

# REAL-TIME INSITU NDE QUALITY CONTROL

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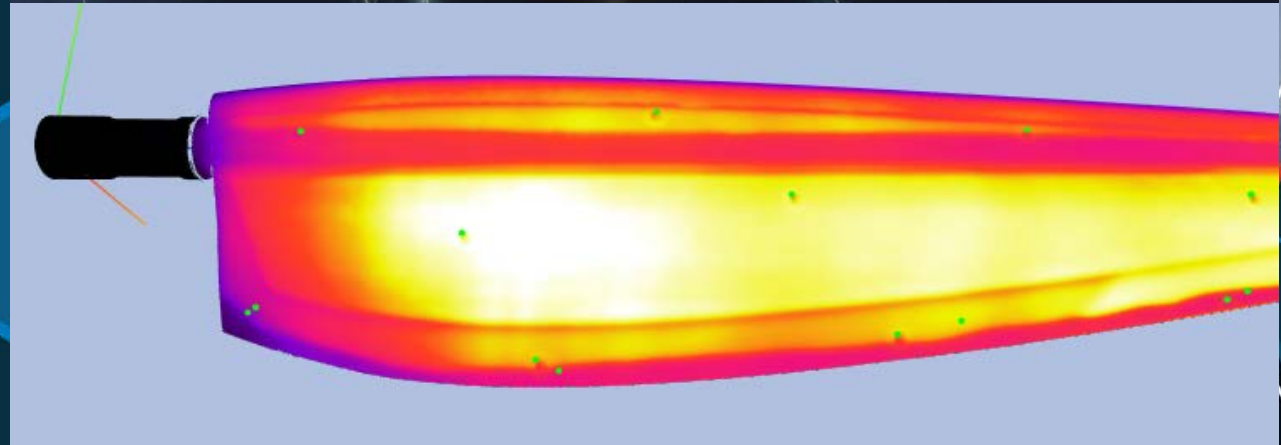
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# DIGITAL MANUFACTURING

## REAL-TIME, GLOBAL COORDINATES



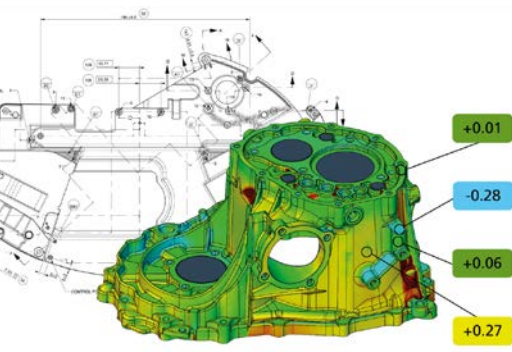
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### Incoming Properties/QA

#### GOM Suite

Optical Strain/Scanning  
Material Properties  
Dimensional Inspections



### Real-time QA

#### InSitu NDE

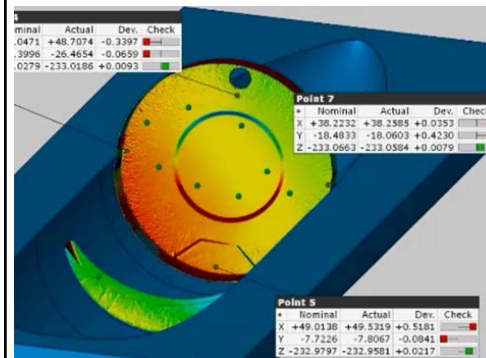
Hand Layup  
AFP Robotic Layup  
Welding/AM QA



### Digital Assembly/QA

#### RVAT

Real-time Quality  
Operator Guidance  
Smart Tools



### Nondestructive Testing

#### Smart NDT

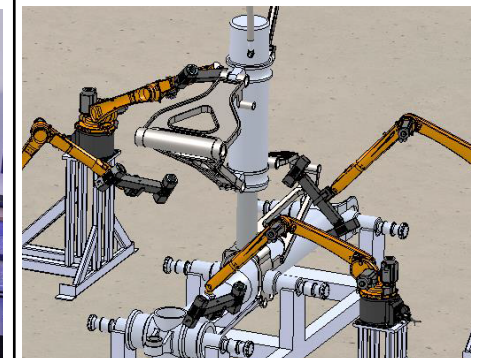
NDT in Global CAD Coordinates  
3D Shape - CT - UT - TNDT - EC



### Structural Validation

#### GOM Suite

Optical Strain  
TRM – Real-time Monitor



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Application Development – Testing – FEA Support

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# MATERIAL TESTING: ARAMIS OPTICAL STRAIN



Video extensometer

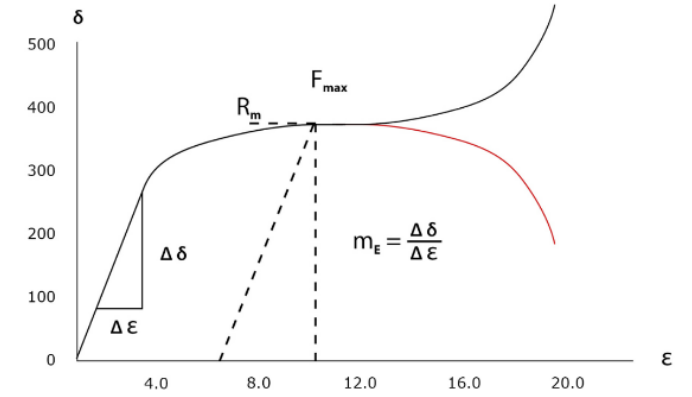


Load



ARAMIS

Automated stress strain curve



“ARAMIS provides the most consistent material properties”  
NASA Glenn

Automated material properties



Tensile Test Region	
n	+0.326
r	+0.788
mE	+194856.252 MPa
Poisson	+0.250
Rp02	+332.970 MPa
Rm	+609.701 MPa
Ag	+31.712 %
Agt	+32.024 %
At	+38.199 %

ISO / ASTM Standards



Load frame

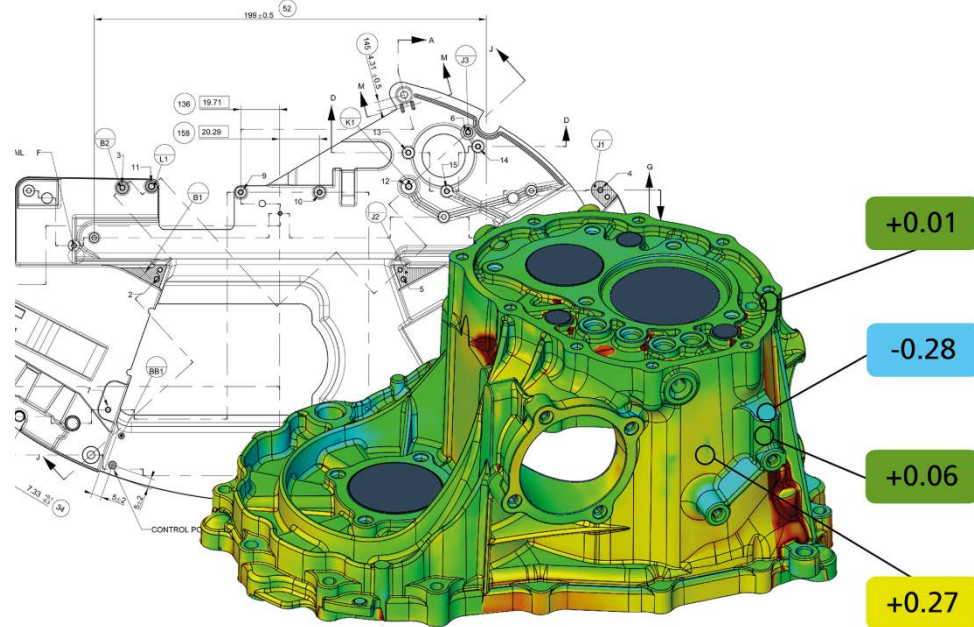
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# ATOS SCANNING 3D SHAPE



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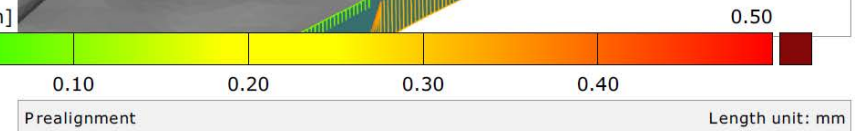
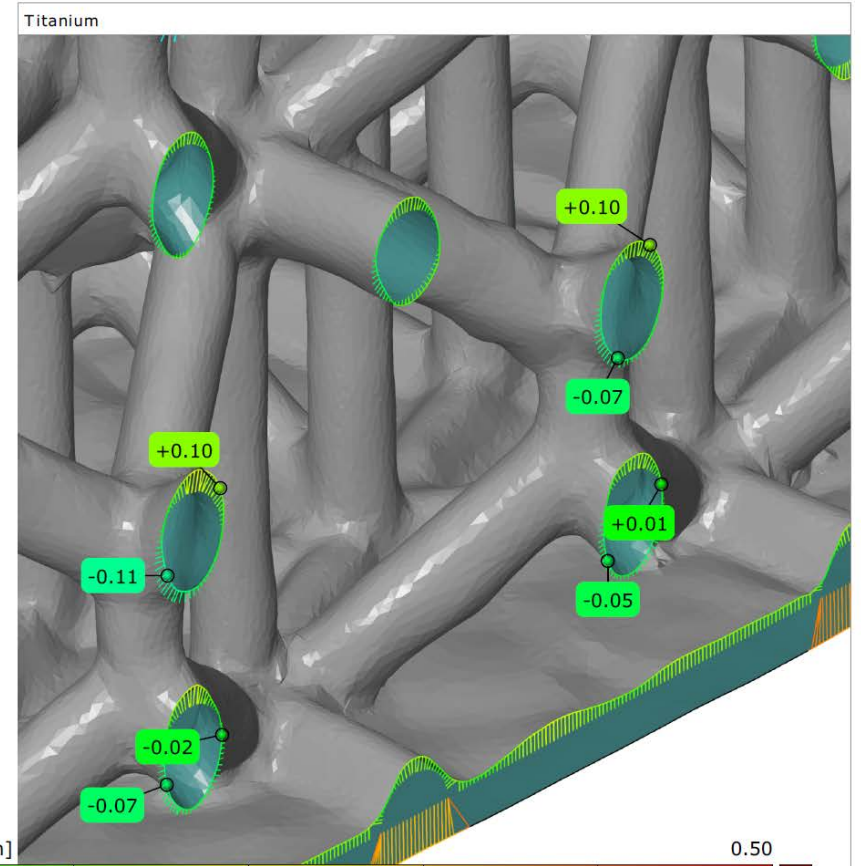
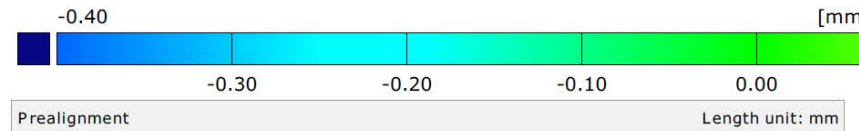
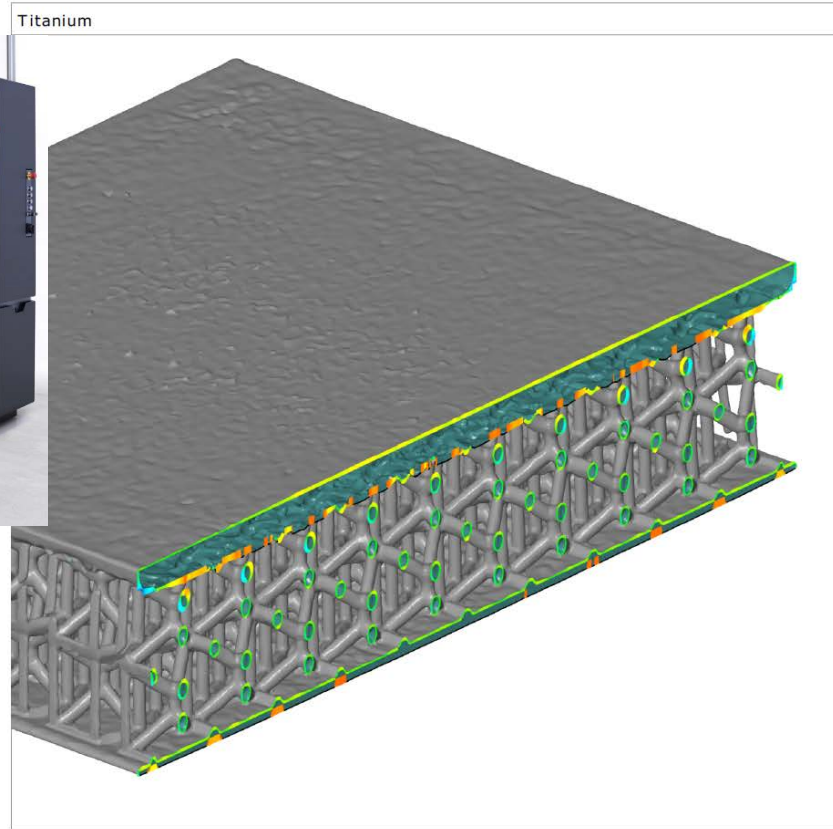




# CT (3D X-RAY) INTERNAL ANALYSIS – AM & COMPOSITES



Inspection Section and Detail



## SuPAR AR INTERACTIVE INSPECTION

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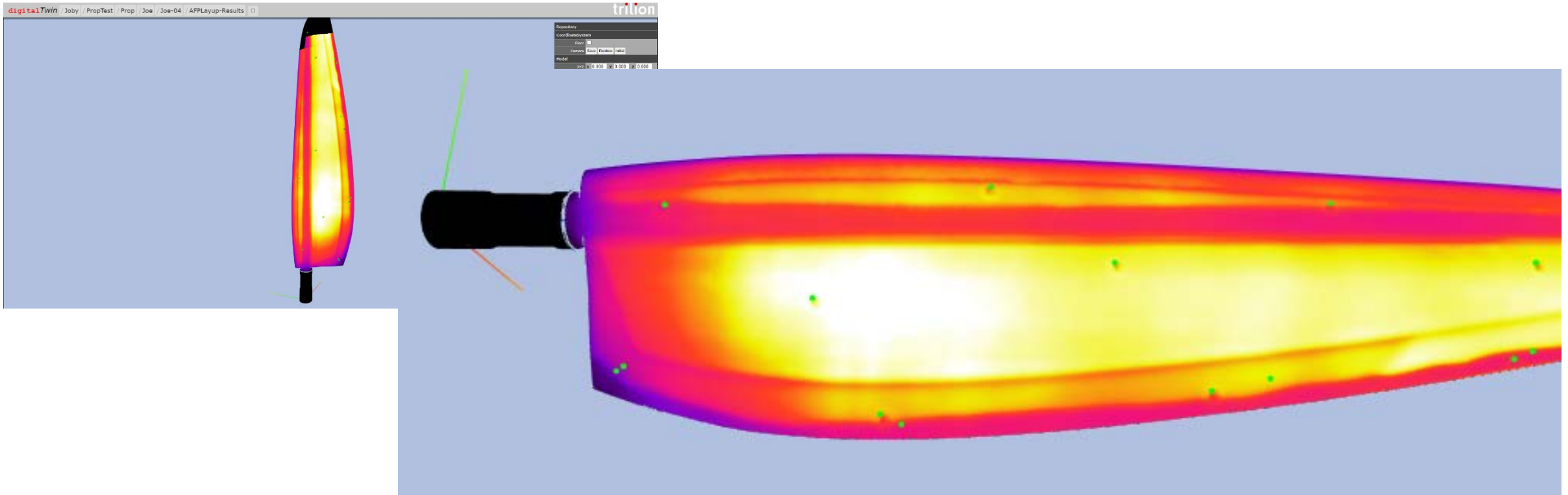
### Inspection Targets

- Appearance [damage, crack, gap, rust, uneven]
- Nut condition [spec shortage]
- Bolt condition [spec shortage]
- Insulator [position, shortage]
- Sealing [position, shortage]
- Spot weld [number, position]
- ARC Weld [number, position]
- Rivet [number]
- ID mark [position, shortage]
- Ring and bottom and position [position, shortage]
- Hole [position, number]



## THERMOGRAPHY NDT (T-NDT)

Scanning Thermography NDT data in true 3D coordinates is documented in the Xi Digital-Twin, along with all the other quality data about the component.



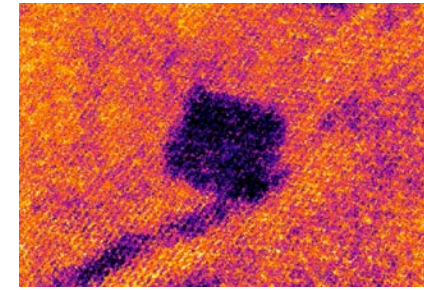
Each structure has a structural thermal signature. Defects, such as disbonds, fillets and excess adhesive, show up as variations in these structural element signatures. Automated defect detection is programmable to assist QA to accept parts within defined tolerances.

# COOLSCAN™ INSITU QUALITY FOR LAY-UP & AFP

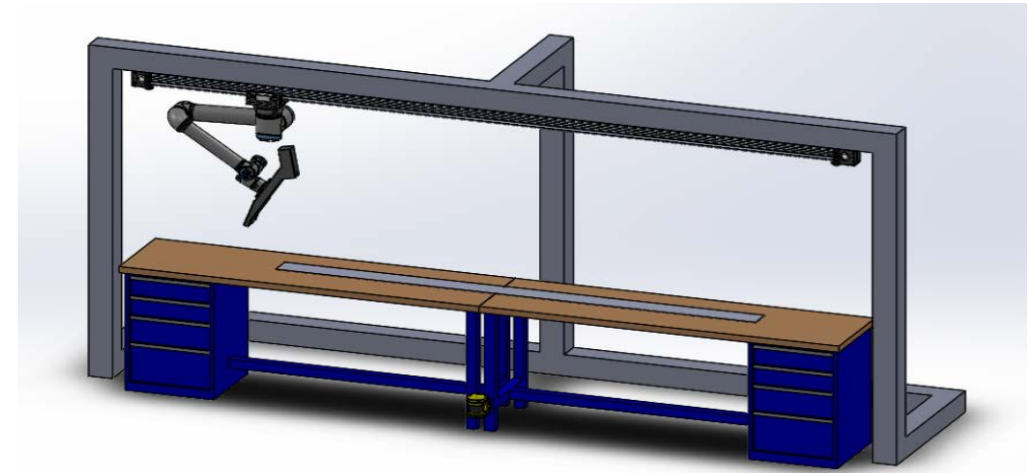
- Hand Layup Guidance
- Ply Placement Validation
- Fiber Alignment
- FOD Detection
- Build Quality Assurance
- Digital Twin documentation



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Detection of internal FOD & Bridging  
**CoolScan™ InSitu NDE**

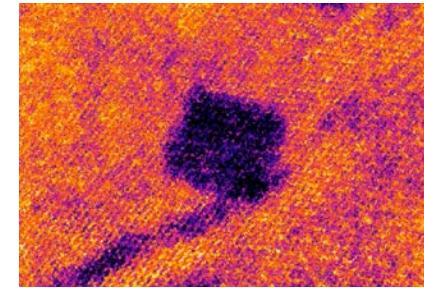


- Mounted above workspace, taking no additional time for 100% quality during builds.



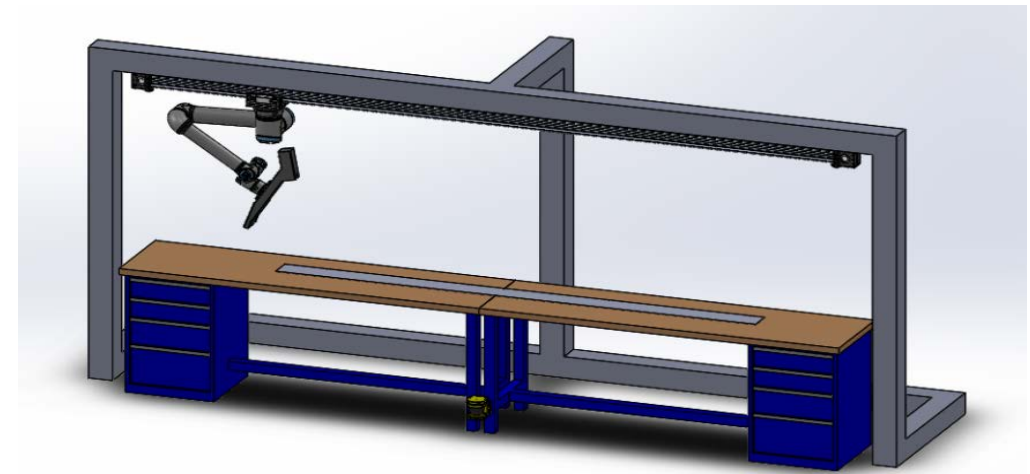
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**CoolScan™ InSitu NDE**

Indication	Definition	Tolerance
End-of-Ply (EOP)	Check Placement of Ply to CAD	<6mm
Fiber Alignment	Check Fiber Alignment to CAD	+/- 5°
Void/Bridging	Detect Voids and Bridging	Repair
FOD	Detect Backing, Fuzz, FOD	Repair
3D Shape to CAD	N.A. in tool, Post Curing Scan	Per Requirements
Bond Quality	N.A. with autoclave curing	



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## COMPOSITE BUILD – ATL/AFP INSITU QUALITY

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### Coriolis AFP Robotic Tape Layup



**In-Situ NDE – Bond Quality**  
Bond quality known at every  
point of the component build.

**Trillion InSitu NDE system on Joby Coriolis Robot Head.**

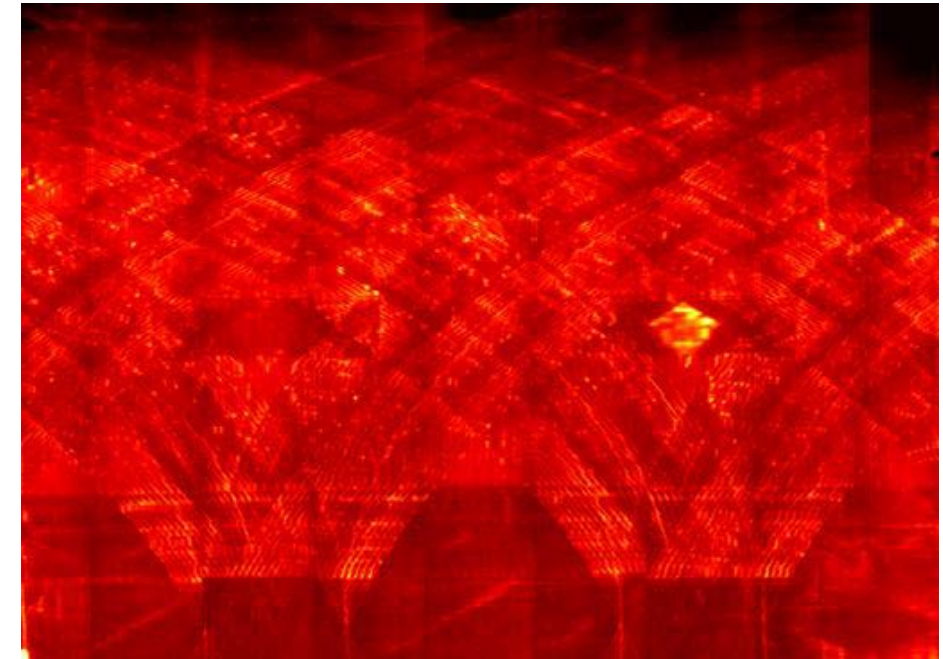


## Robotic Tape Layup, Real-time Build Quality



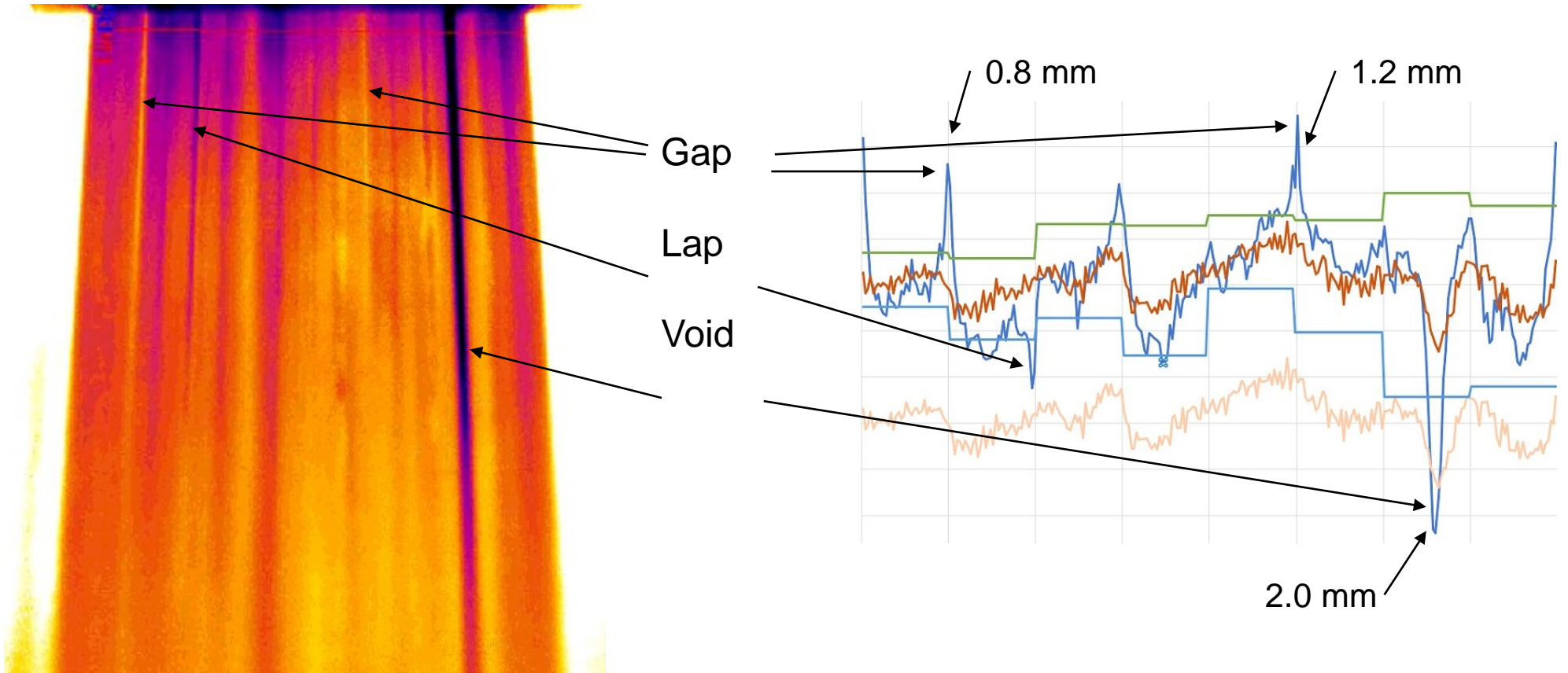
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## COMPOSITE BUILD – ATL/AFP INSITU QUALITY

- Real-time 3D Build Quality
- Real-time Defect Detection – In-Situ NDE



During AFP Layup & Consolidation

- Cool (black) = poor bonding or lap

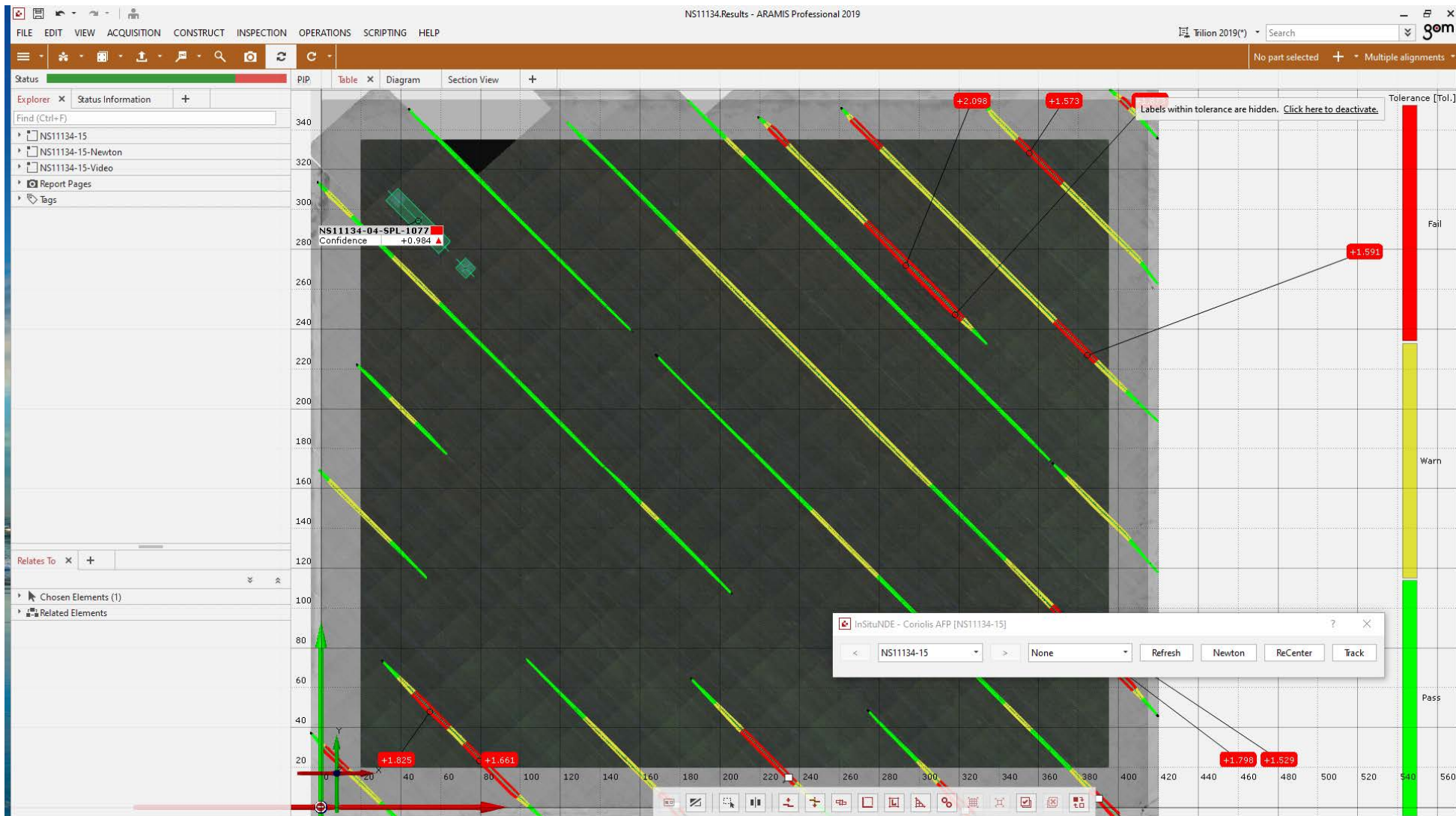


## COMPOSITE BUILD – ATL/AFP INSITU QUALITY

- Real-time Build Quality
  - Defect Acceptance Criteria

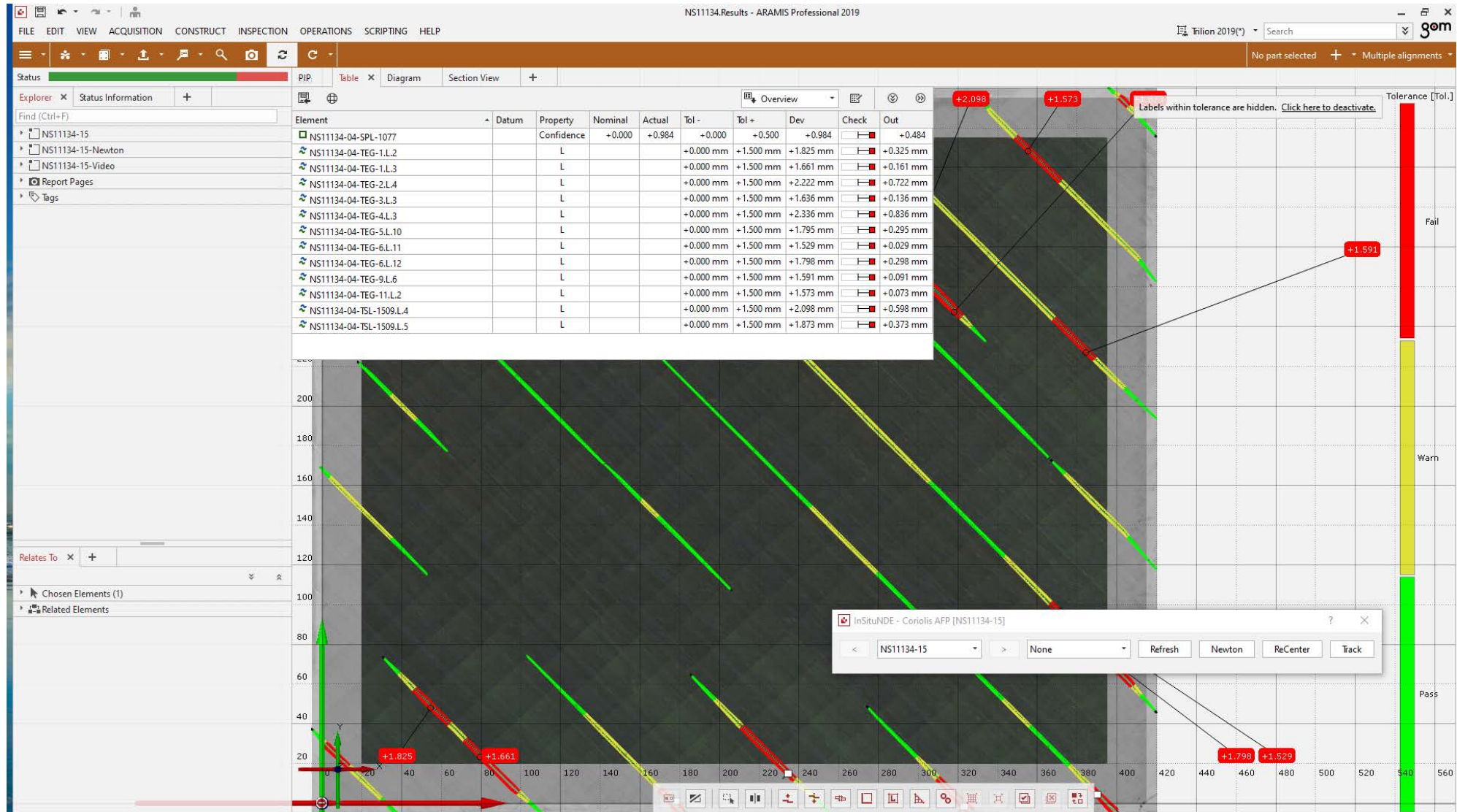
Indication	Definition	Tolerance
Gap	Gap between tows/tape	<2mm
Lap	Tow overlapping adjacent	<2mm
Twist	Tow twist	Repair
Splice	Tow splice	>150mm
Buckling/Puckering	Tape turn buckling	QA acceptance
Void	Tow voids, <u>disbonds</u> , bridging	<4mm
FOD	Foreign material, fuzz	<4mm
3D Defect Stacking	3D defect stacking	QA acceptance

# COMPOSITE BUILD – ATL/AFP INSITU QUALITY

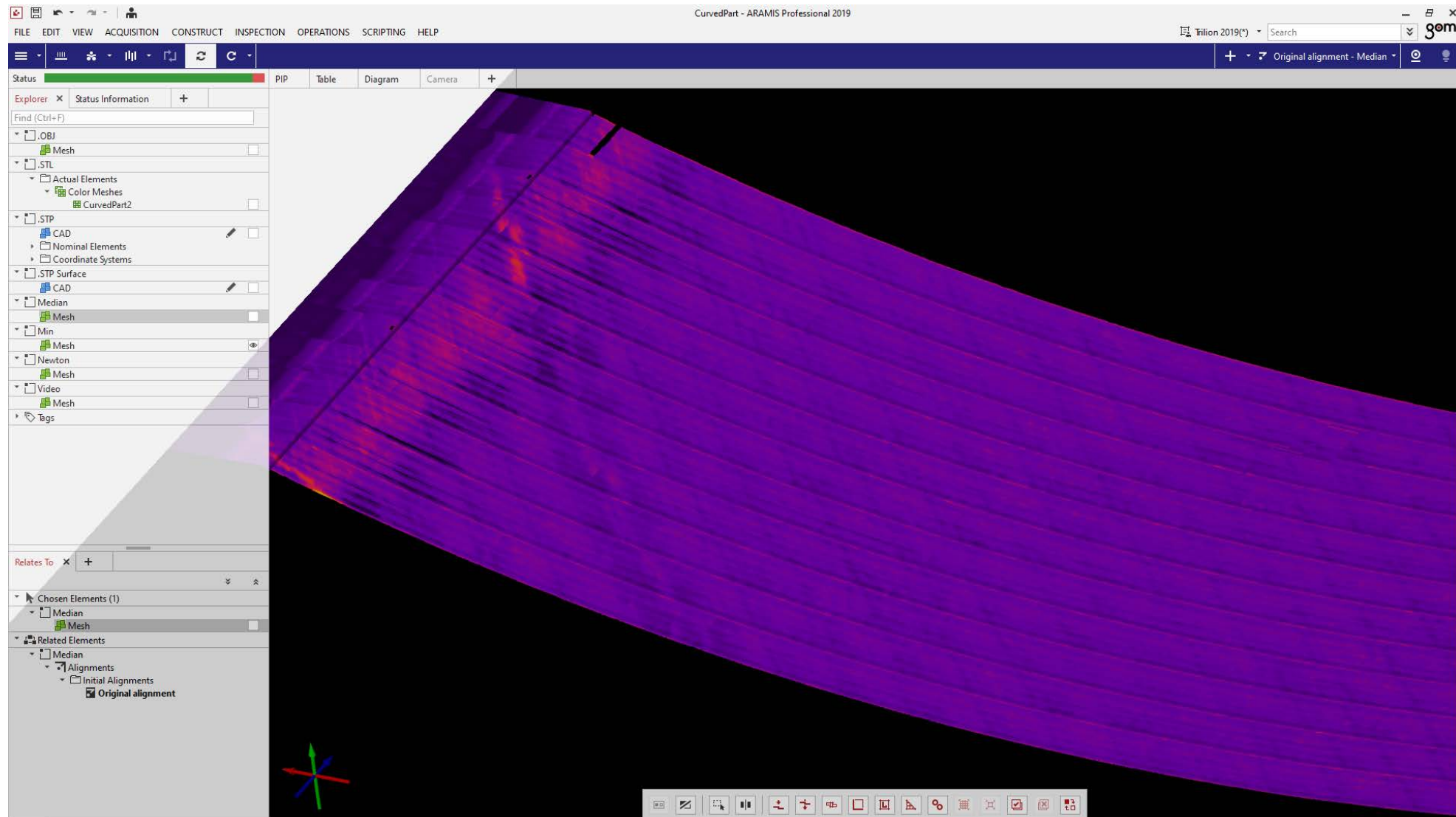




# COMPOSITE BUILD – ATL/AFP INSITU QUALITY



# COMPOSITE BUILD – ATL/AFP INSITU QUALITY – FUSELAGE TOOL

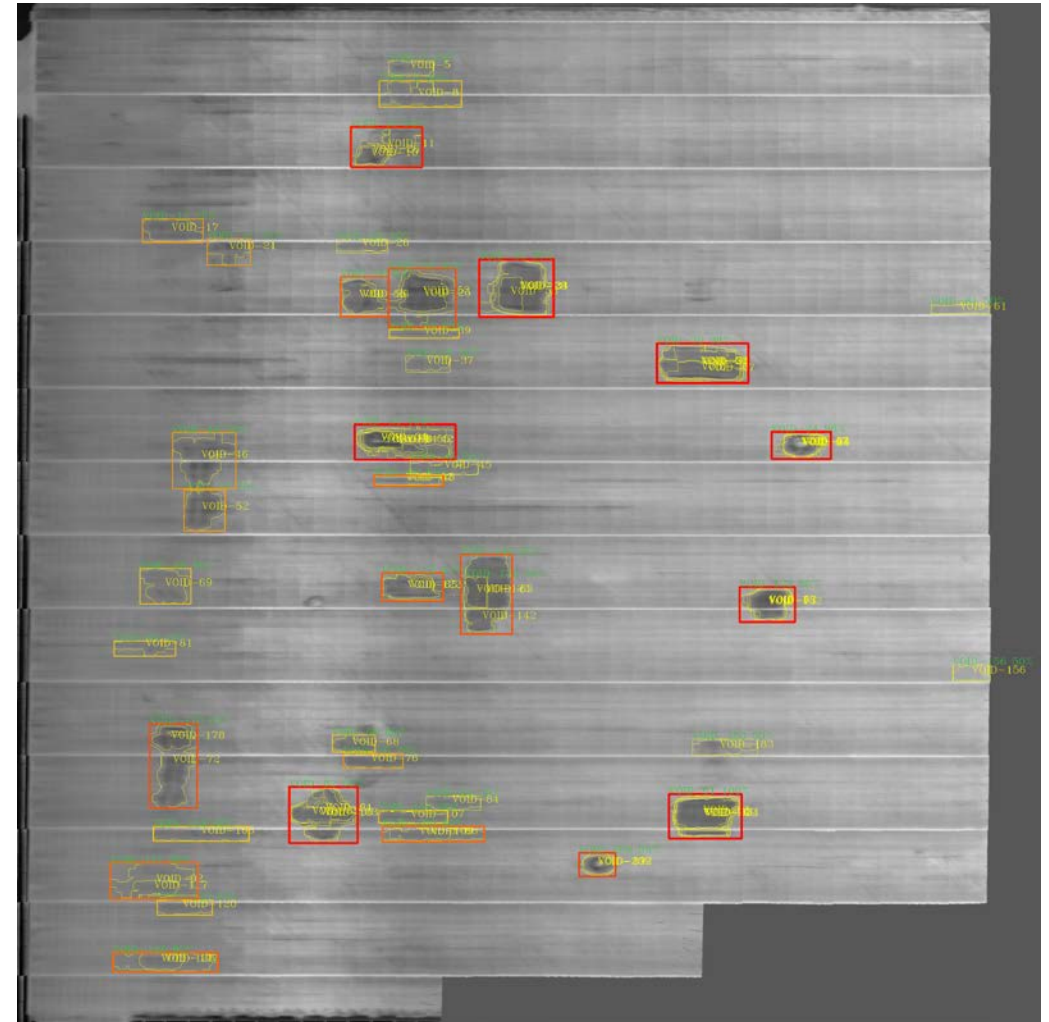
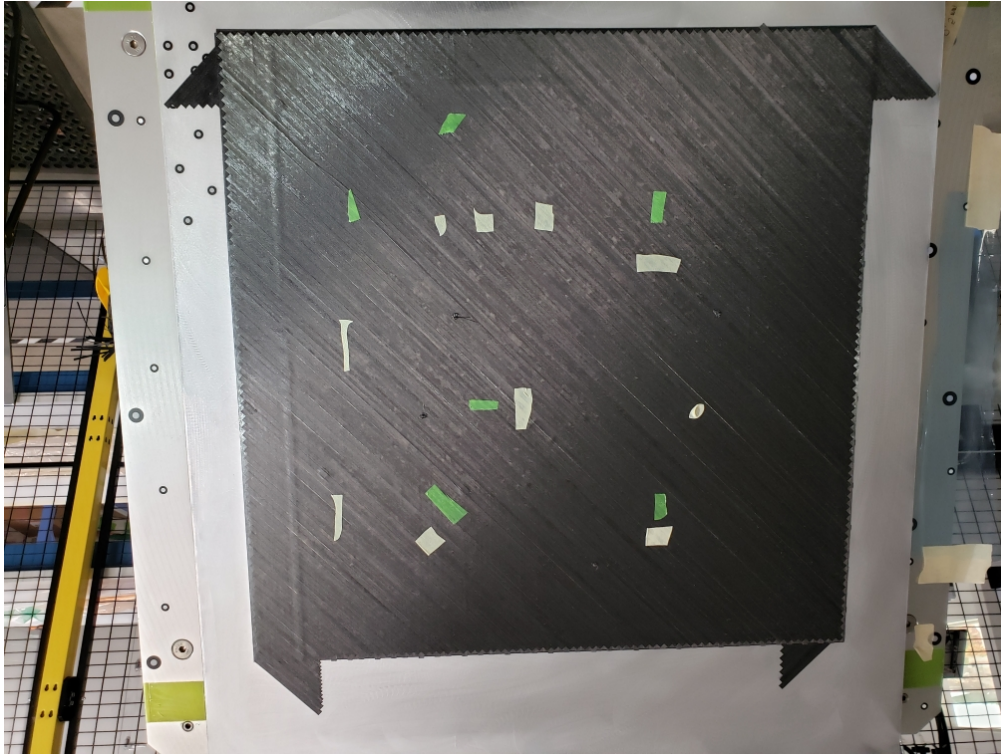




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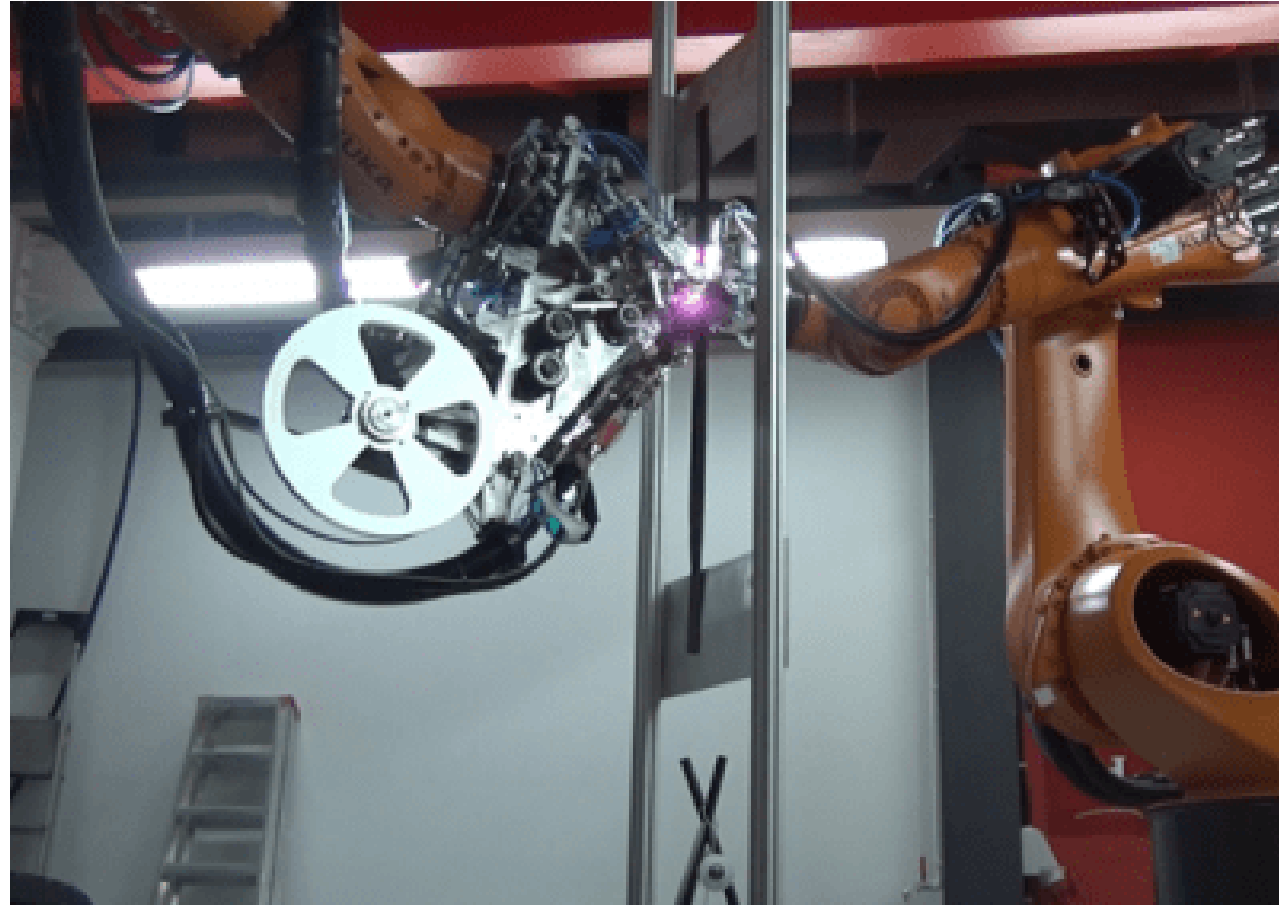
Programmed FOD defects



## INSITU NDE TOOL-LESS THERMOPLASTIC BUILD

### Tool-less Thermoplastic

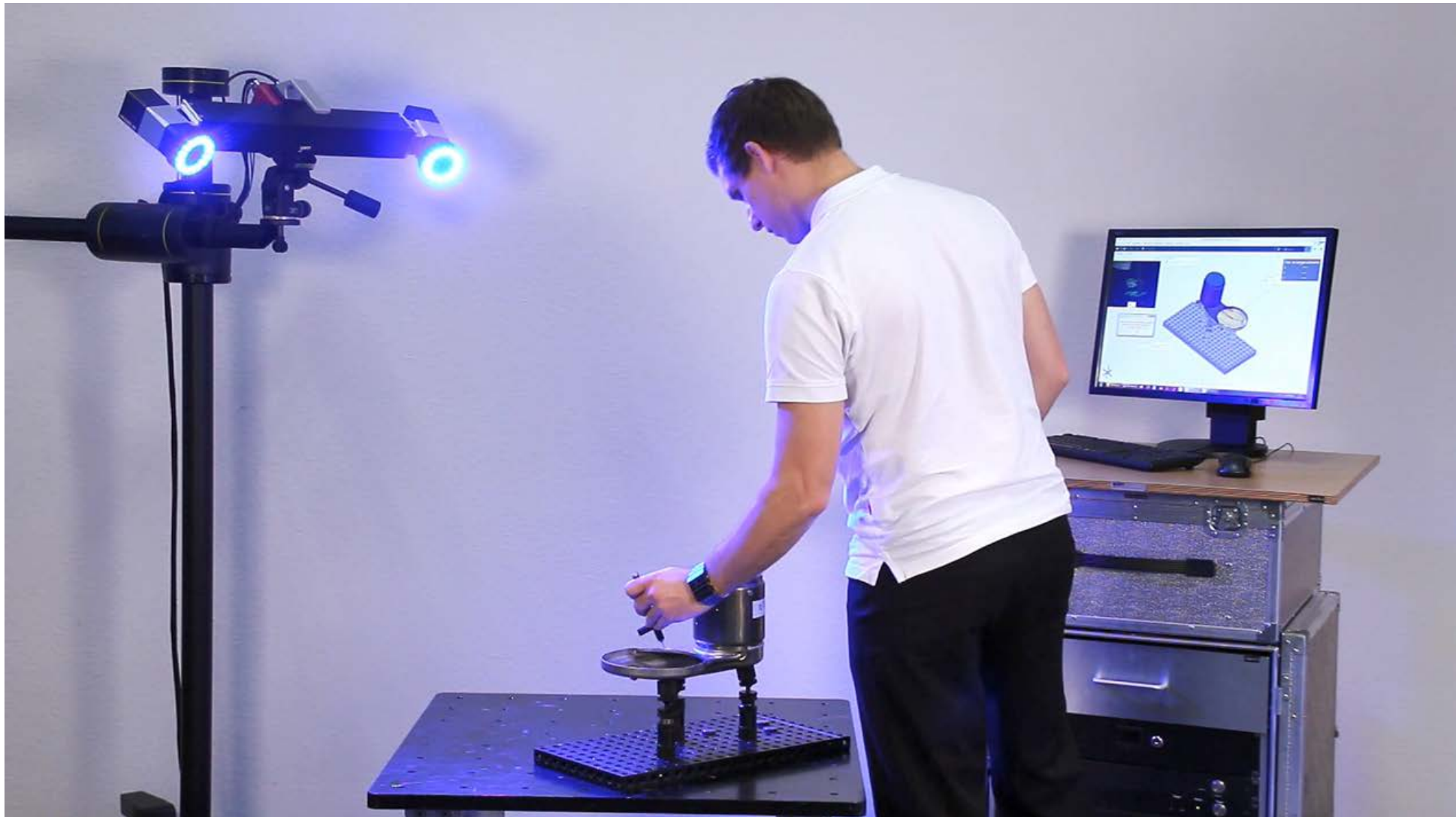
- 3D Shape measurement real-time feedback for correct parts.
- InSitu NDE for quality detection.
- Detect laps & gaps, voids, porosity, crystallinity, FOD.
- Real-time quality inspection to make perfect parts.
- AR display of defects, precision measurement tools for documenting quality.





# RVAT REAL-TIME VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY TOOLING

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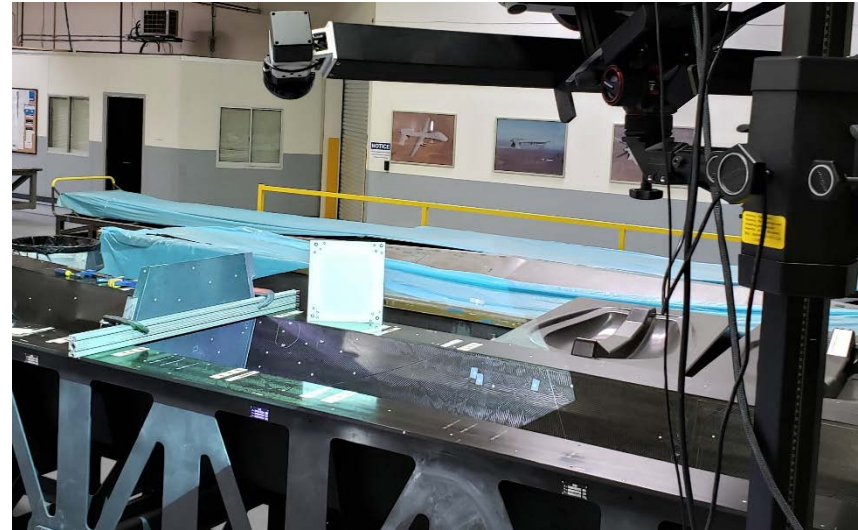


# RVAT ARAMIS – Stereo 3D Photogrammetry

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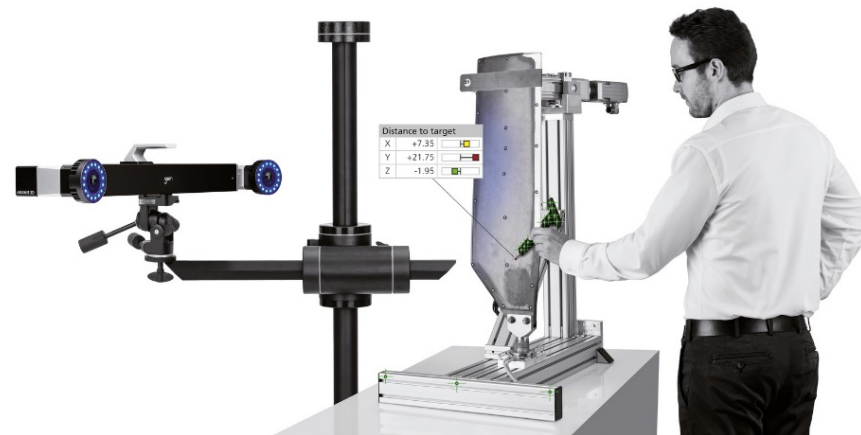
## •RVAT ARAMIS Sensor

- Fast real-time positioning
- Precision measurement
- Accuracy to > 0.001 inches
- Direct guidance to CAD design
- Faster, more precise assembly
- MRL-9 measurement capability



## • Operator Guidance

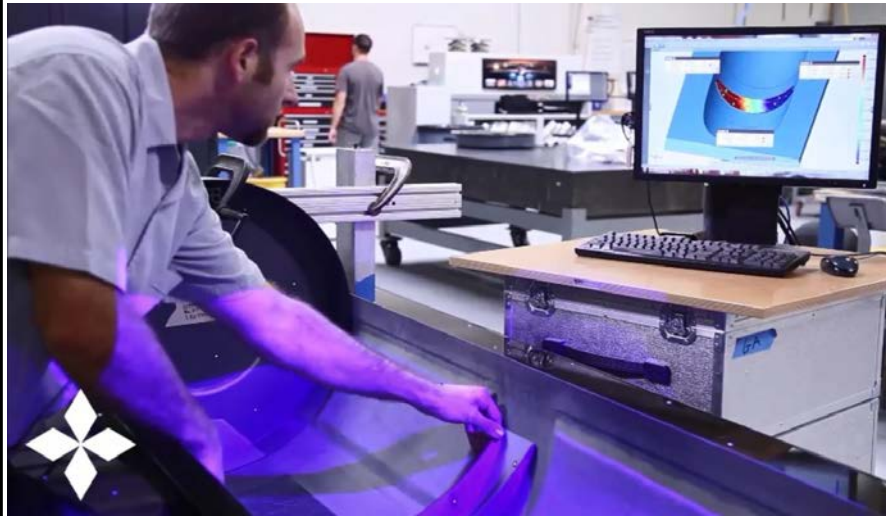
- Precision assembly guidance
- Fast and easy to use
- 60% faster assembly in use
- More accurate
- Capture manufacturing knowledge



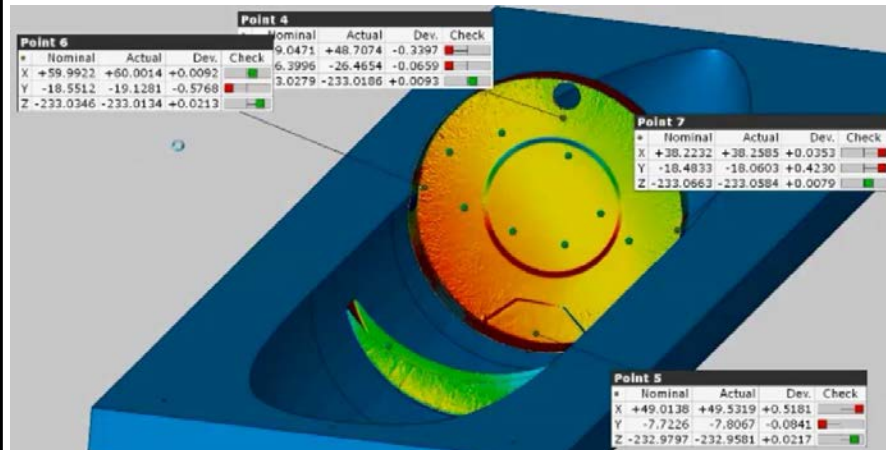
# RVAT COMPONENT ASSEMBLY IN 6-DOF (6 DEGREES-OF-FREEDOM)



- Positioning a 3D component in complex 3D structure to CAD
  - Dynamic reference
  - RVAT tracks component position
  - Any complex 3D structure
  - All positioning in 6-DOF in CAD coordinates, to CAD location



- Digital-Twin
  - Digital Thread of each task
  - 6-DOF position of actual part
  - QA of each step, to CAD design
  - As-Built is marked and saved, with actual scan and CAD





# RVAT VIRTUAL FIXTURING AND ASSEMBLY

*Digital assembly*

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# RVAT Smart Tools Click-Bond 3D Positioning

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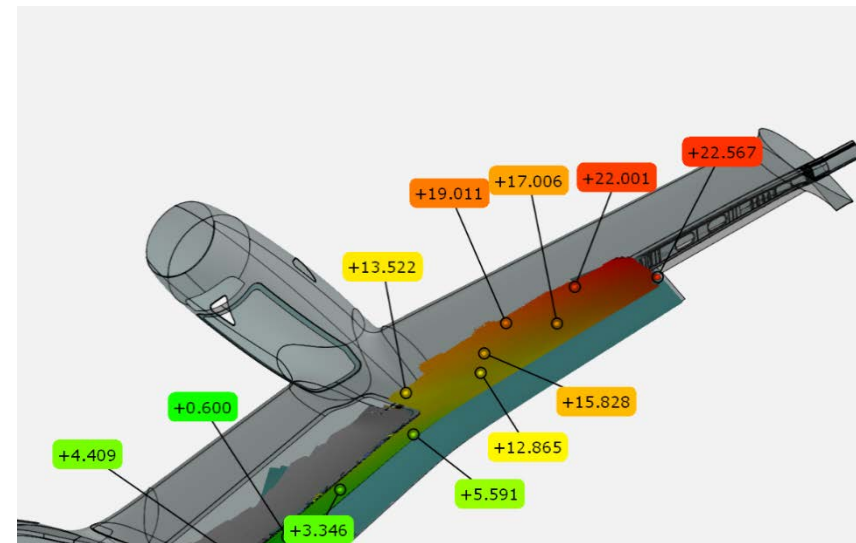
- Click-Bond SmartTool

- Click-Bond tool precise position
- Reference to complex 3D parts
- Non-contact, dynamic tracking
- Positioning to desired tolerance
- Operators 10-50x faster and more precise, with QA build-in.



- Digital Alignment

- Display alignment guidance
- Fast 6-DOF alignments & QA
- Digital Thread: 3D position of components, As-Built, is marked and saved



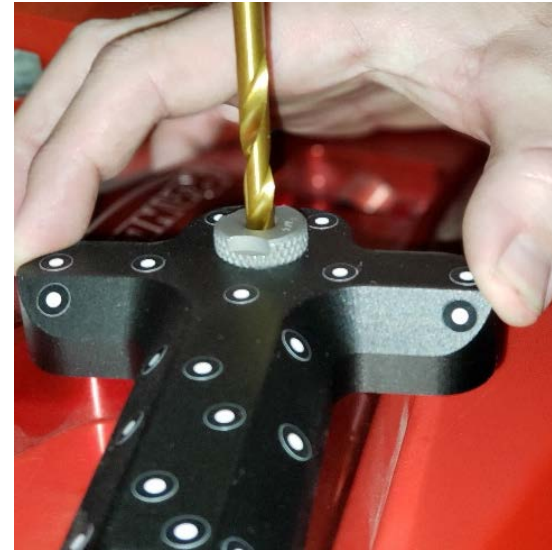
# RVAT Smart Tools

## Drilling 3D/6-DOF/Blind Drilling

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- Rapid Drilling to CAD Design

- 3D positioning of Drill Guide
- Any complex 3D structure
- Tracking to 0.001 inch, in real-time, dynamically, with operator or robot
- Your team 10x more efficient and QA & Digital-Twin included.



- Blind Drilling

- Drilling into structure below, known only in CAD
- Digital Thread: 3D position of each drill hole, As-Built, is saved.





## PHOTOGRAMMETRY OF STRUCTURE

- The 2D picture overlaid on the CAD model makes it easy to view the final positions of the Click Bonds before they are placed
- 2D views can verify that the area was properly prepared before bonding, giving more proof that the job was completed correctly
- 2D images can also show bumps or obstructions that need to be removed before bonding
- Documenting into the Digital Twin each step of the assembly process is easily captured in this manner.



# RVAT UI and Virtual Assembly Workflow

Video:

Trilion RVAT 2019

Keel Parts Install 07122019 - PONTOS Live 2019

Inspection Search gom

Local best-fit - Part

Point 2				
	Nominal	Actual	Dev.	Check
Z	-5.9123	???	???	

Point 1				
	Nominal	Actual	Dev.	Check
Y	-20.2910	???	???	

Point 3				
	Nominal	Actual	Dev.	Check
Y	-9.6913	???	???	

Cannot find reference points.

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#0: 0\_Lobster\_Rib

#3: Lobster

Instructions

Install Rib onto keel bulkhead.

Build comments

Mesh color mapping: Off

Viewing coordinate system: Global

Reference component: Main Keel Component

Tool tracking

Assembly

Projection

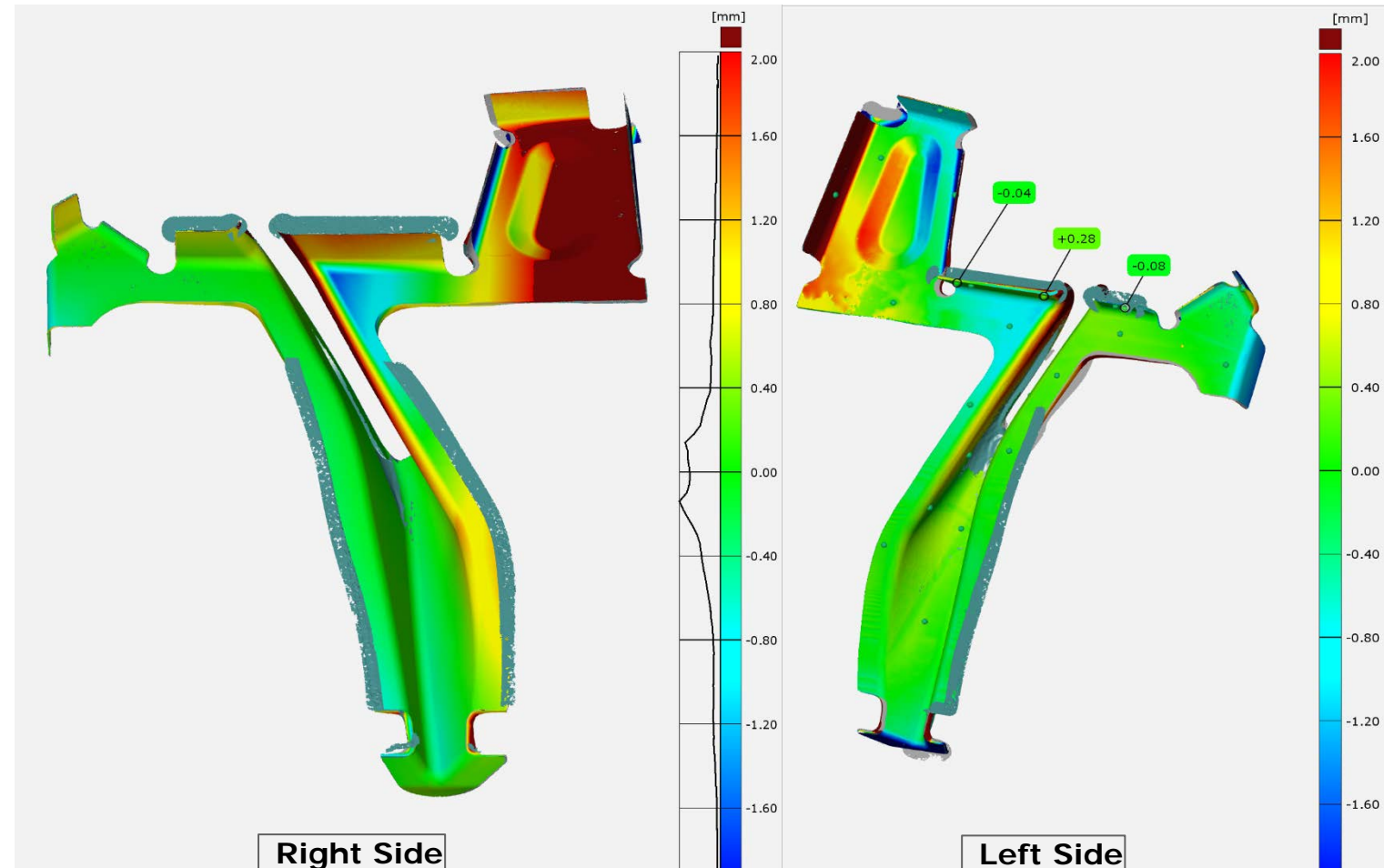
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# RVAT SMART TOOLING RIB BRACKETS

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- Each landing gear rib bracket was scanned and aligned to their CAD models.
- Surface Inspection was made for each component to verify dimensions.
- Identified areas of the parts that were warped.
- Composite techs prepare assembly, knowing that extra clamping force will be needed.
- Tools reworked to compensate for spring-back warpage.
- Smart Tools make perfect parts.

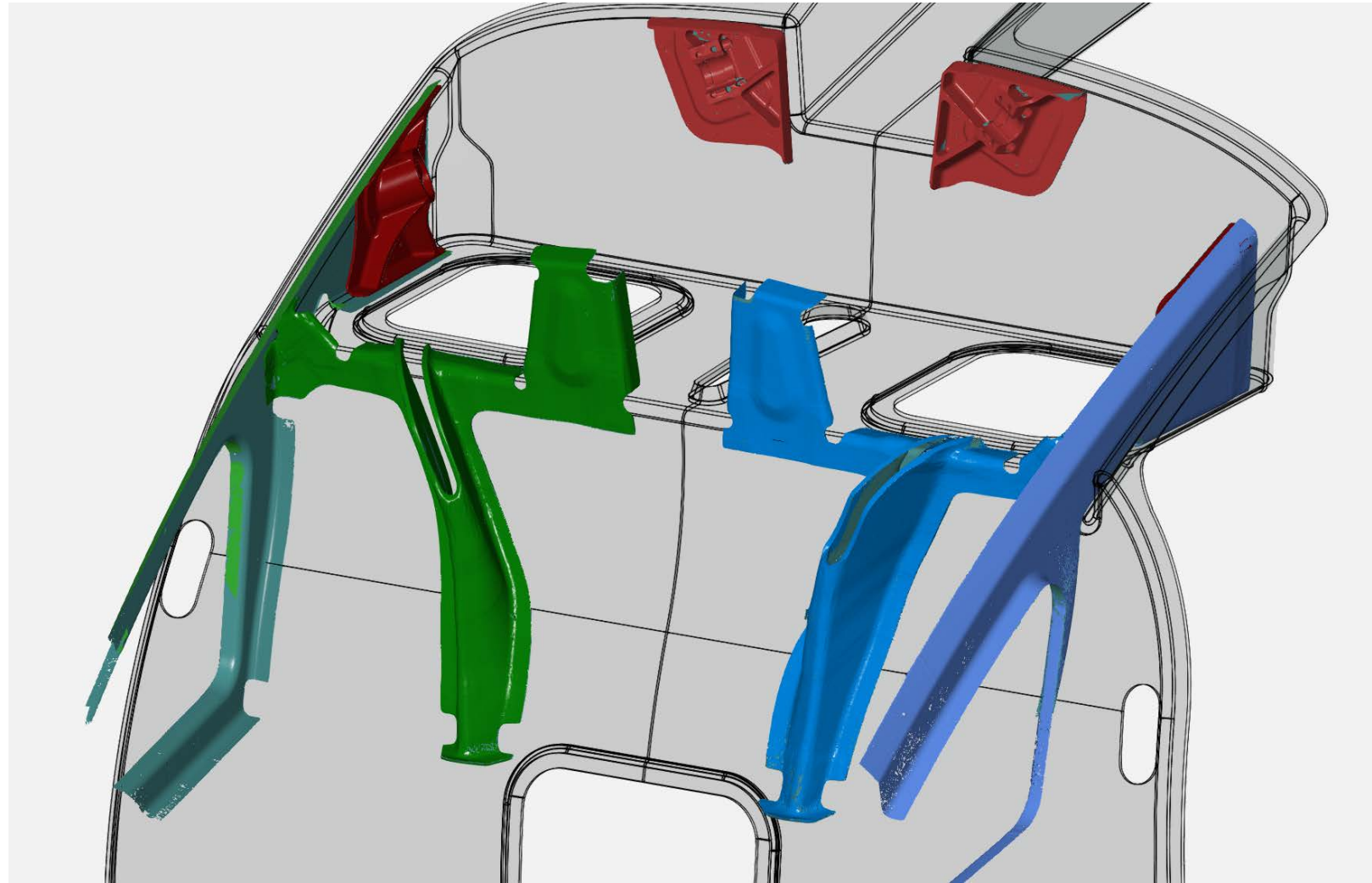




## RVAT DIGITAL ASSEMBLY DIGITAL PRE-FIT

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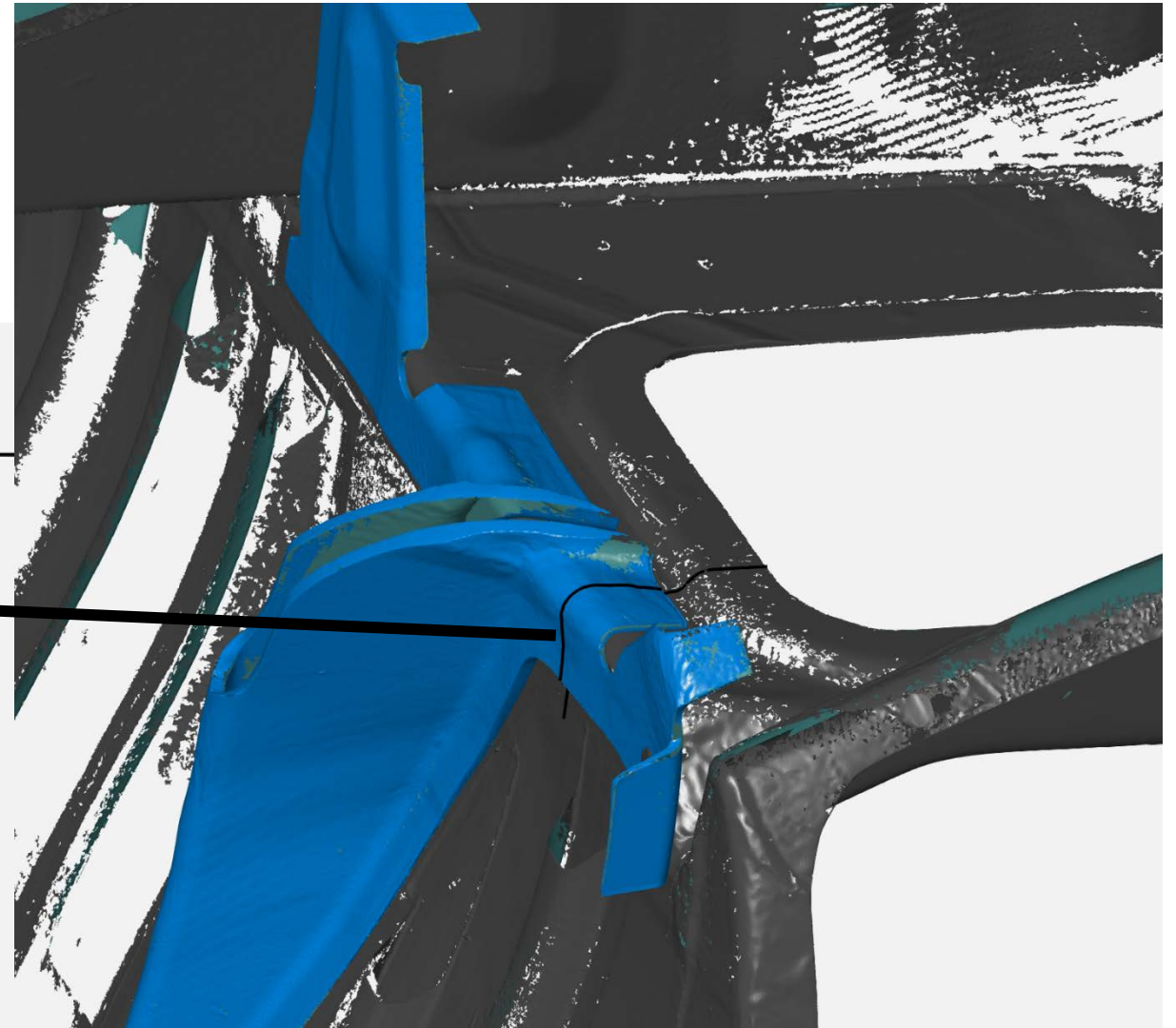
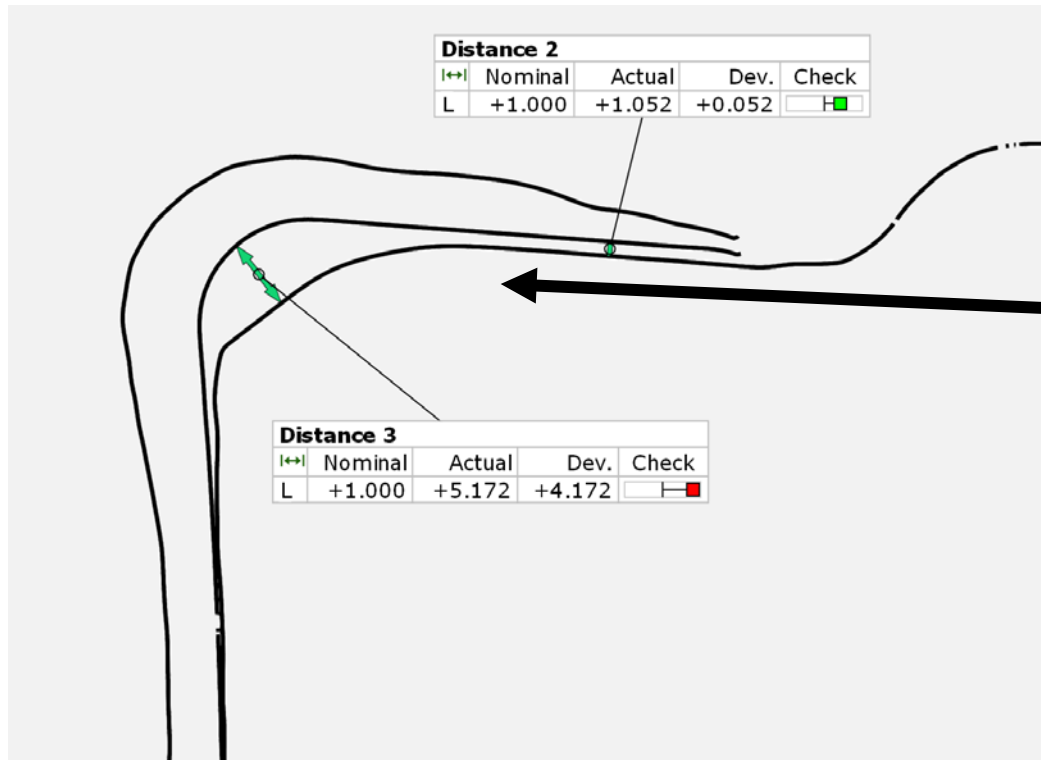
- Each part is scanned, and imported into a Master Project.
- Master Project showed interference between parts or bond lines that were not acceptable.
- This shows which parts will need to be trimmed before they are physically assembled



# RVAT DIGITAL ASSEMBLY BOND THICKNESS



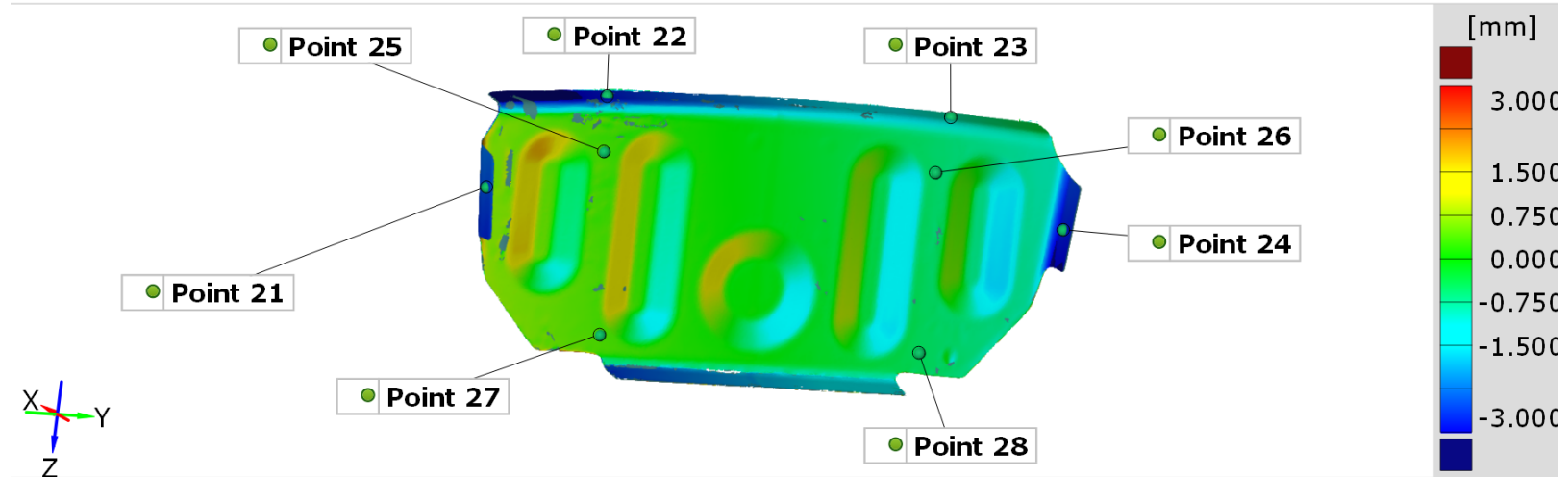
- Bond Thickness measurement
- Cross sections are made of the digital assembly and bond line thicknesses measured on areas that cannot be seen by the technician.



# RVAT DIGITAL ASSEMBLY AS-BUILT INSPECTION



- Parts were live tracked using RVAT.
- Parts were then drilled and Clecos were added to hold the part in place.
- Parts were bonded to the assembly.
- After the curing, the final position of the part was captured and documented for quality assurance and As-Built Digital-Thread.

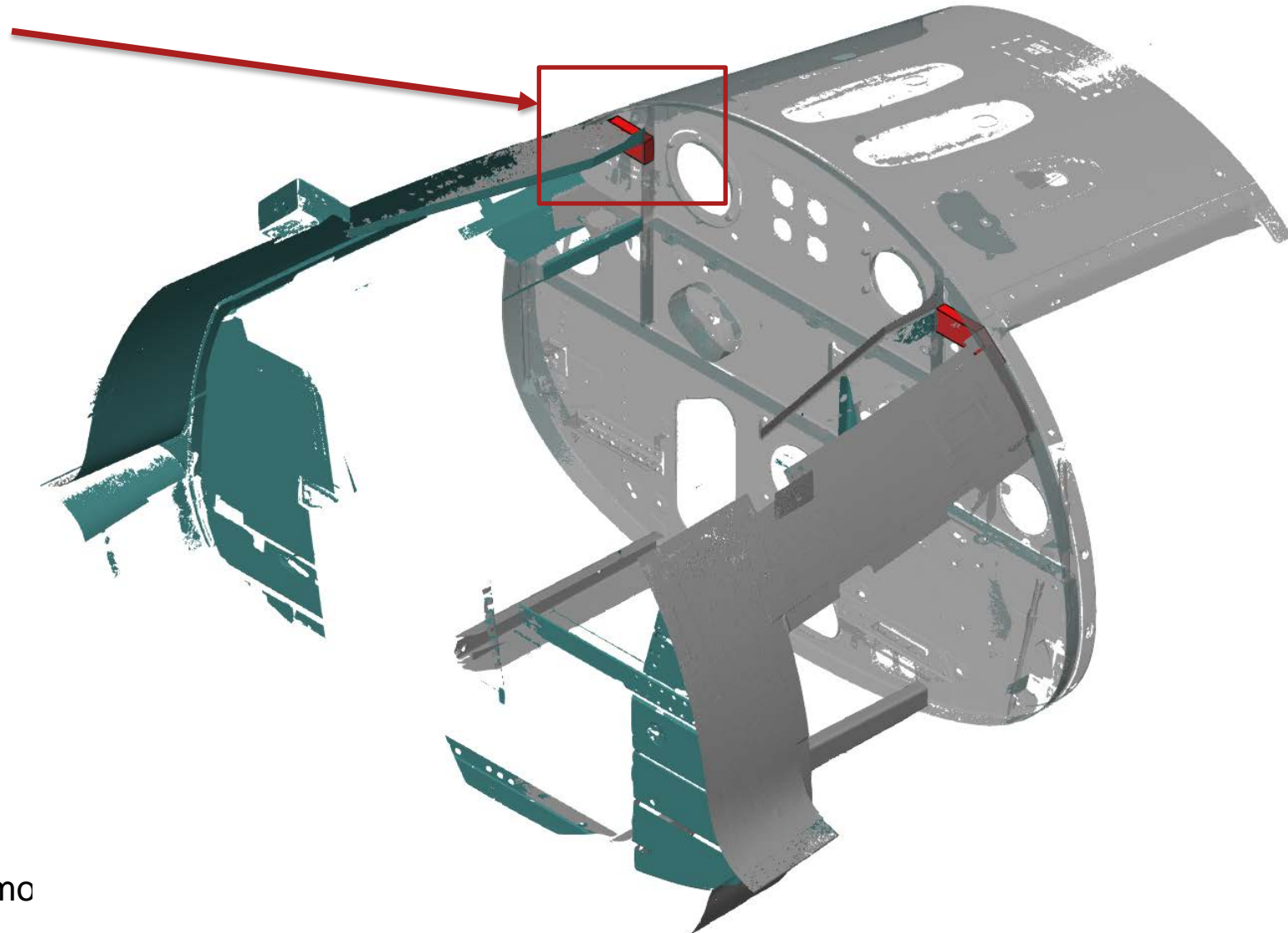
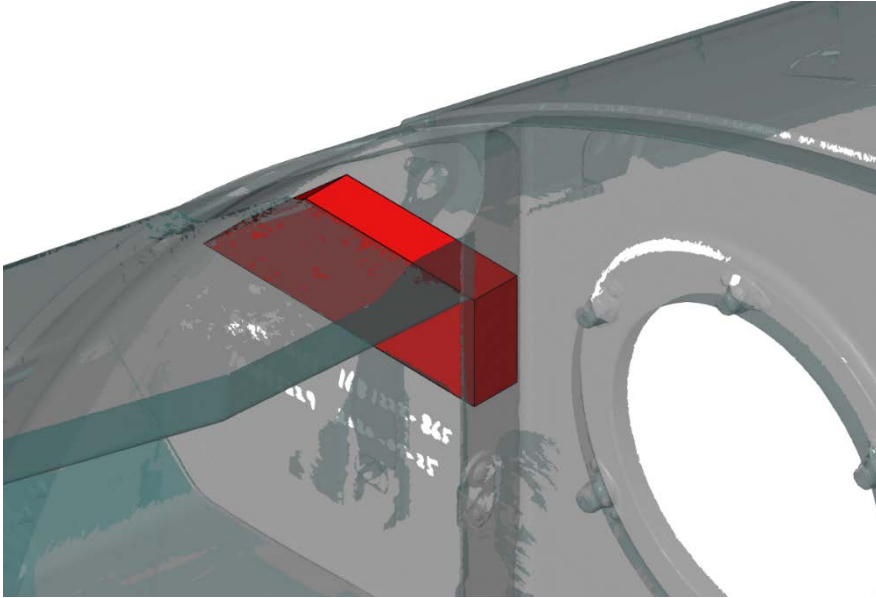


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● Point 28		X	+1539.028	+1539.491	-0.800	+0.800	+0.463	<input type="checkbox"/> H <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
● Point 27		X	+1538.981	+1538.596	-0.800	+0.800	-0.385	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/>	
● Point 26		X	+1538.959	+1539.510	-0.800	+0.800	+0.550	<input type="checkbox"/> H <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
● Point 25		X	+1538.975	+1538.645	-0.800	+0.800	-0.330	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/>	
● Point 24		Y	+201.743	+204.571	-0.800	+0.800	+2.828	<input type="checkbox"/> H <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+2.028
● Point 23		Z	-298.235	-297.330	-0.800	+0.800	+0.906	<input type="checkbox"/> H <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+0.106



# VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY – SHIM & TRIM SHIM MODELING AND CREATION

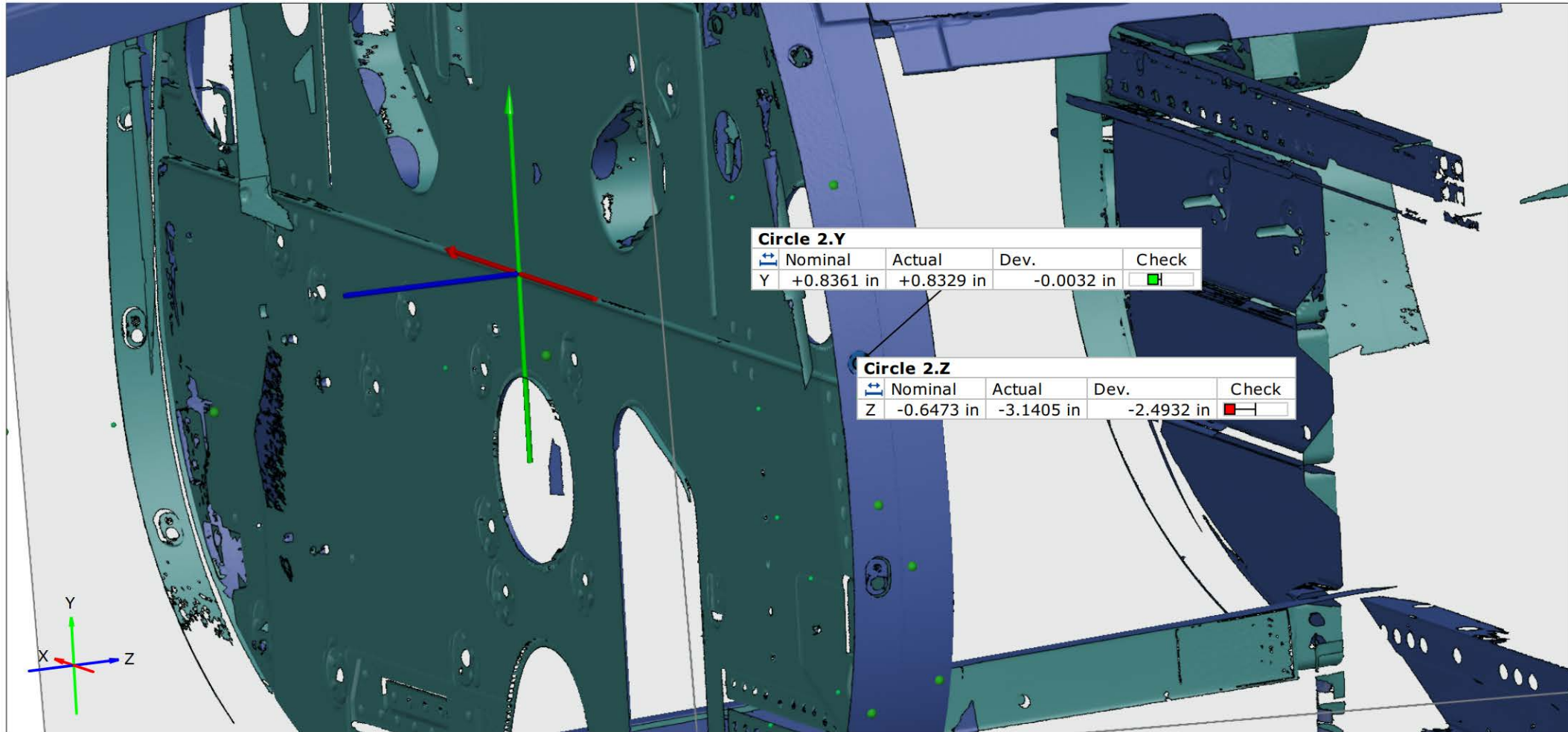
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## Virtual Assembly

- Virtual Shim measurements where components do not meet mating.
- Geomagic DesignX design of Shim model for machining.

# BUSHING TRACKING



# QA INSPECTION DRILL & BUSHING LOCATIONS AS-BUILT



Element	Datum	Property	Nominal	Actual	Tol -	Tol +	Dev	Check	Out
↑ Point 1		Y	+11.2789	+11.2855	-0.0100	+0.0100	+0.0066	<input type="checkbox"/>	
↑ Point 1		Z	+2.1490	+2.1402	-0.0100	+0.0100	-0.0088	<input type="checkbox"/>	
⚠ ↑ Point 2		Y	+8.6543	???	-0.0100	+0.0100	???	<input type="checkbox"/>	
⚠ ↑ Point 2		Z	+2.1986	???	-0.0100	+0.0100	???	<input type="checkbox"/>	
○ Circle 2		X	-20.9628	-21.0497	-0.0100	+0.0100	-0.0869	<input type="checkbox"/>	-0.0769
○ Circle 2		Y	+0.8361	+0.8329	-0.0100	+0.0100	-0.0032	<input type="checkbox"/>	
○ Circle 2		Z	-0.6473	-3.1405	-0.0100	+0.0100	-2.4932	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.4832
↔ Distance 1		LZ	+1.5955	+2.9195	-0.0100	+0.0100	+1.3240	<input type="checkbox"/>	+1.3140
↔ Distance 2		LZ	+1.5654	+2.9030	-0.0100	+0.0100	+1.3376	<input type="checkbox"/>	+1.3276
↔ Distance 3		LZ	+0.5156	+3.0031	-0.0100	+0.0100	+2.4875	<input type="checkbox"/>	+2.4775
↔ Distance 4		LZ	+0.4730	+2.9662	-0.0100	+0.0100	+2.4932	<input type="checkbox"/>	+2.4832
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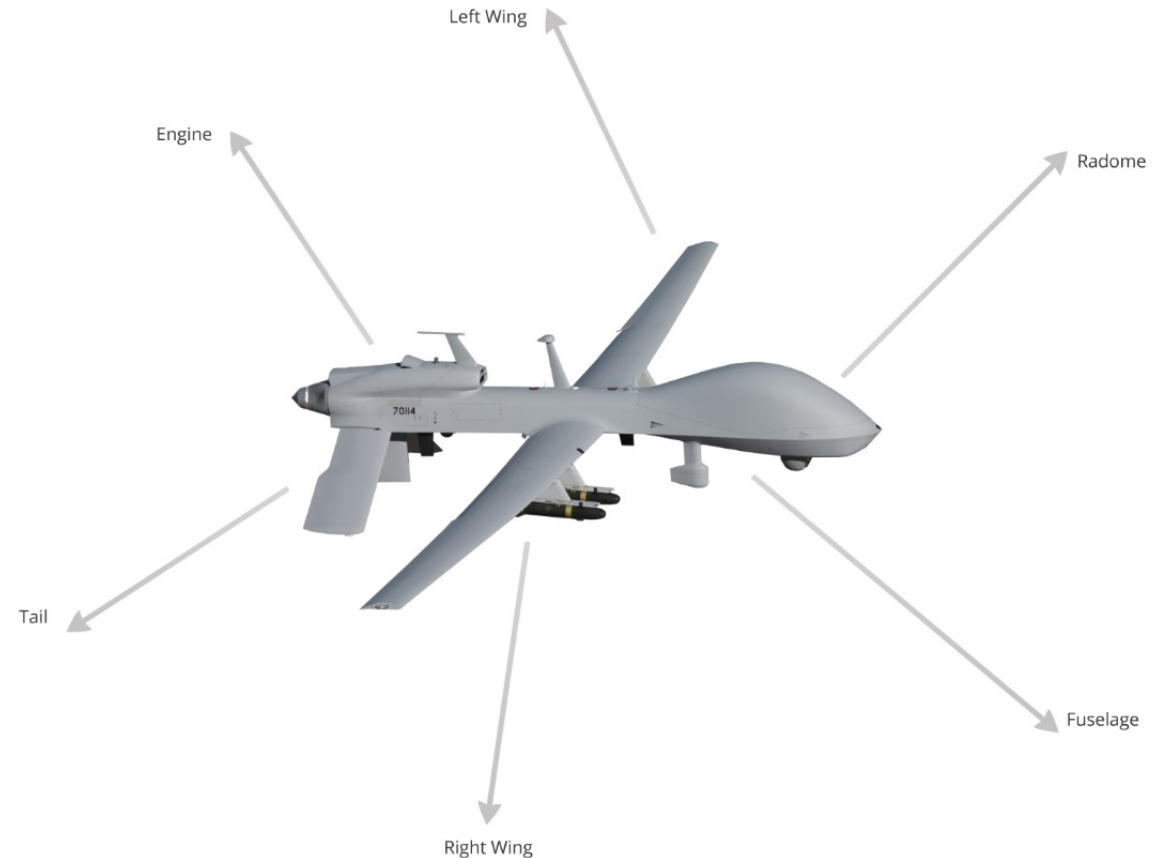


# XI DIGITAL TWIN REAL-TIME VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY TOOLING



RVAT Digital Threads capture assembly steps, assembly process and manufacturing data associated with entire build.

1. Each component is documented As-Built:
  - a) CAD Drawings
  - b) Component Scans
  - c) Engineering Data
  - d) Assembly Data
  - e) QA Review Data
2. Digital Threads:  
Engineering and Manufacturing data gathered into Digital-Twin.

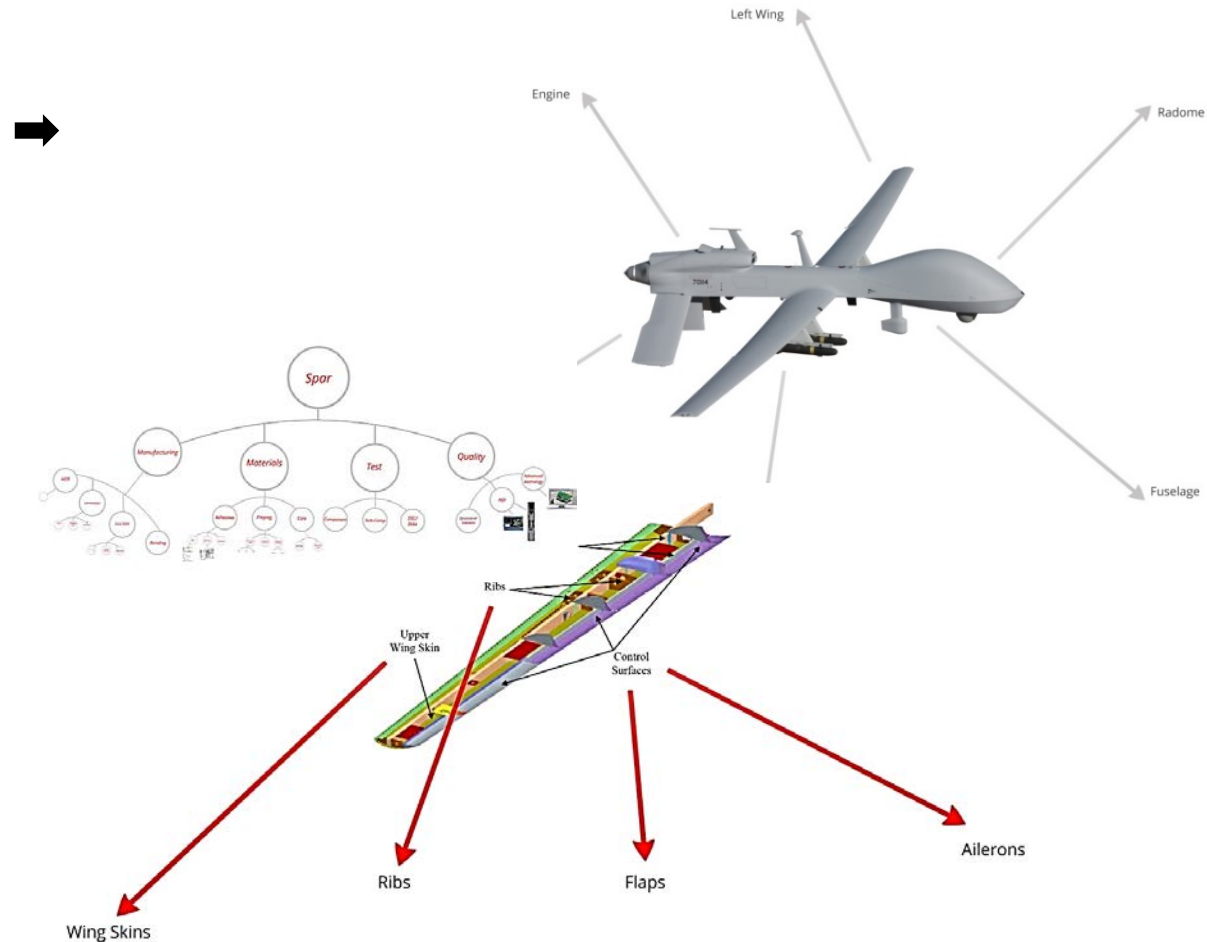


# XI DIGITAL TWIN REAL-TIME VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY TOOLING



Xi Digital-Twin graphical structure relates engineering data, digital assembly and manufacturing data of the entire vehicle.

1. Each Structure is documented As-Built, in 3D Global Coordinates
2. Engineering data
  - a) Materials
  - b) CAD/FEA
  - c) 3D Baseline
  - d) Assembly data & QA
  - e) NDT
  - f) Structural Testing
3. SPC and Production Analysis across entire production and all monitored processes.



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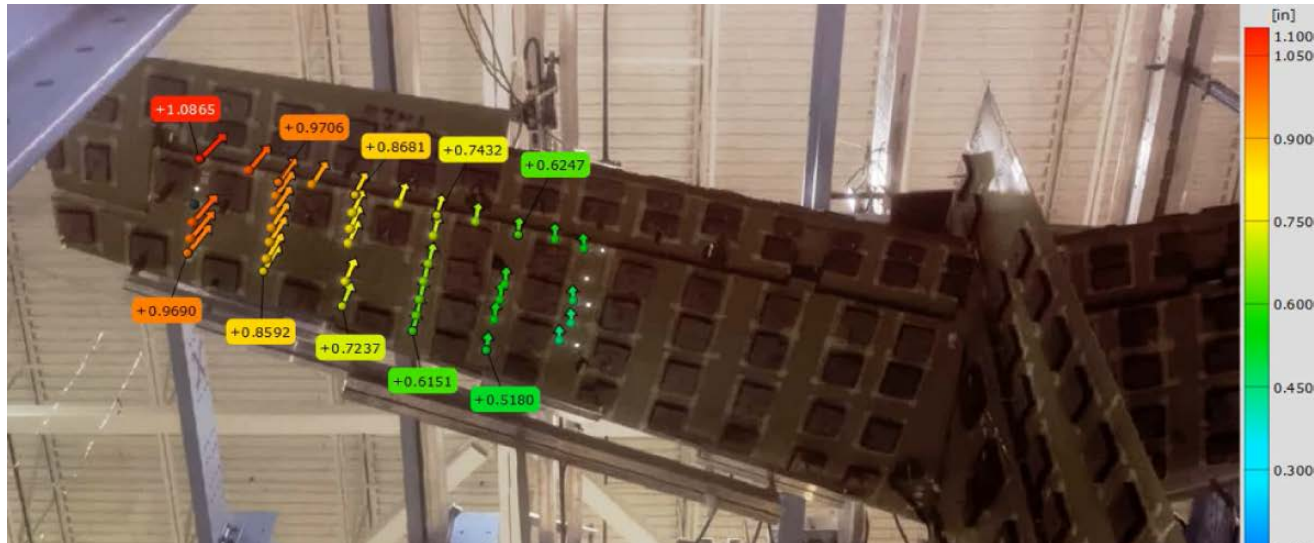
The screenshot displays the RVAT Digital-Twin software interface. The main window shows a 3D model of a gear assembly in a semi-transparent green view. A data table titled 'Inspections' is overlaid on the left side of the model. The table lists various points (Point 44 to Point 51) with their respective properties, nominal values, actual values, and tolerance ranges. A 'Check' column indicates the status of each point, with green boxes for passing and red boxes for failing. The interface also includes a navigation menu on the left, a search bar, and a right-hand panel with asset and item lists.

Element	Property	Nominal	Actual	Tol-	Tol+	Dev	Check
Point 44	z	-224.649	-224.731	-0.800	0.800	-0.082	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Point 45	z	-231.900	-231.806	-0.800	0.800	0.094	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Point 46	y	108.535	108.559	-0.800	0.800	0.024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Point 47	y	100.773	100.977	-0.800	0.800	0.204	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Point 48	x	3194.039	3195.378	-0.800	0.800	1.339	<input type="checkbox"/>
Point 49	x	3213.336	3214.740	-0.800	0.800	1.404	<input type="checkbox"/>
Point 50	x	3226.327	3228.014	-0.800	0.800	1.687	<input type="checkbox"/>
Point 51	x	3205.390	3206.995	-0.800	0.800	1.605	<input type="checkbox"/>

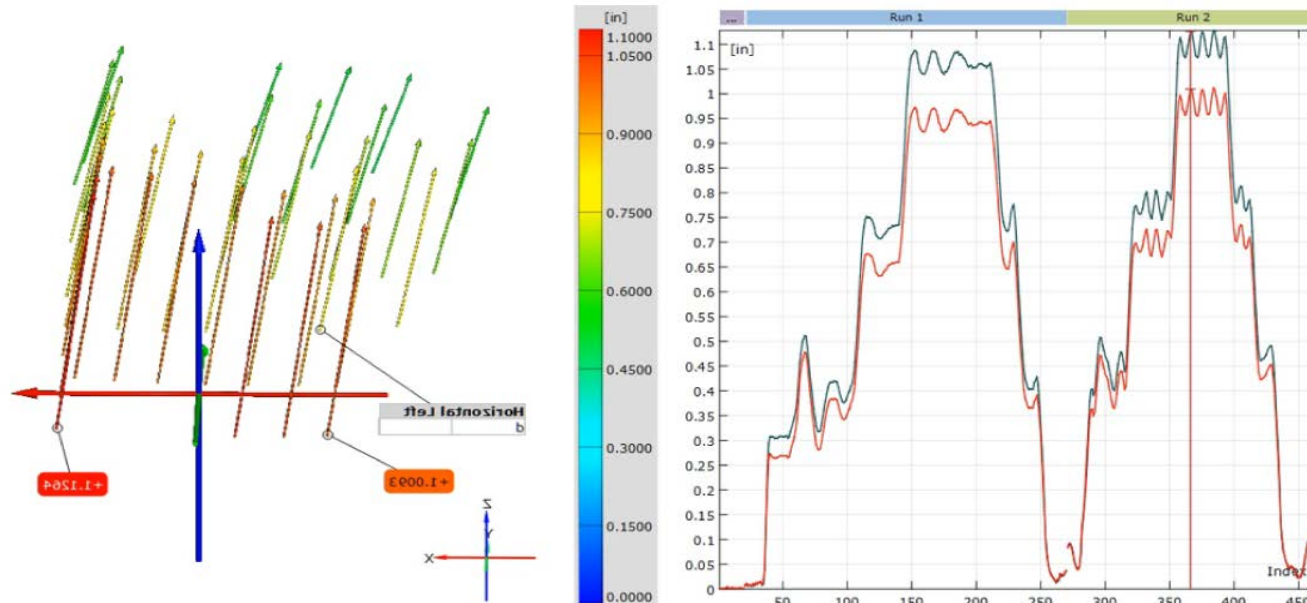


# DISPLACEMENT MEASUREMENT

## *ARAMIS Optical Strain versus String Pots or LVDTs*



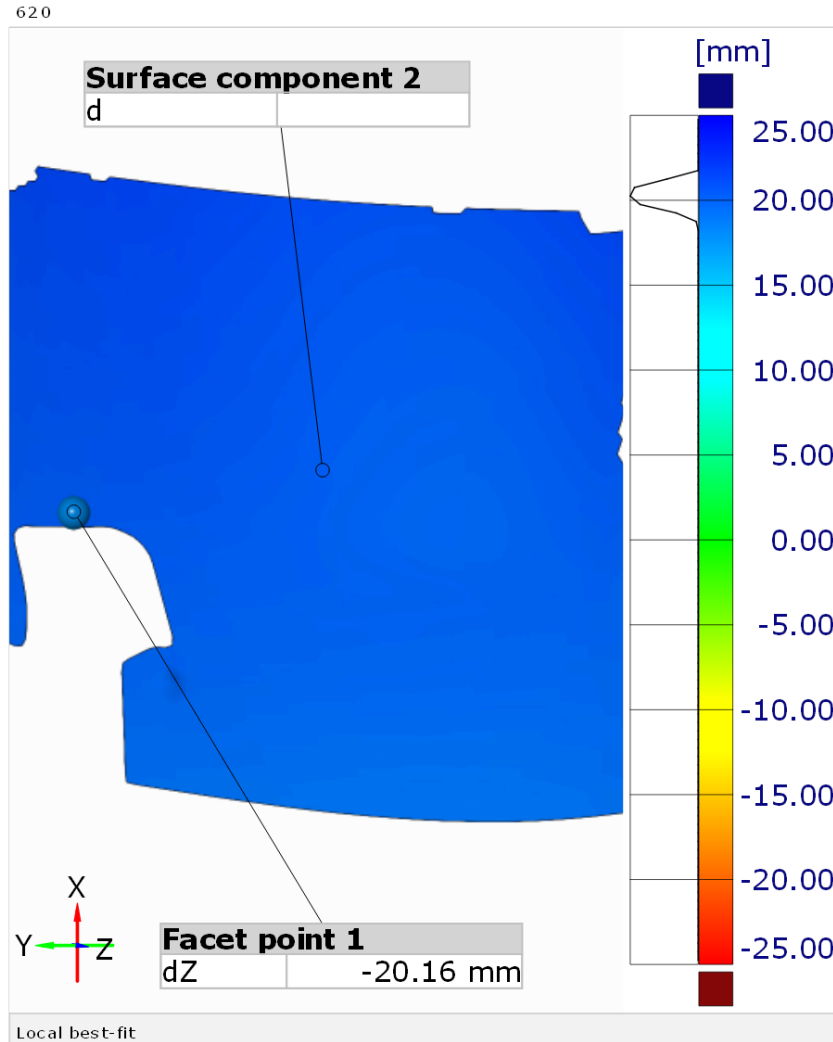
1. **Rapid Setup:** 60 minutes verses 4 Days
2. **3D Measurement:** Linear data, with correction
3. **Optical Line of Sight:** No interferences
4. **Adjustable Reference**
5. **Save on Schedule**
6. **Real-time Accurate Data**
7. **No Operational Costs**



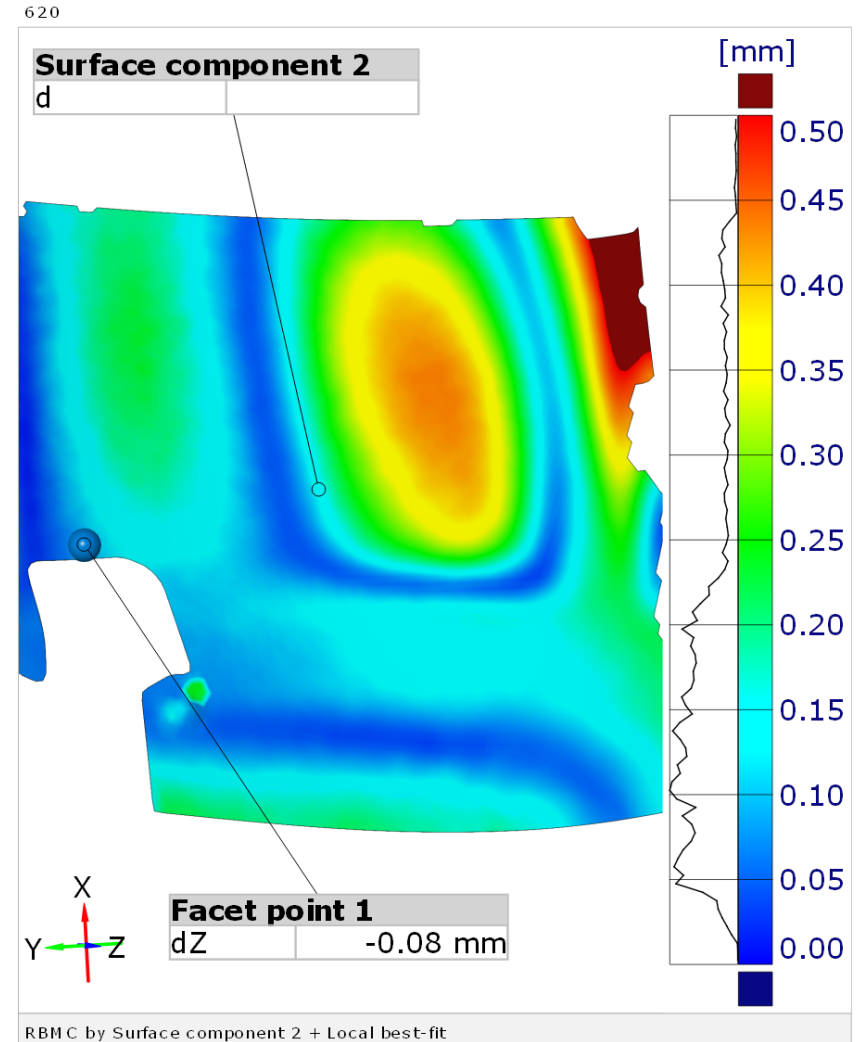
## dZ - TOTAL DISPLACEMENT

The displacement measurements in any direction can easily be made with and without RBMC (Rigid Body Motion Compensation). Both 3D surfaces were measured at the stage time to display surface buckling.

Total Displacement



Total Displacement with RBMC

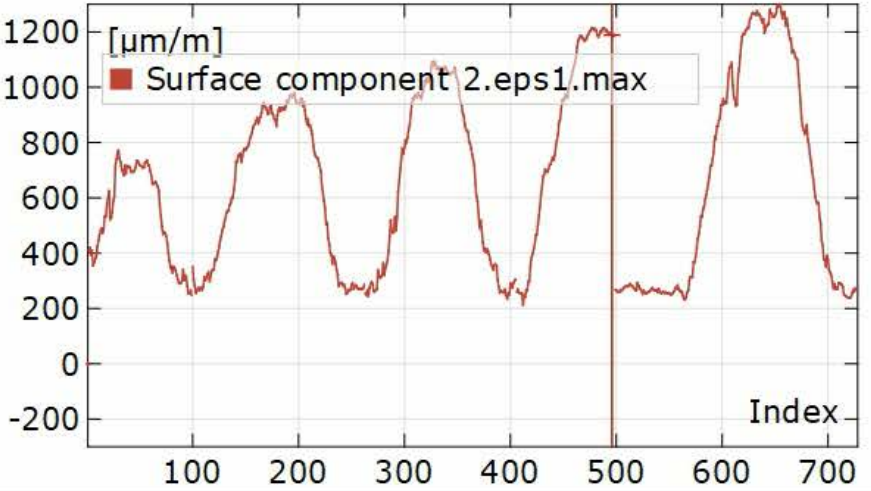
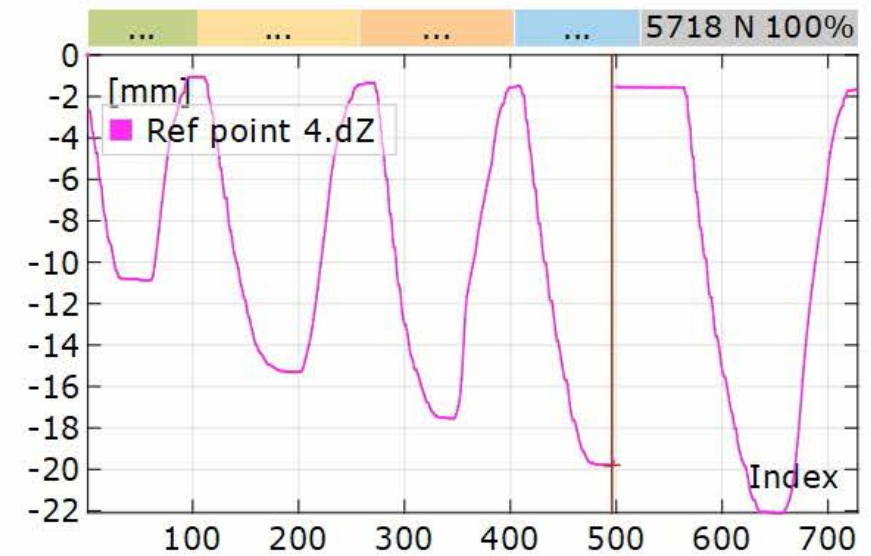
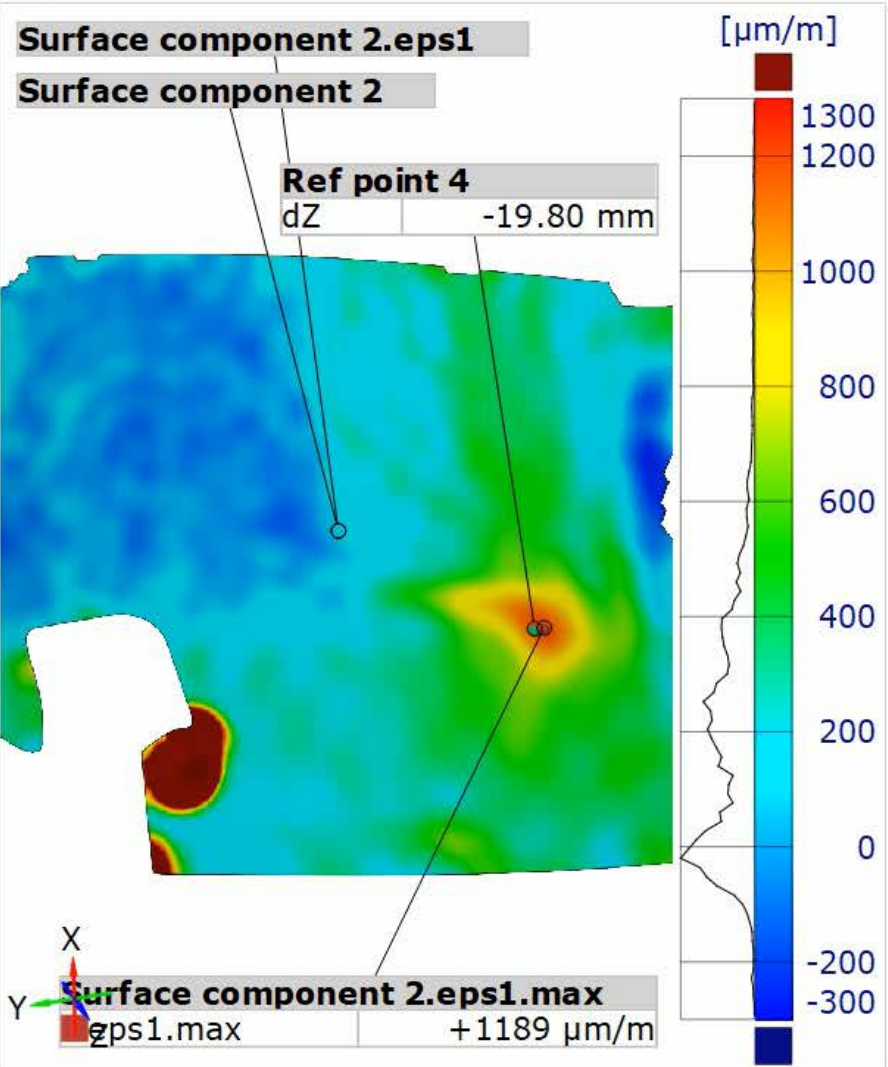


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### Major Strain

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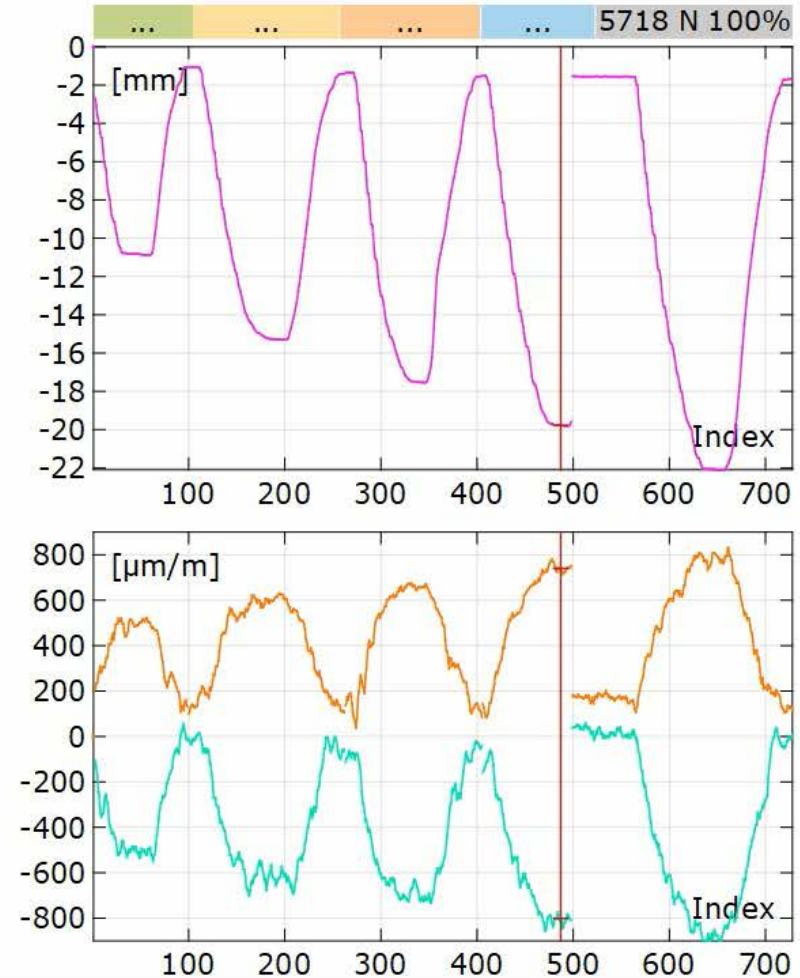
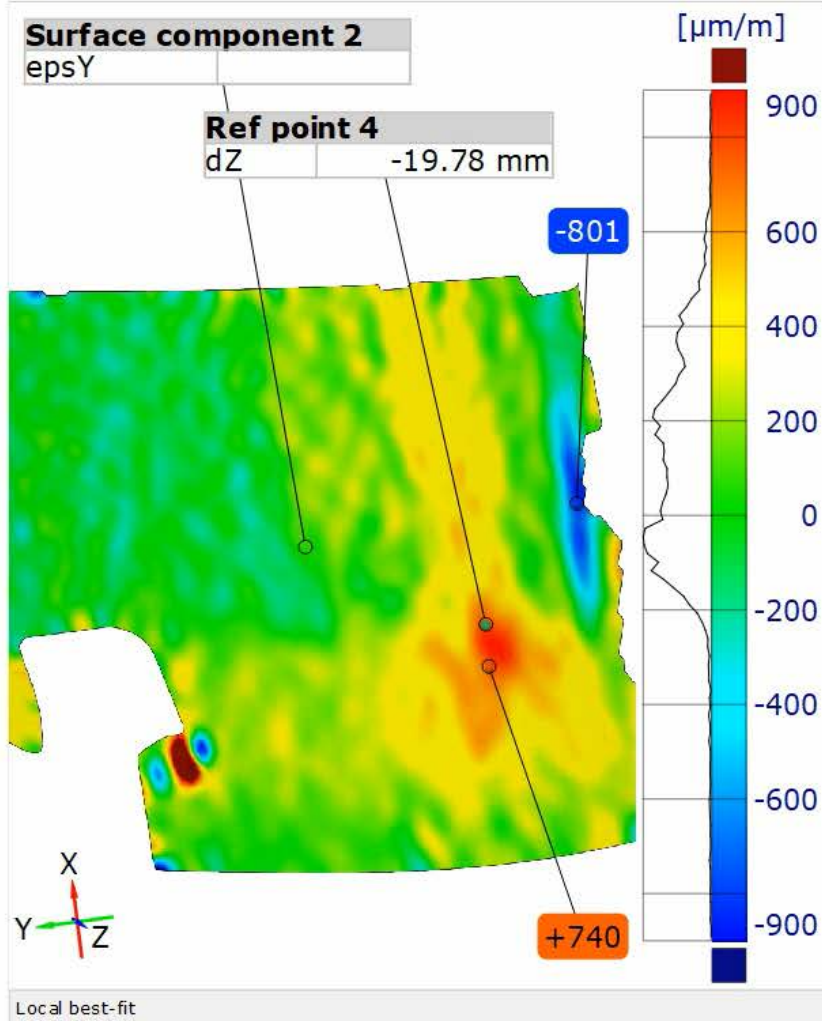
The highest strain was measured at Ref point 4.  
 The coordinates of this point are:  
 X: 5860.0 mm  
 Y: 202.4 mm  
 Z: 891.6 mm





# Epsilon Y

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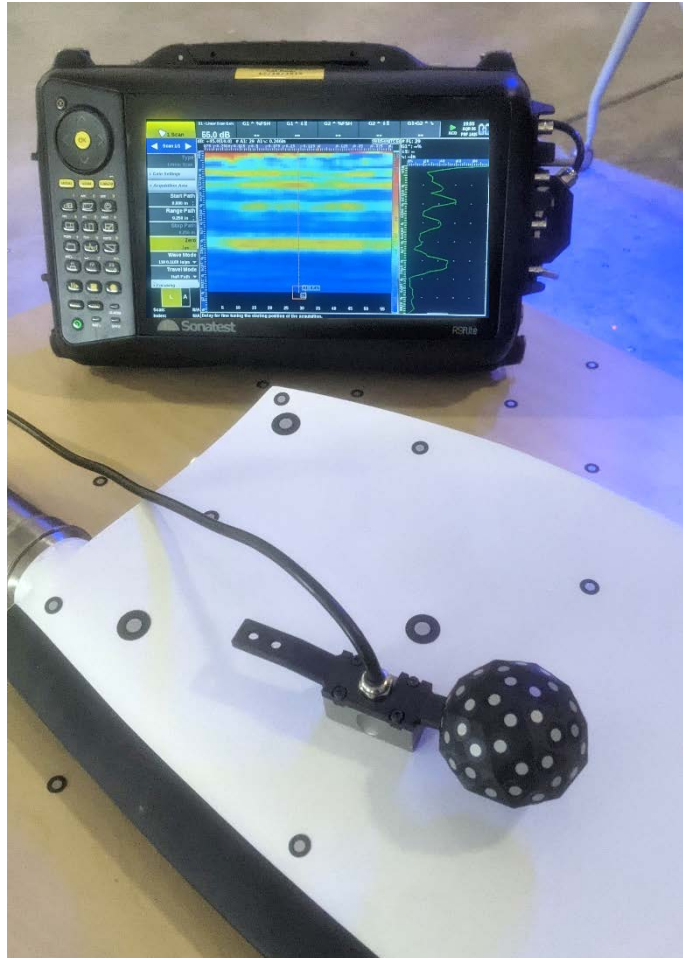


# POSITIONAL MEASUREMENT

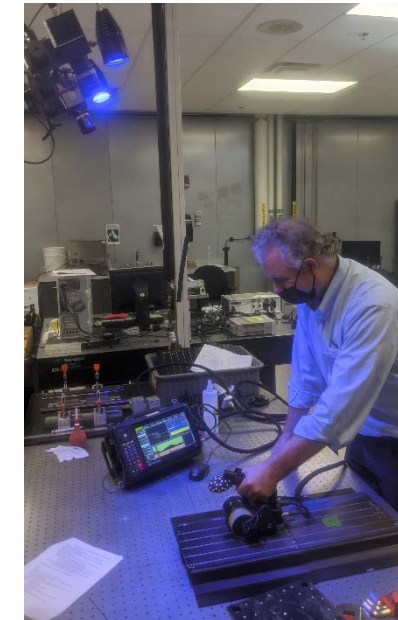
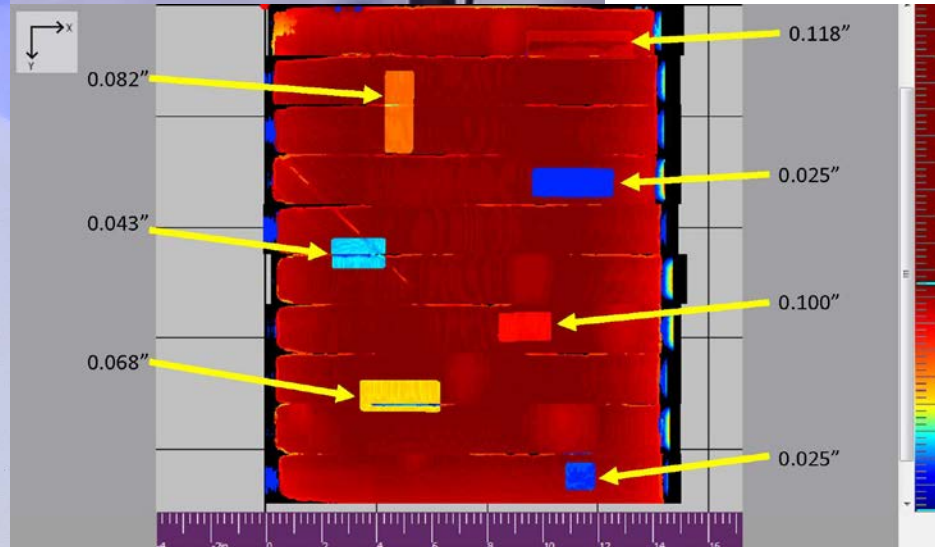
## ARAMIS Optical Strain tracking/mapping NDT Sensors



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1. **6-DOF Tracking of NDT Sensor**
2. **Real-time Mapping to CAD/Surface**
3. **True Documentation of NDT Scans**
4. **3D Mapped into Xi Digital-Twin**



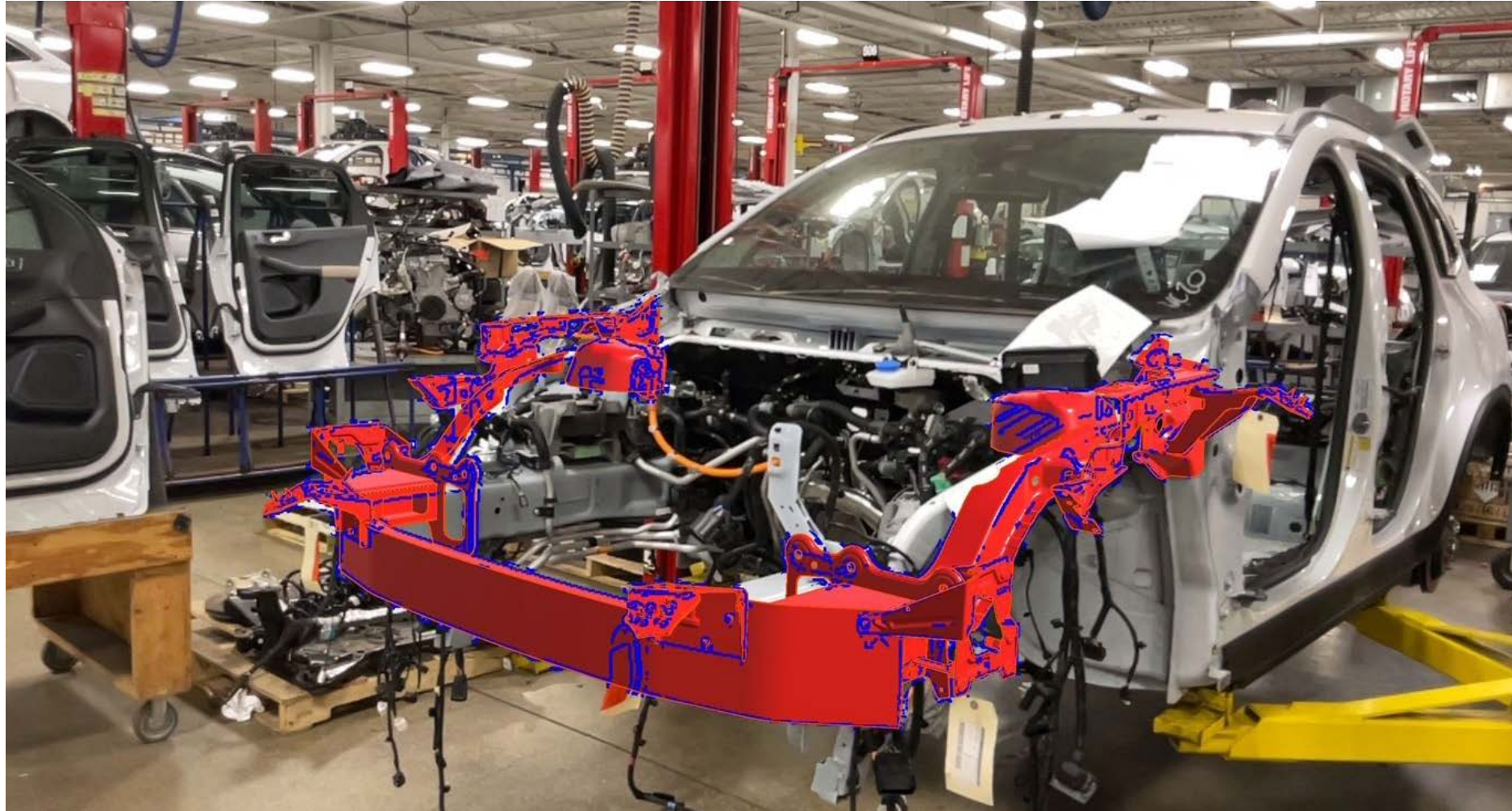




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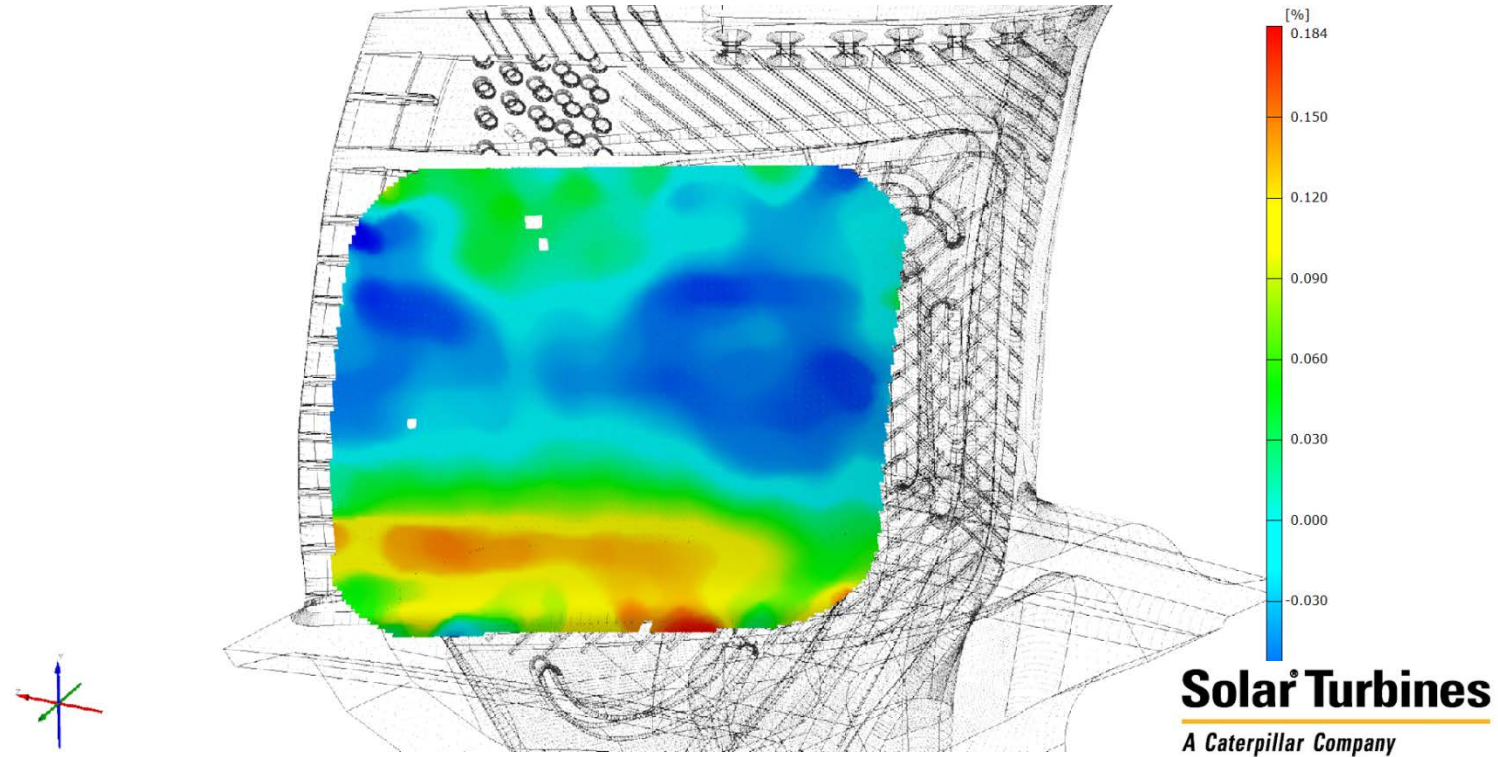
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# OPTICAL STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING ARAMIS – Strain on Turbine Blade after 1 year

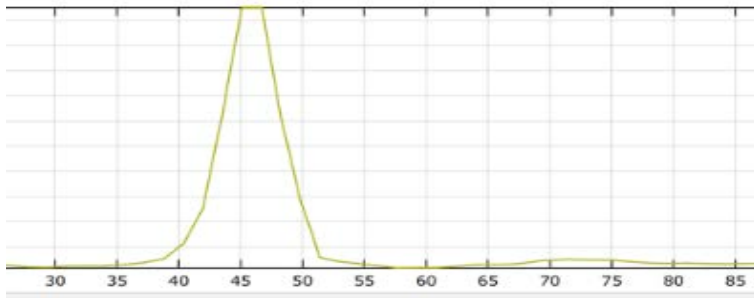
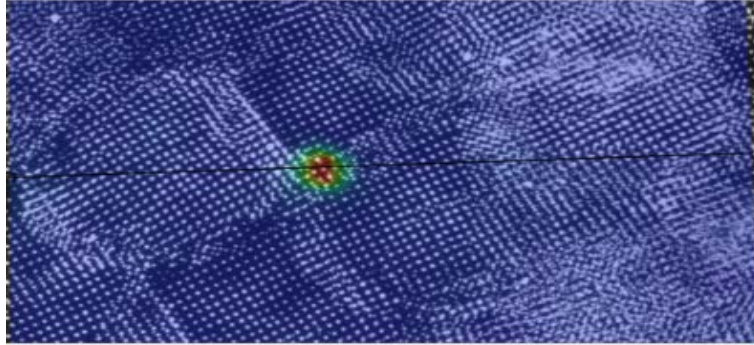
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- Creep Strain on set of turbine blades, running in an engine for 1 year, est. 10,000 hours.
- Special Pattern for long-term survival in hot section of jet engine.

## OPTICAL STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING ARAMIS / Xi Digital-Twin – Trilion Smart Paint

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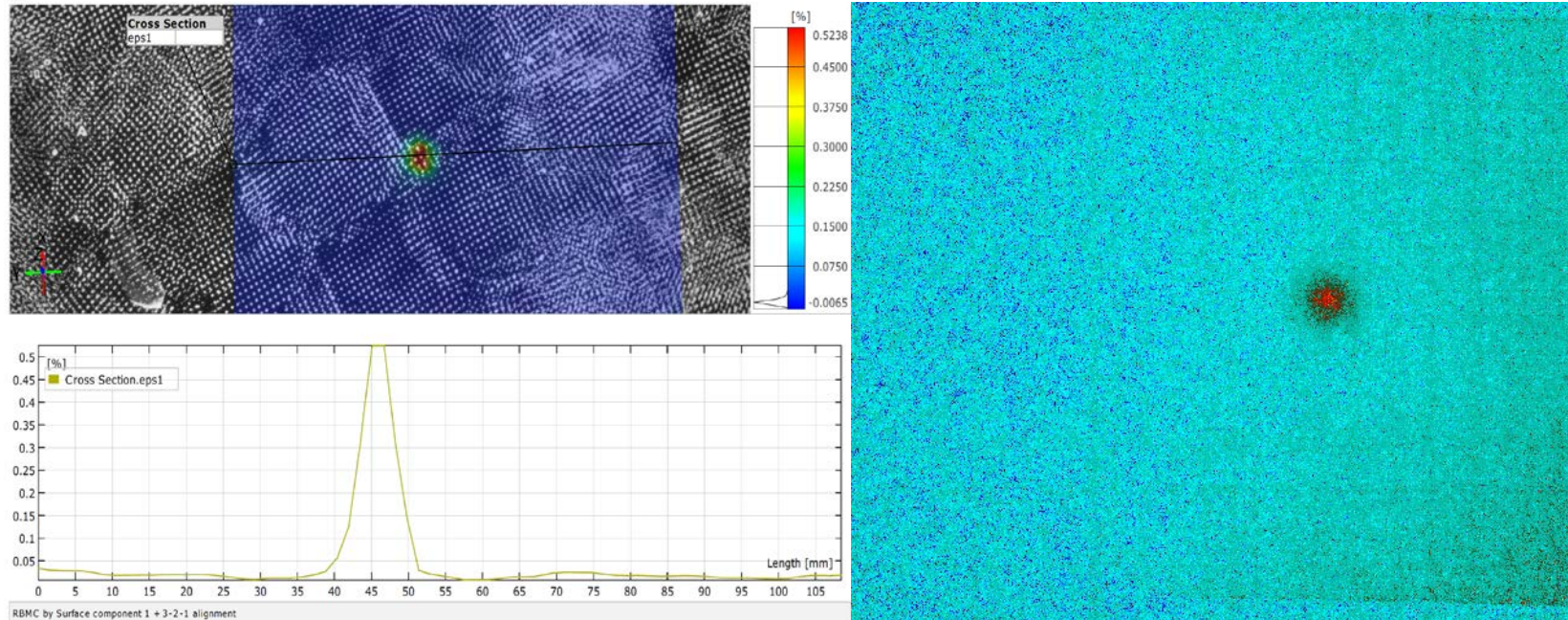


- **XiDT ARAVIS SHM Digital-Twin measurements detect slight changes over time of shape, 3D deformation and strain of all structures.**



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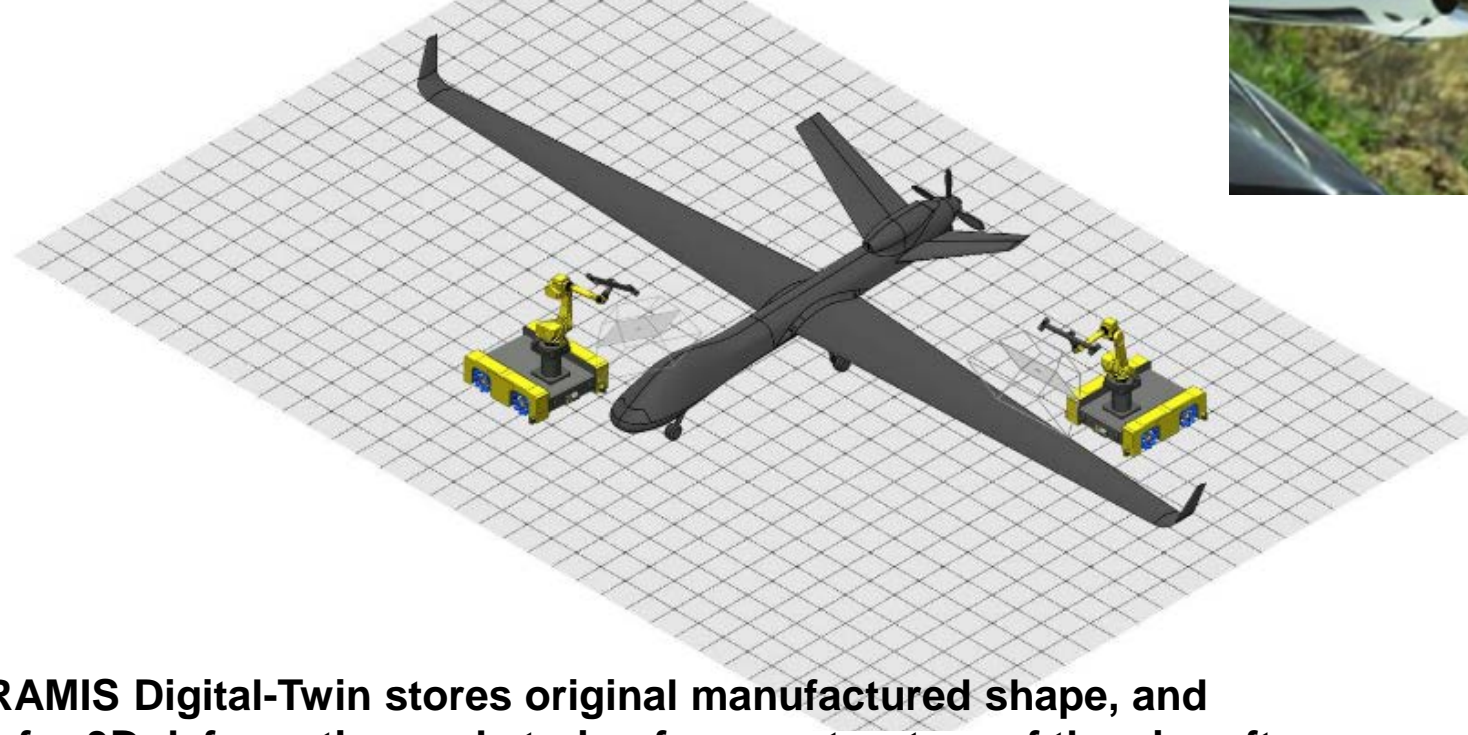


- **ARAMIS found Barely Visible Damage (BVD) prior to Delamination.**
- **Thermography NDT detected delamination with highly loads (right)**



## OPTICAL STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING ARAMIS / Xi Digital-Twin – Trilion Smart Paint

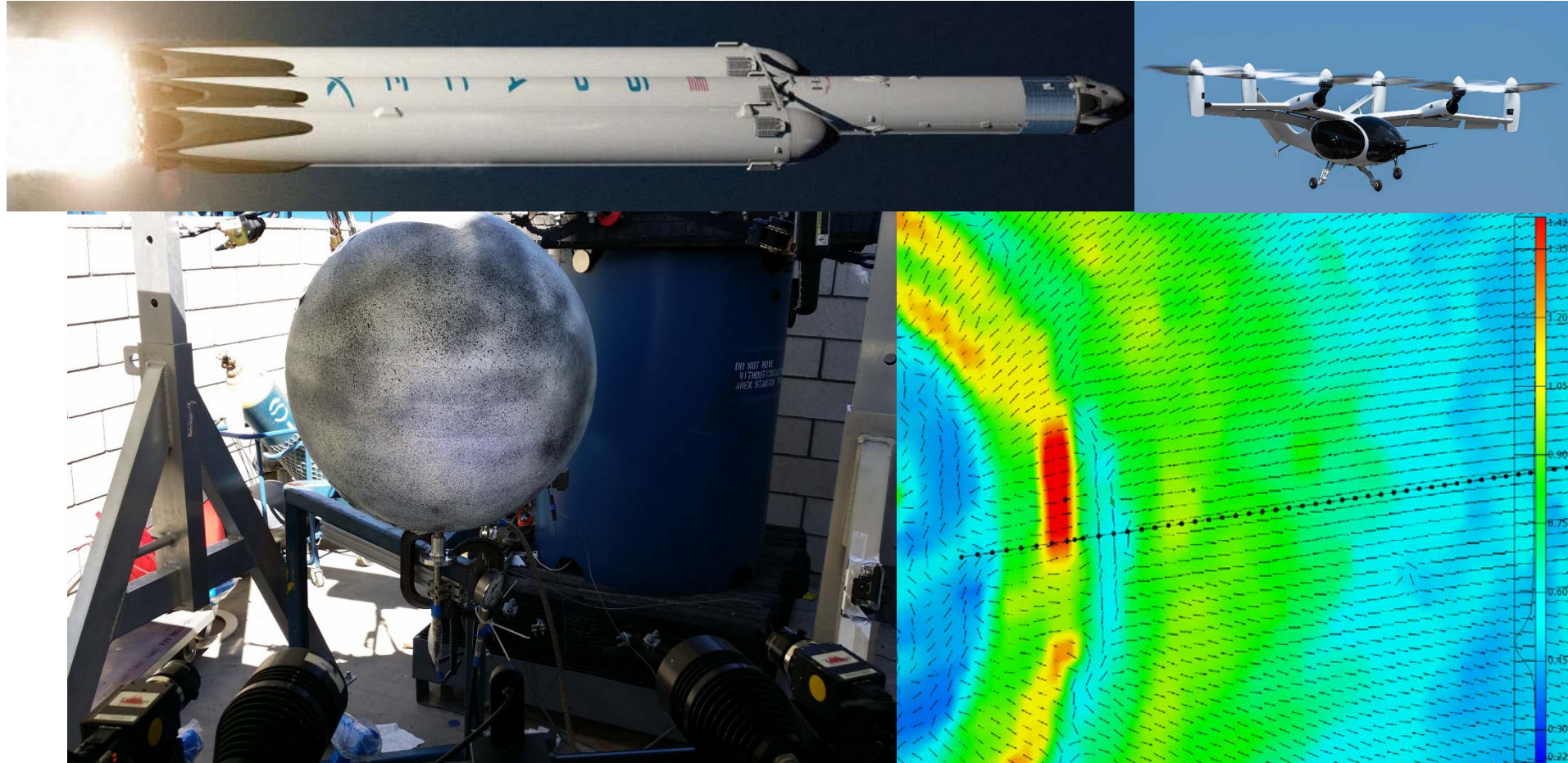
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- RVAT ARAMIS Digital-Twin stores original manufactured shape, and baseline for 3D deformation and strain of every structure of the aircraft.

# OPTICAL STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING ARAMIS / Xi Digital-Twin – Trillion Smart Paint

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## OPTICAL STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING

- Reusability is a critical area for developing aerospace applications
- Enhanced Visual Inspection with the power of trillions of strain gages, provides a powerful tool for the future.

# ARAMIS OPTICAL STRAIN

## *Return-on-investment*



Customer	Application	ROI
Boeing	<p>Replace Strain Gages, due to high cost</p> <p>VP: Find a better way!</p>	<p>10:1 Cost Savings 50:1 Man-power Savings 100:1 Data Improvement</p> <p>B787 FAA Certification</p>
James Webb Space telescope	<p>Structural Testing</p> <p>Replace LVDTs</p>	<p>1 week saved for each month of schedule</p> <p>\$2M savings for a 3 month project</p>
Alcoa	<p>Material Properties measurements</p> <p>3 systems under one engineer</p>	<p>32 days return on investment</p>
General Motors	<p>Quality Control in Stamping Operations in 15 stamping facilities + 6 die buyoff egrs</p>	<p>\$100M/year saving</p> <p>\$2M Investment</p>
Ford Motor Company	<p>Formability Studies</p>	<p>2,000 Man-hours/year per \$80K</p>
	<p>Materials Properties Studies</p>	<p>Allowed change of material from steel to aluminum for F150 trucks</p>





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You originally purchased the ARAMIS system for composite buckling studies, what are you using the system for now?

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