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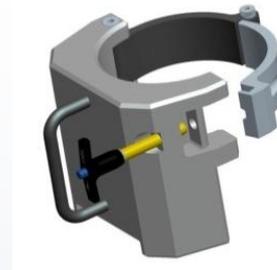
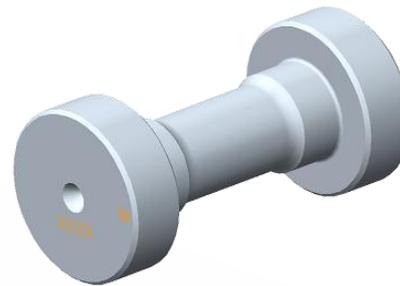
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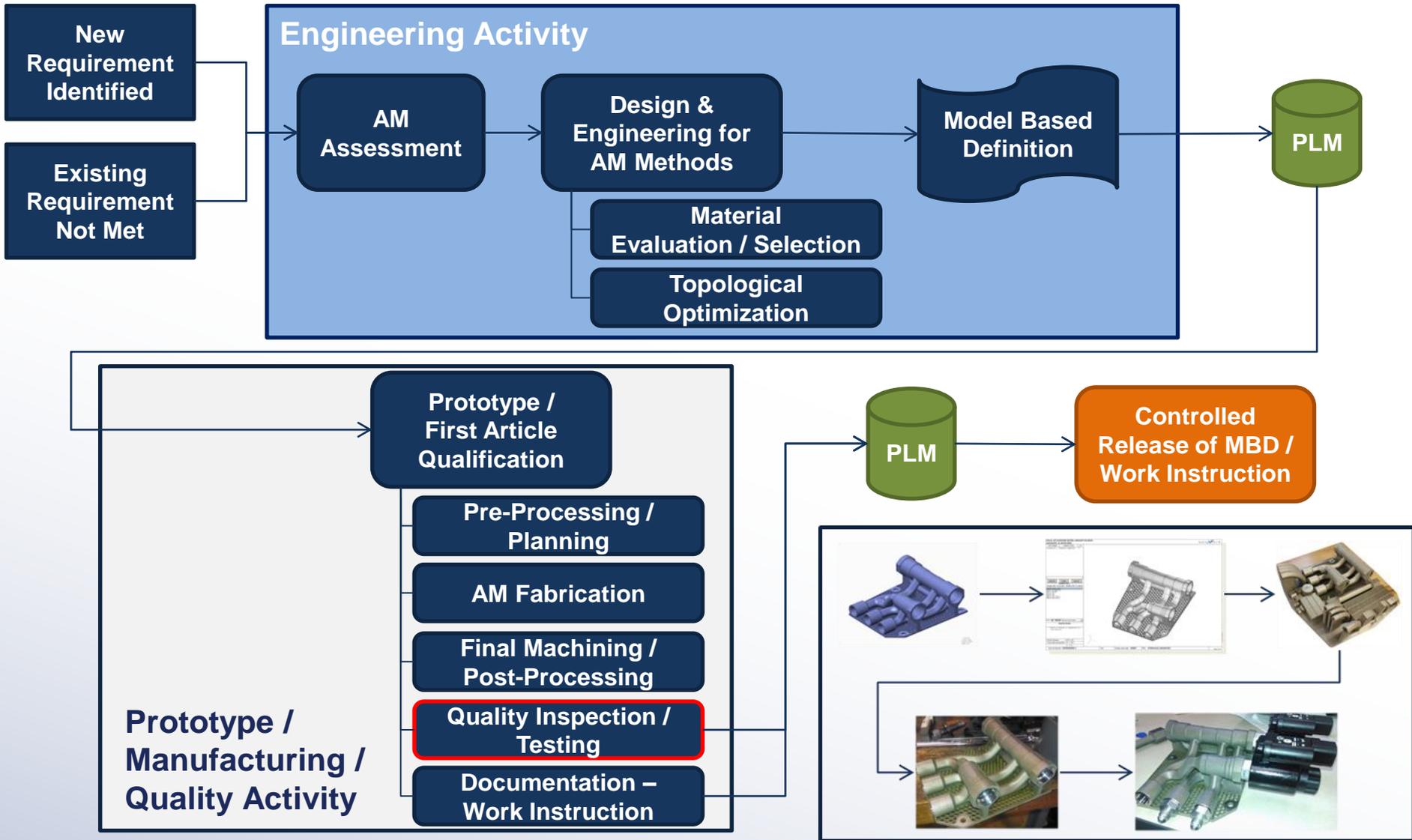
NAVAIR Lakehurst Overview

- How & Why do we make a part for AM in the ALRE/SE/VLA world?



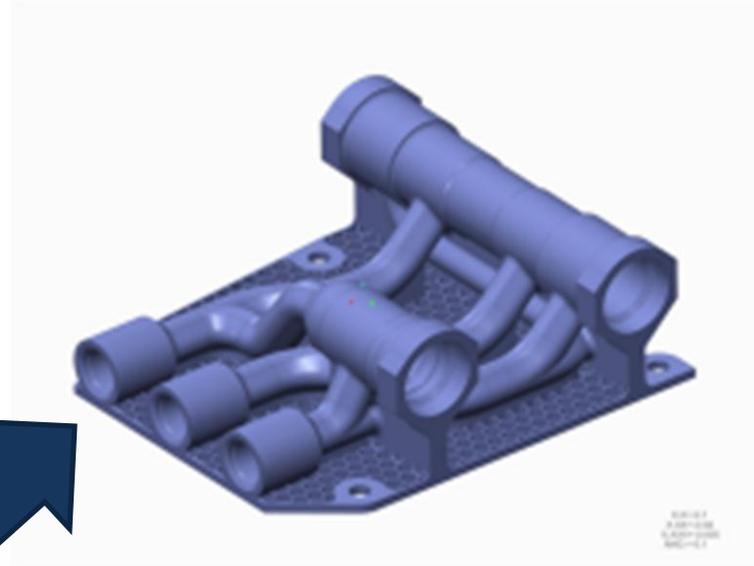
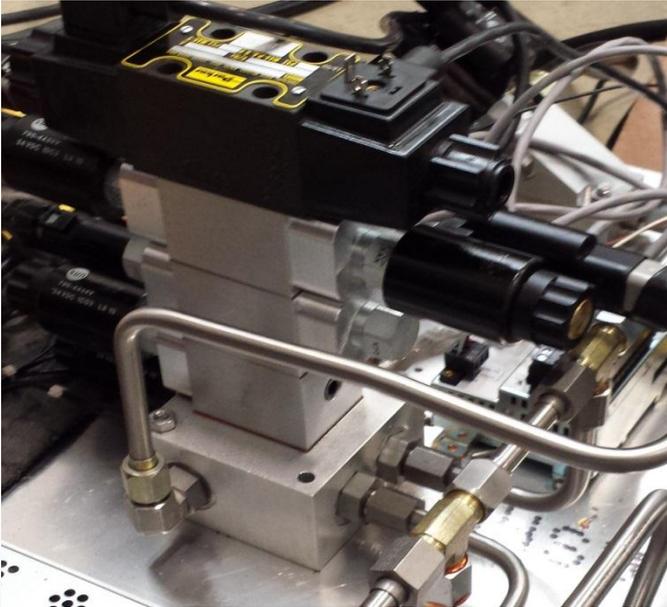


Fielding a Part for AM

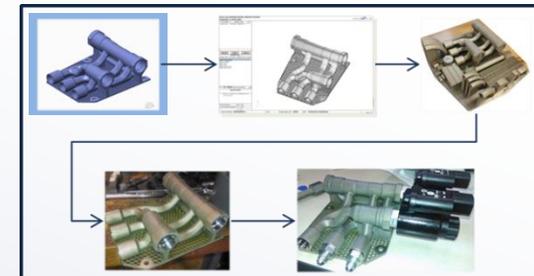
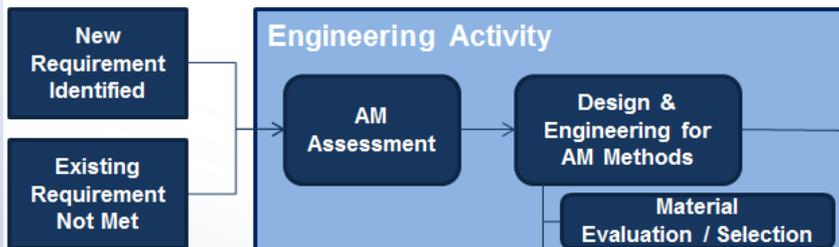




Leveraging Our Resources Design for AM

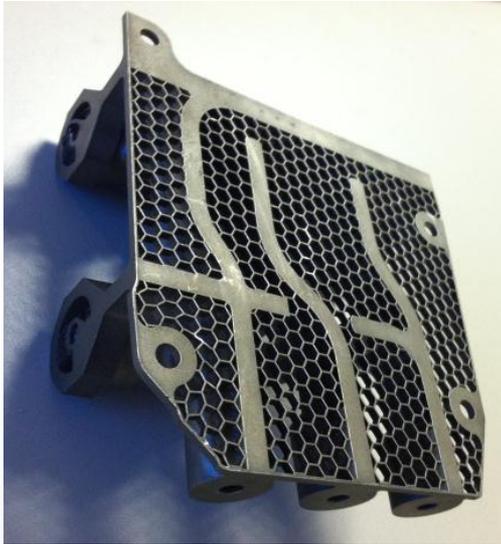


Designing for AM allows transitions of technology and to go from the above to newly innovative designs like on the right

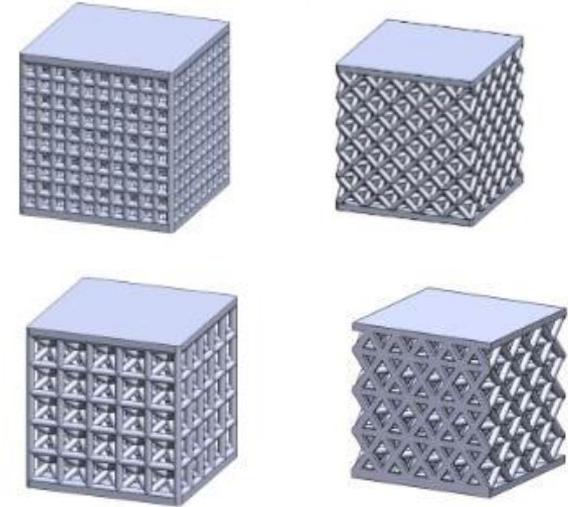




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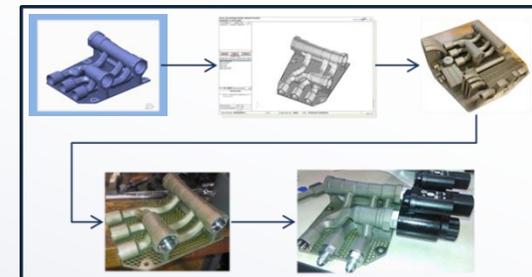


Bottom View of Hydraulic Manifold, showcasing Honeycomb Pattern Design



Potential Future Topology Structure

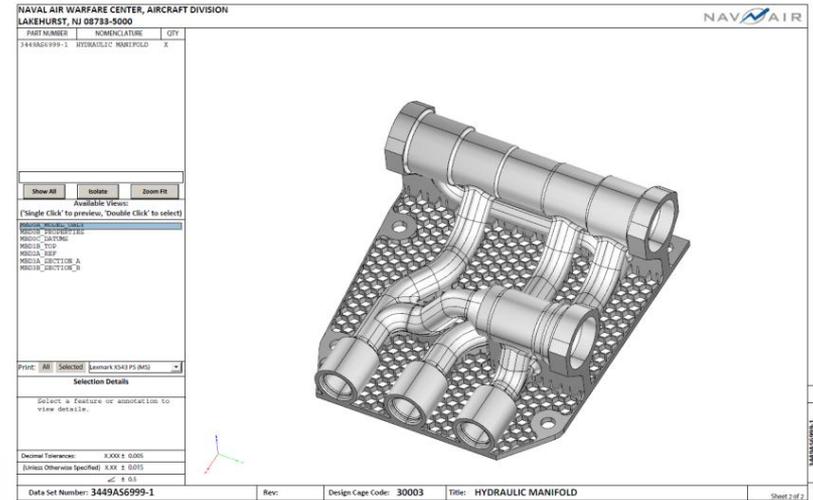
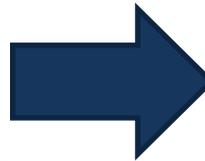
Consideration of new Topologies/Different metals not previously available/considered





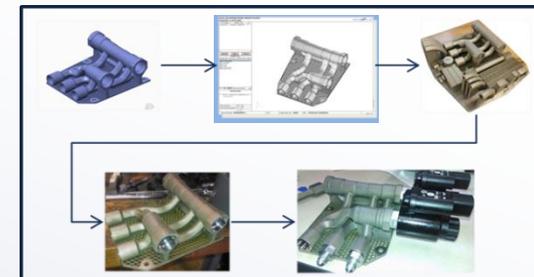
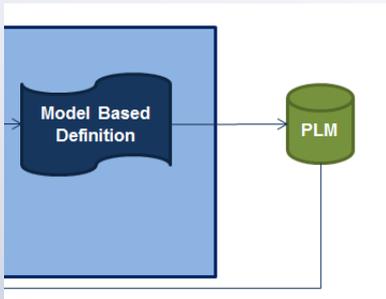
Leveraging Our Resources Infrastructure/MBE

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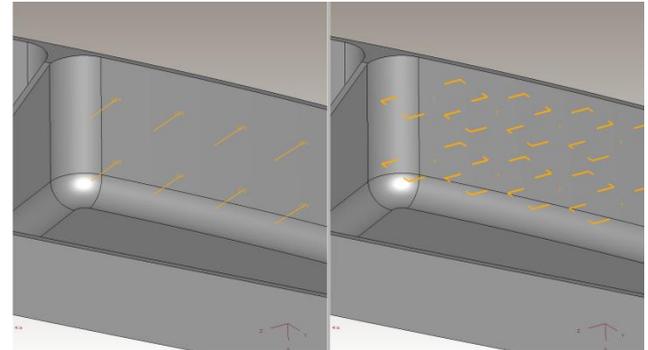
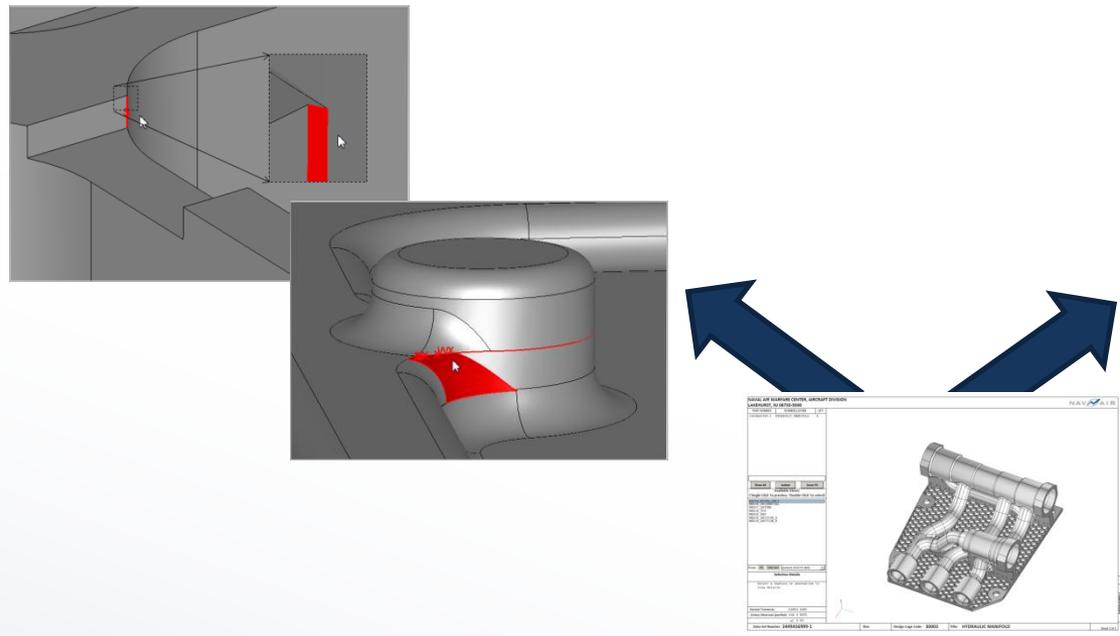
NAVIAIR Lakehurst 3-D PDF Example

Utilization of PLM to control design and design release, Finalized product in 3D via 3D PDF



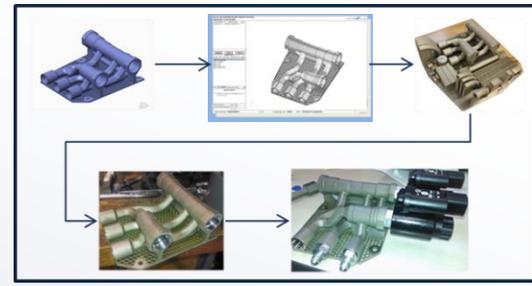
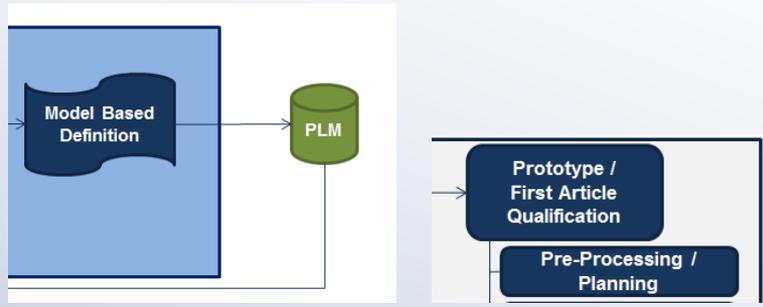


Leveraging Our Resources Infrastructure/MBE Validation/Translation



Wireframe curves indicating fastener locations were not exported into STEP file.

A need to validate the Producibility of design and ensure any translation issues are recognized





Leveraging Our Resources Prototyping/Production

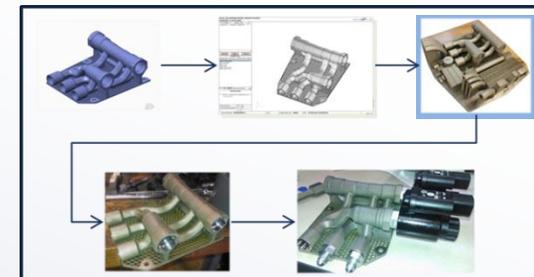
**Polymer Based Prototype produced
in-house for fit/form/function**



Metallic Build of Part along with test coupons



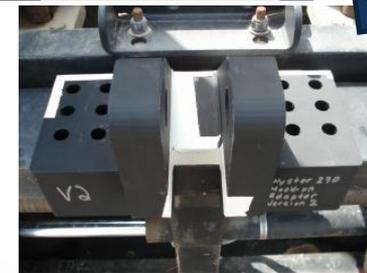
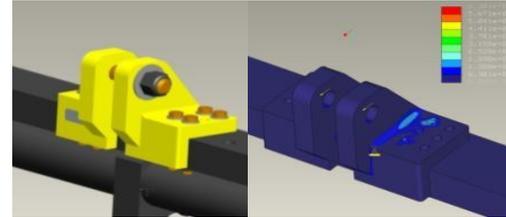
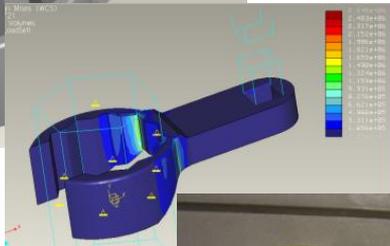
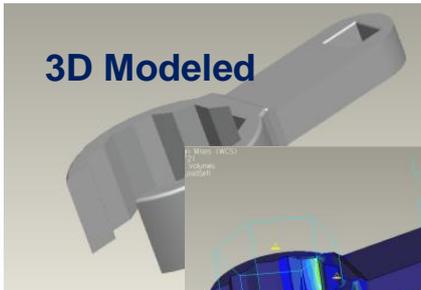
Partnered with ARL Penn St. to accomplish this





Polymer Prototyping examples

Development Cycle Utilizing 3-D Printer



Prototype Val/Verified by Fleet



Hyster H230HD Lift Truck Adapter

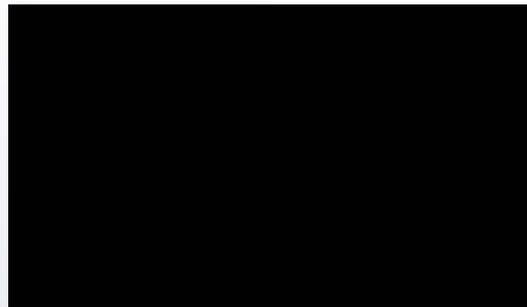


Leveraging Our Resources Post Processing



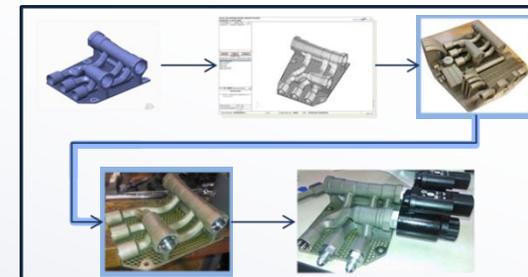
Currently many steps needed to complete an AM produced part, supporting them:

- Vacuum Furnace
- Wire EDM
- Materials Equipment
 - Spectrometer
- QA (CMM, etc.)



Final Machining /
Post-Processing

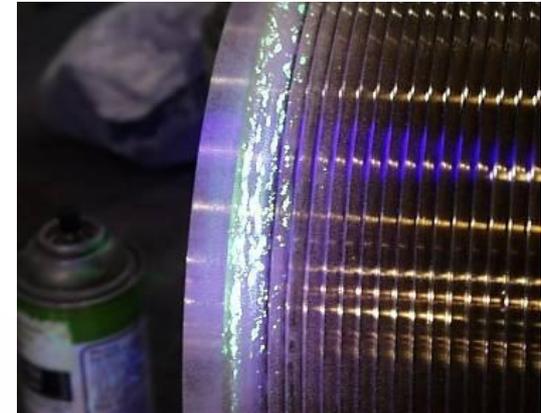
Quality Inspection /
Testing





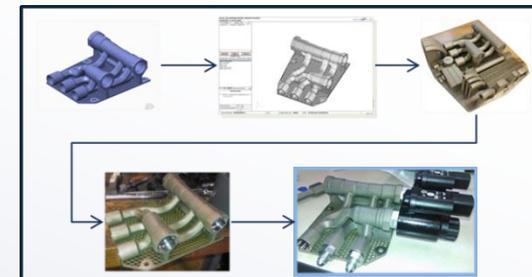
Leveraging Our Resources Flight Safe Inspection

- Flight Safe Program Documented in NAVAIR Instruction 13800.18
- Called out to OEMs under DCMA-Inst317



**Quality Inspection /
Testing**

**Documentation –
Work Instruction**





Leveraging Our Resources Finalizing Parts and Distribution

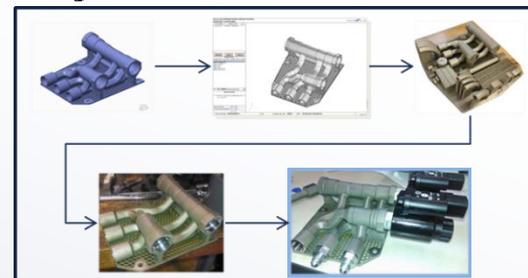
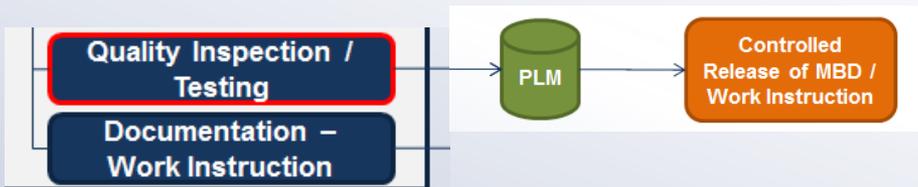


Testing of the Build Design is critical

Our inspection facilities are certified for ALRE Flight-Safe activities.



Challenge: Extending AM Designed parts into Downstream Deliverables (Work Instructions, IETMS, etc.)





What's Next

- Develop an AM Scoring Rubric
 - Identify which items are most suitable for AM
- Conduct a Design of Experiments for AM Materials
- Establish an AM Design Guide
- Establish Non-Destructive Inspection Requirements for AM Tooling
- Create Training Guides for AM Tooling:
 - Design, Manufacture, Qualification
- Publish an Standard Work Package for AM Tooling

* The Above products will be leveraged for use in other AM commodities.

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Thank you.