

# Additive Manufacturing Laboratory



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# Goal

- Additive Manufacturing introduction and multi-user Lab presentation

# AM Lab Facility

- Equipment – AM Lab

Model Machine	Dimension Elite	Objet30 PRO	UPBOX	DM Studio
				
Print Technology	FDM - Fused Deposition Material	Polyjet	FDM - Fused Deposition Material	BMD – Bound Metal Deposition
Build volume X Y Z (mm)	300 x 300 x 300	300 x 200 x 150	255 x 205 x 205	300 x 200 x 200
Build rate ( cm <sup>3</sup> /h )	5	5	3	16
Nozzle diameter ( μm )	250	600 dpi	750	400
Layer thickness ( μm )	250	36	750	50
Power consumption ( W )	1500	760	220	980
Power supply	110 V / 15 A	110 V / 7 A	110 V / 10 A	120 V / 20 A
Machine Dimensions L x H x W ( mm )	914 x 686 x 1040	830 x 600 x 600	493 x 493 x 517	830 x 950 x 530
Weight( kg )	136	106	20	97
Material state	Filament	UV Photosensitive resin	Filament	Solid bound metal rod
Materials	ABS PLA	Rigid Opaque Rigid transparent	ABS PLA	17-4 PH 316 L Titanium Ti-6Al-4V Steel 4140 Tool Steel H13
Post processing	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

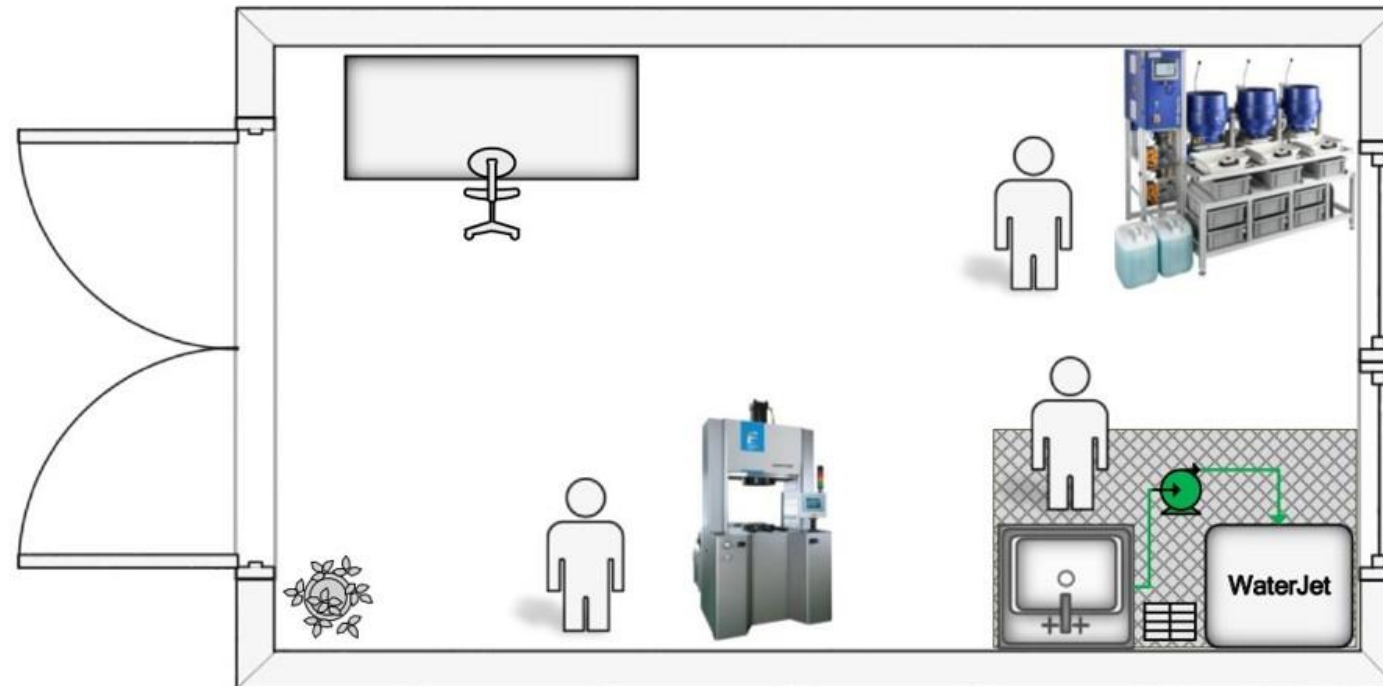
# AM Lab Facility

- Layout – AM Lab



# AM Lab Facility

- Finishing Lab – in Quote



# AM Lab Facility

- RCGI management
- Academic customer → consumables cost
- External customer → market cost



# Additive Manufacturing

- Additive manufacturing (AM) is defined by the ASTM as:

“A process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing methodologies”.

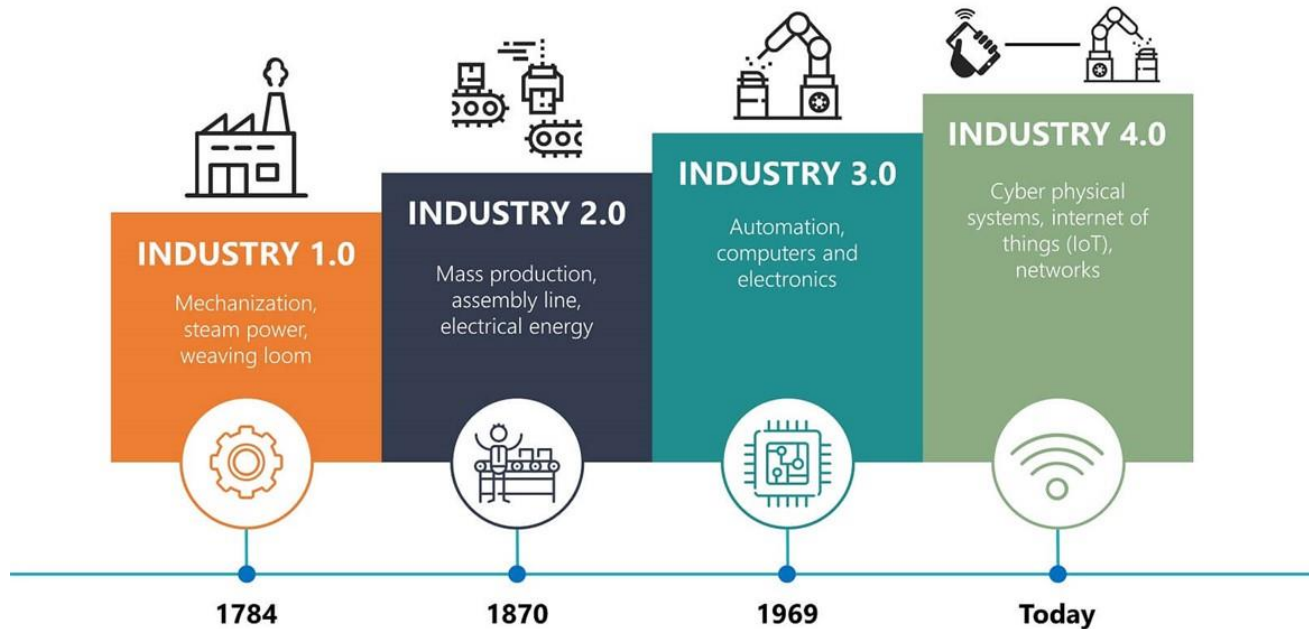
- These new techniques, while still evolving, are projected to exert a profound impact on manufacturing. They can give industry new design flexibility, reduce lifecycle energy use, and shorten time to market.

Source: 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing State of the Industry: Annual Worldwide Progress Report.” Wohlers Associates, 2014



# Additive Manufacturing

- Additive Manufacturing – Industry 4.0



# Additive Manufacturing

- Supply Chain Shift – Direct to Part



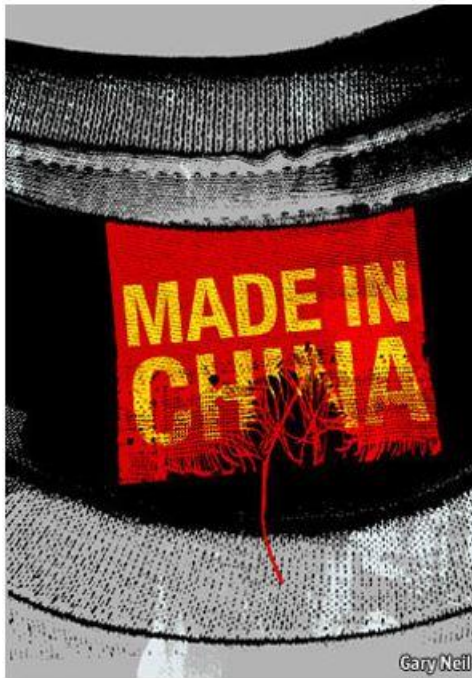
From

To



# Additive Manufacturing

- Supply Chain



Source: Chinese Production, The Economist Jun, 2017

# Additive Manufacturing



# Additive Manufacturing

Ford **slashes** prototyping time



At Ford, a traditional part prototype takes 8 to 16 weeks and can cost over US\$100,000. With 3D printing, Ford can produce, assemble, and prep it for testing **in less than a week for just a few thousand dollars.**

Source: "Harold Sears, additive manufacturing technical expert, Ford Motor Co."

Airbus radically **reduces** material waste



With traditional manufacturing techniques, Airbus needs 300 tons of material to build 32 tons of parts. 3D printing requires just **30 tons of metal powder.**

Source: "Peter Sander, vice president, emerging technology and concepts, Airbus"

GE consolidates parts while making them **stronger**



GE Aviation has created a fuel nozzle that **consolidates 20 parts into 1**, while making the assembly five times more durable.

Source: "Tom Sinnett, applications manager, Additive Development Center, GE Aviation"

# Additive Manufacturing

## Micro-scale features

- Direct ceramic deposition
- Direct written sensors



Ceramics printing



Direct write



U/S probes



CBM Sensors

- Ultrasound probes
- Integrated circuitry
- Direct-written CBM sensors

15  $\mu\text{m}$

## Macro-scale features

- DMLM & Electron beam
- Commercial polymer AM



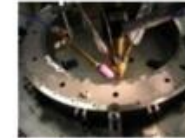
Functional metal, ceramics & polymer parts  
Commercial polymer & metal machines

- Turbomachinery applications
- Test hardware
- Limited production since 2014

200  $\mu\text{m}$

## Large-scale features

- Spray technologies
- Laser & EB cladding
- Sand casting mold and core



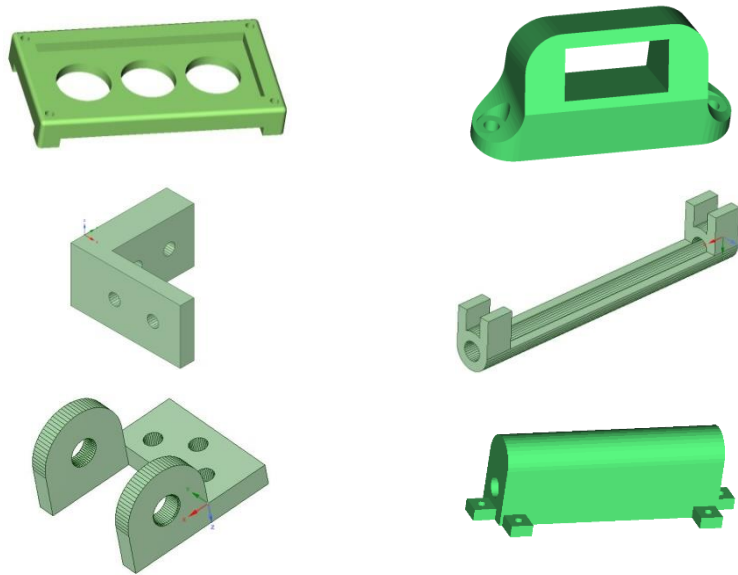
Large low volume functional metal parts  
Custom built machines  
Foundry of the future enabler

- Repair & feature addition;  
reduced buy-to-fly
- LRIP casting; NPI acceleration
- In use

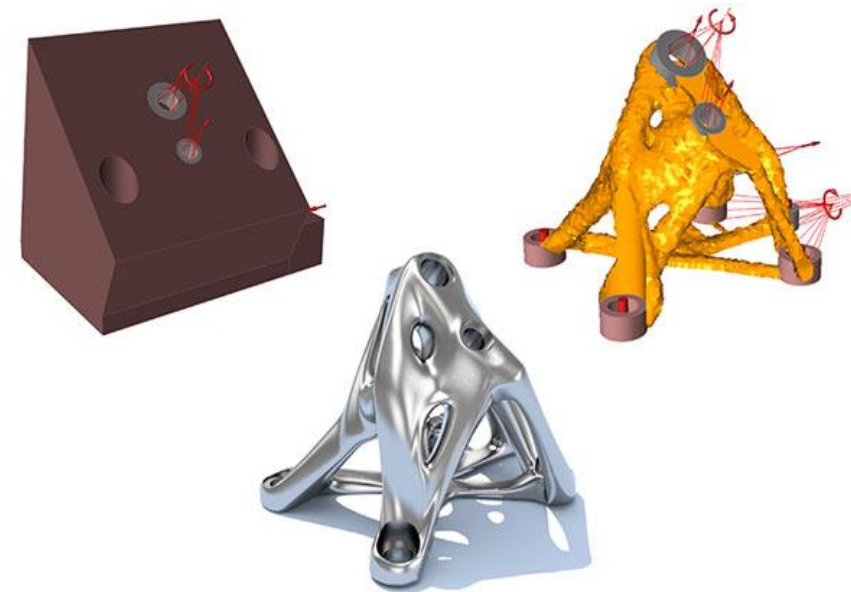
500  $\mu\text{m}$

# Design for Additive Manufacturing – DfMA

Design Thinking  
Manufacturing & Conventional Applications



*Design Thinking*  
*Manufacturing & Innovative Applications*

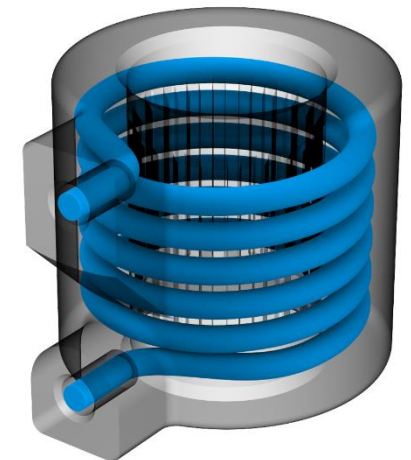


# Design for Additive Manufacturing – DfMA

- Innovative Designs










Swirler for gas turbine provided by EOS.



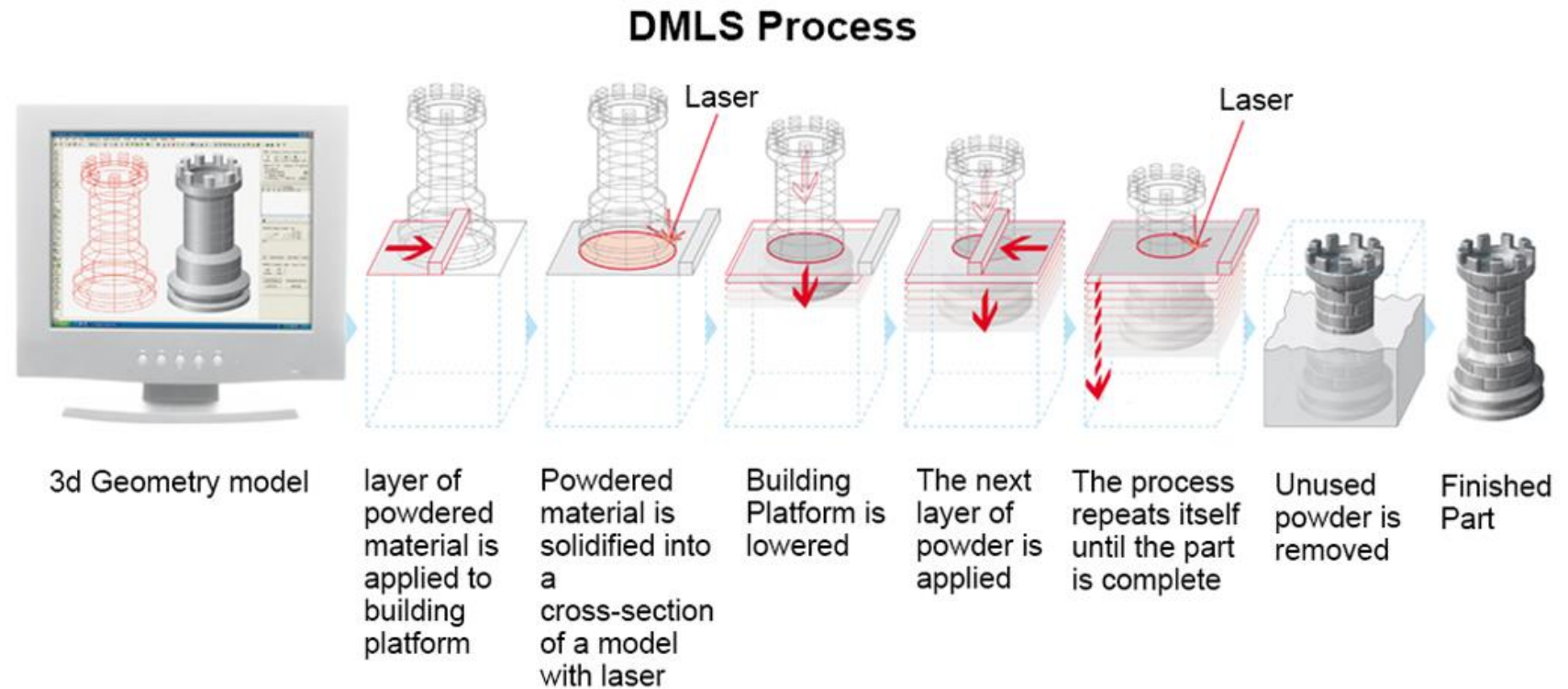
Tooling - conformal cooling channels by DM.



# Metal AM – Technologies

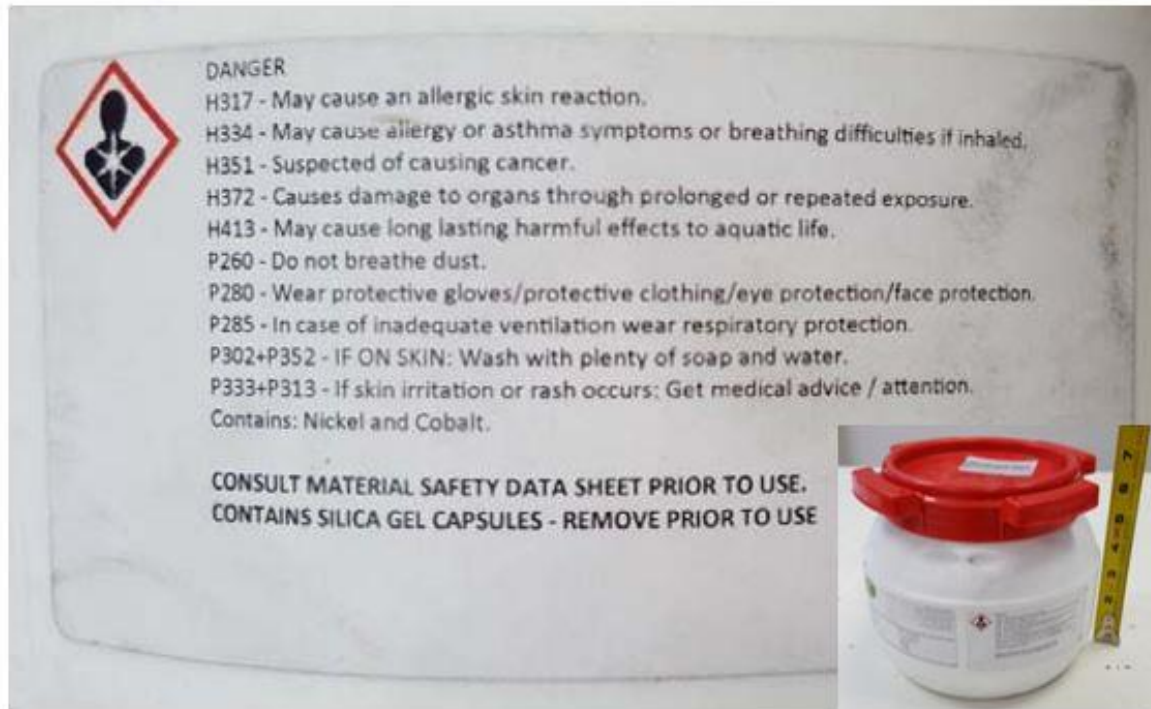
			Metal	Heat Source	Speed	Precision	Size	Comments
Powder Bed	DMLM Direct Metal Laser Melting		Powder Bed	Laser				LEAP Fuel Nozzle
	EBM Electron Beam Melting		Powder Bed	Electron Beam				Alternate Process for Castings
Deposition	LPF Laser Powder Forming		Powder Deposition	Laser				Large Prototypes
	EBFF Electron Beam Free Form		Wire	Electron Beam				Large Prototypes
	Hot Wire		Wire	TIG/ Laser				Large Prototypes
Consolidation	MIM Metal Injection Molding		Binder Injection	Consolidation				Small Part, High Volume
	Binder Jet		Binder Jet	Consolidation				
					H	M	L	

# Metal AM – DMLM

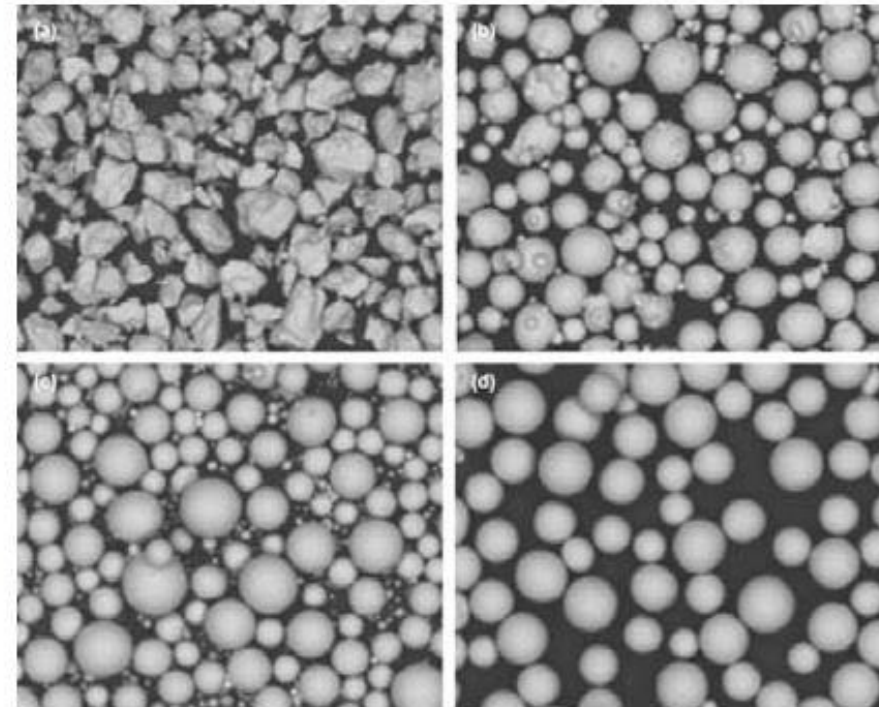


Source: GE Additive , [www.ge.com/additive](http://www.ge.com/additive)

# Metal AM – DMLM Safety



Hazard material information



Diameter can vary 1 - 500  $\mu\text{m}$

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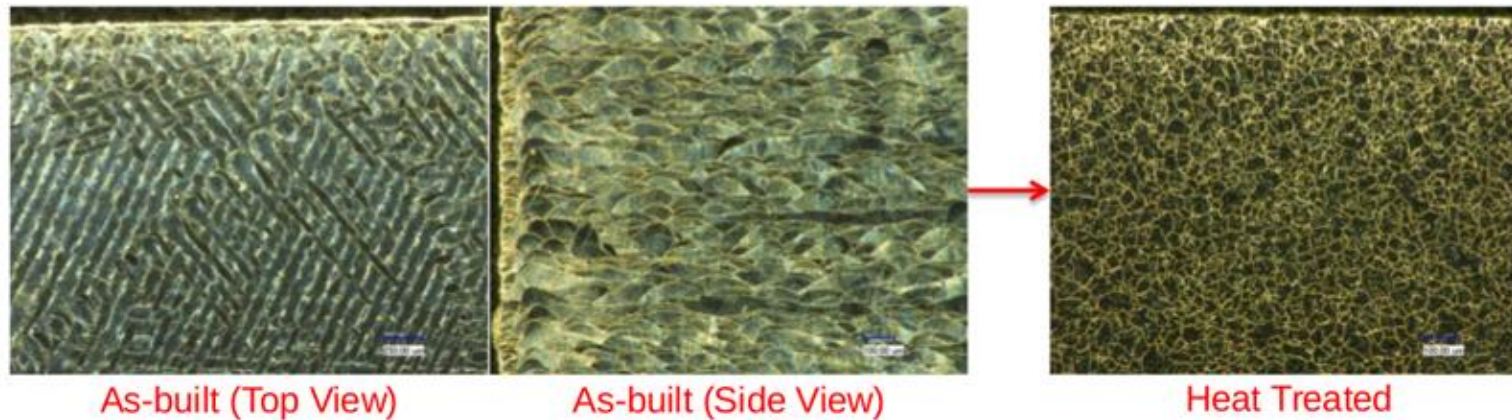


# Metal AM – DMLM Post Process

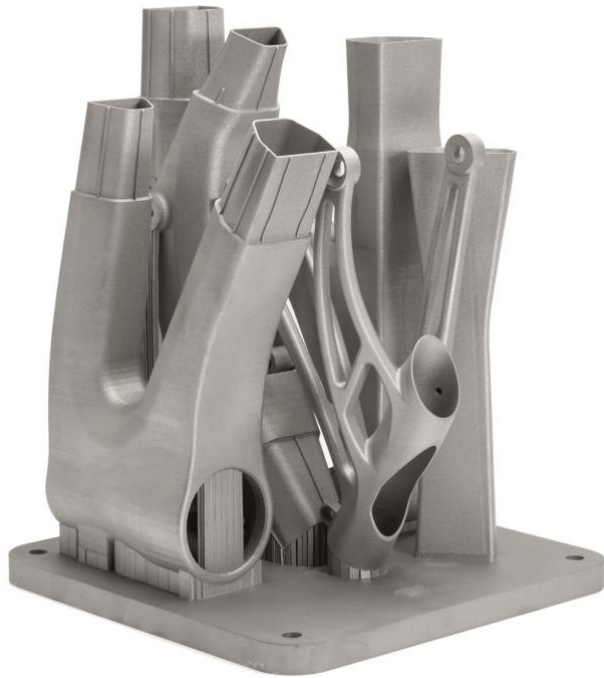
**Stress Relief** – Required to eliminate residual thermal stresses left during build process

**Hot Isostatic Press** – High temperature, high pressure thermal cycle to eliminate sub-surface porosity

**Solution** – Completes conversion of material to near wrought, isotropic structure



# Metal AM – DMLM Post Process



# Metal AM – No Laser-Based

## STUDIO SYSTEM

OFFICE-FRIENDLY, AFFORDABLE METAL 3D PRINTING.  
DESIGNED FOR ENGINEERS.



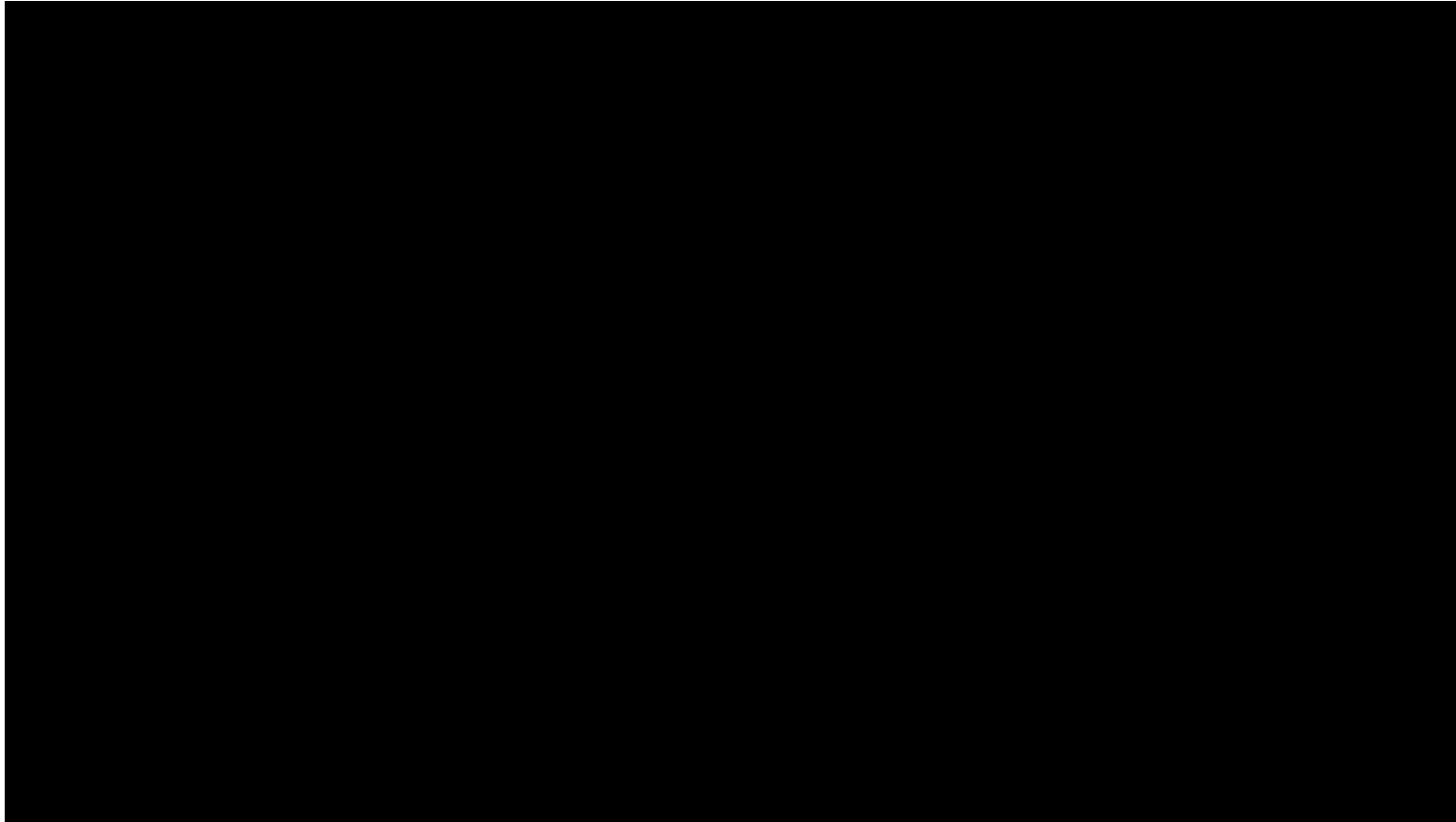
## PRODUCTION SYSTEM

100X FASTER. QUALITY & COST-PER-PART NEEDED TO SCALE.  
DESIGNED FOR THROUGHPUT.





# Metal AM – SPJ





# Metal AM – SPJ

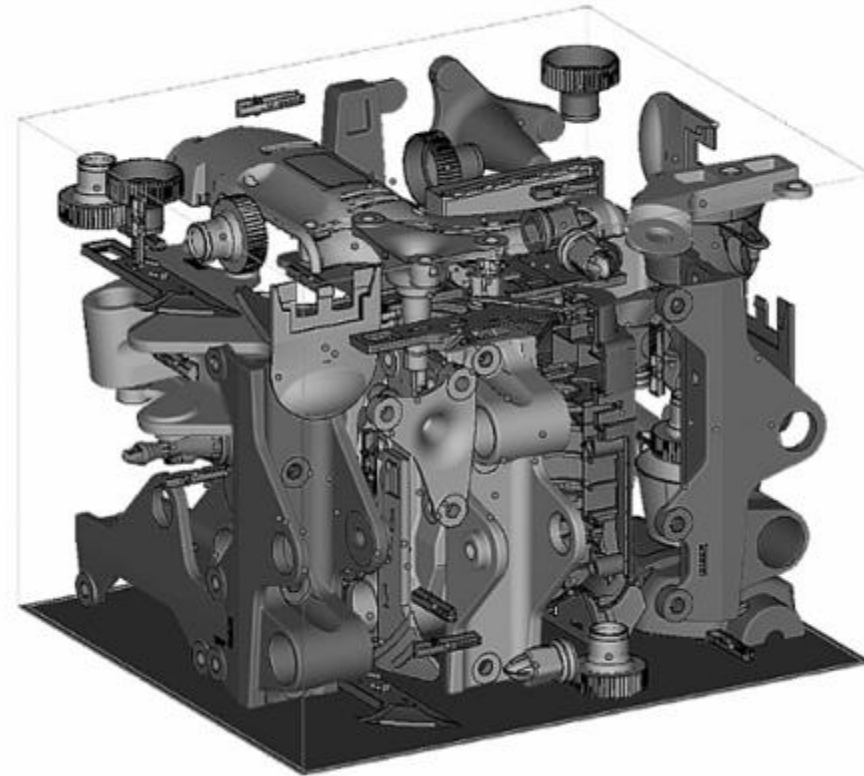
- Single Pass Jetting – SPJ

## 20X CHEAPER

LOW-COST MIM POWDER, HIGH THROUGHPUT, AND SIMPLE POST-PROCESSING DELIVER PER-PART COSTS THAT ARE COMPETITIVE WITH TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING PROCESSES – AND UP TO 20X LOWER THAN TODAY'S METAL 3D PRINTING SYSTEMS.

HIGH DENSITY NESTING

NO BUILD PLATES – HIGHER YIELD & PRODUCTIVITY



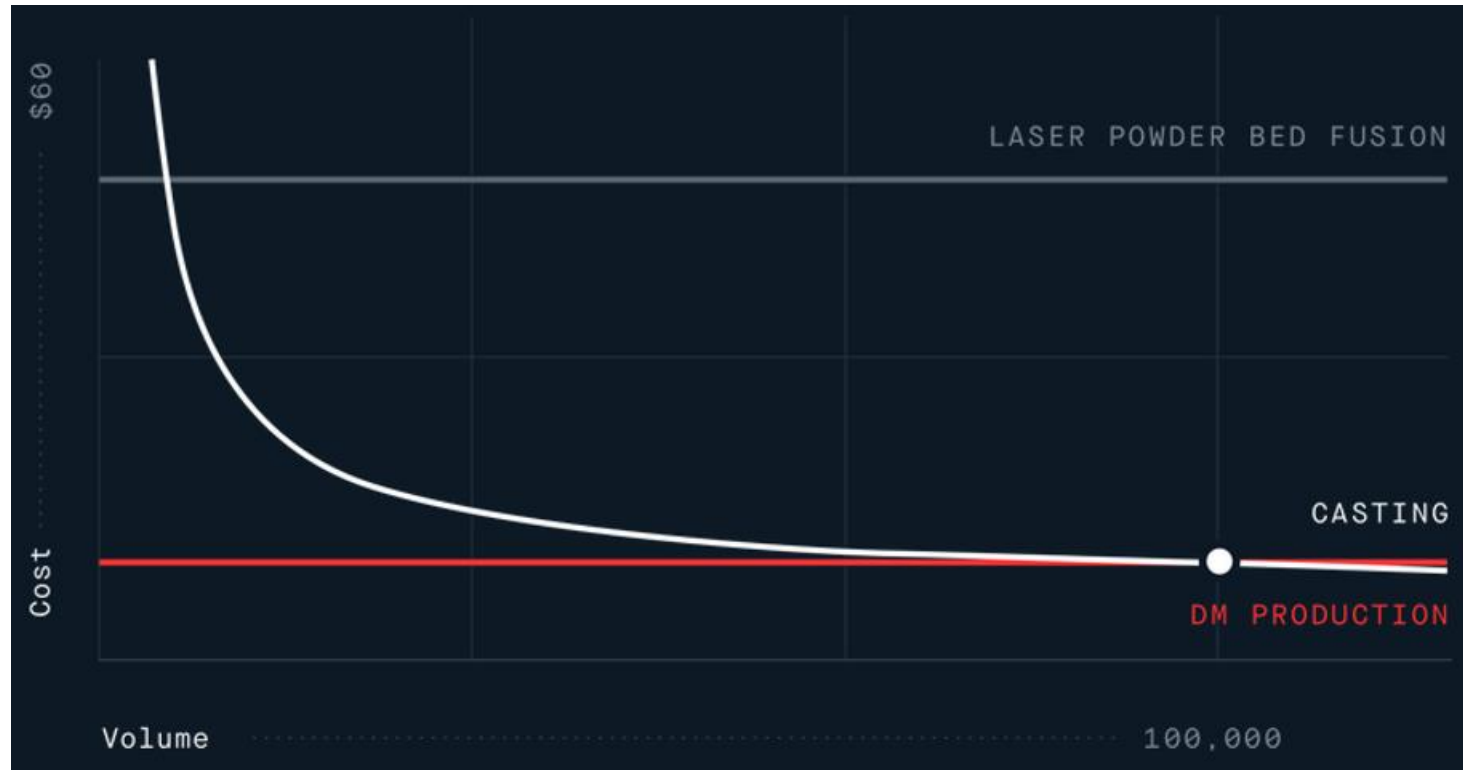
# Metal AM – SPJ

- Single Pass Jetting – SPJ



# Metal AM – SPJ

*BMW water pump impeller  
Total cost-per-part vs production volume*



# Metal AM – BMD

- Bound Metal Deposition – BMD

## SAFE

NO HAZARDOUS POWDERS  
NO EXTERNAL VENTILATION  
NO STRESS RELIEF  
NO 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY EQUIPMENT  
NO WELDED SUPPORTS

NO RESPIRATORS  
NO 480V 3-PHASE POWER  
NO DANGEROUS LASERS  
NO DEDICATED OPERATORS  
NO SPECIAL FACILITIES



# Metal AM – BMD

- Bound Metal Deposition – BMD



# Metal AM – BMD



# Metal AM – Materials

## 316L

### STAINLESS STEEL

- HIGH TOUGHNESS
- EXCELLENT CORROSION RESISTANCE
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - FOOD PROCESSING
  - PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING
  - SALT WATER & MARINE ENVIRONMENTS



# Metal AM – Materials

## 17-4 PH

### STAINLESS STEEL

- HIGH STRENGTH
- PRECIPITATION HARDENING
- CORROSION RESISTANT
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - AEROSPACE/PETROLEUM/CHEMICAL/FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
  - JIGS/FIXTURES/BRACKETS
  - PRODUCTION PARTS SUCH AS GEARS, VALVES, & PUMP SHAFTS





# Metal AM – Materials

## 4140

LOW ALLOY STEEL

- ALSO KNOWN AS **CHROMOLY**
- SUPERIOR HARDNESS & STRENGTH
- GOOD STRENGTH-TO-WEIGHT RATIO
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - **AEROSPACE & AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES**
  - **JIGS & FIXTURES, MOLD BASES, FORMING DIES**
  - **REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY**

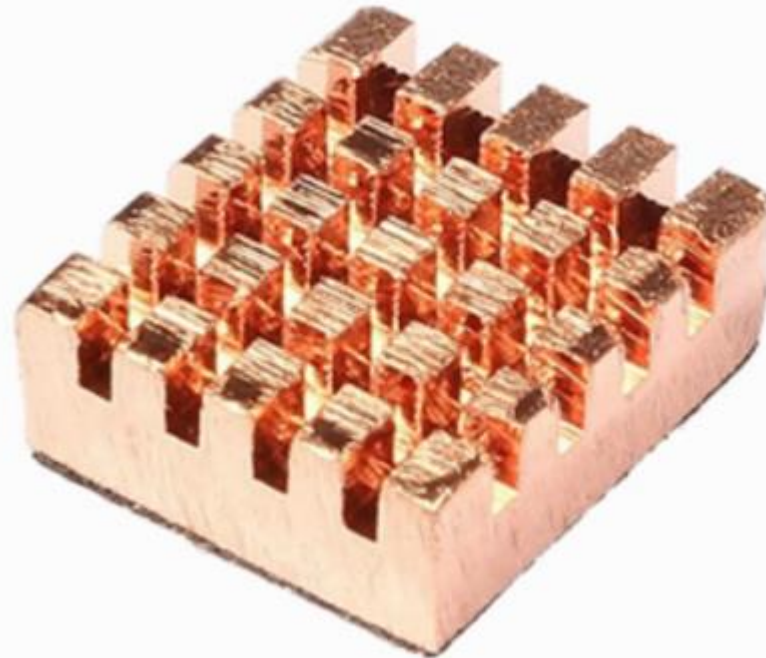


# Metal AM – Materials

## C11000

### COPPER

- ALSO KNOWN AS **ALLOY 110** – COMMON COPPER
- EXCELLENT THERMAL & ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY
- BROAD RANGE OF TEMPERS
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - **CONSUMER ELECTRONICS**
  - **ELECTRICAL GOODS SUCH AS BUSES**
  - **MOTORS & HEAT SINKS**



# Metal AM – Materials

## INCONEL 625

### SUPER ALLOY

- NICKEL-BASED SUPER ALLOY
- EXCELLENT STRENGTH & PERFORMANCE AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES
- REMARKABLE CORROSION & OXIDATION RESISTANCE
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - AEROSPACE, NUCLEAR, MARINE, & CHEMICAL PROCESSING
  - HIGH PRESSURE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS PUMPS & VALVES
  - AIRCRAFT DUCTING & JET ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEMS



# Metal AM – Materials

## KOVAR F-15

### LOW EXPANSION ALLOY

- CONTROLLED EXPANSION ALLOY CONTAINING NICKEL, COBALT, & IRON
- CTE MATCHED TO BOROSILICATE GLASS (PYREX)
- TEMPERATURE RANGE FROM ABSOLUTE ZERO TO EXTREMELY HIGH HEAT
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - AEROSPACE AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES
  - ELECTRONIC FIBER OPTIC & MICROWAVE PACKAGES
  - MICRO-ELECTRONIC MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
  - SUPERCONDUCTING SYSTEMS



# Metal AM – Materials

## H13

### TOOL STEEL

- STANDARDIZED FOR HOT WORKING APPLICATIONS
- CR-MO-V CONTENT PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST THERMAL SHOCK AND FATIGUE CRACKING
- GREAT STRENGTH & HEAT RESISTANCE
- HIGH HARDNESS, ABRASION RESISTANCE, AND WEAR CHARACTERISTICS
- VERY MACHINABLE
- SUITABLE APPLICATIONS:
  - SHEAR KNIVES AND OTHER CUTTING INSTRUMENTS
  - VARIOUS MOLD & DIE APPLICATIONS



# Metal AM – Sintering

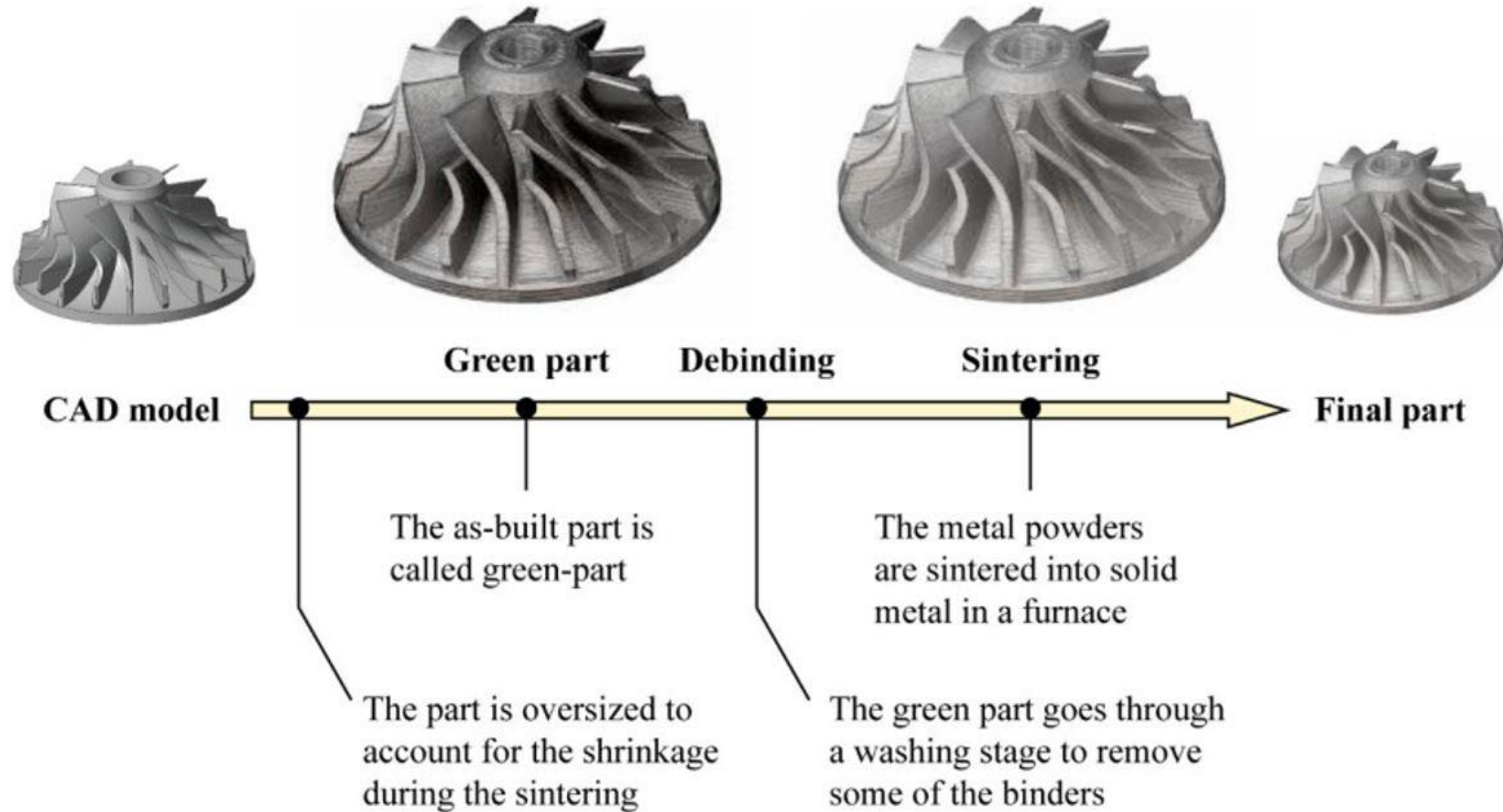
## FURNACE

### MICROWAVE-ASSISTED

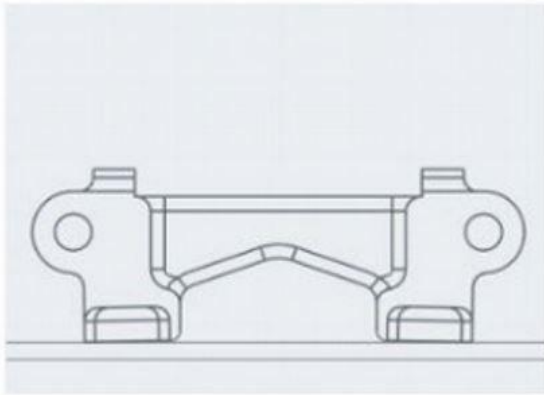
- FIRST OFFICE-FRIENDLY SINTERING FURNACE
- FITS THROUGH THE DOOR – NO VENTING OR SPECIAL FACILITY REQUIREMENTS
- NO RESIDUAL STRESSES LIKE THOSE INTRODUCED IN LASER-BASED SYSTEMS
- DELIVERS EXCELLENT METALLURGICAL PROPERTIES WITH VACUUM AND PARTIAL GAS PRESSURE
- EXPERT METALLURGY BUILT-IN: FULLY AUTOMATED SINTERING PROFILES



# Metal AM – Sintering



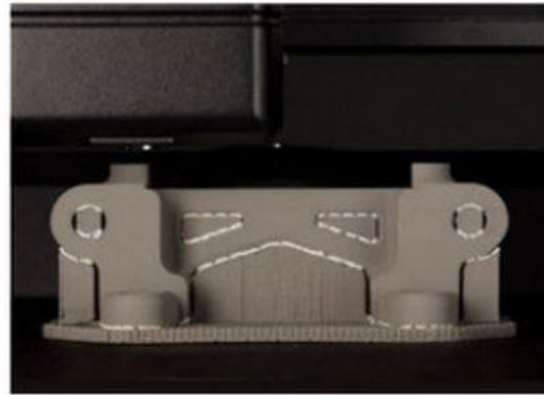
# Metal AM – Sintering



1 PREP

## Digital model

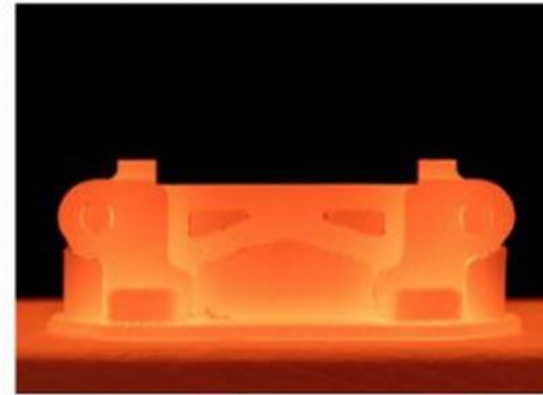
The software accepts a variety of formats—not just STL. Web-based, it runs on a remote or local server so that it is possible to manage jobs from any device securely.



2 PRINT

## Green Part

Similar to FDM, the Studio printer shapes a "green" part layer-by-layer by heating and extruding specially formulated bound metal rods. The green part can be easily sanded by hand.



3 DEBIND AND SINTER

## Sintered Part

A portion of the plastic binder is first removed. The furnace then heats the part to temperatures near melting, causing the metal powder to densify to 96-99.8%.



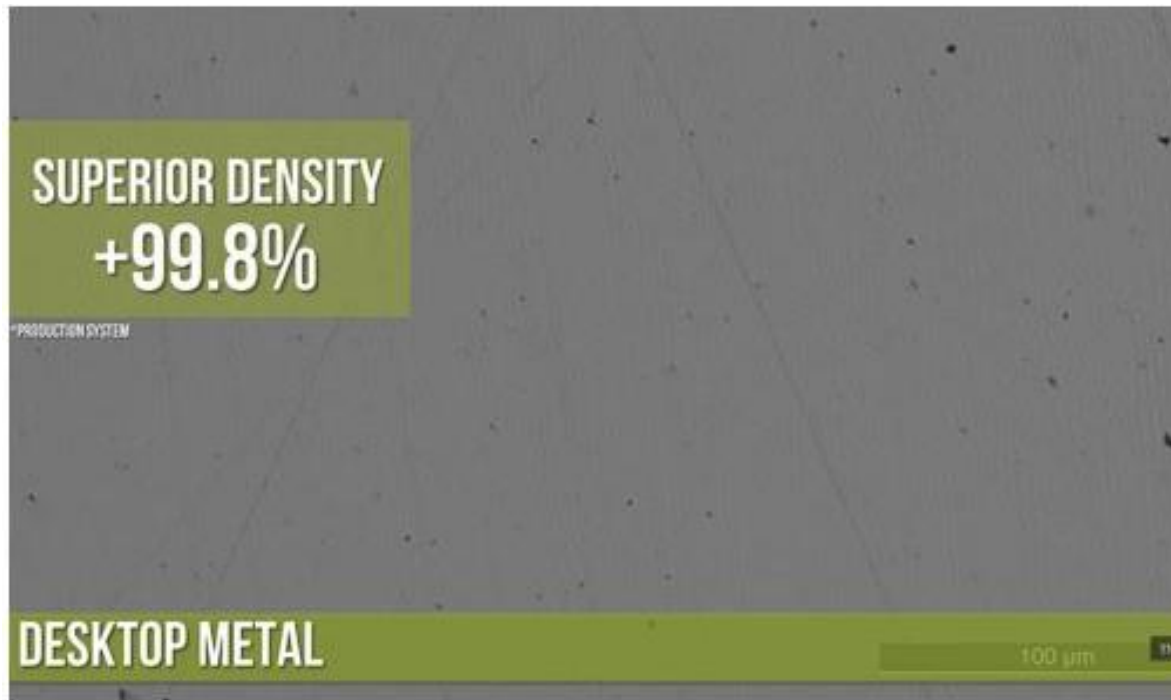
4 POST PROCESS

## Finished Part

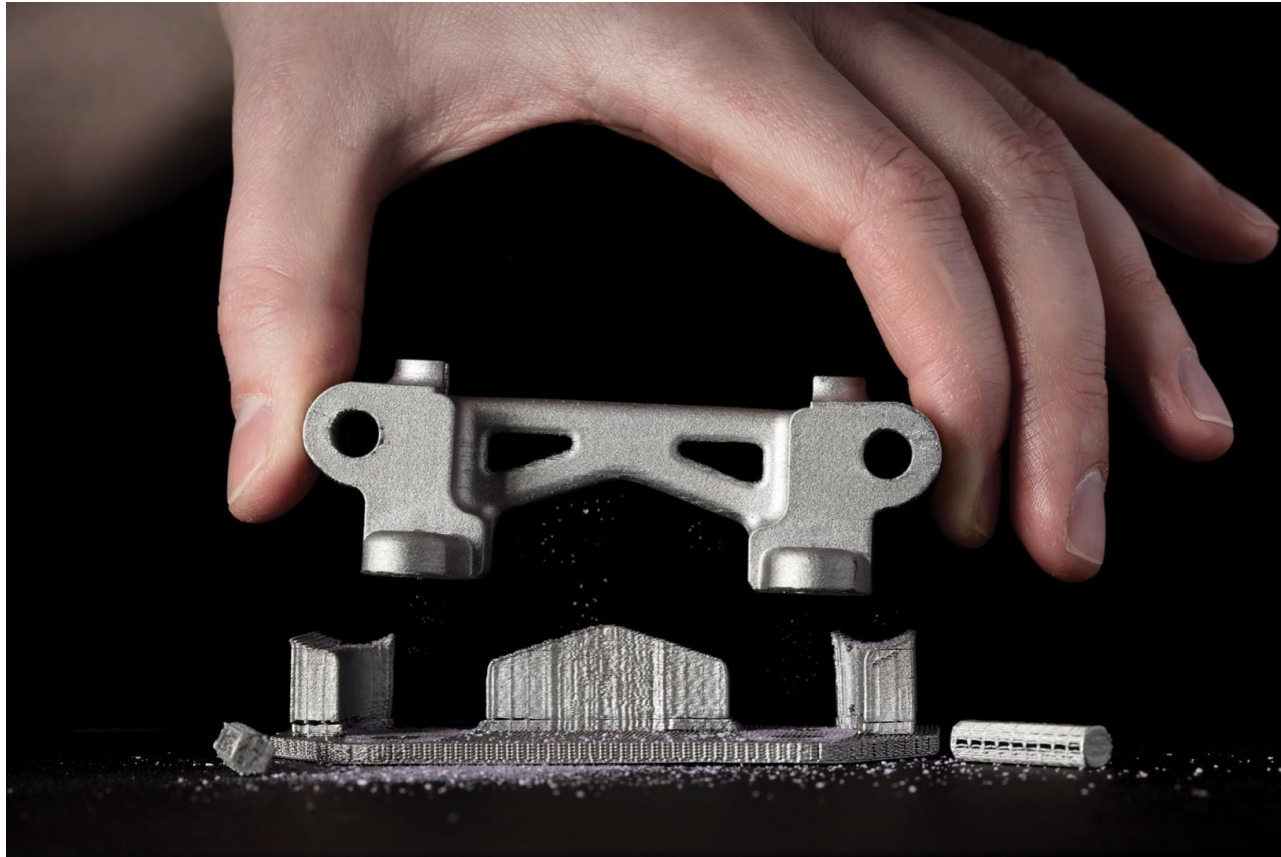
Apply optional finishing methods such as machining or bead blasting for critical tolerances and finishes. Supports are removed by hand.



# Metal AM – Sintering



# Metal AM – Post Process



# Metal AM – Post Process



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



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