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# Industry Perspective on Critical AM Applications

Industrial AM Workshop on Metals and Ceramics  
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- 1** Oerlikon AM
- 2** Applications we are seeing in aerospace
- 3** What is necessary to realize these applications.
- 4** What we have been doing internally
- 5** Where we see need for external support

# oerlikon

## Oerlikon Group (FY 2017)



Sales: CHF 2.7B

> 13 700 employees

4% sales invested in R&D

## Surface Solutions Segment

**oerlikon**  
balzers

Thin film surface solutions and precision coated components

**oerlikon**  
metco

Thick film surface solutions including materials and hardware.

**oerlikon**  
additive manufacturing

AM metal powders and components

## Industries



Aerospace



Automotive



Medical



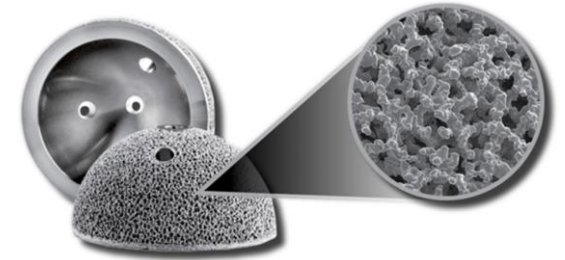
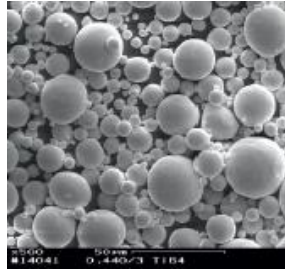
General Industry



Power Generation



# Oerlikon AM Business Lines



## Materials

Plymouth, MI  
Troy, MI

## Services

Huntersville, NC  
Barleben, Germany  
Munich, Germany

## Medical

Shelton, CT

Prototype

Development

Production

Helping Our Customers Realize the Value of Additive Manufacturing

# Building a Global AM Network

**Oerlikon Metco Powder**  
**Powder Atomization Facility**  
[Troy, Michigan]  
Status: Operational



**Oerlikon AM Powder**  
**Powder Atomization Facility**  
[Plymouth, Michigan]  
Status: Operational Q2, 2018



**Oerlikon AM Manufacturing**  
**European Manufacturing Facility**  
[Magdeburg, Germany]  
Status: Operational



**Oerlikon Advanced Materials**  
**Scoperta Advanced Material Design**  
[San Diego, California]  
Status: Operational



**Oerlikon AM Manufacturing**  
**US R&D & Manufacturing Facility**  
[Charlotte, North Carolina]  
Status: Operational Q4, 2018



**Oerlikon AM R&D**  
**Europe R&D**  
[Munich, Germany]  
Status: Operational Q4, 2017



# Aerospace Market Challenges - Optimization of weight and performance in a cost competitive framework



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## CHALLENGE

### WEIGHT REDUCTION

Weight optimized designs with balanced **stress distributions** increase fuel efficiency and performance enhancement

**Barrier:** Weight optimized shapes are prohibitively expensive or impossible to create using conventional techniques.



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## CHALLENGE

### INCREASING EFFICIENCY

New engine concepts for increased fuel **efficiency** with higher combustion temperatures improve efficiency but require complex components in terms of material and geometry (e.g. cooling channels)

**Barrier:** Hard to machine high temperature alloys (e.g. Ni-based) and high geometrical complexity due to cooling and combustion features.



# AM is helping to drive weight and efficiency optimization and reduce cost in aerospace



## PARTS & MATERIALS

Lightweight – High Performance

- Low cost of complex geometry
- Part consolidation
- Optimized stress distribution through topology optimization
- Complex, optimized internal cooling
- New high-temperature materials (mid-term)



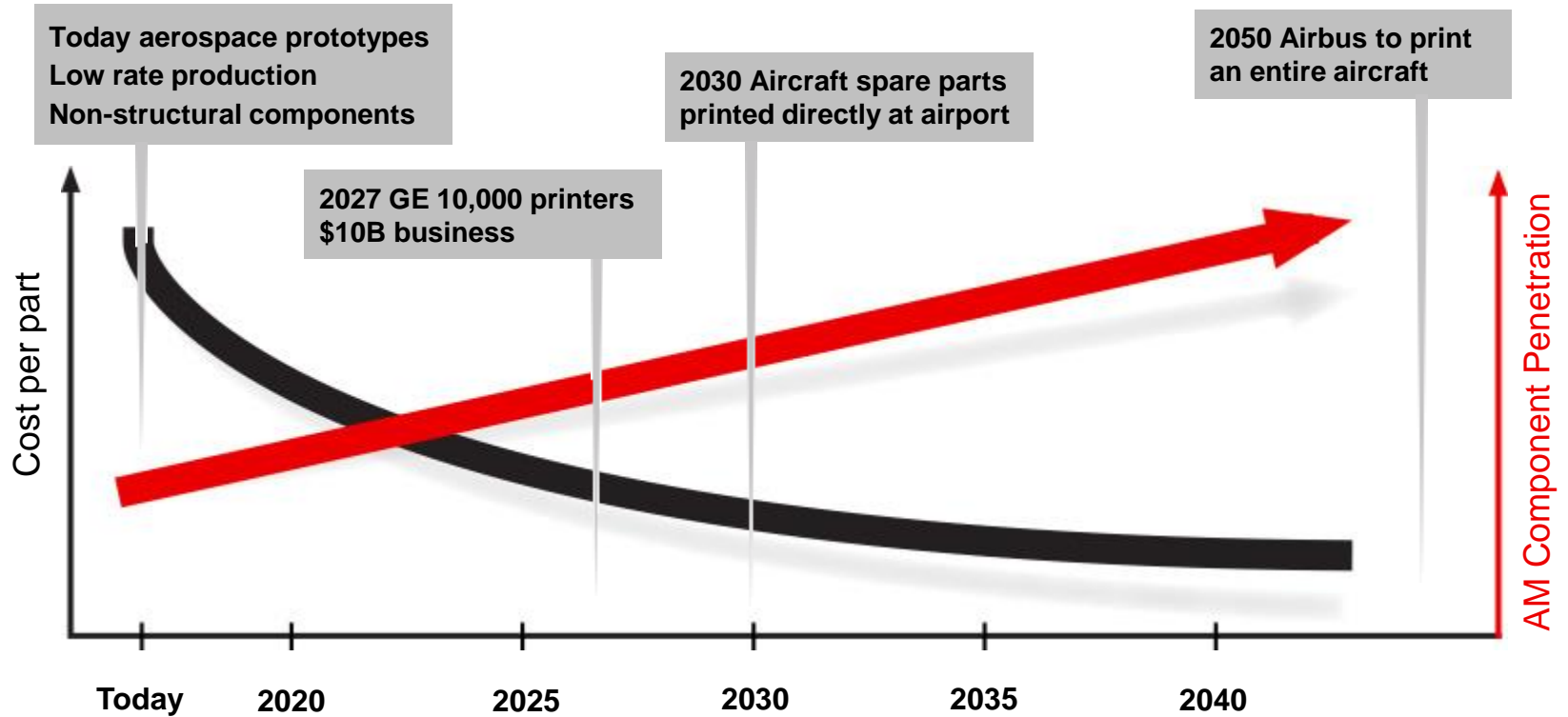
## PRODUCTION PROCESS

Streamlined - Efficient

- Reduced development costs
- Reduced part cost
- Reduced inventory
- Reduced logistics
- Shorter lead-times
- Produce spare parts on demand, eliminating some inventory stocks
- Reduce or eliminate assembly activities



## When does AM become a mainstream manufacturing technology?



### Cost Reduction Drivers

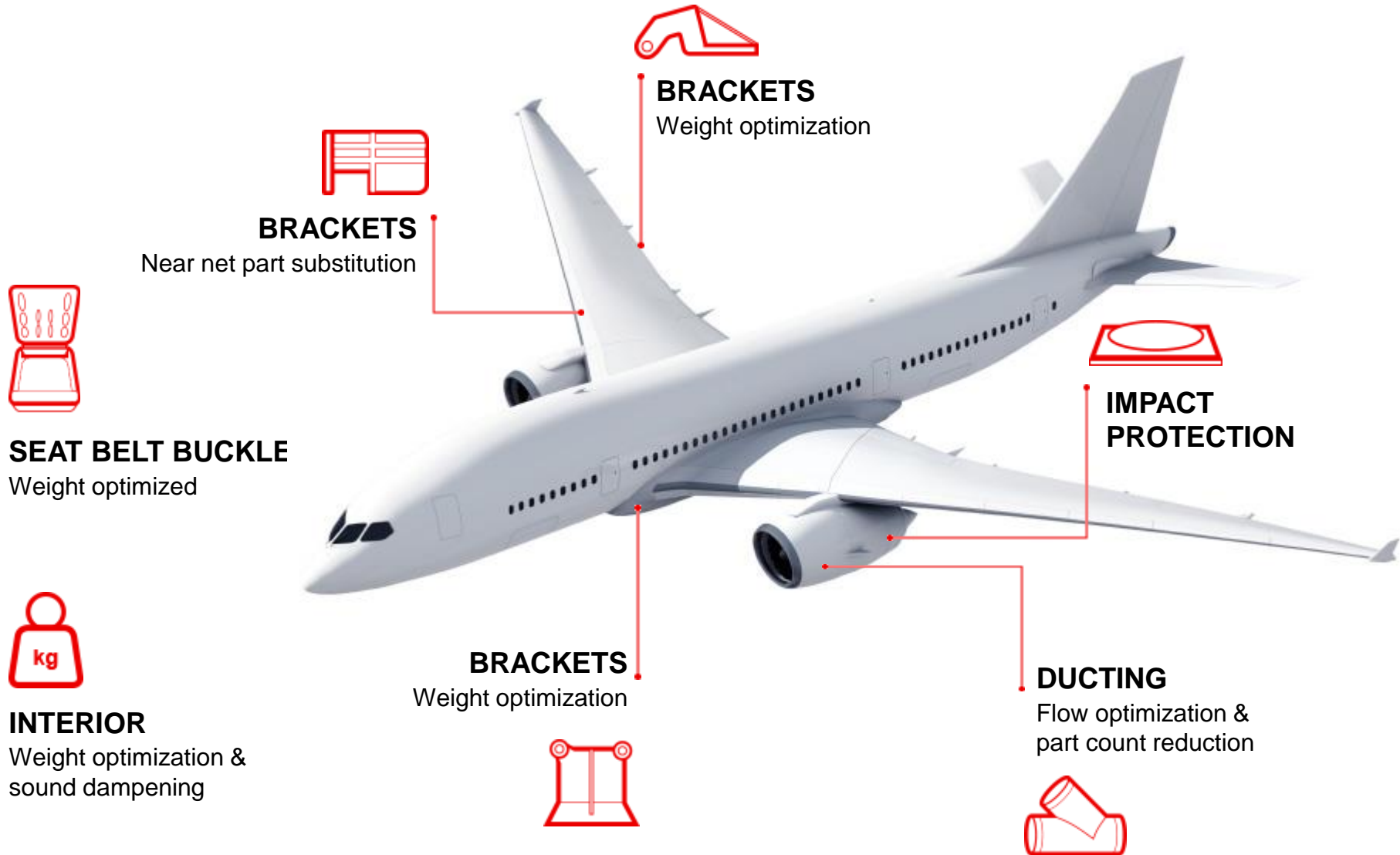
#### Near term drivers:

- Machine cost down 30%
- Increased build factor of 10
- Part cost down 90%

#### Medium term drivers:

- Powder cost down 30%
- Machine cost down 30%
- Increased build factor of 30
- Process automation
- Part cost down 98%







**COMPRESSOR VANES**

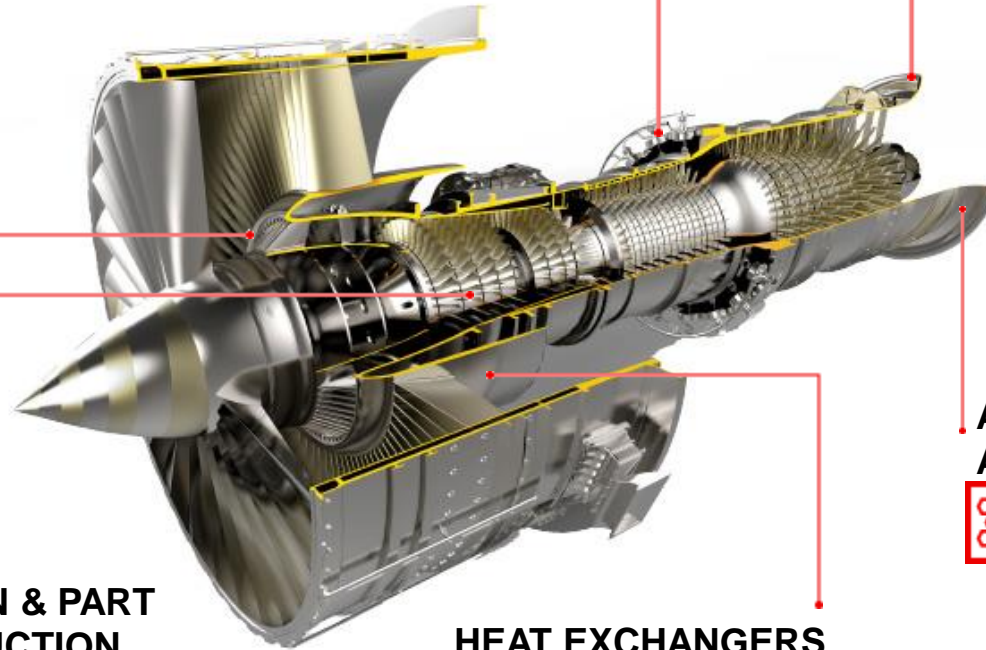


**DUCTING**

Flow optimization & part count reduction



**DIFFUSER**



**SYSTEM  
INTEGRATION & PART  
COUNT REDUCTION**



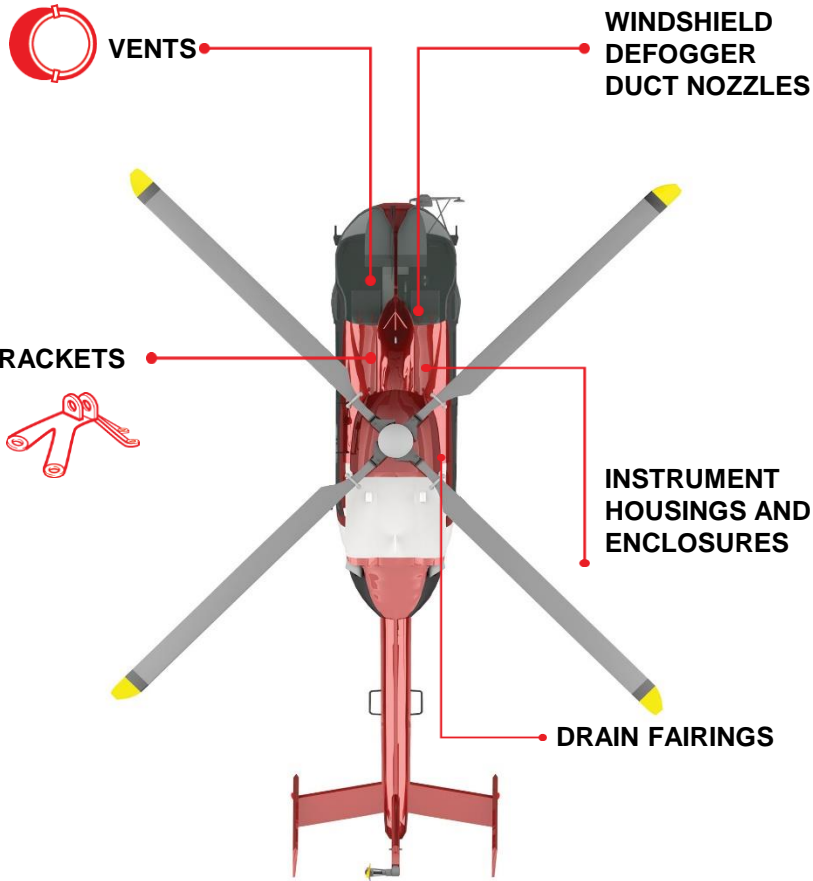
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ATTENUATION**



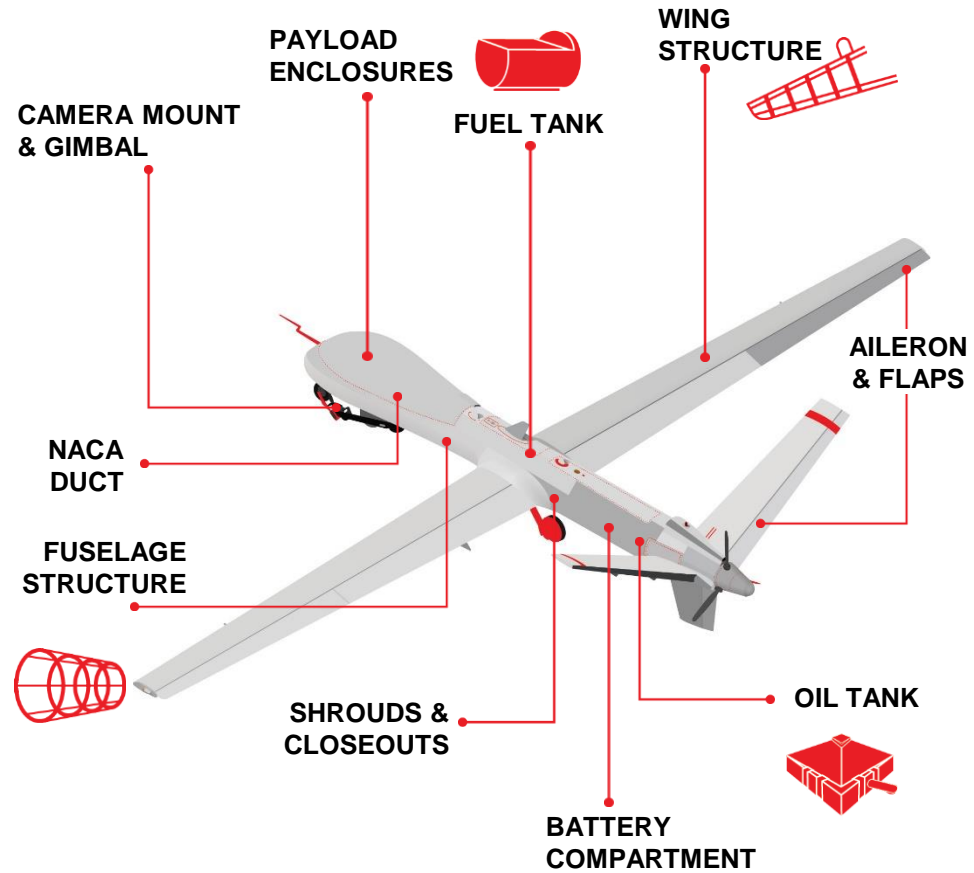
**HEAT EXCHANGERS**



## Helicopter



## UAVs





## Quality

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ASTM/ISO/AS  
NADCAP  
Work Instructions



## Material Knowledge

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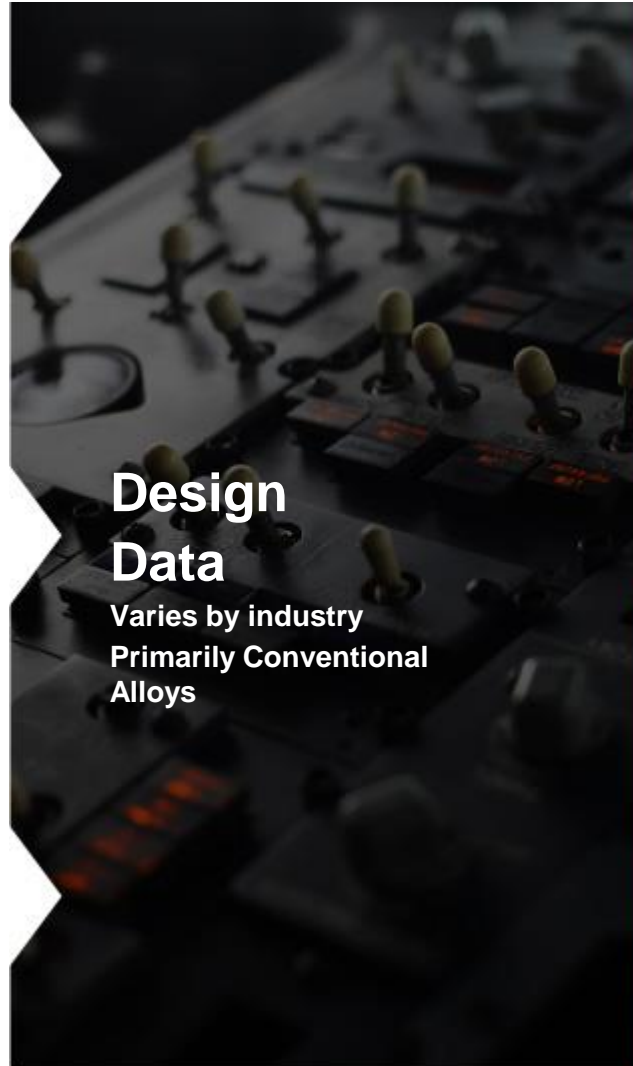
Powder performance  
Printed/Heat treated material performance



## Robust Processes

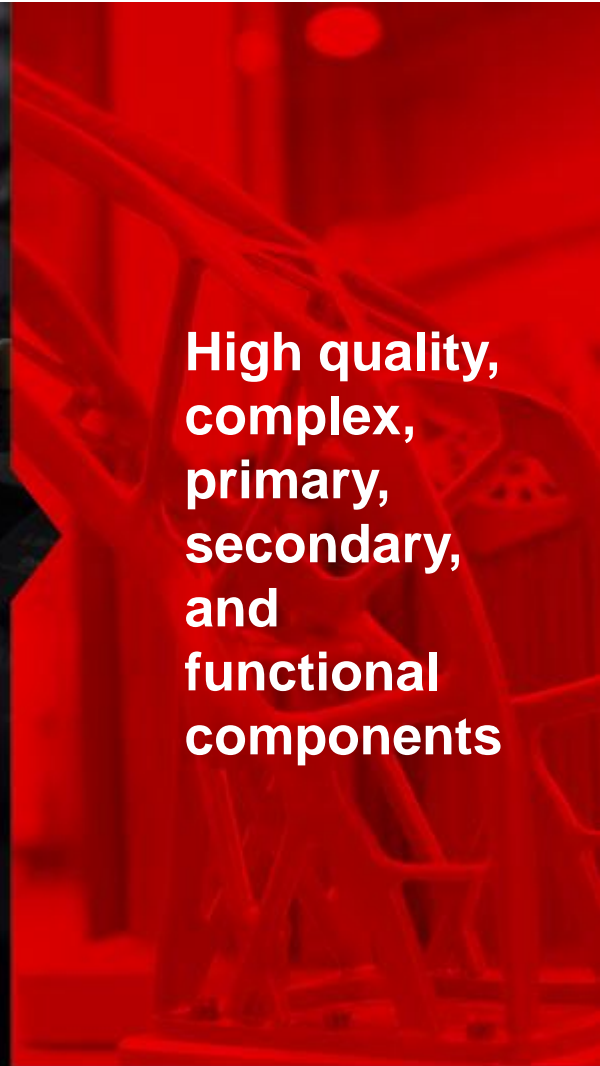
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Key Performance Variables  
Stable Platforms  
Stable Processes



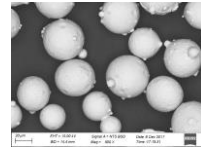
## Design Data

Varies by industry  
Primarily Conventional Alloys

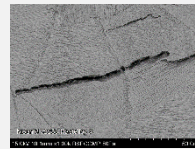


High quality,  
complex,  
primary,  
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and  
functional  
components

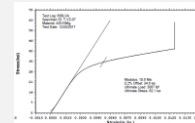
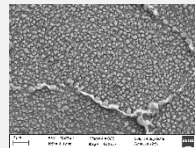
# Oerlikon AM's view for achieving aerospace production?



**Powder**  
*"Powers that work"*



**Material**  
*"tailored, controlled mechanical performance"*



**AM Production & Post Processing**

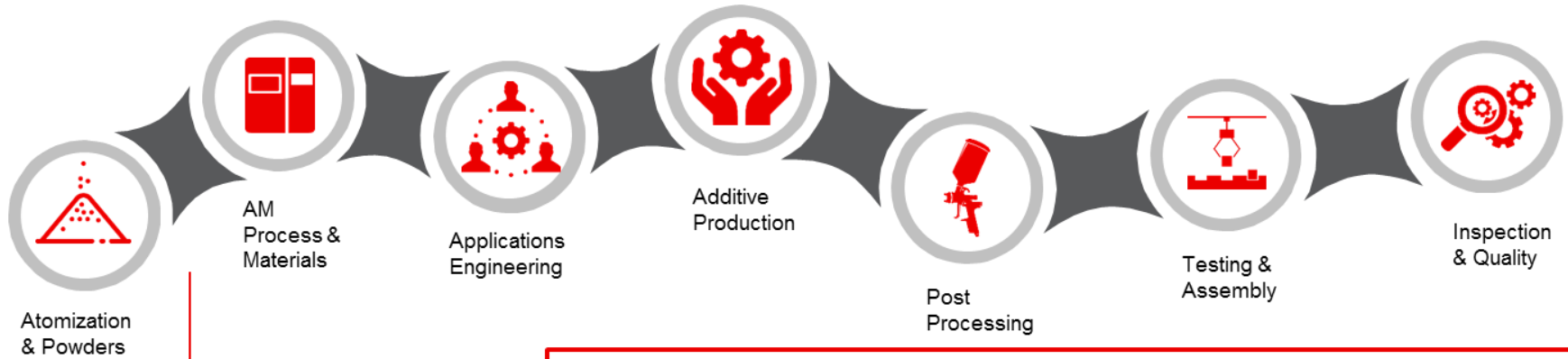
*"End-to-end Advanced stable Component Manufacturing"*



**Applications Engineering & Design**

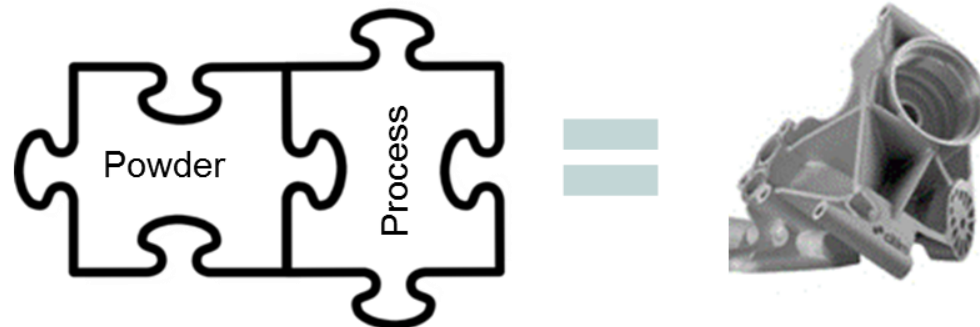
*"Deep vertical and domain knowledge for optimal customer solutions"*

# Integration of AM Value Chain to Realize Additive Manufacturing



## The “AM Equation”

$$\{\text{Powder} + \text{Process}\} = \{\text{Material} / \text{Shape}\}$$





# INNOVATION & ADVANCED COMPONENT PRODUCTION

## CHARLOTTE, NC (US)



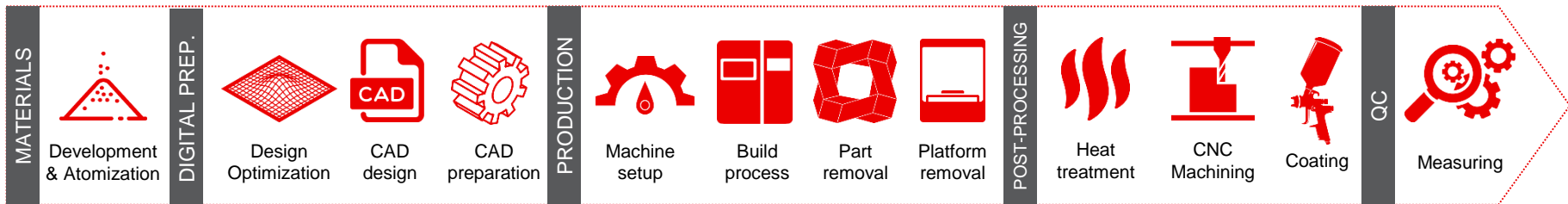
### Key facts

- ~125,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility, plus future expansion possible
- End-to-End engineering, manufacturing and R&D center
- Capacity for >50 AM systems and post processing

### Key equipment

- Powder management and QA
- AM systems: 18 PBF-L; 6 PBF-EB (Shelton, CT)
- Post processing: 2 Wire-EDM, 1 vacuum furnace, 1 HIP, 1 mill/turn CNC, 5-axis milling, grit blasting, vibratory finishing, polishing,
- Comprehensive QA equipment and R&D laboratories for AM (metal powder lab and materials testing)

### End-to-End AM Offering



R&D (including material)

# Why vertically integrate?

- Manage the external and internal powder supply chain
  
- Shared technical resources (manufacturing, materials, design) to develop and deliver solutions capable of replacing conventional manufacturing
  
- Reduce lead times from non-printing supply chain
  
- AM specific:
  - Heat treatment
  - Finishing
  - Inspection

# Technical Roadmap Themes - US

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# Highlights – Powder Management Strategy

## Challenge:

- Implement a fully traceable and efficient powder management strategy servicing critical applications.

## Solution:

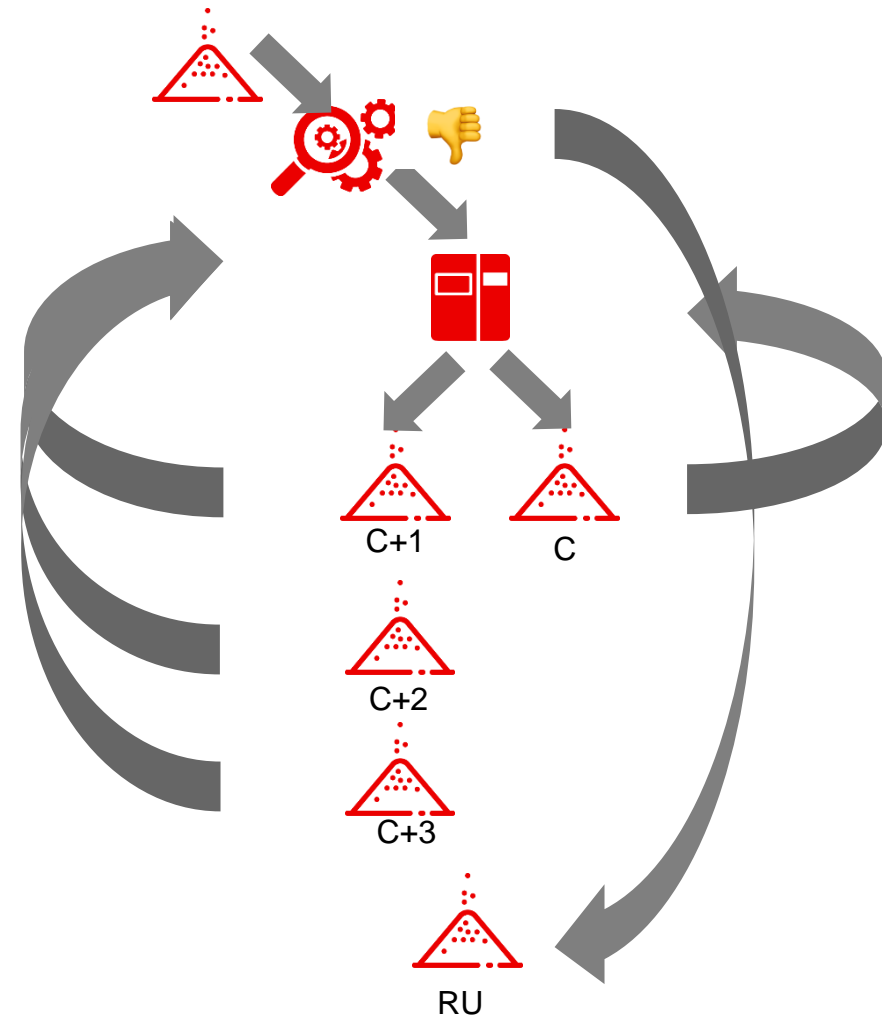
- Maintain lot and cycle count
- Verify re-used powder in-spec

## Current Status:

- Tracking all powder in shop
- Equipment installed
- Building Quality database

## Result of Project:

- Process control
- Customer confidence



# Highlights - Powder Launch Strategy

## Challenge:

- Nickel Alloy H-X cracks when printed. (started 7/16)

## Solution:

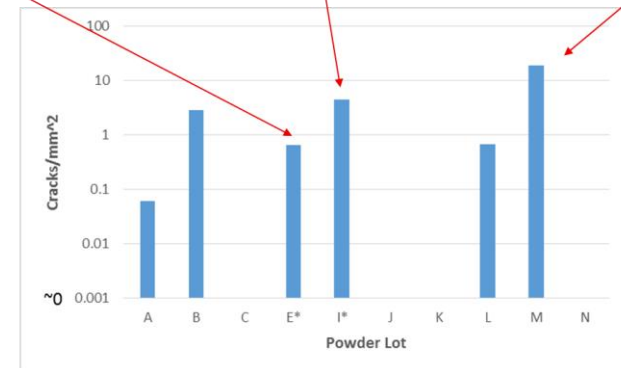
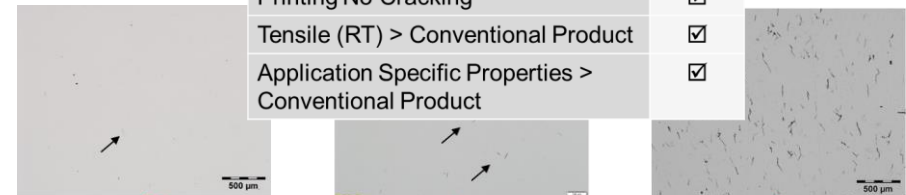
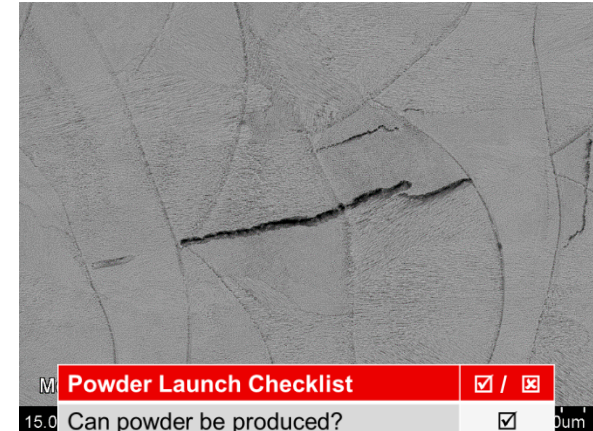
- Identify crack-free chemistry

## Current Status:

- Re-Launch of H-X
- Customer pre-production in progress

## Result of Project:

- Established powder launch procedure for H230, 738, MARM509, H188, etc
- Ongoing work with customer to supply powder and enter series production



All Lots  
Meet  
Investment  
Cast HX  
Spec

# Highlights – Materials “Quick” Data Generation

## Challenge:

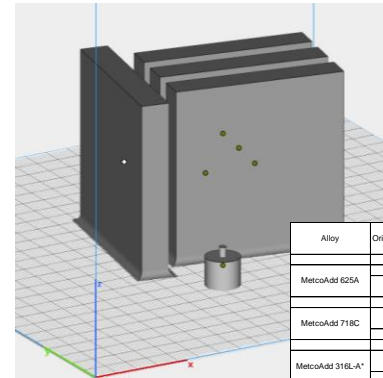
- Existing MetcoAdd alloys launched with limited data.
- Difficult to convince customers to switch to MetcoAdd powders.

## Solution:

- “QDG” Project to generate datasheets for 9 alloys using stock machine parameters.
- Completed in 2.5 months.

## Result:

- Established benchmark for performance.
- Identify need for HT optimization.



Data generated in the QDG project

Alloy	Orientation	Printed using EOS M290			Printed using SLM 125HL			Printed using CL M2		
		YS(MPa)	UTS(MPa)	%E	YS(MPa)	UTS(MPa)	%E	YS(MPa)	UTS(MPa)	%E
MetcoAdd 625A	Z	498a3	891a3	61a1	403a3	806a2	42a1	465a3	889a5	80a2
	XY	418a10	814a6	58a1	412a3	809a4	54a3	462a3	826a11	64a1
MetcoAdd 718C	Z	1172a6	1379a7	19a1	1190a0	1439a37	11a2	1186a18	1415a16	17a3
	XY	1237a27	1481a28	15a1	1208a23	1455a21	11a2	1208a46	1522a10	15a1
MetcoAdd 316L-A*	Z	500a3	809a2	59a1	456a12	537a30	11a2	491a4	635a4	44a8
	XY	562a12	877a2	45a3	536a16	658a15	42a3	548a18	670a2	45a2
MetcoAdd C300-A	Z	199a7	2927a5	9a1	199a209	2939a20	9a1	2023a15	2104a15	5a3
	XY	1996a19	2950a17	9a1	1967a18	2934a22	9a1	1982a30	2904a25	5a2
MetcoAdd 17-4PH-A	Z	1316a5	1434a1	15a1	805a489	909a46	0	1310a3	1431a4	8a2
	XY	1304a5	1430a1	15a0	1291a2	1421a6	9a0	1297a11	1425a4	11a1
MetcoAdd 15-5PH-A	Z	1235a5	1354a4	12a0	1101a182	1125a19	1a0	1206a5	1334a2	12a1
	XY	1224a4	1349a5	14a1	1204a11	1340a5	8a1	1205a12	1337a6	14a1
MetcoAdd H13-A	Z	1538a31	1903a12	11a1	1485a0	1807a19	2a1	1510a14	1886a16	10a1
	XY	1531a37	1899a7	11a1	1486a13	1826a15	2a1	1512a14	1894a12	10a1
MetcoAdd 76A	Z	598a2	1215a7	46a3	592a4	1007a8	25a5	590a17	1206a17	44a3
	XY	604a2	1225a10	42a2	593a12	1124a13	30a3	598a6	1209a15	46a3
MetcoAdd 78A	Z	504a6	1162a5	44a1	493a5	791a8	10a4	503a8	1131a42	40a7
	XY	514a8	1188a8	40a2	506a8	1117a7	32a1	514a7	1144a35	40a7

Values are below EOS datasheet indicated range  
 Values are within or above the EOS datasheet indicated range  
 No comparable materials/material with heat treatment condition with EOS  
 ASTM E8 round specimens. Average of 10 samples for each orientation. Values are rounded to nearest whole number.



### Designed for Processing in Laser Powder Bed Fusion (LPBF) or Directed Energy Deposition (DED) Systems

MetcoAdd™ 718C and 718E are nickel-based superalloy powder products with chemical analysis to AMS 6272 per request. Room temperature alloy properties of LPBF processed and heat treated material samples have been shown to be comparable to those of AMS 6272. For reference purposes, Cerlon has processed MetcoAdd 718C using Bed parameters and 40 µm laser diameter to provide data below. Additional testing has been performed to an extensive network of concrete and customer partners on a broader range of machine types. Properties may be optimized based on application specific requirements.

- Applications
- Aerospace: Engine components
  - Power Generation: Gas turbine components
  - Oil & Gas Services
  - Industrial: Valves

### Typical Post Heat Treatment Properties (718C) H1000

	Concept Laser M2 Coating	EOS M290	Bed Method
Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa), HV10	1022±107 / 1101±18	140±18 / 198±7	ASTM B8
Yield Strength (MPa), HV10	1206a48 / 1196a18	1227±27 / 1175a8	ASTM B8
Elongation at Break (%), HV10	19.17 / 17.43	18.1 / 18.1	ASTM E208-17
Hardness (HRC)	47±6	43±4	ASTM E208-17
Relative Density (%)	+0.02%	+0.02%	Internal Spec.

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### Post Heat Treatment Microstructure (x 50 magnification, Vertical Build Direction)





# Highlights – Process Qualification

## Challenge:

- Doubling speed would significantly open the AM viable part envelope (AlSi10Mg)
- Properties and heat treatment response depend on layer thickness

## Solution:

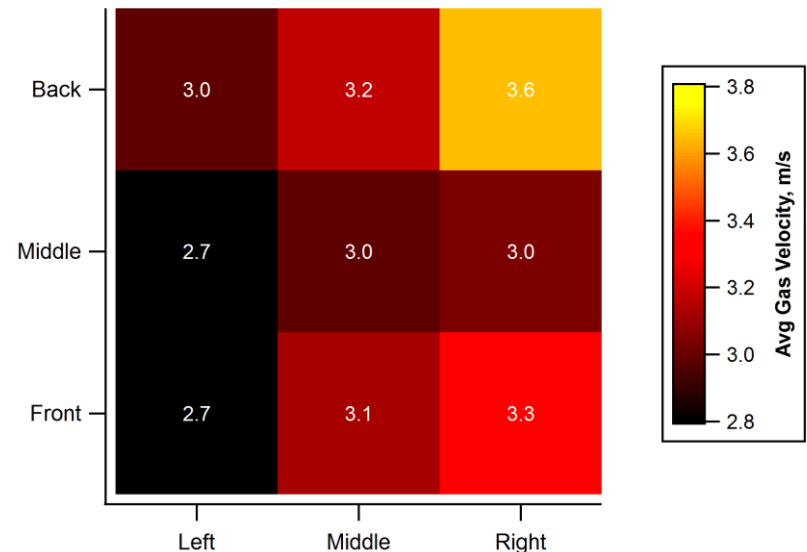
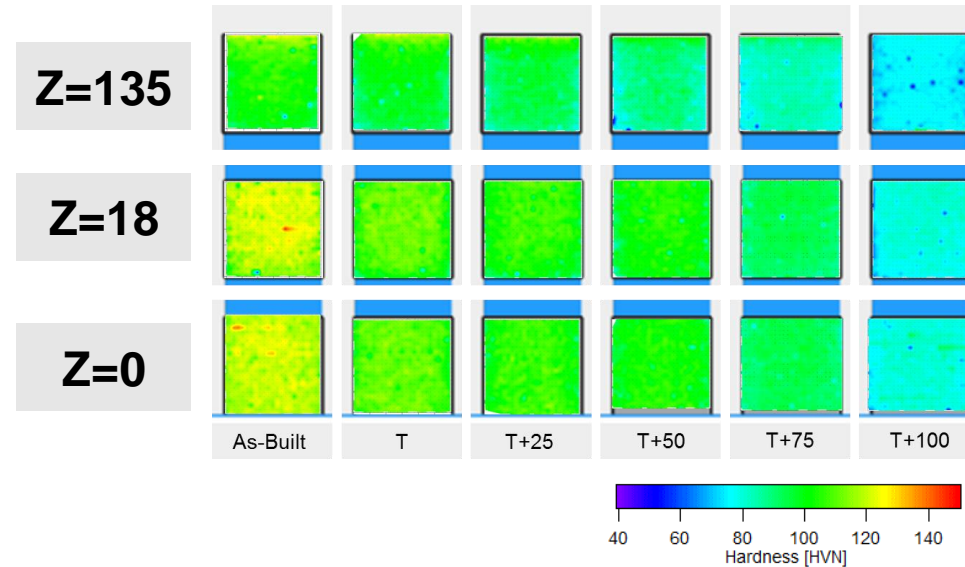
- 8 month machine stabilization and heat treatment optimization study.
- Preliminary data met requirements.

## Current Status:

- confirmation of properties at different build locations and height.
- Stabilize process

## Result:

- Expand parameter set to 2x and 3x layer thickness, define HT mod.



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- Stable repeatable printing equipment and process understanding:
  - In process inspection
  - Billion dollar facility in a million dollar machine
  
- How to rapidly identify material performance:
  - without creating \$500k test programs
  - Across different printers/features/process parameters/alloy chemistries
  
- Future items:
  - New AM specific alloys
  - Harnessing structure property and processing relationships
    - alloy design,
    - microstructure design
    - Heat treatment design

**Thank you.**



# Oerlikon AM Portfolio

- Currently Offer 14 alloys that have been printed on multiple machines and are at various stages data generation
- Developing 8 additional products for launch by 4Q18-1Q19

Alloy Base	Current Portfolio
Ni-based	718
	625
	HX
	H230
Co-based	75A, 76A
	78A, 78-1A
Fe-based	17-4PH
	15-5PH
	316L
	C300
	H13 H11

Alloy base	Development Pipeline
Al-based	AlSi10Mg
Co-based	Haynes/Udimet 188
	MAR-M-509
Ni-based	Inconel 738LC
	CM-247LC (Rene 108)
	Alloy 939
Fe-based	Alloy 904L
Ti Alloys	Ti-6Al-4V Gr 5 and Gr 23; TBD