

# Printed Electronics Capabilities at Sandia National Laboratories and Opportunities for Partnering



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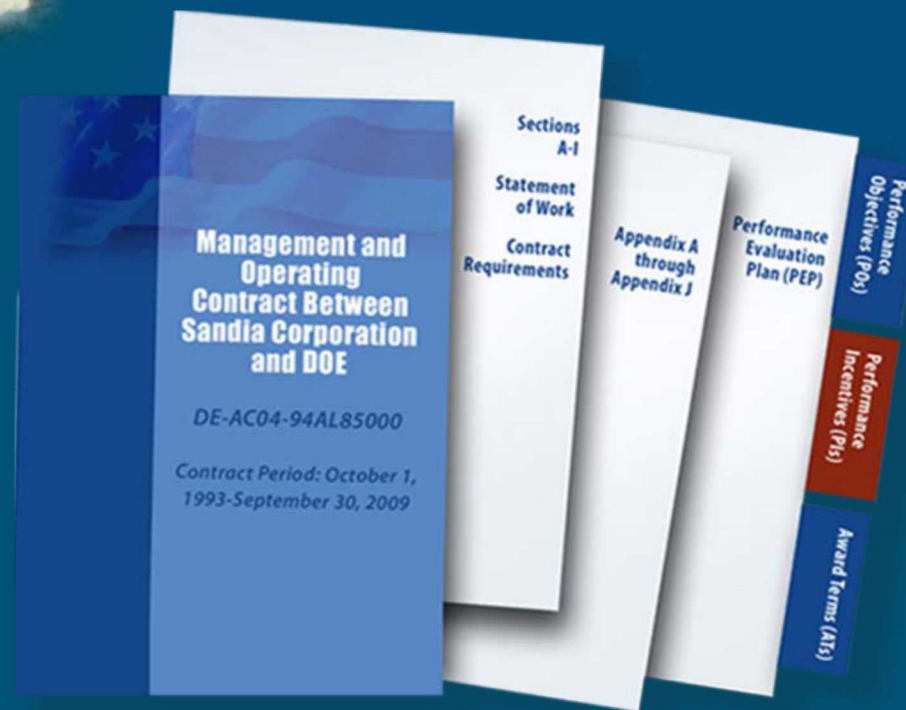


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### Sandia Corporation

- AT&T: 1949–1993
- Martin Marietta: 1993–1995
- Lockheed Martin: 1995–present
- Honeywell/NTESS: 2017



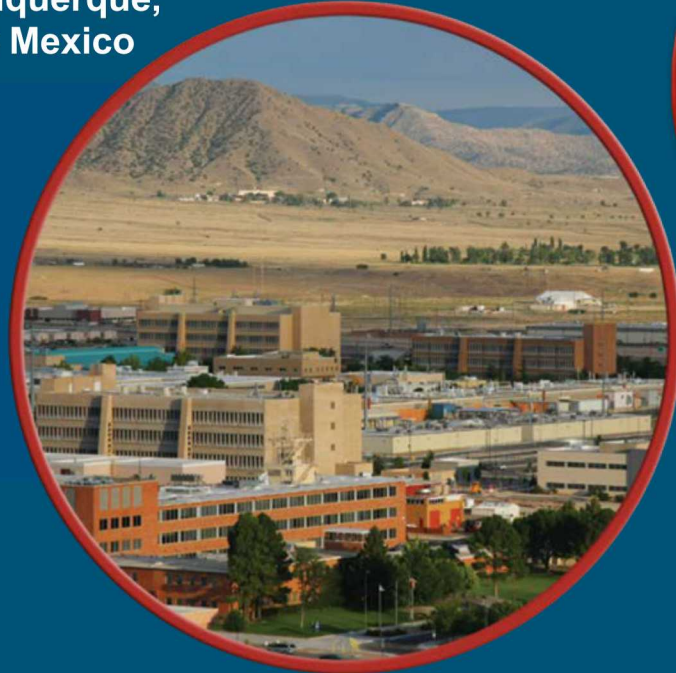
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# Sandia's Sites



**Albuquerque,  
New Mexico**



**Livermore,  
California**



**Tonopah, Nevada**



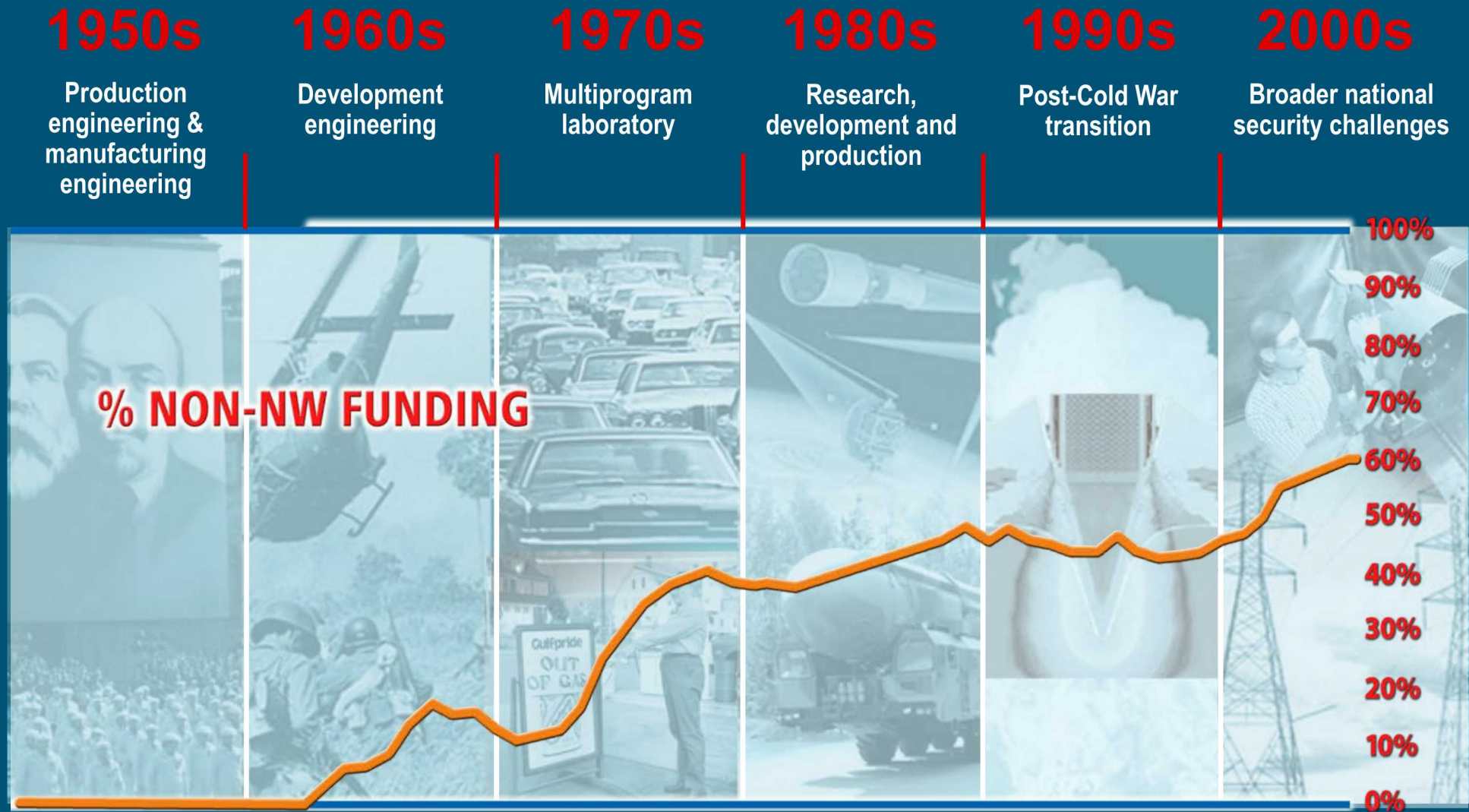
**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico**



**Pantex, Texas**

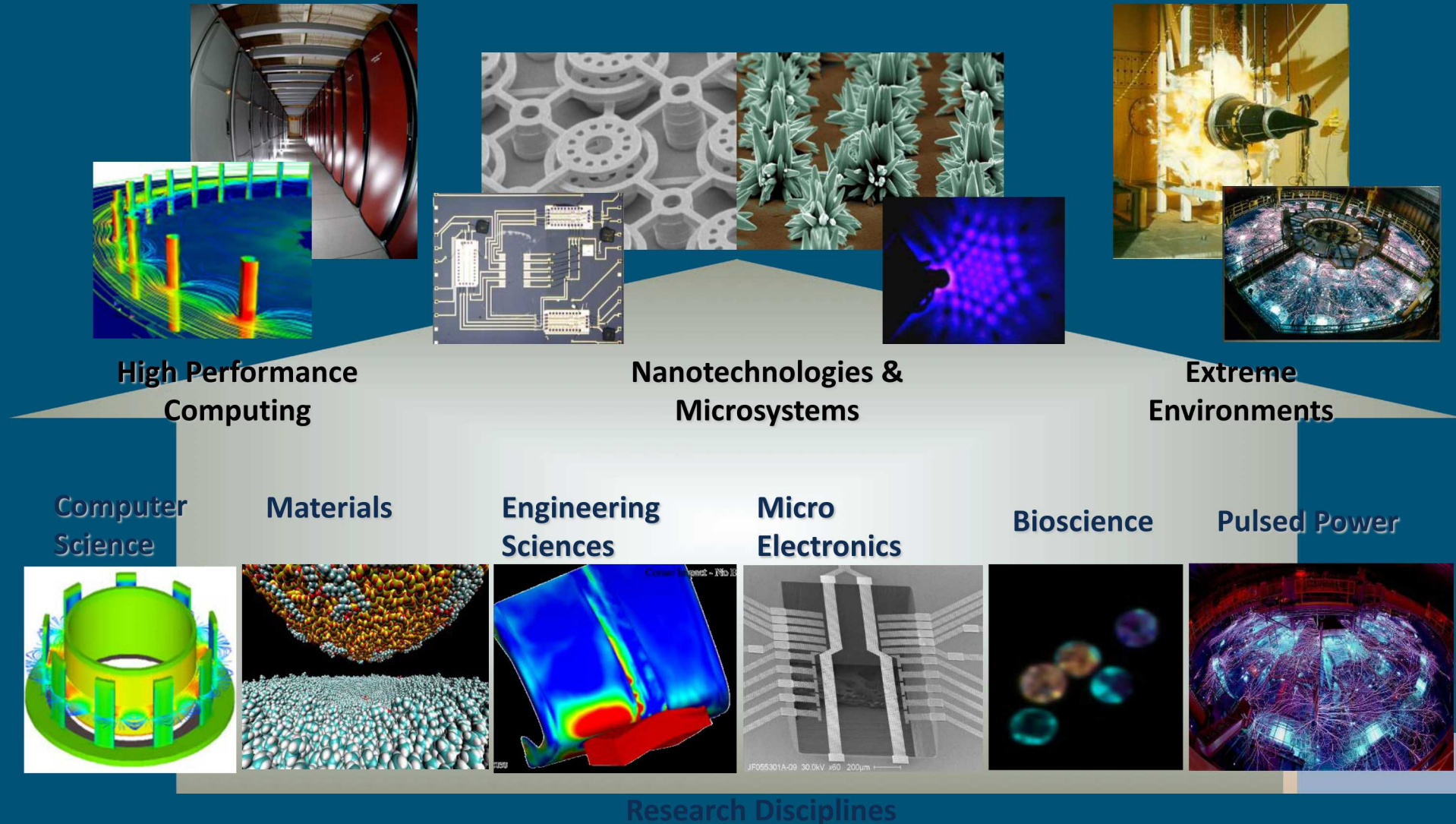


# The Mission Has Evolved for Decades





# Research Disciplines Drive Capabilities



# FY 2016: Impacting the local economy



Workforce: 12,001 employees (10,715 NM, 1,286 CA)





# Sandia Materials & Process Science

- ***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/Production Support***
  - Materials & process selection/optimization
  - Problem solving, production support
  - Understanding & quantifying the margins

## Multiple Large Materials R&D Facilities



Processing & Environmental  
Technology Laboratory



Center for Integrated  
Nano Technologies



Thermal Spray  
Research Laboratory



Advanced Materials &  
Processes Laboratory



Ion Beam Laboratory



Integrated Materials  
Research Laboratory



Microsystems Science &  
Technology Center



Advanced Materials  
Laboratory



# 30+ Years of Sandia AM Technology Development & Commercialization

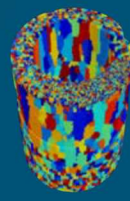
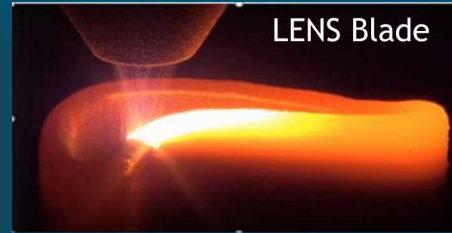
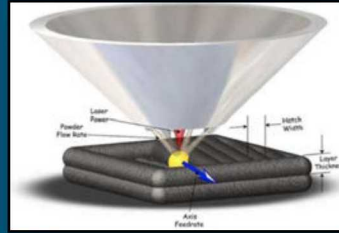


## FastCast \*



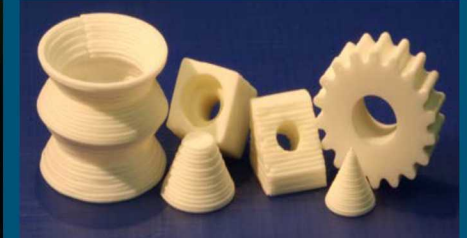
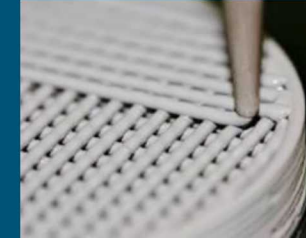
Development Housing

## Laser Engineered Net Shaping LENS®



Grain morphology prediction

## Robocasting \*



Ceramic, energetics, elastomers

## Direct Write

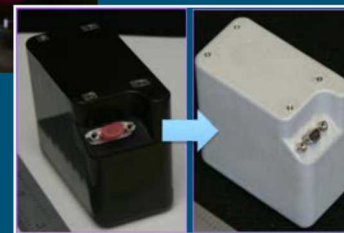


Conformal Printing, flexible electronics, power sources

## Thermal Spray



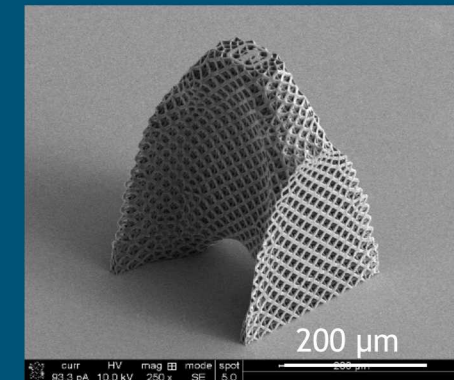
Spray-formed Rocket Nozzle



Metal on Plastic

## Micro-Nano Scale AM

### Lattice Structure



200  $\mu$ m

\* = Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies

Underline = Current Capability/Activity



# Advanced Materials Laboratory

Advanced Materials Laboratory (AML) – a Sandia-leased facility on the campus of the University of New Mexico

*Original Vision: Foster substantive collaborative/partnering relationships in material science with UNM*

## Strategic Advantages:

- Access to students
- Greater opportunity for collaborations with UNM faculty
- Access to campus resources – equipment, library, computer resources
- Funding sources not readily available to Sandia (NSF)
- Technology transfer
- Joint purchase/maintenance of novel instrumentation



The Advanced Materials Laboratory, a part of Sandia National Labs since August, 1992  
29,295 sq ft. (~14,000 sq ft lab space)

*Developing materials science and engineering technology in the National Interest*

# AML Mission, Focus, and Vision

- The Advanced Materials Laboratory (AML) provides unique materials discovery solutions coupled with materials demonstration/deployment.
- AML's materials focus centers around synthetic chemistry routes with novel precursors and catalysts to explore new materials with solvo-thermal, solution-precipitation, and sol-gel routes.
- AML's rapidly advancing materials processing capability enables materials delivery ready for functional prototyping

*Integrated materials synthesis and materials processing breadth unique to the complex*



# The AML has a wide range of capabilities important to Sandia's missions

## Synthetic Chemistry



## Characterization

- Diffraction: XRD, XPS
- Thermal (TGA, DSC)
- Spectroscopy (mass, FTIR, ICP)
- Multispectral ellipsometer

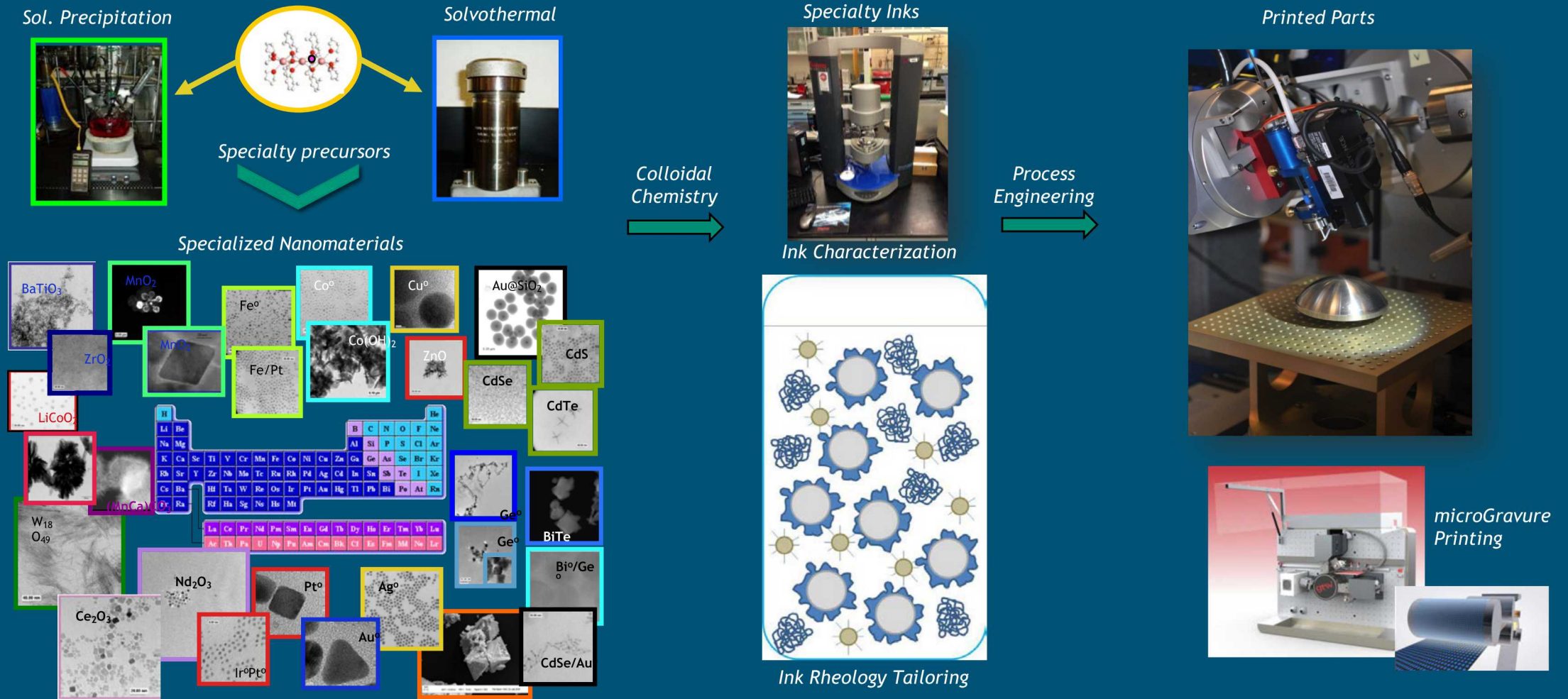
- Fibers (electrospinning)
- Bulk materials (sintering)
- Multiphoton lithography
- Direct/aerosol write, inkjet
- Gravure/flexography

Assembly

# AM with Particulate Inks at Sandia...Why ink-based processing?



The electronic devices required for energy storage, power distribution, sensing, and RF needs require materials flexibility, low cost fabrication processes, and lean development cycles. Digital printing and templated deposition processes leverage the flexibility provided by ink based printing for advanced component research and development.

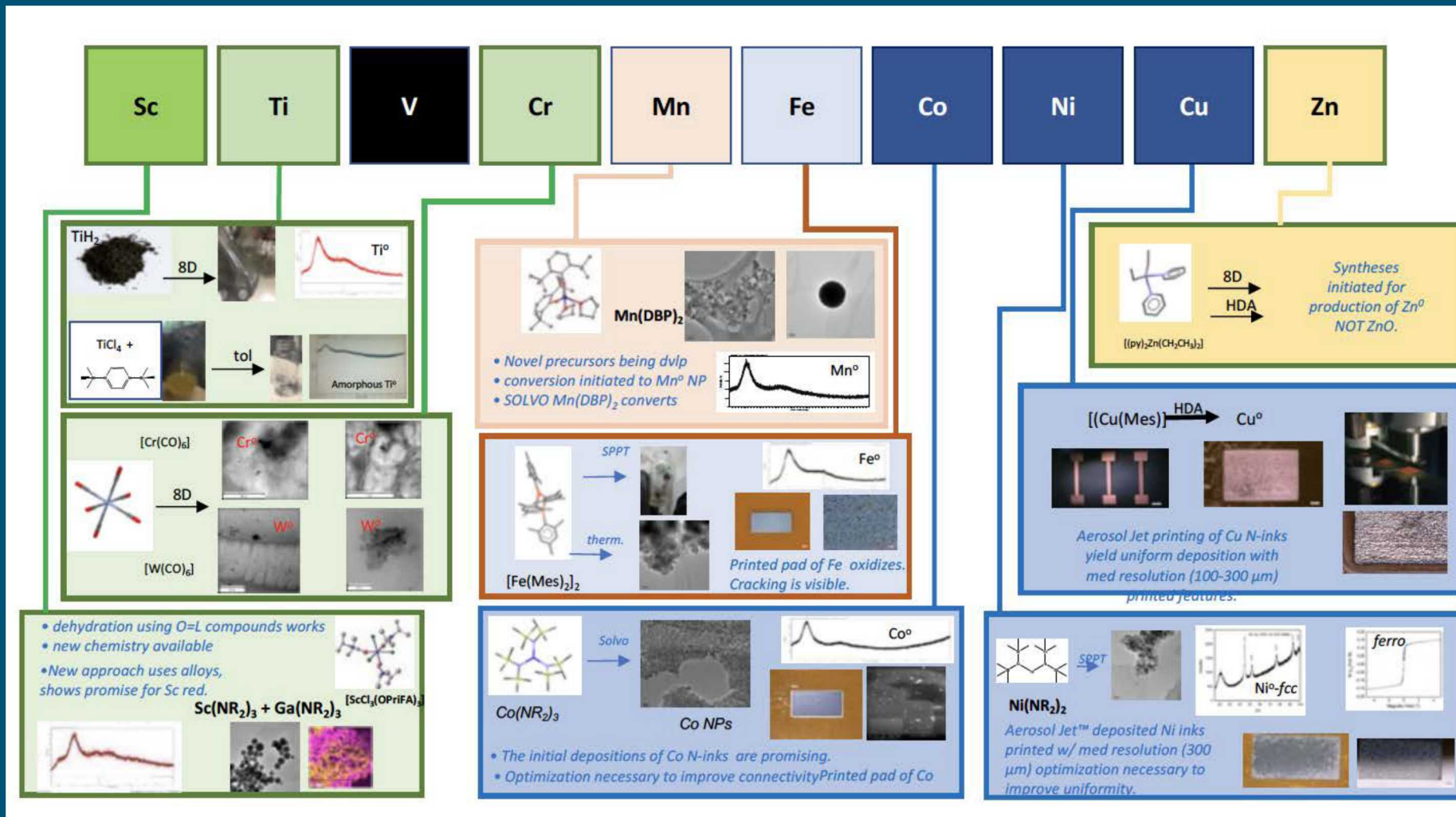




# Printed Electronic Materials Development Program



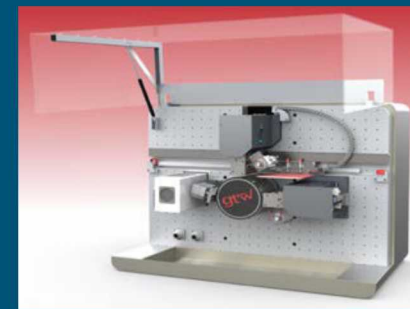
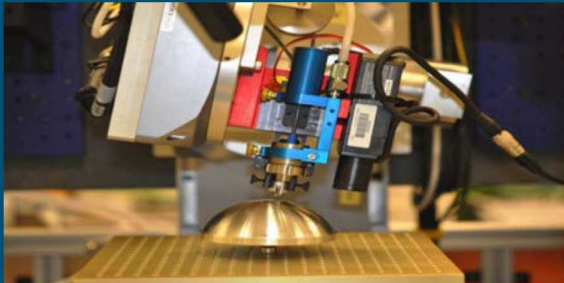
Materials development initiatives are underway to address system-level incompatibilities, materials reliability (e.g. corrosion resistance), and an initial qualification framework to support acceptance and use of printed electronic materials.



# Ink Based Processing Capabilities

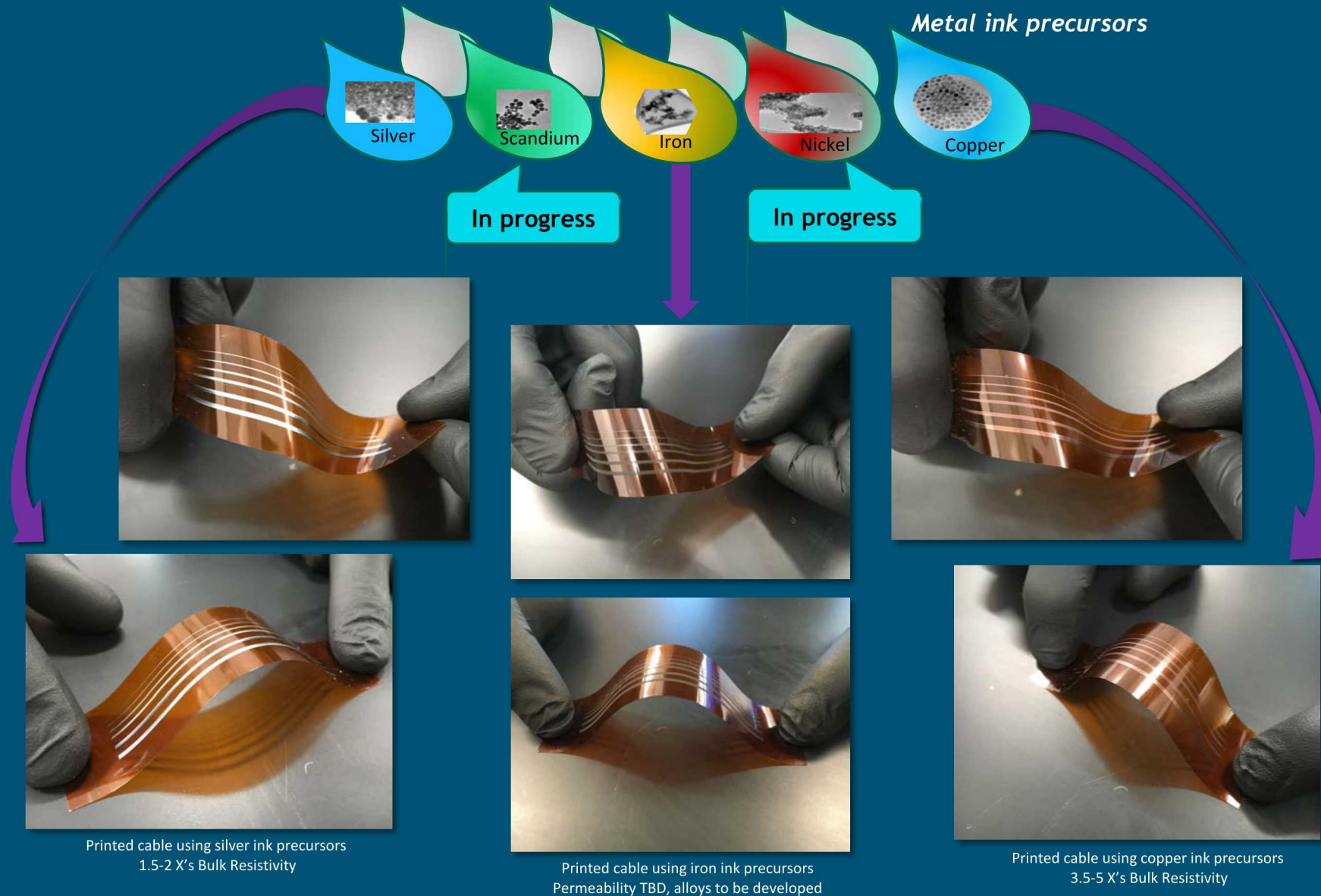


*Our deposition, characterization, and processing capabilities enable tailored support to meet diverse mission needs*





# Printing on Flexible Surfaces With Enabling Nano Inks



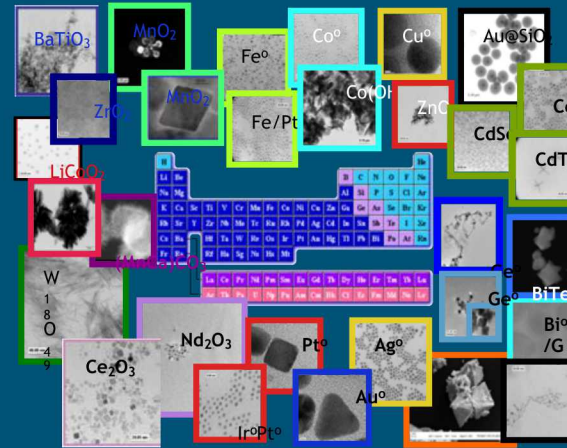
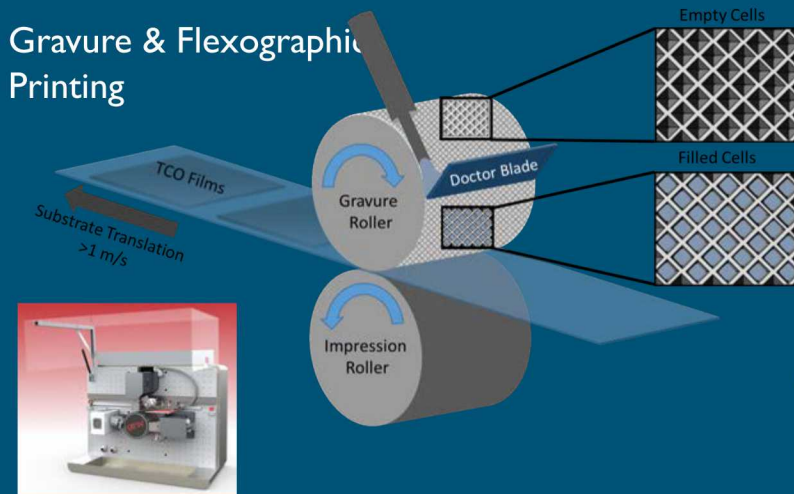


# Printing Inks Carry Functionality

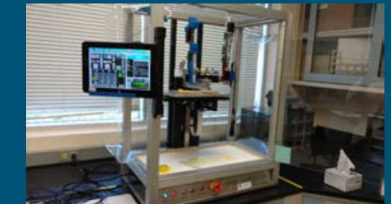
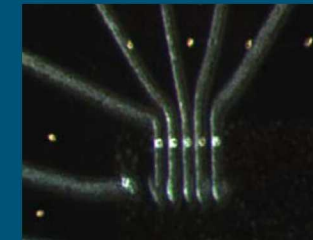
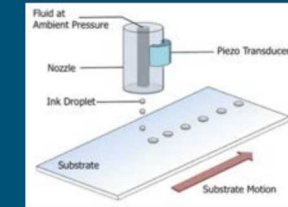


The strong suit of printed systems is the integration of diverse materials, however process requirements can influence material selections.

Gravure & Flexographic Printing



« « « MATERIALS » » »



Direct Write (DoD, DW, Aerosol)

	Gravure	Direct write
Resolution	< 5 $\mu\text{m}$	< 30 $\mu\text{m}$
Speed	1 $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$	< 1 $\text{m}^2/\text{hr}$
Ink Viscosity	1-500 cP	1 cP - $10^4$ P
Method	Contact	Non-Contact

Inkjet, aerosol deposition, micro-extrusion , and gravure are complementary methods for low-cost fabrication

# Sandia Mission needs for Printed Electronics/Photonics Legion, and Growing



Materials/devices for energy storage, generation, conversion.

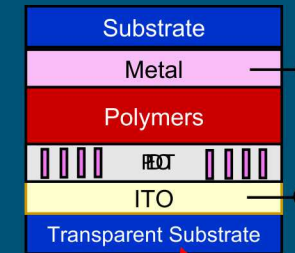
Application specific sensors (passive and active) – e.g. RF, stress, strain, EM, etc.

Electronics integrated with 3D metal and ceramic components

Printed electronics – packaging, interconnects (cables and connectors)

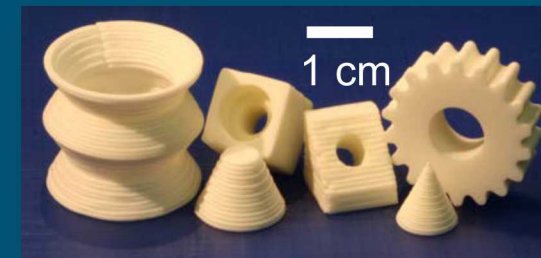
Precision interconnects and FHE.  
Integration of Si-CMOS devices with systems packaging, heterogeneous integration.

Energy Storage/Generation Materials

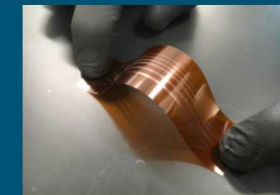


Light

Ceramics



FLEX



Logic devices/Memristors







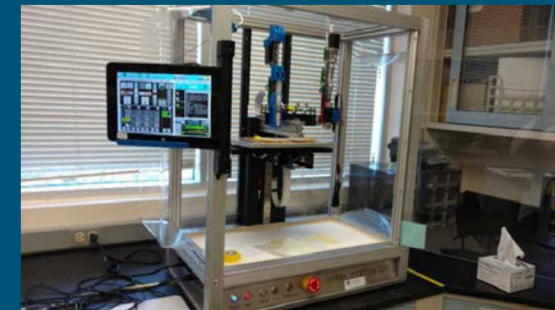
# Why Sandia? Why Now? Why Partnership?

## Manufacturing/Fabrication “Commons” at Sandia

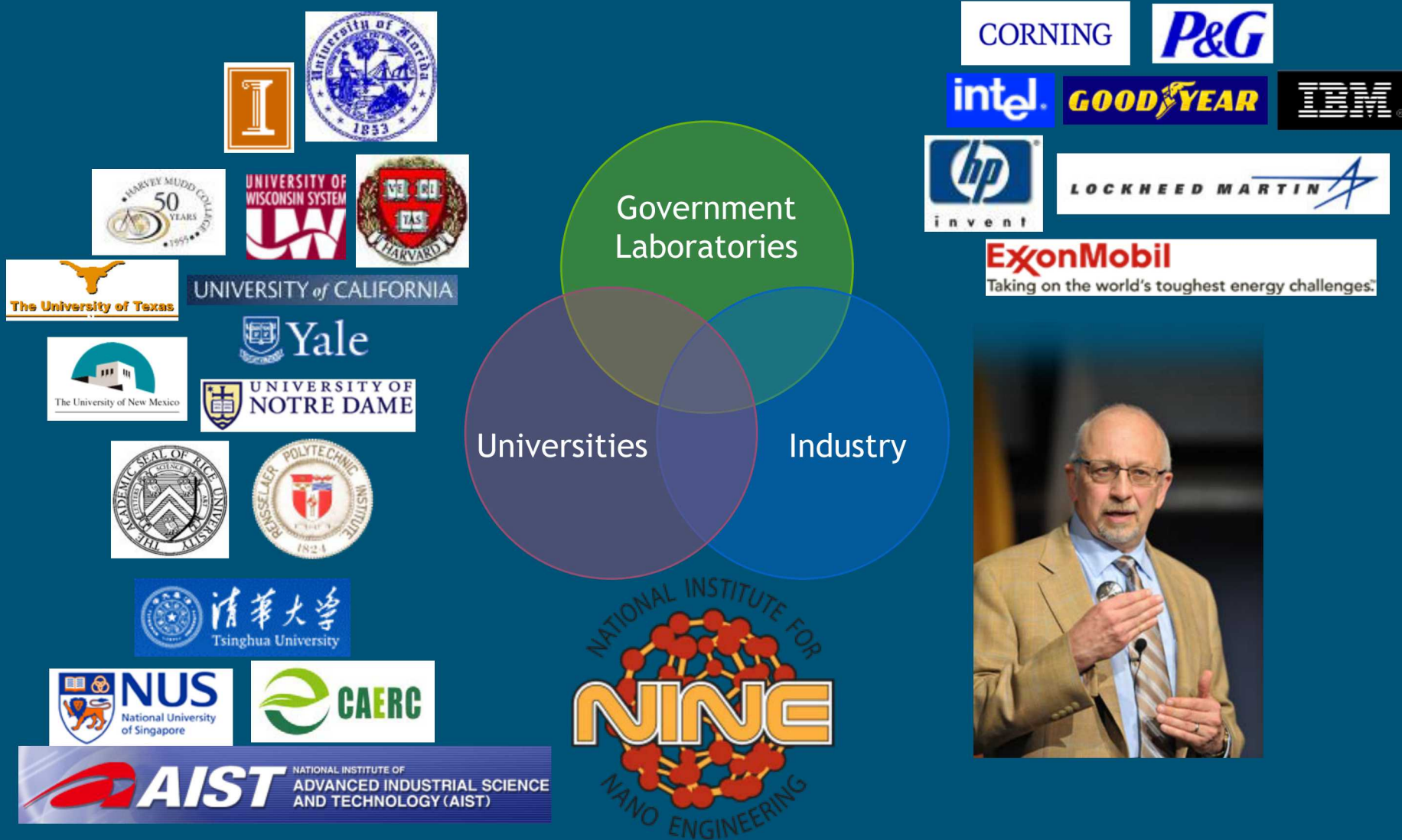
- Silicon CMOS
- III – IV Semi
- Radiation hardened microelectronics
- Reactive ion etching
- Lithography of various forms (optical, imprint)
- 3D printing (polymers, metal)
- Advanced vacuum technologies
- Advanced CVD technologies (viz. ALD)
- Ionomeric polymers
- Metal and polymer Additive manufacturing
- *Polymer science and processing (Akron and others)*
- *2D printing, printed devices (AFRL, and others)*
- *Precision printing and liquid film coating*
- *Modeling and simulation at all scales*



**OPTOMECH**  
Production Grade 3D Printers... with a Material Difference



***Sandia's commons are complimentary.....***







# Doing Business with Sandia



## Partnerships Agreements Sandia National Laboratories

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Sandia is a multiprogram laboratory operated by Sandia Corporation, a Lockheed Martin Company,  
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under contract DE-AC04-94AL85000.



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# Types of Agreements

Other Federal Agency Agreements (OFAs)

Cooperative Research and Development Agreements  
(CRADAs)

Commercial Licenses

Funds-in (Non Federal Entity)

Designated Capability (DC)

User Facility (UF)



## Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs)

Governs collaborative R&D between SNL and industry

Can be 100% funded by partner, must include “in-kind” contribution

DOE approval required

Each party can take title to its own CRADA generated IP

Partner has option to license joint inventions



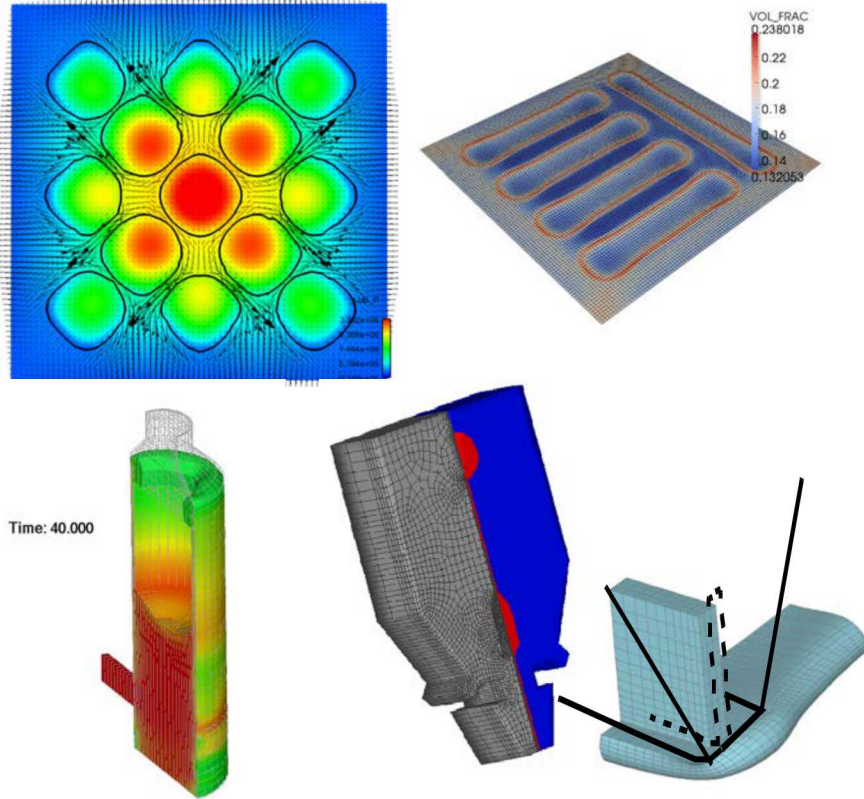
Additional Slides



# Research Group Capability: Goma 6.0



**2014 R&D 100 Award Winner**



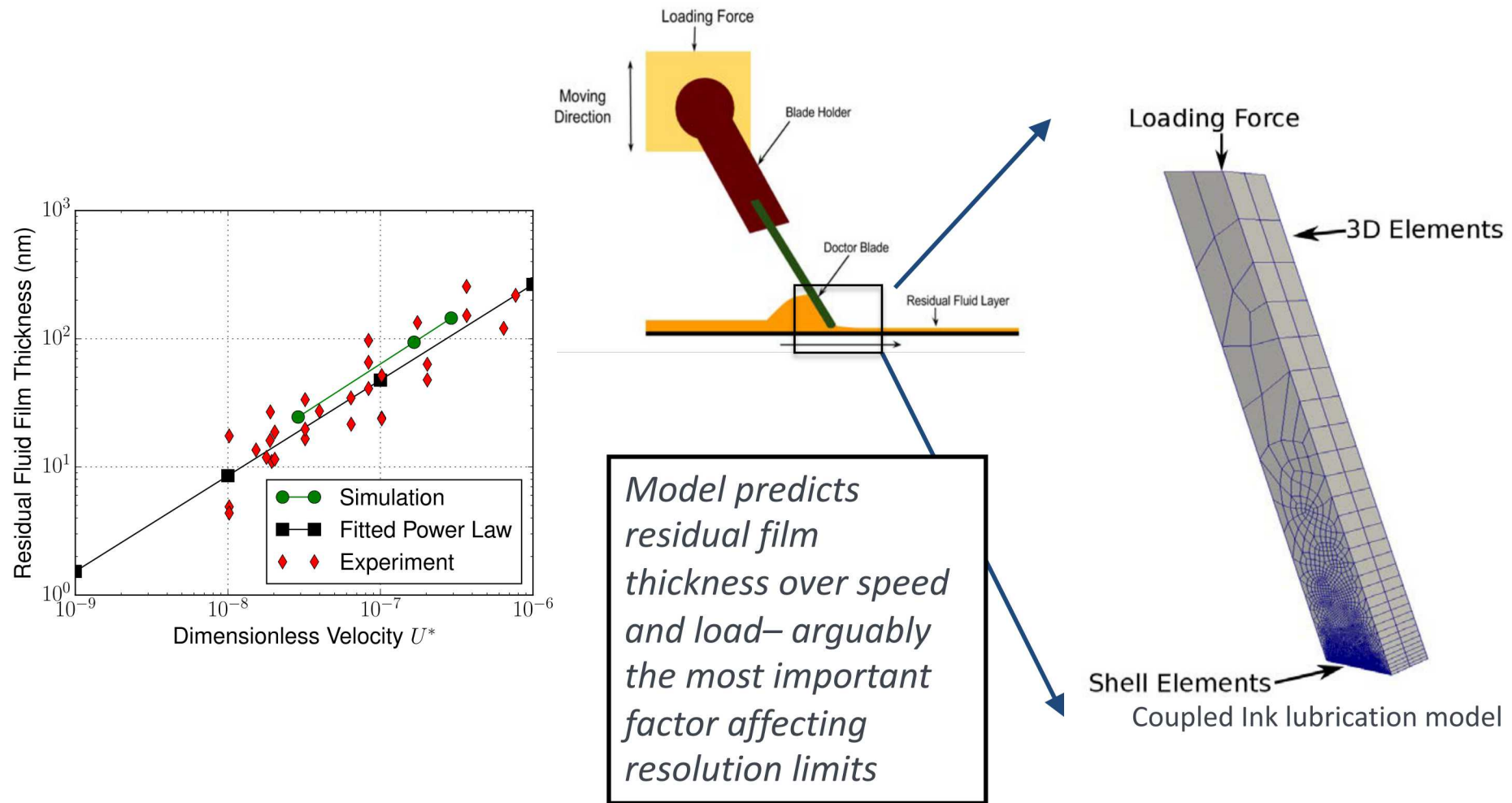
- Multiphysics *finite element* code, suitable for both *research* and *production*
- Fully-coupled *free* and moving *boundary* parameterization – ALE, Level Set, etc.
- Modular code; *easy to add equations* – currently has 170+ differential equations
- *Open source*! Available at <http://goma.github.io>
- *Goma 6.0. training* is available on regular basis

***Goma has been used successfully in coating manufacturing for 2 decades!***

*...Also a competency in LAMMPS for colloidal rheology and self/directed assembly*

# Computational model of doctoring in gravure printing

*Thrust: P-2C Reliable Processes for High-Speed Printing*



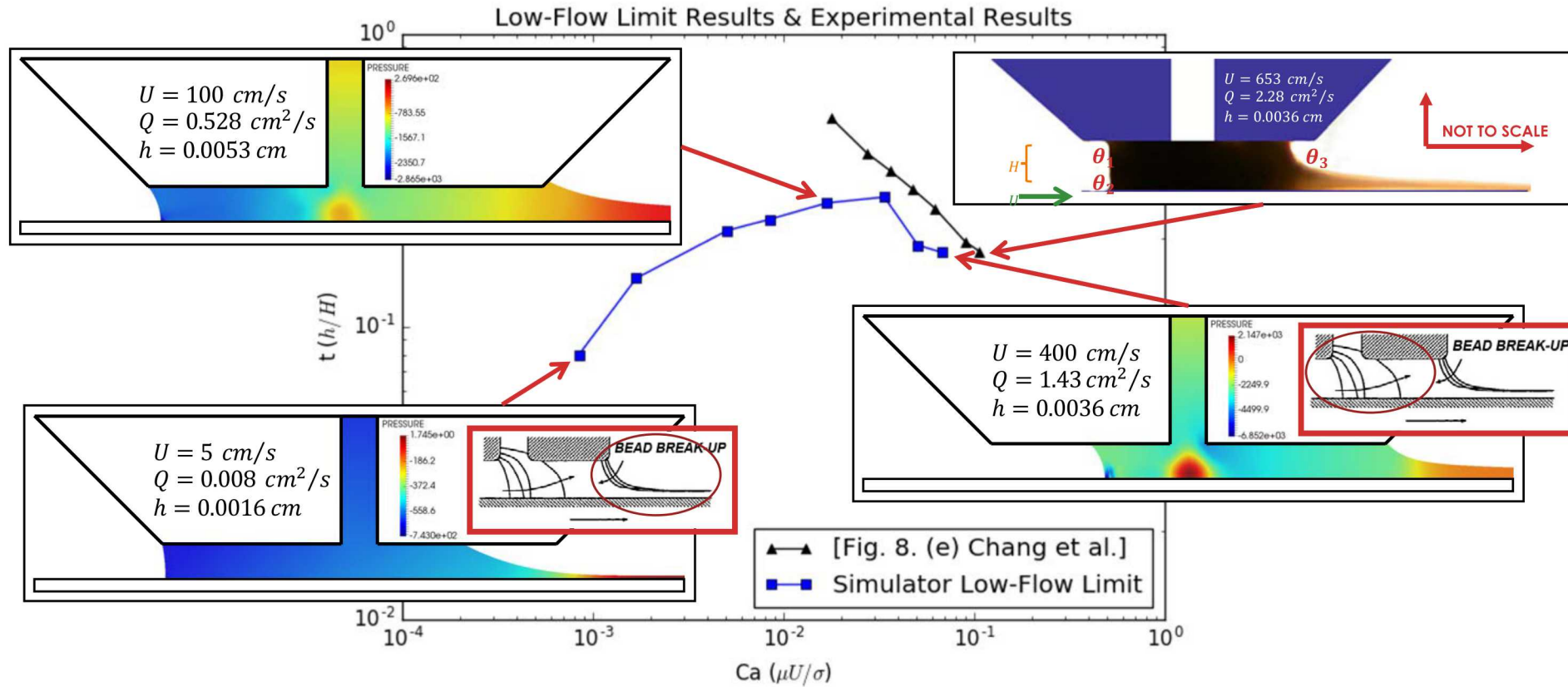
Hariprasad et al. 2016, J. Applied Physics, DOI: 10.1063/1.4945030



# PRECISION SLOT-DIE COATING

## Low-Flow limit comparison to experimental results

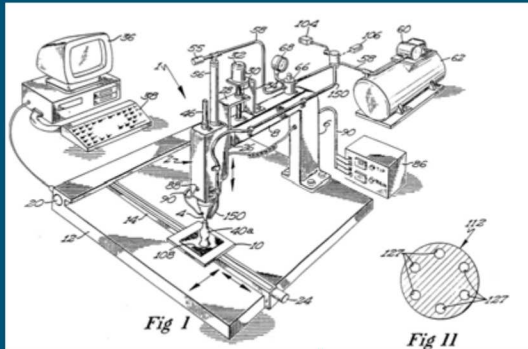
- Computational results reproduce experimental film thicknesses, meniscus topologies, and failure modes



## Low-Flow limit three region coexistence analysis

- Region 1 and 3 identified but region 2 not clear

# Direct ink write technologies



*The direct ink write process directly supports fundamental materials research*

Material agnostic

Fully customizable platform

Ease of instrumentation

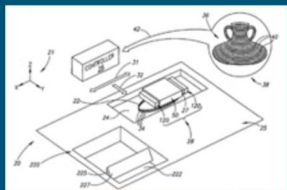
Maskless, digital printing

Closed loop control

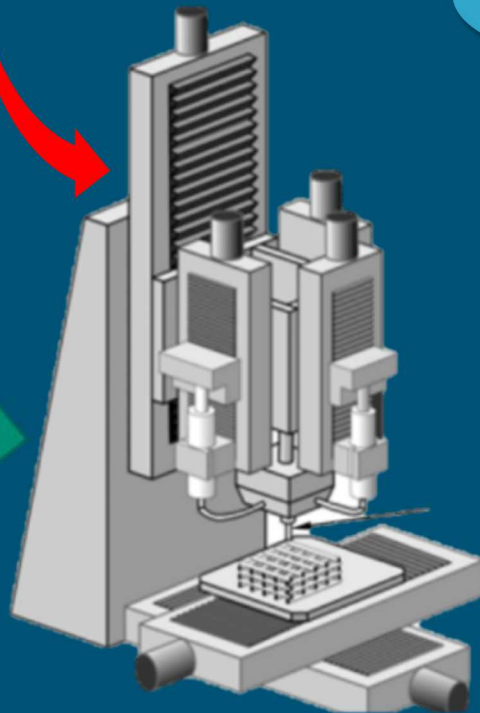
Facile Prototyping for AM

Rapid materials evaluation

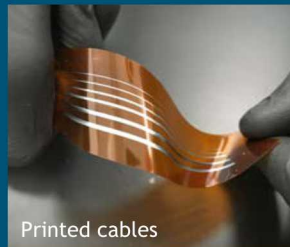
Material Extrusion



Material Jetting



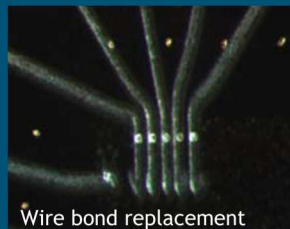
Direct Ink Write



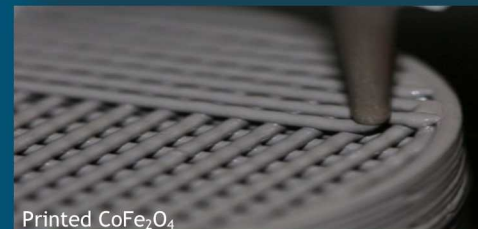
Printed cables



Printed Li FePO<sub>4</sub> battery



Wire bond replacement



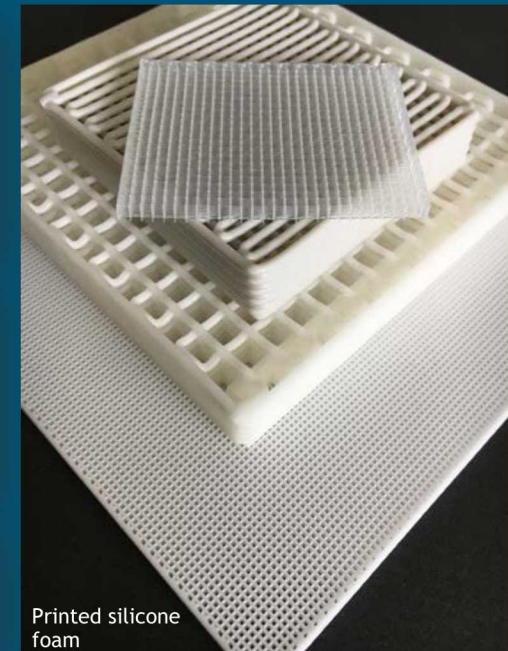
Printed CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



Printed Cu



Printed Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



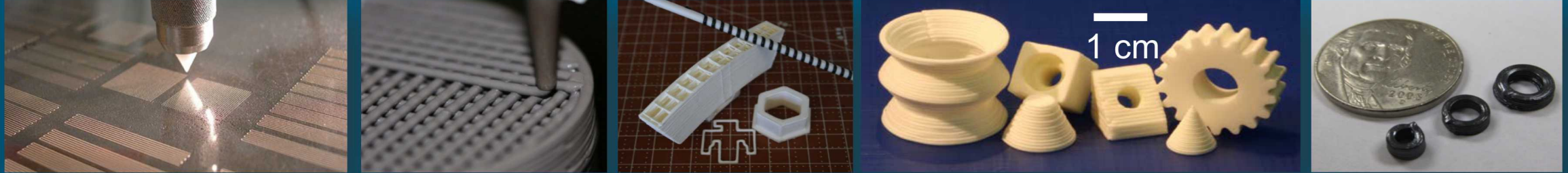
Printed silicone foam



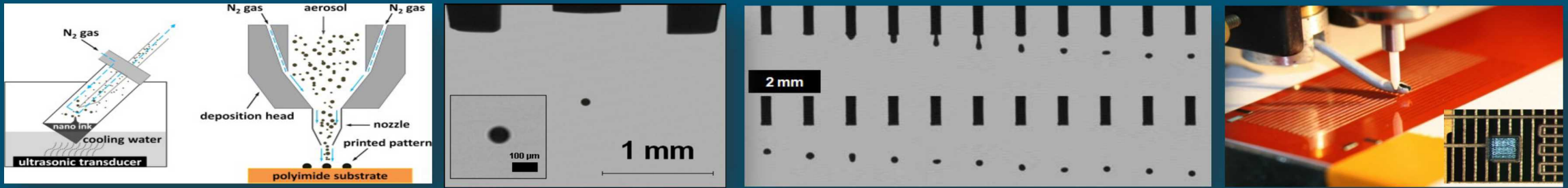
# Direct write technologies enable access to materials not supported by conventional printing processes



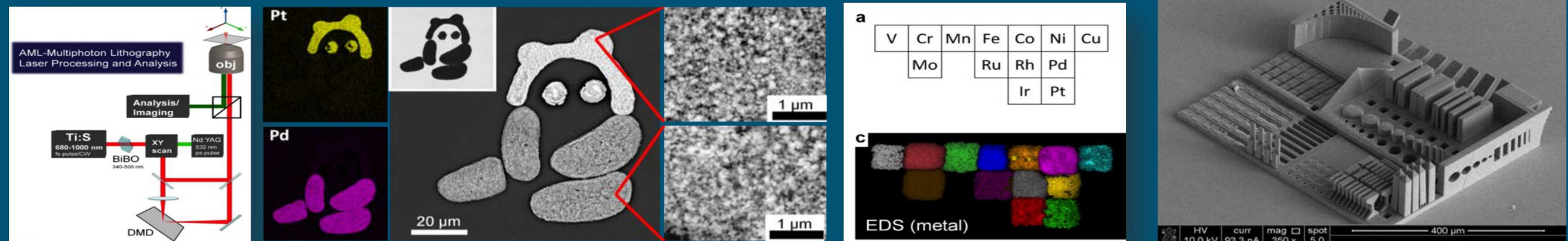
## Direct Write by Extrusion Casting



## Direct Write by Aerosol & Ink Jet Deposition



## Direct Write by Laser Lithography



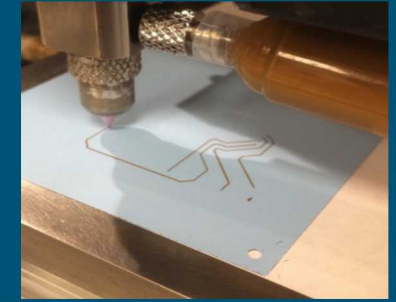
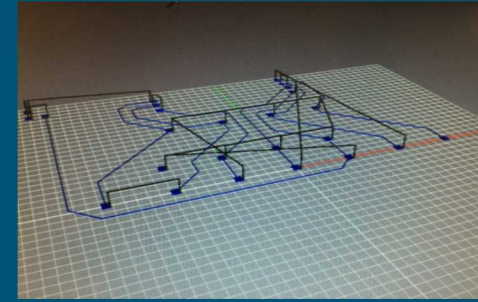
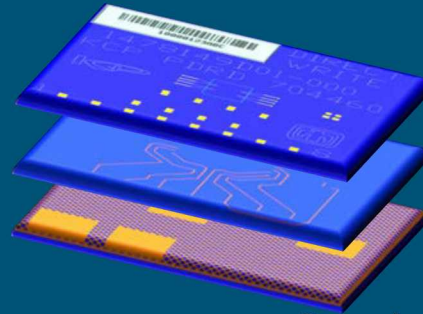


# Direct write LTCC

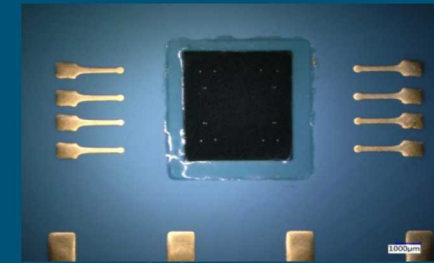
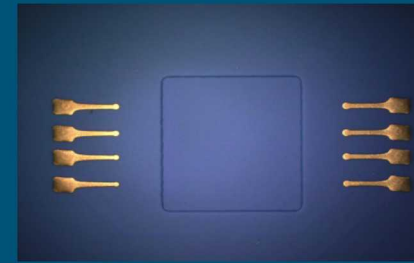
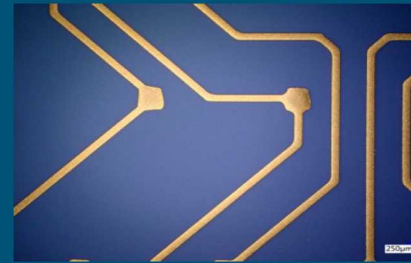


Fabrication of multi-level, fully functional electronic circuits utilizing printed elements and ASICs

- Adaptation of qualified and accepted materials for use with additive manufacturing processes
- Demonstration of direct digital printing technique to complement conventional LTCC screen printing processes
- Ability to integrate high level ASIC functionality with direct write additive manufacturing

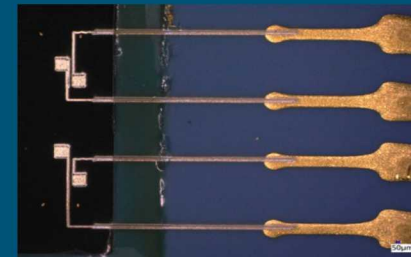


Complete digital design fabrication of LTCC circuits



High accuracy near fully- density metal interconnect

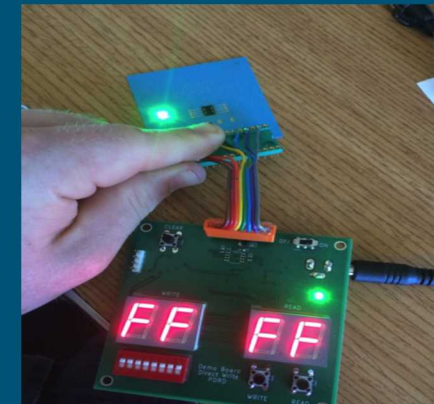
ASIC integration



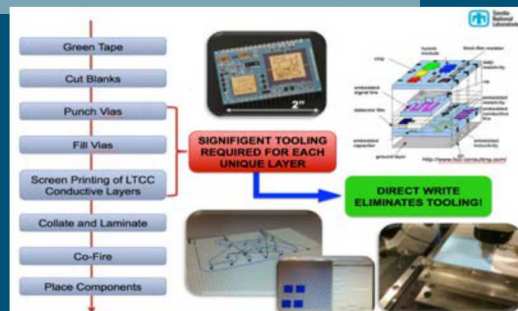
Wire bond replacement



Completed four layer device

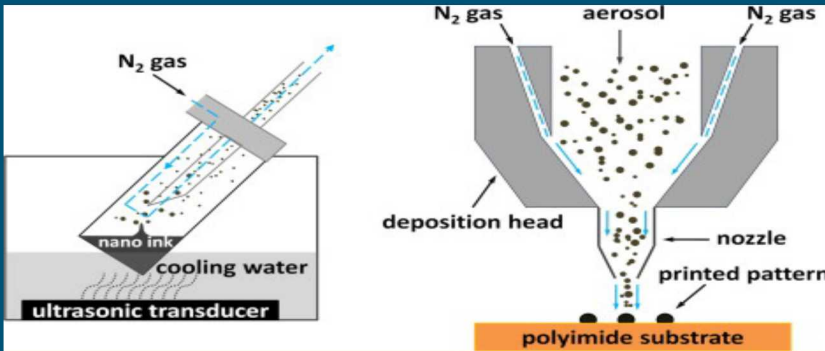


Data read-write functionality in fully printed LTCC component





# Direct Write Printing by Aerosol Deposition



## Aerosol Jet Printing Method

- Aerosol can be focused using inert gas streams and a small nozzle
- Atomization of liquid ink to produce a dense aerosol mist
- Line widths as narrow as 10  $\mu\text{m}$  with 0.5-3  $\mu\text{m}$  heights (silver nanoink)
- Broad materials compatibility
- Expanded post processing capabilities
- Rapid design iteration
  - DC and RF pathways for interconnect and antenna applications on planar or arbitrary surfaces
  - Strain and crack sensors for structural health monitoring, resistance temperature devices (RTD)
  - Integration of packaged components with external sensing networks for value added functionality

