



Cold Spray for Additive Manufacturing

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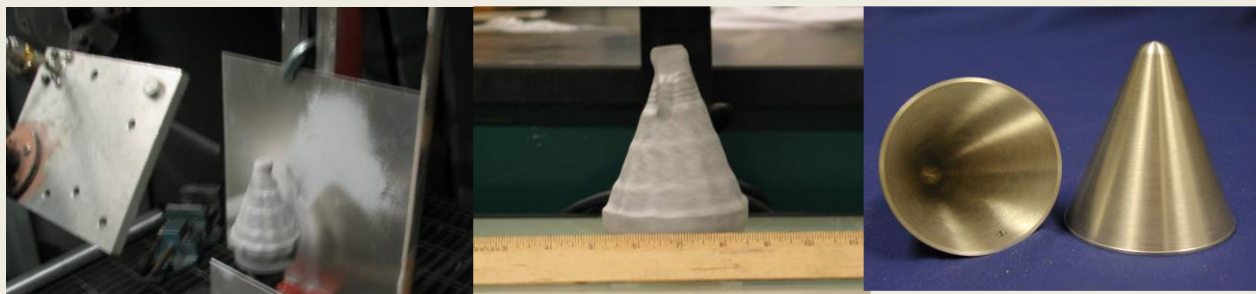
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- **AM Comparison**
- **Cold Spray Applications**
 - **Sputter Targets**
 - **Shaped Charge Liners**
- **Donor Tubes**
 - **Objectives**
 - **Approach**
 - **Results & Future Work**



**Cold Spray vs. Powder Bed Fusion Properties**

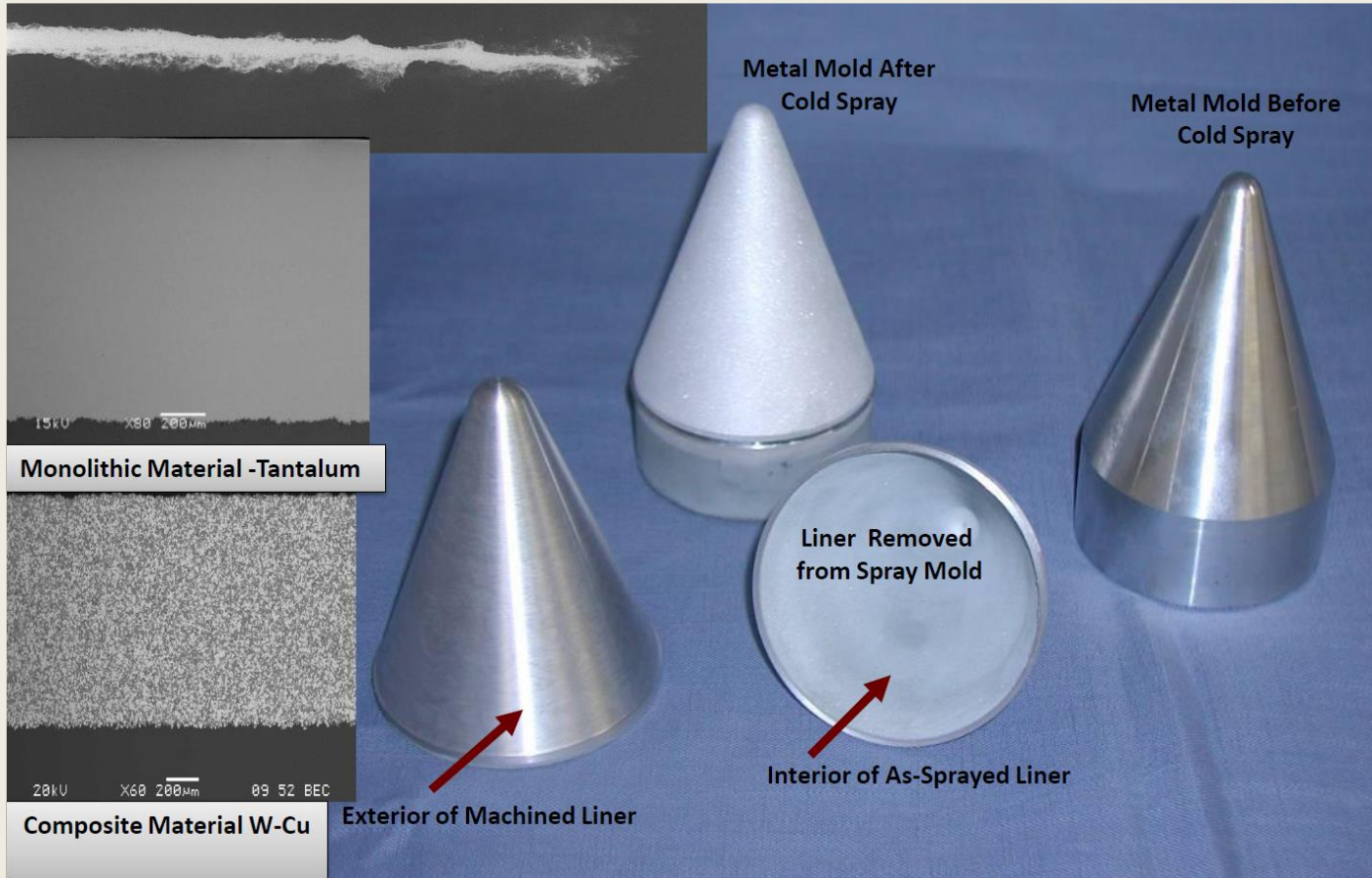
	Cold Spray¹	PBF (E-Beam)²
Build Rate, lbs/hr	20	<0.6
Post-Processing	Machining	Machining, Heat Treat/HIP
Layer Thickness, in.	.002-.010	.002-.008
Atmosphere	Air	Vacuum
Maximum Part Size	Unlimited	Machine-Dependent
Microstructure	Retained from Feedstock	Process Dependent (Solidification Kinetics)
Target Geometries	Axisymmetric Shells	Lattices, Internal Features

[1] V.K. Champagne, A. Nardi, D. Cote. "Materials Characterization of Advanced Cold Spray Aluminum Alloys" In S.R. Bingert, S.H. Luk. *Advances in Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials—2015*. Paper Presented at Powdermet 2015, San Diego, CA (10-15—10-29). Metal Powder Industries Federation, Princeton, NJ.

[2] J. Hiemenz. "Electron Beam Melting" *Advanced Materials & Processes* vol. 165, pp. 45-46. Mar. 2007



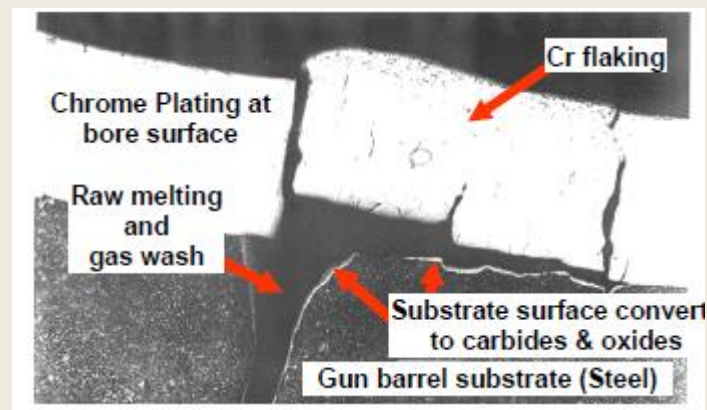
Shaped Charge Liners





- **Extend Cannon Life & Accuracy**
 - **Chrome-Plated Steel Wear**
 - **Refractory Metals for Reliability**

- **Reduce Manufacturing Costs Associated w/ Chrome Plating**
 - **Hex Chrome Bath Hazards**
 - **Occupational**
 - **Environmental**
 - **Hex Chrome Bath Costs**
 - **Industrial Hygiene & Engineering Controls**
 - **Hazardous Waste Disposal**



“Elimination of Chromium Electrodeposition from Large Caliber Launch Systems”, *Krzyszna Truszkowska*, US Army Benet Laboratories (ARDEC), Hard Chrome Alternatives Team, 20-21 July 2004, Utah



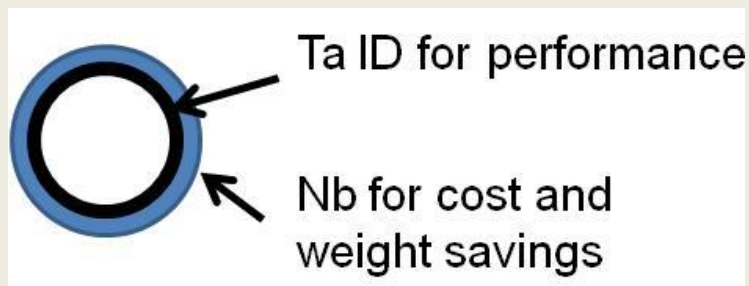
Chrome Plating Bath
 Northwest Chrome, <http://www.nw-chrome.com/chrome-plating/>



Why Cold Spray?



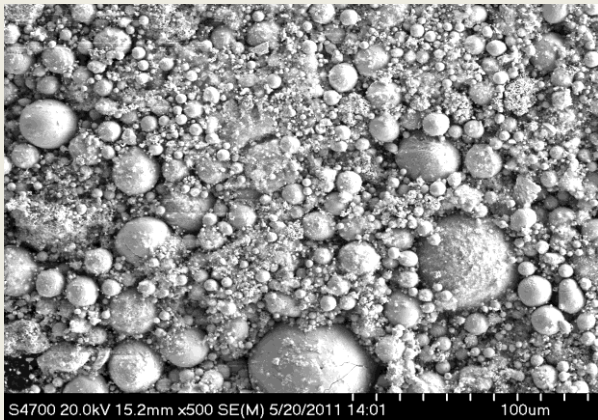
- **Geometry**
 - **Materials Savings over subtractive methods**
 - Tantalum ore near \$200/kg in June 2016³
 - **Design Flexibility**
 - No dies required to adjust diameter & wall thickness
 - Extreme aspect ratios possible without high-cost tooling
- **Materials Flexibility**
 - Tantalum
 - Tungsten
 - Niobium
 - Alloyed & Blended Feedstock
 - Functionally Graded and Concentric Multi-Layer Systems



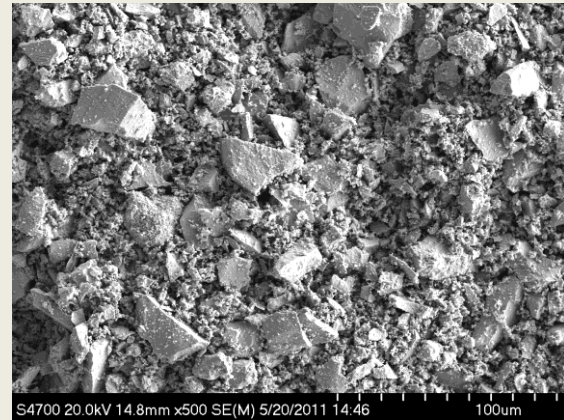
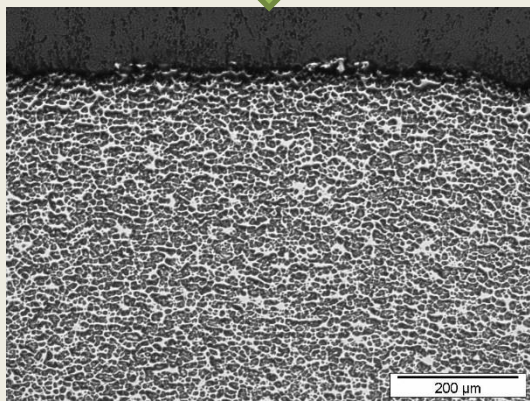
[3] <http://www.infomine.com/investment/metal-prices/tantalite-ore/6-month/>



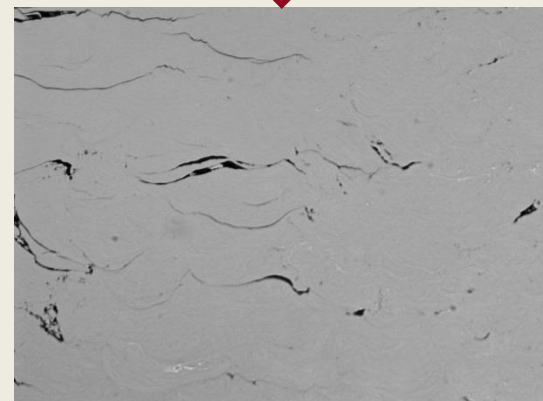
Develop Refractory CS Materials & Demonstrate Feasibility Medium & Small Caliber Donor Tubes

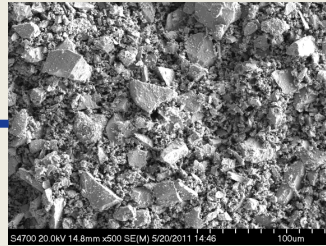


ARL1 10W-Ta Blended Powder



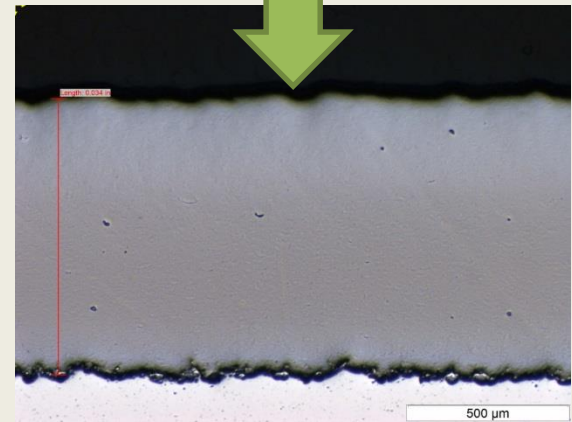
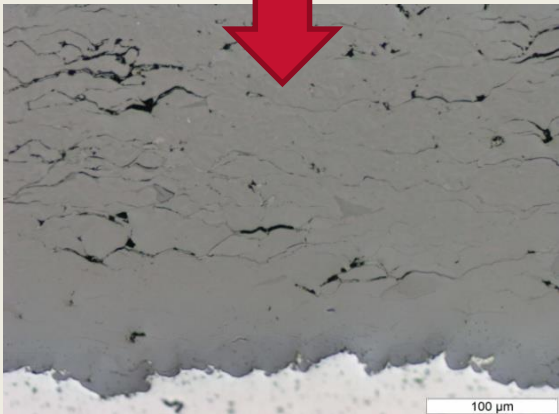
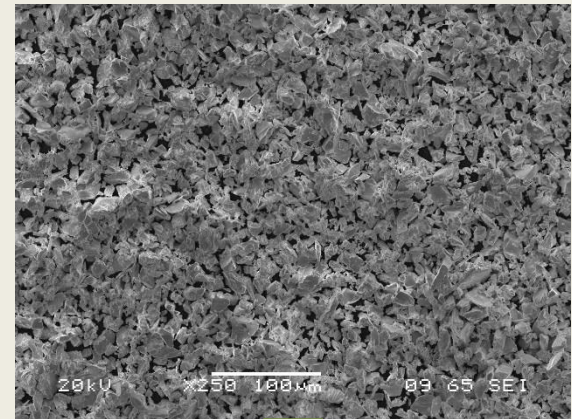
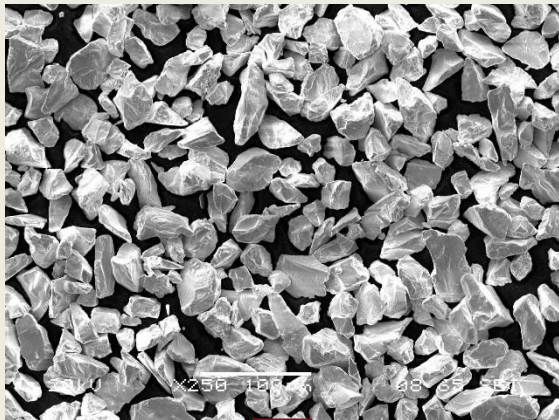
ARL2 (HC Starck 10W-Ta Alloy)





Coarse Fraction

Fine Fraction

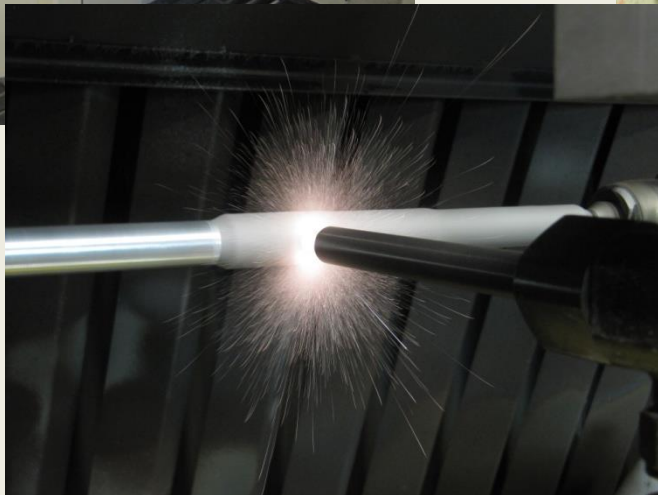
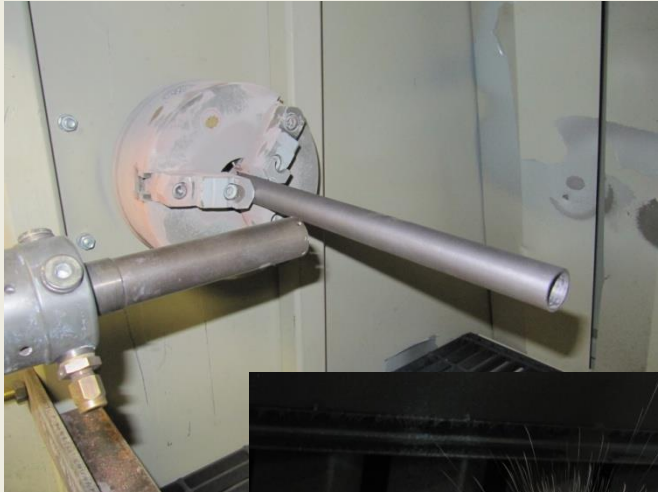




Fabrication



Medium Caliber

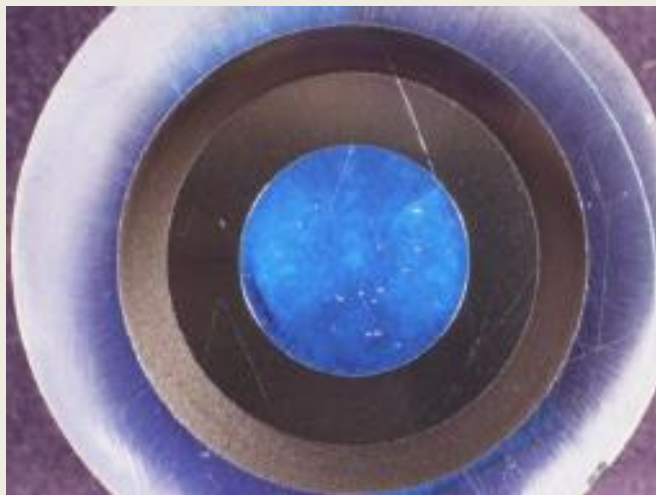


Small Caliber





Medium Caliber (with mandrel)



Small Caliber (Bilayer)

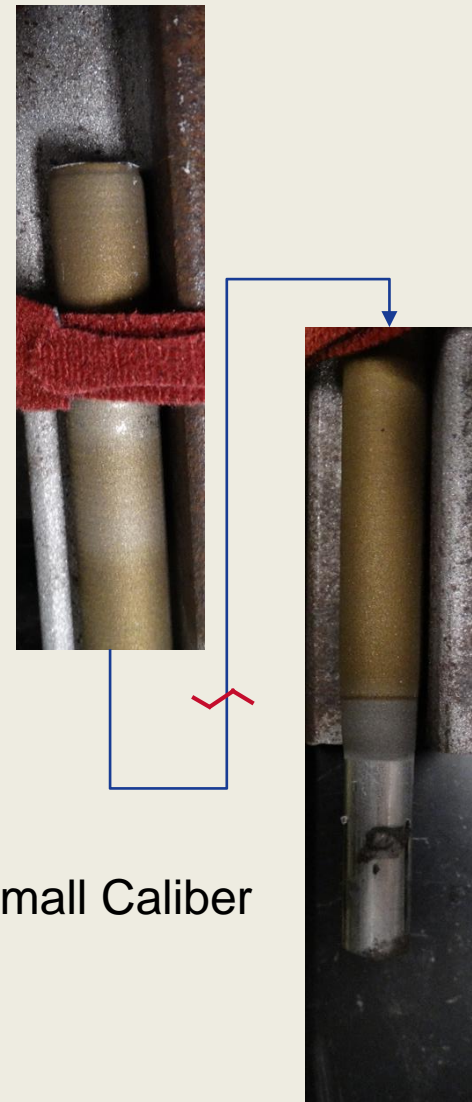




Full Scale Donor Tubes



Medium Caliber (3 ft length)



Small Caliber



- **Cold Spray AM demonstrated for axisymmetric structures**
 - High throughput, low resolution
 - Compatible with a wide range of materials
 - Minimal post-deposition processing
- **Future Work**
 - Dimensional Studies
 - Residual Stress Analysis and Predictive Distortion Tools
 - Automated Path Planning
 - Capillary Cold Spray for fine features



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Cold Spray Testing for Structural Repair

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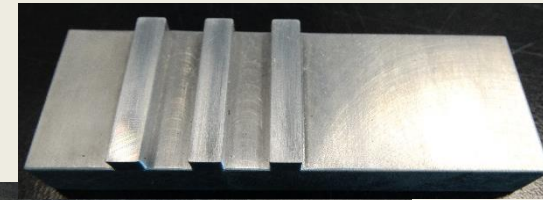
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- **Cold spray materials well established for non-structural repair**
 - Aerospace Al alloys on cast Al and Mg
 - Bronze component repair
 - CrC NiCr for high hardness steels
 - Ti, SS, Cu, Ni, and other materials
- **Common mechanical tests for cold spray repair**
 - Triple lug shear
 - Tensile
 - Fatigue
 - Adhesion via ASTM C633 “bond bar test”
- **ASTM C633 adhesion test constraints**
 - Test capability limited by glue properties
 - FM1000 glue 10,000 psi @ RT
 - Successful test result typically listed “glue failure @ > 10,000 psi”
 - Structural repair: need accurate adhesion strength at 10-30,000 psi





- **Glueless Adhesion Test**

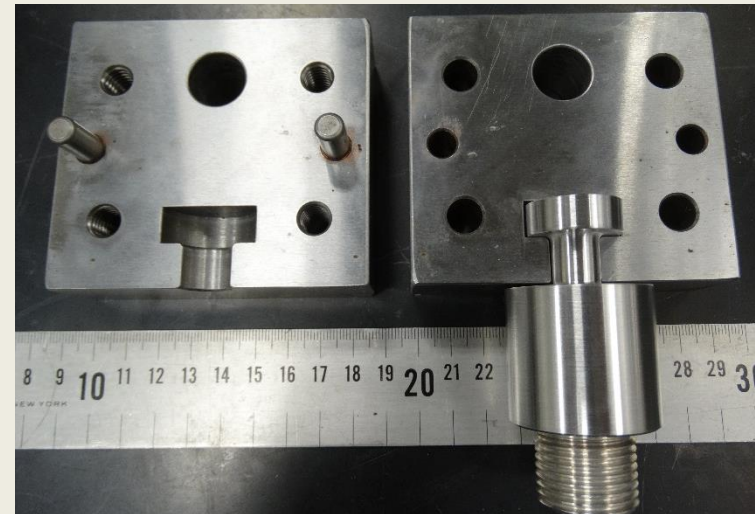
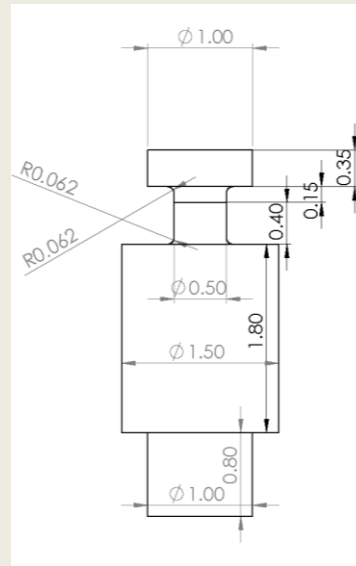
- Evaluate full adhesion strength
- Enables elevated temp testing

- **Specimen Design**

- Neck and cap design based on Huang and Fukanuma¹
- Cold spray / substrate interface located in neck
- 1.5" substrate bar diameter to accommodate cold spray taper

- **Fixturing Design**

- Dual plate fixture accommodates varying cap thicknesses
- Couples to load frame similar to ASTM C633 uniaxial loading design



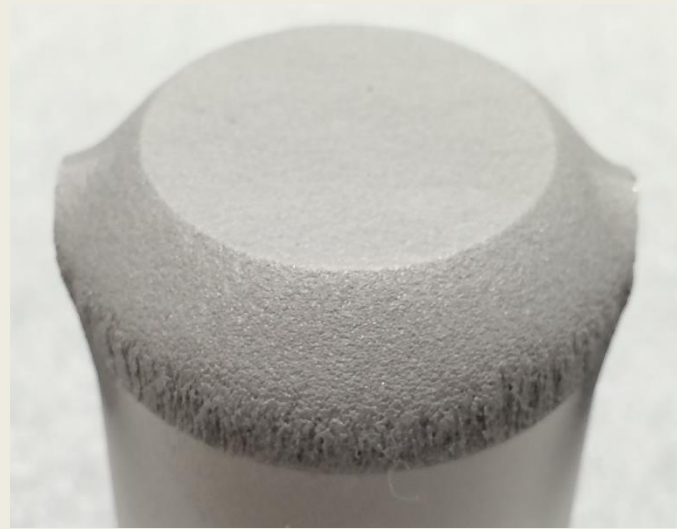
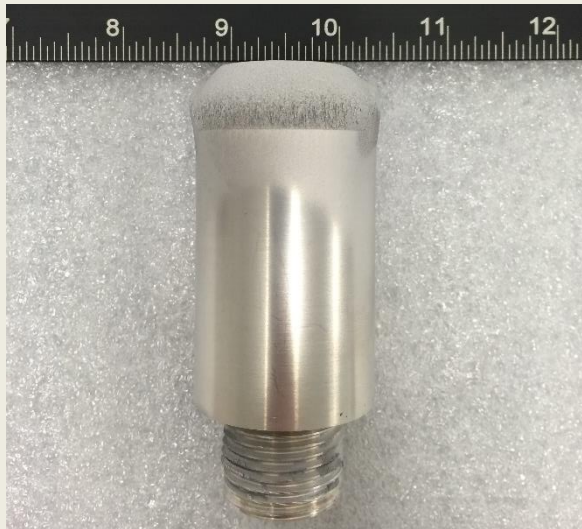
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Glueless Adhesion Test



**Al 6061 cold spray on cast Al C355-T6 test specimens:
as sprayed condition**





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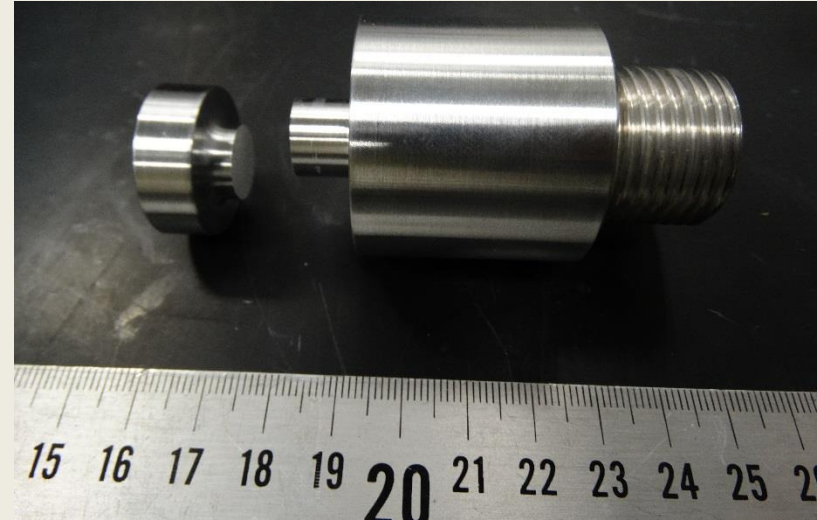
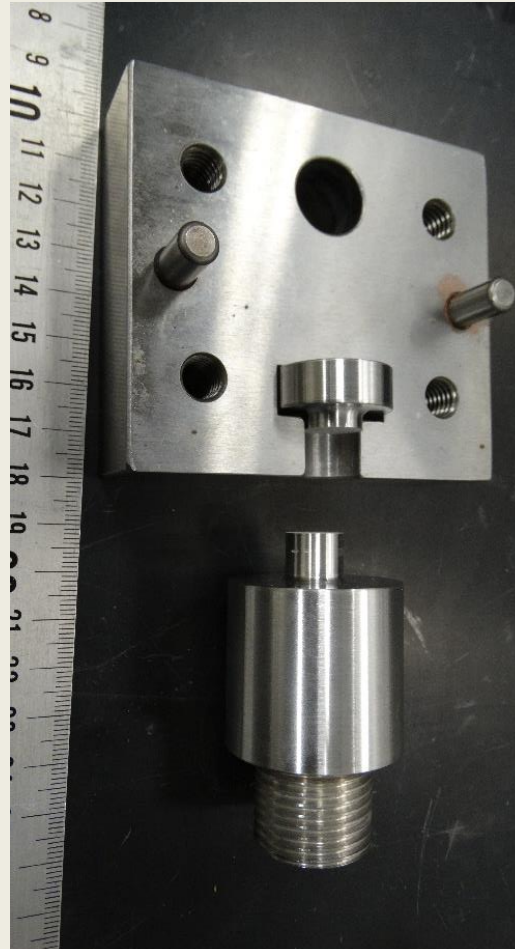
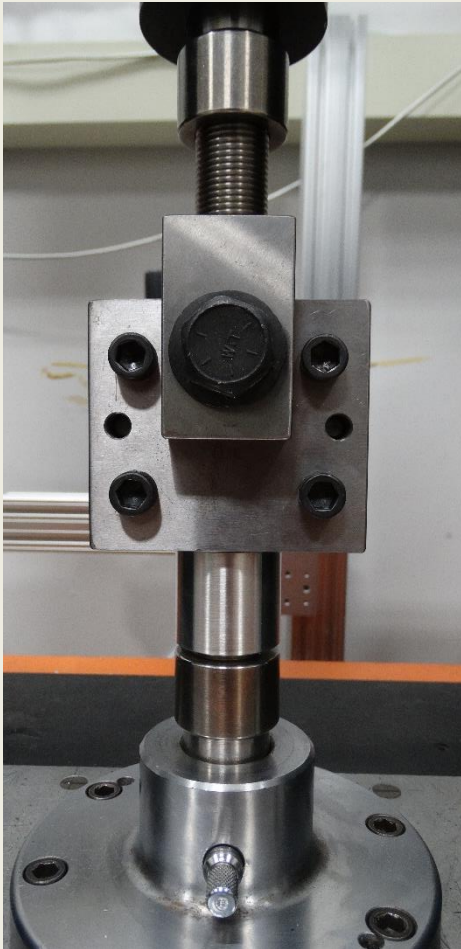
Glueless Adhesion Test



Fixturing for uniaxial loading

Tested specimen

Failure at deposit/substrate interface



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Cold Spray Al 6061 on Cast Mg ZE41A-T5 and Cast Al C355-T6 Glueless Adhesion Test Results

Substrate	Max Load (lbf)	UTS (ksi)	Failure Mode
Mg ZE41A-T5	4810	24.5	Adhesion to substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4664	23.8	Adhesion to substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4710	24.0	Adhesion to substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4551	23.2	Adhesion to substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4508	23.0	Adhesion to substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4621	23.5	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	3583	18.2	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	4057	20.7	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	5039	25.7	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	3886	19.8	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	4727	24.1	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	5492	28.0	Adhesion to substrate failure



Cold Spray Al 6061 on Cast Mg ZE41A-T5 and Cast Al C355-T6 Triple Lug Shear Test Results

Substrate	Max Load (lbf)	Ult. Shear Stress (ksi)	Failure Mode
Mg ZE41A-T5	4653	24.8	Substrate failure
	4484	23.9	Substrate failure
	4493	24.0	Substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4654	24.8	Substrate failure
	4553	24.3	Substrate failure
	4473	23.9	Substrate failure
Mg ZE41A-T5	4488	23.9	Substrate failure
	4413	23.5	Substrate failure
	4301	22.9	Substrate failure
Al C355-T6	4218	22.5	Adhesion to substrate failure
	4410	23.5	Adhesion to substrate failure
	4654	24.8	Adhesion to substrate failure
Al C355-T6	4842	25.8	90% adhesion 10% cohesion
	5049	26.9	75% adhesion 25% cohesion
	5104	27.2	75% cohesion 25% adhesion
Al C355-T6	4715	25.1	50% adhesion 50% cohesion
	5088	27.1	25% substrate 75% adhesion
	4966	26.5	Adhesion to substrate failure



- **Evaluation of full adhesion strength for bronze, CrC NiCr, and Al 5056 cold spray deposits on various substrates**
- **Further testing to identify the lowest deposit thickness required for production of cold spray neck and cap**
 - **0.5” thickness deposit currently requires long spraytimes, powder, and process gas**
- **Establish glueless adhesion test as a MIL specified adhesion test for cold spray or addendum to ASTM C633**
- **Design further tests to accommodate structural repair requirements such as tensile specimens formed in the build direction**



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