



# High Rate Powder Deposition and Heat Transfer in Cold Spray

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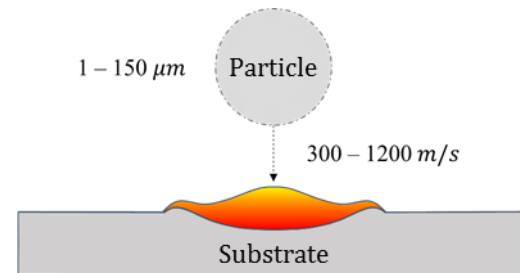
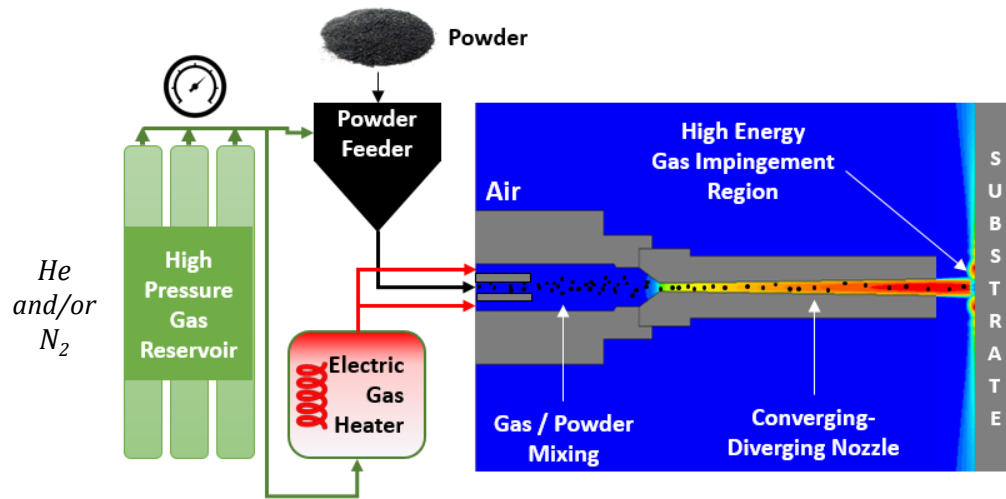
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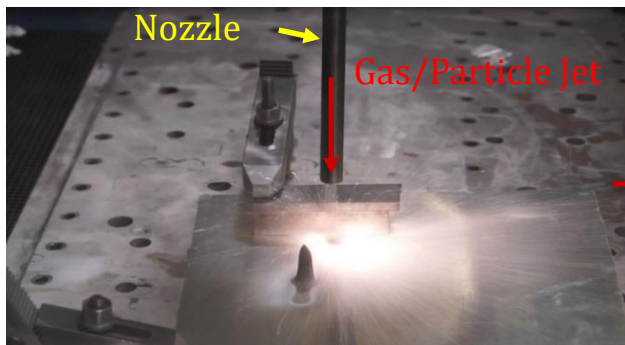
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# Cold Spray

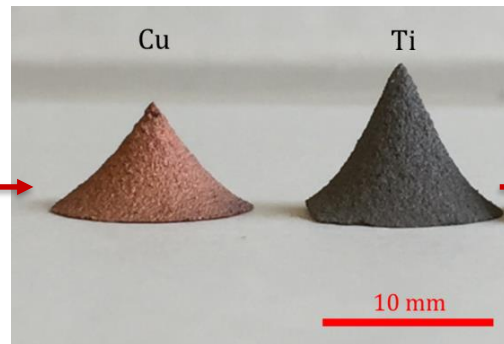


## Materials

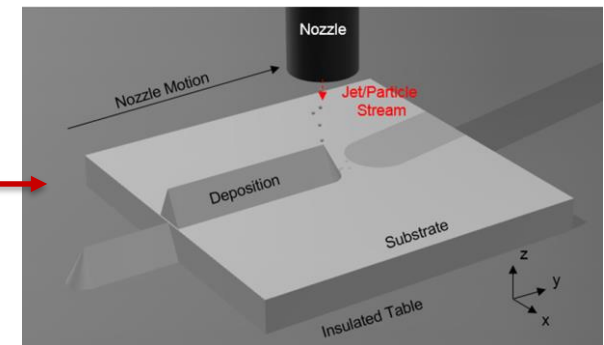
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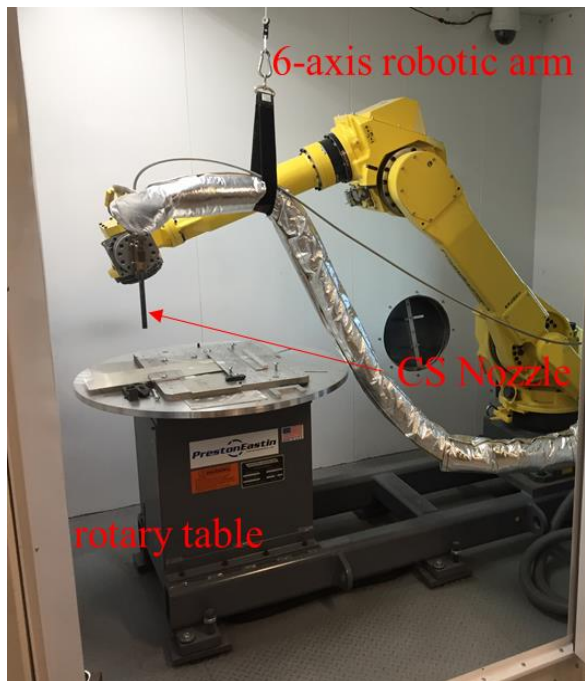


Deposition Process



Building Process

# Generating Coatings and Components



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- Coatings
- Repair of Components
- Additive/Subtractive Manufacturing of Components
  - 3D Printing

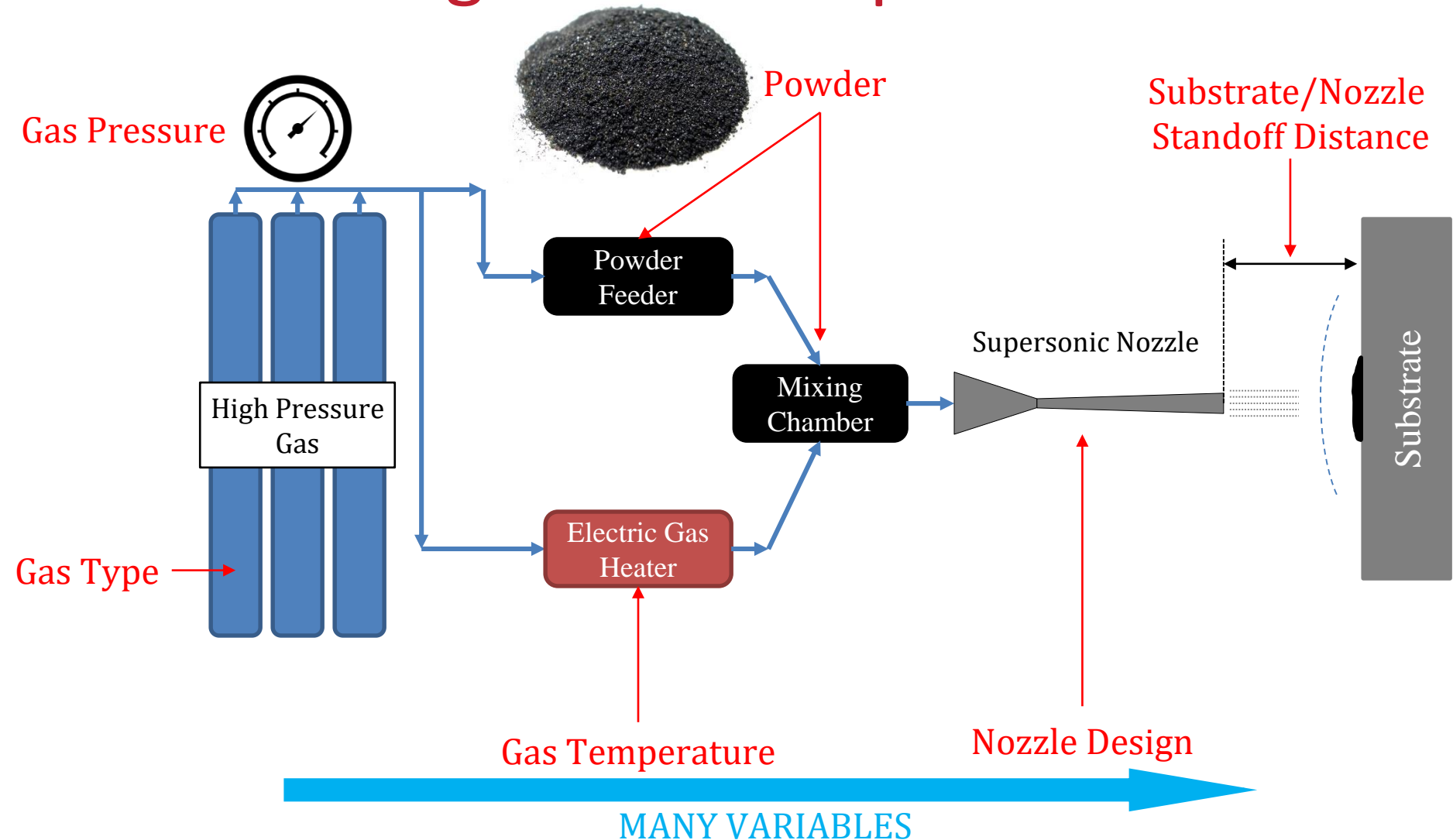
# Transitioning CS into a Manufacturing Process

- How fast can I produce a component with CS?
  - Decrease cost and conserve materials
- If I build the component in 1 hour versus 3 hours;
  - How is structural integrity affected?
  - How much heat is the component experiencing?
  - Are there any major changes to adhesion properties?
  - Are there any major changes to the microstructure?

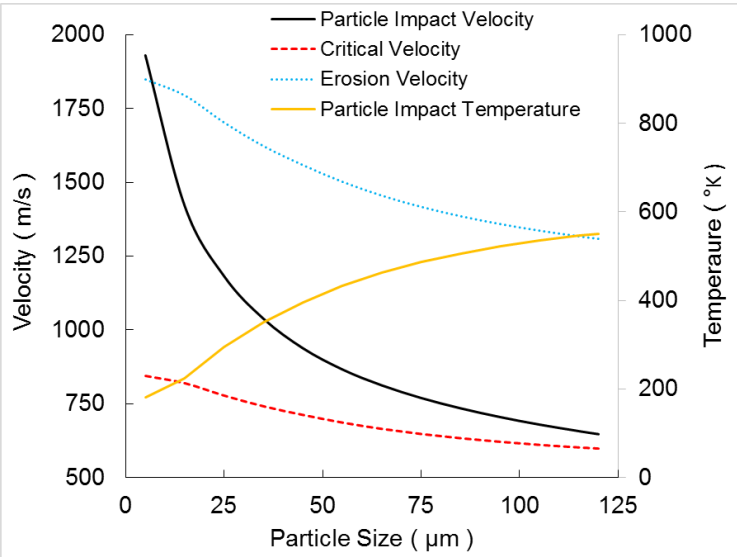
# Discussion Points

1. Understanding and maximizing build speed by increasing powder deposition rates
  - i. Cost
  - ii. Turnaround time
  - iii. Conservation of consumables and nonrenewable resources
2. Understanding heat generation and controlling thermal input
  - i. Application for thermally sensitive components
  - ii. Controlling thermally added stresses

# Cold Spray Process & Increasing Powder Deposition Rates



# Bonding Mechanism & Criteria



$$u_{cr/er} = \sqrt{\frac{4C_1 \sigma_{ult}}{\rho_p} \left(1 - \frac{T_{pi} - T_r}{T_m - T_r}\right) + C_2 c_{pp} (T_m - T_{pi})}$$

**Fitting Constants**

<i>Erosion Velocity</i>		Assadi et al. (2003)
$C_1 = 1.2$	$C_2 = 0.8$	Schmidt et al. (2006)
<i>Critical Velocity</i>		Schmidt et al. (2009)
$C_1 = 4.8$	$C_2 = 1.2$	Assadi et al. (2013)

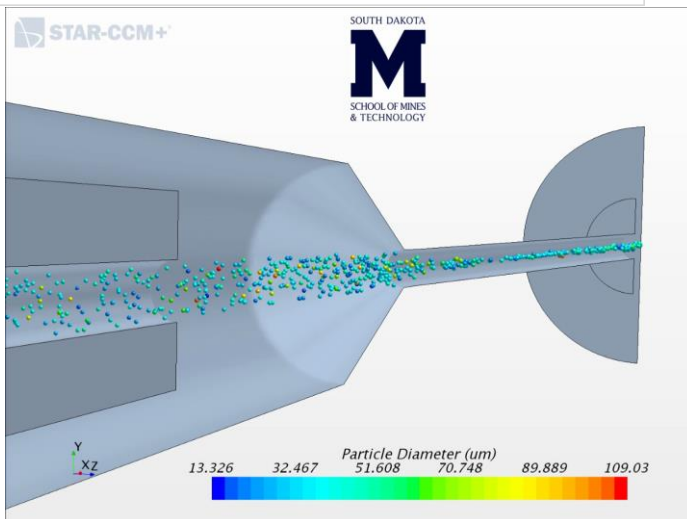


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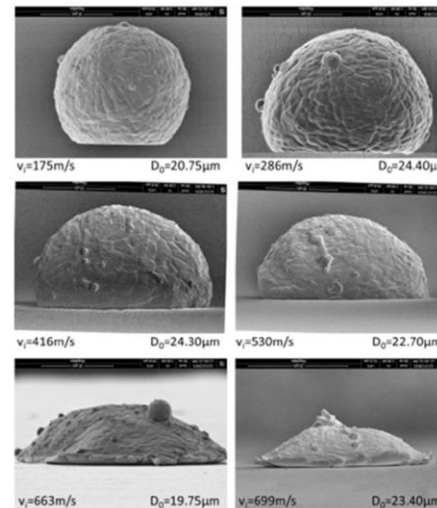


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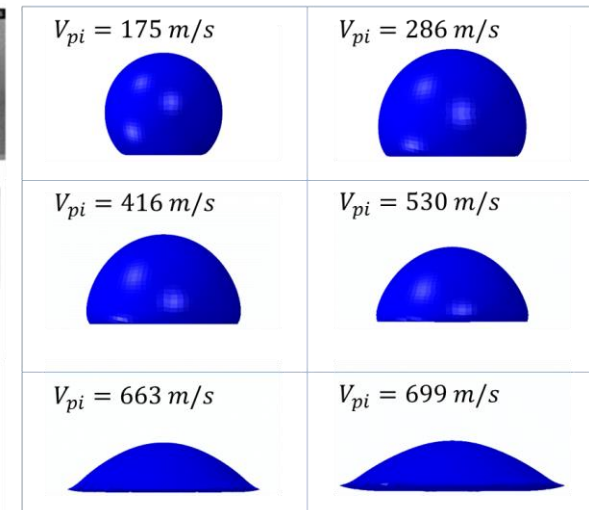
model results



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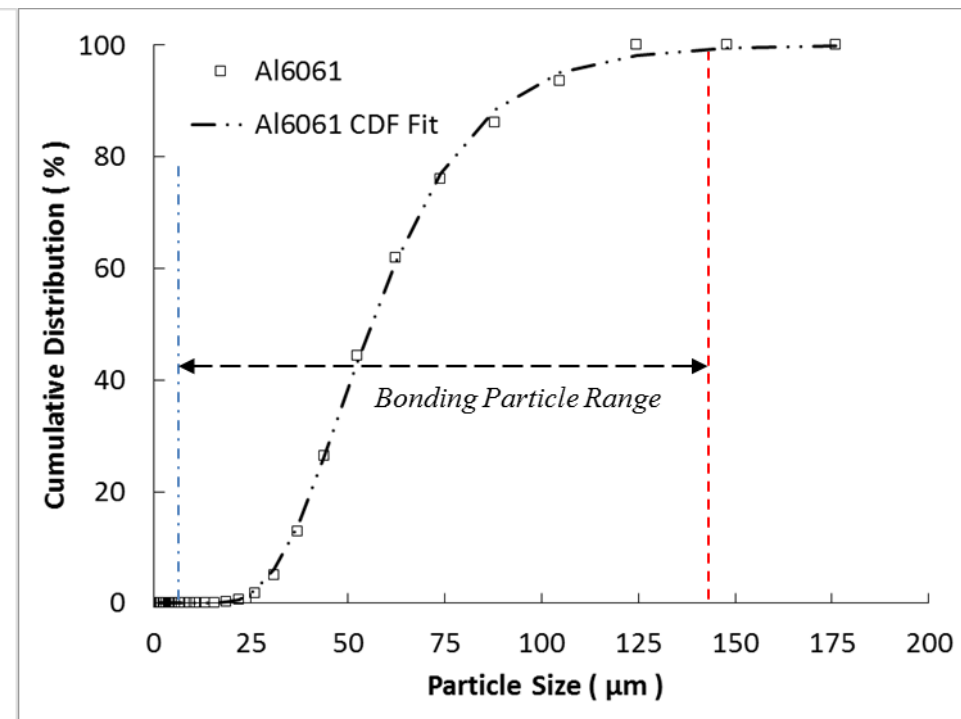
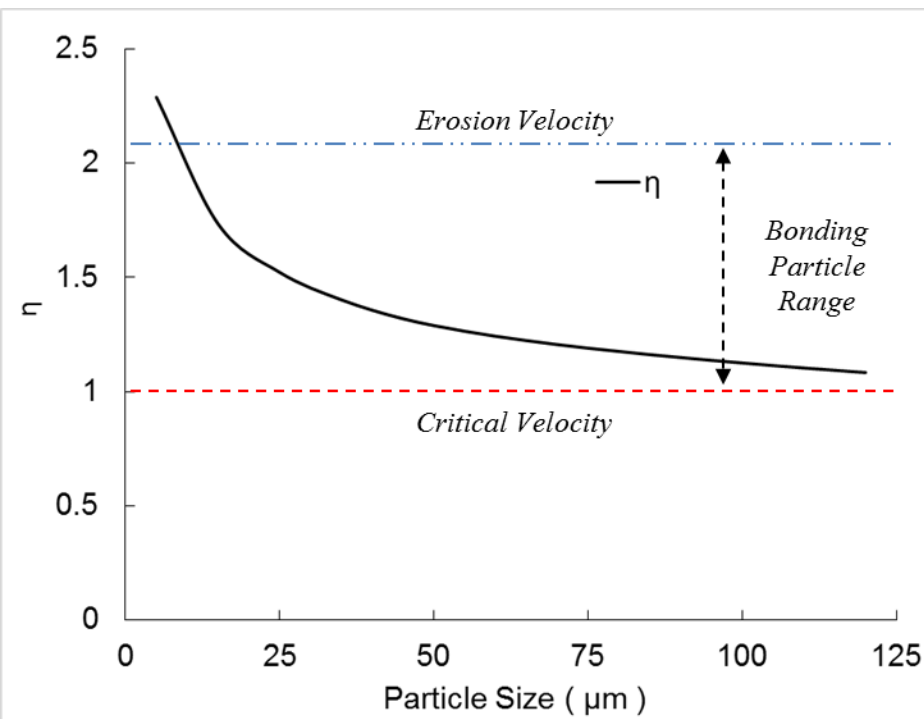


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# $\eta$ (or CVR) value & Deposition Efficiency

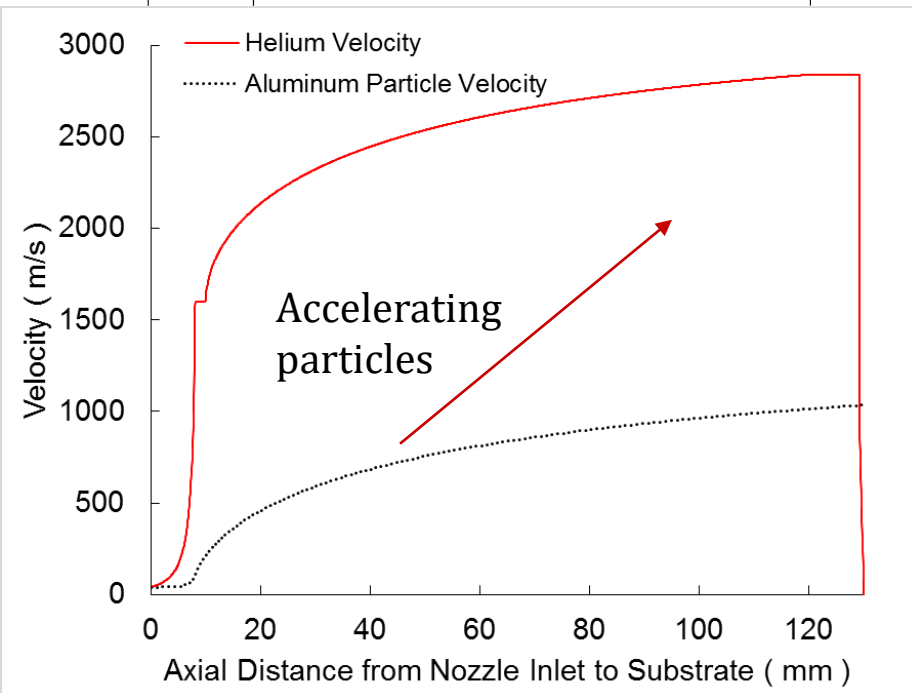
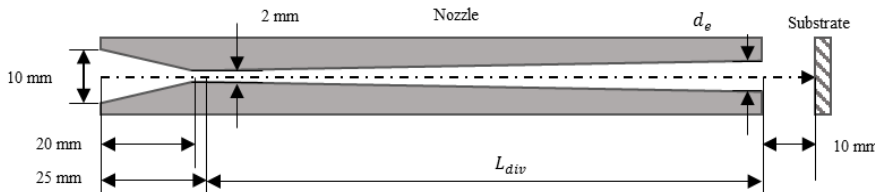
$$\eta = \frac{\text{Particle Impact Velocity}}{\text{Critical Velocity}}$$

$$DE(\%) = 100 \times \frac{\text{Mass of Bonding Particles}}{\text{Mass of Sprayed Particles}}$$





# In the Supersonic Nozzle



Particle drag generated by gas-particle velocity difference

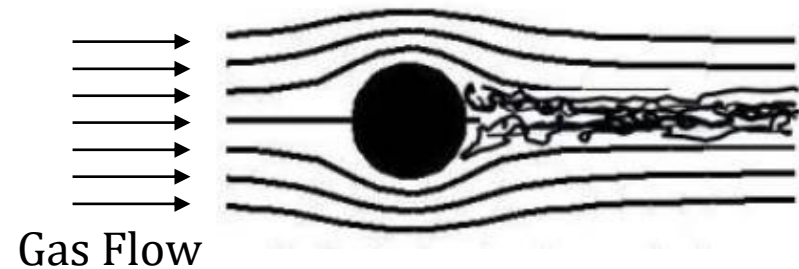


Image Source: <https://www.grc.nasa.gov/www/k-12/airplane/dragosphere.html>

# Gas Capacity

- Thrust (force) available in nozzle

– *Thrust = Gas mass flow rate* × *Gas Velocity*

$$\dot{m}_g = A^* P_0 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{RT_0} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the gas mass flow rate equation:

- $A^*$ : Nozzle Throat Area
- $P_0$ : Gas Pressure
- $\gamma$ : Gas Type (He/N<sub>2</sub>)
- $T_0$ : Gas Temperature

Increases Along Nozzle

Particle handling capacity changes under different circumstances.

# Particle Stream Loading Rate

$$\text{Particle Loading Rate}(\%) = 100 \times \frac{\text{Particle Feed Rate} \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \right)}{\text{Gas Flow Rate} \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \right)}$$

Maximize this parameter for highest gas usage efficiency

Increasing this parameter reduces particle impact velocity

How much reduction? What are physical limitations?

# Powder Feeding Capacity & Limitations

- Traditionally:
  - $< 15$  g/min<sup>(1,2,3)</sup>
  - $< 5\%$  wt. of gas
- New information:
  - Higher feed rates possible<sup>(4)</sup>

1. Taylor et al. (2005)
2. Champagne (2008)
3. Schmidt et al. (2009)
4. Meyer et al. (2016)

## **Need**

- Comprehensive understanding of powder feeding capacity and limitations.

## **Importance**

- More deposition per volume of gas spent
  - Maximize deposition speed
    - Reduce cost / part

# Gas Dynamic Model for Handling Powder Loading Losses

Build Two-way Coupled Quasi-1D Model

Continuity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint \rho dV + \iint \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$$

Momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint (\rho \mathbf{u}) dV + \iint (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = - \iint (p d\mathbf{S})_x + \mathbf{F}_p$$

Energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint \rho \left( e + \frac{u^2}{2} \right) dV + \iint \rho \left( e + \frac{u^2}{2} \right) \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = - \iint (p \mathbf{u}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \dot{Q}_p + \mathbf{F}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p$$

Study Particle Loading Effects  
on Aerodynamics

Numerical Tests  
(~5800 Simulations)

Useful for Optimization

Numerical models show minimal effects on particle impact conditions with increase in particle loading rate.

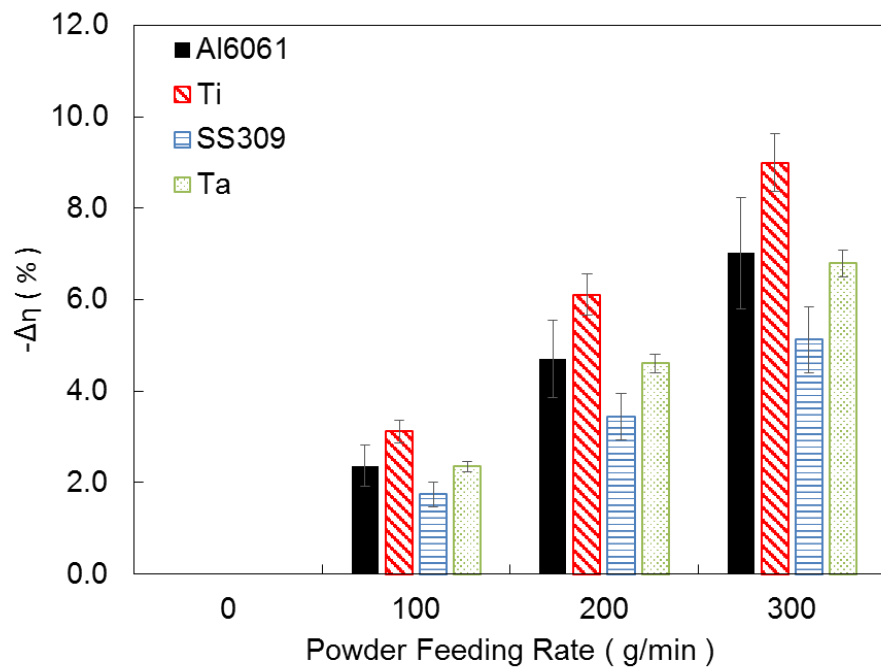
# Other Materials

Traditional Range of Deposition

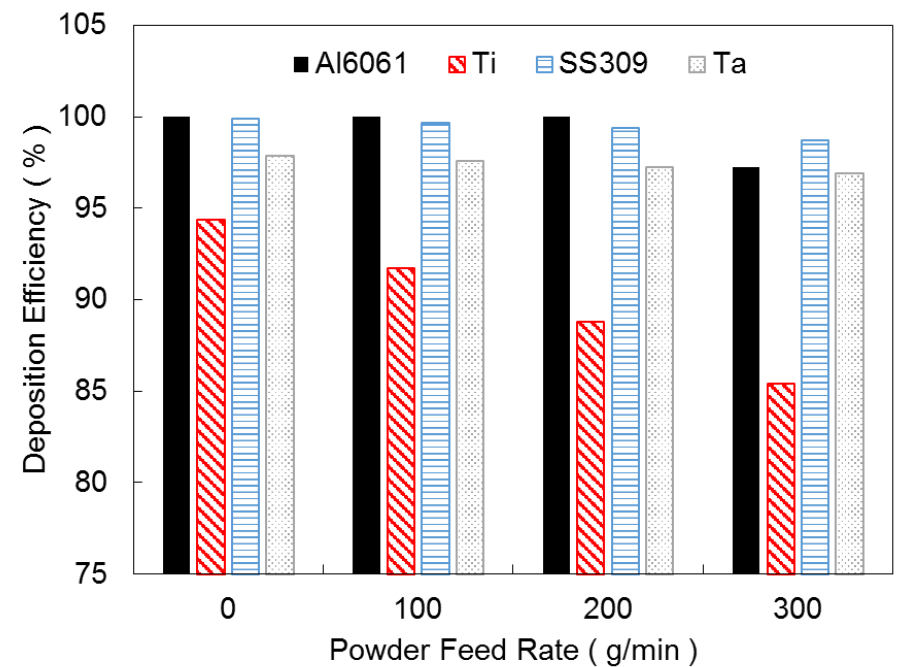
0-15 g/min

aluminum generally < 5 g/min

Loss in Eta (%)



Deposition Efficiency (%)

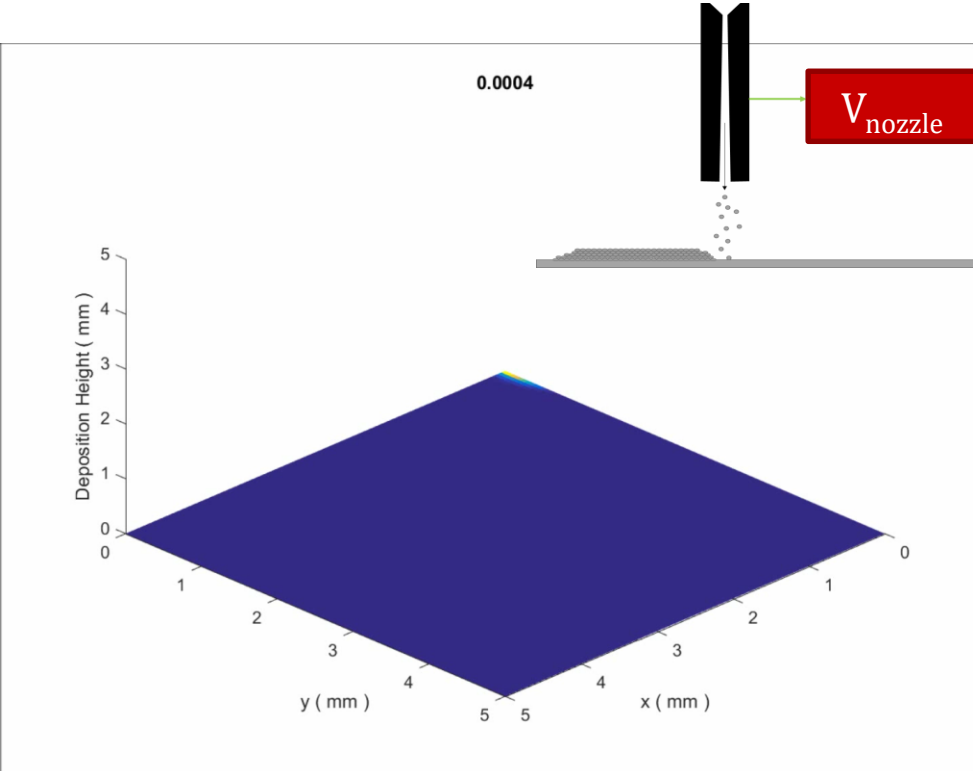


Fluid stream loading: 0 – 60% Particles in Gas Stream by weight

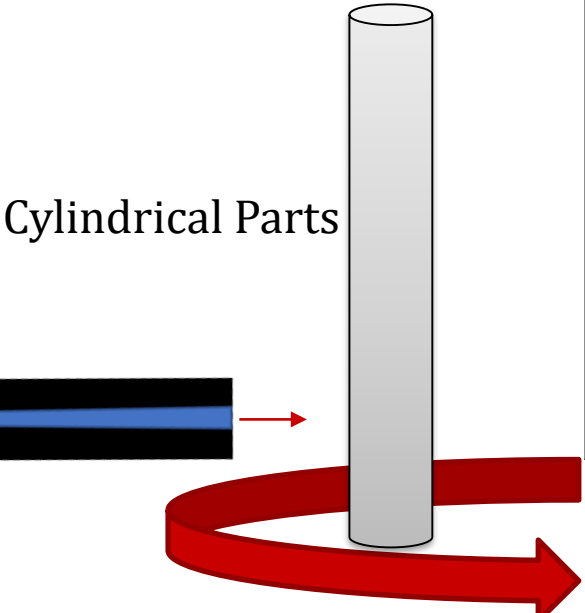
# High Speed Deposition Limitations

- Major limiting factors
- Traverse robot speeds
  - Residual stress management
  - Safety management

Buildup Desired = 0.25 mm/layer  
 $V_{nozzle} = 612 \text{ mm/s}$



Powder Feed Rate	13.66 g/min
Powder Density	2700 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Volumetric Buildup Rate	84.32 mm <sup>3</sup> /s

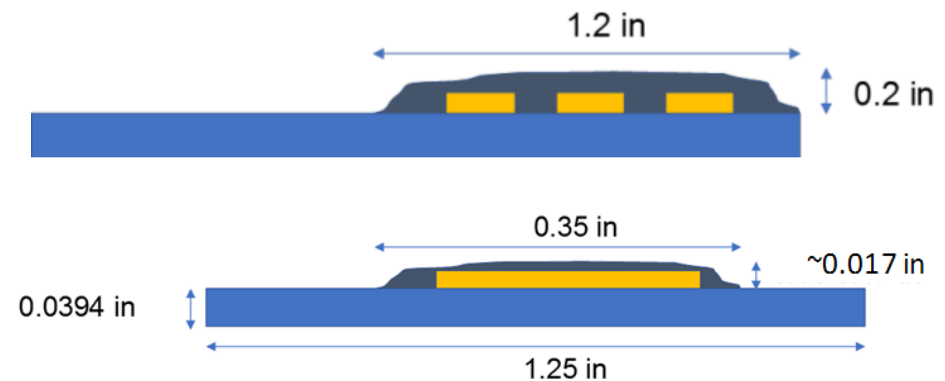
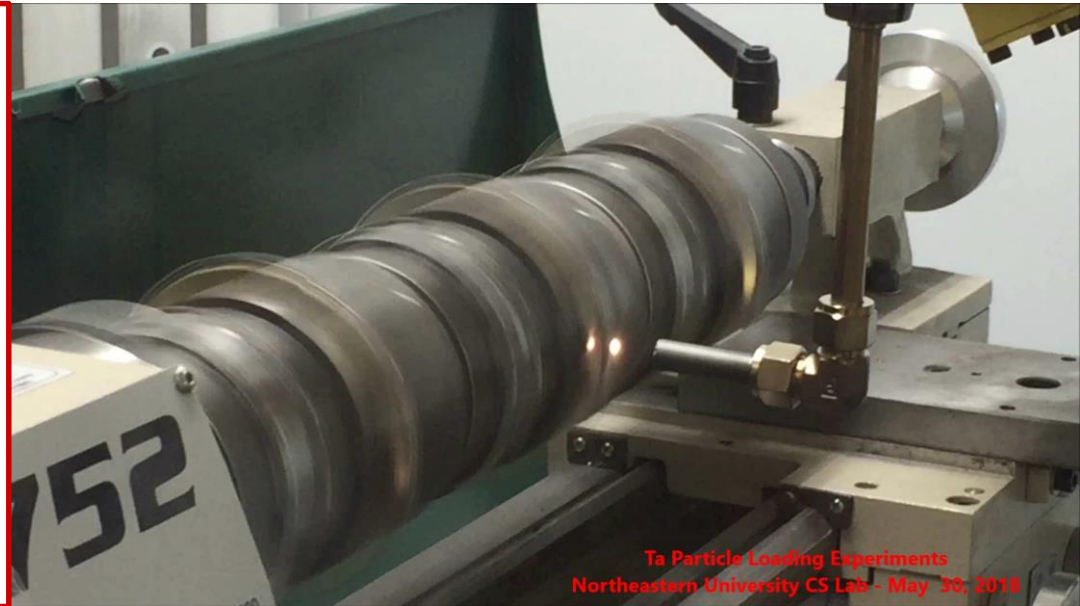


Cylindrical Parts

# Case Study: Tantalum

## Study

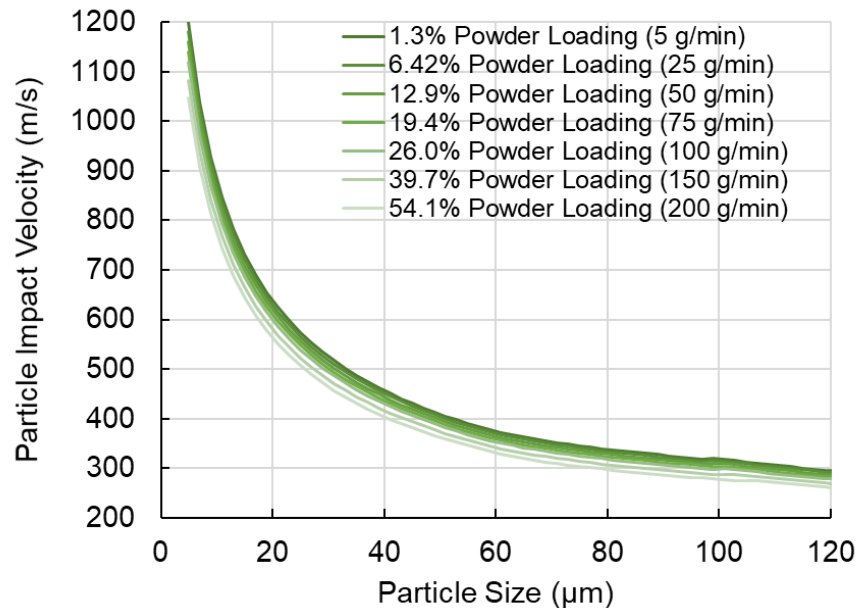
- Vary particle loading
  - 5% to 15%
  - 1.6 kg/hr to 4.7 kg/hr
  - Triple speed and observe mechanical and microstructural effects
- Samples placed on a cylindrical fixture
- Tantalum on hardened 4140 steel



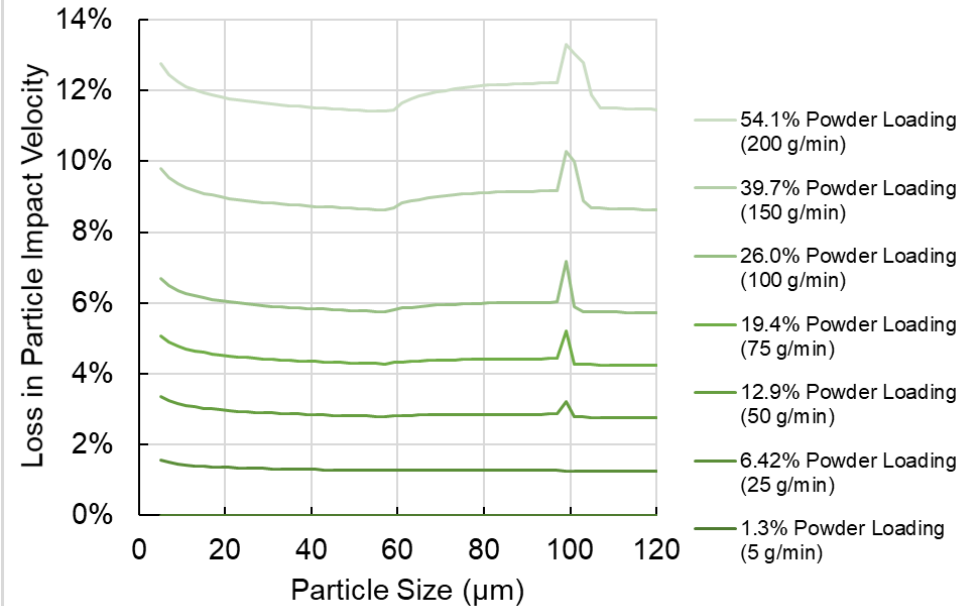


# Effects on Impact Velocity

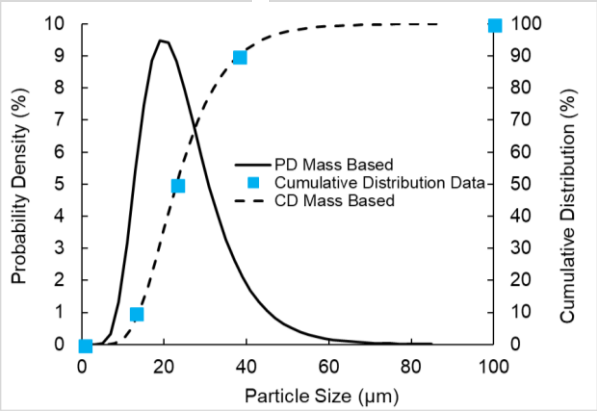
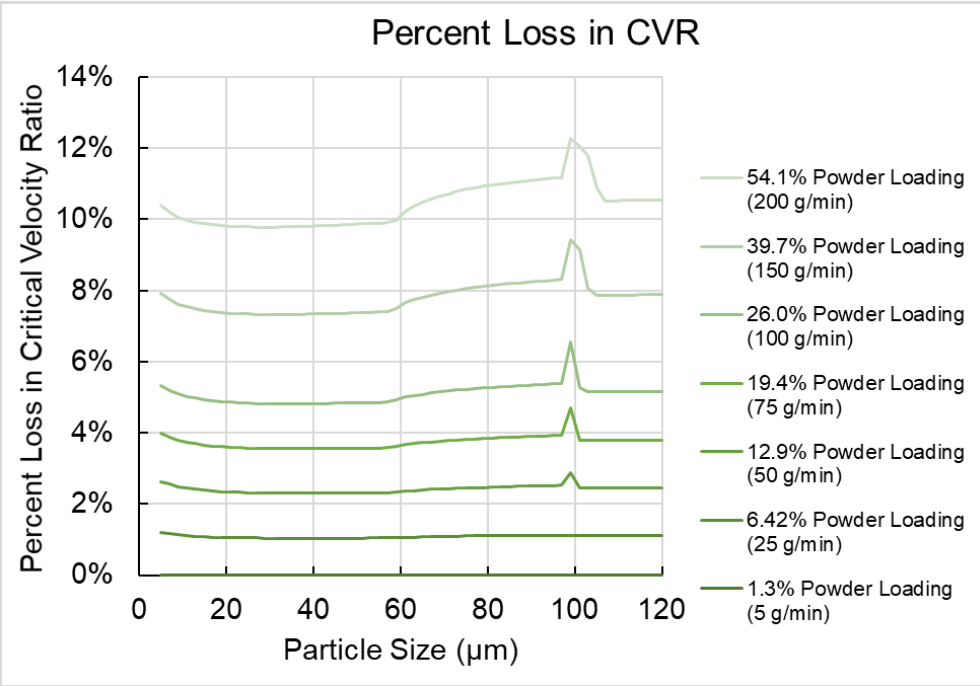
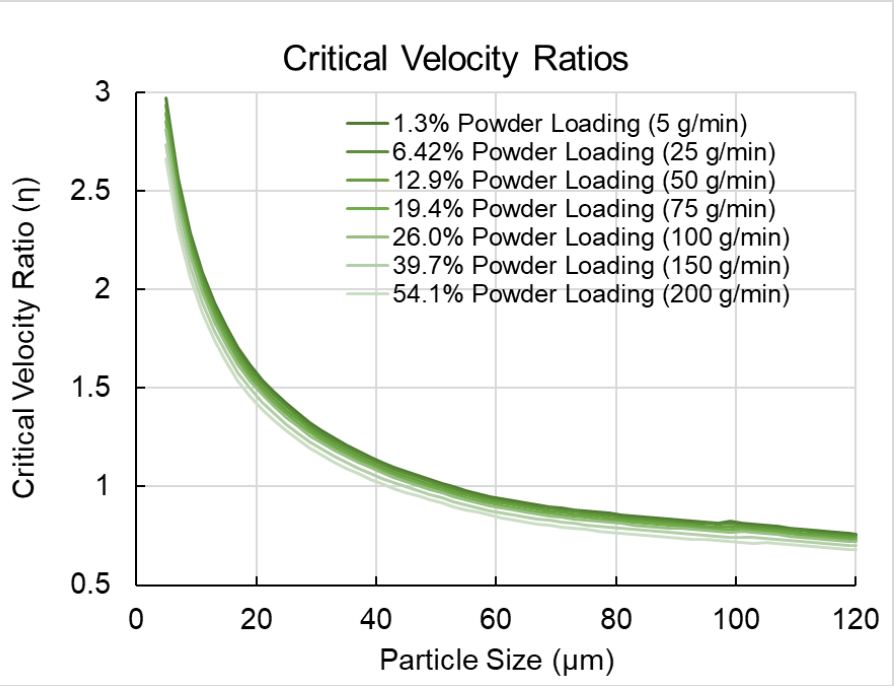
### Particle Impact Velocity



### Percent Loss in Particle Impact Velocity



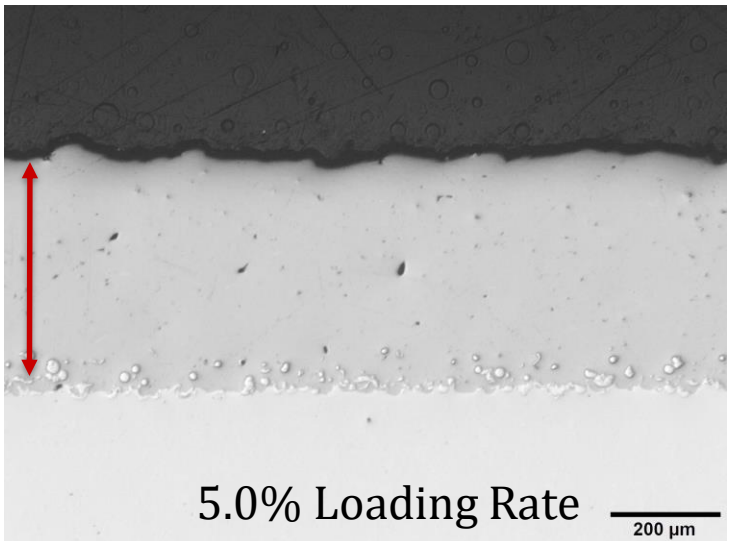
# Effects on Critical Velocity Ratio ( $\eta$ )





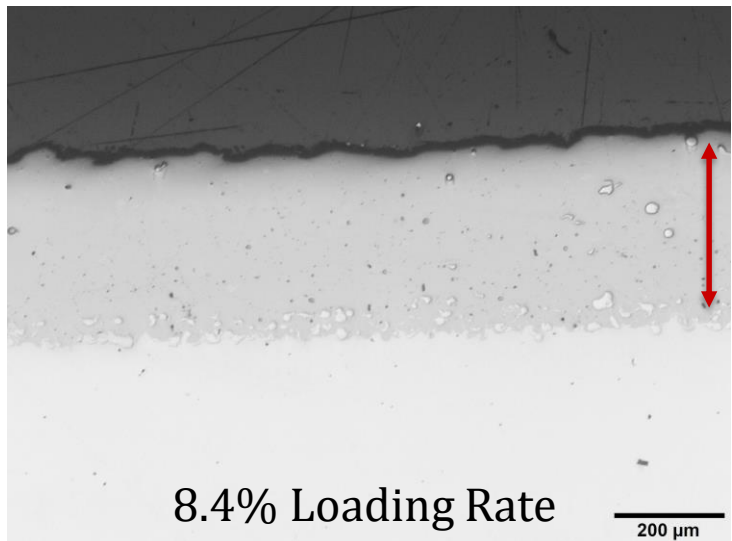
# Microstructure Comparison

8 layers  
0.49 mm  
0.0194"



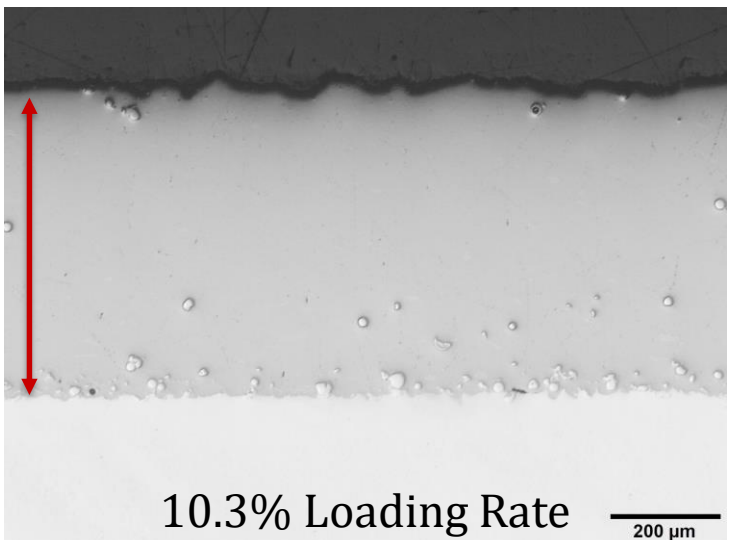
5.0% Loading Rate

6 layers  
0.39 mm  
0.0155"



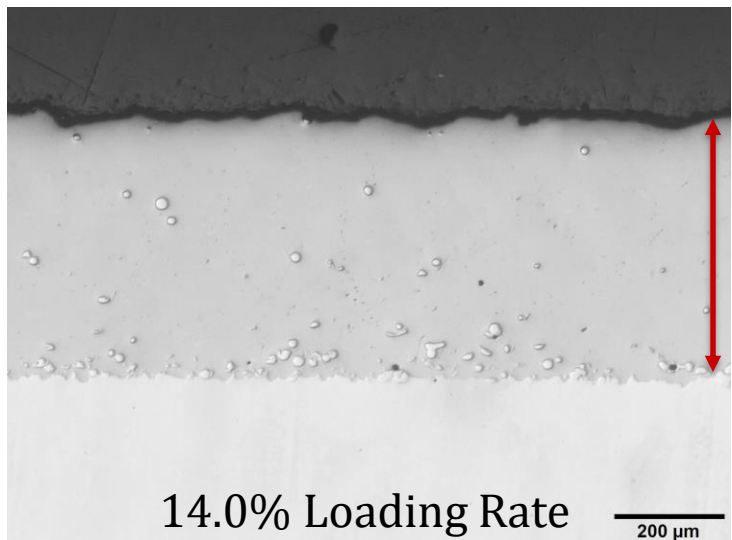
8.4% Loading Rate

8 layers  
0.62 mm  
0.0243"



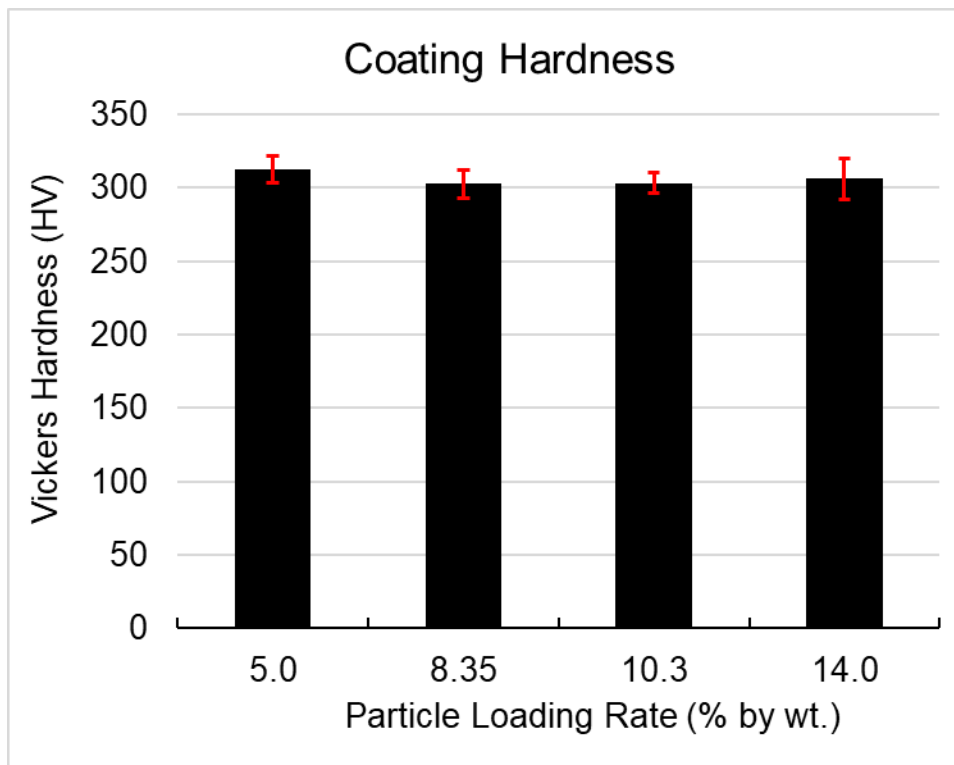
10.3% Loading Rate

8 layers  
0.52 mm  
0.0205"



14.0% Loading Rate

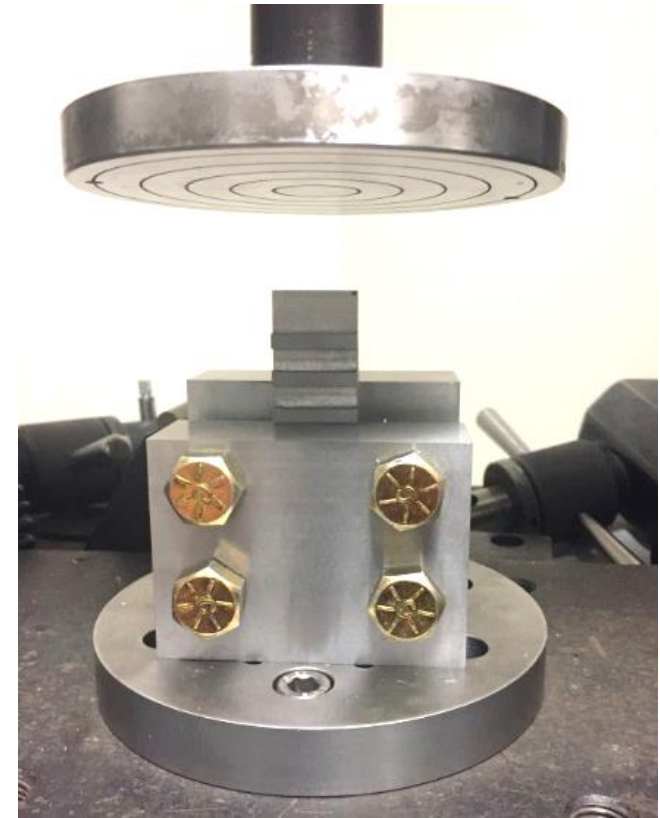
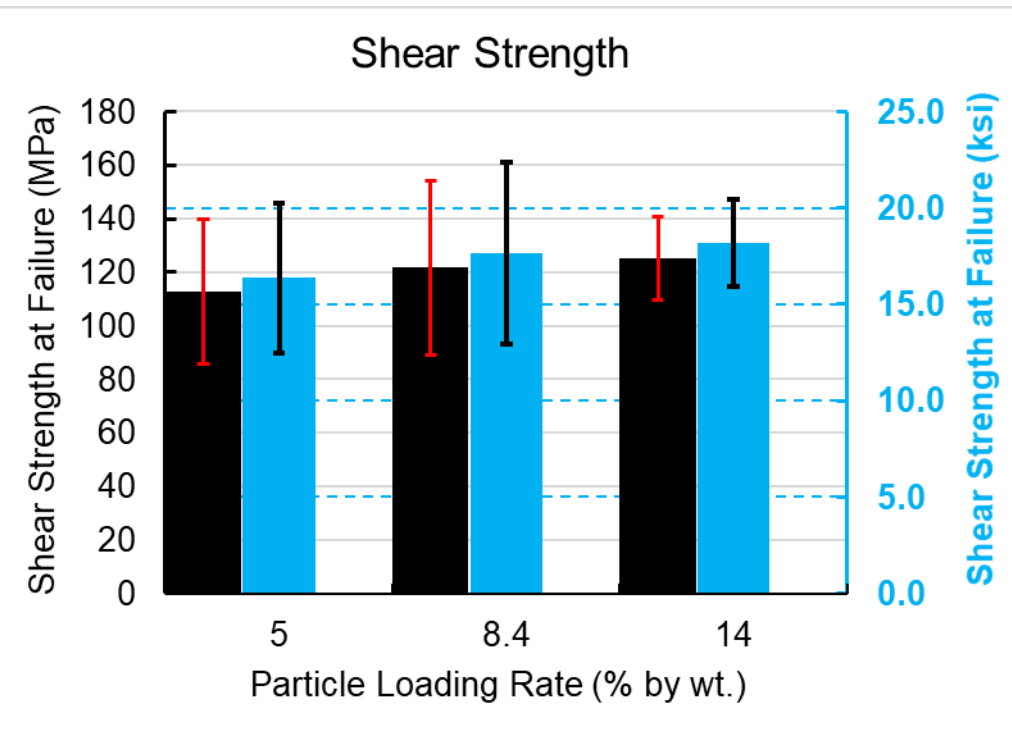
# Microhardness Comparison



No statistical evidence to show that the means of the data sets are different.

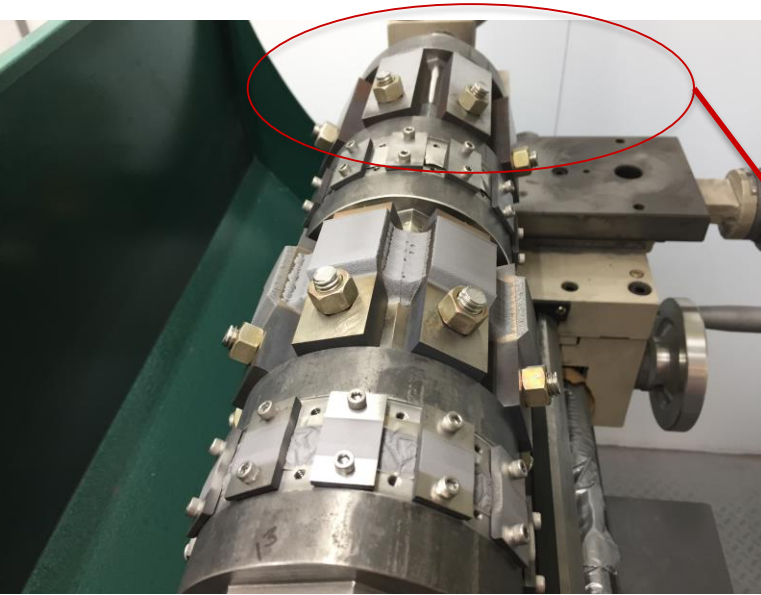
$$300 \text{ HV} \approx 30 \text{ HRC}$$

# Adhesive Strength (Three-Lug Shear Test)



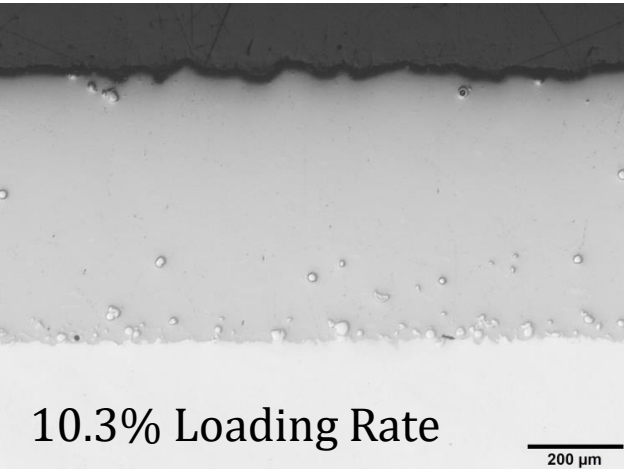
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# Stress Related Coating Delamination



## Observations related to coating detachment

- When building thick specimens.
- Coating detachment observed for large samples 5.0%, 8.3%, 10.4% (all) loading rates.
- No delamination observed for 14% loading rate.
- Delamination observed after lathe was left running for ~10 mins after run.
- Detachment not observed for large small specimens. (thin layered coating)



10.3% Loading Rate

200  $\mu\text{m}$

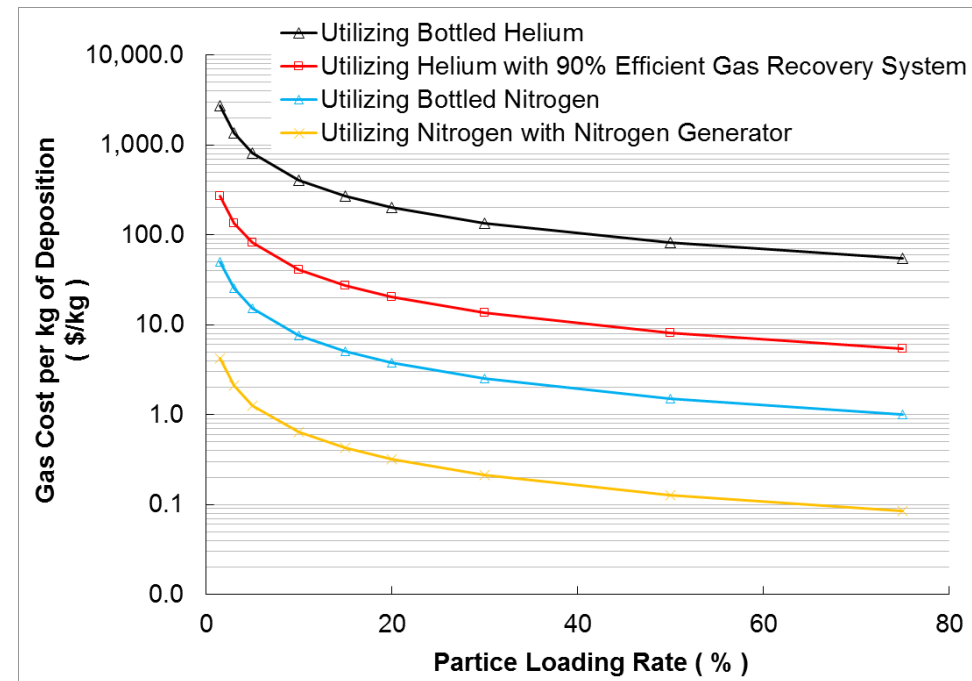
Tantalum - CTE       $\sim 6.50 \mu\text{m}/\text{m}^\circ\text{C}$

4140 Steel - CTE       $\sim 12.2 \mu\text{m}/\text{m}^\circ\text{C}$

# Conclusions

1. High rate deposition is ideal for cylindrical components
2. Cost, time, materials savings can easily be tripled compared to current practices.
3. No negative mechanical and microstructural effects are currently correlated to deposition rate increase.
4. Work is needed in thick coating stress control via thermal control

Gas Cost per kg of Deposition  
( \$/kg )



Cost of Helium	7.27 \$/m <sup>3</sup> 41.00 \$/kg
Cost of N <sub>2</sub>	1.00 \$/m <sup>3</sup> 0.76 \$/kg

U.S. Geological Survey, Mineral Commodity Summaries, January 2016

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[http://www.glair.com/GN2/GN2\\_Main.htm](http://www.glair.com/GN2/GN2_Main.htm)

# Noncylindrical Geometries

## Powder Loading Optimization (maximization)

1. Adjust powder feeding rate to control loading rate
  1. Deposition speed
  2. Mass production
  3. Longer sprays to cover large areas
  4. Cost savings
  5. Conservation of helium
2. Adjust nozzle throat size
  1. Reached max feed rate
  2. Longer sprays to cover large areas
  3. Cost savings
  4. Efficient use of helium



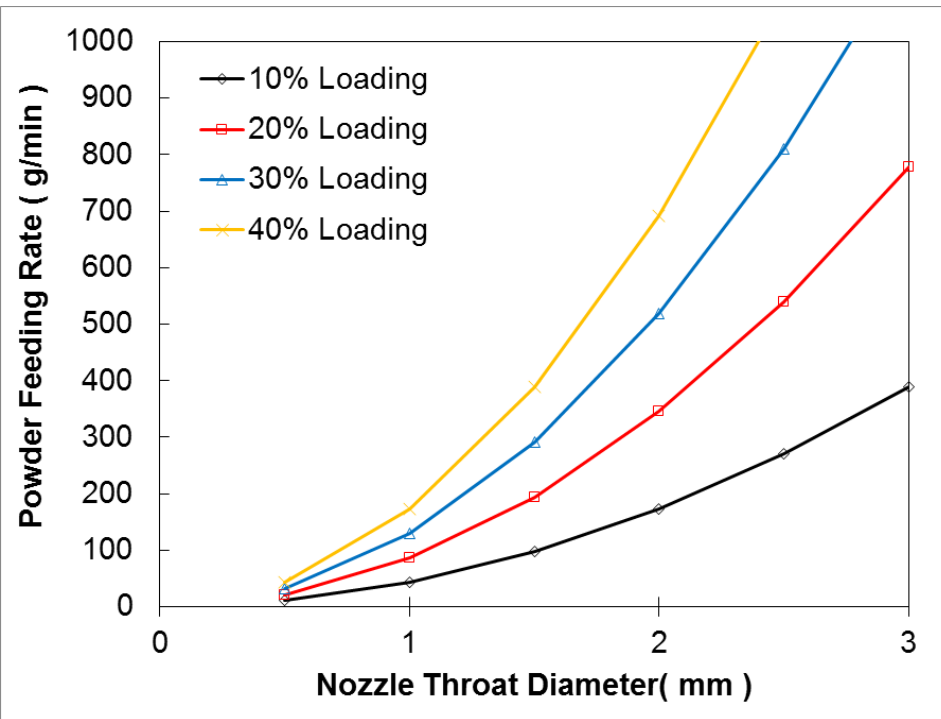
# Nozzle Powder Loading Capacity

Pressure: 40 bars (580 psi)

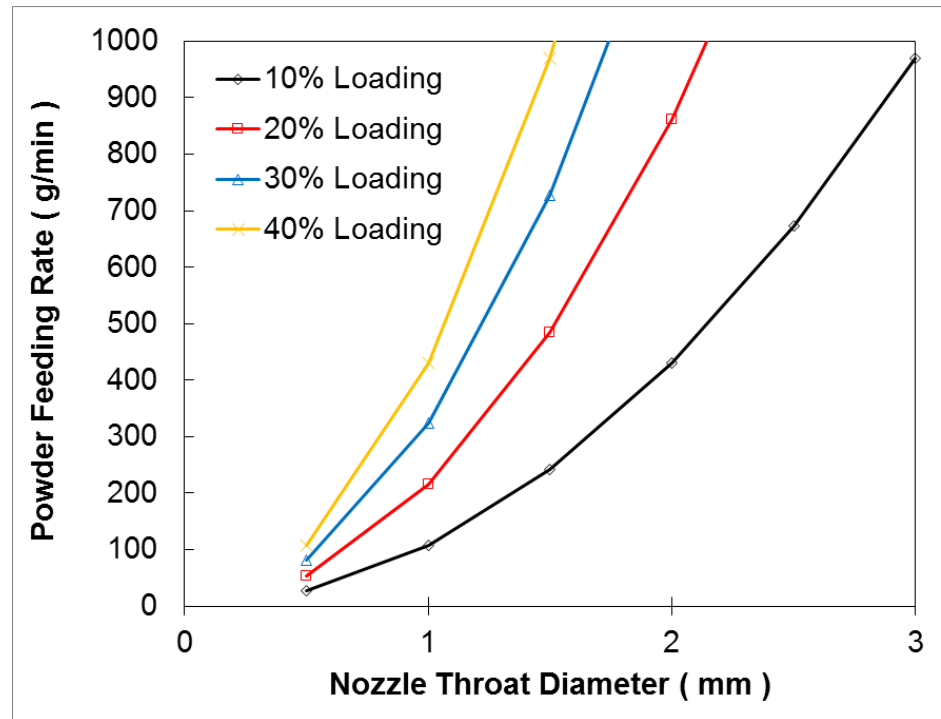
Temperature: 500 °C (932 °F)

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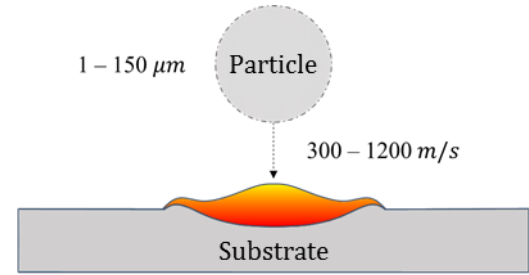
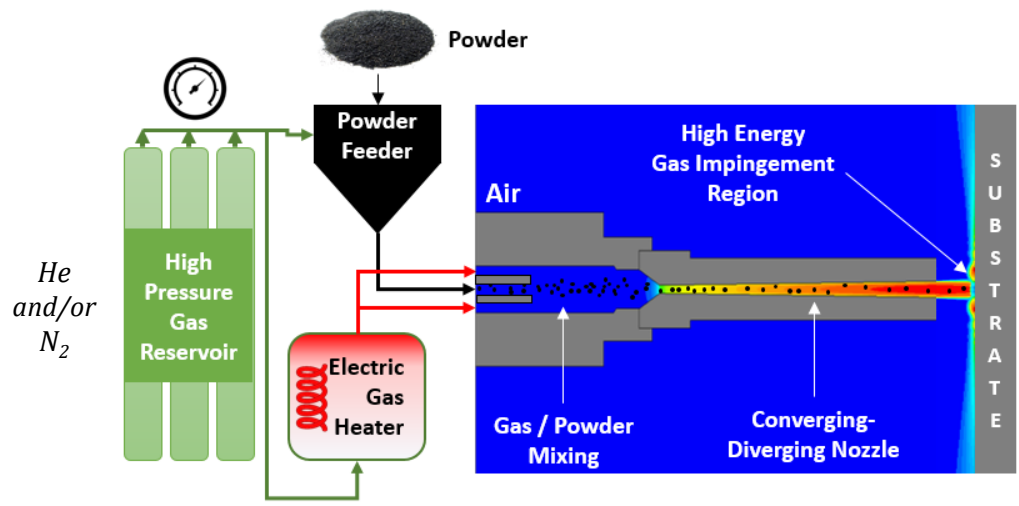
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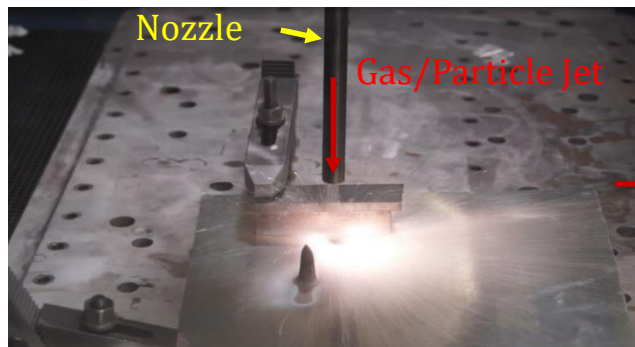
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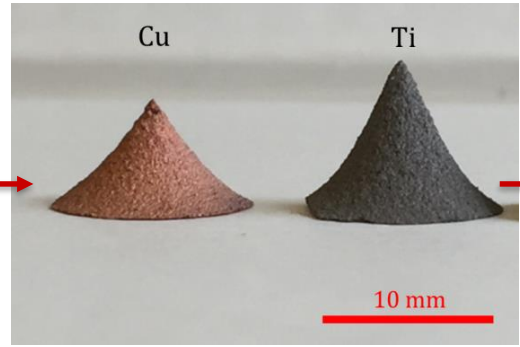
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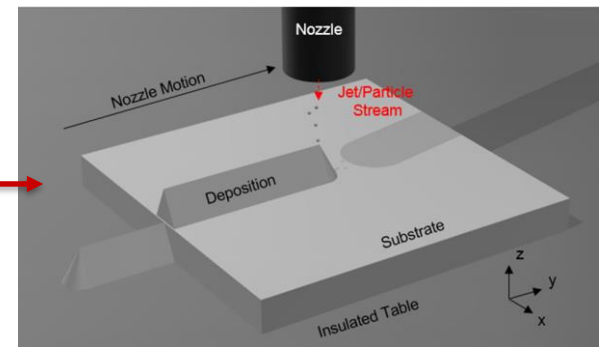
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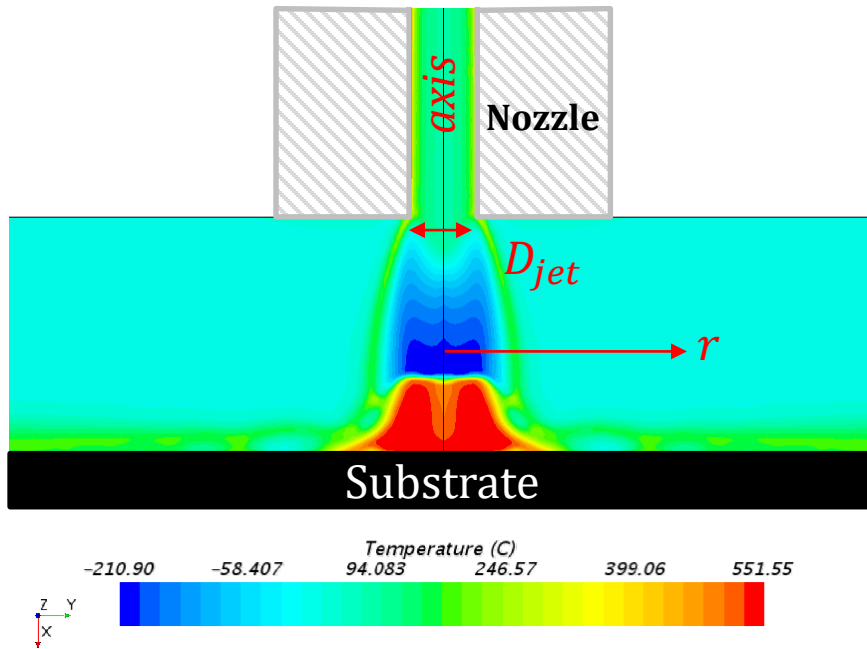
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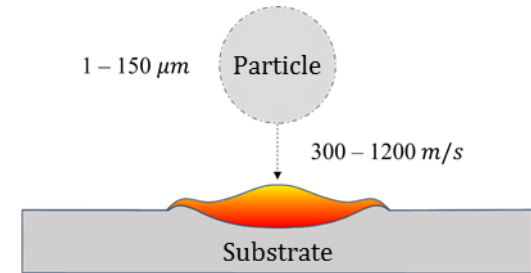
Building Process

# Forms of Heat Addition in the CS Process

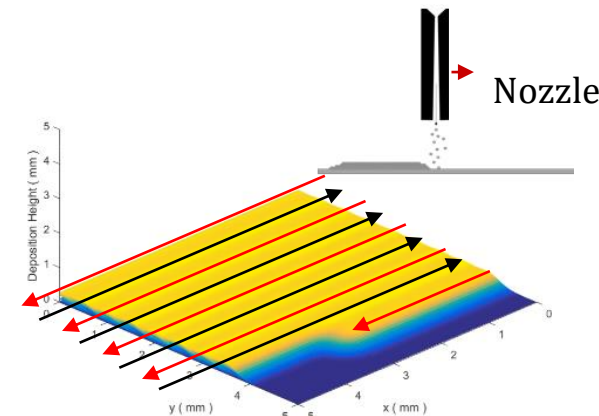
## Supersonic Jet Impingement Heat Transfer



## Heat Generation Due to Particle Impact



## Retained Thermal Energy in the Deposited Material



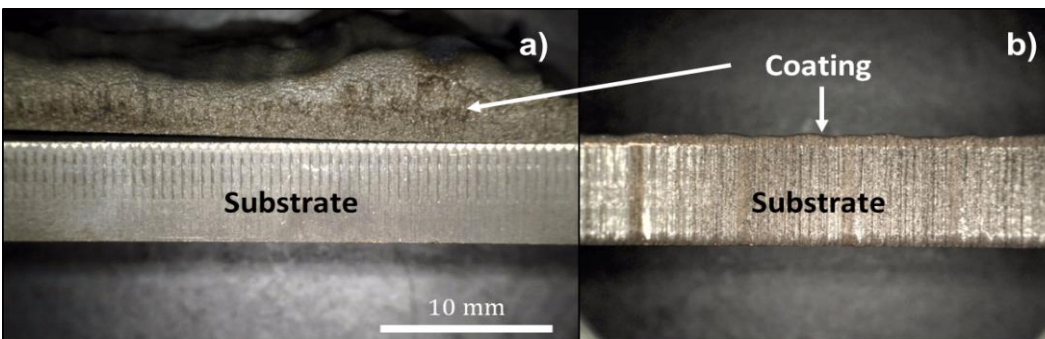
# Necessity of Understanding Thermal History in CS

## Importance

- Process control
- Product homogeneity
- Repeatability
- Understanding the resultant products properties
- Understanding needs for post processing (heat treatment)

## Examples

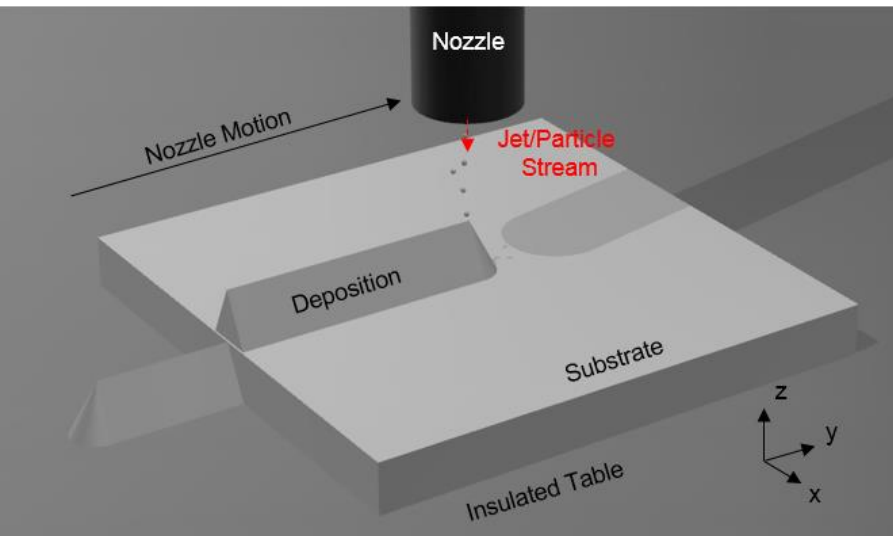
- Thermally sensitive applications (thin panel coating and repair, electronics, substrates with low melting temperatures)
- Incompatibilities in the powder/substrate coefficients of thermal expansion
- Understanding the potential thermal implications in failures like coating delamination



- a) Delamination in thick layered coatings.
- b) No delamination in thin layered coatings.

Does process thermodynamics have something to do with this?

# Transient Thermal Simulation via Finite Volume Methods using Material Addition



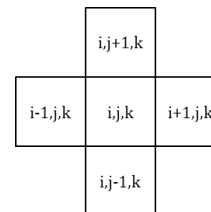
Computational Domain

$m_m$	Mass in cell
$C_m$	Material heat capacity
$T$	Temperature
$t$	Time
$V$	Volume
$\bar{q}$	Surface heat flux vector
$S_{impact}$	Volumetric heat generation due to particle impact

$$m_m C_m \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = dV \underbrace{[-\nabla \bar{q} + S_{impact}]}_{}$$

## Cell Heat Exchange Dynamics

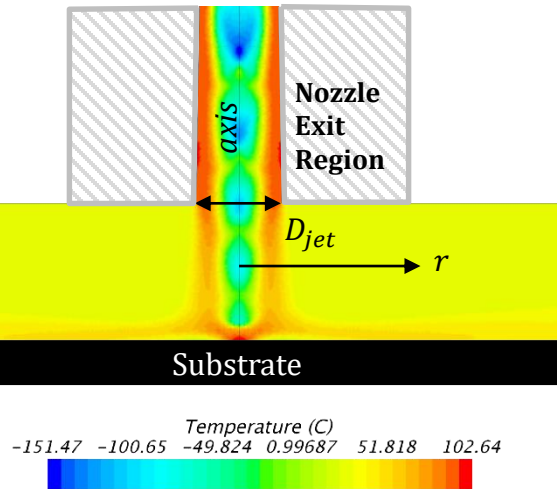
- Heat Generation
  - Particle impact
- Thermal Energy of Added Mass
- Convection
  - Supersonic Jet Impingement
  - Surrounding Gas (Air)
- Conduction
  - Any solid-solid interactions of cells



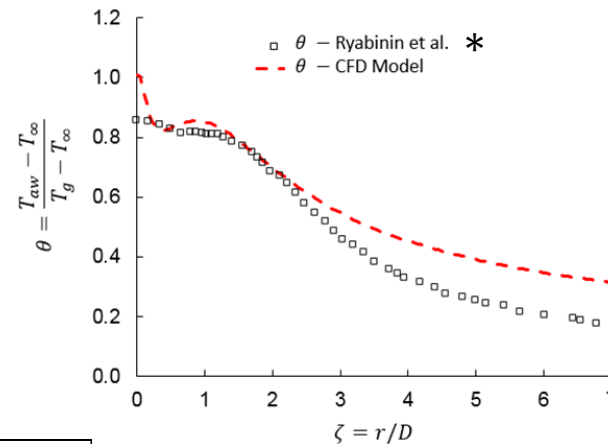
Quadrilateral cells

# Jet Impingement Heat Transfer Properties via CFD

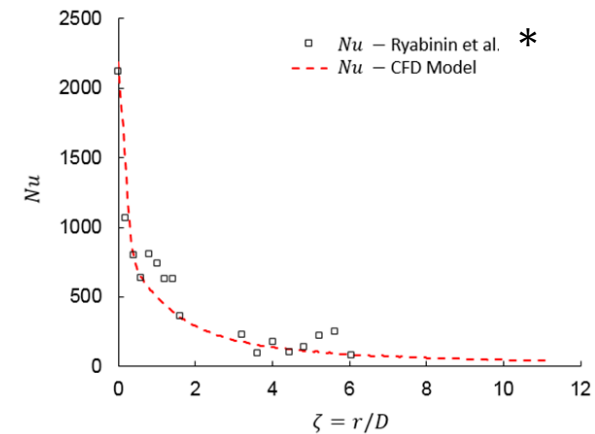
## Validation heat transfer properties



Adiabatic Surface Temperature



Nusselt Number



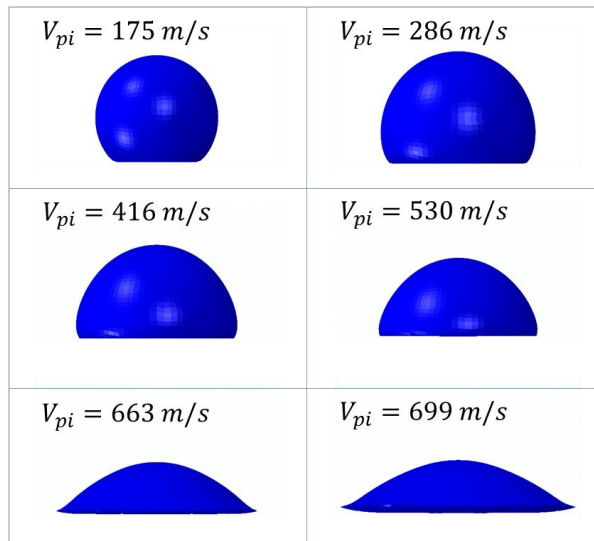
$Nu_f$	Nusselt number
$k_f$	Fluid thermal conductivity
$D_{jet}$	Characteristic length (jet diameter)
$\dot{q}_{conv}$	Conductive heat flux
$h_f$	Heat transfer coefficient
$T_{aw}$	Adiabatic substrate surface jet temperature
$T_{i,j,k}$	Exposed cell surface
$A$	Exposed cell surface area

$$h_f = \frac{k_f Nu_f}{D_{jet}}$$

$$\dot{q}_{conv} = -h_f A (T_{ref} - T_{i,j,k})$$

\* Ryabinin, A. N., *et al.*, "Simulation of gas-substrate heat exchange during cold-gas dynamic spraying," *International Journal of Thermal Sciences*, Vol. 56, (2012), pp. 12-18.

# Heat Generation from Particle Impact Estimated from FEA



How much of the particle kinetic energy is converted into thermal energy?

$$m_m c_m \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = - \sum \dot{q}_{surf} + S_{impact}$$

$$S_{impact} = \left[ K \frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_{in} U_{pi}^2 \right] \left( 1 - \frac{T_{i,j,k}^t - T_{room}}{T_m - T_{room}} \right)^b$$

$$K = 0.793$$

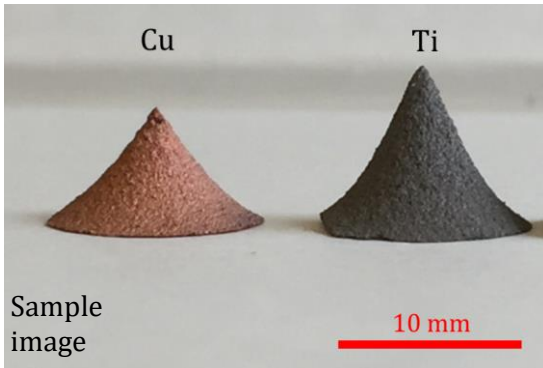
90% of plastic energy is assumed to be converted into thermal energy.

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$K$	Thermal energy conversion factor
$b$	Thermal softening factor
$\dot{m}_{in}$	Cell mass input rate
$U_{pi}^2$	Particle impact temperature

$T_{i,j,k}^t$	Particle-cell mass averaged initial cell temperature
$T_m$	Material melting temperature
$T_{room}$	Room temperature

# Mass Addition



2D Normal  
Distribution

Mass flux in a cell is relative to its position from the nozzle axis.

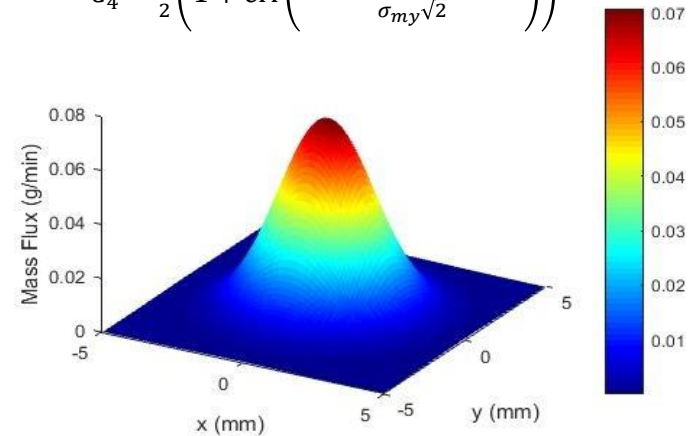
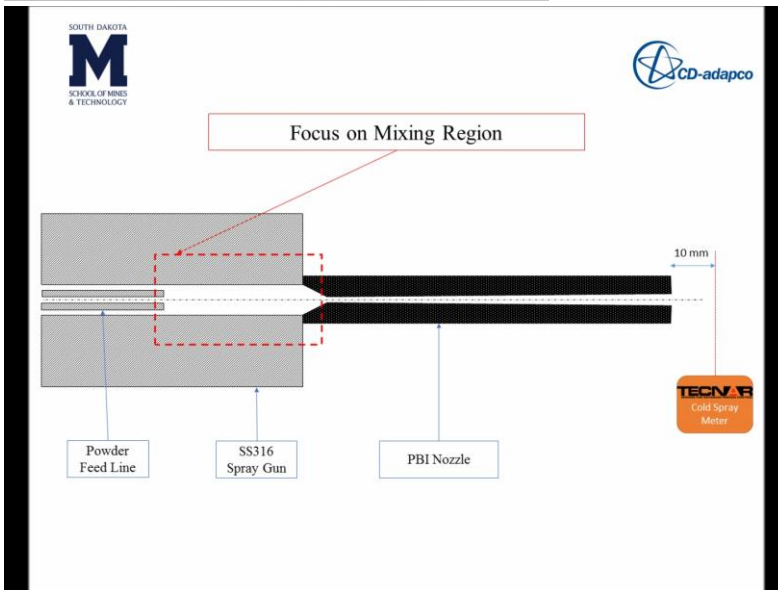
$$\dot{m}'(\Delta x_N, \Delta y_N) = \dot{m}_{total}(C_1 - C_2)(C_3 - C_4)$$

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\Delta x_N - (\mu_{mx} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta x)}{\sigma_{mx} \sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\Delta x_N - \Delta x - (\mu_{mx} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta x)}{\sigma_{mx} \sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\Delta y_N - (\mu_{my} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta y)}{\sigma_{my} \sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

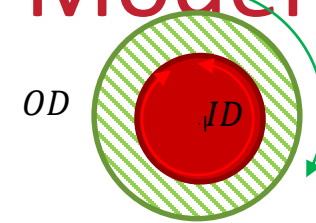
$$C_4 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\Delta y_N - \Delta y - (\mu_{my} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta y)}{\sigma_{my} \sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$



Mass flux distribution for 100 g/min deposition with  $\mu_{mx} = \mu_{my} = 0$  mm,  $\sigma_{mx} = \sigma_{yx} = 1.5$  mm, and  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 0.1$  mm.

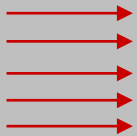


# Axisymmetric Cylindrical Model Adaptation



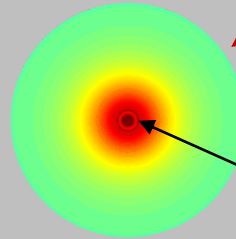
4. Heat loss to air from cylinder rotating about its axis.

1. Recovery helium flow and heat flux surface.



2. Jet Impingement Heat Transfer

- Jet Reach ( $35 \times D_{E\text{Nozzle}}$ )

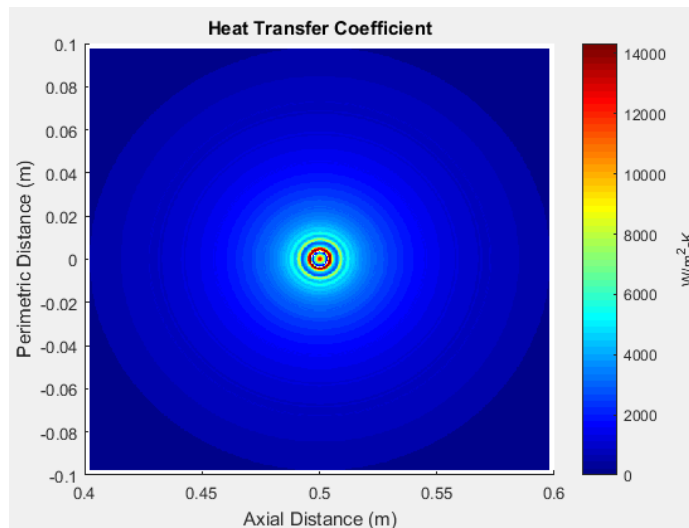
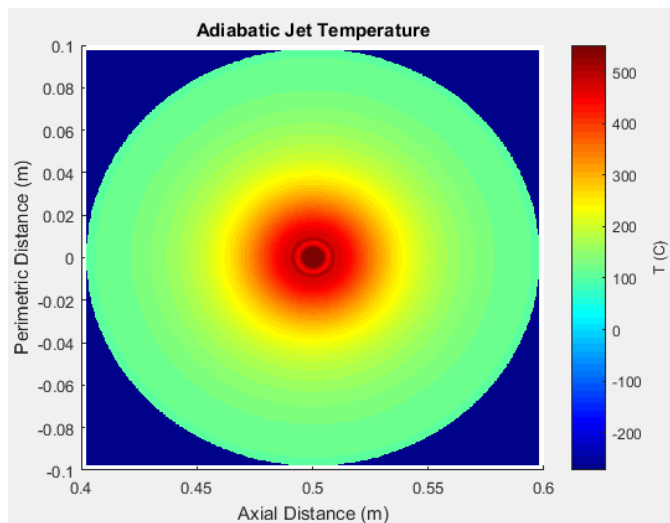


*Tube internal or external surface*

Internal/External Perimeter

$$\pi(ID)$$

3. Particle Impact Energy  
FEA simulations suggest 79.4% of the impact KE is converted to thermal energy.

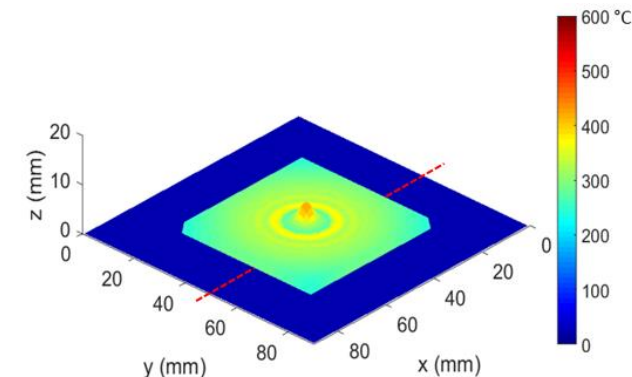


# Conclusions

- A numerical tool for predicting heat generation in the cold spray process
- The tool that can be used for thermal control in CS
- Tool can also be used for added value to CS deposit property analysis.
- The model is also adapted as a 2D axisymmetric simulation to simplify cylindrical cases

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