



Model-Assisted Validation and Certification of AM Components

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Outline

- **Materials definitions in the Information Age (Industry 4.0)**
- **Product and process design approaches**
- **Approaches for component material requirements**
- **Testing and qualification planning**

Traditional Engineering Materials Development and Definitions

- **Design Curves – Empirical; Data Driven**
- **Specifications**
- **Prints Notes**
- **Fixed Process Requirements**

Material Equivalency - Material Pedigree - Application Space

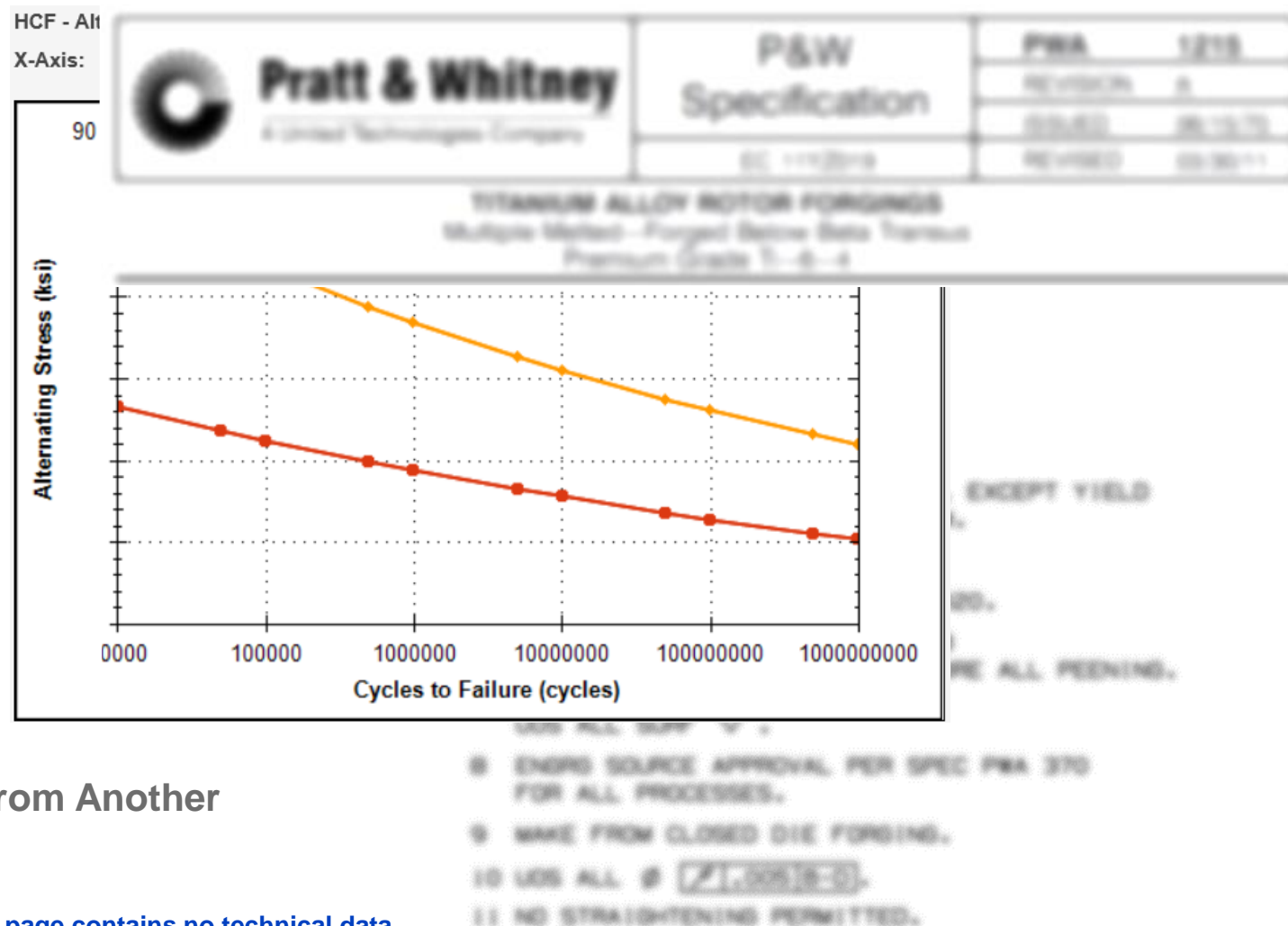
Materials Definitions

Compilation of tools to define materials and establish equivalency

Traditionally:

- Specification Documents
- Design Curves
- Drawing Notes
- Quality Standards
- Component Testing and Qualification Approaches

Defining of Material Equivalency and Methods to Differentiate Material of One Controlled Pedigree from Another



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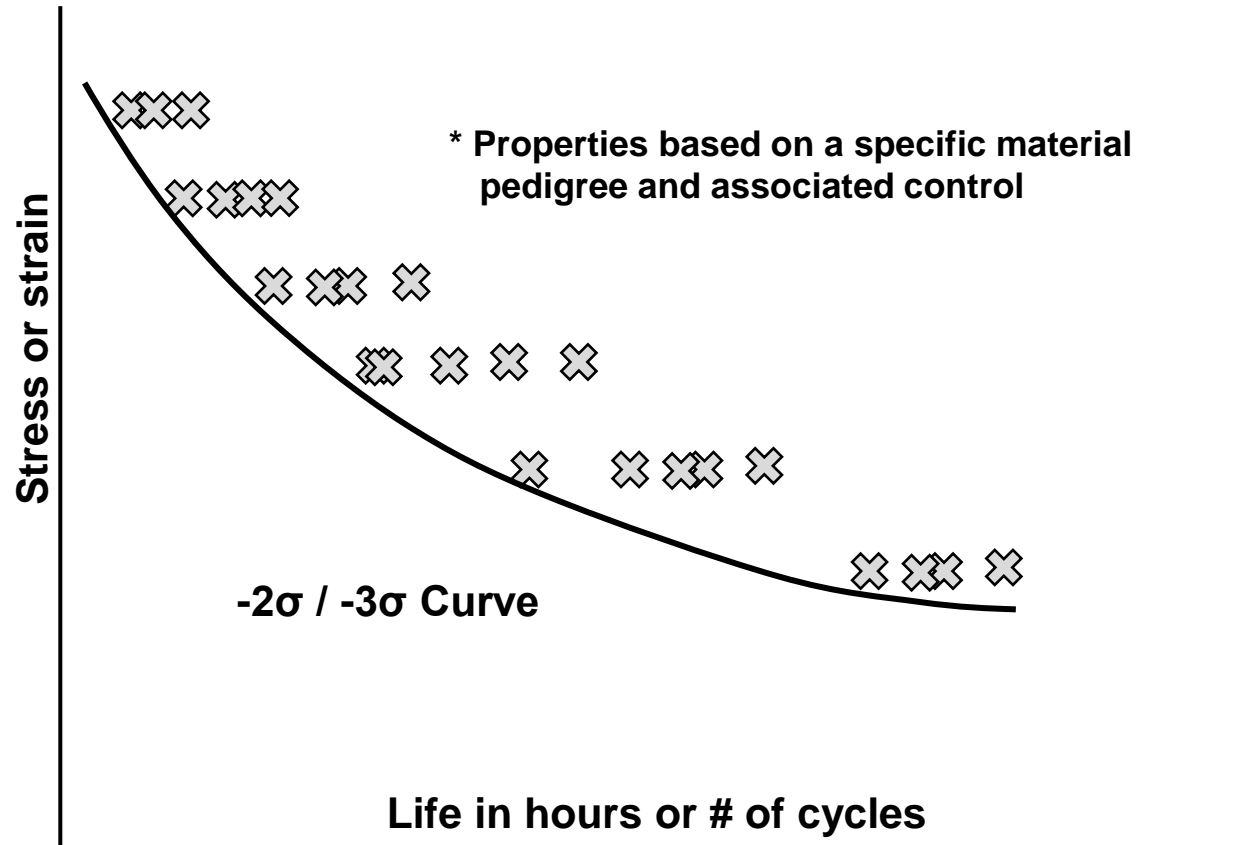
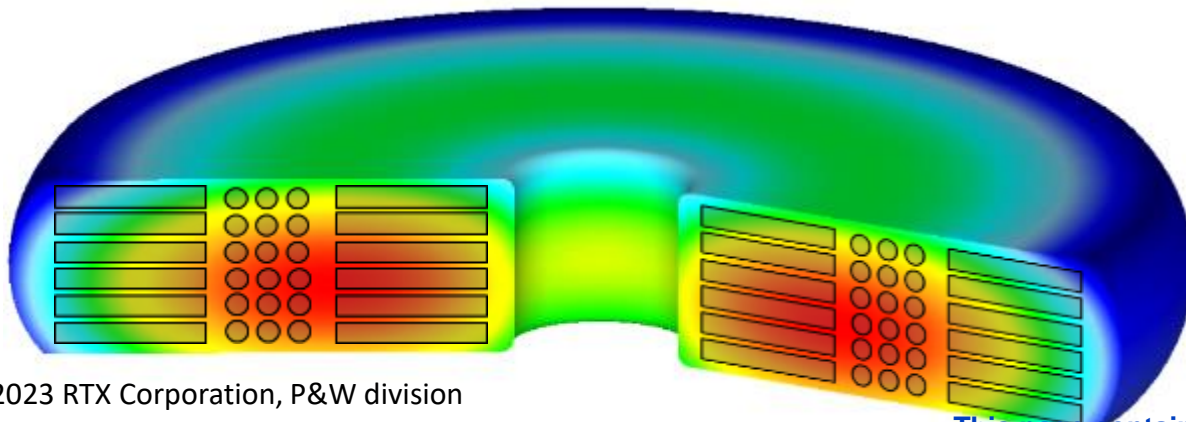
Specifications Defined Based on Statistical Minima*

Material properties depend on processing path (manufacture and application)

Multiple components produced on manufacturing equipment

Test samples extracted from components using randomized locations, orientation, test conditions, etc.

Manufacturing path for components (pancakes, etc.) define range of pedigree space



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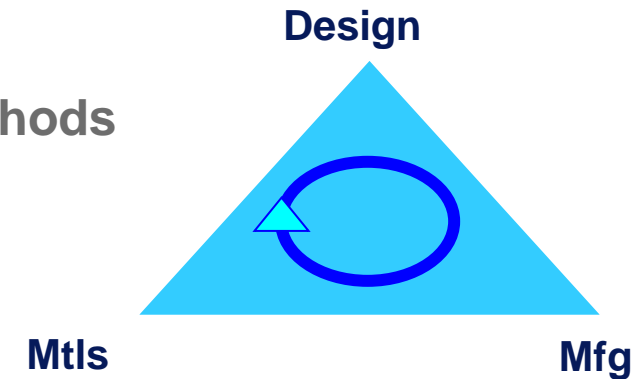
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Materials & Product Engineering

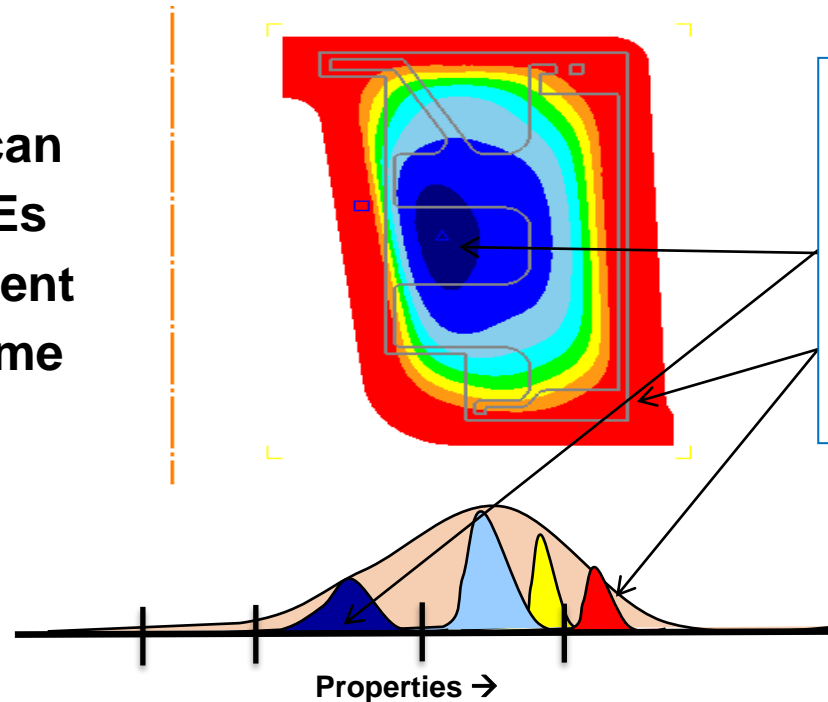
- **Mechanical Properties \rightarrow fn (chemistry and structure)**
- **Structure \rightarrow fn (chemistry and processing)**
- **Processing \rightarrow fn (component geometry)**

Materials, Manufacturing Methods
and Component Design are
Strongly Coupled



Materials Definitions

Volumetric regions can be defined by SERVES (Statistically Equivalent Representative Volume Elements)



True material capability and property distributions are controllable and reproducible; not “random variability”.

Properties are a fn (chemistry, microstructure, stain, cooling rate, etc.); i.e. pedigree.

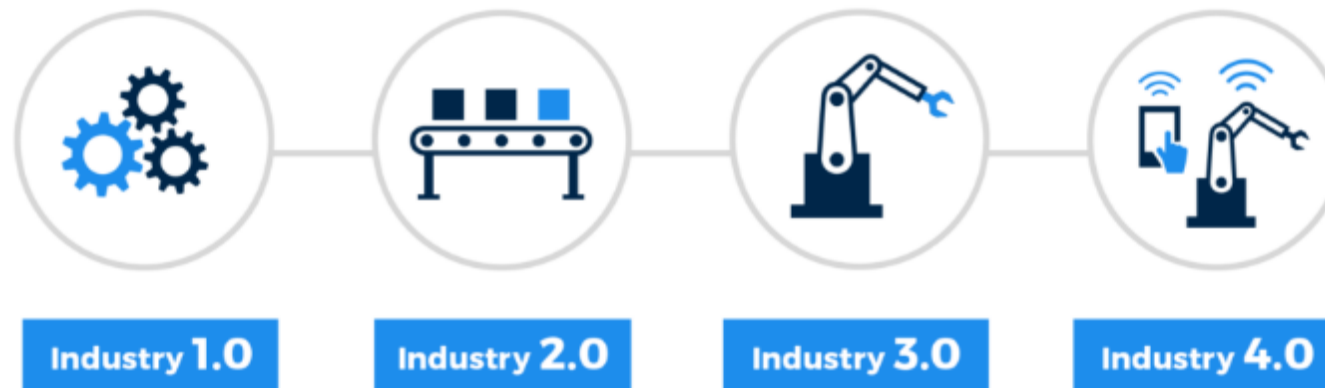
Materials properties are path dependent and are often “location-specific”. Engineering specifications often treat entire material volume as single, homogeneous property capabilities.

Modeling and simulation can help enhance material, process and component definitions

Industry 4.0

Industry 4.0 is a true technology revolution and not a buzz-word term

The Four Industrial Revolutions

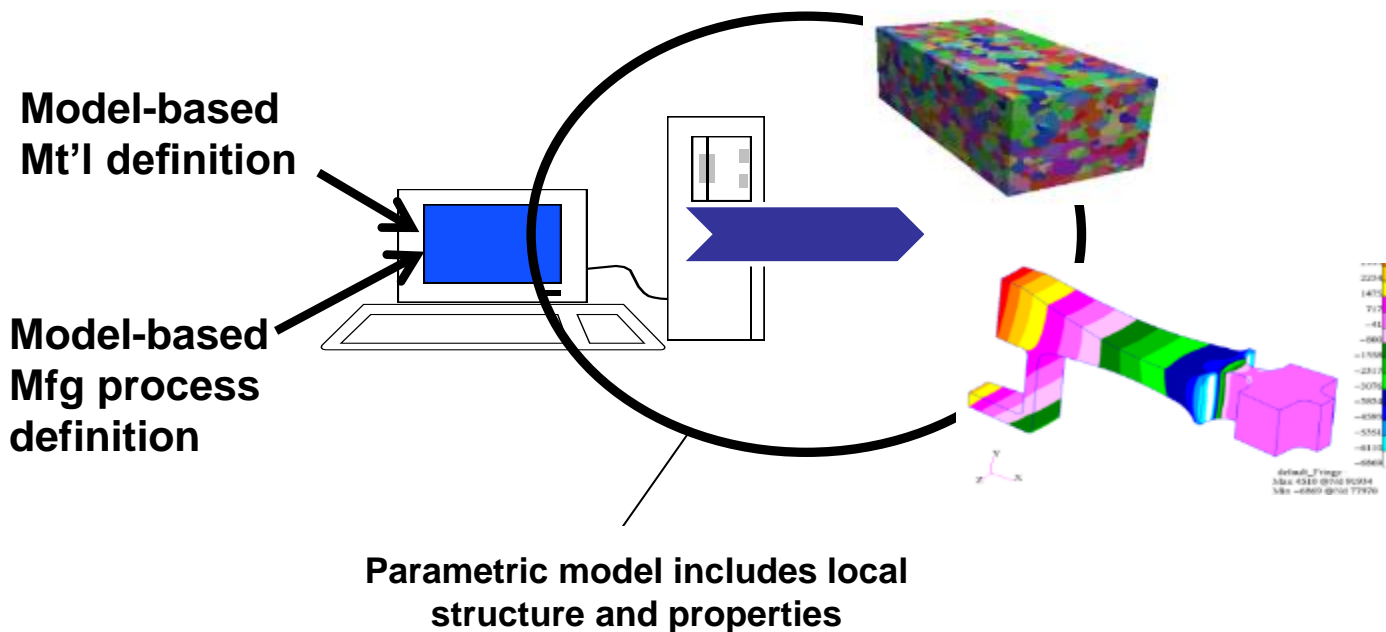


Framework for digital engineering, manufacturing, simulation, communication and optimization Including validation and certification

Integrated Materials & Process Modeling

Use of models to link design, producibility & component performance

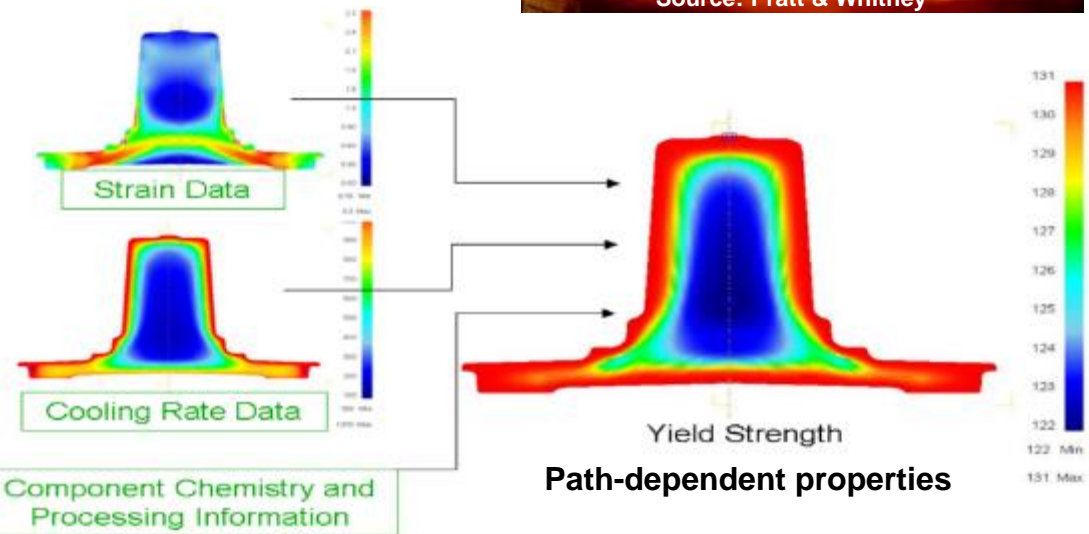
Component Design



Utilization of Modeling to Predict Component Capabilities and Proactively Mitigate Producibility Risks

Component Manufacture

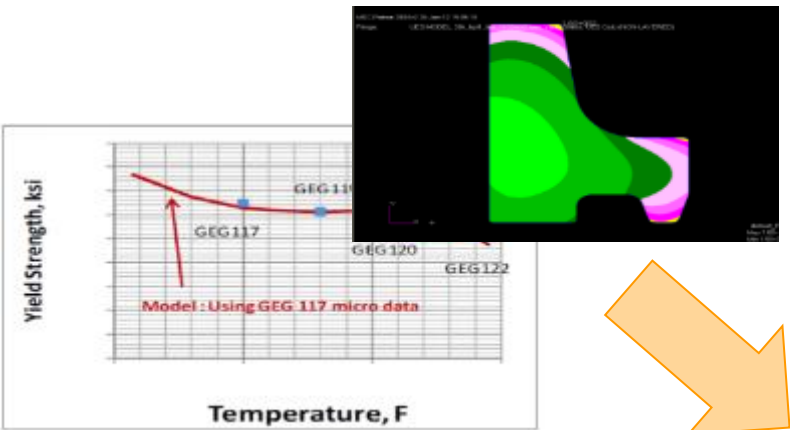
Model-based component definition



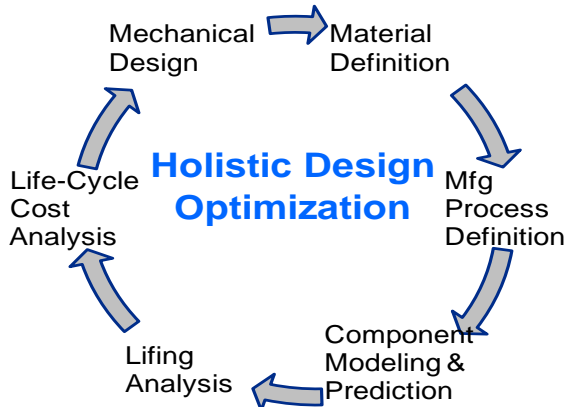
Probabilistic Property & Performance Predictions

Material and manufacturing process modeling enables design for variation

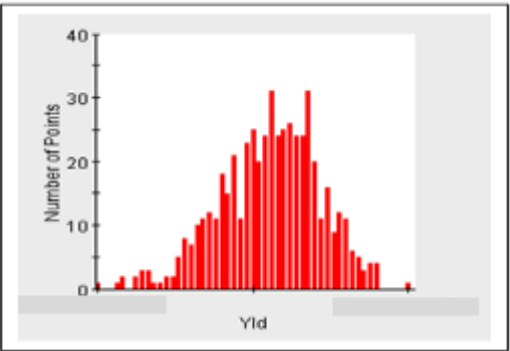
Materials Modeling



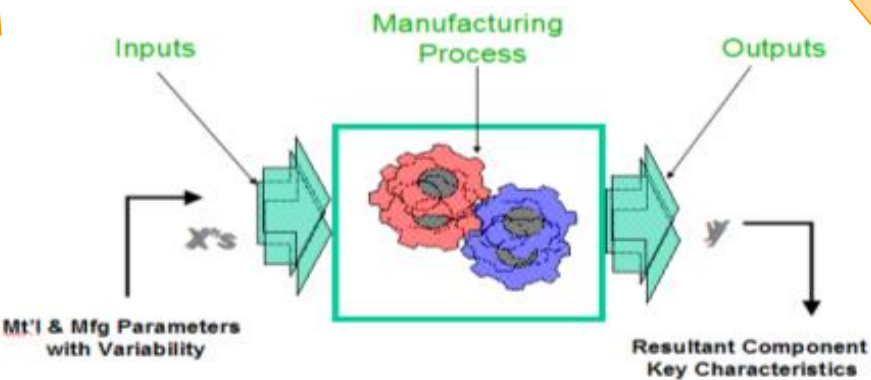
Development and Application of Physics-Based Models



Design for Variation



Predicted Material and Component Properties



Identification and Assessment of Material and Process Variability

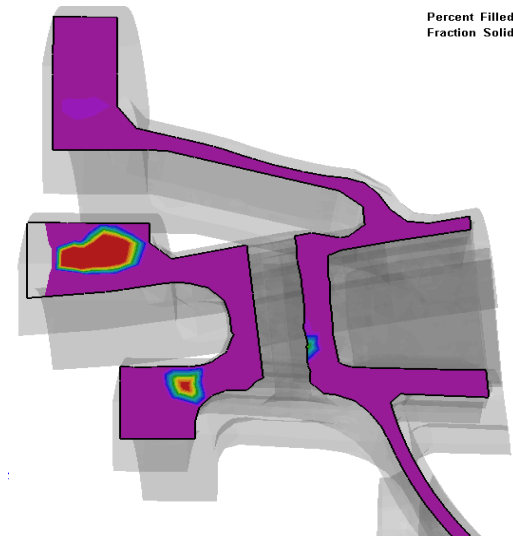
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Model-Informed Process Controls and Product Testing

Engineered process controls and test location selection provides for efficient processes

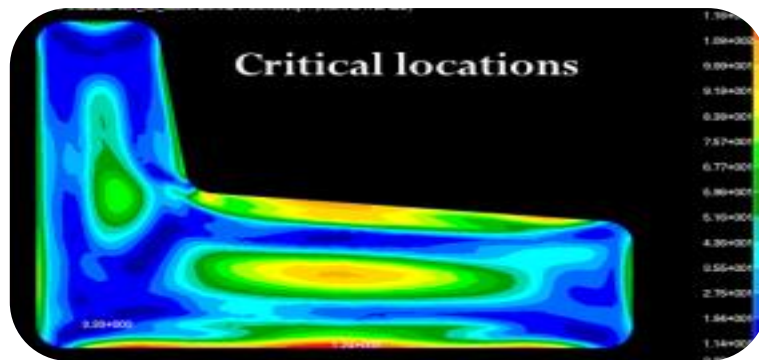
- Modeling methods are guiding process control requirements
- Prediction of component location-specific attributes provide insight relative to test locations that are most sensitive to processing
 - Smart testing to minimize tests and maximize value



Smart Testing

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Critical measurement locations
from UQ perspective



Measurement requirements :

Locations (XYZ)

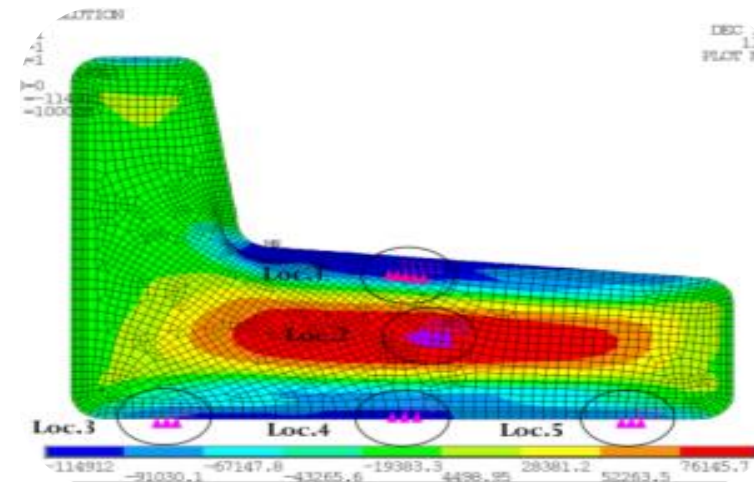
Components (xx, yy, zz)

Applied method and specifications

Report data format

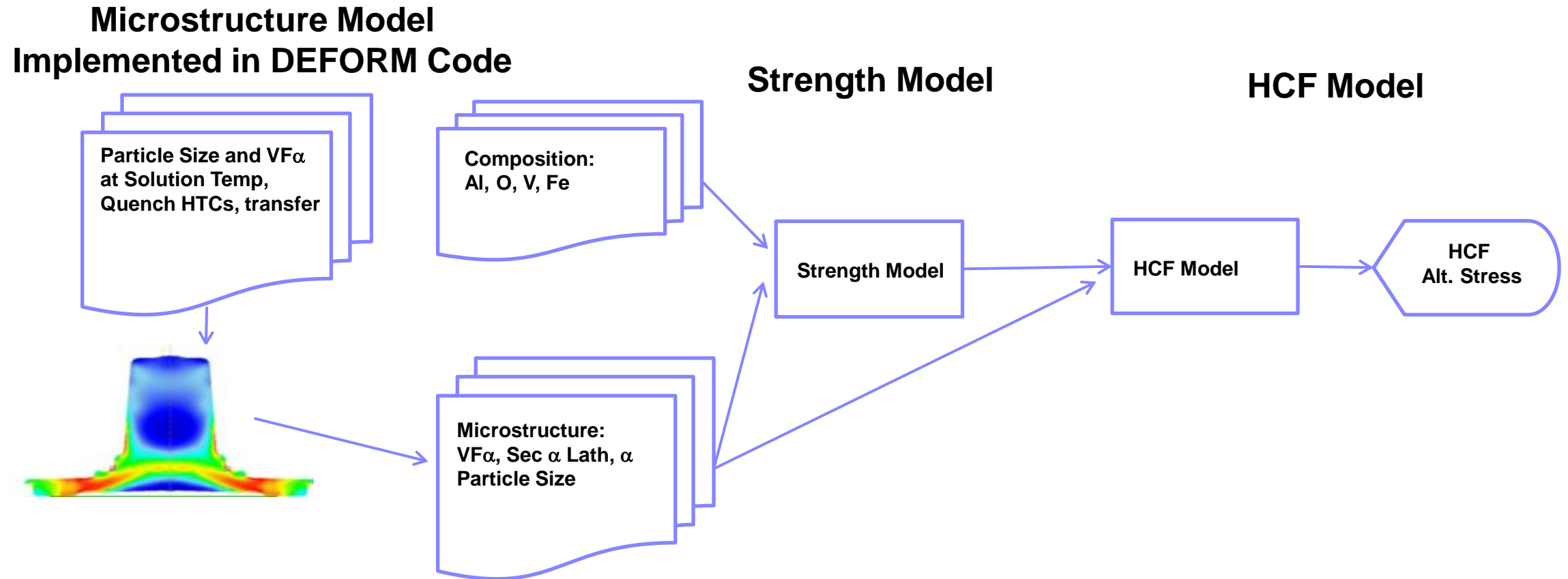
Test to confirm component capabilities versus
model prediction

Continuous learning about material and process
with Bayesian updating approach



Model-Based Material Definition

MATERIAL – MICROSTRUCTURE – PROPERTY MODELS



Model-Based Material Definition Enabled Design and Lifting Optimization

Application of Additive Manufacturing

Mature

- Polymer tooling
- Demonstration hardware
- Visual Aids



Expand & Leverage

- Demonstration hardware
- Rig & test hardware
- Production hardware
- Tooling
- Certification



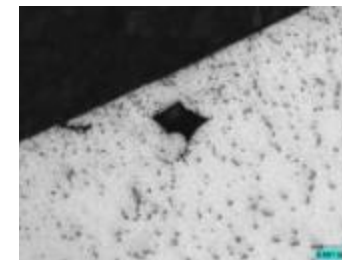
Develop

- Design system
- Material and process modeling data
- Process control capabilities

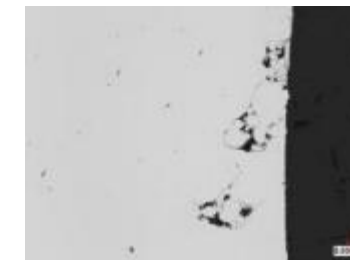


AM Certification and Qualification

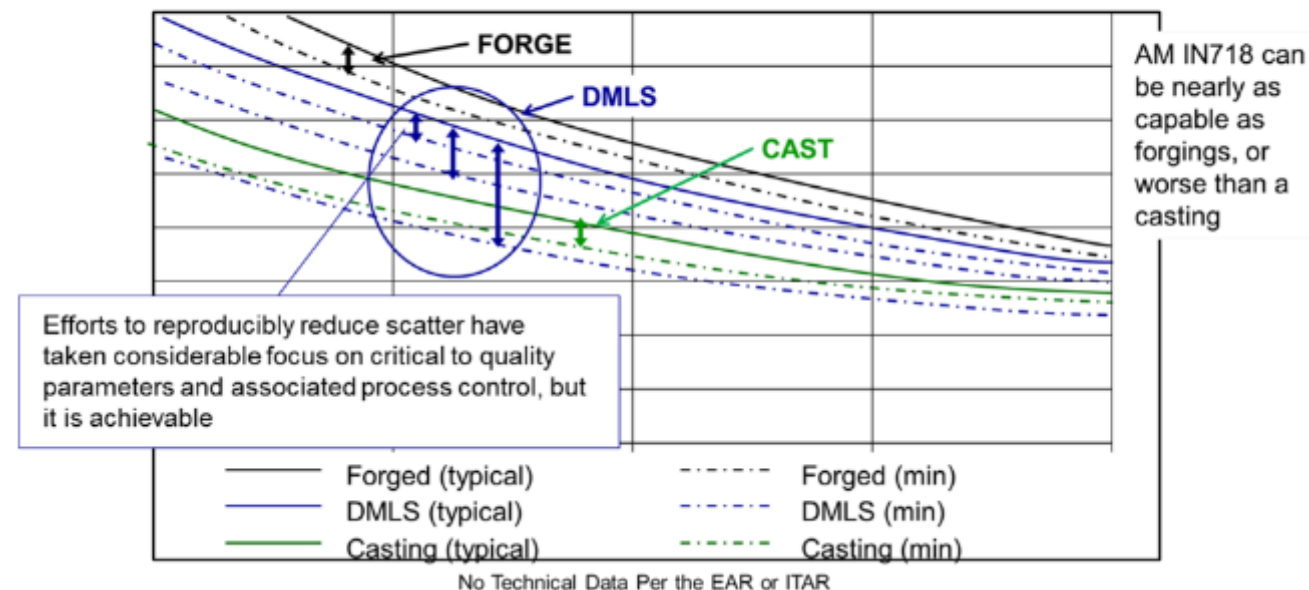
- Process defects
- Microstructure control
- Chemistry control
- Resultant property scatter
- Part-to-part/Batch-to-batch/ Machine-to-machine variability
- Powder handling and re-use
- Geometry control
- Surface finish



Lack of fusion

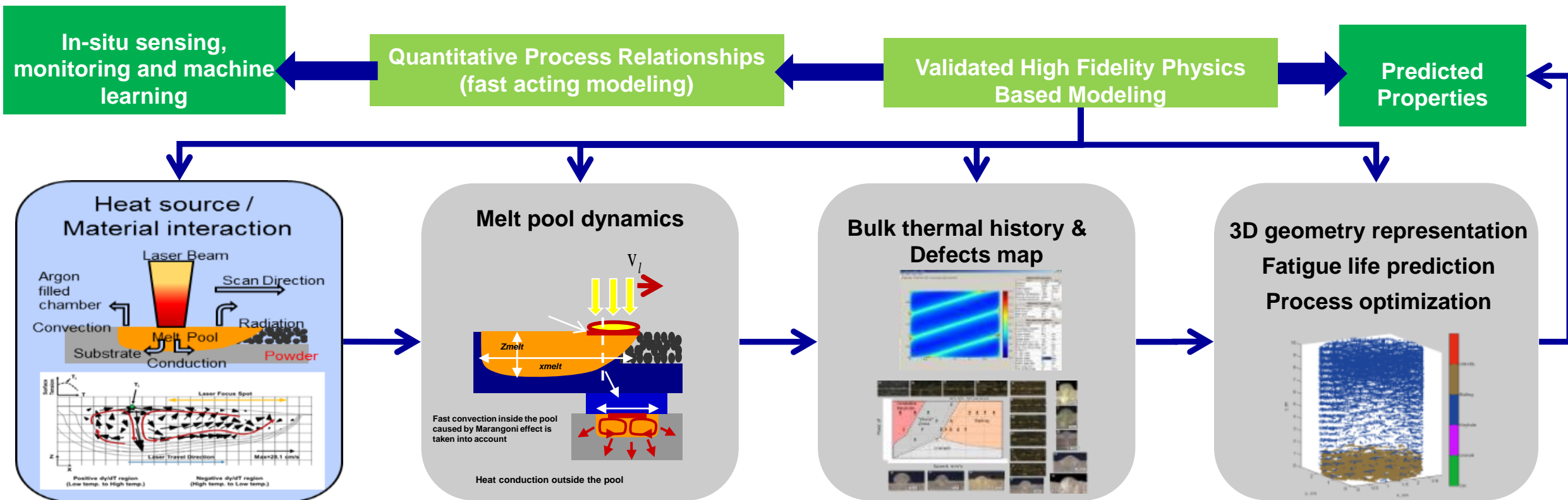


Partially sintered powder



Laser Powder Bed Fusion Modeling Framework

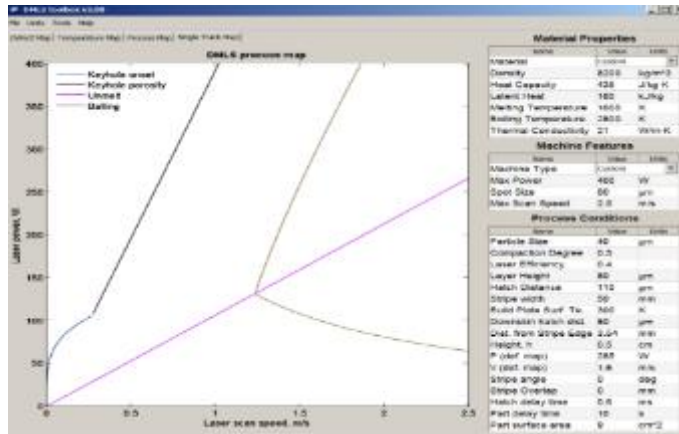
Integrated physics-based simulation of AM processes to predict part level distortion defects, microstructure and establish correlation to performance (fatigue)



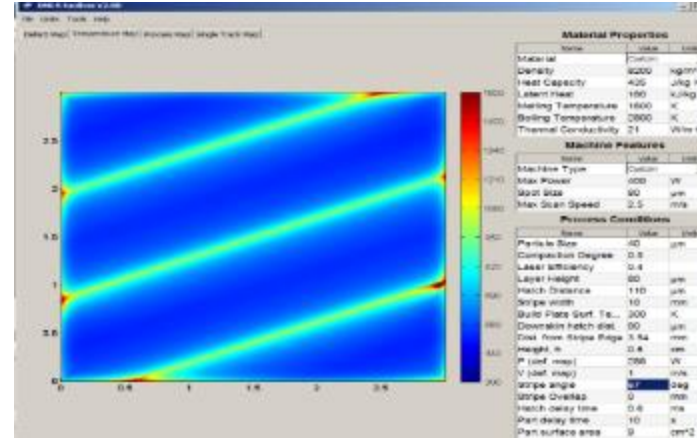
Model Input / Output

Model includes part geometry and location-specific processing path

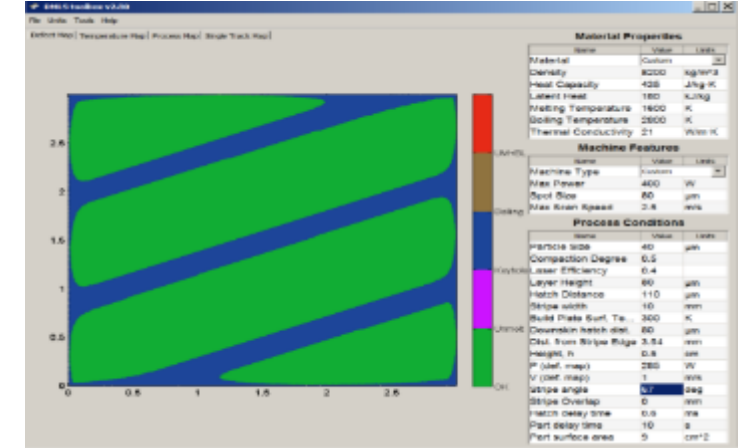
Single track map



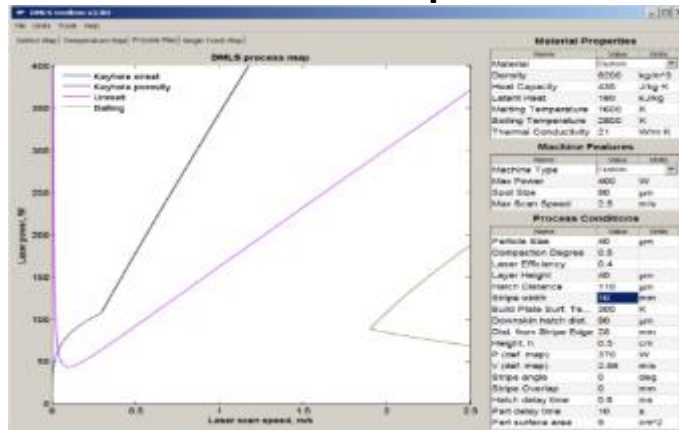
Temperature map



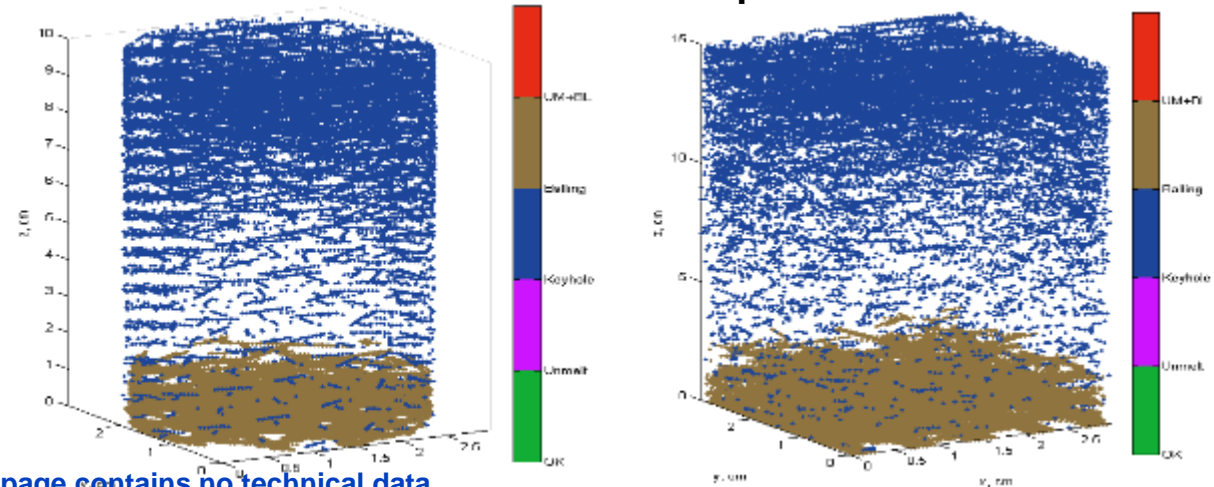
2D defect map



Process map

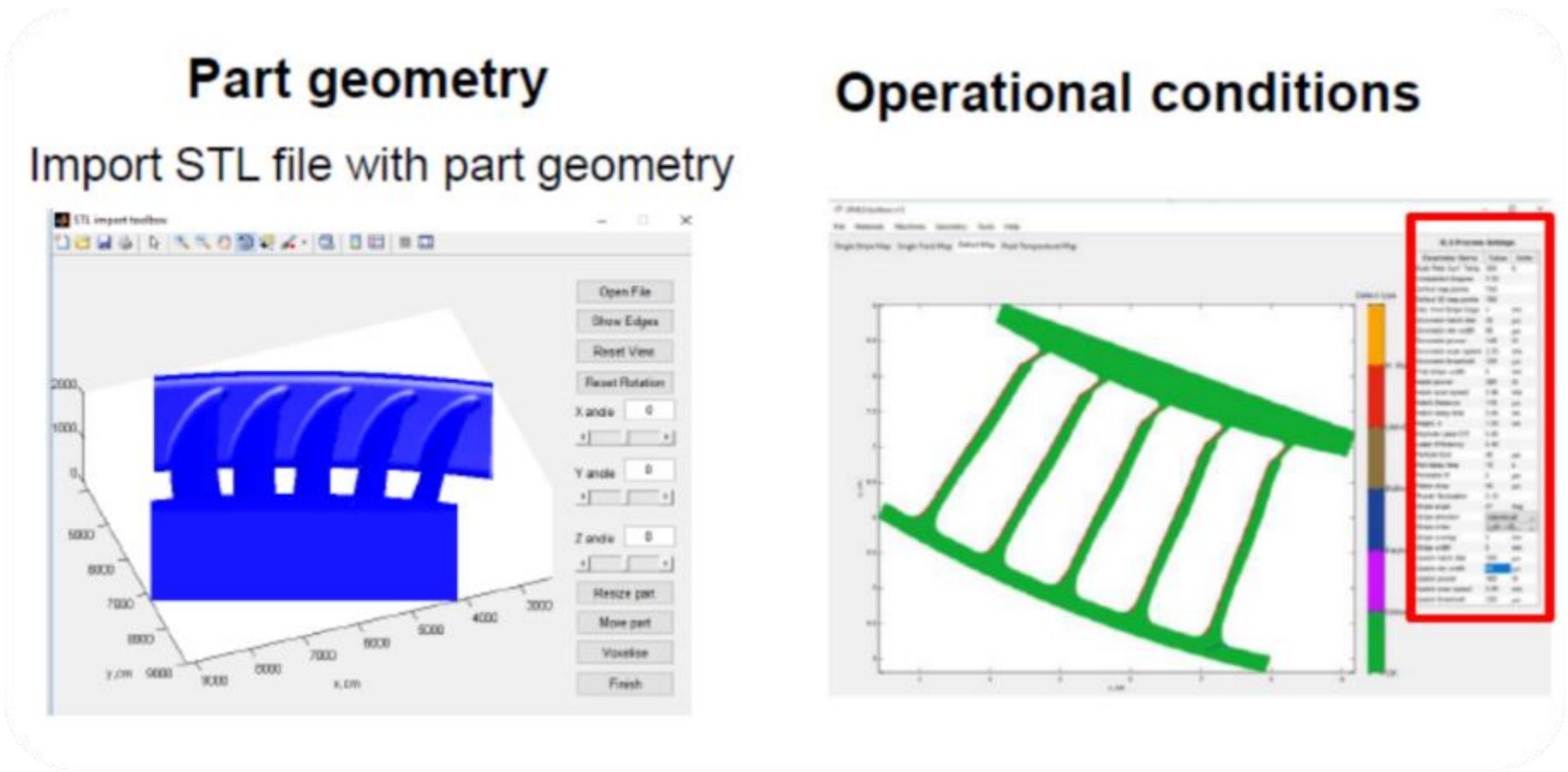


3D defect map



Modeling Applied to Component Configurations

Models provide optimal build paths (process operation conditions) for arbitrary geometries, build direction and bed loading density



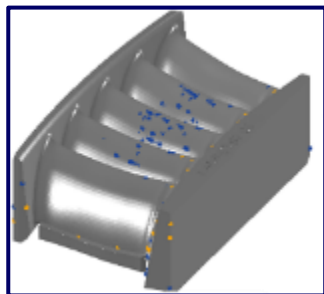
Additive Manufacturing Model Application

Component Model and Build Validation

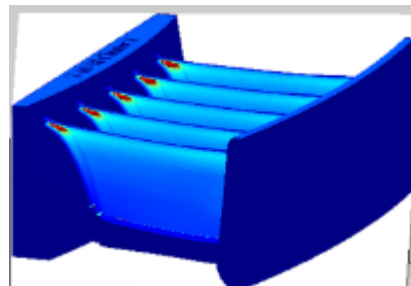
STL part geometry



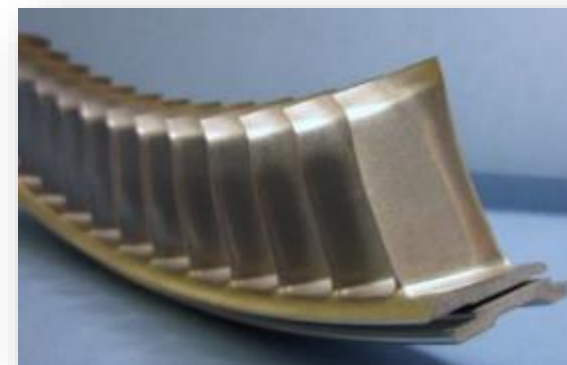
3D defect map



Surface roughness map



Final optimized built component



AM defect prediction model successfully applied to complex component build and final process design and control requirements

Physics-based fast acting tool for defects prediction

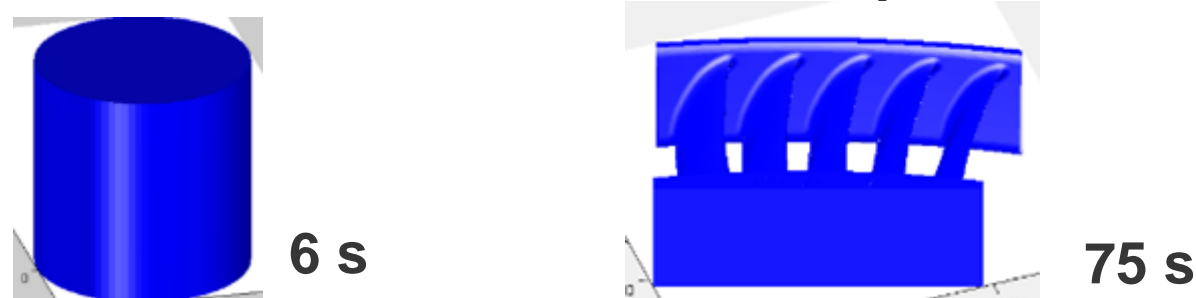
Analytical model-based approach does not require time-consuming simulations and extensive experimental calibration

Model capabilities and features

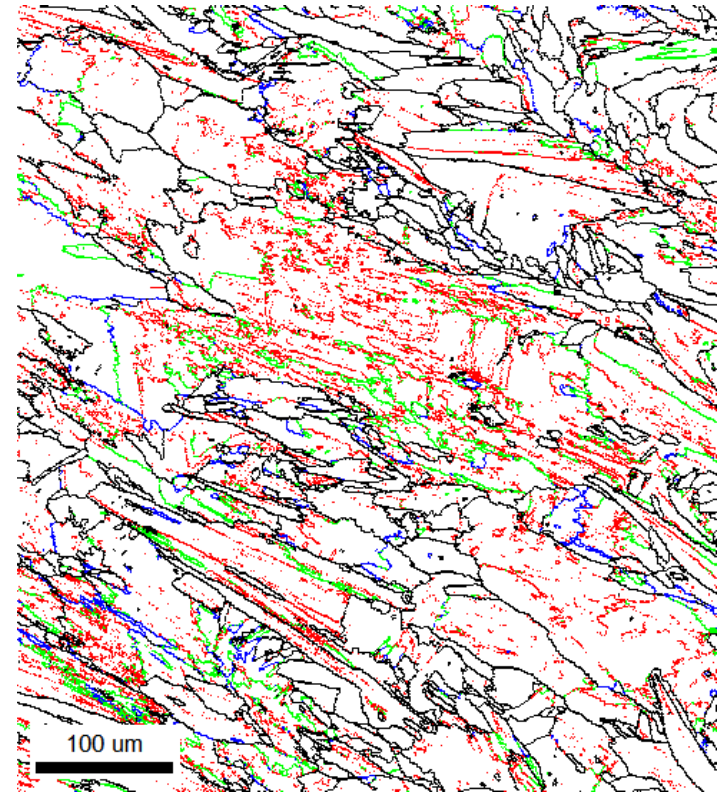
Calculation of process map. Visualization of defect free/rich areas in P (laser power) – V (scanning rate) cross-section of multi-parameter space

Calculation of 2D and 3D defect maps from first-principles with minimal and universal (is not part, material and shape) calibration

Calculation of 3D defect map for simple geometry takes ~ 7 s, for complicated geometry takes ~ 100 seconds on 4-core desktop



AM Material Microstructure Analysis and Control

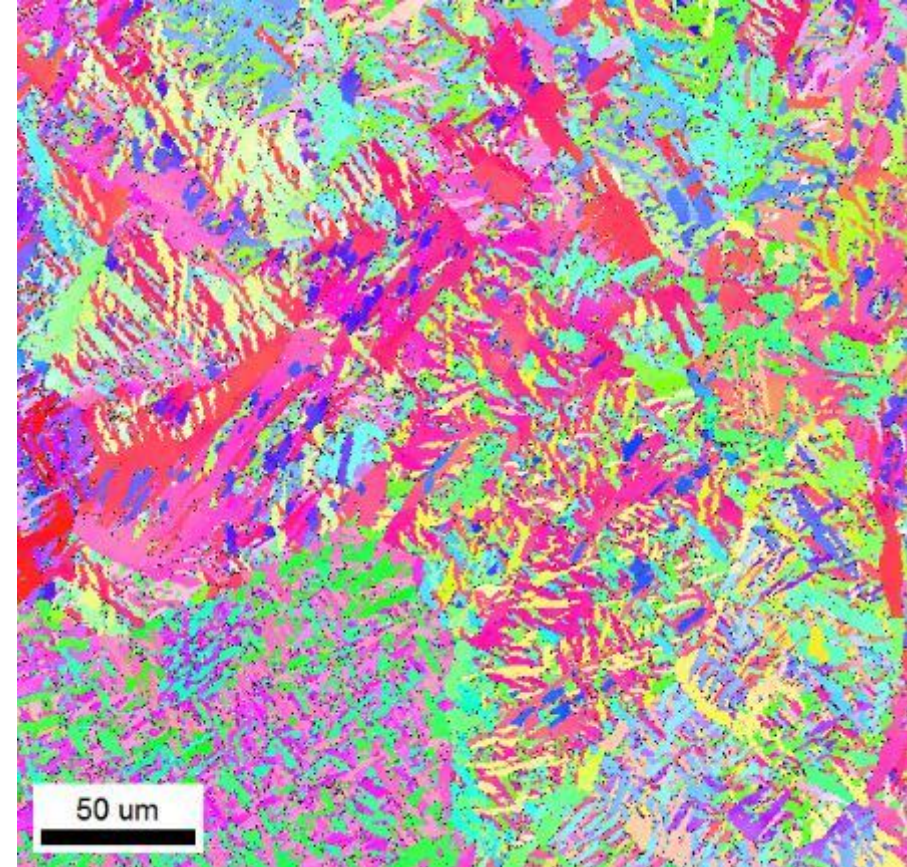
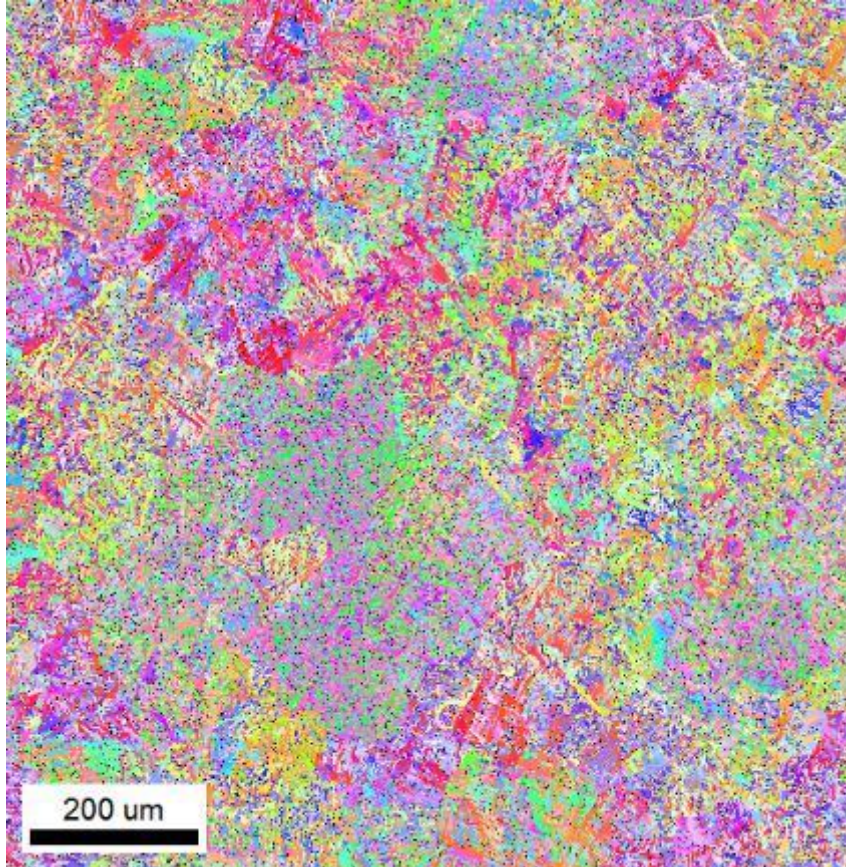


AM IN718 component microstructure

Boundaries: Rotation Angle

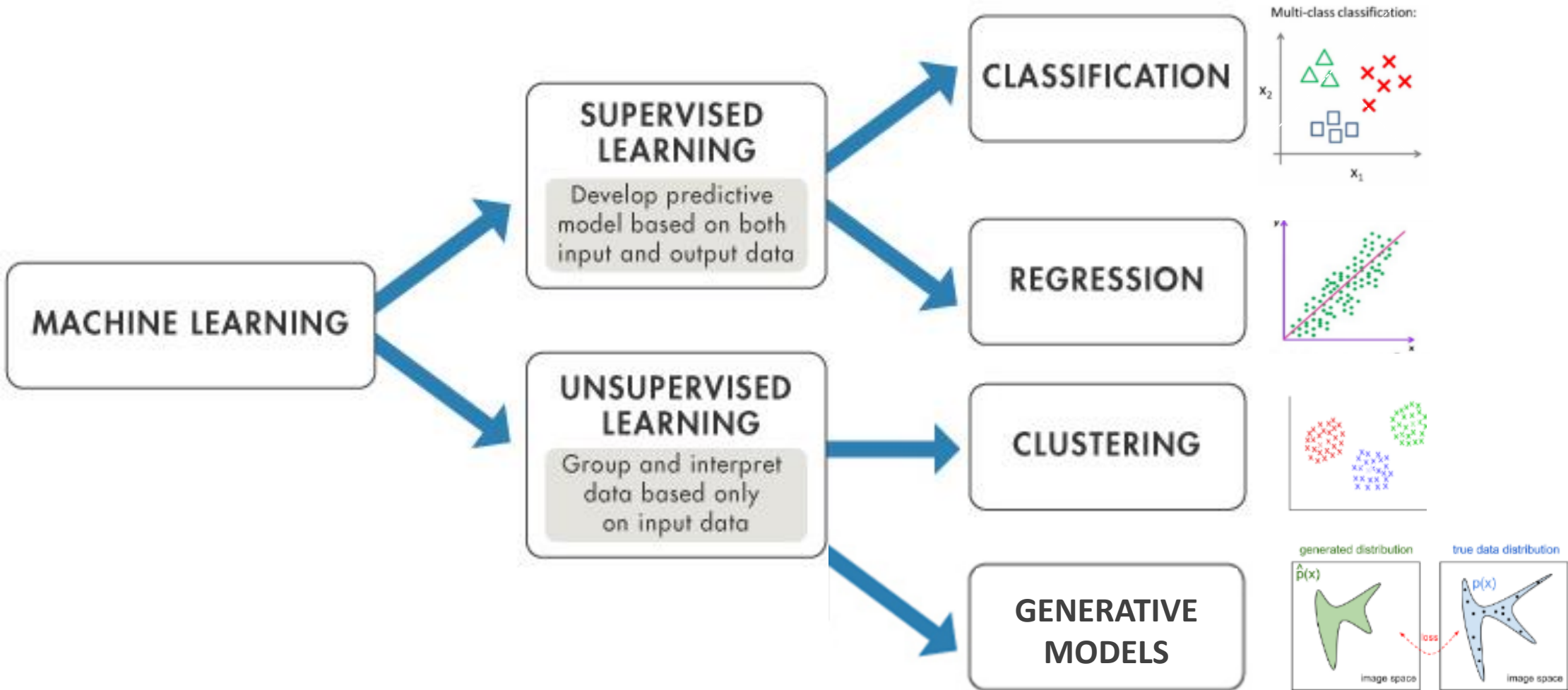
	Min	Max	Fraction	Number	Length
Red	2°	5°	0.338	41325	2.39 cm
Green	5°	10°	0.141	17204	9.93 mm
Blue	10°	15°	0.060	7300	4.21 mm
Black	15°	65°	0.462	56475	3.26 cm

AM Material Microstructure Analysis and Control



EBM Ti 6-4 IPF Maps

Machine Learning Methods: Enhanced Material Definitions

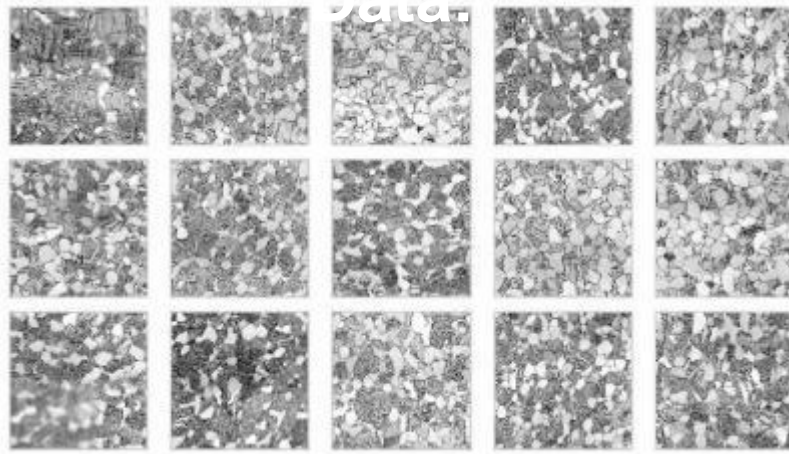


Machine Learning Providing New Understanding

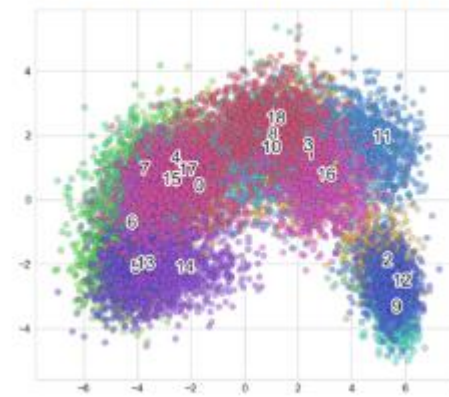
Microstructure data can be used to predict properties and classify materials

CLASSIFICATION

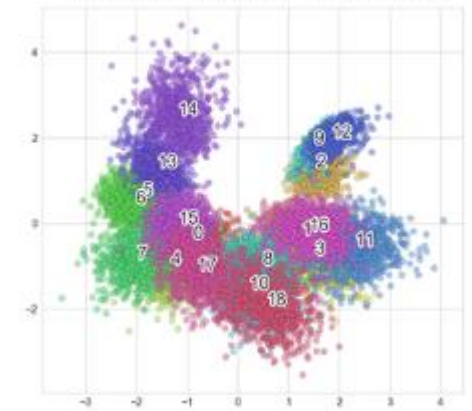
REGRESSION



PCA Plot of Pre-Trained VGG16



PCA Plot of Fine-Tuned VGG16



Microstructure dataset can be collected with variation in manufacturing pedigree

Machine Learning models can be used to provide principal component analysis (PCA)

Predictive models can also be developed to guide testing and process control understanding

Immediate applications for:

- Visual similarity assessment / lookup
- Outlier detection
- Quality control
- Process development

Models are fast -- analyze 100's of images / second

ML Tools and Methods can be applied directly to manufacturing data as well as component properties.

Automated Data Capture and Analytics

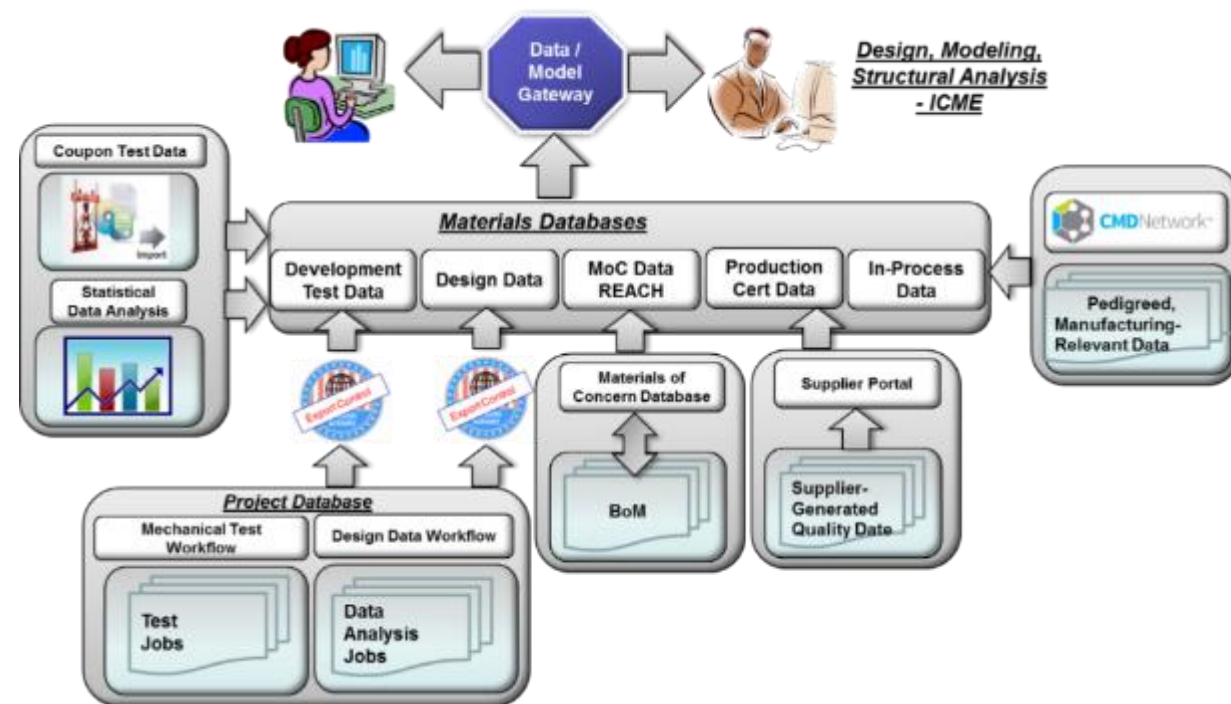
Industrial processes generate large amounts to data that produce digital thread elements

- **Industry 3.0 provided manufacturing automation and computerization**
- **Industry 4.0 provides simulation, automated capture of sensor data which enables real-time automated process monitoring and controls**
 - **Linkage of process data capture, data analysis and modeling**

Digital Data Management

Industry 4.0 requires a robust digital data infrastructure

- Material and process pedigree capture
- Performance correlation to processing
- Model-based data capture and visualization activities



Zero Cost for Data Capture • Zero Data Loss • Data Availability for Analytics

Conclusions and Take-Away

- **Integration of modeling, sensors and data analytics are providing significant benefits**
- **Model-based material and process definitions are becoming the new standard in holistic design, manufacturing and part/process validation and certification**