Principles of Additive Manufacturing and Their Impact on Possibilities of Quality Assurance

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Abstract - In this technical presentation, I will discuss the principles of additive manufacturing, especially related to metals-based additive manufacturing. This talk will present a short history of AM, as the evolution of our understanding has paralleled the evolution of the processes themselves. The core of the talk will address our understanding of the interrelationships between the process(es) and the evolution of the materials state and its influence on properties and performance. There is still much that we don’t understand, and so some vignettes into recent discoveries will be presented, as will some technical possibilities once we fully understand and can predict the process, structure, and performance of any arbitrary material and process. The talk will conclude with some possibilities related to AM-NDE, but will present this more as an important yet still very underdeveloped technical space.

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