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Basic AM Seminar

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The ACAM Offers Services in the Areas of Consulting, Engineering, Research and Education with a Focus on the Additive Manufacturing Industry



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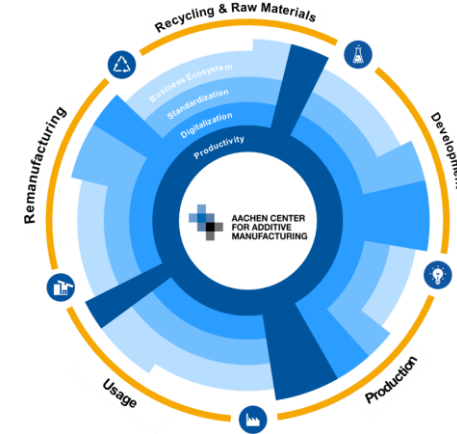
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Perspective and focus



Key figures

- One-stop-shop for additive manufacturing covering the entire process chain
- Pooling of resources of RWTH Aachen Campus and facilitating industry's access to the Additive Manufacturing expertise of leading scientific and research institutions
- Over 100 researchers engaged in topics around the AM product life cycle and industry structure
- Delivery of approx. 40 industry project in consulting, engineering and research

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RWTH Aachen Campus

A Unique Research Landscape – the Engineering Valley



„Megatrends such as digitalization, automation, mobility, climate change, globalization or demographic change are changing the world and creating major challenges for society. The combination of different scientific disciplines and companies is necessary to solve these complex relationships and issues.“*



1870 founded



260 institutes



6.000 research assistants



390 Mio. € Third party funds per year



University of Excellence since 2007



Enrollment of the companies with the objectives:

- Joint research & development
- Exchange with experts from science & business
- Use of specific further training offers
- Use of individual services

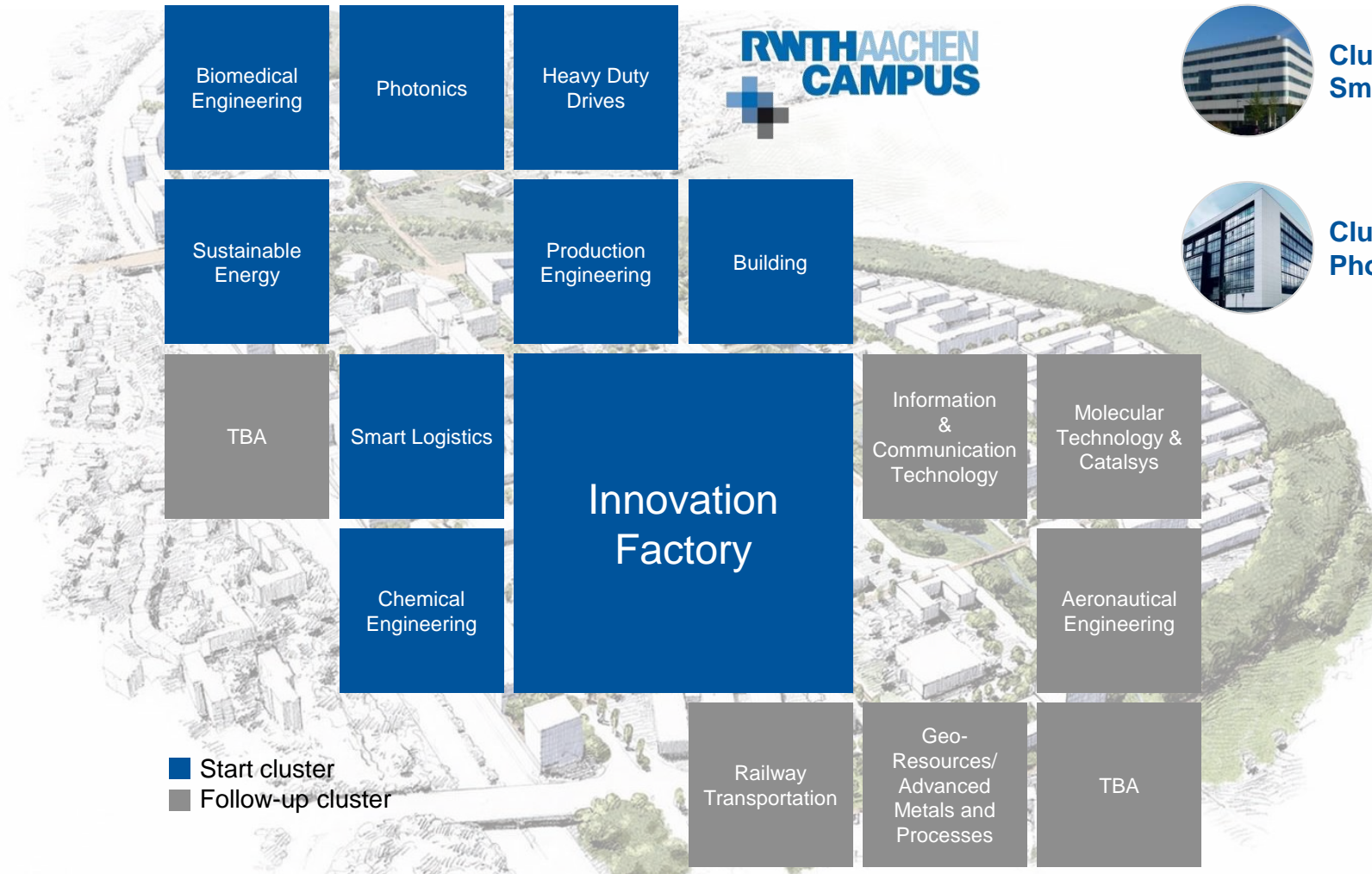


> 400 enrolled companies

**Exchange and development of knowledge between research and industry –
Companies, institutes and the university share resources, utilize synergies and jointly conduct research on sustainable innovations**

*Vision of the RWTH Aachen Campus

RWTH Aachen Campus: 16 Research Clusters Are Developing



**Cluster
Smart Logistic**



**Cluster
Heavy Duty Drives**



**Cluster
Photonics**



**Cluster
Sustainable Energy**



**Cluster
Production Engineering**



**Cluster
Bio-Medical Engineering**



**Cluster
Chemical Engineering**

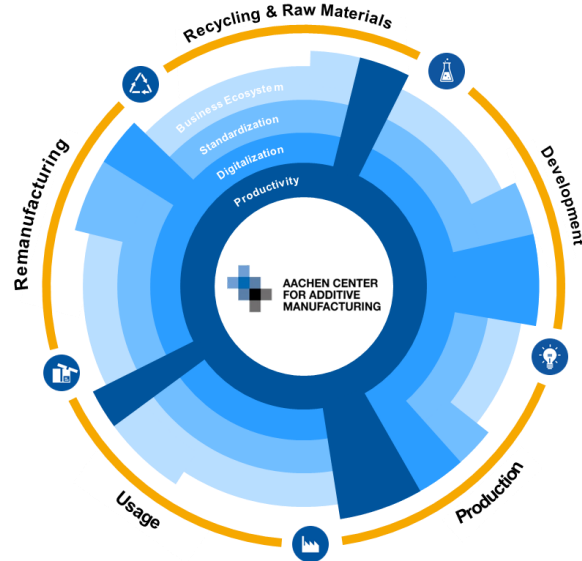
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The Aachen Center for Additive Manufacturing



Navigating AM complexity

Creating opportunities by leading-edge **R&D**, professional **training and education**, and agile **engineering** and **consulting** services



-  Dedicating **3,000 m²** lab space to AM research
-  Connecting **100+ researchers** in the field of AM

Leading-Edge Research in Additive Manufacturing



The ACAM is your one stop shop for Additive Manufacturing research, education, engineering and consulting.

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Introduction to AM

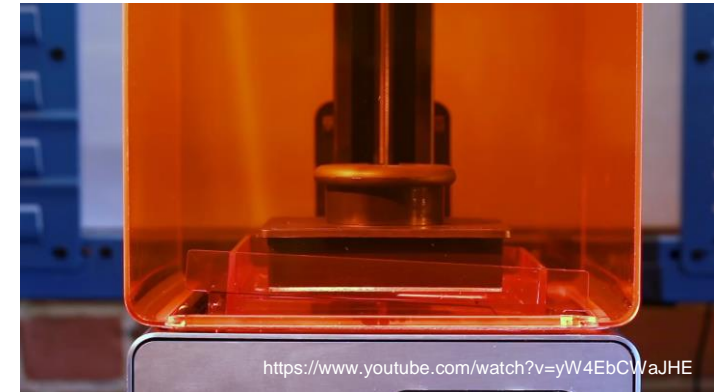
Additive Manufacturing – Definition



Definition (ASTM 52900)

“Additive Manufacturing (AM) is defined as the process that

- ***produces components from 3D model** data*
- *by **joining material usually layer by layer**,*
- *as opposed to subtractive and formative manufacturing methods.”*



Definition (VDI 3405)

*“Manufacturing process in which the **work piece is built up in successive layers or units.**”*

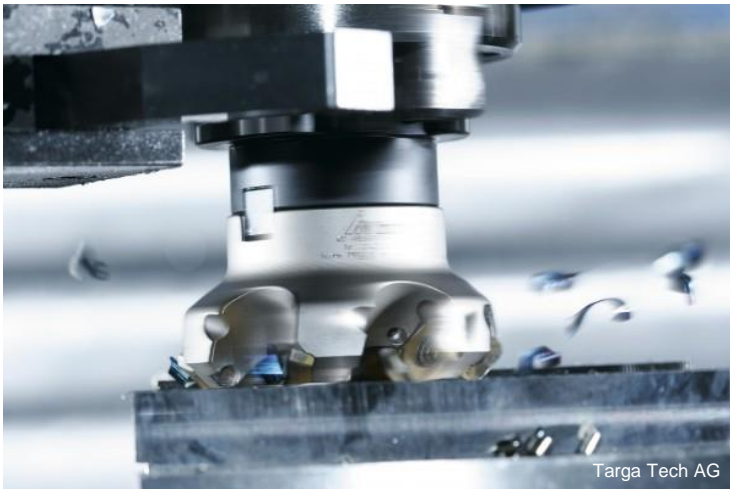


Introduction to AM

Subdivision of Manufacturing Technologies



Subtractive Manufacturing



Manufacturing of geometry by removing of defined areas from workpiece

- Milling
- Turning
- ...

Formative Manufacturing



Forming a given volume into geometry under the condition of constant volume

- Deep Drawing
- Molding
- ...

Additive Manufacturing



Stacking of volume elements (usually in layers)

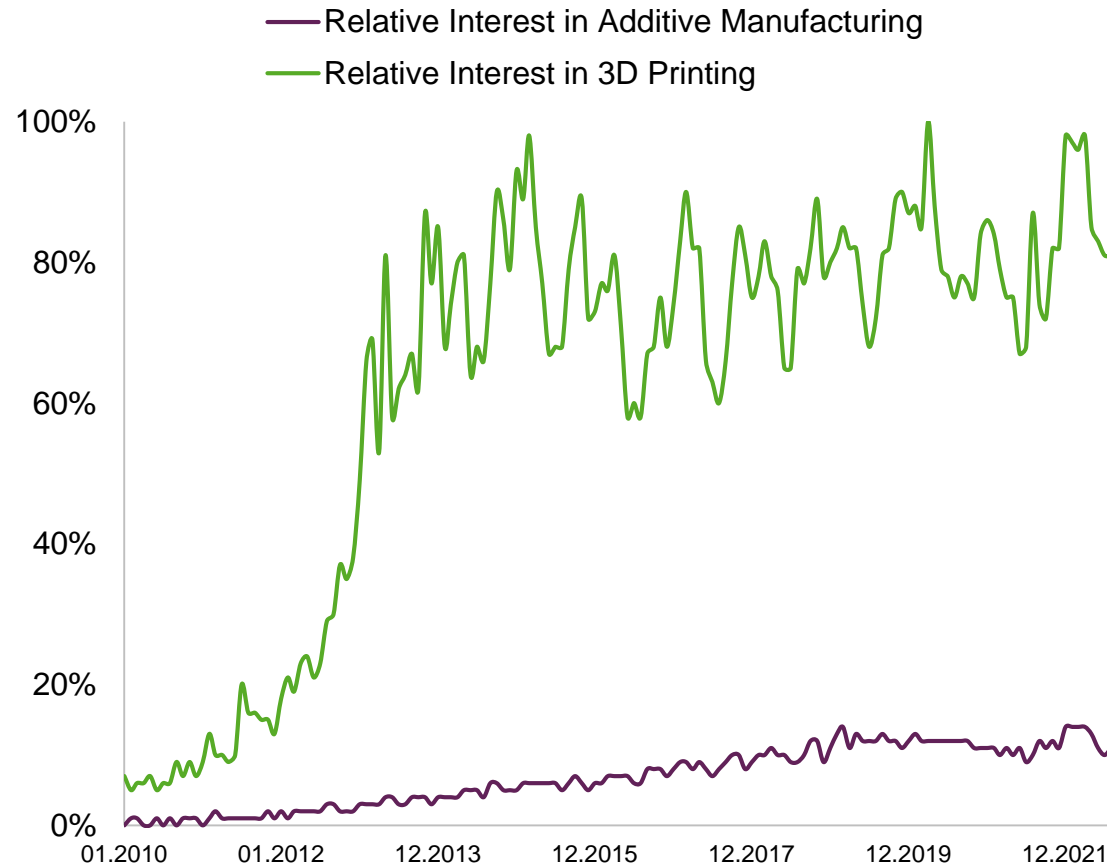
- Laser Powder Bed Fusion
- Laser Metal Deposition
- ...

Introduction to AM

Global Interest on AM According to Google Trends



Global relative interest according to Google Trends



- **Overall positive trend** of relative interest in AM and 3D printing in online search engines
- **Lower interest in AM compared to 3D printing** because **AM is the more scientific term**
- **Strong increase (hype) until 2013/2014** of the search term **3D printing**

“3D Printing has the potential to revolutionize the way we make almost everything”

Barack Obama, State of the Union,
Feb 2013

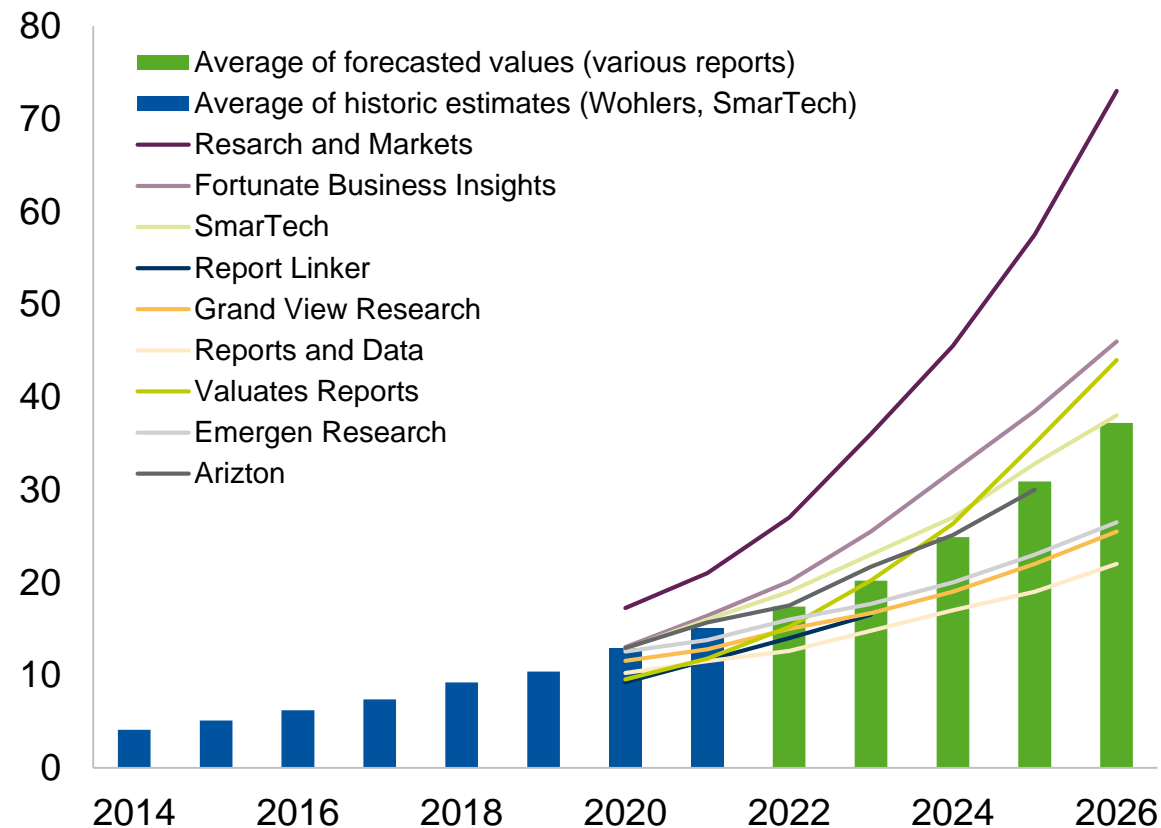


Introduction to AM

Positive Historic and Future Development of the AM Market



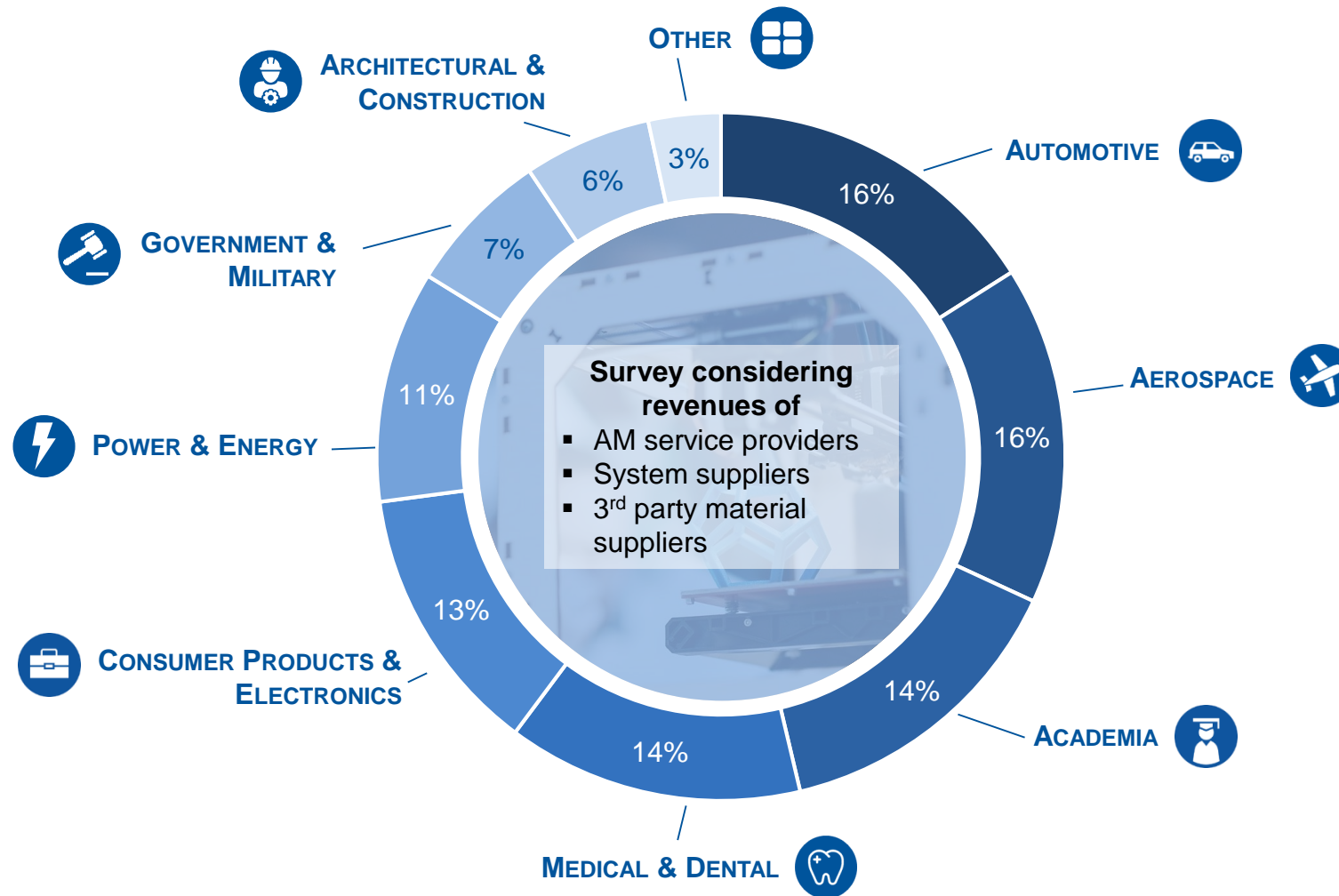
Total AM market size according to different market reports [\$ billion]



- **Overall positive** forecasted and historic growth rates in all reports
- **Diverging positive forecasts** indicate a **developing** volatile and uncertain market
- **Included revenue (primary market):**
 - AM systems
 - Software
 - Materials
 - Services

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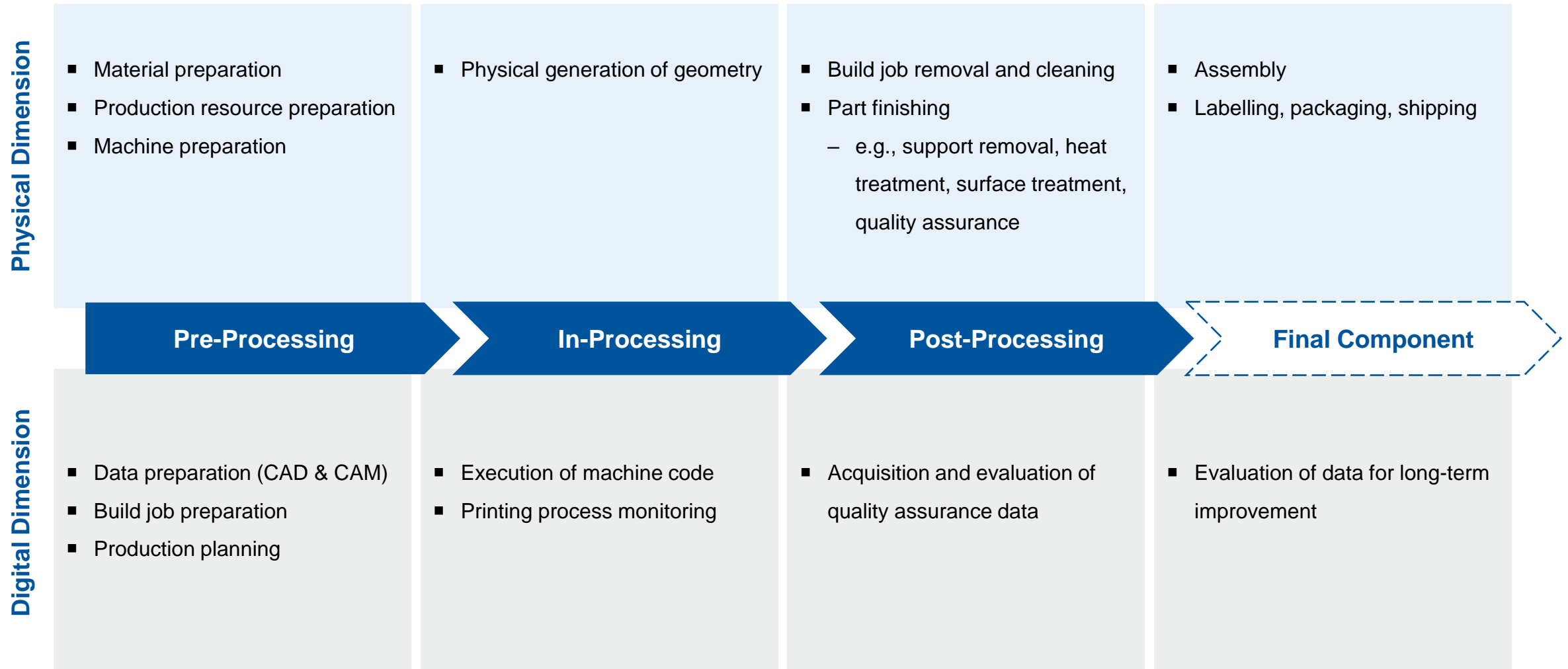
Market Overview



Source: Wohlers Report 2021

Introduction to AM

General AM Process Chain



Introduction to AM

Key Characteristics of Additive Manufacturing



Additive



Geometry is generated by adding material instead of removing or forming

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Toolless



Fraunhofer ILT

Component geometry is independent from tool

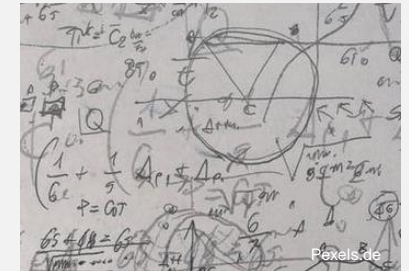
Digital



Direct manufacturing based on 3D models

Pexels.de

Complex



Different technologies require specific expert knowledge

Pexels.de



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Introduction to AM

AM Benefits and Barriers



+ AM Benefits

- **Design freedom:** Complex features, lightweight, monolithic
- **Flexible design** iterations and engineering changes
- **Integration of functions**
- Economic **small quantities** and **individualization**
- **Short time** and efficiency **idea to product**
- **Short supply chain**
- **Insourcing:** Appealing due to high degree of automation
- **Sustainability** by material reduction or efficiency in performance

- AM Barriers

- **Long printing times**
- Almost **no economies of scale**
- **Low surface quality** as-built
- **Large geometrical tolerances** as-built
- **Requires “Additive Mindset”** and **skills**
- **Complex quality assurance** and **certification**
- **Health and security** measures required

AM benefits and barriers are not generic – consideration of use case, AM technology and process chain mandatory

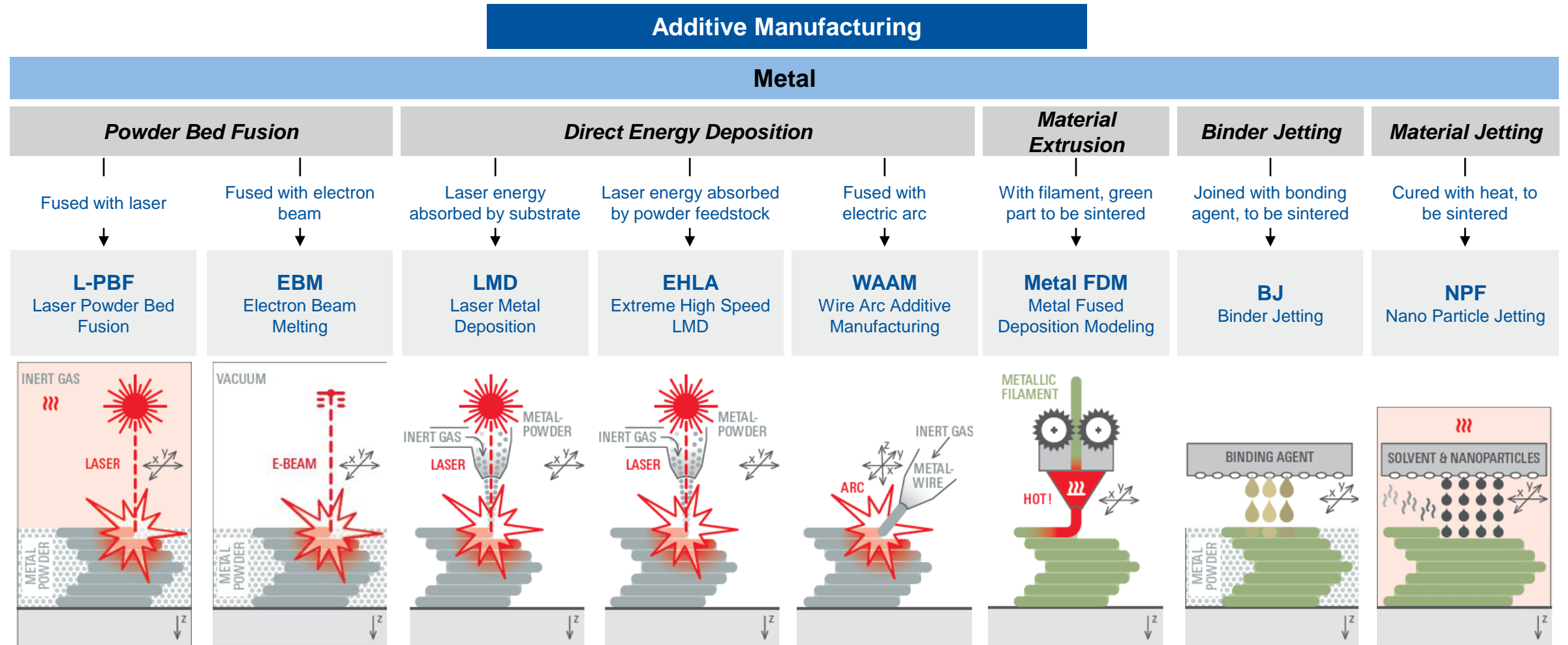
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AM Technology Overview

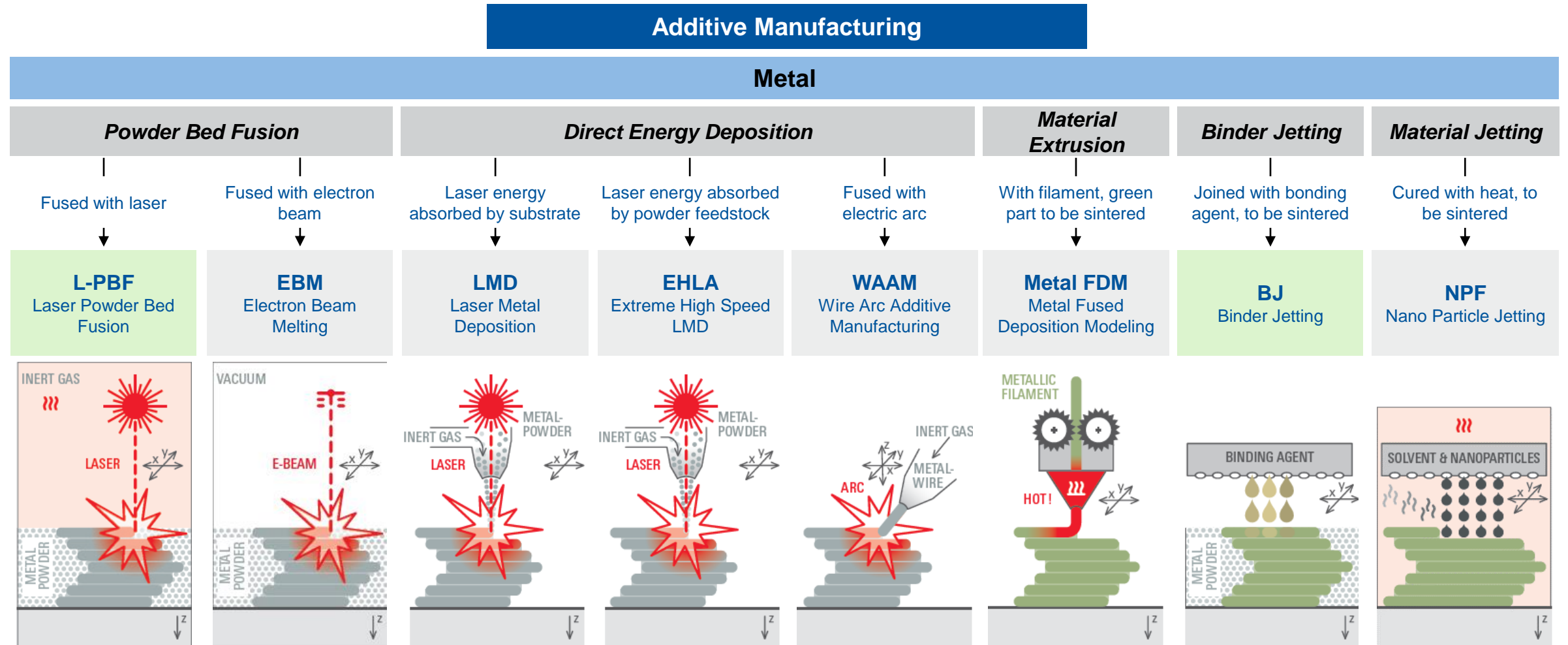
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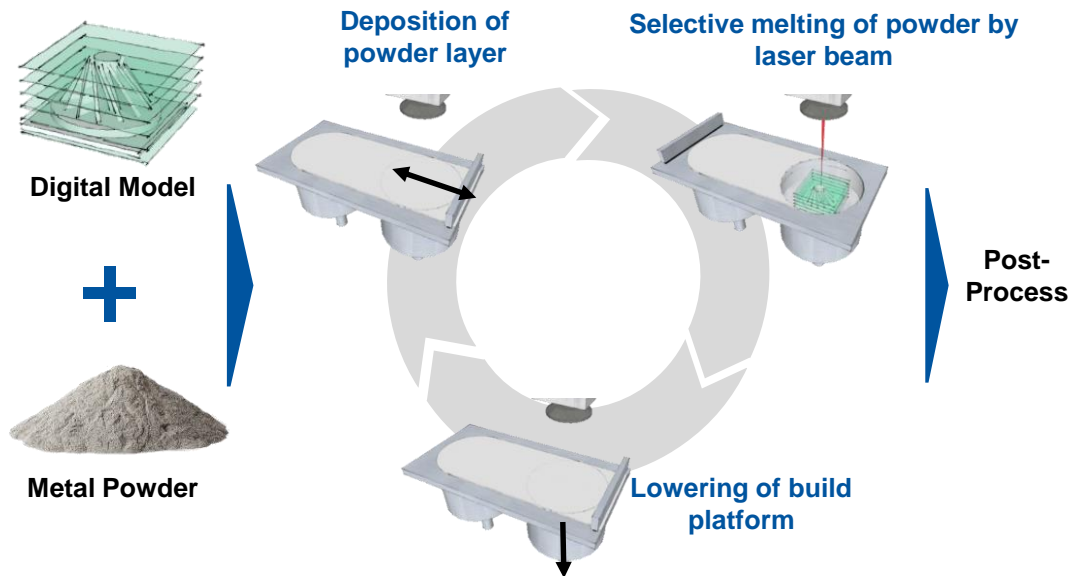
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AM Technologies

Laser Powder Bed Fusion of Metal (LPBF)



Process Principle



Process in Action



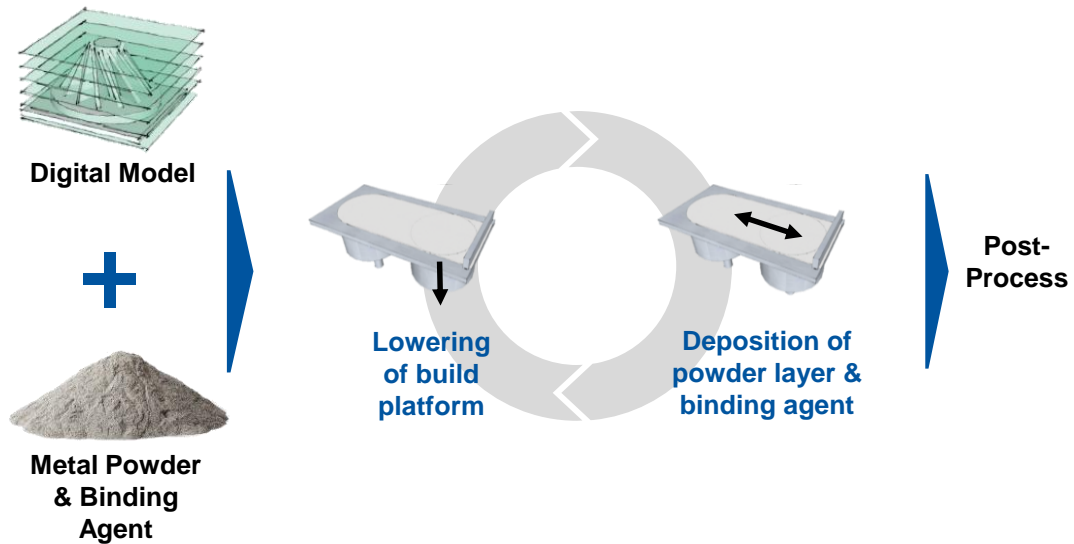
- Selective melting of metal powder layer-by-layer with one or more lasers
- Requires support structures for overhangs
- General suitability for weldable materials, comparably many alloys are qualified (e.g., steels, Ni based alloys, CoCr, copper and alloys, Ti and alloys, Al alloys, refractory metals, Mg alloys, HEA)

AM Technologies

Binder Jetting (BJ)



Process Principle



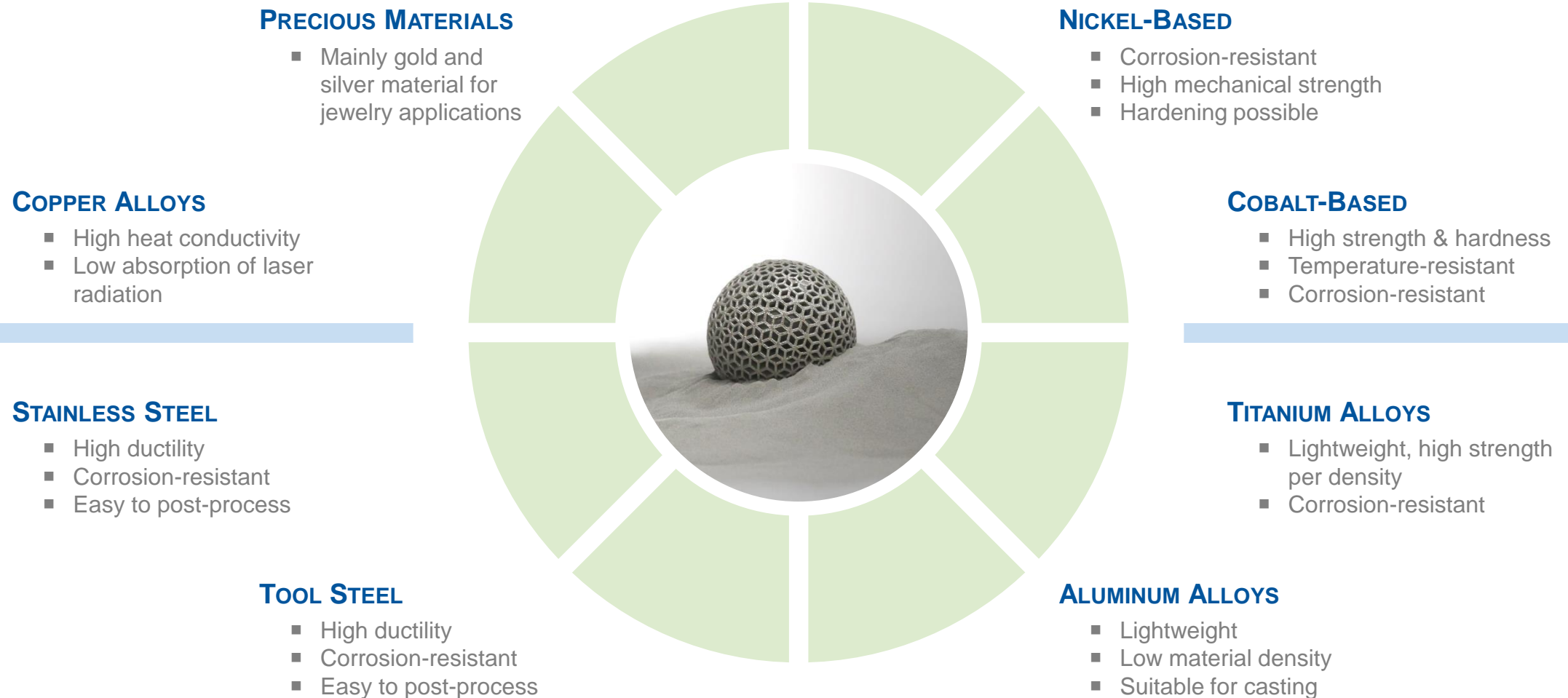
Process in Action



- Production of complex geometries by selective deposition of binder agent on metal powder layer by layer
- As-built part is in green state and requires further processing steps for functionality (e.g., curing, depowdering, sintering)
- Compared to LPBF lower technological maturity and less materials qualified, but potential of higher productivity

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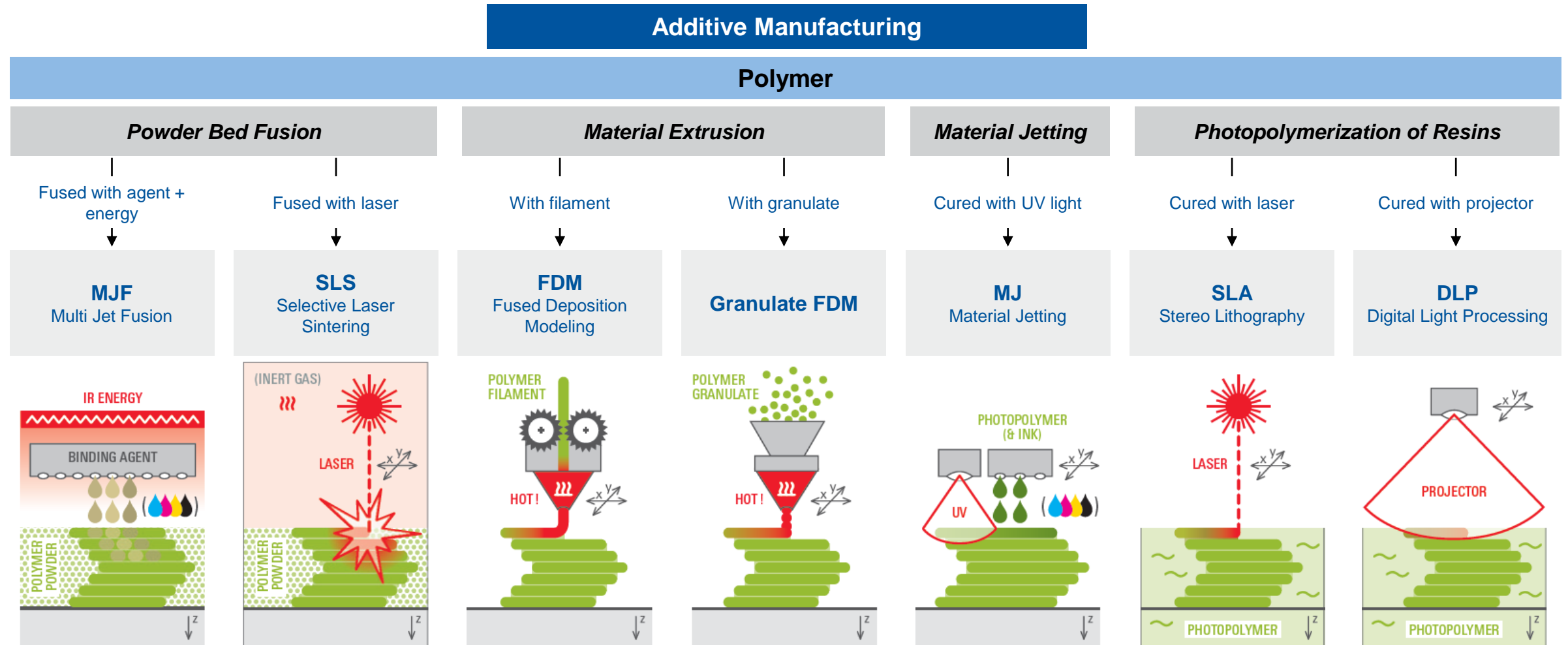
Available Metal Materials



Source: BCG (2019)

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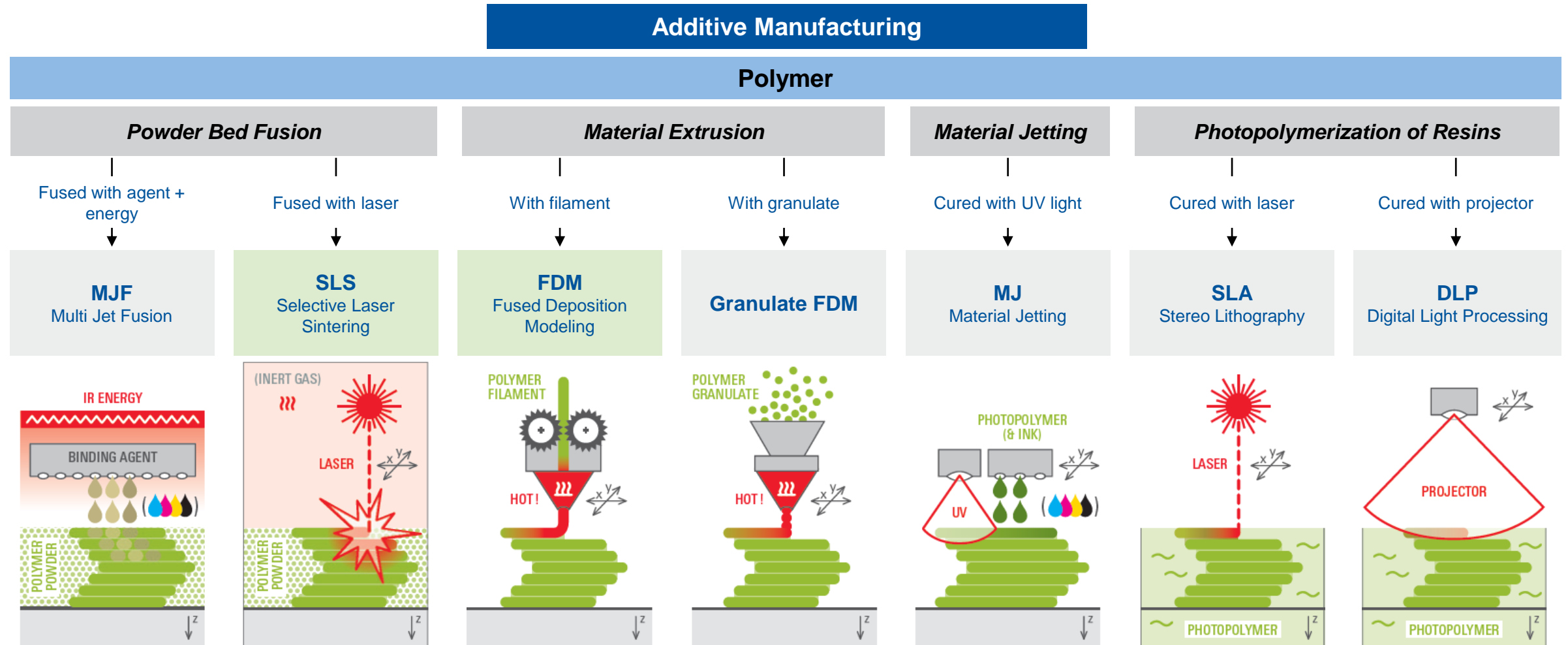
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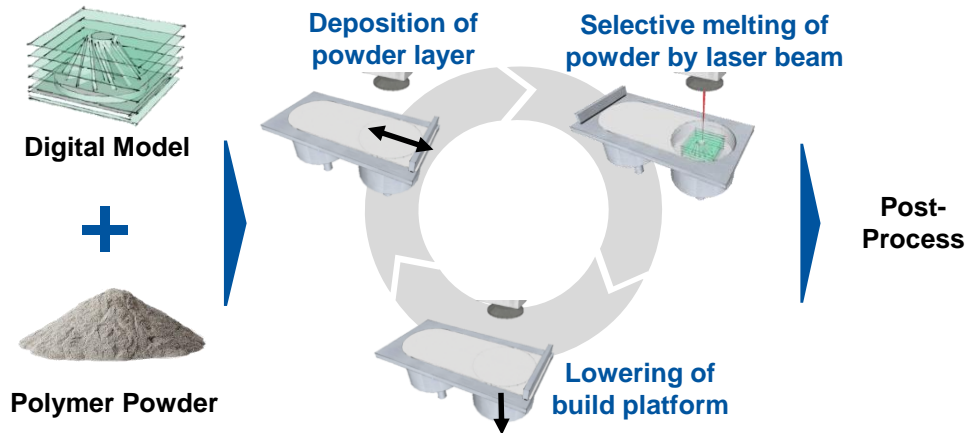
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AM Technologies

Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)



Process Principle



Process in Action



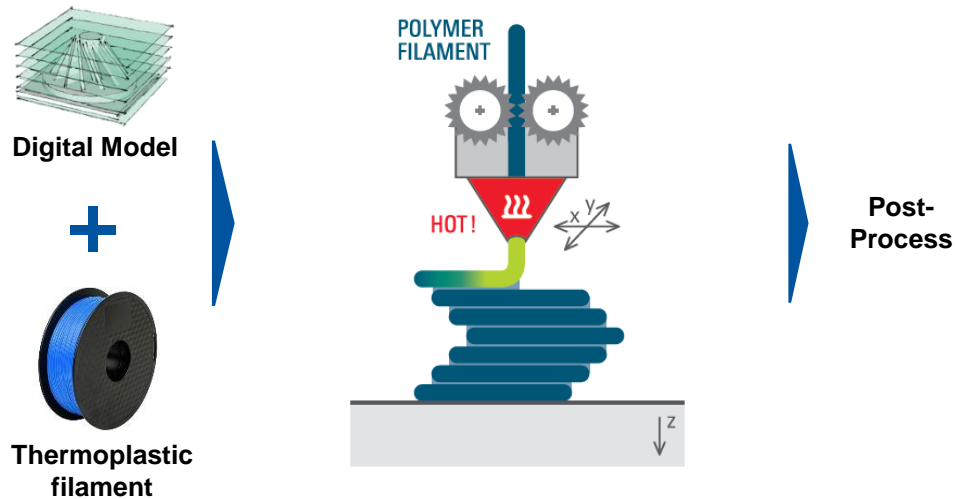
- Production of complex geometries by selective melting of polymer powder with one or more lasers
- As-built parts are usually white (polymer color)
- Many different materials available (e.g., PA11, PA12, TPU, PEEK, TPE, PP)

AM Technologies

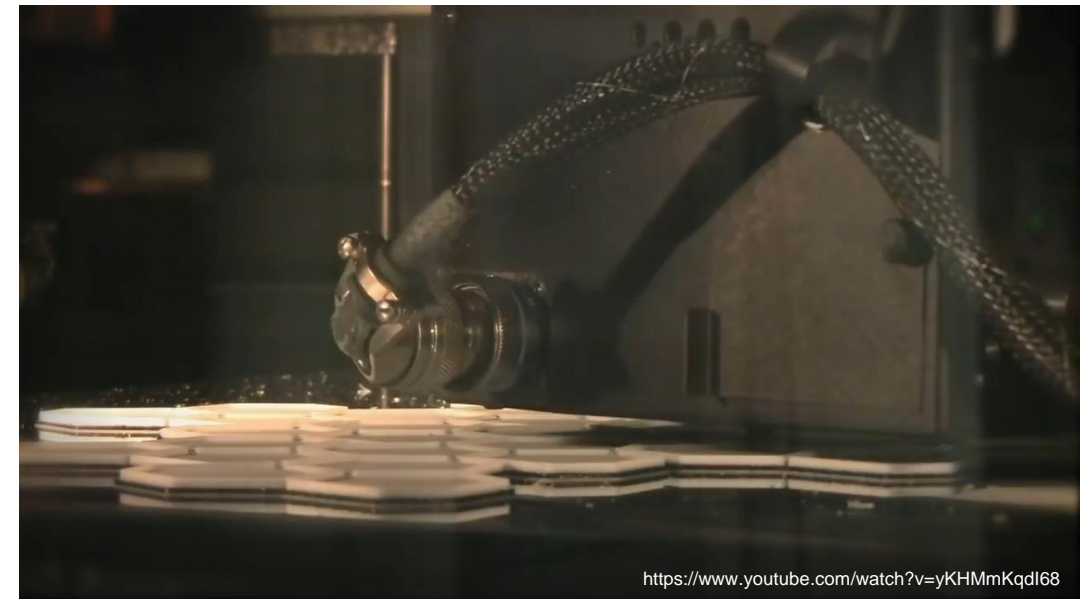
Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)



Process Principle



Process in Action

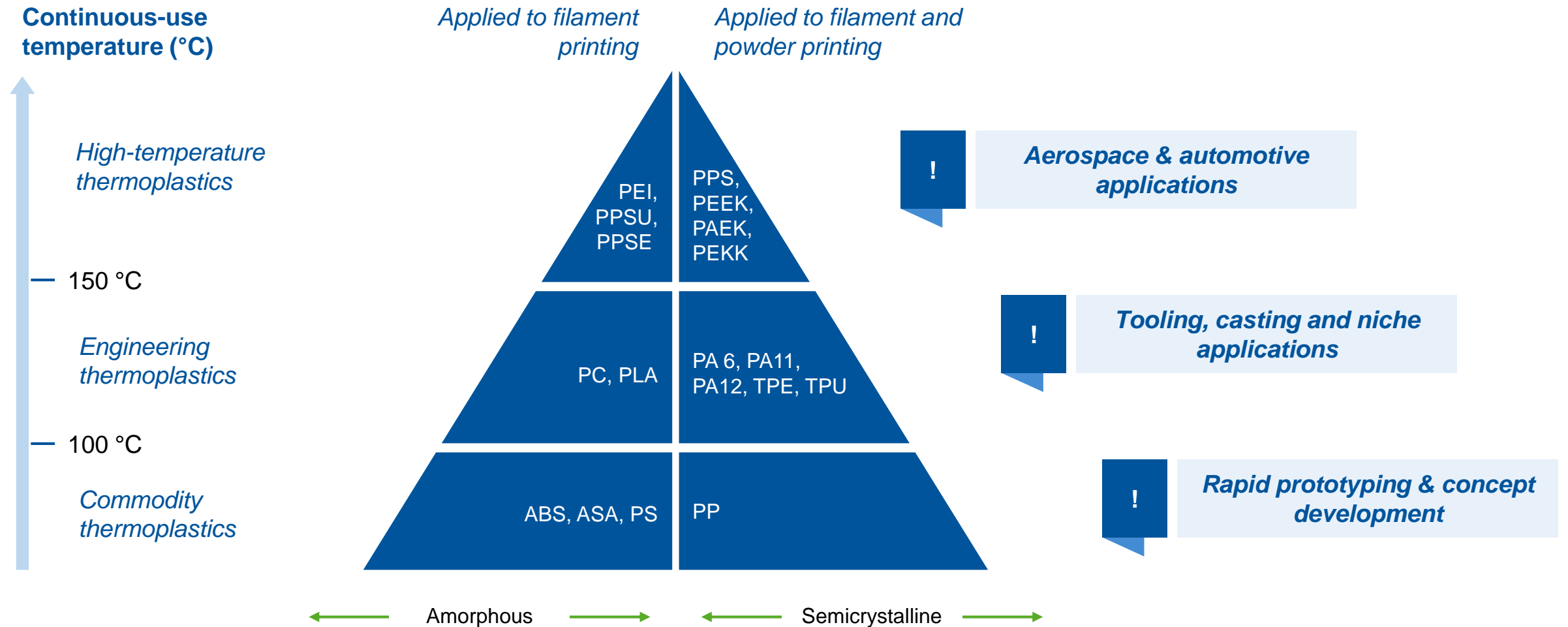


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKHMmKqdl68>

- Thermoplastic filament is molten and extruded through a hot nozzle
- Support structures are required for overhangs
- Use in industry, but also huge open source and DIY community
- Many materials available (e.g, PLA, ABS, PP, PA, PC, TPE, TPC, TPU, PEEK, PEKK, PPSU, PEI)

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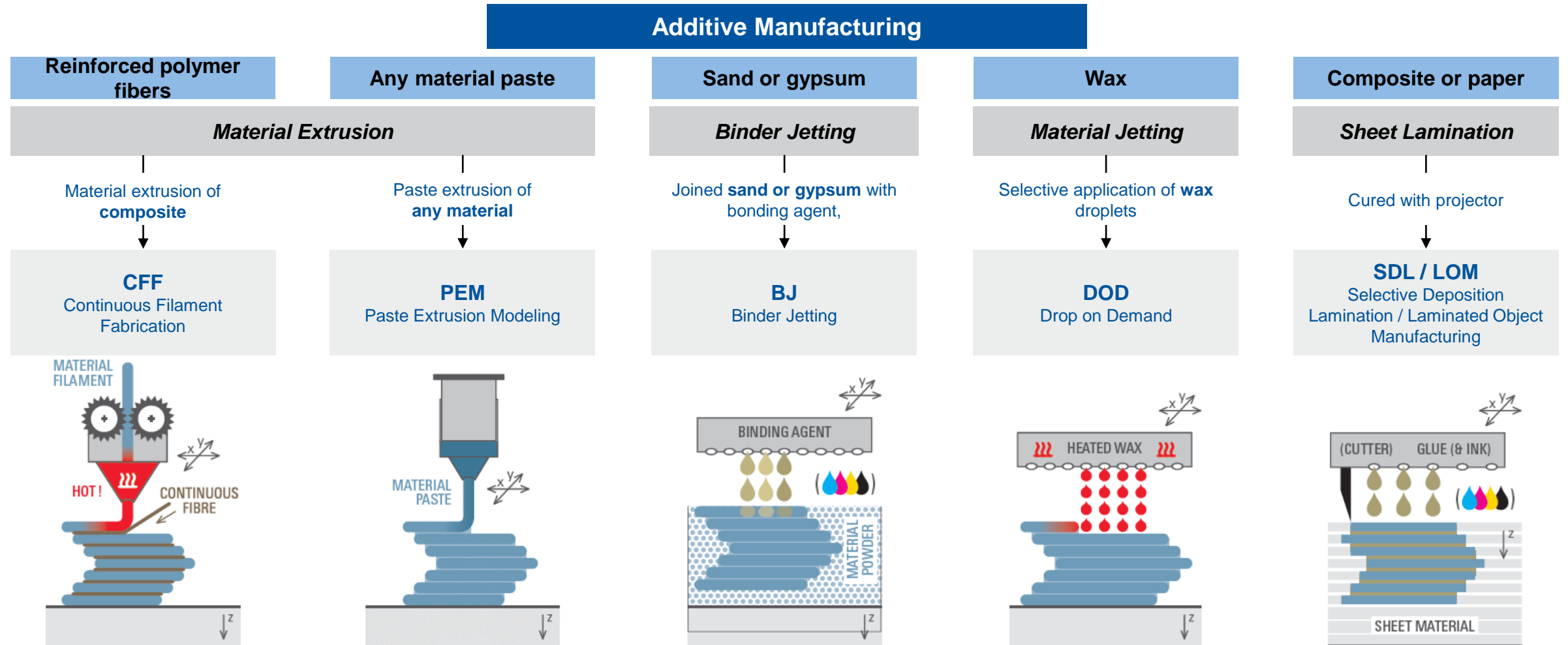
Available Polymer Materials



Source: 3DMaker Engineering, RapidMade, EOS, BigRep

AM Technology Overview

Segmentation of Other AM Technologies



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AM Application Examples

Canyon Mountainbike



Characteristics

- First 3D printed prototype from German manufacturer *Canyon* in collaboration with *materialise*
- SLM-Technology



Utilized AM Benefits

- Cradle-to-cradle approach for which 3D printing was selected by Canyon as most viable
- Use of bionic structures to optimize load application and save material
- Use of recycled materials such as aluminum and titanium



Frame of 3 parts with 6 hours printing time each

Frame and fork weigh 2 kg with a tube wall thickness of 0.6 mm



AM Application Examples

Angel Heaven by Angel Cycle Works



Characteristics

- SLM technology using titanium powder
- Special development of the printer allows to eliminate surplus material
- Individual titanium elements in the frame are welded together



Utilized AM Benefits

- Material savings through innovative process control
- High stiffness due to titanium powder
- Improved precision enabling press fit without risk of cracks



Frame weight: approx. 1.2 kg (- 400 g compared to conventional frames)

Neat and hidden cable routing for maximum aesthetics



AM Application Examples

Shadow M1 by Shadow Concept



Characteristics

- Custom bike with the aim of manufacturing more sustainably
- FDM technology
- Use of CO₂e neutral and biodegradable biopolymers



Utilized AM Benefits

- Freedom of form and mass personalization
- Steps towards sustainable manufacturing



Each bike module can be refurbished and reused

The saddle can be specifically adapted to the customer's needs



AM Application Examples

Rodeo by Revel Bikes



Characteristics

- Carbon fiber downhill bike prototype in collaboration with *Arevo*
- FDM-Technology on a large format printer
- Aim to make the complete frame material recyclable



Utilized AM Benefits

- No welds, because frame is made of one piece
- Mass individualization and reduction of time to market through rapid prototyping



Neat and hidden cable routing for maximum aesthetics

Large format printer for avoiding joining errors



AM Application Examples

KAV – Helmets by 3D Printing



Characteristics

- Honeycomb structure for maximum safety and ventilation
- FDM-technology with proprietary materials
- Complex structure allows 3 times more compression compared to conventional helmets exceeding current regulations



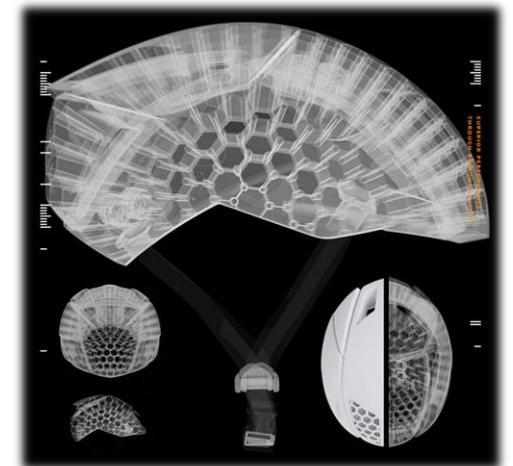
Receiver of the Design & Innovation Award “Road Equipment 2022”



Utilized AM Benefits

- Mass customization through 3D scanning kit which is delivered prior to manufacturing to the customer
- Adaption of bionic structures in Design for Functionality

< 300 g in weight with a precision of 0.05 mm



AM Application Examples

Cutting Edge Innovations in High Performance Sports



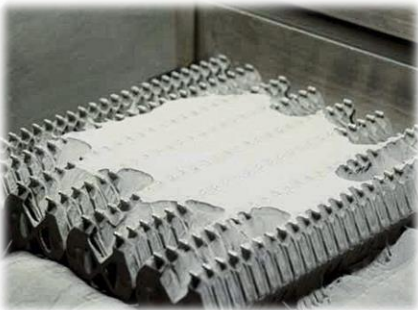
Bionic Frames for Filippo Ganna (Time Trial)

- Scalmalloy material (SLM-technology)
- Bionic design inspired by whale fins
- Improved stiffness due to athlete-specific reinforcing elements



Drinking System for Jan Firdeno (Triathlon)

- SLS-technology
- Custom-made design
- Short development times for increased efficiency



Seat Posts at the Tour de France

- Titanium material (SLM-technology)
- 42.5 % weight savings through Design for Additive Manufacturing
- Shortened development time due to advanced simulations and rapid prototyping



Customized Aerodynamics

- Accessibility of optimized attachments for the wheel for a fraction of the price
- FDM or SLM-technology

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Successful Adaption of AM Benefits Through an “Additive Mindset”



Comparing Apples with Oranges...



Successful AM adaption requires **consideration of AM differences**. Without change of expectations, AM turns out as a poor substitute for established processes.

Source: Effectory, TCT

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...Additive Manufacturing is different



Different cost structure



Financial return and **technological feasibility** must be considered in **identification of parts with positive business case**



Enables **new business models** such as mass customization or digital warehousing



Products and **required expertise** along the product life cycle are different (e.g. Design for Additive Manufacturing)



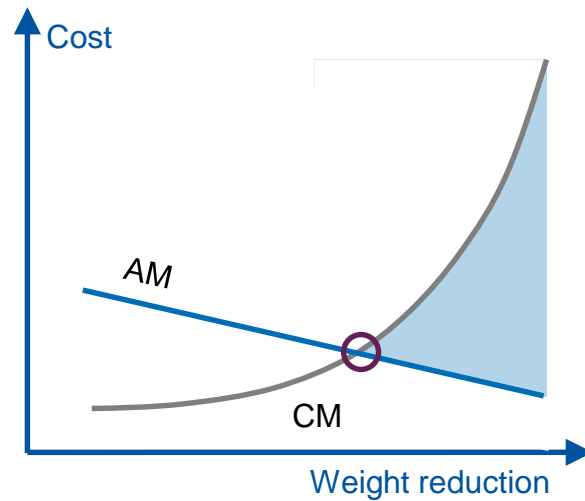
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Successful Adaption of AM

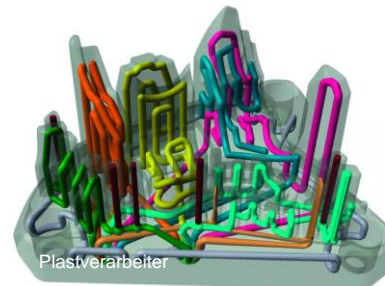
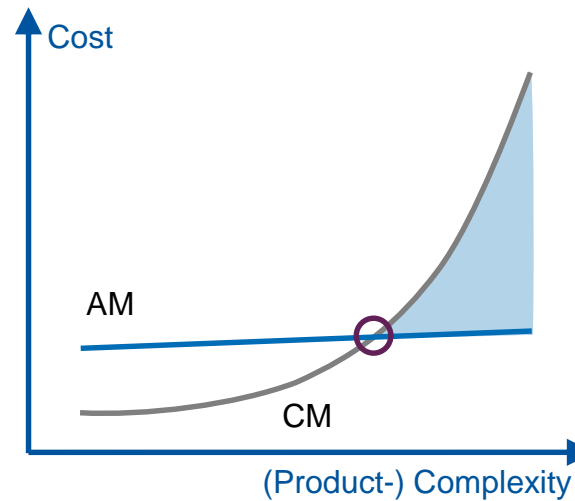
Different Cost Structure of Conventional Manufacturing (CM) and AM



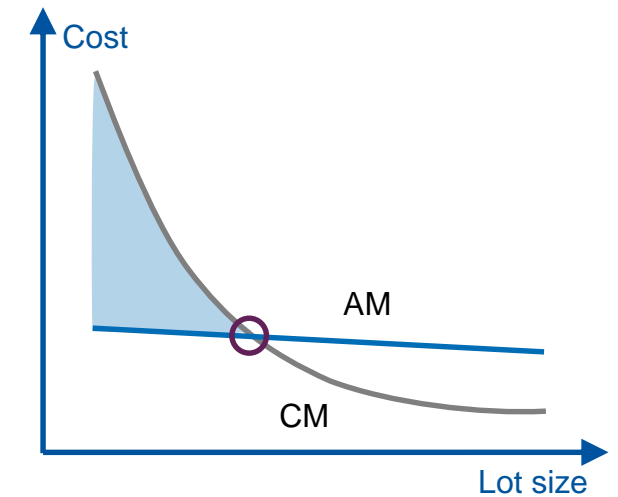
Weight reduction means cost reduction



Complexity (almost) for free



Individualization (almost) for free

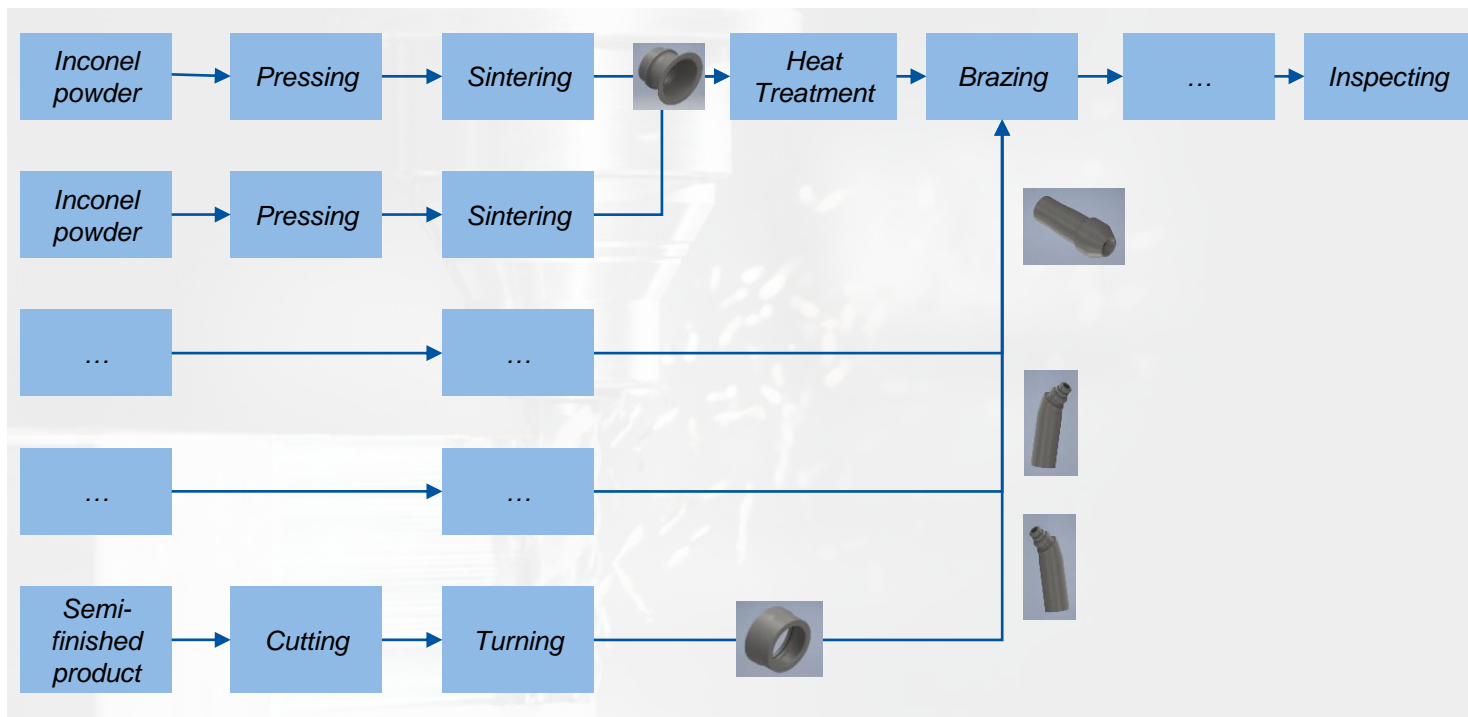


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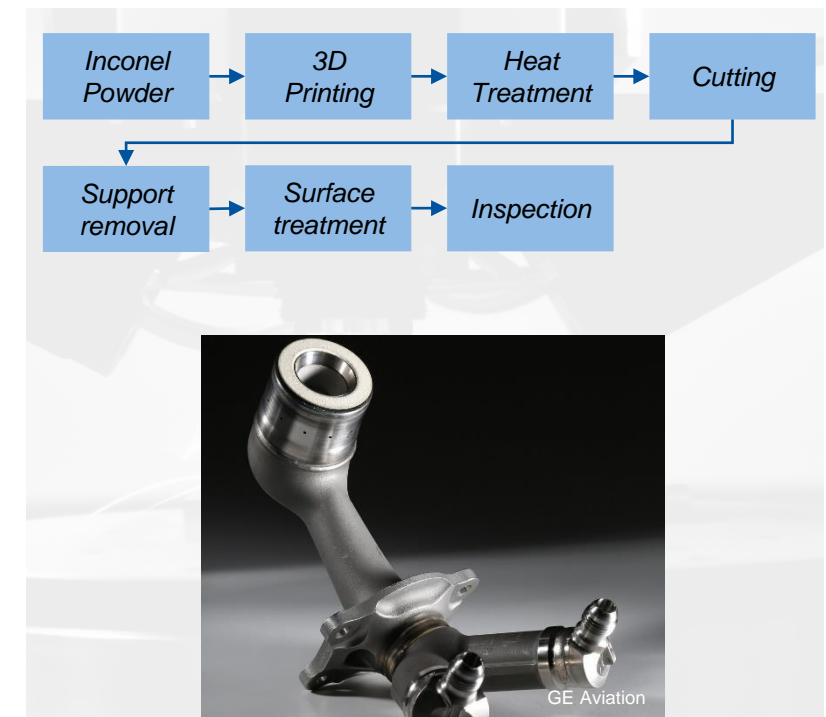
Different Process Chains Result in Different Manufacturing Cost Structure



Conventional process chain



Additive process chain



Additive Manufacturing allows to transfer process chain complexity to part design (e.g. through part consolidation)

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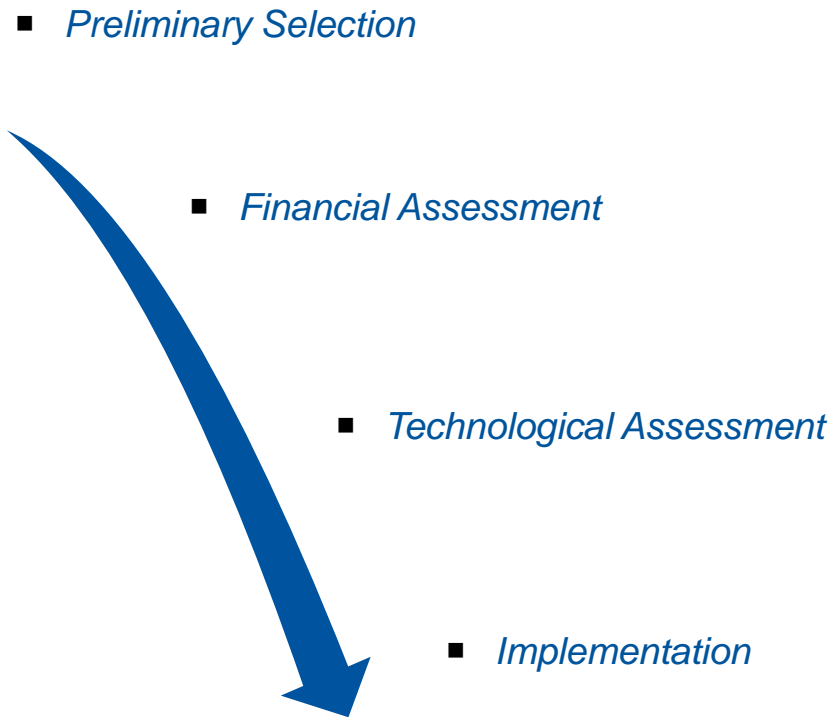


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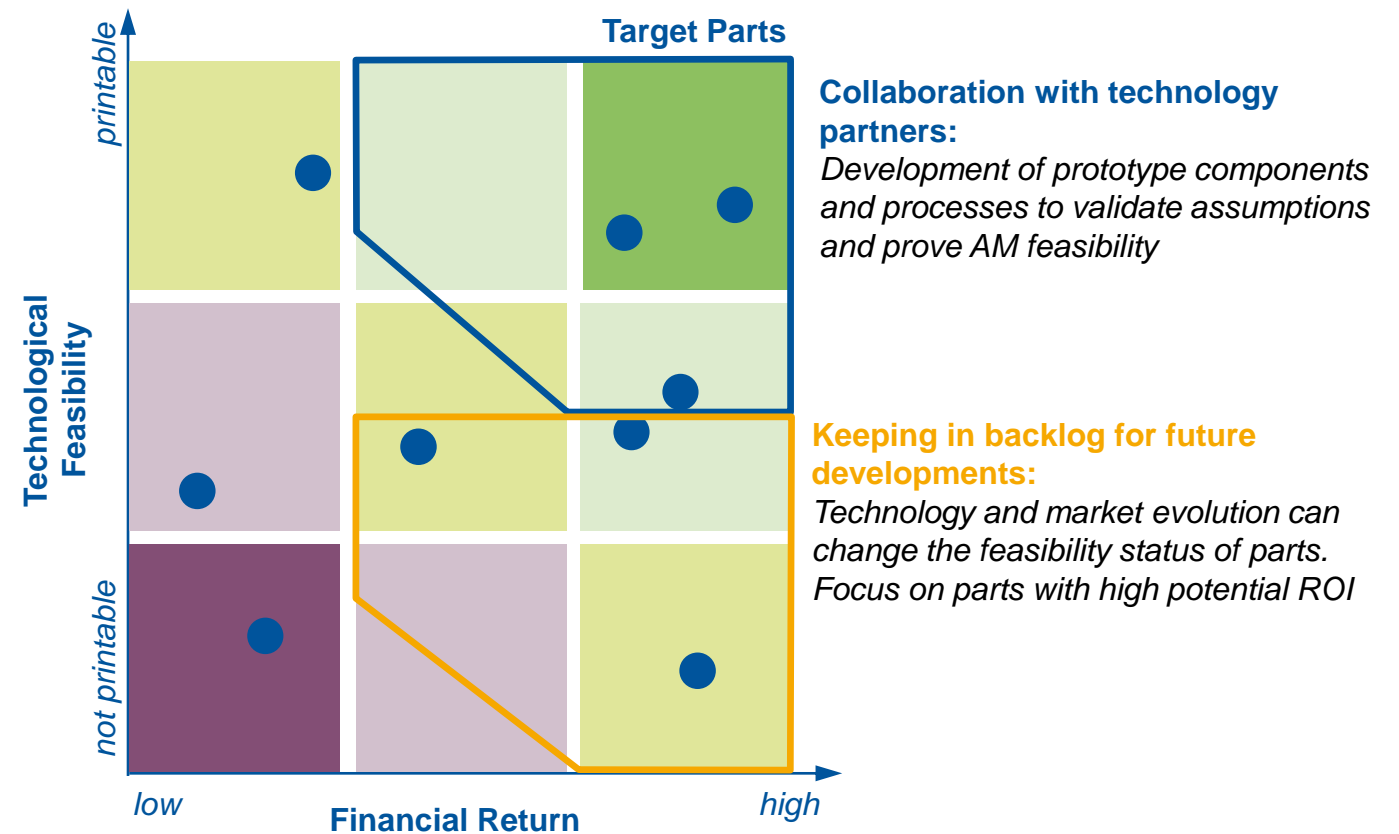
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Part identification process



Mapping of possible candidates to find target parts for implementation



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Successful Adaption of AM Business Models Based on AM



+ AM Benefits

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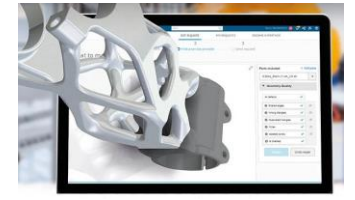
Enabled business models for AM users (not conclusive)



Digital spare part warehouse



Service provider



Online marketplace



Mass customization



Co-Production

Others ...

Successful Adaption of AM

Online Marketplaces with integrated AM Service Providers

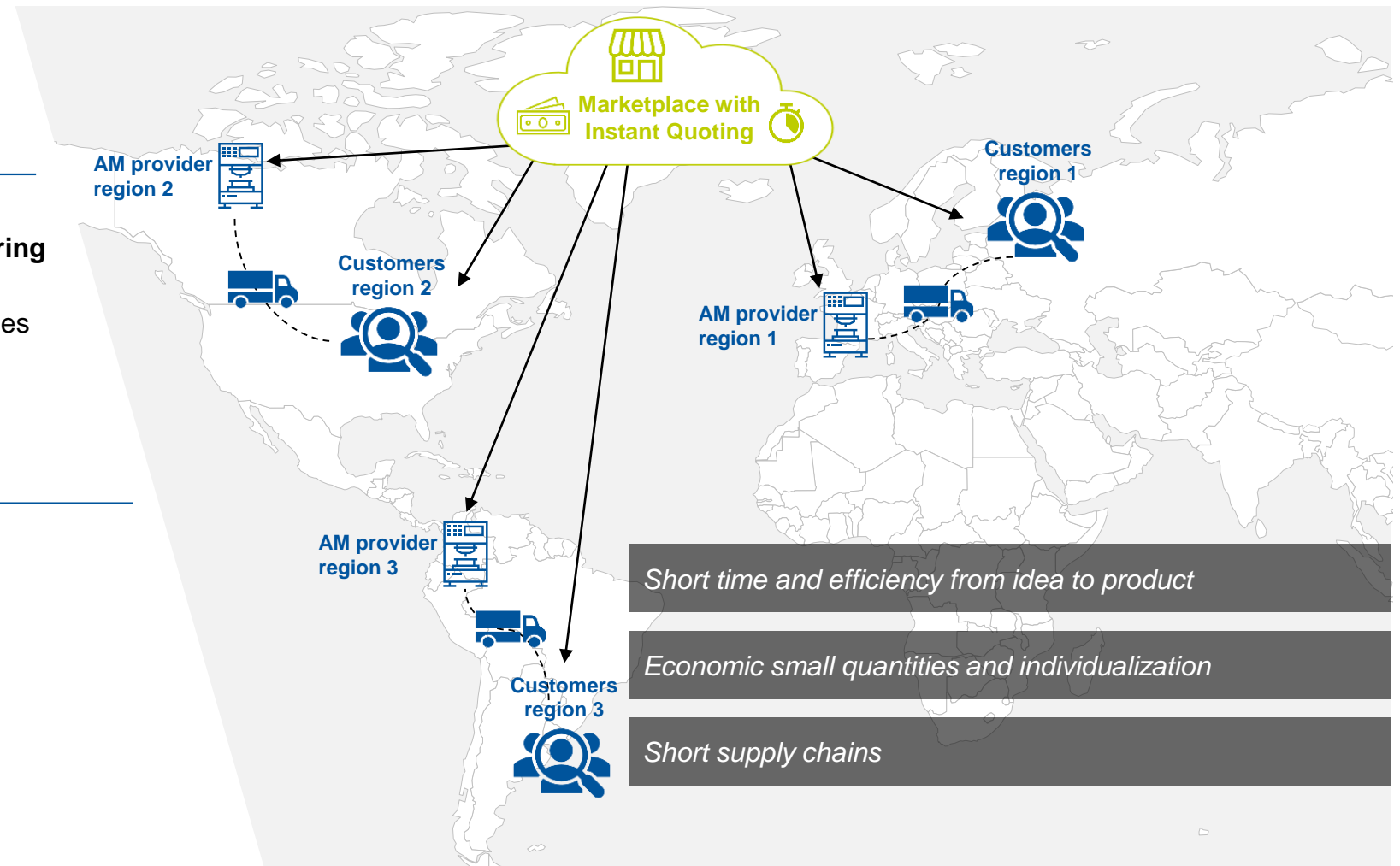


Online marketplace for AM

- Integration of **AM service providers**
- Platform for customers to **compare manufacturing services** of different providers
- **Instant quoting tool** with price and delivery dates based on CAD upload by customer
- **Automated design check** of uploaded models

Exemplary AM marketplaces

- Protiq
- Xometry
- Hubs
- Jellypipe
- HP Digital Manufacturing Network
- ...



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Digital Spare Parts Warehouse

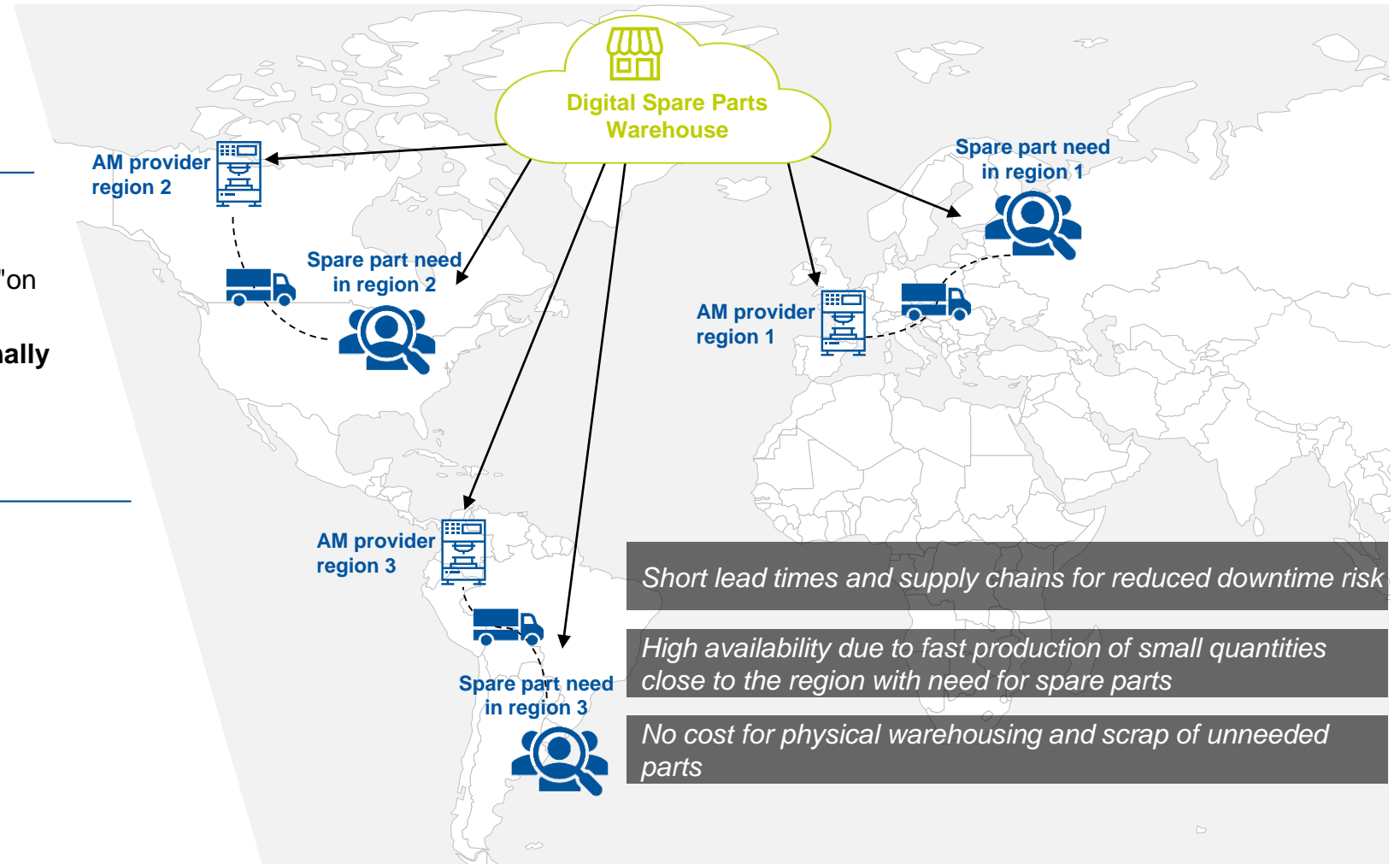


Digital Spare Parts Warehouse

- **No physical warehousing**
- **Digitization** of additively manufacturable spare parts & backup in virtual warehouse Production "on demand"
- Also used to **supplement obsolete conventionally manufactured parts**

Exemplary Digital Spare Parts Warehouses

- Wilhelmsen and thyssenkrupp
- FIT AG
- EvoBus GmbH, Daimler Group
- Shell
- ...



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Different cost structure: High upfront investment costs and high material prices, but not driven by economies of scale



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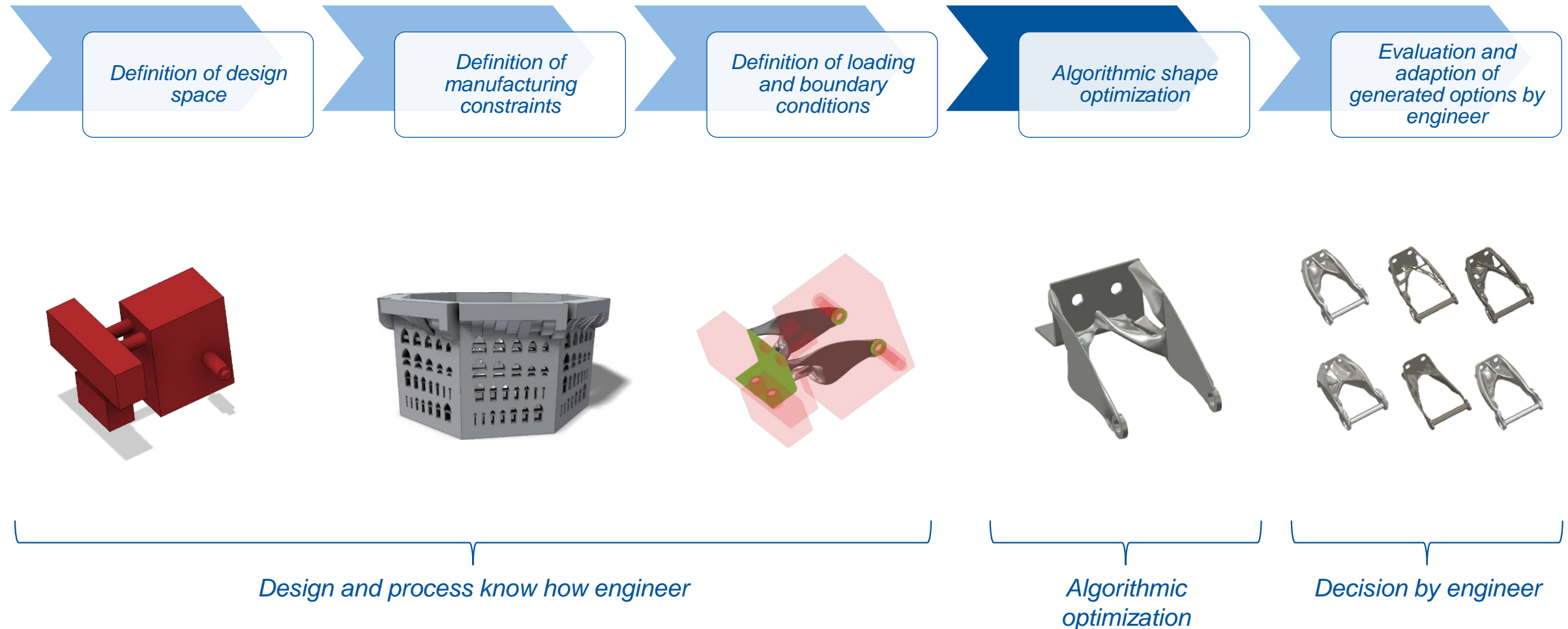
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Successful Adaption of AM

Algorithmic Design for Additive Manufacturing – Generative Design



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Health & Safety Risks and Measures for Prevention



Risks of Metal Powder



GHS05:
Corrosive



GHS01:
Explosive



GHS02:
Flammable



GHS03:
Oxidizing



GHS06:
Toxic



GHS07:
Harmful



GHS08:
Health hazards



GHS09:
Environmental
hazards



Health & Safety Measures

Standard PPE

- Protective gloves
- Work protective clothing
- Respirator mask
- Tight-closing safety goggles
- Anti-static work shoes

Extended PPE

- Heat-protective gloves
- Flameproof clothing
- Full respiratory mask
- Protective shield
- ESD wristband

Prevention of health hazards requires implementation of specific safety measures

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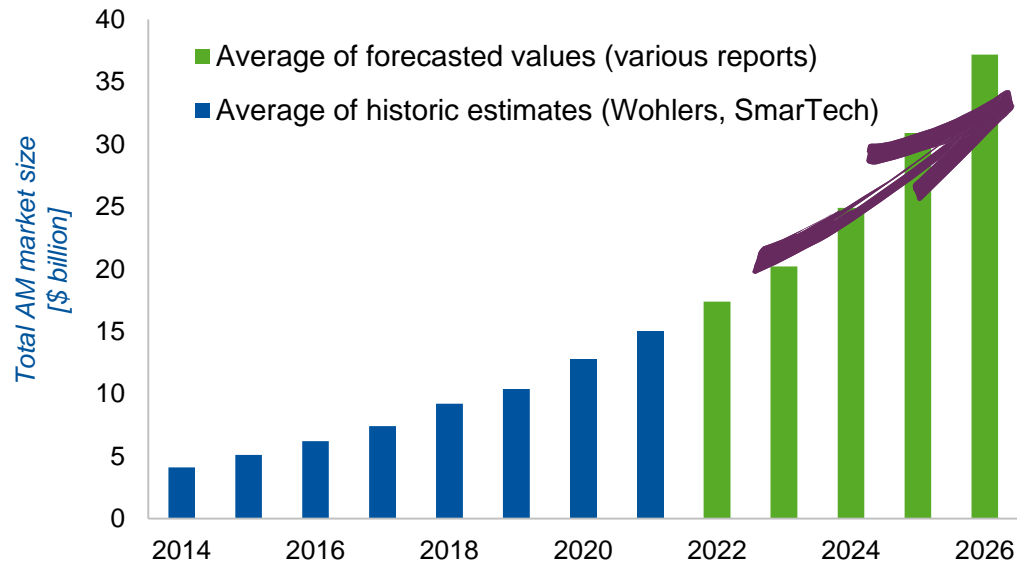
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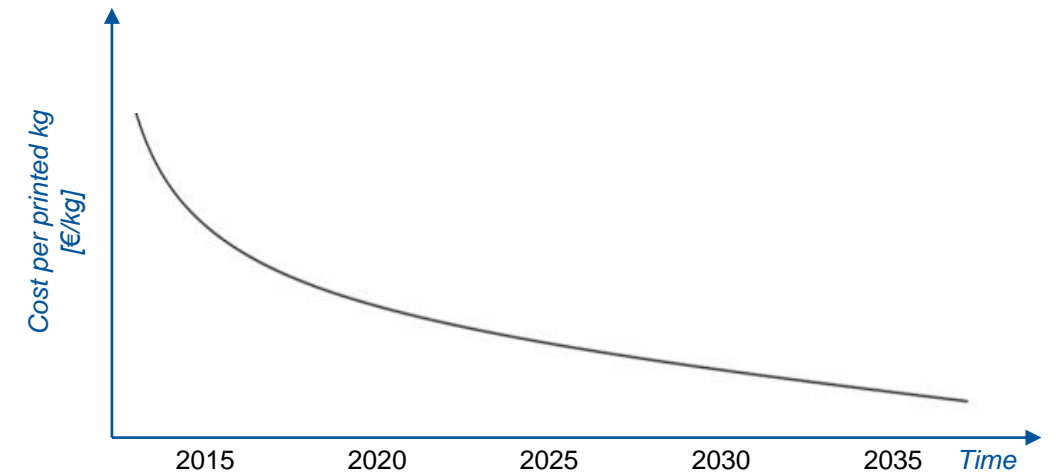
What Does the Future Hold for Additive Manufacturing?



Expected market development



Expected cost development



- Increase of machine productivity
- Decrease of material prices
- Higher technology readiness level
- Higher degree of automation

Forecasted continuous strong growth and reduced costs.
Current barriers of AM are addressed in industry and ongoing research and development.

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Key Aspects



Emerging AM Technologies

RWTH DAP

Digital Materials

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Automation & Line Integration

IDAM, BMW

Digital & Sustainable Business Models

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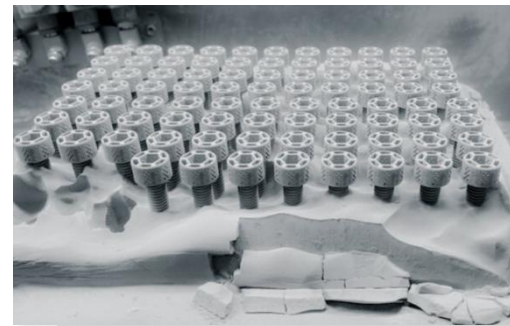
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Emerging AM Technologies – Metal Binder Jetting for Mass Production



Expectations in productivity

- More parts per build job due to 3D nesting compared to 2D nesting with LPBF
- Faster printing speed especially with high filling degree



Two Volkswagen employees check the quality of 3D printed structural parts at the Wolfsburg center (photo credit: Volkswagen)

Volkswagen and binder jetting, a winning duo?

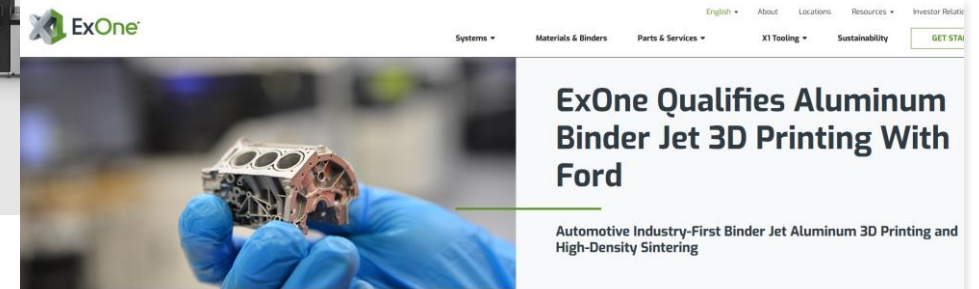


Barriers for realization

- Additional process steps: Debinding & Sintering
- Automation, e.g., removal of green parts from powder cake
- Comparably low technology maturity compared to LPBF



New HP Metal Jet S100



• New patent-pending process developed by ExOne and Ford Motor Co. for binder jetting aluminum 6061, one of the most commonly used aluminum alloys in the world, delivers final parts with 99% density and material properties comparable to traditional manufacturing

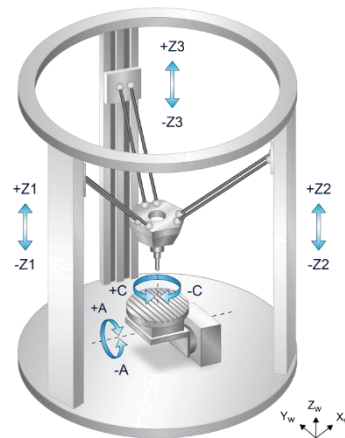
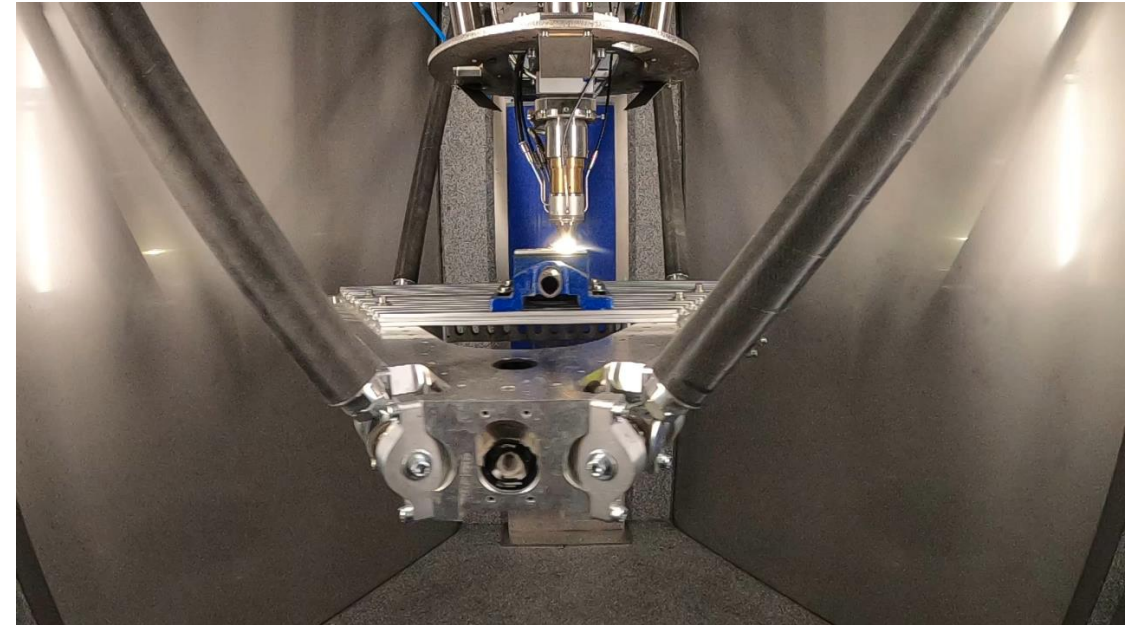
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Emerging AM Technologies – EHLA for Non-Rotational Symmetric Parts



Characteristics of the 3D EHLA Process

- Additive coating and manufacturing of components
- Non-rotationally symmetric components possible
- Complex surfaces can be coated locally
- Wide variety of materials
- Develop and process new types of alloys



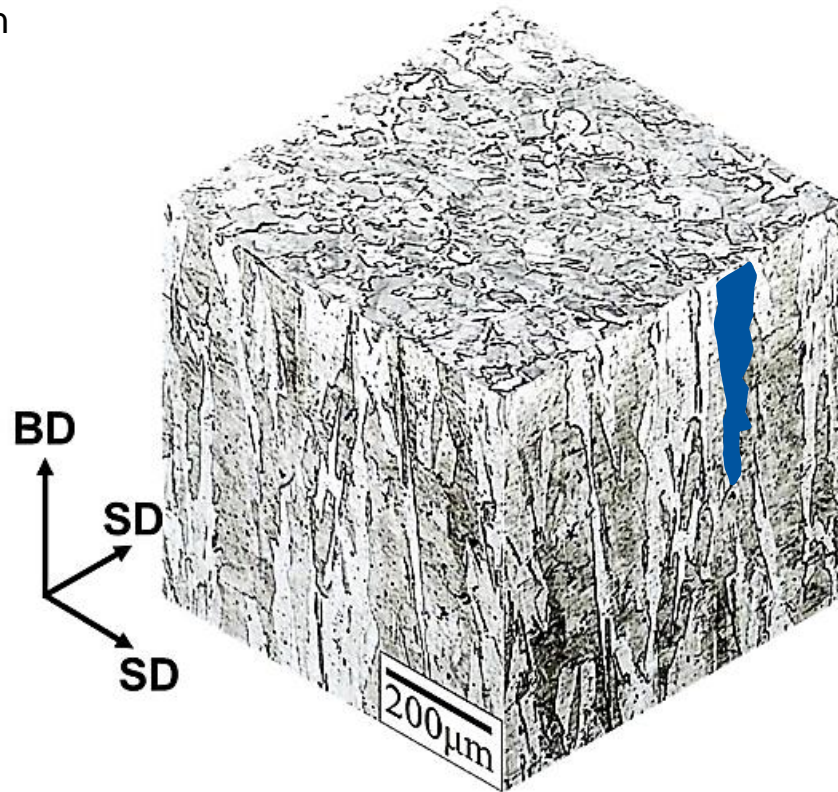
Tripod Kinematics

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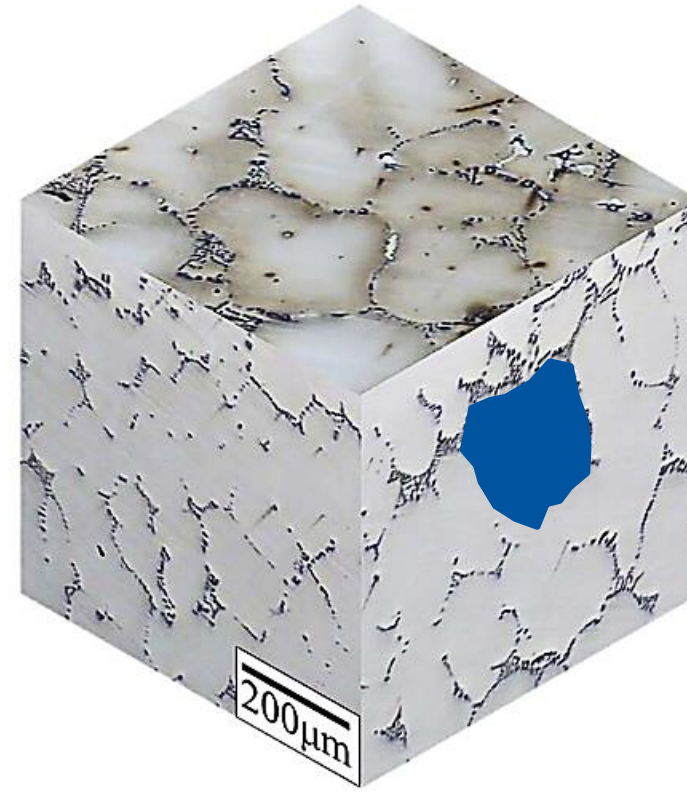
Digital Material – Different Microstructure with Influence on Mechanical Properties



BD: build direction
SD: side direction

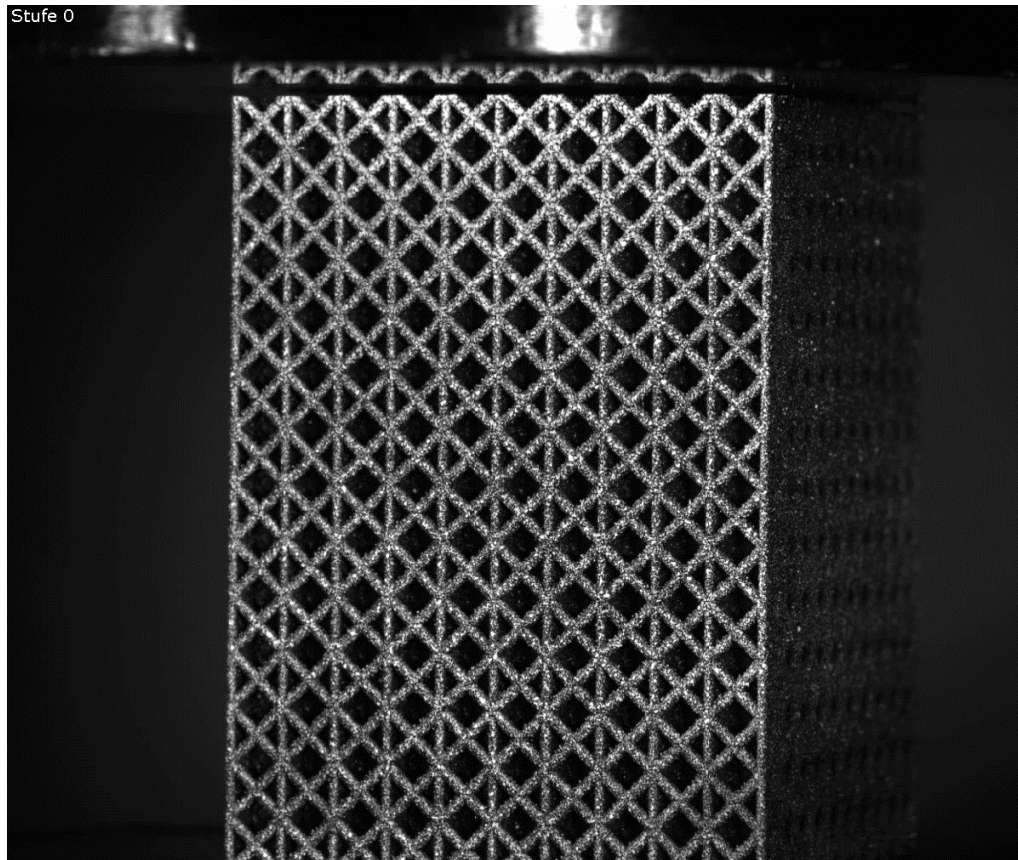


Microstructure after LPBF

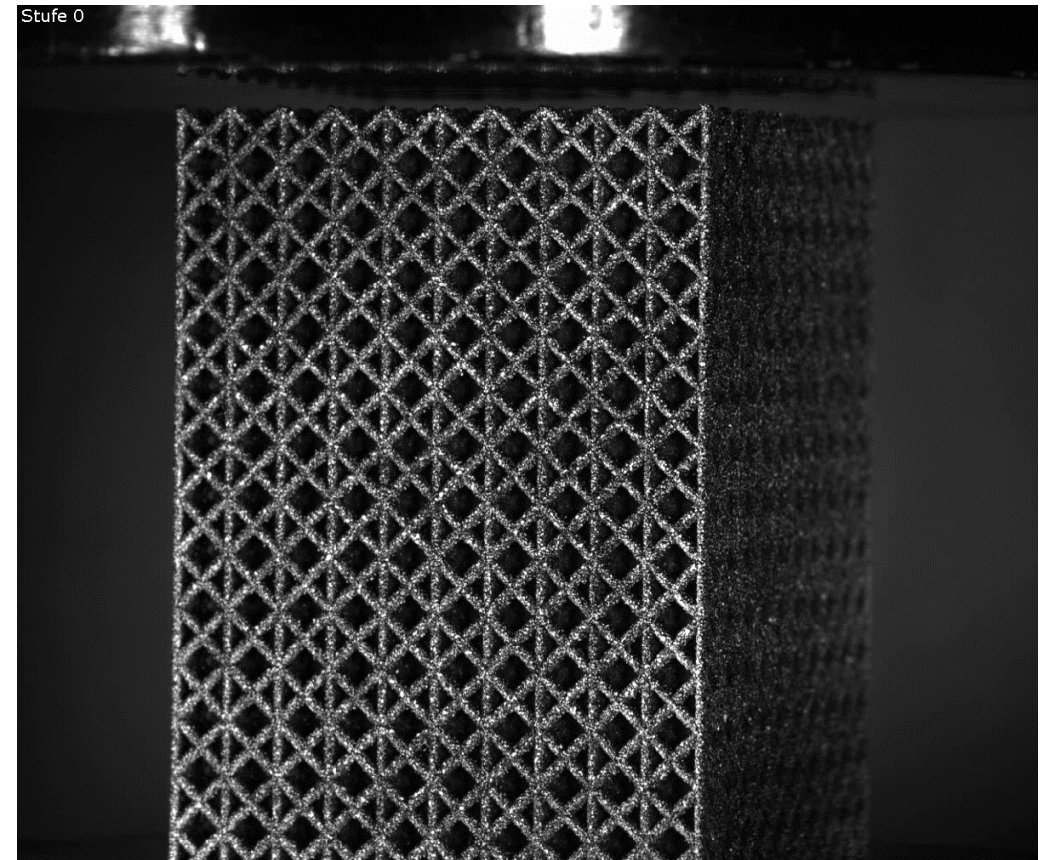


Microstructure after casting

Source: Manfredi, D., & Bidulský, R. (2017). Laser powder bed fusion of aluminum alloys. *Acta Metallurgica Slovaca*, 23(3), 276-282.



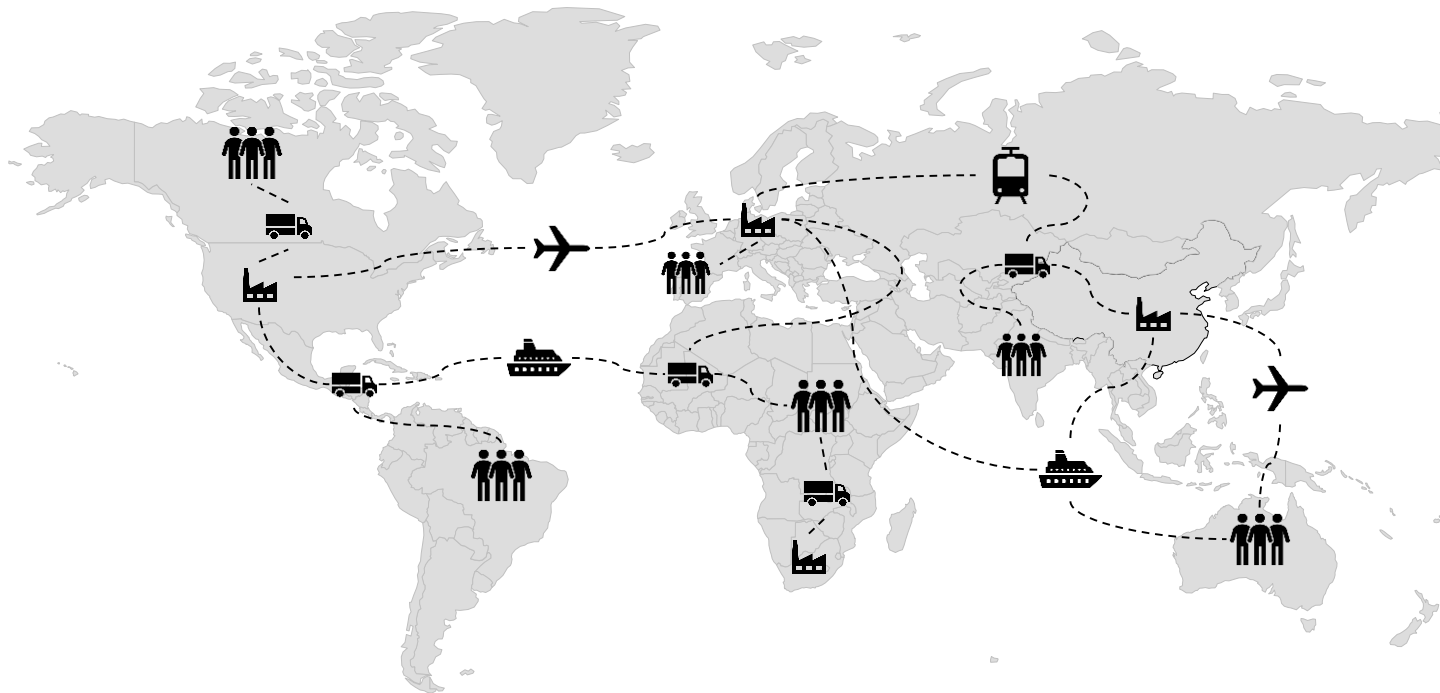
Conventional



**Locally adapted microstructure
(digital material)**

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Current State: Globalized, Complex, and Vulnerable Supply Chains



Is China's lockdowns causing supply chain disruptions again?

How the Ukraine Crisis Is Disrupting Global Supply Chains

March 15, 2022
Mark Miller
Member of Global Supply Chain Consortium



Retail navigates a constant state of supply chain disruption

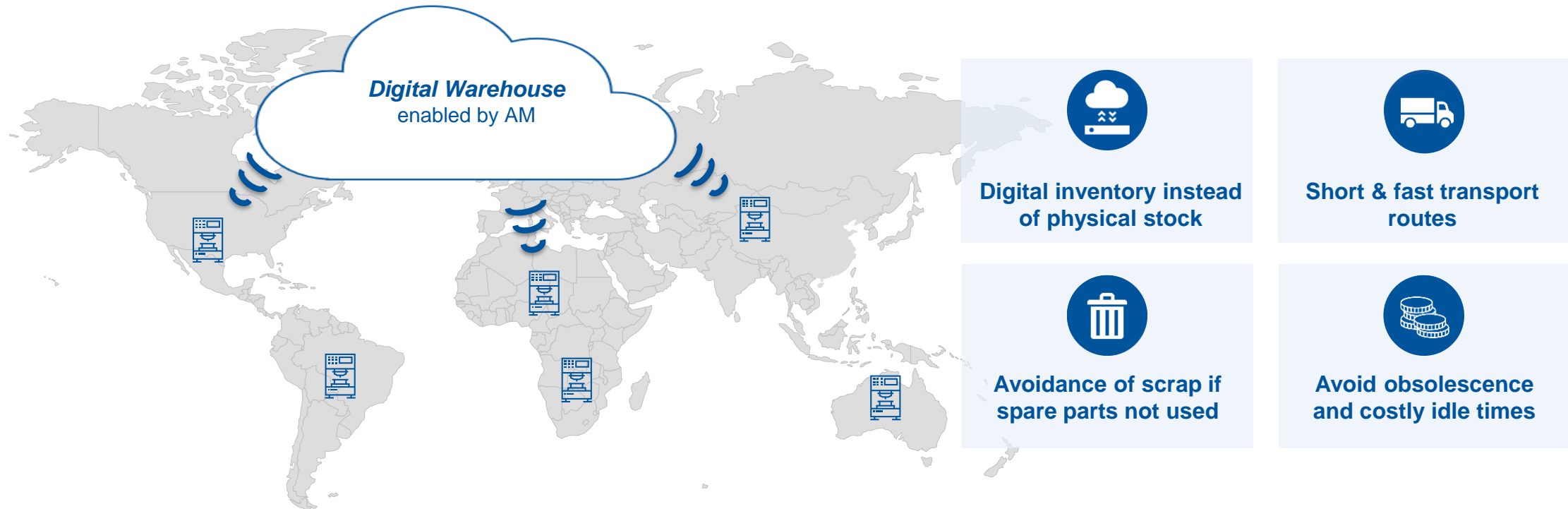
Challenges include port congestion, pandemic restrictions and economic sanctions



Recent crises have shown the vulnerability of global supply chains. Resilience is a key element to competitiveness.

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Digital Spare Parts Warehouses as New Business Models Enabled by AM



But how to ensure secure data handling and quality with different part designers and suppliers?

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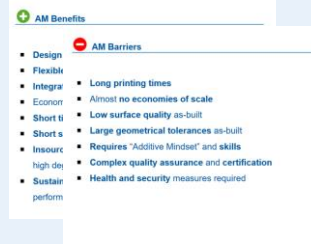
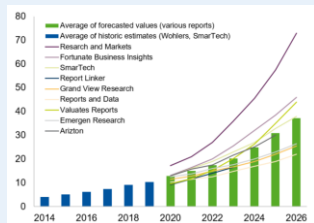


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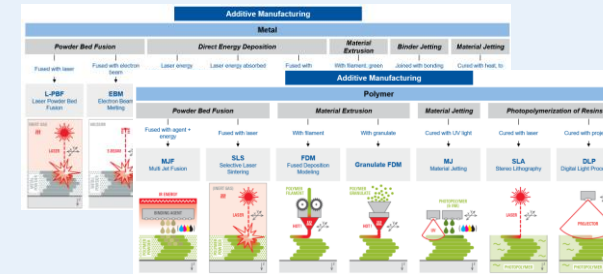
Basic AM Seminar Summary



Introduction to Additive Manufacturing



Overview of AM Technologies



- High variety of established and emerging AM technologies
- Varying technology readiness
- Technology-specific characteristics, advantages and disadvantages
- Material choice according to application

Future Perspective

- Expected continuous market growth
- Cost decrease due to increased technology readiness level, productivity and industrialization
- Technological and economical challenges are addressed through industry and R&D

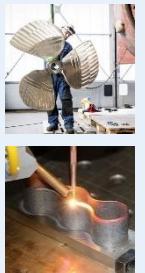
Successful Adaption of AM

Successful AM adaption requires **consideration of AM differences**. Without change of expectations, AM turns out as a poor substitute for established processes.



AM Application Examples

- Various applications along the product lifecycle
- Differentiation in rapid prototyping, rapid tooling and AM of end use parts
- Taking advantage of different AM benefits according to application



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