



# ***In-situ monitoring of processing defects and avenues for control/correction in laser-based metal additive manufacturing.***

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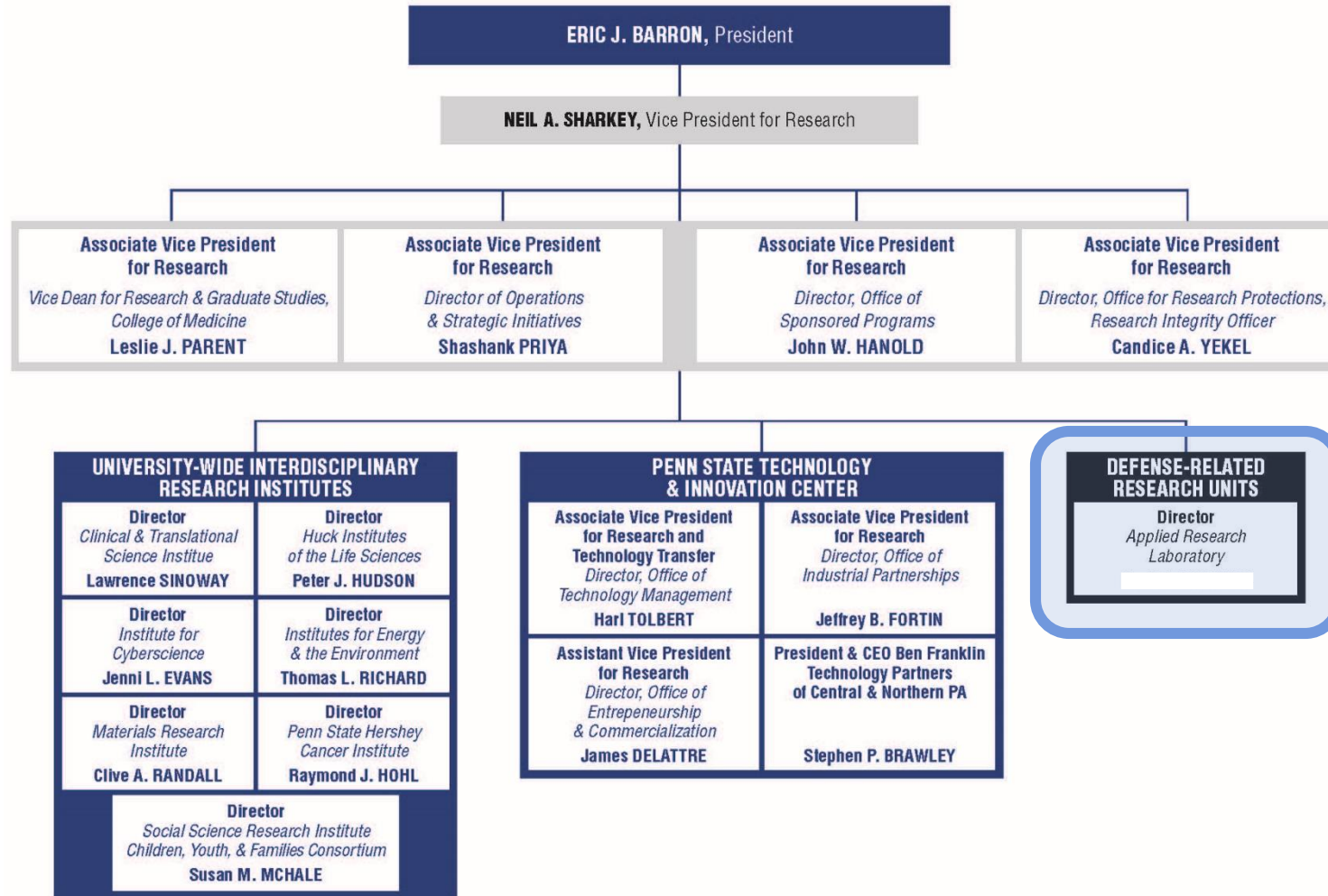
**AMSC Virtual Event on AM Standardization to Highlight Inspection/Monitoring to Meet Regulatory Requirements, January 7, 2021**



- Department head within the Materials Science Division of the Applied Research Laboratory (ARL) & Associate Research Professor at Penn State.
- Graduate Faculty appointments with
  - Engineering Science and Mechanics Department,
  - Additive Manufacturing & Design (AMD) Graduate Program, &
  - Department of Mechanical Engineering.
- Worked in the field laser processing of metals for >13 years. Focus on laser-based AM of metals since 2012.
  - Earned PhD, from Penn State, in 2012. Thesis on *laser-sustained plasma and the role of plasma in carbon dioxide laser nitriding of titanium*.
  - As part of PhD, completed Post-Baccalaureate Program in Laser-Materials Processing.
  - >35 journal articles, >10 invention disclosures (>5 provision or current patents).
- In 2020, awarded the International Outstanding Young Researcher in Freeform and Additive Manufacturing (SFF FAME JR) Award.



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- Regularly audited (financials, security, purchasing, contracts)
- Maintain timecards and detailed cost/schedule records on all projects
- Advised by Board comprising a mix of PSU and outside senior officials



Interest in sensing and control of PBFAM has grown nearly exponentially over past decade. However, is difficult to differentiate between hype and reality...

2016

**Concept Laser's QMmeltpool 3D: In-situ quality assurance with real-time monitoring down to the micron level**

Concept Laser, based in Lichtenfels, Germany, for metal Additive Manufacturing using the company reports on the development of a monitoring system, QMmeltpool 3D, which from 2016, the system, states Concept detecting process defects at an early stage optimisation. [First published in Metal Additive Issue 1] [Download PDF]



**AM Monitoring: EOS Completes Pilot Testing for EOS MeltPool Solution**

August 29, 2016 • by Bridget O'Neal • 3D

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Ideal solution for printing PEI, PEEK, ...

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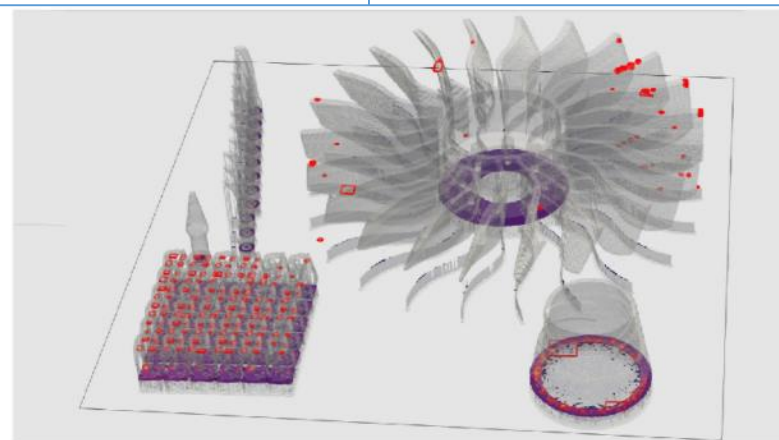
Meltpool emission

**Open Additive and Addiguru sign MoU for integrated industrial AM process control**

April 14, 2021



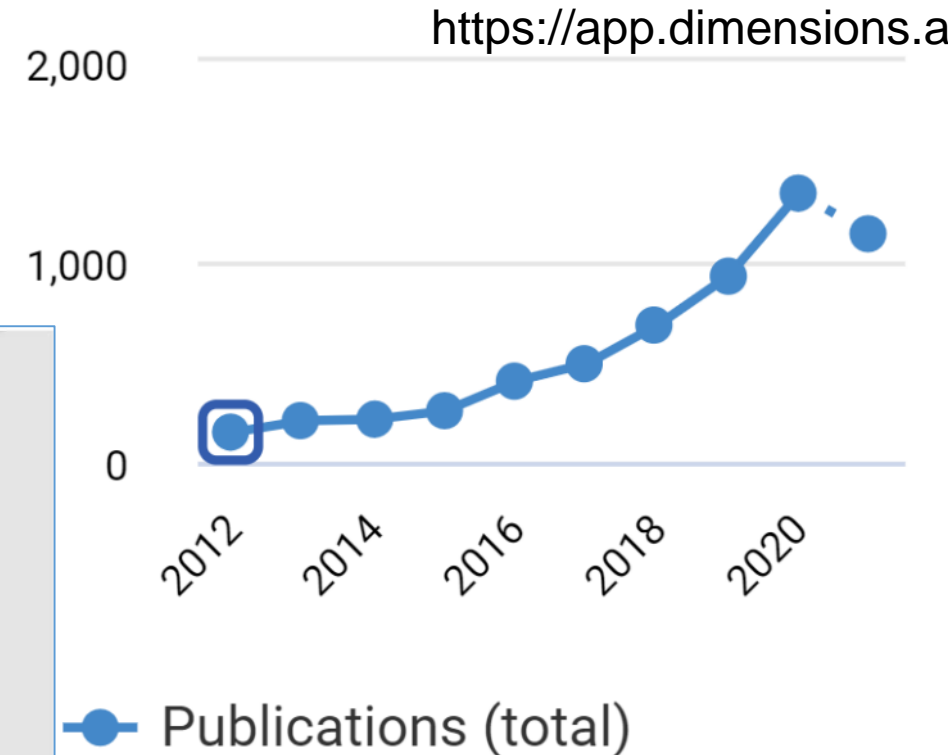
Integration of Addiguru AI-f  
AMSENSE software architect



**Enhanced Quality Assurance Software for 3D Metal Printing**

May 3, 2021

Sigma Labs, a leading developer of quality assurance software to the commercial 3D metal printing industry, has released Version 7.0 of its industry-leading system for in-process quality assurance for industrial 3D manufacturers. The new release was developed after extensive input from existing customers, 3D metal printing manufacturers, universities and standards organizations. Next generation PrintRite3D 7.0 contains upgrades to existing features, as well







- Traditional process performance qualification requires a repetitive manufacturing process to achieve products that exhibit equivalent performance.
  - For example, a Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) for a specific weld type and alloy. (*AWS C7.4, ASME Sec IX*)
    - A Procedure Qualification Record (PQR or WPQR) is used to document the performed weld and record any required tests.
- Works only if all manufacturing functions, may be well defined....AM's greatest assets is also its greatest liability: Complexity is not so free...
- In-situ sensing offers the potential to
  - verify part quality,
  - accelerate process and part qualification, and
  - enable process control.



## Subsystem Status

- Laser power
- Scanner error
- Optics temperature
- Oxygen level
- Gas flow speed

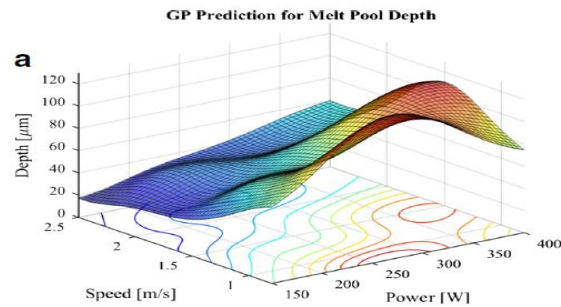
**ISO/ASTM 52941,  
ISO/ASTM 52942**

## Process Monitoring (for quality & control)

- Photodiodes
- Pyrometers
- Spectrometers
- Acoustic sensors
- Layer imaging

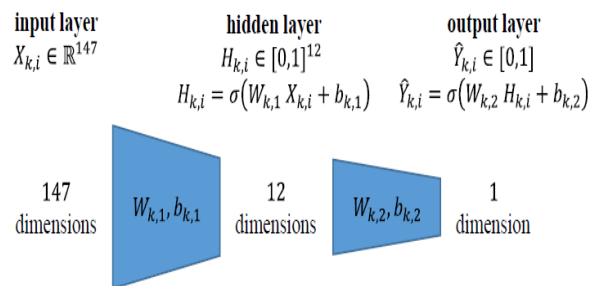
**ASTM WK62181**

## Process Mapping



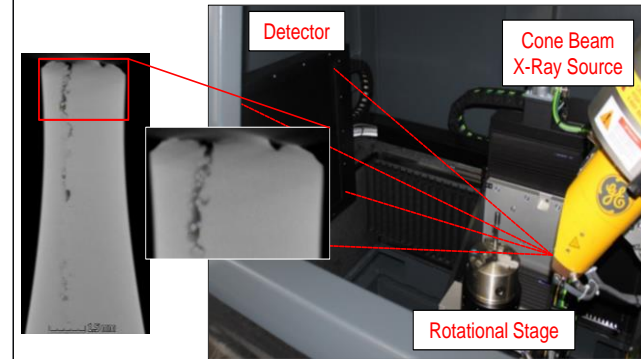
G. Tapia, et al. Int J Adv Manuf Technol, vol. 94, Feb. 2018

## Black-Box Machine Learning

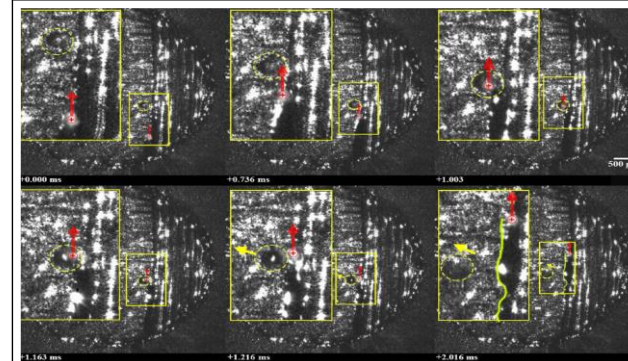


J. Petrich, et al., Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium, Austin, TX, 2017, pp. 1363–1381.

## Post-Process Inspection



## High-Fidelity Sensing



A. R. Nassar, et al, Scientific Reports, vol. 9, p. 5038, 2019

## Process Monitoring (to elucidate physics)

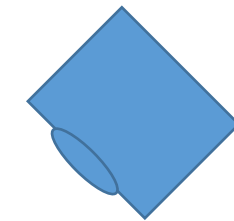
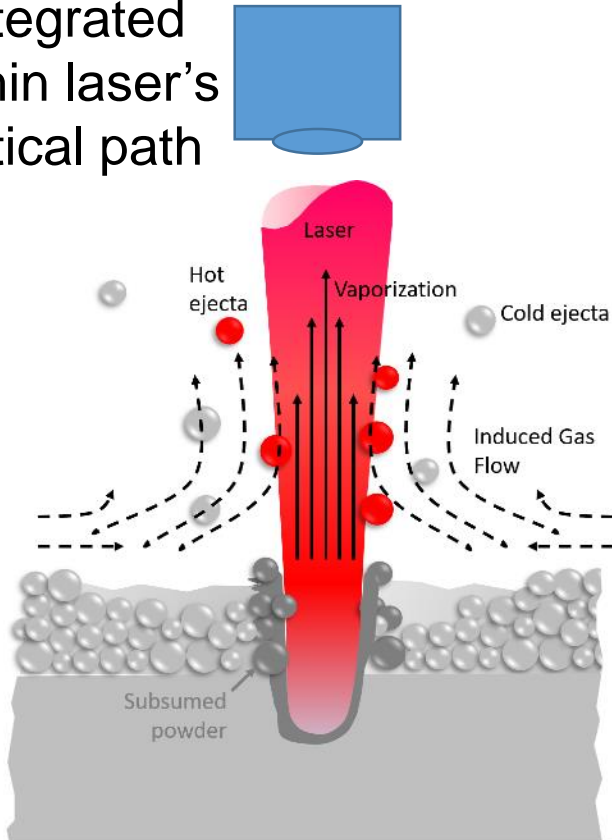
- High-speed VIS imaging
- High-speed IR imaging
- X-ray imaging
- High-resolution topography

**ASTM WK62181**



## Sensor configuration

Co-axial Configuration  
integrated within laser's optical path



Staring Configuration  
(i.e., off-axis)  
ISO/ASTM 52921-13.

## Detector Type

Single-point detector: Integrates captured signal over it's total field of view.

- e.g., Photodiode, microphone

Array detector: Captures signal using a 1D or 2D array such that signal is discretized in space.

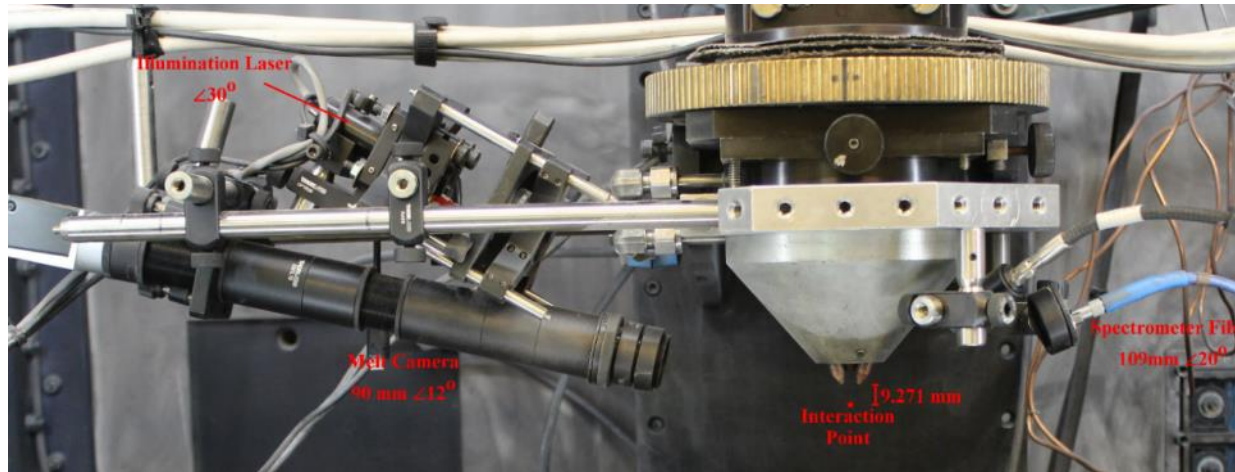
\*note: by this definition a spectrometer (which uses a 1-d array of pixels is a single-point detector.



## Coaxial Vis & IR Imaging



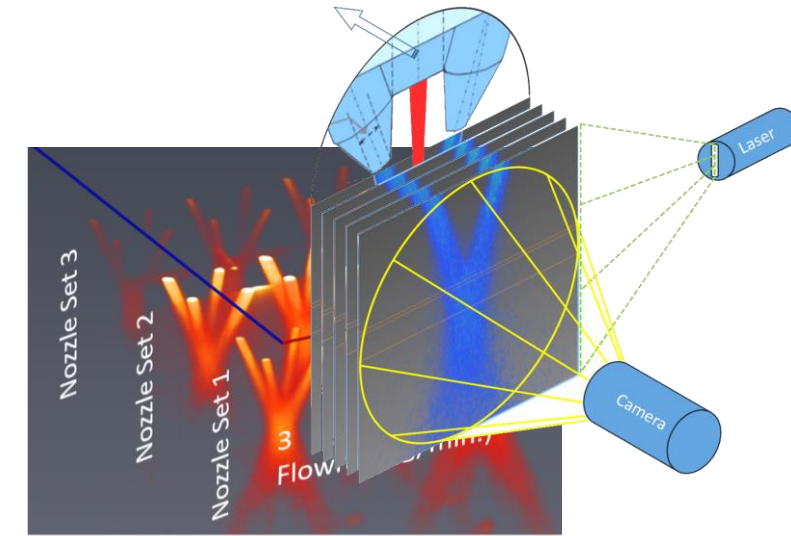
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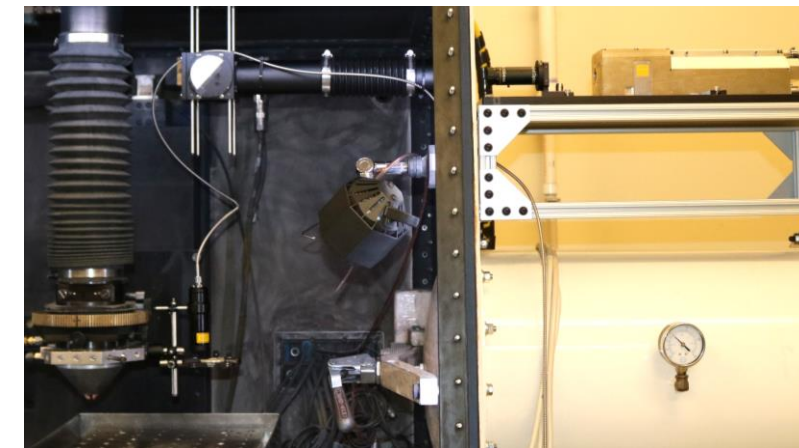
## Plume Imaging



## Optical Emission Spectroscopy

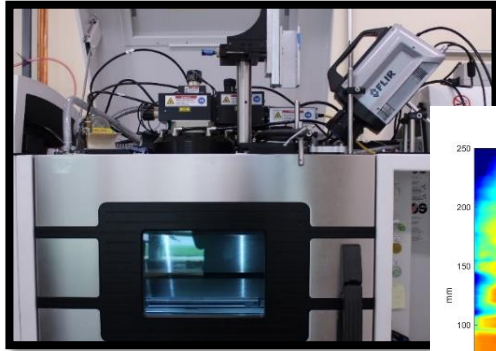


## Powder Flow Monitoring

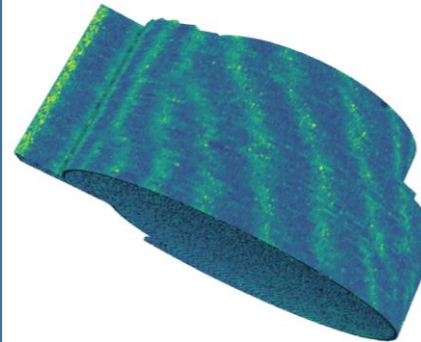
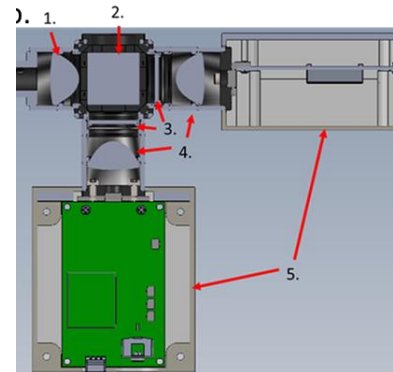
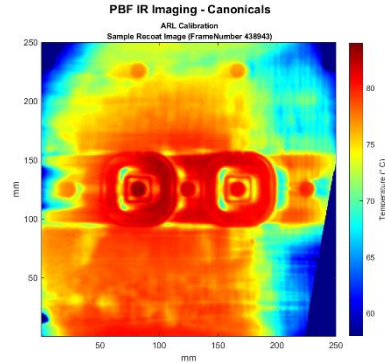


## Laser Ultrasonics





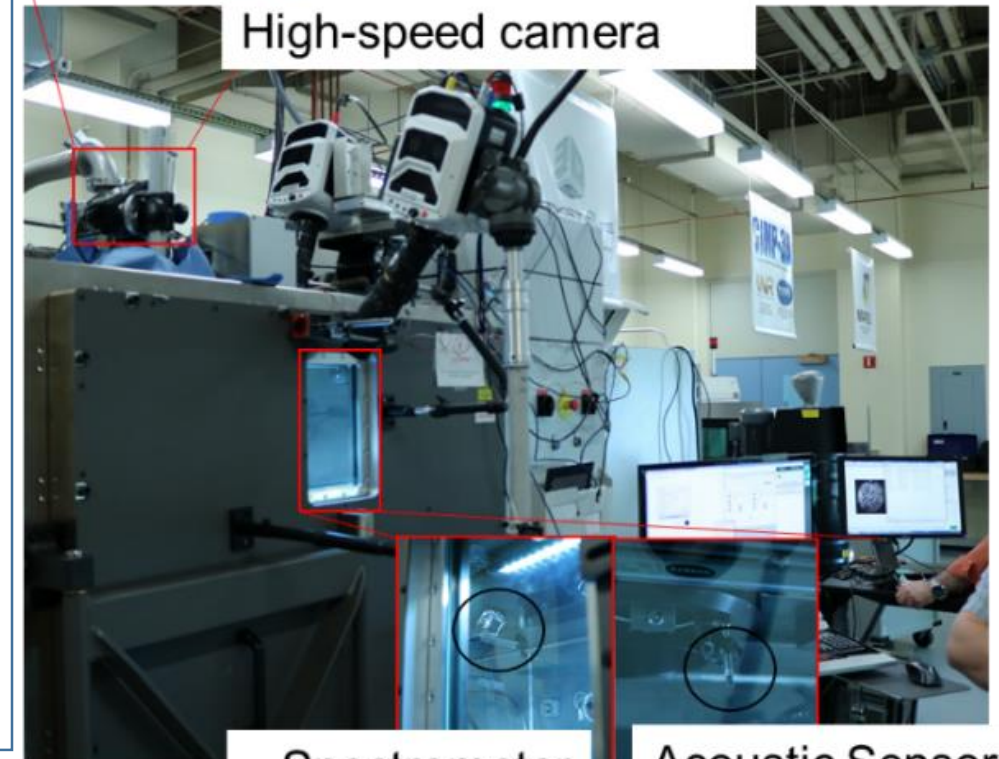
**IR Imaging**



**Coaxial  
multi-spectral**



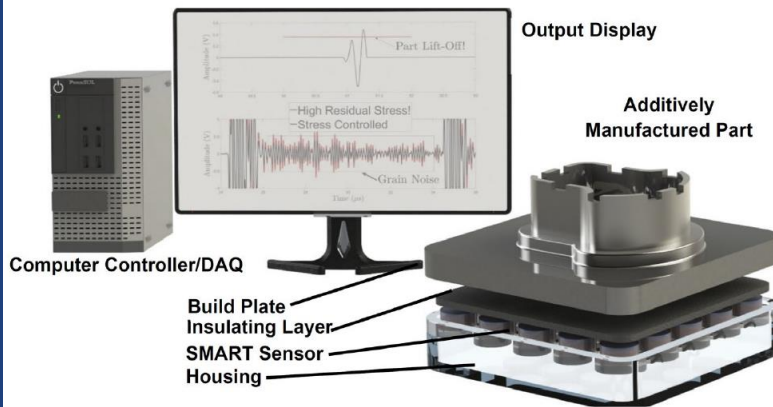
**Layerwise Camera &  
Multi-spectral sensor**



**High-speed camera**

**Spectrometer**

**Acoustic Sensor**



**Diffuse Field Ultrasonics**



## Fundamental challenges are

- Wide range of time and length scales
- System interfacing & data acquisition
- Replication crisis (too many variables)
- Volume of data being generated
- Alignment/Registration uncertainty



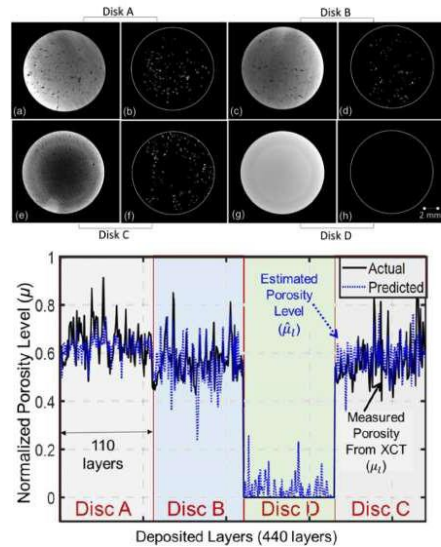
Getty Images

Can standardization meet each of these challenges???

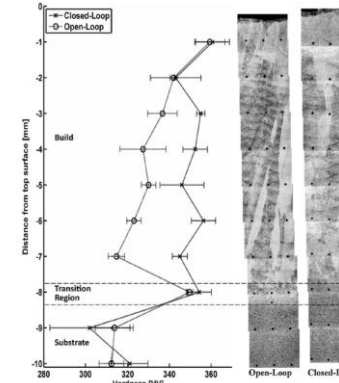




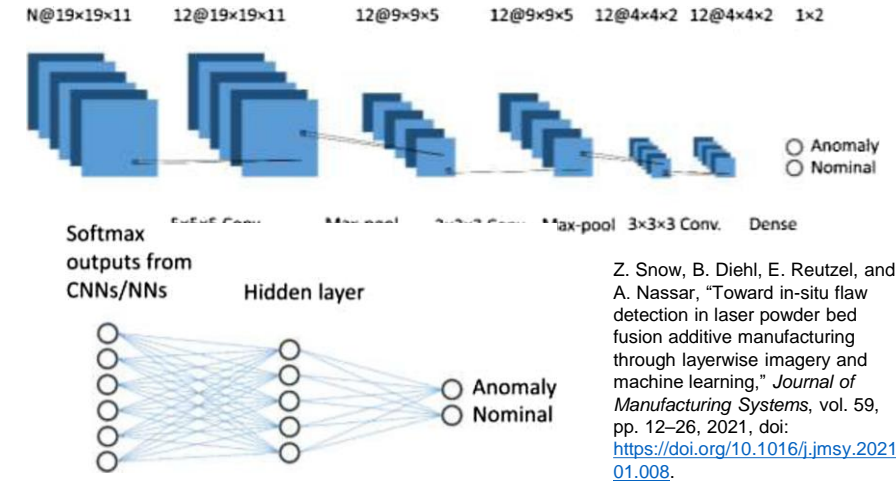
# What to do after (AND ONLY AFTER) Alignment/Registration is figured out



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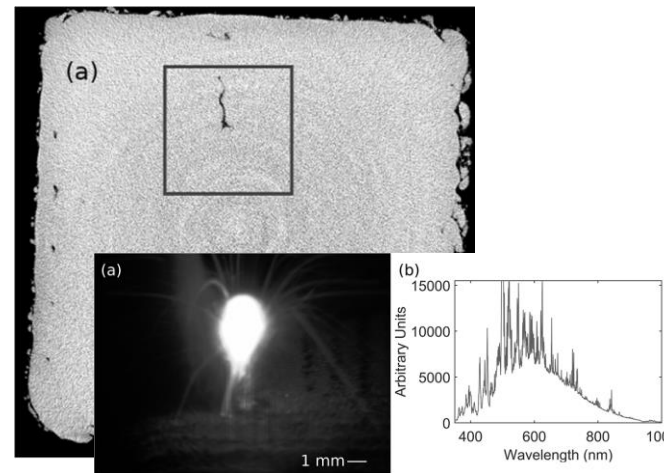
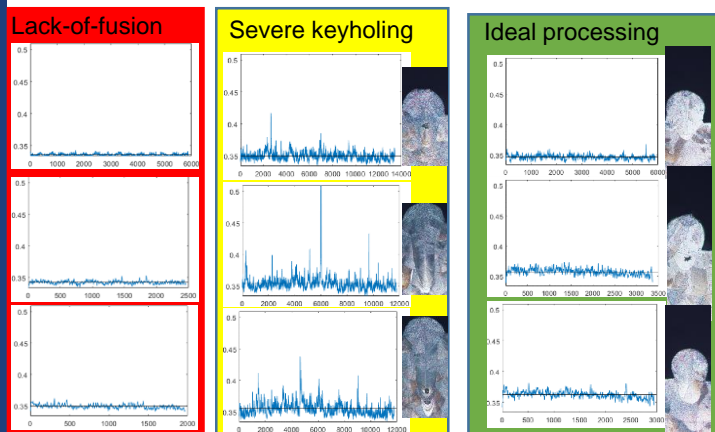


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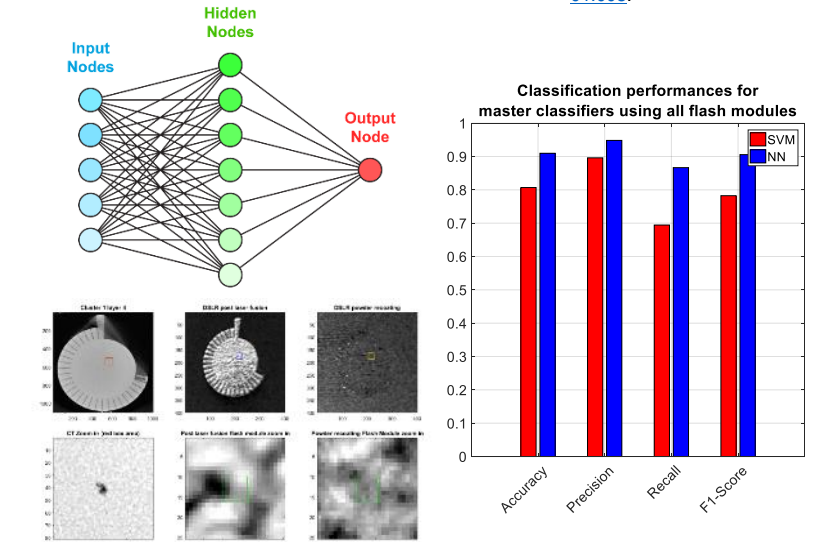


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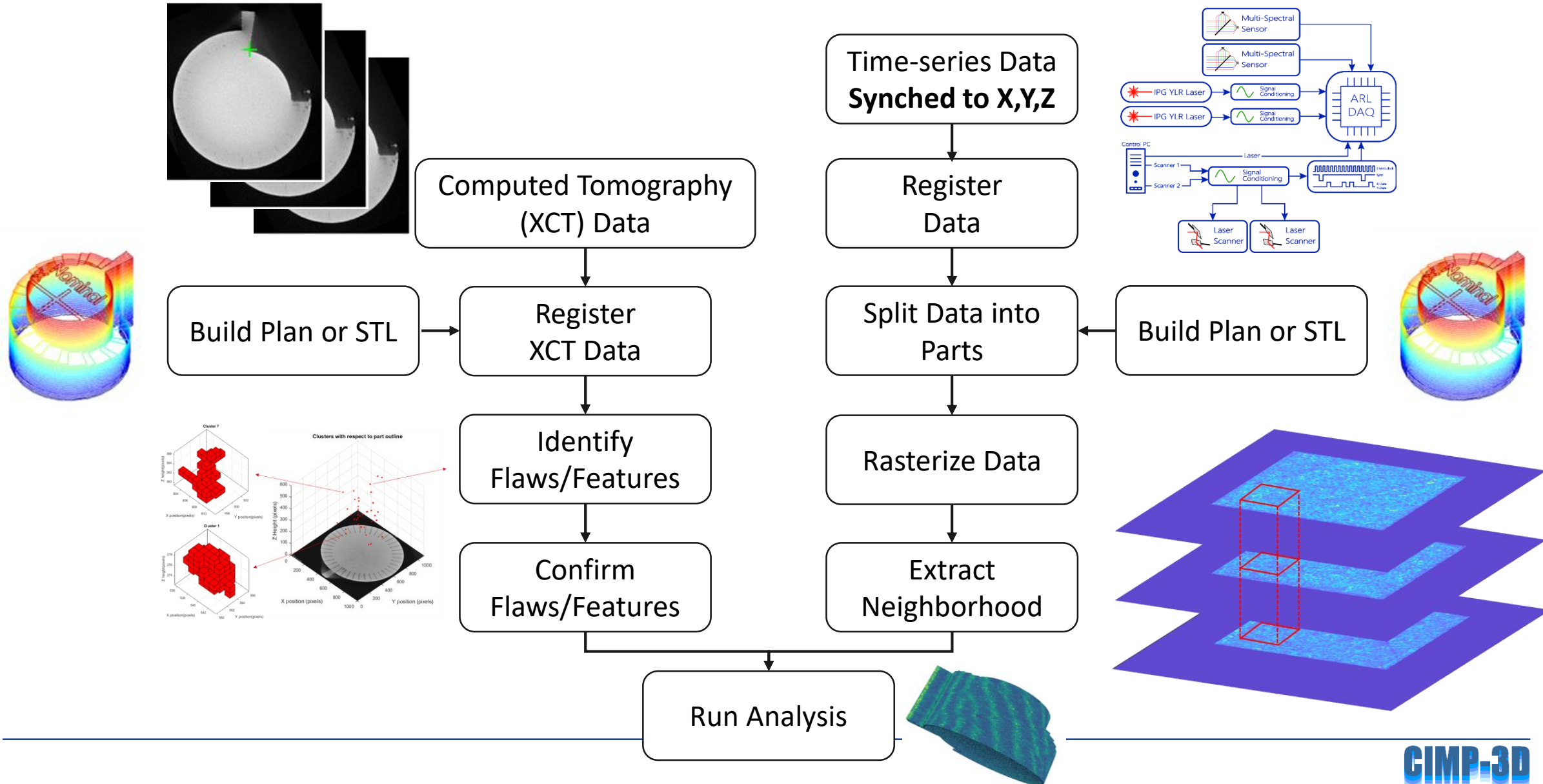


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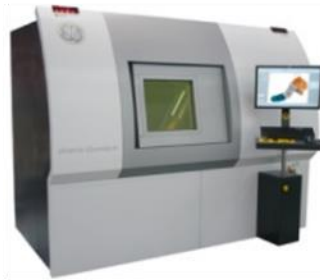


## Our Capabilities

DMG Mori Lasertec 65



GE Vtomex-M CT



FARO ScanArm HD



ExOne MLab



### 3D System DMP Factory 500

- 500 x 500 x 500 mm work envelop

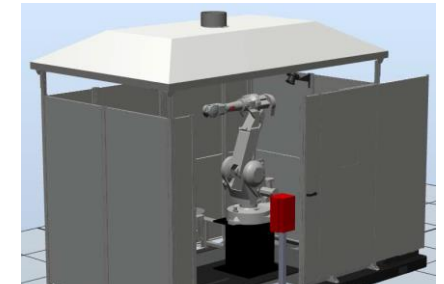


Large Format-High Deposition



Stratasys Fortus 400 mc

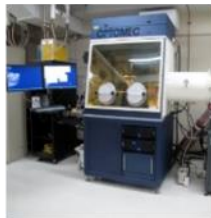
### Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM)



Foot Print ~ 10 feet x 16 ft



HPHD



Optomec LENS



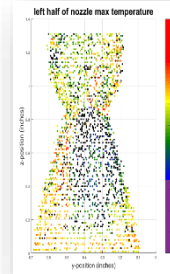
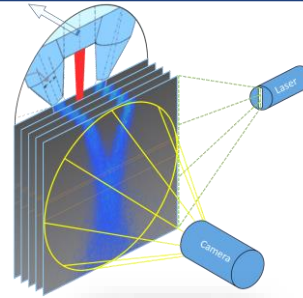
EOS M280



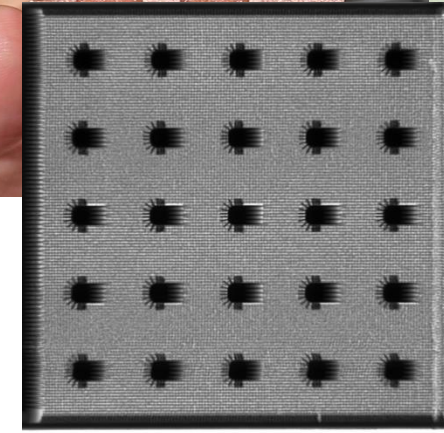
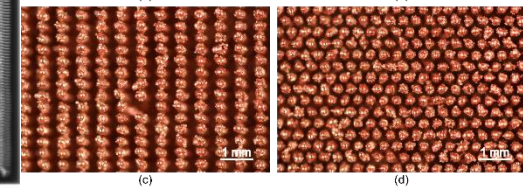
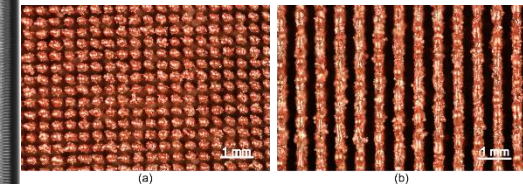
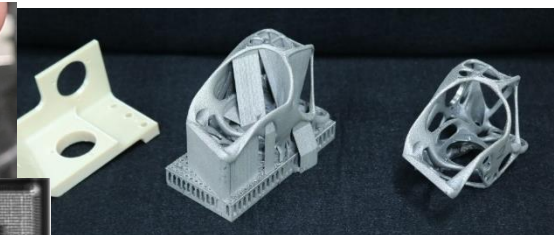
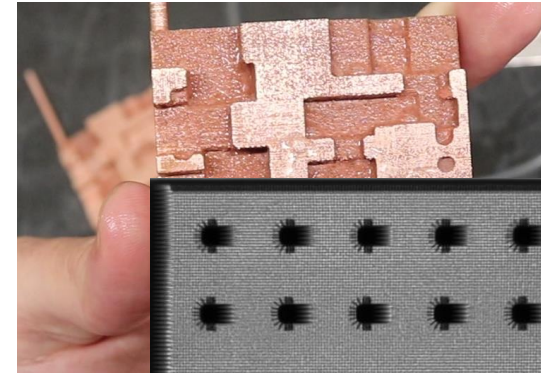
3D Systems ProX320



3D Systems ProX 200



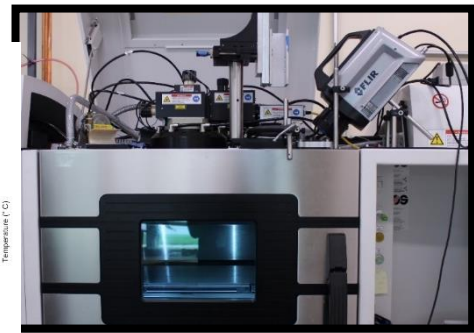
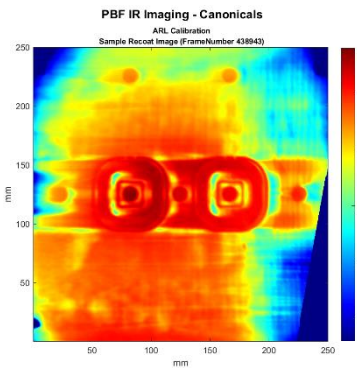
**DED Sensing**



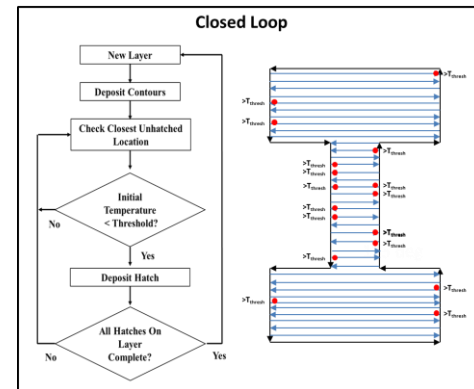
**Optimized & Functional Designs**



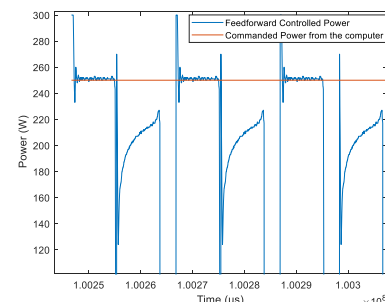
**Large-Scale DED**



**Calibrated IR Imaging**



**DED Feedback Control**



**Feed-forward Control of PBFAM**

