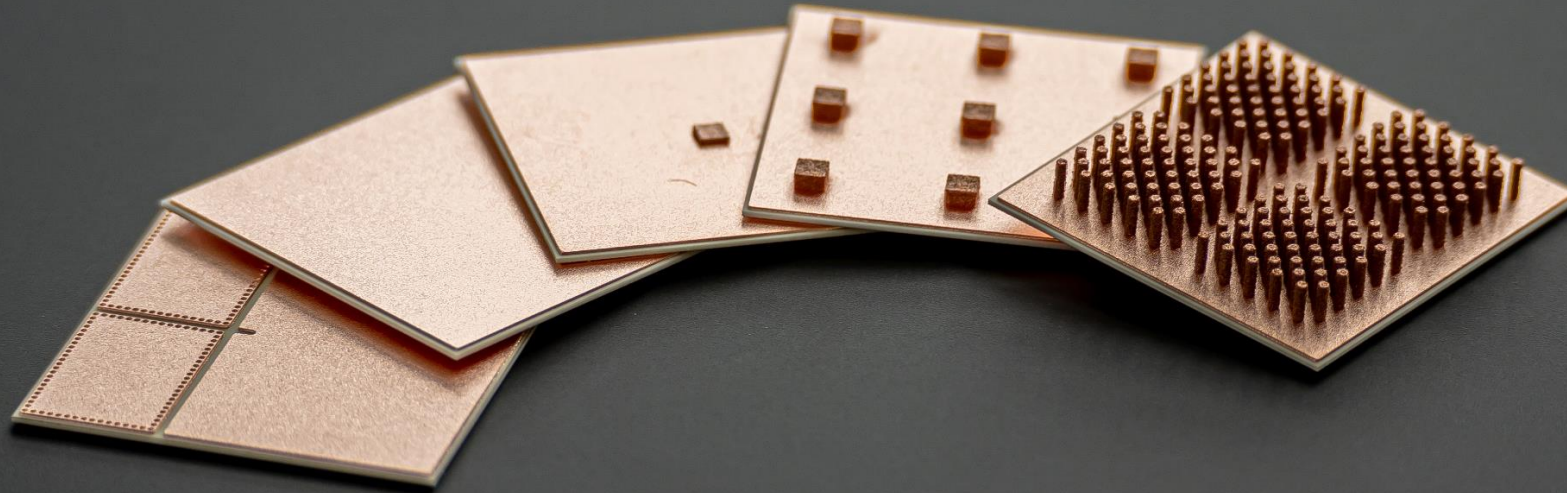


# GlobalAM

Enabling Laser Powder Bed Fusion for  
Large Scale Production of Multi-Material Components

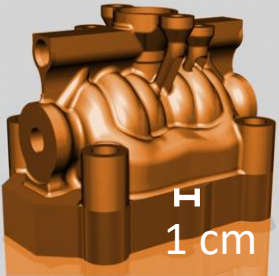


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Metal laser powder bed fusion (LPBF-M) of metals is an established manufacturing technique with great potential in terms of flexibility, digitalization, geometric freedom.

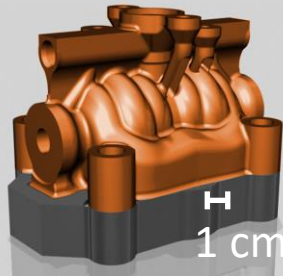
**But:** Productivity of LPBF-M is still too low to penetrate mass markets.

## Classical AM



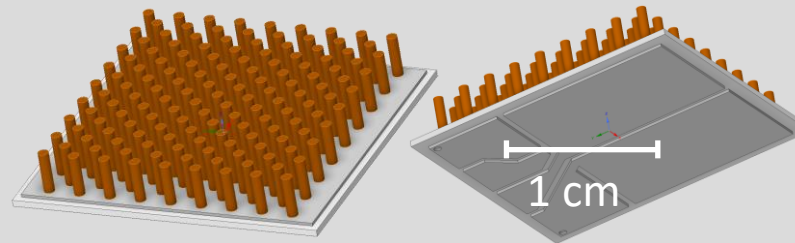
- Printing massive components
- Focus: metal on metal substrate
- Cycle time
- Cost
- No

## Hybrid AM



- Hybrid printing of massive component
- Focus: metal on metal inlay
- Cycle time
- Cost
- Fit t

## Feature Based Hybrid AM



- Printing *tiny features*
- Cycle time: ~ s ↓
- Powder demand ↓
- Cost-benefit ratio ↑

**GlobalAM approach:** Focus additive manufacturing on (small) functional elements

**LPBF-M fits mass manufacturing e.g for electronic components.**

**GlobalAM aims to unlock the potential of additive manufacturing for large scale production by feature based hybrid production on dissimilar substrate materials.**

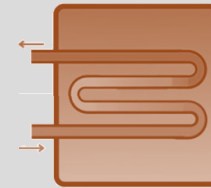
## Key Exploitable Results:



**advanced machine concept**  
for highly reduced cycle times + precision positioning of substrates



**superior material systems**  
for defect-free products with improved functional performance



competitive **high performance cooling device** as industrialization demonstrator

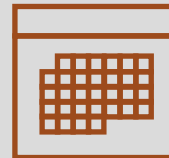
## Project Key Facts:



**8**  
Project partners



**36 months**  
Project duration

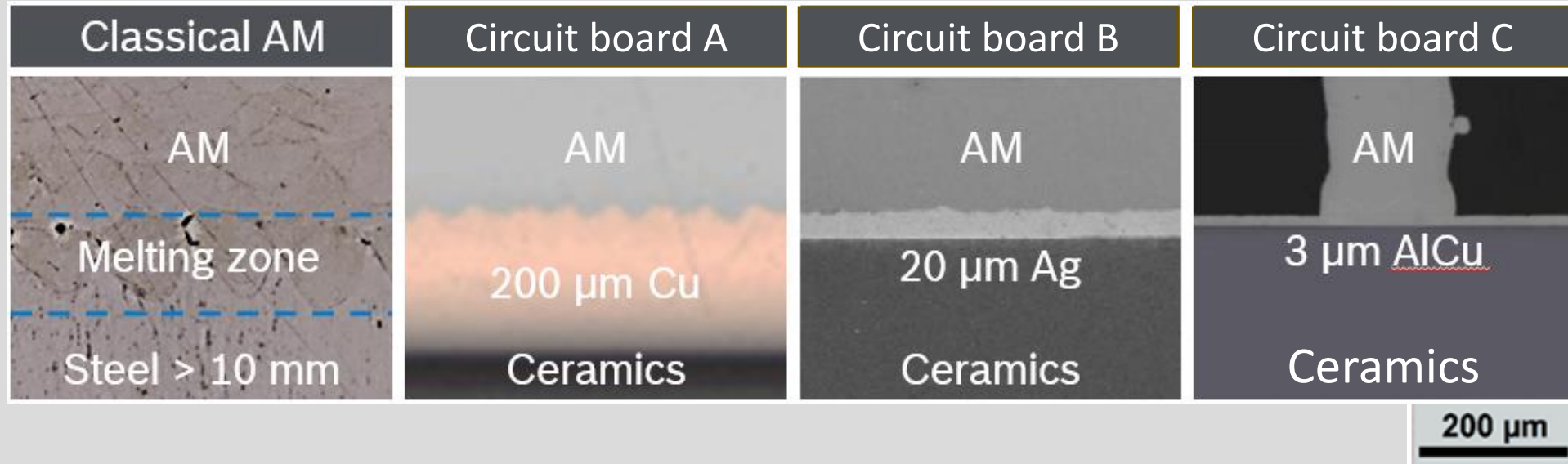


**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**  
Starting date



**4.0 Mio. €**  
Budget

## Mastering Multi-Material AM on Fragile Substrates



### Challenges

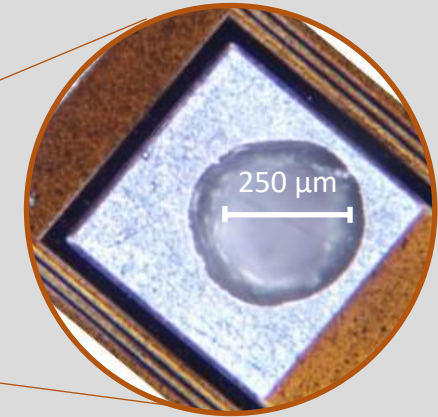
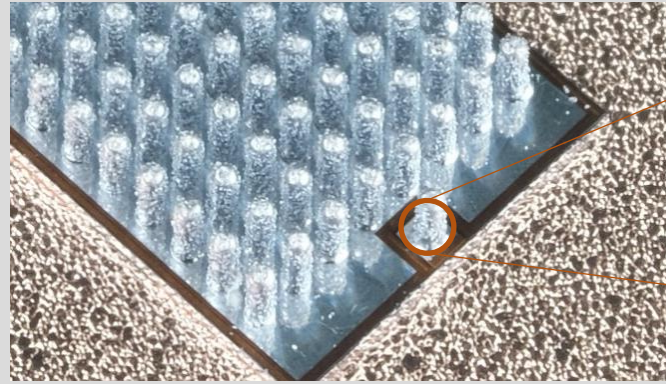
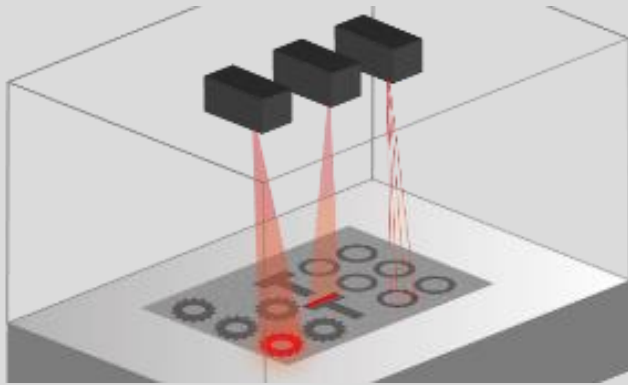
- (1) Multi-material systems: substrate + metalization + AM part
- (2) Strictly limited melting zone: < metalization thickness
- (3) Substrates vulnerable to cracks → low residual stress process

### Solutions

Simulation-supported process development  
Adapted process strategies



## Mastering Productivity, Precision & Automation



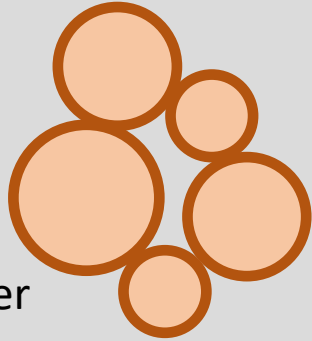
### Challenges

- (1) High productivity & cost efficiency  
→ Short AM cycle times ( $< 5 \text{ min} / \text{batch} \cong \text{s} / \text{part}$ ),...
- (2) Highly precise adjustment of laser(s) vs. substrate  
→ Positional accuracy  $< 50 \mu\text{m}$
- (3) Full line integration  
automated loading and depowdering

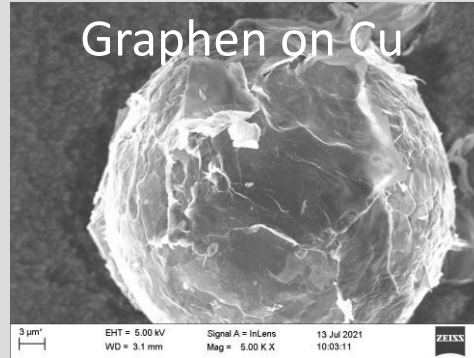
### Solutions

- Laser beam shaping & splitting
- In-line process monitoring and defect compensation
- Substrate fixation & positioning system

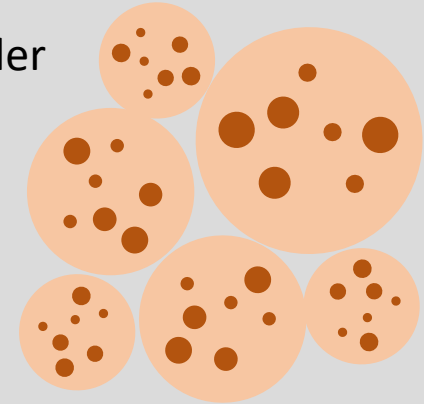
## Mastering Functional Properties, Aging, Scalability



core-shell powder



metal matrix powder



### Challenges

- (1) Reliably joining of dissimilar materials
  - life time requirements for automotive applications
- (2) Best functional properties
  - high flowability/absorption/conductivity, low aging, ...
- (3) Recycling of powder
  - mass production scale powder recycling for economic and environmental compatibility

### Solutions

- core shell powders
- metal matrix composites
- non-standard materials

**Key Enabling Technologies** employed + **responsible partners** to achieve project goals:



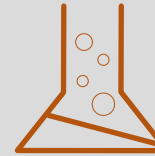
### Process & Defect Monitoring



### Substrate Fixation



### Beam Shaping & Splitting



### Multi-material Powders



### Substrate Positioning



### Multi-scale Modelling

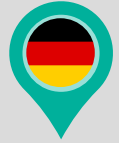


### In-line Defect Compensation



### High Resolution Residual Stress Analysis





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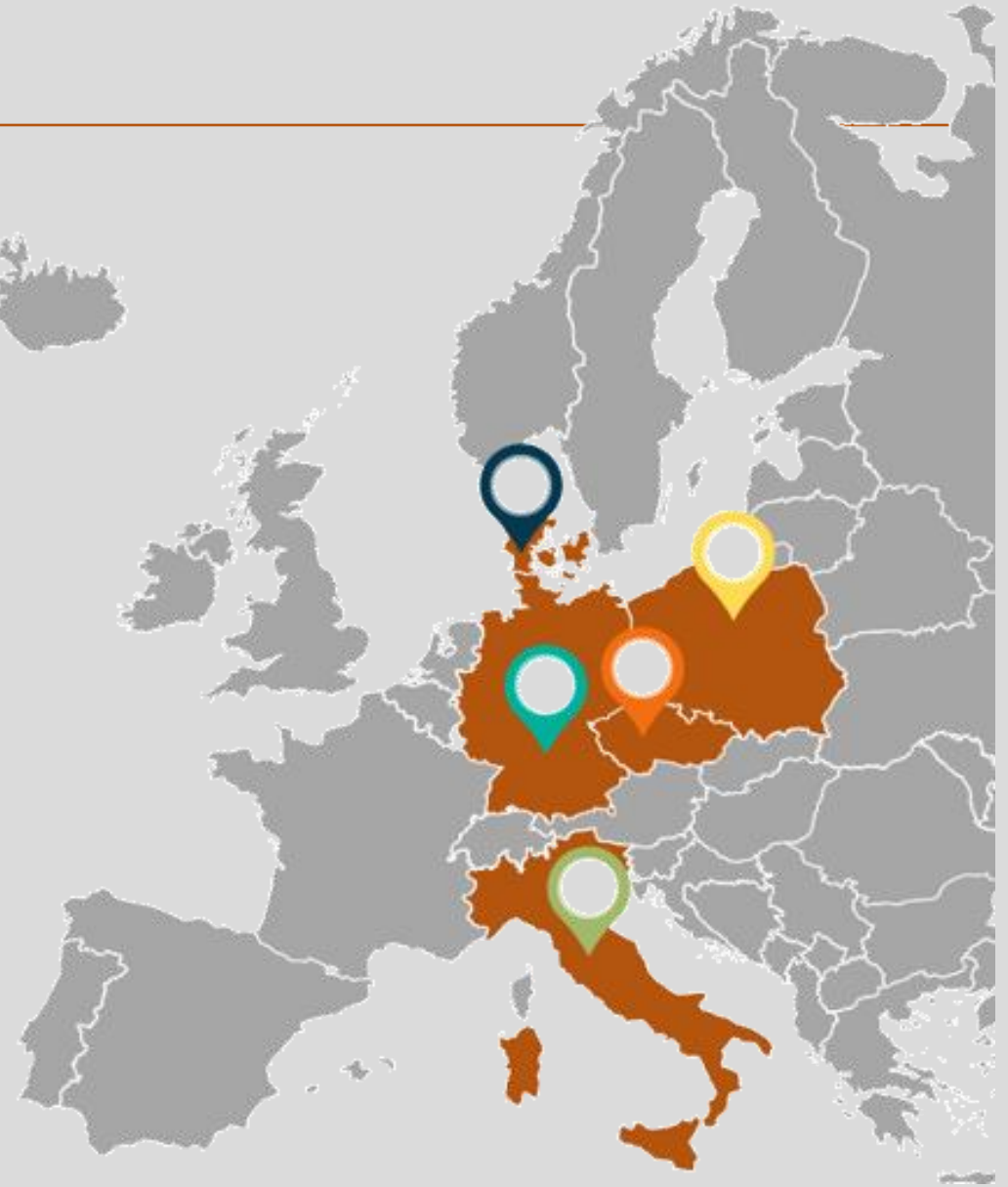
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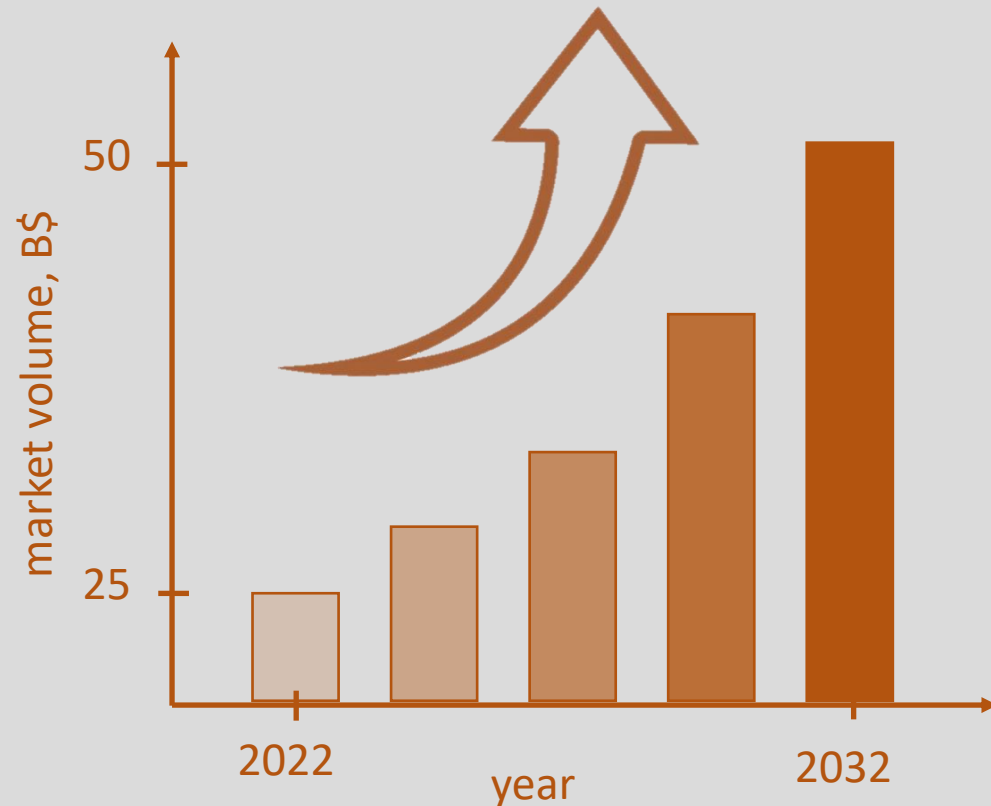


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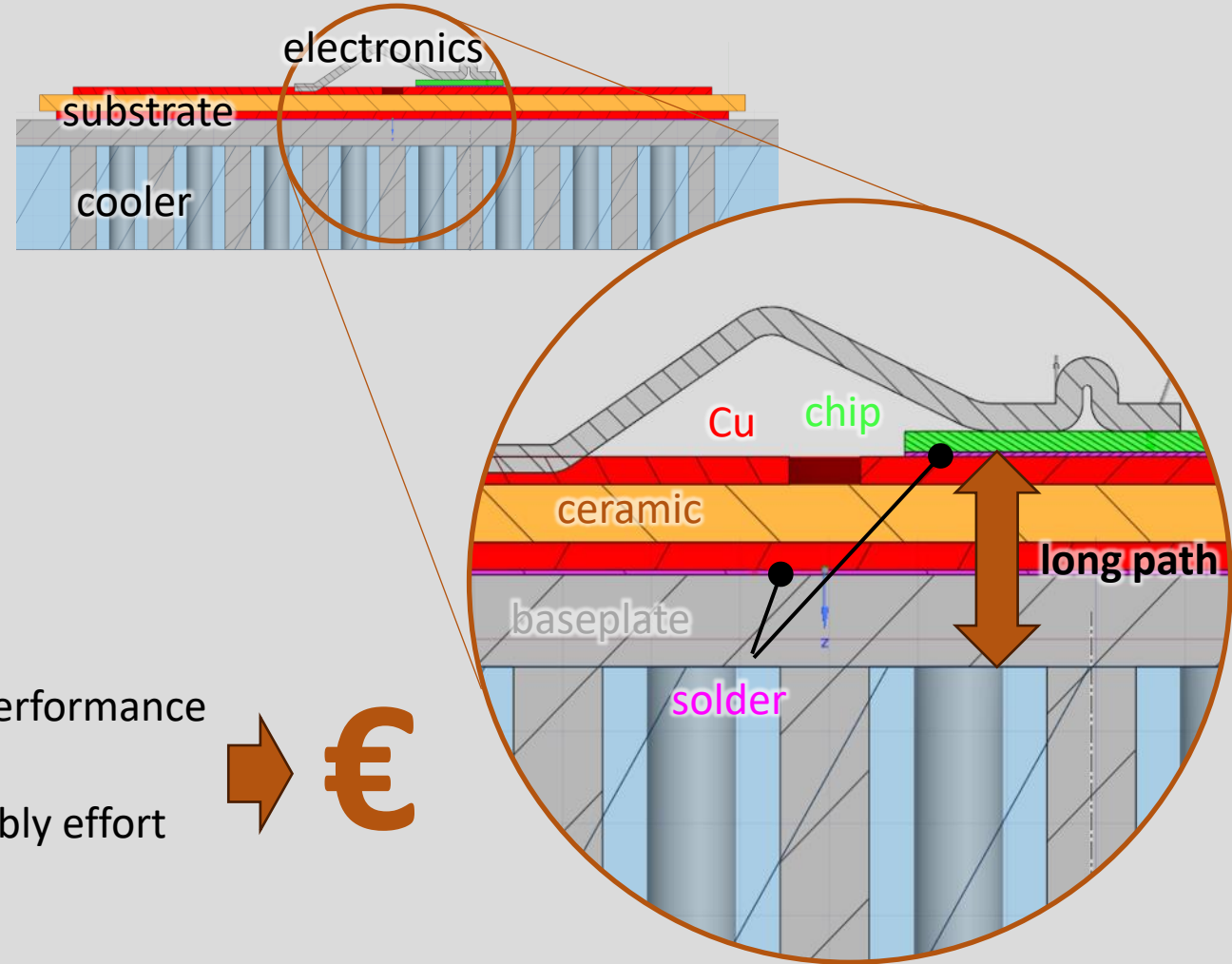
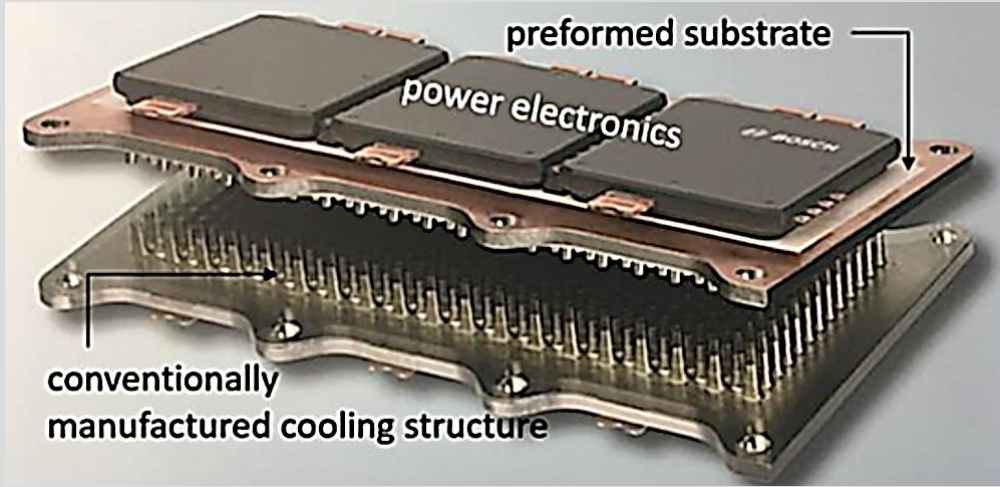
### Strongly growing inverter market

due to e-mobility + green energy production

- current market volume: 25 B\$ for e-mobility only
- predicted +50 B\$ market in 2032
- CAGR of 8-16%<sup>1),2)</sup>

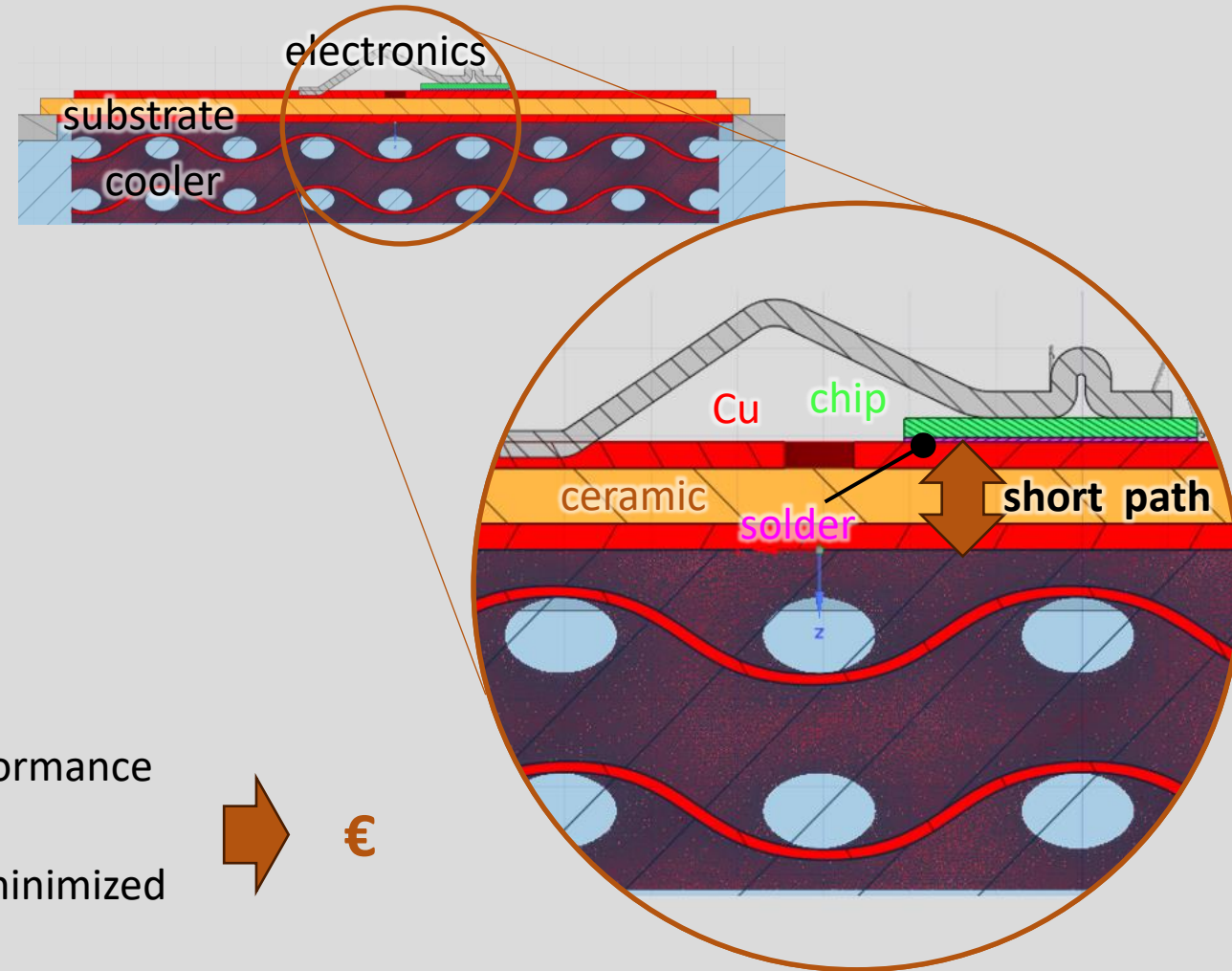
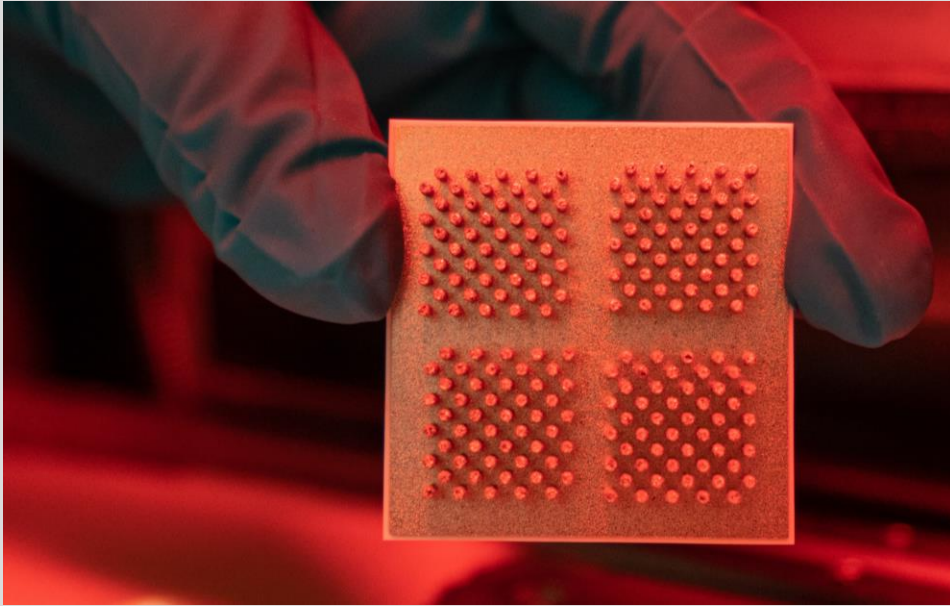
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## Conventional cooler design

- high material usage
  - limited design flexibility
  - relatively long cooling path
  - soldering/sintering required
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- limited cooling performance
  - large chip size
  - additional assembly effort
- ➔ €



## GlobalAM cooler concept

- + minimum material usage
- + complexity for free
- + minimum cooling path
- + integrated joining process



- + high cooling performance
- + reduced chip size
- + assembly effort minimized



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**Interested in partnering up? Ideas for your applications? Keen to bring in new materials?  
You are welcome to contact us!**



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