

Oak Ridge National Laboratory Manufacturing Demonstration Facility

Development in Additive Manufacturing for High Temperature Alloys



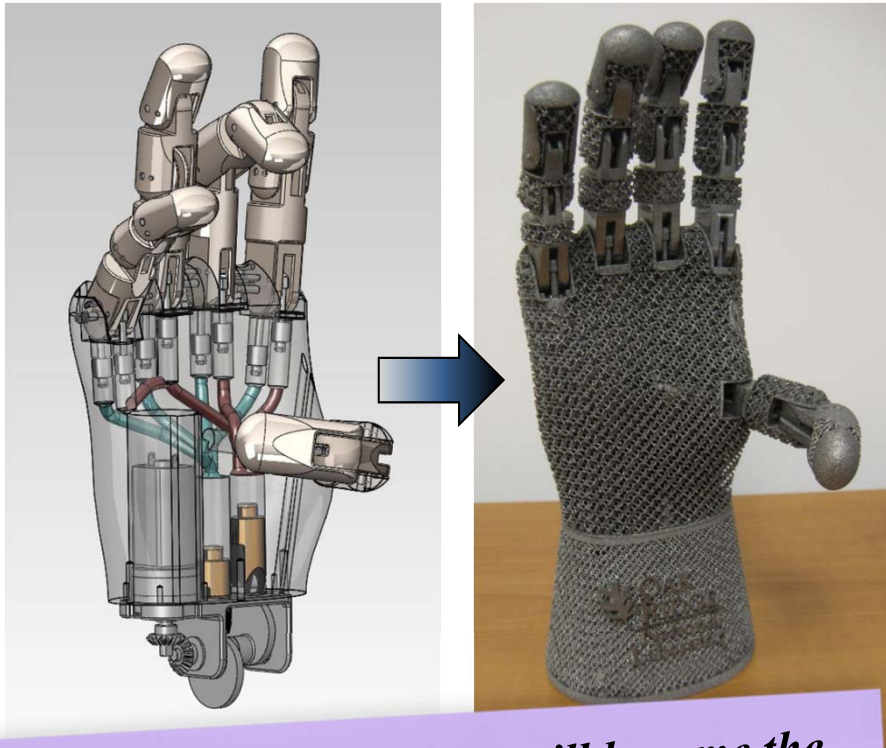
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Additive manufacturing

CAD Model to Physical Part



“Additive Manufacturing will become the most important, most strategic, and most used manufacturing technology ever.”
Wohlers 2012



Faster. Cheaper. Better!

- Increased Complexity
- Less Material Scrap
- Shorter Design Cycle
- Reduced Part Count

Partners: AM supply chain

Materials Suppliers



Equipment Suppliers



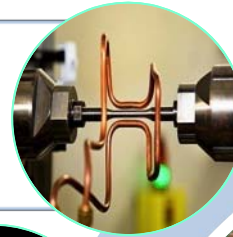
End Users



Leveraging DOE Assets at ORNL

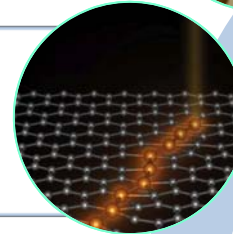
Neutron scattering: SNS and HFIR

- World's most intense pulsed neutron beams
- World's highest flux reactor-based neutron source



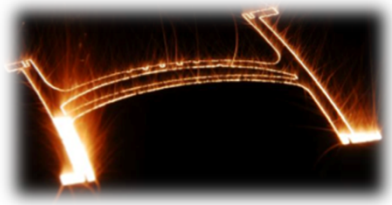
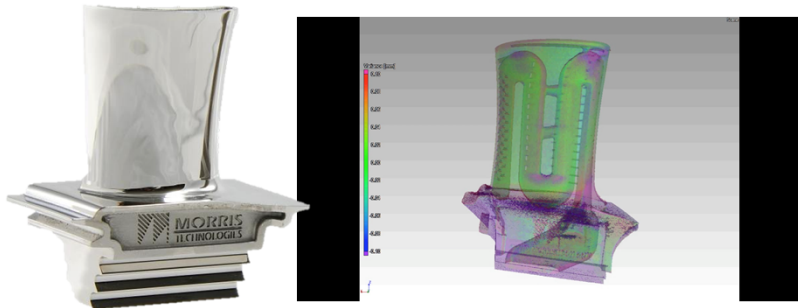
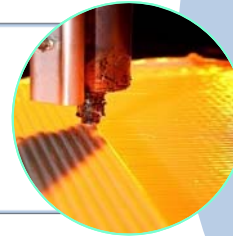
Leadership-class computing: Titan

- Nation's most powerful open science supercomputer



Advanced materials

- DOE lead lab for basic to applied materials R&D
- Technology transfer: Billion dollar impacts

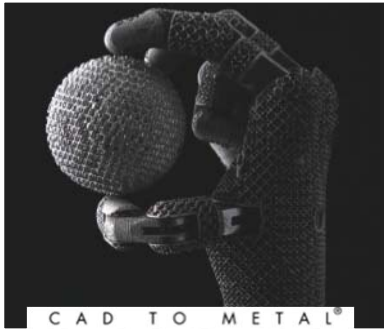


Headquartered in Cincinnati, OH

- ~20 DLMS Machines
- 18-yr experience in laser deposition
- Recently acquired by General Electric

Our additive manufacturing capabilities are comprehensive

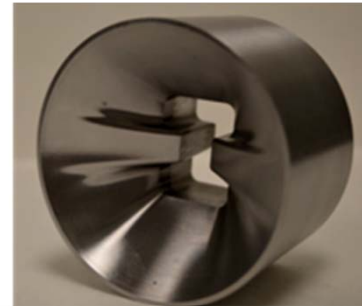
Electron Beam Melting



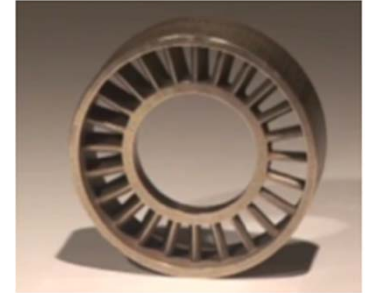
Laser Sintering



Laser Blown Powder Deposition



Binder Jetting



Fused Deposition Modeling



Multi-head Photopolymer



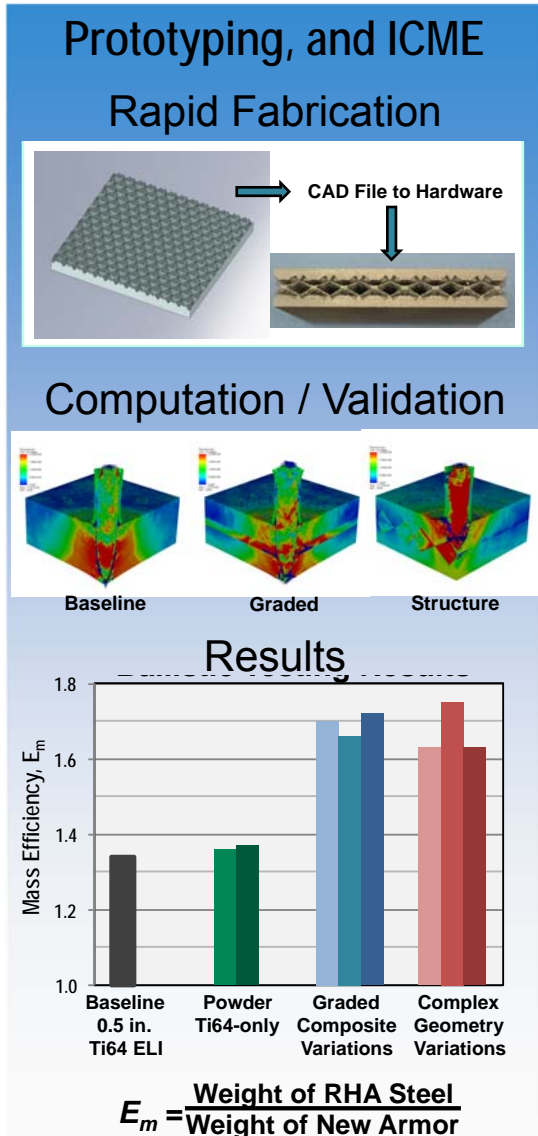
Large-Scale Polymer Deposition



Future Systems



Applications of Additive Manufacturing



MDF Objectives in Additive Manufacturing



- Developing new design concepts
 - Evolving the supply chain
 - Implementing advanced controls
 - Developing advanced materials
 - Understanding material properties and geometric accuracy
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- Exploring next-generation systems
 - Training the next-generation / STEM

Additive manufacturing for robotic systems

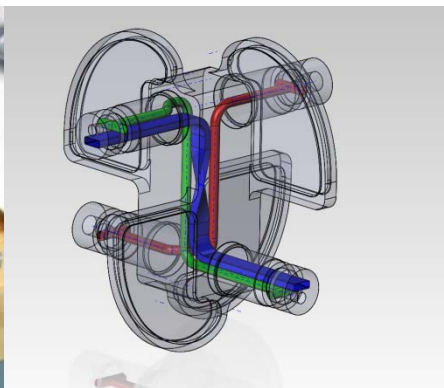


Robotic arm provided as backdrop in the White House as President Obama announced new two manufacturing innovation institutes.

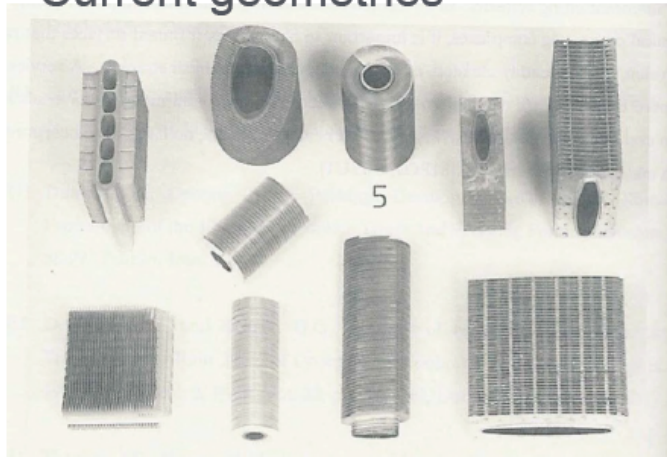


All components produced by additive manufacturing

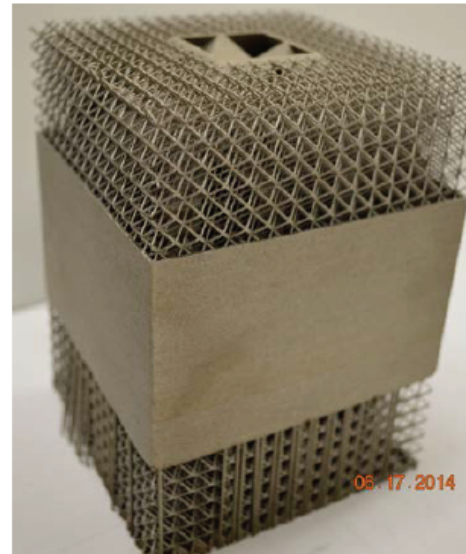
- 25-lbs total weight, 60" long arm
- Neutrally buoyant without floatation
- Fluid passages integrated into structure
- 7 degrees of freedom with 180 degree rotation at each joint
- Custom thermal valves for energy efficiency



Current geometries



Proposed geometries



Goal: attain heat transfer coefficient for the new heat exchanger of $140 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ at the same cost (2X compared with current baseline).

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Freeform Heat Exchangers for Binary Geothermal Power Plants

Project Officer: Tim Reinhardt

Total Project Funding: \$190K and \$280K (FY14, FY15)

May 12, 2015

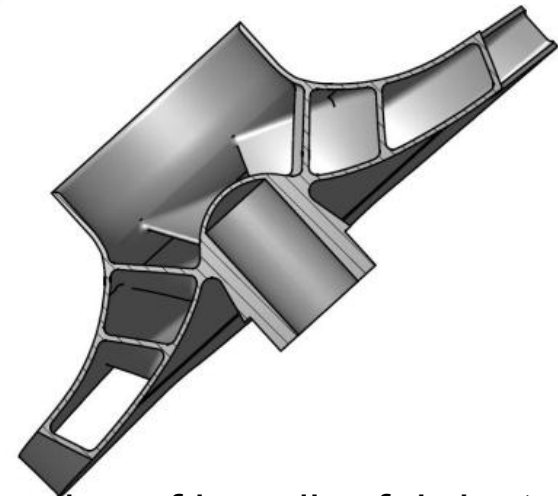
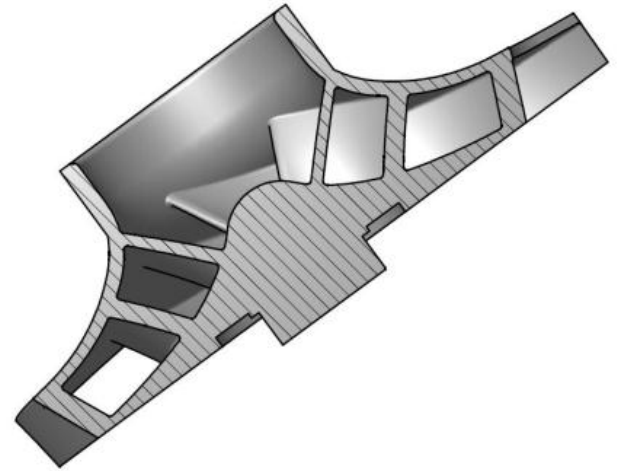
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Low Temperature

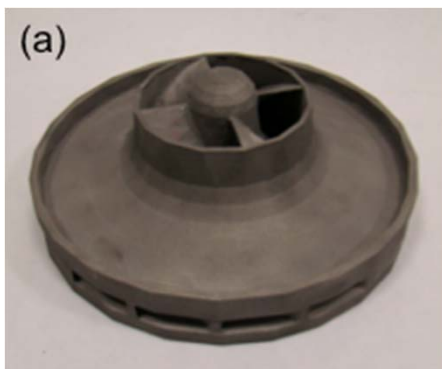
Weight Reduction and Increased Performance

Example of Pump Impeller

- 55% weight savings was observed while maintaining similar function
- 75% less machining due to the high geometric accuracy of the electron beam melting process.
- Limitless possibilities for hydraulic passageways
- Hydraulic efficiency increases up to 5%



Cross section of impeller fabricated through casting (above) and newly designed impeller using electron beam melting (below)



Powder Feedstock Characteristics for AM

Common PM Characteristics

- Apparent Density / Tap Density
- Spheroidicity
- Flowability
- Chemistry
- Particle Size Distribution
- Porosity
- Hot Isostatic Pressing / Post Heat Treatment



Unique Characteristics

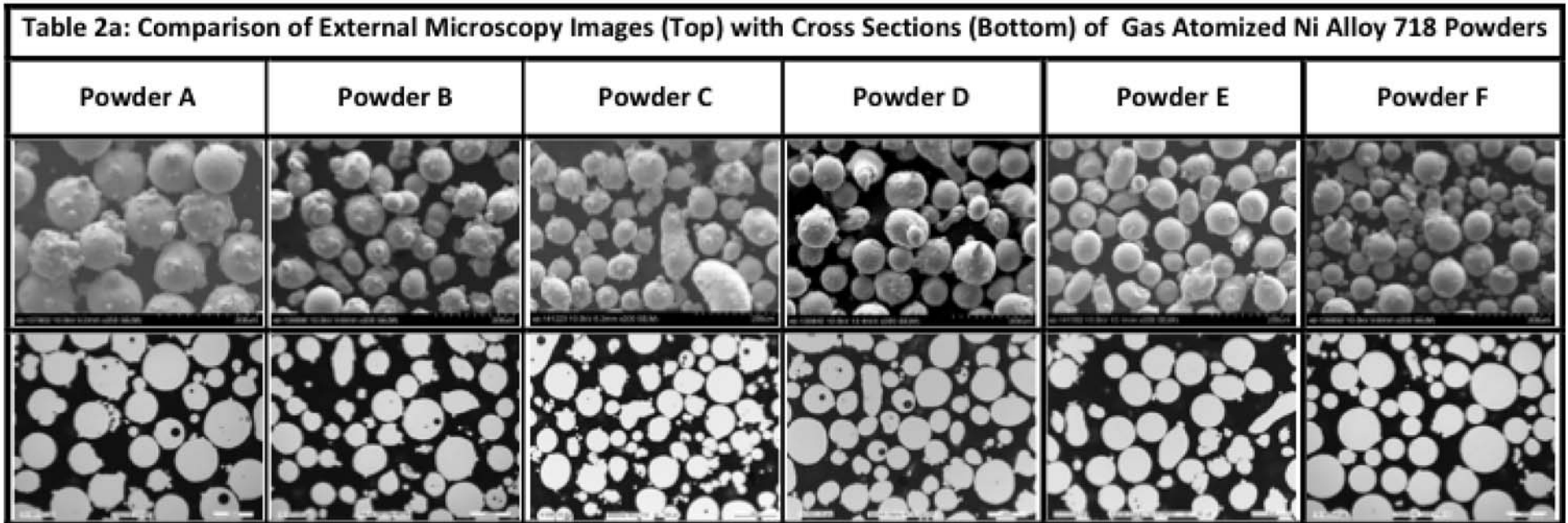
- Spreadability / Raking or Rolling Mechanism
- Powder Bed Density and Effect on Deposition
- Recyclability

ORNL has performed powder studies for Inconel 718 and Ti-6Al-4V

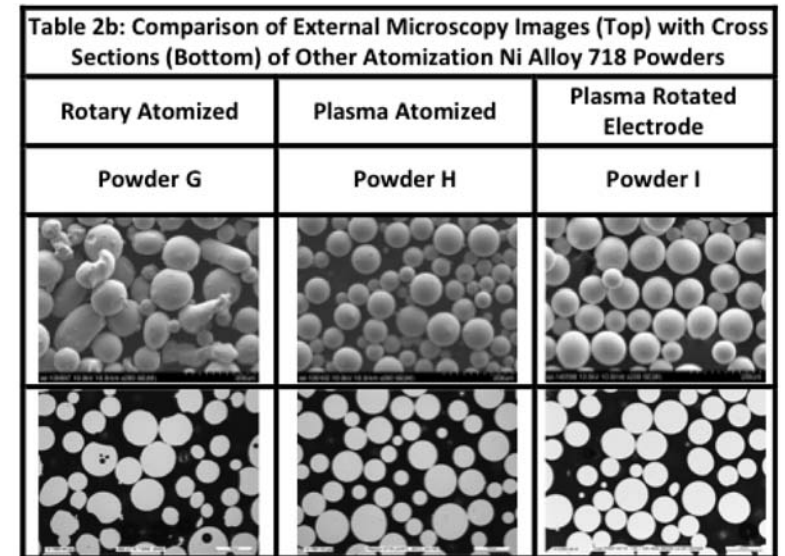
Info available

SEM and OM of Multiple 718 Powders

- 6 Gas Atomization Producers Represented

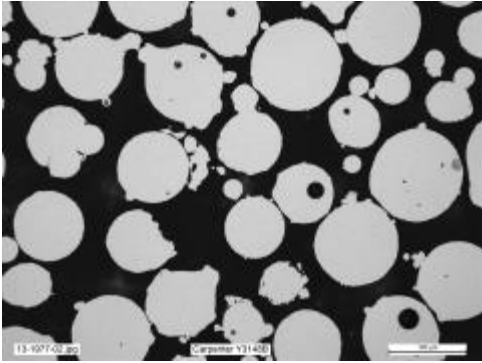
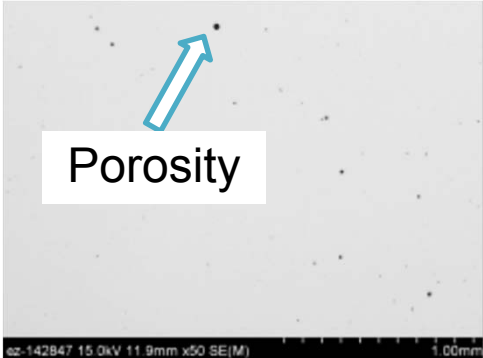
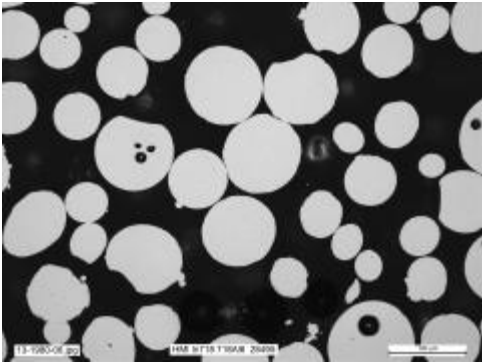
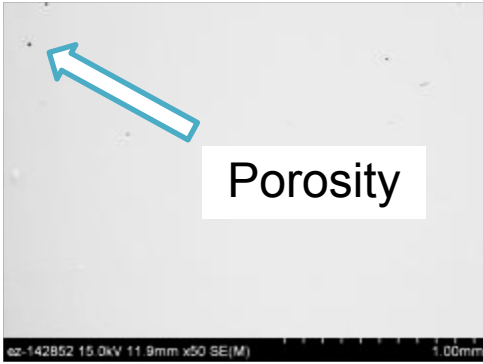
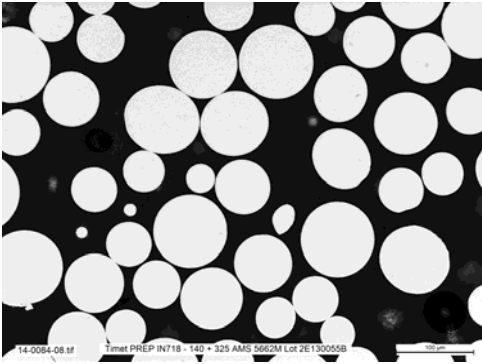



- 3 Other Vendors Representing Rotary Atomized, Plasma Atomized, and Plasma Rotated Electrode
- Porosity
 - In all of the gas atomized powders
 - Some Porosity in the rotary atomized
 - No porosity in the PREP and Plasma
 - Typically in powder with dia. greater than 48um



Why Look at Porosity in Powder

(E.g., Porosity in 718 Powders Can Result in Porosity in Deposit)

	Powder	As Deposited	
Gas Atomized			Porosity in Powder = 0.873% Porosity in Deposit = 0.117%
Rotary Atomized			Porosity in Powder = 0.491% Porosity in Deposit = 0.037%
Plasma Rotated Electrode			Porosity in Powder = 0.000% Porosity in Deposit = 0.000%

Densification of Binder Jet Inconel Alloys

- Developing practices to increase the original low density of binder jet printed parts

- SS316 is printed to 60% density
- Infiltrated with bronze to achieve 100% density

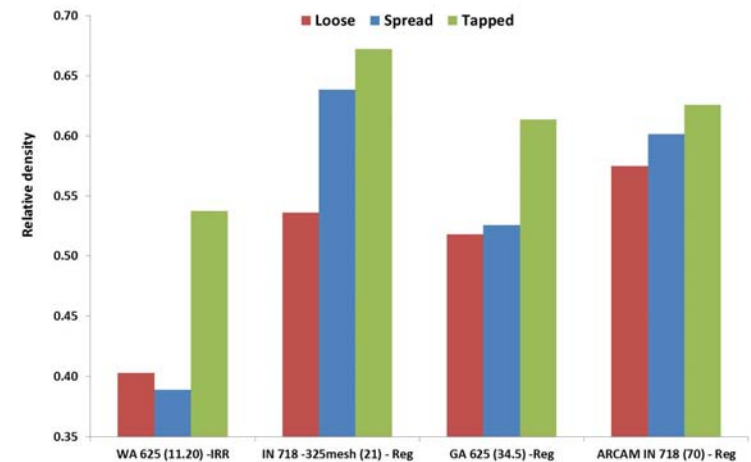
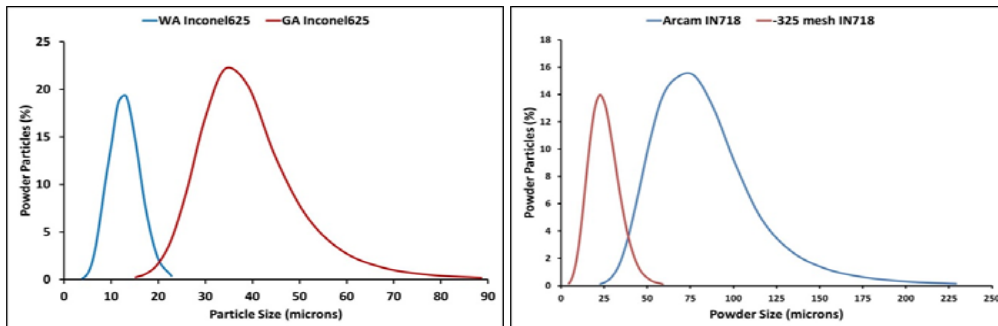
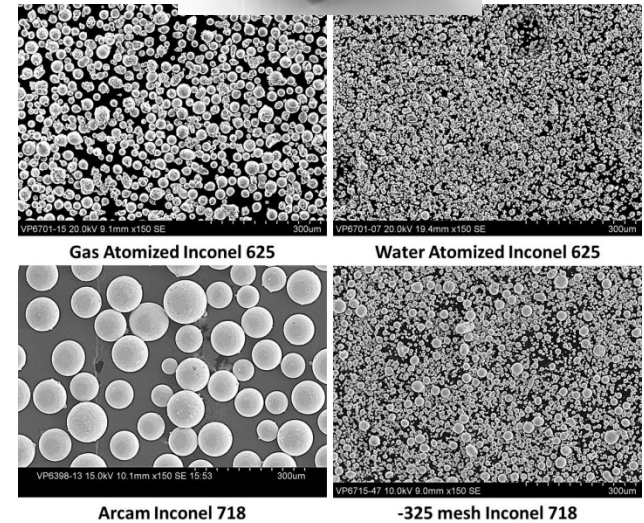


- Inconel 625 has been developed for fully dense parts

- Full density is achievable
- Significant shrinkage and warpage

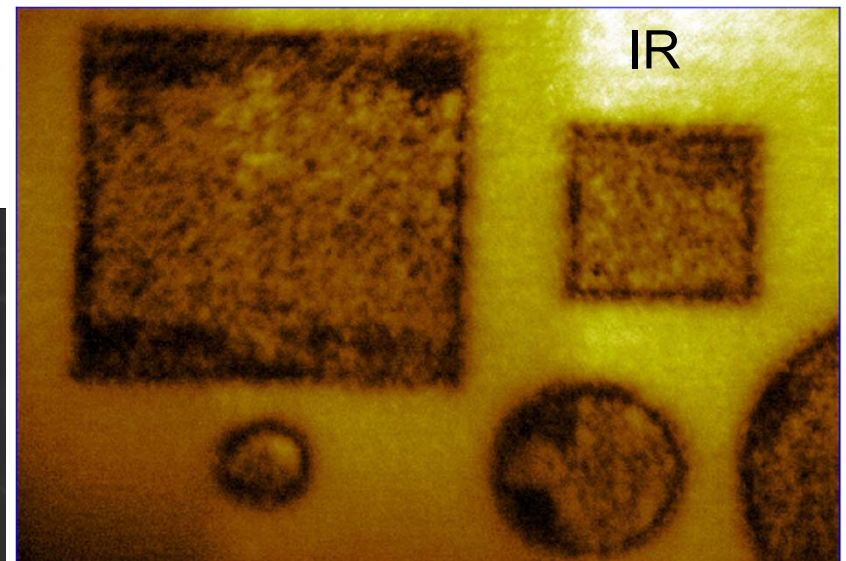
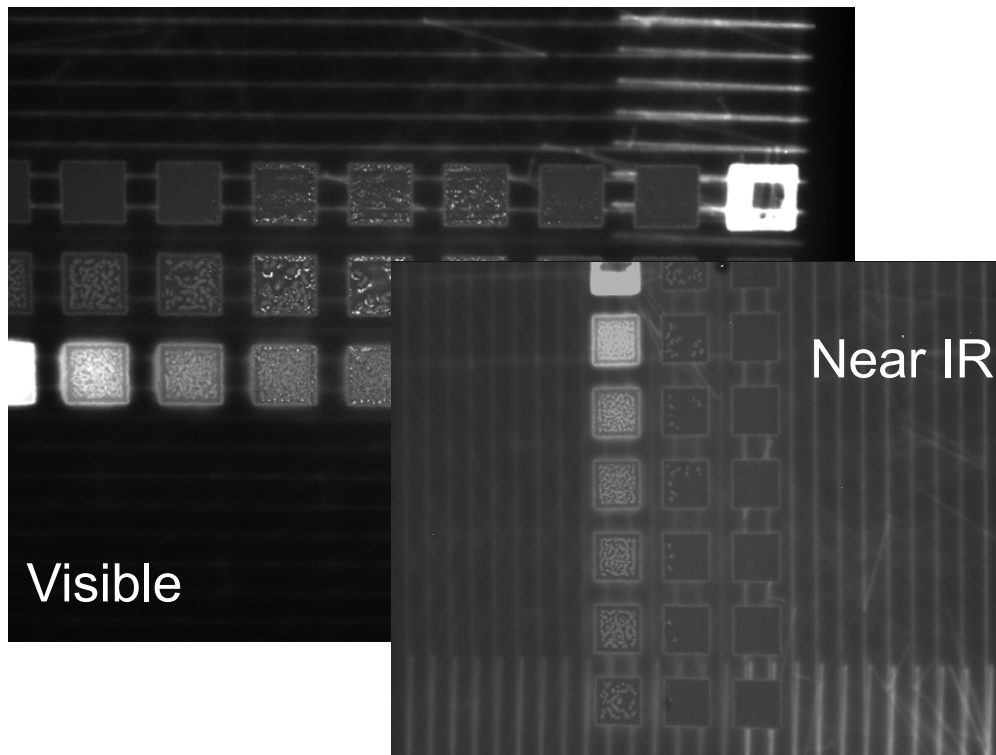
- Inconel 718 is being evaluated and compared

- Developing powder characteristics and methodology that result in fully dense metal structures
- Long term interest in models to predict shrinkage



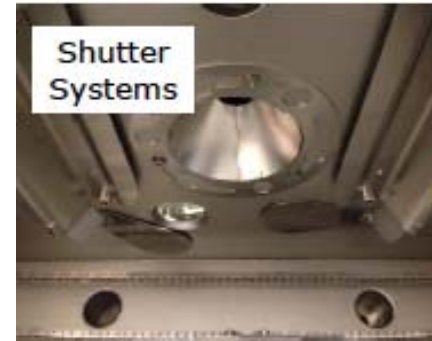
In-Situ Process Monitoring

- Ability to understand defects, porosity and material behavior in each layer deposited (repair)
- Several methods examined for both R&D Environment and for cost effective manufacturing solution

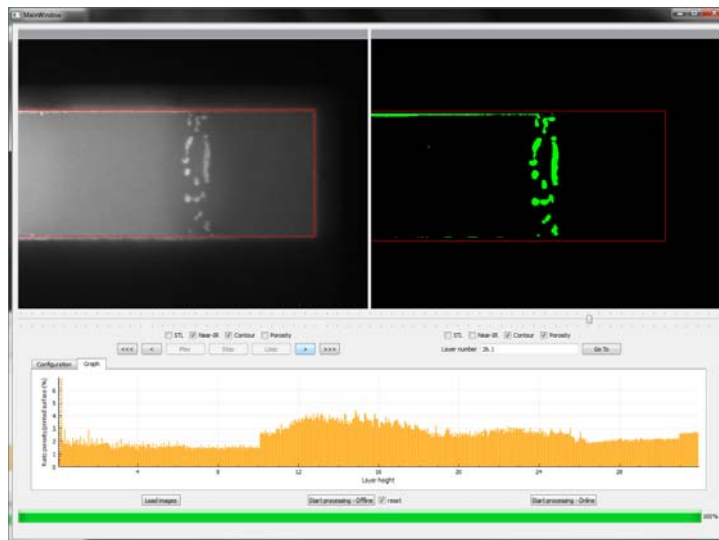


Automated In-Situ Defect Detection on the Q10 System

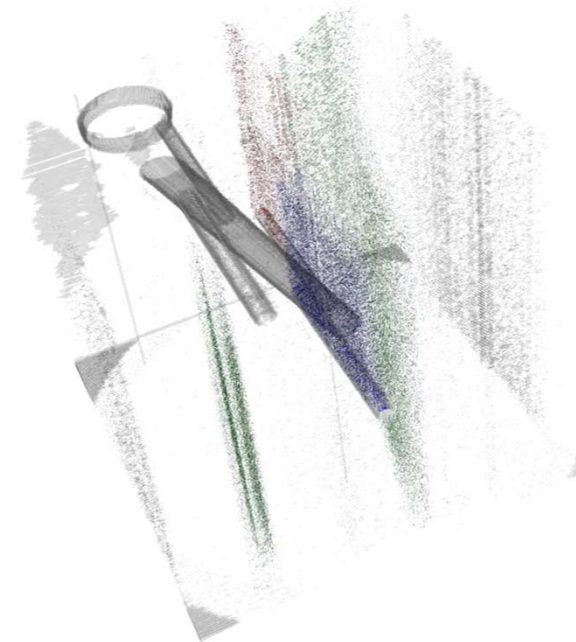
- Arcam has created a software called LayerQam and ORNL has independently developed software for in-situ defect detection of single images in the Q10 system.
- Intensity variations in near infrared images are used to determine porosity levels in samples



Shutter system inside chamber to eliminate metallization build up during processing



ORNL's user interface showing porosity distribution.



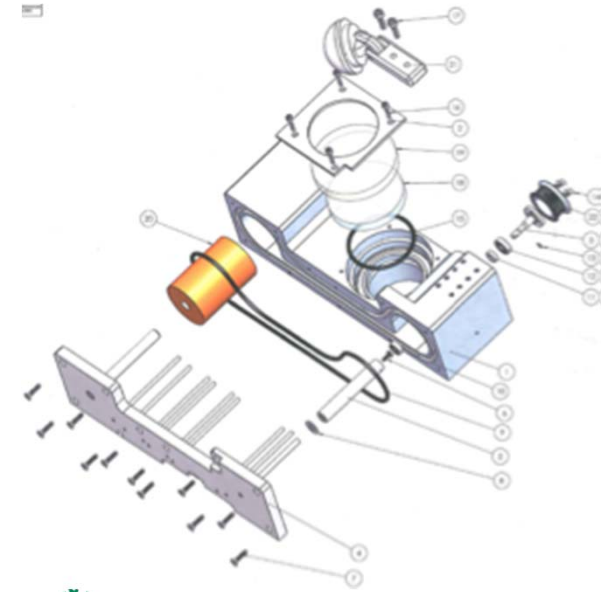
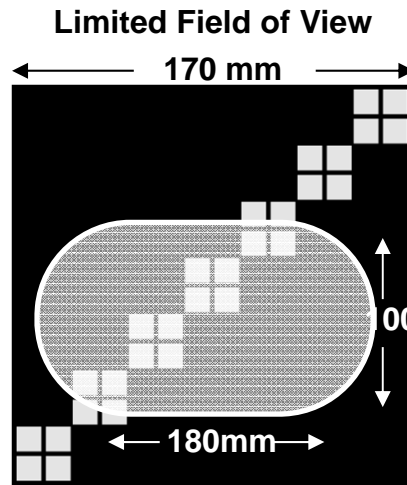
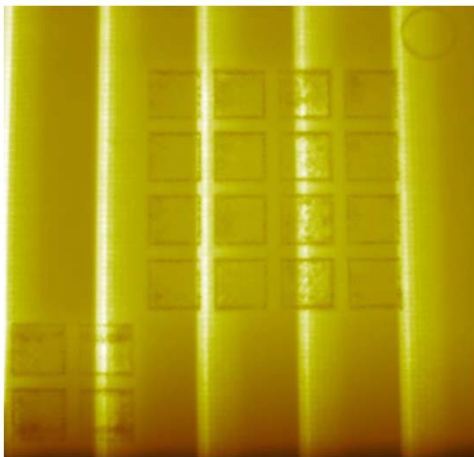
- Reconstructed porosity map based on image analysis. Defects due to experimental parameters are segmented by color.
- Currently evaluating accuracy with X-ray CT scans

Process Monitoring Setup: Film Feeder

Window Material	Thickness (mm)	Transmission (3-5 microns)
Sapphire	2.0	0.863
Leaded Glass	10.1	0.00108
Kapton Film	0.060	0.787

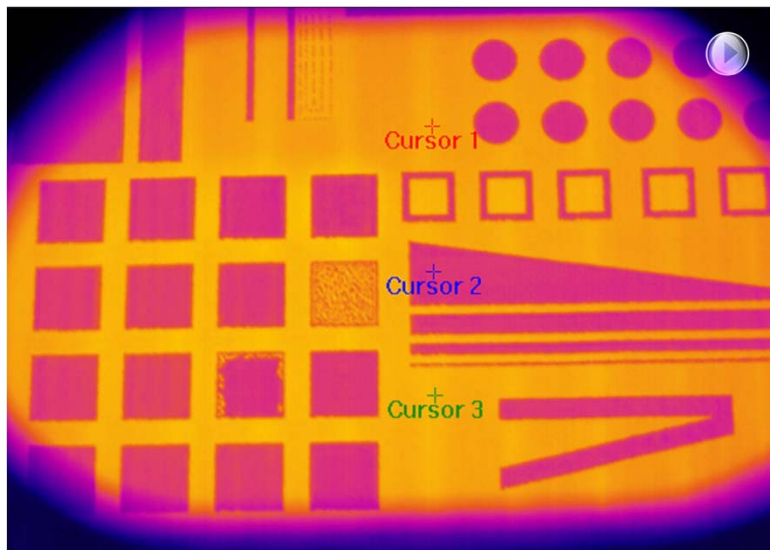


- **Sapphire supports the pressure differential.**
- **Leaded glass reduces X-ray emissions.**
- **Kapton film shields windows from metallization.**
- **Total Transmission of window system is 0.73%**



High-Infrared Imaging for defect detection and thermal history understanding

- Determination of surface temperature to understand solidification and precipitation kinetics.
- Preliminary correlation has been performed showing porosity detection correlation to x-ray computed tomography. The process is currently being automated
- Additional sensors may be required



Full chamber view with corresponding intensity

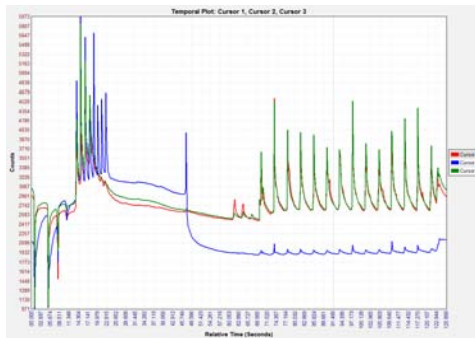
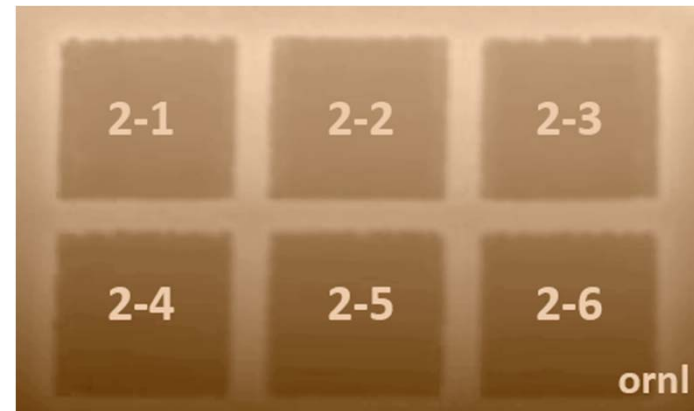
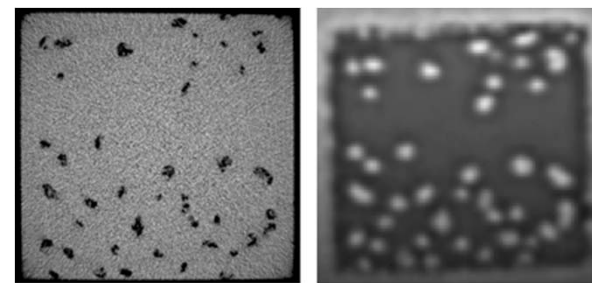


Image stack of sample showing vertical porosity from focus offset changes



X-ray CT Minimum Projection

Correlation between x-ray CT and in-situ identified porosity



Top View slice projection

Side View

ORNL Enables Commercial Release of Inconel 718 for Electron Beam Powder Bed Deposition

- ORNL development of process parameters for 718
 - Energy-speed-current-focal offset determination
 - In-situ thermal and visual defect detection
- Material feedstock study for required powder characteristics
- Release enables fabrication of e-beam netshape, complex Ni alloy components to be used in aircraft engines, gas turbines, energy systems, and other high temperature applications



Press release

Mölnådal, Sweden, June 9, 2014

Arcam launches a Nickel Base Superalloy process for Additive Manufacturing with Arcam's EBM systems

Arcam today launches a process for Inconel 718[®] as a qualified material for use in Arcam's EBM systems. The Inconel process is initially available for the Arcam A2X platform. The machine material parameters and mechanical testing was done in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy's [Manufacturing Demonstration Facility at Oak Ridge National Laboratory](#). Parts made in the new process are exhibited at the Rapid conference in Detroit, MI, June 10-12.

"With the introduction of the Inconel 718 our customers in the aerospace industry can now further expand the range of components that they produce in their EBM machines", says Magnus René, CEO of Arcam.

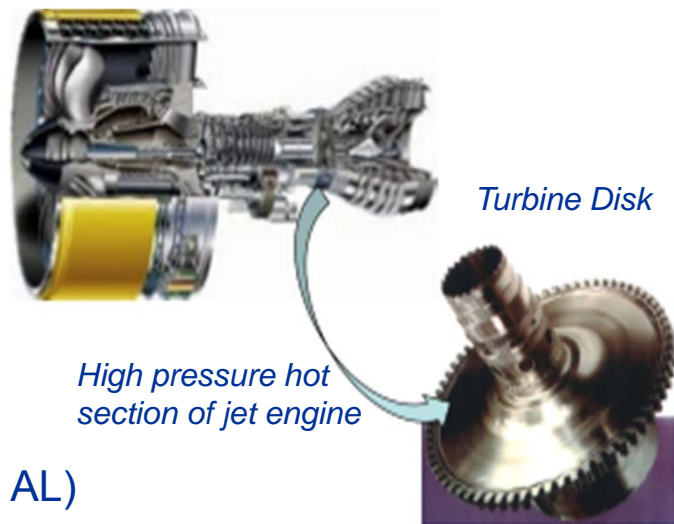
The material properties comply with chemical requirements of UNS N07718 and properties of ASTM F3055-14 specification.

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TMS 2015: 144th Annual Meeting & Exhibition
Symposium – Additive Manufacturing: Interrelationships of Fabrication, Constitutive Relationships Targeting Performance, and Feedback to Process Control
Session – Electron Beam Techniques for Additive Manufacturing

Fabrication of Turbine Disk Materials by Additive Manufacturing: **Post Heat Treatment Study**



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2. NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (Huntsville, AL)
3. Air Force Research Laboratory (Dayton, OH)

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Motivation

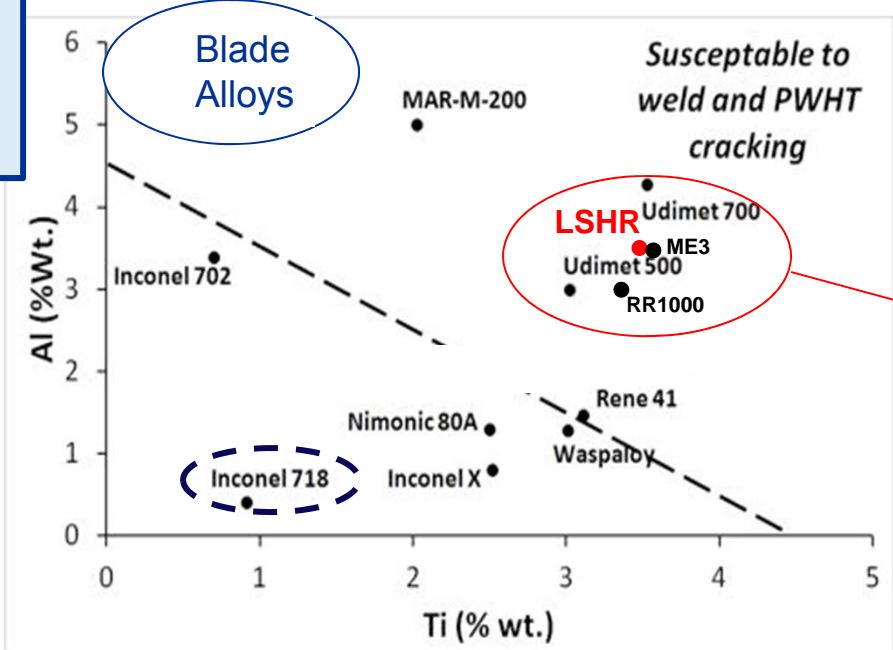
Today's **turbine disks** are fabricated from 3rd generation powder metallurgy (PM) **nickel-based superalloys** (e.g. **GE**: René 104 (ME3), **Rolls Royce**: RR1000).

Conventional γ'/γ **LSHR disk alloy** compared to $\gamma'' \rightarrow \delta/\gamma'/\gamma$ Inconel 718 alloy has:

- Higher temperature long-term stability and durability
- Simpler microstructure that is well-understood
- Poorer weldability \rightarrow Powder-bed fabrication at high temperatures is attractive

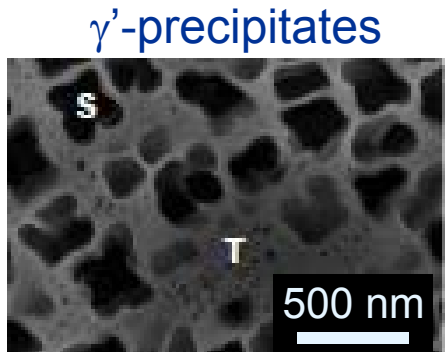
wt.%	Cr	Co	Al	Ti	Nb	Ta	Mo	W	Zr	C	B	trace	Ni
NASA LSHR	12.5	20.5	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.5	2.7	4.3	0.05	0.05	0.03	Si, Fe, N, O, S	bal

Weldability of Ni-based superalloys

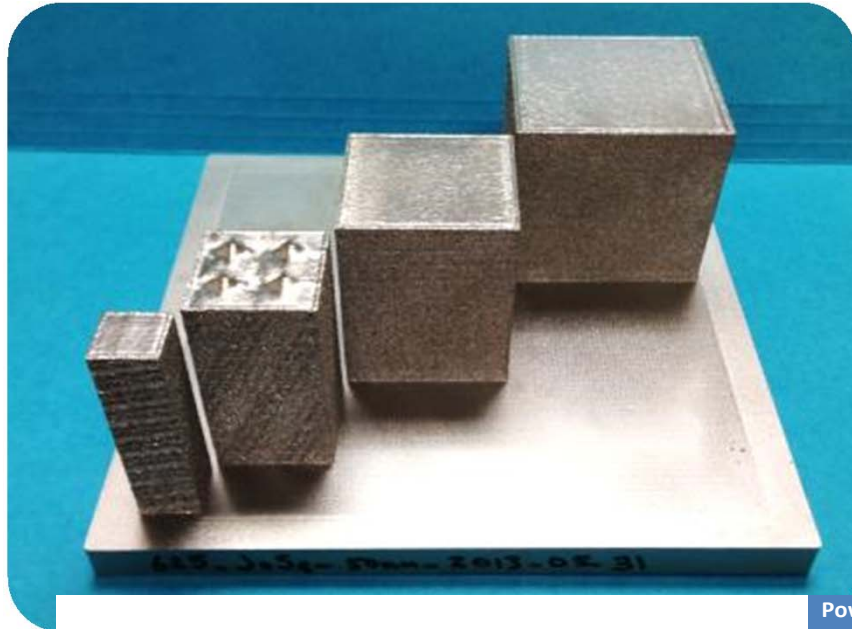


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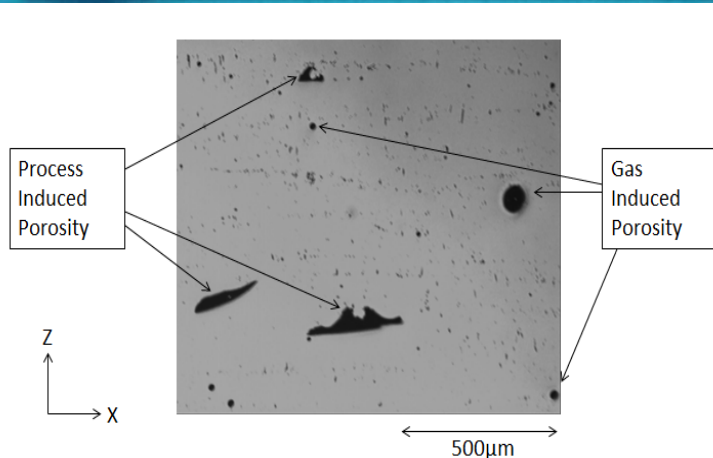
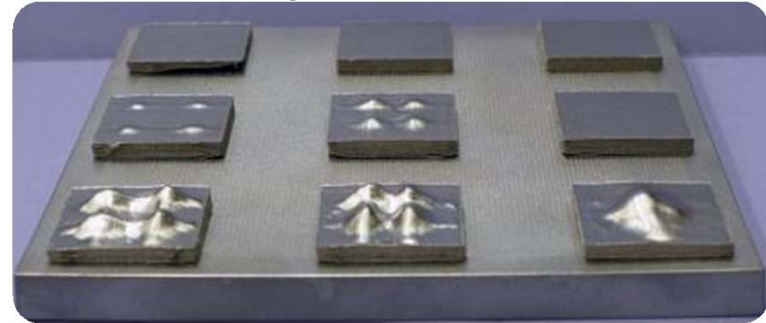
Disk alloys



Understanding E-Beam Parameters Can Lead to Geometry Control and Microstructure



Systematic studies in geometry control for nickel alloys have identified a) the causes for swelling and b) the properties of builds that exhibit swelling.

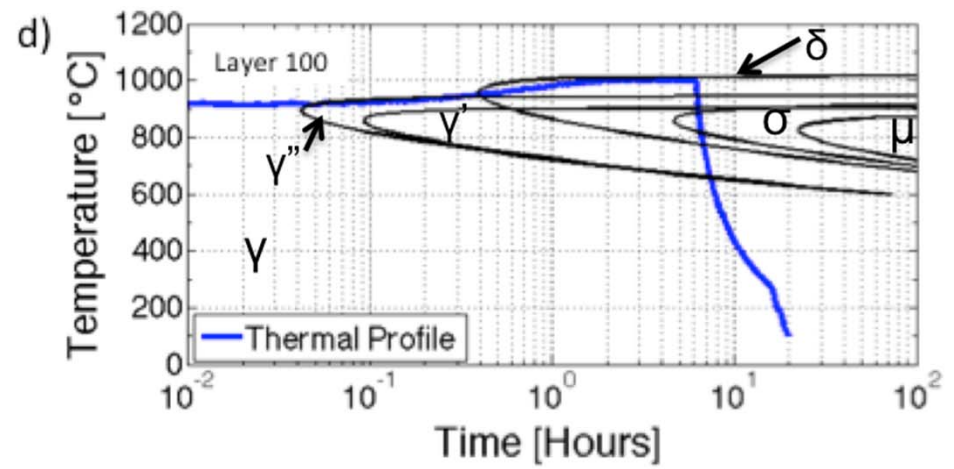
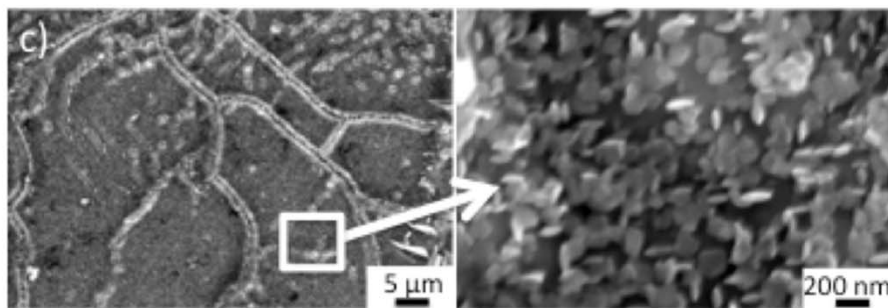
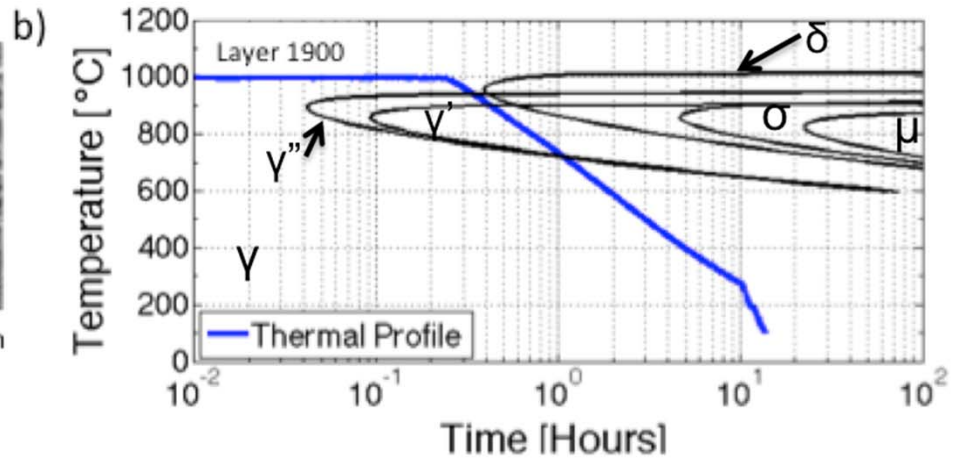
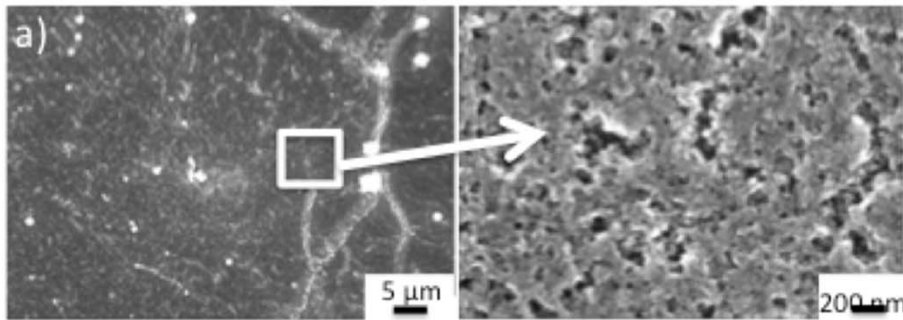


Powder	Relative Cooling Rate	Orientation	Layer Thickness [µm]	UTS [MPa]	YS(0.2) [MPa]	Elongation [%]
Gas Atomized	Fast	Horizontal	50	941.76	590.13	34.28
Gas Atomized	Slow	Horizontal	50	1108.37	868.87	22.08
Gas Atomized	Fast*	Vertical	50	1002.91	887.32	5.43
Gas Atomized	Fast	Vertical	50	1081.72	821.88	19.61
Rotary Atomized	Slow	Horizontal	70	1142.32	957.06	19.48
Rotary Atomized	Slow	Horizontal	50	1185.94	974.04	20.05
Plasma Rotated Electrode	Fast	Horizontal	50	1185.89	967.15	20.03
Plasma Rotated Electrode	Fast	Vertical	50	1069.17	631.62	16.79

Process induced porosity vs. gas induced porosity for Vertical GA powder Sample E, 50x. XZ plane, parallel to build direction.

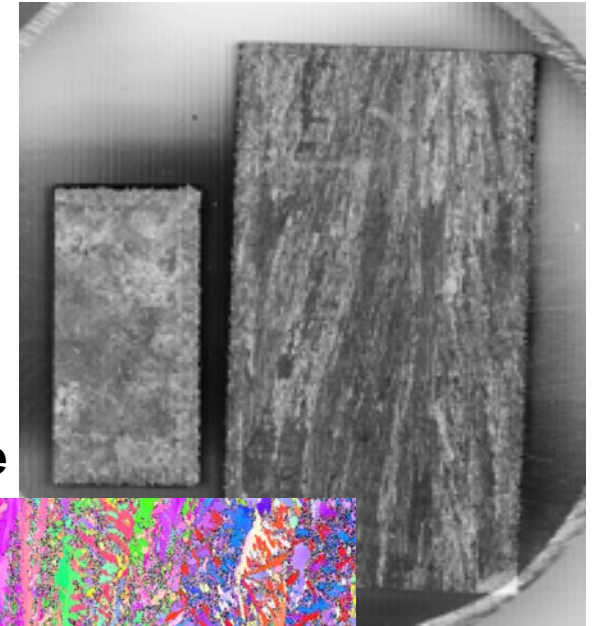
Microstructure and Mechanical Properties Are Linked to Thermal History

- Inconel 718 is a complex alloy with multiple constituent phases and a complex microstructure
- Arcam EBM Inconel 718 builds occur at temperatures in excess of 800C
- Thermal gradients exist top to bottom of a build
 - Gives rise to microstructure gradients

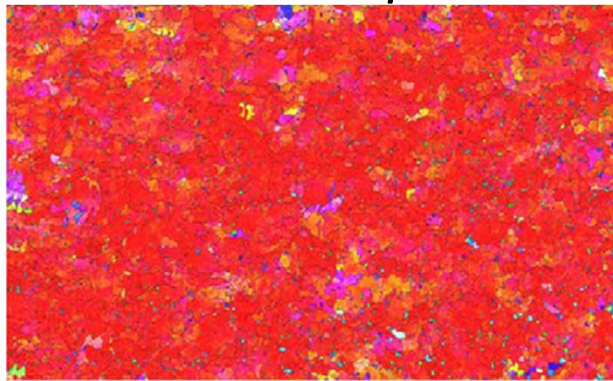


Columnar Grain Growth of Powder Bed Technologies

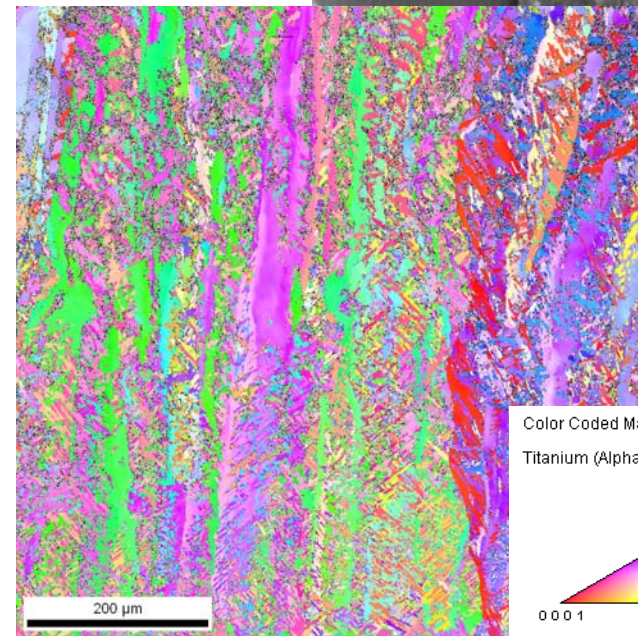
- Beta grains are all elongated in the build direction – due to thermal gradient
- Independent of Build Geometry
- Independent of material



Reconstructed β Phase

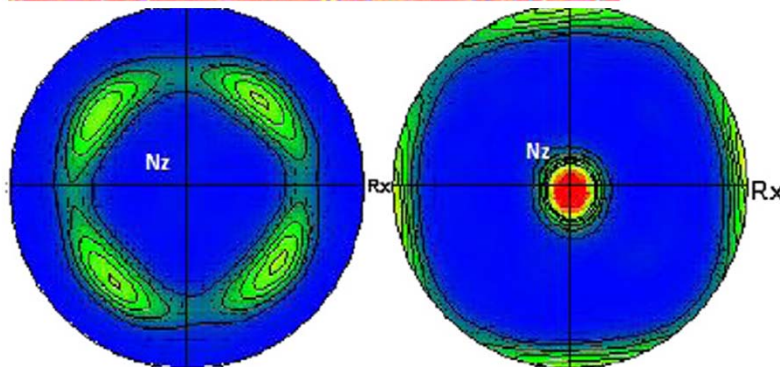
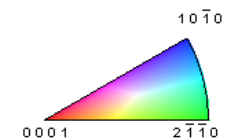


For α phase



Color Coded Map Type: Inverse Pole Figure [001]

Titanium (Alpha)



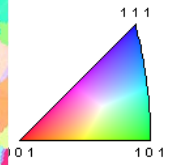
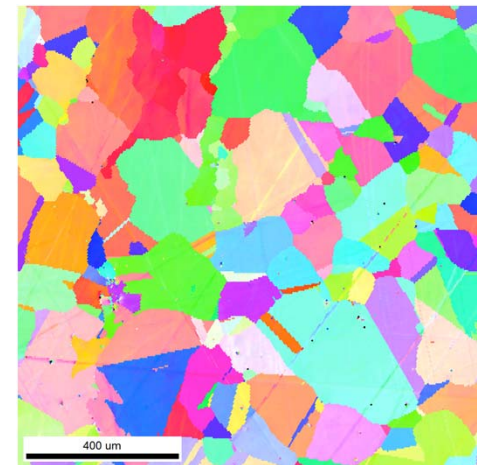
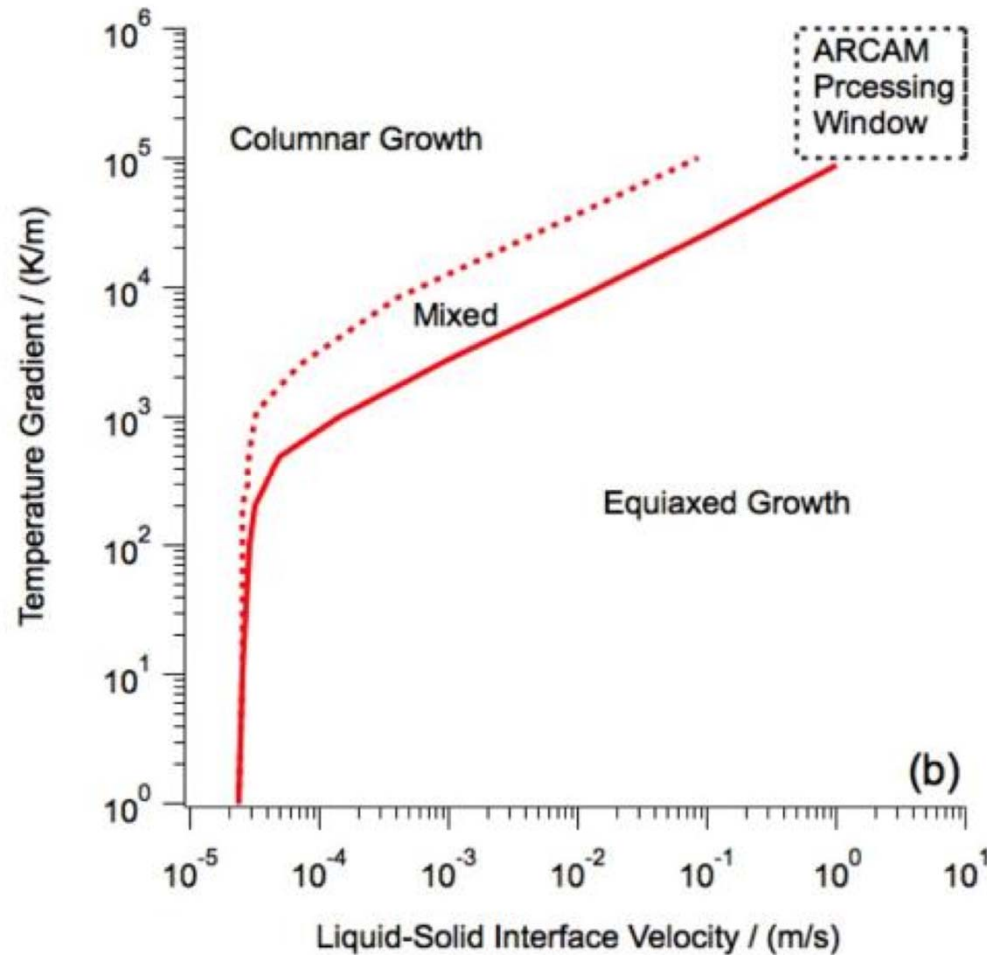
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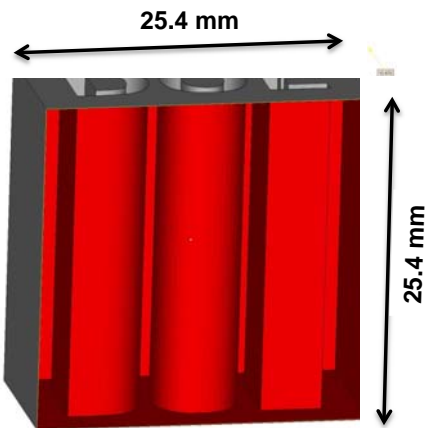
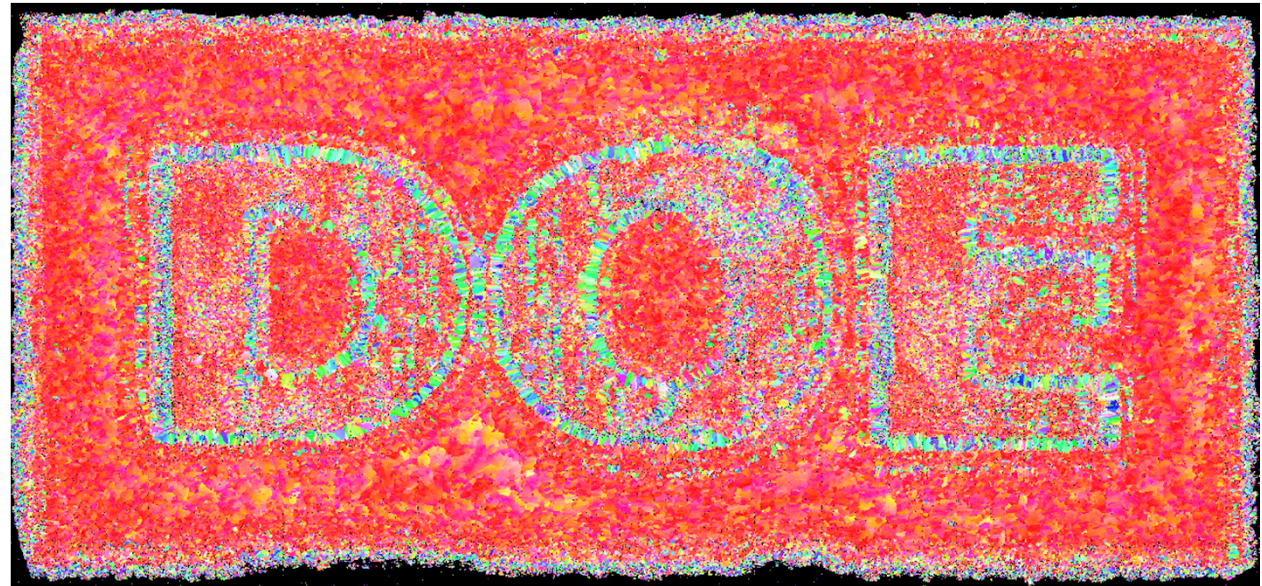
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We can alter solidification texture by accurately controlling processing parameters

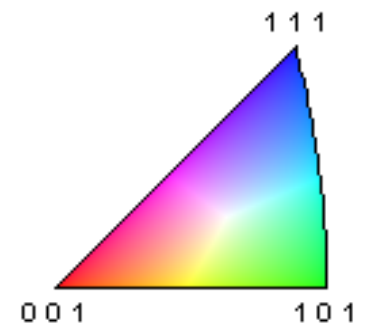


Demonstrate Site-Specific Microstructure Manipulation

- Fabricated by 1.0" x 0.5" x 1.0" sample with vertical lettering
- Advanced beam controls and unique processing parameters used to control crystallographic orientation



- Color Coded Grain Orientation Map for Inconel 718
 - Red area is [001] orientation





Data-Streams

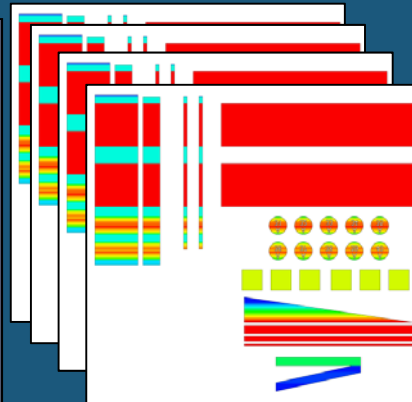


Planning

Geometry (CAD)

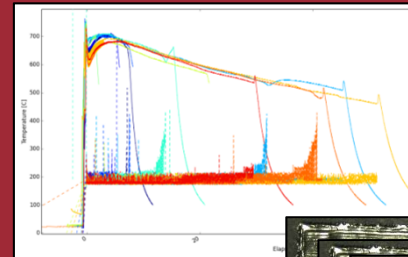


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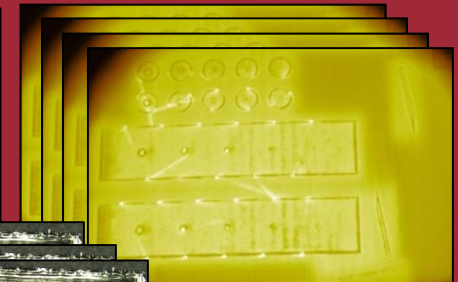


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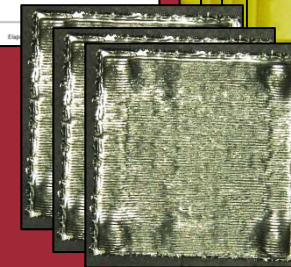
Log-files, environment



IR videos



Optical

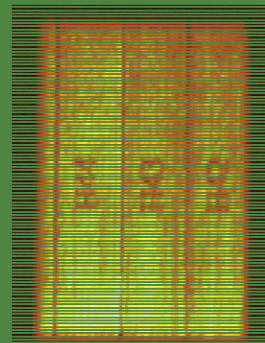


Outcome

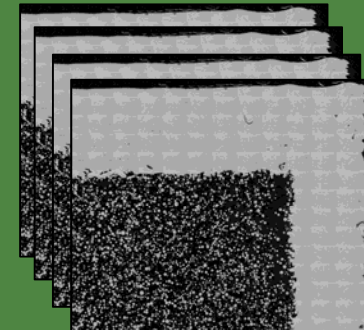
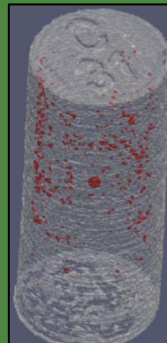
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Macroscopic

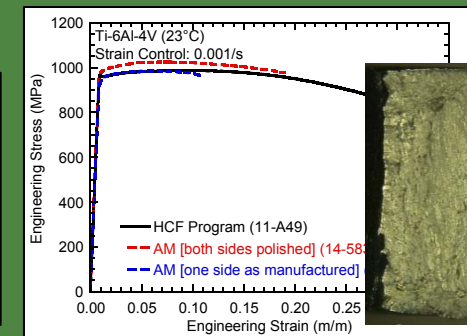


Ultrasonic, X-ray CT



(Serial) sectioning

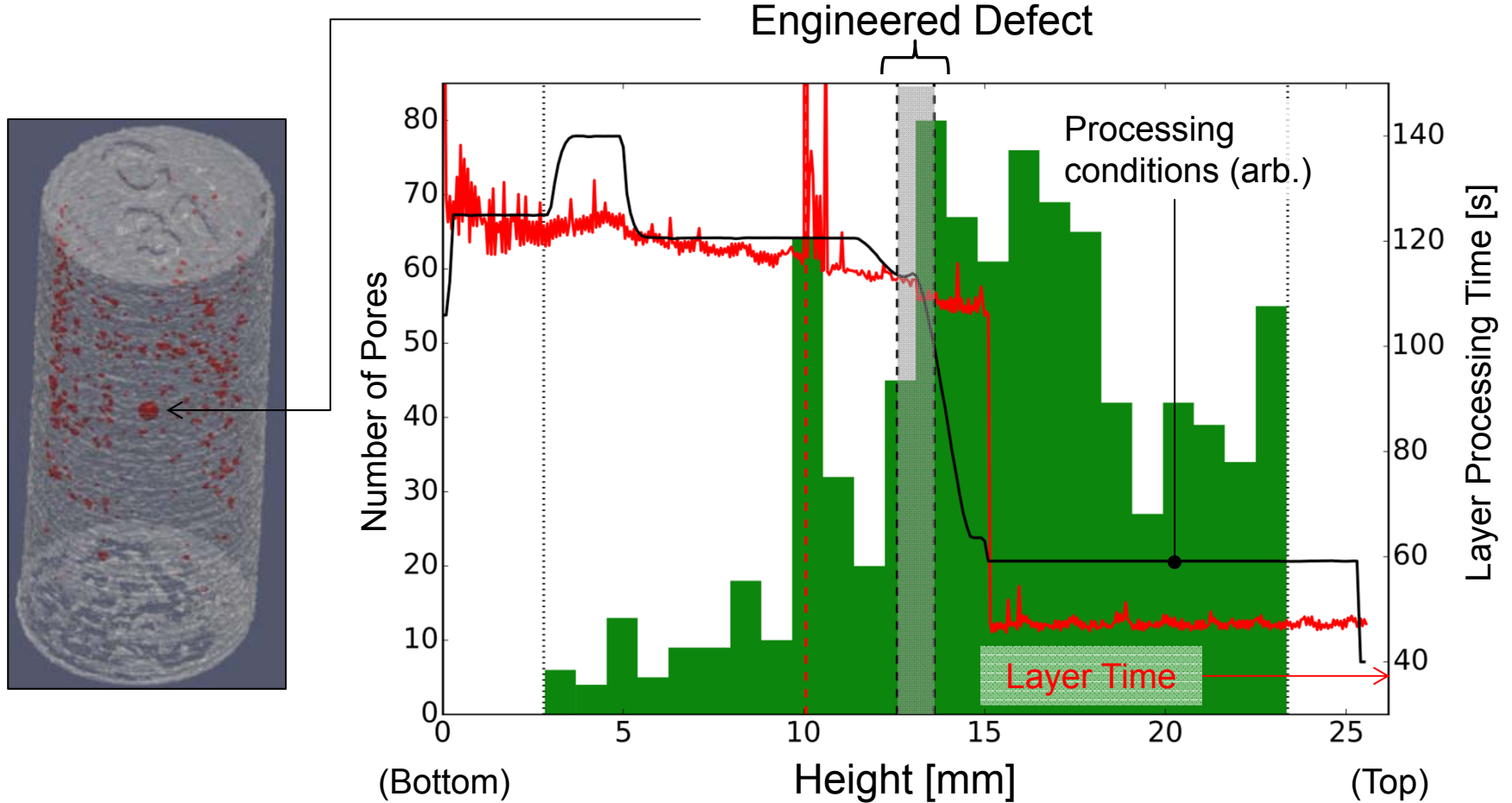
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Performance & Properties



Data Fusion Example



Anomaly/interruption: Execution ↔ Outcome correlation
Late stage porosity: Planning ↔ Outcome

Questions

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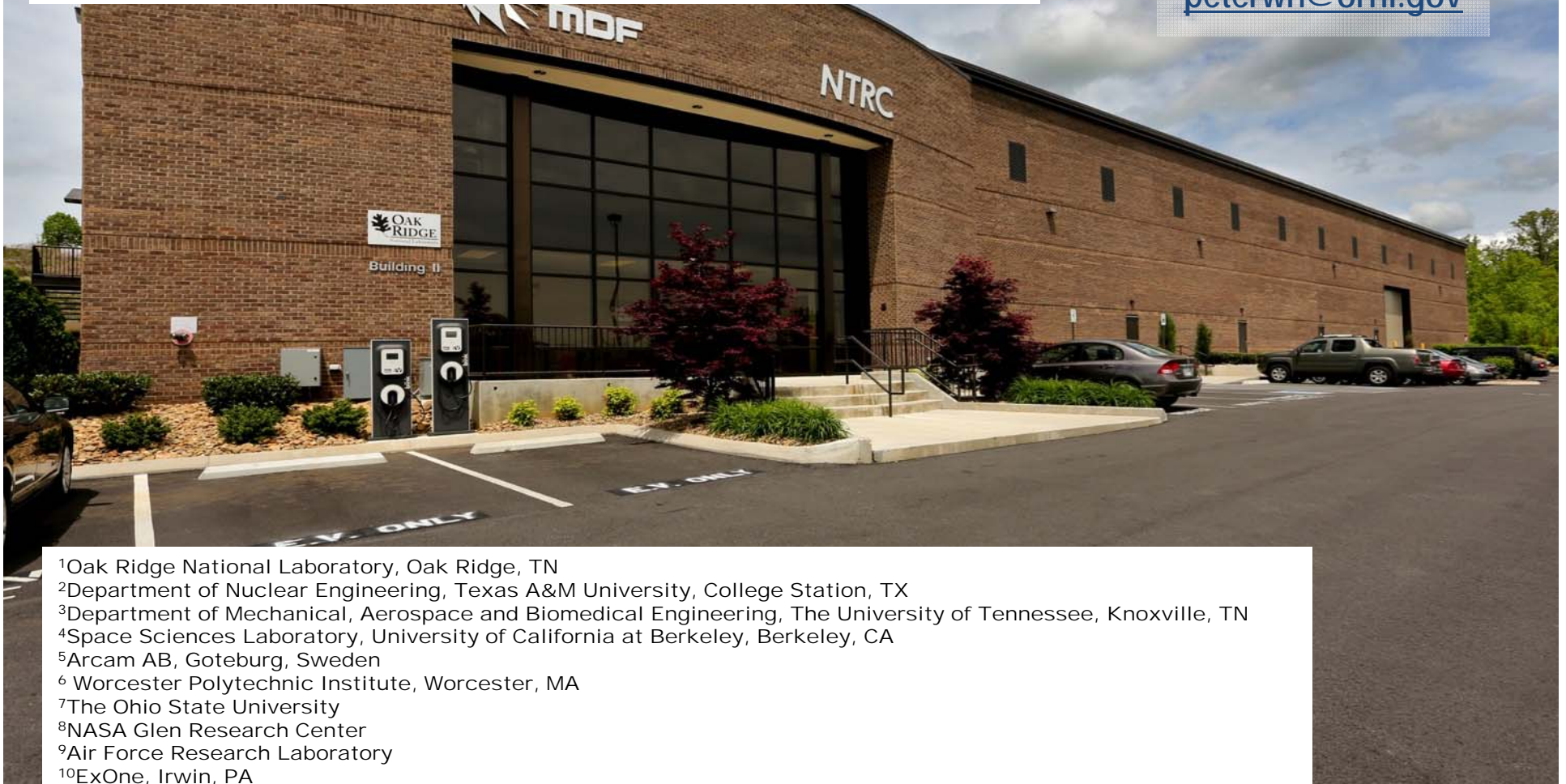
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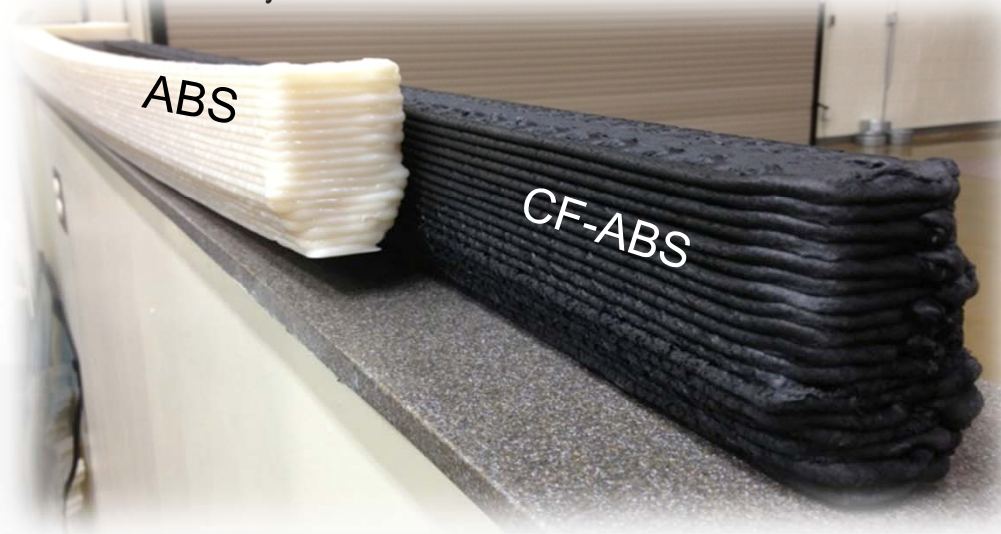
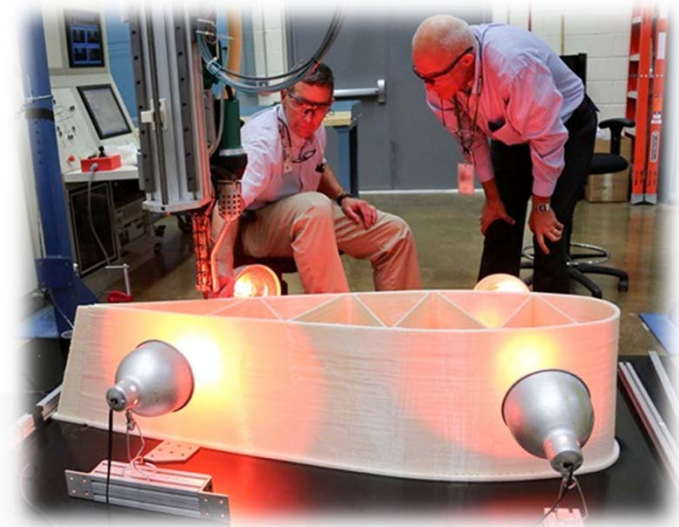
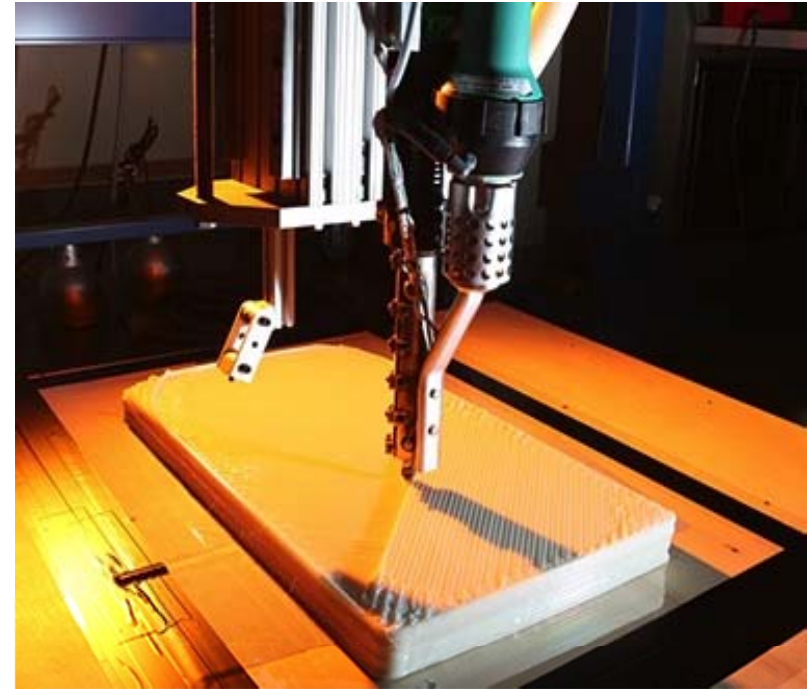
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Big Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM)

- Pellet-to-Part
 - Pelletized feed replaces filament to enable 50x reduction in material cost
- High Deposition Rates (~45 lbs/h)
 - 100X to 1000X commercial systems
 - FDM is 1 to 4 ci/hr
 - BAAM is 400 to 1,000 ci/hr
- Large Scale
 - Prototype system 8'x8'x8' build volume
 - Cincinnati System 6'x12'x1.5' build volume
 - Next System 8'x20'x5'



Direct Fabrication 3D Printed Electric Shelby Cobra

- 6 People – 6 Weeks
- Printed parts
 - ABS with 20% carbon fiber
 - Finish: Sand, filler, primer automotive paint
 - 1400-1500 lbs (body 500, front 300, battery 250, motor 130)
 - \$2500 in printed material (~\$5/lb)
 - Print time: 24 hrs.
- Electric Motor
 - Horsepower: 135
 - Range: 30 miles
 - 0-60 mph: ~5
 - Top Speed: 70-85 mph
 - Battery: Li ion

