



# Initiatives to Improve Quality of Additively Manufactured Parts

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## Additive Manufacturing Product Qualification Initiatives

Webinar

ASTM E07.10 Taskgroup on NDT of Aerospace Materials  
Monday, June 12, 2017



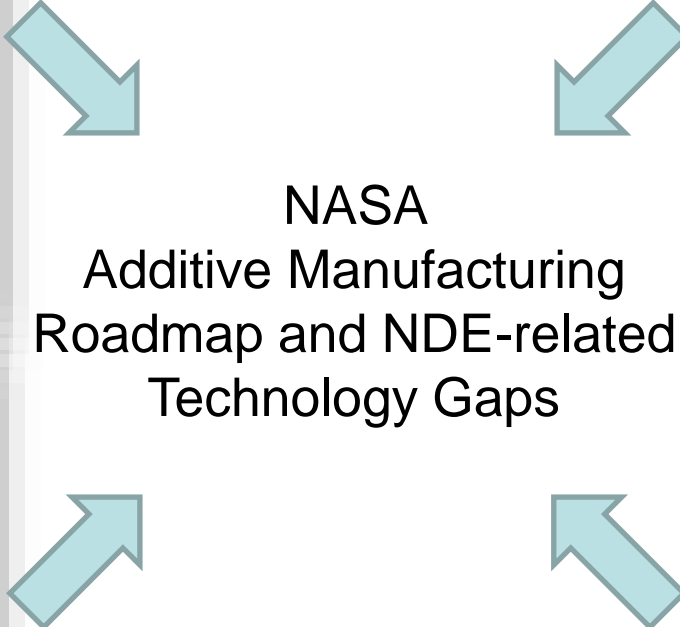
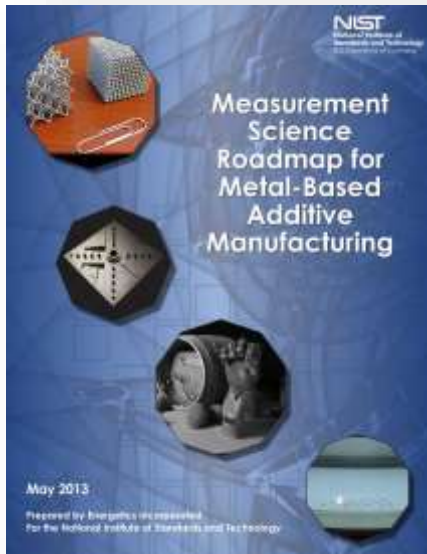


- NASA is providing leadership in an international effort linking government and industry resources to speed adoption of additive manufactured (AM) parts
- Participants include government agencies (NASA, USAF, NIST, FAA), industry (commercial aerospace, NDE manufacturers, AM equipment manufacturers), standards organizations and academia



- NASA is also partnering with its international space exploration organizations such as ESA and JAXA
- NDT is identified as a universal need for all aspects of additive manufacturing

# Key Documents to Improve Safety and Reliability of AM Parts using NDE





# Background

NASA/TM—2014—218560



## **Nondestructive Evaluation of Additive Manufacturing State-of-the-Discipline Report**

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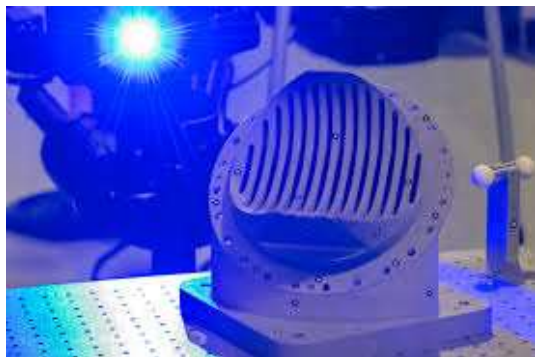
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- NASA Agency additive manufacturing efforts were catalogued
- Industry, government and academia were asked to share their NDE experience in additive manufacturing
- NIST and USAF additive manufacturing roadmaps were surveyed and a technology gap analysis performed
- NDE state-of-the-art was documented



# Representative NASA Efforts in Additive Manufacturing





MSFC Inconel Pogo-Z baffle for RS-25 engine for SLS



GSFC Reentrant Ti6-4 tube for a cryogenic thermal switch for the ASTRO-H Adiabatic Demagnetization Refrigerator



LaRC EBF<sup>3</sup> wire-fed system during parabolic flight testing



MSFC 28-element Inconel 625 fuel injector



JPL Prototype titanium to niobium gradient rocket nozzle



MSFS-AMES Made in Space AMF on ISS



Aerojet Rocketdyne RL-10 engine thrust chamber assembly and injector



Dynetics/Aerojet Rocketdyne F-1B gas generator injector



ISRU regolith structures



Commercial Crew Program SpaceX SuperDraco combustion chamber for Dragon V2

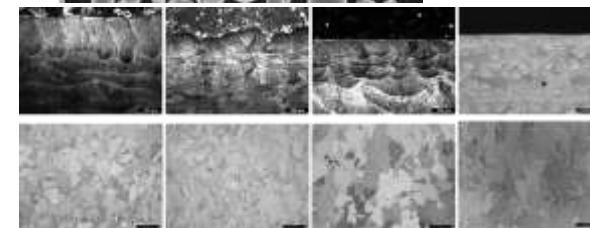
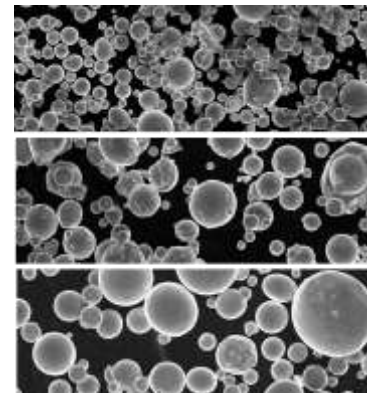
# NASA Agency & Prime Contractor Activity, Recent



JPL Mars Science Laboratory Cold Encoder Shaft fabricated by gradient additive processes



MSFC rocket engine fuel turbopump



Additive Manufacturing Structural Integrity Initiative (AMSII) Alloy 718 powder feedstock variability



MSFC copper combustion chamber liner for extreme temperature and pressure applications



NASA Space Technology Mission Directorate-sponsored Cube Quest challenge for a flight-qualified cubesat (shown: cubesat with an Inconel 718 additively manufactured diffuser section, reaction chamber, and nozzle)



NASA-sponsored 3-D Printed Habitat Challenge Design Competition



MSFC Space Launch System NASA's RS-25 core stage engine certification testing



# Additive Manufacturing Technology Gap Analysis





# NDE of AM Technology Gaps

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# NDE of AM Technology Gaps

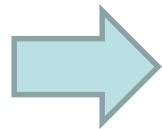
- **Develop a defects catalogue for AM parts** NEW gap identified
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Why do we care about defects?





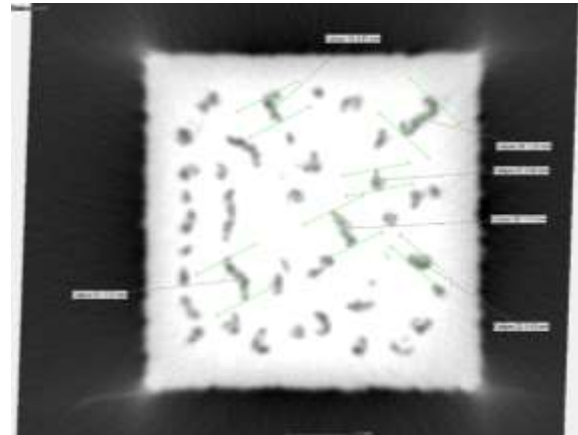
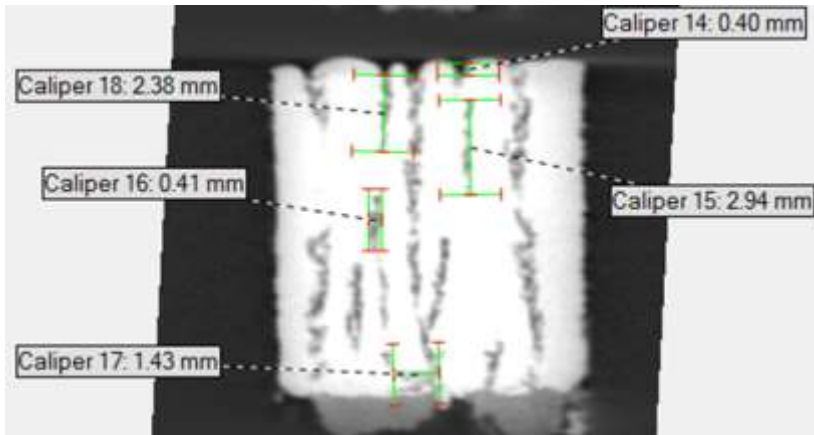
While certain AM flaws (e.g., voids and porosity) can be characterized using existing standards for welded or cast parts, other AM flaws (layer, cross layer, unconsolidated and trapped powder) are unique to AM and new NDE methods are needed.

Flaw type		Non- NDT	Common in DED & PBF	Covered by current standards	Unique to AM
DED	Poor surface finish	■	■		
	Porosity		■	■	
	Incomplete fusion			■	
	Lack of geometrical accuracy/steps in part	■	■		
	Undercuts			■	
	Non-uniform weld bead and fusion characteristic		■	■	
	Hole or void		■	■	
	Non-metallic inclusions		■	■	
	Cracking		■	■	
PBF	<b>Unconsolidated powder</b>				■
	Lack of geometrical accuracy/steps in part	■	■		
	Reduced mechanical properties	■			
	Inclusions		■	■	
	Void		■	■	
	<b>Layer</b>				■
	<b>Cross layer</b>				■
Porosity		■	■		
Poor surface finish	■	■			
<b>Trapped powder</b>				■	

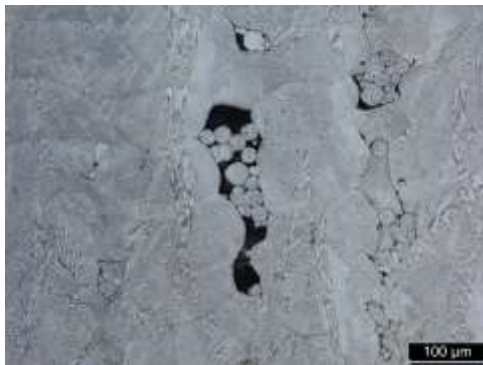
Develop new NDE methods

<sup>§</sup> ISO TC 261 JG59, Additive manufacturing – General principles – Nondestructive evaluation of additive manufactured products, under development.

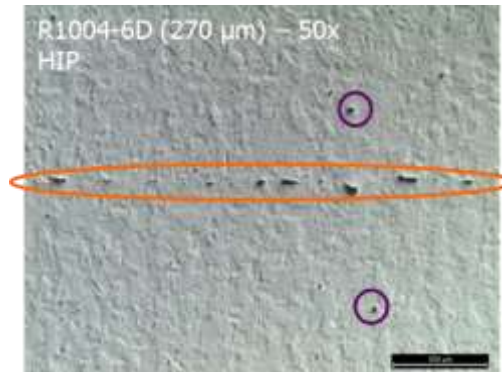
Note: DED = Directed Energy Deposition., PBF = Powder Bed Fusion



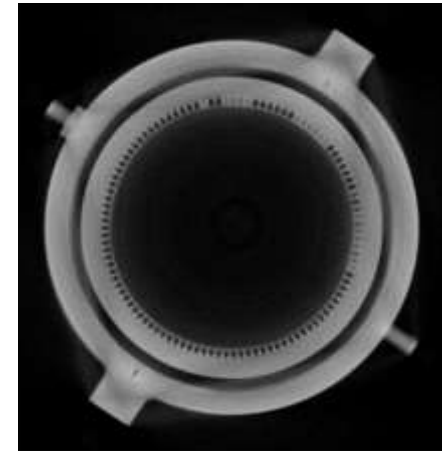
Cross layer



Lack of Fusion (LOF)



Layer



Trapped Powder

Also have unconsolidated powder, lack of geometrical accuracy/steps in the part, reduced mechanical properties, inclusions, gas porosity, voids, and poor or rough surface finish



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TABLE 4.3 Application of NDT to Detect Additive Manufacturing Defect Classes<sup>A</sup>

Defect Class	CT/RT/ CR/DR	Covered in this Guide					Not covered in this Guide						
		MET <sup>B</sup>	PCRT	PT	TT	UT	AE	ECT	LT	ND	MT	VT	
Surface	...	X	...	X <sup>C</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X
Porosity	X	...	X	X <sup>C</sup>	...	X	...	X <sup>C</sup>	...	...	...	...	X <sup>D</sup>
Cracking	X	...	X	X <sup>C</sup>	X	X	X	X <sup>C</sup>	X <sup>E</sup>	...	X	X	X
Lack of Fusion	X	...	X	X <sup>C</sup>	X	X	X	X <sup>C</sup>	...	...	X	...	...
Part Dimensions	X	X	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Density <sup>F</sup>	X <sup>G</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inclusions	X <sup>H</sup>	...	...	...	X	X	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Discoloration	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X
Residual Stress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X	...	...	...
Hermetic Sealing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X	...	...	...	...

<sup>A</sup> Abbreviations used: ... = not applicable, Acoustic Emission, CR = Computed Radiology, CT = Computed Tomography, Dr = Digital Radiology, ECT = Eddy Current Testing, Leak Testing = LT, MET = Metrology, MT = Magnetic Particle Testing, ND = Neutron Diffraction, PCRT = Process Compensated Resonance Testing, PT = Penetrant Testing, RT = Radiographic Testing, TT = Thermographic Testing, UT = Ultrasonic Testing, VT = Visual Testing.

<sup>B</sup> Includes Digital Imaging.

<sup>C</sup> Applicable if on surface.

<sup>D</sup> Macroscopic cracks only.

<sup>E</sup> If large enough to cause a leak or pressure drop across the part.

<sup>F</sup> Pycnometry (Archimedes principle).

<sup>G</sup> Density variations will only show up imaged regions having equivalent thickness.

<sup>H</sup> If inclusions are large enough and sufficient scattering contrast exists.



## • Bulk Defects

- **Lack of Fusion**
  - **Horizontal Lack of Fusion Defect**
    - Insufficient Power
    - Laser Attenuation
    - Splatter
  - **Vertical Lack of Fusion Defect**
    - Large Hatch Spacing
  - Short Feed
- **Spherical Porosity**
  - Keyhole
- **Welding Defects**
  - Cracking

## • Surface Defects

- **Worm Track**
  - High Energy Core Parameters
  - Re-coater Blade interactions
- **Core Bleed Through**
  - Small Core Offset
  - Overhanging Surface
- **Rough Surface**
  - Laser Attenuation
  - Overhanging Surfaces
- **Contour Separation**
  - Sub-Surface Defects
  - Detached Skin

- Defects are color coded to show the effect-of-defect on part performance.
- Trade-offs were noted, for example, reducing the offset to eliminate the contour separation defects results in the hatch from the core bleeding through the contour. As a result the part will not look as smooth but will perform better.

- **Degradation of Mechanical Properties**
- **Minor or No Observed effect on performance**
- **Out of Tolerance**
- **Unknown**





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**AMERICA MAKES: NATIONAL ADDITIVE  
MANUFACTURING INNOVATION INSTITUTE (NAMII)**  
Project 1: Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) of Complex Metallic  
Additive Manufactured (AM) Structures

Evgueni Todorov, Roger Spencer, Sean Gleeson, Madhi Jamshidinia, and Shawn M. Kelly  
EWI

JUNE 2014  
Interim Report

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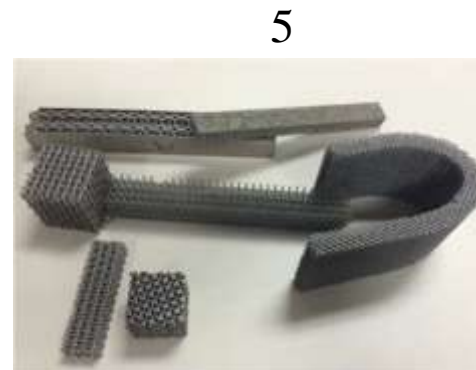
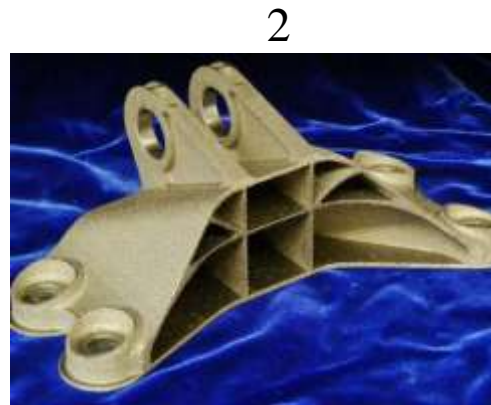
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**Contact:** *Evgueni Todorov (EWI)*

- Great initial handling of NDE of AM parts
- Report has a ranking system based on geometric complexity of AM parts to direct NDE efforts
- Early results on NDE application to AM are documented
- Approach for future work based on CT and PCRT for complex parts suggested

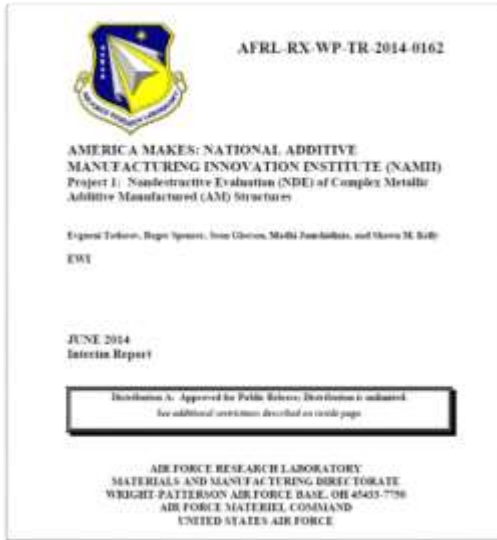


Most NDE techniques can be used for Complexity Groups<sup>§</sup> 1 (Simple Tools and Components) and 2 (Optimized Standard Parts), some for Group 3 (Embedded Features); only Process Compensated Resonance Testing and Computed Tomography can be used for Groups 4 (Design-to-Constraint Parts) and 5 (Free-Form Lattice Structures):



<sup>§</sup> Kerbrat, O., Mognol, P., Hascoet, J. Y., *Manufacturing Complexity Evaluation for Additive and Subtractive Processes: Application to Hybrid Modular Tooling*, IRCCyN, Nantes, France, pp. 519-530, September 10, 2008.





NDE options for design-to-constraint parts and lattice structures: LT, PCRT and CT/ $\mu$ CT

NDE Technique	Geometry Complexity Group					Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
VT	Y	Y	P <sup>(c)</sup>	NA	NA	
LT	NA	NA	Y	Y	NA	Screening
PT	Y	Y	P <sup>(a)</sup>	NA	NA	
PCRT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Screening; size restrictions (e.g., compressor blades)
EIT	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	Screening; size restrictions
ACPD	Y	Y	P <sup>(c)</sup>	NA	NA	Isolated microstructure and/or stresses
ET	Y	Y	P <sup>(c)</sup>	NA	NA	
AEC	Y	Y	P <sup>(c)</sup>	NA	NA	
PAUT	Y	Y	P <sup>(b)</sup>	NA	NA	
UT	Y	Y	P <sup>(b)</sup>	NA	NA	
RT	Y	Y	P <sup>(d)</sup>	NA	NA	
X-Ray CT	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	
X-ray Micro CT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

**Key:**

- Y = Yes, technique applicable
- P = Possible to apply technique given correct conditions
- NA = Technique Not applicable

**Notes:**

- (a) Only surfaces providing good access for application and cleaning
- (b) Areas where shadowing of acoustic beam is not an issue
- (c) External surfaces and internal surfaces where access through conduits or guides can be provided
- (d) Areas where large number of exposures/shots are not required



# Demonstrate NDE Capability through Round Robin Testing



CT/MET, MSFC/James Walker	}	NASA
*metal SLM parts, MSFC/Kristin Morgan		
*ABS plastic parts, MSFC/Niki Werkheiser, Tracie Prater		
CT, GSFC/Justin Jones	}	ESA
*EBF3 metal parts, LaRC/Karen Taminger		
POD/fracture critical AM parts, ESA/Gerben Sinnema	}	Commercial/Gov NDE
AE, MRI/Ed Ginzel		
CT/acoustic microscopy, Honeywell/Surendra Singh		
UT/PT, Aerospace Rocketdyne/Steve James		
CT/RT, USAF/John Brausch, Ken LaCivita		
CT, Fraunhofer/Christian Kretzer		
CT, GE Sensing GmbH/Thomas Mayer		
CT, JAXA/Tabuchi Teruhiko, Kazuhiro Nakamura		
PCRT, Vibrant Corporation/Eric Biedermann		
PT, Met-L-Check/Mike White		
NRUS, LANL/Marcel Remillieux	}	Commercial/Gov AM Round Robin Sample Suppliers
*Concept Laser/Marie Ebert		
*DRDC/Shannon Farrell		
†*Airbus/Amy Glover		
†*UTC/John Middendorf, Wright State University/Greg Loughnane		
†*CalRAM/Shane Collins		

\* delivered or committed to deliver samples

† E8 compliant sacrificial dogbone samples



1. CT and micro-CT:

# AFRL and Fraunhofer micro-CT Systems

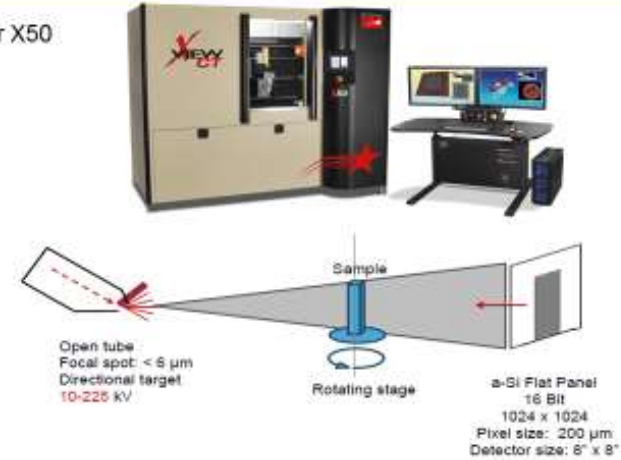
CT systems

	225 kV $\mu$ CT	600 kV MacroCT
Tube	FXE 225.99 microfocus	Comet MXR 601/HP11 Minifocus
Focal spot	Approx. 10 $\mu$ m variable	0,5 mm fixed (ASTM)
Detector	PerkinElmer XRD 1620 AN	PerkinElmer XRD 1621 EN
Pixelpitch	200 $\mu$ m	200 $\mu$ m
Pre-filter	2,5mm copper	6-7 mm copper
Type	Helical CT	Standard CT
Proj.	1200 Proj/rot.	1600 Proj.



## CT System

NorthStar X50



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- Also utilize NASA CT capability at GSFC, MSFC and GRC
- GE Aviation and JAXA CT capability leveraged





## 2. Process Compensated Resonance Testing (PCRT):



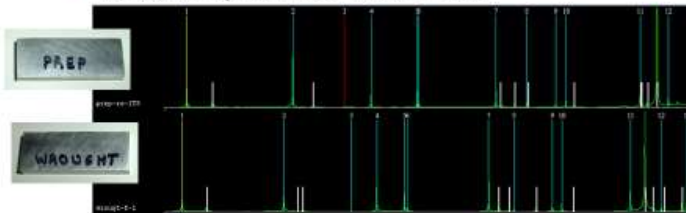
### Process Compensated Resonance Testing (PCRT) for Additive Manufacturing

Vibrant Corporation  
8330A Washington PI NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113  
USA  
+1 (505) 314 1488  
[www.vibrantndt.com](http://www.vibrantndt.com)



### Titanium Samples

- Additive manufacturing vs. wrought
  - Same part, material variation between processes
  - Variation quantified with PCRT



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### Standards and Approvals for PCRT

**ASTM E2001-13 Standard Guide for Resonant Ultrasound Spectroscopy** - outlines capabilities and applications of several resonant inspection methods

**ASTM Standard Practice E2534-10** – Describes auditable method for successful application PCRT specifically and in-depth.

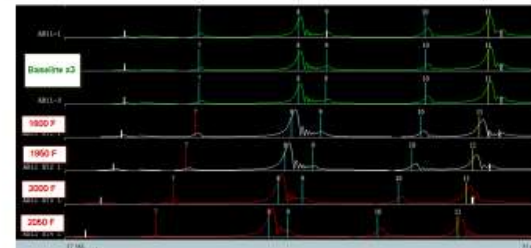
**Federal Aviation Administration Approved** – Since July of 2010 for the detection of micro-structural changes indicating over-temp of turbine blades (JT8D-219 HPT)

**AS9100-C & ISO9001:2008** – Certificate #14-2057R issued by PRI Registrar



### AM Process Variation

- Sensitivity to thermal process variation
  - FAA-approved JT8D overtemp at Delta
  - Works for additive manufacturing processes



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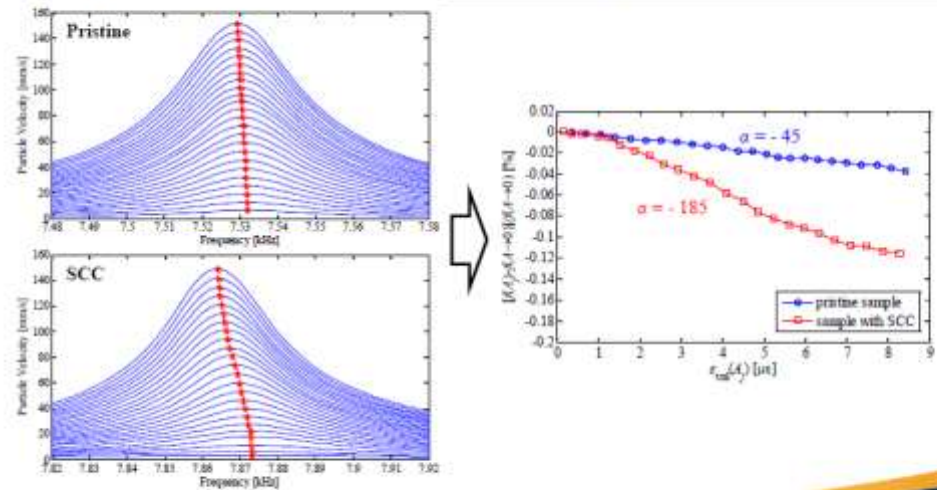
PCRT also can distinguish processing effects, for example, SLM samples made with different laser scanning speeds (Ti6-4 Gong/Univ. of Louisville samples)



## 3. Nonlinear Resonant Ultrasonic Testing (NRUS):

TRL4 system available with advanced software

### Application to NDT: SCC in Stainless Steel 304L



UNCLASSIFIED

Operated by Los Alamos National Security, LLC for the U.S. Department of Energy's NNSA

Los Alamos  
NATIONAL LABORATORY

- Frequency scan at more than more amplitude
- Shows promise for detection of initial defects before catastrophic failure
- Signal not affected by part size or geometry
- MSFC to supply samples to LANL



Coordinated by S. James (Aerojet Rocketdyne)

## Electron Beam Freeform Fabrication (EBF<sup>3</sup>)

NASA LaRC  
Inconel 625 on copper



Ti-6Al-4V (4)



SS 316



Al 2216



## Laser-PBF (L-PBF)

Gong  
Ti-6Al-4V bars

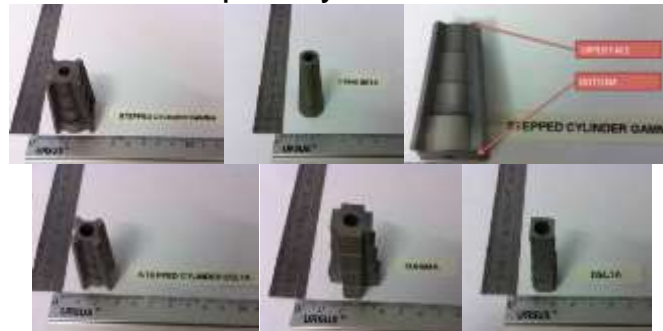
Airbus  
Al-Si-10Mg dog bones



Concept Laser Inconel 718 inserts (6)  
w/ different processing history

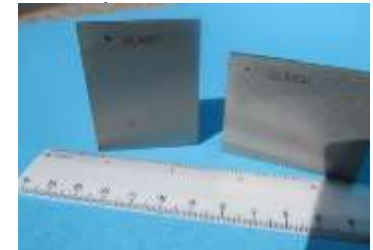


Concept Laser Inconel 718 prisms  
for CT capability demonstration



## Electron Beam-PBF (E-PBF)

Met-L-Check  
SS 316 PT/RT panels



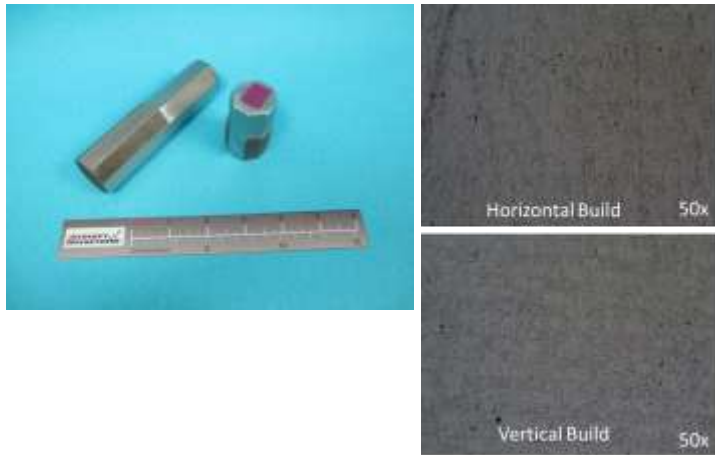
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techniques (CT, RT,  
PT, PCRT, UT)



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### HEX Samples

Inconel 718  
in two different build orientations



### SLM (L-PBF)

Inconel 625 PT sheets



### Laser-PBF (L-PBF)

NASA MSFC nominal and off-nominal metal parts (K. Morgan)

### Directed Energy Deposition (DED)

NASA MSFC ABS plastic parts with and without defects (N. Werkheiser)

### DRDC Porosity Standards

4140 steel. 0-10% porosity



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# Round Robin Sample Activity – illustrative presentations

Application Report 0170-16



ASTM INTERNATIONAL

ASTM WK47031 Guide for the NDT of additively manufactured aerospace parts

Thomas Payer  
Application Leader Europe  
SE Radiography



Qualification of materials made through Additive Manufacturing

Shannon Farrell (S.)

Defence Research and Development Canada  
Adair, Research Centre

ASTM W8



Canada



375 W Laser off

High speed imaging


Horizontal dogbones built via SLM for round robin testing

Dr. John Middendorf, Dr. Greg Loughrane  
Universal Technology Corp., Wright State University, Dayton, OH

ASTM E07.10 WK47031  
2016-17-18

Acoustic Analysis of AM Inconel 718 Material

E. Ginzel



Penetrant Evaluation of SLM Penetrant Target Samples

Michael White, Met-L-Check & Steve James  
Aerojet Rocketdyne



ROUND ROBIN TITANIUM SAMPLES CT EVALUATION

Presented and Compiled by Surendra Singh, Ph.D.  
Team Members- Andy Kinney, Kevin Burnish, and Bob Hogan

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Email - surendra.singh@honeywell.com  
Presented at Jtump ASTM Meeting, January 26, 2018



Working drafts and minutes of webmeetings discussing the standard Guide for NDE of AM aerospace parts are posted on-line:



Collaboration on [WK47031](#)

New Standard Nondestructive Testing of Additive Manufactured Metal Parts Used in Aerospace Applications

November 2016 Webmeeting	<a href="#">View File</a> <a href="#">Download File</a>
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# ANSI-America Makes National Collaborative Effort: Proposed New AM Standards





- 181 members (June 2016)
- Walker, Wells, Luna and Waller among NASA-affiliated members on roster
- Standardization roadmap released in February 2017
- 89 standards gaps identified
  - 6 nondestructive evaluation gaps
  - 15 qualification and certification gaps
  - 6 precursor materials gaps
  - 17 process control gaps
  - 5 post-processing gaps
  - 5 finished materials gaps
  - 26 design gaps
  - 8 maintenance gaps
- Future meetings of Standards Development Organizations will discuss how the standards are divvied up







- America Makes and ANSI Launch Additive Manufacturing Standardization Collaborative; Kick-off Meeting held March 31, 2016
- 5 Working Groups established to cover AM standards areas

### Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) WG

Meets: Every other Friday 11 am – 12:30 pm Eastern, beginning May 27, 2016  
Co-chairs: Patrick Howard, General Electric, and Steve James, Aerojet Rocketdyne

Scope: NDE of Finished Parts

(NDE for process monitoring under Process Control SG of Process and Materials WG)

Test methods or best practice guides for NDE of AM parts

Dimensional metrology of internal features

Geometry and surface texture measurement techniques (especially for internal features)

Data fusion of above

Common defects catalog found in AM parts, and process capability assessments of NDE techniques (e.g. PBF vs. DED defects)

Terminology (e.g., definition of AM defects)

Intentionally seeding AM flaws

Test samples for process capability or NDE technique performance evaluation

### Qualification & Certification (Q&C) WG

Meets: Every other Monday, 2:30 – 4 pm Eastern, beginning May 9, 2016

Co-chairs: Capt. Armen Kurdian, U.S. Navy, and Shawn Moylan, NIST

Ensure that all stages of a particular AM process have a set of commonly understood standards to enable Qualification (Qualification is defined as ensuring suitability to meet functional requirements in a repeatable manner)

Ensure that AMSC WGs have adequate representation from industry & government

Generate checklists to address all aspects of AM, to cover variability, repeatability, suitability, etc

Address all aspects of the AM environment (materials, design, personnel, systems, end product, etc.)

Identify aspects of AM process which would lend themselves to certification





[https://www.ansi.org/standards\\_activities/standards\\_boards\\_panels/amsc/amsc-roadmap:](https://www.ansi.org/standards_activities/standards_boards_panels/amsc/amsc-roadmap:)



## Standardization Roadmap for Additive Manufacturing

VERSION 1.0

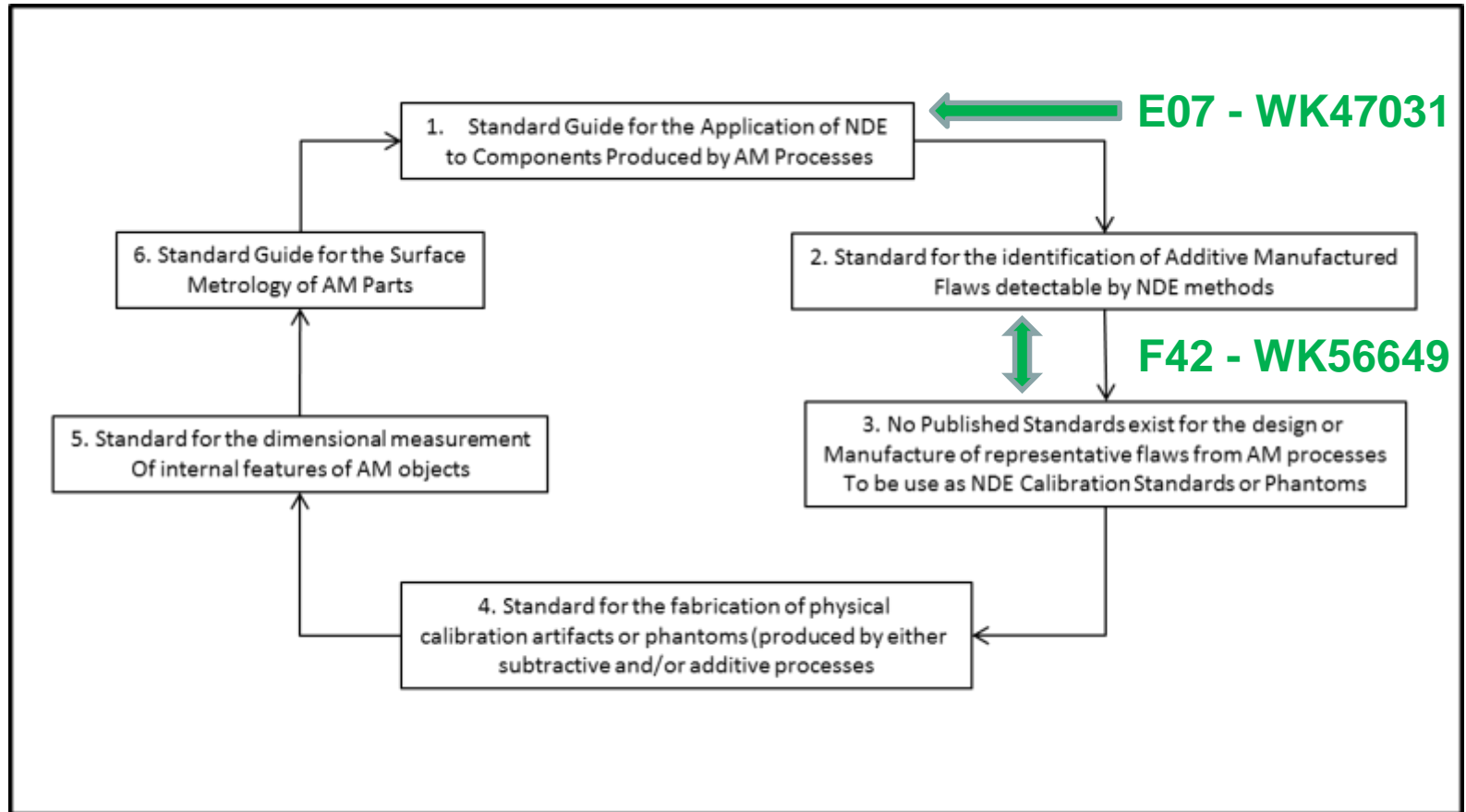
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FEBRUARY 2017

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# Gaps Identified by NDE Working Group

Standards in progress



# Current and future NDE of AM standards under development (ASTM)



Draft: WK47031 POC: J. Waller

E07

**Standard Guide for  
Nondestructive Testing of As-Built and Post-Processed Metal Additive  
Manufactured Parts Used in Aerospace Applications**

**Balloting begun  
(CT, MET, PCRT, PT, RT,  
TT, and UT)**



Draft: WK56649 POC: S. James

F42

**Standard Guide for  
Intentionally Seeding Flaws in Additively Manufactured Parts**

**Draft in Preparation**



Draft: WKXXXX POC: S. Singh

E07

**Standard Guide for  
In-situ Monitoring During the Build of Metal Additive Manufactured  
Parts Used in Aerospace Applications**

**Motion to register as a  
formal work item  
approved by E07.10  
(IR, LUT, VIS)**



Draft: WKXXXX POC: TBD

E07

**Standard Practice for  
Dimensional Metrology of Surface and Internal Features in Additively  
Manufactured Parts**

**Future**



Draft: WKXXXX POC: TBD

E07?

**Standard Practice for  
the Design and Manufacture of Artifacts or Phantoms Appropriate for  
Demonstrating NDE Capability in Additively Manufactured Parts**

**Future, phys ref stds  
to demonstrate  
NDE capability**

**Gap QC1: Harmonization of AM Q&C Terminology.** One of the challenges in discussing qualification and certification in AM is the ambiguity of the terms qualification, certification, verification, and validation, and how these terms are used by different industrial sectors when describing Q&C of materials, parts, processes, personnel, and equipment.

**R&D Needed:** No

**Recommendation:** Compare how the terms qualification, certification, verification and validation are used by industry sector. Update as needed existing quality management system standards and other terminology standards to harmonize definitions and encourage consistent use of terms across industry sectors with respect to AM.

**Priority:** High

**Organization:** ISO/ASTM, SAE, ASME

**Gap QC2: Qualification Standards by Part Categories.** A standard classification of parts is needed, such as those described in the Lockheed Martin AM supplier quality checklist (2.3.2.2) and the NASA Engineering and Quality Standard for Additively Manufactured Spaceflight Hardware (2.3.2.6). This is a gap for the aerospace and defense industries.

**R&D Needed:** No

**Recommendation:** A classification of parts should be defined as well as a minimum set of qualification requirements and related technology readiness level (TRL) and manufacturing readiness level (MRL) metrics for each part category that takes into consideration the intended part usage/environment. It is suggested that mission critical parts be looked at first.

**Priority:** High

**Organization:** NASA, SAE, ISO/ASTM



**Gap QC4: DoD Source (i.e., Vendor) Approval Process for AM Produced Parts.** As multiple methods of AM continue to mature, and new AM techniques are introduced, the government will need to fully understand the ramifications of each of these techniques, of what they are capable, and how certain AM procedures might lend themselves to some classes of parts and not others. Thus, not only must the government understand the differences, but how they should be assessed and tested, and what additional checks must be made on the end product before it can be qualified for use in a military platform. High pressures, temperatures, and other contained environments could impact the performance or life of safety-critical parts in ways that are not understood. Today, more research is required to determine the delta between traditional and AM methods.

**R&D Needed:** Yes

**Recommendation:** Starting with the most mature technologies, such as laser powder bed, develop standards to assess required checks for levels of criticality and safety as part of the source approval process.

**Priority:** High

**Organization:** Service SYSCOMS, Industry, ASME, ISO/ASTM, SAE

**Gap QC9: Personnel Training for Image Data Set Processing.** Currently, there are only limited qualification or certification programs (some are in process of formation) available for training personnel who are handling imaging data and preparing for AM printing.

**R&D Needed:** No

**Recommendation:** Develop certification programs for describing the requisite skills, qualification, and certification of personnel responsible for handling imaging data and preparing for printing. The SME organization currently has a program in development.

**Priority:** High

**Organization:** SME, RSNA, ASTM

**Gap QC10: Verification of 3D Model.** There are currently no standards for the final verification of a 3D model before it is approved for AM for the intended purpose (e.g., surgical planning vs. implantation; cranial replacement piece; cutting guides which have a low tolerance for anatomical discrepancy).

**R&D Needed:** Yes, in terms of tolerances

**Recommendation:** Develop standards for verification of the 3D model against the initial data. Ideally, they should identify efficient, automatable methods for identifying discrepancies.

**Priority:** High

**Organization:** ASTM, NEMA/MITA, AAMI, ASME, ISO



# Understand Effect-of-Defect

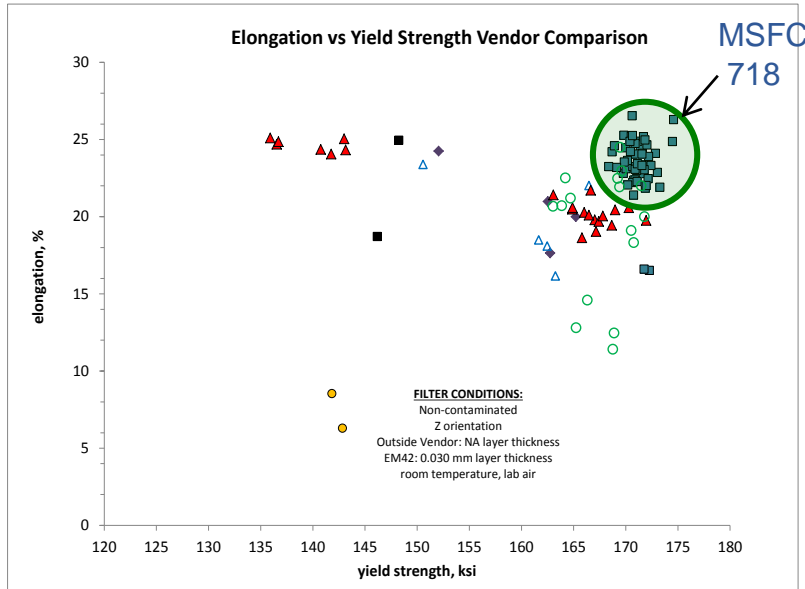


# NDE of AM Technology Gaps

- Develop/generate an AM defects catalogue (NEW)
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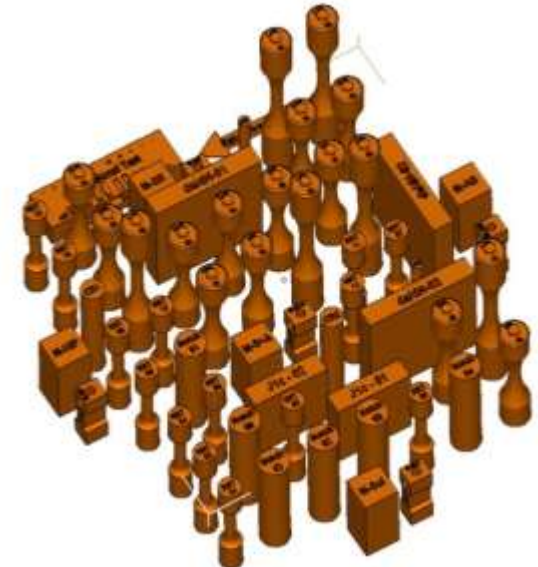


## AM Inconel 718 Round Robin



- Early comparisons of Inconel 718 produced by MSFC and by vendors indicated significant variations in mechanical and microstructural properties, which raised concerns about certification of parts produced via additive manufacturing.
- Participants used a variety of machine models, providing a diverse array of select laser melting build parameters.
- The vendors were provided build files, instructions for metallography specimens, and heat treatment specifications but otherwise allowed to use in house processes.

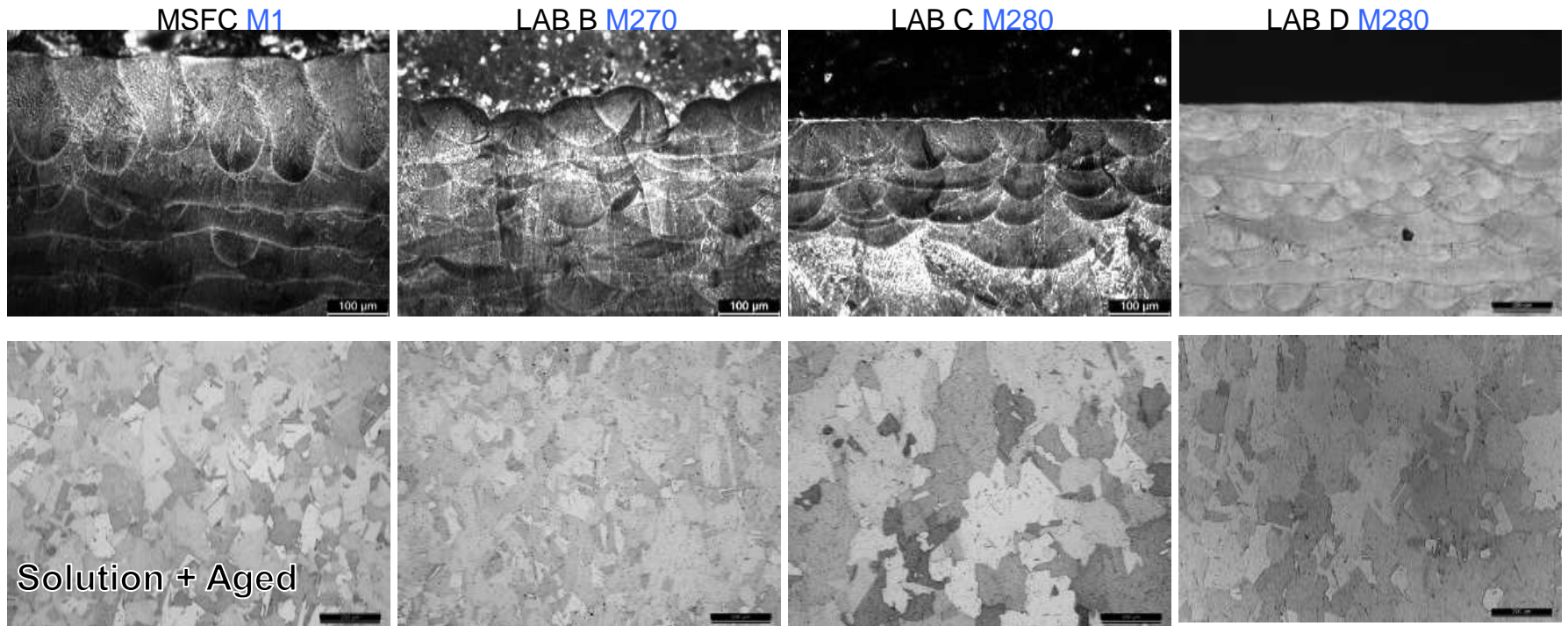
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MSFC	CL	M1	180	600	.105	30	90
LAB A	EOS	-	-	-	-	40	-
LAB B	EOS	M270	195	-	-	40	67
LAB C	EOS	M280	305	1010	.110	40	67
Lab D	EOS	M280	285	960	N/A	40	67





## Round Robin: Microstructure

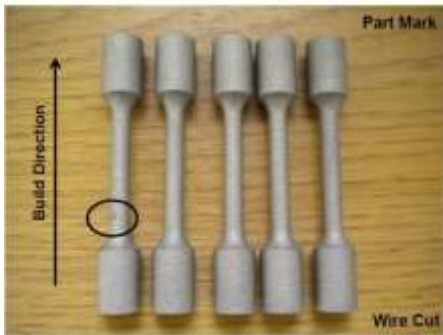
- As-built microstructures are dominated by the characteristics of the melt pool, which vary based on build parameters.
- Following heat treatment, the microstructure recrystallizes and resembles the wrought microstructure, with some expected grain size variation. IN718 derives strength properties from precipitates in the nickel matrix, which are produced during the solution and aging heat treatments.



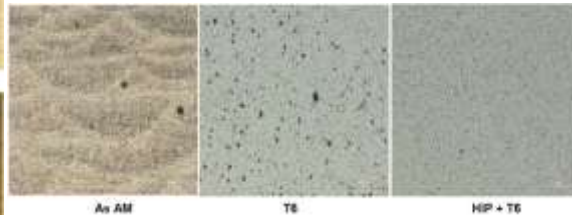
# Approach

Determine effect-of-defect on sacrificial specimens w/ seeded flaws

## 1. Airbus Laser PBF samples

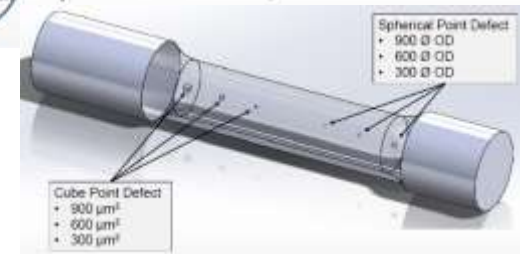
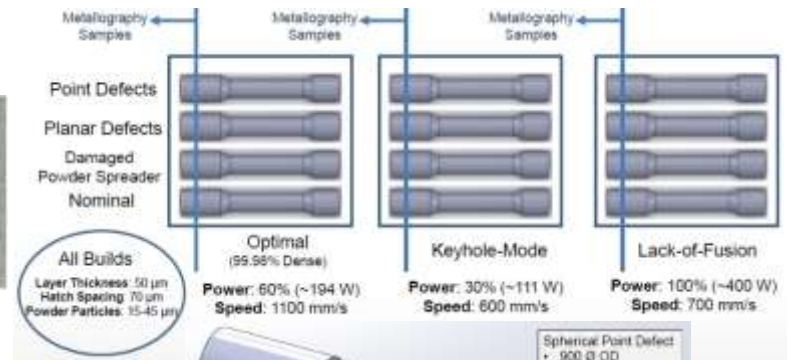


AlSi10Mg ASTM E8 compliant dogbones  
13mmØ, 85mm long (6mmØ, 30mm Gauge Length)



Investigate effect post-processing on microstructure and surface finish on fatigue properties

## 2. UTC Laser PBF samples



Ti-6Al-4V ASTM E8 compliant dogbones for *in situ* OM/IR and post-process profilometry, CT and PCRT

Airbus study on effect of process parameters on final properties

CT at GRC as of November

Other NDE planned in ASTM NDT Taskgroup

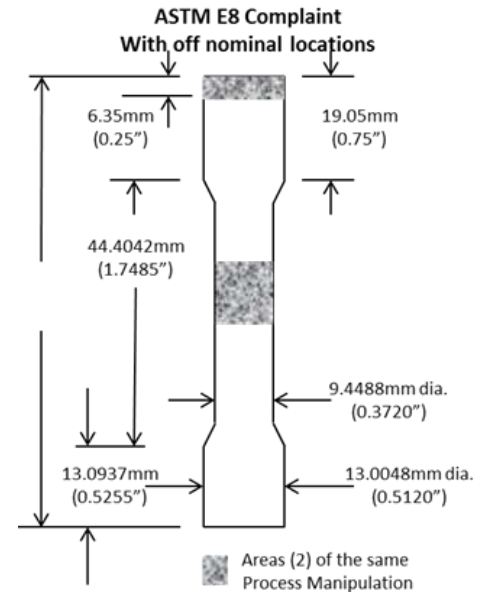
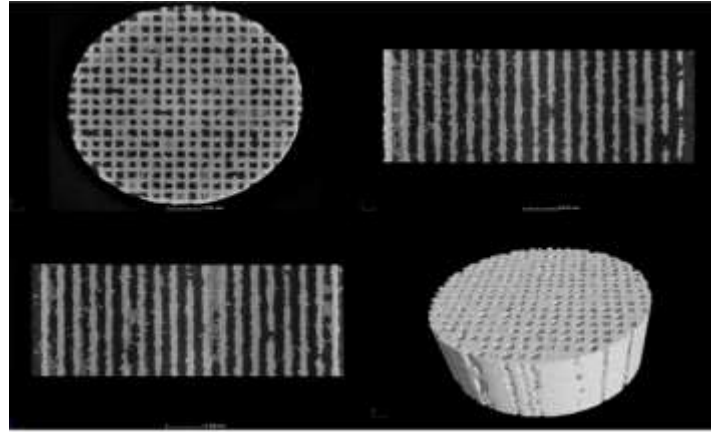
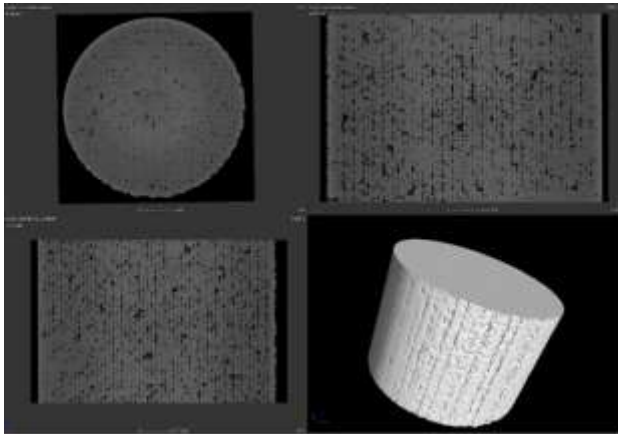
# Parallel effort

Determine effect-of-defect on sacrificial specimens w/ seeded flaws

America Makes Ed Morris (VP) call to fabricate samples for NDE in support of ASTM WK47031 effort

Insert 1 “Lower Laser Power”

Insert 4 “Trace Width Bigger”



- 3. CalRAM Electron Beam PBF samples
- 4. Incodema Laser Beam PBF samples



# Qualify & Certify Additively Manufactured Hardware



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# Background



Contact: *Doug Wells (MSFC)*

- All Class A and B parts must receive comprehensive NDT for surface and volumetric defects
- Not clear that defect sizes from NASA-STD-5009<sup>§</sup> are applicable to AM hardware
- Has evolved into a Center-level standard and specification:
- **MSFC-STD-3716:** aids in the development of standard practices for Laser-Powder Bed Fusion processes
- **MSFC-SPEC-3717:** framework for the development, production, and evaluation of additively manufactured parts



## NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC) publicity:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NASA Engineering and Safety Center Technical Bulletin No. 17-01

### Development of NASA Standards for Enabling Certification of Additively Manufactured Parts

There are currently no NASA standards providing specific design and construction requirements for certification of additively manufactured parts. Several international standards organizations are developing standards for additive manufacturing; however, NASA mission schedules preclude the Agency from relying on these organizations to develop standards that are both timely and applicable. NASA and its program partners in manned spaceflight (the Commercial Crew Program, the Space Launch System, and the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle) are actively developing additively manufactured parts for flight as early as 2018. To bridge this gap, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) has authored a Center-level standard (MSFC-STD-3716)<sup>1</sup> to establish standard practices for the Laser Powder Bed Fusion (L-PBF) process. In its draft form, the MSFC standard has been used as a basis for L-PBF process implementation for each of the human spaceflight programs. The development of an Agency-level standard is proposed, based upon the principles of MSFC-STD-3716, which would have application to multiple additive manufacturing processes and be readily adaptable to all NASA programs.

#### Background

Additive manufacturing (AM) has rapidly become prevalent in aerospace applications. AM offers the ability to rapidly manufacture complex part designs at a reduced cost; however, the extreme pace of AM implementation introduces risks to the safe adoption of this developing technology. The development of aerospace quality standards and specifications is required to properly balance the benefits of AM technologies with the inherent risks. NASA design and construction standards do not yet include specific requirements for controlling the unique aspects of the AM process and resulting hardware. While a significant national effort is now focused on creating standards for AM, the content and scheduled release of these consensus standards do not support the near-term programmatic needs of NASA.

#### MSFC Standard and Application to Human Spaceflight Hardware

NASA MSFC has led with the development of a Center-level standard, MSFC-STD-3716, to aid in the development of standard practices for L-PBF processes. This standard and its companion specification<sup>2</sup>, MSFC-SPEC-3717, provide a consistent framework for the development, production, and evaluation of additively manufactured parts for spaceflight applications. The standard contains requirements addressing material property development, part classification, part process control, part inspection, and acceptance. The companion specification provides requirements for qualification of L-PBF metallurgical processes, equipment process control, and personnel training. Engineering from the three active manned spaceflight programs have used the MSFC standard as a guideline for implementation of AM parts, assuring partners establish reliable AM processes and meet the intent of all NASA standards in materials, fracture control, nondestructive evaluation, and propulsion structures.



RS-25 Engine



SuperDraco Engine

#### Path Forward to an AM Standard

In addition to human spaceflight, standards for appropriate application of AM to other NASA missions such as science and aeronautics require consideration. Full embrace of AM technologies requires standardization beyond the Powder Bed Fusion process. A planned Agency standard applicable to all NASA programs and most AM technologies is currently being explored. Proper standardization is the key to enabling the innovative promise of AM, while ensuring safe, functional, and reliable AM parts.

#### References

1. MSFC-STD-3716 "Standard for Additively Manufactured Spaceflight Hardware by Laser Powder Bed Fusion in Metals," 2017
2. MSFC-SPEC-3717, "Specification for Control and Qualification of Laser Powder Bed Fusion Metallurgical Processes," 2017

For information contact the NESC at [www.nesc.nasa.gov](http://www.nesc.nasa.gov)

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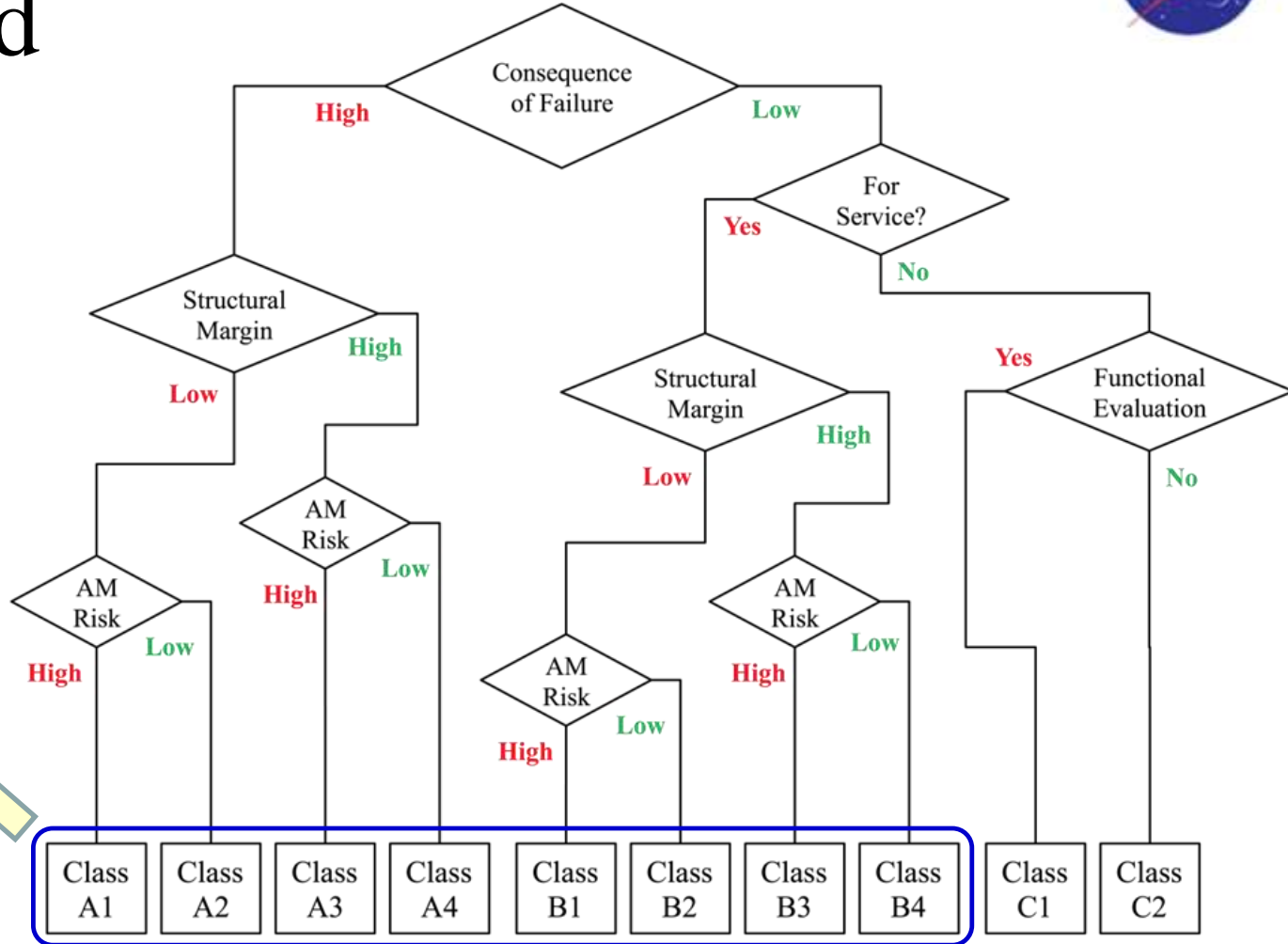
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# Background

Comprehensive NDE required for surface and volumetric defects



<sup>§</sup> NASA classifications should not to be confused with those used in the ASTM International standards for AM parts, such as F3055 *Standard Specification for Additive Manufacturing Nickel Alloy (UNS N07718) with Powder Bed Fusion*. The ASTM classes are used to represent part processing only and are unrelated.



- Eric Burke & James Walker : NASA-OSMA NDE Program AM Foundational Effort
- Doug Wells: MSFC AM Spaceflight Hardware Quality Document
- Steve James (Aerojet Rocketdyne): ASTM Round Robin Testing
- Bill Prosser & Ken Hodges: NESC NDE Technical Discipline Team
- Risk Russell: NESC Materials Fellow
- Arthur Brown: NASA MSFC Inconel<sup>®</sup> 718 product variability
- Tracie Prater: Plastic AM parts for Nonlinear Resonant Spectroscopy (NRUS) evaluation
- ASTM WK47031 Collaboration Area: NDE subject matters experts
- ... and many more who have contribution their time and/or their company's resources



# Back-ups





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February 19, 1998

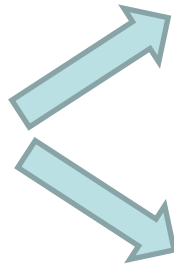
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### Executive Office of the President

Office of Management and Budget

OMB Circular A-119; Federal Participation  
in the Development and Use of Voluntary  
Consensus Standards and in Conformity  
Assessment Activities; Notice

- Agencies must consult with voluntary consensus standards bodies, and must participate with such bodies in the development of voluntary consensus standards when consultation and participation is in the public interest
- If development of a standard is impractical or infeasible, the agency must develop an explanation of the reasons for impracticality and the steps necessary to overcome the impracticality
- Any standards developed must be necessarily non-duplicative and noncompetitive



- NASA: improve mission reliability and safety
- Industry: boost business and develop technology for American commerce

federal register



- 5 Working Groups established to cover AM standards areas<sup>(cont.)</sup>

### Process and Materials WG\*

Meets: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 11 am – 12 noon Eastern, beginning June 28, 2016

Co-chairs: Todd Rockstroh, GE Aviation, and Art Kracke, AAK Consulting LLC

\* All members are asked to join one of the 4 Subgroups (SG)

Future State: Left to Right Enabling Commercialized AM products

#### Precursor Materials SG

Meets: Every other Tuesday, 1-2 pm Eastern, beginning May 3, 2016  
Leader: Jim Adams, MPIF; Justin Whiting, NIST

Chemistry  
Cleanliness  
Feed stock  
characterization  
Safety & Training  
OEM process & control

#### Process Control SG

Meets: Every other Thursday, 1-2 pm Eastern, beginning May 5, 2016  
Leader: Justin Whiting, NIST

Digital format (CAD, CAM, machine software)  
Machine calibration / preventative maintenance  
Machine qualification  
Machine re-start after maintenance  
Operator training  
Parameter control  
Powder handling / blending / use  
Powder flow monitoring  
Powder reuse/recycle  
Safety  
Cybersecurity  
Process monitoring (thermal control, positional control)

#### Post-Processing SG

Meets: Every other Tuesday, 1-2 pm Eastern, beginning May 10, 2016  
Leader: Patrick Ryan, L5 Management

Heat Treat  
HIP  
Surface finishing  
Machining  
Removal of Support Material

#### Finished Material

Properties SG  
Meets: Every other Thursday, 1-2 pm Eastern, beginning May 12, 2016  
Leader: Roger Narayan, North Carolina State University, and Mohsen Seifi, Case Western Reserve University

Mechanical properties  
Quality control  
Component testing  
Component certification  
Bio-compatibility  
Chemistry  
Design allowables  
Cleanliness  
Microstructure





- 5 Working Groups established to cover AM standards areas<sup>(cont.)</sup>

### Design WG

Meets: Every other Tuesday, 10-11:30 am Eastern, beginning May 10, 2016

Co-chairs: John Schmelzle, NAVAIR, and Jayanthi Parthasarathy, MedCAD

Input (Design guides, Design intent)

Designing parts (Design tools, Simulation and modeling, Design for assemblies, Design for printed electronics, Design for bio)

Design documentation (Neutral build file, Product definition data sets)

Validation (of design and models)

### Maintenance WG

Meets: Every other Monday 2-3:30 pm Eastern, beginning May 16, 2016

Co-chairs: David Coyle, NAVSUP WSS, and Michele Hanna, Lockheed Martin

Scope: Maintenance of parts and machines

Standard repair procedures for parts and tooling

Standard inspection processes

Model based inspection

Standards for tracking maintenance operations

Workforce development

Cybersecurity





# ASTM Subcommittee E07.10 on Specialized NDT Methods

ASTM Designation: X XXXX-XX

Work Item Number: 47031

Date: November 17, 2016

## Standard Guide for Nondestructive Testing of As-built and Post-Processed Metal Additive Manufactured Parts Used in Aerospace Applications<sup>1</sup>



CT, MET,  
PCRT, PT,  
RT, TT, and  
UT  
sections

In Ballot

- Defect type & part complexity determine NDE selection
- Process method determines defects determines NDE



# Future Standards for NDT of AM Aerospace Materials

- New Guide for *In-situ Monitoring of Additively Manufactured Parts used in Aerospace Applications* (POC: Surendra Singh/Honeywell)

Singh:  
new E07  
standard

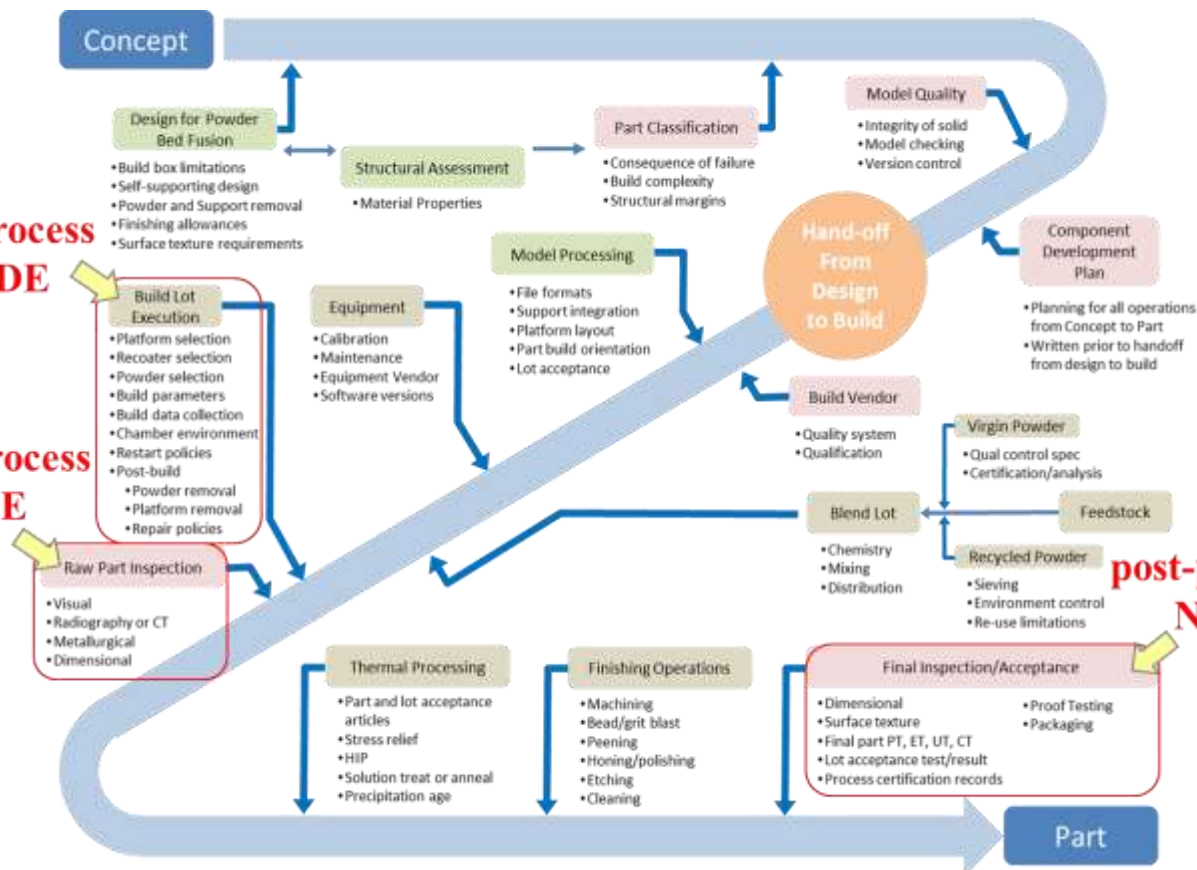
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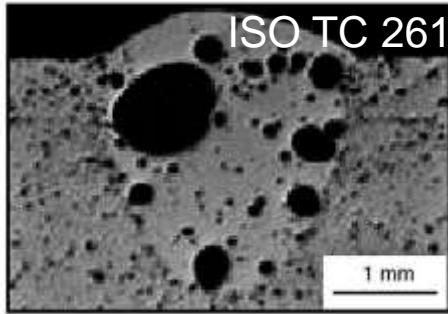
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- 1/23/17: E07.10 motion to register a new standard and assign jurisdiction passed

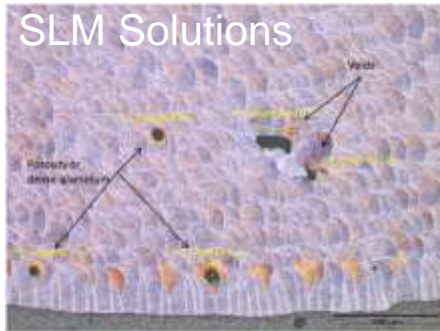




PBF Porosity



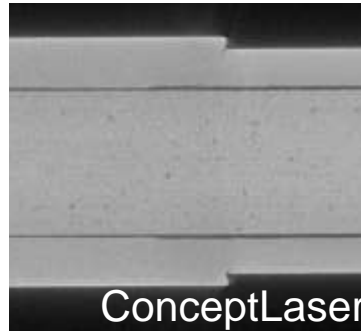
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Porosity and Voids

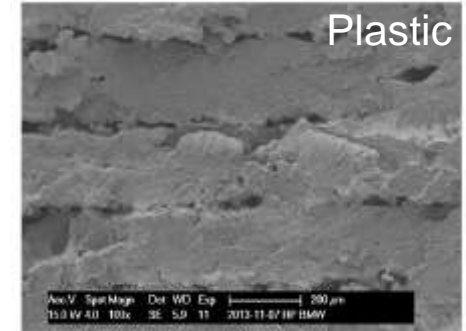


Univ of Louisville



ConceptLaser

Voids



Plastic

Also interested in (gas) porosity and voids due to structural implications

Note: proposed new definitions in ISO/ASTM 52900 Terminology:

*lack of fusion (LOF) n*—flaws caused by incomplete melting and cohesion between the deposited metal and previously deposited metal.

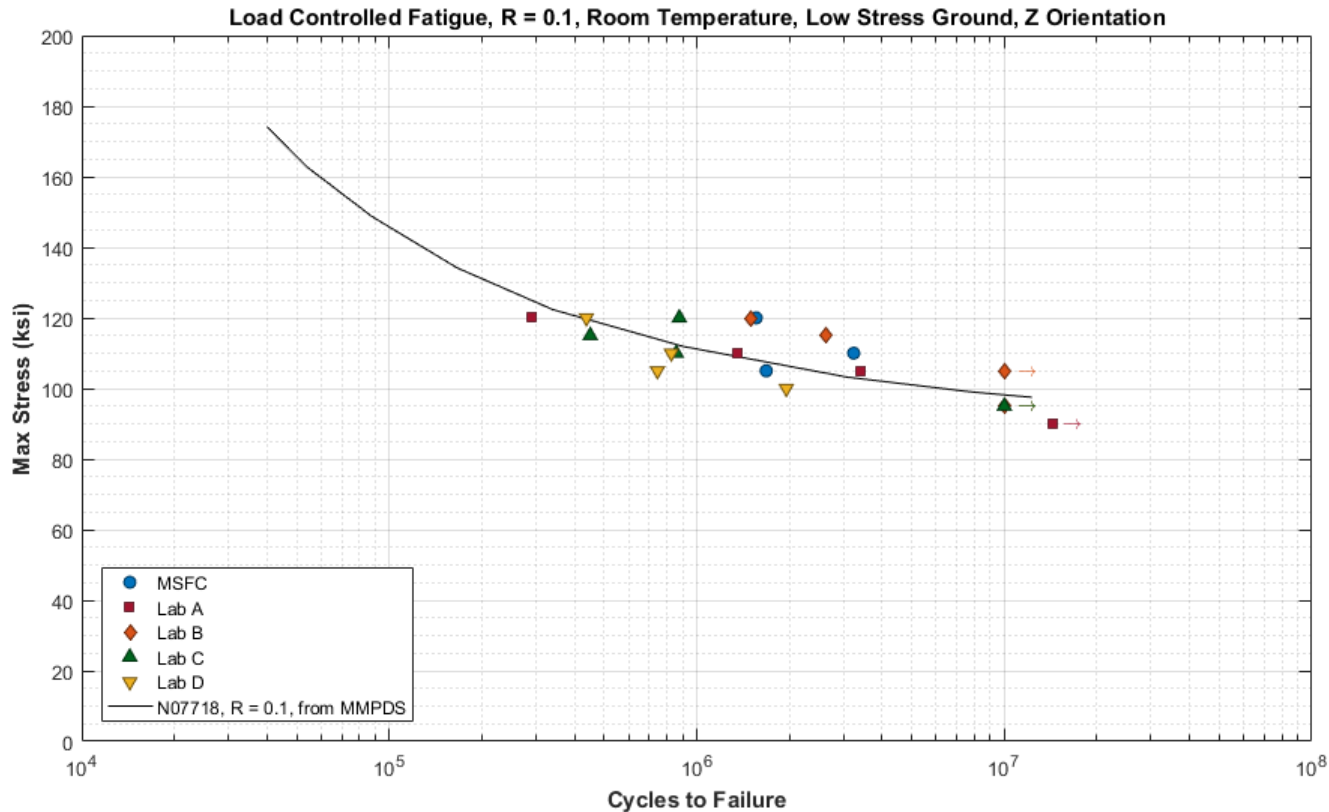
*gas porosity, n*—flaws formed during processing or subsequent post-processing that remain in the metal after it has cooled. Gas porosity occurs because most metals have dissolved gas in the melt which comes out of solution upon cooling to form empty pockets in the solidified material. Gas porosity on the surface can interfere with or preclude certain NDT methods, while porosity inside the part reduces strength in its vicinity. Like voids, gas porosity causes a part to be less than fully dense.

*voids, n*—flaws created during the build process that are empty or filled with partially or wholly un-sintered or un-fused powder or wire creating pockets. Voids are distinct from gas porosity, and are the result of lack of fusion and skipped layers parallel or perpendicular to the build direction. Voids occurring at a sufficient quantity, size and distribution inside a part can reduce its strength in their vicinity. Voids are also distinct from intentionally added open cells that reduce weight. Like gas porosity, voids cause a part to be less than fully dense.



## Round Robin: Low Cycle Fatigue

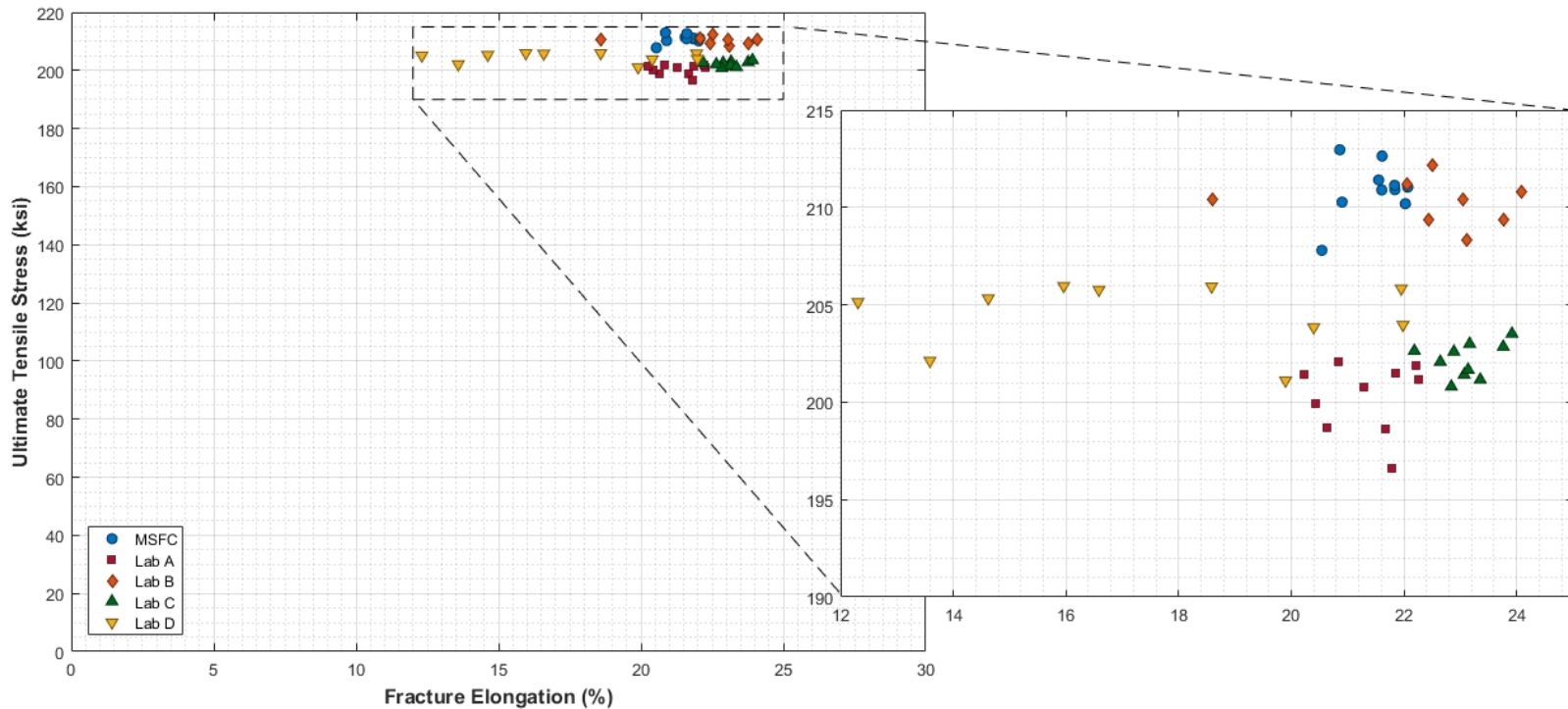
- Low-Cycle Fatigue Life was found to be reduced by the presence of Lack of Fusion (LOF) defects
- High-Cycle Fatigue life at a particular stress trended along with ultimate tensile strength, as expected.





## Round Robin: Tensile Properties

- At room temperature, most builds exhibited tightly grouped results, with the exception of Lab D, which has considerable variability in ductility (fracture elongation).
- From past experience, lower elongation is an indication that defects were present in the material.



## NDE Discussion Points

What is the role of QA? What should be presented at the PDR/CDR?

### NDE of As-Built and Post-Processed AM Hardware

- **Flaw identification (Defect Catalog)**
  - Must specify process type relative to defect type (for example, DED vs. PBF flaws)
  - U.S. and E.U. terminologies differ
- **Effect-of-defect studies** (on sacrificial samples)
  - Effect of large/small defects
  - Effect of flaw homogeneity/distribution
  - Effect of HIPing, heat treatment on flaw size and detection
- **Develop acceptance criteria** (NDE capabilities)
  - Need to engage fracture & fatigue SMEs and answer what is the critical or important flaw type
    - Joint AM/NDE/fracture and fatigue push
    - Define criticality of defect (design, location, and type)
  - Define acceptance levels (flaw type, size and distribution)
  - Part-specific vs. universal acceptance criteria?
  - Proprietary company specific criteria
- **What is the NDE capability at the critical flaw size for high value, fracture critical parts?**
  - Are current physical reference standards adequate?
  - How statistically significant does the NDE need to be?
- **NDE of first articles, versus reference or witness coupons, production parts, and spares**



- Key development areas, challenges and promising work captured
- NESCA NDE TDT briefed on 10/26/17; OSMA NDE Program briefed



- **Bulk Defects**
  - **Lack of Fusion**
    - **Horizontal Lack of Fusion Defect**
      - Insufficient Power
      - **Laser Attenuation**
      - Spatter
    - **Vertical Lack of Fusion Defect**
      - Large Hatch Spacing
    - **Short Feed**
  - **Spherical Porosity**
    - Keyhole
  - **Welding Defects**
    - **Cracking**
- **Surface Defects**
  - **Worm Track**
    - High Energy Core Parameters
    - Re-coater Blade interactions
  - **Core Bleed Through**
    - Small Core Offset
    - Overhanging Surface
  - **Rough Surface**
    - **Laser Attenuation**
    - Overhanging Surfaces
  - **Skin Separation**
    - Sub-Surface Defects
    - Detached Skin

- The list to the left is color coded to show the know causes of the defects
- Although some defects are tolerable, many result in the degradation of mechanical properties or cause the part to be out of tolerance
- Most defects can be mitigated by parameter optimization and process controls

- **Parameters**
- **In-Process Anomaly**
- **Material Property**



# Any Questions?



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