

REPAIR Workshop Overview

Rapid Encapsulation of Pipelines Avoiding
Intensive Replacement
(REPAIR)

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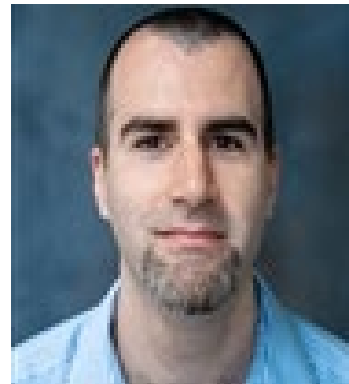
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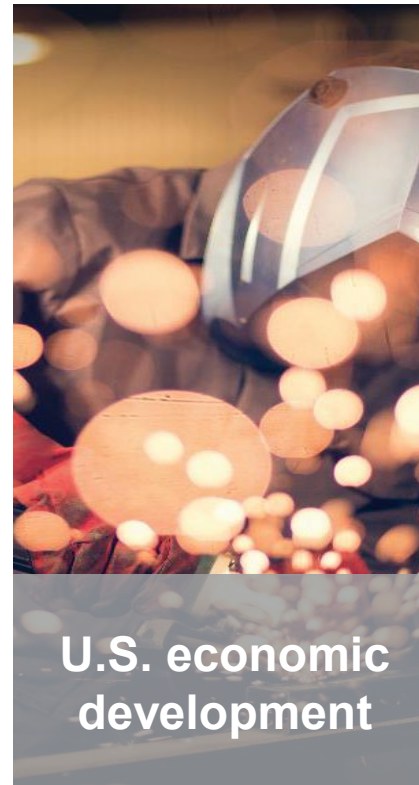
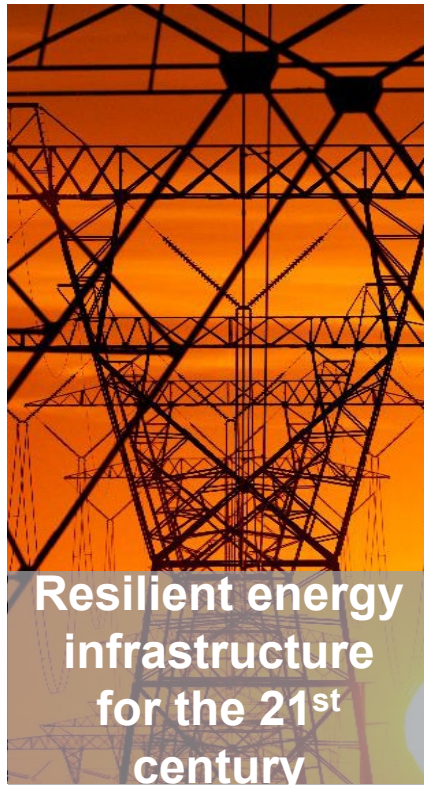


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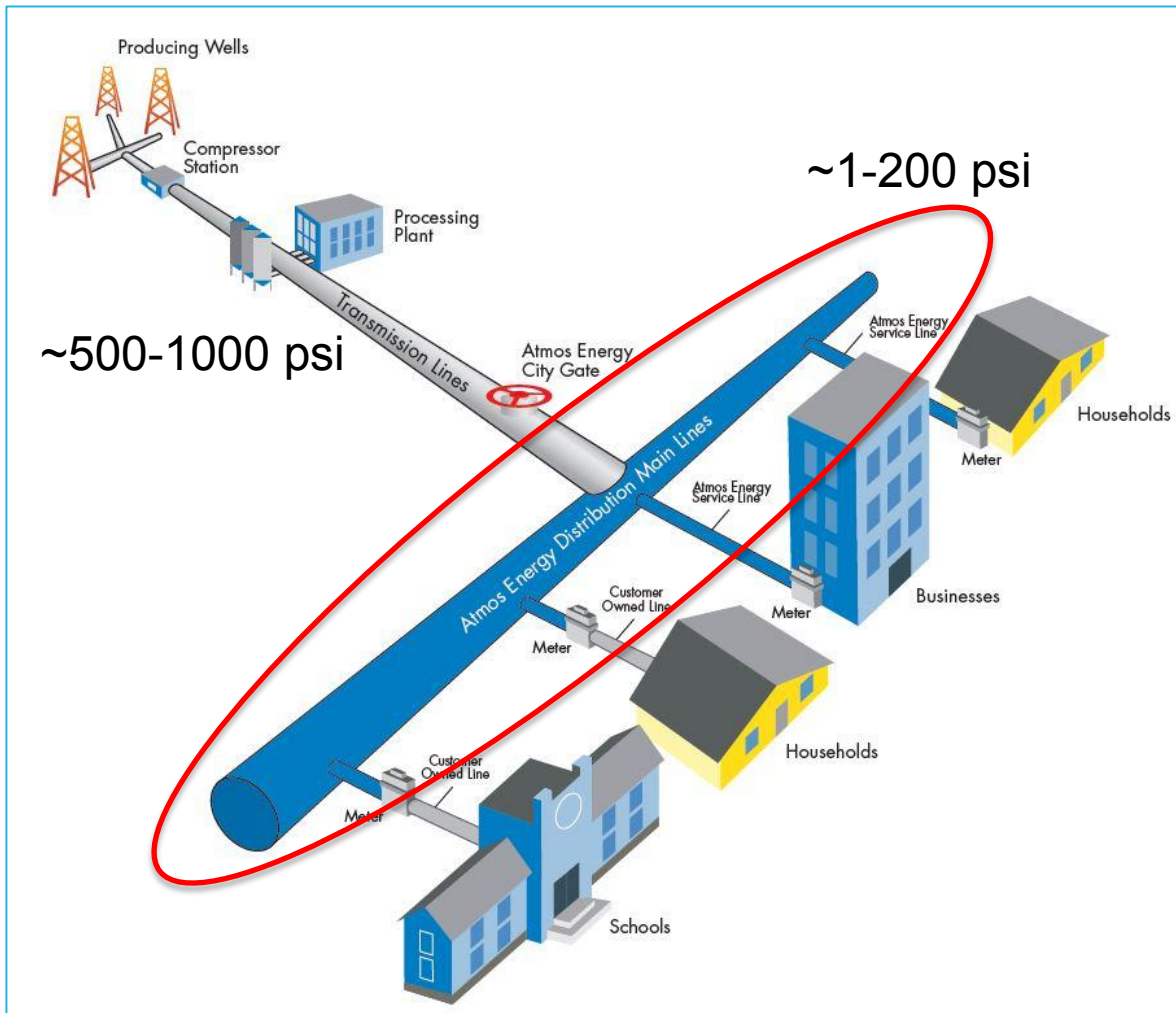
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REPAIR Fit With ARPA-E Mission



- Natural gas provides 31% of US primary energy, serves 70 MM homes, 5 MM commercial customers
- Abundant and affordable domestic energy resource
- Pipeline infrastructure repair/rehabilitation spending >\$3B/year across all sectors
- Novel rehabilitation technologies touch material science, chemistry, physics, robotics, data analytics, etc.

Gas Distribution 101



- Gas utilities start ~mid-1800's
- Low-pressure "Town gas" from coal
- Wrought iron pipe, joined by couplings, through early 1900's
- Cast iron pipes joined with bell/spigot and packing, through 1950's
- Transition to natural gas in 1940's and (bare) steel in 1950's
- Transition to plastic pipe in 1960's
- Continuous investment to upgrade infrastructure; more than 60,000 miles of cast iron and bare steel have already been replaced

Issues and Options

- ▶ Cast Iron (<2 bar, 35 psi pressure)
 - Leaks at joint
 - Brittle; small-diameter pipe subject to cracking from frost-heaves or displacement
 - Graphitization (corrosion)
- ▶ Bare Steel (generally <15 bar, 200 psi)
 - General corrosion
 - Pitting
- ▶ Replacement costs
 - \$1MM to >\$8MM, depending on location
 - Extended pipe replacement schedules
- ▶ Current Options
 - Excavation
 - Replace with plastic (remove old pipe or abandon in place)
 - External wraps
 - Couplings
 - “Trenchless Technologies”
 - Keyhole repair (can be on-line)
 - Plastic pipe bursting
 - Plastic pipe insertion
 - CIPP Liners
 - MICP
 - CISBOT (on-line)

Example Commercially Available Technologies



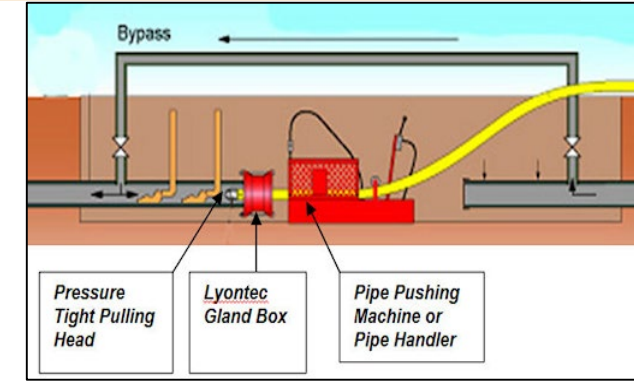
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Wraps



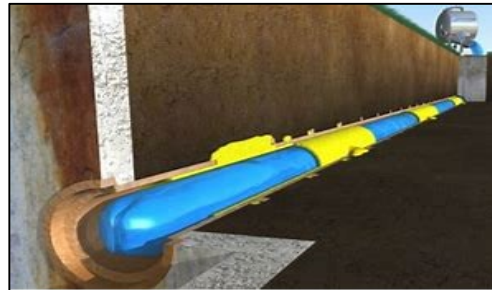
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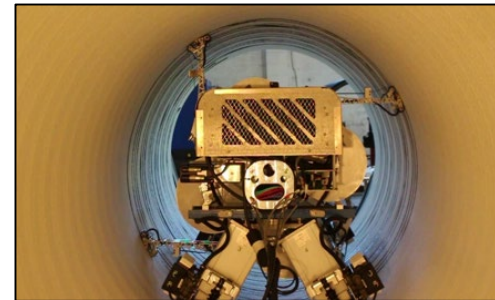
Slip-lining



Keyhole
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CIPP liner



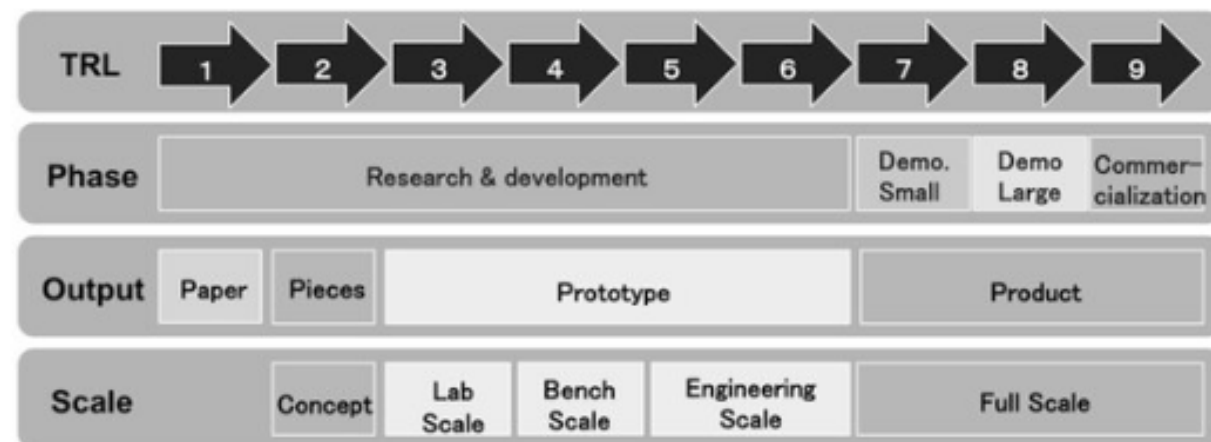
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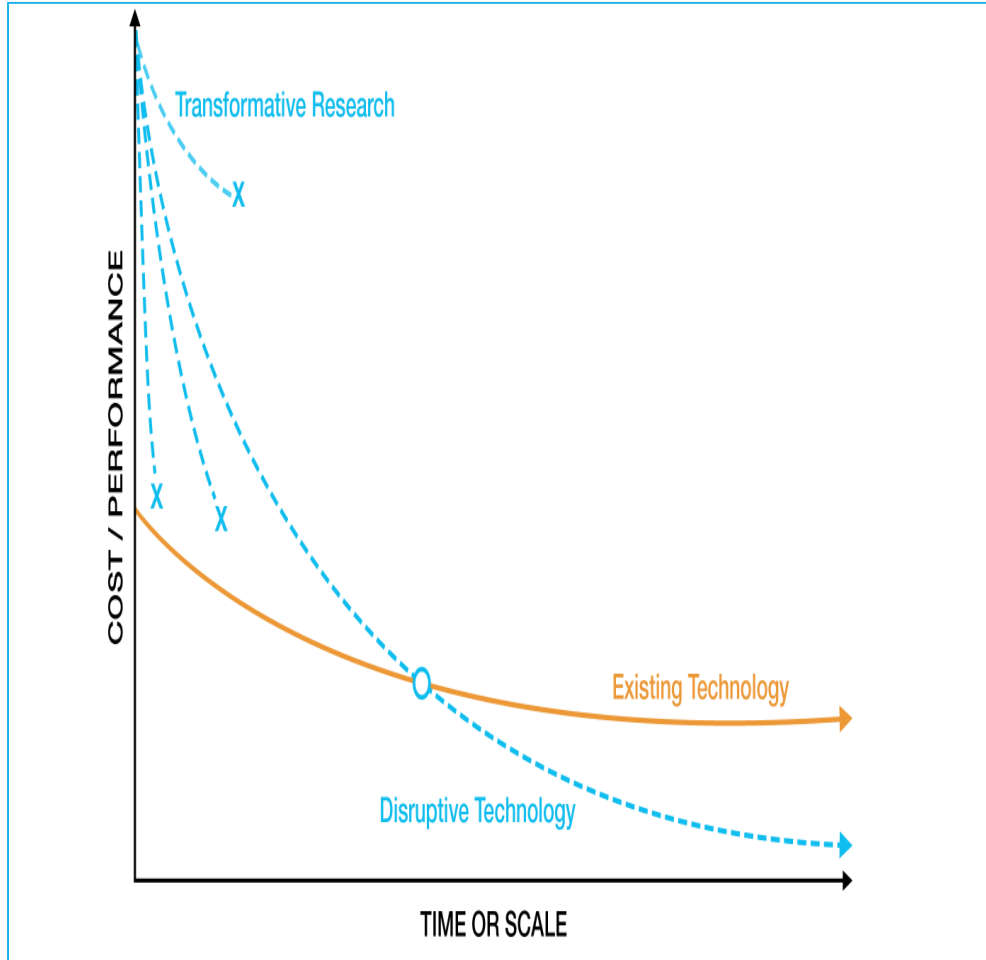
CISBOT

Potential TRL 5 Deliverables

- ▶ Composite “Pipe-in-Pipe”
 - Live pipe, 15 m/hr rate, 800 m reach,
- ▶ Inspection tools
 - Original pipe, minimal cleaning
 - Integrity tests for composite layer
 - Future testing for composite and outer pipe
 - Real-time data with visualization to support field operations
 - 3D map with integrity data to support LDC engineering
- ▶ Test protocols
 - Link mechanical properties, test methods, models, and inspection tools to validate 50+ years life
- ▶ Path to rate-base authorization for costs

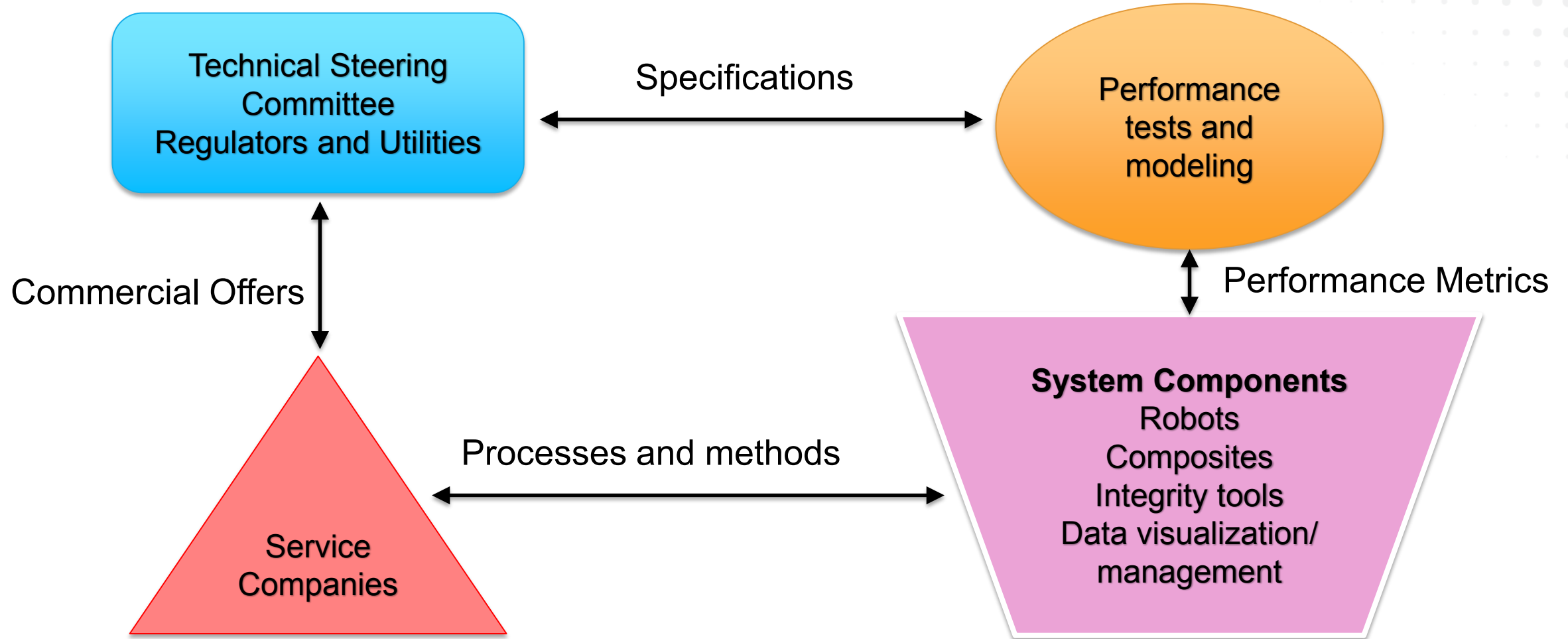


What Puts REPAIR on a Disruptive Technology Curve?



- ▶ Repair while pipe in service
- ▶ Speed
- ▶ Distance
- ▶ New robotic functionality
- ▶ Smart composite coating
- ▶ Orthogonal integrity tools
- ▶ Testing protocols
- ▶ Integrate pipeline mapping, coating data, integrity measurements
- ▶ Cost and Performance

Who Do We Need



Workshop Goals

- ▶ Level-set on current state of art
- ▶ Introduce developments outside pipe domain
- ▶ Identify technical and regulatory hurdles
- ▶ Stimulate new concepts, approaches
- ▶ Address your questions
- ▶ Provide input to refine Funding Opportunity Announcement
- ▶ Foster networking among participants

Critical Questions To Answer

▶ Breakout Session #1: Success Metrics and Component Capabilities

- What will be the toughest technical challenges for the system components – robots, composite materials, integrity inspection?
- What are various options for component testing? Integrated system testing? Please comment on accessibility, cost, capabilities, and any gaps?
- What is the most important criteria for the technology to be deemed successful?
- “The envisioned program has assumed a system solution involving a robot and composite material. Are there other high-risk, high-reward system solutions or components that we would miss with this construct?”

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▶ Breakout Session #2: Data Management/System Level Solutions

- What data will be needed from each of the system components - robots, inspection tools, coating equipment – to ensure:
 - Lowest-cost alternative technology
 - Minimum life >50 years
 - Regulatory approval
- What are the challenges for making integrity testing and coating QA/QC data available real-time?
- How can component developers and system providers collaborate to expedite commercialization of the best innovations?