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# Progress in inspection methods for aerospace and routes to certification

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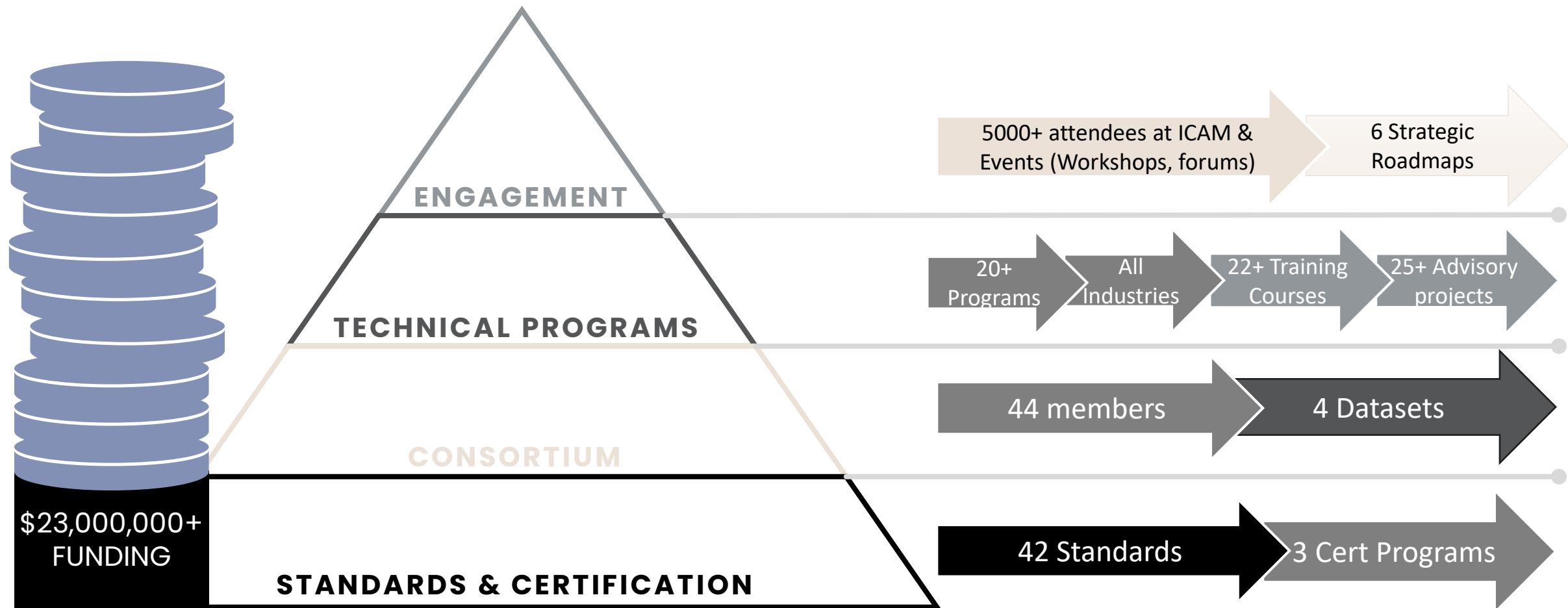
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# ASTM AMCoE - IMPACT



# What is the status in the UK currently?



## ATI Additive Manufacturing Strategy & Roadmap



- Roadmap now released:
- [Additive-Manufacturing-Strategy-Roadmap-Sept-2024-Final.pdf](https://ati.org.uk/Additive-Manufacturing-Strategy-Roadmap-Sept-2024-Final.pdf)  
([ati.org.uk](https://ati.org.uk))

Why has this group been brought together?

- Bring together AM experts from the UK aerospace sector in a **collaborative** forum
- Minimise duplication of effort, address common **challenges** once for wider benefit
- Create an aligned **vision** and roadmap for the sector
- Support the update of the ATI aerospace AM technology **strategy**

This group will be the **leadership team** – as key industry organisations that represent the primary routes to exploitation

- However, the scope of the group is the **end-to-end** value chain
- We will need the support of the **rest of the UK sector** – materials suppliers, machine manufacturers, supply chain organisations etc.



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High Value Manufacturing



# 10 ATI Aerospace AM Roadmap

Main R&D activity, significant and targeted R&D in this timeframe is expected

Transition does not mean a phase out of R&D, however a change of R&D emphasis

R&D significantly matured, expect industry lead approach until superseded



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Utilising current technology

Developing a resilient and cohesive supply chain

Improving efficiency of qualification and certification of AM parts for aerospace

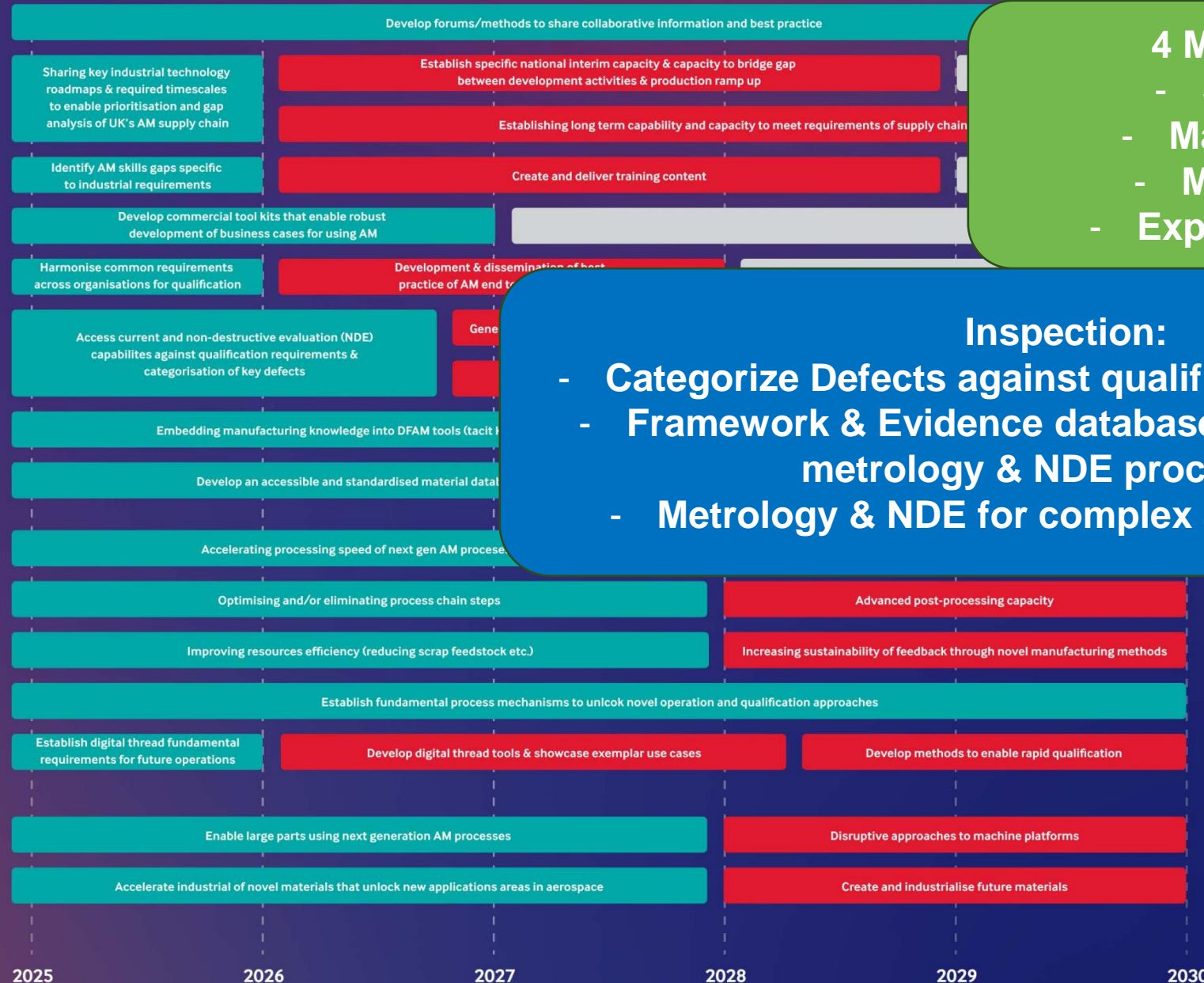
Maturing future technology

Drastically reducing cost of AM parts

Improving M/C Speed  
Optimising AM Process Chain  
Digital Qualification

Expand the possible application areas for utilising AM

Enabling Technologies  
Novel Materials



4 Major Strands:

- Supply Chain
- Make Q&C easier
- Make it cheaper
- Expand Applications

Inspection:

- Categorize Defects against qualification requirements
- Framework & Evidence database to enable reduced metrology & NDE process steps
- Metrology & NDE for complex and/or large parts



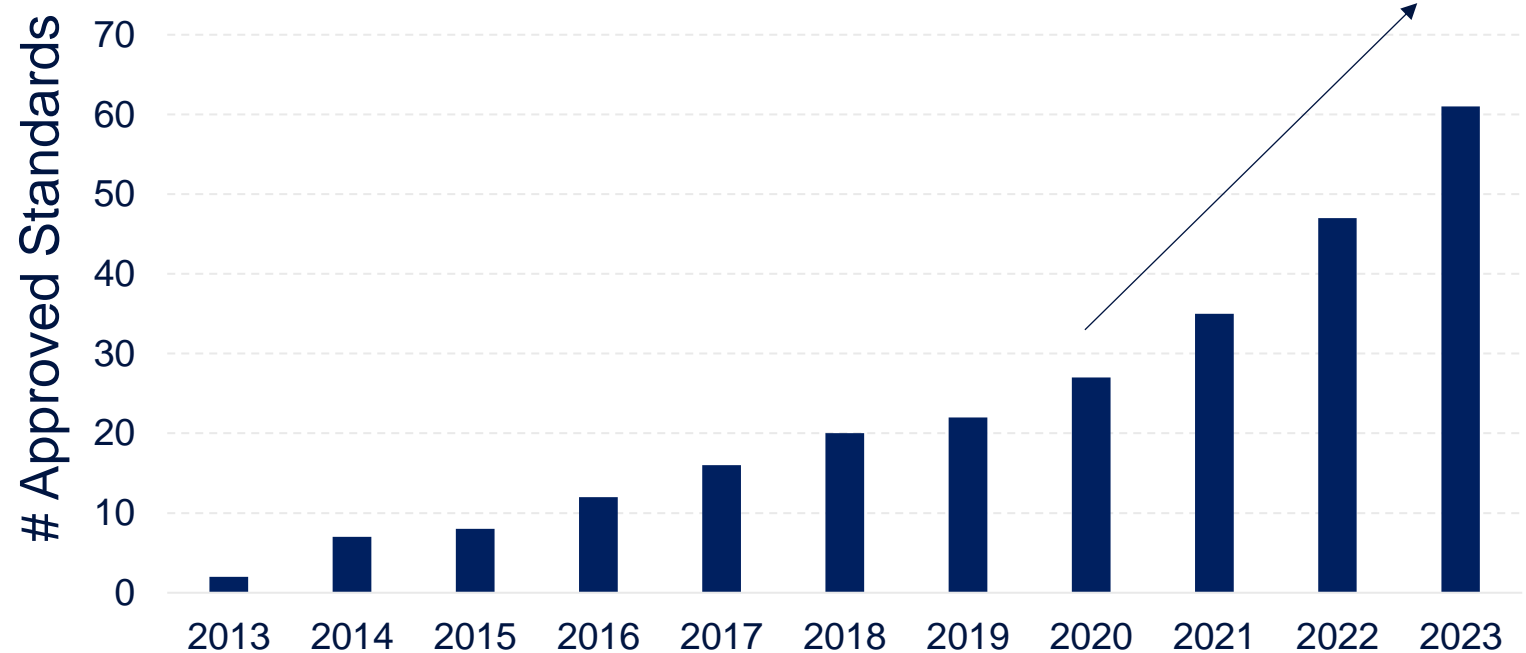
## We are Accelerating...

### ASTM CoE Research to Standards

Conducts R&D  
identified and  
prioritized by the top  
minds in the field to  
significantly  
accelerate standards  
development.



### International Standards from ASTM Committee F42/ISO TC261



# Context – Inspection & Structural Integrity



We have an extensive toolbox of approaches to support Safe operation

Safe Operation

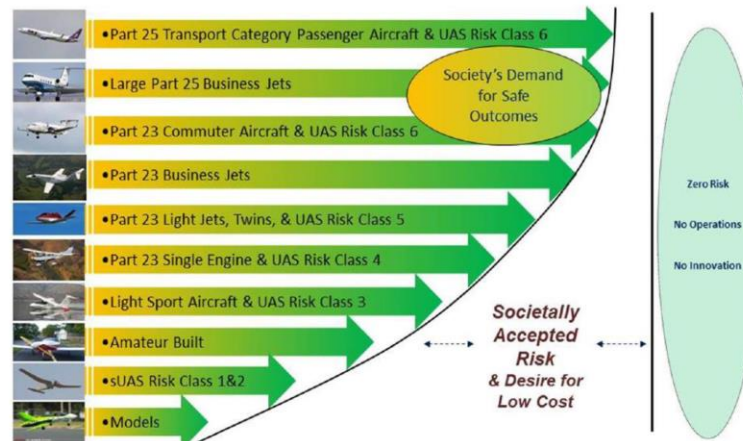


## Regulations

The way to meet a regulation can very greatly based on:

- Type of material and process (traditional metal, composite, additive manufacturing, etc.)
- Criticality of the application\* (transport aircraft versus ultralight glider)
- Criticality of the part within the application (wing spar versus non-structural external fairing)

**“Societally Accepted Risk”**  
Requirements will remain the same



*\*Safety Continuum based on Application*



In-Service

Health Monitoring,  
Inspection, MRO

Structural  
Lifing

*“Certification by  
Analysis, supported  
by Test”*

Component  
Validation

Inspection – Part in  
hand

PFMEA

Manufacturing  
Process

Understand and manage  
likelihood of process escape

In Situ Monitoring

PoD... Adaptive  
Manufacturing

# NASA-ASTM Cooperative Agreement

## Cooperative Efforts



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### Qualification

Design, test, and standardize a qualification schema for laser beam powder bed fusion (PBF-LB).



### Defects & Inspection

Define types & sources of process escape in AM, Develop a PFMEA for AM Defects, Probabilistic analysis methods for likelihood of defect occurrence and detection



### Monitoring

Assess current status of *in-situ* monitoring technologies and develop a roadmap for prioritization moving forward.

Literature  
Review



Targeted  
Surveys



Expert  
Interview



Technical  
Workshop



Brainstorming  
Sessions

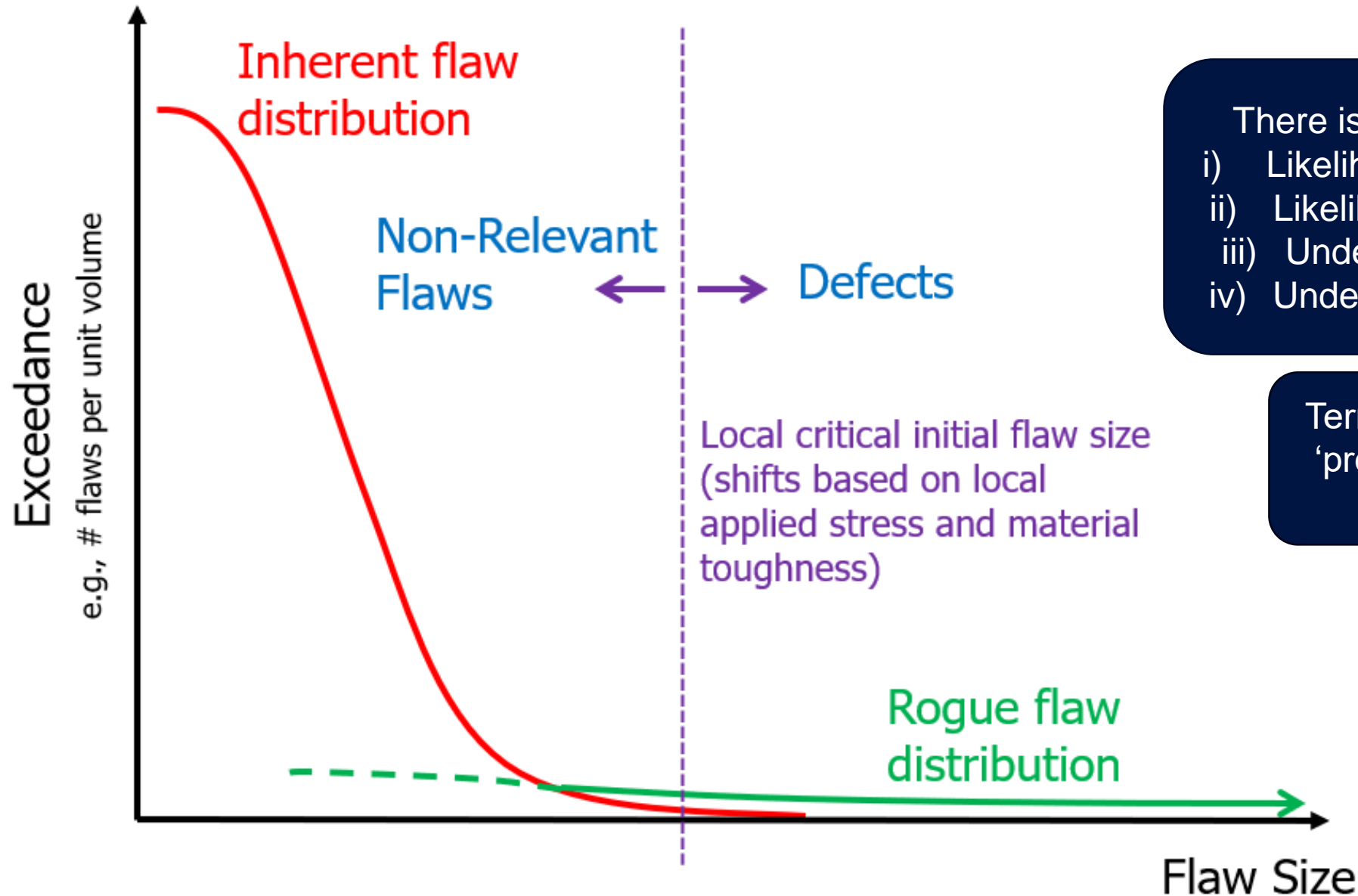


Strategic Guides &  
Roadmaps



<https://amcoe.org/research-development/publications/>

# Definition – Flaw & Defect Distributions



- There is uncertainty with respect to:
- i) Likelihood of a rogue flaw occurring
  - ii) Likelihood of a flaw being detected
  - iii) Understanding why a flaw occurs
  - iv) Understanding the effects of a flaw

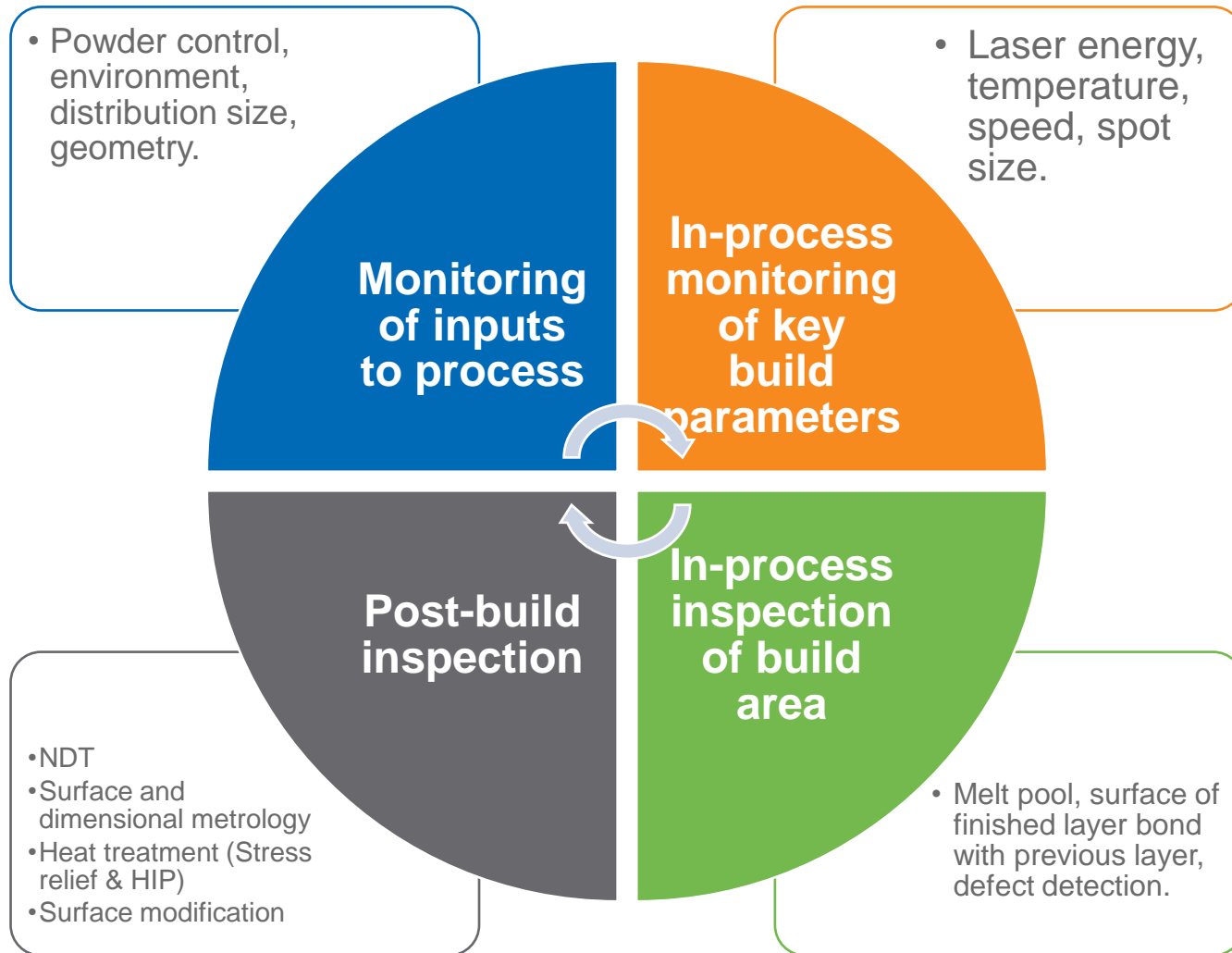
Terminology still being debated...  
'process escape flaw' vs 'Rogue  
flaw'



# Holistic Approach To AM Quality & Inspection



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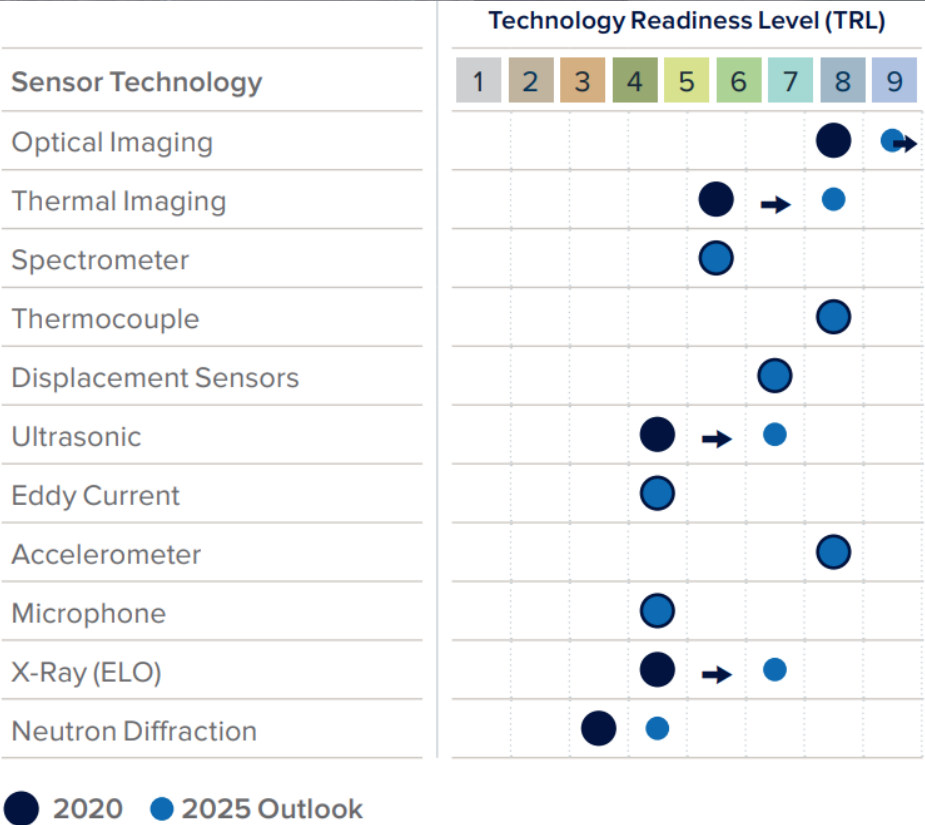
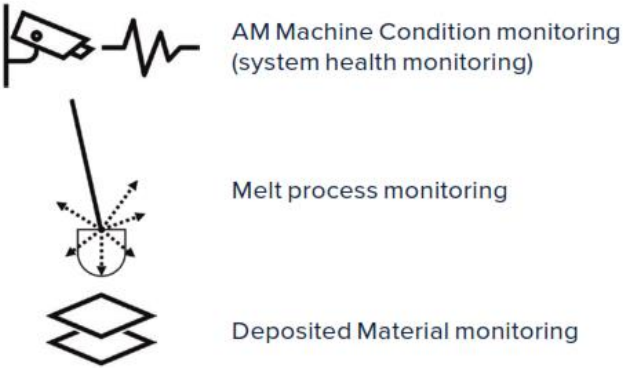


Slide presented by Dr Ben Dutton, MTC at the ICAM 2023 Introduction to Quality Assurance Course

# State of the Art & Technical Maturation – In Situ Monitoring



Three general  
regimes of ISM in  
AM Systems

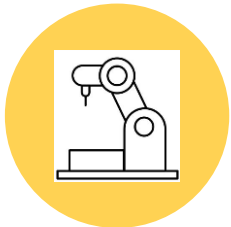


Sensor technologies evaluated on  
ability to replace or reduce ex-situ  
inspection for critical application



## PBF

- Layer Imaging likely to be Standard for detection of recoater or part distortion
- In-Situ defect detection is expected with development work



## DED

- Auto height control is necessary for normal operation
- Methods also implemented for process monitoring with potential for in-situ defect detection
- Increased surface roughness of DED relative to PBF may be a challenge

# Types of Detectable Defect States



## High Detectability

- Lack of fusion
- Spatter
- Geometric/dimensional defects
- Powder Spreading Quality



## Medium Detectability

- Porosity( Keyhole)
- Stress-induced crack (internal)
- Delamination



## Low Detectability

- Microstructure, Chemical Composition(Chemistry)
- Contamination
- Subsurface defects



## Limits of Detectability

- Measurement speed is slow
- Cost & Difficult to integrate
- Lack of Causal Correlation
- Sensor Resolution
- Interaction with previous layer
- Registration
- Equipment Access

### – Wish List:

- Data Stream to be used to *characterize the severity of the anomaly*
- *Defect Library* to be developed with size/shape, cause, minimum critical flaw size for each specific size

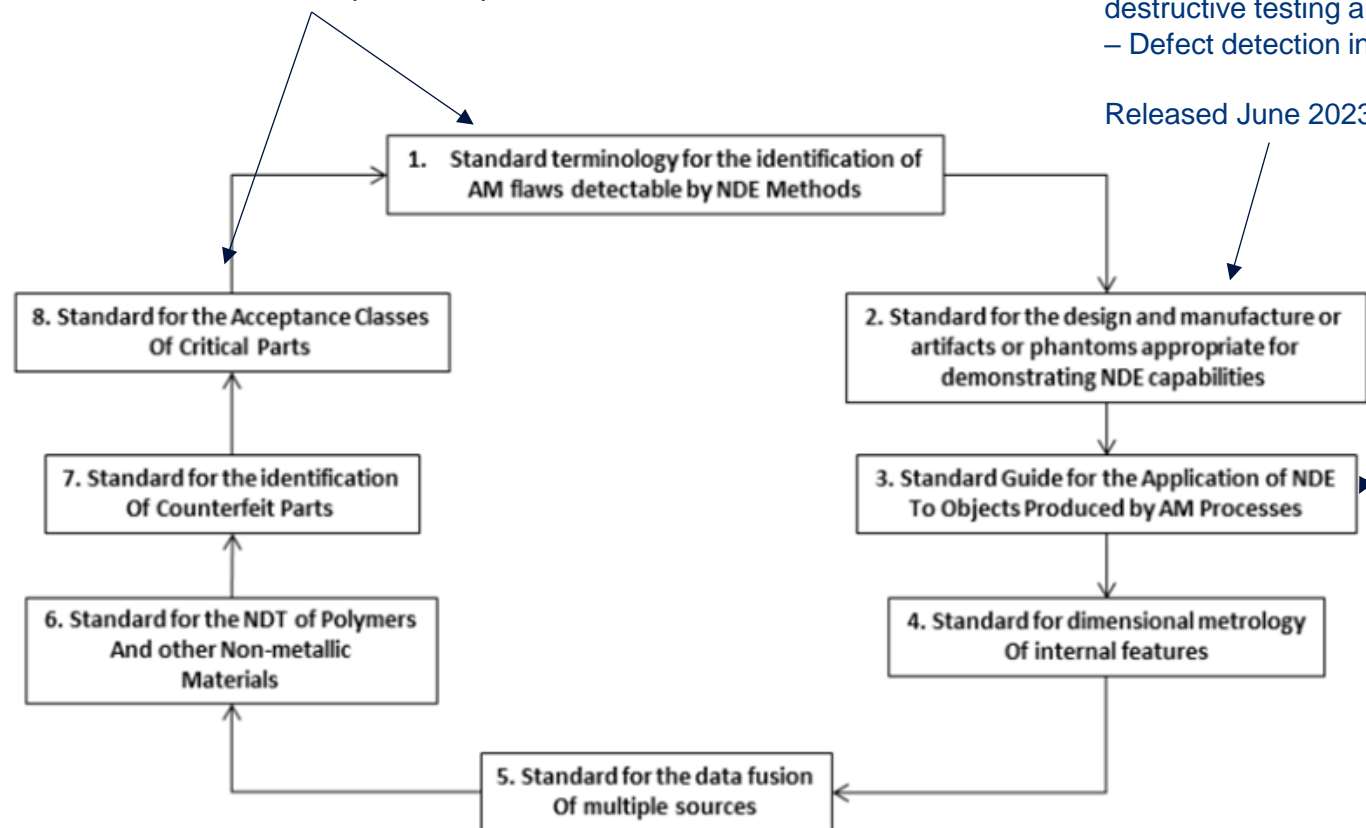
### – What if...

- Defects could be characterized by using 'inferable' rather than 'detectable'?
- *Detection intensity was related to the potential size/impact?*

# Status of Standardisation ('Classic' NDE & IPM)



**WK75329** - Nondestructive Testing (NDT), Part Quality, and Acceptability Levels of Additively Manufactured Laser Based Powder Bed Fusion Aerospace Components



**ISO/ASTM 52905:23** – Additive Manufacturing of Metals – Non-destructive testing and evaluation – Defect detection in parts.

- IPM can leverage the existing NDE Standards landscape
- Many of the workshop topics are replicated for traditional NDE methods

**ASTM E3166** Standard Guide for Nondestructive Examination of Metal Additively Manufactured Aerospace Parts After Build

## IPM Standards Activities

**ASTM WK73978:** General Principles – Registration of Process-Monitoring & Quality-Control Data for data registration

**ISO/ASTM 52958:** AM of Metals – PBF – Best Practice for In-Situ Flaw Detection and Analysis for Laser-based PB

*Taken from AMSC roadmap Gap report*



# Inspection Acceptance Criteria



- **WK 75329**
- specifies the NDE and acceptance criteria for parts manufactured via PBF-LB
- This work item applies to radiographic examination and liquid penetrant

Discontinuity	Level 1	Level 2
<b>Surface or Internal</b>		
Propagating discontinuities - cracks, solidification cracks, delamination cracks, Lack of Fusion or Incomplete Fusion - build layer separations, lateral, vertical, hatch, connected porosity, keyhole porosity, through wall separations	0	0
Voids	2.5% of the material thickness in its longest dimension.	0.060"
Inclusion	2.5% of the material thickness in its longest dimension	0.060"
Contamination	0	0
Trapped Powder	0	N/A
<b>Sub Surface Porosity</b>		
Individual distinguishable from cracks – keyhole, gas porosity	2.5% of the material thickness in diameter.	N/A
Group more than two distinguishable from cracks – keyhole, gas porosity	3 individual pores greater than 2.5% of the material thickness in diameter	N/A

	separated by 3 times the diameter of the largest pore.	
<b>Surface Porosity</b>		
Individual	0.060"	0.060"
Group	3 individual pores greater than 2.5% of the material thickness separated by 3 times the diameter of the largest pore.	7 individual pores greater than 2.5% of the material thickness separated by 3 times the diameter of the largest pore

Latest updates to Work Item will align the criteria against F3572 for Part Criticality

# NDE-Based qualification (Innovative Approaches to Qualification)



Determine the **criticality of AM defects** on the **fatigue performance** of AM materials

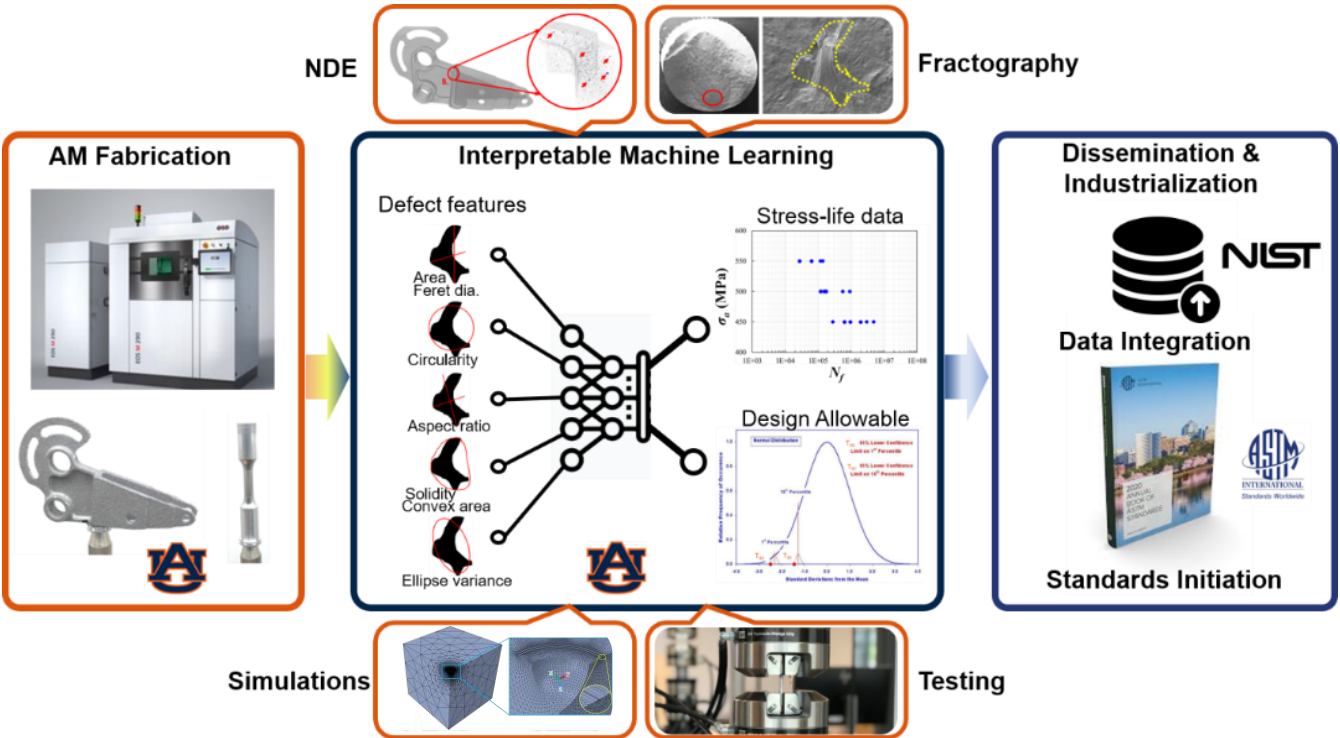
Develop a **data-driven framework** using computer vision and machine learning to model the effect of defects in support of non-destructive qualification

Initiate new **standards** and/or improve current standards for mechanical testing, non-destructive evaluation (NDE), data collection, and qualification

- ❖ Correlation study
  - Low and high res CT scan data
  - Defects features in 2D and 3D views
  - Defects and fatigue behavior

– Collaborative effort

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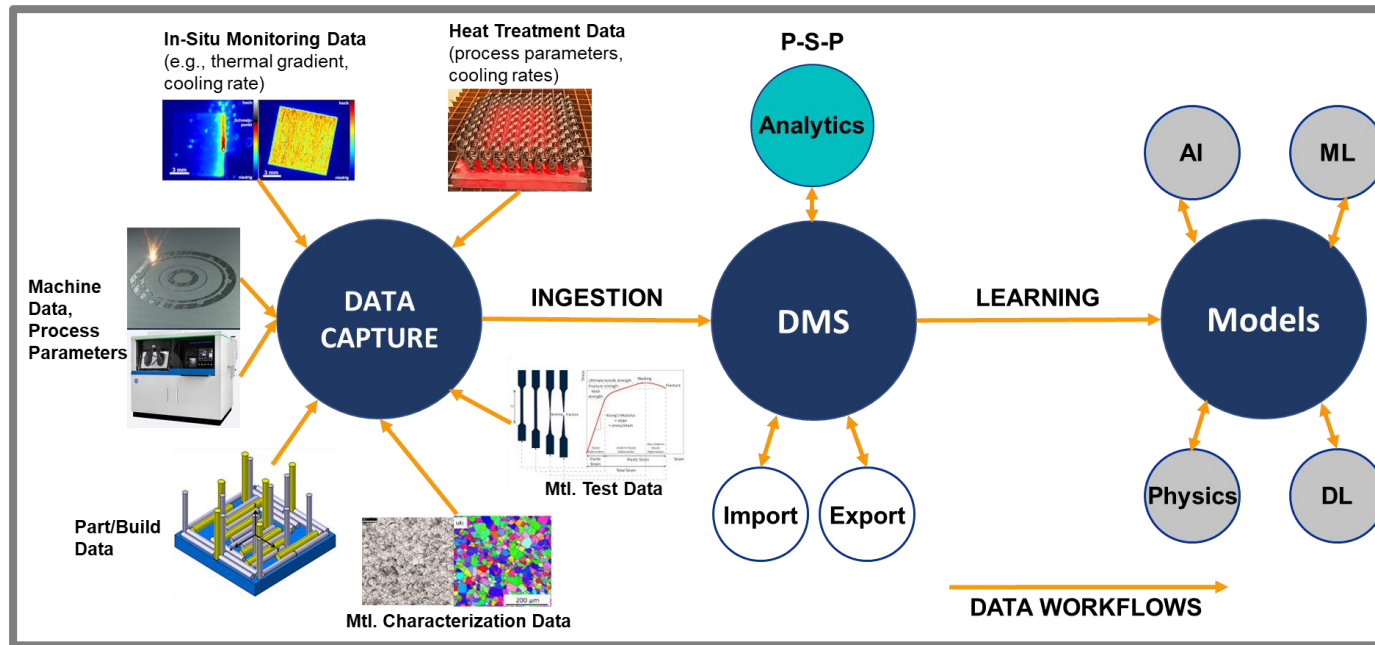


# Data Management Initiatives – one of the key hurdles

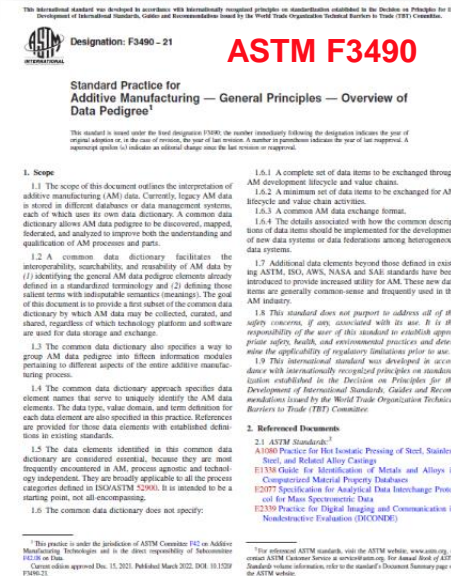
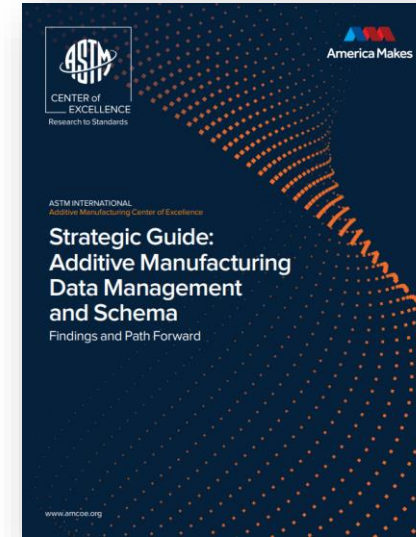


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- Supporting various programs, to generate **high-pedigree data**
- A pre-requisite for the development of high-quality simulation and machine learning packages for AM.



- ~700 data elements are being collected by **Common Data Dictionary (CDD)**; **ASTM F3490**.
- ~1700 data elements are being collected by **CMDS's Data Acquisition Template**.



Download now!



Supported Programs



CMDS



NDE-based  
Qualification



GAMAT

# Final thoughts

## IN PROCESS MONITORING

Great potential to support Structural Integrity for AM Applications but work still needed.

## STANDARDS

*'A rising tide lifts all boats...'*

Consensus through Standards will lead to best practices.

## COLLABORATION

Alignment on the key topics will reduce duplication – allowing the research community to solve the problems

## ASTM

Continue to:

- Close Standards gaps
- Solve difficult technical problems
- Actively participate in funded calls

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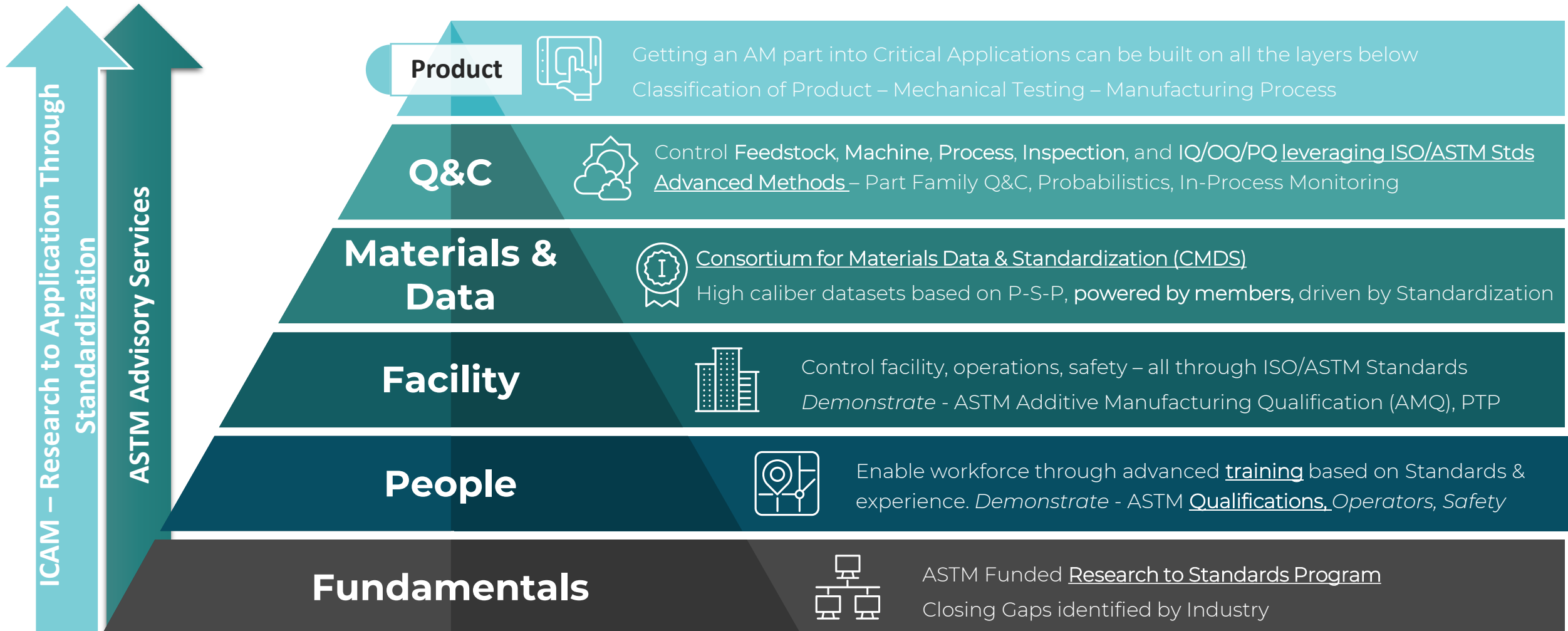
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- 4 short courses
- 26 symposia
- 8 keynotes
- 10 panels
- 700+ presentations



# The ASTM AM Division Product Pyramid

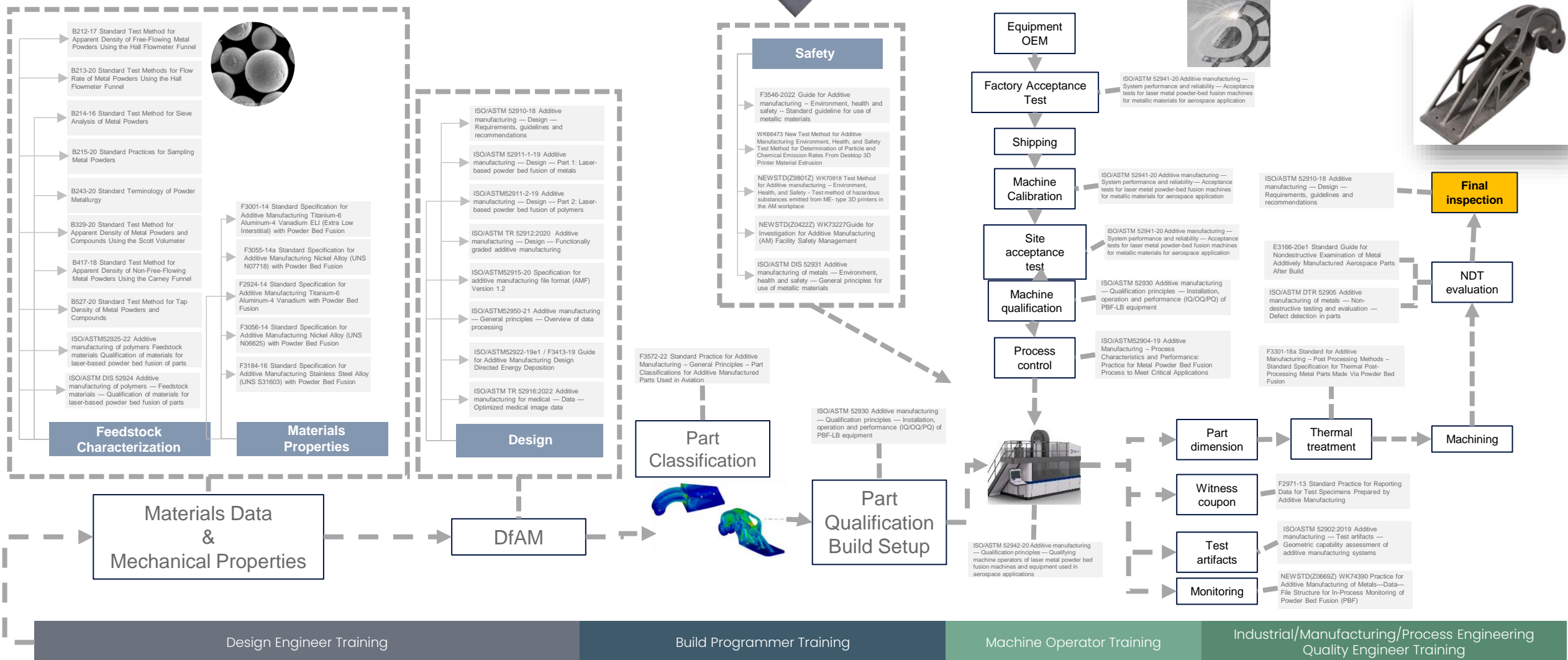


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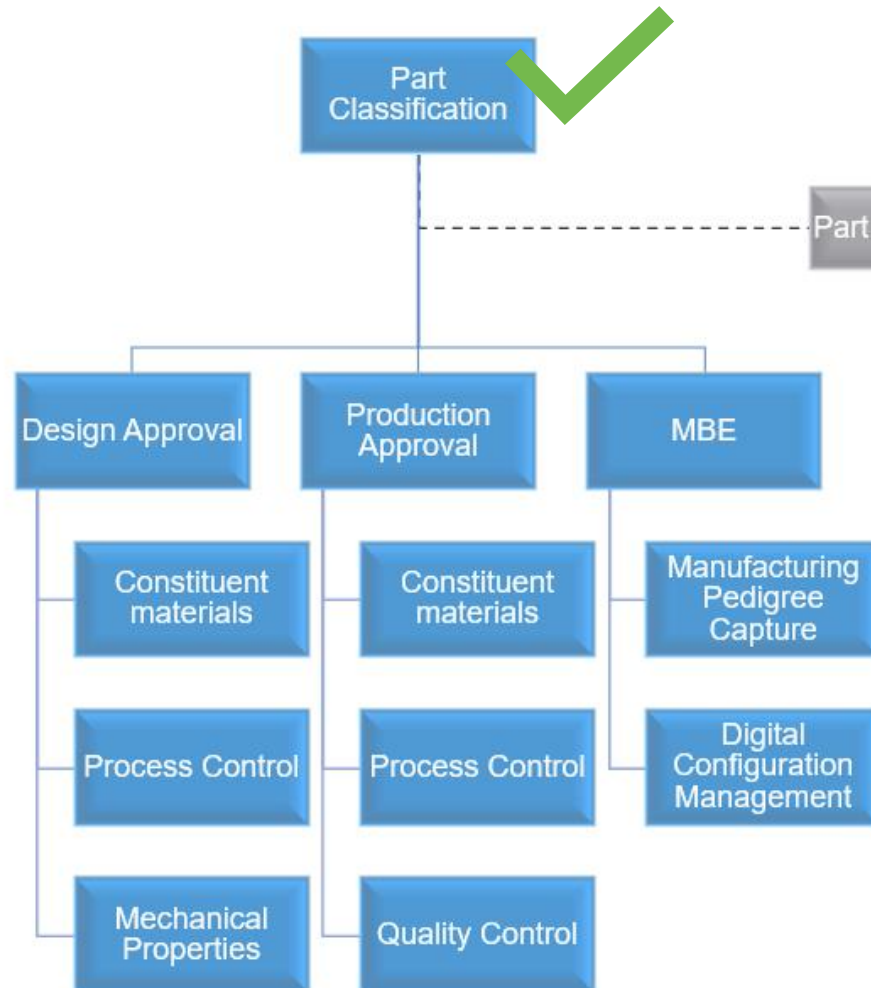


# How to leverage standards— Mapping of ASTM/ISO Standards



## Next Steps

# ICAM2022



- Continue collaborating within Additive Manufacturing SDOs to further define downstream requirements
- ❑ NDI acceptance level which uses part classification
- ❑ IQ/OQ/PQ which uses part classification
- Collaborate with other ASTM committees to proliferate the standard and include F3572 document as a potential means of compliance
  - F37 – LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT
  - F38 – UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
  - F39 – AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
  - F44 – GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT In-work
  - F46 – AEROSPACE PERSONNEL

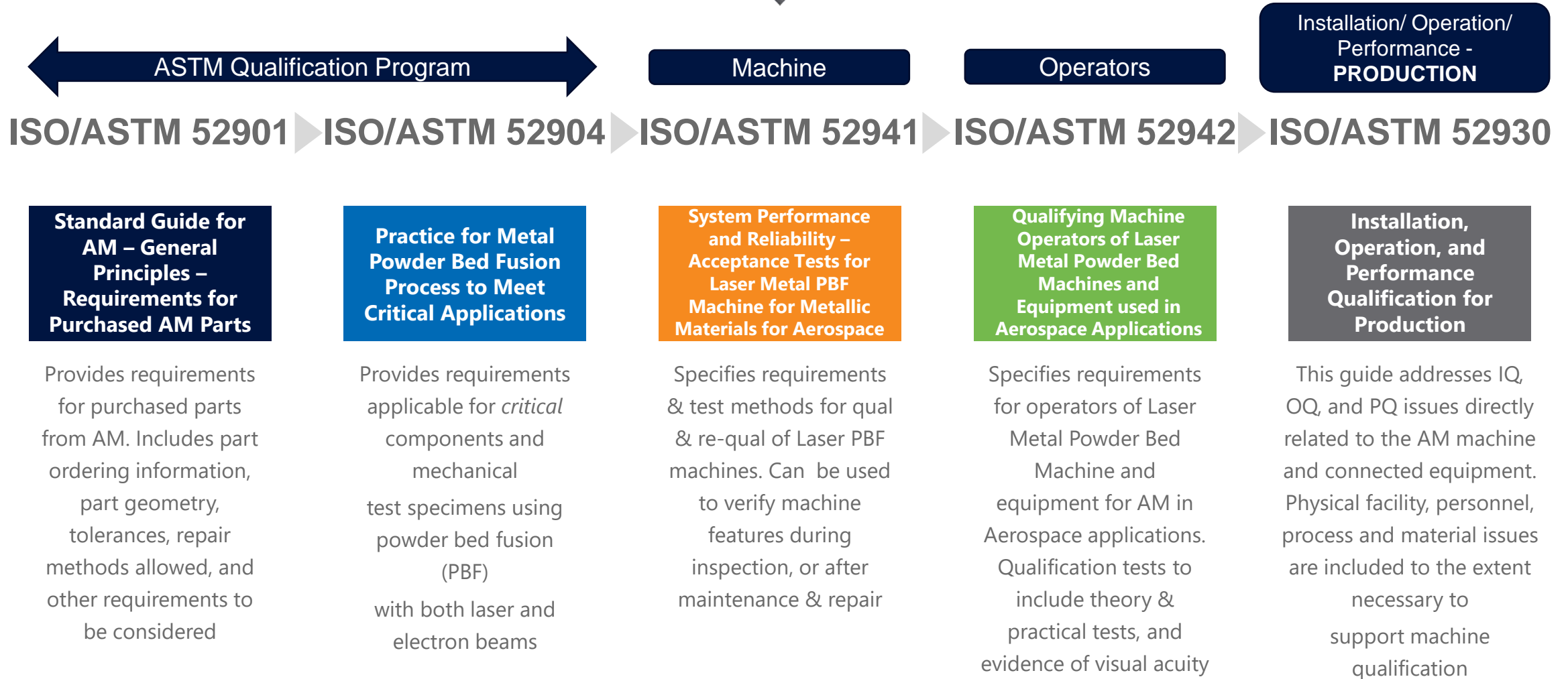
Charles Park – ICAM 2022



# Key Published Standards – ASTM F42/ISO TC261



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# AM Classification for Aerospace/Defense – ASTM F3572

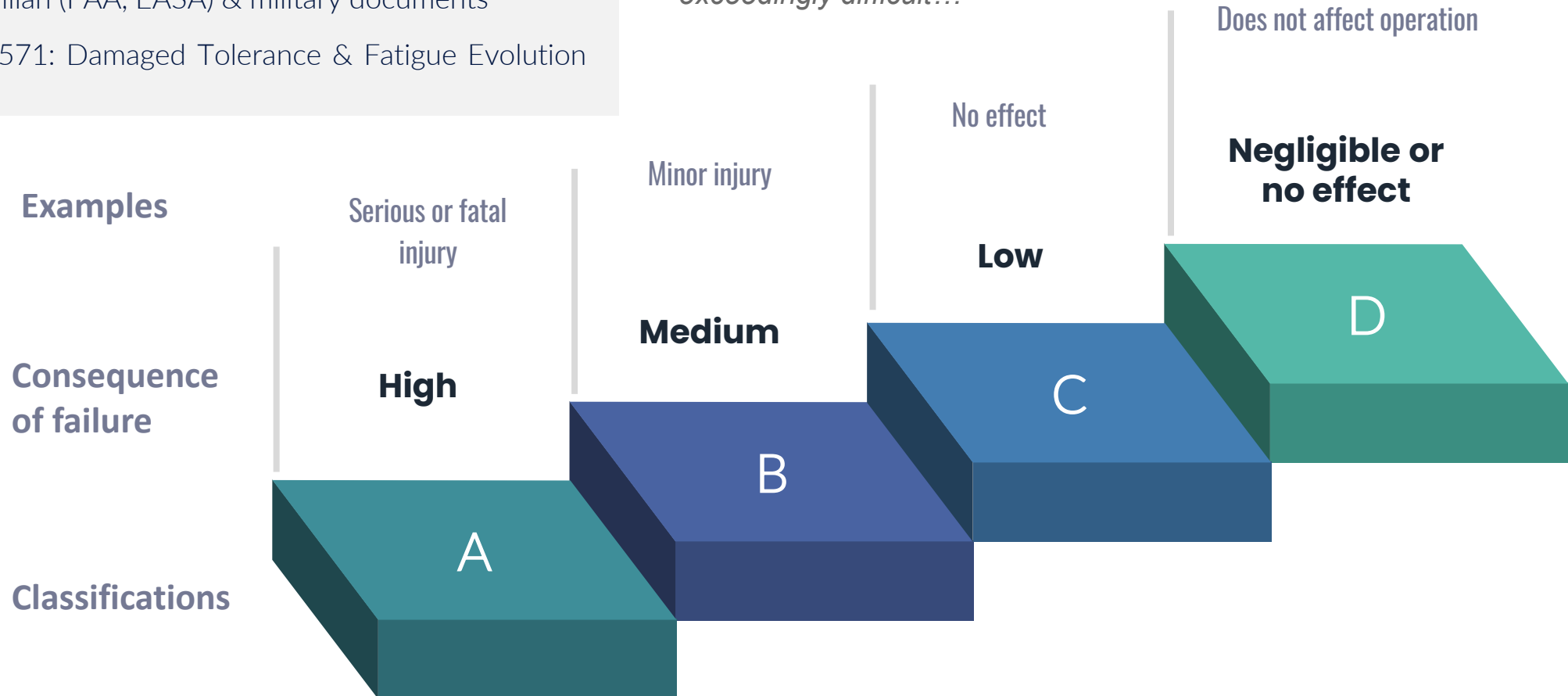
## Defining appropriate requirements



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- Alignment vs civilian (FAA, EASA) & military documents
- NAVAIR, AC25.571: Damaged Tolerance & Fatigue Evolution of Structure

*“Without carefully defined part classes, the ability to accurately **gauge the consequence of failure** associated with additively manufactured aviation parts within and across programs, projects, and suppliers becomes exceedingly difficult...”*

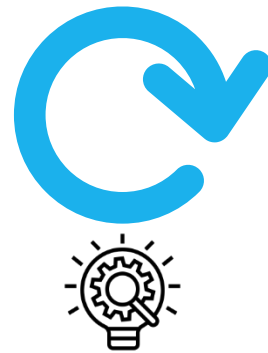


➤ Accelerate adoption of AM technologies through standardization by:



## REQUIREMENTS & BEST PRACTICES

- Terminology, Pedigree, Specimen Geometry, Build & Test Plans
- Identify Process-Structure-Property Relationships
- Equivalency/Combinability of new or existing data



## GENERATE HIGH-PEDIGREE DATA

- Consortia-funded R&D projects create *shared* high-pedigree “reference” material datasets to drive process-based material specifications



## DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Secure, Access-controlled Data Management System
- Establishing/Following standard data principles (e.g., CDD, CMD, CDEF, FAIR\*)



## STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

- Transferring lessons learned and consortium approved materials data to standardization committees

# Consortium for Materials Data & Standardization (CMD5)



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- CMD5 enables collaboration on standardizing the requirements and best practices for generating high-pedigree materials data

- OEM/LSI End Users
- AM Equipment Manufacturer
- AM Contract Manufacturer/Supplier
- AM Materials/Feedstock Producer
- AM Post-processing and Testing Service Provider
- AM Software
- AM Process/Health Monitoring
- Industrial Equipment Producer (e.g., Furnace, Powder Handling Equipment,...)
- Government Agencies and Laboratories (DoD, DOE, NASA, NIST)





# AM Certification Committee (AMCC)



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## AM Certification Committee

- Created an AM certification committee including major OEMs
- Qualified AM supply chain with multiple industry approach
- Capture end-user requirements beyond standards
- The committee creates and oversee an audit program based on published international standards and industry best practices.

## AM Certification Committee (24 members)

### Medical



### Aerospace/Defense



### Transportation



# Standards for AM Certification Audit Criteria



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## Additive Manufacturing Certification Audit Criteria

ISO/ASTM 52920

Overall facility  
requirements

ISO/ASTM 52901

ISO/ASTM 52904

ISO/ASTM 52930

ISO/ASTM 52941

ISO/ASTM 52942

ISO/ASTM 52928

ISO/ASTM 52931

ISO/ASTM 52926

ASTM WK73227

Covering  
requirements of  
material, process,  
personnel

AWS D20.1

API 20S

SAE AMS 7000 series

Requirements from  
other SDO standards



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