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# **Future Directions in Dynamic Materials and Interactions Basic Research: An Air Force Perspective**

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# BASIC RESEARCH: A MILITARY NECESSITY

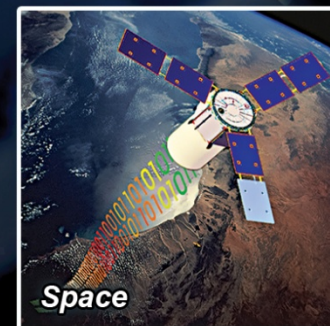
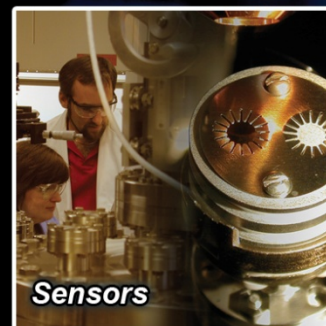


*“The first essential of the airpower necessary for our national security is preeminence in research. The imagination and inventive genius of our people-in industry, in the universities, in the armed services, and throughout the nation must have free play, incentive, and every encouragement.”*

*Gen. Henry “Hap” Arnold, 1944*

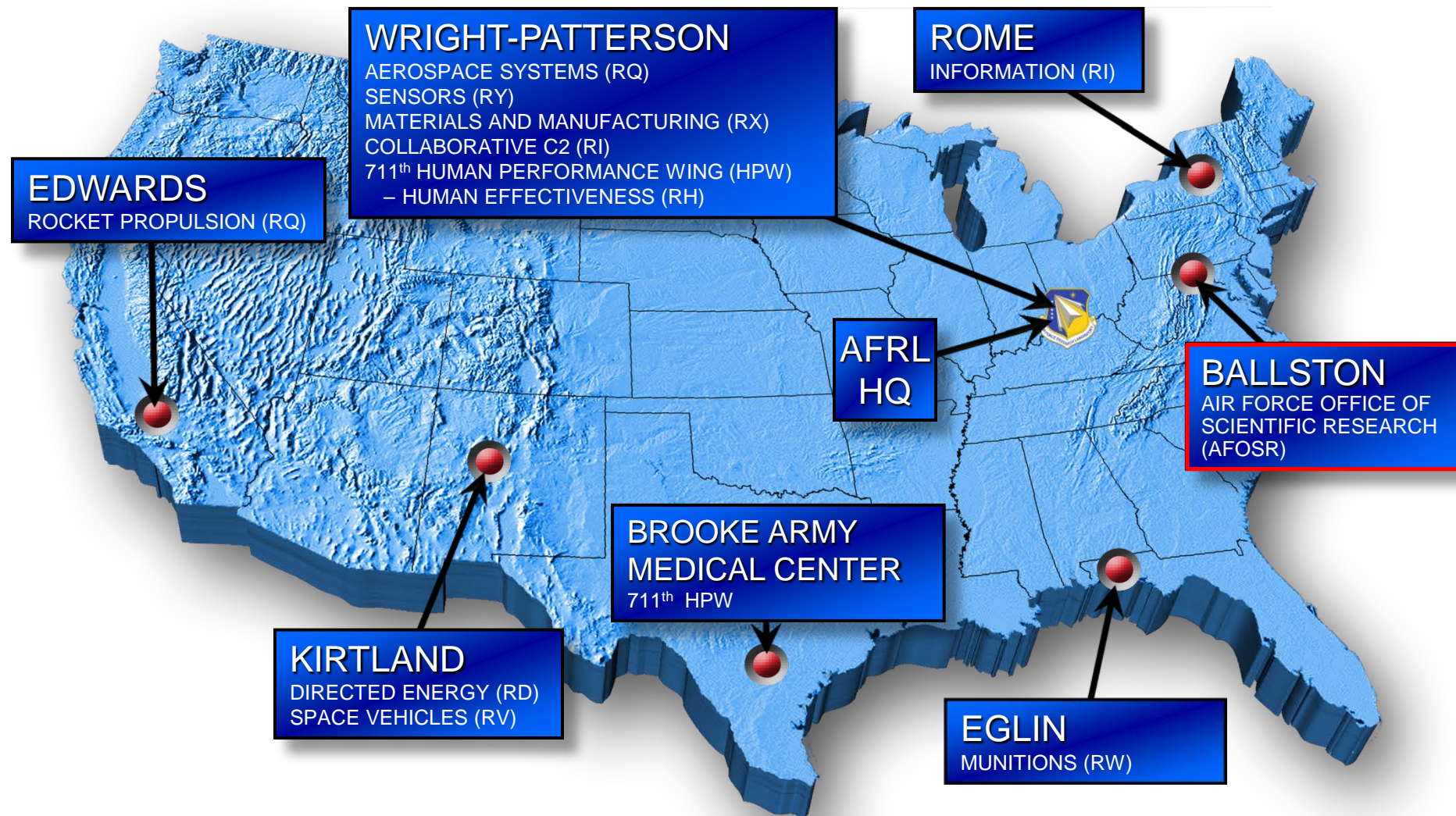


# AFRL Organization





# Major AFRL Facilities



40 Sites World-Wide



# DoD Research Categories



## 6.1

**BASIC  
RESEARCH**

**Produces New  
Knowledge**



## 6.2

**APPLIED  
RESEARCH**

**Develops New  
Technologies**



## 6.3

**ADVANCED  
TECHNOLOGY  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Test and  
Demonstrations**

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# AFOSR Mission



**AFOSR discovers, shapes, and champions basic science to profoundly impact the future Air Force**

- Identify and develop new technologies to DoD and Industry

**Creating the Scientific Base to Make Current DoD Systems and Practices Obsolete**

**TODAY'S BREAKTHROUGH SCIENCE FOR TOMORROW'S AIR FORCE**

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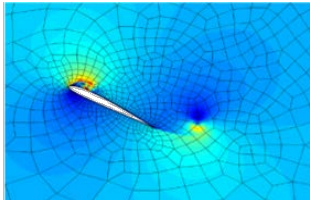


# Basic Research Tech Divisions



## RTA

**Dynamical Systems  
& Control**

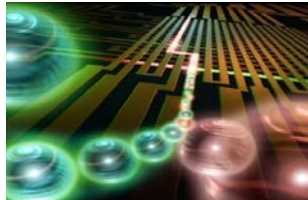


Research Areas

Dynamics and Control
Mathematical and Computational Cognition
Robust Computational Intelligence
Computational Math
Optimization and Discrete Mathematics
Test and Evaluation
Flow Interactions and Control
Multi-Scale Structural Mechanics & Prognosis

## RTB

**Quantum & Non-equilibrium  
Processes**



Research Areas

Atomic and Molecular Physics
Plasma and Electro-Energetic Physics
Remote Sensing and Imaging Physics
Multi-Scale Modeling
Electromagnetics
Ultrashort Pulse Laser-Matter Interactions
Biophysics
Laser and Optical Physics

## RTC

**Information, Decision, &  
Complex Networks**

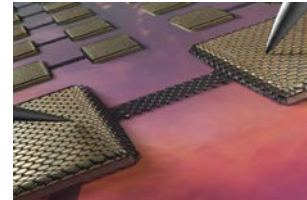


Research Areas

Systems and Software
Complex Networks
DDAS
Information Operations and Security
Trust and Influence
Robust Decision Making in Human
Science of Information, Computation and Fusion
Sensing, Surveillance, Navigation

## RTD

**Complex Materials  
and Devices**

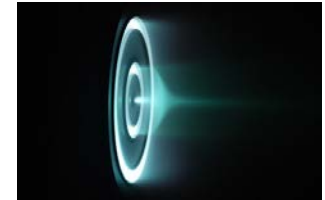


Research Areas

Natural Materials and Systems
Extremophiles
Low Density Materials
Surface and Interfacial Science
GHz-THz Electronics
Mechanics of Multi-functional Materials & Microsystems
Organic Materials Chemistry
Optoelectronics and Photonics
Aerospace Materials for Extreme Environments
Quantum Electronic Solids

## RTE

**Energy, Power, and  
Propulsion**



Research Areas

Molecular Design and Synthesis
Molecular Dynamics and Theoretical Chemistry
Space Power and Propulsion
Multiscale Modeling and Computation
Human Performance and Biosystems
Energy Conversion and Combustion Sciences
Aerothermodynamics and Turbulence
Space Sciences
Thermal Sciences
Sensory Information Systems

- AFOSR was recently reorganized to:
  - Maintain a strong 6.1 focus
  - Improve scientific quality across the organization
  - Improve collaboration across research areas



# AFOSR Supports Tomorrow's S&Es



## National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG)

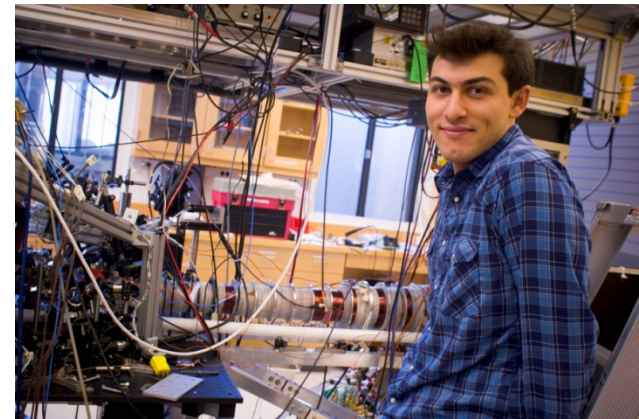
- 3-year scholarship program to increase the numbers of PhDs in science and engineering fields
- Funds tuition, fees, etc. and \$31K stipend/year
- No service commitments
- More info: <http://www.asee.org/ndseg>

## Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART)

- Career opportunity after graduation
- Funds tuition, fees, etc. and stipend
- Additional details at <http://smart.asee.org/>

## Awards to Stimulate and Support Undergraduate Research Experience (ASSURE)

- Provide undergraduates with research opportunities in S&E fields of DoD interest
- <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=9333>



David Kaz, Harvard  
Physics PhD Candidate  
2006 NDSEG AF Scholar





# AFOSR Supports World-Class Research



- **Core Programs – Discipline-oriented portfolios that primarily support single-investigator grants.**
  - Broad Area Agency Announcement (BAA) is open at all times – but some portfolios may have review deadlines
  - Grant size and duration (up to 5 years) determined by PM
- **Young Investigator Program (YIP)**
  - Designed to develop long-term relationships with leading early career PIs
  - Highly competitive; proposals due annually in September
  - 3-year Grants ~\$120k/yr
- **Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)**
  - Achieve significant scientific advances
  - Capture attention of top researchers
  - Encourage multidisciplinary collaboration
  - Up to \$1.5M/yr for five years
- **Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)**
  - Supports acquisition of major equipment to augment current or develop new research capabilities
- **Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)**
  - Supports small business/university collaborations

- 1181 extramural research grants at 227 universities
- 239 intramural research projects at AFRL, USAFA, AFIT
- 149 STTR small business - university contracts
- 500 fellowships; 1390 grad students, 570 post-docs on grants

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# Dynamic Materials and Interactions Portfolio

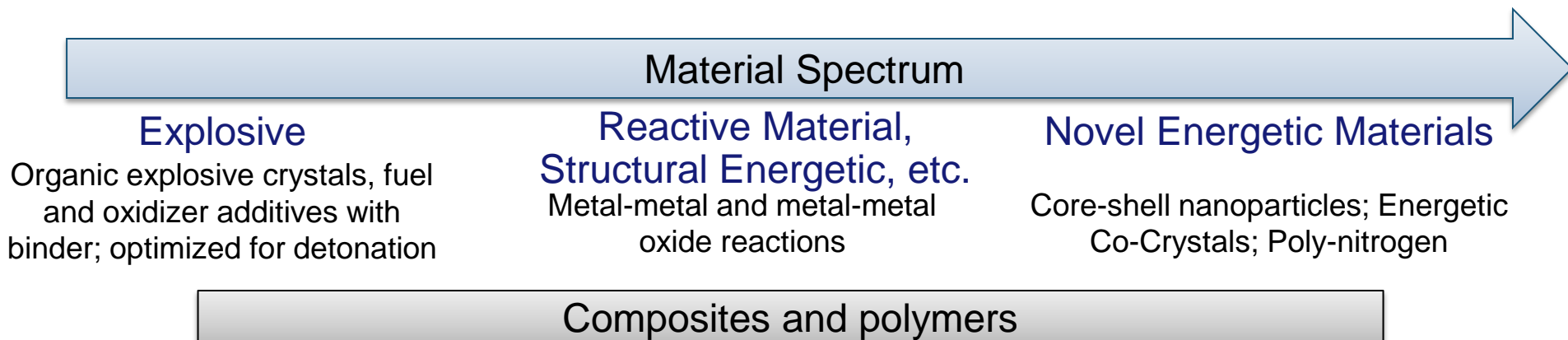


- **Description:** Fundamental, basic research into the dynamic **chemistry and physics** of complex materials, particularly energetic materials.

## Thrust Areas

Shock and Detonation Physics

Structure and Composition of Energetic Materials





# Thrust Areas



## **Shock and Detonation Physics**

- Damage, Hot Spots, and Initiation - Mesoscale Diagnostics
- Dynamic Reacting Interfaces
- Metastable, High Pressure Phases
- High Strain Rate and Shock Response of Polymers, Composites and Geologic Materials

## **Structure and Composition of Energetic Materials**

- Prediction of Viscosity and Microstructure in Highly Loaded Suspensions
- Shock Loading of Energetic Crystals
- New Energetic Materials
- Influence of External Fields



# Virtual Design Studio Vision



Virtual Design Studio for Energetics: Predictive computational tool for explosive and reactive material formulation on your desktop

## Development (6.3) Industry and AFRL



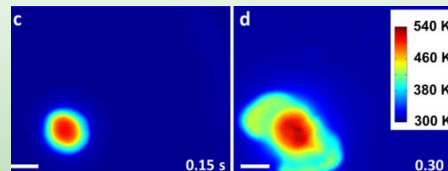
- Future AF requirements
- Virtual Design Studio produces explosive formulations to meet requirements

## Applied Research (6.2) AFRL and Industry



- Virtual Design Studio software development
- Validation experiments on real, complex explosive formulations

## Basic Research (6.1) Academia and AFRL

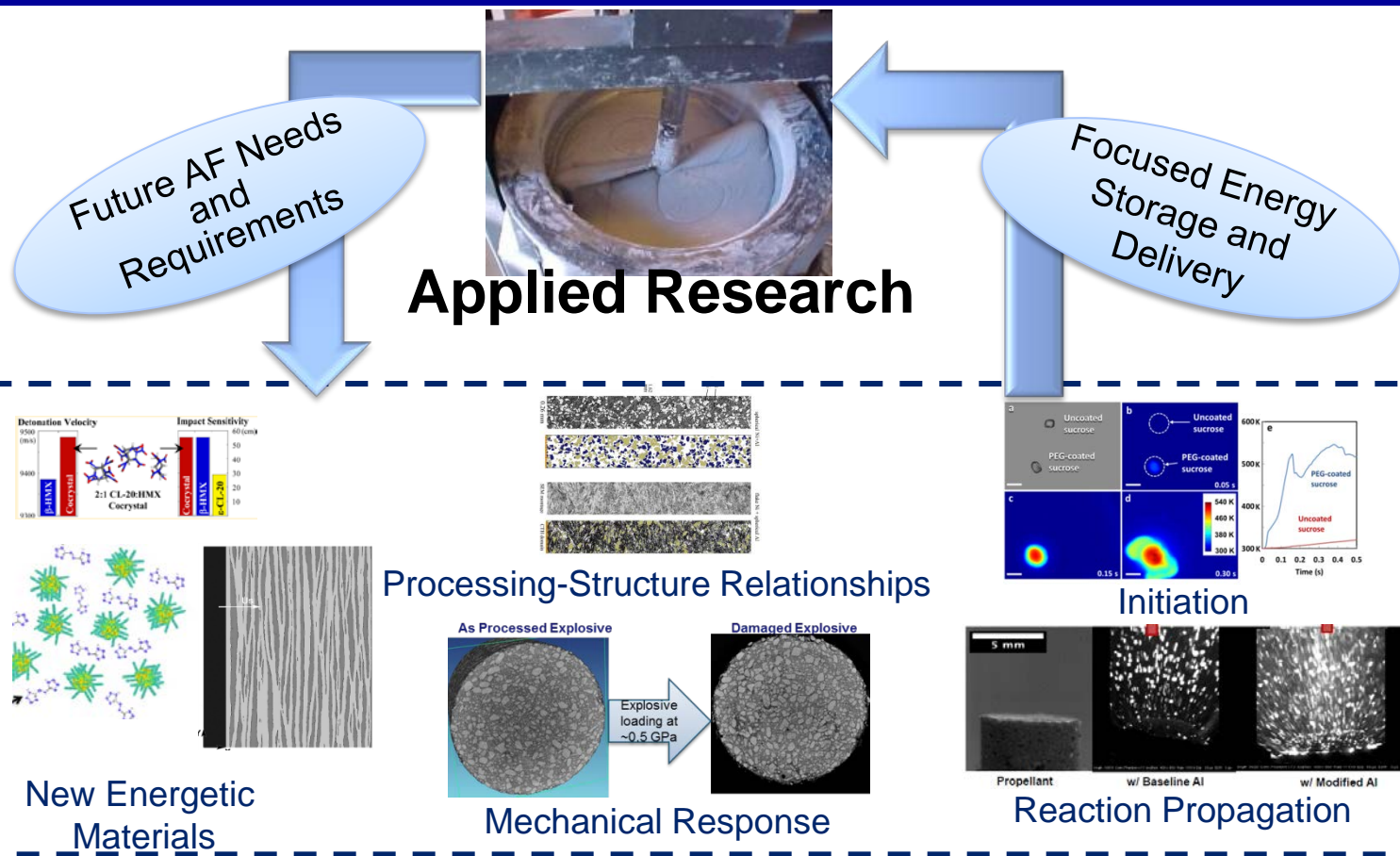


- Fundamental physics and chemistry of energetic material response to mechanical, thermal, and other loading



# Virtual Design Studio

## Basic Research



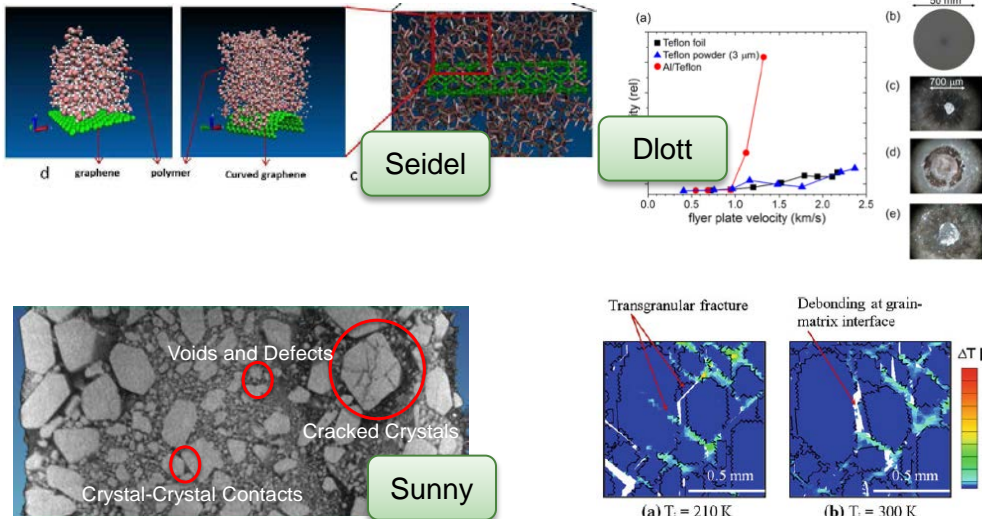
Moving Energetics Science from Empiricism to  
Analytic, M&S Based Discipline



# Shock and Detonation Physics



## Damage, Hot Spots, and Initiation Mesoscale Diagnostics



- Role of hot spots at multiple length scales including processing defects and defects due to mechanical/thermal stimuli
- Dynamic experimental techniques at relevant spatial and temporal scales to validate models
- Incorporation of relevant chemistry into mesoscale and continuum theories and models

## Dynamic Reacting Interfaces

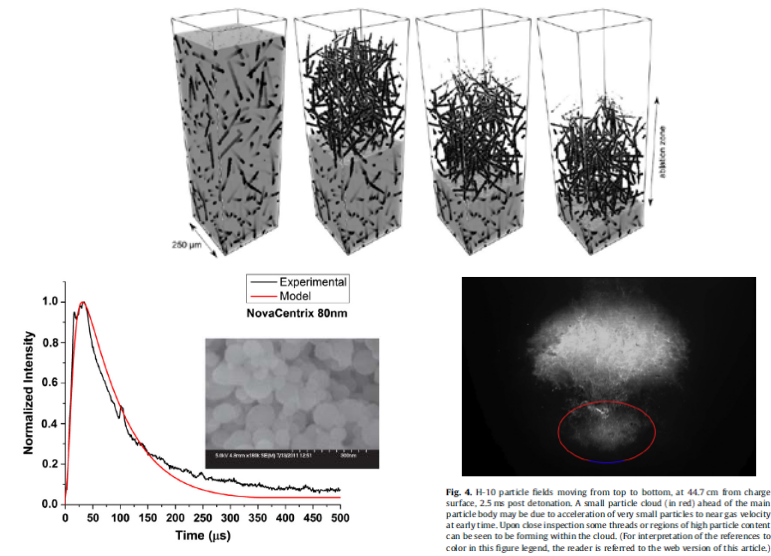


Fig. 4. H-10 particle fields moving from top to bottom, at 44.7 cm from charge surface, 2.5 ns post detonation. A small particle cloud (in red) ahead of the main particle body may be due to acceleration of very small particles to near gas velocity at early time. Upon close inspection some threads or regions of high particle content can be seen to be forming within the cloud. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

- Understanding role of interaction between hot product gases and reacting interface
- Explosively driven multi-phase flow
- Aluminum particle burning/combustion

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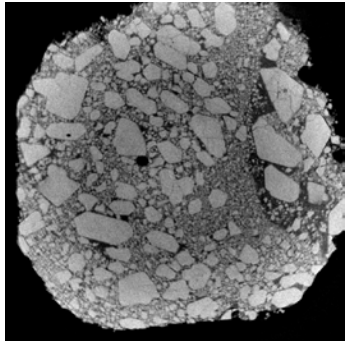
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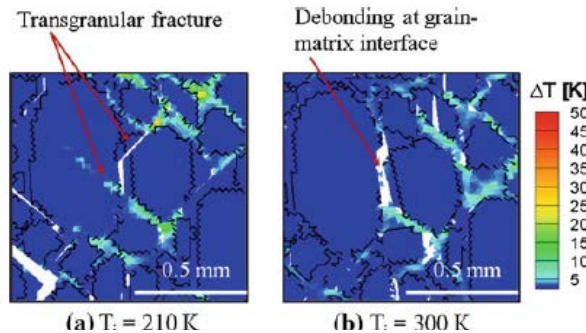
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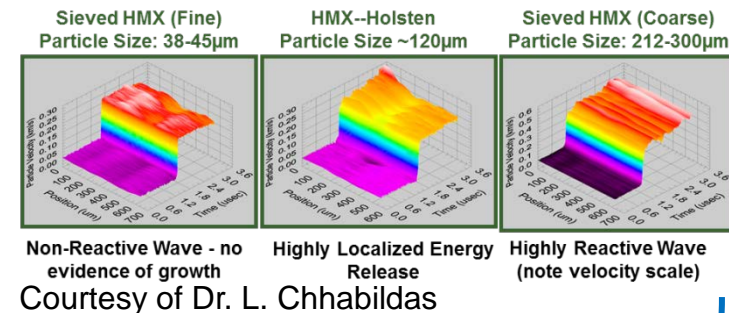
## Static 3D Microstructure



## Mesoscale Models



## Dynamic Experimental Techniques



What is the characteristic length scale for hot spot formation?  
How do hot spot size and temperature depend on mesostructure?  
How are simulations affected when chemical processes are introduced, particularly at interfaces?  
When does a hot spot become a deflagration/detonation?



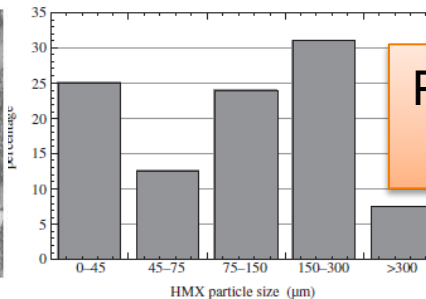
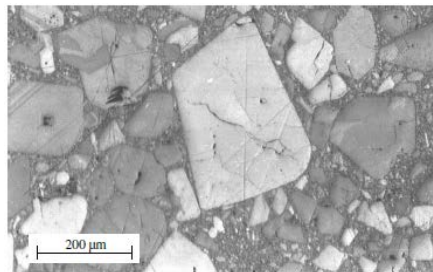
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## Experimental Hotspot Measurement



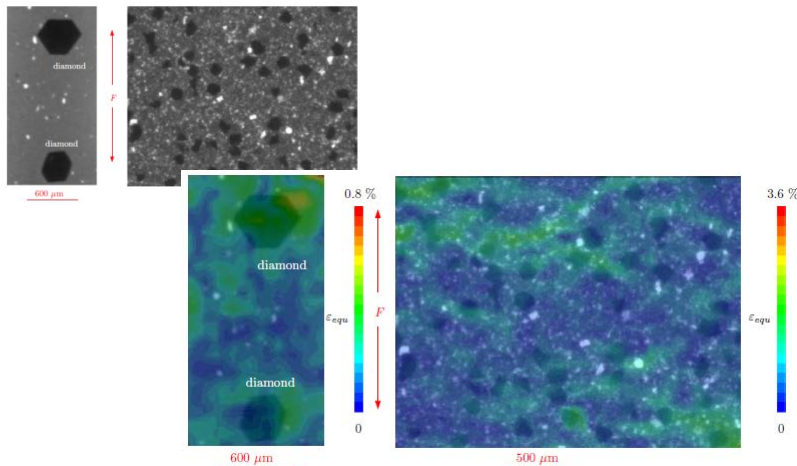
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### Microstructural Characterization

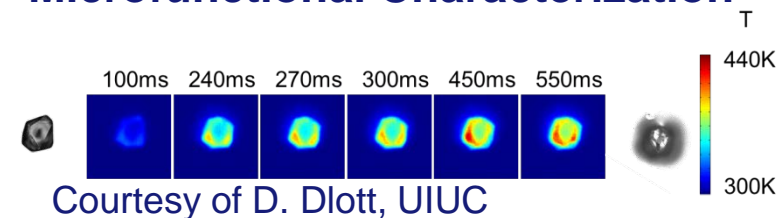


Property distributions  
are key!

### Micromechanical Characterization



### Microfunctional Characterization



Courtesy of D. Dlott, UIUC

“At present, hotspot sizes and temperatures cannot be measured experimentally.” – Barua, et al.

Barua, A., S. Kim, Y. Horie and M. Zhou (2013). *Journal of Applied Physics* **113**(6).

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# Damage-Sensitivity Correlations in Explosives



Microstructural characterization – effect of shock loading on explosive initiation.

New testing techniques allow for characterization and recovery of explosive samples

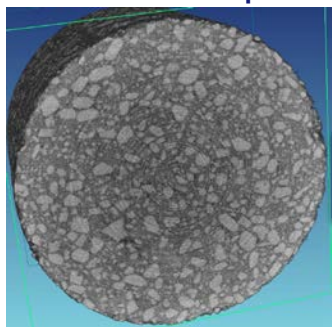
Damage to explosives due to impact can make them more likely to initiate. Previous techniques for inducing damage were used as screening tools; the loadings were complex and samples could not be recovered safely.



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*Research Engineer,  
AFRL/RWME*

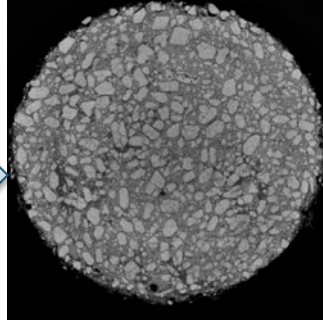
- SMART Scholar Recipient, 2008
- Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, 2011

As Processed Explosive



Explosive  
loading at  
~0.5 GPa

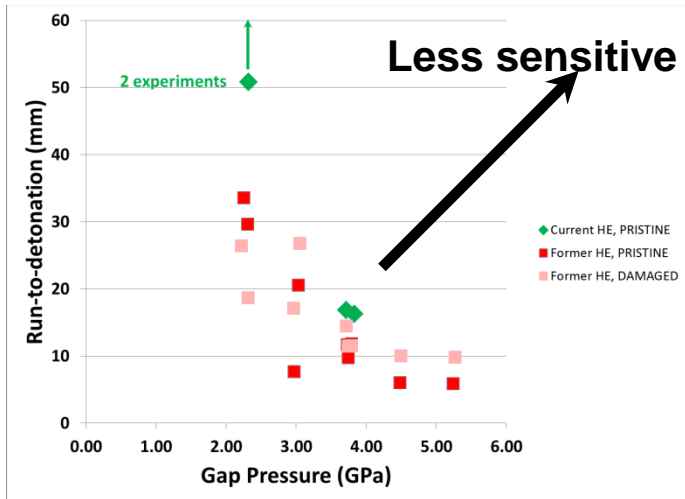
Damaged Explosive



- Well-controlled damage will be generated (Instron, Hopi Bar, Shock Wave Apparatus) and samples can be recovered
- Techniques will be able to estimate damage generated due to mechanical impacts



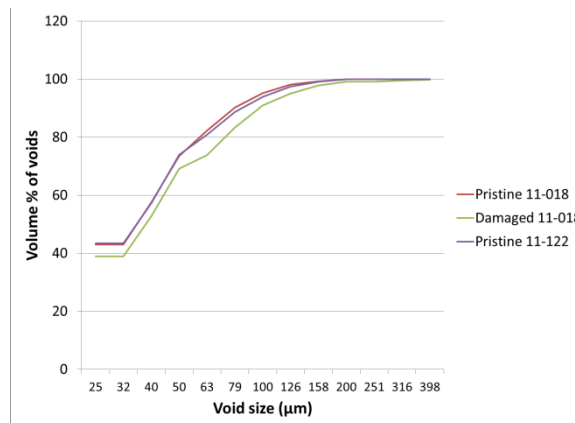
# Damage-Sensitivity Correlations in Explosives



*Modified gap test experiments on pristine and damaged explosive provide insight into how damage affects sensitivity of explosive*

*Recent experiments on a new plastic bonded explosive indicate further reduction in sensitivity*

*More and larger voids are present in damaged samples compared to pristine samples*



Pressures of 0.5 GPa are sufficient to damage samples by increasing void size and quantity, but higher gap pressures (3.5-6 GPa) prevent the voids from affecting sensitivity.



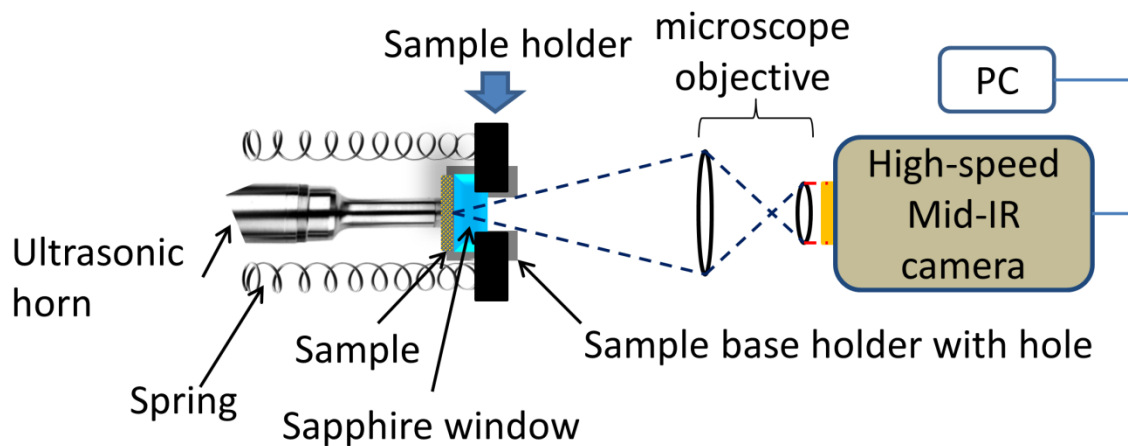
# Fast infrared microscopy of hot spots



Microfunctional characterization – in situ temperature measurements.

IR microscope sees hot spots  
in real time

First application: ultrasound excitation of EM simulants



- Observe hot spots in real time with IR microscopy
- Create hot spots in samples with engineered microstructures by ultrasound, lasers or high-speed impacts
- Understand how microstructural elements give rise to hot spots to inform simulations and to design safer EM



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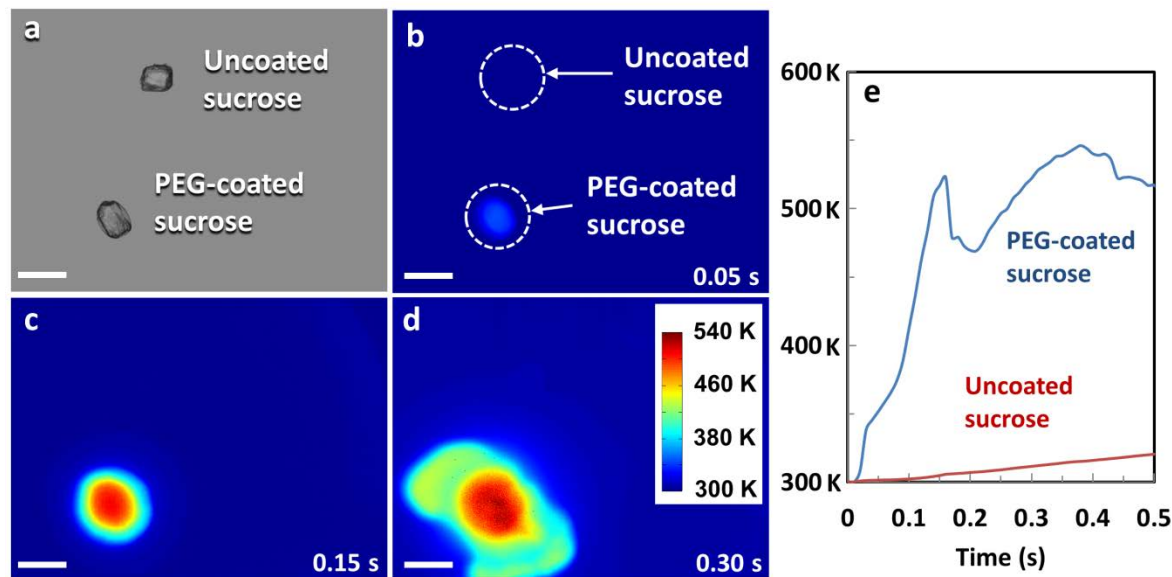


Dana Dlott, Ph.D.  
William H. and Janet G. Lycan  
Professor of Chemistry

- 2013 Recipient of ACS Award in Experimental Physical Chemistry
- Past chair, APS Division of Shock Compression
- Fellow of APS, OSA, AAAS



# Ultrasound creates hot spots at crystal/polymer interfaces



Two sugar crystals were embedded in a polymer exposed to 17 kHz ultrasound. One crystal was coated with PEG, a lower-viscosity polymer. During the next few hundred milliseconds, only the PEG-coated crystal was heated significantly, showing how the viscosity at polymer/crystal interfaces controls acoustic hot spot generation.

This work establishes a clear connection between microstructure and hot spot formation and provides a roadmap for controlling the effects of ultrasound on complex solid materials.



# Multiscale Modeling and Characterization of the Effects of Damage Evolution on the Multifunctional Properties of Polymer Nanocomposites



Micromechanical characterization –  
embedded sensors for damage detection



## Headline: Nanomaterials as Embedded Damage Detection in Composites

### A Multiscale Approach to Tailored Sensing & Prognosis

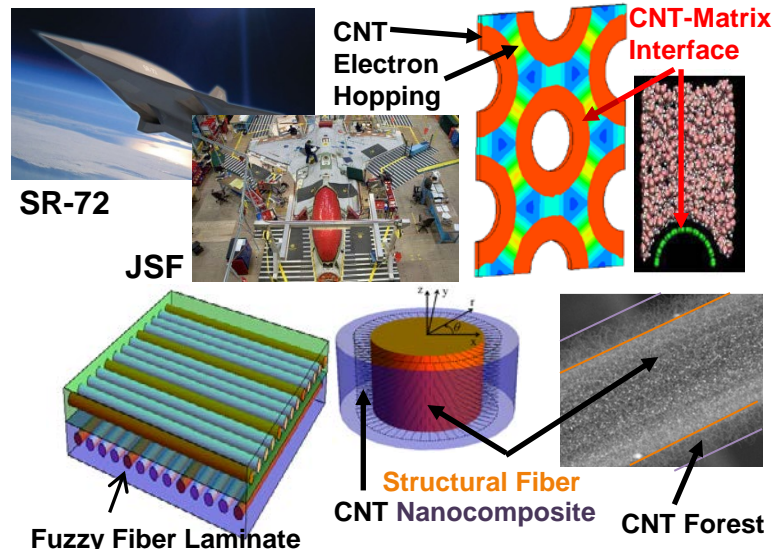
Through understanding and controlling the dispersion of carbon nanotubes, we seek to develop aerospace composites with embedded real-time deformation and damage sensing.



Dr. Gary D. Seidel  
*Assistant Professor,  
Aerospace and  
Ocean Engineering*

- Associate Fellow AIAA
- Chair, Materials TC, AIAA
- 2010 Recipient of ORAU Junior Faculty Powe Award

- Key Challenge: understand how nanoscale effects between individual nanotubes become macroscale measurable quantities within the composite.
- Approach: concurrent multiscale modeling which transitions electromechanical and damage effects from nano- to macroscale <sup>1,2</sup>
- Eventual Outcome: Transition from scheduled maintenance or post-flight NDE to on-board structural health monitoring



<sup>1</sup> Chaurasia, A. and Seidel, G.D., Journal of Intelligent Material Systems and Structures, 2013

<sup>2</sup> Chaurasia, A., Ren, X., and Seidel, G.D., Proceedings of the ASME 2013 Conference on Smart Materials, Adaptive Structures and Intelligent Systems.

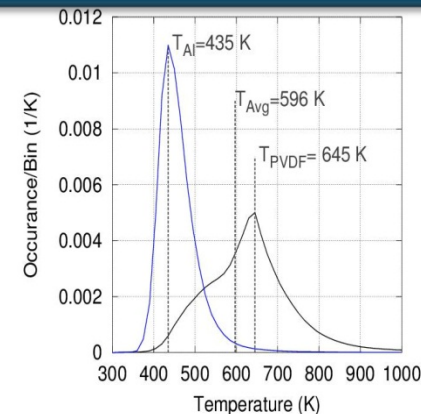
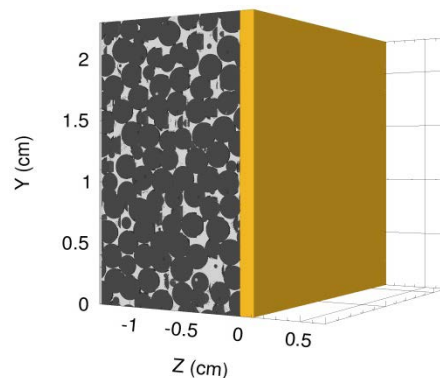
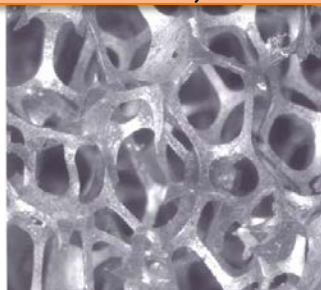


# Damage, Hot Spots, and Initiation Chemical Processes



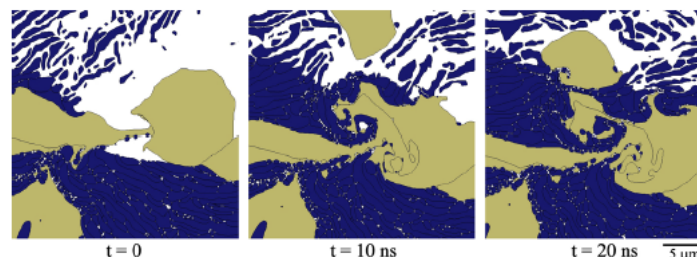
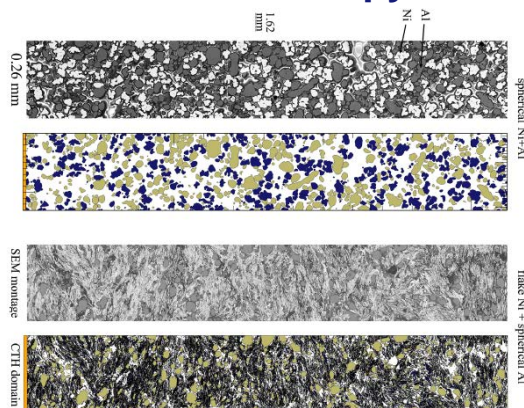
How are simulations affected when chemical processes are introduced, particularly at interfaces?

## Chhabildas, Lab Task



Geometry imported from  
microscopy/ XCMT scans

Computational T distribution due to  
impedance mismatch



Dynamically changing microstructure



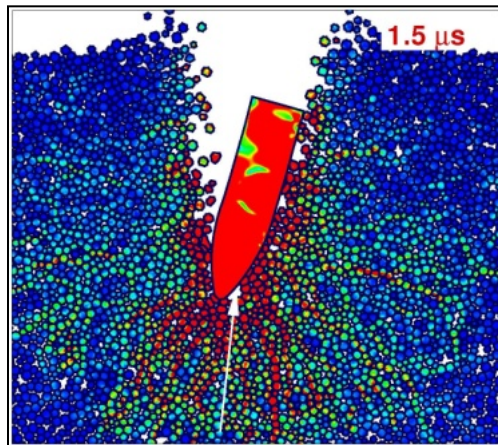
# Dynamic High-Pressure Behavior of Hierarchical Heterogeneous Geological Granular Materials



Inert experiments and models to understand shock propagation through heterogeneous materials

Geological granular materials (soils) exhibit spatially- and temporally-random shock-propagation characteristics

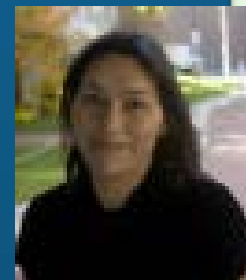
Inhomogeneous grain-to-grain (force-chain) load transfer due to anisotropic response of dry/wet soil under dynamic loading contributes to interface friction and other material-inherent effects that can influence projectile instability



GOAL: Determine shock propagation characteristics in dry & wet high purity **sand** of extremes of particle sizes to establish effects of phase transitions, wave dispersion, friction, inter-particle interactions through instrumented experiments and meso-scale modeling



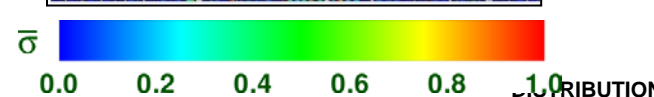
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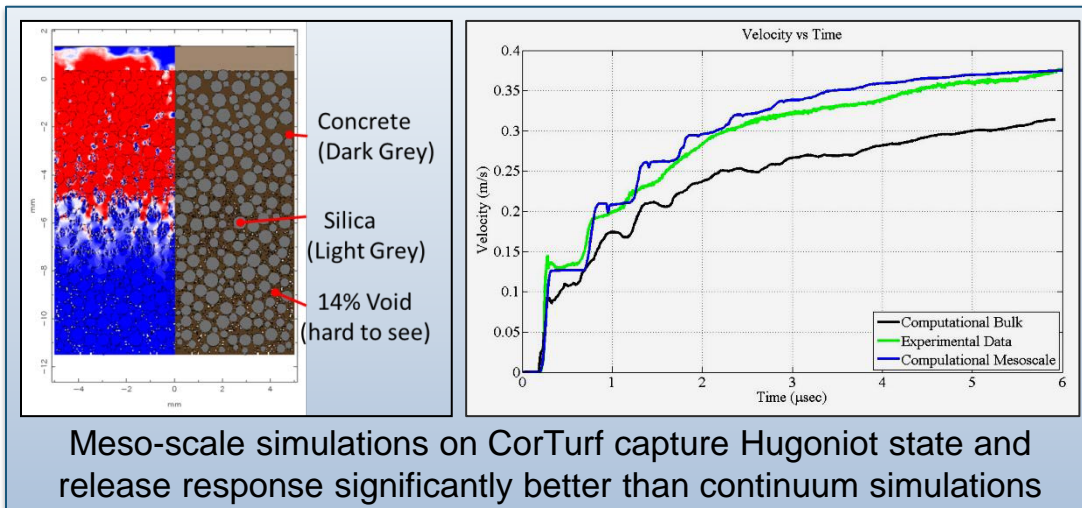




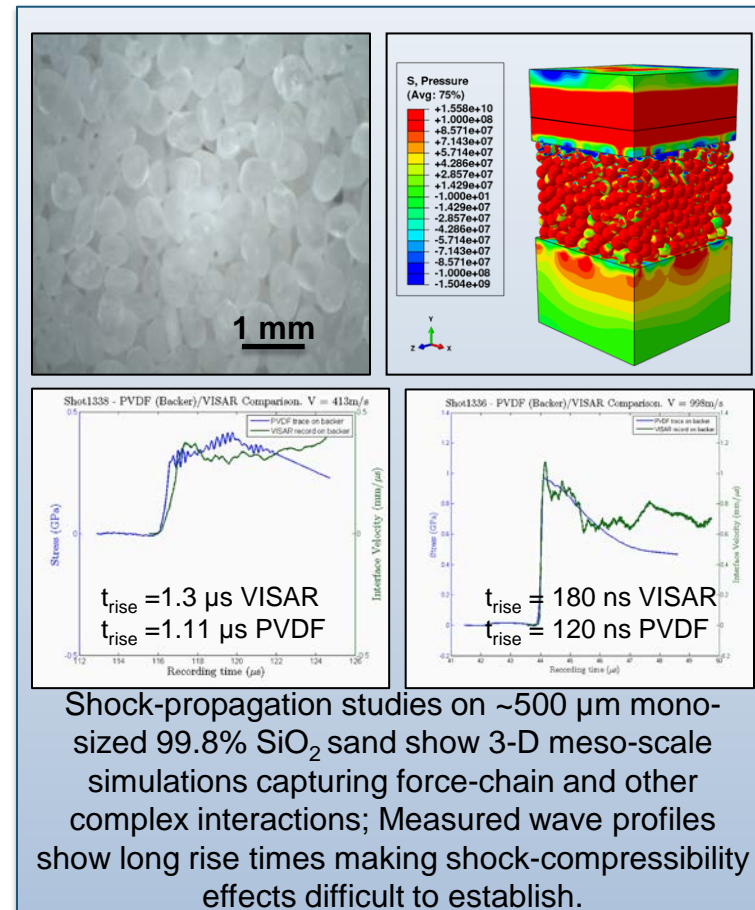
# Dynamic High-Pressure Behavior of Hierarchical Heterogeneous Geological Granular Materials



**Meso-scale simulations correlated with time-resolved measurements are essential for understanding shock-wave interactions in heterogeneous granular materials**



- Coupling 2-D/3-D meso-scale simulations with time-resolved measurements of shock-wave profiles in pure sand allow studies of particle size and moisture effects
- Shock-materials interactions due to inter-particle friction, particle fracture/deformation, and phase changes will be determined through controlled studies
- Most significant will be the establishment of the shock-compression response of soils (heterogeneous granular materials) as a function of hierarchy and properties



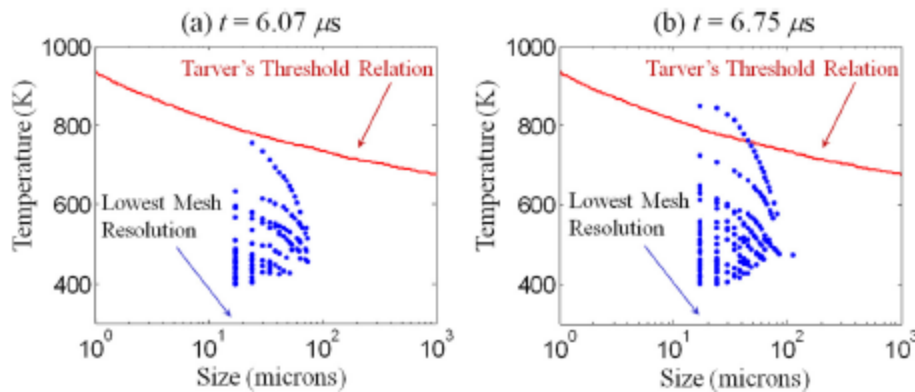


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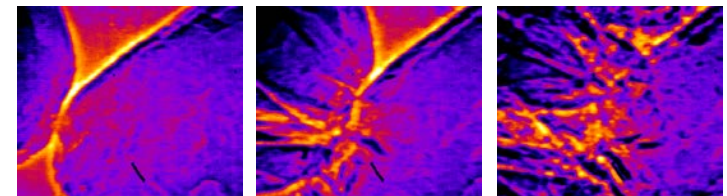
## Hot Spot Transition



When does a hot spot become a deflagration/detonation?

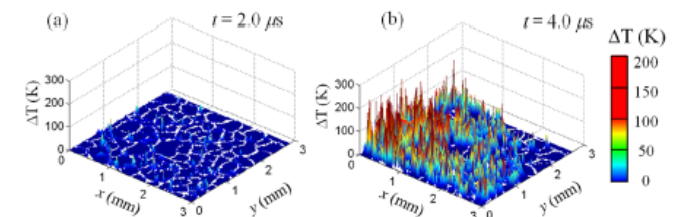


State-of-the-art mesoscale simulations consider “go, no-go” criteria



Courtesy of W. Chen, Purdue

Experiments measuring real time hot spot size and temperature



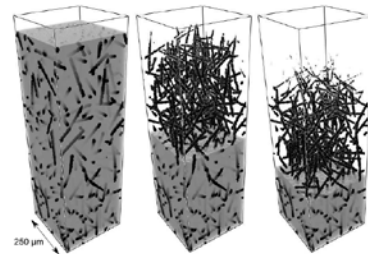
Mesoscale simulations predicting hot spot propagation based on localized chemistry



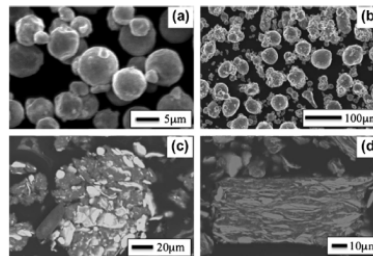
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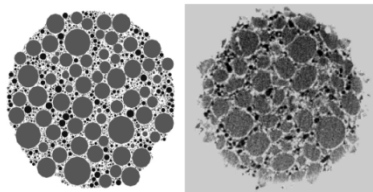
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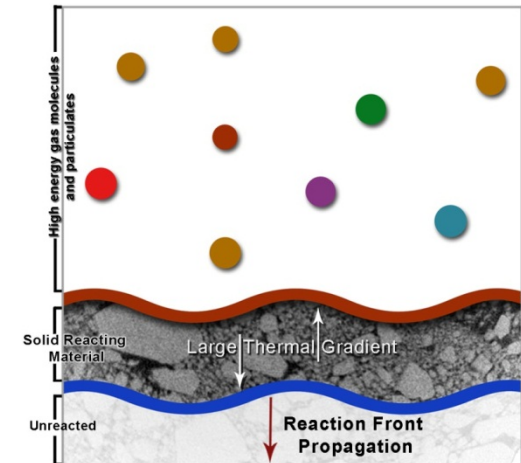
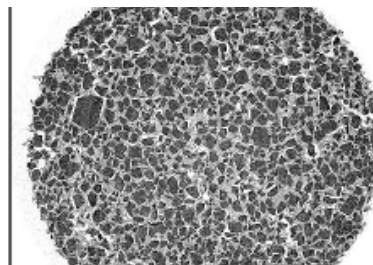
Reactive Materials



Propellants



Explosives



Non-equilibrium condensed phase reactions proceeding at finite rates that are highly temperature, pressure and flow configuration dependent

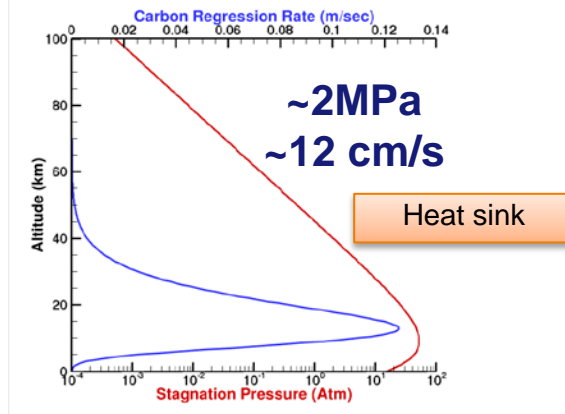


# Dynamic Reacting Interfaces

## Similar Rates and Pressures

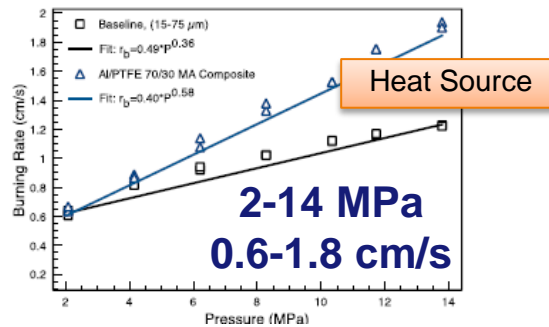


### Ablative Material



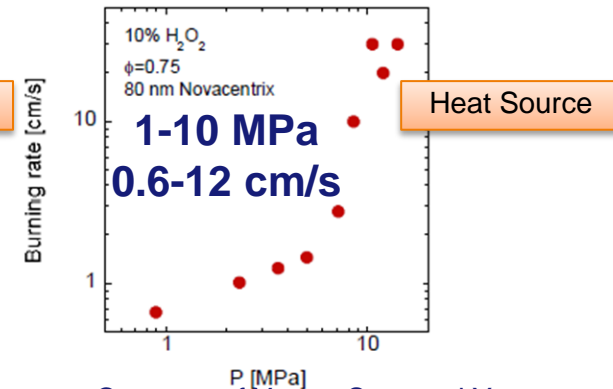
Courtesy of I. Boyd

### Al/PTFE Reactive



Courtesy of S. Son

### Al/Ice Propellant



Courtesy of Yetter, Son, and Yang

Energy and mass transport across an interface occurring at comparable pressures and reaction rates

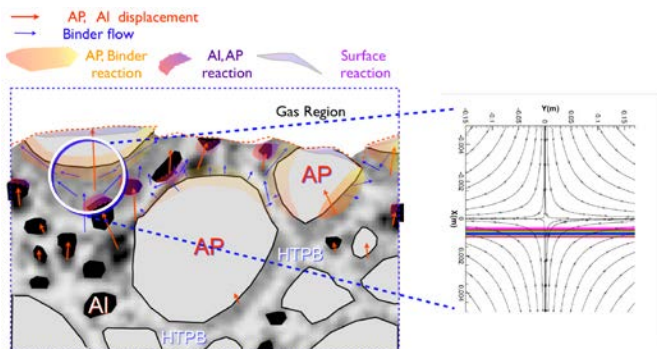


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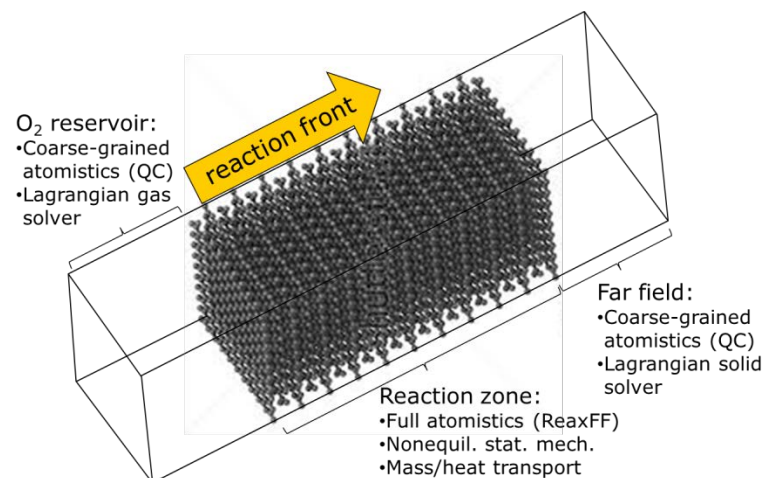
## Theory, Modeling and Simulation



Going beyond empirical models for reaction propagation in solids (Matalon & Stewart, UIUC)

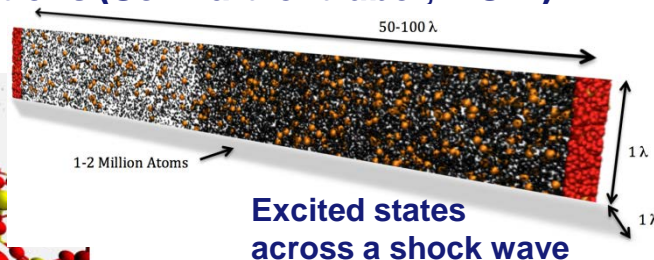
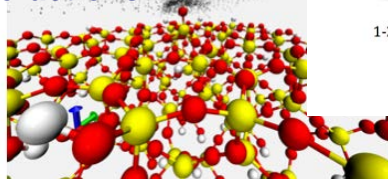


Linking atomistic-to-mesoscale simulations (Ortiz, CalTech)



Detailed simulations of gas kinetics and surface interactions (Schwartzentruber, MURI)

Detailed Surface Interactions



How to determine the rate-dependent chemical, physical, and fluid mechanics processes occurring within the interface region?



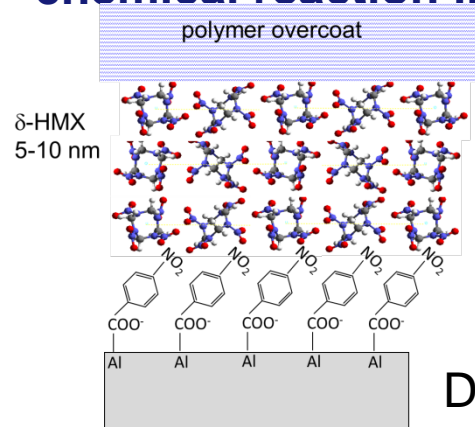
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## Probing the Interface Region Experimentally



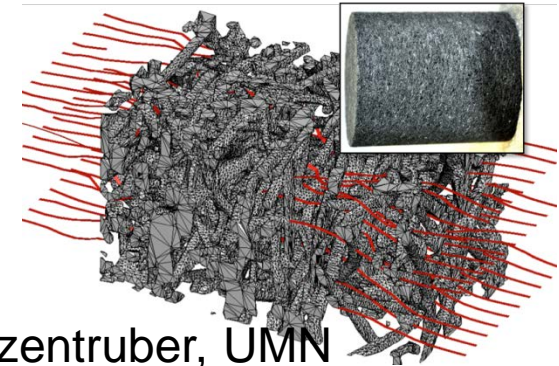
Experiments scaled to probe the chemical reaction in the interface zone

High-T diffusive and reactive flow from microstructure



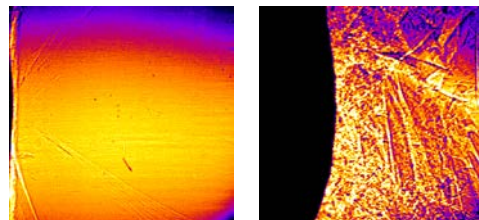
Not an actual detonation, but molecules behind the shock front don't know the difference

Diott, UIUC

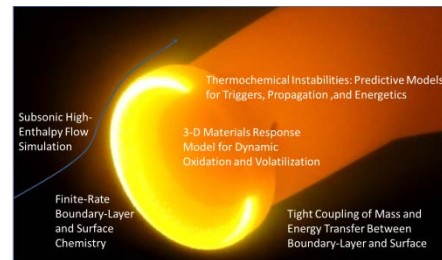


Schwartzentruber, UMN

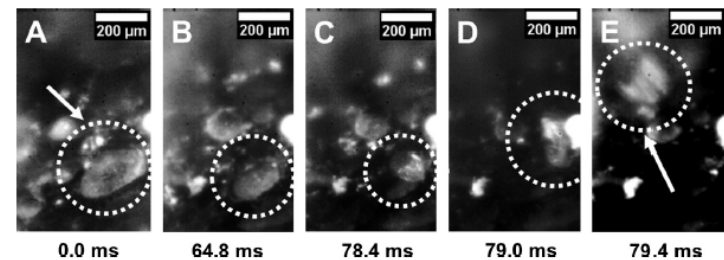
Visualization of reacting interface region



Chen, Purdue



Schwartzentruber, UMN



Son, Purdue

Need new experimental methods to reveal fine scale physics at the interface

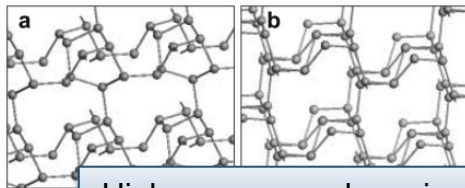


# Shock and Detonation Physics



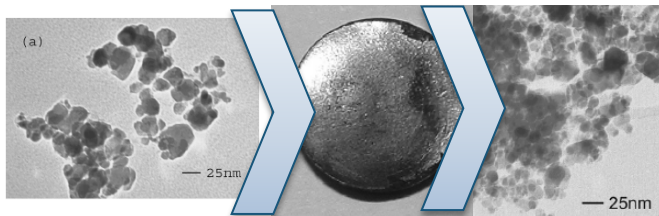
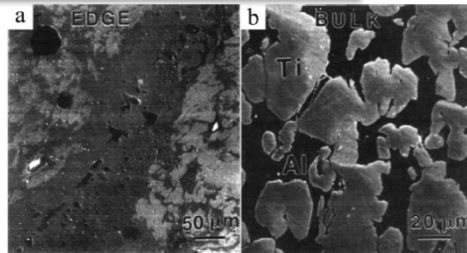
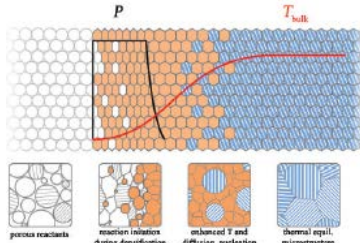
## Metastable, High Pressure Phases

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High pressure polymerization

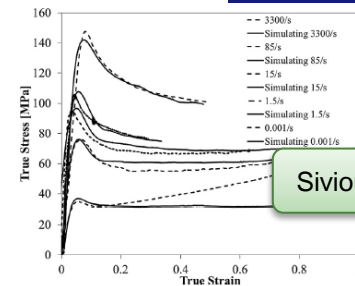
SHOCK INDUCED REACTIONS



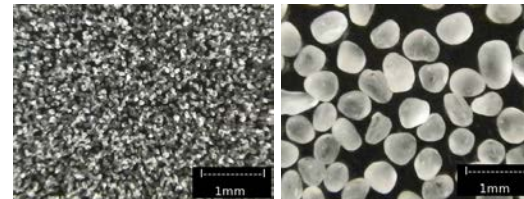
- High pressure phases
- Shock induced synthesis of materials
- Consolidate powders without recrystallization or decomposition, e.g. Bulk nanomaterials

## High Strain Rate and Shock Response of Polymers, Composites and Geologic Materials

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Thadhani, Stewart, and Borg

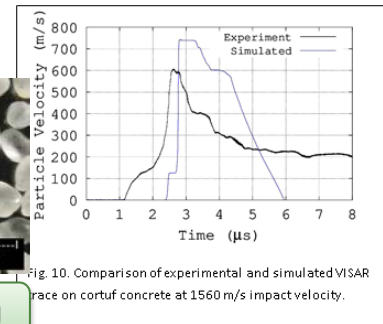


Fig. 10. Comparison of experimental and simulated VISAR trace on cortuf concrete at 1560 m/s impact velocity.

- Constitutive relationships for complex materials
- New diagnostics to understand local deformation in materials
- Understanding of effect of strain rate and temperature



# High-Rate Deformation Physics

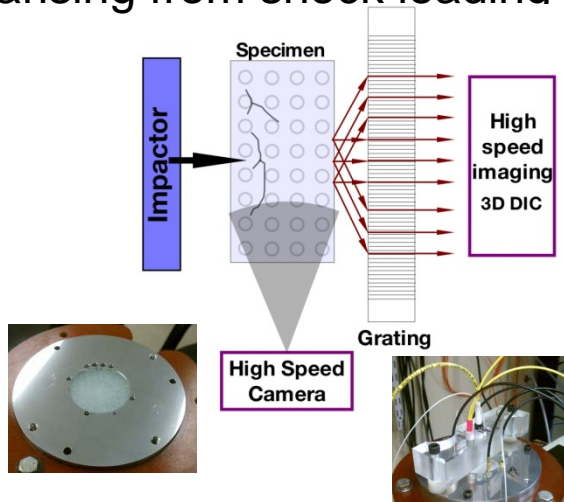


Shock wave propagation in heterogeneous materials → Impact resistant structures

## Heterogeneous Materials offer a New Paradigm for Shock Mitigation

Shock loading experiments on heterogeneous particulate composites are being conducted to understand the physics of energy and momentum transfer. Optimized heterogeneous materials can be used to disperse momentum and energy arising from shock loading due to impact/blast on structures.

- Shock loading studies can lead to novel microstructures for designing impact resistant structures.
- Identify origins of dispersion and dissipation.
- Shock experiments can provide new insights regarding physics of scattering, damage and wave interactions in composite solids.



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*John E. Goode Jr. Professor*

- Intl. Academy of Engineering
- Fellow, AAM, ASME, SEM
- 2013 Recipient of *A.C. Eringen Medal* – for contributions to engineering science
- Chevalier Palmes Academique, France

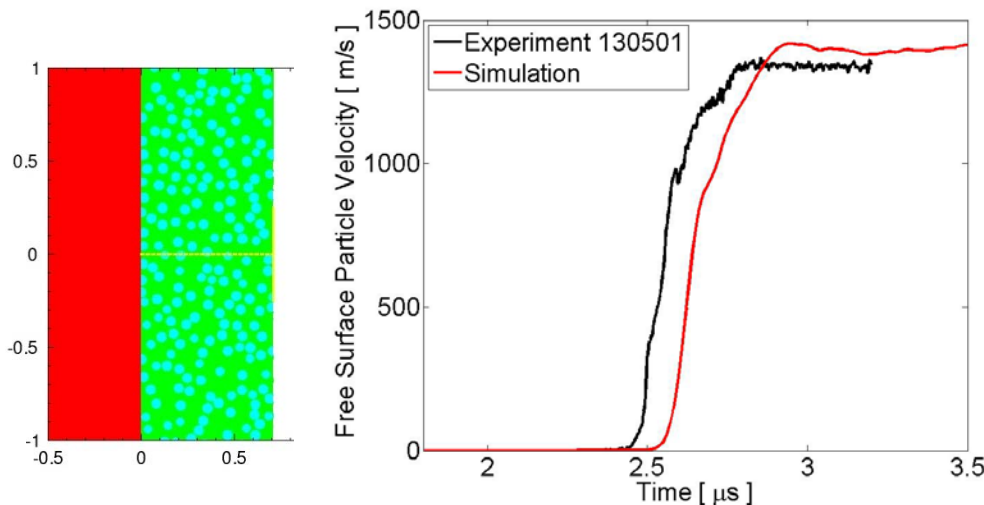
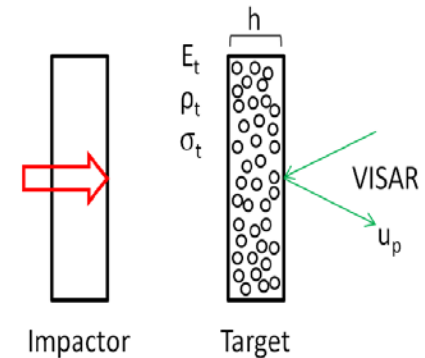


# Shock Response of Composites

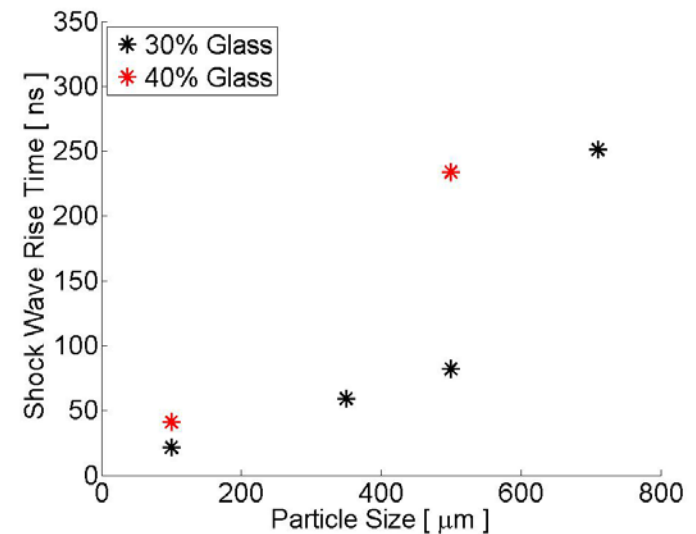


*Shock experiments reveal that the rise time and strain-rate are proportional to the particle size in the heterogeneous particulate composites.*

- Shock wave experiments were conducted on 30 and 40% volume fraction glass reinforced PMMA composites
- Scattering increases the rise time of the shock wave and increases the effective viscosity of the composite



CTH simulation of experiments and comparison of shock profiles in PMMA/Glass particulate composites



Shock rise time as a function of particle size and volume fraction of glass in composites



# Particulate Meso-Scale Mechanics Diagnostics



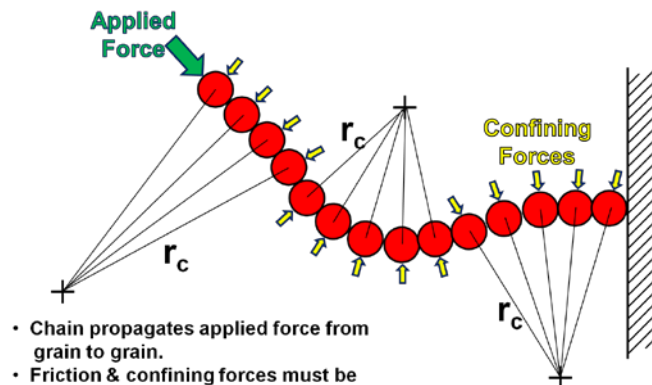
Experimental techniques to understand granular geologic materials



## *“Meso-scale Measurements Key for Big Problems”*

Particulate response dominated by heterogeneities

Statistically-expressed, length/time-scale-dependencies of particulate/granular media in dynamic compaction and flow



- Isolated force-chain dependencies dominate load bearing response
- Localizations require meso-scale diagnostics\* and statistically rich sample basis
- Meso- to continuum unification theory and validation



Init. PI: Dr. Cooper  
Final PI: Dr. Lambert

*Lead, Ordnance Sciences Core Tech Competency (RW)*

- Fellow, AFRL
- President, Hypervelocity Impact Society
- Board, Int'l Ballistics Society
- 2010 AFMC Science and Eng. Tech. Award

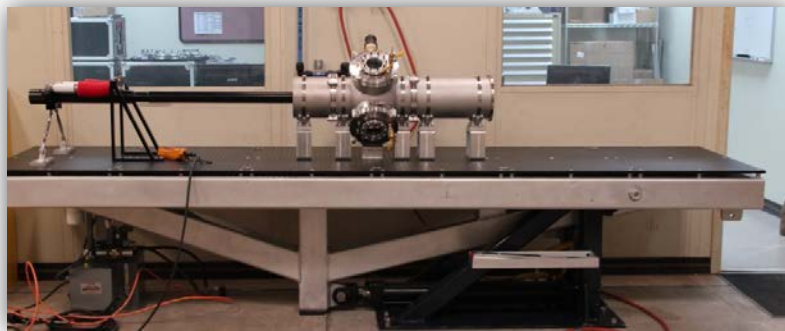
\*Tansel IN, Reding B, Cooper WL, Lagrangian Point State Estimation with Optimized, Redundant Induction Coil Gages, Exp Mech (DOI 10.1007/s11340-013-9714-9)



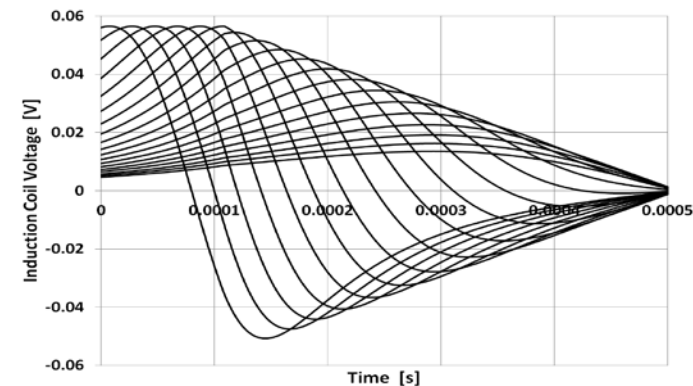
# Established PMMD Capability



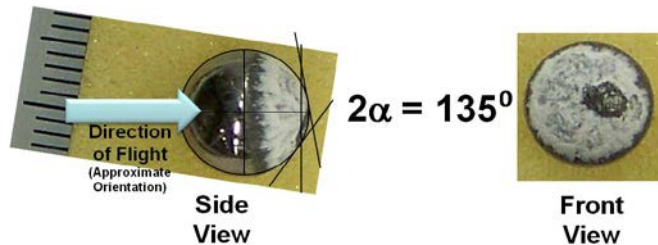
*Suite of diagnostics capability for heterogeneous particulate response states; unique for optically opaque media with  $\mu$ s response.*



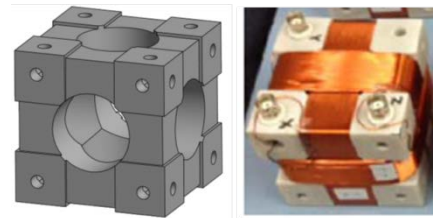
Dynamic launch and diagnostics expt'l bed



Lagrangian point state estimation with optimized, redundant induction coil gauges (accuracy to 0.2 mm)



Particulate crush up and compaction for false nose effects\*



Remote sensing of 5 deg of freedom state measurement  $[x,y,z,\theta,\gamma,V]$

\*Cooper W.L., Communication of Stresses by Chains of Grains in High-Speed Particulate Media Impacts, SEM XI International Congress & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics, Uncasville, CT, June 13-17, 2011

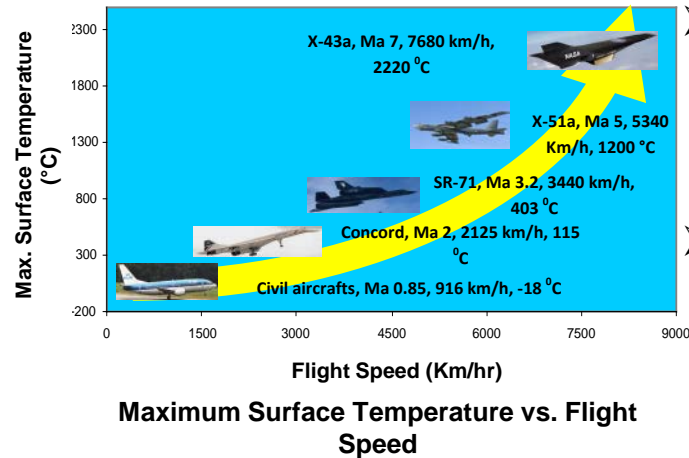


# Response of Aerospace Materials to Shock Loading and Extreme Environments

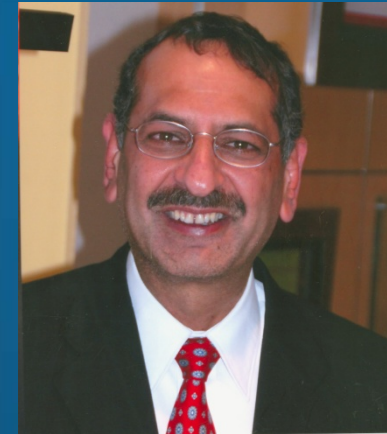


High temperature, high strain rate loading of aerospace structural materials

## Investigation of Novel Aerospace Materials:



- Fundamental understanding of deformation and damage behavior of aerospace materials under combined extreme thermo-mechanical loadings.
- Fill research gap using state of the art experimental investigation of aerospace materials.



**Dr. Arun Shukla**  
*Simon Ostrach*  
Professor

- Member, Executive Committee, Applied Mechanics Division, ASME (2012-2017)
- Fellow of ASME, SEM and AAM
- Murray Medal, SEM 2011

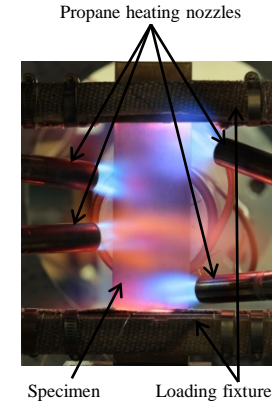


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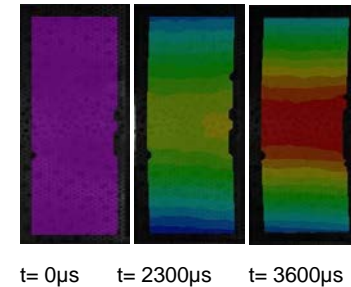


## Accomplishments over the last year:

- A unique experimental setup was established for studying materials under shock wave loading at temperatures up to 1000 °C.
- High-speed image capturing technique was modified and utilized in conjunction with digital image correlation (DIC) to obtain real-time full-field deformation of materials under dynamic loadings at elevated temperatures (up to 1000 °C).
- The response of Hastelloy X was evaluated as a function of temperature under shock wave loading.



**High temperature setup**



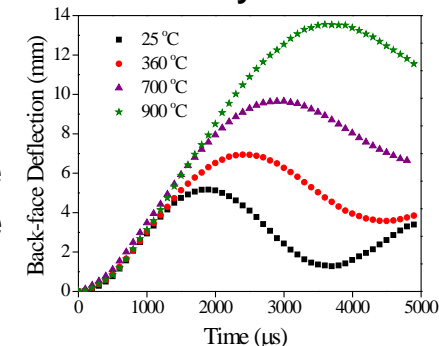
**DIC information on deflections of Hastelloy X at 900 °C**

## Scientific Significance:

- The developed experimental setup and data capturing technique can be used to evaluate the performance of various high temperature capable materials under extreme environments.

## Publication:

- Abotula, S., Heeder, N., Chona, R., Shukla, A. "Dynamic Thermo-mechanical Response of Hastelloy X to Shock Wave Loading". *Experimental Mechanics*, 2013. DOI 10.1007/s11340-013-9796-4.



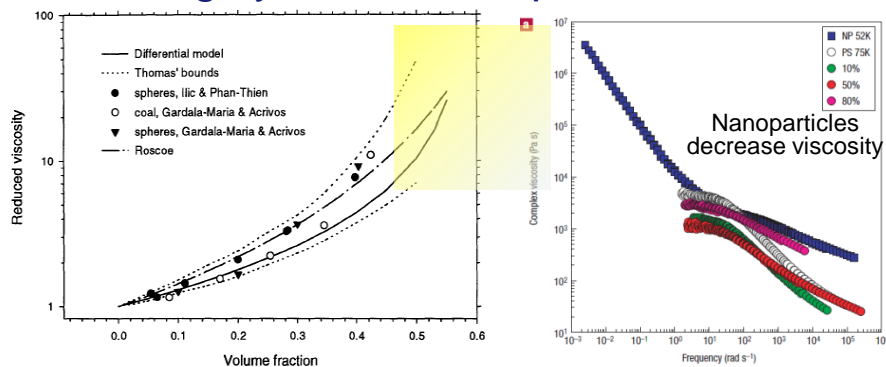
**Mid-point out-of-plane deflections obtained from above DIC data.**



# Structure and Composition of Energetic Materials

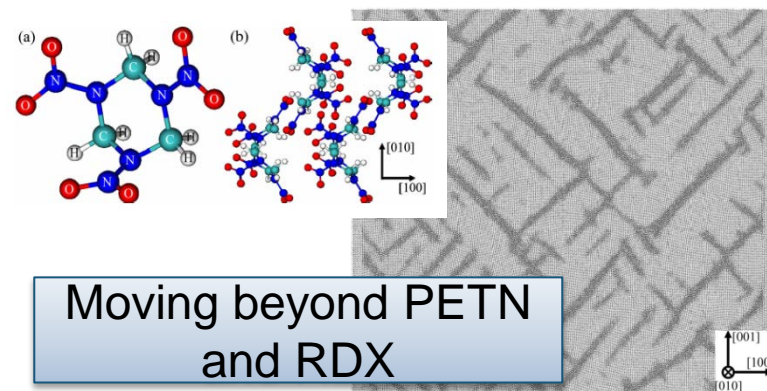


## Prediction of Viscosity and Microstructure in Highly Loaded Suspensions



- Highly loaded solids >70% by volume
- Multiple particle sizes, shapes, materials (surface chemistry)
- Cohesive strength and defect development

## Shock Loading of Energetic Crystals



- Molecule/crystal structure response to shock loading
- Formation of stress concentrations resulting in chemical reaction in materials

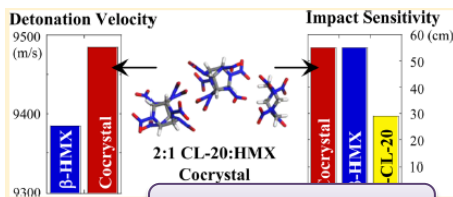
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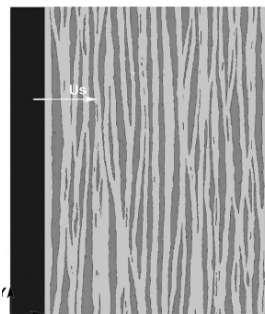
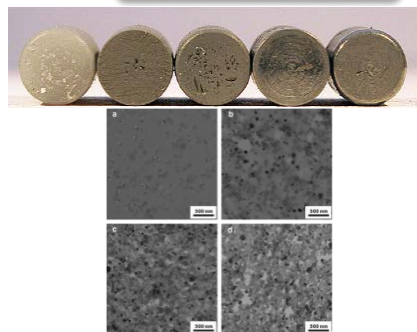
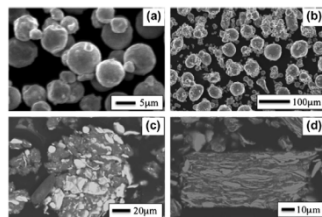
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## New Energetic Materials



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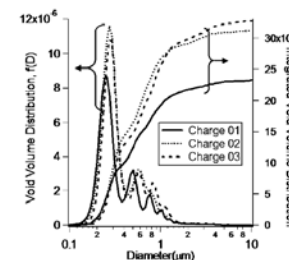
## Influence of External Environment



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<http://homedeeconomics.blogspot.com/2009/02/blog-carnival-jello-part-1-failure.html>



TATB ratchet growth

- Formulation and characterization of reactive materials with designed microstructures to enhance energy release rate
- Reduced sensitivity or increased performance processing techniques, e.g. co-crystals

- Effects of thermal cycling on composite microstructure
- Surface treatment and bonding of explosive crystals and binder
- Effects of external fields on reaction rate

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# Summary



- **AFOSR - creating the Scientific Base to Make Current DoD Systems and Practices Obsolete**
  - Several funding opportunities available
- **Dynamic Materials and Interactions portfolio in development**
  - Currently emphasis in mechanics of heterogeneous materials
  - Emphasis will shift to other thrust areas over next 2-3 years



# Abstract



The Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) has the responsibility to discover, shape, and champion basic research that profoundly affects the future Air Force. AFOSR supports cutting edge research in Air Force, university, and industry research laboratories. The Dynamic Materials and Interactions portfolio seeks a fundamental understanding of the chemistry and physics of energetic materials and the dynamic behavior of complex materials, e.g. polymers and composites. The program supports cutting-edge experimental and computational-experimental studies that address key questions in these areas. The major focus areas are Shock and Detonation Physics and Structure and Composition of Energetic Materials. The program is focused on novel and fundamental studies developing the basic understanding and predictive capabilities for the chemistry and physics of energetic materials, particularly in response to mechanical, thermal, and electromagnetic stimuli. Additionally, the program investigates new energetic materials, namely processes and characterization of complex structures and microstructures incorporating energetic materials. This seminar will present an overview of AFOSR. It will then focus on current interests in the Dynamic Materials and Interactions Portfolio, namely experimental techniques to capture dynamic, high strain rate events at the mesoscale in complex, composite materials, detonation and reaction chemistry of energetic materials, and shock phenomena in complex solids.