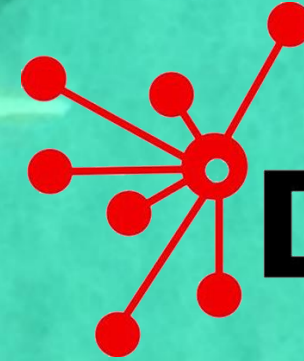




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Additive Manufacturing in Agile Virtual  
Systems for Product Design and  
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## Industrial application of Metal Additive Manufacturing

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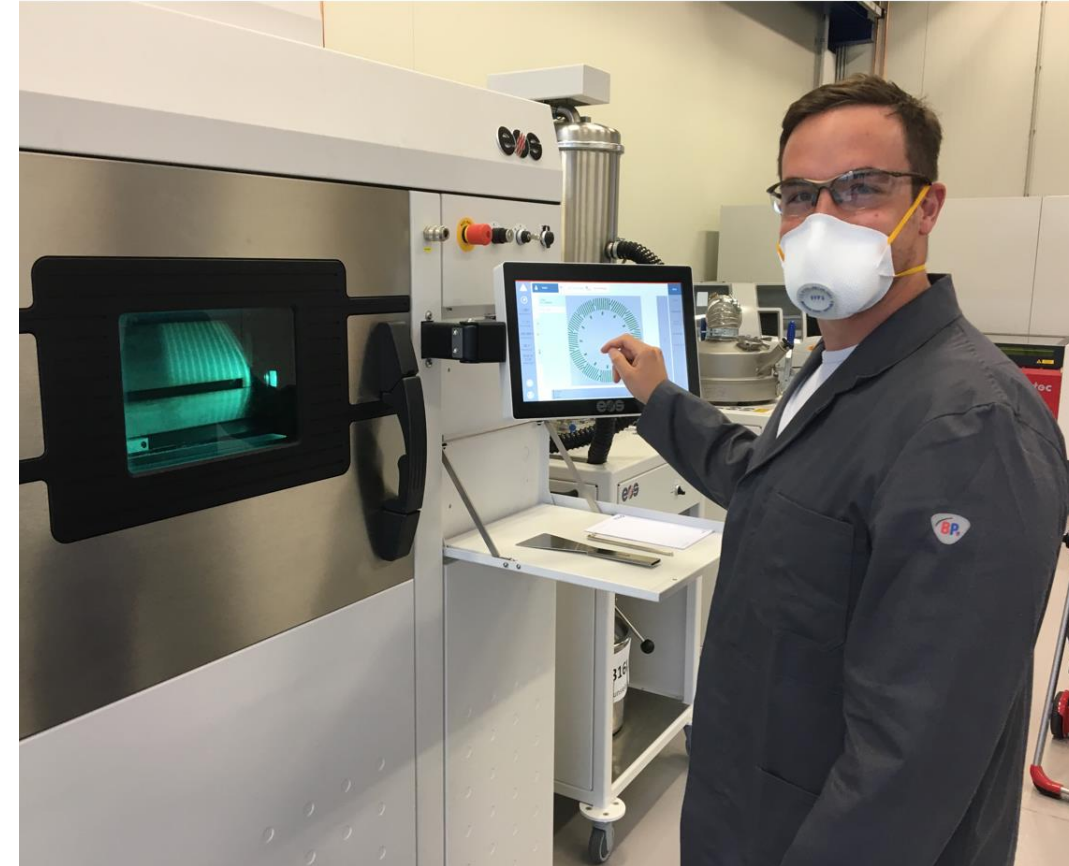
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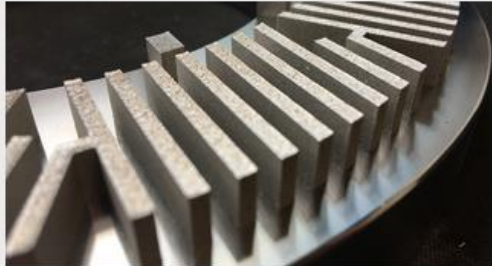
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8 years	Quality Engineer   <b>Kostwein</b>
2020	Dissertation - DMLS   <b>CUAS, AMAVIS<sup>2</sup></b>
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2014-2017	Bachelor of Science   Industrial Engineering   <b>CUAS</b>
2019	AM Engineer   <b>Additive Minds (EOS)</b>



## Projects & Papers

### MONDI GmbH



Economic feasibility study of 3D-Printing processes for optimizing spare parts management

### K-UNI GmbH



Application of additive manufacturing processes for the fabrication of extrusion tools

### AMAVIS<sup>2</sup>/CISMAT



Acoustic absorbing meta-surface

### S3HubsinCE



Linking regional strengths in emerging technologies in Central Europe

### HTL Wolfsberg



Development and fabrication of wheel suspension via Generative Design and Direct Metal Laser Sintering

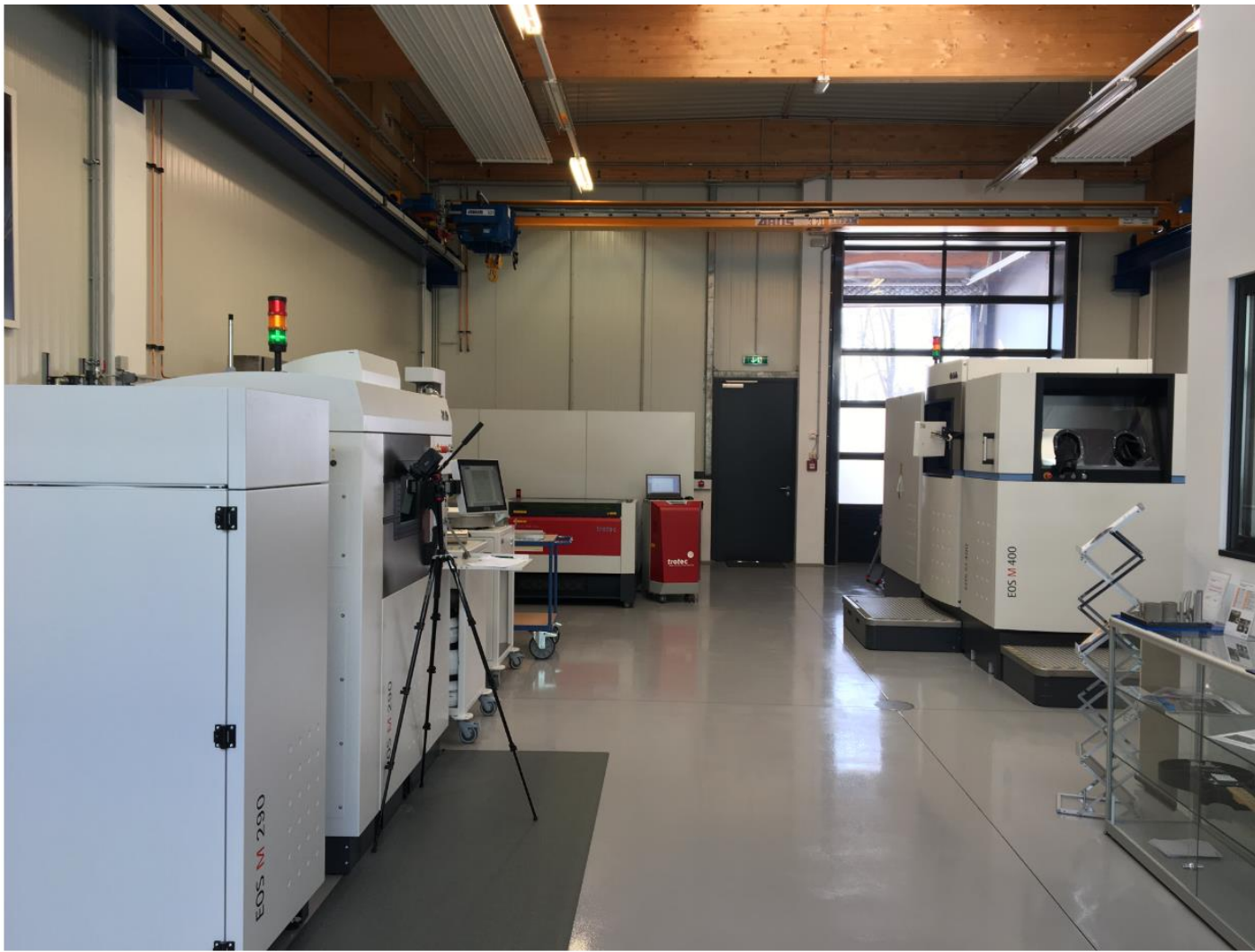
### AMAVIS<sup>2</sup>



Optimization of heat distribution within an extrusion tool via Direct Metal Laser Sintering

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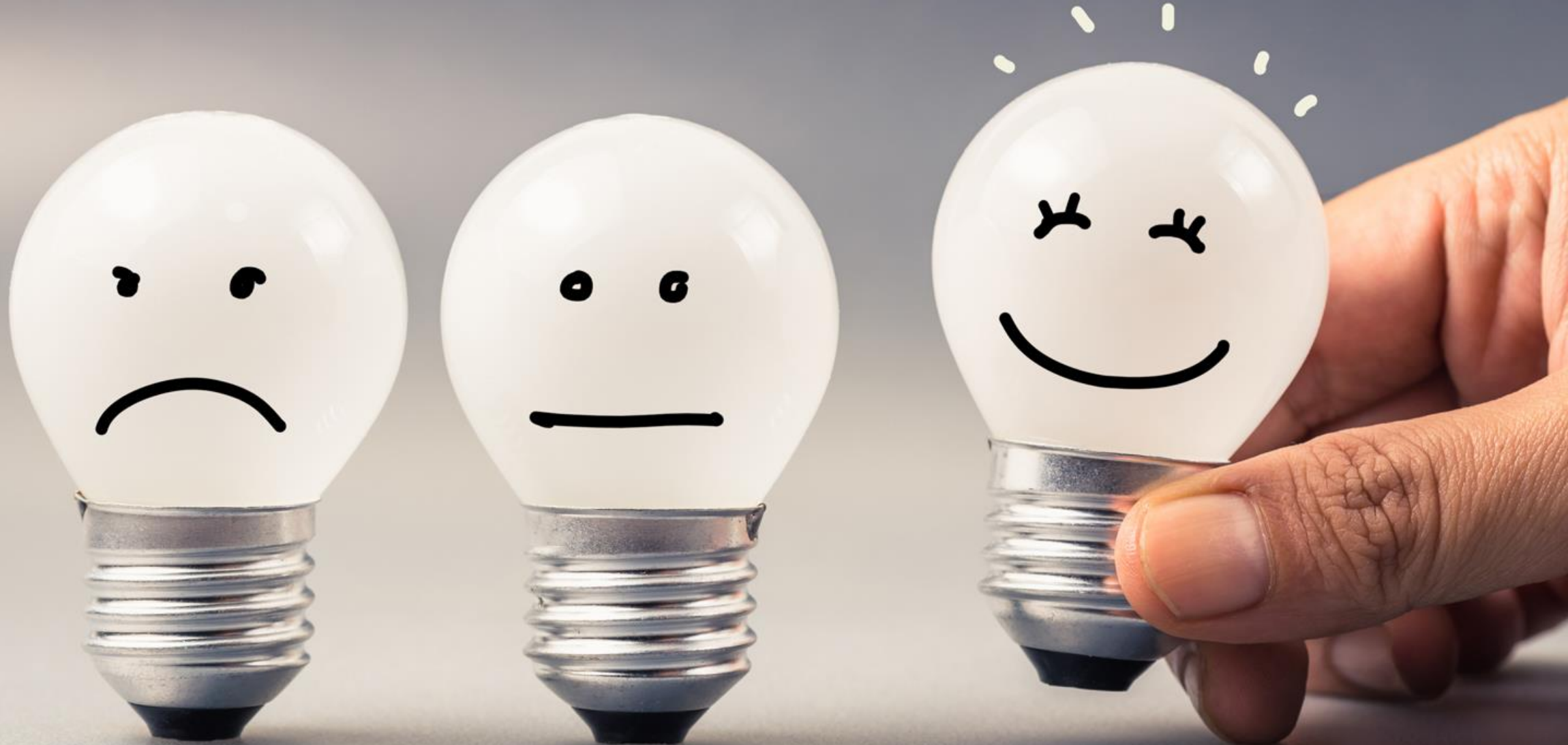
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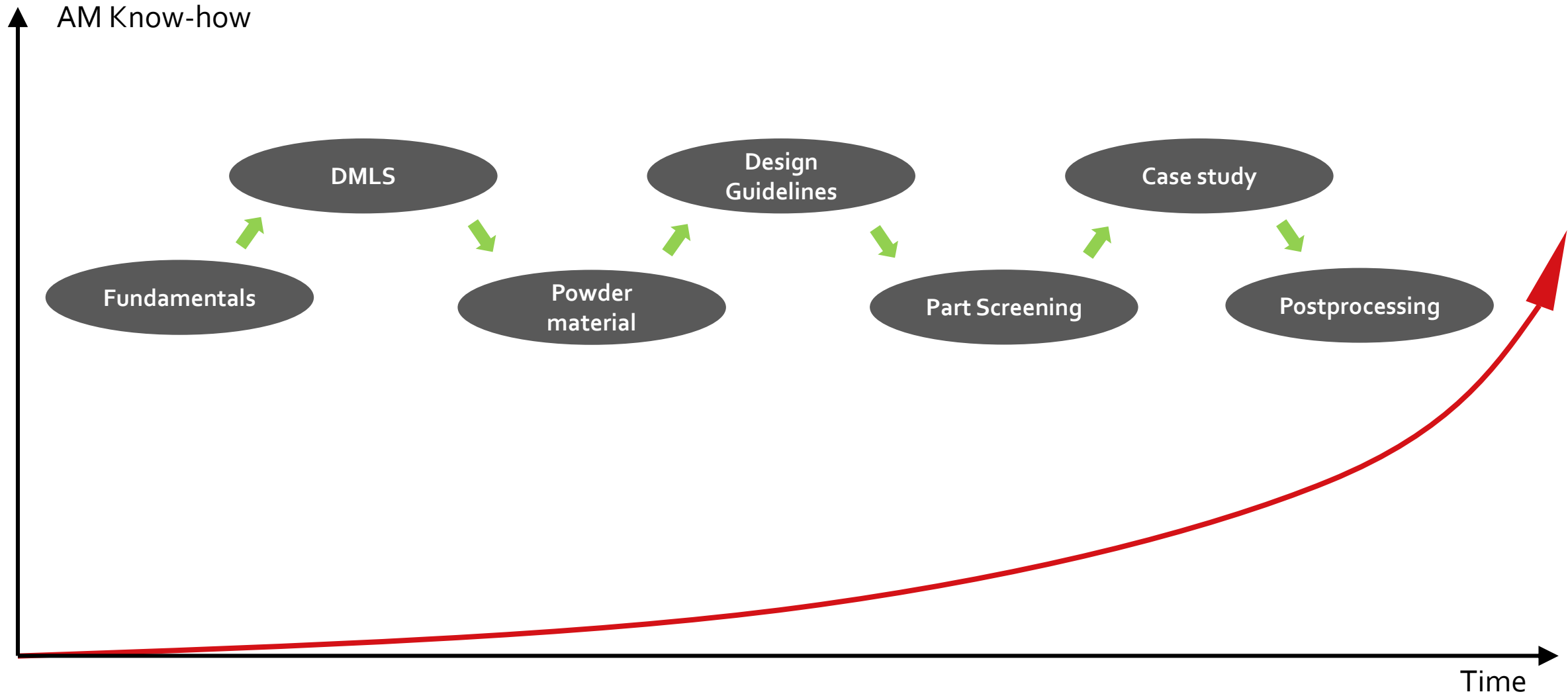
 **AMAVIS2**   
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What is your experience with 3D-printing?



# Overview



# Fundamentals

# What is Additive Manufacturing?

- Inspired by nature (bionics)
- Natural phenomena work by adding material (layers) only where required



Source: naturparkmagazin.de, 2019



Source: pixabay.com, 2019



Source: baumportal.de, 2019



Source: apotheken-umschau.de, 2019



# Conventional Manufacturing

VS.

# Additive Manufacturing

**Removal of excessive material**

**Material waste**

**Geometric restrictions**

**Tools required (e.g. milling tool)**

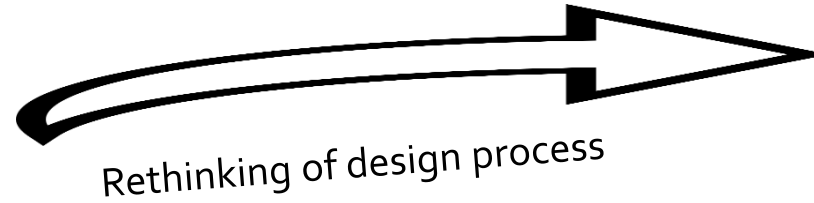
**Material only added where required**

**Re-use of material**

**No geometric restrictions**

**No tools required**

# Challenge for the designer



## Conventional Manufacturing

- Removal of material (Raw material)
- Difficult integration of several functions
- Design within the limits of producibility

## Additive Manufacturing

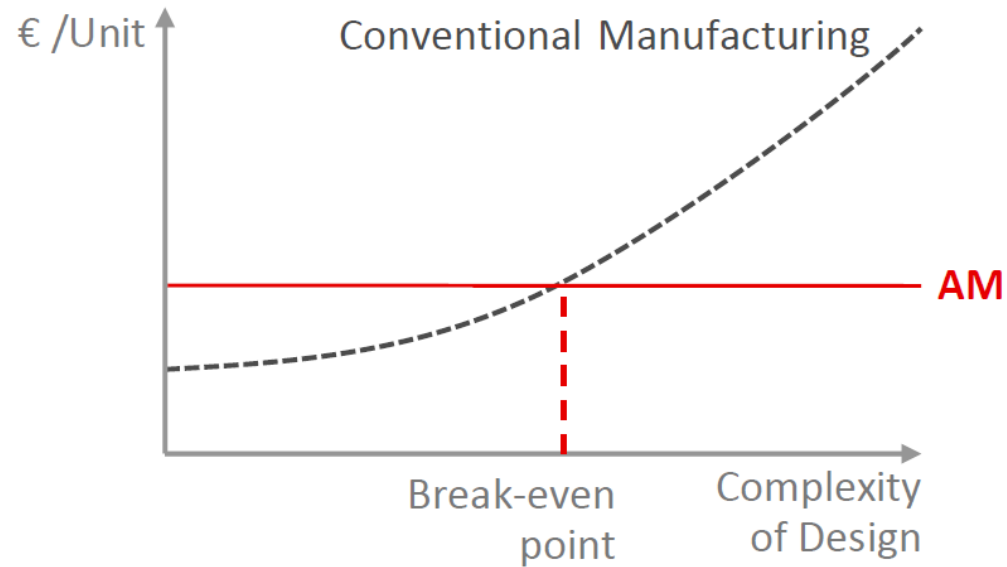
- Addition of material
- Easy integration of several functions
- Design for the function of a part


→ The design for AM focuses on the function of a part and not on its production possibilities!

# Characteristics of Additive Manufacturing

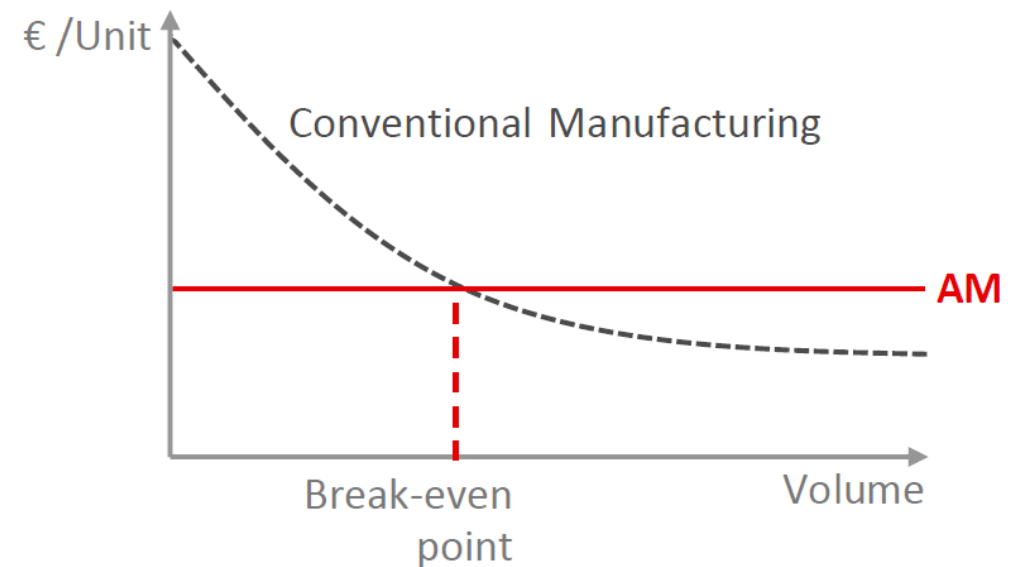
→ Compared to conventional manufacturing, AM has strong advantages regarding complex parts and small volumes


## Complexity advantage




 Strong cost advantage for complex components

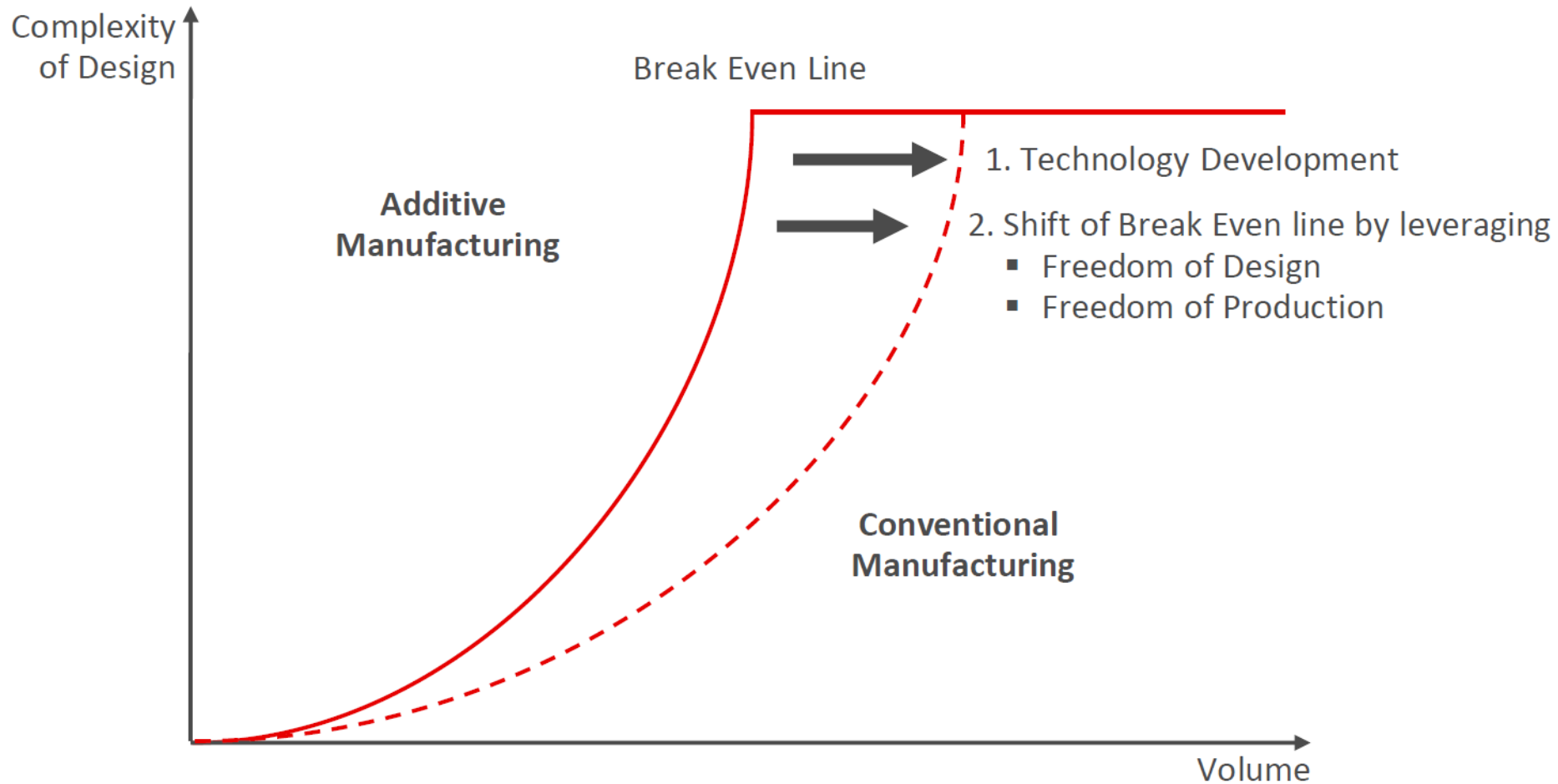
## Volume advantage




 Strong cost advantage for small volume production

# Characteristics of Additive Manufacturing

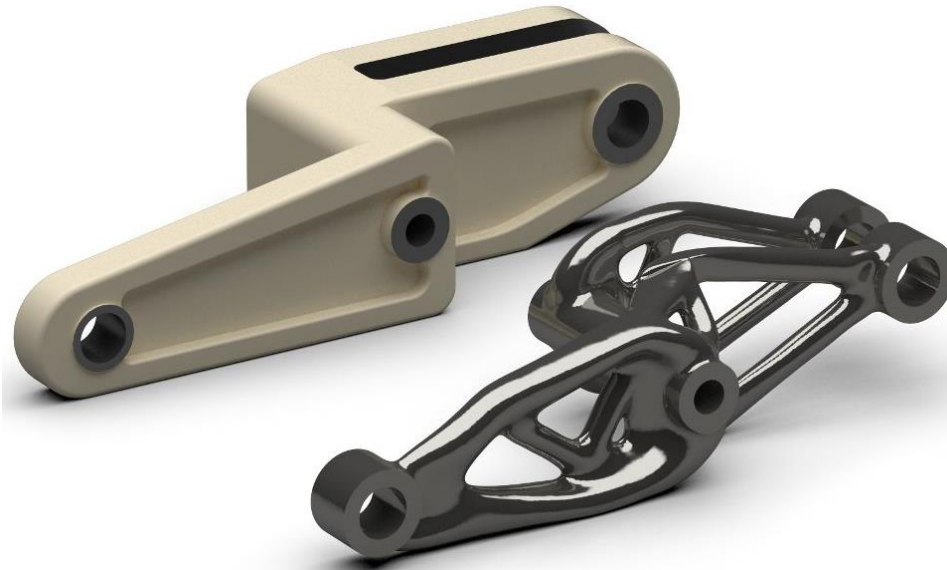
→ Productivity of AM technologies increases by a factor of 8-10 in the next 5 years



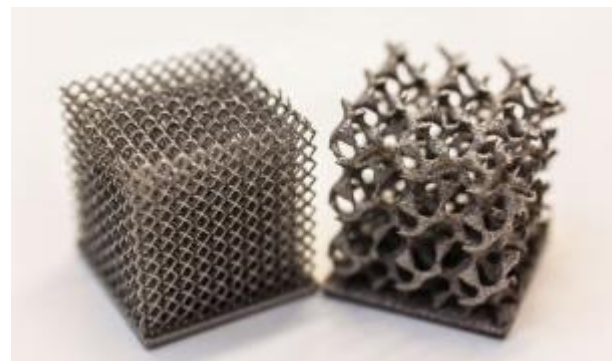
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# Characteristics of AM

Complex geometries

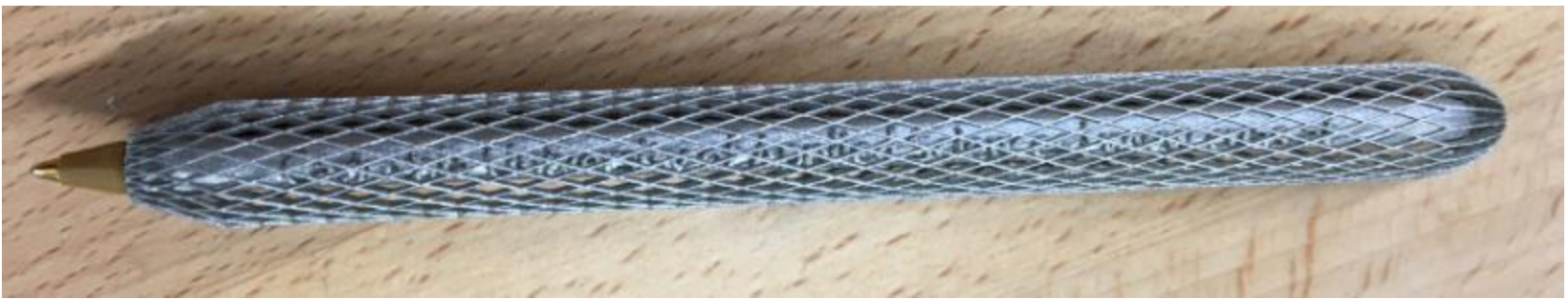


Source: plm.automation.siemens.com, 2019



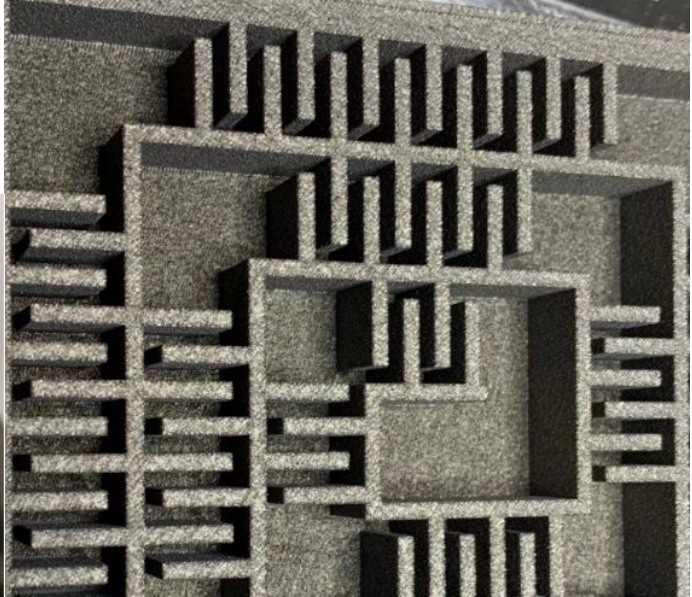
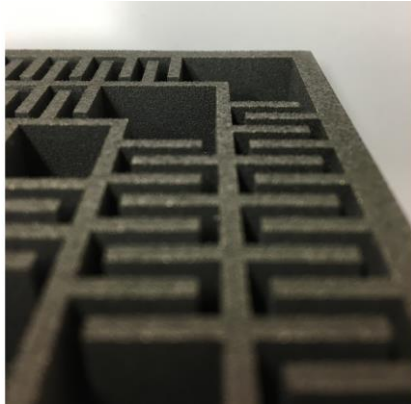
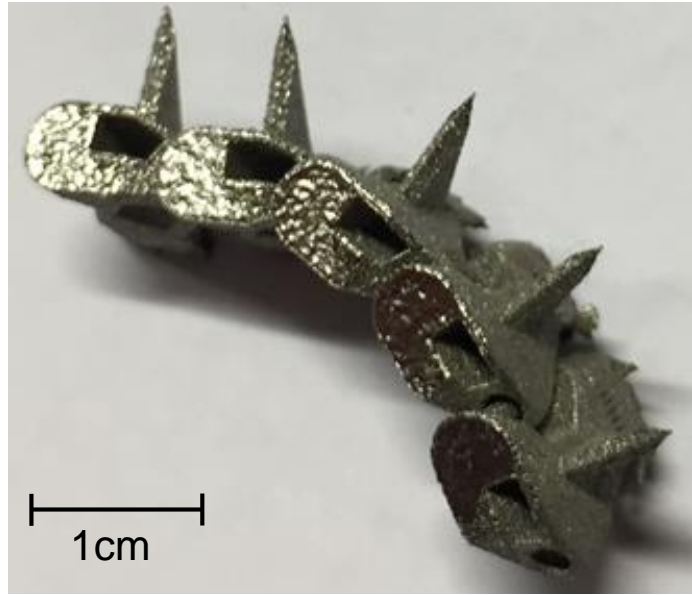
Source: imperial.ac.at, 2019

## Complex structures based on Generative Design!



# Characteristics of AM

Complex geometries



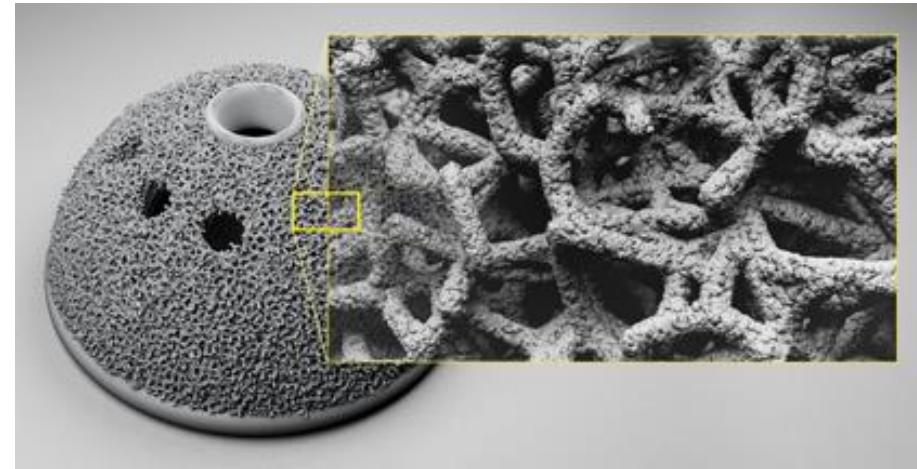
# Characteristics of AM

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# Cases & Best practices

Customization





# Cases & Best practices

Functional integration



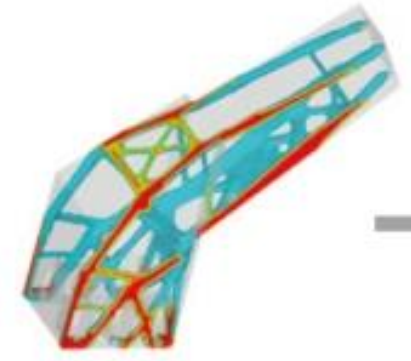
Source: eos.info, 2019



Source: hslu.ch, 2019



Original design



Optimized topology

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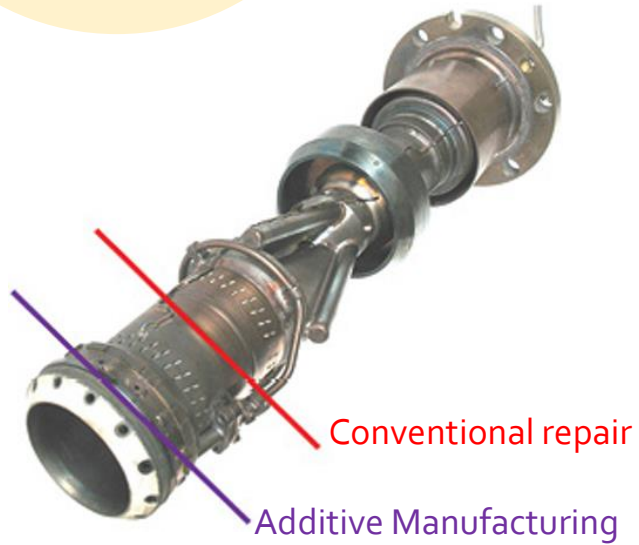
Redesigned antenna bracket



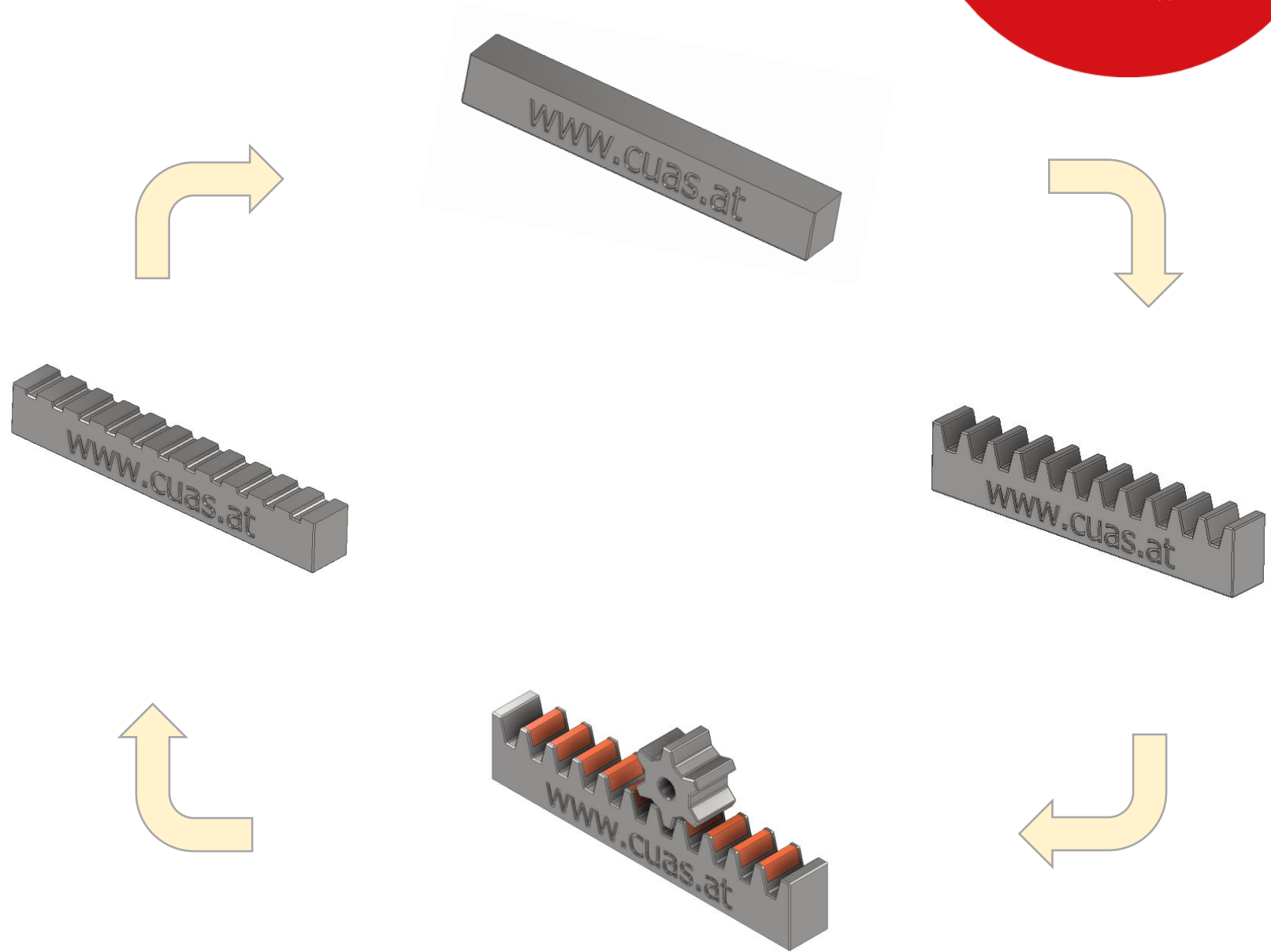
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# Cases & Best practices

Hybrid constructions

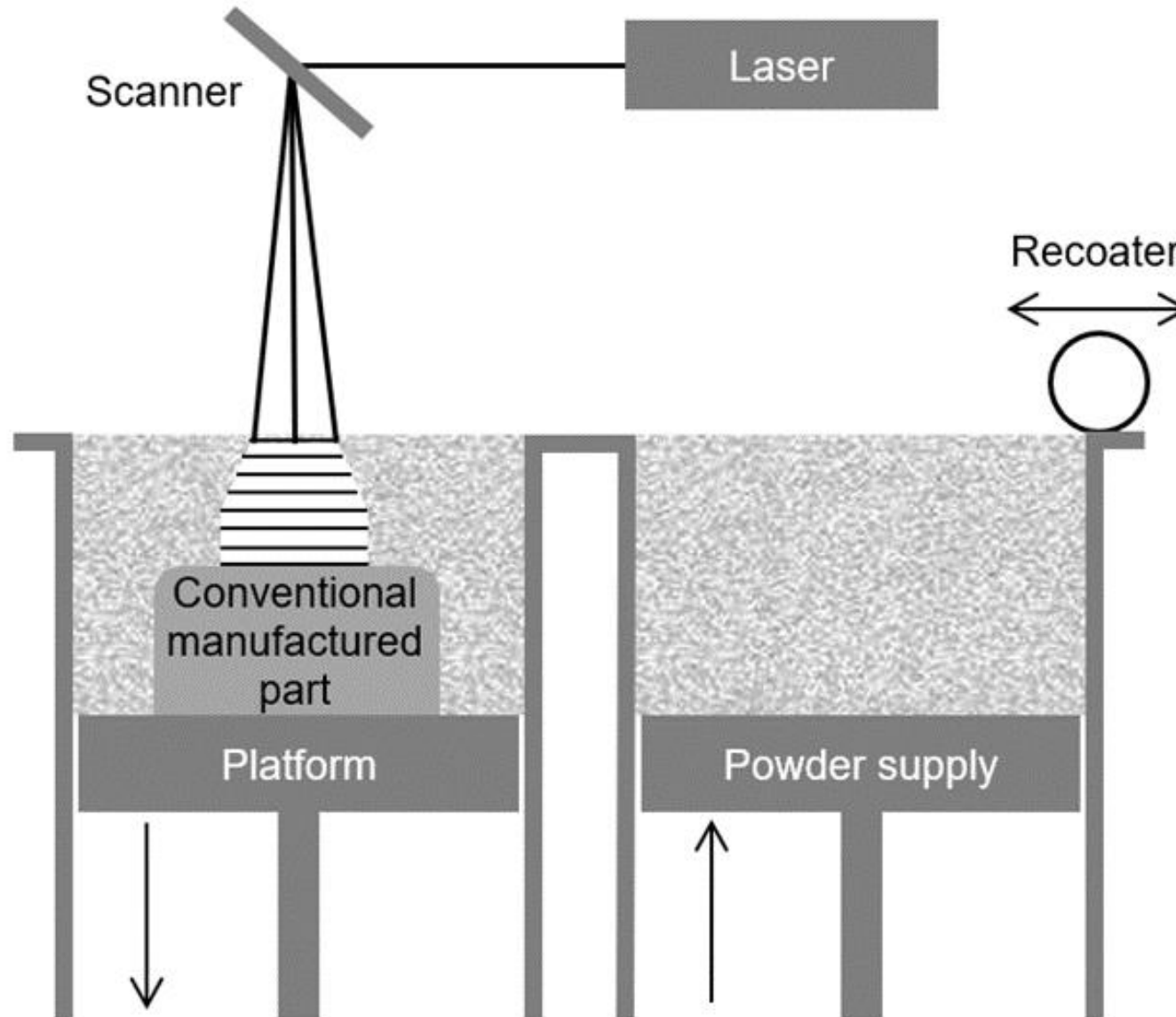


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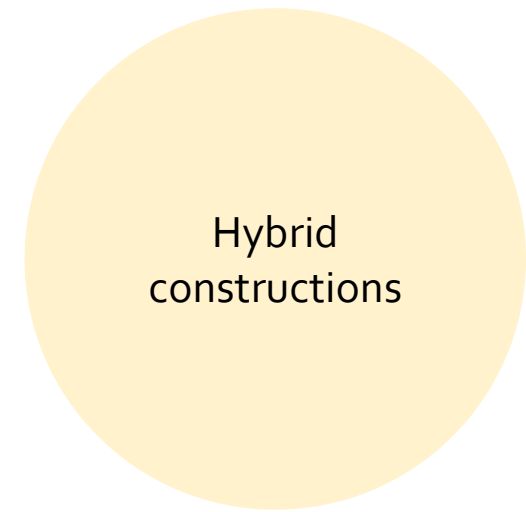
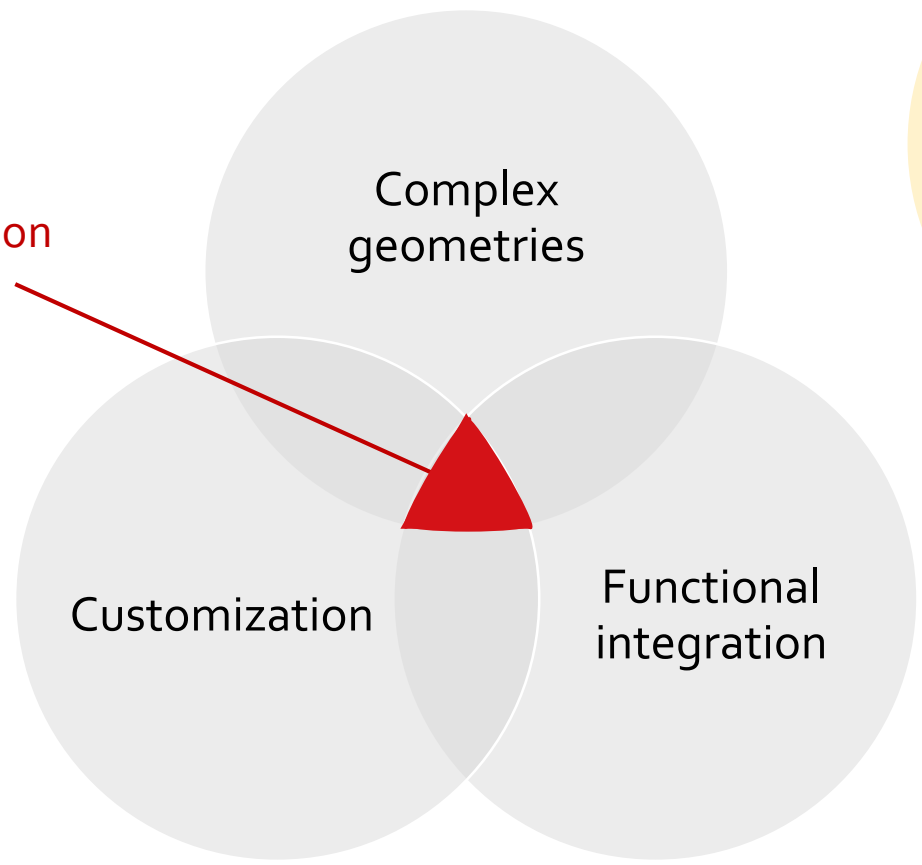
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# Characteristics of Additive Manufacturing

Highly innovative AM application



# Enterprise „Additive Manufacturing“

→ We have now reached the „Plateau of Productivity“



Source: Gartner Emerging Technology Hype Cycle, 2017

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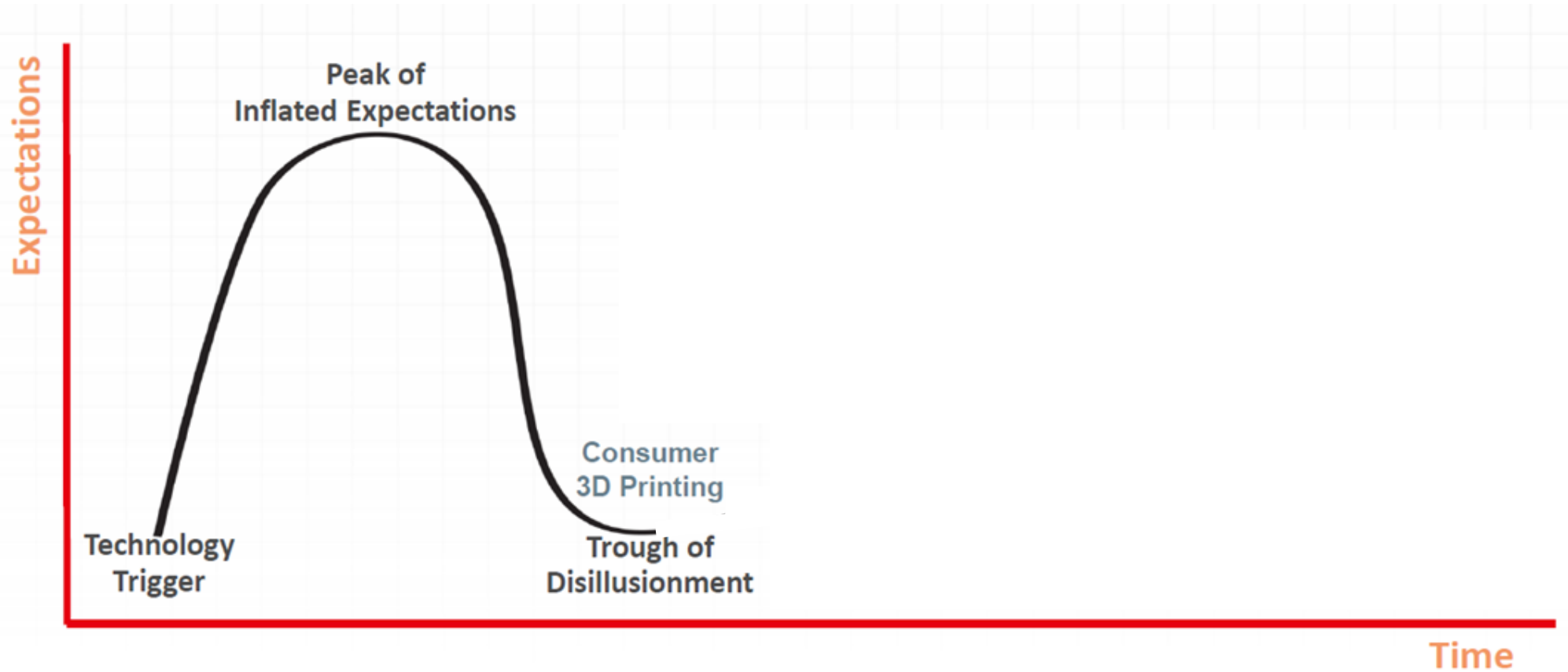
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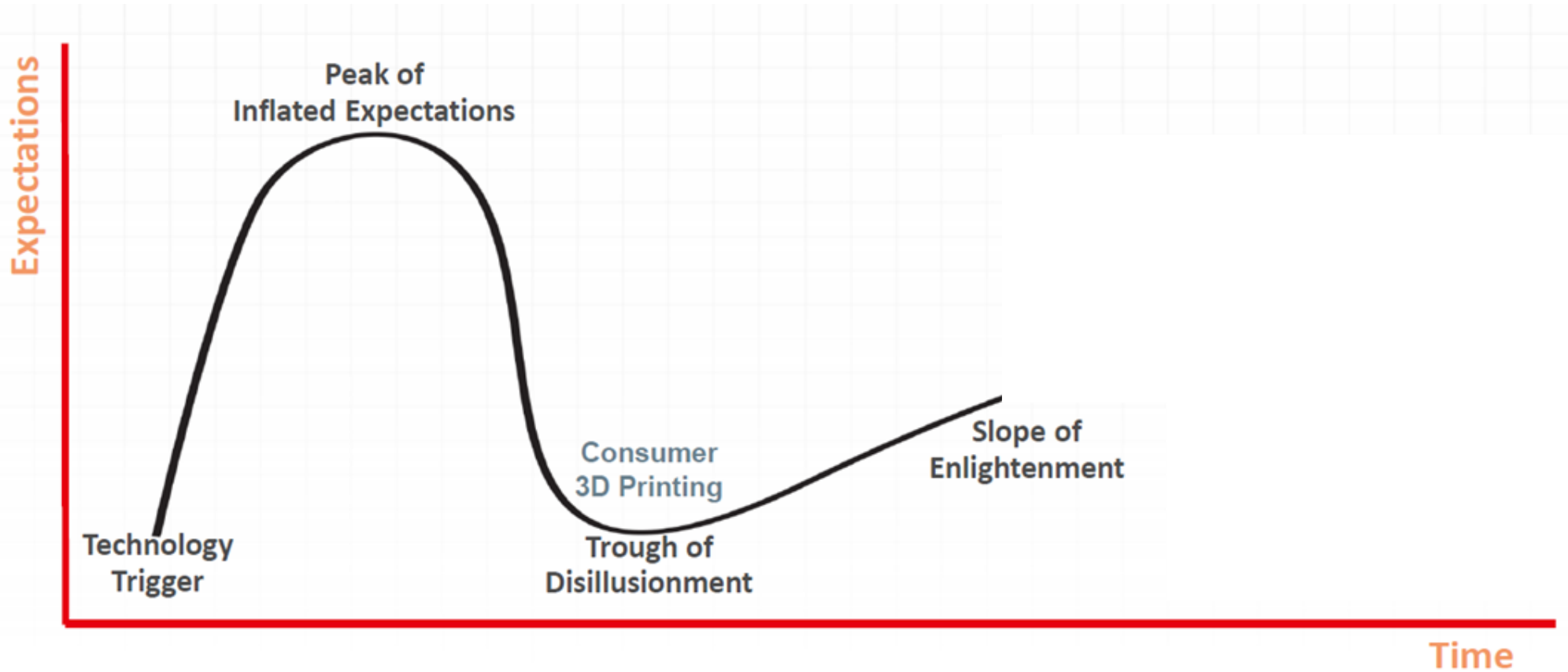


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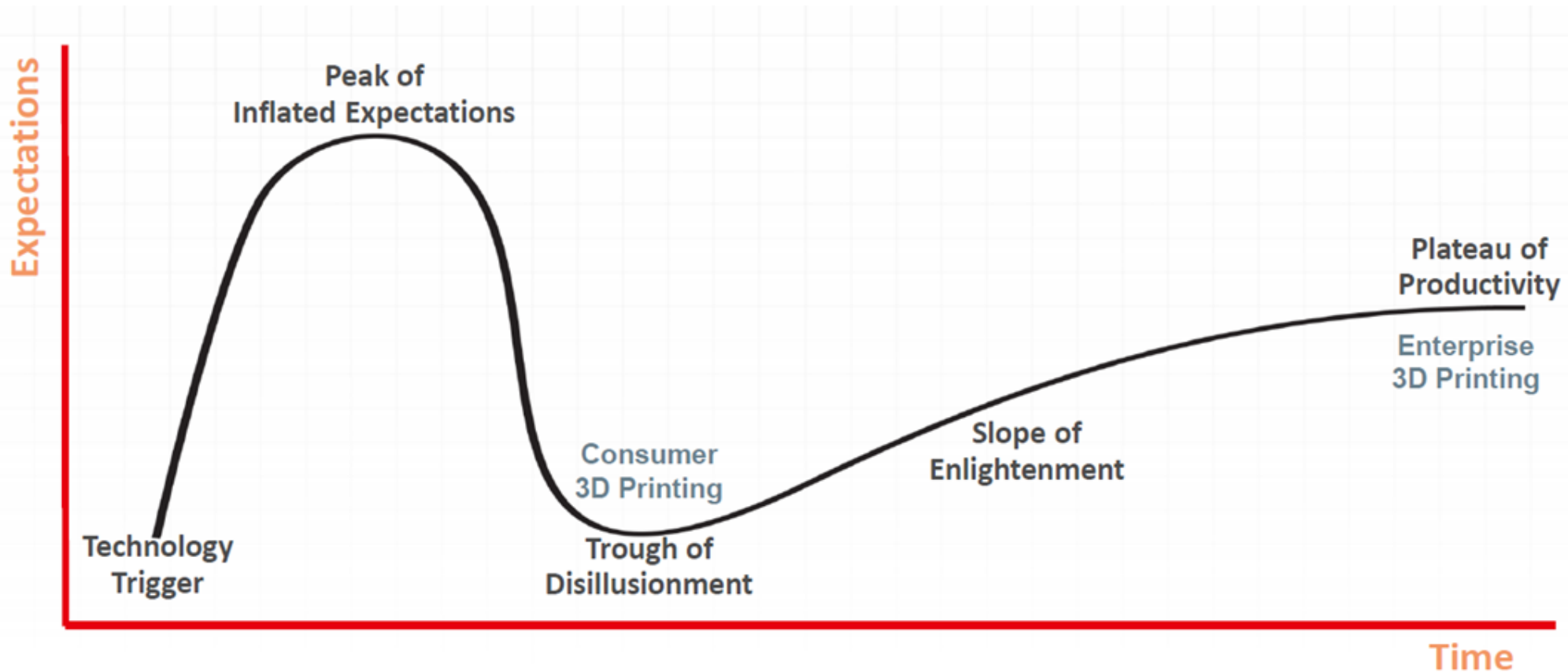
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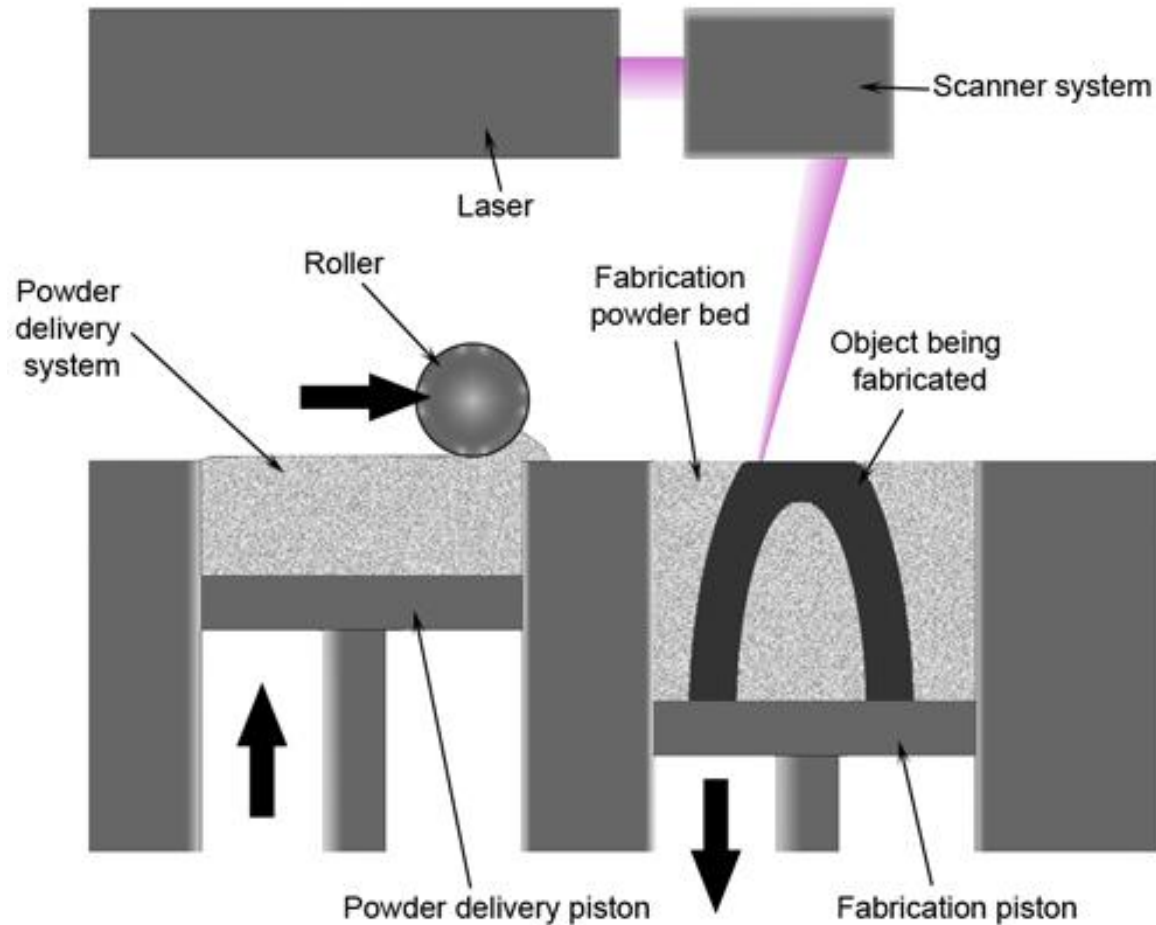
# Additive Manufacturing Technologies

DIN EN ISO / ASTM 52900:2018



# Direct Metal Laser Sintering

# Powder Bed Fusion



Source: spilasers.com, 2019

## Process

- Laser beam fuses selected areas of a powder bed

## Markets

- Rapid prototyping
- Serial production

## Advantages

- High mechanical properties
- High detail resolution

## Disadvantages

- Limited build space
- High costs

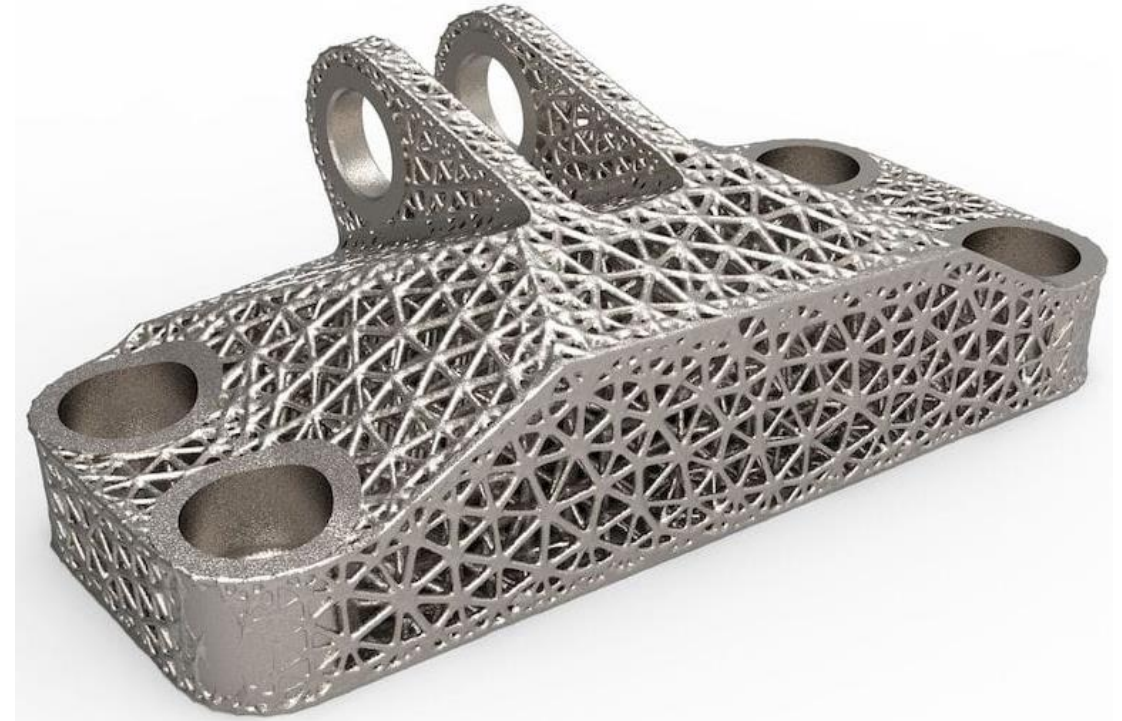
# Powder Bed Fusion - Examples



Source: eos.info, 2019



Source: 3dhubs.com, 2019



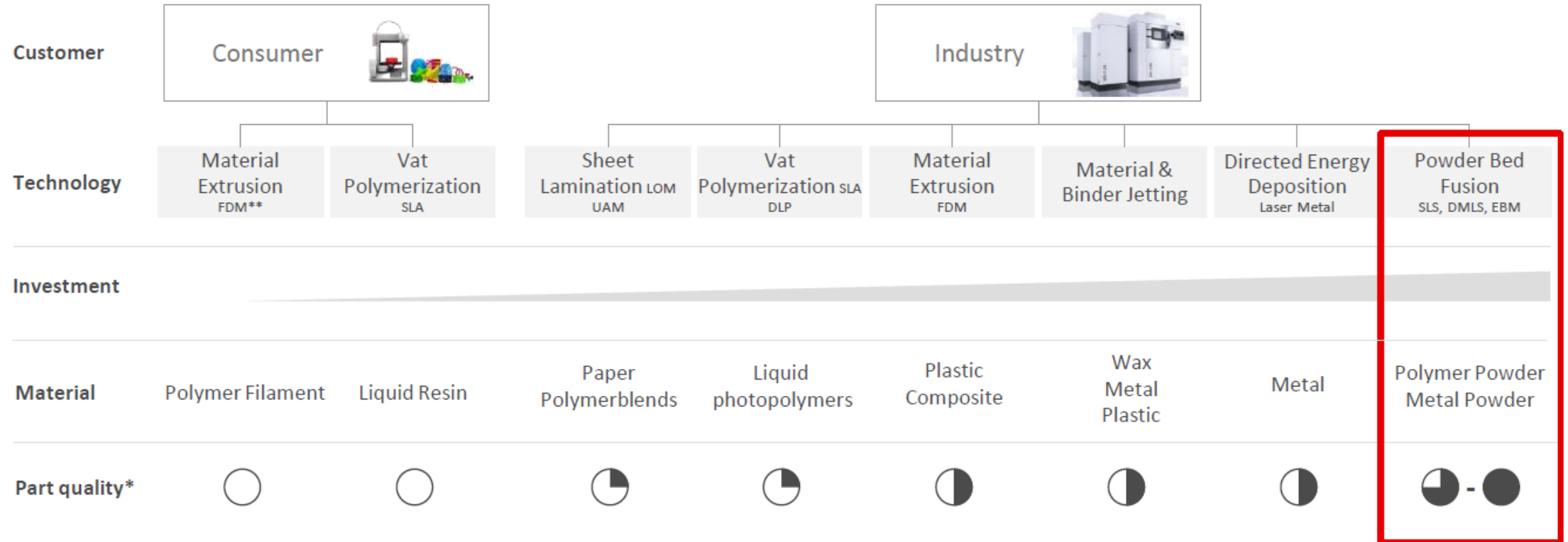
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# Powder Bed Fusion



# Additive Manufacturing Technologies

DIN EN ISO / ASTM 52900:2018 | Additive manufacturing – General principles – Terminology



\* Compared to traditional (subtractive) manufacturing

\*\* Subtechnology

Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop



# Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS) Systems

**EOS M 100**



▶ Proven DMLS quality for small-scale production

Build volume: Ø 100 mm x 95\* mm

Laser: 200 W Yb-fiber, focus diameter 40 µm

**EOS M 290**



▶ Proven DMLS quality with enhanced quality management

Build volume (wxdxh): 250 x 250 x 325\* mm

Laser: 400 W Yb-fiber laser, focus diameter 100 µm

**EOS M 400**



▶ Proven DMLS Quality for the production of large parts

Build volume (wxdxh): 400 x 400 x 400\* mm

Laser: 1000 W Yb-fiber, focus diameter 90 µm

**EOS M 400-4**



▶ Proven DMLS Quality with up to 4x higher productivity

Build volume (wxdxh): 400 x 400 x 400\* mm

Laser: 4x 400W Yb-fiber, focus diameter 100 µm

SMALL FRAME

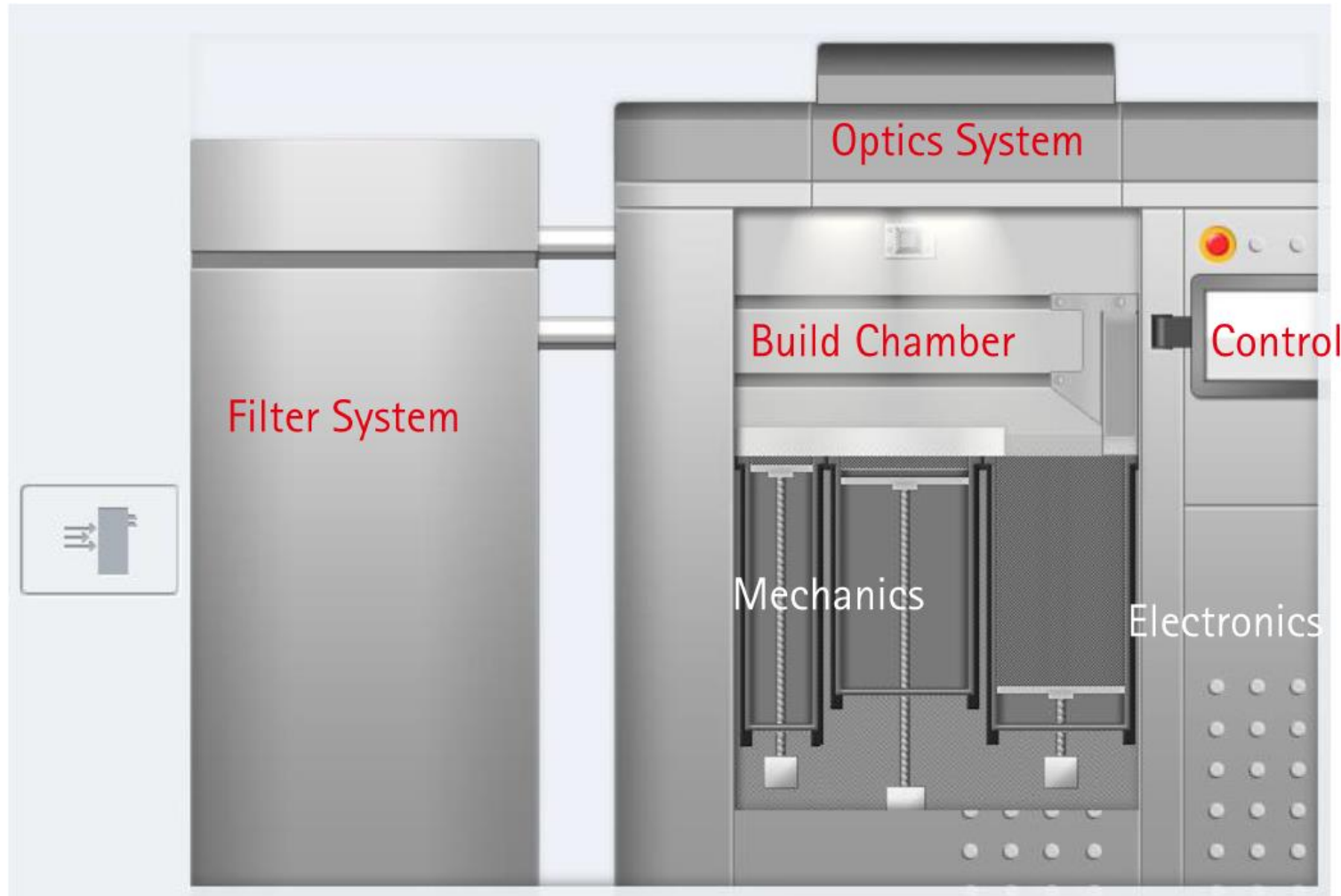
MEDIUM FRAME

LARGE FRAME

\* Height including building plate

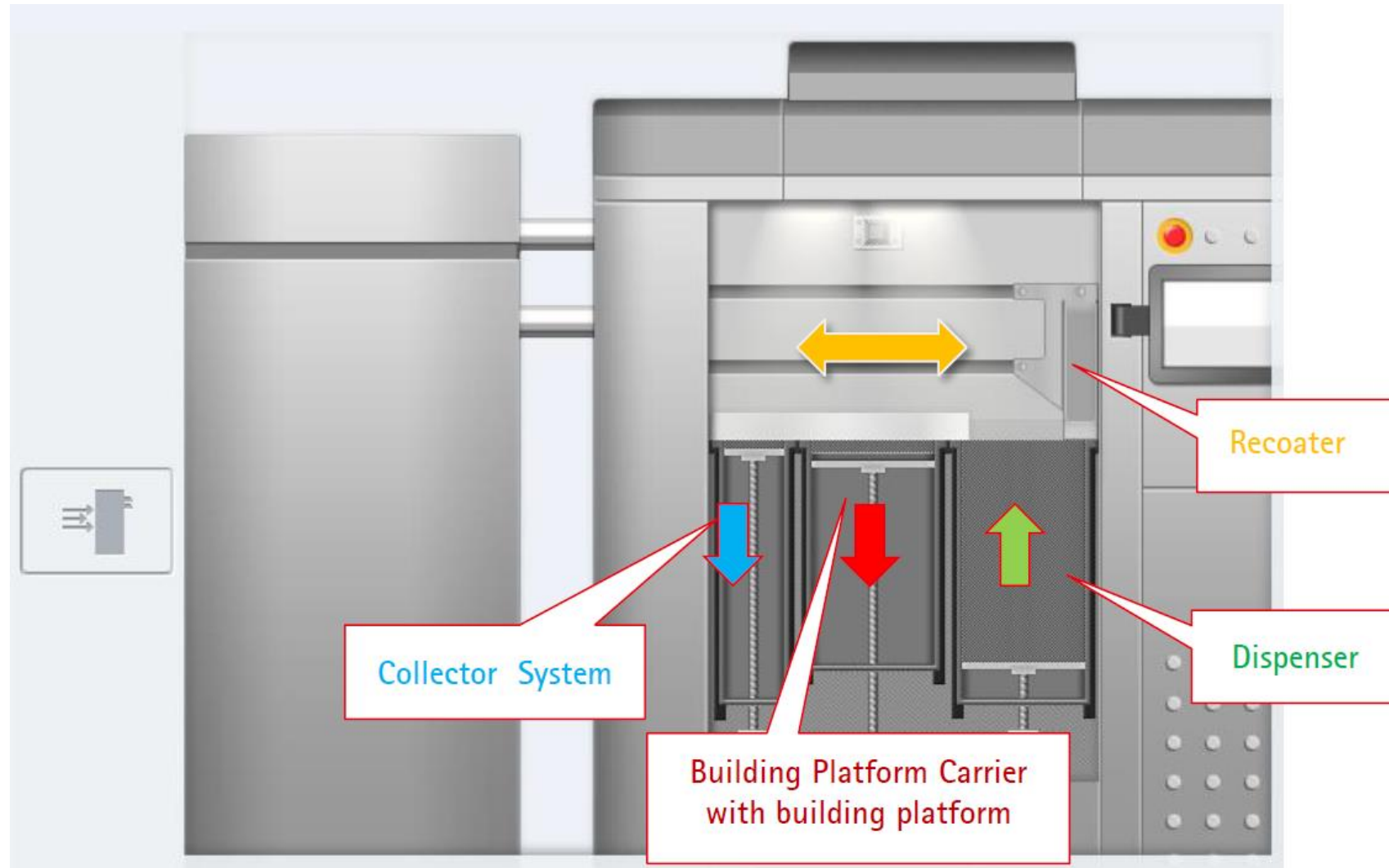
Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

# Mechanical system – EOS M290



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# Additional systems/tools

Gas supply



Source: bunnings.com, 2019

Dial gauge



Source: hroberts-di.com, 2019

Feeler gauge



Source: rs-online.com, 2019

Spatulas



Source: saekulum.de, 2019

Vacuum module



Source: eos.info, 2019

Sieving module



Source: eos.info, 2019

Lifting trolley



Source: hroberts-di.com, 2019

Wet separator



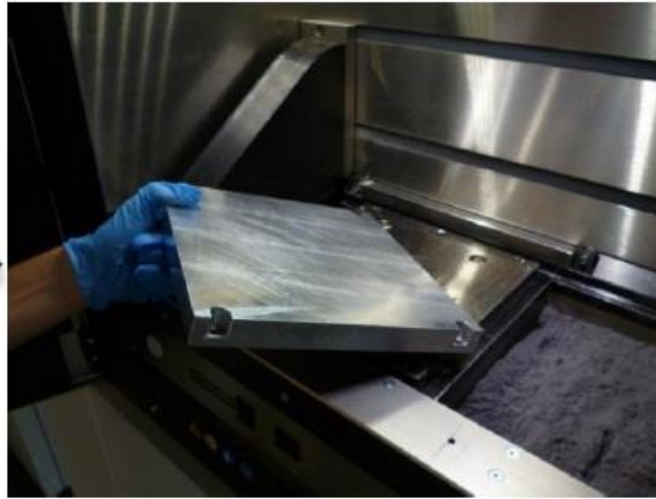
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## Machine setup – EOS M290

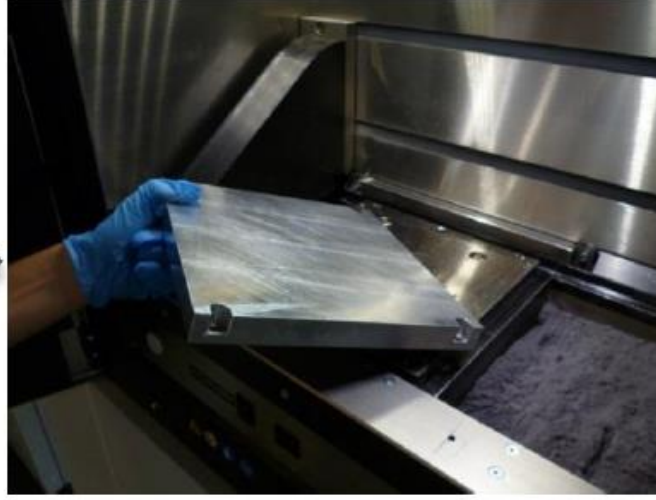


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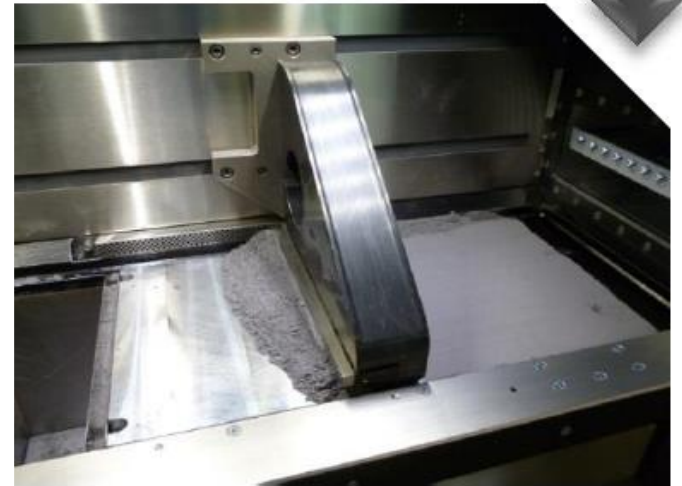
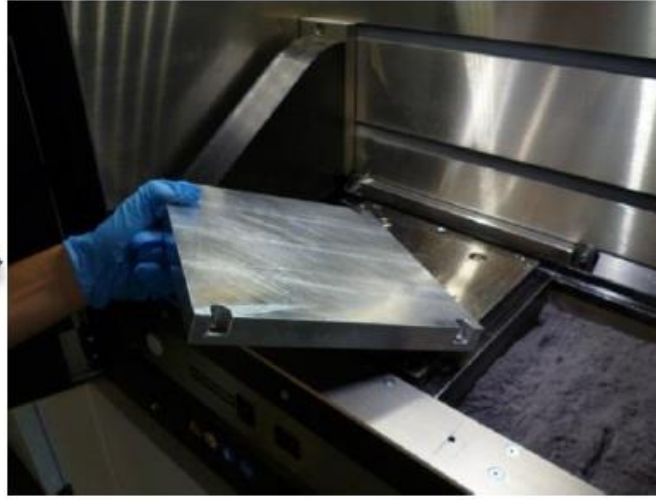
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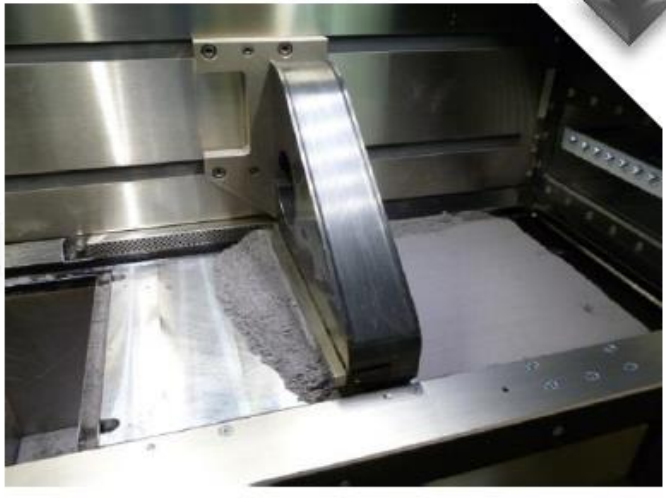
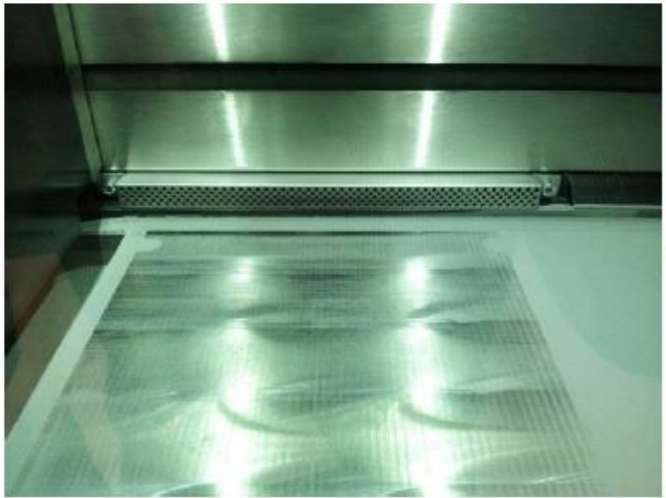
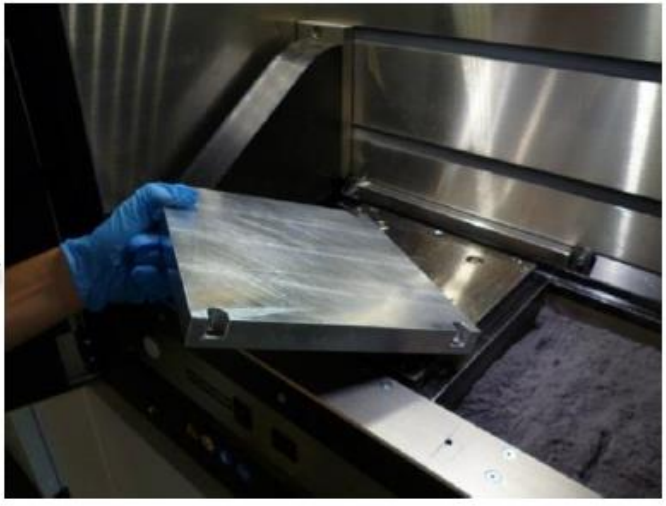
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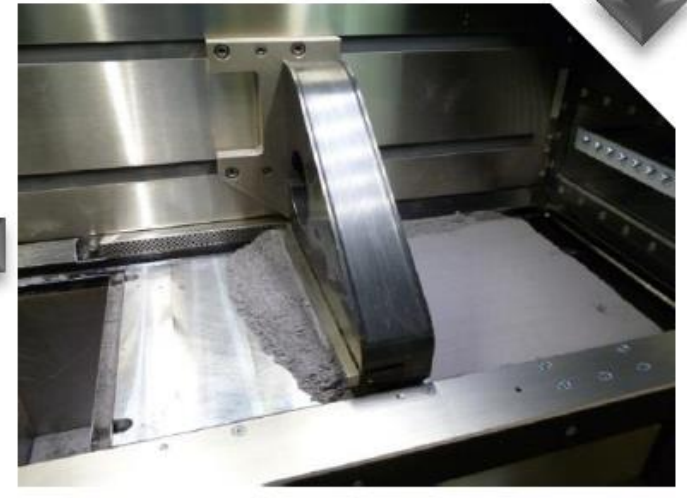
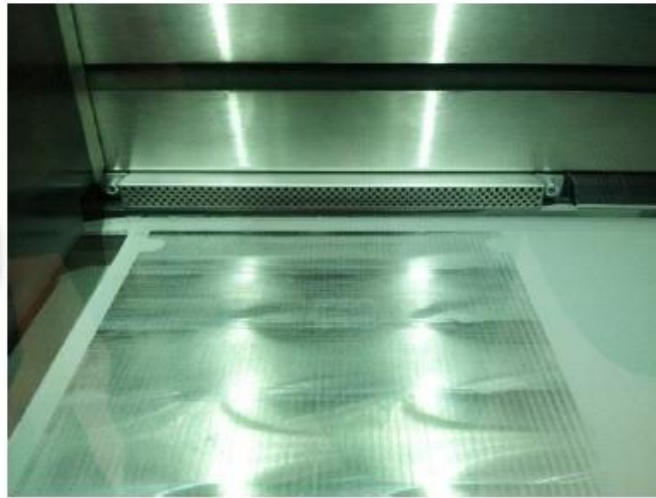
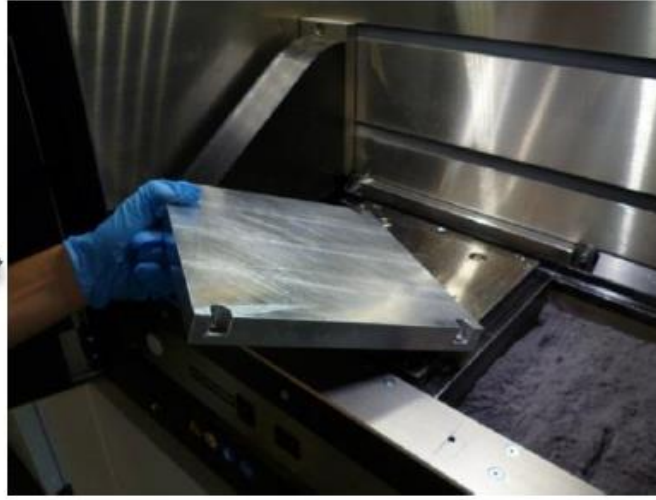
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# Machine setup – EOS M290



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# Safety instruction

→ Danger of explosion and health hazard due to powder material!



(EN 374)



(EN 166)



(EN 407)



EN 61340-4-3)



(Filter category P3)

# Powder Material

# Powder material

In general:

- Particle size: 10-75µm (depends on system)
- Reusable (Filter)
- Storage: dry & inert atmosphere



Source: amp-powders.com, 2019

*High development costs!*

Qualified materials:

- Mechanical strength tests
- Chemical analyses
- Powder flowability
- Particle distribution
- Bulk- and tap density



Source: amp-powders.com, 2019



Source: konstruktion-entwicklung.de, 2019

→ Powder and machine parameter are development simultaneous!

# Powder material

Chemische Richtanalyse [Gew. %]		
Element	Min	Max
Sn	9,0	11,5
Andere	<0,5	
Cu	Basis	

**Korngröße** Laser PBF  
**Füllichte** ~5,3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

# EOS StainlessSteel 17-4PH

EOS StainlessSteel 17-4PH ist ein Metalllegierungspulver auf Eisenbasis, das für die Verarbeitung in EOS DMLS®-Systemen bestimmt ist.

Dieses Dokument enthält Informationen und Daten für Bauteile, die unter Verwendung des Pulvers EOS StainlessSteel 17-4PH, EOS-Art.-Nr. 9011-0041, auf der Basis der folgenden Systemspezifikation gebaut werden:

## DMLS®-System: EOS M 290

- Keramiklinge (2200-3013)
- Gitterdüse (2200-5501)
- Siebmodul IPCM-M extra mit einer Maschenweite von 75 µm (200000315) empfohlen
- Manuelles Sieb mit einer Maschenweite von 75 µm (200000321) empfohlen; manueller Standardsieb mit einer Maschenweite von 80 µm möglich
- Argon-Schutzgasatmosphäre

## Software:

EOSYSTEM 2.5 oder neuer / EOSPRINT 1.5 oder neuer

## EOS-Parametersatz: 17-4PH 40µm Stainless

- (Standardauftrag: 17-4PH\_040\_StainlessM291\_100)

# Powder material

## Beschreibung

Aushärtbare Stähle werden häufig in technischen Anwendungen verwendet, die Korrosionsbeständigkeit und Festigkeit erfordern. Aus EOS StainlessSteel 17-4PH hergestellte Bauteile können direkt nach dem Bau oder nach einer Wärmebehandlung bearbeitet, mikrogestrahlt und poliert werden. Lösungsglühen zusammen mit Alterungsbehandlung sind erforderlich, um die richtige Härte und die richtigen mechanischen Eigenschaften zu erzielen (ASTM A564 – 13). Aufgrund der schichtweisen Baumethode besitzen die Bauteile eine gewisse Anisotropie, die durch Lösungsglühen gemindert werden kann.

## Wärmebehandlung

### Vakuum-H900-Wärmebehandlungsverfahren:

- Lösungsglühen: Für 30 Minuten bei 1.040 °C  $\pm 15$  °C halten, Luftkühlung unter 32 °C.
- Alterung: Für eine Stunde bei 480 °C halten, Luftkühlung unter 32 °C.

### Wärmebehandlung unter Schutzgas

#### (bevorzugte Schutzatmosphäre: Argon):

- Lösungsglühen: Für 30 Minuten bei 1.040 °C  $\pm 15$  °C halten, Luftkühlung unter 32 °C.
- Alterung: Für eine Stunde bei 460°C halten, Luftkühlung unter 32 °C.



# Powder material

## Qualitätssicherung des Pulvers EOS StainlessSteel 17-4PH

Die Qualität jeder der gelieferten Pulvercharge von EOS StainlessSteel 17-4PH wird durch Qualitäts-sicherungsverfahren gewährleistet, die Bestandteil des Qualitätsmanagementsystems von EOS sind. Die Verfahren beinhalten die Qualitätssicherung des Pulvers und des Prozesses.

### Die Qualitätssicherung des Pulverprodukts umfasst:

- die Probenahme (ASTM B215)
- das Sieben (ASTM B214)
- die Analyse der Teilchengröße (ASTM B822)
- die chemische Analyse (ASTM E2823/E1479/E1019)
- die scheinbare Dichte (ASTM B212/B329/B417)

Die Qualität des Prozesses wird für jede gelieferte Pulvercharge durch die Durchführung eines Qualitäts-sicherungsauftrags mit einem zugelassenen EOS-M-290-System sichergestellt.

### Die Prozessqualität wird geprüft durch:

- Zugprüfungen (ISO6892, ASTM E8M)
- Dichtemessung (ISO3369)
- Härtemessung (ISO 6508)
- chemische Analysen der festen Bauteile (ASTM 2823/E1479/E1019)

Die Ergebnisse der Qualitätssicherungstests werden gemäß **EN-10204 Typ 3.1** in chargenspezifischen Werkstoffprüfbescheinigungen (Mill Test Certificates, MTC) angegeben.

# Powder material

## Technische Daten

### Pulvereigenschaften

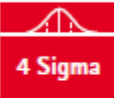
Die chemische Zusammensetzung des Pulvers entspricht den Normen „F899 – 12b Standard Specification for Wrought Stainless Steels for Surgical Instruments“ (Spezifikation für Schmiededelstähle für chirurgische Instrumente) und „A564M – 13 Standard Specification for Hot-Rolled and Cold-Finished Age-Hardening Stainless Steel Bars and Shapes“ (Spezifikation für warmgewalzte und kalt bearbeitete aushärtende Edelstahlstäbe und -formteile).

Materialzusammensetzung	Laut Norm	
	Min.	Max.
Element		
Cr	15,00	17,50
Ni	3,00	5,00
Cu	3,00	5,00
Si	–	1,00
Mn	–	1,00
C	–	0,07
P	–	0,040
S	–	0,030
Nb + Ta	0,15	0,45

Source: eos.info 2019

# Powder material

## Mechanische Eigenschaften bei Raumtemperatur<sup>[12]</sup>

	Wie gebaut	Vakuum H900	Wärmebehandlung unter Schutzgas	ASTM A564 (H900)
<b>Zugfestigkeit, R<sub>m</sub></b>				
In horizontaler Richtung (XY)	Mittel 886,0 MPa SD 70,4 MPa	Mittel 1335,8 MPa SD 5,2 MPa	Mittel 1340,0 MPa SD 5,9 MPa	min. 1310 MPa
N (Anzahl der Proben)	72	144	36	
In vertikaler Richtung (Z)	Mittel 924,2 MPa SD 65,9 MPa	Mittel 1342,6 MPa SD 7,7 MPa	Mittel 1345,5 MPa SD 2,8 MPa	min. 1310 MPa
N (Anzahl der Proben)	84	168	42	

Source: eos.info 2019

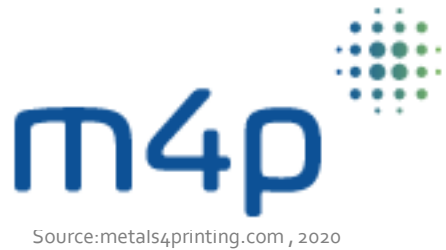
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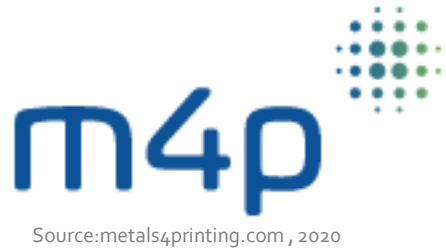
Base	Material Class	Product name	Material properties
Al	Aluminum	m4p™ AlSi10Mg	m4p™ AlSi10Mg is an aluminum-based alloy with good weldability
		m4p™ AlSi9Cu3	m4p™ AlSi9Cu3 is an aluminum alloy with a favorable combination of high thermal conductivity, good strength and corrosion properties
		m4p™ AlSi7Mg	As compared to AlSi10Mg, with reduced specific values
		m4p™ β-PureAl	Aluminum alloy with lowest alloy content and thus high thermal conductivity
		m4p™ β-AW7075	High-strength wrought aluminum alloy of excellent polishability – limited suitability for welding.
		m4p™ β-DuktAl	Aluminum alloy of highest ductility for forming-strained applications
		m4p™ β-HardAl	Particle-enhanced aluminum alloy of high strength and increased wear resistance
		m4p™ β-StrengthAl	Ultra-high-strength aluminum alloy as alternative to Scalmalloy
		m4p™ β-AW6060	Aluminum wrought alloy with good corrosion resistance; very good anodizability – conditionally suitable for welding

# Powder material



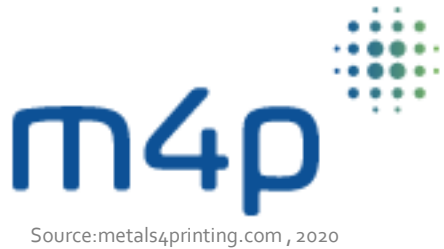
Base	Material Class	Product name	Material properties
Cu	Copper alloys	m4p™ CuNiSiCr	Copper-based precipitation hardening high-performance material of high electrical and thermal conductivity at high strength and stability; up to 42% IACS at good additive processing capability
		m4p™ PureCu	Ultra-pure copper powder for applications with highest electrical and thermal conductivity; purity degree >99.95%Cu
		m4p™ CuCrZr	Copper-based precipitation hardening high-performance material of high electrical and thermal conductivity and a high softening temperature; up to 80%IACS - more demanding additive processing capabilities than CuNiSiCr
		m4p™ Al-Brz9,5	Aluminum bronze; copper-material of highest mechanical strength and ideal tensile ductility - even at lowest temperatures. Has excellent additive processing capabilities and, next to its excellent mechanical properties, is highly resistant against abrasive wear. Traditionally used for marine applications.
		m4p™ B-CoNiBe	Precipitation hardening copper alloy that stands out by high heat resistance. This material is particularly valuable if high strength combined with good electrical and thermal conductivity is required.
		m4p™ CuZn42	Brass alloy of extremely low lead content; thus particularly suitable for jewelry applications. Additionally, this material features a good balance between strength and formability which facilitates a large variety of industrial applications.
		m4p™ Brz10	Bronze/construction material; tin bronze with good mechanical strength properties and maximum corrosion resistance

# Powder material



Base	Material Class	Product name	Material properties
Fe	Stainless steels	m4p™ 316l	m4p™ 316l is a corrosion-resistant austenitic alloy with a wide range of applications
		m4p™ Fe-4542	Also known as 17-4PH (AISI-Standard). Hardenable stainless alloy with excellent strength properties
		m4p™ CrMo1	Low-alloyed, heat-resistant steel material for working temperatures up to 530 ° C. Used for boiler construction, power plant construction or power generation
		m4p™ Fe-4828	Stainless heat resistant austenitic steel. Standard quality for furnace construction and high temperature applications
		m4p™ Fe-4011	Ferritic, stainless chromium steel with good processability. In particular for the production of ferromagnetic components and prototypes
		m4p™ Fe-4021	Martensitic chrome steel, with good corrosion resistance. For construction parts, tools with cutting edges or workpieces which require increased wear resistance
		m4p™ Fe-4308	Corrosion-resistant austenitic alloy – (compared to m4p 316l with reduced pitting resistance)
			Stainless, well-polishable steel of medium to high strength, especially suited for non-corroding tools and molds
		m4p™ Fe-4405	Corrosion-resistant Fe base material with high thermal shock resistance, harder than m4p 316l

# Powder material



Base	Material Class	Product name	Material properties
Fe	Maraging steels	m4p™ Fe-2709	Tool steel (maraging steel) with excellent mechanical properties and extreme stability and high hardness after being heat-treated (490°C/6h)
		m4p™ MS2	Alternative maraging steel for highly stressed parts in tool and mold making – especially for better surfaces after eroding, compared to the m4p Fe-2709
Fe	Wear resistant steels	m4p™ Fe-2343	Tough and heat resistant steel for tooling and mold making with high "as built" hardness (48 HRC). Can be post cured to 52-56 HRC
		m4p™ H13	Versatile hot-work steel processed without preheating – the material tends to crack
		m4p™ B-type26	High-temperature-resistant iron-based material for demanding applications in the engine manufacturing sector
		m4p™ FeCr-10V	Wear-resistant iron-based alloy of good residual tensile ductility für cutting applications or applications against fine-grinding abrasion.
Fe	Tempering steels	m4p™ Fe-6773	Tempered steel with high wear resistance
		m4p™ 42CrMo	Versatile tempered steel for highly stressed applications – processed without preheating – the material tends to crack
Fe	Case hardening steel	m4p™ 18CrNiMo7-6	Tough case hardened steel, good usability for gear parts and gears
Fe	Soft magnetic Fe-material	m4p™ FeSi2,9	Fe-based soft magnetic material with good processability in the additive process
		m4p™ FeSi6,5%	Fe-based soft magnetic material with good capability for additive processing
		m4p™ CoFe48	Soft magnetic material with highest saturation polarization
		m4p™ FeCo50	Soft magnetic material with high saturation polarization

# Powder material



Source:metals4printing.com , 2020

Base	Material Class	Product name	Material properties
Ni	Nickel alloys	m4p™ Ni-718	Nickel alloy with high corrosion and oxidation resistance combined with high temperature strength (700 ° C) and good fatigue behavior
		m4p™ Ni-625	Metal powder with alloying elements nickel-chromium-molybdenum-niobium. The material has excellent resistance under a variety of oxidizing and reducing conditions
		m4p™ B-Ni-247LC	Special
		m4p™ H C22	High corrosion resistant Ni-Cr-Mo-W alloy
		m4p™ Ni-C22mod	High corrosion resistant, optimized Ni-Cr-Mo-W alloy
W	Tungsten	m4p™ APV5	Tungsten powder giving acceptable levels of density even under standard conditions
		m4p™ Hart12	Typical hard metal compound
		m4p™ Hart17	Typical hard metal compound with increased binder amount and thus higher ductility
		m4p™ sWC	Ultrahard material



# Powder material



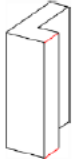
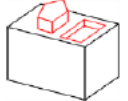
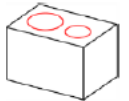
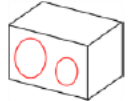

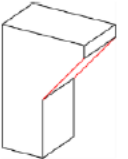
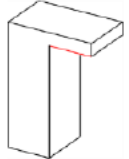
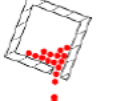
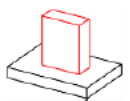

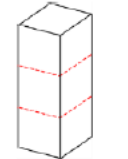
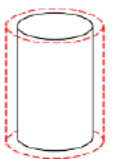



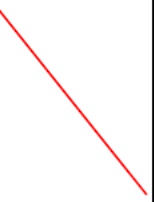
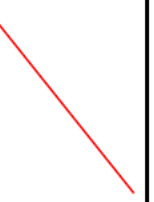

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Base	Material Class	Product name	Material properties
Ti	Titanium	m4p™ Ti64	Ti-64 is a Ti-based powder suitable for laser-based powder bed fusion (PBF)
		m4p™ Ti64 grade5	Versatile Ti-alloy, with excellent strength-to-weight ratio and best corrosion resistance
		m4p™ Ti64 grade23	This material shows an excellent strength-to-weight ratio combined with high corrosion resistance. Predestined for demanding applications
Mo	Molybdenum	m4p™ APV6-2	Molybdenum-based material for additive manufacturing
Co	Cobalt	m4p™ CoF75	Special
			Special
		m4p™ CoT800	Special

# Design Guidelines

# Design process

Machine settings

	Wall Thickness	Embossed and engraved details	Vertical Holes	Horizontal Holes	Interlocking parts clearance	Overhangs	Un-supported edges	Powder removal holes	Min. feature size	Min. Pin diameter	Aspect Ratio	Machining offset	Layer Thickness
													
Polymer (PA2200)	~0,5	+/- 1 mm	1,5 mm	1,5 mm	~0,5 mm			~10 mm	~0,5 mm	>0,8			60 – 180 $\mu$ m
Metal (Ti64)	> 0,4 mm	+/- 0,5 mm	> 2 mm	< 8 mm		45°	~ 1mm	~2mm	120 $\mu$ m	> 1mm	8:1	~0,5 mm	20 – 90 $\mu$ m

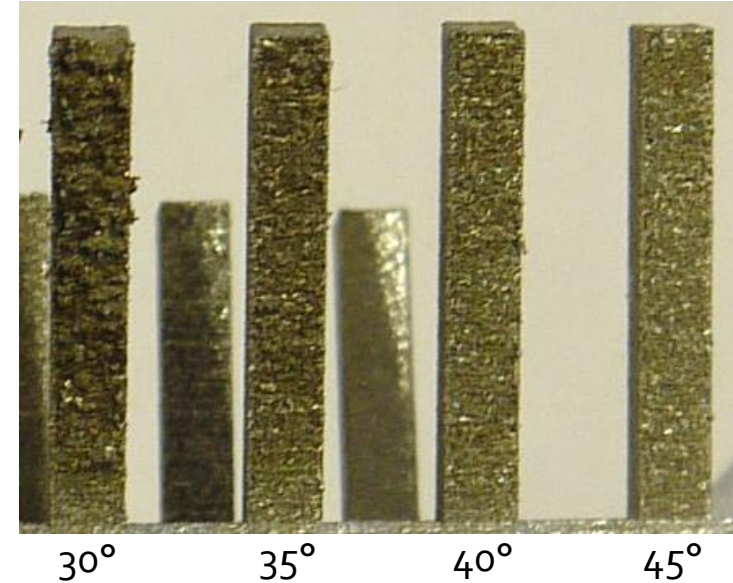
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# Upskin / Downskin

- The Up- and Downskin effect occurs within the layer based part generation
- Down facing segments of a part result in a lower surface quality
- Only downskin surfaces can be supported
- Up facing segments of a part enable sharp edges and a high surface quality

→ **Because AM parts are generated layer by layer, characteristic surfaces occur!**

Example: Downskin surfaces



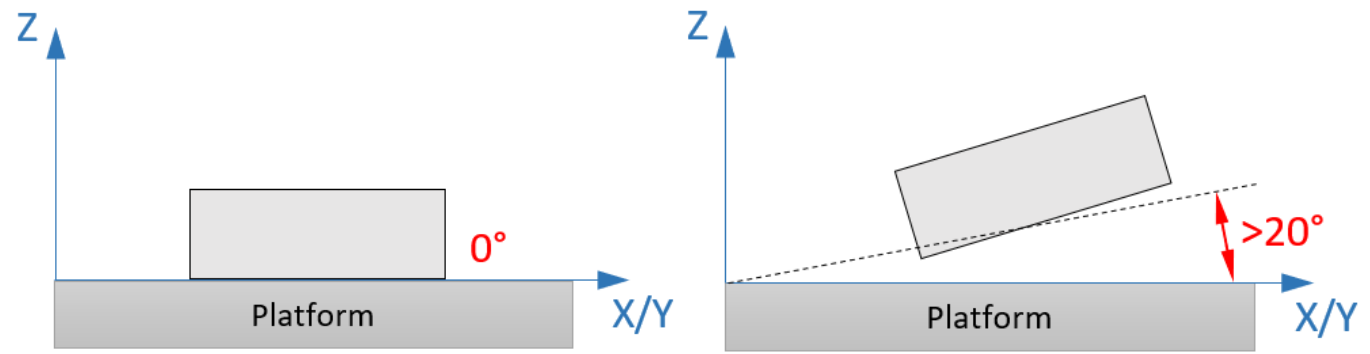
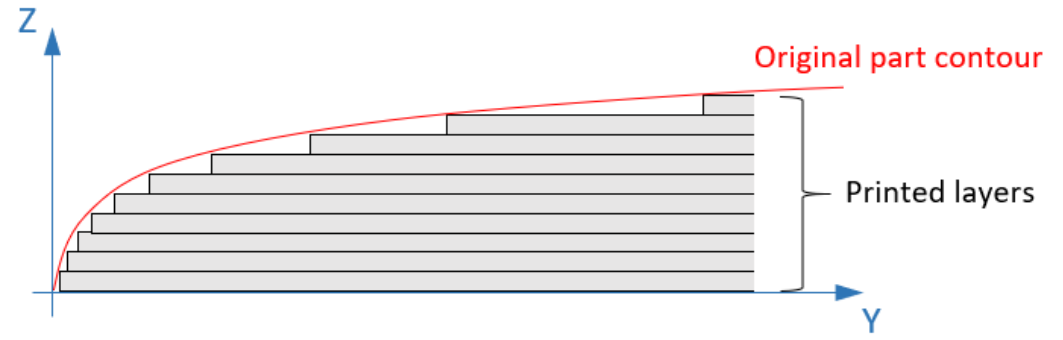
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# Part orientation

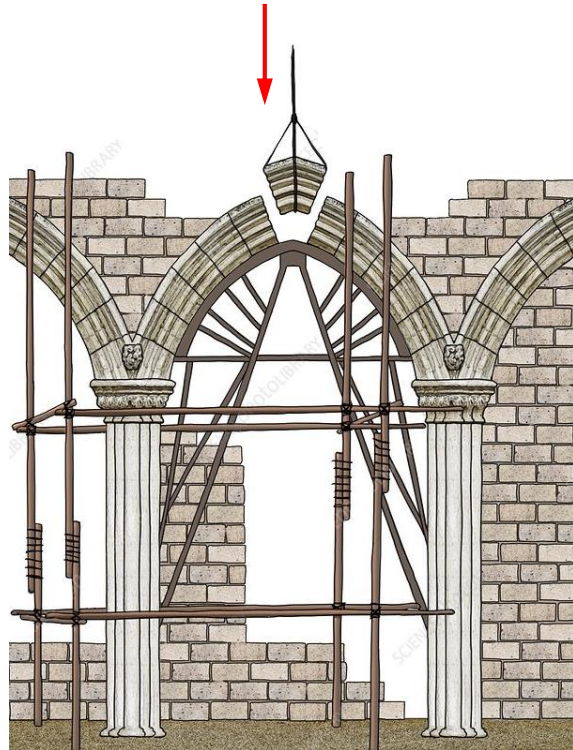
## Stepping effect

- Geometric inaccuracy compared to original part
- Visibility and size depending on layer thickness and part orientation
- Impact on:
  - dimensional accuracy
  - surface quality
  - detail resolution

→ To avoid steps on the surface, the angle of the plane should be  $0^\circ$  or  $> 20^\circ$  to the XY-plane



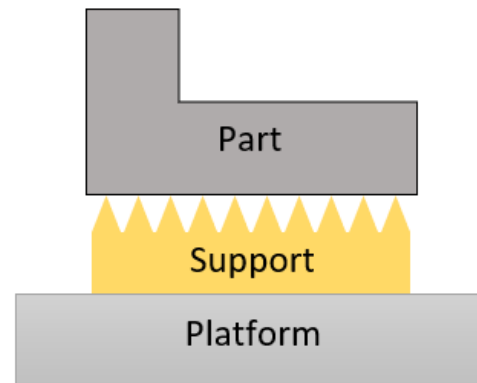
# Support structure



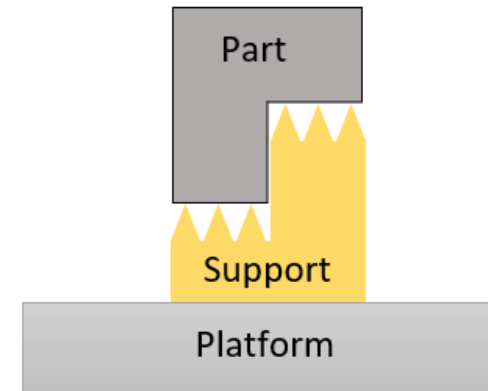
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→ The purpose of support structure is to...

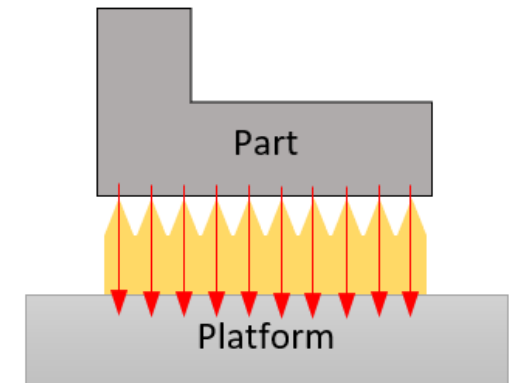
... attach part to platform



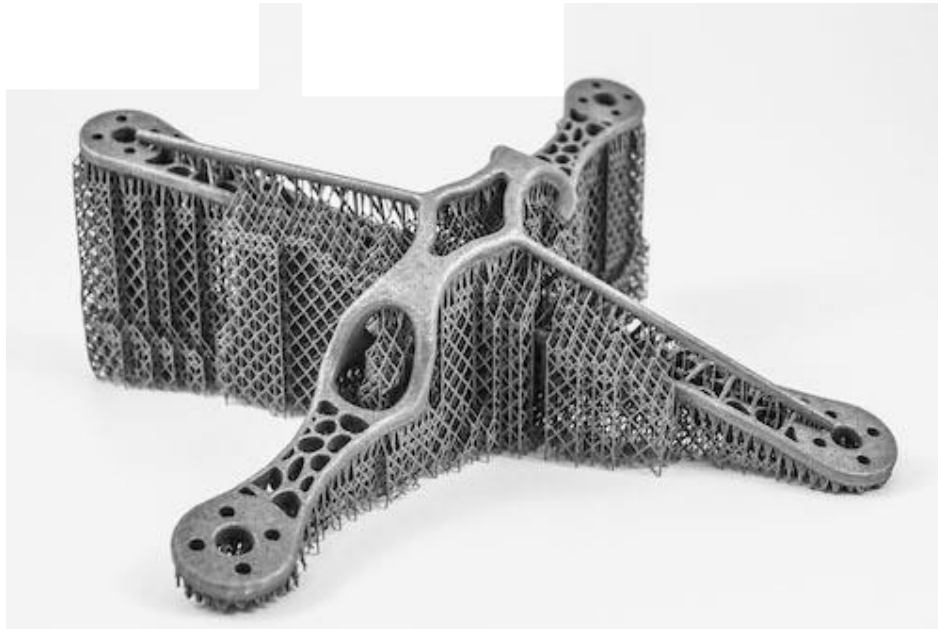
... support steep angles/overhangs



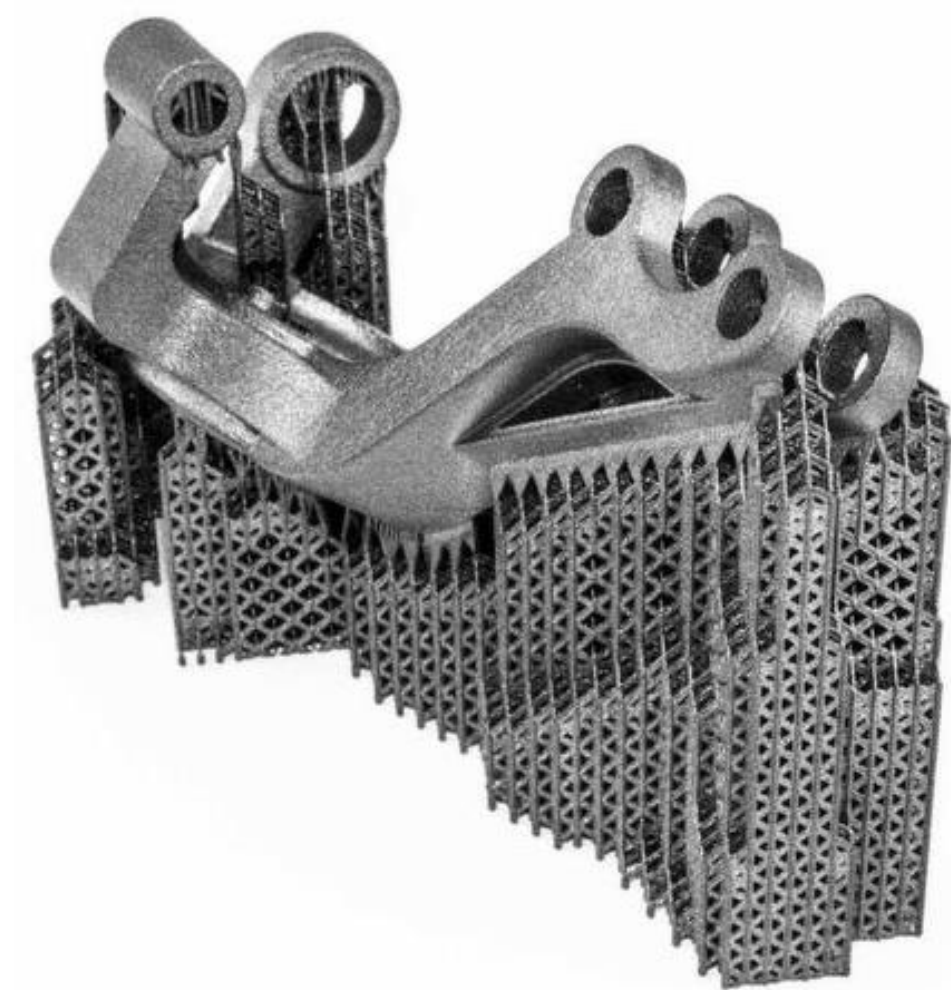
... conduct heat away



## Support structure - Examples



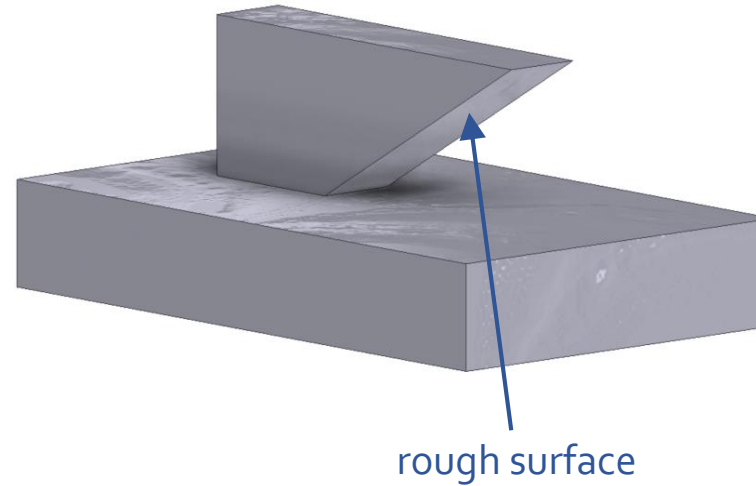
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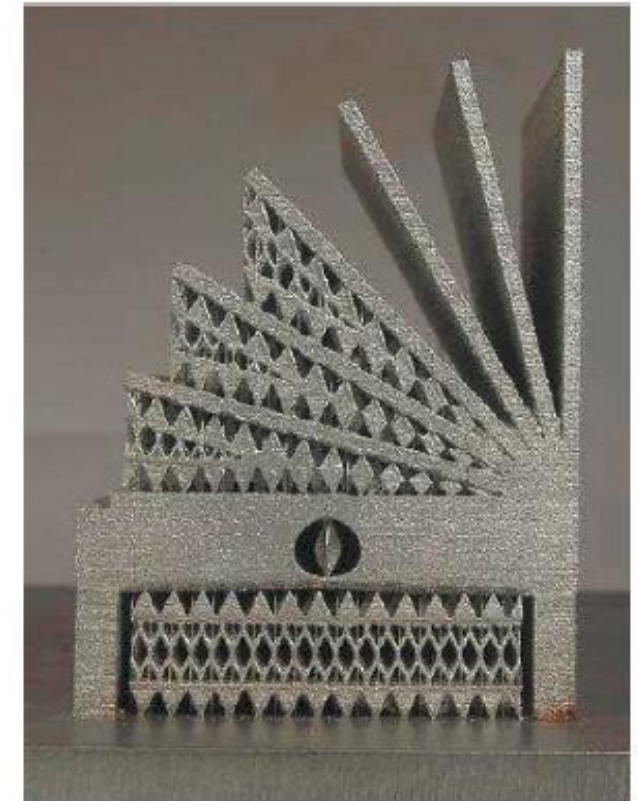
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# Support-free overhanging surfaces

- Minimum self-supporting angles:
  - Stainless steel:  $\sim 30^\circ$
  - Inconel:  $\sim 45^\circ$
  - Titanium:  $\sim 20^\circ$ - $30^\circ$
  - Aluminium:  $\sim 45^\circ$
  - Cobalt Chrome:  $\sim 30^\circ$
- Critical angles may require considerable post-processing due to the rough surface



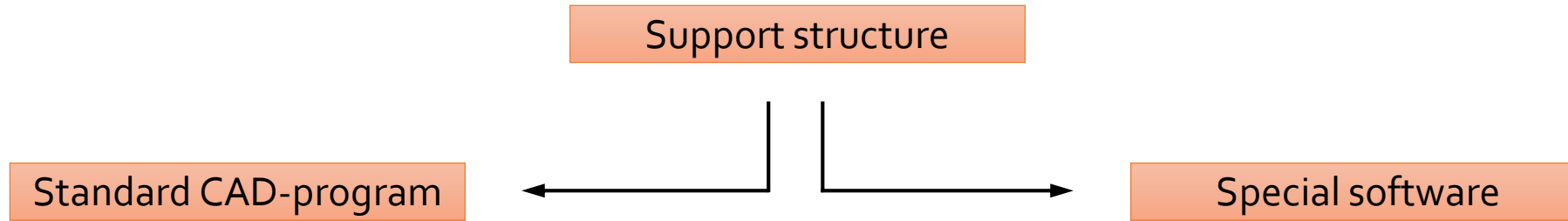
- Smart orientation/part design can reduce or even eliminate the need of support structures!  
(reduction of time and costs)



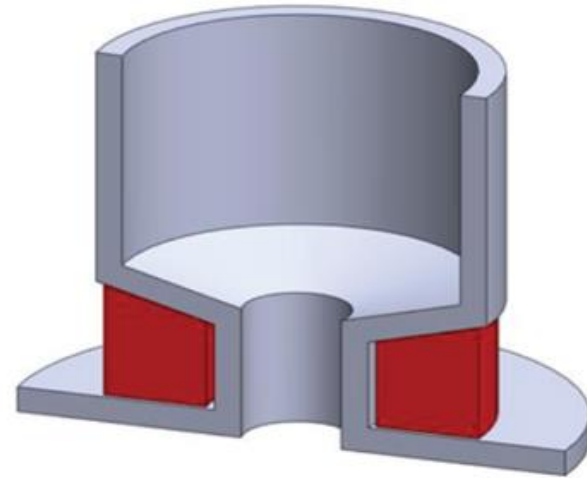
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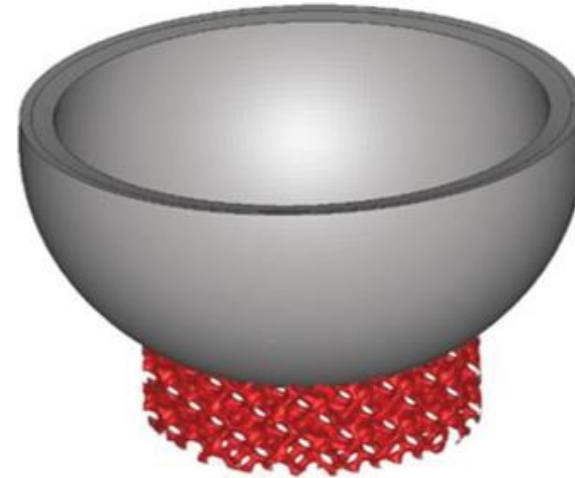
# Creation of Support Structure



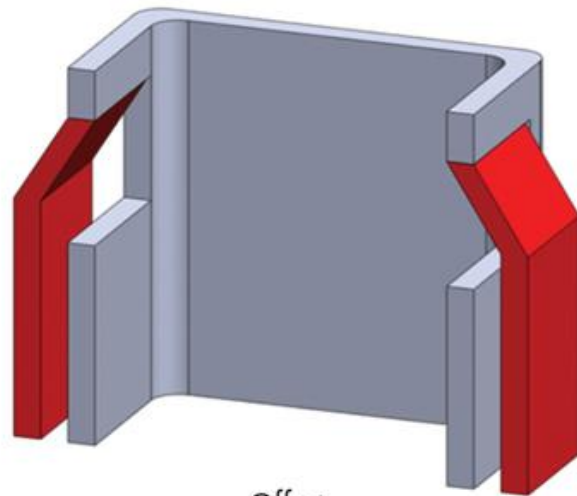
# Examples of different support structure



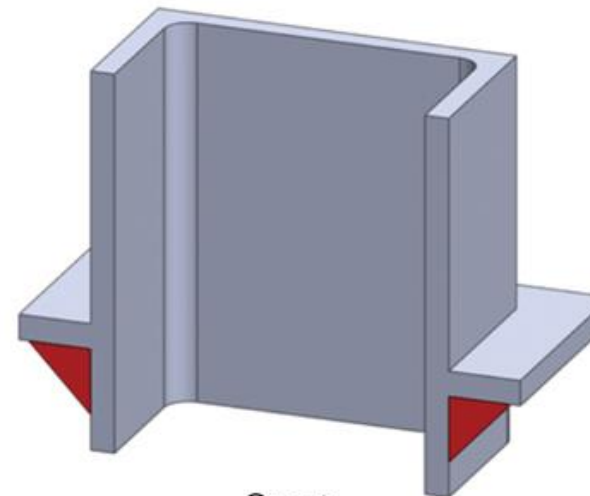
Fill



Lattice



Offset

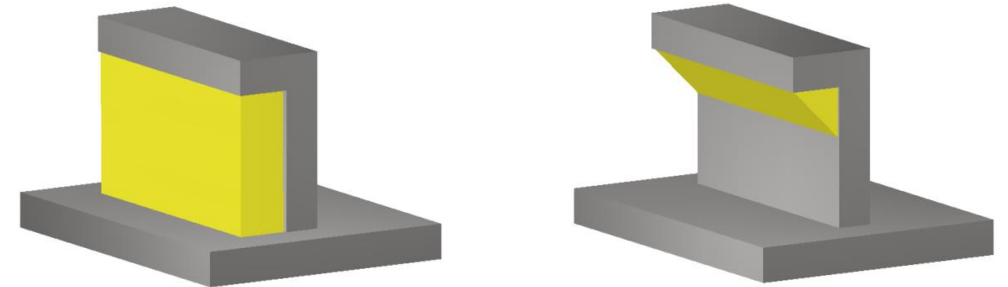


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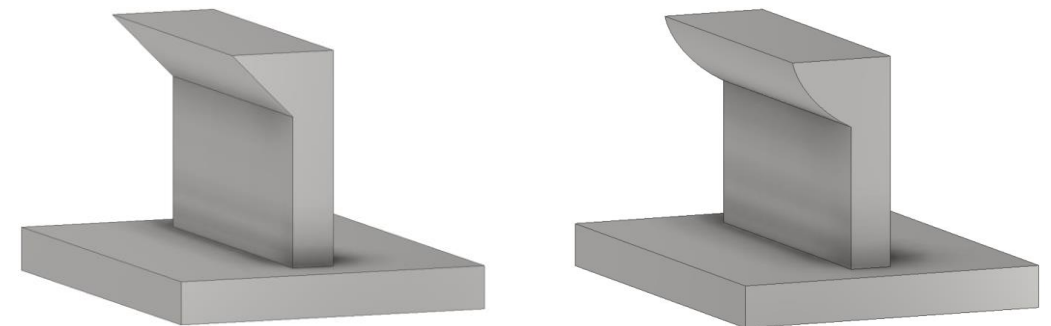
# Support-free overhanging surfaces

- **In general**  
Horizontal overhangs can be supported from the base → requires energy/material
  - **Better solution**  
Support the overhanging surface from the main geometry at an angle
  - **Best solution**  
„Integration“ of the support structure into the geometry of the part
- Smart design can avoid unnecessary support structure!

Bad example: support needed for overhanging surfaces



Good example: support-free part design



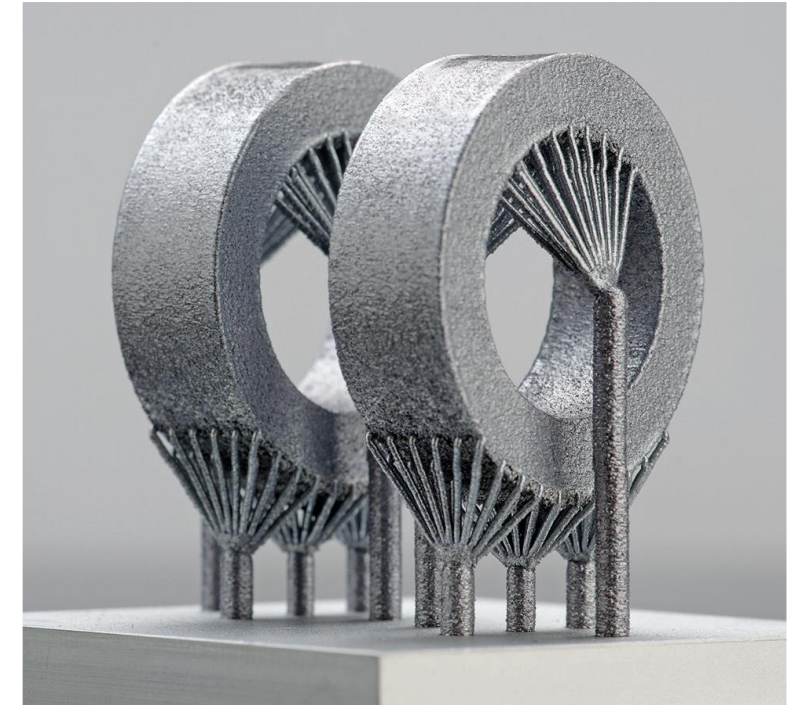
# Support Structure

Support structure...

- ... adds complexity to a part
- ... rises the material consumption
- ... lowers the surface quality
- ... requires additional post-processing
- ... lowers the economic efficiency



Source: materialise.com, 2019



Source: ilt.fraunhofer.de, 2019

# Holes

## Support structure

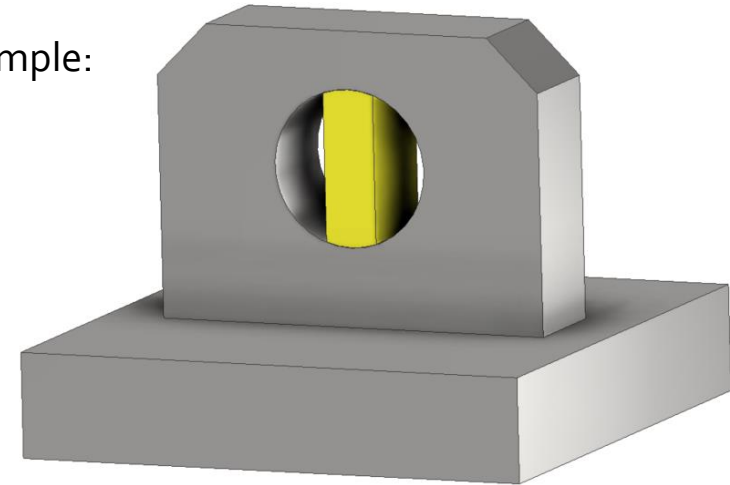
- Supports can improve the roundness and the microstructure in down facing overhangs

## No support structure

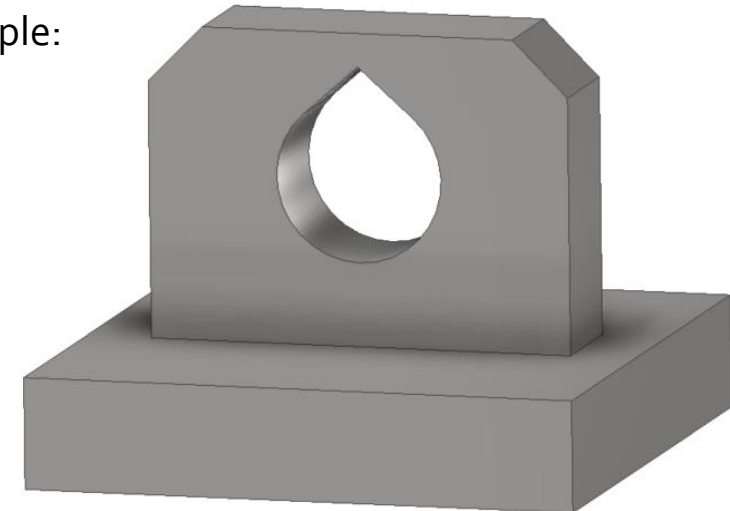
- Holes with angled or arched upper area will probably not require any support
- This feature of DMLS can have a significant impact on the overall design process

→ Smart design reduces post-processing effort!

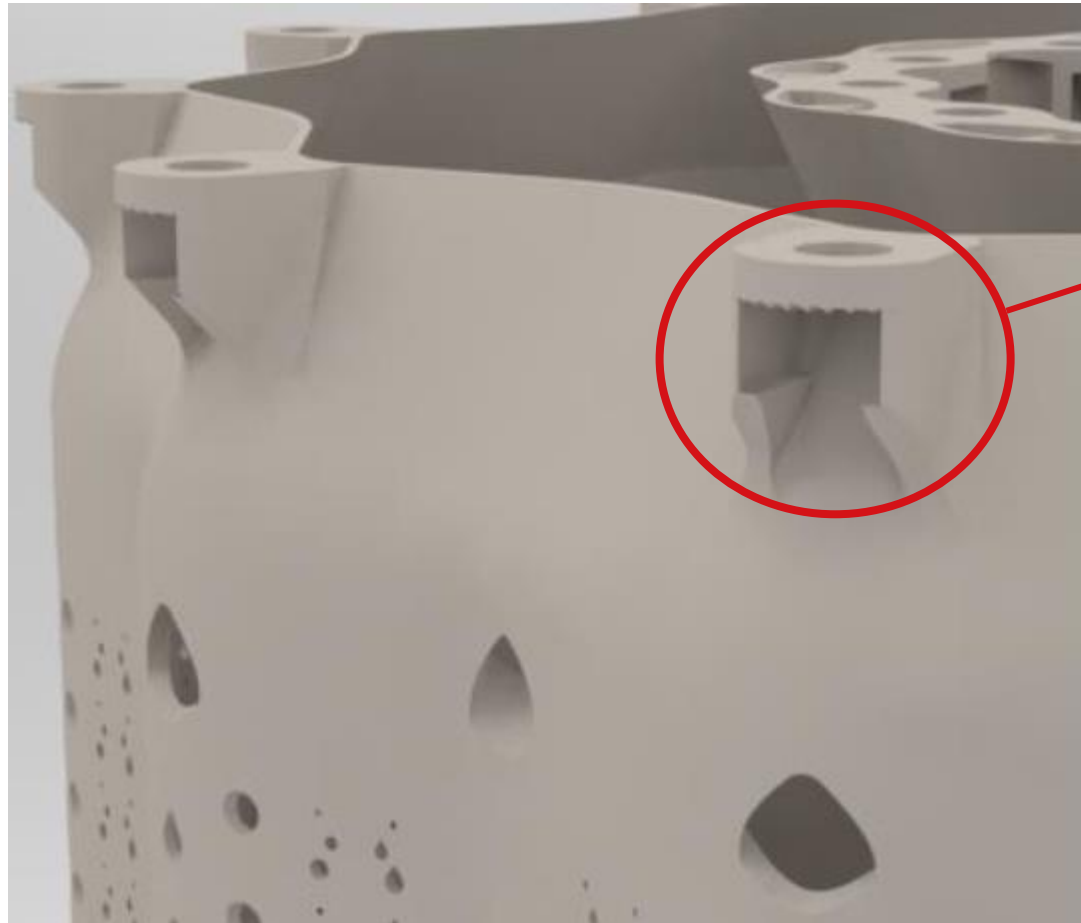
„Bad“ example:



Good example:



## Smart solution – support structure

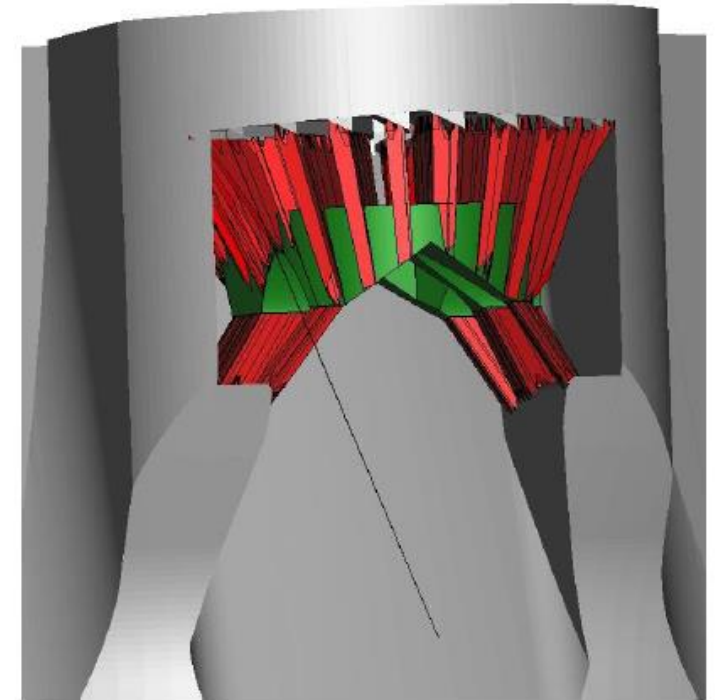
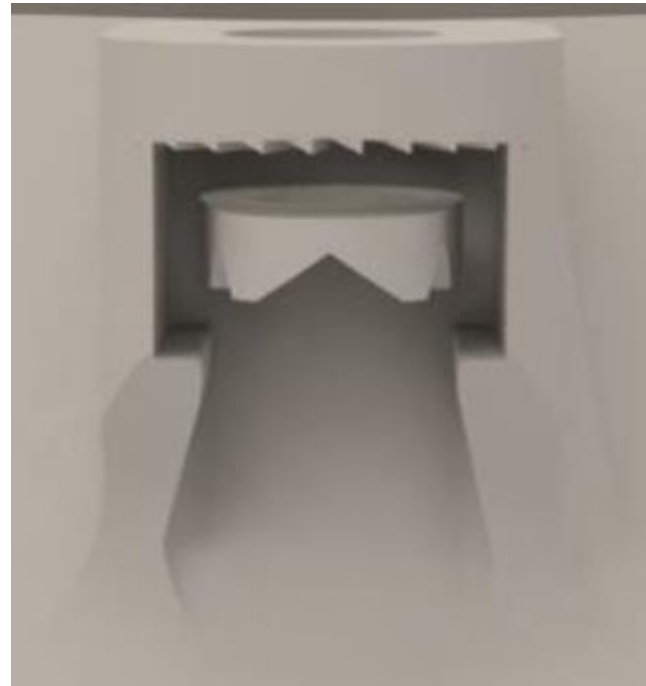
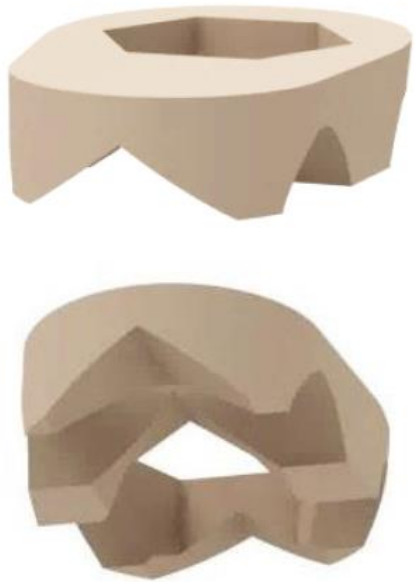


Support required

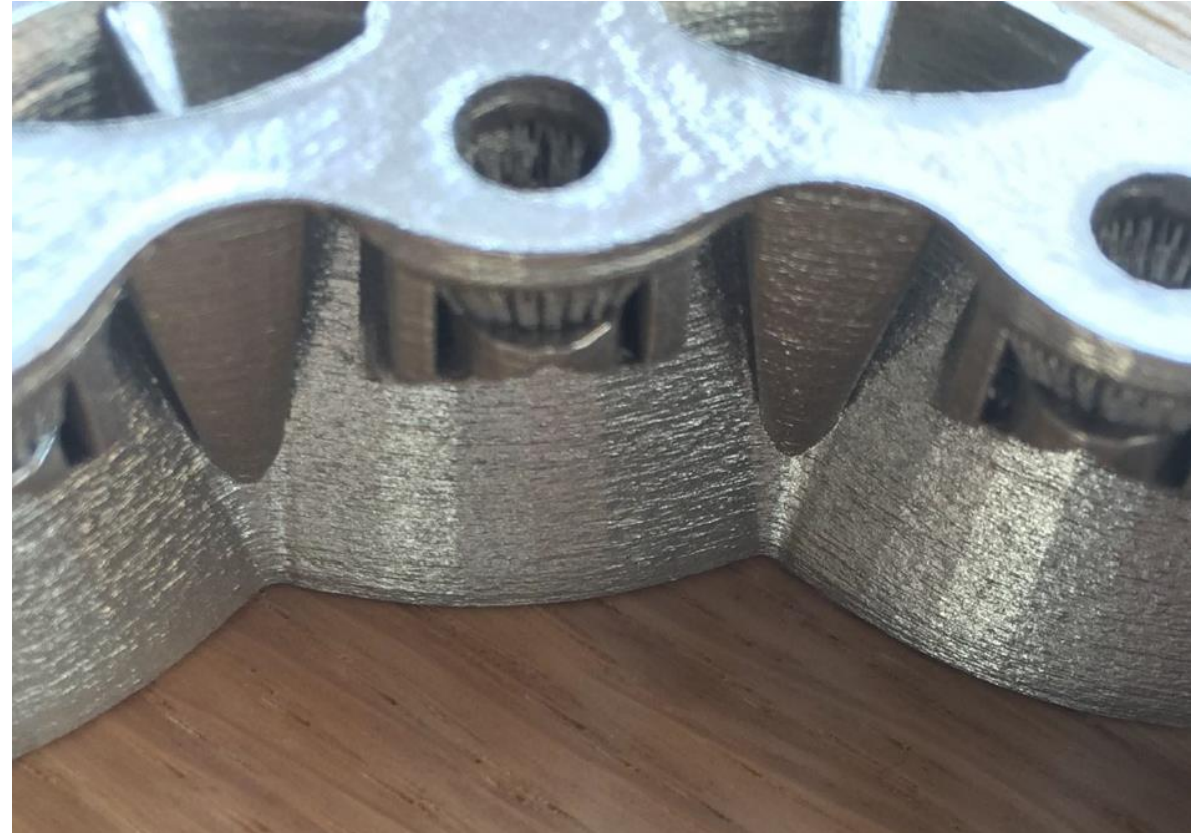
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## Smart solution – support structure

→ Additional part to hold and remove support



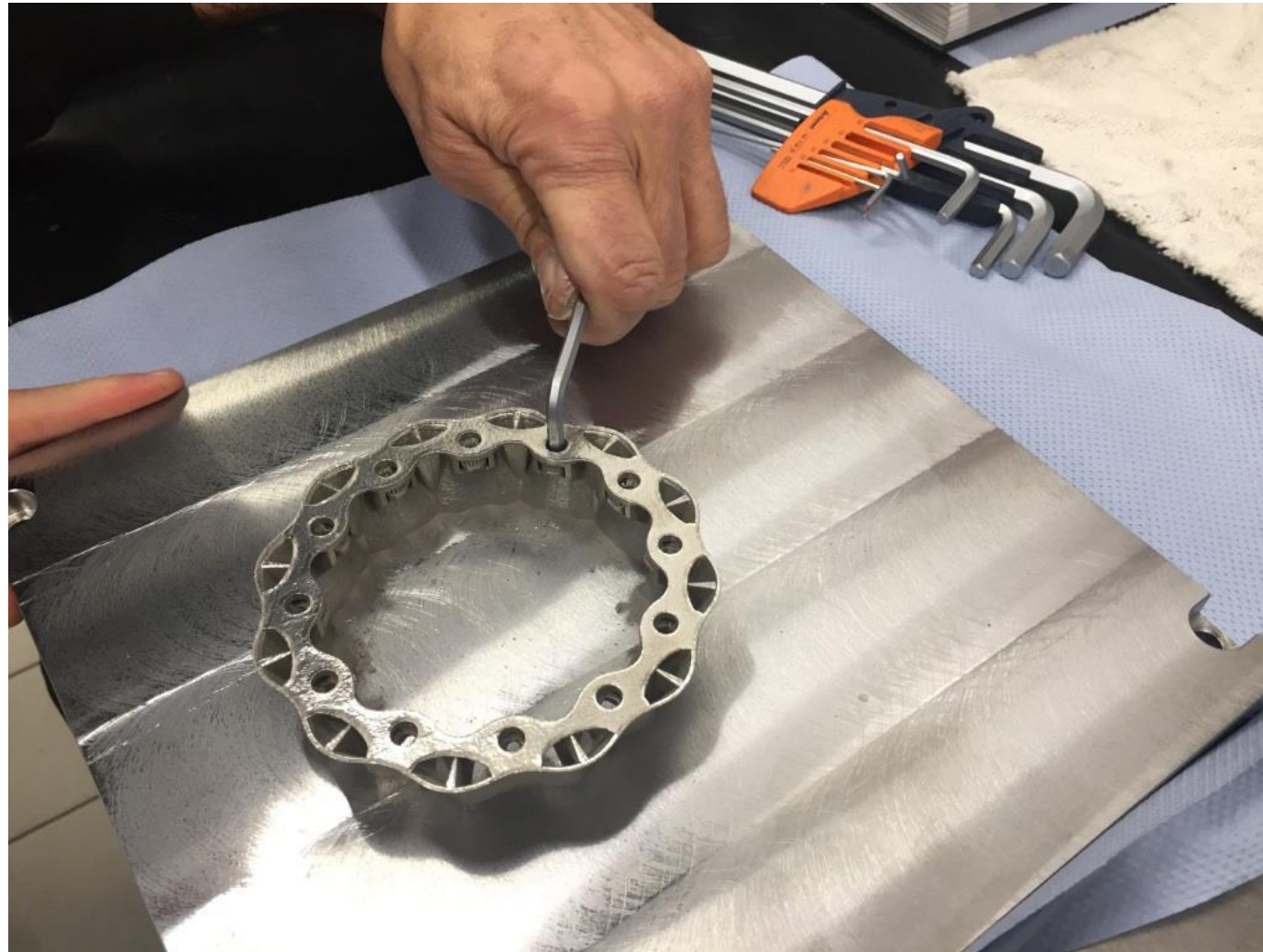
## Smart solution – support structure



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## Smart solution – support structure



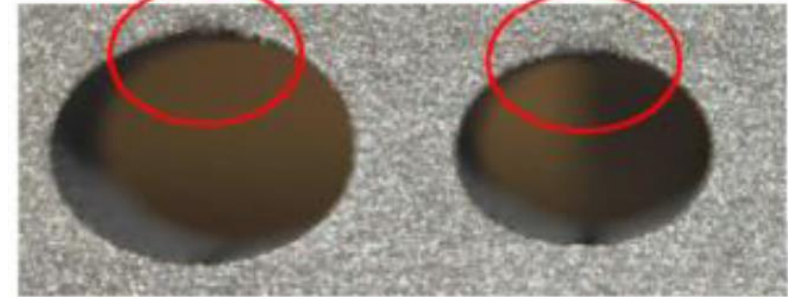
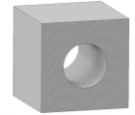
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# Holes

- The size of bore holes limits the powder removal and the thermal distribution
- The quality of vertical holes is higher than horizontal holes
- In general: Bore holes  $\varnothing > 2\text{mm}$

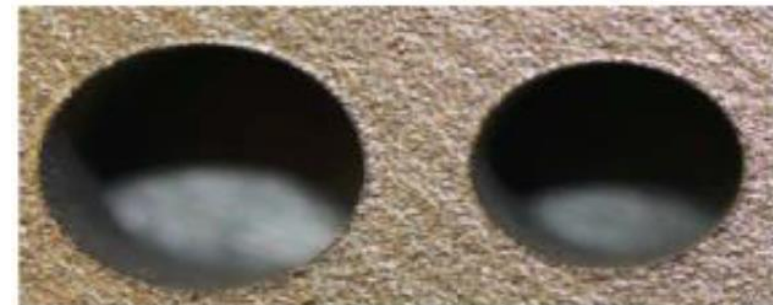
→ The minimum diameter of a hole is depending on the wall thickness and on the length of the feature!

Horizontal holes:



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Vertical holes:



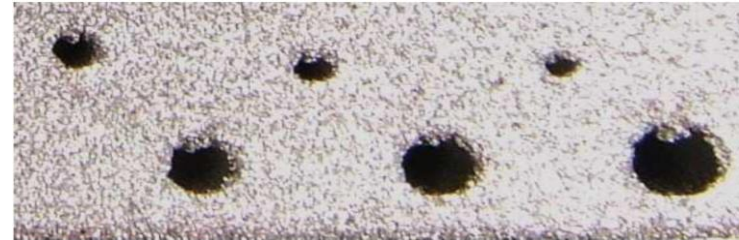
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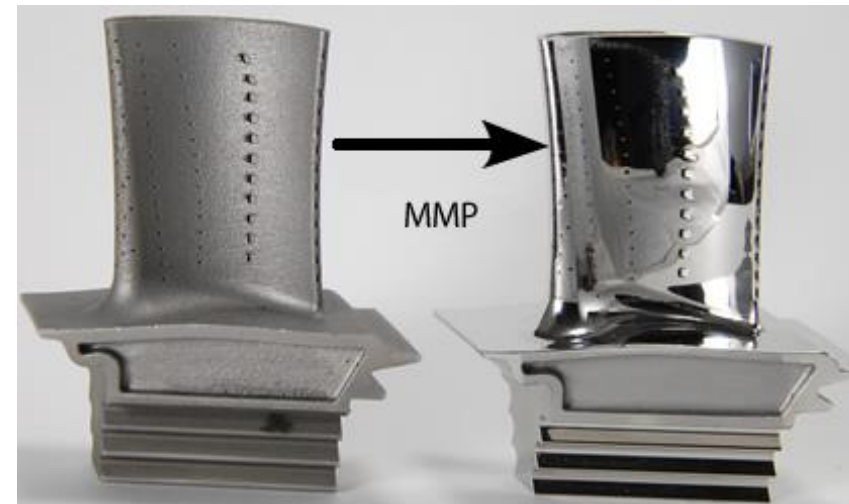
## Detail Resolution

- Horizontal holes/passages can be build
- **Problems:**
  - Sagging
  - Rough top surface
- **Limitations:**
  - $\varnothing > 8\text{mm}$  needs support
  - $\varnothing < 0.5\text{mm}$  cannot be build
- **Solutions:**
  - Post-machining
  - Abrasive Flow Machining
  - Micro Machining Processing (MMP)

Specimen:  $\varnothing$  0.5mm – 1.2mm



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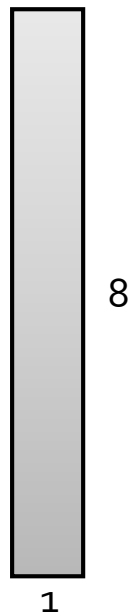
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# Aspect Ratio

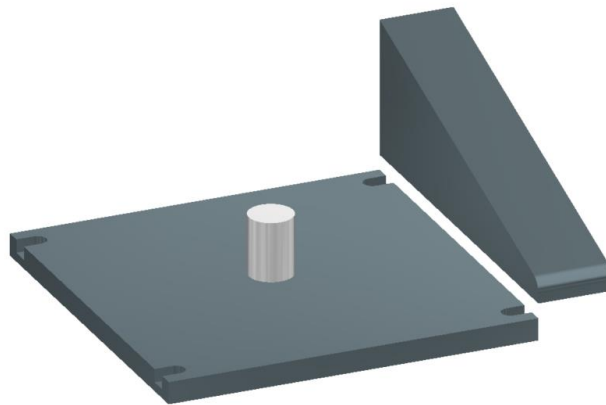
- Minimum reliable pin diameter: **1mm**
- Pin diameters < 1mm are producible but with losing detail resolution due to contour sharpness
- Aspect ratio: **Height/Diameter < 8:1**



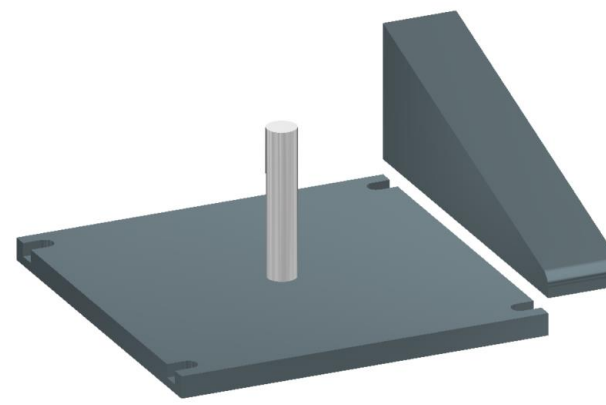
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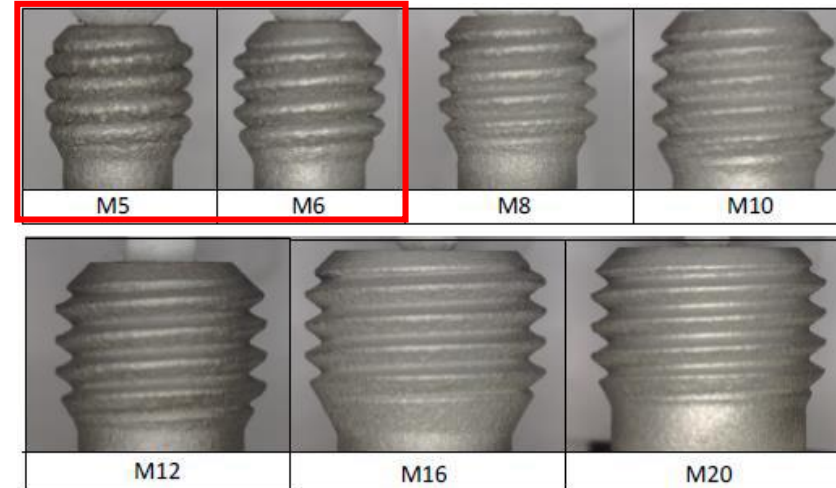
Bad example:



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# External Threads

- Female/male threads > **M8**
- Female/male threads < **M8** possible  
→ post-processing
- Limiting factors:
  - Aspect ratio (male threads)
  - Shape of thread
  - Tested only on EOS M290



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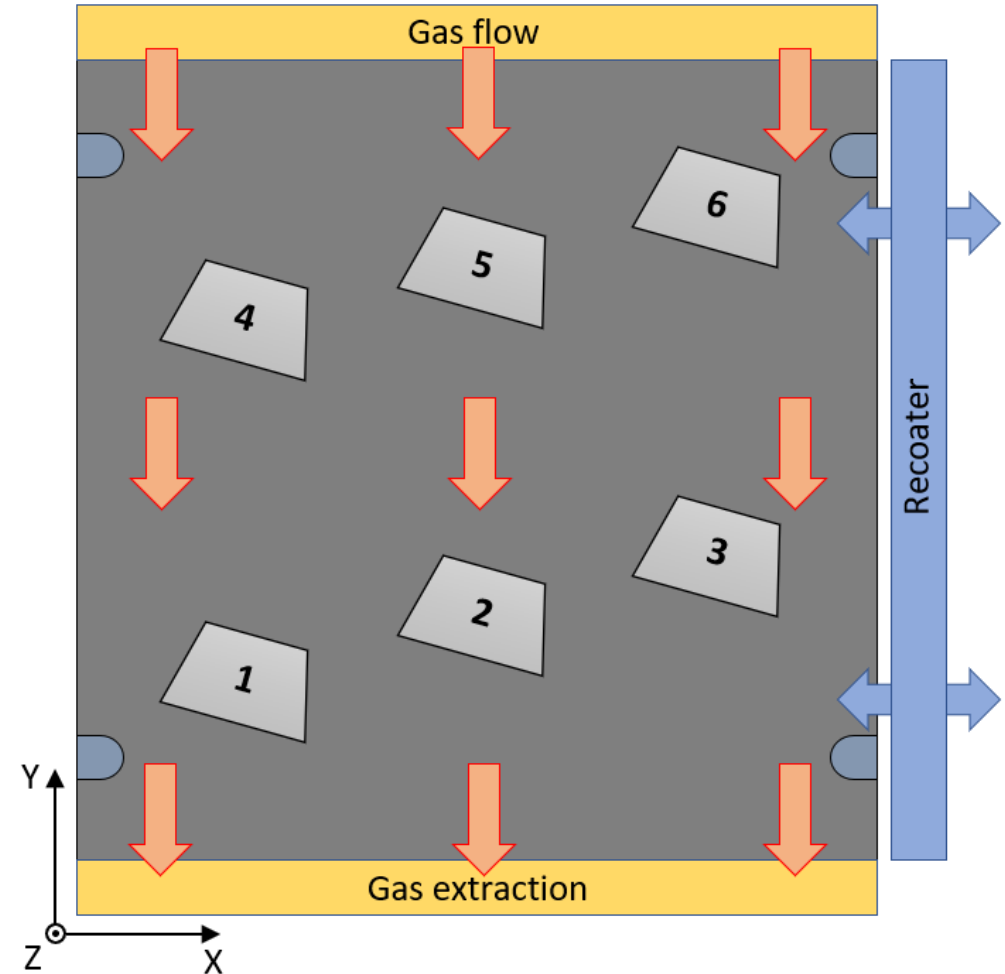
→ The decision between conventional thread cutting and AM depends on the quality requirements / function of the part!

# Part orientation

- The orientation of parts on the platform influences the...
  - ... quality
  - ... quantity (nesting)
  - ... build-time (recoating)
  - ... post-processing (support)

Economic efficiency
- The order in which parts are exposed by the laser should be controlled due to following factors:
  - Condensate
  - Splashes
  - Laser Obstruction by smoke
  - Material properties

Part quality

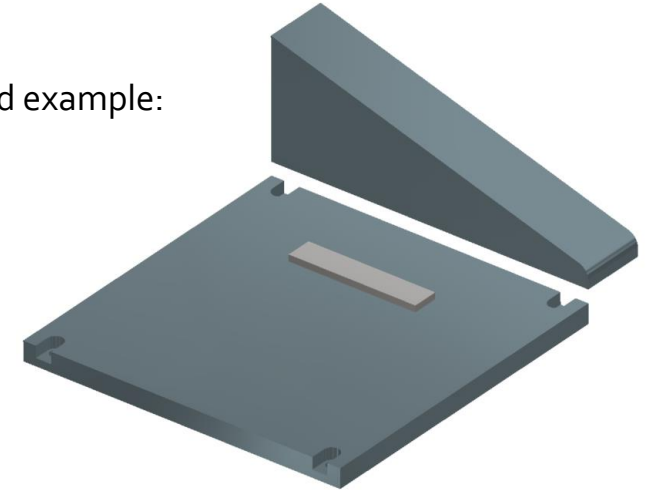


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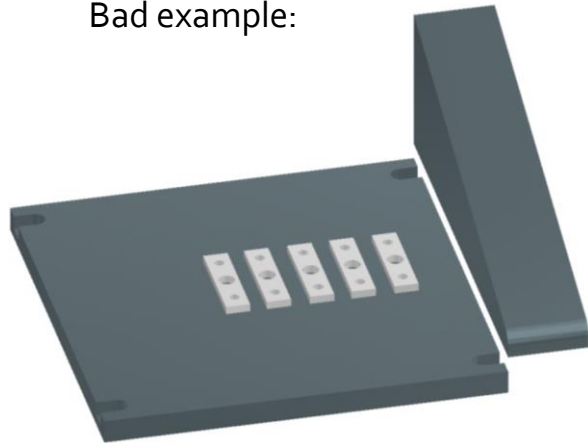
## Alignment to the recoater

- Parts should not be aligned parallel to the recoater
- Flat surfaces need to be positioned at a 5° angle to the blade (single point of contact – not a whole line)

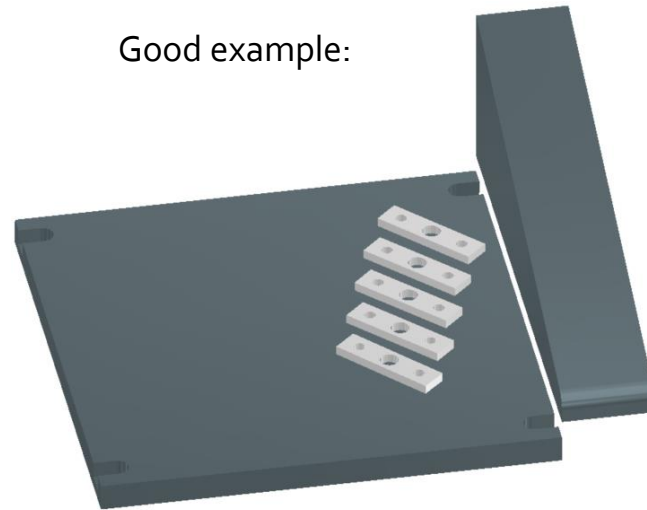
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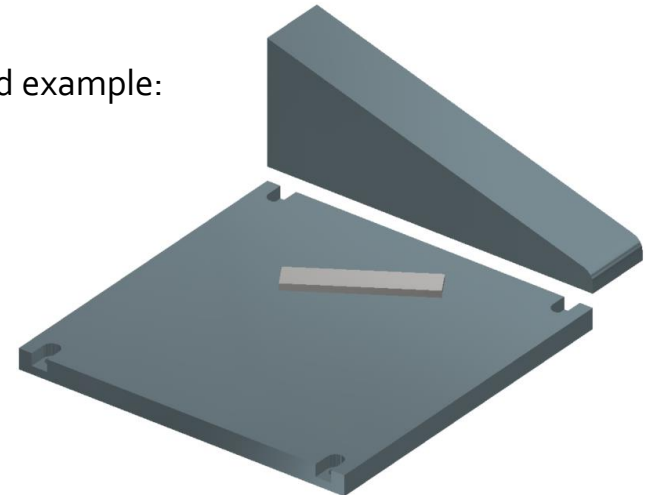
Bad example:



Good example:



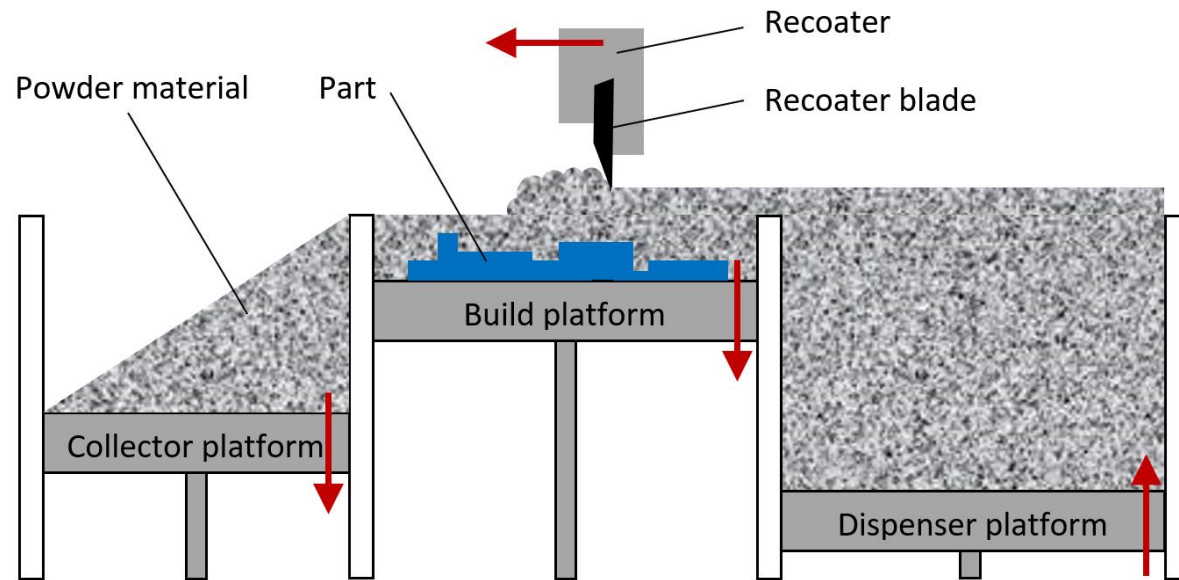
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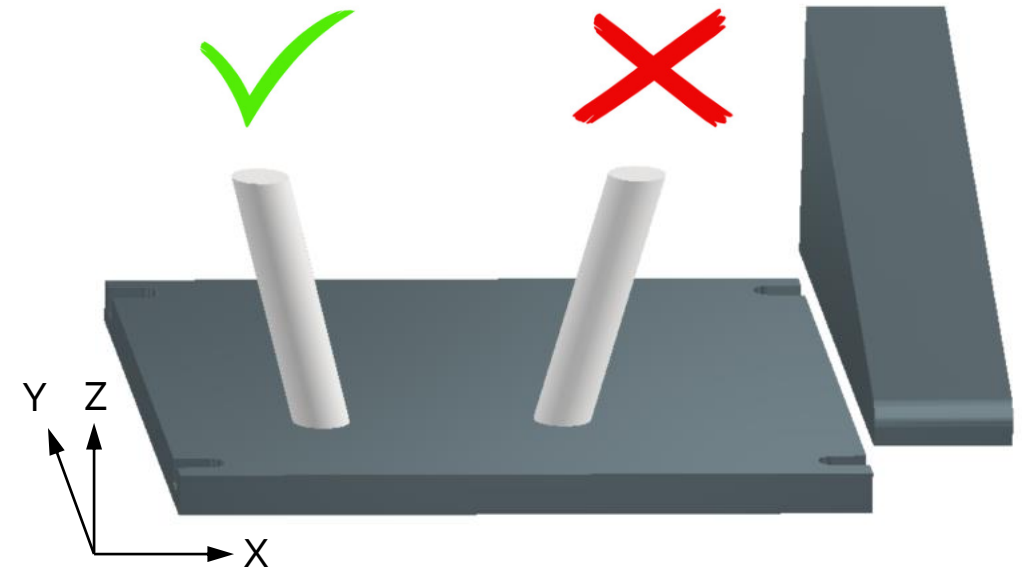
# Part orientation

During the recoating process, the recoater blade exerts forces on the support/part when it gets in contact with:

- Bulged areas due to internal stresses
- Clumps and splashes of unintentionally sintered powder



- Parts should not grow towards the recoater
- Sharp edges should not be oriented towards the recoater





# Part orientation

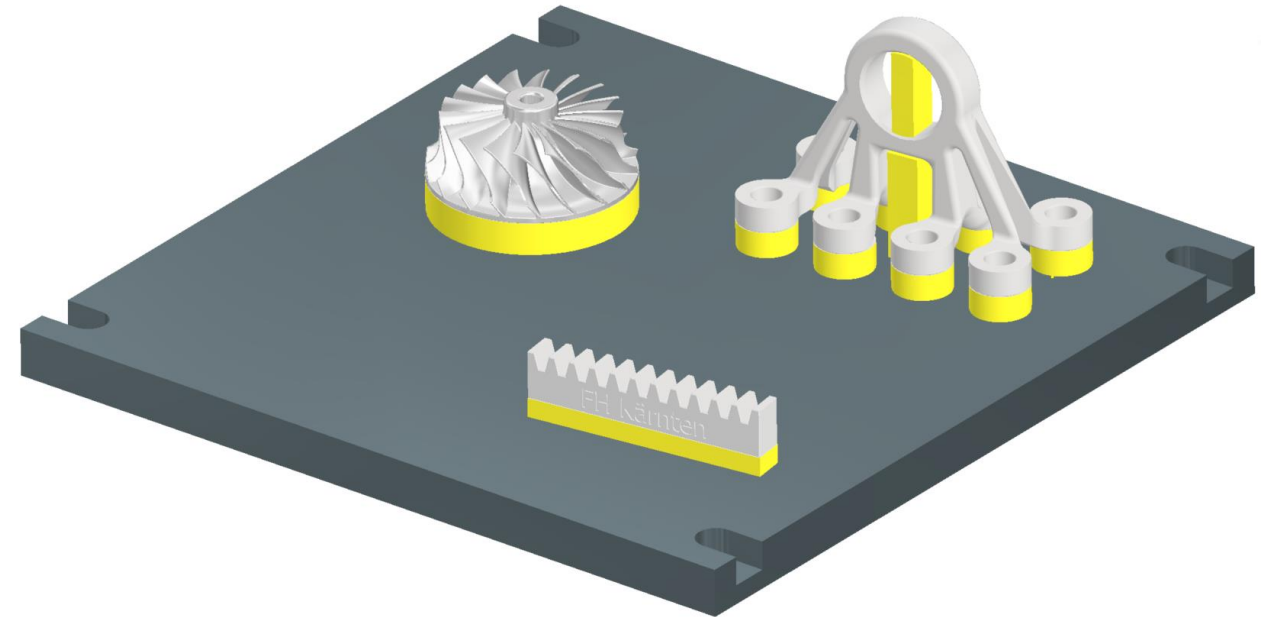
- Setting up a part for the upcoming printjob is one of the most important steps in the process
- Within this step, decisions are made regarding the ...

... costs

... quality

... buildability

... post-processing



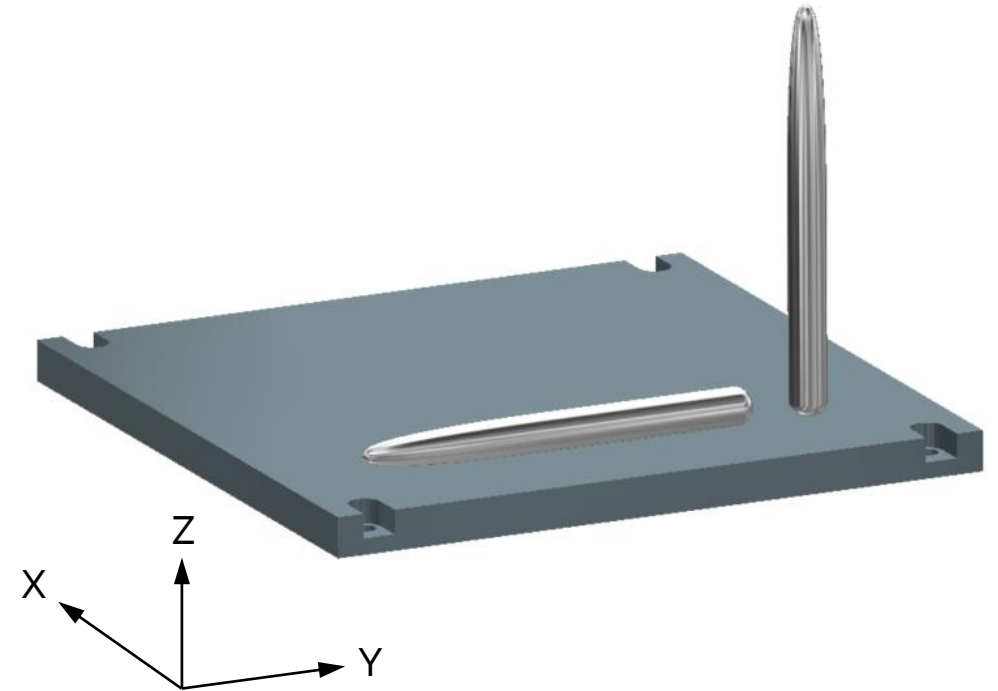
→ **Therefore, to prepare the printjob in a structured way, the influencing factors have to be understood!**

# Part orientation

## Costs: Build time

- The time of the build process depends on the z-height of the (highest) part on the platform
- The build time results from...
  - ... the number of layers (recoater passes)
  - ... the layer thickness

→ Minimize the maximum z-height of the print job to reduce build time!

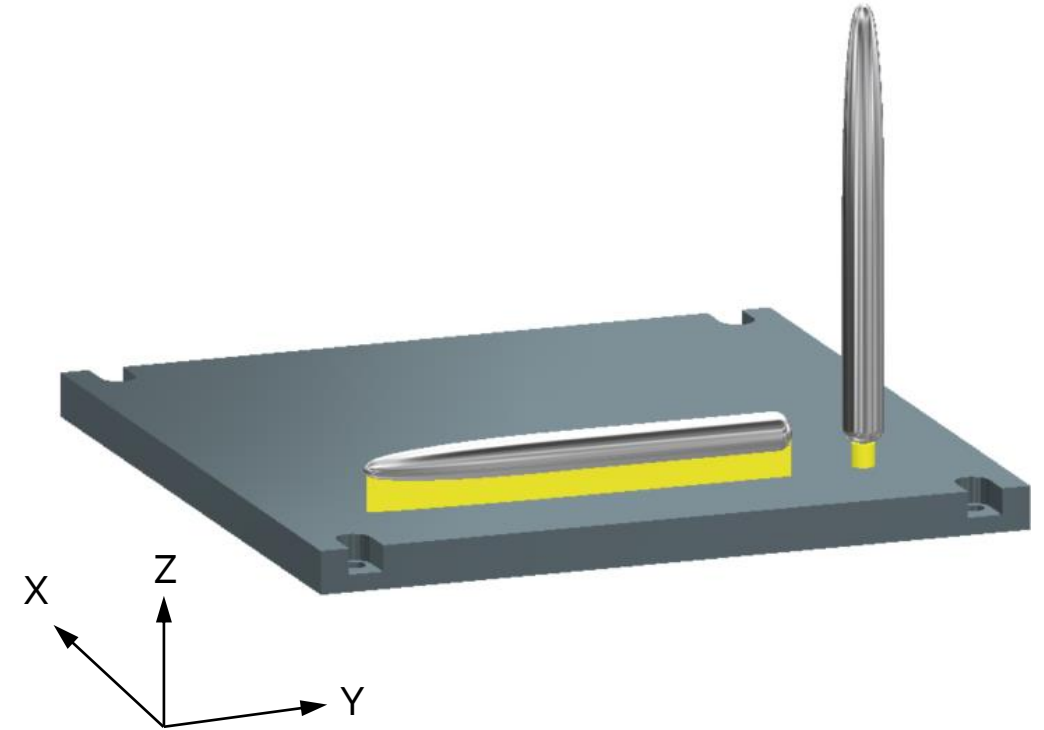


# Part orientation

## Costs: Powder amount

- The orientation of the part affects the amount of...
  - ... support structure
  - ... lost powder material inside the support structure

→ Avoid downfacing areas for less additional support structures!



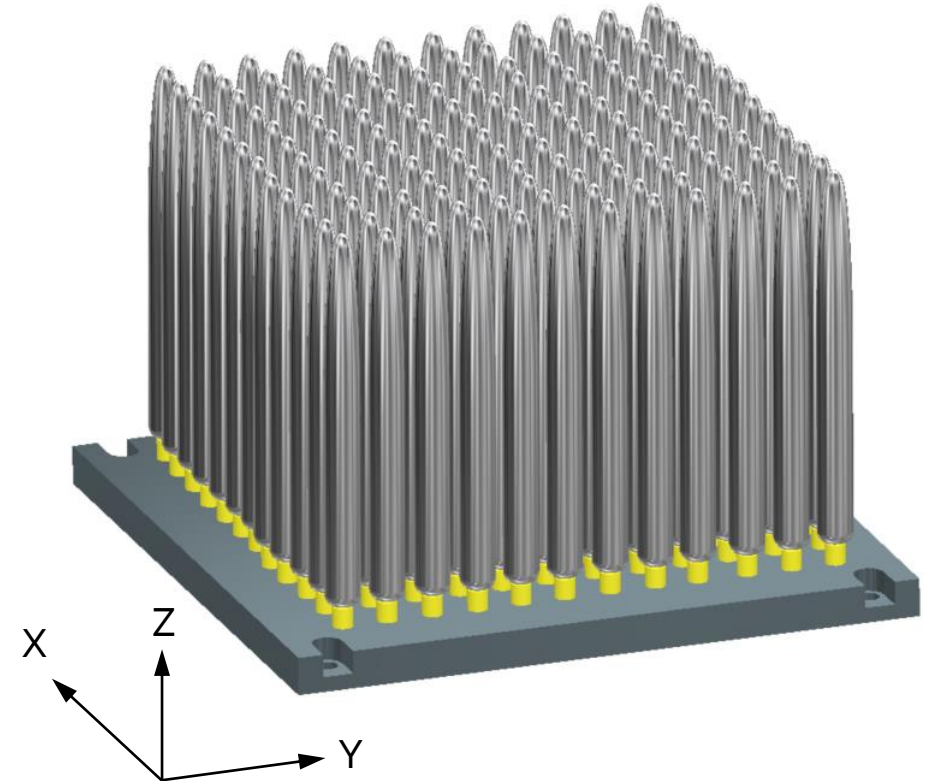
# Part orientation

## Costs: Nesting

Nesting = Placing as many parts on the platform as possible  
(higher productivity)

Influencing factors:

- Orientation of parts (free space for support structure)
- Process quality of each part (prevention of job crash)



# Thermal process

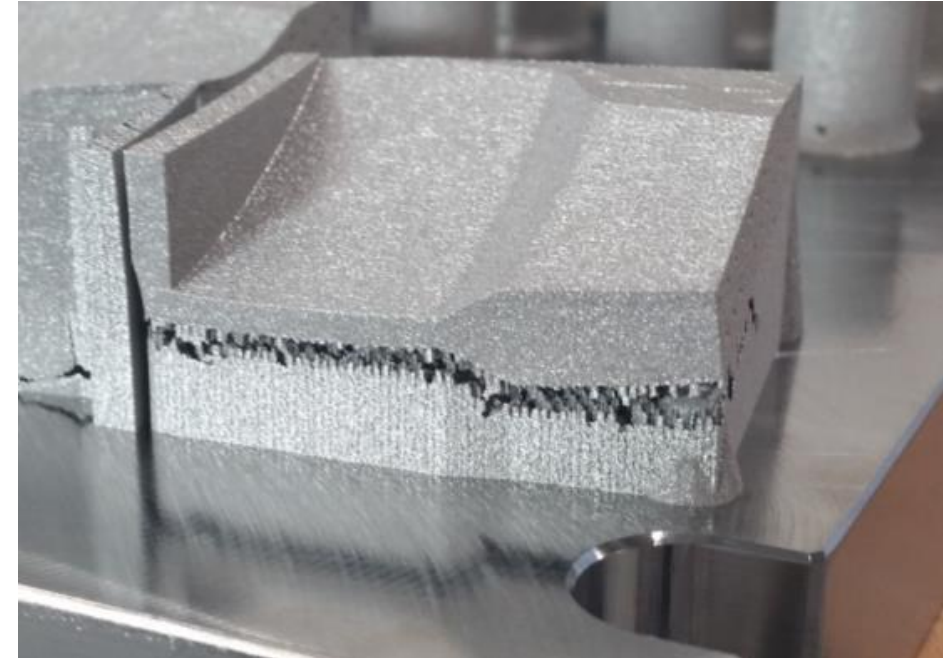
- DMLS is a metal melting process (no „sintering“)
- Significant stresses occur in the parts due to inhomogeneous temperature distribution

## Effects:

- Cracks in the part
- Distortion & Warpage

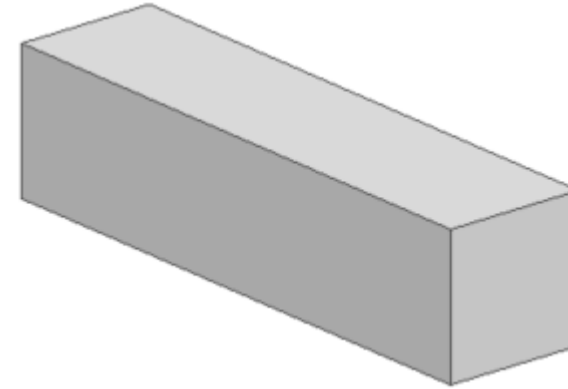
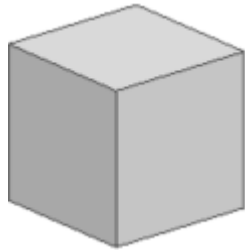
## Impact on:

- Dimensional accuracy
- Process stability

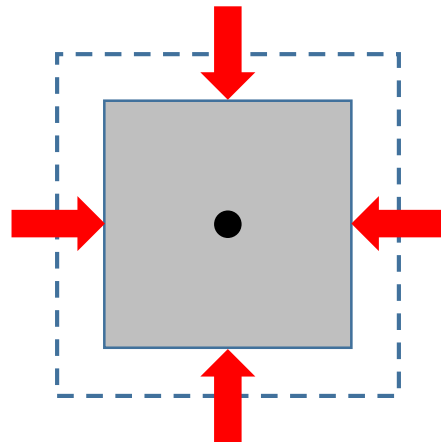


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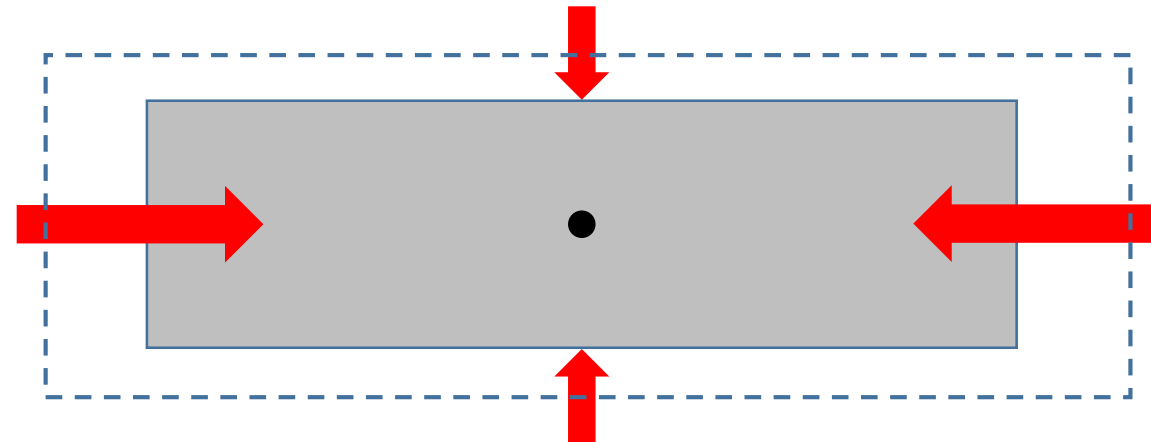
# Shrinkage



Top View:

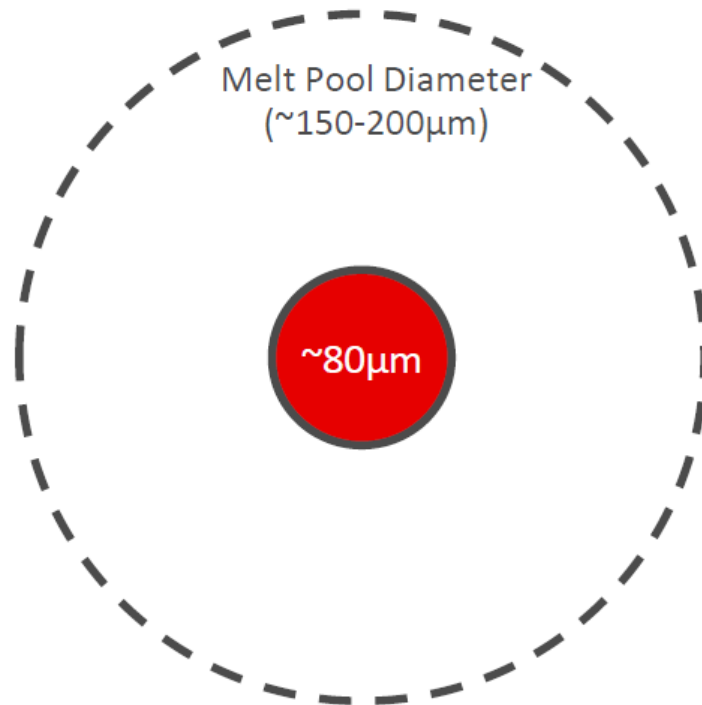


Top View:

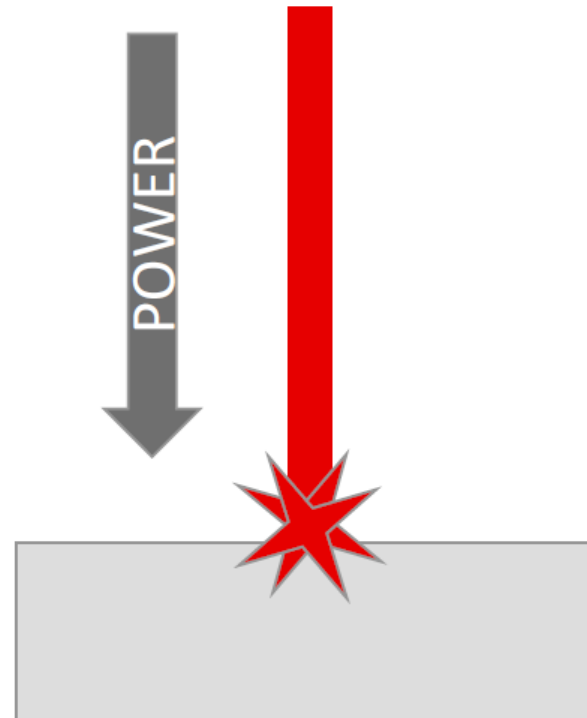


# Exposure strategies

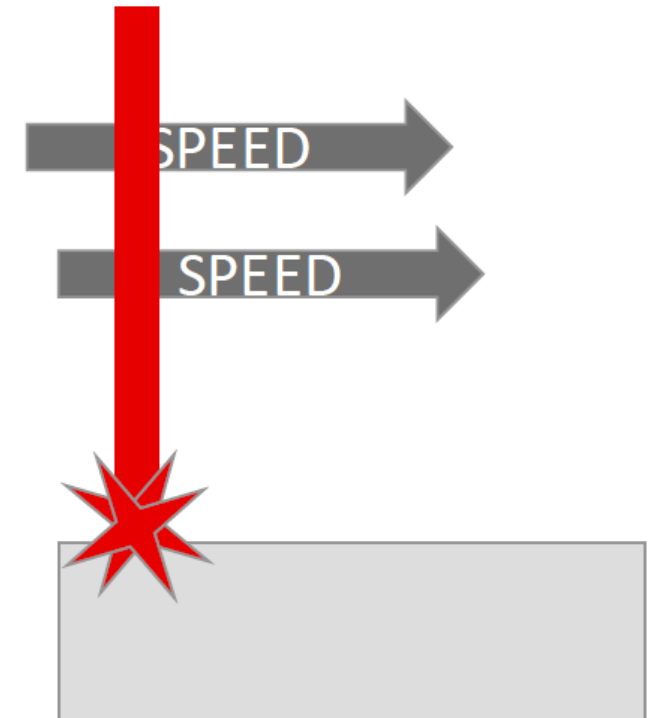
Focus Diameter



Laser Power

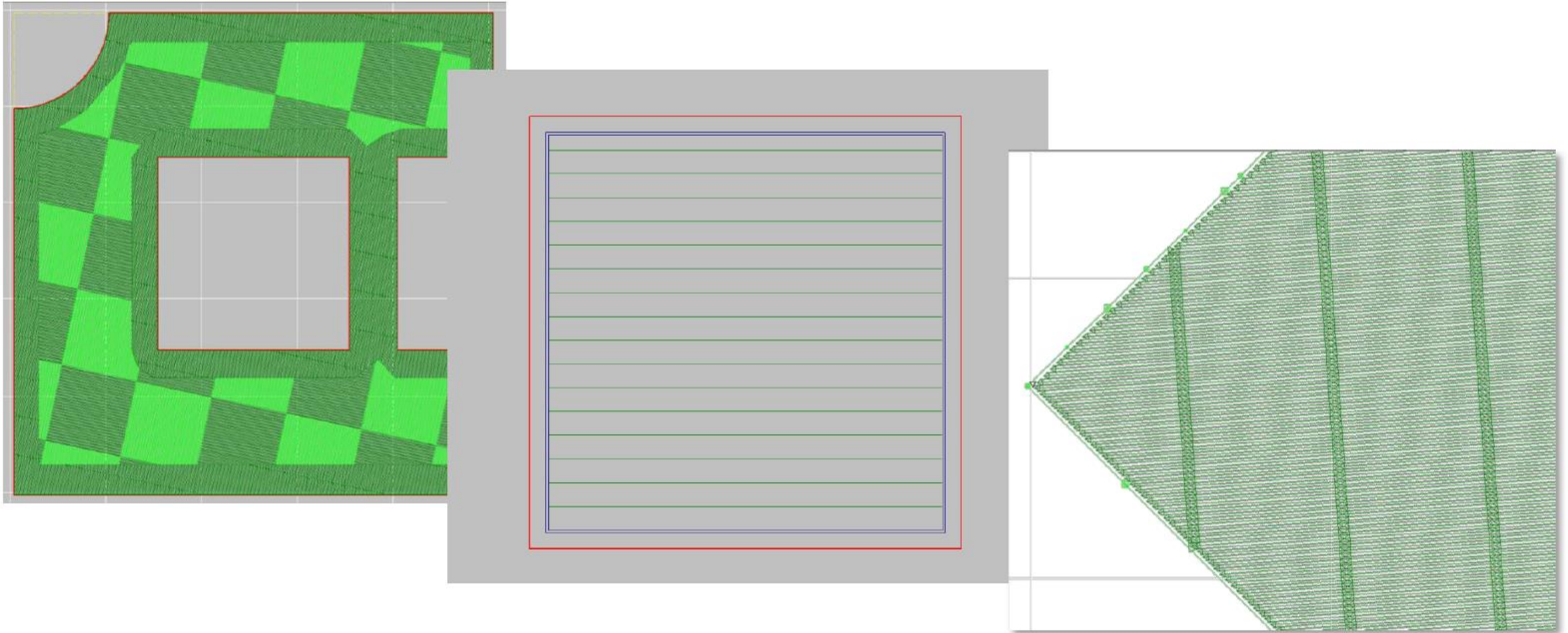


Exposure Time



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# Exposure strategies



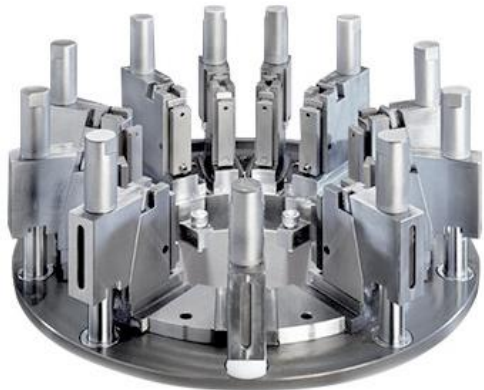
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## Part Screening & Selection Methodology

# Part Screening

- The process of identifying and evaluating parts with potential for Additive Manufacturing
- Based on existing part designs that are produced via conventional manufacturing technologies
- Part Screening Level depends on data quality



Source: zeltwanger.de, 2019



Source: tetrapak.com, 2019



Source: guh-group.com, 2019

Data volume

# Part Screening



Source: amp-powders.com, 2019

# Part Screening



## AM know-how

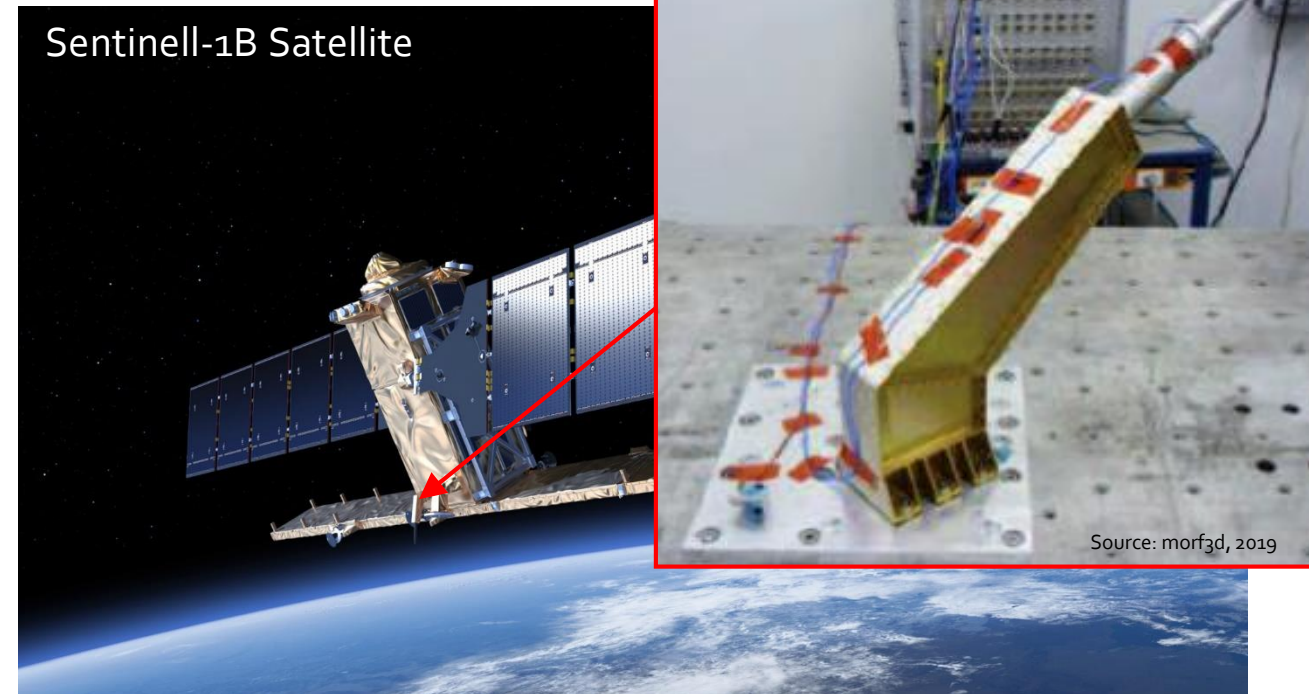
- AM Processes
- Materials
- Design rules

## Individual process know-how

- Process parameters
- Quality requirements
- Environmental influences



Brainstorming



Sentinell-1B Satellite




Source: morf3d, 2019

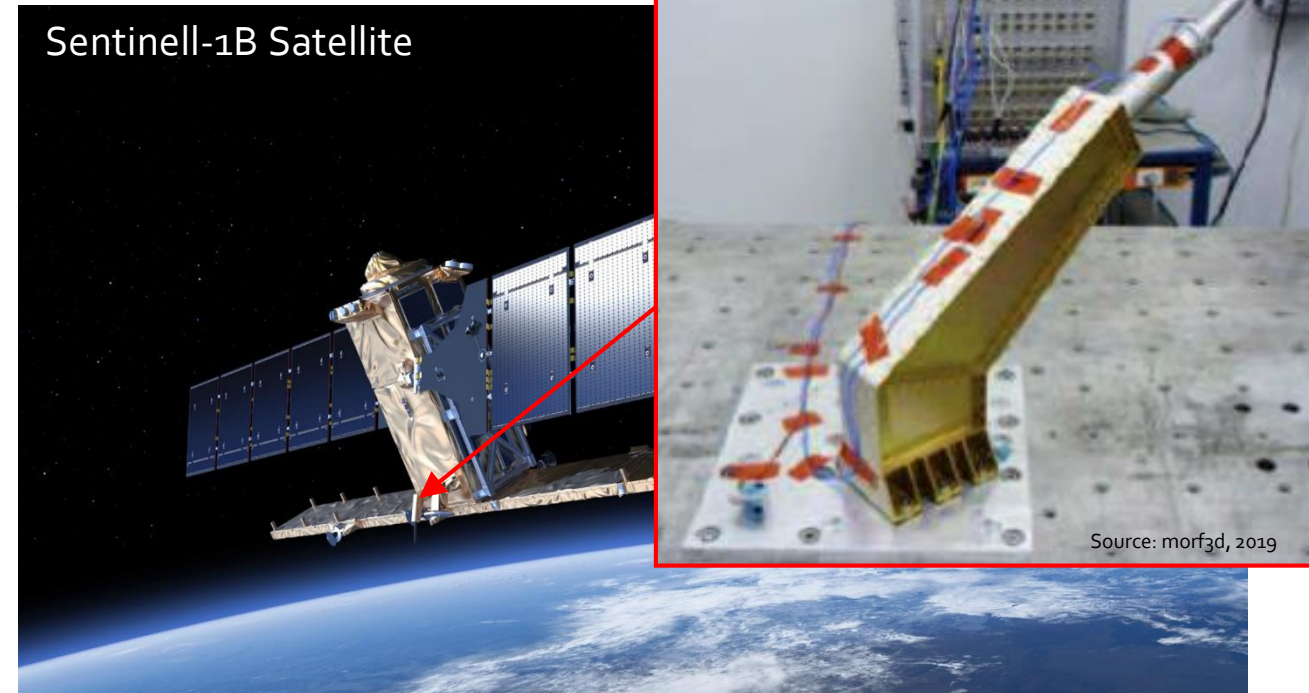
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# Part Screening



## What are the „Pain Points“?

- 
Development/Production costs
- 
Lead time / Cycle time
- 
Long-term costs

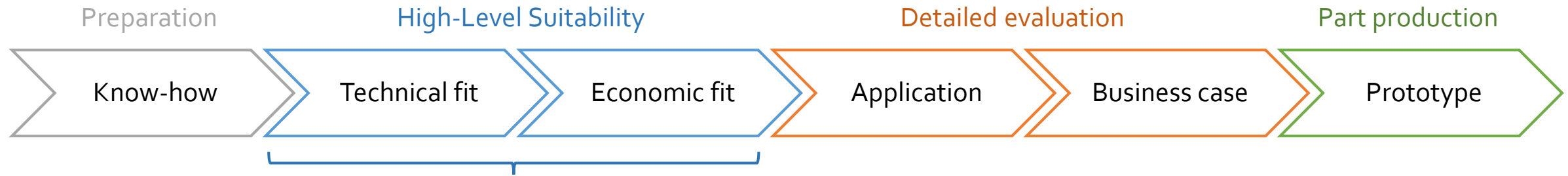


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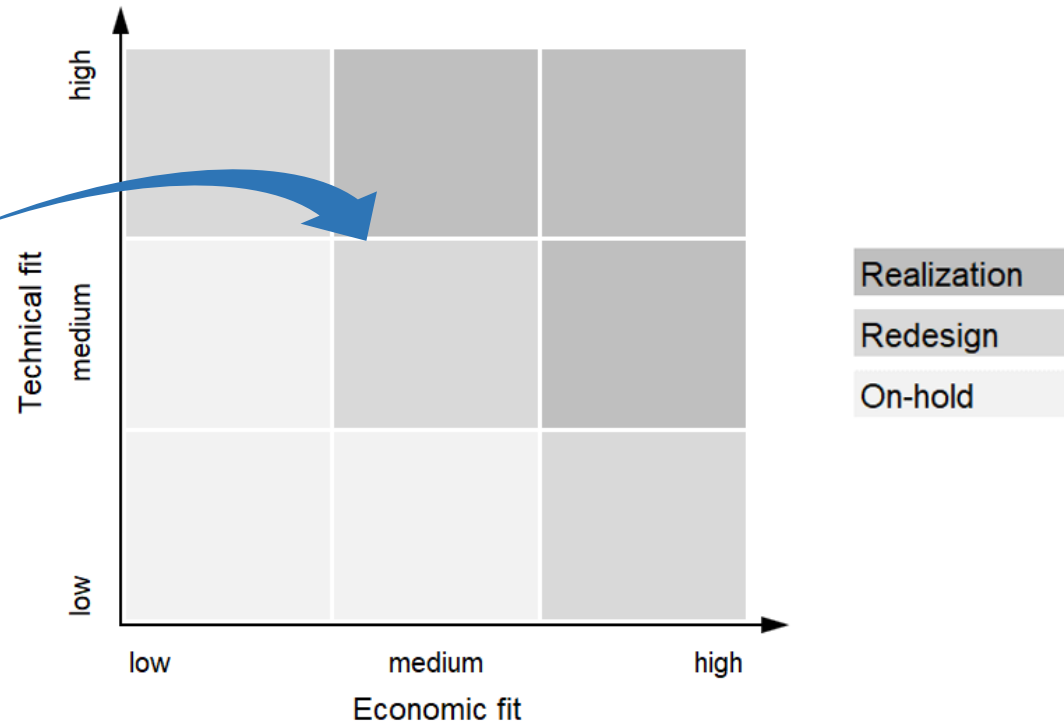
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# Part Screening



EcoTech Matrix



Source: morf3d, 2019

Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

## Realization

- < 1% of stock list
- Direct realization of existing design

## Redesign

- 20-30% of stock list
- Redesign required for economic efficiency

## On-hold

- 70-80% of stock list
- Further evaluation after certain period due to technical progress

# Part Screening

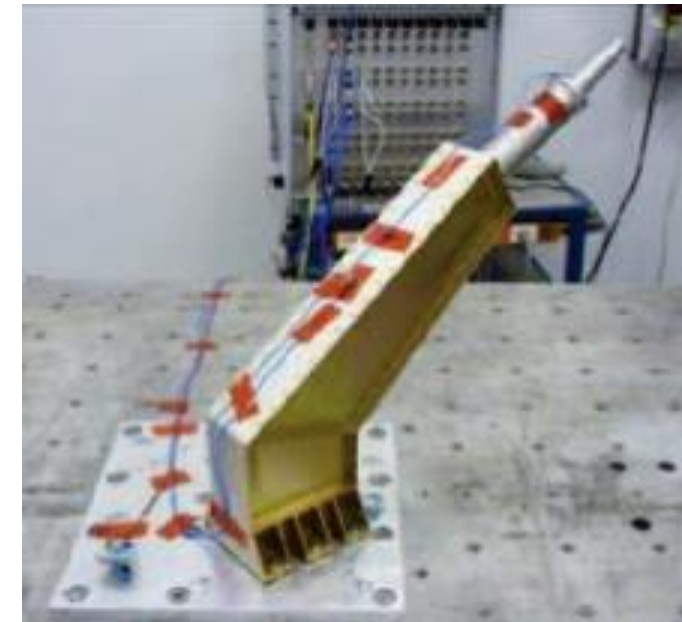


- **Size** 380 x 360 x 180
- **Material** Aluminium
- **Quality requirements** Medium

## Additional information

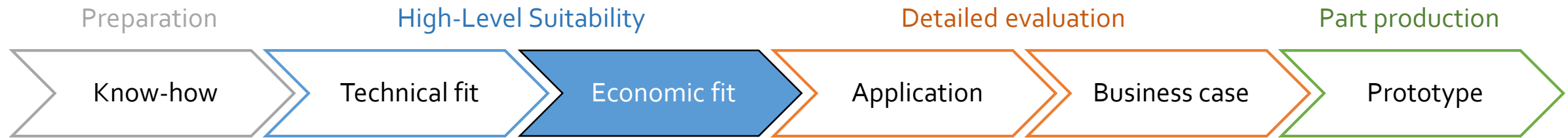
- Conventional design hard to manufacture
- Antenna has important function, but redundancy makes it less critical

**Technical fit** Medium



Source: morf3d, 2019

# Part Screening



## Complexity

- **Geometric complexity:** medium
- **Manufacturing complexity:** high
  - More than 20 single parts
  - Many welding operations
  - High effort for inspection

## AM cost per part Estimation

<b>Build time per part</b>	<b>60 h</b>
Machine cost per hour	60 €
<b>Machine cost per part</b>	<b>3,600 €</b>
Material per job	2.08 kg
Material price per kg	80 €
<b>Material cost per part</b>	<b>166.40 €</b>
<b>Total cost per part</b>	<b>3,766.40 €</b>

## Value add

AM could be used to solve pain points and therefore add value to the application

### Pain points satellite:

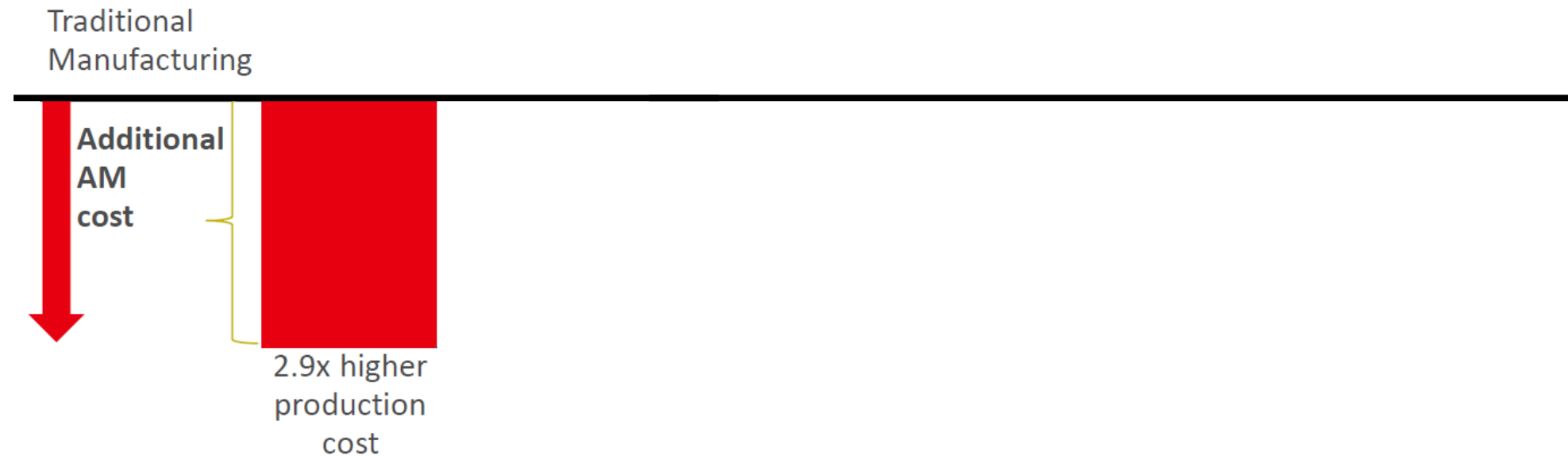
- High costs
- Long lead time
- Heavy weight



# Part Screening



Conventional costs: 1,300€  
 AM cost estimation: 3,766€



Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

# Part Screening



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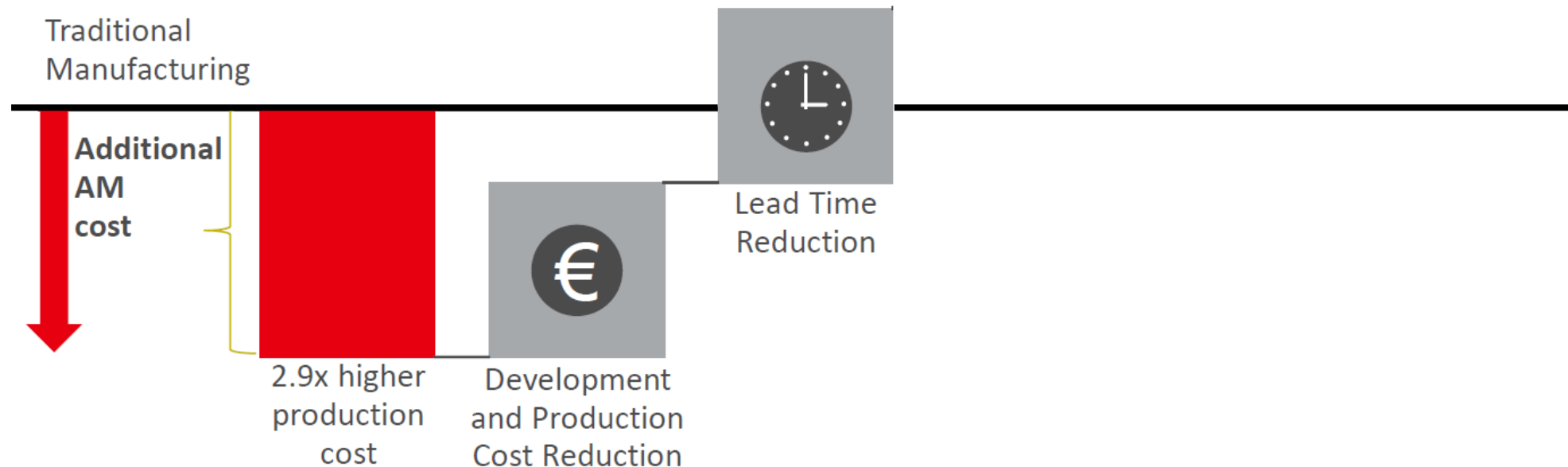


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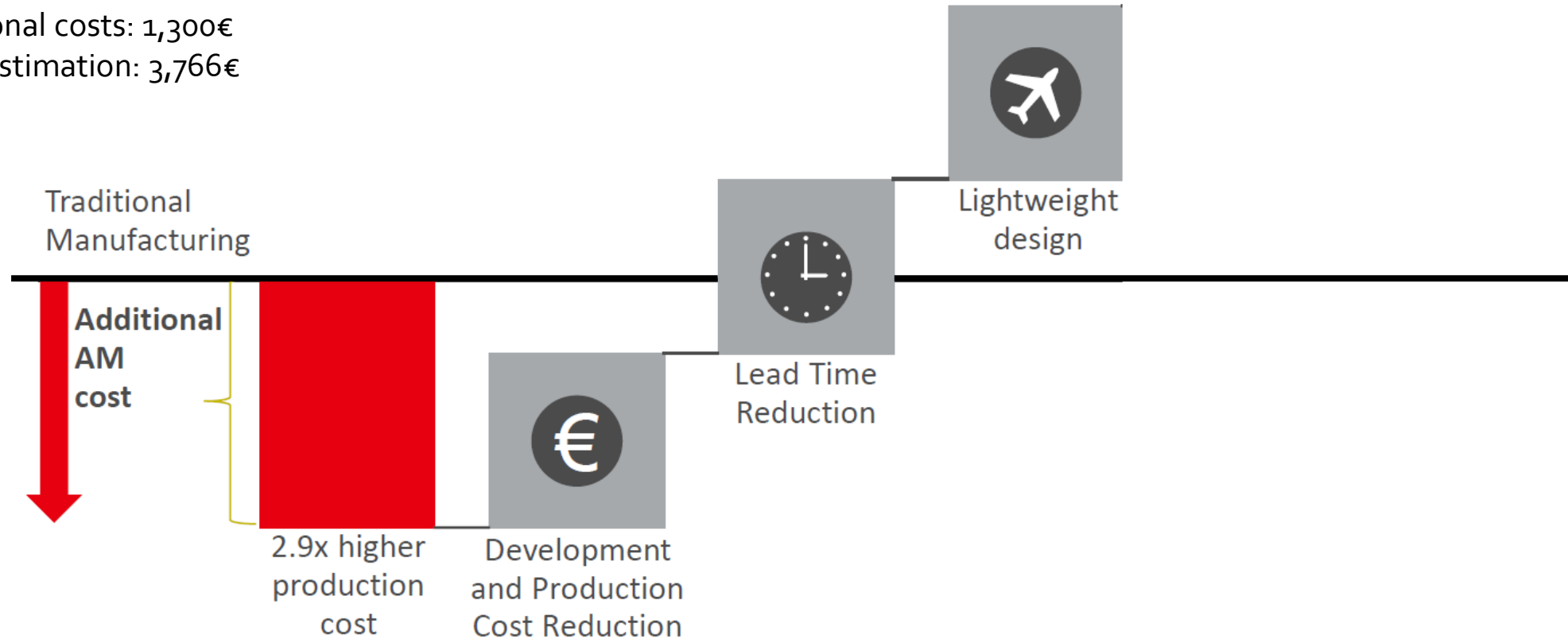


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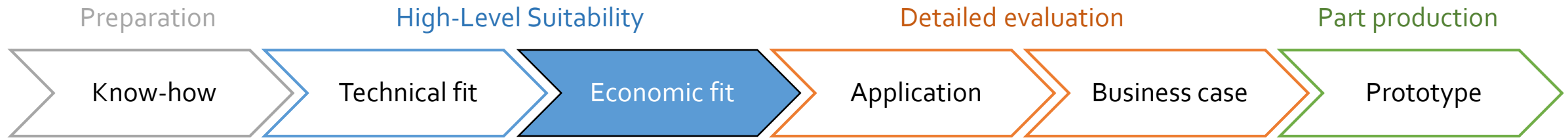


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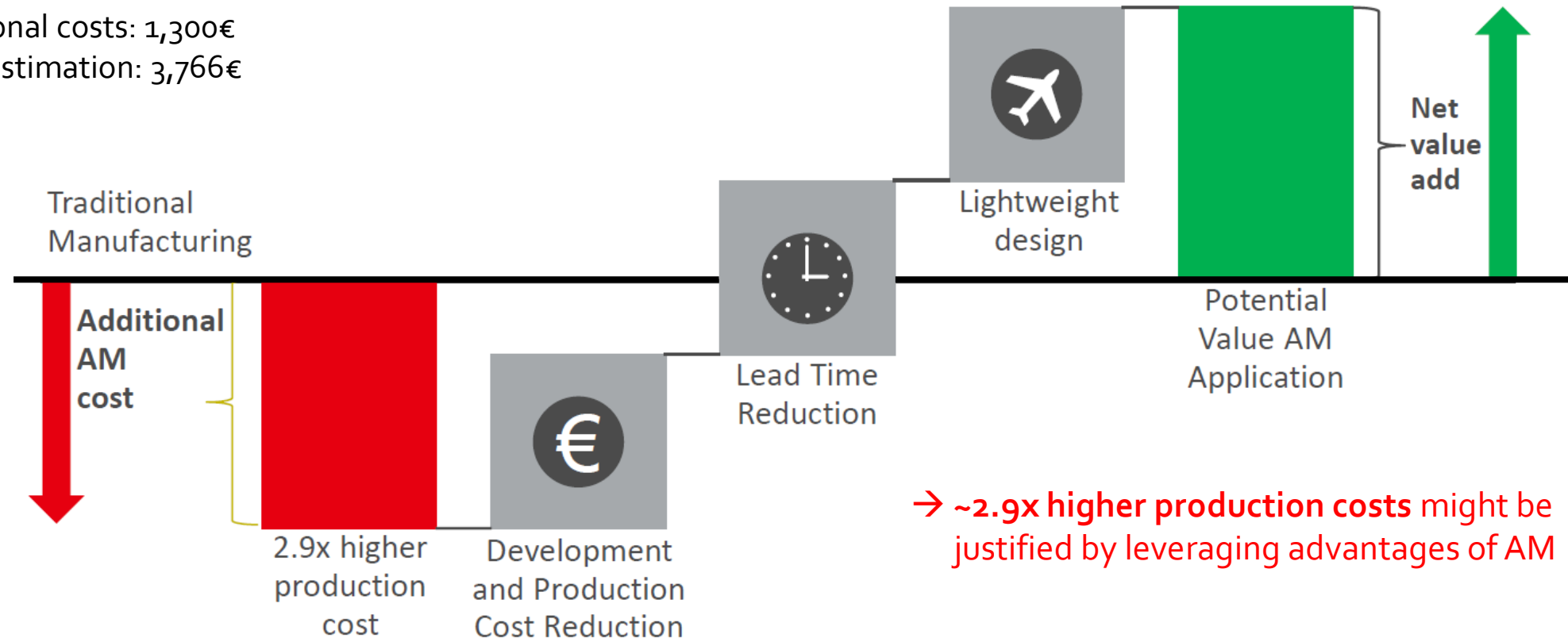


Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

# Part Screening



Conventional costs: 1,300€  
AM cost estimation: 3,766€



→ ~2.9x higher production costs might be justified by leveraging advantages of AM

Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

# Part Screening



- Complexity
- Costs per part
- Pain points

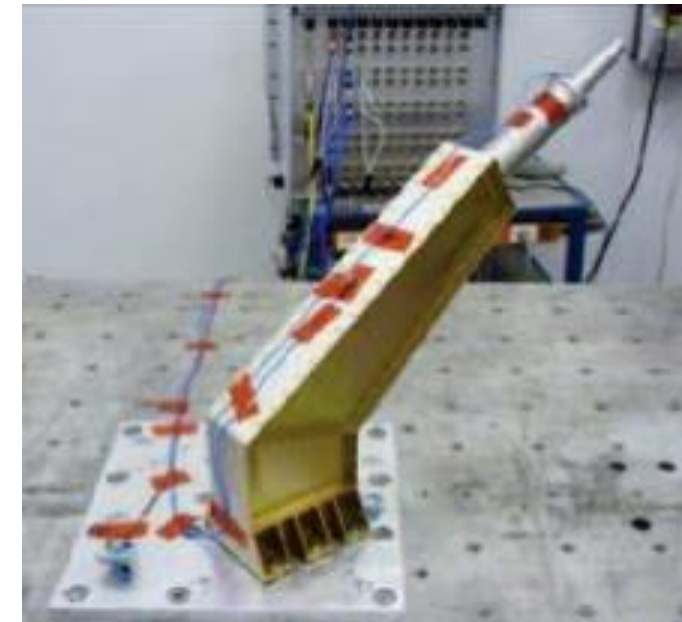
Medium
~ 2x conventional
High

## Pain points customer

- More than 20 single components
- Quality issues
- Time to market

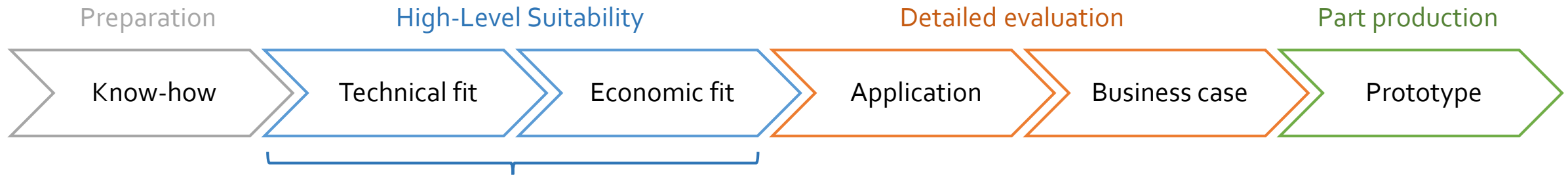
## Economic fit

Medium
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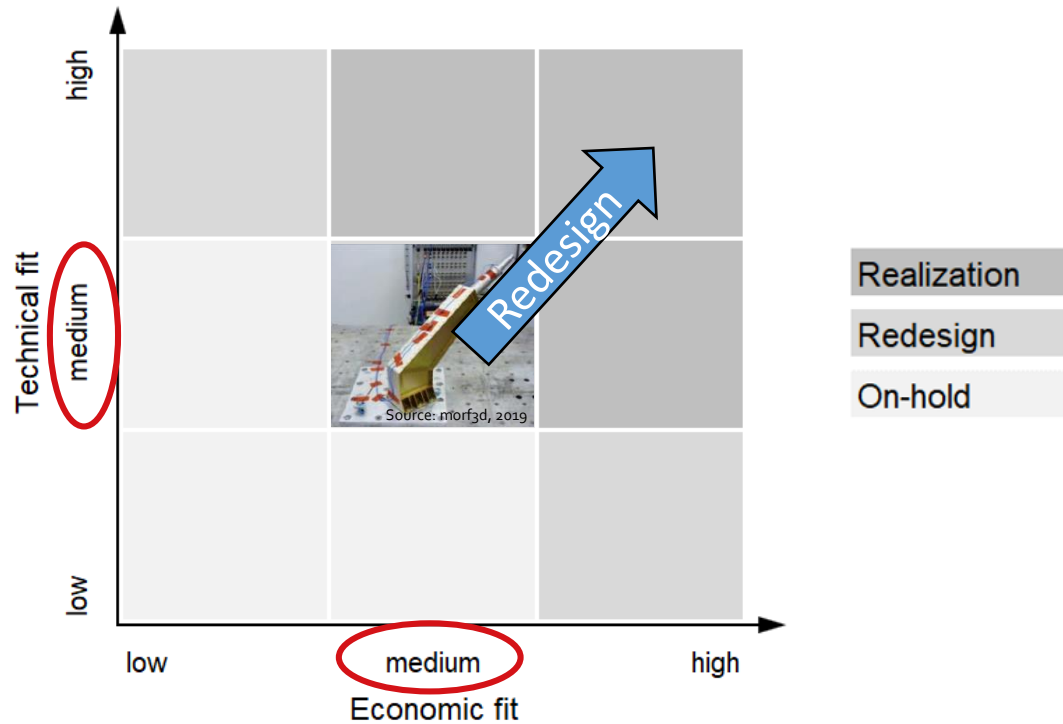


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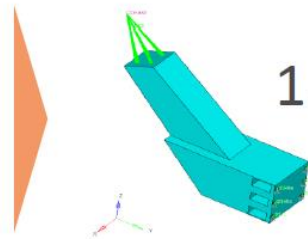


EcoTech Matrix

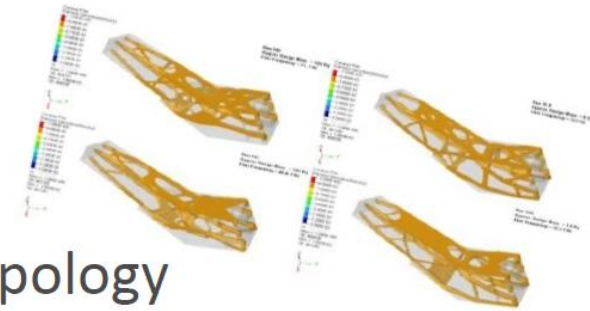


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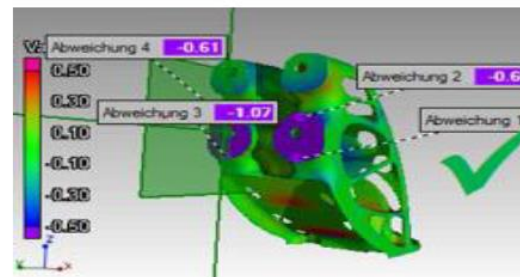


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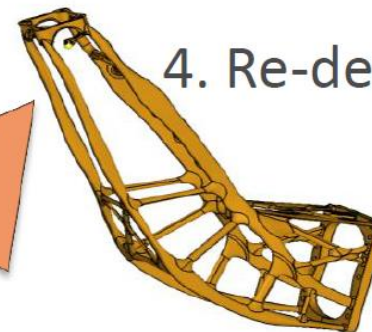


2. Topology optimization

3. Analysis



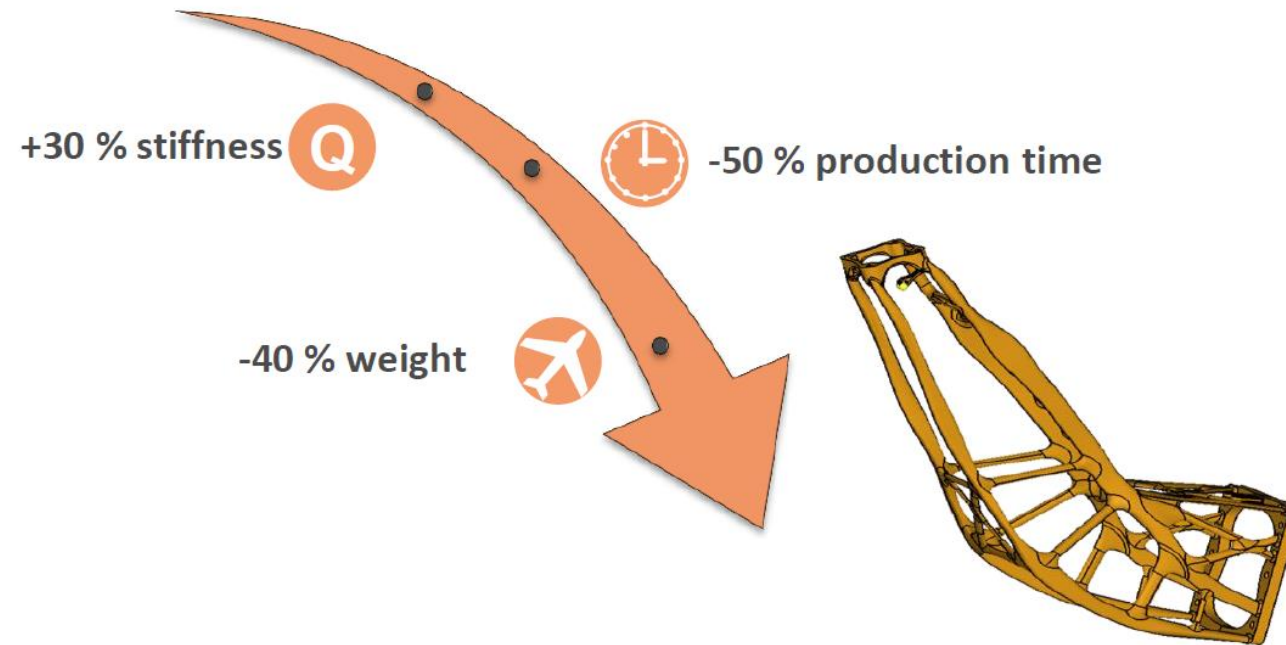
4. Re-design



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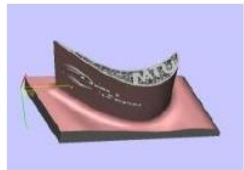


# Part Screening



Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

# Part Screening



	1. Manual Labor
Time / Material	1h
Cost	50€/h
Total Cost	50€

Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

# Part Screening



	1. Manual Labor	2. System	2. Material
Time / Material	1h	40h	1.2kg
Cost	50€/h	60€/h	80 €/kg
Total Cost	50€	2,400€	96€

Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

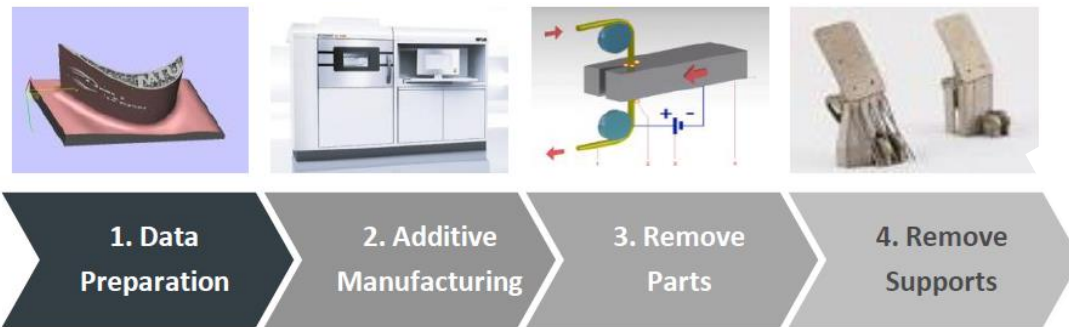
# Part Screening



	1. Manual Labor	2. System	2. Material	3. Manual Labor	3. Band saw
Time / Material	1h	40h	1.2kg	0.5h	0.2h
Cost	50€/h	60€/h	80 €/kg	50€/h	10€/h
Total Cost	50€	2,400€	96€	25€	2€

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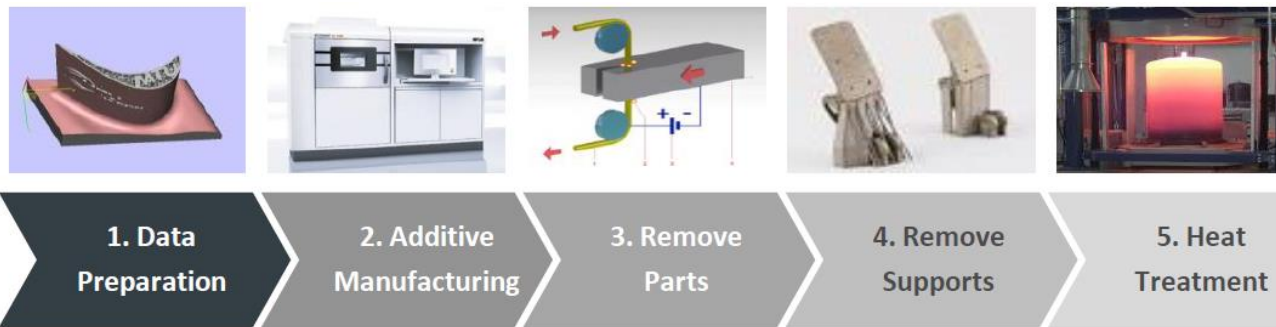
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Time / Material	1h	40h	1.2kg	0.5h	0.2h	2h
Cost	50€/h	60€/h	80 €/kg	50€/h	10€/h	50€
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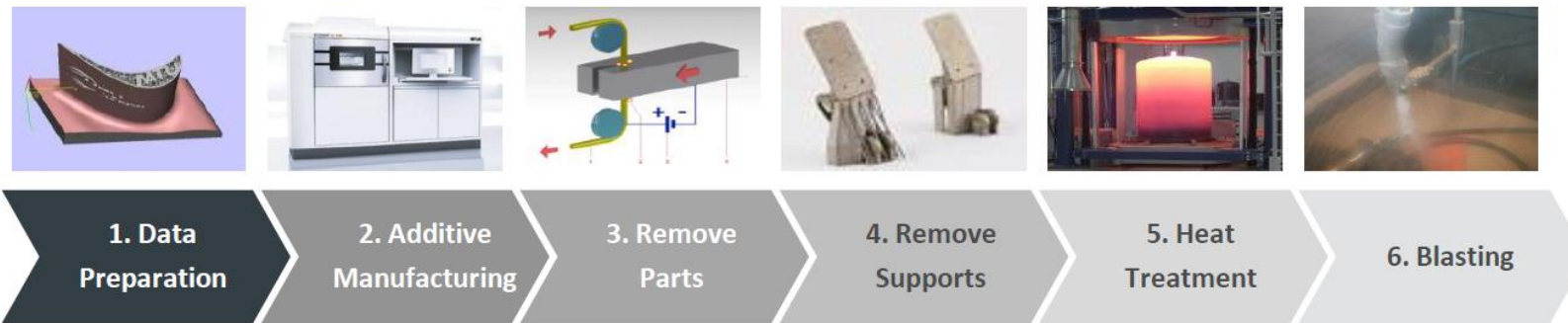
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Cost	50€/h	60€/h	80 €/kg	50€/h	10€/h	50€	20€
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# Part Screening



	1. Manual Labor	2. System	2. Material	3. Manual Labor	3. Band saw	4. Manual Labor	5. System	6. Manual Labor
Time / Material	1h	40h	1.2kg	0.5h	0.2h	2h	4h	0.5h
Cost	50€/h	60€/h	80 €/kg	50€/h	10€/h	50€	20€	50€
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# Part Screening



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Time / Material	1h	40h	1.2kg	0.5h	0.2h	2h	4h	0.5h	3 h	3h
Cost	50€/h	60€/h	80 €/kg	50€/h	10€/h	50€	20€	50€	60€	50€
Total Cost	50€	2,400€	96€	25€	2€	100€	80€	25€	180€	150€

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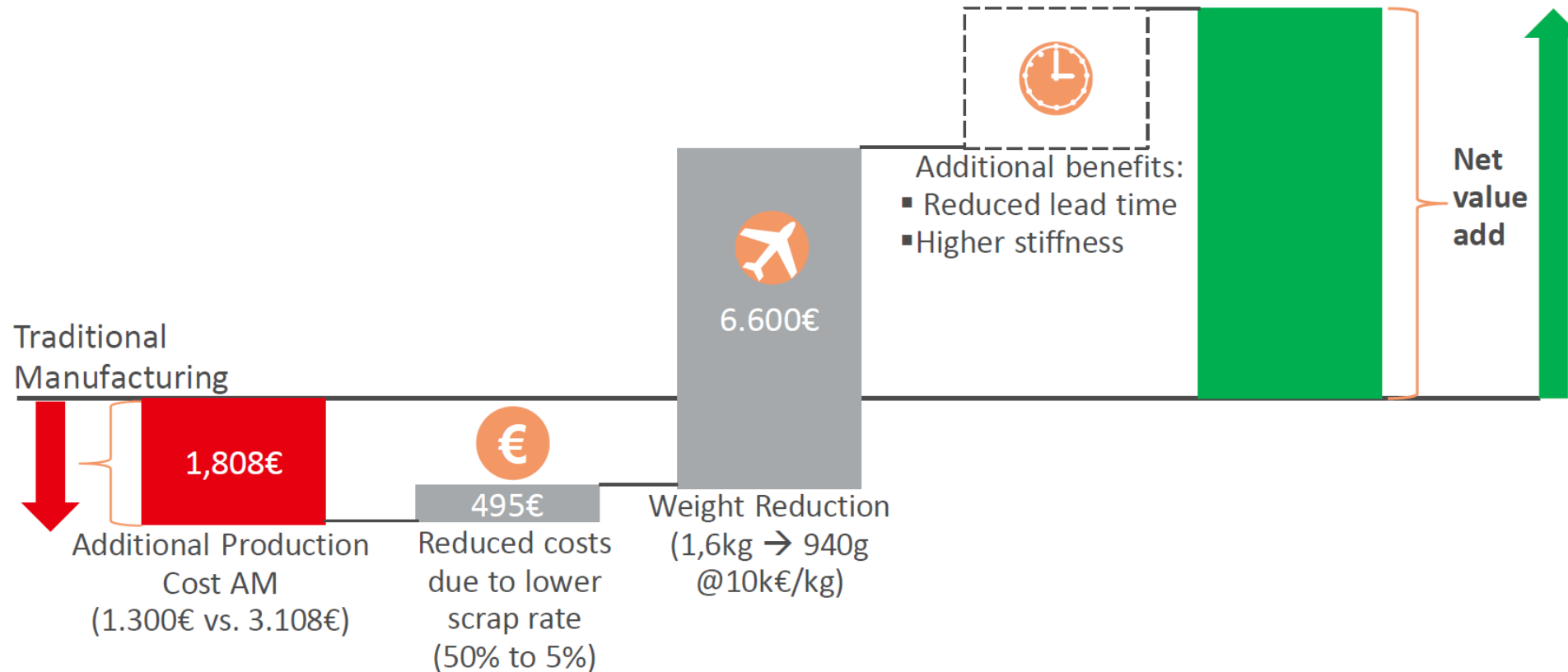
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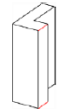




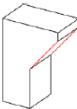
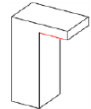



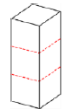
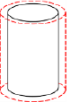



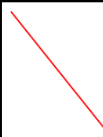
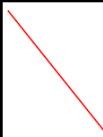

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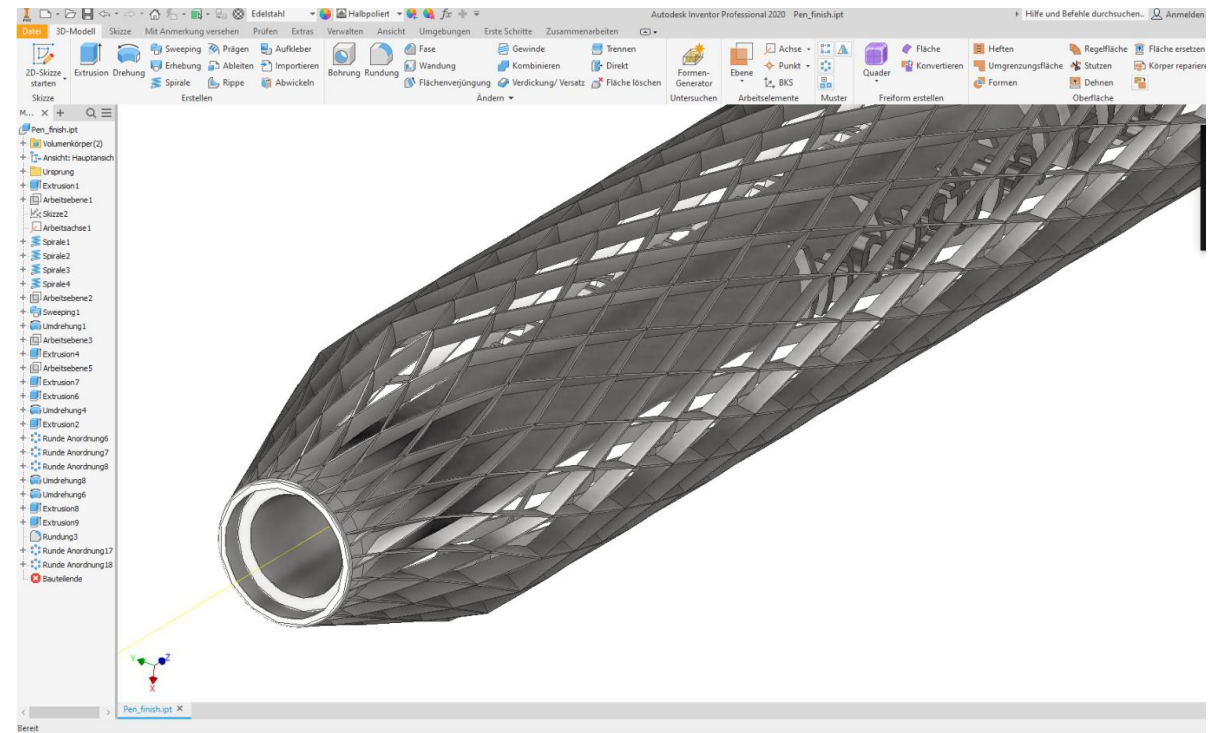
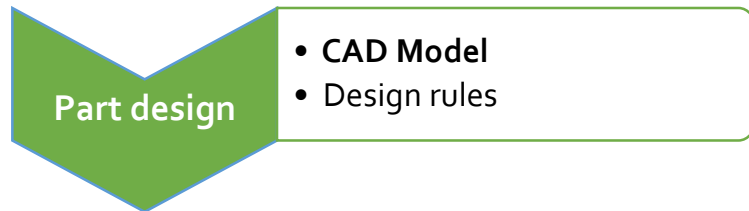
**Part design**

- CAD Model
- Design rules

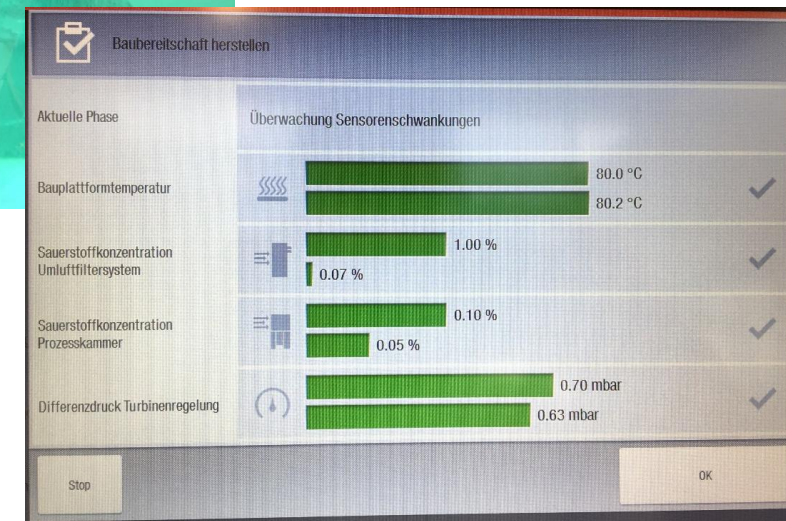
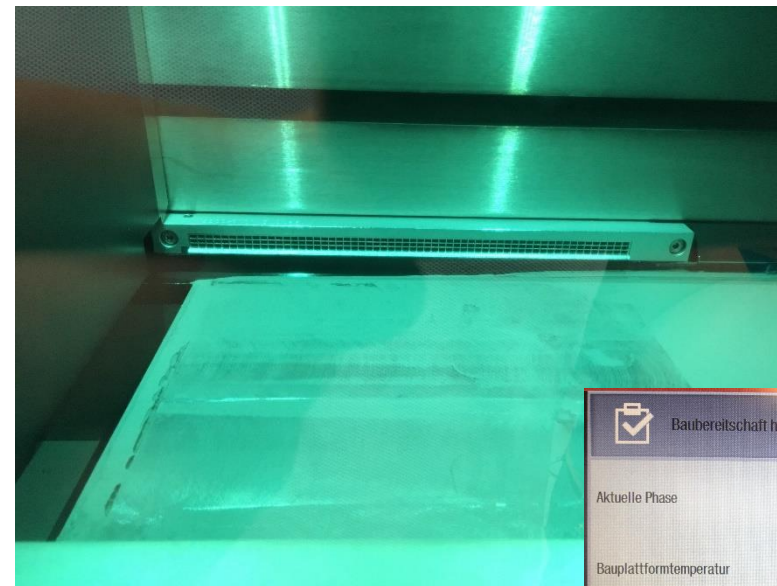
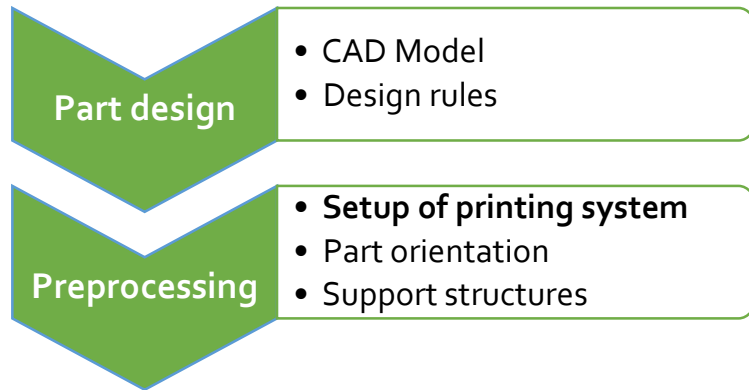
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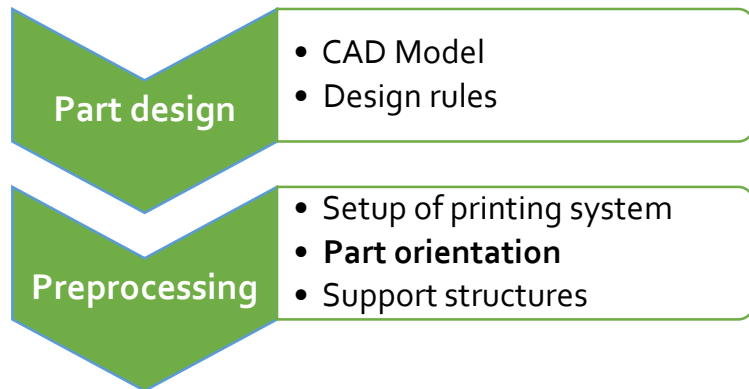
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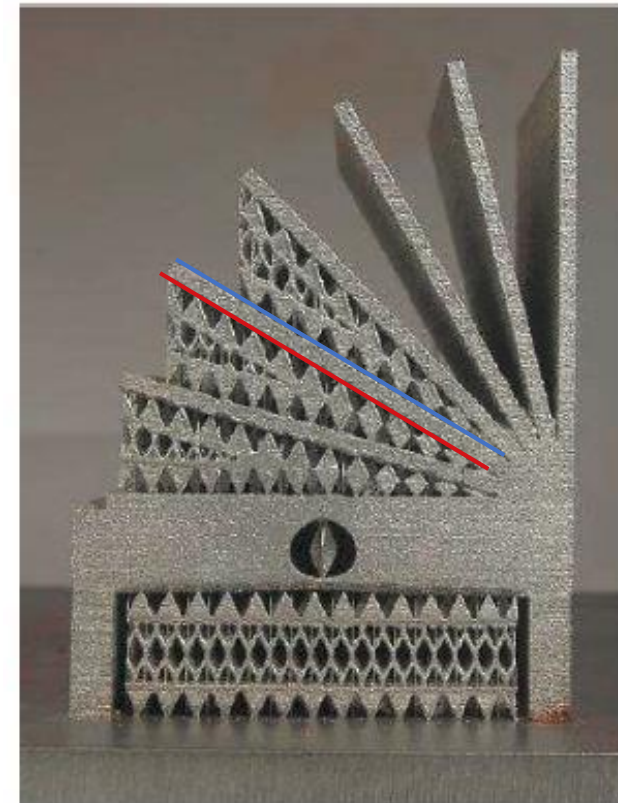
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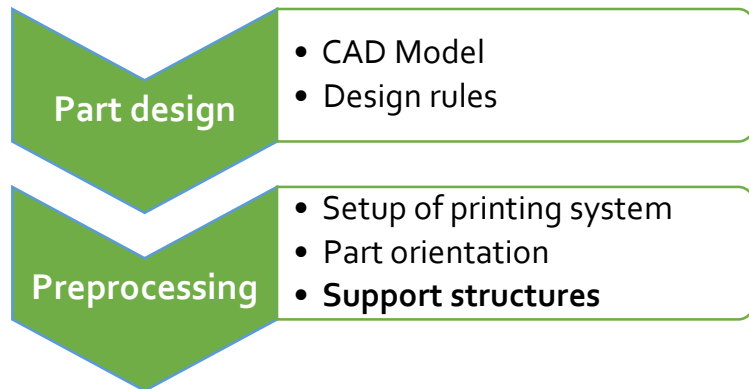


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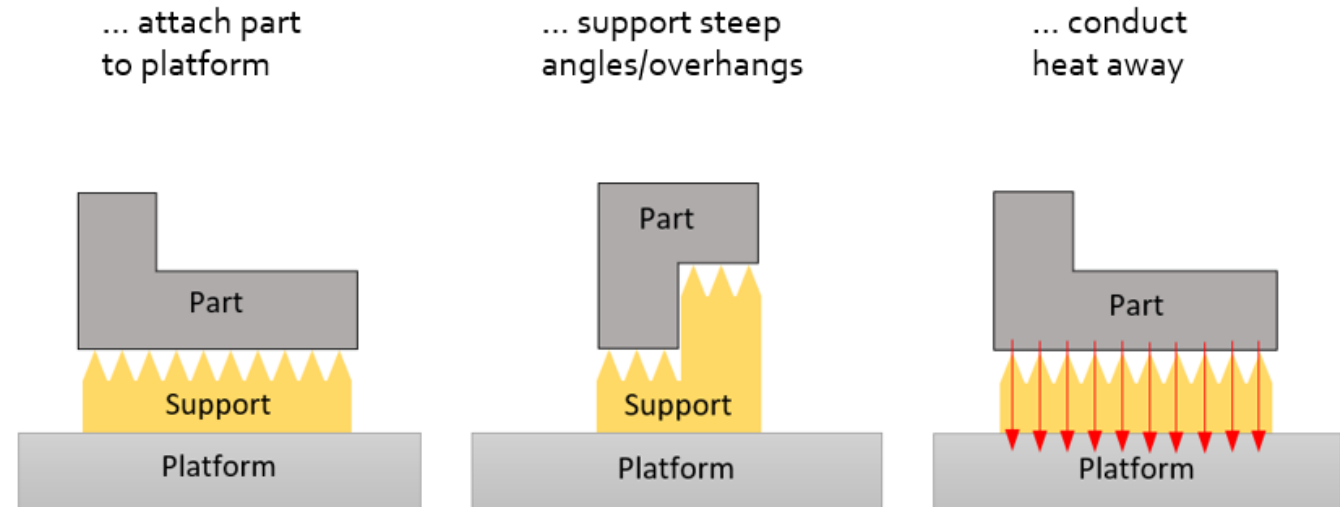


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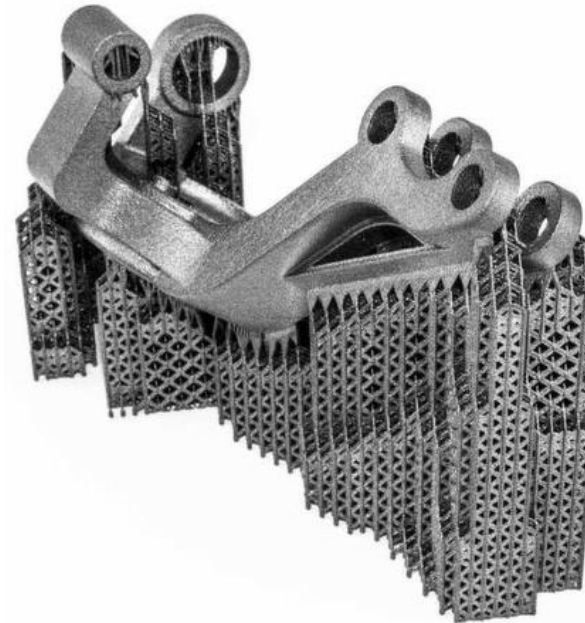
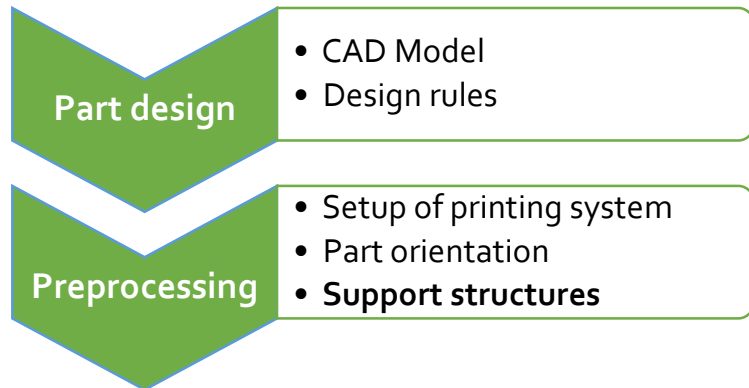
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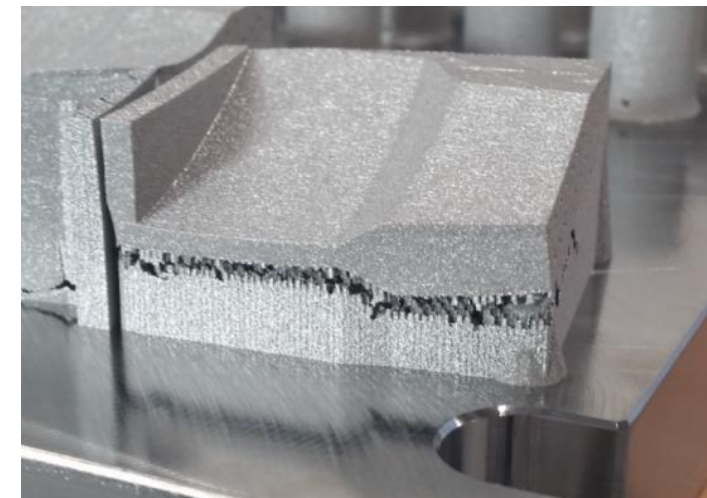
→ The purpose of support structure is to...



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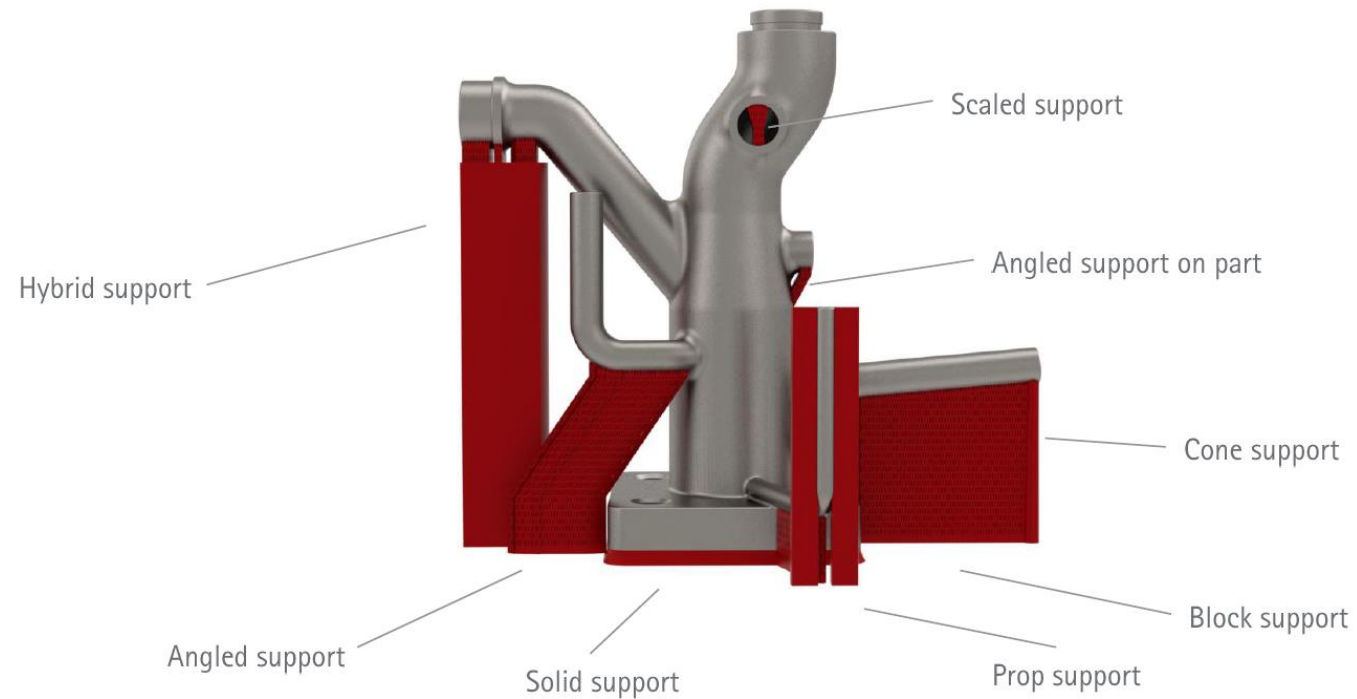
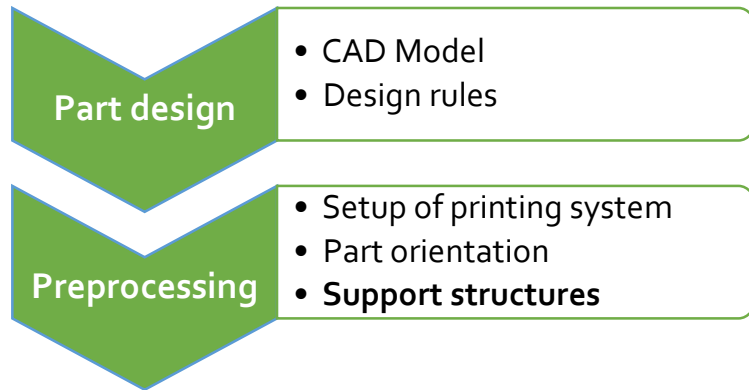
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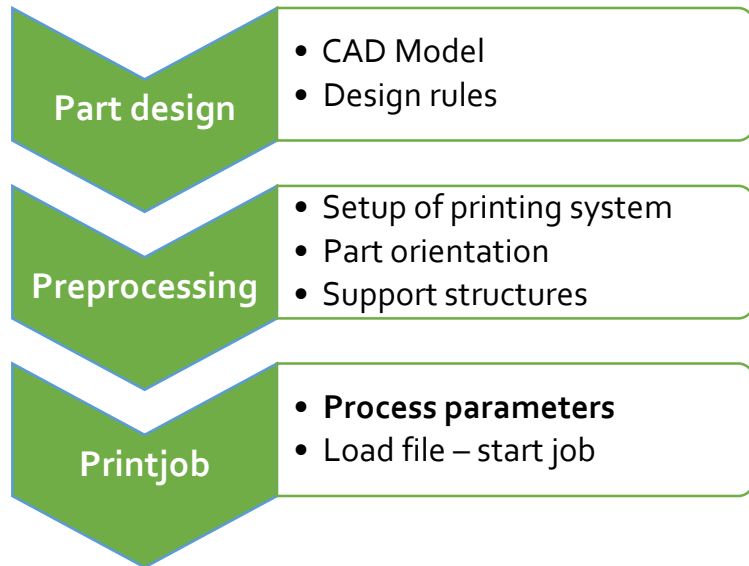
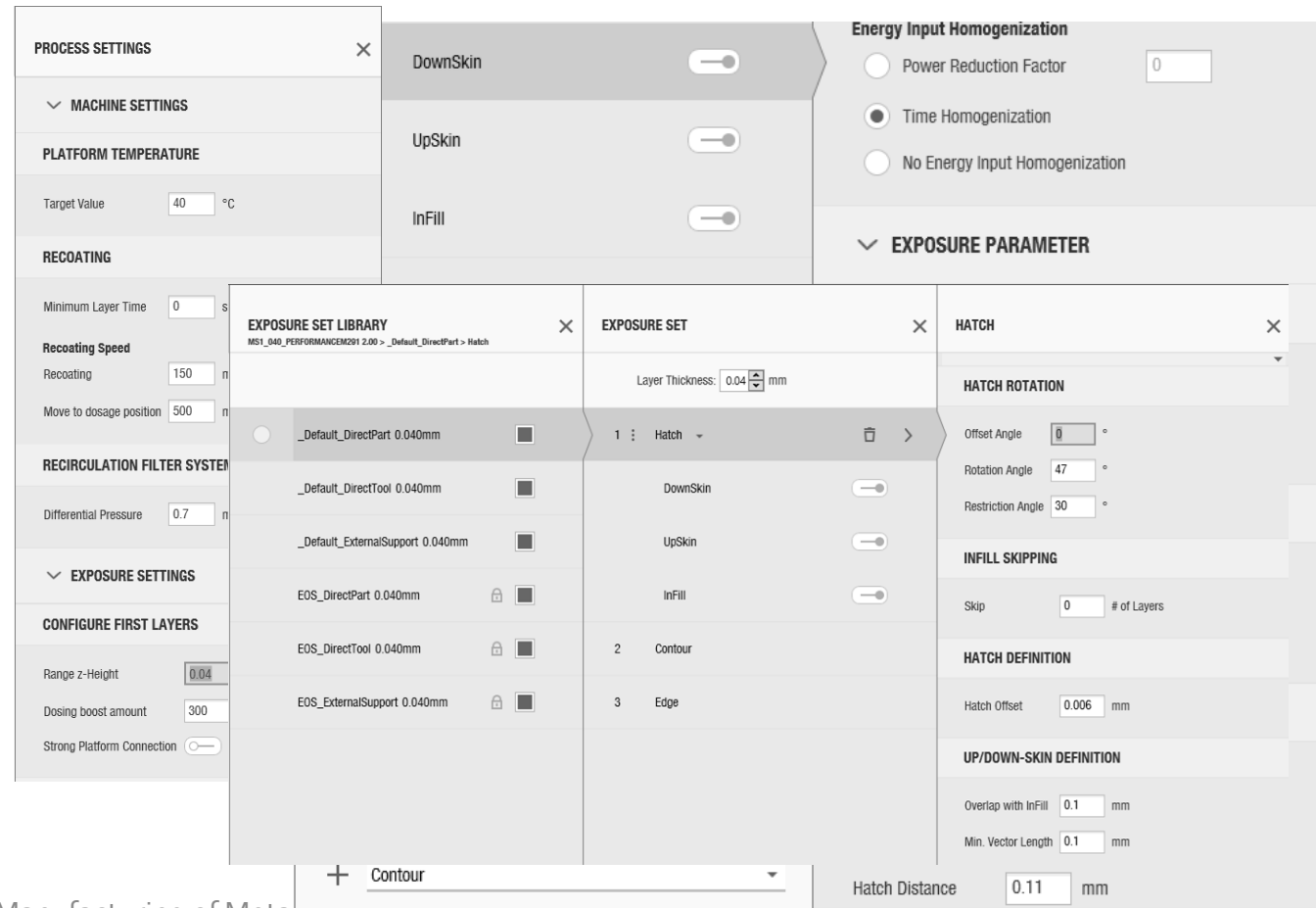


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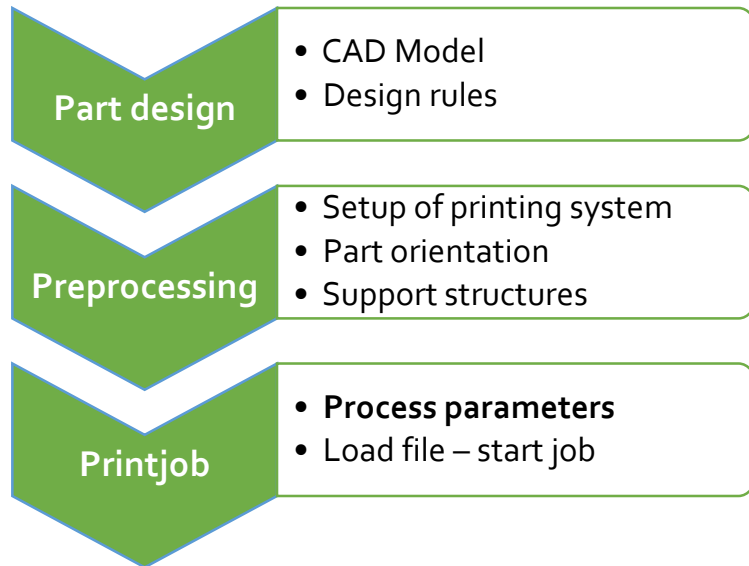
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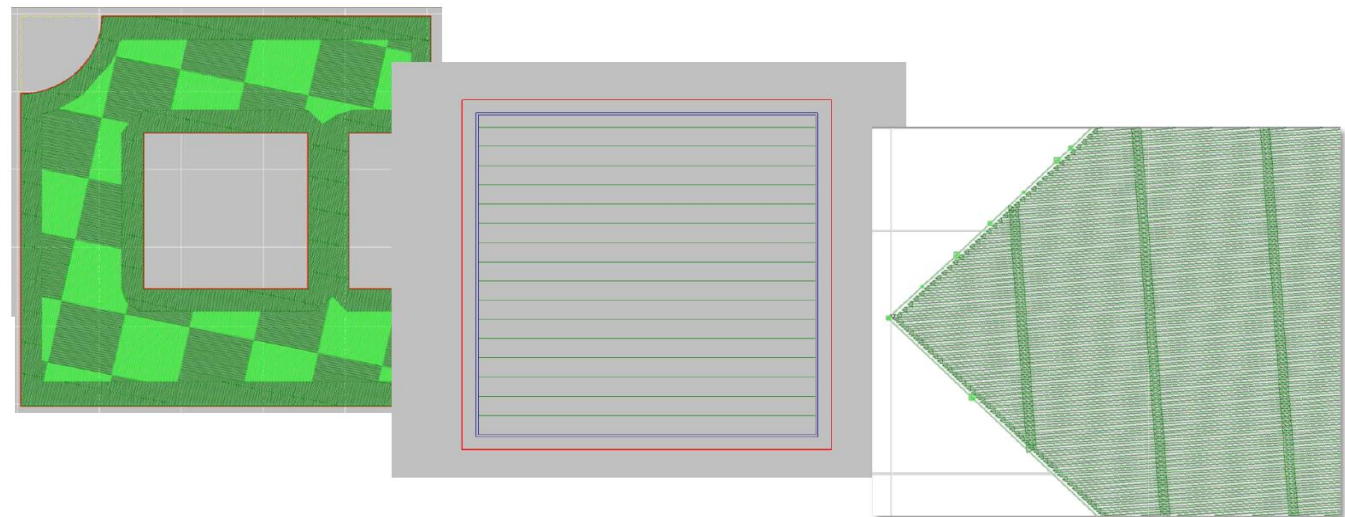
The screenshot displays the EOS software interface with several panels:

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- DownSkin, UpSkin, InFill:** Control panels with toggle switches.
- Energy Input Homogenization:** Radio buttons for Power Reduction Factor (0), Time Homogenization (selected), and No Energy Input Homogenization.
- EXPOSURE SET LIBRARY:** Lists exposure sets like \_Default\_DirectPart 0.040mm, \_Default\_DirectTool 0.040mm, \_Default\_ExternalSupport 0.040mm, EOS\_DirectPart 0.040mm, EOS\_DirectTool 0.040mm, and EOS\_ExternalSupport 0.040mm.
- EXPOSURE SET:** Shows Layer Thickness: 0.04 mm and a list of layers: 1 Hatch, 2 Contour, 3 Edge.
- HATCH:** Includes HATCH ROTATION (Offset Angle: 9°, Rotation Angle: 47°, Restriction Angle: 30°), INFILL SKIPPING (Skip: 0 # of Layers), HATCH DEFINITION (Hatch Offset: 0.006 mm), and UP/DOWN-SKIN DEFINITION (Overlap with InFill: 0.1 mm, Min. Vector Length: 0.1 mm, Hatch Distance: 0.11 mm).

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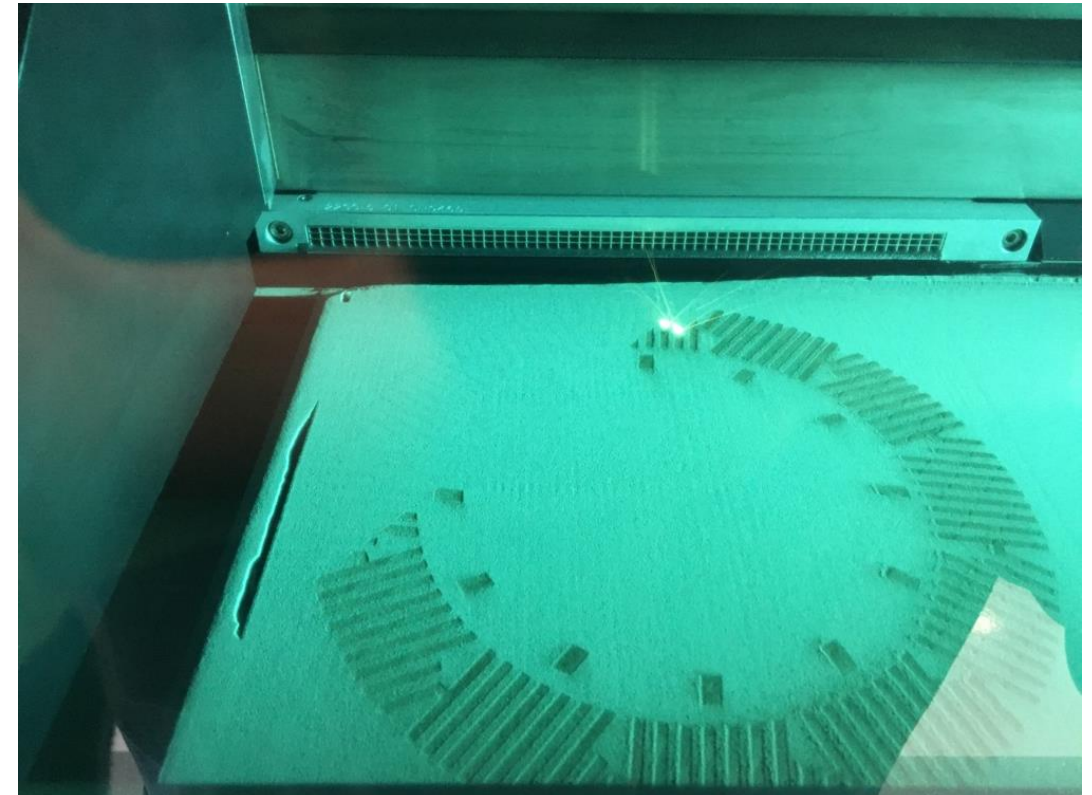
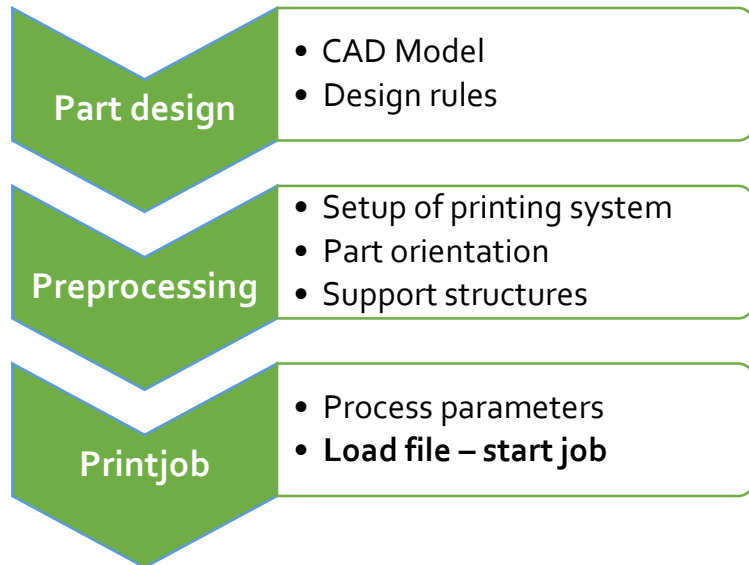


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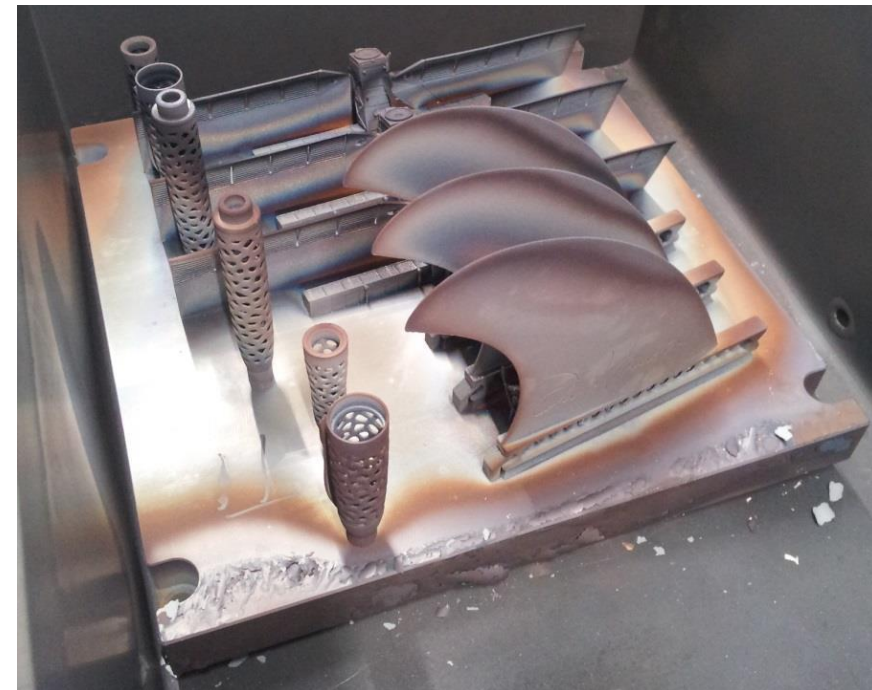
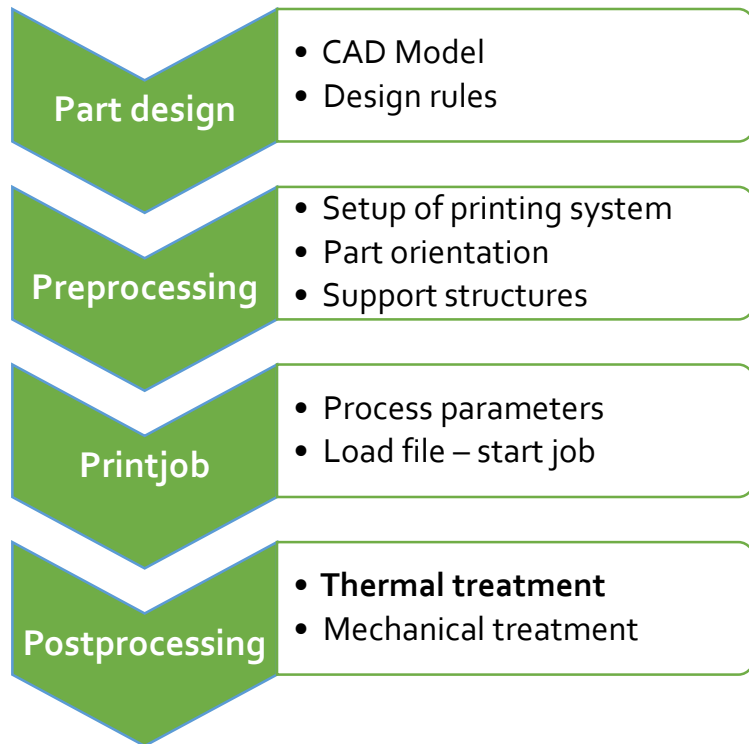


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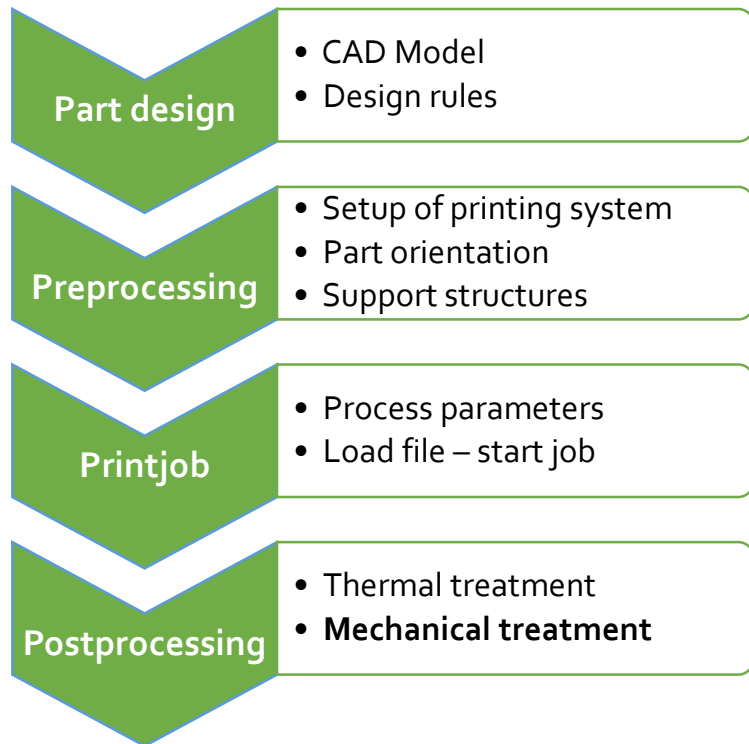


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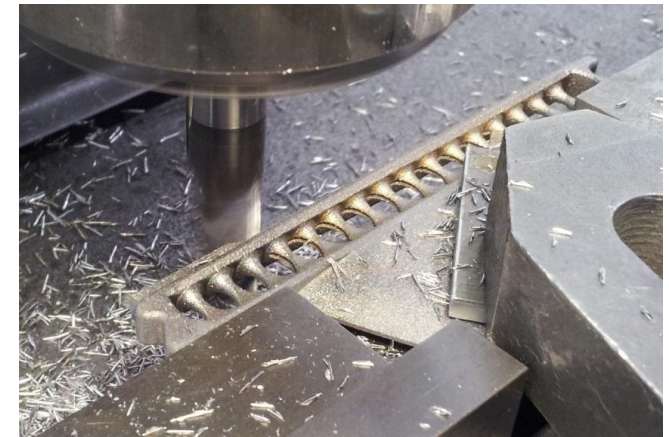


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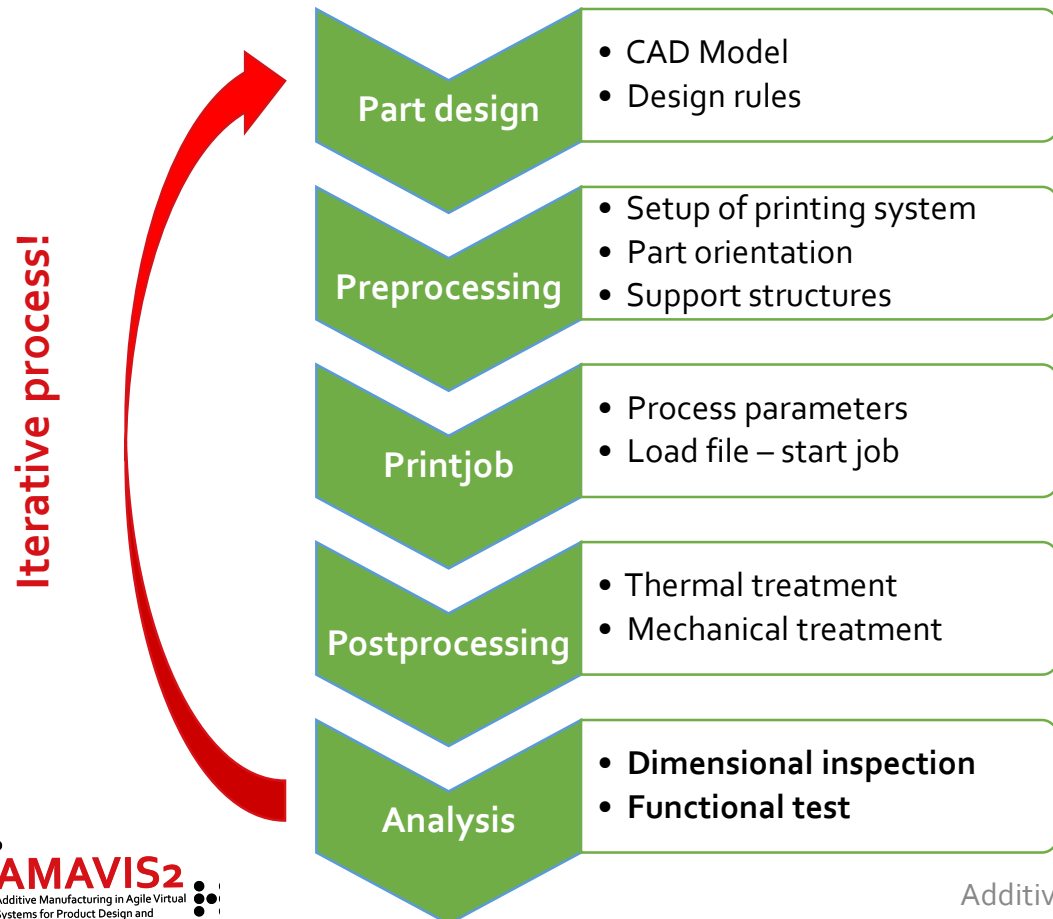


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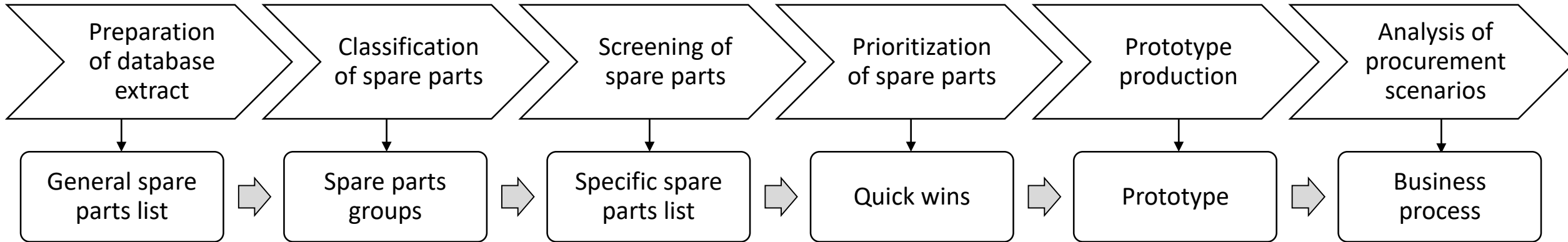


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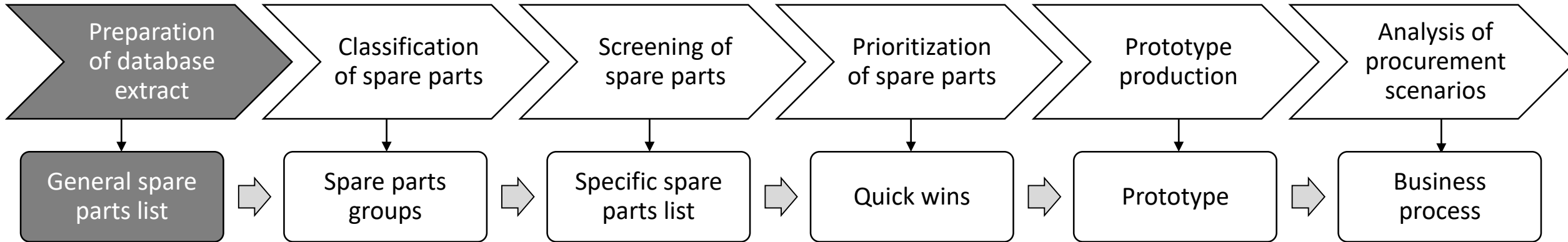
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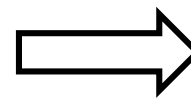
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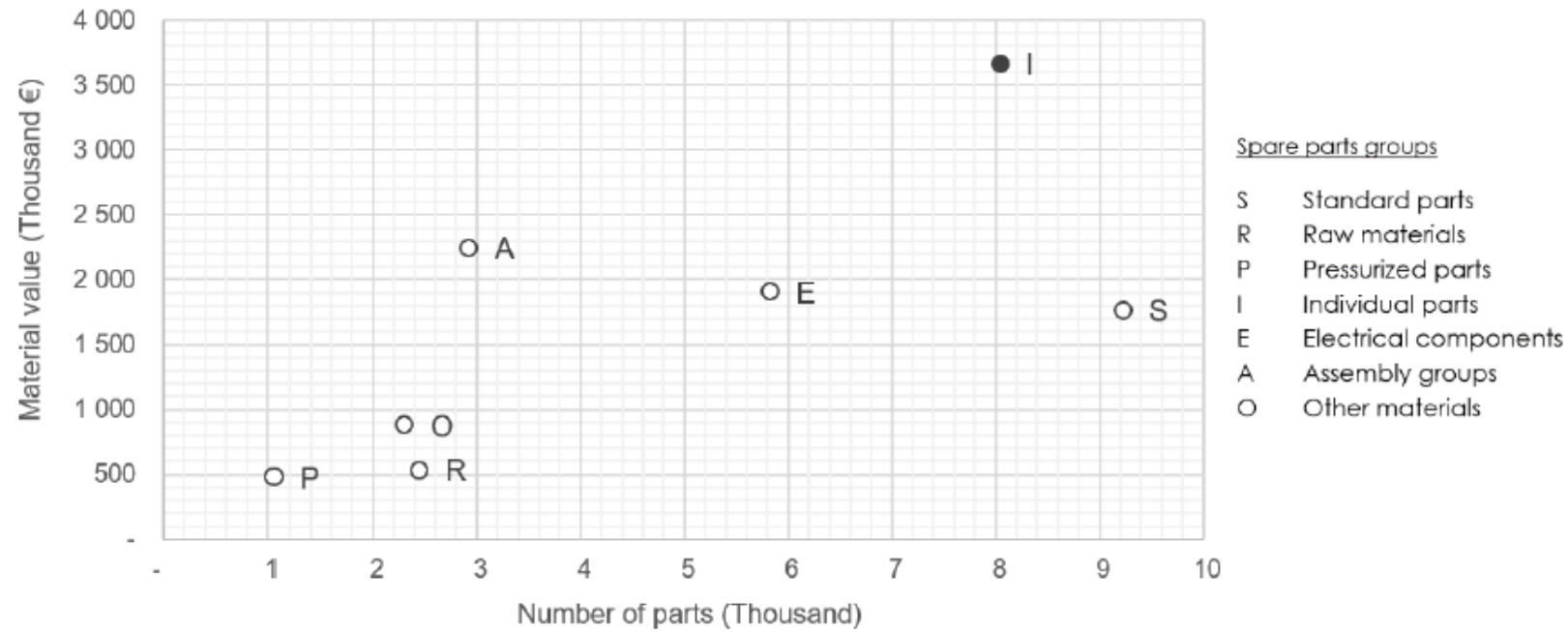
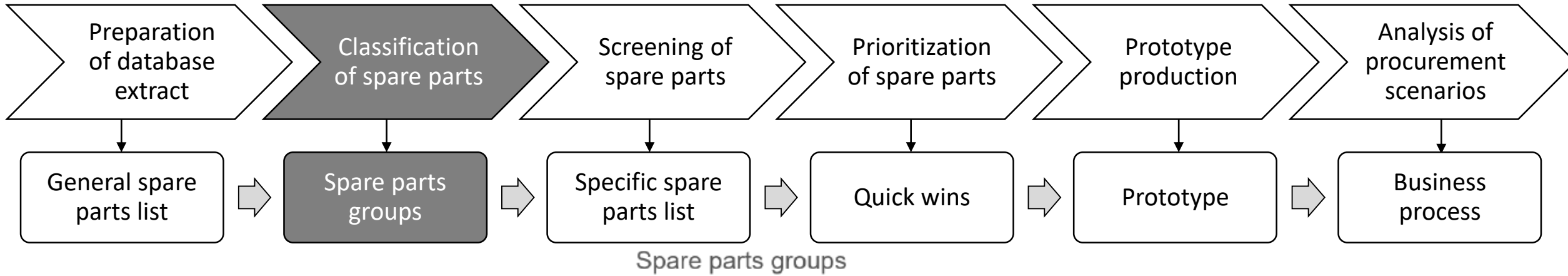
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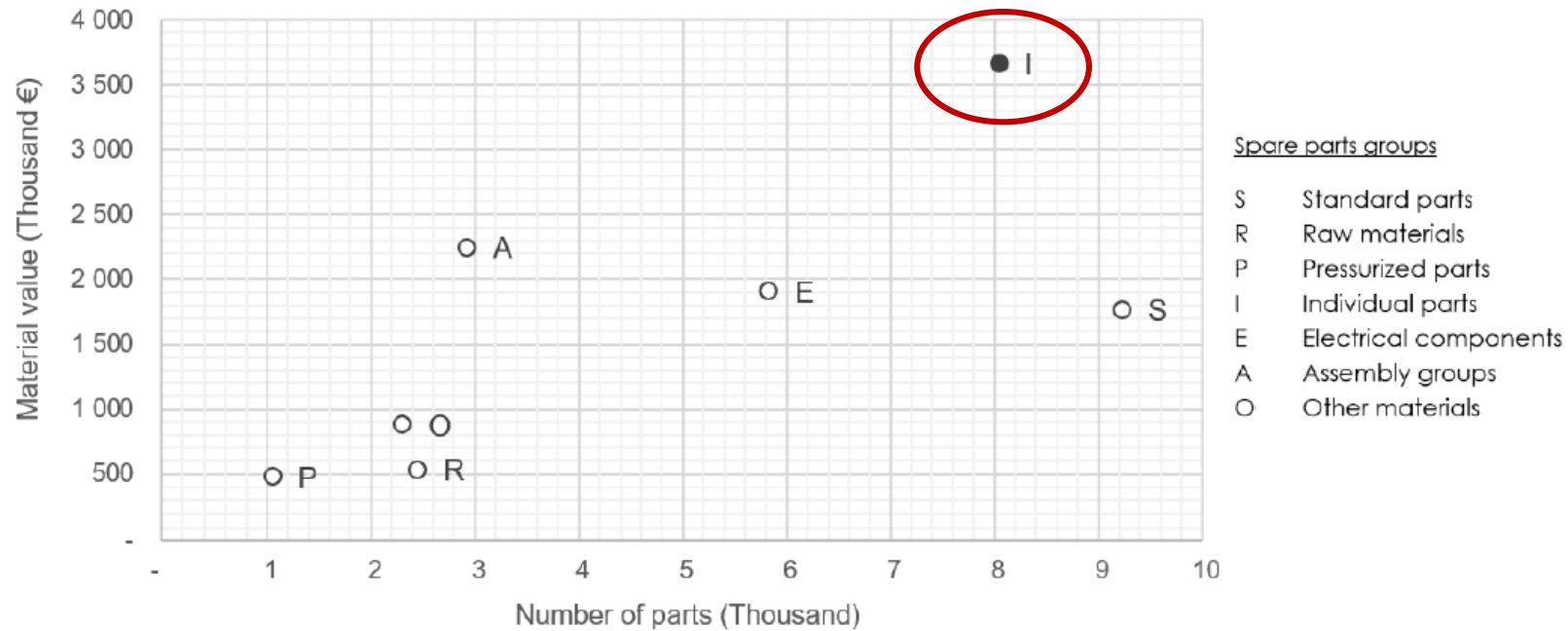
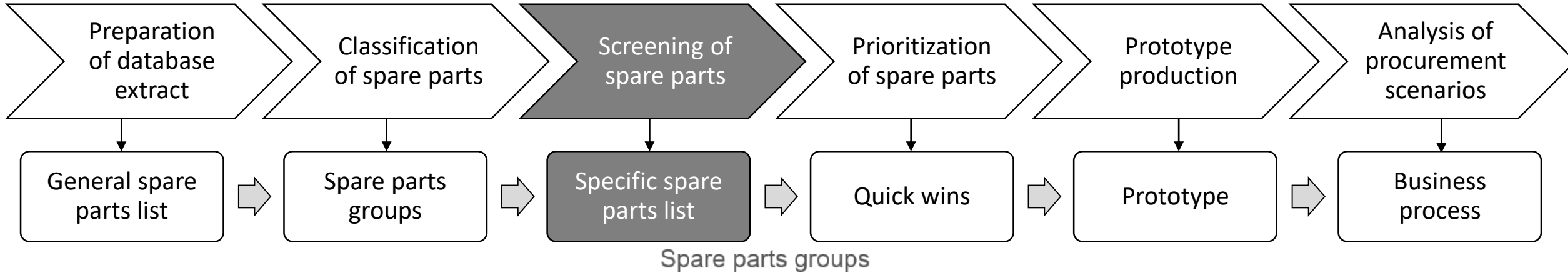
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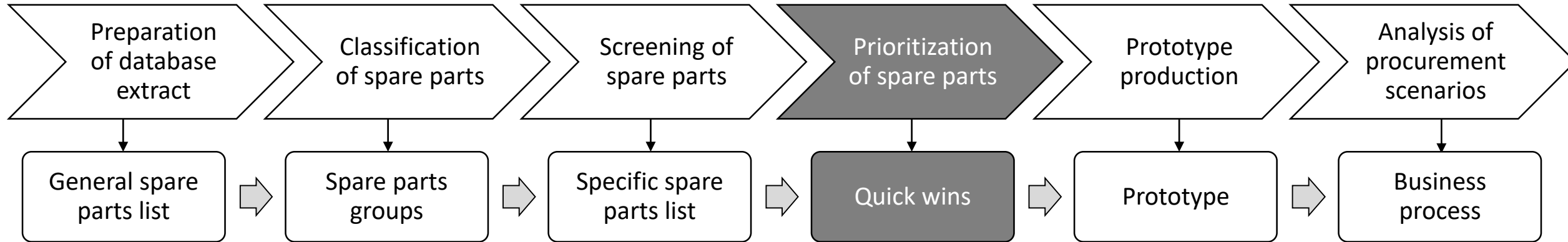


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- Spare parts groups
- S Standard parts
  - R Raw materials
  - P Pressurized parts
  - I Individual parts
  - E Electrical components
  - A Assembly groups
  - O Other materials

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Additive Manufacturing of Metals

AM Suitability

Value-oriented

Consumption-based

Mixed form

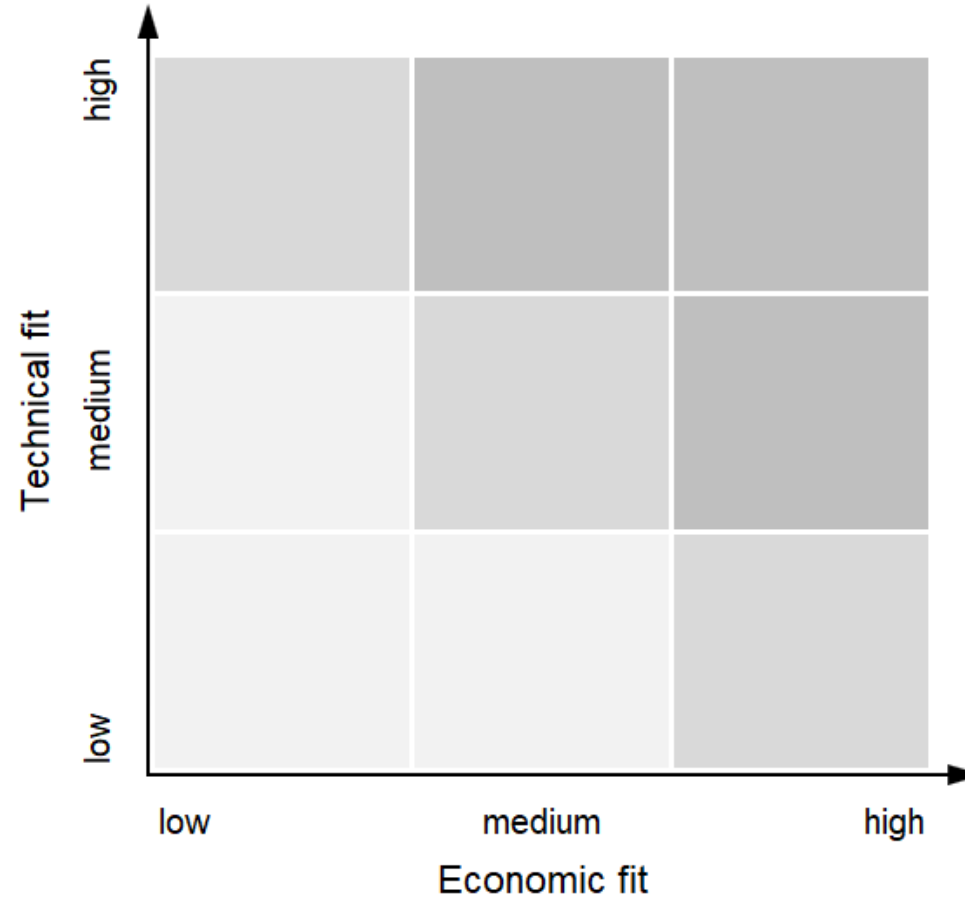
EcoTech Matrix

ABC Analysis

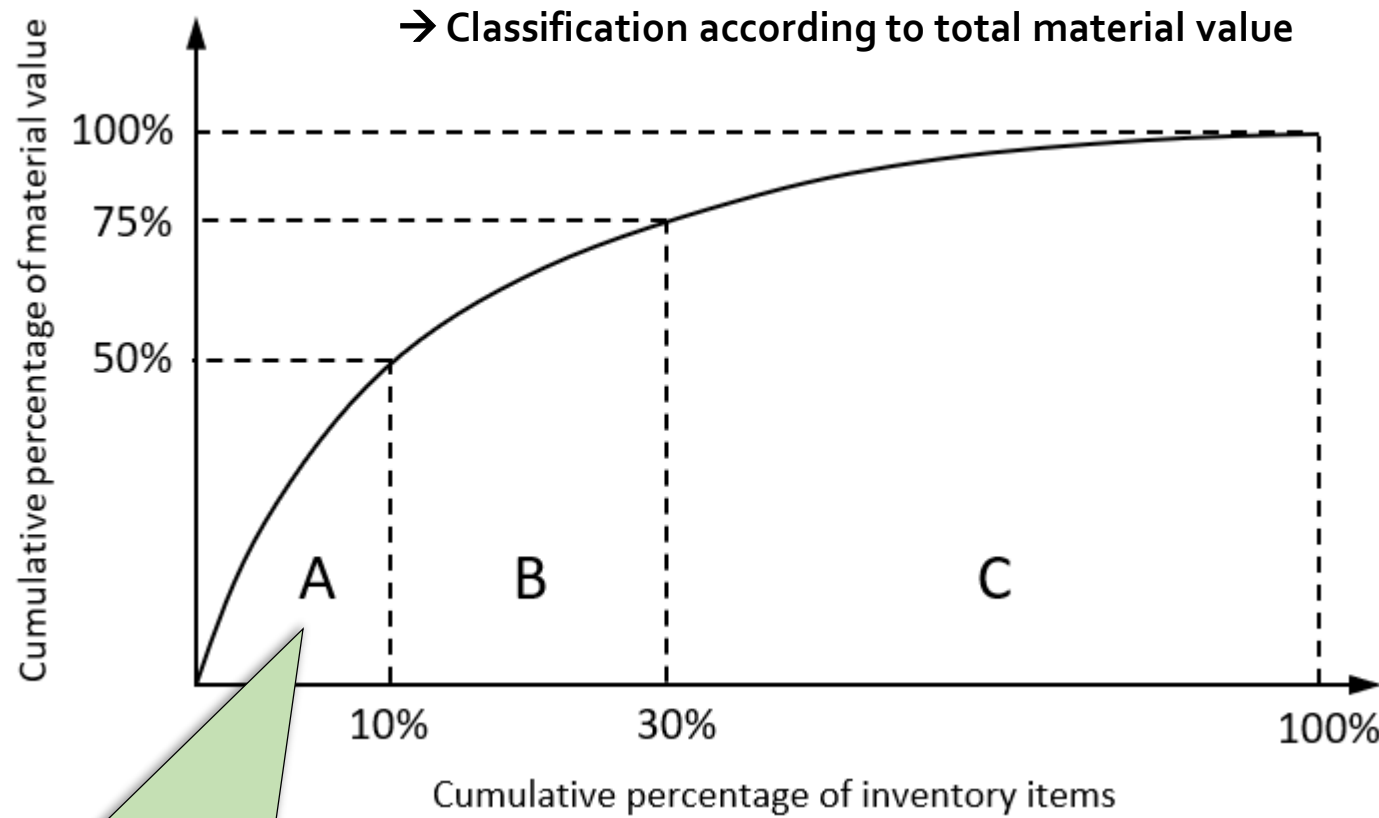
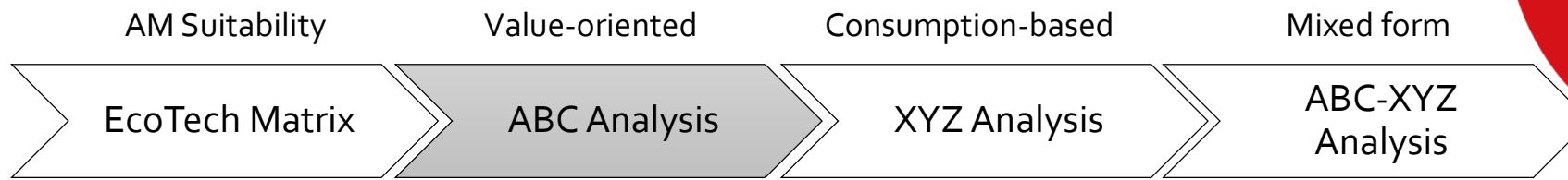
XYZ Analysis

ABC-XYZ  
Analysis

### EcoTech Matrix



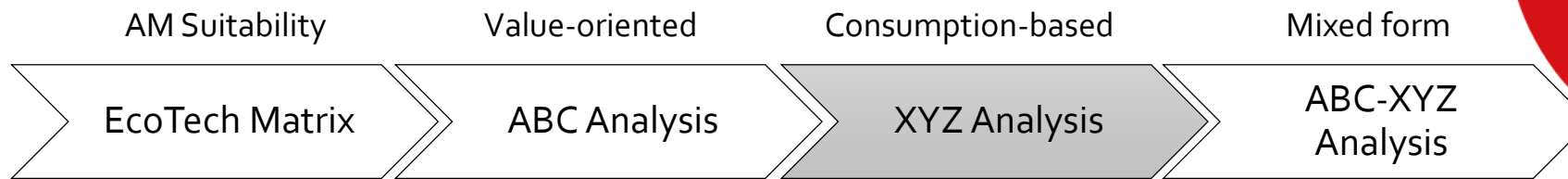
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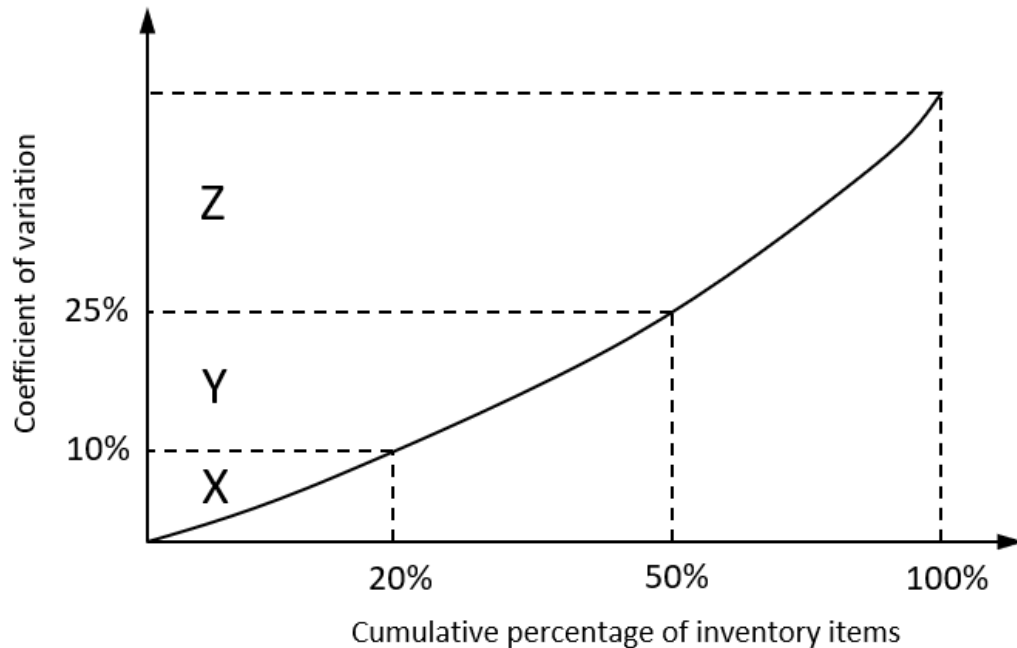
→ Borders can be individually specified by the enterprises

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Realization</b>	Real. A	Real. B	Real. C
<b>Redesign</b>	Red. A	Red. B	Red. C
<b>On-hold</b>	On. A	On. B	On. C

Few materials make up a high proportion of the total consumption



→ Classification according to consumption



**X-Parts:** Regular consumption  
→ high forecast quality

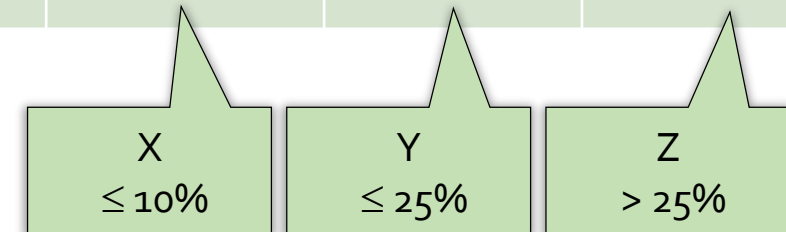
**Y-Parts:** Variation of consumption  
→ medium forecast quality

**Z-Parts:** Unregular consumption  
→ low forecast quality

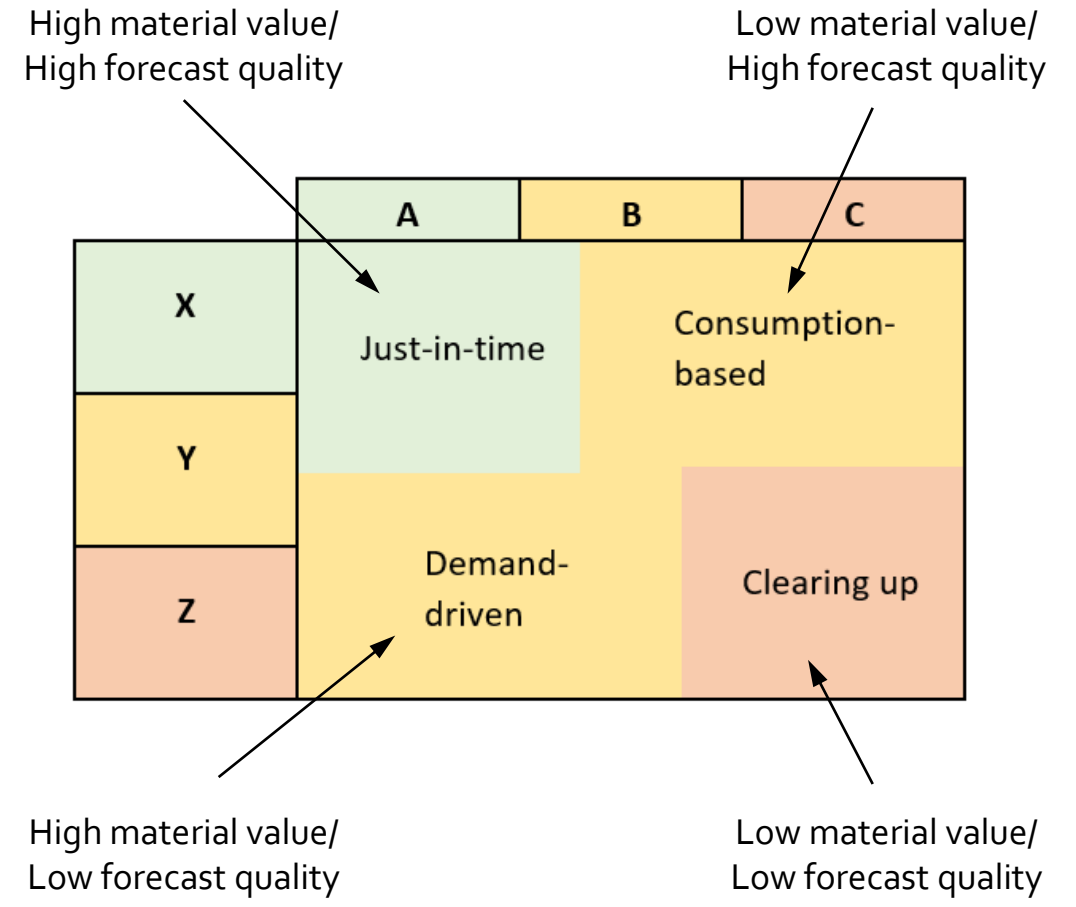
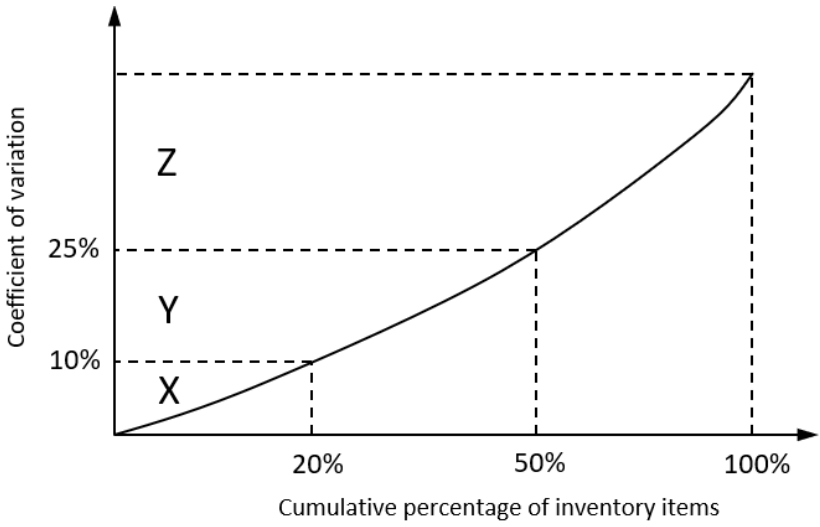
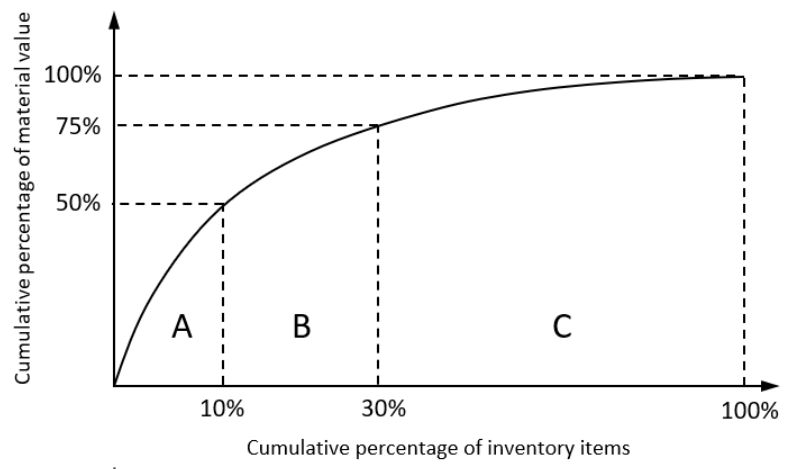
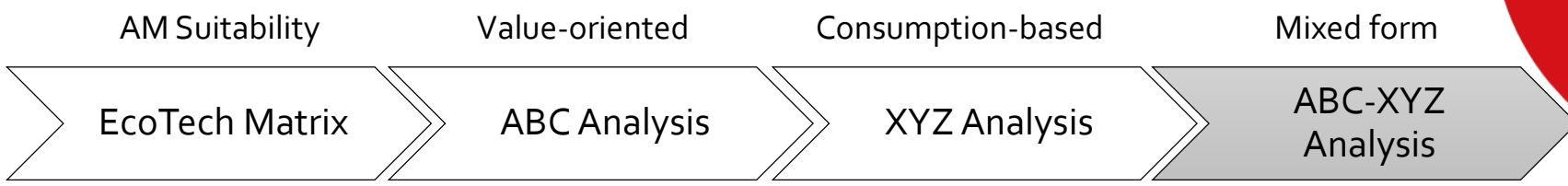
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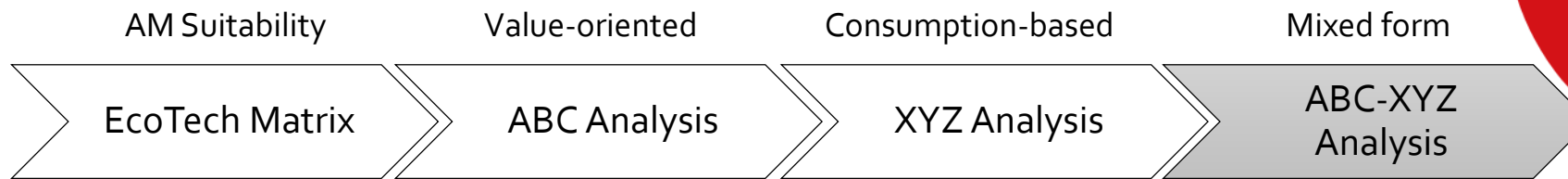
Source: Heiserich, Otto-Ernst; Helbig Klaus; Ullmann, Werner;  
Logistik – Eine praxisorientierte Einführung – Page 115

Period	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3
1	9	34	55
2	11	40	65
3	12	36	61
4	11	46	70
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0,96</b>	<b>5,29</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>10,75</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46,75</b>
<b>Coefficient</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>71%</b>









### Realization

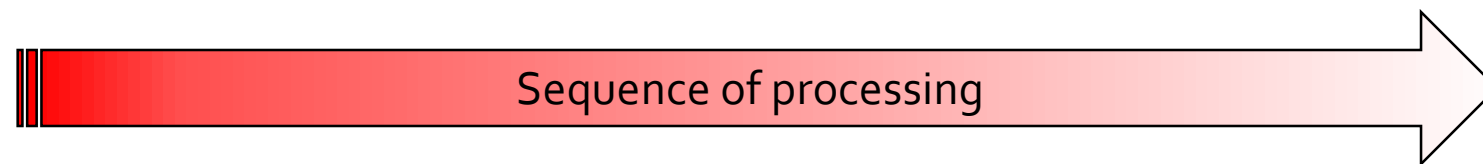
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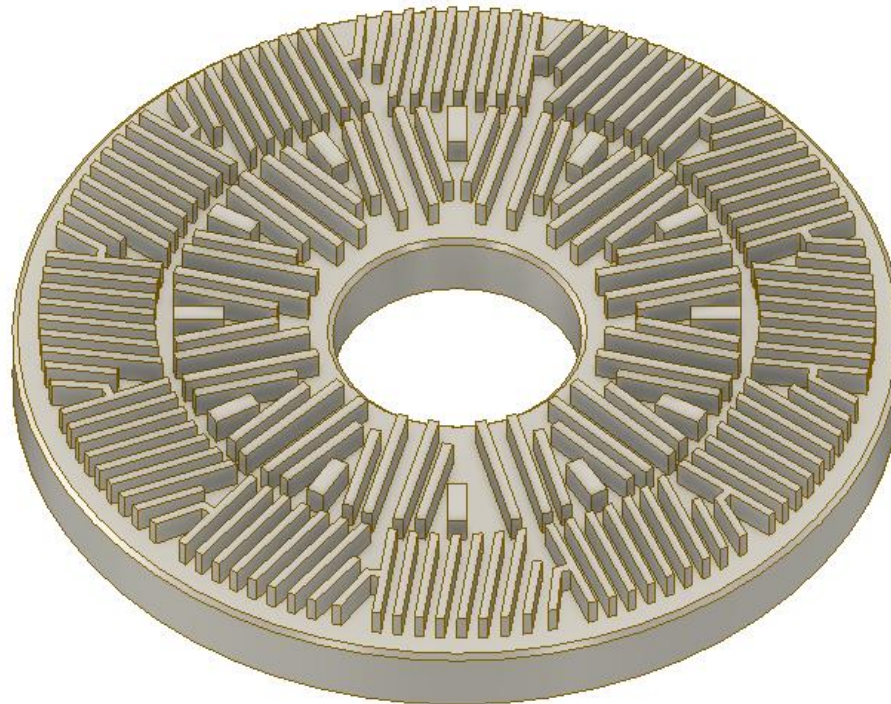
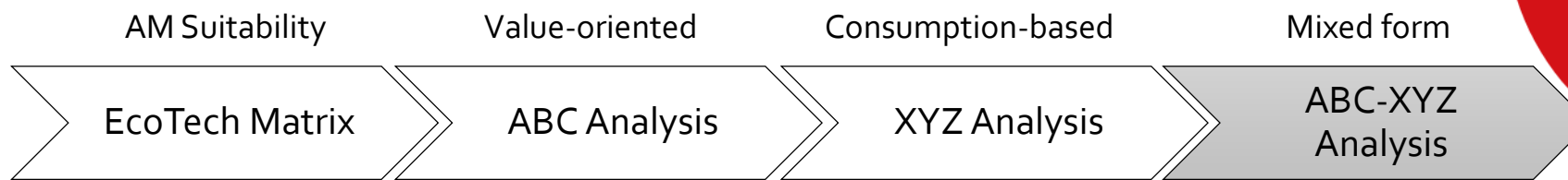
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### On-hold

	A	B	C
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→ **This approach requires a precise stock list including relevant data!**  
 (material, size, weight, price, delivery time, consumption per perios, etc.)



Single parts: 181

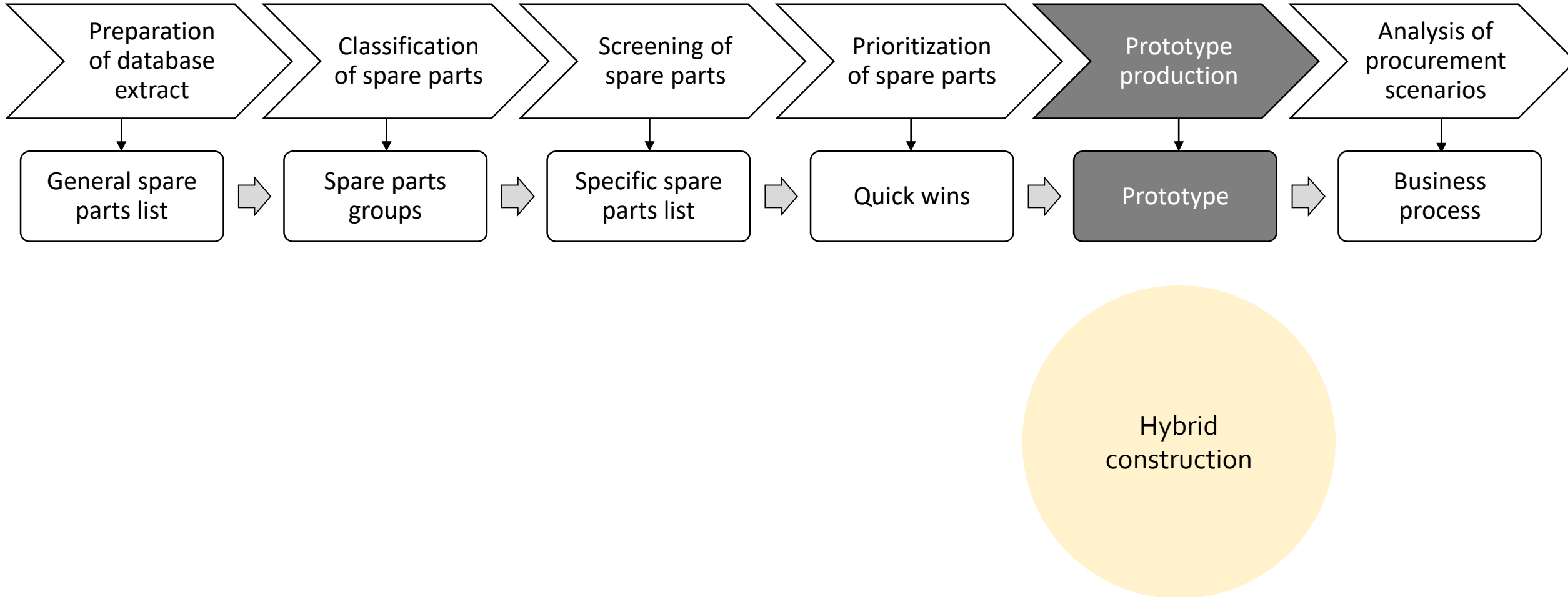
Material: 1.4542 (stainless steel)

Hardness: 40 HRC

Procurement costs: 1,500 €

Dependence on supplier -> very high

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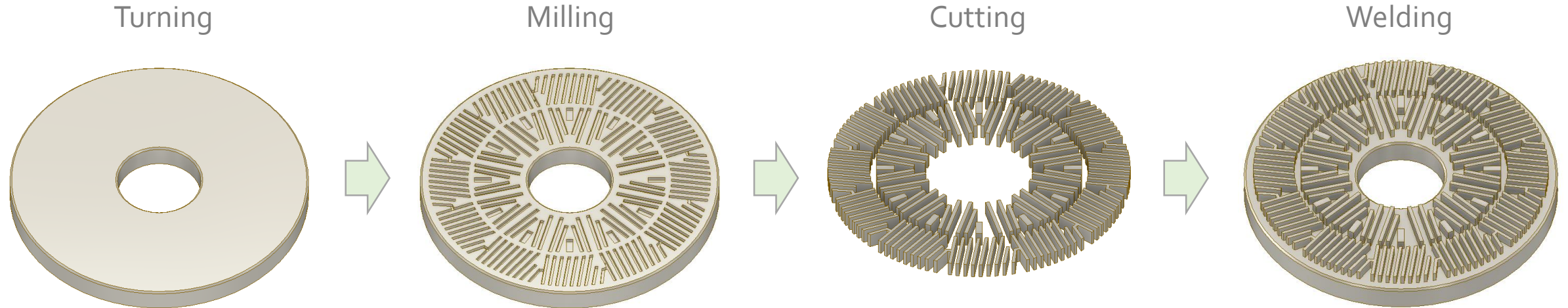


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Additive Manufacturing of Metals

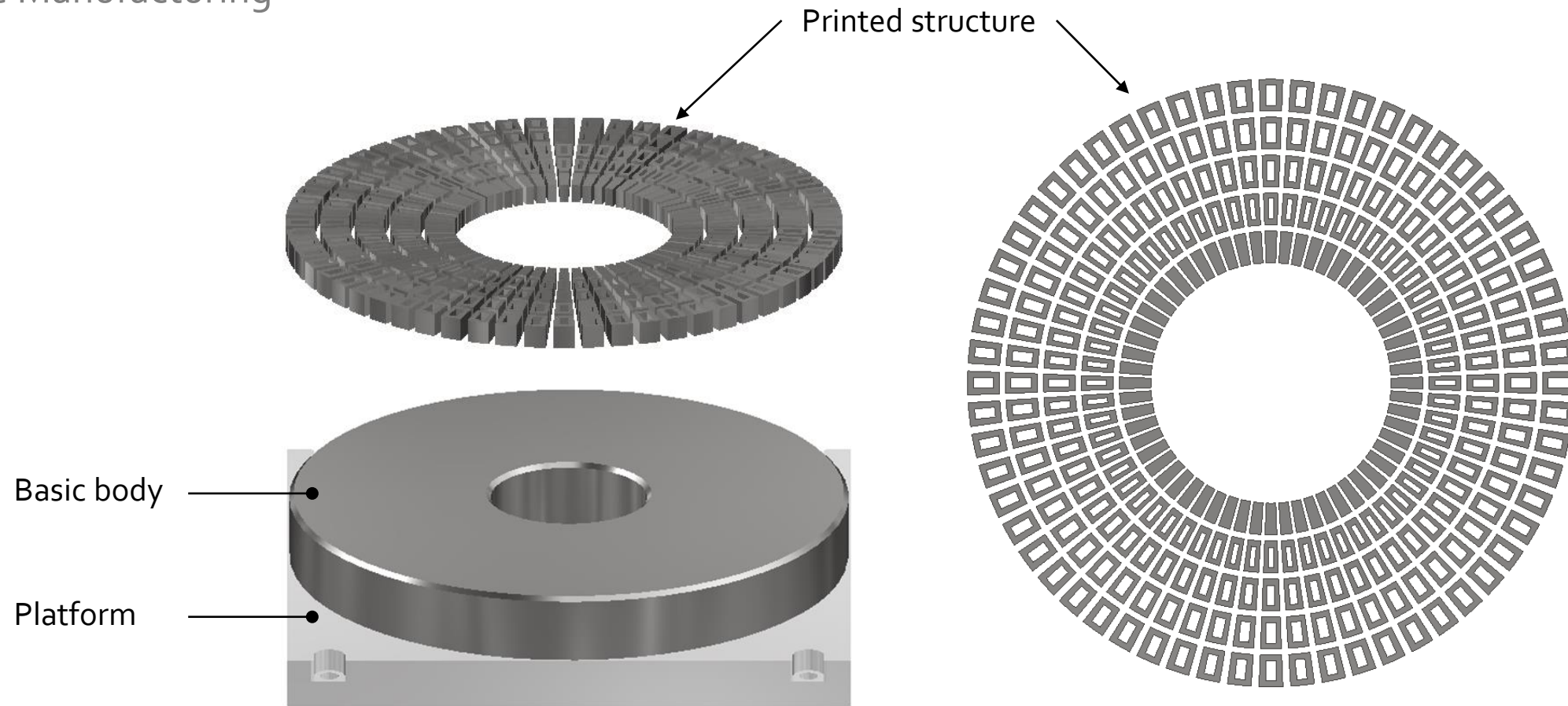
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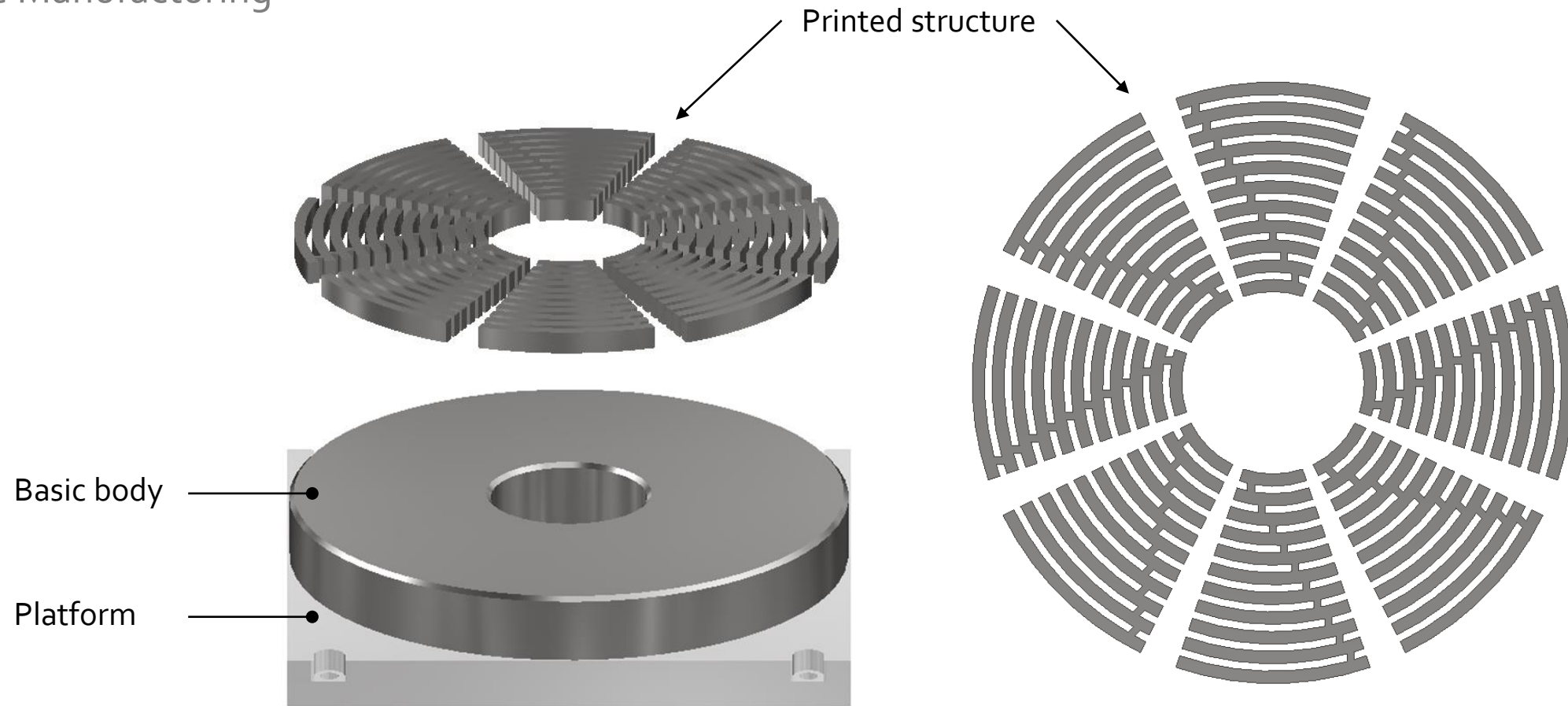
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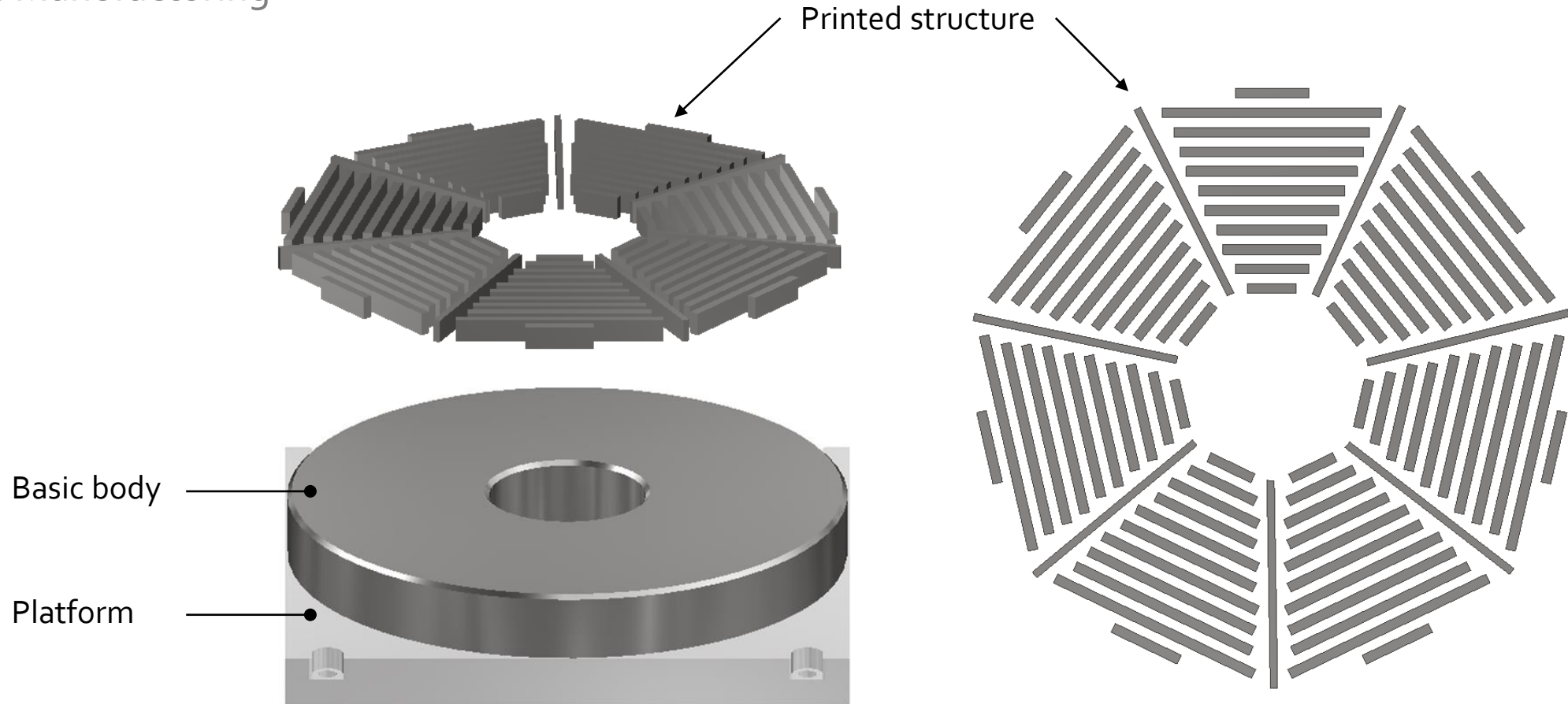
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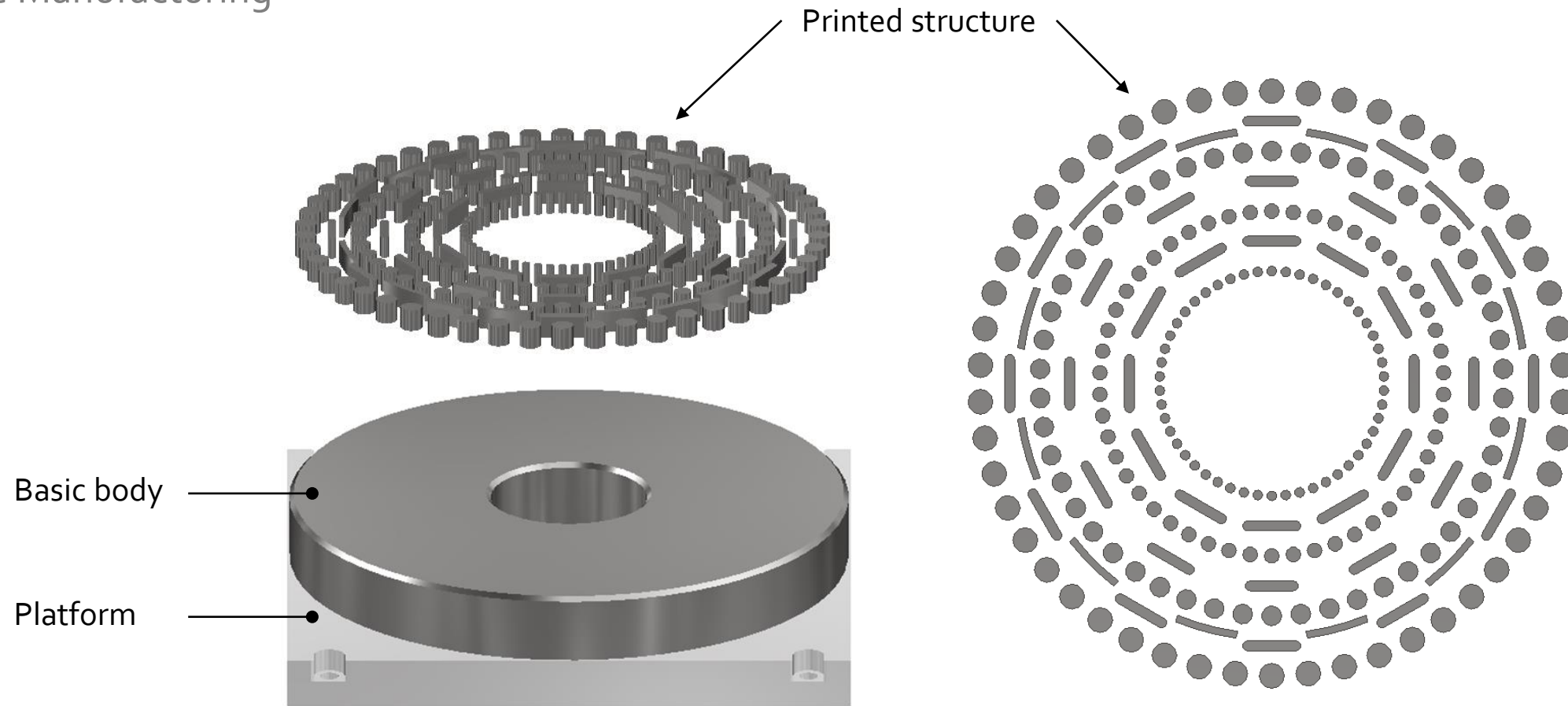
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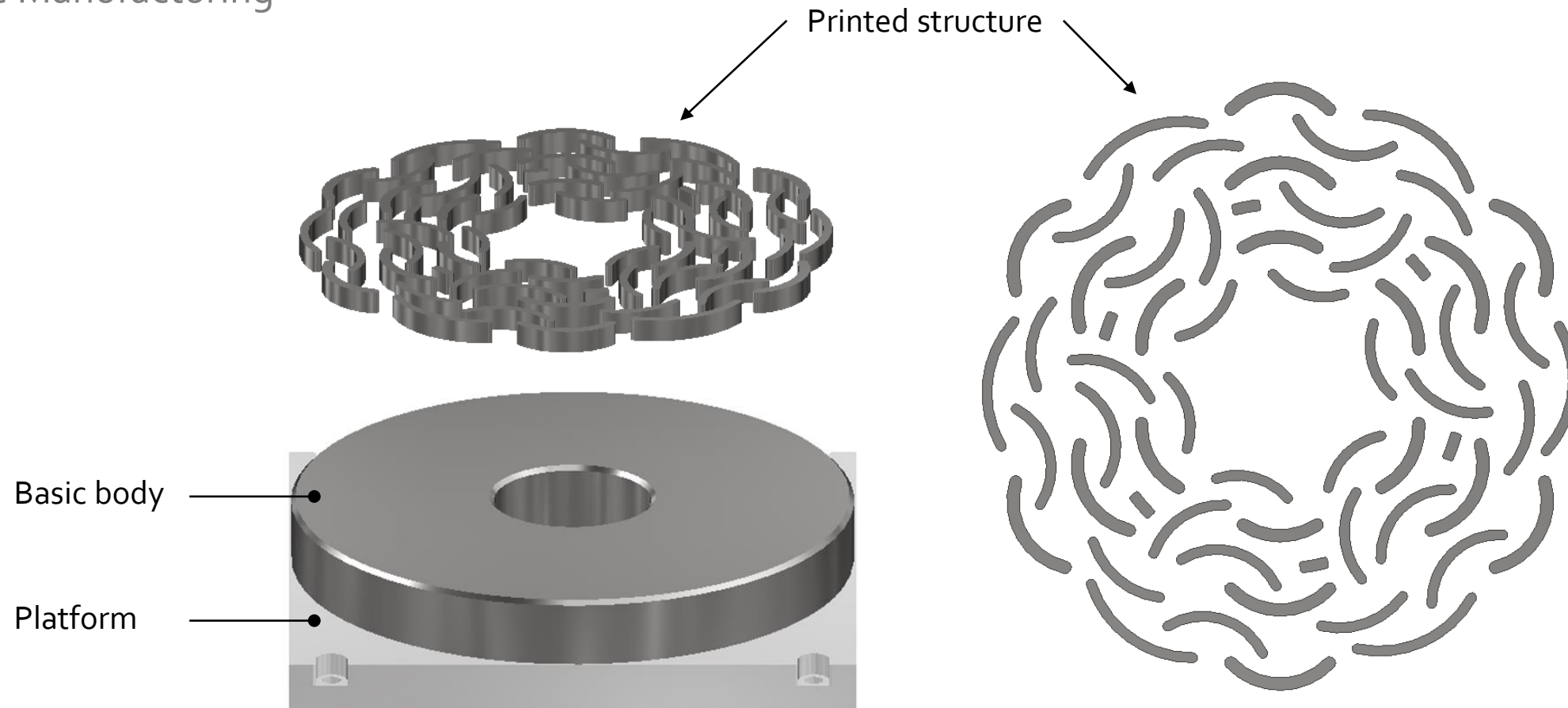
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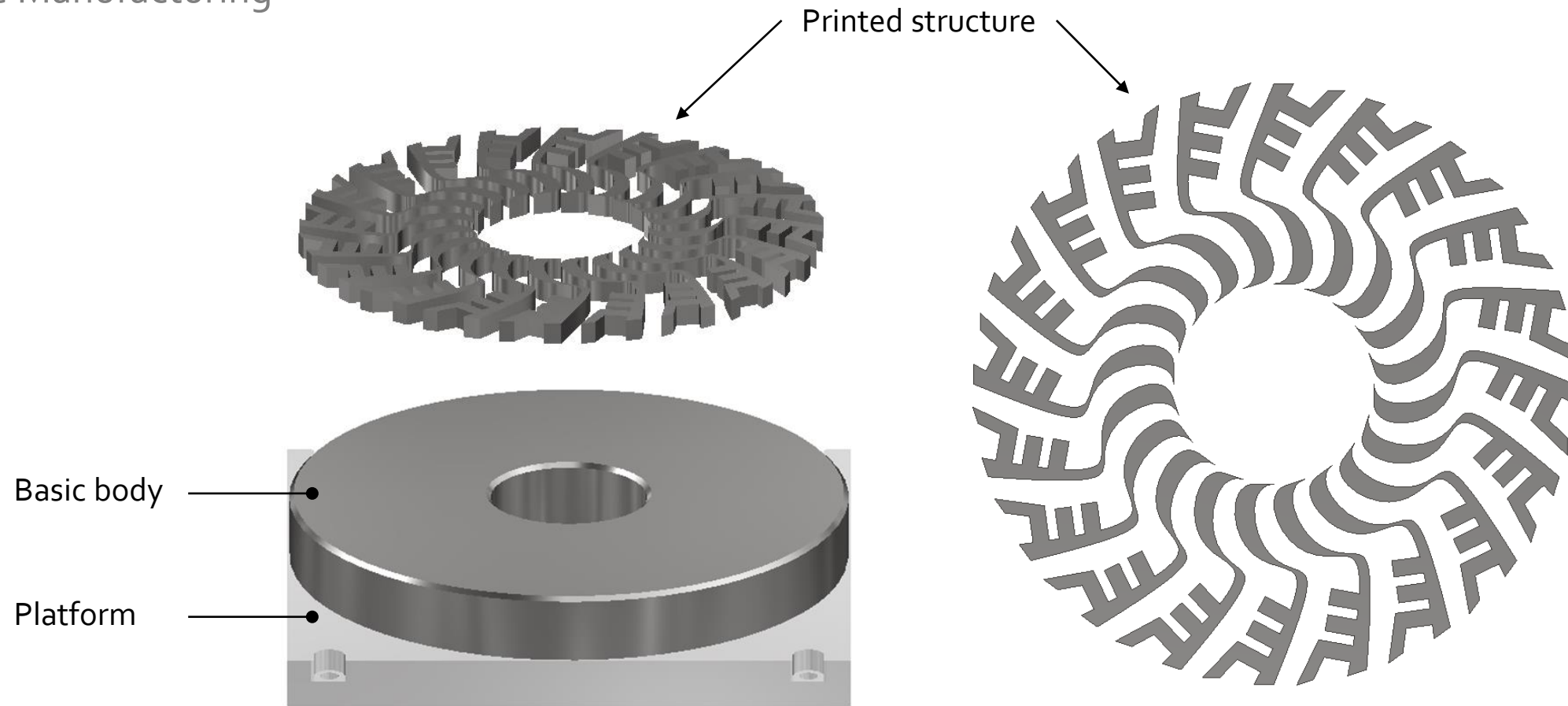
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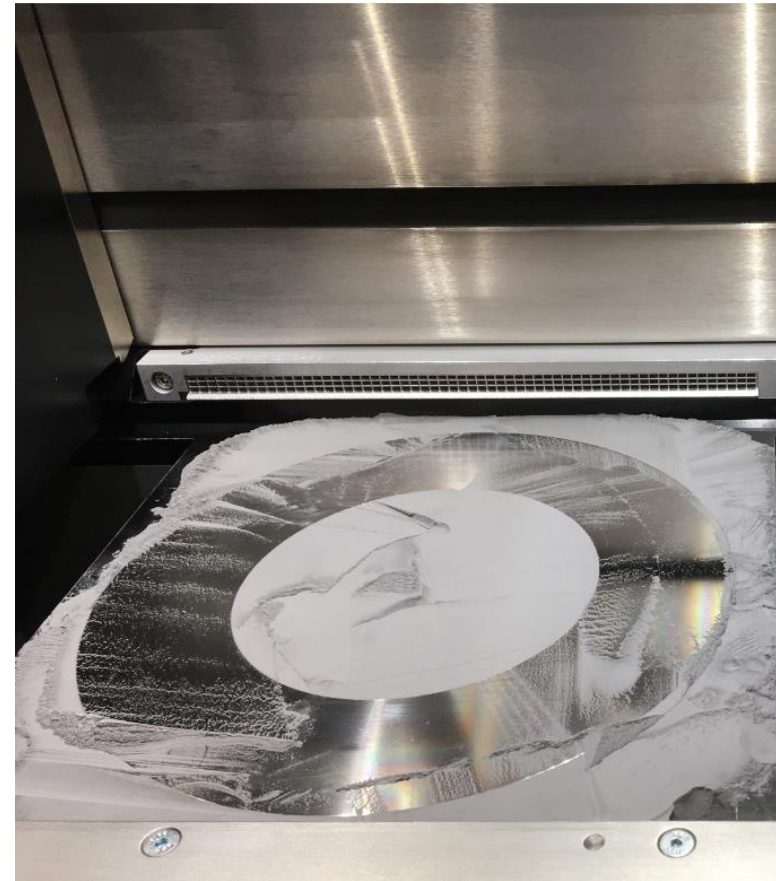


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## Additive Manufacturing



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## Conclusion

Cost reduction: **53%**

Reduction of production time: **94%**

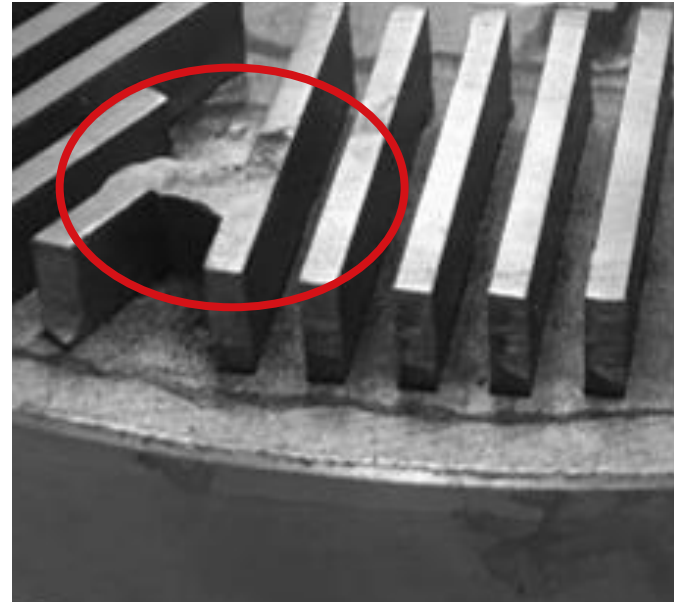
No dependence on supplier!

Process development

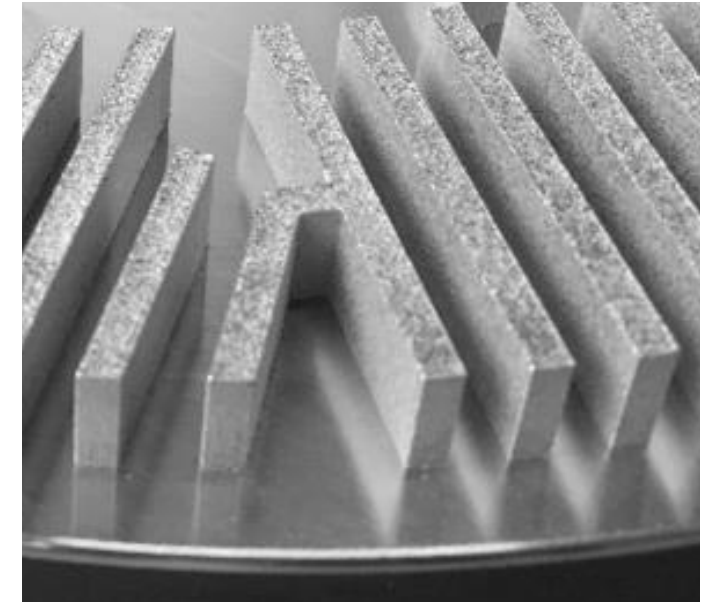
Improvement of part Quality:

- Homogeneous structure
- Measurement accuracy
- Optical appearance

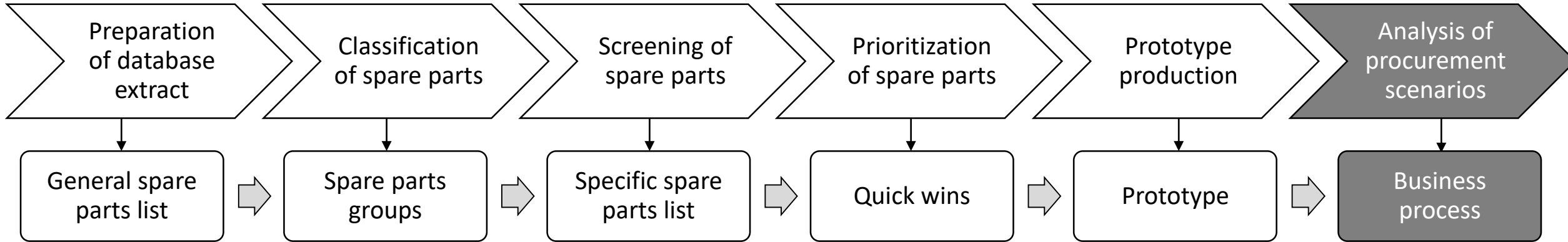
Conventional part



AM part



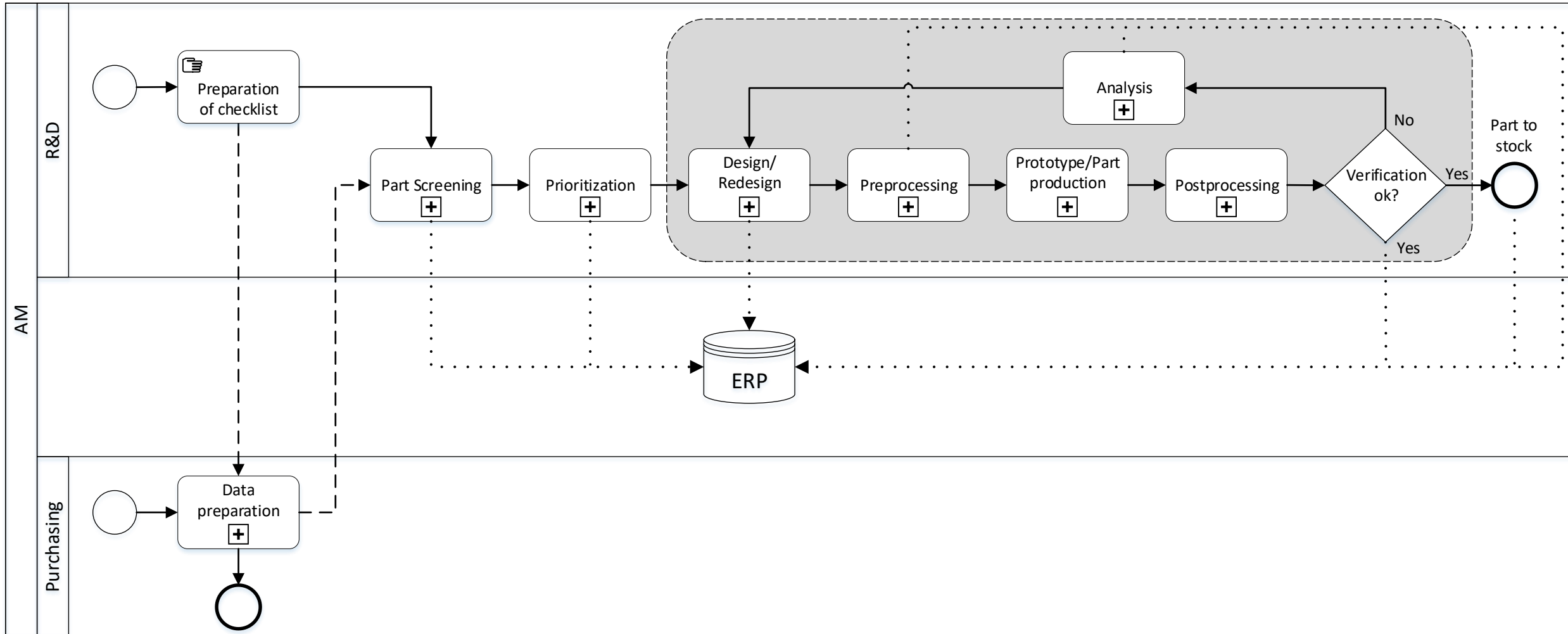
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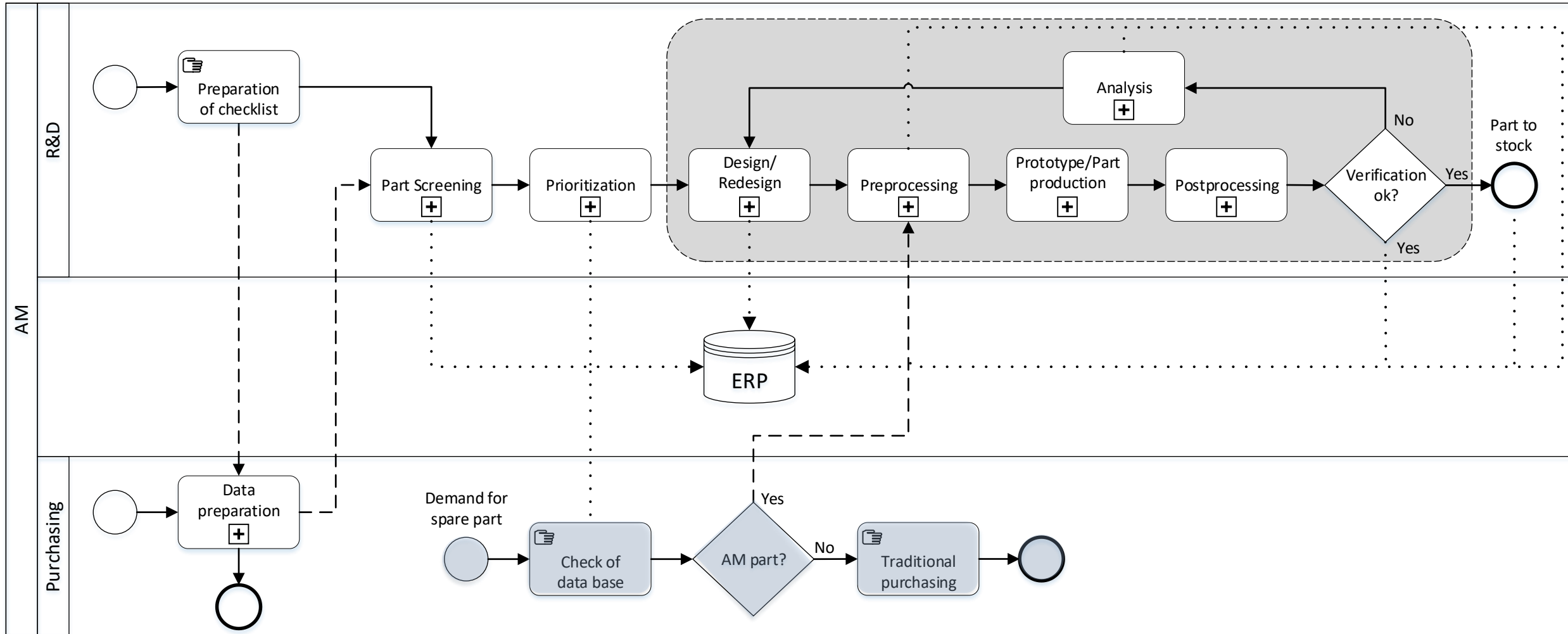
## Process/part development

- In-house production
- Outsourcing



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- In-house production
- Outsourcing



Fulfilment of demand

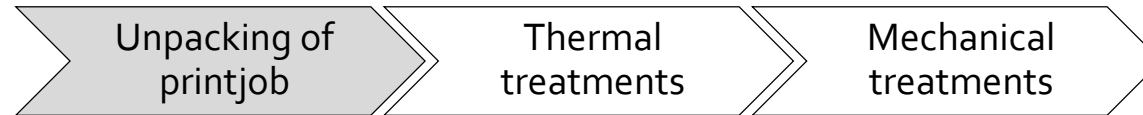


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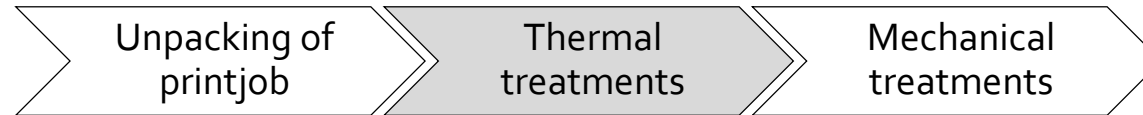
The removal of the printed job is a critical step that affects:

- Turnaround time
- Part Quality
- Powder quality
- Powder losses



Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

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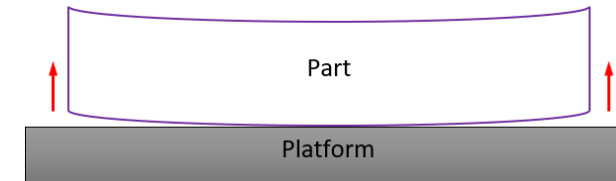


Thermal treatment is often required for:

- Stress reduction
- Hardening

Methods:

- Electric furnace (air/protective gas box)
- Vacuum furnace
- HIP (Hot Isostatic Pressing)



Source: rohde-online.net, 2019

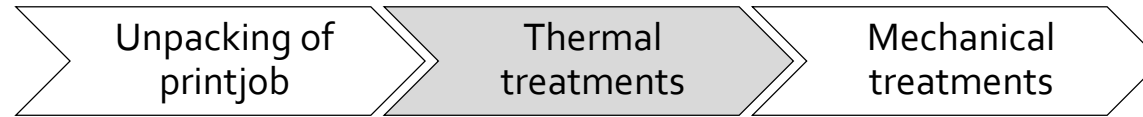
→ Stress relief annealing is sometimes necessary to reduce internal stresses in the parts/platform due to uneven laser exposure

→ Heat treatment depends on the expected final properties

Material	Heat treatment
EOS MP1	1150°C/ 6h under argon
EOS Ti64	650°C to 800°C/ 3h under Aargon
EOS 1.2709	490°C/ 6h in air
EOS 15.5PH	525°C/ 4h in Air (H1000)
EOS IN718	ASTM5662

Source: Additive Minds, 2019. Workshop

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- Stress relief annealing/hardening might cause scale and annealing colors  
→ removable via blasting
- Inert atmosphere can reduce scale
- Trapped powder must be removed or the heat will cause it to cake

Scale



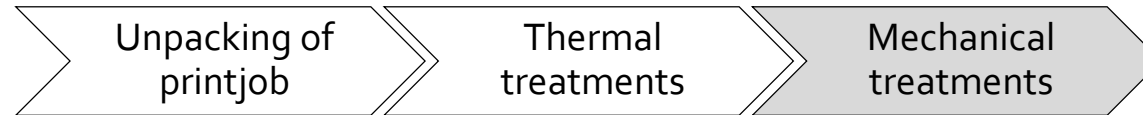
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Annealing colors



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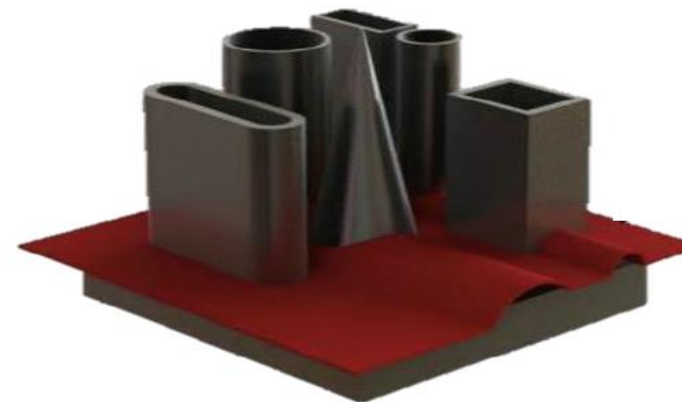
# Postprocessing



## Wire cutting

- Cut width > 0.5mm
- Typical residues remain on building platform
- Functional surfaces can be generated
- Do not use wire cutting for hollow sections that contain powder (wire gets damaged)
- After machining, the platform can be reused

→ Wire cutting already has to be considered during the positioning of parts on the platform!



Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

Specific wire path along the platform

Different shapes can be realized at once



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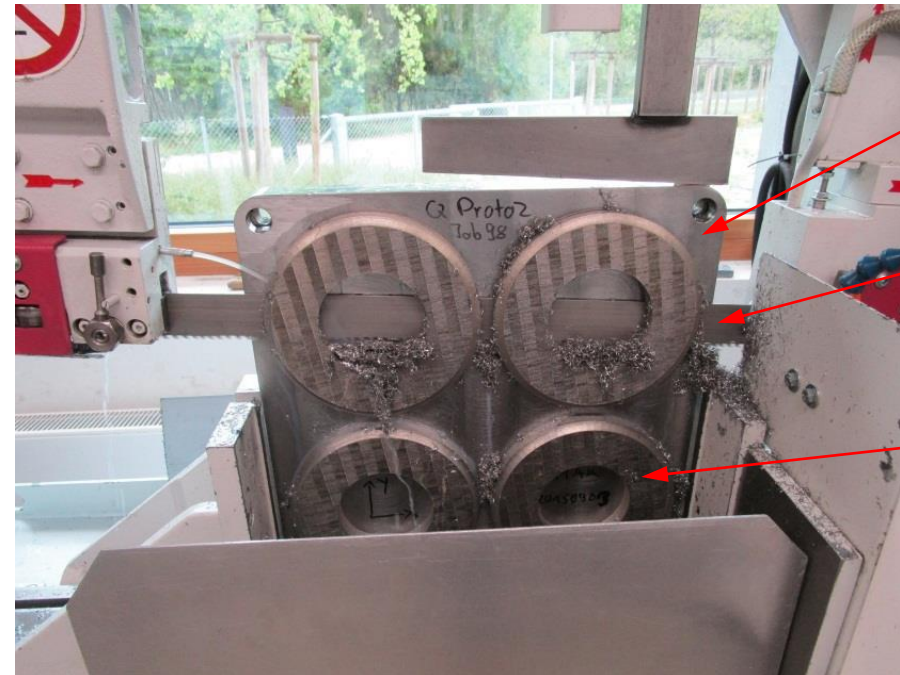
Typical part residues on platform

# Postprocessing



## Sawing

- Band saw
- Functional surfaces can be generated
- After machining, the platform can be reused
- Once sawn off, the individual parts are post-processed in their own way



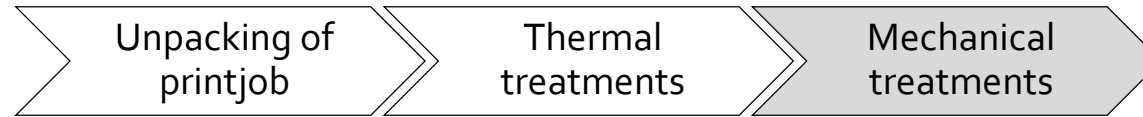
Platform (EOS M400)

Saw blade

Individual parts

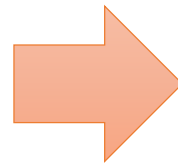
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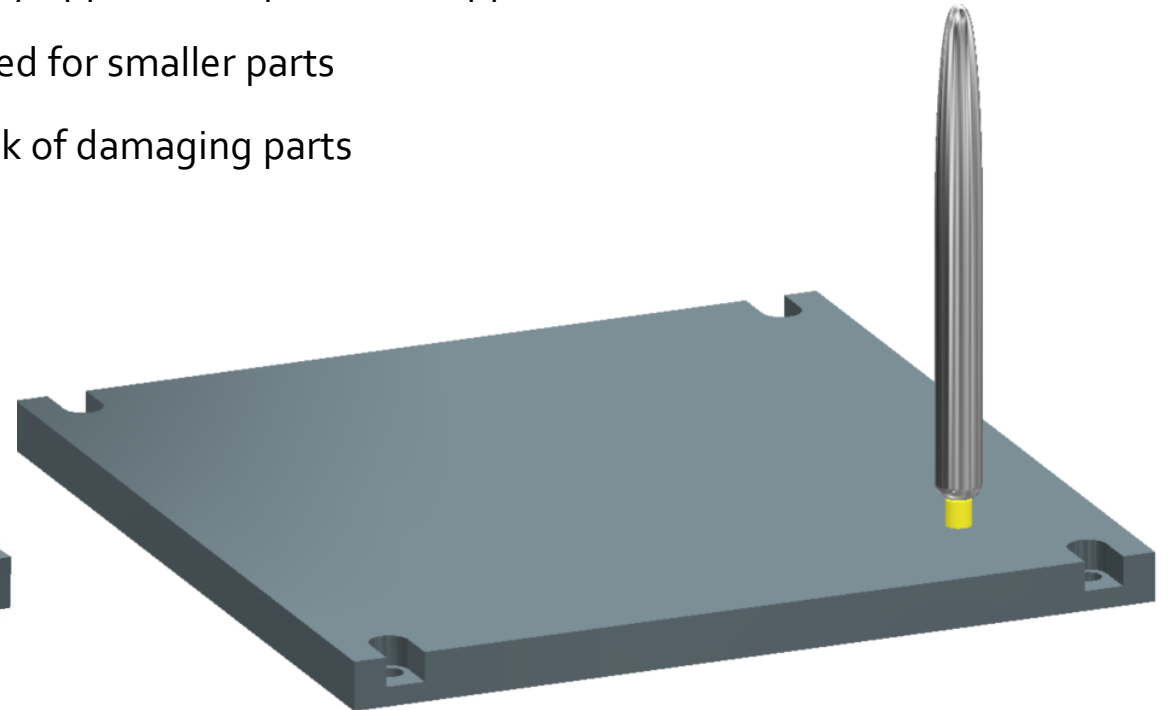
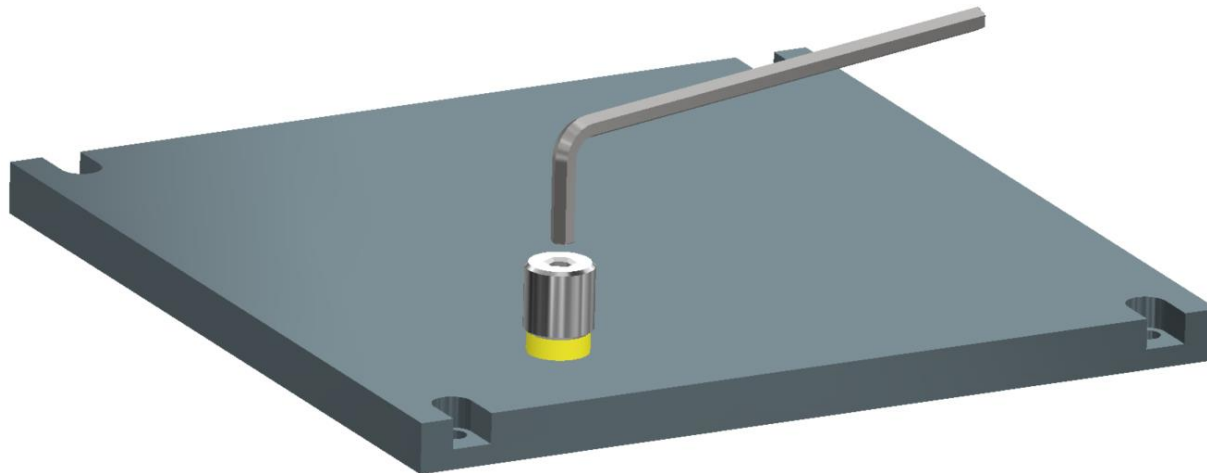


## Other methods

- Hammer and chisel
- Rotary tools (e.g. Dremel)
- Separation by hand

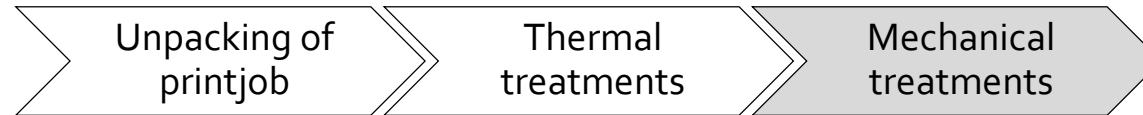


- Only applicable if parts are supported
- Used for smaller parts
- Risk of damaging parts





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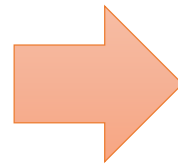


## Support removal

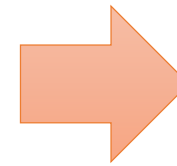
- Separation of support structure from actual part via hand tools (Rotary tools, knippers,...)
- Post-processing effort can be reduced by smart design! (part orientation)



Source: Additive Minds, 2019, Workshop

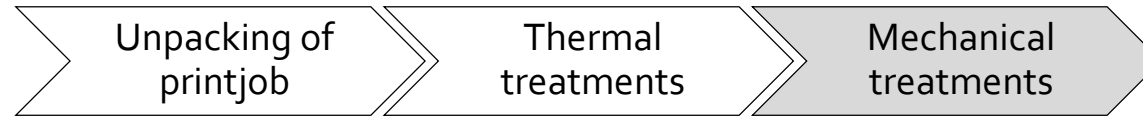


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# Postprocessing



## Blasting

- After removal of support structure
- Cleaning the part from residues
- Homogenous & shiny surface
- Compression of surface possible (e.g. aluminium)

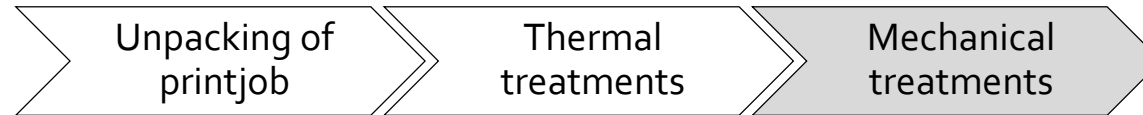


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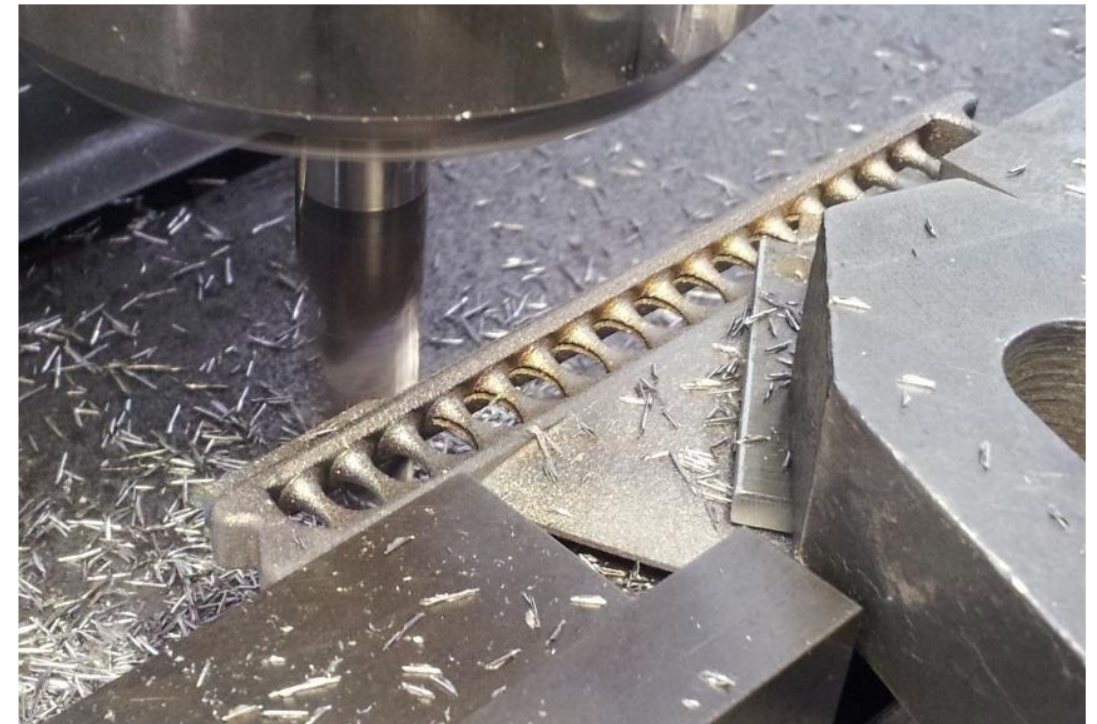


## Machining

- Milling / Drilling
- Especially for functional surfaces (dimensional accuracy)

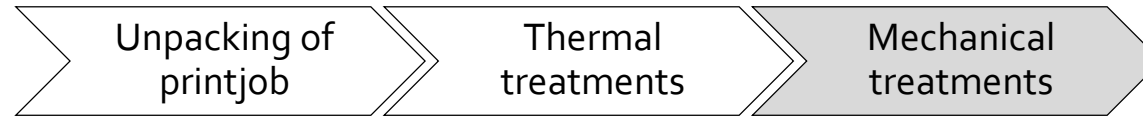


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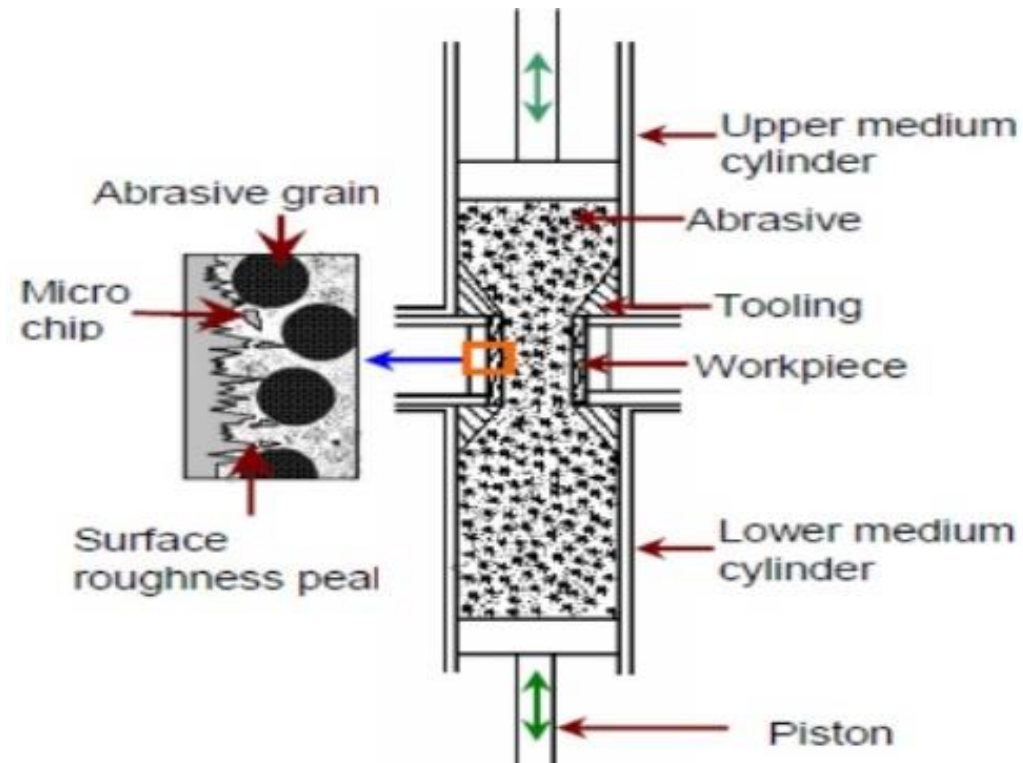


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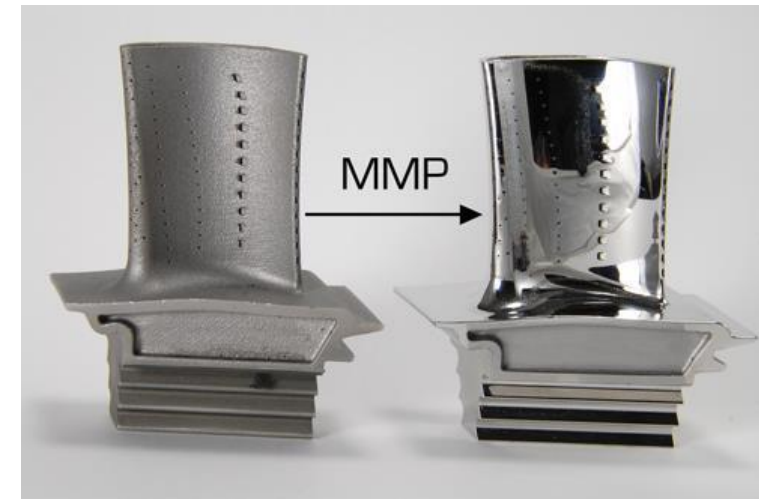
## Micro Machining Process (MMP)



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