

# Intelligent and Integrated Manufacturing Systems (IIMS)

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# A New Epoch in Manufacturing

1900-1960

Pre-Computer-Numerical Control (CNC) Epoch

1960-1990

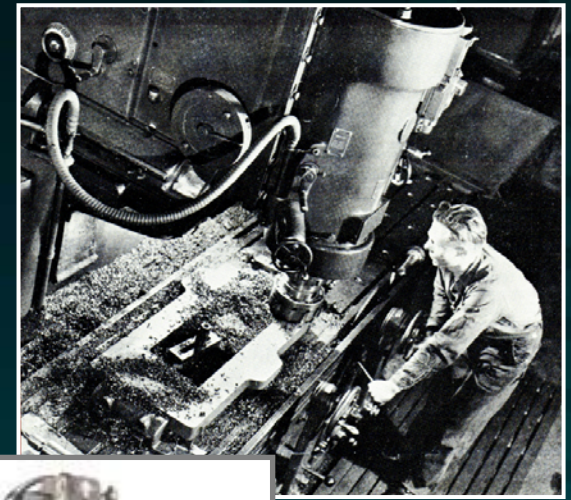
CNC Epoch

1990-Present

Knowledge Epoch

Present-????

Intelligent and Integrated Manufacturing Systems Epoch



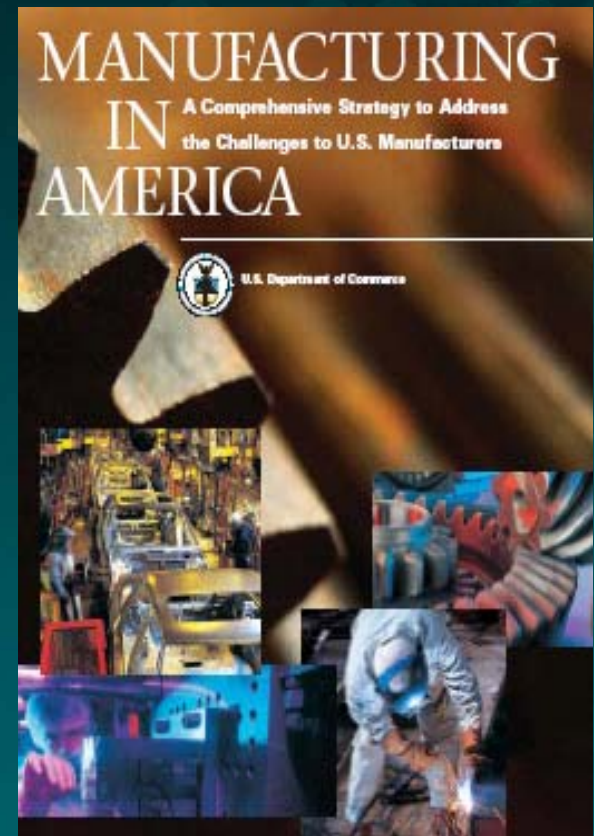
# Introduction

## A New Epoch in Manufacturing

*Intelligent and Integrated Manufacturing Systems*

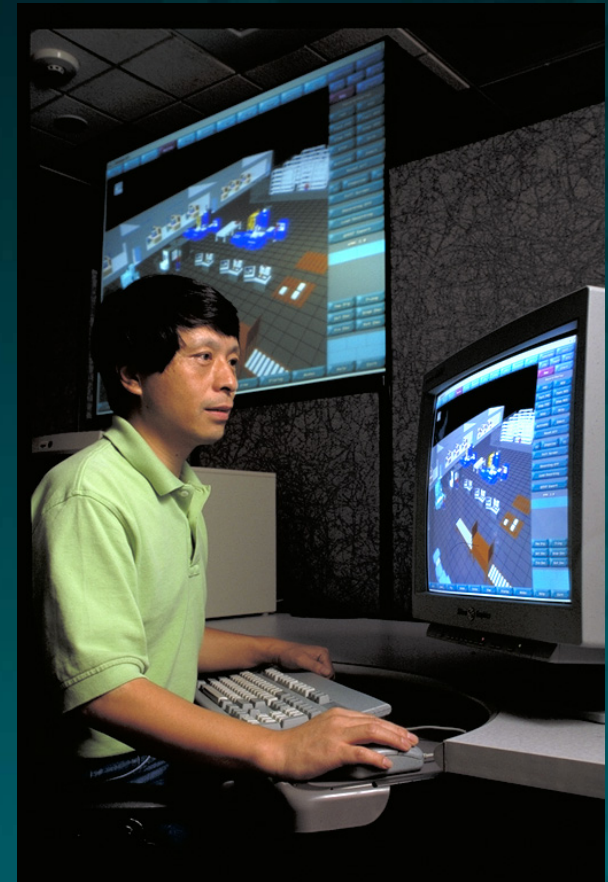
### Definition/Characteristics:

- Competition among supply chains rather than individual manufacturers
- Global competition for all supply chain functions
- Success will depend on ability to integrate new technologies rapidly into products and operations



# Key Need/Challenge Areas

- Predictive tools for integrated product and process design and optimization
- Intelligent systems for manufacturing
- Automated integration of manufacturing software
- Secure manufacturing systems integration
- Sharing and integration of results and theories of manufacturing with other disciplines



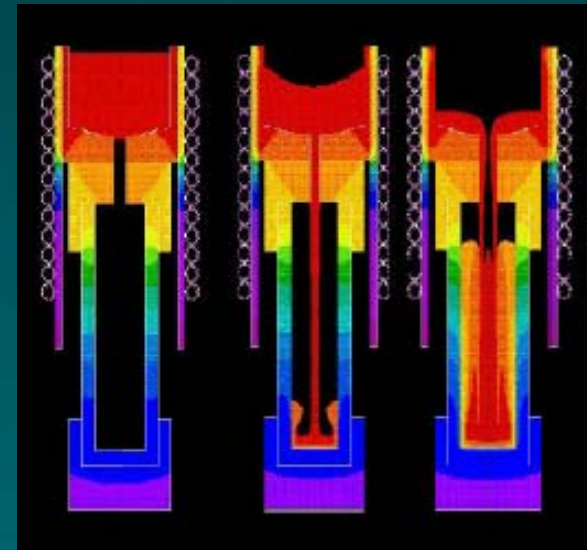
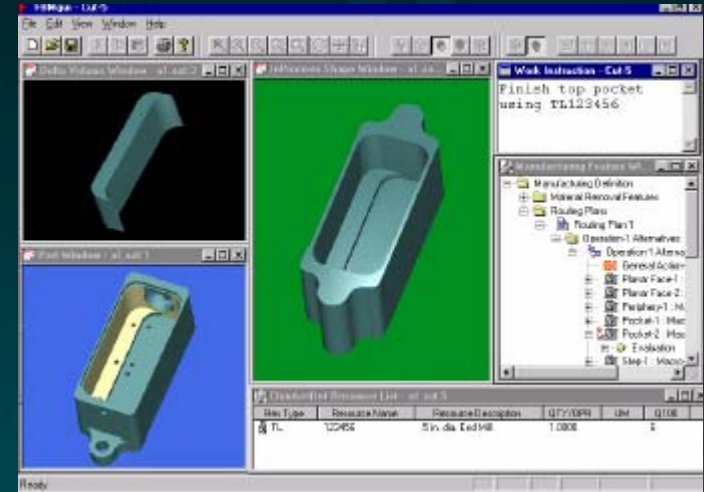
# Key Research Challenges/Gaps

## *Predictive Product and Process Design and Optimization Tools*

- To predict downstream impacts of design decisions
- To optimize supply chain as a whole
- To improve innovation by broadening participation in manufacturing

R&D contributions needed:

- Generic algorithms and approaches
- Validated models and data



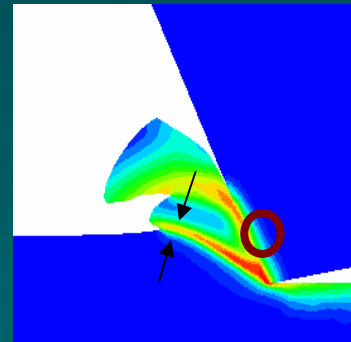
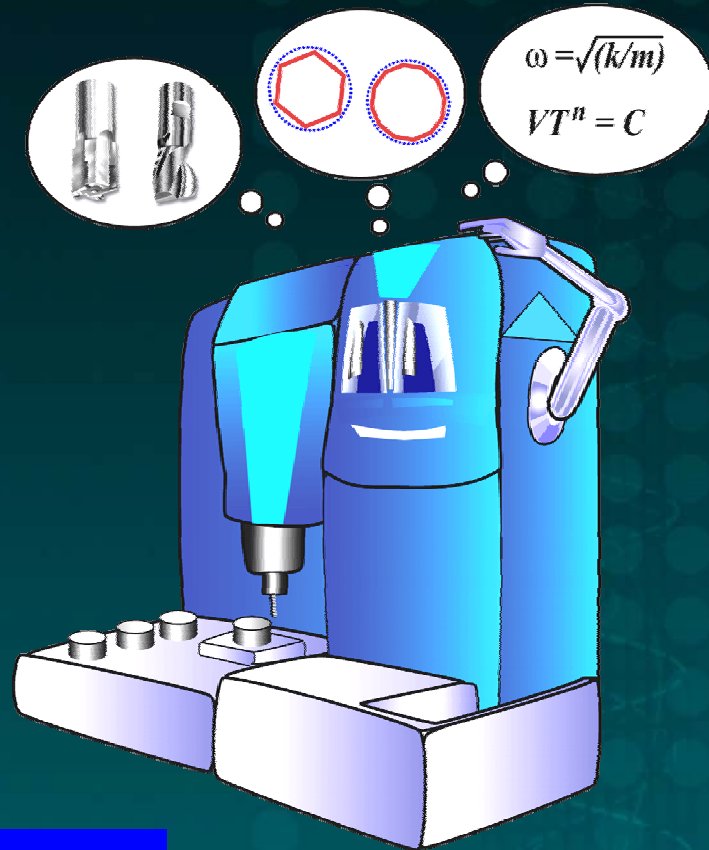
# Key Research Challenges/Gaps

## *Intelligent Systems for Manufacturing*

- To harness the power of emerging sensing and computational capabilities
- To dynamically optimize manufacturing operations
- To reduce trial-and-error in product and process development

R&D contributions needed:

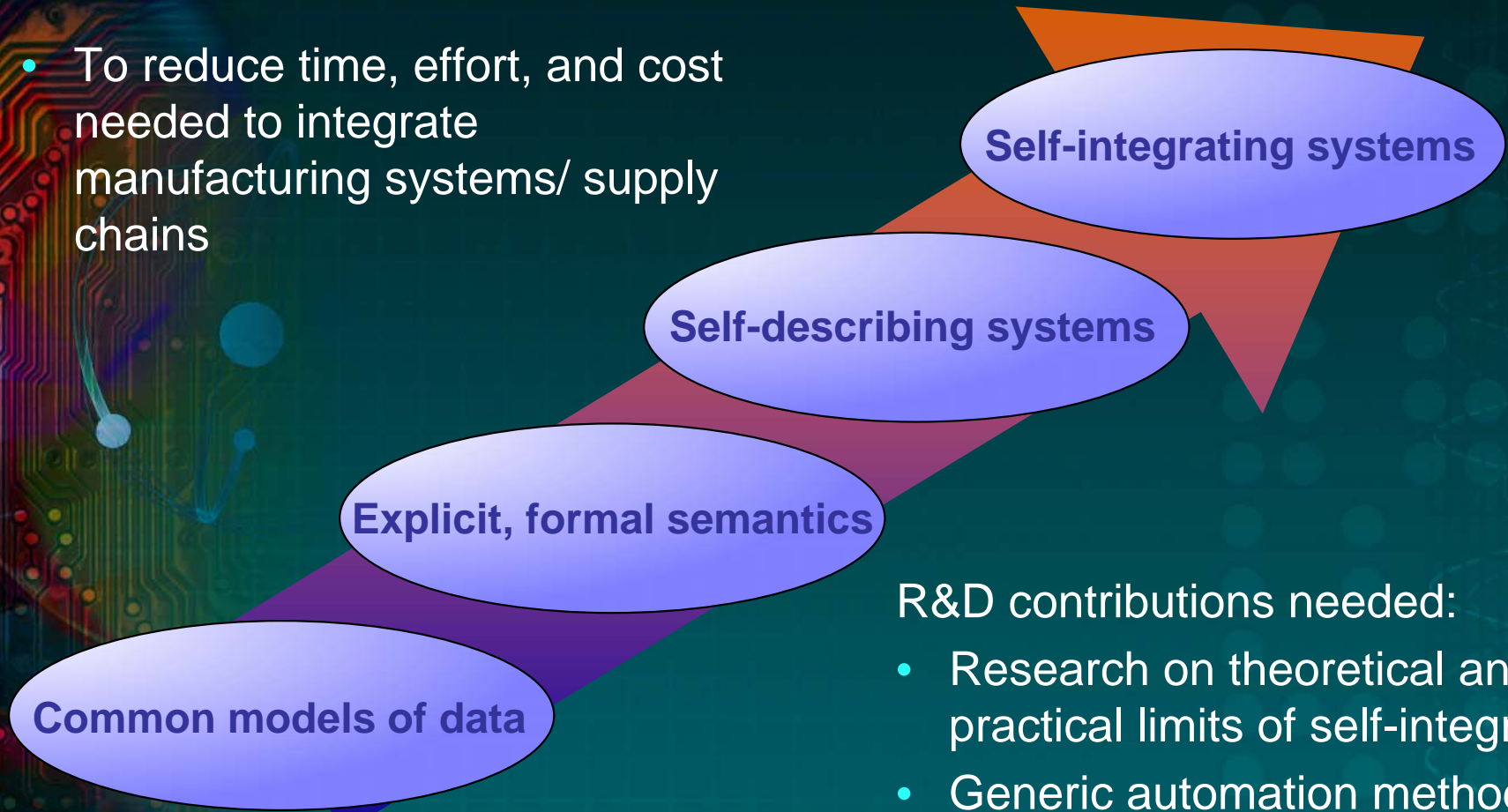
- Generic algorithms and approaches at the equipment/shop floor level
- Models and data at the equipment/shop floor level



# Key Research Challenges/Gaps

## *Automated Manufacturing Software Integration*

- To reduce time, effort, and cost needed to integrate manufacturing systems/ supply chains



### R&D contributions needed:

- Research on theoretical and practical limits of self-integration
- Generic automation methods, tools, and standards for manufacturing integration

# Key Research Challenges/Gaps

## *Secure Manufacturing Systems Integration*

- To maintain security while increasing connectivity and integration

R&D contributions needed:

- Performance metrics, standards, and test methods for applying appropriate security technologies top-to-bottom throughout integrated manufacturing enterprises





# Key Research Challenges/Gaps

## *Interdisciplinary Sharing and Integration*

- To increase benefit to manufacturing from results in other fields
- To increase benefit to other fields from results in manufacturing

R&D contributions needed:

- Examination of consistencies of theories and results across disciplines
- Resolution of inconsistencies and translation into practice

Economics

Health Care

Materials Science

**Manufacturing**

Biotechnology

Systems Engineering

Mathematics

# Current Federal Efforts

- Department of Commerce/NIST
  - Smart Machining, Interoperability, Intelligent Systems, Industrial Control System Security
- Department of Defense
  - Next Generation Manufacturing Technologies, Supply Chain Responsiveness
- Department of Energy/NNSA
  - Integrated Design, Engineering, and Manufacturing Predictive Design Tools, Sensors, Automation, Robotics
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
  - Interoperability, Integrated Design and Manufacturing Tools, Virtual Testing and Qualification, Rapid Prototyping, Collaborative Engineering and Interactive Data Management
- National Science Foundation
  - Reconfigurable Machining Systems, Intelligent Maintenance Systems, Environmentally Benign Semiconductor Manufacturing, e-Design and Realization of Engineered Products and Services

# Expected Impacts / Benefits

- **Private sector:** Enhanced manufacturing sector competitiveness, innovation, productivity, profitability
- **Public sector:** Strengthened domestic production and improved affordability of components and systems for defense, space exploration, and other National priorities
- **Both:** Billions of dollars of **cost savings** from **improved information exchange** across the supply chain, **better prediction** of life cycle costs, **better products**, **greater responsiveness**, optimized operations, **energy savings**, reduced **environmental impacts**

# Information Exchange Costs

\$1B cost to the transportation sector for engineering & business data



\$5B cost to the discrete manufacturing supply chain



\$22B to \$59B cost of inadequate software testing infrastructure



\$15B cost to the capital equipment sector

# Next Steps for Federal Role

- Pursue coordinated government and academic R&D to provide IIMS technical infrastructure, including
  - Process models
  - Scientific and engineering databases
  - Test and measurement methods, and
  - The technical basis for physical and functional interfaces between the components of systems technologies
  - Mechanisms for interdisciplinary technical exchange



# Conclusion

- The changing global competitive environment poses great challenges for the U.S. manufacturing sector
- Intelligent and Integrated Manufacturing Systems R&D will provide the technical foundation needed for manufacturing technological leadership and economic success

**We seek your input to further develop and prioritize IIMS research challenges and needs**

# IIMS Task Team Agency Participants

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Security Administration

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