

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN RAPID FLEXIBLE MANUFACTURING

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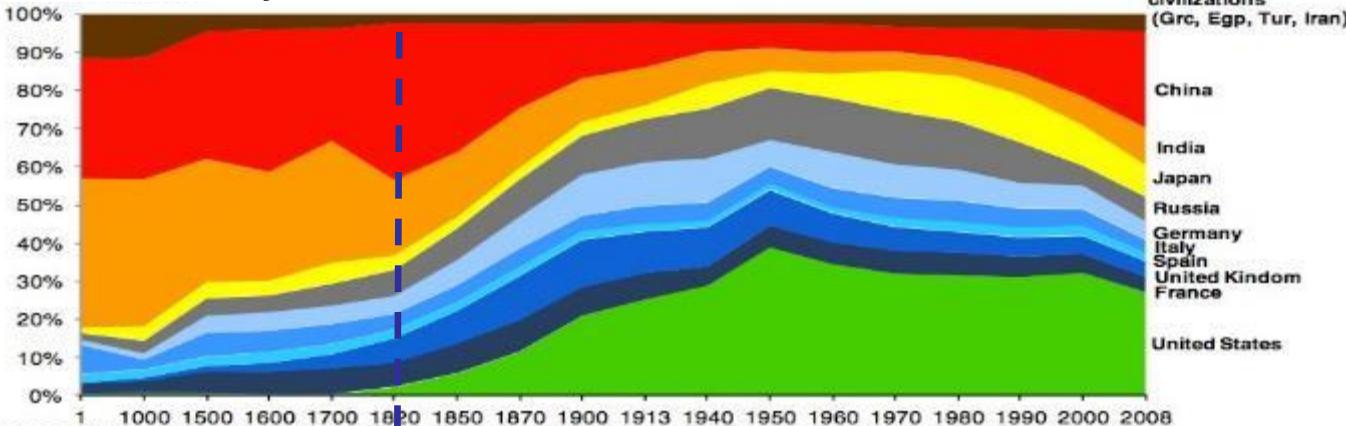
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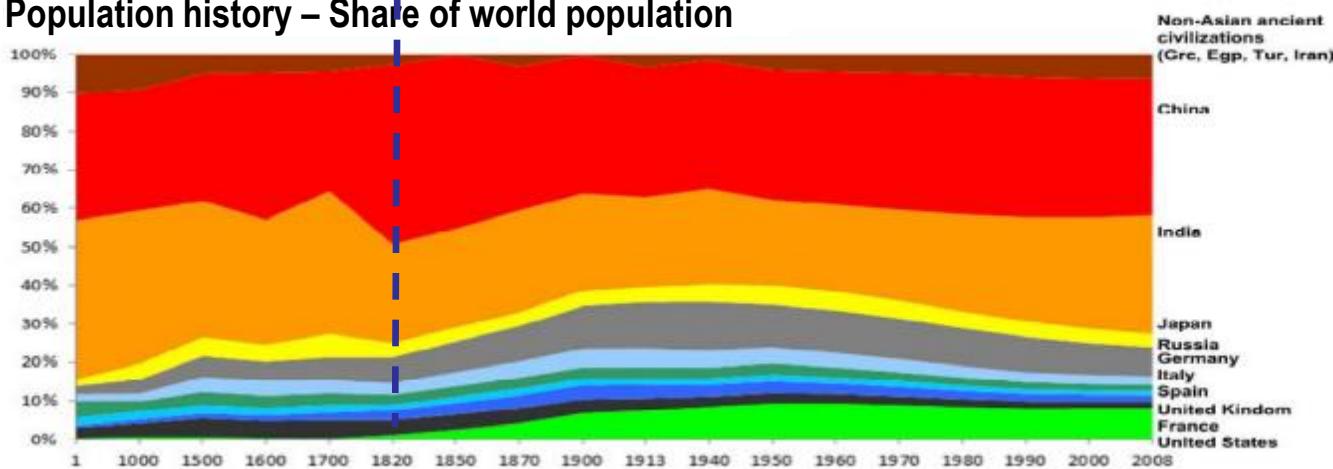
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# MANUFACTURING & POPULATION

## Economic history – Share of world GDP



## Population history – Share of world population



## TYPE OF MANUFACTURING

**DISTRIBUTED**

**CONCENTRATED**

**DISTRIBUTED ???**



*1800 AD*

*Self-reliance*

*2000 AD*

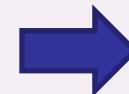
*Reliance on others*

*2100 AD*

*Self-reliance ???*

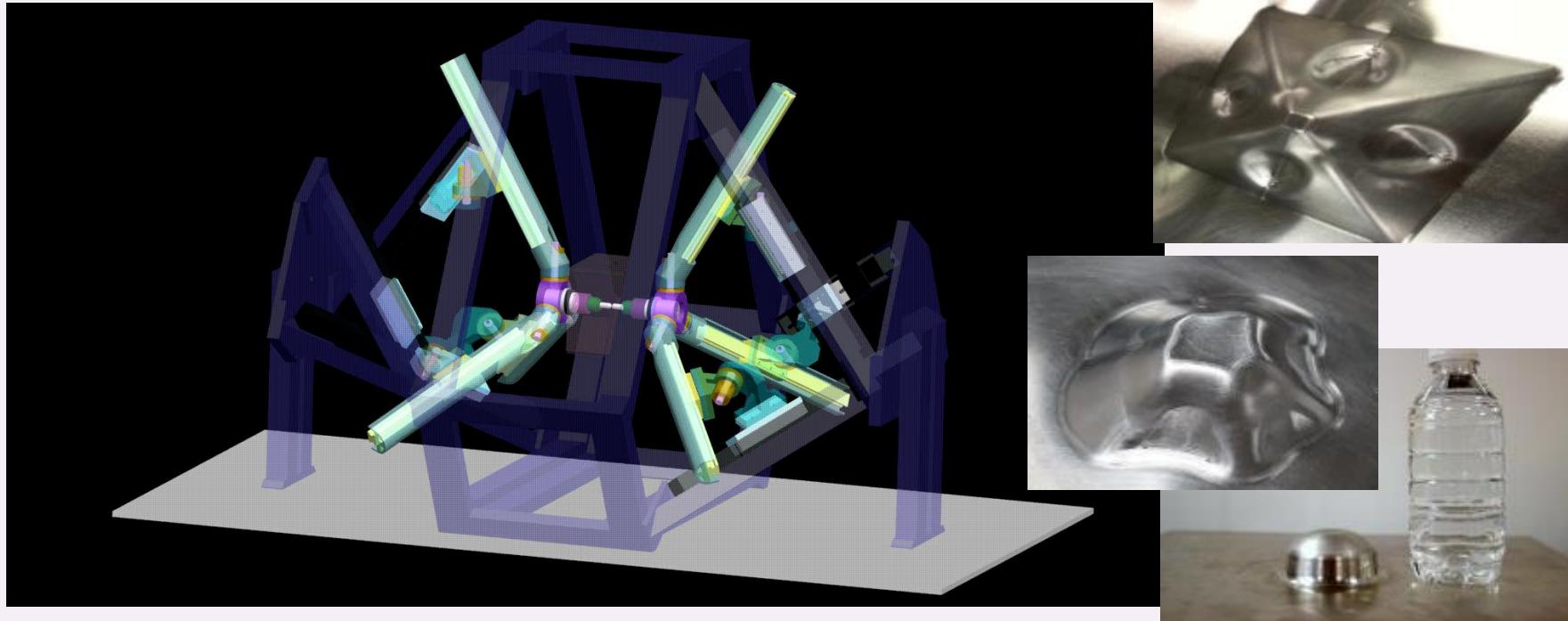
### CURRENT FORCES NOW AT WORK

- Globalization
- Cyber Infrastructure
- Technological Advances
- Mass Customization / Personalization
- Emergence of Point-of-use Technologies

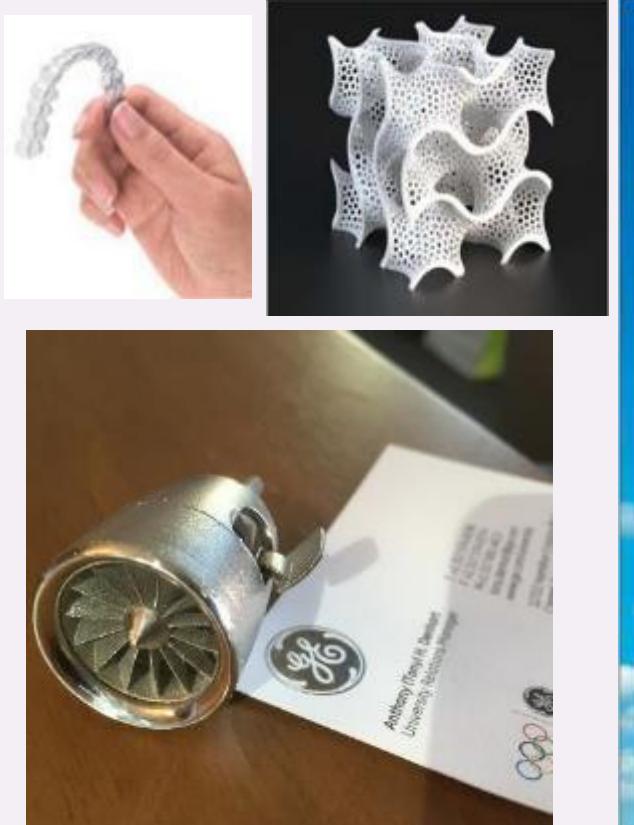


Rapid Flexible Manufacturing

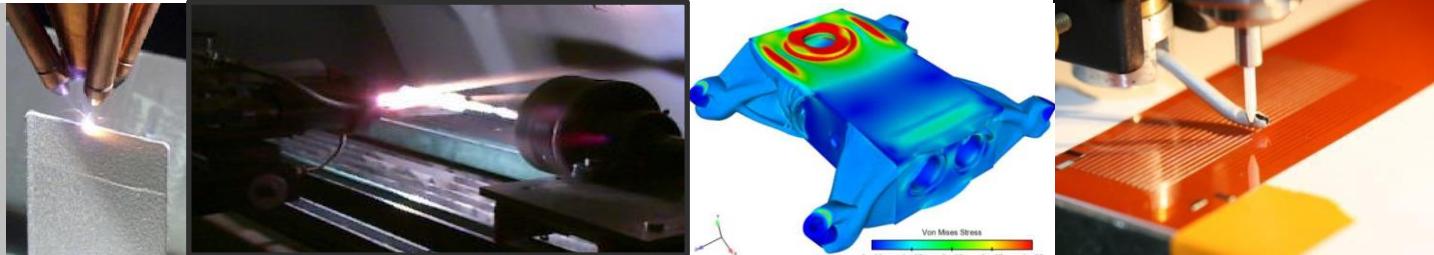
# Dieless Tri-Pyramid Robots for Rapid Forming



# ADDITIVE PROCESSES



*Exceptional service in the national interest*



# *Predictive Theory and Computational Approaches for Additive Manufacturing*

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# 30+ yrs of Sandia Additive Manufacturing Technology Development & Commercialization



*FastCast\**

Development



*Sandia Hand*

50% AM built



*LIGA*

"Hurricane" spring



*Spray Forming*

Rocket nozzle

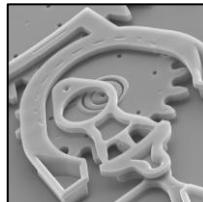


*LENS®\**

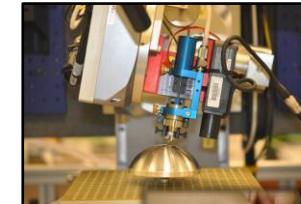
Stainless  
housing



*MEMS SUMMIT™\**  
Micro gear assembly



*Direct Write*  
Conformal electronics



*RoboCast\**

Ceramic  
parts



Energetic



Printed battery

\* Licensed/Commercialized Sandia AM technologies

Current Capability/Activity

# Drivers for AM for National Security Applications

- Potential Cost/Schedule/Design/Risk Benefits
- Optimize for Performance, Not Machinability
  - Revolutionary new design possibilities
  - Engineering analysis driven designs
- Engineered Materials
  - Multi-material and graded material parts
  - Future potential for microstructural control?

## GE Additive Manufacturing Design Competition



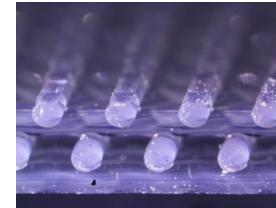
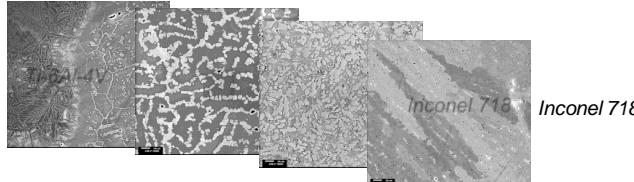
Original Design 4.5 lb.



AM Design 0.7 lb.

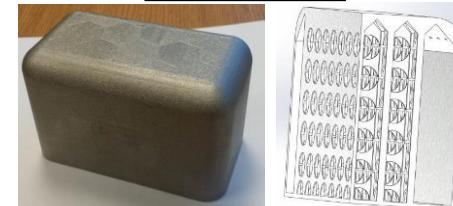
- 84% wt. reduction
- Successful load tests

## Sandia LENS® Functionally Graded Materials



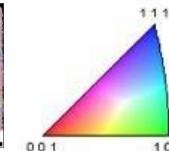
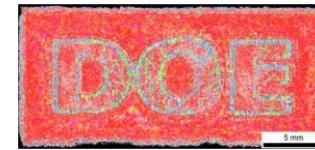
pad side view

## Sandia Mass Mock



Easily customize weight, center of gravity, moment of inertia

## AM Inconel 718 Crystallographic Orientation Control Demo'd at ORNL



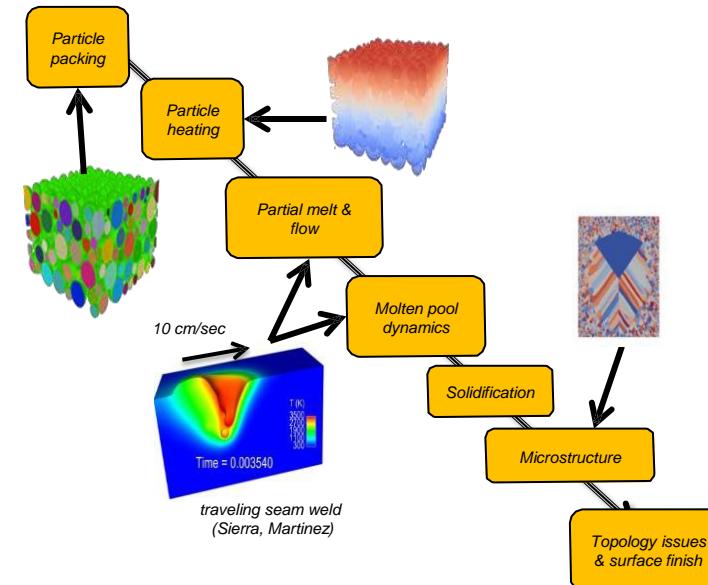
*"We can now control local material properties, which will change the future of how we engineer metallic components," R. Dehoff*

# *Enabling Design through Computational Simulation*

*Process → Microstructure → Properties → Performance Relationships*

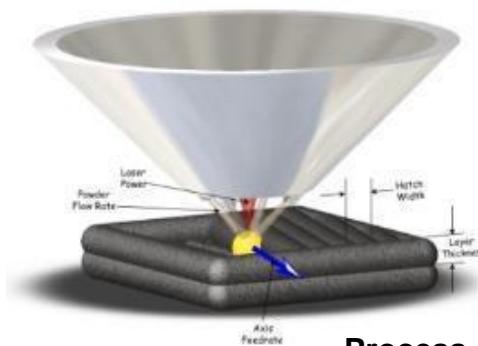
## **Key Advancements Needed**

- Improved fundamental understanding of AM process to macroscale properties
- Predict response from knowledge and control of microscale process
- Constitutive model advancement
- Predict response from stochastic process knowledge leading to quantified performance uncertainty
- Topology optimization driven by advance computational approached, coupled with in-situ metrology, to modernize design



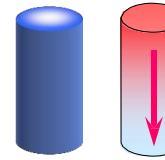
*Predictive tools and approaches  
opportunity for innovation*

# Exemplar of Materials and Computational Challenges



## Lens Process

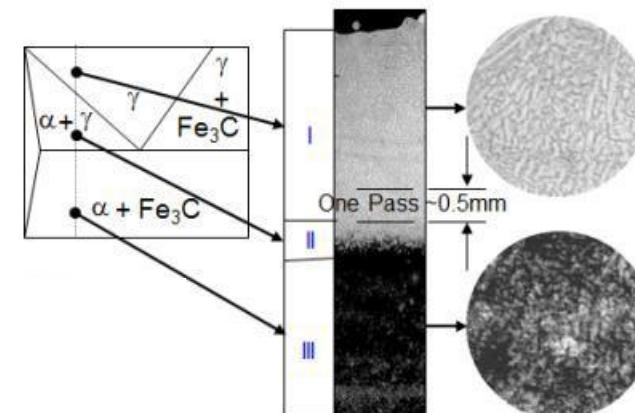
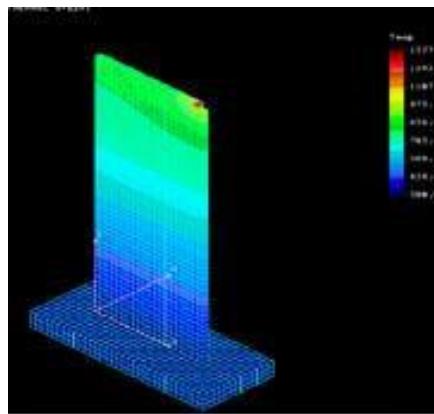
- Fully dense metal
- Good mechanical properties
- Graded materials
- Add to existing parts



## Uni-directional Solidification

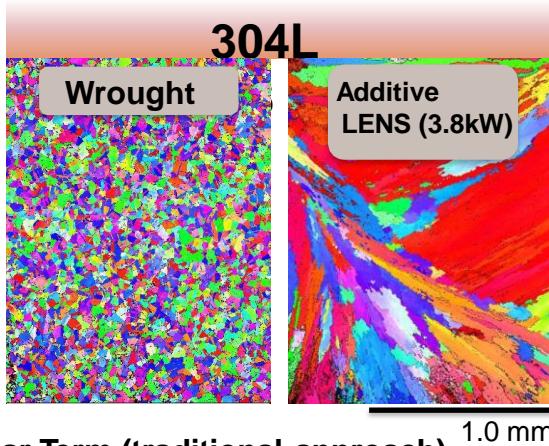
- Built narrow “wires” to achieve 1-D heat flow to simplify & understand solidification front
- Simplified comparison with model predictions

## Process characterization/modeling



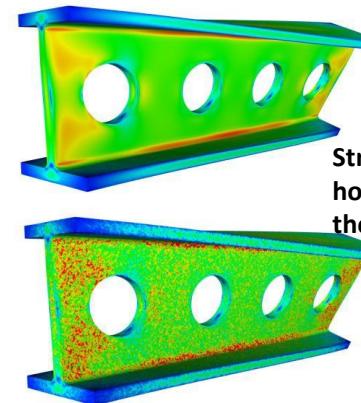
Part heats up during the build & heat flow changes -- so microstructure & properties in the top (I), middle (II), & base (III) may differ

# AM Materials Are Unlike Conventional Mat'ls



## Near Term (traditional approach)

- Property measurements
- Microstructure/defect analyses
- H<sub>2</sub> compatibility/permeability
- Statistical variability analyses
- Effects of post treatments
- ...



Stress field using homogenization theory

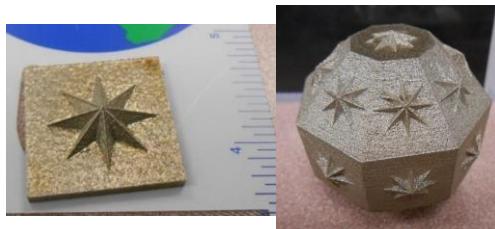
## Future State (predictive modeling w QMU)

- Establish microstructure-properties-performance relationships
- Multi-scale modeling/validation
  - Poly-crystal plasticity models
  - Direct numerical simulation
  - ...

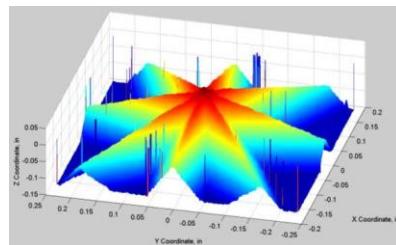
**Engineered Materials Reliability (EMR) Research Opportunity:** Develop a framework for understanding how material variability impacts the reliability of engineered products through the use of multi-scale computational and experimental approaches that account for variability across length scales and provide probabilistic predictions of product performance.

# Metrology for AM Is Also A Key Challenge

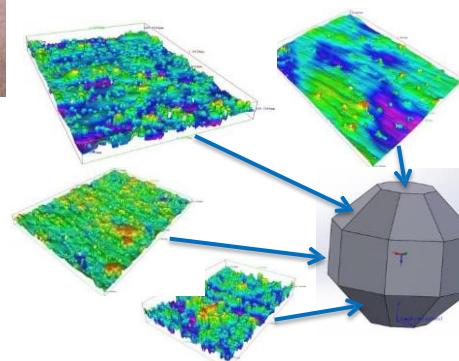
- Family of artifacts designed, 3D printed, & measured
  - Opportunity to develop better AM metrology artifacts
- Unique challenges for process/equip. characterization
  - Tolerance/Surface Finish/Properties vary with machine, material, print orientation, support structures, post-processing,...)



Siemens star geometries for resolution evaluation



17-4PH polyhedron texture anisotropy map



Ti "Manhattan" error map

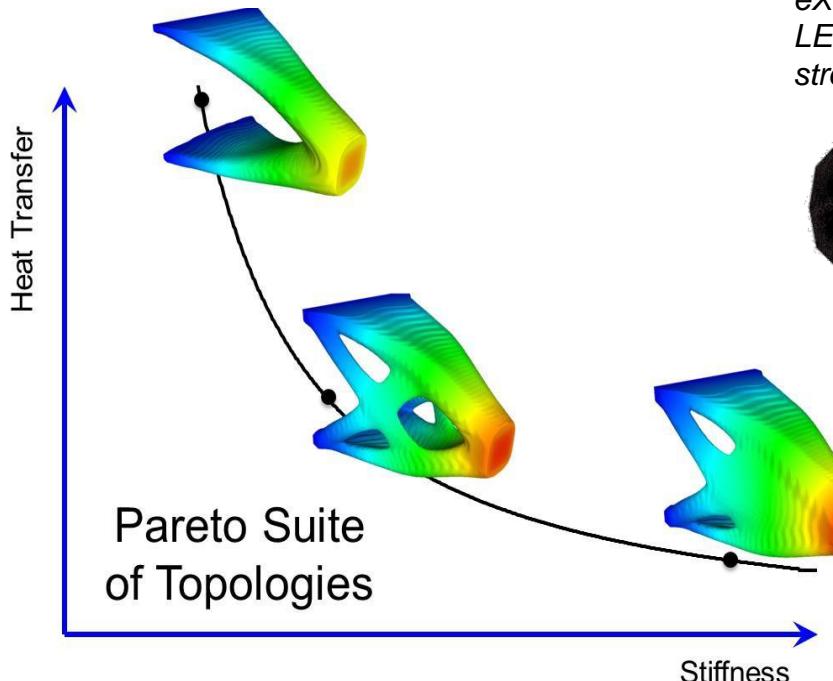


Ti-6Al-4V polyhedron & "Manhattan" artifacts for MPE (maximum permissible error)

# Analysis-Driven Design Optimization

*Critical to Advance Fundamental Understanding along with  
Computational Approaches*

## AM Design Via Functionality Prioritization

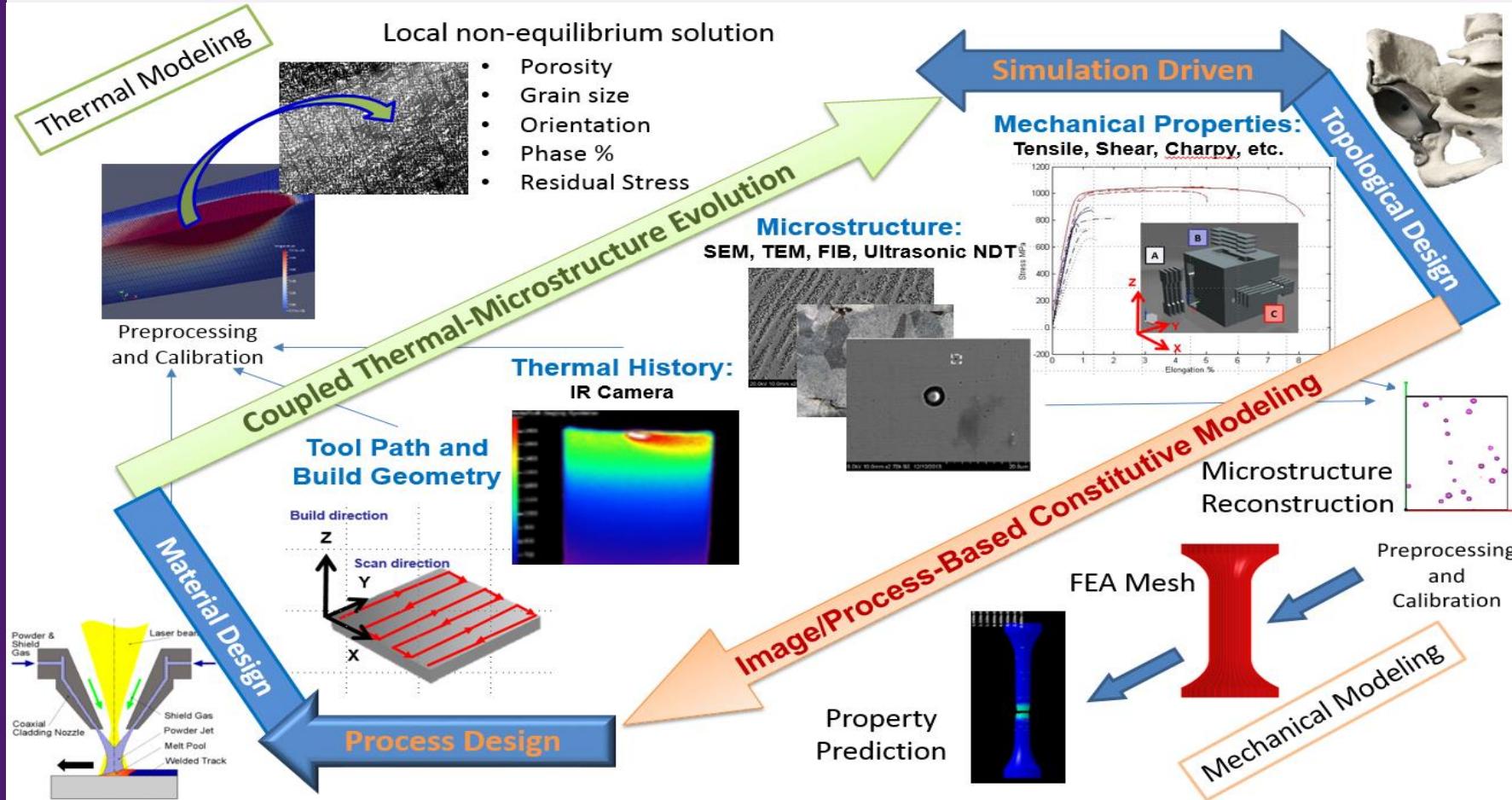


We combined Topological Optimization (TO) with eXtended Finite Element Modeling (X-FEM) & LENS® to optimize selected properties, e.g., strength/weight ratio.

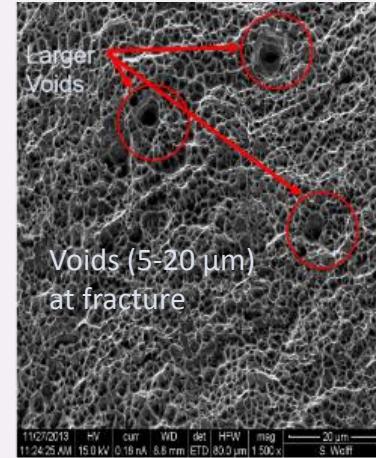
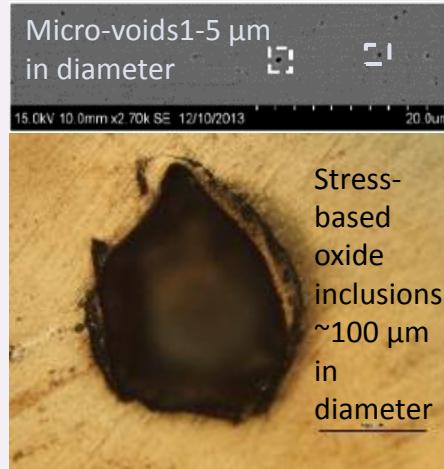
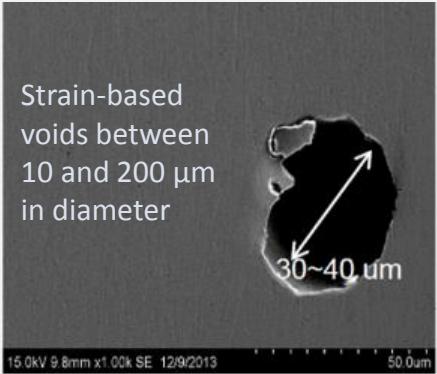


Core of a dead Cholla cactus. It is interesting that optimized designs often resemble natural structures (bio-mimicry).

# INTEGRATION

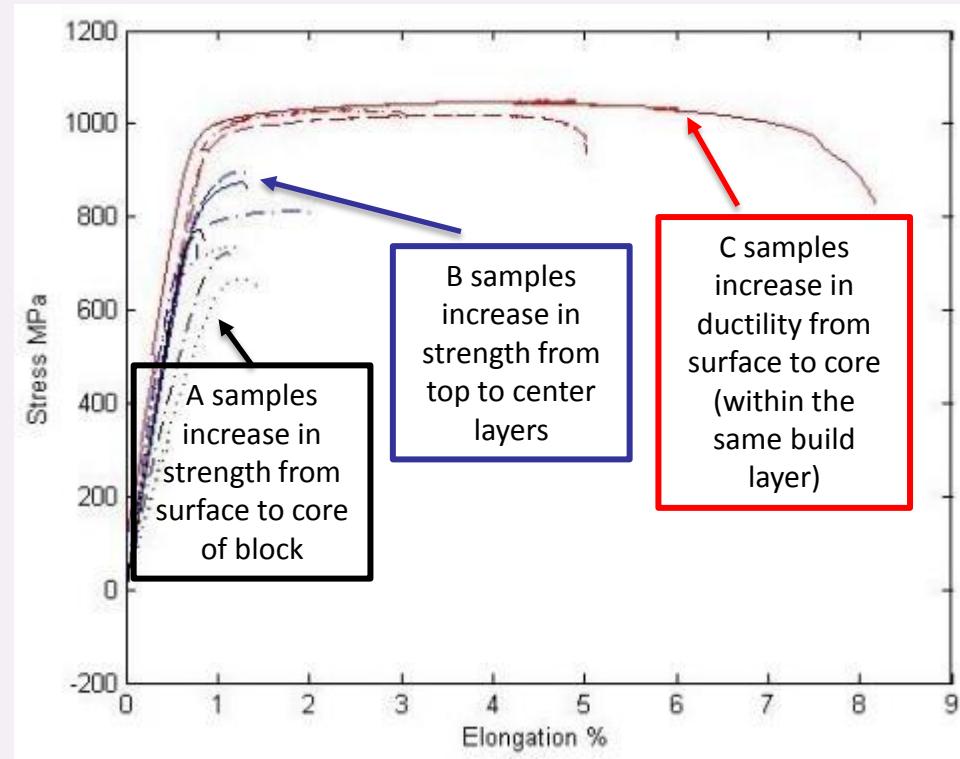
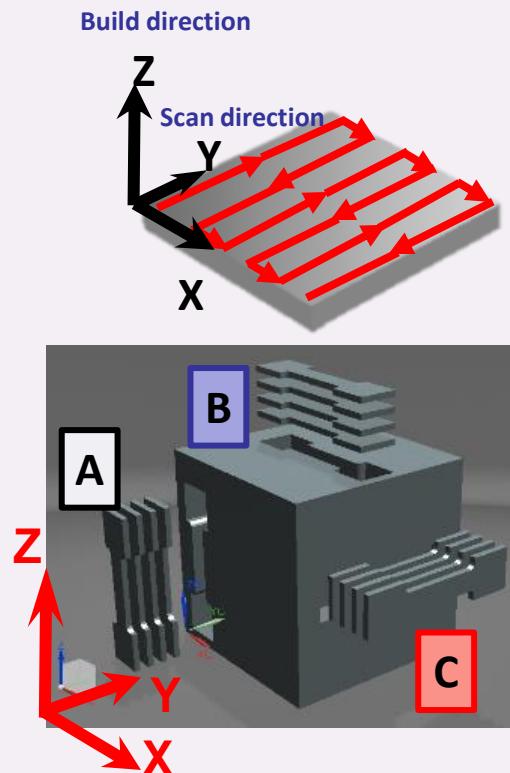


# Stainless Steel 316L (LENS)

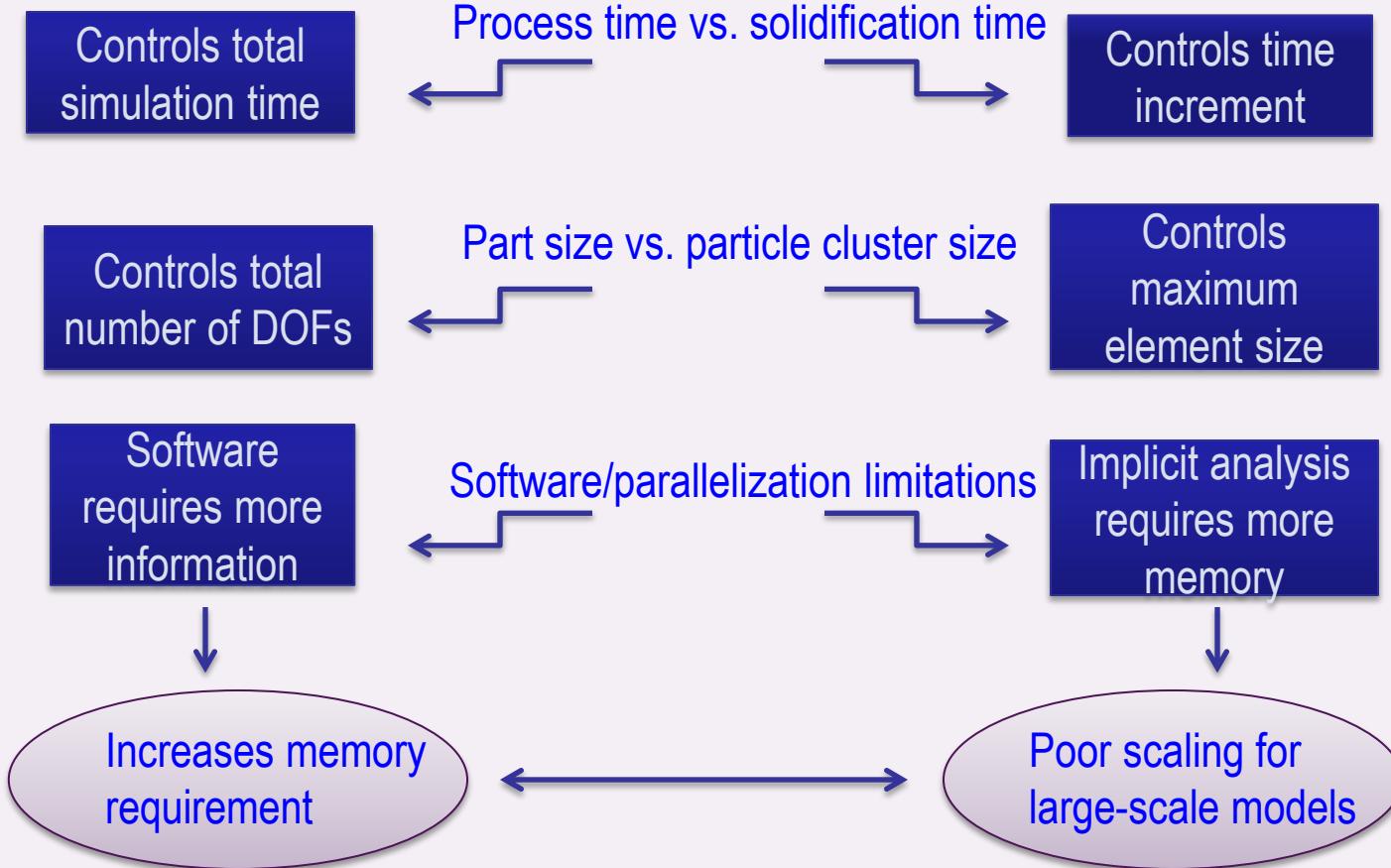


- Strain-based voids due to lack of fusion of powders
- Stress-based oxides due to the entrapped gas
- Fracture surfaces reveal coalesced large voids and increased average concentration of oxygen

# Ti-6Al-4V Mechanical Testing



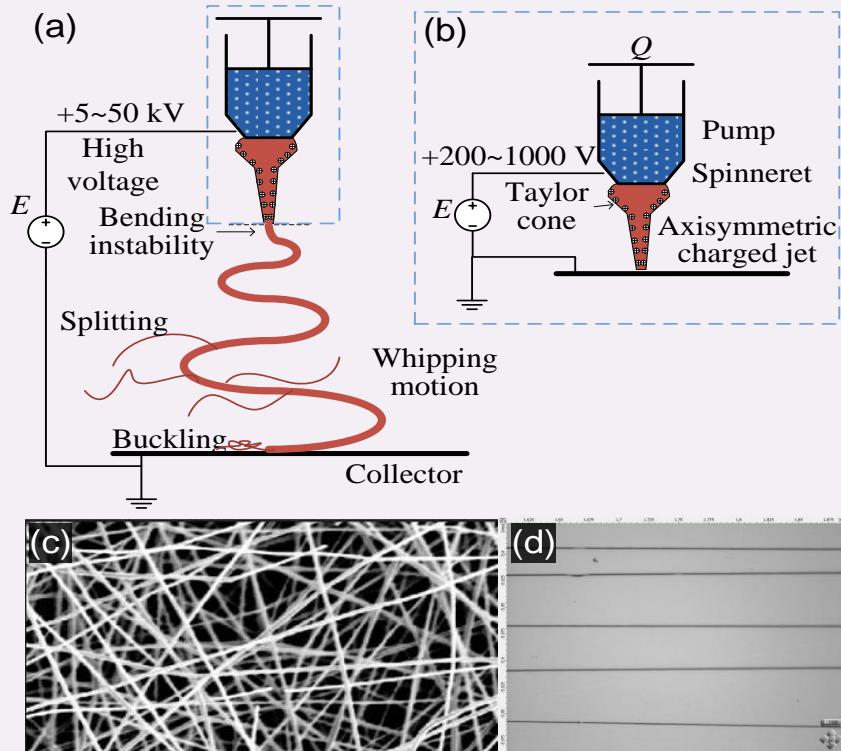
# HPC CHALLENGES



## Comparison w/ Abaqus Solution

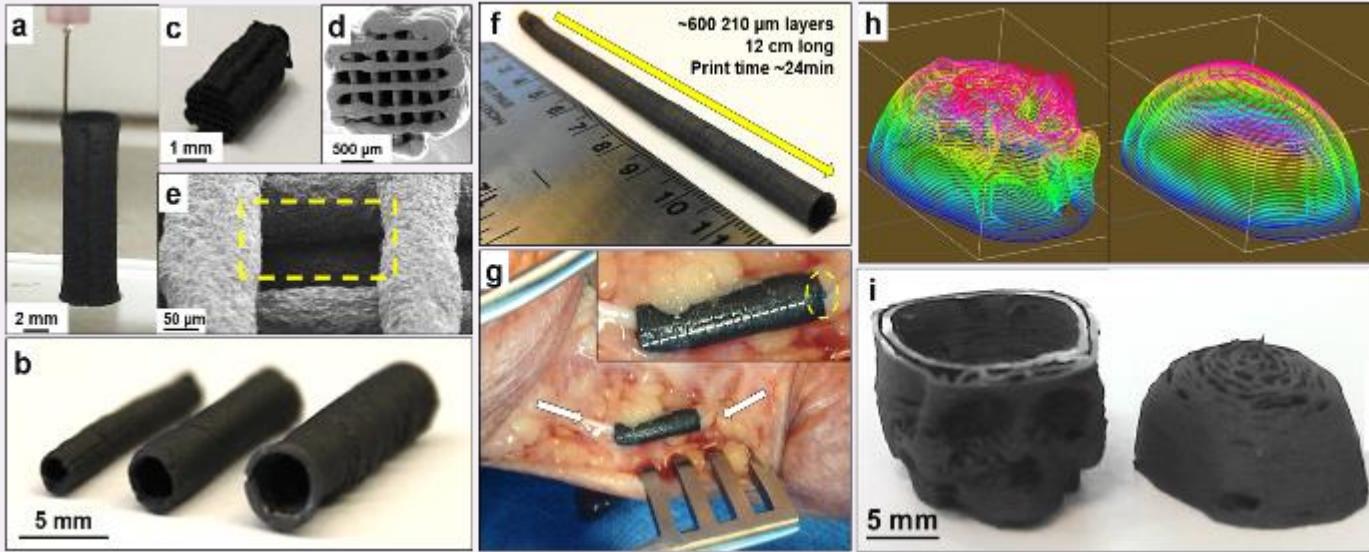
| Quantity of Interest        | Abaqus | In-House Code |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Peak Temp (°C)              | Min    | 1126          |
|                             | Max    | 1433          |
|                             | Diff   | 307           |
|                             | Avg    | 1280          |
| Temperature Resolution (°C) | 110    | 5             |
| Solution Steps              | 301    | 5556          |
| Computation Time (s)        | 39.0   | 2.08          |

# Electrospinning



Schematics illustration of  
(a) far-field electrospinning  
(b) Near-field electrowriting processes, which  
produce  
(c) random [adapted from *Science*, 2004], and  
(d) aligned nanofibers [Xu et al. 2014, ICOMM]

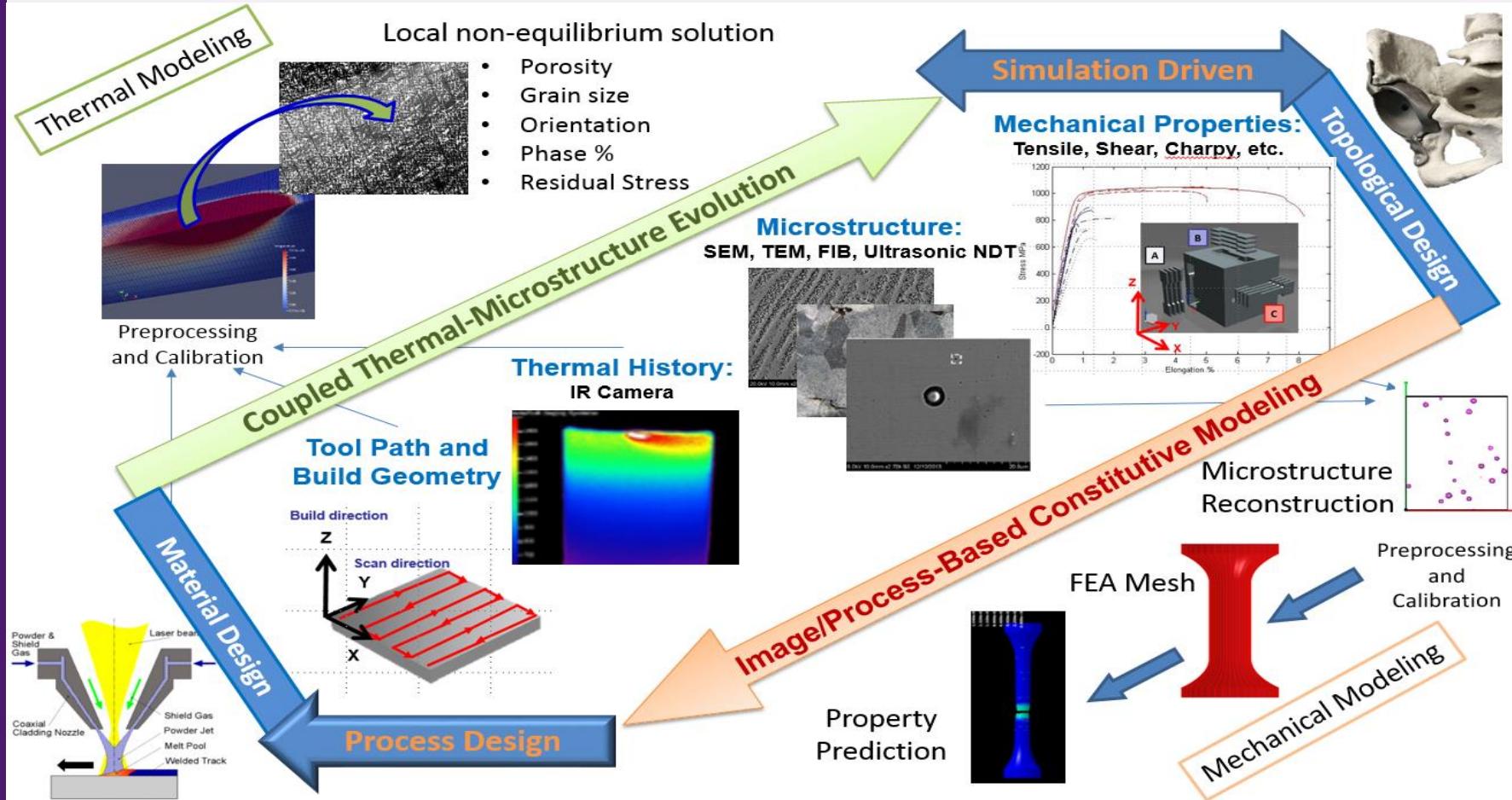
# Conductive Bioscaffolds



High-content (60 vol%) graphene inks can be 3D printed into self-supporting, electrically conductive, and mechanically resilient structures (e.g., implantable tubular nerve conduits)

# What can the computational mechanics community contribute for additive manufacturing (rapid flexible manufacturing, distributed manufacturing)?

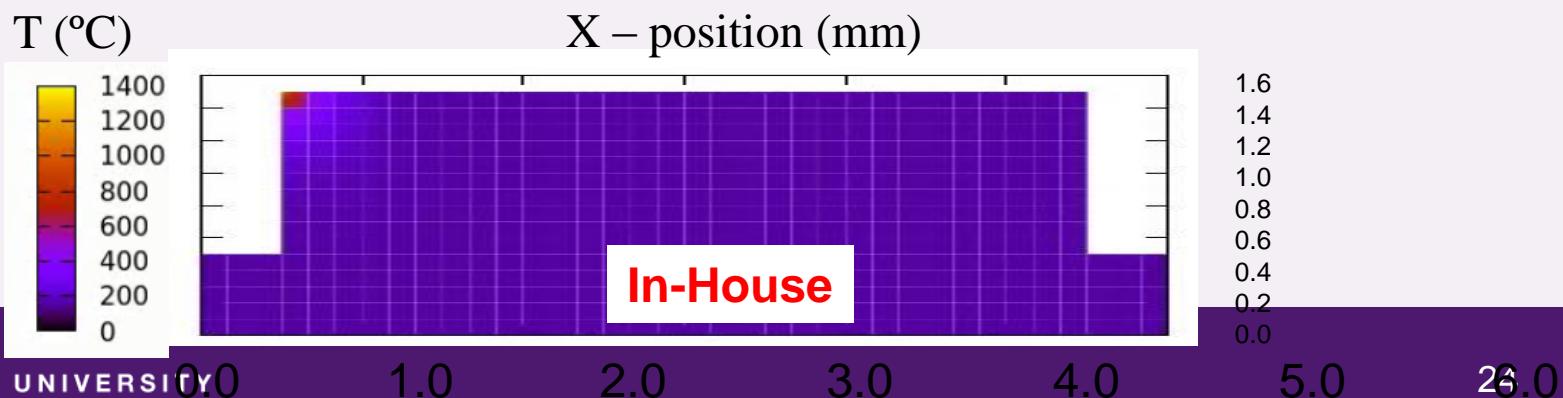
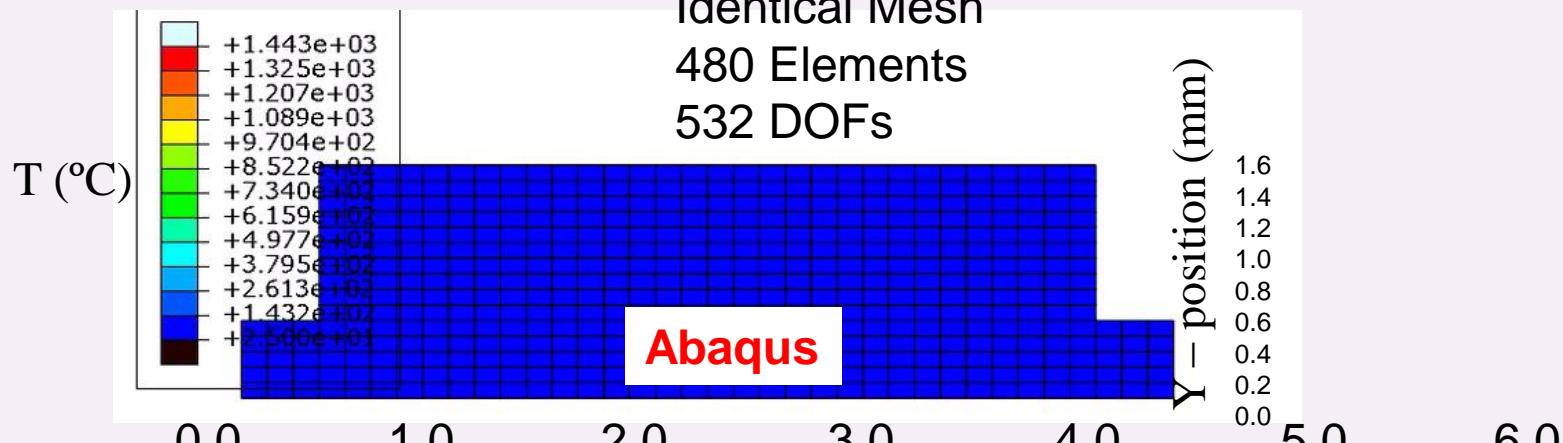
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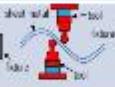
# Backup Slides

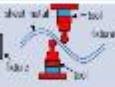
# AM Verification

Identical Mesh  
480 Elements  
532 DOFs



# DSIF - Flexible Forming

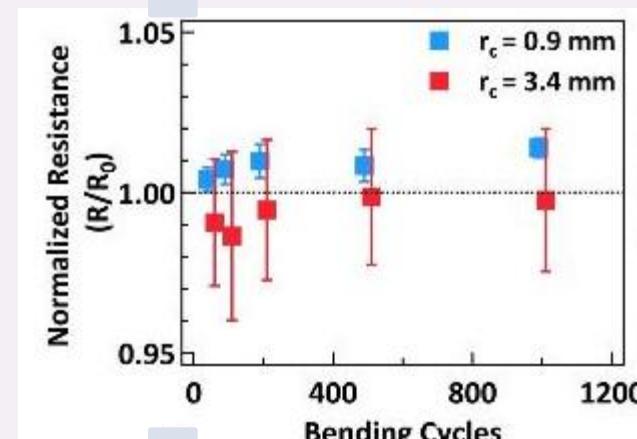
| LOW VOLUME SHEET METAL PRODUCTION   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| AEROSPACE PRODUCTION  | TRADITIONAL PROCESSES  | DSIF  |
|  |  |  |
| TOOLING COST  | \$100K - \$1M  | NEGIGIBLE   |
| DESIGN TO PRODUCTION  | 8 – 15 WEEKS   | < 1 WEEK  |
| FACILITY SIZE & COMPLEXITY  | HIGH   | LOW   |
| TOOLING STORAGE   | REQUIRED   | NONE  |
| MATERIAL CHOICE   | LIMITED  | BROAD   |



# Inkjet Printable Graphene for Flexible Interconnects

*Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*, **4**, 1347 (2013).

Available from Sigma-Aldrich: Catalog # 793663

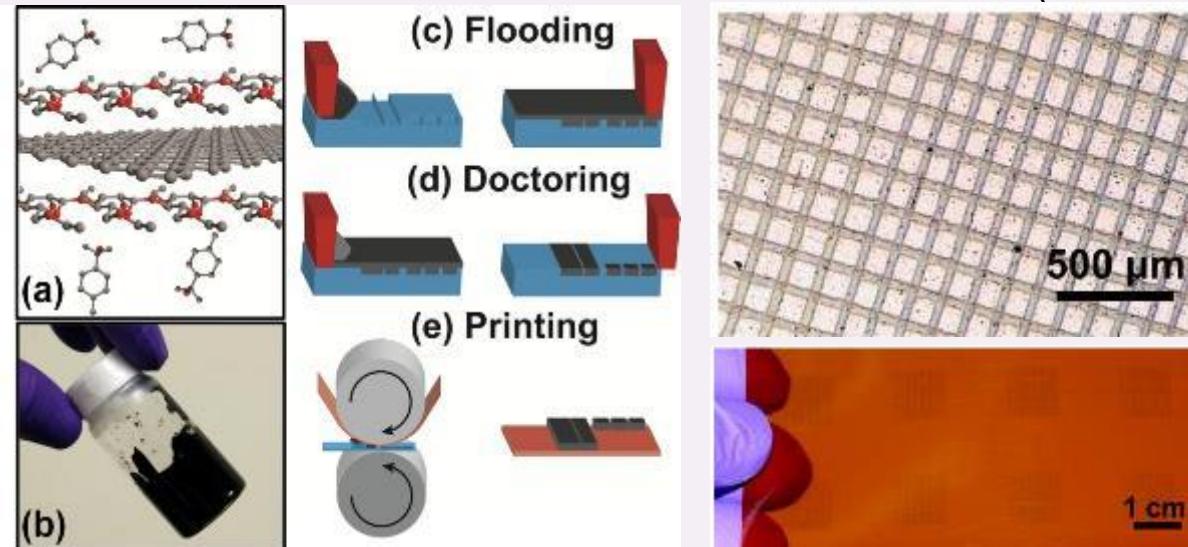


- Inkjet printable graphene based on ethyl cellulose stabilizer in terpineol.
- Low resistivity of 4 mΩ·cm maintained following repeated flexing and even folding.

# Large-Area Gravure Printable Graphene

*Advanced Materials*, **26**, 4533 (2014).

Collaboration with Lorraine Francis and Dan Frisbie (Minnesota)

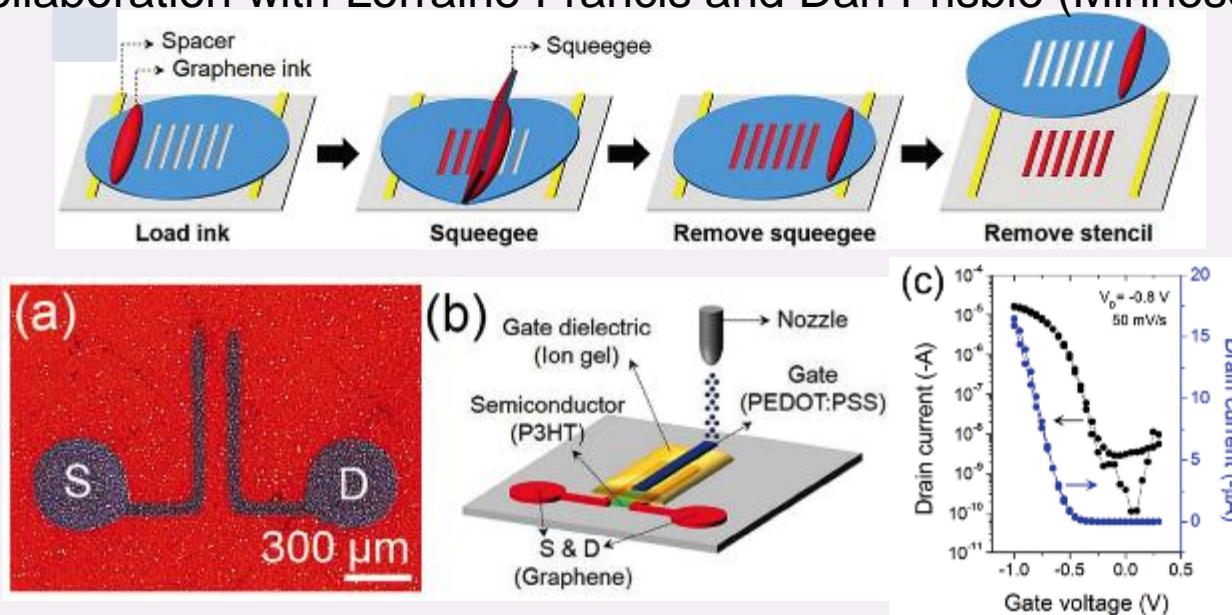


**Ethyl cellulose stabilizer allows viscosity tuning over multiple orders of magnitude, enabling compatibility with a diverse range of printing methods**

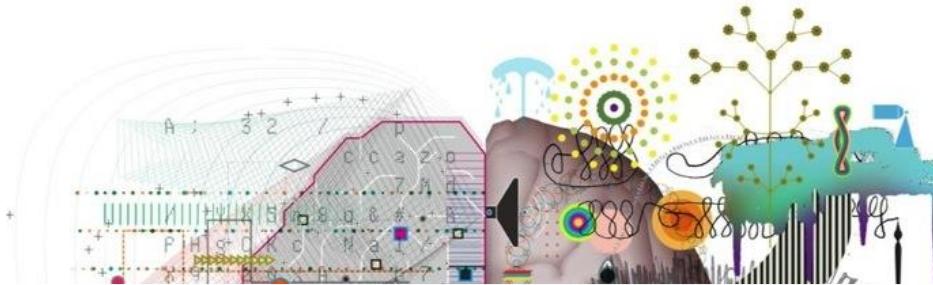
# Screen Printable Graphene for Flexible Electronics

*Advanced Materials, 27, 109 (2015).*

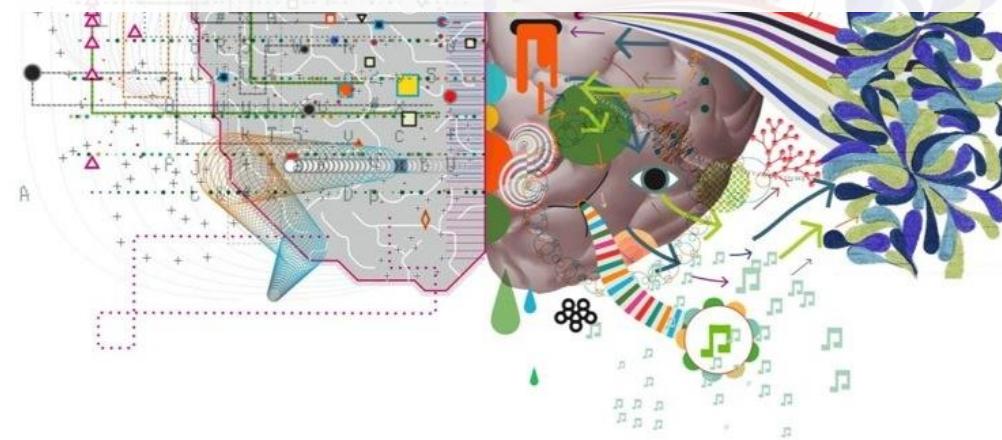
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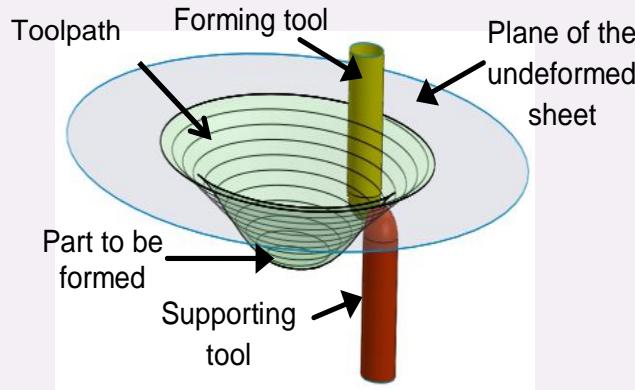
**Screen printable graphene is compatible with other materials that are commonly employed in printed/flexible electronics**



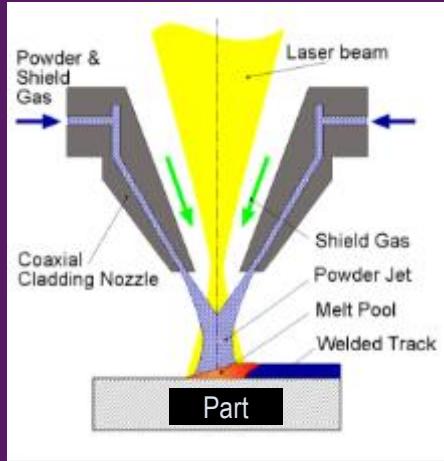
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# Double Sided Incremental Forming: DSIF



- DSIF uses two tools, one on each side, of a peripherally clamped sheet metal to locally deform the sheet along a predefined toolpath
- The sum total of the local deformations adds up to result in a final formed part



### Advantages

- Build fully dense shapes
- Closed-loop, four-axis control
- Customizable process parameters for speed, accuracy and property control
- Wide variety of materials, composite deposition

### Disadvantages

- Poor resolution and surface roughness
- Long build times
- High laser power required

## Powder Bed



### Advantages

- Repeatable process control
- Build complex shapes

### Disadvantages

- Expensive and time-consuming post-processing
- Long pre-heat and cool-down cycles
- Contamination of previous molten layer by environment
- Supports required to prevent warping
- Uneven deposition and balling due to gradients in surface tension on powders

# Ti-6Al-4V Porosity and Mechanical Properties

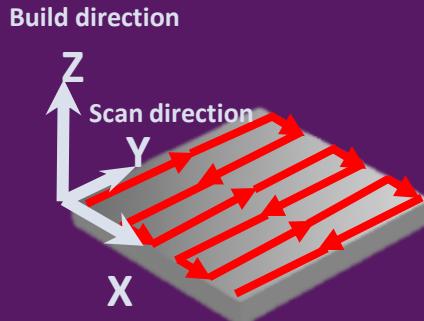
| Specimen                            | Laser Power (W) | Laser Beam Diameter (mm) | Hatch spacing (mm) | Layer Thickness (mm) | Elastic Modules (GPa) | Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa) | Elongation at Break (%) | Bulk Porosity % |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ASM Grade 5 Ti-6Al-4V, annealed [1] | -               | -                        | -                  | -                    | 114                   | 950                             | 15                      | -               |
| Best reported study [2]             | 2000            | 4.0                      | 2.29               | 0.89                 | -                     | 1087                            | 10                      | -               |
| Set A (avg)                         | 800             | 1.8                      | 1.25               | 0.95                 | 116                   | 725                             | 0.9                     | 2.2             |
| Set B (avg)                         |                 |                          |                    |                      | 109                   | 820                             | 1.7                     | 2.7             |
| Set C (avg)                         |                 |                          |                    |                      | 144                   | 1015                            | 6.0                     | 2.0             |

- Increased mechanical strength in the C orientation
- No heat treatment or additional post-processing done on the LENS cube
- hot isostatic pressed (HIP-ed) component testing is ongoing

[1]Boyer, R., et al. (1994), Material Properties Handbook: Titanium Alloys, *ASM International*.

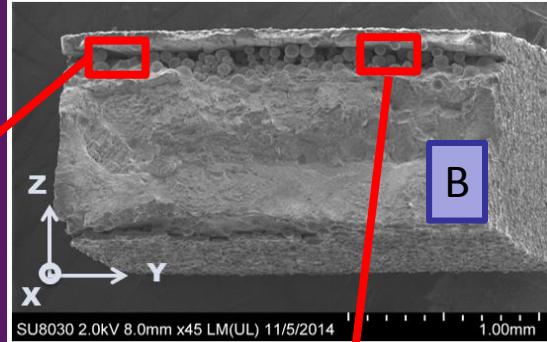
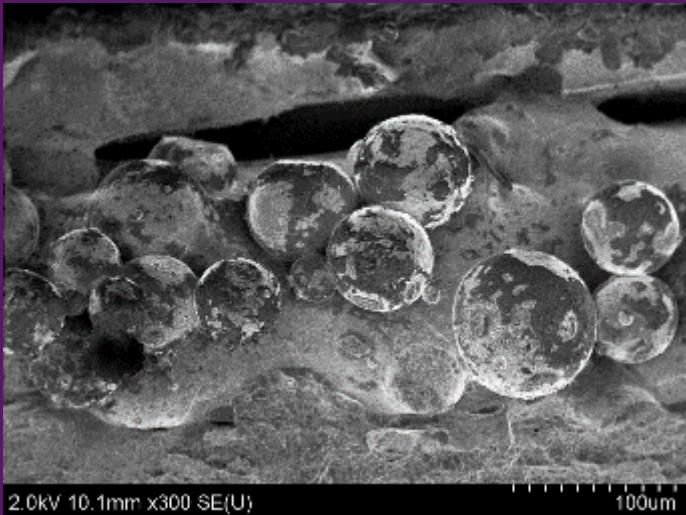
[2] Carroll, B. E., et al. (2015), *Acta Materialia*, 87, 309-320.

# LENS Surface Finish



- Resolution is usually not better than 0.25 mm and surface roughness more than than 25 microns
- Cannot produce as complex of structures as powder bed fusion processes such as selective laser sintering (SLS)

# Ti-6Al-4V Fractography



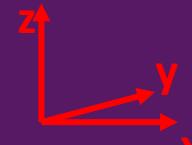
Areas of unmelted powders (45-150  $\mu$ m) also show higher oxide concentrations – these can be avoided by optimizing the relationships between hatch spacing, layer thickness, laser power and scan speed

$$E_d = \frac{P}{v \cdot d} \left[ \frac{J}{mm^2} \right]$$

*P* -laser power (W)

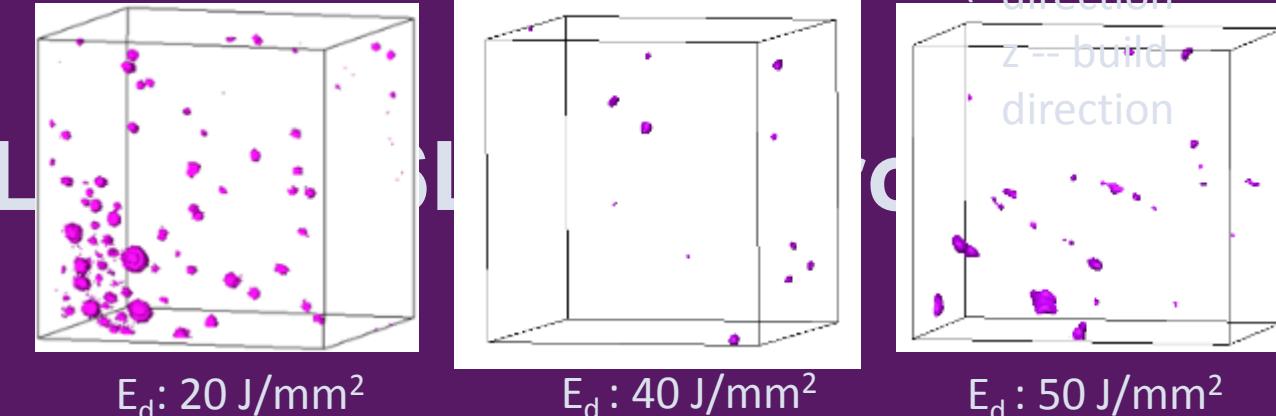
*v* -scan speed (mm/s)

*d* -laser beam diameter (mm)

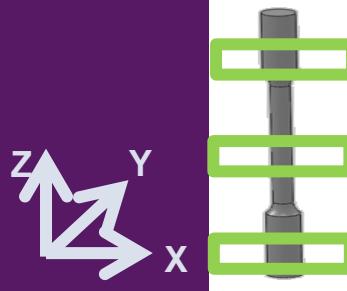


*y* -- scan direction

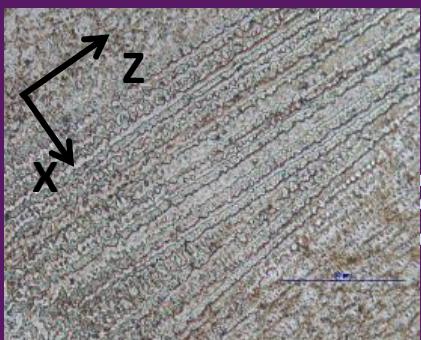
*z* -- build direction



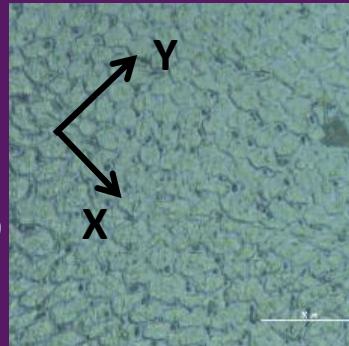
- Focused Ion Beam (FIB) takes 2D thin slices to create 3D tomography images and captures micro-pores about a micron or less in diameter
- Micro-pores coalesce to failure; images are provided to mechanical models to simulate uniaxial tensile tests



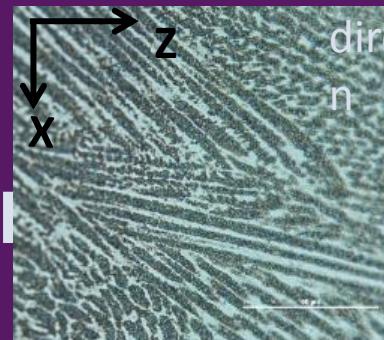
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Bottom of a part, 50X magnification, (50 $\mu$ m scale bar)



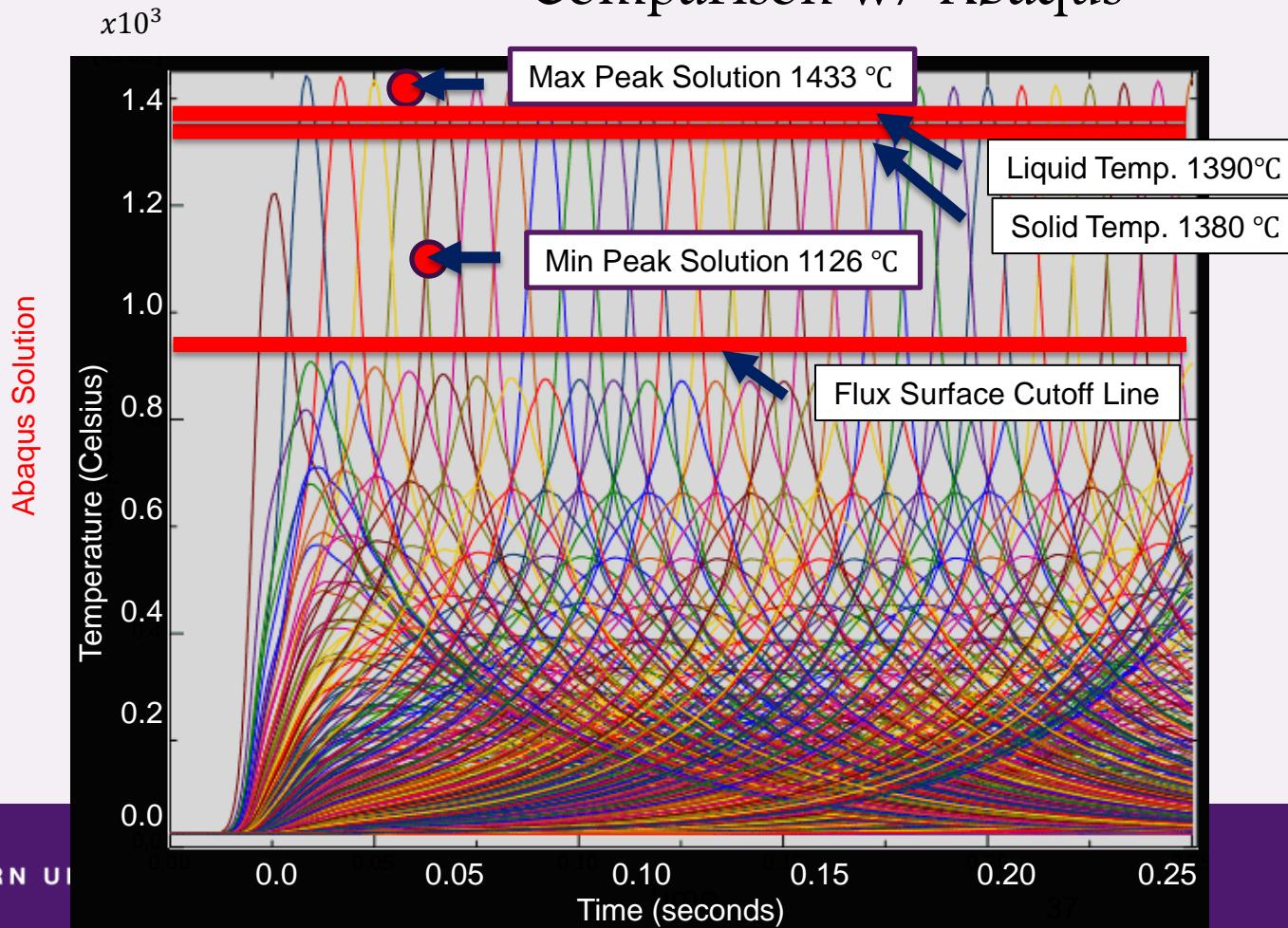
Center of a part, 100X magnification, (20 $\mu$ m scale bar)



Top of a part, 50X magnification, (50 $\mu$ m scale bar)

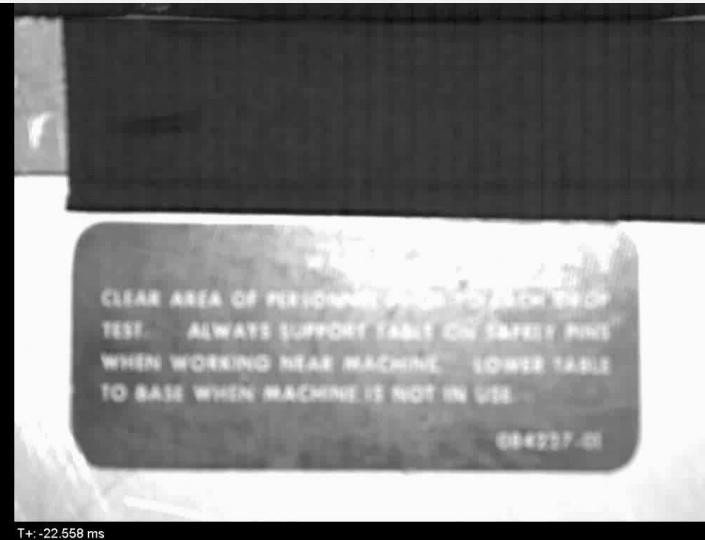
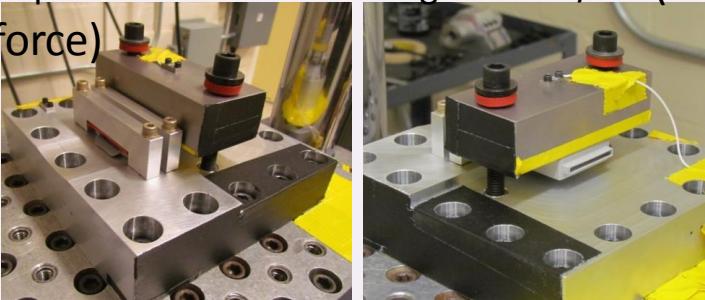
- More lamellar-like structures at bottom of the XZ plane due to high cooling rate (showing multiple layers)
- Cellular structures at the XY plane (showing a single layer)
  - showing low thermal gradient within a layer

# Comparison w/ Abaqus



# Superior Impact Performance

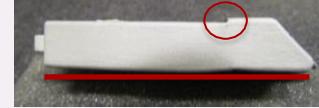
Impact Tests of 3 Al housings at 32 ft/sec (3500 lb. impact force)



Cast, A380

1 pc, 38 g

• crack  
ed  
AM  
Buckl  
AISi10Mg  
1 pc, 38 g

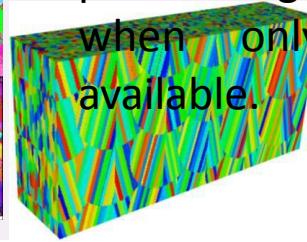
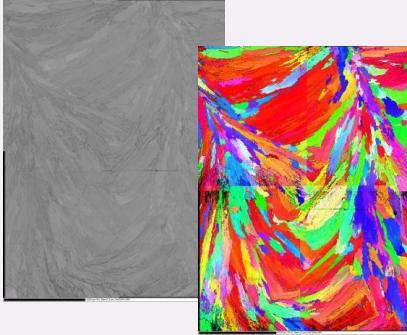


• slight  
indent  
• still  
straight  
• best →  
result



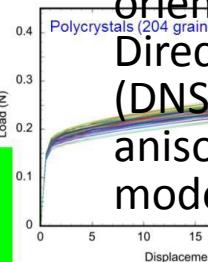
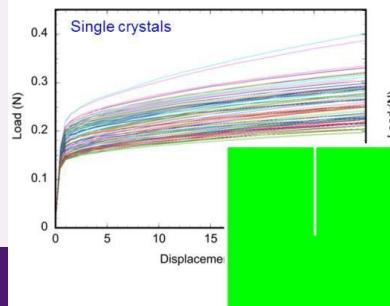
# Modeling Microstructure & Behavior

Goal: Incorporate material variability in a predictive and probabilistic manner to optimize performance and determine margins



Systematic sampling of grain structure and orientation via modeling and simulations provides greater confidence of margins when only limited experiments are available.

Grain size impacts the uncertainty margins of properties and performance.



LENS® microstructure with orientation information + Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS) models will enable anisotropic deformation models

