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## Scientific Progress

The key contributions of this research effort to each of the aforementioned applications are noted below:

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- Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) experiments (Figure 1) were performed and a maximum output velocity of 4.29 m/s was measured for an input current of 200 mA for an input power of just 20 mW.

#### Application 2: Dielectric barrier discharge plasma actuators for flow control

- Reduced-size or microscale DBD actuators were manufactured using semiconductor fabrication techniques with electrode dimensions as narrow as 10  $\mu$ m, and utilizing silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) for the dielectric barrier having thicknesses of 5 and 10  $\mu$ m (Figure 2).
- The micro DBD plasma actuators (Figure 2) were characterized for electrical (power consumption), fluidic (induced velocity) and mechanical (thrust and plasma body force) performance. Velocities reaching up to 1.5 m/s while consuming 41 W/m of electrical power (normalized by electrode length) were measured. The plasma body force (acting on the fluid) and thrust (reaction force felt by the actuator) were measured to be 2.5 and 1.4 mN/m, respectively.
- Device failure mechanisms were analyzed and attributed primarily to erosion and breakdown of the dielectric barrier, leading to excessive current densities and catastrophic “burn-out” of the barrier material

#### Application 3: Electrodynamic transducers for energy conversion

- A crucial design parameter, denoted “coupling strength”, was theoretically identified and experimentally measured for maximizing the electromechanical effectiveness of electrodynamic architectures.
- Developed and demonstrated first-generation, fully microfabricated  $\sim$ 9 mm<sup>3</sup> vibrational energy harvesting device (Figure 3) that utilized a multi-pole magnetic architecture and yielded a power output of 171 pW at 4 g acceleration, corresponding to a volumetric power density of  $\sim$ 20 nW/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- Investigated electrodynamic transducers for enabling a unique, wireless power transmission scheme, and demonstrated delivery of 150  $\mu$ W of power at 12% efficiency to a compact receiver at a distance of 2.2 cm at a transmission frequency of only 38 Hz.
- Developed and demonstrated a two-port 10 mm<sup>3</sup> electrodynamic transducer, coined as an “electrodynamic transformer” to enable energy-dense electrical power conversion using vibrating mechanical structures rather than traditional magnetic-core transformers. Achieved a power transfer efficiency of 40% with first-run prototypes, and demonstrated an ultra-low-voltage dc/ac inverter based on the ET using only two external components—a MOSFET and a capacitor.

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### **Technology Transfer**

## **Final Project Summary - Grant # W911NF-09-1-0511**

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### **Development of Fully-Integrated Micromagnetic Actuator Technologies**

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#### **Objectives**

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#### **Approach**

Over the 5+ year period of performance, efforts in pursuit of the above research objectives have evolved and broadened. New magnetic materials and relevant fabrication methods were developed, and their compatibility with silicon microfabrication techniques was investigated. These materials and methods were used to demonstrate 3 different microsystem devices/applications:

Application 1: Synthetic jet actuators for flow control – development of micro electrodynamic Zero Net Mass Flux ( $\mu$ eZNMF) actuators for flow control applications

Application 2: Dielectric barrier discharge (DBD) plasma actuators for flow control<sup>1</sup> – development of microfabricated DBD plasma actuators for flow control applications

Application 3: Electrodynamic transducers for energy conversion - exploiting electrodynamic interactions between permanent magnets and coils to enact different electromechanical energy conversion functionalities (actuators, energy harvesters, motors/generators, electrical power conversion).

## **Relevance to the Army**

Microscale flow-control actuators can be used as flight-control effectors for low-Reynolds-number air vehicles. The actuators can lend themselves to flapless, tail-less and low cross-section design. Such designs could lead to efficient and stealthier successors of the currently operational UAVS like the RQ-11, Switchblade or Wasp III. Additionally, high-power-density energy converters are very important in electronic power systems, especially for soldier-borne electronics. More broadly, integrated micromagnet technologies have numerous other military and consumer applications in electronics, microrobotics, biomedical devices, RF components, power systems, etc.

## **Accomplishments**

The key contributions of this research effort to each of the aforementioned applications are noted below:

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- Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) experiments (Figure 1) were performed and a maximum output velocity of 4.29 m/s was measured for an input current of 200 mA<sub>pp</sub> for an input power of just 20 mW.

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<sup>1</sup> While this technology does not necessitate the use of integrated magnets, the ability to microfabricate plasma actuators developed as an unexpected area for investigation. Magnetic materials may be integrated into future device designs to enhance the plasma density and effectiveness of the actuators.

### Application 2: Dielectric barrier discharge plasma actuators for flow control

- Reduced-size or microscale DBD actuators were manufactured using semiconductor fabrication techniques with electrode dimensions as narrow as 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and utilizing silicon dioxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) for the dielectric barrier having thicknesses of 5 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (Figure 2).
- The micro DBD plasma actuators (Figure 1) were characterized for electrical (power consumption), fluidic (induced velocity) and mechanical (thrust and plasma body force) performance. Velocities reaching up to 1.5 m/s while consuming 41 W/m of electrical power (normalized by electrode length) were measured. The plasma body force (acting on the fluid) and thrust (reaction force felt by the actuator) were measured to be 2.5 and 1.4 mN/m, respectively.
- Device failure mechanisms were analyzed and attributed primarily to erosion and breakdown of the dielectric barrier, leading to excessive current densities and catastrophic “burn-out” of the barrier material

### Application 3: Electrodynamic transducers for energy conversion

- A crucial design parameter, denoted “coupling strength”, was theoretically identified and experimentally measured for maximizing the electromechanical effectiveness of electrodynamic architectures.
- Developed and demonstrated first-generation, fully microfabricated  $\sim 9 \text{ mm}^3$  vibrational energy harvesting device (Figure 3) that utilized a multi-pole magnetic architecture and yielded a power output of 171 pW at 4 g acceleration, corresponding to a volumetric power density of  $\sim 20 \text{ nW/cm}^3$ .
- Investigated electrodynamic transducers for enabling a unique, wireless power transmission scheme, and demonstrated delivery of 150  $\mu\text{W}$  of power at 12% efficiency to a compact receiver at a distance of 2.2 cm at a transmission frequency of only 38 Hz.
- Developed and demonstrated a two-port  $10 \text{ mm}^3$  electrodynamic transducer, coined as an “electrodynamic transformer” to enable energy-dense electrical power conversion using vibrating mechanical structures rather than traditional magnetic-core transformers. Achieved a power transfer efficiency of 40% with first-run prototypes, and demonstrated an ultra-low-voltage dc/ac inverter based on the ET using only two external components—a MOSFET and a capacitor.

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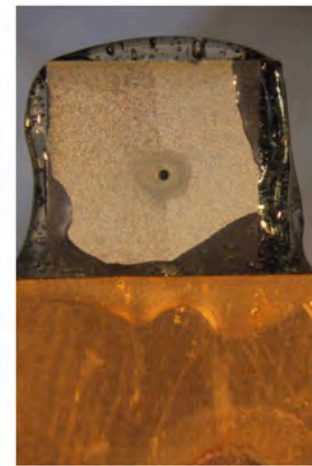
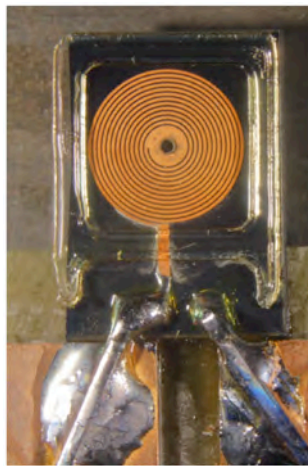
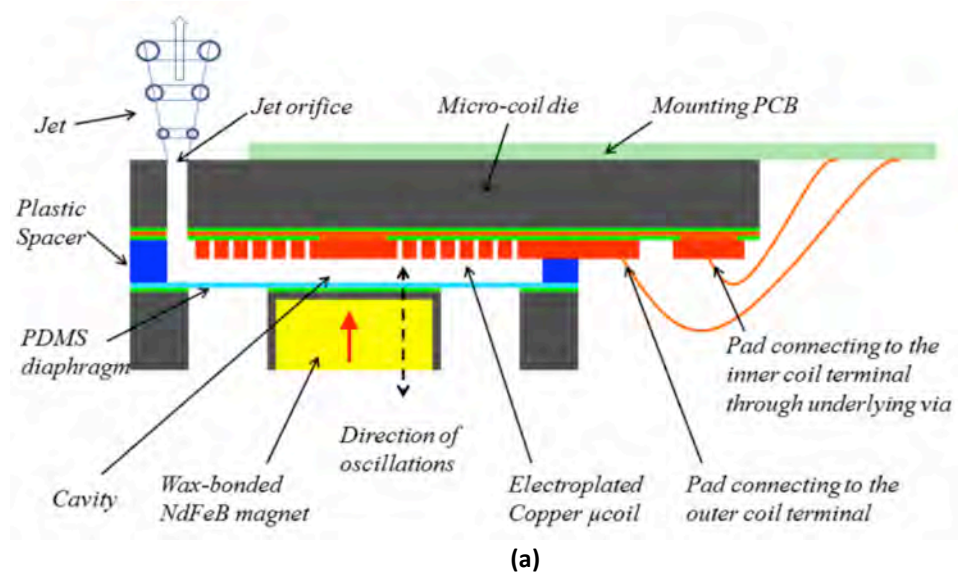
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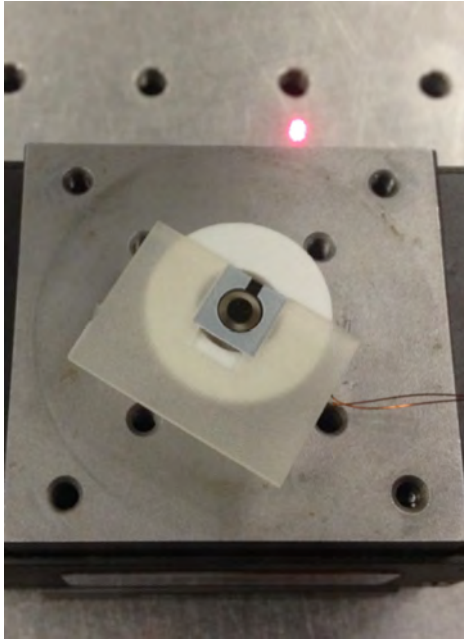
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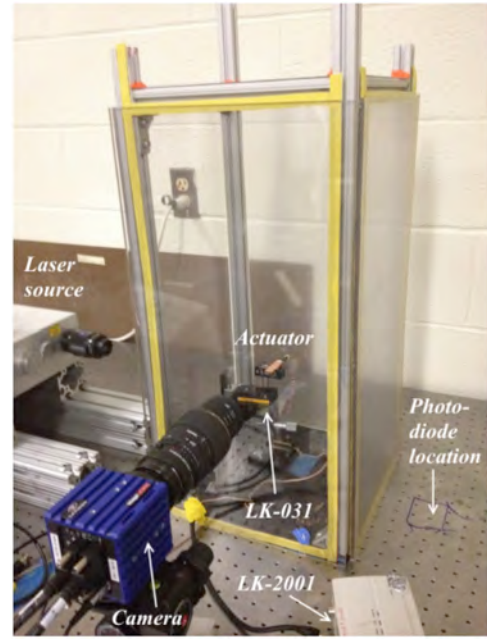
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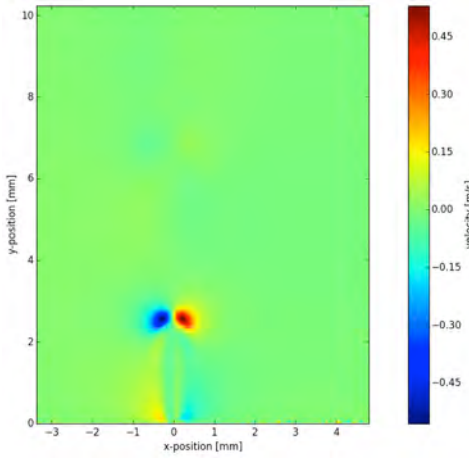
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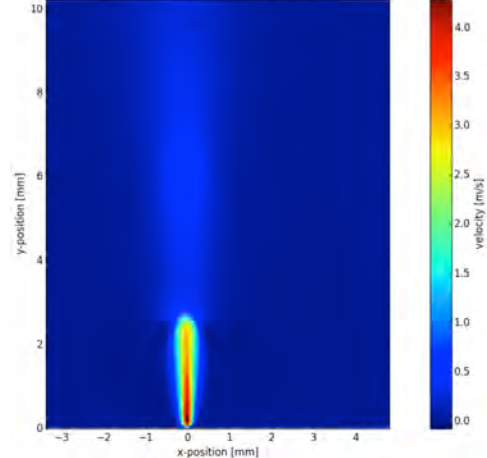
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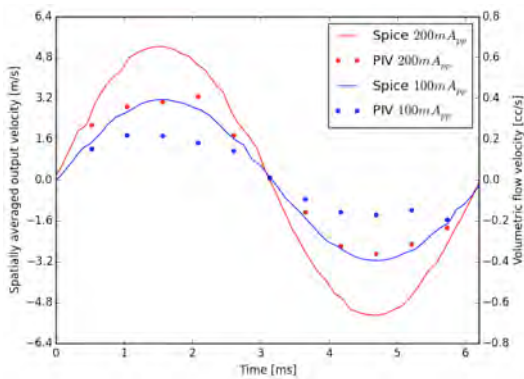
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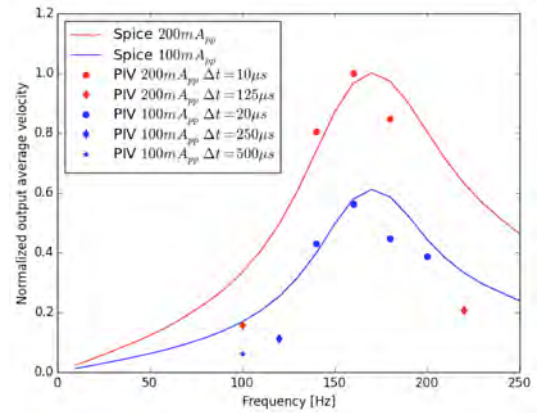
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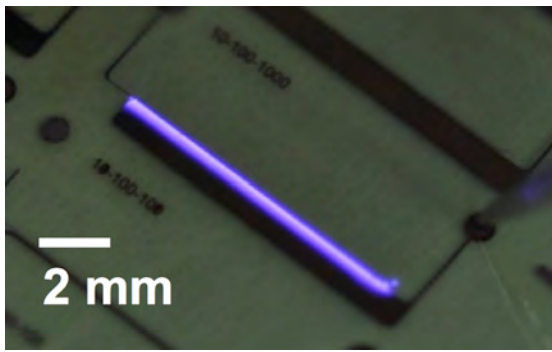
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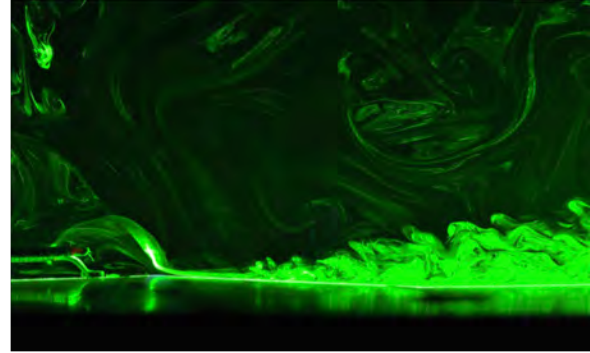
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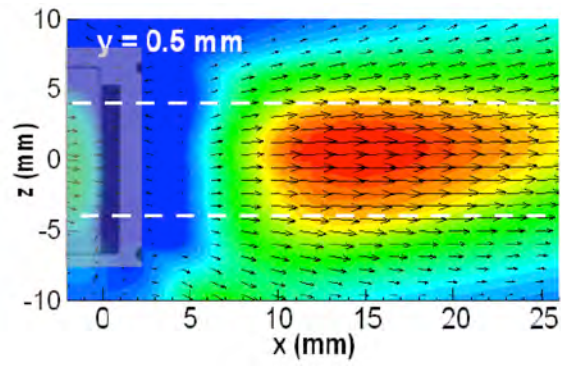




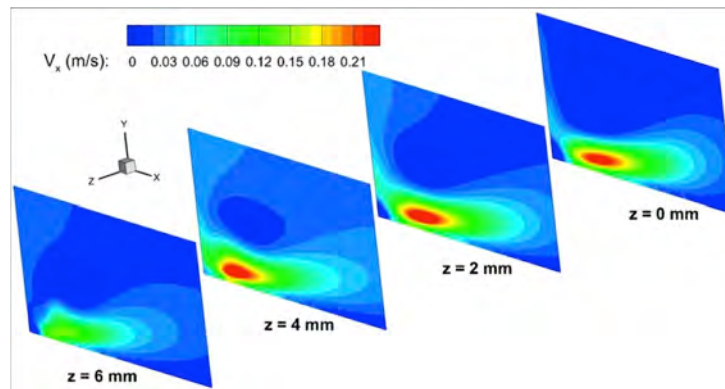
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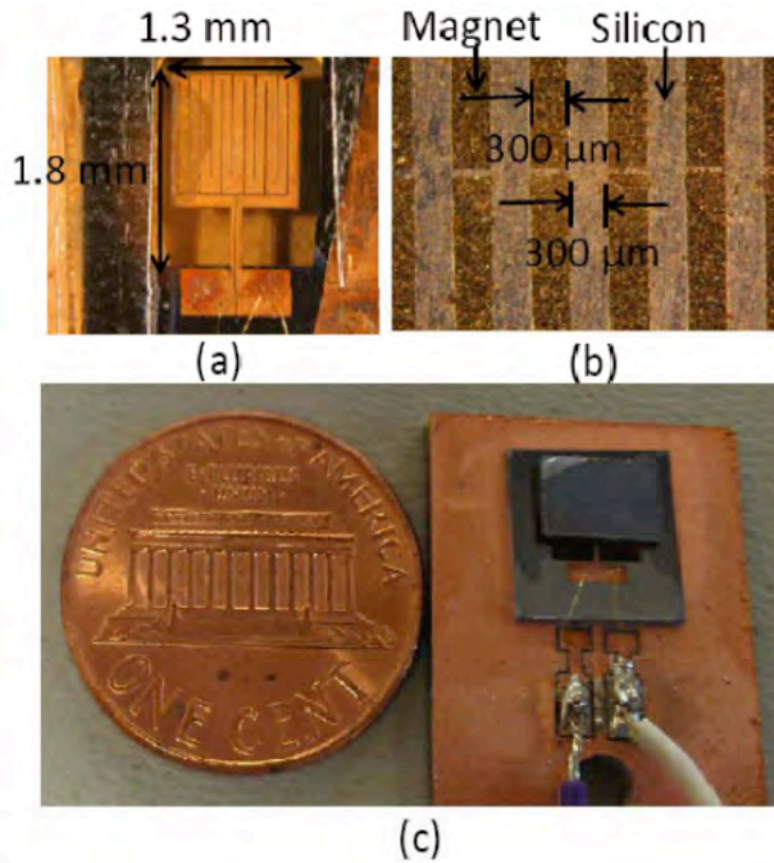


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**Figure 1: DBS plasma actuators: (a) Top view of an example device in operation, (b) side-view flow visualization of induced flow using a planar laser sheet, (c) 2D particle image velocimetry (PIV) flow measurement depicting the flow seen from the top view (cut at  $y=0.5$  mm;  $x=0$  represents location of actuator), and (d) corresponding flow measurements along the vertical cross-sections spanning across the device, orthogonal to the induce flow.**



**Figure 3: Fully microfabricated vibrational energy harvesting devices relying on electrodynamic transduction: (a) silicon cantilever beam with serpentine copper coil on top, (b) bonded-powder NdFeB micromagnets in silicon trenches, (c) assembled vibrational energy harvester device.**

# Development of Fully-Integrated Micromagnetic Actuator Technologies

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**Objective:** To transition high-performance micromagnets into fully-integrated, batch-fabricated micromagnetic actuators for Army-specified applications, such as microscale flow-control actuators.

## Capstone Accomplishments:

- Batch-microfabricated the smallest known electrodynamically driven synthetic jet actuator ( $\approx 0.062 \text{ cm}^3$ ), which demonstrated an output velocity of 4.3 m/s for a 20 mW (200 mA<sub>pp</sub>) input. (Figure 1)
- Developed micro-scale dielectric barrier discharge (DBD) plasma actuators with 10  $\mu\text{m}$  electrodes exhibiting 1.5 m/s output velocity and 1.4 mN/m thrust for power input of 41 W/m of electrode. (Figure 2)

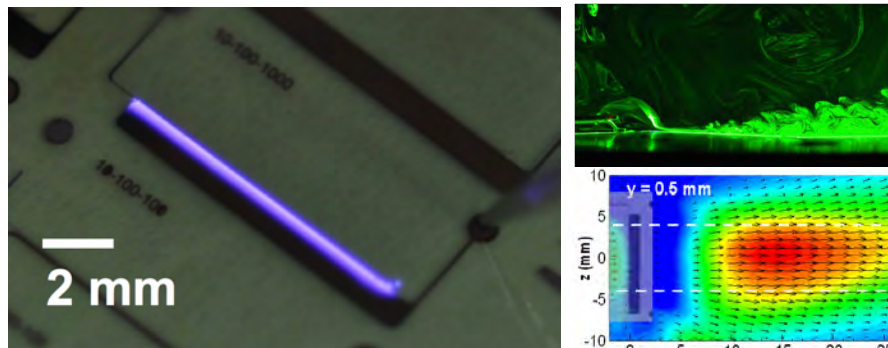


Figure 2: (clockwise from left) (a) top-view of an example device in operation, (b) its flow visualization using a planar sheet laser and (c) PIV flow measurement depicting flow seen from the top view.

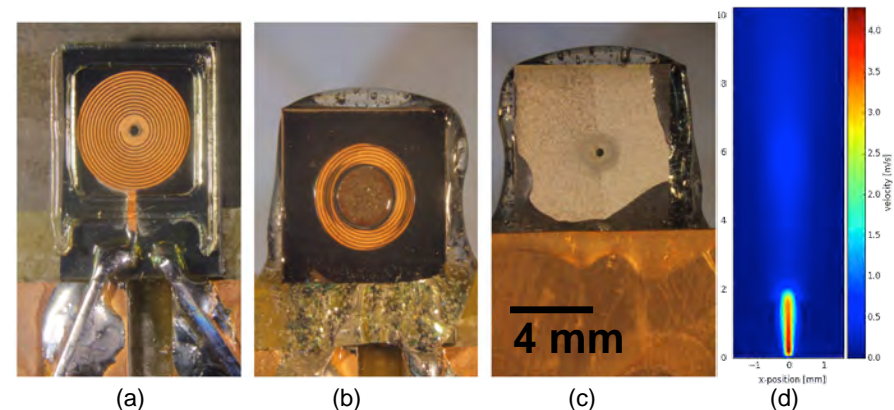


Figure 1: (a) Bottom silicon die 10 mm  $\times$  7.5 mm with electroplated and soldered copper microcoil (with a plastic spacer and laser machined orifice), (b) assembled actuator with the silicon die with integrated NdFeB powder micromagnet suspended by a PDMS membrane attached on the coil die, (c) bottom view of the actuator, and (d) PIV output of the actuator from the 160 Hz [the unit for x and y axes is millimeters].

## Potential Army Relevance:

- Microscale flow-control actuators can be used for flight-control effectors for micro-UAVs
- Micromagnet technologies have numerous other applications in electronics, microrobotics, biomedical devices, power converters, etc.

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