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Outline

1. **ARM Institute | Background**
2. **Technology Development | Experience**

The ARM Institute

Leads the way to a future where people and robots work together to respond to our nation's greatest challenges



About The ARM Institute

- Established 2017 by Carnegie Mellon University
- One of 16 national Manufacturing Innovation Institutes (MIIs)
- \$80M DoD Technology Investment Agreement (TIA)
- Target of \$173M non-Government cost share
- Complete ecosystem ~ 350 members
- Over 80 projects funded to date in both technology and workforce development
- Headquartered at Mill 19, Hazelwood Green, Pittsburgh





The ARM Institute Mission

The ARM Institute accelerates the development and adoption of innovative robotics technologies that are the foundation of every advanced manufacturing activity today and in the future.

We leverage a unique, robust and diverse ecosystem of partners across industry, academia and government to:



Make robotics, autonomy, and artificial intelligence more accessible to U.S. manufacturers large and small



Strengthen our economy and global competitiveness



Train and empower the manufacturing workforce



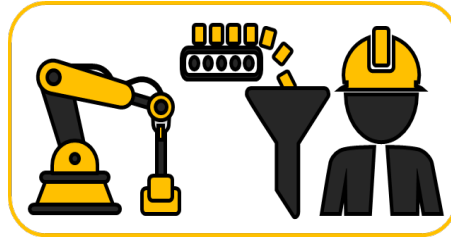
Elevate our national security and resilience

Pursuing our Mission on **Three Fronts.**



Ecosystem Development

Convening and leveraging
a nationwide consortium of
innovators



Technology Development

Lowering barriers to
adoption of robotics by
advancing technology



Education & Workforce Development (EWD)

Expanding the robotics
workforce with new and better
career pathways



More than 300 Members - Building the Right Ecosystem via Ecosystem Engagement.



- **Small & Start-up** businesses across a variety of industries with over 75 Small robotics companies
- **Large DoD OEMs** and businesses and dominant share of robot suppliers to the US with broad industry representation (AI, Space, Textiles, Logistics, Materials Automotive)
- **Top Research Universities** with leading robotics programs
- **Community Colleges and Trade Schools**
- **Government Partners** including the Army, Air Force, Navy, DoC/NIST, NIOSH, DoL
- **Economic Development Partners** – MEPs, workforce training, STEM programs

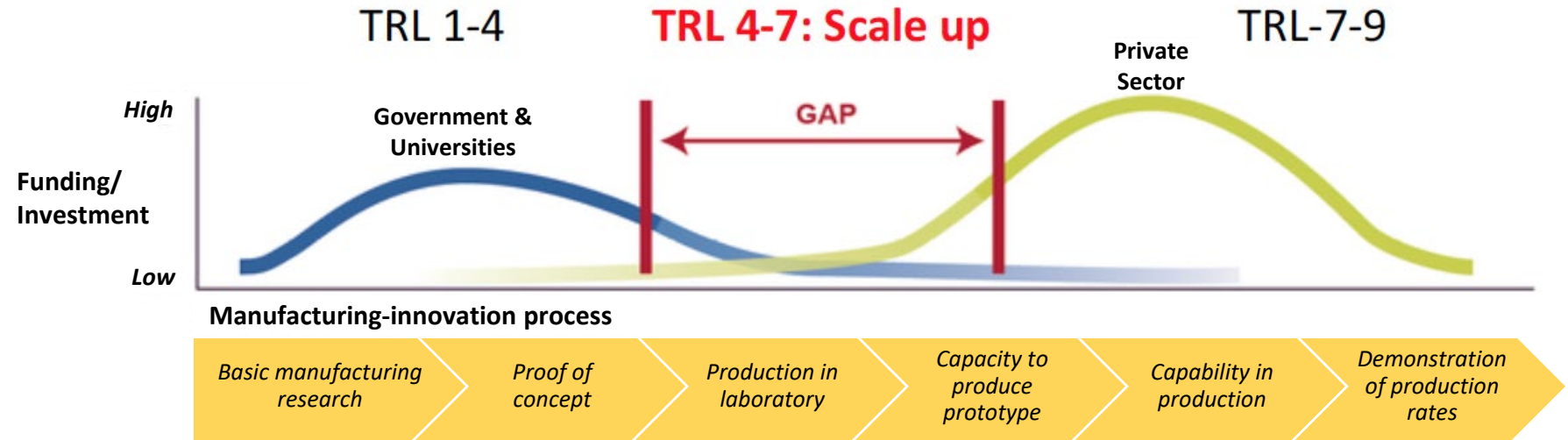


Strategic Technology Focus Areas

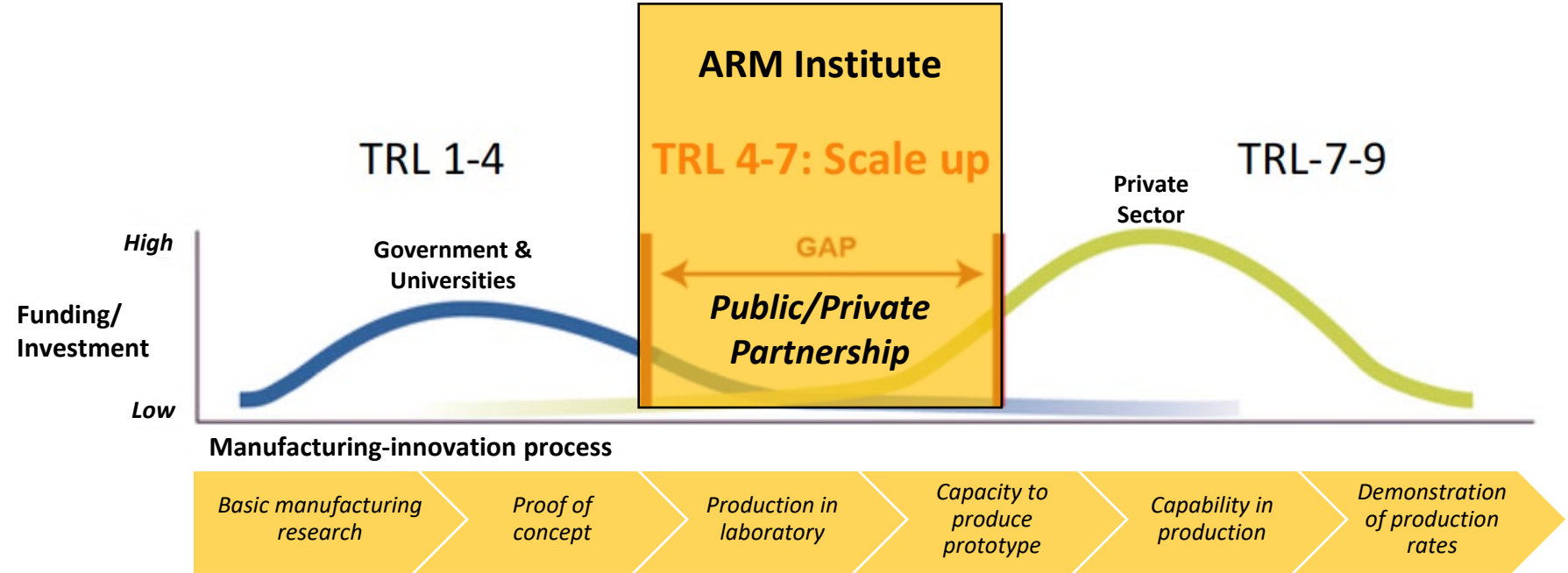
1. Risk Reduction for Transition to the Factory Floor
2. Human-Robot Interaction
3. Interoperability
4. Reconfigurable, Agile, and Flexible Robotic Workcells
5. Intelligent Robotic Systems



The Robotics for Manufacturing Innovation Gap



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Education & Workforce Development

Focus Areas





RoboticsCareer.org

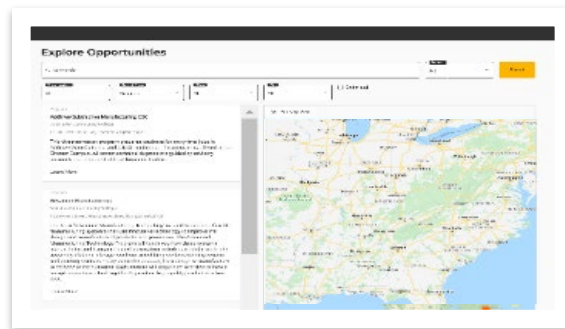
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Connecting Students & Workers With Leading Robotics Education Programs for Manufacturing Careers



Online Platform

- Designed for employers, employees, job seekers, and students
- Unique mapping of advanced manufacturing robotic competencies to career pathways



Content

- Provides information about robotic training programs from micro-credentials and apprenticeships to PhDs
- Search over 13,000 training programs from 2,500 training organizations nationwide



Program Endorsement

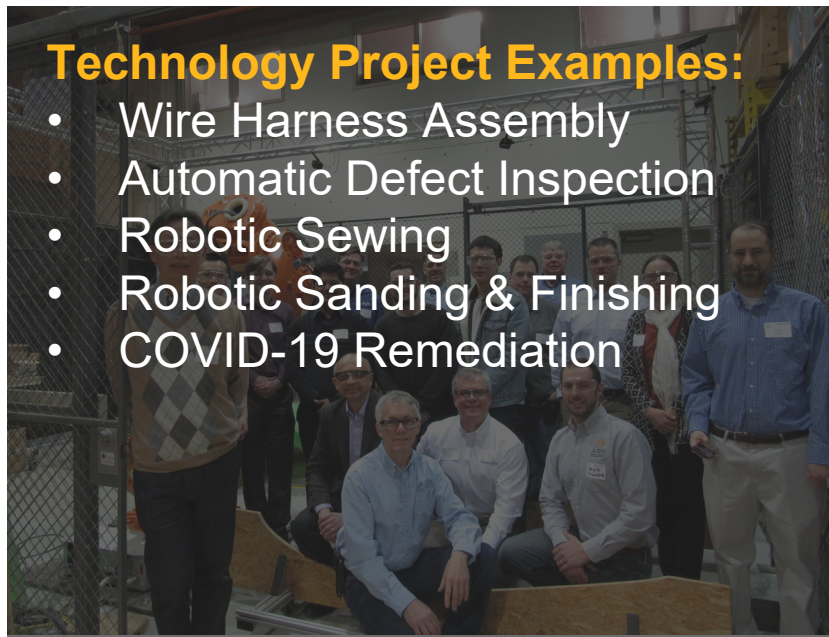
- ISO-like audit to provide validation & endorsement
- ARM “Seal of Approval”
- Identifies best practices



More than 80 Projects Catalyzed

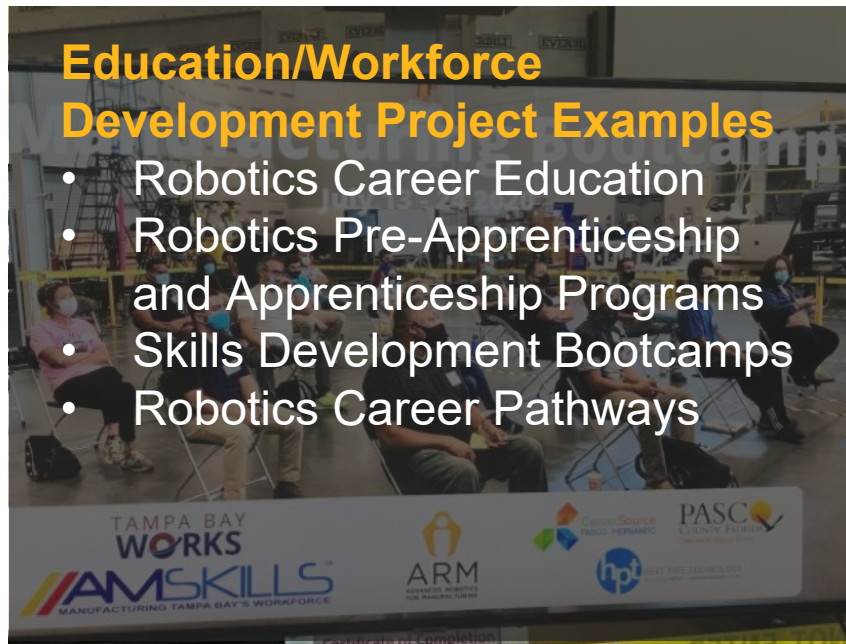
Technology Project Examples:

- Wire Harness Assembly
- Automatic Defect Inspection
- Robotic Sewing
- Robotic Sanding & Finishing
- COVID-19 Remediation



Education/Workforce Development Project Examples

- Robotics Career Education
- Robotics Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs
- Skills Development Bootcamps
- Robotics Career Pathways





Technology Development

Technology Development | *Expertise*

- Membership / Ecosystem of experts in Manufacturing and/or Robotics
 - Leverage diverse expertise
 - Convening
 - Teaming
 - Develop capabilities with impact
- Funded over 60 technology development projects since 2017
 - Competitive Project Calls
 - Competitive Sponsored (Air Force, Navy)
 - Directed (sole sourced)
 - Non-TIA



Specialize in leveraging our ecosystem to solve the most challenging manufacturing problems through advanced robotic systems

Technology Development | *Strategy*

- Needs of the ecosystem
- Impact across markets, application or products
- Intersection of Robotic Technology and Manufacturing Capability

Robotics Manufacturing Capabilities					
	Fabrication	Finishing	Assembly	Material Handling	Inspection
Robotic Technology Thrust Areas	Human-Robot/Robot-Robot Interaction				
	Sensing, and Perception				
	Mobility, Control and Manipulation				
	Operational Test, Evaluation, Validation, and Verification				

Technology Development | *Experience*

- **Capability**

- Assembly
- Fabrication
- Finishing
- Inspection
- Logistics

- **Markets (Use Cases)**

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Distribution / Warehouse
- Defense (DoD)
- Energy
- Textile / Apparel
- Food
- Energy
- Electronics



Develop robotic manufacturing solutions that are pervasive across markets and application.

Automated Defect Inspection of Complex Metallic Parts

- **Scope:**

- Advisor robotic platform that will provide comprehensive parts inspection of complex metallic components and high-fidelity recommendations for defect identification and characterization.

- **Technology Development:**

- AI to detect surface defects on aerospace engine blades based on robotically collected images in a controlled lighting environment

- **Benefit:**

- Fast, accurate characterization / inspection of surface profiles of parts with high reflectivity, complex geometry.



Human-Robot Collaboration in Quality Inspection

- **Scope:**

- Empower Workforce to Easily Program and Operate Automated 3D Scanning for quality control.

- **Technology Development:**

- Cobotic 3D scanning system with an intuitive user-experience (UX), and collect and analyze human-robot interaction data to develop an AI that enables collision free robotic programming.

- **Benefit:**

- Robotic 3D scanning for quality inspection results in improvements over legacy system:
 1. resolution,
 2. cycle time, and
 3. enhanced insights.
- Reduces complexities / barriers to utilizing robotics



Robotic Assistants for Composite Layup | assembly

- **Scope:**

- Demonstrate technical feasibility of automating composite layup process through robotic assistants working with humans

- **Technology Development:**

- Deep Neural Network based image detection and localization pipeline to detect irregularities (e.g. wrinkles) in how the composite material is laid on the mold.

- **Benefit:**

- Eliminates human safety issues, leverages human expert, improves quality, and performance.
- https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/capabilities/research-labs/advanced-technology-labs/atl_robotic_manufacturing.html



Bot Couture: Robotic Cloth Manufacturing | assembly

- **Scope:**

- Flexible robotic assembly line for garment (Levi Jeans)

- **Technology Development:**

- Modular, Open-Source software to automate assembly and advance sewing operations

- **Benefit:**

- Groundbreaking implications of a robotic solution to textile handling



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Summary

- **ARM Institute | *Background***

- DoD MII est. 2017 by CMU
- \$80M DoD TIA
- Ecosystem ~ 350 members
- Technology Development
- Education and Workforce Development
- Headquartered Pittsburgh, PA

- **Technology Development | *Experience***

- Ecosystem / Membership of Experts in Robotics, Automation and Manufacturing
- Leverage ecosystem and processes to develop Advanced Robotic Systems for Manufacturing
- Impact developing pervasive robotic technologies to enable robotic manufacturing capabilities
- Technology Transition
- Experience and Portfolio



ARM Institute has the right Ecosystem and Experience to address the needs of Department of Energy and Fuel Cell Manufacturing / Recycling

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