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This paper reports the exploratory studies on advanced accelerator technologies performed within the IFAST (Innovation Fostering in Accelerator Science and Technology) EU project, and in particular the impressive results of the additive manufacturing Tasks. This includes results of two surveys targeted to the accelerator community: a) on current additive manufacturing applications in accelerators and expected new developments, b) on current additive manufacturing repair technologies for accelerator and list of possible applications. Additive-manufactured SRF cavities and performance results of the superconducting cavities made by additive manufacturing technology by Nb or Cu with Nb thin spattered film on the internal surface are discussed. Results of prototyping of Cu-made complex linear accelerator structures (RFQ) are reported and discussed. The paper is outlining potential additive manufacturing applications in accelerators and strategies applicable to accelerator components repairs benefiting from additive manufacturing technology.

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