
NEXT GENERATION MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

A FRAUNHOFER PERSPECTIVE

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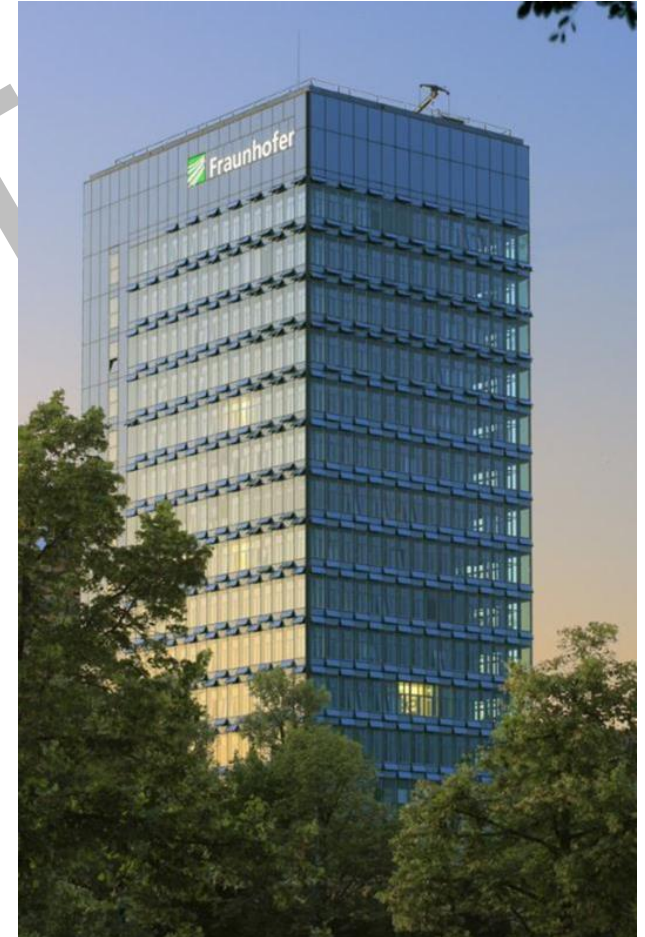


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Largest organisation for applied research in Europe

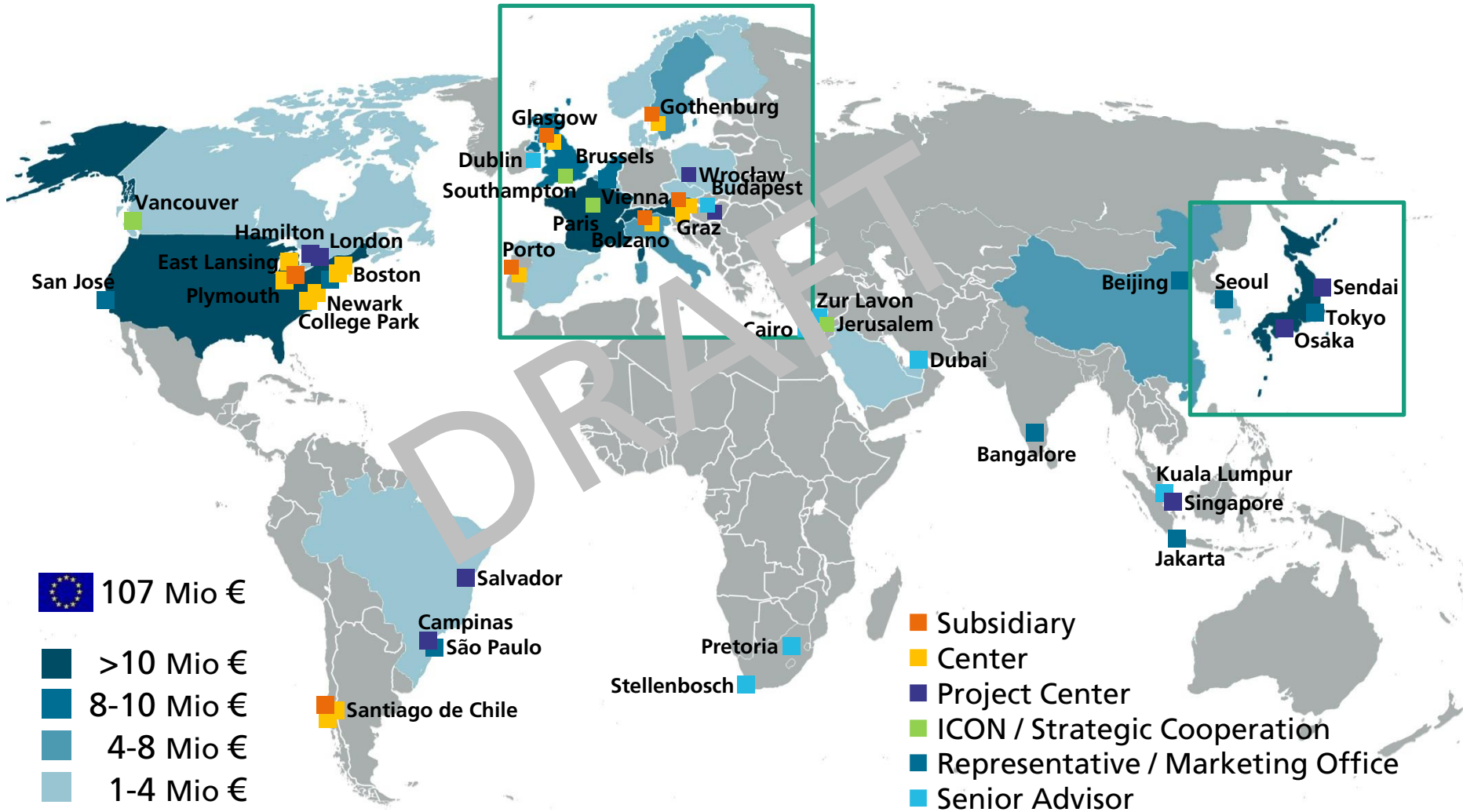
- Numbers
 - 66 institutes and research units
 - Nearly 24,000 staff
 - More than €2 billion annual research budget

- Mission statement
 - FhG Promotes and conducts applied research
 - In an international context
 - To benefit private and public enterprise
 - Our Customers
 - Industry
 - Service Sector
 - Public Administration



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Worldwide activities and revenues (2014, without subsidiaries, without licensing)



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Fields of research

Health and Environment



Mobility and Transportation



Communication and Information



Energy and Resources



Safety and Security



Production and Services



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Pooling Expertise

■ Fraunhofer Groups

- Cooperation of institutes working in related subject areas
- Foster joint presence in R&D market

■ ICT

■ Life Science

■ Light & Surfaces

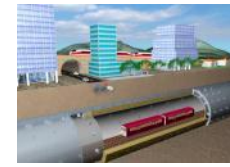
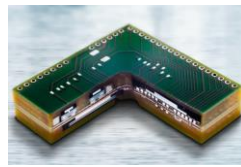
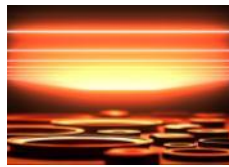
■ Microelectronics

■ Defense and Security VVS

■ Materials and Components – MATERIALS

■ Production

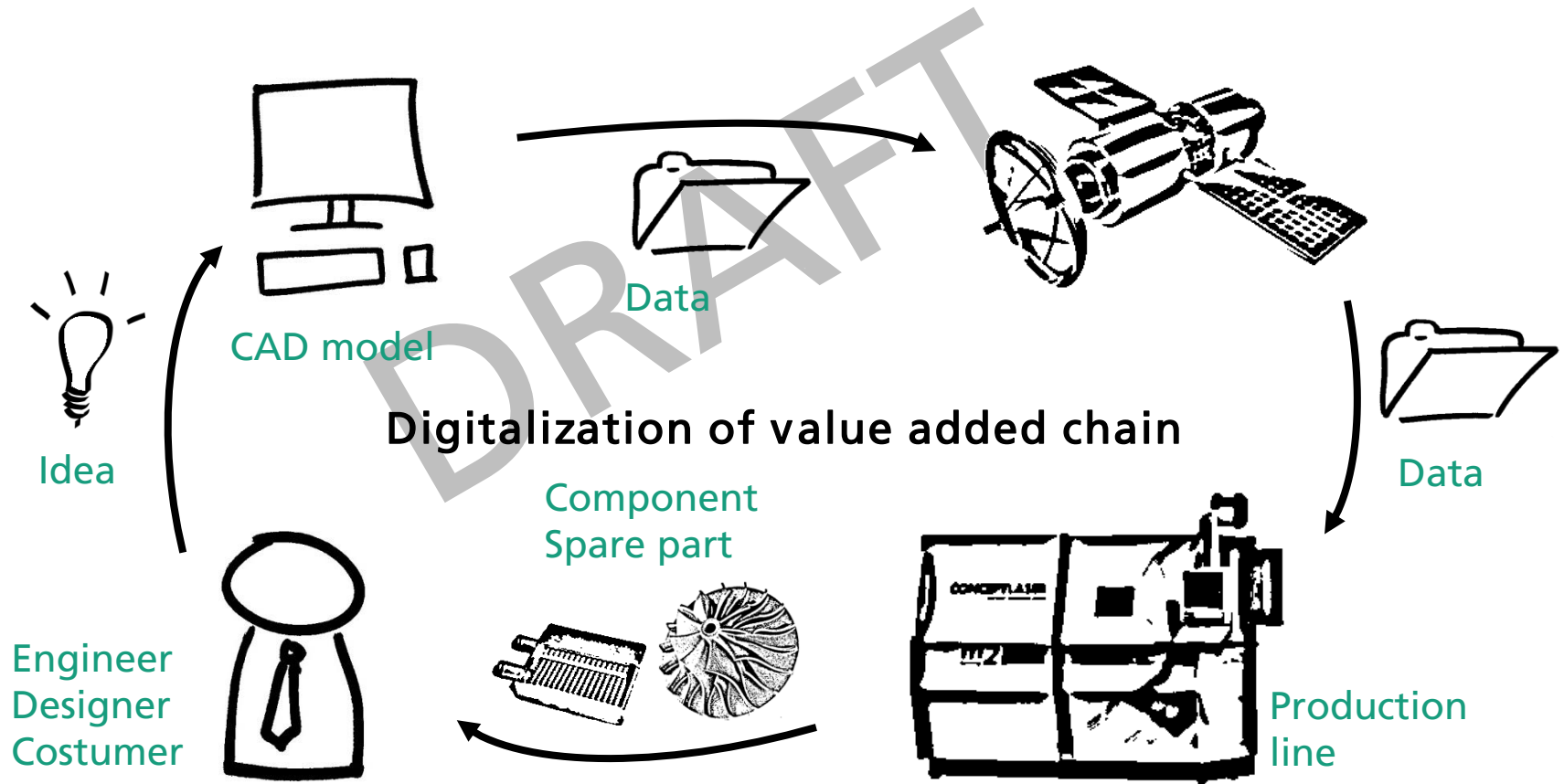
- Product development
- Logistics
- Production organization
- Production processes
- Manufacturing systems
- Manufacturing technologies



Production

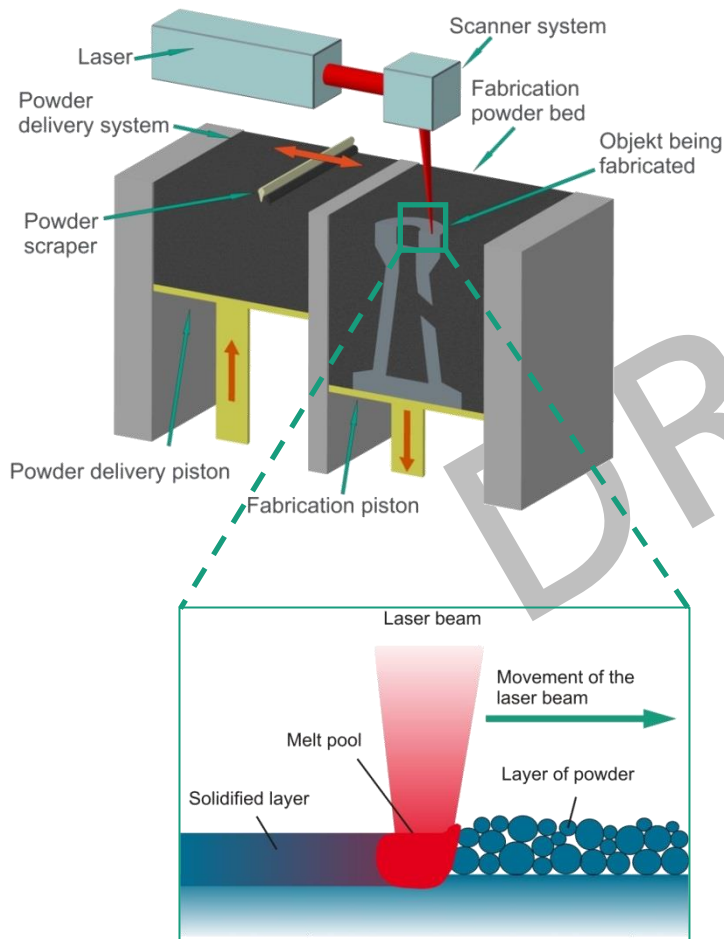
Next generation manufacturing

- Individual, flexible and resource efficient



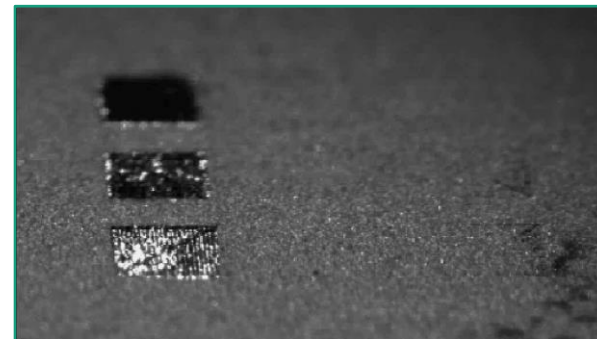
Production

Next generation manufacturing: Additive Manufacturing



■ Main advantages

- Time to production
 - no tools and NC programming
 - no technology planning
- Freedom of shape
 - Lightweight design
 - Integration of functionality
- Material diversity



Additive Manufacturing

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■ Theses

- There is a large variety of different technologies
- AM technologies are prepared for industrial use
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- Additive Manufacturing will not replace other technologies:
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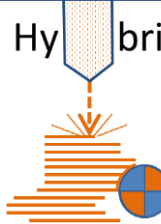
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Additive Manufacturing Technologies

 <p>FLM</p>	 <p>SLM</p>	 <p>3DP</p>	 <p>PJ</p>	 <p>LOM</p>	 <p>STL</p>	 <p>Hybrid</p>
<p>Fused Layer Modeling</p>	<p>Selective Laser Melting /Sintering</p>	<p>3D-Printing</p>	<p>Poly Jet</p>	<p>Laminated Object Modeling</p>	<p>Stereolithography</p>	<p>Hybrid Systems</p>
<p>Plastics (+Filler materials)</p>	<p>Metals Plastics (SLS)</p>	<p>Sintra, metals, plastics</p>	<p>Photo-polymer, wax</p>	<p>Paper, plastics, CFRP</p>	<p>Photo-polymers</p>	<p>Metals</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models • Prototypes • Consumer goods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prototypes • Small batch series • Assembly of parts • Repairs • Tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models, prototypes • Casting models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models • Prototypes • Casting models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models • Casting models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models • Prototypes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair works • Single parts • Small batch series

Source: VDMA

Additive Manufacturing Technologies

Selective Laser Melting



Turbine wheel)



M2 Cusing (Concept Laser)

Selective Laser Sintering



sPro™60 HD-HS High Speed SLS® Center (3D Systems)



Ventilation duct

3D-Printing



Gearing mechanism

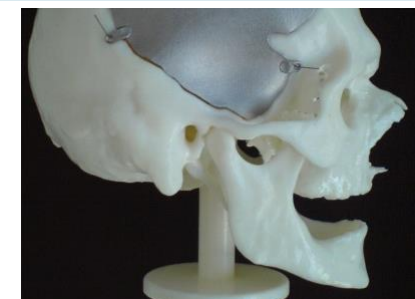


ZPrinter 310 + Zprinter 450 (3D Systems / Z Corp.)

Fused Layer Modeling



FORTUS 900mc (Stratasys)



Cranium model for OP preparation

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Pioneering applications for series production

- Dental crowns, bridges and brackets
 - Manufactured by Laser Beam Melting in CoCr
 - Numbers (as of 2012):
 - 40 EOS DMLS machines for dental production worldwide
 - Cost benefits:
 - Up to 450 crowns and bridges in 24 h



Source: EOS



Source: Concept Laser



Source: Realizer GmbH

Additive Manufacturing

Pioneering applications for series production

- Fuel injection nozzle
 - Manufactured by Laser Beam Melting
 - Part of the new GE LEAP jet engine
 - 19 nozzles per engine
 - By 2020 more than 100,000 parts
 - Technical benefits:
 - 25 percent lighter
 - Once 18 parts → with AM one
 - 5 times more durable due to an improved cooling system



Source: GE Aviation

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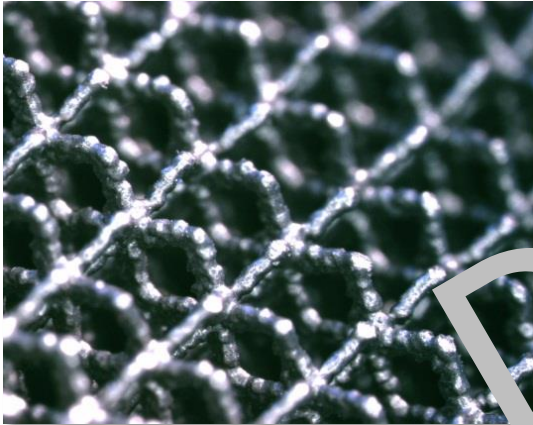
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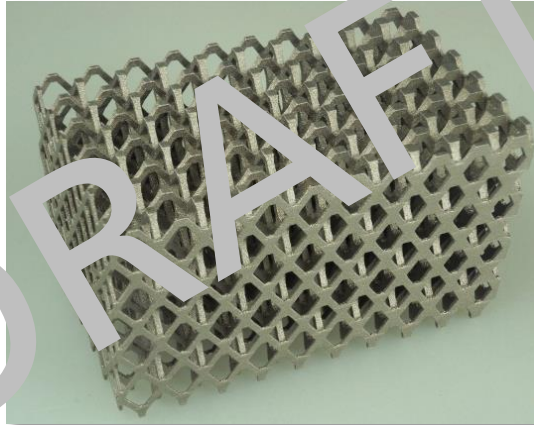
Different way of thinking

- Laser Beam Melting process and application development
 - Development of functional structures: lattice, bionic/topology-optimized



- Regular lattice structure with 0.3 mm strut thickness

- ✓ Extreme lightweight design



- Graded lattice structure

- ✓ Optimised load distribution



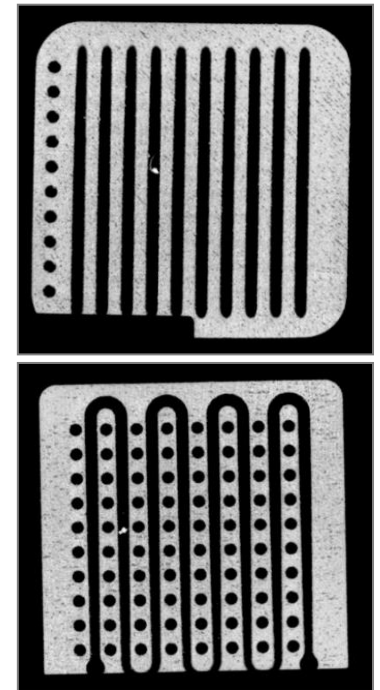
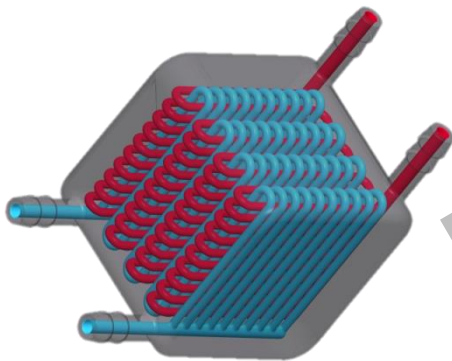
- Topologically optimized axle carrier for a longboard

- ✓ Material reduction

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Different way of thinking

- Example of innovative miniature heat exchanger



3D-CAD-model of heat exchanger



Additively manufactured miniature heat exchanger



Evaluation/inspection with micro computer tomography

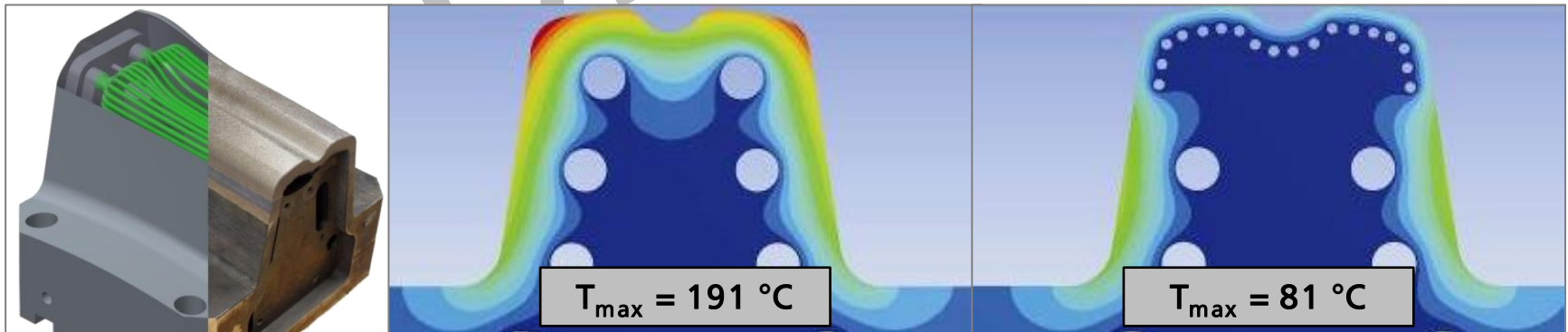
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Different way of thinking



■ Tooling for hot sheet metal forming

- Successful application of additively manufactured tooling in hot sheet metal forming under production-like conditions
- Forming press locking time reduced by half (from 10s to 5s)
- Cycle time reduced by 20%
- Improved / adjustable part properties



Press Hardening Tool

Conventional drill holes

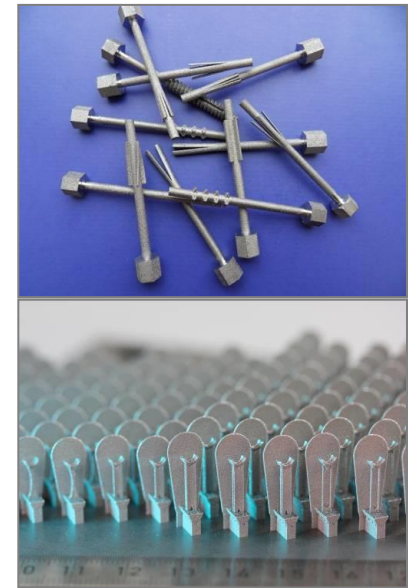
Optimized inner cooling channels

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Different way of thinking

■ Medical engineering

- Development, design and manufacturing of instruments, devices and patient-specific implants
- Functional integration (surface / volume structures, channels and cavities)
- Feasibility studies for medicinal applications



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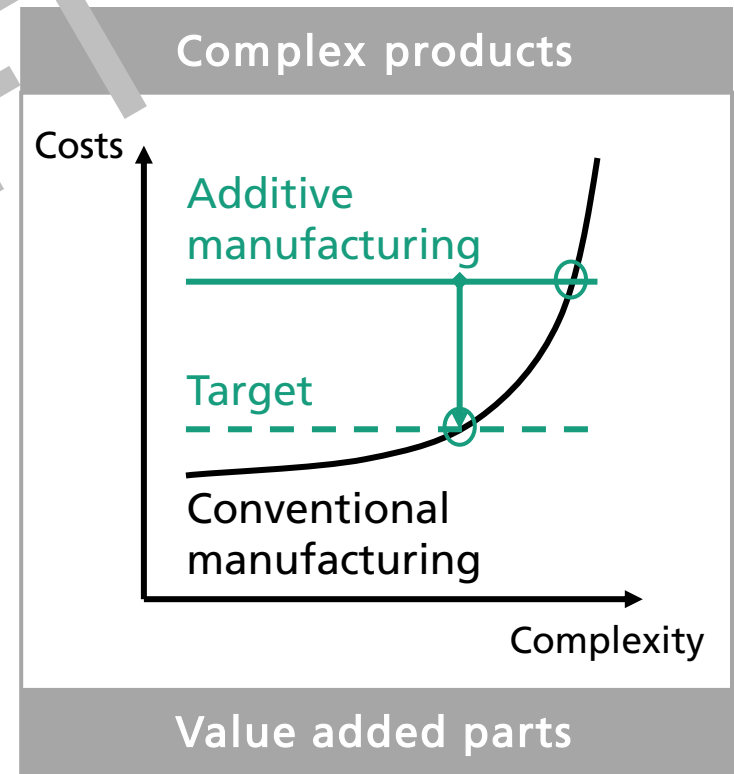
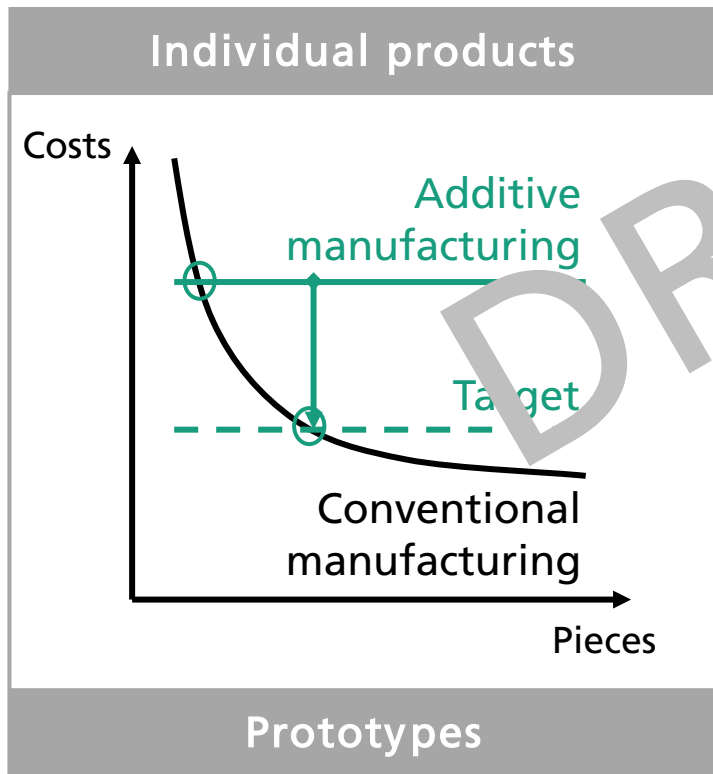
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Complementary manufacturing method

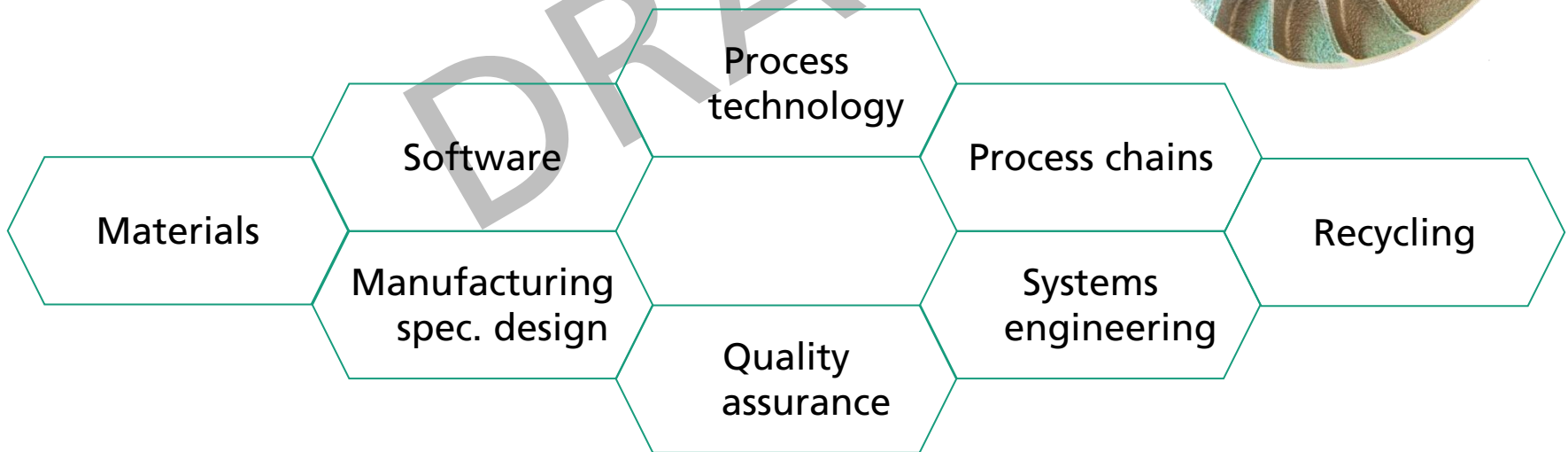
- Preferred for prototyping due to its low costs for single products or small batches



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Complementary manufacturing method

- Challenge
 - Rapid Prototyping → Rapid Manufacturing
- Potential for development



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Continuous evolution

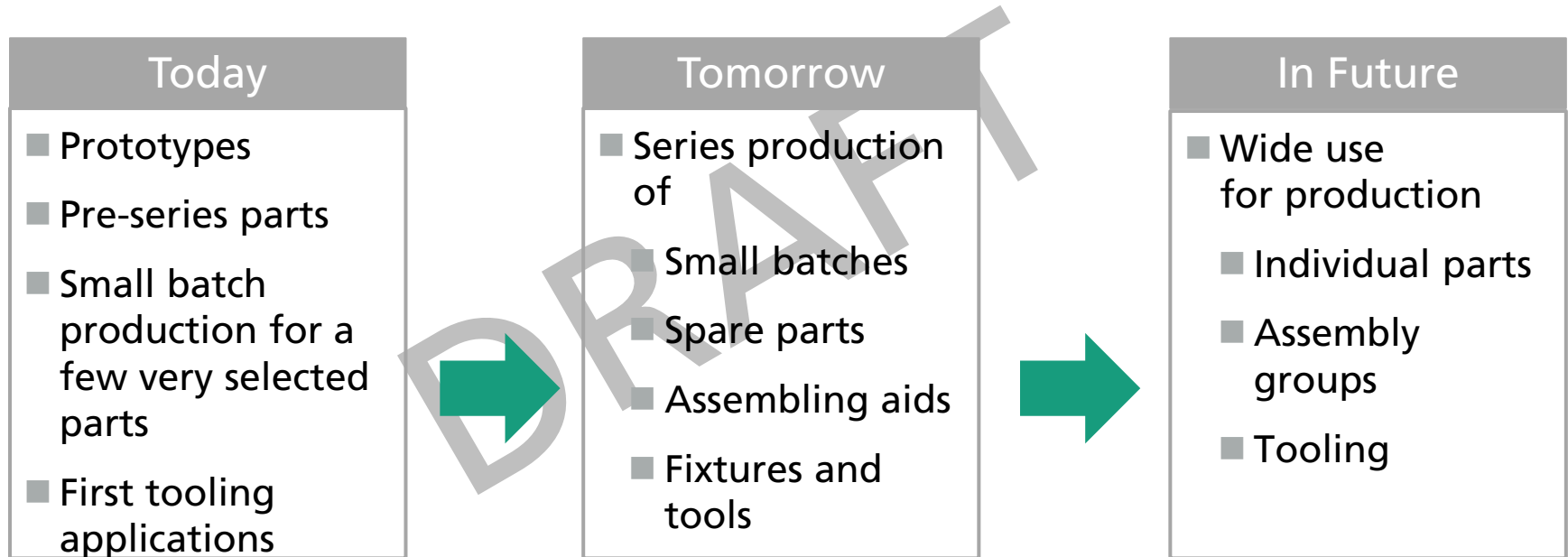
■ Facing challenges

Challenges for AM	Necessary Steps
Missing technical standards	Standardisation
Reproducibility	Quality control systems / in-situ feedback control systems
Costs	Gained productivity
Education with regard to AM design	Widely spread teaching of AM principles at universities / colleges
Material variety (e. g. carbon steel, copper, ceramics)	Material and process development

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Continuous evolution

■ Forecast



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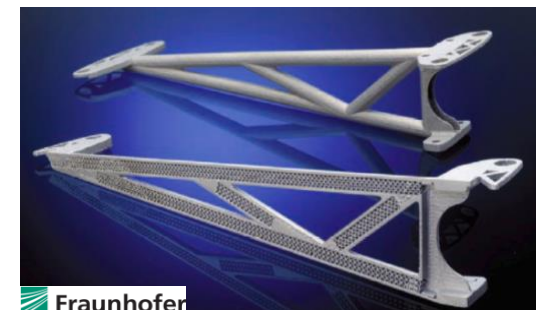
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Fraunhofer activities

- Project AGENT 3D
 - The 3D revolution for product manufacturing in digital age
- Objectives
 - Placing Industry-specific, additive manufactured products successfully on international market
 - Cost reduction > 20%
 - Performance increase >20%
 - Sustainable process chains
 - Sustainable customer-supplier-relationship
 - Interlinking science and industry to innovation motor



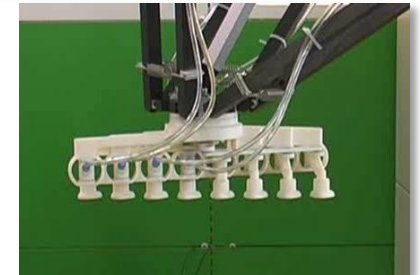
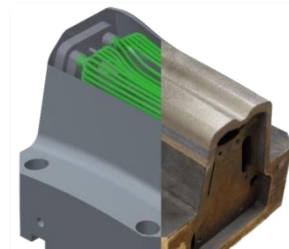
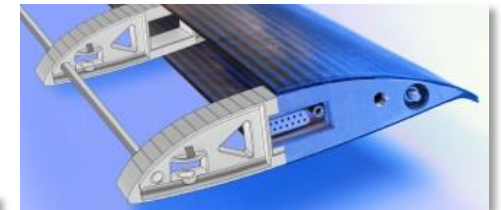
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Fraunhofer activities

- Fraunhofer Additive Manufacturing Alliance
 - Developing new rapid strategies, concepts, technologies and processes
 - Close collaboration with national and international partners
 - Enhancing performance and competitiveness of SME

- Fields of research

- Bio-medical engineering
- Microsystems technology
- Automotive engineering & aerospace
- Tool making
- Handling and assembly



- Central office: Fraunhofer IWU

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Cooperation models

■ Different ways of working with Fraunhofer

One-off contracts	Large-scale projects with multiple partners	International cooperation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solve the problem• Launch the innovation in the business or the marketplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooperation between multiple Fraunhofer institutes, external partners and companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fraunhofer offices abroad
Strategic partnerships	Innovation clusters	Spin-offs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term partnerships that evolve from non-contract, pre-competitive research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional partners from research, industry and universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fraunhofer researchers branch out on their own, often with the customer taking a stake

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