Not just producing geometries – producing material properties

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Business Unit AdditiveTechnological Overview





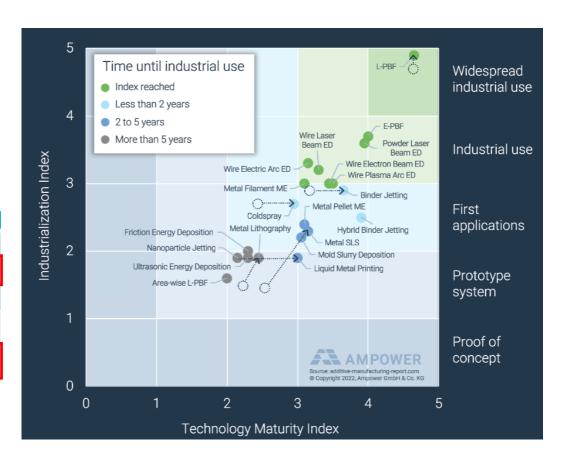
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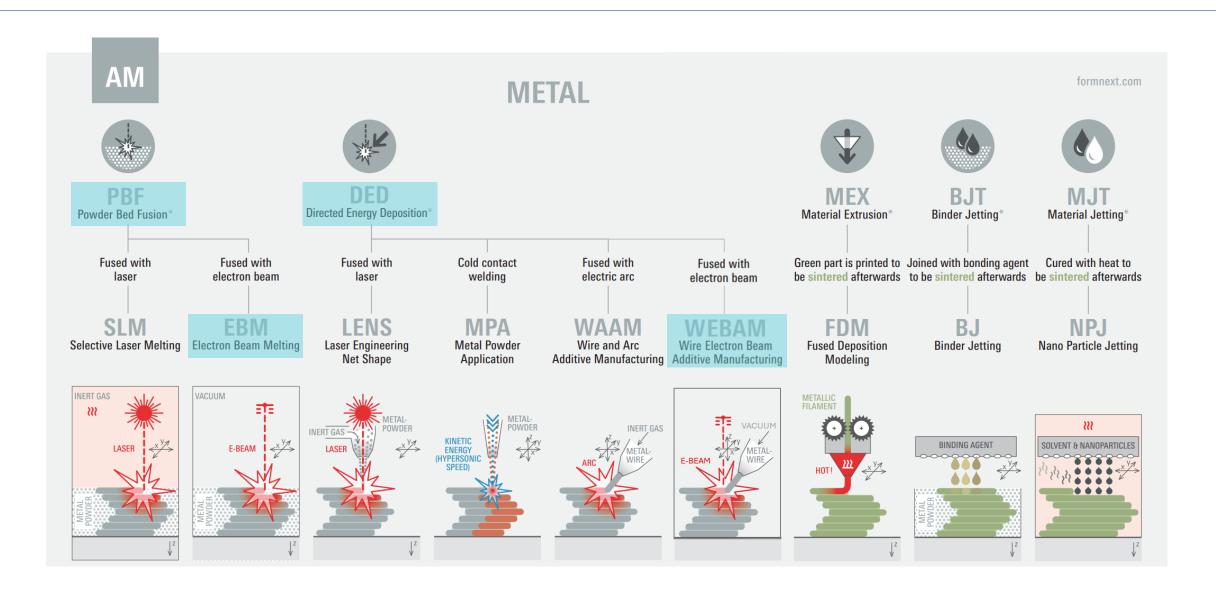
Industrial maturity of AM metal technologies

- ~ 18 different technologies for metal AM
- ~ 8 industrially mature
- pro-beam additive GmbH active in EB-PBF and WEBAM

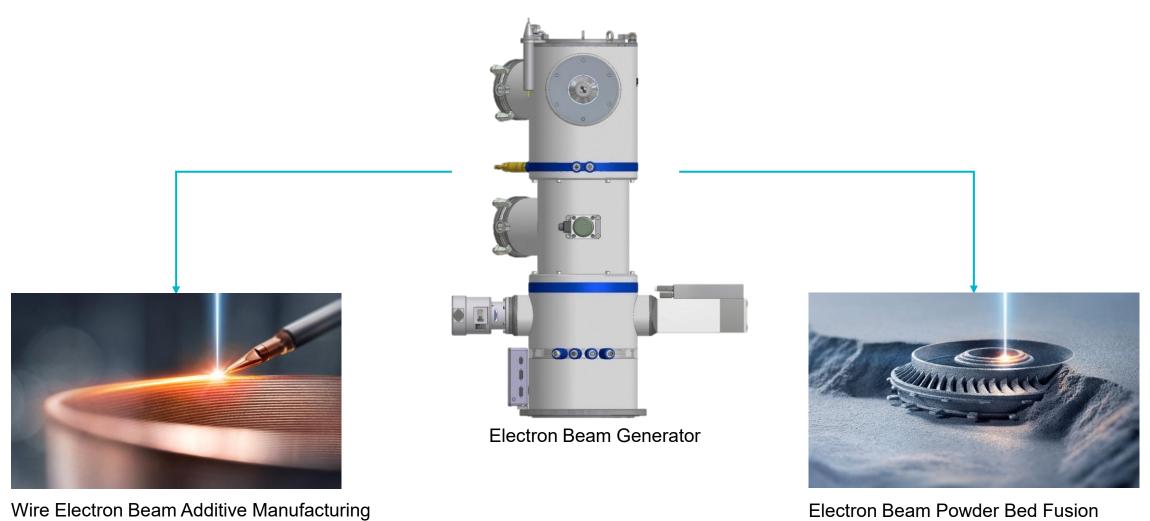
	Technologie	Energiequelle	Materialform
Laser beam powder bed fusion LB-PBF	Powder bed	Laser	Powder
Electron beam powder bed fusion EB-PBF	Powder bed	Elektron beam	Powder
Laser DED	DED	Laser	WirePowder
Wire arc additive manufacturing WAAM	DED	Arc/Plasma	Wire
Wire electron beam additive manufacturing WEBAM	DED	Elektron beam	Wire

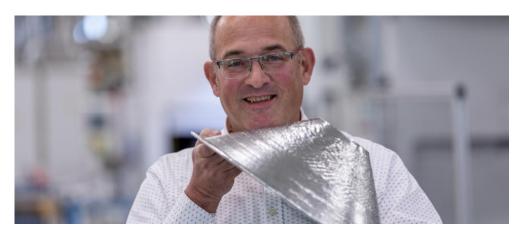


Overview of AM metal technologies



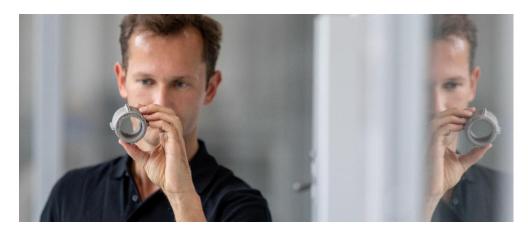
ONE EB technology – TWO solutions



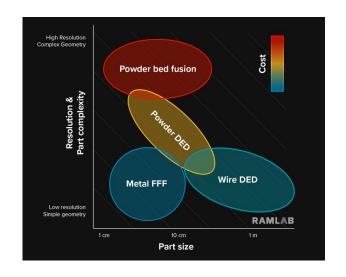


Wire Electron Beam Additive Manufacturing

	WEBAM	EBM
Production rate	high	low
Complexity	low	high
Component sizes	large	medium



Electron Beam Melting



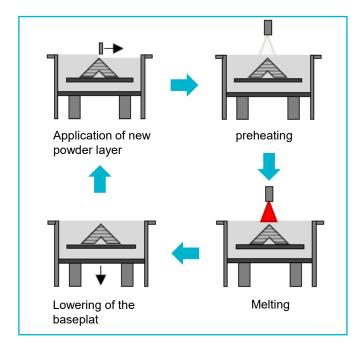
Powder Bed Fusion with Electron Beam (EBM)



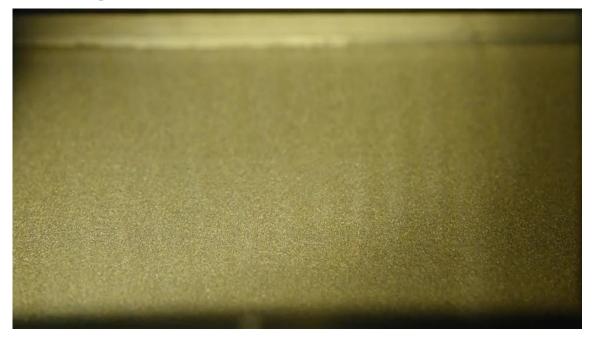


Using a deflected electron beam, metal powder is selectively melted layer by layer in localized areas, thereby solidifying a cross-section of the component.

Process details



Working Principle



EB is key to efficient processing of challenging materials



Challenging materials

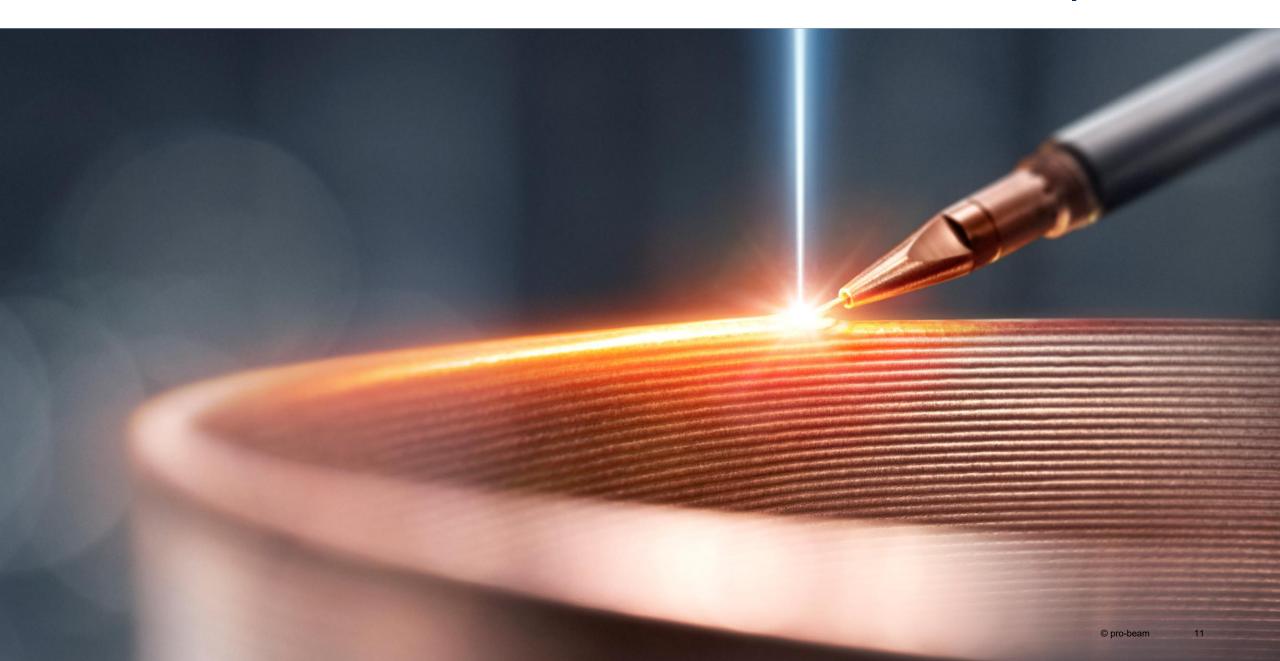
- Challenging applications require materials with special properties
 - > Oxygen affinity, light reflectivity, thermal conductivity, high melting point, ...
- Design of thermal conditions, gradients and cooling rates

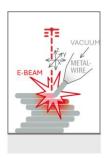


Complexity for free

- High resolution and layerwise process enables manufacturing of complex structures
 - Internal cooling channels, lattice structures, ...
- No part specific tools needed
- **Material Efficiency**
- EBM Operates in high vacuum no need for shielding gas, reducing complexity and cost
- Powder feedstock from build volume is 100% reusable

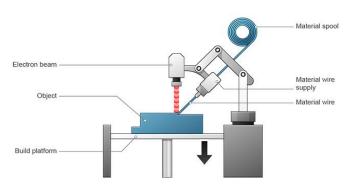
Directed Energy Deposition with Electron Beam (WEBAM)

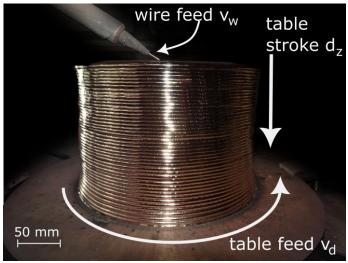




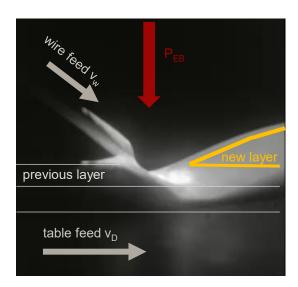
Metal wire is melted using the electron beam and locally deposited layer by layer, forming adjacent and overlapping weld beads to build complex geometries.

Process Details





Working Principle



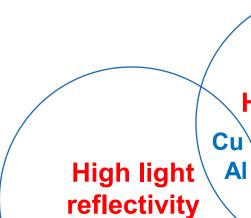
Materials investigated at pro-beam using WEBAM

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High oxidation activity

Au

Hot cracking SS 316L P92 IN718

High melting temperatures Wo

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EB is key for high efficiency and productivity

- Energy Efficiency
- No energy losses due to reflection, scattering, or optical inefficiencies
- Ideal for highly reflective and thermally conductive materials like pure copper
- Scientific studies show WEBAM consumes only ~1/3 the energy of laser AM
- Lange High Productivity
- Up to 9 kW beam power (40 kW for K6000), enabling high deposition rates
- Capable of melting thick wire (1.6 mm diameter) at high feed speeds
- Achieves deposition rates up to 13 kg/h, far exceeding typical AM benchmarks
- Material Efficiency
- Operates in high vacuum no need for shielding gas, reducing complexity and cost
- Hybrid substrate strategy (welding / AM) reduces machining waste by up to 2/3
- Flip-frame system enables dual-sided deposition, minimizing thermal distortion



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Highlights:

- The advantages of spot-exposure strategies with EBM
- Hybrid manufacturing with WEBAM

