



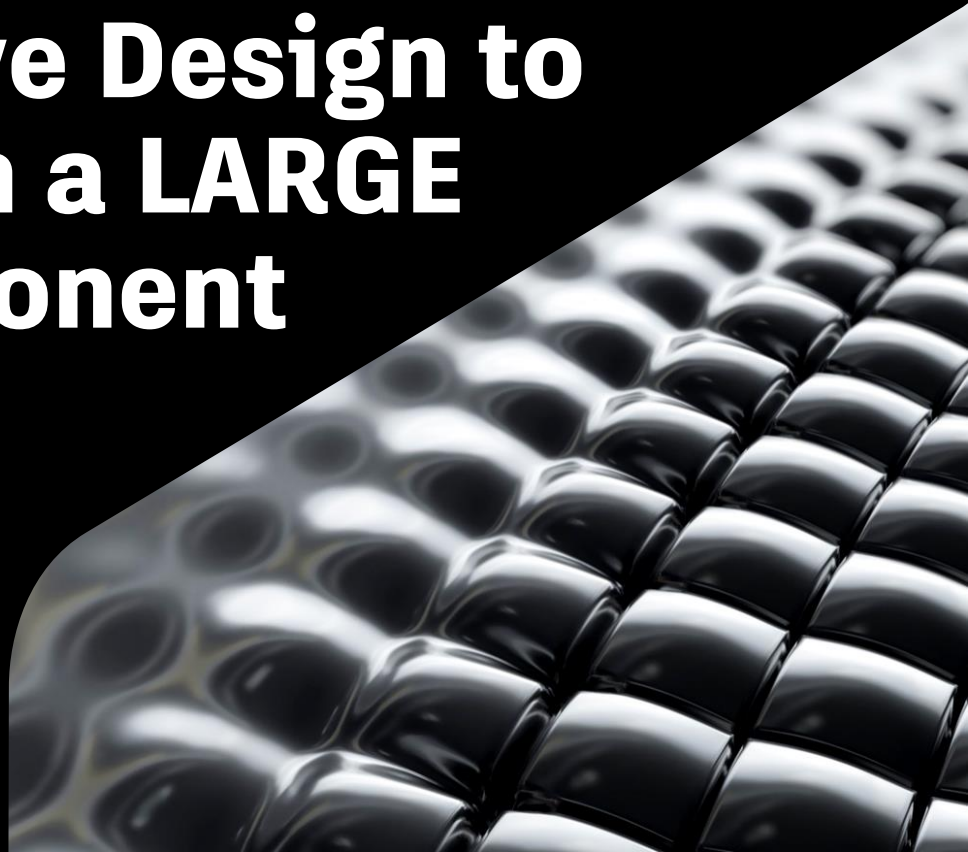
# Taking Generative Design to the Next Level on a LARGE Jet Engine Component

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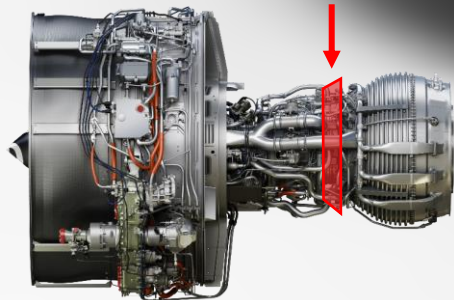
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# Agenda

- Project motivation
- Eco-design engine demonstrator
- Multi-physics Generative Design
- Design for Additive Manufacturing
- Summary

# Project 'Monaco': Manufacturing of a Large-Scale AM Component



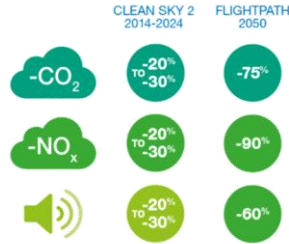
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# Where Innovation Takes Off

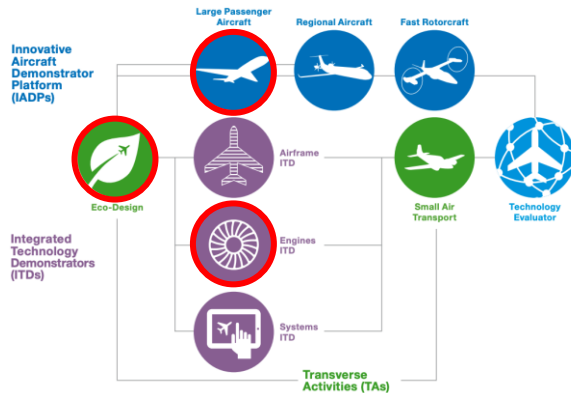
## Objectives

### Clean Sky 2 Goals



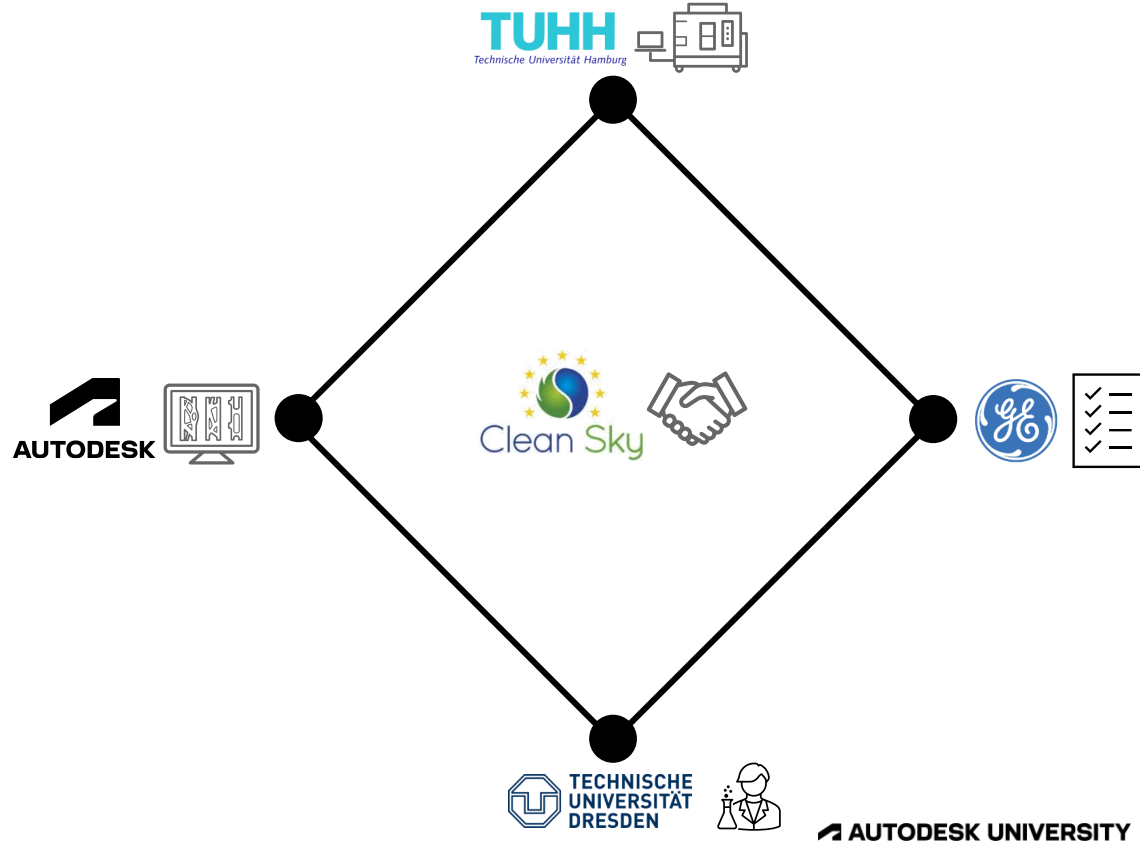
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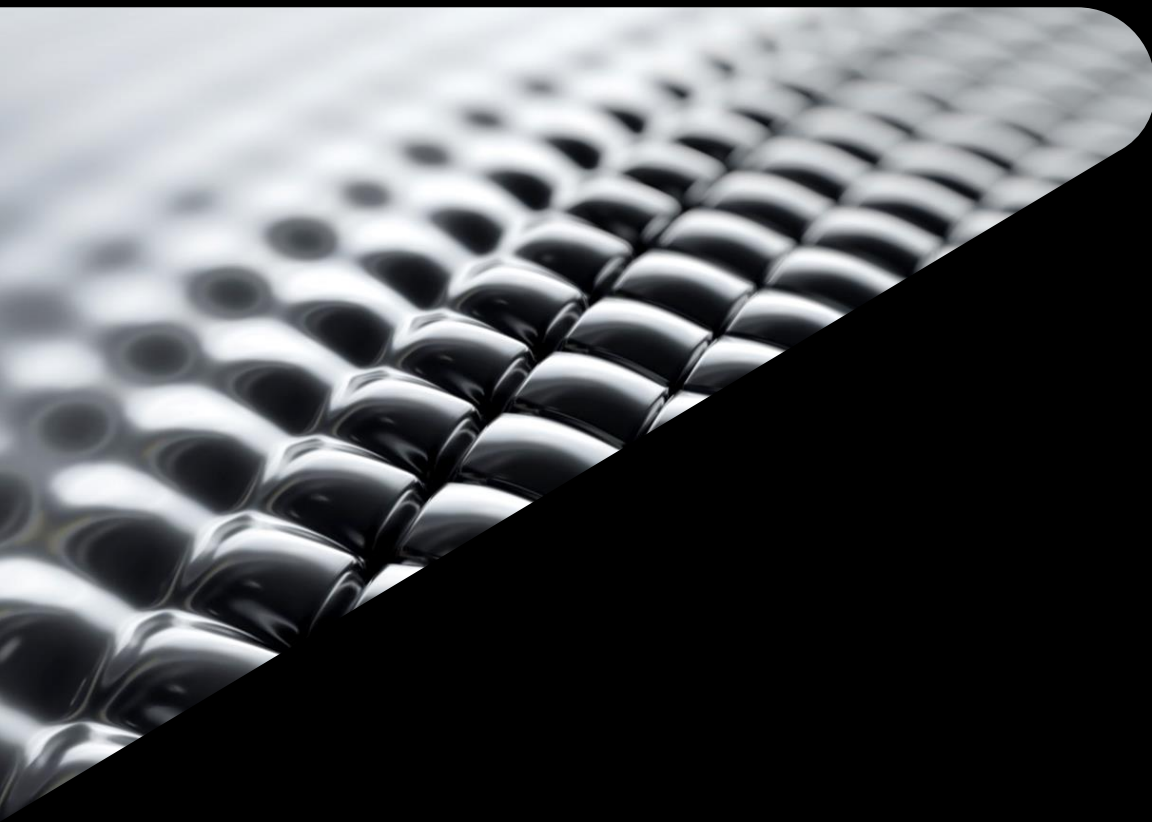
### Clean Sky 2 Structure



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## The Consortium

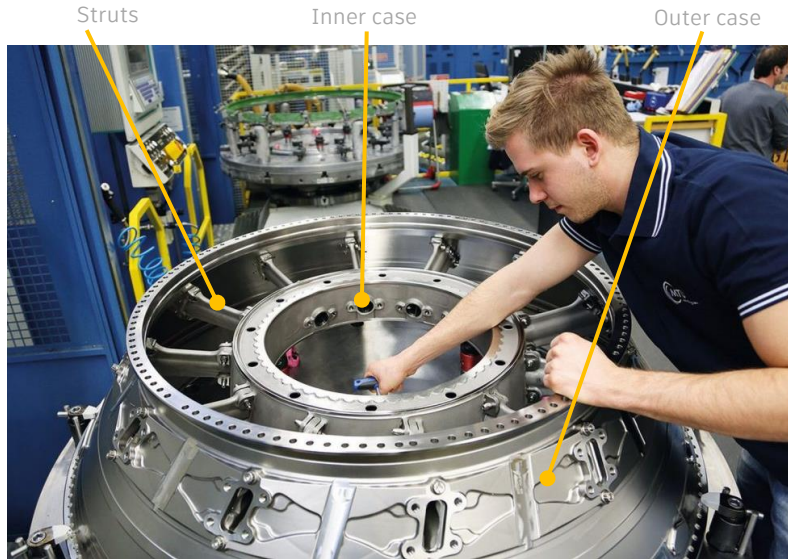




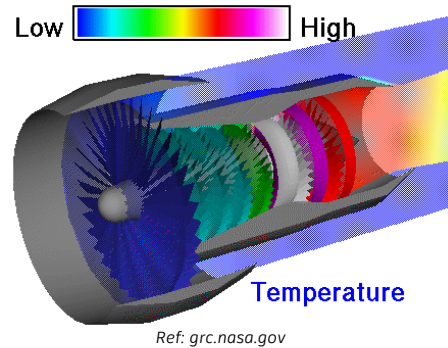
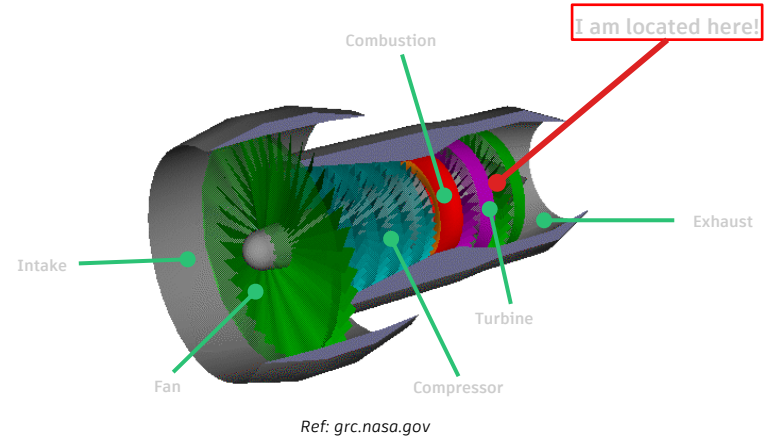
# Goals and Challenges

# What Am I?

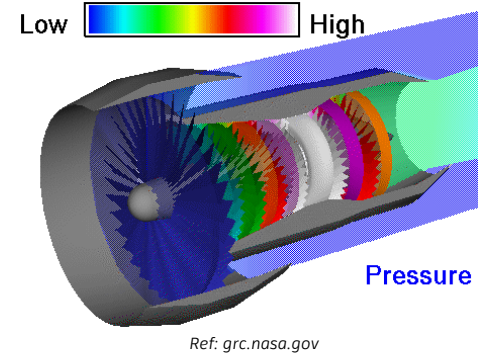
## Turbine Center Frame Assembly



The turbine center frame of a GENx engine is a demonstration component of the project partner MTU Aero Engines for hybrid additive manufacturing by laser material deposition. Photo via MTU Aero Engines.



Max operating Temperature =  
<400°C



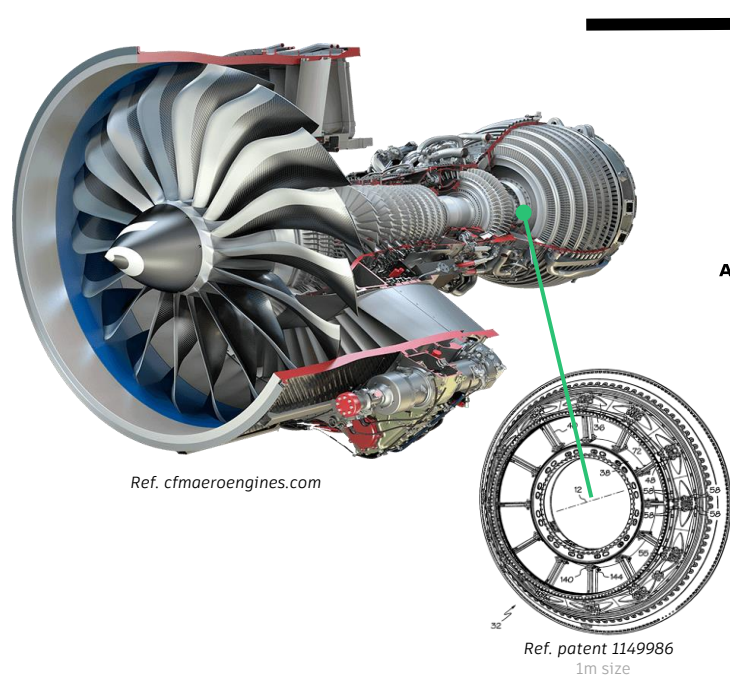
Max operating radial loading =  
>600kN



# Making a Leaner, Cleaner and Greener Aircraft

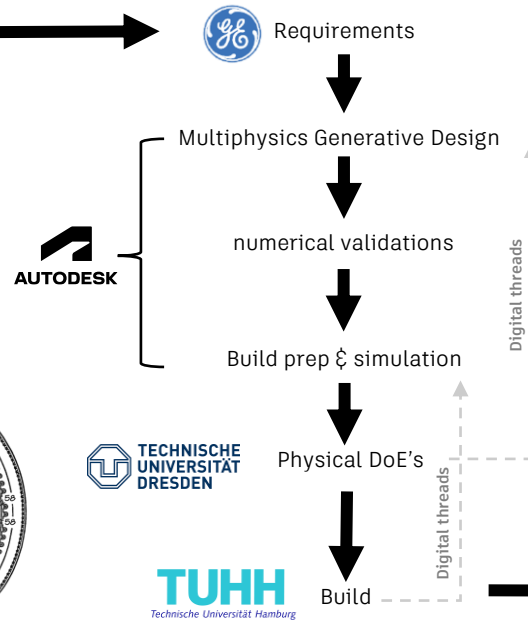
Engine schematic

TCF location



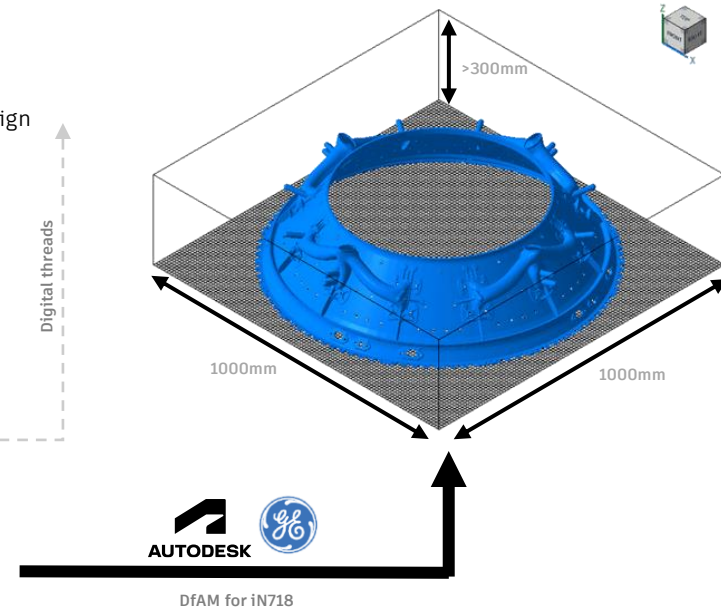
Program workflow

Design and Make the TCF



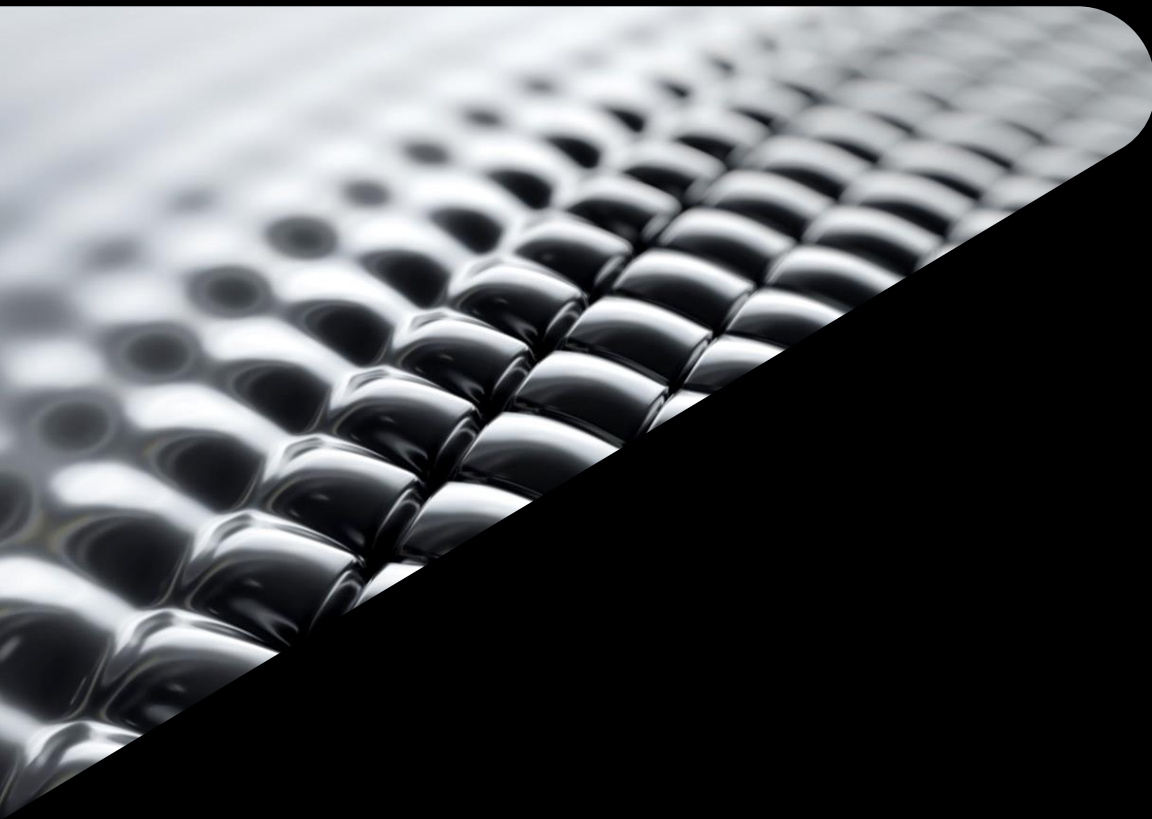
Large scale L-BPF machine

One of the biggest metal printer of its kind!



Objectives: Reduce mass, increase performance, add functionality, reduce cost and for **large scale AM**





# **Generative Design**

# Design Evolution

## Design 1

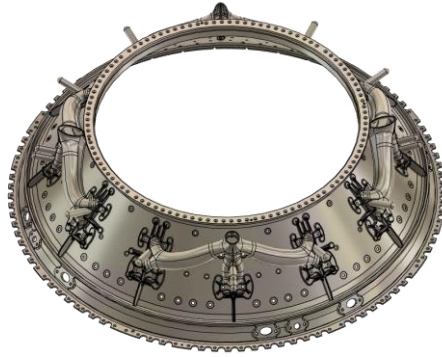
Skin Optimization Philosophy



- 100+ to 1 part consolidation
- Mass reduction: **28.9%**
- Pressure drop: 58%

## Design 2

Manual design Philosophy



- 100+ to 1 part consolidation
- Mass reduction: **29.4%**
- Pressure drop: 69%

## Design 3

GD Inspired 'ribs' Philosophy



- 100+ to 1 part consolidation
- Mass reduction: **21%**
- Pressure drop: 71%
- Meets stiffness requirements

## Design 4.1 & 4.2

GD Inspired 'lattice' Philosophy



- 100+ to 1 part consolidation
- Mass reduction: **24%**
- Pressure drop: 71%
- Meets stiffness requirements
- Meets fatigue requirements
- 100% heat energy saved from lattice design

# Generative Design Inspiration



Latticing and structural refinement regions were inspired from the Generative Design outcome highlighted in orange

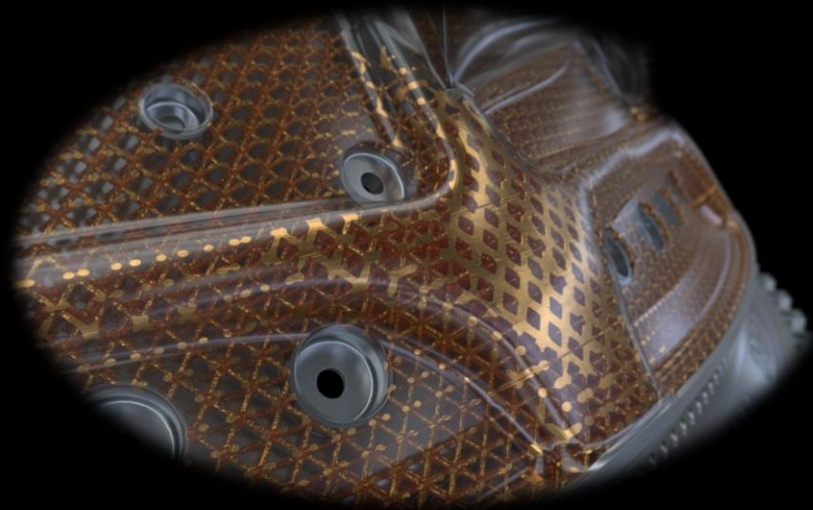
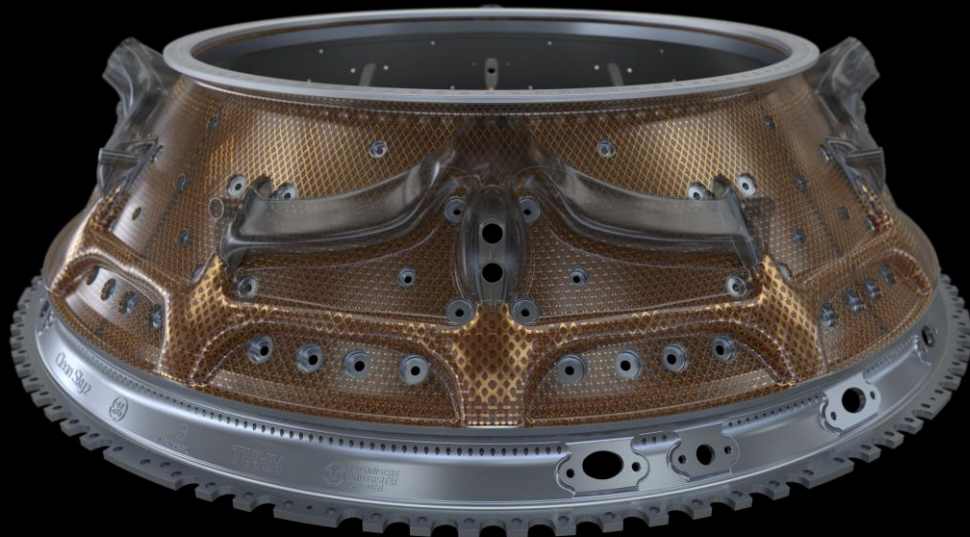


Manifold has been integrated to the main case to increase structural integrity.

100+ parts have been consolidated to one part!

# Lattice Generation

Double Conformal Latticing was used to increase stiffness to weight ratio



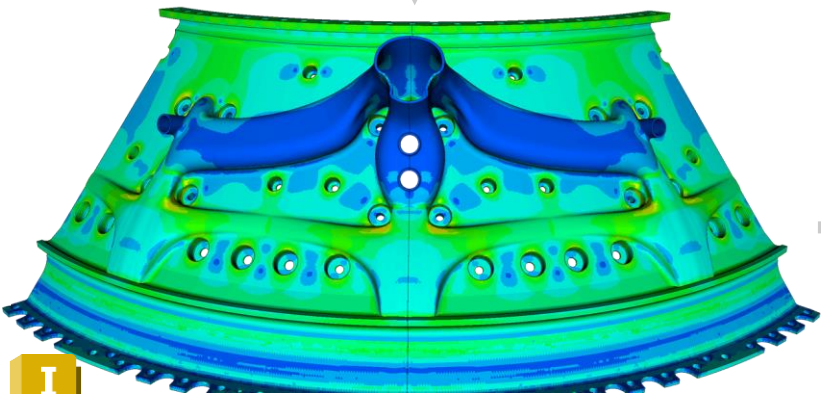
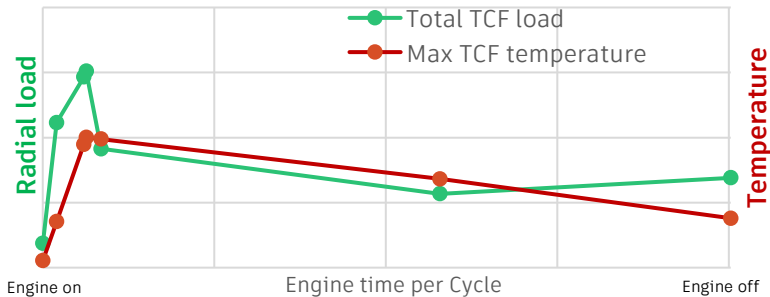
Variable beam density – structural reinforcement

- Mass reduction is **35%**
- Meets stiffness (max displacement  $\leq$  **37microns**)

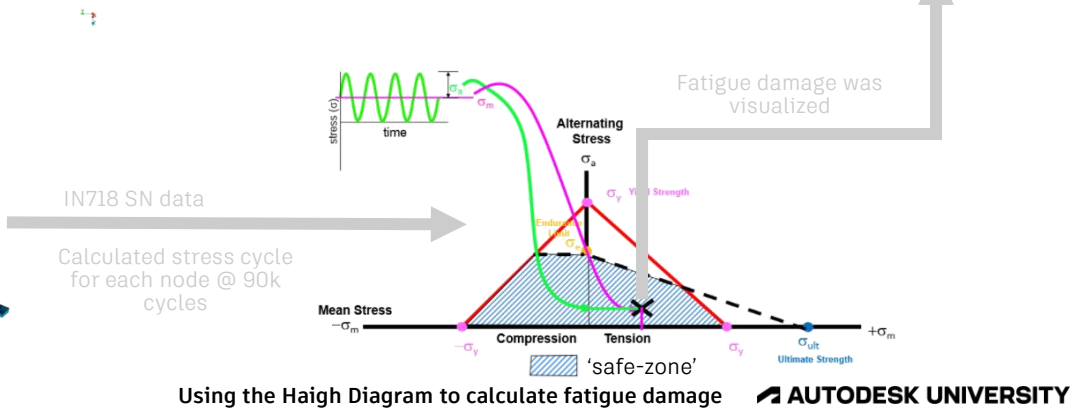
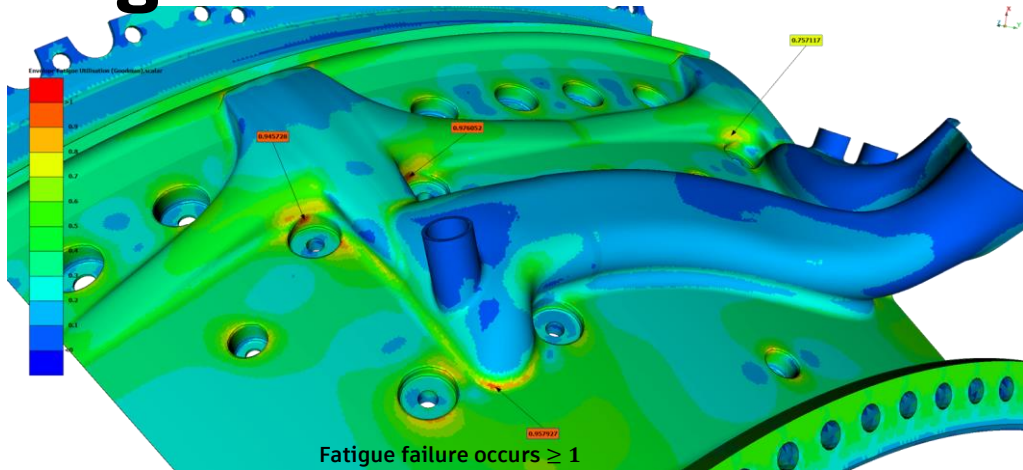


# Thermal-Mechanical Fatigue Assessment

### TCF loads per cycle

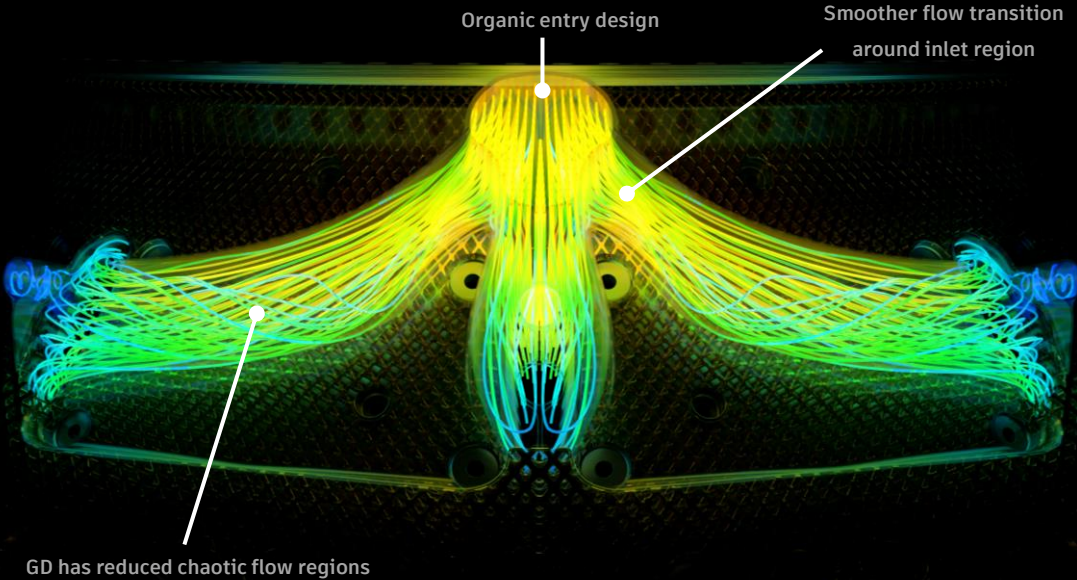


### Transient stress simulation (speed up x1671)



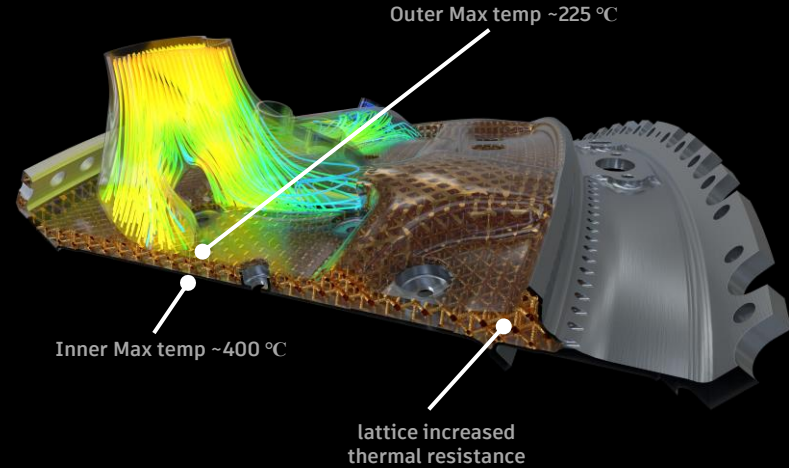
# Generative Fluids + Thermal Energy Savings

Generative fluids



- Pressure drop has reduced by **91%**
- Flow outlets remained balanced

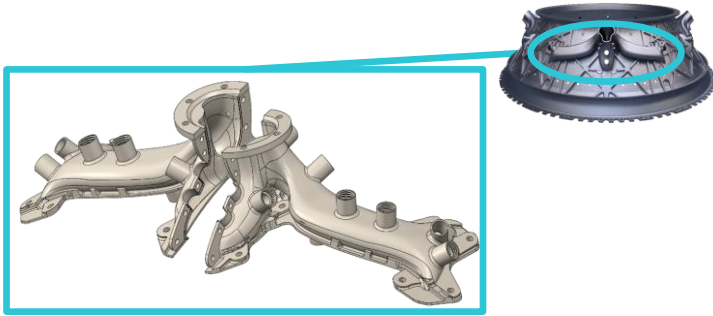
Lattice insulation



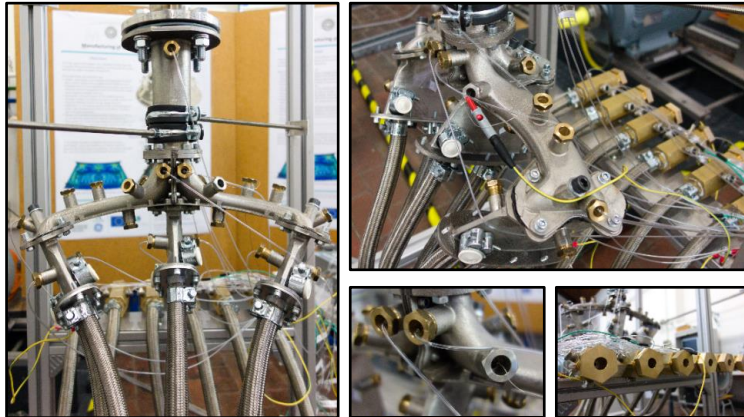
- Lattice design has saved **16GJ** of heat energy



# Aerothermal Testing

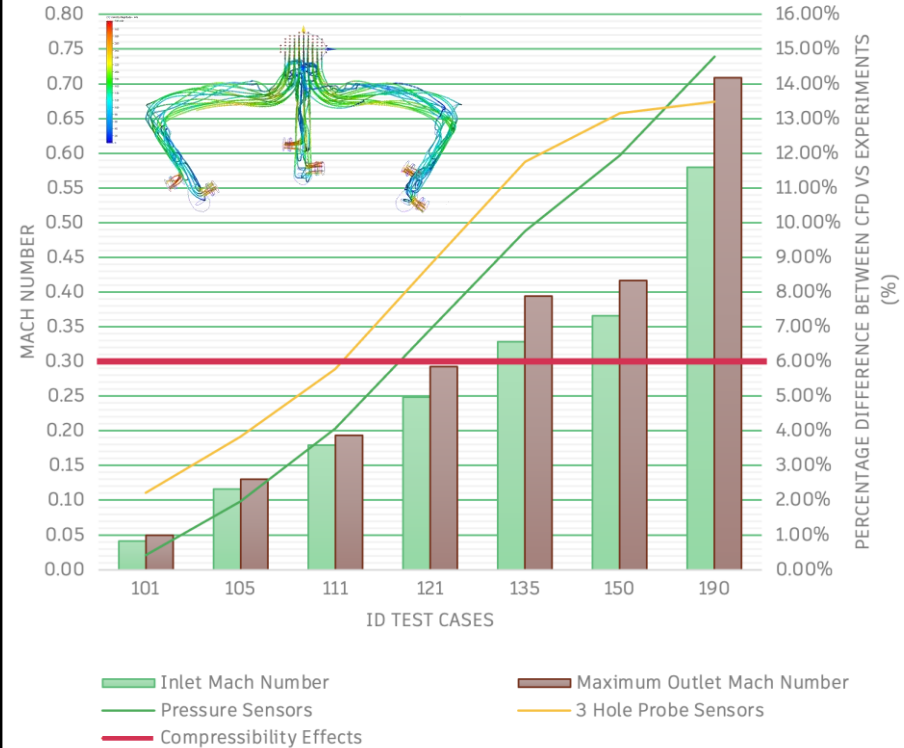


Manifold was manufactured out of two parts



Assembled and instrumented test rig

## CFD RESULTS VS TEST EXPERIMENTAL DATA



CFD Simulation Vs. Test Mach No. Results

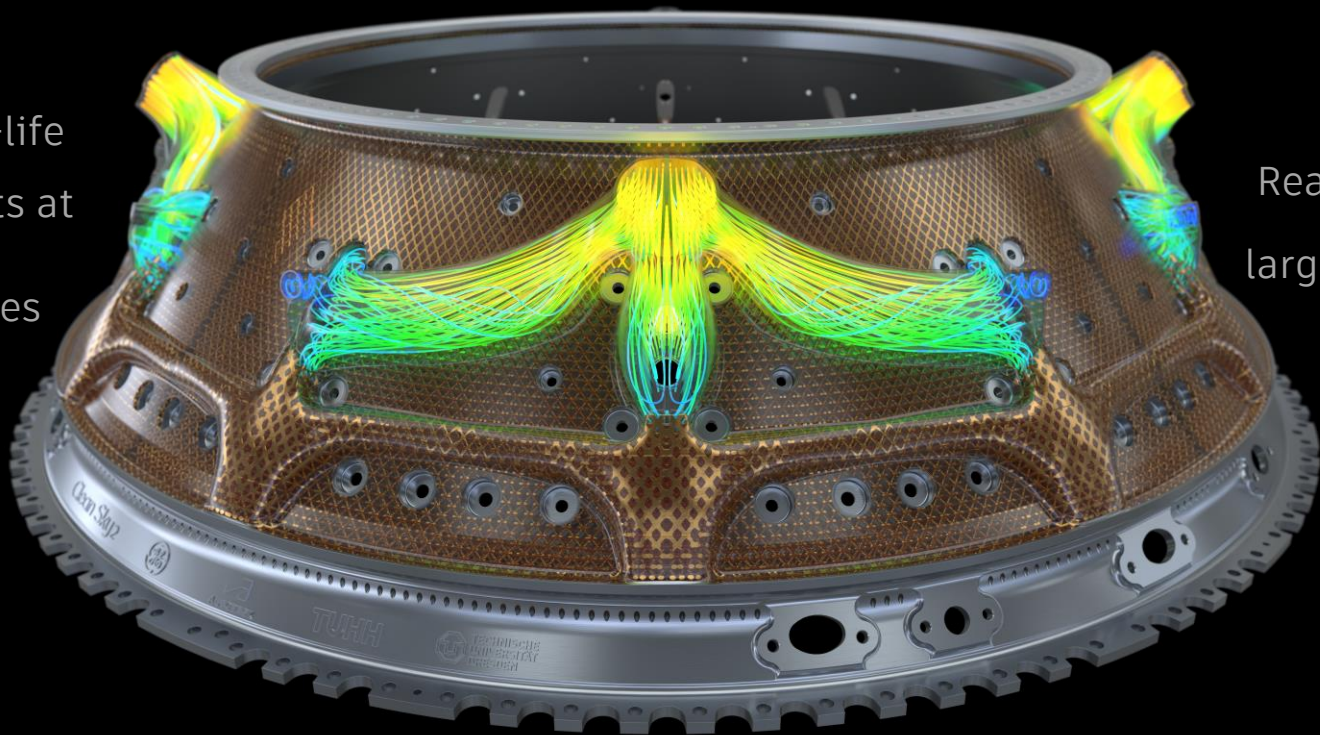
## Design 4.2 Summary

**100+** parts consolidated into **1**

**~16GJ** of heat has been saved

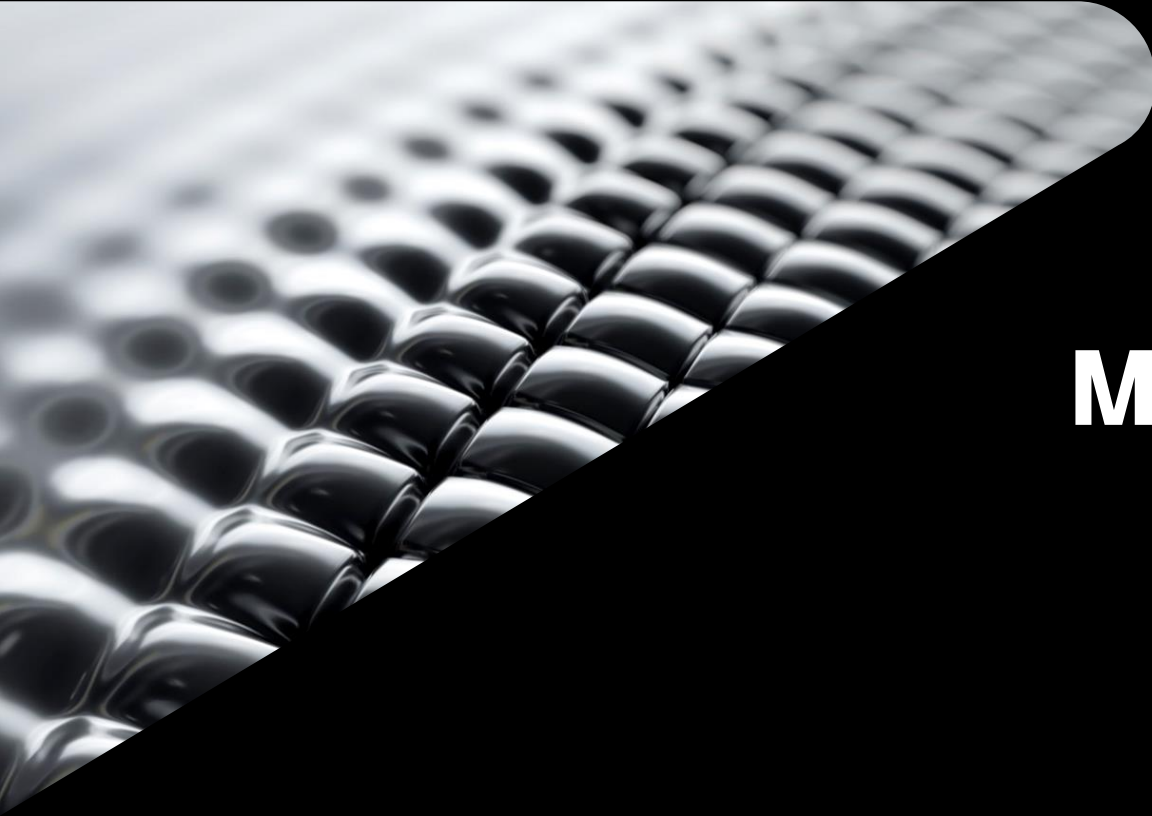
Meets safe-life  
requirements at  
**90k** cycles

Ready for **~1m**  
large scale printing



System pressure drop : **~91%**

Overall mass reduction: **~35%**

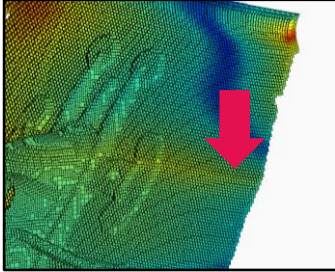
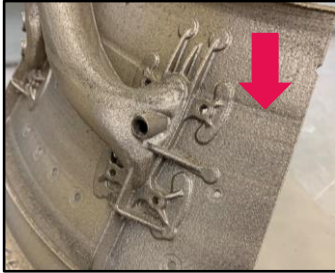


# **Manufacturing Optimization**

# Manufacturing Design Evolution

## Design 2

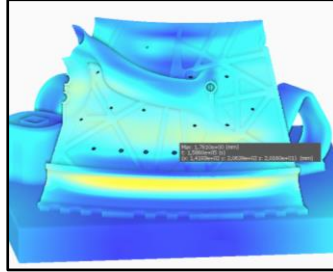
Manual Design Philosophy



- Manufacture first 1/8 section of TCF
- First comparison between printed + scanned part and build process simulation

## Design 3

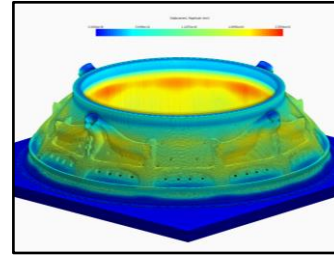
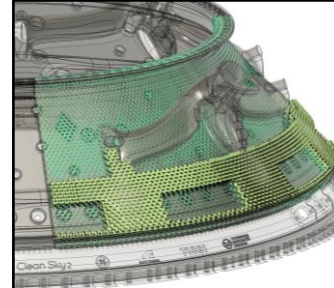
GD Inspired 'Ribs' Philosophy



- Improved manufacturability with less distortion through the added stiffness ribs
- Build process simulation and validation

## Design 4.1

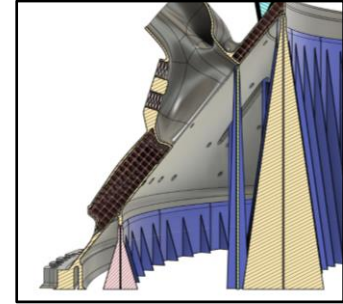
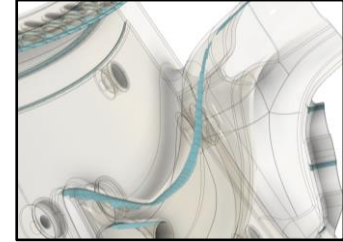
GD Inspired 'Lattice' Philosophy



- Meets the stiffness and weight requirement
- Conformal lattice following the cone shape
- Full scale print simulation for large scale laser powder bed fusion process

## Design 4.2

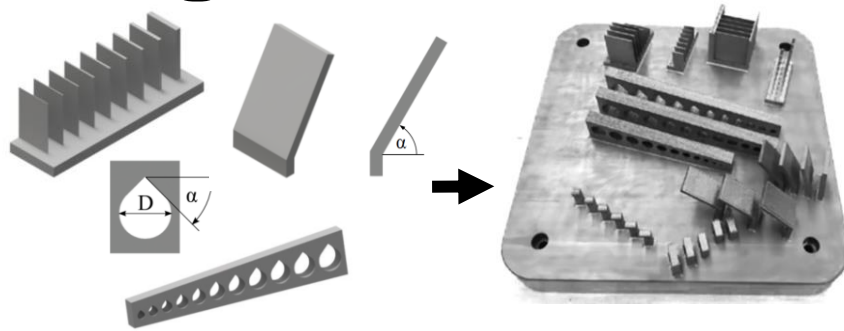
GD Inspired 'lattice' + DFAM Guidelines



- Applied DFAM guidelines for IN718 on large scale powder-bed fusion machine



# Design 2 to Design 4 - DfAM learnings



design features



printing & geometrical evaluation

Journal of  
Laser Applications

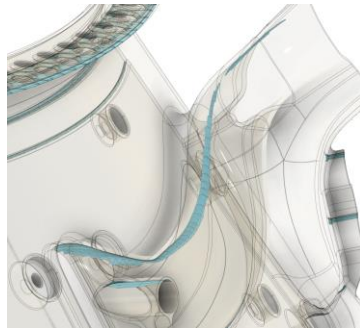
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TABLE IV. Design guidelines and recommendations for L-PBF of IN718.

Geometry feature		Recommendation	
Name	Illustration	Value	Comment
Unsupported small walls		Wall thickness $\geq 0.3$ mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 mm height with no deviation from the design if thickness <math>\geq 0.3</math> mm</li> <li>Manufactured thickness max. 12% smaller for a thickness of 0.3 mm</li> </ul>
Unsupported large walls		Wall thickness $\geq 0.6$ mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 mm height with no deviation from design</li> </ul>

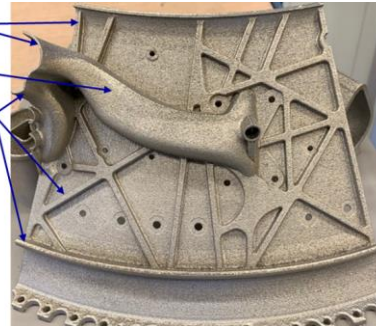
design guidelines (published in J. Laser Appl. 34, 012015 (2022))



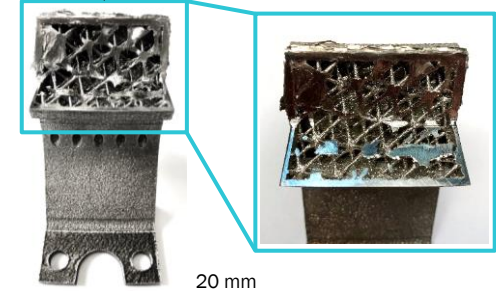
overhang angle  $>30^\circ$

teardrop-like shape

wall thickness  $>0.6$  mm



application to TCF case & validation on design 3 and design 4.x

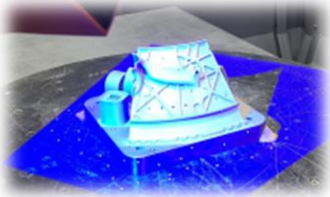


validation of lattice printing and powder removal process for design 4.x

# Design 3 - Build process simulation validation

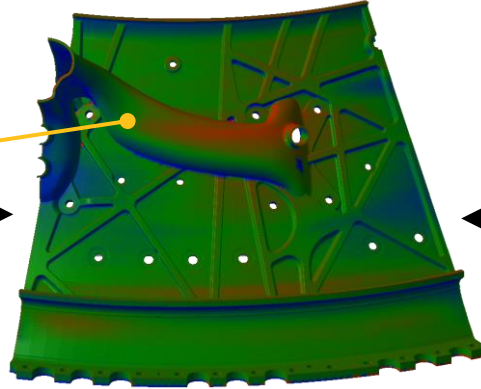
## 3D Scans at ATC Birmingham

GOM cell was used

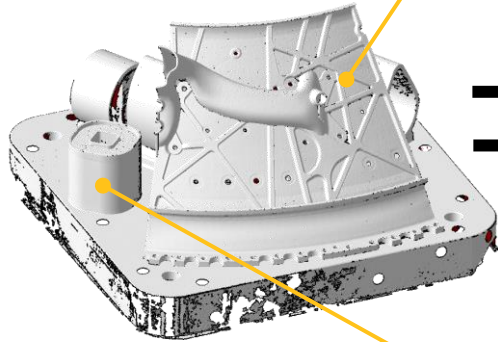
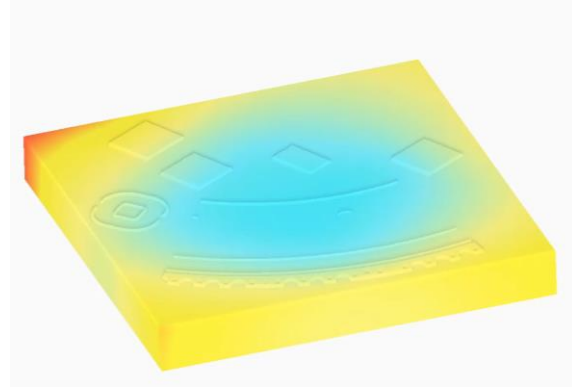


## Comparison between Scan data and simulation results

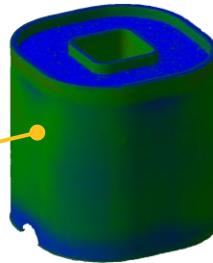
1/8 of the design 3 was printed



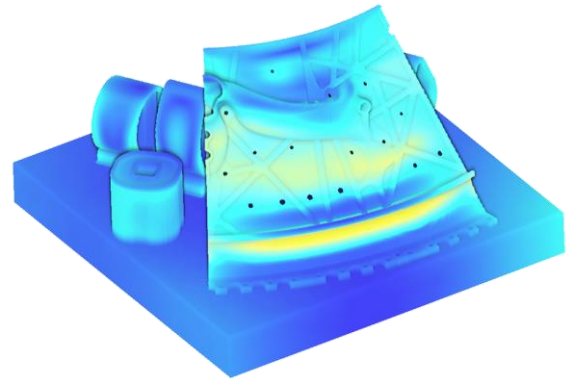
## Netfabb build process simulation



Test Part for additional validation



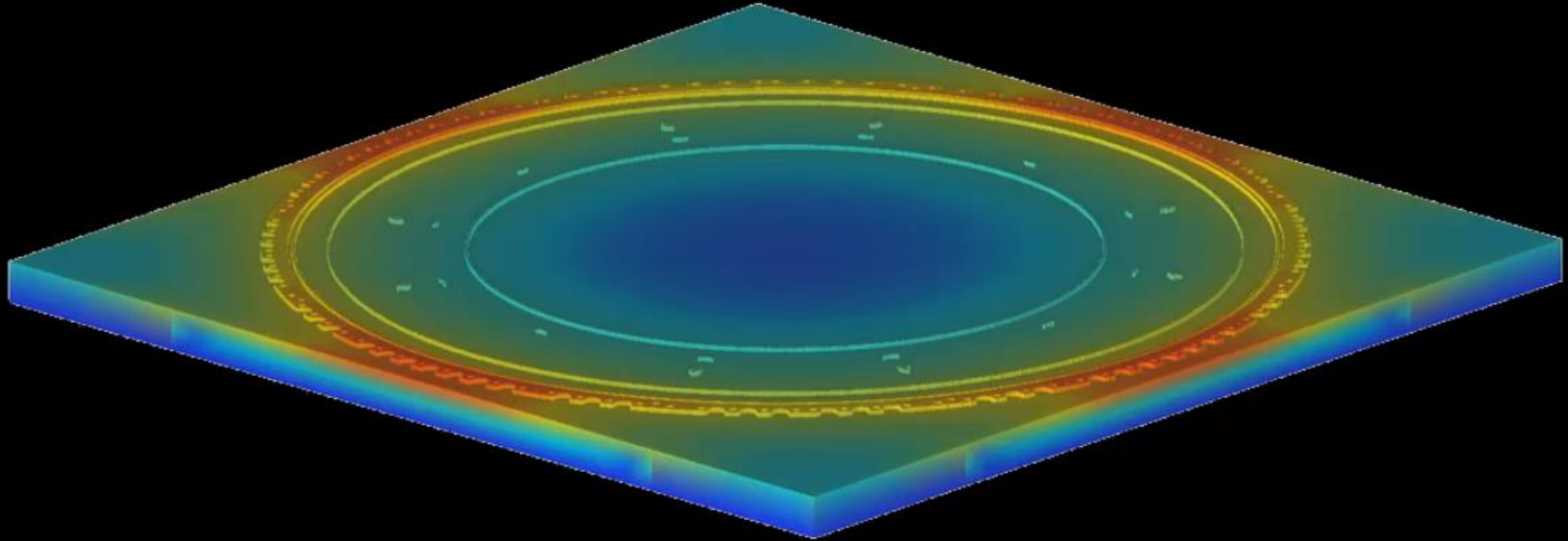
Comparison results are used for refining the build simulation





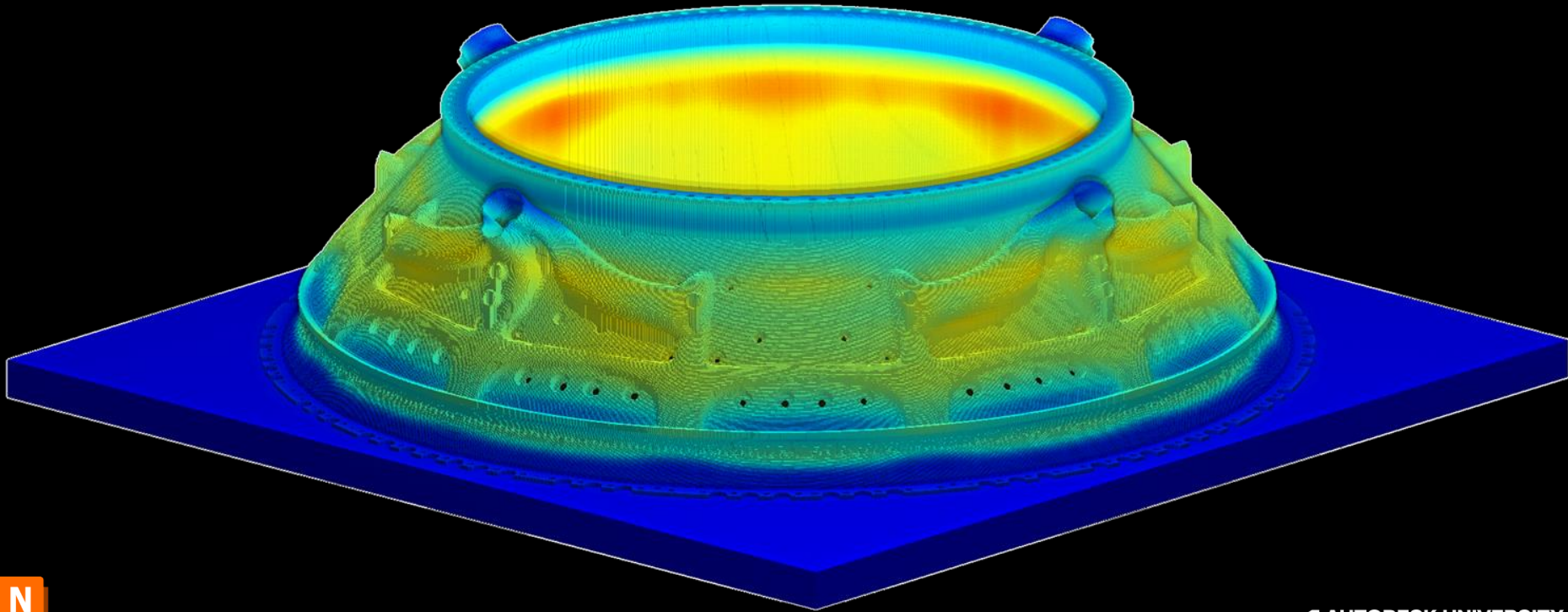
# Design 4.1- Build process simulation

Full TCF simulation was done to identify potential problem areas



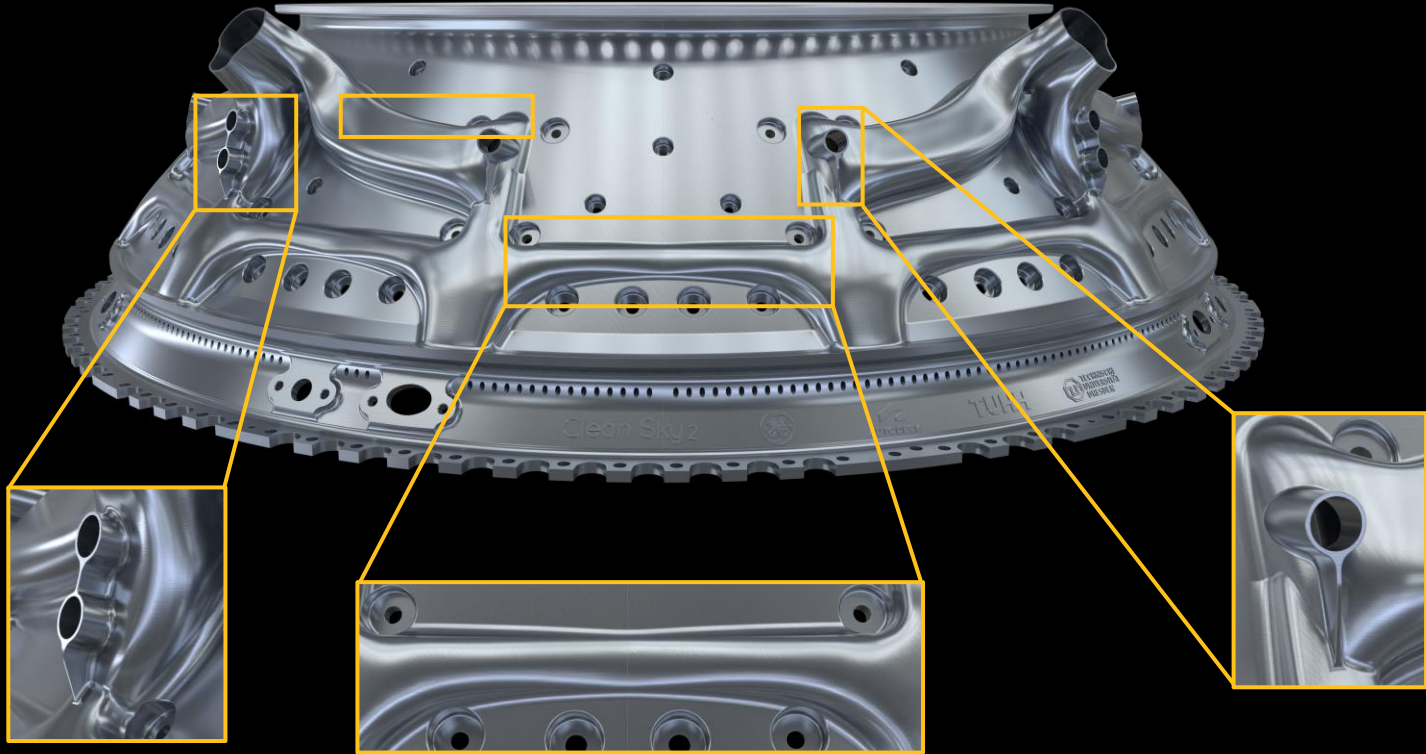
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# Design 4.2 – Final DfAM applications

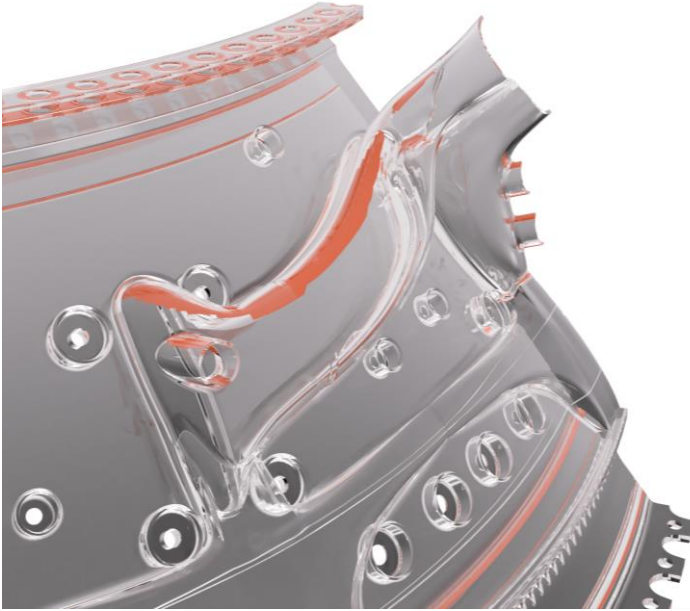
Further DFAM applied at R4.2 to reduce necessary support and improve problem areas



# Design 4.2 - Manifold modifications

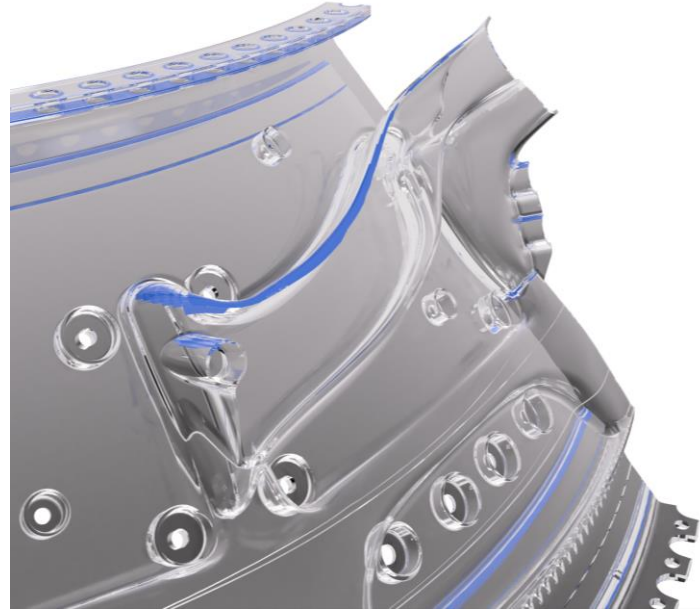
Reduced radii at top to avoid internal support requirements

Design 4.1



Total Predicted support structure volume: 965 cm<sup>3</sup>

Design 4.2



Total Predicted support structure volume 755 cm<sup>3</sup> (-22%) ↓



# Design 4.x – Conformal lattice workflow

Conformal X-lattice around the whole hardware with variable beam thicknesses

Design 4.x outside +  
inside cavity bodies

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Conformal Lattice  
positioned and  
created using AVK

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360

Cutting lattice to  
final shape (0.2mm  
overlap)

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NFB

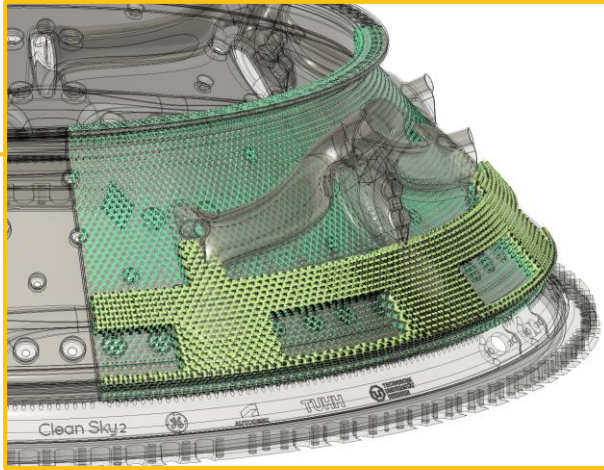
Lattice ready to be  
printed using specific  
process parameters

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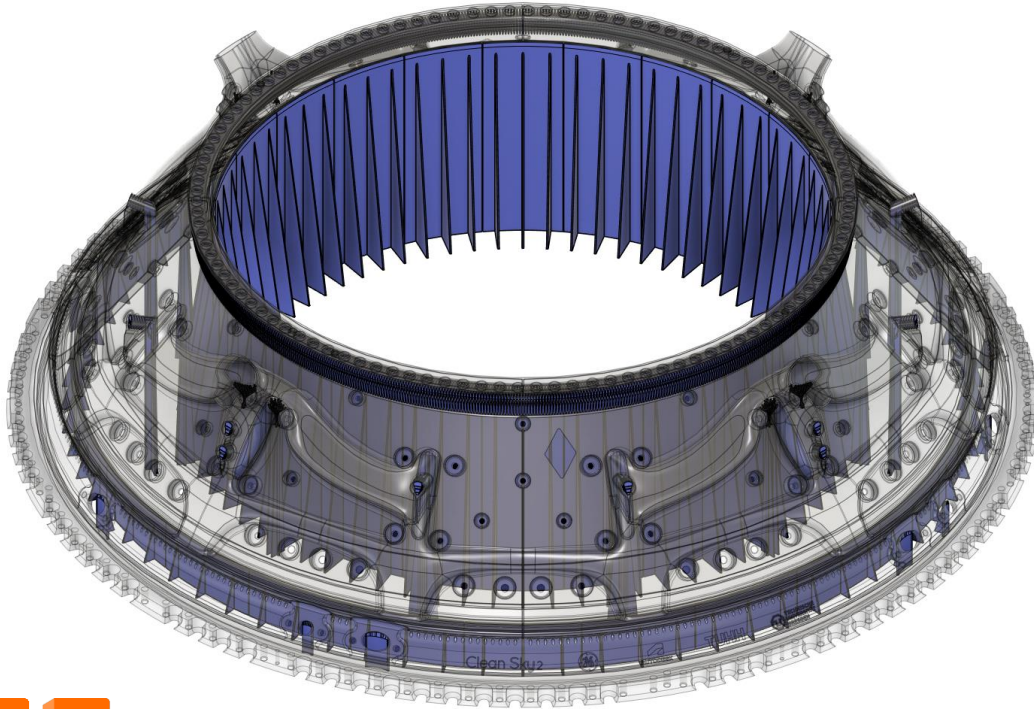


Powder drain holes  
are completely free  
of beams and no  
open beams at the  
bottom

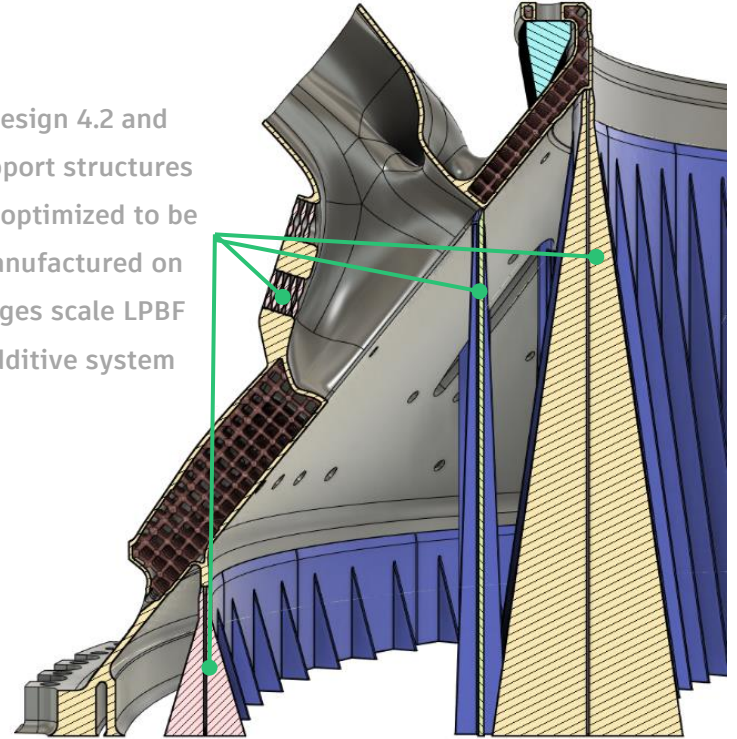


# Design 4.2 – final build preparation

Break off support structures for large scale powder bed fusion process



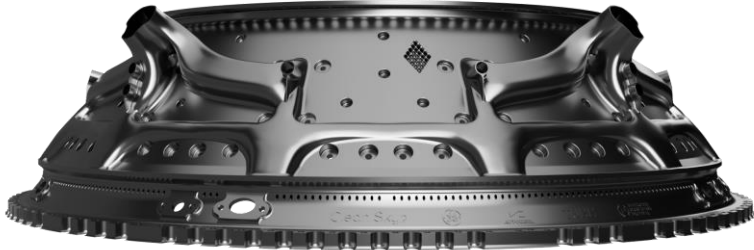
Design 4.2 and support structures are optimized to be manufactured on large scale LPBF additive system



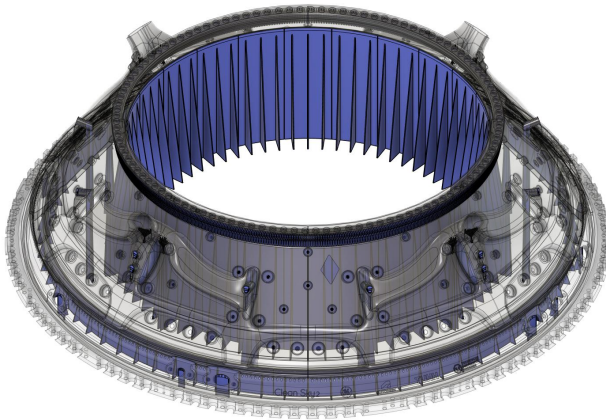


# Printing Design 4.2 on Large scale AM system

DIGITAL hardware with DfAM modifications



Prepared for Additive  
Manufacturing



Build data



Public presentation at  
TSAS 2022

REAL hardware

# Project MOnACO Summary



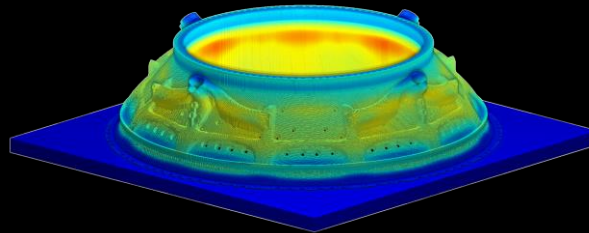
## Part design

- Structural and fluid optimization of the turbine hardware
- Reduce mass by 35% and meet aero-thermal requirements
- Parts consolidation 100+ to 1



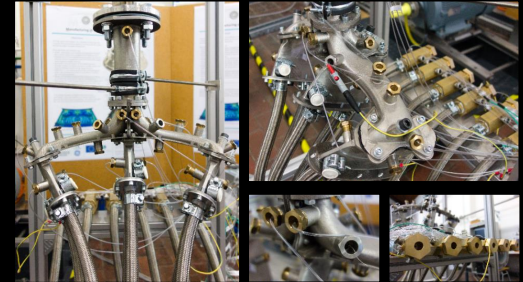
## AM Process

- Simulation of build process & validation
- DMLM (PBF-LB/M) of up to 1m part diameter
- Created design guidelines for IN718



## Testing

- Thermal and flow testing
- Mechanical properties
- Validation of Manufacturing
- TRL4/MRL4 at project end



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