

# LEAN and A3 Approach to Supporting Processes

by *Gerrit Muller* University of Southeast Norway-NISE

e-mail: [gaudisite@gmail.com](mailto:gaudisite@gmail.com)

[www.gaudisite.nl](http://www.gaudisite.nl)

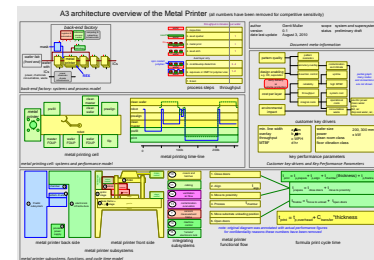
## Abstract

LEAN product development is in the process and means area pragmatic. Low tech tools, such as paper, pen and magnets, with very direct interaction are used. For communication the use of single A3-size documents is promoted, because this is a manageable amount of information.

## Distribution

This article or presentation is written as part of the Gaudí project. The Gaudí project philosophy is to improve by obtaining frequent feedback. Frequent feedback is pursued by an open creation process. This document is published as intermediate or nearly mature version to get feedback. Further distribution is allowed as long as the document remains complete and unchanged.

June 5, 2018  
status: draft  
version: 0.1



# Characteristics of LEAN

A holistic, systems approach to product development including people, processes, and technology.

Multi-disciplinary from the early start, with a drive to be fact based.

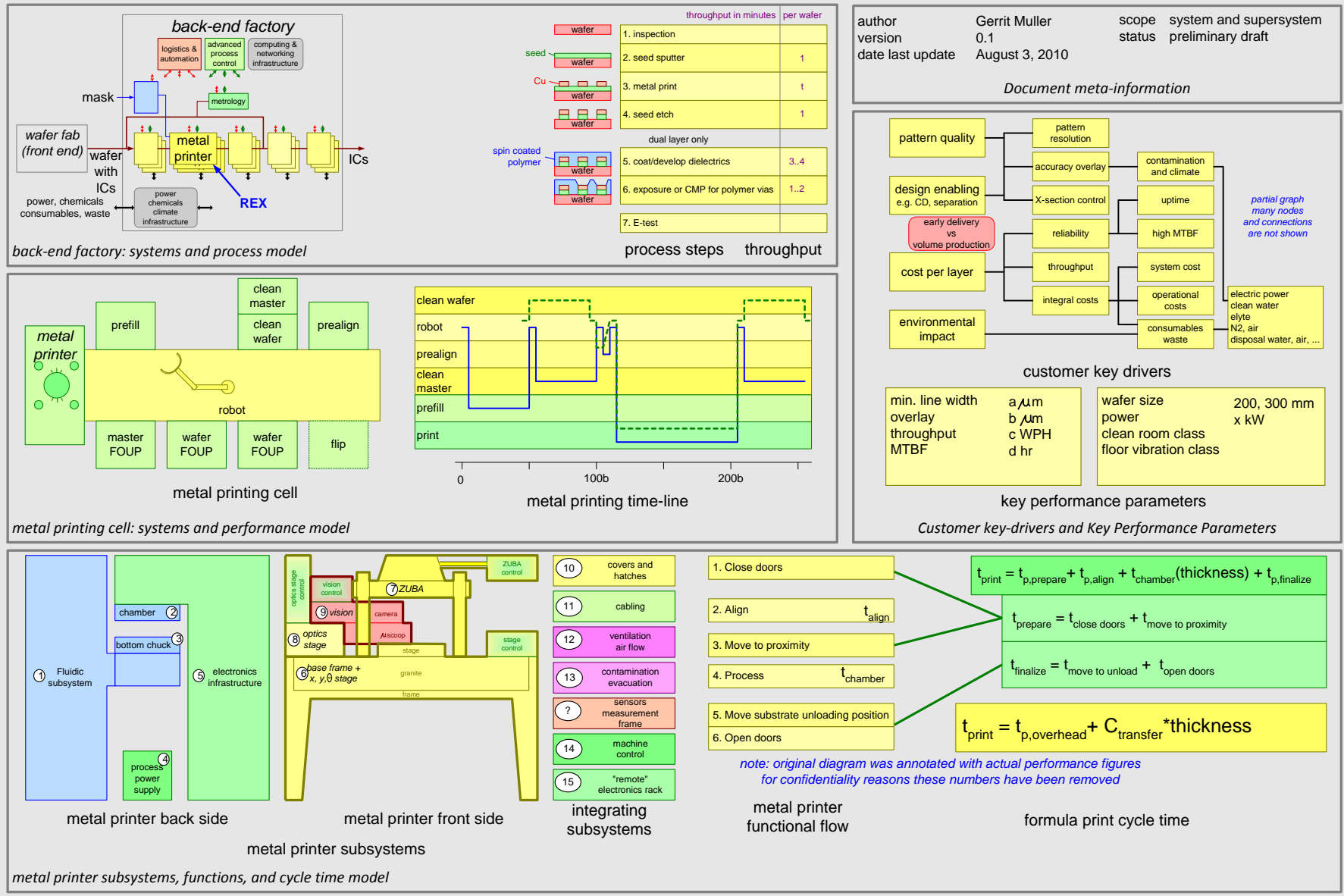
Customer understanding as the the starting point.

Continuous improvement and learning as cultural value.

Small distance between engineers and real systems, including manufacturing, sales and service and the system of interest.

# Example of A3 Architecture Overview

## A3 architecture overview of the Metal Printer (all numbers have been removed for competitive sensitivity)

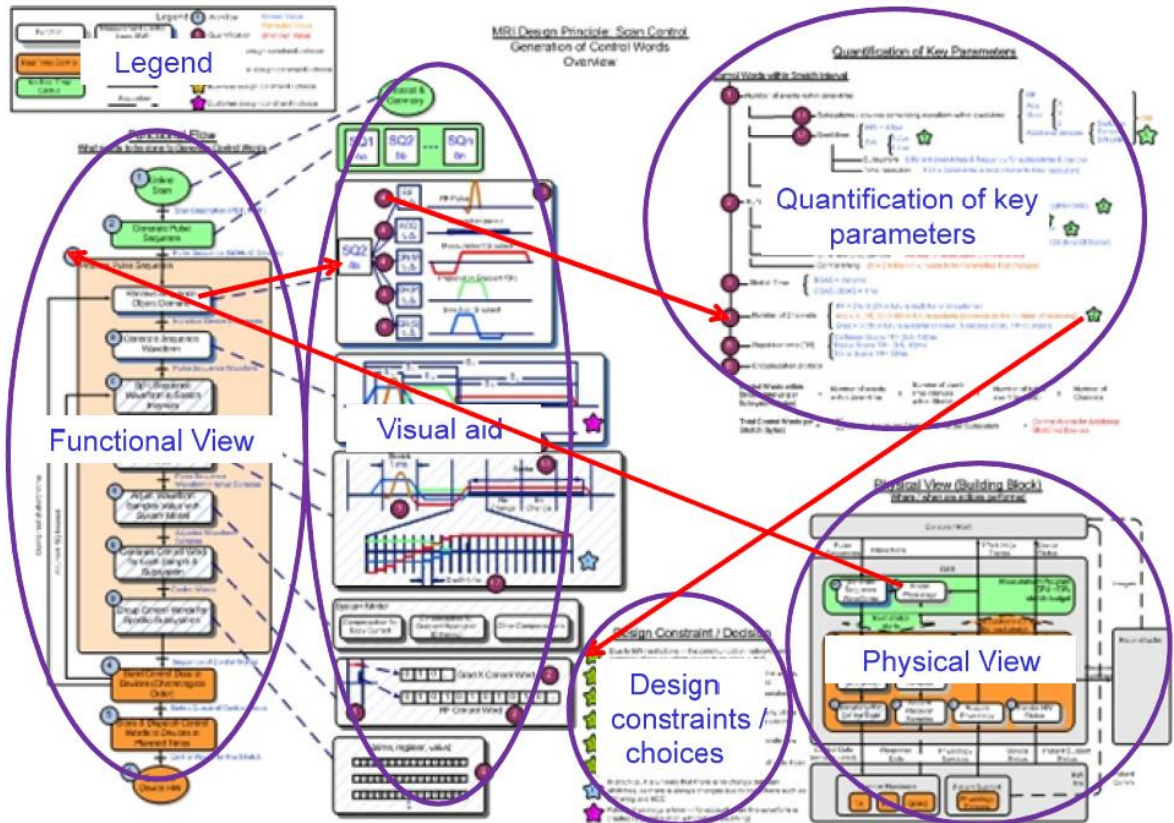


multiple related views

quantifications

one topic per A3

capture "hot" topics



source: PhD thesis Daniel Borches <http://doc.utwente.nl/75284/>

digestible (size limitation)

practical close to stakeholder experience