



2023 NSRP All Panel Meeting

The Center for Naval Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing presents the Navy ManTech Project S2886 – Dynamic Rules Based Material Process

(A collaboration effort between ONR, NSAM, and Ingalls)

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Objective

- **Analyze the engineering plate and pipe nesting processes, and develop an optimized rules-based process that enhances our ability to maximize material usage. Ingalls will evaluate dynamic nesting solutions with the goal of eliminating risk associated with cross nesting (across multiple bills, hulls, or contracts) while decreasing material handling cost and overall scrap. This is expected to add versatility to the process and minimize manual nesting, touch cost, and material waste. This will do the following:**

- Eliminating risk associated with cross nesting (across multiple bills, hulls, or contracts) while decreasing material handling cost.
- Create a rules-based process for effective consumption of whole material while reducing overall scrap.
- Add versatility to the process and minimize manual nesting, touch cost, and material waste.
- Address physical marking for material allocation (cost collection), tracking, and locating.



Acknowledgements

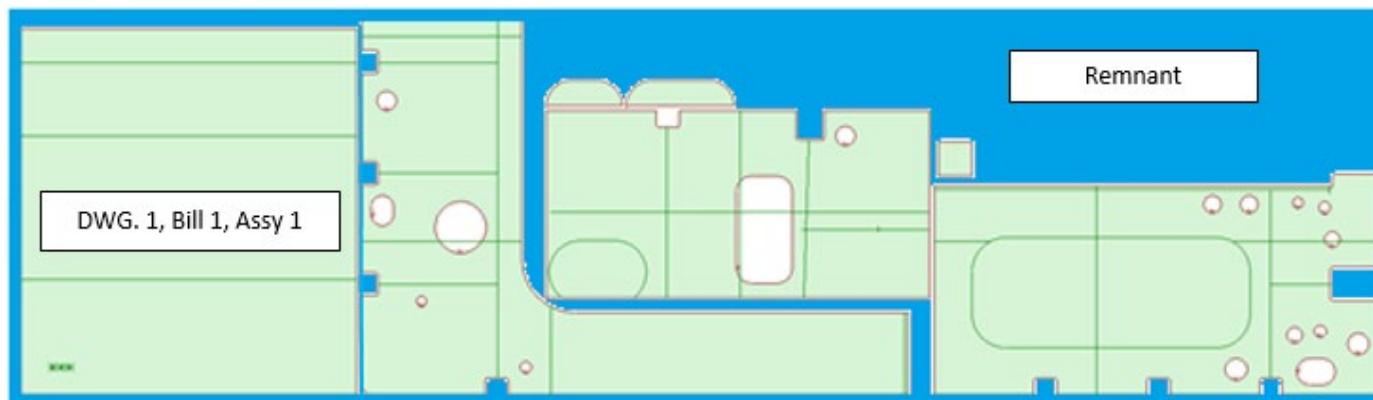
- **Project funding provided by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Navy ManTech Program**
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- **Ingalls Shipbuilding**
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Background

- The current manufacturing process for nesting plates (within Engineering), cutting plates (within the Fabrication Shop), and cutting pipe (within the Pipe Shop) result in excessive material waste.
- Additionally, the internal administrative constraints limit the ability to absorb the fluid nature of production (e.g., nesting that addresses just-in-time schedule requirements across contracts, hulls, units, material types/sizes).





Technical Approach

	Task Name
1	▀ Dynamic Rules Based Material Process
2	▀ Phase I - Process Analysis and Evaluation
3	▷ Task 1 - Project Initiation
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Technical Approach

- The key objectives of Phase I were to

- Examine current baseline process and define the future state.

- Market analysis on available nesting software vendors



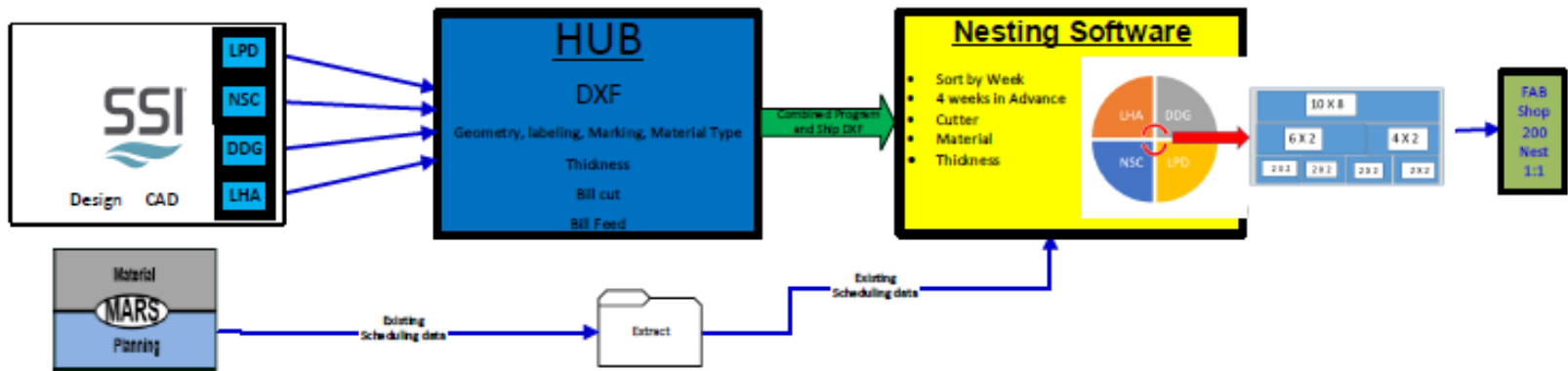


Technical Approach

● The key objectives of Phase II were to

➤ Development and Pilot Testing

Plate Dynamic Rules Based Material Process



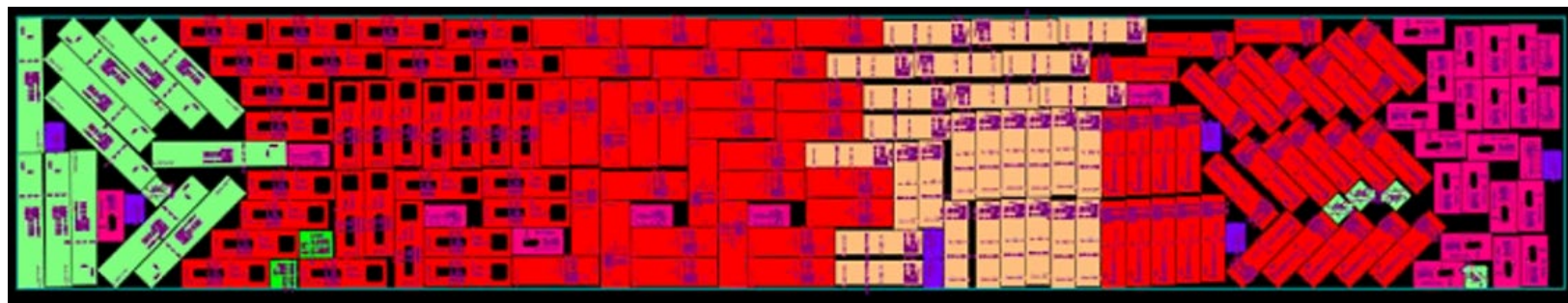
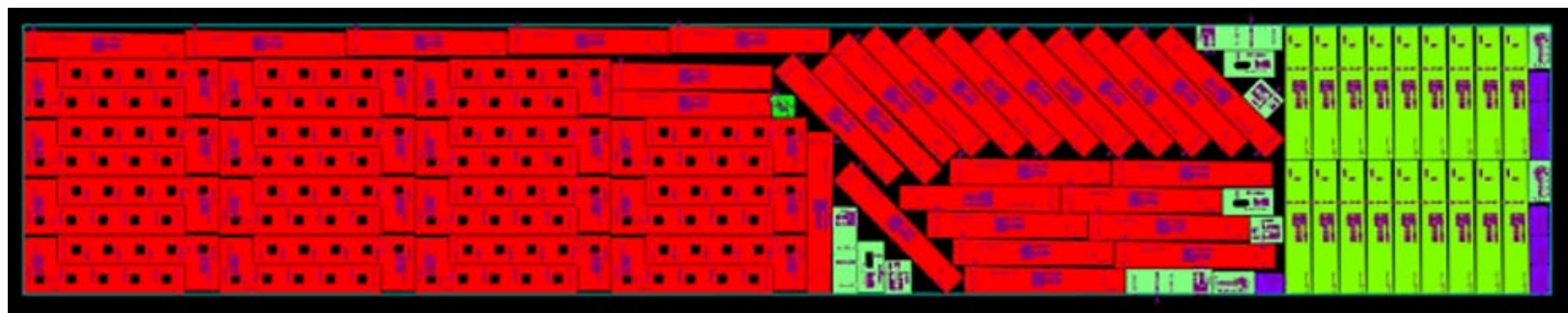
Pipe Dynamic Rules Based Material Process





Technical Approach

Each color represents a different program.





Results

● Pipe

↗ The changes made to the DNC software by Praeses allows for work orders to be input in one-step, rather than manual uploads of each work order. The results from preliminary tests indicated an increased overall DRL size and reduced the overall percentage of drop generated. Testing was limited as Ingalls is transitioning from MARS to ORION.

● Plate

↗ SigmaNest works as advertised and is a great product.

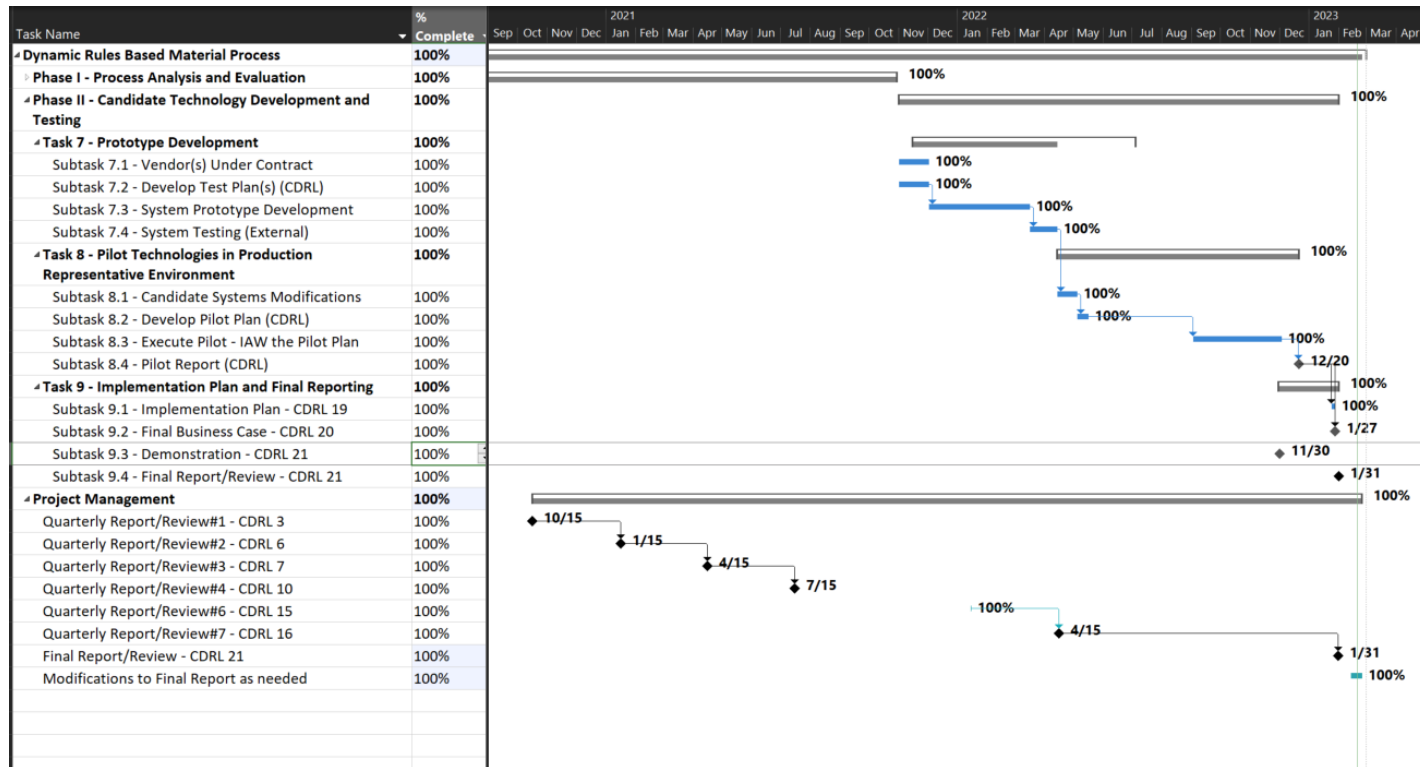
↗ The team successfully ran a subset of legacy plates vs Sigmanest (multi-nesting)

- Observed 23% total plate scrap reduction
 - 55% reduction in scrap rate



Project Status

- The project is complete, as of 2/28/23, with all deliverables and milestones met.





Project Status / Issues

● Issues

- Ran out of time before performing in-depth analysis on larger sample sizes of plate
- Testing complicated by company switching over from MARS to ORION.

● Resolution

- The ORION project should be completed at Ingalls this year. The team will pursue capital funding to implement project solutions after ORION completes.



Project Goals / Objectives

Objective: Reduce Material Waste (Plate and Pipe), Including Decreasing Plate/Pipe Storage Footprint								
Parameter	Baseline Value	Requirement Threshold Value	Requirement Objective Value	How to Measure	Date to be Achieved	Achievement Value	Achievement Date	How Demonstrated
Tonnage	Material Scrap	25%	35%	Weight as compared to legacy data	End of Task 8	55%	2/23/23	Comparison to baseline data
Objective: Reduction in Manhours Associated with Touch Labor, Material Handling, and Nesting Process								
Labor Hours	Labor for Current Activity	10%	20%	Conduct shipyard evaluations and document	End of Task 8	10%	2/23/23	Comparison to baseline value
Exit Criteria: Successfully Create Nesting File for Multiple Hulls								
Activity	Requirement	Pass/Fail	How It Will Be Measured	Date to be Achieved	How Demonstrated			
Successfully Create Nesting File for Multiple Hulls	Software should be able to specify a nesting file for the most efficient use of plate and pipe, in a defined window of time and across multiple hulls as required.	Software operates properly to find most efficient method for plate and pipe nesting.	Assessment based on criteria defined in Pilot Plan	End of Task 8	Ran Legacy methods against SigmaNest for same dataset.			
Exit Criteria: Engineering (ShipConstructor) Outputs								
Activity	Requirement	Pass/Fail	How It Will Be Measured	Date to be Achieved	How Demonstrated			
Execute Successful Pilot at Ingalls	Create plate and pipe nest data direct from the model using rules-based process (i.e., what's scheduled, maximizing material usage), across projects, bills, hulls, contracts.	Management approves for implementation.	Assessment based on criteria defined in Pilot Plan	End of Task 8	Ran Legacy methods against SigmaNest for same dataset.			



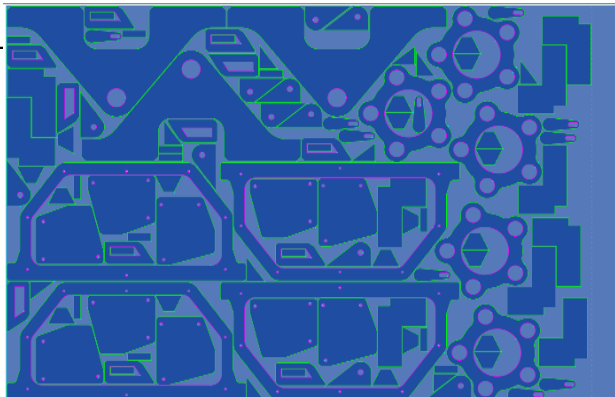


Questions?





Future state optimizing plate usage with dynamic nesting and piece part marking



Enhance ability to create a rules-based process for effective consumption of whole material while reducing overall scrap.

Project Number: S2886
Title: Dynamic Rules Based Material Process

Performing Activity: Naval Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing Center (NSAM)
Objectives: Analyze the engineering plate and pipe nesting process, and develop an optimized rules-based process that enhances our ability to maximize material usage.

Start / End Dates: Aug 20 – Feb 23
Project Cost: ManTech Investment: \$1.68M

Weapon System: DDG-51

Performing Entities:

- Navy ManTech – Program Oversight
- NSAM – Project Management / Technical Oversight
- PMS 400 - Project Oversight
- HII-Ingalls – Project Lead; Facility Support

Technical Achievements:

- Nov 20 Baseline Process Report
- Feb 21 Future State Process Map
- Mar 21 Gap Analysis
- Jun 21 Requirements Report
- Nov 21 Market Survey Report
- Dec 21 Test Plan
- Jun 22 Pilot Plan
- Jan 23 Pilot Report
- Feb 23 Implementation Plan and Final BCA
- Feb 23 Final Report/Review with Demonstration

Implementation:

System: DDG-51
 Site: Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. (HII-Ingalls)
 Schedule: Oct 22; DDG 137, LHA 9, LPD 33, and NSC 12
 Status: Implementation anticipated 1Q FY24

Cost
 Schedule
 Technical



Payoff:

- \$2.54M per hull (DDG)
- \$1.45M per hull (LHA)
- \$1.93M per hull (LPD)
- \$0.01M per hull (NSC)
- 5 Year Savings: \$20,572,706 (All Hulls)
- Ingalls 5 Year ROI = 8.4
- DDG 5 Year ROI = 4.7





Project Team



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