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# Trends in Advanced Manufacturing Technology Innovation

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# Personal Observations on Manufacturing

## 1. Superplastic Forming versus High-Speed Machining

New mfg technology must be cost-competitive

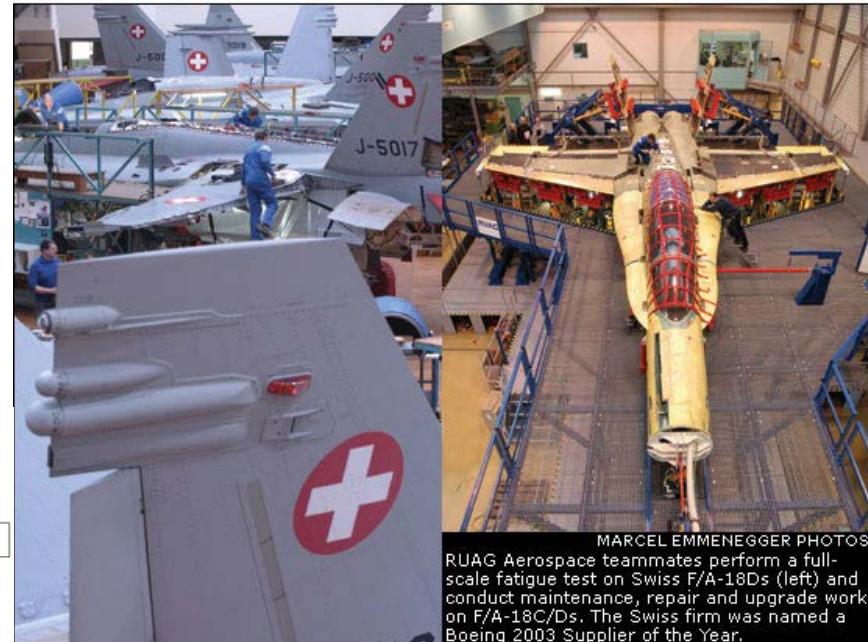
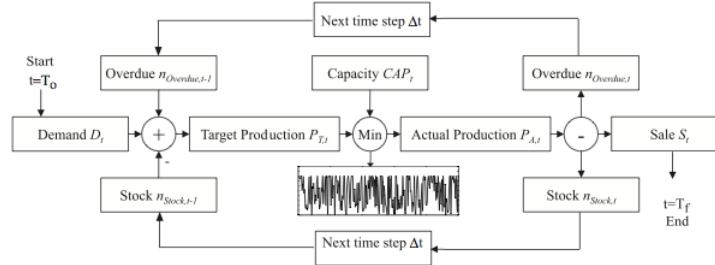


## 1. F/A-18 Program Experience

Must fit into Global Supply Chain

## 2. Flexibility in Component Manufacturing

Importance of Product Variety and Intermediate Volumes



MARCEL EMMENEGGER PHOTOS  
RUAG Aerospace teammates perform a full-scale fatigue test on Swiss F/A-18Ds (left) and conduct maintenance, repair and upgrade work on F/A-18C/Ds. The Swiss firm was named a Boeing 2003 Supplier of the Year.



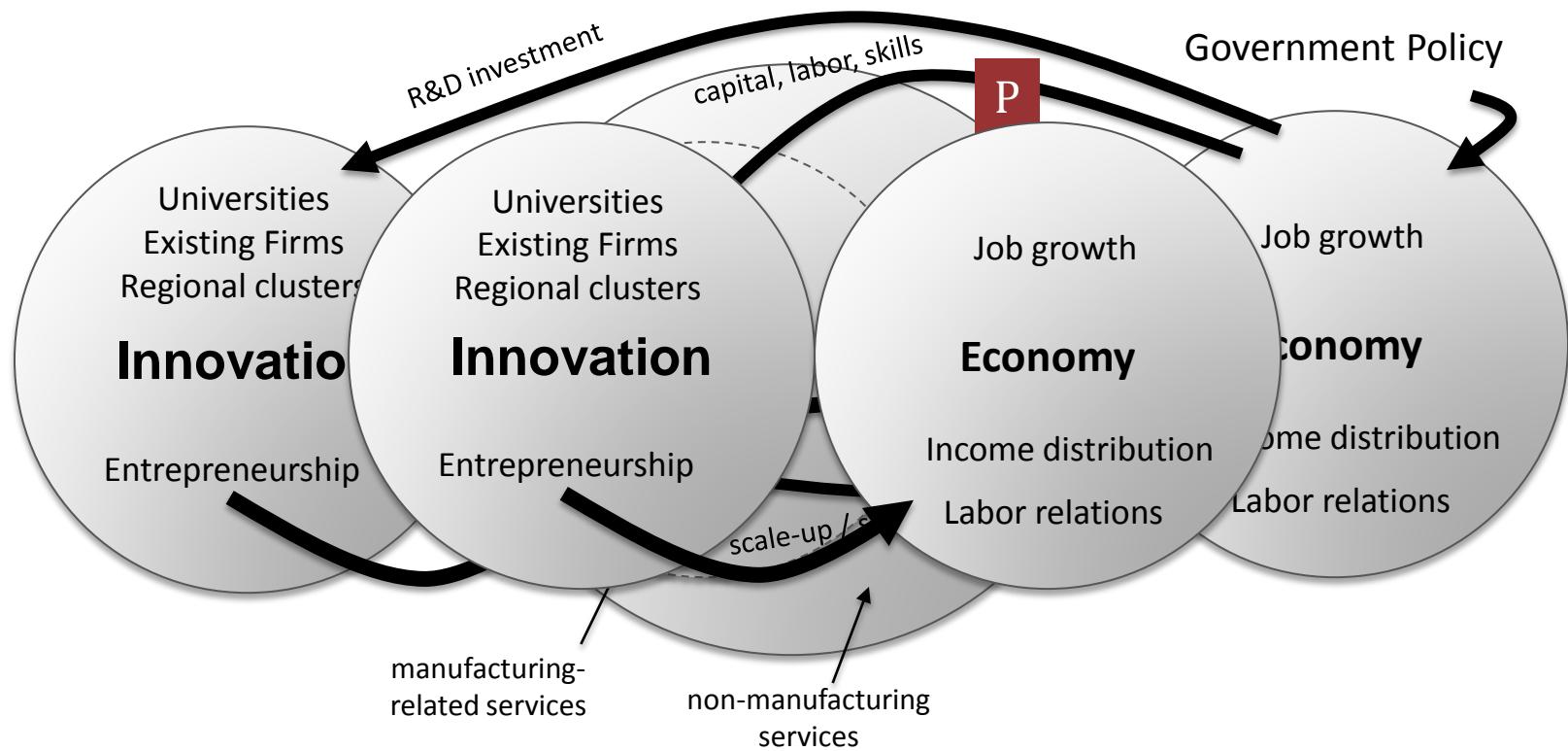
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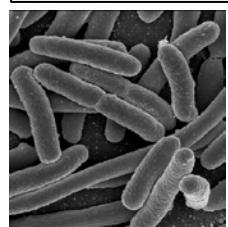
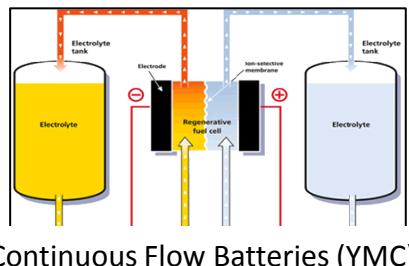
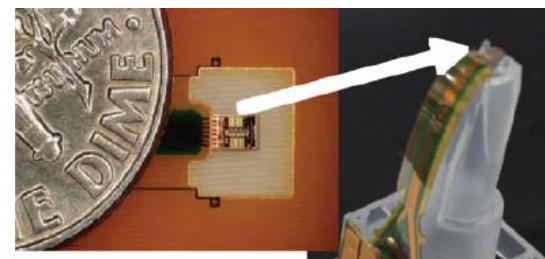
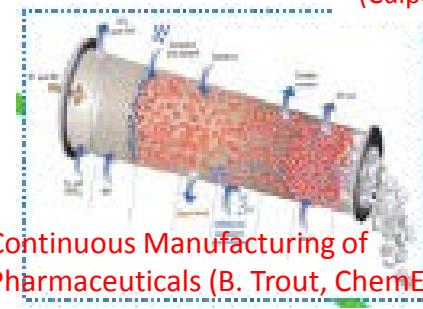
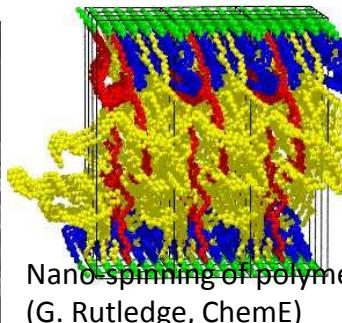
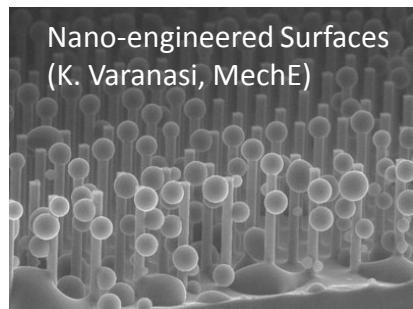
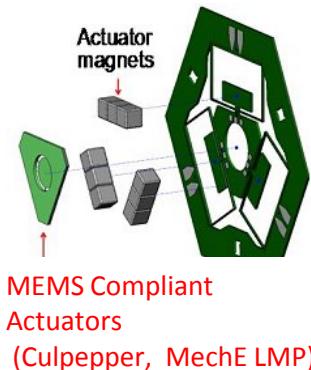
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# PIE Study Architecture: Innovation↔Production is a Complex System



# Innovation in Mfg Technology: Internal Scan at MIT (examples)

30+ Labs

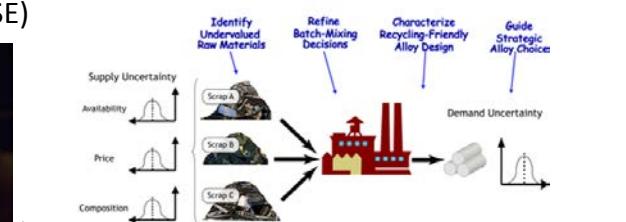


(K. Prather-Jones, ChemE)



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Key Research Opportunities



# Summary of Findings from MIT Scan

- There is “critical mass” of manufacturing related PIs at MIT (order 150 PIs) distributed across the Institute
- Research is generally motivated by real problems in industry, non-incremental, and funded by mix of federal and private research \$
- Found a **grouping** of 7 manufacturing technologies that reflects major research thrusts in advanced manufacturing research

## Nano-engineering of Materials and Surfaces

Synthesis of multi-functional materials at the nano-scale from the ground up

## Additive Precision Manufacturing

Building up components by adding layers of material in complex 3D shapes

## Robotics, Automation and Adaptability

Using robotics to substitute for or complement human labor in new ways

## Next Generation Electronics

Next generation circuits using non-Si materials, using mask-less processes and flexible substrates

## Bio-manufacturing / Pharmaceuticals

Continuous manufacturing of small molecules, turning cells/ organisms into programmable factories

## Distributed Supply Chains / Design

Enabling flexible and resilient decentralized supply chains, new approaches to web-enabled mfg

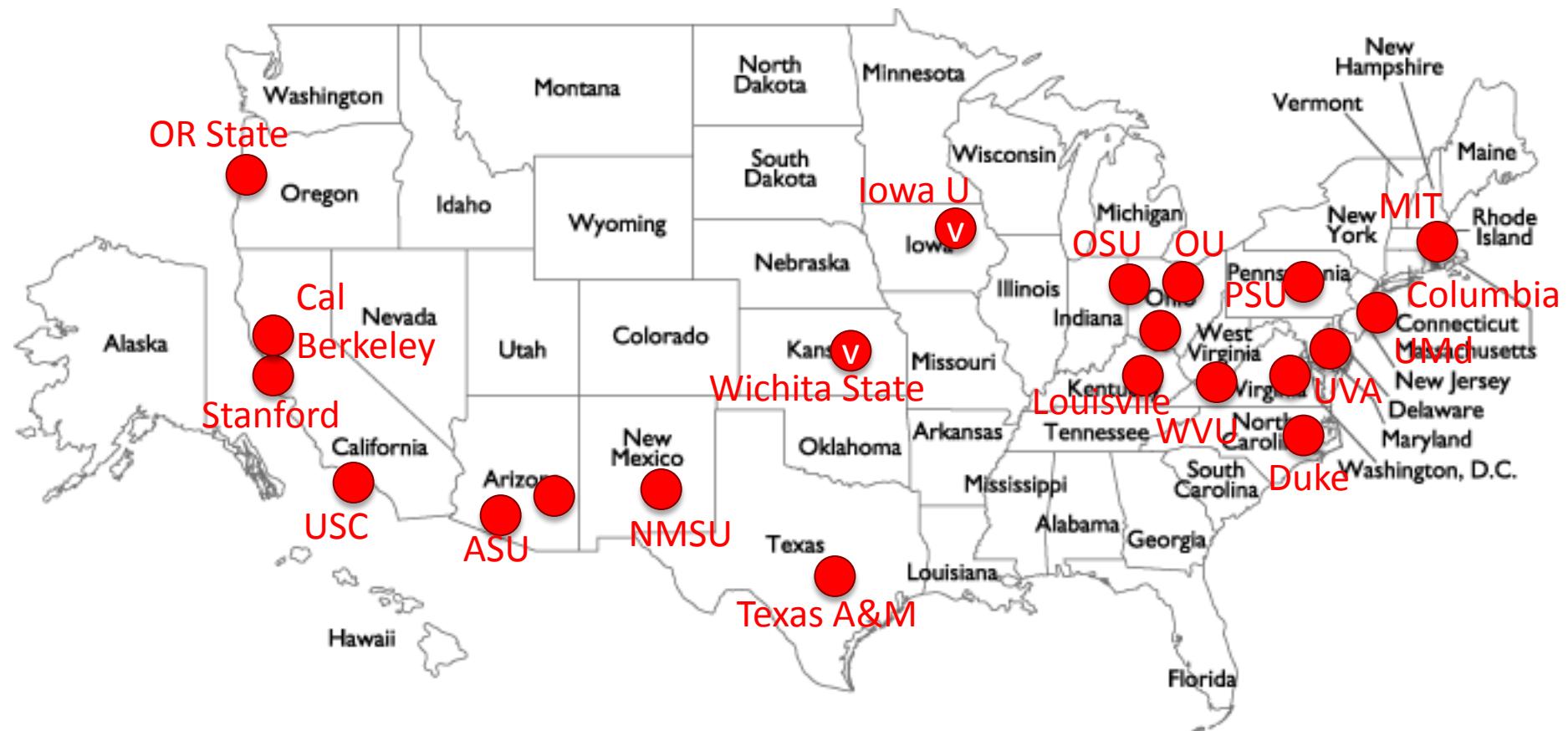
## Green Sustainable Manufacturing

New manufacturing processes that use minimal energy, recycle materials and minimize waste and emissions



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# External Survey: Distribution of respondents



N=29 Responses

Response Rate = 34.1%

Response period: 4/19-8/20/2012

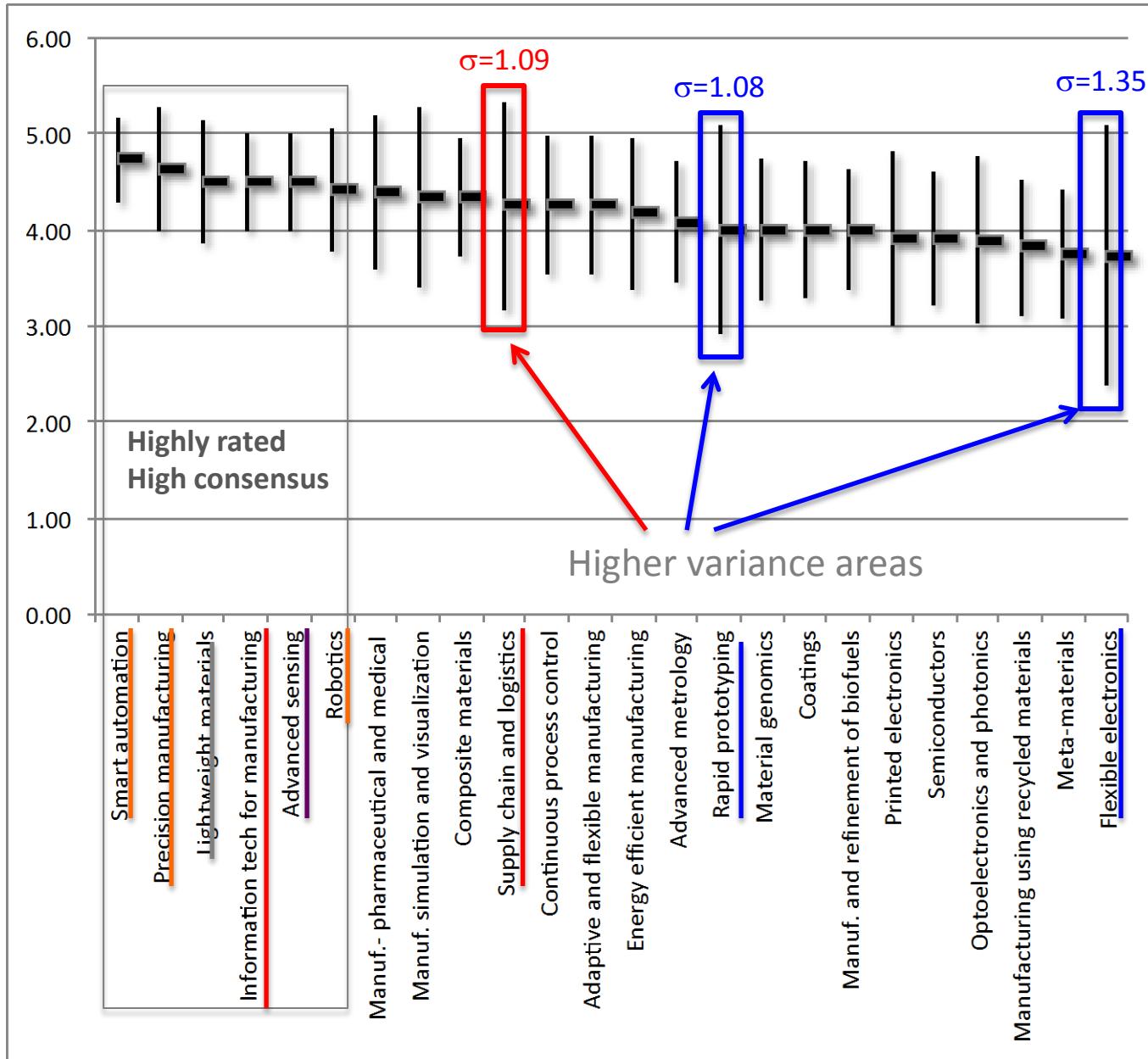


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## “Unbiased” Upstream Innovations → New Manufacturing

*Which technologies or innovations have the potential to lead to significant new manufacturing and production in the future ? List three to five promising ones and explain.*

# Quantitative Assessment of Mfg Technologies

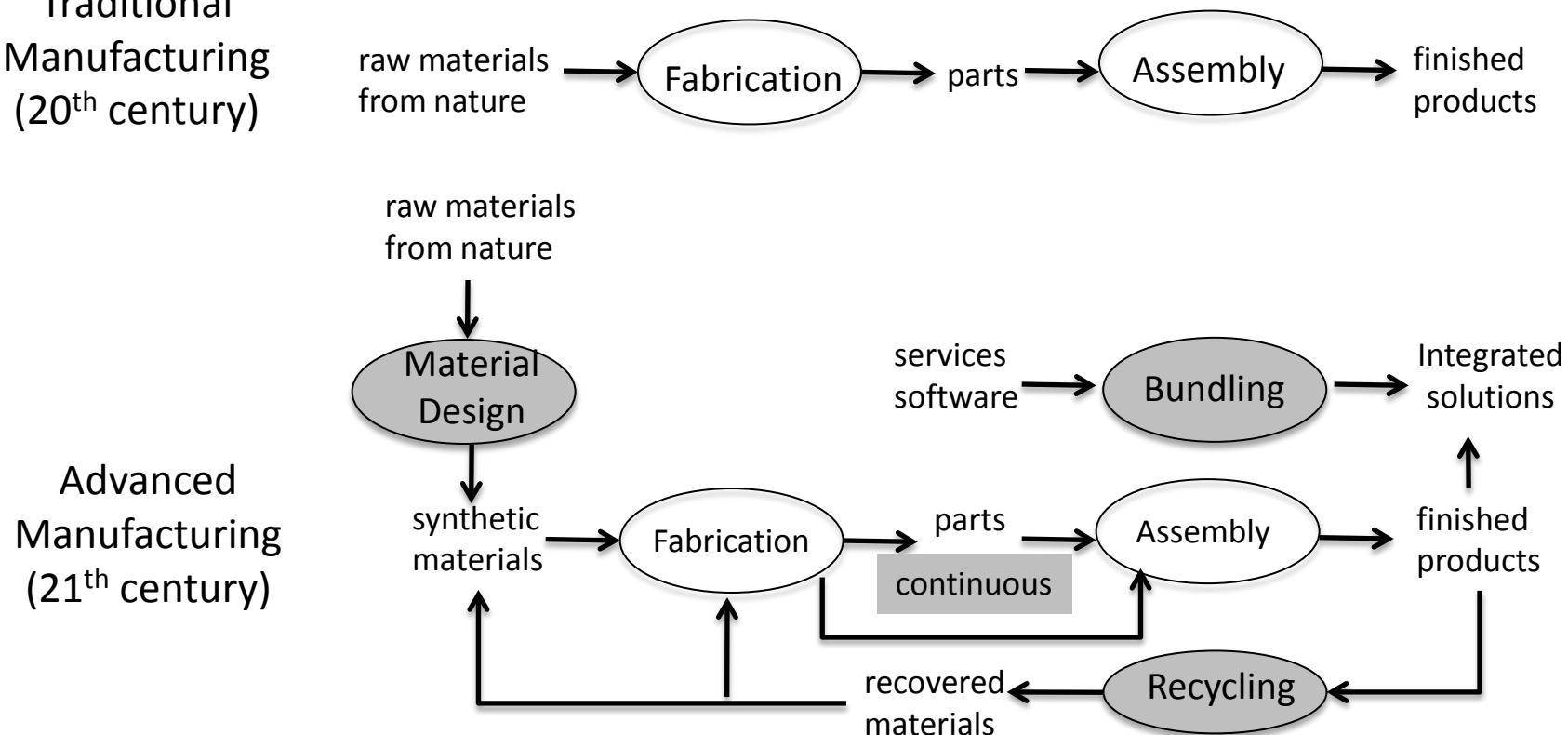


# Main challenges to university-based U.S. Manufacturing Research

- **Limited Resources**
  - Financial resources to create and maintain sophisticated manufacturing research infrastructure at universities are often too large
  - Driven by changing federal funding priorities (e.g. NSF, DARPA ...)
  - Sub-critical mass of faculty and students interested in manufacturing, tend to gravitate more towards other areas
- **Collaboration with Industry**
  - Use of industry facilities to build prototypes and test ideas, but gives IP rights mainly to sponsor
  - Industry wants quick answers, while faculty and students want to publish and do longer term projects (mismatch in timescales)
  - Need to develop joint value proposition (cost/benefit)
- **Opportunity to strengthen the university-industry interface**

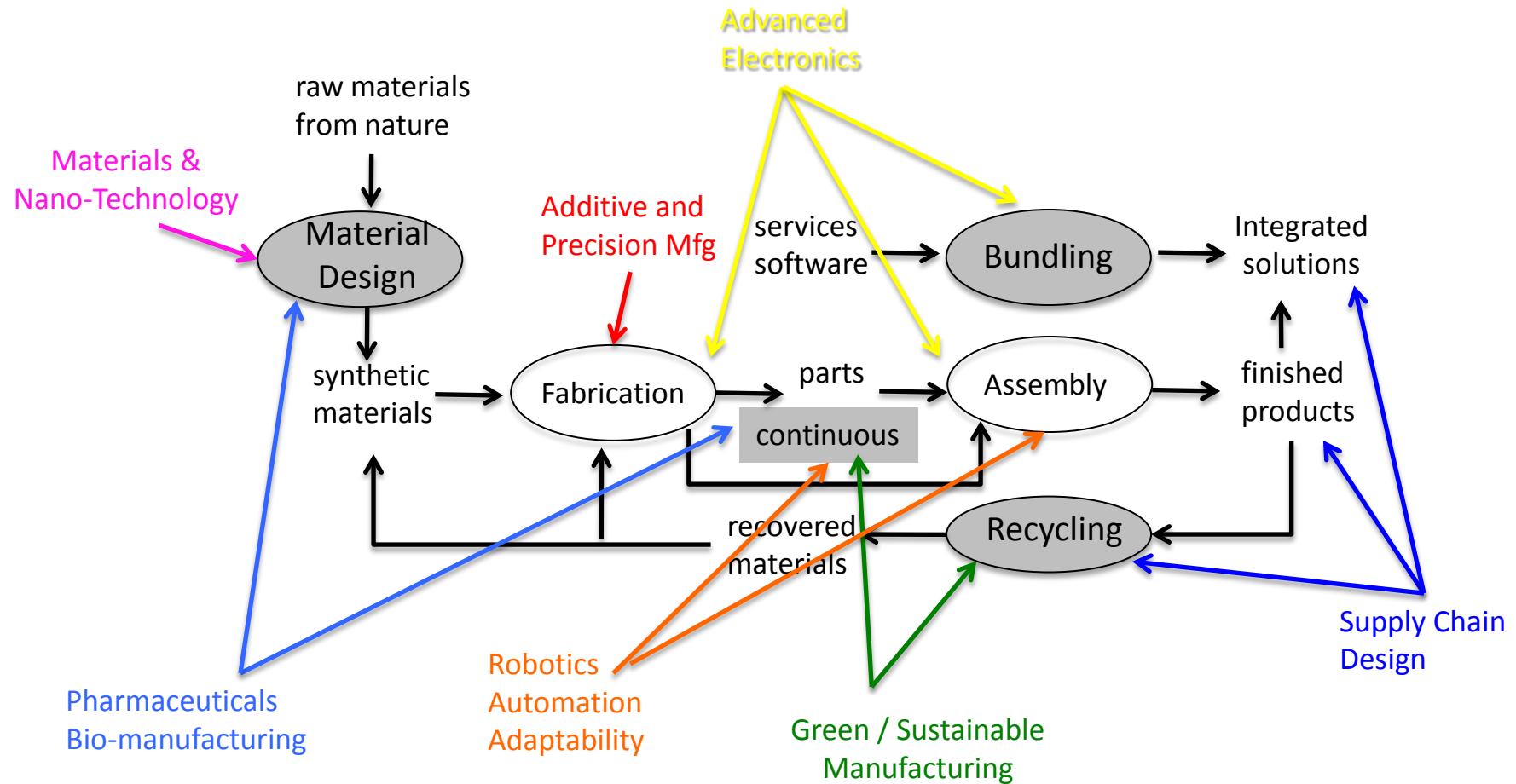
# What is Advanced Manufacturing?

## Traditional Manufacturing (20<sup>th</sup> century)



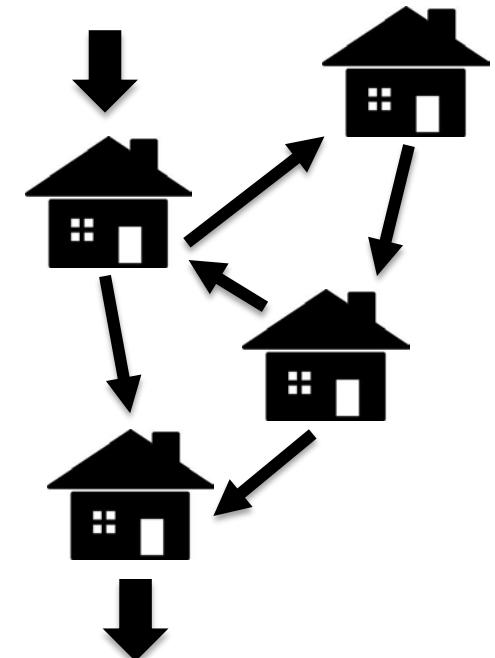
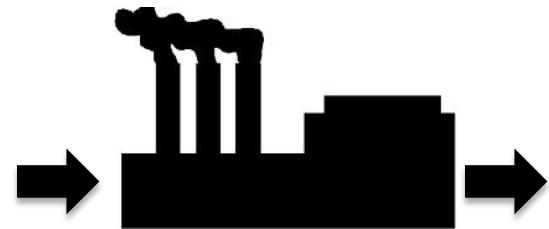
Advanced Manufacturing is the creation of integrated solutions that require the production of physical artifacts coupled with valued-added services and software, while exploiting custom-designed and recycled materials using ultra-efficient processes.

# Where/how do the 7 technology areas impact this expanded view of advanced manufacturing?



# A vision for distributed manufacturing

- Much manufacturing today is still concentrated in **large factories**
  - Finished goods are transported over large distances to consumer markets
  - Large cost and environmental impact
- Many of the new technologies enable a potential future that allows for **“breaking the tyranny of bulk”**
  - Distributed manufacturing “on demand”
  - Flexible capacity through local networks
  - Digitally enabled design democratization
- **Degree of decentralization will vary by sector and relative economics of energy, transportation and local labor**



# Opportunities and Policy Implications

- New **product capabilities and classes of products** that currently do not exist. Examples: non-Si based semiconductors, new drugs and fuels from biology, miniaturized propulsion for  $\mu$ -sats ..
  - **Need a commitment to long term federally-funded research in manufacturing with a well-coordinated portfolio across agencies**
- “Programmable” manufacturing processes that do not rely on **capital-intensive tooling** and fixtures *Will they catalyze distributed manufacturing?* Examples: 3D Printing, maskless nano-lithography, etc...
  - **Create opportunities for smaller firms and universities to demonstrate these capabilities using realistic market-driven requirements**
- Technologies that **enhance productivity and flexibility** in existing manufacturing processes. Examples: RFID tracking of parts, human-robotic collaboration and flexible automation ...
  - **Establish mechanisms for collaboration between industry, academia and public research institutions (e.g. NNMI)**

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**September 20, 2013 Release of PIE Study at MIT**