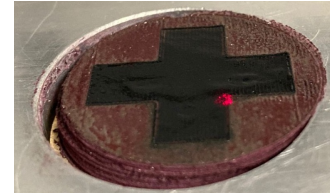


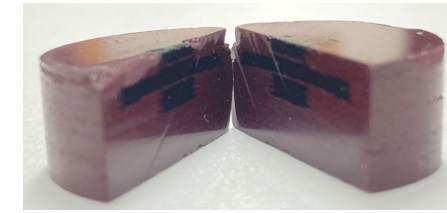
(3.1) Manufacturing

- Scan paths are printed with the process params. for each layer
- Each layer can have multiple materials
- Each material is removed before a new one is added



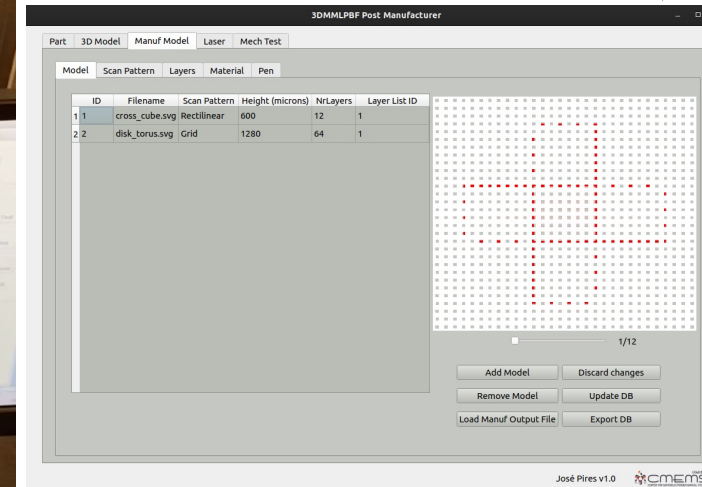
(3.2) Part produced

- Material variation in both horizontal and vertical directions
- Conformity to 3D CAD model
- Design and fabrication of multi-material parts simplified

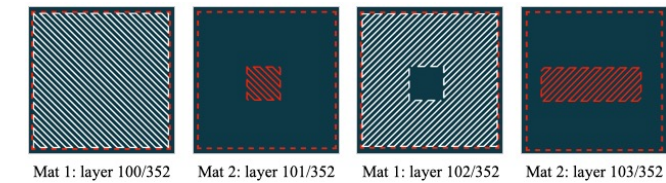


(4) Post-manufacturing

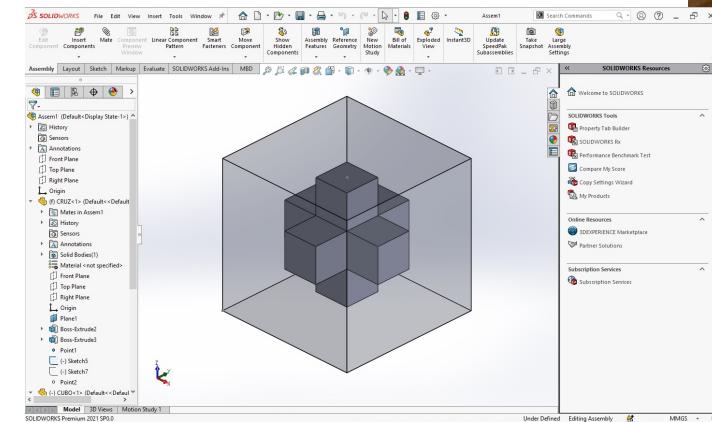
- Manufacturing info is added to databases
- Info can be feedback to all key agents in the manufacturing chain
- Process analysis and improvement, manufacturing quality improvement, design of experiments, etc.



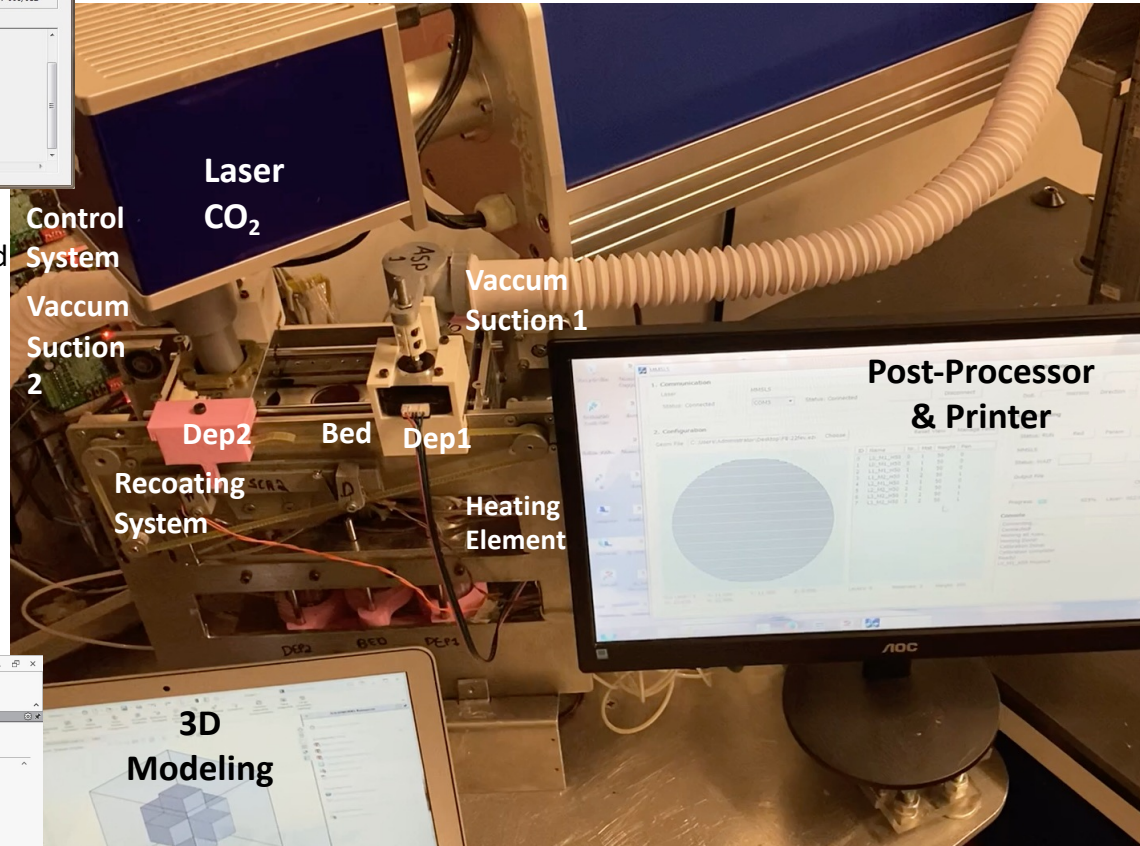
(3) Post-Processing & Manufacturing
 the model is mapped to process params. and printed



(2) Slicing & Path generation
 each model is processed and merged into a model



(1) 3D modelling
 each model corresponds to a material



Custom Low Budget 3D Multi-Material L-PBF equipment & Toolchain

- Bi-material
- Build volume (mm³): 250 x 100
- Laser: CO₂ (but successfully tested with multiple laser sources (YAG-Nd, Fiber))
- Estimated cost: 8700€ = 7500 (Laser) + 1200 (equip.)

A global methodology for 3D multi-material L-PBF processes

Problem: Design and fabrication of multi-material metallics and composites parts is hard and expensive
 Process knowledge is not available for the designer
Proposed solution: A global methodology to leverage the information in the manufacturing chain, easing and improving design and manufacturing
Outputs: workflow, toolchain and low-cost equipment
Features: Material variation in both horizontal and vertical directions; ease of use; info feedback