## Welding and other applications of the Vaporizing Foil Actuator (VFA) tool

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#### Outline

- Impulse manufacturing lab
- Impact welding (Vaporizing Foil Actuator Welding)
- Other applications
  - Cutting
  - Shape calibration



#### Impulse Manufacturing Lab

- Moving materials at strain rates > 1000/s
- Speeds > 100 m/s
- By electromagnetic induction, laser ablation and <u>vaporizing</u> foil actuator
- Weld, form and cut materials, mostly metals
- 5 capacitor banks: 1 kJ to 48 kJ
- 3 PDVs measuring velocities from 1 m/s to 2 km/s on up to 16

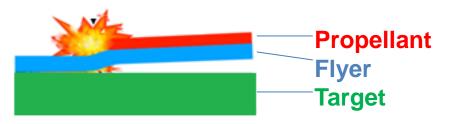
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#### Impact welding

- Solid-state welding by means of a <u>high-speed</u>, <u>oblique</u> impact.
  - Critical parameters
    - Speed: typically about 300~1000 m/s
    - Angle: typically about 5°~30° (must be > 0°)
  - Traditionally done by using explosives and later, magnetic pulse



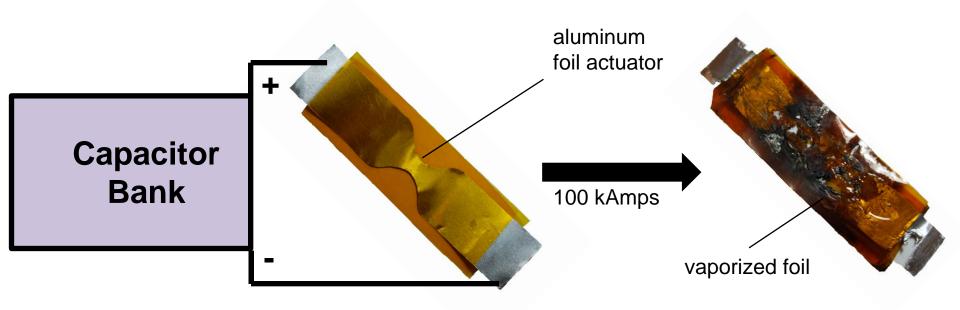
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http://sections.aws.org/johnstown/photos.htm

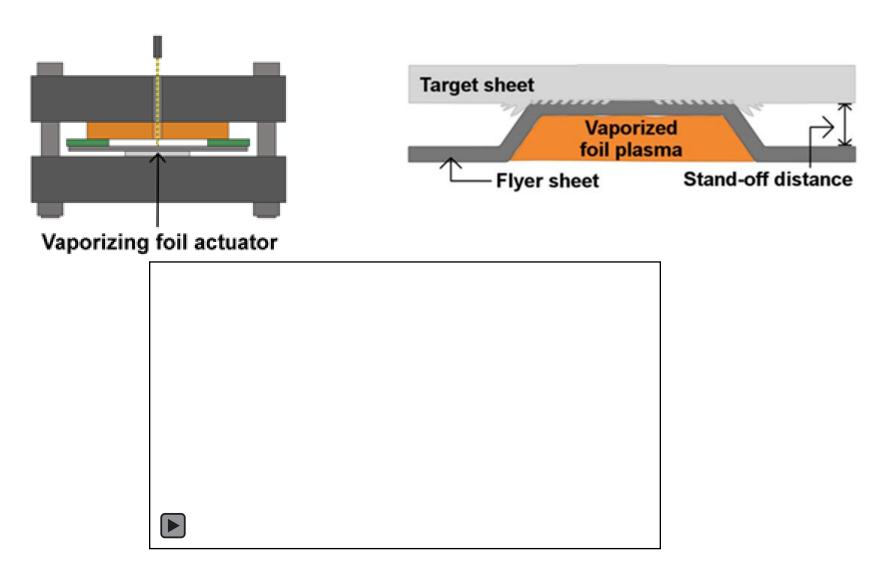
Cons: Explosive! Actuator longevity!

# Vaporizing Foil Actuator Welding NOT MPW

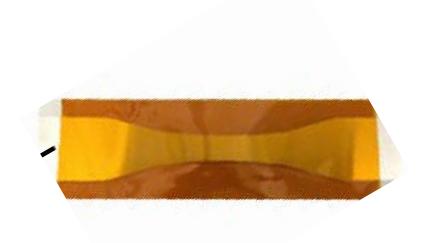


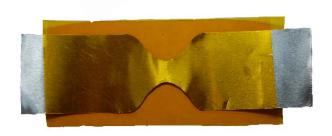


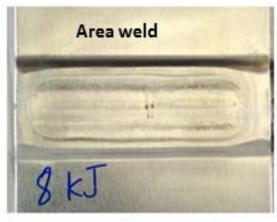
### Welding Procedure



## **VFAW** shapes

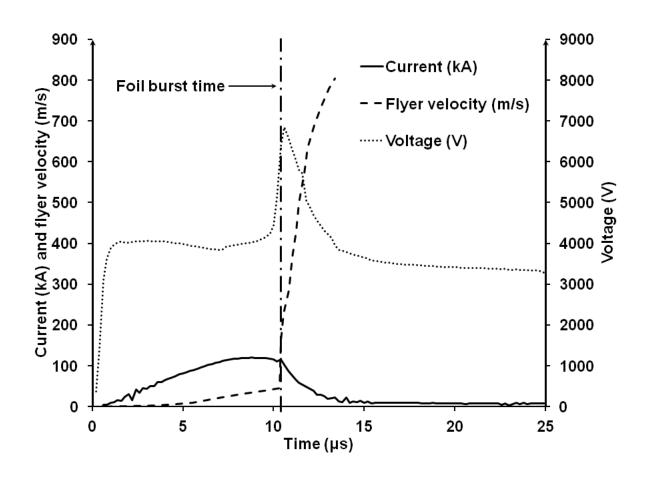




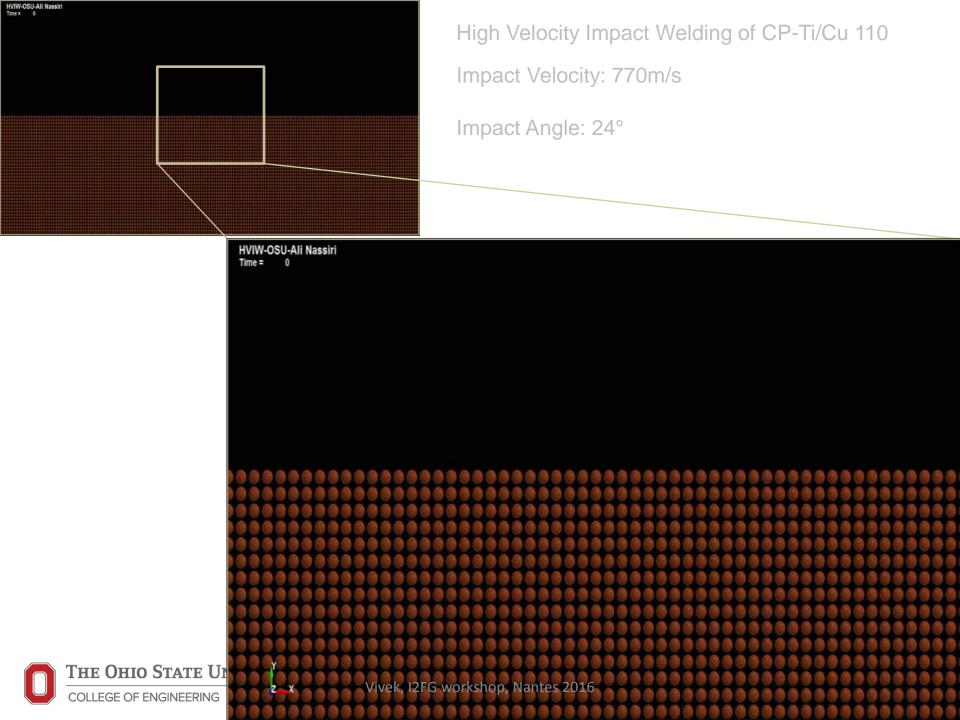




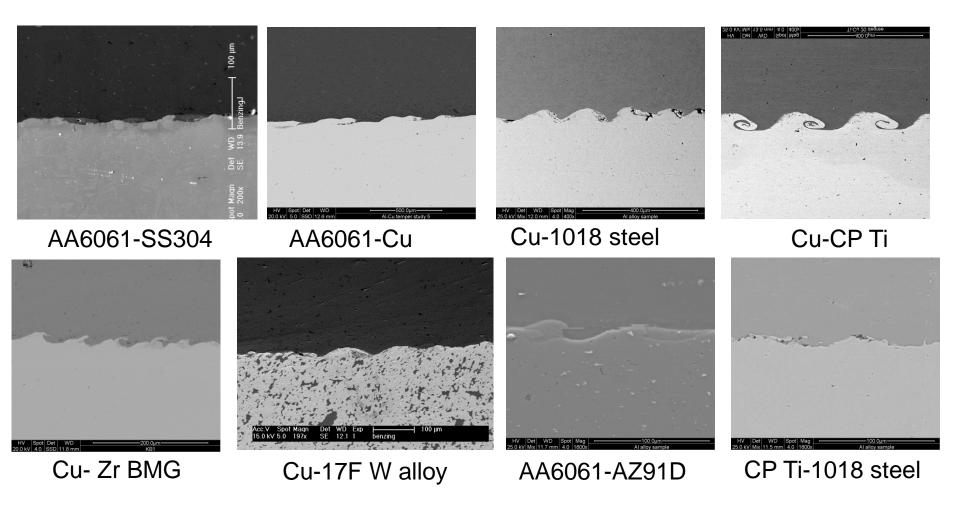
### Current, Voltage and Velocity







#### VFAW combinations



and a few more...



#### VFAW-ed combinations







Target Flyer	1ххх	2ххх	5ххх	6ххх	7ххх	Aural 2	A356	AISI 1018	DDQ stainl ess steel	DP 590	DP 780	DP 980	Usib or 1500	Cu 110	CP <u>Ti</u>	Mag nesiu m AM6 0B
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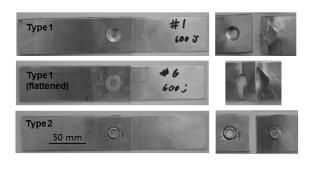




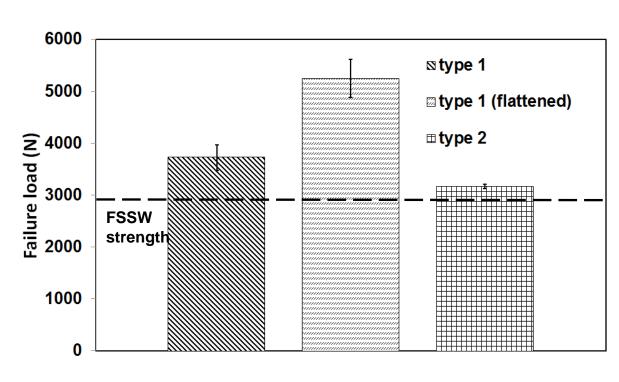
Peel strength > 250 N/mm

## 5052-H32 welds: Comparison to FSSW

Lap shear tests



All welds created with 600 J



Zhang, Z., Yang, X., Zhang, J., Zhou, G., Xu, X., Zou, B., 2011. Effect of welding parameters on microstructure and mechanical properties of friction stir spot welded 5052 aluminum alloy. Materials and Design, 32(8-9), 4461–4470. doi:10.1016/j.matdes.2011.03.058

## AA5052/AA7075 results: Mechanical Tests

• 5052 thickness: 2 mm

7075 thickness: 2.3 mm

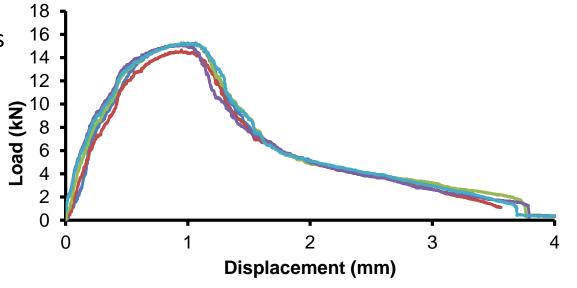
• Input energy: 4 kiloJoules

• Impact velocity: 580 m/s

Spot size: 15 mm

Samples left a nugget

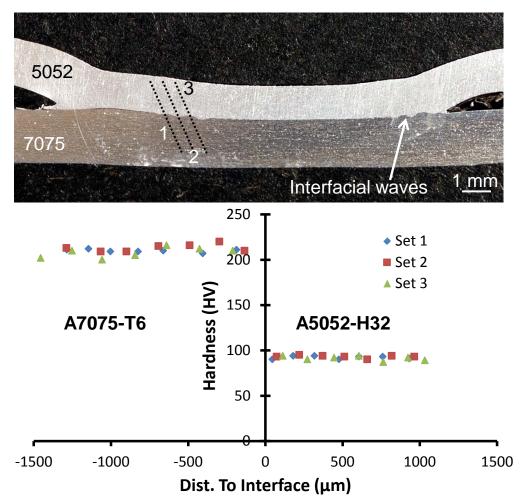






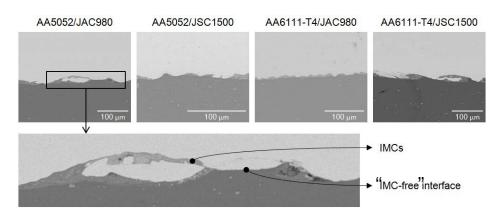
# AA5052/AA7075 results: Microanalysis

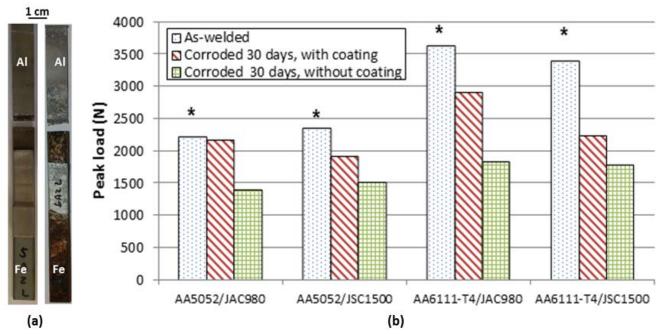
- Strength of base material retained
- Negligible thinning
- Wavy interface





## Aluminum-steel welding







## Present: Pedestal system



<100 decibels, 20 second cycle time



#### Current Collaborations on VFAW

- **OEM:** Honda, others
- Tier 1: Magna, Jefferson Industries
- Equipment builder: Coldwater Machine
- Materials: Alcoa, Meridian, Ashland
- Modeling: UNH, OSU SIM Center, PNNL
- Training: Tri-Rivers Center

#### Collaborators:

Tim Abke (Honda) Duane Detwiler (Honda) Pete Edwards (Honda) JK Hong (Battelle) Marc Auger (Magna) Michael Barker (Ashland) Matt Brienzo (JIC) Dan Bryant (Alcoa) Jen Locke (OSU) Jason Johnson (OSU) Erman Tekkaya (TU) Tim Abke (Honda) Christian Weddeling (TU) Marlon Hahn (TU) Anthony Luscher (OSU) Suresh Babu (UTK) Curtis Prothe (DMC) Brad Kinsey (UNH) Xin Sun (PNNL) ....and many others









### Other applications

- Forming
- Cutting
- Shape calibration
- Conformal/Interference fits

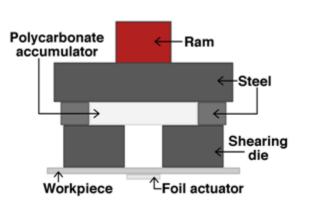


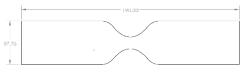
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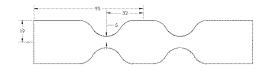


## 22MnB5 shearing using VFA



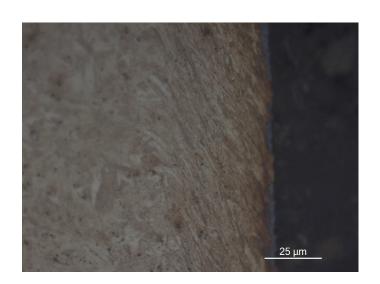


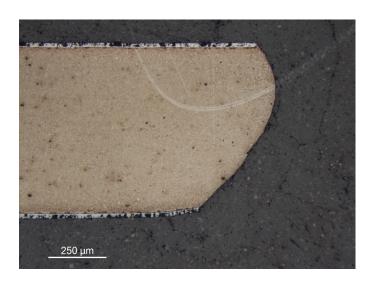






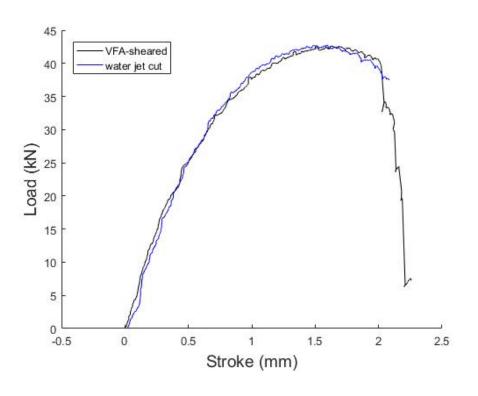
1.5 mm thick 1500 MPa boron steel





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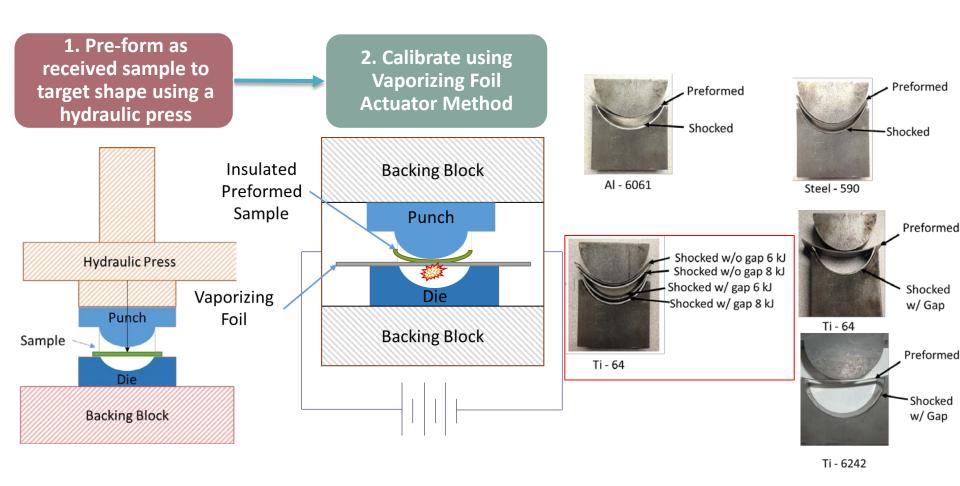
Uniaxial tension



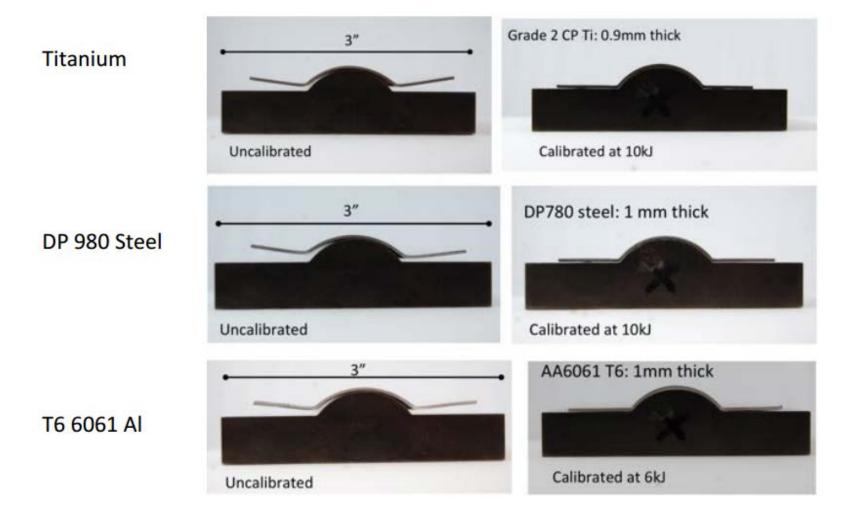
- Low-cycle fatigue
  - 10 Hz, 50% ultimate
    failure load

Cutting method	Cycles to failure					
VFA shear	4219					
Water jet	6131					

### **VFA Shape Calibration Process**

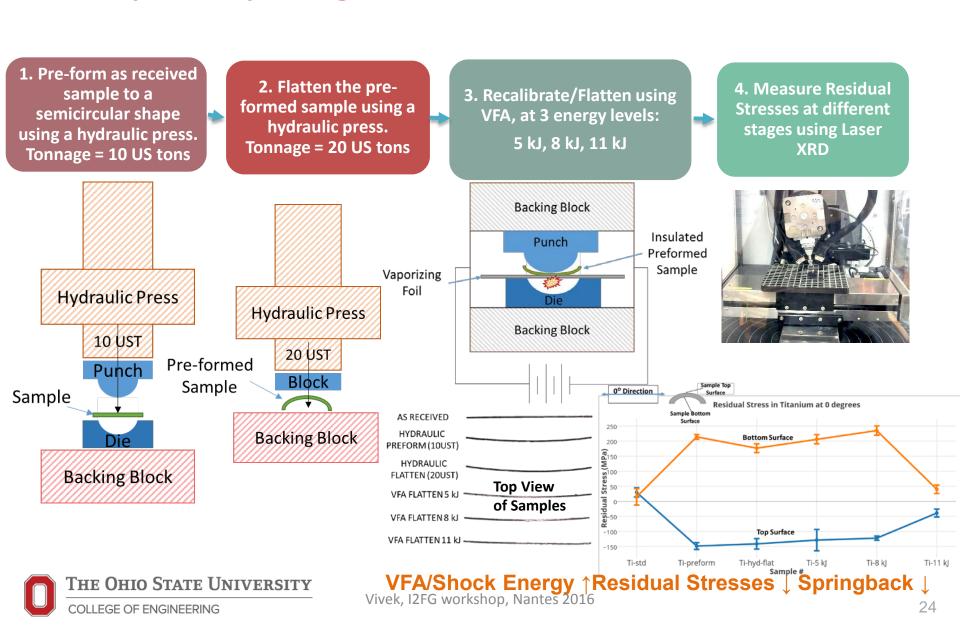


#### More calibrated shapes





#### Study of Springback Relief Mechanism



#### Key takeaways

✓ Similar and dissimilar combinations

√6mm thick aluminum

✓ Flange width 10mm with aluminum✓ Aluminum welding: reliable

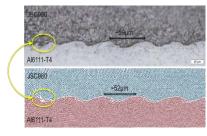


√ Current status: Pedestal system

√ well-supported by state, federal and industry projects

√Key strategic partners engaging

✓ SPH-based simulations



✓ Also useful for springback removal and cutting of high strength materials



























#### Questions

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