



REIMAGINING THE MAGNET TECHNOLOGY THAT DRIVES THE WORLD

# **Disruptive Technology for Decommoditizing the Magnet Supply Chain**

**Mine-to-Magnet-Workshop**  
Lockheed Martin Center for Leadership Excellence  
Bethesda, MD

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## History

1995 – Founded with a focus on superconducting magnets for particle accelerators and colliders

2009-2014 – Funded by U.S. Department of Energy and NASA for development of superconducting electrical machines for offshore wind turbine generators and turbo-electric aero propulsion

2015 to Present – Focus on the development of PM-Wire™ permanent magnets, magnet manufacturing and electrical machine development

## Locations

### Corporate Headquarters

Melbourne, Florida

- ✓ Corporate, Operations
- ✓ Engineering, R&D
- ✓ Machine Shop, Prototyping

### Manufacturing

Located 3 miles from Headquarters

- ✓ MITUS PM-Wire™ Pilot Manufacturing Line
- ✓ Metal Alloys Development Lab



Corporate Headquarters  
&  
R&D



Manufacturing  
&  
Metal Alloy Development



## Vision

Create a new and stable magnet supply chain

## Mission

Magnet Innovation - “Building a Better Magnet in America”

## Product

PM-Wire™ Technology Platform

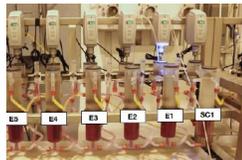
Innovative solution for the design, manufacture and application of magnets

## Value Proposition

Increased performance and lower cost end-use product



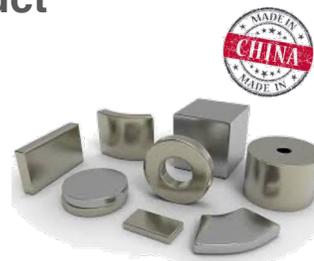
Mining / Recycling



Oxide Extraction  
NdPr



Metal Alloys



Conventional  
Magnets



IMPACT INNOVATION PRODUCTS BUILDING A BETTER MAGNET CONTACT

**U.S. COMPANY CREATING A NEW & STABLE RARE EARTH SUPPLY CHAIN**  
ADVANCED MAGNET LAB IS REINVENTING MAGNETS FOR TRANSFORMING ELECTRICAL MACHINES

Unveiling a vision for the transformation of multiple industries that depend on rare earth materials, permanent magnets, and high performance electrical machines.

As the world evolves away from purely fossil fuel-powered engines, vehicles, and machines, toward electric and hybrid-powered machines, the need for better, more efficient, more powerful, lighter weight magnets and magnet-powered motors will take over in industries from transportation to wind energy to robotics and more.

This paper explores the future of magnets and their end-use impact and the solutions to the manufacturing challenges, supply of resources, and creation of a stable, thriving, vertically-integrated “mining to magnet to end-use” industry.

September 2019

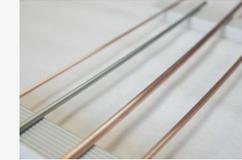
OUR PERSPECTIVE  
THE FUTURE OF MAGNETICS, E-MOBILITY AND MORE!



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AML  
Metal Alloys



AML  
Magnets

# AML is **REINVENTING** the Magnet Supply Chain



## **Magnets & Manufacturing Innovation**

### **Reinventing the design and manufacturing of magnets**

Our manufacturing is unique and state-of-art. Production is high-rate, high-yield, high-quality with a fraction of the labor and capital required for conventional manufacturing methods



**Manufacturing Innovation**

## **Materials Innovation**

### **Reducing the cost of magnet alloys**

Our technology improves the application performance of all existing magnet materials and enables new, lower cost materials including non-rare earths



**Lower Cost Metal Alloys**

## **Magnet End-Use Product Innovation**

### **Revolutionizing motors and generators**

Our technology replaces conventional north-south topologies with optimized magnet shapes, magnetization and topologies which results in improved performance, reduced magnet count and ease of assembly



**Magnet and Motor Innovation**

**We are Decommoditizing the Magnet Industry!**

# AML

Reimagining the Magnet Technology that Drives the World

## **Magnet Innovation**

Reinventing the design and manufacturing of magnets



## Technology

**PM-Wire™ - A unique process for the design, manufacturing and application of permanent magnets**

**Enabling Configurations** – long-length, rings, helixes and more

**Enabling Magnetization / Topologies** – magnetic flux distribution optimized for the application

**High-Rate Manufacturing** – mass produced / high yield - >98%

## Value Proposition

**Improves performance and lowers the cost of end-use products** (e.g., motors)

**Performance** – higher efficiency, lighter, smaller, higher temperature operation

**Lower Cost Material Options** – performance equivalent to higher cost materials

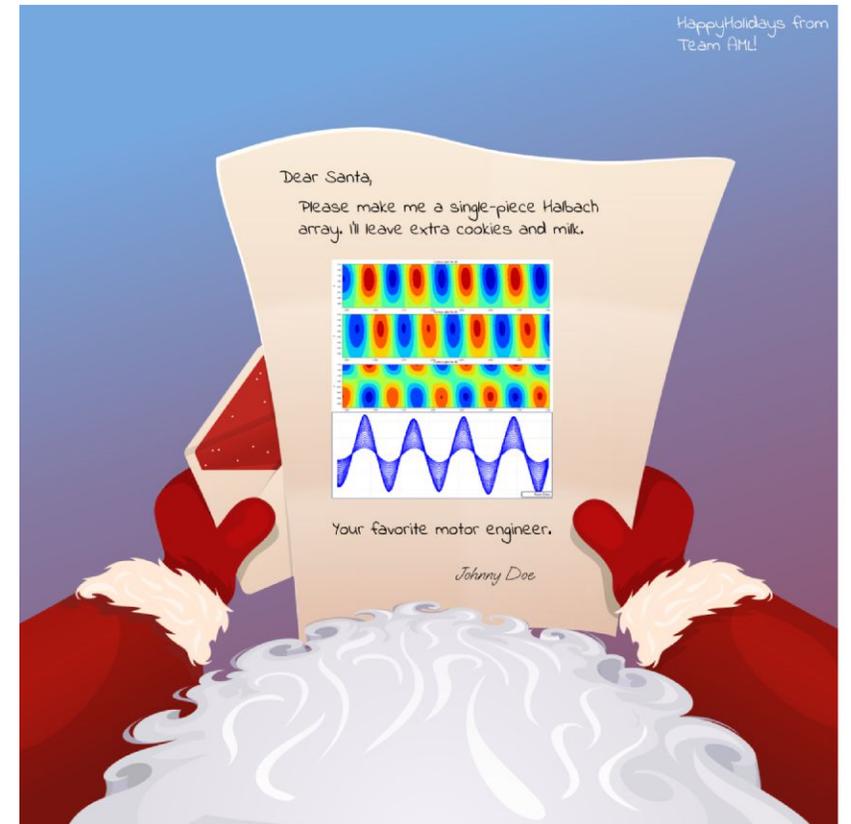
**Manufacturing Ease and Safety** – simplified assembly into end-use products

**Sustainable Business** – does not compete in existing commoditized market

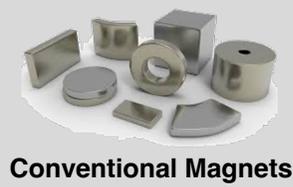
## PM-Wire Impact Example

### Electric Vehicle Motor

- ✓ Collaboration with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- ✓ Replace **~2,750** magnet Halbach array with **8** PM-360™ rings
- ✓ Eliminate need for active cooling of rotor
- ✓ Using a Non-sintered magnet alloy



- What motor engineers dream about -  
"Single-piece Halbach array"



## PM-UNIFORM™

Straight, curved, ring or helical magnets with Transverse or Radial magnetization

### Single-Piece Magnets

Straight up to 1 m

Curved up 1 m arc

Rings up to 320 mm dia.

Helical (given by dia.)

### Lower Cost Assemblies

Reduced part count



PM-UNIFORM™

## PM-360™ - “Better than a Halbach Array”

Straight, ring or helical magnets with “Continuously Changing Magnetization Direction”

### Increased Performance

Halbach Array Performance

### Reduced Weight

Iron Free

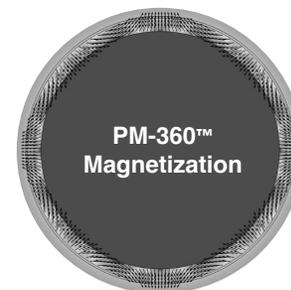
### Lower Cost Assemblies

Reduced part count

Ease to assemble



PM-360™ - Helical



PM-360™ - Magnetization

## PM-AXIAL™

Curved magnets with Axial magnetization allows rotor topologies having breakthrough benefits

### Increased Performance

Halbach Array Performance

Higher Temperature

Reduced Overwrap

### Reduced Weight

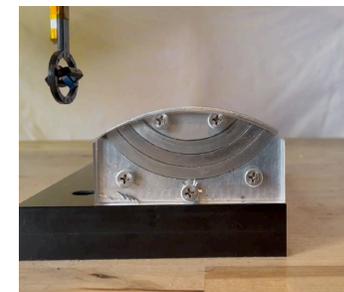
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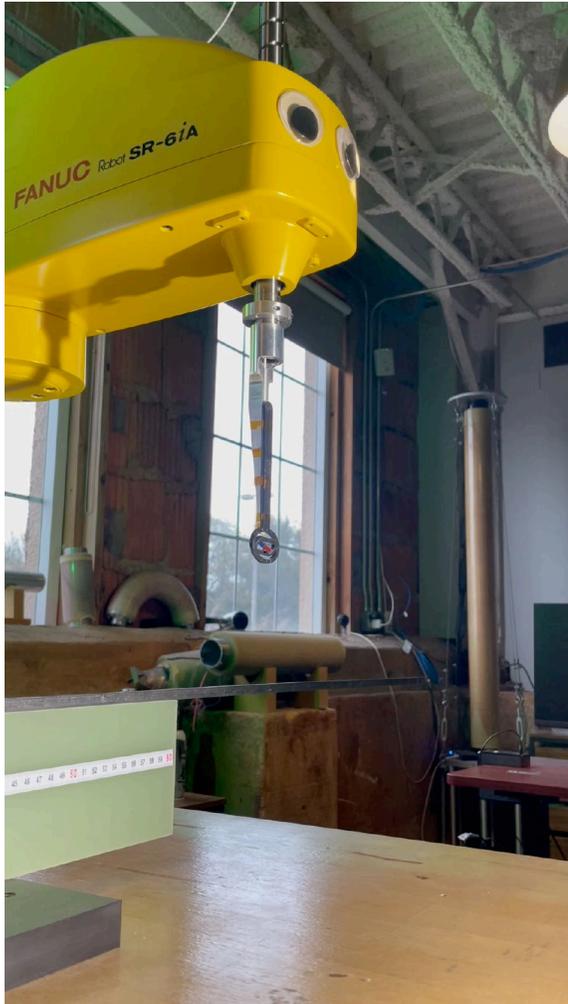
Ease to assemble

Lower grade metal alloys

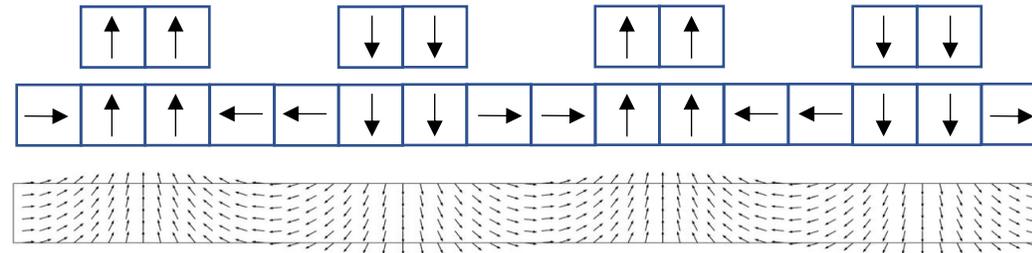


PM-AXIAL™

## Ideal magnetic field distribution, Single-piece “Halbach Array”, Long-lengths



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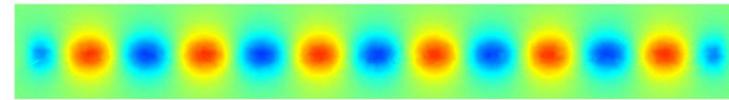


North – South Magnetization

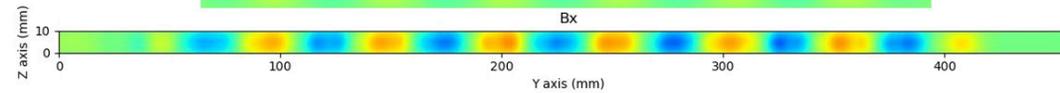
90 Degree Halbach Array

Continuously Changing Flux Direction

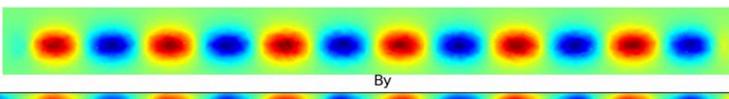
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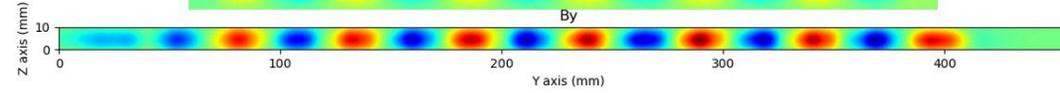
PM-Wire™



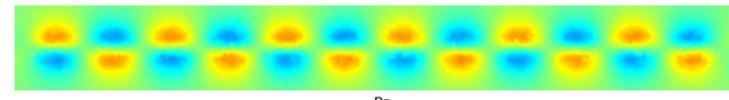
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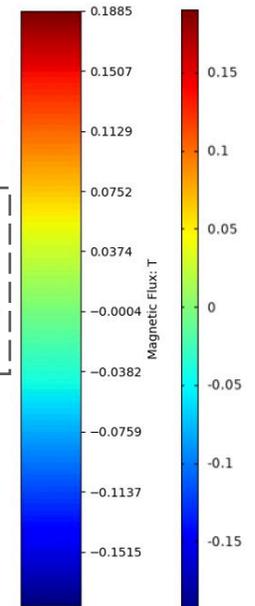
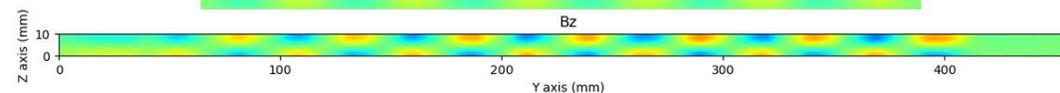
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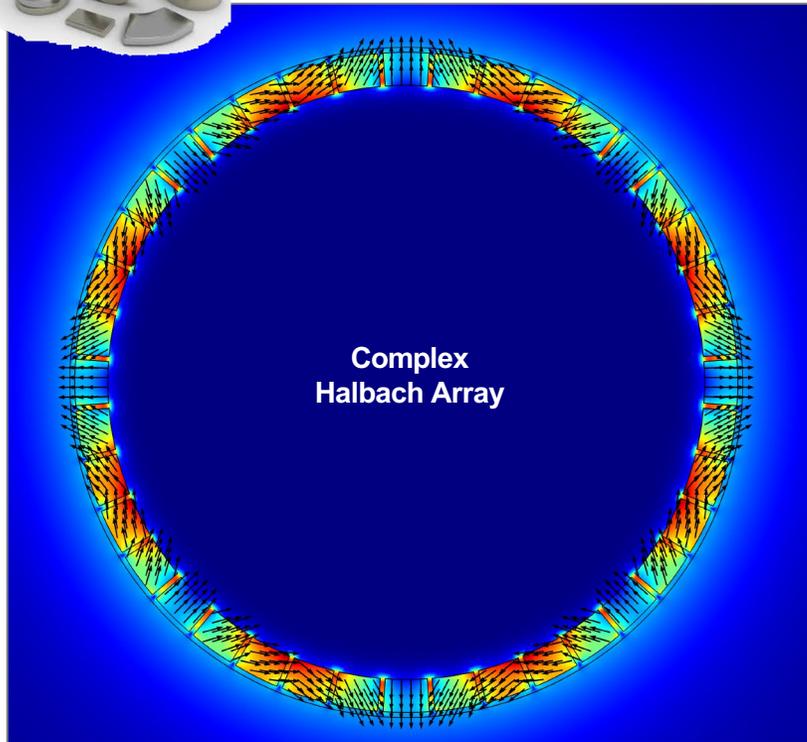
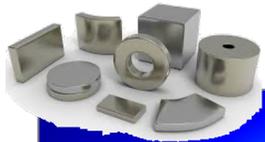


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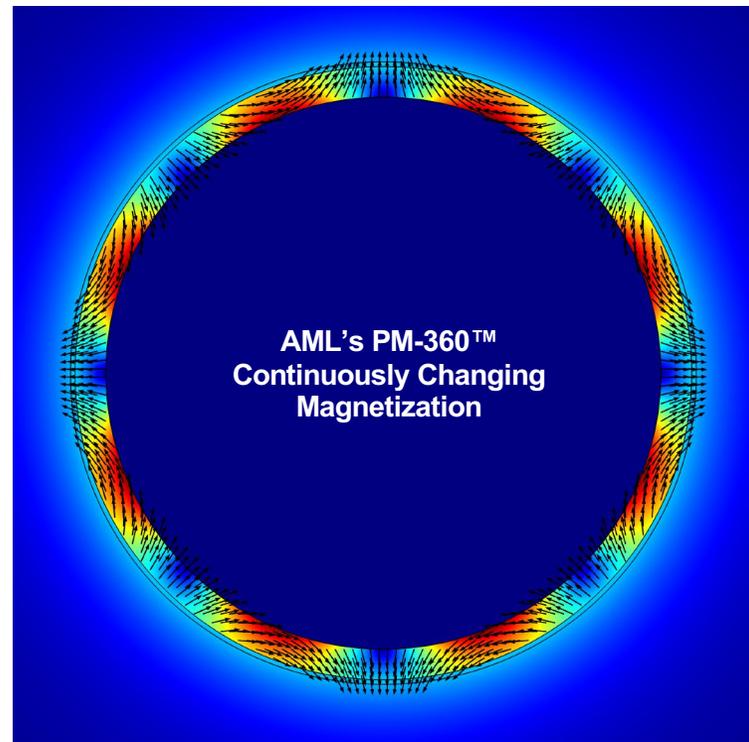
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Single-piece, ring and helix “Halbach Array”



Conventional Magnets

PM-360™ Rotor Prototype for Heavy Industries Company



PM-Wire™



PM-360™ Outrunner Rotor Prototype

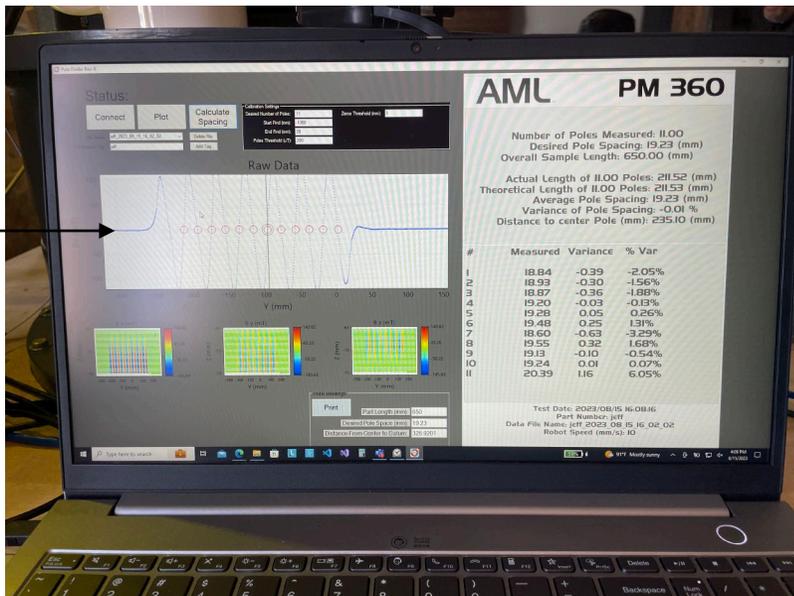
## PM-360™ Sintered Magnet Single-piece Halbach array



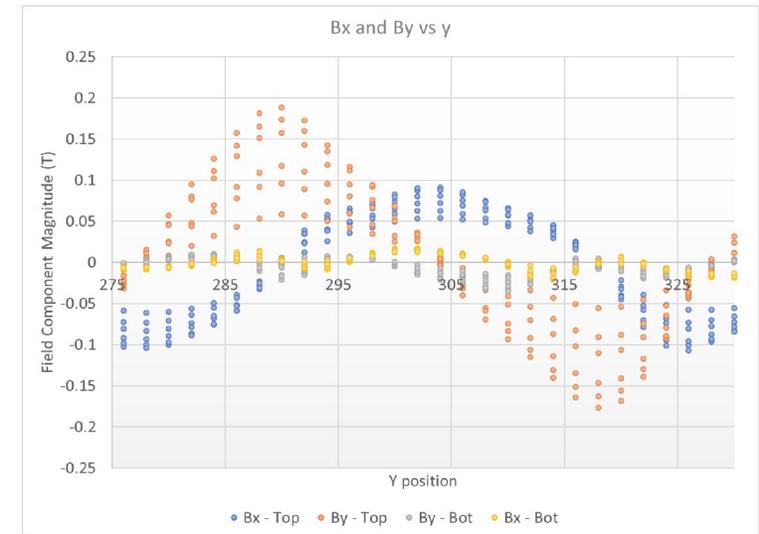
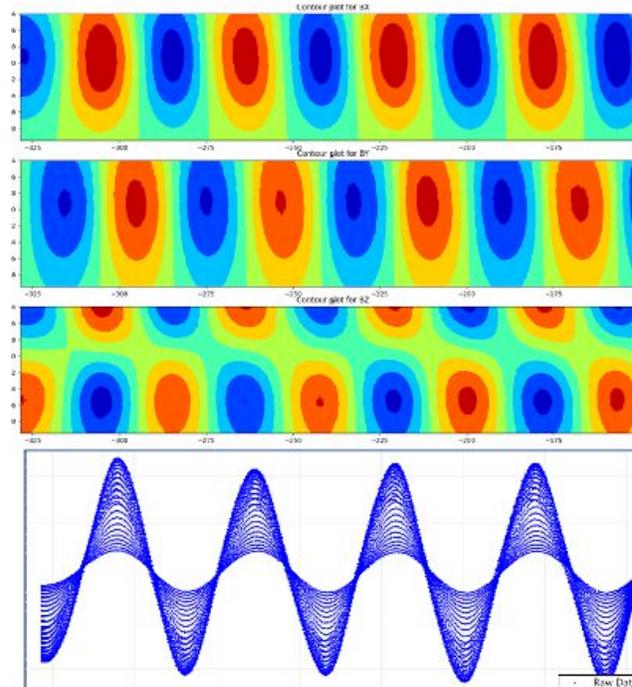
Straight Sintered PM-360™



Curved Sintered PM-360™



AML Developed Magnetic Pole Detector



PM-360™ Field Map Plots

## PM-AXIAL™ Magnets

Improves the performance of existing alloys

Enables a motor topology which is well suited for low coercivity alloys

- ✓ Provides very low demagnetization field enabling the use of low coercivity alloys including non-rare earths

## Additional Features and Benefits

### Optimized Performance

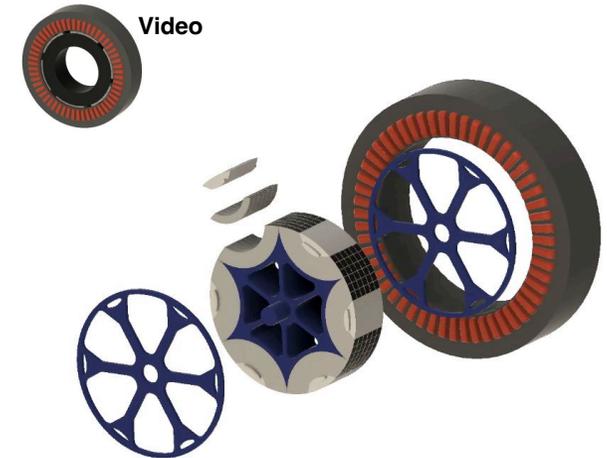
- ✓ Halbach Array like performance
- ✓ Higher Temperature Operation
- ✓ Enables lower grade / cost alloys with performance equal to higher grade alloys
- ✓ Significantly reduces or eliminates overwrap (magnet containment)

### Reduced Weight

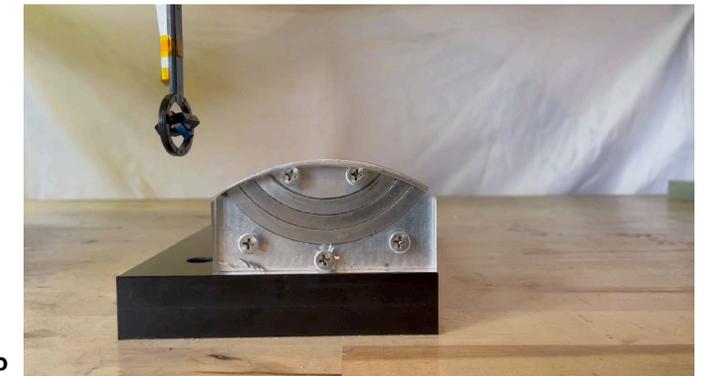
- ✓ No need for iron at the rotor

### Ease of manufacturing and assembly

- ✓ All the segments can be mass-produced at low cost
- ✓ The magnetic flux is contained within the magnets making it easy and safe during assembly



Example of PM-AXIAL™ rotor design



Sample PM-AXIAL™ motor poles made with NdFeB alloy

# AML

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## **Manufacturing Innovation**

High-rate, high-yield, high-quality and low capex

## High Volume Manufacturing

3-6 meters / minute / production line

Capacity Potential Scenarios (magnet cross-section dependent)

### Single Line Production Capacity - Straight PM-Wire™

High Volume (m/min)	Size by Cross Section	Daily Production (m)	Annual Production (m)	Daily Volume (mt)	Annual Volume (mt)	Capacity Per 6,000 mt of NdPr
4	2 cm x 2 cm	4,536	1,360,800	11	3,320	7 production lines
4	1.5 cm x 1.5 cm	4,536	1,360,800	6	1,868	11 production lines
4	1 cm x 1 cm	4,536	1,360,800	3	830	25 production lines

### Production Parameters

Days Per Year	300
Hours Per Day	21
Line Utilization	90%

### Production Capacity Comparison

NdPr Deposit	NdPr Supply	Potential Magnet Capacity (mtpa)	Planned Magnet Capacity (mt)
Mountan Pass Mine	6,000	20,000	1,000

AML capacity scenarios for producing 20,000 mt per year

Mount Pass Mine has an expected production capacity of 6,000 metric tons of NdPr rare earths which equates to ~20,000 metric tons of magnets

MP Material's 200,000 sq ft production facility will have the capacity to produce approximately 1,000 metric tons of magnets per year

MP Materials; Gabelli Funds 46th Annual Auto Symposium – October 31, 2022



Project MITUS - PM-Wire™ Pilot Line  
Funded by the U.S. Department of Defense



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## **Materials Innovation**

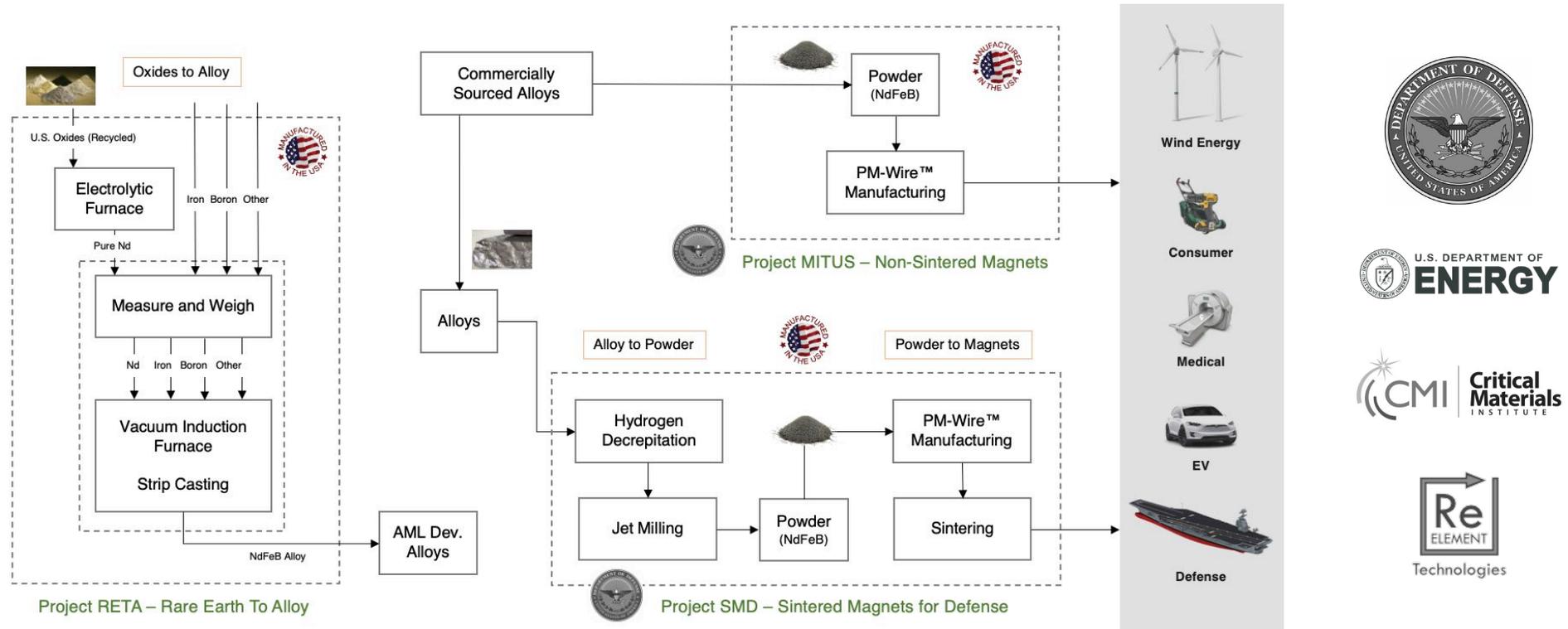
Improving performance of existing and enabling new lower rare earth content alloys  
for electrical machines

Improved end-use product performance of existing sintered alloy compositions

Enable non-sintered alloys

Enable lower critical rare earth alloys

Enable non-rare earth alloys



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## **Electrical Machine Innovation**

Increased performance and lower cost electrical machines

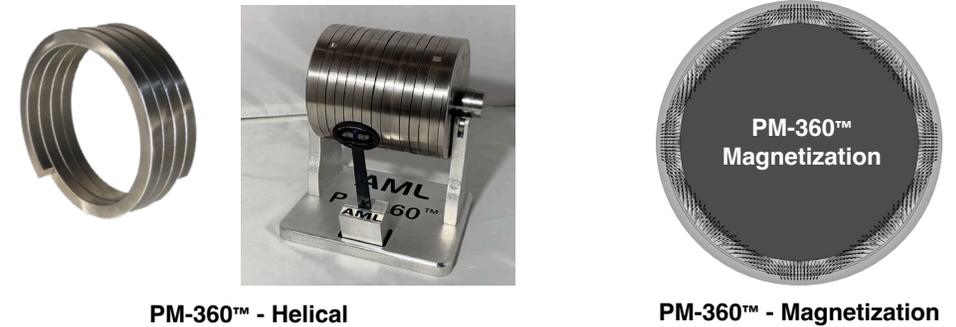
## Value Proposition

Improving the performance and lowering the cost of the end-use product like electrical machines

## How this is possible?

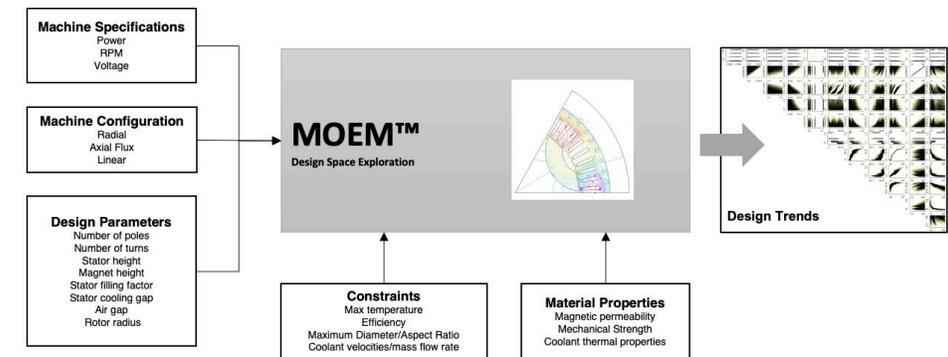
PM-Wire magnets can replace conventional north-south rotor topologies

- ✓ Unique magnet shapes
- ✓ Unique magnetization
- ✓ Unique motor topologies



## Impact Examples

- ✓ PM-AXIAL™ - Industrial Motor With Significant Improvement In Performance (NdFeB)
- ✓ PM-360™ - Industrial Motor Using Non-Sintered Alloy (NdFeB)
- ✓ PM-AXIAL™ - Industrial Motor Using Reduced Critical Rare Earth Alloy (Mischmetal NdFeB)
- ✓ PM-360™ - Electric Vehicle Motor Using Non-Sintered Alloy (NdFeB)
- ✓ PM-360™ - Electric Vehicle Motor Using Non-Sintered and Non-Rare Earth Alloy (MnBi)
- ✓ PM-AXIAL™ - Electric Vehicle Motor Using Non-Rare Earth Alloy (FeN)



### AML Application Development

Proprietary software and unique experience used for electrical machine optimization

Process flow: 1<sup>st</sup> Order Design Study (no charge) → Preliminary Design → Detailed Design → Prototyping → Optimized Product

## Baseline Design - Large, global electrical machine manufacturer

Torque - 311 Nm; Efficiency - 98.6%; Power - 375 kW; RPM - 11,500 RPM

Magnet Material: N48SH

Operating Temperature: 100 C

Critical Rare Earth Mass: 1.74 kg

- ✓ NdPr = 1.49 kg
- ✓ Dysprosium = 0.25 kg



## Example 1

### PM-AXIAL™ - Industrial Motor With Significant Improvement In Performance (NdFeB)

#### Solution

- ✓ Retrofit solution replaced north-south rotor pole topology with PM-AXIAL™
- ✓ No change to motor stator
- ✓ Same magnet N48SH NdFeB alloy

#### AML Performance Improvement

- ✓ Halbach array performance
- ✓ 150 C - 50% increase in operating temperature
- ✓ 50% reduction in rotor overwrap thickness
- ✓ Reduction in mass by removing the iron
- ✓ Modification of motor stator would result in additional increase in performance



## Example 2

### PM-360™ - Industrial Motor Using Non-Sintered Alloy (NdFeB)

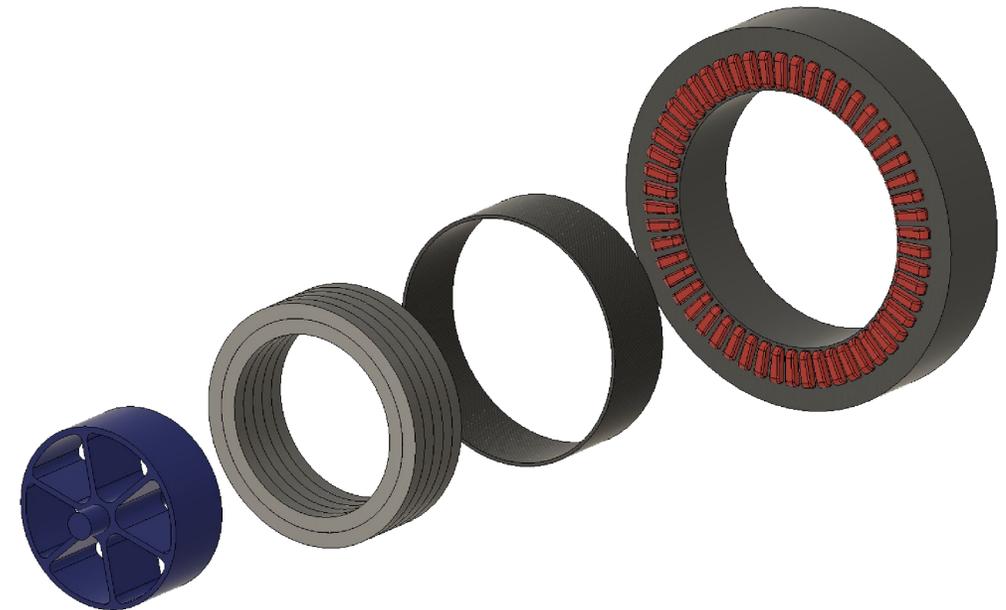
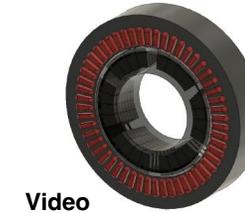
Specifications: 375 kW / 11,000 RPM

#### Solution

- ✓ Retrofit solution replaced north-south rotor pole topology with PM-360™
- ✓ No change to motor stator
- ✓ **Non-Sintered MF18P** alloy
  - $B_r$  and  $H_{ci}$  (@ 120 C) = 0.89 T and 9.2 kGauss
- ✓ Replace 168 sintered N48SH magnets with **10 PM-360™ rings**

#### AML Performance

- ✓ Equivalent torque and efficiency
- ✓ 10% reduction in active mass



## Example 3

### PM-AXIAL™ - Industrial Motor With Significant Improvement In Performance (NdFeB)

Specifications: 375 kW / 11,000 RPM

#### Solution

- ✓ Retrofit solution replaced north-south rotor pole topology with PM-AXIAL™
- ✓ No change to motor stator
- ✓ **Mischmetal (40%) / NdPr (60%)** FeB alloy
  - [Br and Hci (@ 120 C) = 1.01 T and 1.850 kGauss ]

#### AML Performance

- ✓ Equivalent torque and efficiency
- ✓ 37% reduction in critical rare earths (**NdPr**) and no **dysprosium**
- ✓ 11% reduction in active mass

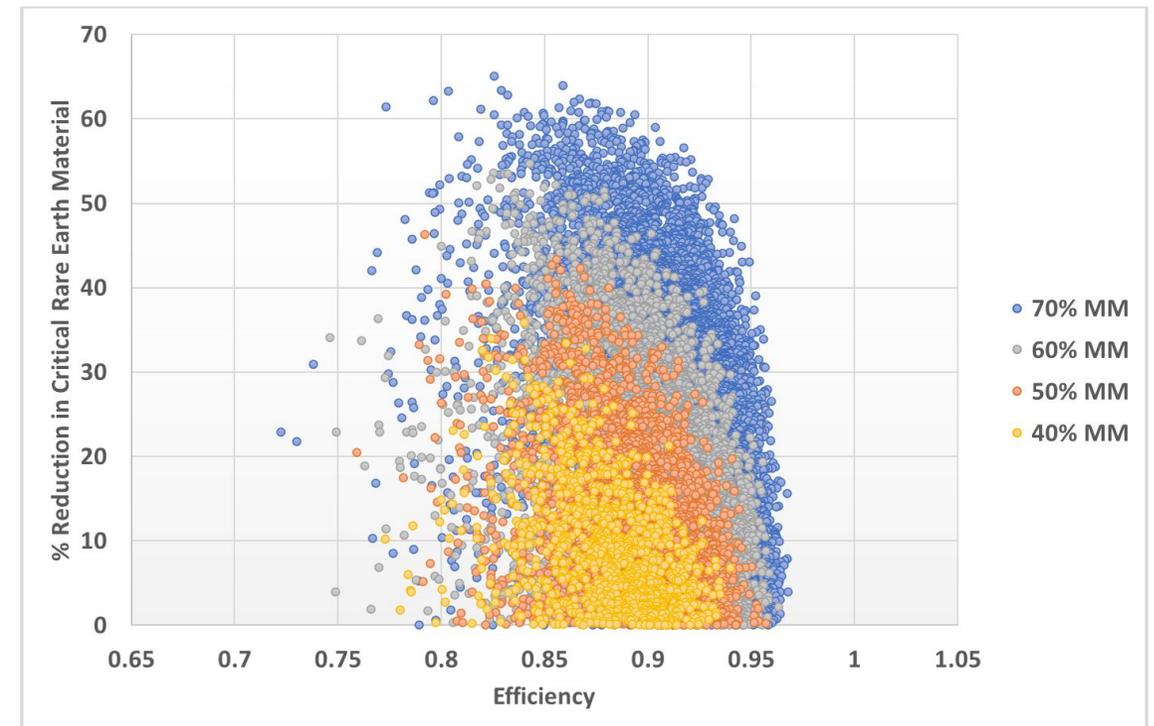


#### Cost Comparison

NdPr - ~ \$90 per kilogram

Mischmetal - \$1-\$5 per kilogram

(55% Cerium, 25% Lanthanum,  
18% Neodymium, %2 Praseodymium)



Reduction in Critical Rare Earth Materials vs. Efficiency for an example AML Retrofit Design

## Motor Specifications

Collaboration with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Outrunner Configuration

Power: 58 kW

RPM: 20,000

## Example 4

PM-360™ - Electric Vehicle Motor Using Using Non-Sintered Alloy (NdFeB)

### Solution

- ✓ Retrofit solution replacing Halbach rotor topology with PM-360™
- ✓ Replacing ~**2,750** NdFeB sintered magnets with **8 PM-360™ rings**
- ✓ Anisotropic Bonded (MQA-36-19) alloy
  - $B_r$  and  $H_{ci}$  (@ 80 C) = 0.9 T and 19 kGauss

### AML Performance

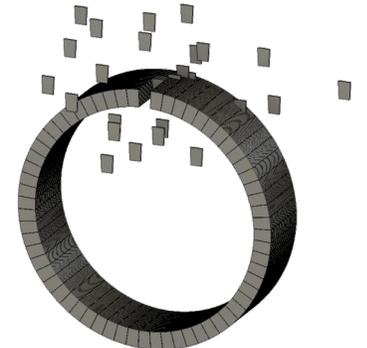
- ✓ Equivalent torque and efficiency
- ✓ Eliminate the need to actively cool the motor rotor
- ✓ Significantly reduce part count and complexity of assembly
- ✓ A fraction of the cost compared to sintered complex Halbach array design



Video

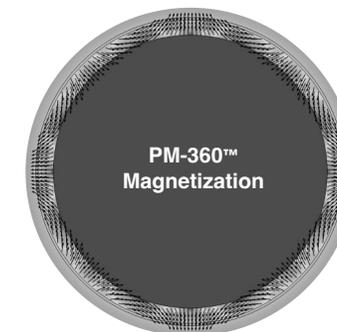


PM-360™



Halbach Array

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PM-360™ Magnetization



Complex Halbach Array

## Motor Specifications

Power Density: > 30 kW/L

Power: 300 kW

RPM: 12,000

## Example 5

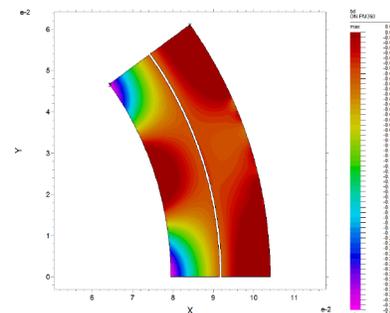
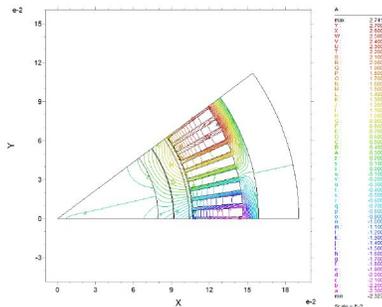
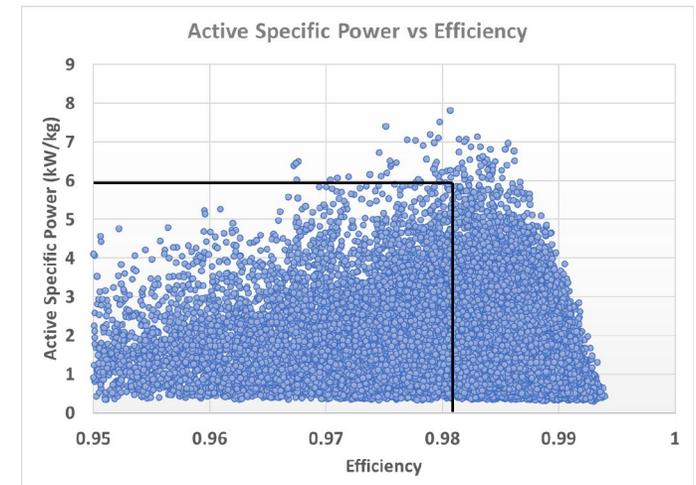
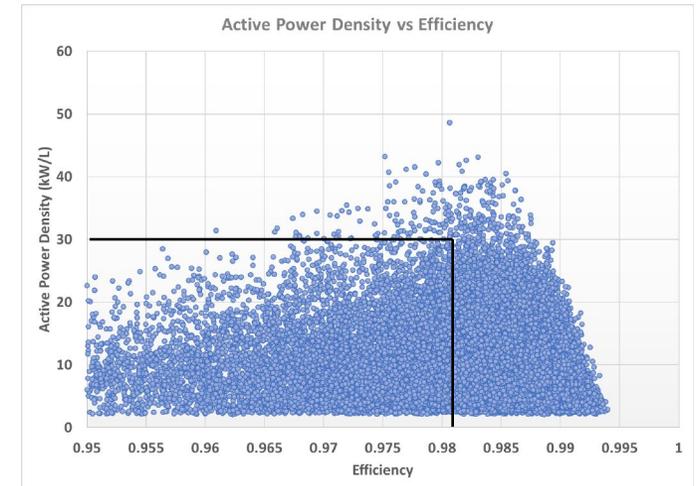
PM-360™ - Electric Vehicle Motor Using Non-Sintered and Non-Rare Earth Alloy (MnBi)

### Solution

- ✓ New Design (re-design of stator and rotor)
- ✓ **Manganese Bismuth (MnBi)** alloy
  - MnBi @ 120 C, Br = 0.235 T and Hci = 15 kG

### AML Performance

- ✓ Design Space Exploration shows the full design space opportunity for >30 kW/L power densities



## Motor Specifications

2022 U.S. Department of Energy Power Density Goal: > 50 kW/L

Power: 300 kW

RPM: 12,000

## Example 6

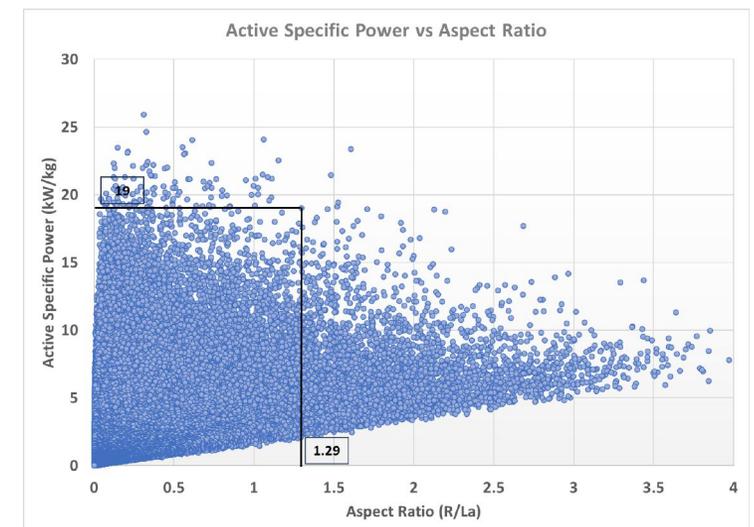
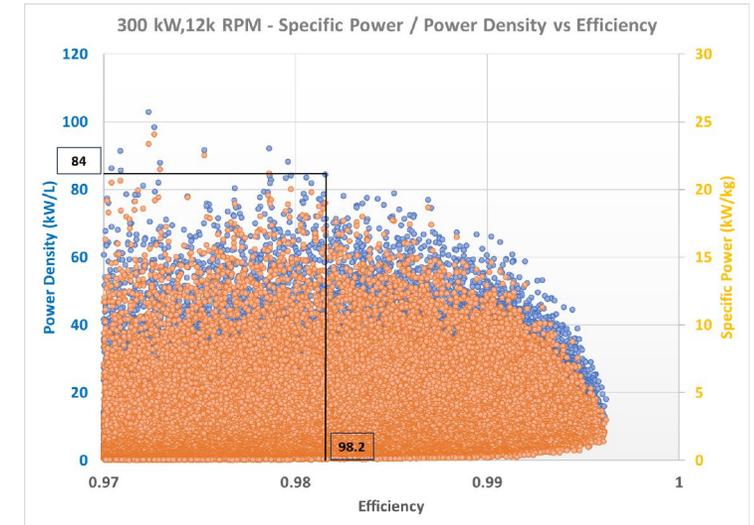
PM-AXIAL™ - Electric Vehicle Motor Using Non-Rare Earth Alloy (FeN)

### Solution

- ✓ New Design (re-design of stator and rotor)
- ✓ **Non-Rare Earth - Iron Nitride (FeN) alloy**
  - NRE magnet material – Iron Nitride (FeN) with  $B_r = 0.88T$ ,  $H_{ci} = 3$  kGauss

### AML Performance

- ✓ Motor Efficiency ~ 98%
- ✓ Motor Power Density ~ **70 kW/L**



## Market Pathways

Pathways are based on magnet material (alloy) type

### Non-Sintered Magnets

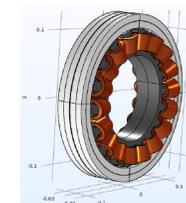
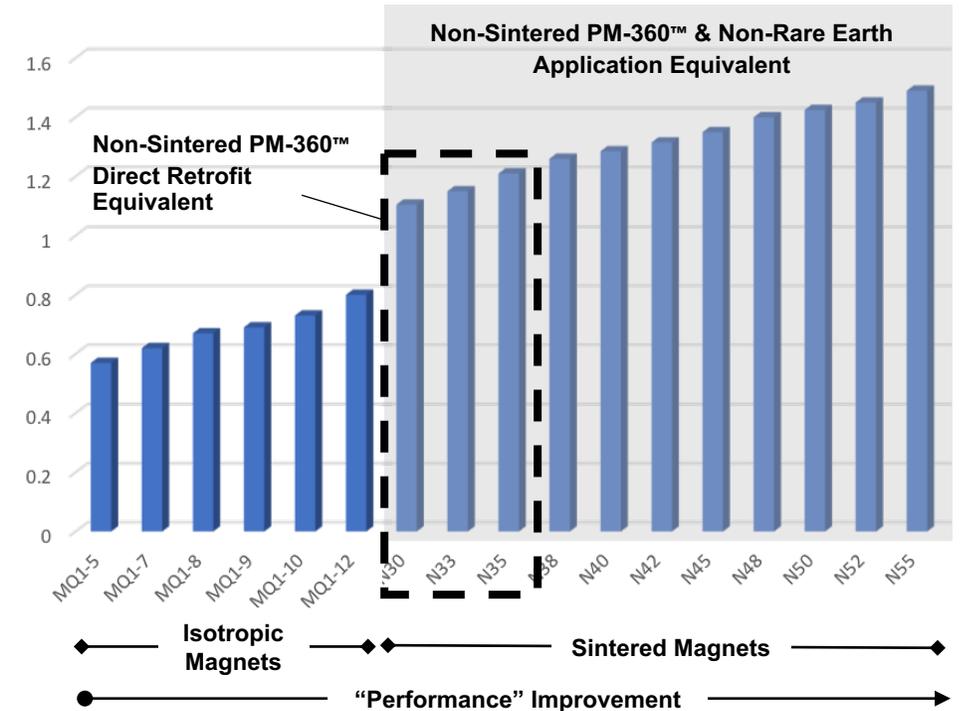
- ✓ PM-Wire™ manufacturing process validated for producing non-sintered NdFeB magnets
- ✓ Ideal for densifying and containing material and eliminates need for a bonding agent
- ✓ Configured as a PM-360™ or PM-AXIAL™ magnets can replace sintered magnets
- ✓ **MITUS Manufacturing Line is ready for Full-Rate Manufacturing**

### Sintered Magnets

- ✓ PM-Wire™ manufacturing process validated for producing conventional magnets
- ✓ Requires engineering and commissioning Full-Rate Manufacturing automation
- ✓ **Low-rate manufacturing with a focus on defense applications in 2024**

### Non-Rare Earth Magnets

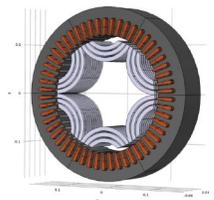
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- ✓ Ideal for densifying and containing material and eliminates need for a bonding agent
- ✓ PM-AXIAL™ non-rare earth magnets can replace sintered magnets in motors and generators
- ✓ MITUS Manufacturing Line is ready for Full-Rate Manufacturing
- ✓ **Once materials are commercialization**



Non-Sintered Validation



EV



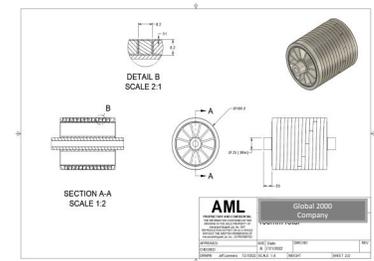
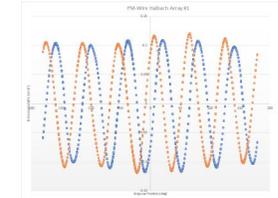
Non-Rare Earth Validation

## Current PM-Wire™ Magnet Production Programs

Branch of the U.S. Department of Defense

### Heavy Industries Company

PM-Wire™ products in a variety of motor and generator products

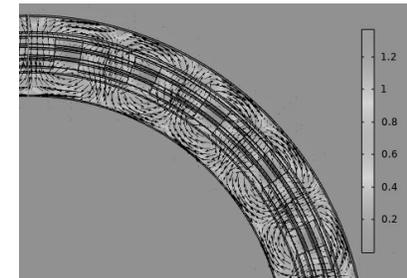


## Current PM-Wire™ Based Application Developments

U.S. Aerospace and Defense Company

High-power density aero propulsion motors and generators

Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy / ARPA-E



### U.S. Defense Contractor

Development of several electrical machines

### Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Electric Vehicles



PM-360™



Halbach Array

## AML Materials / Alloy Development

Lab Scale Development

### Collaborations

- ✓ U.S Supply Chain Partner
- ✓ Ames National Laboratory / Critical Materials Institute
- ✓ Argonne National Laboratory

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## Imagine a Magnet Industry Without Limitations

### Materials

Enabling less critical rare earth and non rare earth alloys

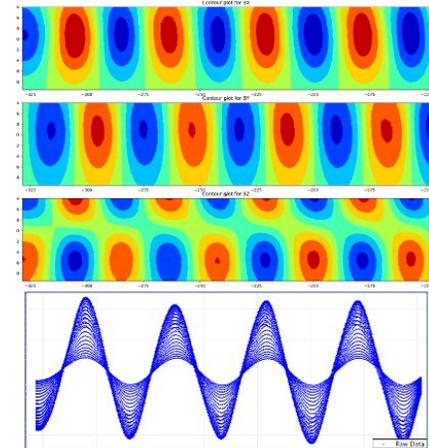
### Magnets & Manufacturing

High-rate, high-yield, high-quality, low CapEx

### Magnet End-Use Product

Improving the performance and lowering the cost of the end-use product

**Along with our supply chain, governmental and end-use partners,  
We are Decommoditizing the Magnet Industry!**



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