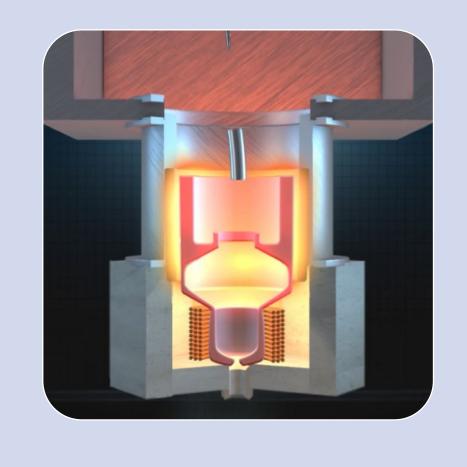
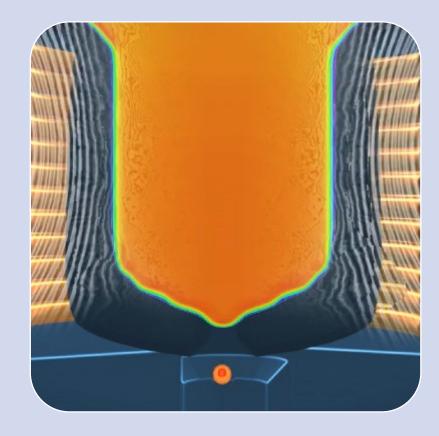
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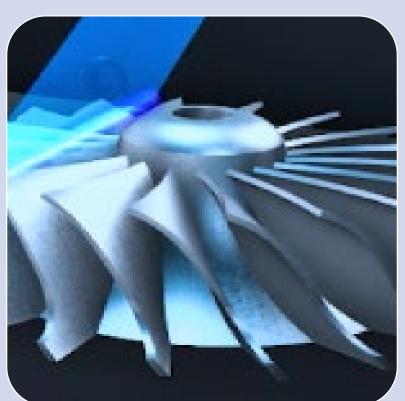
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Wire feedstock fed into ceramic crucible and melted

Build plate rapidly moved along toolpath for the layer

Metal droplets ejected by pulsed Lorentz force using external coil

Liquid metal coalesces one drop at a time on heated build plate

Layer is scanned once completed and process progresses to next layer

Simple water quench to remove from build plate

Machine Specifics

Build Volume: 12"x12"x4.7"

Minimum Layer Height: 0.24mm

Wire Feedstock Diameter: 1.6mm

Cover gas: Argon in printhead

region

Surface finish: comparable to sand castings

Material & Process Characterization

Establish Process Parameters

Study Process Repeatability

Baseline Material Properties

Baseline Microstructure

Heat Treatments

Study Influence Factors & Novel Environments

Additional metal alloys beyond aluminums

Recycled feedstock materials

Adaptations required for zero/low gravity environments

