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# **Additive Manufacturing: Re-shaping the Oil & Gas industry**

**Case Study: Re-design, printing and testing of butterfly valve disc.**

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# SAIPEM ORGANISATION: AGILE AND DECENTRALISED MODEL

## SAIPEM CORPORATE

Focused on group strategic guidance and governance

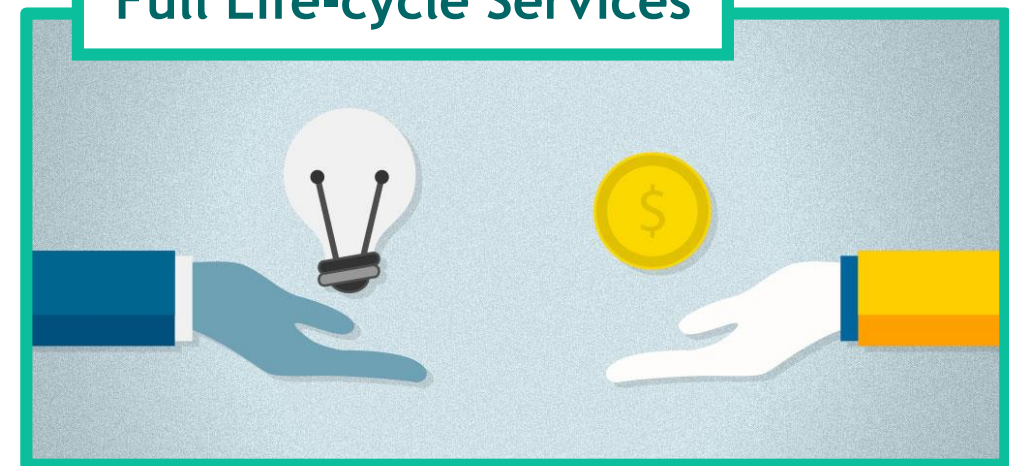


### DIVISIONS

Autonomous business entities

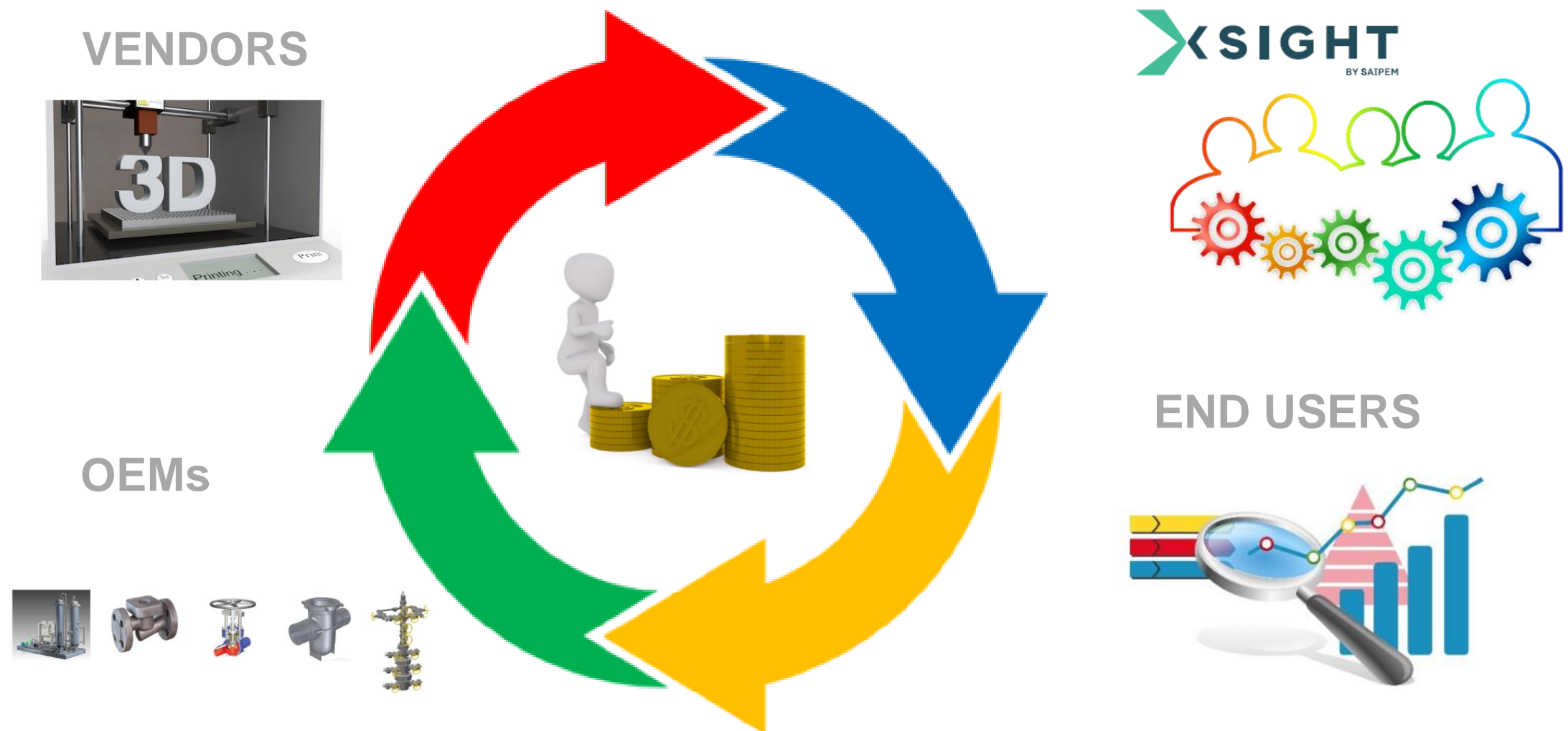


## Full Life-cycle Services



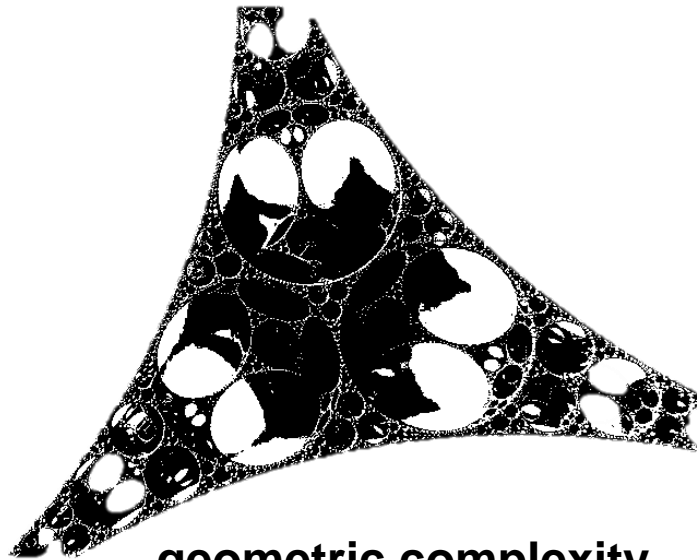
- ▶ Adding value by capitalizing on years of EPCI experience

# AN ECOSYSTEM FOR INNOVATION

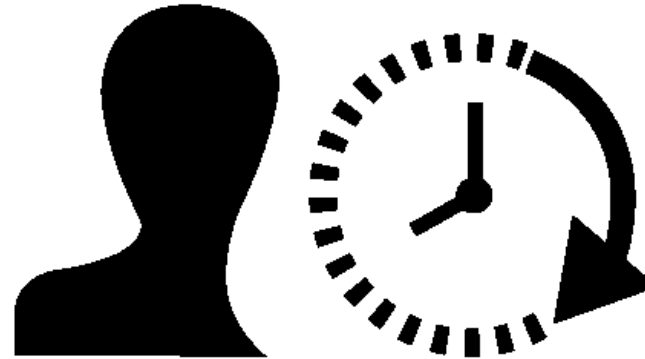


Definition & Creation of new Ecosystem and Business Model

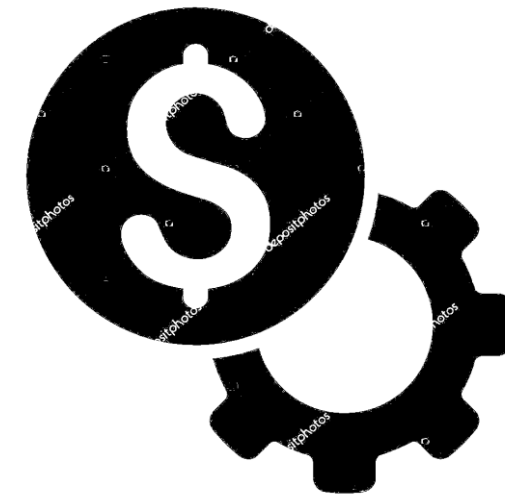
# WHY ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING ?



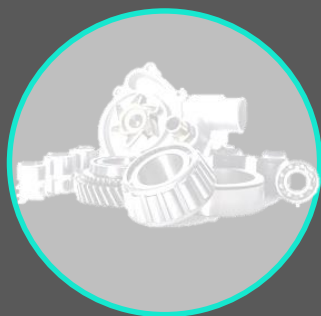
**geometric complexity**



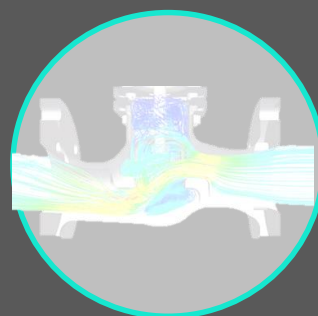
**Time saving**



**Money saving**



**Spare Part  
Optimization**



**Technology & Design  
Improvement**



**Fast Repairing**



**Rapid Prototyping**



# BUSINESS CASE

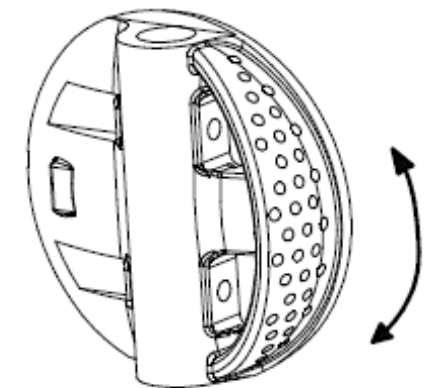
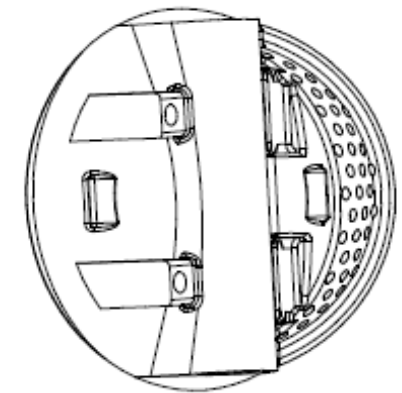
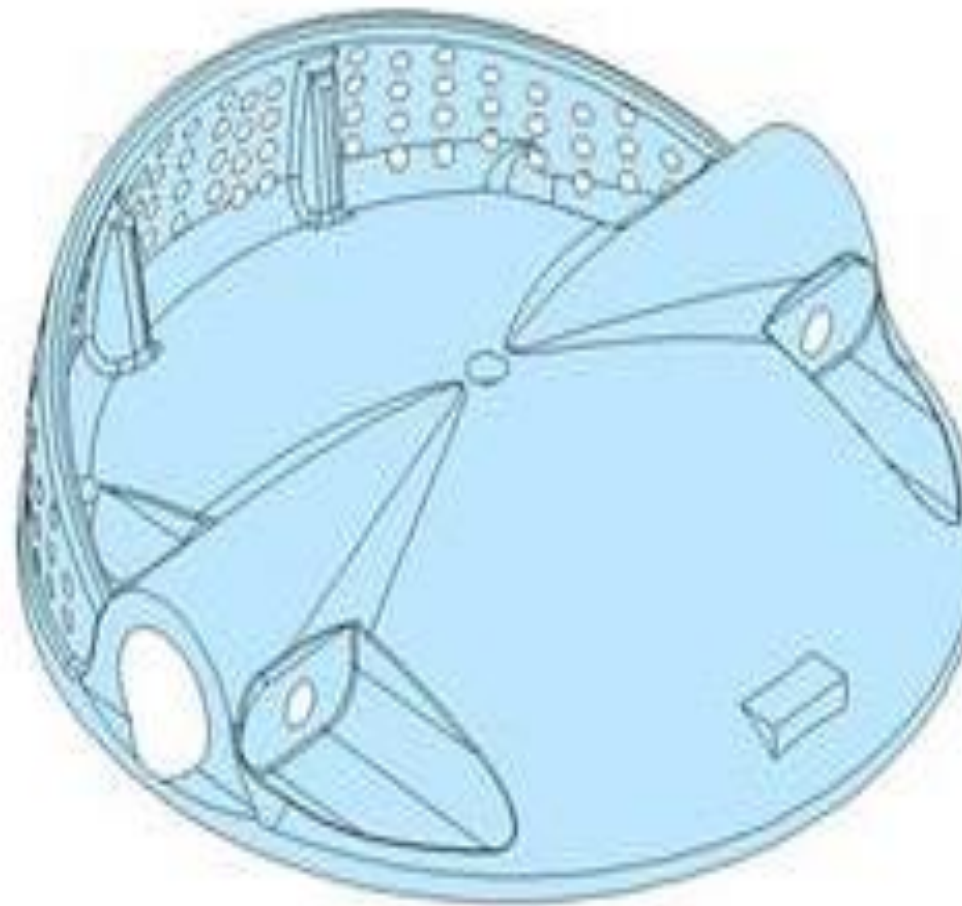
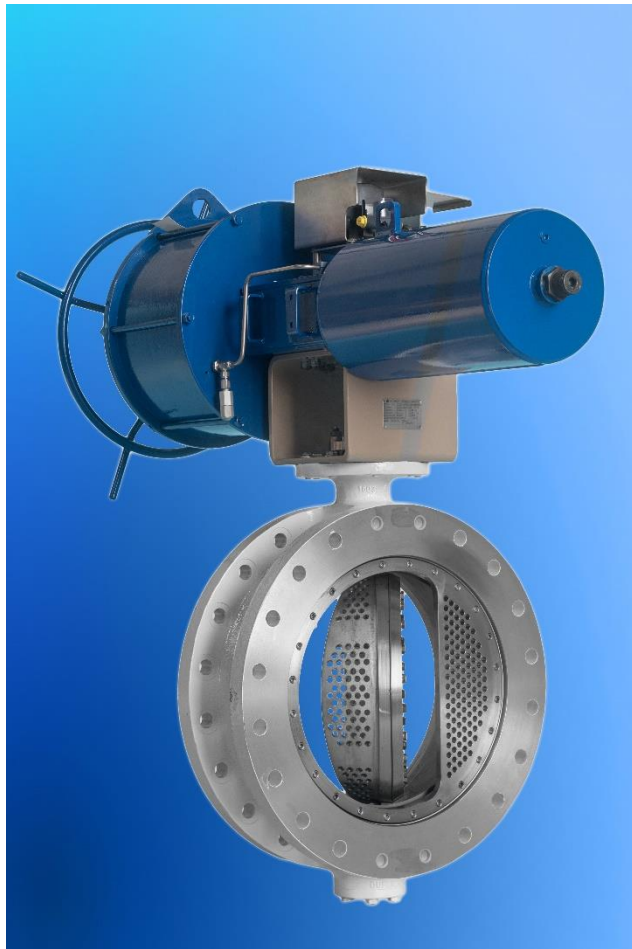
## Realization of butterfly valve disc

Size: 8"

Pressure Class: ANSI Cl.150

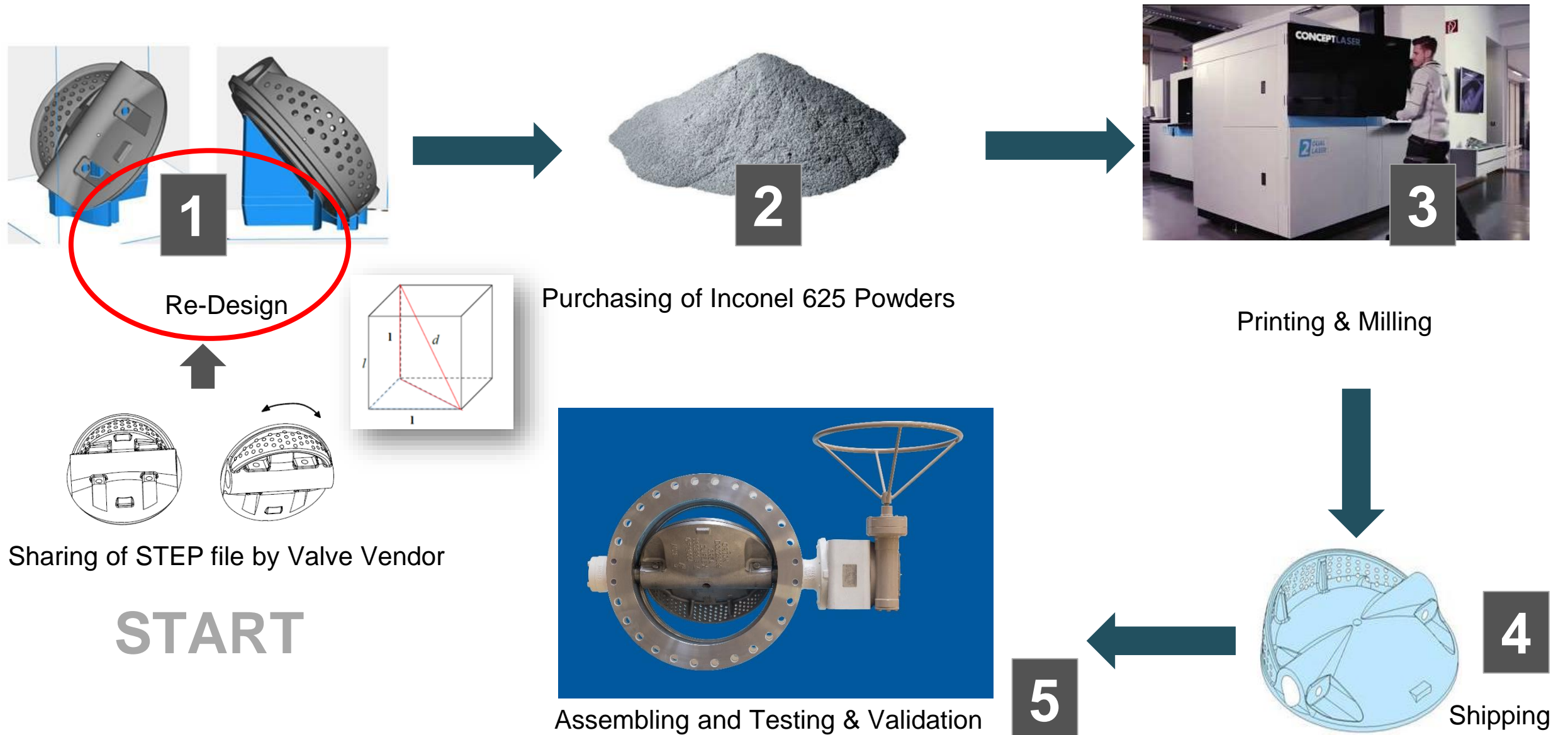
Material: Inconel 625

Features: anti-cavitation trim



# MANUFACTURING CYCLE

Main steps to print and test anti-cavitation disc of butterfly valve 8" 150# - Inconel 625



# 3D PRINTING OPPORTUNITIES IN OIL&GAS INDUSTRY

## WHAT IS GOING ON (NOW)

### 3D printing value for Oil & Gas industry in 2016-2025

Value at stake: Real-time Supply / Demand Balancing: 3D Printing  
(All figures cumulative, 2016-2025.)

\$30 billion

Potential value addition for industry

\$0.5 billion

Potential value for society

2 million tonnes

Emissions reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>e

Source: White papers, Digital Transformation solutions for Oil and Gas Industry, World Economic Forum, Jan 2017 [2]

Shell's Stones deep-water project in Gulf of Mexico:  
example of 3D printed buoy prototype that keep platform afloat



Source: Shell website [3]

### Wordwide....

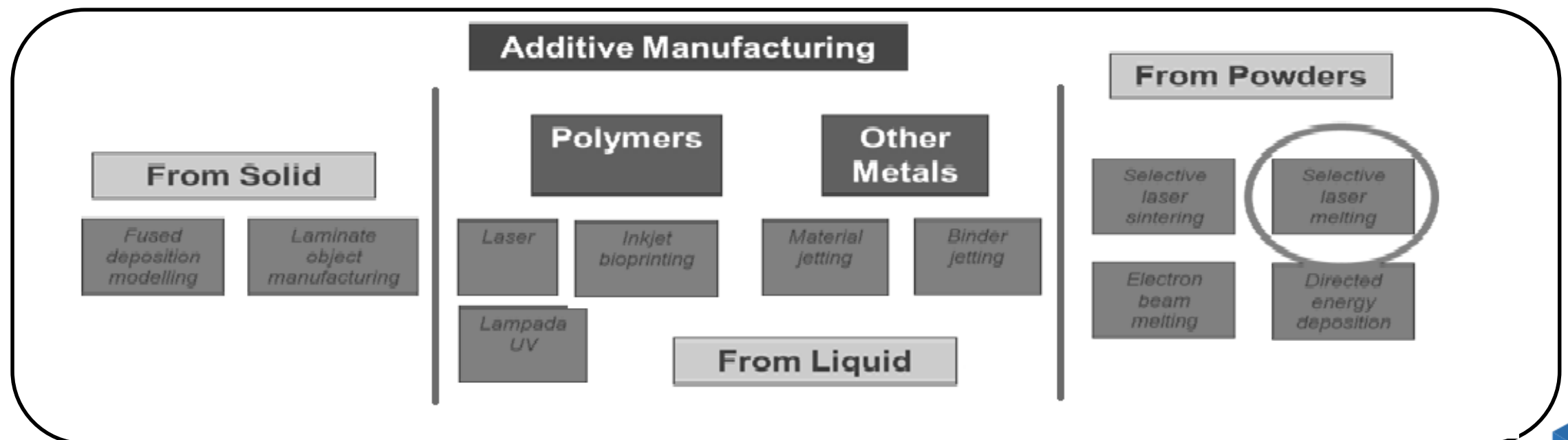
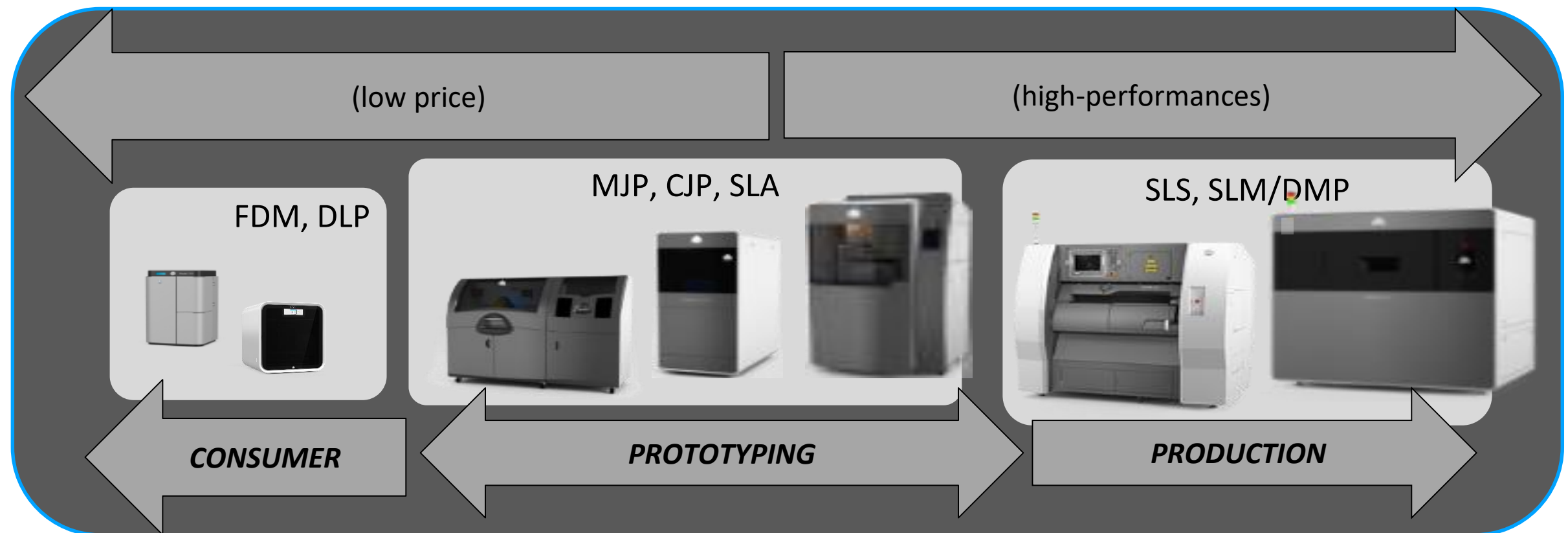
- 50% time reduction in turbine development, thanks to 3D prototyping;
- huge investments increase in additive manufacturing solutions;
- registration of the first 3D printed part certified for O&G (2017, manifold for Titanium pipes).

### ...in Italy

- Production applications: quality control and process qualification.
- engine improvement and HotGasPath components with new elements redensified and validated.



# SEVERAL TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE





# COMPARISON OF METAL 3D PRINTING TECHNOLOGIES

now two different solutions are available, each with advantages/disadvantages

it is a compromise choice to make based on the desired applications

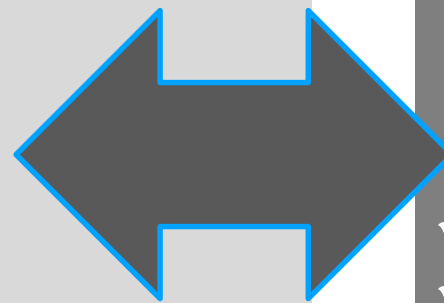
CONSOLIDATE > energy beam on a powder bed  
("SLM/DMLS")

Pros:

- accuracy and refinement of the part;
- density.

Cons:

- very high investment and management costs;
- Powders management;
- complex process, difficult media removal;
- Skills required;
- production and material change times;



NEW > derived from the MIM process  
("A.D.A.M.")

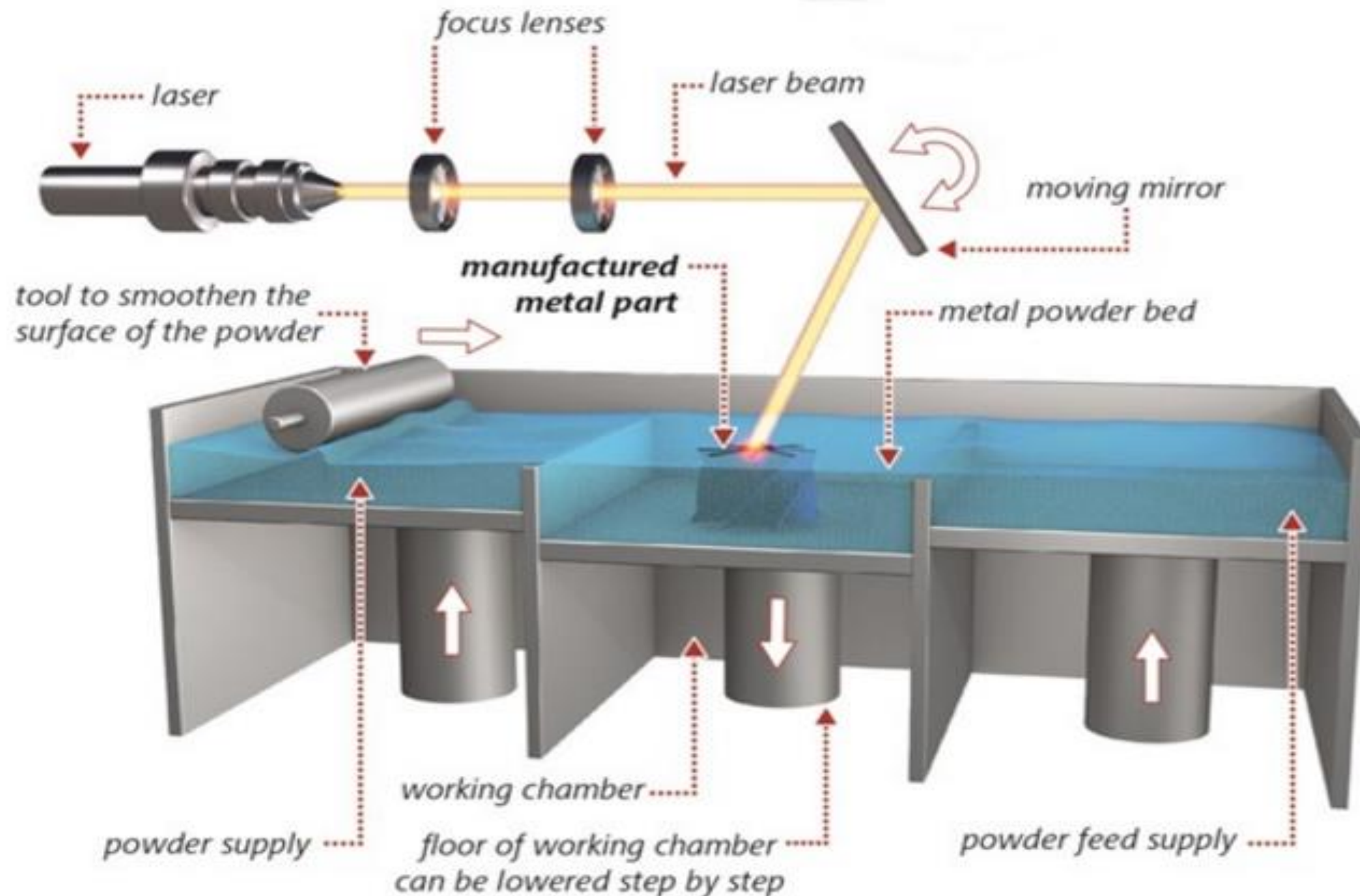
Pros:

- ✓ No powders
- ✓ lower investments and costs
- ✓ Easy of use, fast materials change
- ✓ Immediate support removal

Cons:

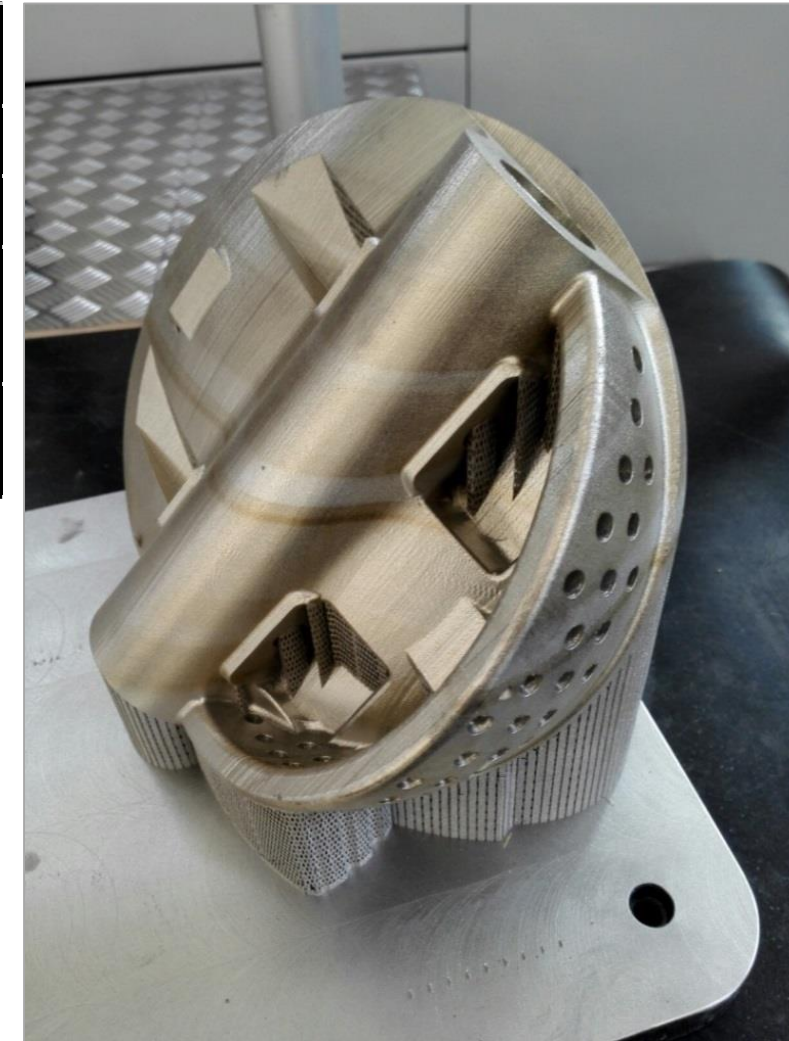
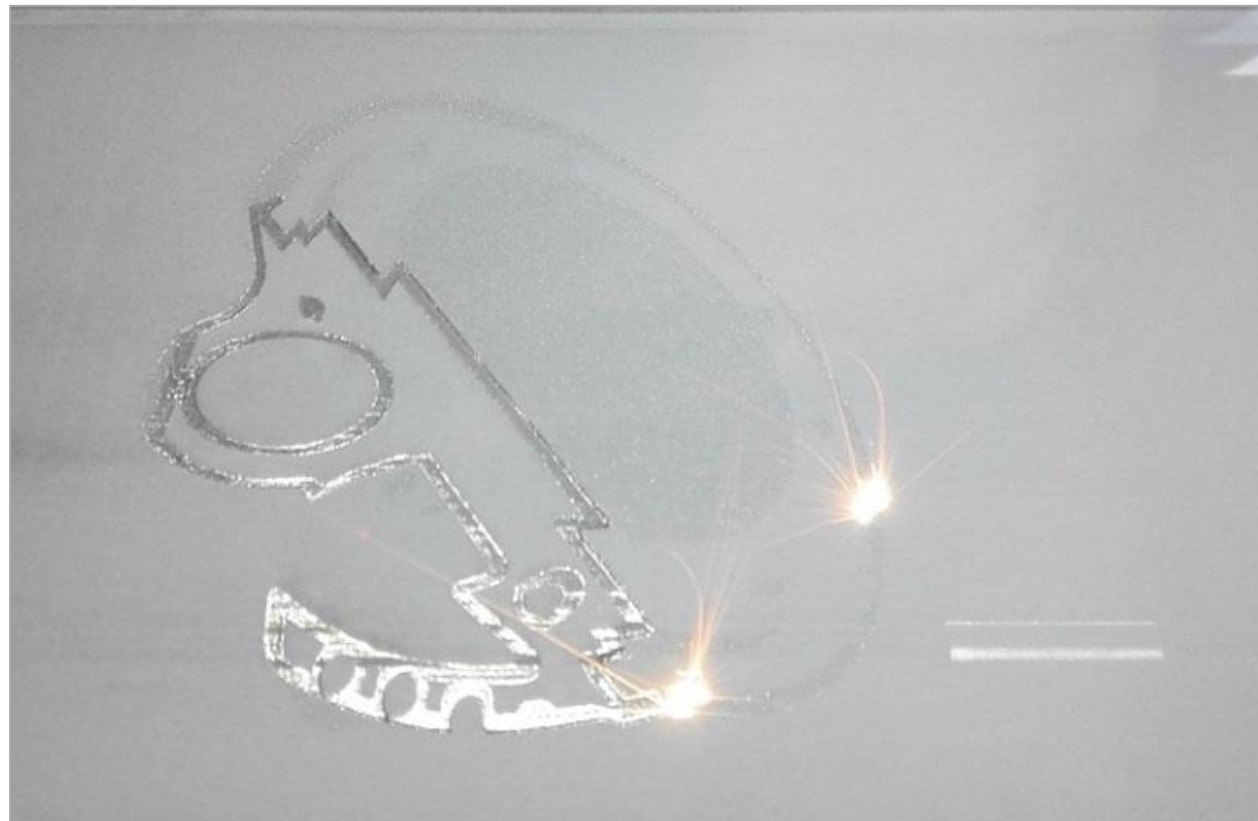
- ✓ Less part precision and density.

# Selective Laser Melting (SLM) – High Density Solution



# LEAD TIME

	3D Printed	Casting
Raw Material lead time	37 Hours	5-7 weeks
Heat Treatment	Not required	1 week
Machining time	Ideally the component is already finished	1-2 weeks
<b>Total Lead Time</b>	<b>37 Hours</b>	<b>7-10 weeks</b>





# VALVE ASSEMBLING



Assembly at IMI ORTON facility





# VALVE TESTING

- Antistatic test
- Tightness Test
- Functional test
- Disc strength Test

## Antistatic test

Reference standard: EN 12266-2

Test reference F21

Acceptance Criteria: R<shall not exceed 10  $\Omega$

Test parameter defined with ASTM B 564-17 UNS N06625 (Group 3.8 of ASME B16.34)



# VALVE TESTING

## HYDROSTATIC SEAT TIGHTNESS TEST

Reference Standard: ISO 5208

- SEAT TEST PRESSURE: 1.1 X valve rating → 22 BarG
- TEST DURATION: 120 second
- ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE: ISO 5208 Rate A (no visible leak)

TEST WAS REPEATED 5 TIMES

TEST WAS EXECUTED ON BOTH DIRECTIONS

TEST RESULT ON SHAFT SIDE:  
SATISFACTORY

TEST RESULT ON DISC SIDE:  
SATISFACTORY





# VALVE TESTING

## **PNEUMATIC SEAT TIGHTNESS TEST**

Reference Standard: ISO 5208

- SEAT TEST PRESSURE: 6 BarG
- TEST DURATION: 120 second
- ALLOWABLE LEAKAGE: ISO 5208 Rate A (no visible leak)

TEST WAS REPEATED 5 TIMES

TEST WAS EXECUTED ON BOTH DIRECTIONS

TEST RESULT ON SHAFT SIDE:  
SATISFACTORY

TEST RESULT ON DISC SIDE:  
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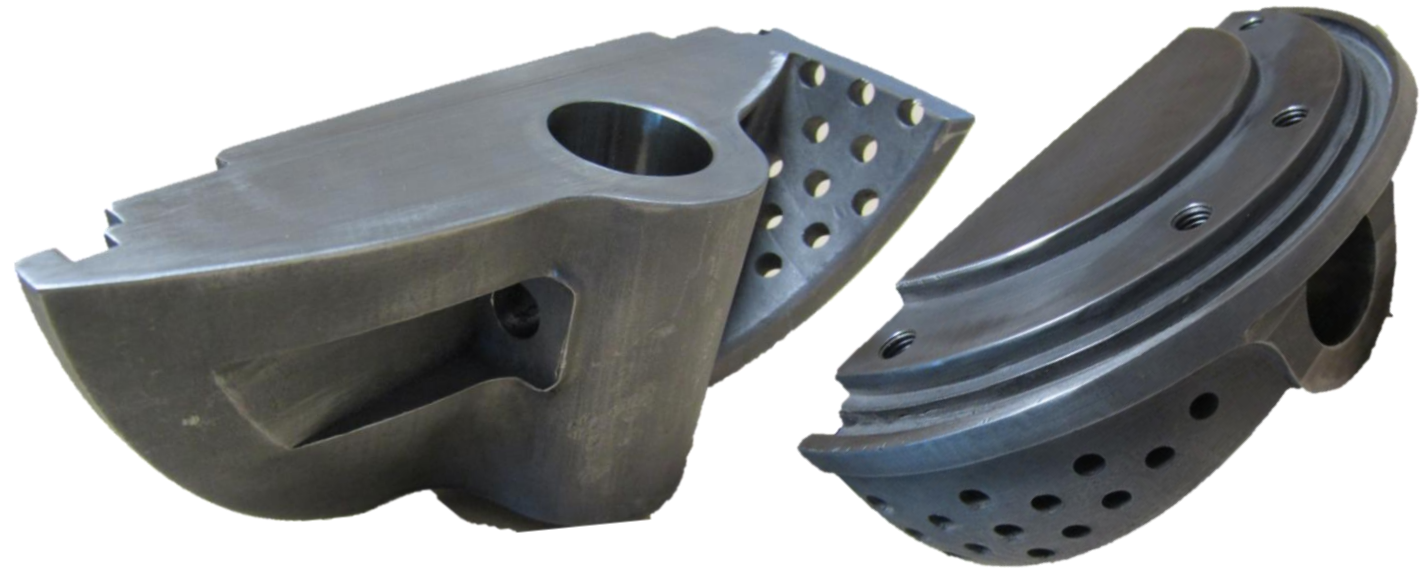
OTHER TESTS: DISC STRENGTH TEST  
AS PER EN 12266-2 Test reference P20



# VALVE TESTING

Disc cut in sections and specimen realized.

- Tensile test at room temperature
- Tensile test at high temperature (400°C)
- Impact test at room temperature
- Impact test at low temperature (-196°)
- Micrographic examination



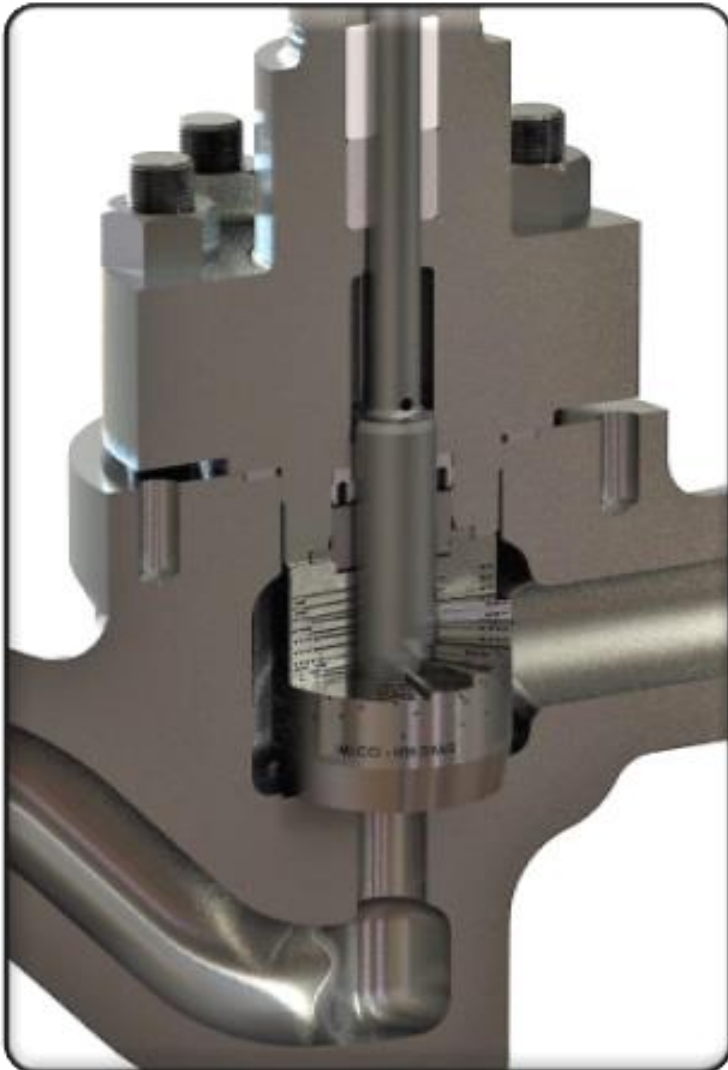
Test Temperature	Allowable Yeld strength	Measured Yeld Strength	Allowable Tensile strength	Measured Tensile Strength
Room Temperature	> 414 MPa	<b>751 MPa</b>	> 827 MPa	<b>953 MPa</b>
400°C	>286 MPa	<b>605 MPa</b>	> 760 MPa	<b>828 MPa</b>

Test Temperature	Allowable Absorbed Energy	Measured Absorbed Energy
Room Temperature	> 27 J	<b>129 J</b>
-196°C	>27 J	<b>105 J</b>





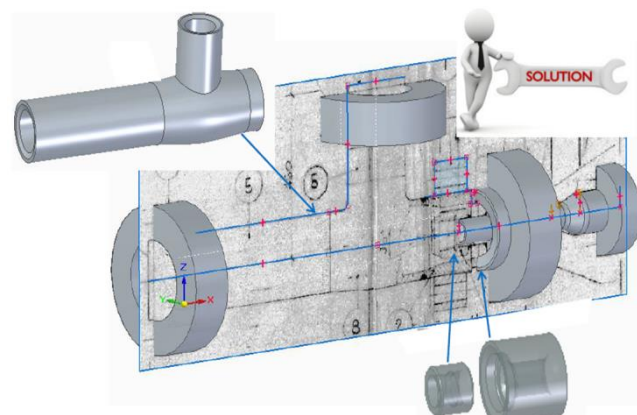
# OTHER IMI COMPANIES



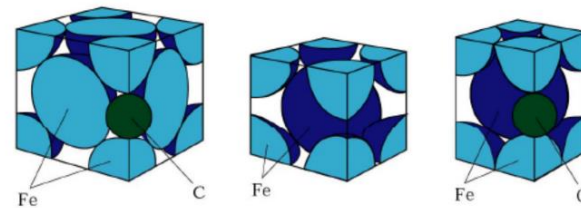
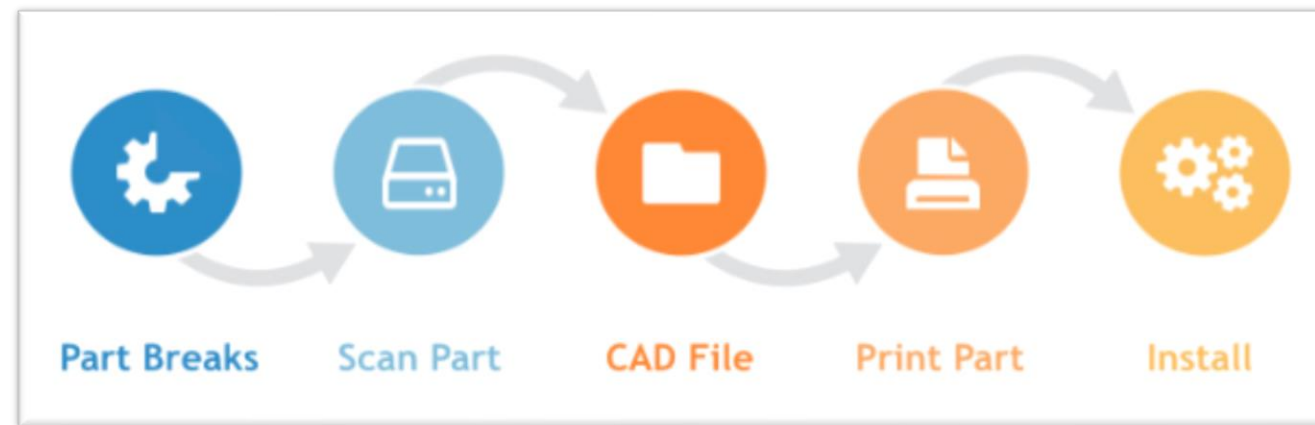
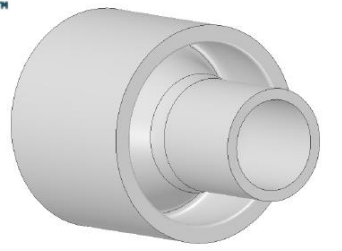
2018: disc stacks <2"  
2019: disc stacks <8"

# CONCLUSIONS

Customer support during the whole project life cycle

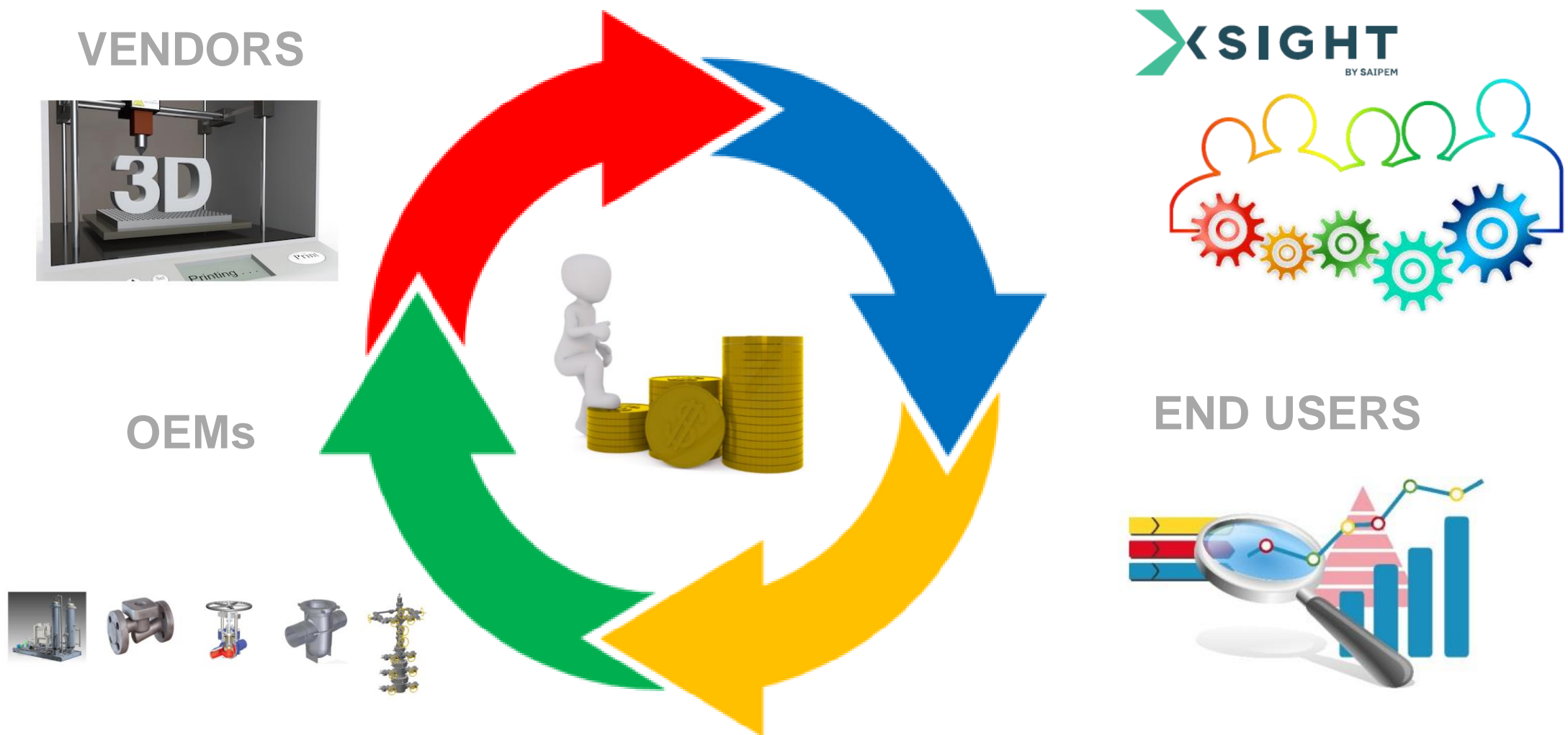


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# NEW BUSINESS MODEL





# Thank you!

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## Do you have questions?

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