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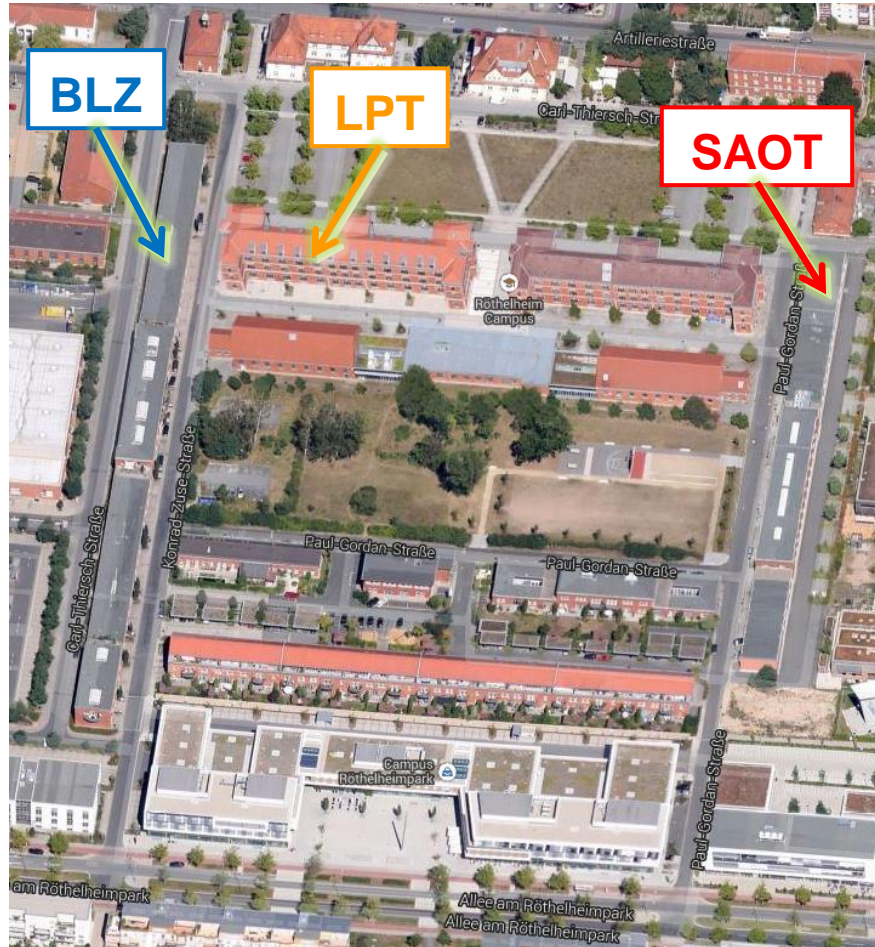
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- Ultrashort Pulse Laser Technologies
- Simulation & Modeling
- Sensing, Control & Real-time Systems
- Photonics in Medical Engineering
- Additive Manufacturing

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# Lectures at LPT

Lecture	Sem.	SWS	Lecturer
Produktionstechnik 1 / Production Technology 1	WS + SS	2	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Schmidt
Optik und optische Technologien	WS	2	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Schmidt
Lasertechnology	WS	4	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Schmidt/ Dr. Kristian Cvecek/
Laserbasierte Prozesse in Industrie und Medizin	SS	4	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Schmidt
Lasersystemtechnik 1	WS	2	Hon.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Hoffmann
Lasersystemtechnik 2	SS	2	Hon.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Hoffmann
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Licht in der Medizintechnik	WS	4	Dr.-Ing. Klämpfl
Lasers in Healthcare Engineering	WS	2	Dr.-Ing. Klämpfl
Laser Tissue Interaction	SS	4	Dr.-Ing. Klämpfl
Photonics in Medical Engineering	WS	4	Dr.-Ing. Klämpfl
Topics of Optical Technologies	WS	2	Silvana Burger, M.Sc.



# Schedule Lectures

Day	Lecture unit
24.06.2024 (Prof. Schmidt)	LU05 – Water Jet + Plasma Beam
01.07.2024 (Dr. Cvecek)	LU06 – Electron Beam
08.07.2024 (Dr. Cvecek)	LU07 – Laser based Joining + Cutting
15.07.2024 (Prof. Schmidt)	LU08 – Additive Manufacturing

Lectures are available via StudOn



# Schedule Lectures

Day	Lecture unit
26.06.2024	EX05 – Water Jet + Plasma Beam
03.07.2024	EX06 – Electron Beam
10.07.2024	EX07 – Laser based Joining + Cutting
17.07.2024	EX08 – Additive Manufacturing

Exercises on-site from 08:15 am to 09:45 am at lecture room H14  
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## Lecture Unit 05

# Beam Processing Tools Water Jet & Plasma Jet/Arc





# Beam Processing Technologies within DIN 8580

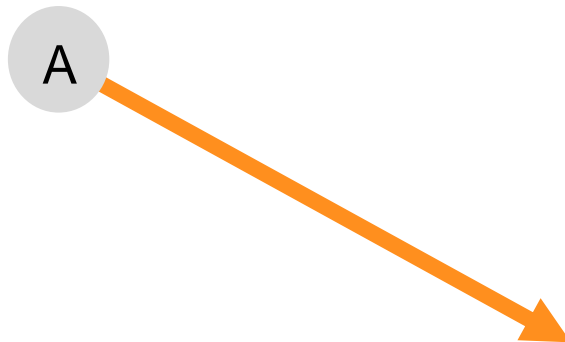
Primary Shaping	Forming	Cutting	Joining	Coating	Change of mat. prop
PBF-EB/M	Laser Bending	Water Jet Cutting	Electron Beam Welding	DED-LB/M	Hardening
PBF-LB/M		Laser Beam Cutting	Laser Beam Welding		VPP
DED-LB/M		Laser Beam Drilling	Plasma-beam-welding		
		Electron Beam Drilling			



# Beam Processing Tools: Introduction

## Beam definition:

- Straight line, limited on one side, propagating to infinity on the other side
- Starting from a point A moving into a defined direction



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In reality: finite beam diameter, beam divergence, absorption and beam drift



# Beam Processing Tools: Introduction

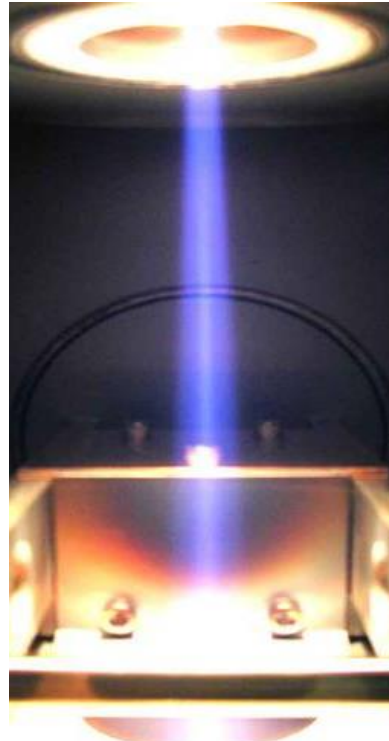
## Examples for beam processing tools

Water Jet



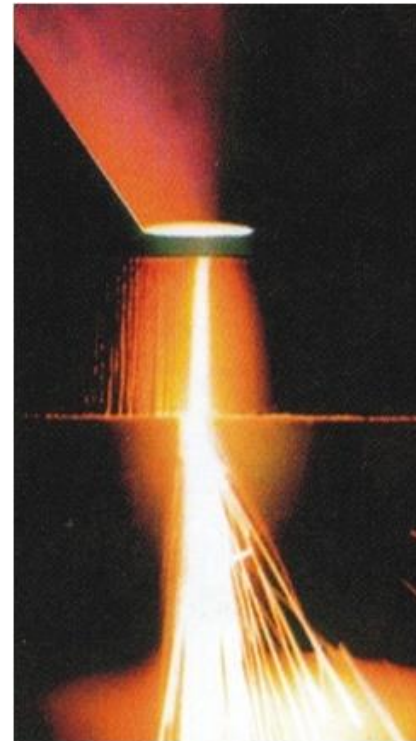
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Electron Beam



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Laser Beam



Plasma Jet

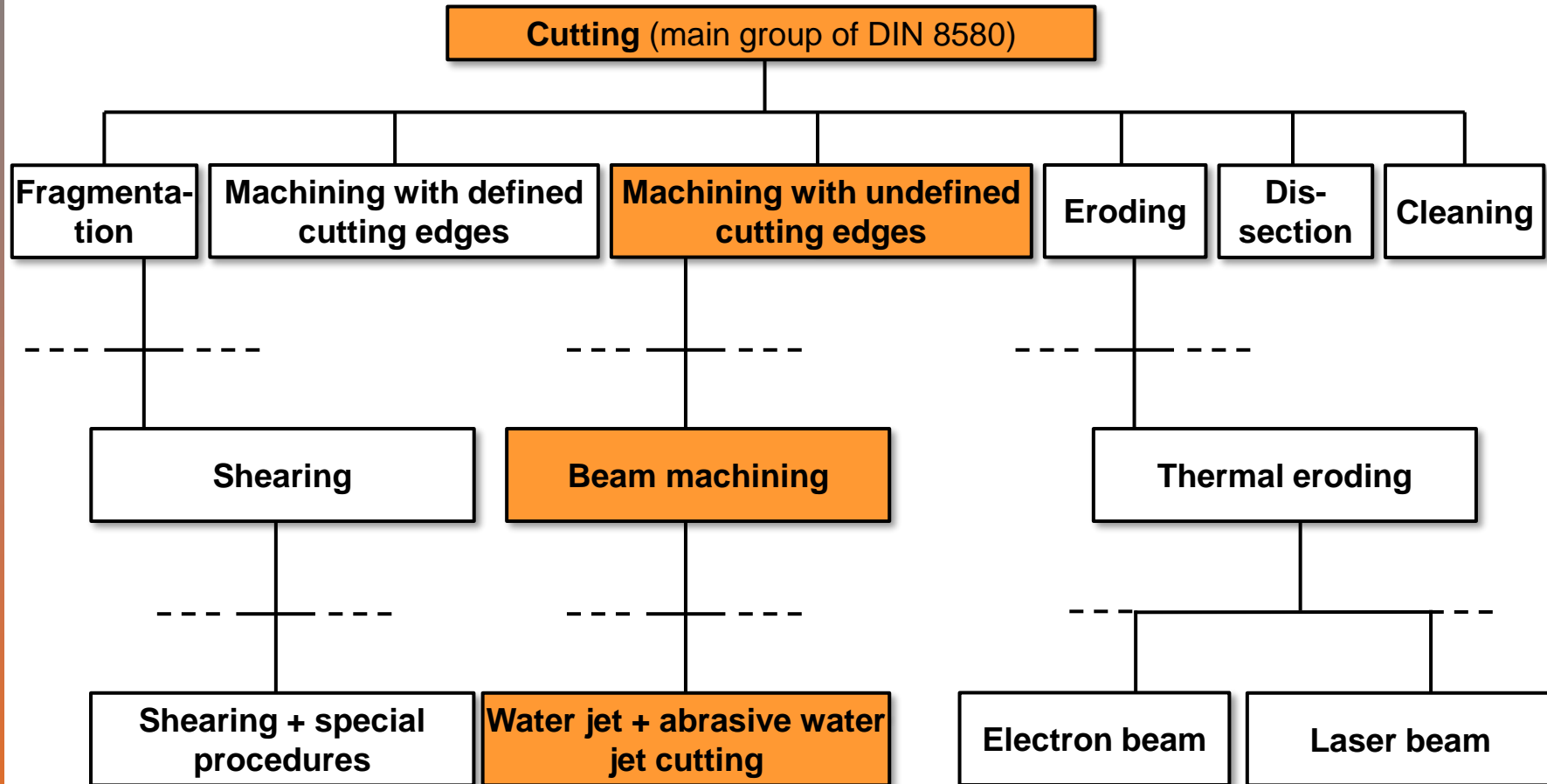


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# Water Jet

## Classification of Water Jet Cutting according to DIN 8580

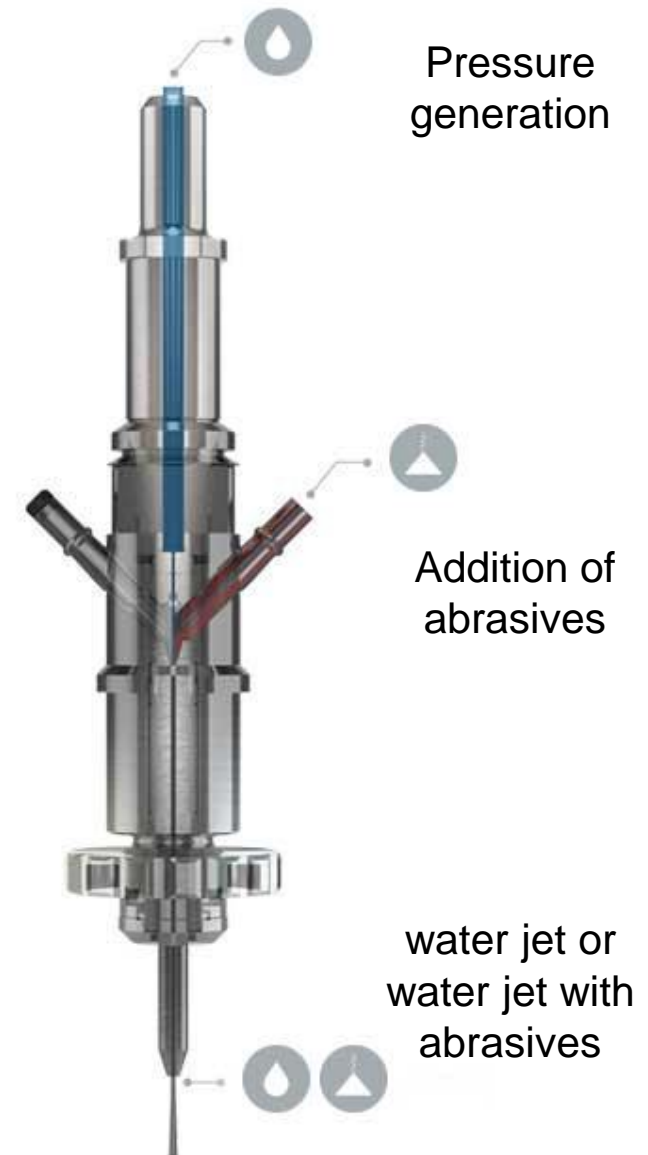




# Water Jet: Basics

## Basics:

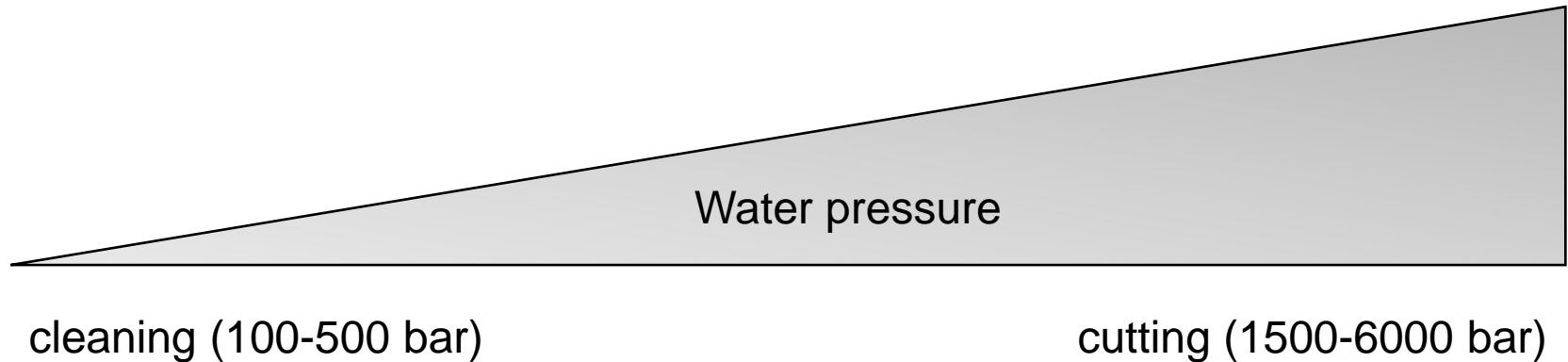
- Generation of a water jet with high pressure (up to 6,500 bar) using high pressure pump
  - Transformation of pressure into velocity using gemstone nozzles
  - Addition of abrasive substances for improved cutting performance
- differentiation between water jet and abrasive water jet
- Generation of high sound pressures depending on the exit velocity of the water
- Noise reduction by processing underwater





# Water Jet: Interaction with Matter

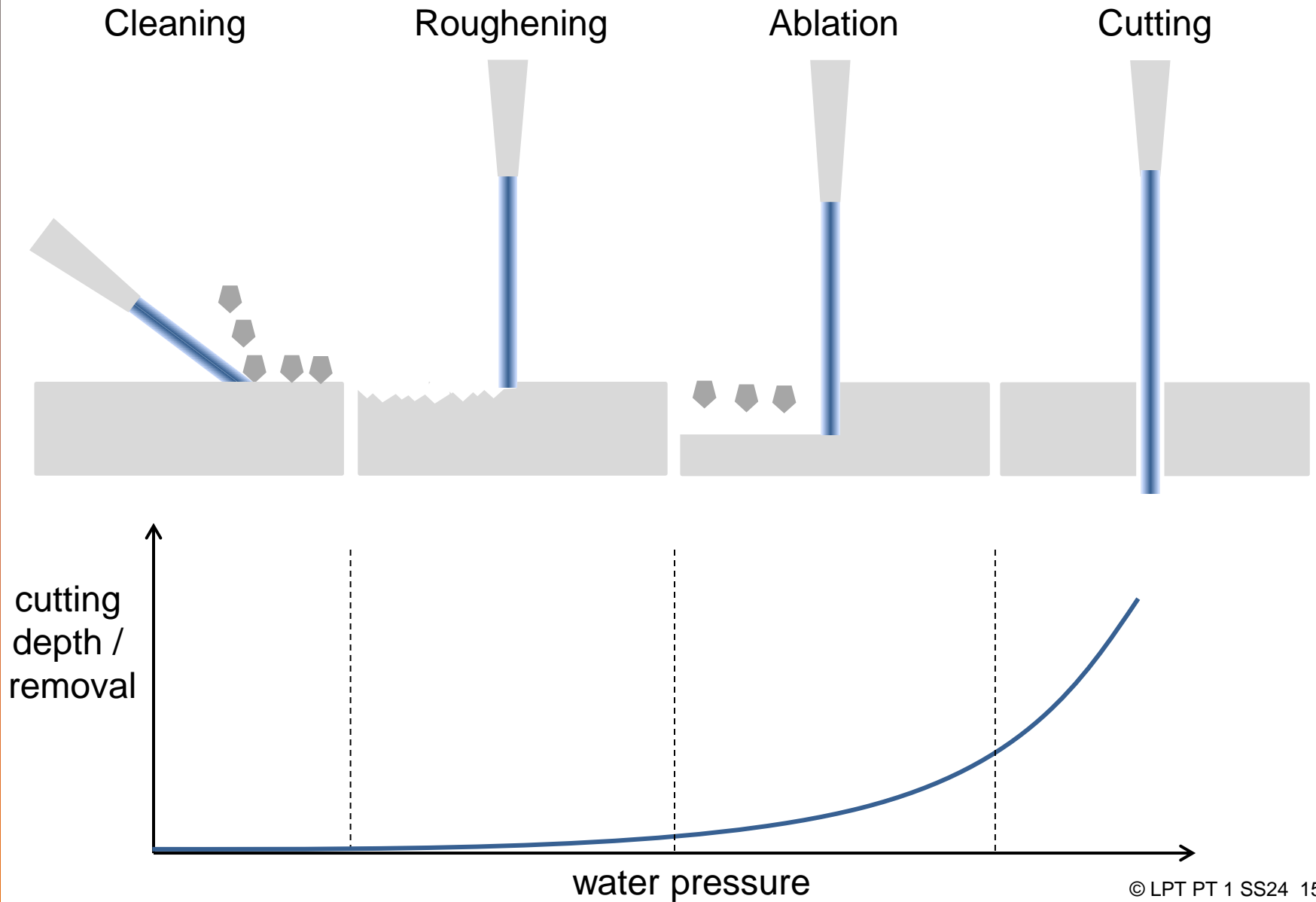
## Water jet as a processing tool



- High pressure  $\rightarrow$  high jet velocity  $\rightarrow$  high kinetic energy
- Energy of the water jet is adjusted according to the field of application
- Pure water jet is limited to processing of soft materials: paperboard, textiles, foamed material, rubber, leather



# Water Jet: Effects

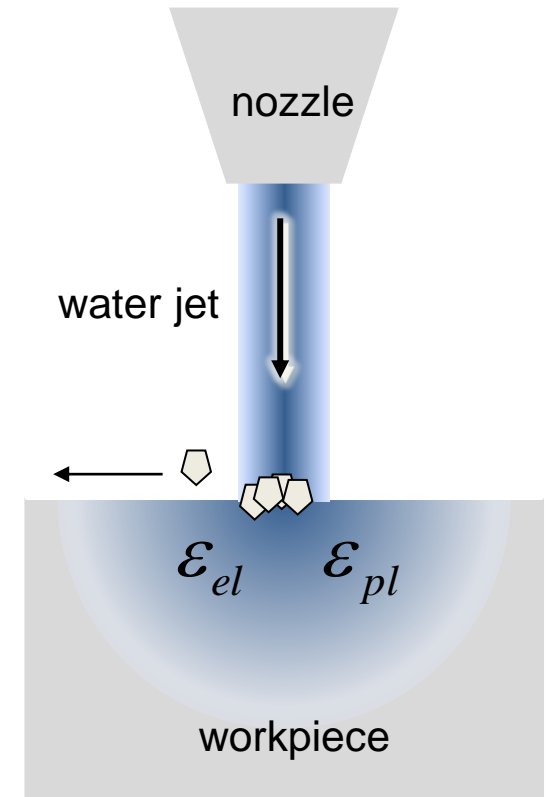




# Water Jet: Interaction with Matter

## Interaction of the water jet with matter (at very high pressure)

- The water jet hits the surface of the workpiece with high pressure
- Generation of mechanical stress in the material
- Transition from elastic to plastic deformation
- Locally limited destruction of the workpiece surface
- Ablation of microscopically small workpiece particles
- Jet penetrates into the workpiece







# Water Jet Cutting with Pure Water

- Kinetic energy of the water jet is used for cutting
- Exit speed of the water:  
up to 850 m/s
- Nozzle diameter: 0.1...0.35 mm
- Operating pressure at 6200 bar  
→ sterility of the water due to the high water pressure
- Cutting speed ~200 m/min (paper)
- Applied for cutting soft materials, food or used as water scalpel

Pure water cutting head



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# Water Jet Cutting with Additional Particles

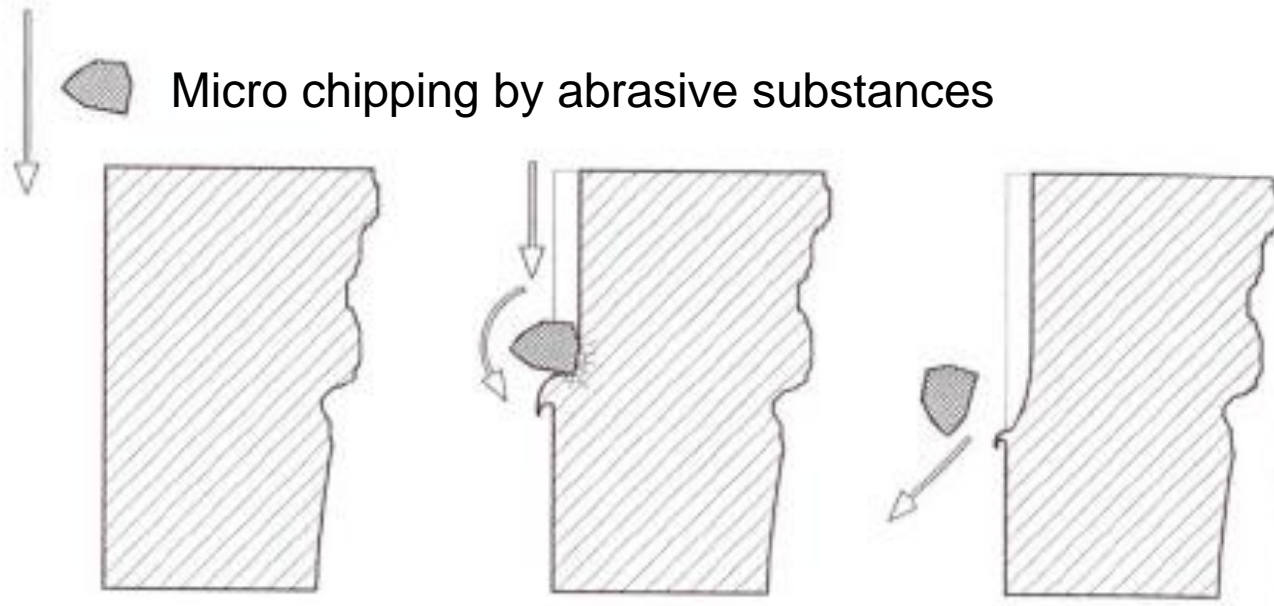
## Water jet with abrasive substances

Addition of solid particles (abrasive substances) to the water jet

→ Abrasive Waterjet:

Water jet as carrier medium for acceleration of particles

→ Increase of material ablation by the abrasive effect of the particles

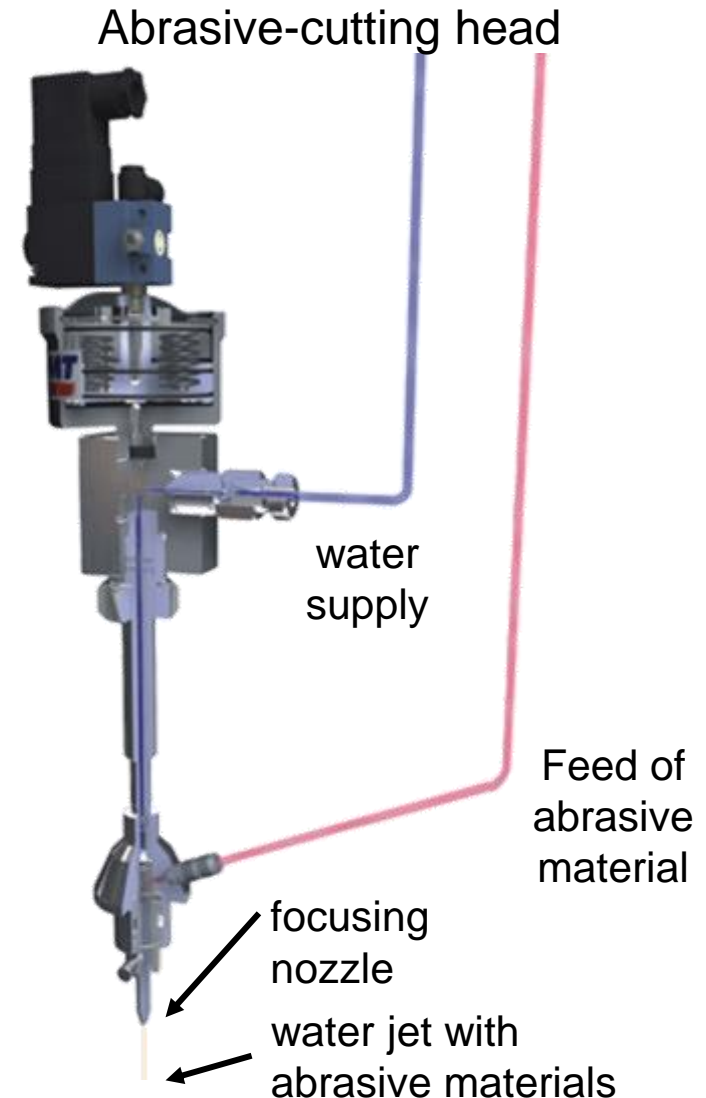
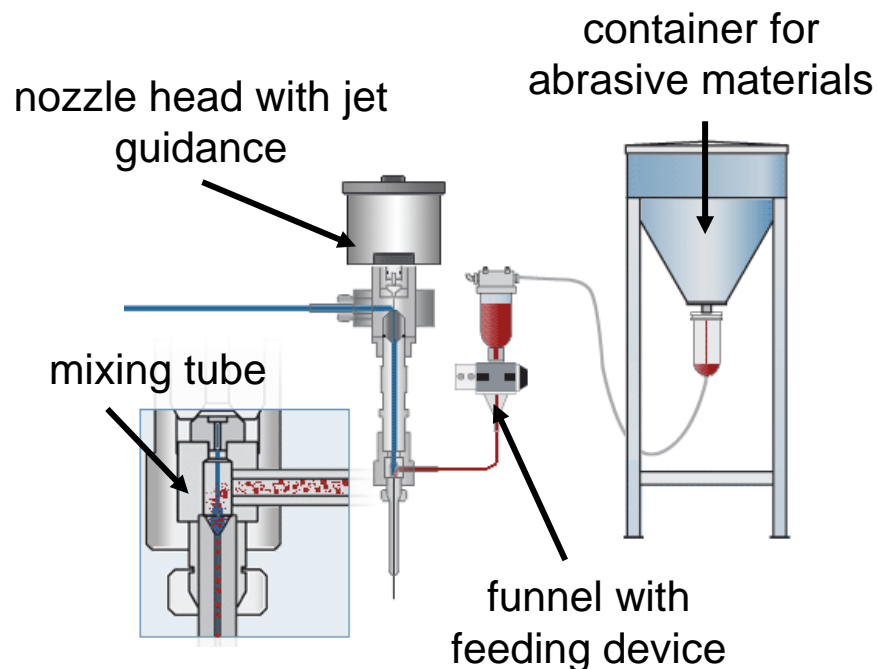


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# Water Jet Cutting with Additional Particles

- Addition of abrasive materials: granite, olivine, corundum  
→ Increase of the cutting power
- Beam diameter: 1 mm
- Operating pressure at 6200 bar
- Application for hard materials: e.g. metal, stone





# Water Jet Cutting



**Flow Waterjet**

YouTube/Flow Waterjet

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## Live-Survey

The use of additives extends the maintenance intervals of water jet cutting systems.

- a) true
- b) wrong

Result





# Water Jet Cutting: Cutting Speed

Cutting speed depends on:

- material thickness
- material
- desired quality
- concentration of abrasive materials
- water pressure

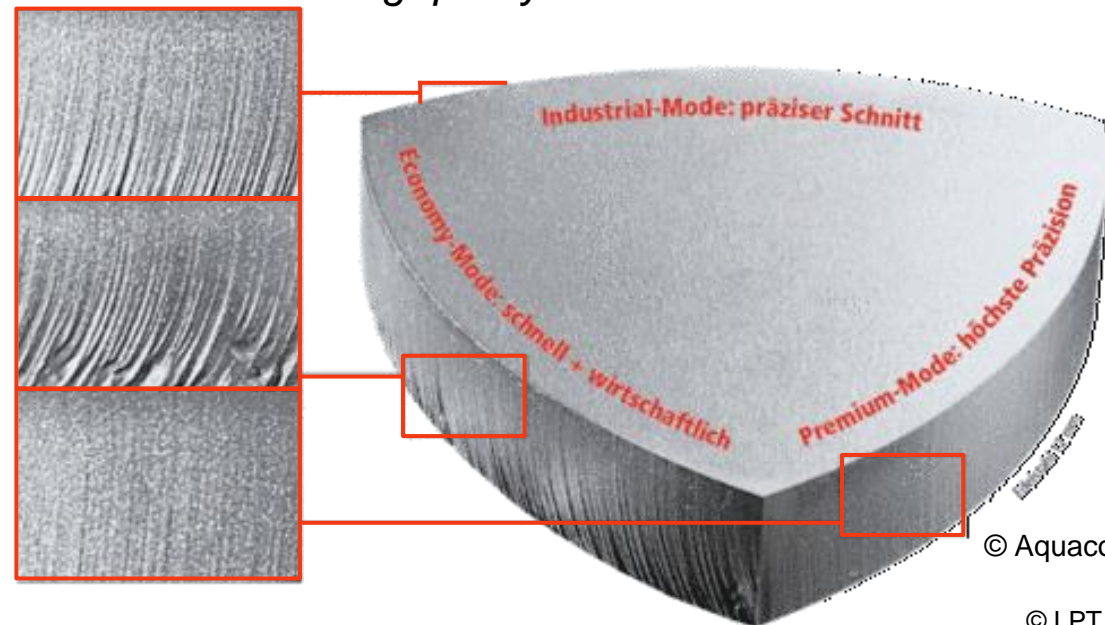
material thickness	Steel (mm/min)	Brass (mm/min)	Marble (mm/min)
2 mm	2800	3300	14500
5 mm	1010	1150	5050
20 mm	205	235	1025
100 mm	32	37	160

*maximum cutting speed at 3800 bar and normal cutting quality in mm/min*

Industrial Mode:  
precise cutting

Economy Mode:  
fast & economical

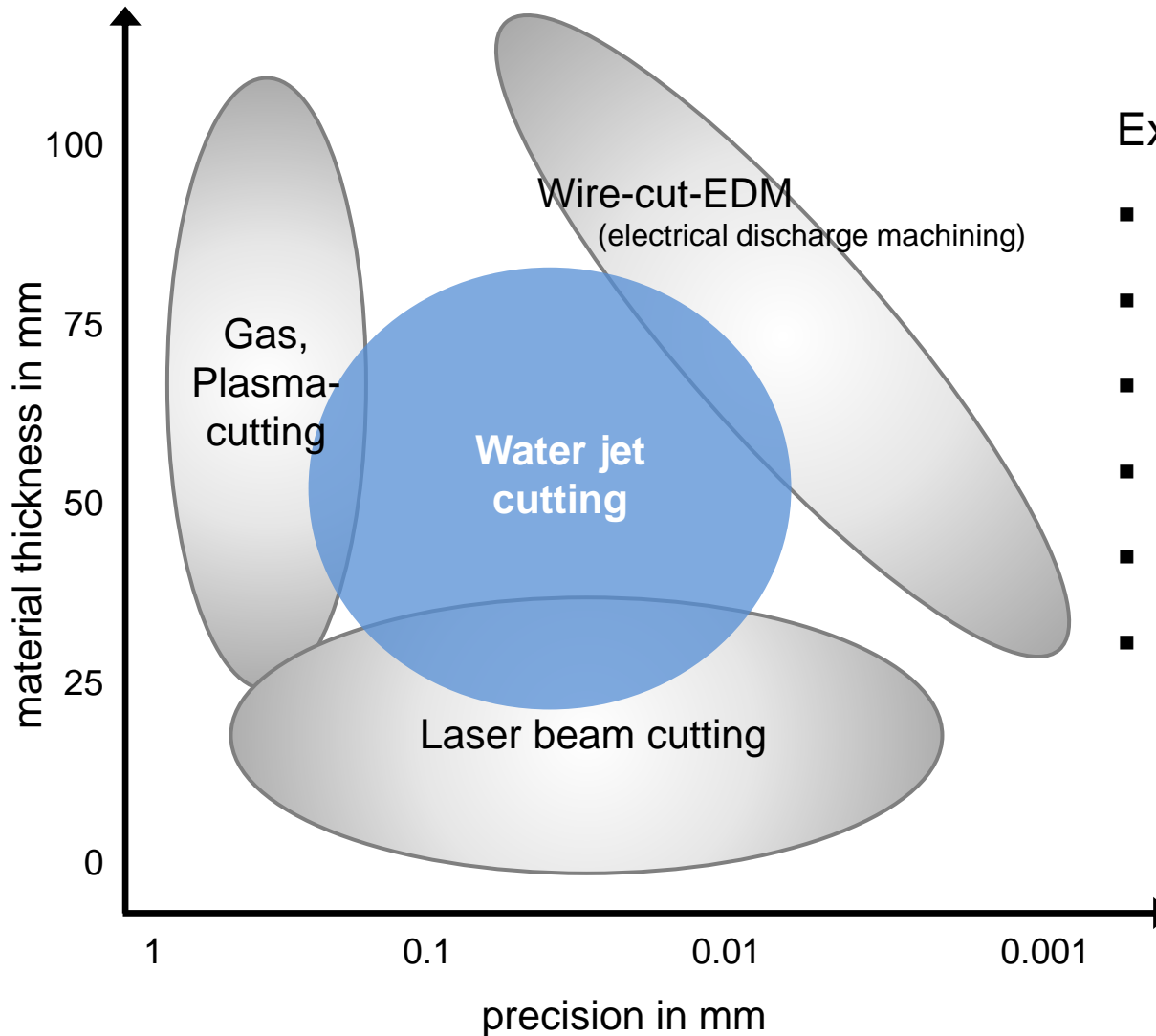
Premium Mode:  
highest precision



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# Water Jet: Fields of Application



Examples:

- Food industry
- Consumer industry
- Aircraft industry
- Electrical industry
- Automotive industry
- Plant construction



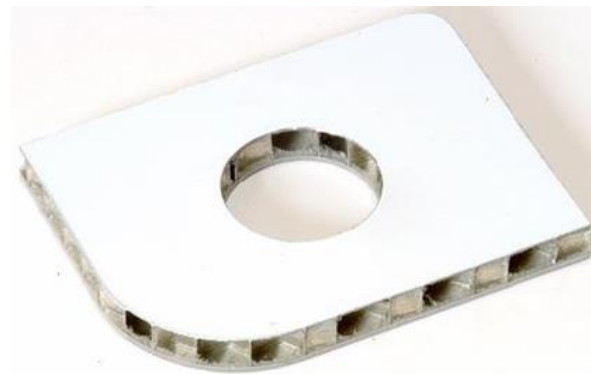


# Water Jet Cutting: Applications (1)

Gear



Aluminium honeycomb fabric  
(Alucore 7 mm)



Granite



Object made of stone

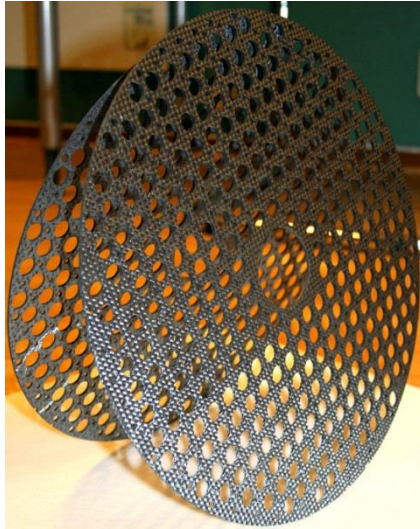






# Water Jet Cutting: Applications (2)

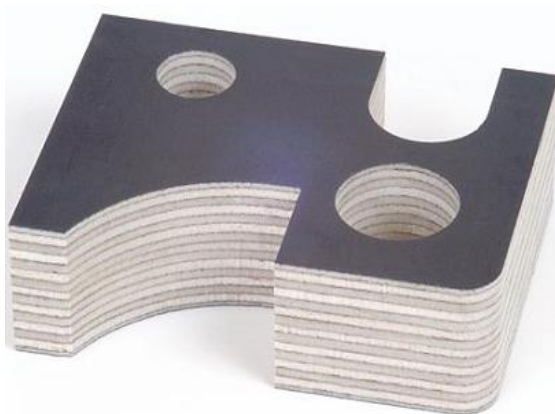
Carbon-fiber-mats



Coupling tube  
CFK-Aluminium 7 mm



Composite  
Laminated wood 50 mm



Foam





# Variety of Material

High variety of materials:

- Steel, stainless steel, aluminium
- Ceramic, glass und armored glass
- Stone, e.g. granite and marble
- Plastics (fiber reinforced plastic, thermoplastic and duroplastic)
- Rigid and flexible foam
- Insulating materials
- Sandwich- and structural material
- Wood, paper und paperboard
- Sealant, e.g. rubber and hard tissue

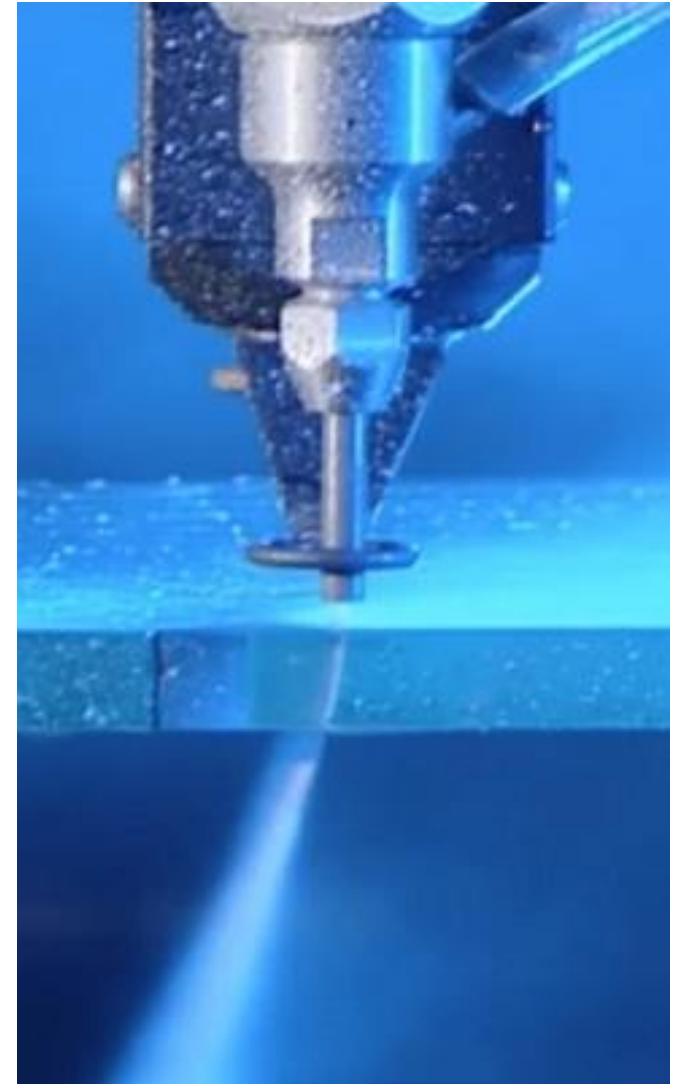




# Advantages of a Water Jet as Processing Tool

## Advantages

- Environmental friendliness
  - No generation of vapour, dusts or fume
- Lower thermal influence on the workpiece compared to mechanical or fusion based cutting
  - No micro cracks or change in microstructure
- Water jet as wearless processing tool
- Lower processing forces compared to mechanical cutting
  - Cutting of pressure-sensitive materials
- Beam dimension smaller with respect to typical cutting widths of mechanical cutting
- Clean and accurate cutting edges / no formation of burrs

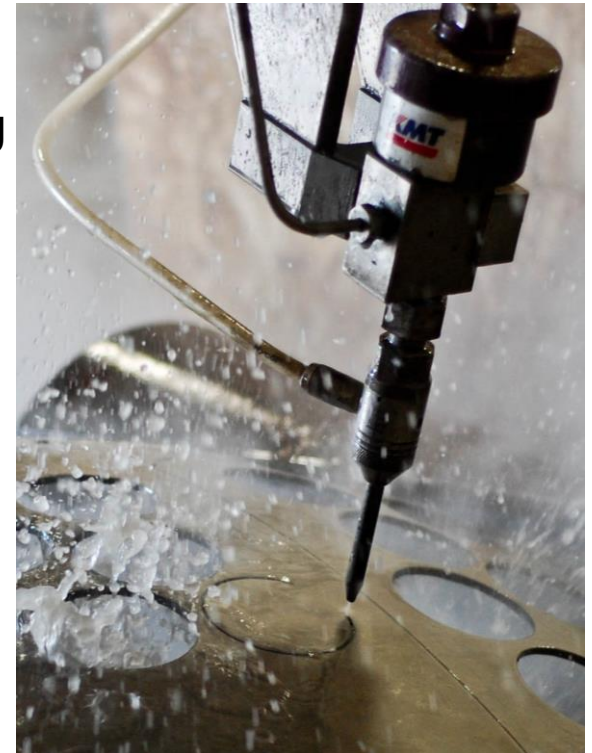




# Disadvantages of a Water Jet as Processing Tool

## Disadvantages

- Limited precision, no deflection or guidance of the water jet
- Relatively low ablation rate
  - Lower feed rates than for laser beam cutting
  - Decreases with hardness, ductility and thickness of the material
  - no mass production
- Higher maintenance costs compared to laser beam cutting due to wear of nozzles
- Additional costs due to consumption of abrasive material
- Direct water contact of material (corrosion)
  - not suitable for materials susceptible to corrosion

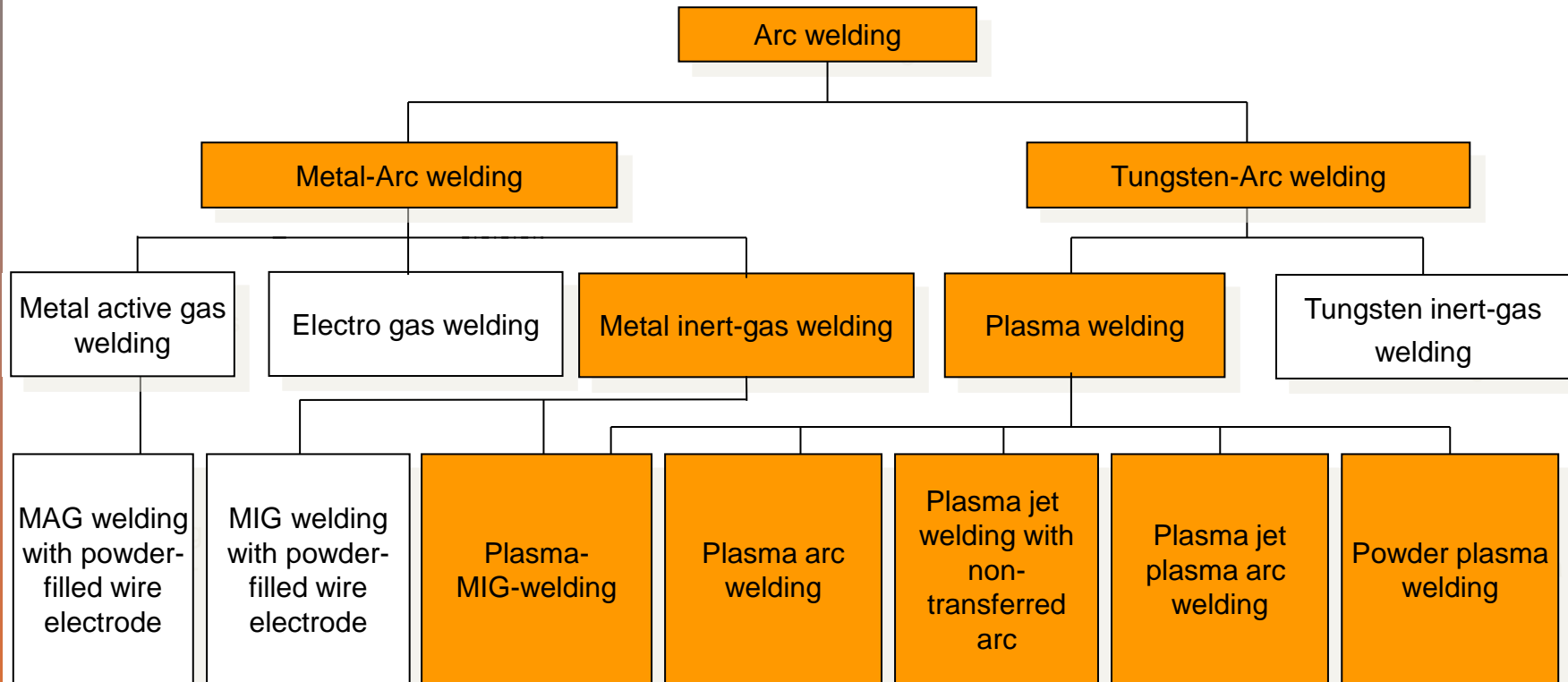


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# Plasma Jet

## Classification of Plasma Welding according to DIN 1910 - 100



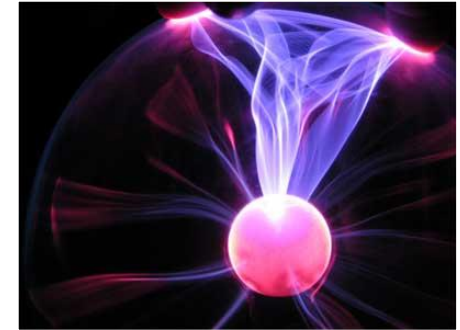




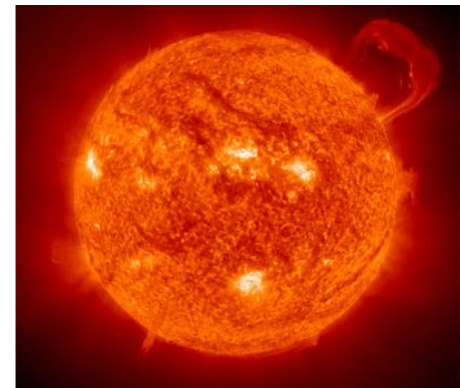
# Plasma: Basics

## Definition of Plasma

- Absorption of energy leads to ionization of gas atoms
- Electrically conducting gas of electrons and ions
  - if not completely ionized also atoms and molecules
- High kinetic energy of the plasma (ions/electrons)
  - recombination of ions and electrons possible but the plasma is preserved due to new ionizations (dynamic process)
  - Emission of electromagnetic radiation (light) when electron and ion recombine
- No permanent recombination of ions and electrons
  - electrically conducting, while electrically neutral to the outside since equal number of ions and electrons
- When a voltage is applied electrons / ions are accelerated towards the anode / cathode



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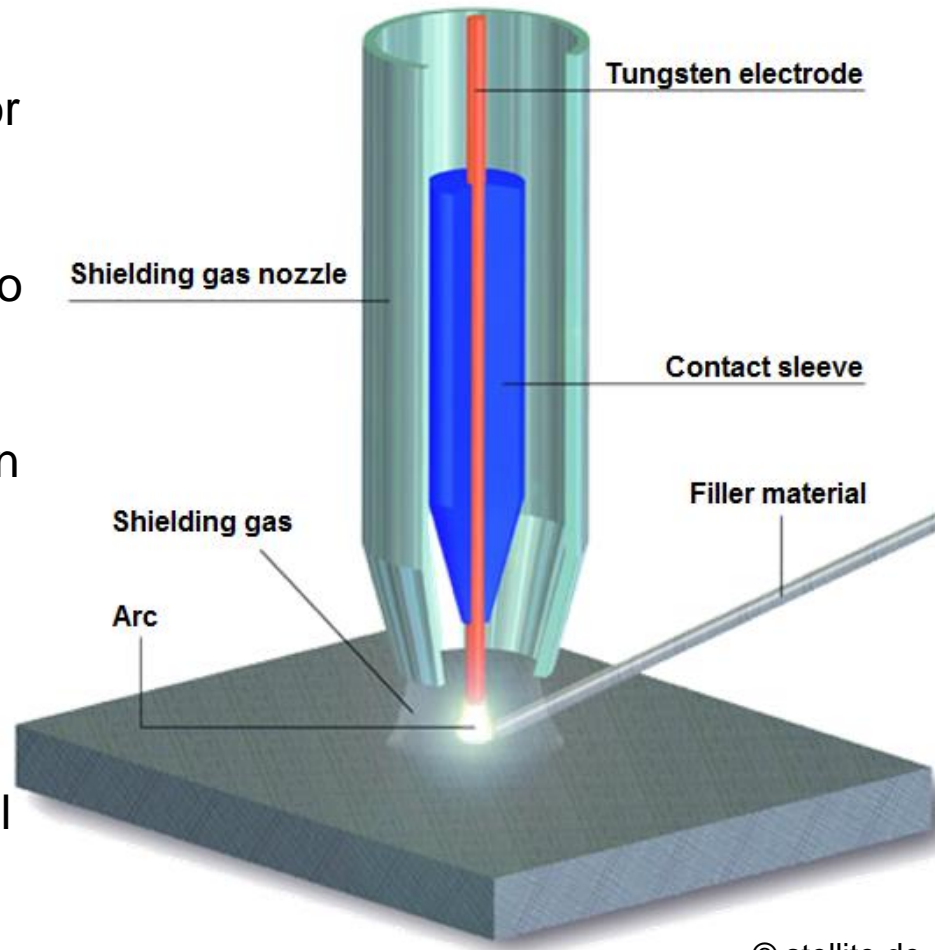
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# Tungsten Inert Gas Welding: Basics

## Tungsten inert gas welding (TIG)

- Application of inert shielding gas for preventing oxidation
- Electric current supply connected to tungsten electrode and workpiece
- Ionization of shielding gas results in ignition of arc
- Arc ignition typically by high frequency high voltage pulses
- Decoupled addition of filler material



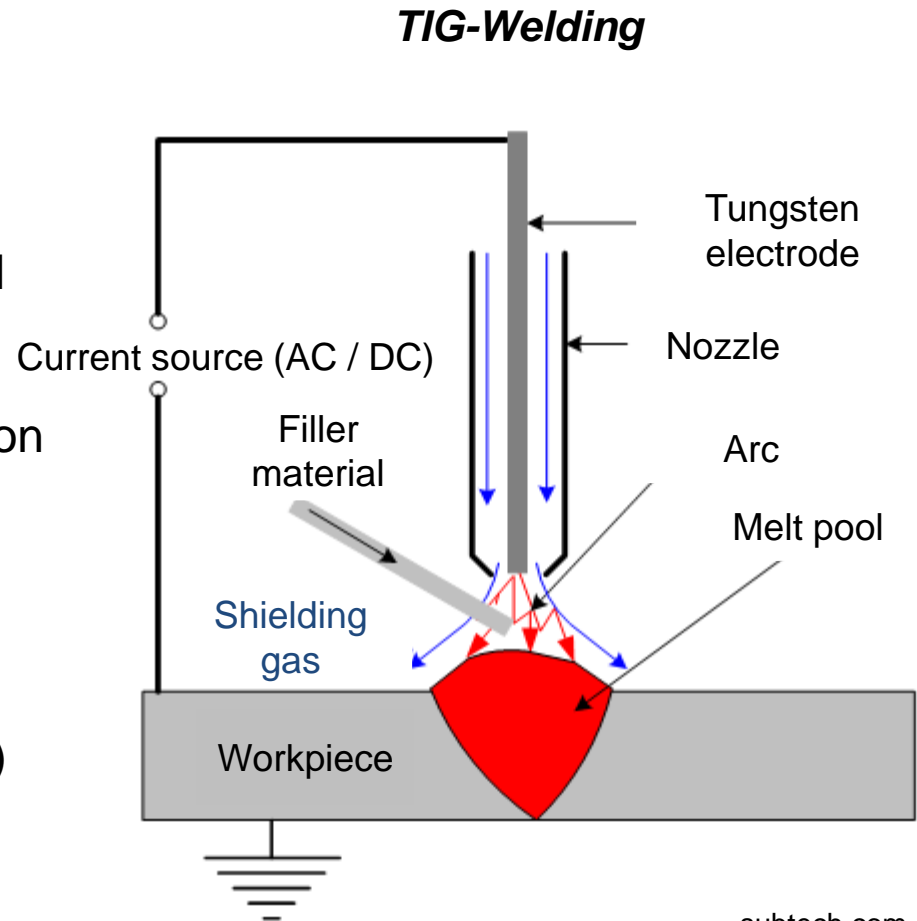
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# Tungsten Inert Gas Welding: Current Supply

## Tungsten inert gas welding

- Direct Current: Electrode on negative pole
  - Most common application
  - Joining of alloyed steels and non-iron metals
- Alternating Current: Electrode on positive pole
  - Breaking of oxide layer on surface
  - Joining of light metals (aluminium and magnesium)



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# TIG-Welding: Examples of Application

## Manual TIG-welding



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## Arc welding



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## Aluminum bicycle frame



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# Live-Survey

Plasma is an electric

- a) isolator
- b) conductor

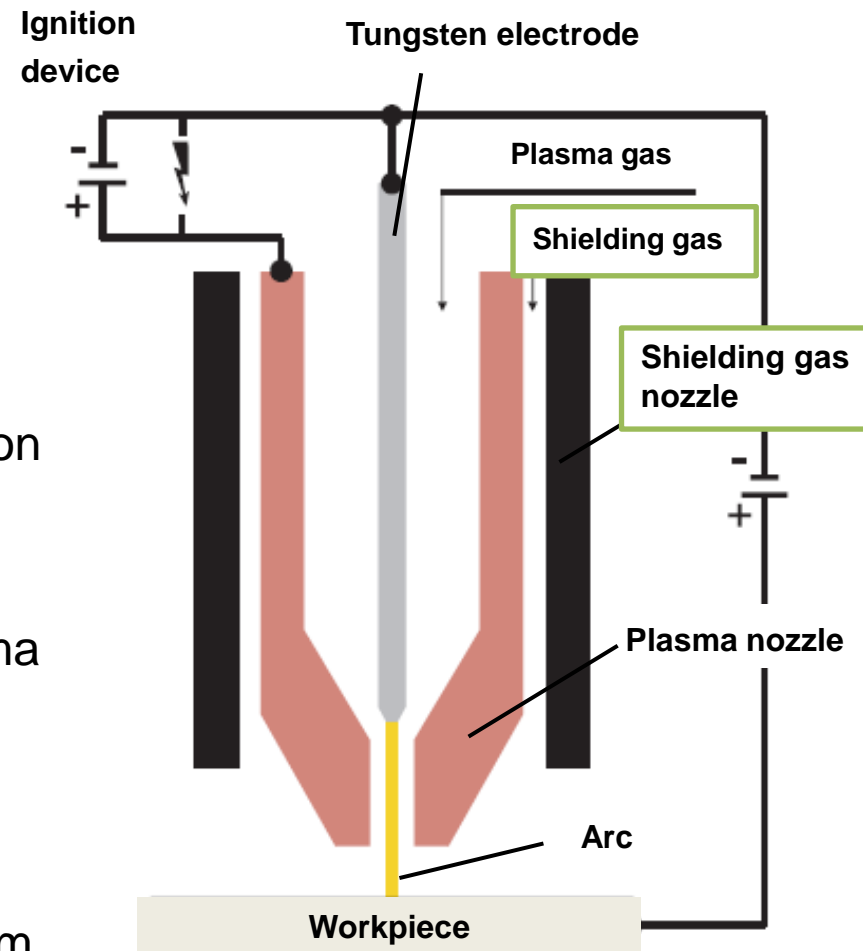
Result





# Plasma Welding: Principles

- Plasma generated inside plasma nozzle
- Application of two gas streams
  - Plasma gas (argon) for generating the arc between nozzle and workpiece
  - Shielding gas for preventing oxidation
- Expelled by overpressure through water-cooled nozzle (e.g. copper) to achieve a defined stream of hot plasma
  - Higher intensity by lower beam divergence
- Conversion of the kinetic energy into thermal energy when the plasma beam hits the workpiece surface

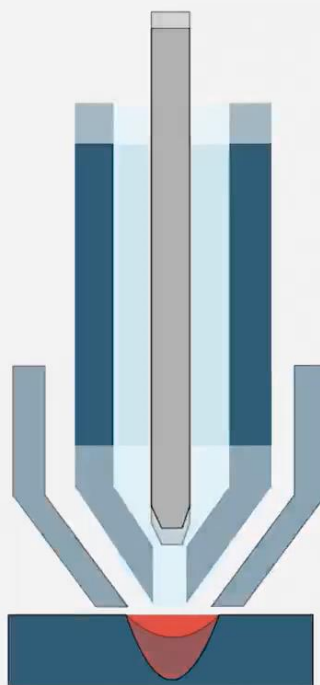


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# Plasma Arc Material Processing

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## Live-Survey

Between the nozzle and the workpiece, the plasma beam gets

- a) accelerated
- b) widened
- c) accelerated and widened

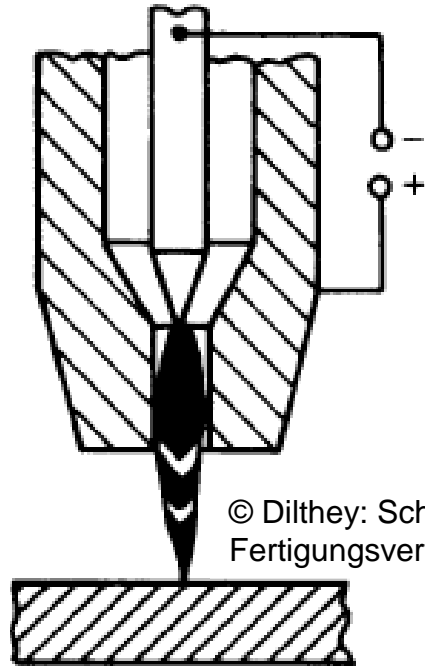
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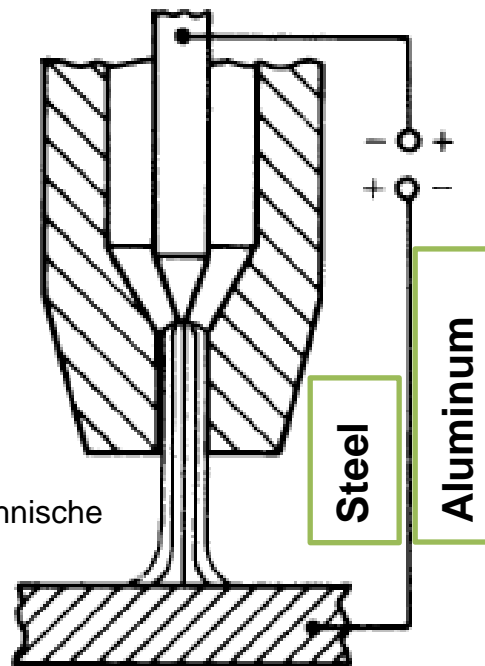
# Plasma Welding: Process Variants

Plasma jet welding

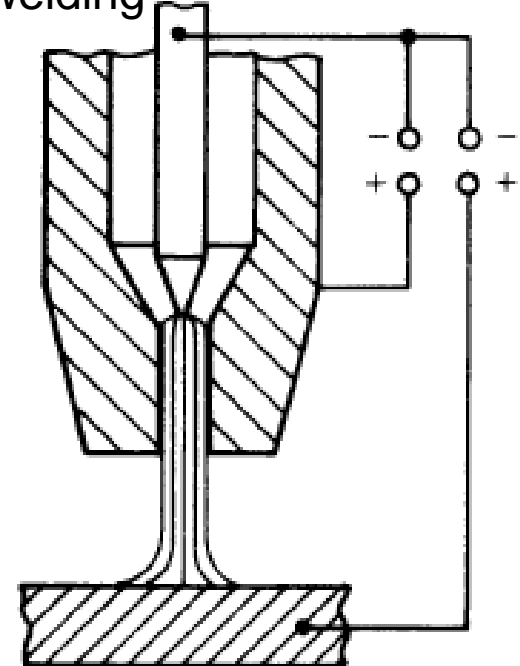


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Plasma arc welding



Plasma jet – Plasma arc welding



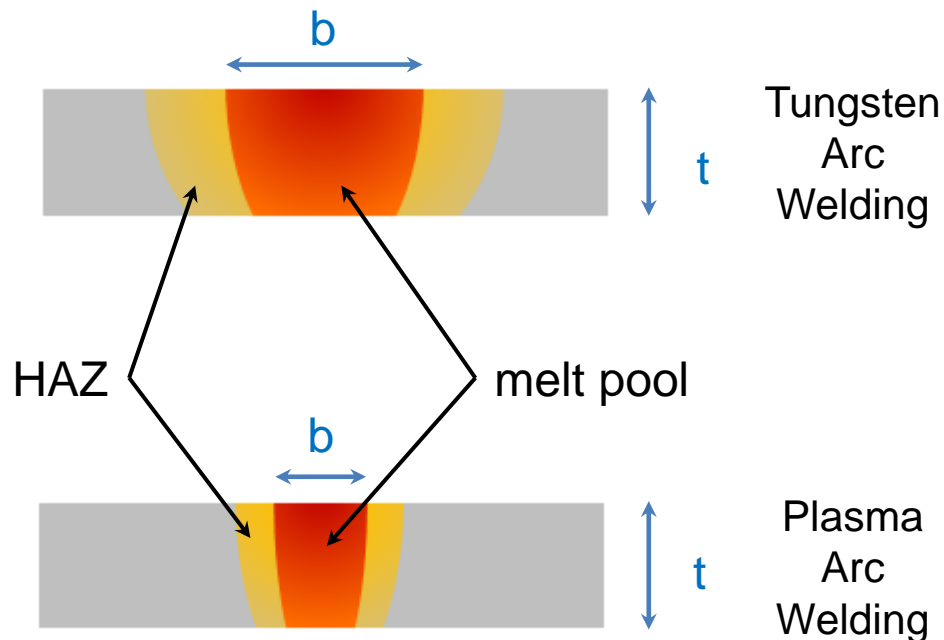
- Arc ignition between electrode and copper nozzle
- Heating of the plasma gas while passing the arc between electrode and nozzle
- Arc inside the burner. Ejection of a hot gas jet
- Pilot arc between electrode and copper nozzle for arc ignition (Plasma jet/plasma arc welding)
- Welding circuit between electrode and workpiece while arc is transferred
- Polarity (DC) depending on workpiece material (alternative: AC polarity possible)



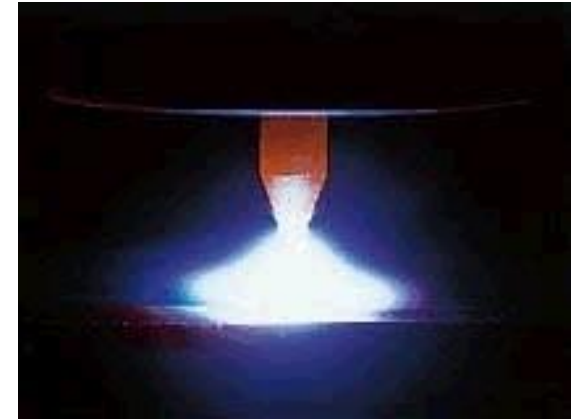
# Comparison of Tungsten Arc Welding and Plasma Arc Welding

## Plasma arc

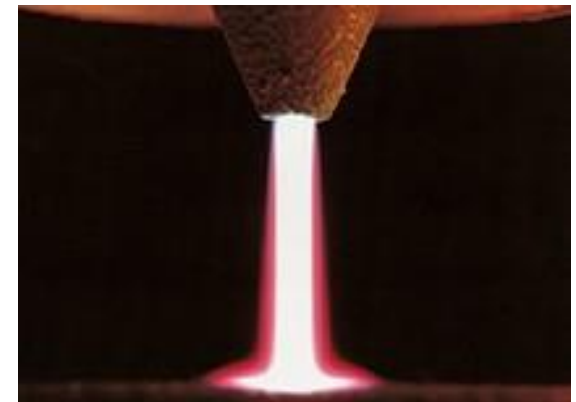
- Higher intensity for Plasma Arc Welding
  - Higher welding speed
  - Small heat affected zone (HAZ)
  - Smaller welding seams
- Magnetic pinch effect for plasma arc welding (if voltage is applied)
  - Constriction of the arc



TIG-arc



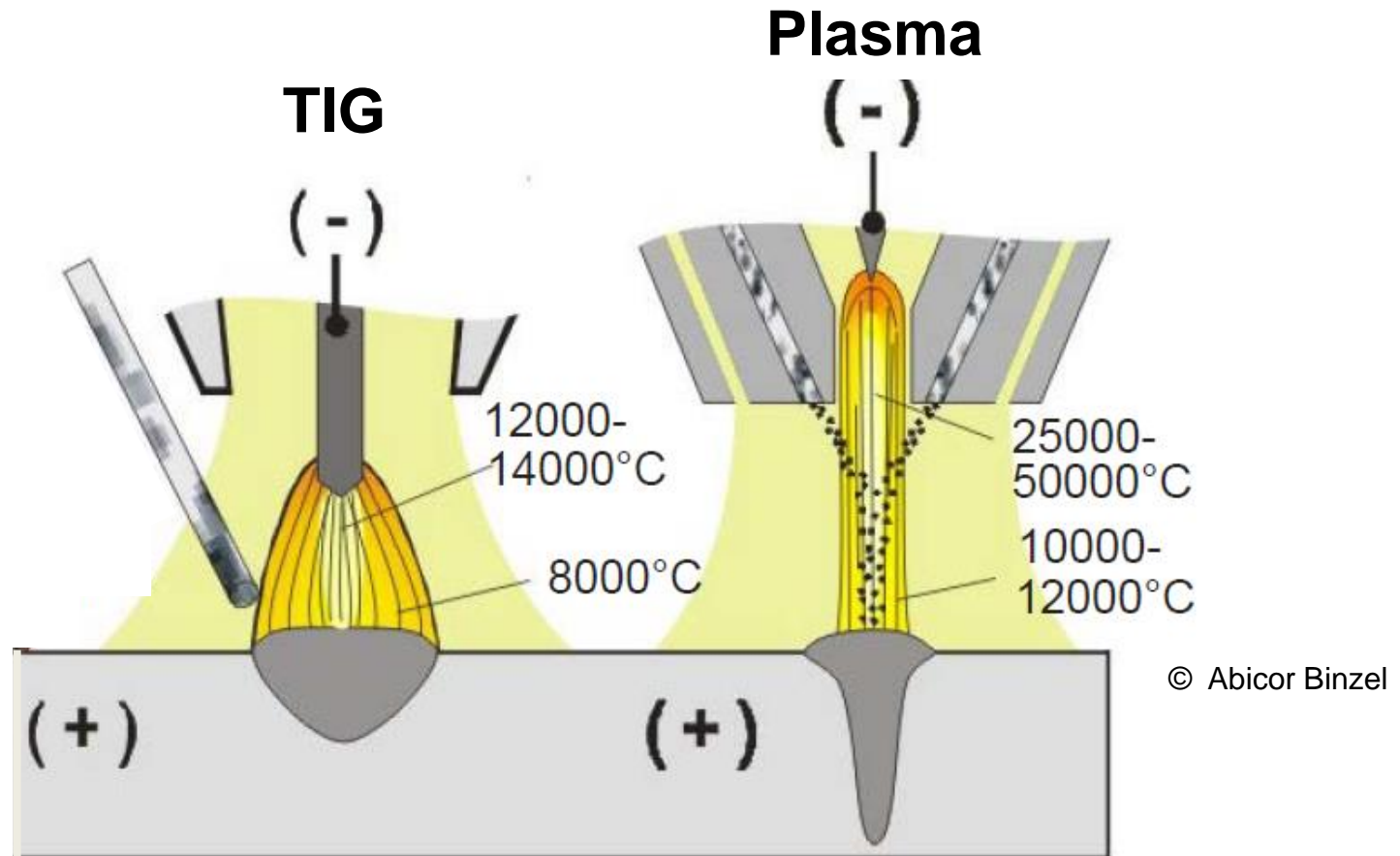
Plasma arc



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# TIG-Welding and Plasma Arc Welding: Comparison



- Plasma arc welding: bundling of the arc on a smaller area by tungsten electrode inside the nozzle
  - Higher temperature in the process zone
  - Active cooling of the nozzle is necessary





# Plasma Welding: Applications



Plasma welded pipe elbow



Switch control box



Valve housing



Plasma welded connection between a pressure vessel and its connection nozzle



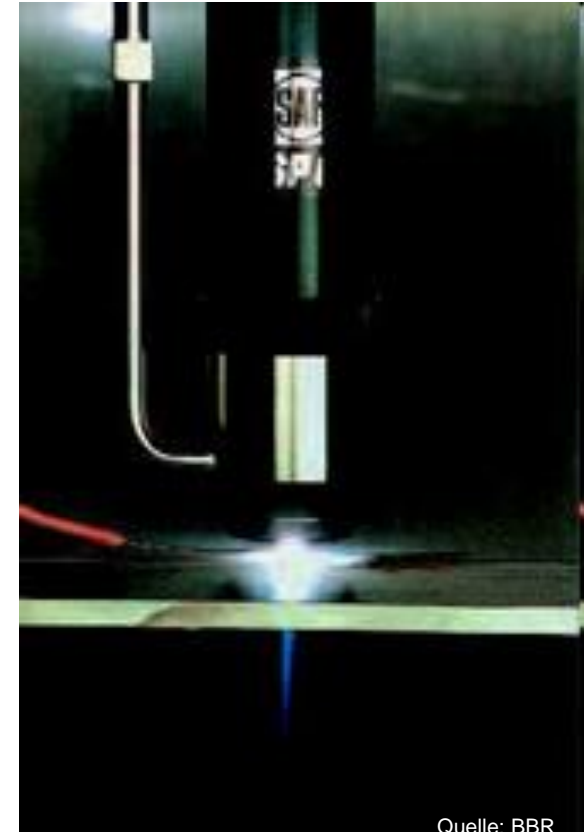
# Advantages and Disadvantages of Plasma Welding

## Advantages

- Exact process control
- High stability of the arc even at low currents (0.1 A)
- Smaller melt pool dimensions and heat-affected zone compared to TIG welding (but larger than for laser and electron beam welding)  
→ low distortion, favorable weld seam shape
- Large sheet metal thicknesses (butt joint 8 mm) possible
- Addition of powdered filler material possible
- Low seam convexity, low sagging of the root
- High welding speeds

## Disadvantages

- More cost intensive welding equipment and maintenance compared to TIG welding
- No gap bridging possible
- Two inert gases required



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