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TECHNION AND PTC PARTNERSHIP

- PTC Establishes R&D Center at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

- On April 29, 2021 PTC entered into a long-term strategic collaboration agreement with the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
 - To jointly research and upgrade learning processes relating to advanced manufacturing technology
 - With a long-term Strategic Collaboration vision.
- PTC has also allocated an annual budget for joint research.
- This project is part of such research activities.

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TECHNION TURBOMACHINERY LABORATORY

Research & Development in:

- Micro Gas Turbines
- Basic and Applied Heat Transfer
- Measurement Technique Development

Propulsion and Power Generation
of
Business Jets, UAVs, Drones



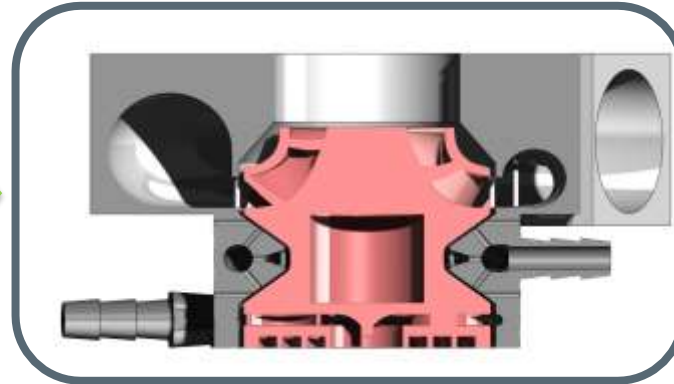
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JOURNEY OF ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED TURBOMACHINES

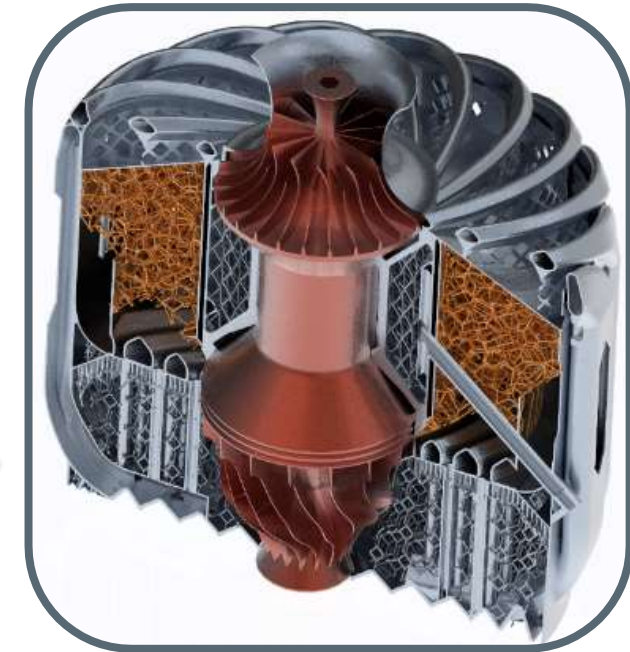
- Design for Additive Manufacturing as a Research Direction
- Gradual complication of requirements and evolution of capabilities



Removal of
assembly
requirement



AM from
metal
powders



Miniaturized Turbines

- Monolithic rotor compressor, turbine, generator
- Porous media combustor

Emergency Ventilator

- Air-driven hydrostatic bearing
- Preassembled design Rotor/stator in single AM step

AM Pre-Assembled Engine

- Pre-assembled AM from metal
- Fuel-driven hybrid bearing

AM OF ROTORS

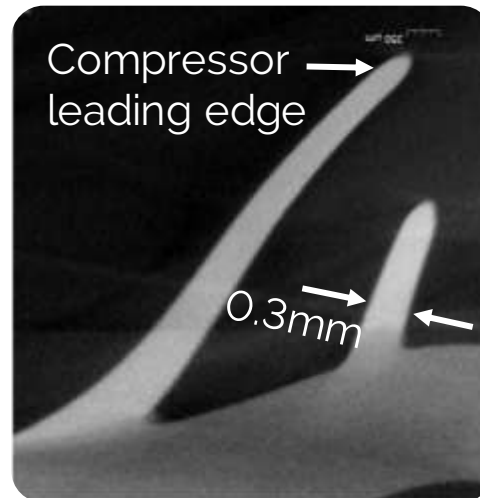
Drone Hybrid Energy Supply System for 300W

- Successful test up to design RPM of 500k
- Achieved pressure ratio of up to 2
- Fuel consumption: 300 g/h (H-C) or 100g/h (H₂)



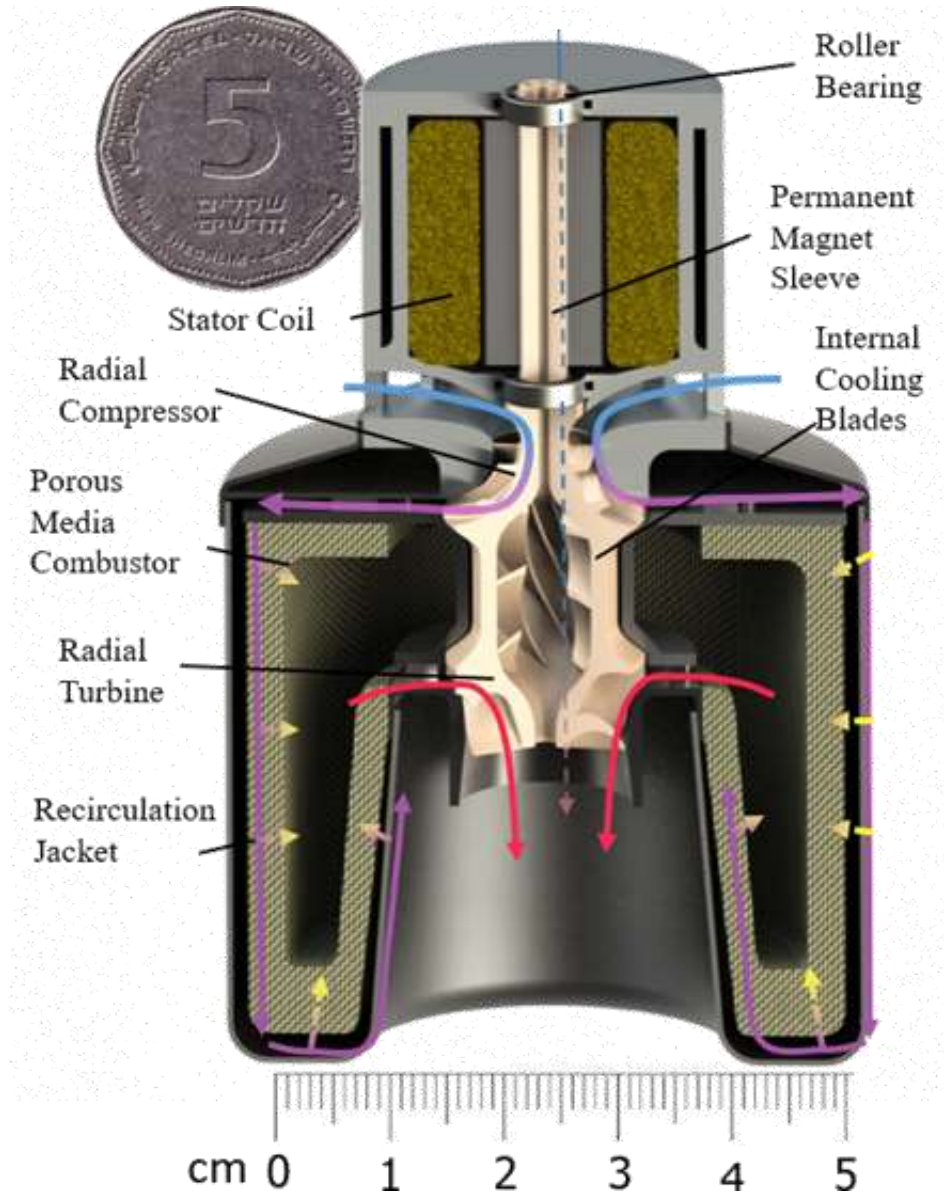
Inconel 718

Additively Manufactured
Monolithic Rotor



20 μ m Tolerances

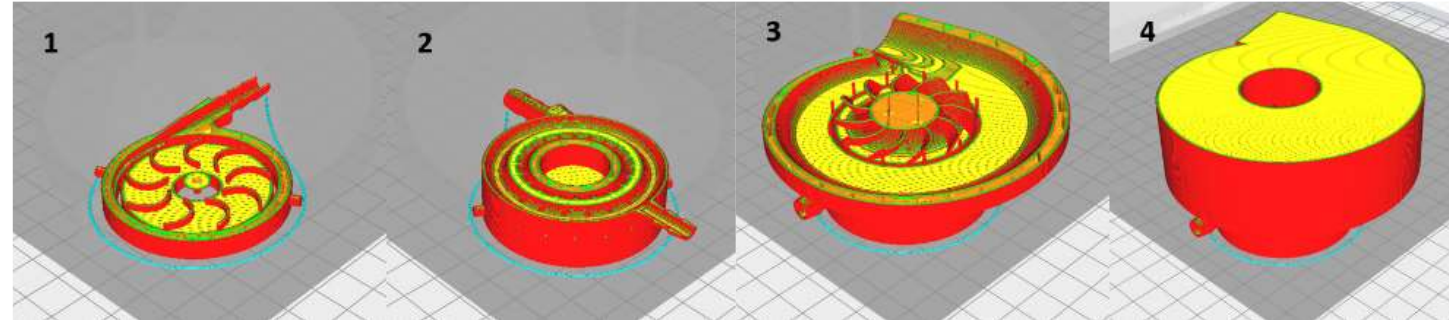
Extends Flight Time & Reduces Downtime



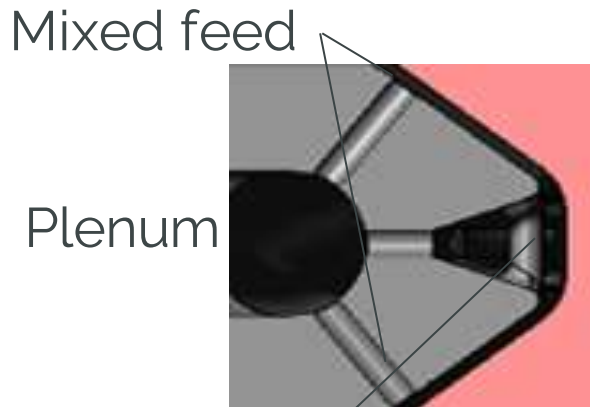
PRE-ASSEMBLED ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

On-Demand Turbocharger for Medical Ventilators

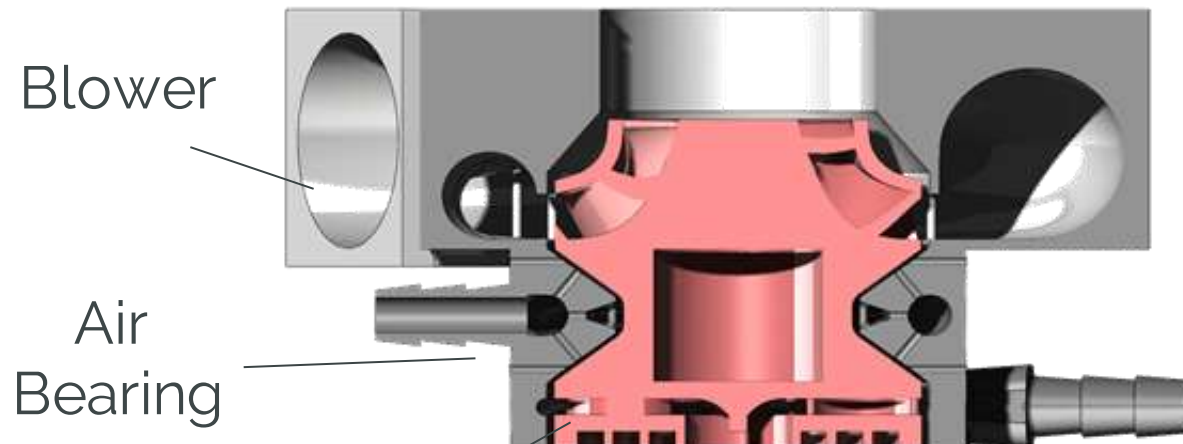
- Single uninterrupted print simultaneously produces rotating and stationary components
- Only fluidic-bearing geometries are compatible with 3D printing



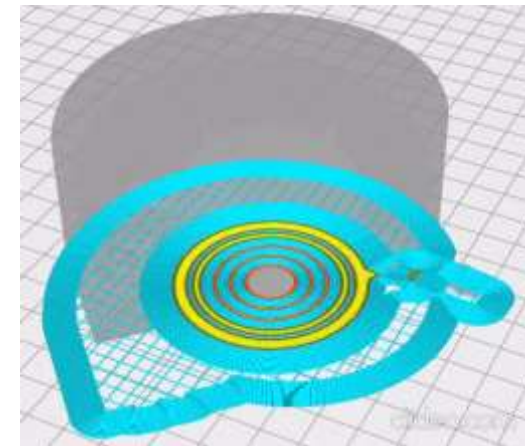
Each element is supported by previous layers • Printing time ~ 18 hours



Radial feed



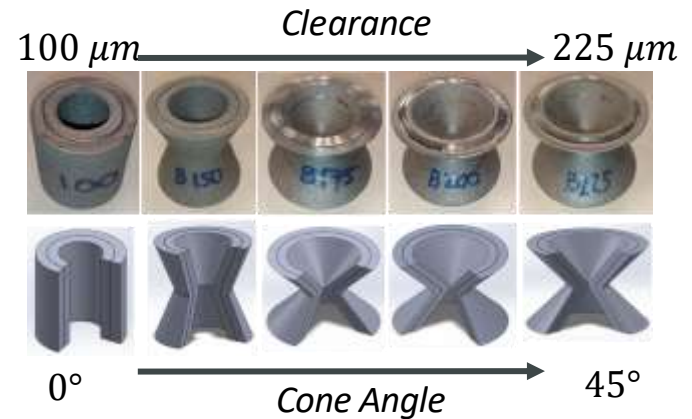
Rotating at 36 kRPM



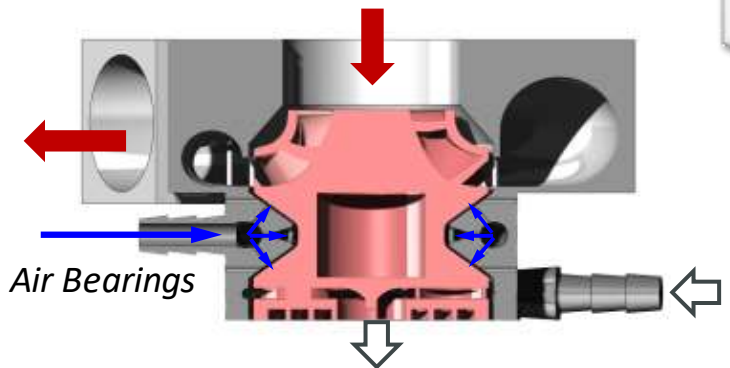
Support-Free Assembly with Fluid Bearing

CRITICAL BUILDING BLOCKS

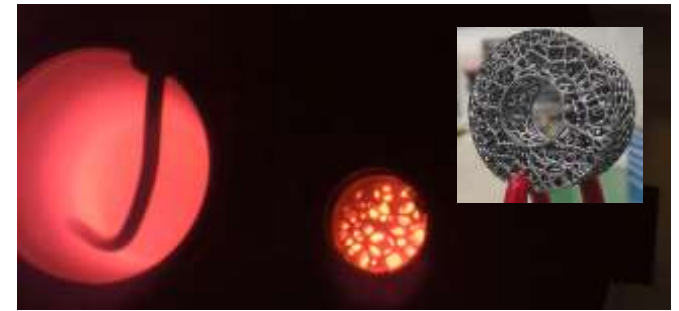
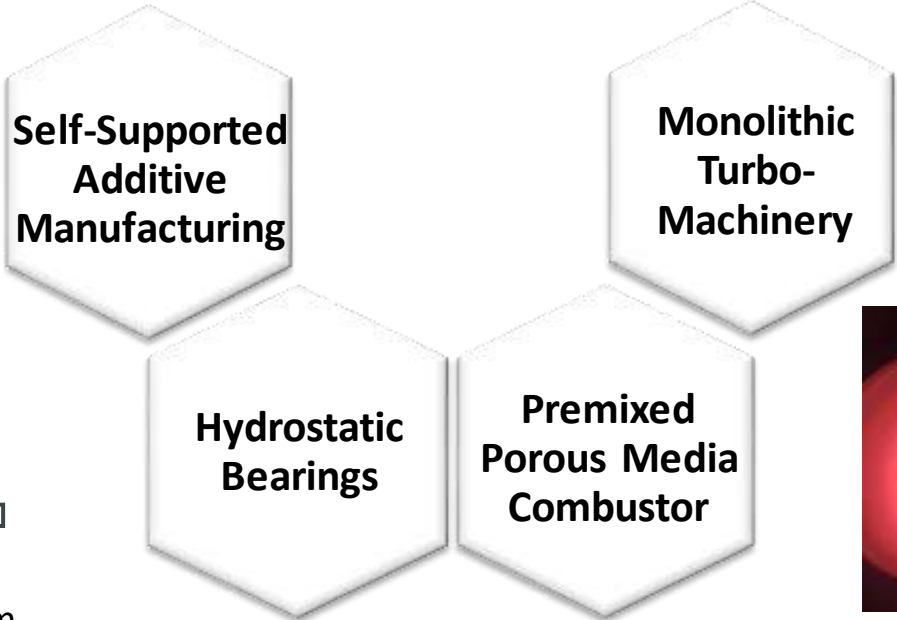
Leveraging Existing Knowledgebase and Direct Metal Laser Sintering of Inconel



Cantilevered Inconel Monolithic Rotor Operated at Design Speed of 500 kRPM



Preassembled Rotor/Stator Turbomachinery System with Hydrostatic Bearing Operated at Design Speed of 36 kRPM

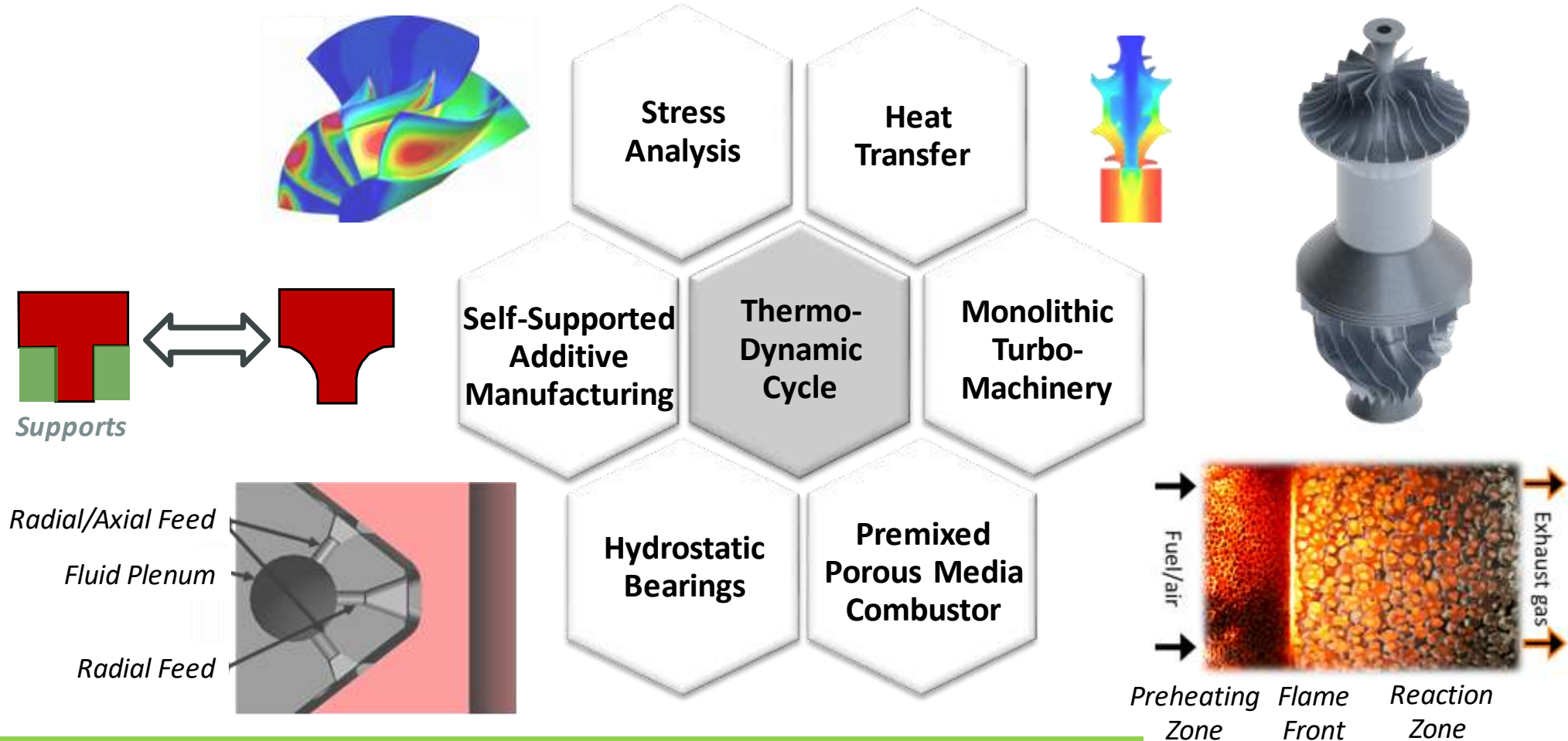


Stable Operation at 0.45 Equivalence Ratio

TRL3: Proof of Concept Technology Demonstration for All Critical Components

DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

System Level Design Optimization of Self-Supporting Layout in Additive Manufacturing



Expanding Design Space via Previously Unexplored Methodologies

ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED PRE-ASSEMBLED TURBOJET

Simultaneous Uninterrupted Print of Pre-Assembled Rotating and Stationary Parts

- Disposable Micro-Turbojet Engine:

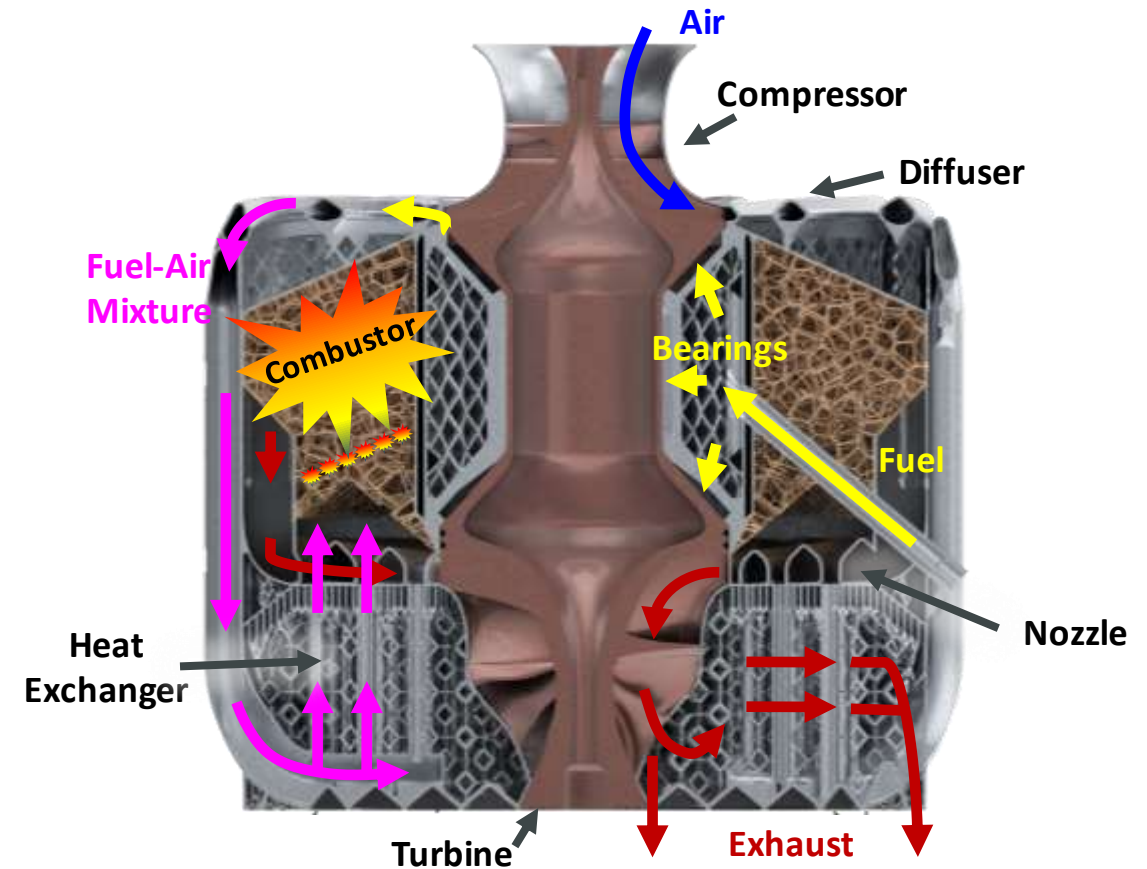
- Airflow: 1.4 kg/s
- Fuel Consumption: 30 g/s
- Diameter: 250 mm
- Pressure Ratio: 4
- Rotational Speed: 50 kRPM
- Turbine Inlet Temperature: 1100 K
- Material: Inconel 718
- Thrust: 700 N

- Monolithic Rotor

- Turbine - Bearing Journal - Compressor

- Stationary Section

- Heat Exchanger - Nozzle Guide Vane - Combustor and Bearing Housing - Diffusor - Intake

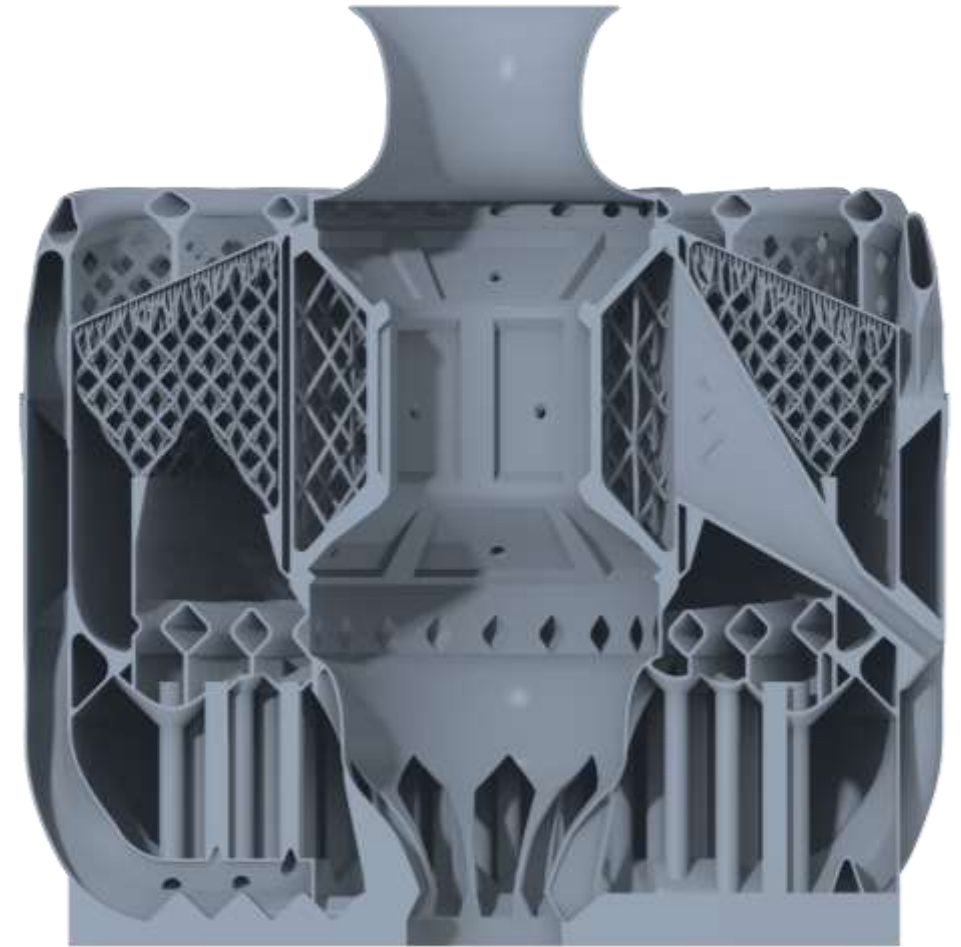


Breakthrough in Turbine Architecture: Provisional US Patent Application No. 63/112,187

MONOLITHIC SELF-SUPPORTING ROTOR/HOUSING



- Overhang less than 35°
- Extended exducer with self-supported blades
- Modified pipe diffuser
- Diamond turbine stator
- Tear-drop fuel orifice
- Zig-zag “floor” geometry minimizing build plate contact area to ease part cutoff

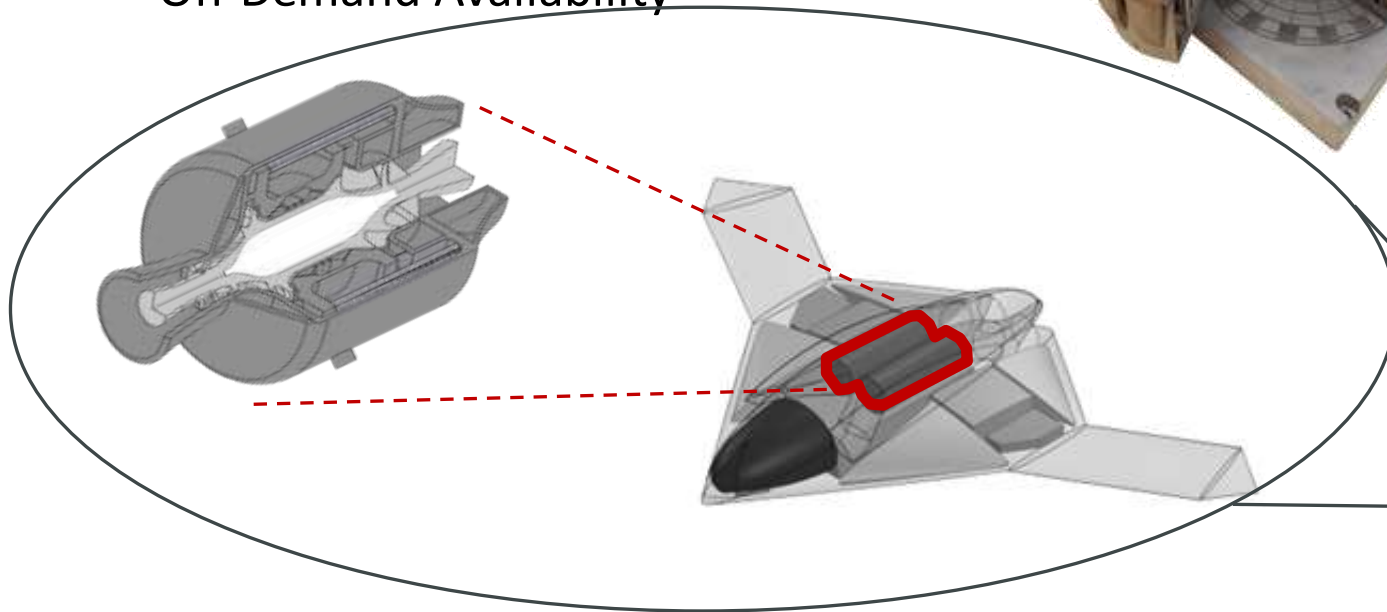
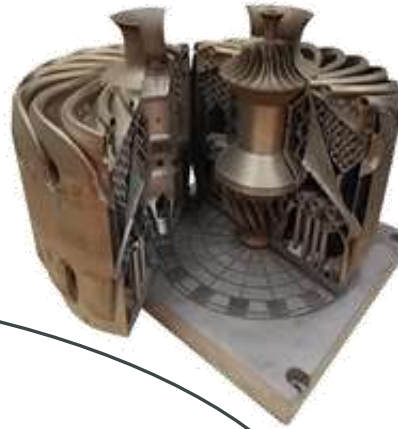


IMPACT

Single-Step Manufacturing of Self-Supported Engine Architectures

- Only Requiring Metal Printer
- No Supply Chain / Short Delivery Time
- Manufacturing at Platform Producer
- On-Demand Availability

Powder Bed Fusion
Inconel 718



Engine Cost Diminished to Depreciation and Raw Material ~\$3k

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CREO MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO

Creo Prismatic & Multi-Surface Milling



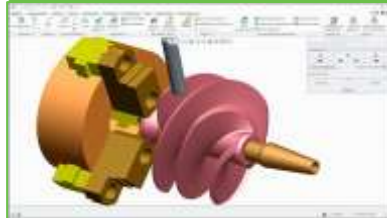
Multi-Surface 3-axis milling with high-speed machining support

Creo Production Machining Extension



Added support for 4-axis turning and wire EDM

Creo Complete Machining Extension



2.5- to 5-axis milling, multi-axis turning, multi-task machining and 4-axis wire EDM

Creo NC Sheetmetal



NC programming for turret punch presses, contouring laser / flame machines, nibbling and shearing

Creo Computer-Aided verification



Digital inspection and verification of machined parts and assemblies

Creo Reverse Engineering Extension



Reverse engineer from point cloud or faceted model geometry

Creo High Speed Milling Extension



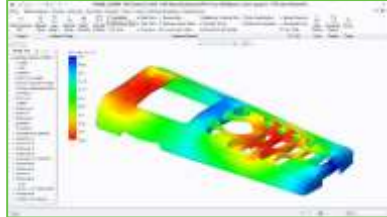
Specialized capabilities to speed 3 axis HSM

Creo High Speed Milling Advanced Extension



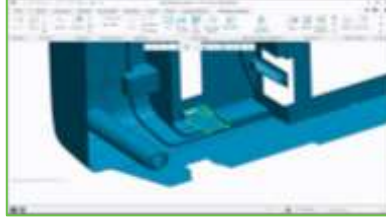
Specialized capabilities to speed 3 and 5 axis HSM

Creo Mold Analysis Extension



Mold filling analysis

Creo Tool Design Option



Accelerate the design of production mold and cast tooling

Creo Expert Moldbase Extension



Automate and speed moldbase design

Creo Progressive Die Extension



Automate and speed progress die design

Creo Parametric



Connectivity with polymer printers and service bureaus

Creo Additive Manufacturing



Parametrically controlled lattice structures and data-managed tray assemblies

Additive Manufacturing Advanced for Materialise



Creo AM functionality plus Support structures for metal and build processors

Generative Topology Optimization



Find the most efficient distribution of material within a user-defined design space

Generative Design Extension



Consider many scenarios in parallel and quickly with cloud-based GDx

CNC Machining

Inspection

Mold/Tool/Die

Additive Mfg.

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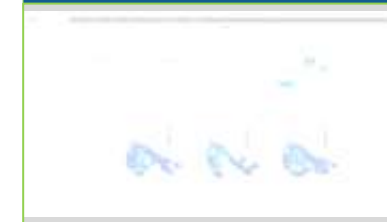
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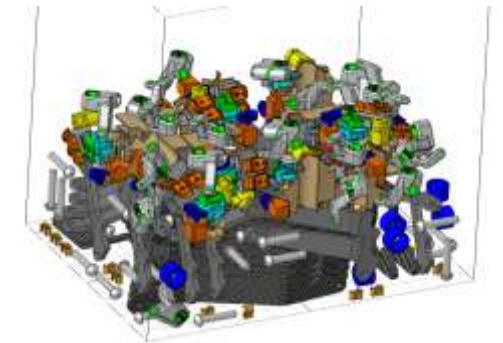
Mold/Tool/Die

Additive Mfg.

Creo Manufacturing Solutions are aligned with customer's requests

Additive

- Lightweight design
- Self-supporting geometries
- Enable interoperability



Fully embedded into the Creo design environment

CREO ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING IN ACTION

- Self supported geometric design



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LESSONS LEARNED

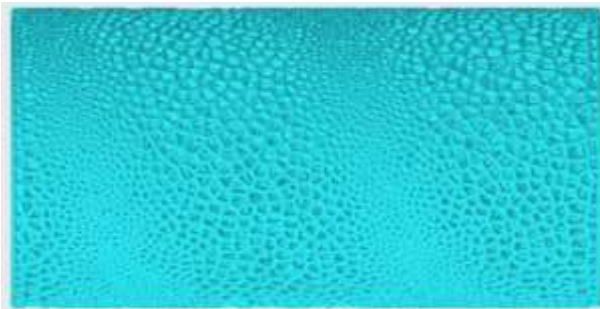
We are adjusting our roadmap to focus on:

- **Lightweight designs**

- Intelligent transitions



- Pore size driving lattice



- Close the loop with point-cloud MFG QA systems

- **Self-supporting geometries**

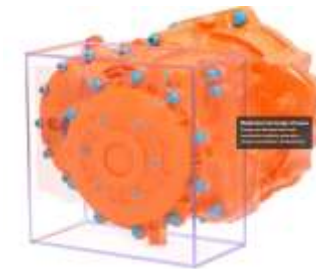
- Printability modifiers
- Support structures



- Slicing and hatching

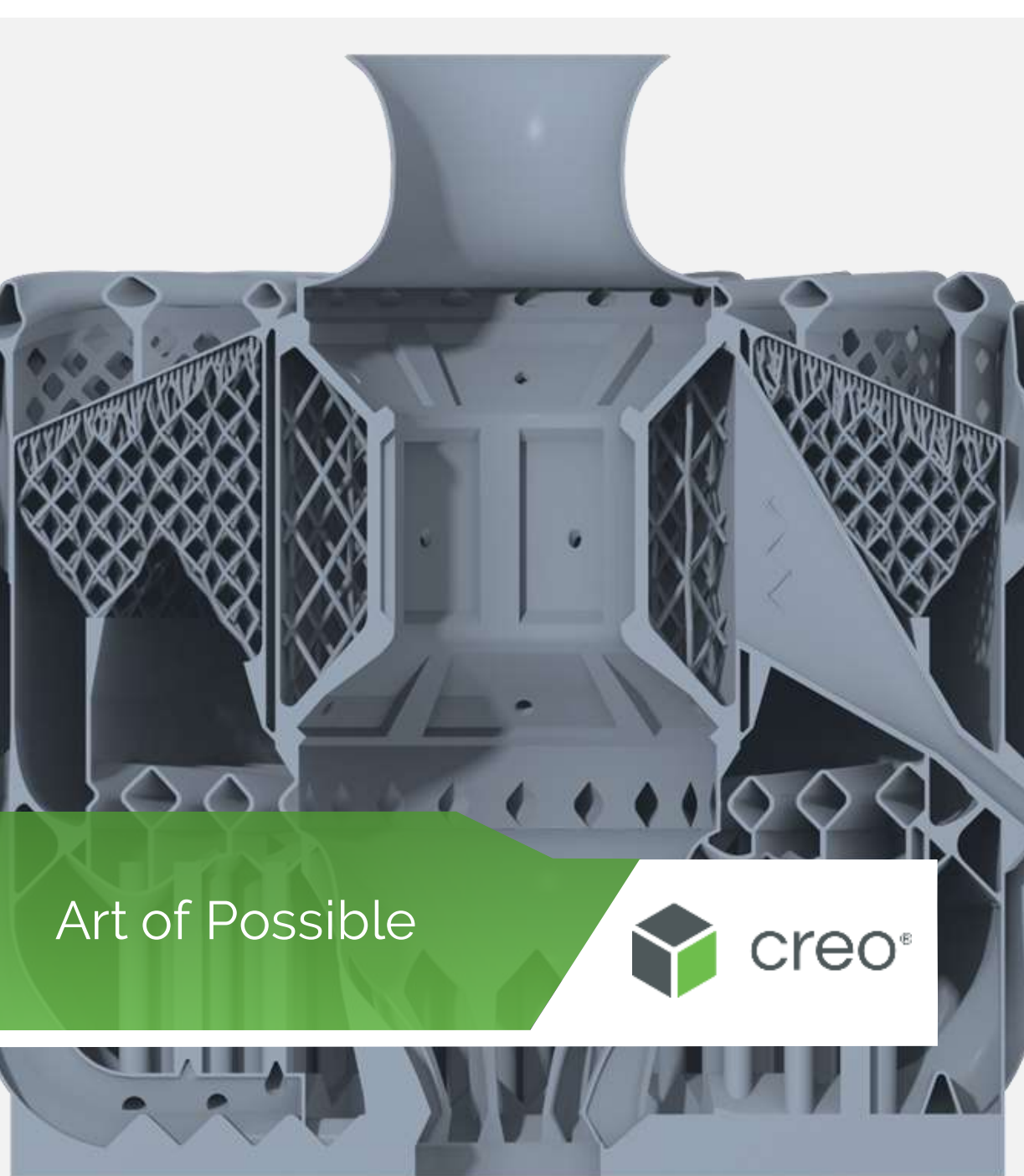
- **Interoperability for printing and post-processing equipment**

- Connectivity with key 3D Printer manufacturers
- Enable digital thread with post-processing manufacturers towards certification



- Enable connectivity with AM MES systems

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Art of Possible



ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED PRE-ASSEMBLED TURBOJET ENGINE (APE) FOR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

- Freedom of design
- Printable lattice modelling
- Optimize for 3MF



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