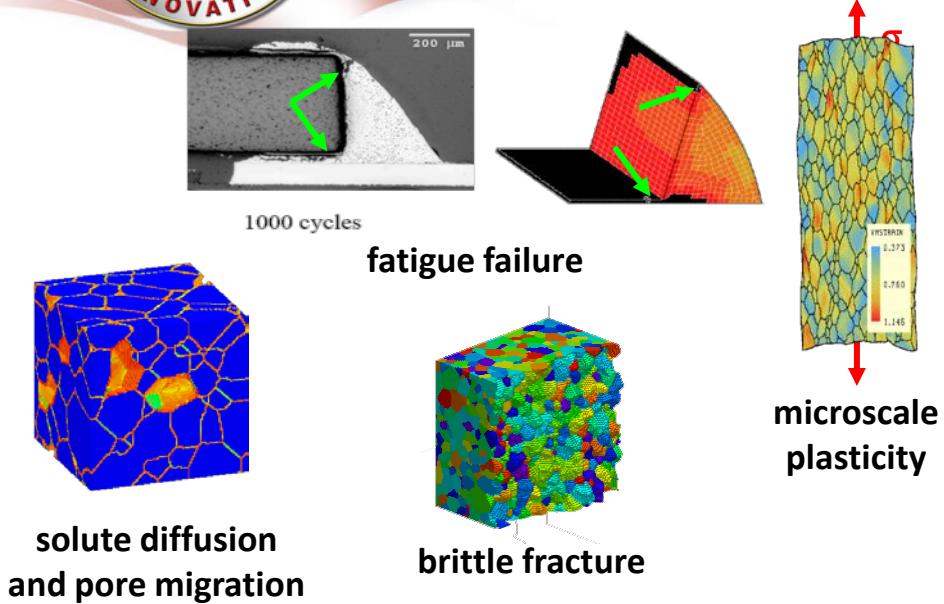




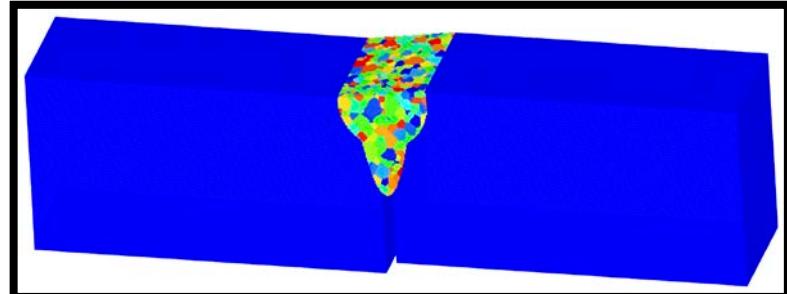
# Simulations of Weld Aging

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**Goal:** Optimize materials properties over the lifetime of the system

- Processing: *shaping and forming, annealing, solidification, joining, ...*
- Service: *mechanical, electrical, and magnetic properties, hermeticity, ...*
- Aging and reliability: *substructure evolution, lifetime prediction, ...*
- Failure: *ductile and brittle fracture, fatigue cracking, breakdown, corrosion, ...*



Microstructure in a 3-D Weld

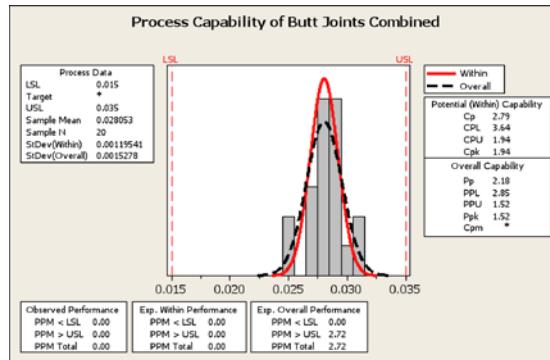
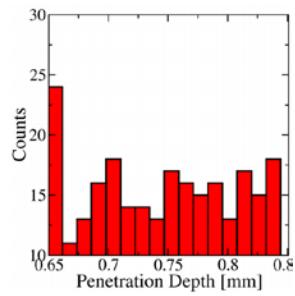


Microstructure and Pore in a 2.5-D Weld

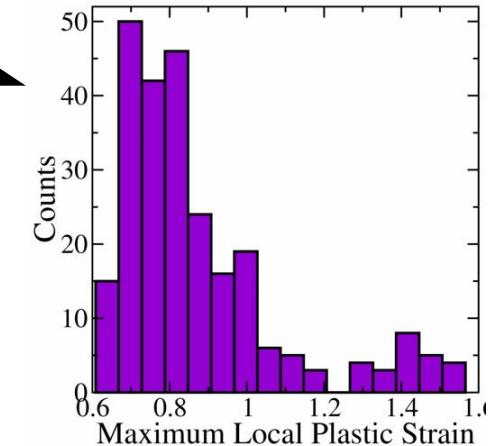
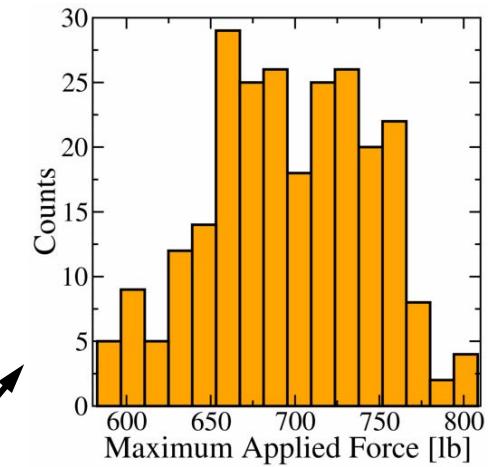
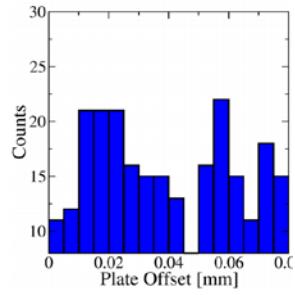
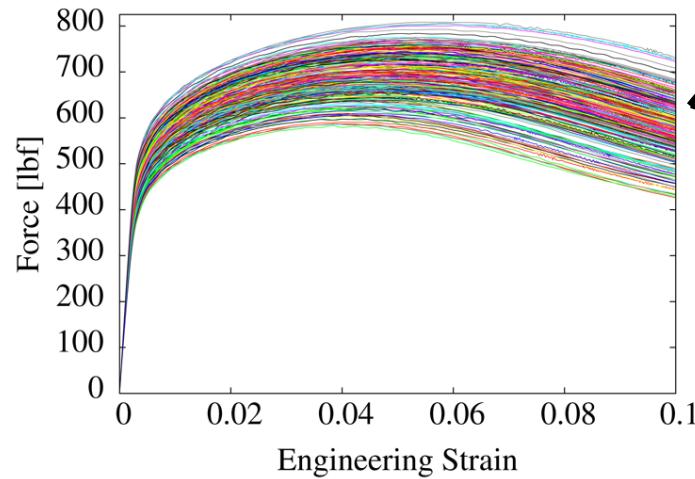
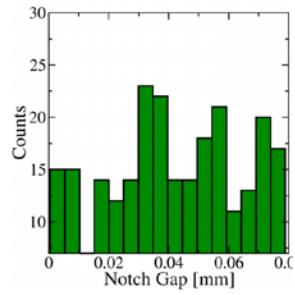


# Simulations of 304L Weld Variability

- 250 simulations performed on randomized geometries
- Geometrical variables informed by measurements



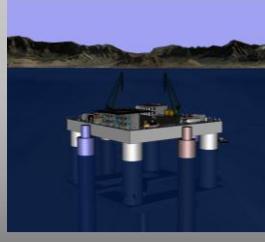
Typical penetration variance for production laser welds (courtesy J. Samayoa, Kansas City Plant)



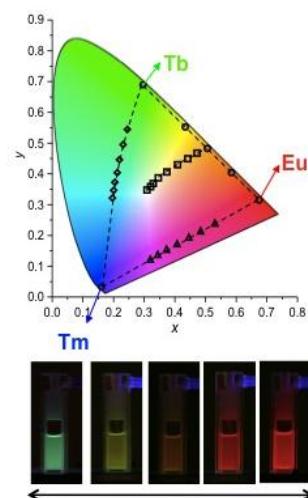
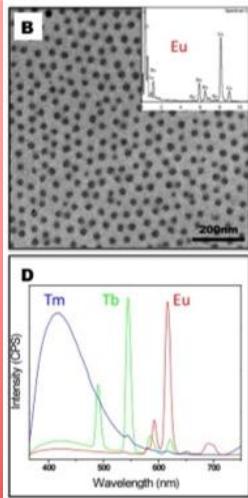
The method provides a means for quantification of property **variability**



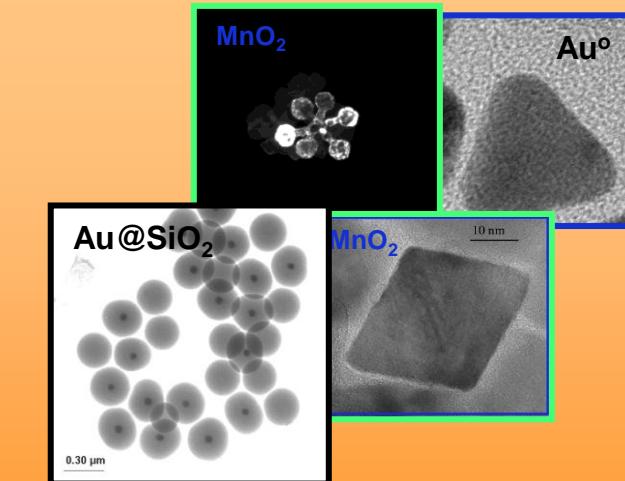
# Our ability to make a wide range of materials and morphologies allows a wide range of application



Corrosion resistant, anti biofouling  
coatings for Marine Hydrokinetic  
applications

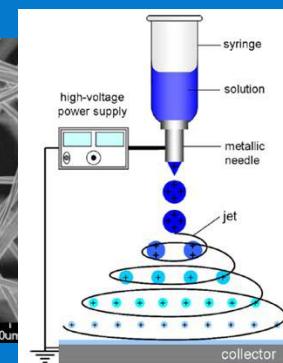
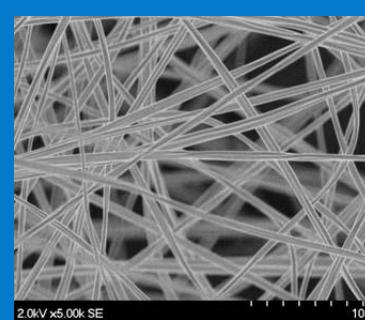


Polymer nanoparticles with controlled  
additions of rare earth elements allow  
tunable emitted color

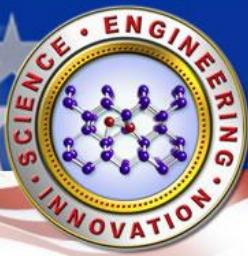


Nanoparticles for composite  
materials and as active sensors

Electrospun fibers and fiber mats for  
battery electrodes



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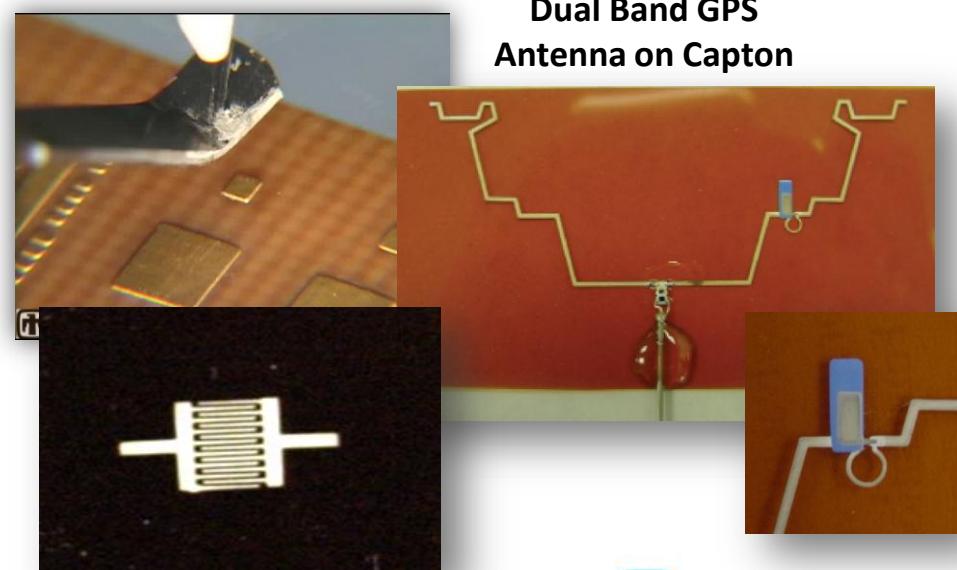
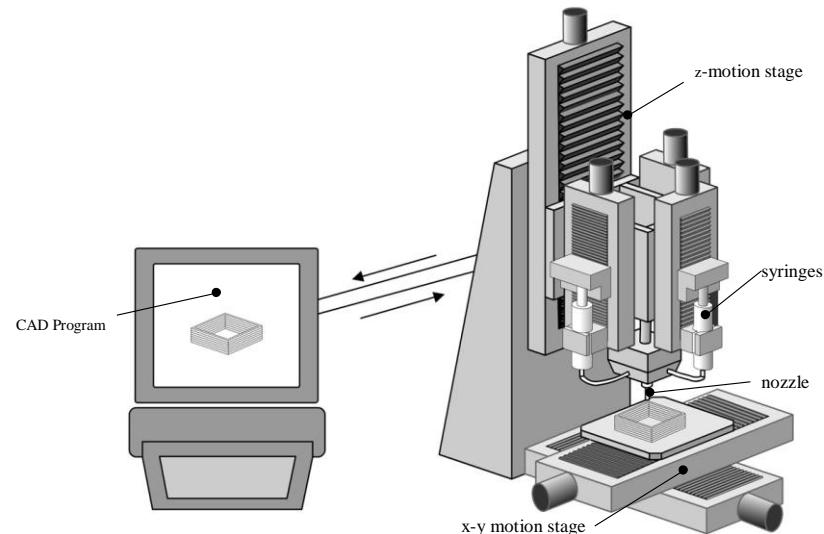


# Our “Direct Write” capability is unique within the DOE complex

Computer controlled robotic deposition of custom and COTS ceramic slurries and metal “inks” allow fabrication of ceramic parts that could not be obtained through conventional ceramic processing.



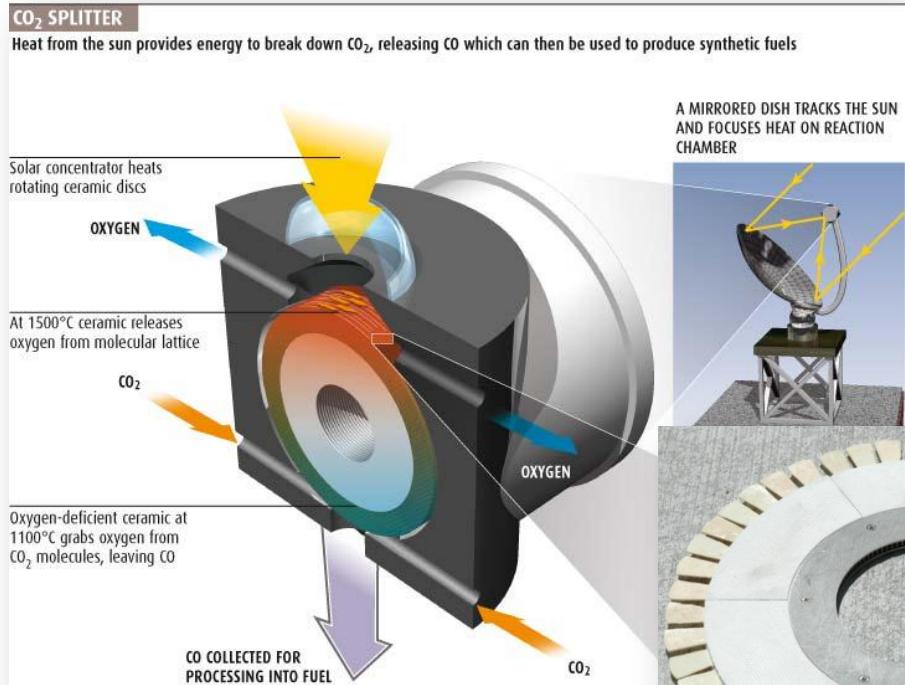
Conductive lines and electrical components can be printed on almost any substrate with room temperature “curing.” Features on the order of  $20\mu\text{m}$  can be “printed” with only 4X bulk resistivity.



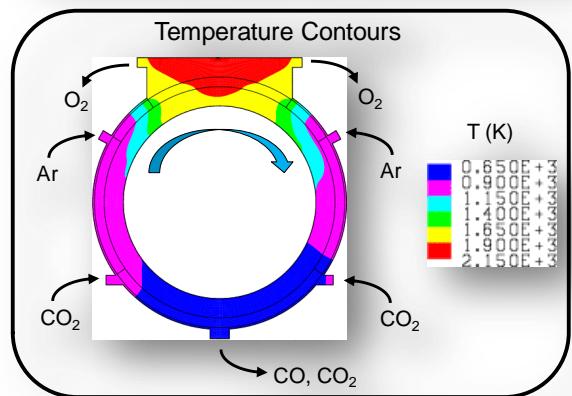


# The “Sunshine to Petrol” (S2P) Grand Challenge brings together a variety of Sandia capabilities

**Basic Premise:**  $\text{Sunlight} + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Fuel} + \text{O}_2$



Catalytic ceramic fins are the key to the necessary reactions



*By collaborating with several universities and industry partners, we have assembled the capability to move this concept from the lab-scale to a commercial-scale demonstration.*



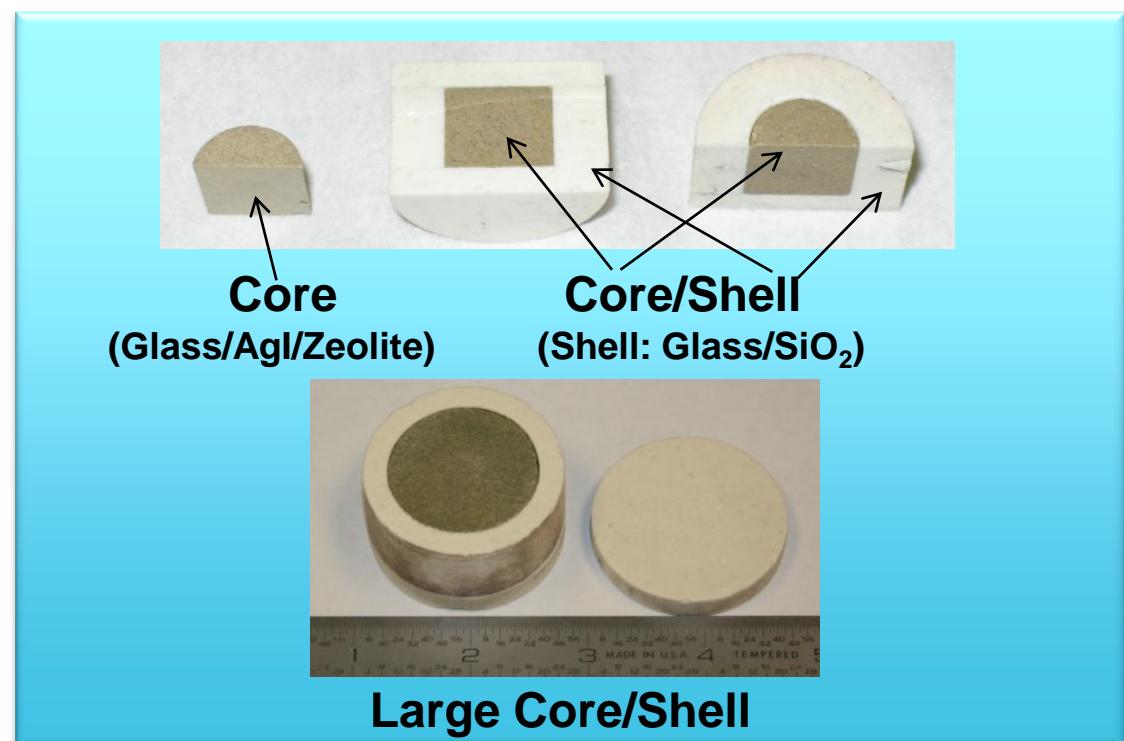
# We have developed a new $^{129}\text{I}$ waste form by encapsulation in a low sintering glass and then forming a core/shell structure.

$^{129}\text{I}$  from used nuclear power plant fuel must be safely stored for millions of years due to its long half-life (~17 million years) and its toxicity to human and other life.

## Utilizing our ceramic processing expertise:

- ceramic fabrication
- constrained sintering
- composite processing

We have developed a waste form for  $^{129}\text{I}$  that consists of a core containing the  $^{129}\text{I}$  encapsulated with a durable glass that is surrounded by a shell of the same glass mixed with silica to match the CTE of the core. The shell protects the core from the environment. The structure is densified by sintering at a low temperature where AgI is stable.

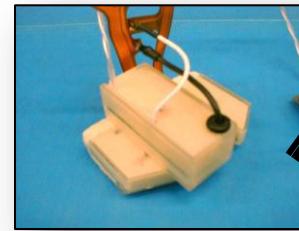
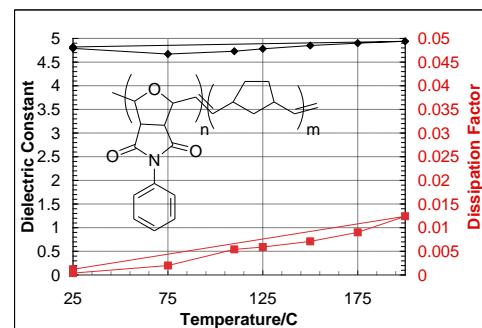


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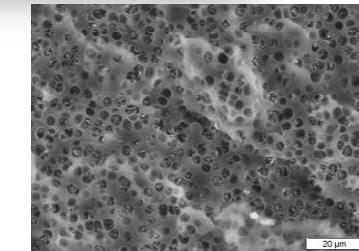
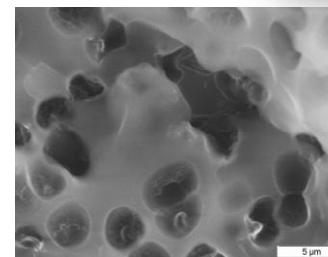
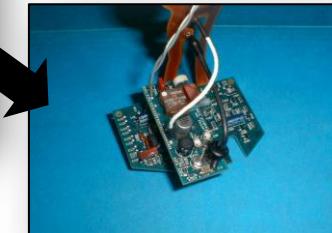


# Polymer Materials

- Foams
- Encapsulants
- Porous Materials
- Polymer Gels
- Composites
- Deterrent materials
- Supercritical fluids
- Sensors
- Novel Dielectric Films
- Nanocomposites



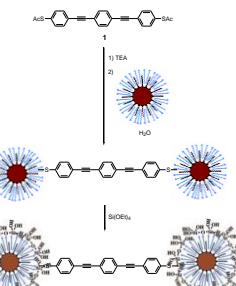
Removable Encapsulants



Phase Separated Foams for Sensors are studied using Combinatorial Chemistry



Foams For Nuclear Safety



Chemoselектив Sensor Materials

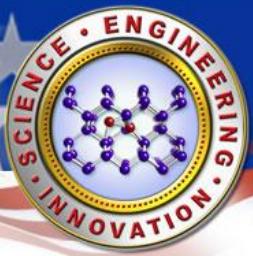


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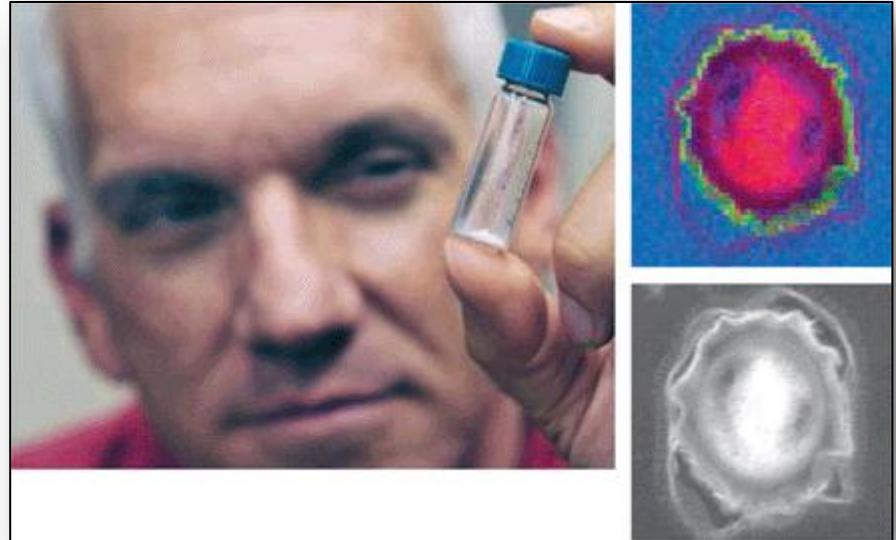
# Deterrent Materials





# Forensic Contributions to the Anthrax Investigation

When the attacks occurred, the FBI looked to the SNL characterization group for help.



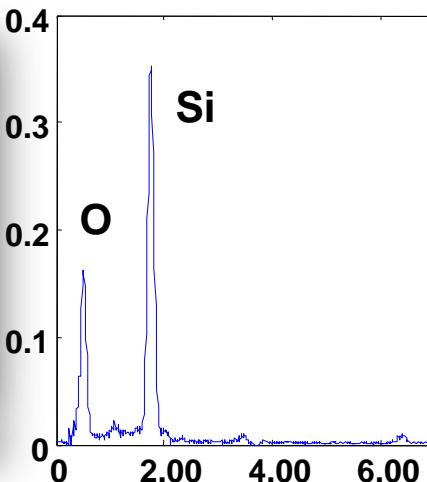
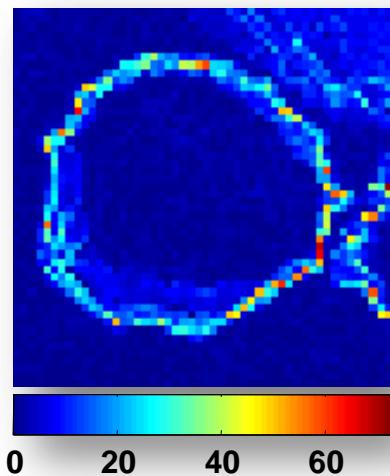
- Nm-scale microanalysis linked production method of attack materials
- Microanalysis/spectral imaging was crucial evidence in the FBI's investigation

Sandia National Laboratories Makes Key Contributions to Anthrax Investigation

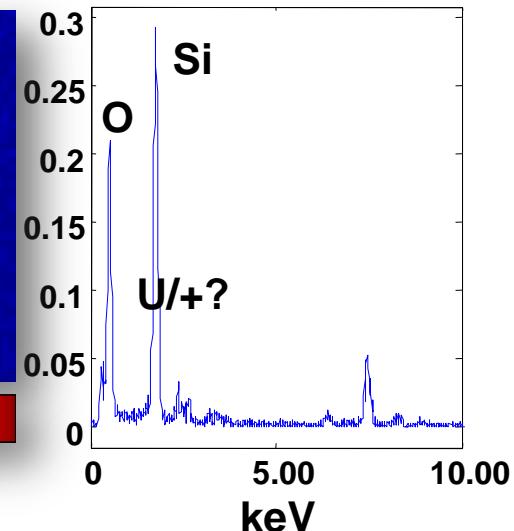
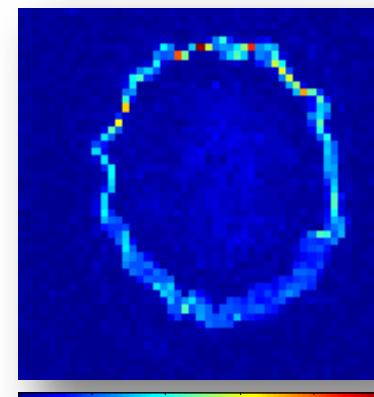


# FBI's Amerithrax Investigation (TEM)

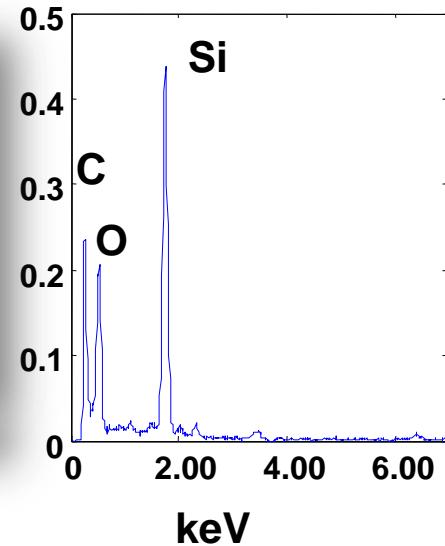
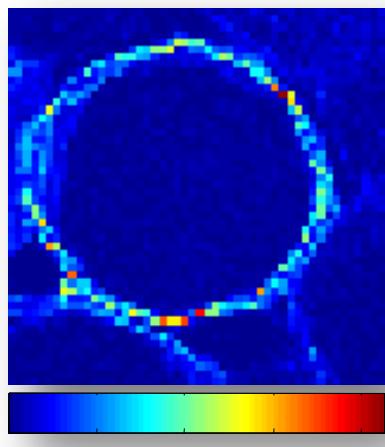
Leahy Material



Daschle Material



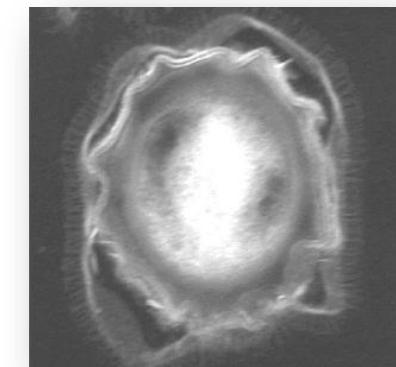
New York Post Material



nm-scale microanalysis links production method of attack materials

Microanalysis/spectral imaging gives us the context, the “where and what is it?”

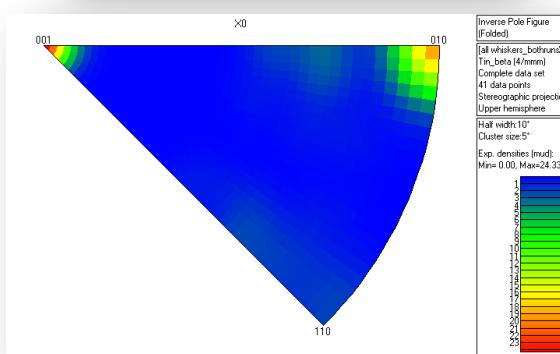
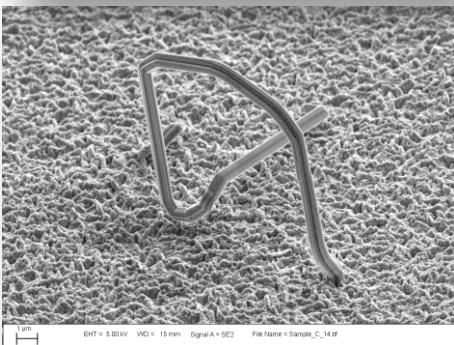
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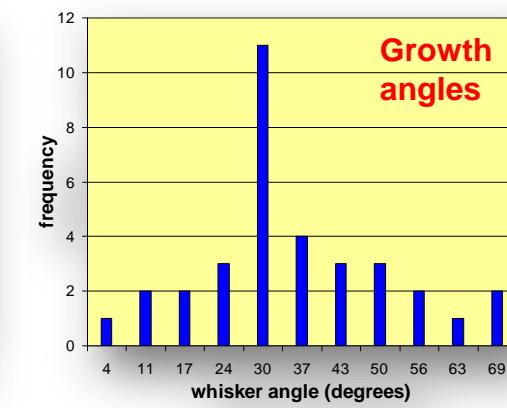
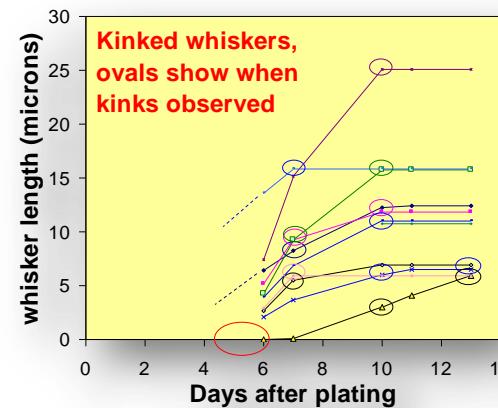
# Tin Whisker Research



Crystallographic growth directions

Conductive Sn whiskers are a microelectronics reliability concern (possible short-circuits & debris generation). Their importance has increased with more use of Pb-free finishes. We are developing an understanding of the underlying mechanisms that control Sn whisker nucleation and growth.

- We determined the room temp. growth kinetics of whiskers through novel time-lapse SEM and found that *the kink process is associated with growth stoppage*.
- Electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) was used to determine the major crystallographic growth directions.
- We developed techniques to measure growth *angles* by SEM and laser scanning confocal microscopy (LSCM). *30° growth angles appear important*.
- Developed conceptual model based on grain boundary diffusion anisotropy.
- Journal & conference papers/presentations.



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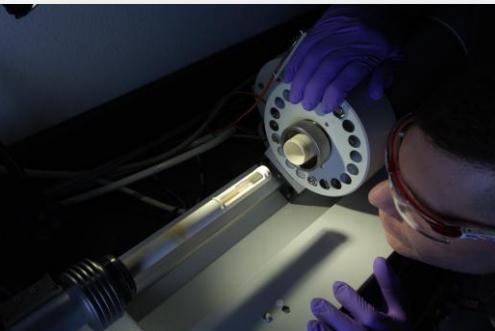
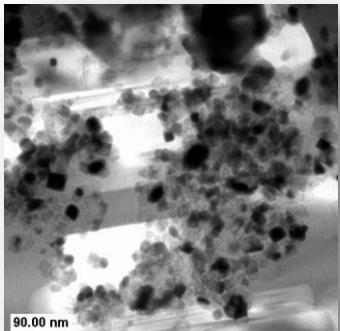


# Ceramic and Glass Science & Technology

## Technologies/Deliverables

- Ceramic Materials and Processes R&D
- Dielectric Characterization
- Glass Melting and Sealing
- Sol-Gel Glasses
- Cermets
- Neutron Generator Process Development
- Neutron Generator Production Support

### *Ceramic Processing*



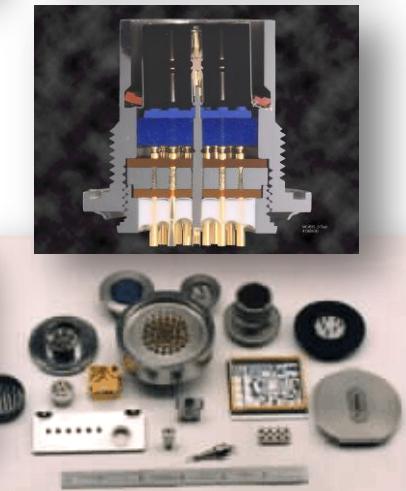
*CeO<sub>2</sub> fins for Sunshine to Petrol Prototype Reactor*



### *Tape Casting*



### *Ceramic & Glass-to-Metal Seal Products*



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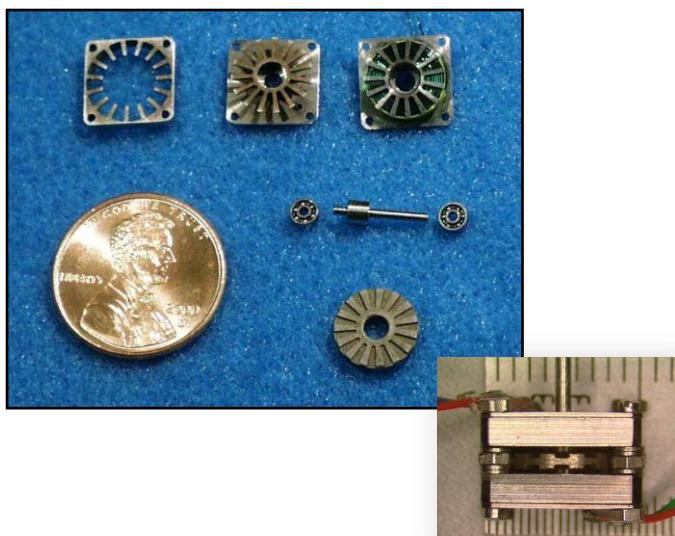


# Meso-Scale Manufacturing

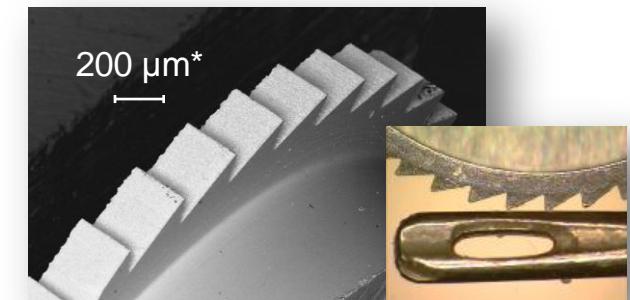
## Technologies/Deliverables

- Design/Fabrication of Miniature Devices
- Meso-Scale 2 ½ D Metal Components
  - ❖ e.g., stronglink mechanisms
- Precision Diamond Turned Components
- Precision Electrical Discharge Machined Components
- Femtosecond Laser Machining
- Micro-Metrology
- Process & Materials R&D, Technical Consulting

*Miniature Stepper Motor*

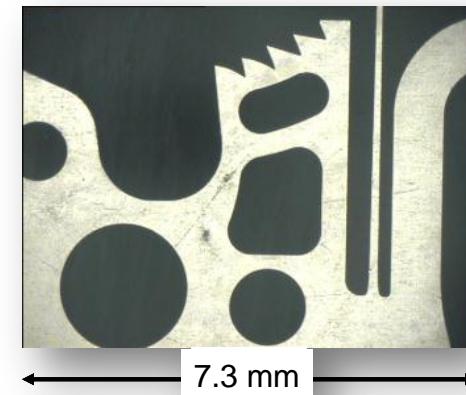


*Stainless Steel Gear*



*\* Typical human hair is 50-150  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter*

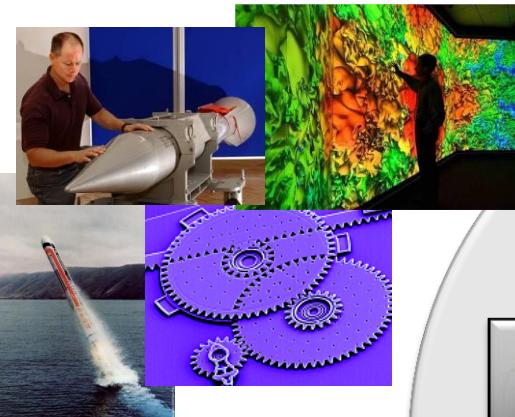
*Miniature Parts*





# Science, Technology, and Engineering Supports Sandia's Mission Areas

## Nuclear Weapons



## Defense Systems & Assessments



## Science, Technology & Engineering



## Energy, Climate, & Infrastructure

## Homeland Security & Defense



# Our *Strategic Directions* build from our key competencies & inform our investment decisions

## Key Technical Competencies

### **Synthesis & Growth**

Organics, ceramics, semiconductors, biomaterials....

### **Characterization**

Microanalysis, sensing, probes, catalysis

### **Processing**

Joining, thin films, nano fabrication, thermal spray

### **Theory, modeling & simulation**

Atomic, molecular, mesoscale....

### **Aging & Reliability**

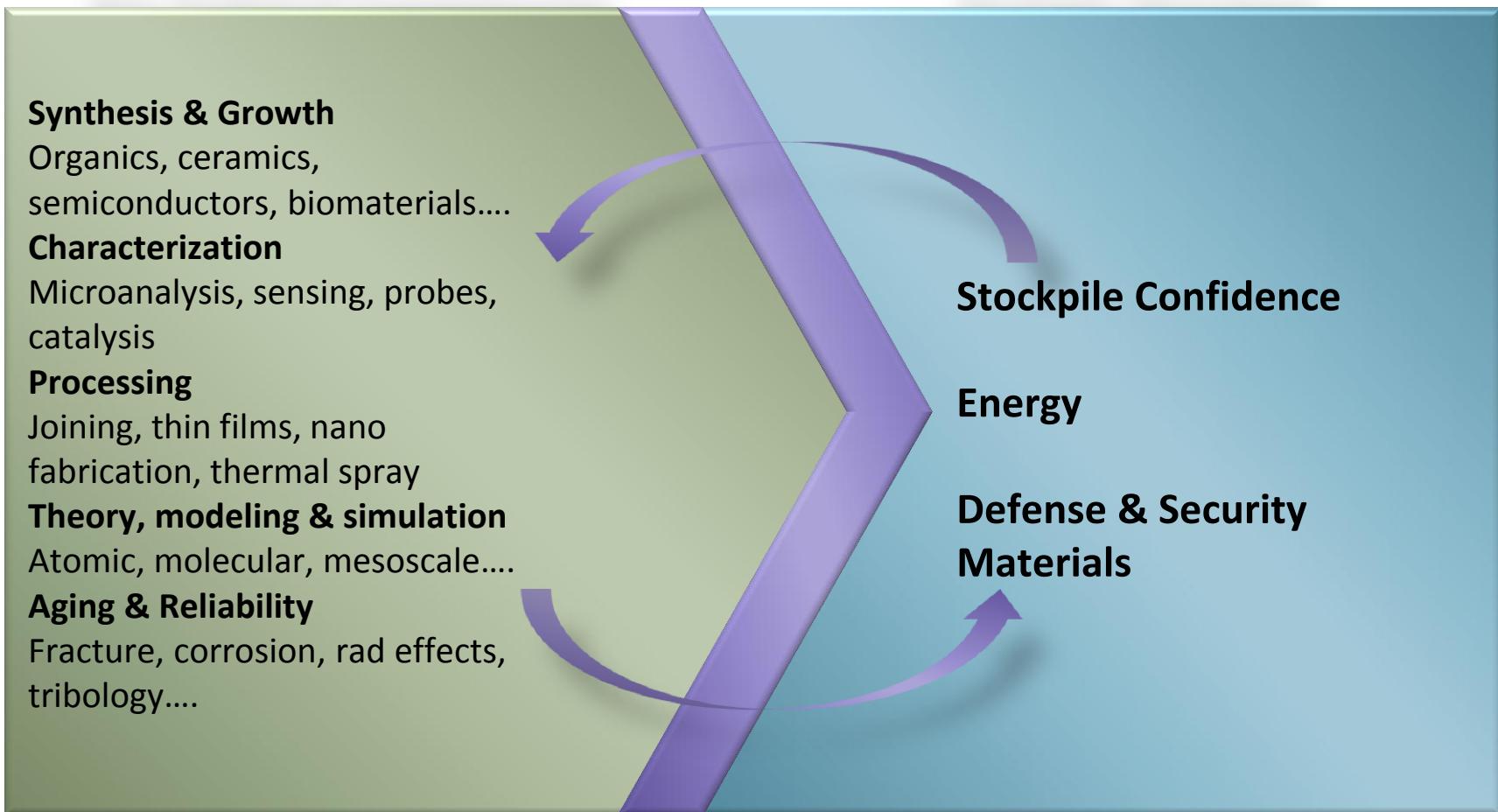
Fracture, corrosion, rad effects, tribology....

## Strategic Directions

### **Stockpile Confidence**

### **Energy**

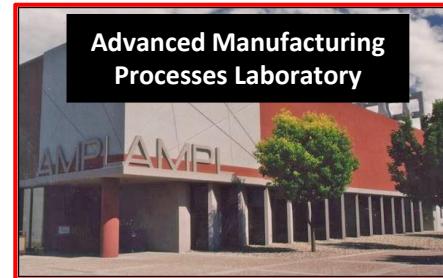
### **Defense & Security Materials**





# Sandia Materials Science and Engineering Facilities

**Five main materials science locations, and related facilities, with extensive, state-of-the-art laboratory capabilities**



Processing and Environmental Technology Laboratory



Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies



Integrated Materials Research Laboratory (IMRL)



Advanced Materials Laboratory (on the UNM South campus)



**MESA = Microsystems Engineering, Science, and Applications**

MESA MicroFab (Compound Semiconductors)



MESA SiFab (Silicon)



Computer Science Research Institute



Ion Beam Laboratory



Combustion Research Facility



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