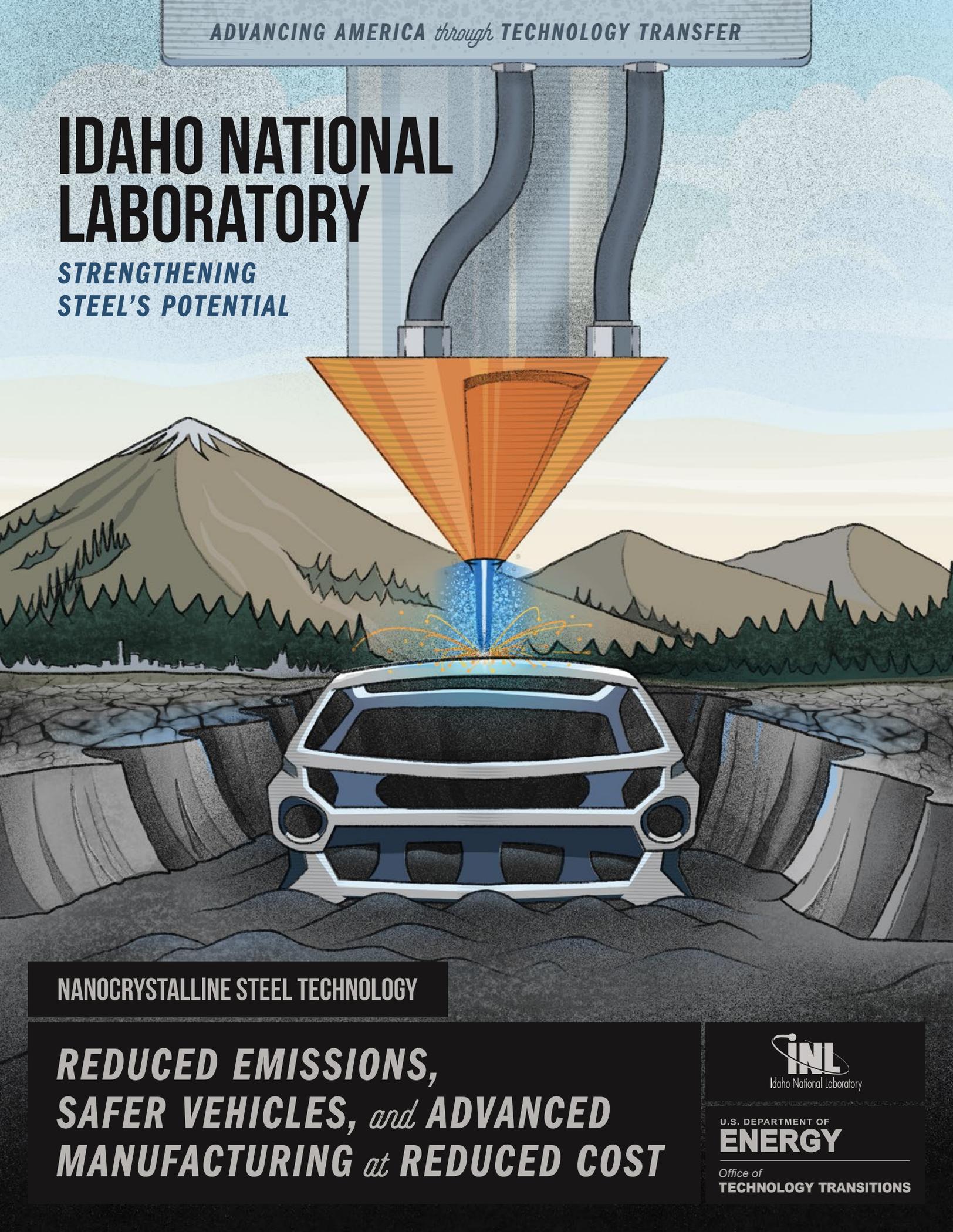


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NANOCRYSTALLINE STEEL TECHNOLOGY

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Using nanocrystalline steel increases vehicle fuel economy by 9.5%

Industry

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Nanocrystalline steel increases the lifespan of mining equipment by 400%.



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