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Additive Manufacturing Challenges for the Gas Turbine Industry

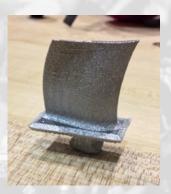
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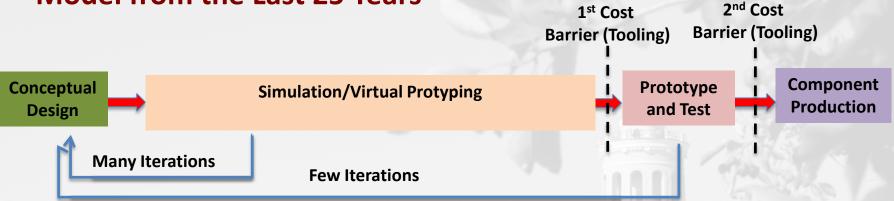
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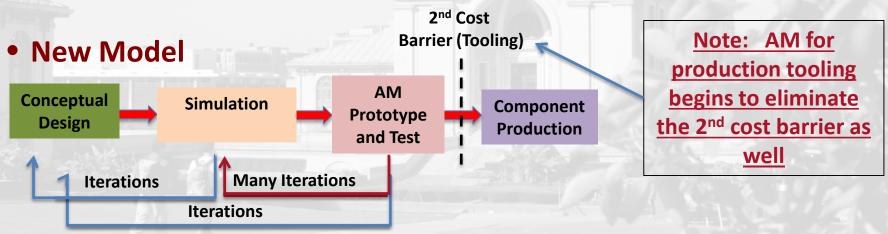


AM Prototyping Impact on Product Development

Model from the Last 25 Years



- Lots of simulation, then prototyping (expensive, minimized), then production
- Cost barriers to prototyping <u>and</u> production due to tooling



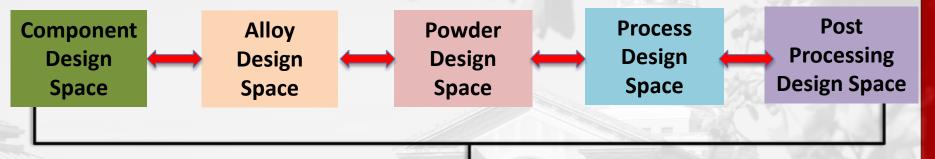
Concurrent simulation and prototyping (first cost barrier gone) NextMan

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Shortened product development times

AM Impact on <u>Product Manufacturing</u>: Thread of Five AM Design Spaces

- It is not just designing components for AM at least 5 design spaces
- Each design space category depends on the others

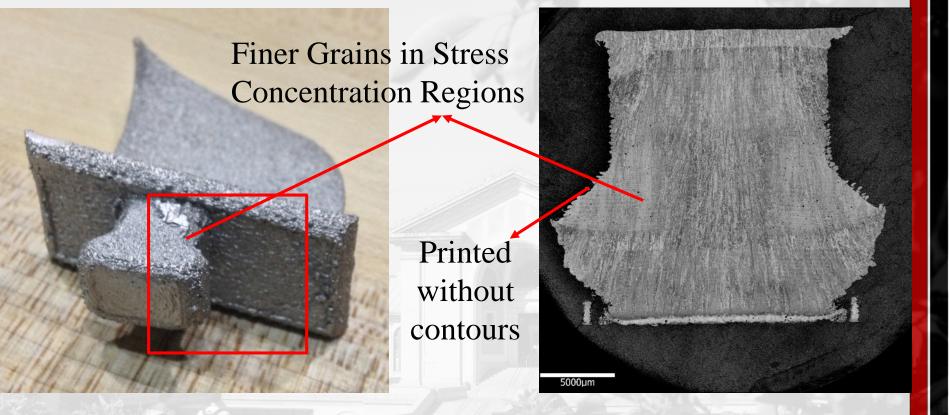


<u>Unifying</u>: Need to balance *Five Design Space Categories* Using 6) <u>Cost</u> 7) <u>Time to Market</u> and 8) <u>Performance Enhancement</u> as Objectives

• All are supported (or will be) by simulation

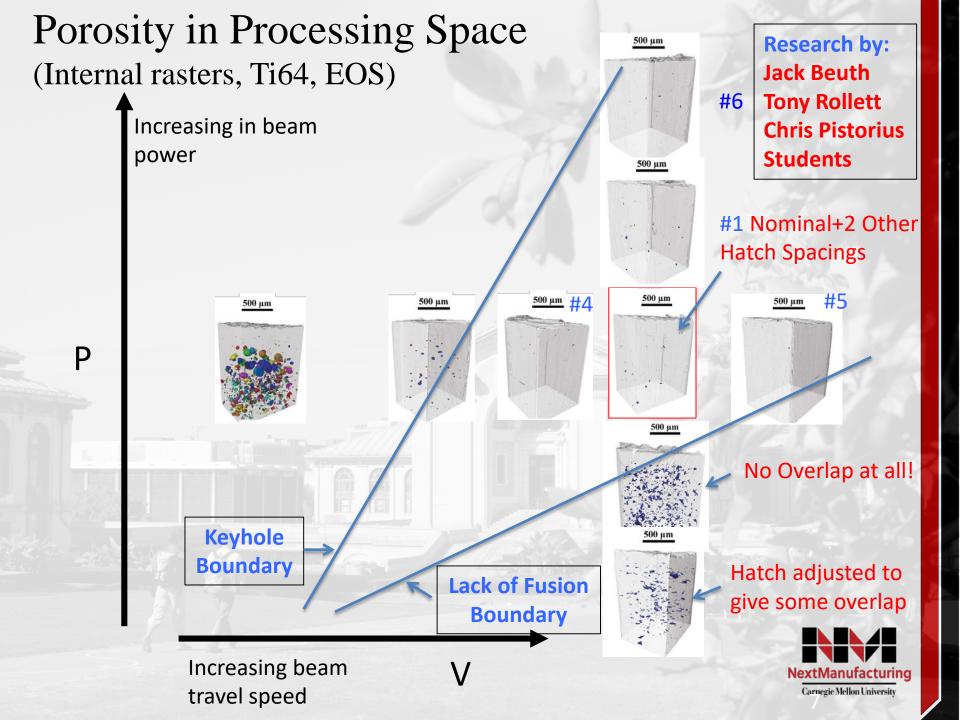


Process Design for Microstructure



- Average Expected Grain Size in Bulk Region = 109 μm
- Average Expected Grain Size at Stress Concentrators = 212 μm







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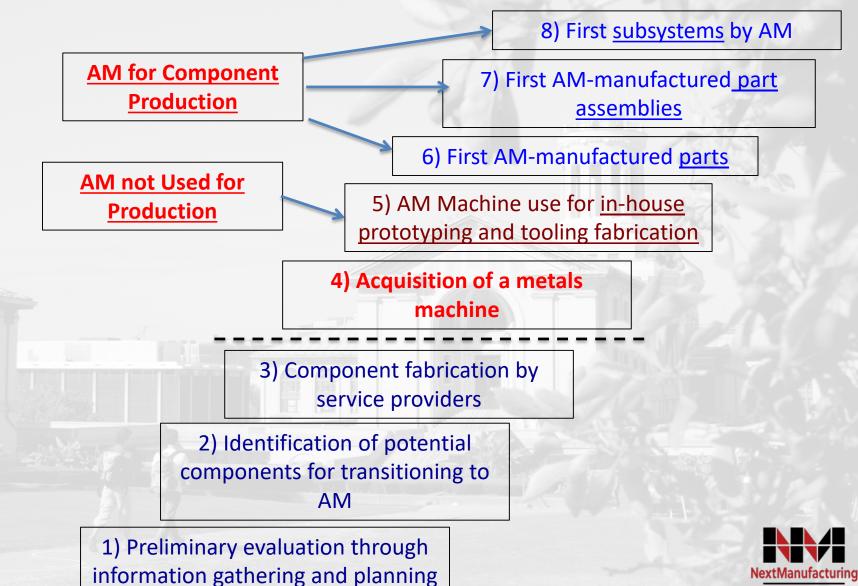


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Industry Steps in Adopting Metals AM

(with Insights from Kirk Rogers, GE)



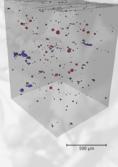
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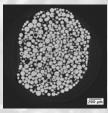
Looking Ahead 5-10 Years (or sooner!)

- AM processing will change significantly. Within 5 years AM Machine Users Will be Able to
 - <u>Design the process</u> as they design a part (integrate with cost models and part design)
 - Exploit sophisticated process monitoring and controls
 - <u>Vary microstructure</u> and properties within parts
 - Choose from a <u>wide variety of powders</u>
 - Eliminate porosity
 - Exploit merging of <u>computer science</u> with additive
 - Use <u>new alloys</u> for AM
- The CMU NextManufacturing Center is performing research enabling each of these advances





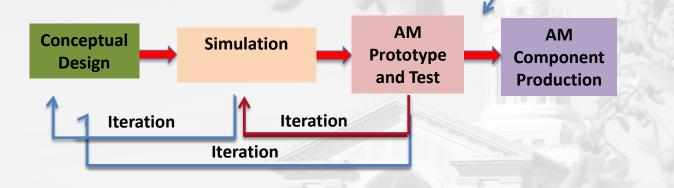




AM Production Impact on Product Manufacturing

New Model

Note: 2nd cost barrier (tooling) is now gone



- Cost barrier to component production goes away
- Door is open to small production lots and components intensely designed for AM

