

# *Additive Manufacturing at Sandia*

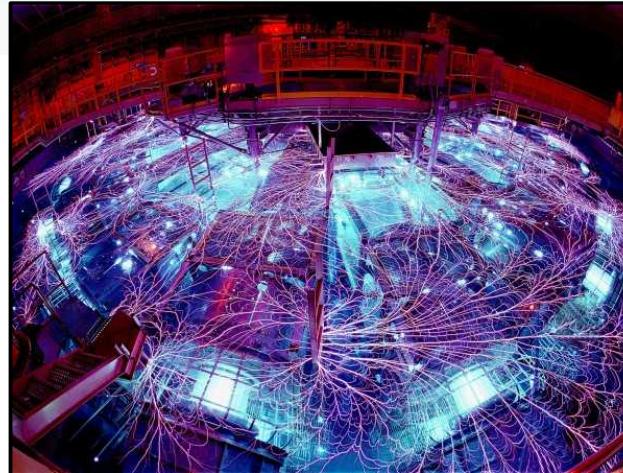
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# *Sandia is a National Security Science and Engineering Laboratory*



*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*



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# 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
- Create 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



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# 30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

## FastCast \*

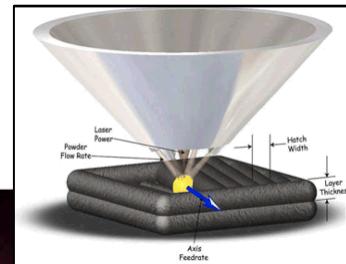
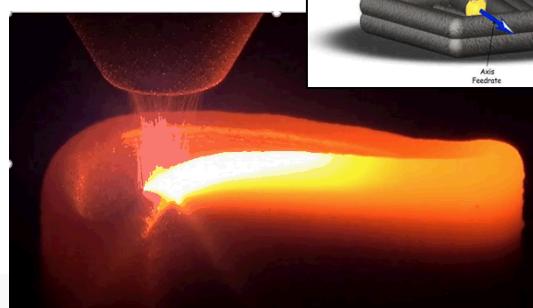
Development Housing



## Laser Engineered Net Shaping \*

### LENS®

LENS Blade



## RoboCast \*

Ceramic Parts

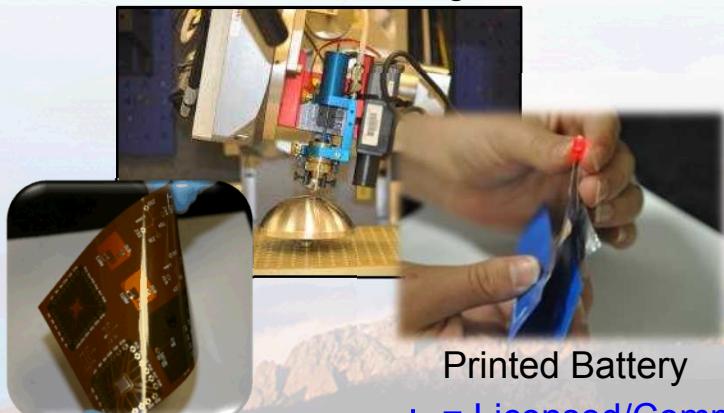


Energetic Materials



## Direct Write

Conformal Printing



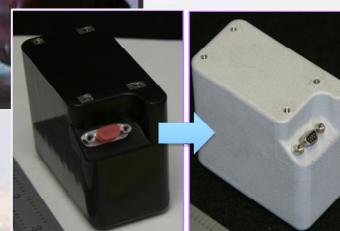
Printed Battery

Flexible Electronics

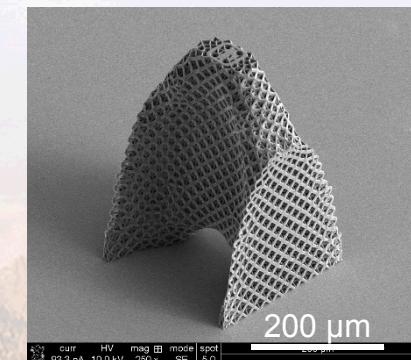
## Thermal Spray



Spray-formed Rocket Nozzle



Metal on Plastic



## Micro-Nano Scale AM Lattice Structure

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



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# Example Applications



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# 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

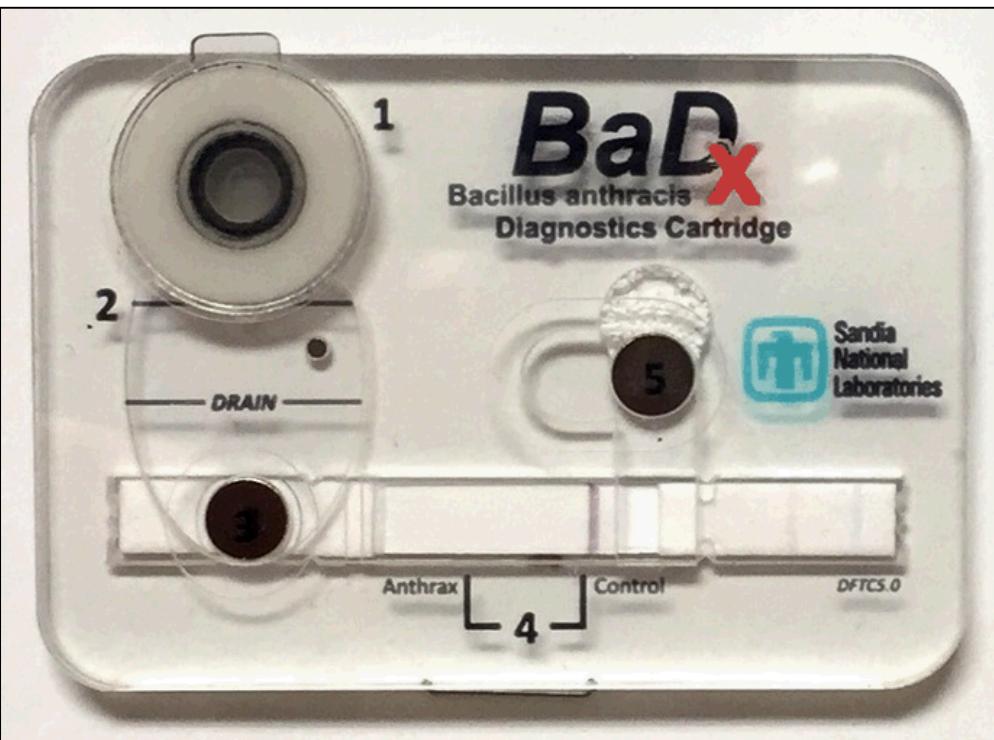


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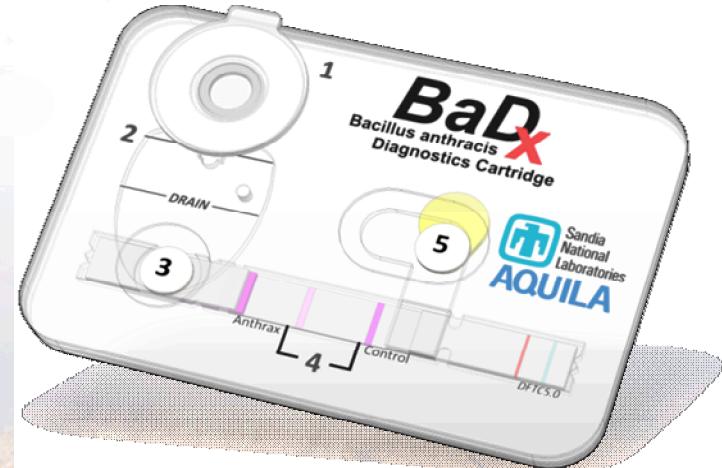


# BaDx Anthrax Diagnostics Tool

- 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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# Design/Analysis Tools



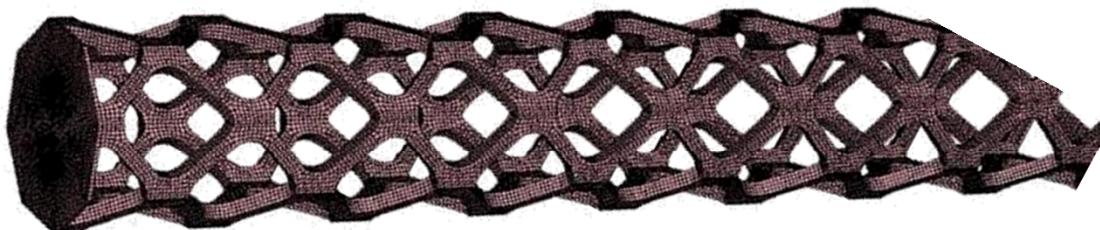
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# Analysis-Driven Design Optimization

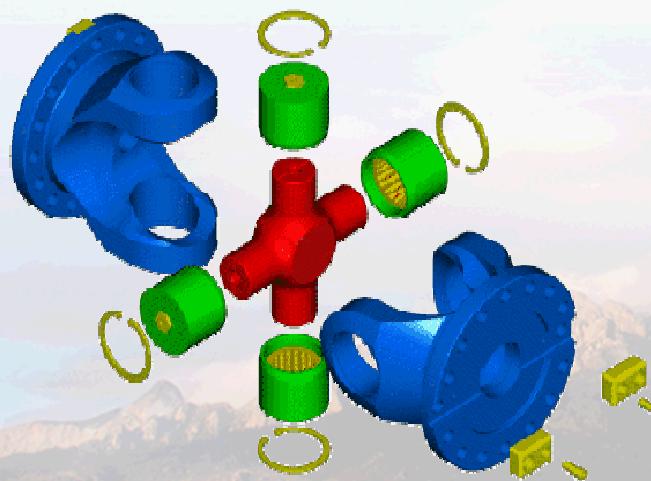
We combined Topological Optimization (TO) with eXtended Finite Element Modeling (X-FEM) & LENS® to optimize selected properties, e.g., strength/weight ratio

“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)

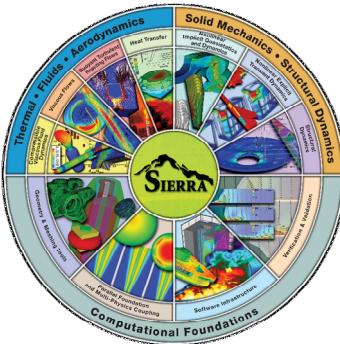


“Loxosphere” Universal Joint printed as a single integrated assembly –fewer parts, no assembly, no frictional wear!

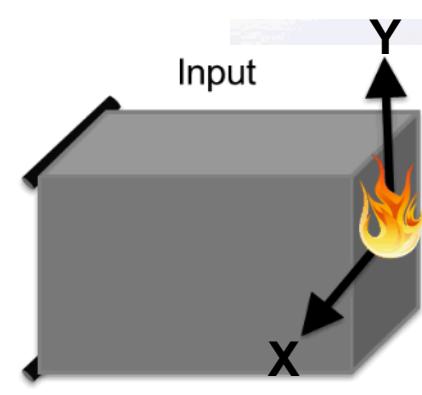
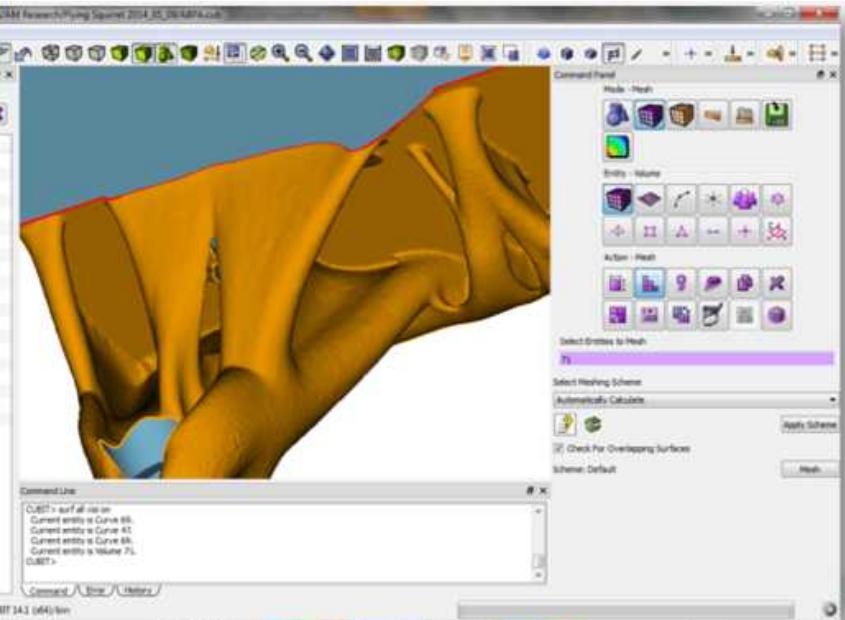
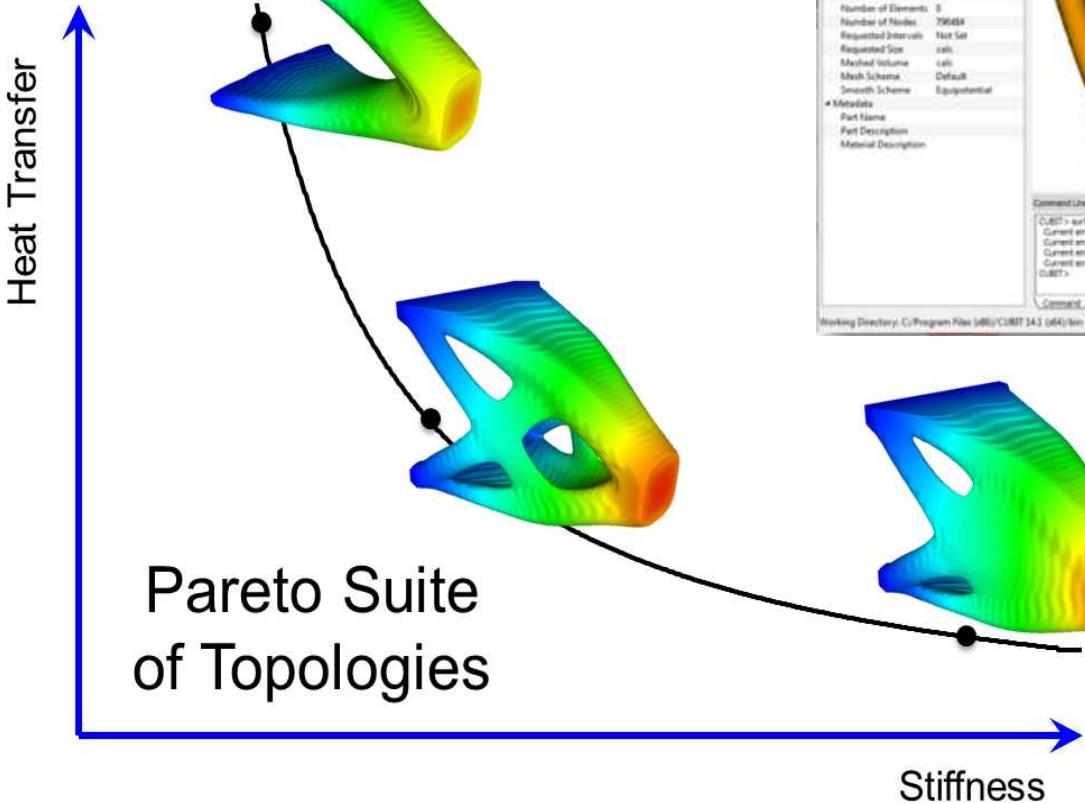


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# AM Design Via Functional Prioritization



# User Friendly Interface



Model Builder - DART-Hidden-Default-Project/LINKED\_RESOURCES/Users/bwclark/CompSimUIModels/RoundTableCoarseSalinas\_files/simulation/RoundTableCoarseSalinas.i - Model Builder

Model Navigator

Command Panel Settings

Model View - RoundTableCoarseSalinas

RoundTableCoarseSalinas on skybridge

Basic

Code: Salinas  
Machine: skybridge  
Job Stage: Subi  
Queue Id / State: 691357  
Submitted On: 2016-03-10  
Account: FY14021

Requested Processors: 16  
Requested Job Runtime: 30 min

Job Attrs

Geometry/Mesh

Sierra Structural Dynamics

- Boundary Conditions
- Constraints
- Contacts
- Coordinates

Finite Element Model

- Functions
- Initial Conditions
- Interactions

Loads

Materials

Mechanics

Outputs

Parameters

Solution

Solution Control

Solvers

Topology Optimization

Simulation Job [idle]

Parameter Studies

ryan\_fine\_mesh

s\_bike

s\_bike2

s\_bracket\_KG

s\_bracket\_KG\_full\_r1

s\_lantern

s\_lantern\_britt

s\_lantern\_large\_scale

s\_lantern\_local

s\_lantern\_multi\_block

s\_lantern\_new\_journal

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s\_lantern\_symmetric

s\_lantern\_symmetric2

s\_mitchell

s\_mitchell\_mesh\_var1

sd\_lantern\_demo

test\_mesh\_variation

therm\_mech

therm\_mech\_dip

toa10

toa3

toa4

toa5

toa6

tpd

TPD\_with blends\_albany

TPD\_with blends\_albany\_no\_restart

TPD\_with blends\_multi\_albany

TPD\_with blends\_new\_loading

tpd2

trn1

RoundTableCoarseSalinas.i

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volume_fraction = 0.25
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filter_iterations = 1
/// Optional command for blocks you don't want to be optimized.

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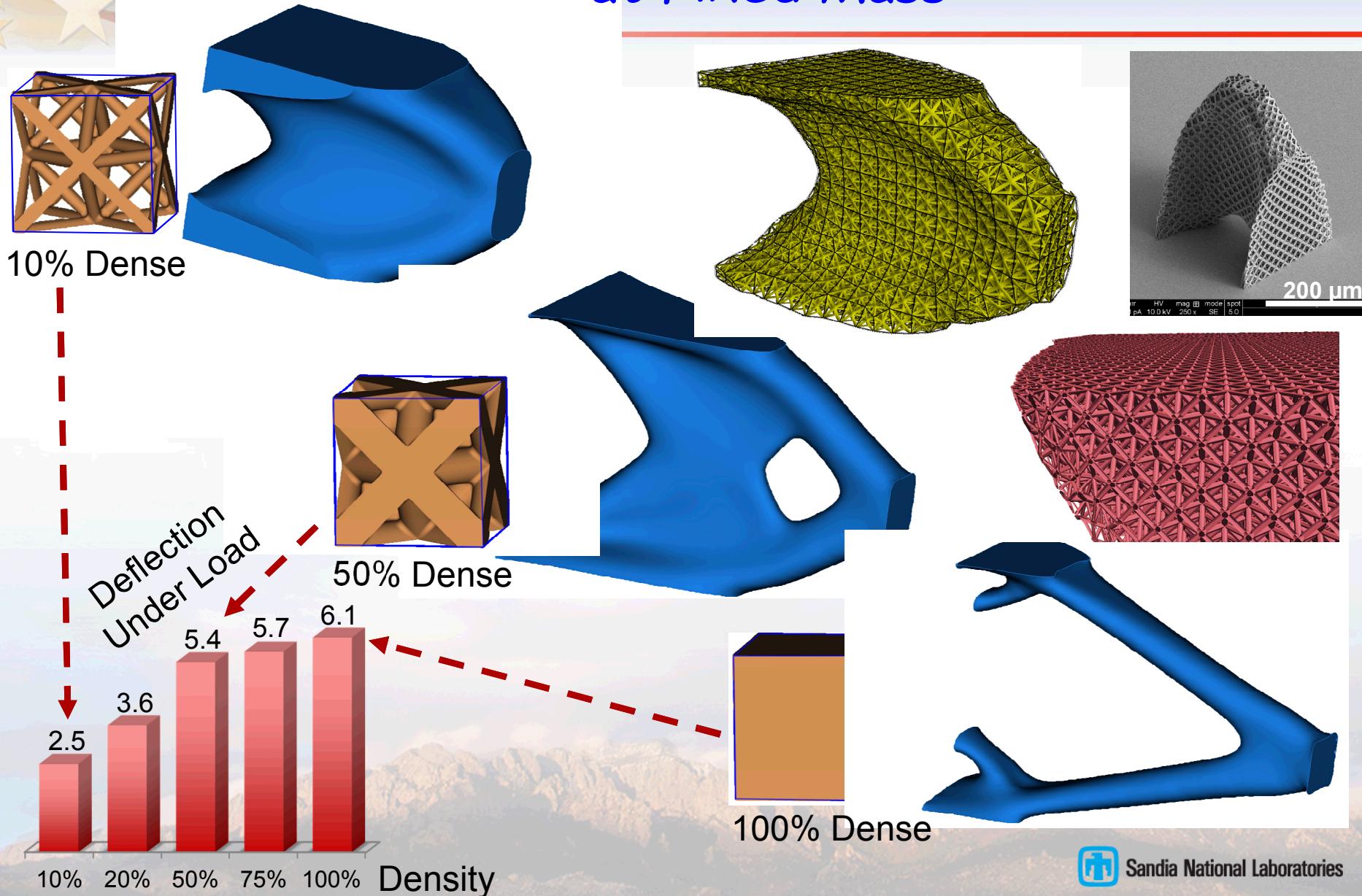
Console Machines Job Status

Showing 63 jobs, 2 filters are active.

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RoundTableCoarseSalinas	Killed	Removed	2016-03-10 16:25:55 MST	skybridge	691344
RoundTableCoarseSalinas	Killed	Removed	2016-03-10 16:23:17 MST	skybridge	691342
RoundTableCoarseSalinas	Finished	Completed	2016-03-10 16:21:34 MST	skybridge	691340
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Running RoundTableCoarseSalinas

# Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass





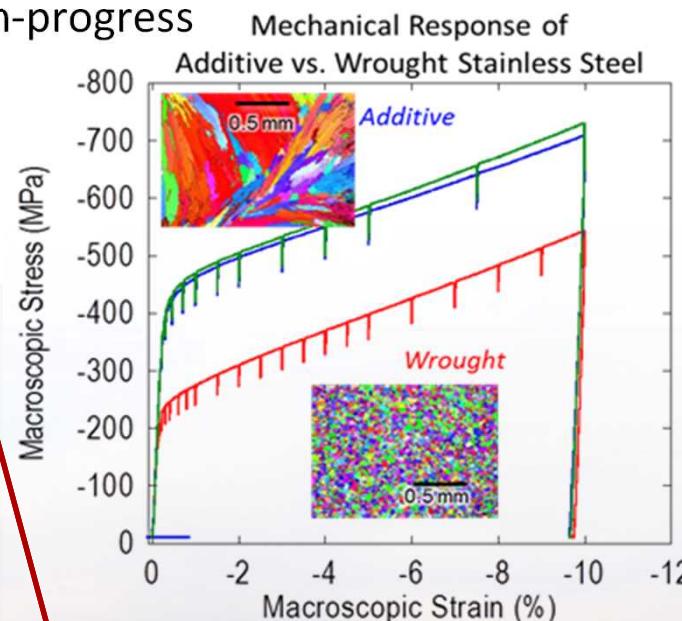
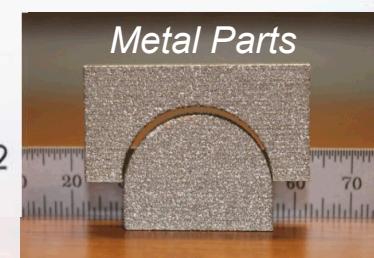
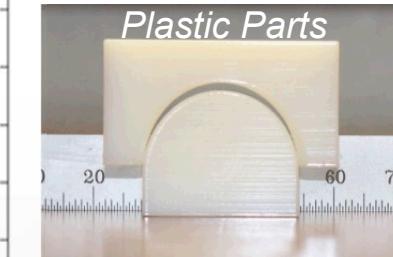
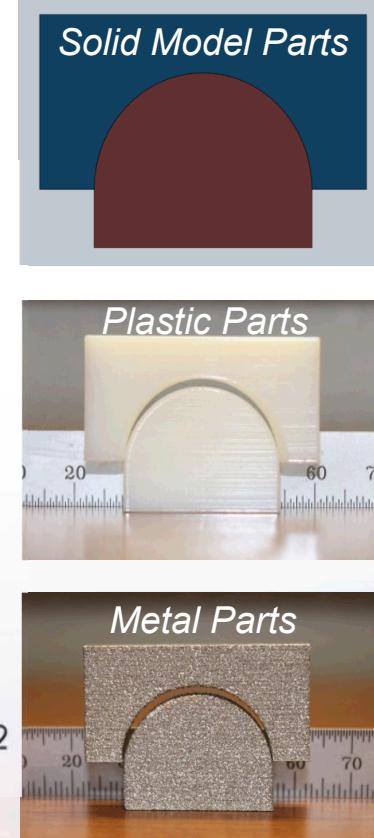
# Materials Assurance



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

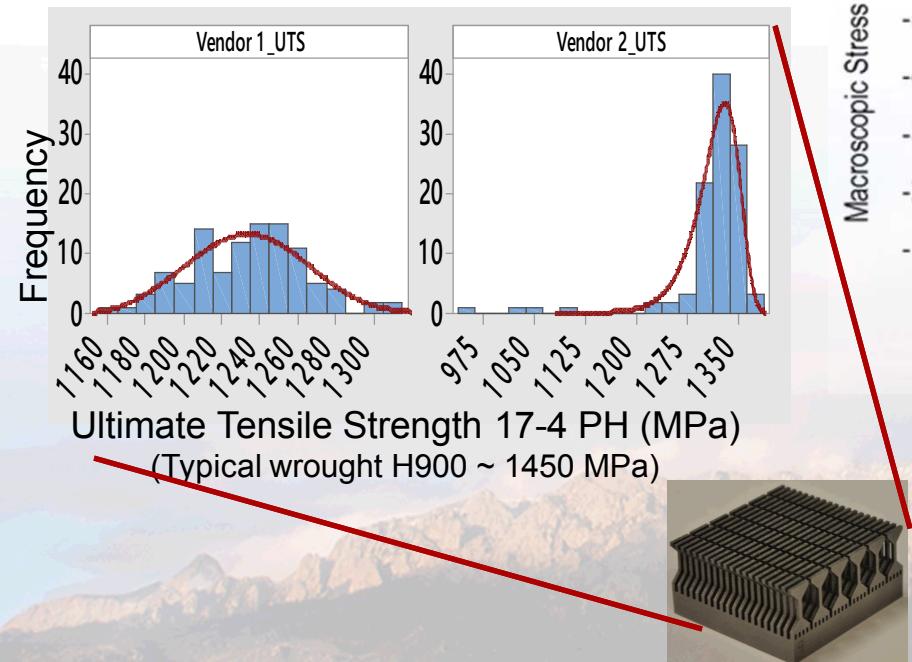
## AM Is Still an Evolving/Emerging Technology

- 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



AM Metals are Unlike Cast or Wrought Metals

## Large Variability in AM Materials Properties



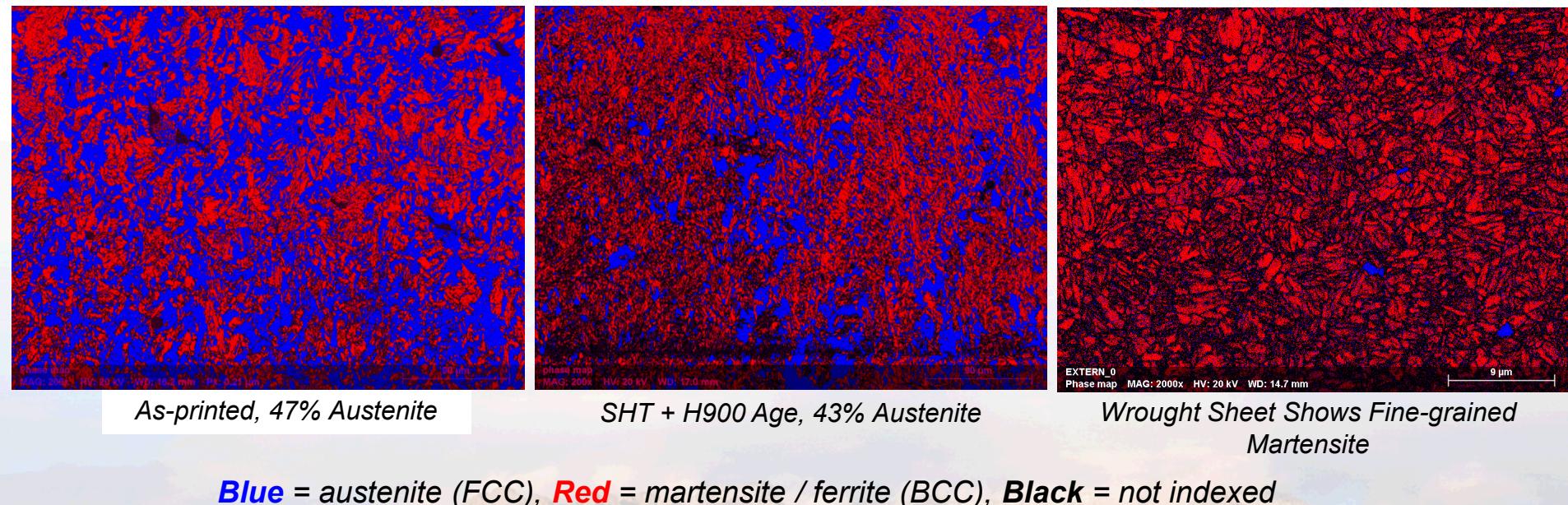
Residual Stress Causes Parts to “Move”



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

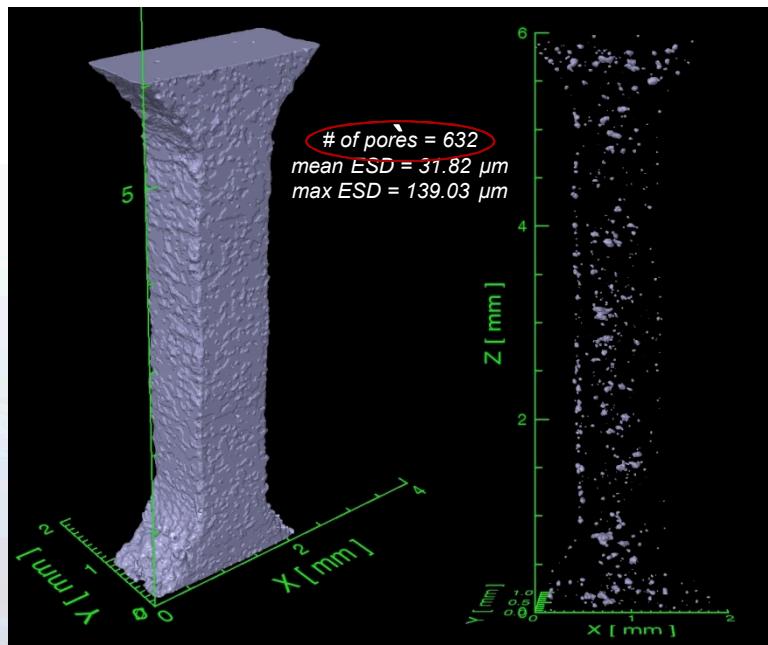
- Anomalous phase composition in AM vs. wrought 17-4 PH Stainless
  - Large fraction of retained austenite after solution heat treatment + H900 age
  - Cryo treatment to -196°C for 5 min still does not transform austenite



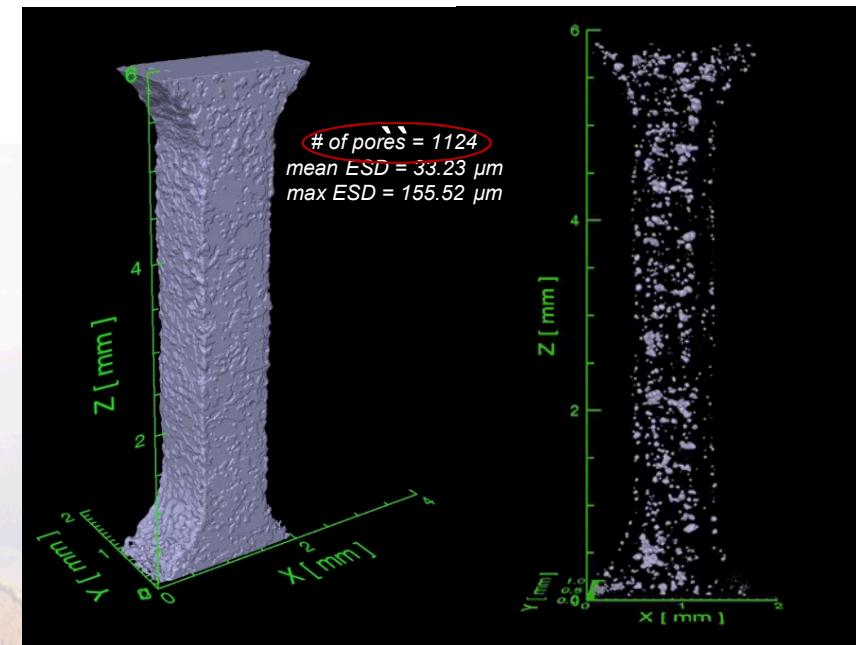
**Blue** = austenite (FCC), **Red** = martensite / ferrite (BCC), **Black** = not indexed

# 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)



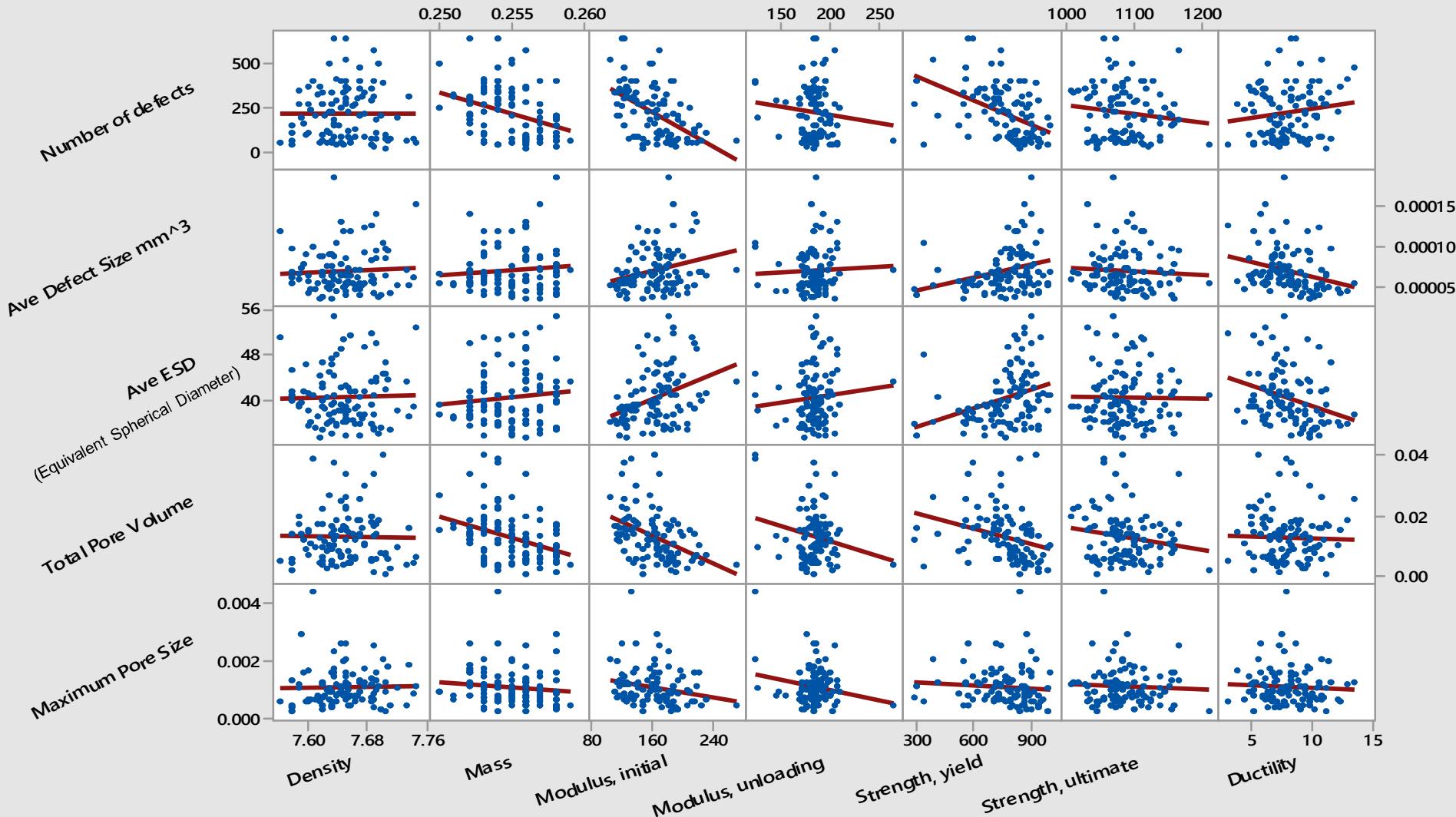
dogbone C, 16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)

ESD = equivalent spherical diameter



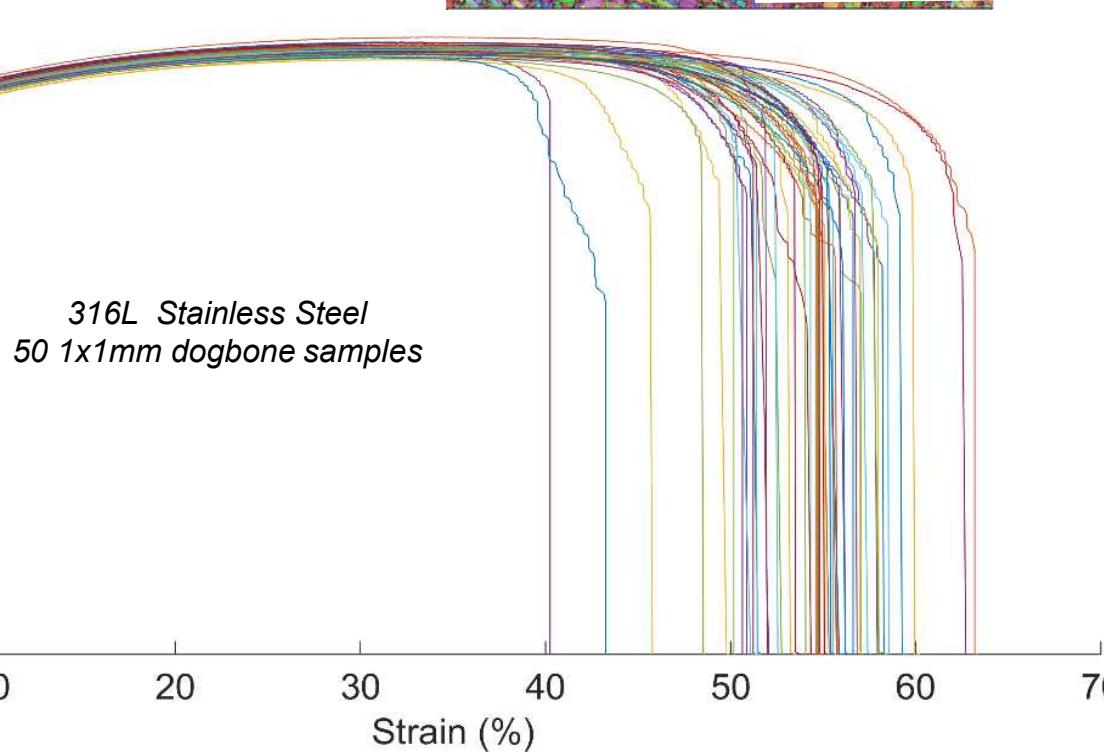
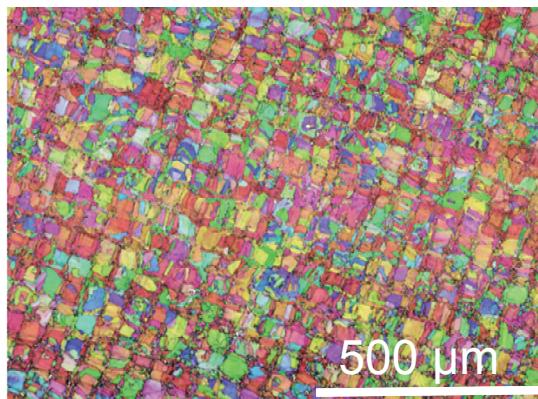
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# On-going Data Analytics Studies To Investigate Potential Relationships

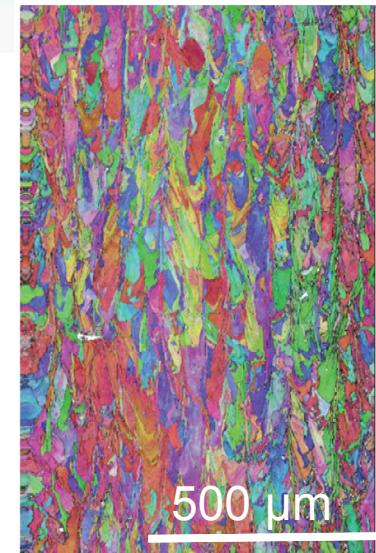


# AM 316L Has Unique Microstructure with Reasonable, But Still Highly Variable Properties

Top View  
(Normal to Build Direction)



ProX 200  
EBSD  
maps for  
316L SS



Cross Section  
(Parallel to Build Direction)



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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)

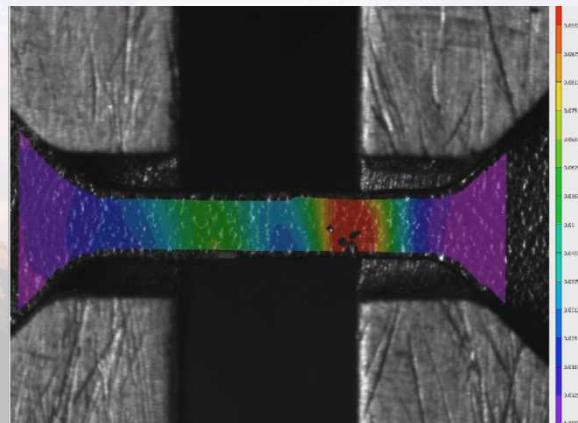
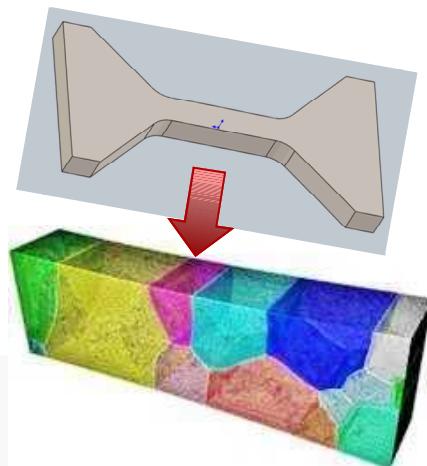
Key Questions:

What AM Defects Matter?  
Can I detect them?

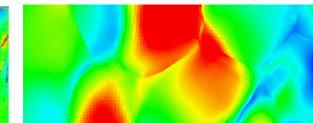
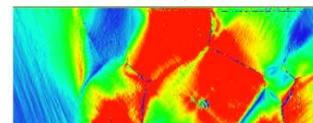
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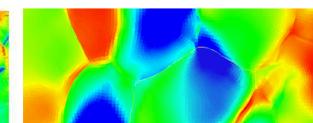
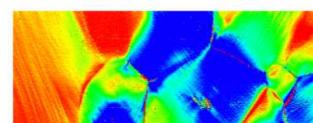
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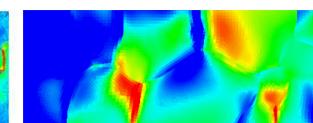
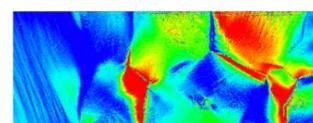
Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



$\epsilon_{xx}$   
7%  
0%  
-0%



$\epsilon_{yy}$   
0%  
-5%  
-10%



$\epsilon_{xy}$   
2%  
-1%

Experimental Results

Computed Simulations

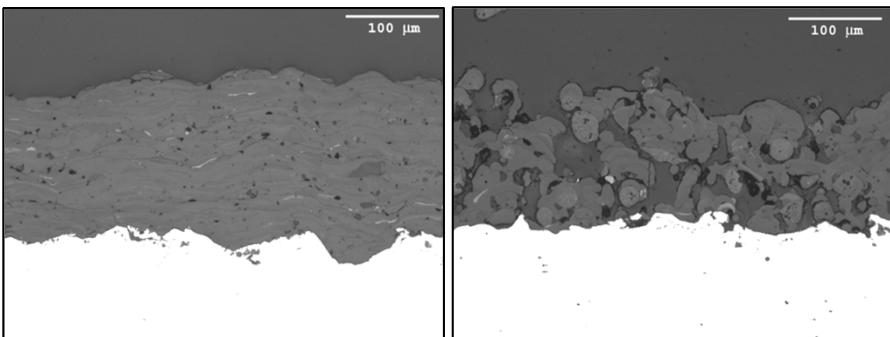
High-Throughput Tensile (HTT) Test with Digital Image Correlation



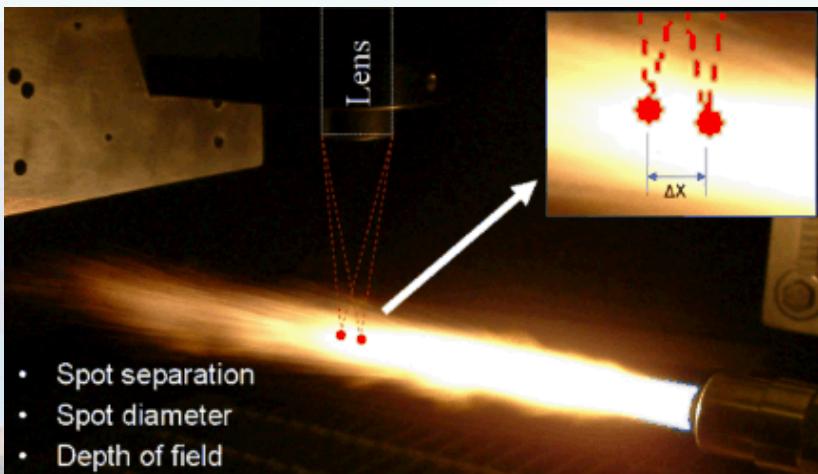
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# Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

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

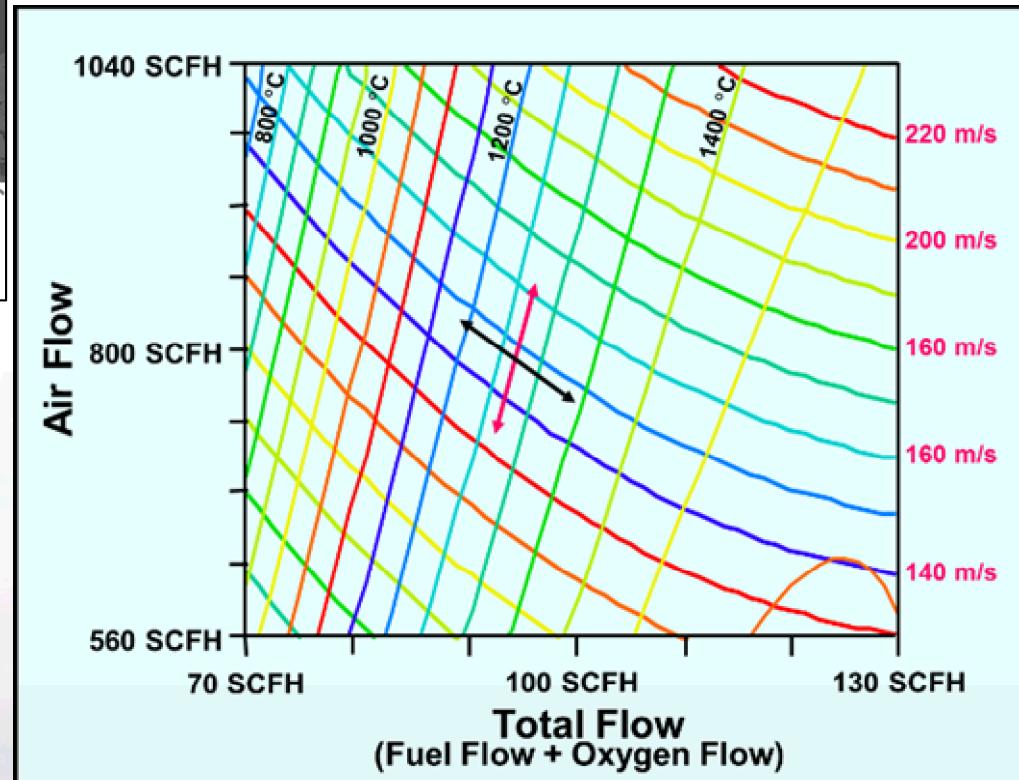


- Experimental/computational R&D used to develop processing-microstructure-properties relationships



- 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)



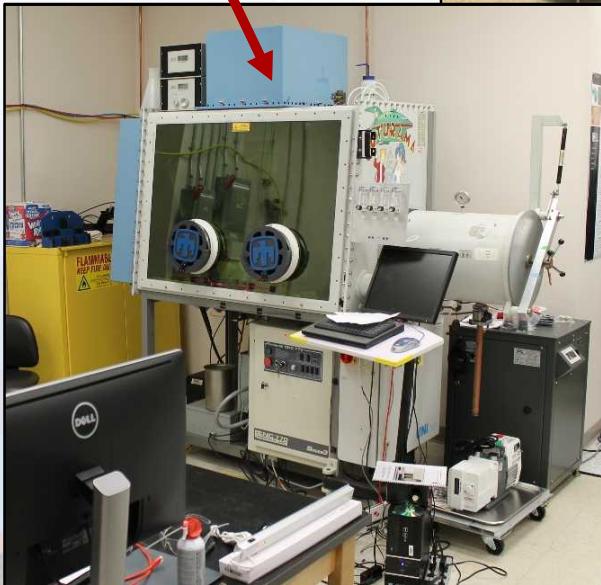
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# Sandia Metal/Multi-Material AM Process R&D

3D Systems ProX 200  
Laser Metal Powder Bed  
Machine



Next Generation Custom  
Built Hybrid LENS™  
System



Aspex Explorer SEM-based  
powder particle analyzer

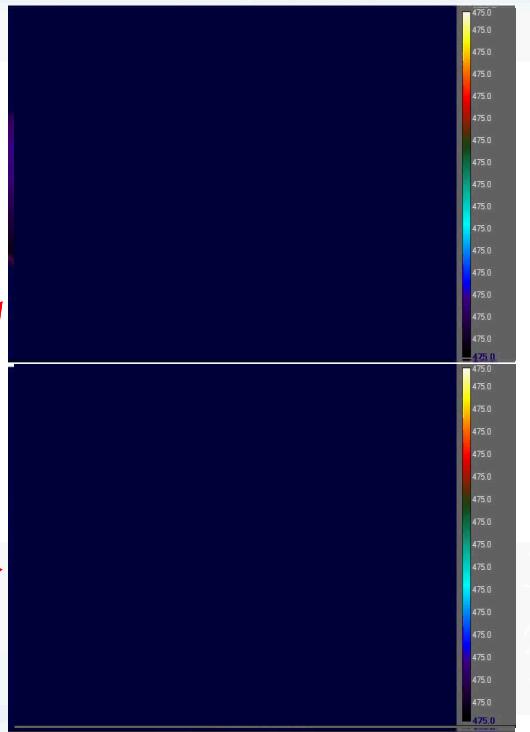
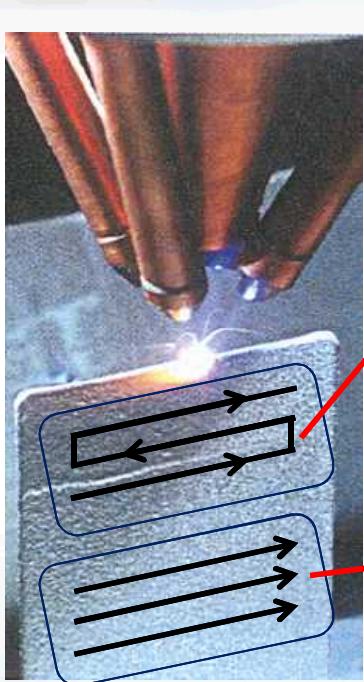


Haas VF2 mill-turn  
machine will be Modified  
for Multi-Material hybrid  
AM, including LENS™

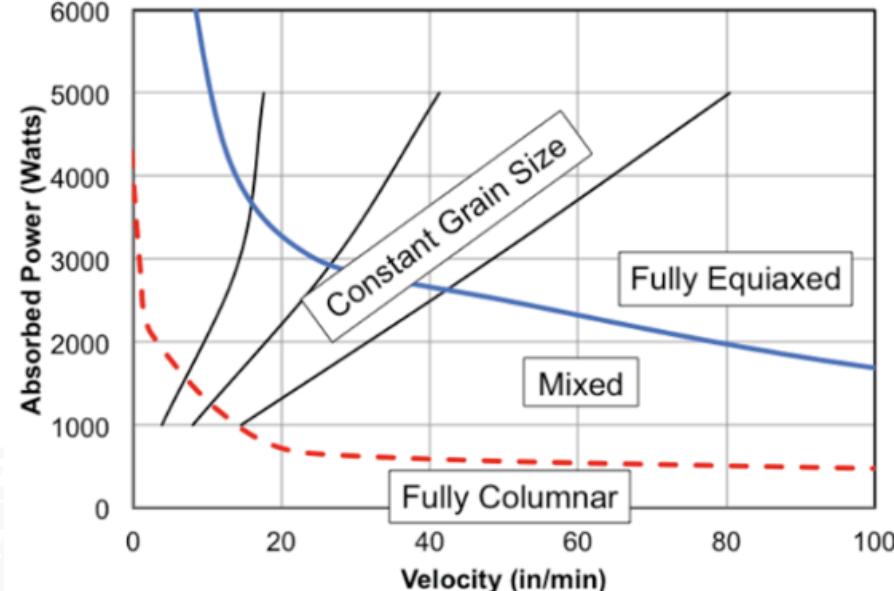


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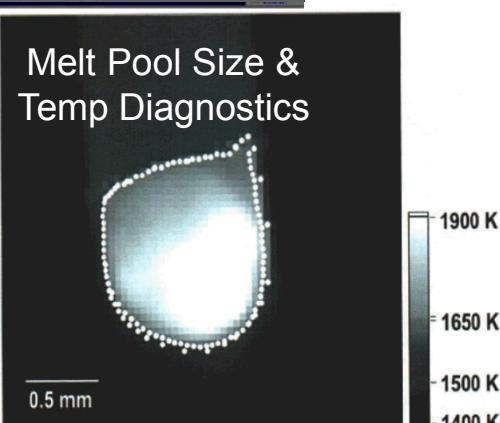
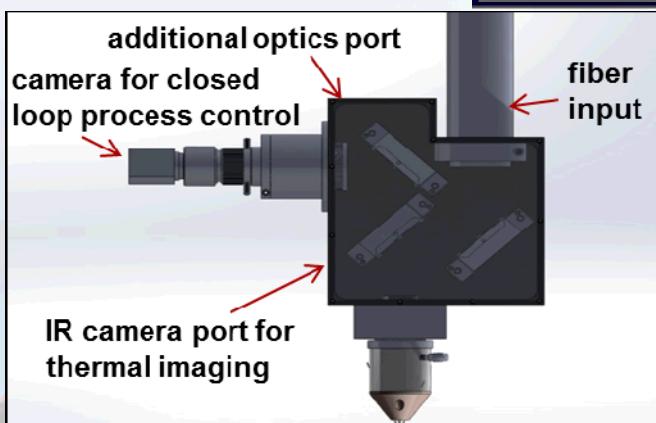
# Working to Understand LENS™ Processing-Microstructure Relationships



## 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



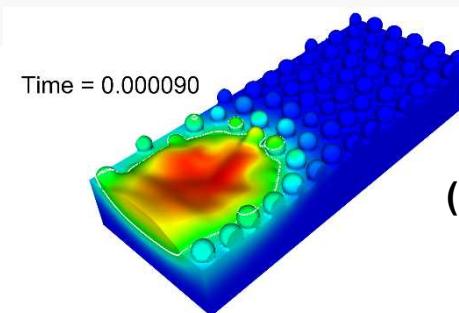
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# Multiple Scale Powder Bed Modeling

## Powder bed fusion model

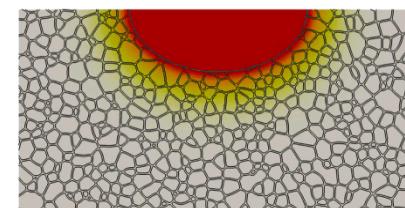
- High-fidelity melt-pool modeling
- Interactions of laser with powder bed, melt pool
- Solidification – grain morphology



(M. Martinez)

## Phase field solidification model

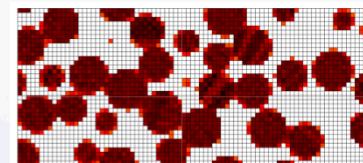
- Grain morphology



(F. Abdeljawad)

## Atomistic model of thermal transport in nanoparticle powder beds

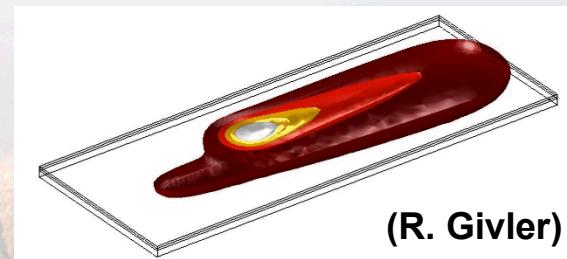
- Link to macroscale thermal model



(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)

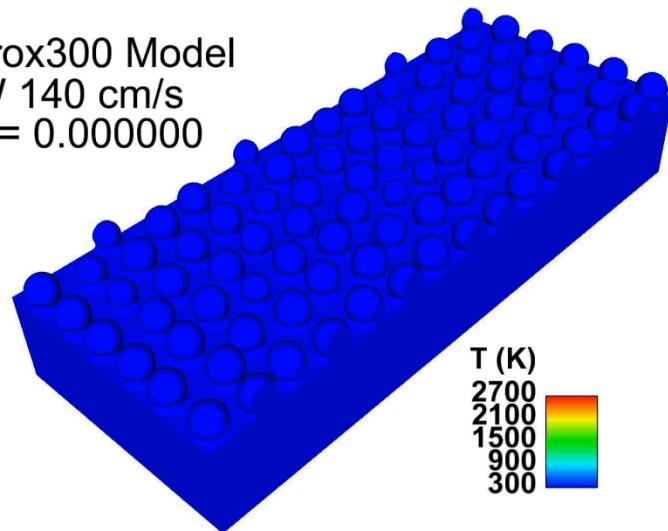


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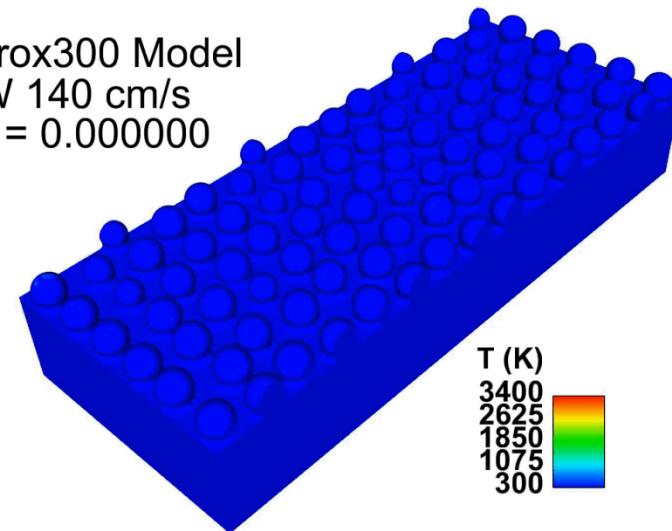
# Process Modeling Can Provide Useful Insights

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

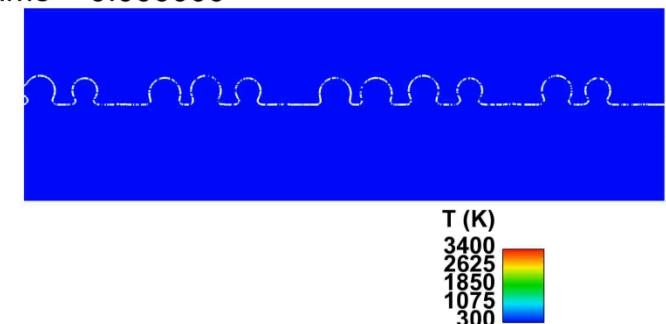


Stainless steel 304L  
25 micron powder

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



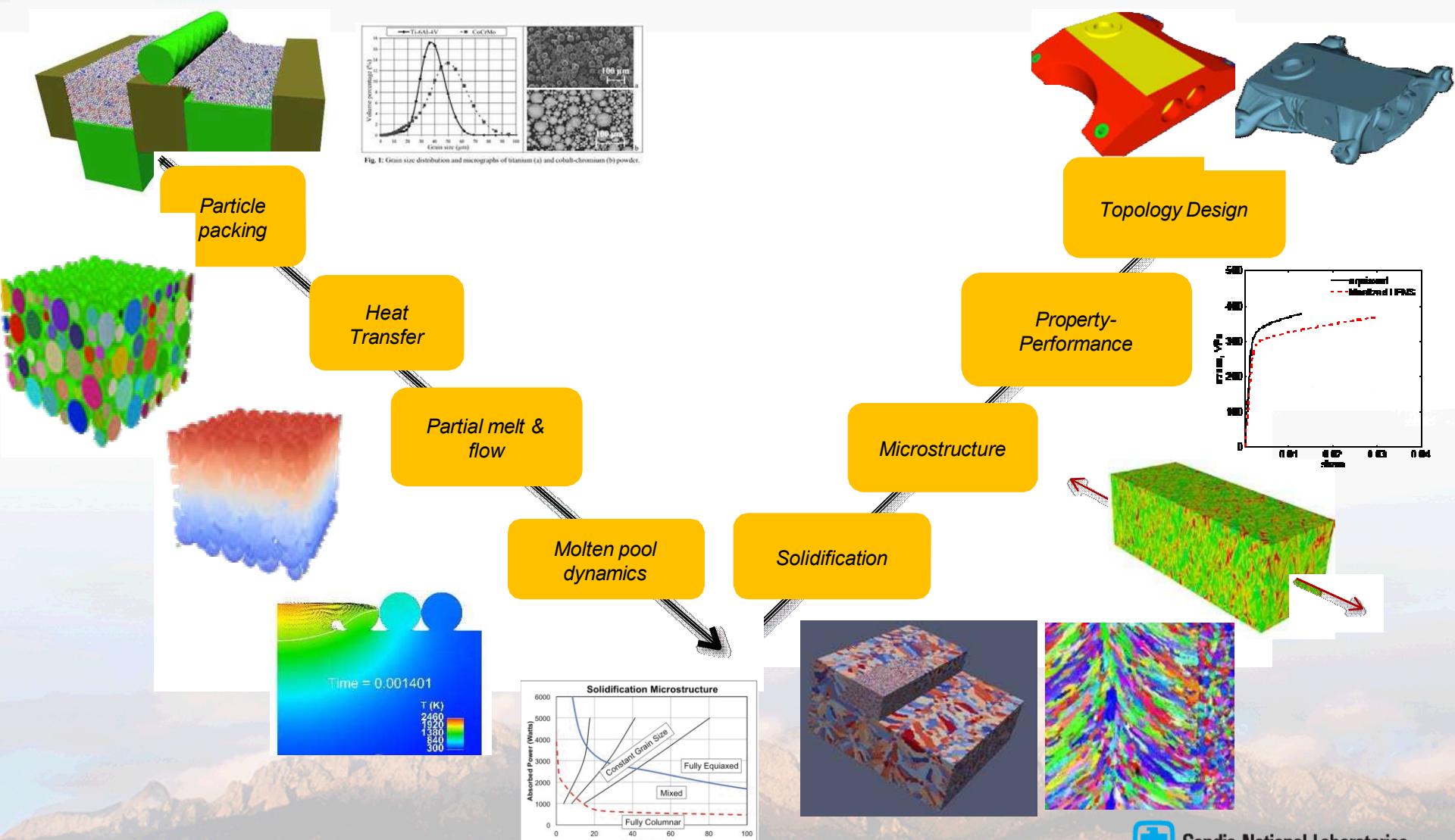
Gas and melt pool dynamics  
Time = 0.000000



## Notes:

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

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



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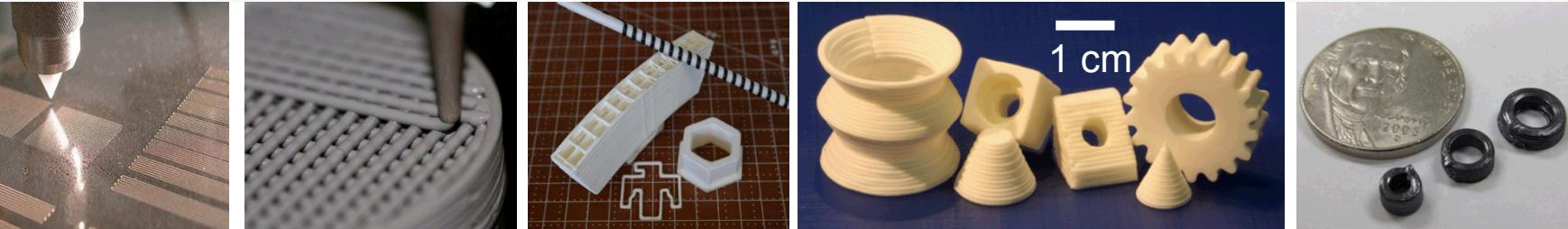


# Multi-Material AM

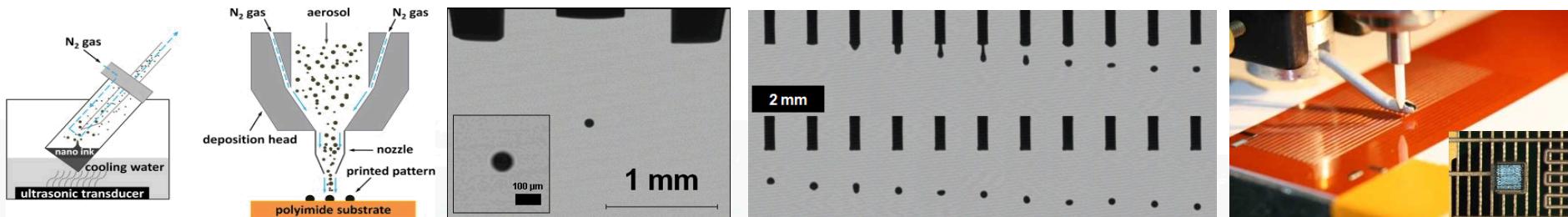


# Direct Write Technologies Enable Access To Materials Not Supported By Conventional Printing Processes

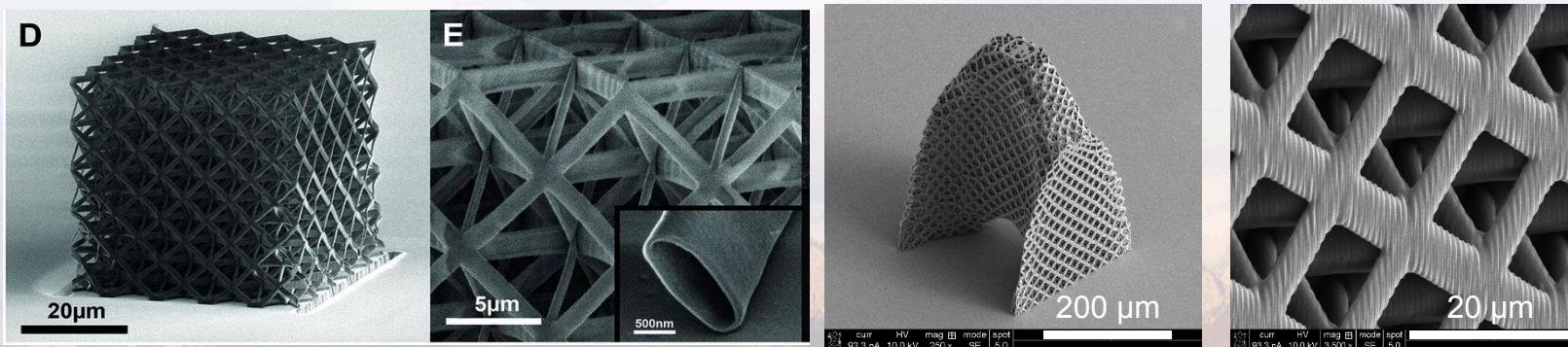
## Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



## Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



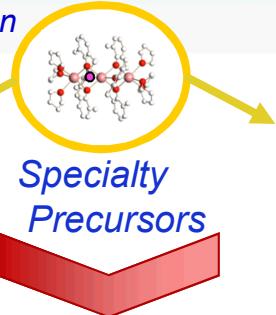
## Direct Write by Laser Photo-Lithography



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

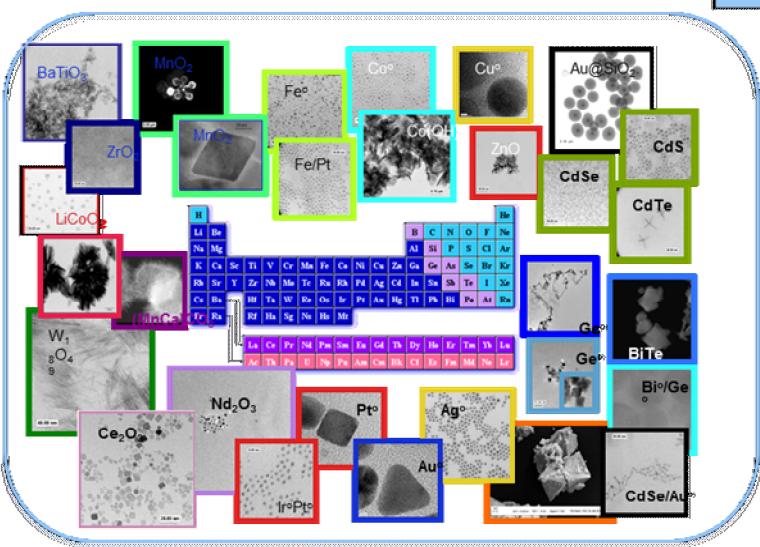
Solution Precipitation



Solvothermal



Specialized Nanomaterials



Specialty Inks

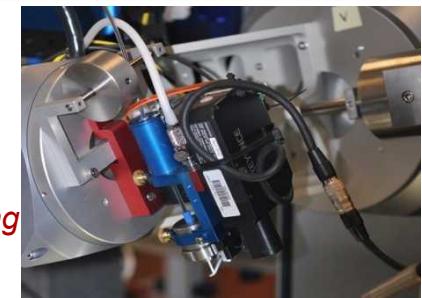


Colloidal Chemistry



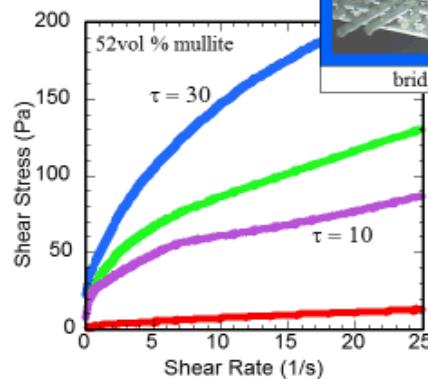
Ink Characterization

Process Engineering



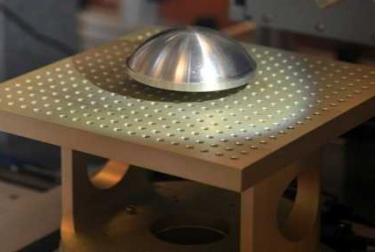
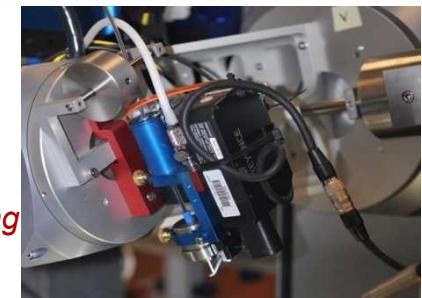
Influence of paste rheology

Yield stress controls print morphology.



Rheology Tailoring

Direct Write Printed Parts



Aerosol, Inkjet, extrusion

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

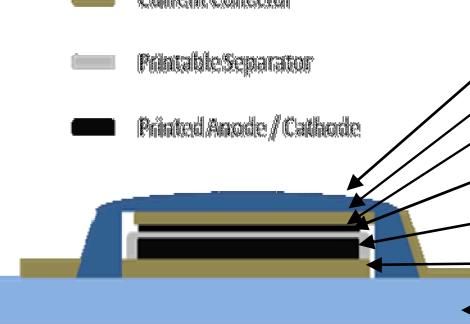


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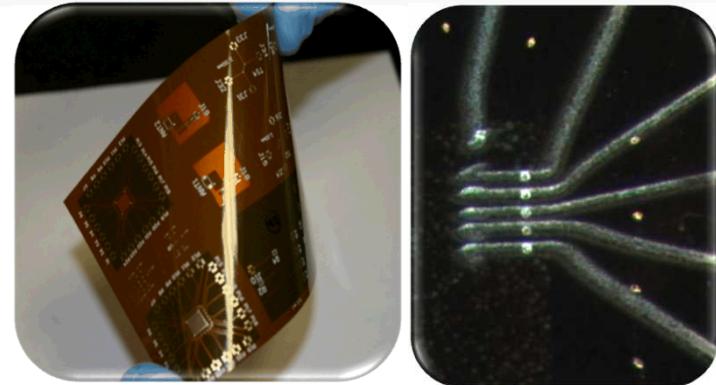
# Sandia has Strong Capabilities/Expertise In Printed Electronics

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

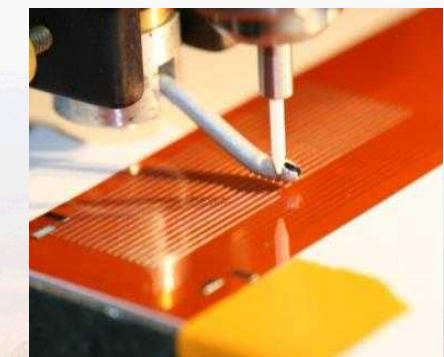
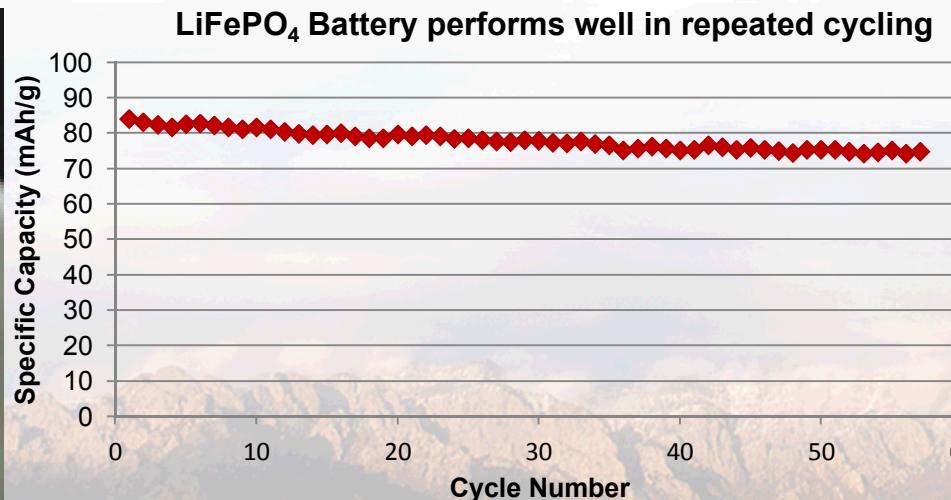


## Printed flexible battery

- Encapsulant (DW UV-curable epoxy)
- Current collector (DW carbon ink)
- Anode (DW graphite/carbon)
- Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)
- Cathode (DW LiFePO<sub>4</sub>)
- Current collector (DW copper ink)
- Substrate (polyimide)



“Flexible Chips” with  
printed wirebonds



Aerosol jet printing to 10  $\mu$ 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

