Catalysts
- Sol-gel
- Solvothermal
- Solution precipitation

## Ceramic/glass processing

- science of sintering
- composite materials
- unique fabrication
- novel characterization



## Nano-scale materials

- Nanoparticle synthesis (0D,1D,2D)
- Surface functionalization/nanoinks
- characterization

## Bio-, Nano-materials capability

- BSL-2 Laboratory
- Surface functionalization

## Characterization

- Diffractometry: SAXS, XRD, XPS
- Thermal (TGA, DSC)
- Spectroscopy (mass, FTIR, ICP)
- Multispectral ellipsometer

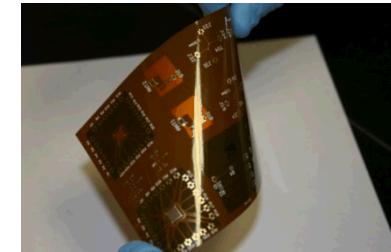


## Materials processing

- Self- and directed-assembly
- Films (slot, dip, spin coat)
- Fibers (electrospinning)
- Bulk materials (sintering)
- Multiphoton lithography
- Direct/aerosol write, inkjet
- Gravure/flexo printing

# Material Properties must meet the Functional Performance Needs of the Device

- Device integration: Electrical interconnection via coinage metals (Au, Ag, Cu, Ni, Zn)
- Power components: Nanoparticle solar cells, acoustic power resonators, battery chemistries (Li ion, Li polymer,
- Structural materials: polymers, metals, ceramics with controlled porosity, definition, ion transport, chemical stability (anticorrosives), ceramic cements, composites
- Adsorbants for trace component analysis
- Sensor materials (ZnO, SnO<sub>2</sub>, nanoporous C)



Flexible electronics, printed wire bond replacement, multi-level circuit fabrication



Printed power system components including ferrite based transformers and LiFePO<sub>4</sub> flexible batteries



3, 5, and 6 axis conformal printing for non-planar material deposition and device fabrication

# Summary and Future Studies

- Photonic curing of nanoparticle AZO inks is viable for thin film processing on polymeric substrates. This demonstrates viability for multi-material integration in roll-to-roll processing.
- Process variables including power, nanoparticle properties and environment are relevant to optimization of properties for integrated films.
- Additional materials must be tested to explore the thermal conditions and viable integration of ceramics.
- Issues of phase stability and electronic properties will be explored for future discussion.