

Growing the Next Generation of High-Temperature Heat Exchangers

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....BUT CAN YOU MAKE IT?

Compact heat exchangers Geometry size limit

Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSG) for waste heat recovery Thermal cycling limit





High *T* receivers for Concentrated Solar Power **Temperature** limit





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Small things connected to make big things

...so there are a lot of joints

...and joints break at high T



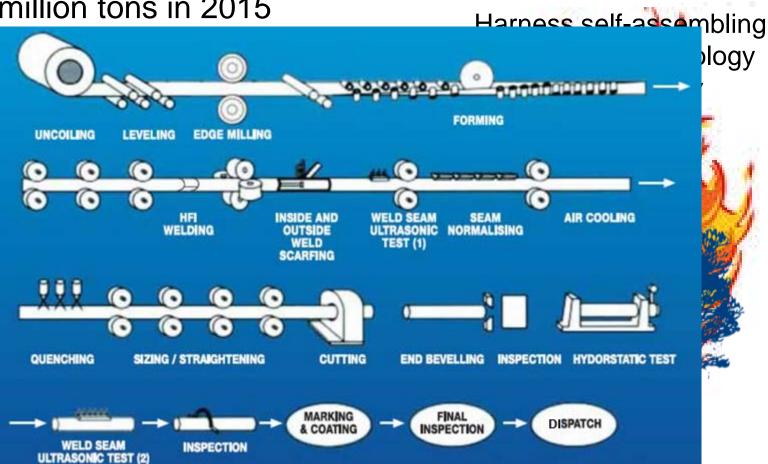






Path Forward

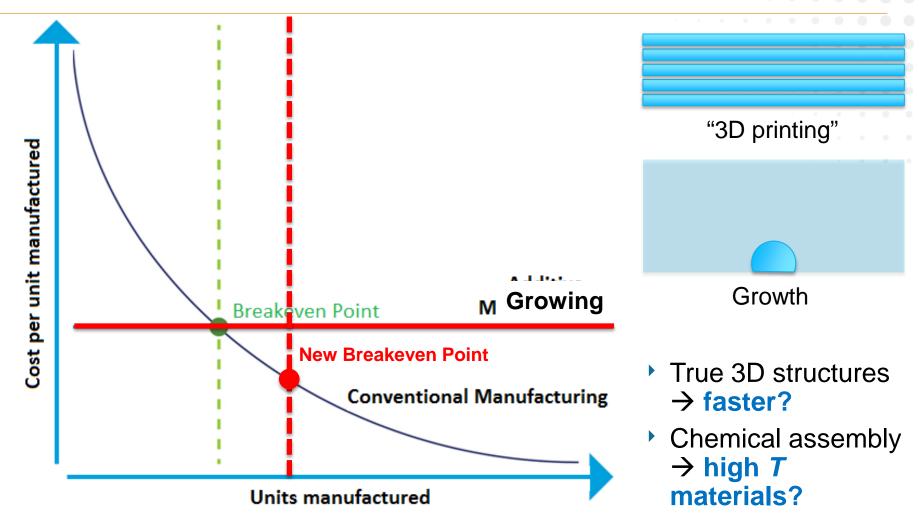
- US steel production:
 - ~79 million tons in 2015





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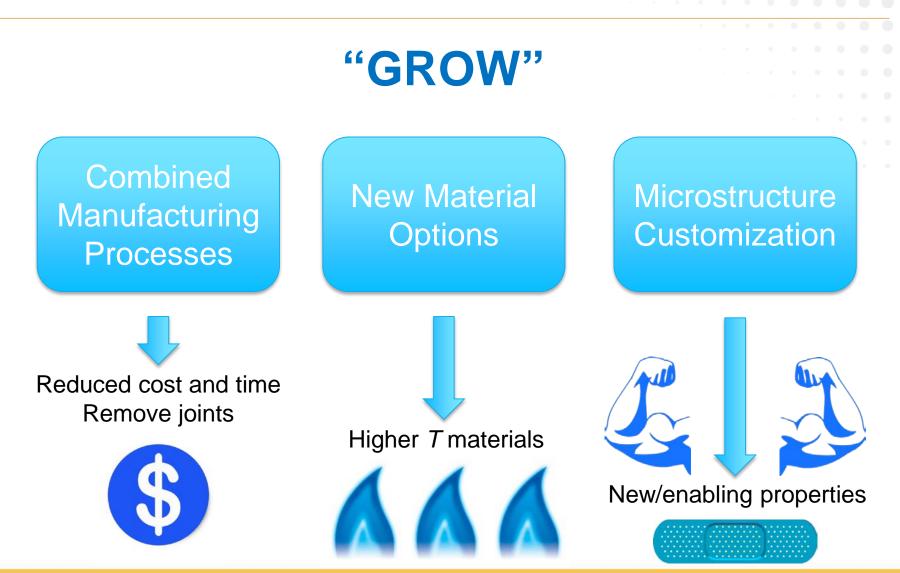
Beyond "3D Printing"



Source: Mark Cotteleer and Jim Joyce, 3D opportunity: Additive manufacturing paths to performance, innovation, and growth, Deloitte University Press, http://dupress.com/articles/dr14-3d-opportunity/, accessed March 17, 2015. Graphic: Deloitte University Press | DUPress.com



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Sample Growing Paths

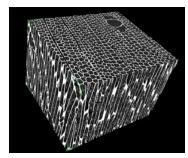
Sample 1: Biology as the machinist

- Copy structure or process
- ...then strengthen
 - Plasticize
 - Fossilize
 - "Metalize"…?
 - "Ceramitize"...?









Joint-free parts

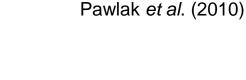
- Continuous microstructure
- Reduce thermal cycling fatigue?



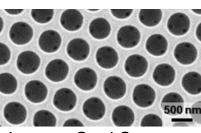
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Sample 2: Chemistry as the carpenter

- Self-assembly of metamaterials
- Tailored anisotropic properties
 - Directional conductivity?
 - Strength @ high T?
 - Composition gradients?
- Self-healing capabilities
 - Restore coatings?
 - Fill cracks?



Split-Ring Resonator



Inverse Opal Structure do Rosário *et al.* (2015)

Growing Forward

