

Introduction to EWI

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About EWI

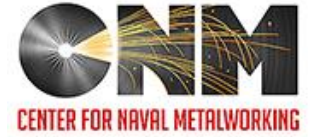


- Independent, self-sustaining manufacturing technology center of excellence
- Mission to deliver innovative technical solutions in manufacturing processes that elevate our customers' competitiveness
- Serving broad range of manufacturers and government agencies for 35 years
- Leading edge in many important manufacturing technologies
- Transitioning technology to improve product performance, quality, reliability, and cost
- Introducing new services to help small and medium size manufacturers innovate
- Building public-private partnerships around key industry challenges



Federal Programs

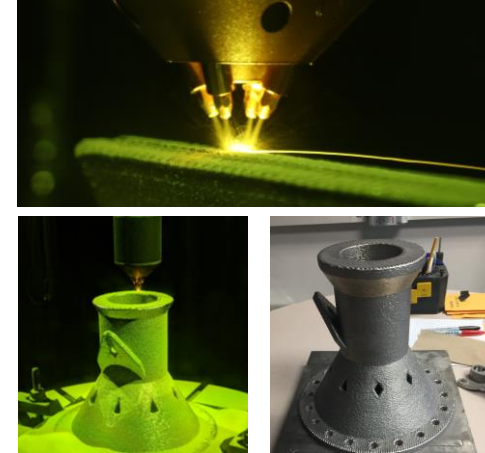
- Serving diverse agencies: Navy, Army, Air Force, DOE, NASA, DoT, etc.
- U.S. Navy is EWI's largest single customer
- Member of 5 Manufacturing USA Institutes
- Collaboration examples:
 - Navy ManTech/Center for Naval Metalworking: Technical partner
 - LIFT: Founder and execution partner
 - America Makes Technical Roadmap committee - RMAG
 - Army: CCDC/ ARDEC/ ARL
 - Air Force: SBIR projects
 - NIST: AM Test Bed Development
 - NSRP: Telepresence Welding Development, Arc Based DED
 - DOE: Machine Learning Enhanced AM DED of Function Gradient Materials
 - ASTM Additive Manufacturing COE: Partner with NASA/Auburn



Federal Project Examples



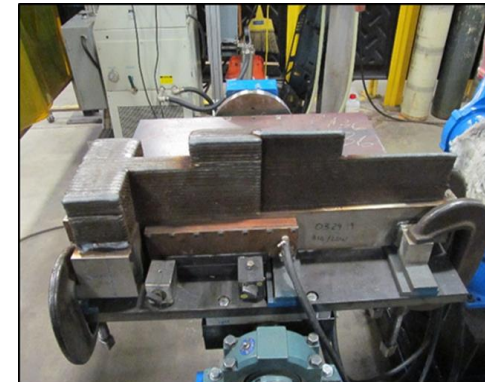
MANTECH: F35
Ultrasonic Boot Cutter
implemented in ~6
months, ~3X productivity
improvement, savings
>\$10M's,
Collaboration with
Lockheed Martin



America Makes MAMLS:
Feature Based Qualification
for Laser-DED AM,
Collaboration with GE and
Raytheon



MANTECH: implemented
robotic welding of interim
products for Virginia class
sub., ~\$1.2M savings per
hull, multiple follow on
applications



NAVSEA: Developing Navy
Tech-Pub for robotic Arc-DED
AM material/process
qualification requirements

Public-Private Partnership Experience

- Useful EWI attributes for public-private partnerships
 - Independent non-profit company
 - Experience in convening diverse groups
 - Deep industry, academic, government relationships
 - National reach with locations in multiple states
 - Flexible contracting and intellectual property approach
 - Government contracting and program management infrastructure
 - Proven track-record in technology transition and commercialization with small, medium, and large companies



Additive Manufacturing
Consortium
Operated by EWI



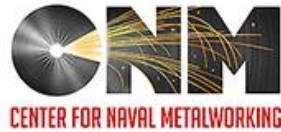
EWI Forming Center
Consortium



EWI Strategic
Technology Committee
Oil & Gas



CENTER of
EXCELLENCE
Research to Standards



BUFFALO
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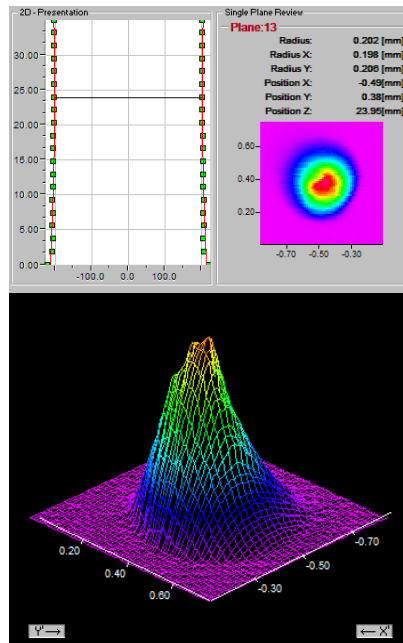
AMRO AEROSPACE MAINTENANCE
& REPAIR ORGANIZATION
Center of Excellence

Through-Transmission Laser Welding of Continuous Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastic Composites

Objectives:

- ◆ Join thermoplastic composites using a processing method that is reliable, consistent, and scalable.
- ◆ Yield weld joints that are strong, lightweight, and durable.
- ◆ Fabricate structures and vehicles without mechanical fasteners that lighter, stronger, and free of stress concentration/corrosion issues.

Understand Beam Profile and Limitations



Weld Specimens with Various Fiber Type and Layup Geometries



Perform Mechanical Testing



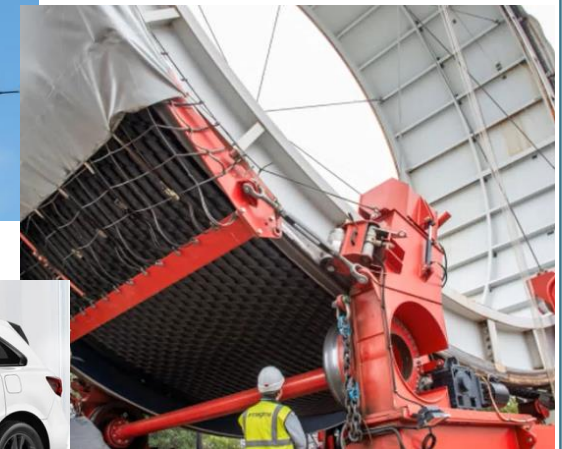
Project Team:

- EWI Internal Research and Development

Applications



Defense



Oil & Gas



Automotive

Tele-Welding

Remote Operation of Shipyard Welding



Challenge: Increase the Welding Workforce

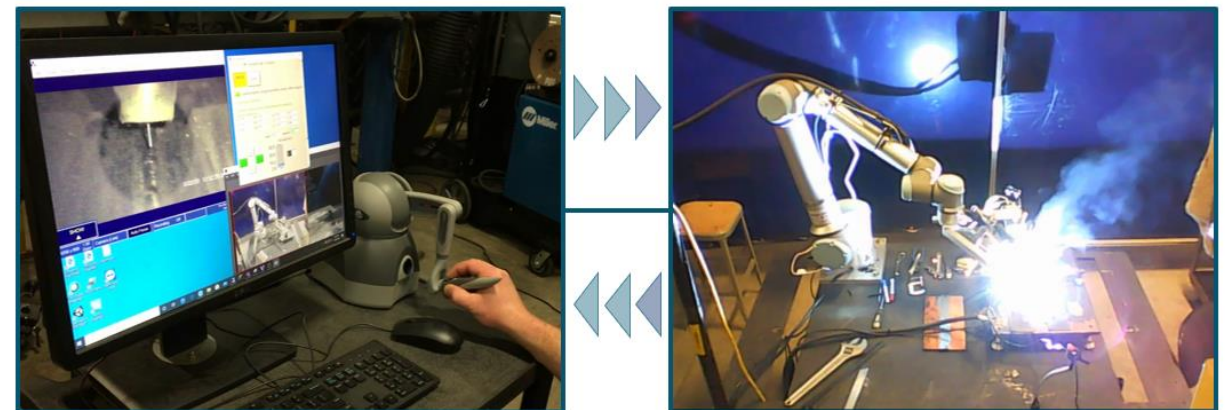
- Empowers persons of all ages and/or limitations to become productive
- Attacks the loss of skilled welders
- Transforms welding to a high-tech career
- Isolates welders from the hazards of dark, dirty, and dangerous welding operations

Solution/Approach

- Year 1 **Complete**: Investigated technologies that provide full control of welding operations while remote from the arc
- Year 2 **Ongoing**: Merge technologies into existing mobile welding platforms
 - Demonstrate on shipyard-selected representative joints
 - Allow shipyard welders to experience tele-welding in the shipyard

Objectives

- Develop a system that allows workers to operate welding equipment from a remote location yet be in complete control of the welding process
- Create a method for workers to gain exposure and confidence in tele-presence manufacturing, and guide future efforts in remote-controlled manufacturing technologies
- Allow anyone, anywhere to be active participants in manufacturing enterprise



Automated Repair for Aerospace Component

Challenge: Automate a Specialized Manual Process

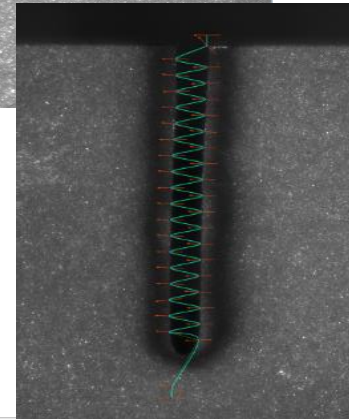
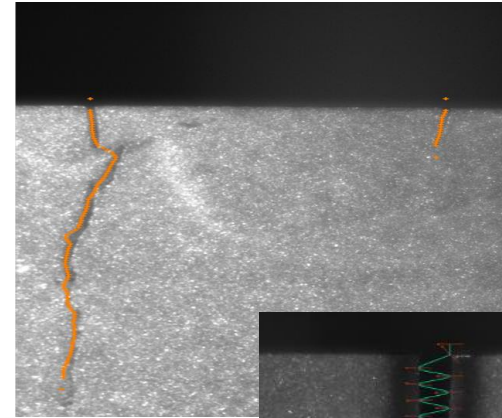
- Manual GTAW repair of the component was intensive and required an experienced, high-skilled labor force
- Regions where the repairs are completed have very small labor pool for the required skillset
- Different repair processes at different repair locations led to quality consistency issues

• Approach

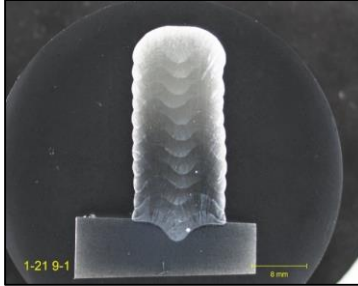
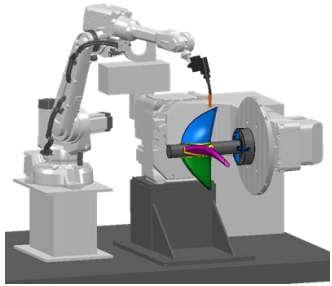
- EWI developed laser welding procedure
- EWI computer vision algorithm finds cracks, creates a laser path, then executes repair procedure
- EWI worked with an equipment integrator to deliver a turn-key solution to the client
- Reduced risk for client by performing shake out, qualification testing, and training at EWI

• Objectives

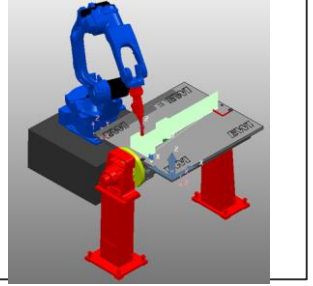
- Automate component crack repair process
- Accommodate variations in material thickness
- Reduce reliance on limited supply of highly skilled trades



NSRP Robotic Arc Directed Energy Deposition (DED) Additive Manufacturing (AM) for Shipbuilding

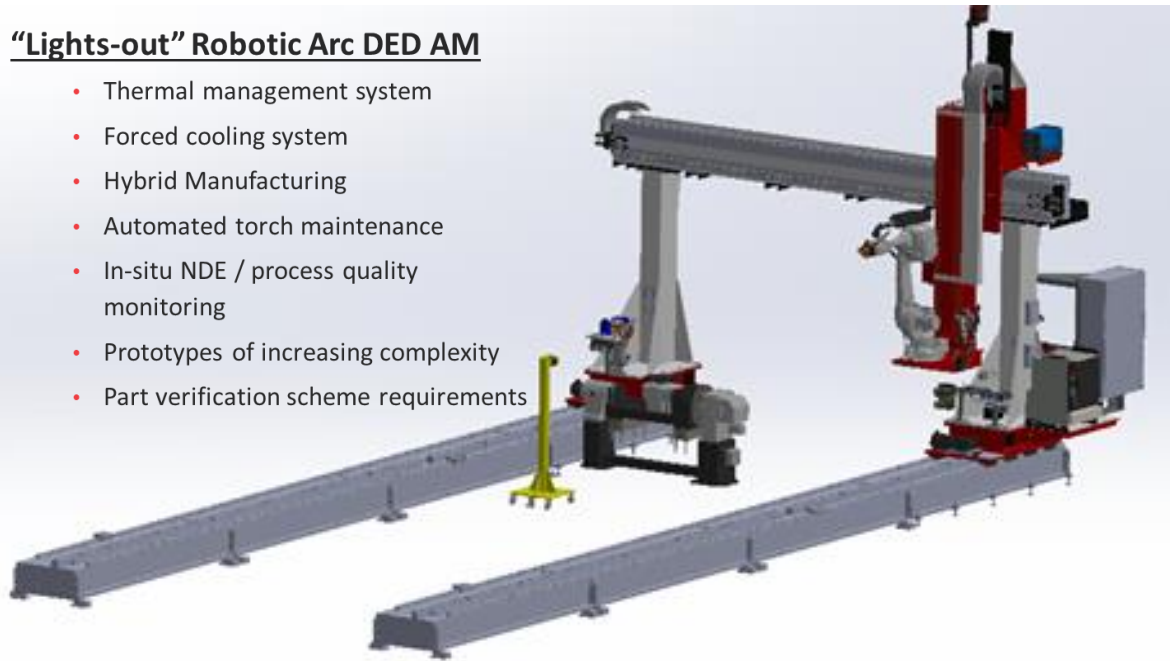


Project Team
EWI – Project PI
Navus Automation
Austal USA
NSWCCD
ABS



"Lights-out" Robotic Arc DED AM

- Thermal management system
- Forced cooling system
- Hybrid Manufacturing
- Automated torch maintenance
- In-situ NDE / process quality monitoring
- Prototypes of increasing complexity
- Part verification scheme requirements



Objectives:

- Convert multiple robotic weld system to DED systems
- Design standardized large-scale gantry DED system
- Develop digital data workflow processes
- Develop advanced training materials - workforce
- Demonstrate representative qualifications
- Provide standardized equipment & services
- Build prototypes of increasing complexity
- Identify implementation opportunities

Reducing barriers to implement DED AM

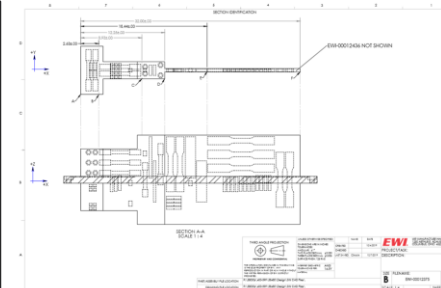
NSWCCD Process Qualification Scheme Development for Technical Publication – Metal Directed Energy Metal Additive Manufacturing

Objectives:

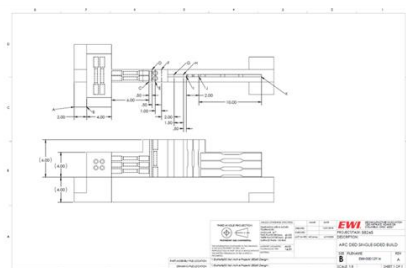
- ◆ Develop procedure qual. schemes / leverage welding standards.
- ◆ Develop material property data for common Naval materials - stainless steel, NiAl Bronze, advanced steels, titanium etc.
- ◆ Support development of NAVSEA Tech. Pubs – procedure and part build requirements for metal powder bed and DED processes

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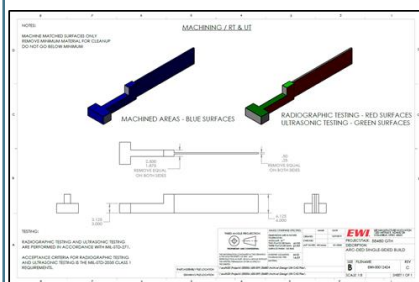
- EWI
- Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division
- Technical Warrant Holder – AM NAVSEA 05T



Design



NDE



Build



Machine



Block Tensile Results



Property Test

Report



- Each procedure qualification scheme consists of:
 - Standard qualification build (SQB) design
 - Nondestructive testing map
 - Property test specimen matrix
 - Procedure qualification test report (process specific)
- SQB application types include:
 - Single sided non-integrated build platform (SS-NIBP)
 - Single sided integrated build platform (SS-IBP)
 - Double sided integrated build platform (DS-IBP)
- Procedure qualification scheme portfolio - full-scale (FS), sub-scale (SS), and mini-scale (MS) features for the three SQB applications
 - Accommodate full range of DED (arc, laser, electron beam) process feature capabilities

Additive Manufacturing at EWI

CAPABILITIES

AM Training & Consulting Services

- Design for AM, Materials, Qualification, Specifications & Process Auditing

AM Applications Development

- Selection, Feasibility, Development & Certification Support

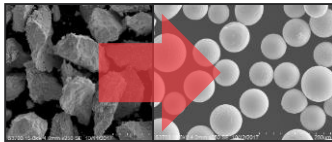
Advanced R&D

- New Material & Process Development
- Metallography and Testing
- Component Design & Prototyping
- Industrial Metrology & NDE
- In-situ monitoring, Closed loop control, Big Data analytics

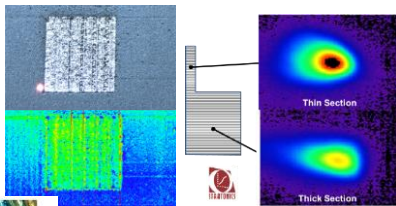


RESEARCH

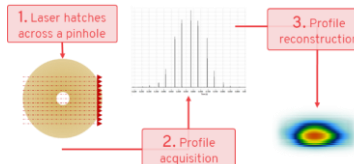
AM Powder Feedstock Optimization & Recycling



L-PBF & L-DED In-Process Sensing



L-PBF Next Gen. Machine Qualification



AM Surface Roughness Optimization

Consortia & Partnerships



ADDITIVE EQUIPMENT



Laser & Electron Beam Powder Bed Fusion



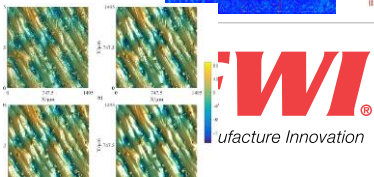
Ultrasonic AM



Binder Jetting



Arc/Laser/E-Beam Powder & Wire Directed Energy Deposition



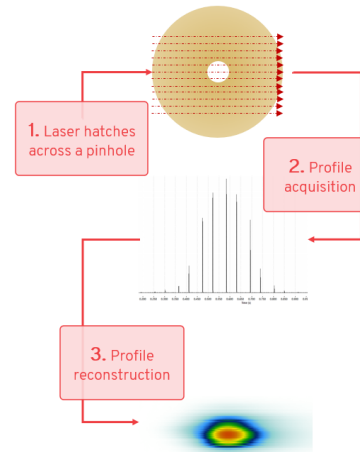
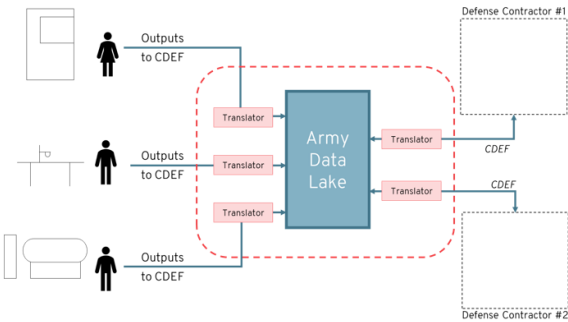
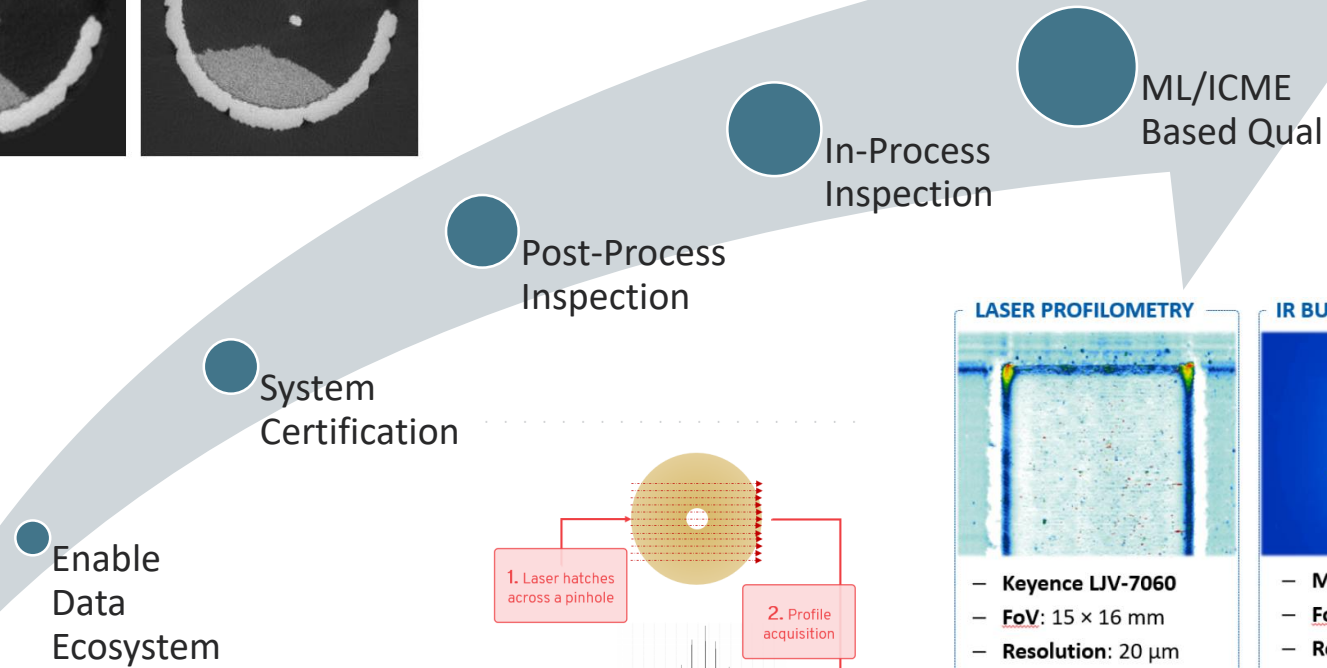
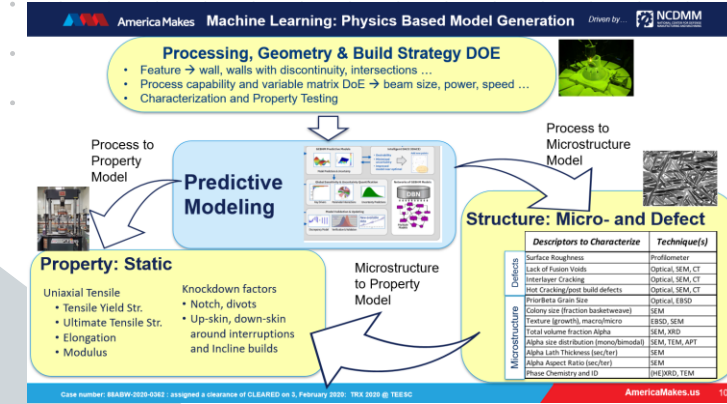
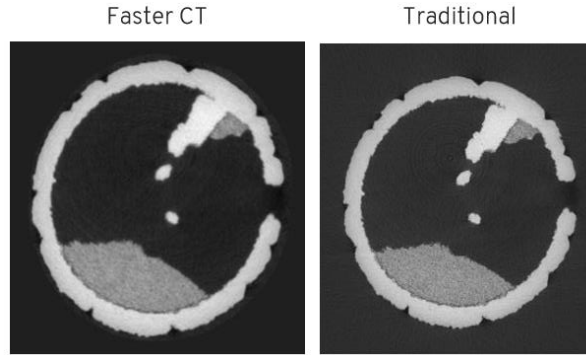
Technology Example: Metal AM Capabilities

- All 7 ASTM additive technologies in house
- Many support technologies for powder development, characterization, inspection, sensing, etc.
- Active projects in properties assessment, NDE, process optimization, process monitoring/control, powder characterization, surface measurement, post-processing, new materials, etc.

AM Equipment	Type	Build Volume
EOS M290	L-PBF Process	250x250x300mm
Sensor Test Bed	L-PBF Process	125x250x150mm
RPMI 577	L-DED Process	1524x1524x2133mm
Sciaky 110	EB-DED Process	1778x1194x1600mm
ExOne Innovent	BJ Process	160x65x65mm
Arcam A2X	EB-PBF Process	250x250x250mm
Fabrisonic	UAM	1800x1800X1200mm
Arc Wire Deposition	A-DED Process	>1000x1000x1000m
Laser Wire Deposition	L-DED Process	>1000x1000x1000m
Friction Stir Deposition	FS-AM	>1000x1000x1000m



How EWI Supports Qualification



LASER PROFILOMETRY

- Keyence LJV-7060
- FoV: 15 × 16 mm
- Resolution: 20 μm
- Color: Blue laser

IR BUILD AREA IMAGING

- Micro-Epsilon TIM640
- FoV: 130 × 90 mm
- Resolution: 200 μm/px
- Frame Rate: 32 fps

LIGHT INTENSITY

- Thor Labs PDA36A
- Spectral: 350-1000 nm
- Gain: 40 dB
- Frame Rate: 50 kHz

NSRP Thick Section Hybrid Laser Arc Welding for Shipbuilding



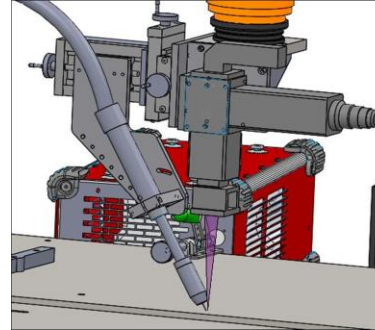
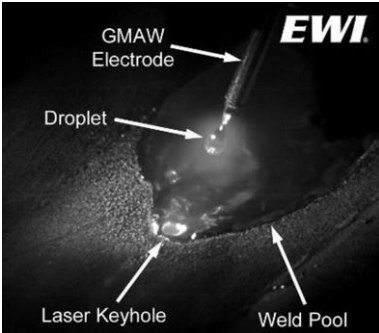
VIDEO

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NSWCCD
BAE



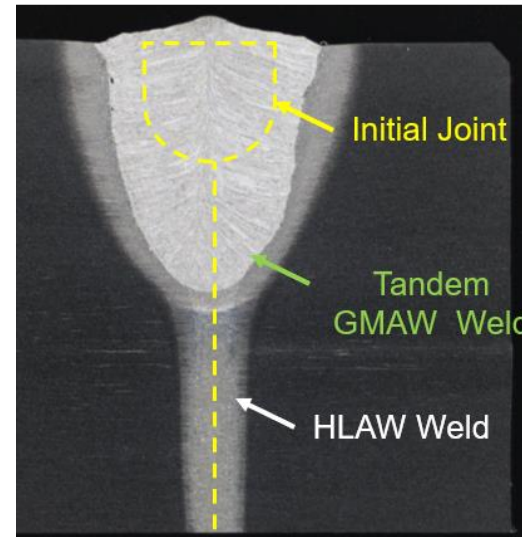
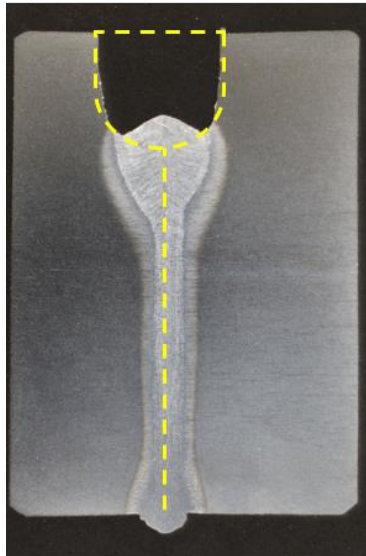
Objectives:

- Improve panel welding productivity
- Reduce distortion for Navy shipbuilding
- Design weld joint preparation for thick section HLAW process
- Evaluate the effect of tandem fill pass on mechanical properties
- Provide deliverable welds for shipyard evaluation
- Identify implementation opportunities and risks



Thick Section HLAW

- Full penetration
- Single Pass $\frac{3}{4}$ -in Hybrid laser/GMAW weld
- 40-80 in/min welding travel speeds
- Reduced panel distortion and straightening requirements



Evaluation of Candidate Methods for Welding Steel to Other Structural Lightweight Metals

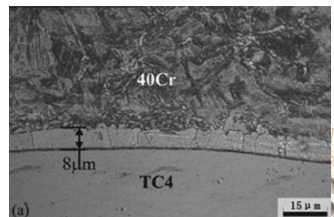
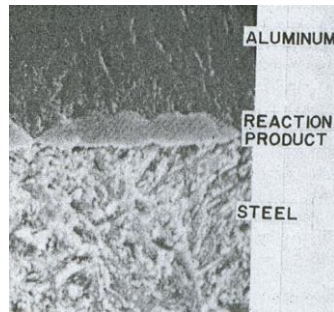
Objectives:

- ◆ Create structural joints between steel and alternately aluminum or titanium
- ◆ Define processing conditions circumventing metallurgical compatibility challenges
- ◆ Provide interpretation of bonding mechanisms

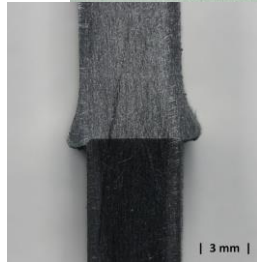
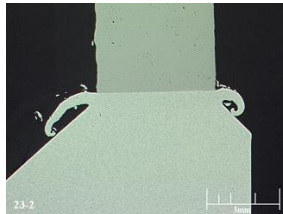
Key Project Stakeholders

- EWI
- MTI
- LIFT
- Boeing
- Tenneco
- Lockheed Martin

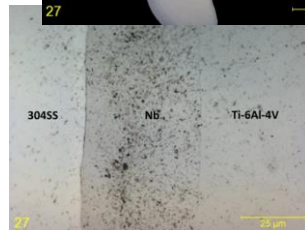
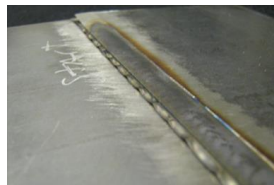
Metallurgical Challenges



Friction Processing



Resistance Processing



Joining of Aluminum Alloys to Steel

- Suppression of intermetallic compounds
- Rapid thermal cycles
- Low peak temperatures
- Example technologies
 - Inertia welding
 - Linear friction welding
 - Friction stir welding
 - Low force friction welding

Joining of Titanium Alloys to Steel

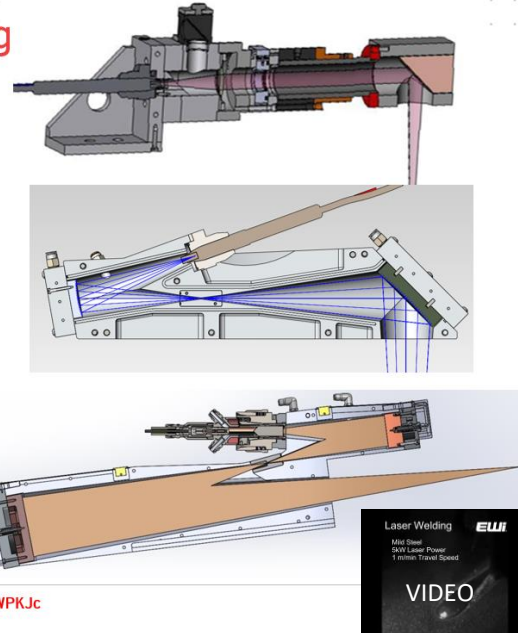
- Prevention of eutectic formation and intermetallic compounds
- Use of refractory metal interlayer technology
- Simple strain paths
- Example technologies
 - RMSeW
 - UW

EWI Laser Welding Overview

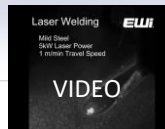


High-Power Optics Design/Welding

- Credible, robust, and affordable laser power levels have been increasing rapidly in the last decade.
- Available, robust, focusing optics for these higher power lasers have not kept pace.
- EWI conducted IRD work to invent and patent a focusing optic that works at very high power.
- Excellent weld quality & process confidence achieved.

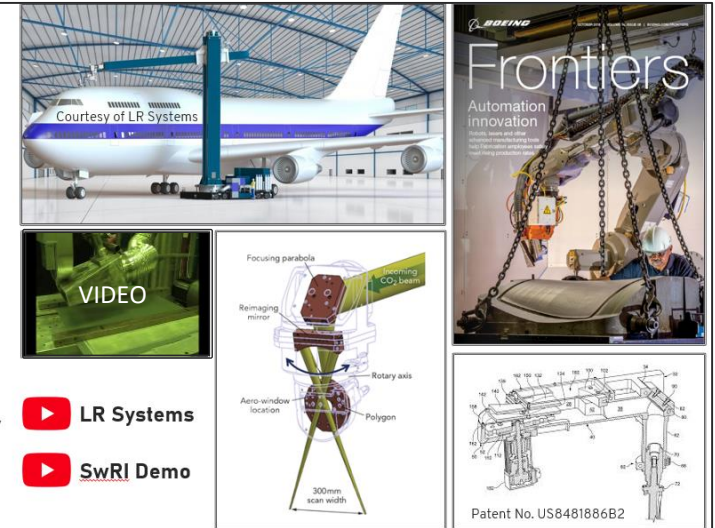


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRMrdmWPKJc>



Laser Coating Removal

- The USAF and others have sought successful solutions for coating removal for decades.
- Ineffective, power-limited laser beam scanning devices were weak links leading to EWI's IR&D work to invent, demonstrate, patent, and license a new laser beam scanner.
- EWI's scanner now holds every **world record** for laser paint stripping **efficiency** and **productivity**.
- Commercialization Applications
 - Boeing: Cleaning SPF dies
 - LR Systems: De-painting commercial Aircraft

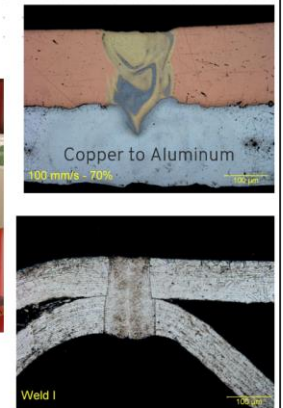
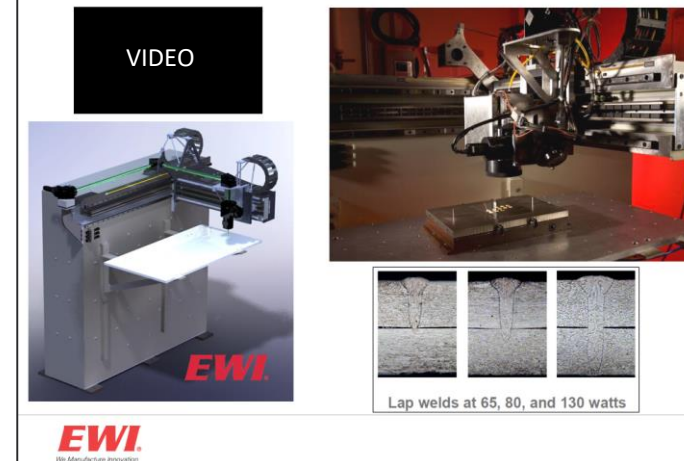


VIDEO LR Systems

SwRI Demo



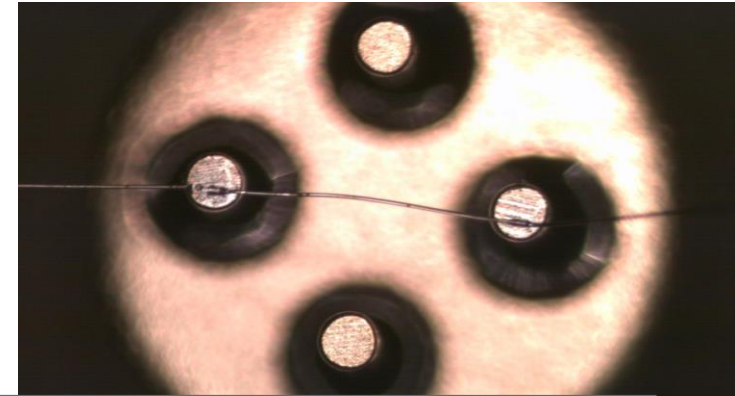
High-Speed, Remote Welding & Cutting



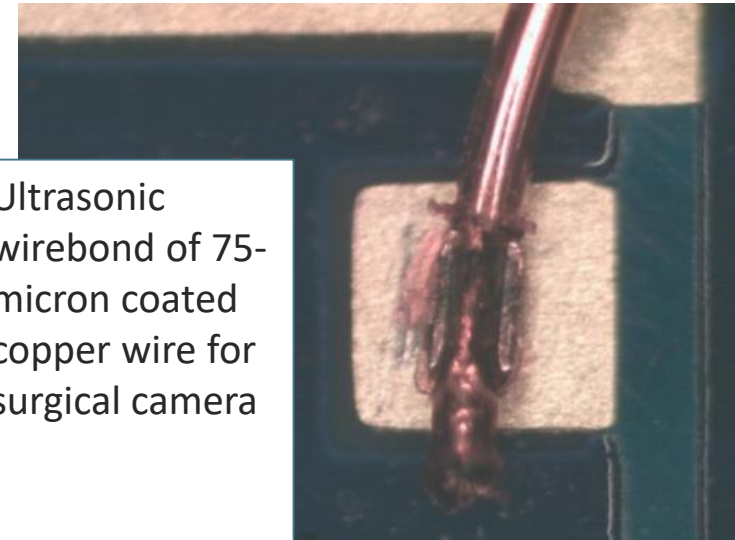
Lap welds at 65, 80, and 130 watts

EWI Microjoining & Ultrasonic Welding

- Capabilities for joining a wide range of materials and dissimilar-material combinations: metals to non-metals: polymers, glasses, ceramics, and metal-matrix and polymer composites
- Applications for electronics, sensors, batteries, detonators
- Resistance welding, parallel gap welding, wirebonding, ultrasonic metal welding, soldering.
- Material thicknesses <0.25 mm (~0.010 in.)
- Joint quality measured as joint strength, electrical conductivity, corrosion resistance, visual appearance, hermeticity.



Resistance weld of 12 micron wire for toxic gas sensor



Ultrasonic wirebond of 75-micron coated copper wire for surgical camera

Questions?

Next Steps?

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