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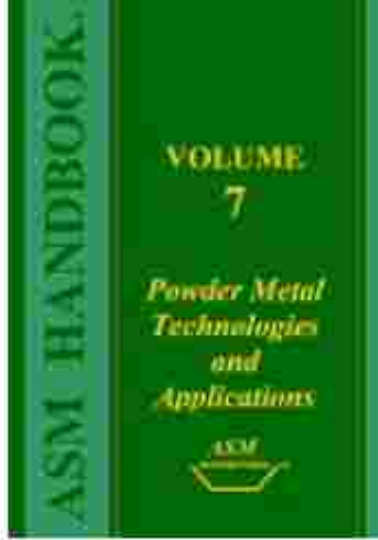
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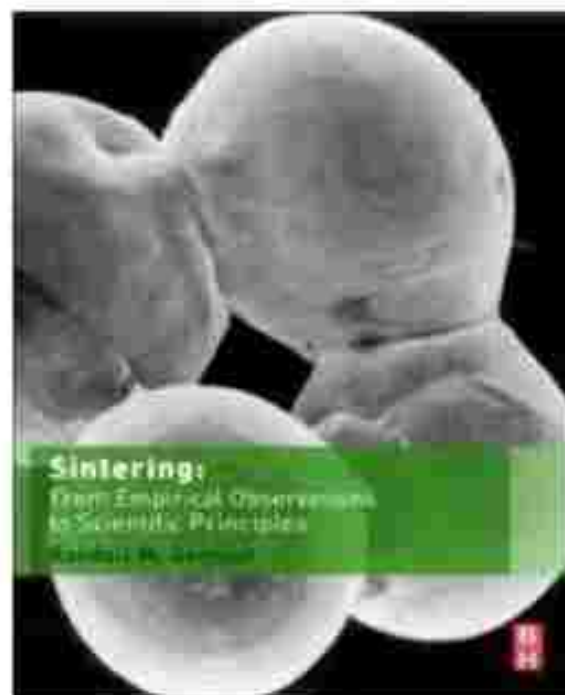
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**Abstract** Liquid phase sintering (LPS) is a process for forming high performance, multiple-phase components from powders. It involves sintering under conditions where solid grains coexist with a wetting liquid. Many variants of LPS are applied to a wide range of engineering materials. Example applications for this technology are found in automobile engine connecting rods and high-speed metal

$C$	Solid concentration in the matrix, $m^3/m^3$ or dimensionless
$C_G$	Grain connectivity, dimensionless
$C_{ss}$	Contiguity, dimensionless
$D$	Particle size, m (convenient units: $\mu m$ )
$D_1$	First eigenvalue of diameter of curvature, m (convenient units: $\mu m$ )

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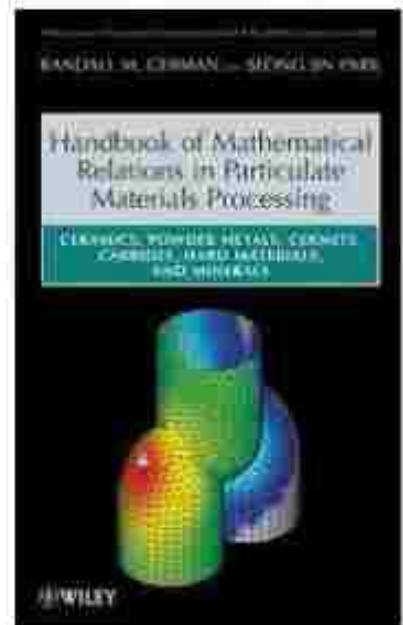
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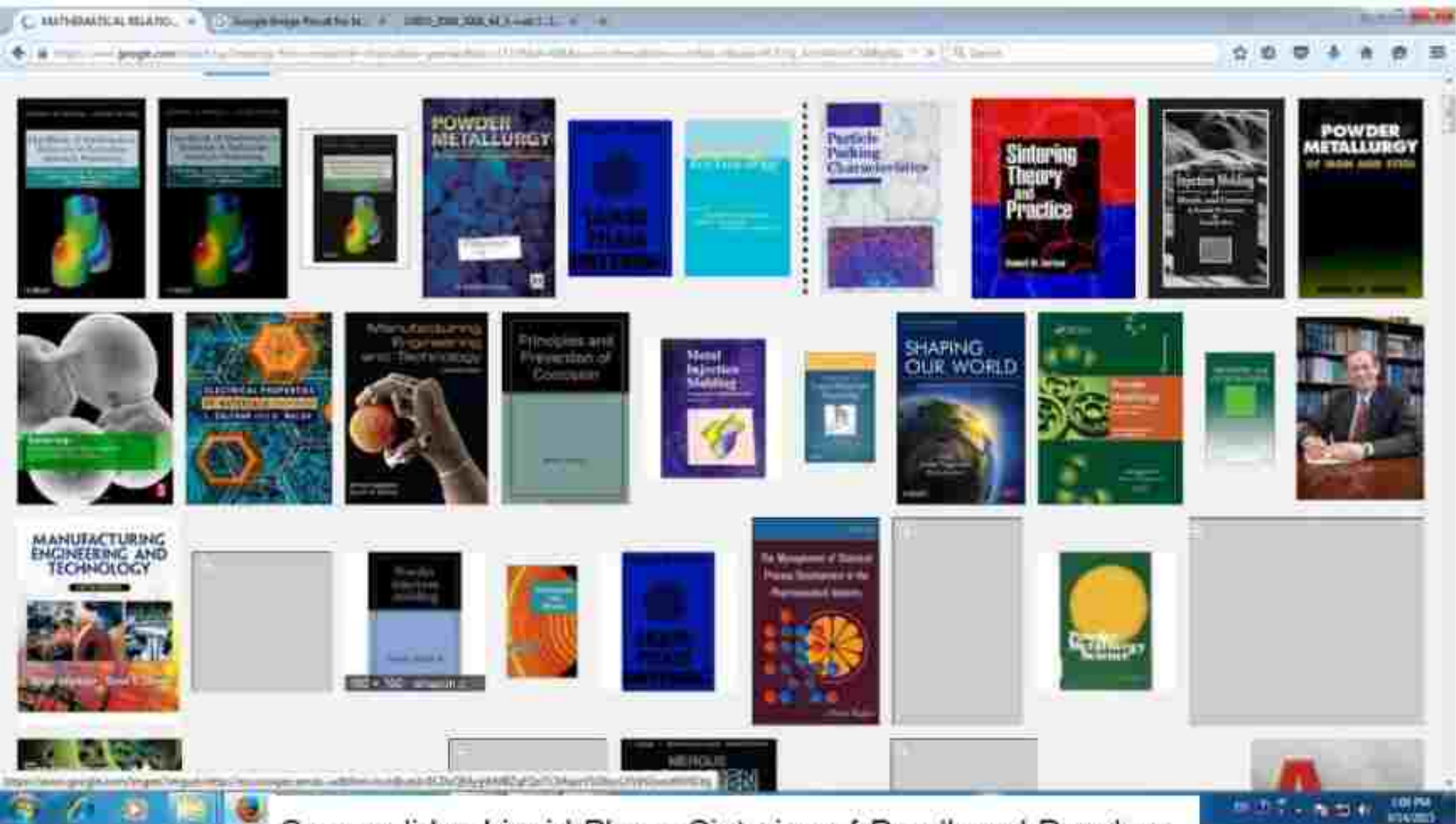
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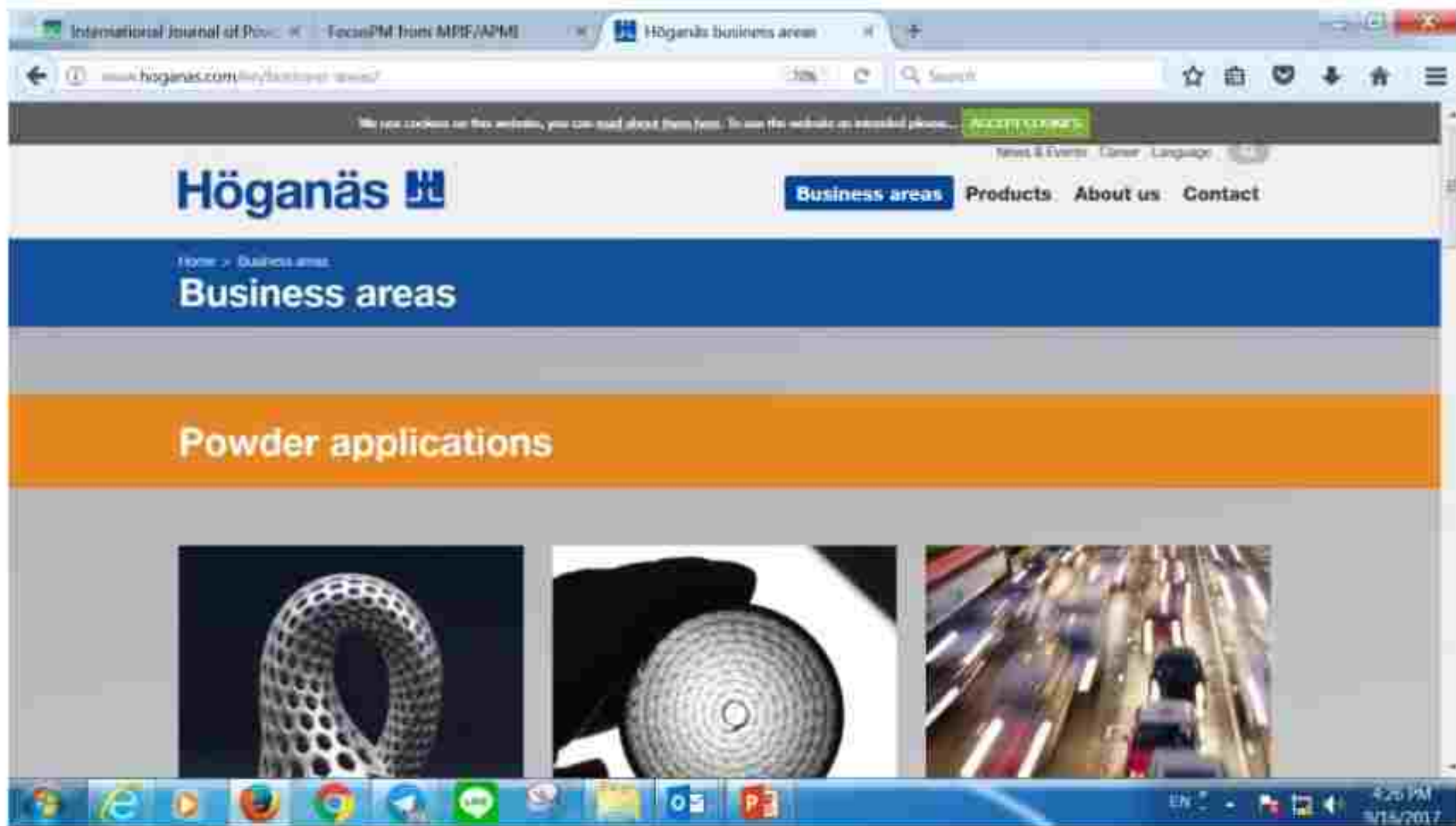
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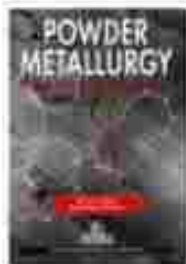
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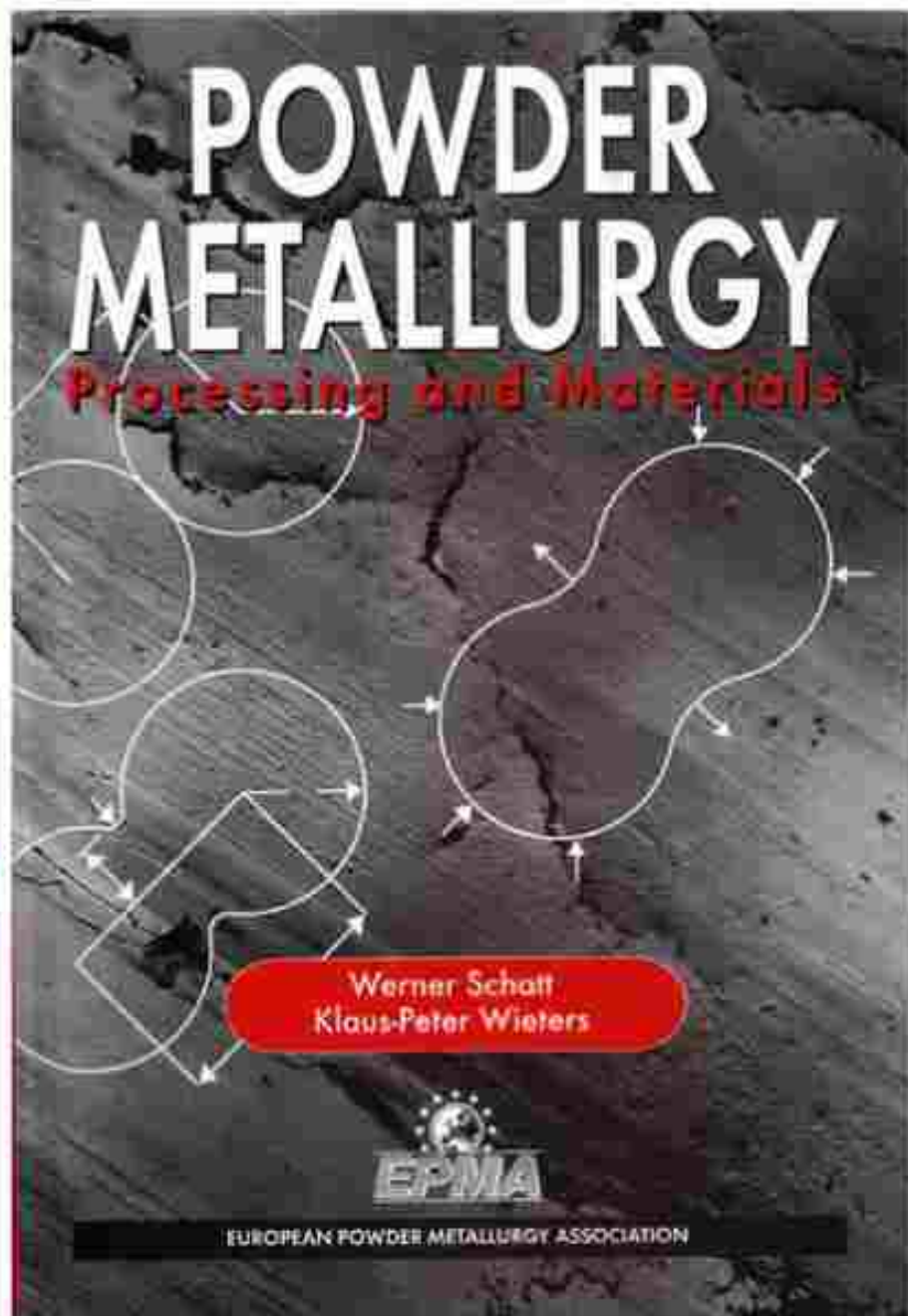
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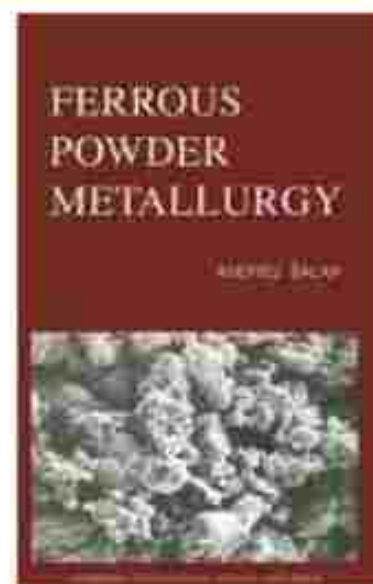
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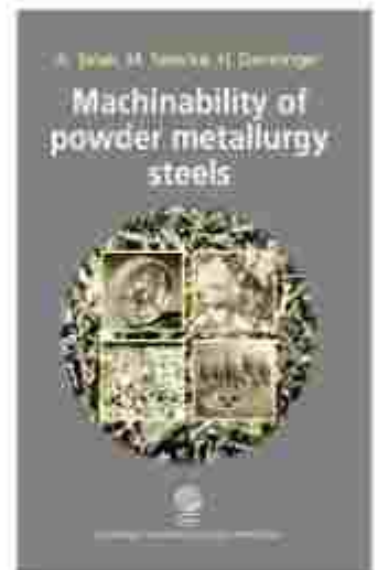


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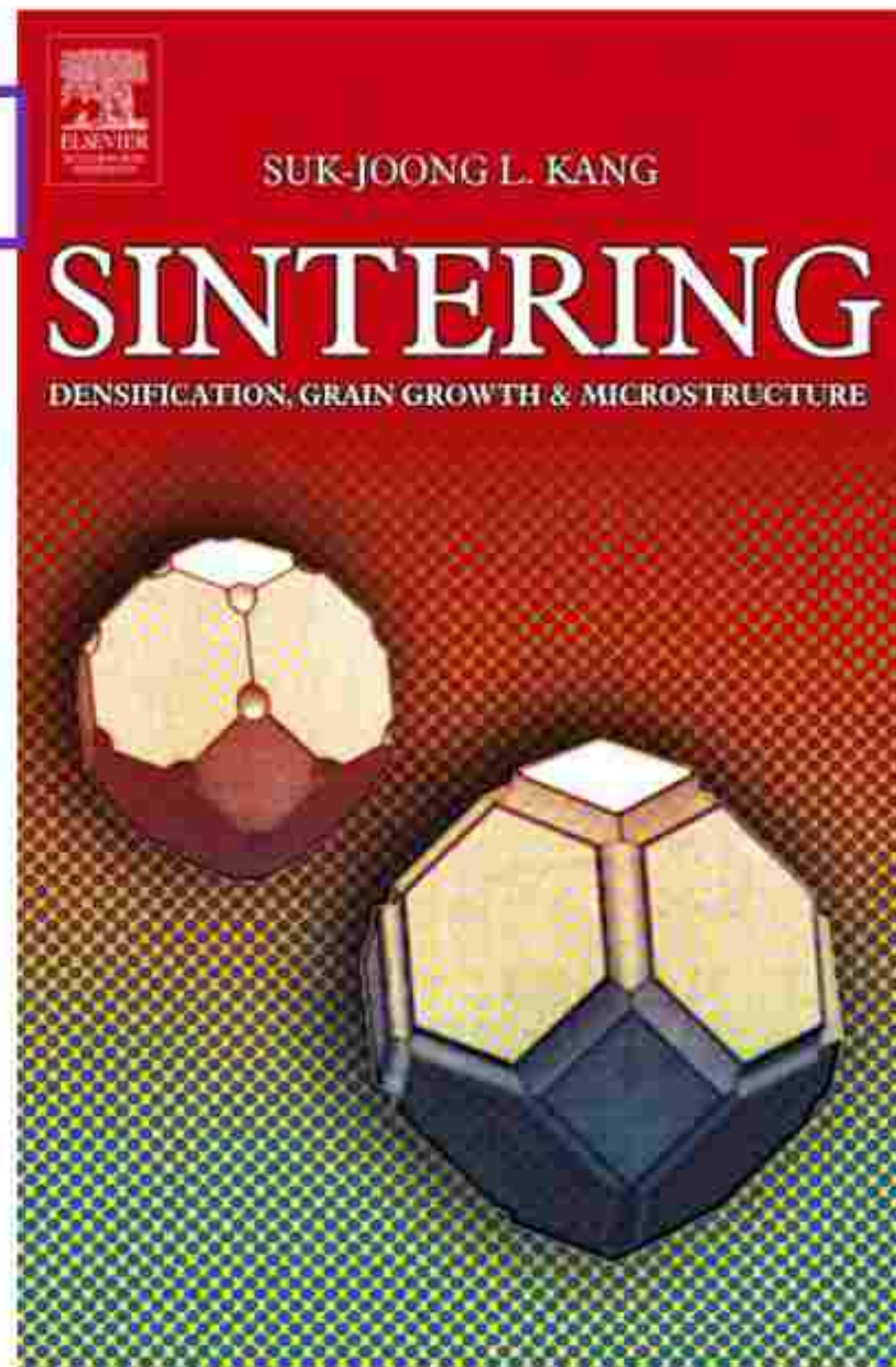
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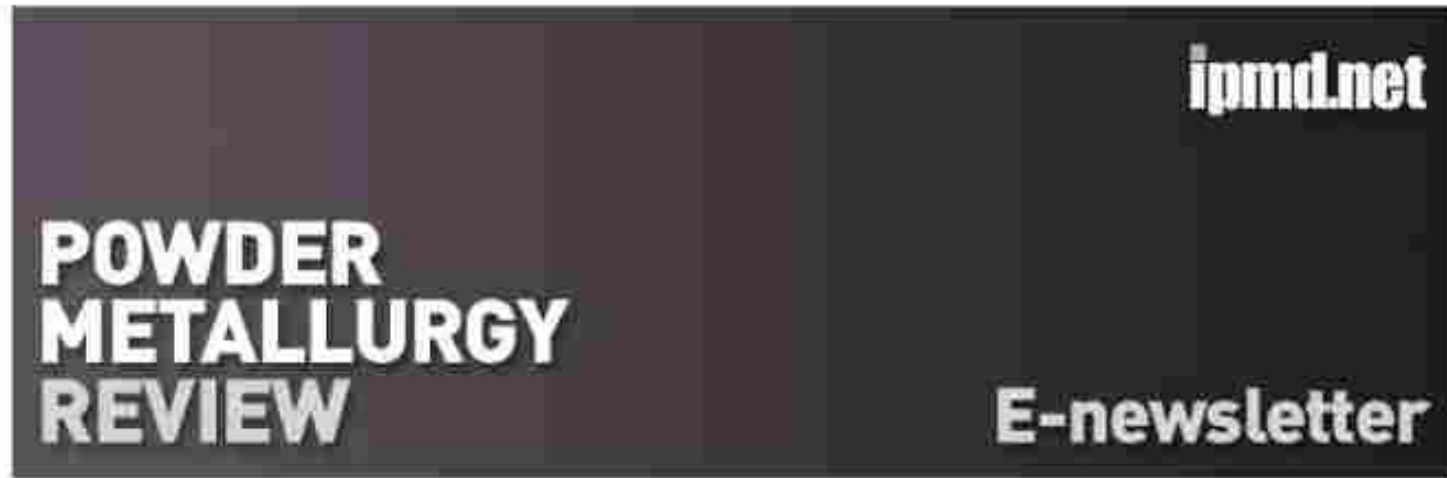
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## Introducing Powder Metallurgy

A complex planetary carrier for a four-wheel drive torque transfer system. A helical gear and blades of stainless steel used in laparoscopic surgical scissors. A manifold weighing over 6.5 tons used on an offshore oil platform. A steel connecting rod used in V-8 engines.

What do these diverse parts have in common? All were manufactured using a process called **powder metallurgy (PM)**.

But what is powder metallurgy? Powder metallurgy is a metal-forming process performed by heating compacted metal powders to just below their melting points. Although the process has existed for more than 100 years, over the past quarter century it has become widely recognized as a superior way of producing high-quality parts for a variety of important applications. This success is due to the advantages the process offers over other metal forming technologies such as forging and metal casting: advantages in material utilization, shape complexity, near-net-shape dimensional control, among others. These, in turn, contribute to sustainability, making



Powder metallurgy is an integral part of our lives

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### Powder Metallurgy Touches Your Life, Part 1



Powder Metallurgy: The Preferred Metal-Forming Solution showcases the fabrication capabilities of the various technologies known collectively as powder metallurgy (PM). Built on the theme, "Every day, in some way, PM touches your life," the two-part video uses dozens of examples of actual components manufactured for many different applications to illustrate the benefits PM offers parts designers and engineers.

### Powder Metallurgy Touches Your Life, Part 2



### Metal Injection Molding Touching Your Life, Part 1



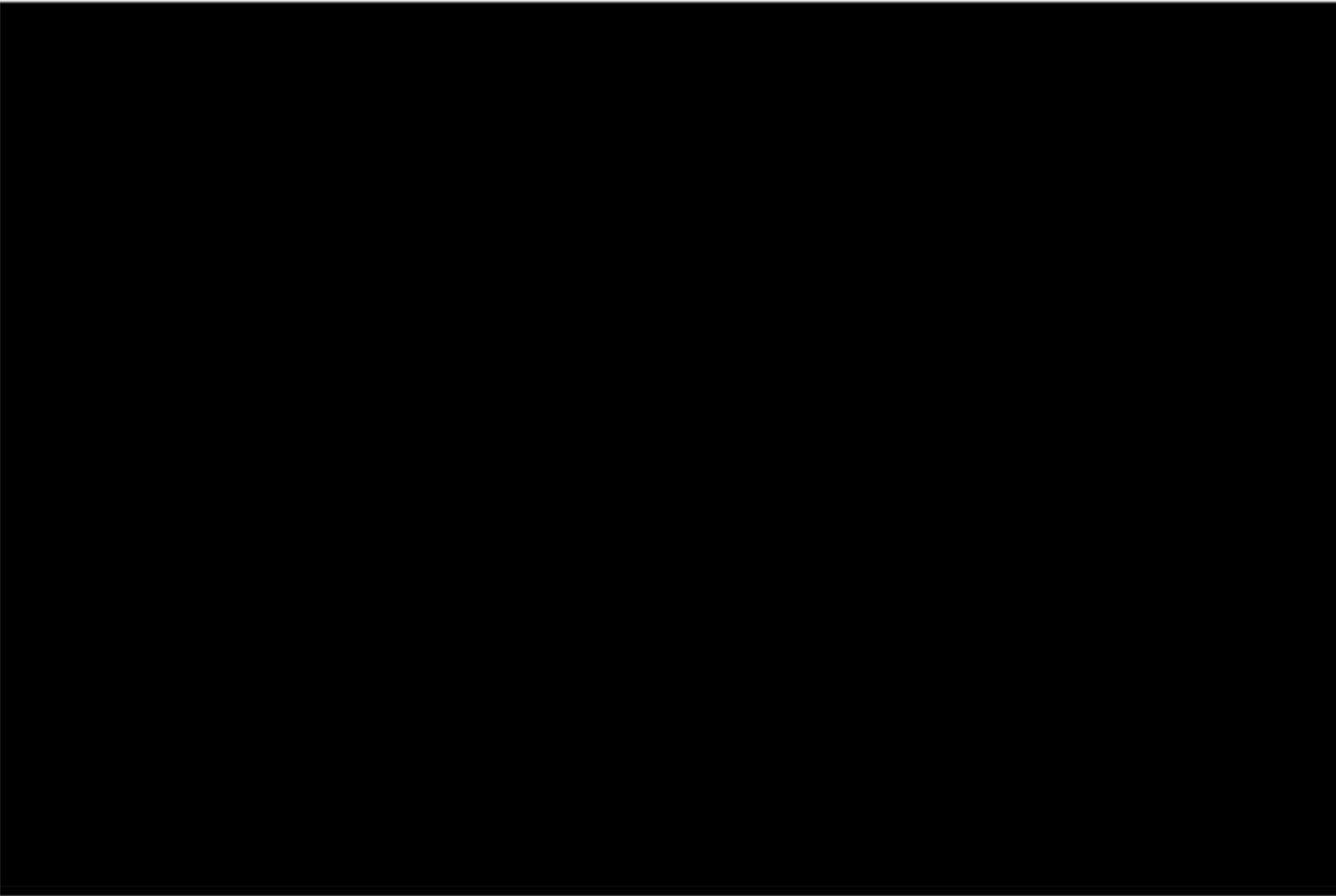
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program describes the metal injection molding process, providing design engineers with all the facts needed to understand why, if they're designing an intricate metal part, they should think of MIM from the start.

### Metal Injection Molding Touching Your Life, Part 2



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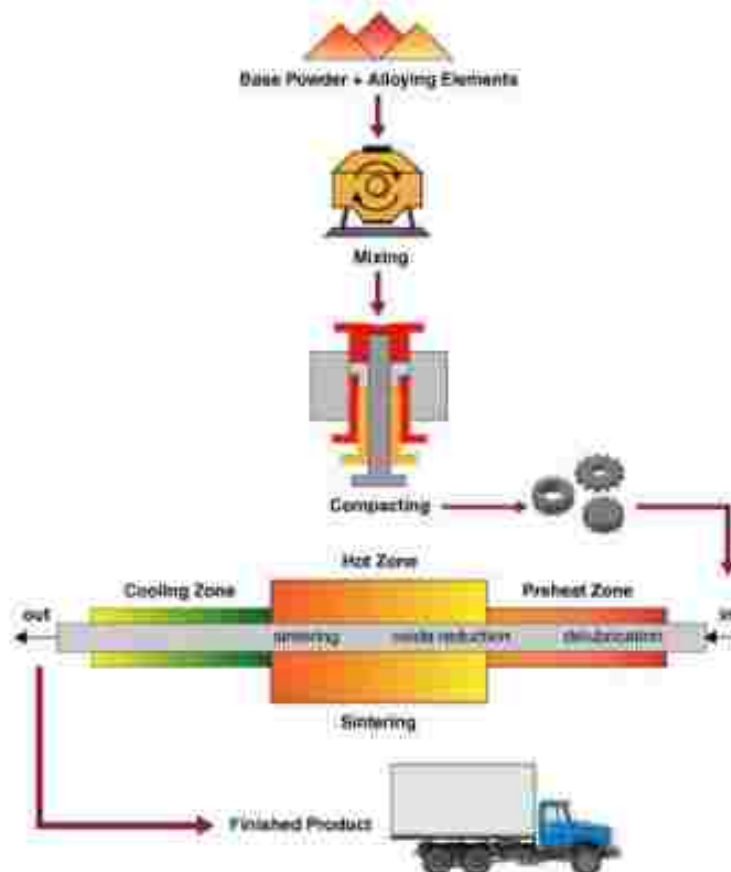


## Conventional Powder Metallurgy Process

The powder metallurgy (PM) process, also known as press-and-sinter, depicted in the diagram below, consists of mixing elemental or alloy powders, compacting the mixture in a die, and then sintering, or heating, the resultant shapes in an atmosphere-controlled furnace to bond the particles metallurgically.

Most powder metallurgy parts weigh less than 5 pounds (2.27 kg), although parts weighing as much as 35 pounds (15.85 kg) can be fabricated in conventional PM equipment. While many of the early PM parts, such as bushings and bearings, were very simple shapes, today's sophisticated powder metallurgy process produces components with complex contours and multiple levels, and does so quite economically.

### Basic Conventional PM Process






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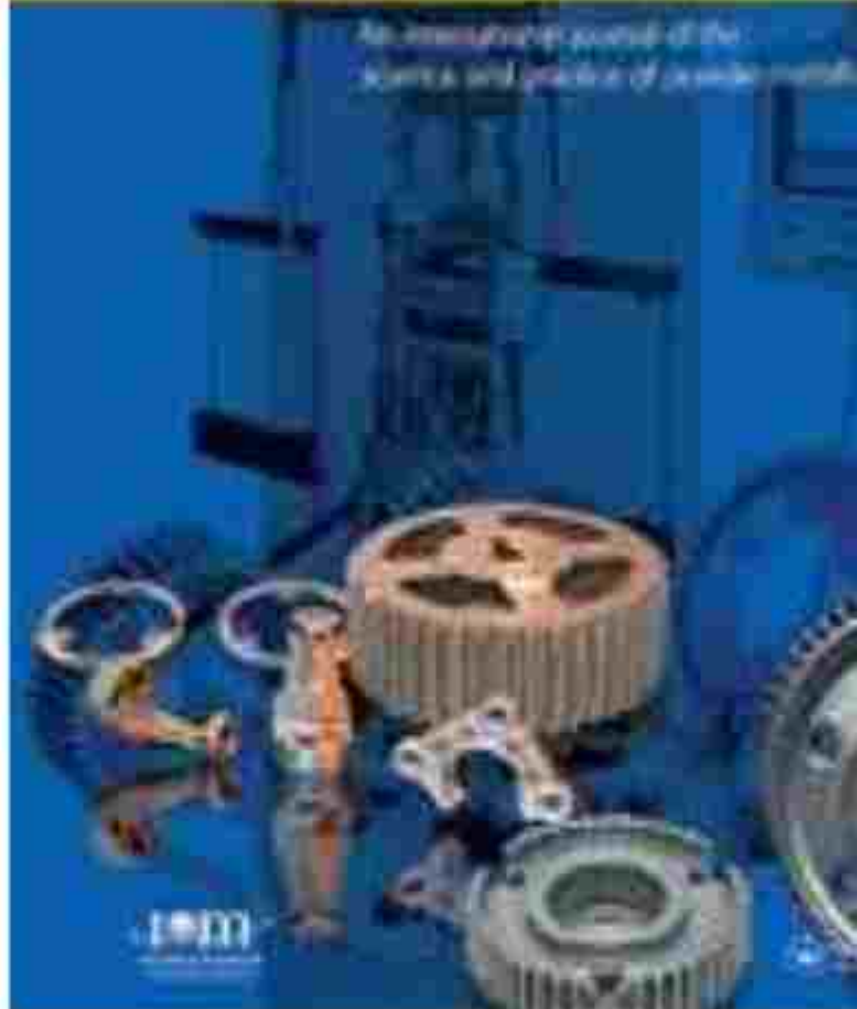
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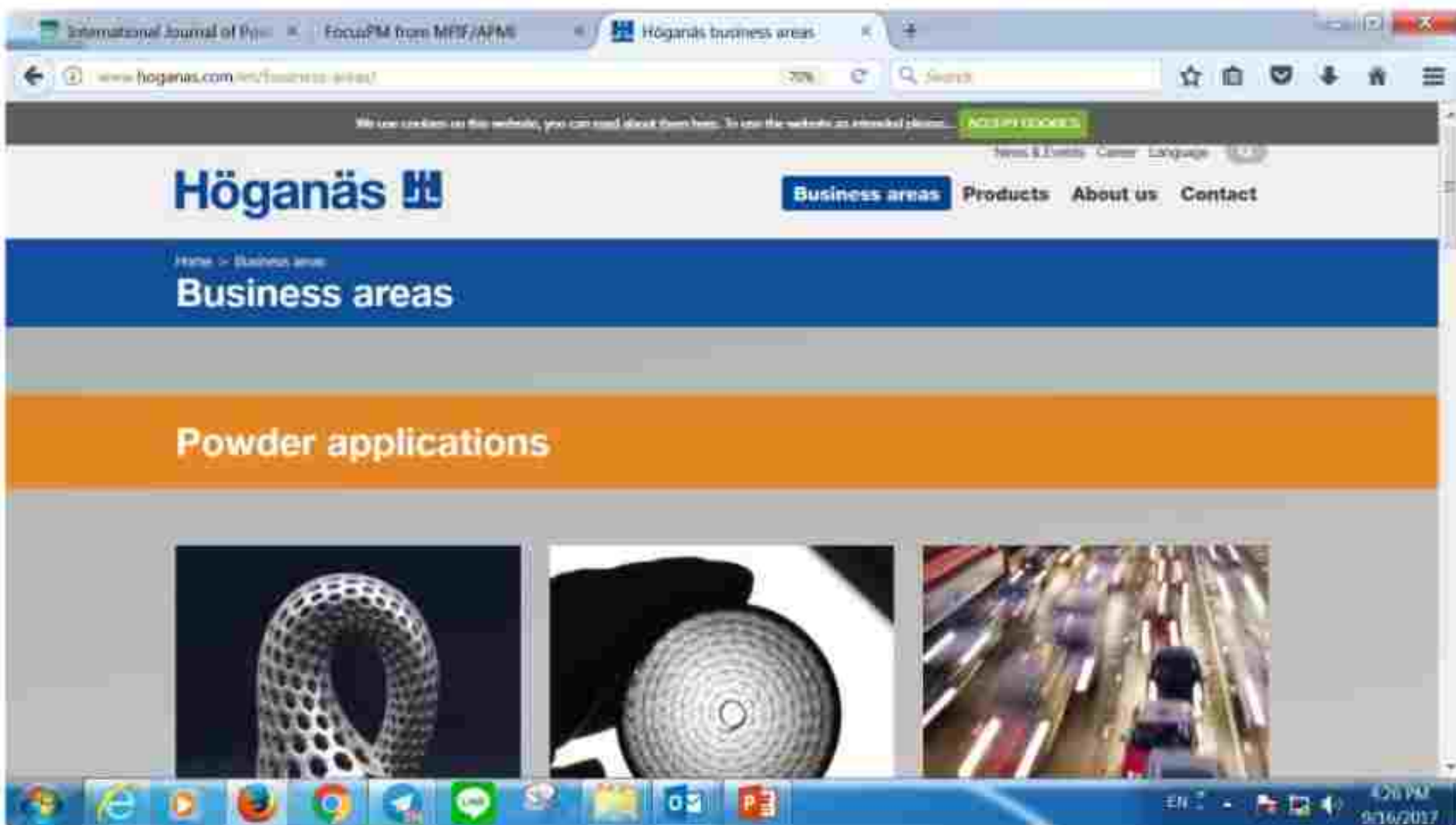
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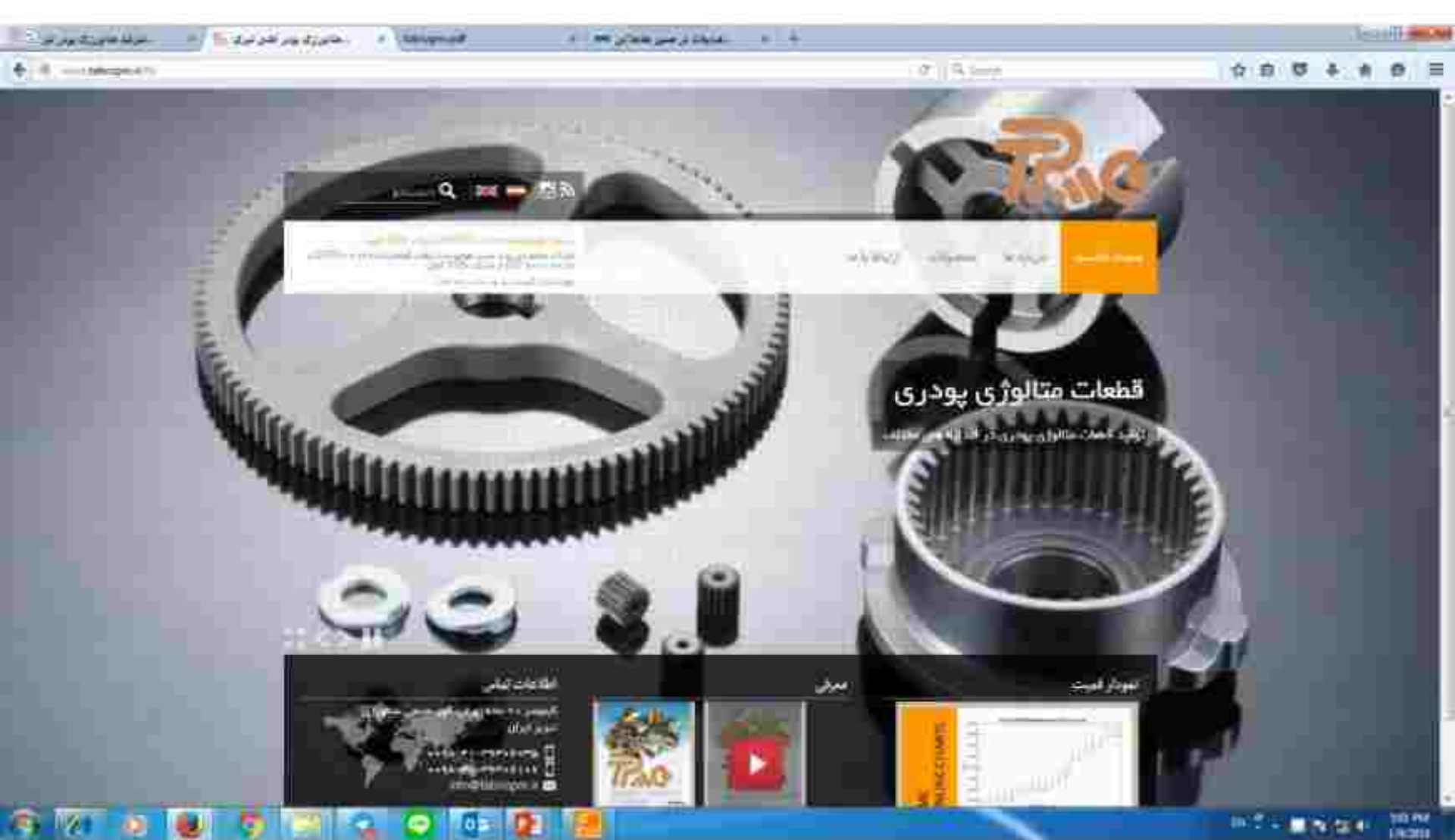
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**Abstract**

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early **sintered pots** were not sintered at high temperatures, so they were weak and rarely survived. They leaked liquids because of their porosity. By approximately **10,000 BC**, fired clay vessels were used for water storage, indicating techniques for sealing surface pores had been mastered.

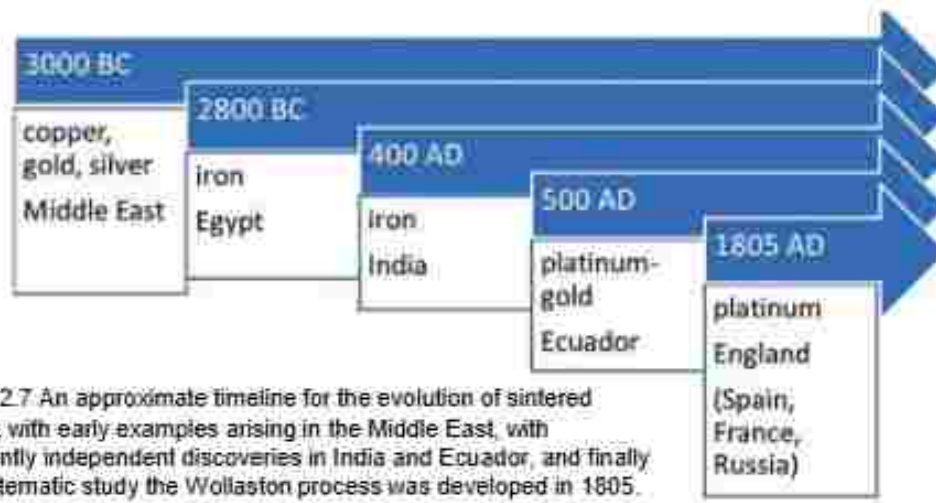


Figure 2.5 Early Chinese porcelain production excelled in reaching high sintering temperatures by use of sloped dragon kiln design, sketched in this early illustration.



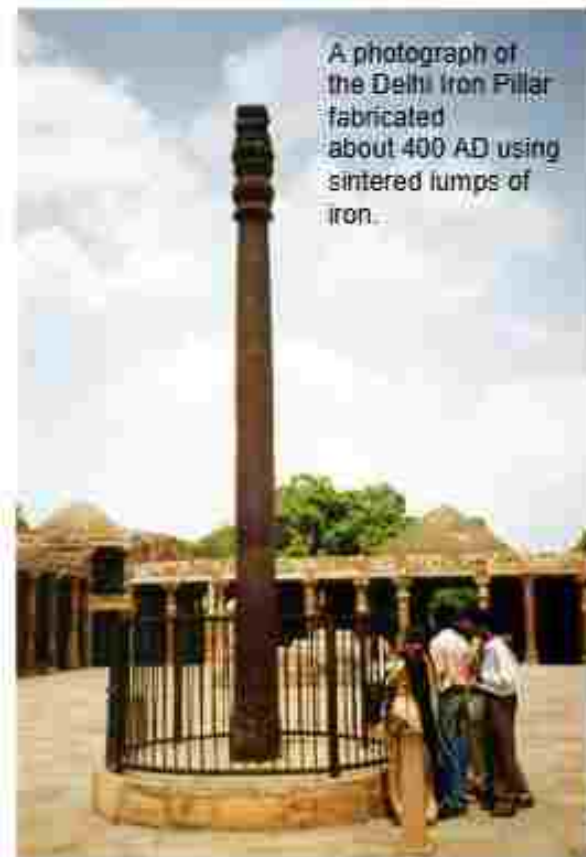
European porcelain eventually found composition formulations and sintering techniques capable of forming high value products, initially near Dresden.





The first of these are from approximately 3000 BC [4,5]. Most of these easily reduced metals were sintered long ago.

Figure 2.7 An approximate timeline for the evolution of sintered metals, with early examples arising in the Middle East, with apparently independent discoveries in India and Ecuador, and finally via systematic study the Wollaston process was developed in 1805.



A photograph of the Delhi Iron Pillar fabricated about 400 AD using sintered lumps of iron.

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Figure 2.10 Photograph of an early sintered gold-platinum decorative medallion.





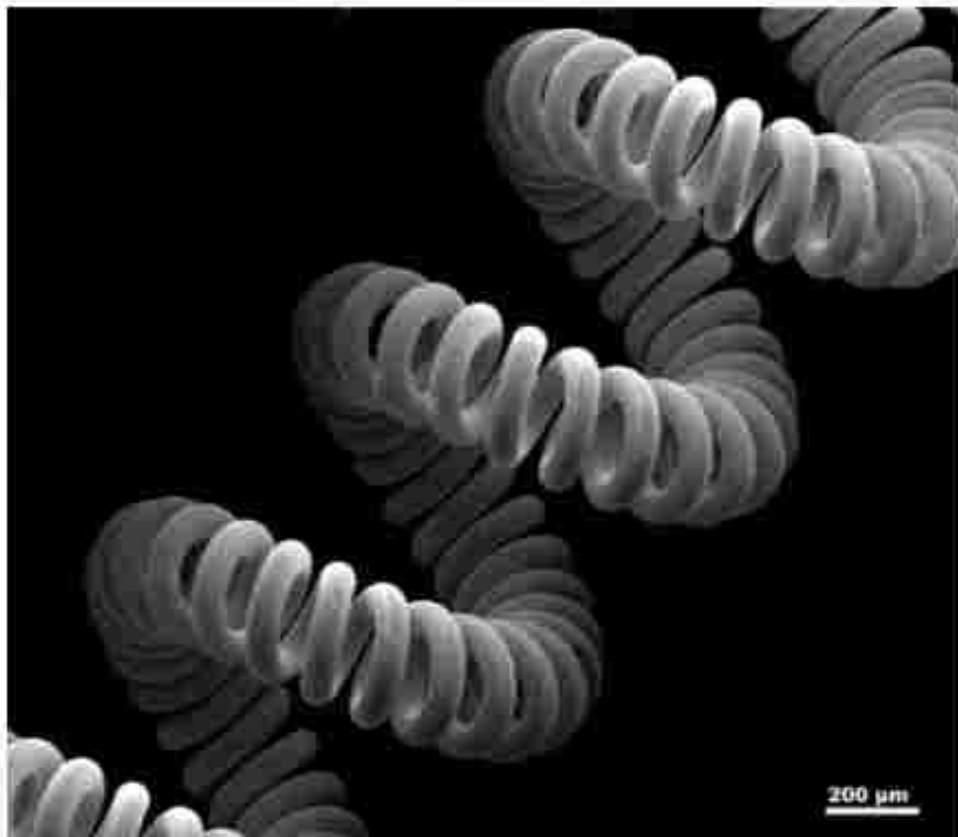


Figure 2.16 This is a scanning electron micrograph of a coiled tungsten lamp filament.







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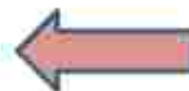
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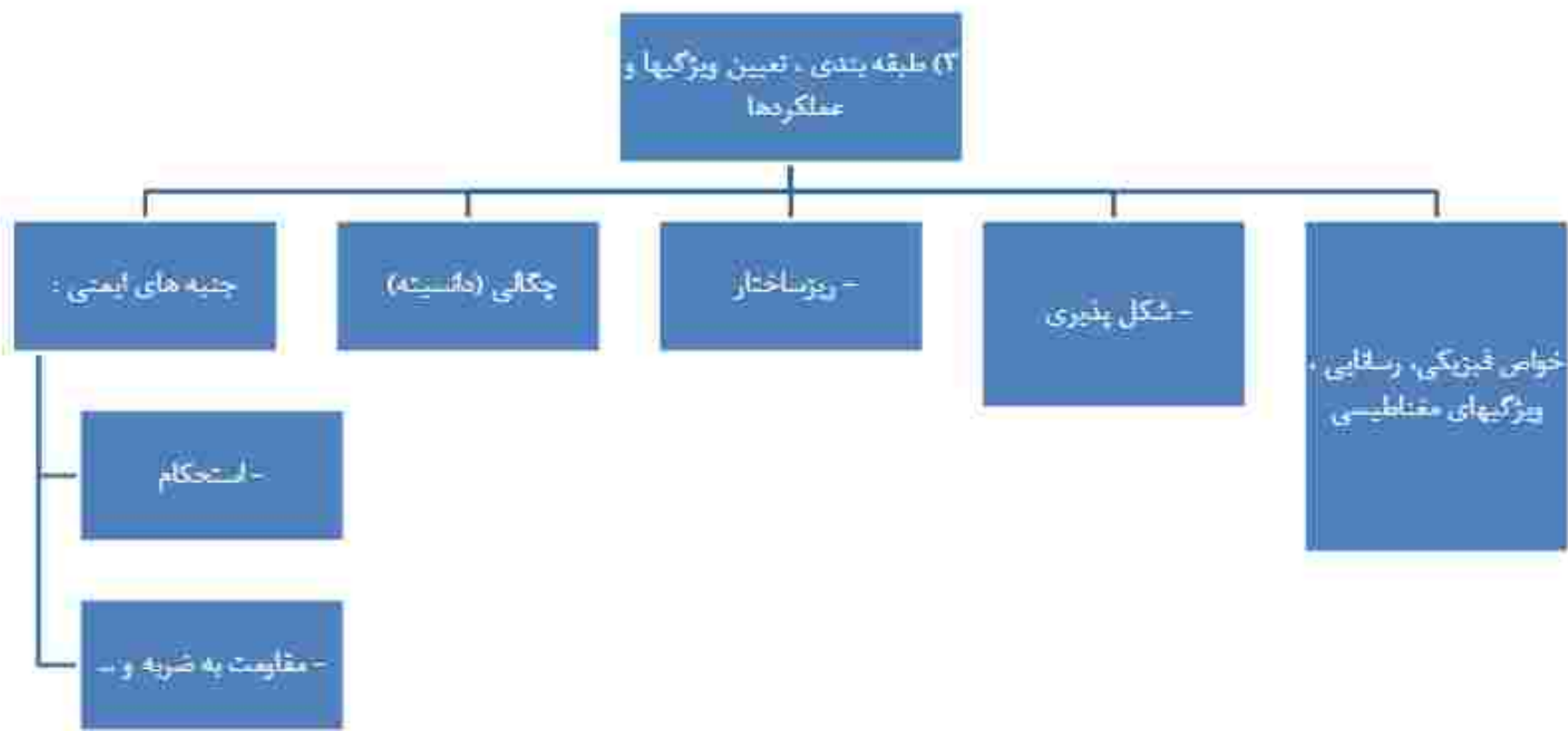
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# تقسیم بندی فعالیت های متالورژی

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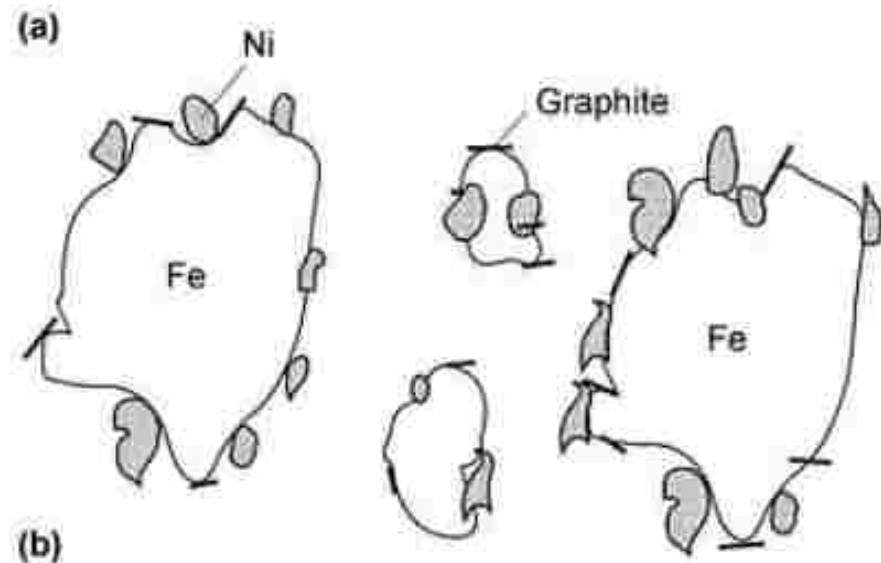
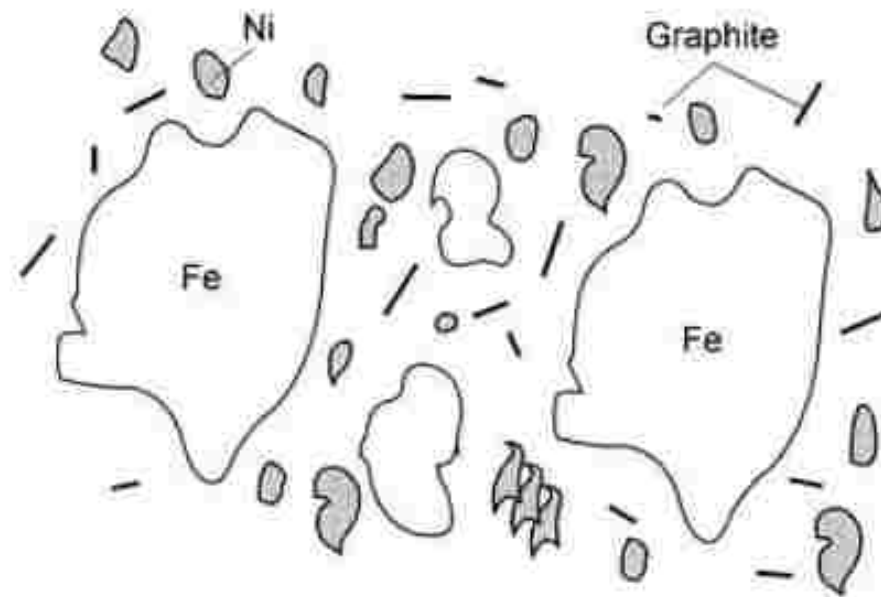
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Introduction

# Powder Metallurgy Process

## Major Historical Developments in Powder Metallurgy

Date	Description	Origin
3000 BC	"Sponge iron" for making tools	Egypt, Africa, India
AD 1200	Cementing platinum grains	South America
1781	Fusible platinum-arsenic alloy	France, Germany
1790	Production of platinum-arsenic chemical vessels commercially	France
1822	Platinum powder formed into solid ingot	France
1826	High-temperature sintering of platinum powder compacts on a commercial basis	Russia
1829	Wollaston method of producing compact platinum from platinum sponge (basis of modern P/M technique)	England
1830	Sintering compacts of various metals	Europe
1859	Platinum fusion process	
1870	Patent for bearing materials made from metal powders self-lubricating bearings	United States
1878-1900	Incandescent lamp filaments	United States
1915-1930	Cemented carbides	Germany
Early 1900s	Composite metals	United States
	Porous metals and metallic filters	United States
1920s	Self-lubricating bearings (used commercially)	United States
1940s	Iron powder technology	Central Europe
1950s and 1960s	P/M wrought and dispersion-strengthened products, including P/M forgings	United States
1970s	Hot isostatic pressing, P/M tool steels and superplastic superalloys	United States
1980s	Rapid solidification and powder injection molding technology	United States
1990s	Intermetallics, metal-matrix composites, spray forming, nanoscale powders and warm compaction	United States, England



Alloy distribution.

(a) Regular premix.

(b) Segregation-free premix with powder binder

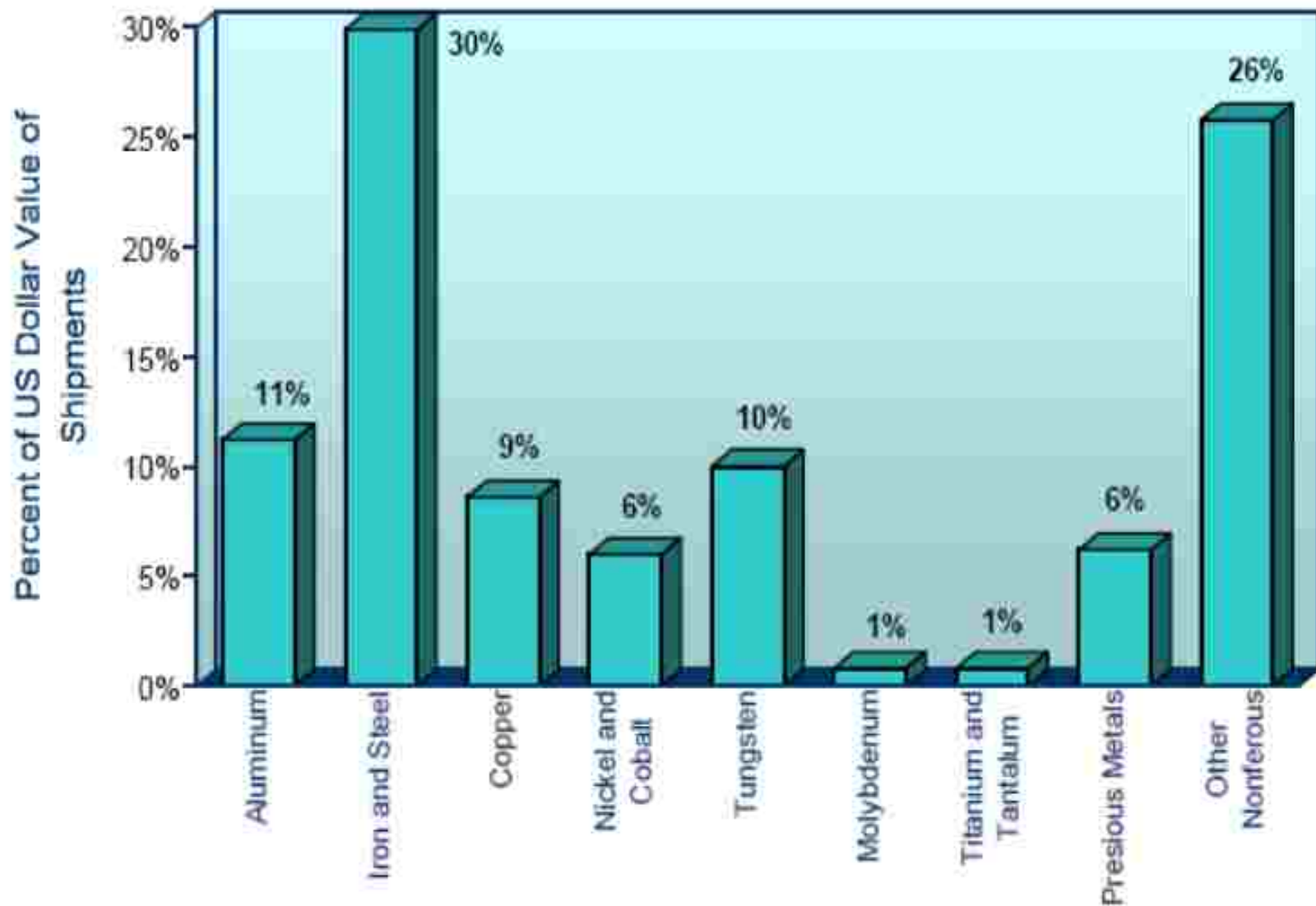


Fig. Value of 1997 US Metal Powder Shipments



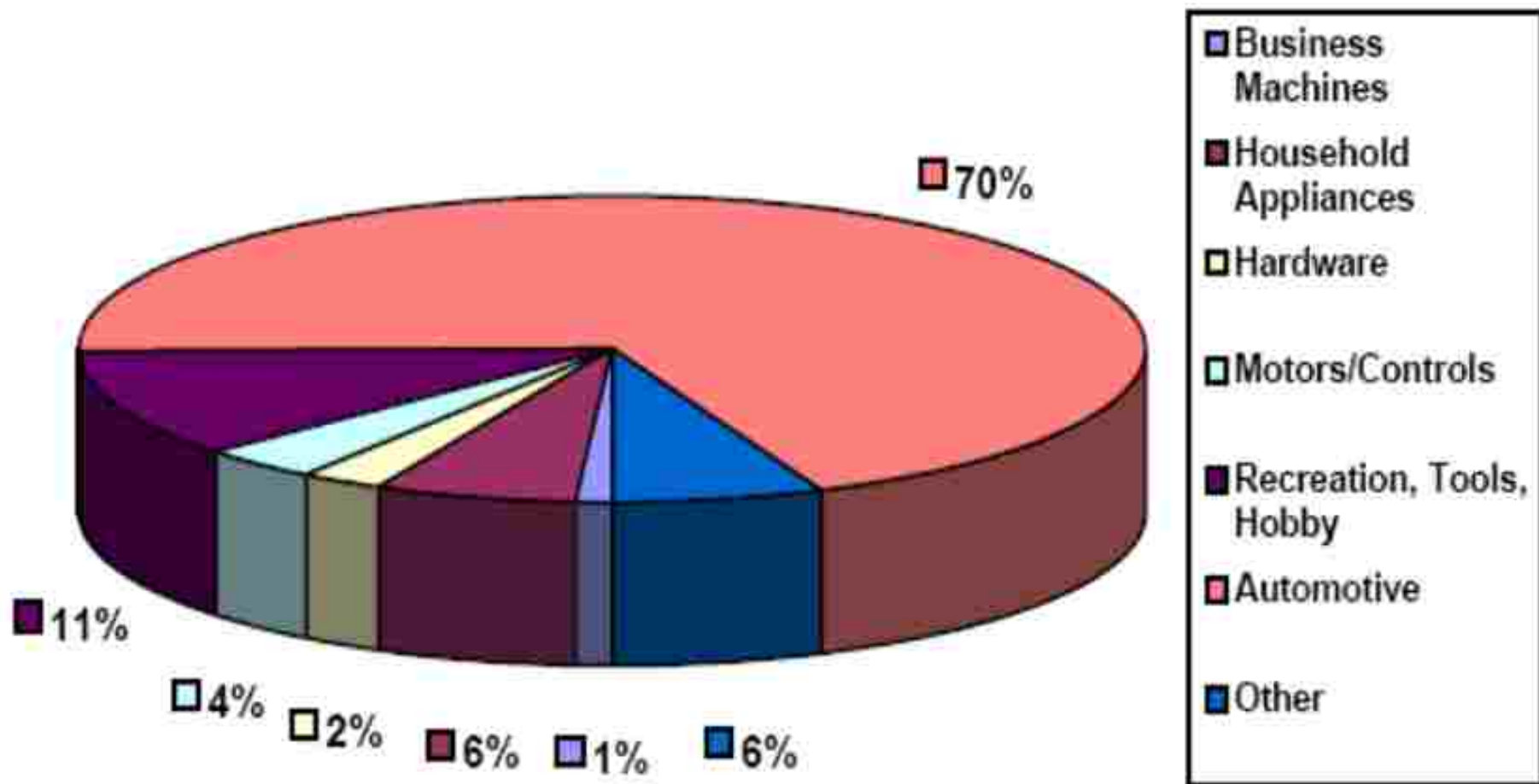


Fig. End Use of Application for Metal Powder













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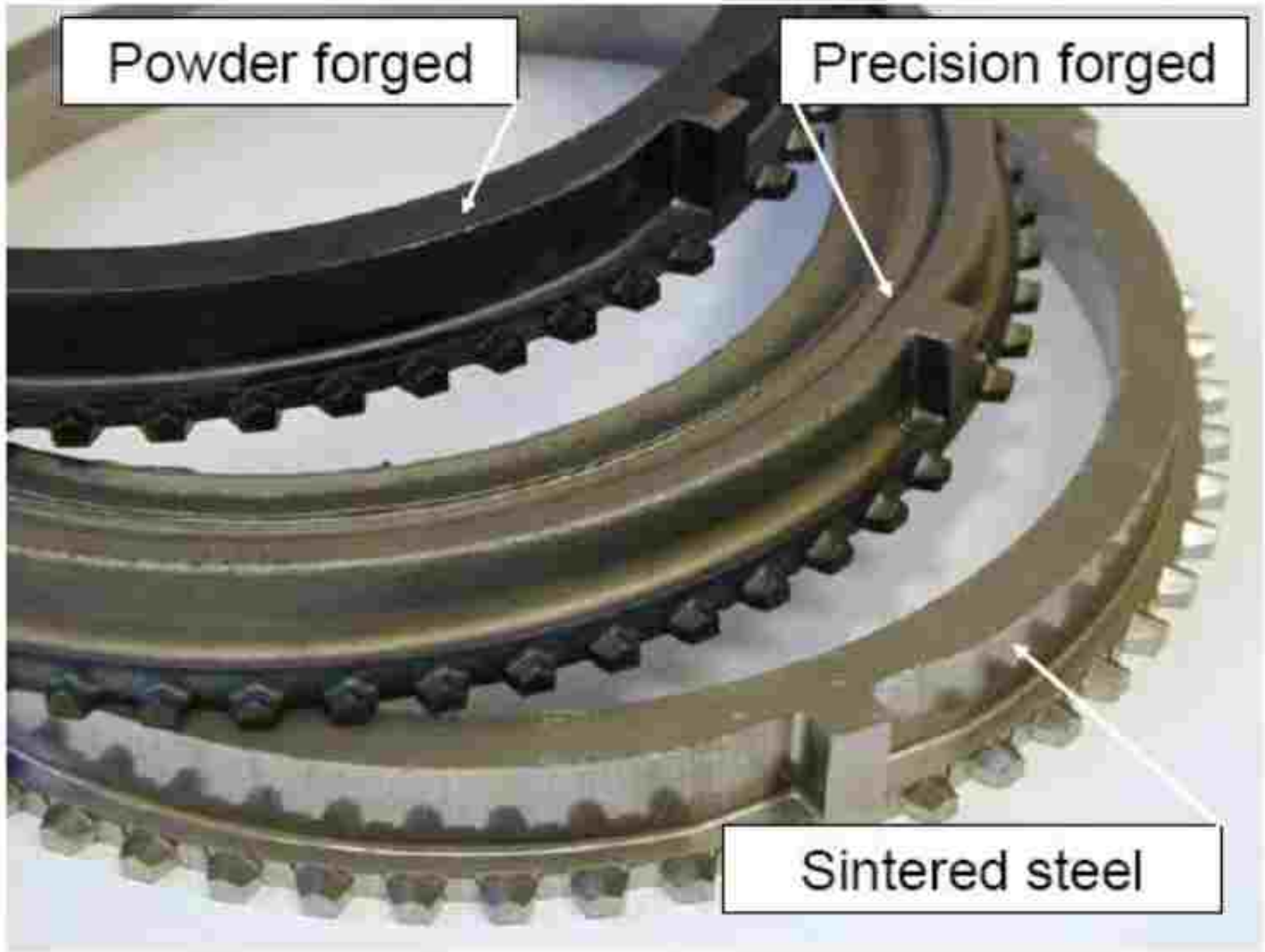




Powder forged

Precision forged

Sintered steel





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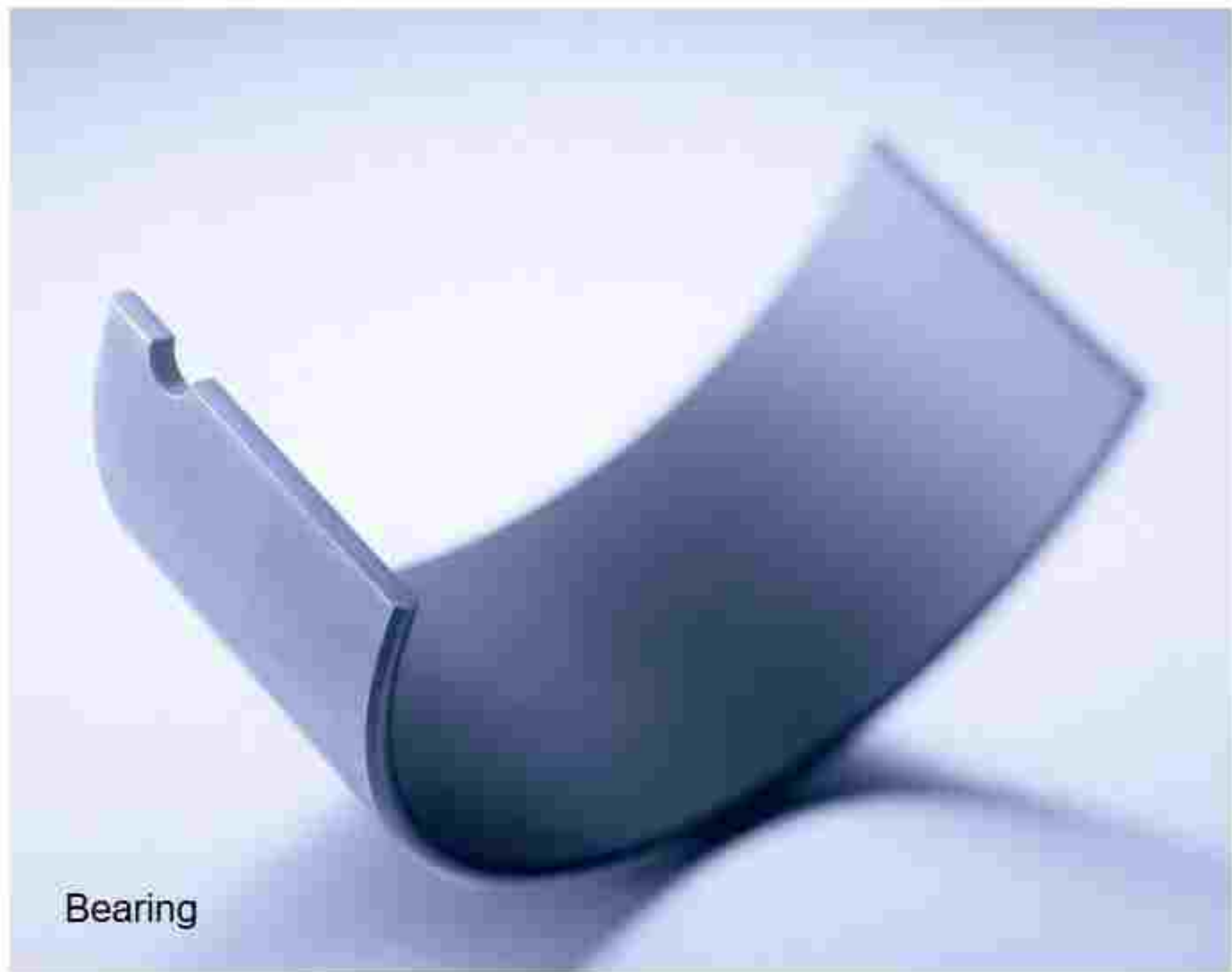




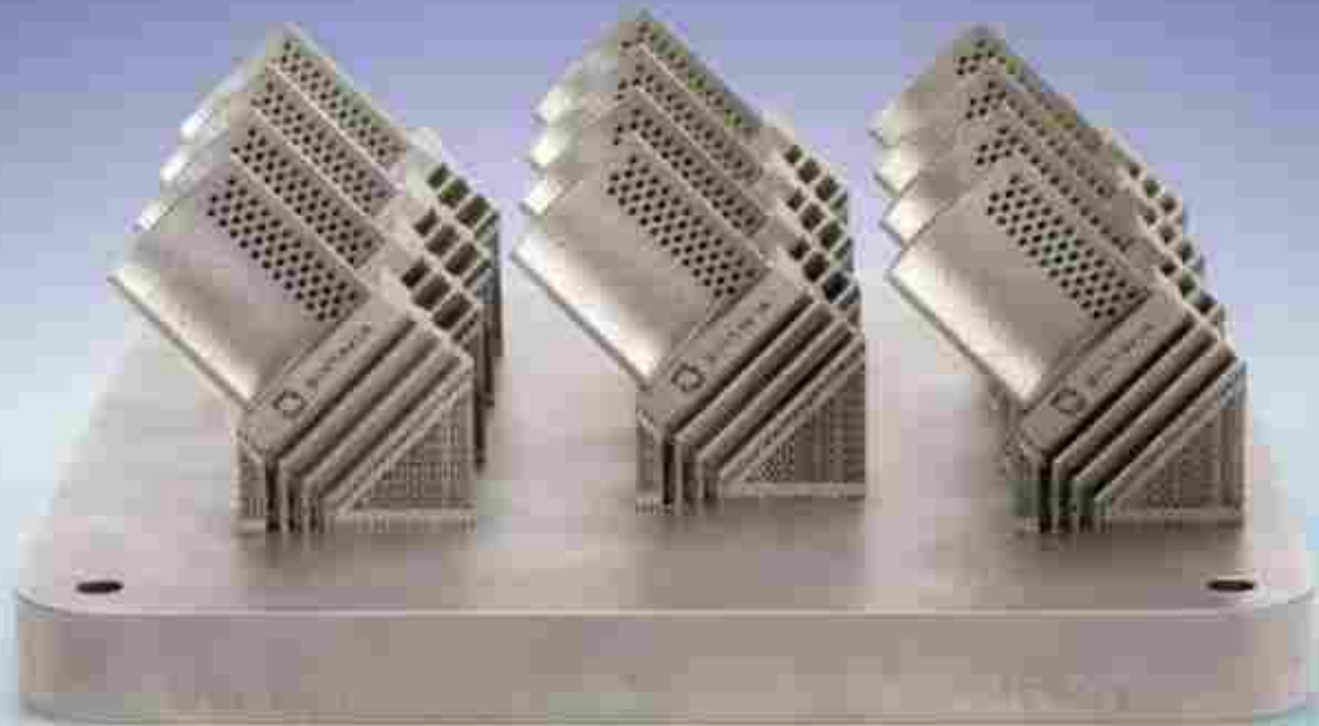


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# Powder Metallurgy Processes

## RAW MATERIALS

ELEMENTAL OR ALLOY  
METAL POWDERS

ADDITIVES  
(OIL LUBRICANTS,  
GRAPHITE)

MIXING

## FORMING

### HOT COMPACTION

ISOSTATIC, EXTRUSION,  
DIE COMPACTING, SPRAYING,  
SINTERING

### COLD COMPACTION

DIE COMPACTING, ISOSTATIC,  
ROLLING, INJECTION  
MOULDING, SLIP CASTING

### SINTERING

VACUUM OR ATMOSPHERE

### OPTIONAL MANUFACTURING STEPS

DRILLING, REPROSSING,  
RESINTERING, FORGING,  
COINING, METAL INFILTRATION,  
OIL IMPREGNATION

### OPTIONAL FINISHING STEPS

HEAT TREATING, TUMBLING,  
PLATING, MACHINING,  
STEAM TREATING,  
HOT ISOSTATIC PRESSING



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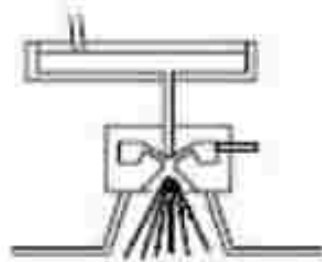
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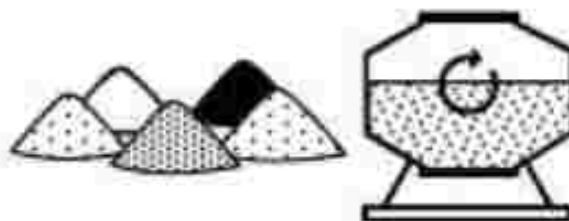
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# Alloying Methods of Iron Powders

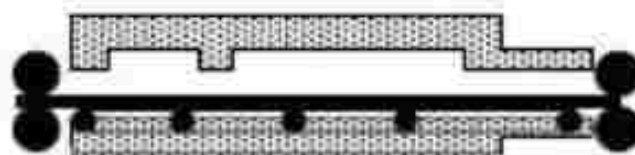
Completely Alloyed Powder



Mixed Alloyed Powder



Partially Alloyed Powder





# Particle Shapes in Metal Powders

## One-dimensional

Acicular  
(chemical  
decomposition)



Irregular rodlike  
(chemical  
decomposition,  
mechanical  
comminution)



## Two-dimensional

Flake  
(mechanical  
comminution)



Dendritic  
(electrolytic)

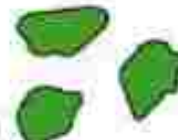


## Three-dimensional

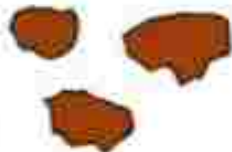
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carbonyl (Fe),  
precipitation  
from a liquid)



Rounded  
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chemical  
decomposition)



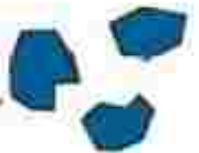
Irregular  
(atomization,  
chemical  
decomposition)



Porous  
(reduction of  
oxides)



Angular  
(mechanical disintegration,  
carbonyl (Ni))



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Die Compacting, ISOSTATIC,  
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# Material:

**Fe-Cr-Mo-C (Fe - 1.5% Cr – 0.2% Mo)+ 0.6% C**



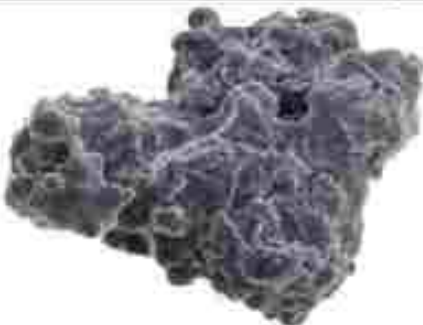
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	Properties of Fe-Cr-Mo powder	
	Apparent density	2.85 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
	Flow	26 sec/50g
	Particle size	45-150 μm
	Chemical analysis, %	
	C	<0.01
	Chromium	1.50
	Molybdenum	0.20



PW Material Blending

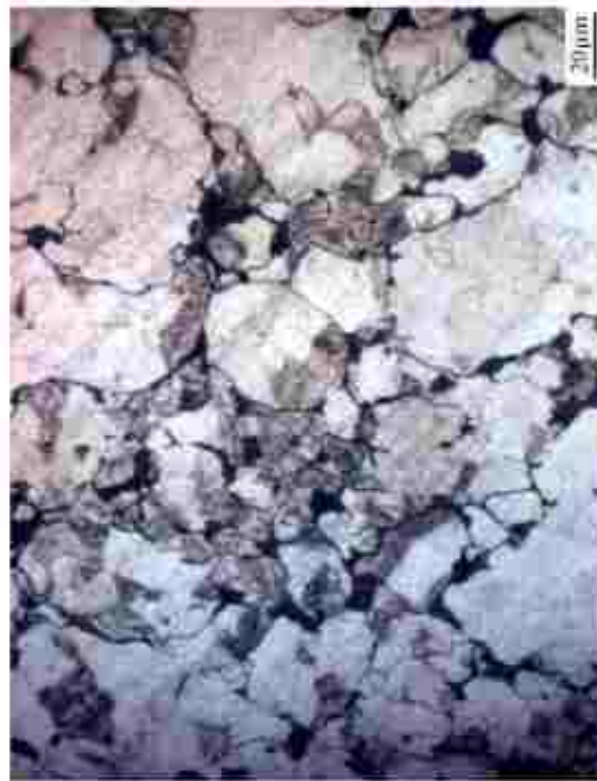
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	Particle size	45-150 μm
	Chemical analysis, %	
	C	<0.01
	Molybdenum	1.50





At 700 °C



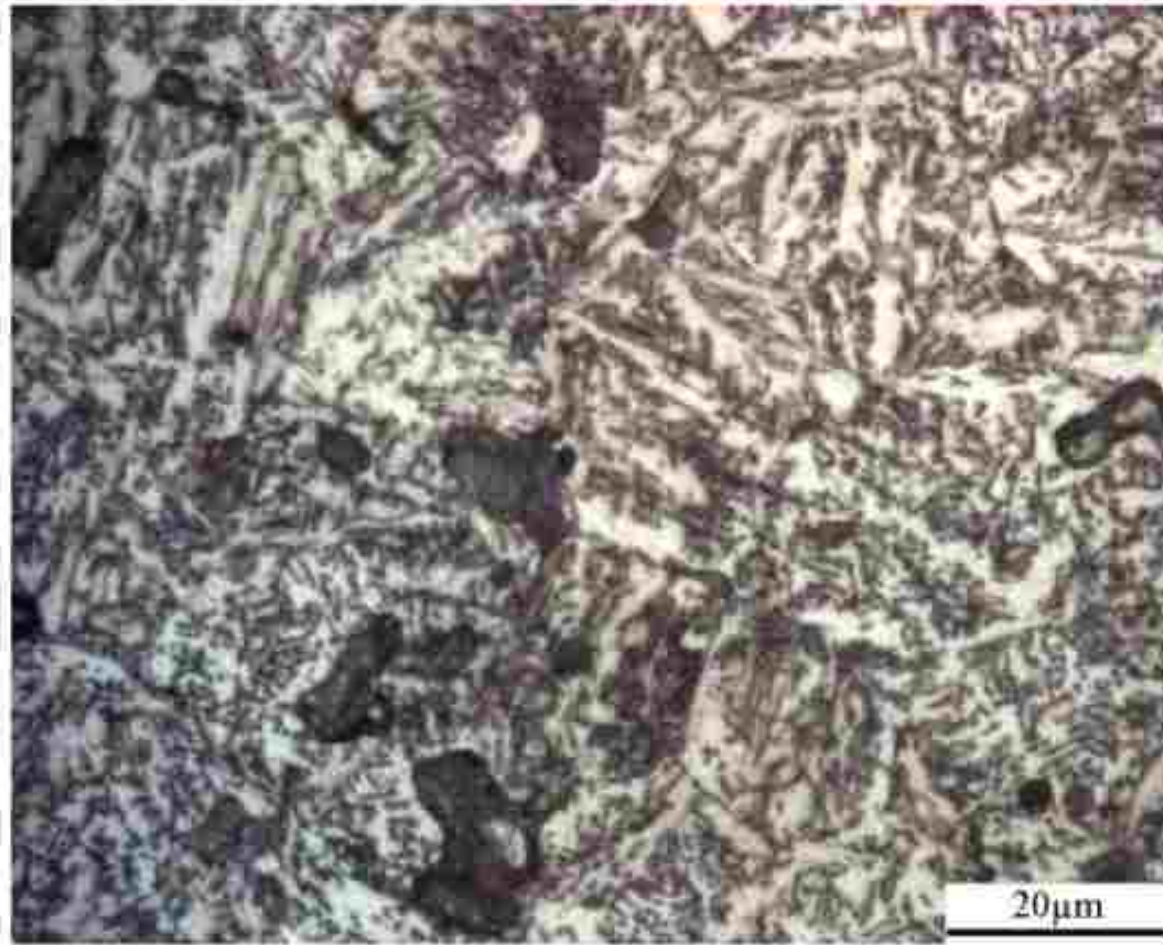
At 800 °C



At 900 °C

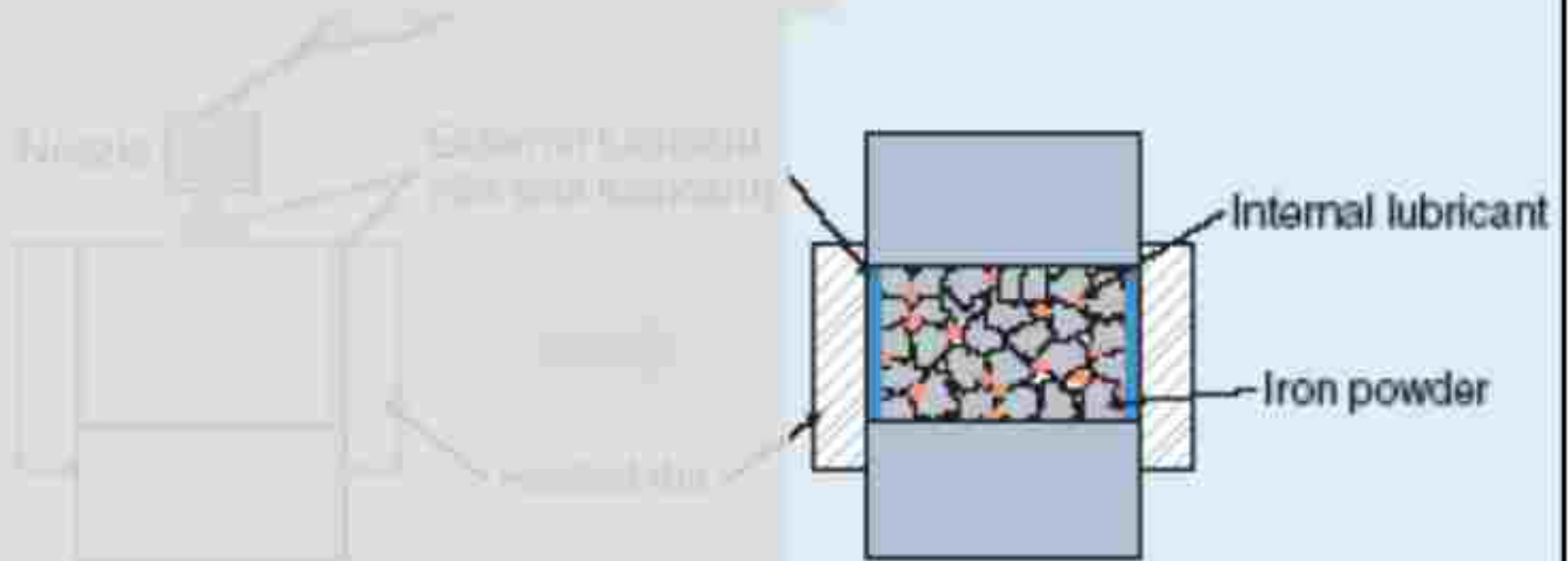
Microstructure of **Fe-Mo-C**,  
compacted at **600 MPa** and  
1<sup>st</sup> sintered at the indicated temperature for 30 min, and  
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# Sintered Fe-Cr-Mo-C



1<sup>st</sup> sintering Temperature=800°C

There are two lubrication techniques.



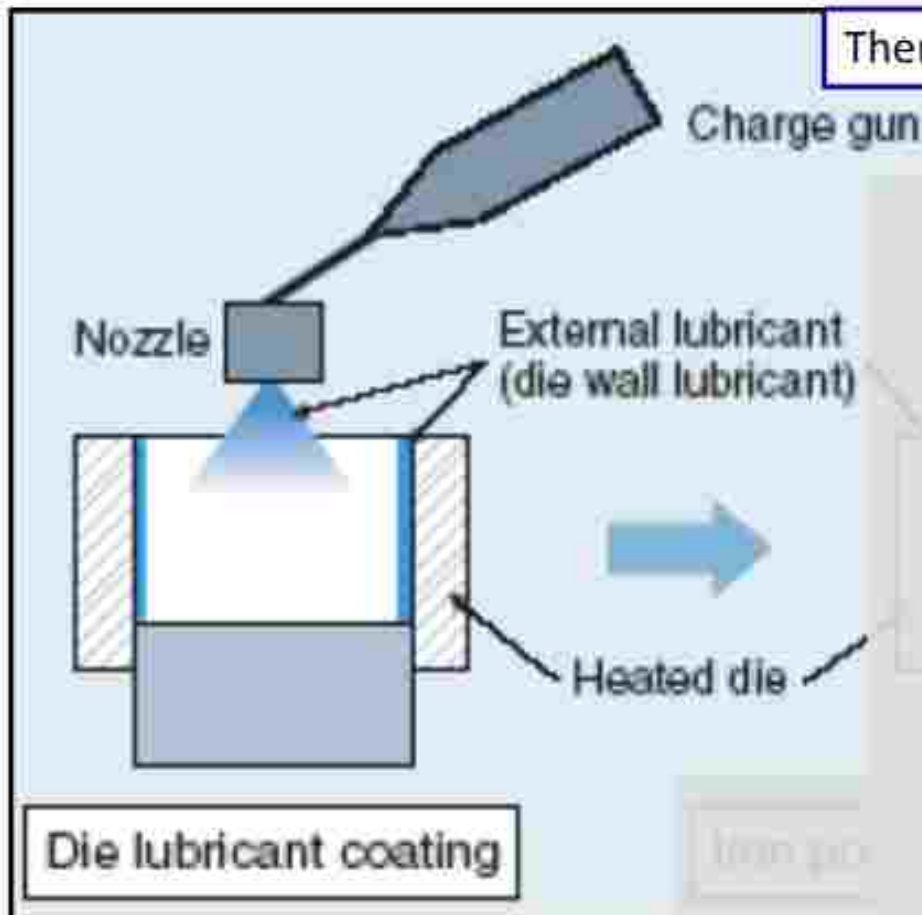
Iron powder filling and compaction

One method is to blend a dry lubricant with the powdered metal.

With the powder lubrication method, the level of lubricant addition may range from 0.5 to 1.5%.



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The other method, commonly referred to as die wall lubrication, is to lubricate the die walls and punches of the compacting tooling prior to introducing the powder metal into the die cavity.

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Charge gun

Nozzle

External lubricant  
(die wall lubricant)

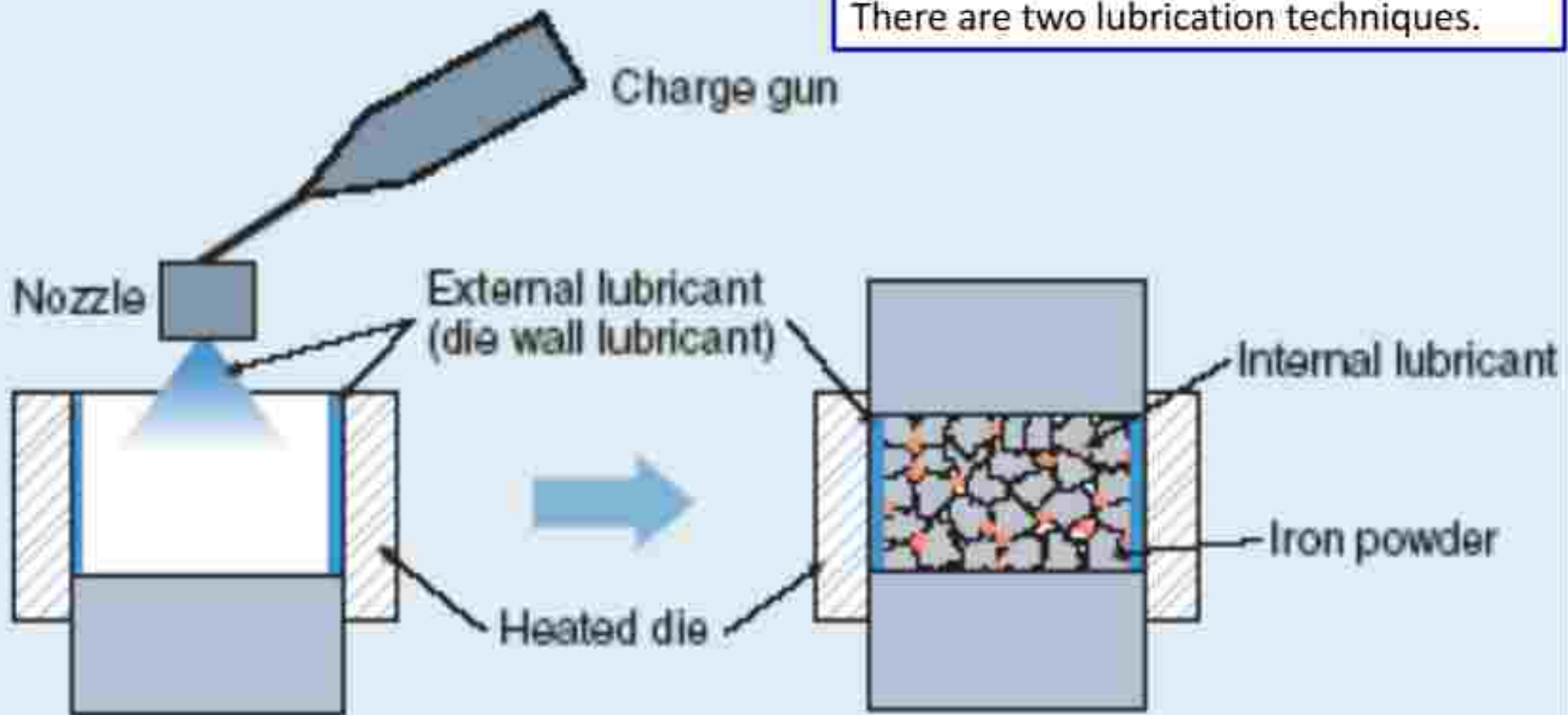
Internal lubricant

Iron powder

Heated die

Die lubricant coating

Iron powder filling and compaction



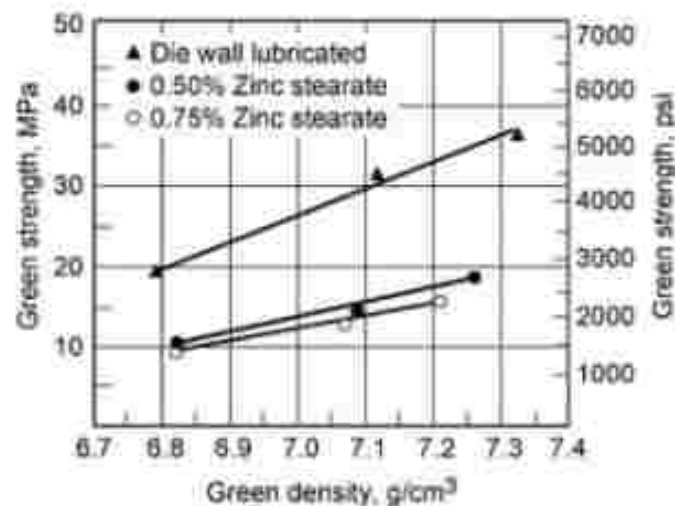


Fig. 9 Effect of lubrication method on green strength. Source: Ref 1

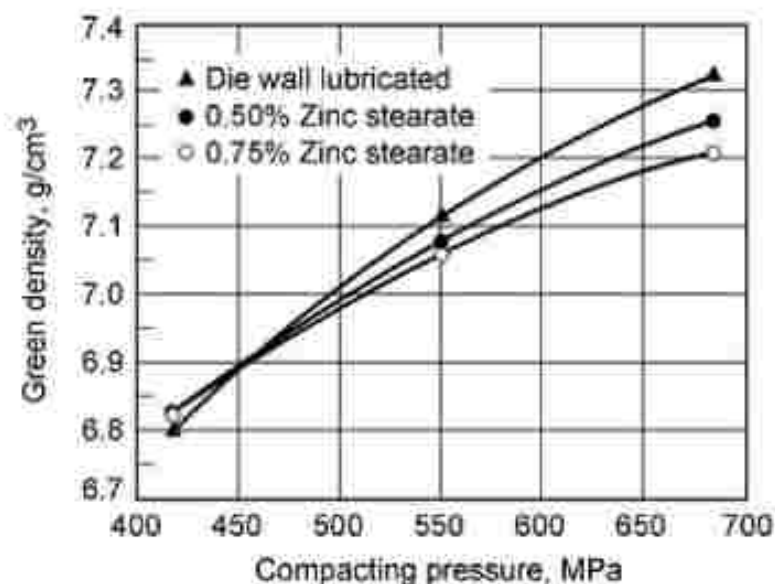


Fig. 10 Effect of lubrication on green density. Source: Ref 1

**Lubricants.** The effect of lubricants on compressibility depends on the lubricant and the compaction pressures. Some lubricants perform better than others, but generally lubricants cause a reduction in green strength (Fig. 9).

The reduction in compressibility from lubricants is more pronounced at higher compaction pressures (Fig. 10). At higher compaction pressures, lubricants reduce the green density because it occupies the available porosity.

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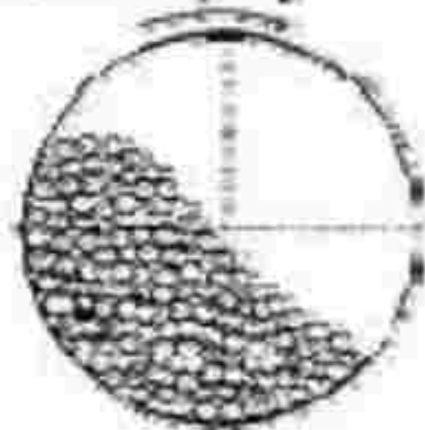
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**COLD COMPACTION**

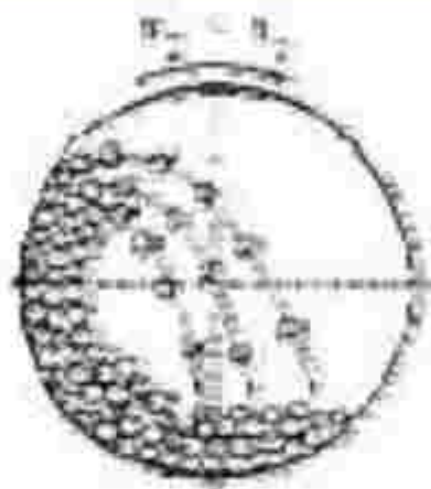
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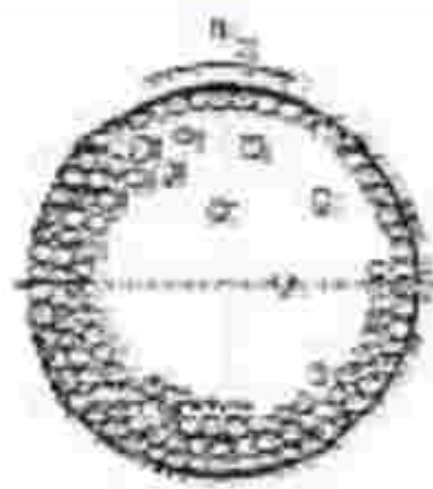
Driftsahl  $m_1 \in m_2$



(a)



(b)



(c)



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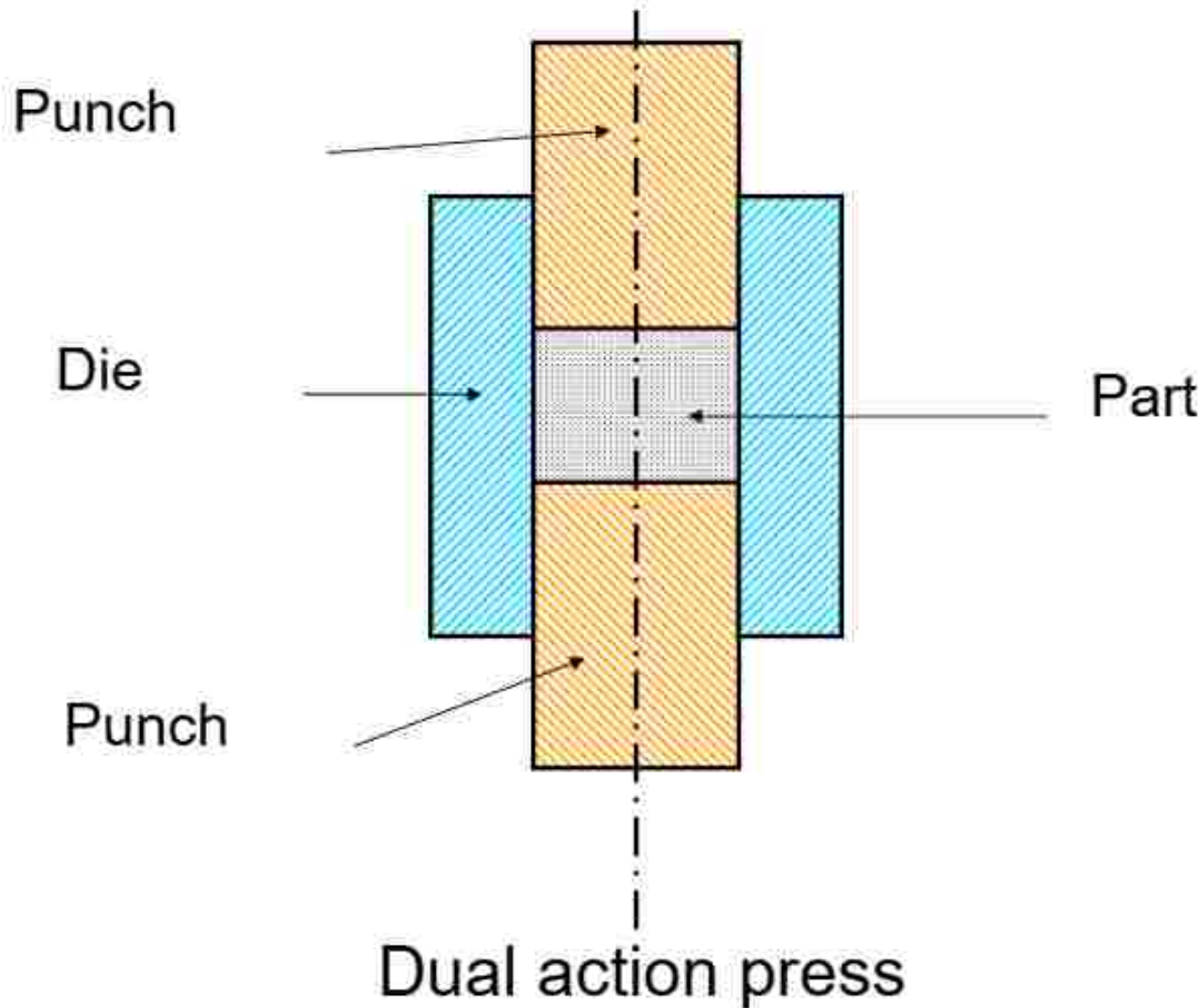
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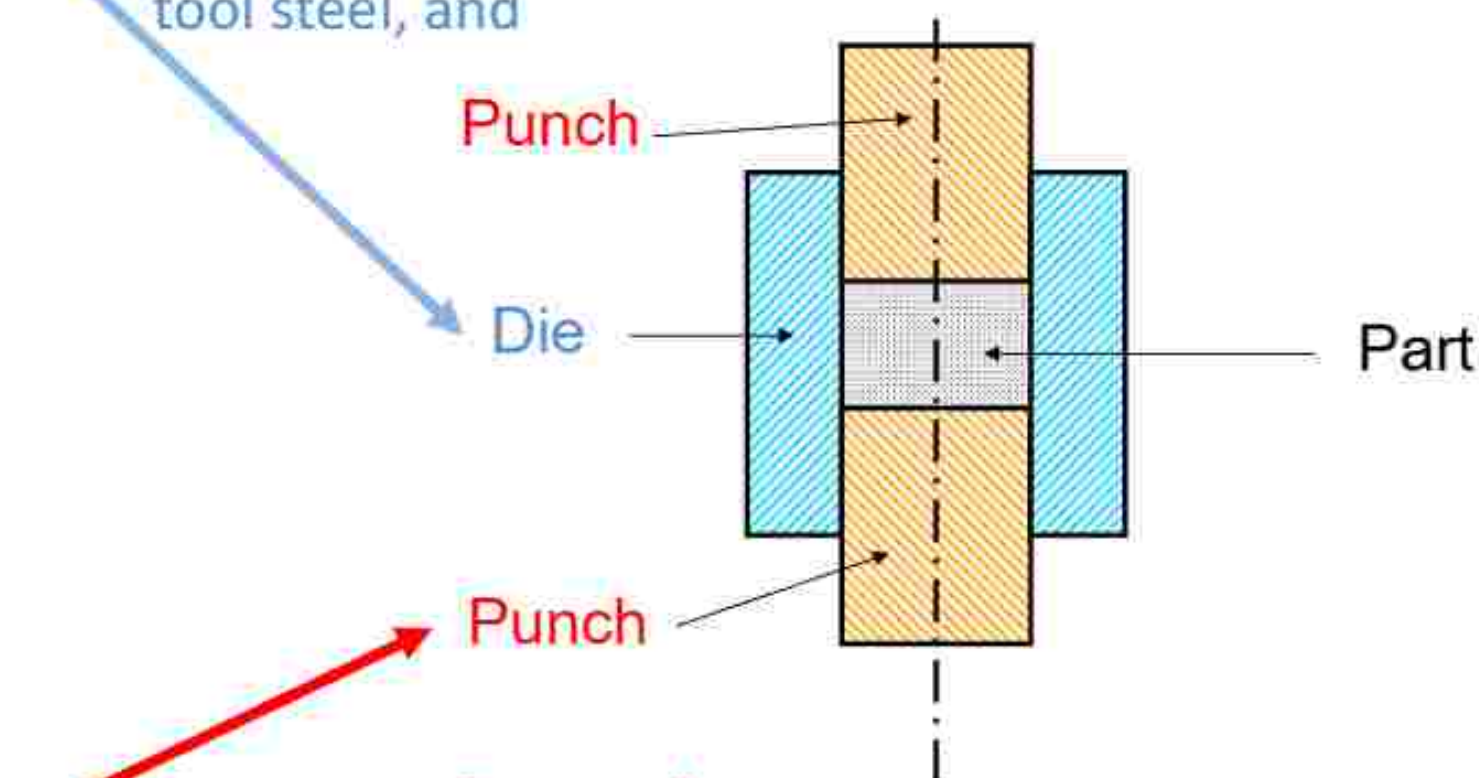
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# Powder Pressing



Tooling used to make these specimens consists of

- **a die**, preferably of cemented carbide, or alternatively of tool steel, and

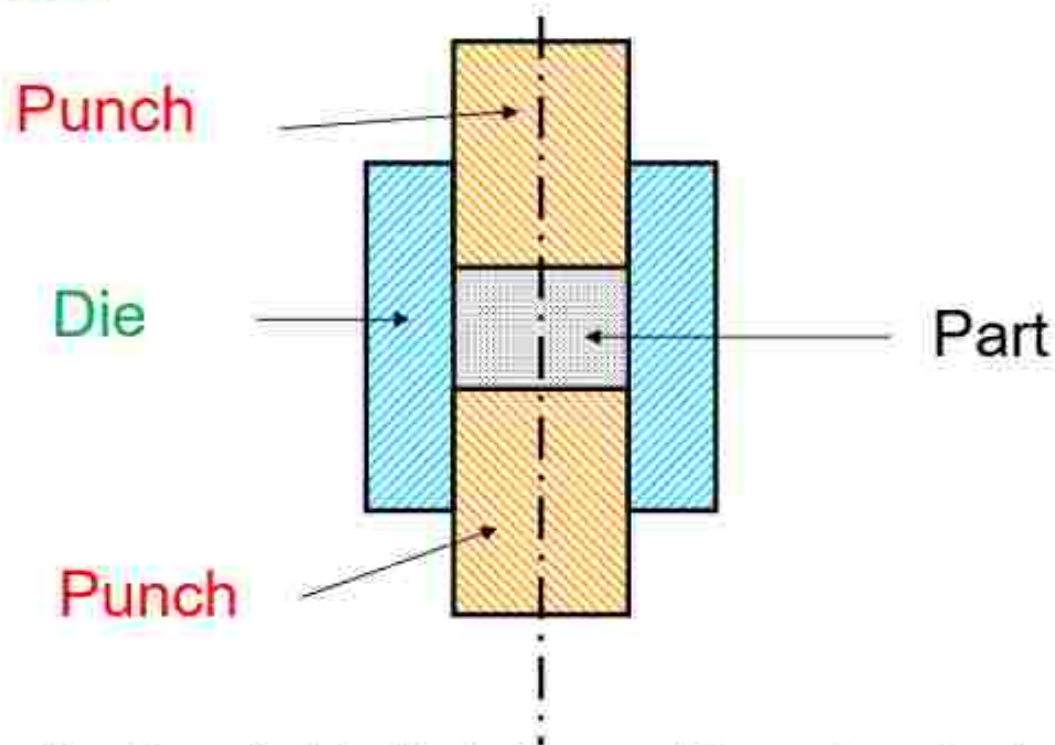


- **two steel punches** for producing either cylindrical or rectangular compacts.

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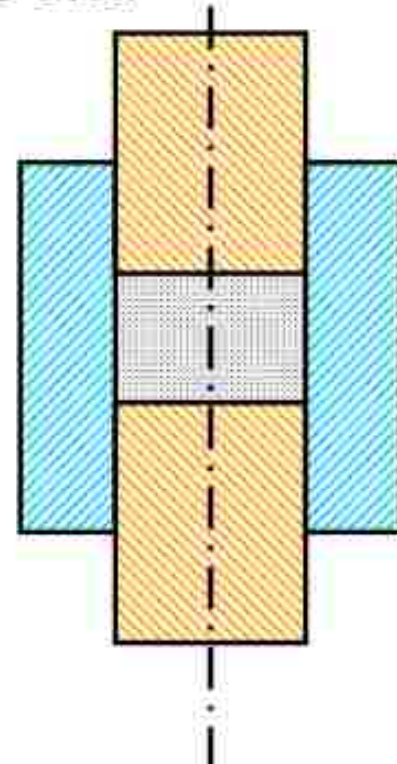


# Compacting

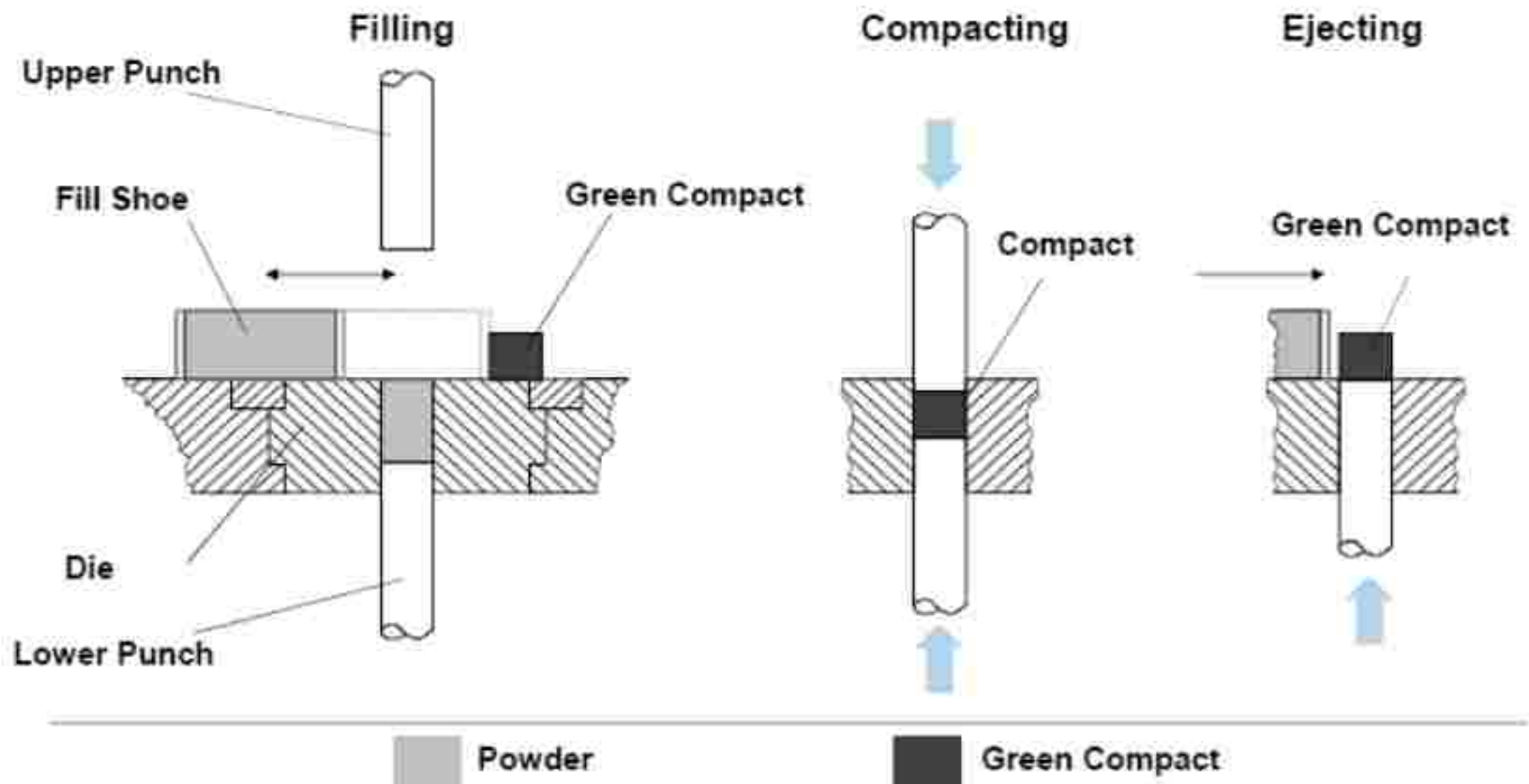
- Loose powder is compacted and densified into a shape, known as **green compact**
- Most compacting is done with mechanical presses and rigid tools

**TABLE 18-1** Typical Compacting Pressures for Various Applications

Application	Compaction Pressures	
	tons/in. <sup>2</sup>	Mpa
Porous metals and filters	3–5	40–70
Refractory metals and carbides	5–15	70–200
Porous bearings	10–25	146–350
Machine parts (medium-density iron & steel)	20–50	275–690
High-density copper and aluminum parts	18–20	250–275
High-density iron and steel parts	50–120	690–1650



## The Compaction Cycle







## Compressibility Testing

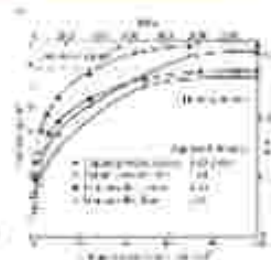
Standard test methods for compressibility have been issued as:

- ASTM B331, "Compressibility of Metal Powder in Uniaxial Compaction," by the American Society for Testing and Materials
- MPIF 45, "Determination of Compressibility of Metal Powders," by the Metal Powder Industries Federation
- ISO 3927, "Metallic Powders Excluding Powders for Hardmetals--Determination of Compactibility

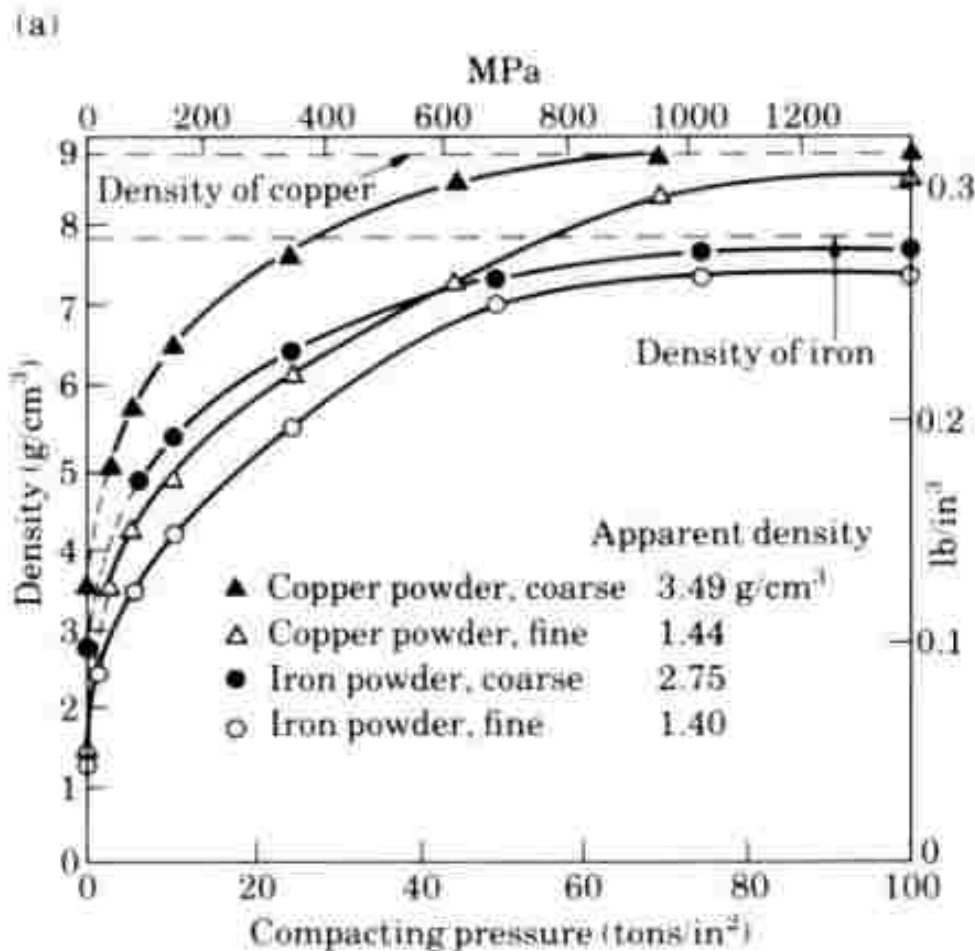
Typically, a cylindrical or rectangular test piece is made by pressing powder in a die, with pressure applied simultaneously from top and bottom.

The pressure required to achieve a specified density is a measure of **compressibility**.

**Compressibility** can also be specified as the density achievable at a given pressure.



By plotting **the density** obtained by a series of increasing levels of **pressure** against these pressures, a compressibility curve is developed.



## Compaction of Powder Metals

## Two shapes of test pieces have been standardized.

- ❑ One is a **cylinder** having
  - a diameter of 25 mm (1 in.) and
  - a height of 12.7 to 25 mm (0.5 to 1 in.).
  
- ❑ The other is a **rectangular** bar
  - 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) wide
  - 31.8 mm (1.25 in.) long and
  - 5 to 7 mm (0.2 to 0.3 in.) high.

# COMPRESSION RATIO

The compression ratio applies to uniaxial die pressing. It is defined as the ratio of the height of loose powder to the height of the compact. For a constant cross-section compact, the compression ratio  $C_R$  expresses the volume change or density change with a standardized compaction pressure, say 400 MPa, and can be calculated from the density ratio, height ratio, or volume ratio:

$$C_R = \frac{H}{H_O} = \frac{V_L}{V_C} = \frac{\rho_G}{\rho_A}$$

$C_R$  = compression ratio, dimensionless

$H$  = compacted powder height, m (convenient units: mm)

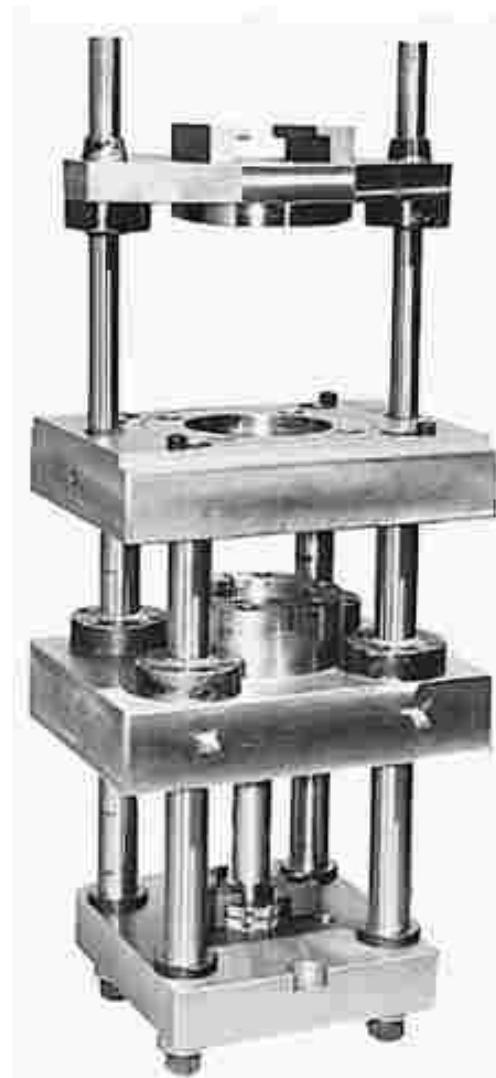
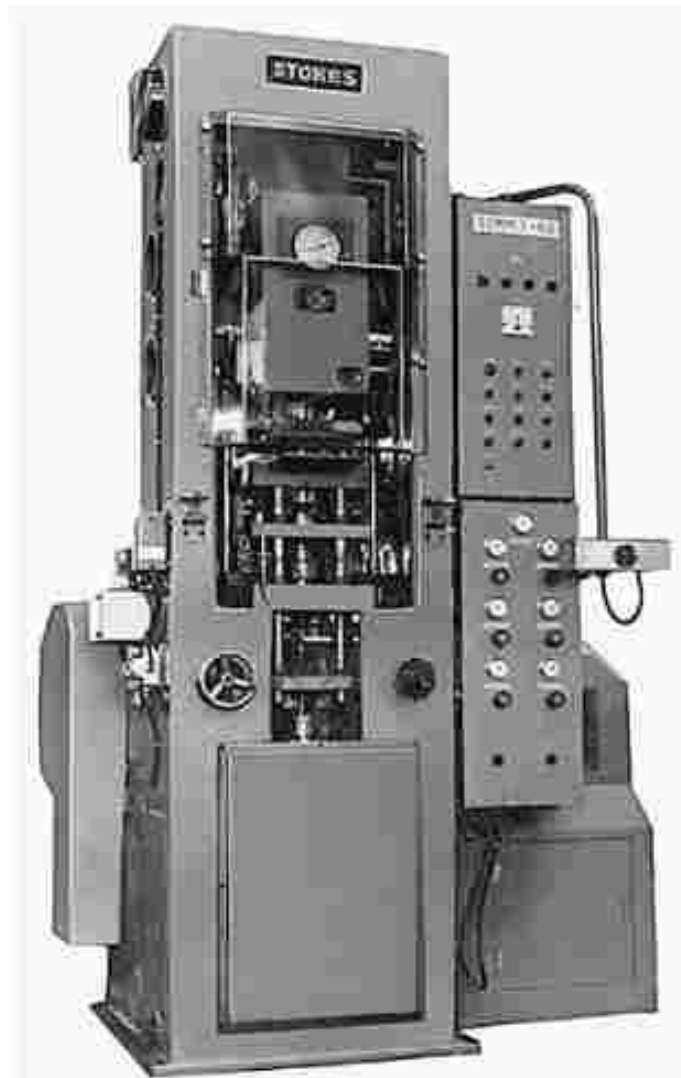
$H_O$  = loose-powder fill height, m (convenient units: mm)

$V_C$  = compacted-powder volume,  $\text{m}^3$  (convenient units:  $\text{mm}^3$ )

$V_L$  = loose-powder fill volume,  $\text{m}^3$  (convenient units:  $\text{mm}^3$ )

$\rho_A$  = loose-powder apparent density,  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$  (convenient units:  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )

$\rho_G$  = pressed green density,  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$  (convenient units:  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ ).



**Figure 18-3** (Left) Typical press for the compacting of metal powders. A removable die set (right) allows the machine to be producing parts with one die set while another is being fitted to produce a second product. (Courtesy of Alfa Laval, Inc., Warminster, PA.)





# Compaction of Powders

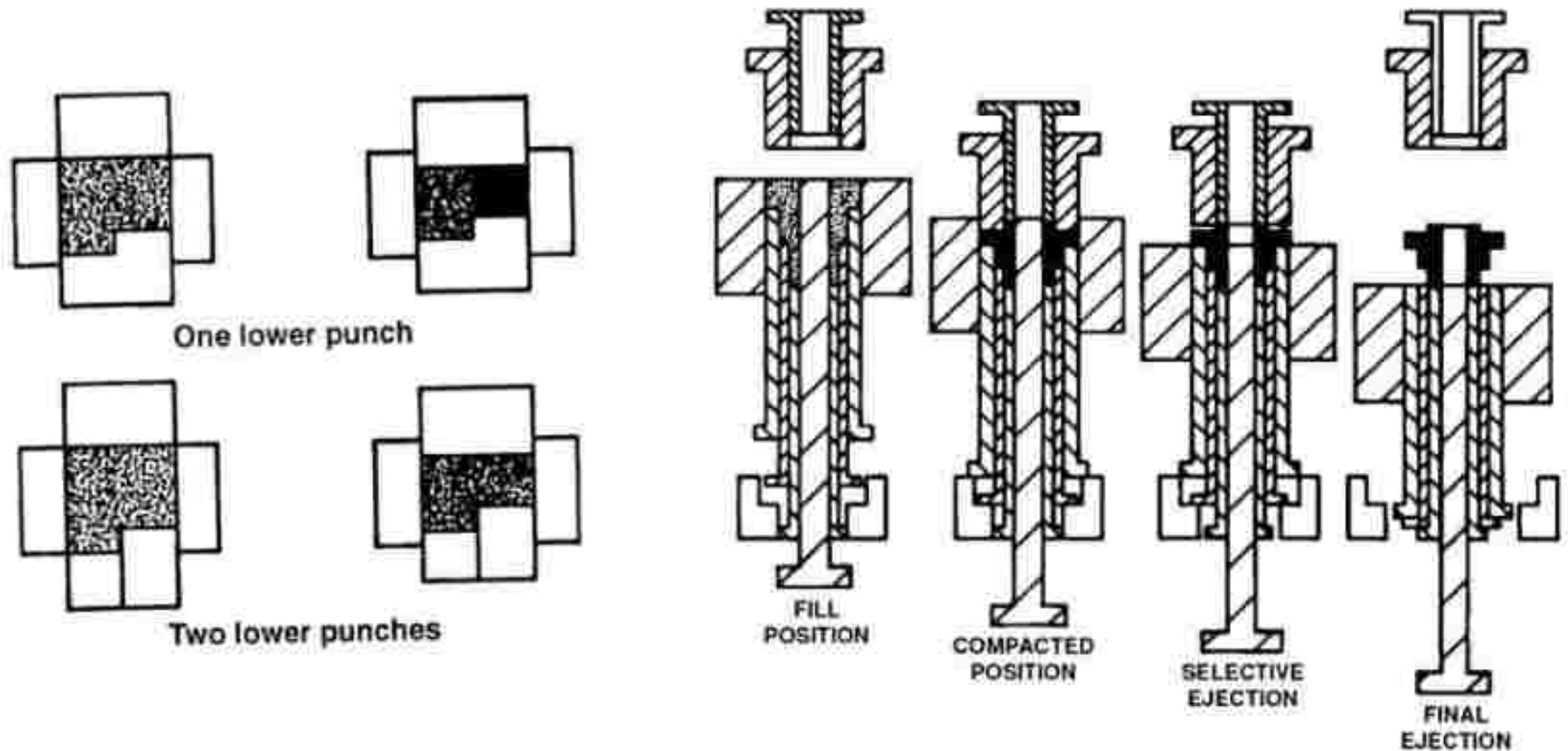
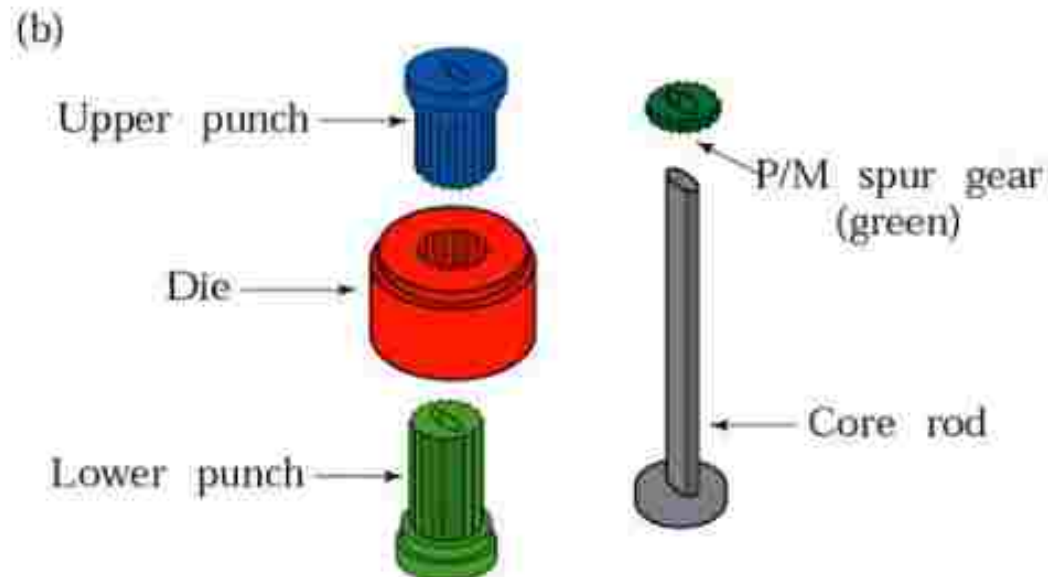
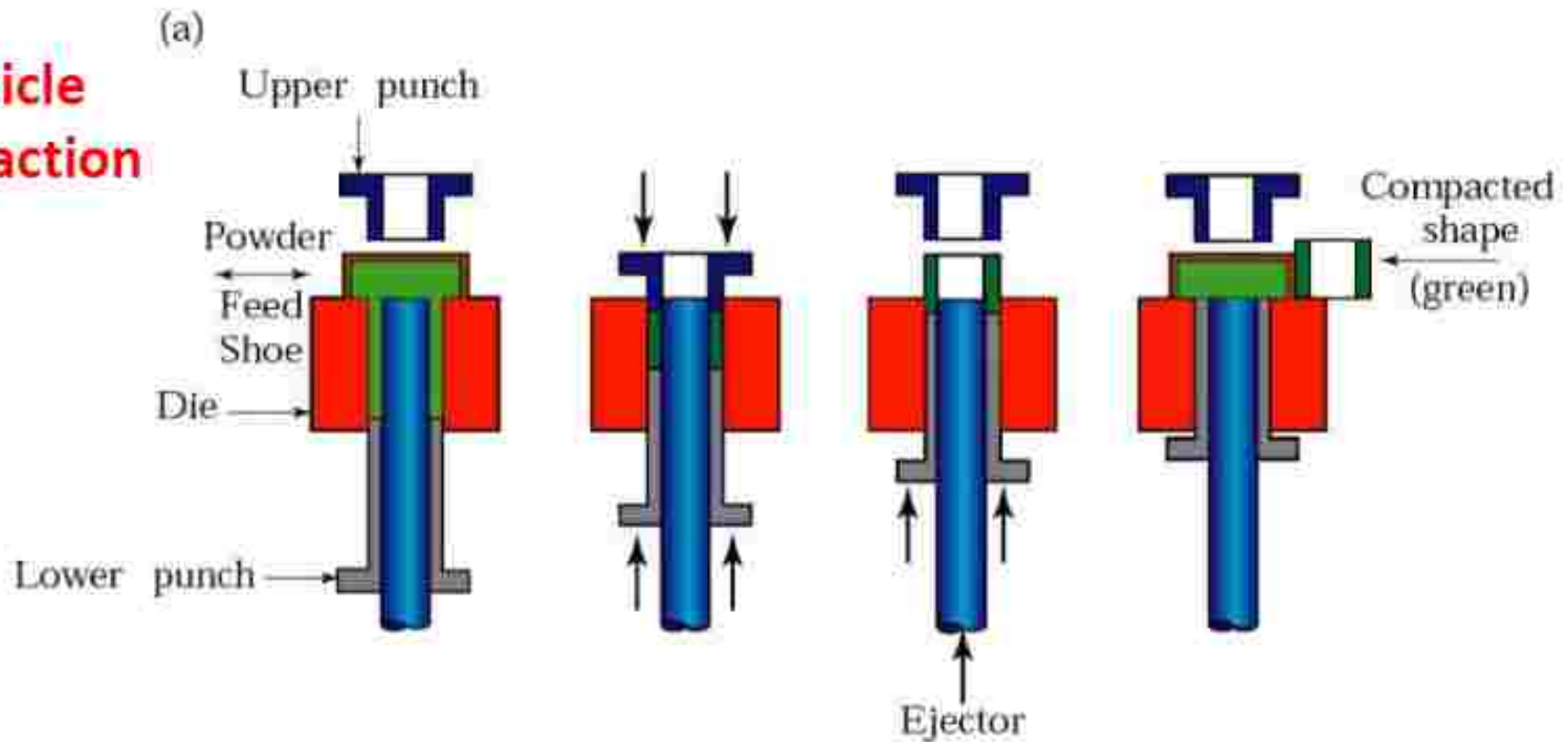


FIG. 11.13 Typical compaction tool elements for a multilevel part. (From Ref. 9.)

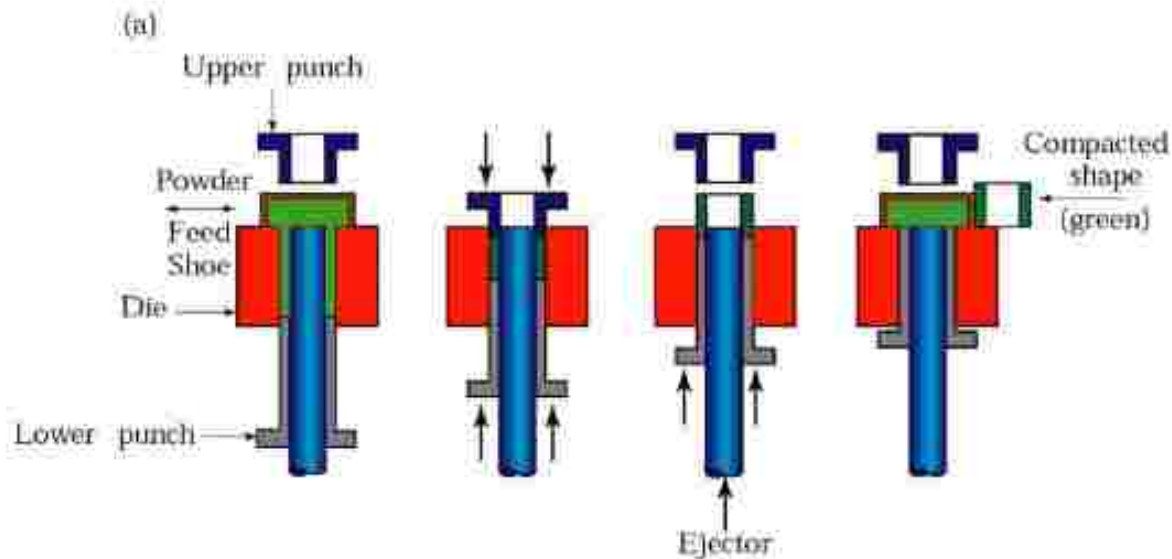
## Particle Compaction



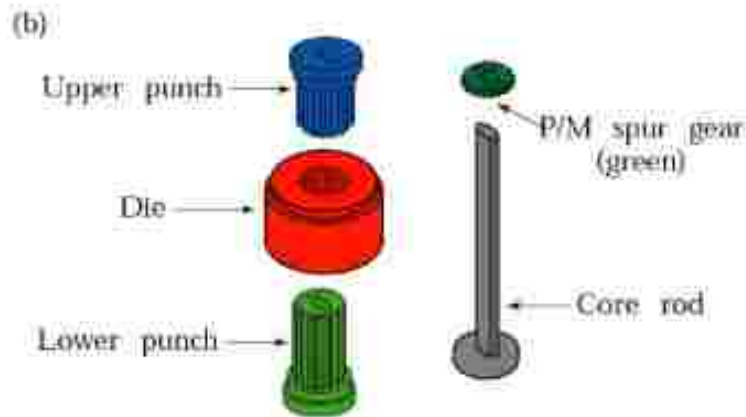
(a) Compaction of metal powder to form a bushing. The pressed powder part is called green compact. (b) Typical tool and die set for compacting a spur gear. *Source:* Metal Powder Industries Federation.



# Compaction



(a) Compaction of metal powder to form a bushing. The pressed powder part is called green compact.



(b) Typical tool and die set for compacting a spur gear.

$$\text{Density} = (\text{Theoretical density of metal}) \times \left(1 - \frac{\% \text{porosity}}{100}\right)$$

$$\text{Conductivity} = (\text{Theoretical conductivity of metal}) \times \left(1 - 2 \frac{\% \text{porosity}}{100}\right)$$



Pressure will rearrange and deform contacting particles, inducing an incipient neck between them. The size of that initial neck depends on both the material properties and applied pressure. If no pressure is applied, there is still a small degree of elastic deformation, leading to a small insipient neck. The compaction-induced deformation at the particle contacts produces a circular contact that expands in size with higher pressures. At high relative pressures compared to the material strength, assuming plasticity, the deformed particles will consist entirely of prismatic faces. Prior to formation of prismatic grains, the size of the contact faces can be approximated by a circle of diameter  $X$ . The fractional green density  $f_G$  and contact size are related as follows:

$$X = D \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{f_G}{f_A} \right)^{2/3} \right]^{1/2}$$

where  $D$  is the particle diameter, and  $f_A$  is the fractional apparent density corresponding to  $X = 0$ . In uniaxial die compaction, the applied pressure decays with depth below the punch. Accordingly, the compaction-induced initial neck size will vary with position in the green body.

$D$  = particle size, m (convenient units:  $\mu\text{m}$ )

$X$  = diameter of contact between pressed powders, m (convenient units:  $\mu\text{m}$ )

$f_A$  = apparent density, dimensionless fraction [0, 1]

$f_G$  = green density, dimensionless fraction [0, 1].

## GREEN DENSITY DEPENDENCE ON COMPACTION PRESSURE (Jones 1960)

In powder compaction the average green density depends on the average compaction stress. Since wall friction decreases the average stress, thicker compacts in the pressing direction will naturally have lower densities. On close scrutiny, there are density gradients within the compact. If it is complicated in shape, especially if there are multiple thicknesses, then the green density can be highly variable within the body. As an approximation, the average fractional green density  $f_G$  will depend on the compaction pressure  $P$  approximately as follows:

$$\frac{df_G}{dP} = -\Theta \varepsilon = -\Theta(1 - f_G)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the fractional porosity ( $\varepsilon = 1 - f_G$ ), and  $\Theta$  is a constant that varies with the powder. Rearranging and integrating gives,

$$\ln\left(\frac{1 - f_G}{1 - f_D}\right) = -\Theta P$$

where  $f_D$  is the fractional density at the onset of deformation, which is often near the tap density. This equation does not include particle rearrangement, so the addition of a term to include early-stage effects gives,

$$\ln\left(\frac{1 - f_G}{1 - f_D}\right) = B - \Theta P$$

where  $B$  is added to account for particle rearrangement. Modified expressions build from this with terms for deformation and particle hardening. Accordingly, a generic model linking green density to compaction pressure results,

$$f_G = 1 - (1 - f_D) \exp(B - \Theta P)$$

where  $f_D$  can be approximated by the apparent or tap density. In some cases, a simplified version can be used to link fractional green density  $f_G$  to compaction pressure  $P$ ,

$$f_G = f_A - A \exp(-KP)$$

where  $f_A$  is the apparent density of the powder, and  $A$  and  $K$  are constants that change with each powder.

$A$  = material constant, dimensionless

$B$  = rearrangement constant, dimensionless

$f_A$  = fractional apparent density, dimensionless

$K$  = constant, 1/Pa

$P$  = compaction pressure, Pa (convenient units: MPa)

$f_D$  = fractional density at the onset of deformation, dimensionless

$f_G$  = fractional green density, dimensionless

$\Theta$  = powder-dependent constant, 1/Pa

$\varepsilon = 1 - f_G$  = fractional porosity, dimensionless.

## GREEN DENSITY DEPENDENCE ON PUNCH TRAVEL

The green density  $\rho_G$  in compaction depends on the apparent powder density  $\rho_A$ , initial powder fill height  $H_0$ , and final compacted height  $H$  as follows:

$$\rho_G = \rho_A \frac{H_0}{H}$$

The compacted height can be expressed as a function of the height change  $\Delta H$  from the initial height, which is the change in spacing between the upper and lower punches,

$$H = H_0 - \Delta H$$

giving the pressed density as a simple function of the change in punch spacing,

$$\rho_G = \frac{\rho_A H_0}{H_0 - \Delta H}$$

$H$  = final compact height, m (convenient units: mm)

$H_0$  = initial powder fill height, m (convenient units: mm)

$\Delta H$  = height change from the initial height, m (convenient units: mm)

$\rho_A$  = apparent density, kg/m<sup>3</sup> (convenient units: g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

$\rho_G$  = green density, kg/m<sup>3</sup> (convenient units: g/cm<sup>3</sup>).

# FORMING

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## HOT COMPACTION

ISOSTATIC, EXTRUSION,  
DIE COMPACTING, SPRAYING,  
SINTERING

## COLD COMPACTION

DIE COMPACTING, ISOSTATIC,  
ROLLING, INJECTION  
MOULDING, SLIP CASTING

## SINTERING

VACUUM OR ATMOSPHERE

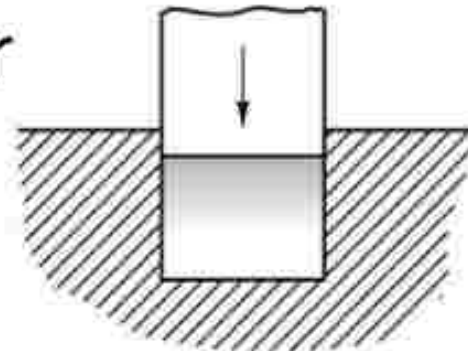
## OPTIONAL MANUFACTURING STEPS

RESINTERING, FORGING,  
COINING, Metal Infiltration ,  
OIL IMPREGNATION

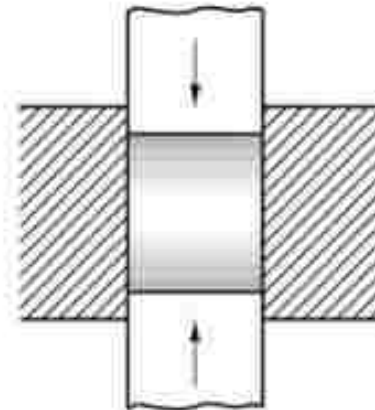


# Additional Considerations During Compaction

- When the pressure is applied by only one punch, the maximum density occurs right below the punch surface and decreases away from the punch
- For complex shapes, multiple punches should be used

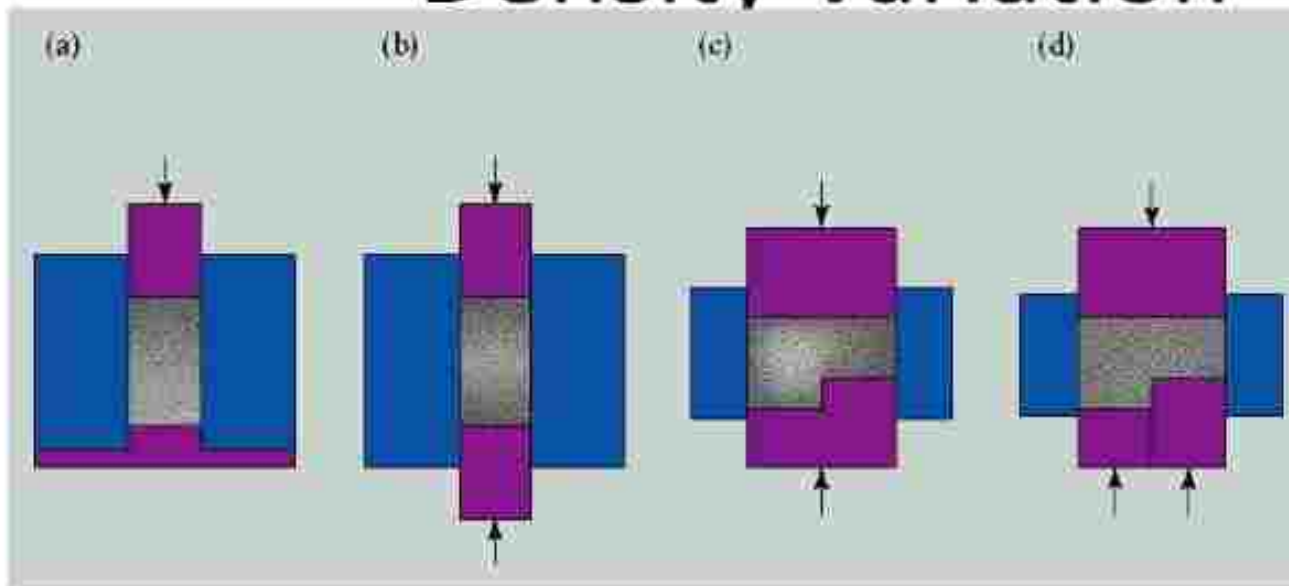


**Figure 18-5** Compaction with a single moving punch, showing the resultant nonuniform density (shaded), highest where particle movement is the greatest.



**Figure 18-6** Density distribution obtained with a double-acting press and two moving punches. Note the increased uniformity compared to Figure 18-5. Thicker parts can be effectively compacted.

# Density Variation



Density variation in compacting metal powders in different dies:

(a) and (c) single-action press

(b) and (d) double-action press.

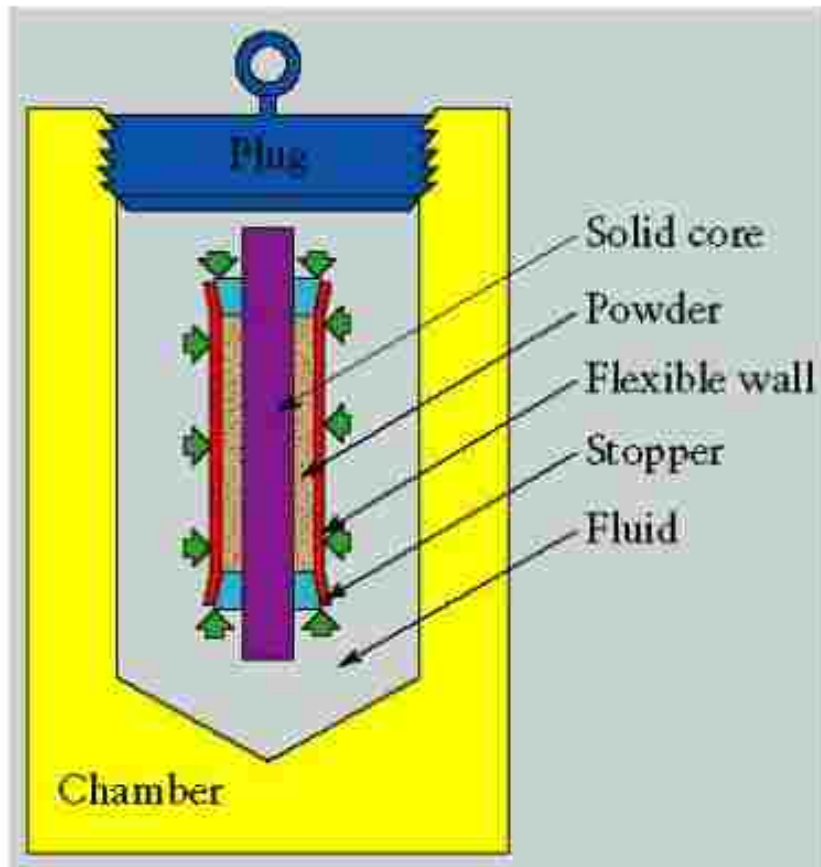
Note in (d) the greater uniformity of density in pressing with two punches with separate movements as compared with (c).

Generally, uniformity of density is preferred, although there are situations in which density variation, and hence variation of properties, within a part may be desirable.

# Complex Compacting

- If an extremely complex shape is desired, the powder may be encapsulated in a flexible mold, which is then immersed in a pressurized gas or liquid
  - Process is known as isostatic compaction
- In warm compaction, the powder is heated prior to pressing
- The amount of lubricant can be increased in the powder to reduce friction
- Because particles tend to be abrasive, tool wear is a concern in powder forming

# Cold Isostatic Pressing(CIP)

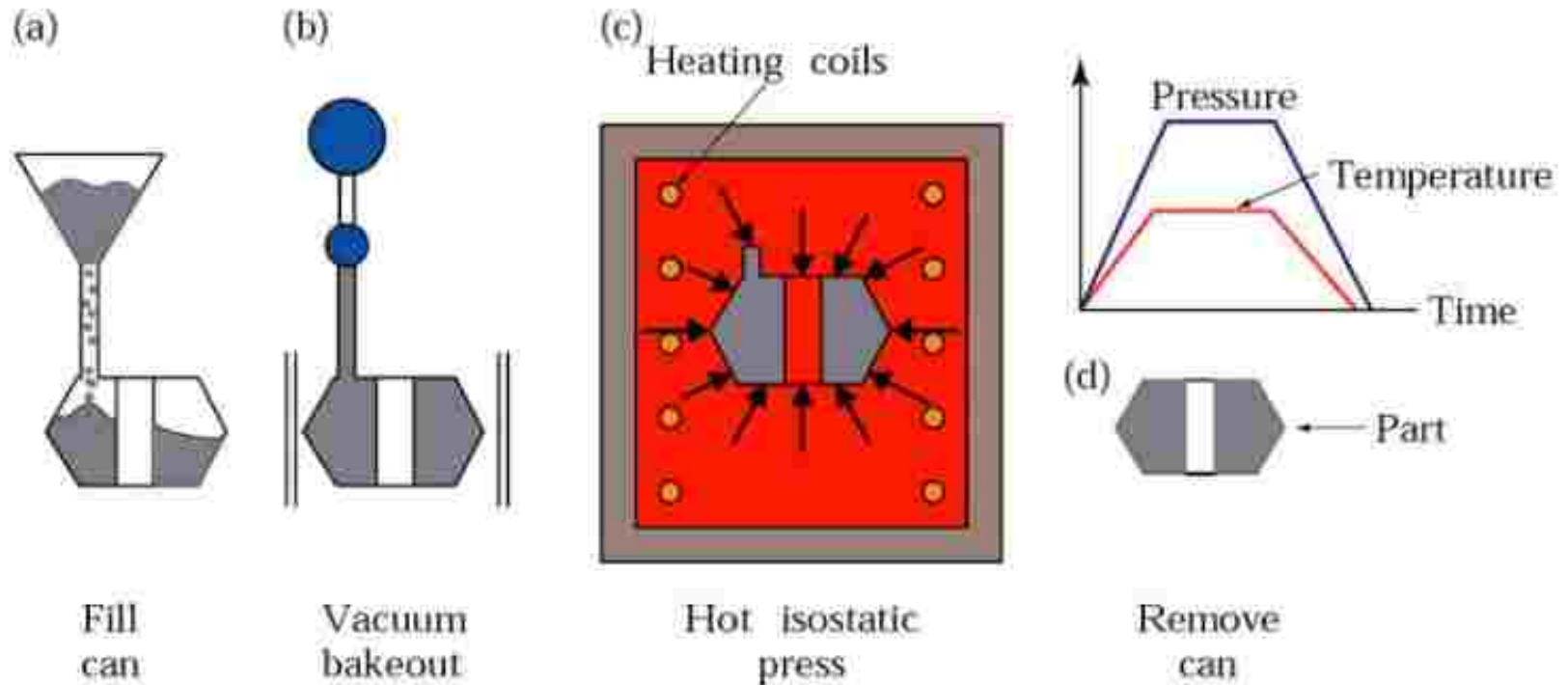


- Schematic illustration of cold isostatic pressing as applied to formation of a tube. The powder is enclosed in a flexible container around a solid core rod. Pressure is applied isostatically to the assembly inside a high-pressure chamber.

# Hot-Isostatic Pressing

- Hot-isostatic pressing (HIP) combines powder compaction and sintering into a single operation
  - Gas-pressure squeezing at high temperatures
- Heated powders may need to be protected from harmful environments
- Products emerge at full density with uniform, isotropic properties
- Near-net shapes are possible

# Hot Isostatic Pressing(HIP)





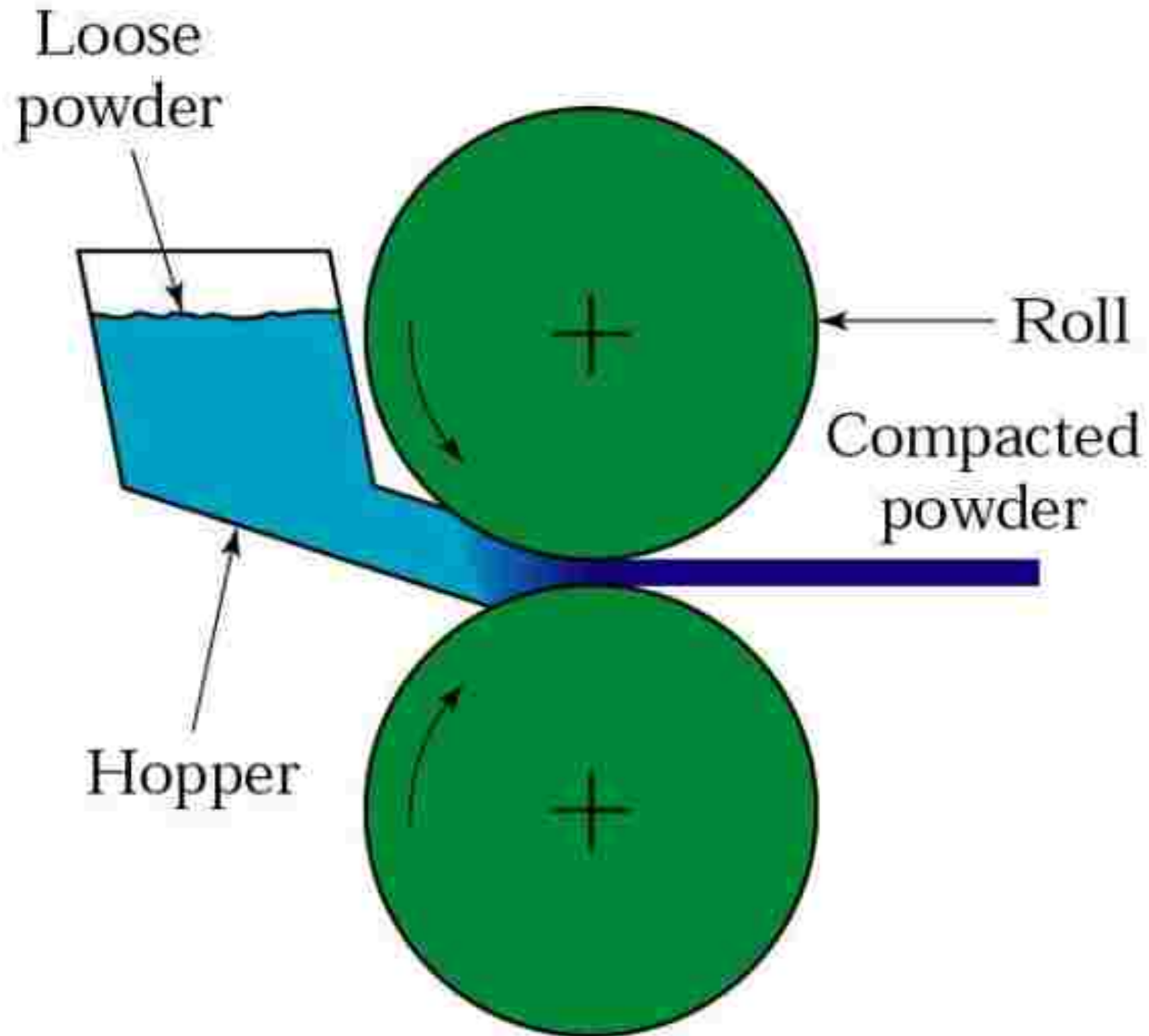
# Other compacting and shaping operations

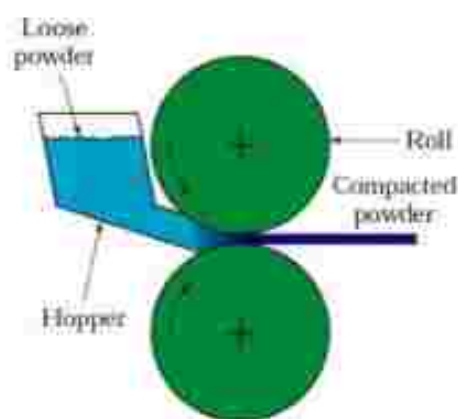
Rolling

Extrusion

Spray Deposition

# Powder Rolling





## نورد پودر به فشرده کردن پیوسته پودر فلزات به وسیله دستگاه نورد اشاره دارد.

در این پروسه، پودر فلزات از طریق قیف تغذیه میشوند تا ورق ها یا نوارهای خام (زینتر نشده) به روش پیوسته فشرده شوند.

بر روی مواد حاصل پروسه های بیشتری همچون زینتر کردن و نورد دوباره جهت ایجاد محصول نهایی انجام می شود.

می توان موادی با دانسیته بالا و یا با هر سائیزی از تخلخل های دلخواه را تولید کرد.

نوارهای تولید شده با نورد کاری پودرها متعاقباً باعث تولید مواد تمیز و کاملاً یکنواخت با اندازه ذرات کوچک میشود.

### Reference:

Metals Hand book ,Powder Metallurgy, Vol.7, 9th edition, ASM, Metals Park OH, 1984.

## کاربرد مواد نواری فشرده شده با نور شامل:

○ قطعات نواری نیکلی با خلوص بالا برای باتری های تنظیم کننده ضربان قلب

○ نوارهای آهن-نیکل برای کاتد سلول

○ قاب های هدایت کننده آهن-نیکل

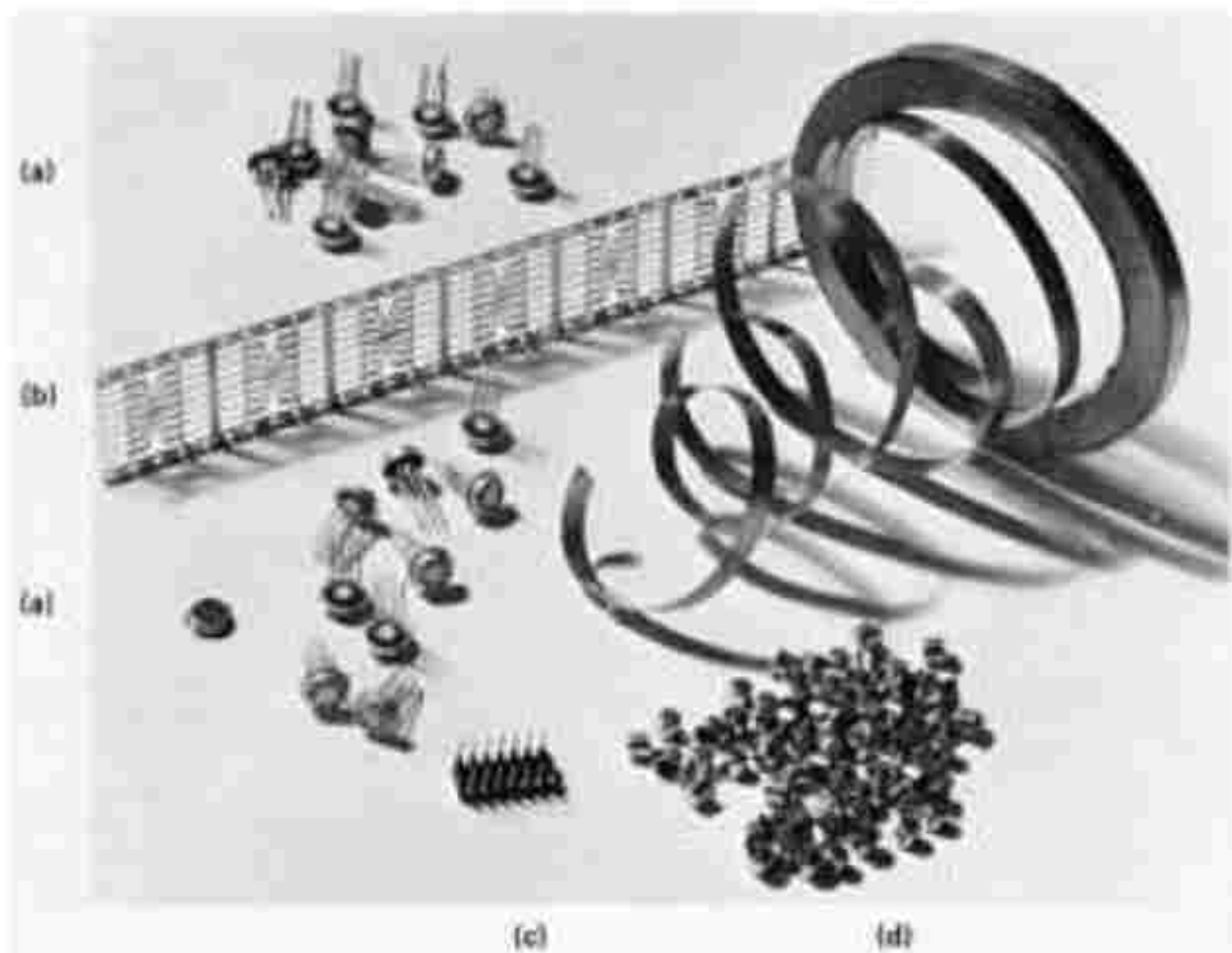
○ قوطی های Ni- Fe- Co برای قطعات الکتریکی و کاتد سلول

○ نوارهای کامپوزیتی Al- Sic

○ فویل های Ti- Al برای تولید کامپوزیت

○ نواری Ni- Ti برای کاربردهای حافظه داری

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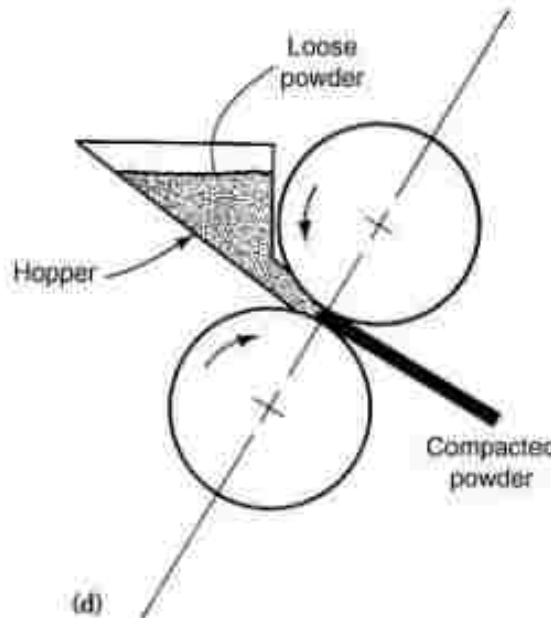
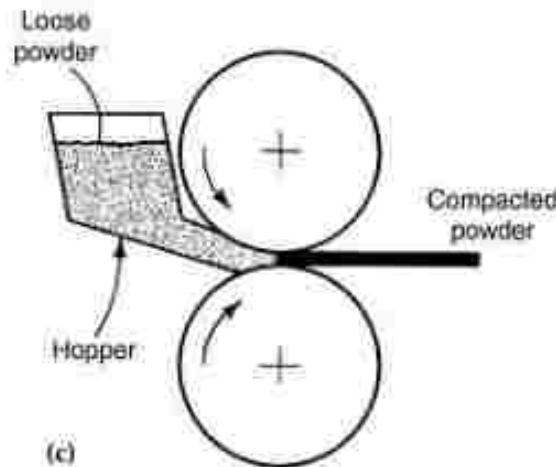
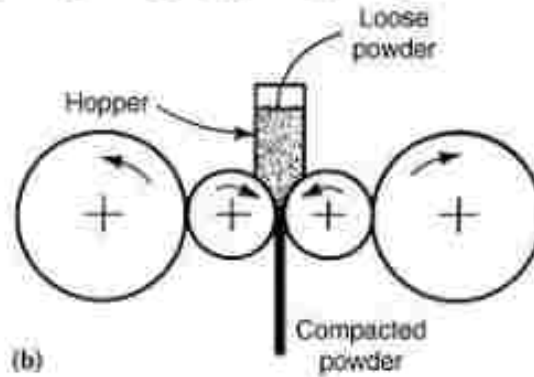
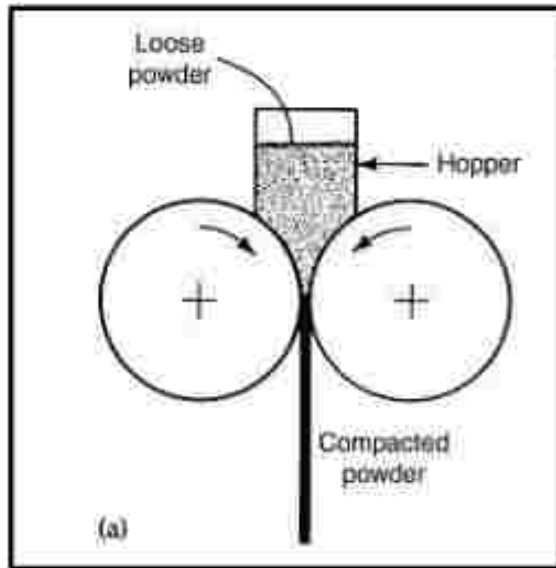


# روند تولید: ۱. وضعیت غلتک ها

نوع و موقعیت غلتک ها با نوع سیستم انتخاب شده برای تولید نوار مورد نیاز تغییر میکند.

غلتک ها می توانند به صورت:

- عمودی (همانند نوارهای سستی)
- افقی و یا
- با شیب زاویه دار قرار گیرند.



انتخاب موقعیت غلتک ها با

فاکتورهای گوناگون تعیین میشود:

- خصوصیات مواد،
- مقدار نواری که بایستی تولید شود،
- محصول نهایی مورد نظر،
- ساختار مخصوص مورد نیاز.

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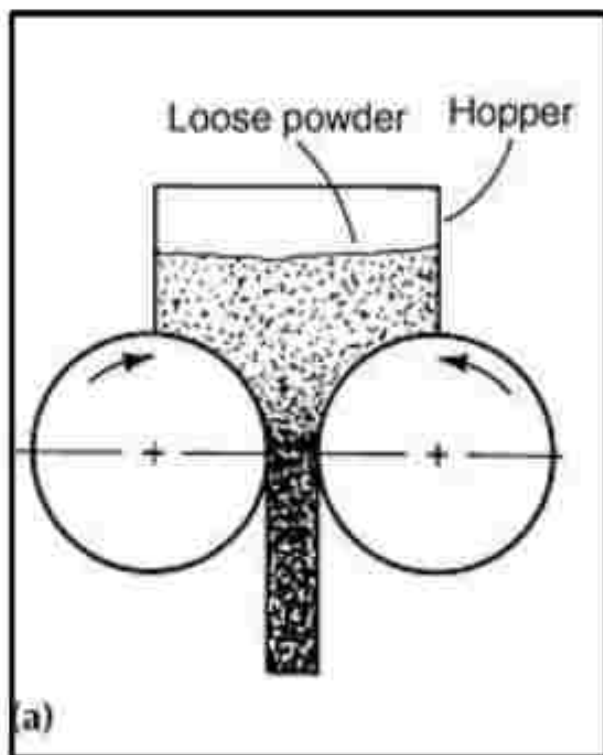
## ۲. تغذیه پودر

قدم ابتدایی در پروسه فشرده سازی با نورد، تغذیه پودر به درون غلتک هاست.

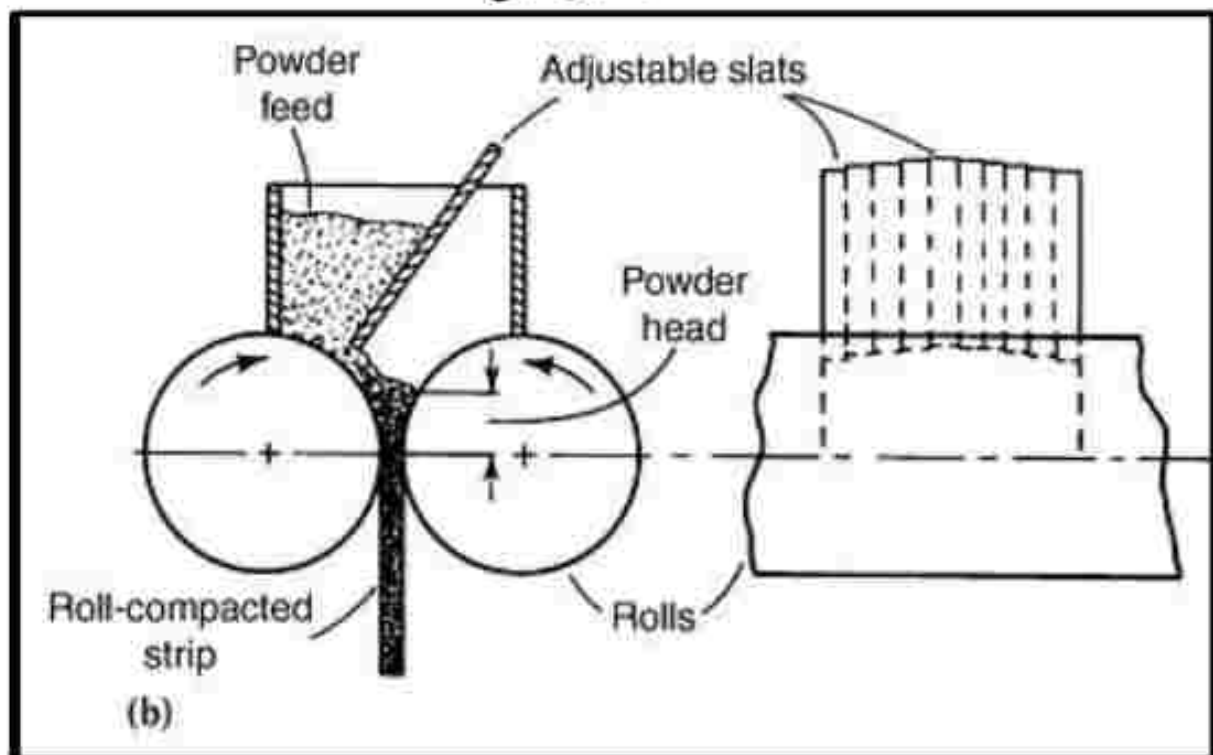
نوار خام بایستی دانسیته یکنواختی را از یک لبه تا لبه دیگر از خود نشان دهد.

دو روش تغذیه به غلتک نوردها

a تغذیه اشباع

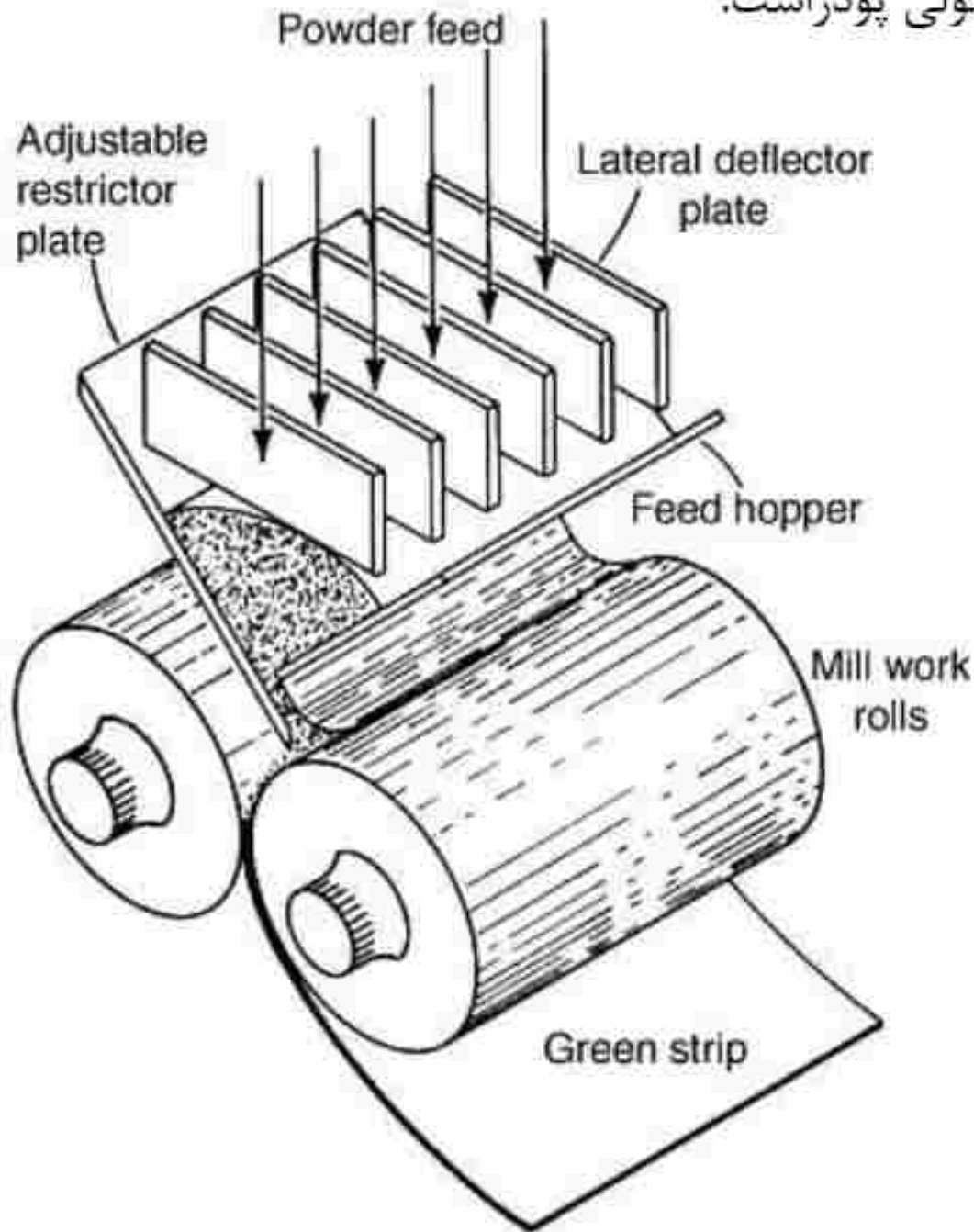


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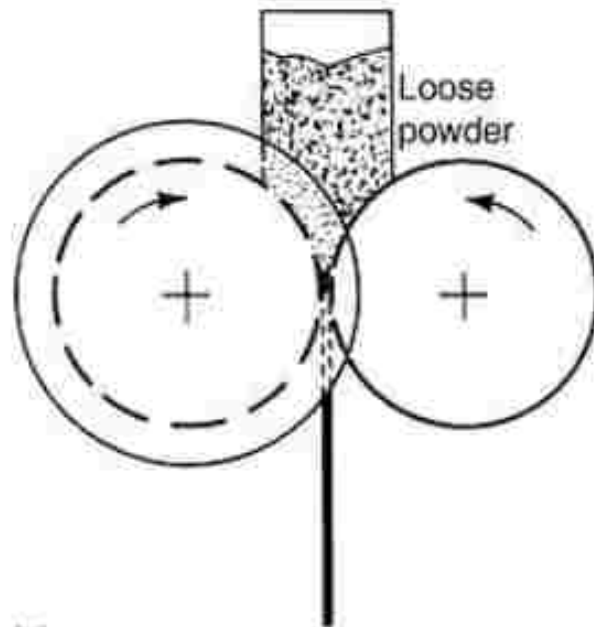
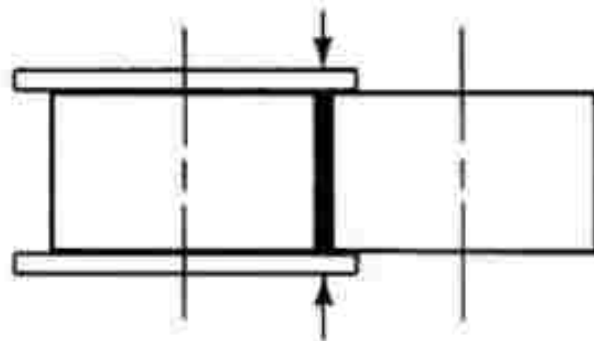


این شکل بیانگر یک تغذیه کننده معمولی پودراست.

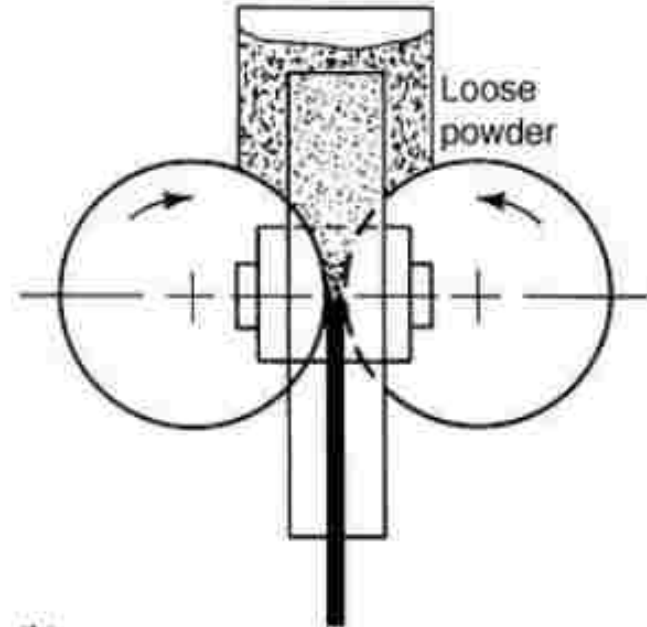
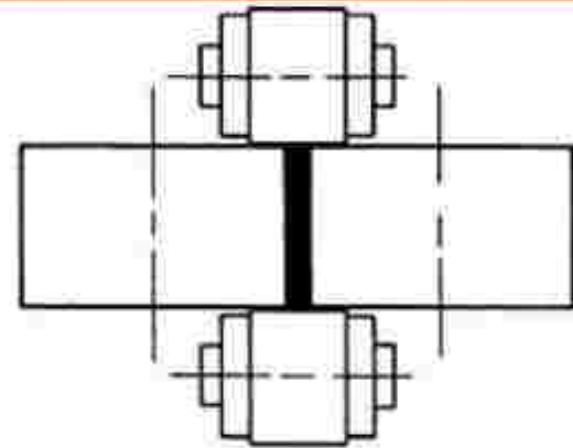
در این نوع طراحی پودر  
به صورت هموار در عرض قیف  
پخش می شود.



نوار خام نورد شده از پودر بایستی ضخامت و دانسیته یکنواخت در عرض را دارا باشد. همچنین لبه های آن بایستی به خوبی شکل گرفته و به اندازه وسط نوار دانسیته داشته باشد.



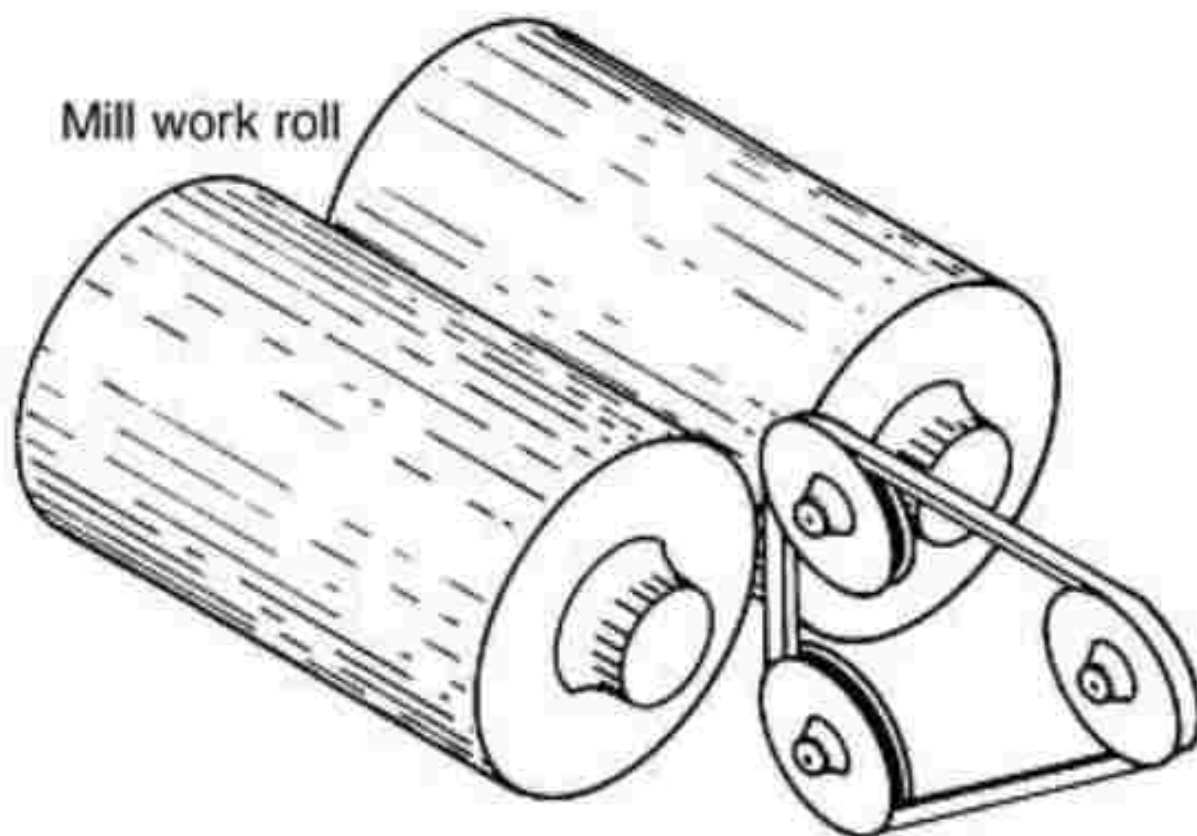
(a)



(b)

**تسمه پیوسته** که شکاف ها را در لبه های غلتک می پوشاند نیز روش مؤثری برای جلوگیری از در رفتن پودر است .

سیستم های دیگری نیز وجود دارند که نوارهایی یا لبه های محکم ایجاد می کنند که نیازمند کمی پلیسه برداری در لبه ها خواهد بود.

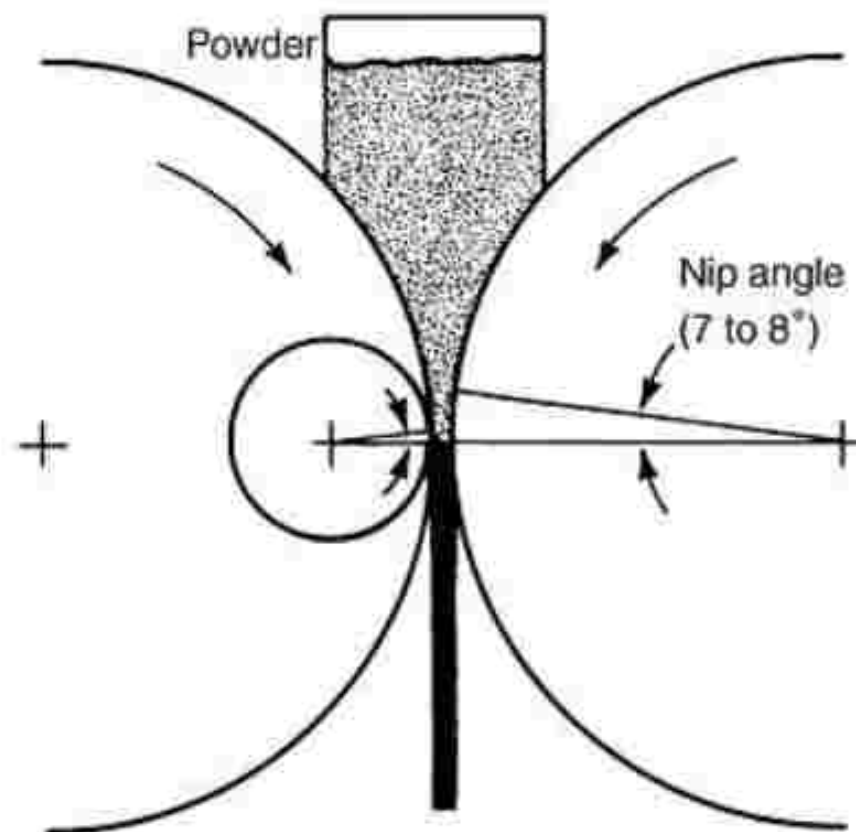


## ۴. قطر غلتک

در مورد پودر، ضخامت نوار عمدتاً توسط قطر غلتک مورد استفاده تعیین میشود. قطر

غلتک از  $7/12 - 920$  mm تغییر می کند .

زاویه گاز گرفتگی مورد استفاده در مورد نورد پودر همچون زاویه در نورد فلز معمولی می باشد در حدود . توجه داشته باشید که قطر غلتک های بزرگ قوس بزرگتری در روی سطح غلتک به وسیله زاویه گاز گرفتگی ایجاد میشود.

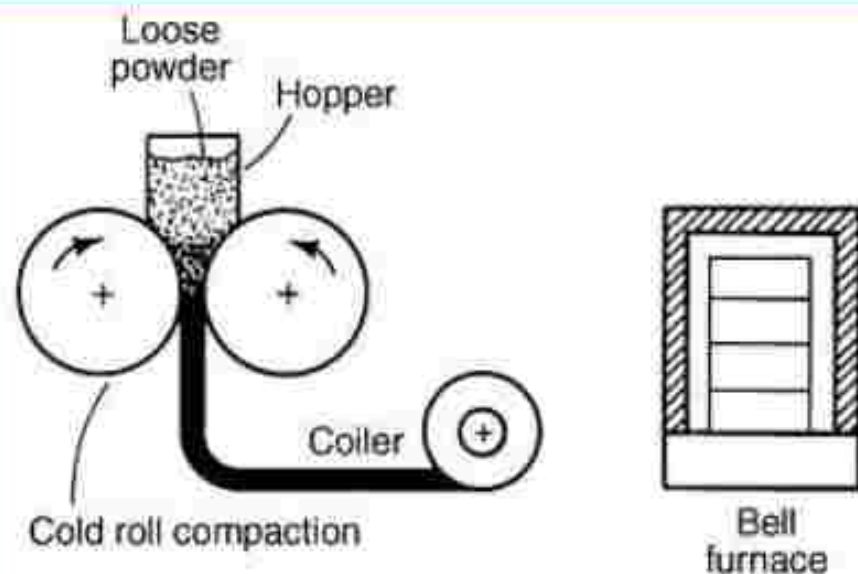


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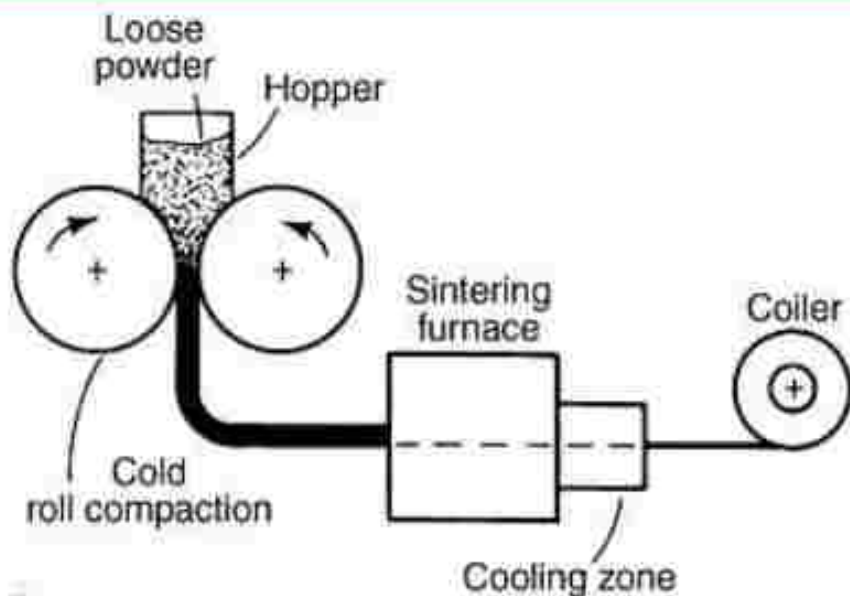
### ۵. عملیات تکمیلی

نوار خام یکنواخت تولید شده به وسیله  
غلتک فشرده سازی، بایستی قبل از دوباره  
فشرده سازی بیشتر زینتر شود.

دانسیته خام معمولاً مابین ۷۵-۹۰٪  
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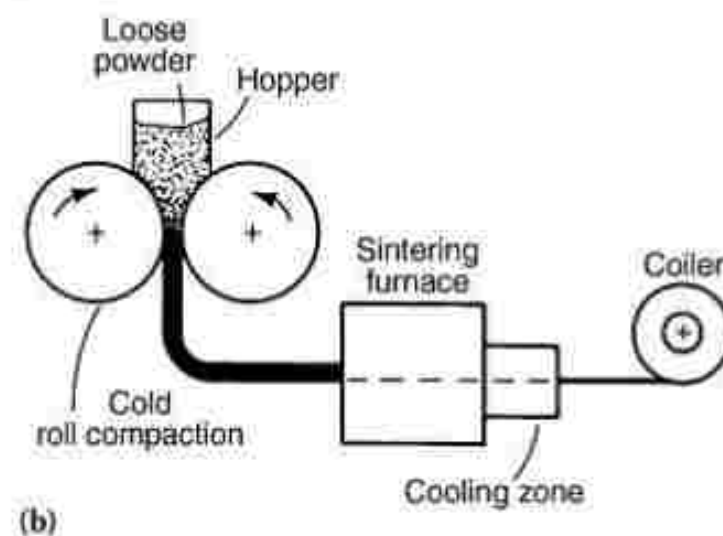
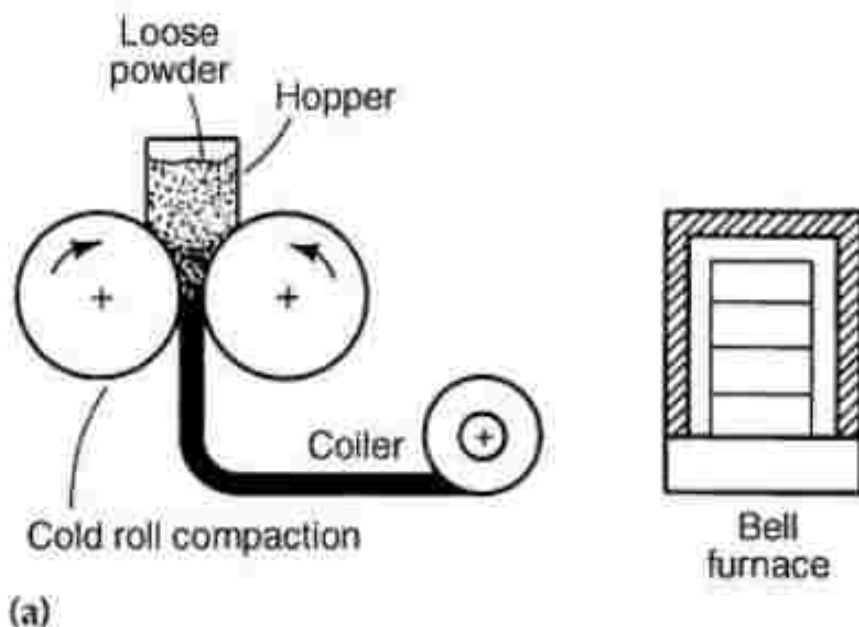
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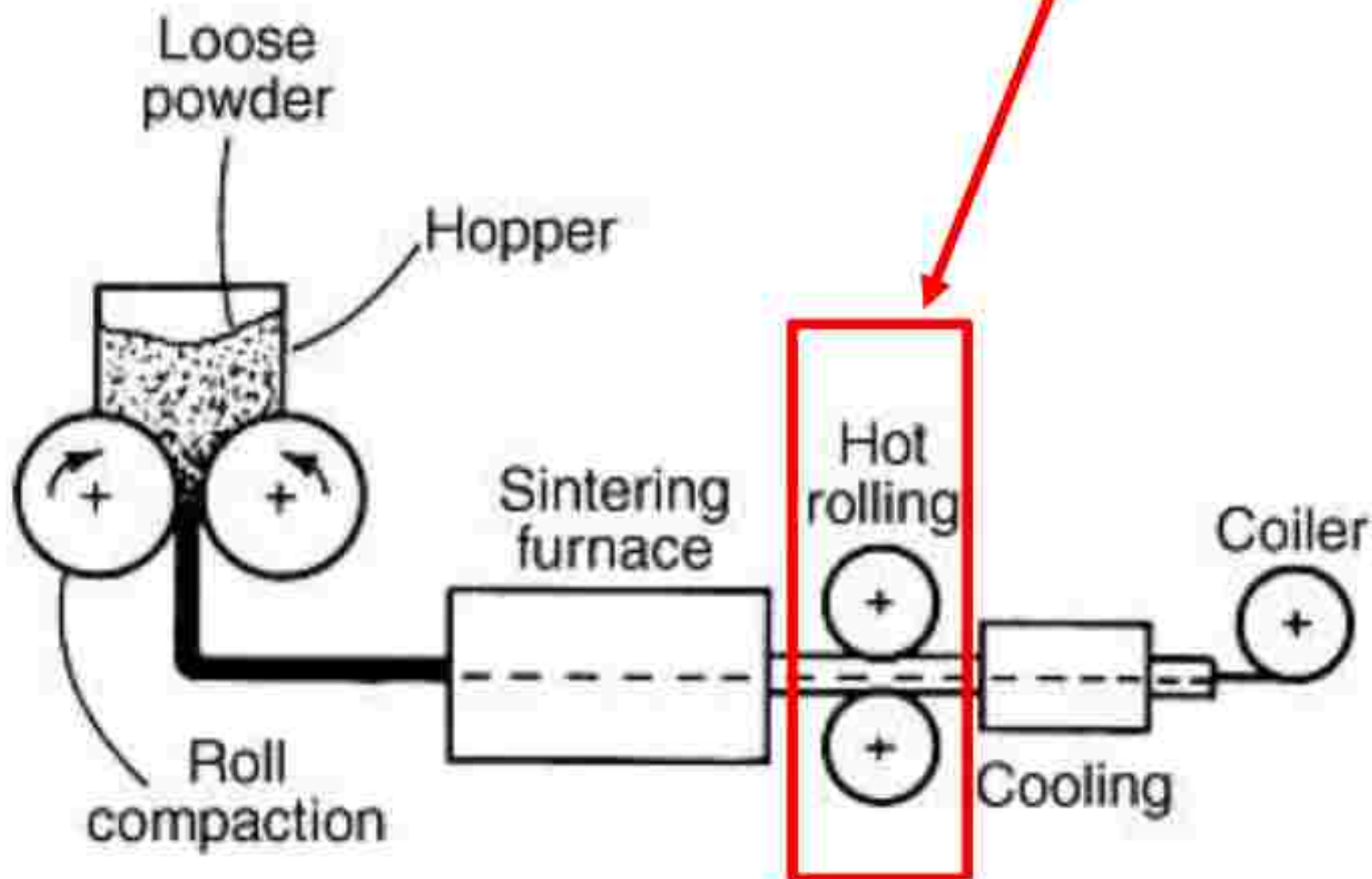
## ۵. عملیات تکمیلی

نوار خام یکنواخت تولید شده به وسیله غلتک فشرده سازی بایستی قبل از دوباره فشرده سازی بیشتر زینتر شود. دانسیته خام معمولاً مابین ۹۰٪ تا ۷۵٪ دانسیته تئوری است.

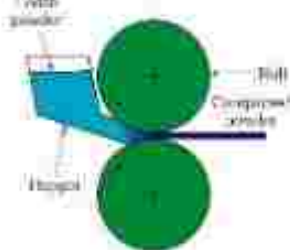
دو روش جابجائی نوار زمانیکه فشرده سازی با نورد سرد انجام گرفته است.



در شکل زیر نوار حاصله از نورد، از میان کوره زینتر عبور می کند در حالیکه هنوز گرم است نورد گرم برای حصول دانسیته کامل انجام شده و سپس نوار سرد و پیچیده میشود.

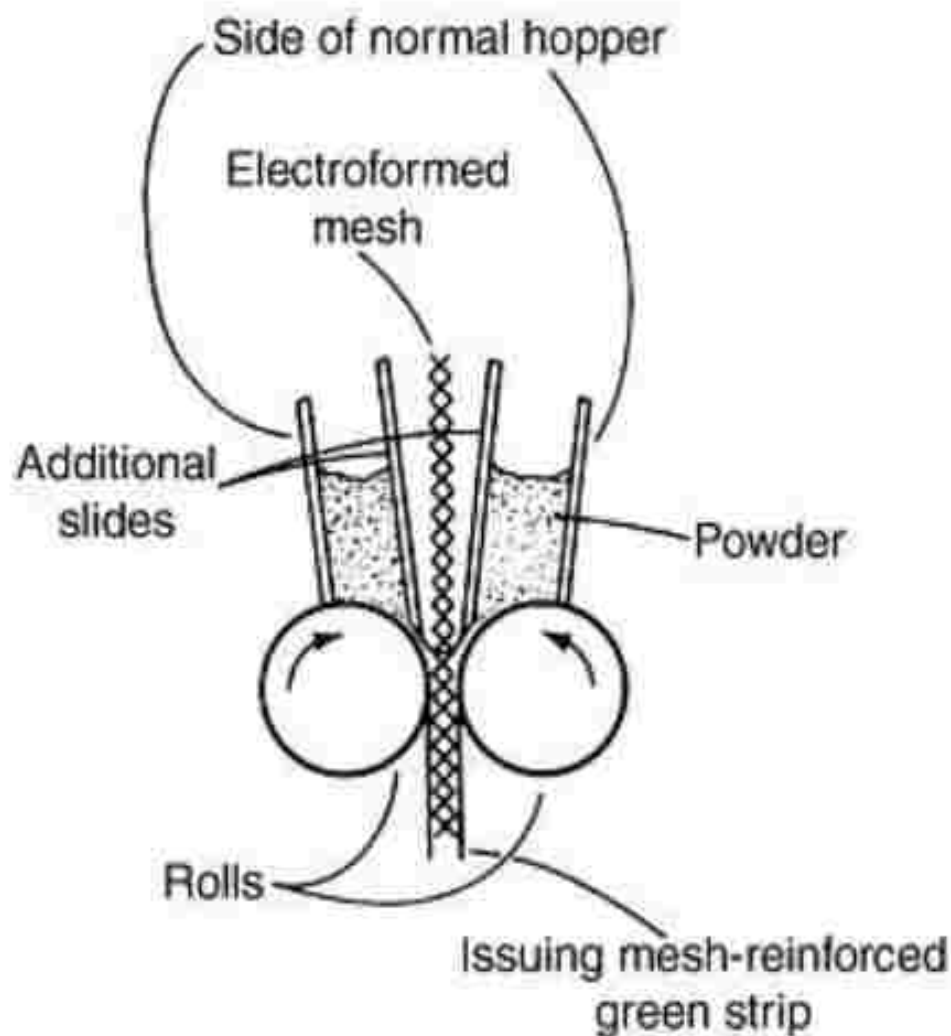


# تولید تجاری



از سال ۱۹۶۸-۱۹۵۸ پروسه نورد پودر توجه قابل ملاحظه ای را در بریتانیا ، آمریکا ، کانادا ، شوروی و ژاپن جلب کرد و یک مرکزی بنا شد تا پروسه های کم قیمت را جهت تولید پودر فلزاتی همچون  $Al, Fe, Cu, Ni$  با پروسه های نورد پودر ترکیب کند و روشهای تولید ورق های نازک و لوله ها با شرایط اقتصادی تر گسترش یابند.

شکل زیر نشانگر روشی برای تولید نوارهای متخلخل از نیکل خالص برای باتری های قلیائی و سوخت سلولهای الکتریکی است. در این روش، مش فرم داده شده در قیف پودر جاگذاری می شود تا به درون نوار نورد شده جا داده شود و الکترود متخلخل بالایی با استحکام خام کافی تولید شود.



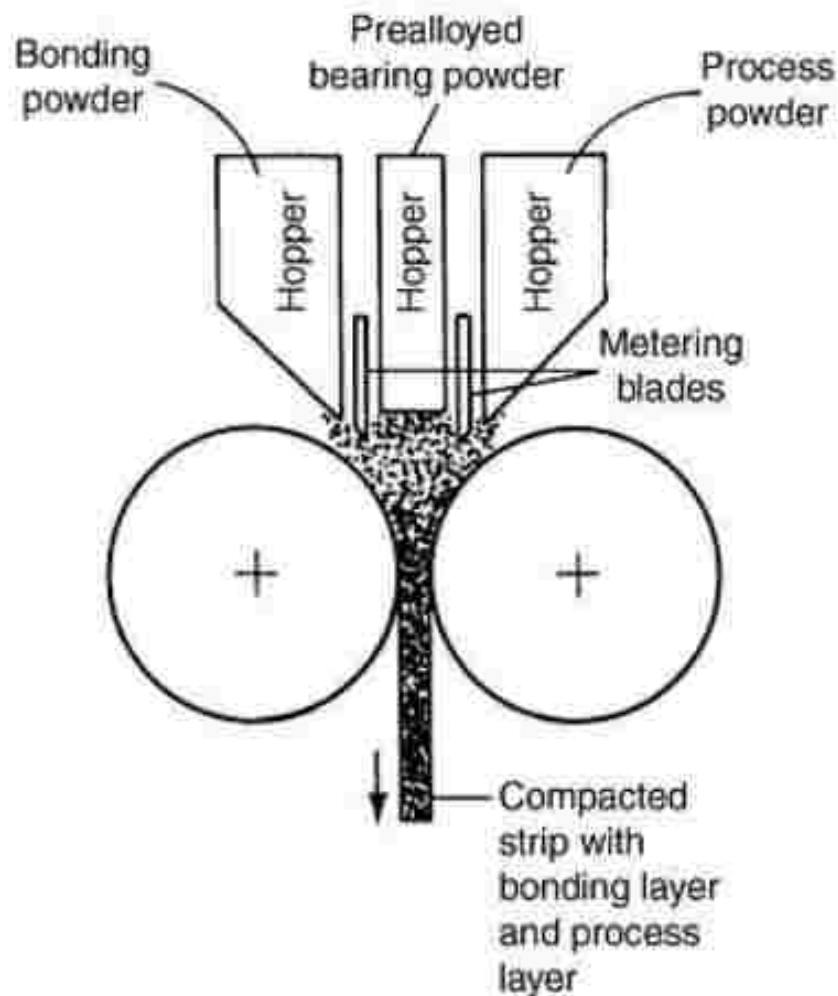


## یاتاقان کامپوزیتی

- فشردن با نوردهمچنین می تواند برای تولید کامپوزیت استفاده شود.
- مثالی از این مواد کامپوزیت فشرده شده با نورده، نوارهای بای متال که در تولید خود و یا میله انتقال یاتاقان استفاده میشود، میباشد.
- تغییرات در استاندارد وسایل مربوط به اتومبیل منجر به جایگزین شدن این مواد جدید به جای ترکیبات روپوش یاتاقان مس - سرب سنتی شد.
- نوار نورده شده شامل لایه ای از  $\text{Al-8.5Pb-4Si-1.5Sn-1Cu}$  از پودرهای از قبل آلیاژ شده است که بر روی لایه آلومینیوم خالص نورده میشود .

تولید فشرده سازی با نورد برای ایجاد کامپوزیت در شکل زیر آمده است.

- سه تا قیف پودر و تیغه های کنترل کننده جریان پودر مورد نیاز است.
- این تیغه ها جریان پودر را به درون شکاف نورد کنترل می کنند.
- سیم پیچ نوار کامپوزیت ایجاد شده سپس رینتر میشود.





## ذوب پودر برای تولید یاتاقان کامپیوزیتی

یک کوره ذوب القایی توسط آلومینیوم و مس و سیلیکون عنصری شارژ میشود. در دمای بالاتر از دمای متوسط، سرب و قلع به درون مذاب افزوده میشود. دمای کوره تا دمای تک فازی بالا برده میشود کمی بیشتر گرم میشود تا حد اطمینان تأمین شود. جریان هدایتی کوره موجب عمل هم زنی میشود که باعث ایجاد اطمینان از حل شدن قلع و سرب میشود تا یک محلول تک فازی واقعی ایجاد شود.

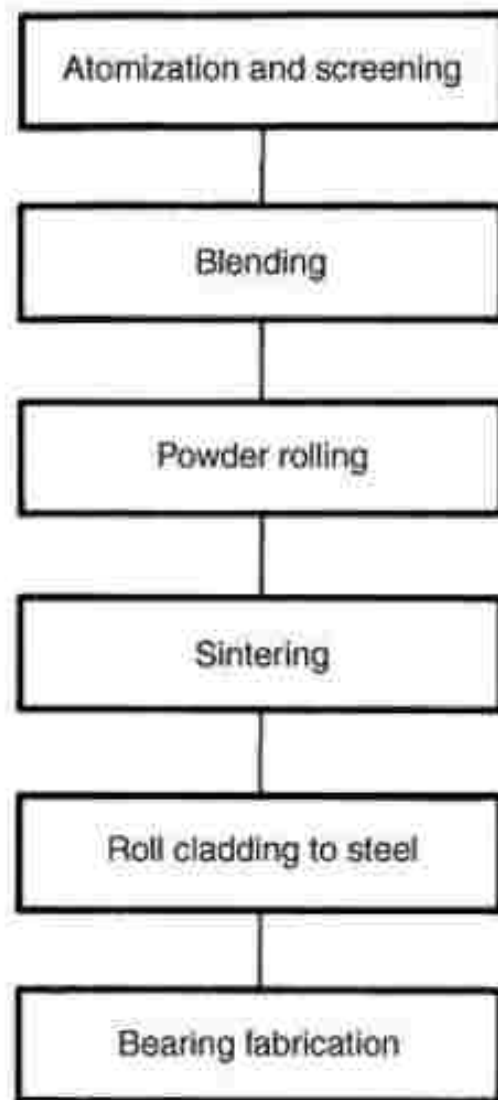
## اتمیزه کردن

جریان نازک فلز به صورت عمودی به درون محفظه اتمیزاسیون ریخته میشود که در آنجا ذرات مجزا شکسته شده و سریعاً متجمد میشود. ذرات پودر به درون جمع کننده ای با ۶ متر ارتفاع و ۱ متر قطر جمع میشود و سپس آنها از میان یک جدا کننده عبور می کنند تا ذرات ریز و درشت از هم جدا شده و ذرات خارج از محدوده را خارج کنند.

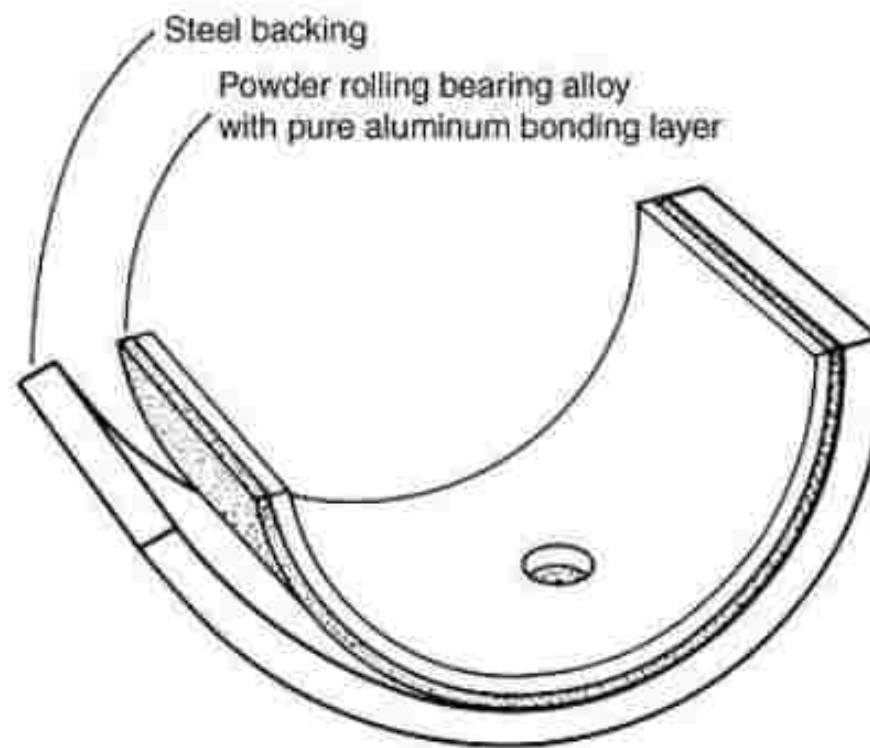
روش ترکیبی برای تولید نوار از پیش آلیاژی شده آلومینیوم و آلیاژ سرب انتخاب شده است که در بهایت به پشت فولاد کم کربن، نوار را نورد می کنند.

- تجزیه قبلی برای باطاقان های با پایه آلومینیوم کار شده ثابت می کنند که آنها برای اتصال مستقیم به سطح فولاد غیر مناسب هستند.
- زمانی که آلیاژ آلومینیوم با فازهای نرمی همچون سرب یا قلع مستقیماً به فولاد پیوند می خورد، پیوند واسطه لزوماً شامل بی منظمی های میکروسکوپی است و این بی منظمی ها در جاهایی که رسوبات قلع و سرب در تماس مستقیم با فولاد هستند اتفاق می افتد.
- این نقص باعث ایجاد تردی در سطح شده و به عنوان مکان هایی جهت تسریع در پیشروی ترک خستگی شده و باعث جدا شدن پیوندها تحت شرایط کاری میشود.
- در نتیجه آلیاژهای آلومینیوم کار شده شامل مقدار قابل توجهی فاز نرم است که تقریباً همیشه با لایه پیوندی آلومینیوم یا نیکل خالص در مقابل فولاد استفاده میشوند.

## نمودار تولید یاطاقان های روکش دار با نورد پودر

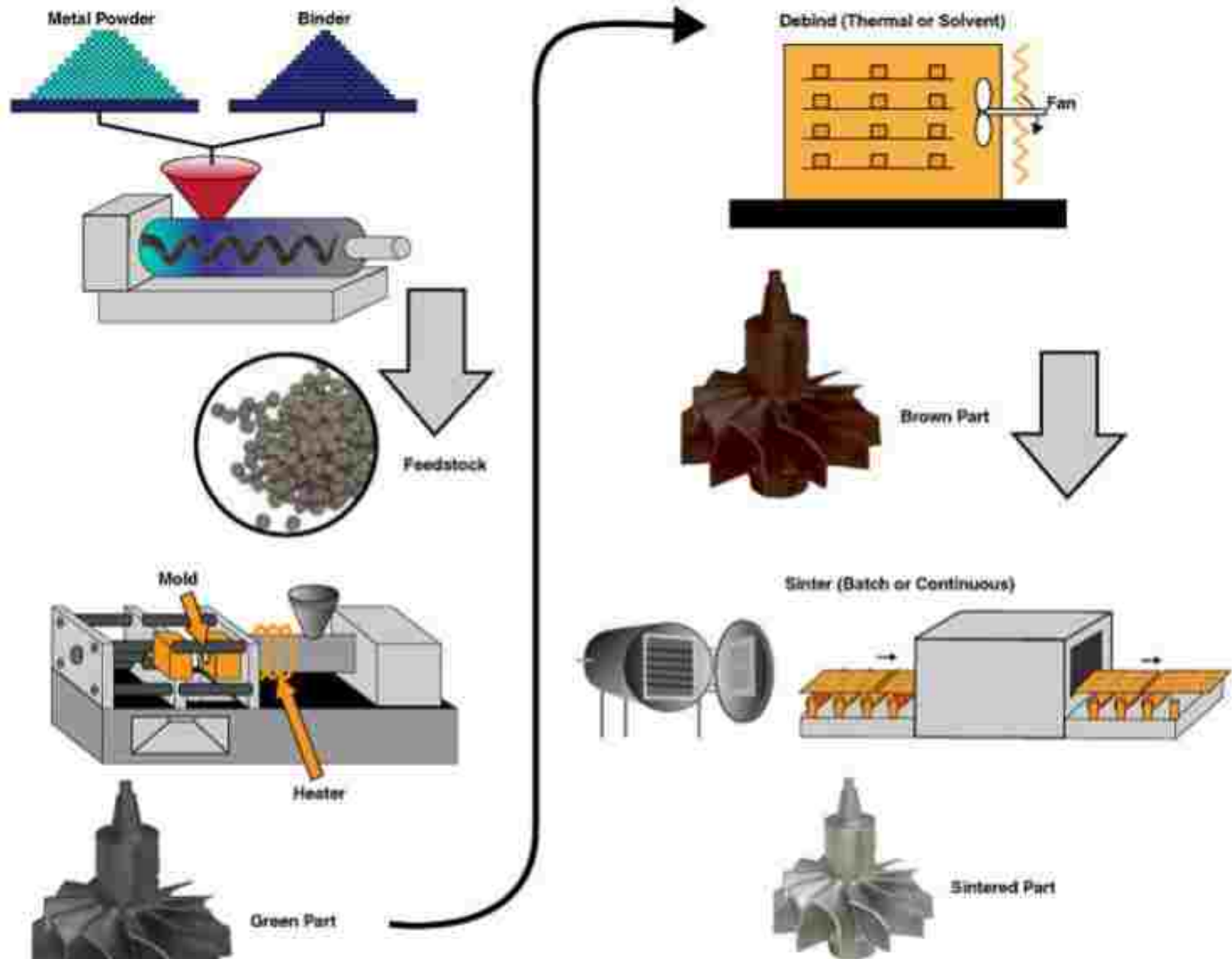


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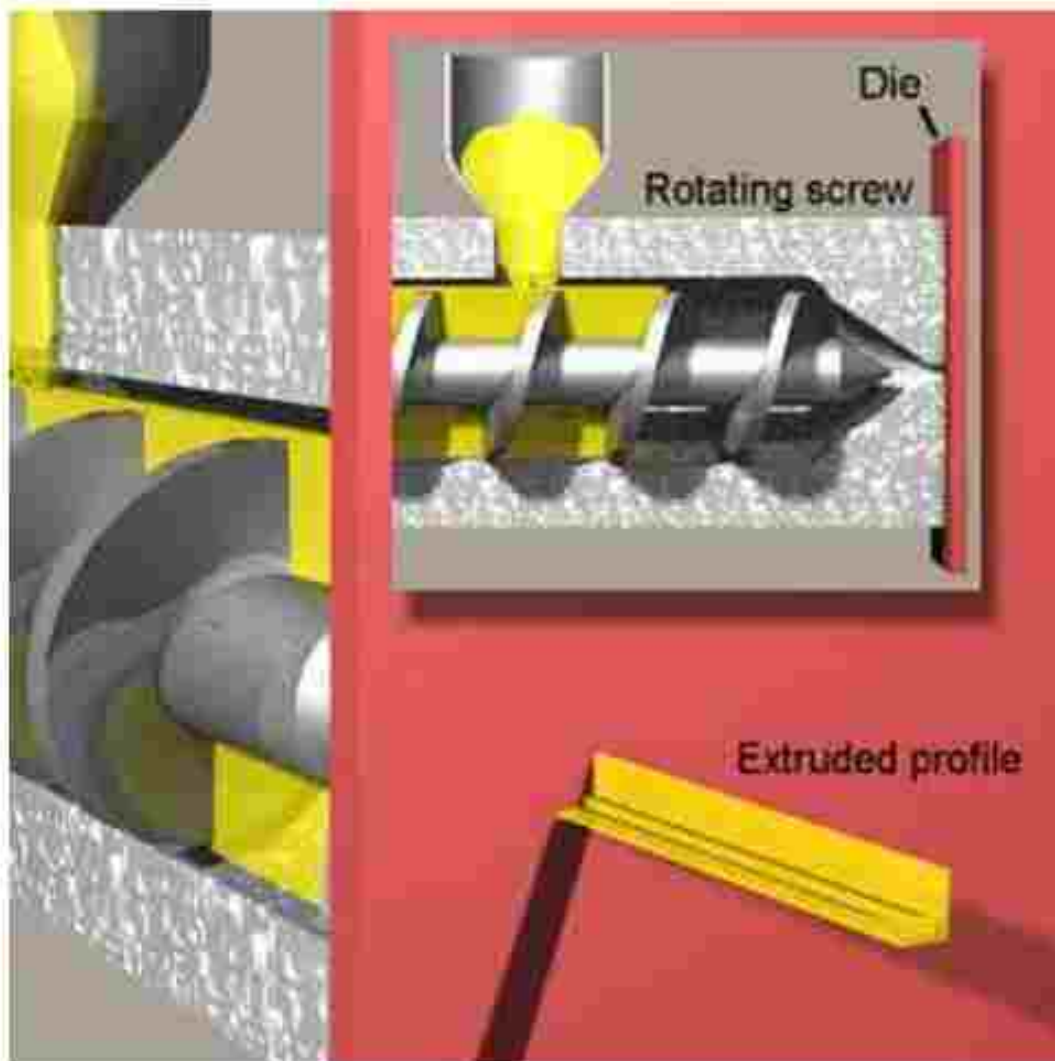
# METAL INJECTION MOLDING PROCESS



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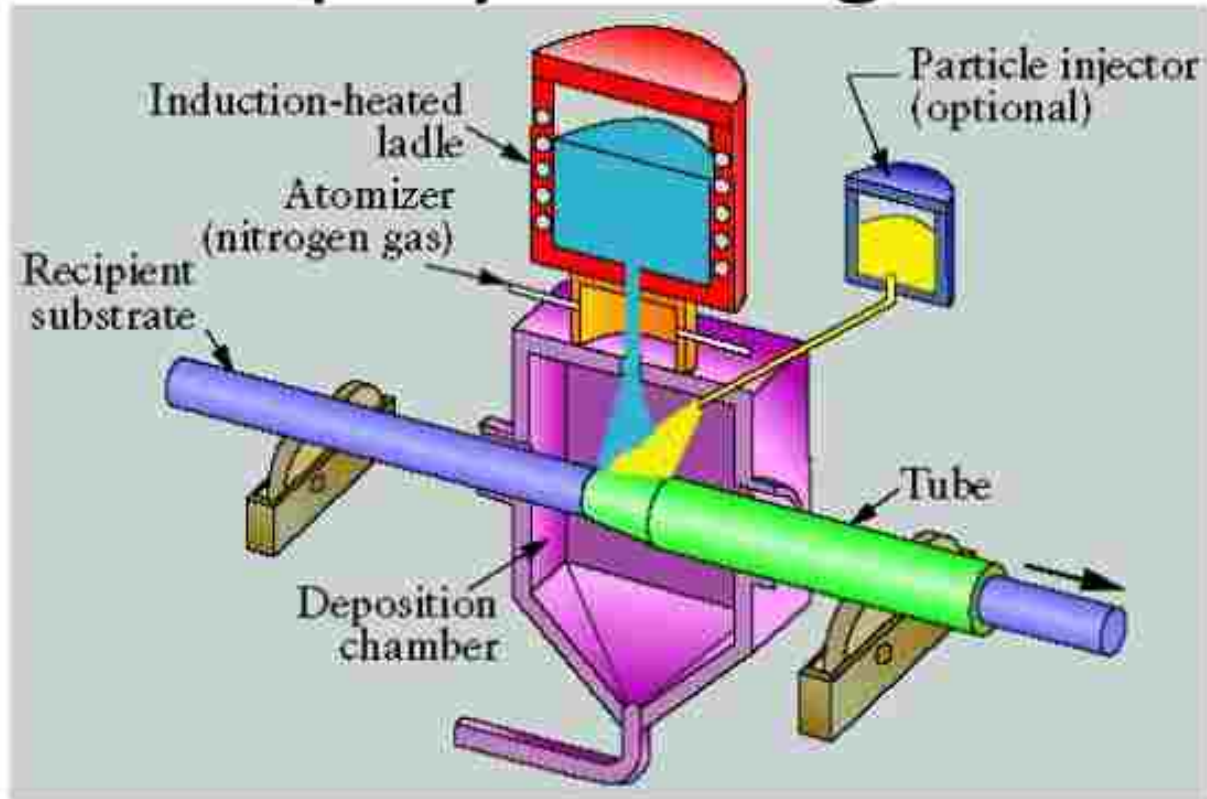


# Powder Extrusion





# Spray Casting



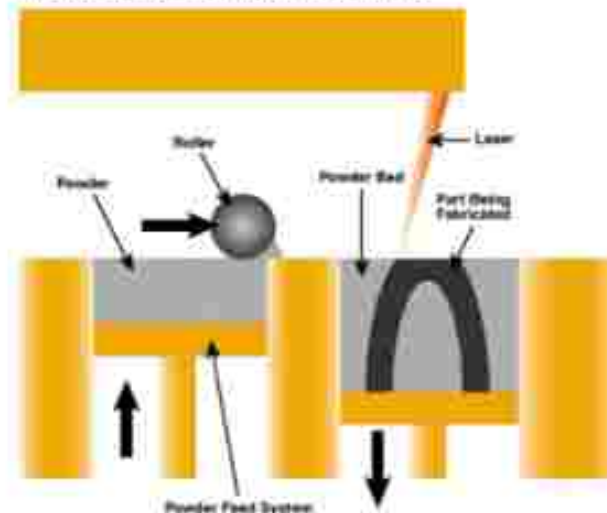
Spray casting (Osprey process) in which molten metal is sprayed over a rotating mandrel to produce seamless tubing and pipe..



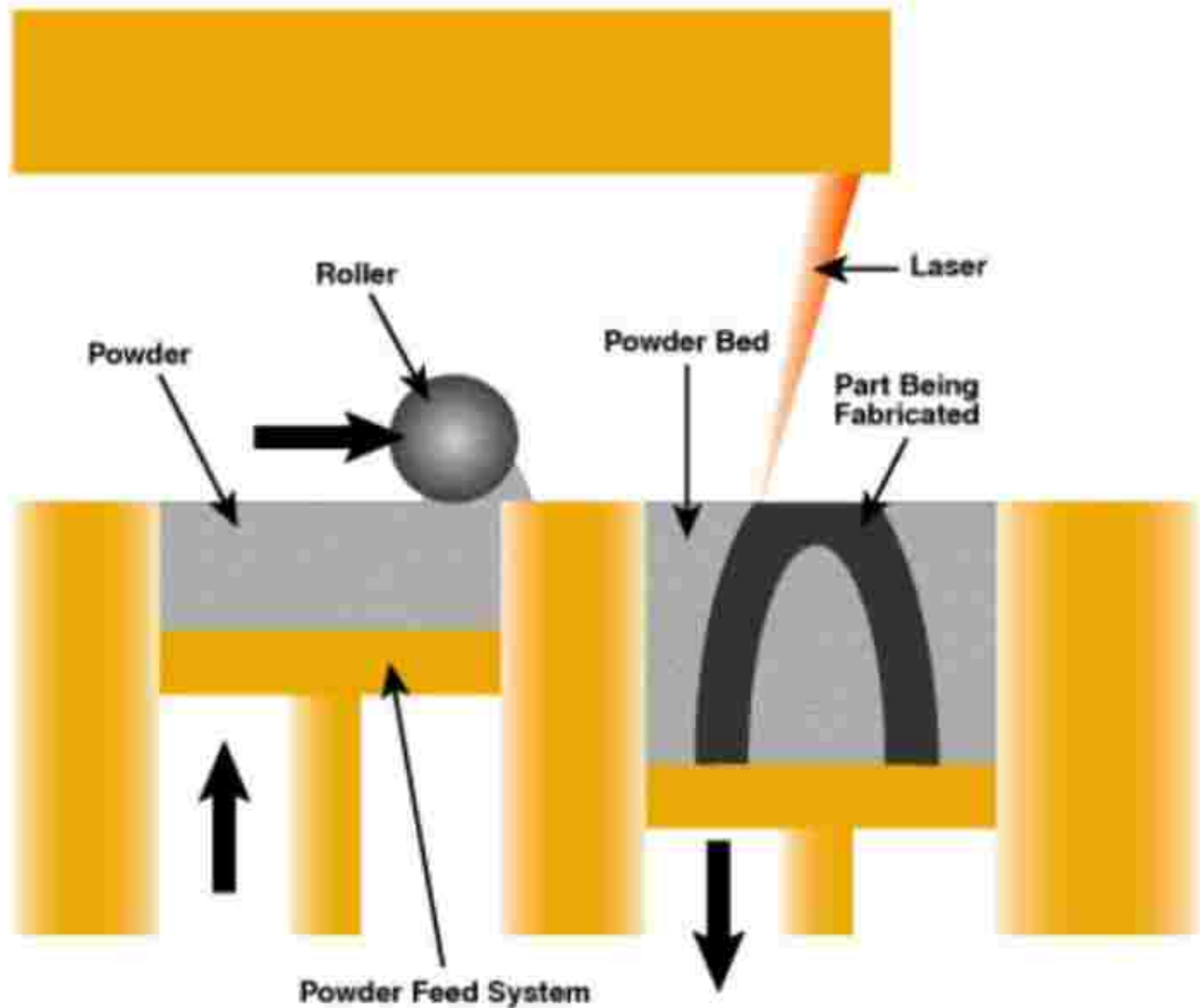
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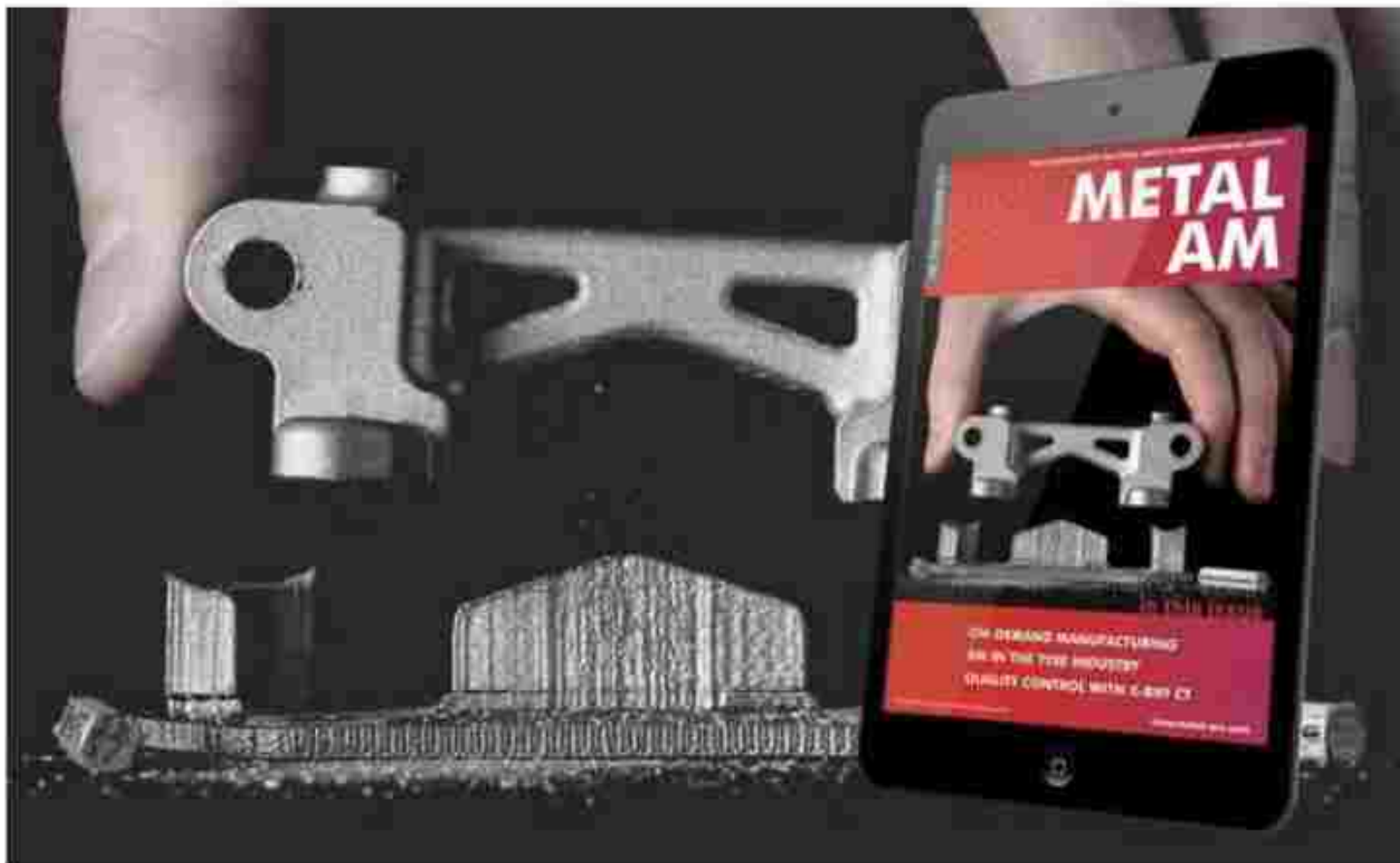
Metal additive manufacturing (MAM), [or metal 3D printing](#), has the potential to profoundly change the production, time-to-market, and simplicity of components and assemblies. Unlike conventional or subtractive manufacturing processes, such as drilling, which creates a part by removing material, additive manufacturing builds a part using a layer-by-layer process directly from a digital model, without the use of molds or dies that add time, waste material, and expense to the manufacturing process. Additive manufacturing has been used as a design and prototyping tool for decades, but the focus of additive manufacturing is now shifting to the direct production of components, such as medical implants, aircraft engine parts, and jewelry.

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# FORMING

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## HOT COMPACTION

ISOSTATIC, EXTRUSION,  
DIE COMPACTING, SPRAYING,  
SINTERING

## COLD COMPACTION

DIE COMPACTING, ISOSTATIC,  
ROLLING, INJECTION  
MOULDING, SLIP CASTING

## SINTERING

VACUUM OR ATMOSPHERE

## OPTIONAL MANUFACTURING STEPS

RESINTERING, FORGING,  
COINING, Metal Infiltration ,  
OIL IMPREGNATION

# Powder Compaction and Sintering



Raw powder

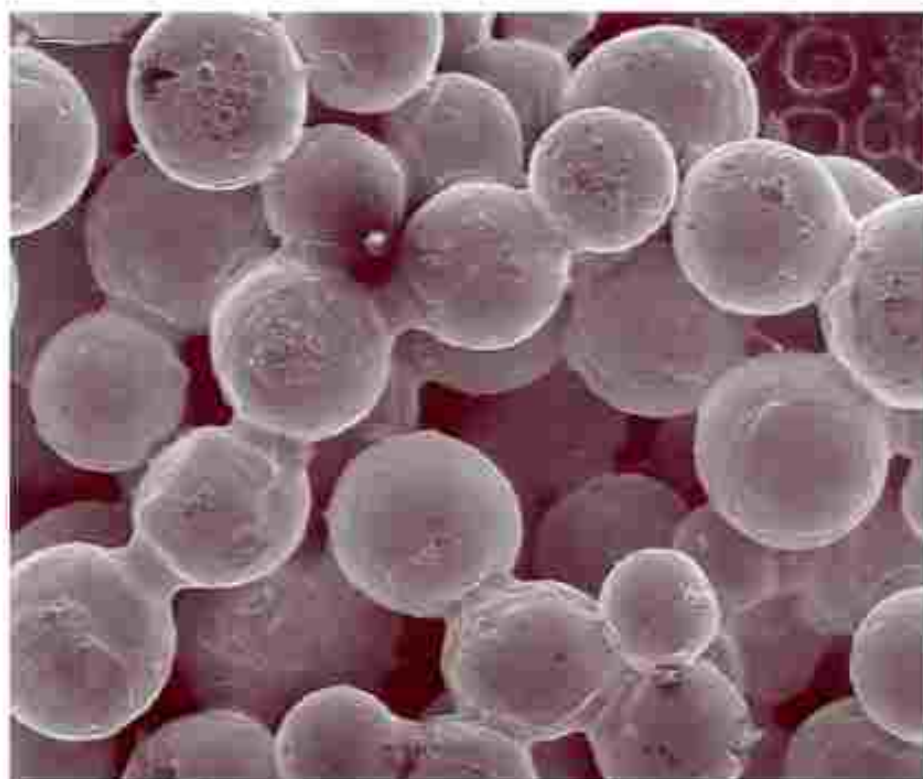


Formed product



Sintered product





**Figure 1.1** Scanning electron micrograph of bronze sphere sintering.

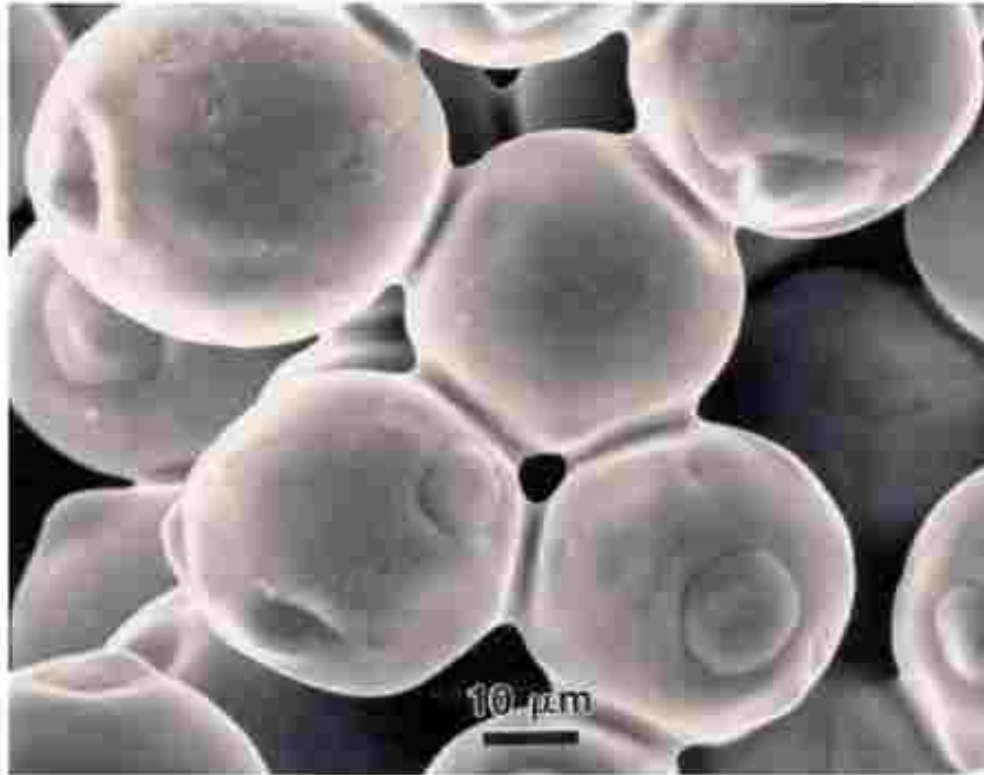
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**Figure 4.1** Scanning electron micrograph of neck growth between 32  $\mu\text{m}$  nickel spheres during sintering at 1050°C (1323 K) for 30 min in a vacuum. Prior to sintering the particles were loosely packed into a crucible.

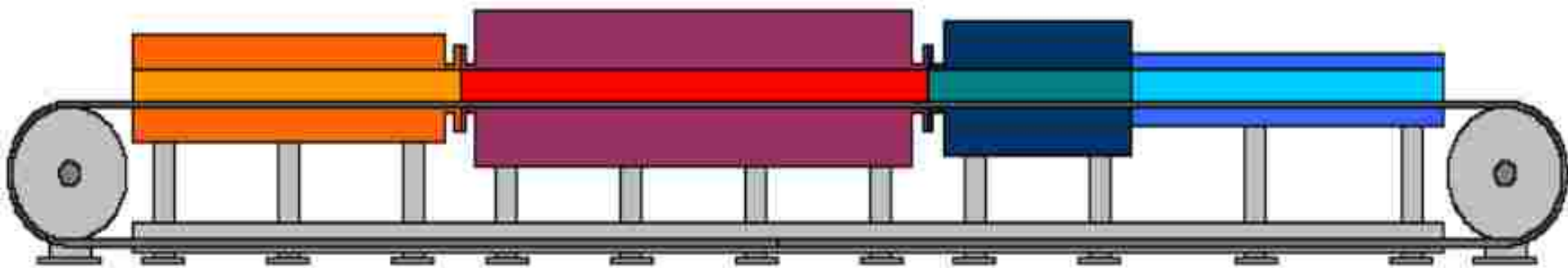
# Sintering Furnace Zones

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Pre Heat

High Heat

Rapid Cooling



## Continuous Furnace Temperature Profile

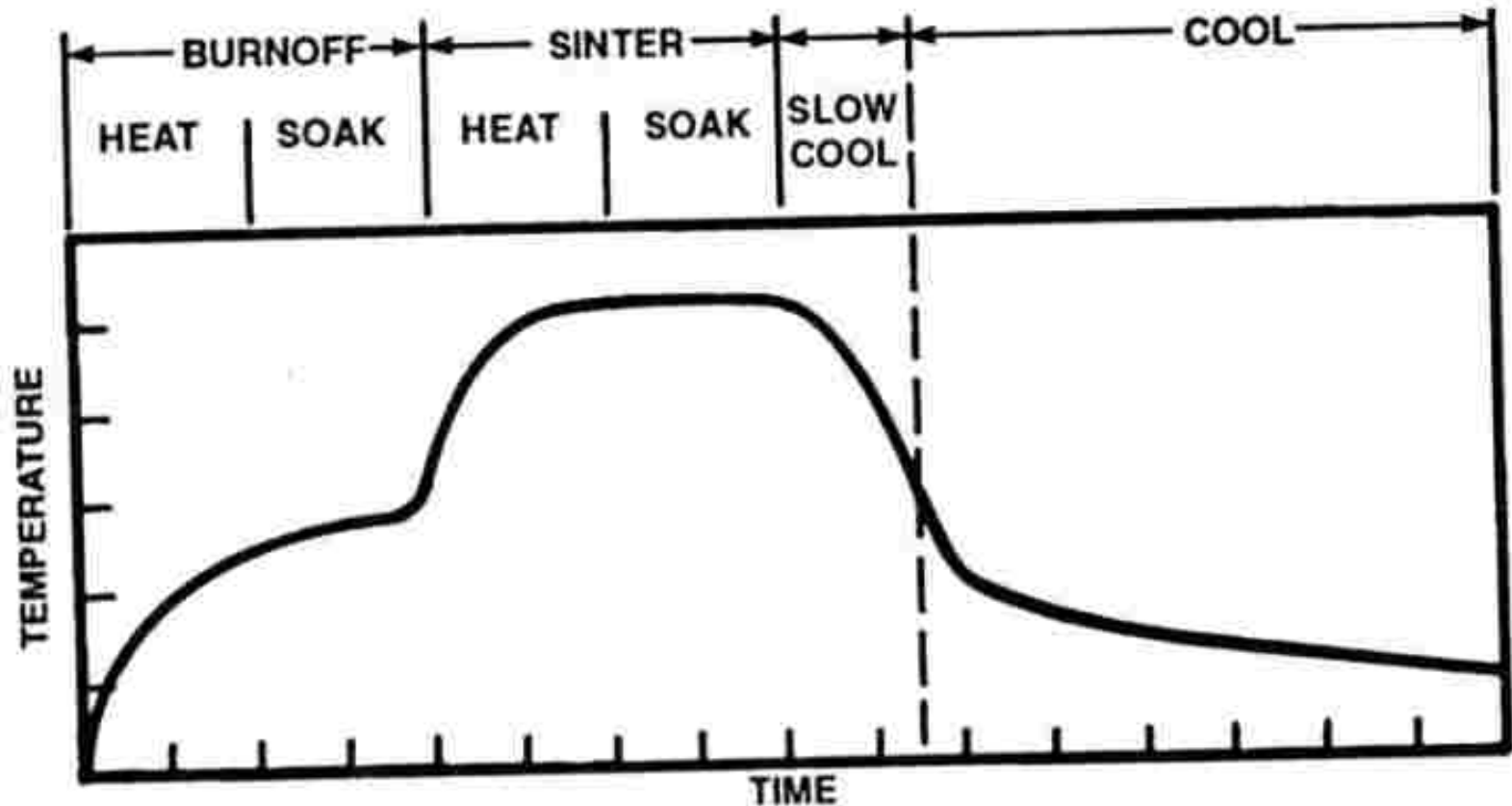
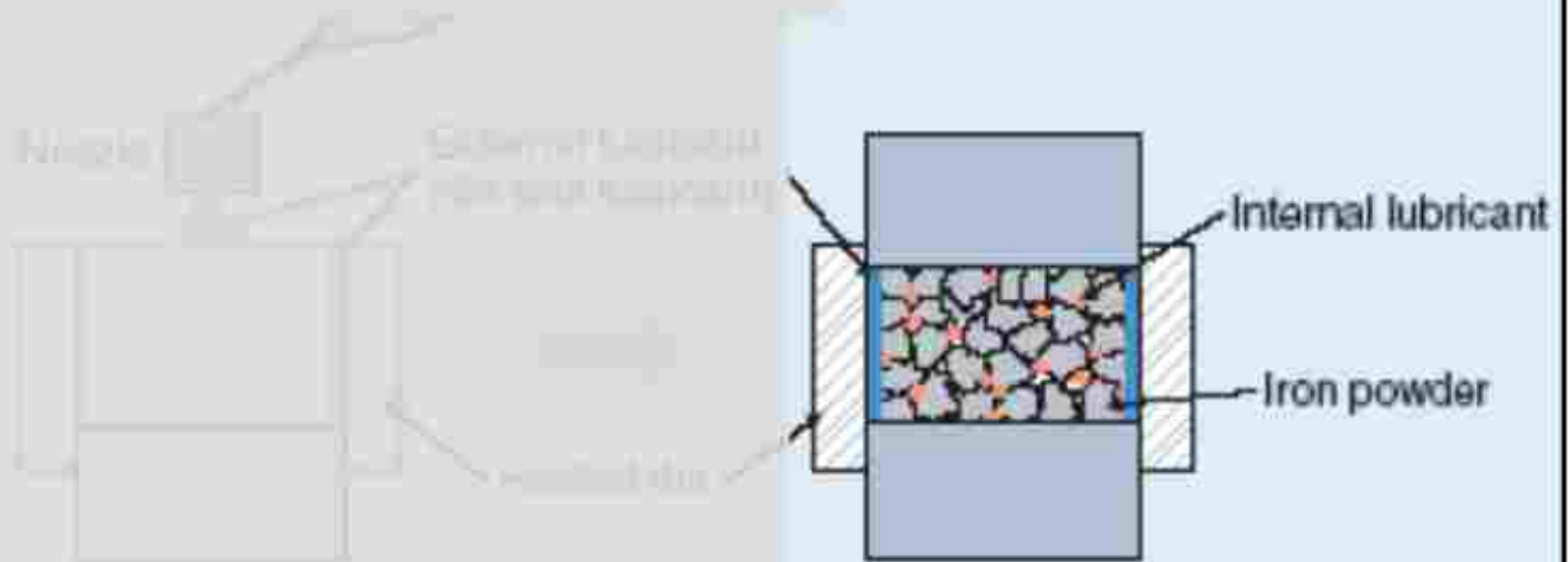


FIG. 11.18 Temperature profile for continuous-flow furnace. (From Ref. 9.)

There are two lubrication techniques.



Iron powder filling and compaction

One method is to blend a dry lubricant with the powdered metal.

With the powder lubrication method, the level of lubricant addition may range from 0.5 to 1.5%.

# Characteristics of Sintering Furnaces

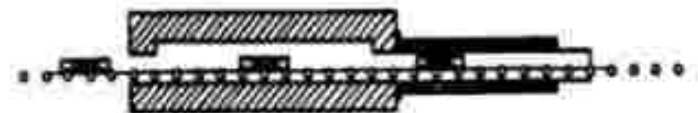
## Design for Powder Metal Processing

**TABLE 11.7** Typical Operating Temperatures for Sintering Furnaces

Furnace type	Maximum operating temperature (°C)
Continuous flow	
Belt	1150
Pusher	1150
Roller-hearth	1150
Walking beam	1650
Batch type	
Bell	2800
Elevator	2800
Vacuum	2800



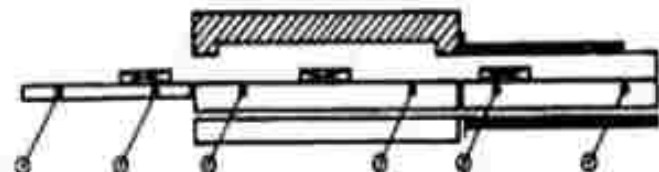
MESH-BELT CONVEYOR FURNACE



ROLLER-HEARTH FURNACE



PUSHER FURNACE



WALKING-BEAM FURNACE

**FIG. 11.17** Continuous-flow furnaces. (From Ref. 8.)



## Sintering temperature required for different group of materials

*Table 6-4: Sintering temperatures used for selected metallic and non-metallic materials (partly according to [6.4])*

Material	Sintering temperature °C
Aluminium alloys	590 ... 620
Copper	600 ... 900
Bronzes	740 ... 780
Brass	890 ... 910
Nickel	1000 ... 1150
Iron-carbon, iron-copper carbon	1120
Iron-copper-nickel carbon	1120
Iron-manganese copper	1120
Iron-copper-nickel molybdenum (Distaloy)	1120 ... 1200
Iron, iron-copper, iron-copper nickel	1120 ... 1280
Iron-chromium, iron-chromium copper	1200 ... 1280
Iron-manganese	1280
Iron chromium carbide ( $\text{Cr}_3\text{C}_2$ )	✓ 1280
Iron-vanadium carbide	✓ 1280
Iron-tungsten carbide	✓ 1280
Iron-manganese-vanadium-molybdenum- carbon	✓ 1280
Iron-manganese-chromium-molybdenum- carbon	✓ 1280
Electrolytic iron, carbonyl -iron, aluminium-nickel iron (soft and hard magnets)	1200 ... 1300
Hardmetals	1200 ... 1400
Heavy metals (heavy metals of W)	1300 ... 1600
Tungsten alloys	1400 ... 1500
Nitrides	1400 ... 2000
Molybdenum disilicide ( $\text{MoSi}_2$ heating elements)	to 1700
Aluminium oxide ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - ceramic cutting tools)	1800 - 1900
Tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum	2000 ... 2900

SIZING, REPRESSING,  
RESINTERING, FORGING,  
COINING, METAL INFILTRATION,  
OIL IMPREGNATION

**OPTIONAL  
FINISHING STEPS**

HEAT TREATING, TUMBLING,  
PLATING, MACHINING,  
STEAM TREATING  
HOT ISOSTATIC PRESSING

**FINISHED PRODUCT**

**Secondary operations** are performed to increase density, improve accuracy, or accomplish additional shaping of the sintered part

- *Repressing* - pressing the sintered part in a closed die to increase density and improve properties
- *Sizing* - pressing a sintered part to improve dimensional accuracy
- *Coining* - pressworking operation on a sintered part to press details into its surface
- *Machining* - creates geometric features that cannot be achieved by pressing, such as threads, side holes, and other details

# Effect of *double compacting* on mechanical properties of *Cr-Mo prealloyed* *PM steels*

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## AS-REPRESSED PROPERTIES OF DOUBLE COMPACTED Cr-Mo AND Mo PREALLOYED PM STEELS

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### **Abstract**

*Obtaining higher densities is a major target in powder metallurgy, and there are many parts that require higher densities than can be obtained by conventional die compaction. One method for solving this problem is double compaction, which seems to be a potentially attractive production route in PM also for Cr-Mo and Mo alloyed steels. The objective of this research was to find the optimum conditions for obtaining higher densities and minimise interconnected porosity. The effect of the temperature of intermediate annealing was studied for Cr-Mo and Mo prealloyed steels, respectively, and the optimum temperature range was identified. It could be observed that the density of repressed samples increases with higher annealing temperature up to a certain limit, softening of the matrix as well as generation of free porosity through some C dissolution being helpful. On the other hand, too high annealing temperatures should be avoided either, since too much dissolution of carbon during annealing is detrimental, resulting in harder and less deformable compacts. Even at this latter condition, however, no repressing cracks were observed.*

**Keywords:** *sintered steels, double pressing, density, annealing*

## STUDY ON THE INTERPARTICLE BONDING OF DOUBLE PRESSED PM ALLOY STEELS

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### *Abstract*

*Double pressing is a common technique for improving the relative density of sintered steel components, with resulting beneficial effect on the mechanical properties. To eliminate the work hardening introduced by the first pressing, an intermediate anneal is done before the second pressing, typically at temperatures at which carbon is not yet dissolved. In this work, interparticle bonding caused by the intermediate anneal is described through fractographic techniques for prealloyed steels Fe-Mo-C and Fe-Cr-Mo-C and compared to the fracture surfaces after final sintering. It showed that after annealing, interparticle bonding is significantly more pronounced in the Mo alloyed steel than in the Cr-Mo grade, apparently as a consequence of the more stable surface oxides in the latter material. After final sintering however there are virtually no differences and with regard to mechanical properties the Cr-Mo material offers considerable advantages.*

**Keywords:** *sintered steels, double pressing, presintering, interparticle bonding*



## **Investigation of influences of alloying elements and sintering temperature on the properties of high strength low alloyed sintered steel**

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### **Abstract**

Producing parts with high density and improved mechanical properties is one of the most important aims of powder metallurgy process. There are many factors for attaining modified properties in sintered parts but among them controlling type and quantity of alloying elements and manufacturing parameters such as compacting pressure, sintering temperature are the most effective.

In this research, two series of Cr-Mo prealloyed powders with 1.5% and 3% chromium contents were used, and then influences of manufacturing parameters on physical and mechanical properties were investigated. The results show that by compacting pressure and sintering temperature increment and chromium content decrement, density is increased and subsequently physical and mechanical properties of low alloyed sintered steels are improved.

*Keywords:* Low alloyed sintered steel, sintering temperature, density, electrical-conductivity, mechanical properties.

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## Effect of Intermediate Annealing Temperature on Response of Repressing to Densification of Pre-Alloyed Cr-Mo Steel

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**Abstract:** Increasing density is one of the important factors for producing high quality powder metallurgy (PM) parts, which has beneficial effect on mechanical properties. One of the common techniques for achieving this goal is double compacting, which seems to be a potentially attractive method in PM route, also for Cr-Mo alloyed-steels. The objective of this research was to investigate the effect of first compacting pressure and intermediate annealing temperature on attaining higher densities and minimum interconnected porosity for Cr-Mo pre-alloyed steel. The effect of mentioned parameters was studied by measuring density, transverse rupture strength and macrohardness of repressed samples. The results show that for each first compacting pressure, the density range of repressed samples increases with the increasing annealing temperature up to a certain limit, due to C dissolution which causes free porosity and further densification. Annealing temperatures higher than optimum one should be avoided, since too much carbon dissolution results in harder and less deformable compacts. On the other hand, with regard to repressed density and other resulted properties, the amount of first compacting pressure offers considerable advantage in obtaining higher level of density and consequently improved mechanical properties.


**Key words:** double compacting; repressed density; repressed transverse rupture strength; intermediate annealing temperature

# Material:

**Fe-Cr-Mo-C (Fe - 1.5% Cr – 0.2% Mo)+ 0.6% C**



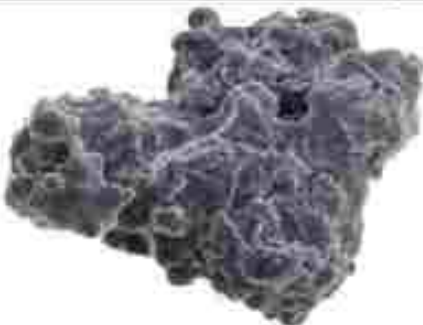
Powder Material Blending

	Properties of Fe-Cr-Mo powder	
	Apparent density	2.85 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
	Flow	26 sec/50g
	Particle size	45-150 μm
	Chemical analysis, %	
	C	<0.01
	Chromium	1.50
	Molybdenum	0.20



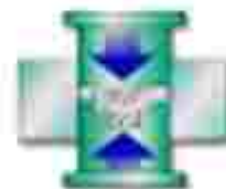
Powder Material Blending

**Fe-Mo-C (Fe - 1.5% Mo)+ 0.6% C**

	Properties of Fe-Mo powder	
	Apparent density	3.1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
	Flow	25 sec/50g
	Particle size	45-150 μm
	Chemical analysis, %	
	C	<0.01
	Molybdenum	1.50

### Specimen:

Rectangular bars: 55 mm x 10 mm x 10 mm



1<sup>st</sup> Compacting  
at 600 MPa

Compacting



1<sup>st</sup> sintering  
at different  
teperatures

Sintering



2<sup>nd</sup> Compacting  
at 600 MPa

Compacting

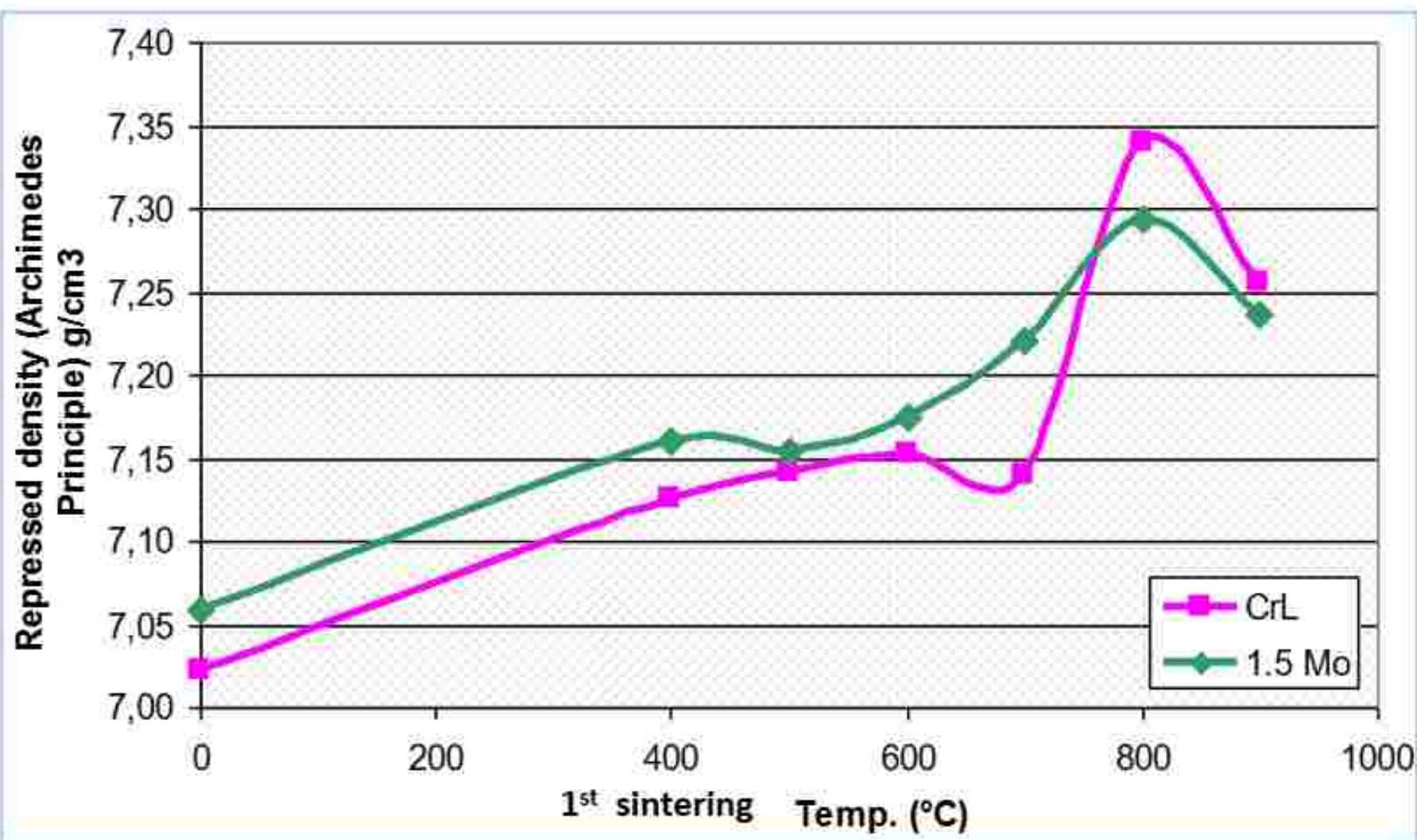


Final  
sintering  
at 1250 °C

Sintering

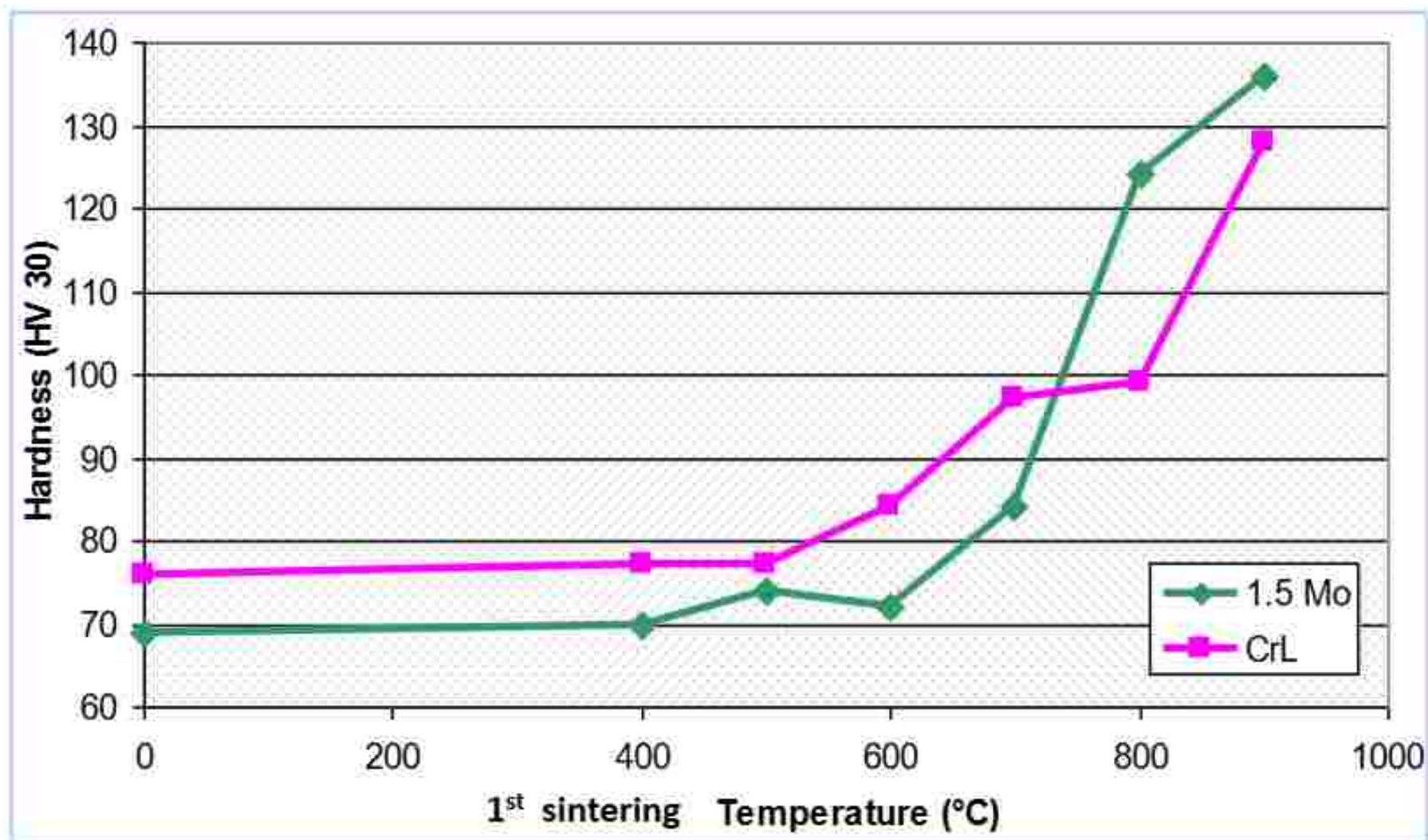
### Sintering:

Sintering at 1250°C was carried out in a laboratory furnace with gas tight superalloy retort in **flowing high purity nitrogen** (min. 99.999 purity, flow rate 2 l/min).



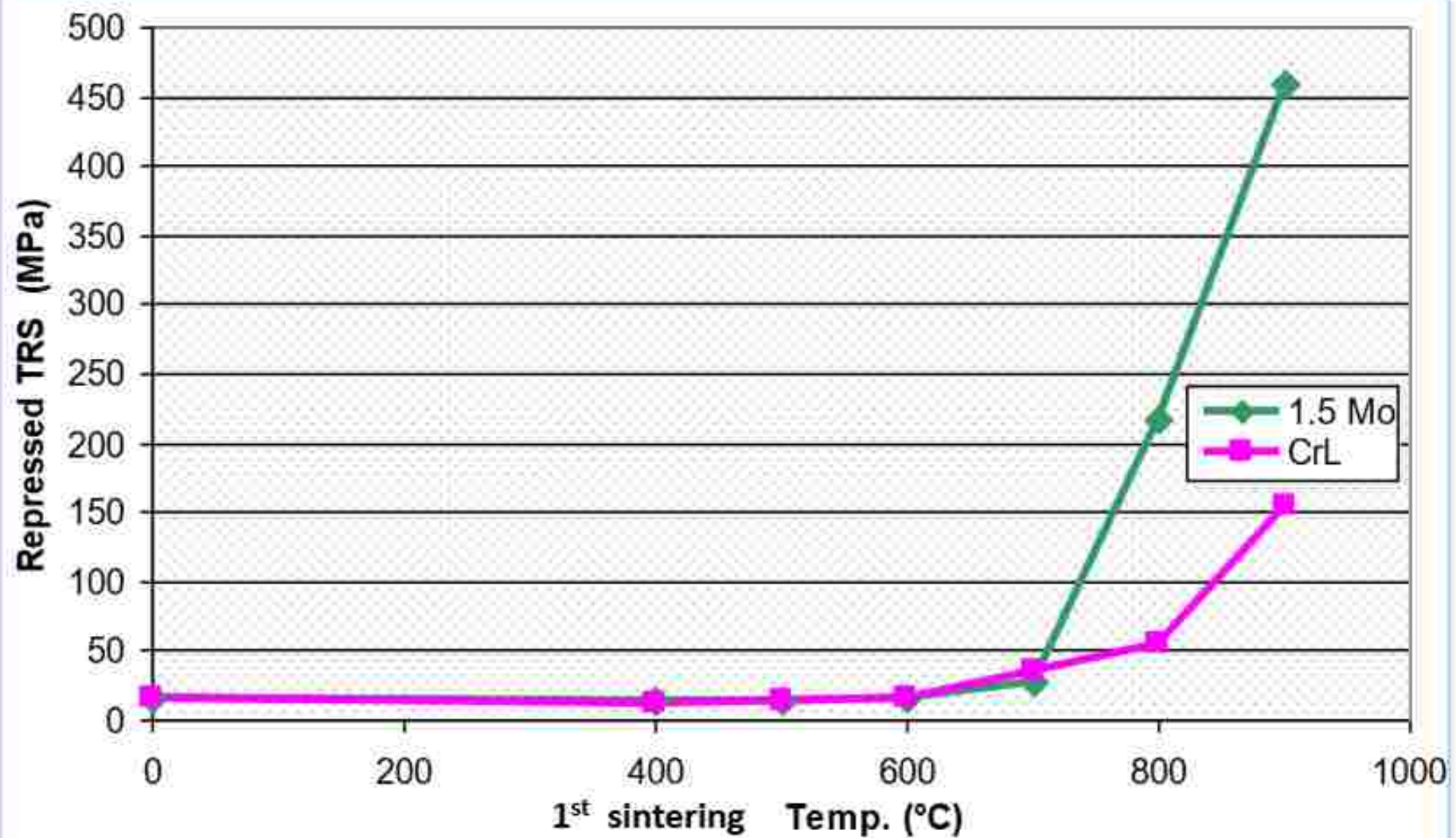
Effect of 1<sup>st</sup> sintering on repressed density (obtained by Archimedes principle). 600 + 600 MPa, intermediate anneal 30 min in  $N_2$



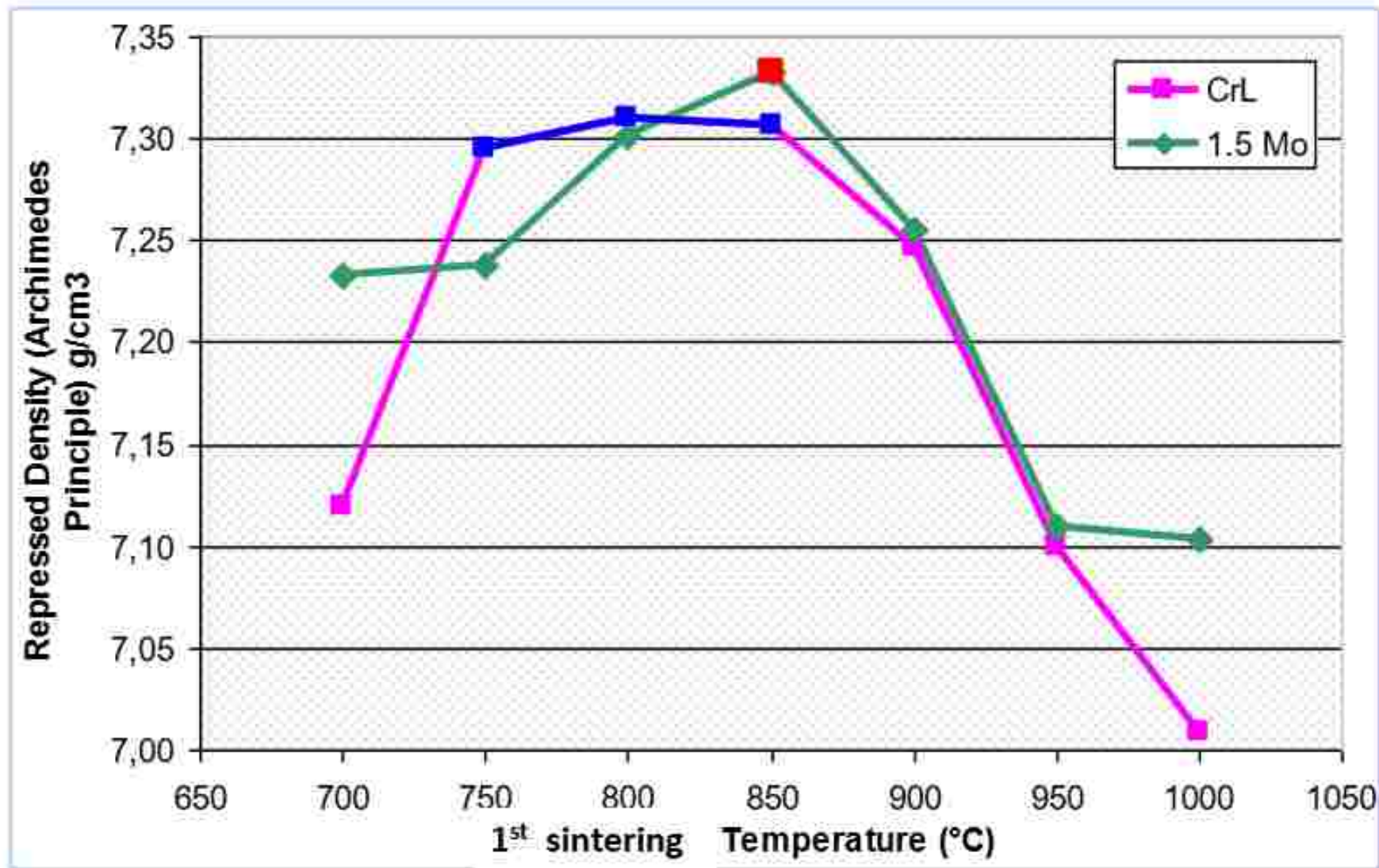


Effect of intermediate sintering on macrohardness of repressed Fe-Cr-Mo-C and Fe-Mo-C.

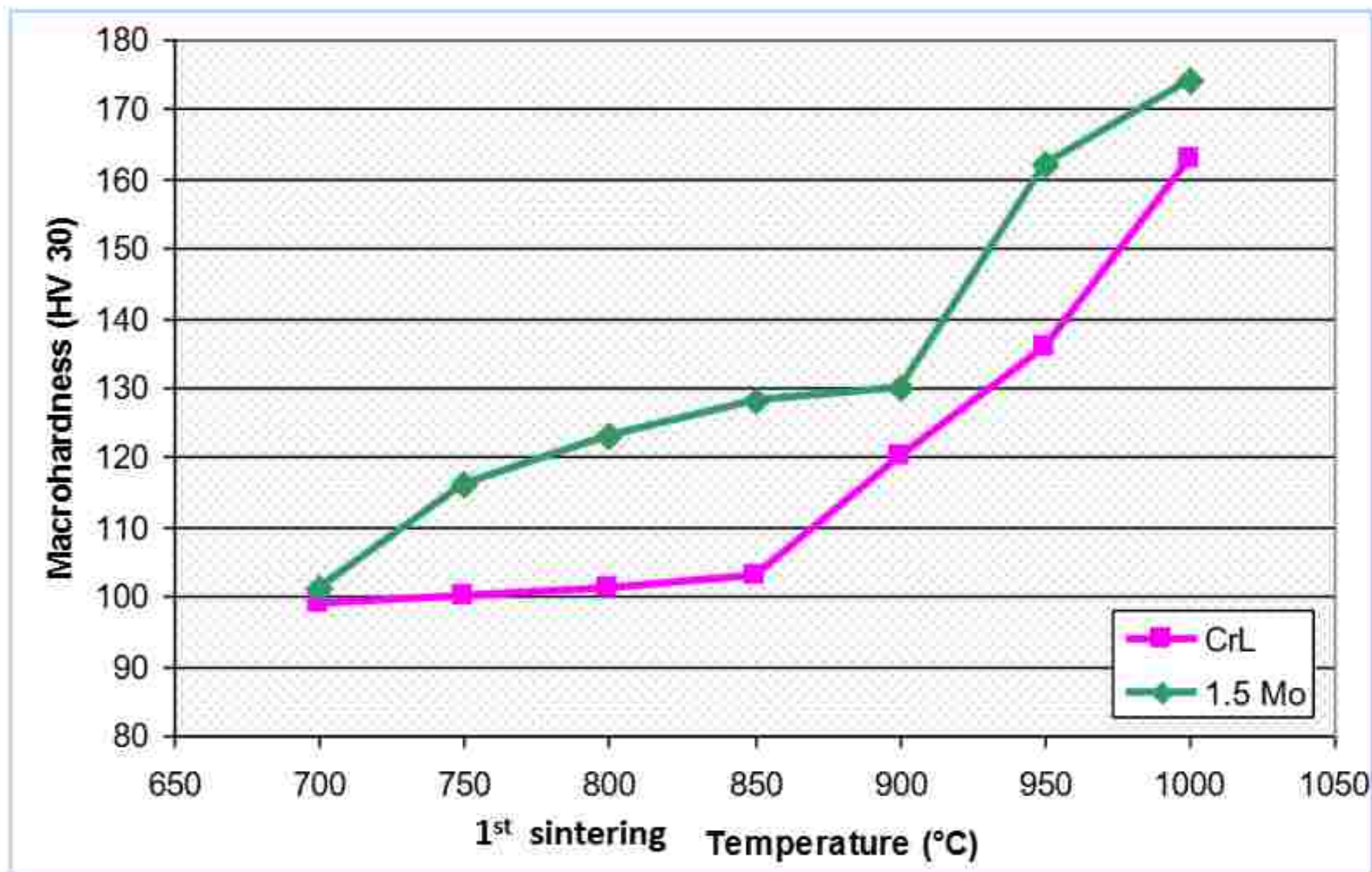




**Effect of the intermediate sintering temperature on transverse rupture strength of repressed Fe-Cr-Mo-C and Fe-Mo-C**

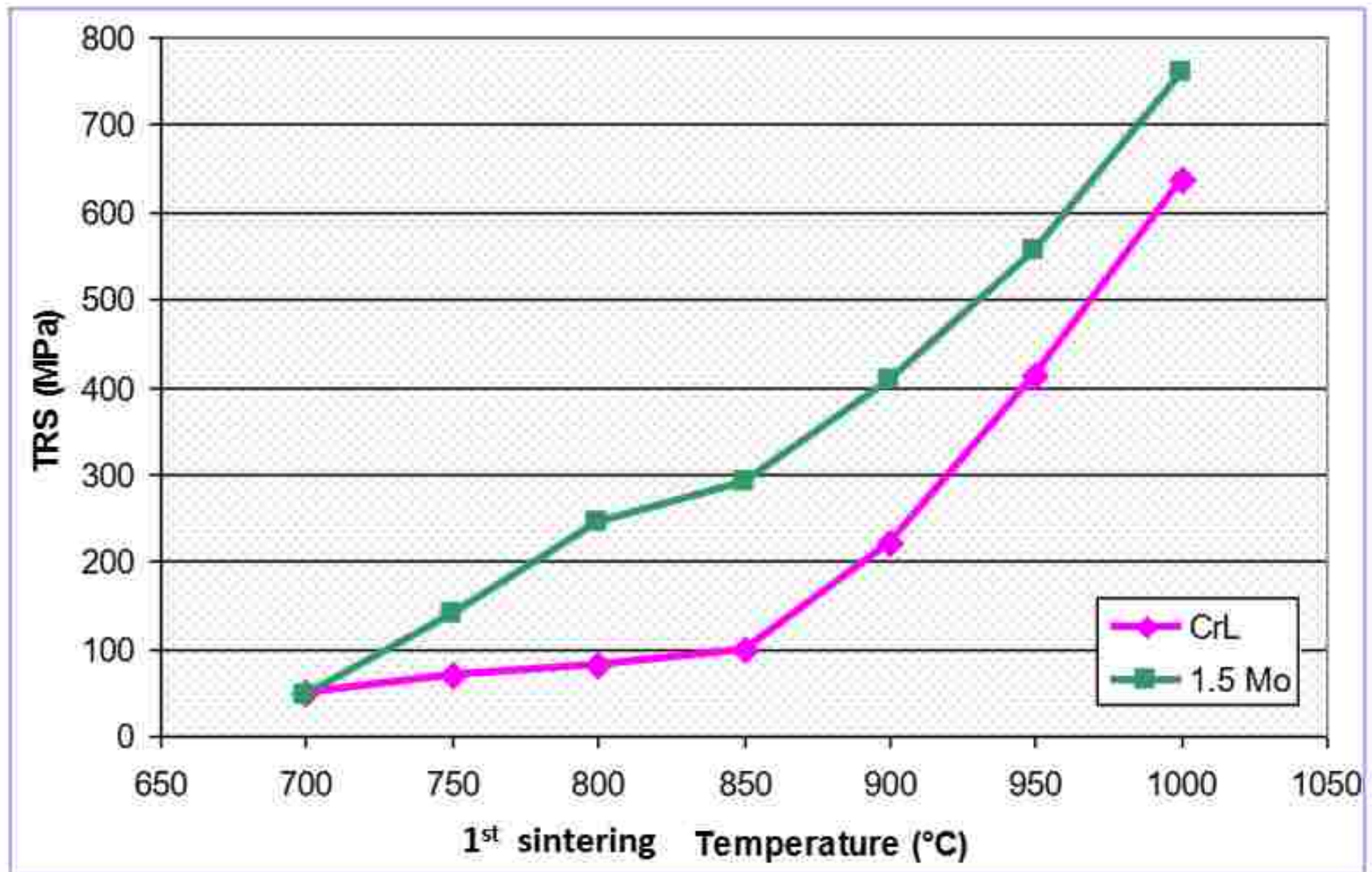


**Effect of 1<sup>st</sup> sintering temperature on repressed density**  
(obtained by Archimedes principle) after repressing at 600MPa.



**Effect of 1<sup>st</sup> sintering temperature on macrohardness of repressed samples**

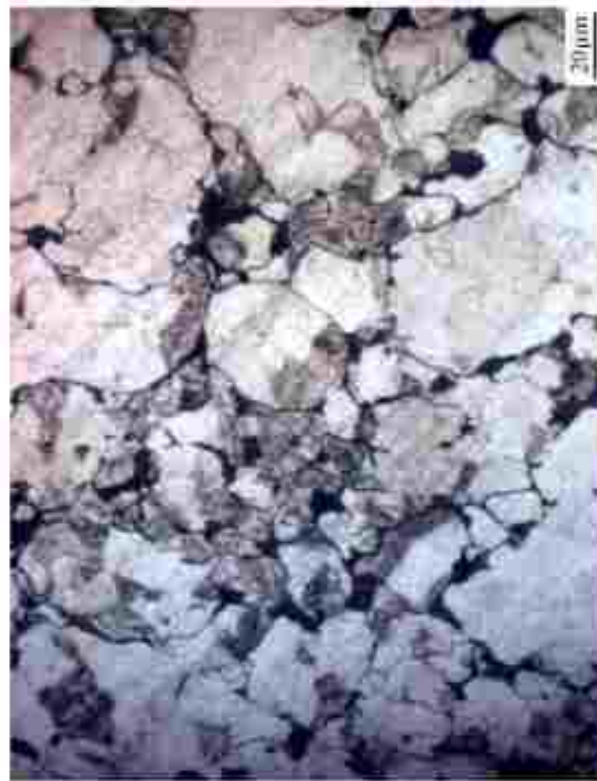




**Effect of 1st sintering temperature on repressed transverse rupture strength of samples**



At 700 °C



At 800 °C



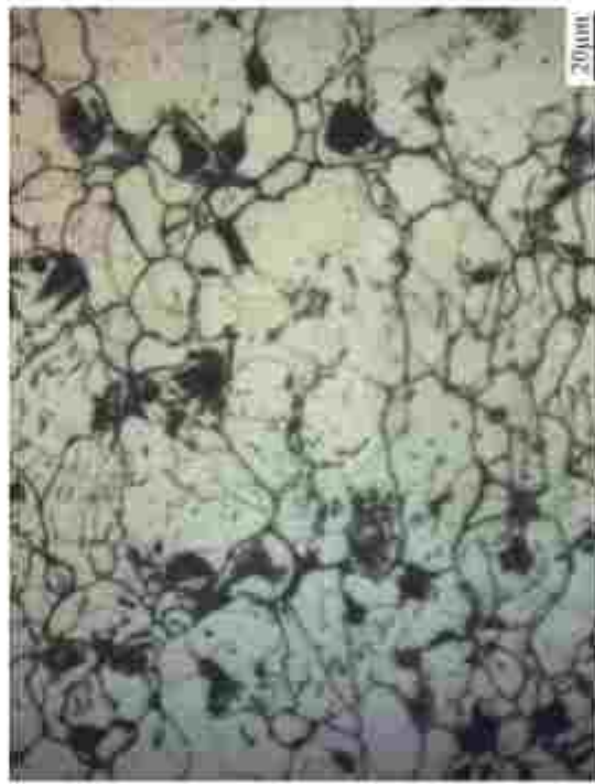
At 900 °C

Microstructure of **Fe-Mo-C**,  
compacted at **600 MPa** and  
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repressed at **600 MPa**. (As repressed)

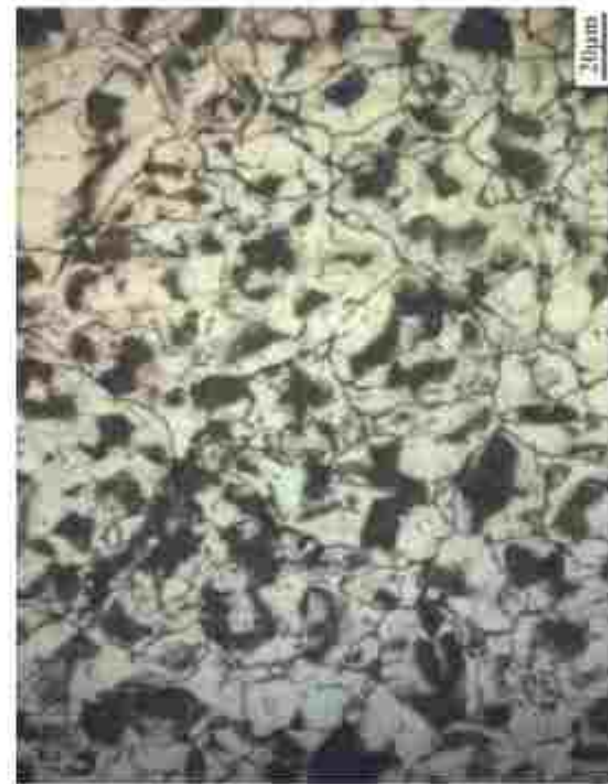




At 700 °C



At 800 °C



At 900 °C

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**Green** – 1<sup>st</sup> sintered at 1000°C



**Repressed**

**Fe-Mo-C**



**Green** – 1<sup>st</sup> sintered at 1000°C



**Repressed**

**Fe-Mo-C**





**Green** – 1<sup>st</sup> sintered at 1000°C



**Repressed**

**Fe-Cr-Mo-C**



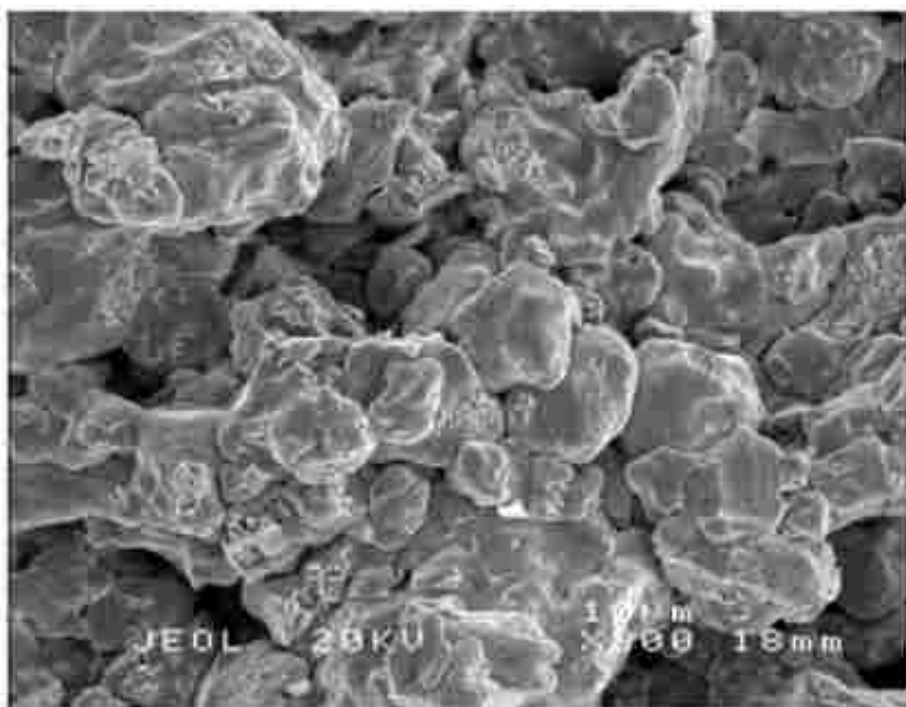
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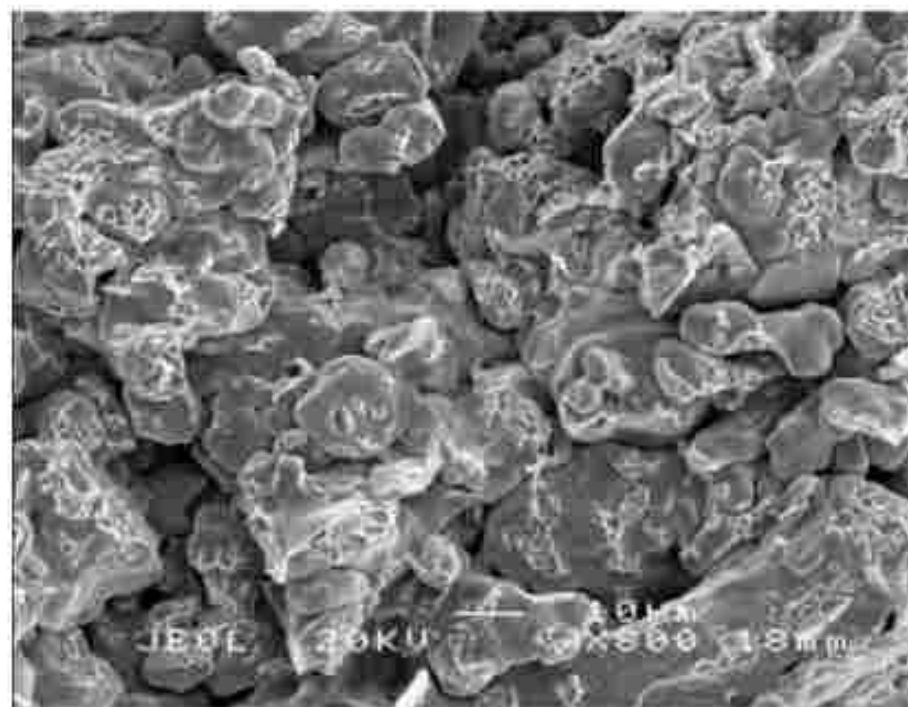
**Repressed**

**Fe-Cr-Mo-C**



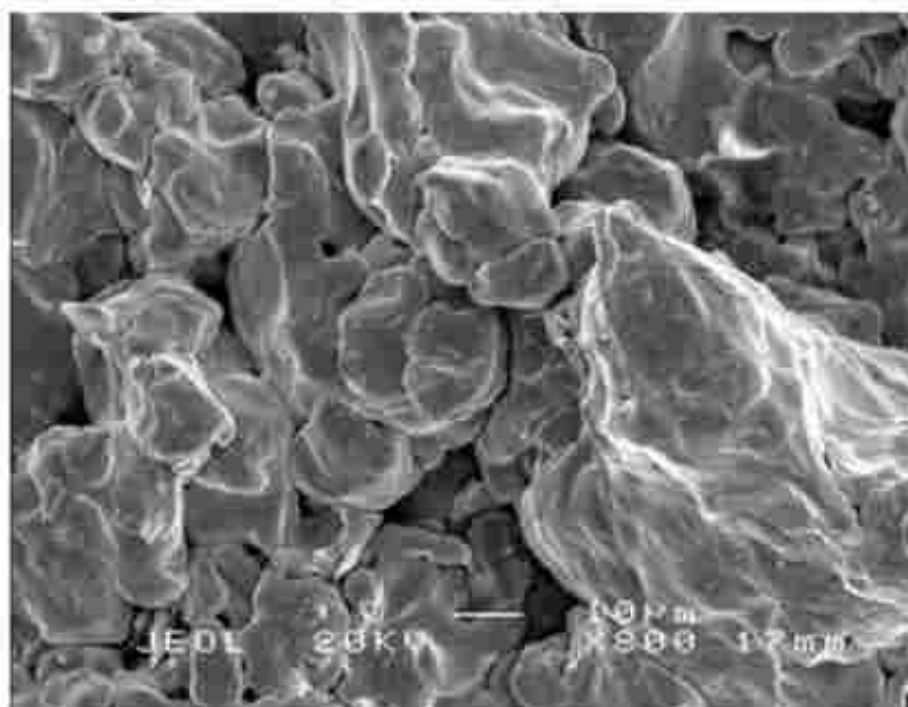


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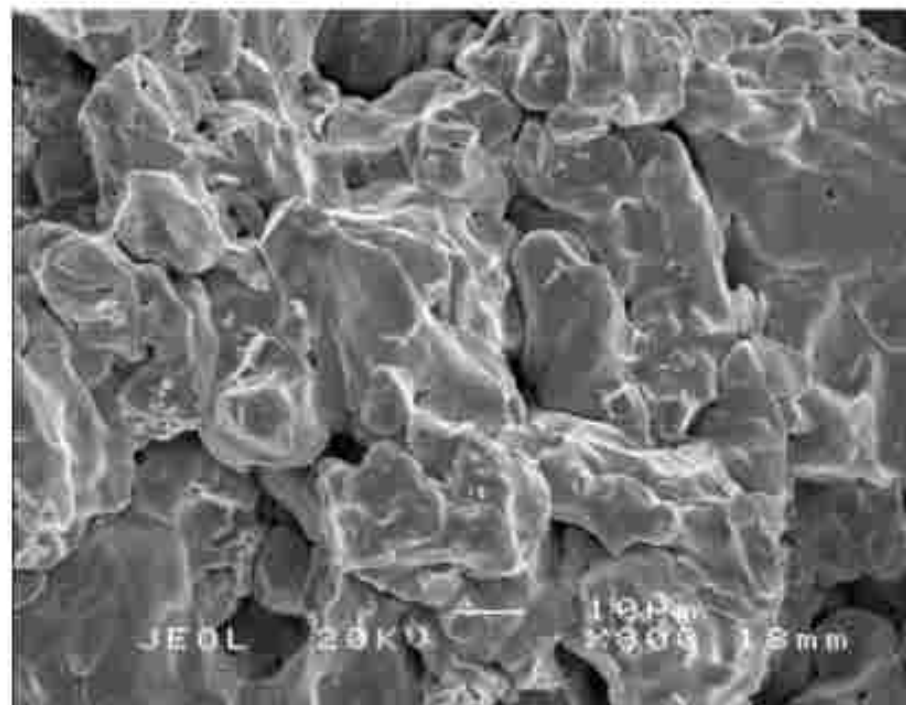


At 900 °C

Fracture surface of repressed **Fe-Mo-C**,  
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1<sup>st</sup> sintered at the indicated temperature for 30 min, and  
repressed at **600 MPa**. (As repressed)



At 800 °C

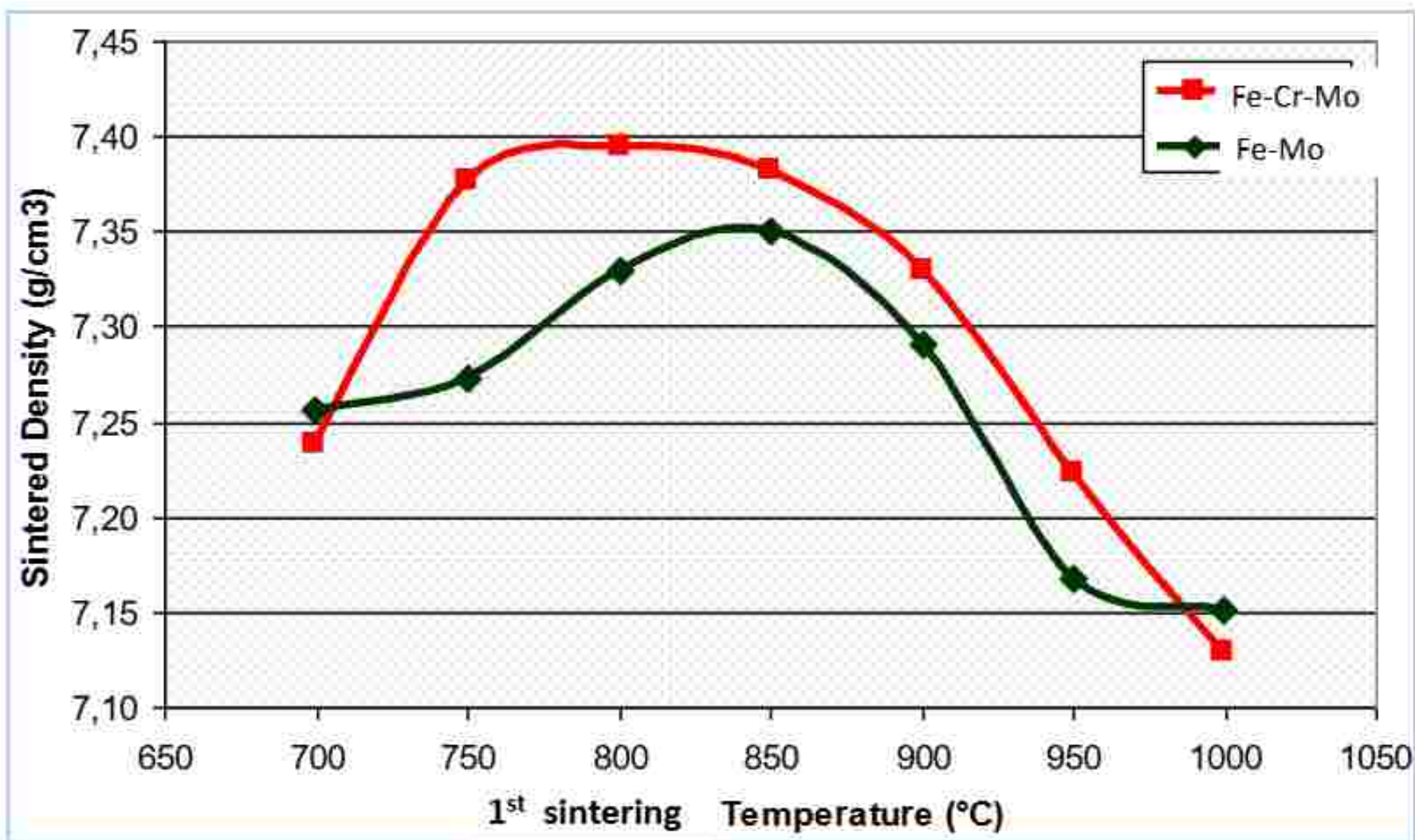


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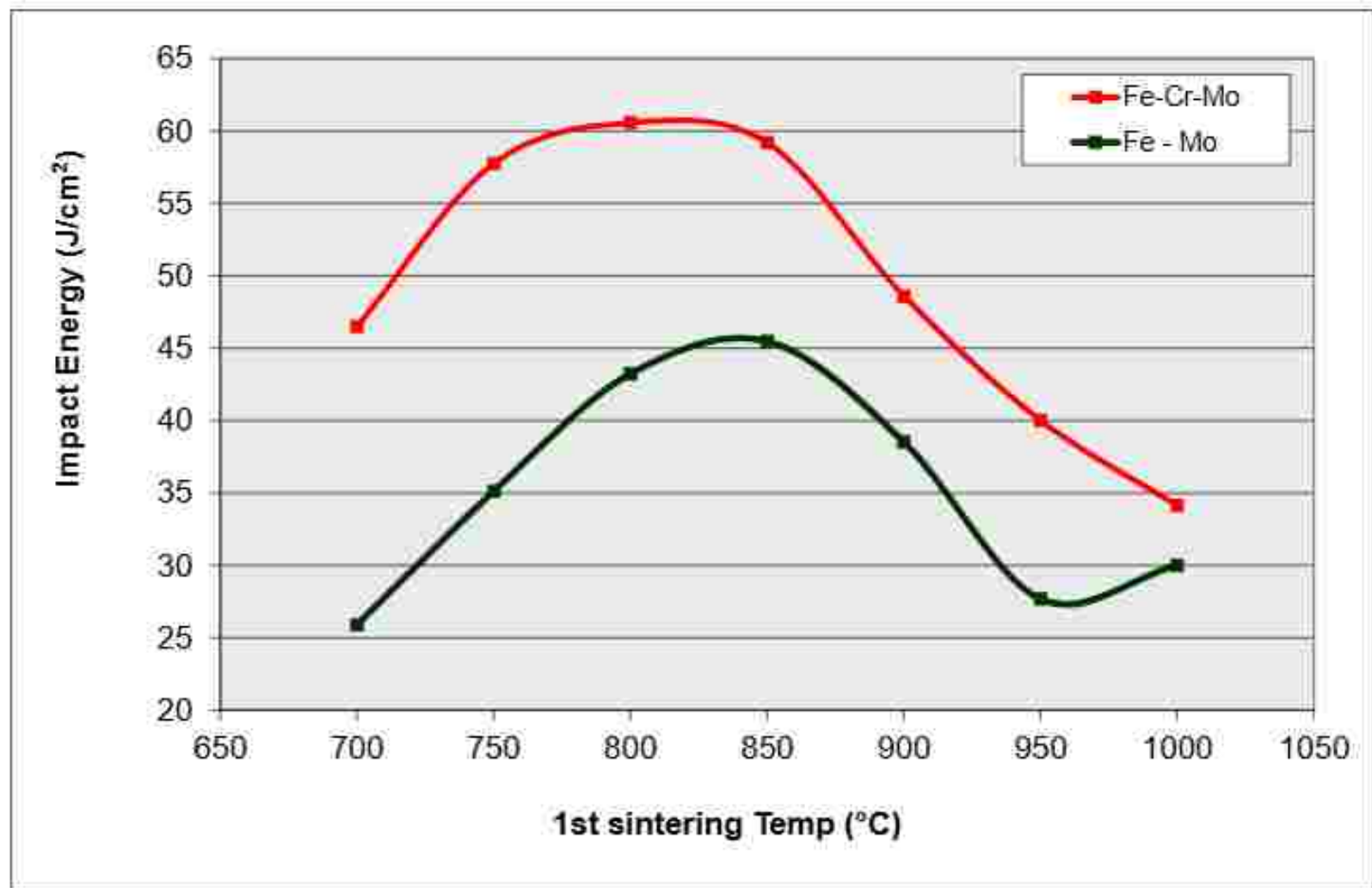
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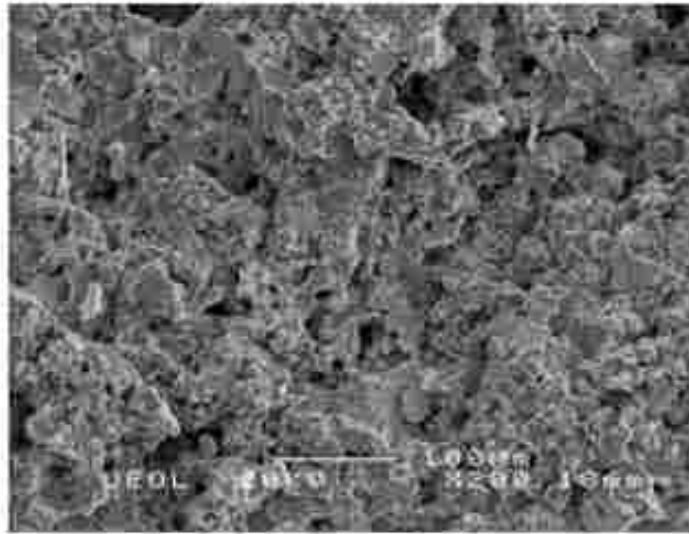
## Effect of intermediate sintering temperature on sintered density



## Effect of intermediate sintering temperature on impact energy

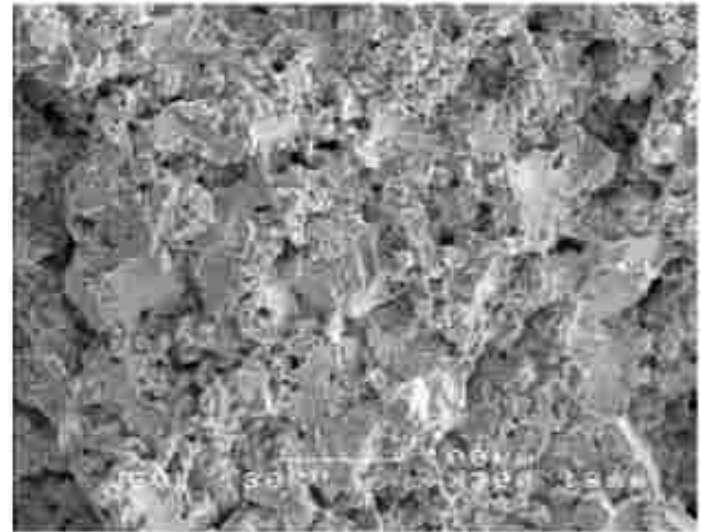


Fracture surface of repressed and then **sintered Fe-Mo-C** as a function of 1<sup>st</sup> sintering temperature



500 °C

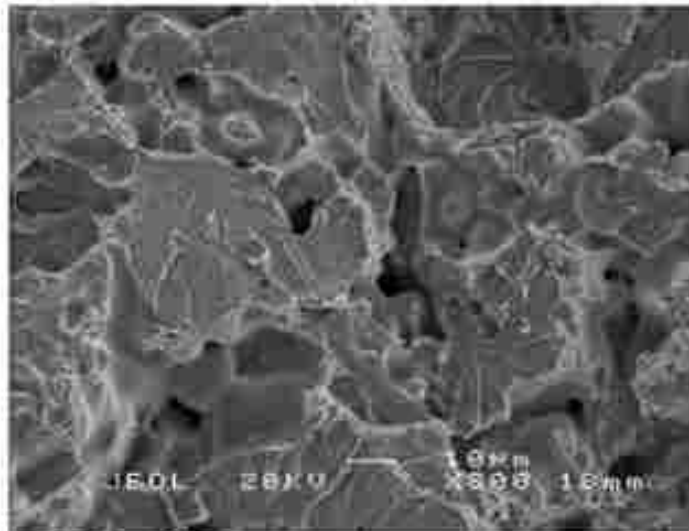
Compacted  
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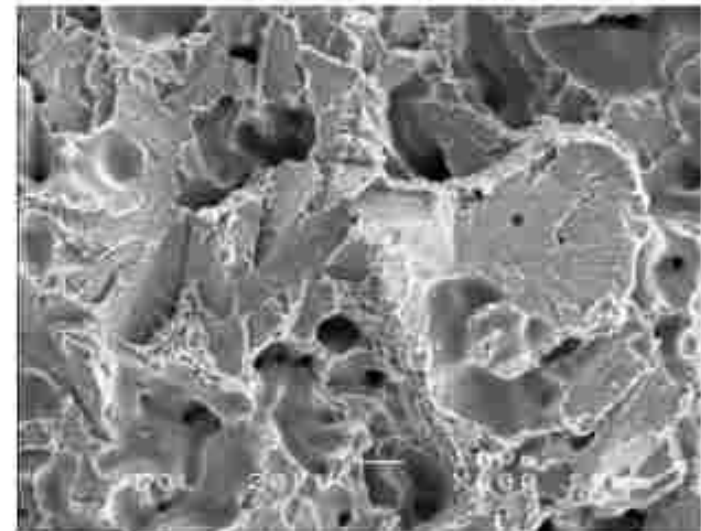
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Repressed  
at 600 MPa,

sintered-  
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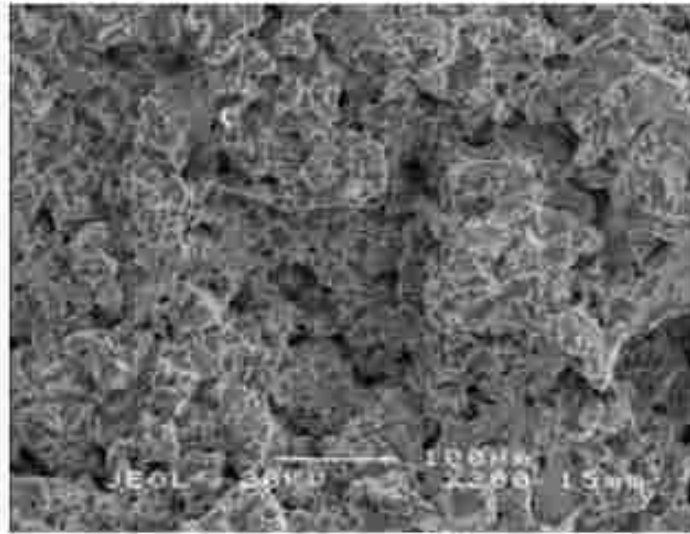


500 °C, higher magnification



800 °C, higher magnification

Fracture surface of repressed and then **sintered Fe-Cr-Mo-C** as a function of 1st sintering temperature

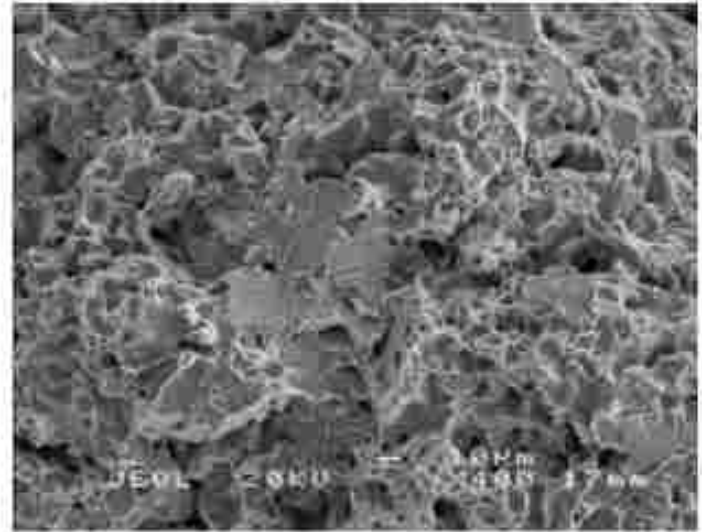


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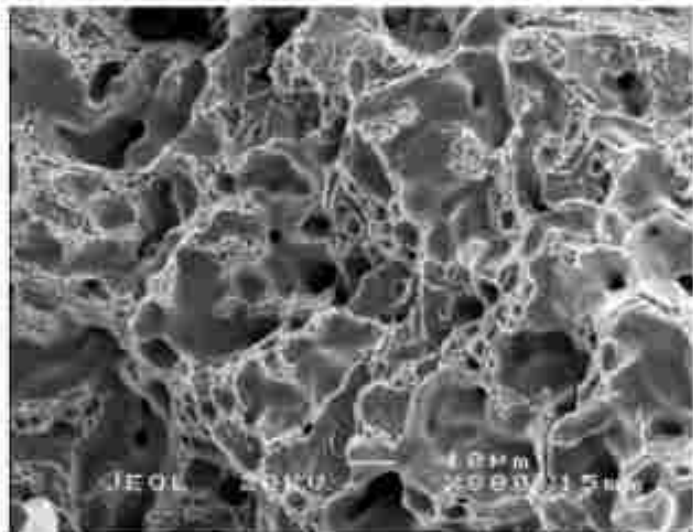
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30 min in N<sub>2</sub>

Repressed  
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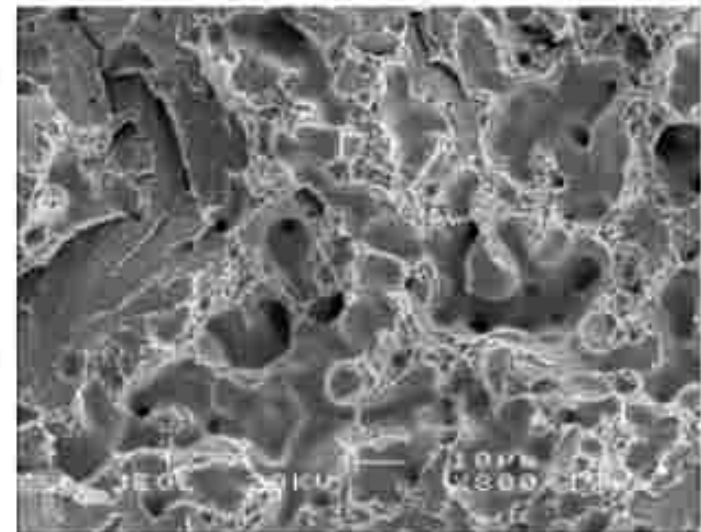
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- PM alloys are true engineered materials, and in order to achieve the highest density, hardness and impact energy in PM steels, it is necessary to **optimise** the properties of both **interparticle and intraparticle regions**.
  - ❑ By proper manufacturing parameters, **higher sintered densities** such as 7.39 and 7.35 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively for **Fe-Cr-Mo-C** and **Fe-Mo-C** using described method under double compacting at 600 MPa and sintering at 1250°C for 1 h in N<sub>2</sub> are achievable.
  - ❑ This technology offers opportunities for development of high performance PM materials.
- **Improved mechanical properties** are achieved by such a process, which is a **consequence of the increased sintered density**.



➤ This trend **can be improved with increasing annealing temperature** to the specific temperature around **800 - 850°C**.

❑ **At higher examined annealing temperature the repressibility drops.**

▪ Because the **microstructure** obtained after annealing at higher temperature is **comparable to very low temperature sintered bodies**, the macrohardness of green bodies before repressing increases and repressing will be done in harder samples since the repressing has to overcome the already built up **sintering necks**, that can cause defects and **microcracks**, which may be not healed during sintering process.

▪ On the other hand annealing at higher temperature is **uneconomic**.

# Sizing

**Secondary operations** are performed to increase density, improve accuracy, or accomplish additional shaping of the sintered part

- *Repressing* - pressing the sintered part in a closed die to increase density and improve properties
- *Sizing* - pressing a sintered part to improve dimensional accuracy
- *Coining* - pressworking operation on a sintered part to press details into its surface
- *Machining* - creates geometric features that cannot be achieved by pressing, such as threads, side holes, and other details

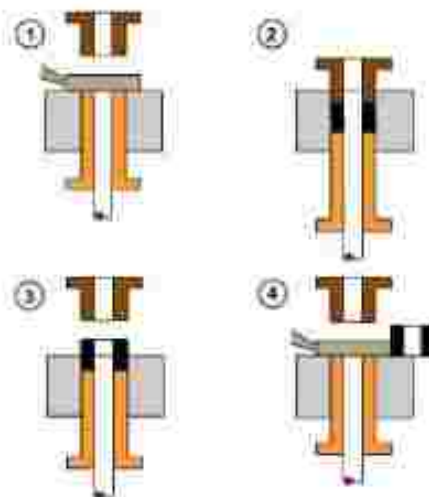
Sizing: بطور نوعی امکانپذیر است که قطعات زینتر شده با دقتی که دارای تolerانس ابعادی برابر

□ 0.0508 mm/mm در جهت عمود بر مسیر فشرده شدن و

□ 0.1016 mm per mm در جهت موازی با مسیر فشرده

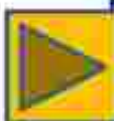
شدن تهیه کرد.

که این عمل توسط فشردن مجدد Repressing بعد از زینتر کردن میسر می شود که بنام سایز کردن مشهور است.



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- Impregnation: The term used when oil or other fluid is permeated into the pores of a sintered PM part
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- Infiltration: An operation in which the pores of the PM part are filled with a **molten metal**
  - *The melting point of the filler metal must be **lower***
  - *Involves heating the filler metal in contact with the sintered component so capillary action draws the filler into the pores*
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# Impregnation

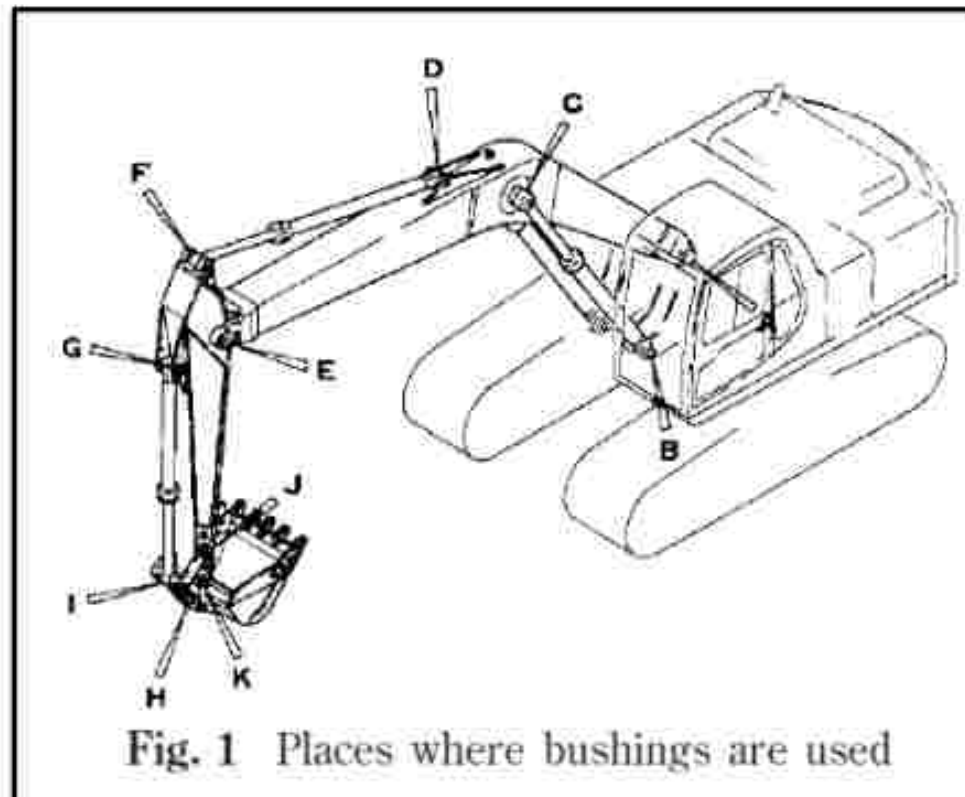
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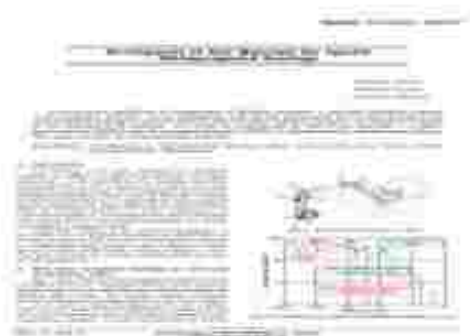




**Photo 3** Appearance of BMRC bushings



**Fig. 1** Places where bushings are used



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### Scheme of BMRC manufacturing process

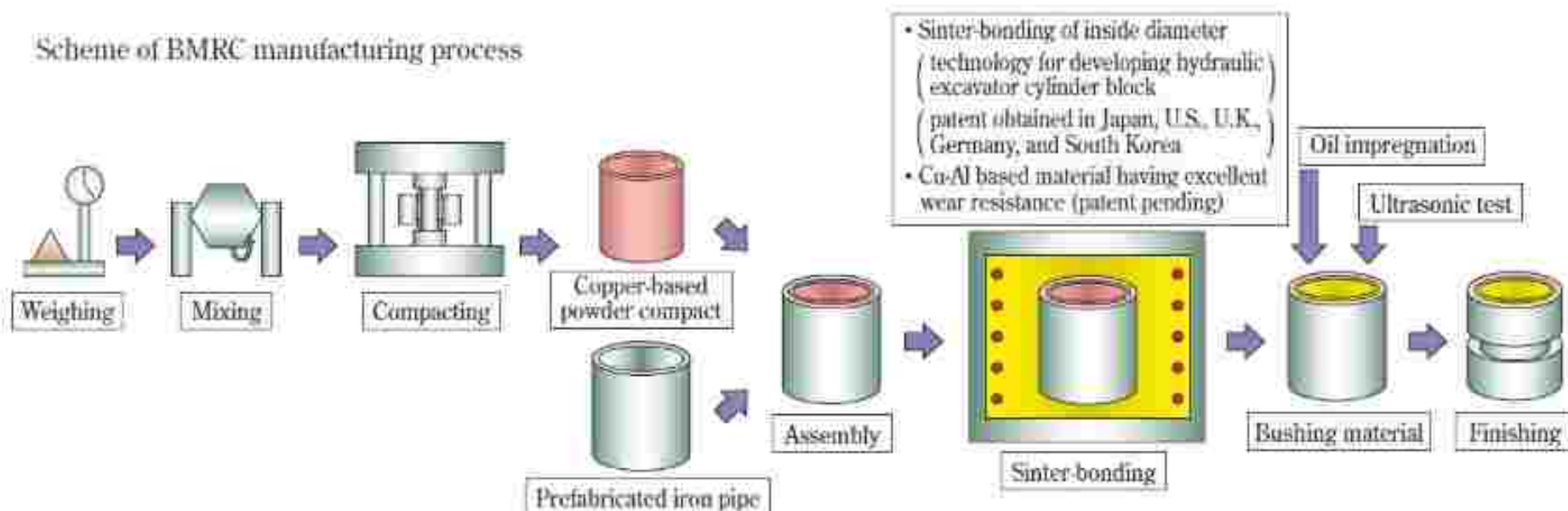


Fig. 5 BMRC manufacturing process

Data

800

720

700

20

Bimatel Bushing



Steel +  $\text{CuPb}_{10}\text{Sn}_{10}$



Steel +  $\text{CuPb}_{20}\text{Sn}_4$



Steel +  $\text{CuPb}_{30}$



Steel +  $\text{AlSn}_{10}\text{Cu}$



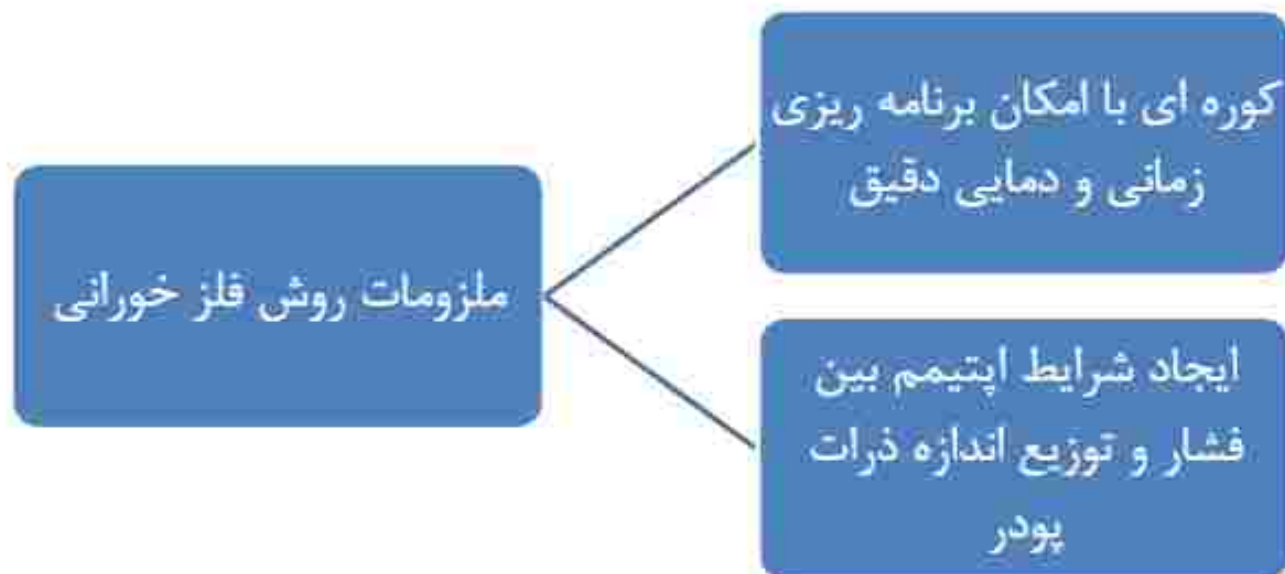
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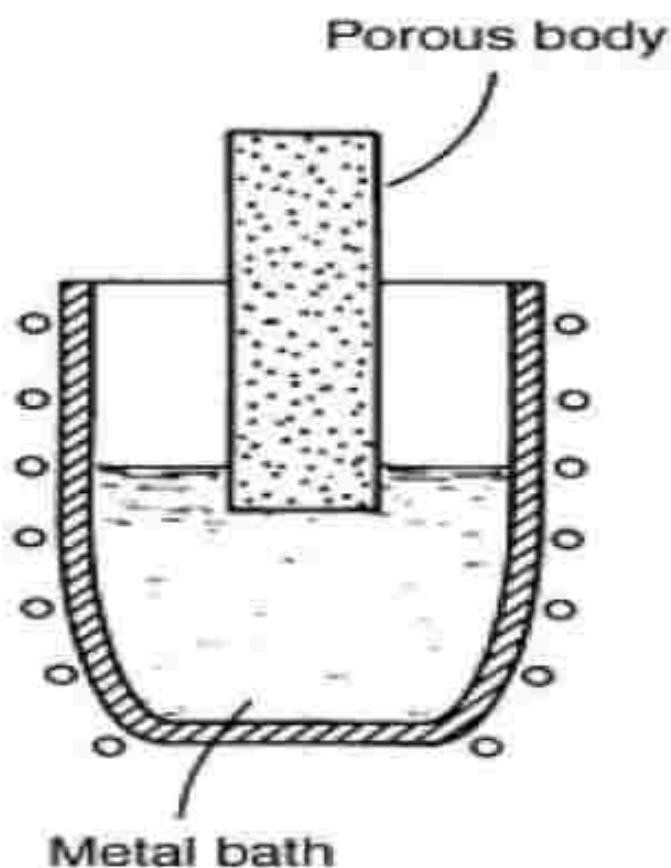
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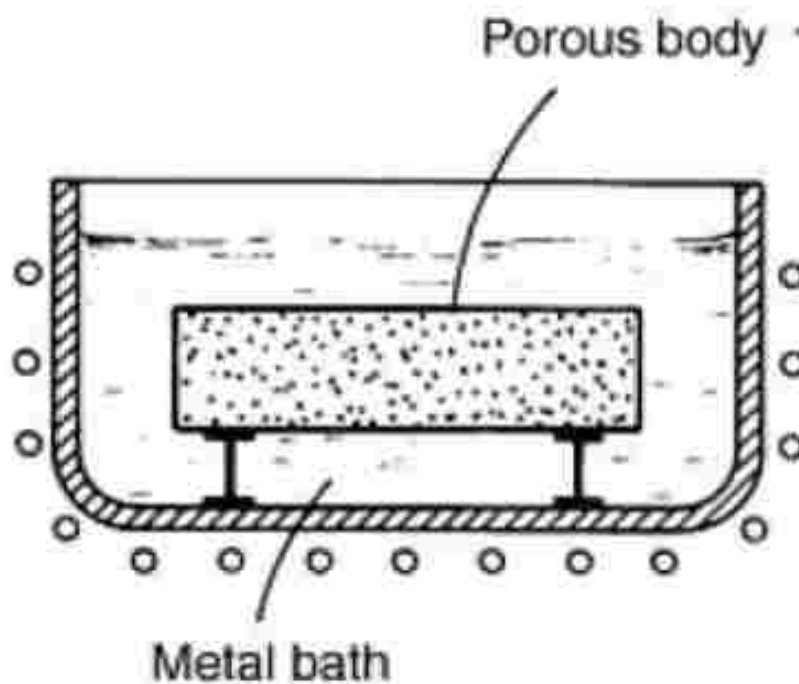
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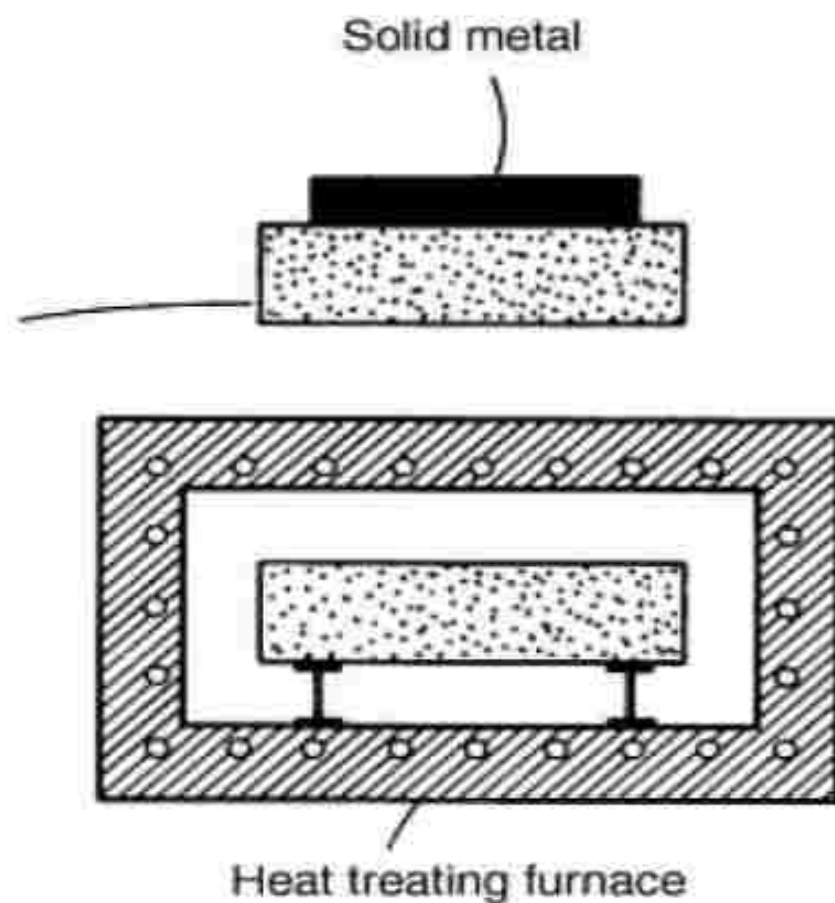
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## انواع روش های حصول حداکثر چگالی

۳ فلز خورانی از طریق تماس: ۶.



SIZING, REPRESSING,  
RESINTERING, FORGING,  
COINING, METAL INFILTRATION,  
OIL IMPREGNATION

**OPTIONAL  
FINISHING STEPS**

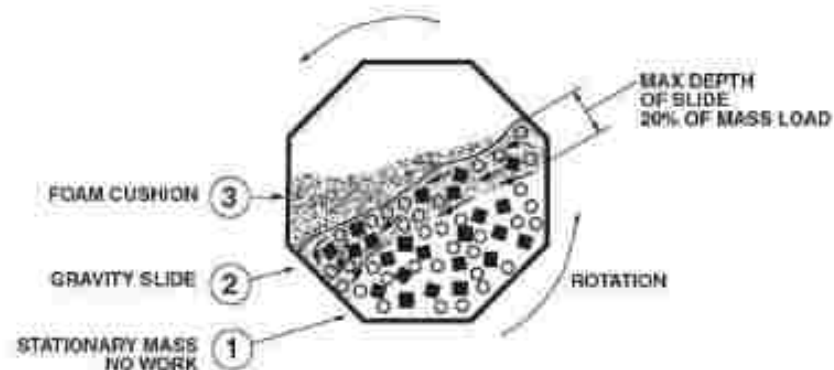
HEAT TREATING, TUMBLING,  
PLATING, MACHINING,  
STEAM TREATING  
HOT ISOSTATIC PRESSING

**FINISHED PRODUCT**



## BARREL TUMBLING

PARTS RATIO - 4 MEDIA TO 1 PARTS BY VOLUME.  
USE AS A STARTING POINT  
CHANGE UP/DOWN TO ACHIEVE DESIRED RESULTS.



20 - 30% FILL VOLUME  
PART ON PART  
TUMBLE, NO SLIDE



50 - 60% FILL VOLUME  
LONGEST SLIDE  
FASTEST FINISH



70 - 80% FILL VOLUME  
SHORT SLIDE  
SLOW FINISH  
BURNISH OF DELICATE  
PART LOADING

### COMPOUND REQUIREMENTS

1. THICK - DURABLE
2. HEAVY FOAM - CUSHION FOR SOIL RETENTION
3. HIGH LUBRICITY - TO MAINTAIN A GOOD DEPTH OF SLIDE
4. SPEED, VARIABLE FROM 50 TO 200 S.F.M.  
SLOWER SPEED - BURNISHING    HIGHER SPEED - DEBURRING





## Machine Tumbling

By utilizing our barrel tumblers either for part-on-part processing or in combination with media, Latem can effectively clean and deburr a very wide range of parts and part sizes. Tumbling can also be used as a cleaning process to remove stamping oils, heat treat scale, and burrs, often in one operation.

The tumbling process is rather simple. Parts are placed in a horizontal tumbling barrel, mixed with cleaning compounds and part additives, and often an abrasive media. The barrels are then rotated at anywhere from 20 to 40 RPM for a determined amount of time depending on the desired finish.

The barrel is designed to lift and move the parts so that they do not remain in the same location throughout the process. The parts inside knock repeatedly against one another, and/or the media. This motion, along with the right compounds, makes for an effective cleaning process. Tumbling is the ideal process for smaller, more rigid parts.

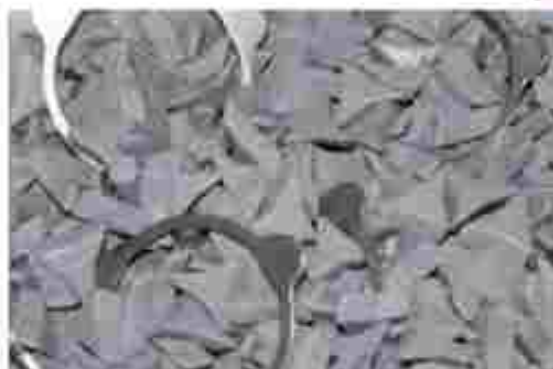
Common finishes often achieved through tumbling include:

- Raiboring
- Deflashing
- Cleaning
- Rust removal
- Surface finishing
- Edge breaking
- Removing heat treat scale
- De-flaking
- Brightening parts
- Preparing for further finishing/rounding

By utilizing barrel tumblers and using either media or part-on-part processing, we can effectively clean and deburr various sized parts. We can remove stamping oils, burrs and heat scale all in one operation.

Machine Tumbling is Vibratory Finishing





# Powder Metallurgy Processes

## RAW MATERIALS

ELEMENTAL OR ALLOY  
METAL POWDERS

ADDITIVES  
(OIL LUBRICANTS,  
GRAPHITE)

MIXING

## FORMING

### HOT COMPACTION

ISOSTATIC, EXTRUSION,  
DIE COMPACTING, SPRAYING,  
SINTERING

### COLD COMPACTION

DIE COMPACTING, ISOSTATIC,  
ROLLING, INJECTION  
MOULDING, SLIP CASTING

### SINTERING

VACUUM OR ATMOSPHERE

### OPTIONAL MANUFACTURING STEPS

DRILLING, REPROSSING,  
RESINTERING, FORGING,  
COINING, METAL INFILTRATION,  
OIL IMPREGNATION

### OPTIONAL FINISHING STEPS

HEAT TREATING, TUMBLING,  
PLATING, MACHINING,  
STEAM TREATING,  
HOT ISOSTATIC PRESSING



## Production Sequence

- Procurement of raw materials needed for production of powdered metal part
- Mixing / Blending
- Compacting
- Sintering
- Post Treatments / Final Product

- ❑ Post Treatments" include, but not limited to; coining, sizing, closed forging, copper infiltration, machining, heat treatment, induction hardening, stream treatment, tumbling (deburring), shot blasting, shot peening, oil impregnation, and plating.

### P/M Sintering Process

