

# ELEMENTUM



Your AM Materials Expert™







# Core Business



High Performance AM metal feedstock powder supply & development.

- AM Process & Application development & qualification





# Powering the Next Frontier

MARS PERSEVERANCE ROVER



Aluminum 6061-RAM2

FORMULA 1 RACING



Aluminum 2024-RAM2

POWER & ENERGY



Nickel IN625-RAM2 & Ni230-RAM1

PROPULSION & DEFENSE



Copper, Nickel, & Aluminum RAM



# Elementum 3D Facilities & AM Equipment

*Erie, Colorado, United States*



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2ND FACILITY

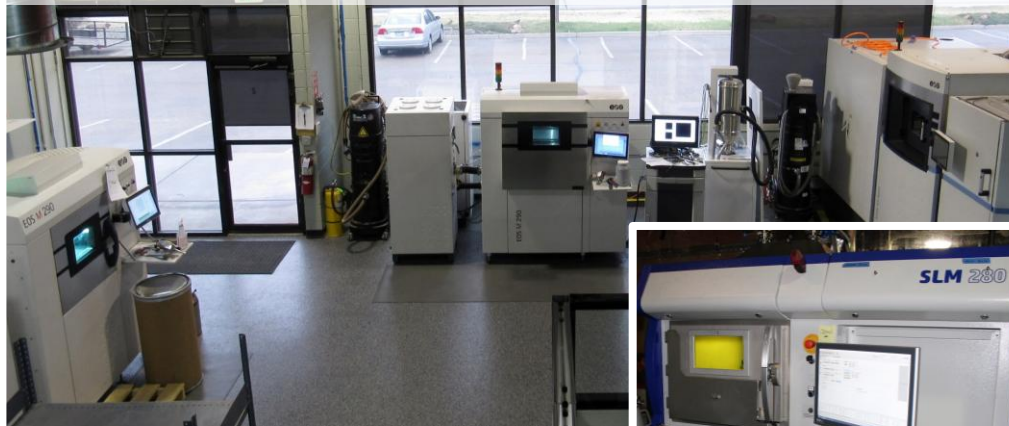


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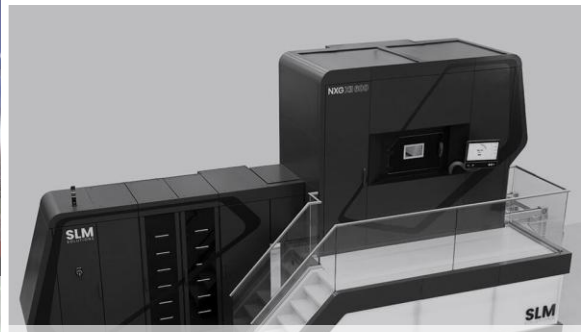
DEDICATED DEVELOPMENT PRINTING CAPACITY



- Founded in 2014
- 27 Technology Patents
- 44 Employees
- 220+ customers
- 400 ton annual capacity



SLM 280 PRINTER



SLM NXG XII 600 PRINTER



ADVANCED ALUMINUM  
ATOMIZATION (SOON)



LARGE CAPACITY RAM  
POWDER PRODUCTION



TON-SCALE POWDER LOTS

# Our History

## 2014-2016

- Founded by Dr. Jacob Nuechterlein, CEO.
- Filed RAM technology patents together with Dr. Jeremy Iten, CTO.
- Introduced world's first AM metal matrix composite commercial feedstock.
- NASA is first customer.



## 2017-2019

- Formnext Start-up Challenge winner.
- First DoD and NASA programs launched.
- Patents granted domestically and internationally.

## 2020-2022

- First aluminum composite rocket engines successfully hot-fired using A1000-RAM10.
- Nickel superalloys and copper alloys developed with NSF and NASA support.
- Funding round drives vertical integration.
- Powder production grows to a capacity of 400 tons/yr.



## 2023

- E3D materials help win F1 race in first use.
- 4 additional F1 teams qualifying F1 rulebook specified Elementum 3D aluminums.
- \$10M+ in ongoing government contracts focused on development, qualification, and application of Elementum 3D materials.



## 2024+

- Reach 100+ tons production.
- Automated agile atomizer online.
- MMPDS design allowable datasets for FAA allowance in commercial aviation.
- New products for aero/space, energy, and semiconductor manufacturing.





# Elementum 3D Materials

## ▶ RAM Aluminum Alloys

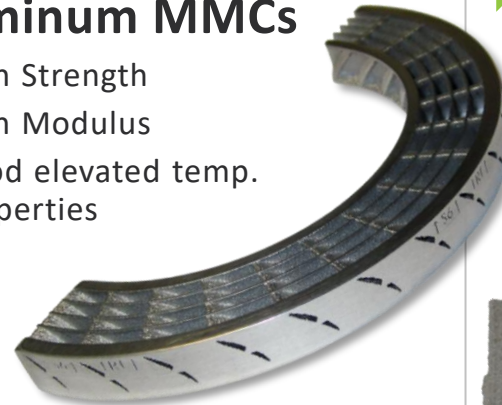
1000 | 2024 | 5083 | 6061 | 7050

- Properties matching wrought
- Heat treatable like wrought



## ▶ Aluminum MMCs

- High Strength
- High Modulus
- Good elevated temp. properties



## ▶ RAM Nickel Alloys

Ni230 | IN625 | GRX-810 | Invar 36

- High temperature strength and creep resistance
- Corrosion and oxidation resistance



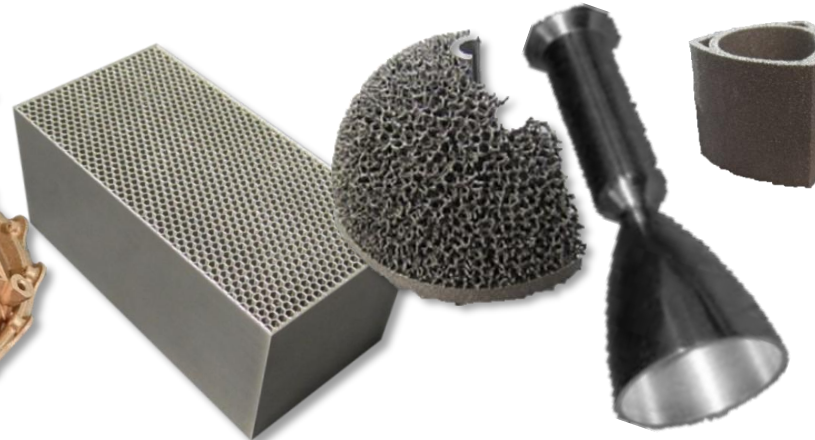
## ▶ Copper Alloys

Cu-100 | Cu-Al Bronze | GRCop-42  
Cupronickel



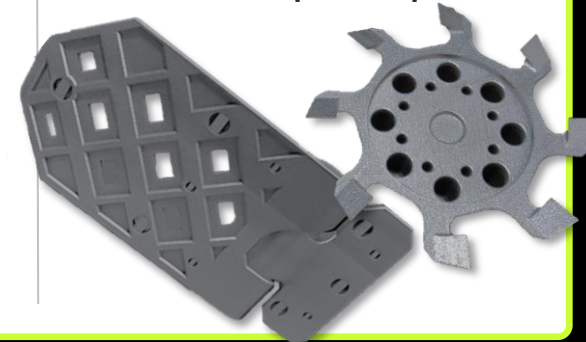
## ▶ Refractory Metals

Tungsten | Tantalum | Rhenium | Molybdenum



## ▶ Steels

RAM Steel | E185 | W360



# Reactive Additive Manufacturing (RAM)

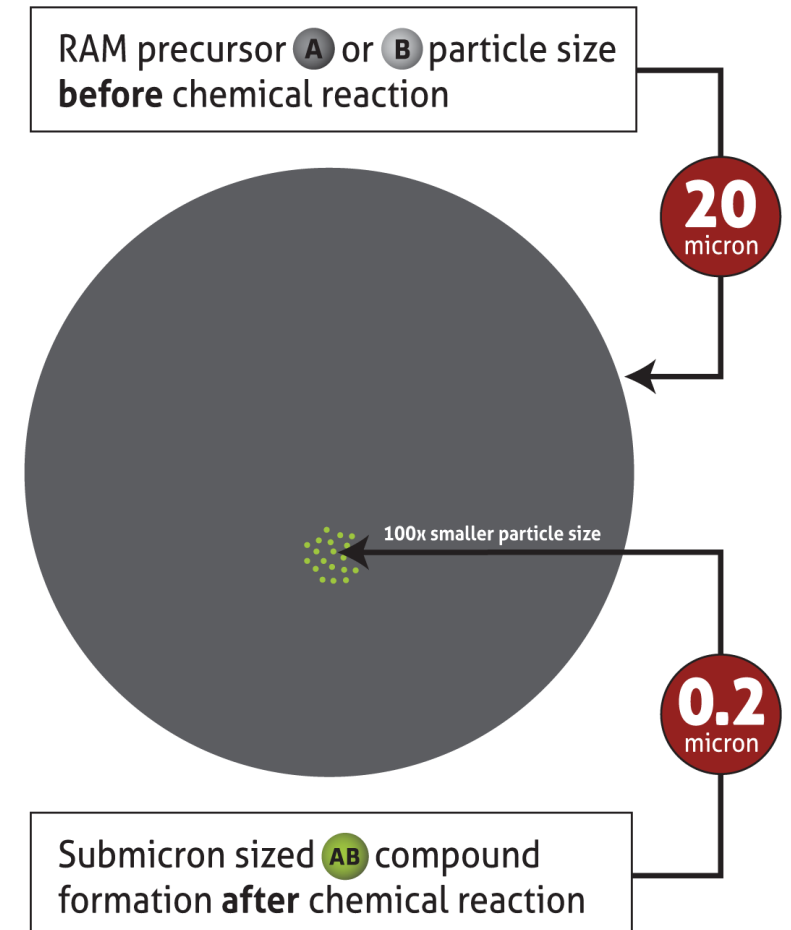
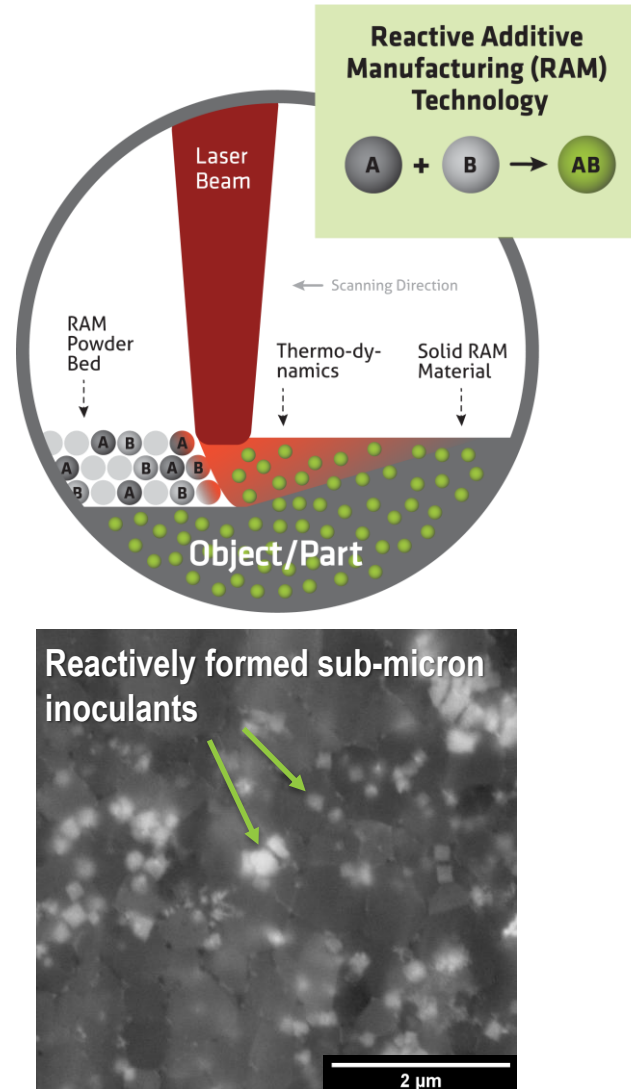
## Patented Technology

### Reaction synthesis inspired

- ▶ Product phases are formed in situ through energetically favorable reactions
- ▶ Enables use of traditional AM (**micron**) sized reactant powders while forming submicron (**nano**) products in solid parts
- ▶ Enables use of reactant species with lower melting temperatures than product species to promote **full density parts**
- ▶ Particulates improve strength, elevated temperature performance, wear resistance, and reduce CTE
- ▶ Tailorable properties

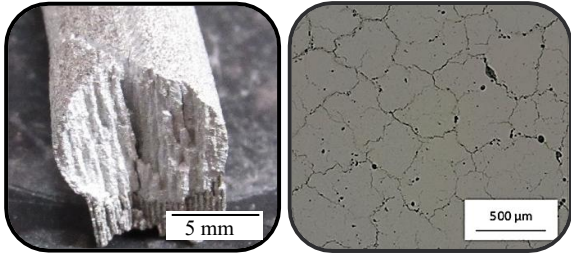
### Makes unprintable metals printable!

- ▶ Eliminates hot tearing by forming sub-micron heterogeneous nucleation sites for fine equiaxed grains

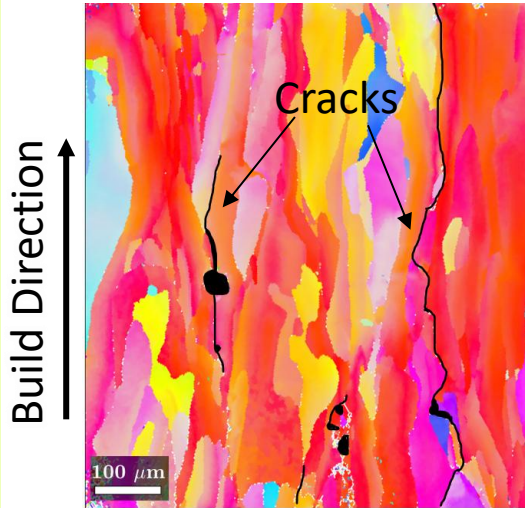
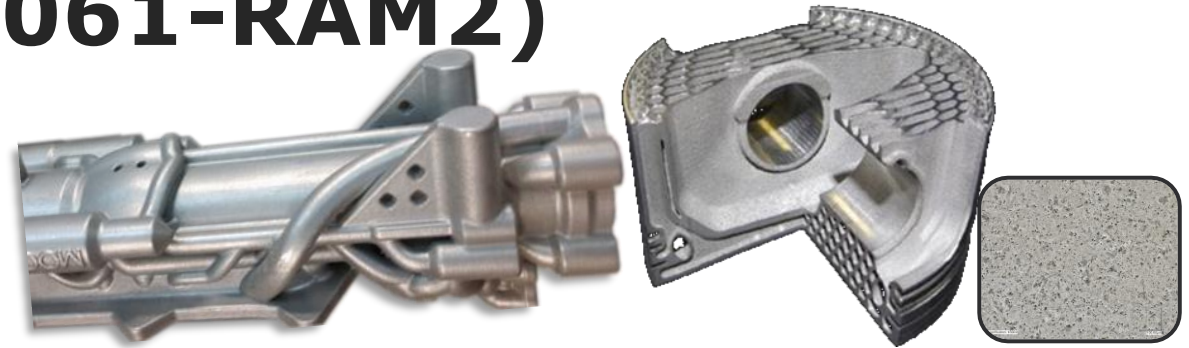




# Refinement with RAM (A6061-RAM2)



RAM Inoculation

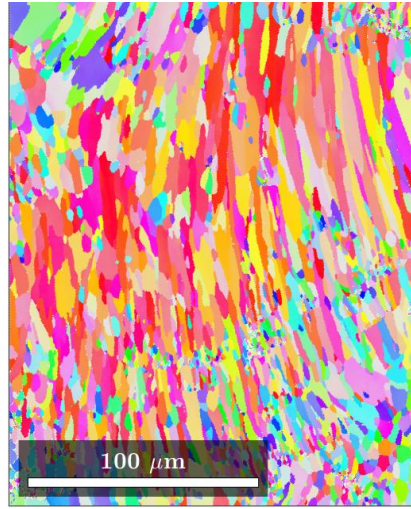


## Legacy Alloy

Grain size:

100s of  $\mu\text{m}$  to mm

*Note: lower magnification.*

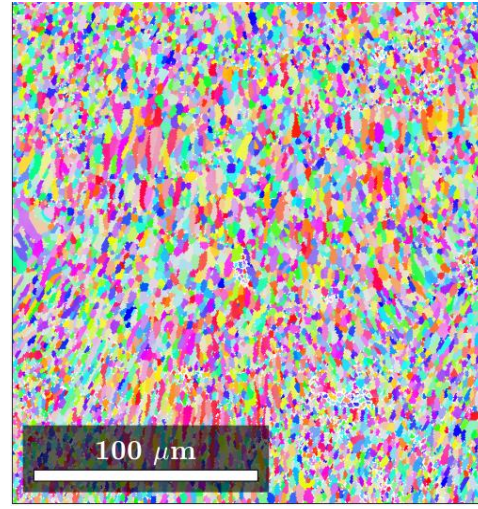


## RAM 0.5

Grain size:

Area:  $8.87 \mu\text{m}^2$

Diameter:  $4.37 \mu\text{m}$

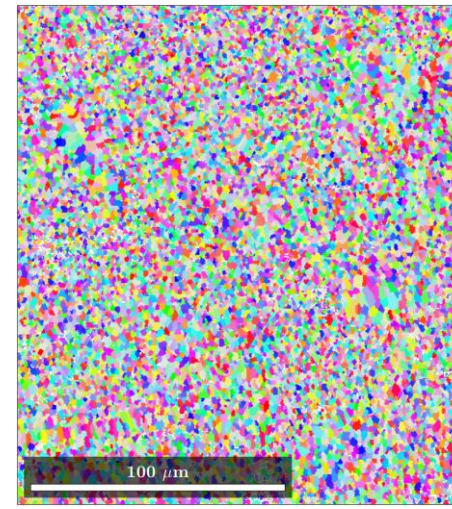


## RAM 1

Grain size:

Area:  $3.84 \mu\text{m}^2$

Diameter:  $2.80 \mu\text{m}$

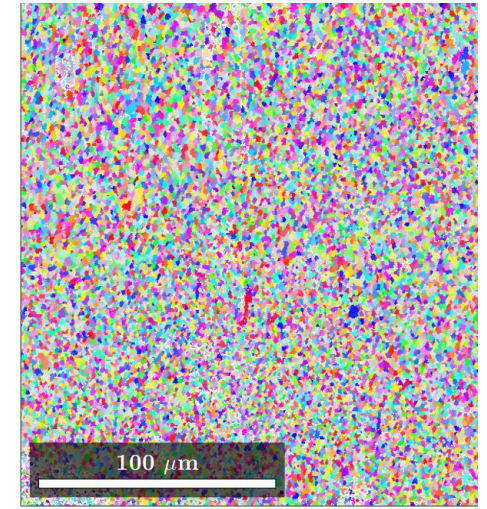


## RAM 2

Grain size:

Area:  $1.91 \mu\text{m}^2$

Diameter:  $1.93 \mu\text{m}$



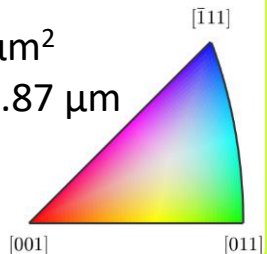
## RAM 10

Grain size:

Area:  $1.74 \mu\text{m}^2$

Diameter:  $1.87 \mu\text{m}$

Increasing RAM Content

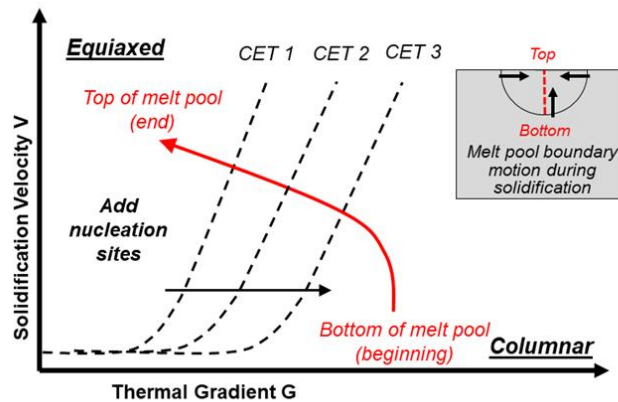




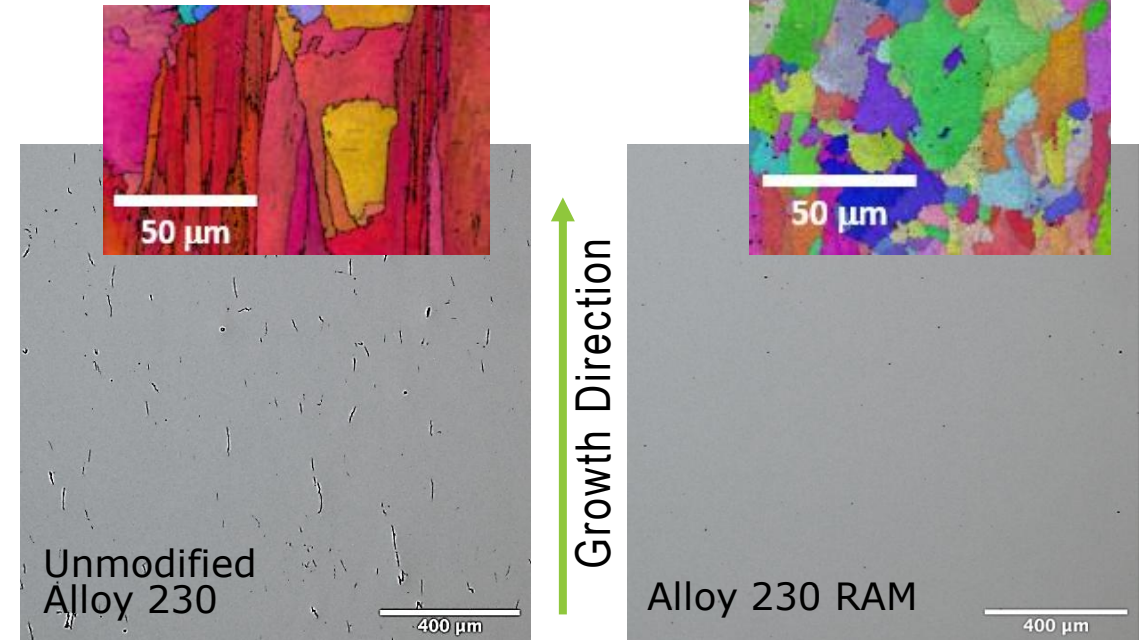
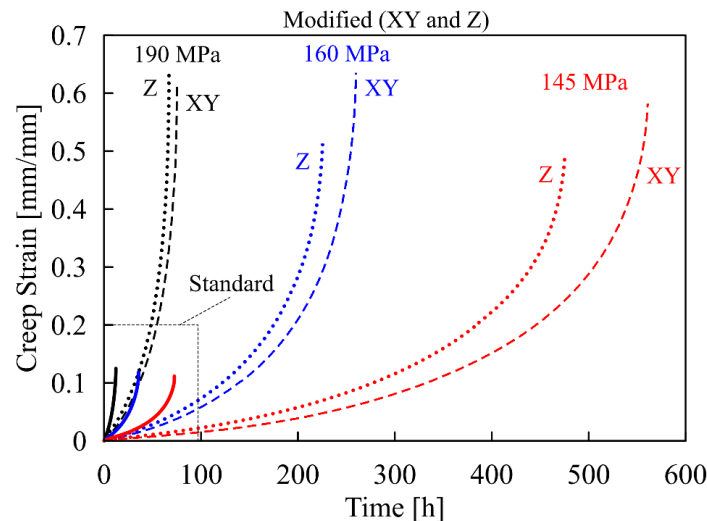
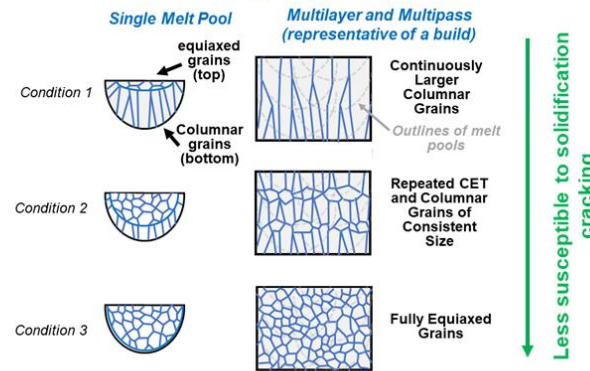
# RAM Nickel Superalloys

e.g. Alloy 230

## CET Models and Heat Transfer Simulations



## Grain Morphology Prediction



Utilized ICME framework with RAM to explain and solve microcracking and improve properties.

- Y.S. 60% greater than wrought Alloy 230 at 1400°F (760°C)
- Elongation ~6X higher than unmodified LPBF Alloy 230
- Vastly improved creep compared to unmodified LPBF Alloy 230



# Finish and Post Processing

Two rectangular bars welded by GTAW (TIG) with 4000 series filler wire

## A6061-RAM2

- Upskin Ra = 4  $\mu\text{m}$
- Downskin Ra = 6  $\mu\text{m}$



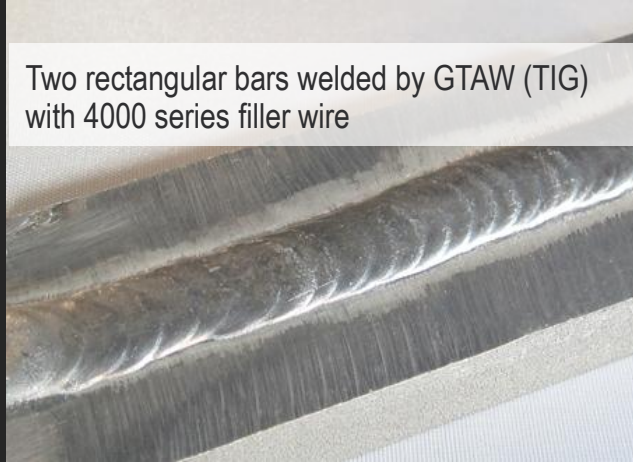
As printed surface  
(Part Designed by Moog)



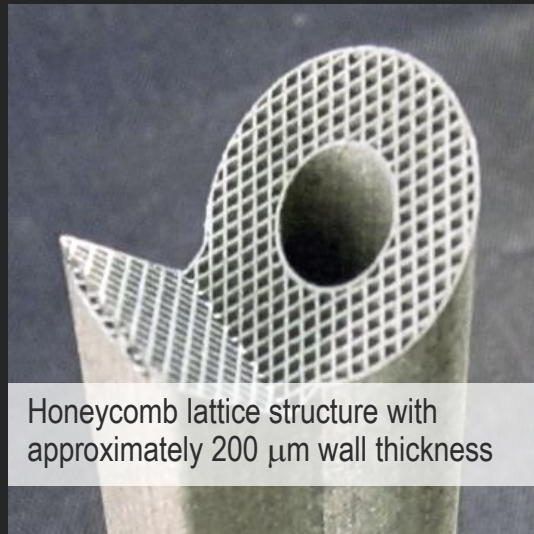
Chromated A6061-RAM2 Parts and photos by Ball Aerospace



Chemical machined A6061-RAM2  
aerospike nozzle



AL2024-RAM10 black anodized



Honeycomb lattice structure with  
approximately 200  $\mu\text{m}$  wall thickness



# FORTIUS METALS

## RAM Wire Materials

Producing advanced welding wire for traditional welding and W-DED

## Manufacturing

Wire-arc and Wire-laser DED fabrication in-house using Fortius' advanced controls.



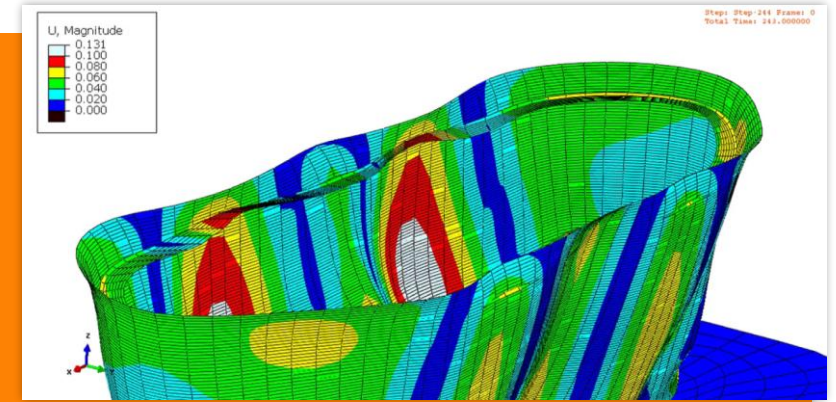
- A6061-RAM2 commercial
- A7075-RAM2 funded development
- GrCop42 funded development
- IN625-RAM2 funded development
- SS316L-RAM funded development
- A2024-RAM2 IRAD
- A5083-RAM5 IRAD

## Enabling the W-DED industry

With a unified suite of product offerings

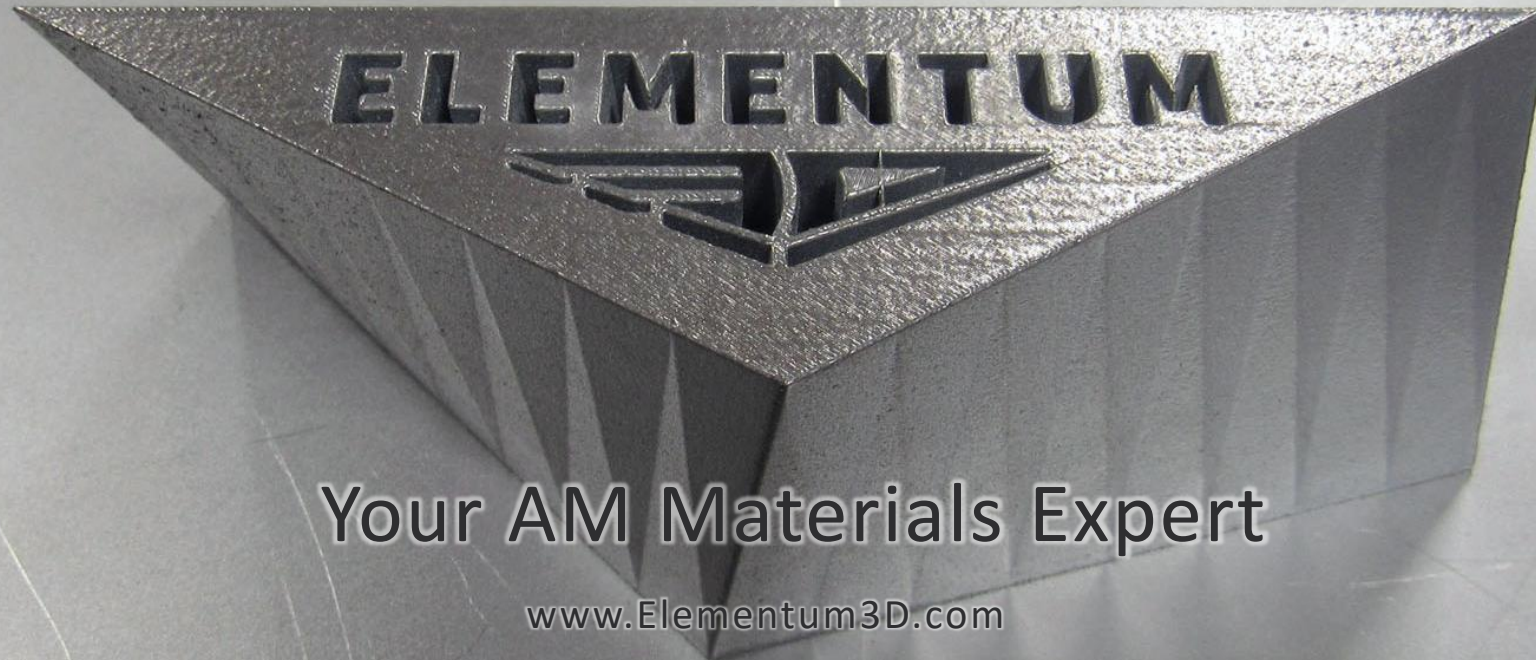
## Simulation

Custom physics-based simulation software for advanced W-DED CAM





# Questions



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# PermiAM

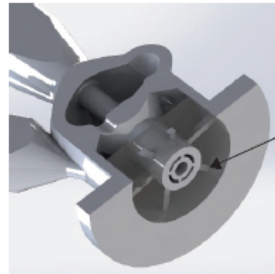
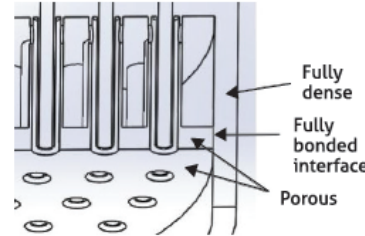
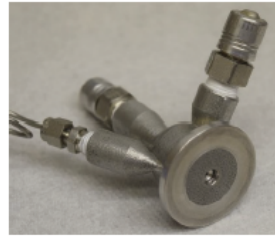
**Controlled permeability for fuel injection, heat pipes, and more.**

**“I can’t overstate how much this technology is an absolute game changer for us.”**

- NASA Propulsion Engineer

## CASE STUDY - INJECTOR DESIGN

Test data shows PermiAM can lower injector face temperature from 530°F to 141°F, a 389°F decrease with 5.6% fuel mass flow.



### Significance & Test Results

- Lower cost engine development and production.
- AM injector designs with face cooling & chamber wall cooling.
- Novel engine designs to increase performance.
- Increased engine stability: dampen acoustic instabilities.
- No low cycle fatigue issues observed during hot fire testing.
- Lower injector thermal stress: test data shows injector face at 41-50°F internal with 141°F face temperature during steady state hot fire.





# Selected Programs

## ▶ NAVSEA

- STTR - Additive manufacturing of High-Performance Copper-Based Components and Materials

## ▶ Air Force

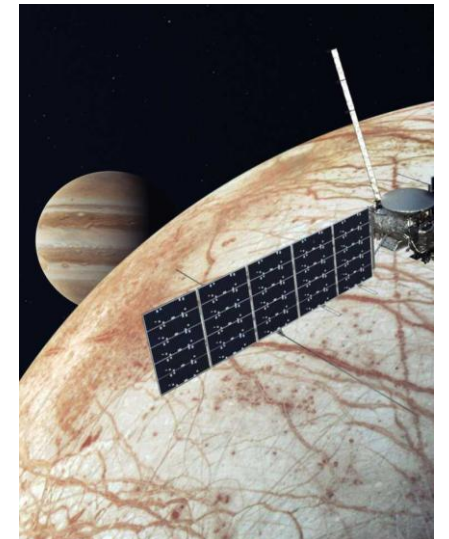
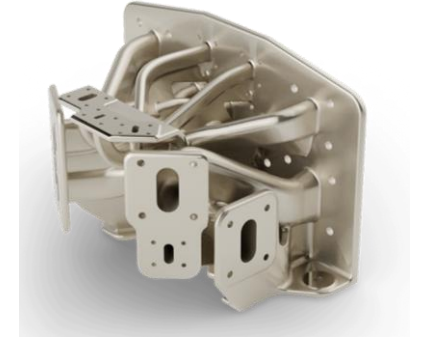
- AF Rapid Sustainment Office – Qualification of A6061-RAM2
- AFRL through America Makes – Qualification of A7050-RAM2

## ▶ Army AAL

- AM of Javelin, Stinger, and GMLR

## ▶ NASA

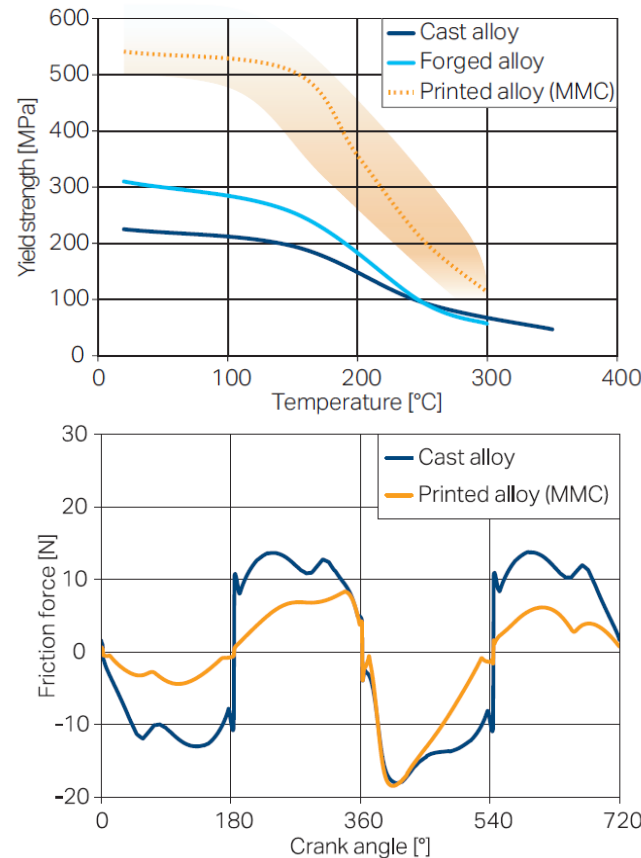
- A6061-RAM2 – Qualified to NASA-STD-6030. First ever fully qualified AM parts were launched on Europa Clipper.



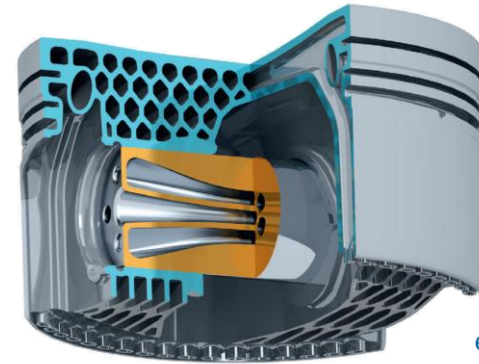
## CASE STUDY

# RAM Aluminum Combustion Engine Pistons

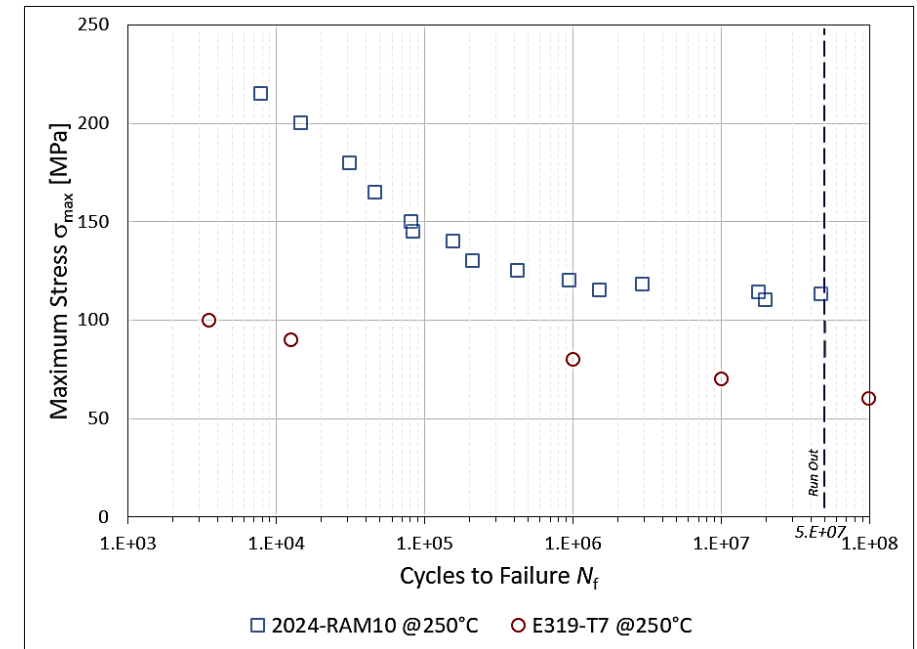
- ▶ Strong and light weight material. AM design optimized for **reduced inertial forces**.
- ▶ Reduced CTE and low coefficient of friction from MMC for **reduced friction**.
- ▶ **Higher performance and fuel efficiency**
- ▶ Excellent strength and fatigue life at temperature for **longer service life**.



Friction reduction of the piston skirt by materials with reduced thermal expansion



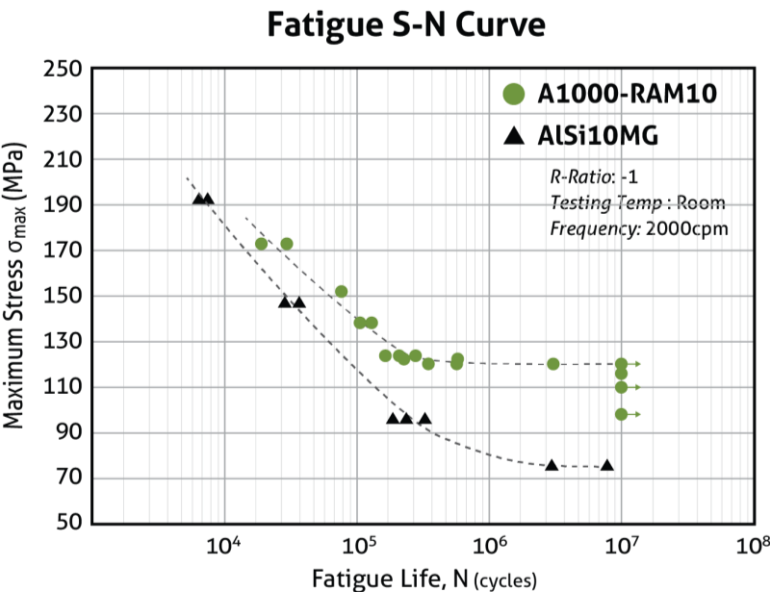
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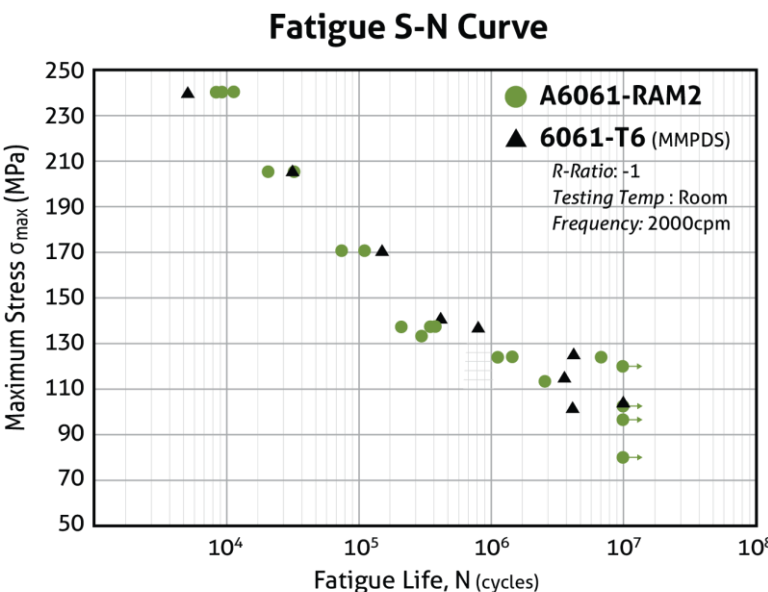


# RAM Aluminum Fatigue Data

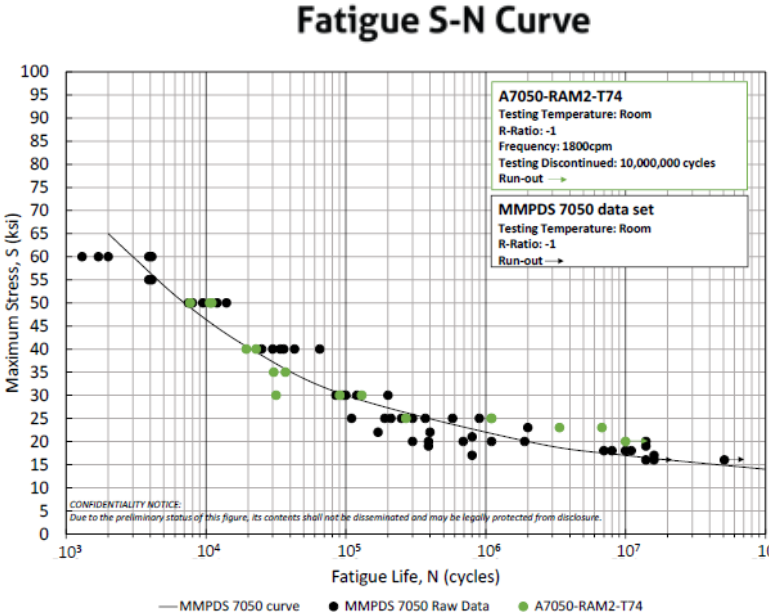
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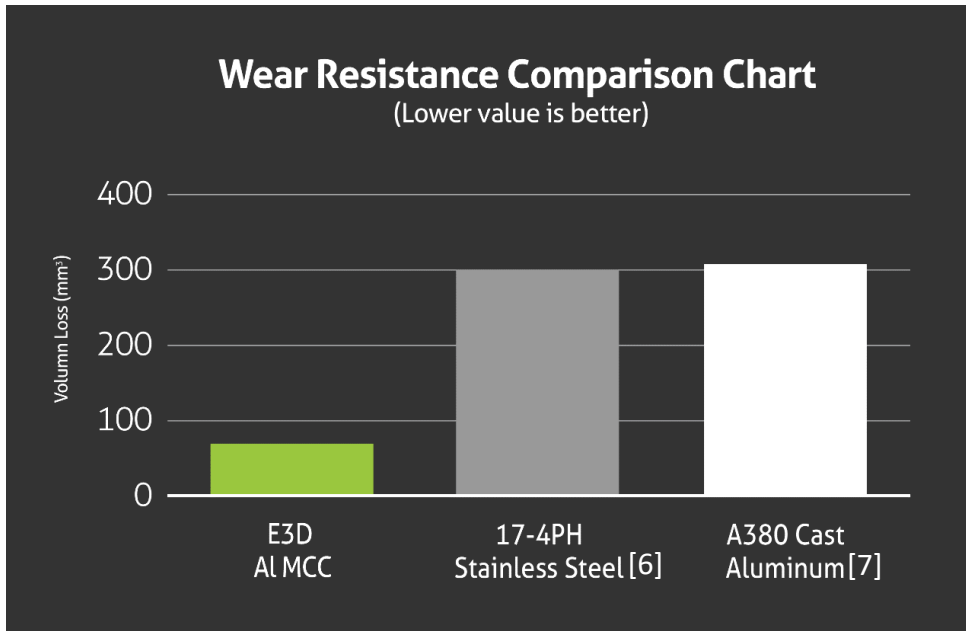
## A6061-RAM2



## A7050-RAM2



# RAM Aluminum Composites



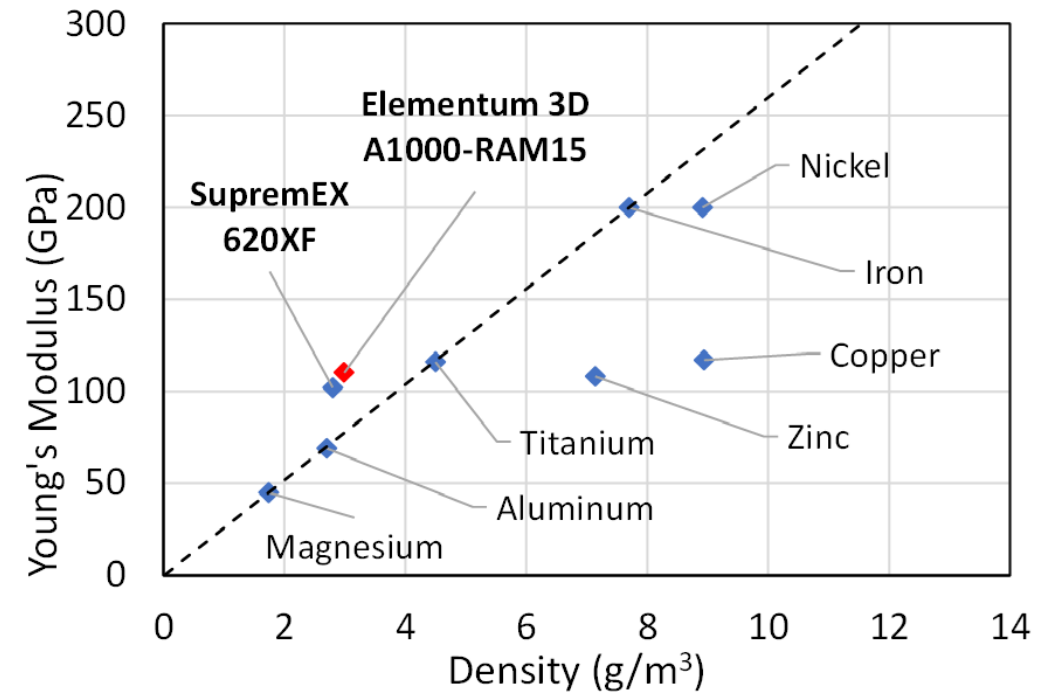
ASTM G65 Procedure E material volume loss for printed AL2024-RAM10 compared to traditionally produced alloys.

[6] Suthar et al. (2015). Comparative evaluation of abrasivewear resistance of various stainless steel grades. *GE- International Journal of Engineering Research*, 3(7)

[7] Lall and Williamson. Wear Resistance and Mechanical Properties of Selected PM Aluminum Alloys and Composites, Metal Powder Products Company

## High Specific Stiffness

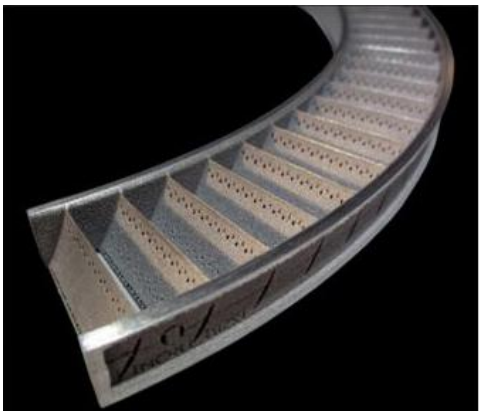
- ▶ Al-MMCs are a candidate for replacement of beryllium composites (e.g. Flight electronics housings)





# Properties of AL2024 and AL6061

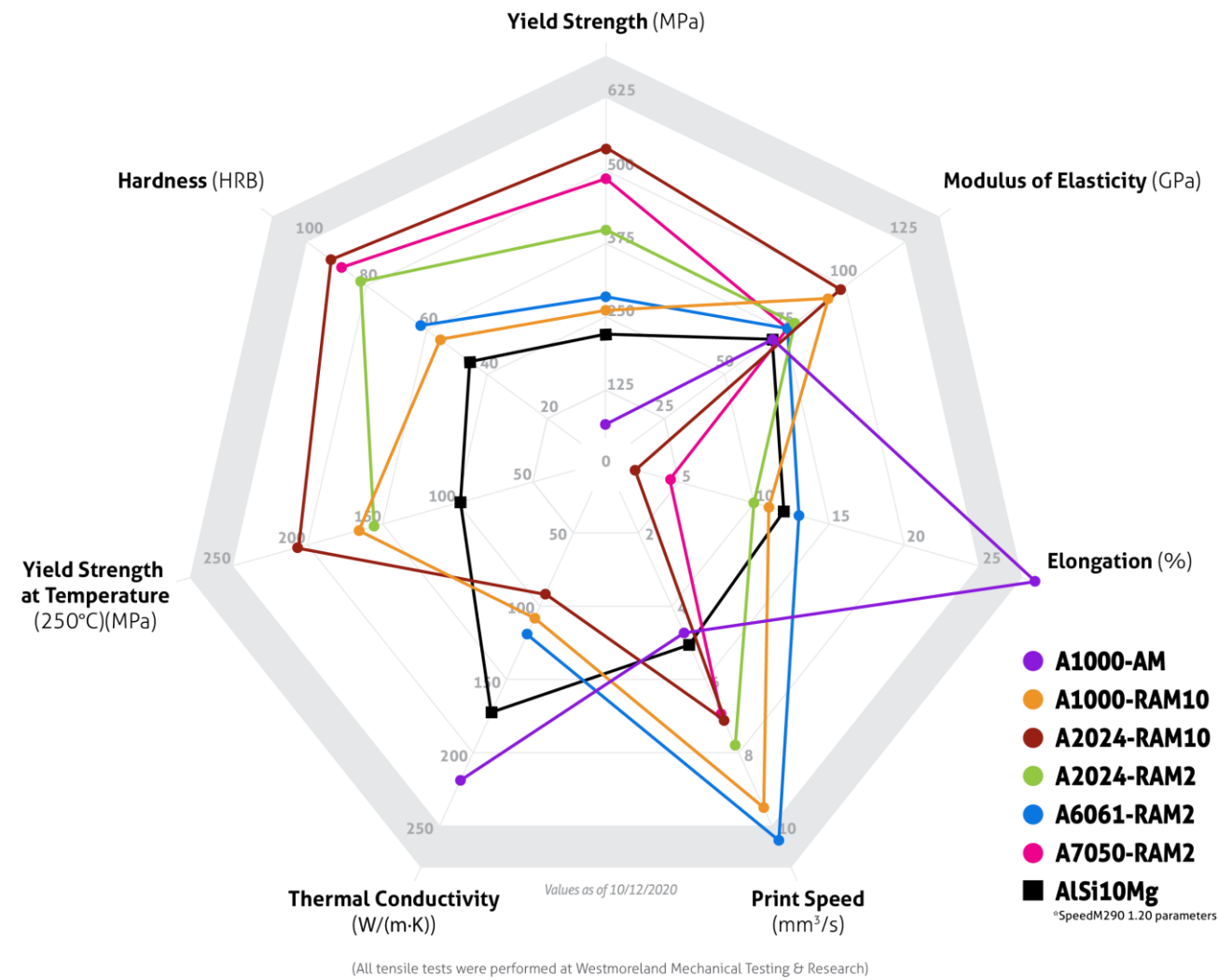
Properties	Wrought AA2024-T6	A2024-RAM2-T6	A2024-RAM10-T6
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2.78 (typical)	2.82	2.97
Hardness (HRB)	78 (typical)	82±3	92±3
Yield Strength (MPa)	345 (min)	400	535
Tensile Strength (MPa)	427 (min)	496	555
Elongation (%)	5% (min)	10	2
Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	73 (typical)	79	98



Properties	Wrought Al6061-T6	AL6061-RAM2-T6	AL6061-RAM10-T6
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2.7 (typical)	2.73	2.89
Hardness (HRB)	60 (typical)	62	79
Yield Strength (MPa)	241 (min)	285	308
Tensile Strength (MPa)	262 (min)	315	421
Elongation (%)	8% (min)	13	6
Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	69 (typical)	76	97

# Elementum 3D Aluminums

Elementum 3D  
AM Aluminum  
Materials  
(Compared to *AlSi10Mg*)





# RAM Technology

**Reactive  
Additive  
Manufacturing  
(RAM)**

**RAM Powders  
+ Thermodynamics  
Advanced Composites**

## Laser Powder Bed Fusion 3D Printing Process

