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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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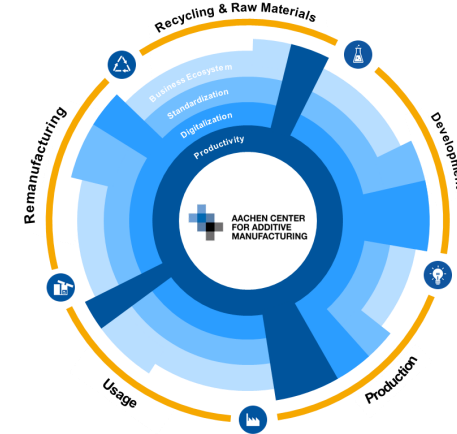
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Perspective and focus



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

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

Heritage

The Cradle of Metal AM



**The cradle of
metal AM**

1995

**First Hybrid
Machine Tool**



Image Source: DAP RWTH Aachen University, Fraunhofer ILT, Campus GmbH

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1997

**Basic Patent
for SLM**



2001

**First Tool
Insert**



2008

First Implant



2015

**Foundation
of ACAM**



**The world's most vivid
and multifaceted AM
ecosystem**

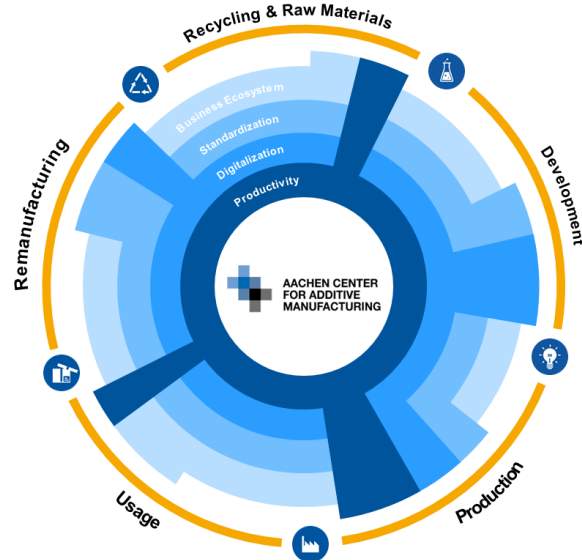
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The Aachen Center for Additive Manufacturing



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

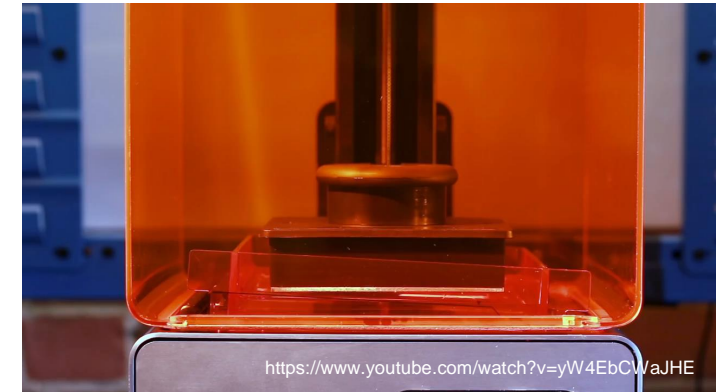
Additive Manufacturing – Definition



Definition (ASTM 52900)

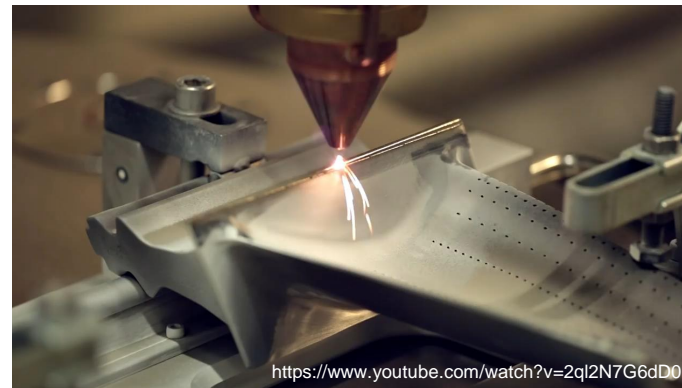
“Additive Manufacturing (AM) is defined as the process that

- ***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 **workpiece is built up in successive layers or units.**”*

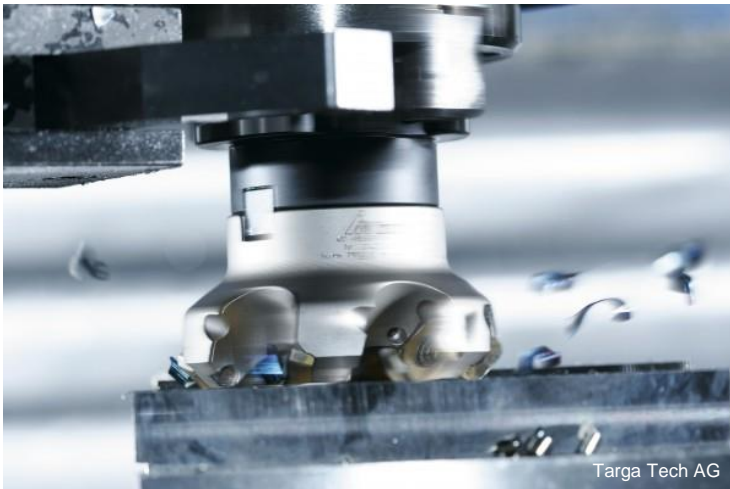


Introduction to AM

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)

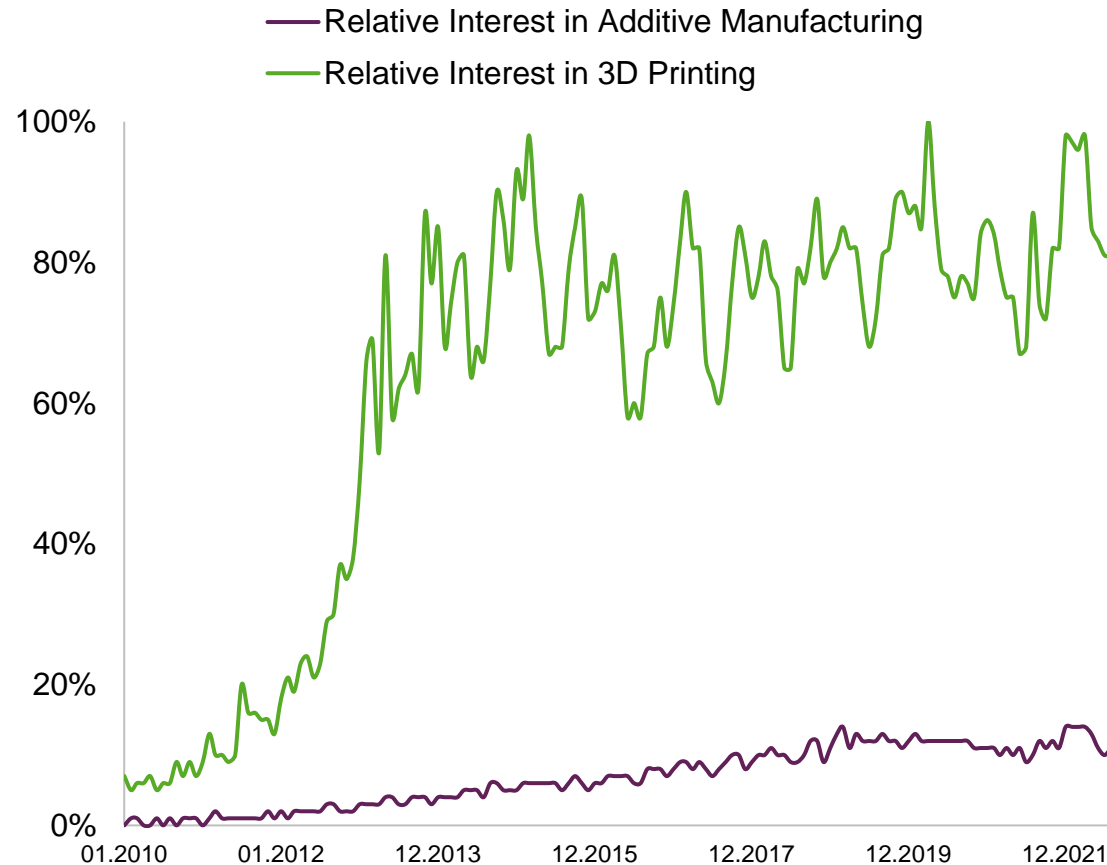
- Laser Powder Bed Fusion
- Laser Metal Deposition
- ...

Introduction to AM

Global Interest on AM According to Google Trends



Global relative interest according to Google Trends



Source: 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

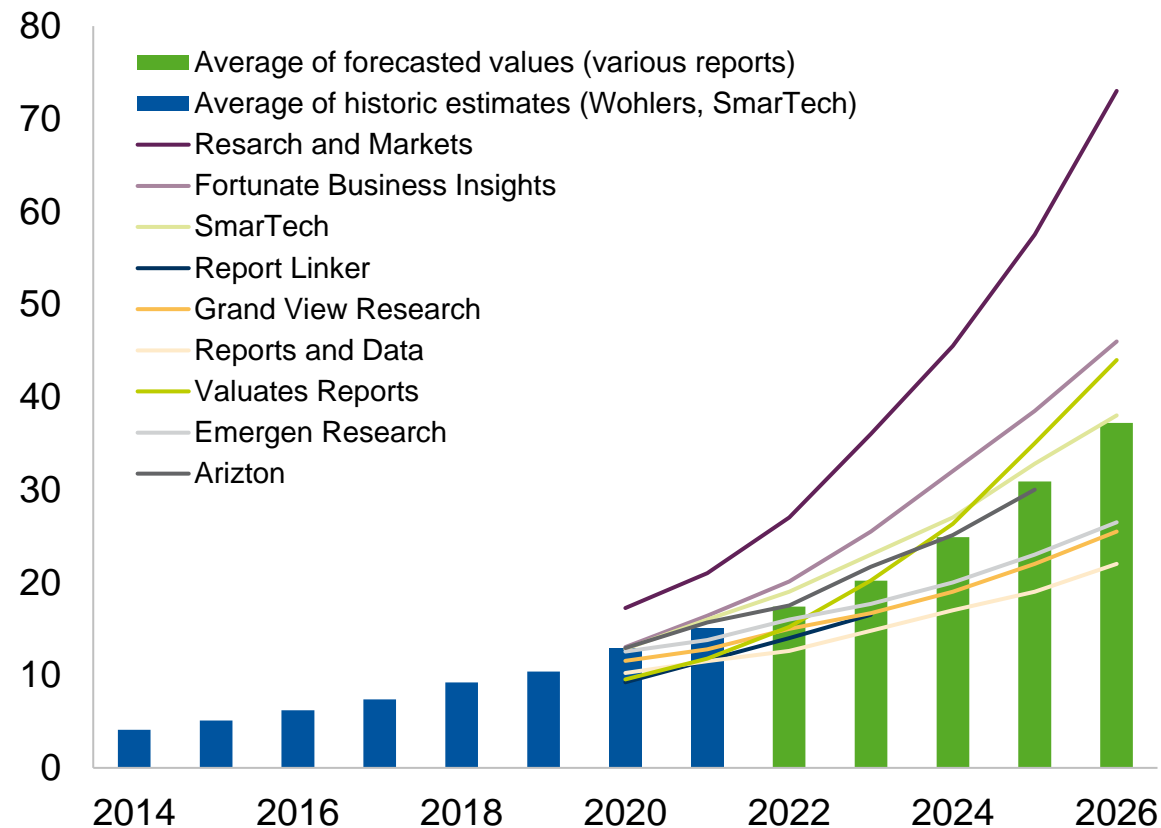


Introduction to AM

Positive Historic and Future Development of the AM Market

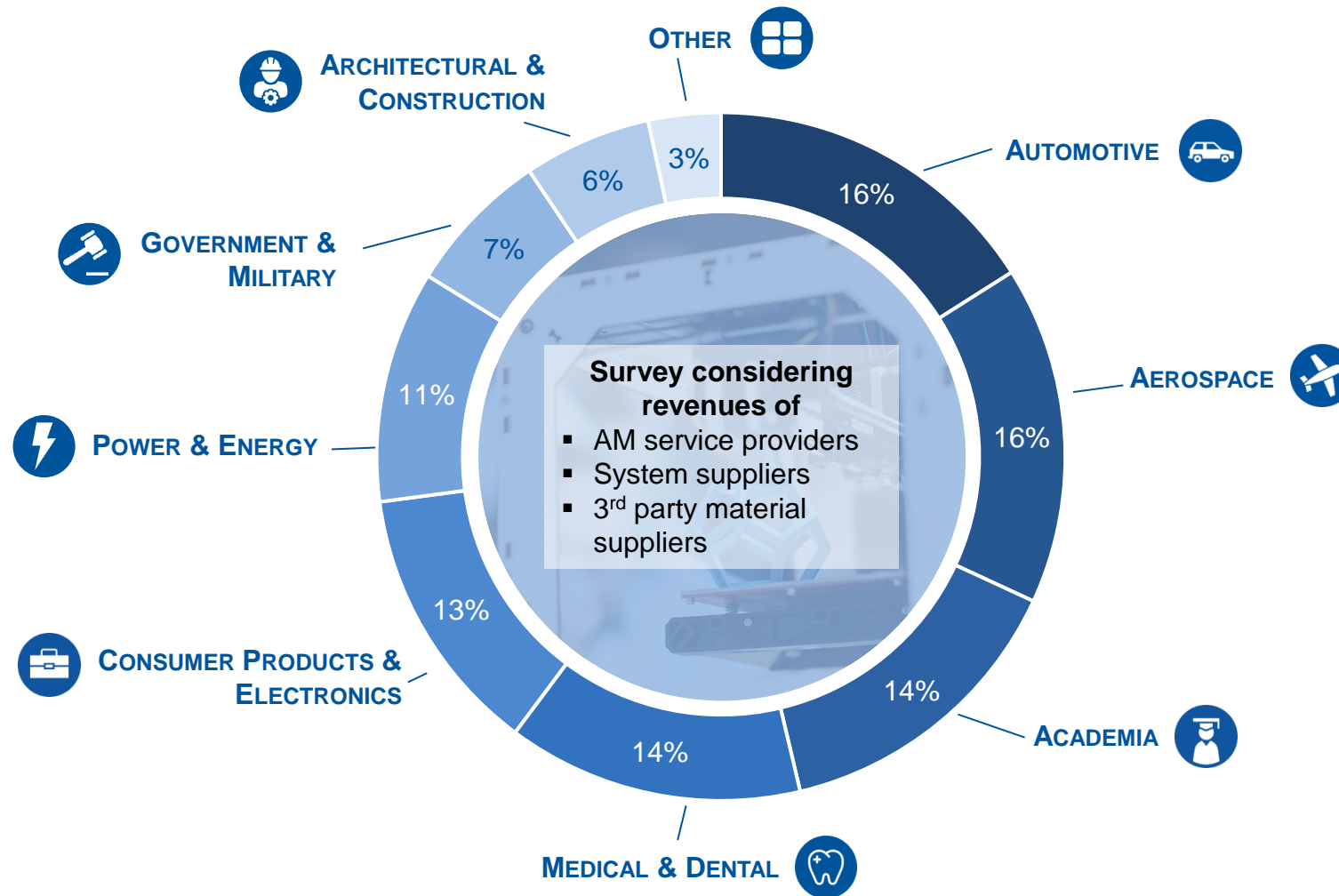


Total AM market size according to different market reports [\$ billion]



- **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

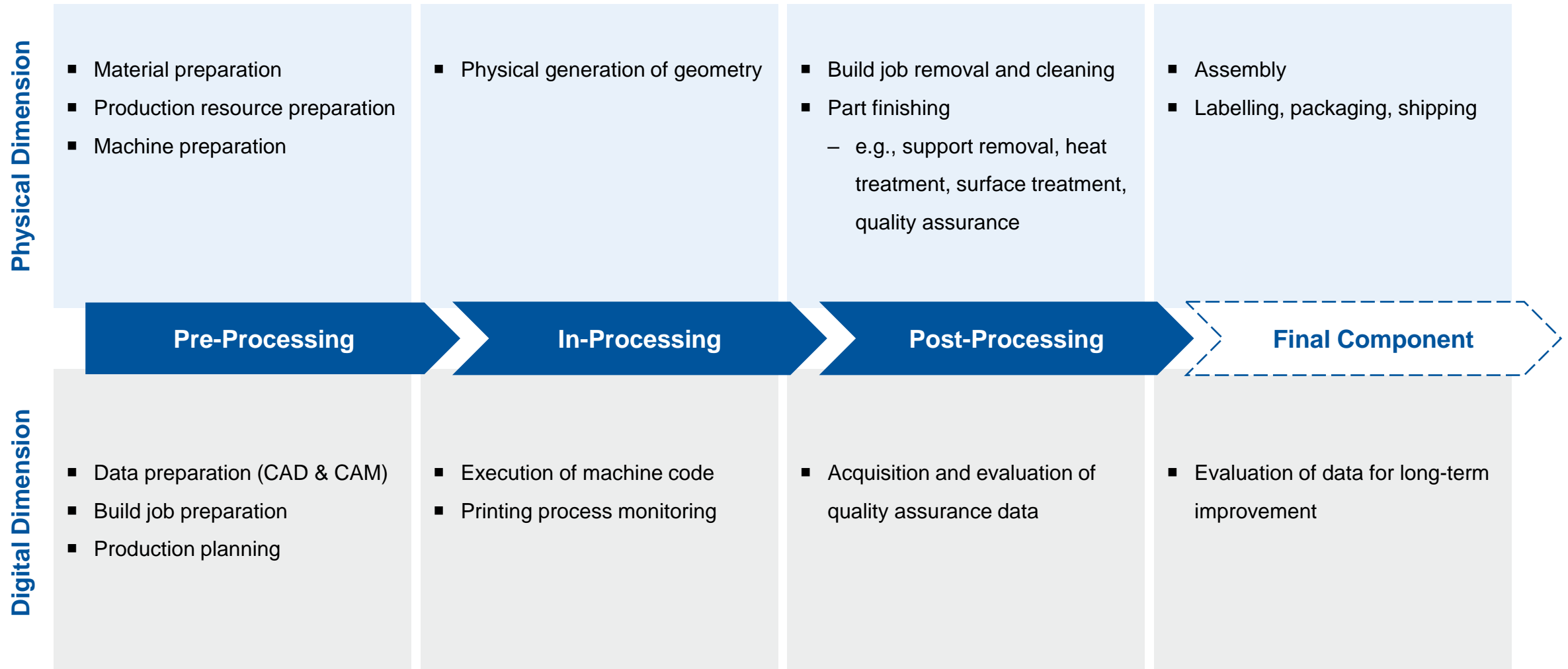
Introduction to AM Market Overview



Source: Wohlers Report 2021

Introduction to AM

General AM Process Chain



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

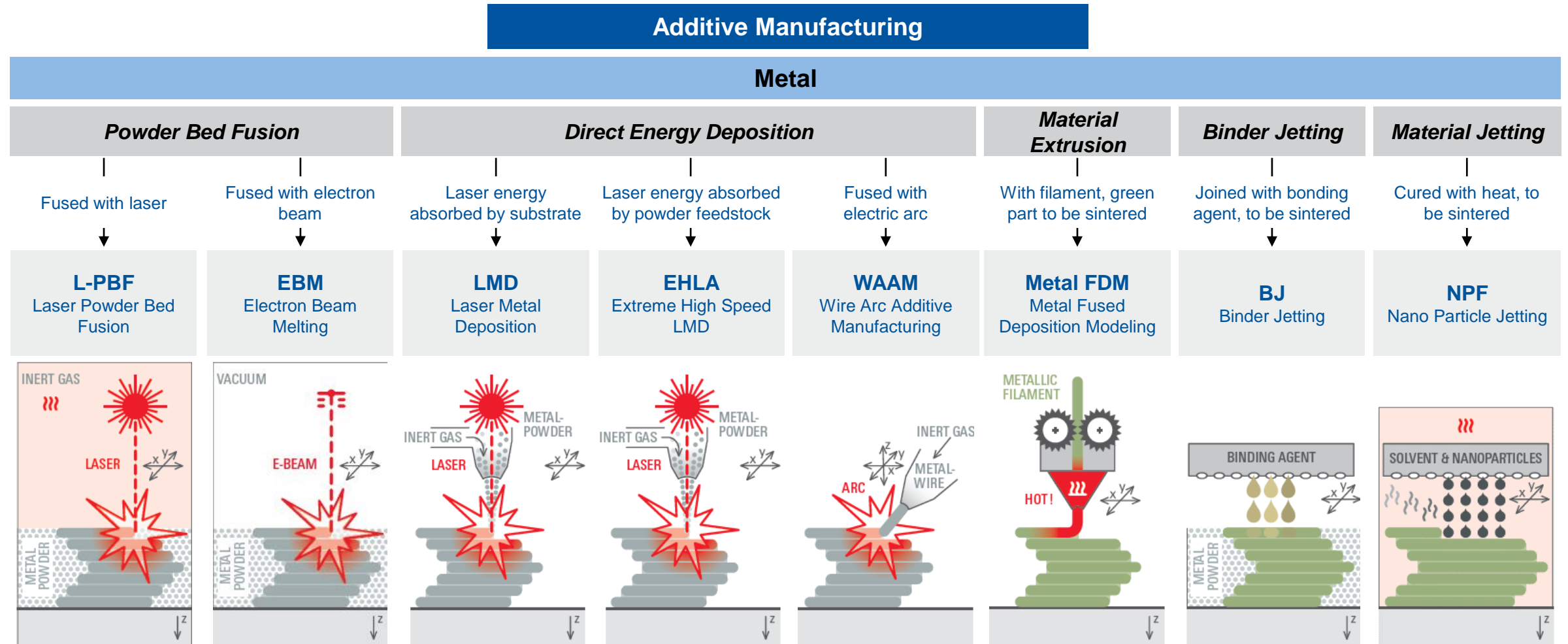
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AM Technology Overview

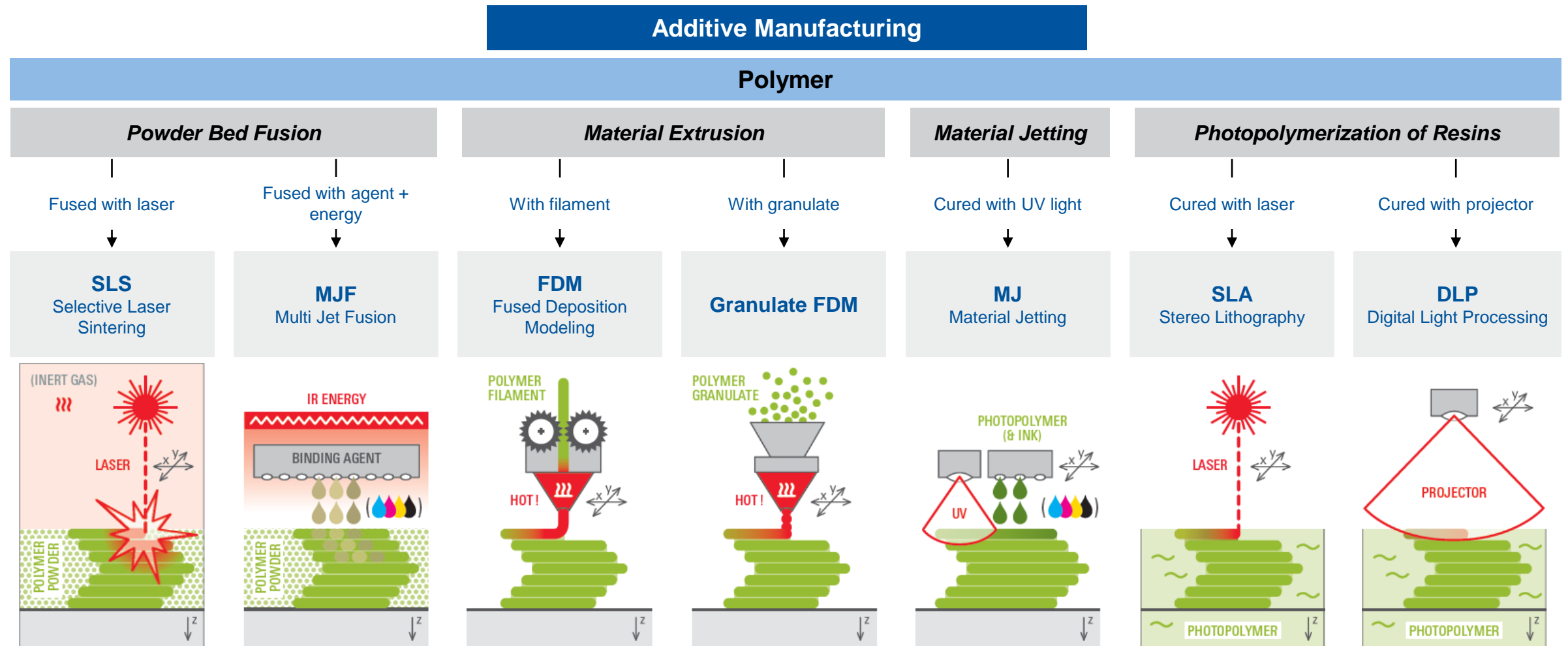
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Source: Derived from Formnext AM Field Guide Compact and DIN EN ISO/ASTM Terminology

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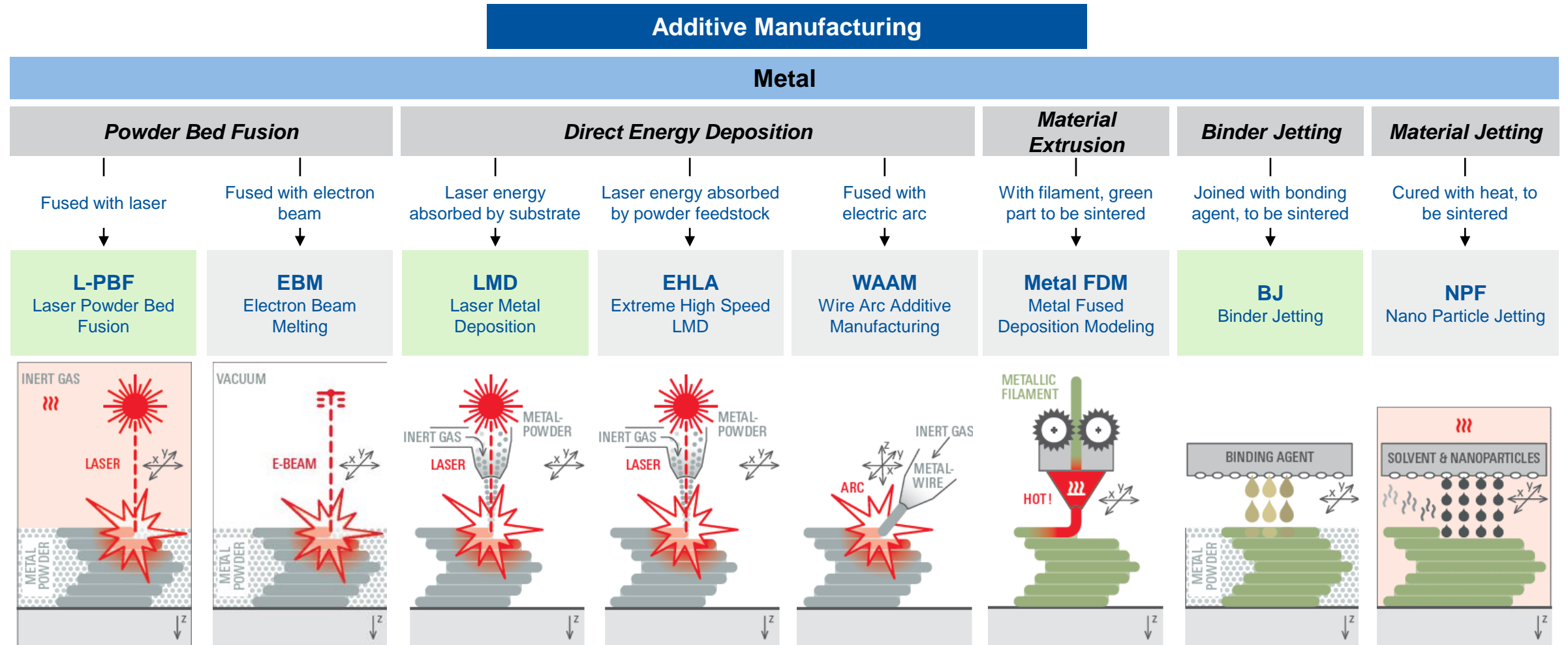
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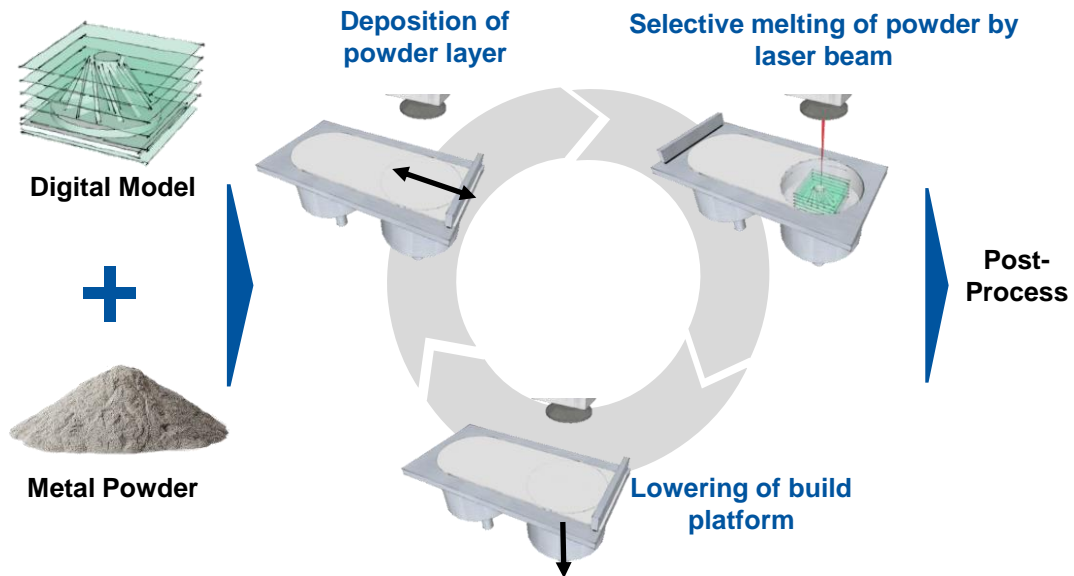
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AM Technologies

Laser Powder Bed Fusion of Metal (LPBF)



Process Principle



Process in Action



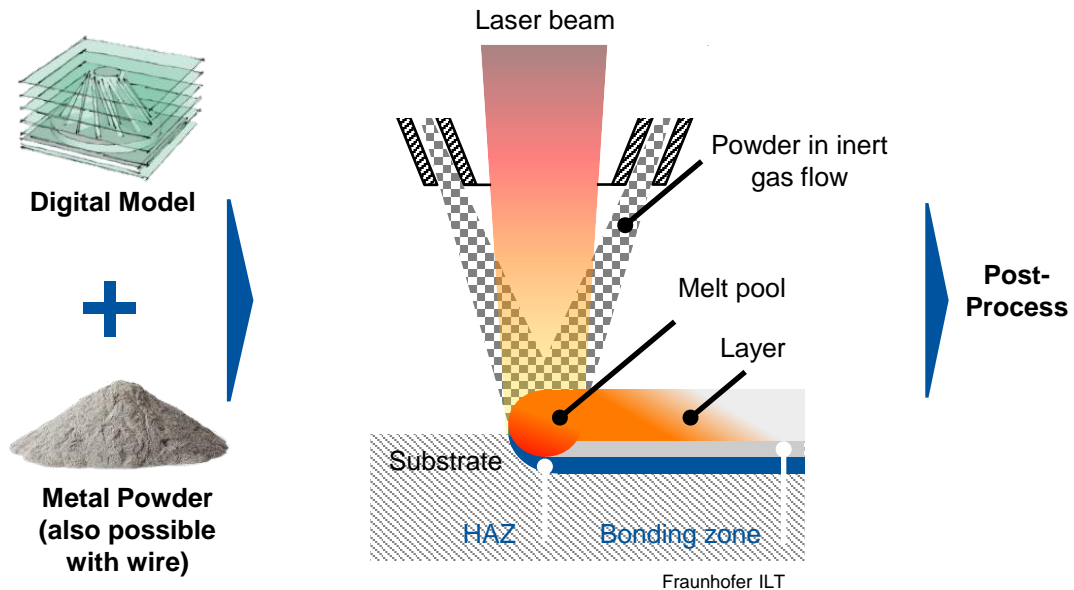
- Selective melting of metal powder layer-by-layer with one or more lasers
- Requires support structures for overhangs
- General suitability for weldable materials, comparably many alloys are qualified (e.g., steels, Ni based alloys, CoCr, copper and alloys, Ti and alloys, Al alloys, refractory metals,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

AM Technologies

Laser Metal Deposition (LMD)



Process Principle



Process in Action



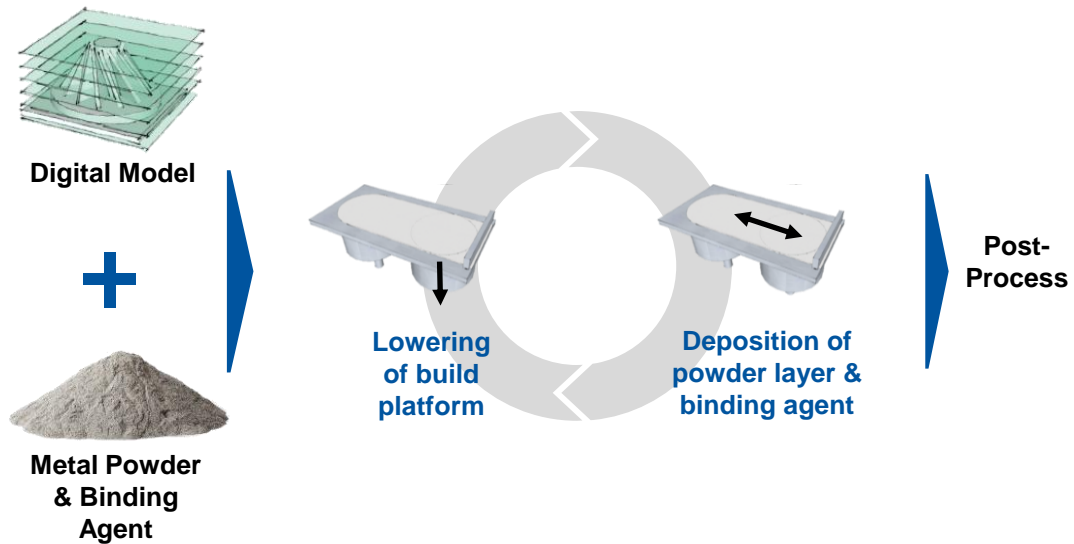
- Used for additive manufacturing, additive coating and repair (deposition on existing geometry)
- Powder is transported by an inert gas flow
- Energy for melting the metal powder is mainly deposited in the substrate, not directly in the powder
- General suitability for weldable materials, different materials qualified (e.g., steels, Ni-base alloys, Al alloys)

AM Technologies

Binder Jetting (BJ)



Process Principle



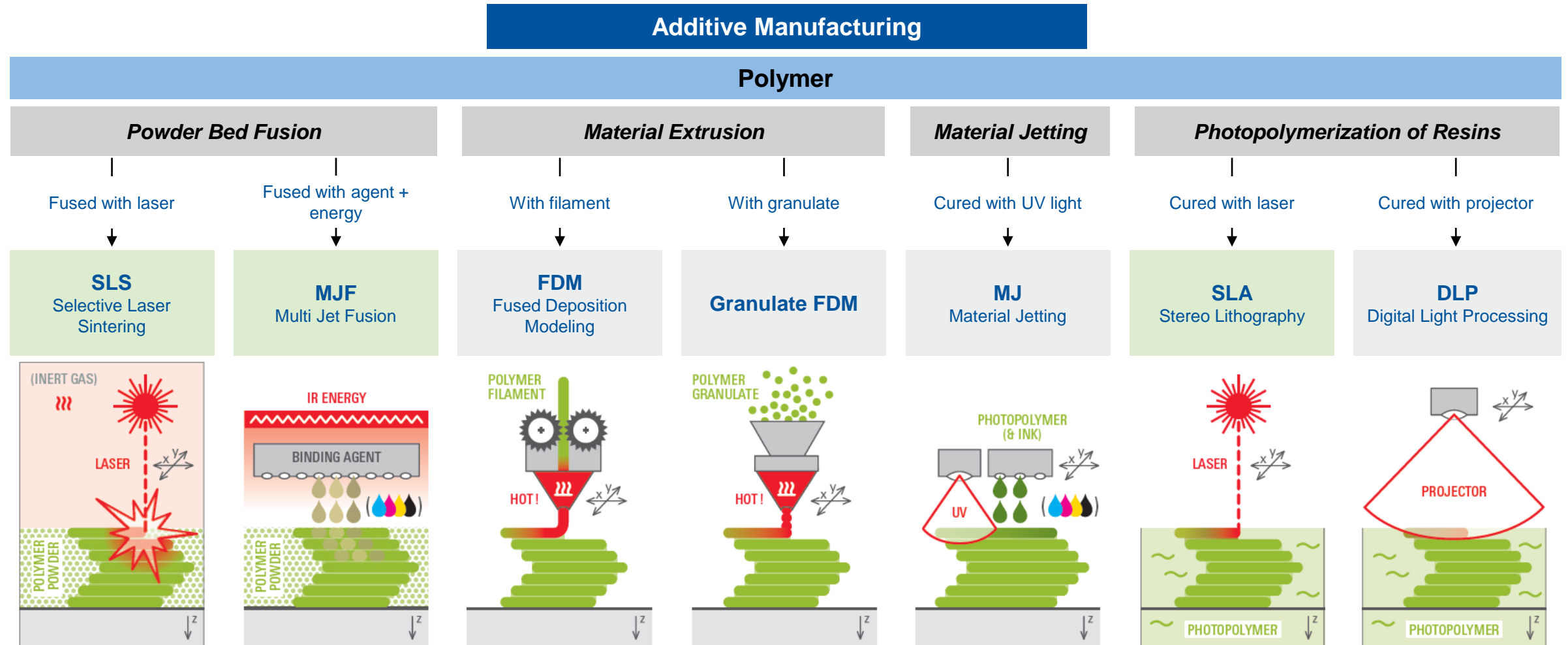
Process in Action



- 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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Segmentation of Established Polymer AM Technologies



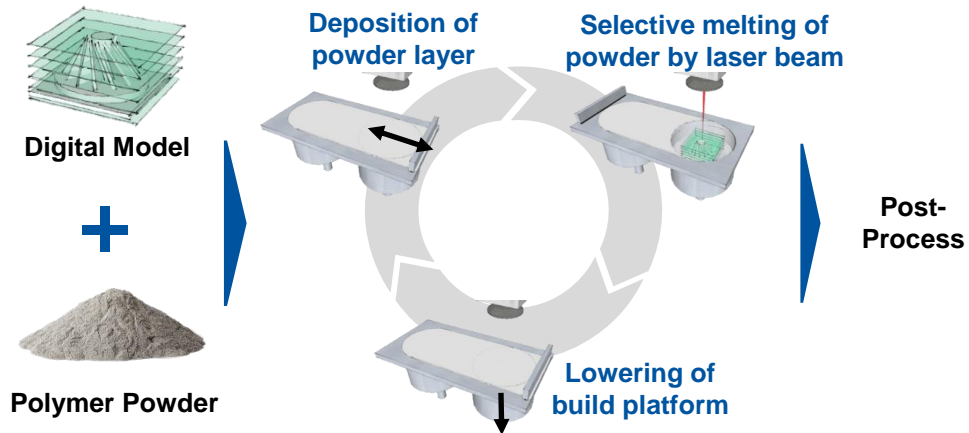
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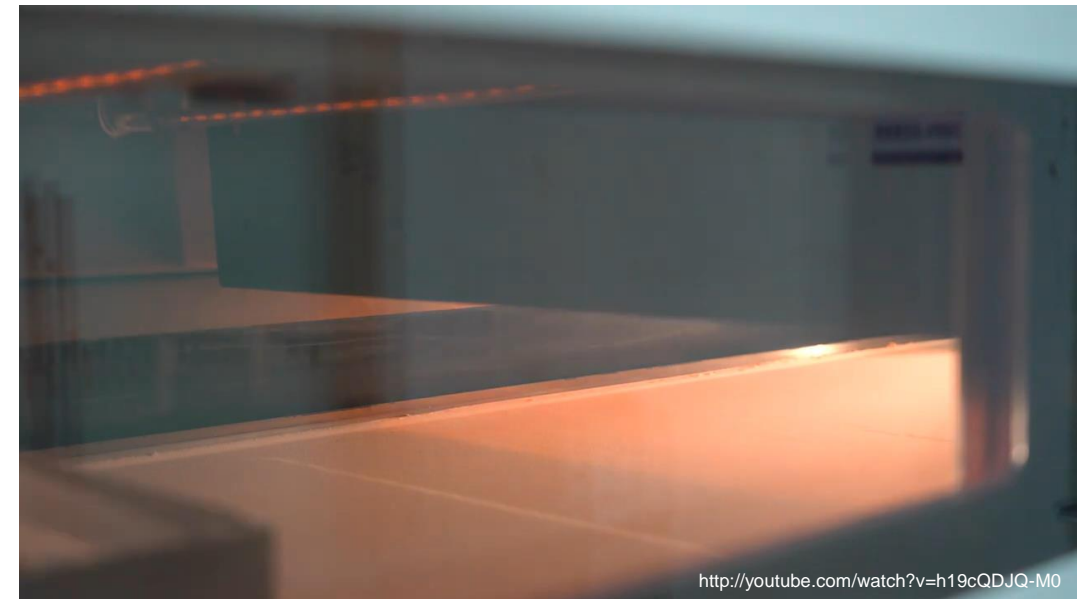
Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)



Process Principle



Process in Action



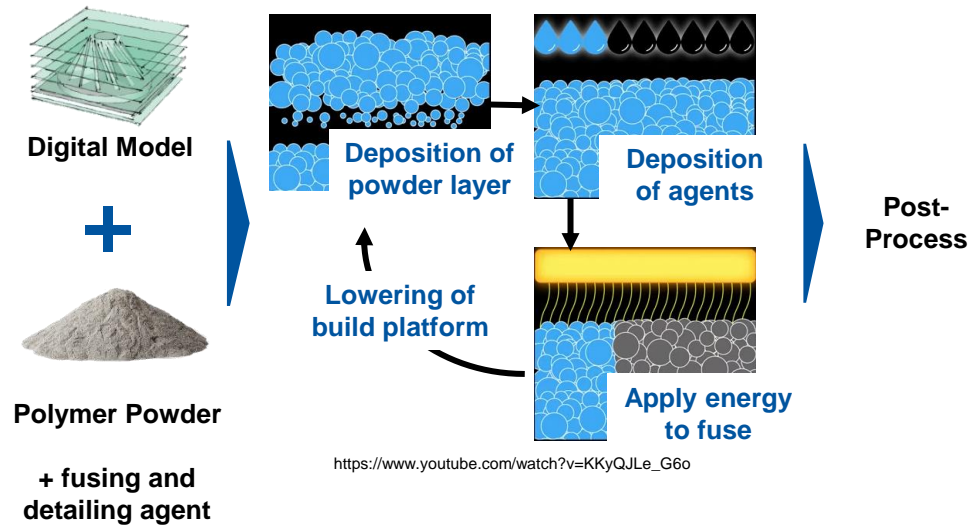
- Production of complex geometries by selective melting of polymer powder with one or more lasers
- As-built parts are usually white (polymer color)
- Many different materials available (e.g., PA11, PA12, TPU, PEEK, TPE, PP)

AM Technologies

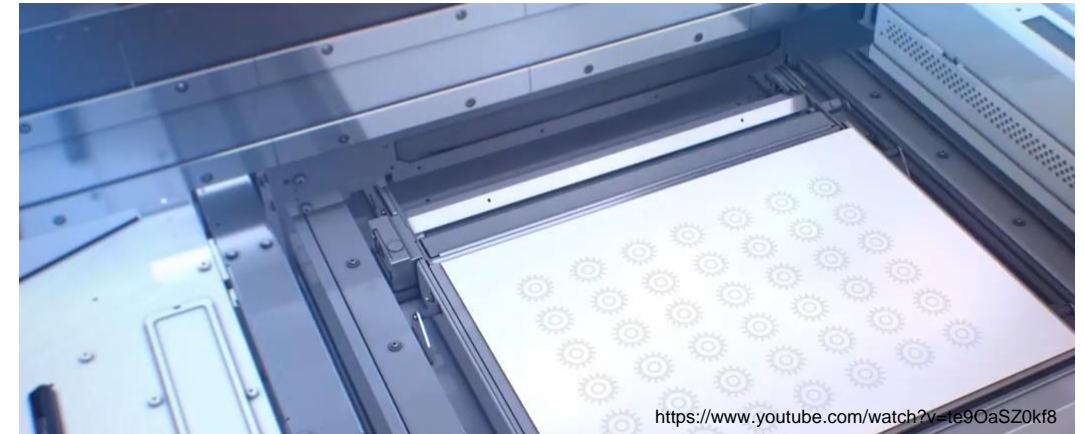
Multi Jet Fusion (MJF)



Process Principle



Process in Action



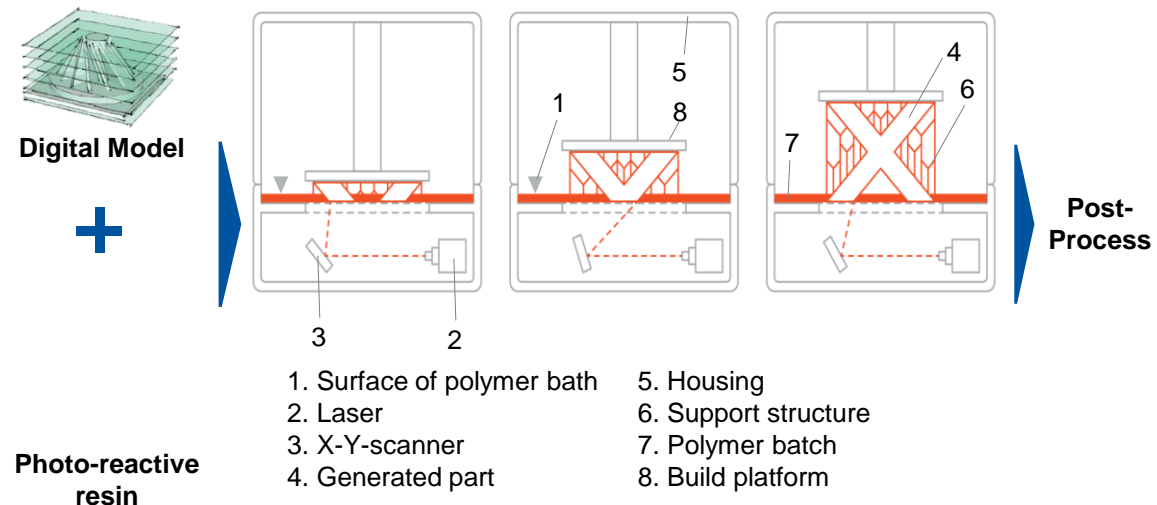
- Layer-by-layer application of material applied to powder in build chamber
- Introduction of liquid binder by inkjet print heads to bond powder particles together
- Energy input (curing) through UV lamps

AM Technologies

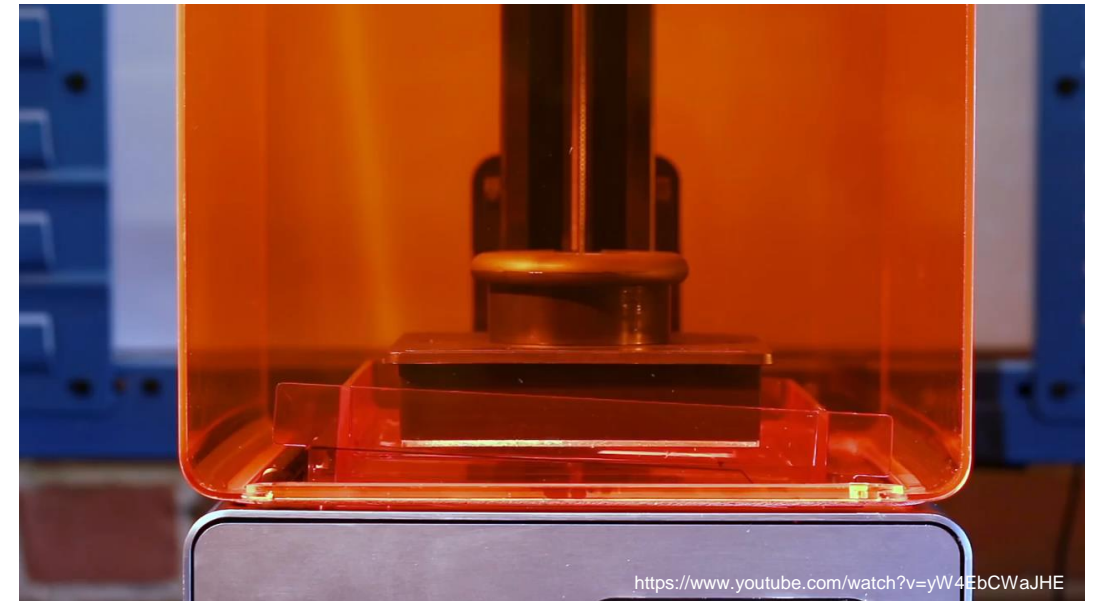
Stereolithography (SLA)



Process Principle



Process in Action



- Polymerization of photo-reactive resin by selective scanning with a UV laser beam (usually through transparent container from below)
- Requires support structures for overhangs
- Wide range of photo-reactive resins with different optical, thermal and mechanical properties

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AM Application Examples

Visual Prototypes for Architecture



Characteristics

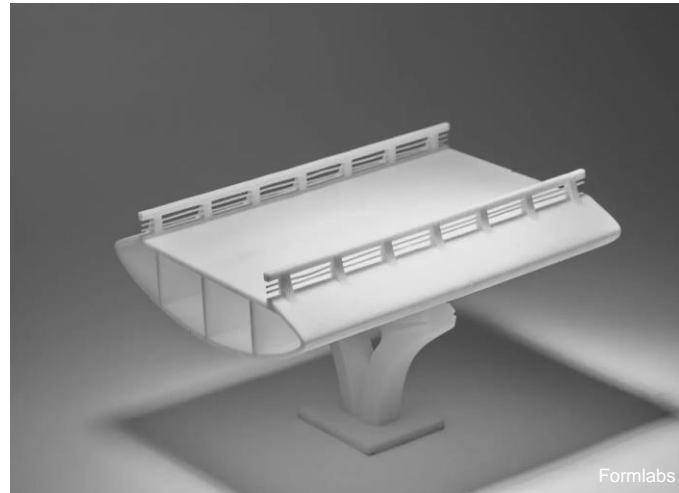
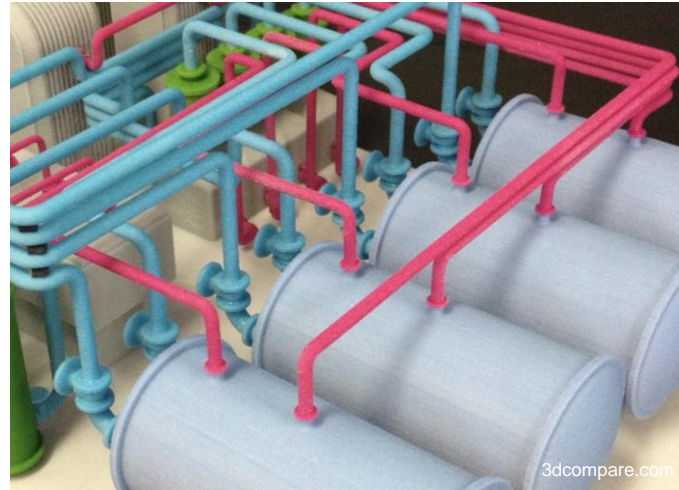
- Visualization of geometries using prototypes made with AM
- AM technologies: Various
- Application type: Visual prototype



Utilized AM Benefits

- Fast design iterations and simplified adjustments through digital workflow
- Economic small quantities
- Realization of complex geometries
- Decrease of cost and time

Source: <https://formlabs.com/blog/3d-printing-architectural-models/>



AM Application Examples

Reduction of Cycle Time in Injection Molding



Characteristics

- Conventional tool for charging socket with 14 seconds cycle time and 2 % reject rate
- AM technology: LPBF
- Application type: Tooling



Utilized AM Benefits

- Cycle time reduced down to 8 seconds
- Reject rate reduced to 1,4 %
- Realization of internal cooling geometries
- Cost saving of 20.000 €



Additive Manufacturing

Optimized
mold core



Charging socket

AM Application Examples

RNA GmbH Vibratory Conveyors



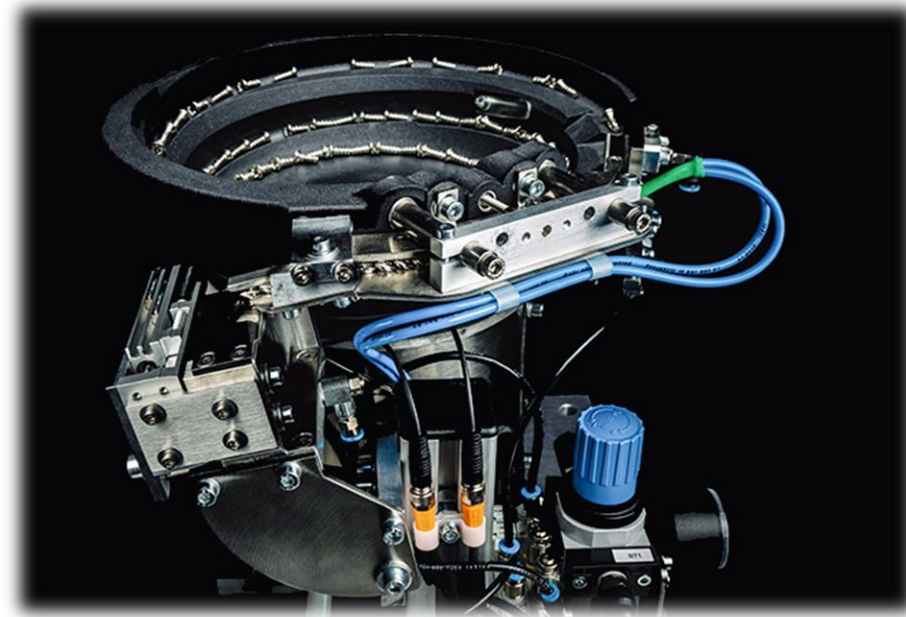
Characteristics

- SLS-3D printed vibratory conveyors
- The high-performance magnets used enable a high load-independent conveying capacity
- 3D deep learning AI technology helps optimization of geometry



Utilized AM Benefits

- Completely reproducible
- Flexible and can be quickly converted for other workpieces
- Different parts from the same part family can be fed



3D printed vibratory conveyor drive

AM Application Examples

Series Part - BMW i8 Roadster Roof Mount



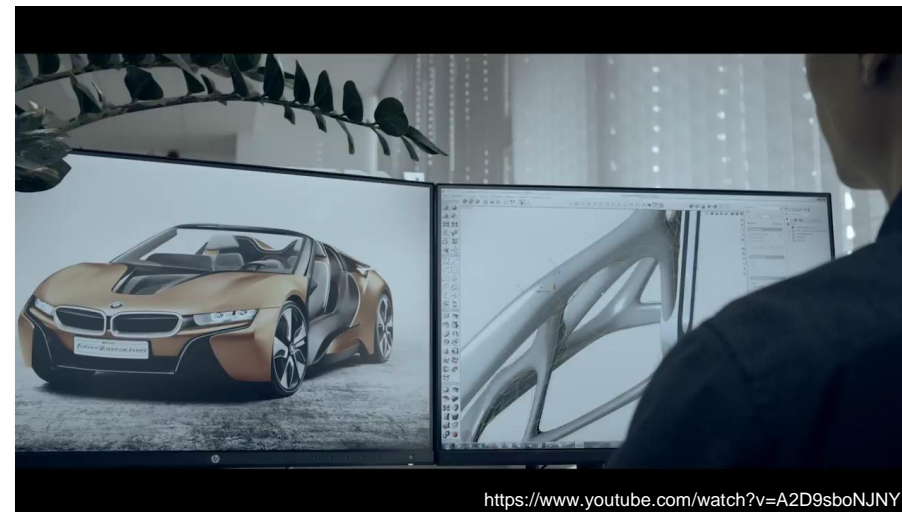
Characteristics

- Stiff part that holds the convertible roof of the BMW i8 roadster
- Small series end-use part
- AM Technology: Laser Powder Bed Fusion
- Material: Aluminum alloy (AlSi10Mg)



Utilized AM Benefits

- Algorithmic design (topology optimization)
- Flexible design iterations
- Lightweight design and material (44% weight reduction)
- Economic and ecologic sustainability through material efficiency



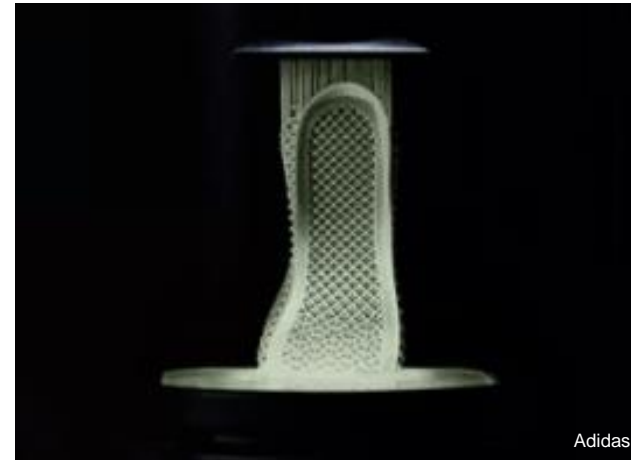
AM Application Examples

Series Part – Adidas Shoe Sole



Characteristics

- AM lattice structure shoe sole
- Partnership of Adidas and Carbon
- AM technology: DLP / CLIP



Utilized AM Benefits

- Functional integration: Address needs of athletes for movement and cushioning
- Design freedom: Freedom to manufacture lattice structure according to digital optimization



Source: <https://www.carbon3d.com/news/press-releases/adidas-unveils-industrys-first-application-of-digital-light-synthesis-with-futurecraft-4d>

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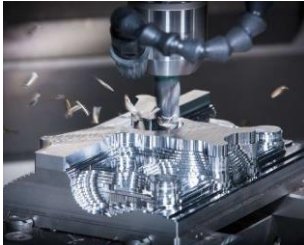



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Successful Adaption of AM

AM in Comparison to Conventional Manufacturing



	Process	Internal Structure	Dimensional Accuracy (ISO)	Surface Quality Rz (µm)	Material Variety	Integration of Functions	Productivity [cm³/h]
Formative		++	++ <i>IT8 – IT16</i>	++ <i>4 – 1000</i>	+++	++	+++
Subtractive		+	+++ <i>IT5 – IT16</i>	+++ <i>0,04 – 250</i>	+++	+	++ <i>< 300.000</i>
Additive		+++	+	+	+(+)	+++	+

Additive Manufacturing processes open up new technological possibilities - these must be used effectively and integrated into process chains

Legend: +: suitable +(+): suitable in future; ++: well suited; +++: very well suited

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)



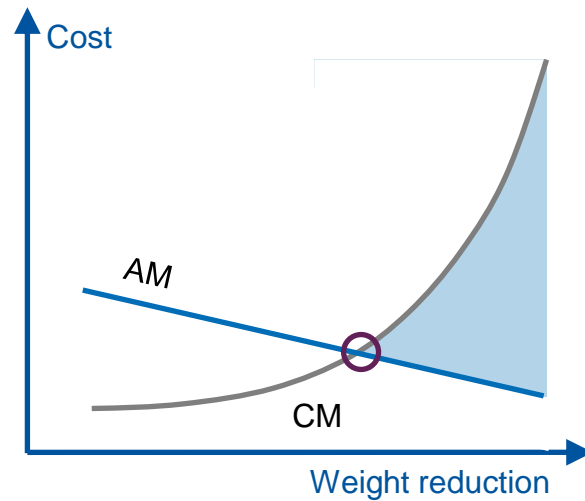
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Successful Adaption of AM

Different Cost Structure of Conventional Manufacturing (CM) and AM

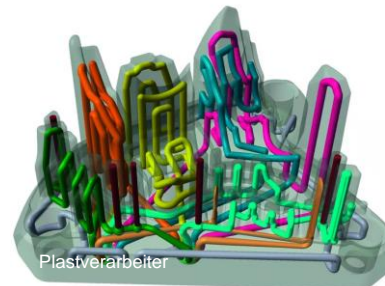
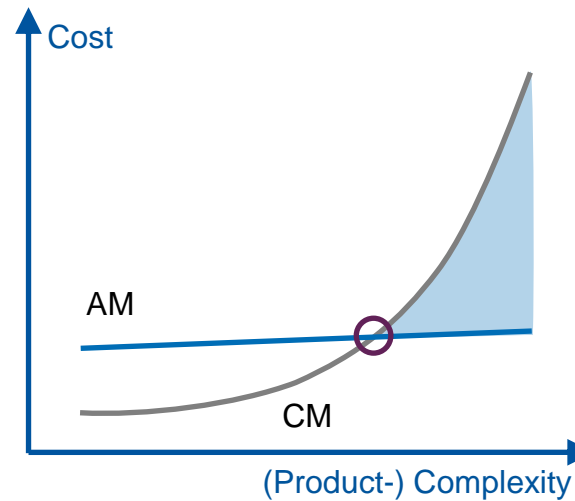


Weight reduction means cost reduction



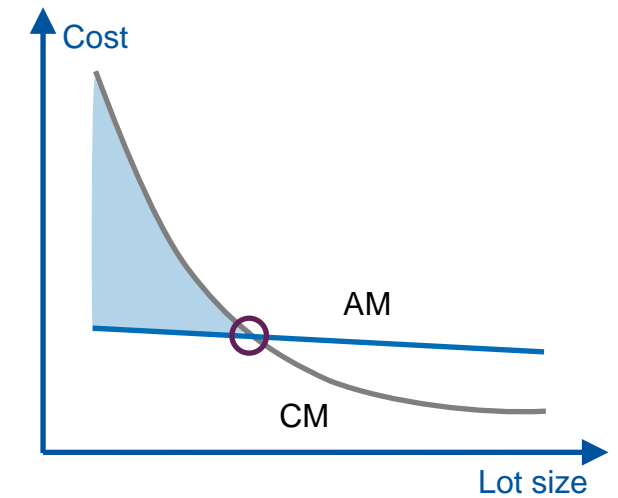
BMW Group

Complexity (almost) for free



Plastverarbeiter

Individualization (almost) for free



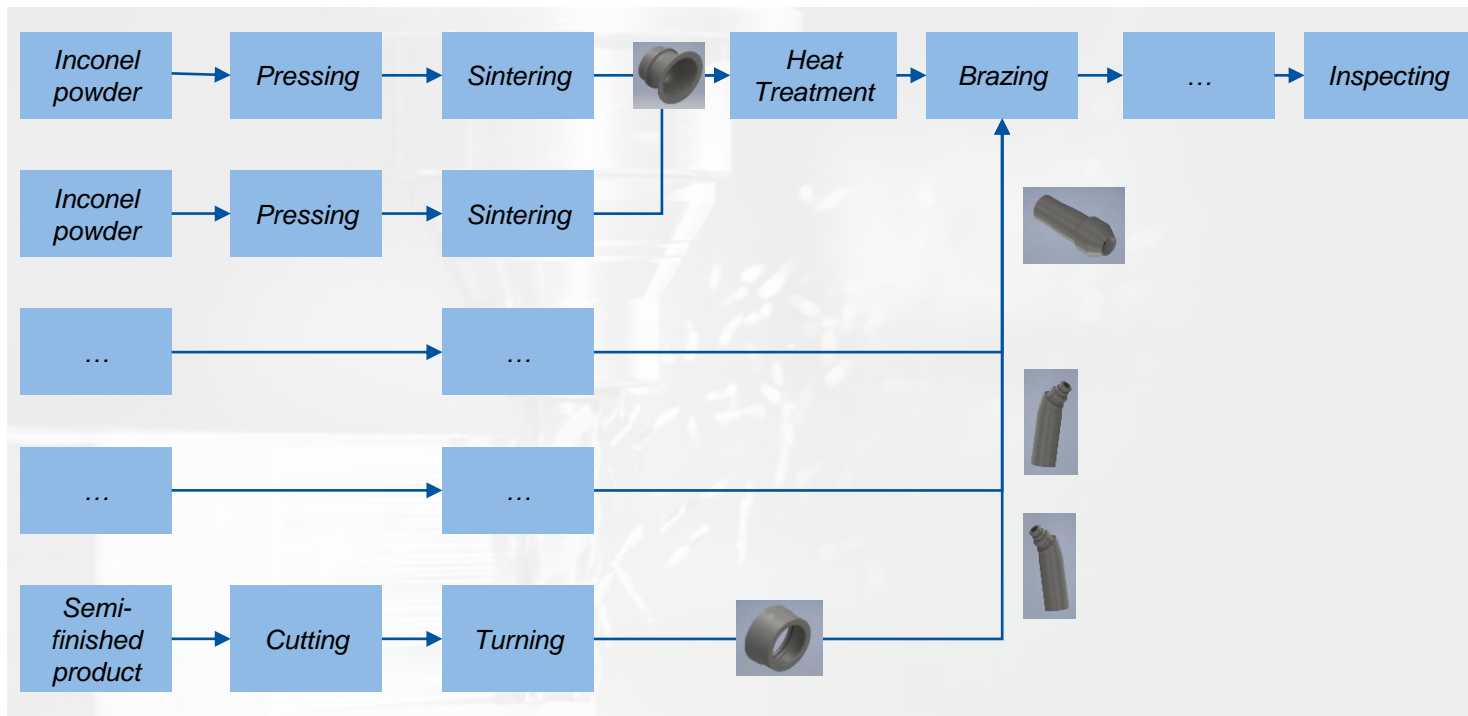
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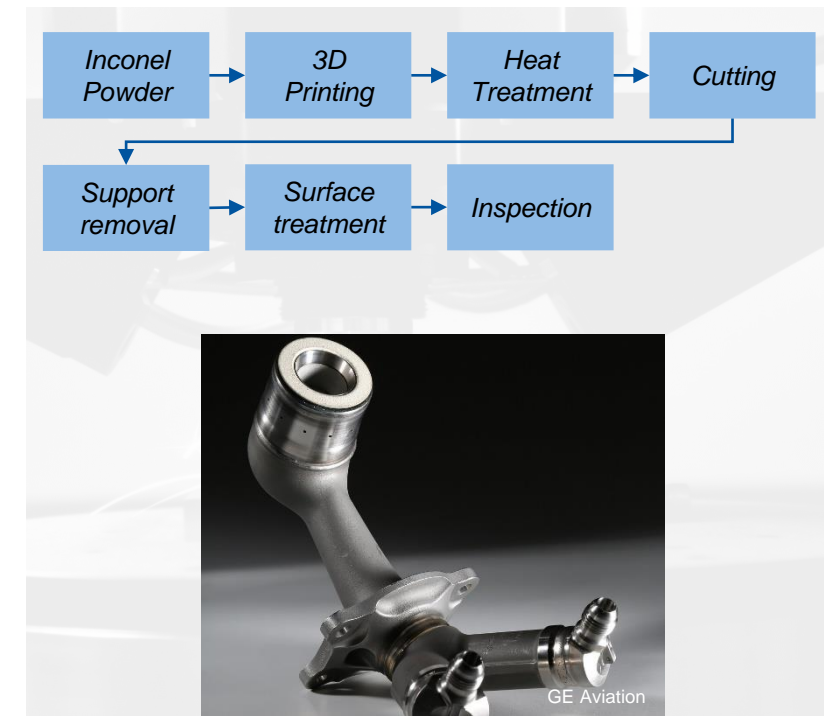
Different Process Chains Result in Different Manufacturing Cost Structure



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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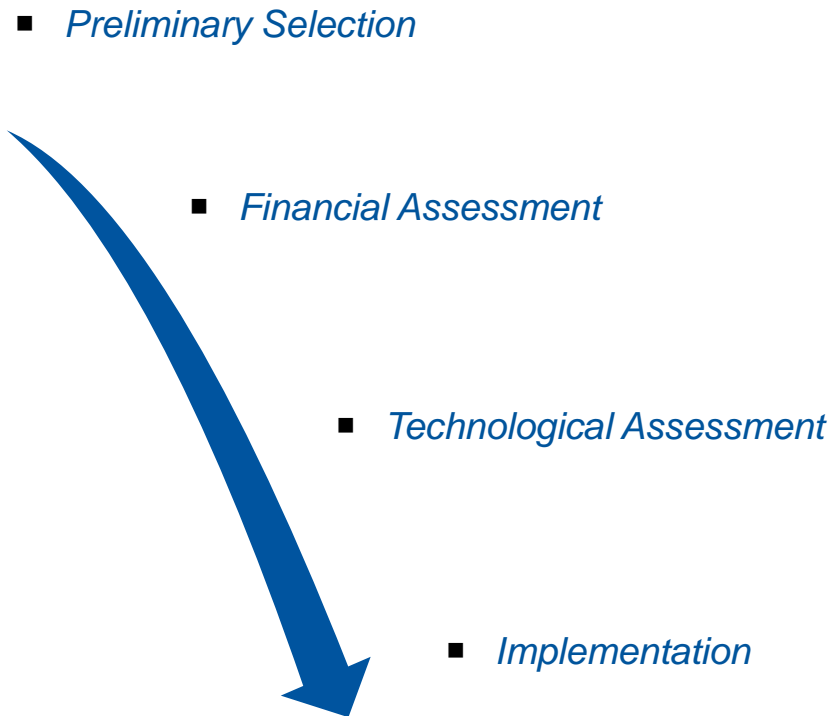


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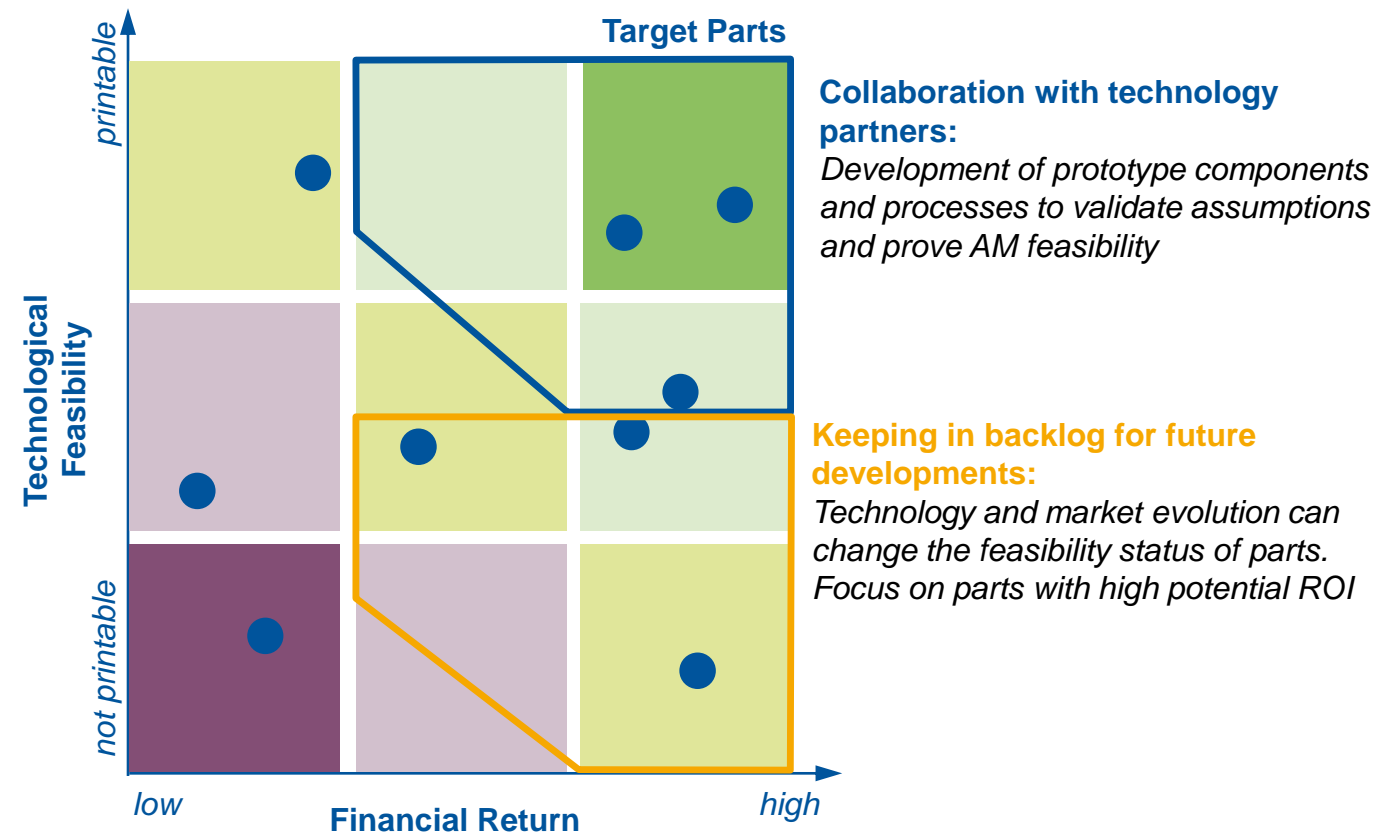
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Part identification process



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

- **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 for staff in industrialized countries & high degree of automation
- **Sustainability** by material reduction or efficiency in performance



Enabled business models for AM users (not conclusive)



Digital spare part warehouse



Service provider



Online marketplace



Mass customization



Co-Production

Others ...

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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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Successful Adaption of AM

Algorithmic Design for Additive Manufacturing – Generative Design



How?



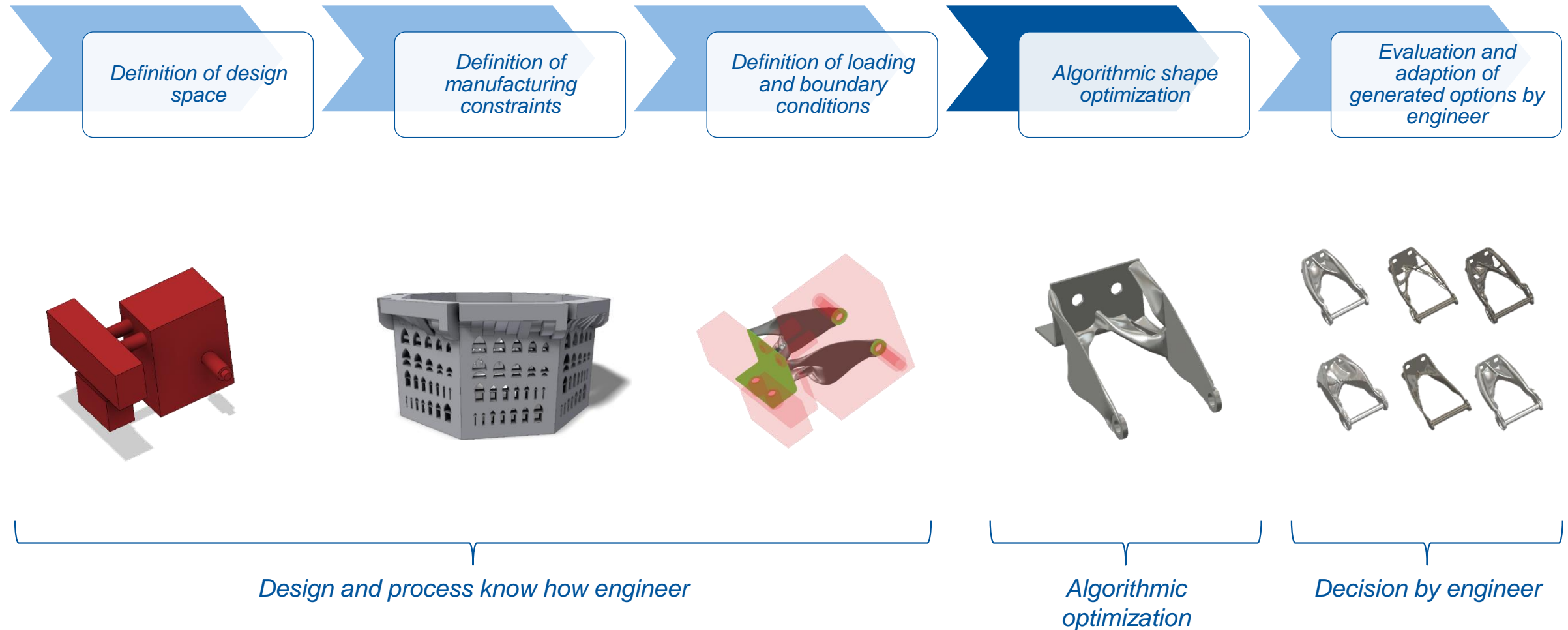
Conventional design



Additive design

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Successful Adaption of AM

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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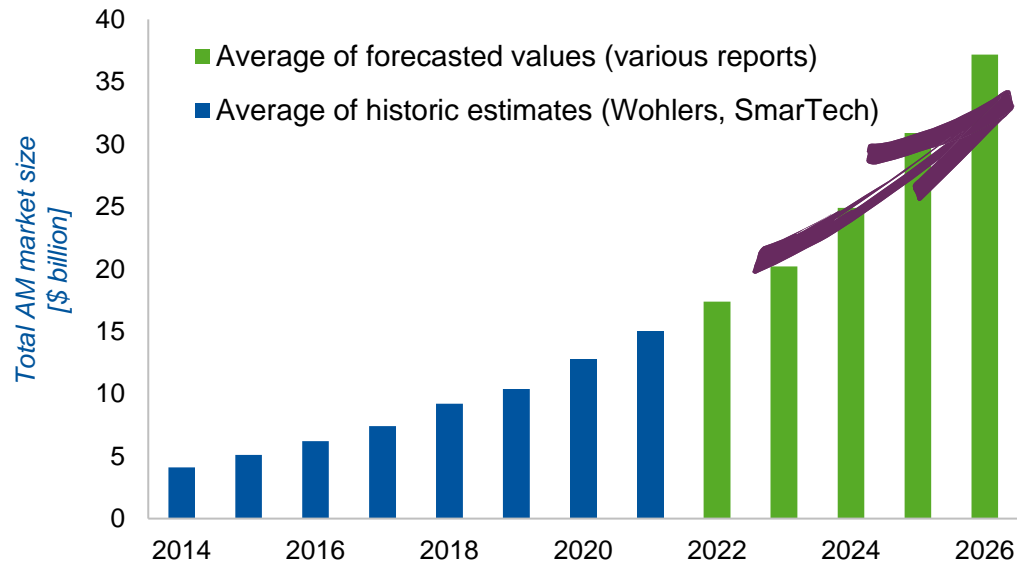
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Future Perspective of AM

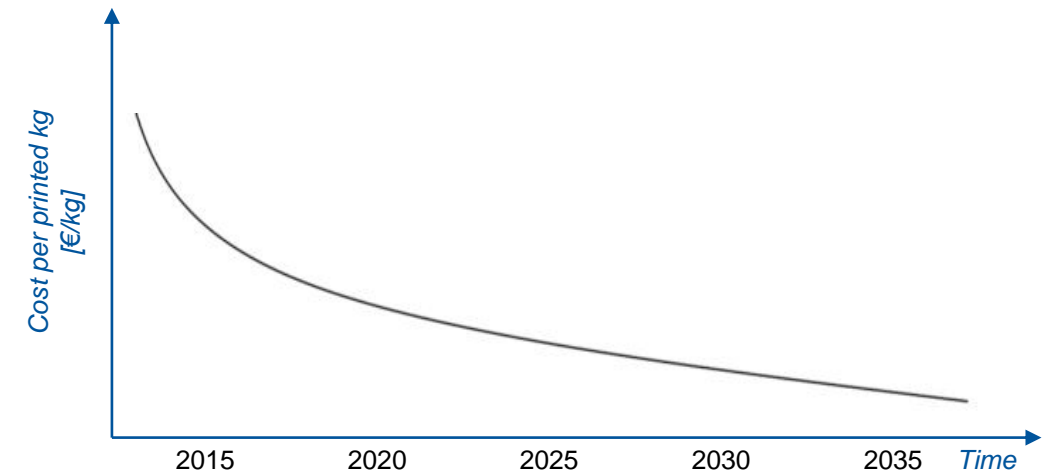
What Does the Future Hold for Additive Manufacturing?



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.

Future Perspective of AM

Key Aspects



Emerging AM Technologies

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Digital Materials

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Automatization & Line Integration

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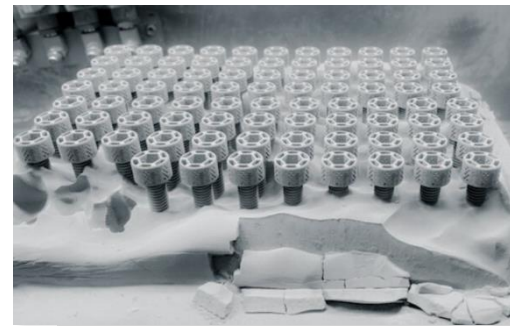
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Emerging AM Technologies – Metal Binder Jetting for Mass Production



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



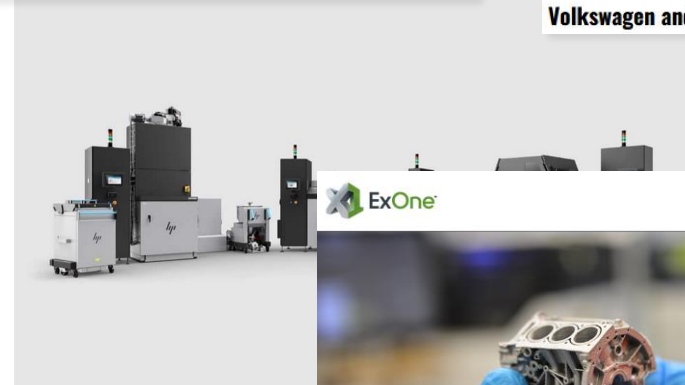
Two Volkswagen employees check the quality of 3D printed structural parts at the Wolfsburg center (photo credit: Volkswagen)

Volkswagen and binder jetting, a winning duo?

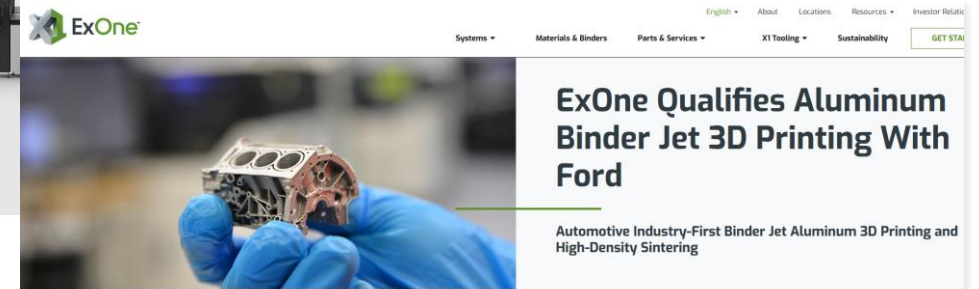


Barriers for realization

- 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



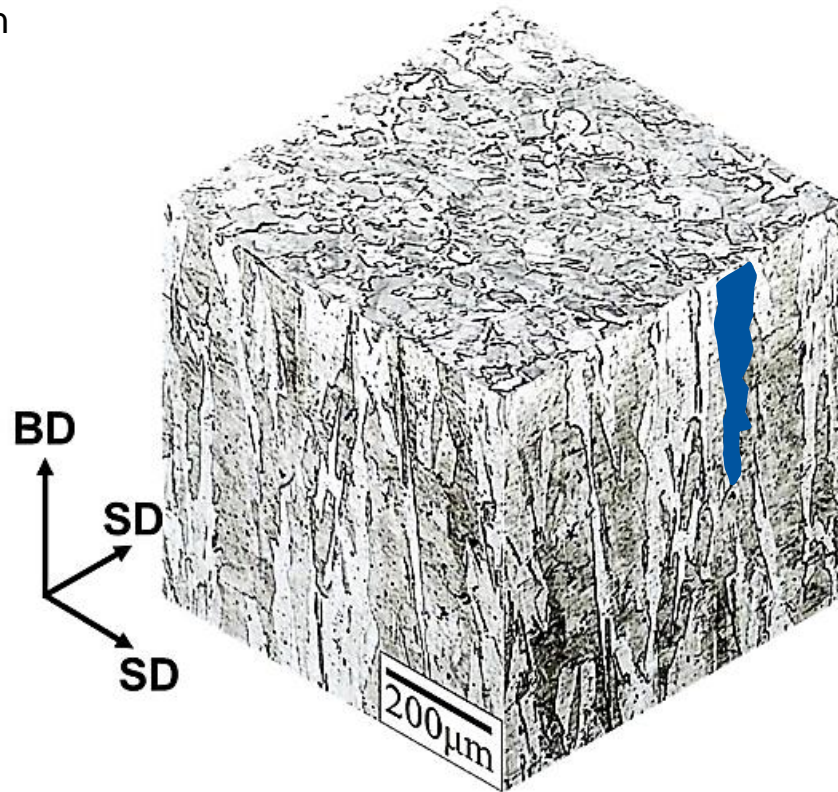
• New patent-pending process developed by ExOne and Ford Motor Co. for binder jetting aluminum 6061, one of the most commonly used aluminum alloys in the world, delivers final parts with 99% density and material properties comparable to traditional manufacturing

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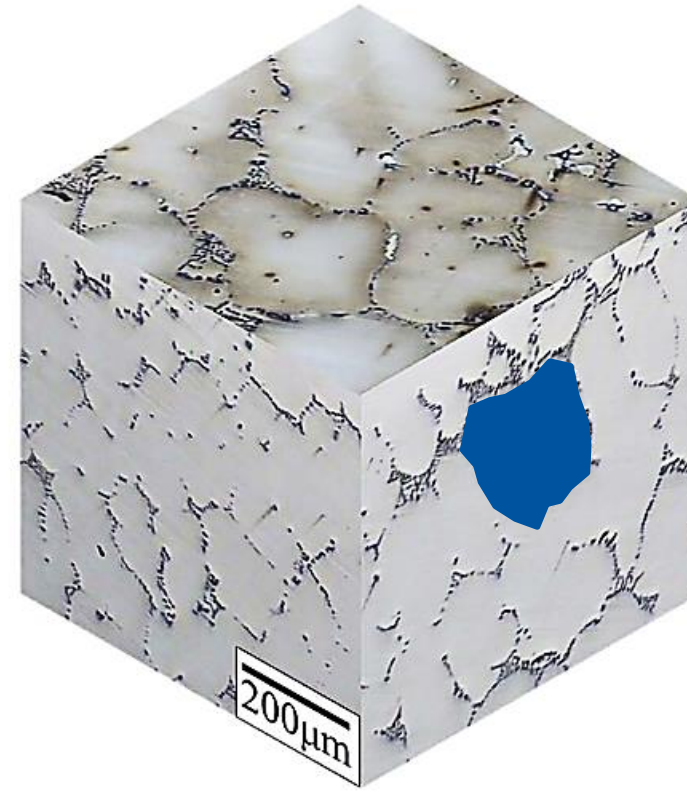
Digital Material – Different Microstructure with Influence on Mechanical Properties



BD: build direction
SD: side direction



Microstructure after LPBF

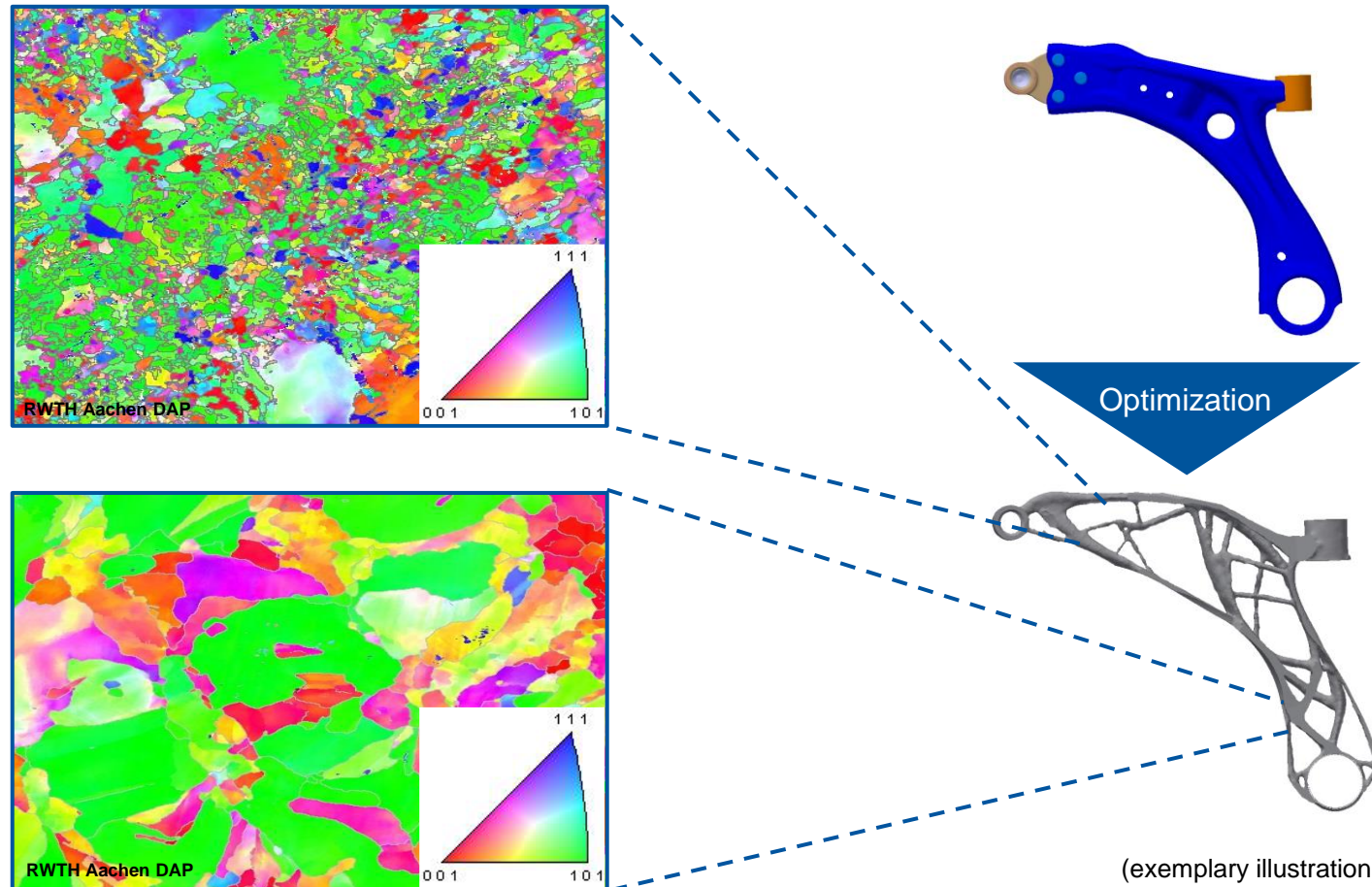


Microstructure after casting

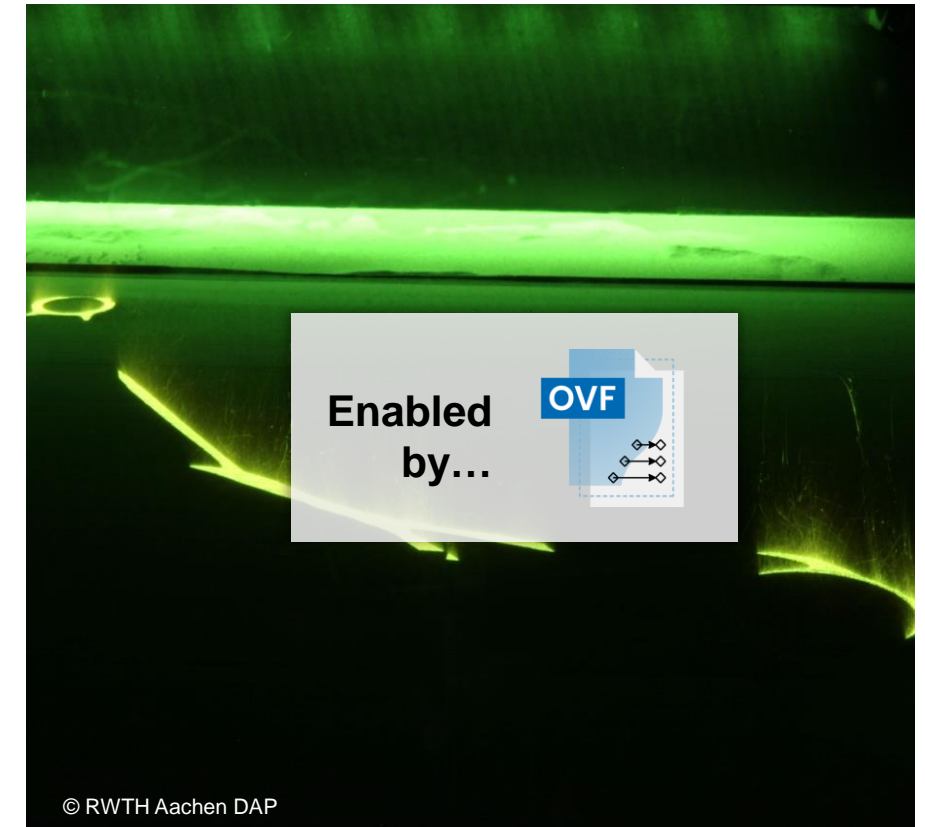
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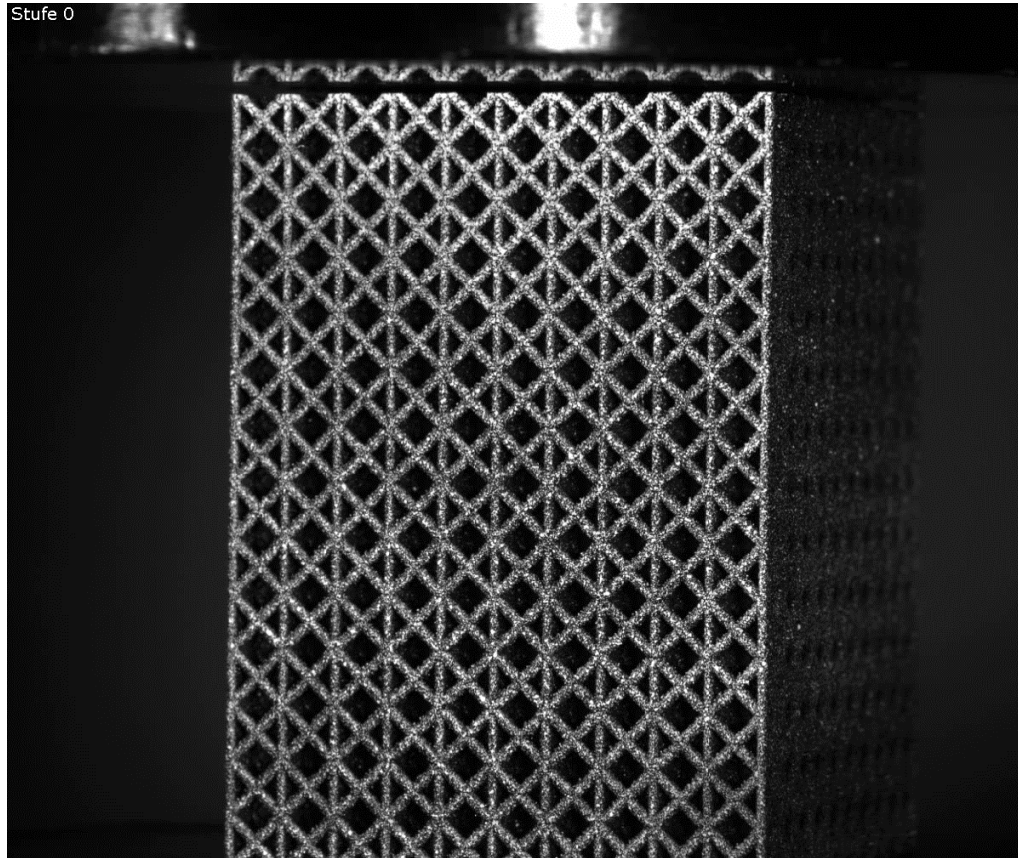
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Digital Material - 4D Design Approach (3d-Geometry and Local Microstructure)

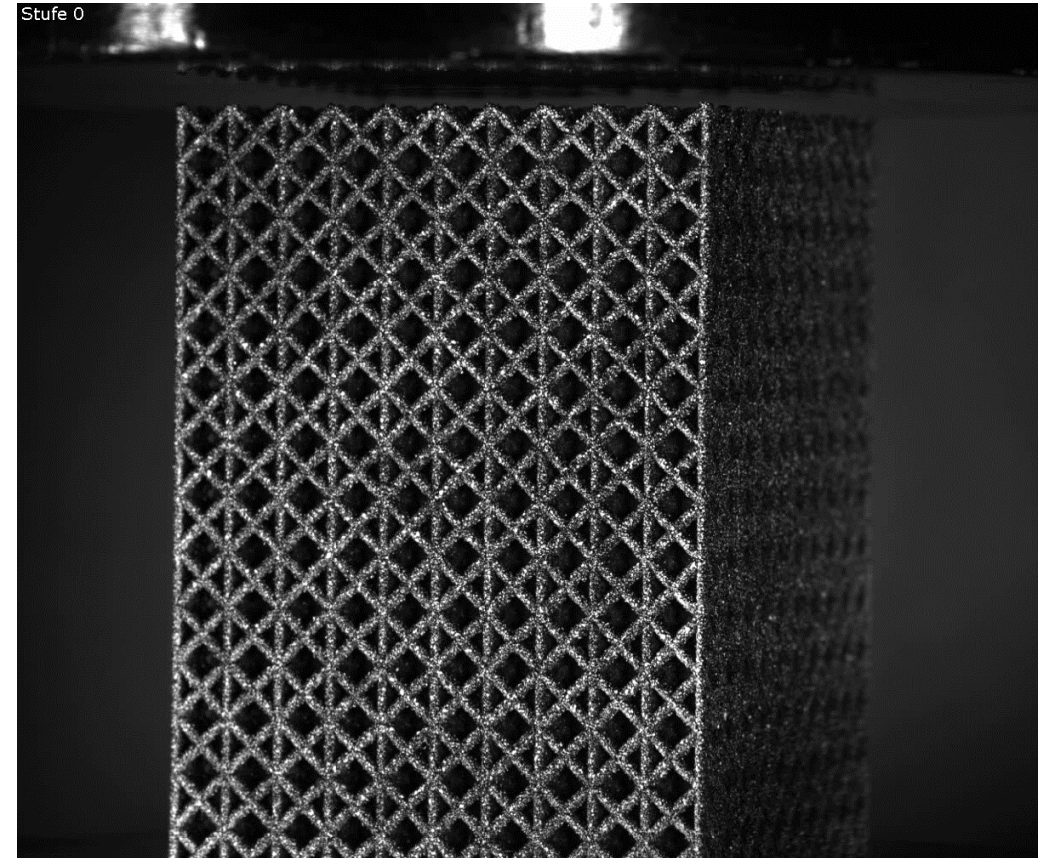


LPBF





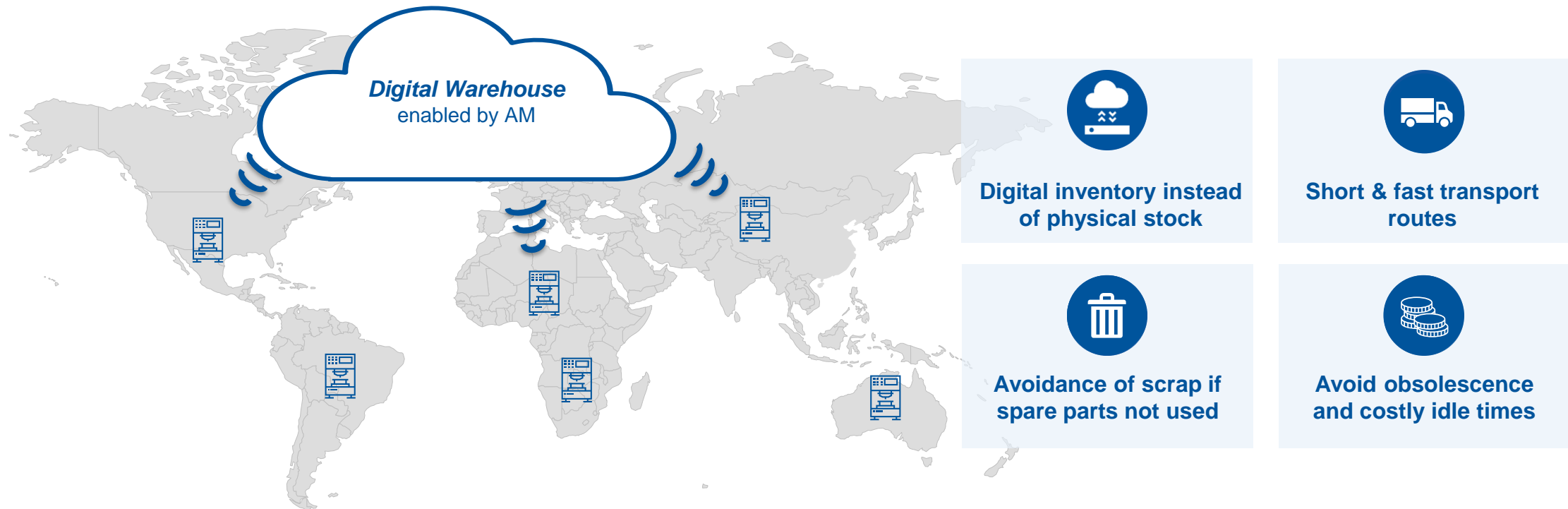
Conventional



**Locally adapted microstructure
(digital material)**

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Digital Spare Parts Warehouses as New Business Models Enabled by AM



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

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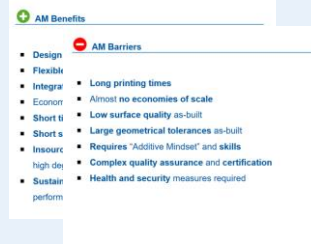
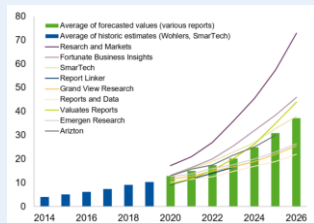


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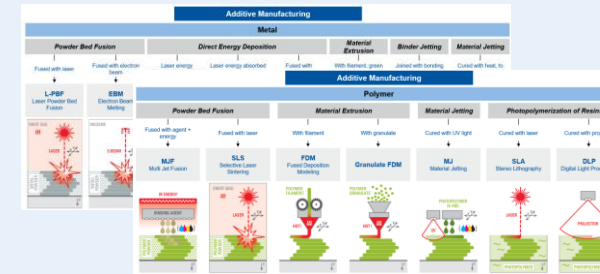
Basic AM Seminar Summary



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

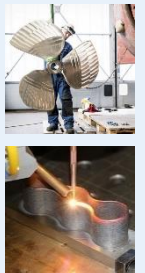
Successful Adaption of AM

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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Connecting the Best of Science and Industry to Shape the Future of AM



Embraced Research & Knowledge



Industry Network

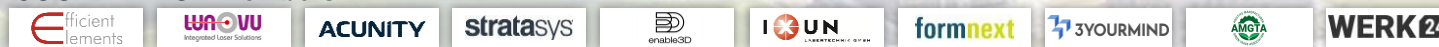
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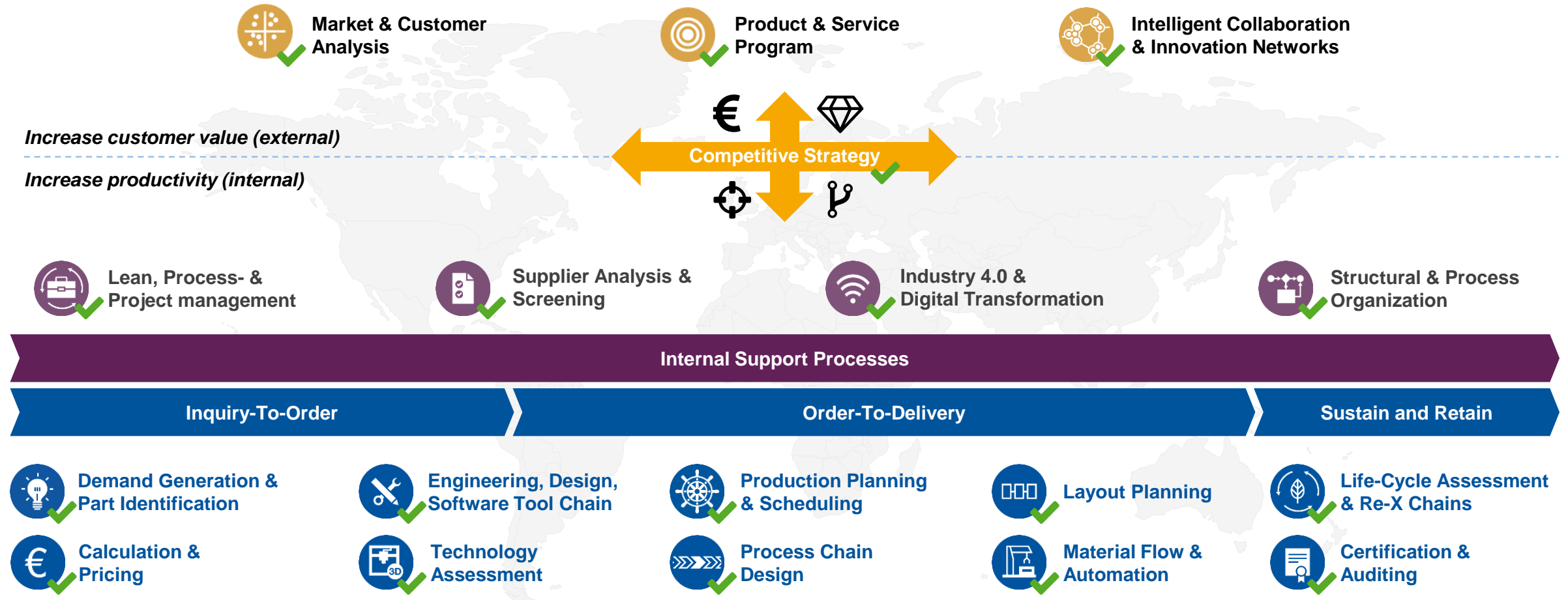
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Consulting Enabling Manufacturing Companies

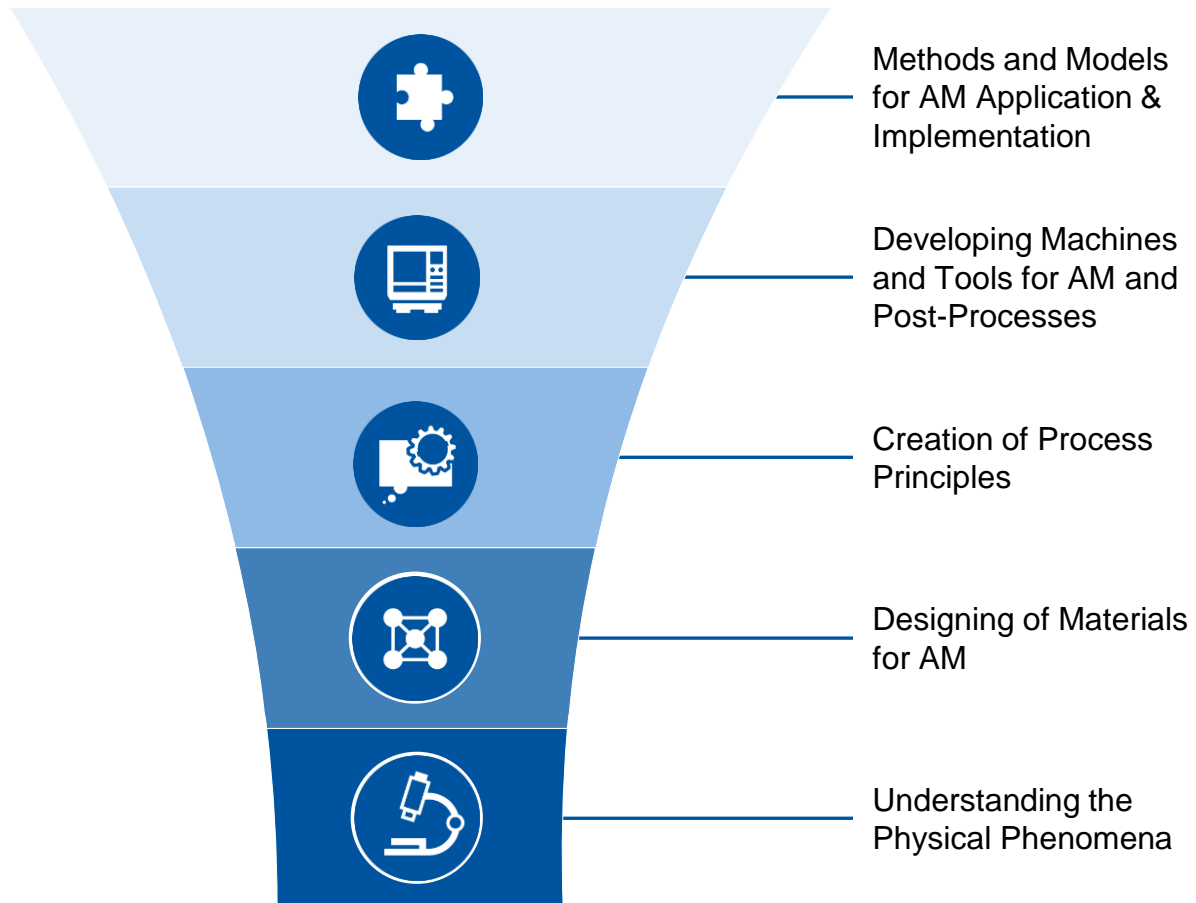


Research & Development

The Future of Additive Manufacturing



Driving Additive Manufacturing Forward



Connecting Industry and Research



Consortial ACAM Projects

- Annual R&D projects from research partners exclusive for ACAM members
- Quick knowledge boost by collaboration



Bilateral R&D Projects

- Address contemporary challenges in R&D projects
- Overcome risks by fast results from leading-edge research

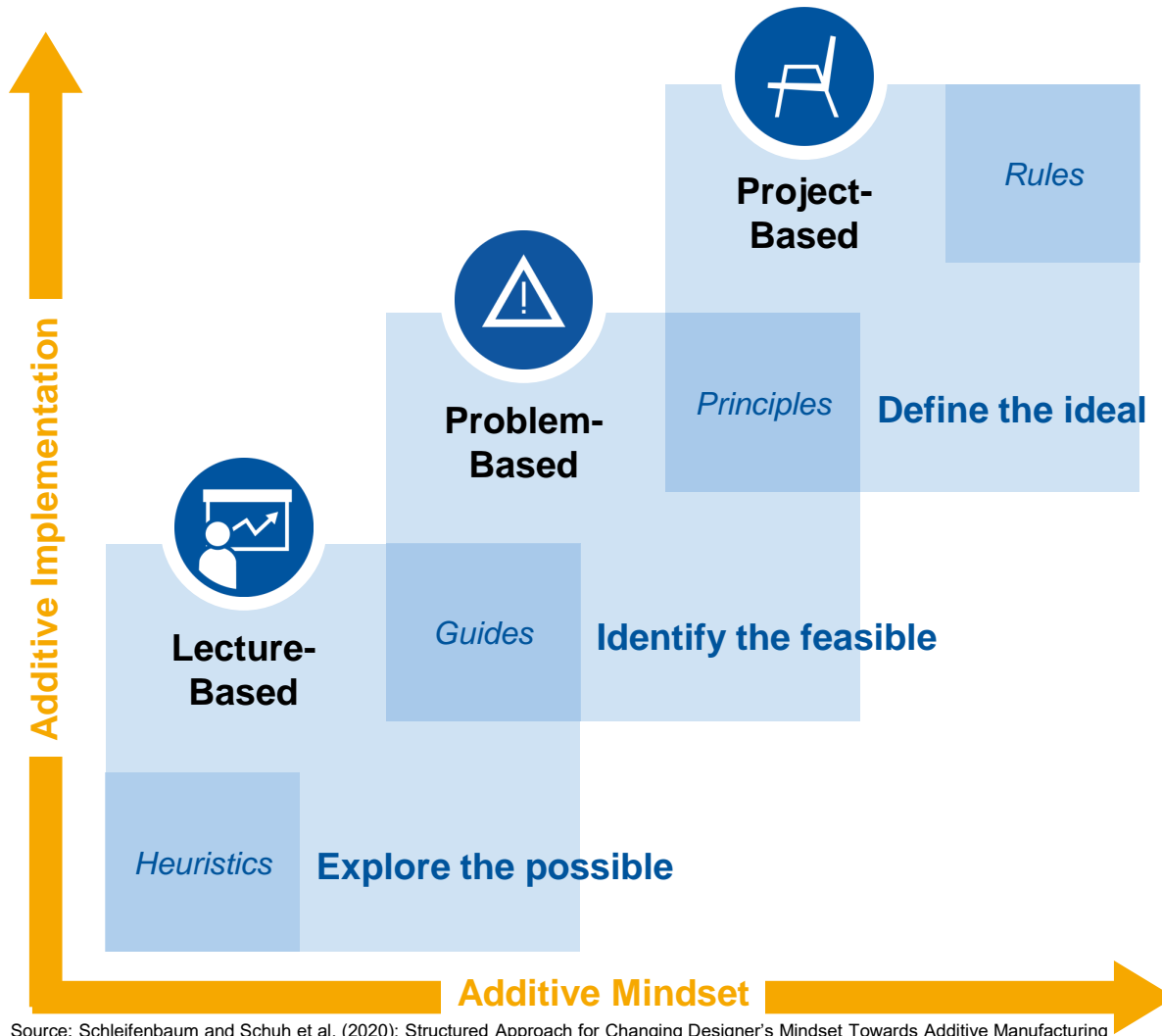


Public-funded R&D Projects

- Take part in shaping the future of Additive Manufacturing
- Benefit from public funding to reach long-term goals

Education

Implementing an Additive Mindset



Source: Schleifenbaum and Schuh et al. (2020): Structured Approach for Changing Designer's Mindset Towards Additive Manufacturing

Targeting Continuous Learning



Project-based Approach

- Starting with predefined goals
- Structuring the design process and integrating existing knowledge
- Focus on discussions about solutions



Problem-based Approach

- Starting with selected examples
- Understanding theoretical fundamentals of design problems
- Focus on the perception of problem indicators



Lecture-based Approach

- Starting with heuristic information
- Summary of experiences and theoretic knowledge
- Structured lectures transporting information
- Focus on existing knowledge of audience

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