# 3D-Printing of functional optimized Al-Components

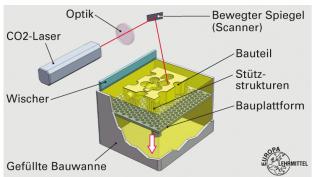
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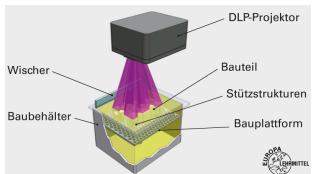




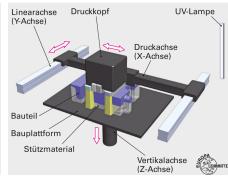
## 3D-Printing / Additive Manufacturing – Different Technologies



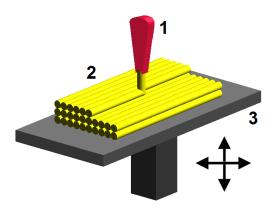
STL/SLA – Stereolithography



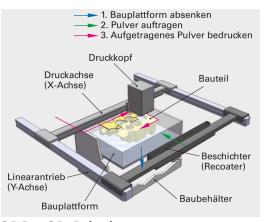
DLP - Digital Light Processing



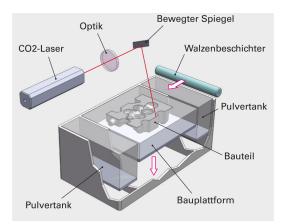
PJM - Poly-Jet Modeling



FDM - Fused Deposition Modeling



3DP – 3D-Printing



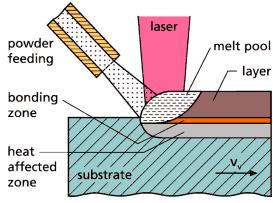
SLS/SLM – Selective Laser Sintering Selective Laser Melting

Source: Verlag Europa-Lehrmittel, Wikipedia



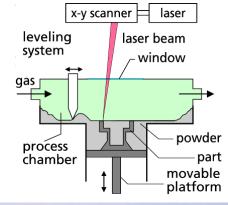
#### **Laser Additive Manufacturing**

**LMD** – Laser Metal Deposition





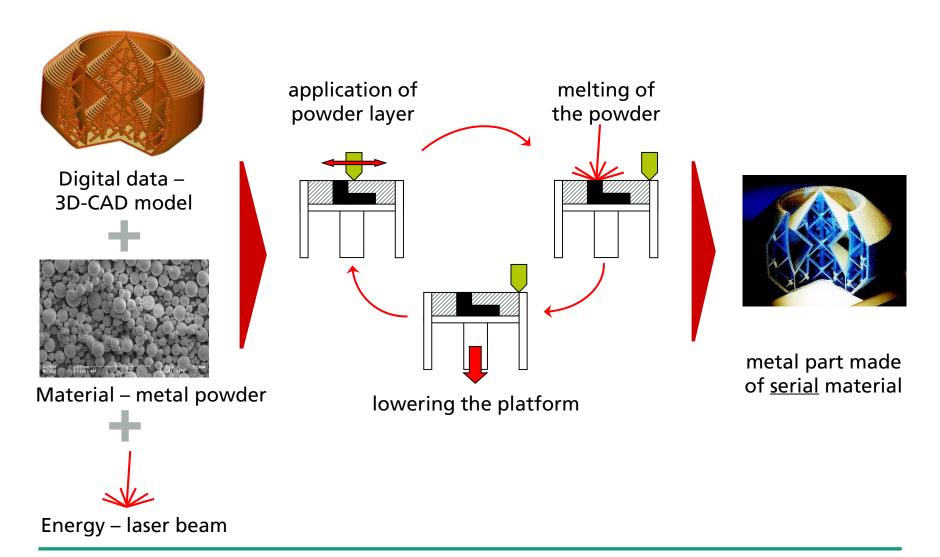
**SLM – Selective Laser Melting** 





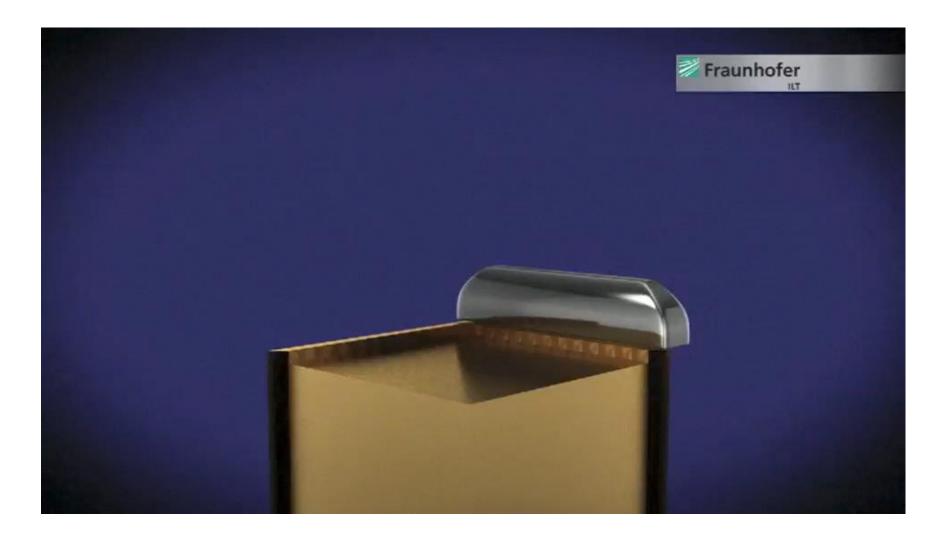


#### **Selective Laser Melting SLM – Basic Principle**





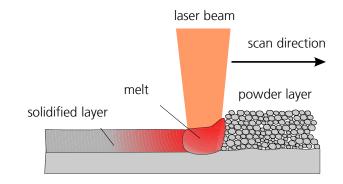
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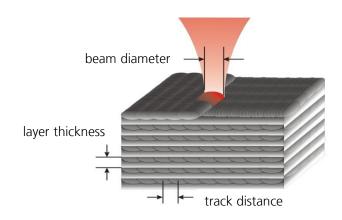




## Selective Laser Melting SLM – From Rapid Prototyping to Rapid Manufacturing

- use of serial material
- complete melting of the powder particles
- part density of 100%
- available technologies enables processing of a wide range of materials:
  - Titanium alloys
  - Aluminum alloys
  - Steel
  - CoCr alloys
  - Nickel alloys







#### **State of the Art SLM Machines**





#### **EOS M290**

- 250 mm x 250 mm x 325 mm
- 400 W fiberlaser
- 100 µm spotsize

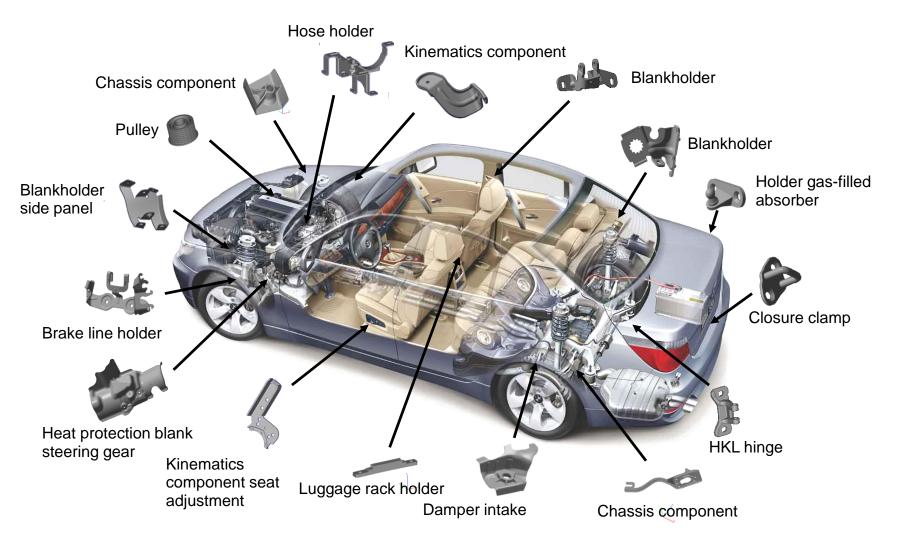
#### **SLM Solutions SLM280HL**

- 280 mm x 280 mm x 350 mm
- 400 W / 1000 W fiberlaser
- 100 μm / 700 μm spotsize





#### **Selective Laser Melting SLM – Functional Prototypes**



Source: N. Skrynecki, Kundenorientierte Optimierung des generativen Strahlschmelzprozesses, 2010



#### **Selective Laser Melting SLM – Series Production**



- dentistry
- hearing aid
- individualised mass production



- design for optimised functionality
- improvement of part efficiency during life cycle
- example: turbo machinery



- light weight design
- example: hinges for aerospace applications

Source: Bego, General Electric, EADS





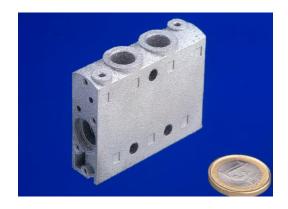
#### **Selective Laser Melting SLM – Interesting Al-Applications**

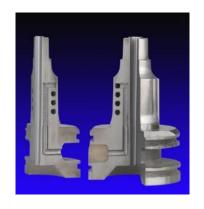
- fast availability of functional prototypes for product development
- example: automotive

- tool less production for small series
- flexible production of special parts
- example: Al-die casting

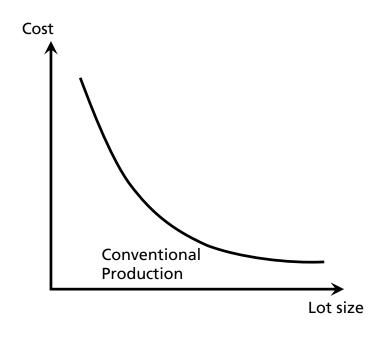
- tooling
- conformal cooling
- shorter cycle times

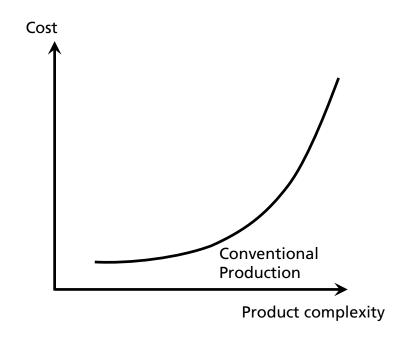




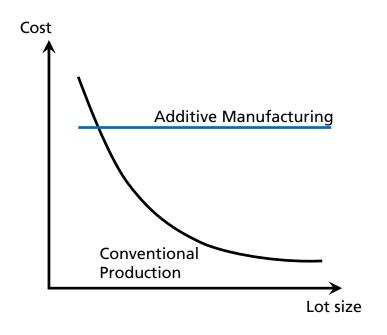


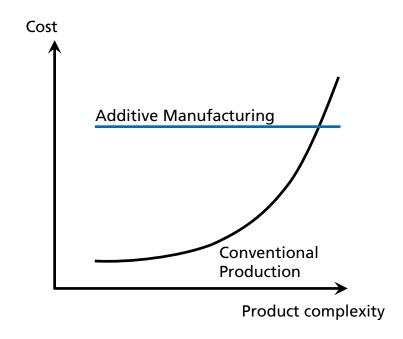




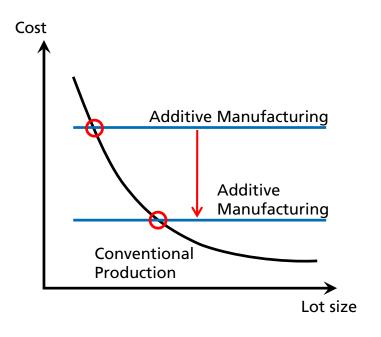


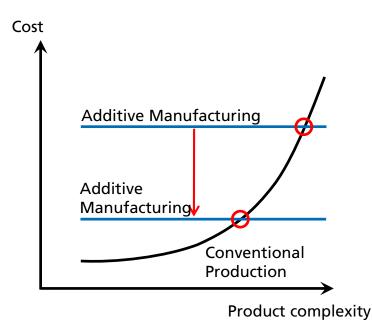


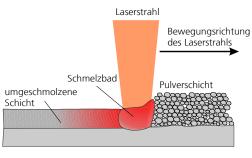


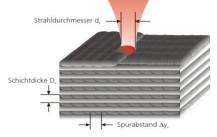


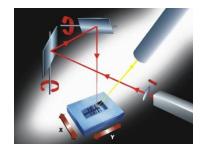












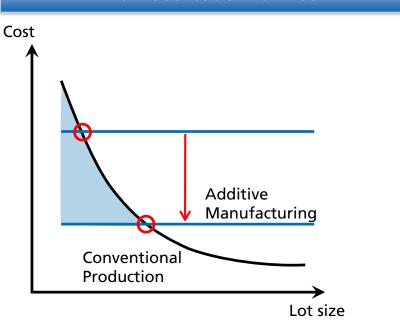
SLM 1-3 cm<sup>3</sup> / min

LMD 10-30 cm<sup>3</sup> / min

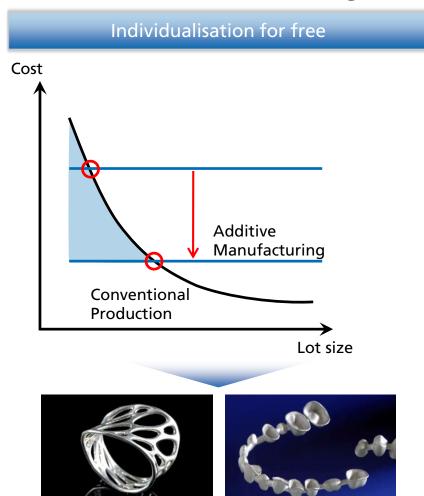
Ablation 0,2-0,5 cm<sup>3</sup> / min



#### Individualisation for free





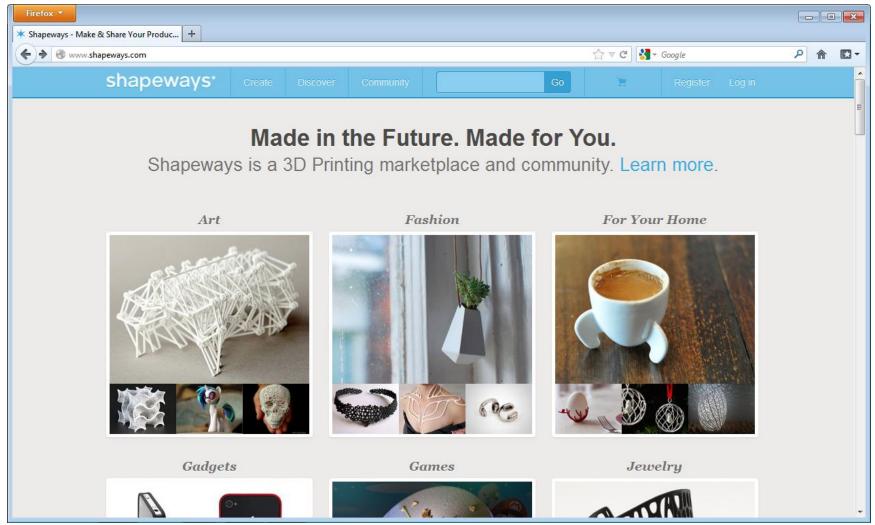








#### Individualisation for free – Services like Shapeways



Source: Shapeways

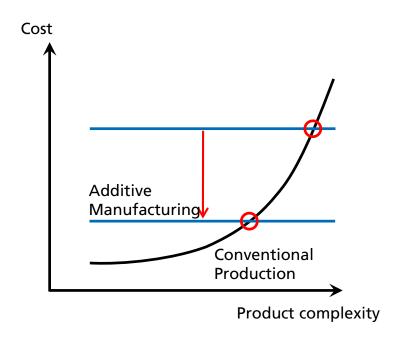


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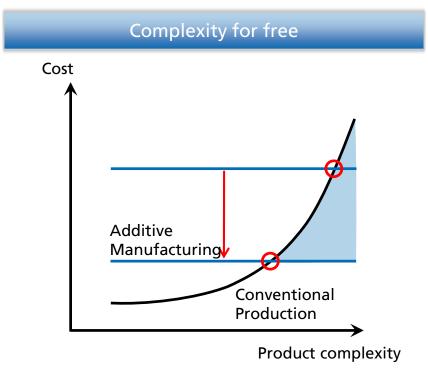


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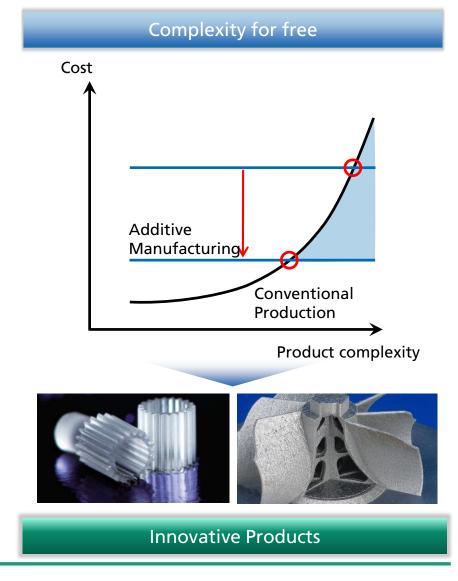








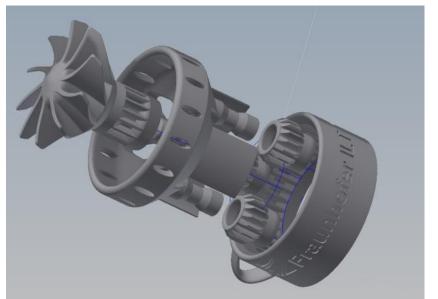








## **Complexity for free – Monolithic design**

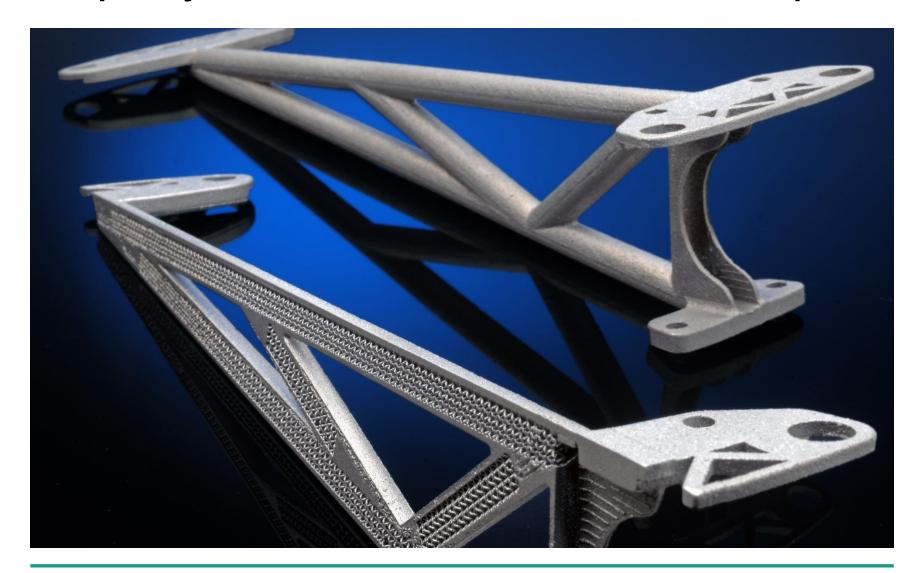








### **Complexity for free – Lattice structure automotive part**







## **Complexity for free – Bionic automotive part**

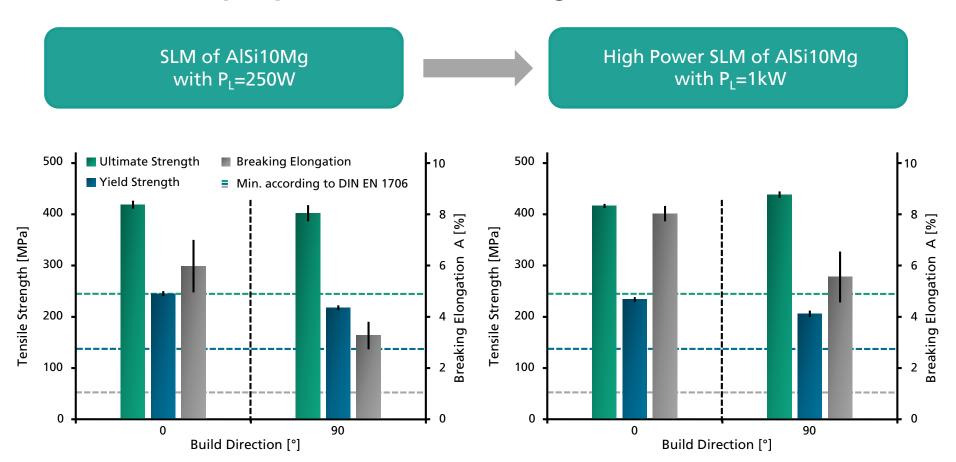








#### Mechanical properties of AlSi10Mg



 Increasing the laser power shows no significant differences to conventional SLM process





#### **Complexity for free – Functional optimized upright**







#### AlMgSc (Scalmalloy®) – SLM optimized Al-alloy

## Increase strength of AlMgSc (Scalmalloy®)

- Hypereutectic amount of scandium (larger 0.5 w-%)
- Rapid solidification (SLM ca. 7x10<sup>6</sup> K/s)
- Formation of supersaturated solid solution (scandium maintains in solution)
- Precipitation hardening:
  Increase strength due to nano-sized precipitates of the form Al<sub>3</sub>Sc (+Zr)

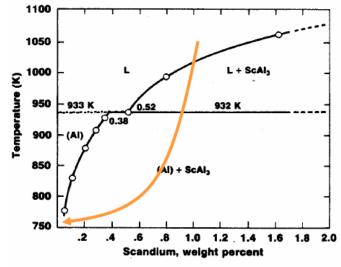
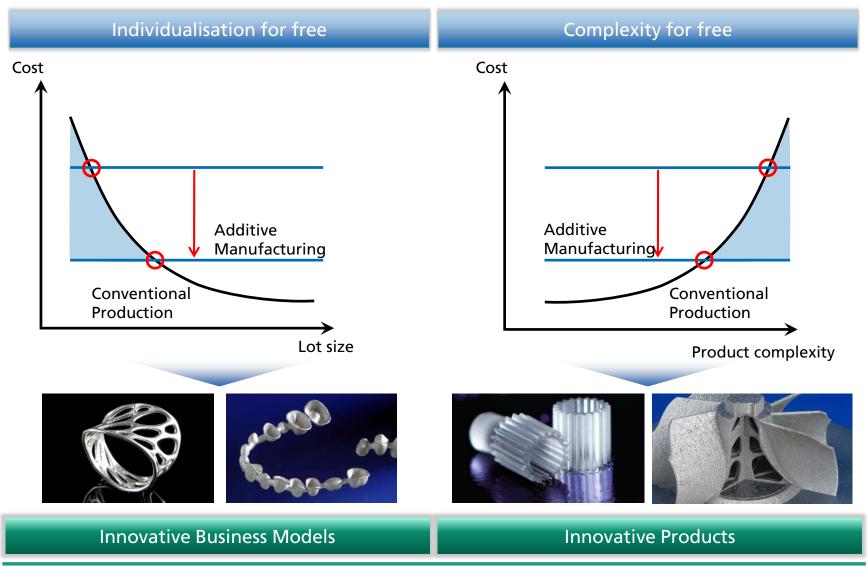


Fig. 1 — Al-Sc phase diagram as determined by Willey.[16]

Source: Aeromat, Hypereutectic high strength AlMgSc profile materials, F. Palm, EADS GmbH









## Thank you for your attention!



