

# *Additive Manufacturing at Sandia*

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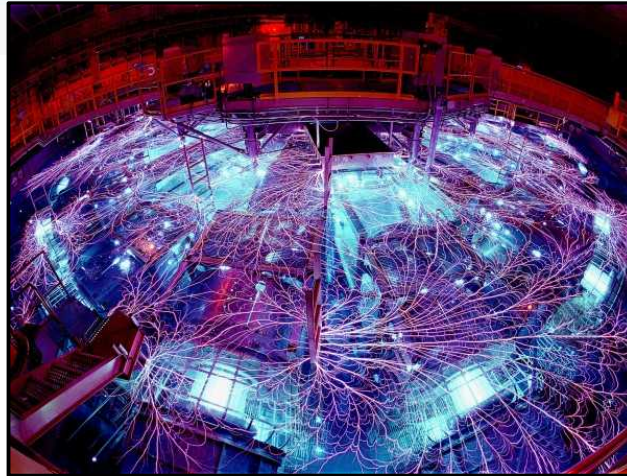
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# Sandia is a National Security Science and Engineering Laboratory



*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



# Materials Science at Sandia

*Materials Science Objective: Materials R&D conducted at Sandia will enable mission delivery now and in the future and advance the frontiers of science and engineering.*

## 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
  - Created advanced materials analysis & process diagnostics tools



Center for Integrated Nano Technologies

Adv. Materials & Processes Lab

Ion Beam Lab



Advanced Materials Lab

Processing & Environmental Tech. Lab

Integrated Materials Research Lab

Thermal Spray Research Lab



# 30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

## FastCast \*

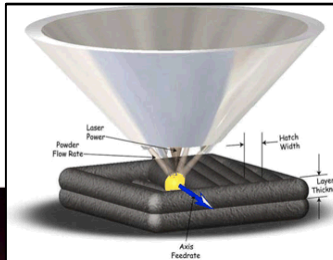
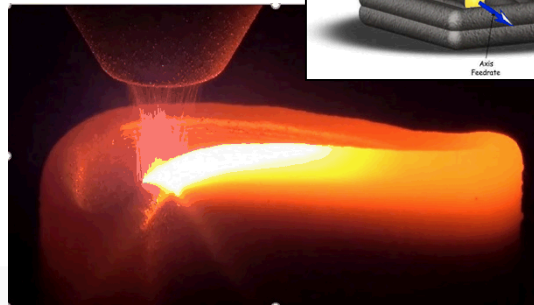
Development Housing



## Laser Engineered Net Shaping \*

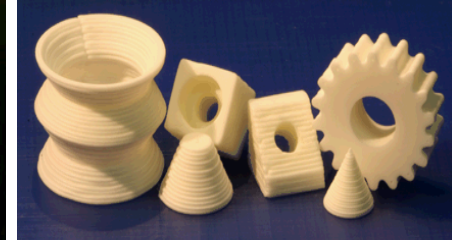
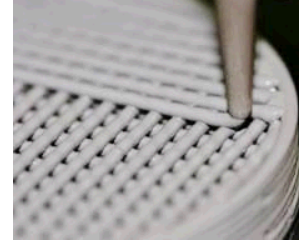
LENS®

LENS Blade



## RoboCast \*

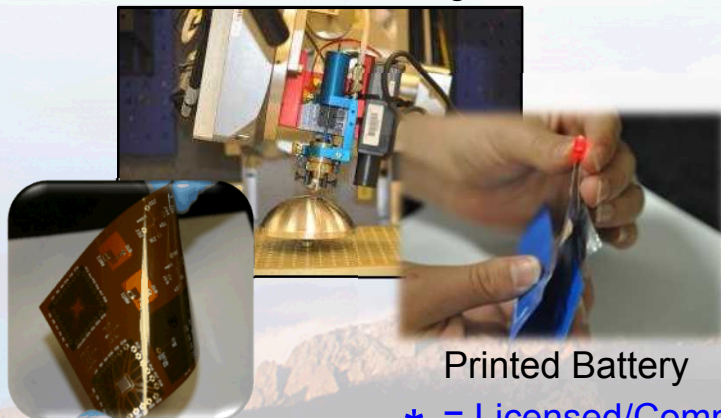
Ceramic Parts



Energetic Materials

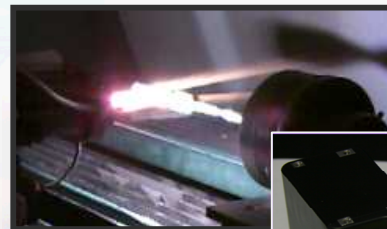


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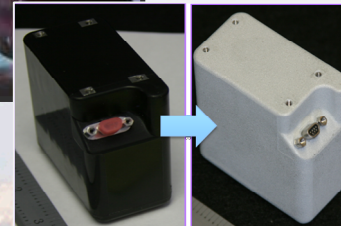


Printed Battery

## Thermal Spray



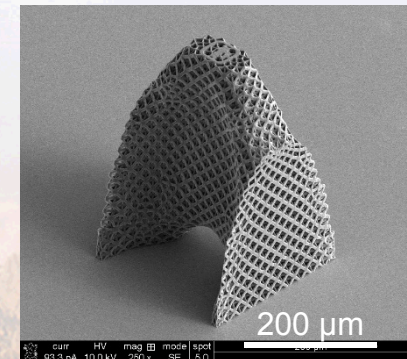
Spray-formed  
Rocket Nozzle



Metal on Plastic

## Micro-Nano Scale AM

Lattice Structure



\* = Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies

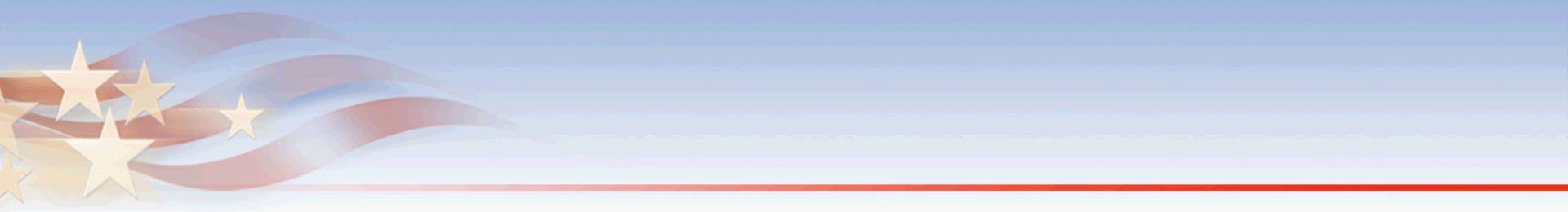
Underline = Current Capability/Activity

Flexible Electronics



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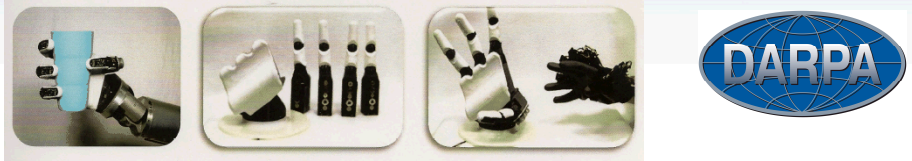
# Example Applications



# Sandia Hand - AM Enabled Innovative Design and Cost Reduction

(~50% of hand built with AM)

- Developed for bomb disablement
- Enabled rapid design iterations
- Cost \$10k vs. ~\$250k
- “Glove” controller
- Current version includes “touch” sensors



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



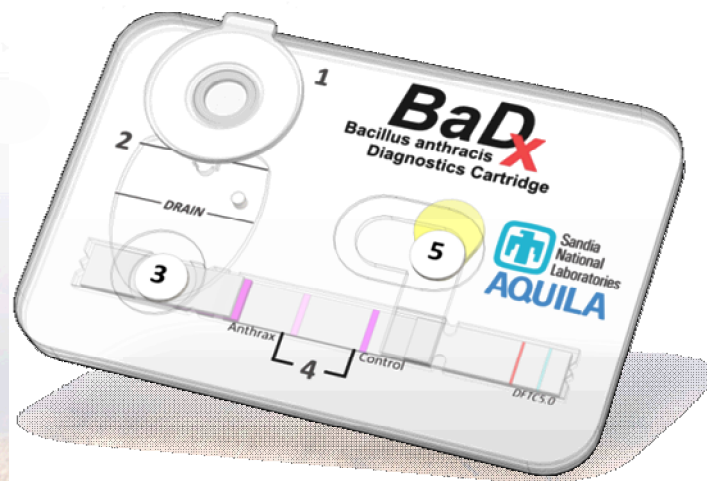


# BaDx Anthrax Diagnostics Tool

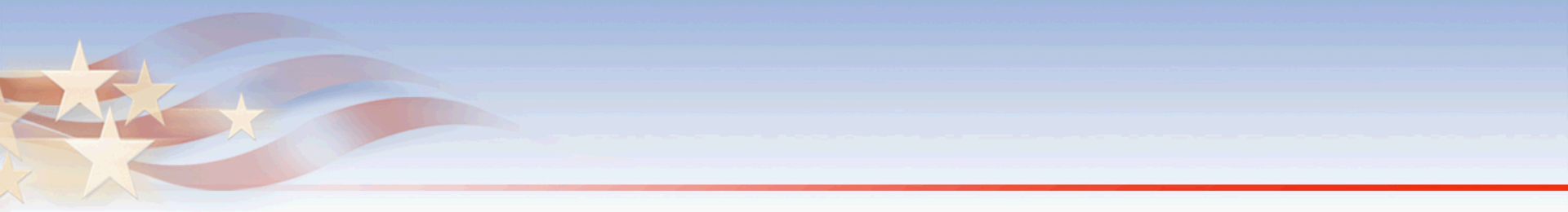
- Microfluidic platform for bacterial detection
- Rapid/inexpensive prototyping & design revisions
- Self-contained, credit card-sized “Lab in a Pocket”



SNL Scientists Jason Harper, Melissa Finley, and Thayne Edwards



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



# Design/Analysis Tools

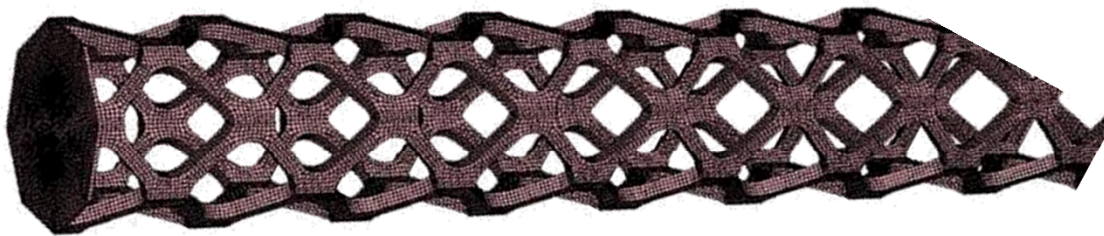




# Analysis-Driven Design Optimization

*We combined Topological Optimization (TO) with eXtended Finite Element Modeling (X-FEM) & LENS® to optimize selected properties, e.g., strength/weight ratio*

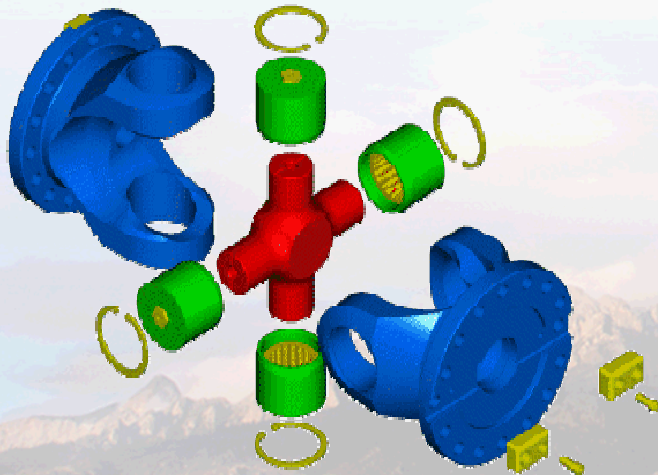
*“Titanium Cholla” LDRD -- Minimum Weight, Maximum Strength, Rapidly Manufactured!*



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



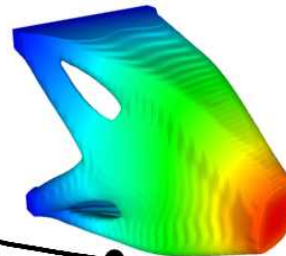
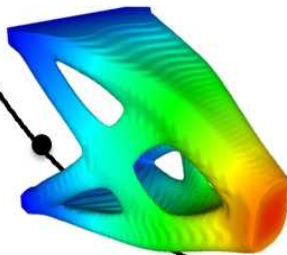
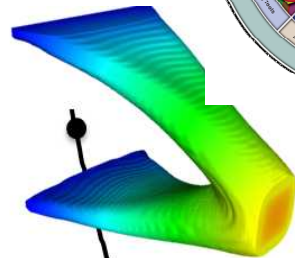
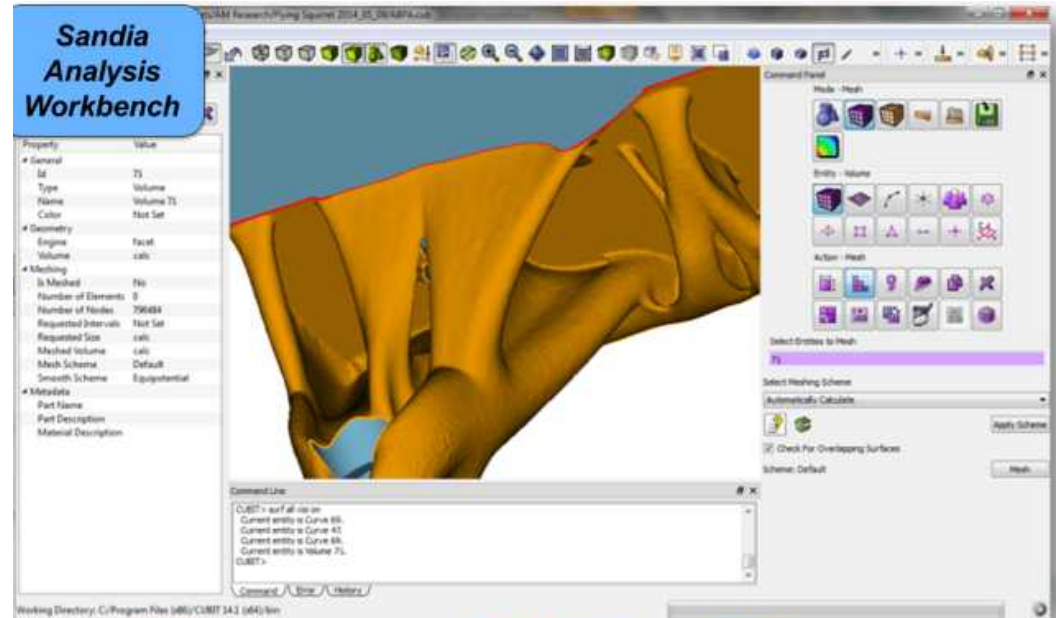
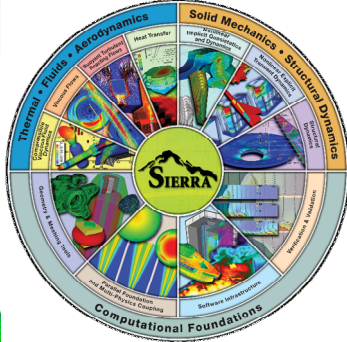
*Core of a dead Cholla cactus (optimized designs often resemble natural structures -- bio-mimicry)*



*“Loxosphere” Universal Joint printed as a single integrated assembly –fewer parts, no assembly, no frictional wear!*

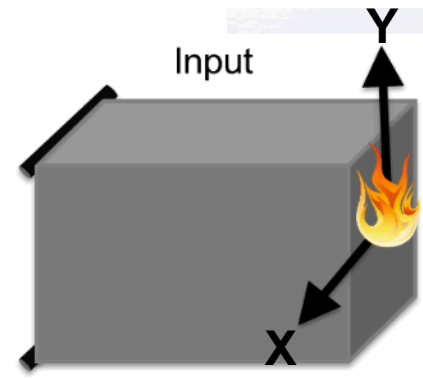
# AM Design Via Functional Prioritization

User Friendly Interface

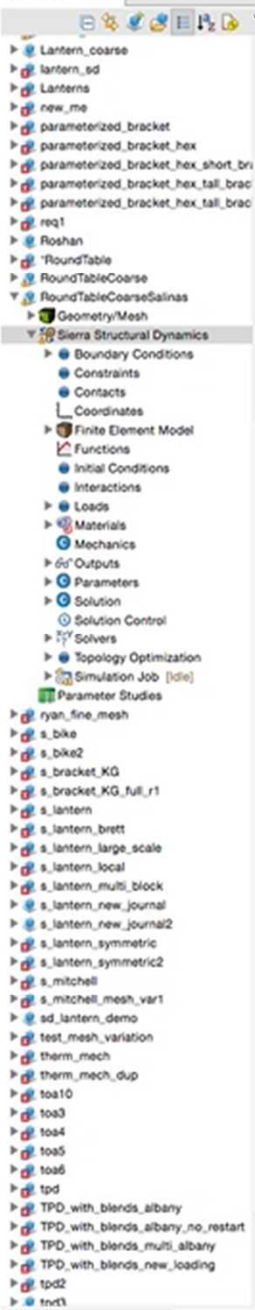


Pareto Suite  
of Topologies

Stiffness







RoundTableCoarseSalinas on skybrid

**Basic**

Code: Salinas

**Job Attrs**

Machine: skybridge

Job Stage: Sub

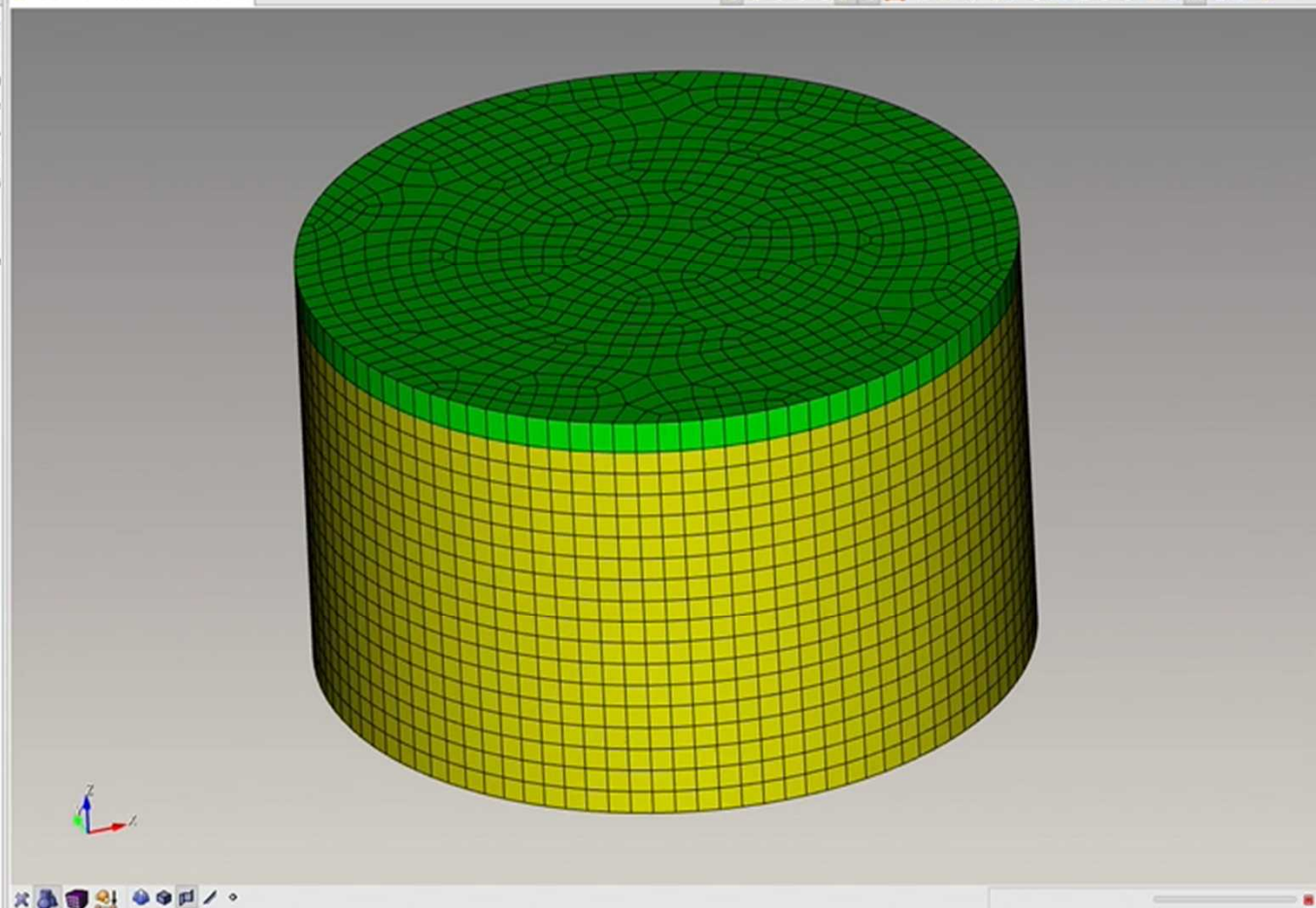
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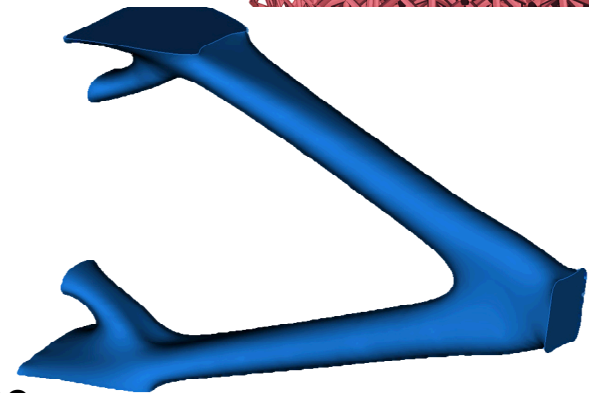
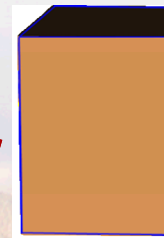
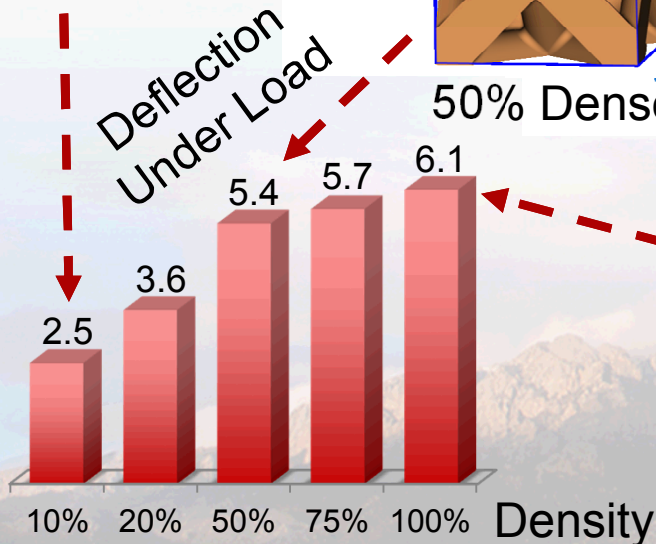
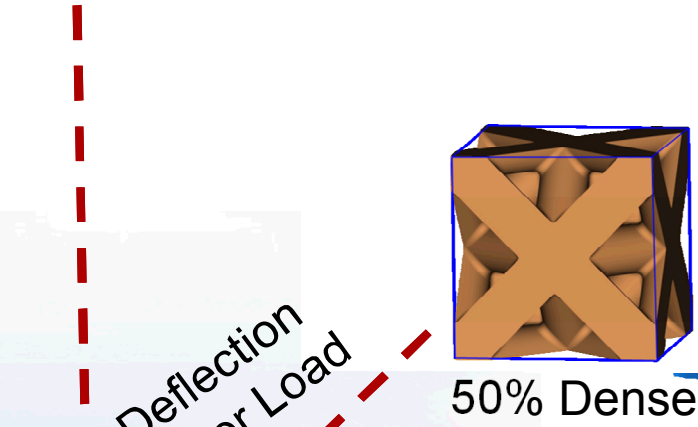
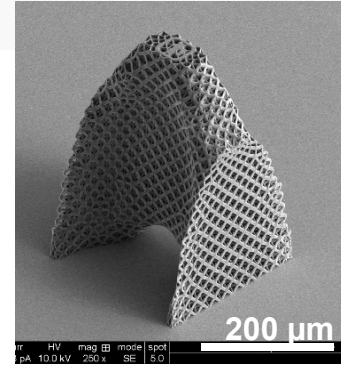
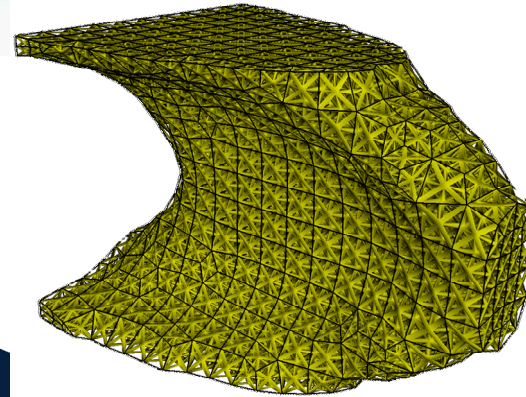
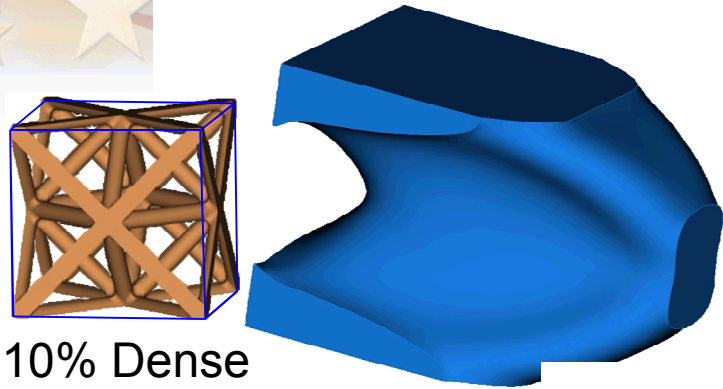
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# Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass







# Materials Assurance

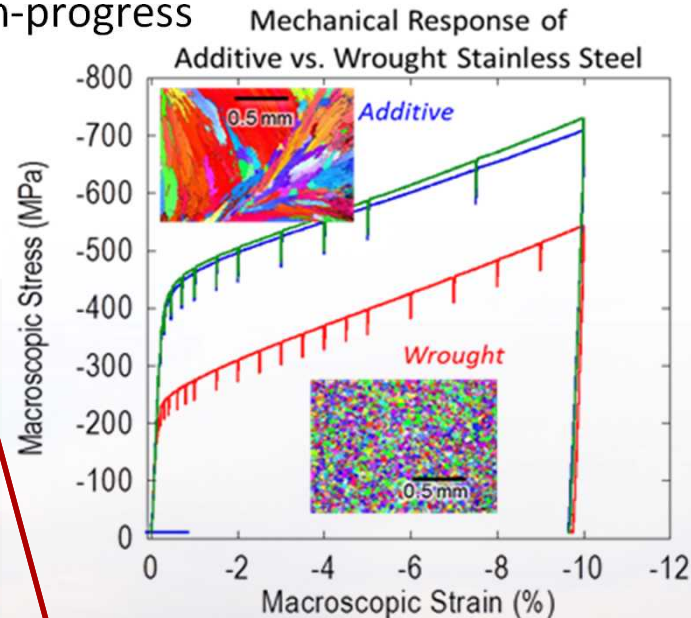
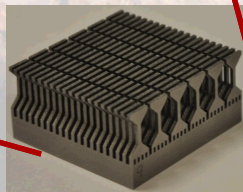
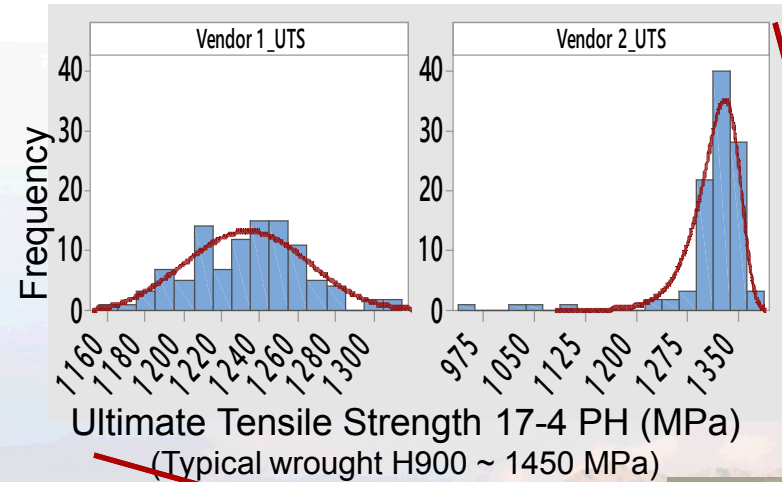


# Residual Stress, Materials Properties, and Variability are Important Issues

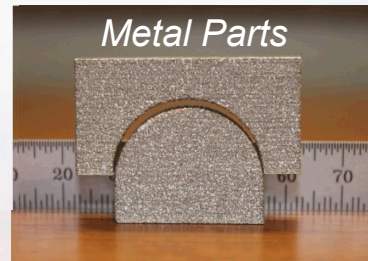
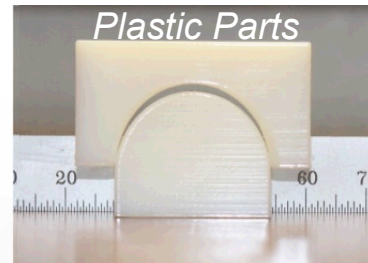
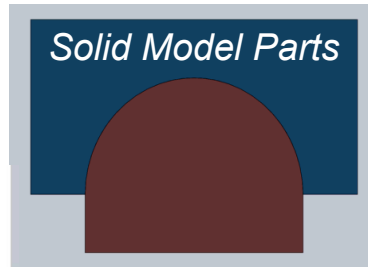
## AM Is Still an Evolving/Emerging Technology

- Residual Stress is a Significant Issue
- Little Available Materials Property/Performance Data (no standards)
- Large Variability in Process and Materials
- Both Experimental & Modeling R&D in-progress

### Large Variability in AM Materials Properties



AM Metals are Unlike Cast or Wrought Metals

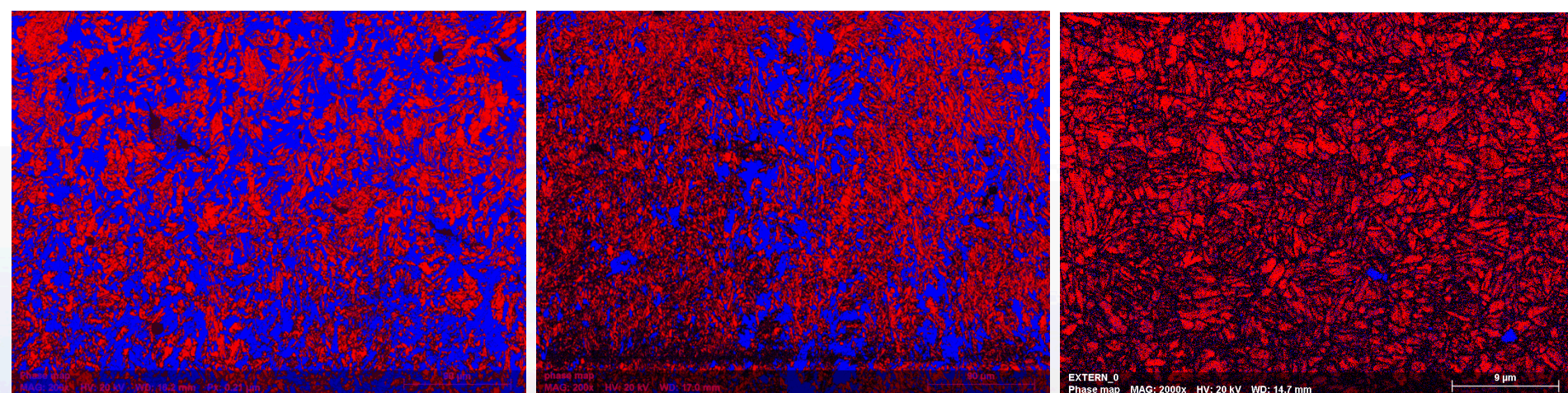


Residual Stress Causes Parts to "Move"



# 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  $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 min still does not transform austenite



As-printed, 47% Austenite

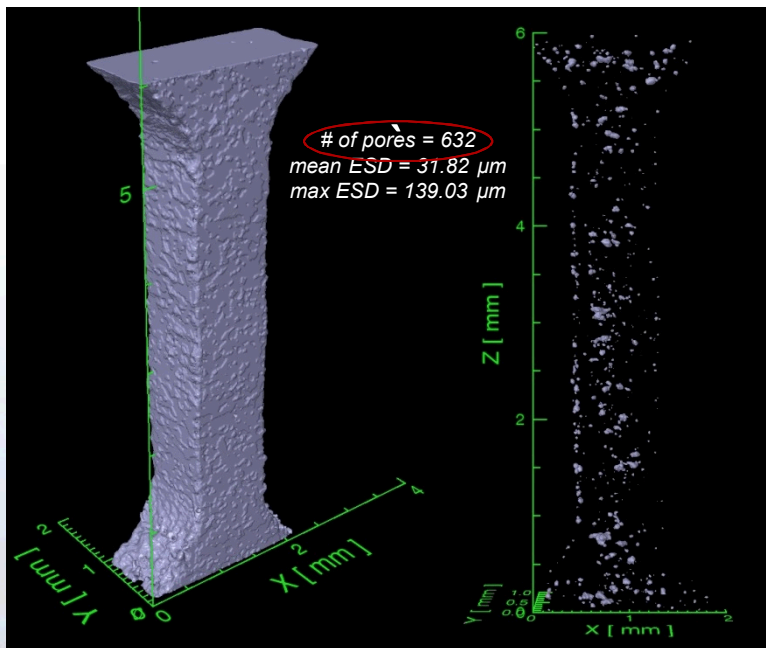
SHT + H900 Age, 43% Austenite

Wrought Sheet Shows Fine-grained  
Martensite

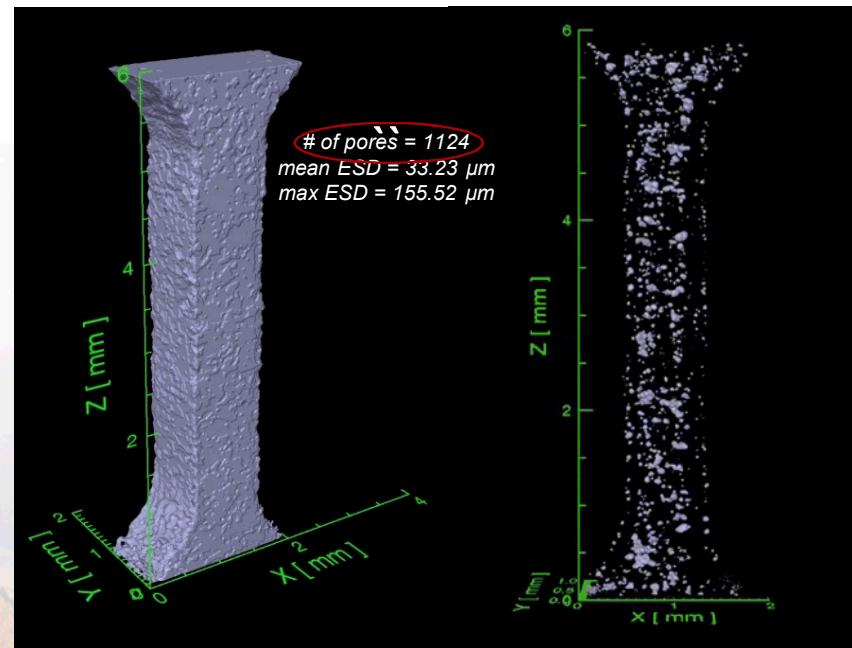
**Blue** = austenite (FCC), **Red** = martensite / ferrite (BCC), **Black** = not indexed

# Still Working to Understand Defect Sensitivities and Failure Modes

- AlSi10Mg Dogbones
  - Gage sections imaged with resolution of 7 or 10  $\mu\text{m}$  voxel edge length
- Quantifying defect distributions
  - What can we see? Does it inform material behavior predictions?
  - Comparing with serial sectioning (Robomet) & density (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)

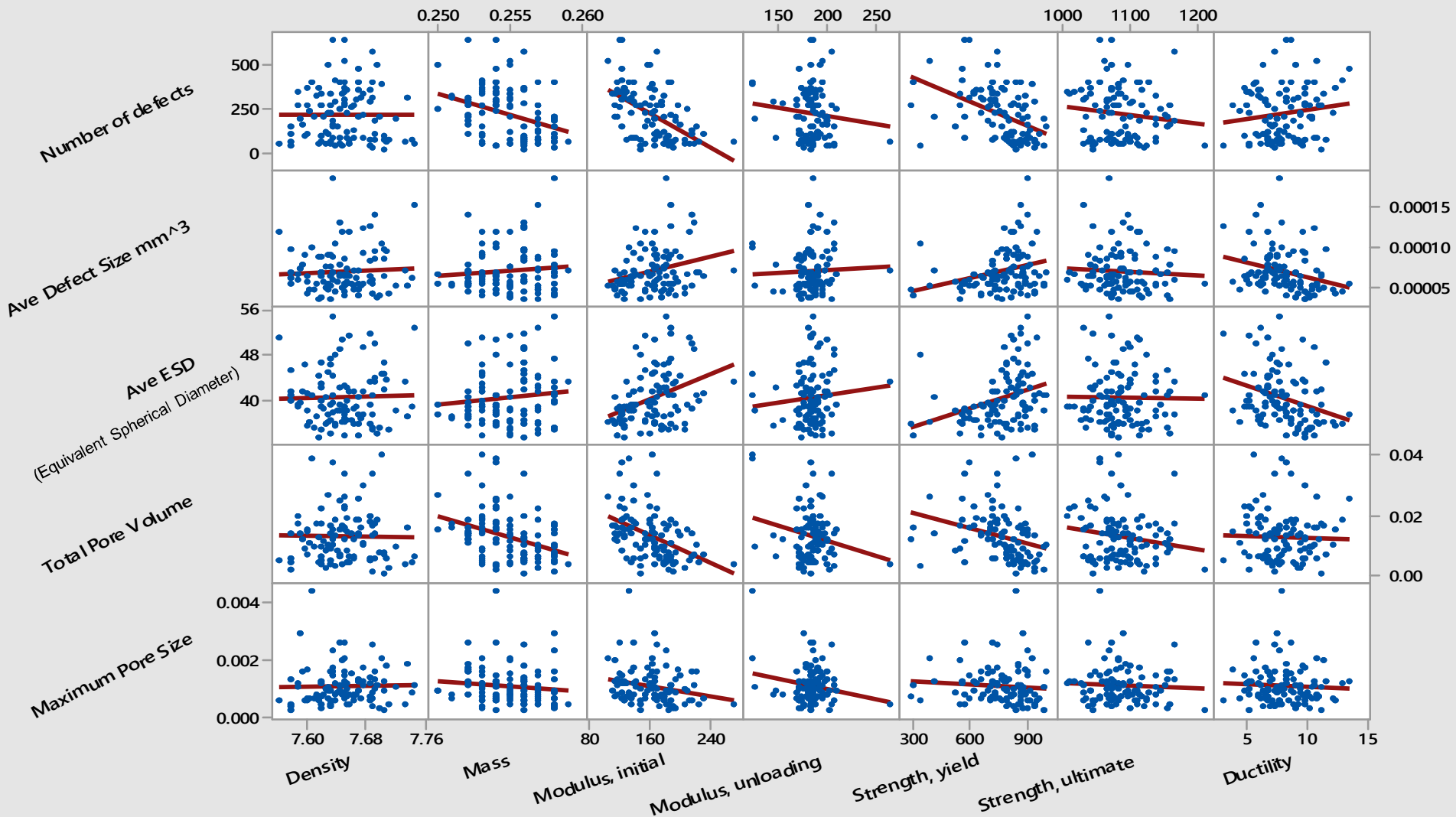


dogbone C, 16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)

ESD = equivalent spherical diameter

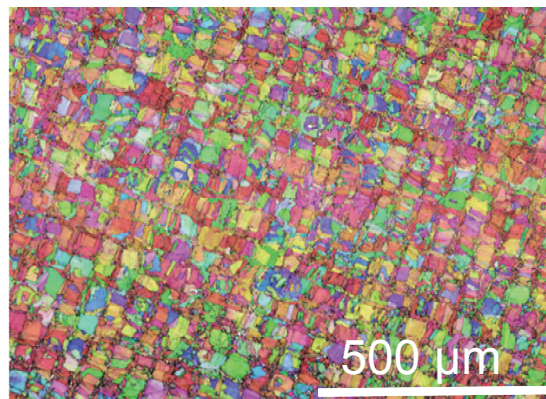


# On-going Data Analytics Studies To Investigate Potential Relationships

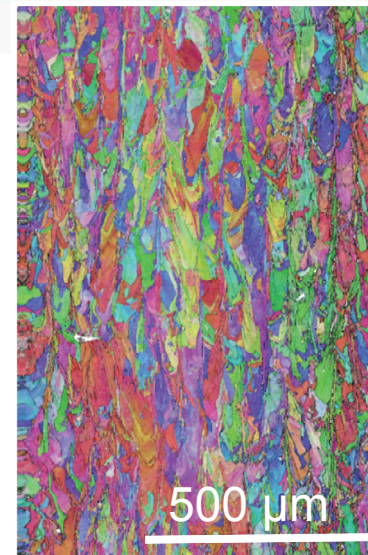
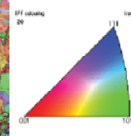


# AM 316L Has Unique Microstructure with Reasonable, But Still Highly Variable Properties

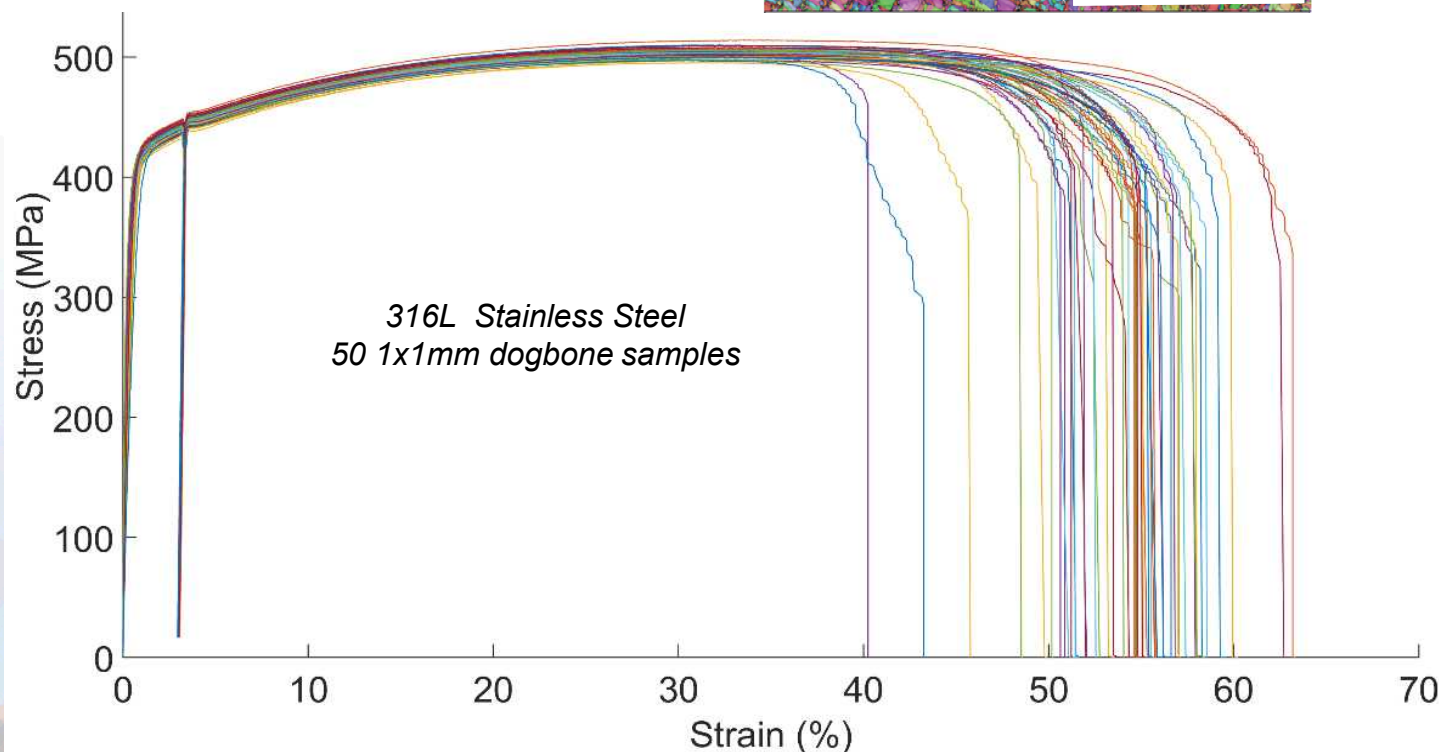
Top View  
(Normal to Build Direction)



ProX 200  
EBSD  
maps for  
316L SS



Cross Section  
(Parallel to Build Direction)





# 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.

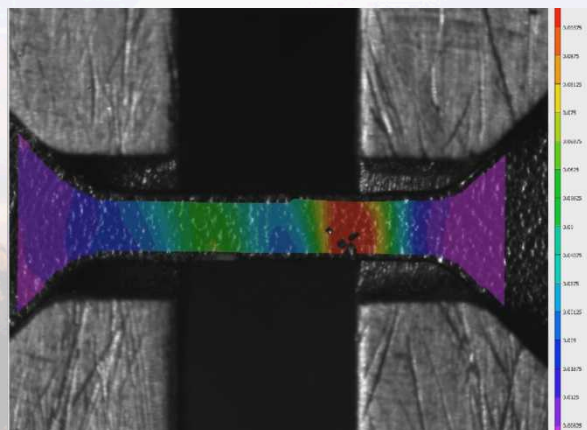
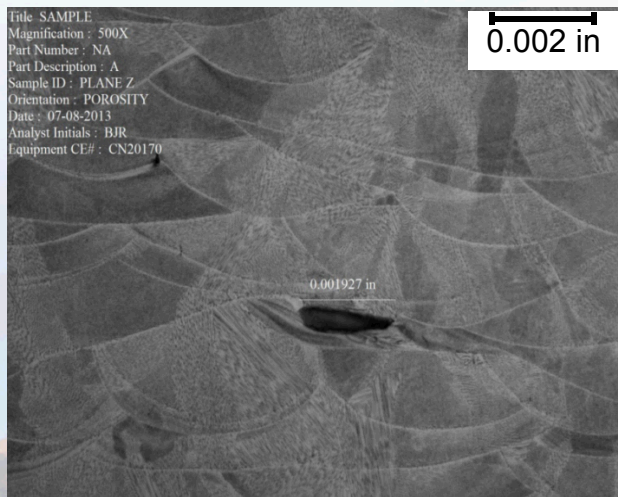
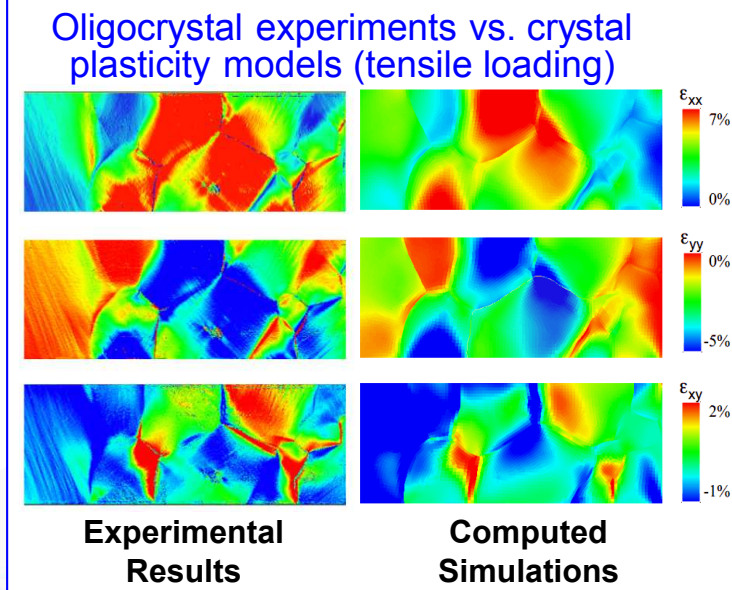
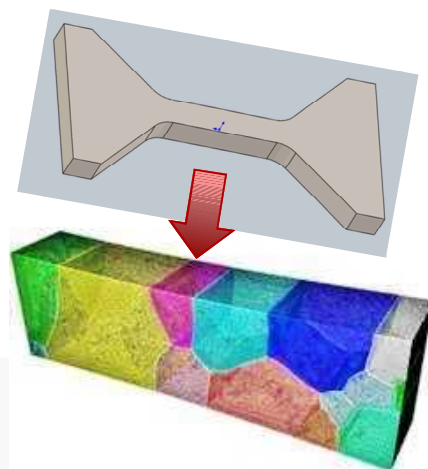
Gauge Section of Wrought Ta  
Oligocrystal Tensile Specimen  
(1x3x5 mm)

(Use Electron Backscatter Diffraction  
& Digital Image Correlation)

## Key Questions:

What AM Defects Matter?

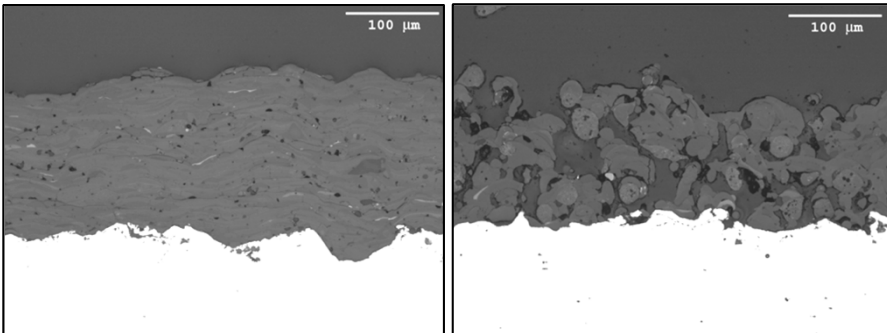
Can I detect them?



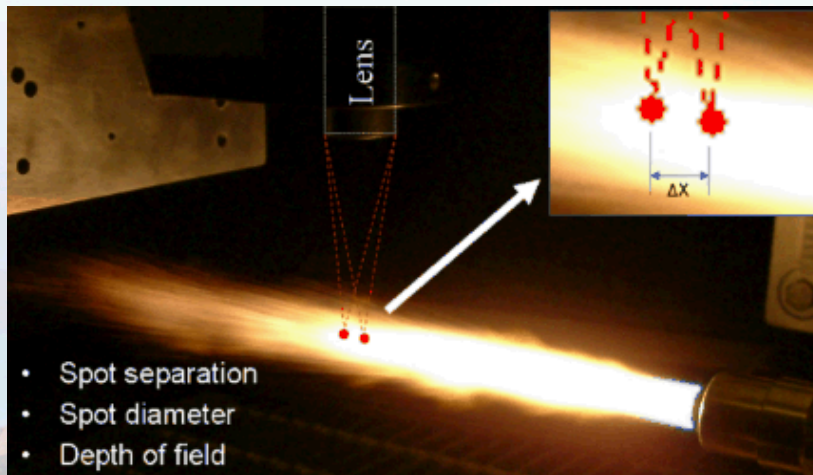
High-Throughput Tensile (HTT) Test  
with Digital Image Correlation

# Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

- Thermal spray process used to run open-loop with high variability in the resulting materials

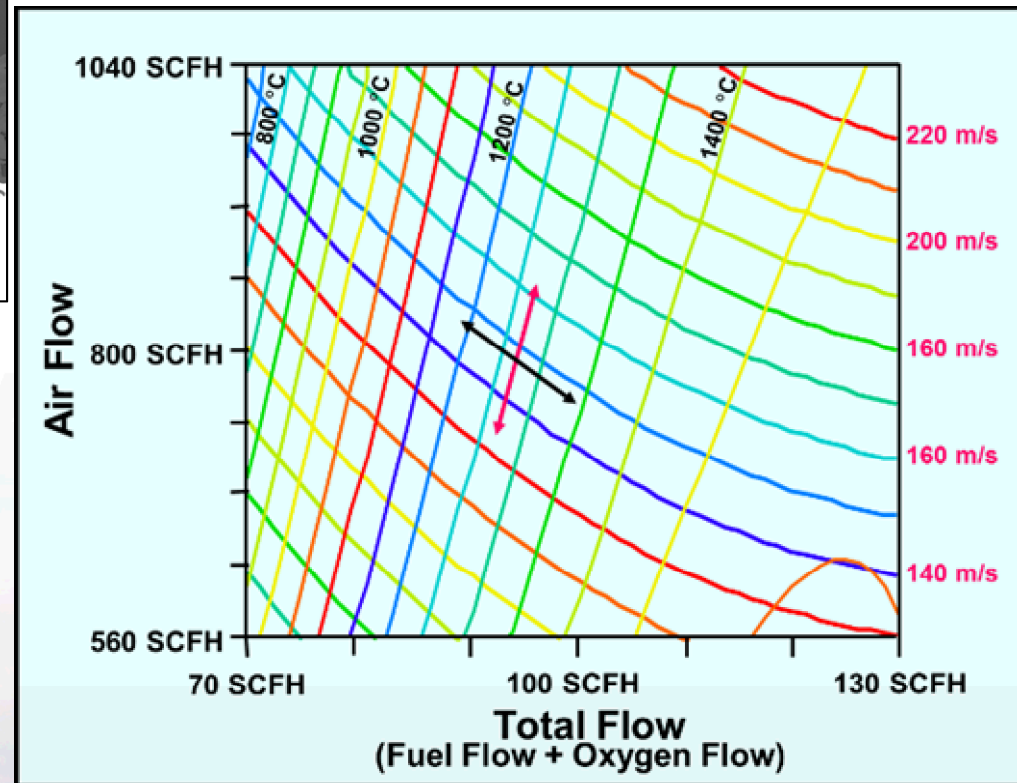


- Experimental/computational R&D used to develop processing-microstructure-properties relationships



- Spot separation
- Spot diameter
- Depth of field

- 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)



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

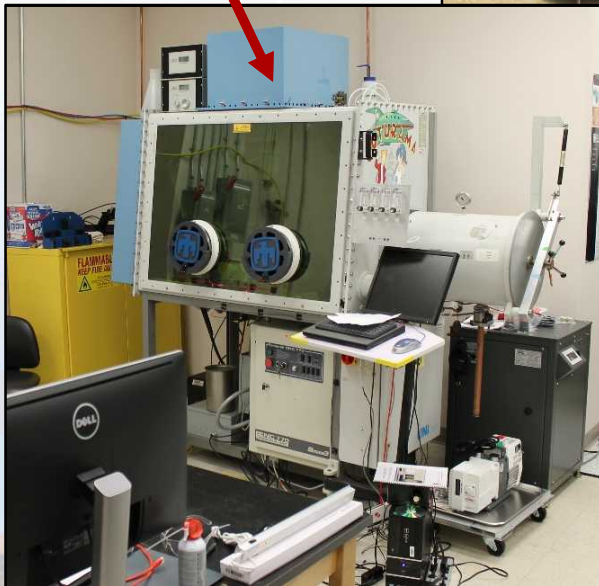
3D Systems ProX 200  
Laser Metal Powder Bed  
Machine



Aspex Explorer SEM-based  
powder particle analyzer

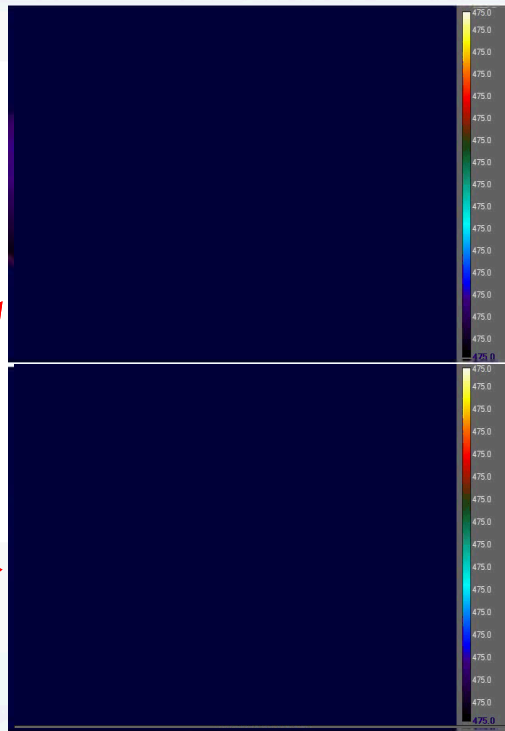
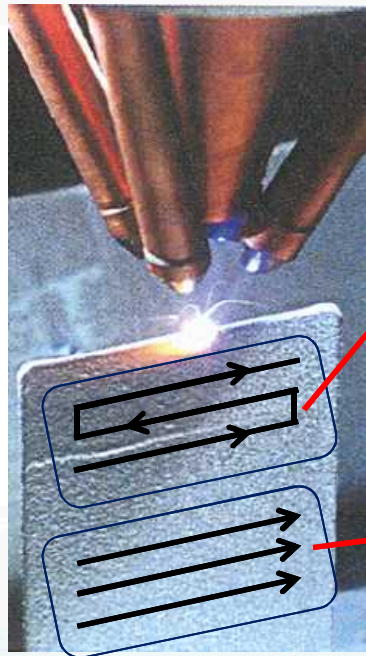


Next Generation Custom  
Built Hybrid LENS™  
System

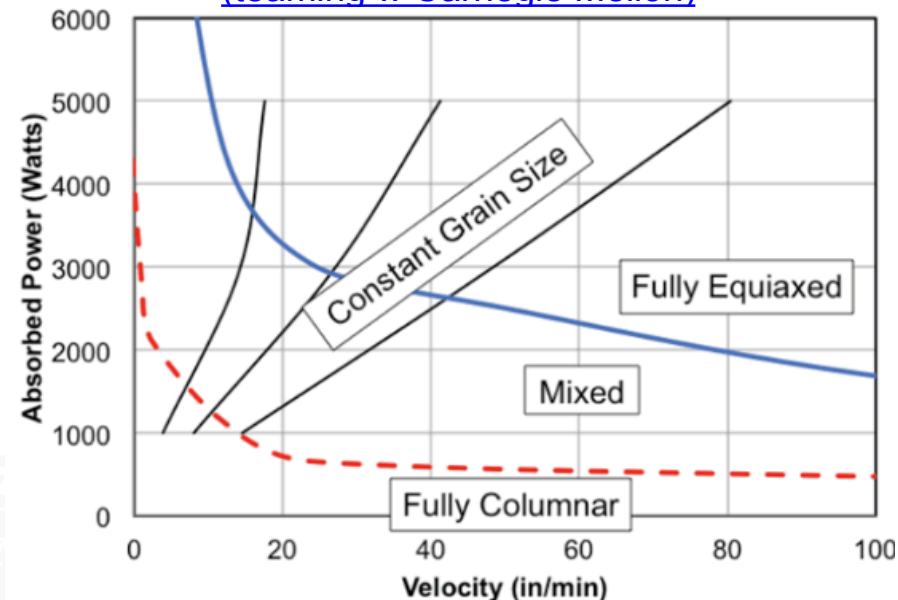


Haas VF2 mill-turn  
machine will be Modified  
for Multi-Material hybrid  
AM, including LENS™

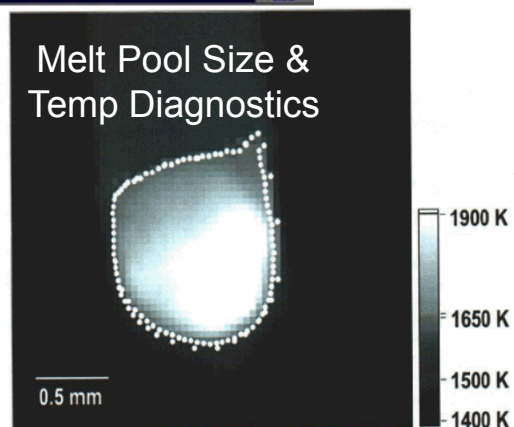
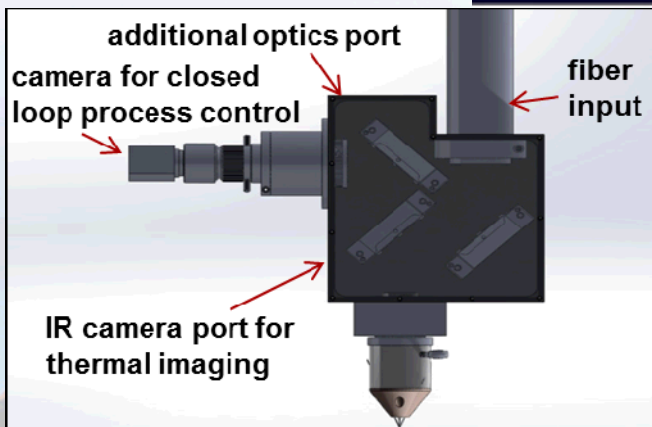
# Working to Understand LENS<sup>TM</sup> Processing-Microstructure Relationships



## Processing-Microstructure Relationships (teaming w Carnegie Mellon)



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



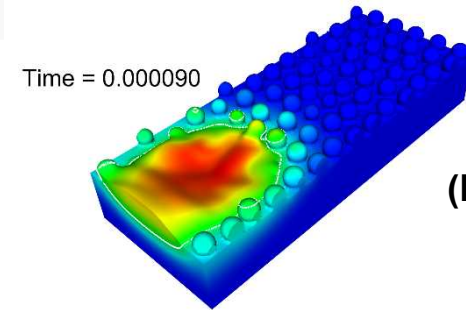
Control melt pool size & temperature to create desired microstructure and reduce variability



# Multiple Scale Powder Bed Modeling

## Powder bed fusion model

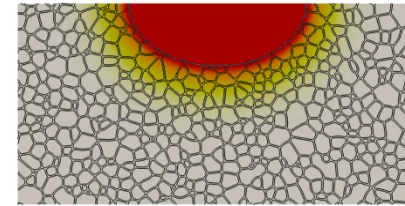
- High-fidelity melt-pool modeling
- Interactions of laser with powder bed, melt pool
- Solidification – grain morphology



(M. Martinez)

## Phase field solidification model

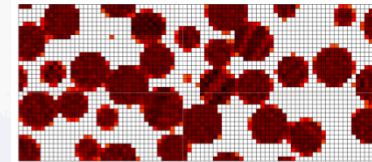
- Grain morphology



(F. Abdeljawad)

## Atomistic model of thermal transport in nanoparticle powder beds

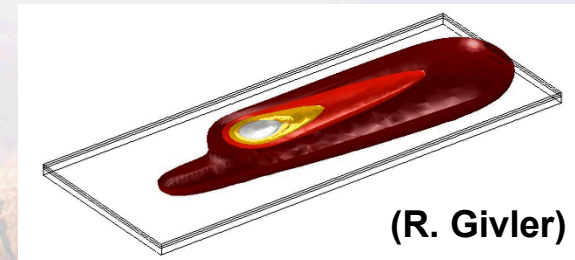
- Link to macroscale thermal model



(M. Wilson &  
M. Chandross)

## Macroscale powder bed model

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

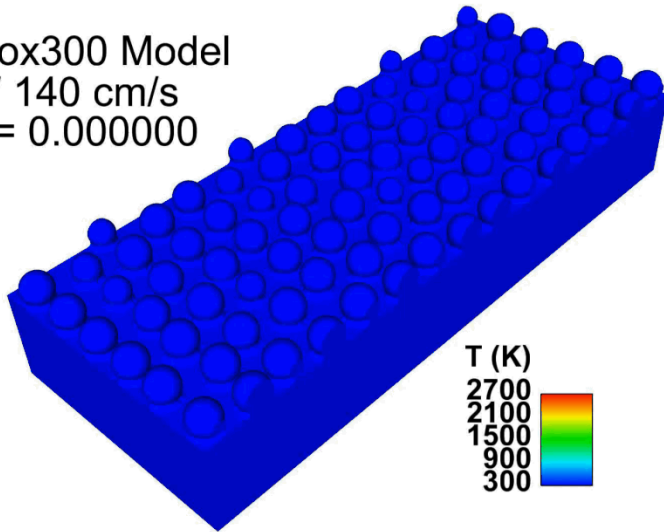


(R. Givler)



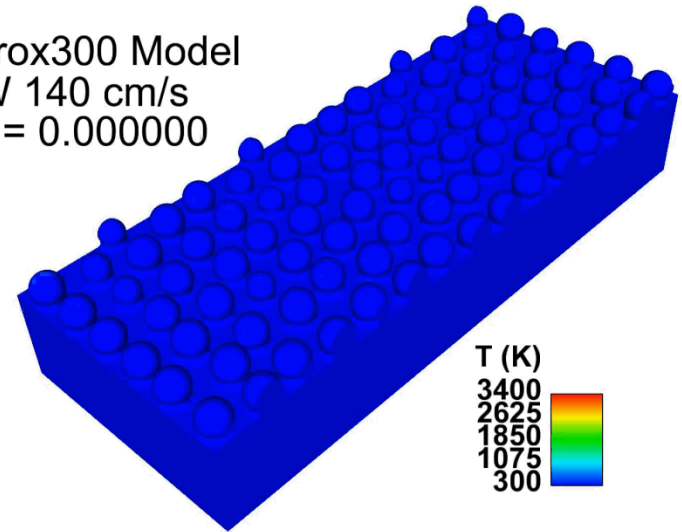
# Process Modeling Can Provide Useful Insights

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

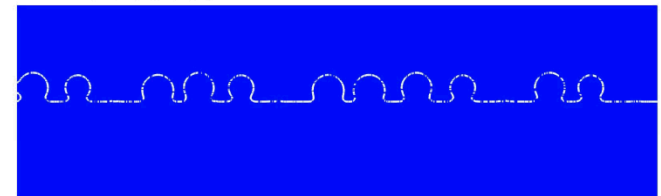


## Notes:

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

## Gas and melt pool dynamics

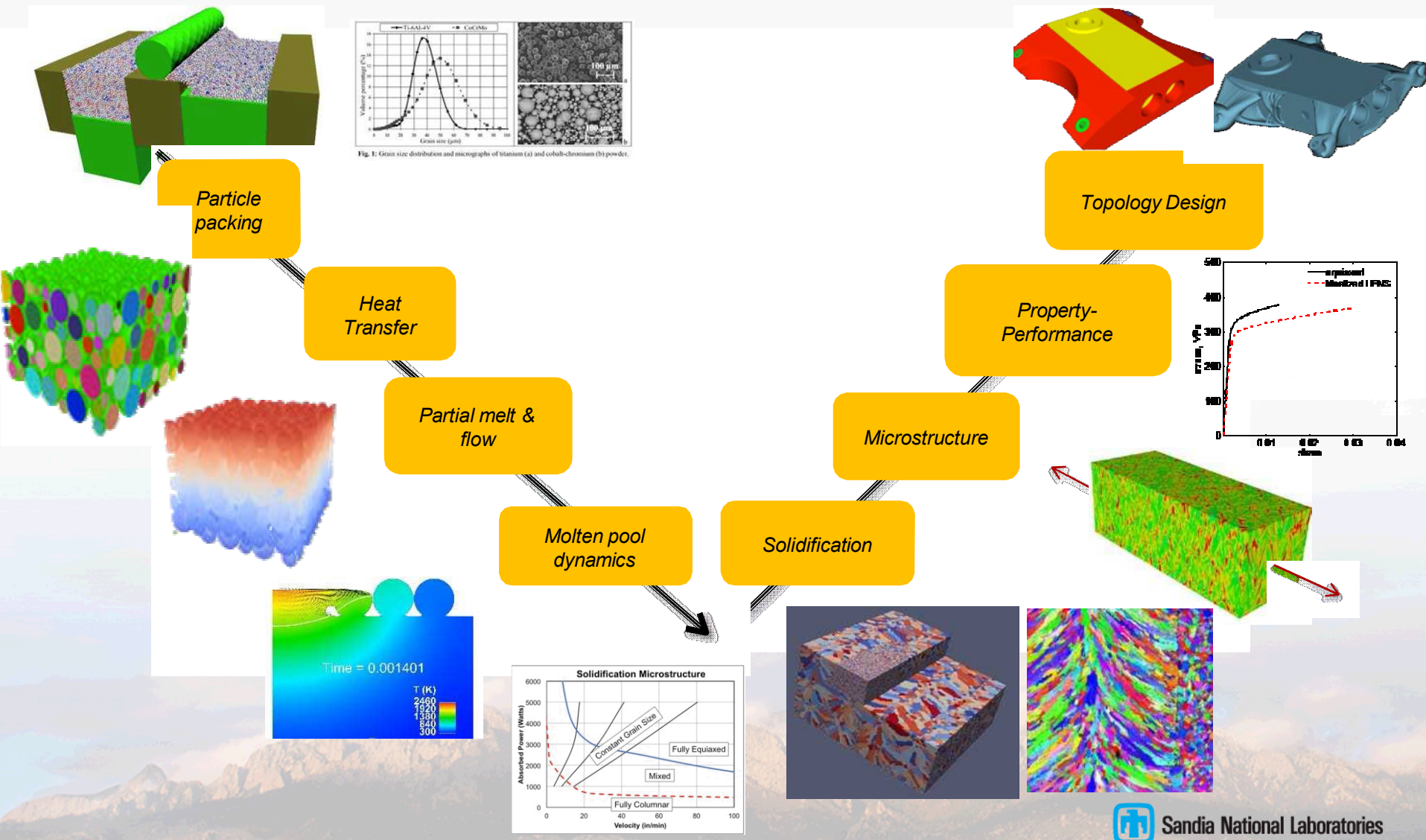
Time = 0.000000



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





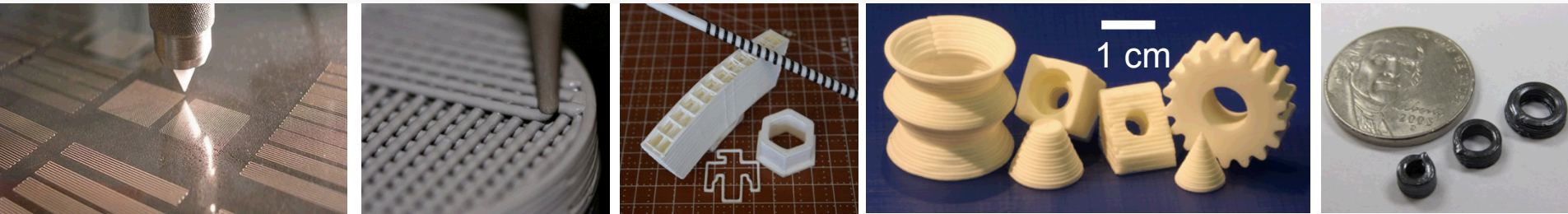
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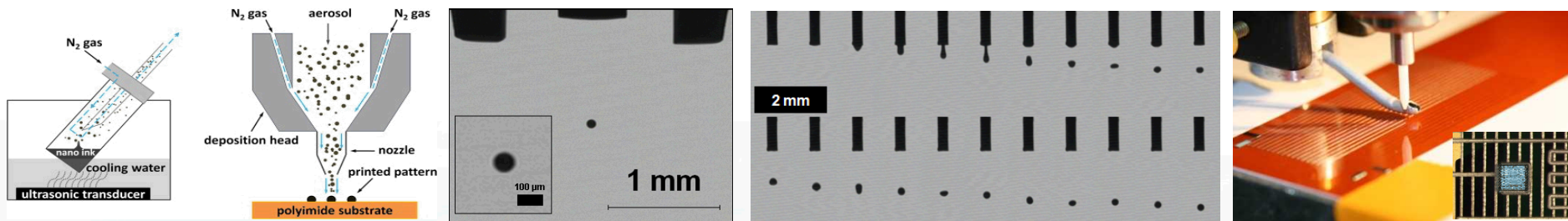


# Direct Write Technologies Enable Access To Materials Not Supported By Conventional Printing Processes

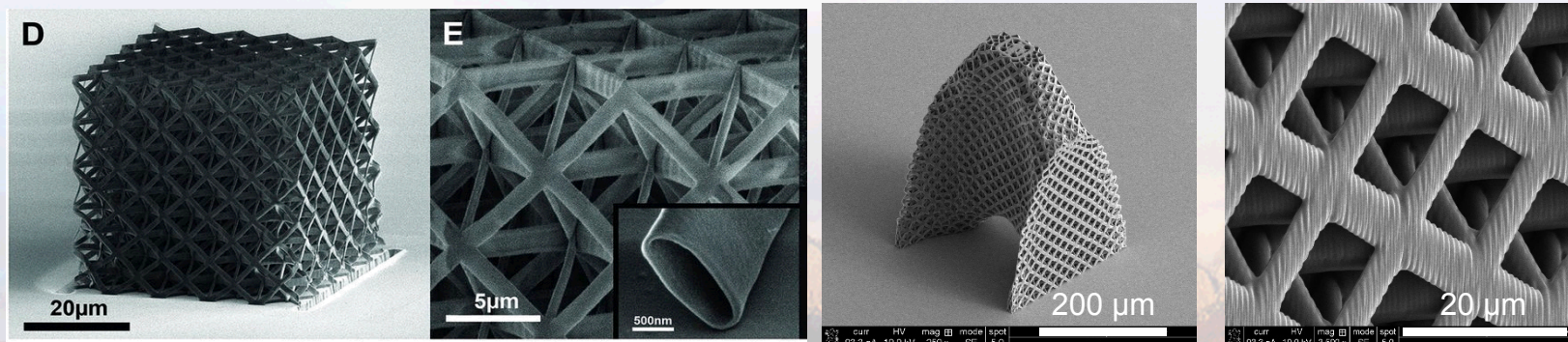
## Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



## Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



## Direct Write by Laser Photo-Lithography





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

Solution Precipitation



Solvothermal



Specialty  
Precursors

Specialized Nanomaterials

Specialty Inks

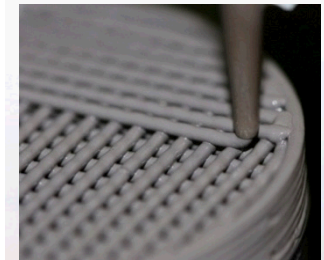


Colloidal  
Chemistry

Ink Characterization

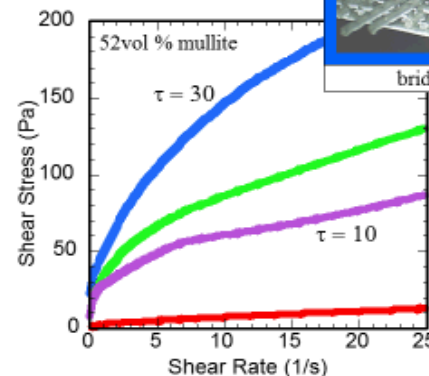
Process  
Engineering

Direct Write Printed Parts



Influence of paste rheology

ry 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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# Sandia has Strong Capabilities/Expertise In Printed Electronics

Printed Encapsulant

Current Collector

Printable Separator

Printed Anode / Cathode

## Printed flexible battery

Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)

Current collector (DW carbon ink)

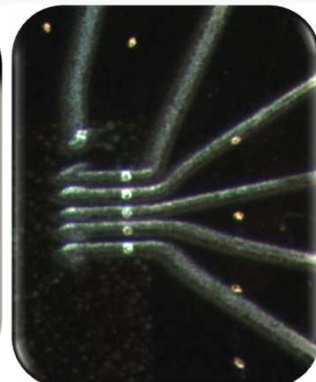
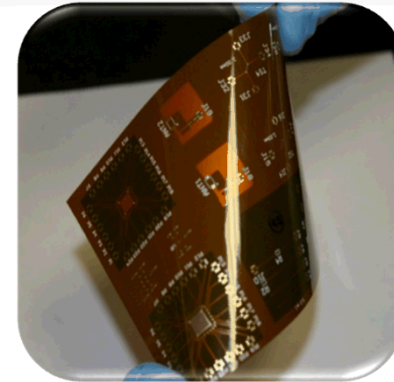
Anode (DW graphite/carbon)

Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)

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

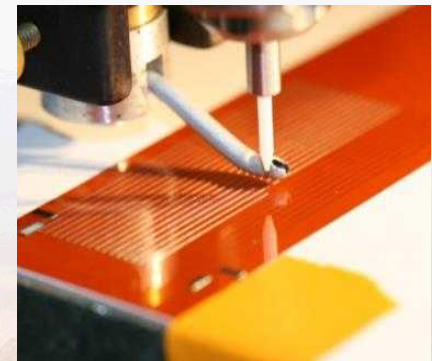
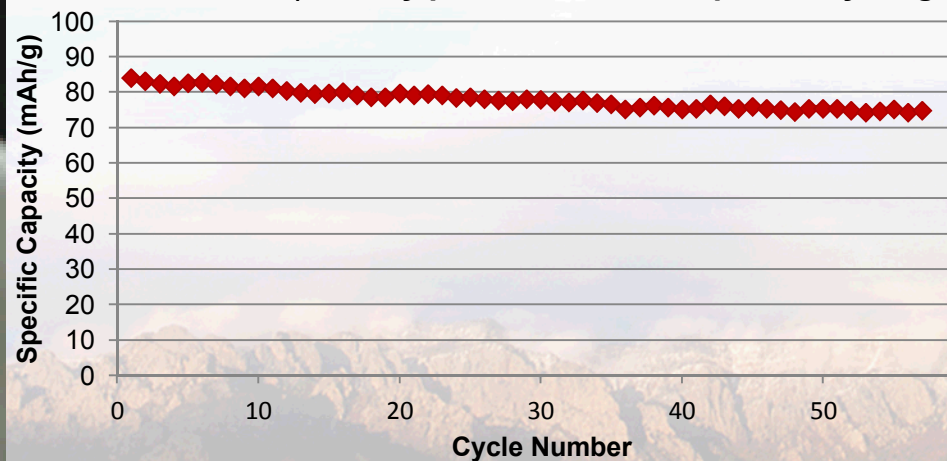
Current collector (DW copper ink)

Substrate (polyimide)



“Flexible Chips” with  
printed wirebonds

## $\text{LiFePO}_4$ Battery performs well in repeated cycling



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



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# Summary

- Sandia has a rich history in AM technology development & commercialization
- Special interest in Design for AM, Materials Assurance, & Multi-Material AM
- Strong, uncommon, experimental and computational capabilities
- Strong interest in teaming with others in areas of mutual interest

