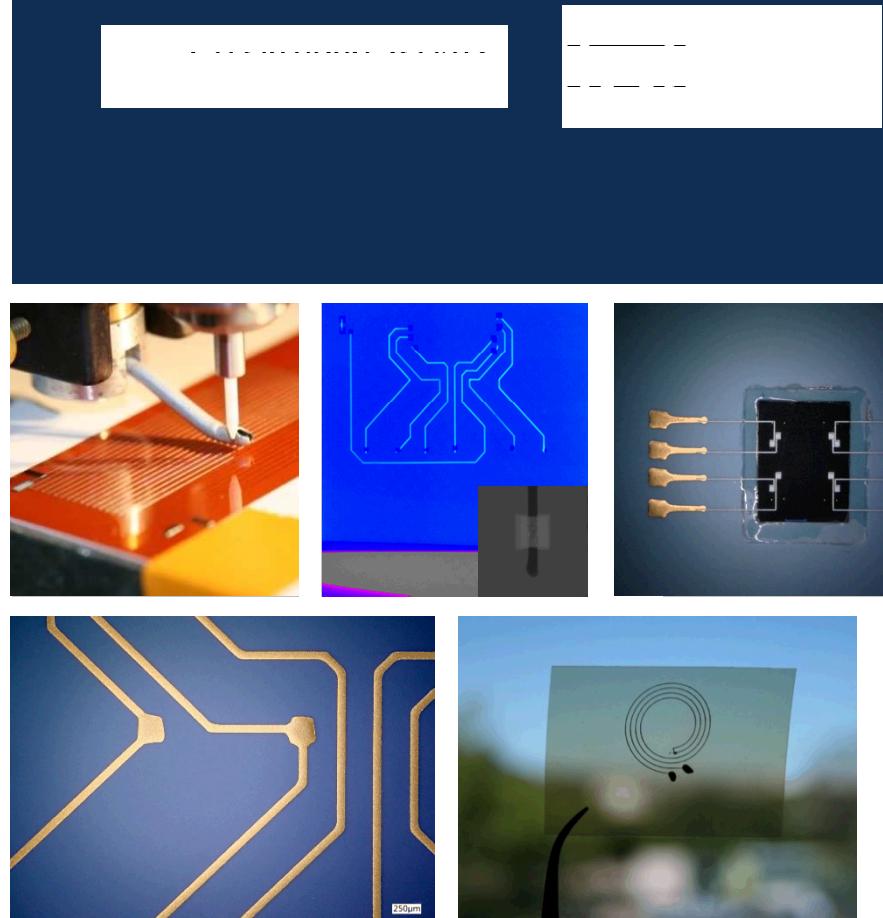


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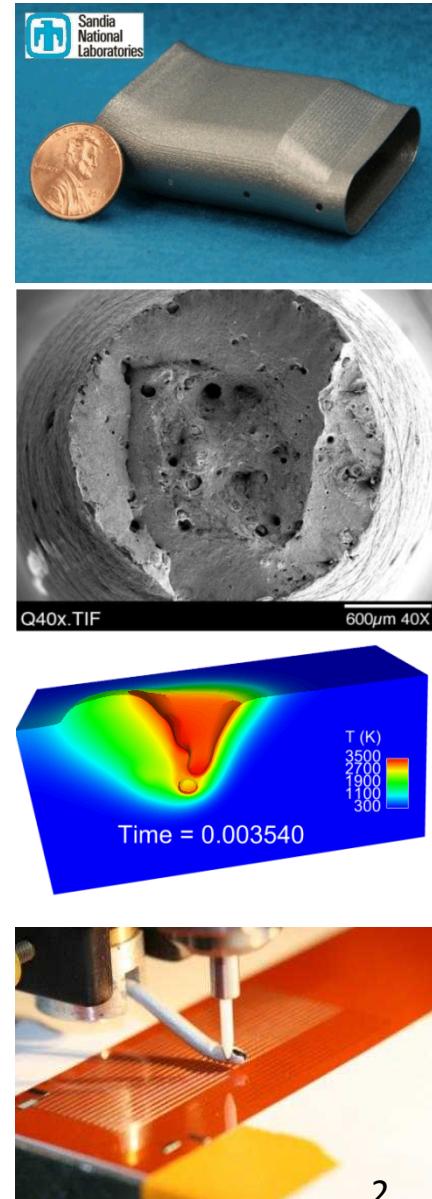
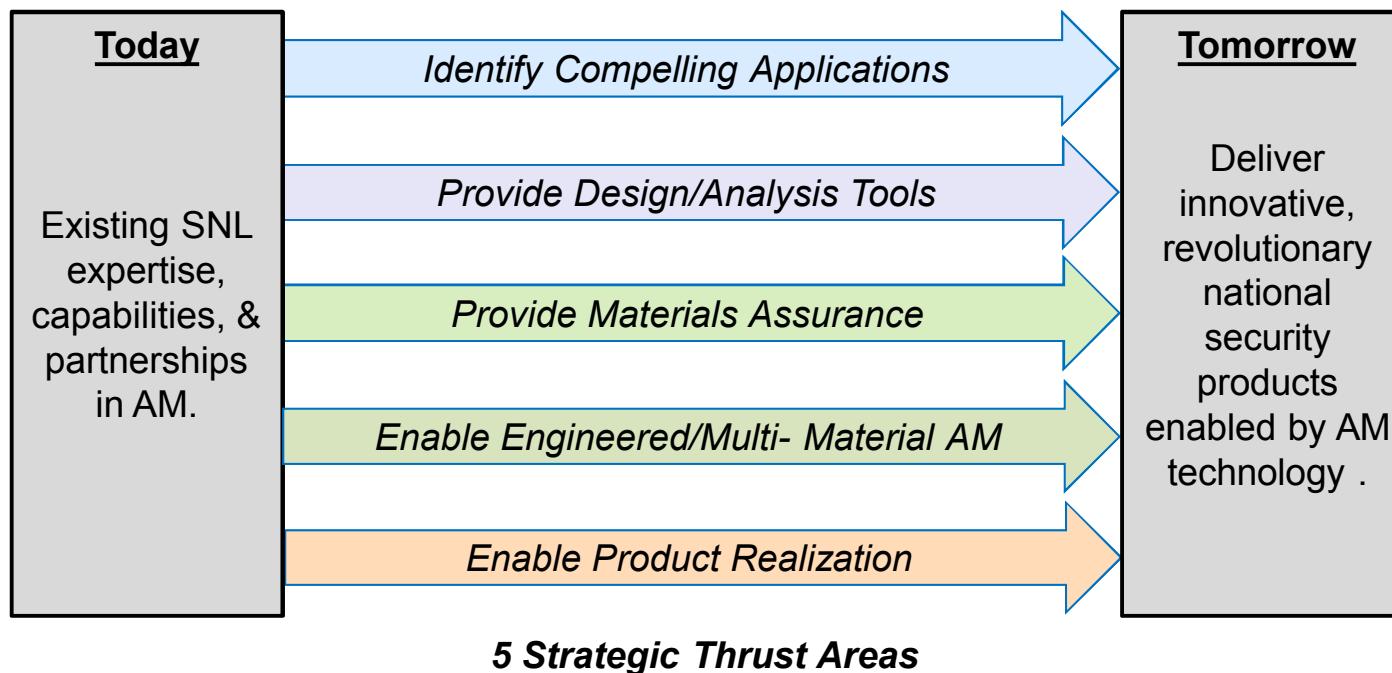
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Sandia's additive strategy

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



Additive manufacturing technologies support rapid component realization

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 **stratasys**



 **3D SYSTEMS**

 **osonoplot**



 **OPTOMECH**
Production Grade 3D Printers... with a Material Difference

 **arcam**
CAD TO METAL[®]
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Direct write explained

A suite of layerwise additive manufacturing techniques for deposition of enabling materials



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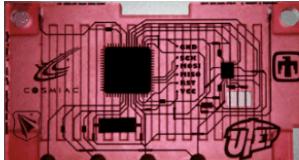
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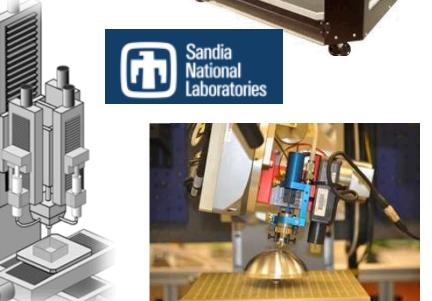
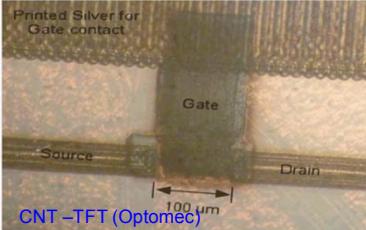
Production Grade 3D Printers... with a Material Difference



- Extremely broad materials compatibility (1-1,500,000 cP)
- Supports 3D printing and conformal depositing to 1 micron
- Readily supports component fabrication via deposition of enabling materials and integration of ASICs



ASIC integration using DW metallization, W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation



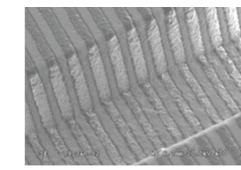
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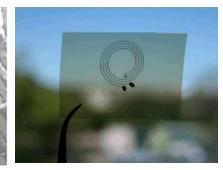
AJ printed strain gauge (10 micron)



Large format RF devices



Nanoparticle ink printing on non-planar and thermally sensitive substrates



Printed battery (C. Applett)



Component Integration Concept

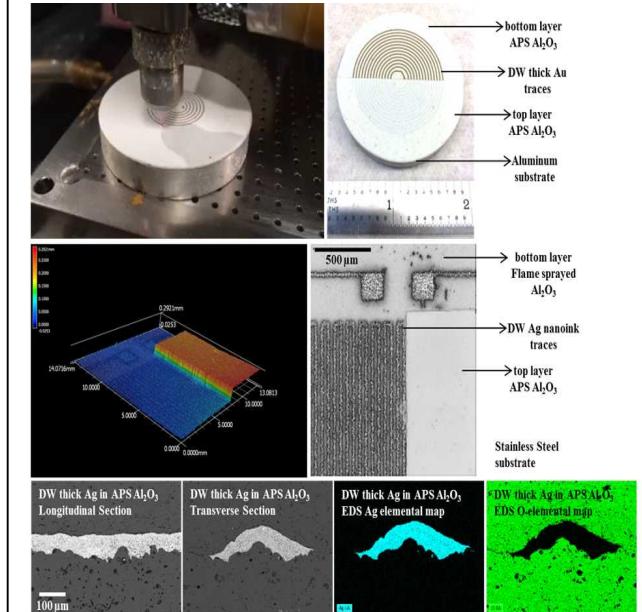


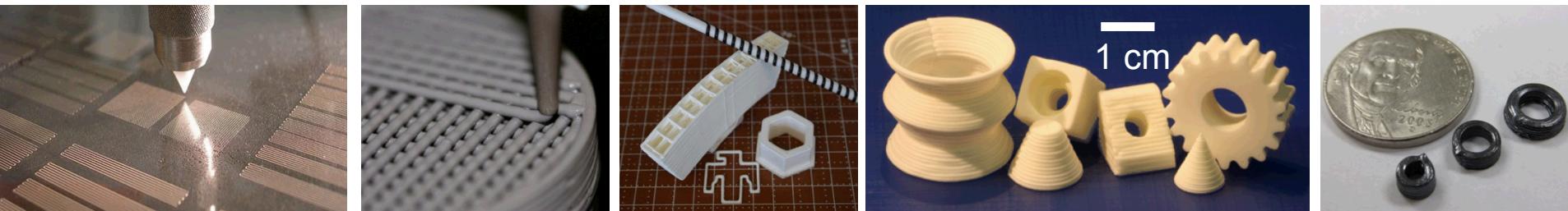
Figure 6: DW EC thick Au paste spiral, Ag nanoink traces, and thick Ag paste traces embedded between thermal sprayed Al_2O_3 underlayer and overlayer.

Additive Manufacturing of Hybrid Circuits

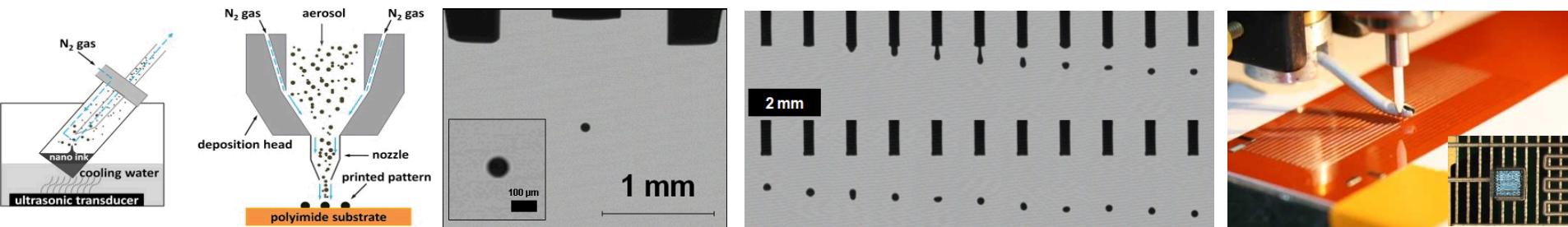
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Direct write technologies enable access to materials not supported by conventional printing processes

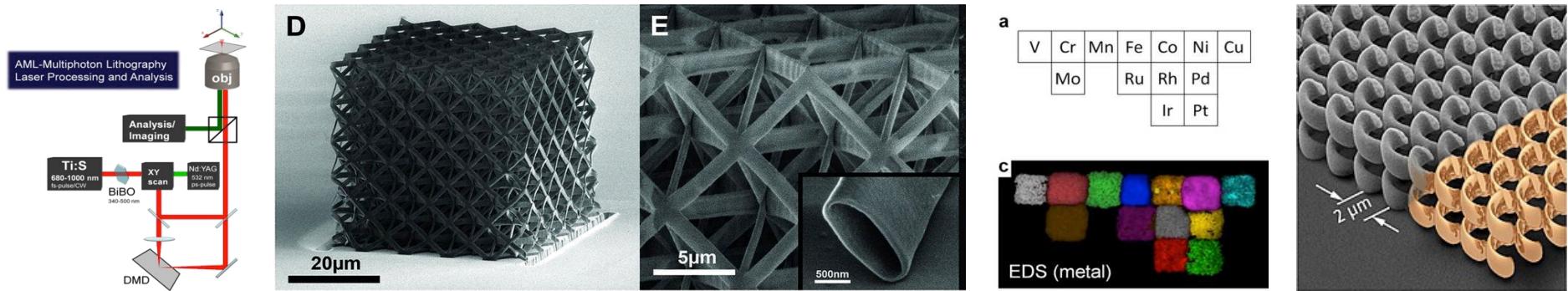
Direct Write by Extrusion Casting



Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



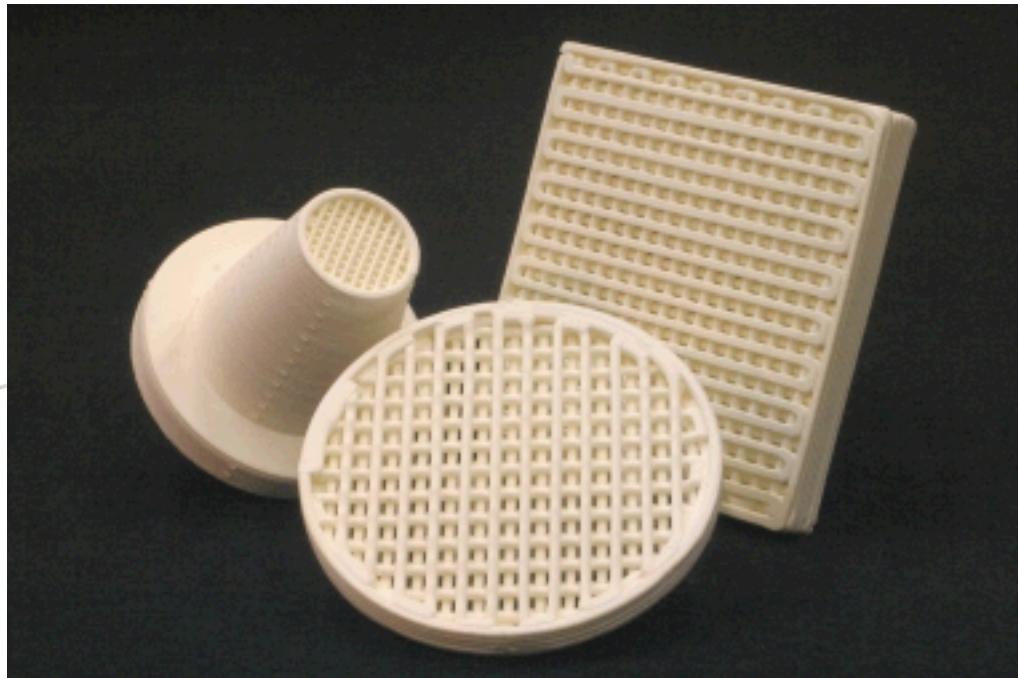
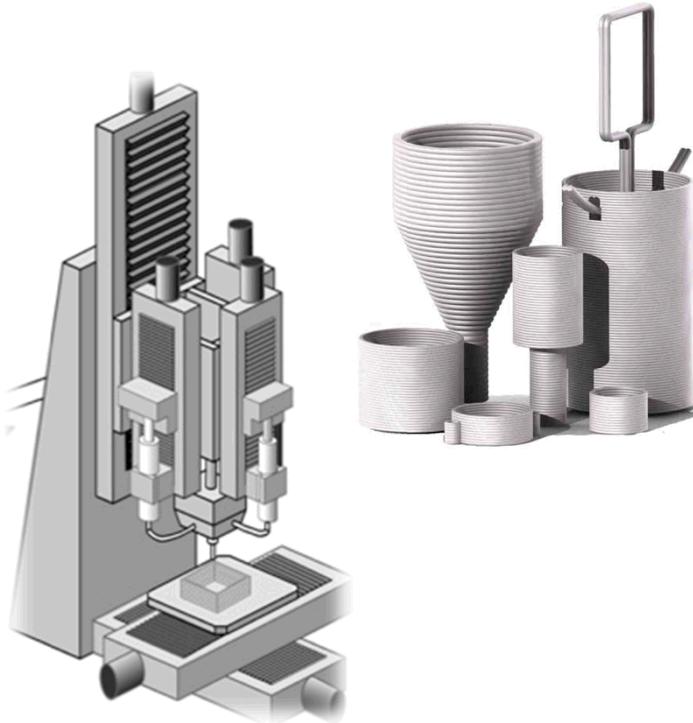
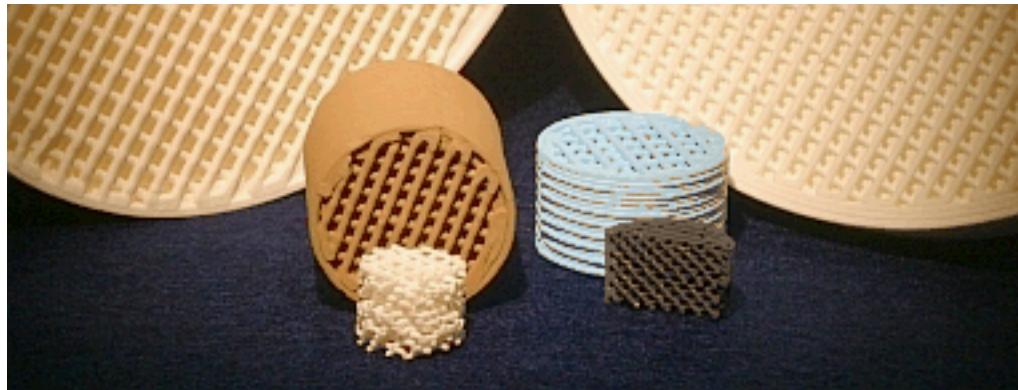
Direct Write by Laser Lithography



Ceramic Direct Write Technology (Robocasting) was Invented and commercialized by Sandia



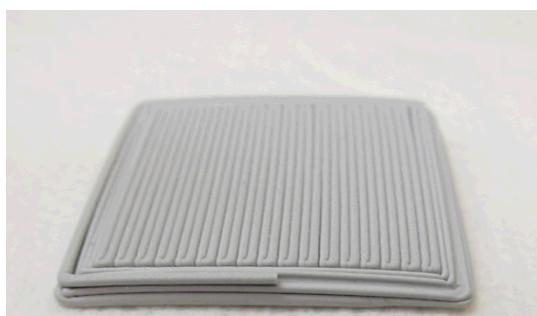
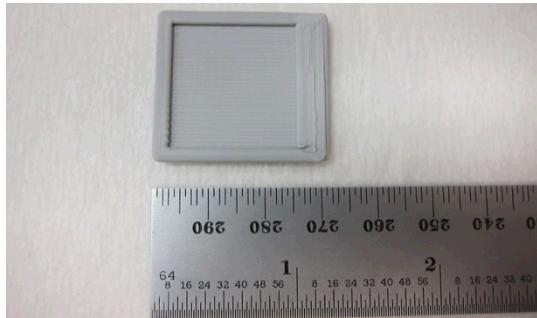
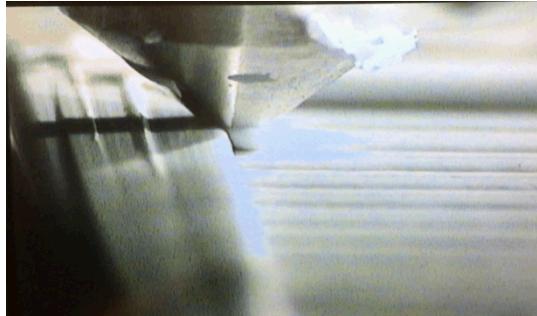
- Robocasting Enterprises now commercially manufactures catalyst supports, filtration membranes, and labware using ceramic slurry processing



Sandia is currently engaged in advancing ceramic additive manufacturing through composite processing

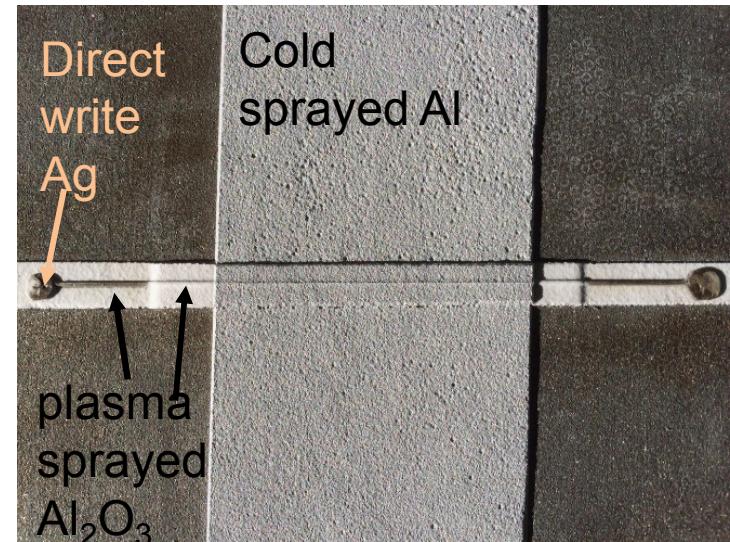
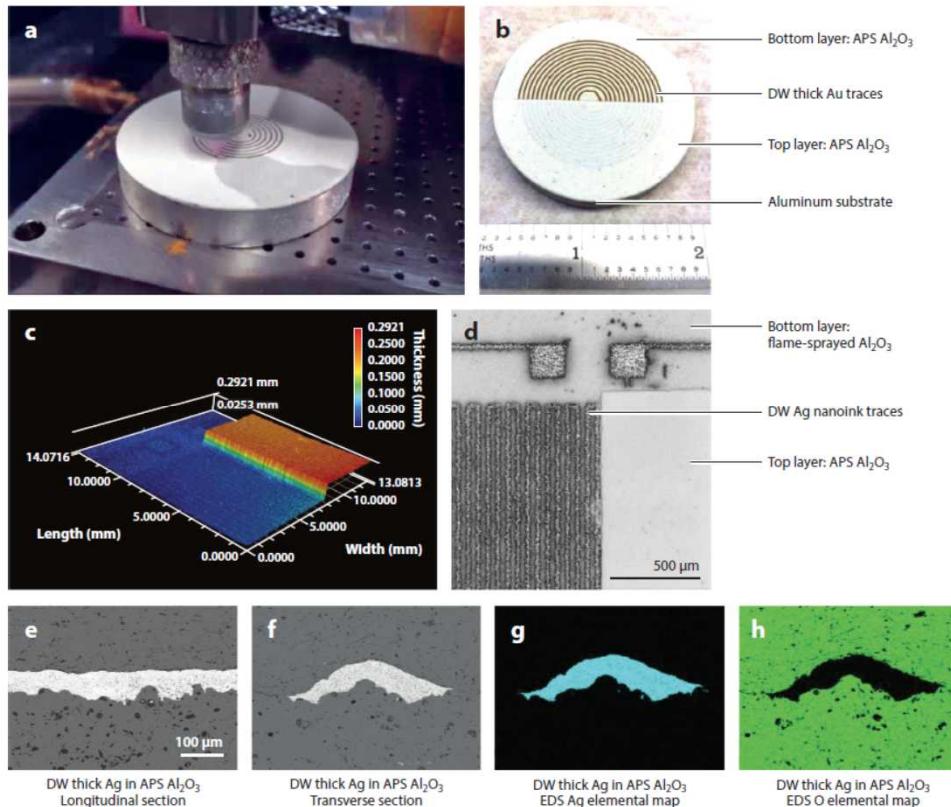


Materials and process improvements have resulted in net shape printing of monolithic coupons with considerable green strength



Direct write printed polymer-alumina specimens in the green state.

Integration of thermal spray and direct write processes towards coils and embedded sensors



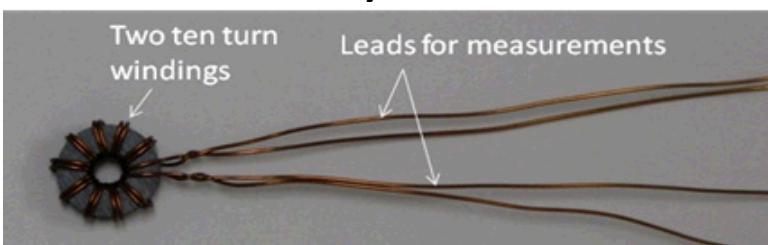
Strain Sensor? Resistivity changed with processes

10 Ω after binder burn off
 1 Ω after plasma sprayed Al_2O_3
 → heat + more densification
 2 Ω after cold spraying Al
 → strained

- First step toward additive manufacture of high-temperature capable coils for electromagnetic applications.
- Succeeded with preliminary demonstration of direct write Ag conductors embedded in plasma-sprayed alumina and subsequent cold sprayed coating.

Direct write LTCC for transformers

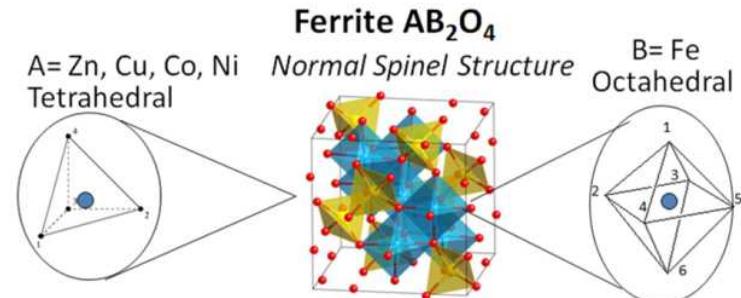
Single greatest technology gap limiting further enhancements of monolithic transformers lies with the material system



- Development of novel LTCC ferrite material(s) with significantly improved magnetic performance
- Explore novel designs that reduce leakage inductance (e.g., use of leakage shorting coils) and marry them with the new ferrite –
- Reliably operate at high voltage – increase the output voltage of the transformer
- Decreased core loss and a higher resistivity
- Size and cost reduction relative to existing state of the art LTCC transformers
- Reduce leakage inductance to allow higher output voltages by preventing MOSFET breakdown
- The enhanced material supports multiple initiatives including initiators and fusing

Approach

- Novel synthesis – Composition, processing, controlled dopants
- Characterize thermal sintering/densification behavior, microstructure
- Establish synthesis-composition-processing-microstructure-properties link
- Identify new design concepts that enhance flux coupling



- 1) NZCF #1: $\text{Ni}_{0.530}\text{Zn}_{0.350}\text{Cu}_{0.120}\text{Fe}_{1.88}\text{O}_{3.82}$
- 2) NZCF #2: $\text{Ni}_{0.510}\text{Zn}_{0.350}\text{Cu}_{0.140}\text{Fe}_{1.86}\text{O}_{3.76}$
- 3) NZCF #3: $\text{Ni}_{0.490}\text{Zn}_{0.350}\text{Cu}_{0.160}\text{Fe}_{1.84}\text{O}_{3.76}$
- 4) NZCF #4: $\text{Ni}_{0.204}\text{Zn}_{0.612}\text{Cu}_{0.204}\text{Fe}_{1.98}\text{O}_{3.99}$
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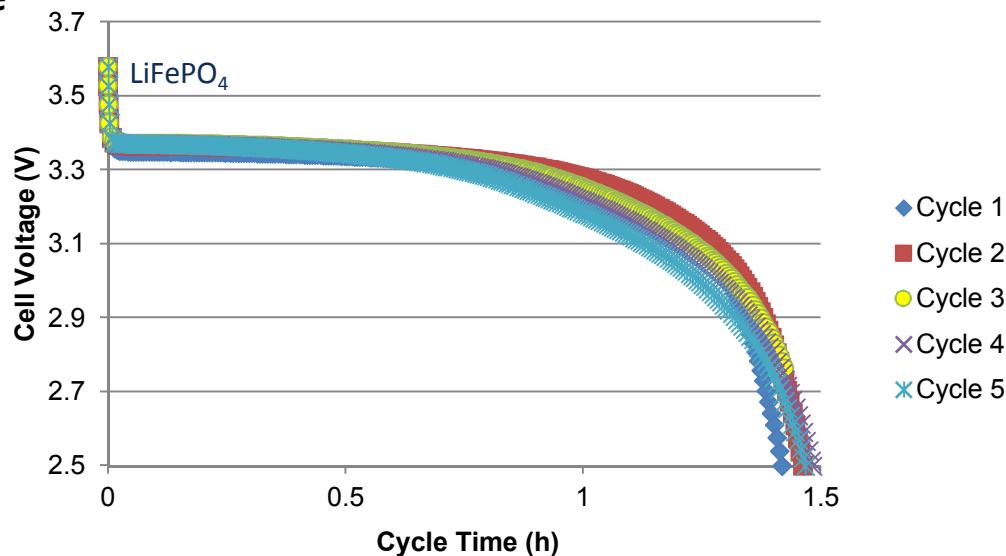
Direct write printed batteries

Cathode Cycling – Robocast Printed Device

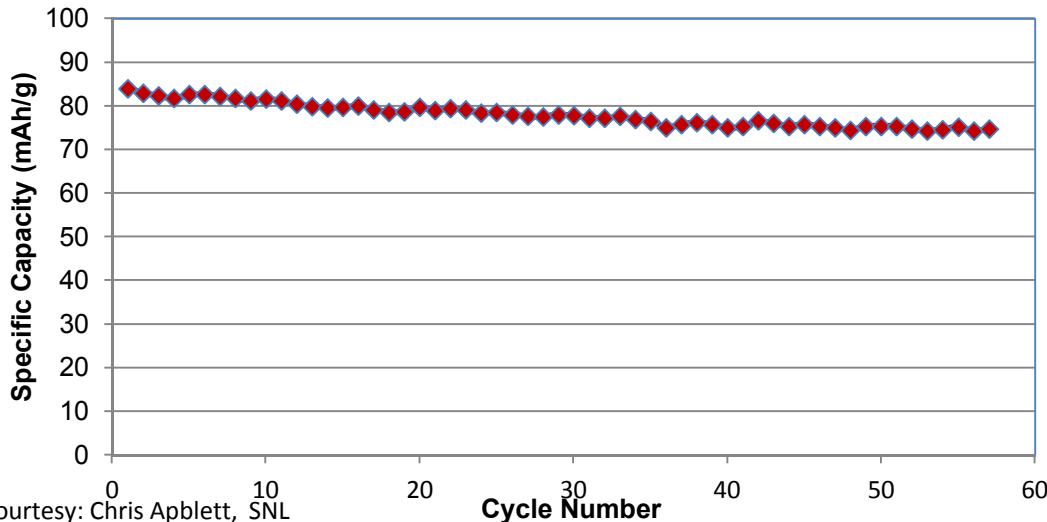
- Printed Encapsulant
- Current Collector
- Printable Separator
- Printed Anode / Cathode



- Capacity: 75 to 115 mAh/g
- Minimal degradation in performance

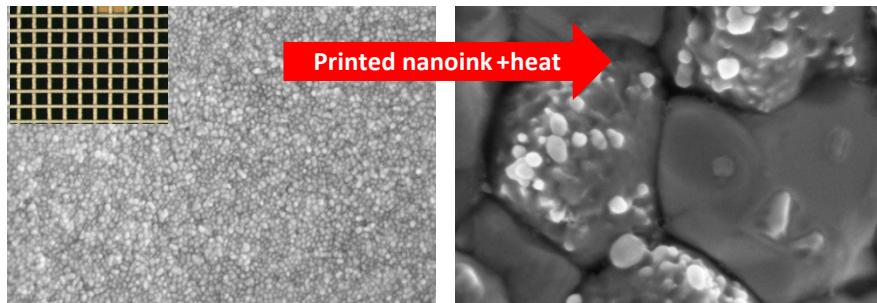
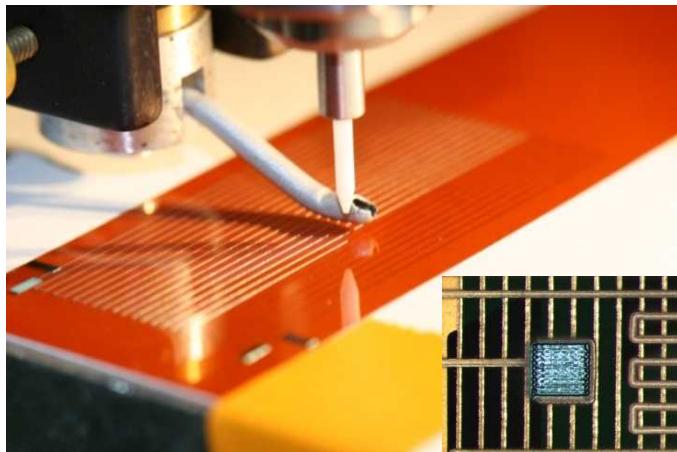
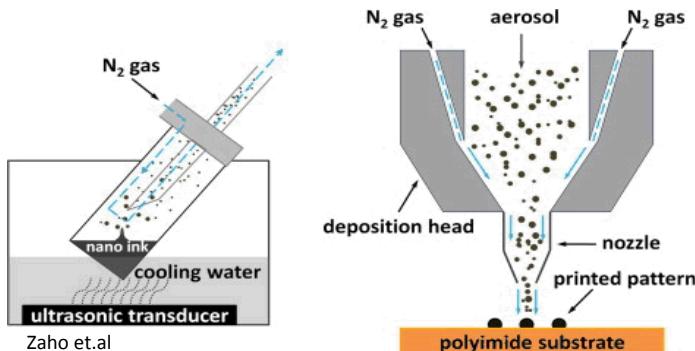


Capacity Loss With Increasing Cycle Number



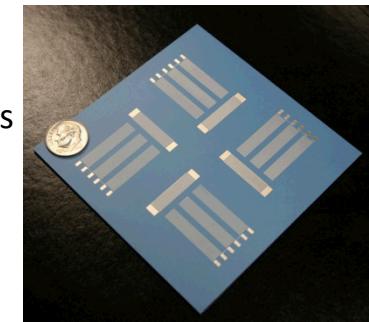
- 75% capacity retention after ~60 cycles / 2 weeks of continuous cycling
- Retention of capacity does fade as rate increases
- Very good retention for long term applications

Direct Write Printing by Aerosol Jet



Aerosol Jet Printing Method (Optomec)

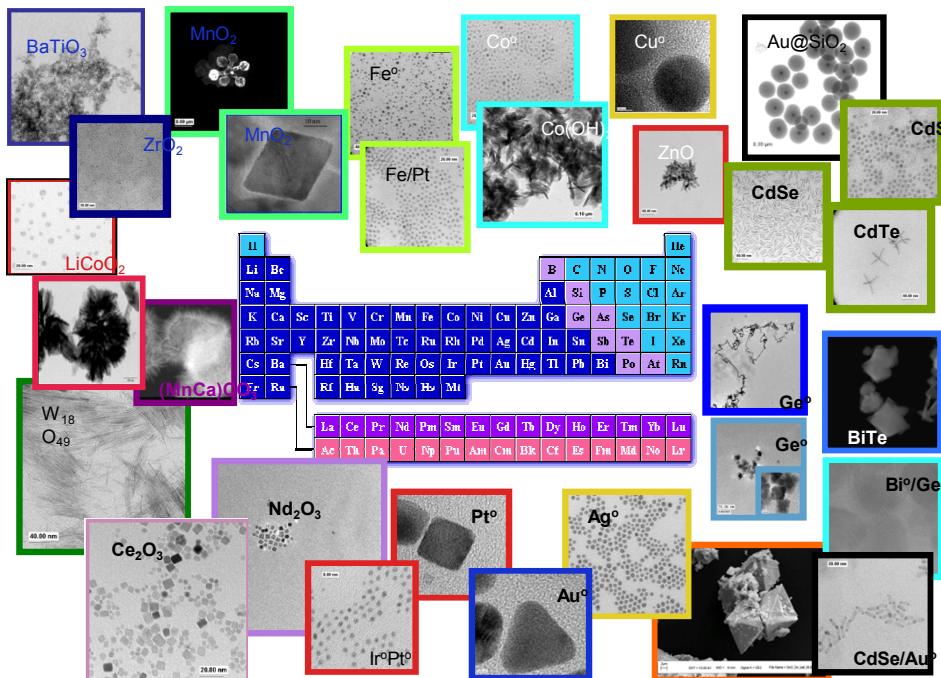
- Aerosol can be focused using inert gas streams and a small nozzle
- Atomization of liquid ink to produce a dense aerosol mist
- Line widths as narrow as 10 μm with 0.5-3 μm heights (silver nanoink)
- Broad materials compatibility
- Expanded post processing capabilities
- Rapid design iteration



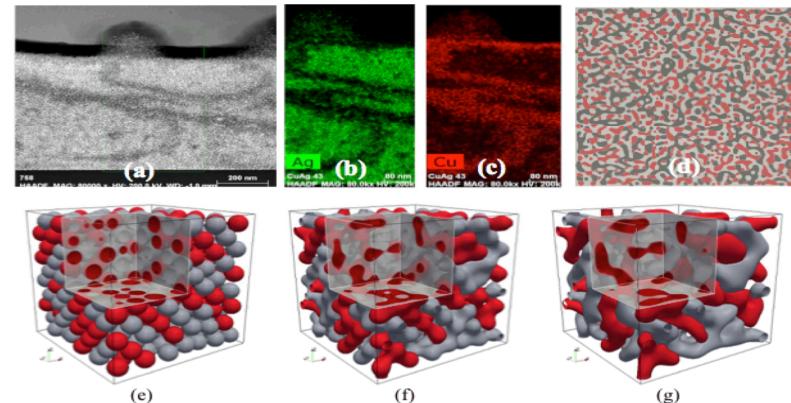
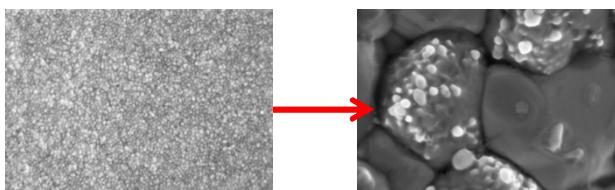
- DC and RF pathways for interconnect and antenna applications on planar or arbitrary surfaces
- Strain and crack sensors for structural health monitoring, resistance temperature devices (RTD)
- Integration of packaged components with external sensing networks for value added functionality

Fundamental research supporting additive manufacturing and digital printing

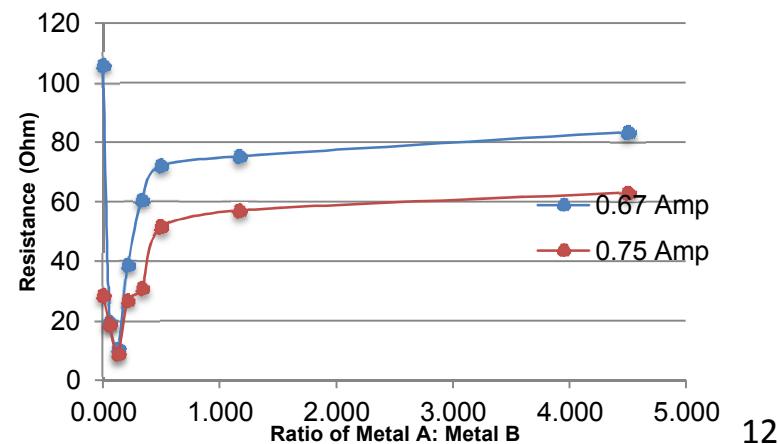
The development and study of tailored materials enable prototyping of functional components using Direct Write methods

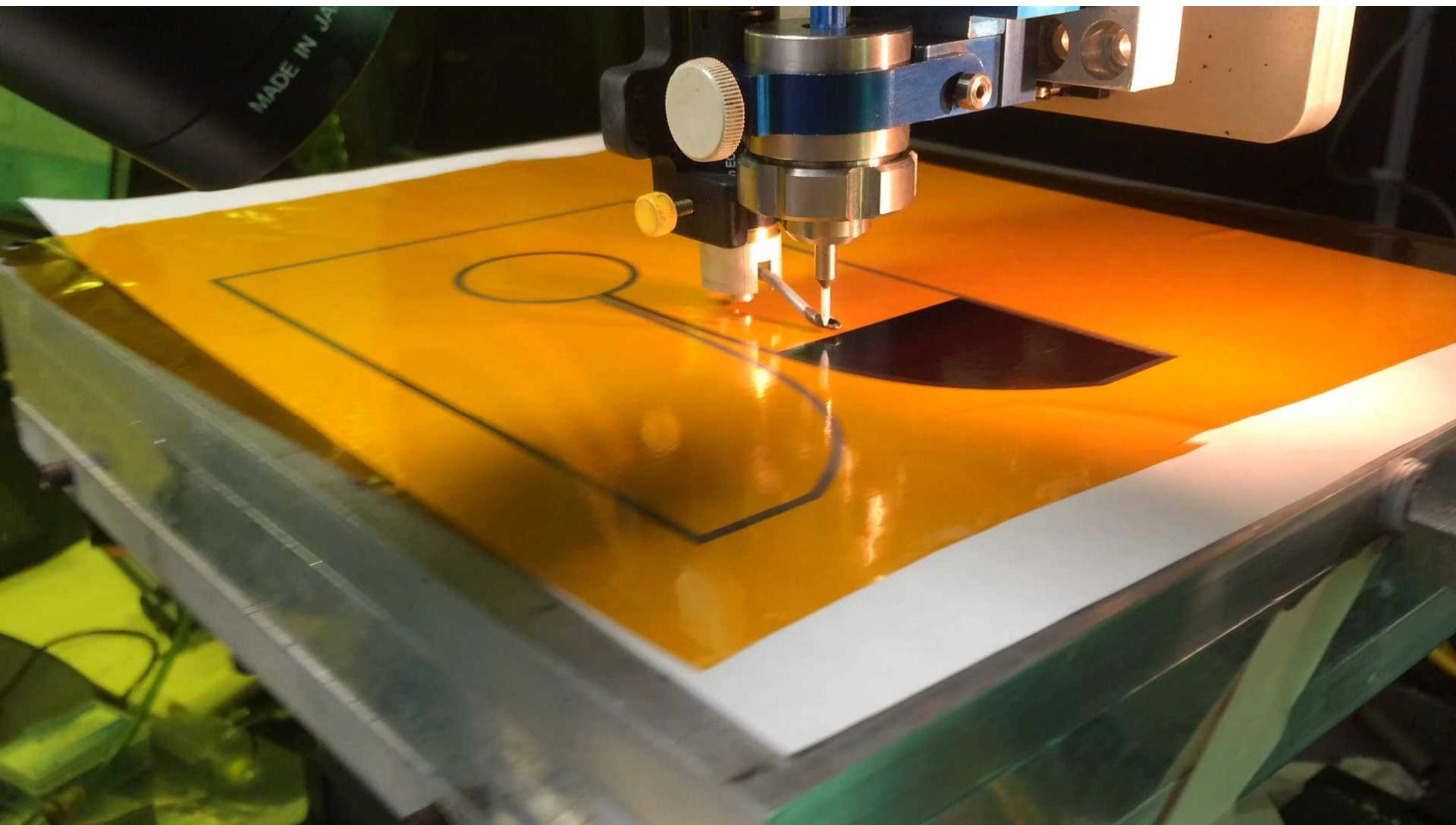


Curing metal inks
changes functionality!

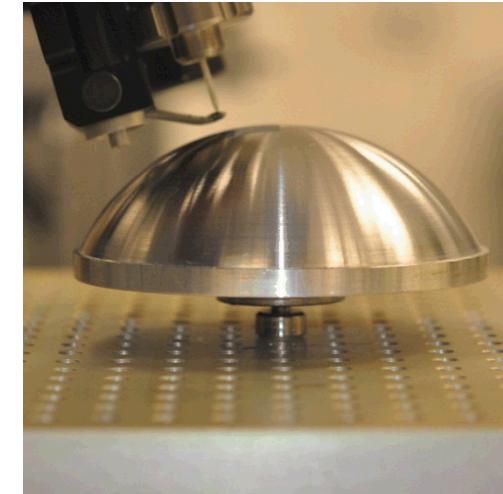
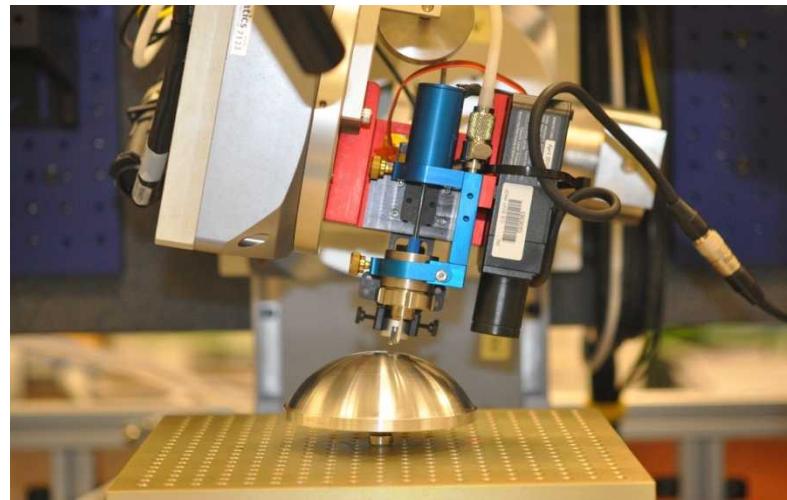
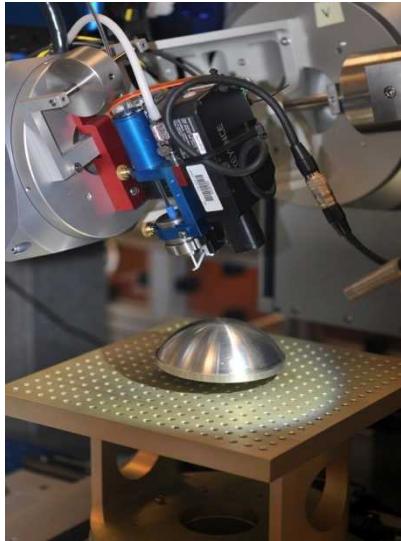


Laser Sintering of Mixed Metal Inks





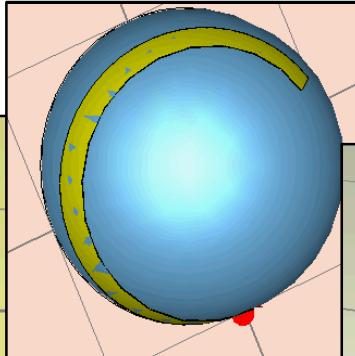
Direct Write and Conformal Printing



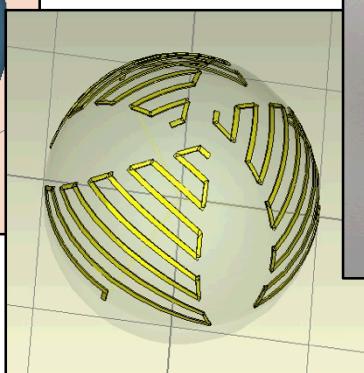
Goals:

- Fabricate non-planar LTCC components
- Design antenna using conventional design tools and translate to function appropriately for Ku or Ka band operation
- Print antenna in Ag using SNL 6-Axis aerosol jet printing capability

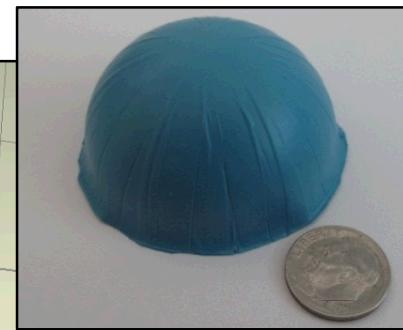
2.4 GHz



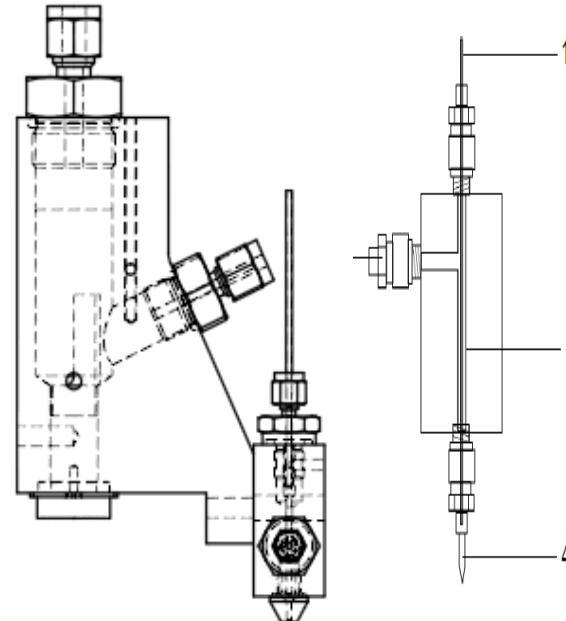
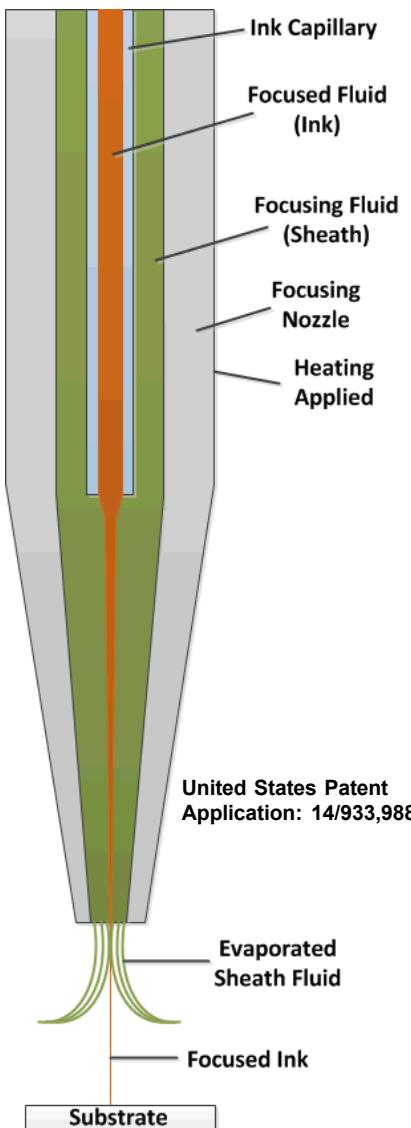
0.5 – 3 GHz



12 GHz (Ku)

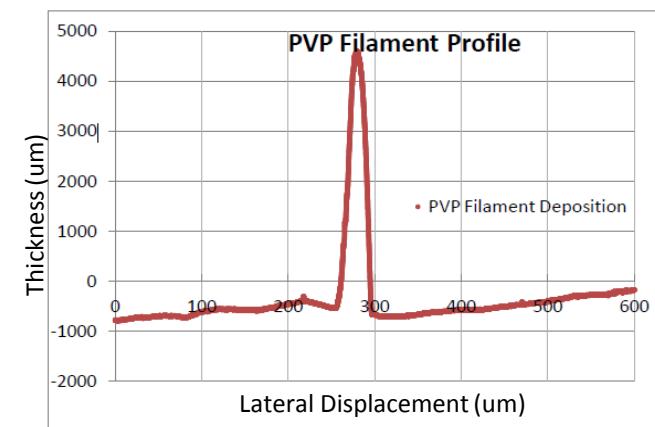
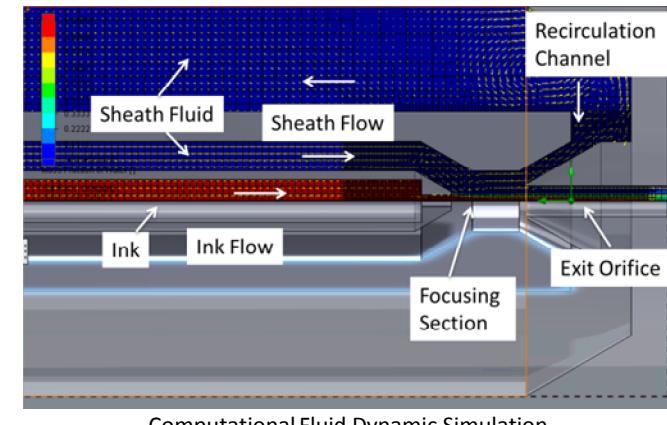


Developing new direct write methods to address known limitations



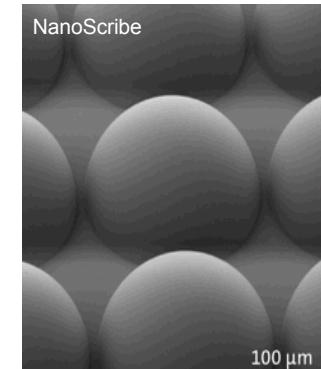
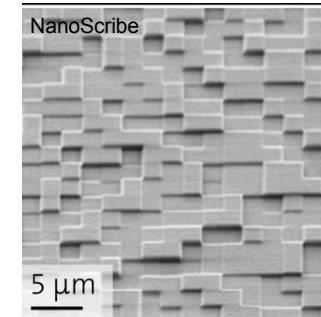
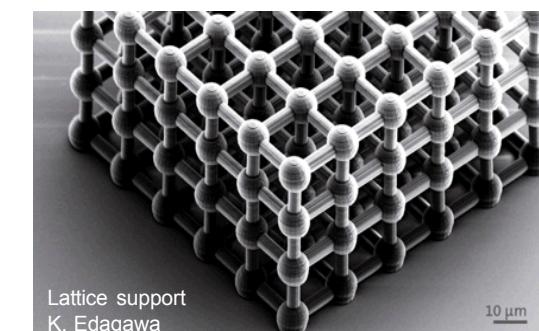
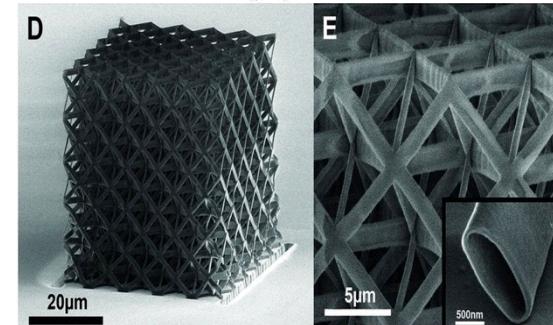
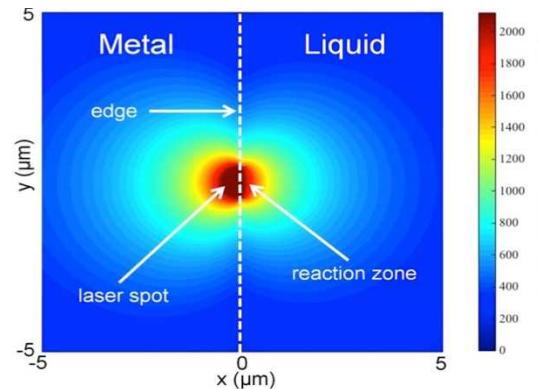
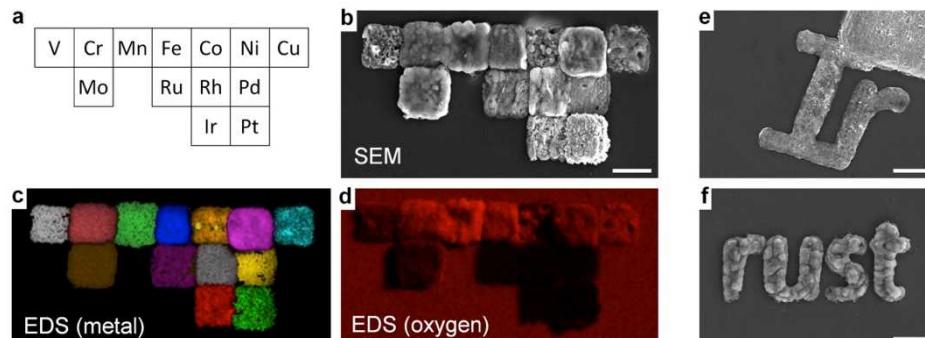
Deposition tool (above) Two Fluid printed segment (below)

Two-fluid printing technology may enable printing of insulated conductors and clad optical interconnects



Trading complex lithography processes for two photon and direct laser write methods enable design freedom and shorten development time

Two photon and direct laser write processes provide the finest level of detail attainable with a direct digital printing process



R&D Gravure/Flexo



Gravure



Gravure



Meter Bar

- Gravure, gravure offset, flexographic printing
- Low fluid consumption (1.5 ml)
- High printing speed (5 m/s)
- **Multilayer alignment (<10 μ m)**
- Printing hard/flexible substrates
- All parameters reproducibly adjustable
- Highest end, research grade instrument currently available

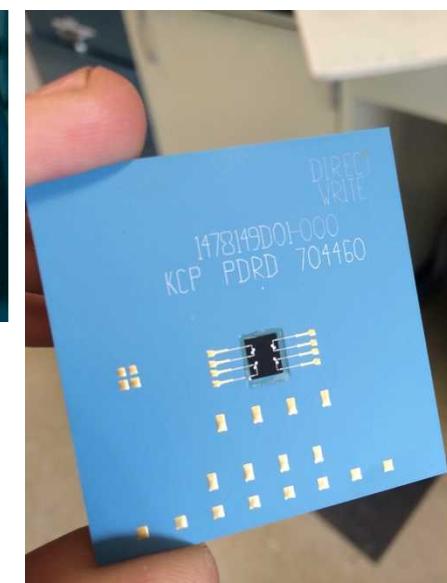
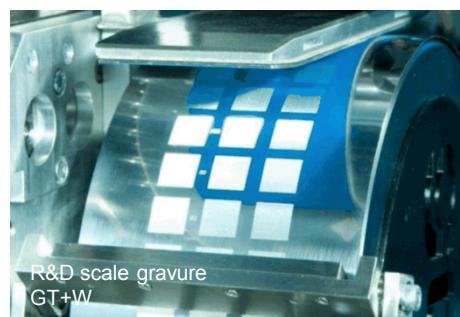
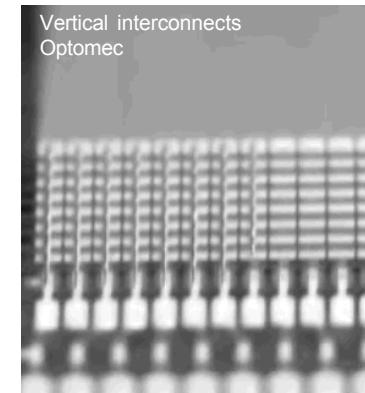
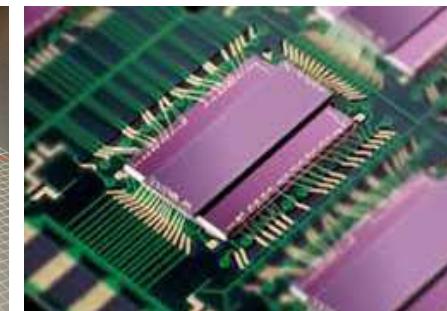
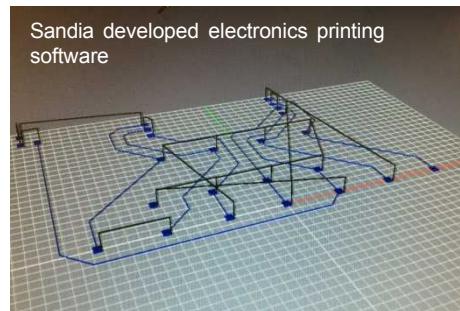
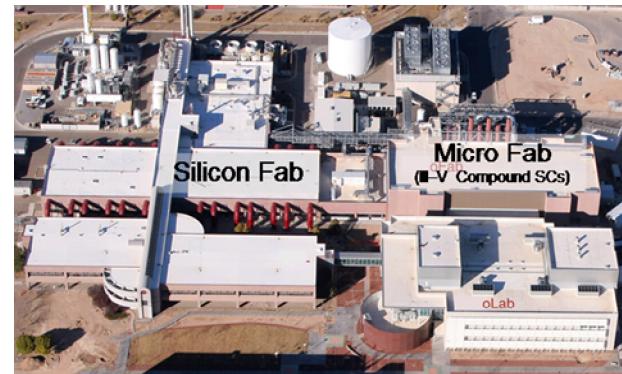
flexo

- Readily accessible (<10k) high quality printing tools.

Leveraging the agility of printing technologies



Scalable solutions to bridge R&D, prototyping, and trusted printing needs\



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