

# Joining Sub-Platform

Industrial trends and demands for  
Arc Welding in AM Technologies

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# Technische Universität Ilmenau - Germany

## facts and figures

- founded in 1894
- about 7000 students
- 5 faculties (<100 professors)

## Production technology group

Team is consisting of 23 research assistants, 7 technical employees and 1 full professor

## Research topics are

welding of light weight materials, laser material processing  
solid state welding, cladding and chipping (milling and turning)  
additive manufacturing (plastics as well as metals)



# Motivation for Additive Manufacturing

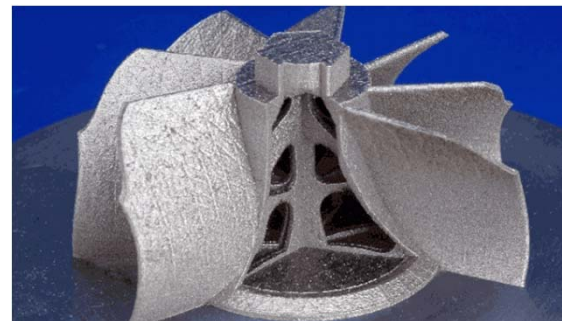
## Limits of conventional Production Technologies

Complexity



[Autodesk]

Light weight construction



[Welt der Fertigung]

Undercuts



[RT Journal]

Individualization



[EOS]

Additive Manufacturing as an enabling Technology

**JOINING**

# Study on potentials and development

Technische Universität Ilmenau was appointed from German welding society (DVS e.V.) to perform a study and to depict potentials and research topics for arc based additive manufacturing

Start in September 2017

End in December 2017

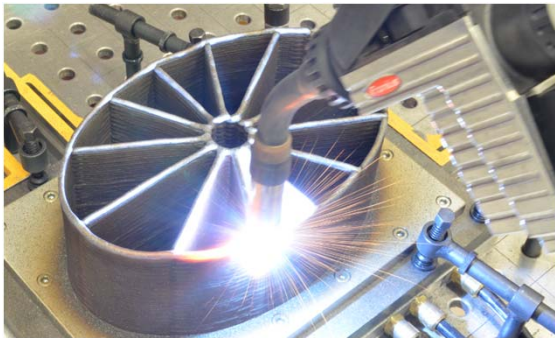
Study is divided in

- a part regarding depicting of the development and state of the art (printed media, internet etc.)
- a part performing interviews with experts in Germany (20-25)



# Arc Technologies for AM

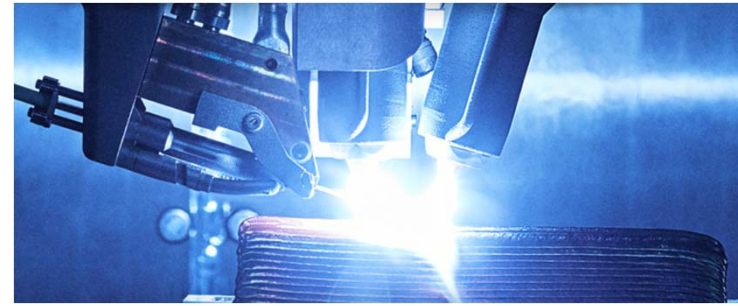
## Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM)



[TU Ilmenau]

- GMAW and TIG processes
- feeding of wire
- low priced technical setup
- Deposition rates up to 5 kg/h and over
- little material loss compared to powder based technologies

## Plasma Deposition Manufacturing (PDM)

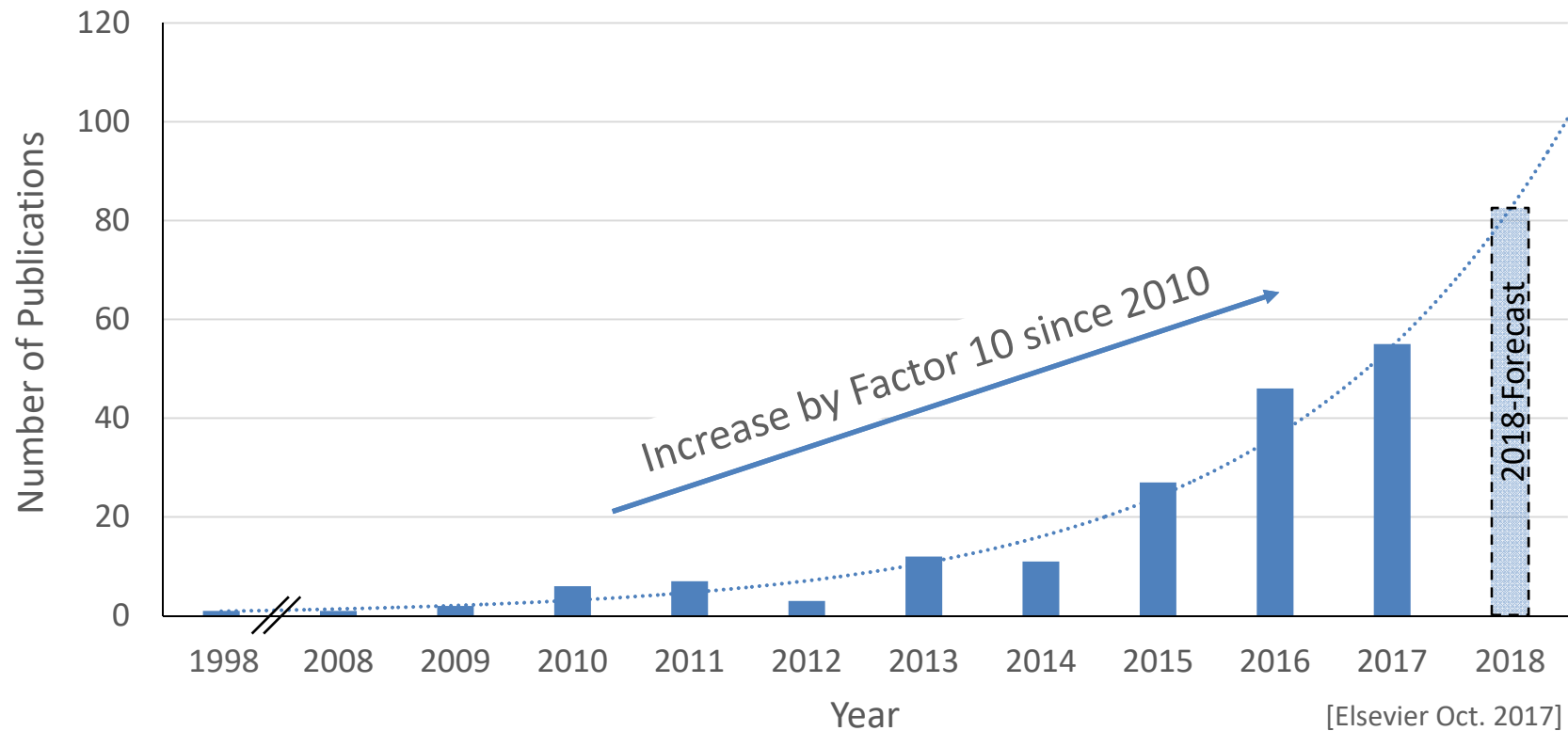


[Norsk Titanium]

- Plasma and  $\mu$ -Plasma processes
- feeding of powder or wire
- Deposition rates up to 10 kg/h
- Powder availability and over spray

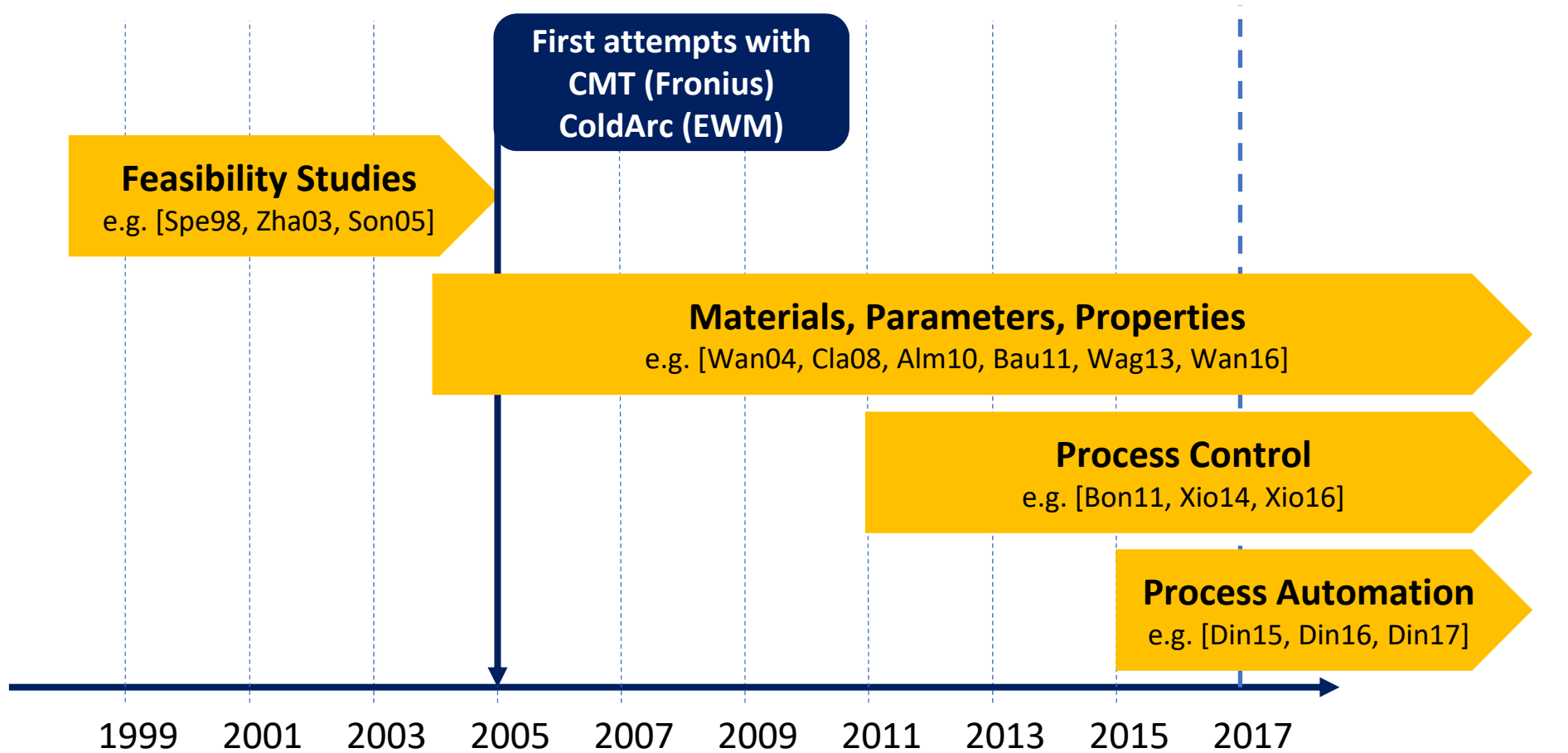
# Arc Technologies for AM

Number of Publications for Arc AM  
(Database Elsevier / ScienceDirect)



# Arc Technologies for AM

## Content of Publications for Arc AM





# Arc Technologies for AM

Examples of ongoing Projects for Arc AM within the EU

University / Coordinator	Project / Runtime	Content
ESA (European Space Agency) and 26 Academic and Industrial Partners	Project AMAZE 2013 - 2017	AM aiming towards Zero Waste & Efficient Production - New approaches to design, materials, automation, finishing
Cranfield University, UK	Various Projects since 20xx	RUAM (2007-2011) CAM Software Development (2014-2017) Active Cooling for WAAM (2014-2017) Cost Analysis Tool for WAAM (2015-2018) Mixed Material Pipe Structures (2016-2019)
TU Ilmenau, Germany	Various Projects since 2011	Direct industrial support Temperature adjustable large Tools (2016 – 2019) Composite Material Fabrication (2016 – 2018) 3D printed Knots for Bionic Structures (2017 – 2019)
University Delft / MX3D, Netherlands	Various projects since 2015	3D printing of various structures and materials with WAAM (bridges, sculptures etc.)
etc.		

# Arc Technologies for AM

Commercially available systems for Arc AM



[Mutoh Industries]

Mutoh Value Arc MA5000-S1 (2015)  
working space - 0,125 m<sup>3</sup>  
Additional subtractive Manufacturing



[GEFERTEC]

GEFERTEC GTarc 800-5 (2017)  
working space - 0,8 m<sup>3</sup>  
Additional subtractive Manufacturing

# Arc Technologies for AM

Industrial applications and markets of Arc AM

„Norsk Titanium to build world’s first industrial-scale aerospace Additive Manufacturing plant in New York“

## Aerospace Industry



[Airbus]

## Oceanic / Offshore Industry



[GEFERTEC]

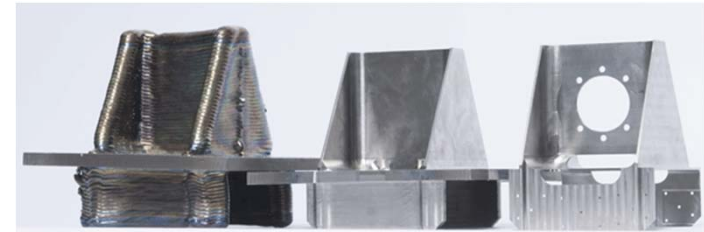
CuAl8 Propeller for Oceanic Applications

## Energy Industry



[TU Ilmenau]

G19 9 L Si Impeller for Energy Applications



[Norsk Titanium]

Ti6-4 support for Aerospace Applications

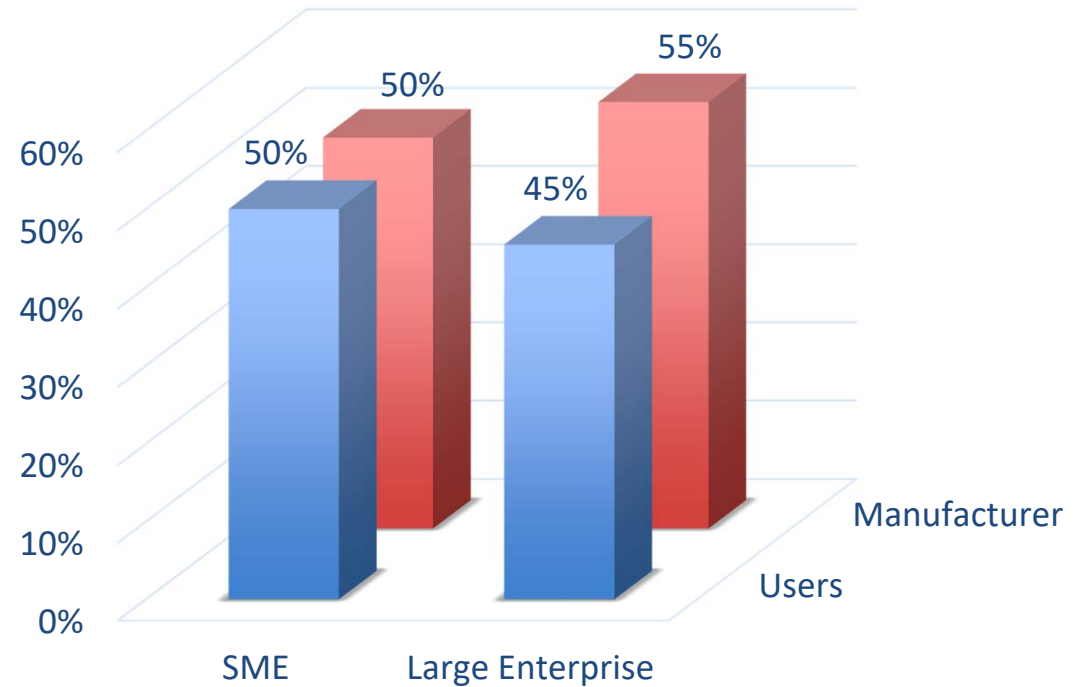
„Norsk Titanium wins award for 1st Rapid Plasma Deposition 3D printing technology“



# Interview on Industrial Trends for Arc AM

Survey based on analytic pattern concerning the following topics:

- Potentials of Arc AM
- Industrial Requirements for Arc AM Structures
- Software Integration
- Standardization
- Network Integration in context of Industry 4.0



Classification and Structure of the participating Companies

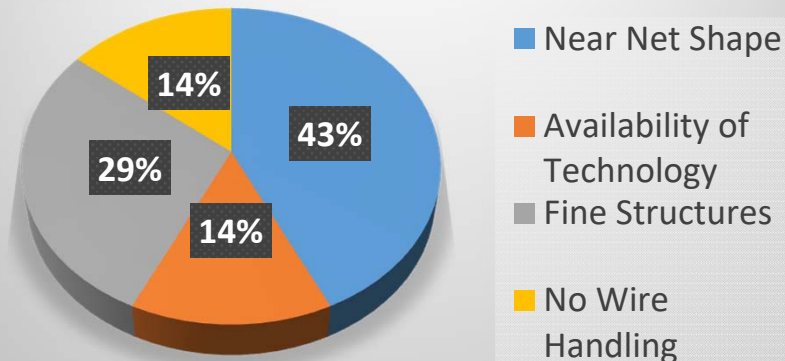


# Interviews on Industrial Trends for Arc AM

Preliminary results of the study (ongoing interviews)

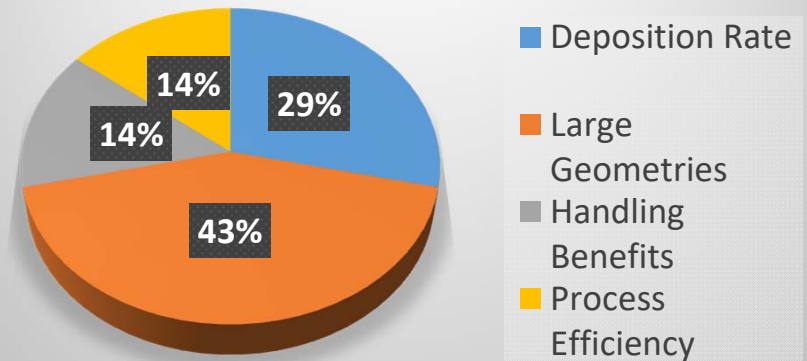
„Why do powder based AM process have a higher popularity compared to Arc AM processes?“

## Benefits of Powder Additive Manufacturing



„What are the main potentials of Arc Additive Manufacturing processes?“

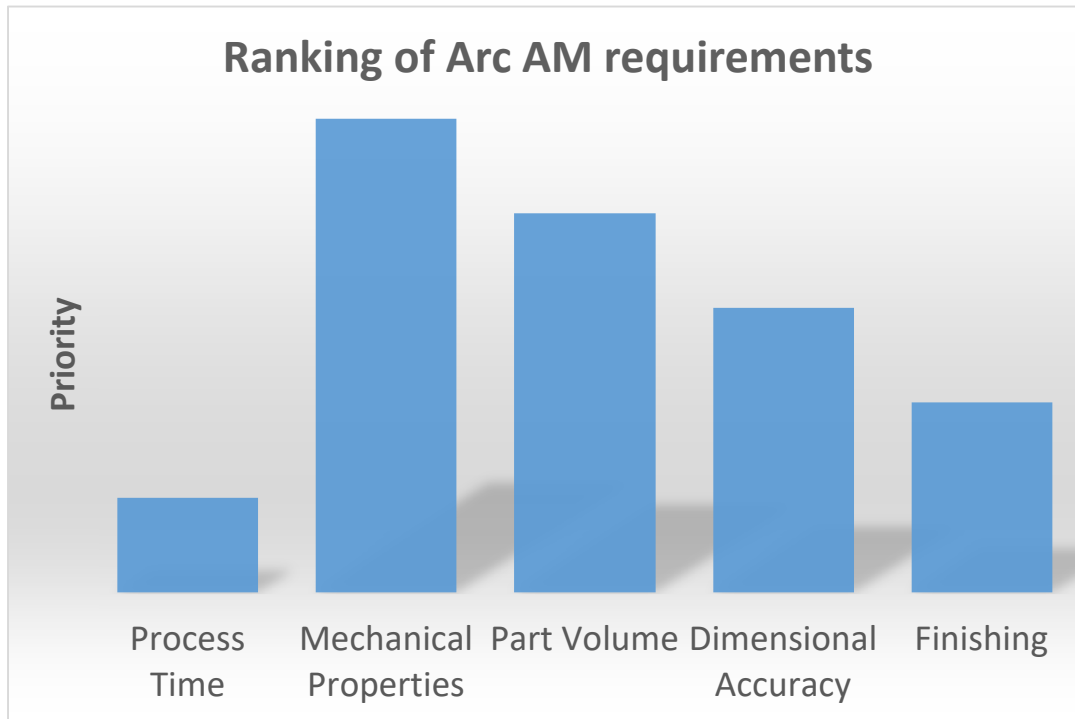
## Potentials of Arc Additive Manufacturing



# Interviews on Industrial Trends for Arc AM

Preliminary Results of the Study (ongoing interviews)

„Please rank the following criterias for Arc AM“



Statements of the interviewed companies:

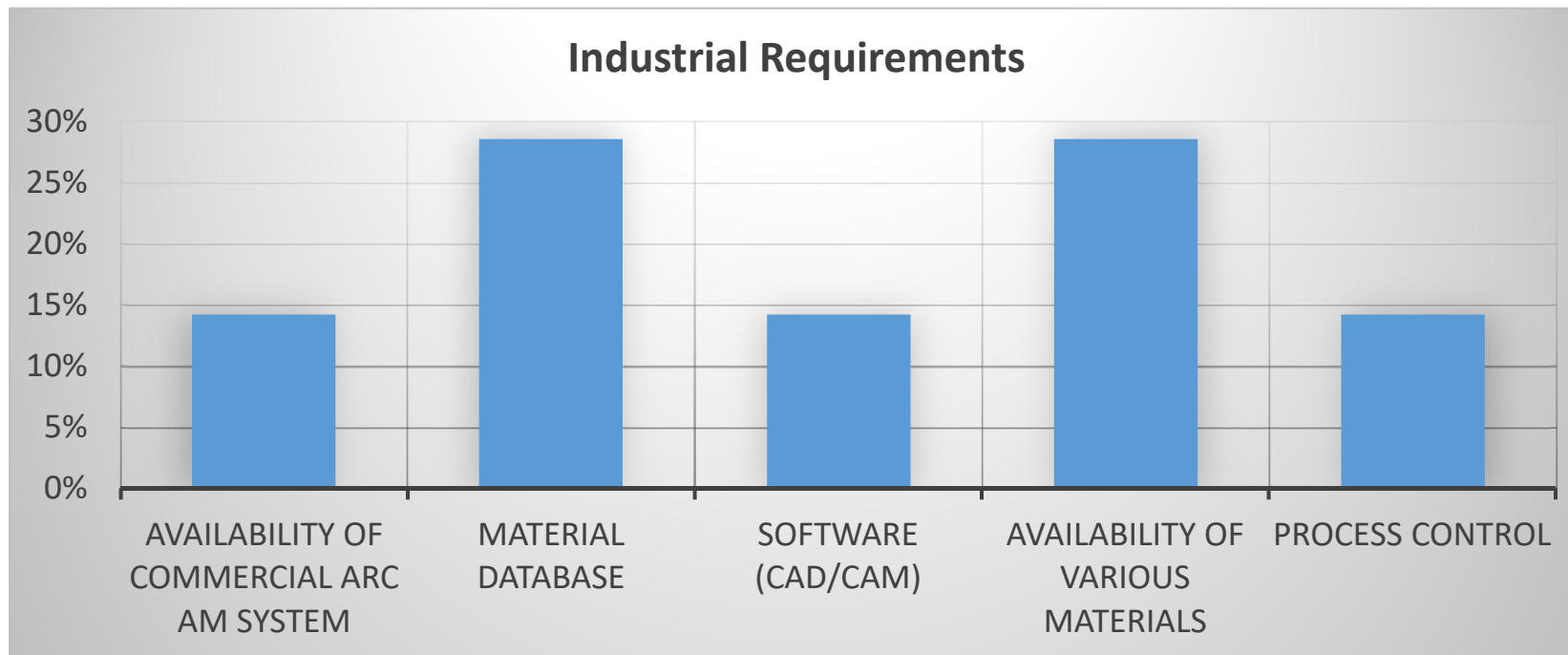
„...process time is not important due to large parts“

„The most important criteria for Arc AM is the realization of homogeneous mechanical properties.“

# Interviews on Industrial Trends for Arc AM

Preliminary Results of the Study (ongoing interviews)

„Which requirements need to be conformed in order to apply Arc AM in your company?“



# Preliminary conclusions

## Topics

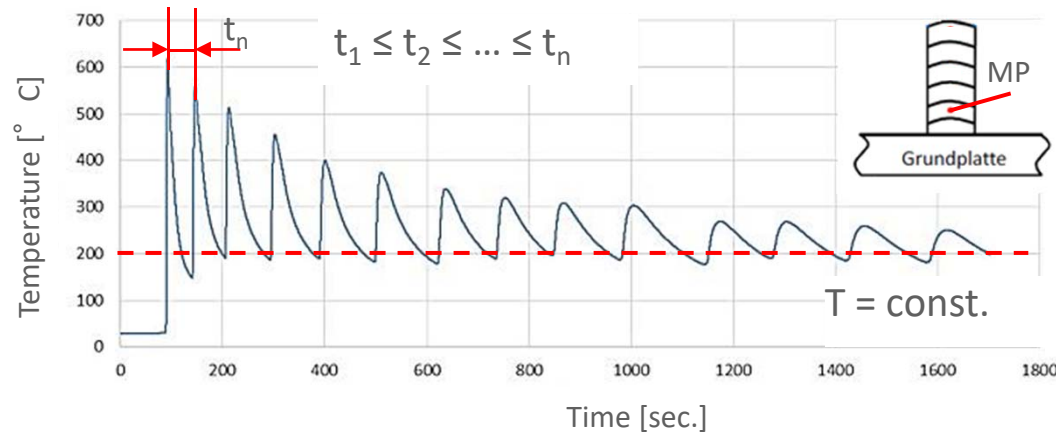
- Part volume is a benefit
  - *machinery / process control*
- *Material properties and homogeneity of the parts*
- *Distortion*
  - *high heat input (compared to laser)*





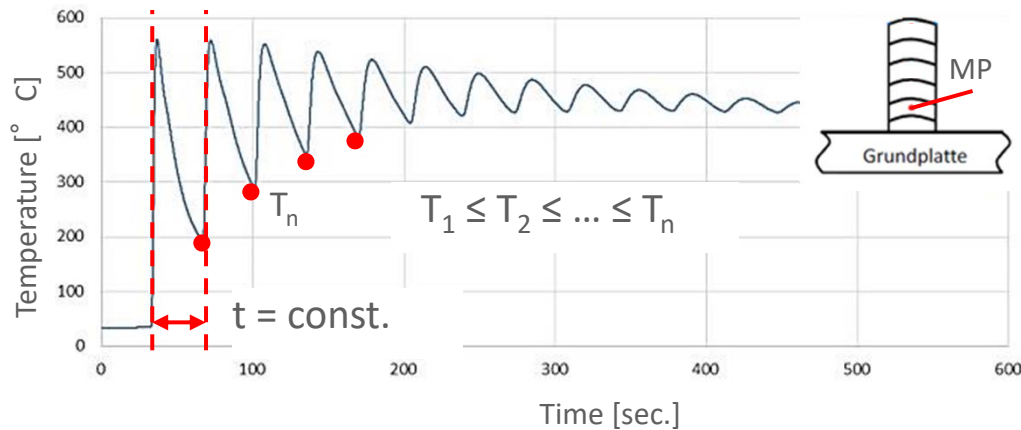
# Preliminary conclusions

## Way 1: temperature controlled process



- Defined interlayer temperatur
- Total time is depending on cooling time
- Higher total processing time
- Microstructure can be modelled over the part

## Way 2: time controlled process



- Defined interlayer holding time
- Total time is depending from holding time
- Shorter total processing time
- Microstructure

# Arc Technologies for AM

*Cooling or heating?*

*Material (summarised from literature)*

Unalloyed steels  
High alloyed steels  
Tool steels  
...  
Ni-Alloys  
Ti-Alloys  
Al-Alloys  
Cu-Alloys

...can be processed, but:

- size effects (wall thickness, part volume)
- mass distribution effects

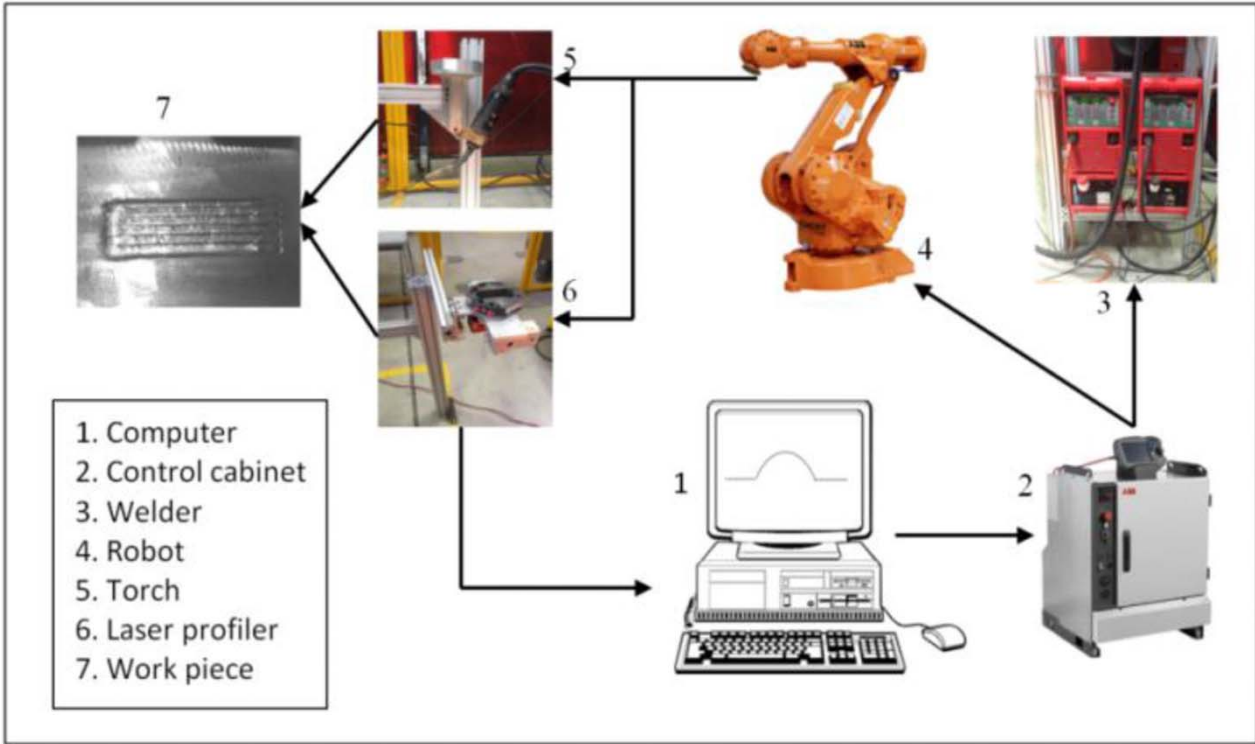
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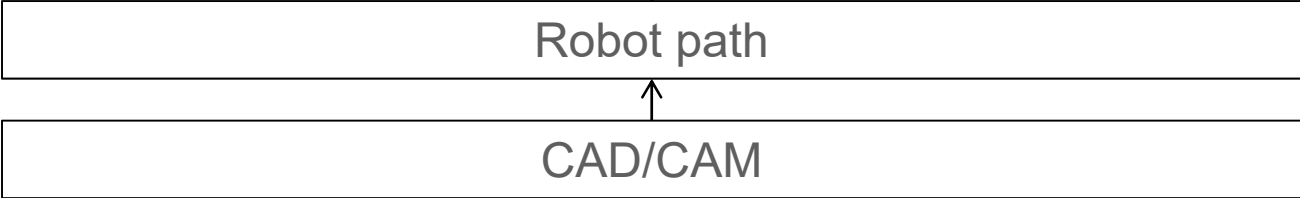
[TU Ilmenau]

GMAW processing „tower“  
Deposition Rate: 4 kg/h  
Material: unalloyed steel (G4Si1)

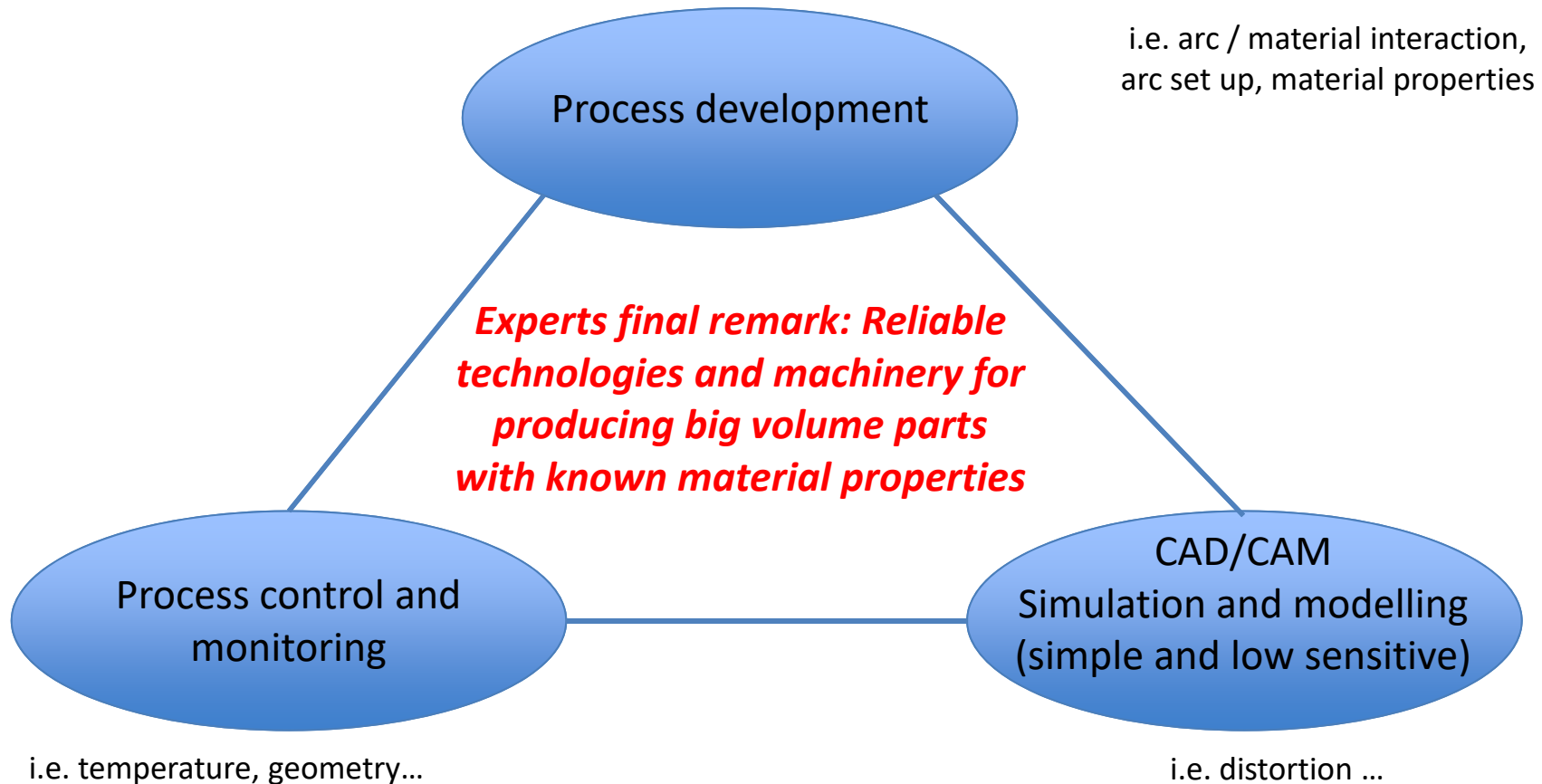
# Preliminary conclusions



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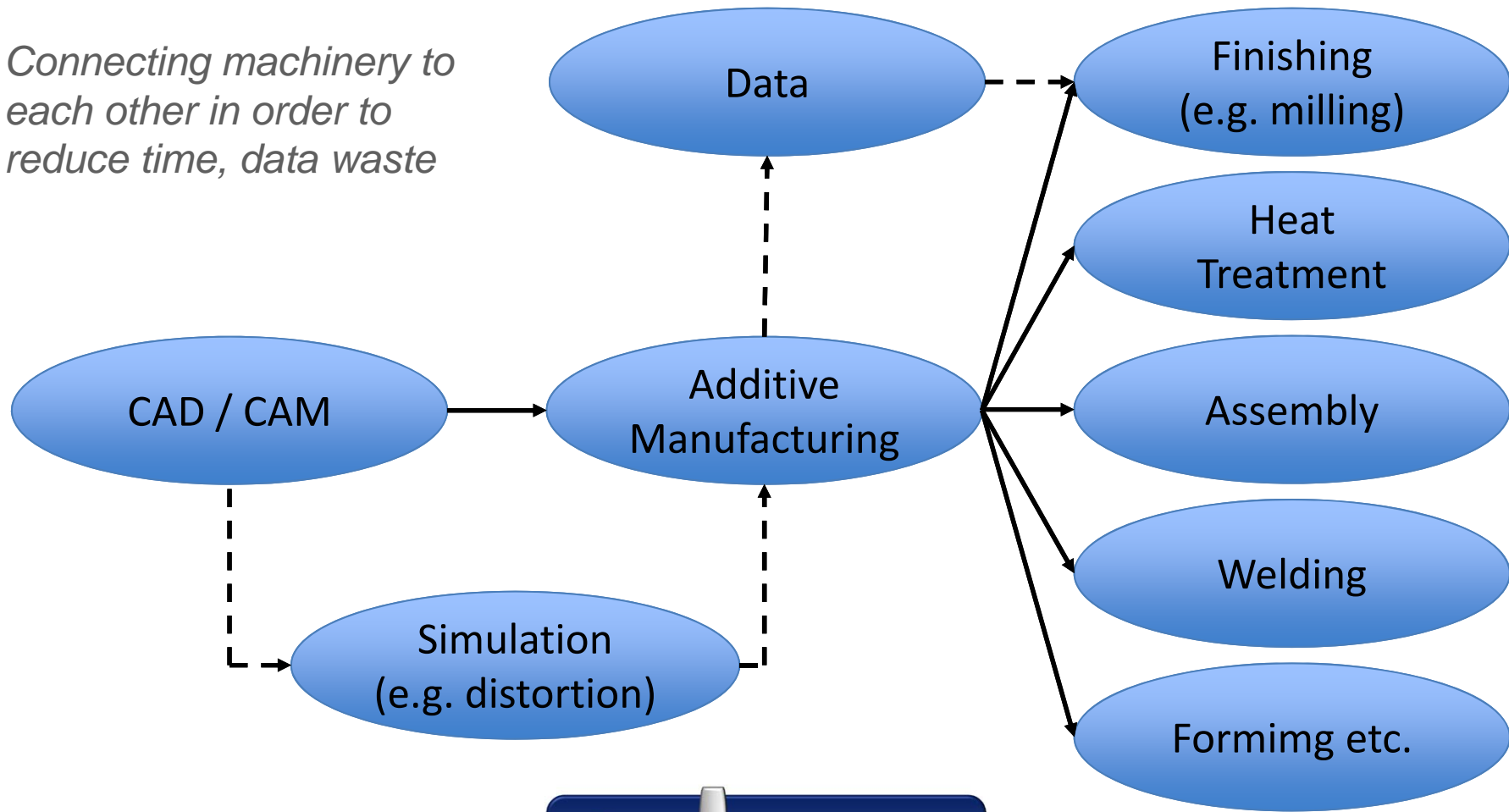
# Summary



# Outlook

## Processing Chain of future industrial Additive Manufacturing

*Connecting machinery to each other in order to reduce time, data waste*



Thanks for your attention

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