

Additive Manufacturing at Sandia

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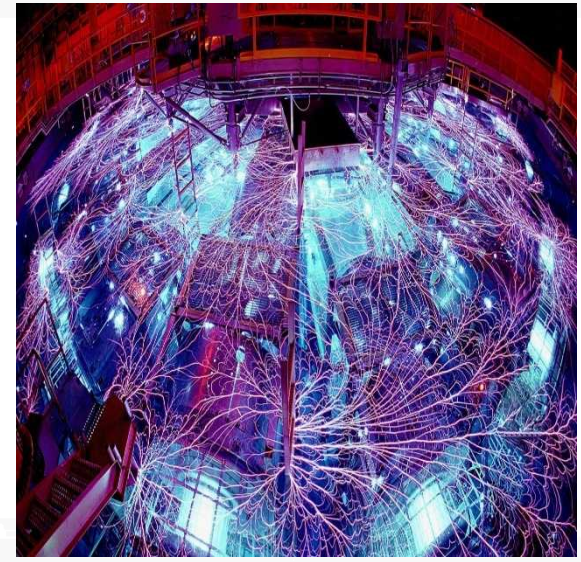
Sled Track Test



Albuquerque Labs



Z- Machine



- Historical mission -- non-nuclear components of nuclear weapons & weapon system integration
- Today, much broader mission in applied science & engineering for national security
- ~11,000 employees, ~\$3B FY17 Budget

“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

Sandia Materials & Process Science

Activities Range from Basic R&D to Production Support

- **Materials Engineering Support**
 - Materials & process selection/optimization
 - Problem solving, production support
 - Understanding the margins
- **Materials & Process Advanced Development**
 - Advanced & exploratory materials & process development
 - Production process development & technology transfer
- **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

300+ Staff, ~\$100M FY17



Multiple Large Materials R&D Facilities

Center for Integrated Nano Technologies Adv. Materials & Processes Lab Integrated Materials Research Lab



30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

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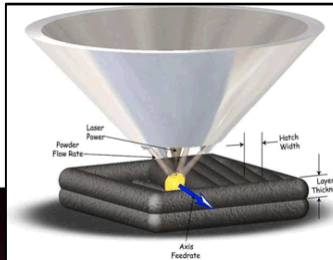
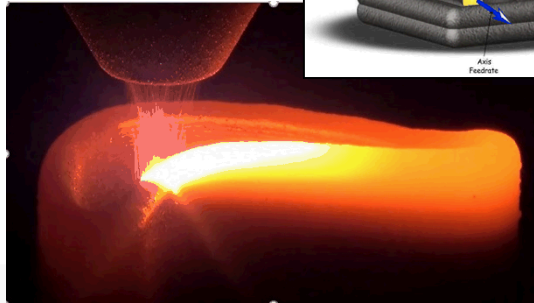
Development Housing



Laser Engineered Net Shaping *

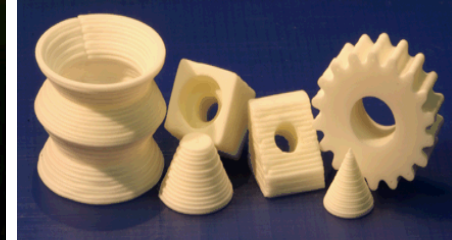
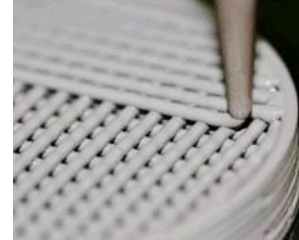
LENS®

LENS Blade



RoboCast *

Ceramic Parts



Energetic
Materials

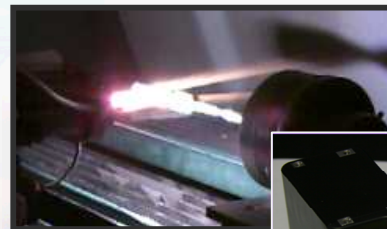


Direct Write Conformal Printing

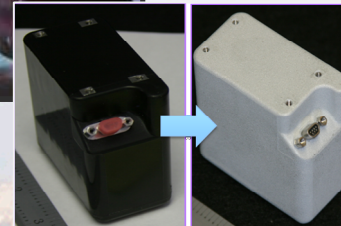


Printed Battery

Thermal Spray



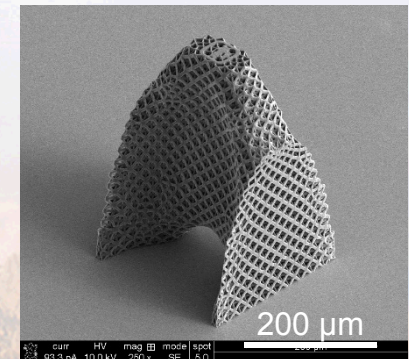
Spray-formed
Rocket Nozzle



Metal on Plastic

Micro-Nano Scale AM

Lattice Structure



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

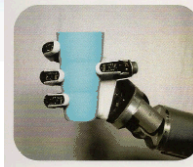


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Sandia Hand - AM Enabled Innovative Design and Substantial Cost Reduction

(~50% of hand built with AM)

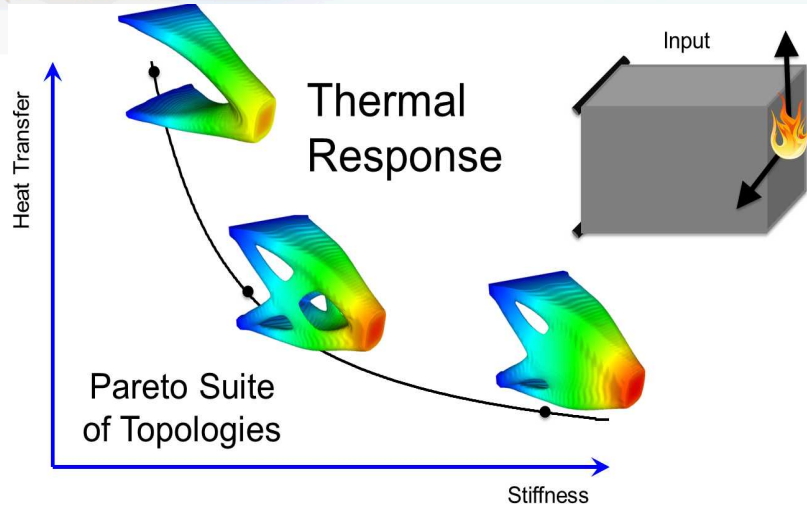
- Developed for bomb disablement
- AM Enabled rapid design iterations
- Cost \$10k vs. ~\$250k
- “Glove” controller
- One version has “touch” sensors



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

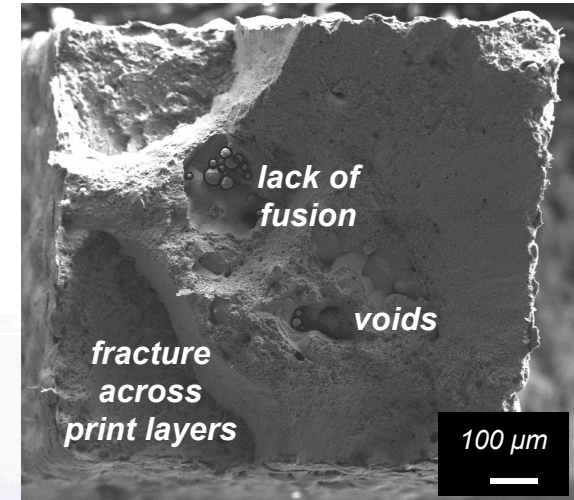
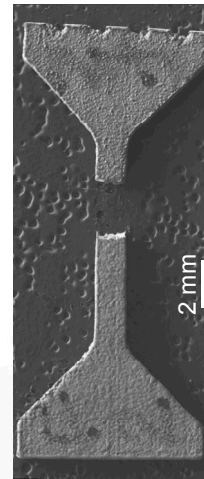


Three Primary Areas of Emphasis in Ongoing Sandia AM R&D

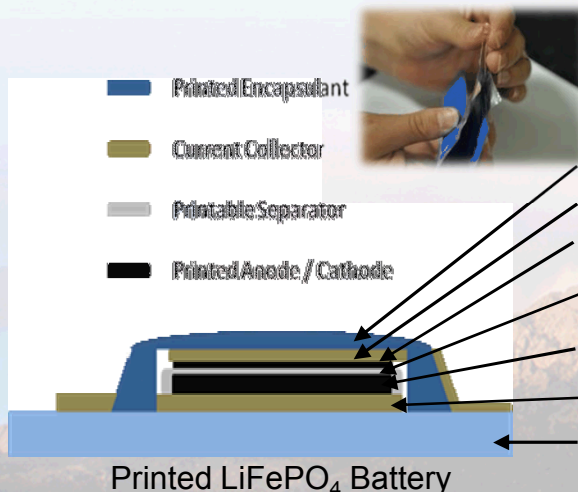


Engineering Analysis Driven Design (Computer created/optimized AM design)

Material Assurance (Assure/quantify reliability of AM materials)



Failure at 2% elongation



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

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



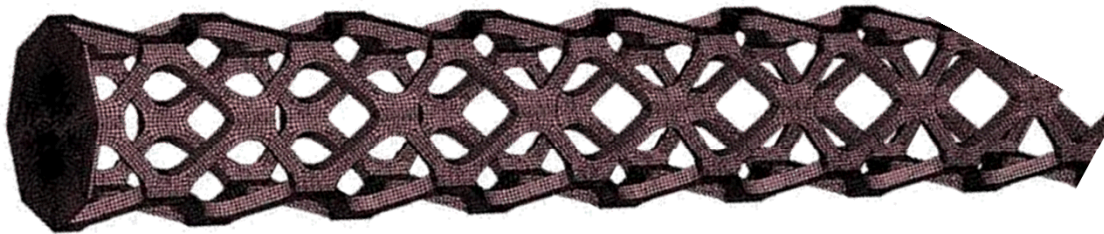
Analysis Driven Design



Analysis-Driven Design Optimization

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

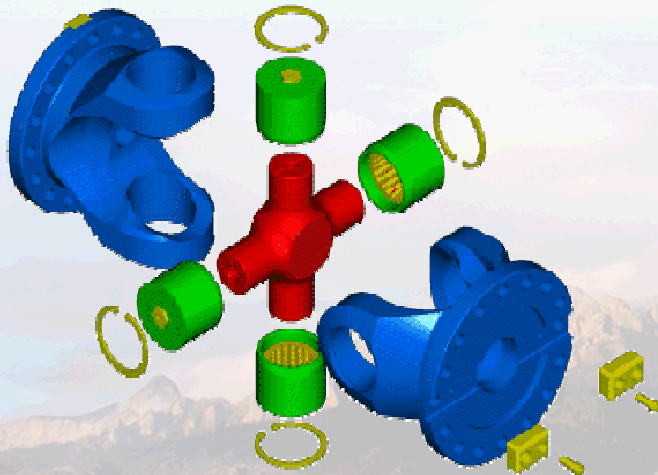
“Titanium Cholla” LDRD -- Minimum Weight, Maximum Strength, Rapidly Manufactured!



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



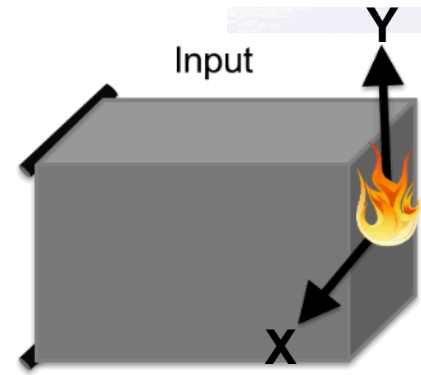
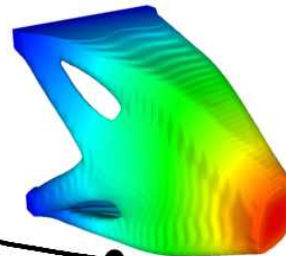
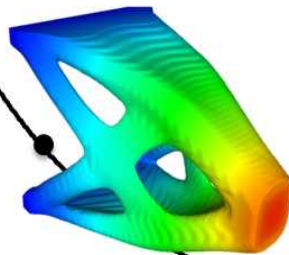
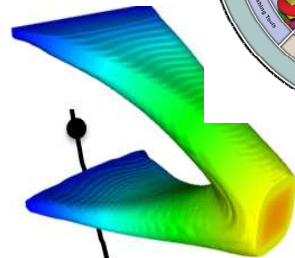
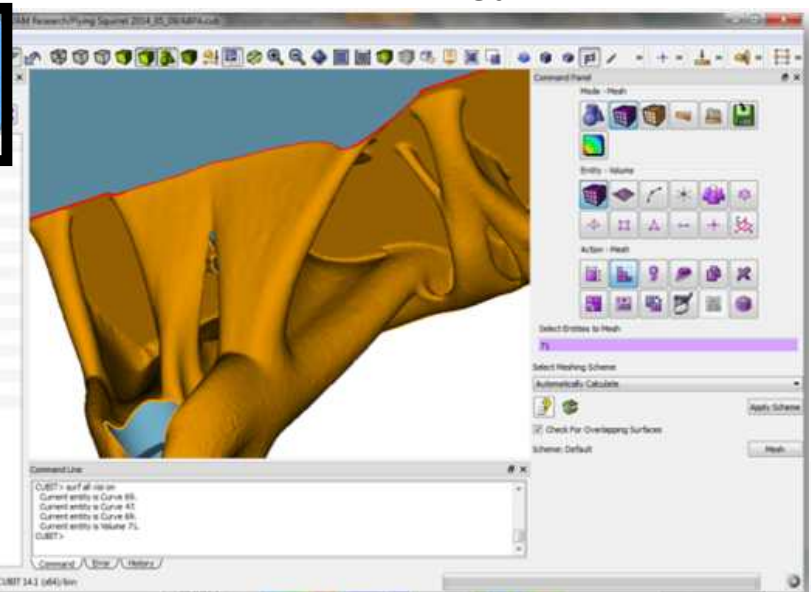
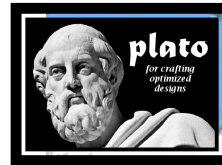
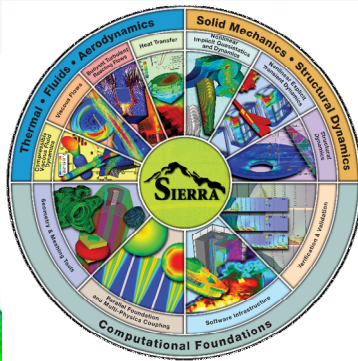
Core of a dead Cholla cactus (optimized designs often resemble natural structures -- bio-mimicry)



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

AM Design Via Functional Prioritization

User-Friendly GUI Interface
PLATO - PLATform for Topology Optimization



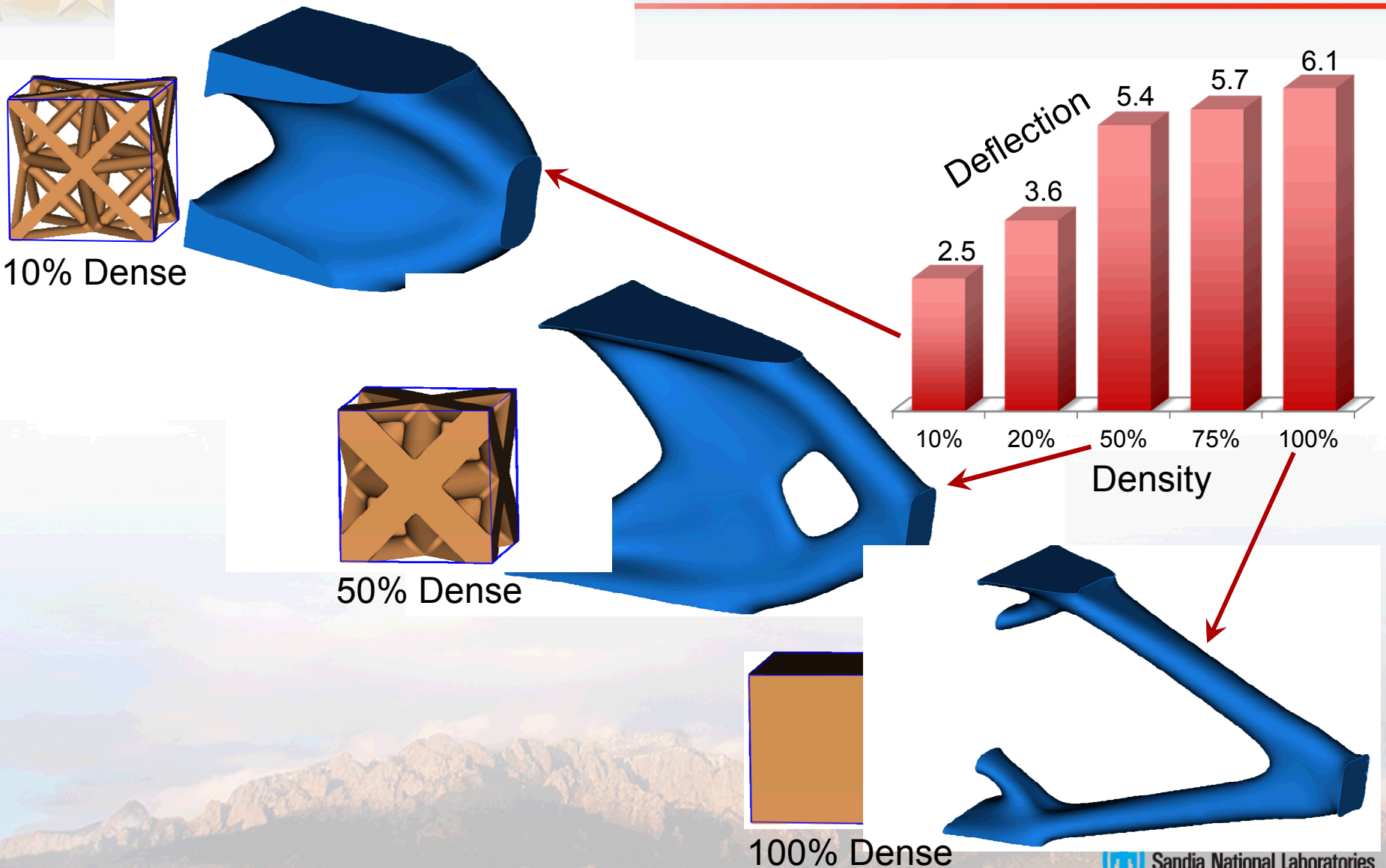
Pareto Suite
of Topologies

Stiffness

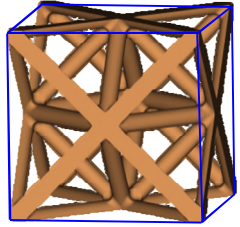


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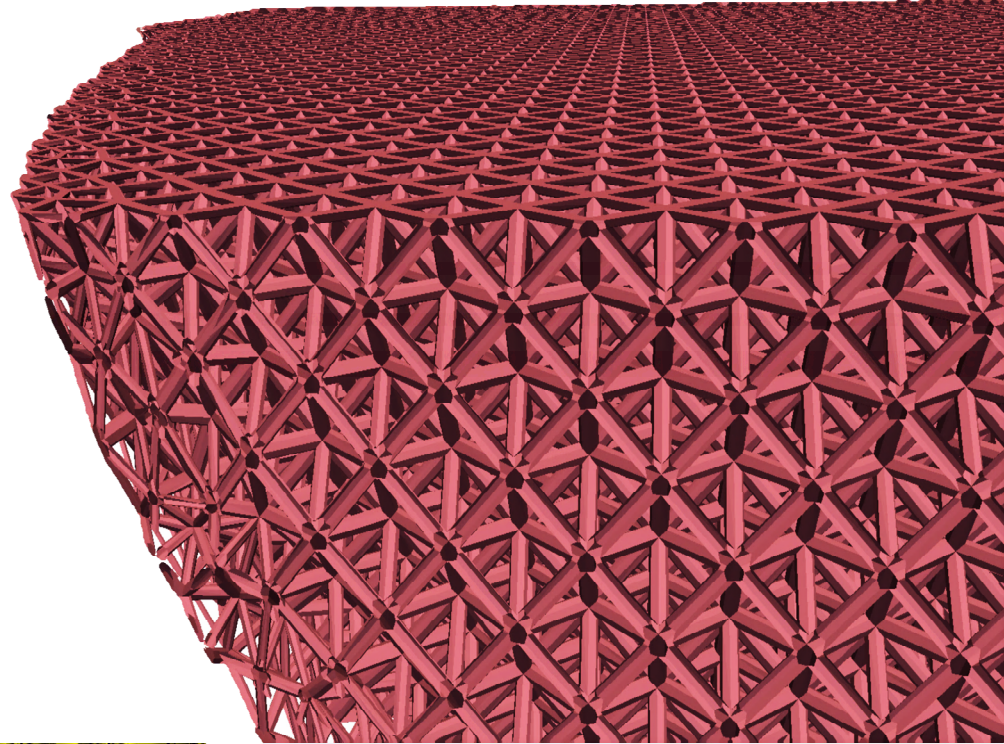
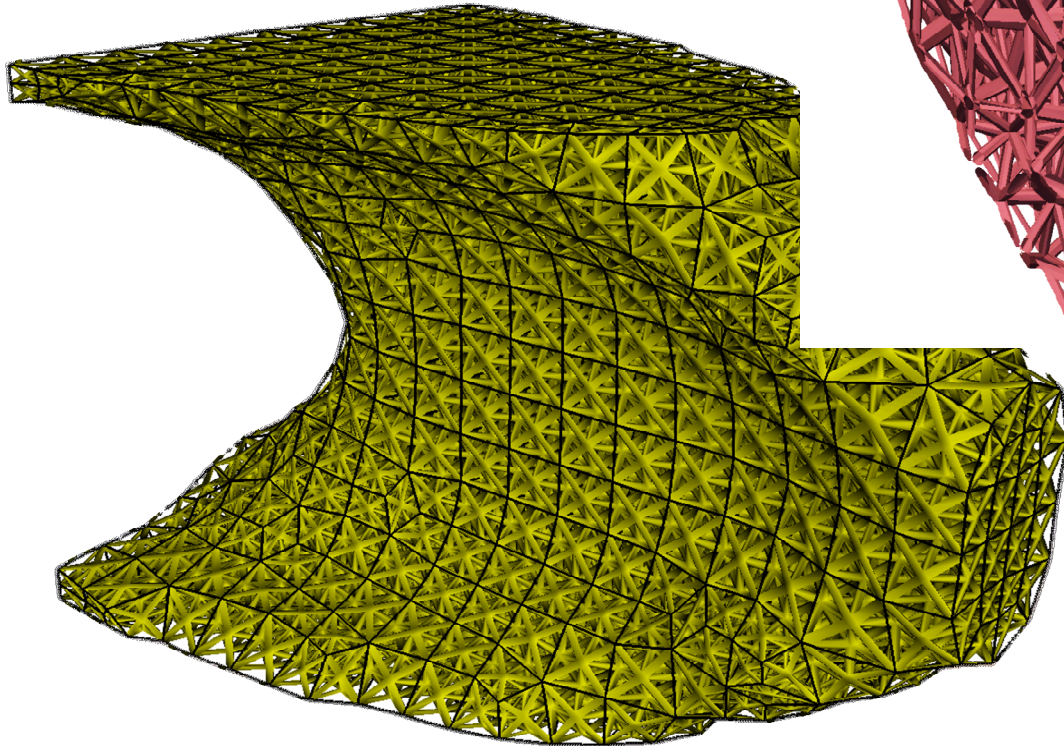
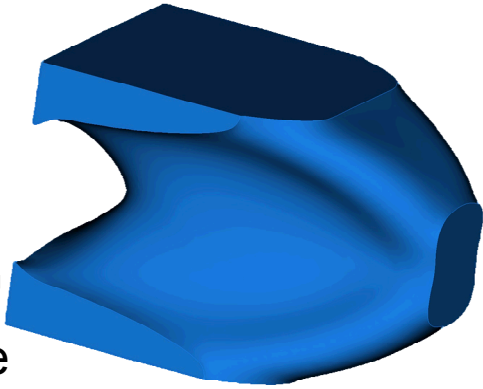
Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass



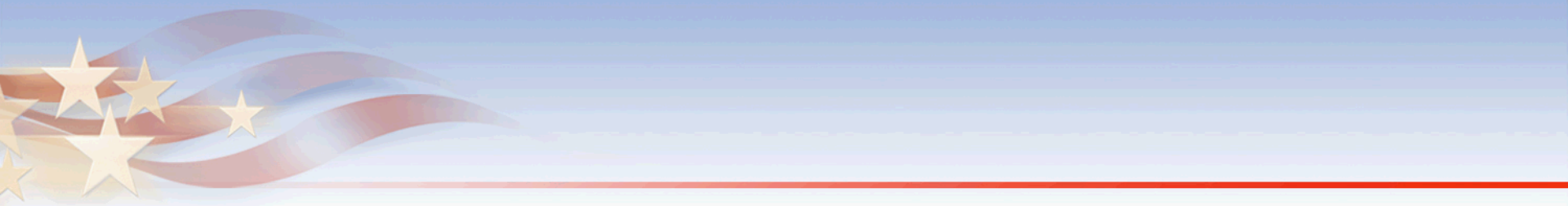
Creating Curved Surfaces with no "Loose Ends"



10% Dense



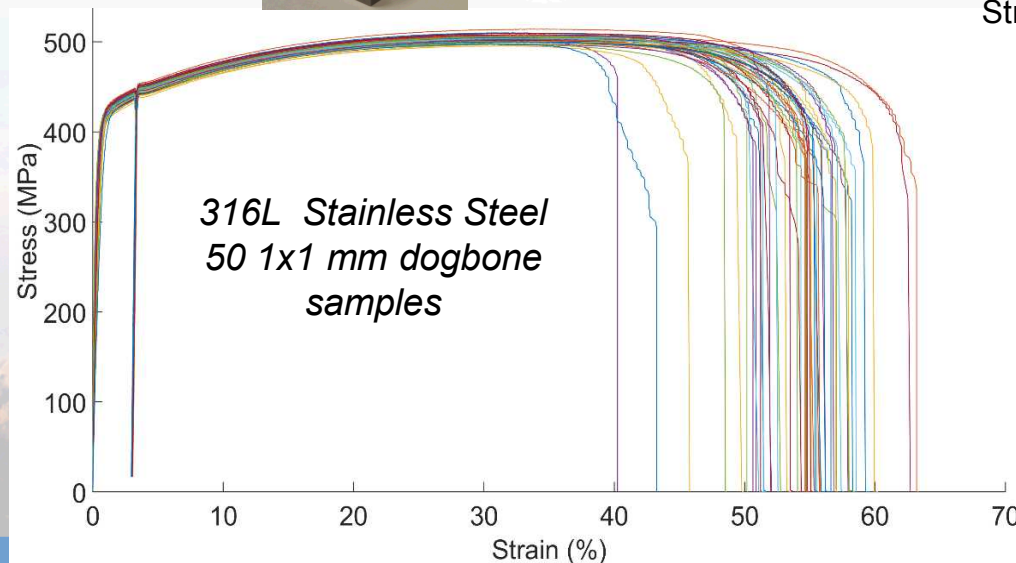
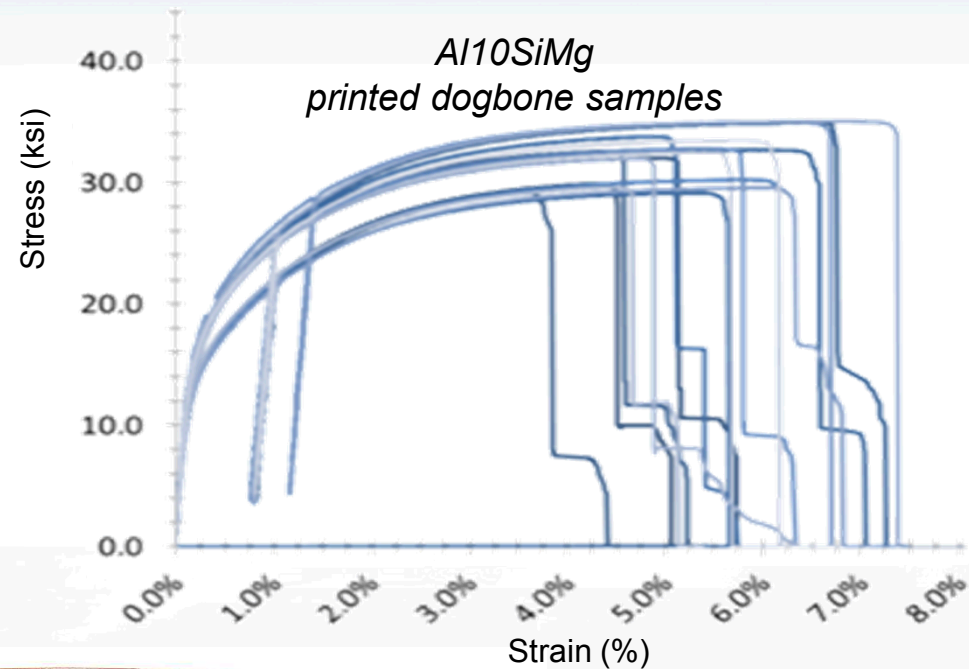
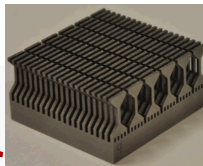
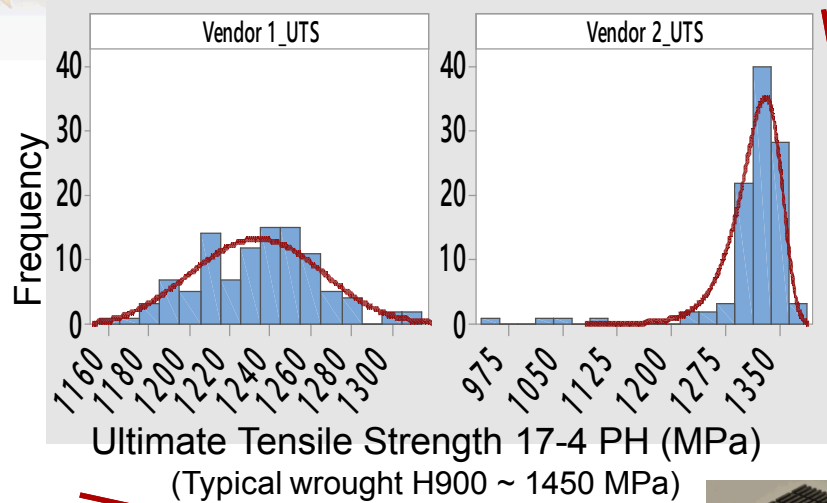
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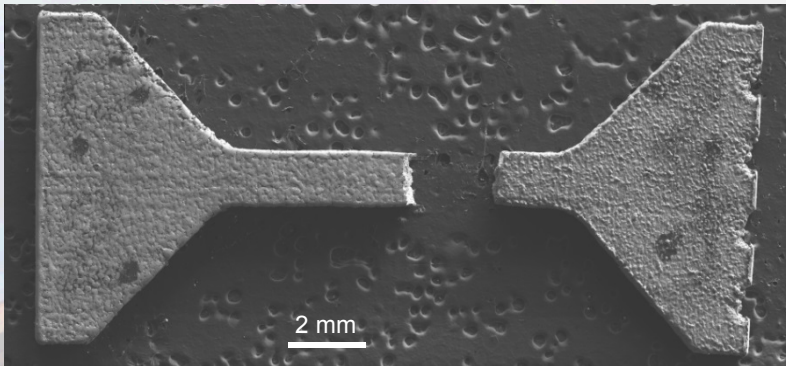
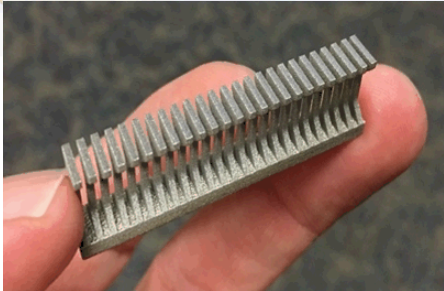
Materials Assurance



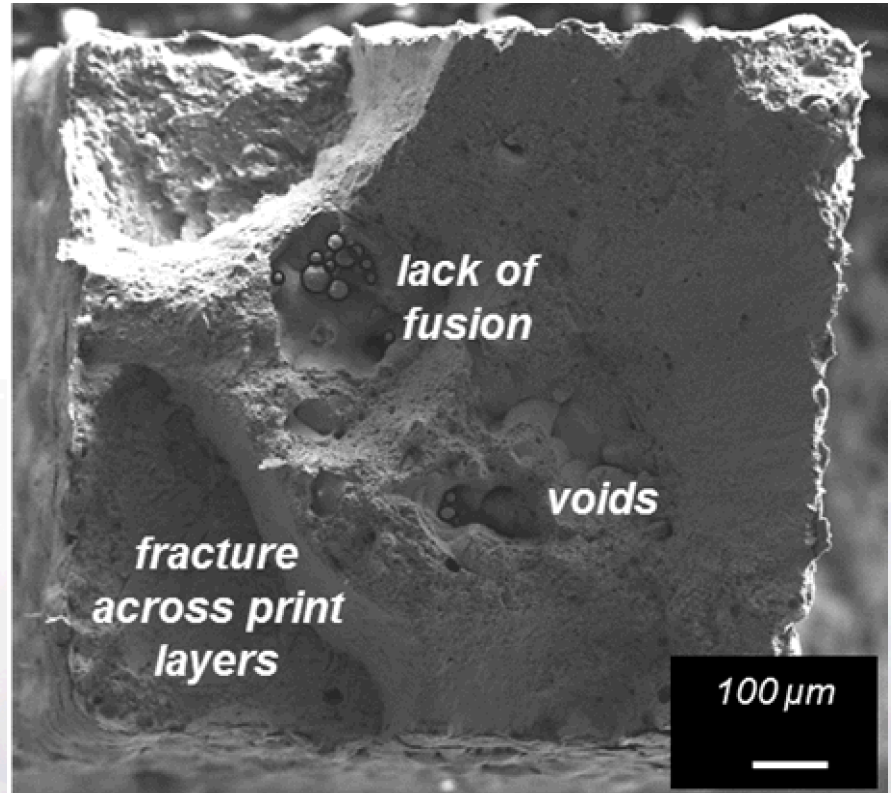
Examples of AM Variability



High-Throughput Tensile Testing



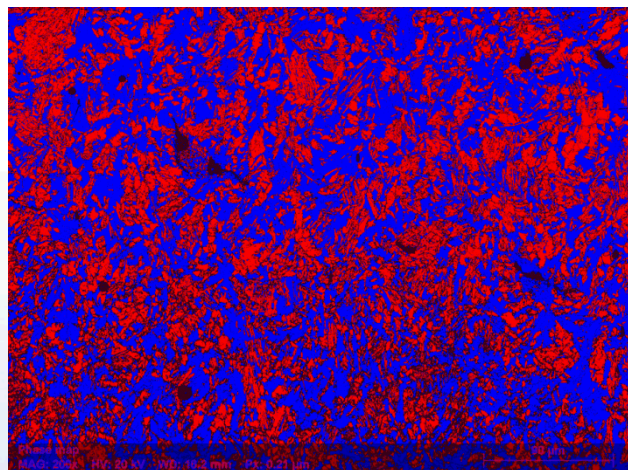
17-4 PH SS, H900 “brittle” fracture



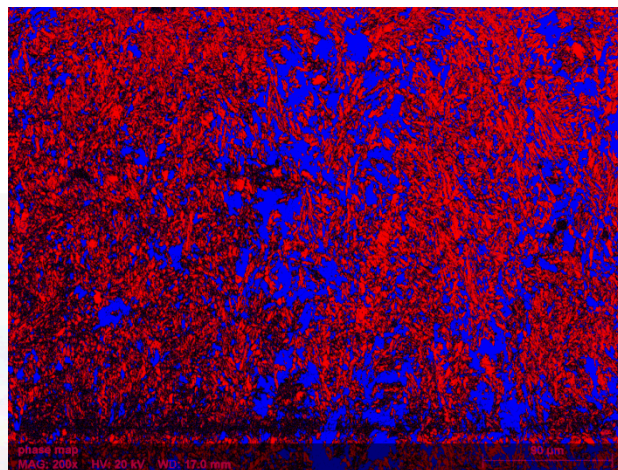
Failure at 2% elongation

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

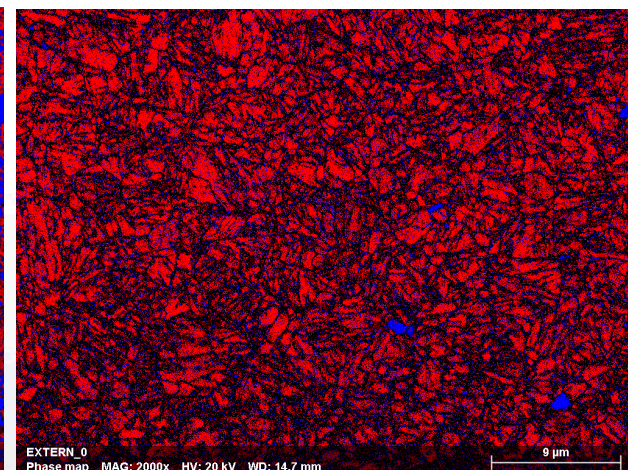
- Anomalous phase composition in AM vs. wrought 17-4 PH Stainless
 - Large fraction of retained austenite after solution heat treatment + H900 age
 - Cryo treatment to -196°C for 5 min still does not transform austenite



As-printed, 47% Austenite



SHT + H900 Age, 43% Austenite



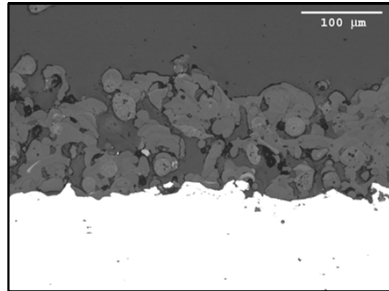
Wrought Sheet Shows Fine-grained Martensite

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

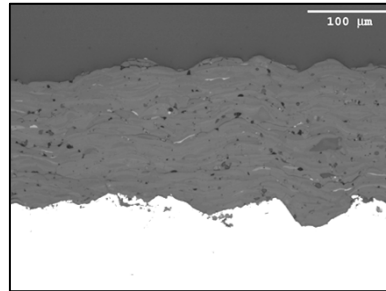
Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

Prior Successful R&D with Thermal Spray

Same System, Same Feedstock,

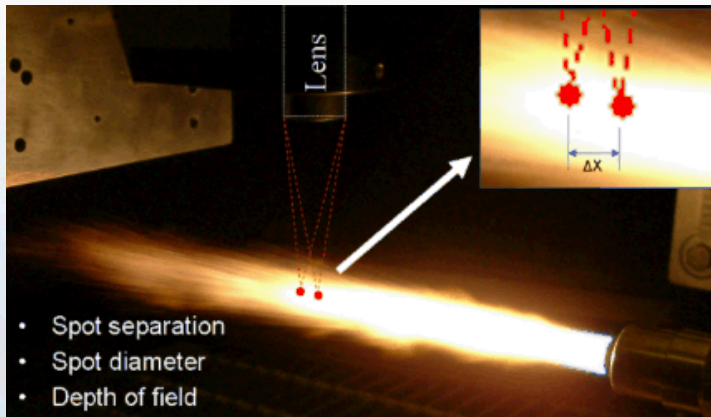


VS.



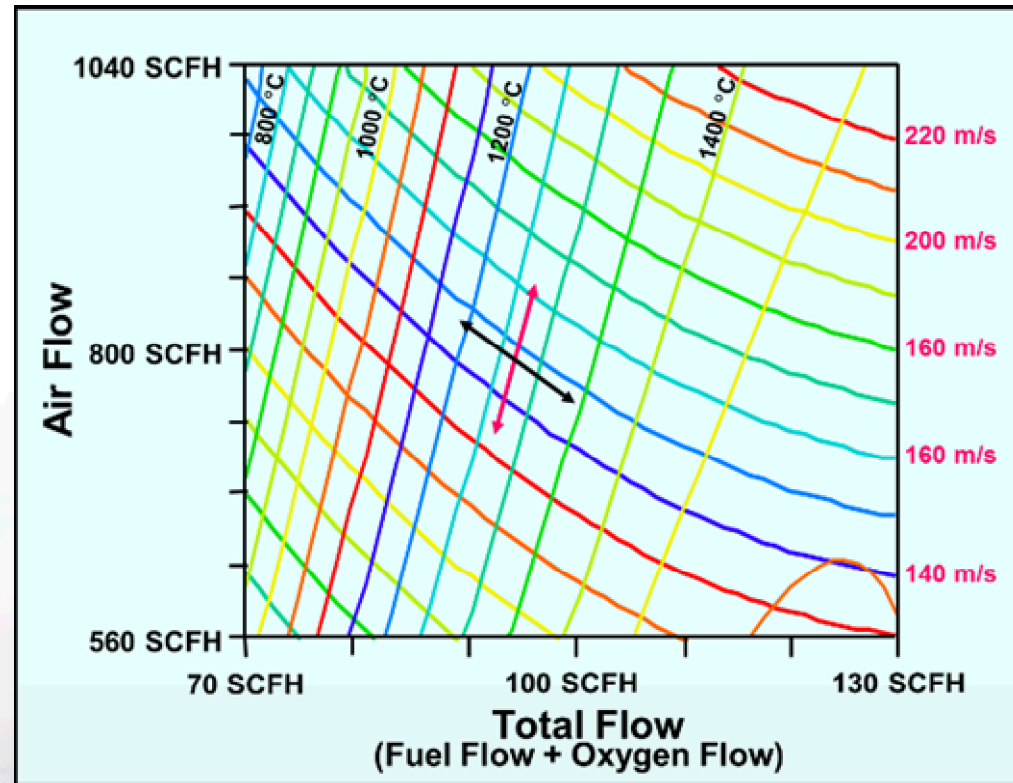
Very Different Results!

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



Process Diagnostics/Monitoring

Fundamental process understanding enables 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 Laboratory

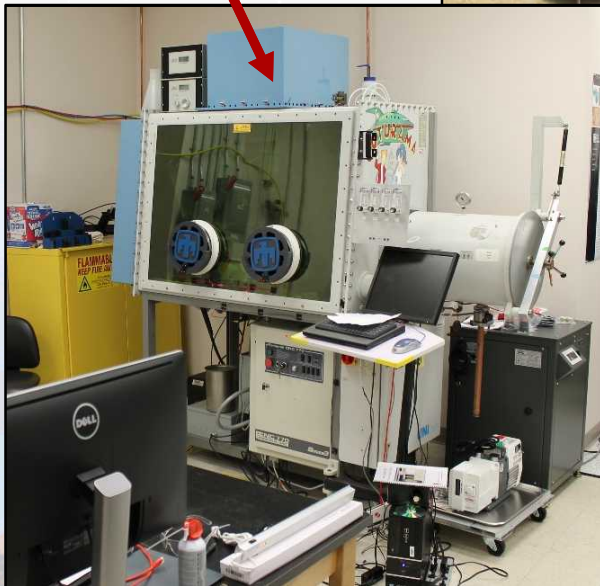
3D Systems ProX 200
Laser Metal Powder Bed
Machine



Aspex Explorer SEM-based
powder particle analyzer

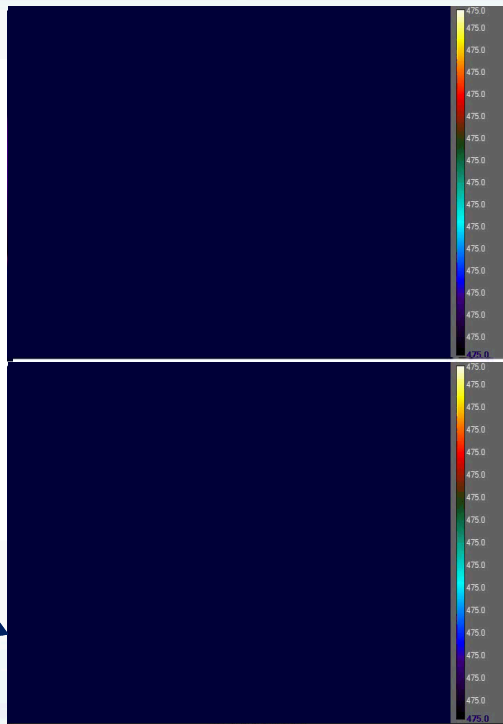
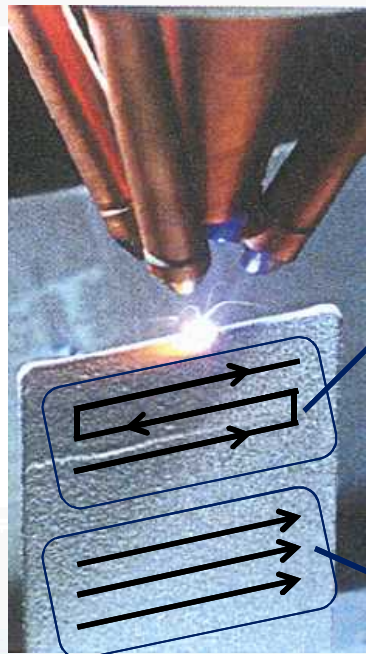


Next Generation Custom
Built Hybrid LENS™
System

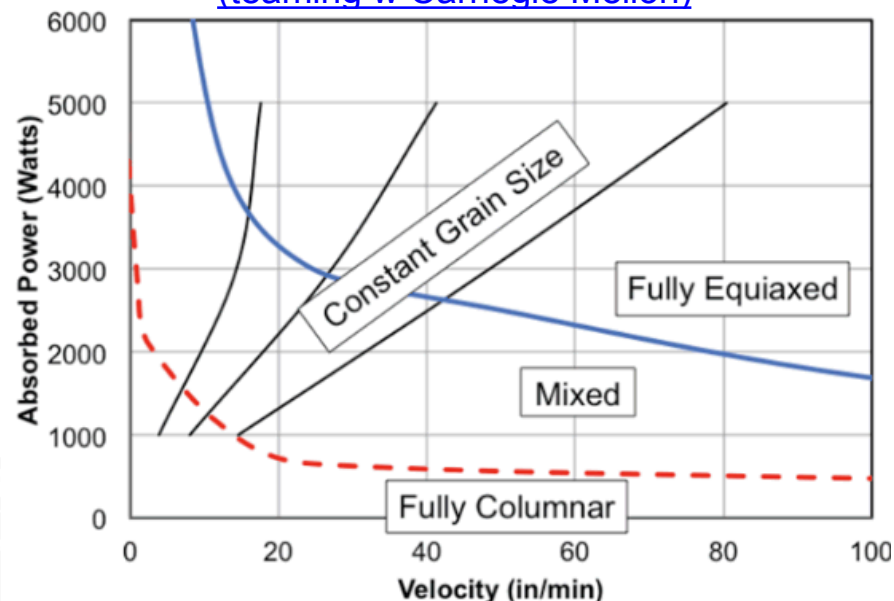


Haas VF2 mill-turn
machine Modified for
Multi-Material hybrid AM

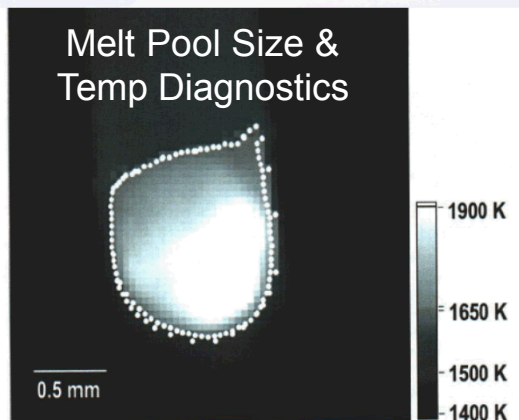
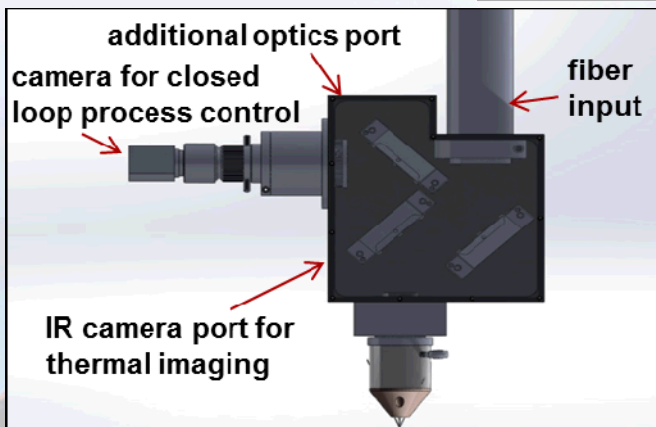
Working to Understand LENSTM Processing-Microstructure Relationships



Processing-Microstructure Relationships (teaming w Carnegie Mellon)



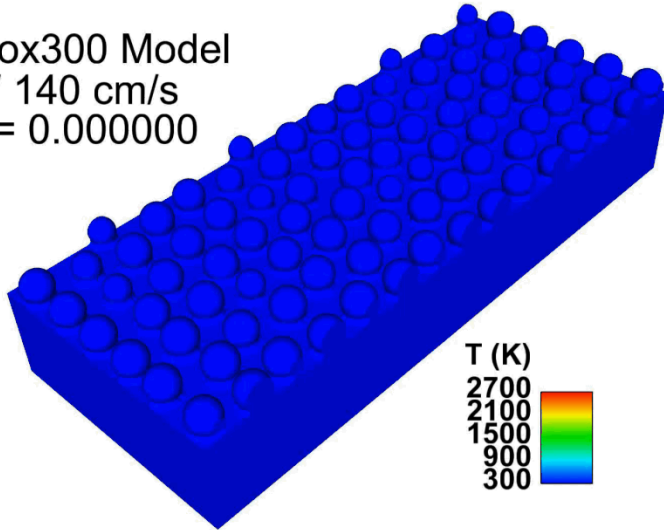
J. Gockel et al. / Additive Manufacturing 1–4 (2014) 119–126



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

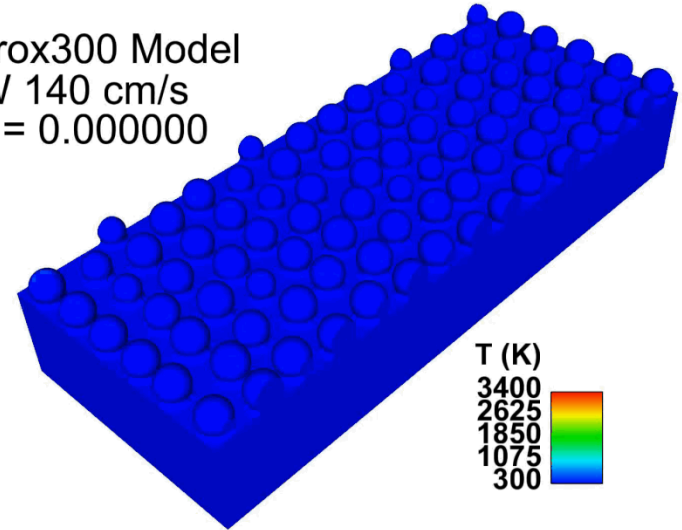
Process Modeling Can Provide Useful Insights

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

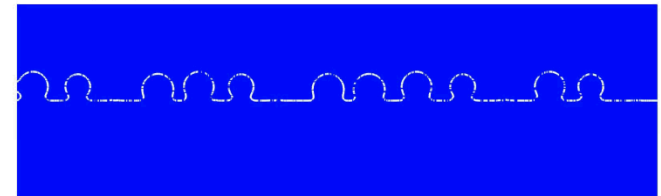


Notes:

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

Gas and melt pool dynamics

Time = 0.000000



T (K)
3400
2625
1850
1075
300

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.

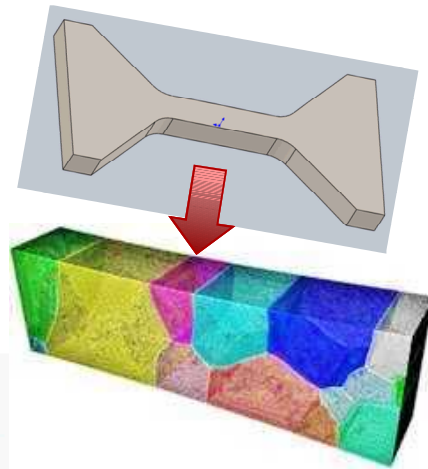
Gauge Section of Wrought Ta Oligocrystal Tensile Specimen (1x3x5 mm)

(Use Electron Backscatter Diffraction & Digital Image Correlation)

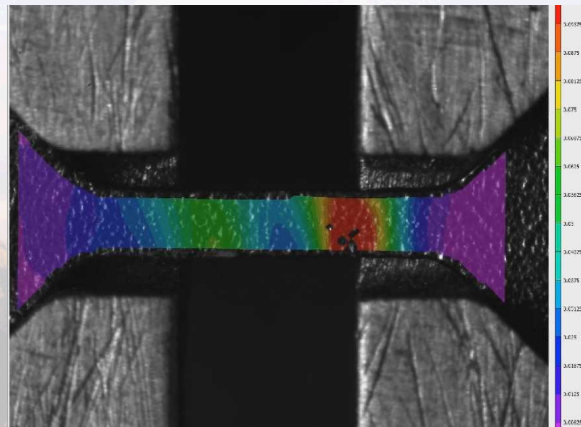
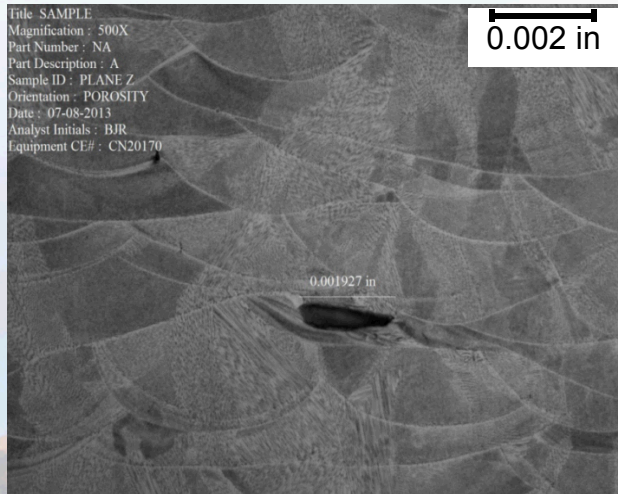
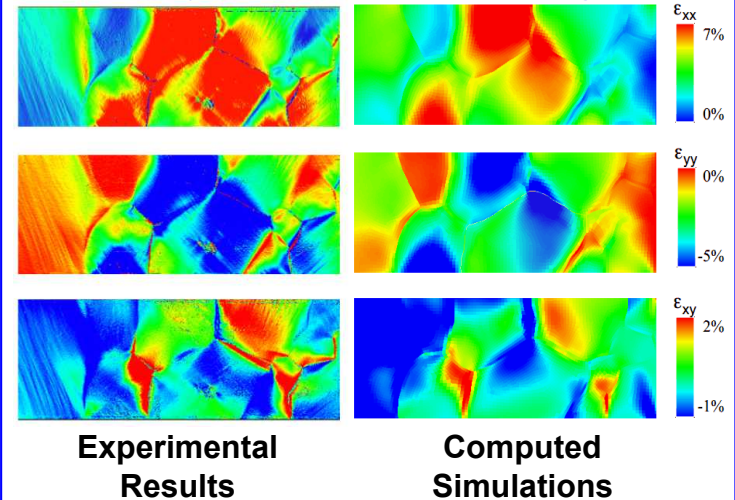
Key Questions:

What AM Defects Matter?

Can I detect them?

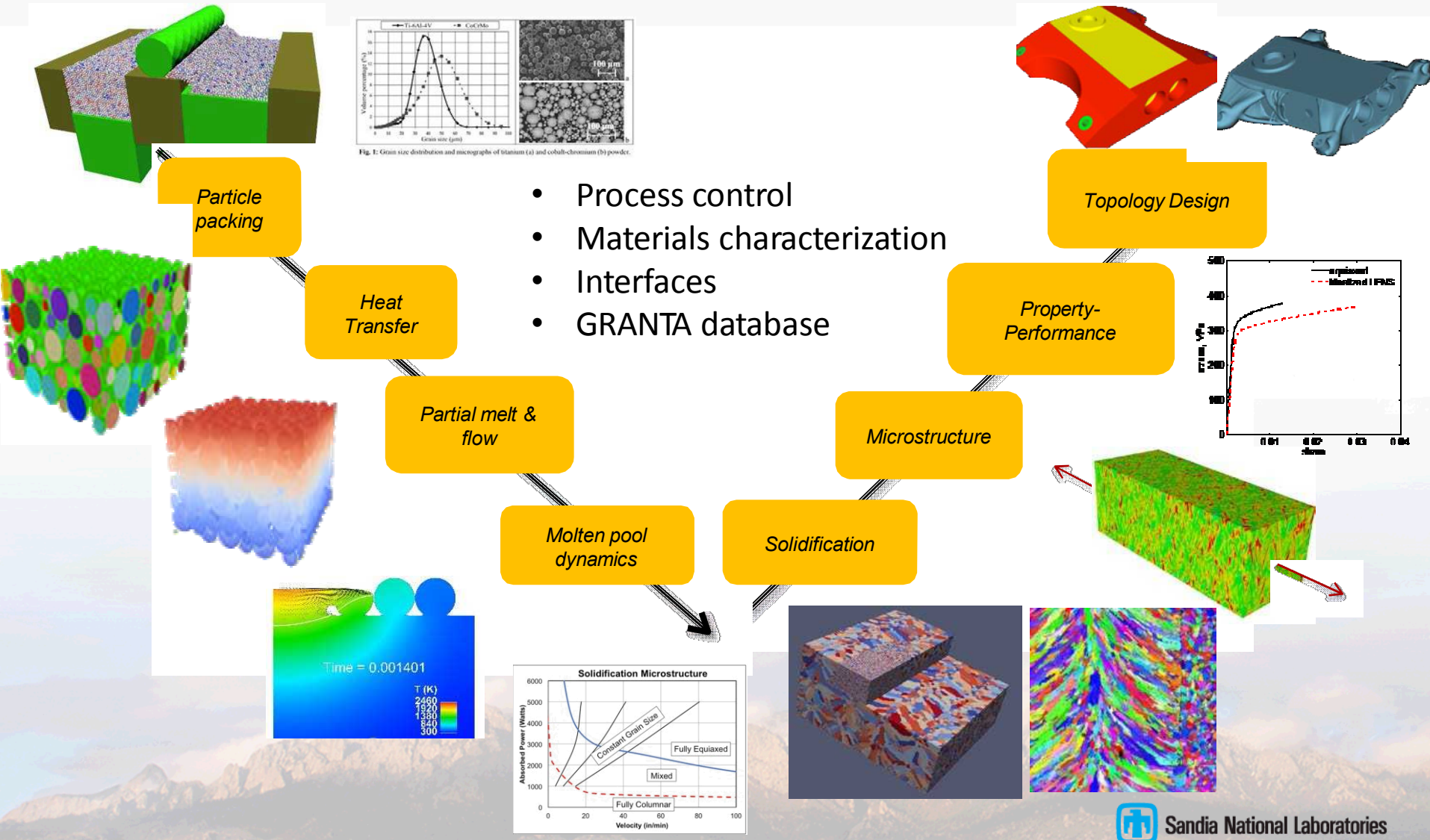


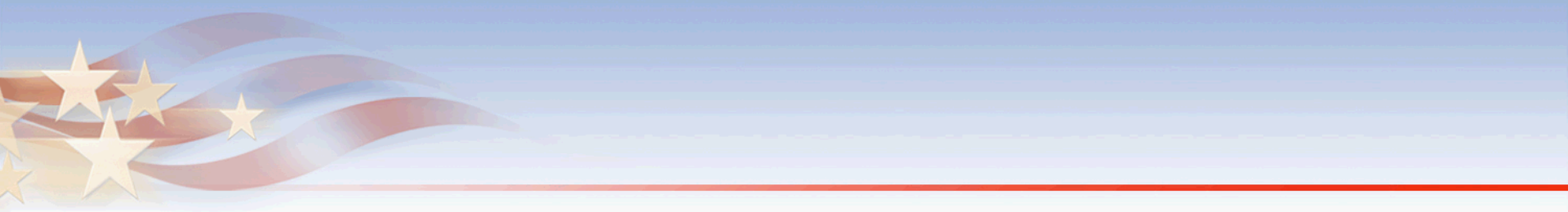
Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



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

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





Multi-Material AM



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)

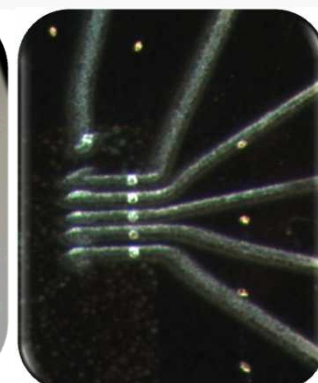
Anode (DW graphite/carbon)

Separator (DW mesoporous polymers)

Cathode (DW LiFePO_4)

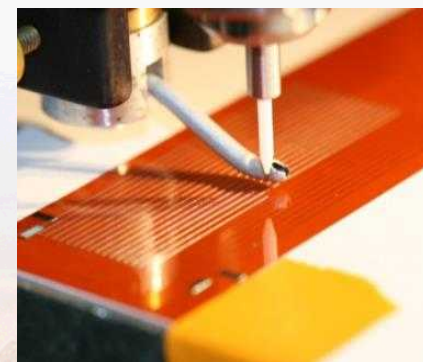
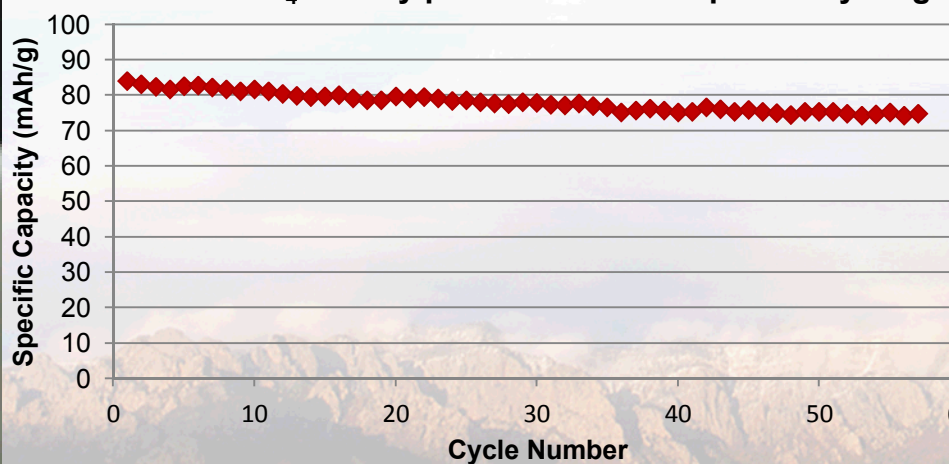
Current collector (DW copper ink)

Substrate (polyimide)



“Flexible Chips” with
printed wirebonds

LiFePO_4 Battery performs well in repeated cycling



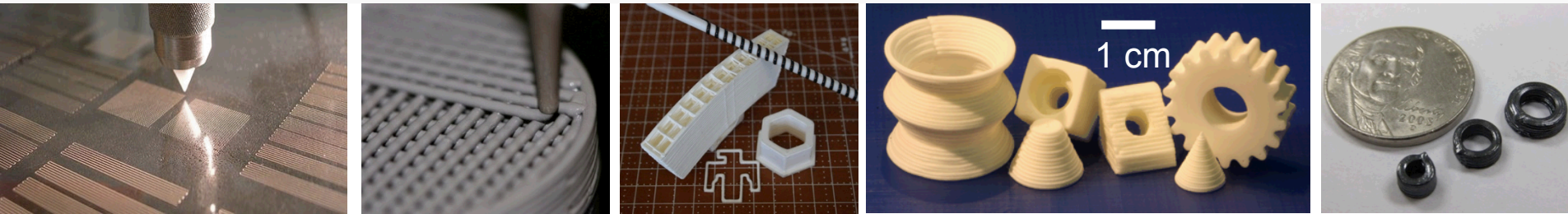
Aerosol jet printing to 10 μm



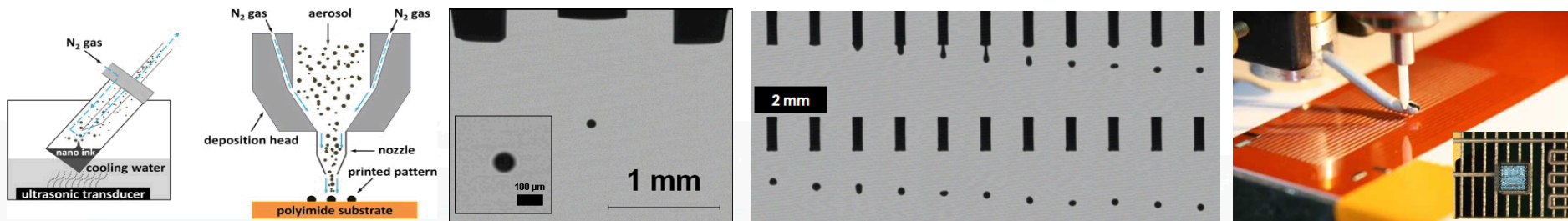
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Direct Write Technologies Enable Access To Materials Not Supported By Conventional Printing Processes

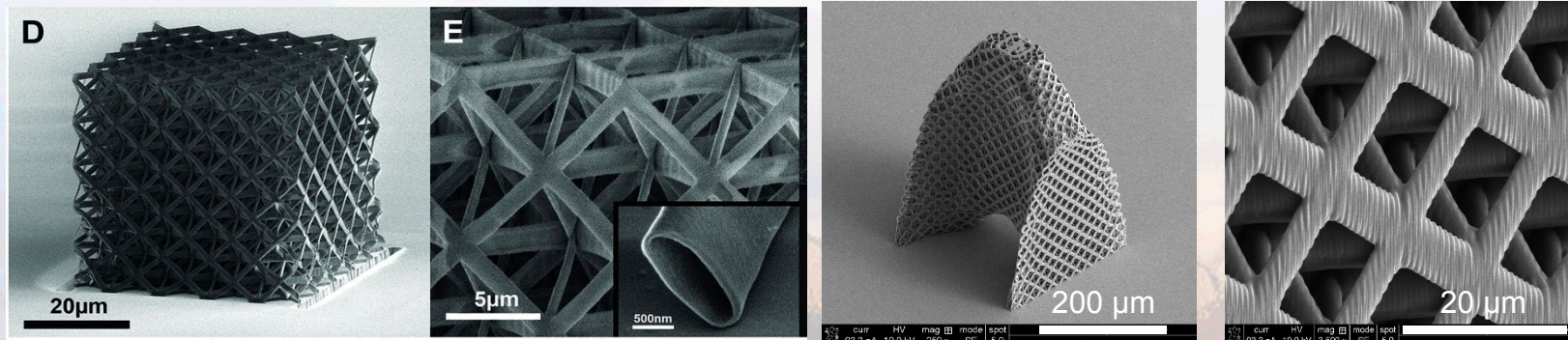
Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition

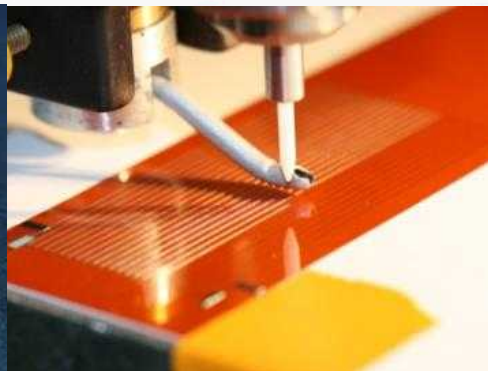


Direct Write by Laser Photo-Lithography **NEW!**



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



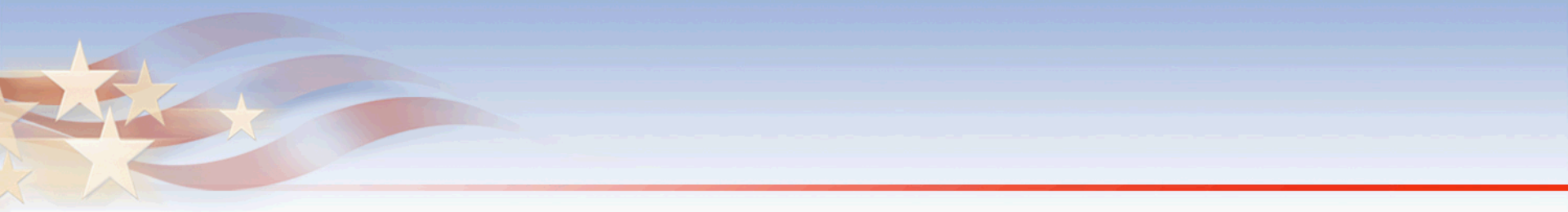


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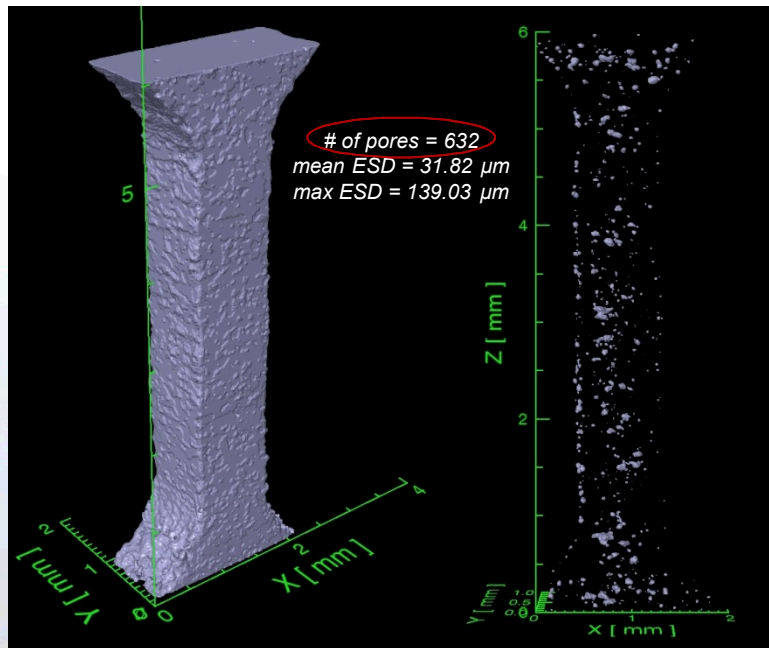


Backup Slides

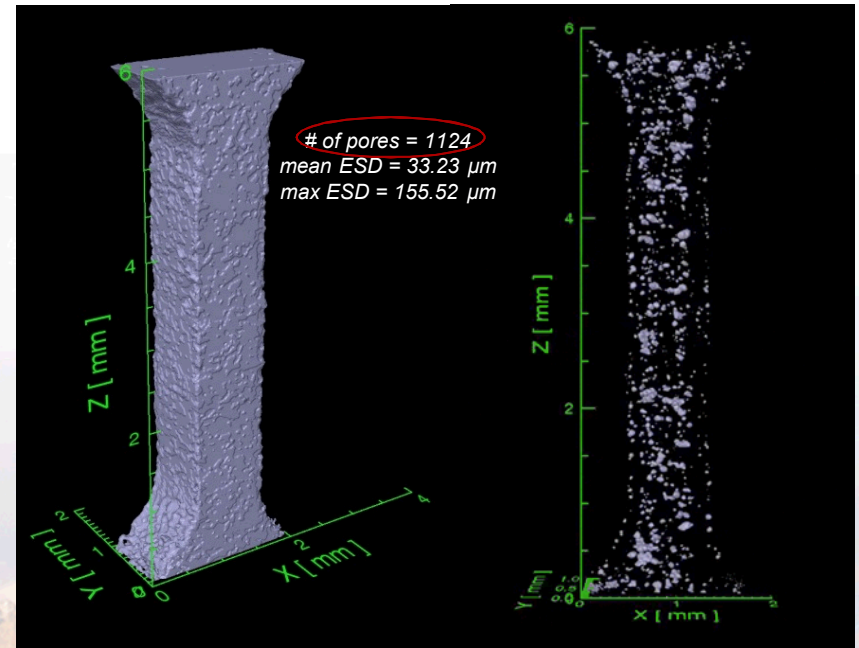


Still Working to Understand Defects Sensitivities and Failure Modes

- AlSi10Mg Dogbones
 - Gage sections imaged w/resolution of $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ voxel edge length
- Quantifying defect distributions
 - What can we see? Does it inform material behavior predictions?
 - Comparing w/serial sectioning (Robomet) & density (via Archimedes)
- 632 pores vs. 1124 similar size pores below; Very similar tensile test results; Why ???



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

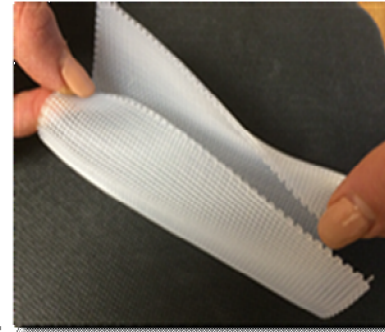
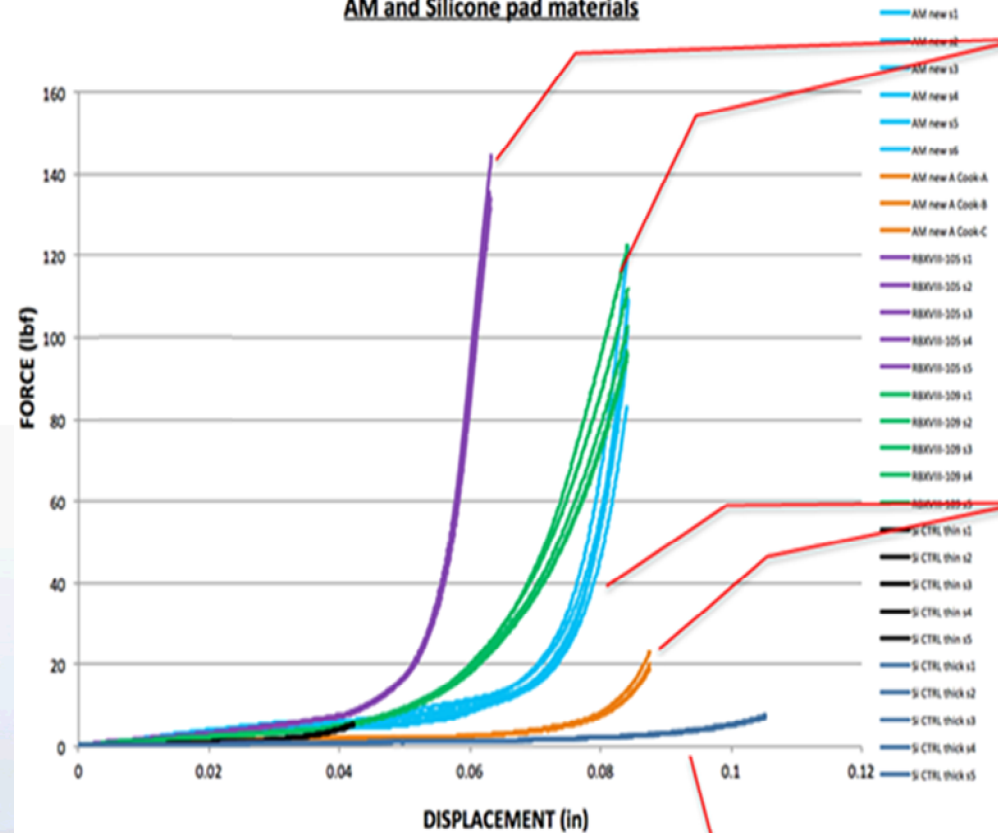


dogbone C, 16 CT surface image (left), porosity map (right)

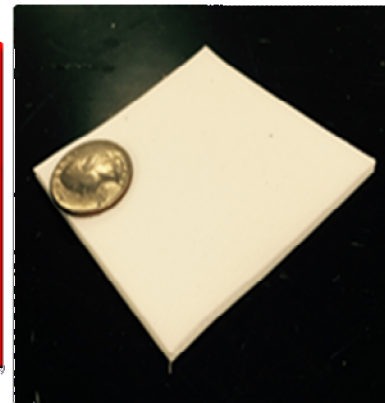
ESD = equivalent spherical diameter

Tailorable Stress/Strain

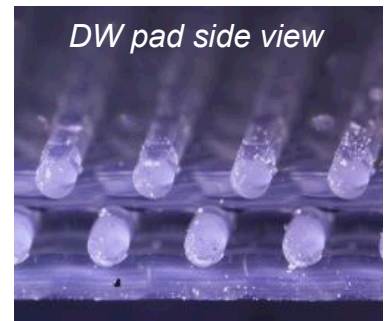
**COMPRESSION testing Comparison of
AM and Silicone pad materials**



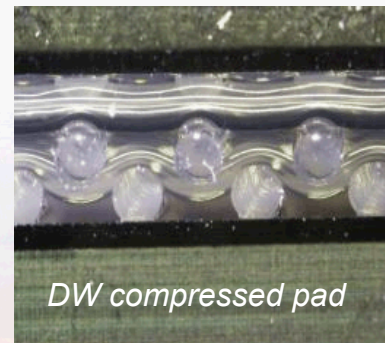
3D Printed Silicone (unmodified)



3D Printed Silicone (modified)



DW pad side view



DW compressed pad

LEGACY MATERIAL