

Additive Manufacturing -- A New World of Opportunities and Challenges

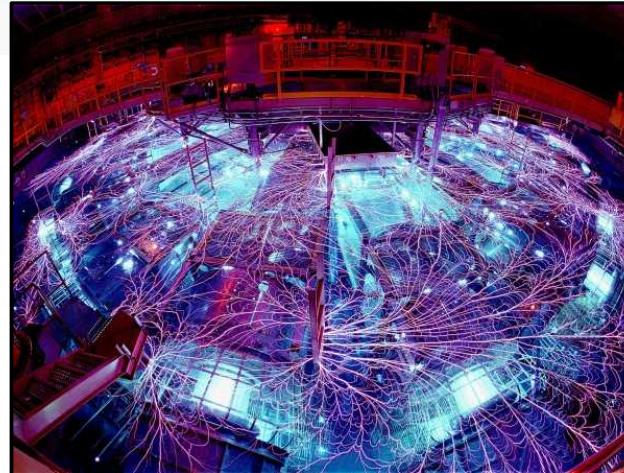
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Weapon Drop Test



Energy R&D



Threat Test

- Historical mission -- non-nuclear components in nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon security
- Today, broader mission in science & engineering for U.S. national security

“We work on technologies at a scientific lab, but we must emphasize that science is not an end. The end is solving problems for the nation. Science is perhaps the best tool to achieve that end.”

C. Paul Robinson, SNL President 1995-2005



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Materials Science at Sandia

Three Major Areas of Materials R&D

▪ *Materials Engineering Support*

- Problem solving, program support
- Application of existing expertise
- Point solutions

▪ *Materials & Process Advanced Development*

- Advanced & exploratory materials & process development
- Production process development & technology transfer
- Understanding the margins

▪ *Fundamental Materials & Process Science*

- Develop/integrate theoretical insights, computational simulation tools, and experiments to provide foundational, predictive understanding
- Develop innovative new materials and process technologies
- Create advanced materials analysis & process diagnostics tools



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Adv. Materials & Processes Lab



Ion Beam Lab



Advanced Materials Lab



Processing & Environmental Tech. Lab



Integrated Materials Research Lab



Thermal Spray Research Lab



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30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

FastCast *

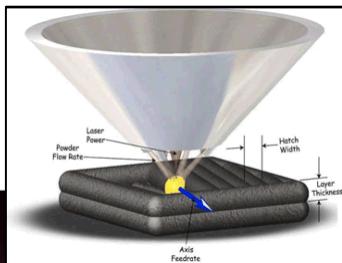
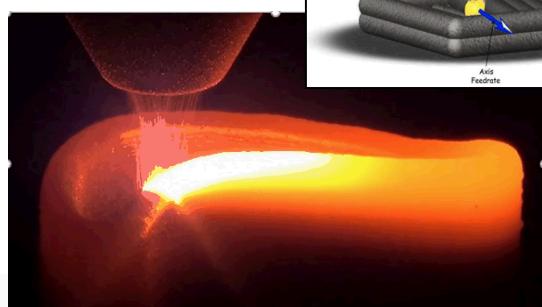
Development Housing



Laser Engineered Net Shaping *

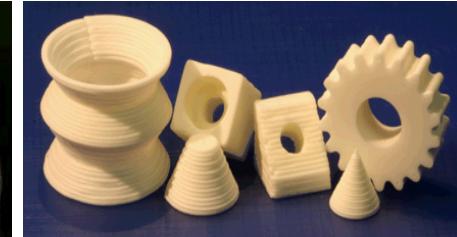
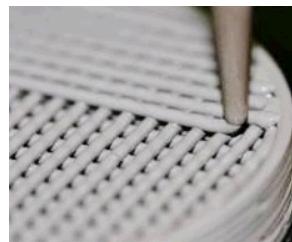
LENS®

LENS Blade



RoboCast *

Ceramic Parts

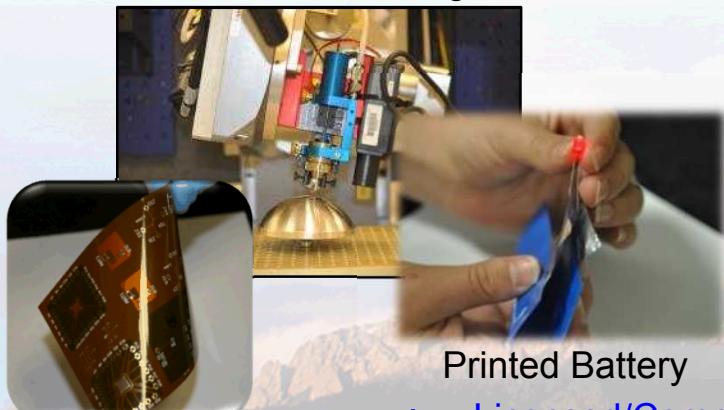


Energetic Materials



Direct Write

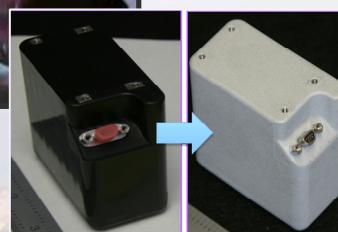
Conformal Printing



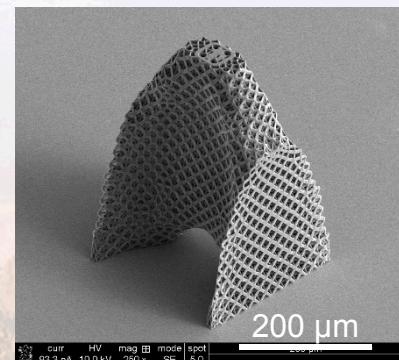
Thermal Spray



Spray-formed Rocket Nozzle



Metal on Plastic



Micro-Nano Scale AM

Lattice Structure

Flexible Electronics

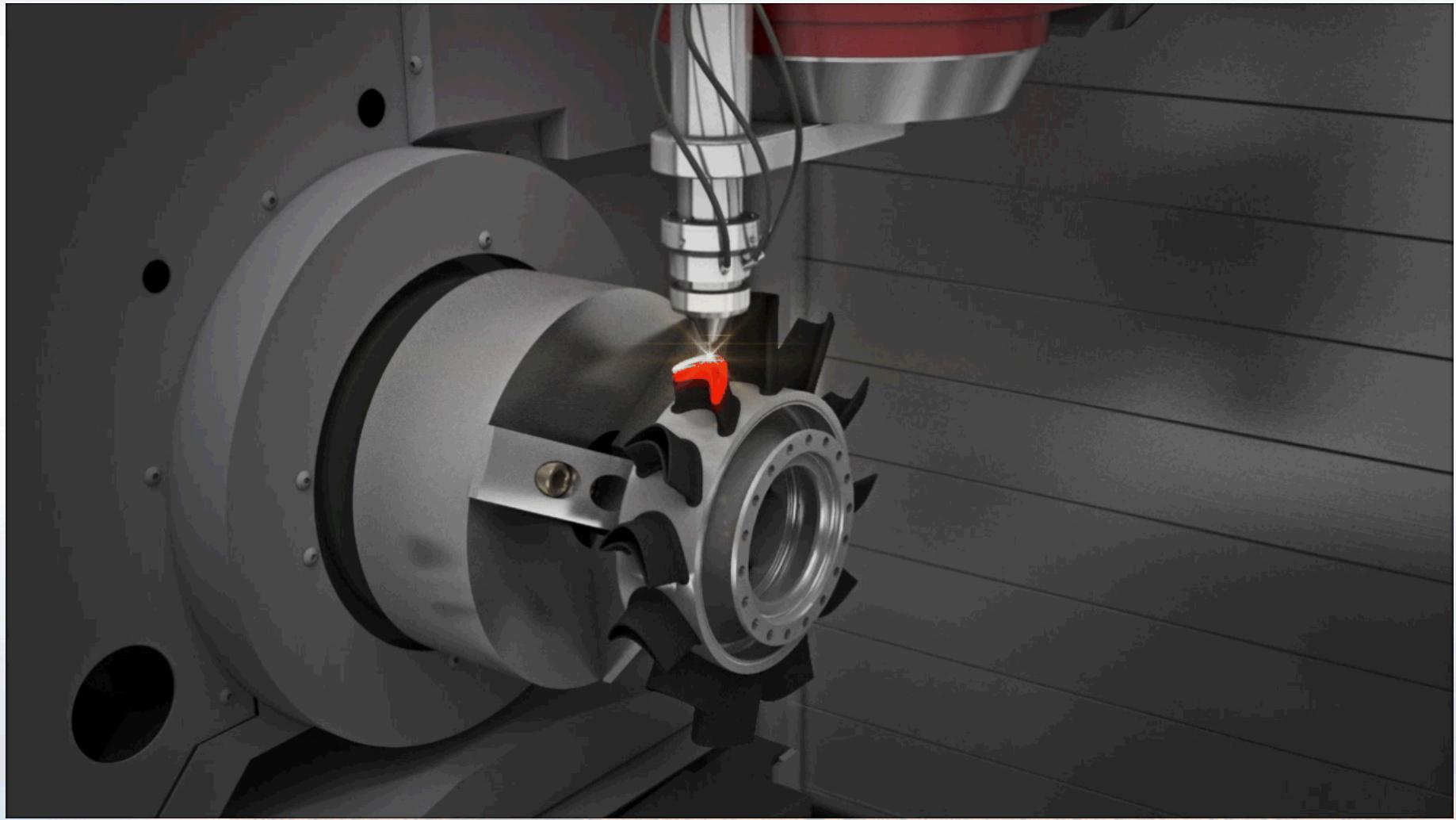
* = Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies
Underline = Current Capability/Activity



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"Hybrid" Additive/Subtractive Machine Tools



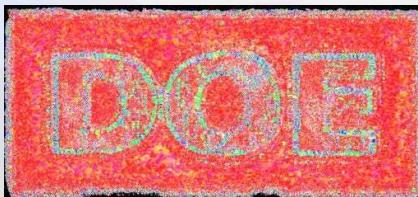
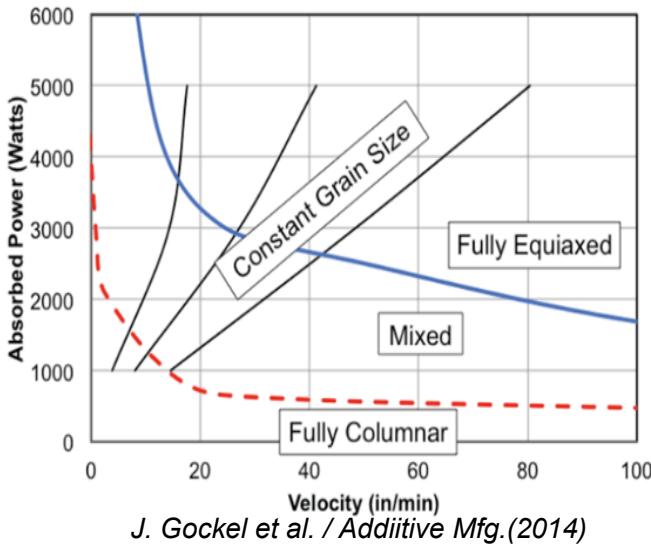
Video Courtesy of DMG Mori (available on YouTube)



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Why Use AM? Some Potential Advantages

- Rapid/Inexpensive prototypes, cycles of learning, tooling, etc.
- Save Time, Money, Weight, Energy
- Design Freedom – shapes previously unachievable/impractical
- Print Integrated Assemblies
- Engineered Materials – special properties



Site specific control of the crystallographic orientation of grains within metal components
(Mfg. Demonstration Facility, ORNL)



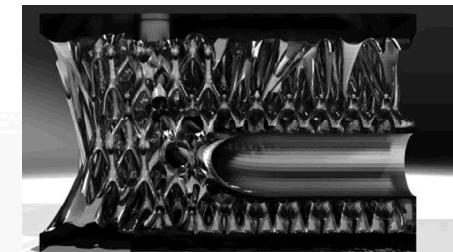
Multi-Materials on a Single Printer



Printed Gear Assembly
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New Design Possibilities
(Within Technologies)



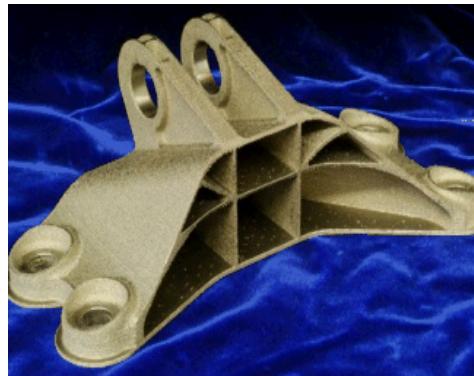


Commercial Aerospace Hardware

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

- **Replaces 18 parts with 1 – ZERO joining operations**
- **Internal geometry can't be built with traditional mfg.**
- **25% lighter, 5x more durable, reduced NOX emissions**
- 19 fuel nozzles per engine
- Plan to build 40,000 nozzles/yr
- New \$50M Mfg. Plant, Auburn, AL, Initial production in 2017



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 (e.g., drills) can be quickly magnetically attached in many configurations



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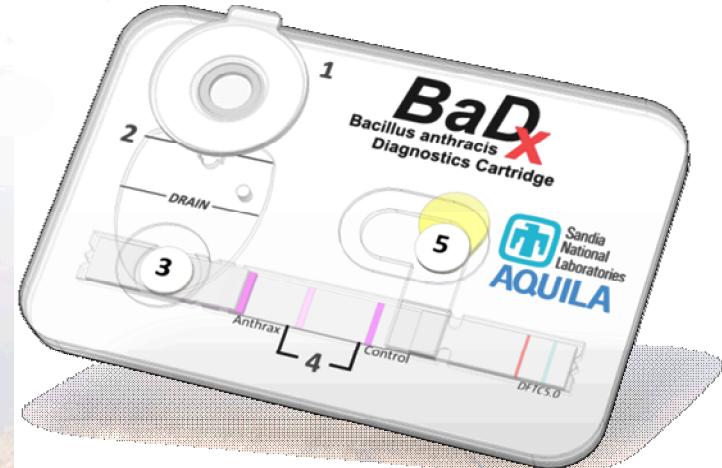


BaDx Anthrax Diagnostics Tool

- Microfluidic platform for *Bacterial Detection*
- Rapid/inexpensive prototyping & design revisions
- Self-contained, credit card-sized “Lab in a Pocket”



SNL Scientists Jason Harper, Melissa Finley, and Thayne Edwards



† Edwards *et al. Biomicrofluidics* 2011, 5, 044115.

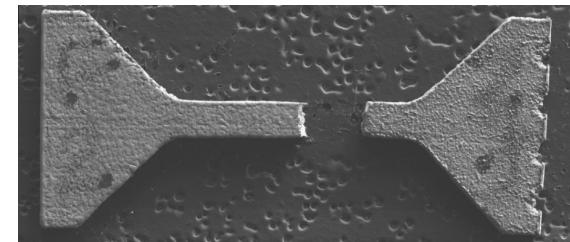
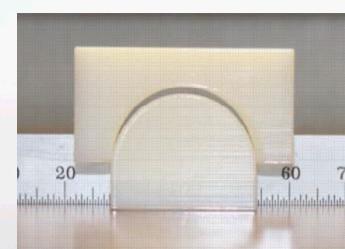
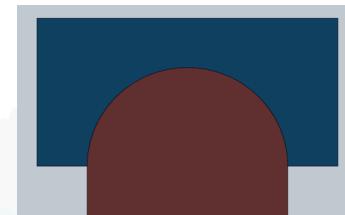
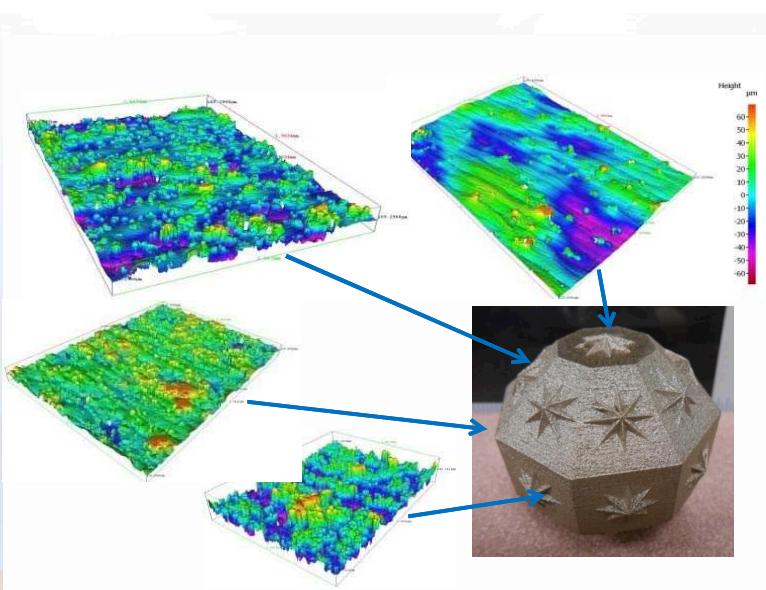


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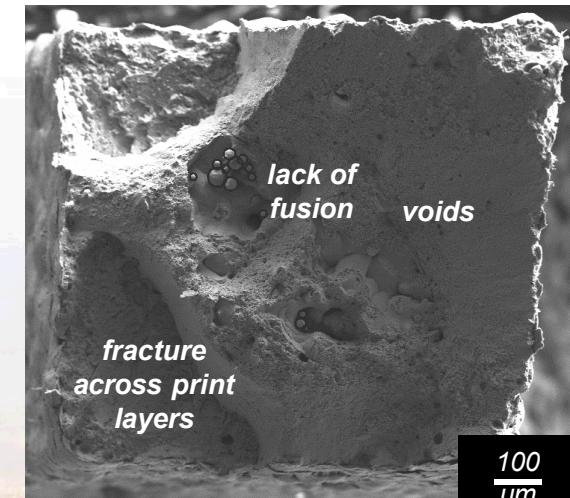


Why Not Additive? Some Potential Disadvantages/Limitations

- AM Is Still an Evolving/Emerging Technology
- Many Sources of Variability – Most Machines Run “Open Loop”
- Material is “Built” Along with the Part – Is It Good?
- Lack of Engineering Data/Standards for Designers
- There ARE Design Constraints/Design Software Limitations
- Tolerances, Surface Finish, Residual Stress
- AM Isn’t Always Faster/Cheaper



17-8 PH SS, H900, “brittle” fracture

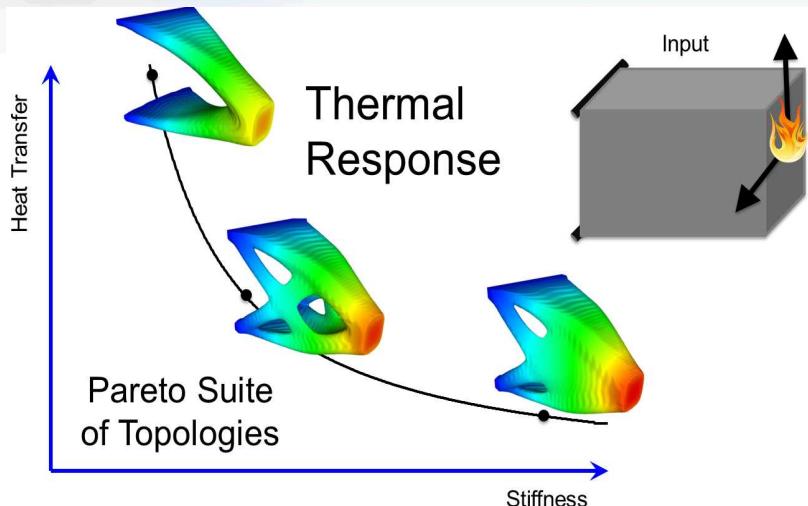


Failure at 2% elongation

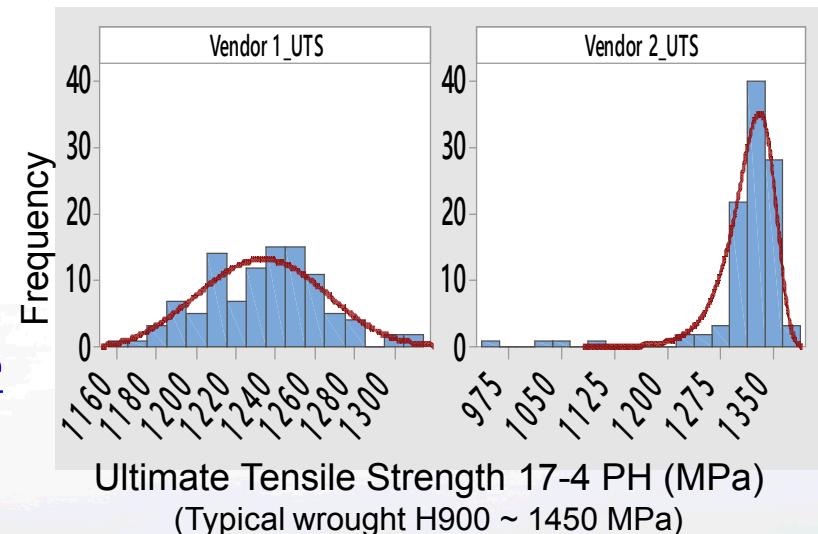


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Three Areas of Emphasis in Ongoing Sandia AM R&D



Engineering Analysis Driven AM Design



Materials Assurance

- 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 LiFePO₄)
- Current collector (DW copper ink)
- Substrate (polyimide)

Multi-Material Additive Manufacturing



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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!



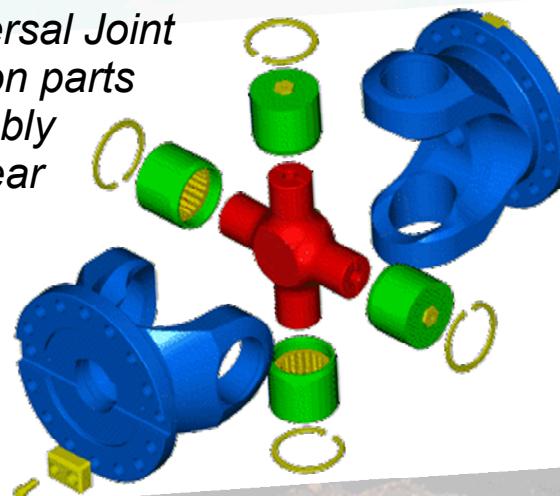
With AM it is faster and cheaper to build this optimized shaft than a solid shaft!



Dead Cholla cactus. TO designs often resemble natural structures (bio-mimicry).

Conventional Universal Joint

- Many hi-precision parts
- Complex assembly
- Moving parts wear



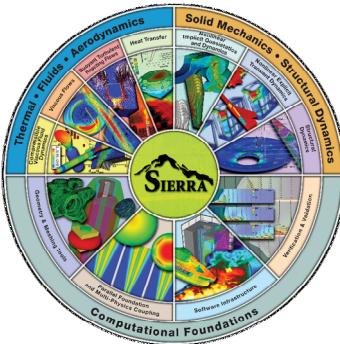
“Loxosphere”

- 1 piece
- No assembly
- No moving parts

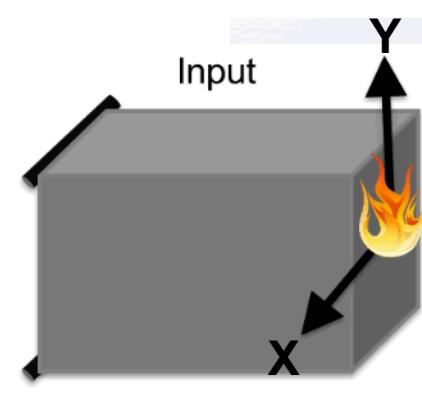
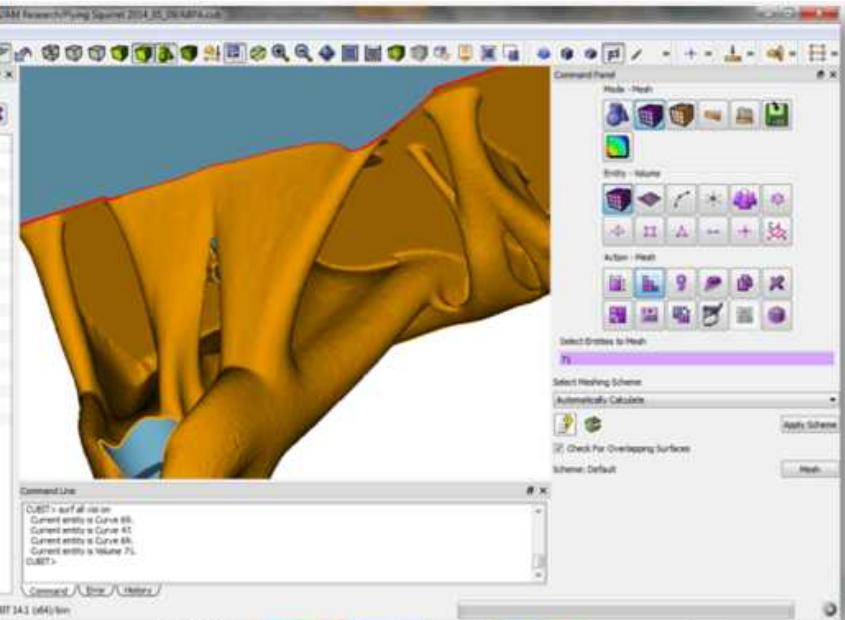
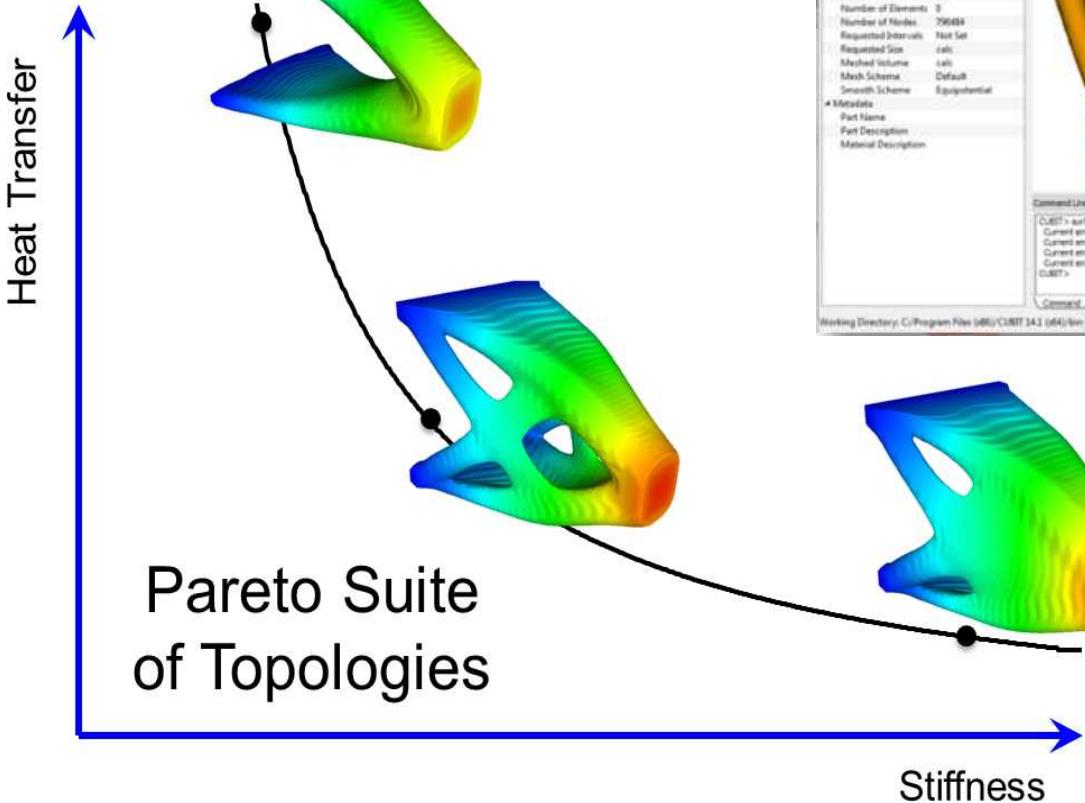


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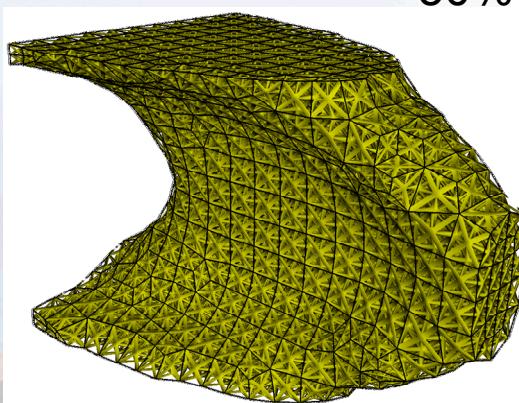
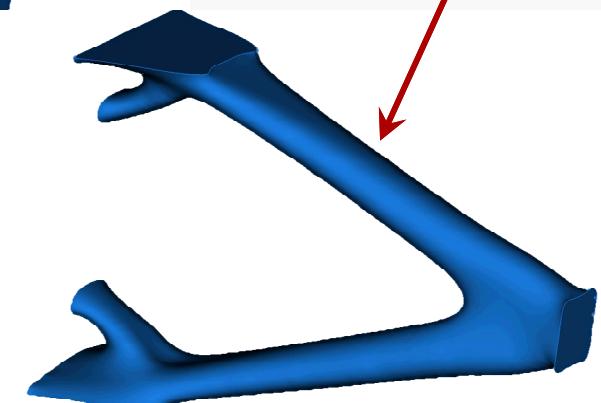
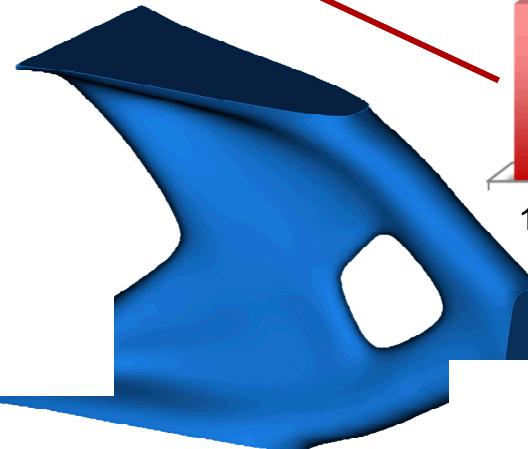
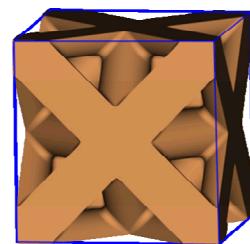
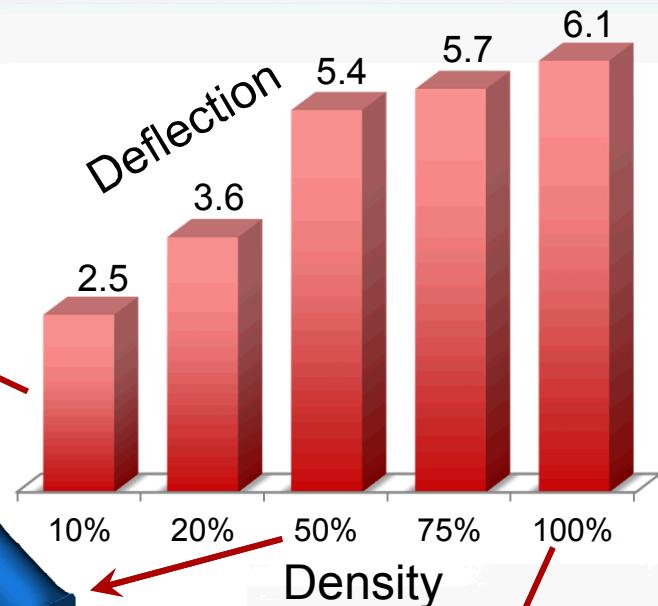
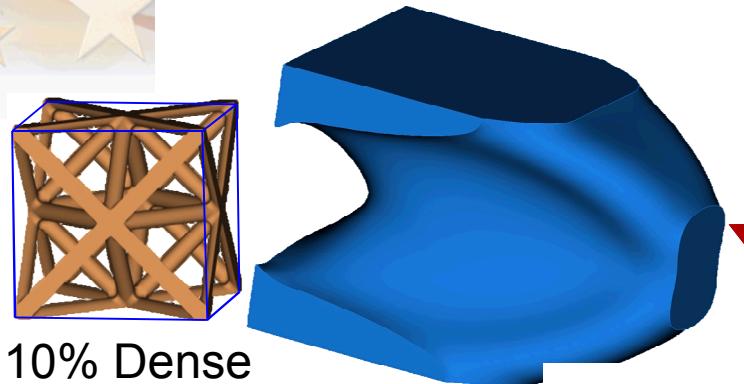
AM Design Via Functional Prioritization



User Friendly Interface



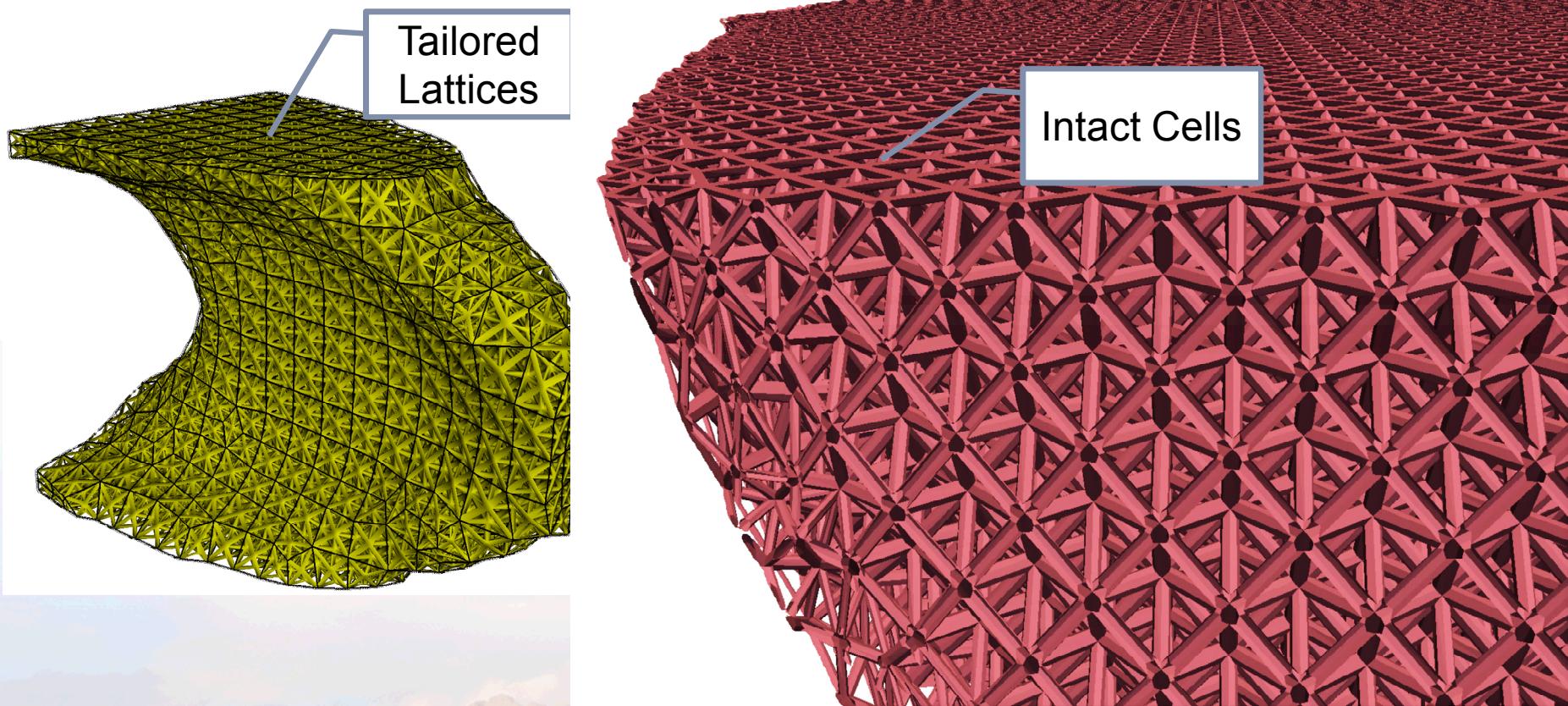
Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass



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Tailored Lattice Geometries Avoid "Loose Ends"



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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!



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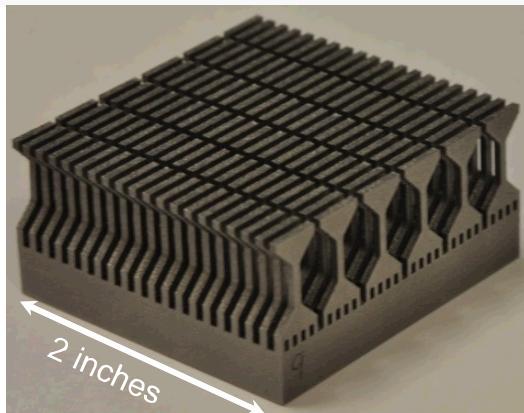
Materials Assurance



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Data Variation Suggests Defect Dominated Failure Modes

High Throughput Tensile Testing

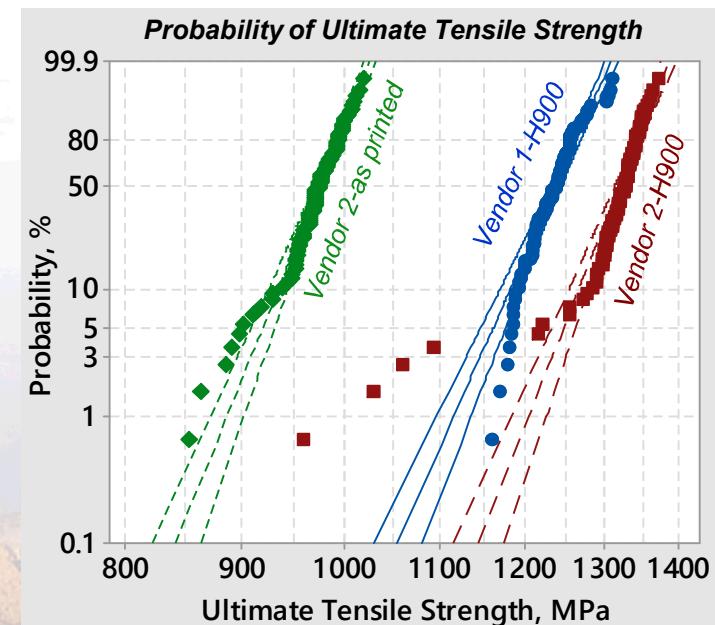
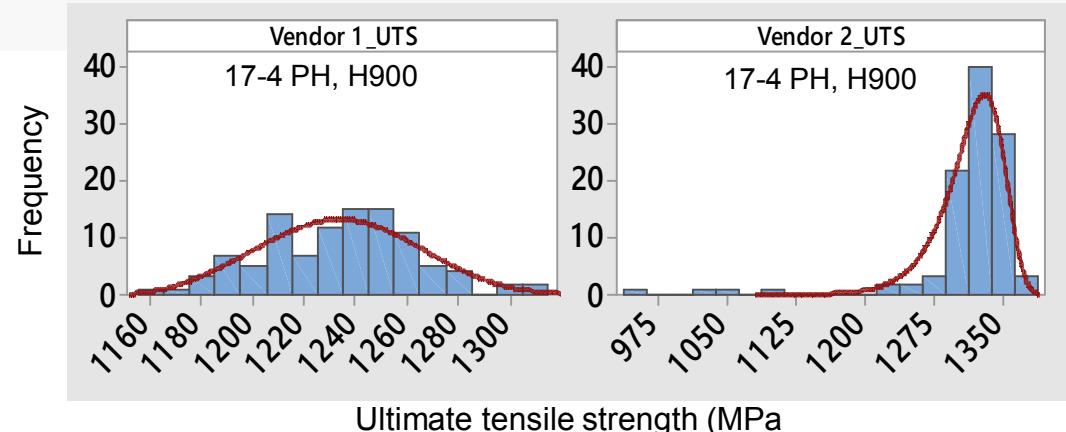


- Behavior similar to ceramics & castings
- Weibull distributions prove appropriate

$$\log \left(\log \left(\frac{1}{1 - P} \right) \right) = m \cdot \log(\sigma) + \log \left(\frac{V \cdot \log(e)}{\sigma_0^m} \right)$$

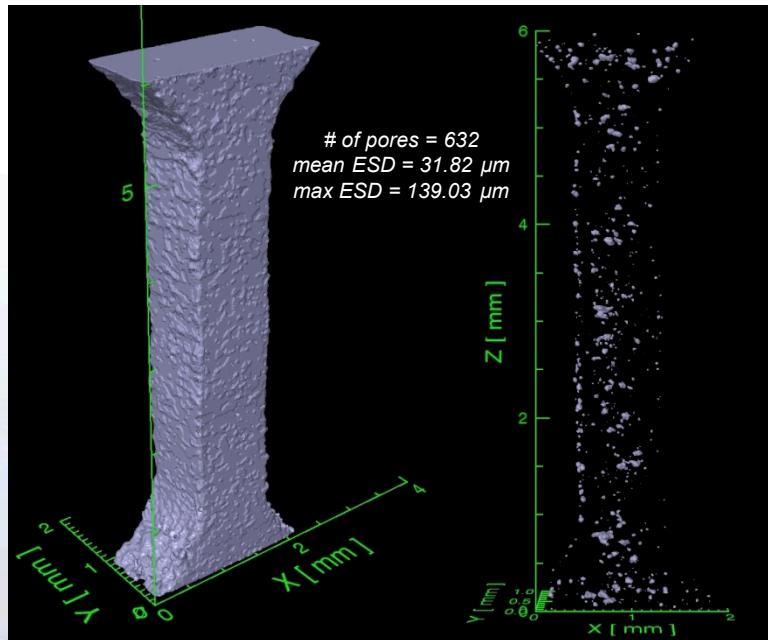
where

- P = probability of failure at stress, σ
- m = Weibull modulus, i.e. scatter
- V = material volume
- σ_0 = strength for which $P = 0$

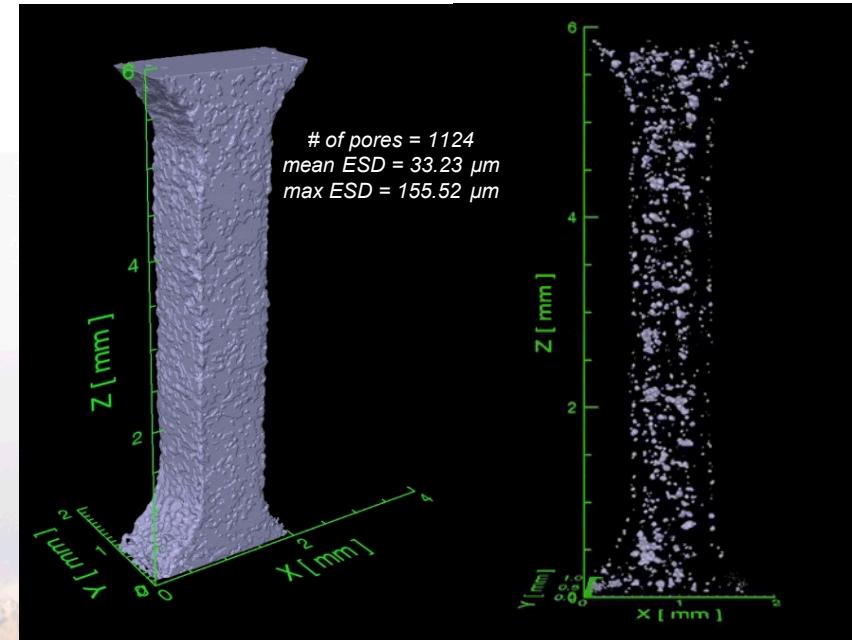


Still Working to Understand Defects Sensitivities and Failure Modes

- Dogbones
 - Gage sections imaged w/resolution of 7 or 10 μm voxel edge length
- Quantifying defect distributions
 - What can we see? Does it inform material behavior predictions?
 - Comparing w/serial sectioning (Robomet) & density (via Archimedes)
- 632 pores vs. 1124 similar size pores below; Very similar tensile test results; Why ???



dogbone B, 16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)



dogbone C, 16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)

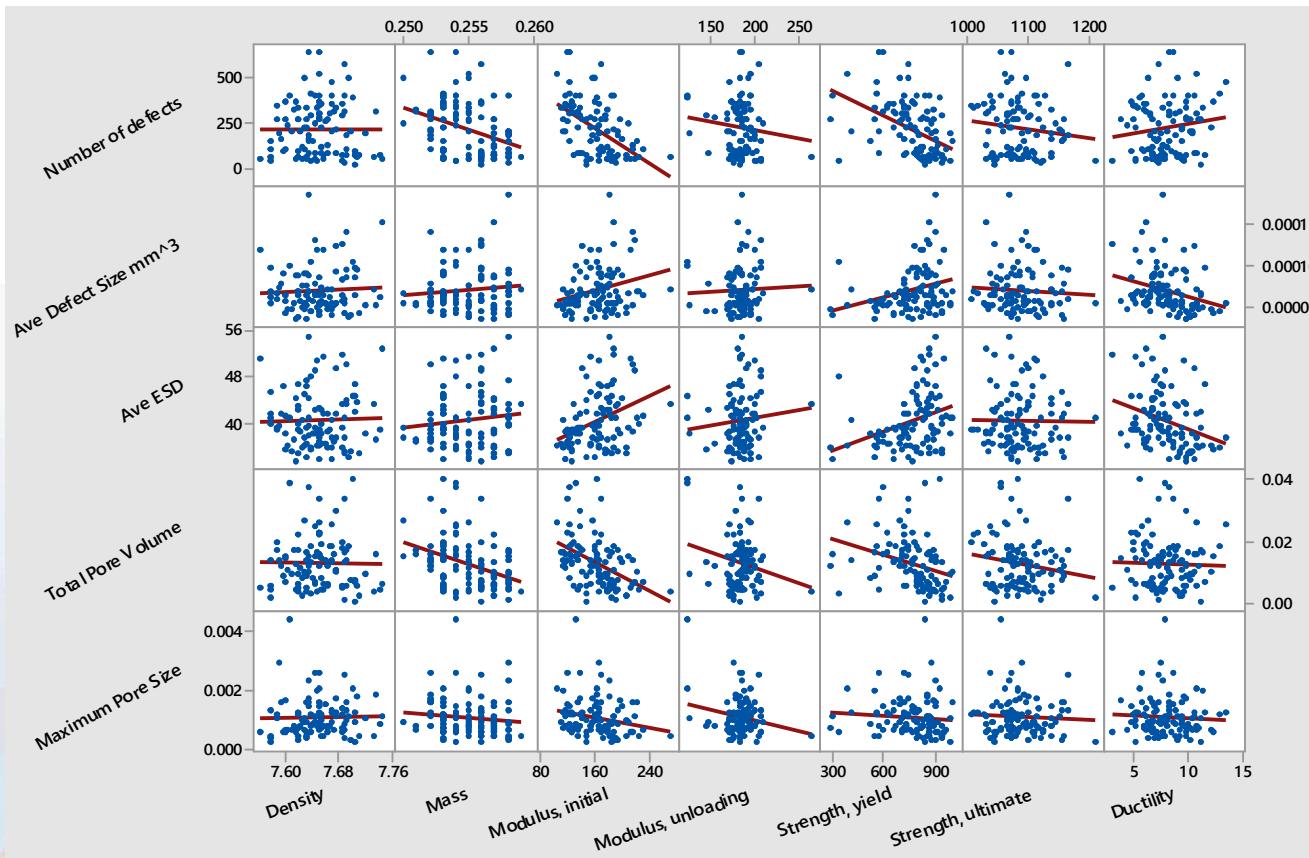
ESD = equivalent spherical diameter



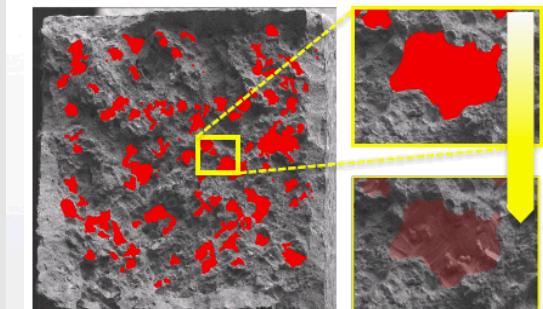
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On-going Data Correlation Shows Few Strong Correlations

- Tools
 - Scatter plots, cluster analysis, spatial correlations, area fractions, ...
- Metrics
 - Defect size, number, volume, density, void fractions
- Current effort exploring fractography, tomography, & FEA relationships



ESD = Equivalent Spherical Diameter



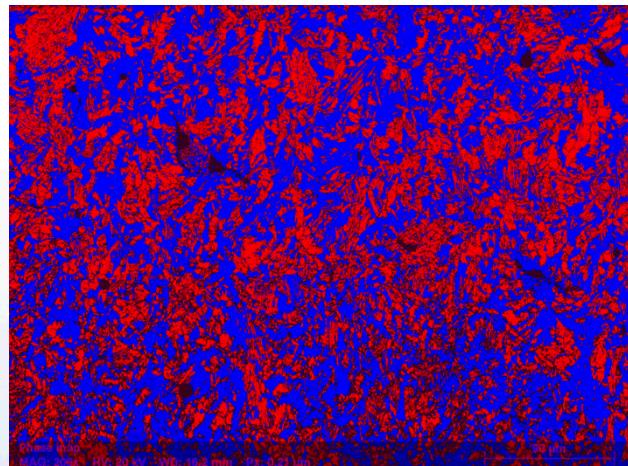
fracture surface w/ highlighted void fractions



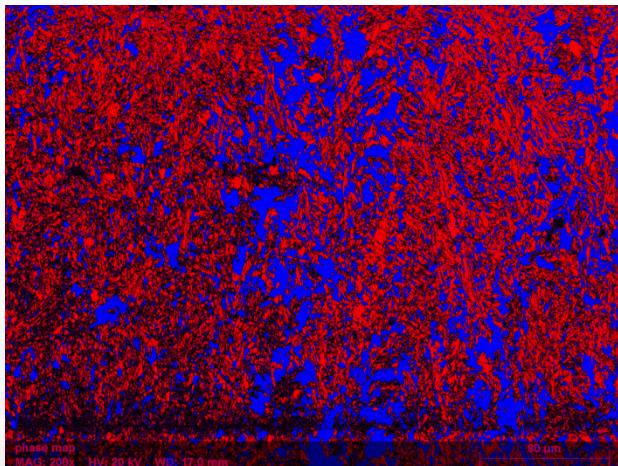
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Retained Austenite in 17-4 PH Stainless When Using Nitrogen Gas Atomized Powder

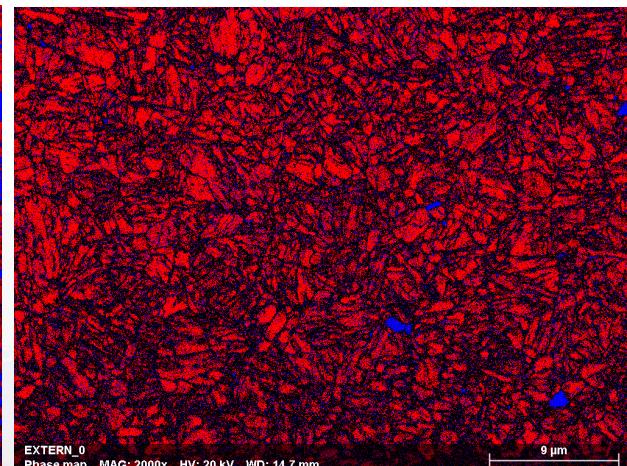
- Anomalous phase composition in AM vs. wrought 17-4 PH Stainless
 - Large fraction of retained austenite after solution heat treatment + H900 age
 - cryo treatment to -196°C for 5 min still does not transform austenite



As-printed, 47% Austenite



SHT + H900 Age, 43% Austenite



Wrought Sheet Shows Fine-grained Martensite

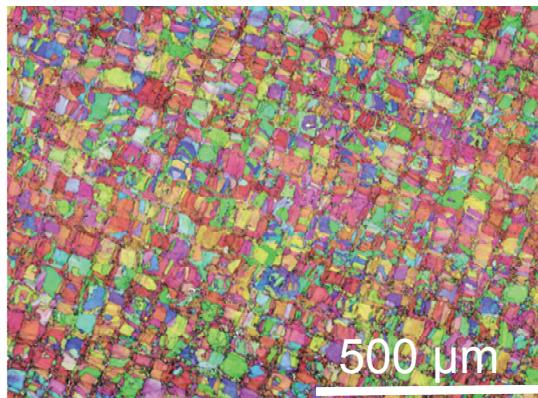
Blue = austenite (FCC), **Red** = martensite / ferrite (BCC), **Black** = not indexed



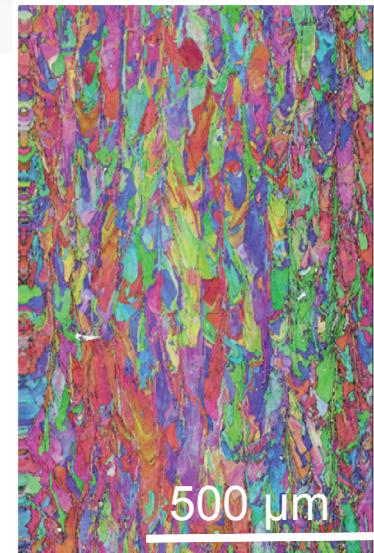
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AM 316L Has Unique Microstructure with Reasonable, But Still Highly Variable Properties

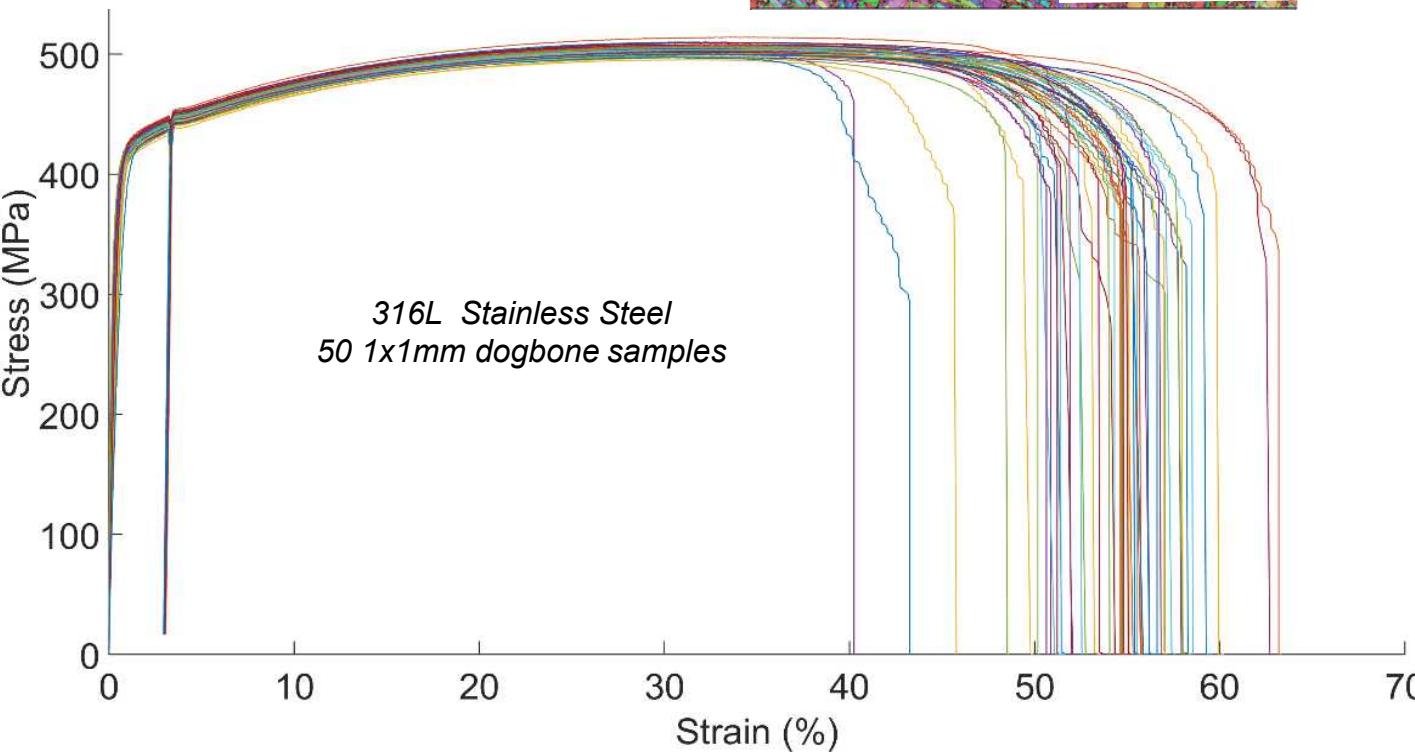
Top View
(Normal to Build Direction)



ProX 200
EBSD
maps for
316L SS



Cross Section
(Parallel to Build Direction)



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Leverage Sandia PPM to Investigate Variability/Defect Sensitivity

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 Wrought Ta Oligocrystal Tensile Specimen (1x3x5 mm)

(Use Electron Backscatter Diffraction & Digital Image Correlation)

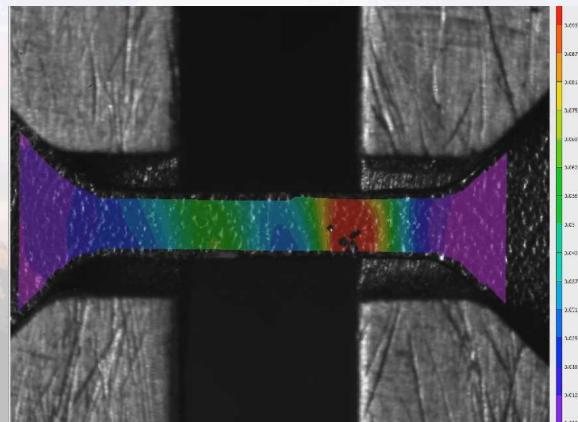
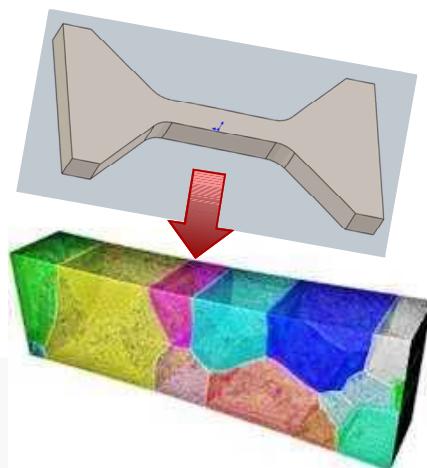
Key Questions:

What AM Defects Matter?
Can I detect them?

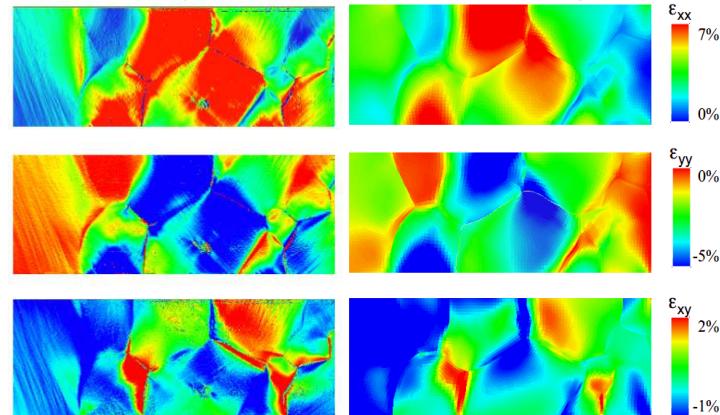
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Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



Experimental Results

Computed Simulations

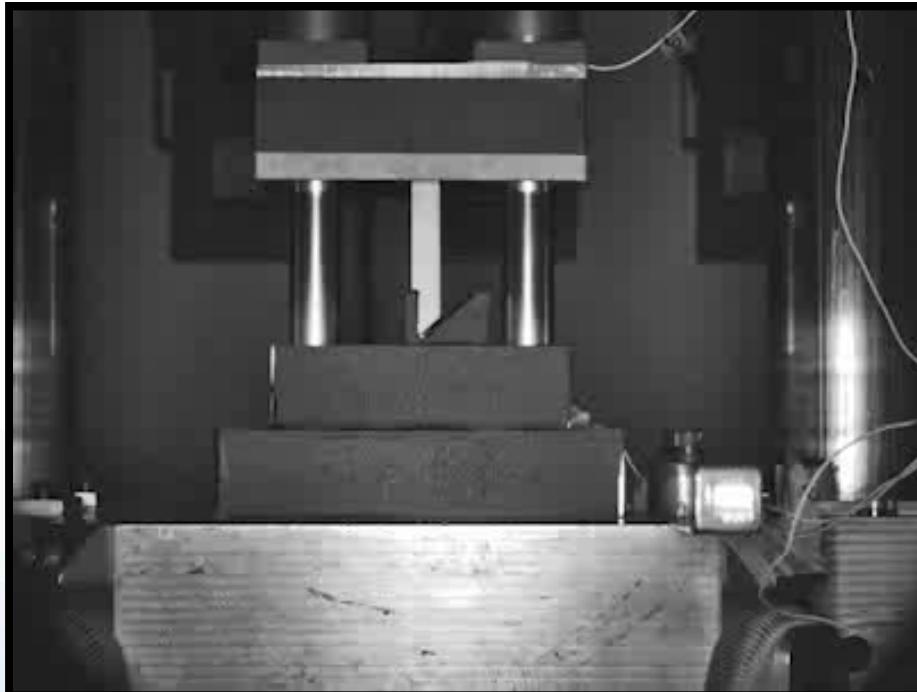
High-Throughput Tensile (HTT) Test with Digital Image Correlation



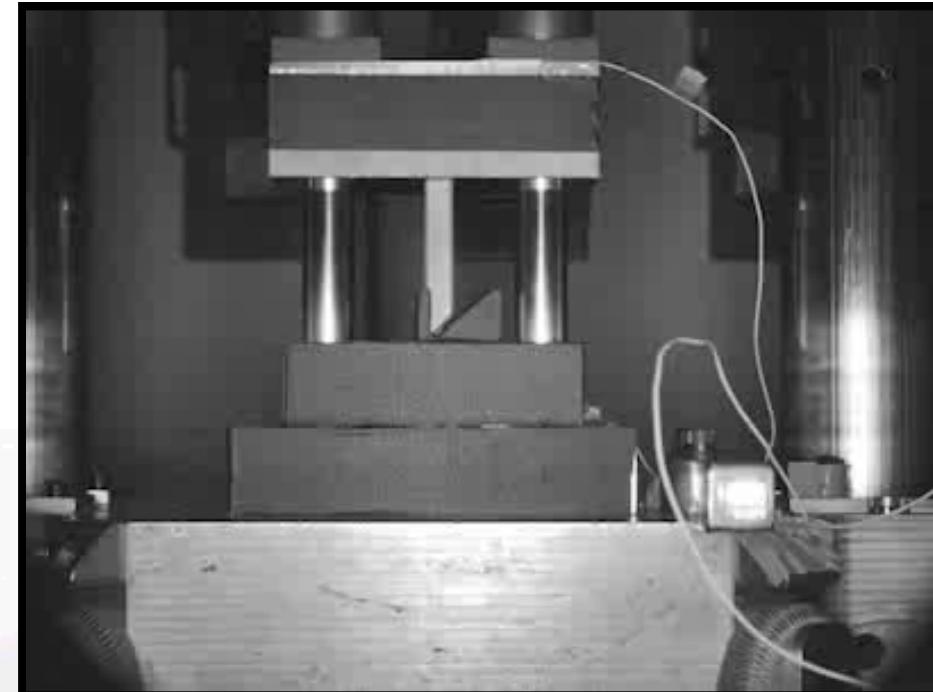
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Despite Defects, AM Parts Can Offer Good Performance



Machined/Welded Housing
4047 Al alloy
weight = 45 grams

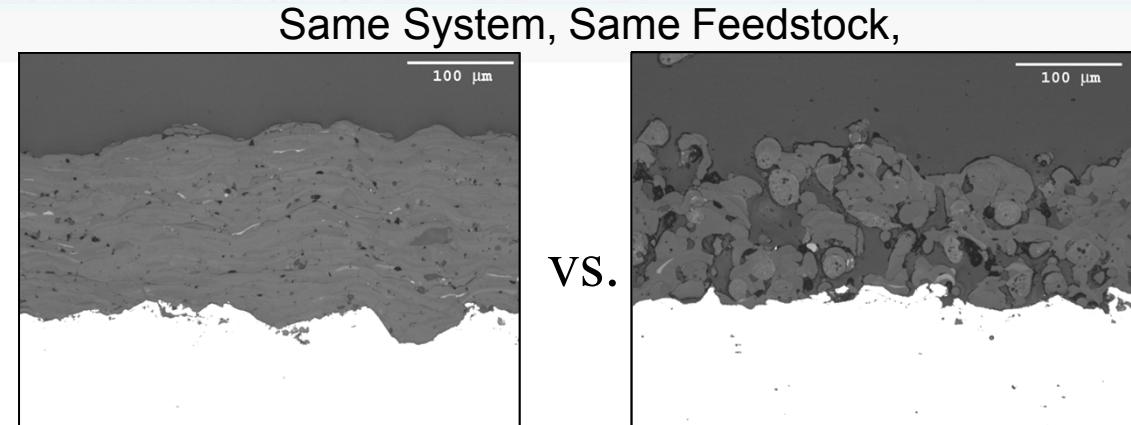
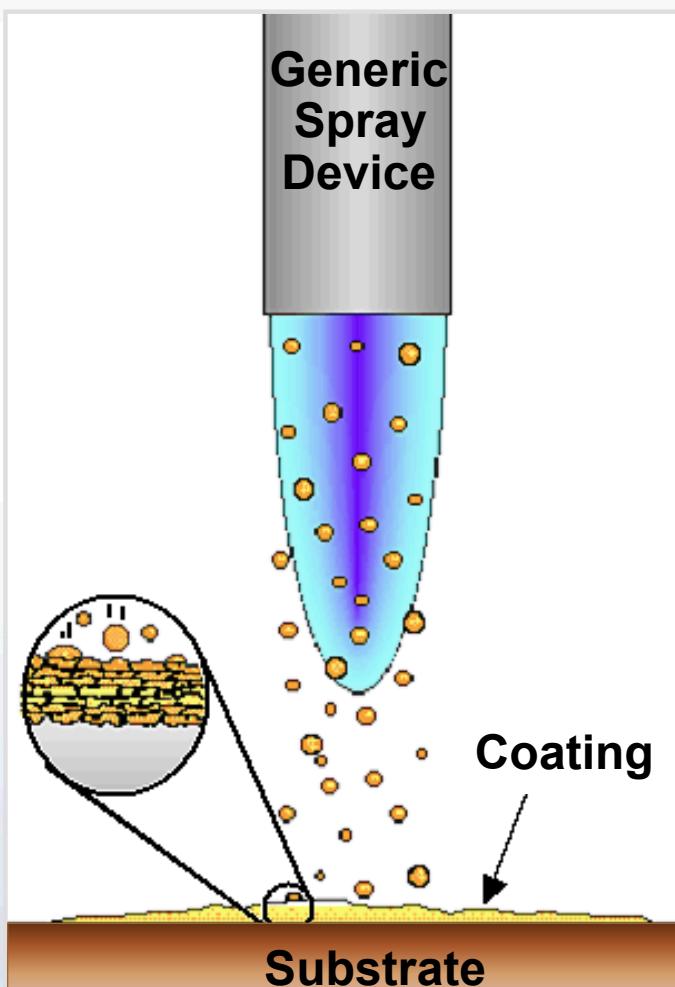


Additively Manufactured Housing
AISi10Mg Al alloy
weight = 38 grams

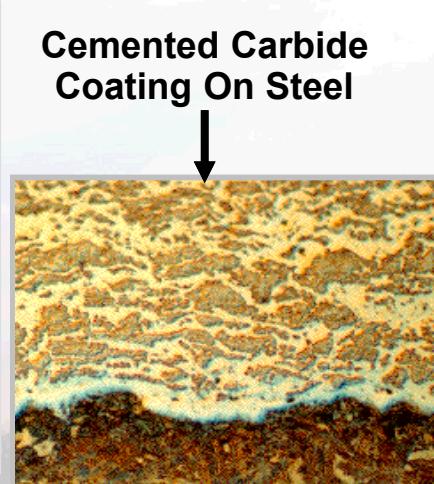


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Build on Prior Success with Process Control of Another AM Process -- Thermal Spray

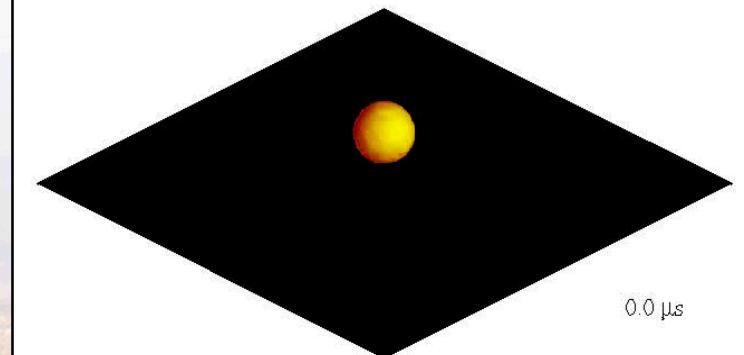


Very Different Results



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

$T_{a,i} = 1600-2000^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{w,i} = 20^\circ\text{C}$, $R_e = 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$



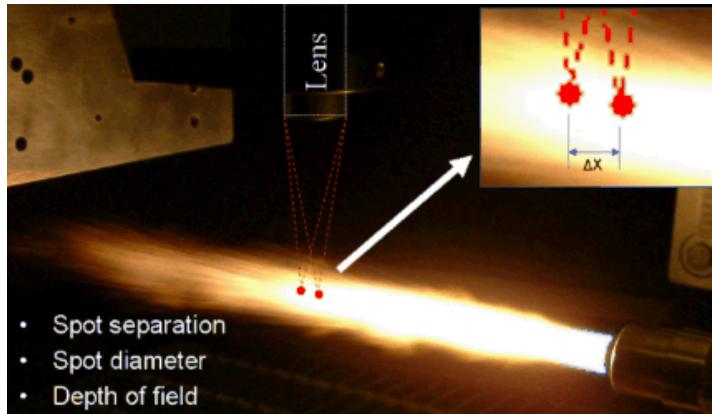
AM today is similar to Thermal Spray ~20 years ago



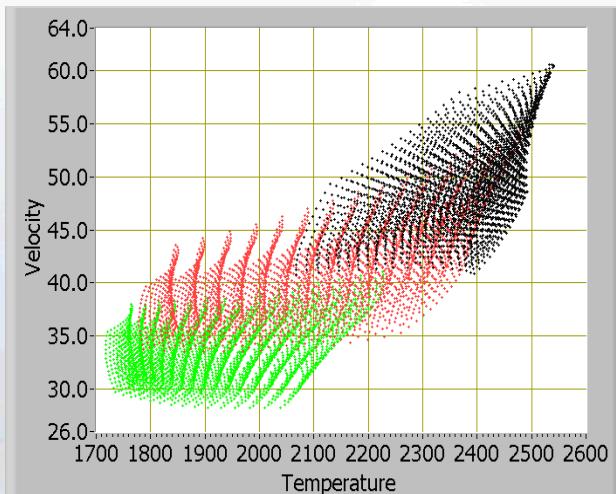
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Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

- Experimental/computational R&D used to develop processing-microstructure-properties relationships



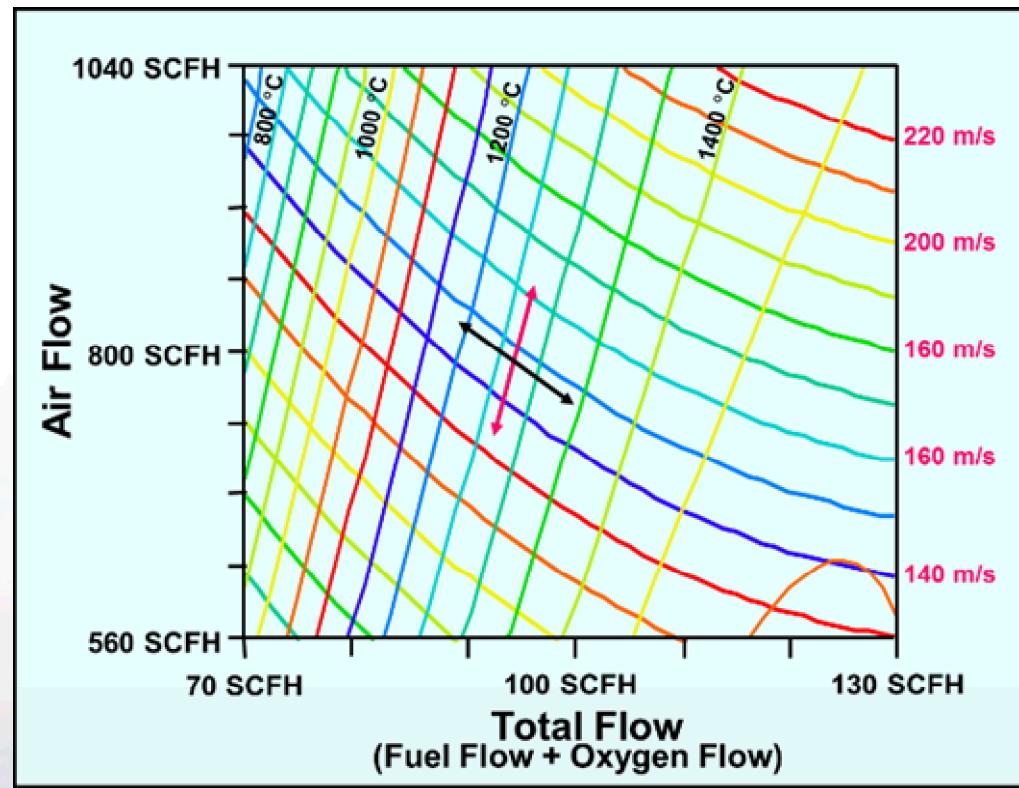
Process Diagnostics/Monitoring



Process Modeling

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

- Fundamental process understanding used to implement closed-loop control based on droplet temperature and velocity to reduce variability



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



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Sandia Metal/Multi-Material AM Process R&D Laboratory

3D Systems ProX 200
Laser Metal Powder Bed
Machine



Next Generation Custom
Built Hybrid LENS™
System



Aspex Explorer SEM-based
powder particle analyzer

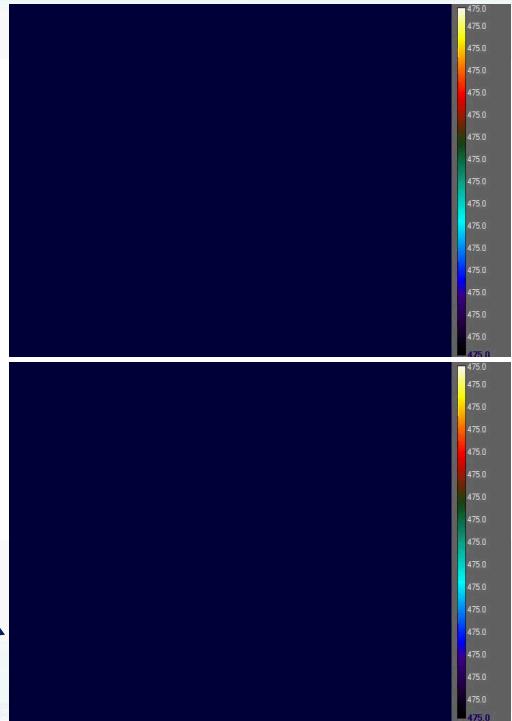
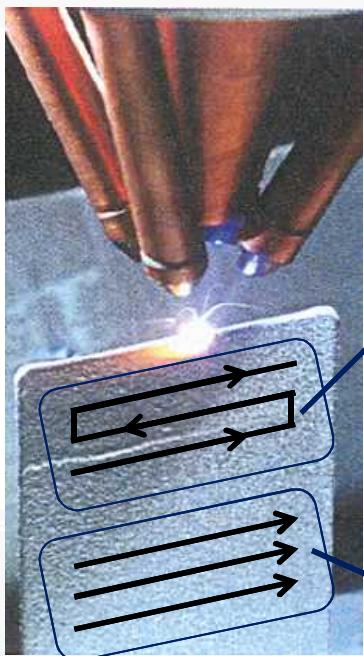


Haas VF2 mill-turn
machine will be Modified
for Multi-Material hybrid
AM, including LENS™

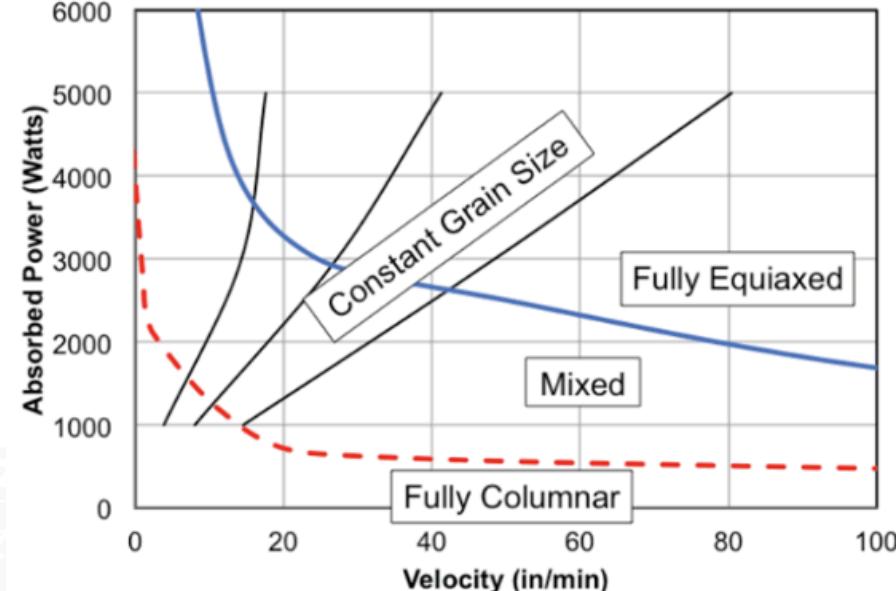


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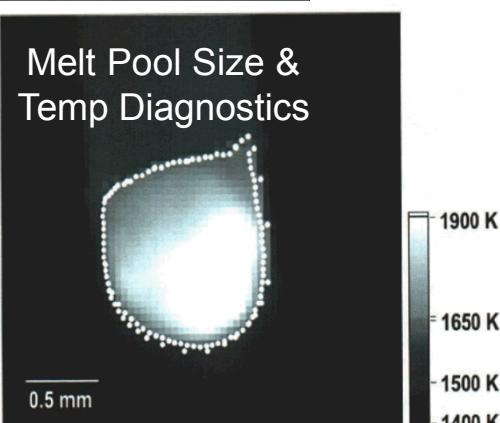
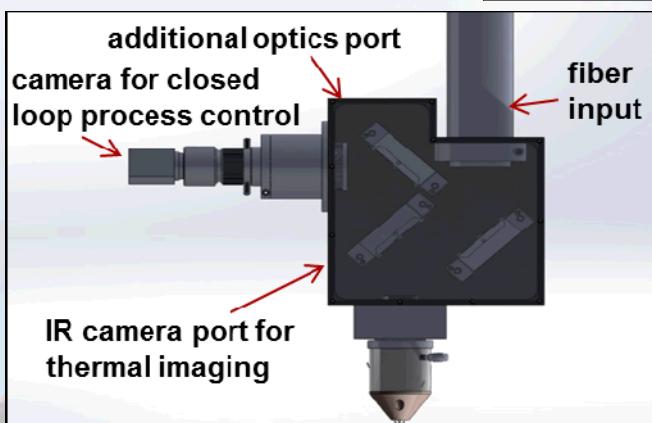
Working to Understand LENS™ Processing-Microstructure Relationships



Processing-Microstructure Relationships (teaming w Carnegie Mellon)



J. Gockel et al. / Additive Manufacturing 1–4 (2014) 119–126



Control melt pool size & temperature to create desired microstructure and reduce variability



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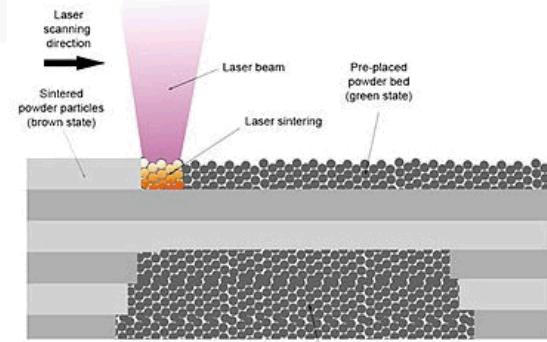
Process Models Involve Complex Physics

Goal: Link AM mesoscale processes to macroscale performance

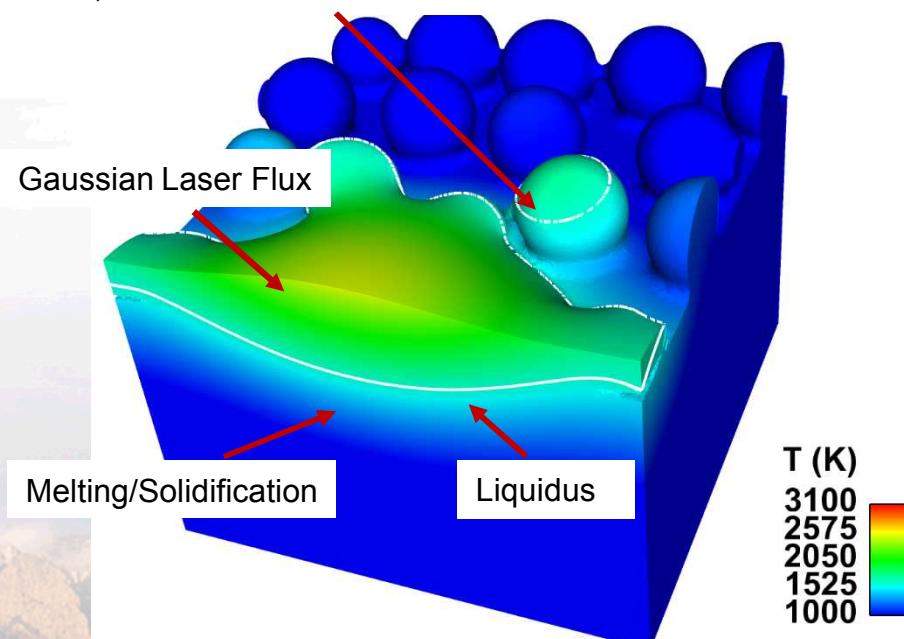
Method: Conformal level-set technology includes melt and ambient gas dynamics

- Laser energy coupling to particle packs
- Melt/solidification, capillary-driven flow, buoyant gas convection, solutal segregation
- Impact of laser setting: power, spot size, scan rate, hatch spacing, ...
- Laser schedule: edge modulation, variable power, variable spot,
- Beam overlap, remelt, porosity

“Selective laser sintering”, Wikipedia



- Recoil Pressure
- Curvature & Maragoni Stress
- Ablative, Radiative & Convective Heat Loss

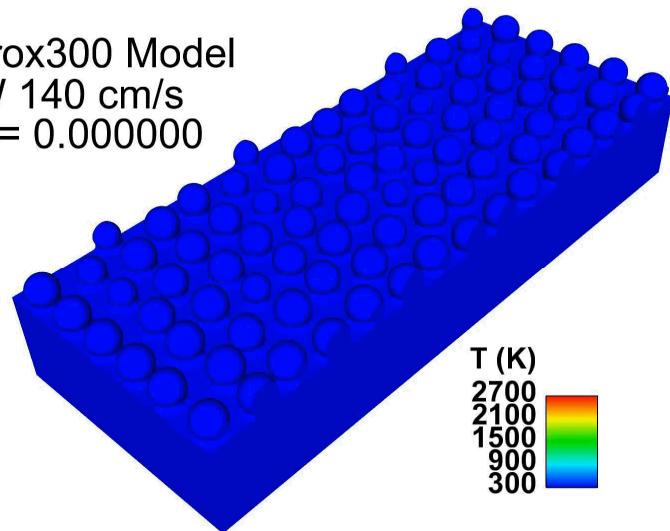


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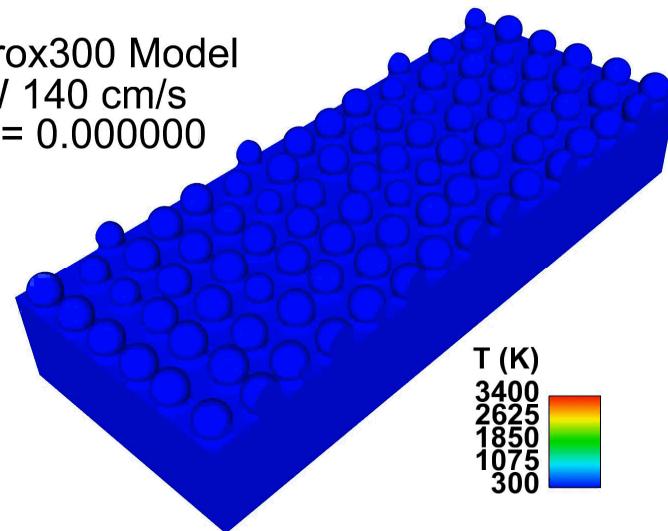
Process Modeling Can Provide Useful Insights

SNL Prox300 Model
25W 140 cm/s
Time = 0.000000



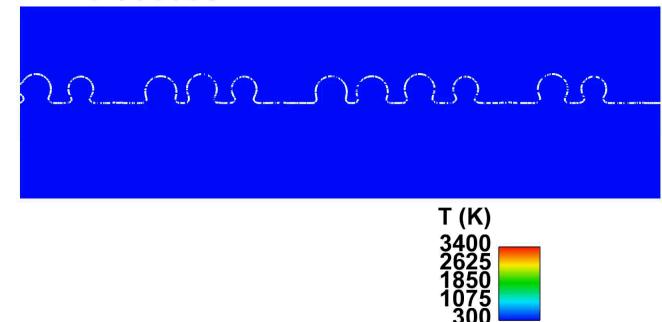
Stainless steel 304L
25 micron powder

SNL Prox300 Model
50W 140 cm/s
Time = 0.000000



Gas and melt pool dynamics

Time = 0.000000



Notes:

- 500 micron powder bed traversed in 357 microsec
- Sloshing-driven gas dynamics entrains ambient gas



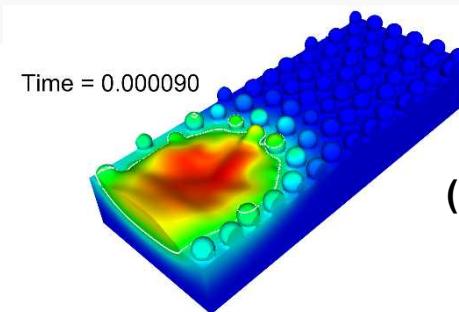
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Multiple Scale Powder Bed Modeling

Powder bed fusion model

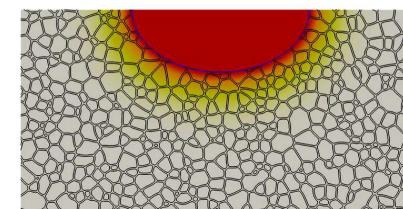
- High-fidelity melt-pool modeling
- Interactions of laser with powder bed, melt pool
- Solidification – grain morphology



(M. Martinez)

Phase field solidification model

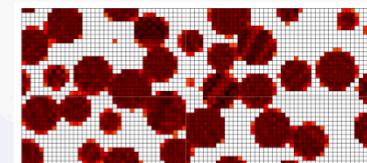
- Grain morphology



(F. Abdeljawad)

Atomistic model of thermal transport in nanoparticle powder beds

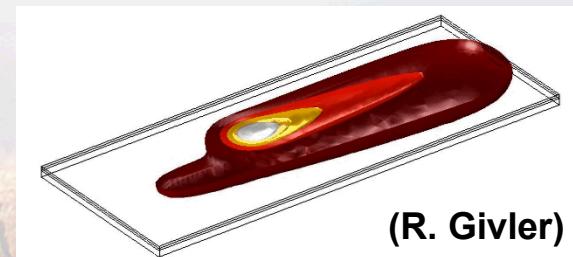
- Link to macroscale thermal model



(M. Wilson & M. Chandross)

Macroscale powder bed model

- Methods for modeling part-scale PBF process
- Optimization of laser paths (100's of passes)

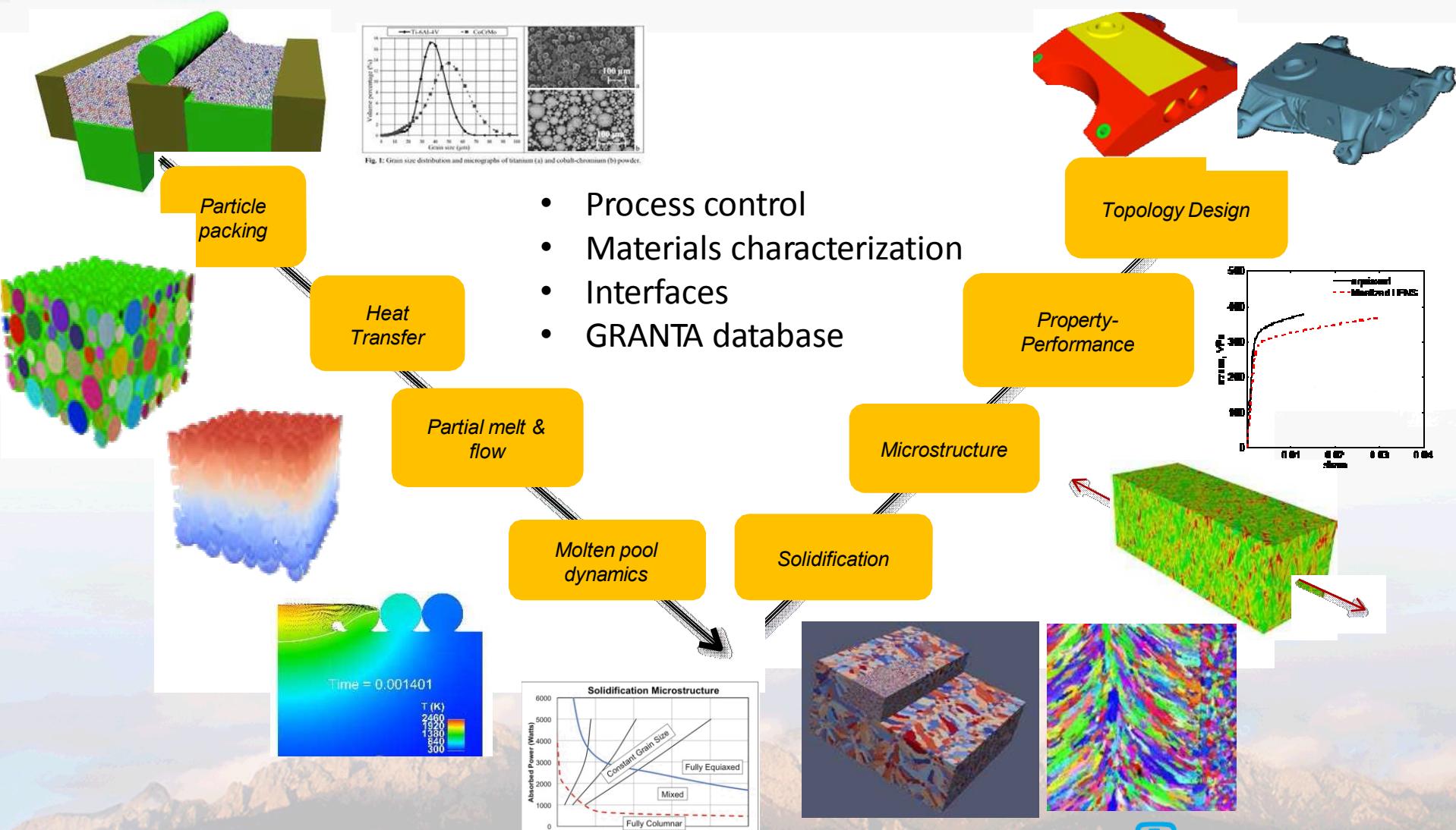


(R. Givler)



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Ultimate Vision is to Understand/Control Process → Microstructure → Properties → Performance



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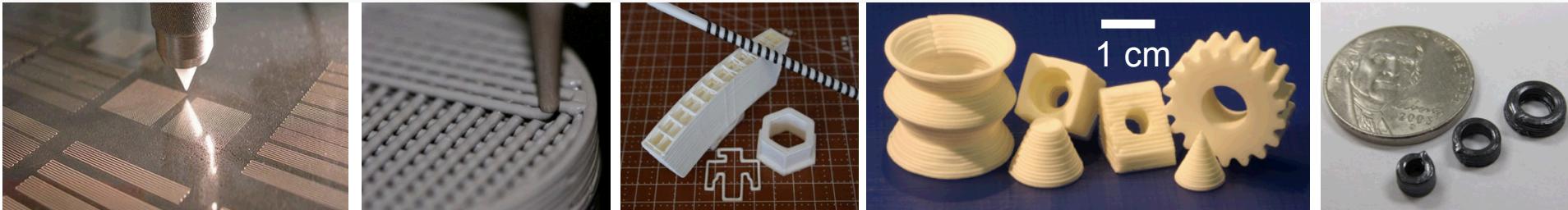
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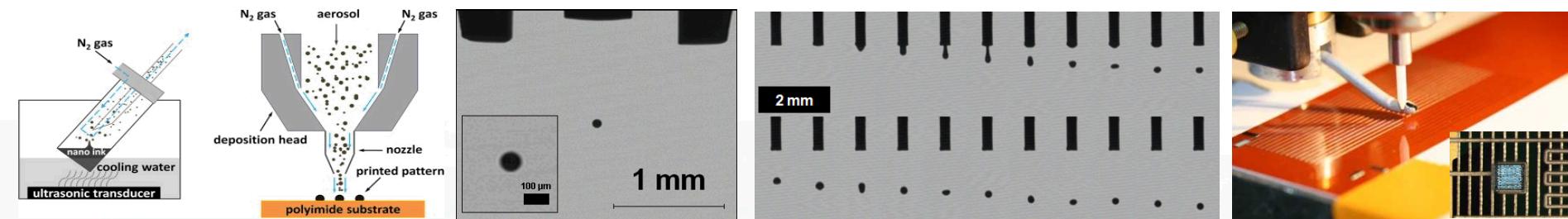
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Direct Write Technologies Enable Access To Materials Not Supported By Conventional Printing Processes

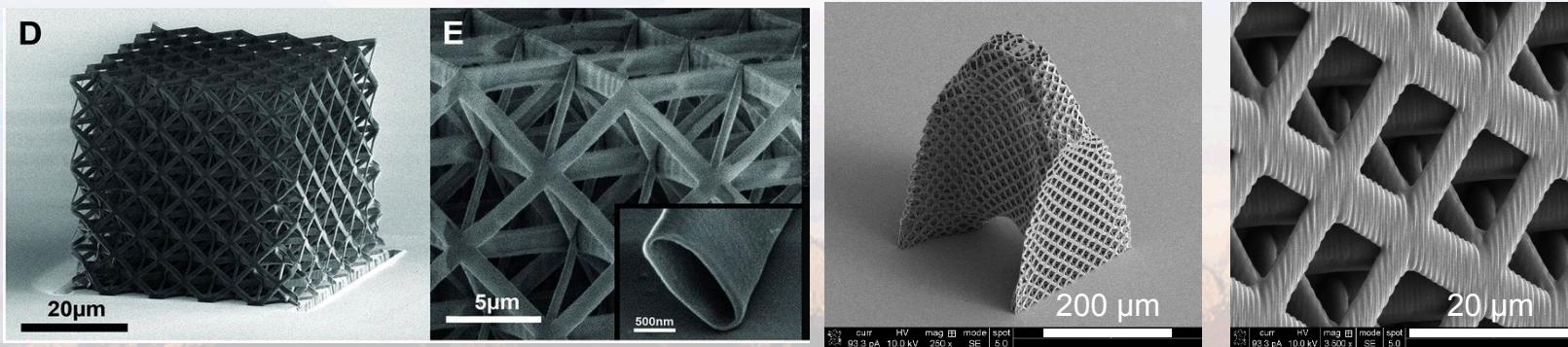
Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



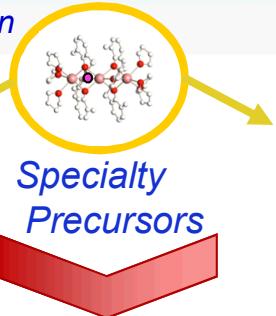
Direct Write by Laser Lithography



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From Nano-Materials to Components at the Sandia Advanced Materials Lab

Solution Precipitation



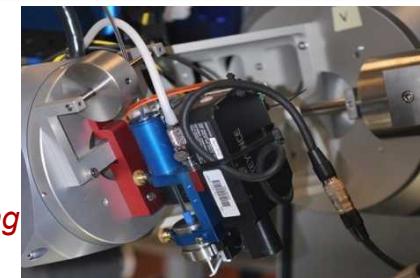
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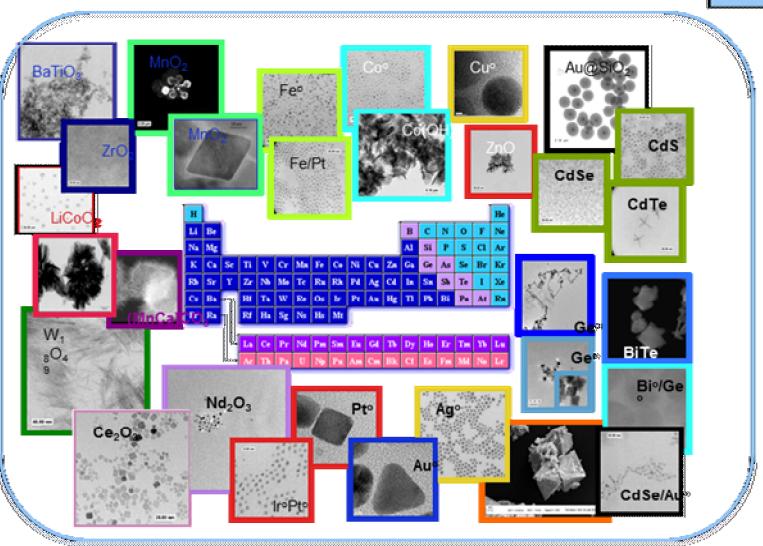
Specialty Inks



Direct Write Printed Parts

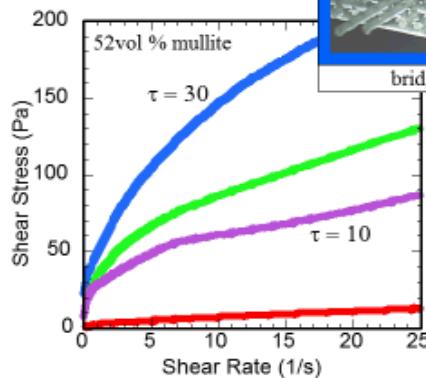


Specialized Nanomaterials



Influence of paste rheology

Yield stress controls print morphology.



Rheology Tailoring

Aerosol, Inkjet, extrusion

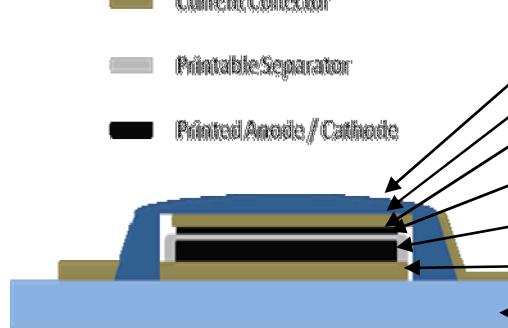
From specialized, tailored nano-materials to process-able inks requires chemical synthesis, colloidal chemistry, rheology/characterization, process engineering



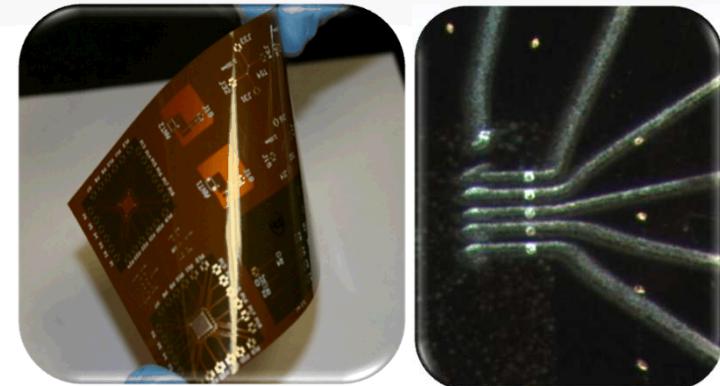
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Printed Electronics

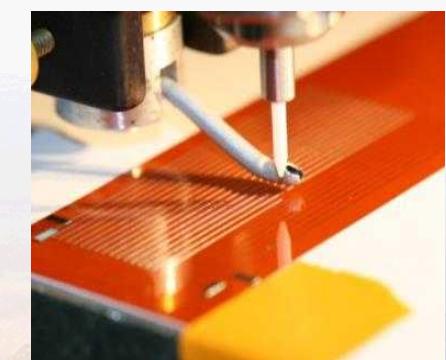
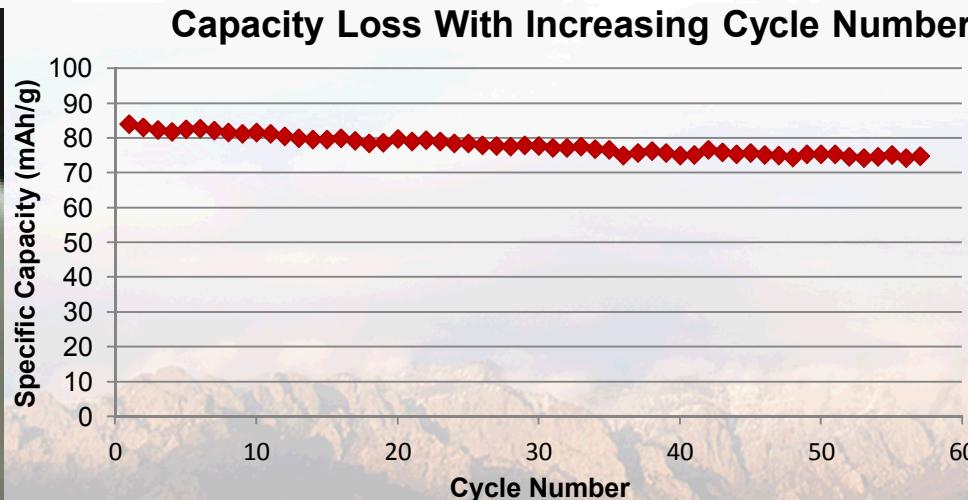
- Printed Encapsulant
- Current Collector
- Printable Separator
- Printed Anode / Cathode



- Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)
- Current collector (DW carbon ink)
- Anode (DW graphite/carbon)
- Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)
- Cathode (DW LiFePO₄)
- Current collector (DW copper ink)
- Substrate (polyimide)



“Flexible Chips” with Printed Wirebonds



Aerosol jet printing to 10 μ m



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Summary

- Sandia has a rich history in AM technology development & commercialization
- AM offer great new opportunities, but it is still immature and there is need for R&D
- Sandia AM R&D emphasizes:
 - Engineering Analysis Driven AM Design
 - Materials Assurance (reliability)
 - Multi-Material AM
- Sandia is very interested in working with others to advance AM technology

