

# *Additive Manufacturing at Sandia -- New Opportunities & Technical Challenges*

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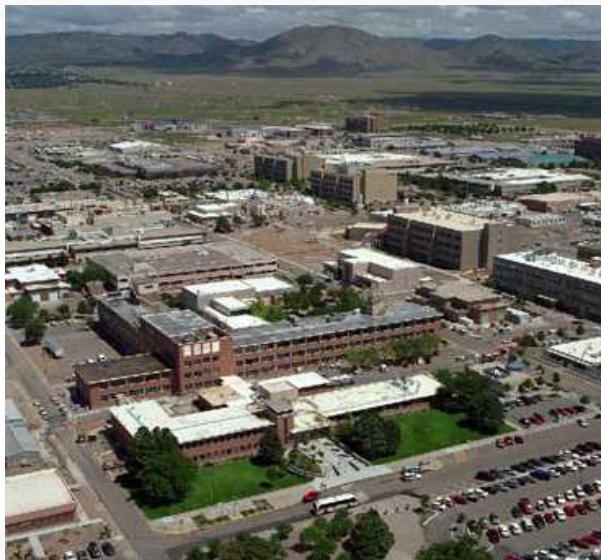


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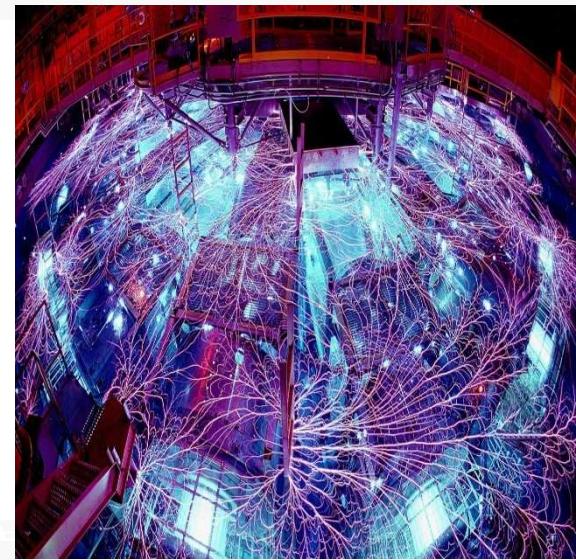
Sled Track Test



Albuquerque Labs



Z- Machine



- ~11,000 employees, ~\$3.2B FY17 Budget
- Historical mission -- non-nuclear components of nuclear weapons & weapon system integration
- Today, much broader mission in applied science & engineering for 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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# Sandia Materials & Process Science

Activities Range from Basic R&D to Specialized Production

- **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

- **Materials & Process Advanced Development**

- Advanced & exploratory materials & process development
- Production process development & technology transfer

- **Materials Engineering Support**

- Materials & process selection/optimization
- Problem solving, production support
- Understanding the margins

## Multiple Large Materials R&D Facilities

Center for Integrated Nano Technologies



Adv. Materials & Processes Lab



Integrated Materials Research Lab



300+ Staff, ~\$100M FY17



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# 30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

## FastCast \*

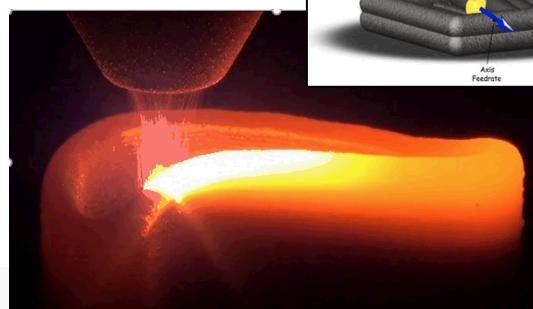
Development Housing



## Laser Engineered Net Shaping \*

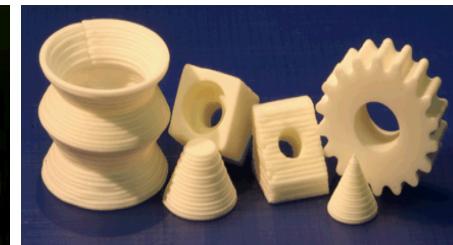
### LENS®

LENS Blade



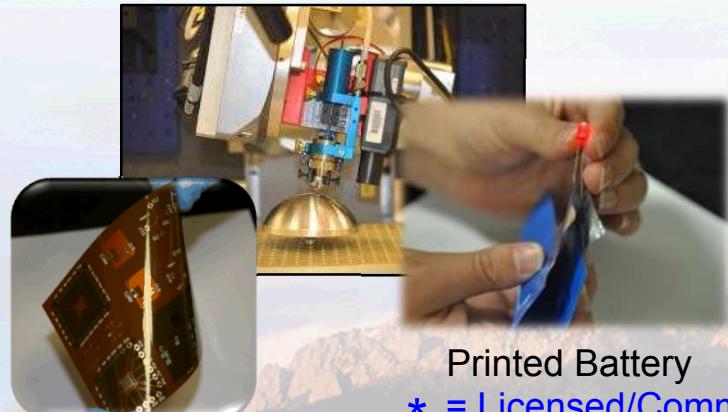
## RoboCast \*

Ceramic Parts



## Direct Write

Conformal Printing



Printed Battery

## Thermal Spray



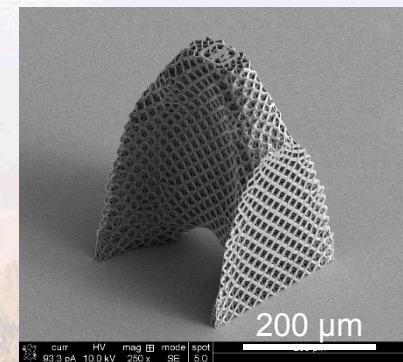
Spray-formed Rocket Nozzle



Metal on Plastic

## Micro-Nano Scale AM

Lattice Structure



Flexible Electronics

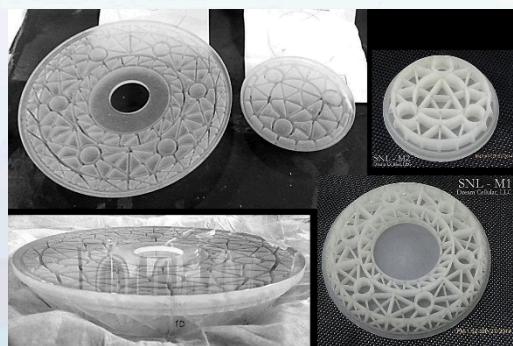
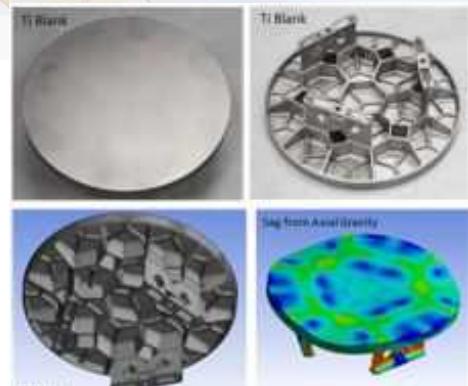
\* = Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies  
Underline = Current Capability/Activity



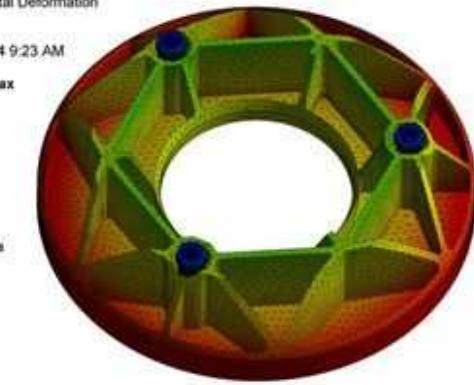
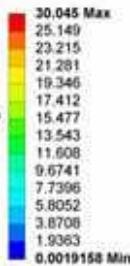
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# Lightweight Telescope Demonstrator



Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress - XM\_M1\_MNTFLEX3  
Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
Unit: MPa  
Time: 1  
6/19/2014 8:52 AM



- More than 80 AM parts in the final assembly
- Additional 20+ parts for tooling, fixturing, rapid development



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# 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
- Can include “touch” sensors



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



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# Inexpensive/Portable Chem Labs

## BaDx Anthrax Tester

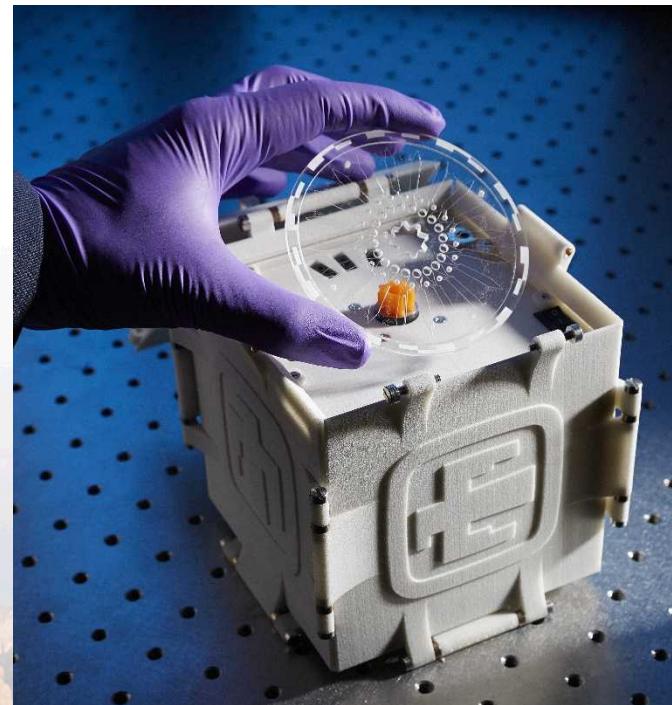
- Microfluidic platform for bacterial detection
- AM enabled rapid/inexpensive design iterations
- Self-contained, credit card-sized “Lab in a Pocket”



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

## SpinDx “Lab on a Disk”

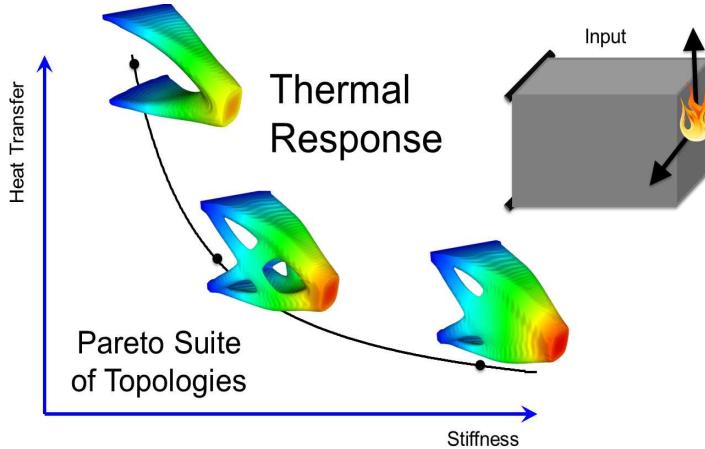
- Broad applications -- detection of drugs, food & water safety, medical diagnostics, and bio-agent detection
- Licensed to Lifeloc Technologies Inc. for commercialization



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# Three Primary Areas of Emphasis in Ongoing Sandia AM R&D

FY17 Sandia AM: >80 Projects, ~\$20M Total Investment, ~50/50 R&D vs. Applications



Engineering Analysis Driven Design  
(Computer created/optimized AM design - PLATO)



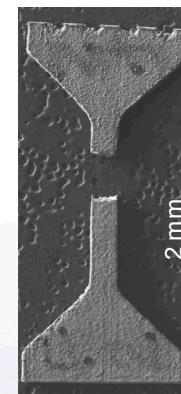
Materials Reliability  
(Assure/quantify reliability of AM materials)



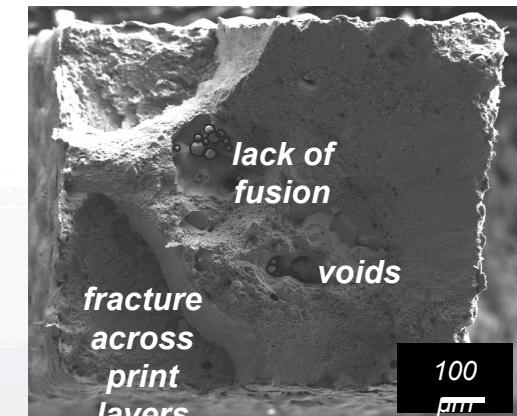
- Printed Encapsulant
- Current Collector
- Printable Separator
- Printed Anode / Cathode

Printed LiFePO<sub>4</sub> 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)



17-8 PH SS,  
H900, "brittle"  
fracture



Failure at 2% elongation

Multi-Material Additive Manufacturing  
(Printed electronics, packaging, ceramics, ...)



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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

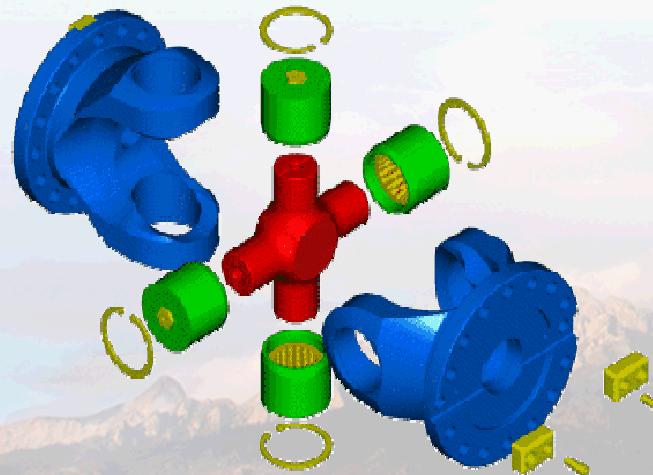
“Titanium Cholla” LDRD -- Minimum Weight, Maximum Strength, Rapidly Manufactured!



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)



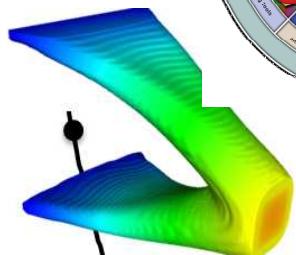
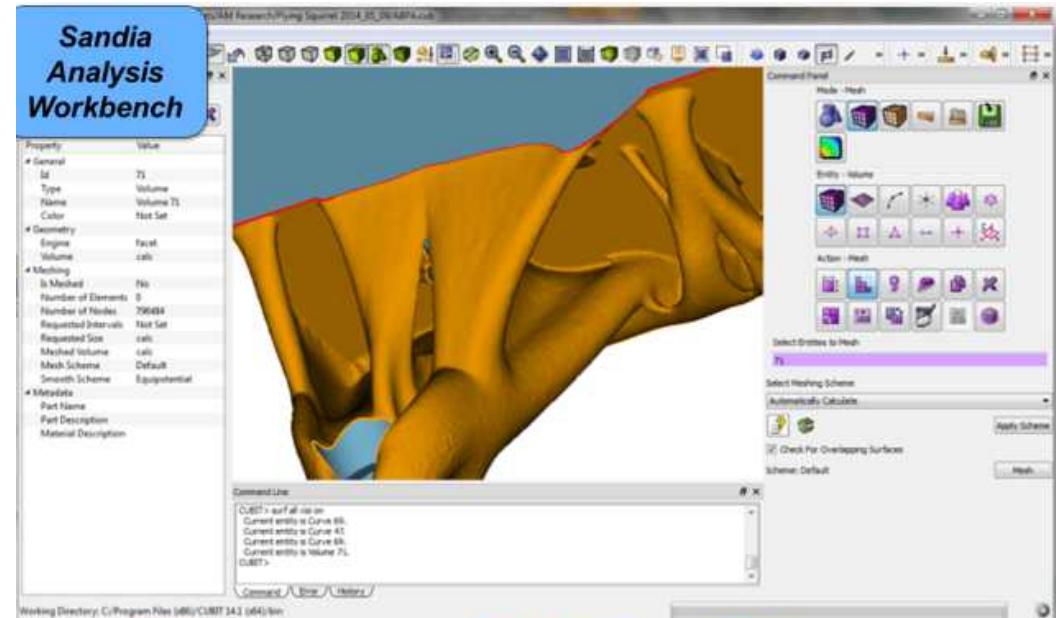
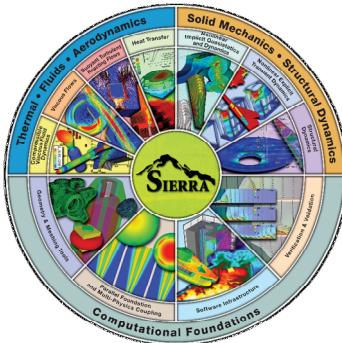
“Loxosphere” Universal Joint  
printed as a single integrated assembly –fewer parts, no assembly, no frictional wear!



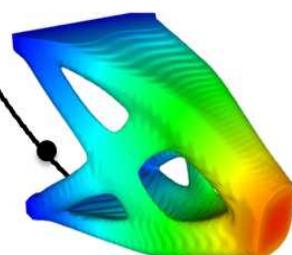
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# AM Design Via Functional Prioritization

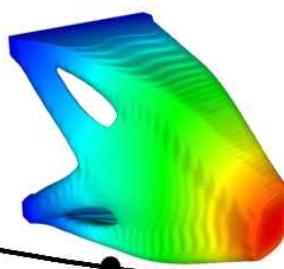
User Friendly Interface



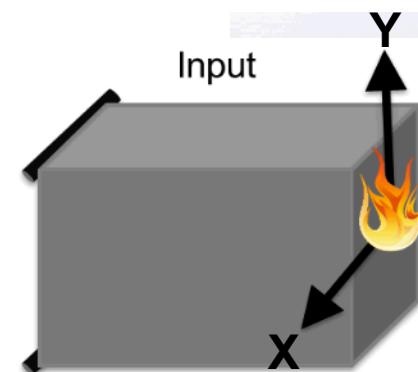
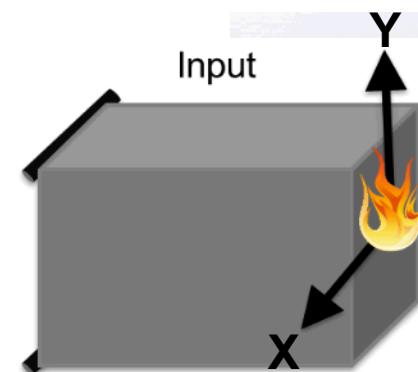
Heat Transfer



Pareto Suite  
of Topologies

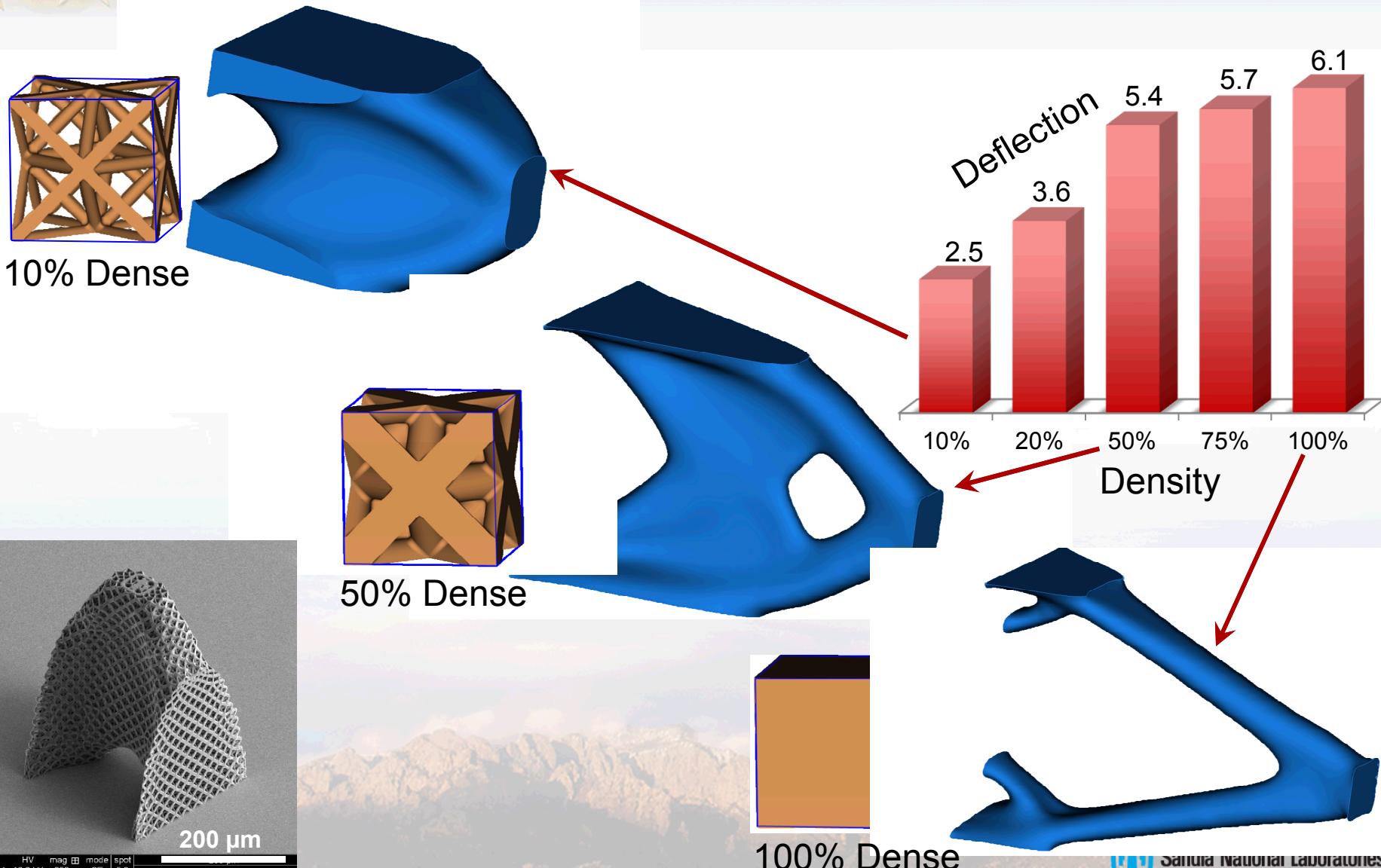


Stiffness



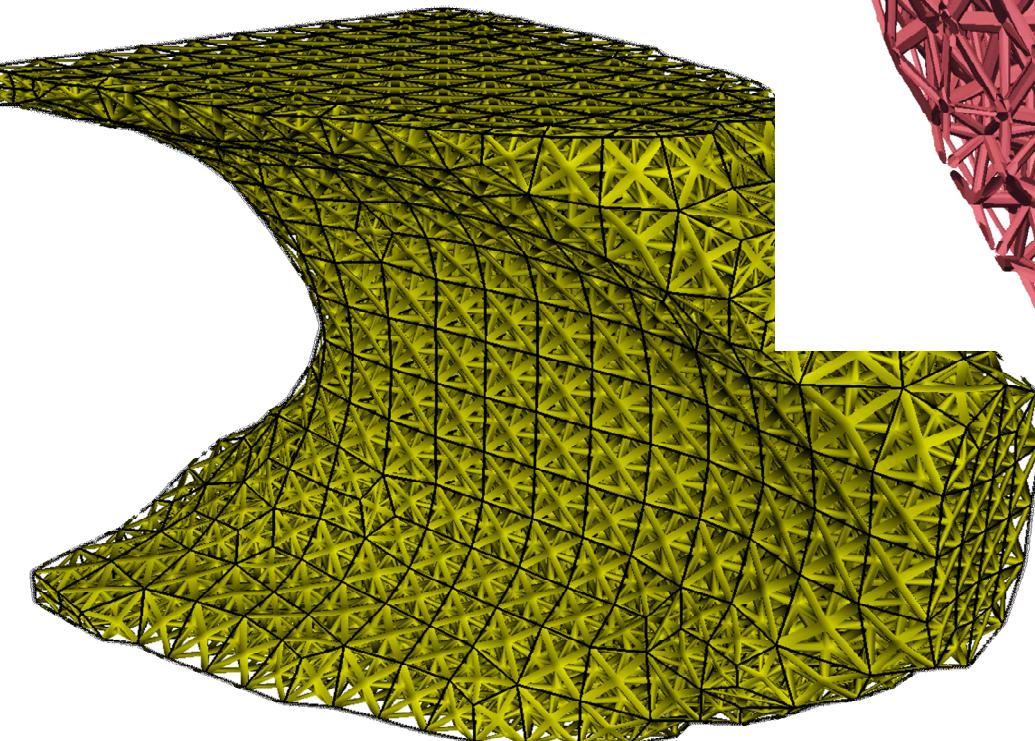
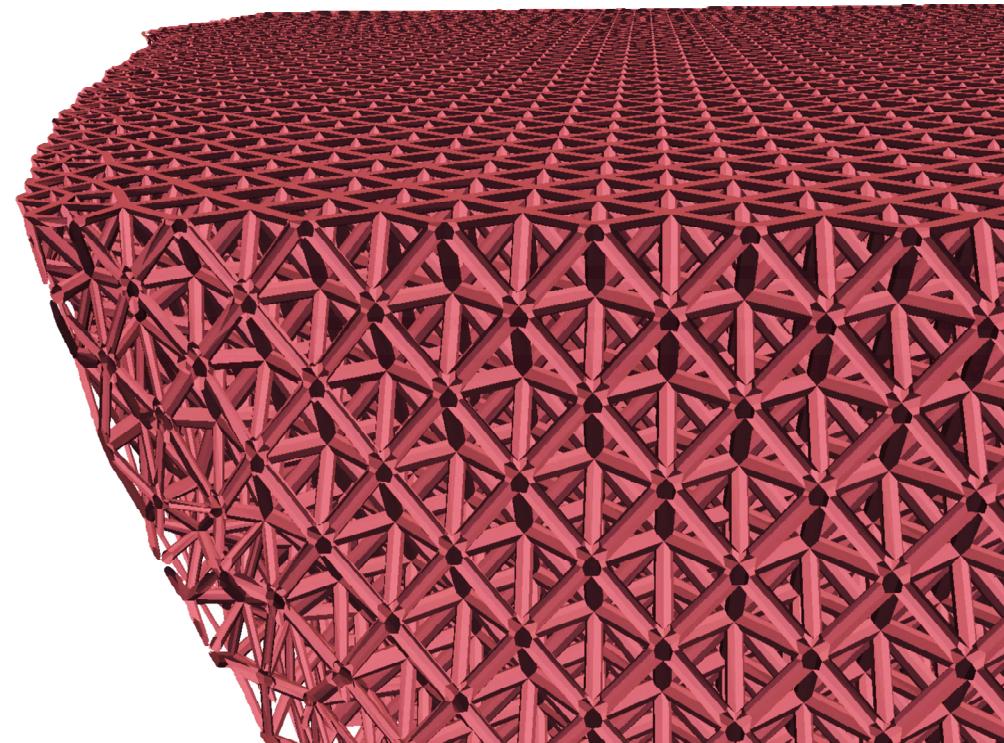
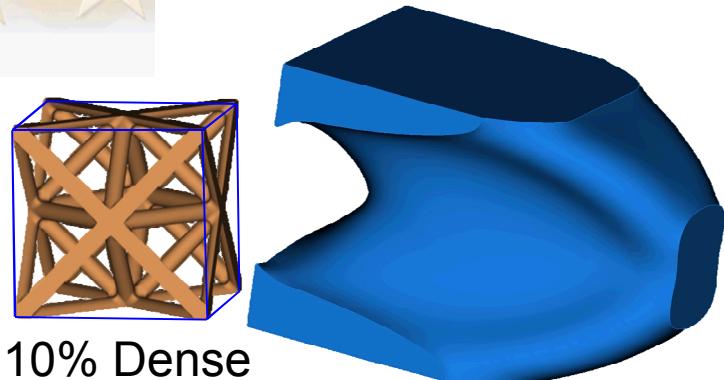
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# Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass





# *Creating Curved Surfaces with no "Loose Ends"*



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# Materials Reliability

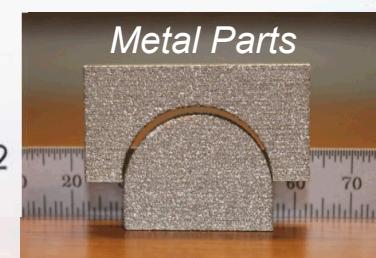
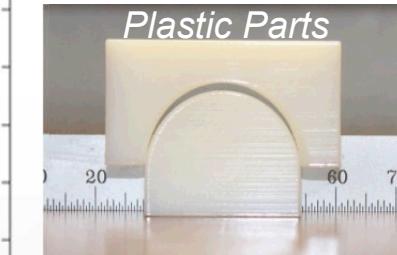
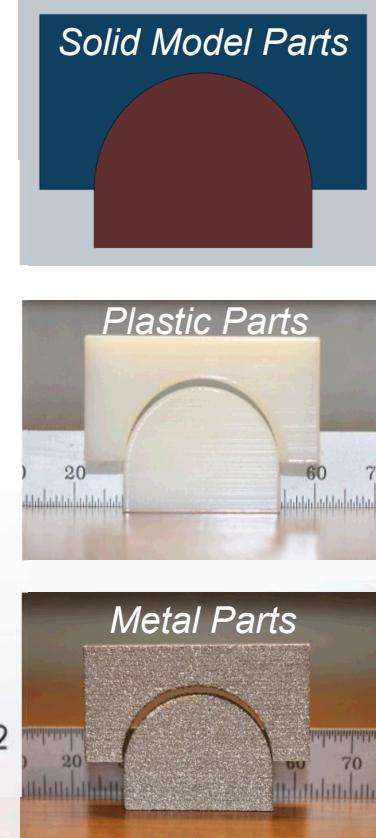


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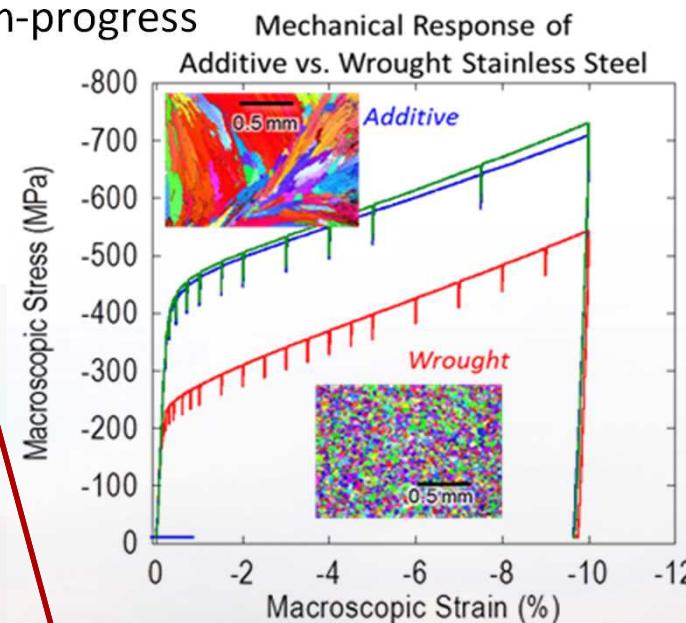
# Residual Stress, Materials Properties, and Variability are Important Issues

## AM Is Still an Evolving/Emerging Technology

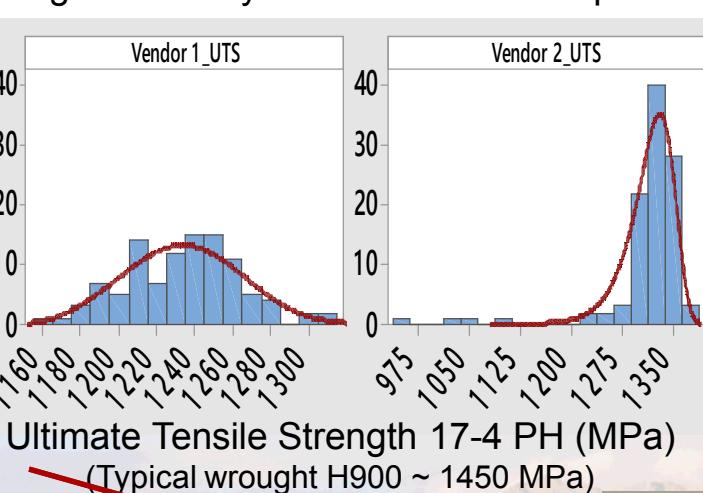
- Residual Stress is a Significant Issue
- Little Available Materials Property/Performance Data (no standards)
- Large Variability in Process and Materials
- Both Experimental & Modeling R&D in-progress



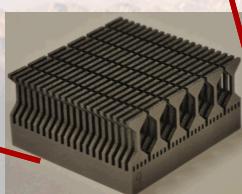
Residual Stress Causes Parts to “Move”



AM Metals are Unlike Cast or Wrought Metals



Ultimate Tensile Strength 17-4 PH (MPa)  
(Typical wrought H900 ~ 1450 MPa)

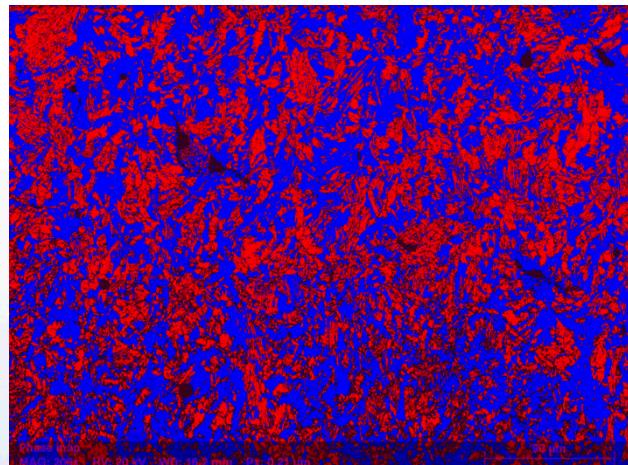


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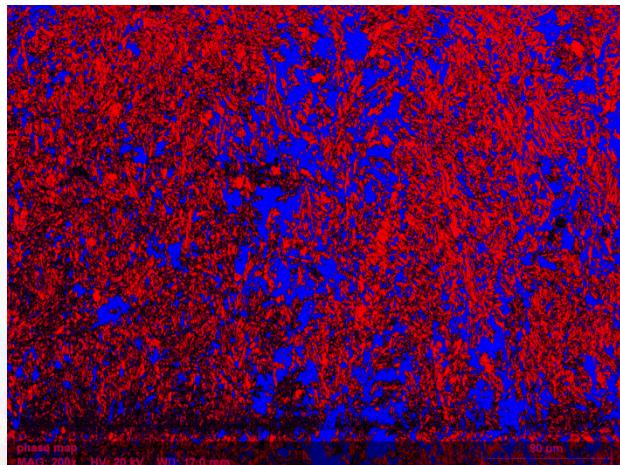


# Retained Austenite in 17-4 PH Stainless When Using Nitrogen Gas Atomized Powder

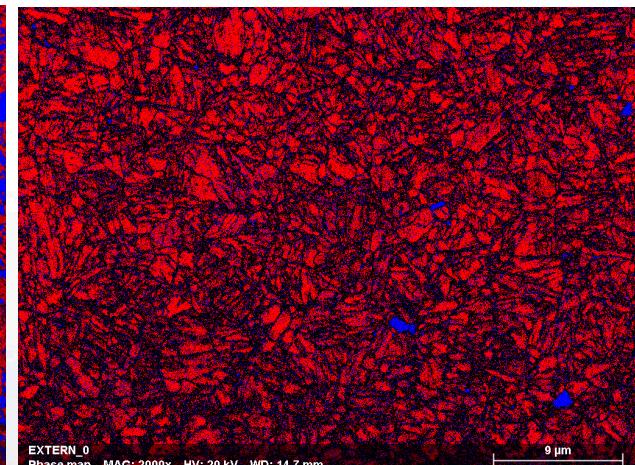
- Anomalous phase composition in AM vs. wrought 17-4 PH Stainless
  - Large fraction of retained austenite after solution heat treatment + H900 age
  - Cryo treatment to -196°C for 5 min still does not transform austenite



As-printed, 47% Austenite



SHT + H900 Age, 43% Austenite



Wrought Sheet is Predominantly  
Fine-grained Martensite

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

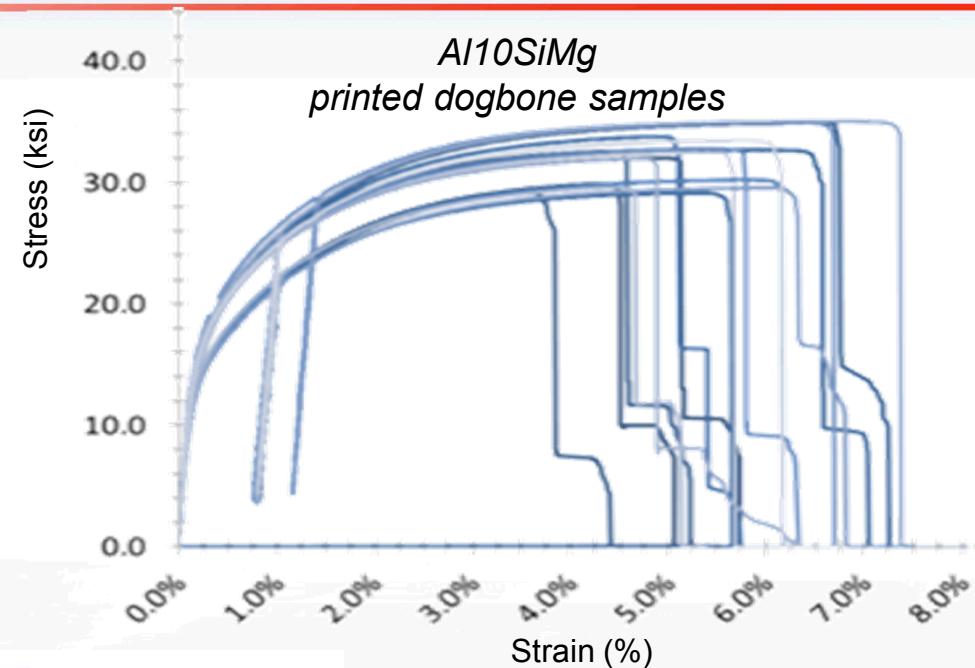
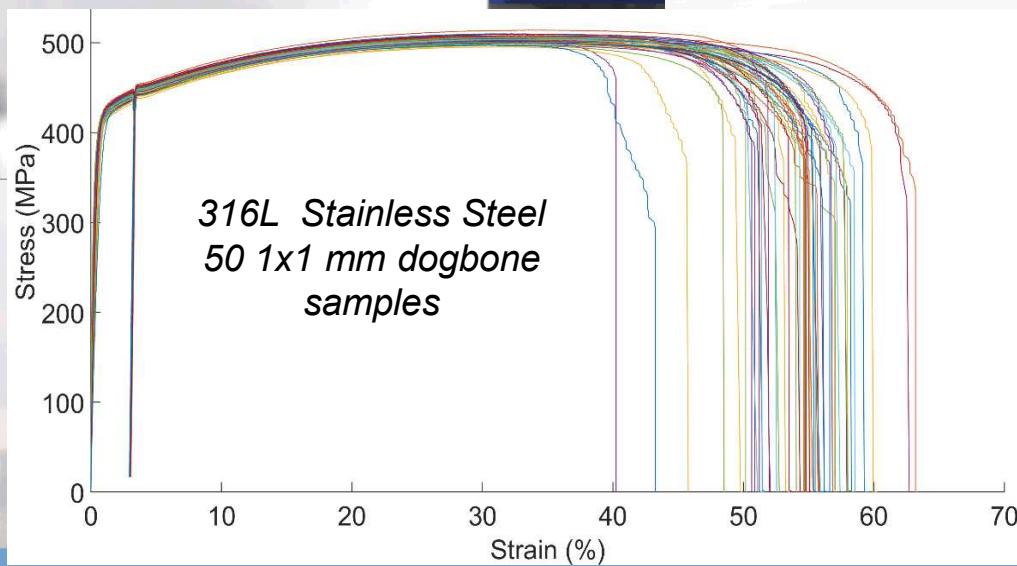
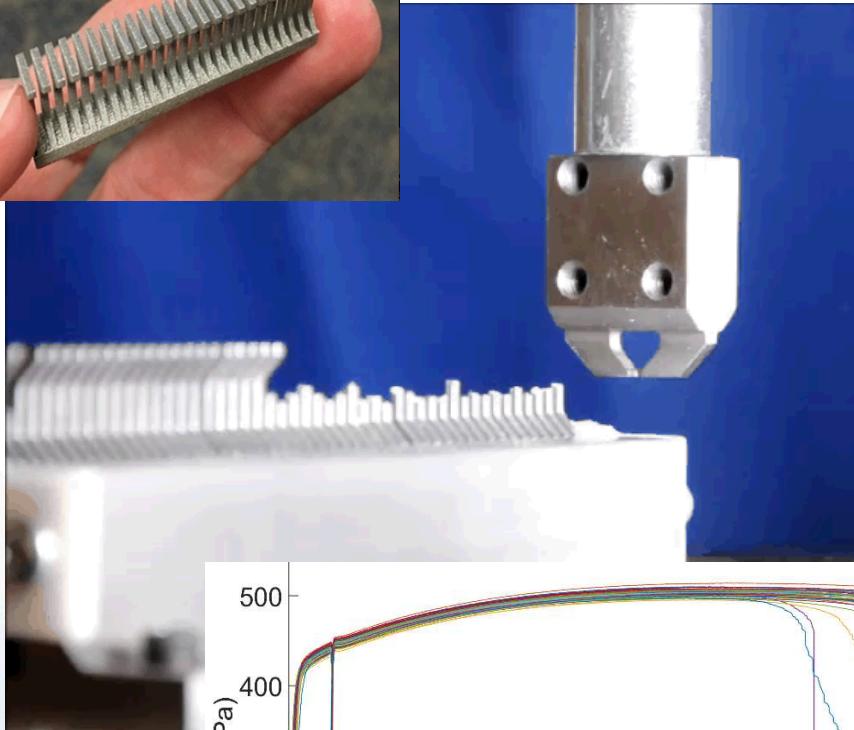


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# High-Throughput Testing Used to Address Variability

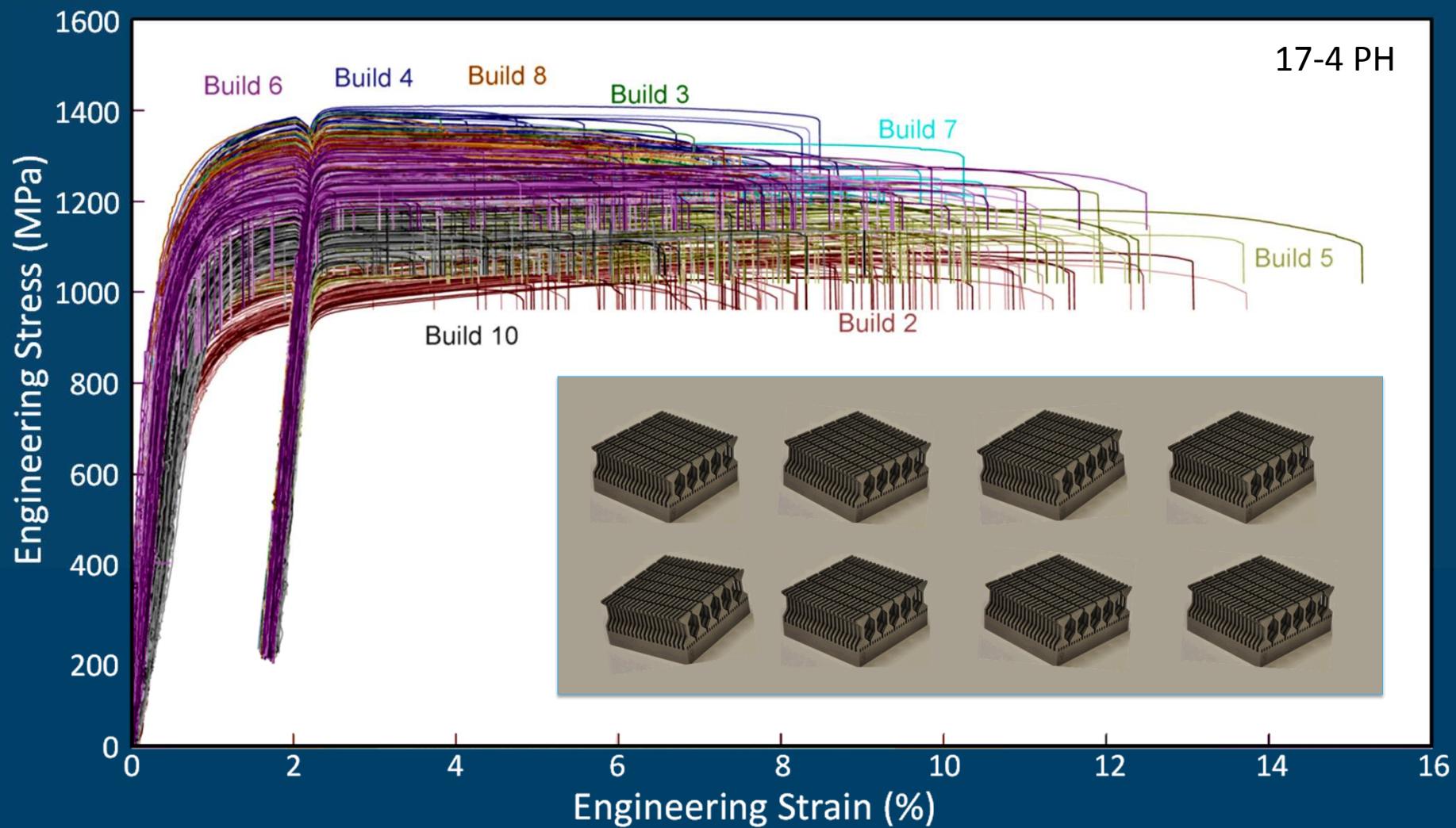


>100 Tests/Hr

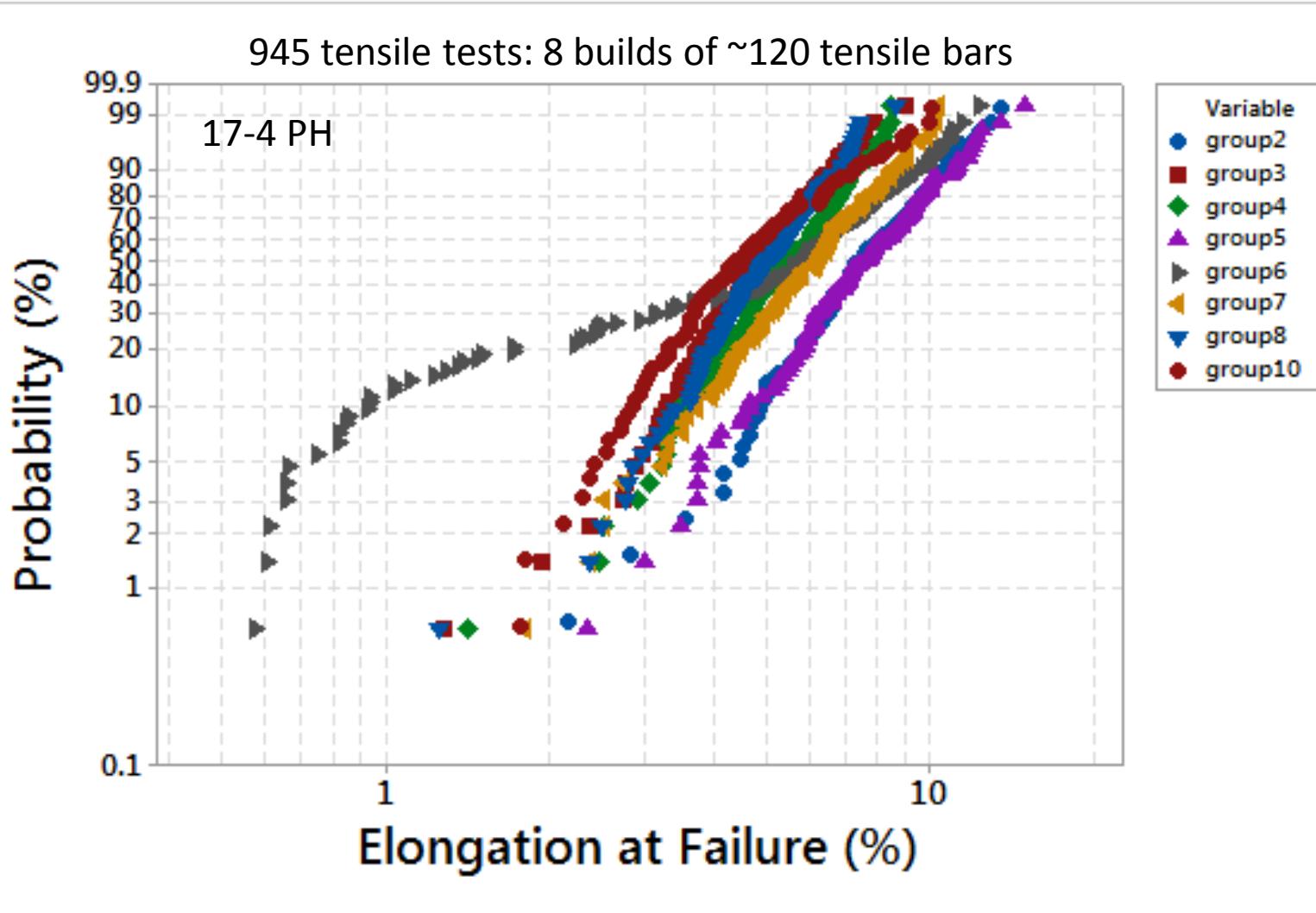


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# 945 Tensile Tests from 8 Nominally Identical Builds

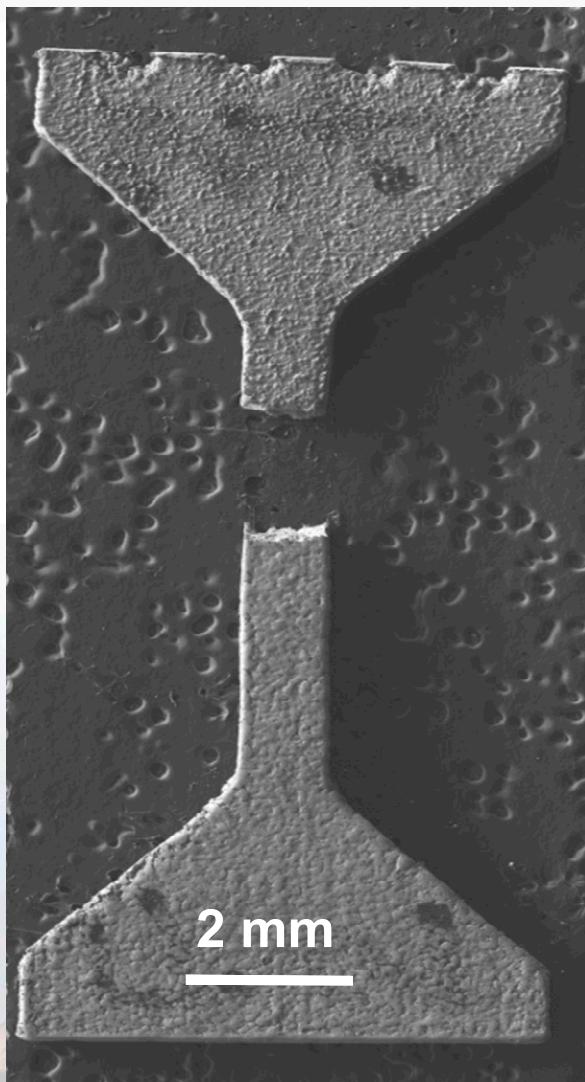


# Weibull Analysis of Variation in Ductility

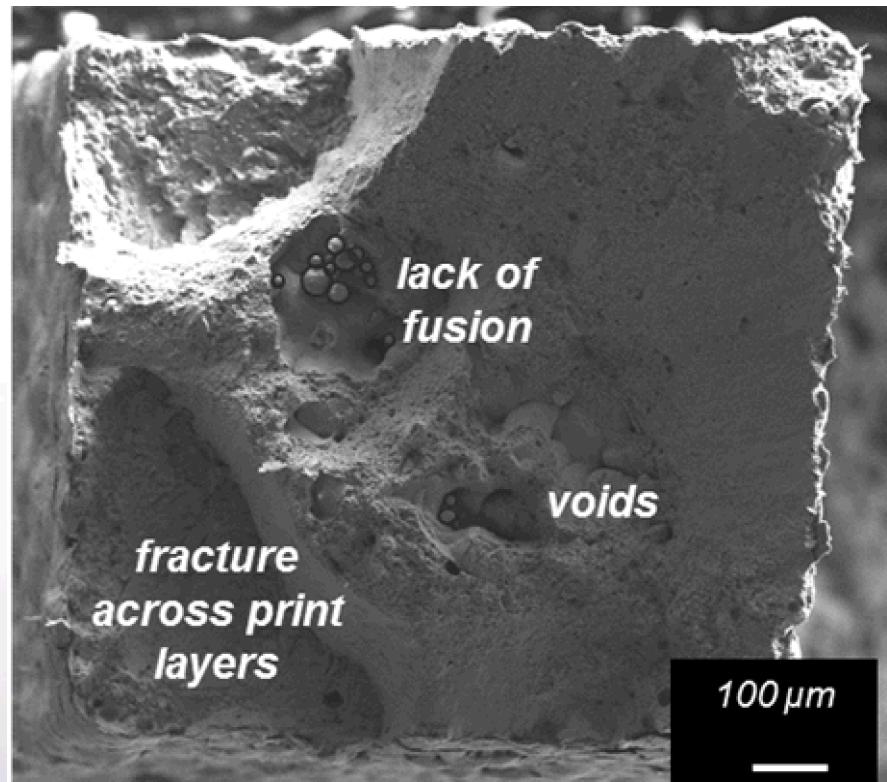




# Common Types of Defects



17-4 PH SS, H900 “brittle” fracture



Failure at 2% elongation

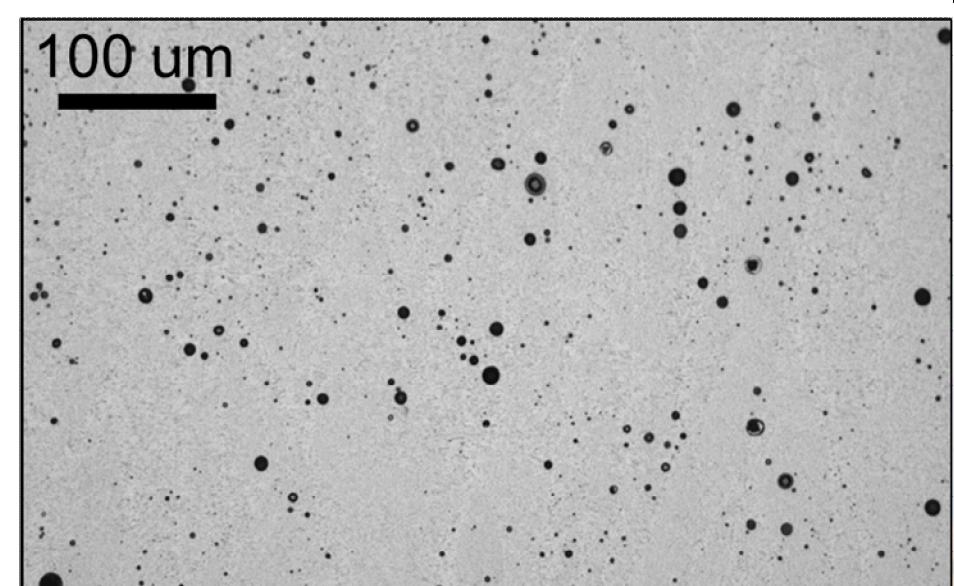
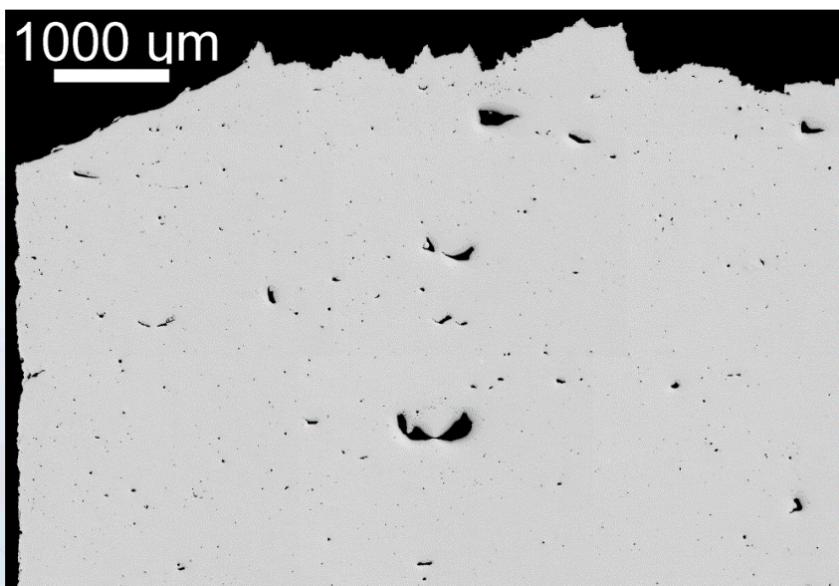


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# Metallographic Porosity (RoboMET.3D™)

- Technique characteristics
  - Destructive - automated serial sectioning/imaging
  - Image analysis to measure porosity
  - “Gold Standard” for porosity measurement
- Two basic types of porosity in AM AlSi10Mg
  - Lack of fusion (from the process) irregular, ~ 10+ to 500+ microns
  - Gas porosity (from the powder) spherical, < ~10 microns



(note 10X difference in magnification between these two images)



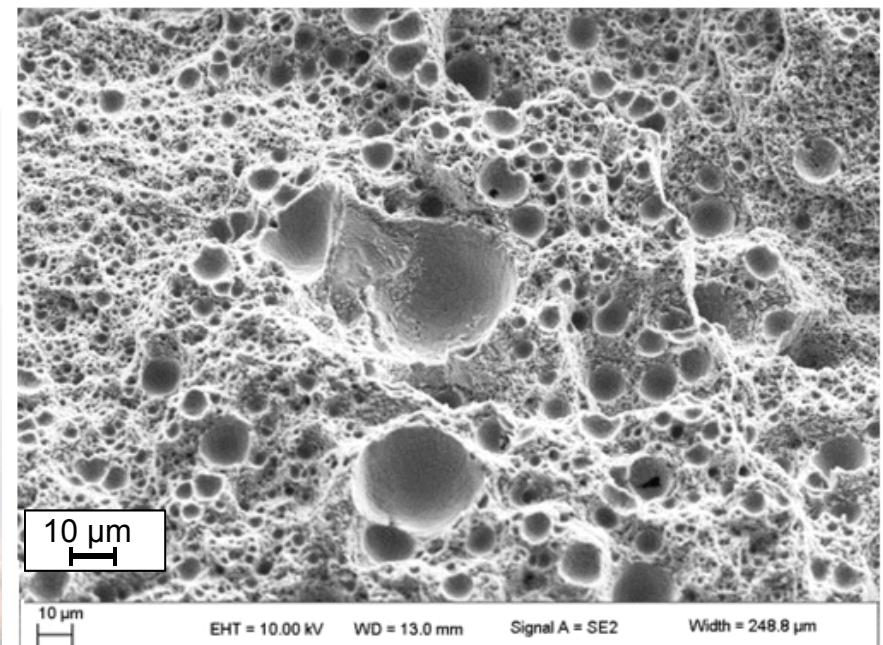
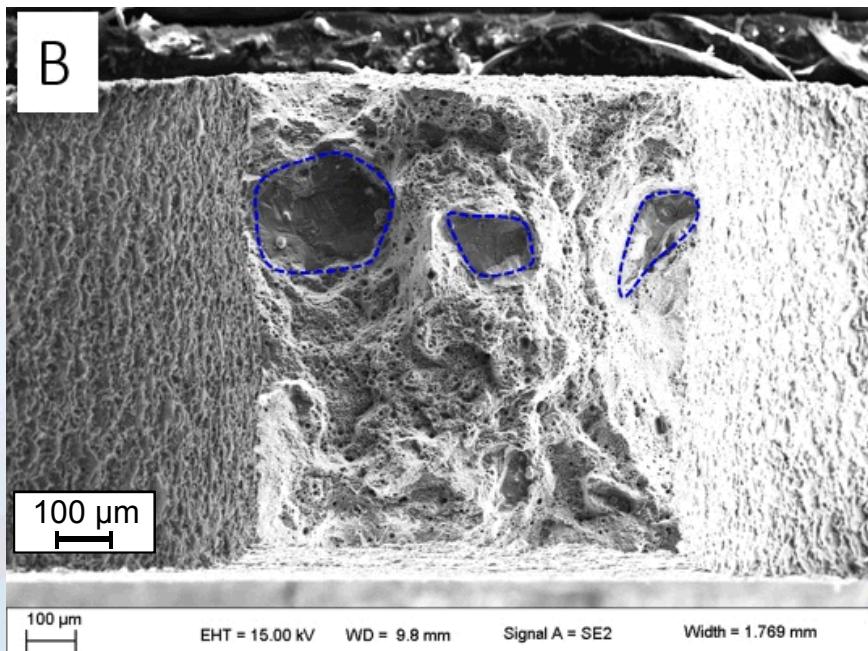
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# Fracture Surface Porosity

- Technique characteristics

- Fractured sample (destructive)
- Biased sampling, may not be representative of bulk
- Human/manual, subjective selection of porosity
- Magnification effect on data

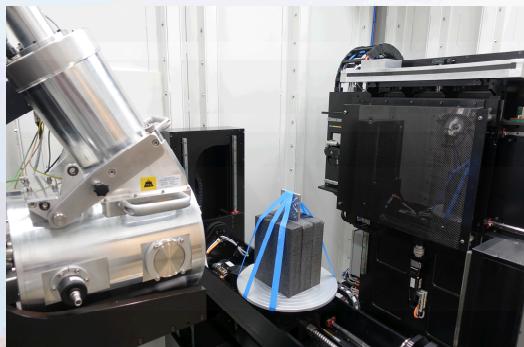
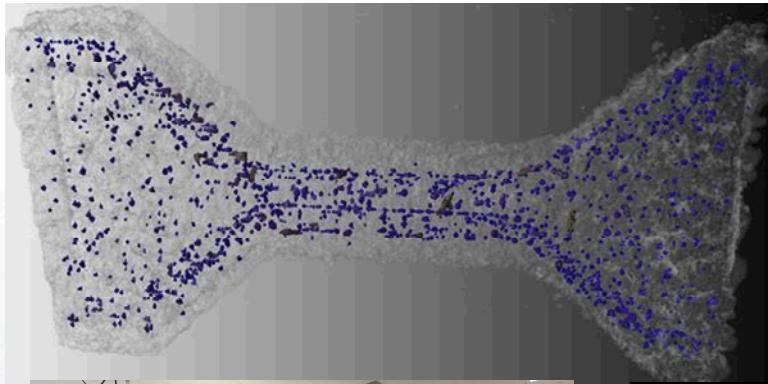




# Computed Tomography Porosity

- Technique characteristics

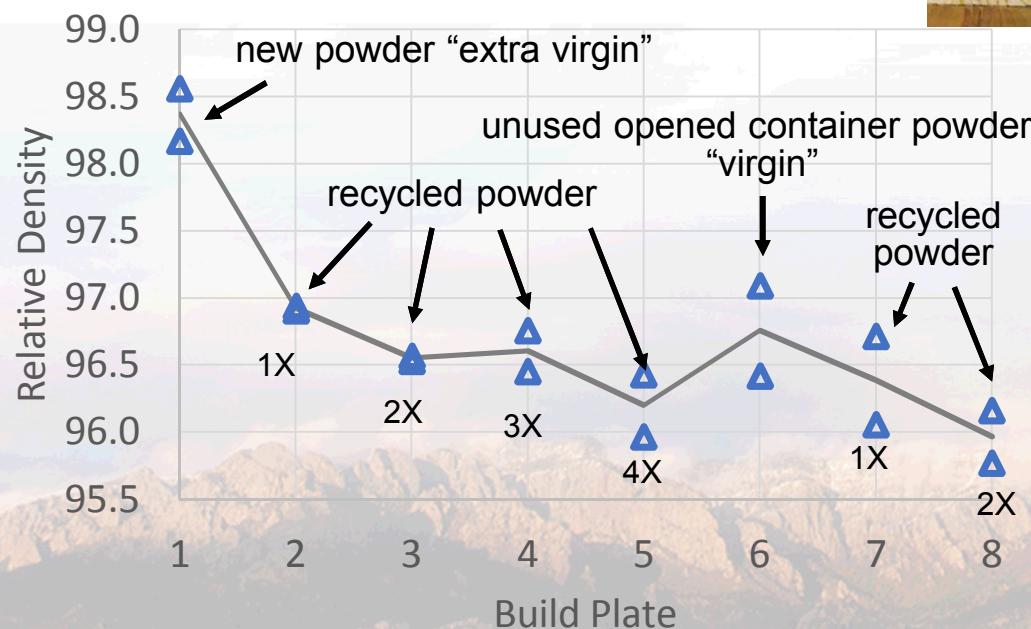
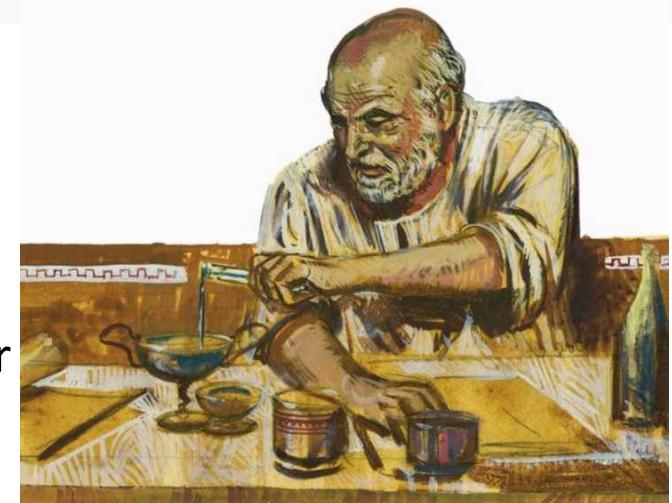
- Nondestructive
- Amenable sample – X-rays have to be able to penetrate
- Resolution/time can be issues; i.e., resolution/speed tradeoff
- May not detect very small (gas) porosity or pores filled with unmelted powder





# Density - Archimedes Porosity

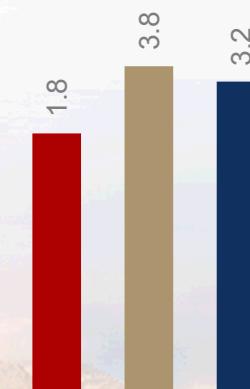
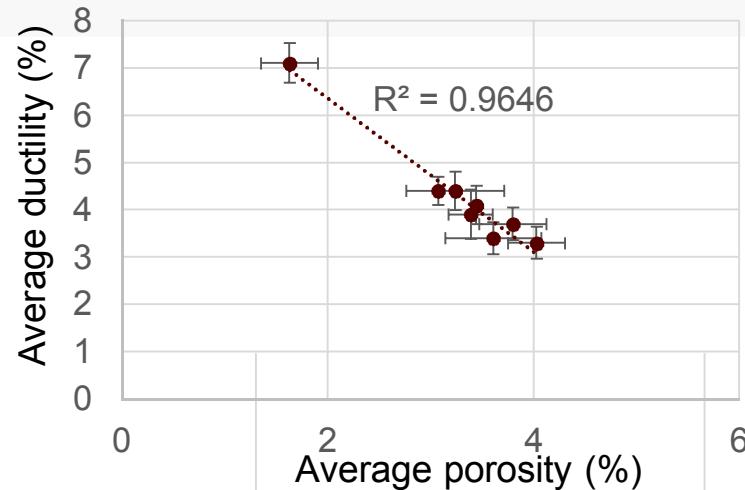
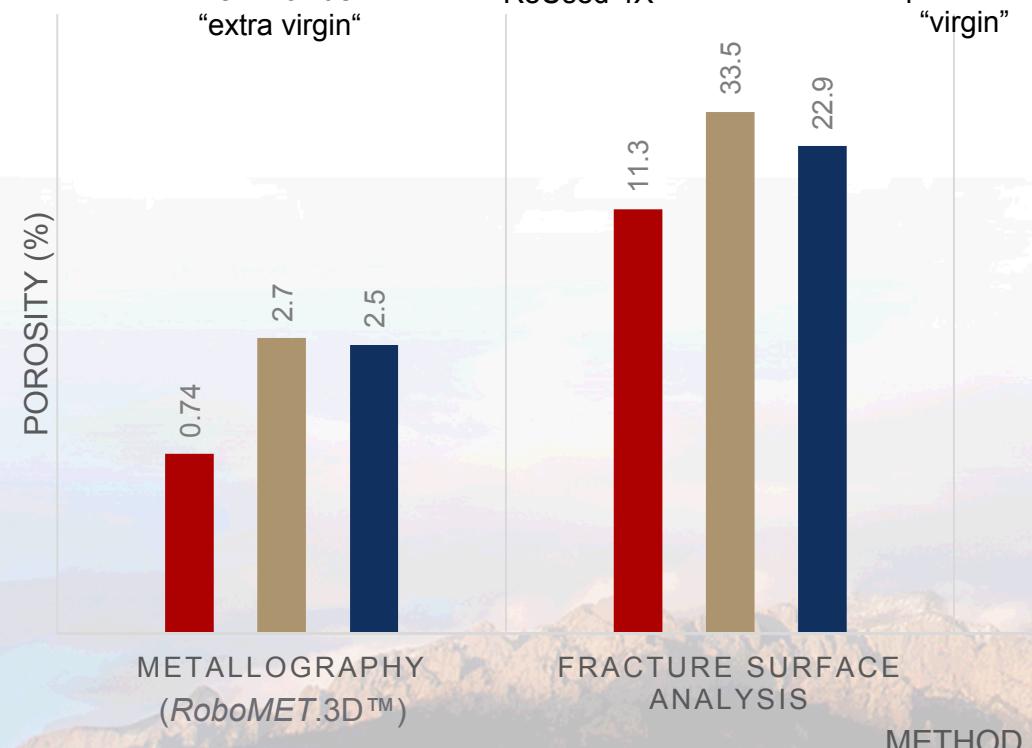
- Technique characteristics
  - Nondestructive
  - Quick and inexpensive
  - Immersion of part
  - Surface voids/wetting can bias results
  - Won't account for pores filled w unmelted powder



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# Results Vary With Measurement Method

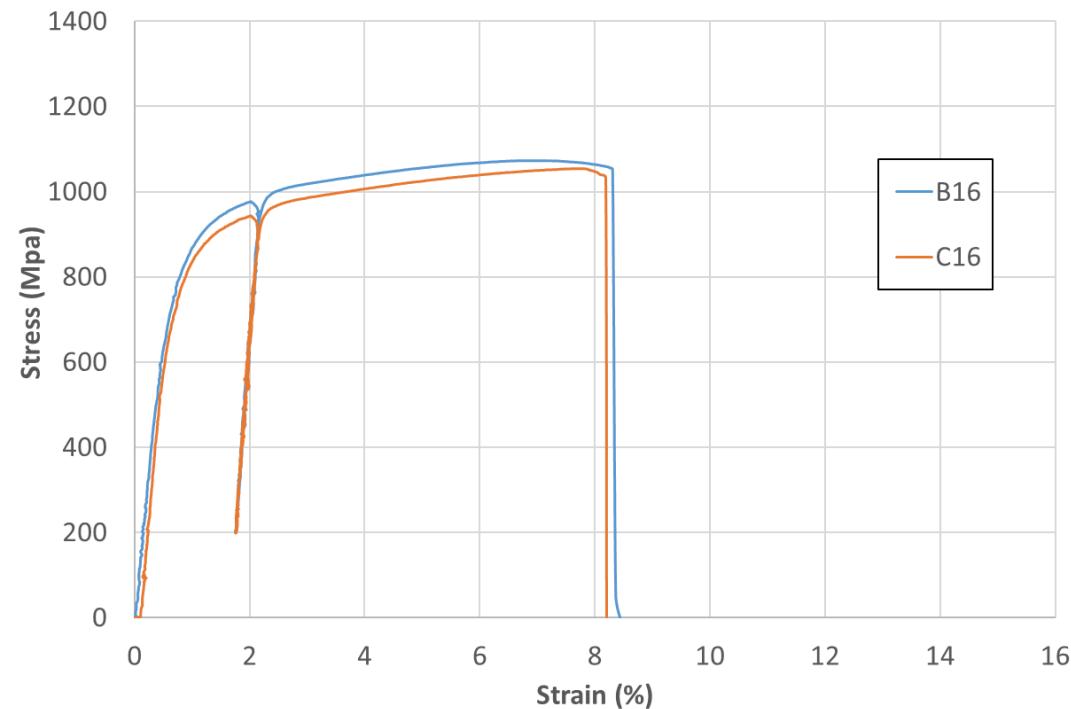
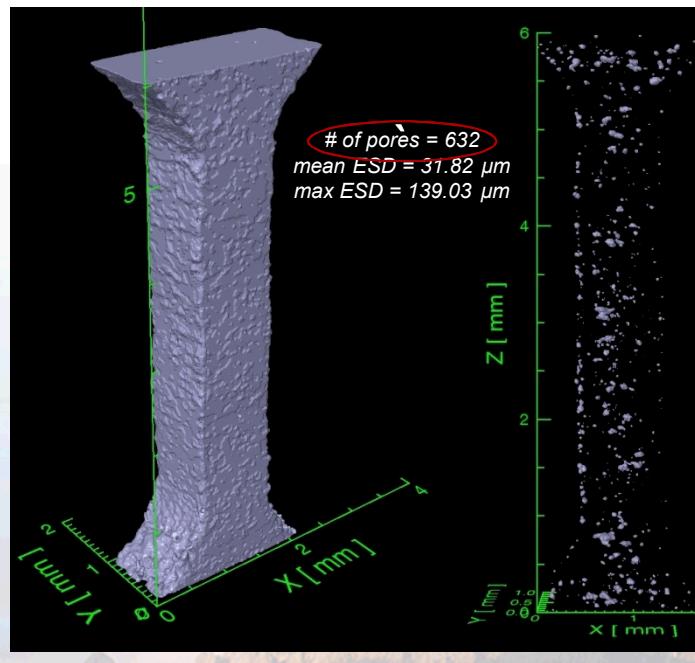
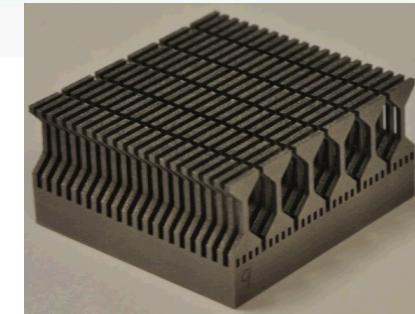
- Build plate 1  
New Powder  
"extra virgin"
- Build plate 5  
ReUsed 4X
- Build plate 6  
From Opened Container  
"virgin"





# R&D to Understand Defect Sensitivities and Failure Modes

- AlSi10Mg Dogbones (Imaged w resolution  $\sim 7$  - $10$   $\mu\text{m}$  voxel edge length)
- 632 vs. 1124 similar size pores
- Very similar tensile test results; Why ???

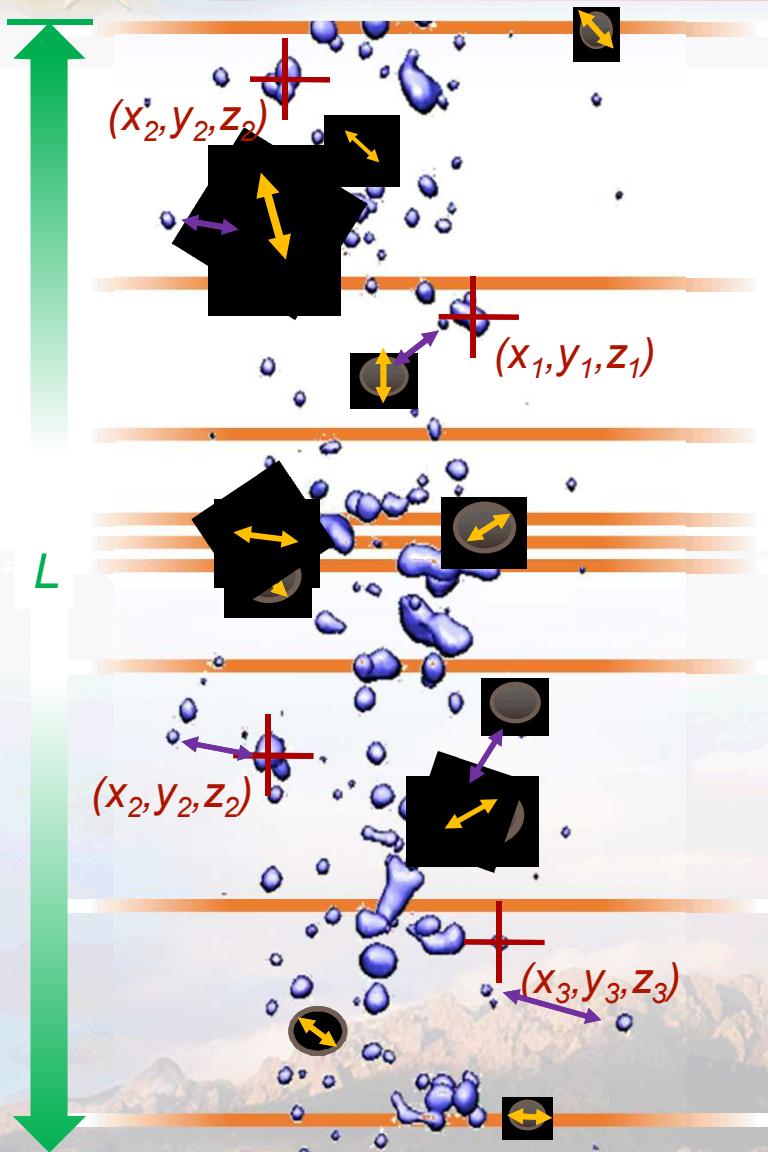


ESD = equivalent spherical diameter



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# Can We Find Defect/Property Correlations?



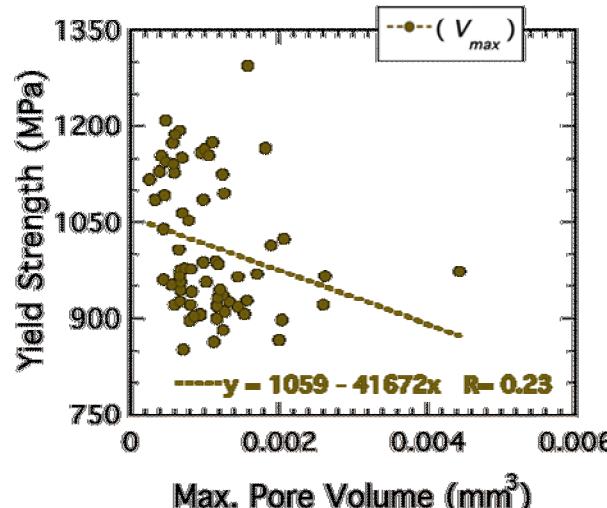
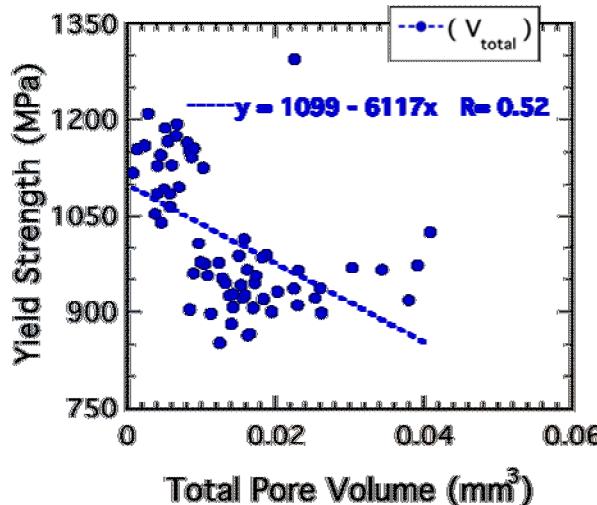
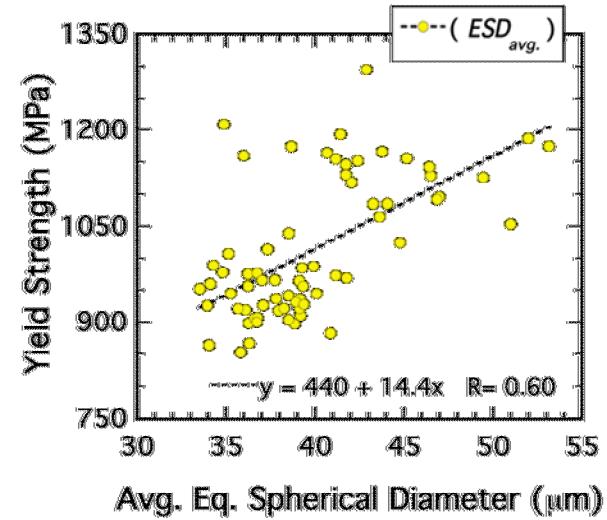
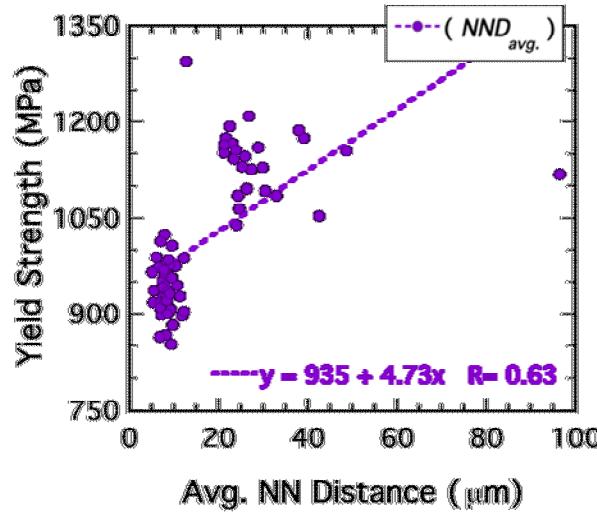
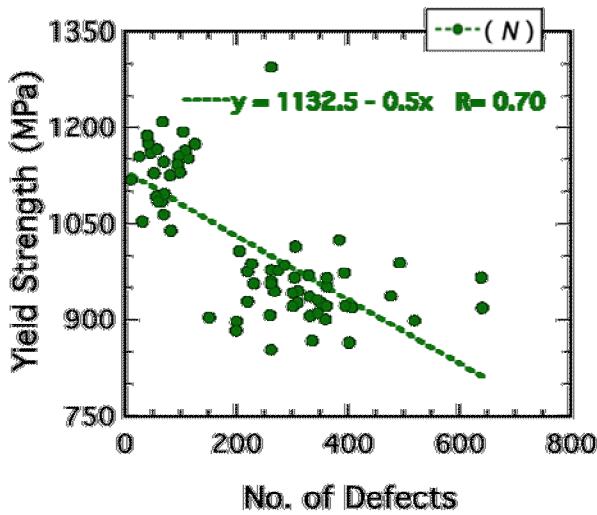
- **Total Volume of Defects (  $V_{tot}$  )**
- **Pore Volume Fraction (  $V_{fract}$  )**
- **Spatial Location of Pores (  $x, y, z$  )**
- **Total Number of Defects (  $N$  )**
- **Total Defects/Length (  $N/L$  )**
- **Average Defect Volume (  $V_{avg.}$  )\***
- **Average Equivalent Spherical Diameter (  $ESD_{avg.}$  )\***
- **Average Cross-Sectional Area (  $CSA_{avg.}$  )\***
- **Average Nearest Neighbor Distance (  $NND_{avg.}$  )\***

How do we *best* represent the defect populations present?



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# Statistical Correlations Are Elusive

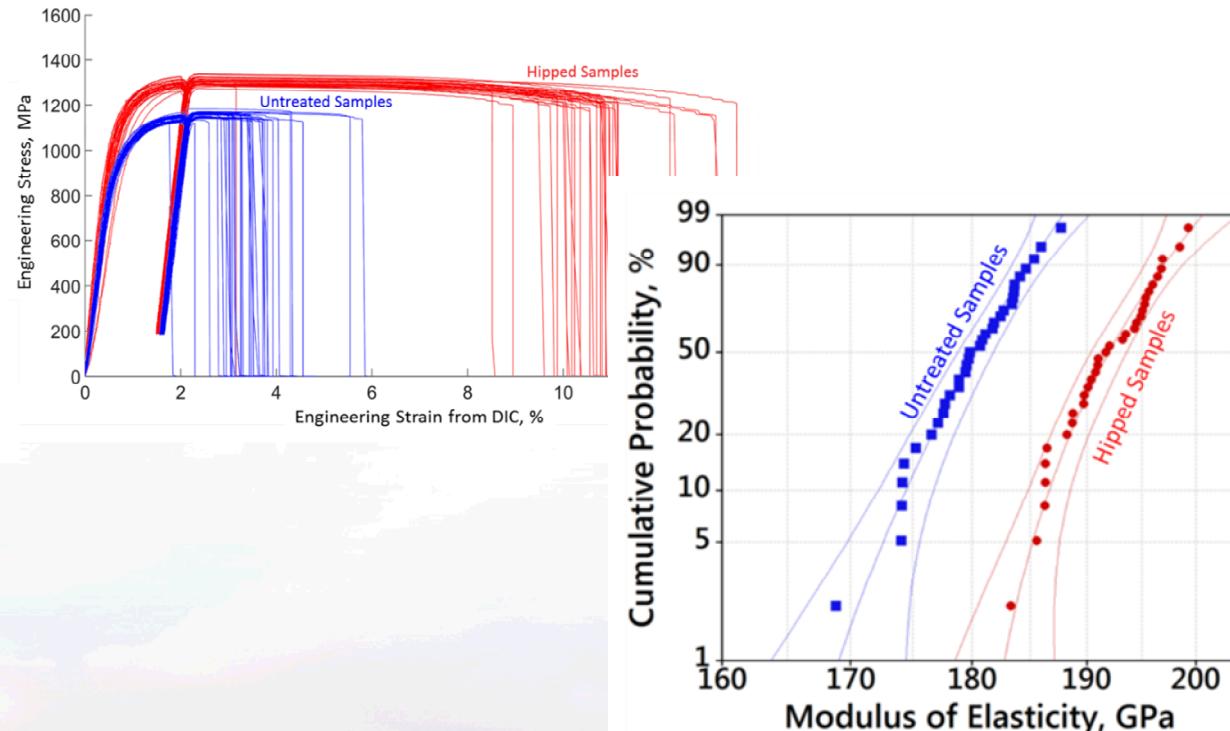
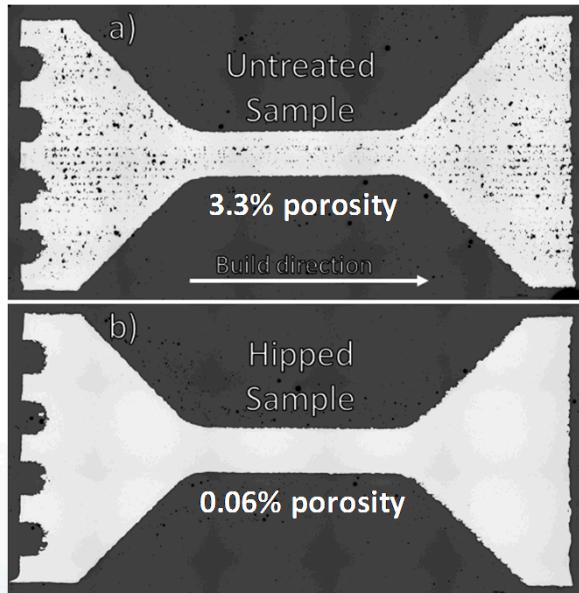


Measure	$R^2$
No. of Defects	0.50
Avg. NN Distance (mm)	0.40
Avg. ESD (mm)	0.36
Max CSA Redux ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	0.38
Total Pore Volume ( $\text{mm}^3$ )	0.27
Avg. Defect Vol. ( $\text{mm}^3$ )	0.25
Max CSA Redux ( % )	0.24
Maximum Pore Size	0.07
Seven factor multivariate regression	0.60



# HIP Process Improves Properties...

HIP Treatment: **1120°C+100MPa for 6 hr**



A rule of mixtures model effectively predicts the average effect of porosity on modulus

$$E_p = E_0 * (1 - a * P) \quad a = 1.9 \text{ [Choren et al, J. Mater Sci, 2013]}$$

$$E_0 = 195 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{0.06\%} = 195 \text{ GPa}$$

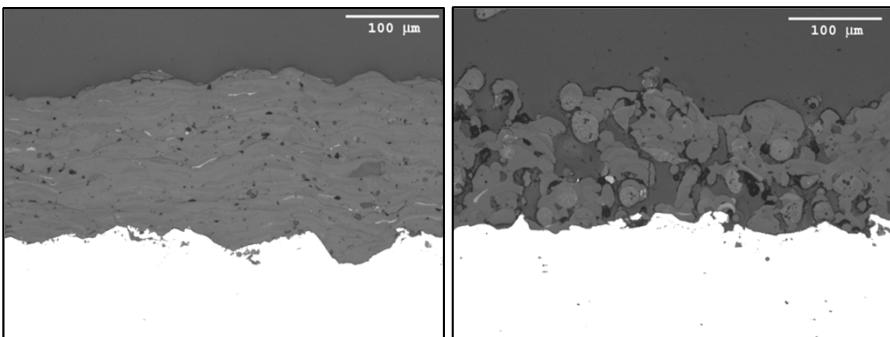
$$E_{3.3\%} = 183 \text{ GPa}$$



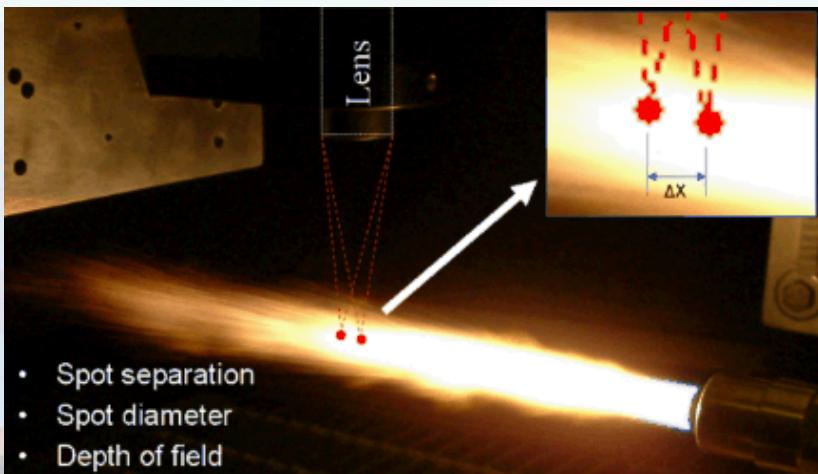
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# Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

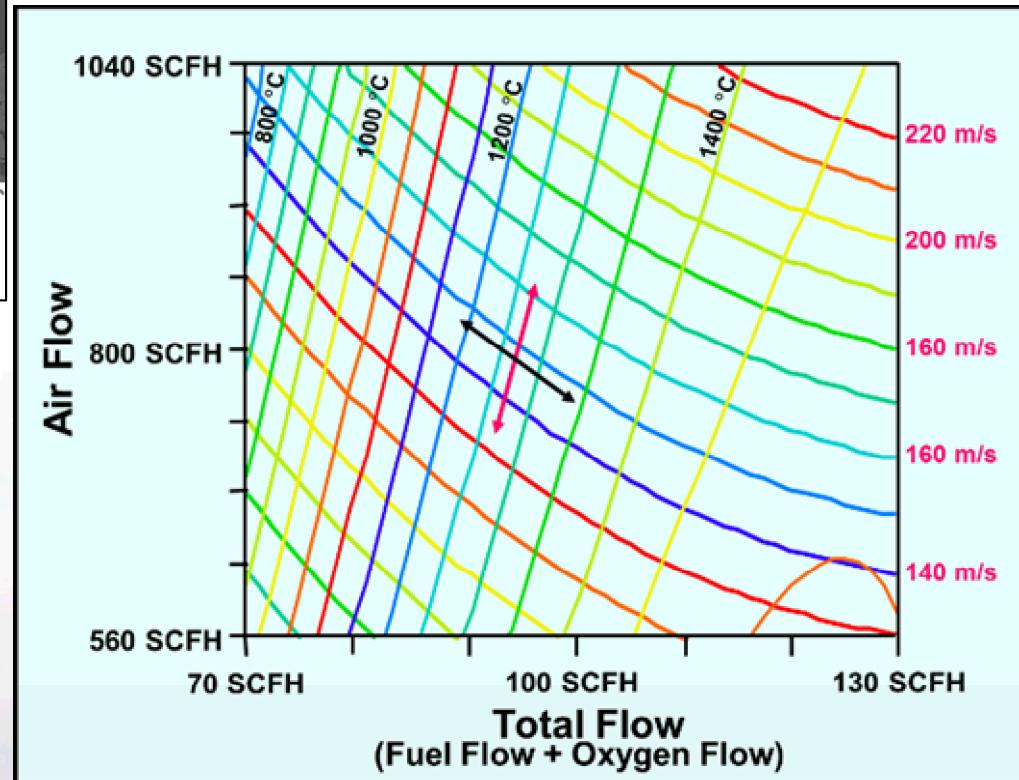
- Thermal spray process used to run open-loop with high variability in the resulting materials



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



- 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)



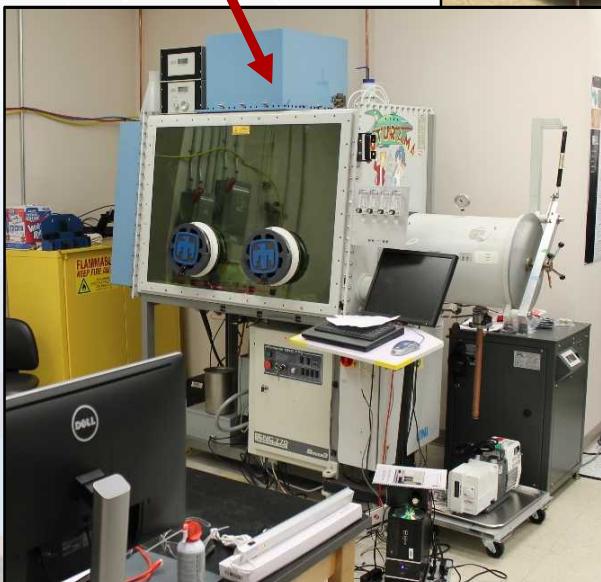
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# Sandia Metal/Multi-Material AM Process R&D

3D Systems ProX 200  
Laser Metal Powder Bed  
Machine



Next Generation Custom  
Built Hybrid LENS™  
System



Aspex Explorer SEM-based  
powder particle analyzer

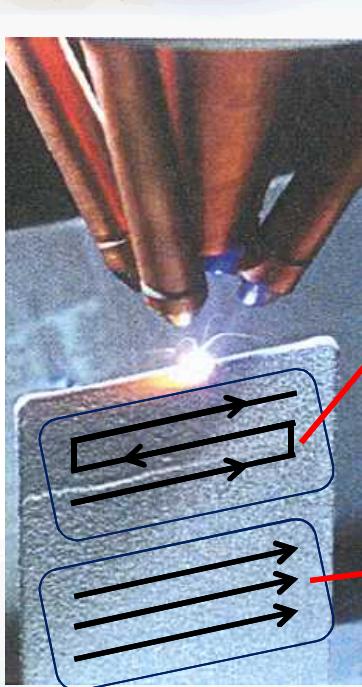


Haas VF2 mill-turn  
machine will be Modified  
for Multi-Material hybrid  
AM, including LENS™

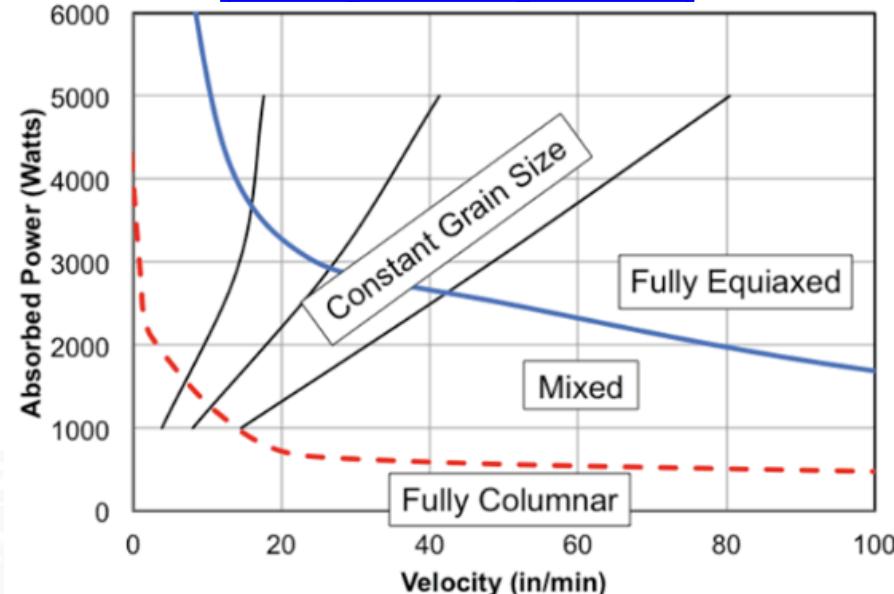


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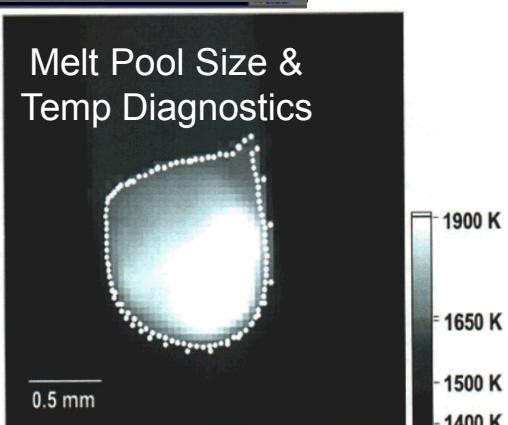
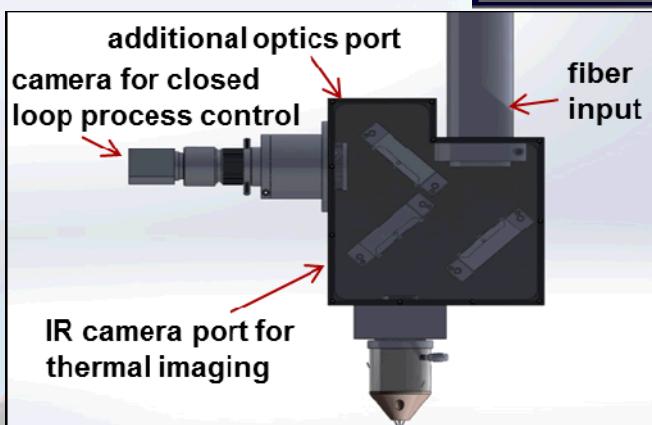
# Working to Understand LENS™ Processing-Microstructure Relationships



## 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

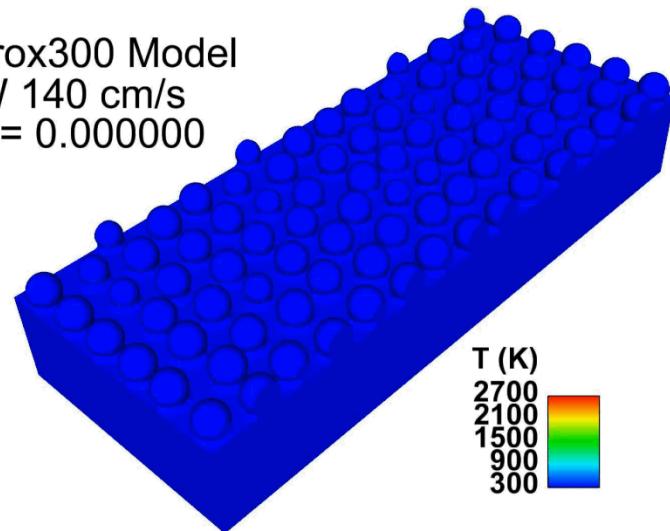


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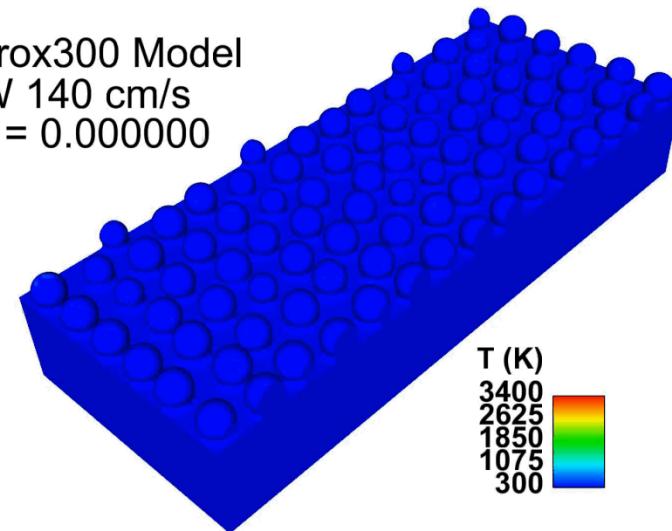
# Process Modeling Can Provide Useful Insights

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



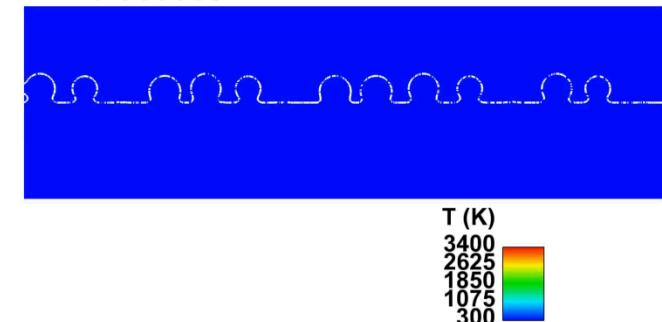
Stainless steel 304L  
25 micron powder

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



Gas and melt pool dynamics

Time = 0.000000



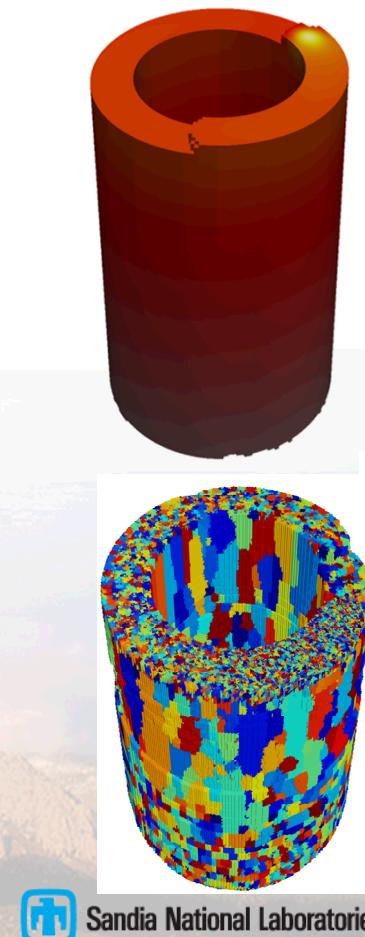
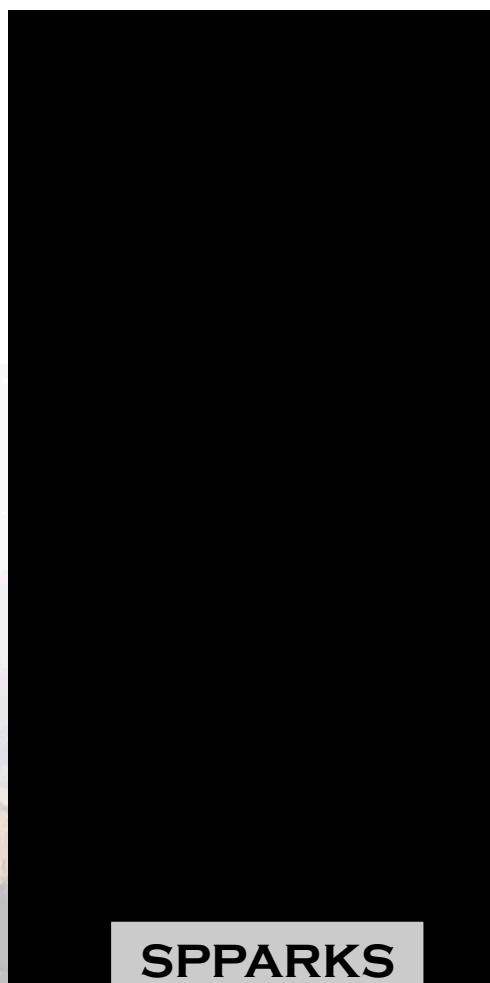
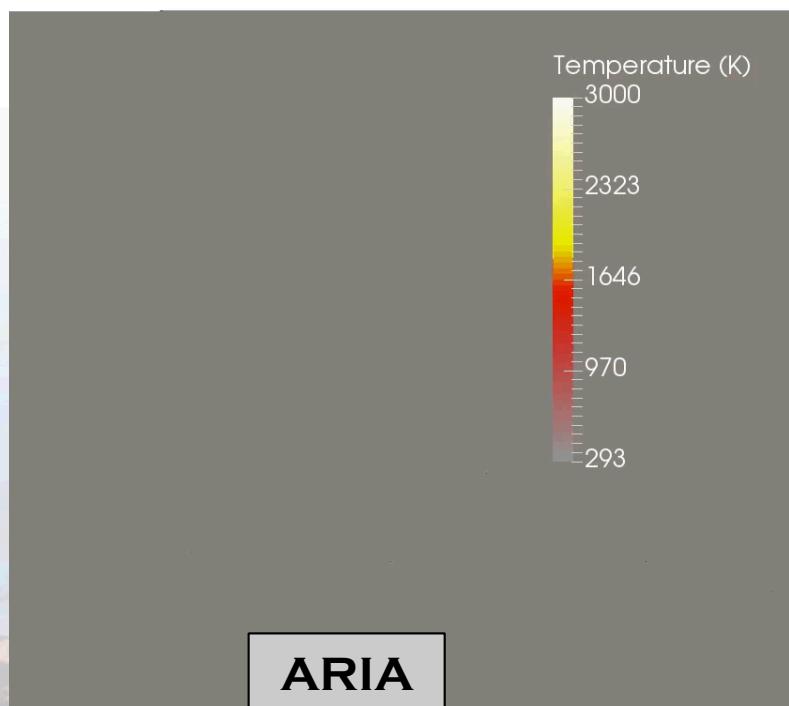
## Notes:

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



# Linking to Thermal Models

- Using thermal histories from SNL's ARIA code as an input, a modified Monte Carlo Potts model within SPPARKS is coupled to predict grain morphologies in an additive manufacturing build.
- This demonstrates an ability to predict grain morphology from a rigorous multi-physics model as opposed to a simplified and idealized approximation of the molten zone.



# 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)

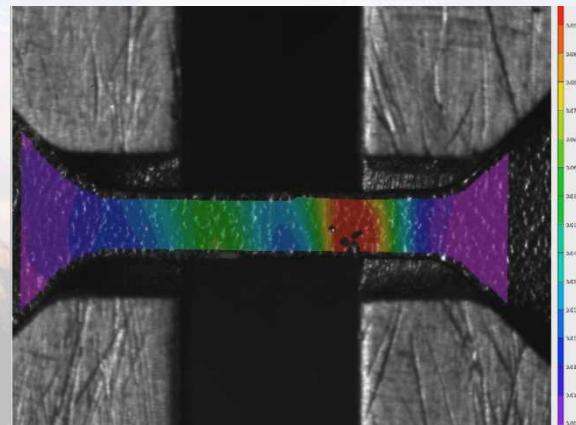
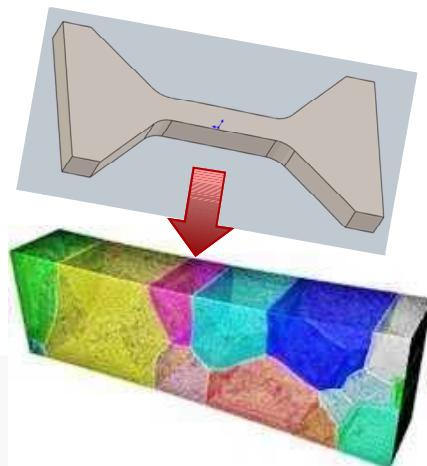
Key Questions:

What AM Defects Matter?  
Can I detect them?

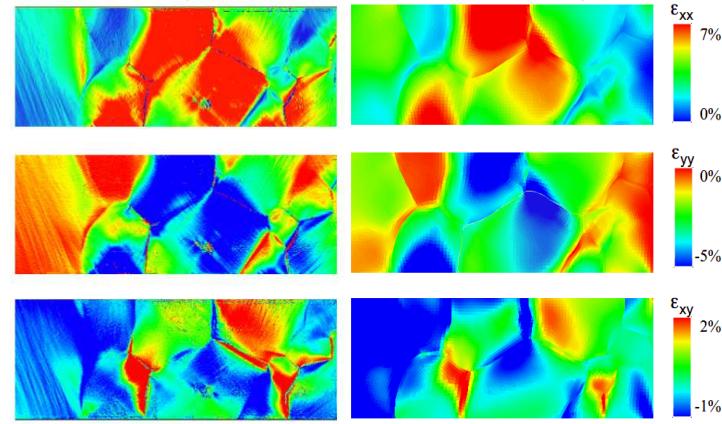
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Sample ID: PLANE Z  
Orientation: POROSITY  
Date: 07-08-2013  
Analyst Initials: BJR  
Equipment CE#: CN20170

0.001927 in



Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



Experimental Results

Computed Simulations

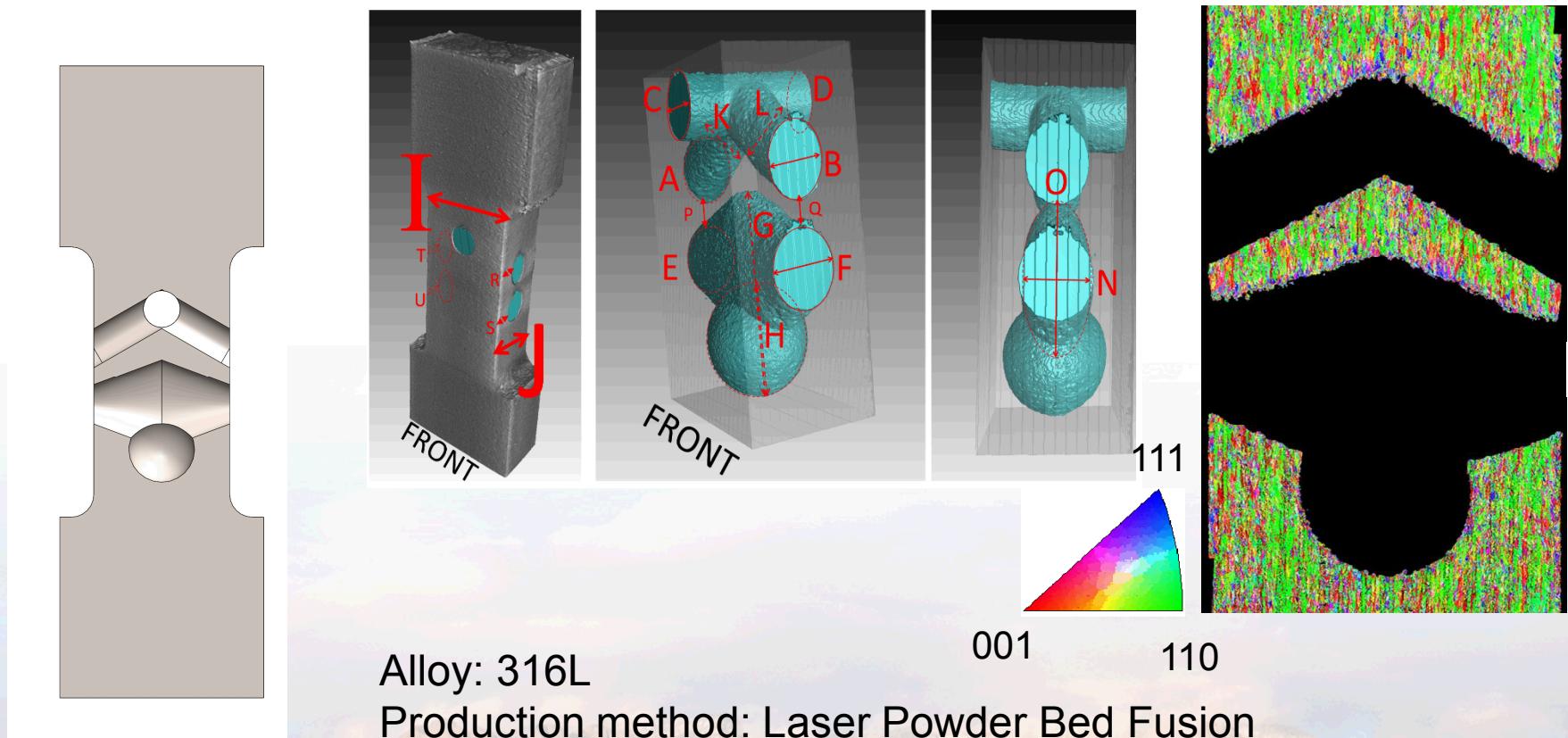
High-Throughput Tensile (HTT) Test with Digital Image Correlation



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# Sandia's Reliability Prediction Competition

Provided with tensile data, CT data, roughness, microstructure, etc, ***predict*** the conditions (force, displacement) for fracture...

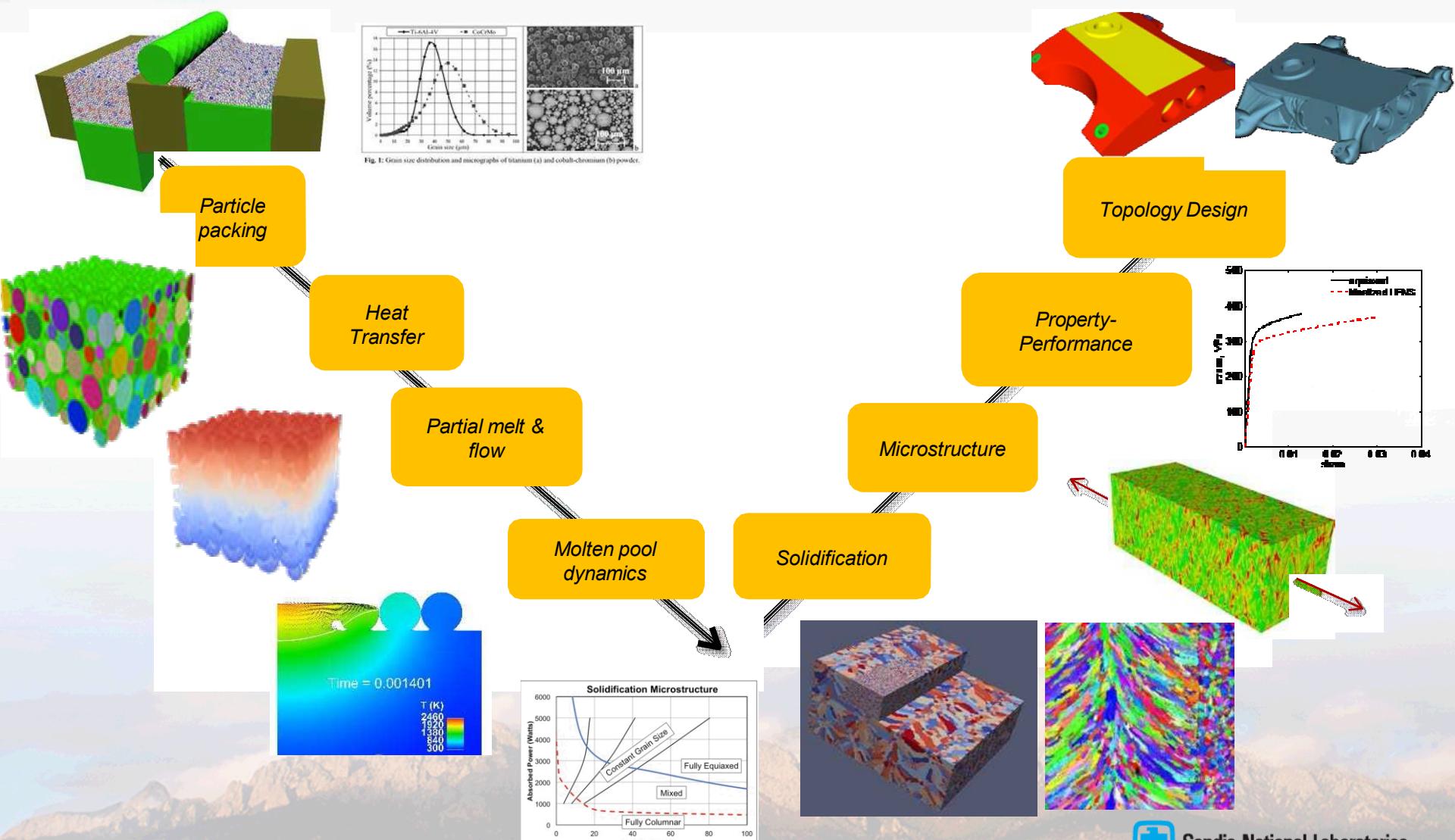


How well can standard methods (Finite Element) predict AM reliability?



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



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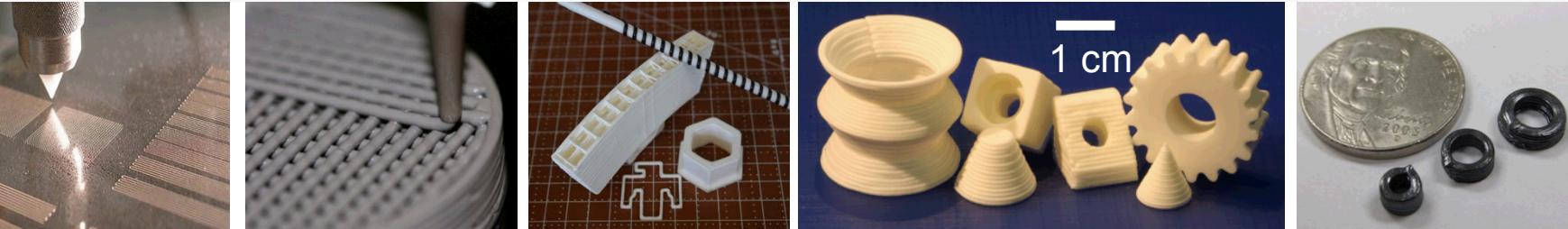
# Multi-Material AM



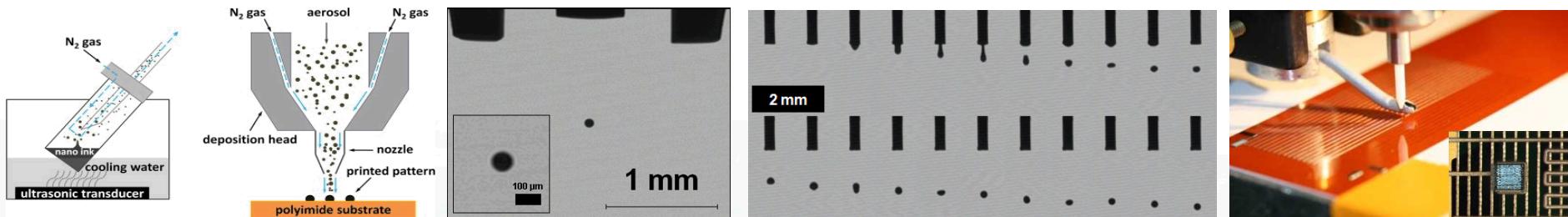
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# Direct Write Technologies Enable Access To Materials Not Supported By Conventional Printing Processes

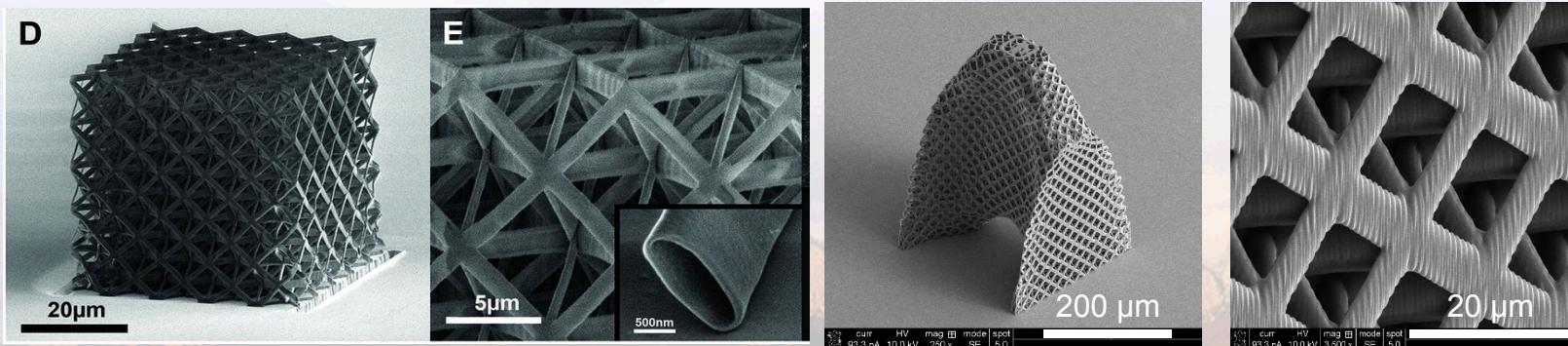
## Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



## Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



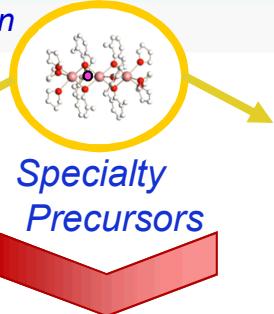
## Direct Write by Laser Photo-Lithography



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

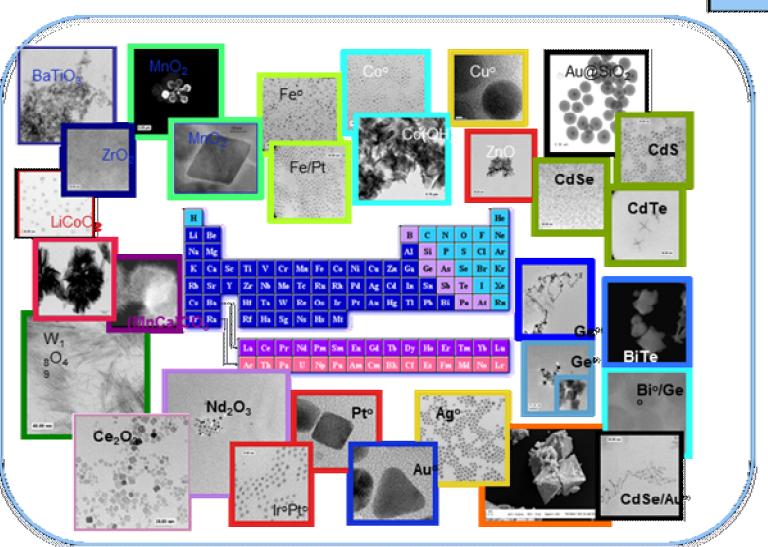
Solution Precipitation



Solvochemical



Specialized Nanomaterials

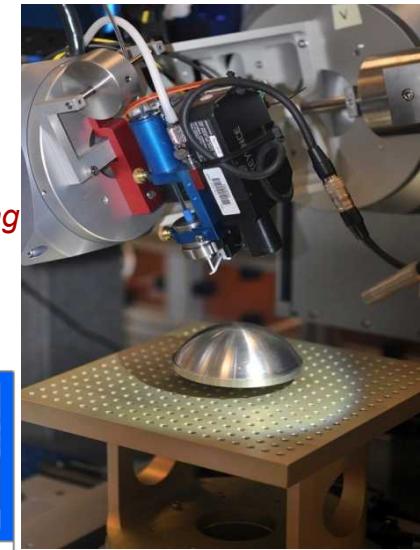


Specialty Inks



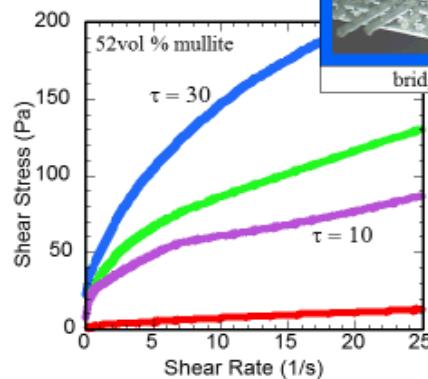
Ink Characterization

Direct Write Printed Parts



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

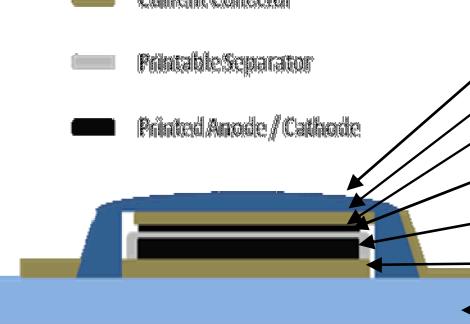


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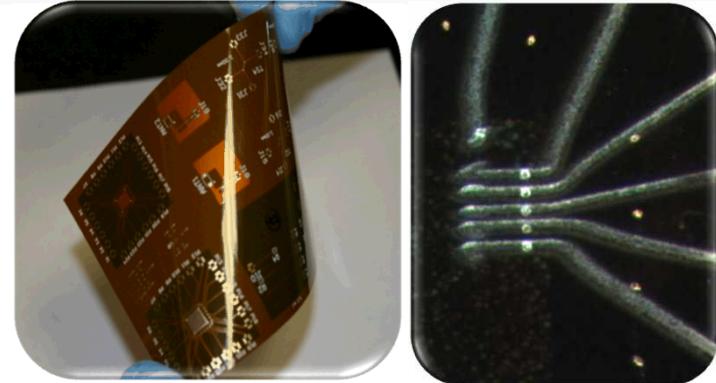
# Sandia has Strong Capabilities/Expertise In Printed Electronics

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

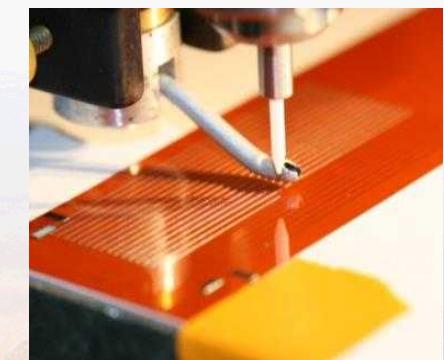
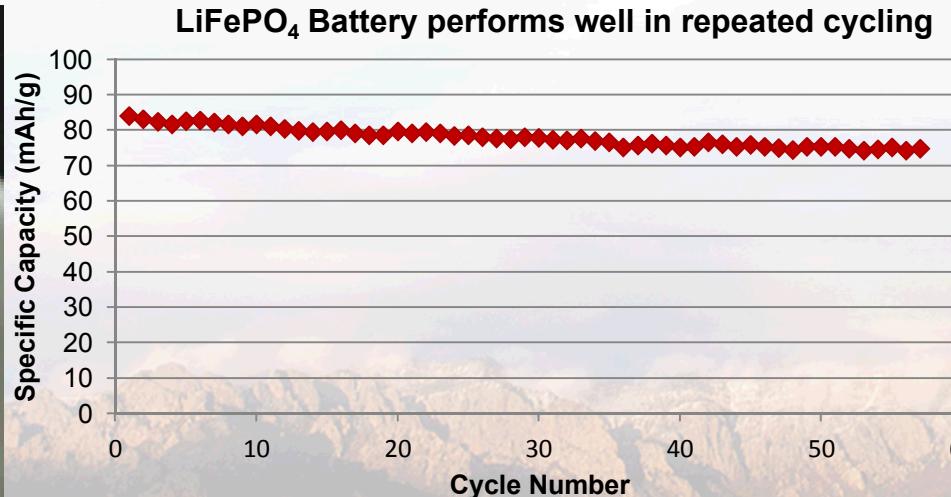


## Printed flexible battery

- 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

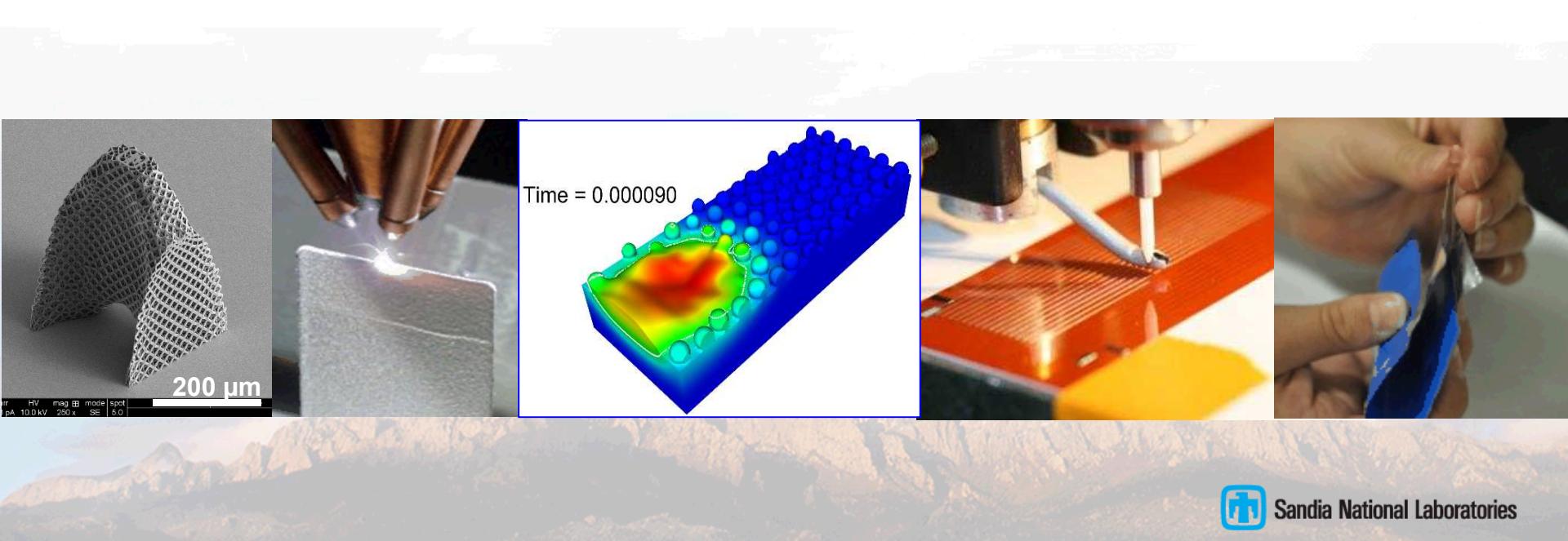


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# Summary

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



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## *Backup Slides*



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Model Navigator

Command Panel

Model View - RoundTableCoarseSalinas

Basic

Code: Salinas

Machine: skybridge

Job Stage: Sub

Queue Id / State: 691357

Submitted On: 2016-03

Account: FY1402

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\_brett

s\_lantern\_large\_scale

s\_lantern\_local

s\_lantern\_multi\_block

s\_lantern\_new\_journal

s\_lantern\_new\_journal2

s\_lantern\_symmetric

s\_lantern\_symmetric2

s\_mitchell

s\_mitchell\_mesh\_var1

sd\_lantern\_demo

test\_mesh\_variation

therm\_mech

therm\_mech\_dup

toa10

toa3

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toa5

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tpd

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TPD\_with blends\_albany\_no\_restart

TPD\_with blends\_multi\_albany

TPD\_with blends\_new\_loading

tpd2

tnr3

RoundTableCoarseSalinas on skybridge

RoundTableCoarseSalinas.i

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max_num_optimization_ltr = 45
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Console Machines Job Status

Showing 63 jobs, 2 filters are active.

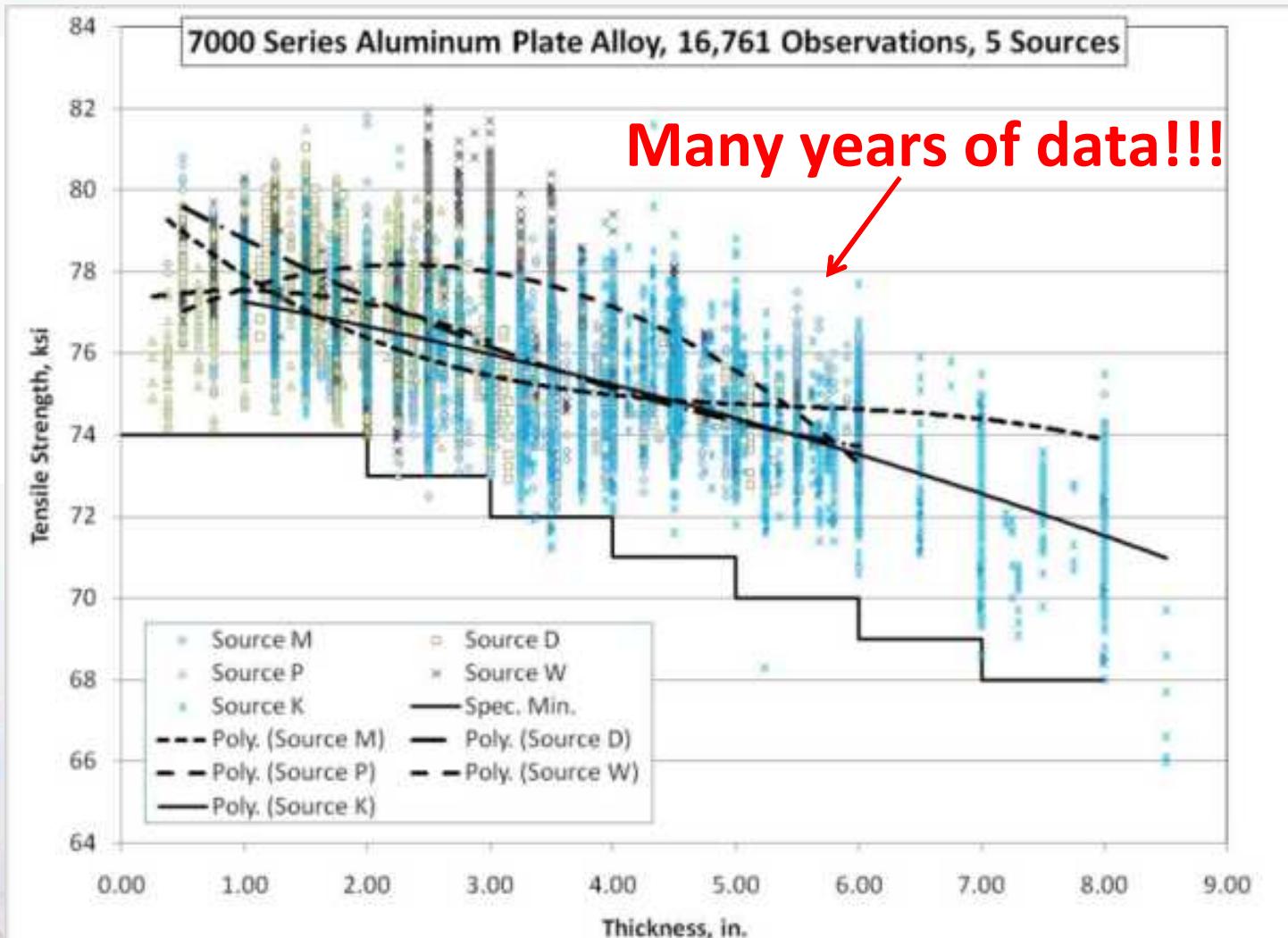
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Running RoundTableCoarseSalinas

# Conversion to Geometric CAD



# Conventional Materials Qualification

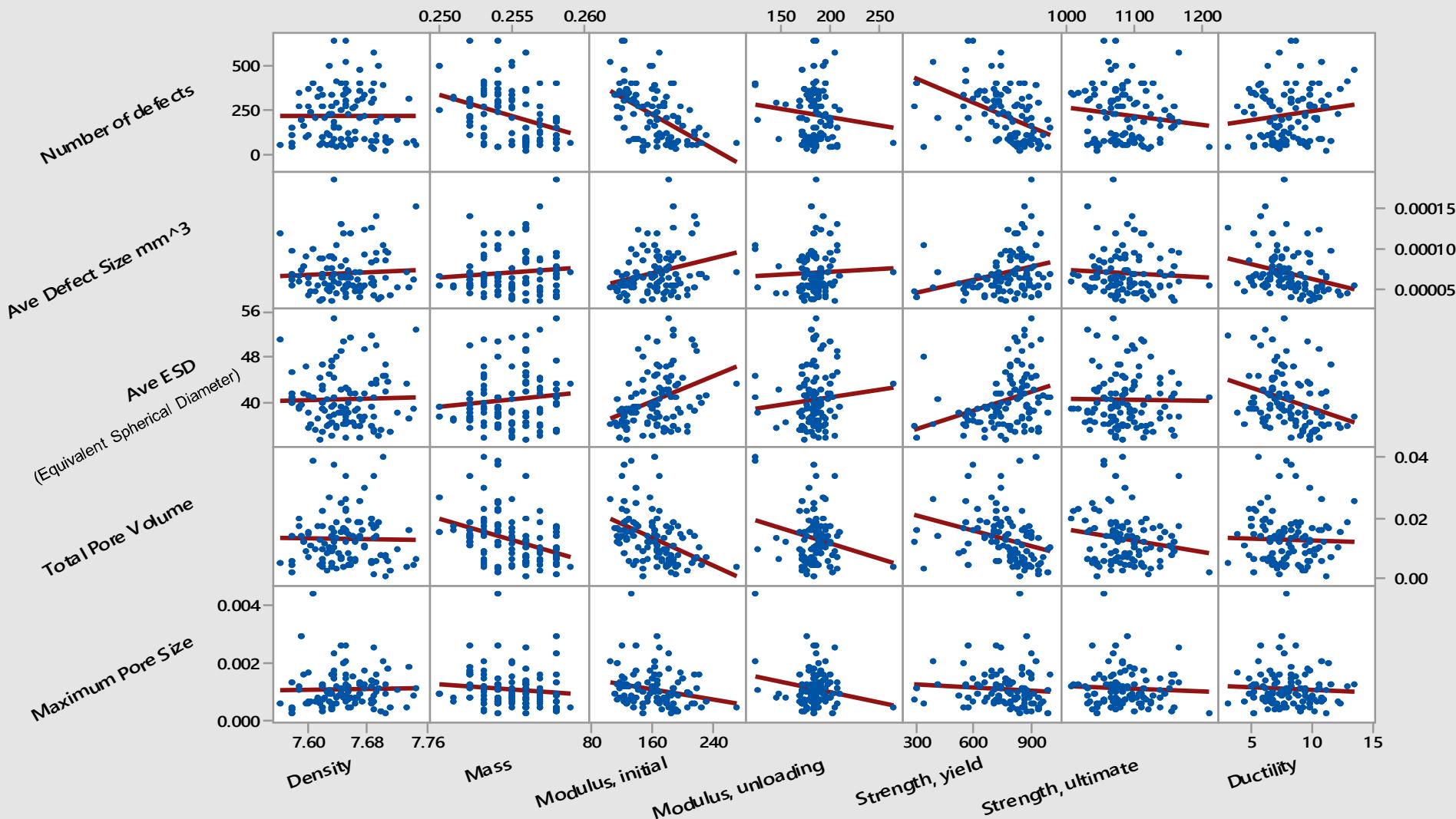


How can we qualify AM materials?



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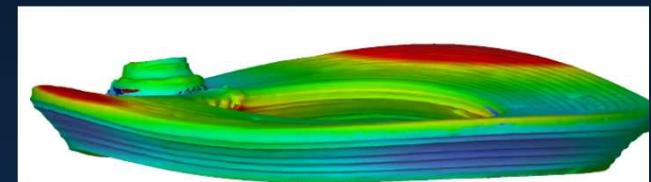
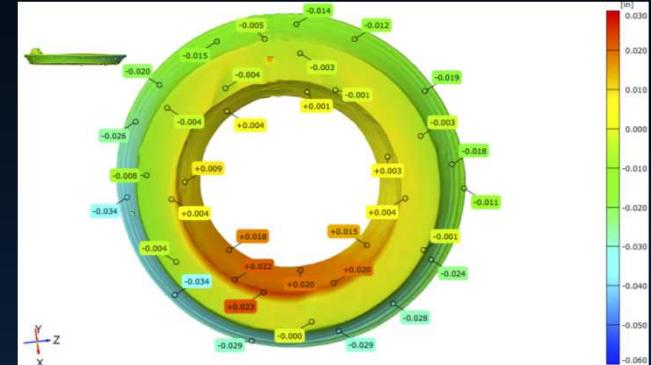
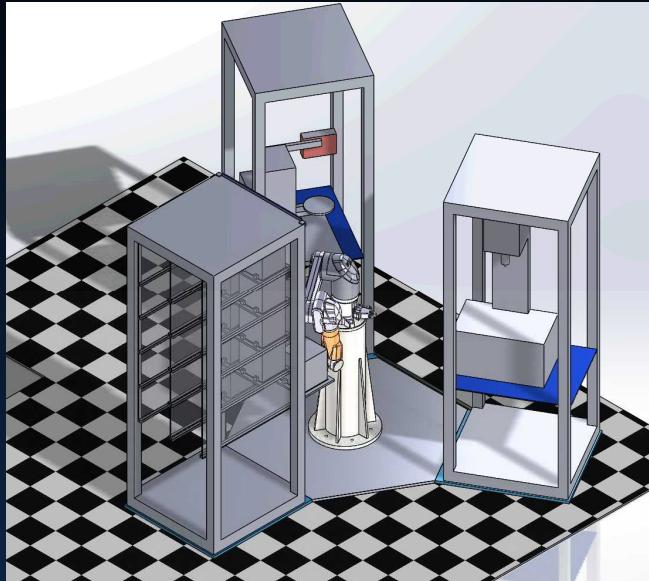
# On-going Data Analytics Studies To Investigate Potential Relationships



# *The Alinstante Modular Inspection Robot*



Extensive material+part data in minutes, not months



## Properties

Tensile strength  
Ductility  
Toughness  
Electrical performance  
etc.

## Structure

Geometry  
Porosity  
Chemistry  
Microstructure  
etc.

## Post-Processing

Surface remediation  
Heat treatment  
Subtractive machining  
Joining  
etc.

# *A diagnostic artifact provides an inspection surrogate and a process monitor...*



## Material & Structural Properties

### Mechanical Properties

Arrays of tensile bars used to investigate stochastic tensile properties. Arrays of two different-sized tensile bars allow exploration of size-dependent mechanical properties

### Structural Dynamics

Several cantilever beams of two heights can be used to test the resonance frequency of the material.

### Notched Features

Arrays of notched features intended to explore stress-concentration effects on reliability and develop break-away coupons

### Material Chemistry

Coupons to readily verify the composition and monitor contaminant levels.

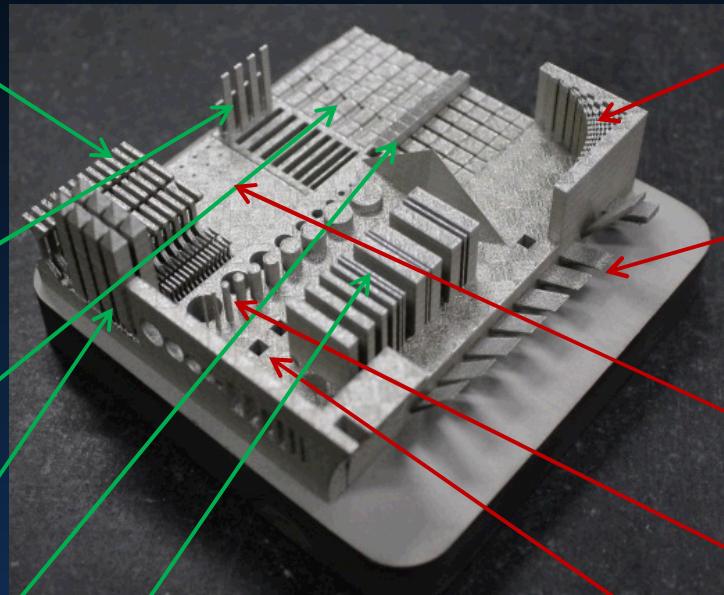
### Surface Roughness

Several features explore the interplay between geometry and the resulting surface roughness

### Residual Stresses

Several features may be used to quantify the stress-induced warpage. Also, regions of the part exacerbate internal residual stresses to be measured by x-ray/ neutron diffraction or hole drilling.

Sandia Artifact printed in stainless steel alloy 17-4PH using a commercial vendor (Fineline) with a ConceptLaser Mlab Printer



## Printability Limits & Metrology

### Minimum Feature Dimensions

Evaluate printability and dimensional accuracy for a wide range of feature types including theoretical sharp corners

### Overhangs & Bridges

Incrementally sized features intended to determine the maximum dimension that will maintain structural integrity of the part. Features push printer to failure point.

### Internal voids

Intentional internal void arrays of varying dimension allow inspectability assessment

### Aspect Ratios

A wide range of aspect ratios explores the printability limits of positive and negative features

### Consistency features

Arrays of nominally identical features allow evaluation of repeatability

Most existing artifacts (e.g. NIST AM artifact) emphasize dimensional metrology and ignore material/structural properties. This compact array employs many dual-purpose features and many arrays of features for statistical repeatability analysis.