

Additive Manufacturing at Sandia

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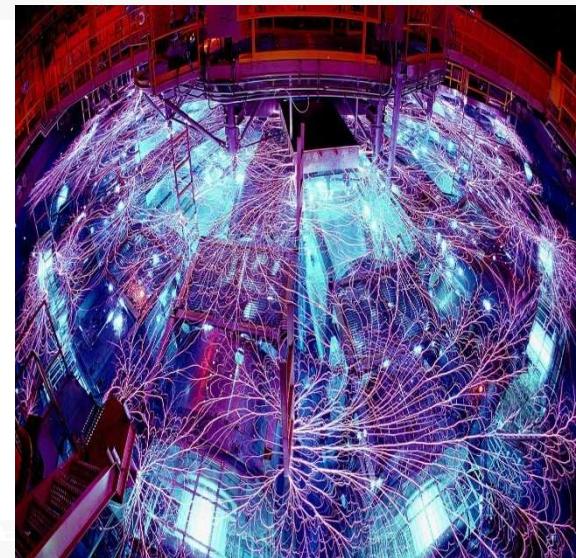
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Z- Machine



- 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



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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

Multiple Large Materials R&D Facilities

Center for Integrated Nano Technologies



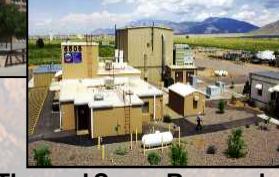
Adv. Materials & Processes Lab



Integrated Materials Research Lab



300+ Staff, ~\$100M FY17



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30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

FastCast *

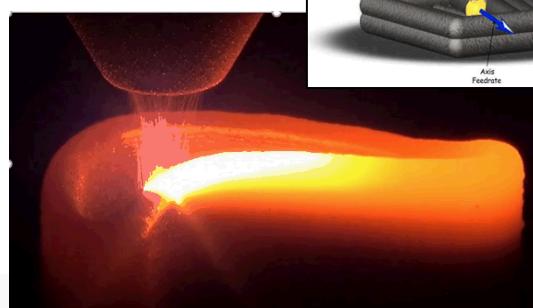
Development Housing



Laser Engineered Net Shaping *

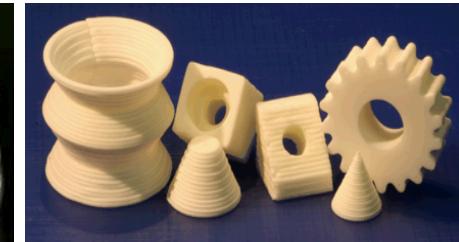
LENS®

LENS Blade



RoboCast *

Ceramic Parts

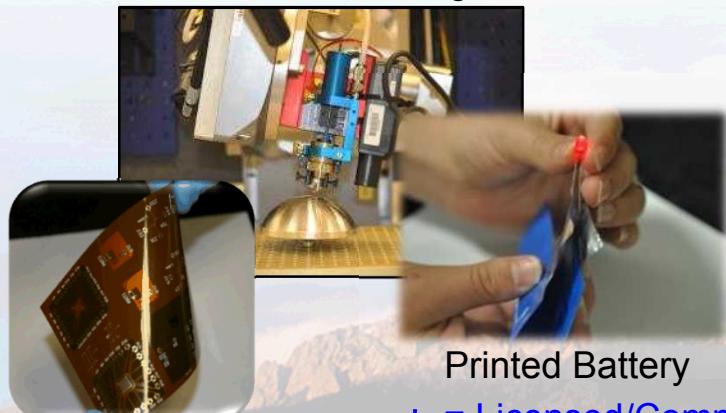


Energetic Materials



Direct Write

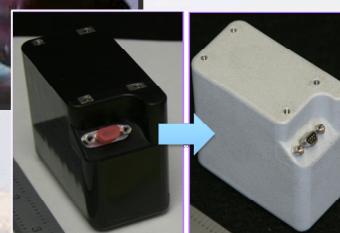
Conformal Printing



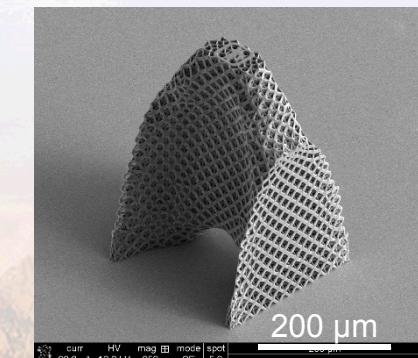
Thermal Spray



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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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

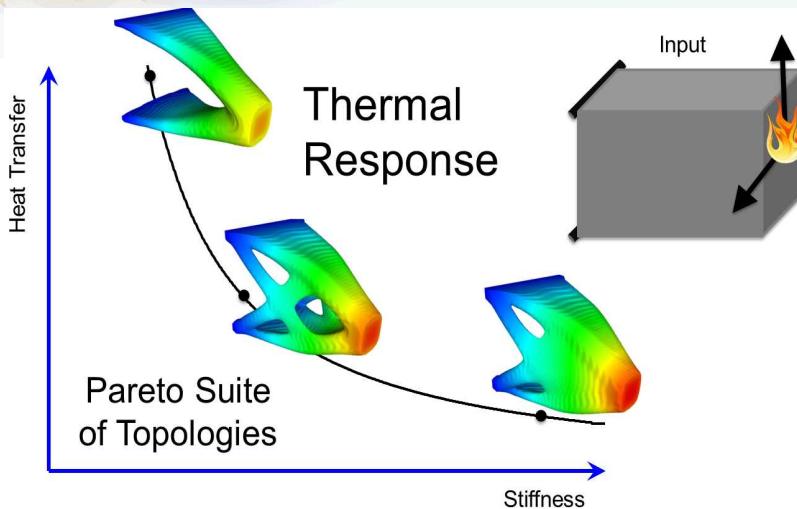


Fingers or other tools (e.g., drills) can be quickly magnetically attached in many configurations

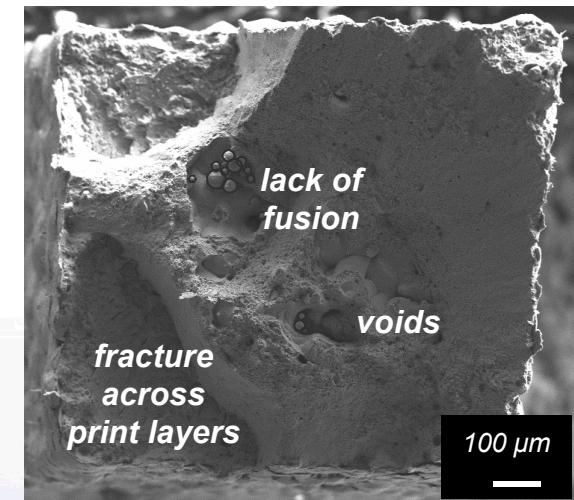
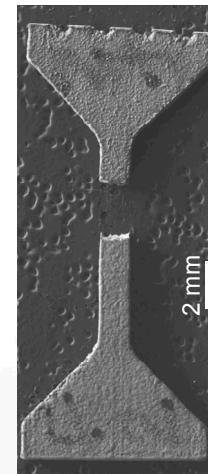


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Three Primary Areas of Emphasis in Ongoing Sandia AM R&D



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



Material Assurance (Assure/quantify reliability of AM materials)



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

- 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)

Printed LiFePO₄ Battery

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



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Analysis Driven Design



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Analysis-Driven Design Optimization

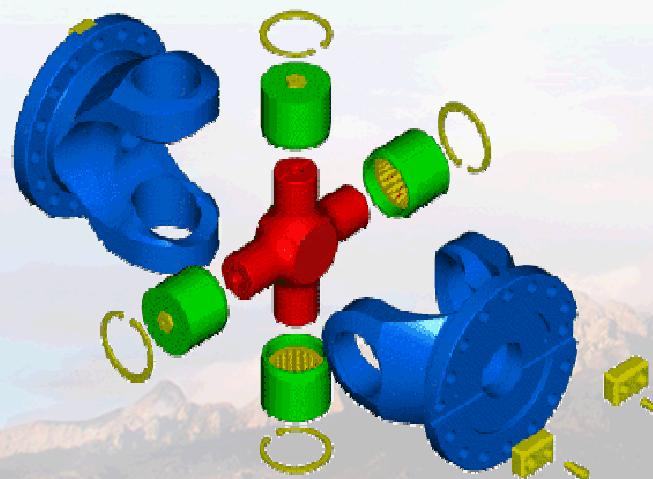
We combined Topological Optimization (TO) with eXtended Finite Element Modeling (X-FEM) & LENS® to optimize selected properties, e.g., strength/weight ratio

“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)

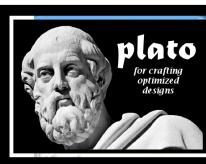
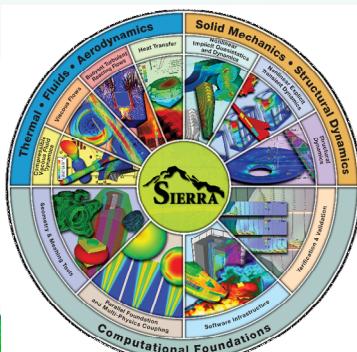


“Loxosphere” Universal Joint printed as a single integrated assembly –fewer parts, no assembly, no frictional wear!

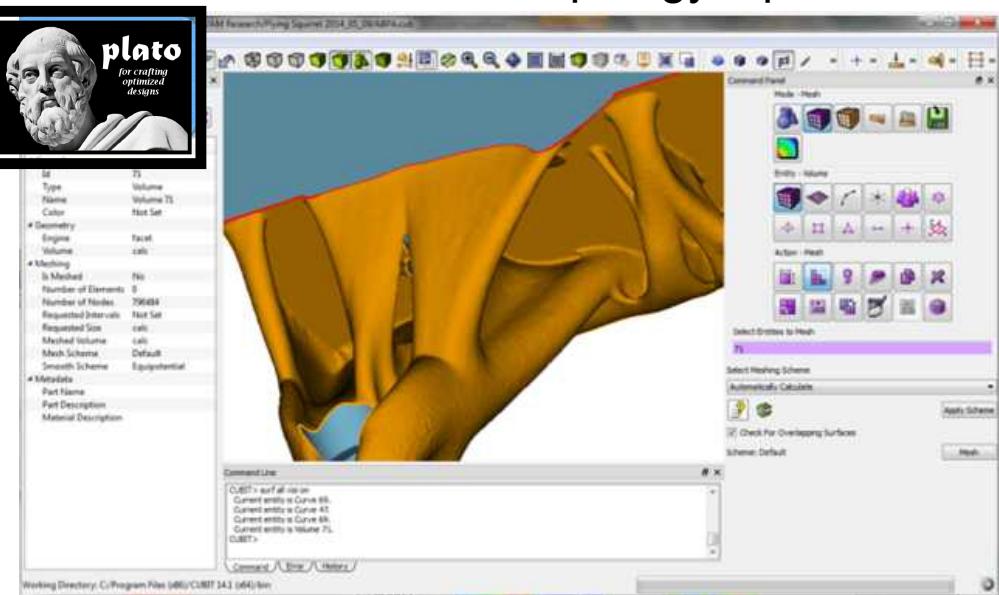


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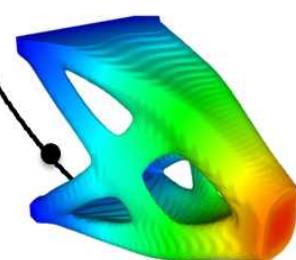
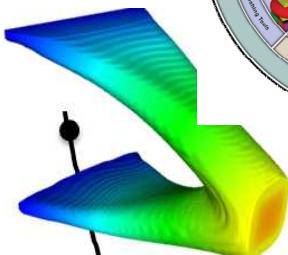
AM Design Via Functional Prioritization



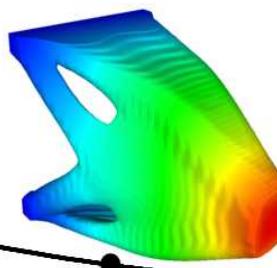
User-Friendly GUI Interface
PLATO - PLAtform for Topology Optimization



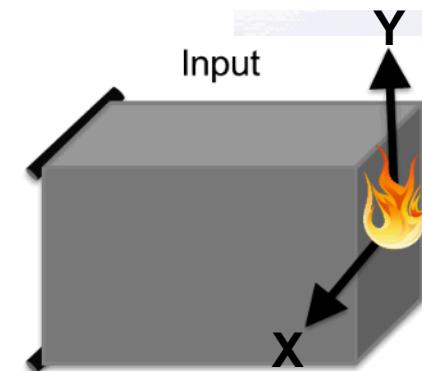
Heat Transfer



Pareto Suite
of Topologies

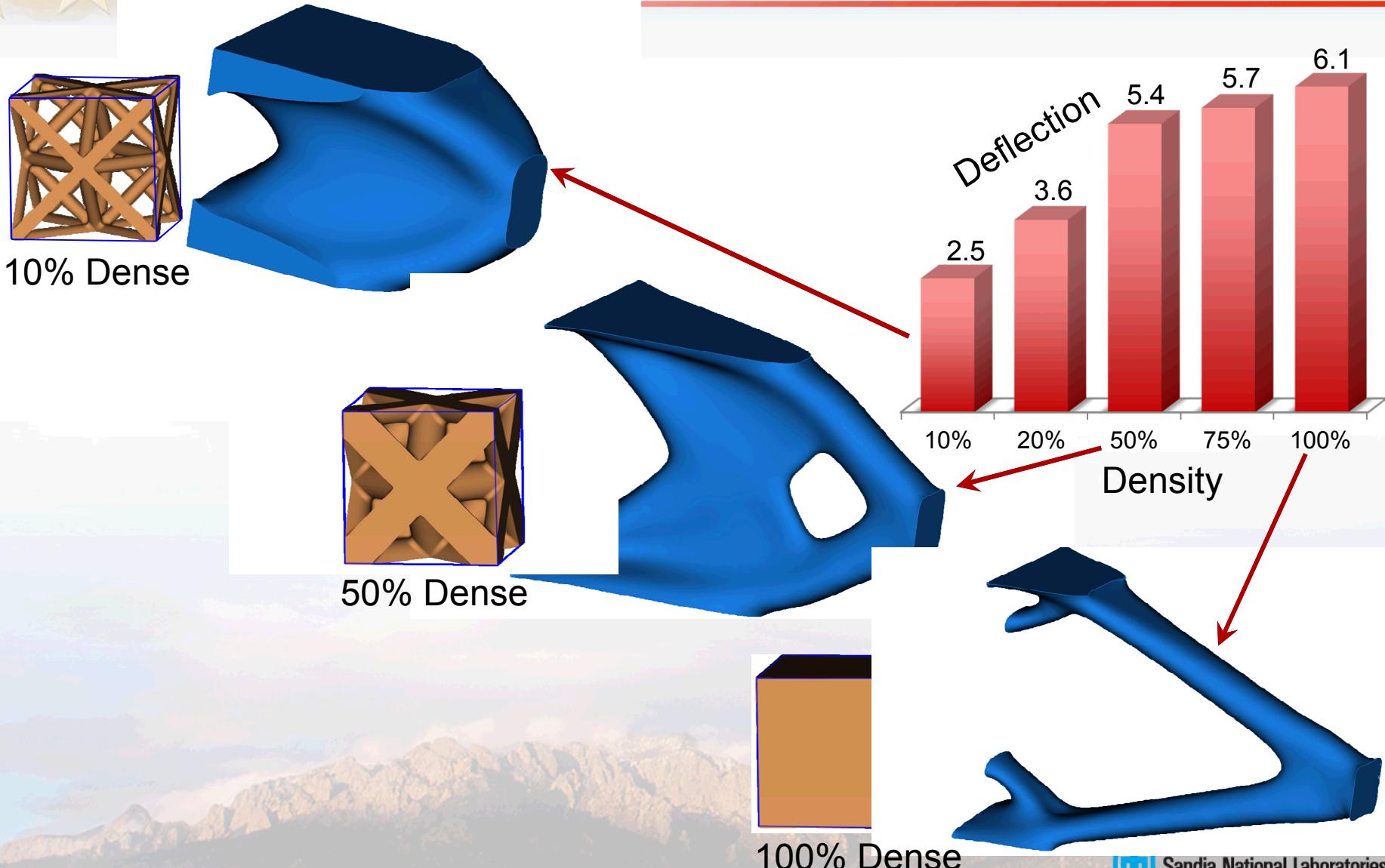


Stiffness



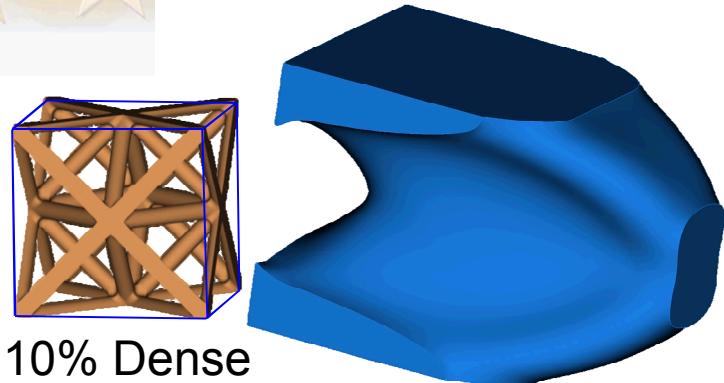
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Optimizing Stiffness at Fixed Mass

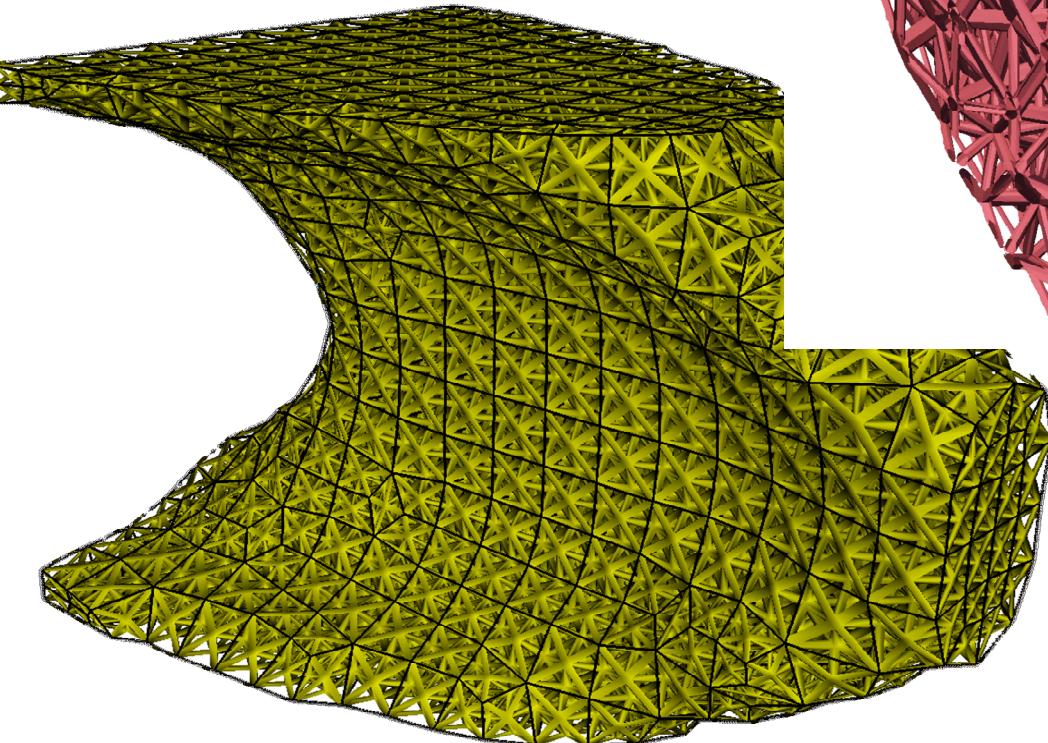
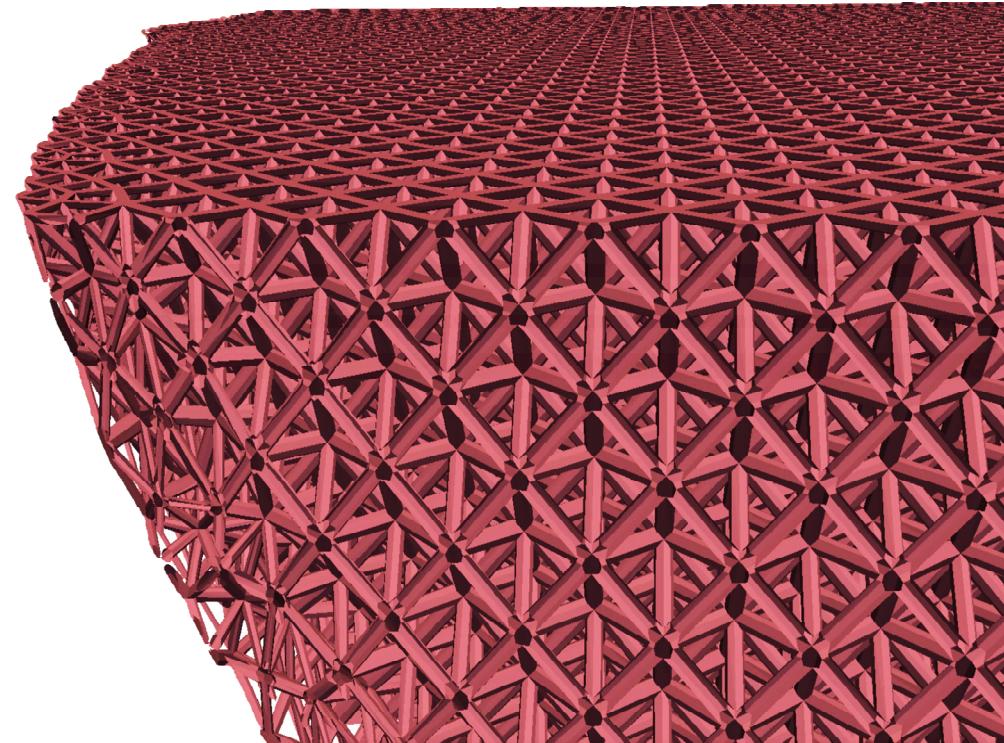




Creating Curved Surfaces with no "Loose Ends"



10% Dense



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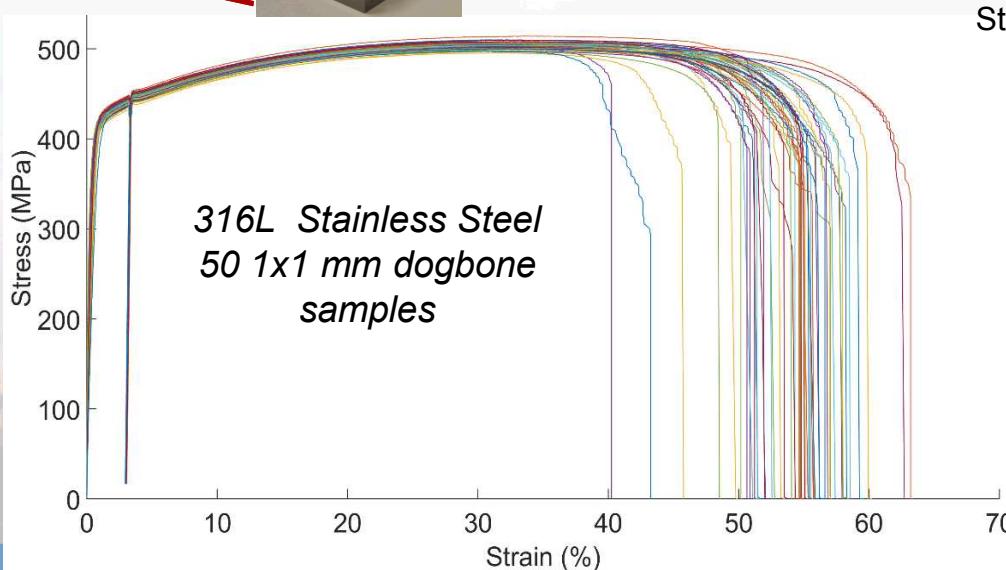
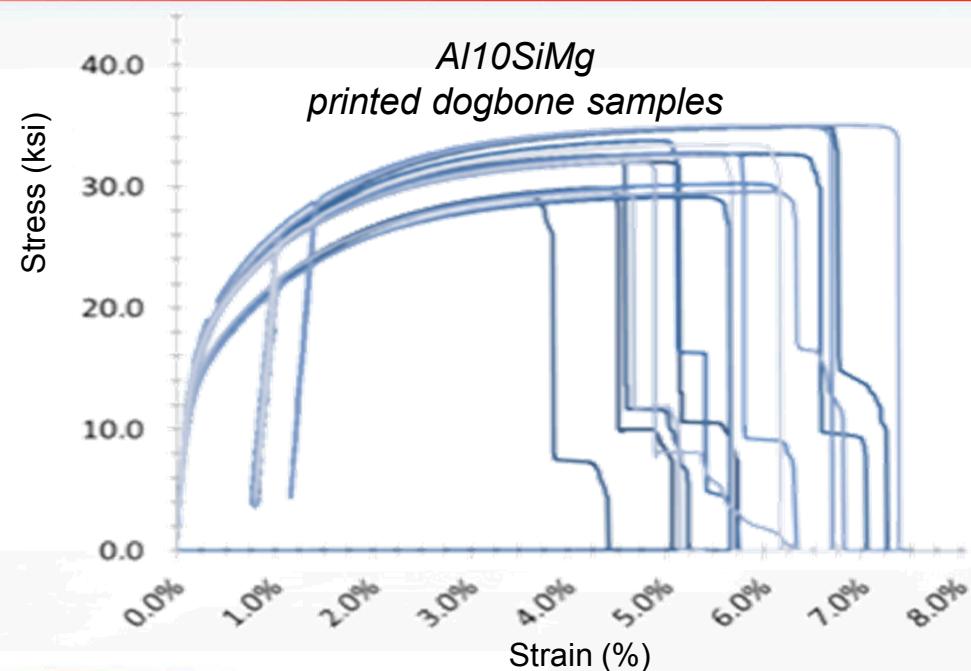
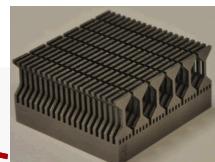
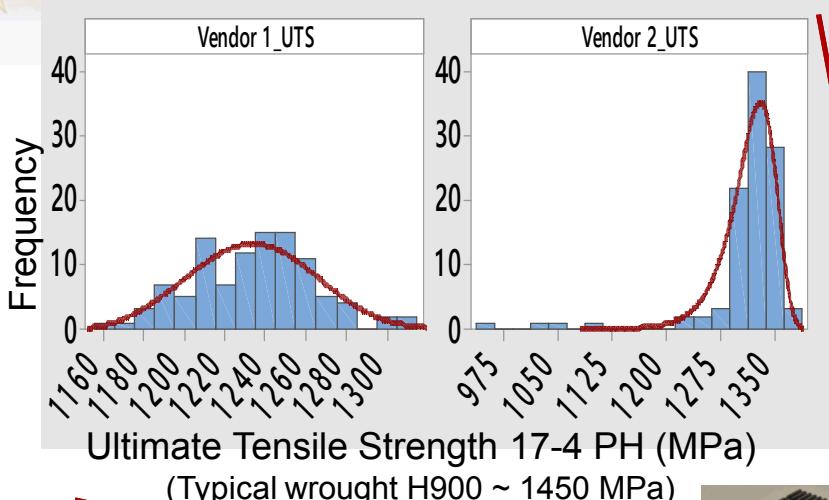


Materials Assurance



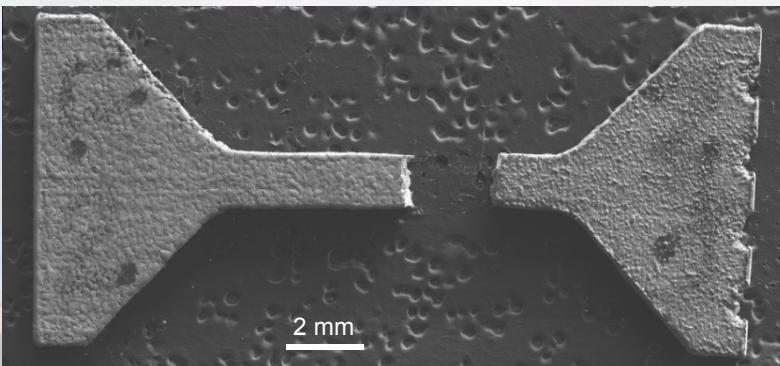
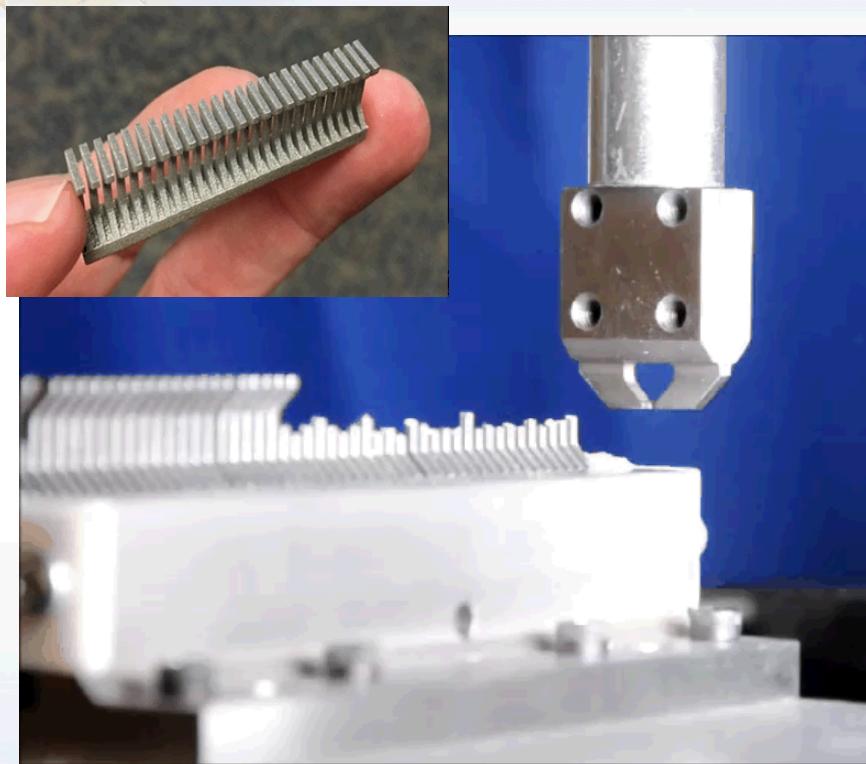
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Examples of AM Variability

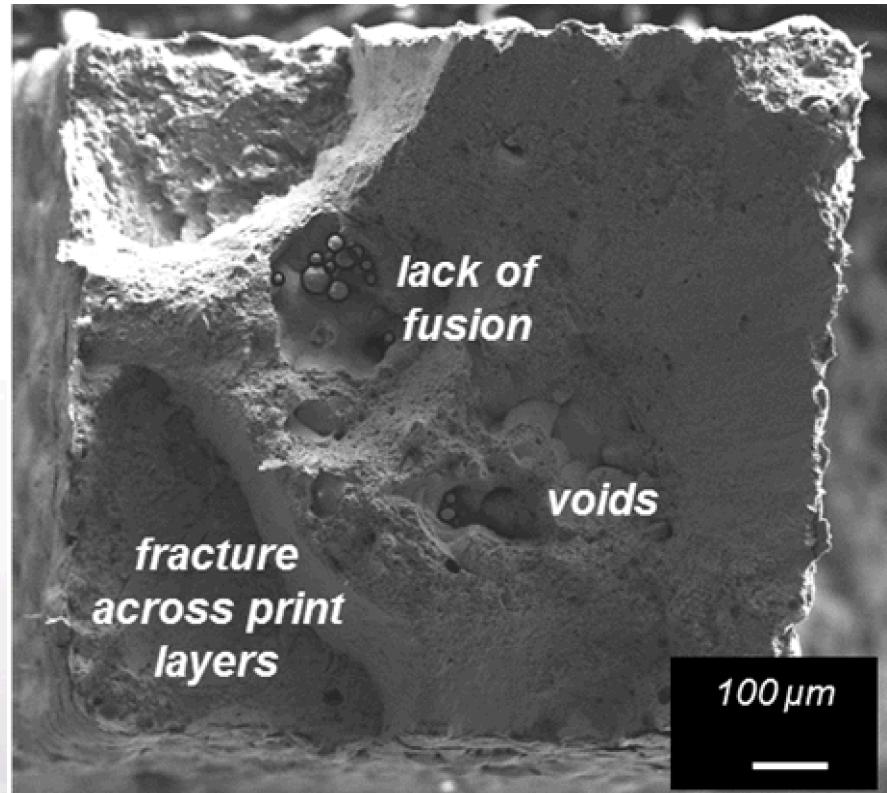


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High-Throughput Tensile Testing



17-4 PH SS, H900 “brittle” fracture



Failure at 2% elongation

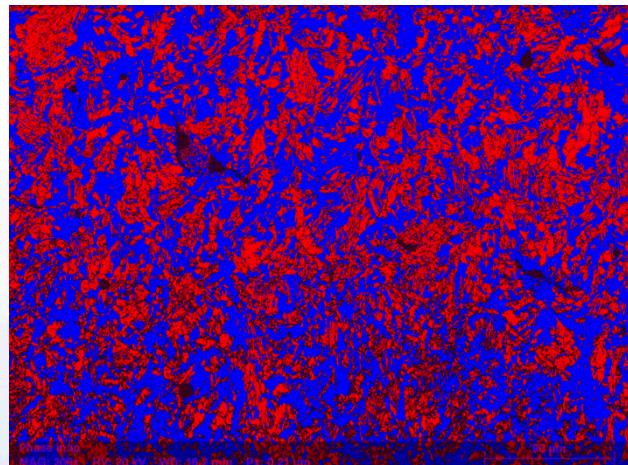


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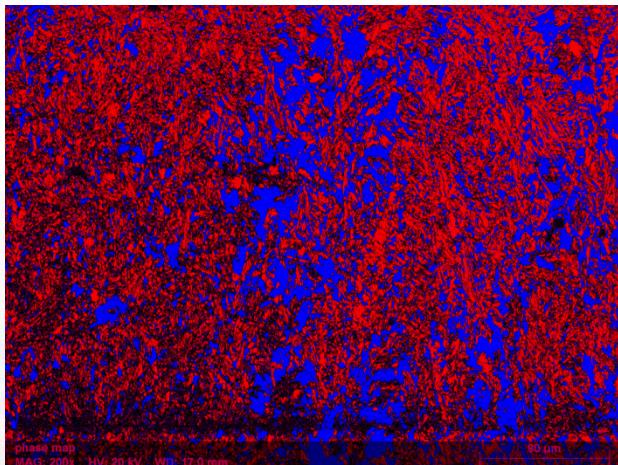


Retained Austenite in 17-4 PH Stainless When Using Nitrogen Gas Atomized Powder

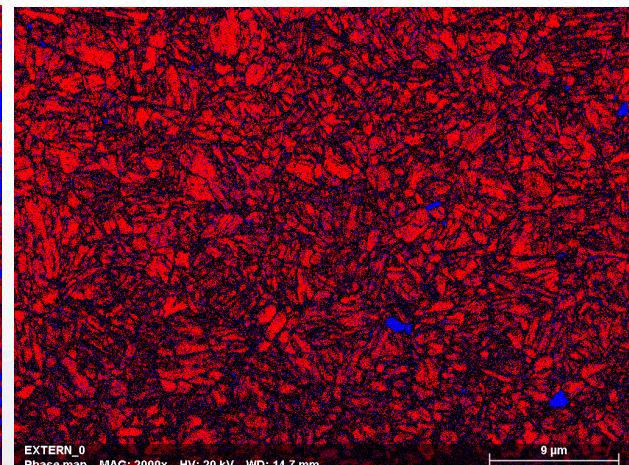
- Anomalous phase composition in AM vs. wrought 17-4 PH Stainless
 - Large fraction of retained austenite after solution heat treatment + H900 age
 - Cryo treatment to -196°C for 5 min still does not transform austenite



As-printed, 47% Austenite



SHT + H900 Age, 43% Austenite



Wrought Sheet Shows Fine-grained Martensite

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

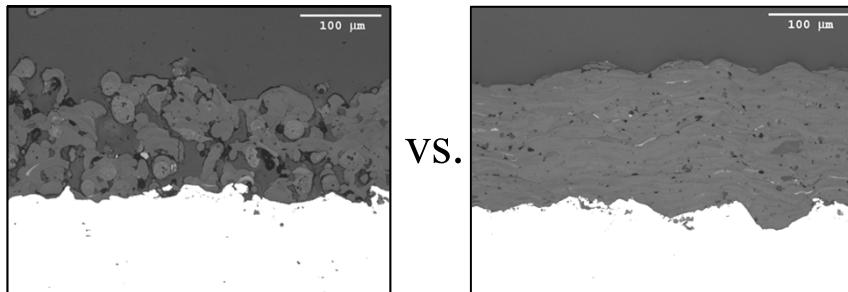


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Fundamental Process Understanding is Key to Controlling Variability

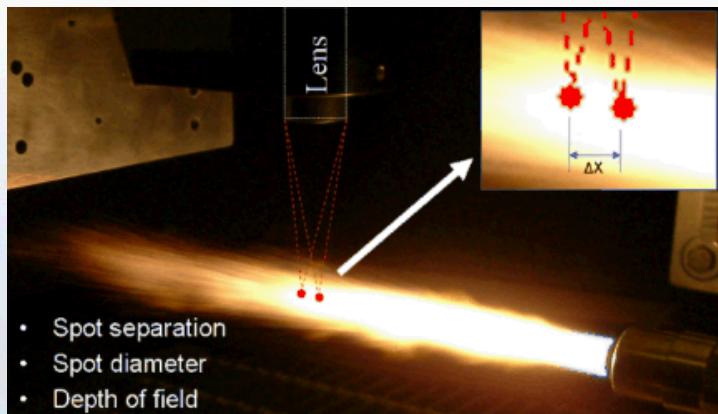
Prior Successful R&D with Thermal Spray

Same System, Same Feedstock,



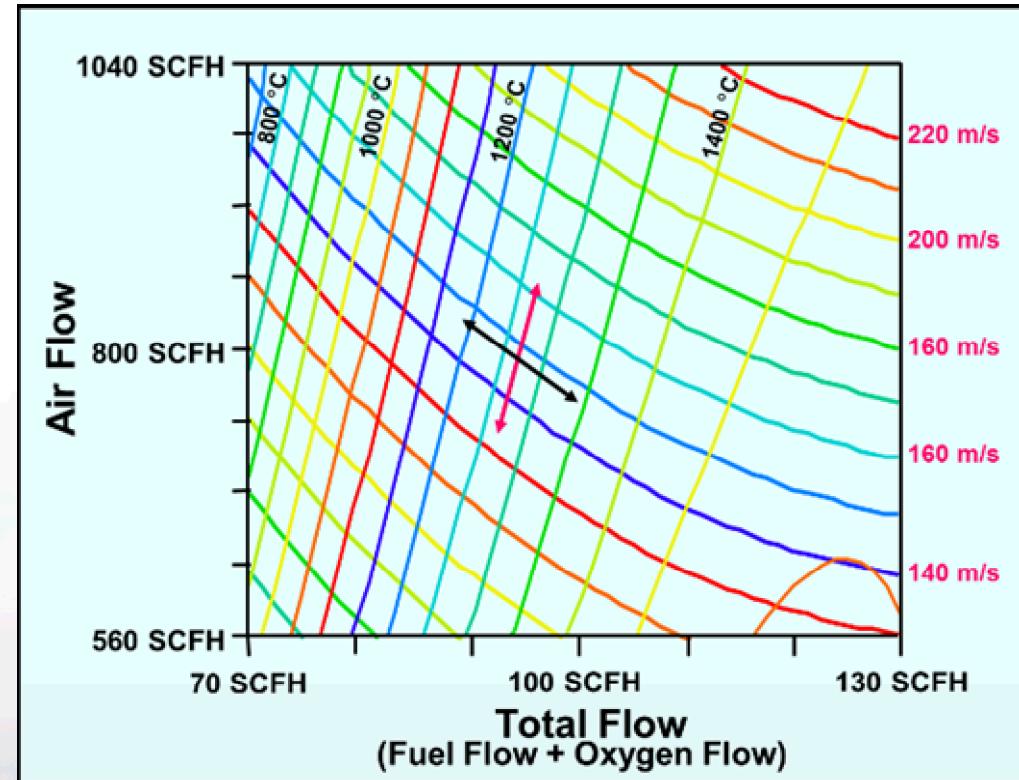
Very Different Results!

- 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)



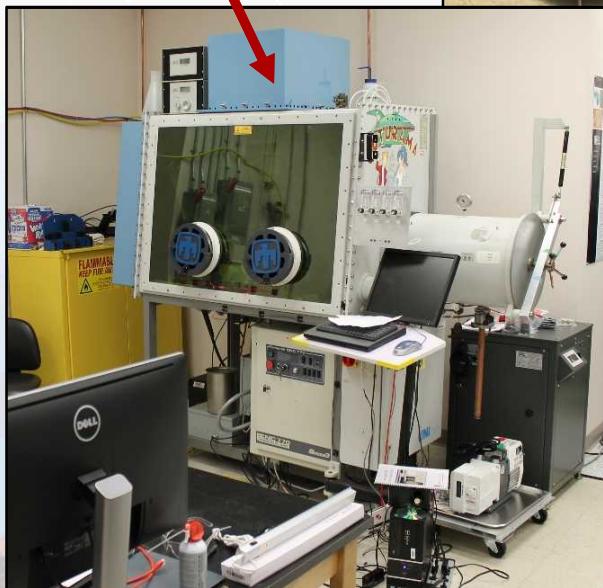
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Sandia Metal/Multi-Material AM Process R&D Laboratory

3D Systems ProX 200
Laser Metal Powder Bed
Machine



Next Generation Custom
Built Hybrid LENS™
System



Aspex Explorer SEM-based
powder particle analyzer

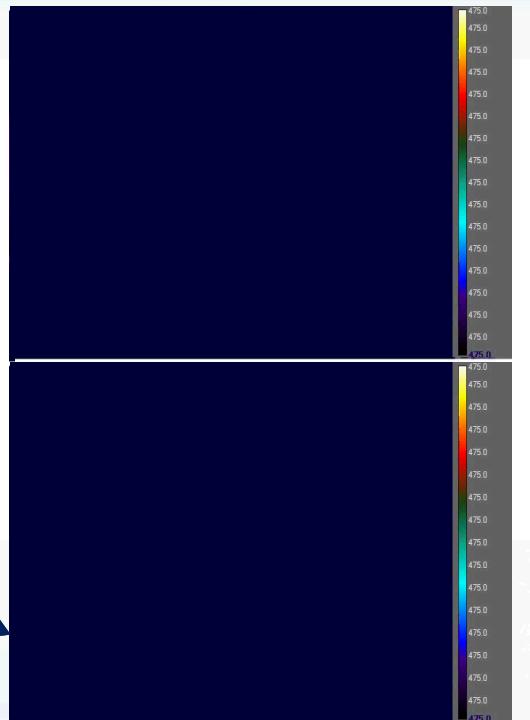
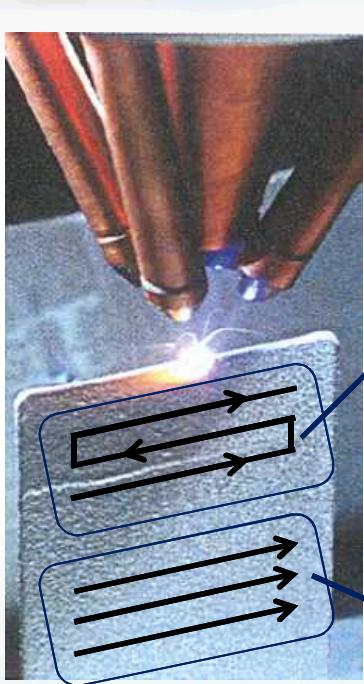


Haas VF2 mill-turn
machine Modified for
Multi-Material hybrid AM

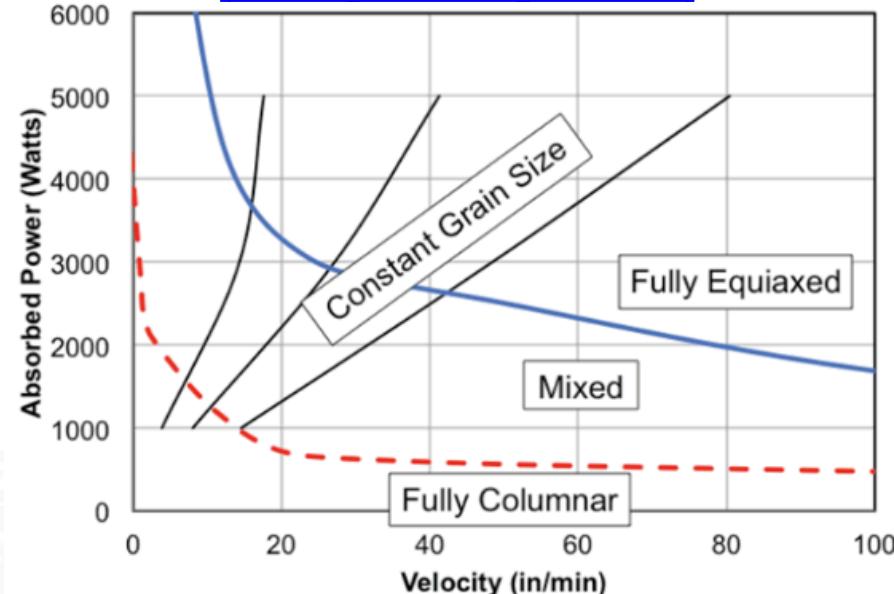


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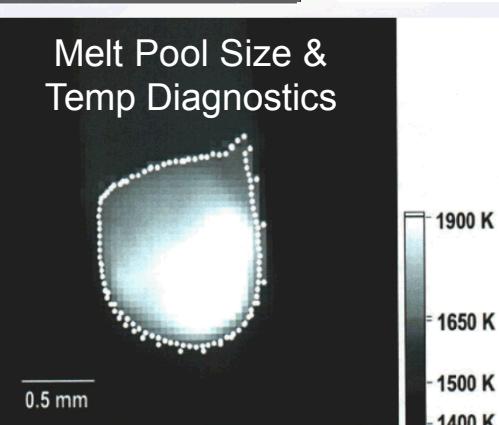
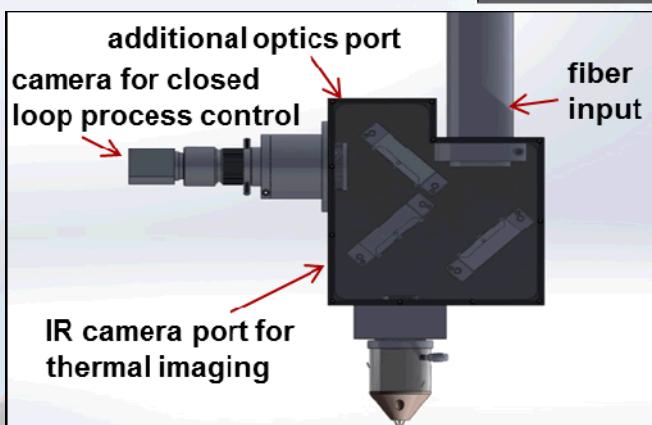
Working to Understand LENS™ Processing-Microstructure Relationships



Processing-Microstructure Relationships (teaming w Carnegie Mellon)



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



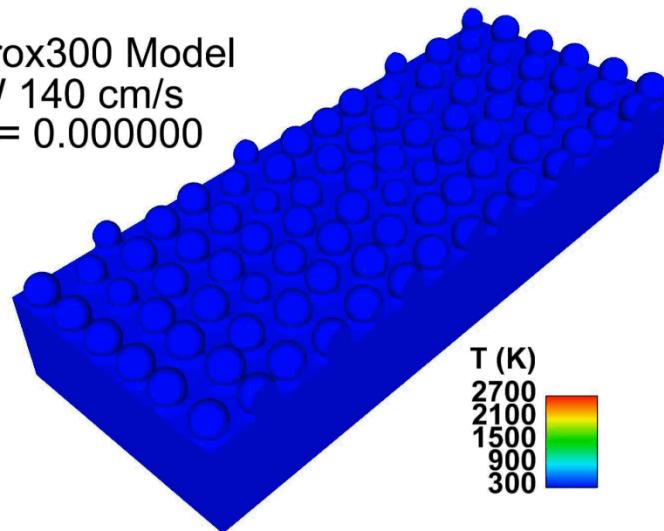
Control melt pool size & temperature to create desired microstructure and reduce variability



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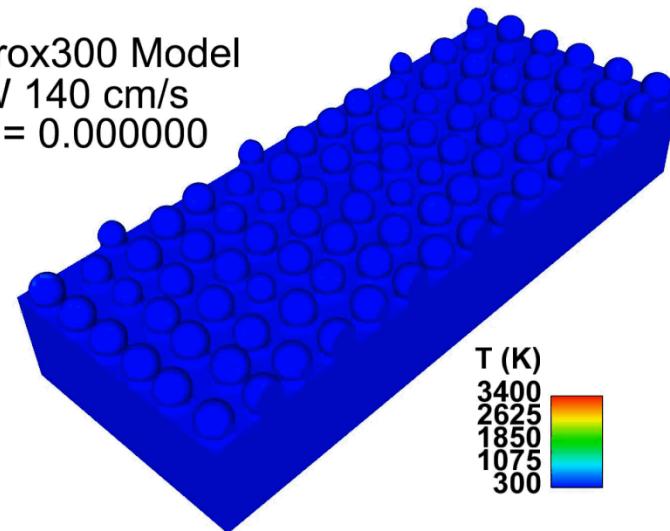
Process Modeling Can Provide Useful Insights

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



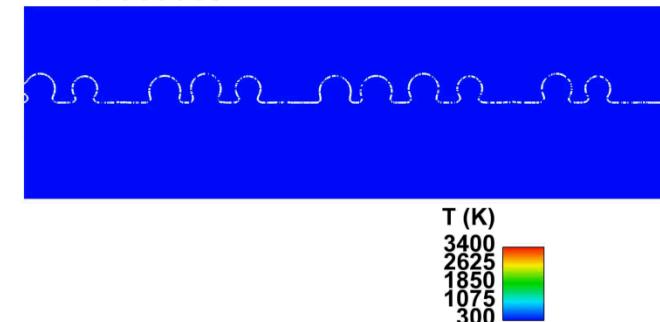
Stainless steel 304L
25 micron powder

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

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)

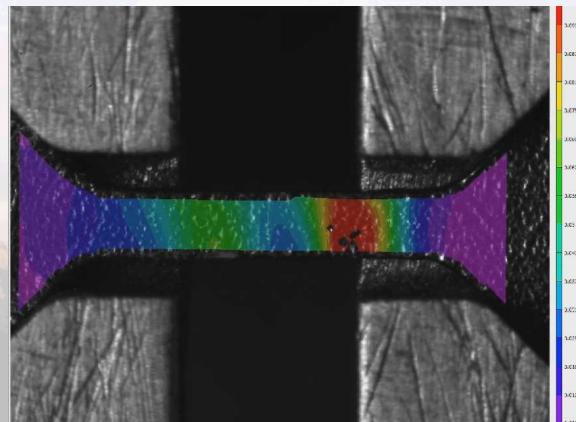
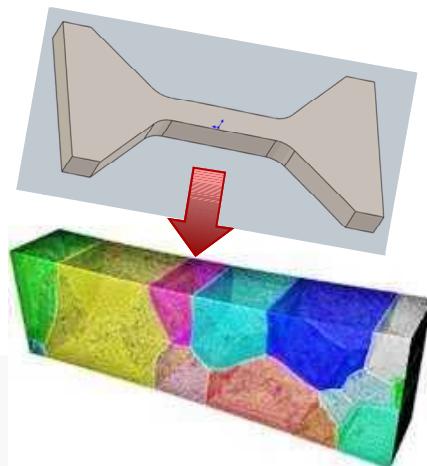
Key Questions:

What AM Defects Matter?
Can I detect them?

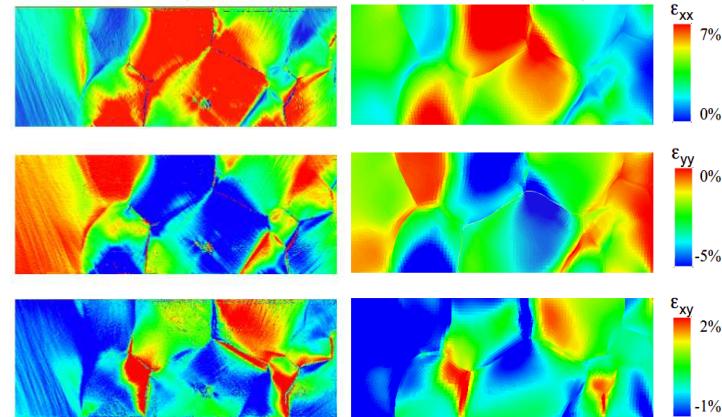
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Equipment CE#: CN20170

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Oligocrystal experiments vs. crystal plasticity models (tensile loading)



Experimental Results

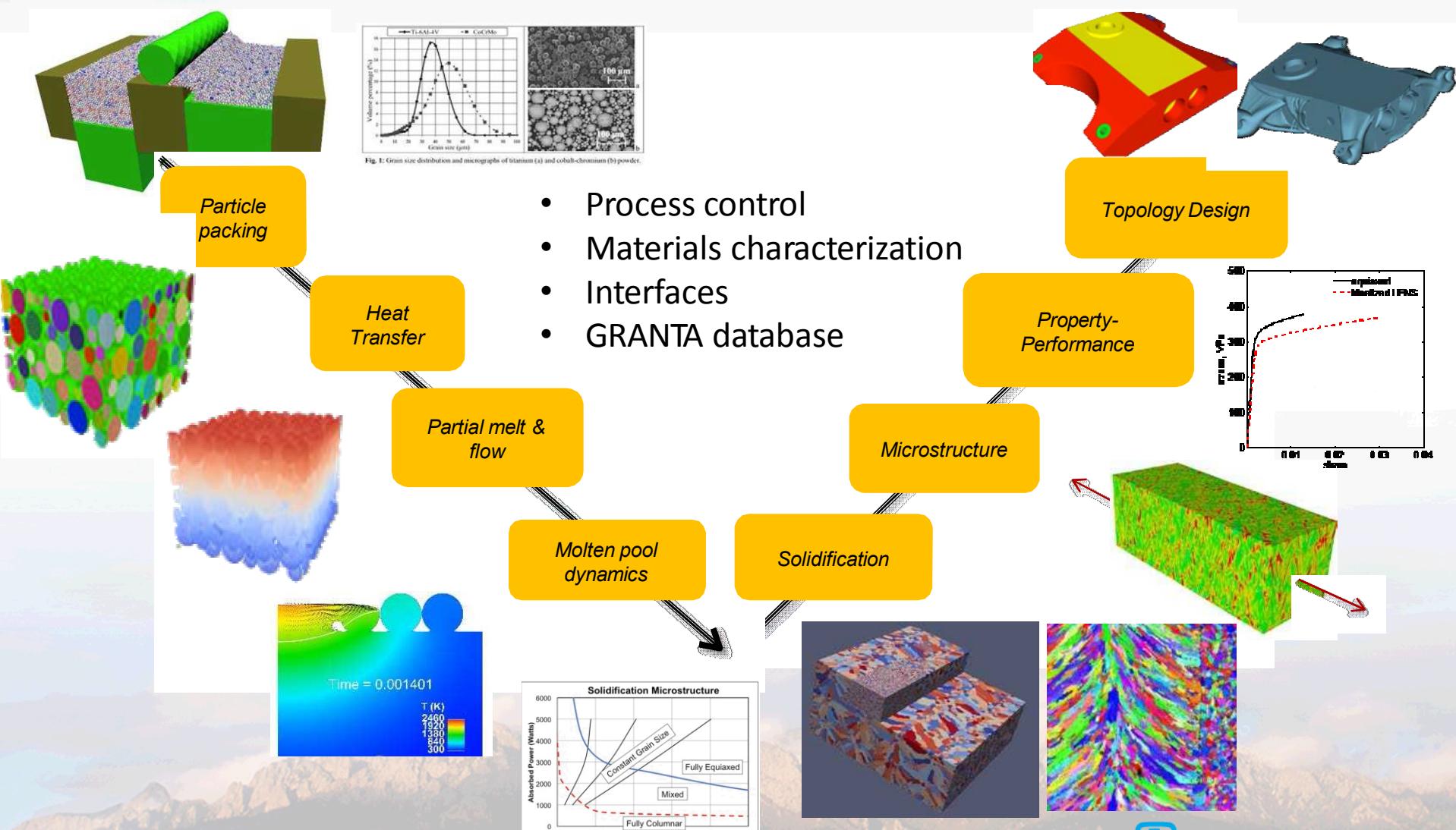
Computed Simulations

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



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



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Multi-Material AM

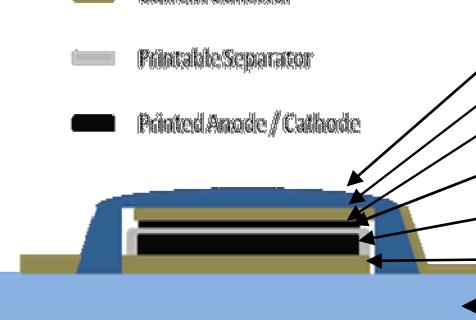


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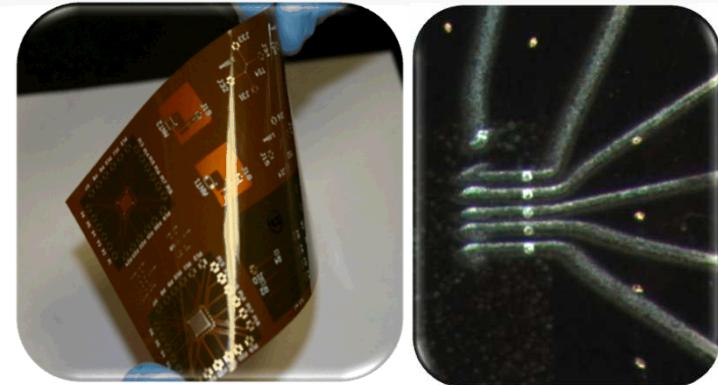
Sandia has Strong Capabilities/Expertise In Printed Electronics

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

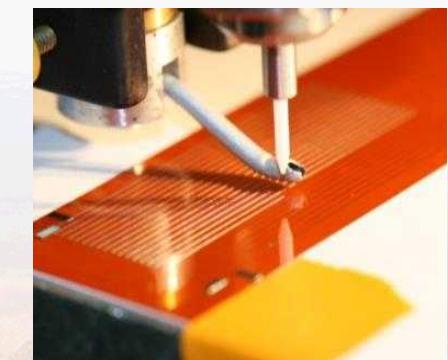
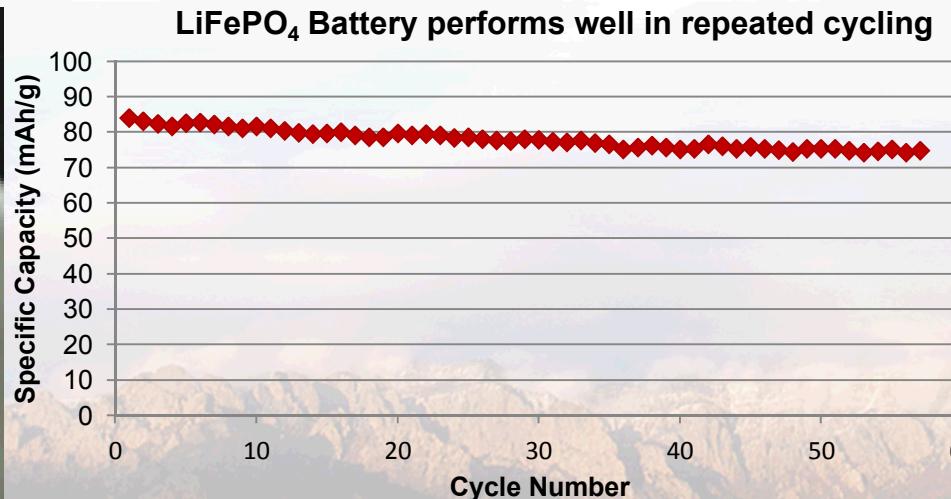


Printed flexible battery

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



“Flexible Chips” with
printed wirebonds



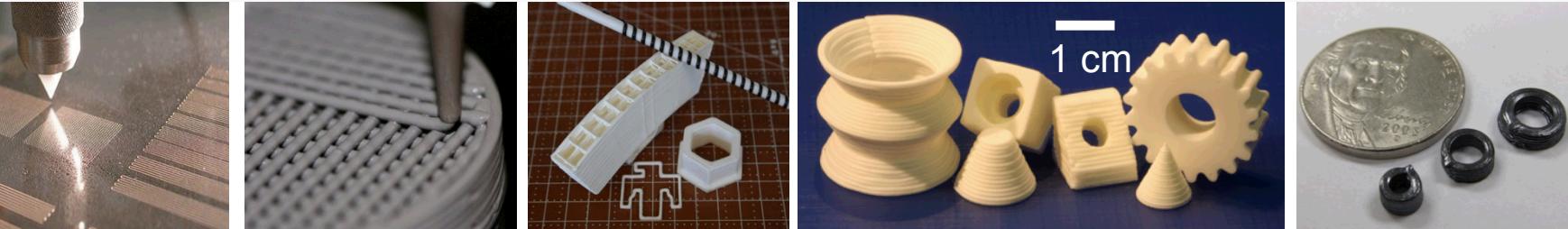
Aerosol jet printing to 10 μ m



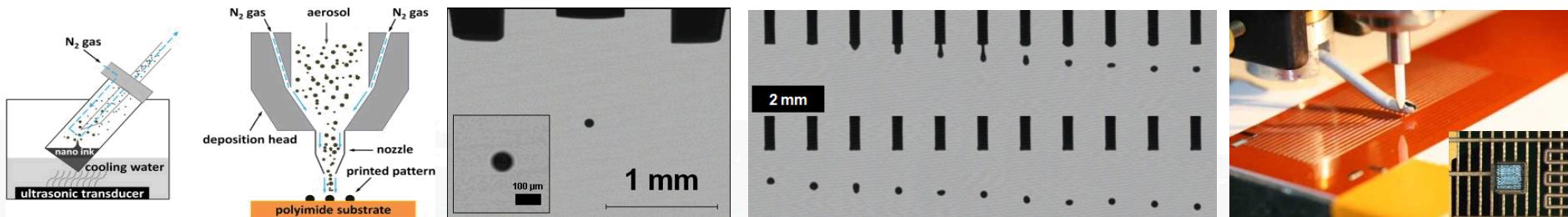
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Direct Write Technologies Enable Access To Materials Not Supported By Conventional Printing Processes

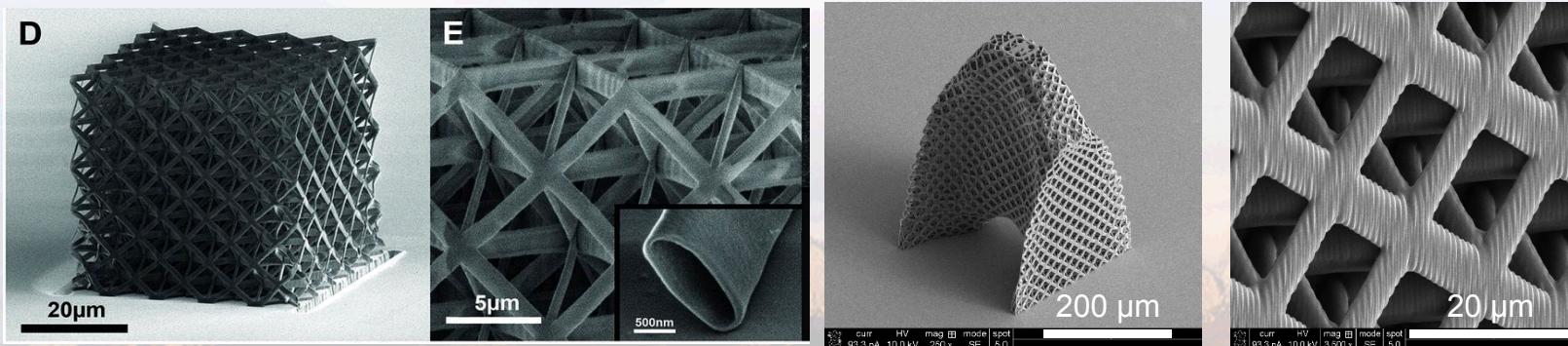
Direct Write by Extrusion Casting (Robocasting)



Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



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



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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





Questions?

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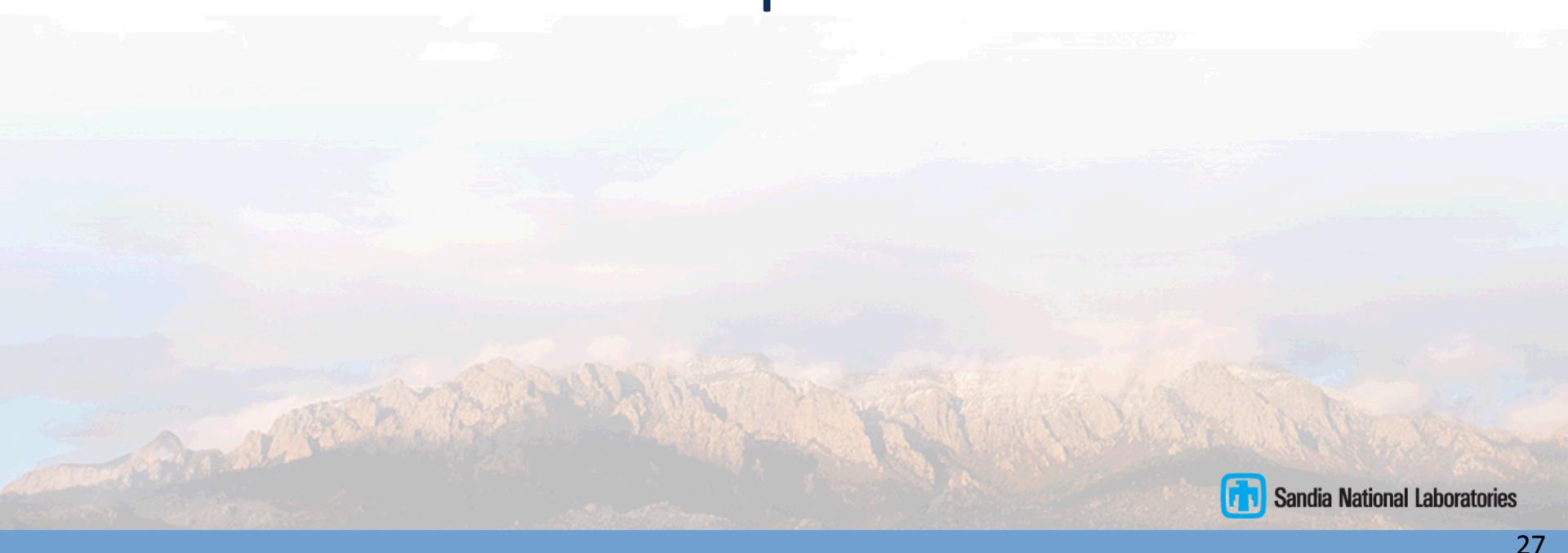
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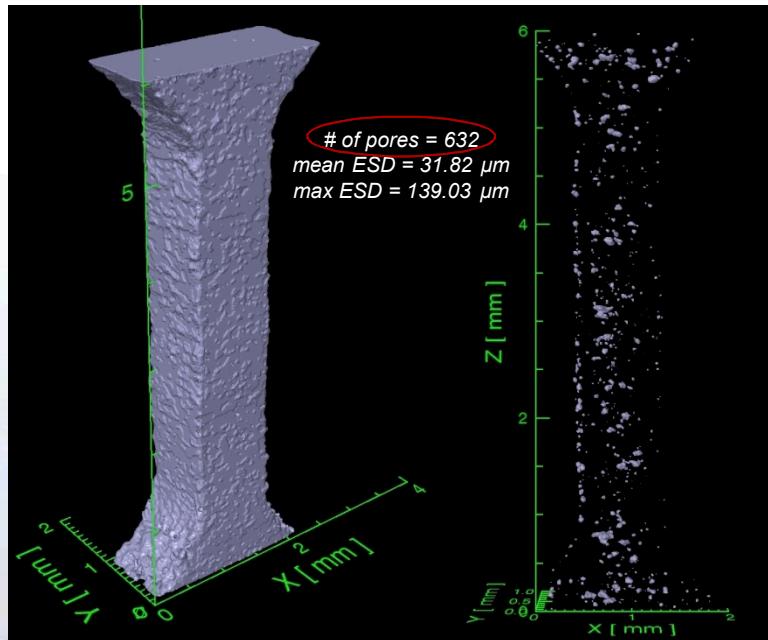
Backup Slides



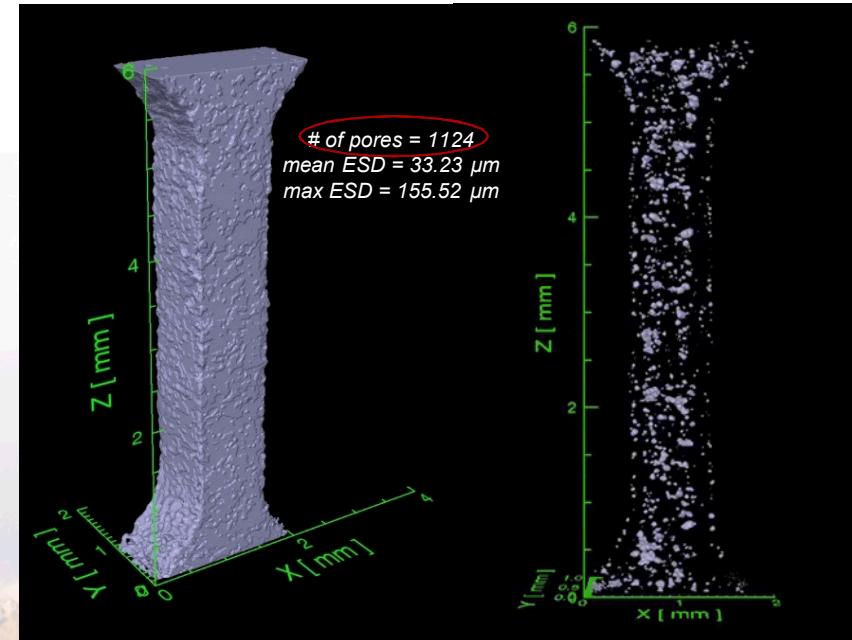
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Still Working to Understand Defects Sensitivities and Failure Modes

- 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

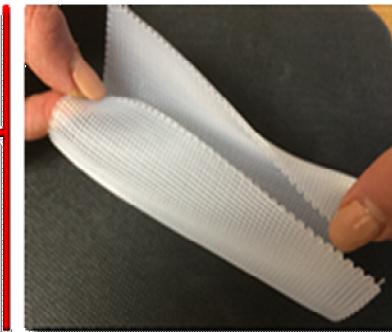
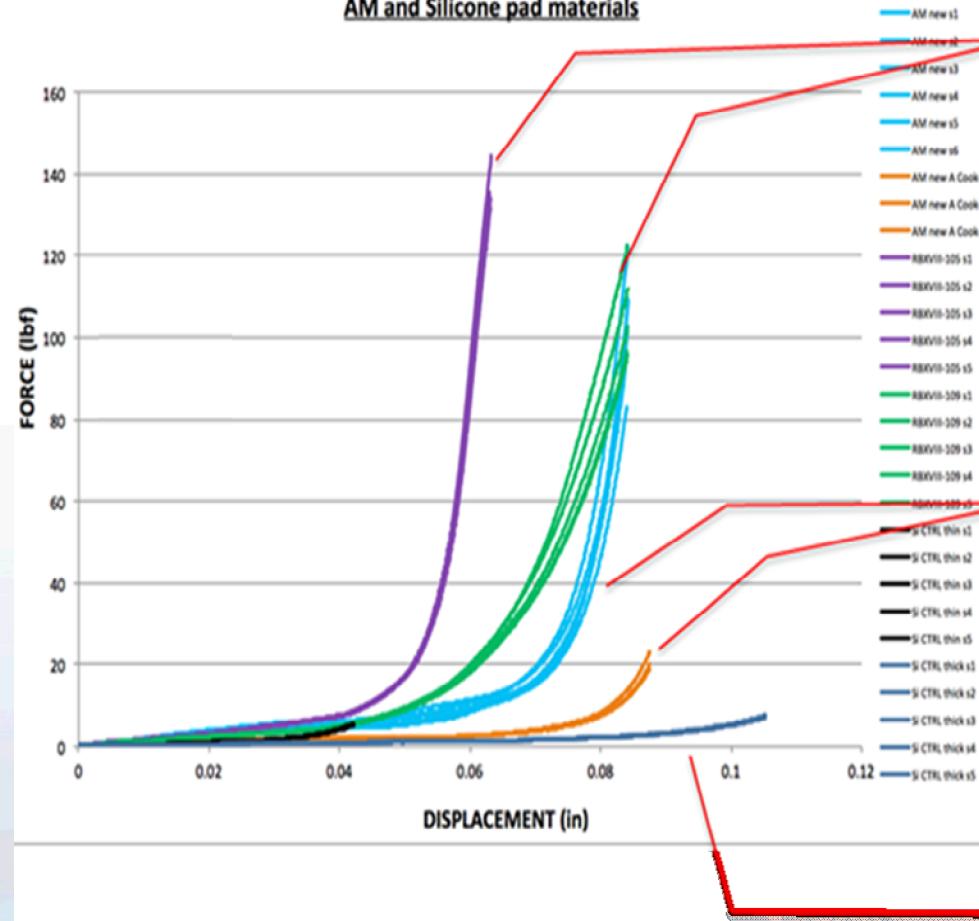


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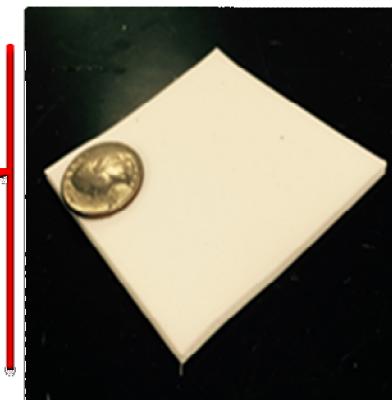
Tailorable Stress/Strain



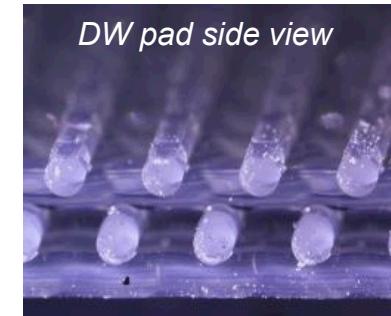
COMPRESSION testing Comparison of
AM and Silicone pad materials



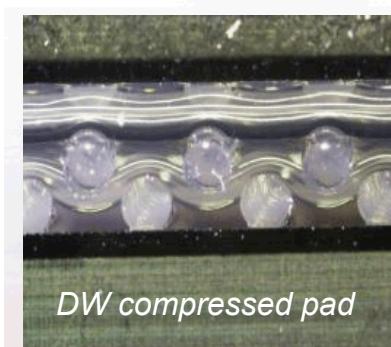
3D Printed Silicone (unmodified)



3D Printed Silicone (modified)



DW pad side view



DW compressed pad

LEGACY MATERIAL



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