

America Makes Efforts Relevant to AM for Nuclear Applications

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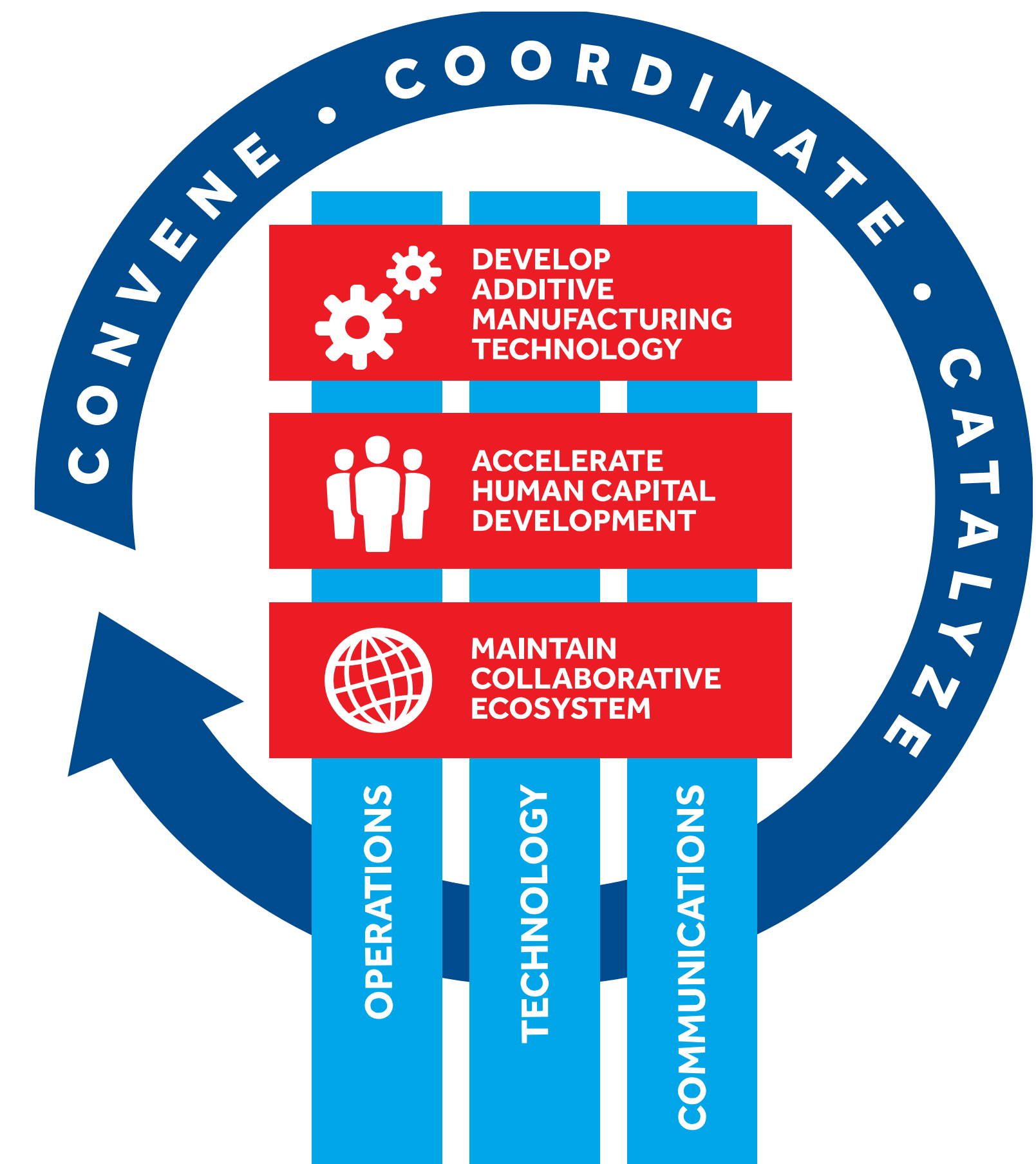
Overview

The three core activities of the Institute are:

- **Develop Additive Manufacturing Technology:**
Projects, Innovation, Technology Transfer, Implementation
- **Accelerate Human Capital Development:**
Workforce, Education, Training, Outreach
- **Maintain Collaborative Ecosystem:**
Government, Membership, Community

These focus areas are enabled by:

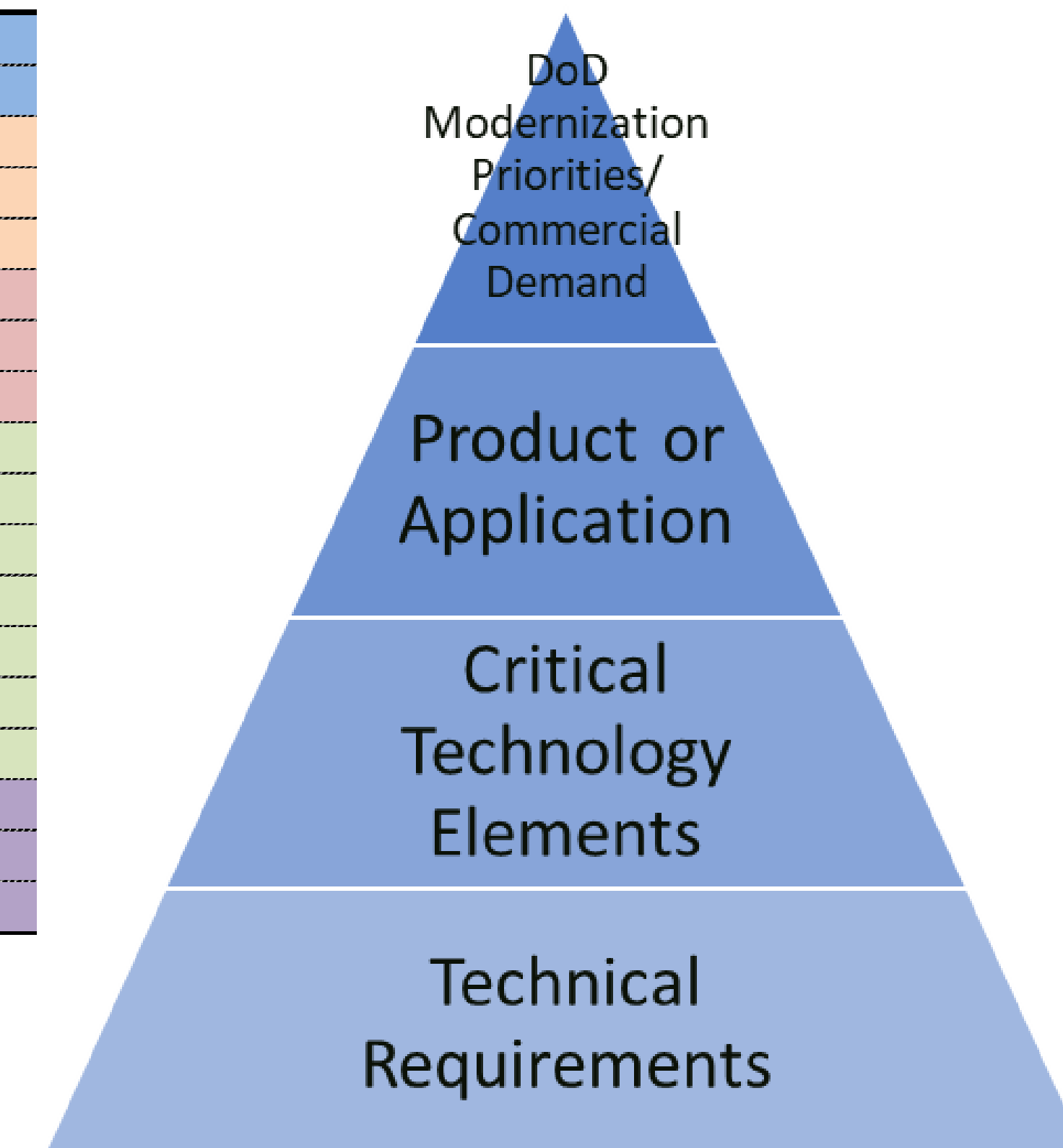
- **Operations:** Run by a not-for-profit organization with a lean and collaborative structure
- **Technology:** A dynamic advanced manufacturing technology including the core AM technologies as well as supporting technologies like the digital thread, standards, etc.
- **Communications:** Spreading the word to government, members, stakeholders, community



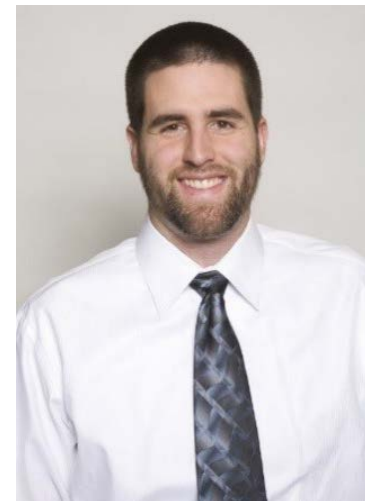
Collaboration Drives Our Strategic Focus

- Focus and strategy is documented within the Technology Roadmap
 - Application/process agnostic
 - Informed by not only end users
- Multitude of interconnected technical considerations
 - TRL 4-7
 - Address risk and maturation
 - Assess performance/function
- Roadmap is a data model
 - Integral to institute operation
 - Connects research efforts to roadmap taxonomy
 - Identifying needs/opportunities
 - Charting progress
 - Organizes lessons learned

Swimlane	CTE
Design	Bio-Inspired Design & Manufacturing
Design	Product & Process Design Aides/Apps
Material	Material Property Characterization
Material	Next-Gen Materials
Material	Additive Manufacturing Tech Data Packages
Process	Multi-Material Delivery & Deposition Systems
Process	Next-Gen Machines
Process	Process Temperature Gradient Control
Value Chain	Advanced Sensing & Detection Methods
Value Chain	Cost & Energy Driver Analysis/Modeling
Value Chain	Digital Thread Integration
Value Chain	Intelligent Machine Control Methods
Value Chain	Rapid Inspection (Post-Build)
Value Chain	Repair Technologies
Value Chain	Standards/Schemas/Protocols
AM Genome	Benchmark Validation Use Cases
AM Genome	Model-Assisted Property Prediction
AM Genome	Physics-Based Modeling & Simulation



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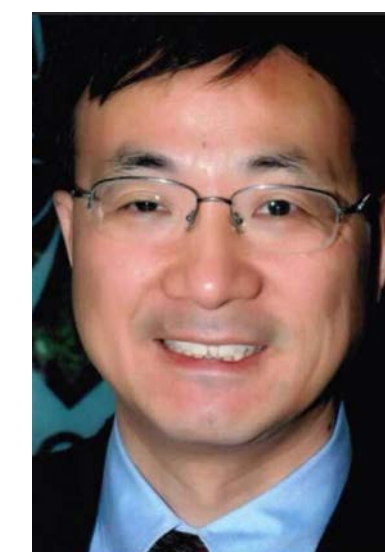
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Addressing Technology Gaps to Strengthen Domestic Supply Chain



Previous and Current Applications



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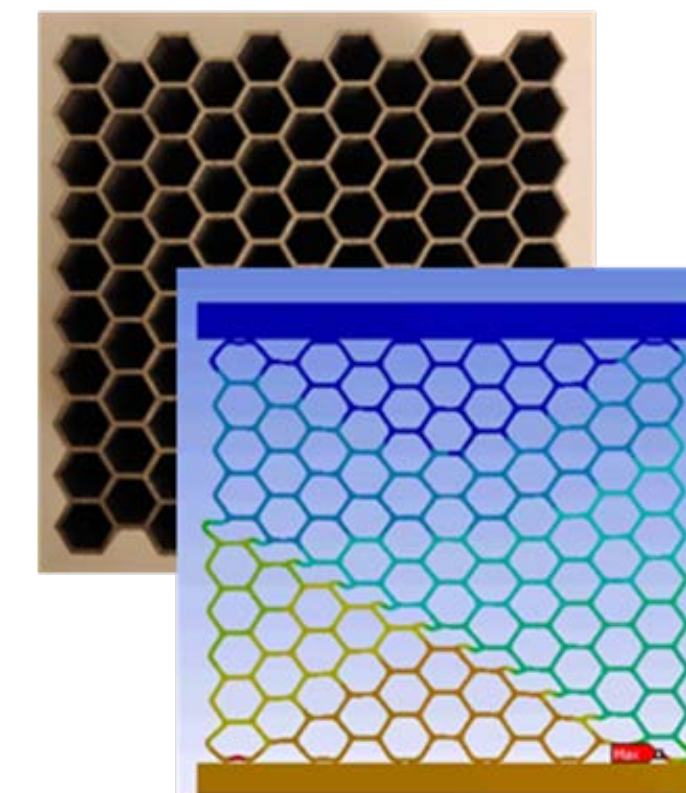
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Demo part 1: aircraft vent



Merits of Additive Manufacturing for Nuclear Applications

- Design
 - Filtering
 - Thermal management
 - Vibration/shock
 - Part consolidation
 - Tooling, jigs, and brackets
- Materials & Process
 - Tailored material chemistries and microstructures for performance
 - Shielding/passivation
 - Mechanical performance
 - Thermophysical properties
 - Multi-material
 - Metal, polymer, ceramic, composite
 - Part count reduction
 - Embedded sensors
 - Repair, cladding, hard facing
 - Reverse engineering
- Adaptive distributed manufacturing base
 - Adaptable and readily adjusts to iterative/evolving product definition
 - Single article production lots are tolerable
 - Lead time reduction

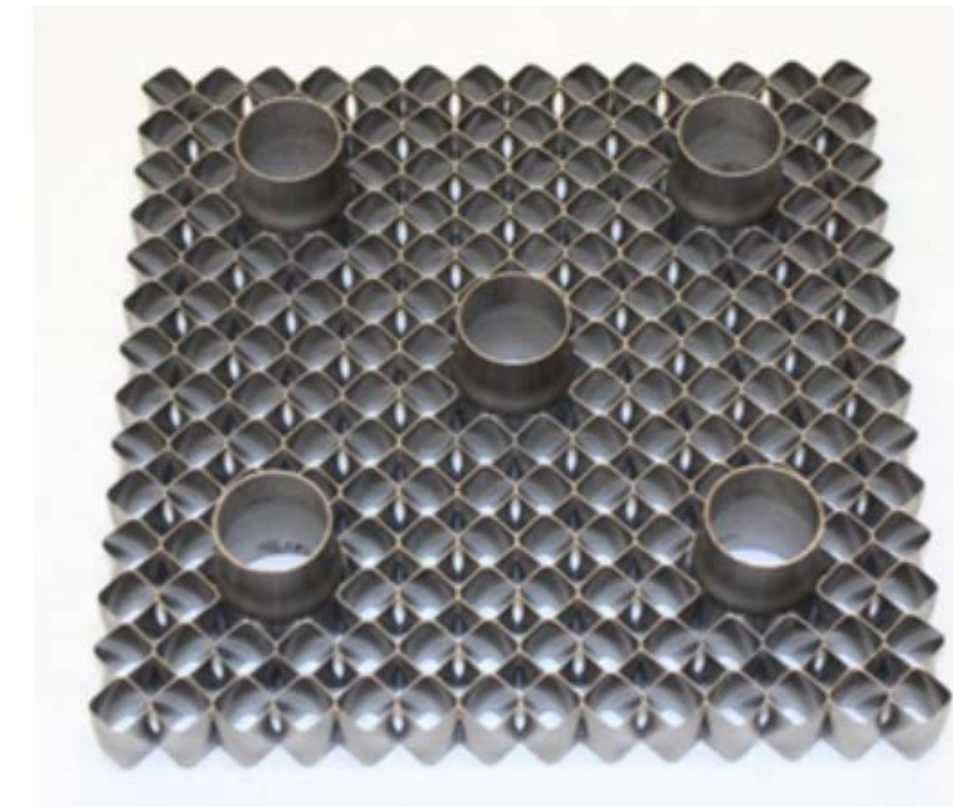
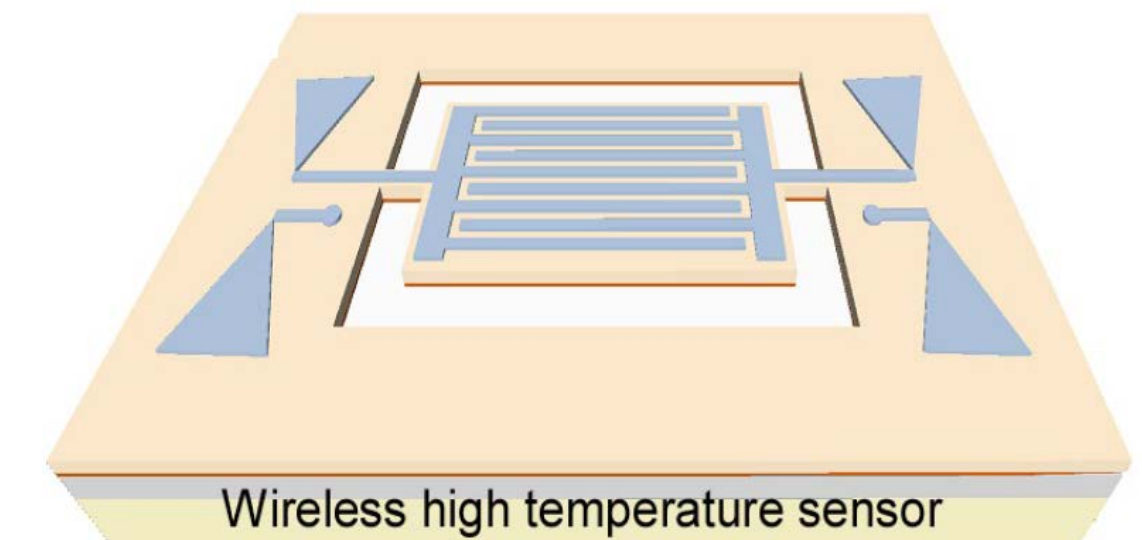


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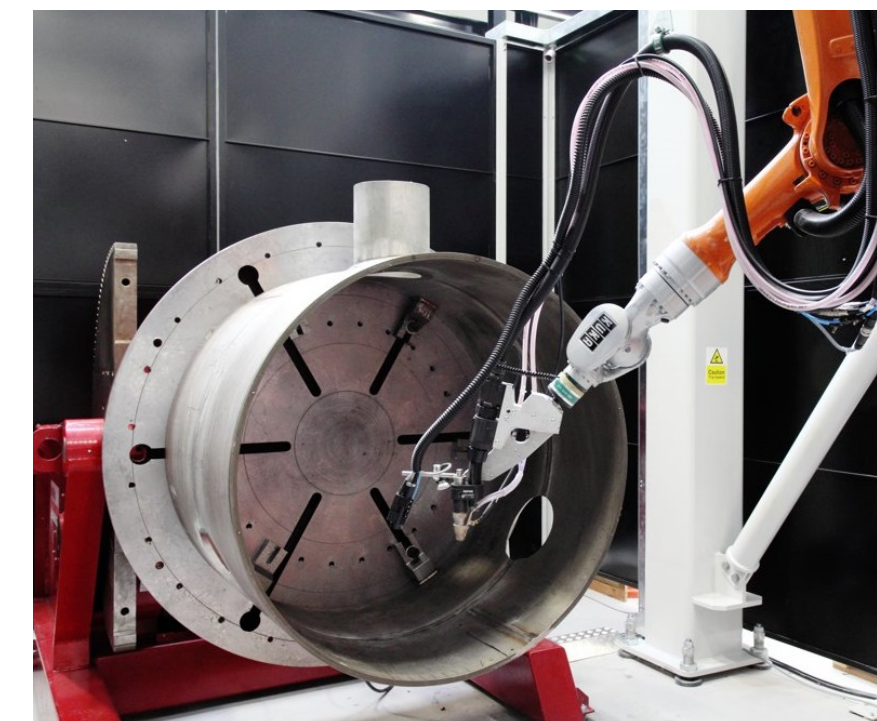
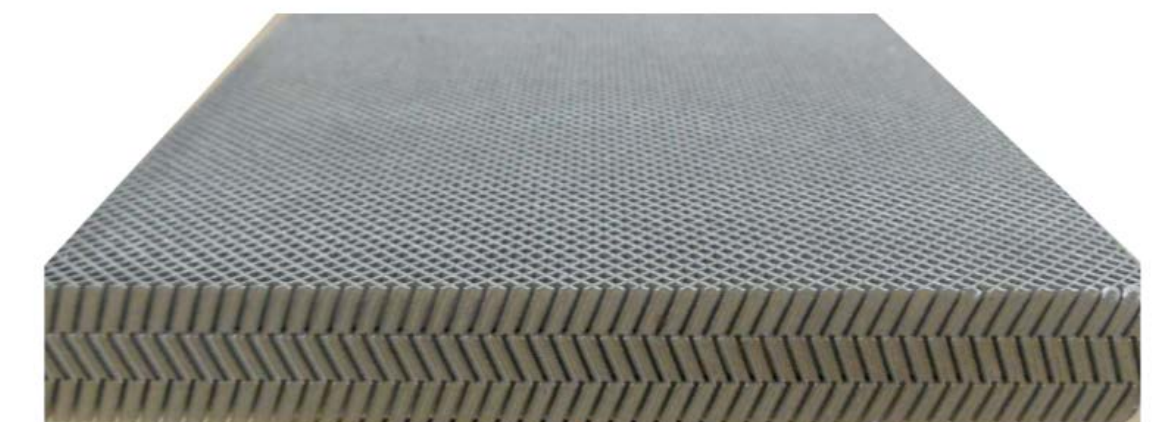


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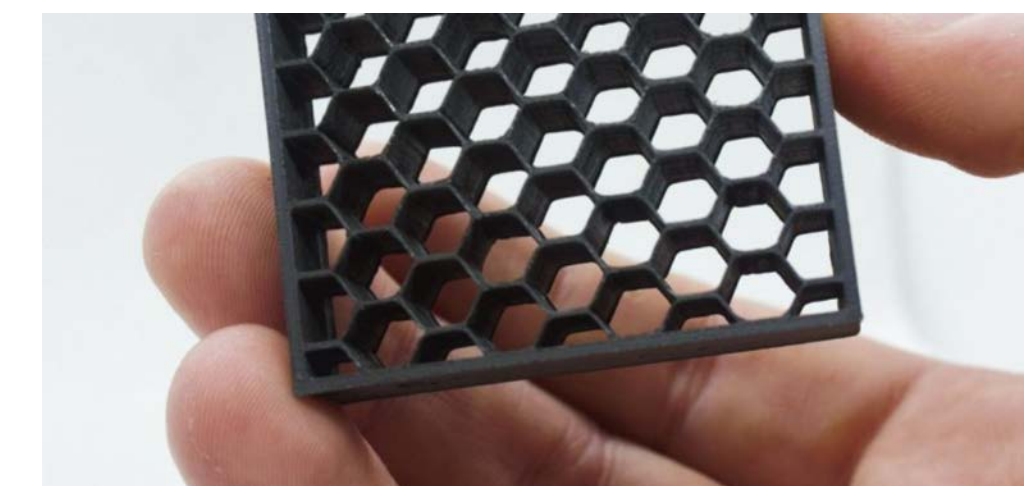
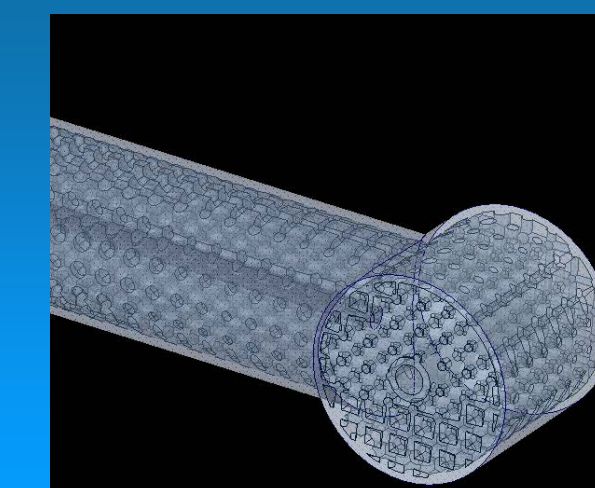
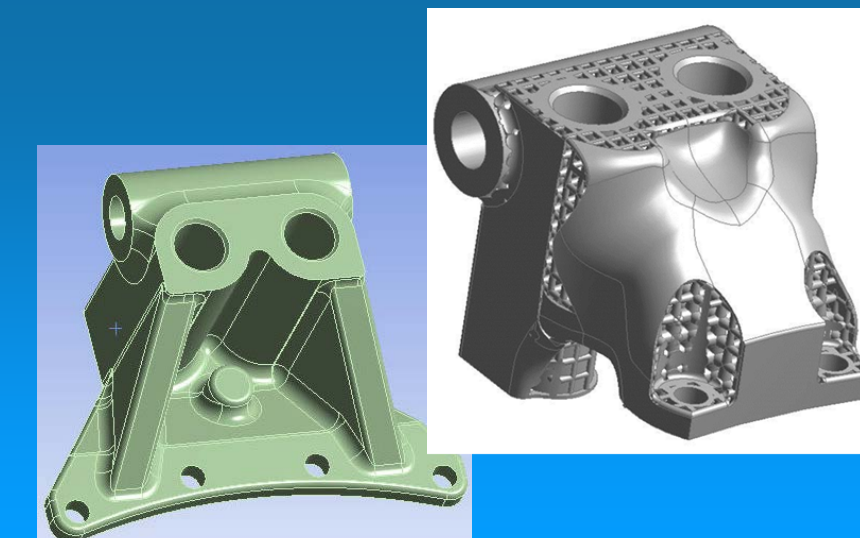
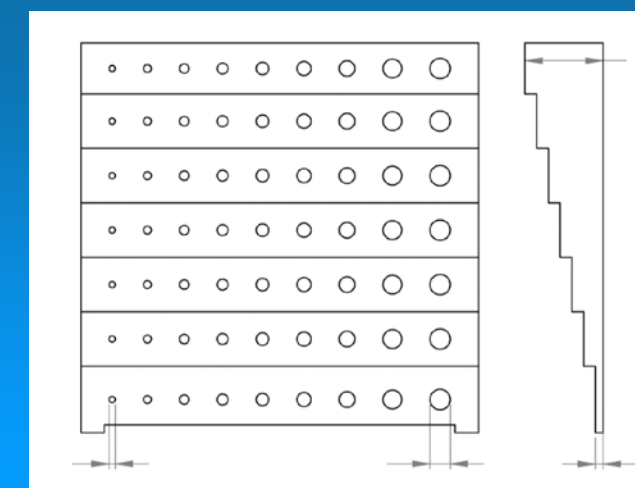


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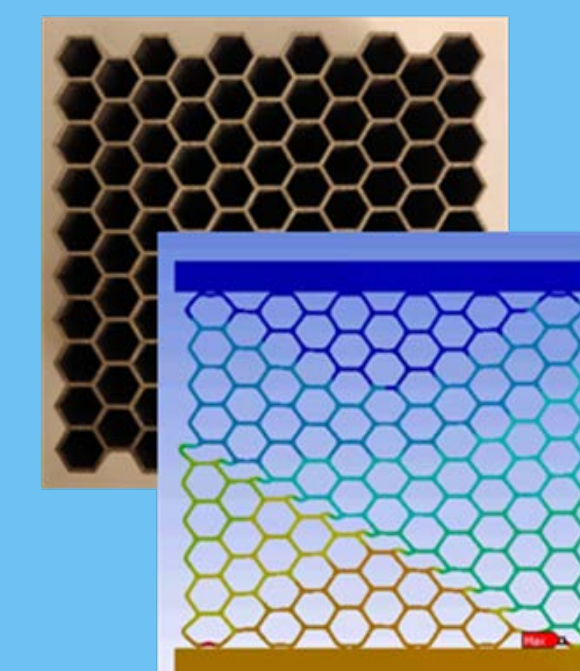
Design

- GD&T of metals, polymers, composites
- DfAM
 - Guides, process selection aides, and apps
 - Product development and qualification
- Structural Optimization
 - Including lattice structures
- Materials and data play a vital role
- Design for:
 - Life limited applications
 - Complex parts/assemblies
 - Anisotropic materials
 - Multi-material
 - Multi-process
 - Multi-physics
- Validation and vetting manufacturability and product equivalence to known designs

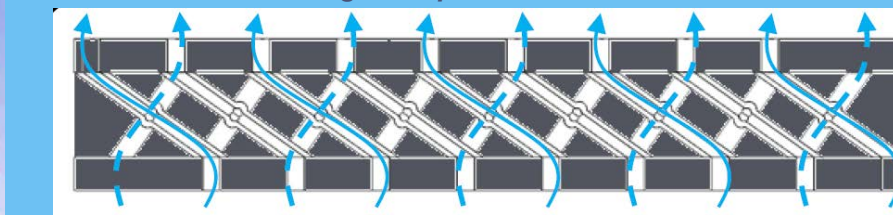
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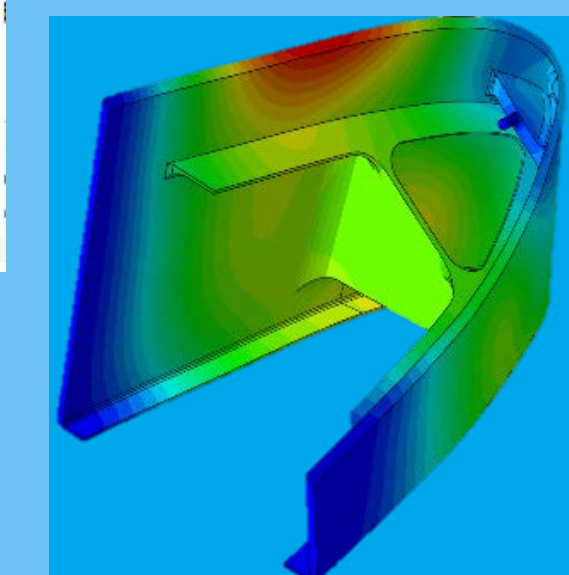
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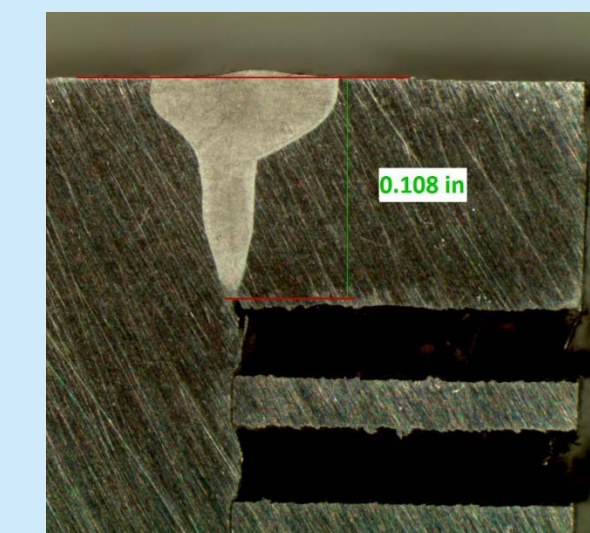
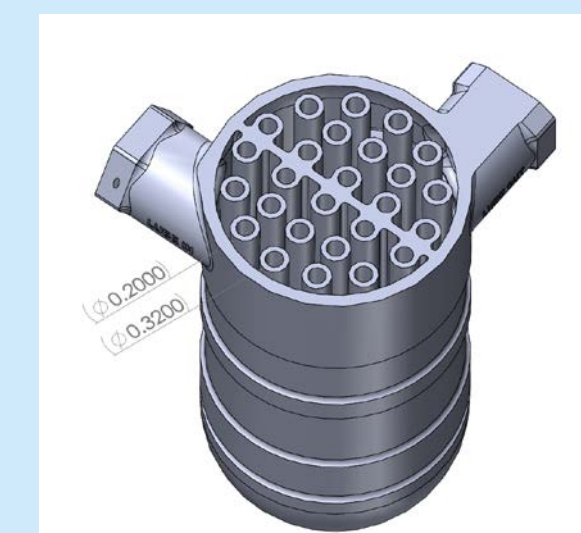
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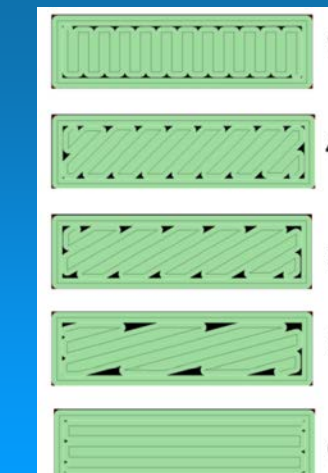
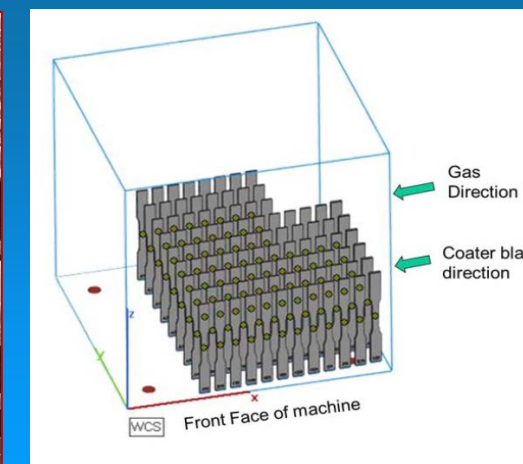
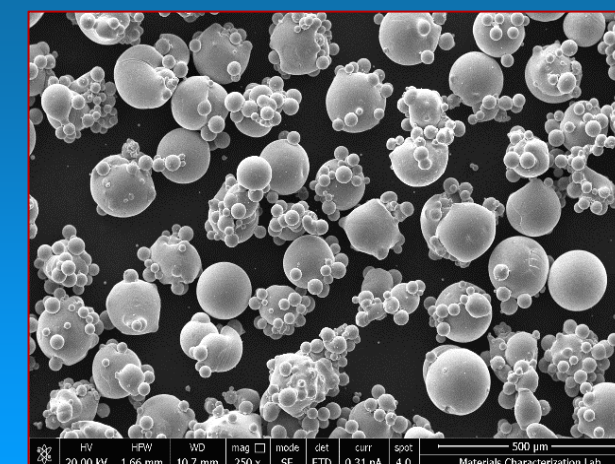
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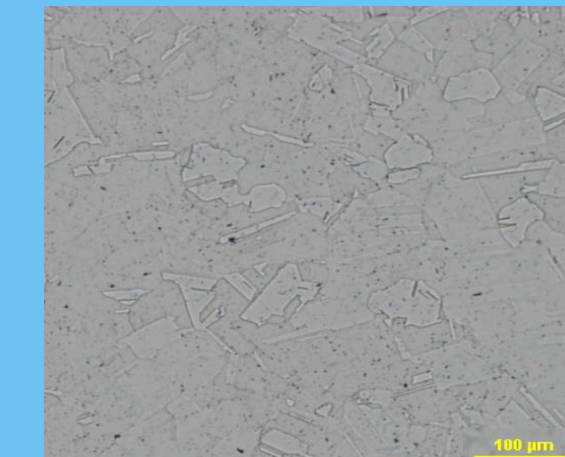
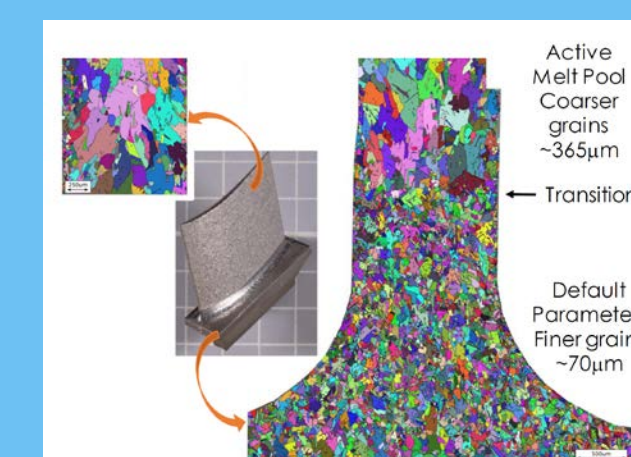
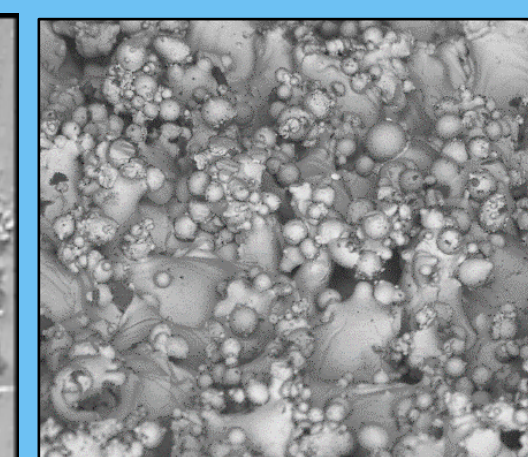
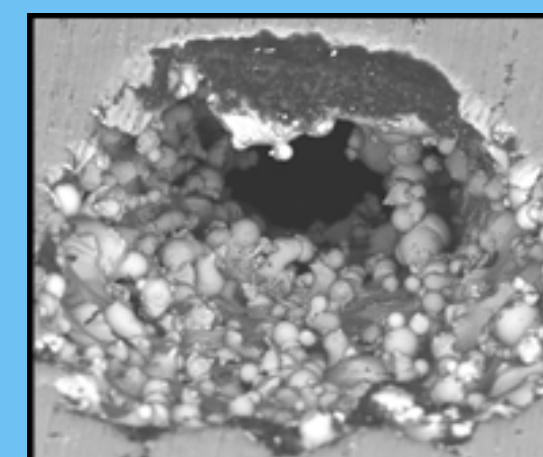
Material

- Material Types
 - Ti, Ni, Al
 - Polymers
 - Composites
- Evaluation of austenitic, ferritic, or PH stainless steels
 - Beyond 718 and 625 nickel alloys
- Pedigreed materials allowable data sets
- Service life modeling – probabilistic approaches
 - Dissimilar materials
 - Elevated temperature
 - Various degradation mechanisms
- Materials which improve system performance
 - Certified as-built
 - Recycling
 - Methods for AM materials development
- Functional testing for equivalence
- Feedstock production capability

Process



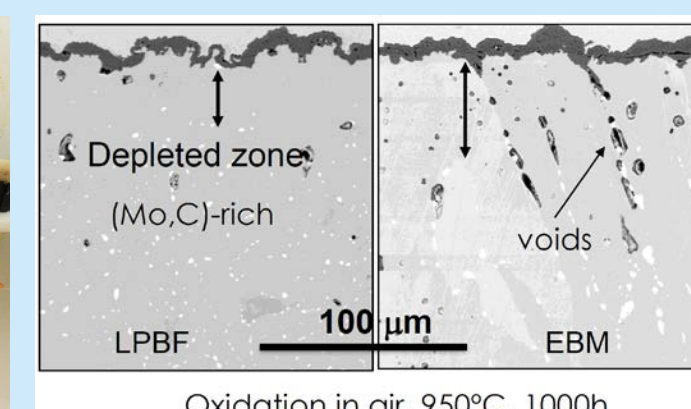
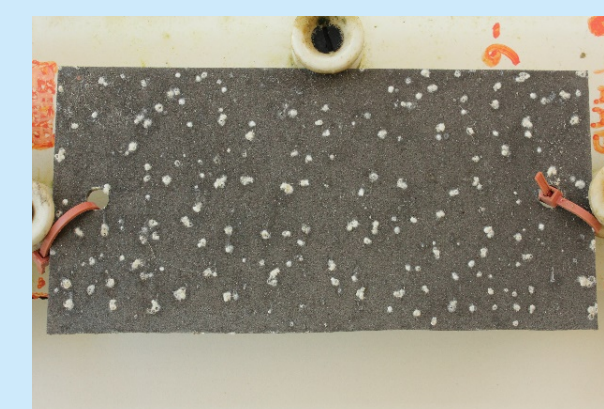
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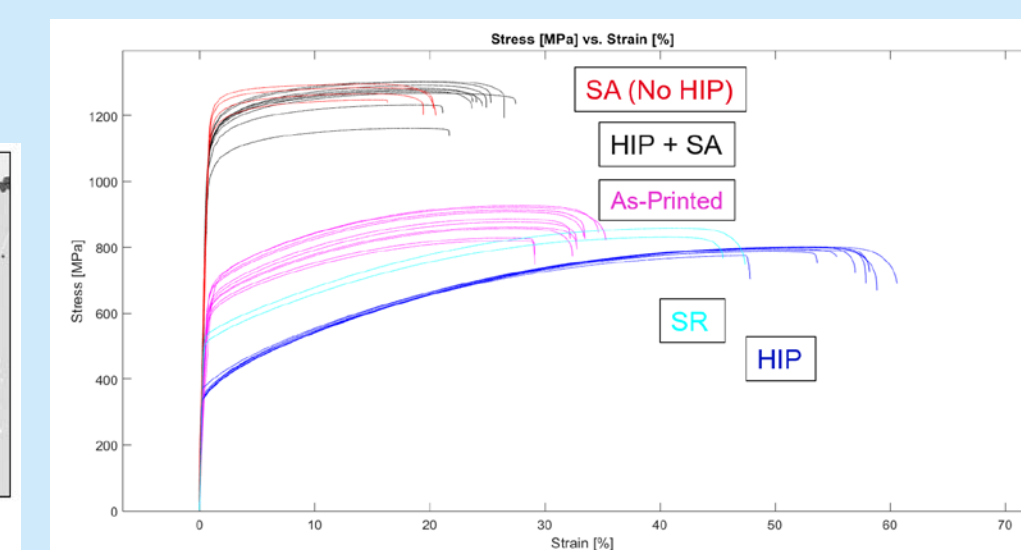
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Properties



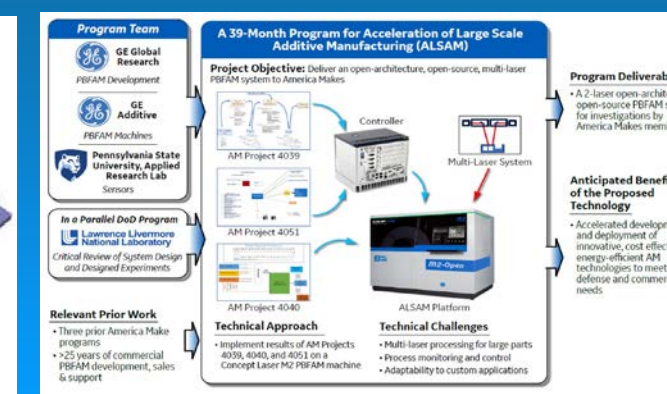
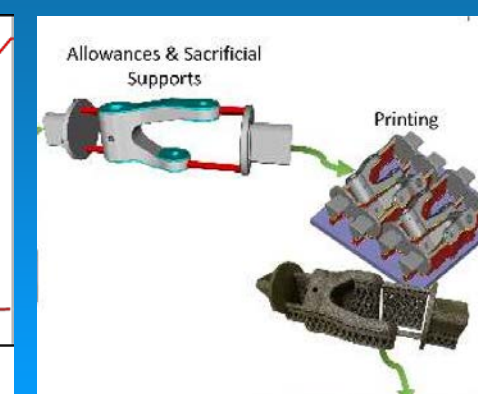
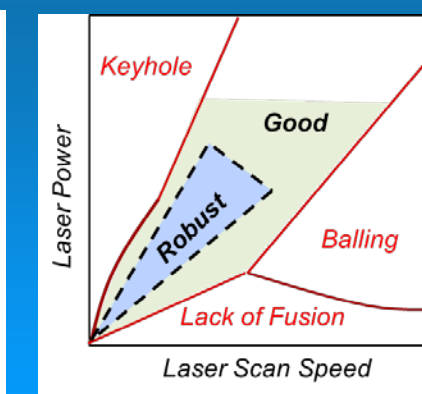
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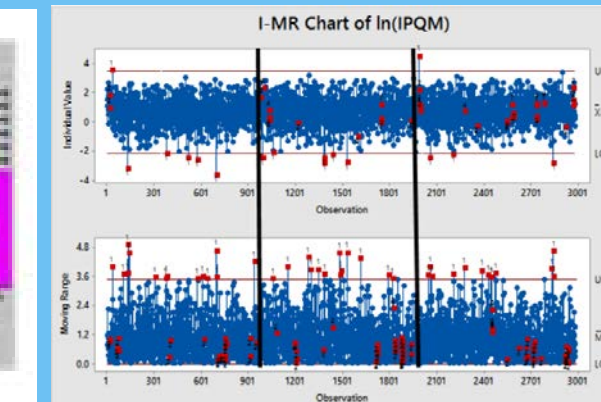
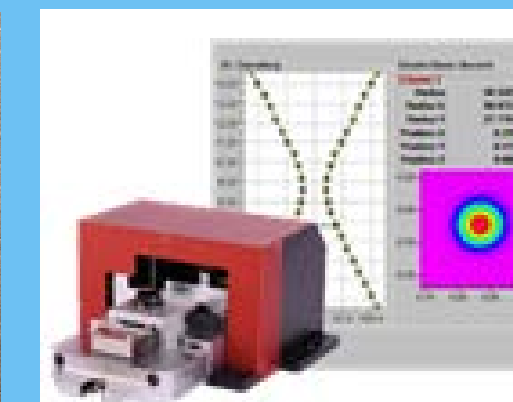
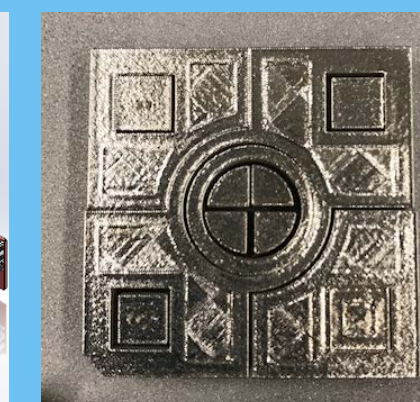
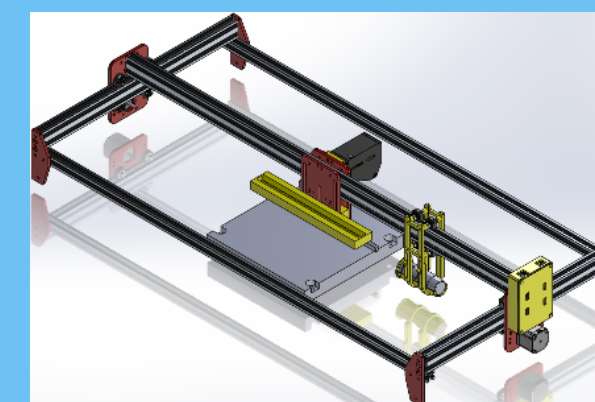
Process

- Advancements in controls, software, and hardware
 - Geometric, microstructural, and performance (quality) enhancements
- Multi-laser/multi-deposition
 - Larger build volumes
 - Increased productivity
 - Expanded capacity/capability
- New capabilities can come with new challenges
- Increased degrees of freedom for operators
 - Scan path optimization tools/methods
 - Process control methods and validation
 - Repeatability
- Transferability between different machine platforms
- Process calibration methods and tools
 - Equipment maintenance

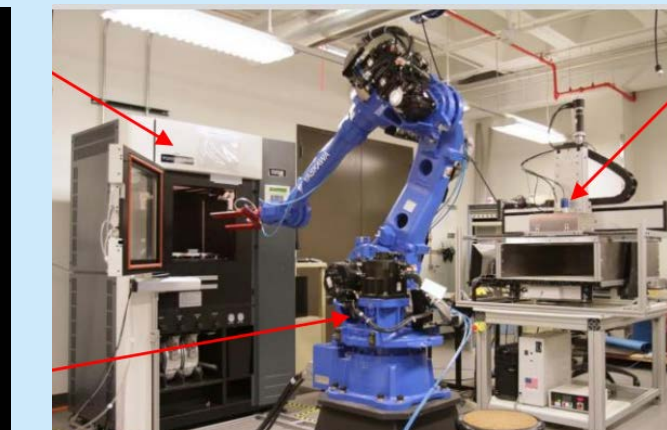
Control



Maintenance & Calibration



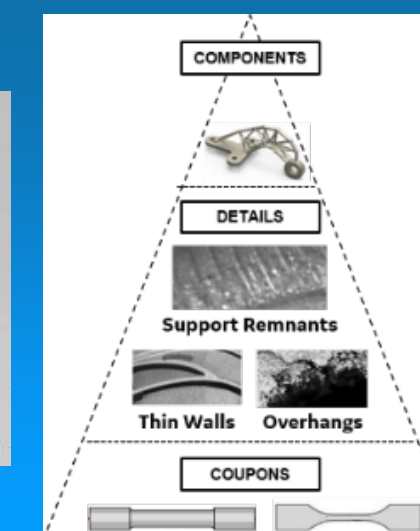
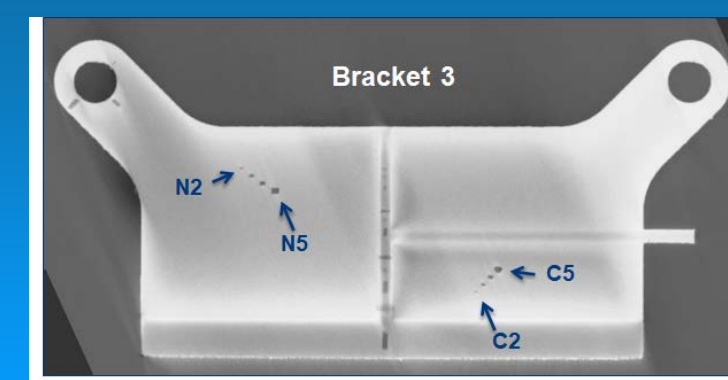
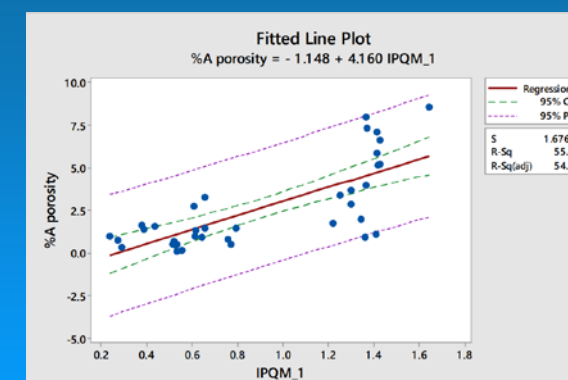
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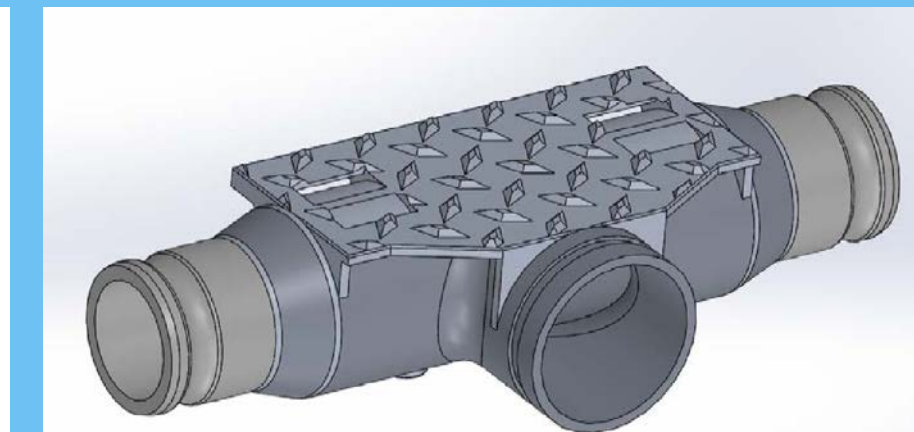
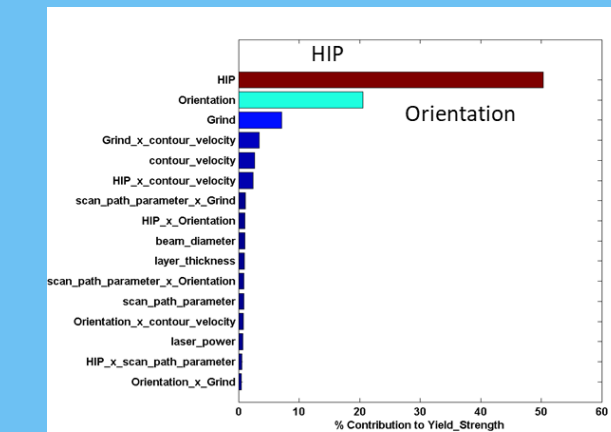
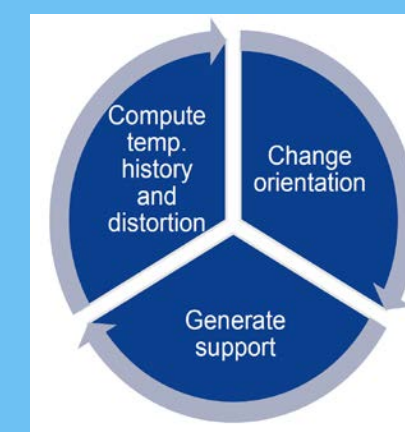
Value Chain

- Physical limits of sensing and inspection technologies
 - Probability of detection
 - Overcoming complexity
- Sourcing and acquisition technology
- Business case analysis
 - Understanding value proposition of AM
- Novel test methods needed
 - Validation
- Cybersecurity
- Rapid inspection
- Digital twins which account for:
 - Manufacturability
 - Multiple manufacturing operations
 - Product variability/quality control

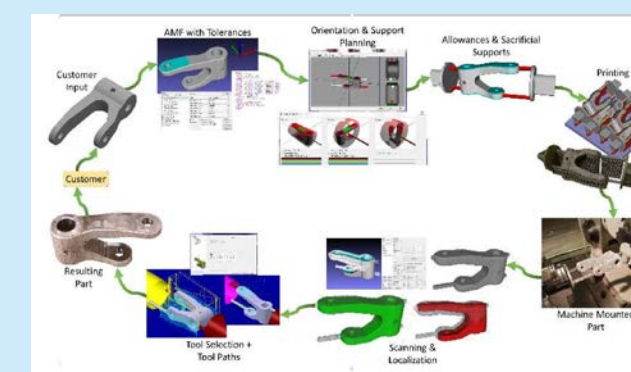
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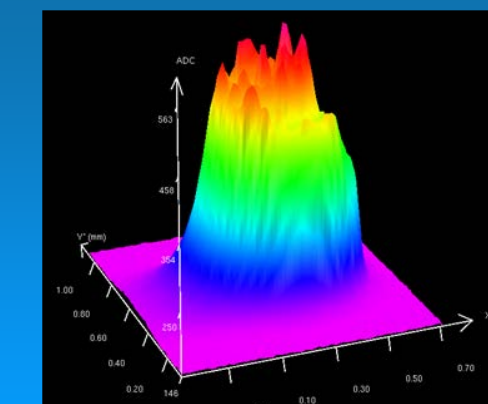
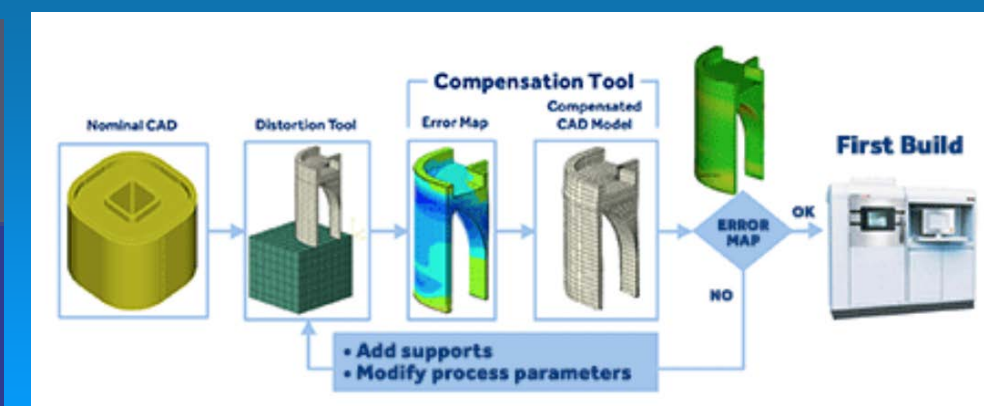
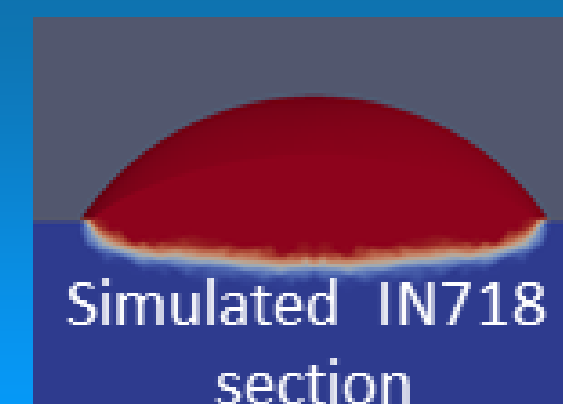
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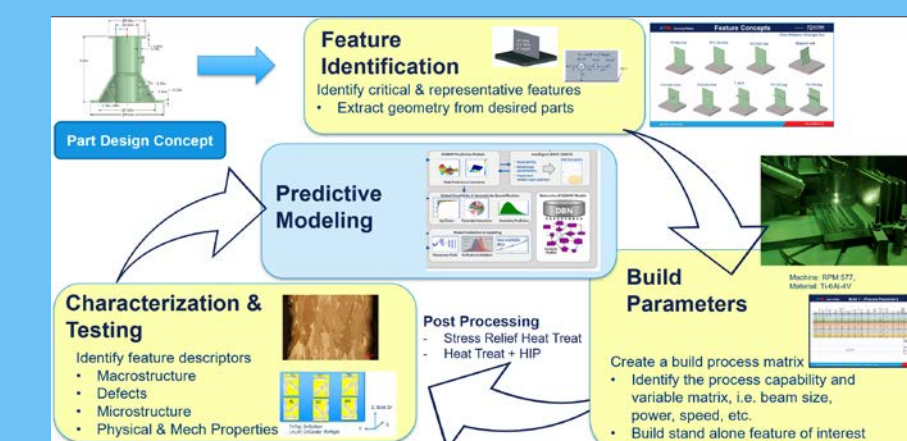
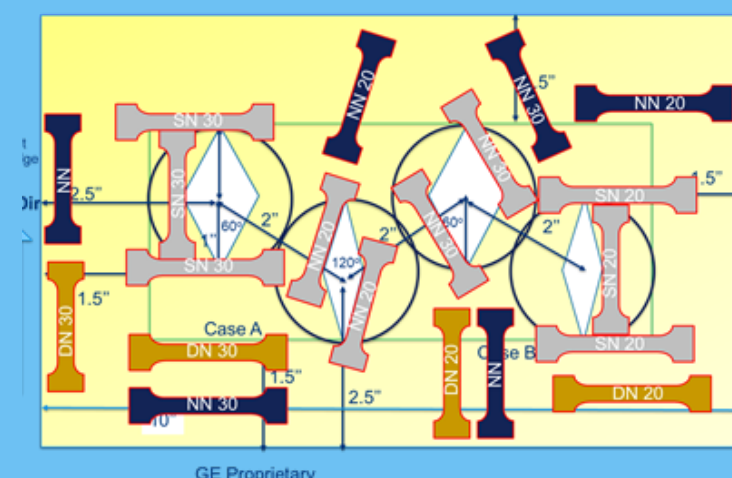
AM Genome

- Physics-based predictive tools
 - Track geometry
 - Surface finish and lack of fusion
 - Distortion/residual stress
- Experimental validation
- Machine learning/artificial intelligence
 - Structure and performance prediction
- Reduced demand for physical experimentation and testing
- New AM materials development

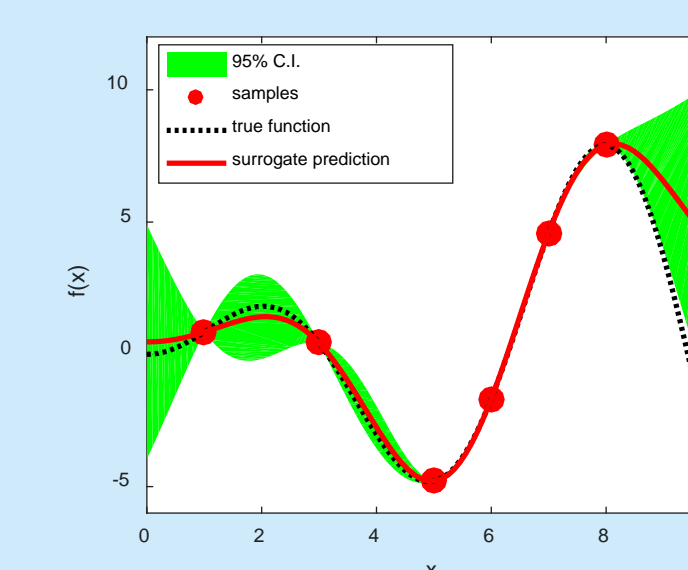
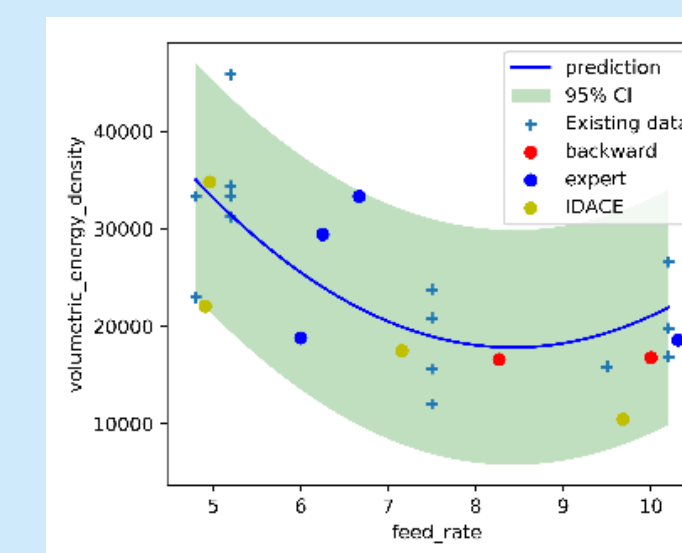
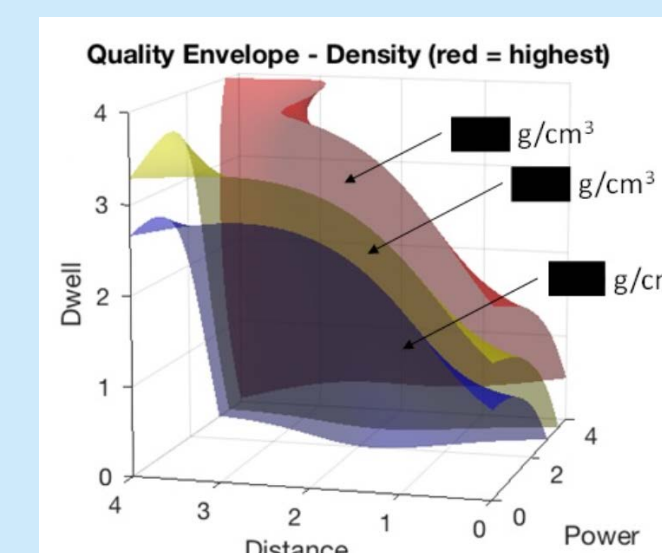
Tools



Methods



Optimization



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Scaling AM Technology for Nuclear Applications

- Demand volume for nuclear application components exhibits potential for considerable benefit from AM
- Reliability and familiarity with product performance and materials behavior must be addressed to insure expanded adoption
 - Repeatability and transferability of manufacturing capability will be important
 - Supply chain resilience = potential for lead time reduction
- Inspection is a critical component of nuclear product certification and may not deter broader application of the technology
 - May not always be true, now is the time to explore
- Continued exploration and documentation of productivity and lead time improvements gained by AM
 - DED vs. GMAW
 - Repair and prototyping before super-critical applications – crawl, walk, run mentality
 - Refined cost modeling
- Compatibility with legacy sub-systems, assemblies, or manufacturing operations
 - New materials may not exhibit same compatibilities or behaviors
- Some cost and lead time savings may come immediately
 - Like for like replacement of legacy designs/material forms
 - Often realization of performance or unique benefits requires development, testing, data and investment

Regulation and Standards

- These appear to be encouraging times for advanced manufacturing in nuclear industry
 - AMT Application Guidance Draft Framework June 2020
- 10CFR 50.55a(z)(1)
 - Equivalency according to ASME Code Section III design allowables
 - This is a challenging and evolving topic within AM industry which is impact no just nuclear industry
- 10CFR 50.55a(z)(2)
 - Functional testing has served as a meaningful method to determining product function in a relevant operating environment
 - Aerospace
- Direction and recommendation of guidance mirrors much of the AM industries understanding
- The guidance suggests now is a great time to get engaged with SDO's and share your needs with broader community
 - Opportunity to benefit your organization and your industry
 - Standards development requires data and perseverance
 - Change requires time and effort
 - There has been much learned about AM, but additional effort is required
- Take advantage of opportunities to connect with your peers and learn from others
 - Sharing information (familiarity with the technology) tends to reduce barriers to entry and uncertainty

Future Opportunities

- Additive has demonstrated value proposition for nuclear applications
 - These benefits build upon prior lessons learned across various (but similar) industries
 - Expansion of technology's recognized value
- Operating conditions and materials offer reasonable transition opportunities
- With expanded familiarity, additional validated design tools and methods are likely to follow
- Capture of key lessons learned will serve as the foundation for workforce development and new standards
 - R&D, materials data, and functional (performance based) testing will play a key role
- Successful demonstration of lower risk components can continue to serve as useful opportunities to bolster industry's familiarity with the technology
 - Scale and expand adoption for a variety of applications
- It is important to recognize the value of collaboration
 - Sharing (pre-competitive) lessons learned will allow the nuclear industry to focus on application specific challenges rather than redeveloping AM best practices from scratch
 - Accelerate primary focus/efforts to product evaluation and performance monitoring (terminology adopted from AMT Application Guidance Draft Framework)

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