

Casting & AM



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Might and majesty on the Nile

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Outline

1. **Quick Review**: Sand Casting, Die Casting
2. **Basics**: Phase Change, Shrinkage, Heat Transfer
3. Design Issues, patterns and tools
4. **Additive** (laser metal powder bed) Manufacturing

Casting since about 3200 BCE...



Etruscan casting with runners
circa 500 BCE

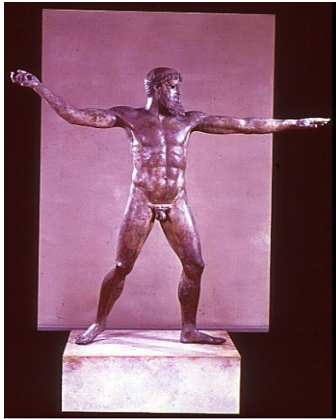


China circa 3000BCE



Lost wax jewelry from Greece
circa 300 BCE

Bronze age to iron age



Bronze statue of Zeus from Artemision,
ca. 460 BC

Ancient Greece; bronze
statue casting circa 450BCE



Iron works in early Europe,
e.g. cast iron cannons from
England circa 1543

Cast Parts

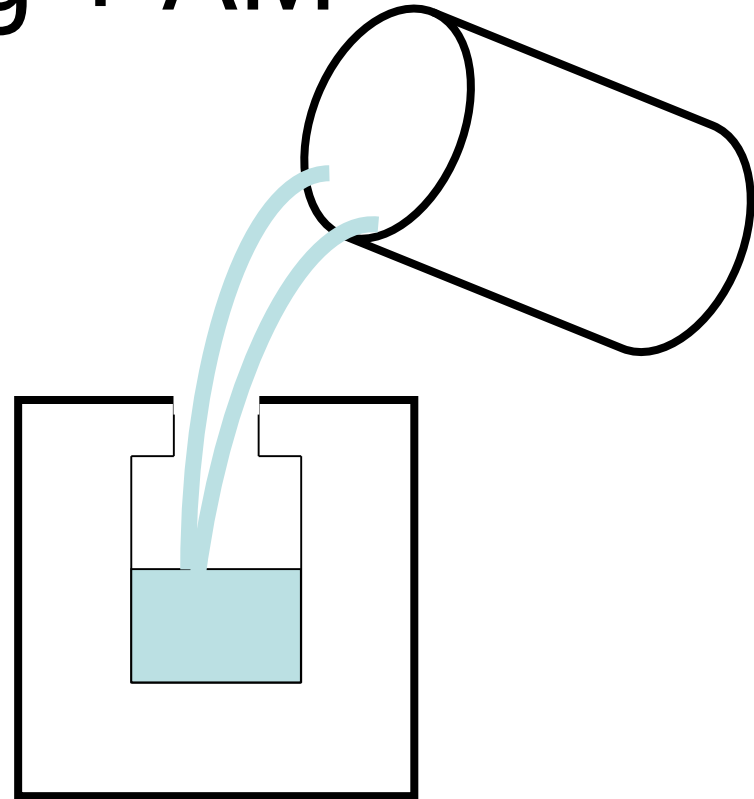




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Readings;

1. *Kalpakjian, Chapters 10, 11, 12*
2. *Boothroyd, Ch 10, 21*
3. *Flemings “Heat Flow in Solidification”*
4. *Quinlan, ...Hart JIE 2017*



Note: a good heat transfer reference can be found by
Profs John Lienhard online <http://web.mit.edu/lienhard/www/ahtt.html>

Casting Methods

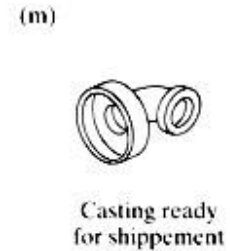
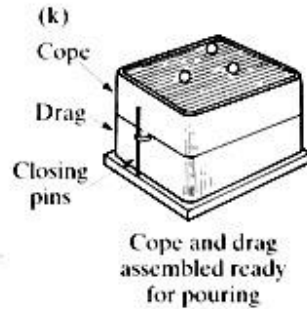
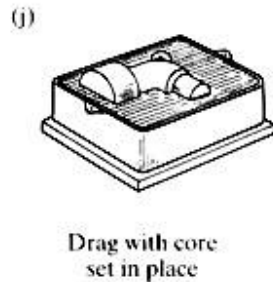
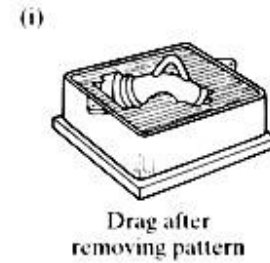
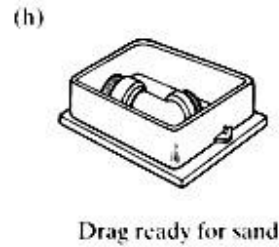
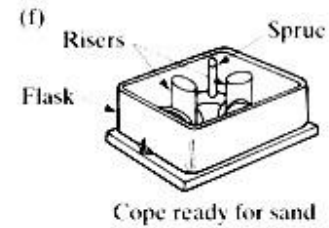
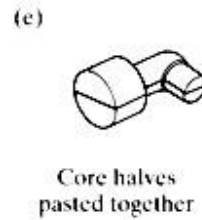
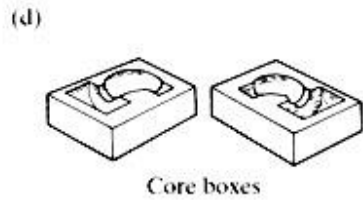
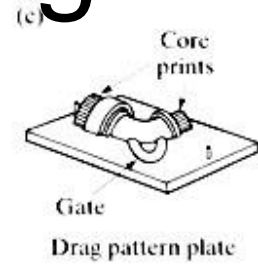
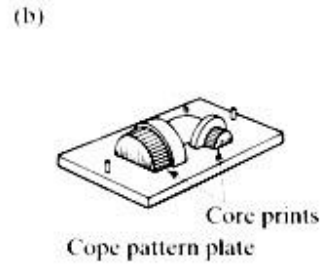
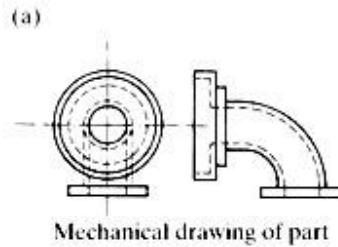


- **Sand Casting**
High Temperature Alloy,
Complex Geometry,
Rough Surface Finish



- **Die Casting**
High Temperature Alloy,
Moderate Geometry,
Smooth Surface

Sand Casting



Sand Casting

Description: Tempered sand is packed into wood or metal pattern halves, removed from the pattern, and assembled with or without cores, and metal is poured into resultant cavities. Various core materials can be used. Molds are broken to remove castings. Specialized binders now in use can improve tolerances and surface finish.

Metals: Most castable metals.

Size Range: Limitation depends on foundry capabilities. Ounces to many tons.

Tolerances:

Non-Ferrous $\pm 1/32''$ to $6''$

Add $\pm .003''$ to $3''$, $\pm 3/64''$ from $3''$ to $6''$.

Across parting line add $\pm .020''$ to $\pm .090''$ depending on size.

(Assumes metal patterns)

Surface Finish:

Non-Ferrous: 150-350 RMS

Ferrous: 300-700RMS

Minimum Draft Requirements:

1° to 5°

Cores: 1° to $1\ 1/2^\circ$

Normal Minimum Section Thickness:

Non-Ferrous: $1/8''$ - $1/4''$

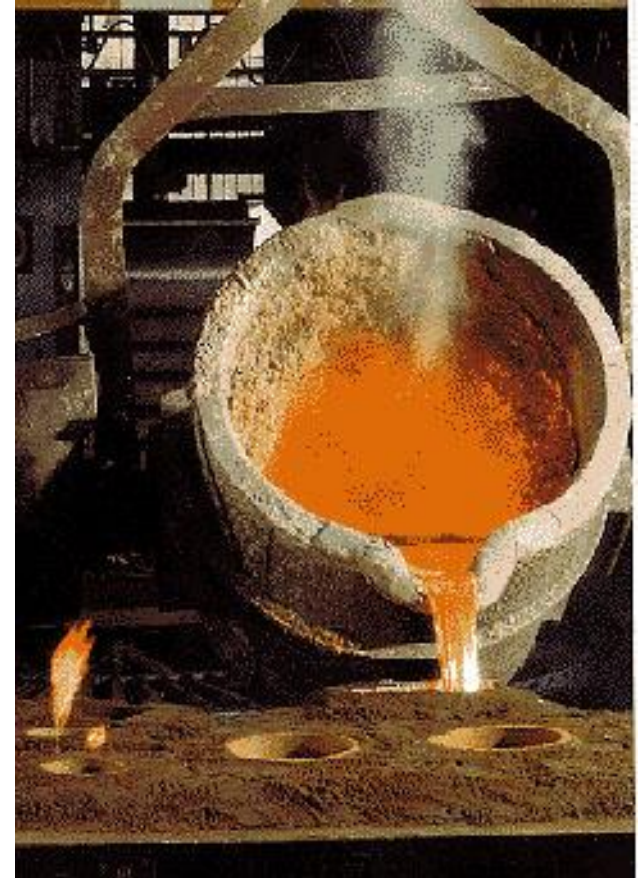
Ferrous: $1/4''$ - $3/8''$

Ordering Quantities: All quantities

Normal Lead Time:

Samples: 2-10 weeks

Production 2-4 weeks A.S.A.



Sand Casting Mold Features

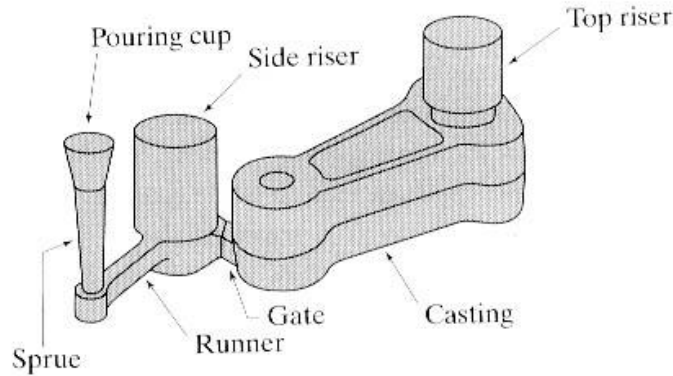


FIGURE 10.7 Schematic illustration of a typical riser-gated casting. Risers serve as reservoirs, supplying molten metal to the casting as it shrinks during solidification. See also Fig. 11.4. *Source:* American Foundrymen's Society.

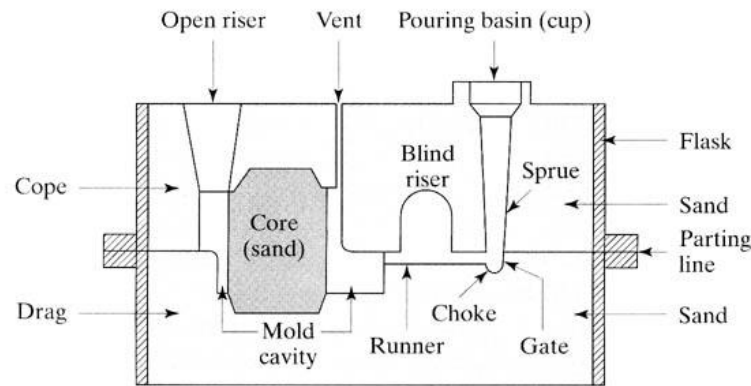


FIGURE 11.4 Schematic illustration of a sand mold, showing various features.

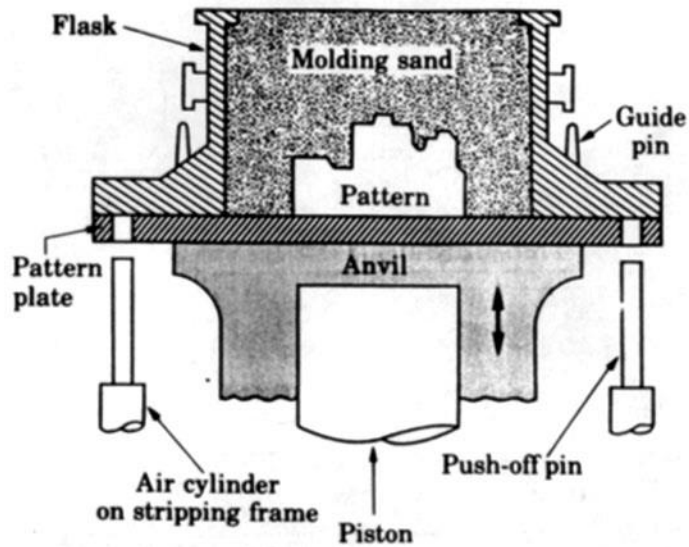
Vents, which are placed in molds to carry off gases produced when the molten metal comes into contact with the sand in the molds and core. They also exhaust air from the mold cavity as the molten metal flows into the mold.

Videos from Mass & Burlington Foundries



Production sand casting

(a)



(b)

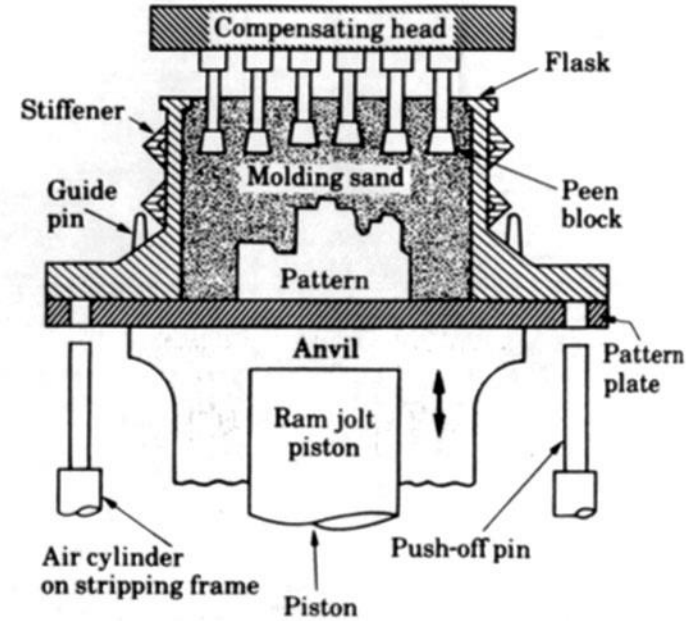


FIGURE 11.8

(a) Schematic illustration of a jolt-type mold-making machine. (b) Schematic illustration of a mold-making machine which combines jolting and squeezing.

Die Casting

Description: Molten metal is injected, under pressure, into hardened steel dies, often water cooled. Dies are opened, and castings are ejected.

Metals: Aluminum, Zinc, Magnesium, and limited Brass.

Size Range: Not normally over 2 feet square. Some foundries capable of larger sizes.

Tolerances:

Al and Mg $\pm .002$ "/in.

Zinc $\pm .0015$ "/in.

Brass $\pm .001$ "/in.

Add $\pm .001$ " to $\pm .015$ " across parting line depending on size

Surface Finish: 32-63RMS

Minimum Draft Requirements:

Al & Mg: 1° to 3°

Zinc: $1/2^\circ$ to 2°

Brass: 2° to 5°

Normal Minimum Section Thickness:

Al & Mg: .03" Small Parts: .06" Medium Parts

Zinc: .03" Small Parts: .045" Medium Parts

Brass: .025" Small Parts: .040" Medium Parts

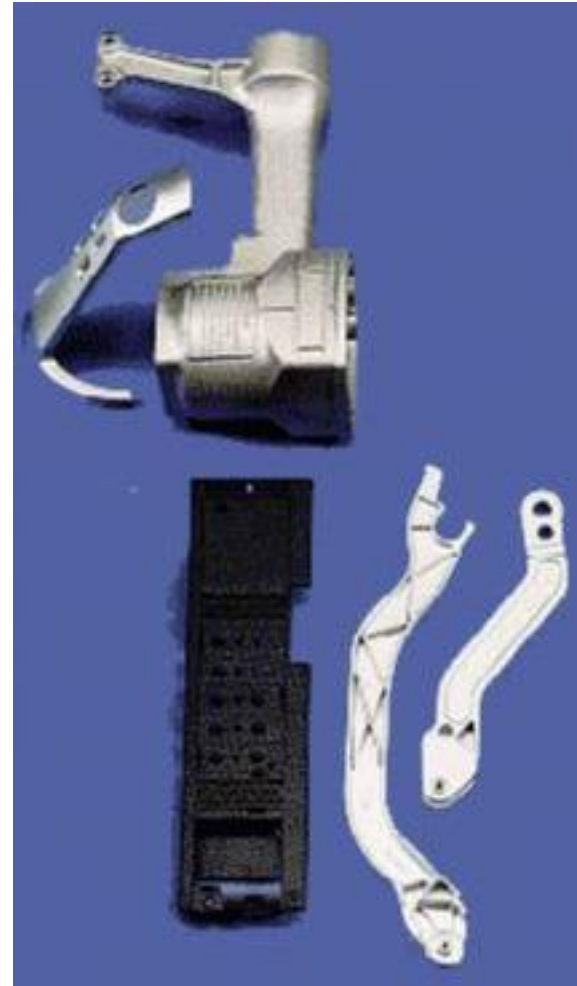
Ordering Quantities:

Usually 2,500 and up.

Normal Lead Time:

Samples: 12-20 weeks

Production: ASAP after approval.



Process variation/tolerance

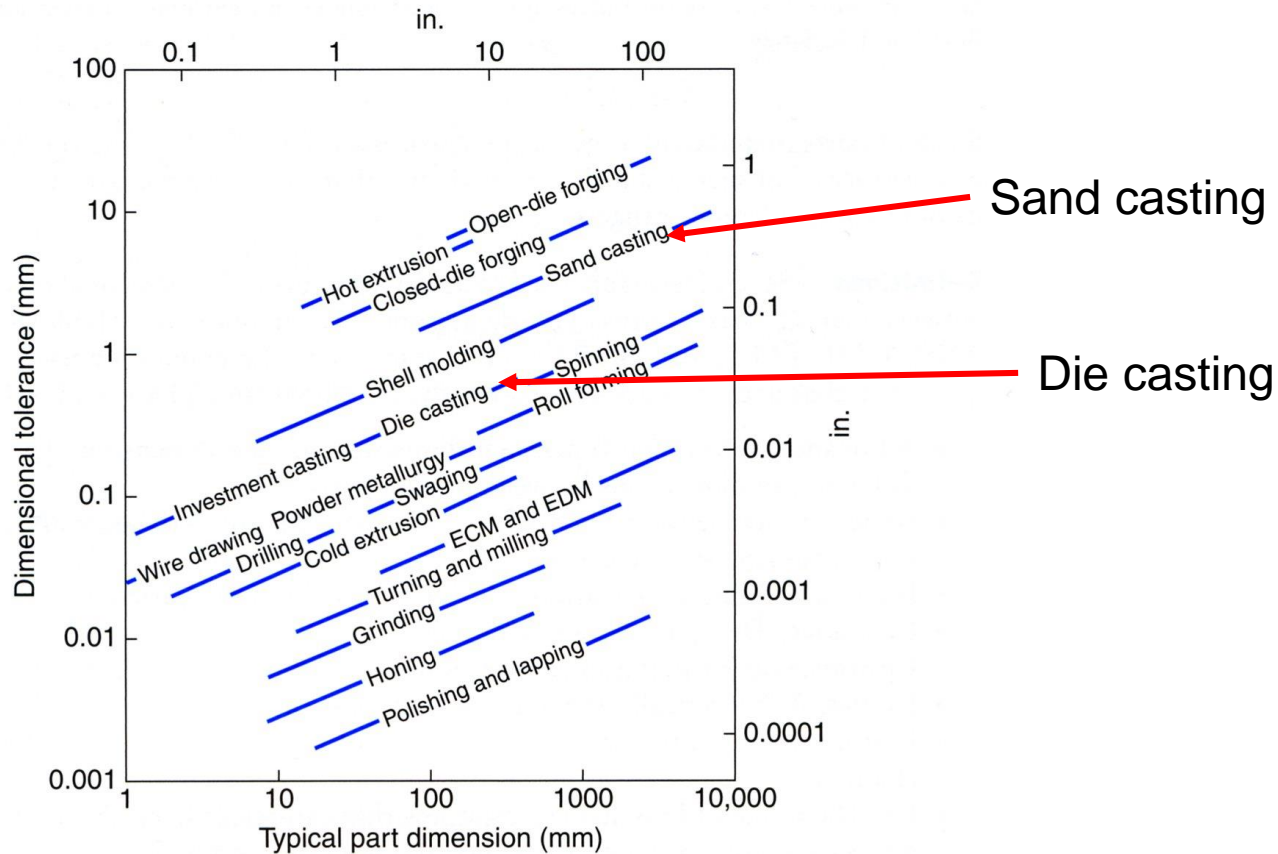


FIGURE 35.20 Dimensional tolerances as a function of part size for various manufacturing processes; note that because many factors are involved, there is a broad range for tolerances.

Die cast parts & runners



High Melt Temperature

- Reactivity

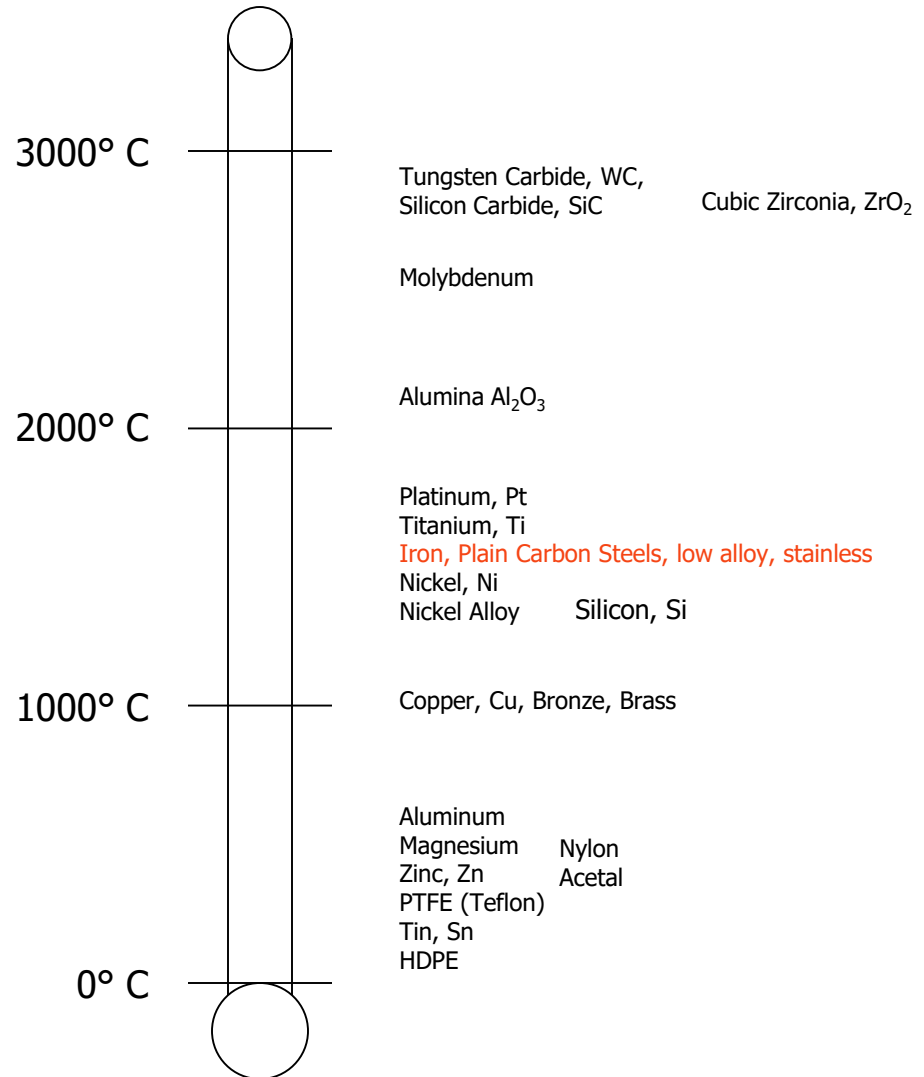
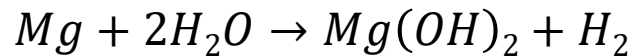
- with air, mold mat'ls,

- Gas solubility

- H₂ gas in Al

- Safety

- Metal fires, e.g. Mg

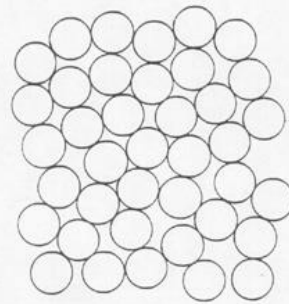
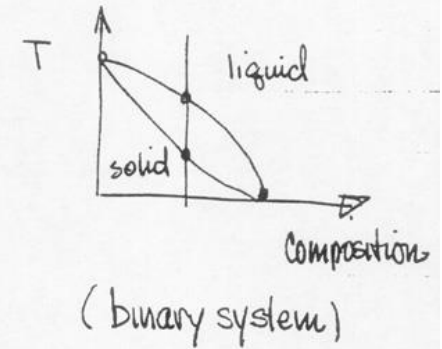
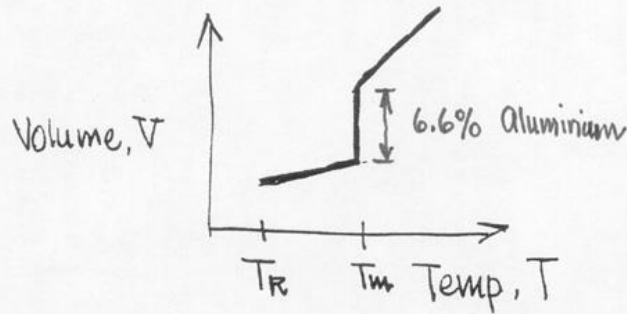


Phase Change & Shrinkage

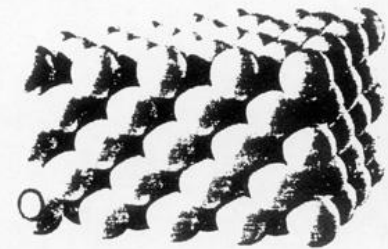
TABLE 10.1

Volumetric Solidification Contraction or Expansion for Various Cast Metals

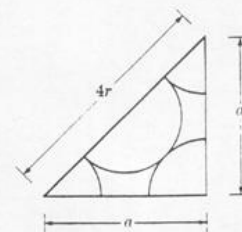
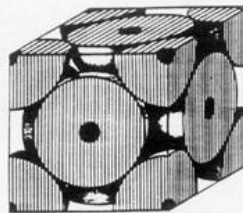
Contraction (%)		Expansion (%)	
Aluminum	7.1	Bismuth	3.3
Zinc	6.5	Silicon	2.9
Al-4.5% Cu	6.3	Gray iron	2.5
Gold	5.5		
White iron	4-5.5		
Copper	4.9		
Brass (70-30)	4.5		
Magnesium	4.2		
90% Cu-10% Al	4		
Carbon steels	2.5-4		
Al-12% Si	3.8		
Lead	3.2		



liquid metal



face-centered cubic metal



$$a_{fcc} = 4r/\sqrt{2}$$

$$a_{bcc} = 4r/\sqrt{3}$$

Solidification of a binary alloy

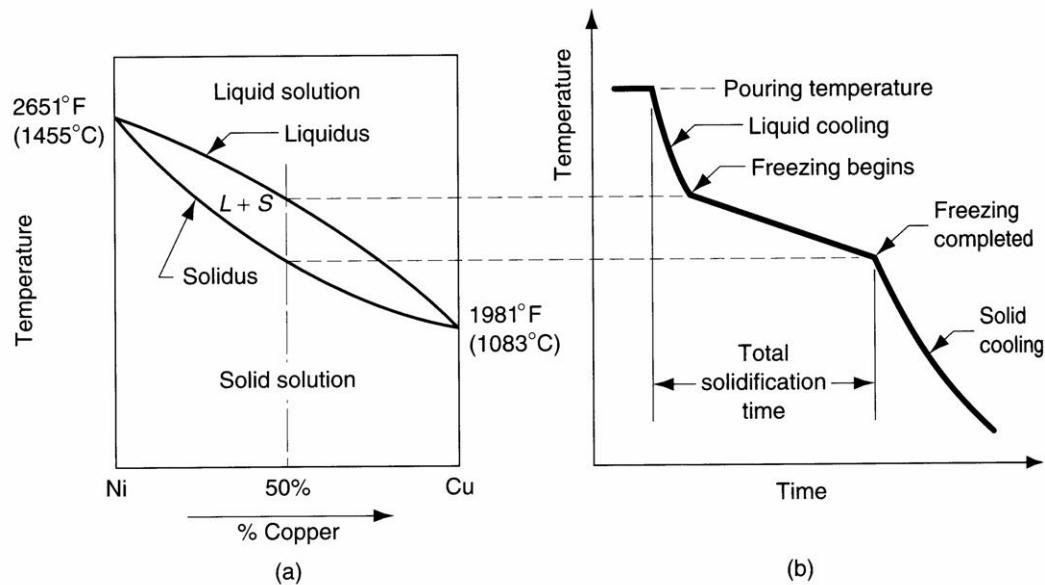


FIGURE 12.5 (a) Phase diagram for a copper–nickel alloy system and (b) associated cooling curve for a 50%Ni–50%Cu composition during casting.

Composition change during solidification

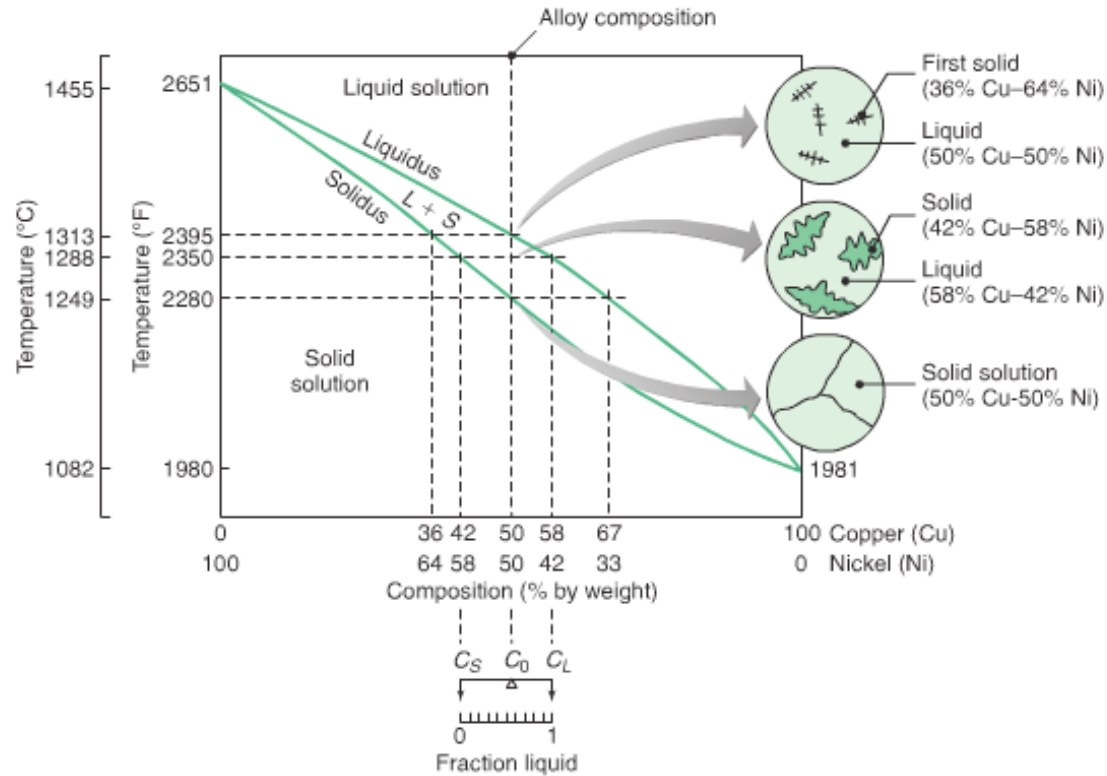


FIGURE 4.5 Phase diagram for nickel-copper alloy system obtained at a slow rate of solidification. Note that pure nickel and pure copper each have one freezing or melting temperature. The top circle on the right depicts the nucleation of crystals. The second circle shows the formation of dendrites (see Section 10.2). The bottom circle shows the solidified alloy, with grain boundaries.

Pb-Sn phase diagram

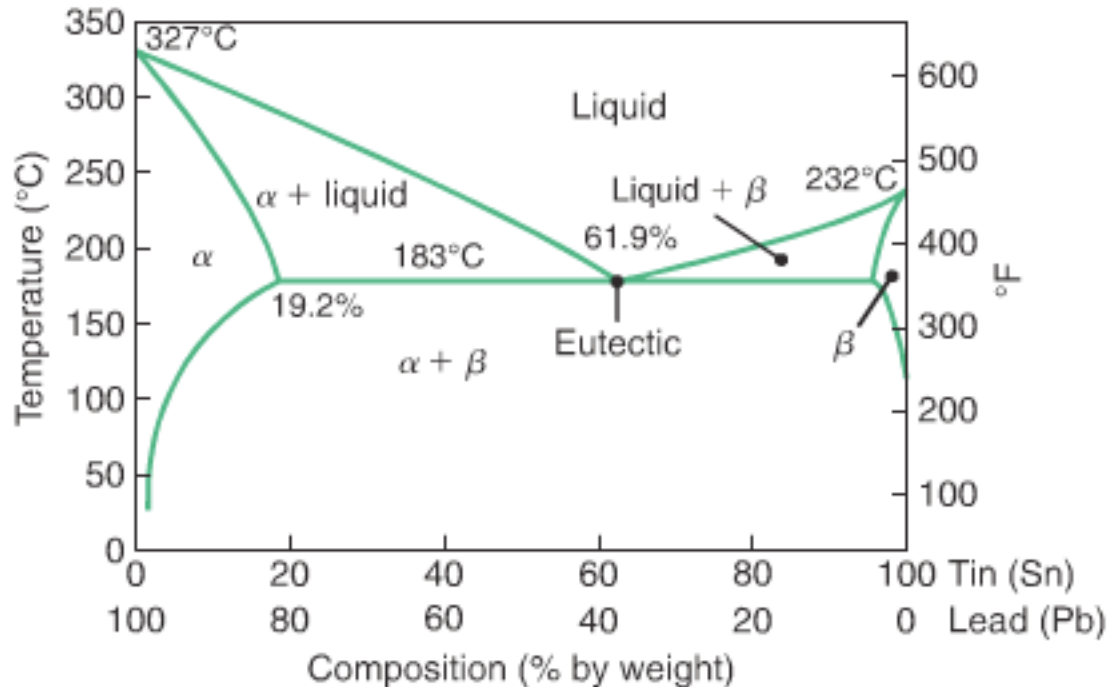


FIGURE 4.7 The lead–tin phase diagram. Note that the composition of the eutectic point for this alloy is 61.9% Sn–38.1% Pb. A composition either lower or higher than this ratio will have a higher liquidus temperature.

Solidification

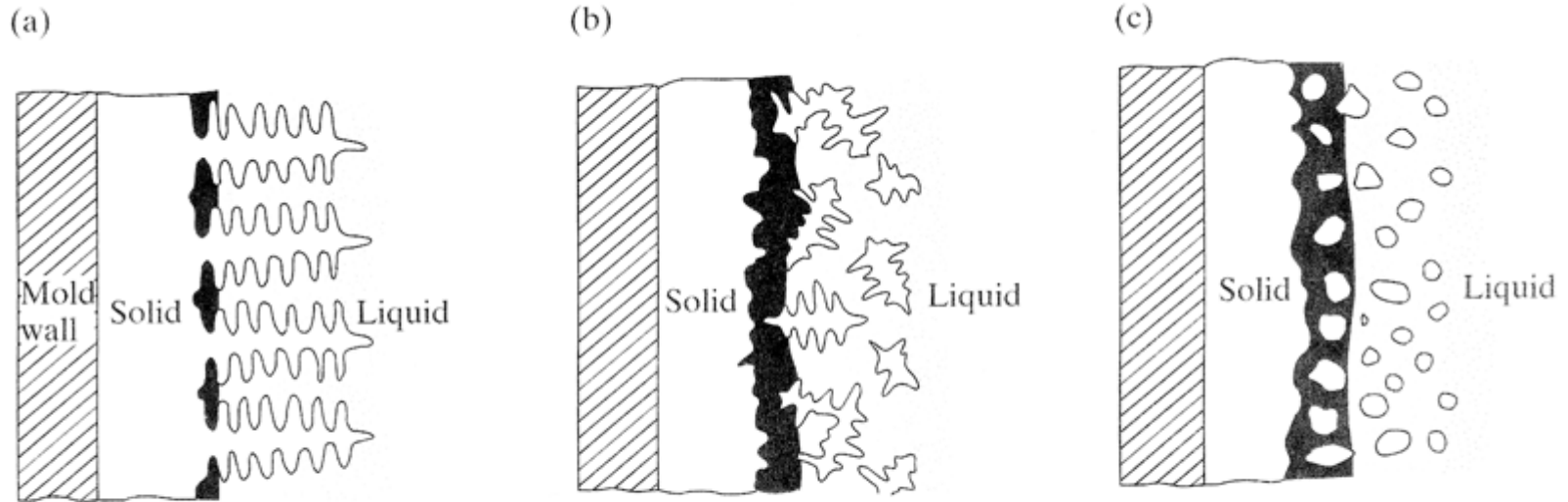
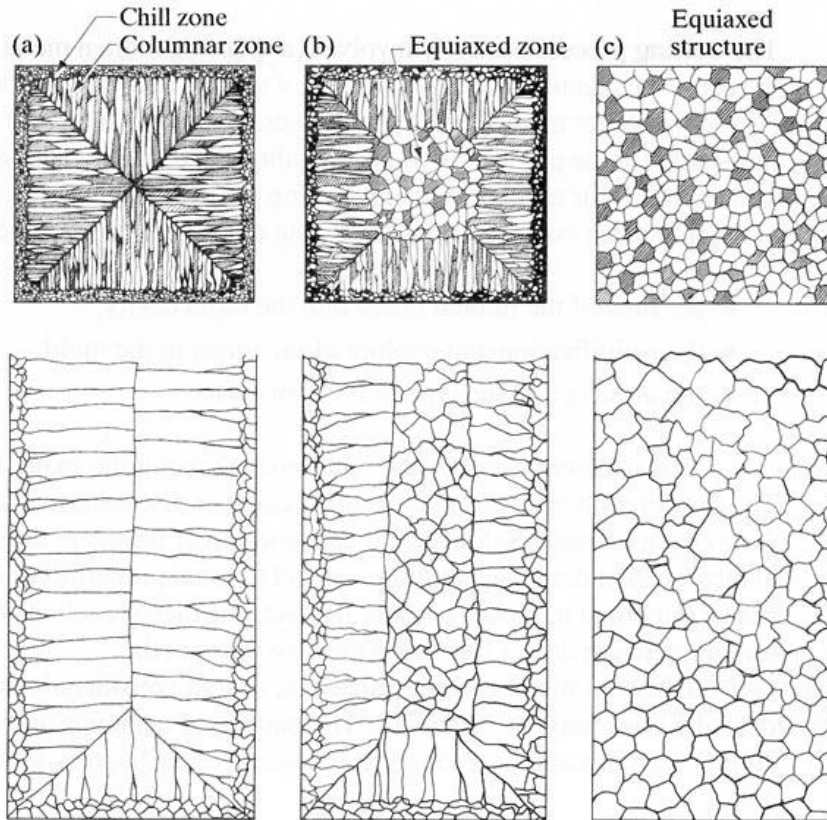


FIGURE 10.5 Schematic illustration of three basic types of cast structures:(a) columnar dendritic; (b) equiaxed dendritic; and (c) equiaxed nondendritic. *Source:* D. Apelian.



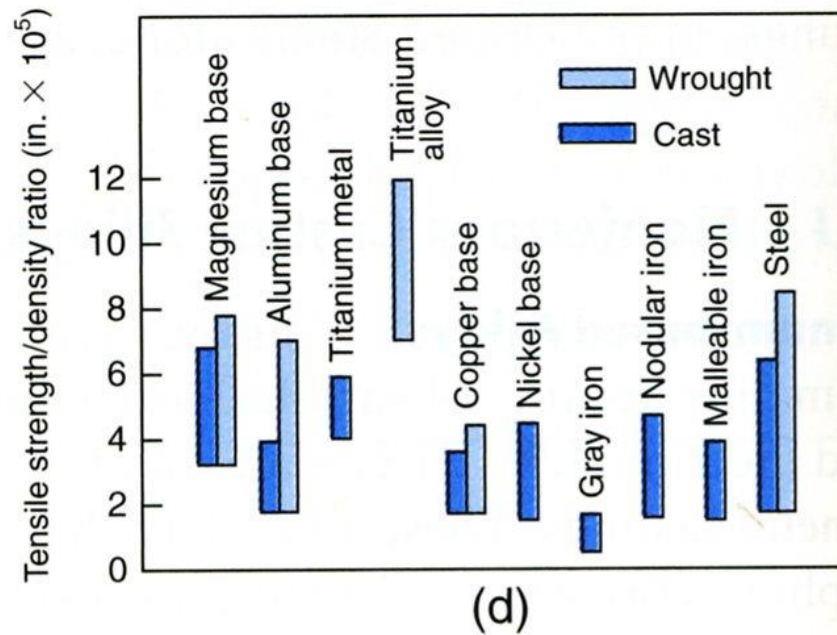
Dendrite growth in metals- lower surface energy crystallographic planes are favored, producing tree like structures if not disturbed. See next slide for explanation of a, b & c

Cast structures



Schematic illustration of three cast structures solidified in a square mold: (a) pure metals; (b) solid solution alloys; and c) structure obtained by using nucleating agents. *Source:* G. W. Form, J. F. Wallace, and A. Cibula

Properties of castings



e.g. Compare elongation of carbon steels (4-36%) Table 5.3, with cast irons (0-18%) Table 12.3 (Kalpakjian & Schmid 7th)

How long does it take to solidify?



Thickness ~ 30 cm



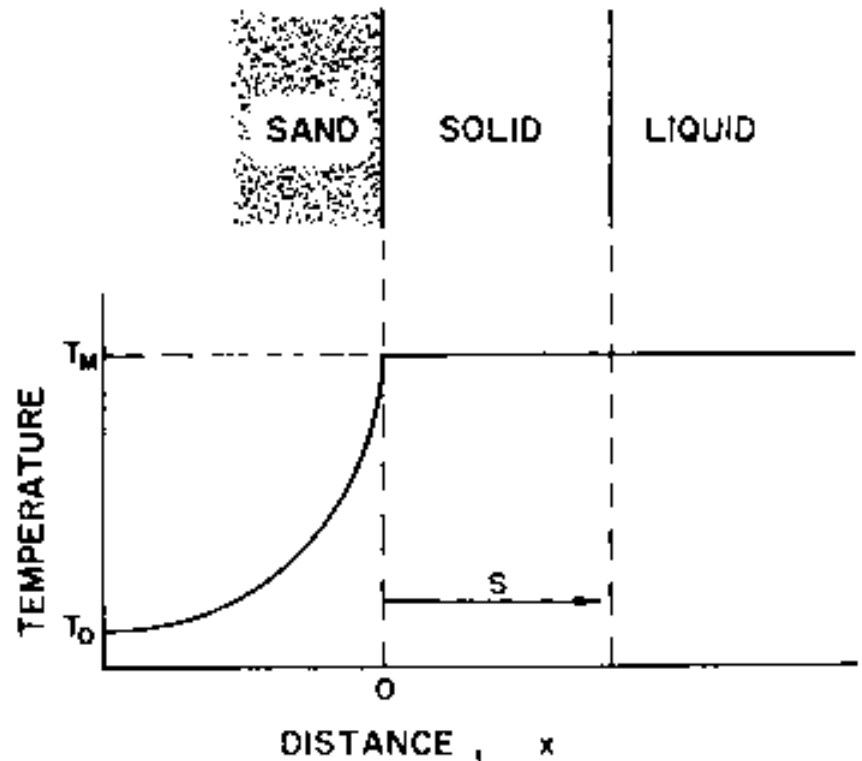
Thickness ~ 0.5 cm

Sand Casting – Solidification Time

$$t_s \approx \left(\frac{V}{A} \right)^2$$

Chvorinov's Rule
p.247 your text

FIGURE 1-6
Approximate temperature profile in solidification of a pure metal poured at its melting point against a flat, smooth mold wall.



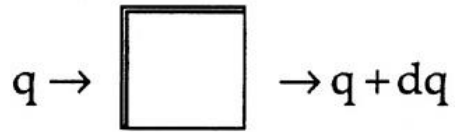
Ref: Mert Flemings "Solidification Processing"

Thermal Conductivity “k” (W/m·K)

$$q = -k \frac{dT}{dx}$$

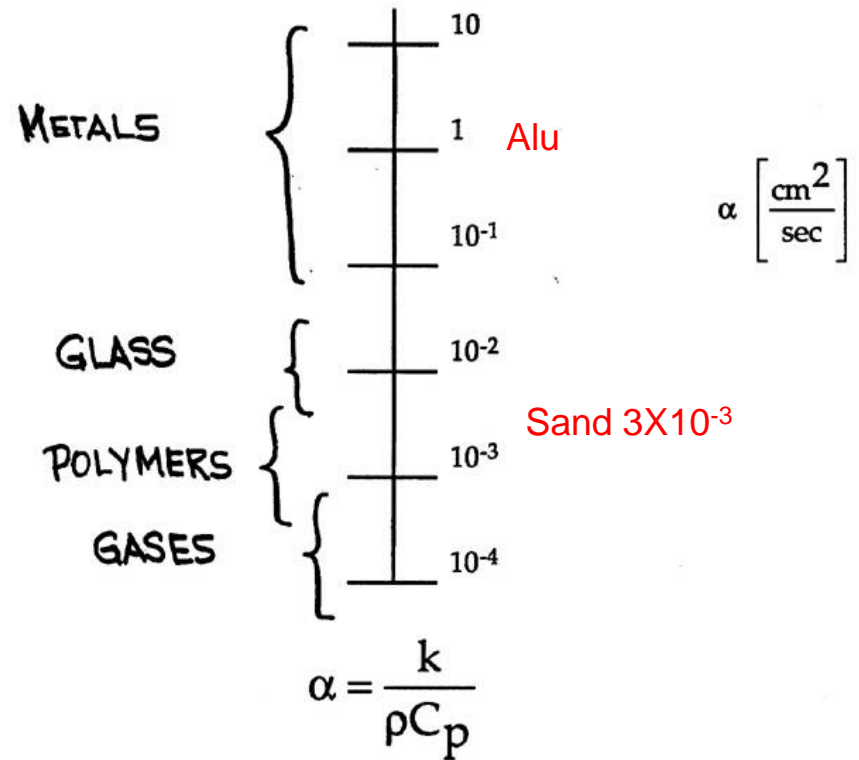
Copper	394
Aluminum	222
Iron	29
Sand	0.61
PMMA	0.20
PVC	0.16

Transient Heat Transfer



$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

$$k \neq k(x)$$



Sand Casting (see Flemings)

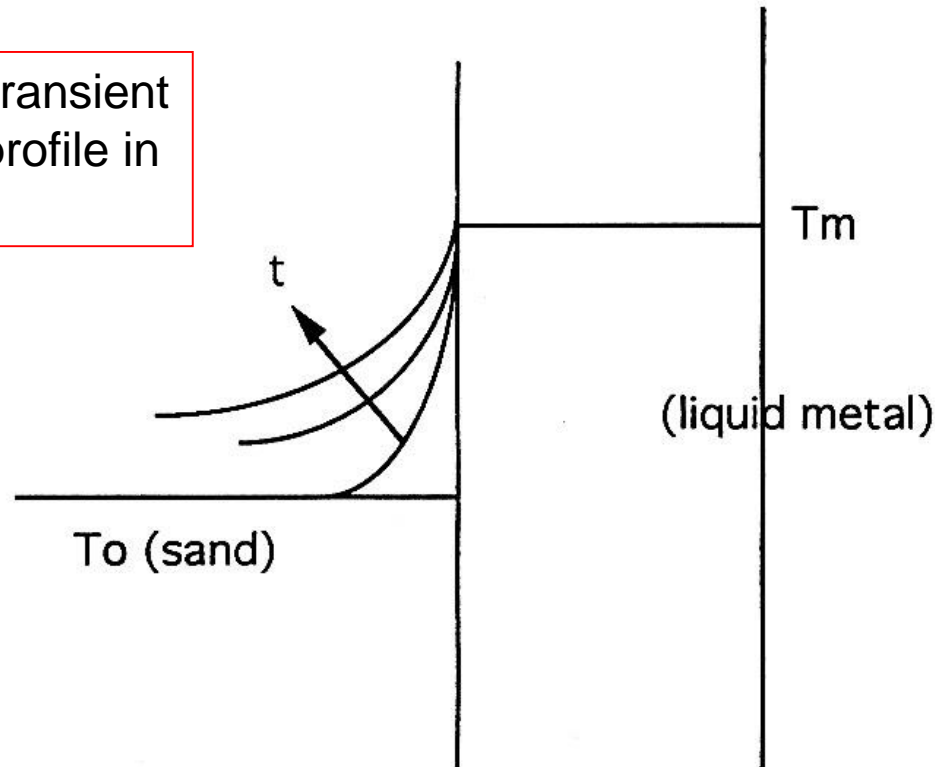
Define new variable

$$\zeta = x / \sqrt{\alpha t}$$

Use

$$\theta = \frac{T - T_M}{T_o - T_M}$$

We seek the transient temperature profile in the sand.



Sand Casting (see Flemings)

Ordinary differential eq'u

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{d\zeta^2} = -\frac{\zeta}{2} \frac{d\theta}{d\zeta}$$

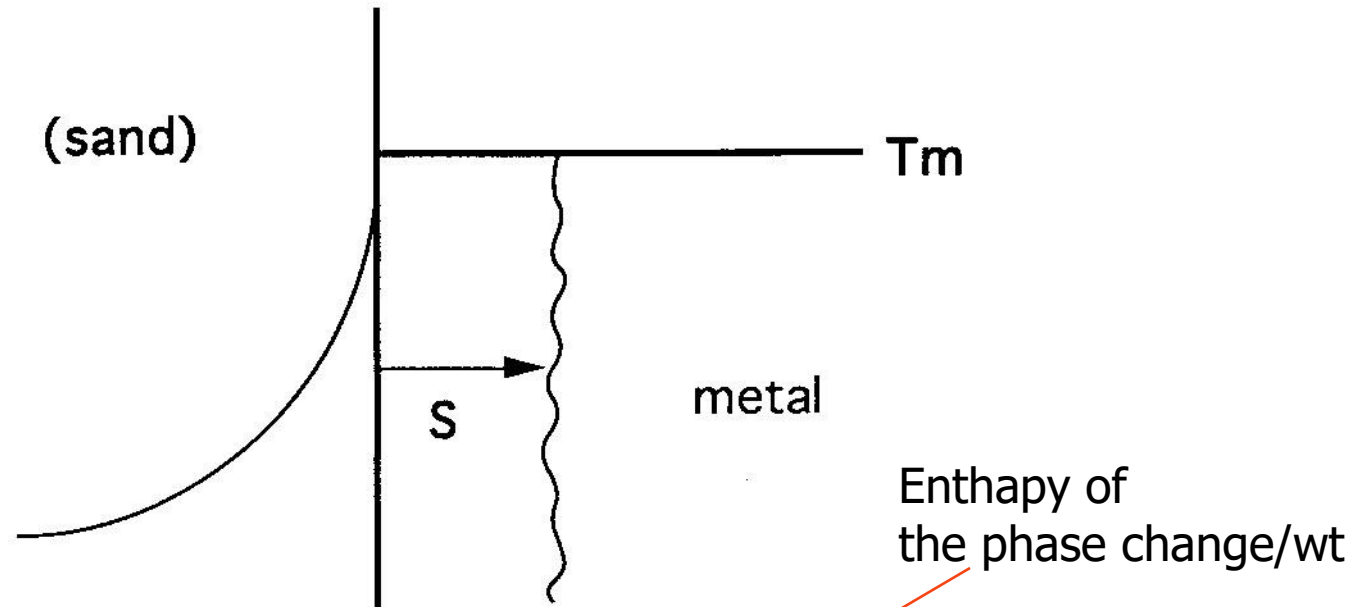
i.c. $\theta = 1$ at $\zeta = \infty$ At $t=0$, $T=T_o$ everywhere

b.c. $\theta = 0$ at $\zeta = 0$ At $x=0$, $T=T_m$ always

This will allow us to calculate the heat lost by the metal at the boundary with the sand tooling

$$\theta = \text{erf}\left(-\frac{\zeta}{2}\right)$$

Solidification Time



Heat required to solidify to distance "s"

$$= A \cdot s \cdot \rho \cdot H$$

Rate eq'n (per unit area)

$$\rho H \frac{ds}{dt} = -\dot{q} = k \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0}$$

**Use Flemings
result here**

Solidification Time (cont.)

this leads to

$$s = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{T_M - T_o}{\rho_M H_M} \right) \sqrt{K_s \rho_s C_{p_s} t}$$

$$\text{let } s = \frac{V}{A}$$

$$t = C \left(\frac{V}{A} \right)^2$$

Chvorinov's rule

The constant “C” (in this case not heat capacity) is determined by experiment.

Several references suggest that values range:

$C \sim 2 \text{ to } 4 \text{ min/cm}^2$ (with most data for iron and steel)

How long does it take to solidify?

Order of magnitude estimate using half thickness, & $C = 3.3 \text{ min/cm}^2$



Thickness $\sim 30 \text{ cm}$

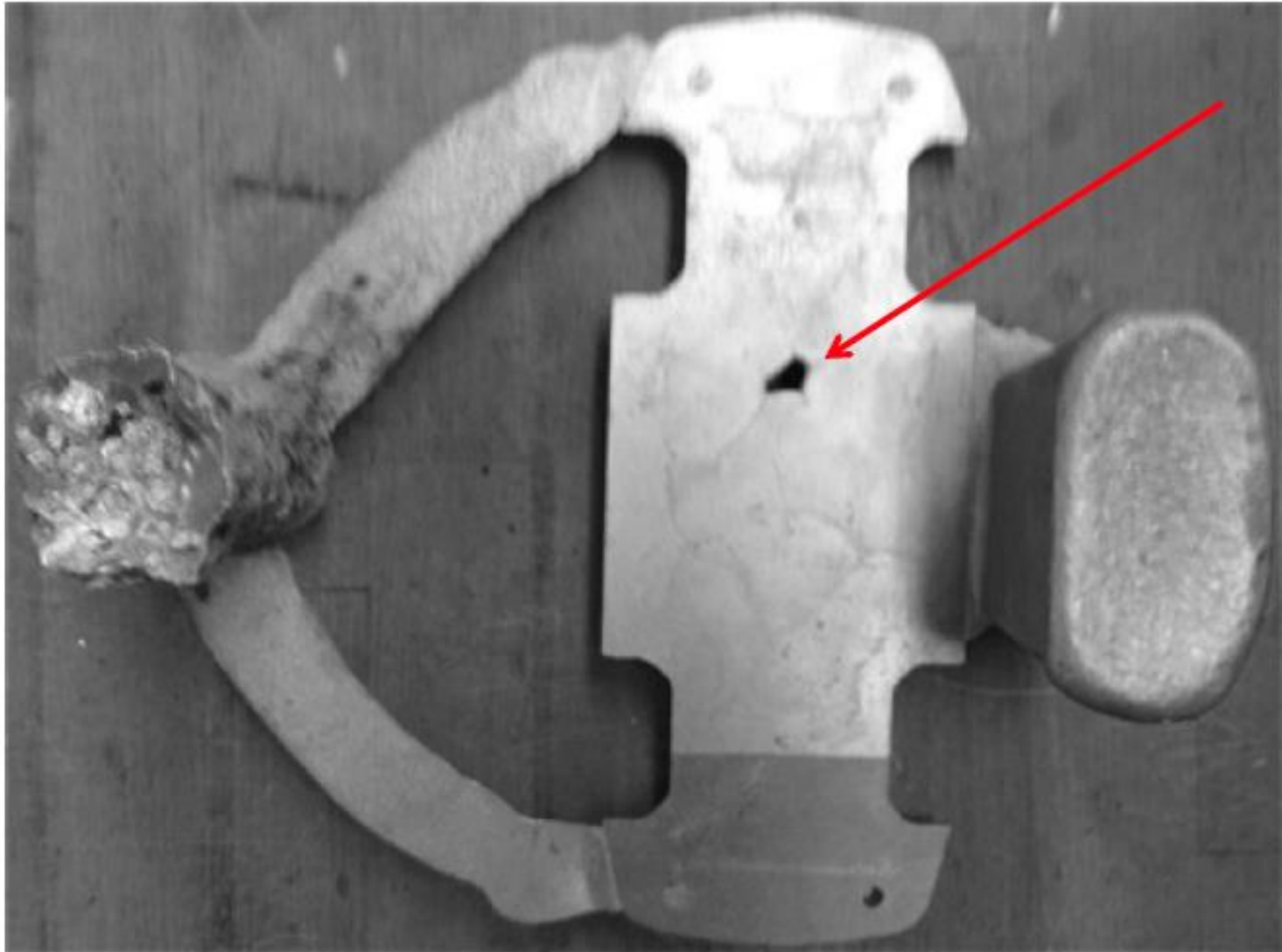
Solidification time = $3.3 (30/2)^2 \text{ [min]} \sim 12 \text{ hrs}$



Thickness $\sim 0.5 \text{ cm}$

$t = 3.3 (0.5/2)^2 \text{ [min]} \sim 12 \text{ sec}$

What happened?

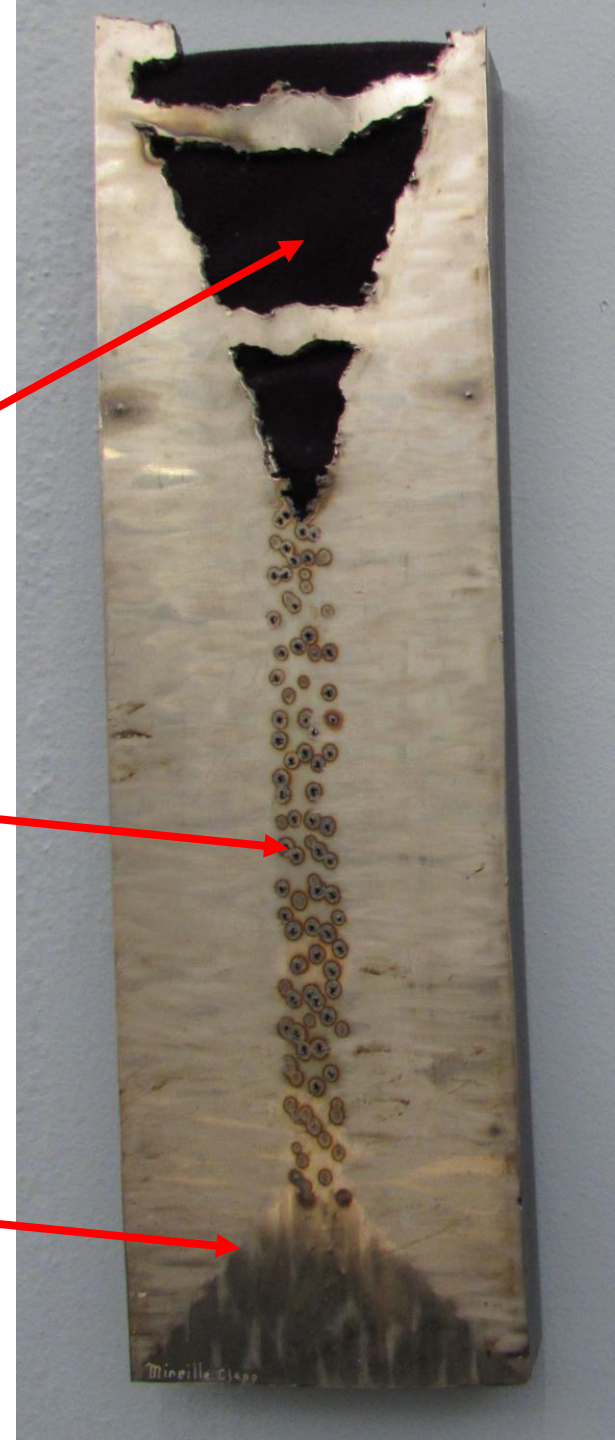


Can you explain these
Solidification features?

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Picture taken from the Chipman Room

Heat Transfer – Die Casting

$$t_s \approx \left(\frac{V}{A} \right)^1$$

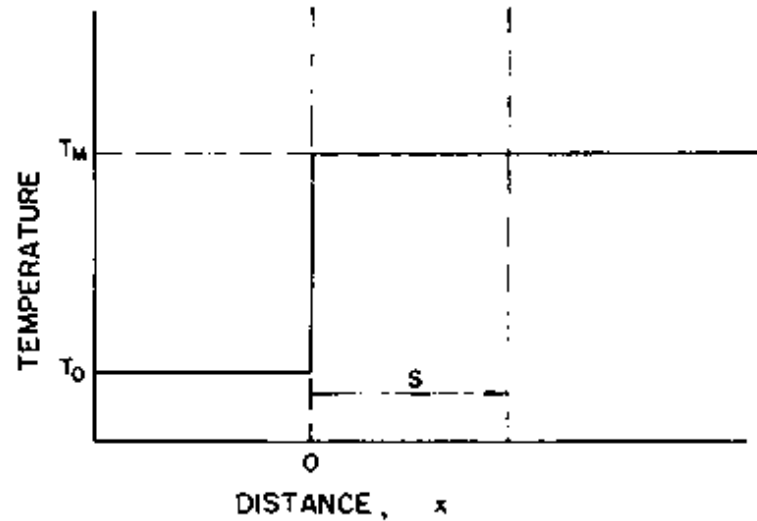
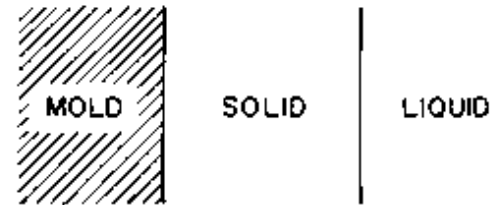


FIGURE 1-9
Temperature profile during solidification against a large flat mold wall with mold-metal interface resistance controlling.

Film Coefficients “*h*” W/m²·K

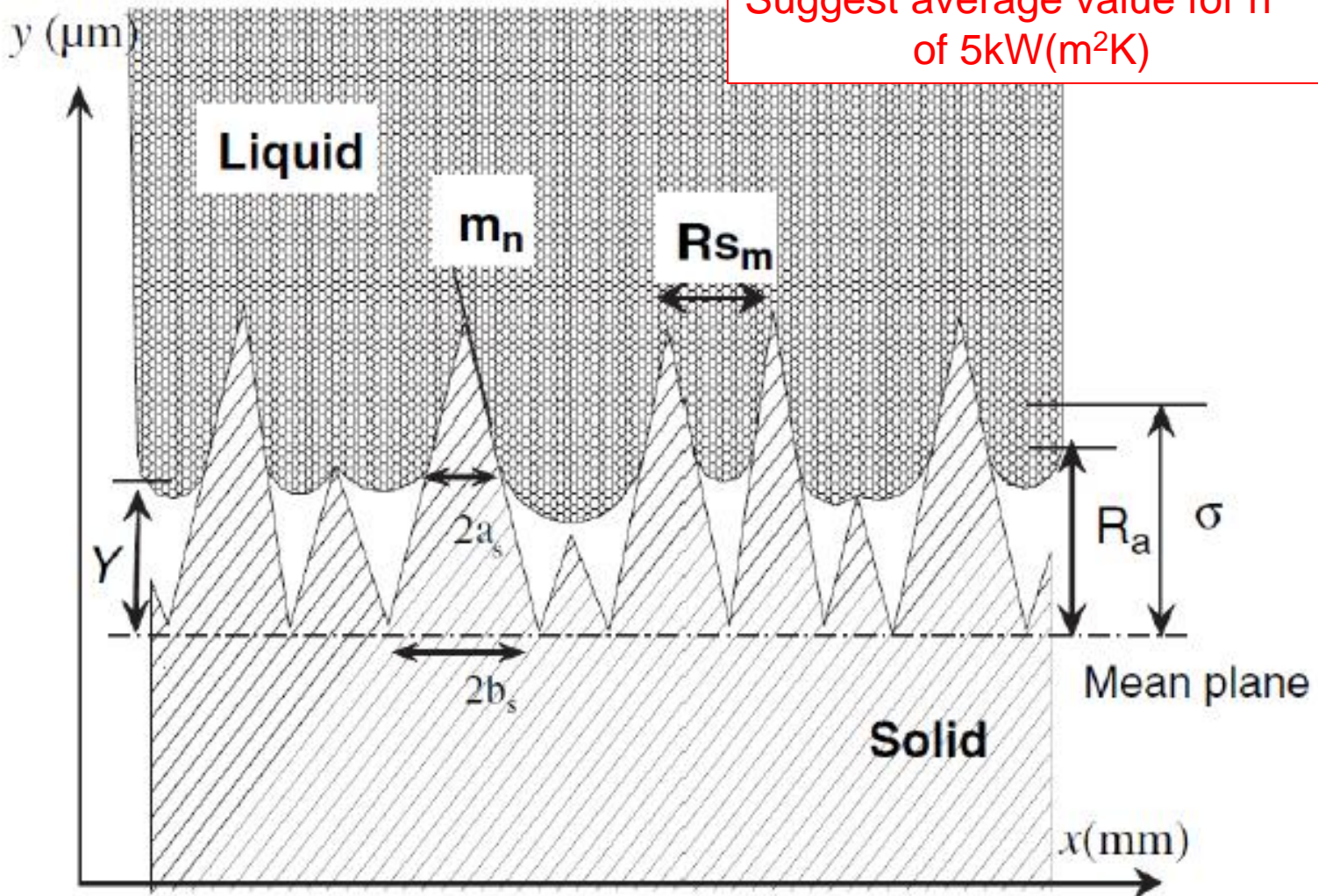
$$Q = -hA(T_{high} - T_{low})$$

	Carbon coating	high pressure	low pressure	polished die
Typical die casting				
Natural convection				
Flowing air				

The diagram shows three arrows pointing from the labels 'Carbon coating', 'high pressure', and 'low pressure' to the range '1,000 - 10,000' in the 'Typical die casting' row. The arrow for 'high pressure' is red, while the others are black.

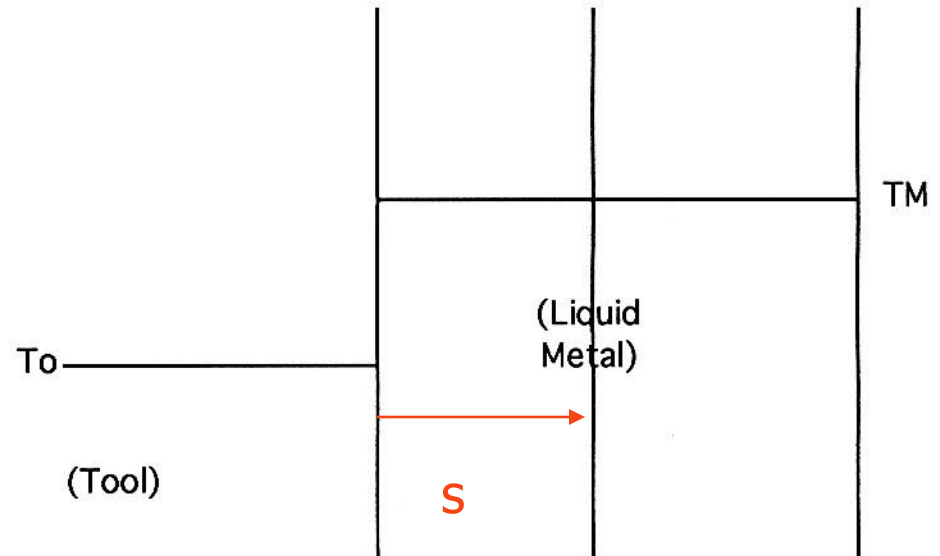
Die casting contact resistance

see Boothroyd Ch 10, p446-447
Suggest average value for h
of $5\text{kW}(\text{m}^2\text{K})$



Die Casting Solidification Time

Time to form
solid part



$$\dot{q} = -\bar{h}A(T_M - T_o) = \rho_M H_M A \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$t = \frac{\rho_M H_M V}{\bar{h}(T_M - T_o) A}$$

Also need to cool casting to below T_M

to eject $\rightarrow T_{\text{eject}}$

and will inject at $T_{\text{inject}} > T_M$.

Time to cool part from melt temp to the ejection temperature.

$$mC \frac{dT}{dt} = -Ah(T - T_o) \quad \text{Let, } \theta = T - T_o$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{Ah}{mC}$$

Integration yields... $t = \frac{-mC}{Ah} \ln \frac{\Delta\theta_f}{\Delta\theta_i}$

For two sided cooling this gives

$$t = \frac{\rho \cdot C \cdot w}{2h} \ln \frac{(T_M - T_w)}{(T_{eject} - T_w)}$$

Note C= heat capacity, h = film coefficient, w = part width, T_M = melt temp, T_w = wall temp

Time to solidify + cool using superheat temperature T_{sp}

For thin sheets of thickness “w”, including phase change

$$\Delta\theta_i = T_i + \Delta T_{sp} - T_{mold}$$

$$\Delta T_{sp} = H/C$$

$$\Delta\theta_f = T_{eject} - T_{mold}$$

$$t = \frac{w\rho C}{2h} \ln\left(\frac{T_{inject+\Delta T_{sp}} - T_{mold}}{T_{eject} - T_{mold}}\right)$$

Same as eq'n 10.29 Boothroyd

“sp” means superheat
C is heat capacity
H is latent heat of fusion
h is film transfer coef

Approximations,

$$t \approx 0.42 \text{ sec/mm} \times w_{\max} \text{ (Zn)}$$

$$t \approx 0.47 \text{ sec/mm} \times w_{\max} \text{ (Al)}$$

$$t \approx 0.63 \text{ sec/mm} \times w_{\max} \text{ (Cu)}$$

$$t \approx 0.31 \text{ sec/mm} \times w_{\max} \text{ (Mg)}$$

Ref Boothroyd, Dewhurst, Knight p 447

Pattern and Tooling Design

- For pattern and tooling design issues see Boothroyd, Dewhurst, & Knight:
- Ch 10 for die casting
- Ch 12 for sand casting, and the following
5 slides

Pattern Design suggestions



Figure 7.2.24 Identifying hot spots in castings by using outward projecting arrows of length half the casting thickness. Where arrows overlap, hot spots may develop. (Courtesy of Meehanite Metal Corp.)

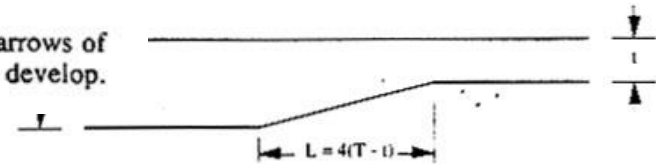
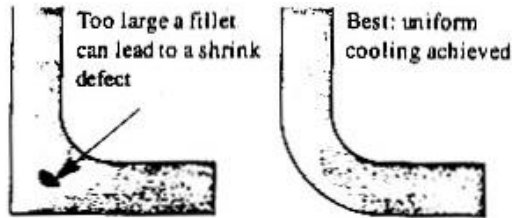


Figure 7.2.28 Avoid abrupt section changes. (Courtesy of Meehanite Metal Corp.)



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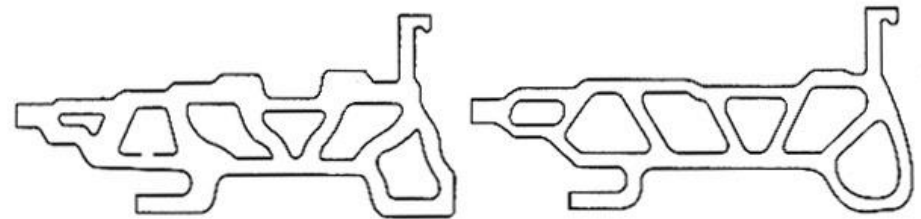


Figure 7.2.29 Design for uniform thickness in sections. (Courtesy of Meehanite Metal Corp.)

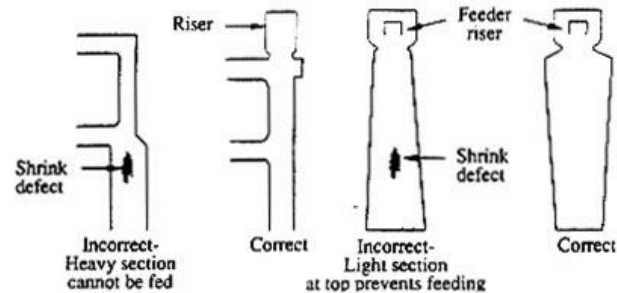
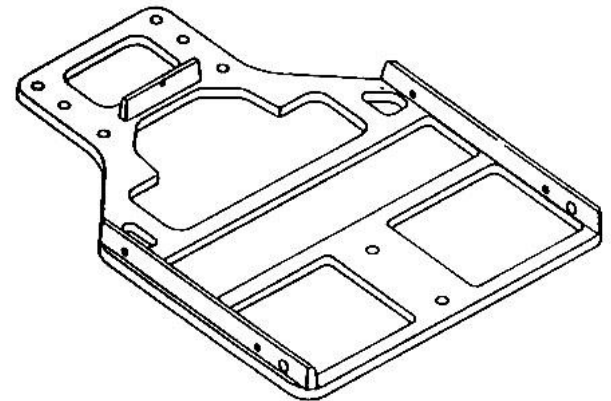


Figure 7.2.30 More intersection details. (Courtesy of Meehanite Metal Corp.)

Pattern Design Issues (Alum)

- Shrinkage Allowance: 1.3%
- Machining Allowance: $1/16'' = 1.6 \text{ mm}$
- Minimum thickness: $3/16'' = 5 \text{ mm}$
- Parting Line: even
- Draft Angle: 3 to 5%
- Thickness: even



Pattern Design

Table 12.1

Normal Shrinkage Allowance for Some Metals Cast in Sand Molds

Metal	Percent
Gray cast iron	0.83 – 1.3
White cast iron	2.1
Malleable cast iron	0.78 – 1.0
Aluminum alloys	1.3
Magnesium alloys	1.3
Yellow brass	1.3 – 1.6
Phosphor bronze	1.0 – 1.6
Aluminum bronze	2.1
High-manganese steel	2.6

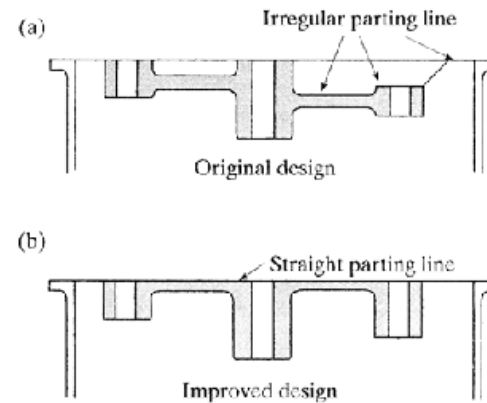
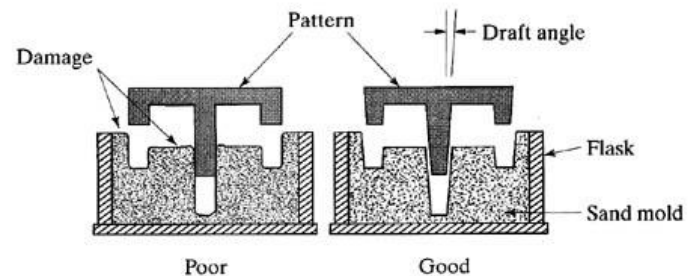
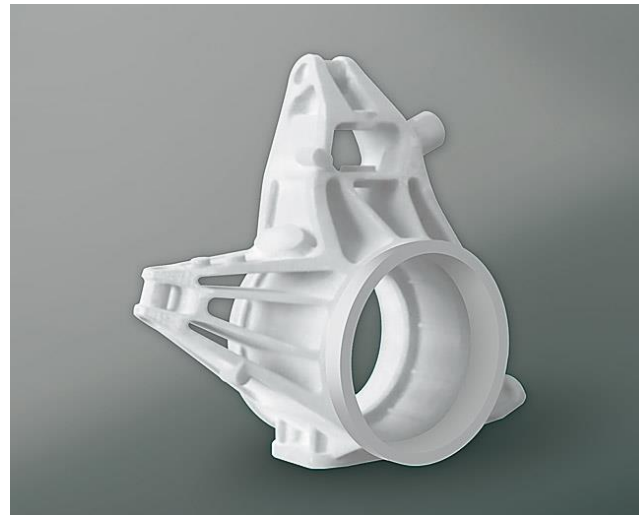
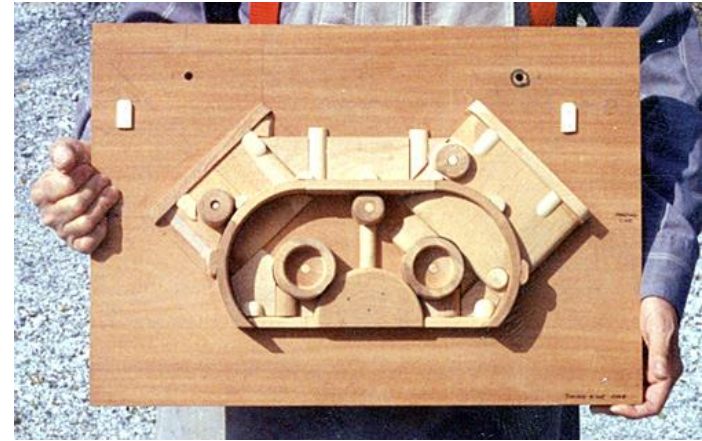
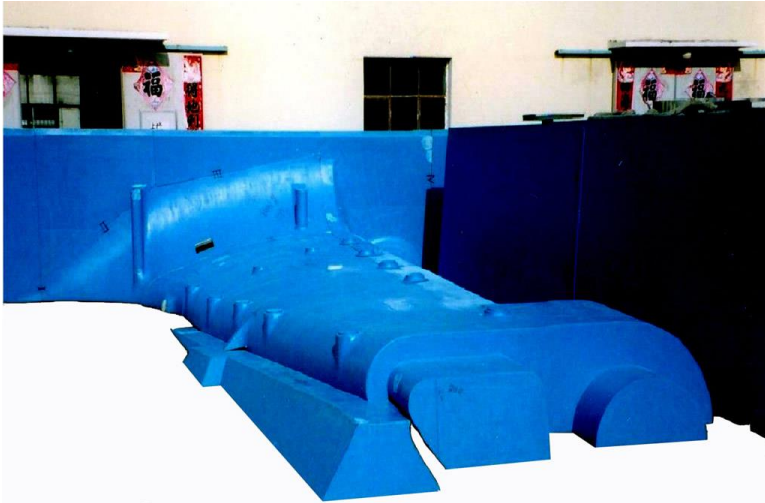


FIGURE 12.5 Redesign of a casting by making the parting line straight to avoid defects. *Source: Steel Casting Handbook*, 5th ed. Steel Founders' Society of America, 1980. Used with permission.

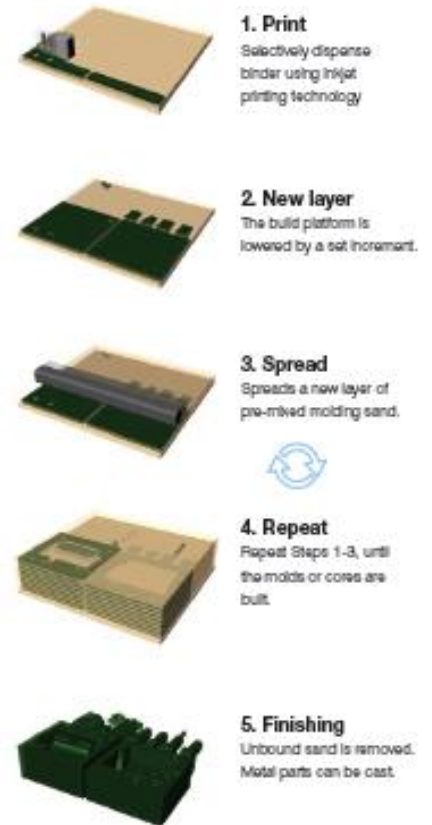
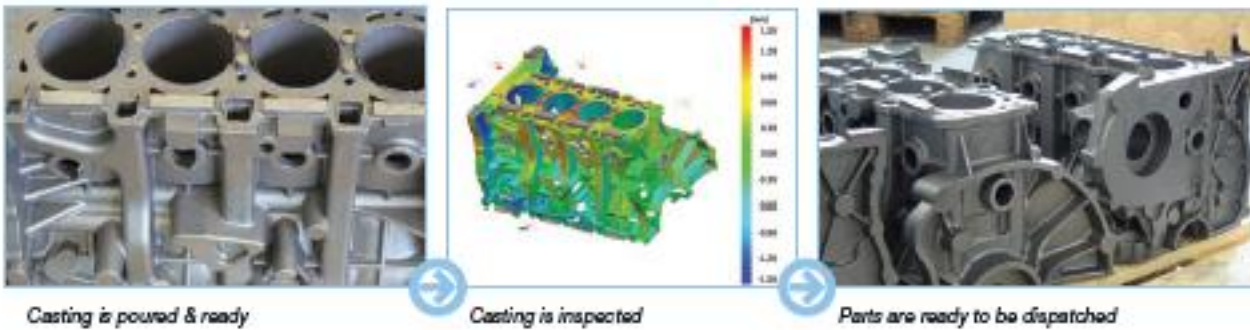
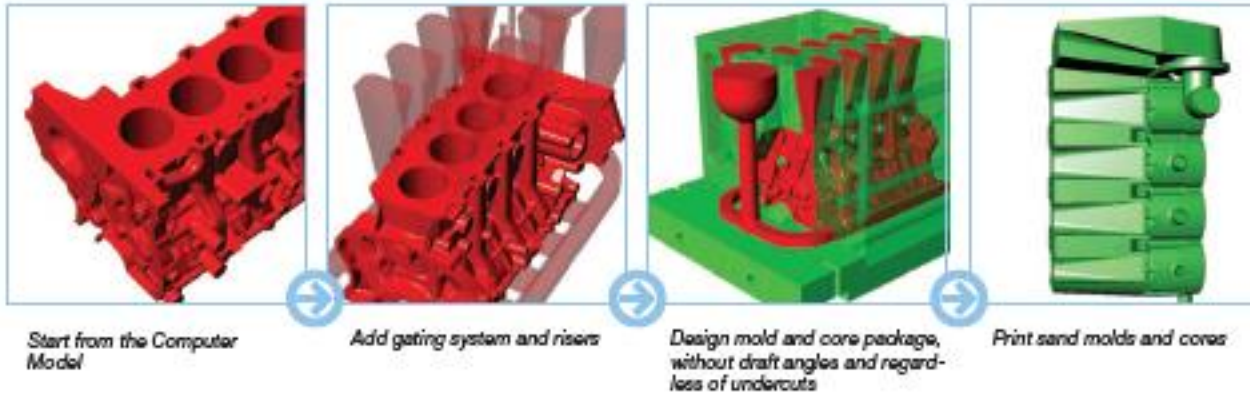
FIGURE 11.7 Taper on patterns for ease of removal from the sand mold.



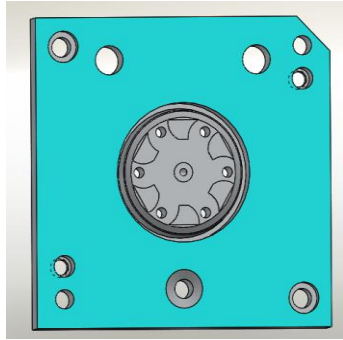
Pattern materials



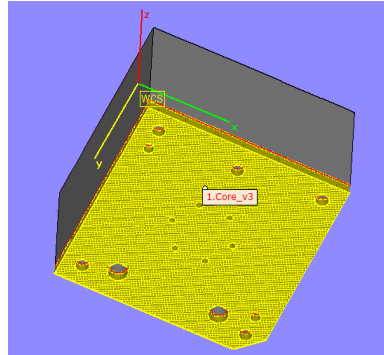
Digital Sand Casting: Print molds or parts?



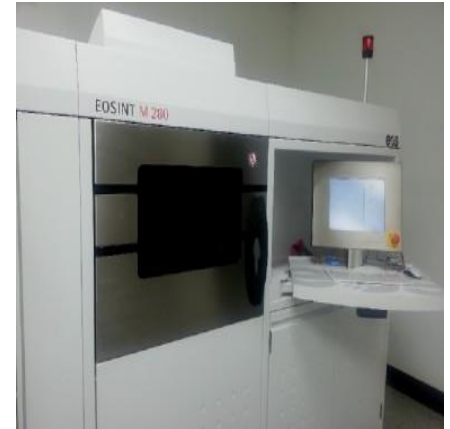
AM (Laser Metal Powder Bed) Steps to produce tooling



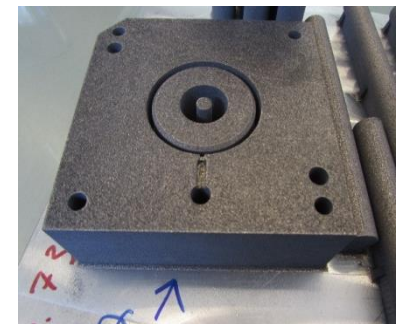
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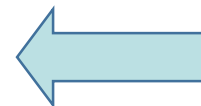
Support structure generation



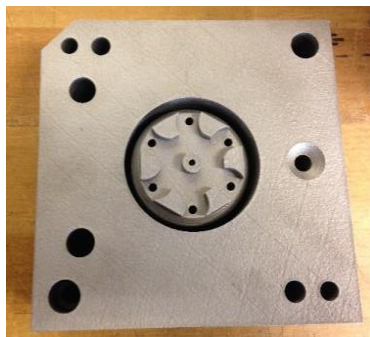
Printing: EOS M280



Printed part on plate, stress relieve



Sawing (or wire EDM) and hand tool removal of support structure

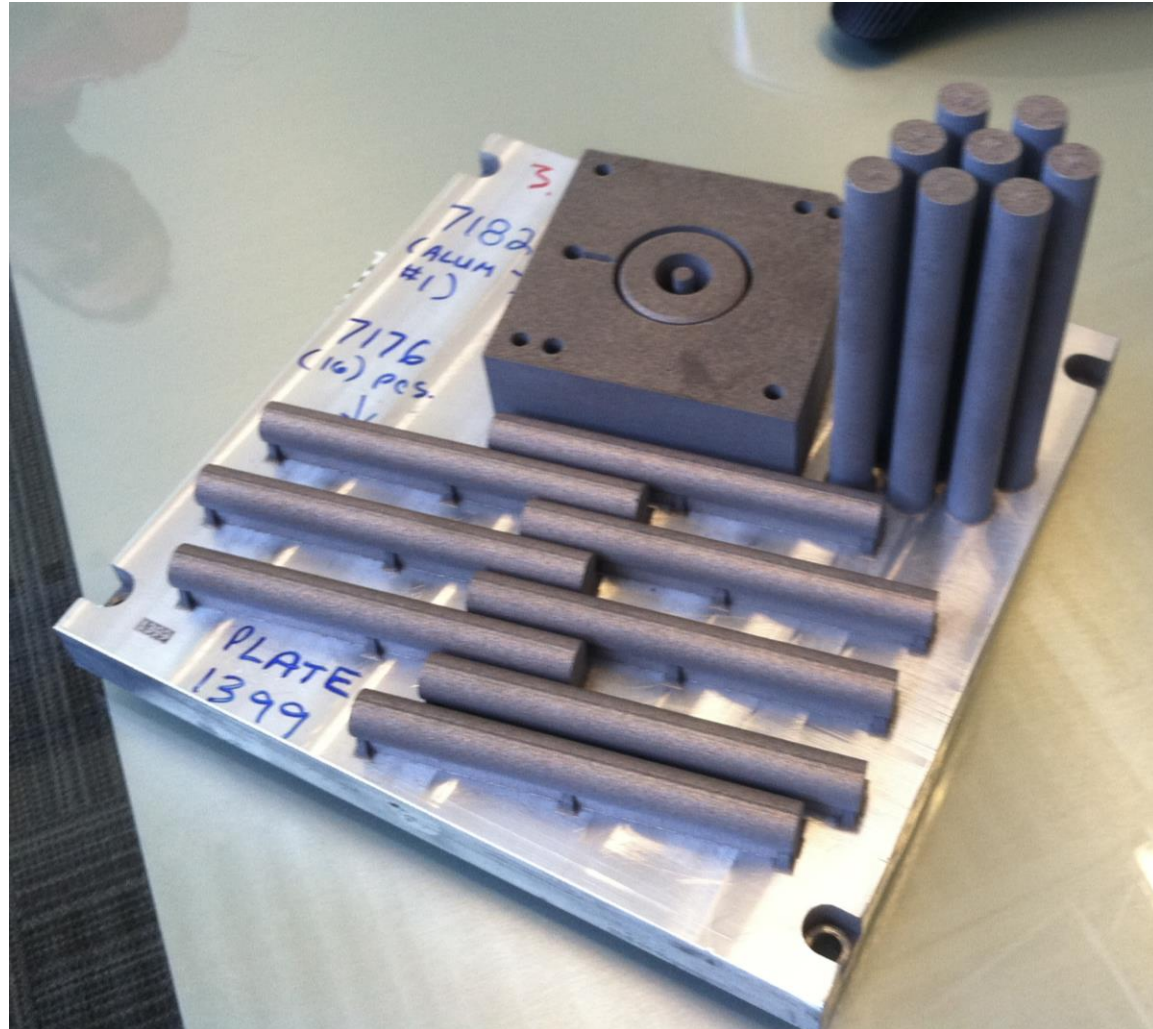


3D printed part

Printed steel & aluminum tools

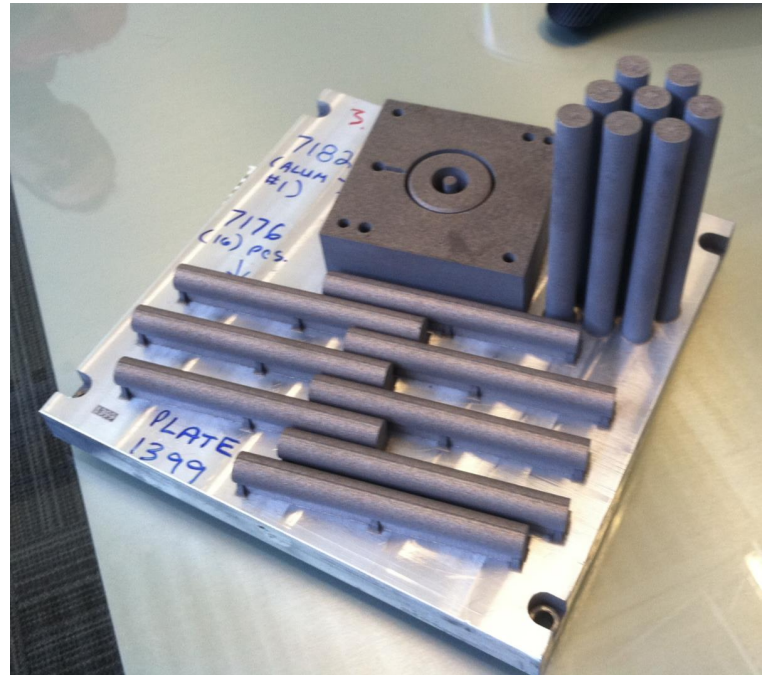


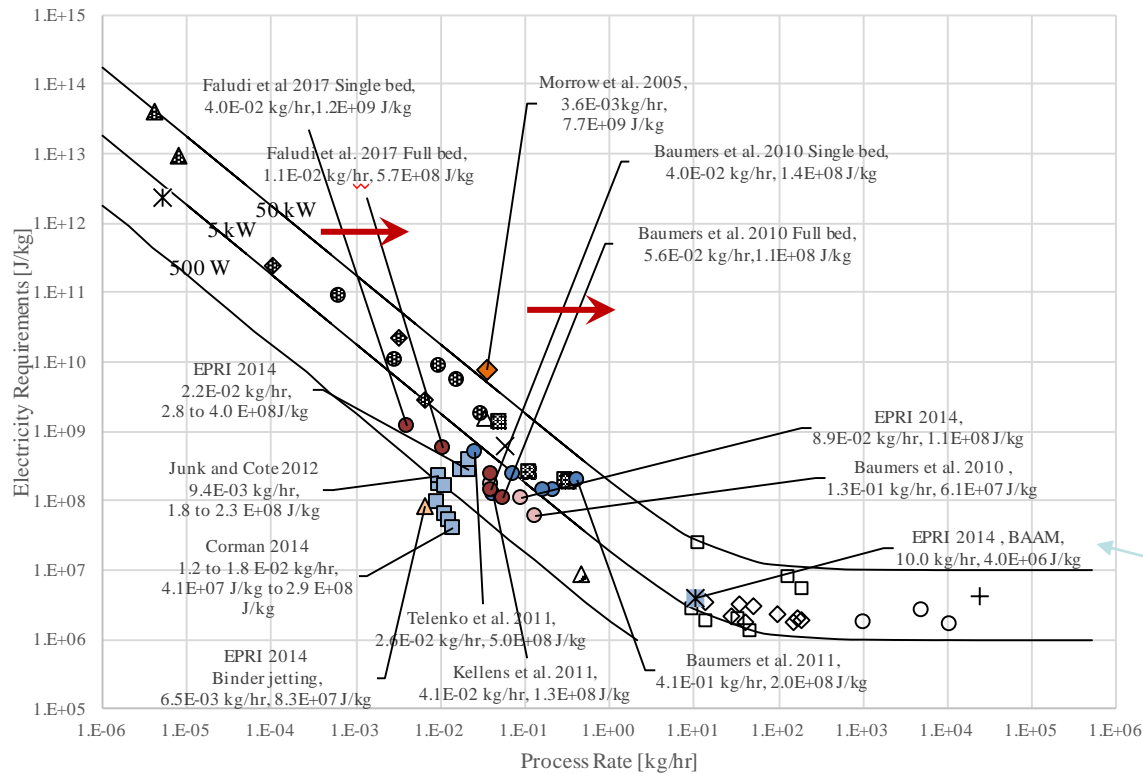
Actual Build



Laser Metal Powder Issues

1. Tolerances
2. Quality
3. Surface Finish
4. Production Rate





- + cupola
- Machining
- ◆ Sputtering
- △ Wire EDM
- Material Extrusion: FDM
- ◇ Directed energy deposition: DMD
- ▲ Binder jetting
- Electric Induction Melting
- × Finish Machining
- △ Grinding
- × Drill EDM
- × Material Extrusion: BAAM
- Powder bed fusion: Metal, electron beam
- ◇ Injection Molding
- CVD
- ⊠ Waterjet
- ▲ Oxidation (Semiconductor)
- Powder bed fusion: Polymer, laser
- Powder bed fusion: Metal, laser

Measured **3D Printing** energy intensity (J/kg) Vs Print rate (kg/hr) for AM (**metals in red**, **plastics in blue**) overlaid on conventional manufacturing processes.

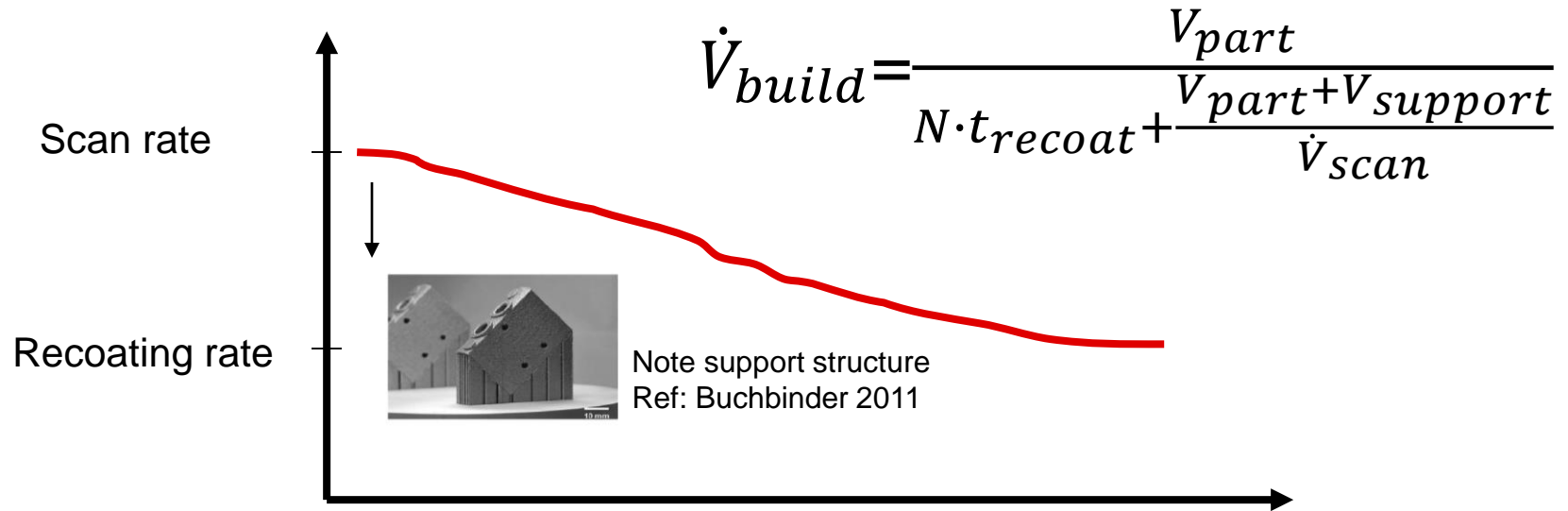
BAAM technology More later...

(Gutowski et al 2017 JIE)

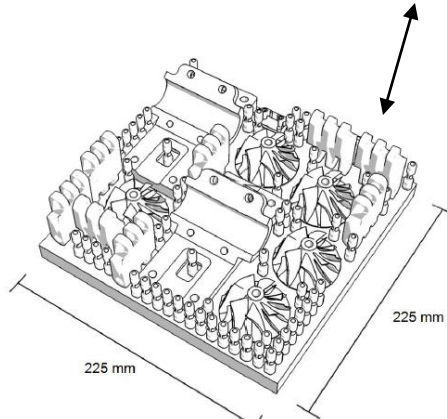
Strategies for improved rate

- Powder delivery- full bed, orientation
- Larger laser (tuned)
- Heated chamber
- Multiple lasers/heads
- Change basic mechanism – EBM, Direct Metal,...

Simple Build Rate model for Powders

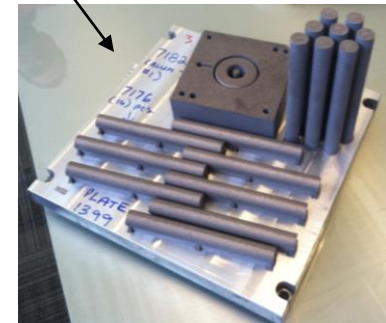


Full print chamber



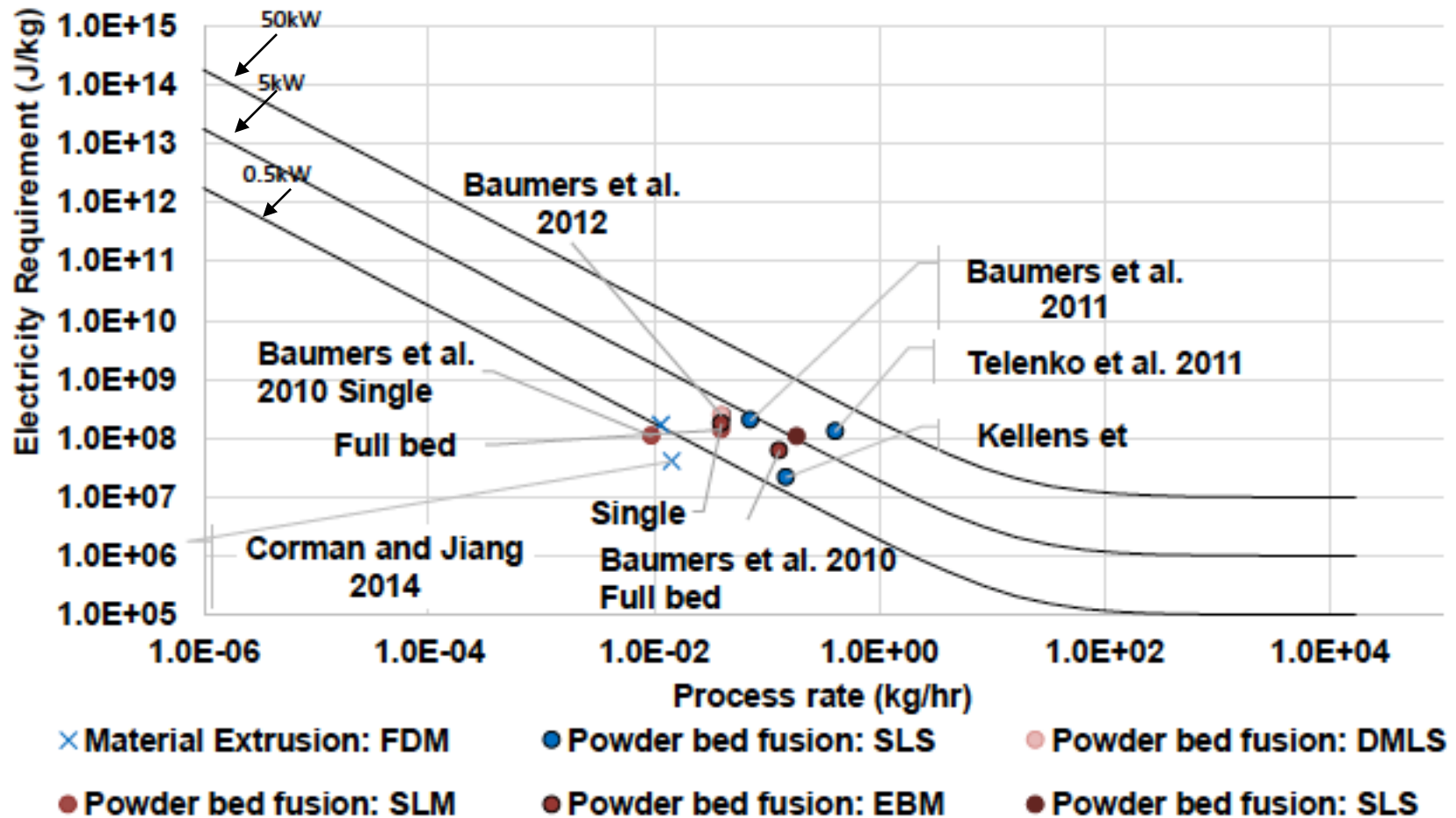
Baumers 2012

Under utilized bed



Hockey stick: Single and full bed (measured data)

Electricity Requirement for Additive Manufacturing



Laser melting of powders

Common laser power:

Polymers ~ 50 W (CO₂ 10.6μm)

Metals ~ 200 W (Nd:YAG 1.06μm)

Absorption ~ 0.6

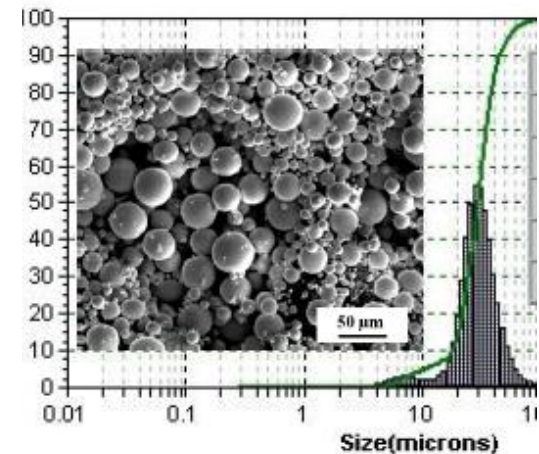
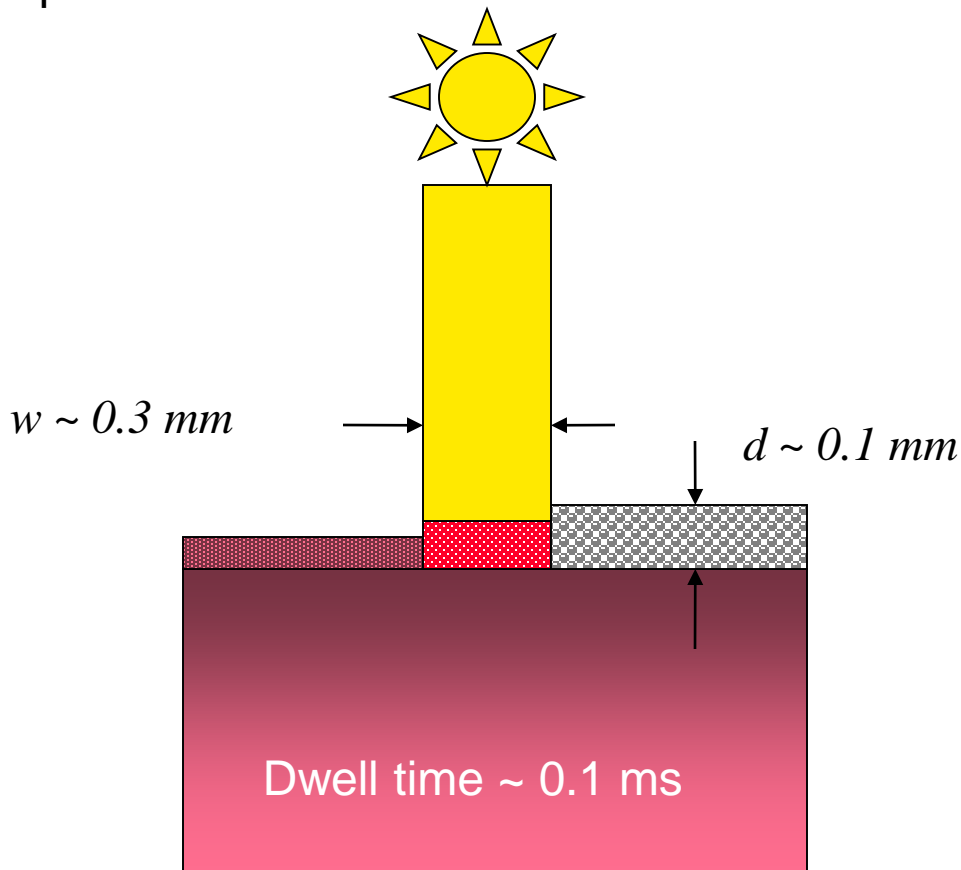
Laser scan speeds

~ .1 to 1 m/s

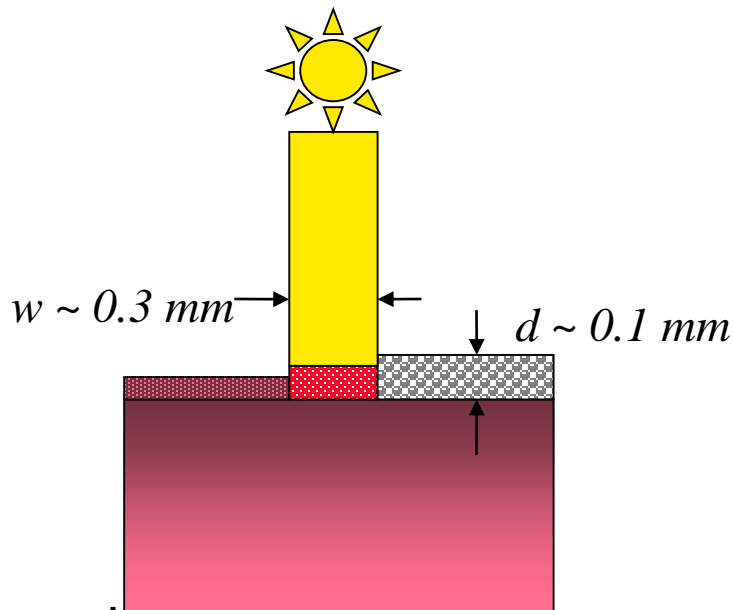
“max” build rate:

30mm³/s

= 108 cm³/hr



Adiabatic Rate Efficiency



$$\dot{m}_{adiabatic} = \frac{\alpha P}{c \cdot \Delta T + \gamma}$$

α = laser/material absorption coefficient

$$(0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$$

P = laser power (W)

c = average specific heat (J/(kg K))

$$\Delta T = T_{melt} - T_{start} \text{ (K)}$$

γ = enthalpy of melting (J/kg)

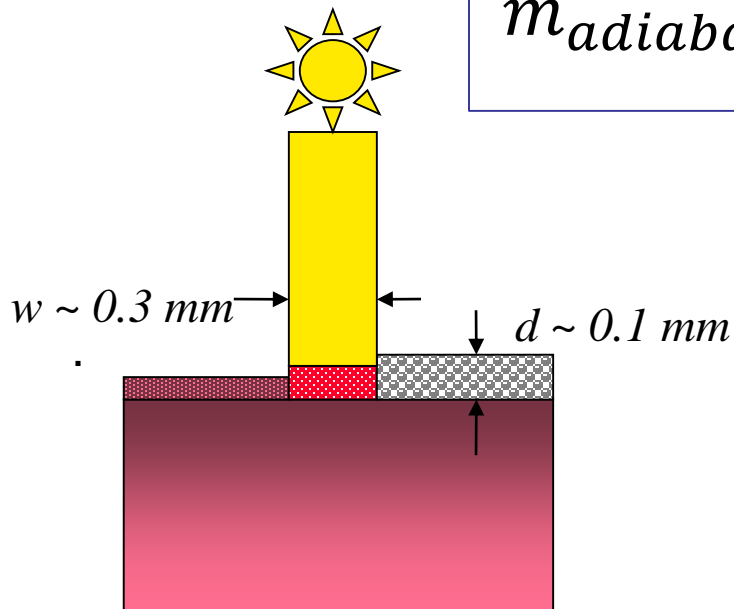
$$\eta_{adiabatic} = \frac{\dot{m}_{actual}}{\dot{m}_{adiabatic}}$$

Improvement Strategies

Tune laser

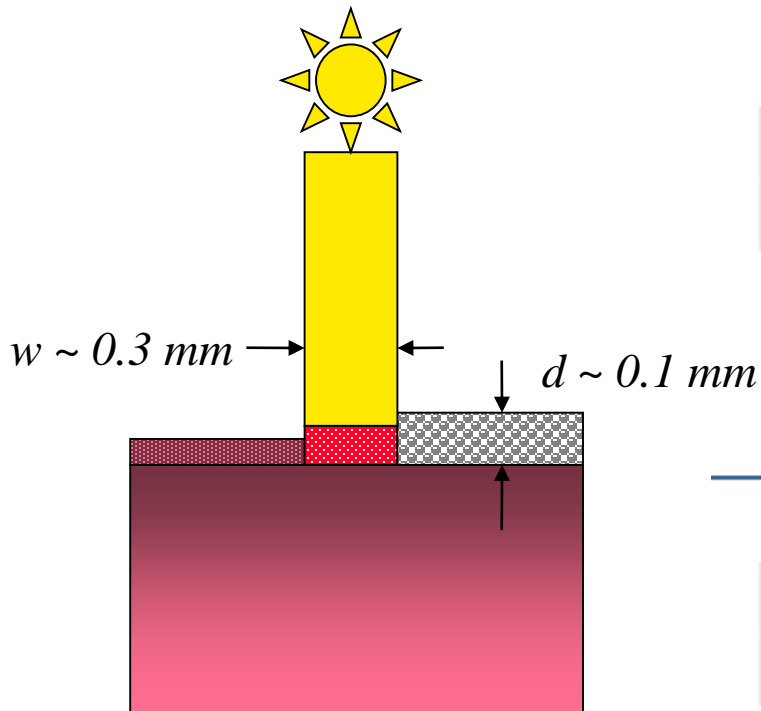
Increase power

$$\dot{m}_{adiabatic} = \frac{\alpha P}{c \cdot \Delta T + \gamma}$$



Heat bed

Laser selection



Yb doped solid state laser (YAG, Yb fiber laser)

Wavelength	$\sim 1.06 \text{ um}$
Efficiency	30%-60%

- Laser absorption for metal is higher at lower wavelength, Yb laser is therefore suitable for metal powder fusion

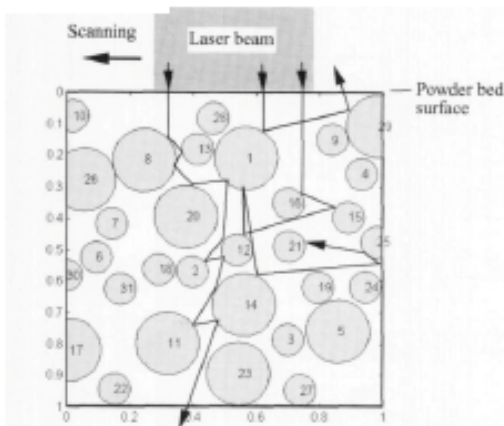
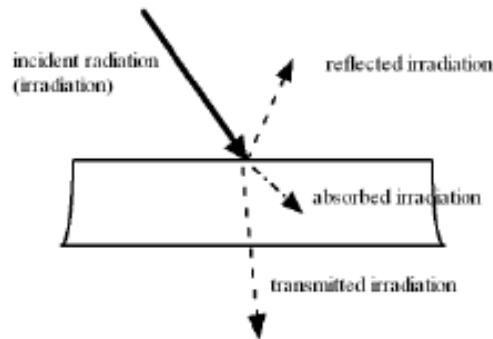
FIBER LASERS: Fiber Lasers: The State of the Art.* Accessed October 8, 2014.
<http://www.laserfocusworld.com/articles/print/volume-48/issue-04/features/the-state-of-the-art.html>.

CO₂ gas laser

Wavelength	$\sim 10.6 \text{ um}$
Efficiency	5 – 20%

- Laser absorption for polymer is higher at higher wavelength, CO₂ laser is therefore suitable for polymer powder fusion

Absorptivity of powders



Laser beam, when directed onto powder surface, is generally absorbed better as it can bounce among particles multiple times and gets absorbed each time

Material	Absorption rate
Fe (solid)	30%
Fe (Powder)	64%
Cu (solid)	2-10%
Cu (Powder)	59%

Solid vs powder metal material laser absorption (Nd-YAG laser, 1.06 μm)

Kruth, J.p., X. Wang, T. Laoul, and L. Froyen. "Lasers and Materials In Selective Laser Sintering." *Assembly Automation* 23, no. 4 (December 1, 2003)
 Alkahari et al. Thermal Conductivity of Metal Powder and Consolidated Material fabricated via Selective Laser Melting, 2012

Tolochko, Nikolay K., Yurii V. Khlopkov, Sergel E. Mozharov, Michail B. Ignatiev, Tahar Laoul, and Victor I. Titov. "Absorptance of Powder Materials Suitable for Laser Sintering." *Rapid Prototyping Journal* 6, no. 3 (September 1, 2000): 155-61. doi:10.1108/13552540010337029.

Extinction coefficient

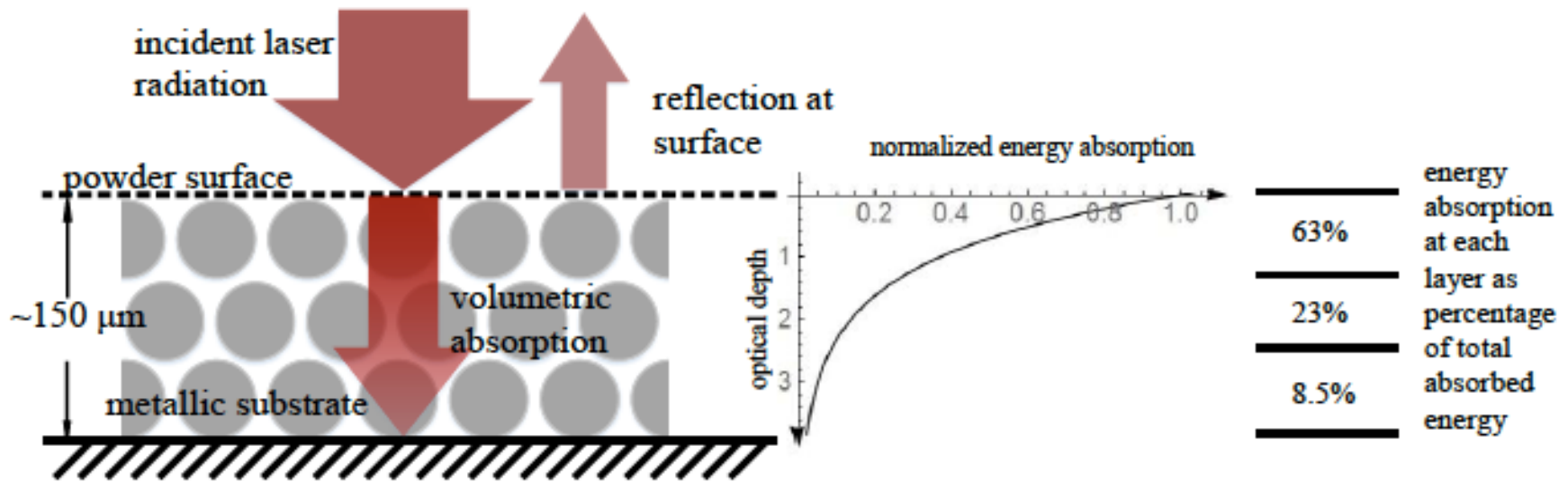
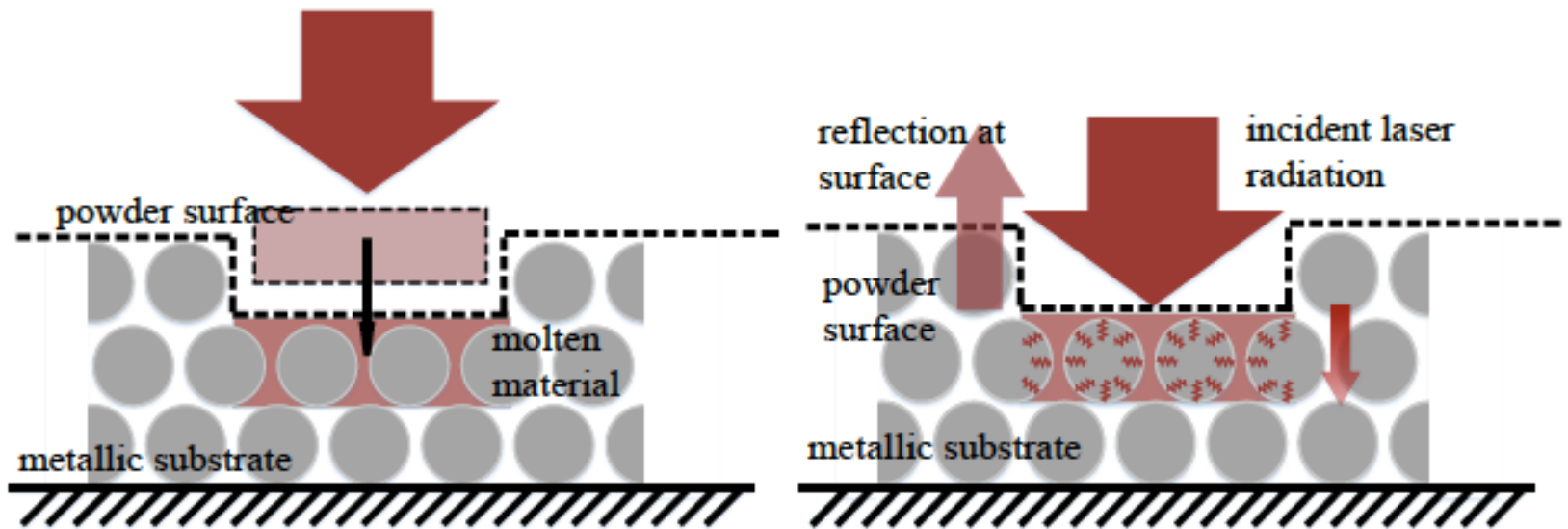


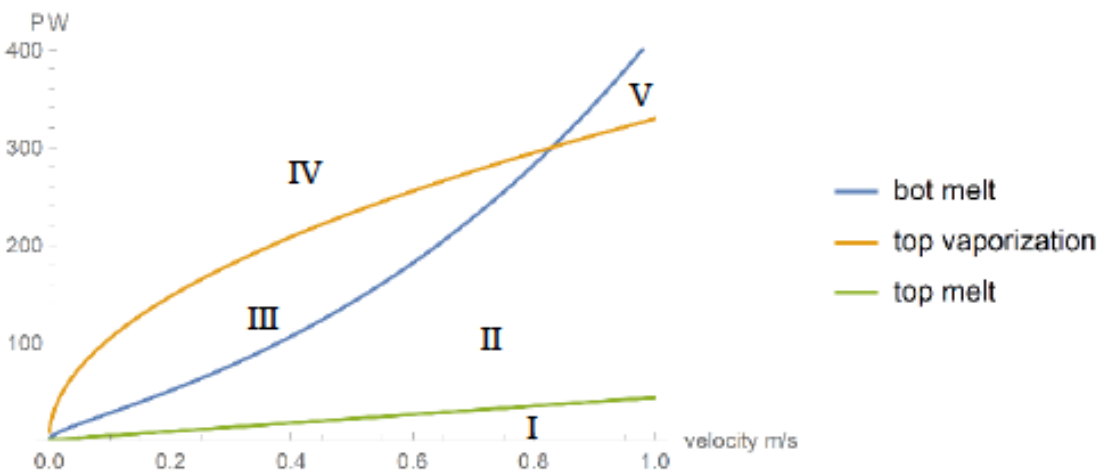
Figure 4.11. Volumetric heat absorption in powder bed (optical depth = $\beta \times z$)

Capillarity & Vaporization



Process window for one-dimensional constant heat flux model

Ref Sheng Jiang M.S. 2015



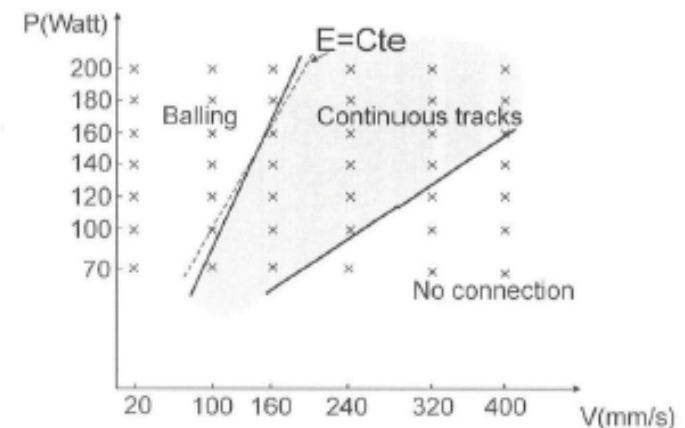
Process window plot consists of five sections

- I: laser is moving too fast, all the material remains solid phase
- II: laser is moving too fast, top layer material melted, bottom layer remains solid
- III: process window where all the material are melt with no vaporization
- IV: laser moves slow with given power, the top surface material starts vaporization while the bottom surface is melted
- V: laser moves slow with given power, the top surface starts vaporization before bottom surface starts melting

Parameters for iron powder processes:

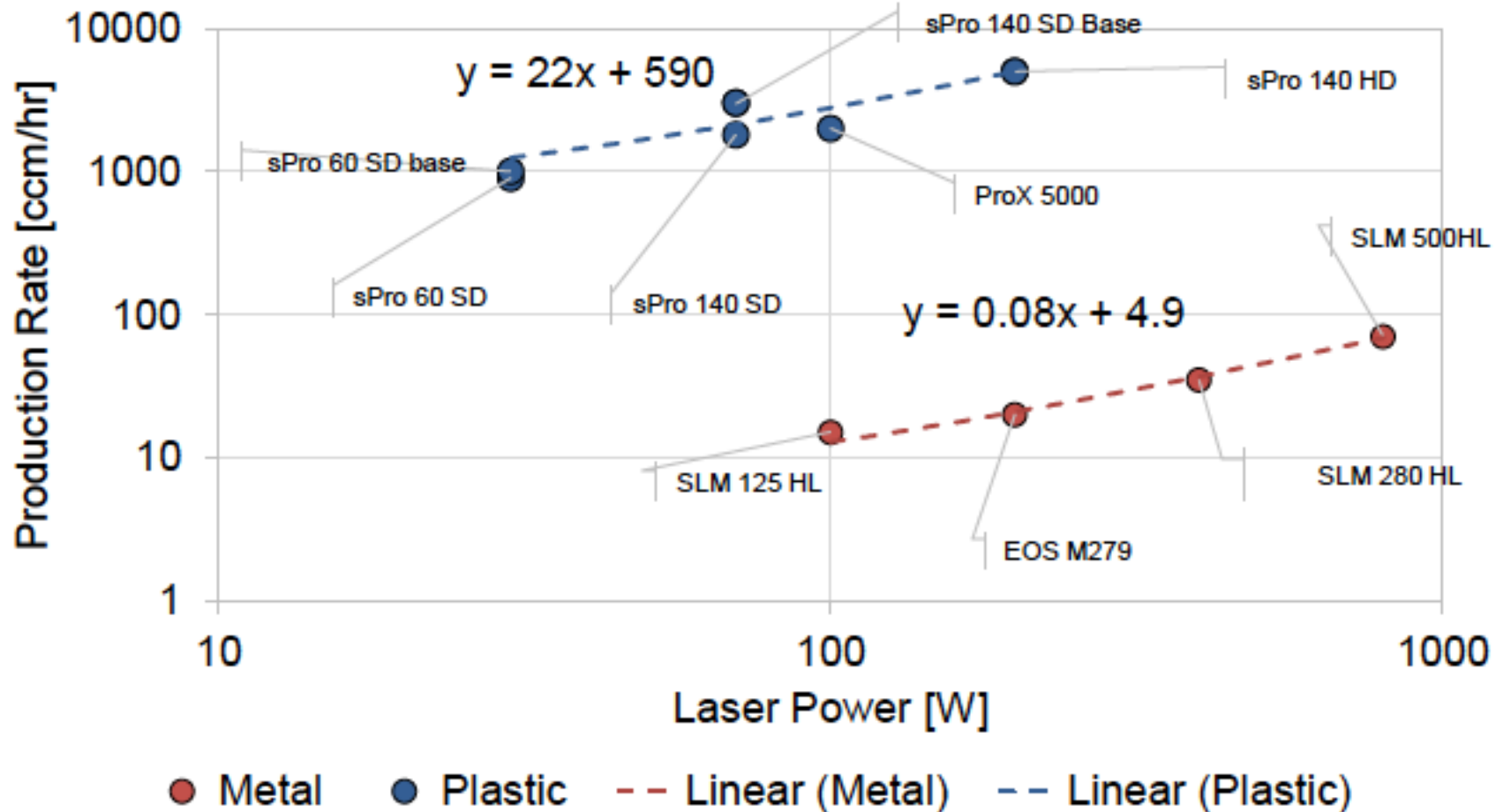
Parameter	Value	Reference
Heat capacity [J/(kg-°C)]	444	Online: http://www2.ucdsb.on.ca/tiss/stretton/database/Specific_Heat_Capacity_Table.html
Melting temperature [°C]	1538	Online http://physics.info/heat-latent/
Thermal conductivity [W/(m-°C)]	20	Carson et al. 2005
Latent heat [J/kg]	247,000	Online http://physics.info/heat-latent/
Laser material absorption rate	0.4	Tolochko et al. 2000
Layer thickness [μm]	150,200,250	
Laser focus spot diameter [μm]	200	

Figure 18 SLM process window for an iron based powder mixture



Source: University of Leuven

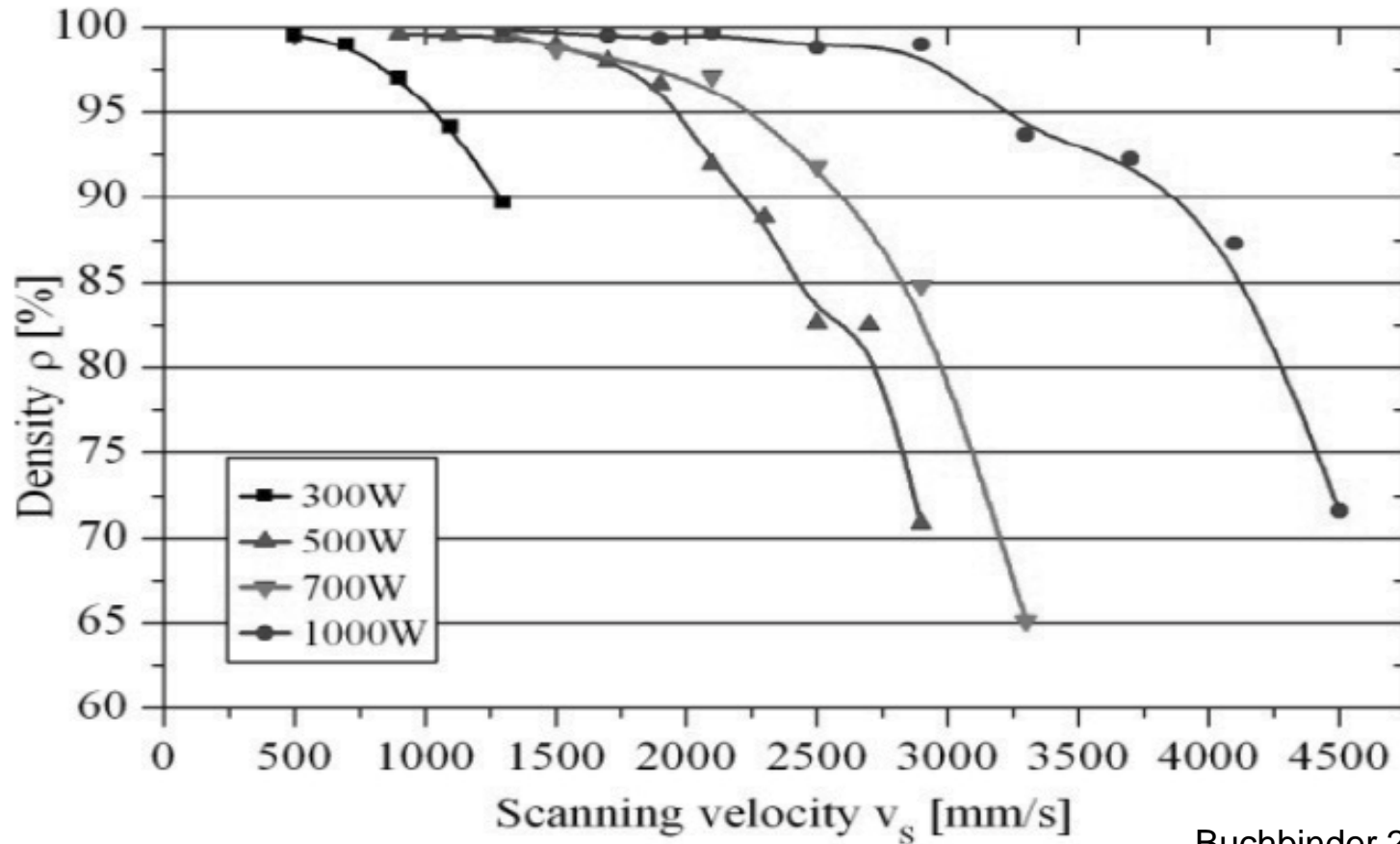
Spec rate vs laser power



From manufacturer's spec sheets

How to make the process fasted

1. More powerful laser(s), 2. Heated Chamber



Buchbinder 2011

New developments with multiple lasers

Euromold takes place between
25th – 28th November in Frankfurt/Main.



Concept laser, Sep 19th, 2014

On same part

<http://additivemanufacturing.com/2014/09/19/concept-laser-to-present-unmissable-innovations-at-euromold-2014/>



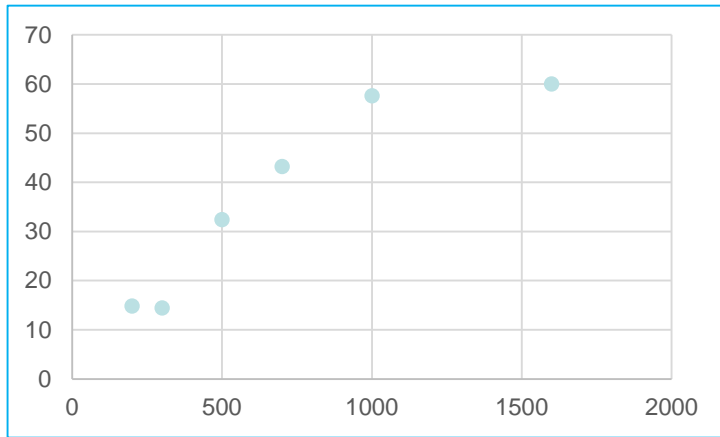
SLM 500 HL, 4 laser system

On different parts

http://lane-conference.org/downloads/IndustrialContributions/LANE2014_Wiesner_Multi-Laser_Selective_Laser.pdf

Increase in build rate with laser power

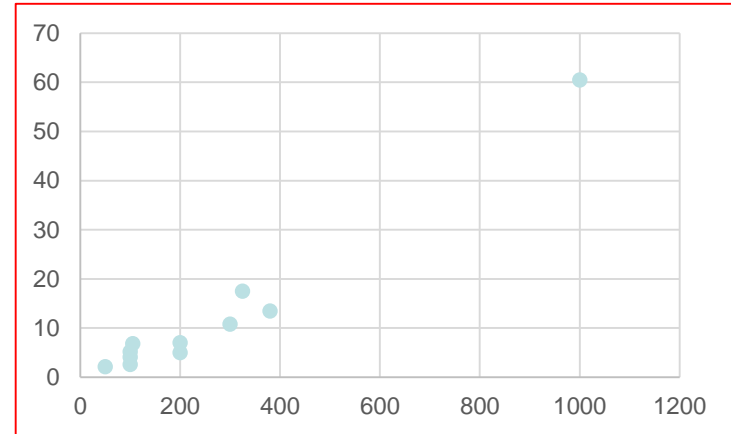
Build Rate cm³/hr



Laser Power (W)

Measured print rates
for **aluminum powders** (AlSi10Mg)
Vs laser power

Build Rate cm³/hr

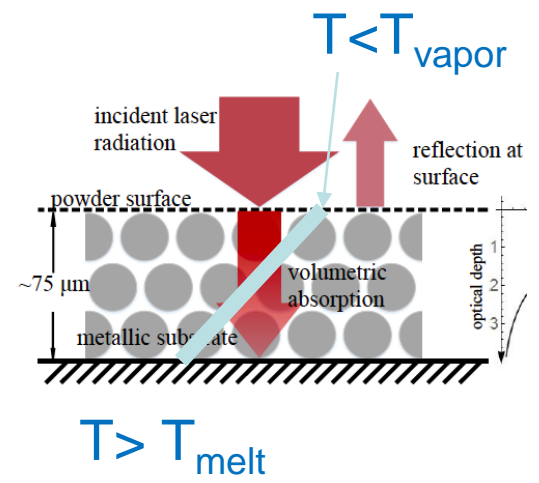


Laser Power (W)

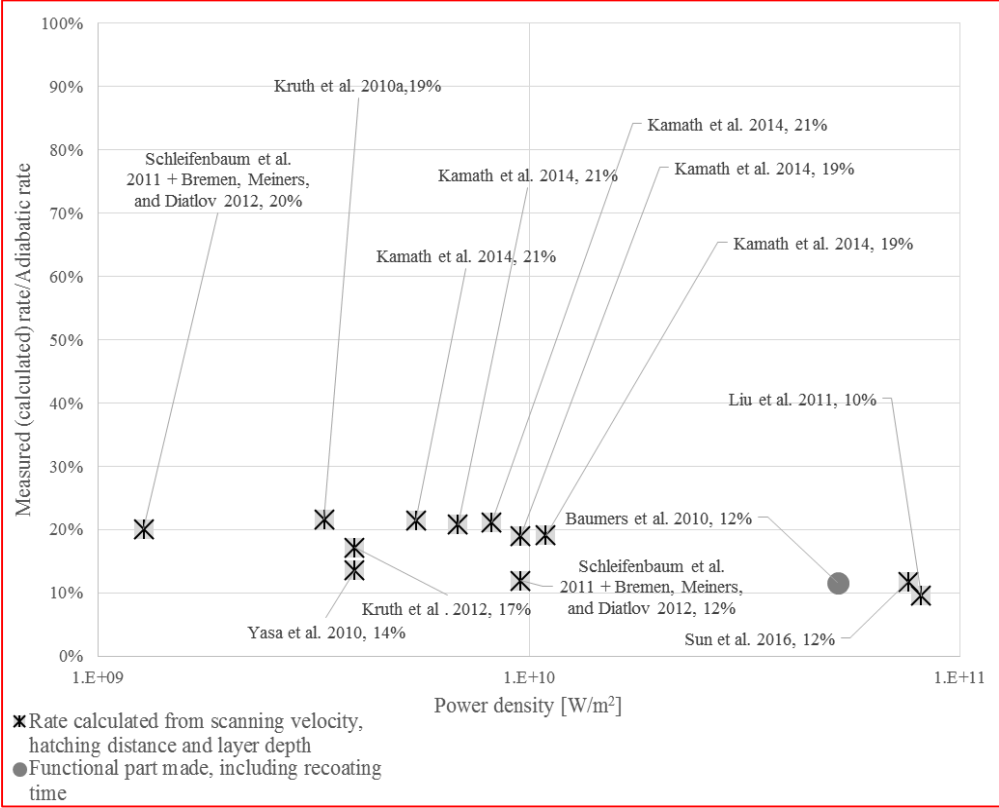
Measured print rates
for **steel powders** (mostly
316 SS)
Vs laser power

(Gutowski et al 2017 JIE)

$$\dot{m}_{adiabatic} = \frac{\alpha P}{c \cdot \Delta T + \gamma}$$

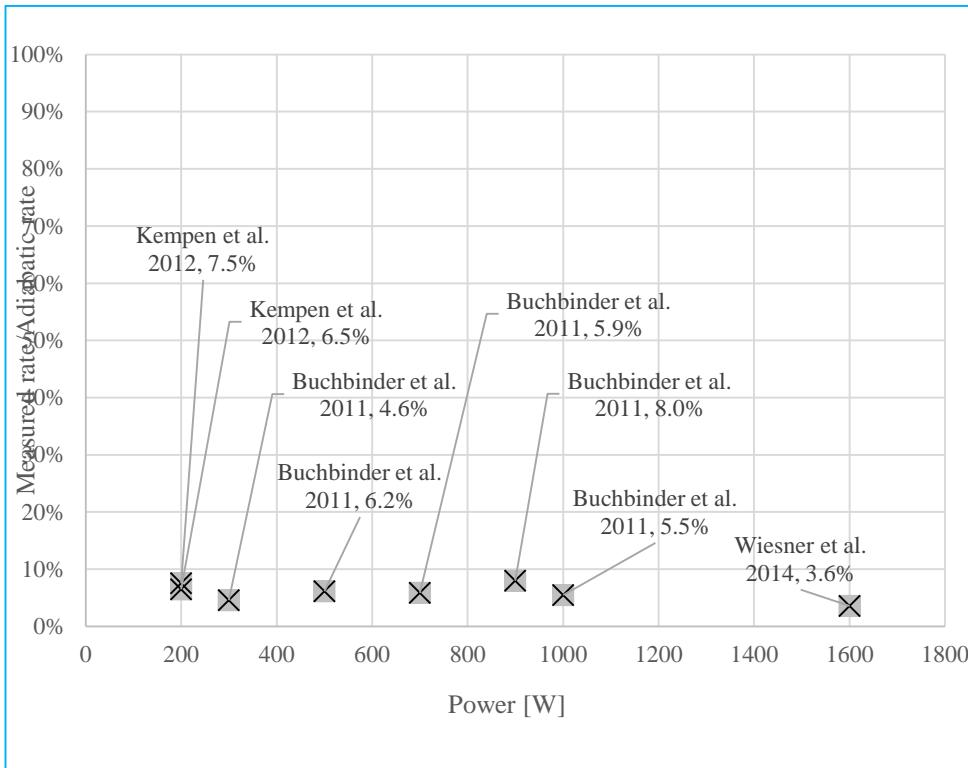


$$\eta_{adiabatic} = \frac{\dot{m}_{actual}}{\dot{m}_{adiabatic}}$$

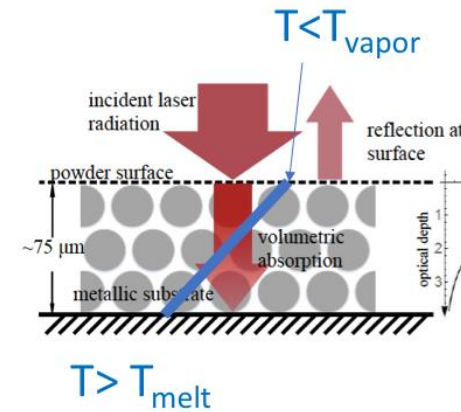


Measured rate/adiabatic rate Vs laser power intensity for **steel powders** for different additive equipment using larger lasers and defocusing.

(Gutowski et al 2017 JIE)



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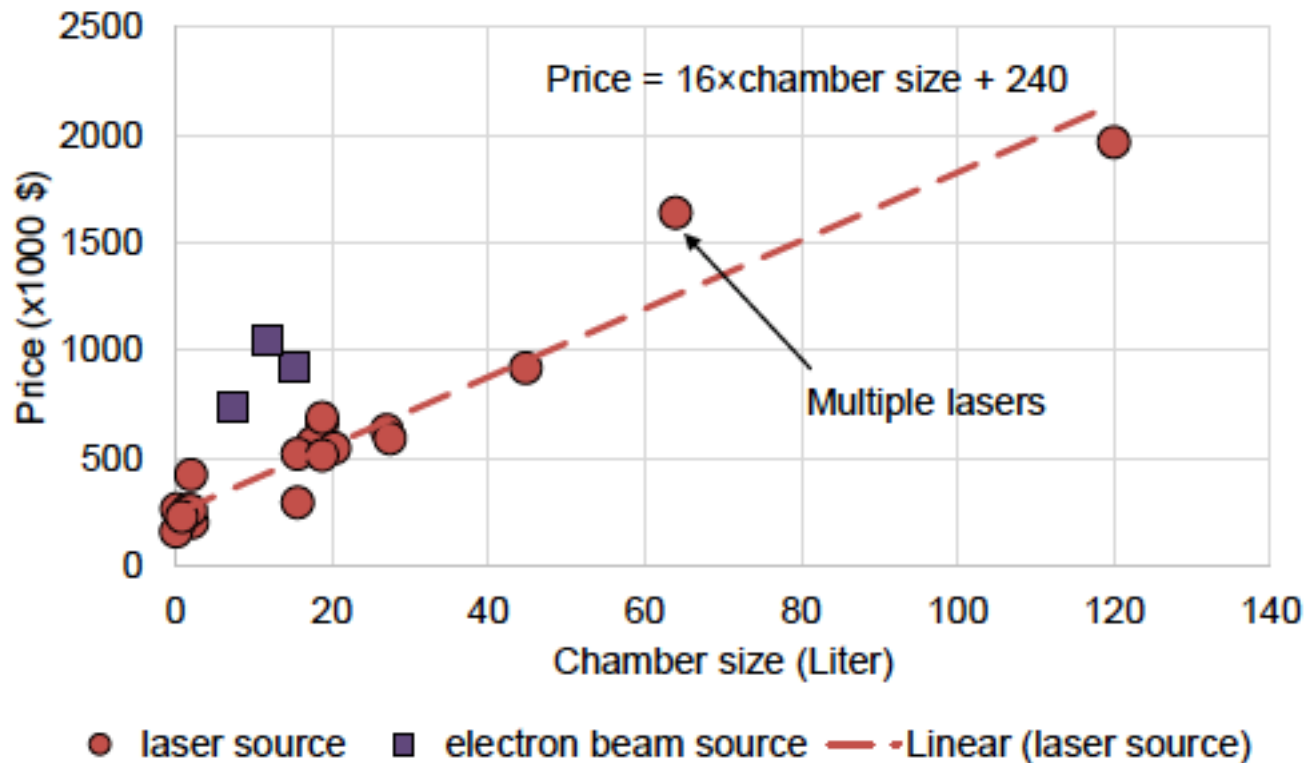


$$\eta_{adiabatic} = \frac{\dot{m}_{actual}}{\dot{m}_{adiabatic}}$$

Measured rate/adiabatic rate Vs laser power for **aluminum powders** for different additive equipment using various improvement strategies.

(Gutowski et al 2017 JIE)

Powder-bed-fusion metal



- Price and chamber size correlates linearly
- Most machines have chamber size around 1L and 20L
- Biggest chamber size machine is Concept Laser XI1000R at 120L
- Systems with chamber volume bigger than 40L are all from Germany
- EBM machines are more expensive than Laser pbf machine at same chamber size

Wohlers 2014

Summary

- Digital to Part is a reality, opening up all kinds of creative opportunities, but
- As a Mfg Process rate remains an issue
 - Increase adsorption
 - Split laser beam
 - Change heating mechanism (EBM, Direct Metal P/M extrusion and sinter)



Meet the Stratasys F120 3D printer.

Twice as fast as the competition.
Not twice the price.

Free Sample Part



Videos from Mass & Burlington Foundries



Adiabatic Rate Efficiency

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α = laser/material absorption coefficient

$$(0 \leq \alpha \leq 1)$$

P = laser power (W)

c = average specific heat (J/(kg K))

$\Delta T = T_{melt} - T_{start}$ (K)

γ = enthalpy of melting (J/kg)

$$\eta_{adiabatic} = \frac{\dot{m}_{actual}}{\dot{m}_{adiabatic}}$$

Energy Efficiency

$$\eta_{energy} = \frac{m(c(T_f - T_c) + \gamma + c(T_c - T_{amb}))}{\alpha P t \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{laser}} \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{grid}} + mc(T_c - T_{amb}) \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{chamber}} \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{grid}}}$$

$$\eta_{energy} = \frac{1 + \frac{(T_c - T_{amb})}{(T_f - T_c) + \gamma/c}}{\frac{1}{\eta_{adiabatic}} \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{laser}} \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{grid}} + \frac{(T_c - T_{amb})}{(T_f - T_c) + \gamma/c} \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{chamber}} \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_{grid}}}$$

$$\eta_{energy} \cong \eta_{adiabatic} \cdot \eta_{laser} \cdot \eta_{grid}$$

(Gutowski et al 2017 JIE)