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FEMORPH

Target Surface Computational Mesh Morphing

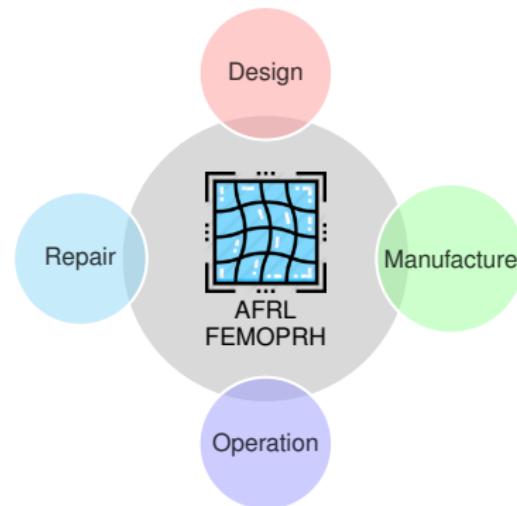
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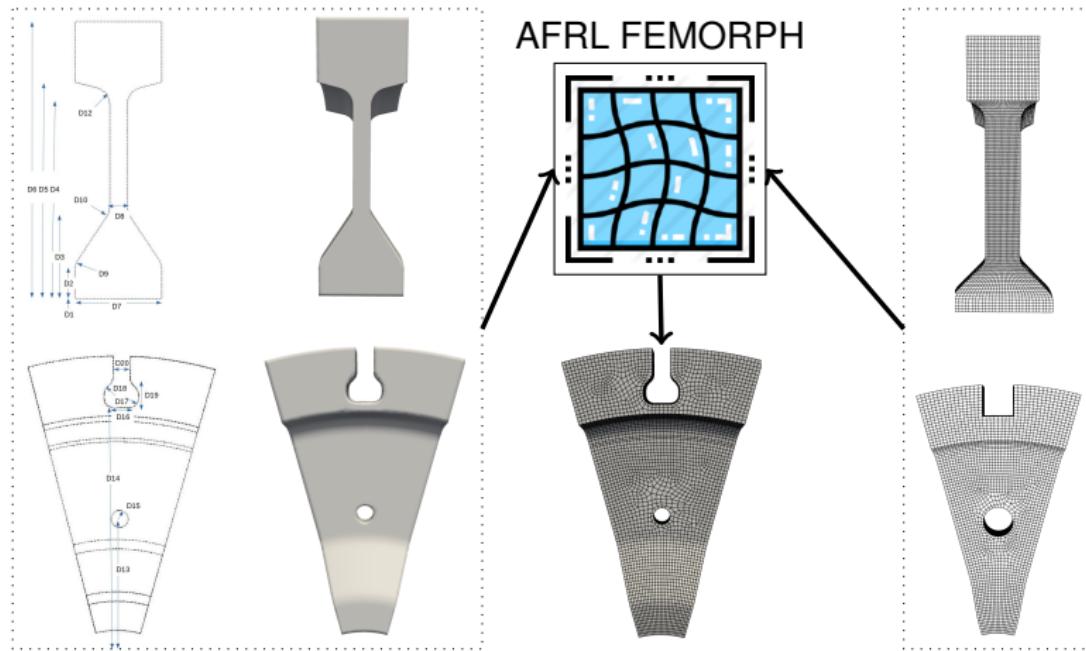
3D Mesh Morphing Software - FEM, CFD, .STL, CMM data, ...

- Simplify 2D and 3D shape optimization
- Robustly generate computer experiment designs
- Save design time by removing mesh generation bottlenecks
- Assess impacts of as-manufactured geometry on design intent
- Learn the effects of operational damage on continued use
- Design and validate the suitability of component repair
- And more...



Design with AFRL FEMORPH

Morph FEM to Parameterized CAD Model



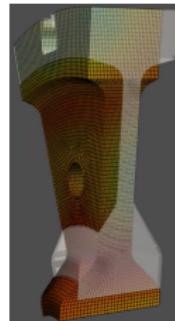
Parameterized CAD

Morphed FEM

Initial FEM

Design with AFRL FEMORPH

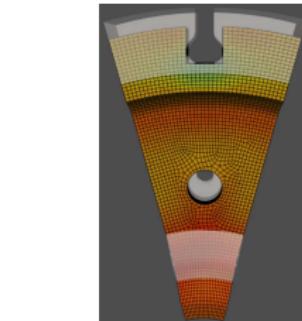
Morphing FEM to CAD



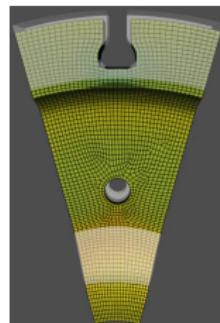
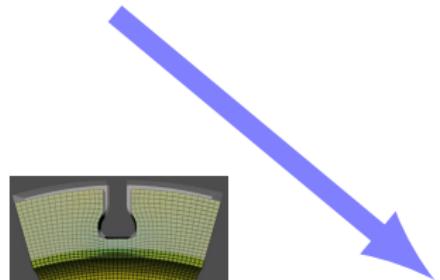
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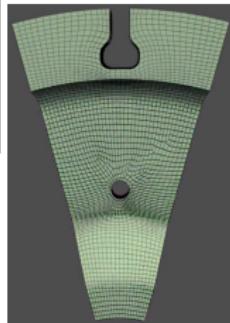
50% Morph



100% Morph

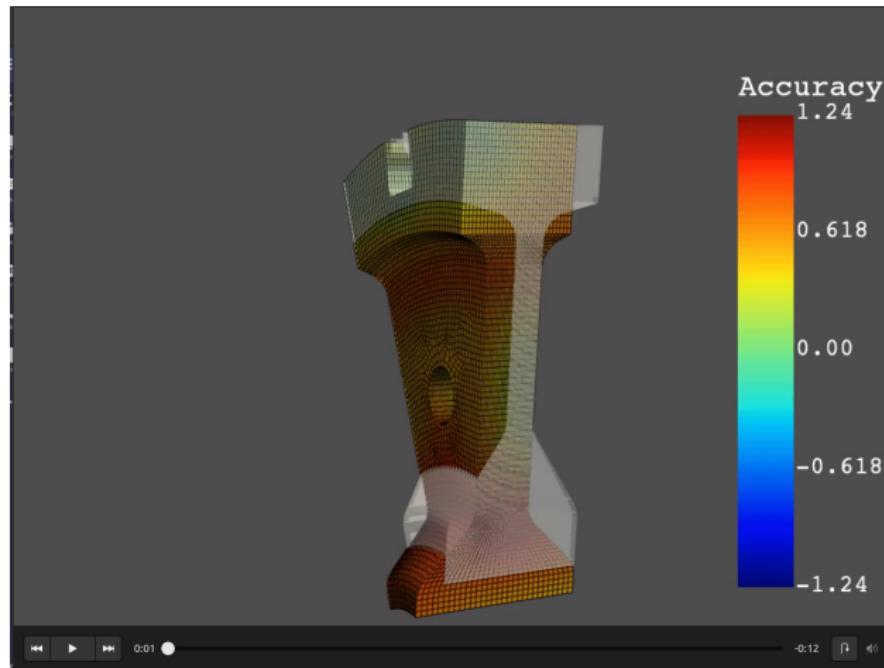


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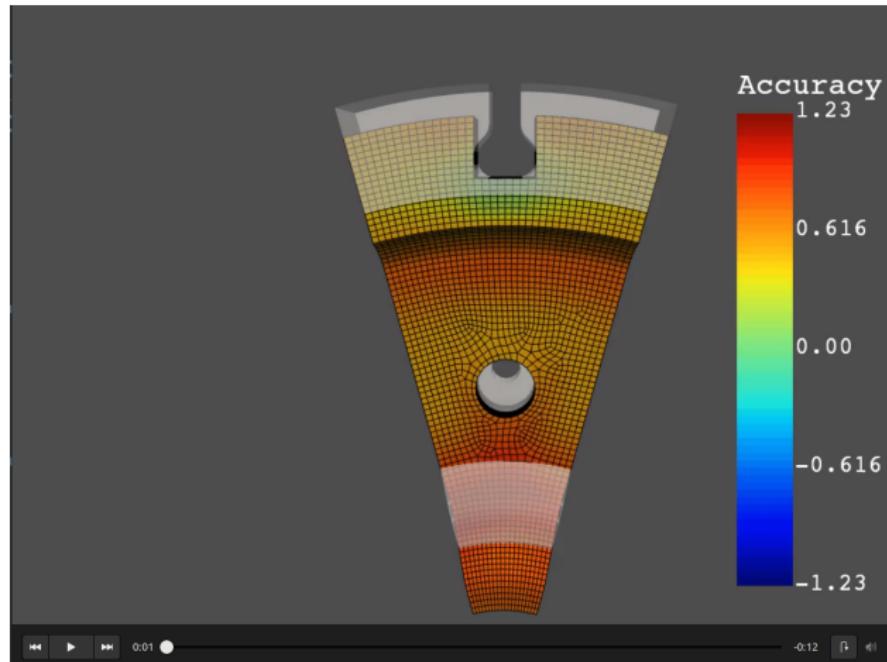


100% Morph

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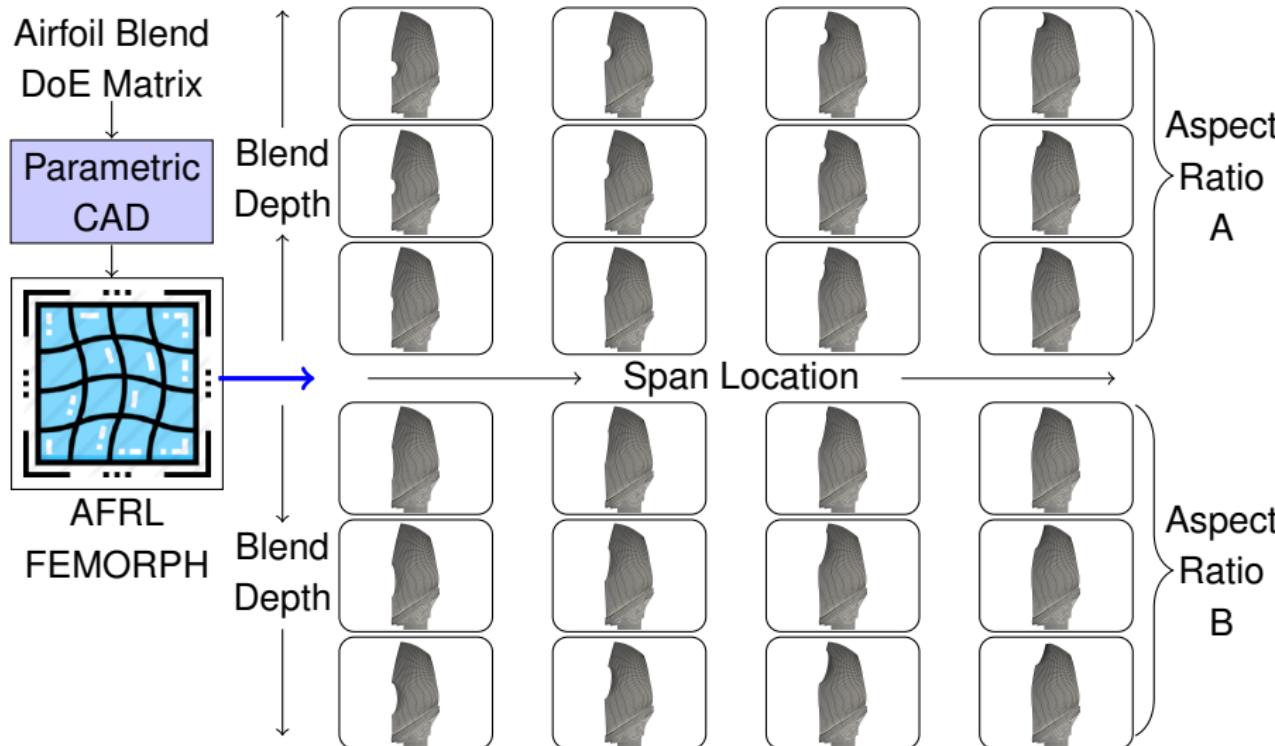


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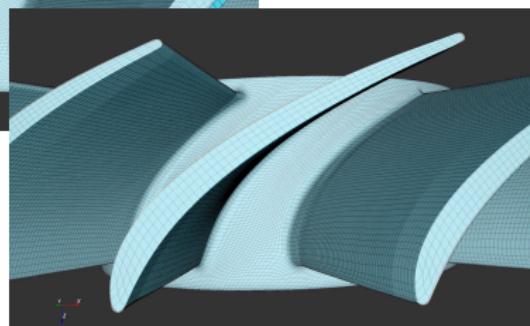
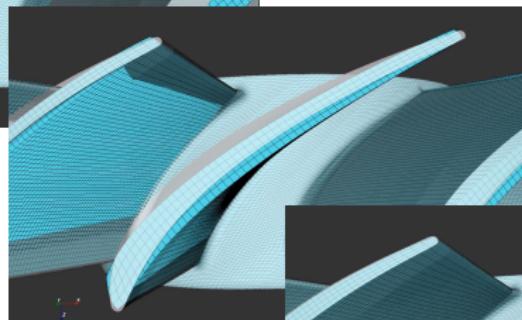
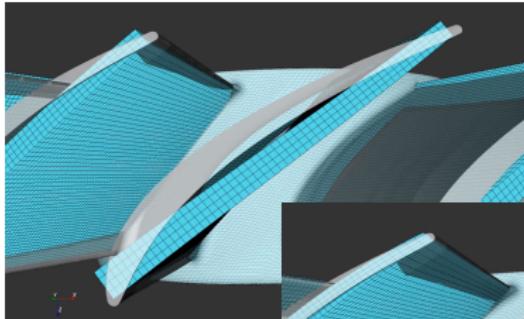
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Sample Large Design Spaces Without Remeshing Challenges

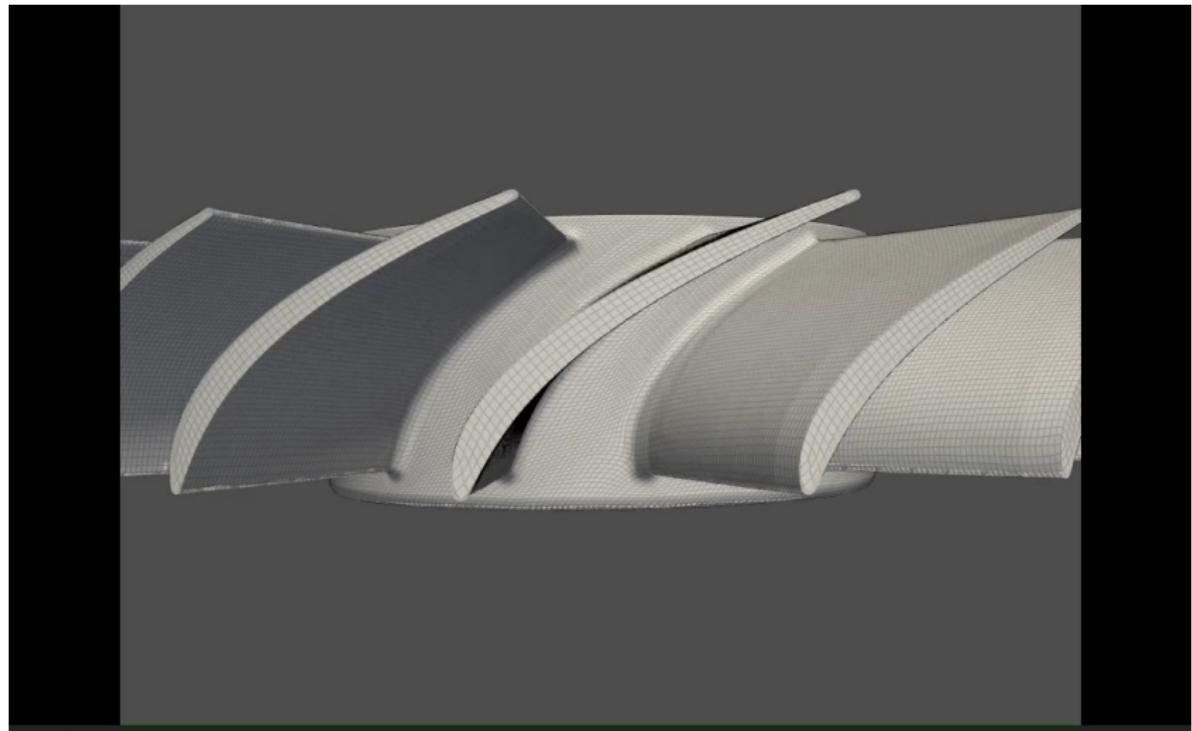


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Simplify Hex Mesh Generation - Morph defeatured FEM to Complex Surface



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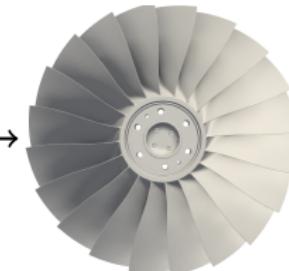


Manufacturing with AFRL FEMORPH

It starts with measuring variation of a real part and comparing to Design Intent

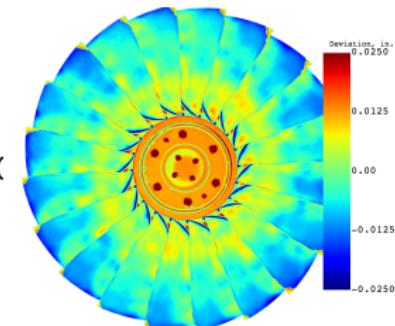


Geometry Measurement

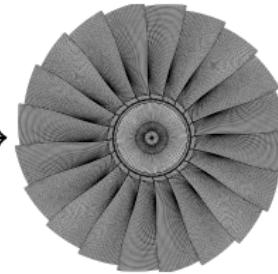


STL Surface

Manufacturing Deviations



FEM Software



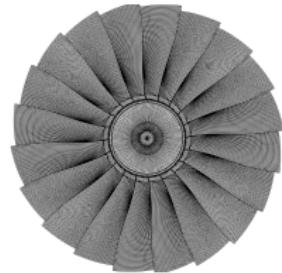
Design FEM

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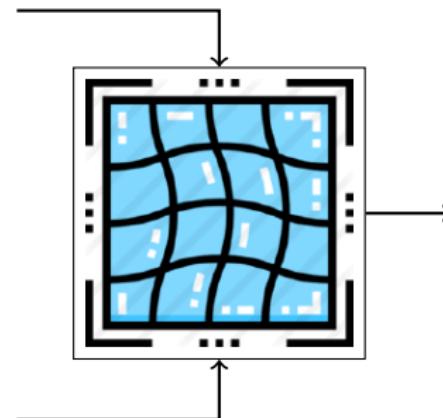
AFRL FEMORPH updates the Design FEM to match the STL surface within 0.001"



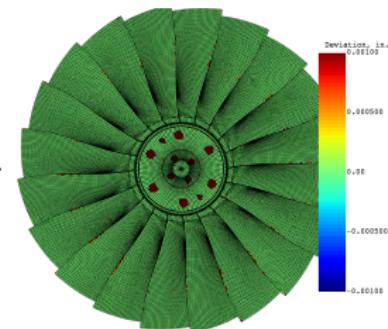
STL Surface



Design FEM

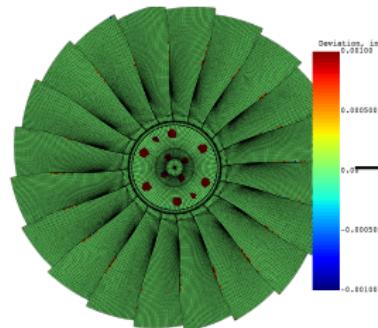


Morphed FEM
Deviations from STL



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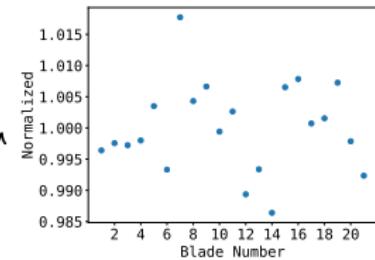
Morphed FEM is a Computational Replica of Physical Part



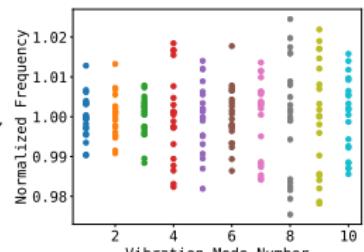
Morphed FEM
Computational Replica

Ansys

FEM Software

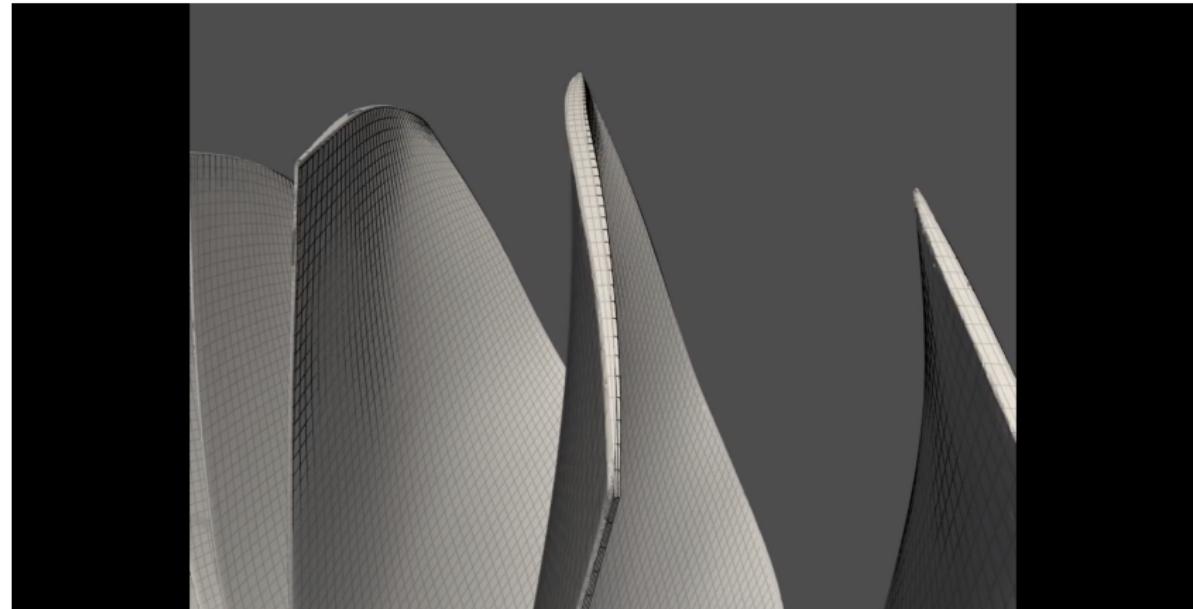


Blade to Blade
Variation



Rotor to Rotor
Variation

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Operations with AFRL FEMORPH

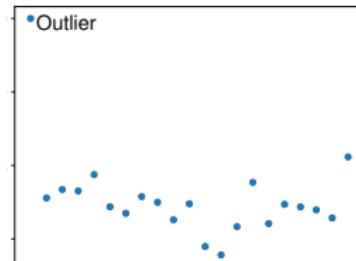
Integrating with Maintenance, Repair, and Operations with FEMORPH



Airfoil Leading Edge Blend Repair

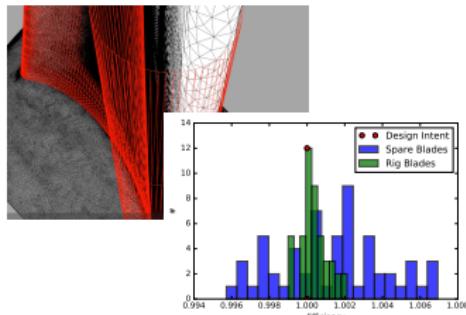


Assess Damage

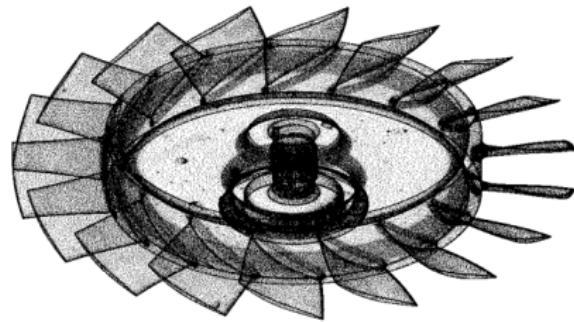


Safety Review Board

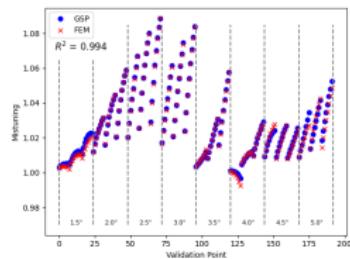
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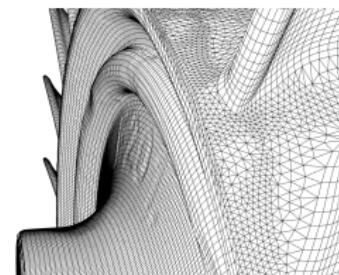
Turbine CFD Mesh Morphing



First Article Analysis

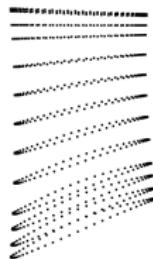


ML/AI Training Data Generator



Additive Part Models

Even more with AFRL FEMORPH



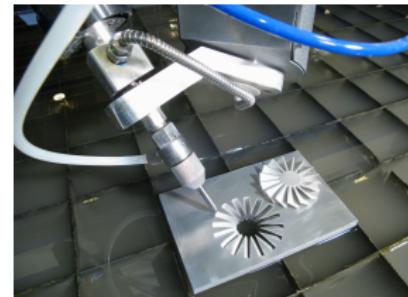
CMM Data Capable



Improved Gage Limits



Improved Model Validation

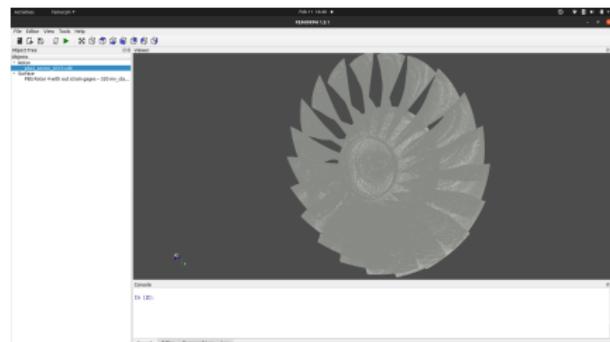


Adaptive Toolpath Generation

AFRL FEMORPH Interface

Python API for automated workflows and GUI for user experience

```
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Python Virtual Envs Elpy YASnippet
1 import femorph
2 import femorph_blender
3
4 jetcat_surf = 'jetcat_scan.ply'
5 jetcat_cdb = 'jetcat_sector.cdb'
6
7 surf = femorph.Surface(jetcat_surf)
8 fem = femorph.Rotor(jetcat_cdb)
9 fem.replicate_cyclically()
10 fem.align(surf)
11 fem.morph(surf, settings=set_morph)
12 fem.write_cyclic_sectors()
13
14 blend = femorph_blender.Blender(fem)
15 blend.define_edge('LEAD_EDGE_NODE')
16 span = 2.5
17 aspect = 2.0
18 depth = 0.2
19 blend.blend_on_edge(spans, aspect, depth, 0.0, 0.0, 100)
20 blend.write_archive()
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AFRL FEMORPH Background

- Developed in Python, C, and C++ for 8+ years
- Compatible with Linux, Windows, and Mac OS
- Beta tested by Pratt & Whitney for two years
- In fourth year of 10 year non-exclusive license with Pratt & Whitney
- P&W provides licensing fees for use and support
- Utilized by large P&W user base for wide range of applications
- Applied pervasively in AFRL research and customer support activities



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Software Testing

- AFRL FEMORPH follows standard software development practices.
- Unit and regression tests ensure new features are added without breaking existing ones.
- Code coverage of $\geq 95\%$ required for all modules, and $\geq 98\%$ for core modules

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Software Design: Modularity

- Software is a non-monolithic, modular, and composed of several packages.
Includes both GUI and batch packages.
- Designed to be expandable, adaptive, and compatible with modern Python 3.6 - 3.8 environments on Windows, Mac, and Linux.
- Compatible with standalone virtual environments, Jupyterlab webpages, or standard Python.



femorph
Version 1.2.1



femorph-blender
Version 0.5.0



femorph-cfd
Version 0.2.4



femorph-gui
Version 1.5.1



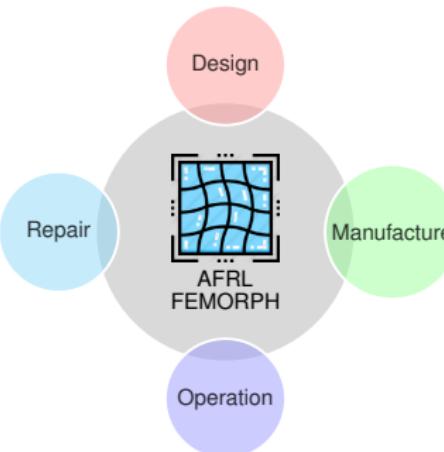
femorph-remesh
Version 0.2.4



femorph-tetblaster
Version 0.2.3

Closing Remarks

- AFRL FEMORPH adds value across the life cycle, from design, to manufacture, and through operations
- Rigorous software development practices have enabled rapid development and successful deployment
- Windows demo software available and licensing opportunities





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