



# What's New in Materials, Applications and Patents

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AM/3D printing

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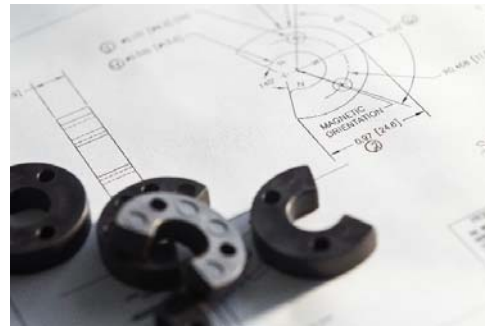
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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction to Magnet Applications, Inc..
- Patents - Hitachi Metals NdFeB patent litigation update
- Materials - Additive Manufacturing/3D printing of permanent magnets
- Applications - Magnetic Refrigeration Systems

# Introduction: Magnet Applications, Inc..

- Visit the new website at:  
<http://magnetapplications.com>.
- A Bunting Magnetics Company:  
<https://buntingmagnetics.com/>.
- Largest North American manufacturer of compression bonded NdFeB and injection molded ferrite, NdFeB and hybrid magnets.
- Supply full range of engineered magnets and magnetic assemblies.
- Located in DuBois, PA – Originally established in UK over 50 years ago – sister company located in Berkhamsted, UK.
- Primary applications are BLDC motors and sensors in the automotive, medical and industrial markets.



# Introduction: Magnet Applications, Inc..

- Pre-production magnetic design services including 3D magnetic modeling.
- Industry leading technical services to optimize the material for the application.
- Investing in R & D for next generation of magnetic materials.
- The backing of strong family ownership – in business for over 55 years.
- ITAR / DFARS registered for Defense Industry.
- ISO-9001 Certified Quality System with a strong continuous improvement culture.
- Very strong international supply chain for the complete range of permanent magnet materials.



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# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

## History Part 1 – USITC Phase

- At the start of the decade the industry was eagerly anticipating the expiration of the compositional/tetragonal structure HML NdFe(Co)B US patent 5,645,651 in July 2014.
- August 2012 HML filed a complaint with the USITC against 29 manufacturers and importers of RE magnets and products containing RE magnets.
- 4 US patents cited; 6,461,565, 6,491,765, 6,527,874 and 6,537,385.

# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

## History Part 1 - Key Claims of Cited Patents

- 6,461,565 – Method of pressing a RE alloy magnetic powder in a controlled environment from 5°C to 30°C and RH from 40% to 65%.
- 6,527,874 – RE magnetic alloy containing 0.1 to 1.0 At % Nb.
- 6,491,765 and 6,537,385 – Removal of RE-rich particles less than 1 micron from RE alloy magnetic powder.

# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

## History Part 1 – USITC Phase

- USITC instituted a section 337 investigation in September 2012; multiple law firms and dozens of attorneys were involved.
- During the ensuing months the 5 original licensed Chinese manufacturers (plus 3 others) agreed to new terms under the cited patents.
- A matter of days before the July 2013 trial HML announced that settlement agreements had been reached with all parties and withdraw the petition to the USITC i.e. no day in court to determine validity of the cited patents.

# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

## History Part 2- Alliance of Rare-Earth Permanent Magnet Industry

- August 2013- It was announced that “a dozen Chinese rare earth magnet companies have formed an industrial alliance to sue Japan’s Hitachi Metals for holding invalid patents and infringing patent rights of Chinese companies”.
- Petition for Inter Partes Review (IPR) of certain claims of 6,491,765 and 6,537,385 filed with USPTO August 11, 2014.
- IPR’s granted by Patent Trial and Appeal Board on February 2015

# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

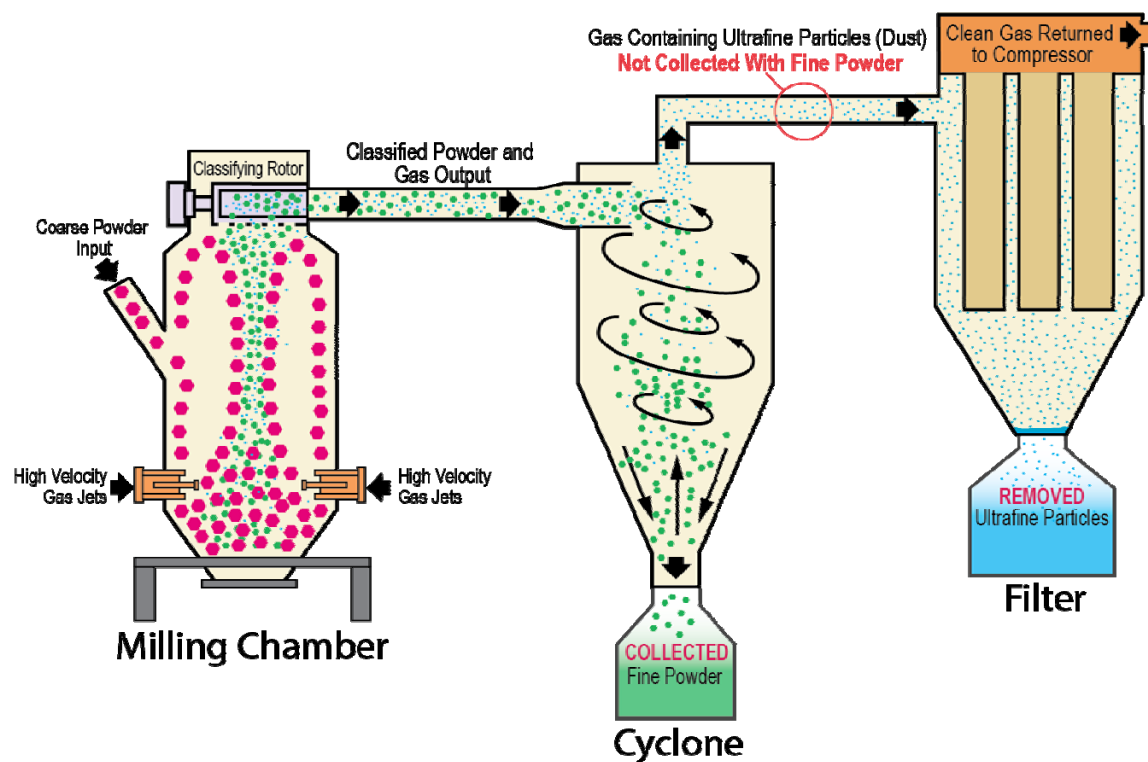
## History Part 2 - Independent Claim Construction

USPN 6,537,385 (IPR2014-01265)
1. A method for manufacturing alloy powder for R--Fe--B rare earth magnets, comprising
a first pulverization step of coarsely pulverizing an R--Fe--B alloy for rare earth magnets <b>produced by a rapid cooling method</b> and
a second pulverization step of finely pulverizing the material alloy,
wherein said second pulverization step comprises a step of <b>removing at least part of the powder in which the concentration of rare earth element is greater than the average concentration of rare earth element contained in the entire powder.</b>

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<b>wherein said first pulverization step comprises a step of pulverizing the material alloy by a hydrogen pulverization method, and</b>
said second pulverization step comprises a step of <b>removing at least part of fine powder having a particle size of 1.0 μm or less to adjust the particle quantity of the fine powder having a particle size of 1.0 μm or less to 10% or less of the particle quantity of the entire powder.</b>

# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

## History Part 2 – Jet Milling



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## History Part 2- Alliance of Rare-Earth Permanent Magnet Industry

On February 8, 2016 the PTAB issued their Final Written Decision for Patents 6,537,**385** and 6,491,**765** as follows:

“ORDERED that claims 1, 5, and 6 of the '385 patent have been shown by a preponderance of the evidence to be unpatentable.”

“ORDERED that claims 1–4, 11, 12, and 14–16 of the '765 patent have been shown by a preponderance of the evidence to be unpatentable.”

# Hitachi Metals NdFeB Patent Litigation Update

## History Part 2- Alliance of Rare-Earth Permanent Magnet Industry

- Case closed – not quite!
- April 8, 2016 HML files notice of appeal.
- September 16, HML files appeal brief of PTAB's decision to Federal Court of Appeals.
- October 26, 2016 Alliance files their Appellee Brief.
- December 21, 2016 HML files their reply brief.
- If you are suffering from insomnia the briefs are available at <http://www.jocllc.com/news.html>.
- Probably another 6 to 9 months before the Appeals Court rules.



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# Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing of Bonded Magnets

## MAI and ORNL Joint R and D Project

MAI and ORNL were awarded a Cooperative Research and Development award to study the application of additive manufacturing to bonded magnets and systems.



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Magnet systems provider Magnet Applications, Inc. Signs CRADA with ORNL to enable the rapid design and manufacturing of isotropic bonded magnets by additive manufacturing technologies.



# Additive Manufacturing of Bonded Magnets

## Acknowledgements and Credits



## Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing of Bonded Magnets

- Additive Manufacturing refers to a process by which digital 3D design data is used to build up a component in layers by depositing material. The term "3D printing" is increasingly used as a synonym for Additive Manufacturing.
- AM can form complex shapes requiring little or no tooling and post-processing thus reducing the amount of waste generated.

# AM is an Industrial Manufacturing Technology

## Press Release



## TRUMPF presents process chain for industrial 3D printing




**Powerful medium format machines with tool change cylinder concept for industrial-scale LMF production – industry-ready periphery for external part and powder management – TruConnect solution range and monitoring for connected manufacturing includes additive manufacturing as well**

*Ditzingen, November 15, 2016* – TRUMPF, the laser systems manufacturer and Industry 4.0 pioneer, is at the Formnext trade fair in Frankfurt to present its new 3D printers – TruPrint 3000 and TruPrint 5000. These medium format machines are based on laser metal fusion (LMF) technology, using lasers to generate complete parts layer by layer in a powder bed. These parts can measure up to



# Types of Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing

## ORNL Additive Manufacturing Capabilities:

<p>Electron Beam Melting</p>  <p>CAD TO METAL Arcam AB</p>	<p>Laser Sintering</p>  <p>RENISHAW</p>	<p>Laser Blown Powder Deposition</p>  <p>POW DM3D</p>	<p>Ultrasonic Consolidation</p>  <p>SOLIDICA FABRISONIC</p>
<p>Binder Jetting</p>  <p>ExOne DIGITAL PART MANUFACTURING</p>	<p>Fused Deposition Modeling</p>  <p>Stratasys AFINIA MakerBot Solidoodle Cubify</p>	<p>Multi-head Photopolymer</p>  <p>OBJET Stratasys</p>	<p>Large-Scale Polymer Deposition</p>  <p>OAK RIDGE National Laboratory</p>

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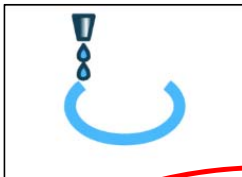
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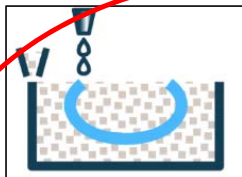
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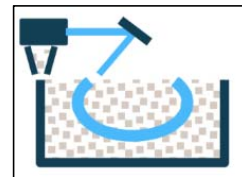
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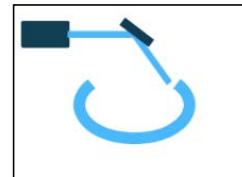
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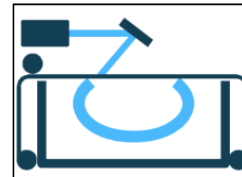
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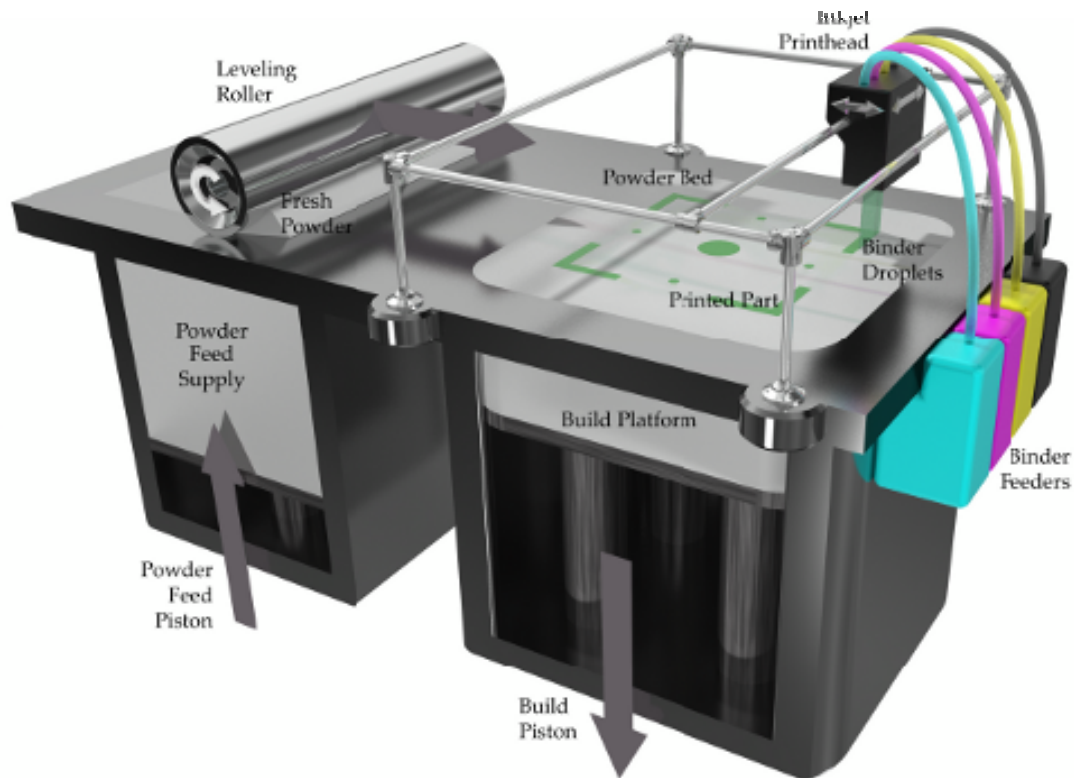


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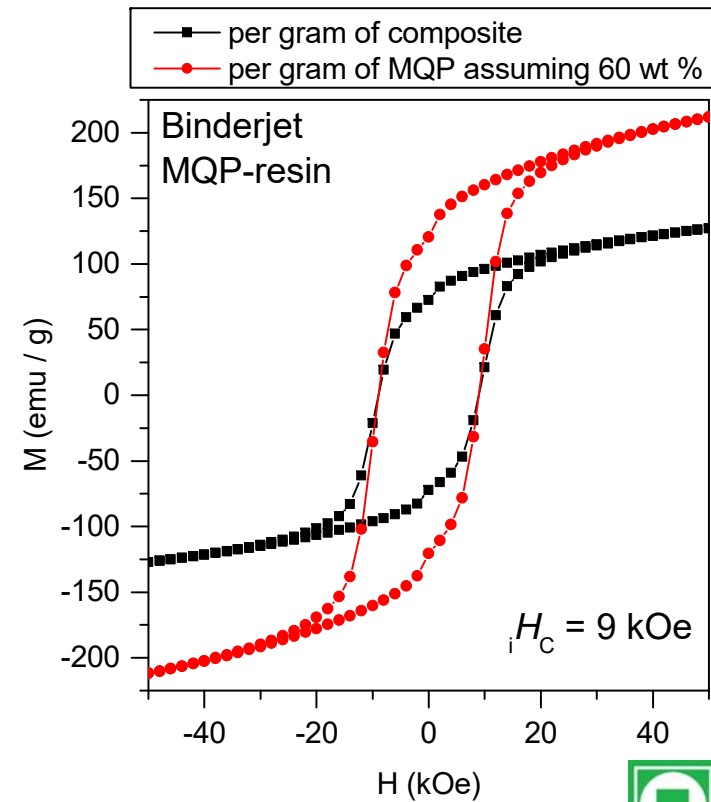
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# Indirect 3D Printing - ExOne Binder Jet Process





# Bonded NdFeB Magnets Produced by Binder Jetting



# Binder Jetting of NdFeB Bonded Magnets

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### Binder Jetting: A Novel NdFeB Bonded Magnet Fabrication Process

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The goal of this research is to fabricate near-net-shape isotropic (Nd)<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B-based (NdFeB) bonded magnets using a three-dimensional printing process to compete with conventional injection molding techniques used for bonded magnets. Additive manufacturing minimizes the waste of critical materials and allows for the creation of complex shapes and sizes. The binder jetting process works similarly to an inkjet printer. A print-head passes over a bed of NdFeB powder and deposits a polymer binding agent to bind the layer of particles together. The heated powder is then coated with another layer of powder, building the desired shape in successive layers of bonded powder. Upon completion, the green part and surrounding powders are placed in an oven at temperatures between 100°C and 150°C for 4–6 h to cure the binder. After curing, the excess powder can be brushed away to reveal the completed "green" part. Green magnet parts were then infiltrated with a clear urethane resin to achieve the measured density of the magnet of 7.47 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (close to 40% relative to the NdFeB single crystal density of 7.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Magnetic measurements indicate that there is no degradation in the magnetic properties. This study provides a new pathway for preparing near-net-shape bonded magnets for various magnetic applications.

#### INTRODUCTION

Permanent magnets are used for many different applications including electromechanical machines such as sensors, generators and electric devices such as speakers, and hard disk drives.<sup>1</sup> Neodymium and dysprosium, used in (Nd)<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B-based (NdFeB) magnets, were both reported as critical elements in the 2011 U.S. Department of Energy's Critical Materials Strategy Document, with respect to importance to clean energy and supply risk.<sup>2–4</sup> Typical sintered manufacturing techniques waste magnetic material from the cutting, grinding, and machining steps of the shaping process or at the very minimum are limited in the geometric complexity that can be achieved. The complex geometries can be achieved using the current bonded magnet

manufacturing techniques. However, tooling is necessary for printing new designs. Additive manufacturing (AM) is a unique method of fabrication that creates a complex shape from a computer-aided design (CAD) which requires little or no tooling and post-processing, thus reducing the amount of waste generated. The main goal of this research is to develop an AM process to fabricate bonded magnets in complex geometries.

The bonded magnet fabrication process generally involves mixing magnet powders with a polymer (typically a thermoset, thermoplastic or elastomers) and produce various shapes and sizes of magnets through injection molding, calendaring, roll making, compaction molding and extrusion molding. Materials and associated processes for bonded magnet fabrication have been reported in detail in the

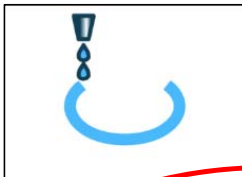
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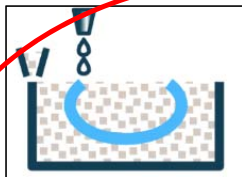
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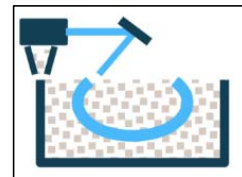
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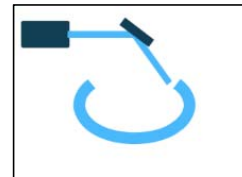
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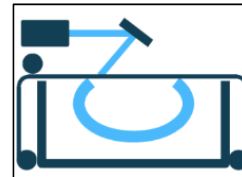
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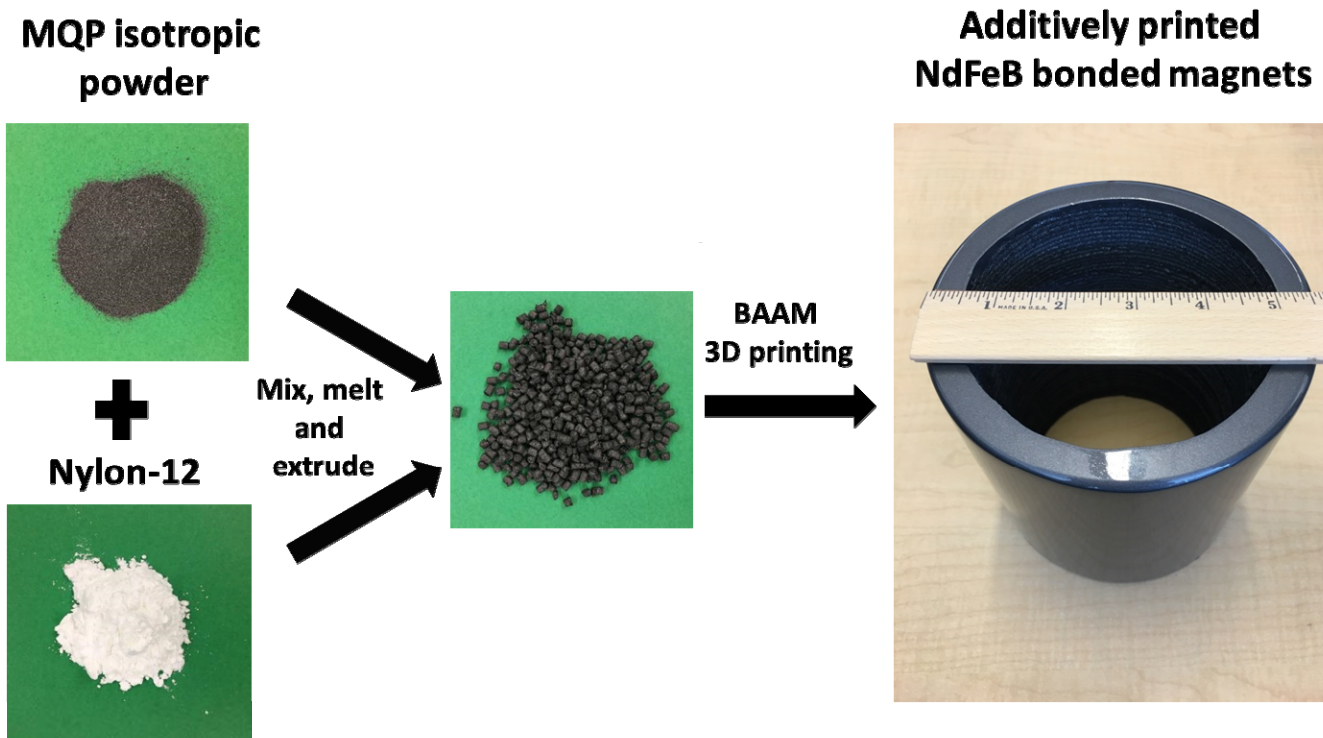
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## Big Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM) of NdFeB Bonded Magnets

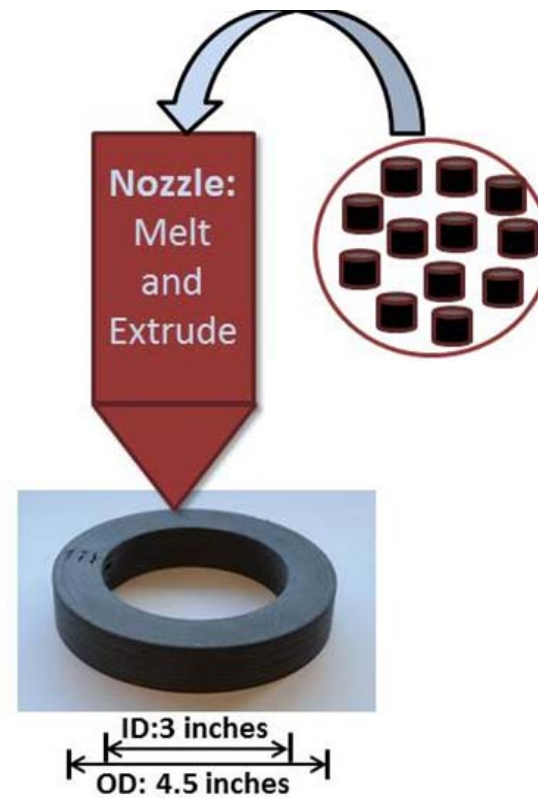


BAAM is an industry scale material extrusion additive manufacturing system that enables rapid and cost effective production of large scale components

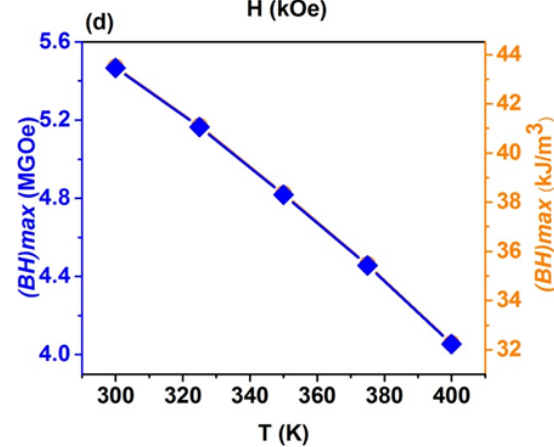
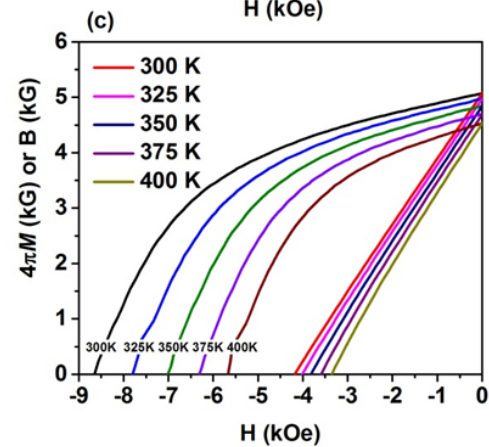
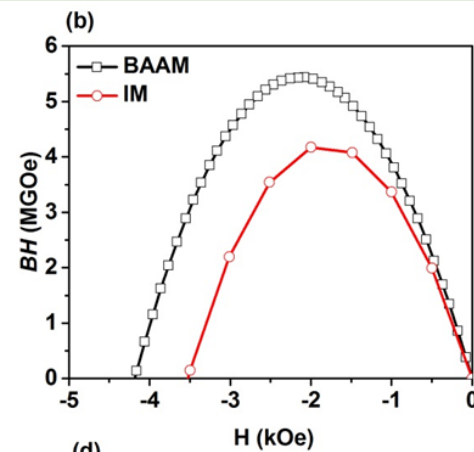
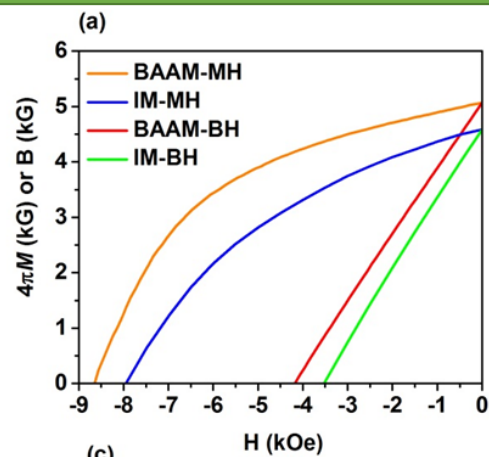
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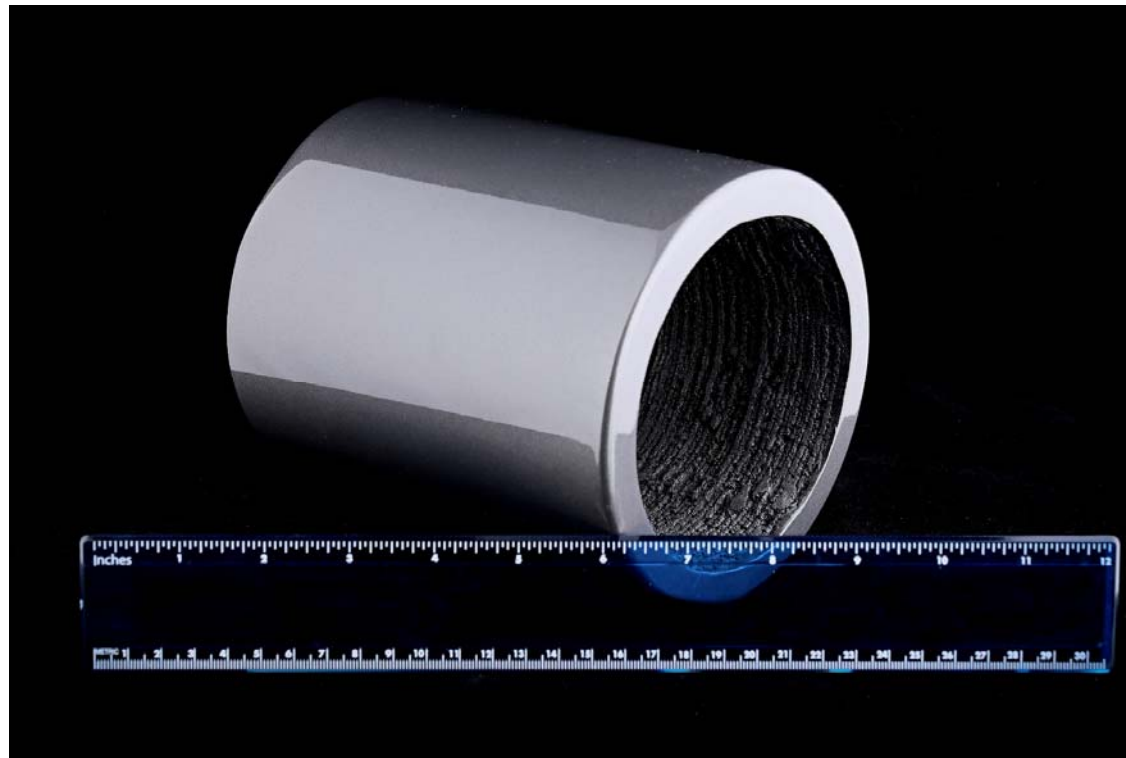


# BAAM versus IM Magnetic Properties



# Big Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM) of NdFeB Bonded Magnets

Surprise – you can make big magnets!





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### OPEN Big Area Additive Manufacturing of High Performance Bonded NdFeB Magnets

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Additive manufacturing allows for the production of complex parts with minimum material waste, offering an effective technique for fabricating permanent magnets which frequently involve critical rare earth elements. In this report, we demonstrate a novel method—Big Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM)—to fabricate isotropic near-net-shape NdFeB bonded magnets with magnetic and mechanical properties comparable or better than those of traditional injection molded magnets. The resulting polymer magnet composite pellets consist of 65 wt% isotropic NdFeB powder and 35 wt% polyamide (Nylon-12). The density of the final BAAM magnet product reached 4.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and the room temperature magnetic properties are: intrinsic coercivity  $H_{ci} = 688.4$  kA/m, remanence  $B_r = 0.32$  T, and energy product  $(BH)_{max} = 43.45$  kJ/m<sup>3</sup> (5.47 MGOe). In addition, tensile tests performed on four dog-bone shaped specimens yielded an average ultimate tensile strength of 6.60 MPa and an average failure strain of 4.18%. Scanning electron microscopy images of the fracture surfaces indicate that the failure is primarily related to the debonding of the magnetic particles from the polymer binder. The present method significantly simplifies manufacturing of near-net-shape bonded magnets, enables efficient use of rare earth elements thus contributing towards enriching the supply of critical materials.

NdFeB permanent magnets are frequently classified into sintered and bonded magnets. While sintered magnets retain full density and offer high energy product, bonded magnets have high degree of net-shape formability and intermediate energy product. Bonded permanent magnets are fabricated by blending magnetic powders with a polymer as binder, and then molded into desired shapes utilizing several conventional processing methods including injection molding, compression molding, extrusion, and calendaring, see details in ref. 2. Recently, bonded permanent magnets have experienced accelerated industrial applications due to their advantages such as intricate shapes, low weight and cost, superior mechanical properties and corrosion resistance, etc. ref. 2, 3.  $\text{Nd}_2\text{Fe}_{14}\text{B}$  was first discovered as a strong permanent magnet in 1984<sup>4</sup>. It adopts a tetragonal crystal structure ( $P4_2/mnm$ ) with the easy magnetic axis along the  $c$  axis. It possesses high magnetic energy product as large as 512 kJ/m<sup>3</sup> (61 MGOe), with a Curie temperature  $T_c = 383$  K and a high magnetic anisotropy constant  $K_u$  of 13 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> arising from the strong spin-orbit coupling in Nd<sup>3+</sup>. In fact, developing better NdFeB bonded magnets has been heavily researched<sup>5–11</sup>. Magnet powder properties, processing temperature, bonding factor, magnet density and degree of orientation are critical process variables for improving magnetic and mechanical properties of NdFeB bonded magnets<sup>12</sup>.

Nevertheless, the conventional techniques used for bonded magnets fabrication have several drawbacks such as specific tooling requirement for each design and limitations in shape flexibility and complexity. Additive Manufacturing (AM) is an emerging technology that builds three dimensional objects from computer aided design (CAD) models by adding layer-by-layer of material<sup>13</sup>. It has attracted tremendous attention from both the research<sup>14,15</sup> and industrial communities. The prevailing industrial applications are due to the advantages over conventional subtractive manufacturing processes such as minimum materials waste (if any) and energy usage, less process time, no additional tooling costs, no size and shape limitations. Since permanent magnets are frequently composed of rare earth elements, most of which are defined as critical materials, AM could potentially offer an effective way to reduce the usage of critical materials during bonded magnets fabrication. Very

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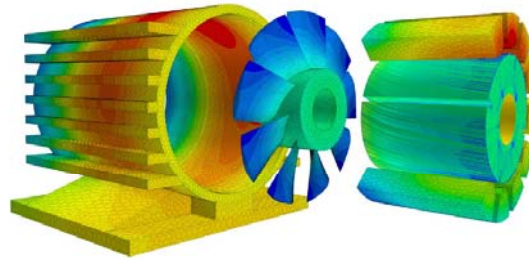
# Can we “3D print” an Electric Motor?

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August 10, 2015, by [Michele Garibaldi](#)

## Can we “3D-Print” an Electric Motor?

The well-established success of the Rapid Prototyping technologies derives from the possibility of creating parts with almost any shape at no added costs. However, in order for a part to be functional (i.e., with good mechanical properties), high density and tailored material properties are desired. In the past few years, Additive Manufacturing (AM) technologies such as **Selective Laser Melting** (SLM, shown in Fig. 1) have been proving more valuable than Rapid Prototyping in that they can achieve densities comparable to those obtained through classical subtractive and formative processes. Thus, AM is showing great potential for moving from Rapid Prototyping to Rapid Manufacturing. For this reason, SLM is emerging across a broad range of sectors, including automotive, medical and aerospace, for the creation of functional parts. It is of public domain that one of the most prominent aerospace names regularly associated with AM is GE Aviation, which already in 2013 was leading the way with its plans to produce a fuel nozzle using SLM. A little more than two years have gone by, and GE best-selling engine of all times (the [LEAP engine](#)) is set to enter into production by end 2015. Indeed, it will feature the 3D-Printed fuel nozzles that have been making the headlines in 2013.



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*“Until now the design of standard magnetic devices has not gone much beyond the two-dimensions, especially due to constraints imposed by the (mainly subtractive and formative) manufacturing processes employed.”*

*“The possibility offered by AM to extend the design of components to three-dimensional space without the constraints of traditional manufacturing introduces new opportunities towards the production of highly power-dense electrical machines, where the core magnetic material is added only where it is actually needed.* The impact of such innovative devices would be highly beneficial especially for transport applications, where weight is the primary determinant of vehicle efficiency”

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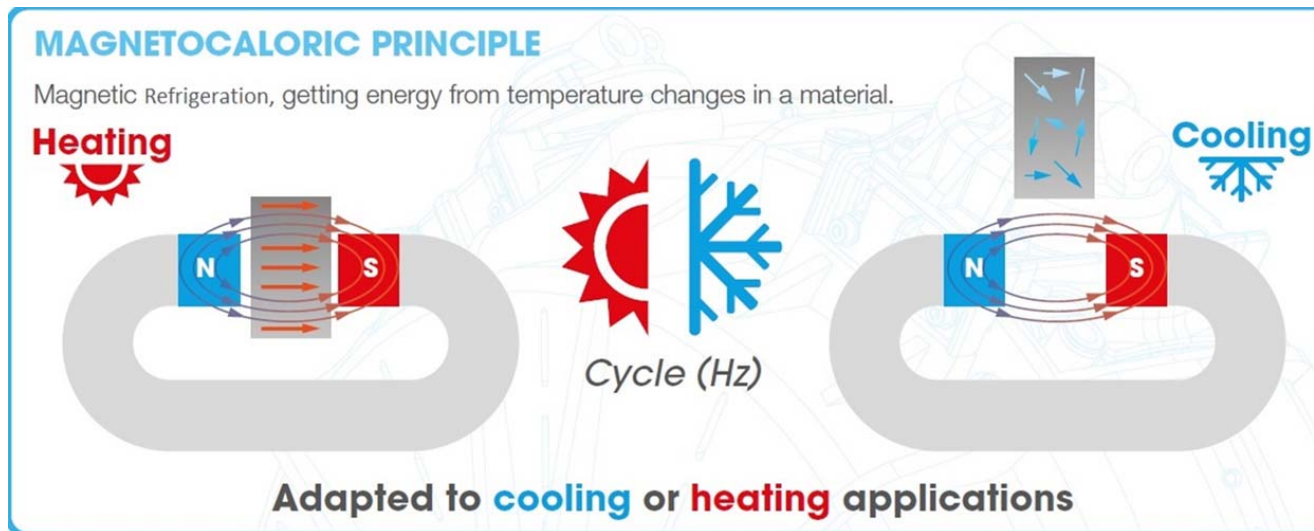
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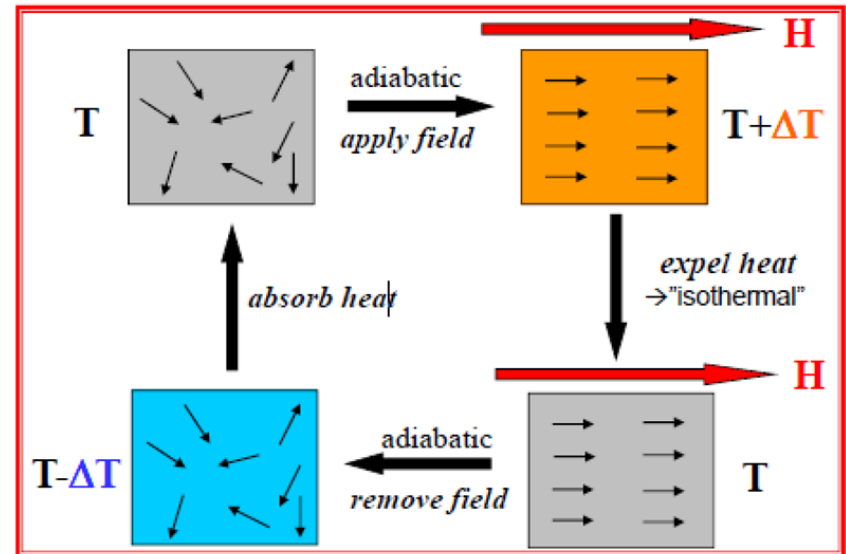
## The Next Big Application for Magnets?

- Some classes of materials, called Magnetocaloric Materials (MCM), heat up when immersed in a magnetic field and cool down when removed from it, almost instantaneously. The phenomenon, known as Magnetocaloric Effect (MCE), was discovered by E. Warburg in 1881 and is derived from the ordering and disordering of magnetic domains by an applied field.



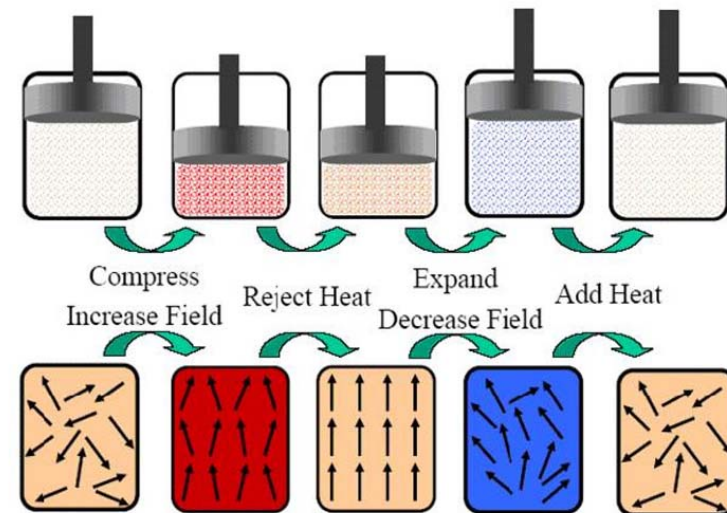
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- In 1997, the Ames Laboratory implemented a proof of principle using Gadolinium. Reacting at ambient temperature ( $\sim 20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), the use of Gadolinium was a milestone for all developments of magnetic refrigeration systems for commercial applications.
- All else being equal, the degree of temperature change depends on the strength of the magnetic field



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- The cycle is performed as a refrigeration cycle that is analogous to the Carnot refrigeration cycle, but with increases and decreases in magnetic field strength instead of increases and decreases in pressure.
- Magnetic refrigeration is the only alternative technology which would simultaneously eliminate the need for harmful refrigerant gases and reduce the energy requirements, and hence carbon dioxide emissions





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## Giant Magnetocaloric Materials

alloy	$T_c$ (K)	structure	$\Delta V$	problems
$Gd_5(Si_{1-x}Ge_x)_4$	130-270	orthorhombic $\leftrightarrow$ monoclinic	0.5 %	high purity Gd
$La(Fe,Si)_{13}H_x$ also Si or Co	200-330	cubic $\rightarrow$ cubic ( $NaZn_{13}$ )	1.5 %	$\alpha$ Fe
MnFe(P,As) MnFe(P,Ge)	150-340 250-580	hex $\rightarrow$ hex ( $Fe_2P$ )	0.1 %	toxic
MnAs Mn(As,Sb)	317 reduced hysteresis	hex $\rightarrow$ ortho (NiAs $\rightarrow$ MnP)	2.2% 0.7 %	toxic
$Ni_{55.2}Mn_{18.6}Ga_{26.2}$ NiMnInCo	315 various	$L2_1 \leftrightarrow 5M$ martensitic trans.	0	large strain, hysteresis

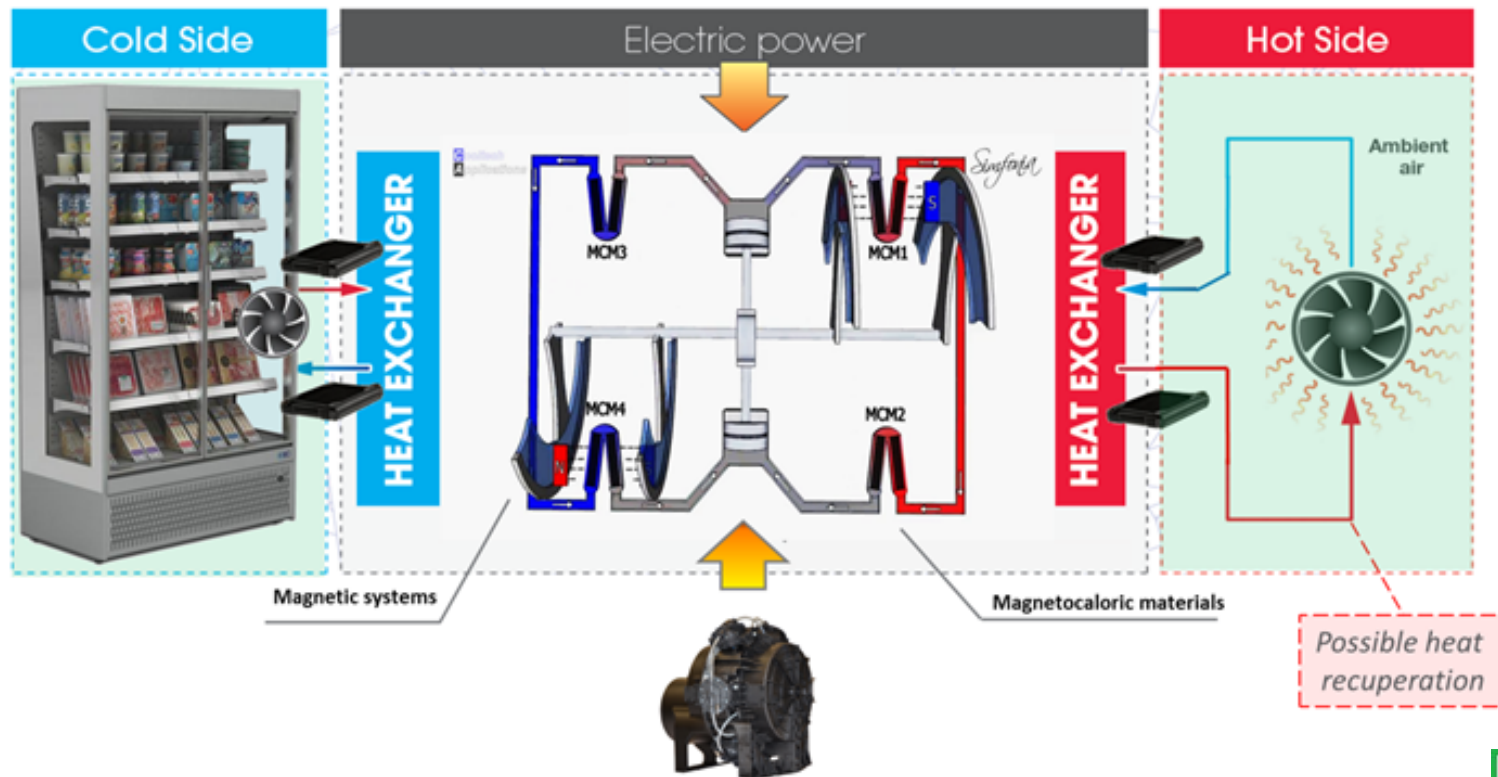
- Strong temperature dependence of magnetization, large entropy jump at  $T_c$ .
- Large  $\Delta T / \Delta H$  driven by moderate magnetic field level.
- Small thermal and magnetic hysteresis
- Low material cost (e.g. Gd)
- Non-Hazardous (e.g. As)
- High thermal and low electrical conductivity
- Mechanical and chemical stability, high ductility

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## Key Players (OEM and MCM suppliers)

- Cooltech Applications (France)
- Camfridge Ltd. (UK)
- Astronautics Corporation of America (US)
- Whirlpool Corporation (US)
- NexTpac (France)
- Vacuumschmelze (Germany)
- IFW/IFAM Fraunhofer institutes (Germany)
- General Electric Co /Qingdao Haier Co. Ltd. (US/China)
- BASF SE (Germany)
- Eramet SA (France)
- Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. (Korea)
- Toshiba Corporation (Japan)

# General functioning of the Cooltech's Magnetic Refrigeration System



# CoolTech's Magnetic Refrigeration System



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## Challenges – It's been known since 1881

Even though some products have come to market, there are still challenges that need to be addressed before there is large scale deployment of the technology.

- The main issue is the supply of magnetocaloric materials, which are scarce. Reducing the material content, or identifying new materials, would increase viability.
- Low cost, high (BH)<sub>max</sub> magnets are needed e.g. Fe<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>.
- According to magnetic refrigeration engineers Cooltech Applications, the fabrication process is not yet optimized and production costs are still high.
- Interface optimizations (for example, heat exchangers) between the devices and the equipment to be refrigerated also need to be modified for maximum efficiency.
- Cooltech, Camfridge and Astronautics all have demonstration systems in the field

## Summary - IT DEPENDS

- **NdFeB patent dispute** – what will happen? - **IT DEPENDS** on the Federal Court of Appeals ruling plus there maybe more challenges in 2017.
- **3D printing of magnets**- will this be a viable option for manufacturing permanent magnets? – **IT DEPENDS** on feasibility of combining multiple processes to produce a complete magnetic circuit.
- **Magnetic Refrigeration** – will it become a major market for permanent magnets? -**IT DEPENDS** on Governmental energy efficiency and environmental policies and resulting regulations.

# Apologies - I'm guilty as anyone inflicting PowerPoint poisoning



Thank you for your kind attention