

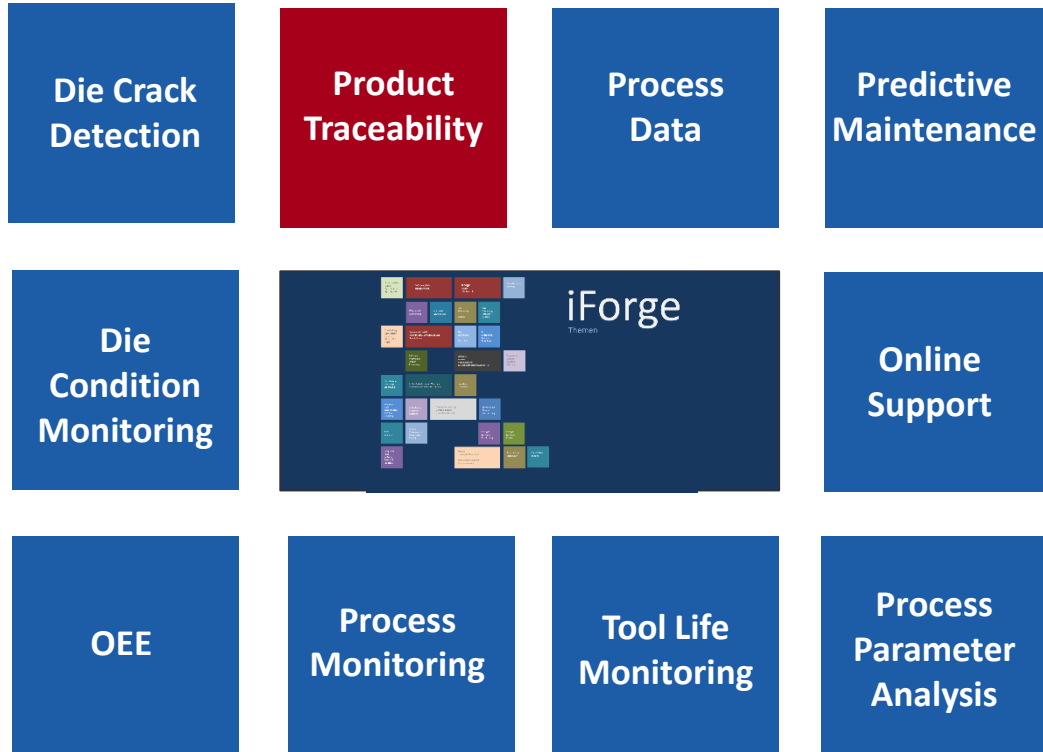
# SHAPING THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WITH YOU



## iForge Traceability – Production Part Tracing Along The Forging Process Chain

# iForge

iForge is much more than just a software tool – it is the chain to interlink metrology, programming, engineering (CAD, FEM) as well as process and control technology to rule your forging processes.





# Production Part Tracing in the World of Forging

All key components need to be traceable designed to meet OEM requirements

Traceability integral element for meeting OEM requirements

Certified production processes require production part traceability

Allocation of production data to a singular part means added value for suppliers and OEM's

Product Traceability minimizes risk of quality claims and rejects



# Exact determination of CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

Precise determination of CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissions along the entire production chain

Allocation of CO<sub>2</sub>-values to singular parts

Identification and substitution of CO<sub>2</sub> drivers

Added product value for OEM's

Contributes to improvement of plant balance

Helps to evaluate energy consumption

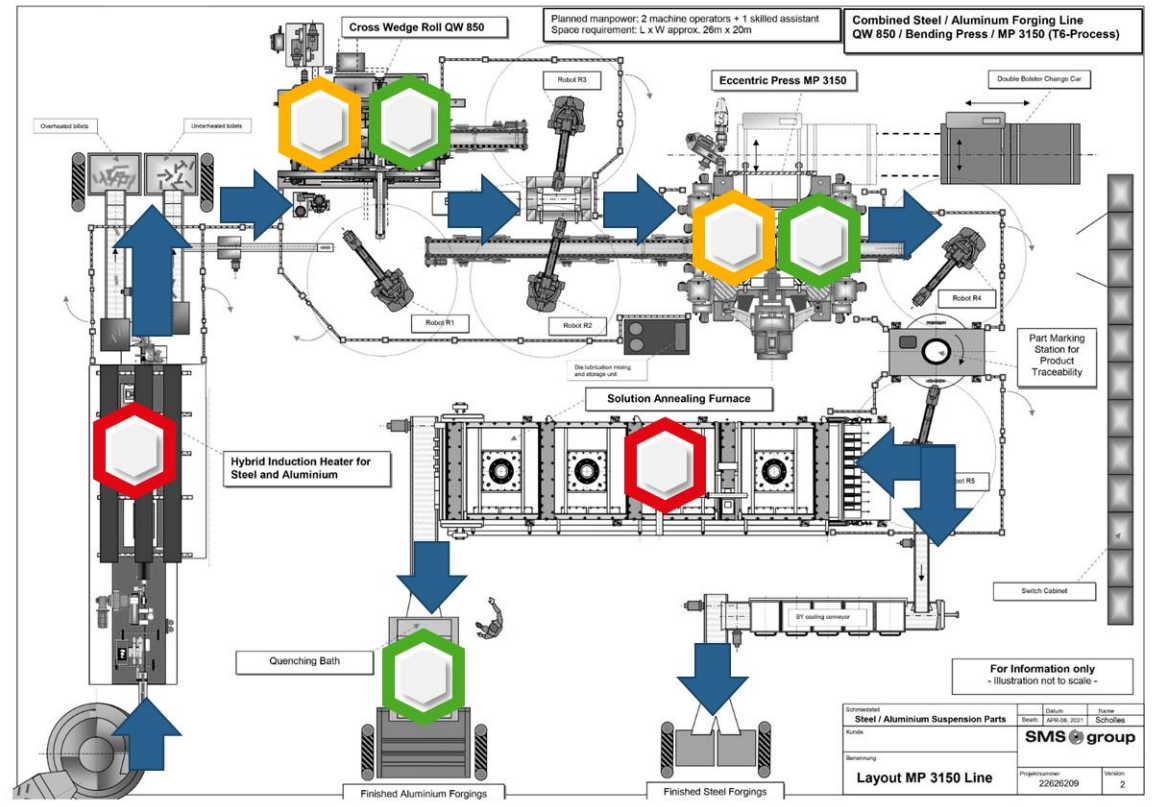


# Optimization Potentials in Different Areas



- Material Tracking
- Planning Optimization

- Condition monitoring for critical equipment
- Holistic Alarm Management System
- Plant-wide rule and AI based machine condition monitoring



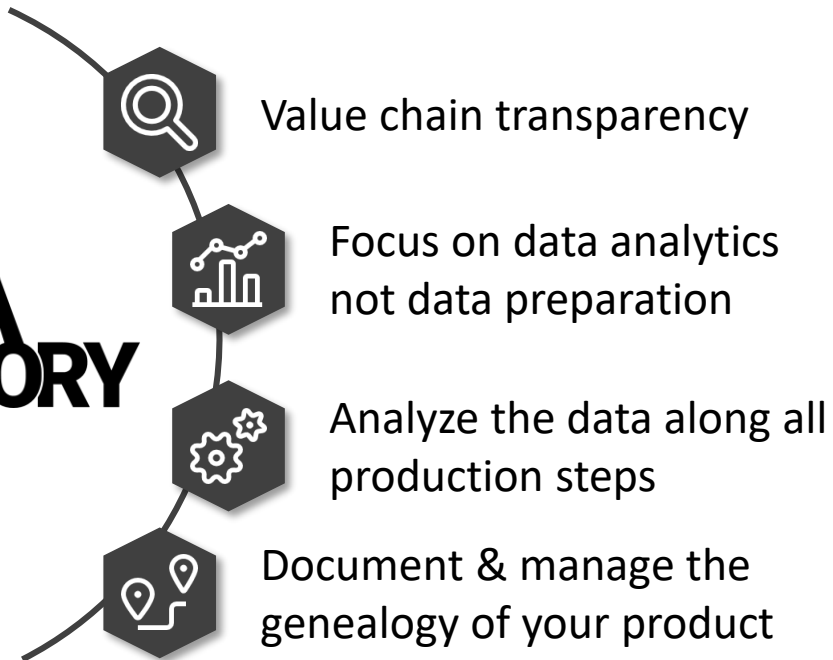
- Energy Optimization
- Holistic Energy Mgmt / Carbon Footprint

- Process Improvement
- Quality Tracking

## SMS DataFactory

Get more value from your data

Integration of multiple data sources. Data enrichment with meta information and length time correlation for complete product history





# DataFactory: Examples of Collectable Data

## Material heating

- Enthalpy
- Temperature
- Current consumption
- Flow rate recooling unit
- Inlet temperature

## Preforming Equipment

- Rolling forces
- Rolling torque
- Power input
- Tool status / lifetime
- Tool change indices
- Rolling gap
- Incoming temperature
- Output temperature

## Forging

- Input billet weight
- Input billet temperature
- Output temperature
- Forging die temperature
- Press forces
- Die modification status
- Die status / die life
- Spray media consumption
- Spray times

## Heat treatment

- Enthalpy
- Temperature
- Gas consumption

## Quenching

- Quenching temperature
- Quenchant
- Quenchant circulation yes/no
- Additives

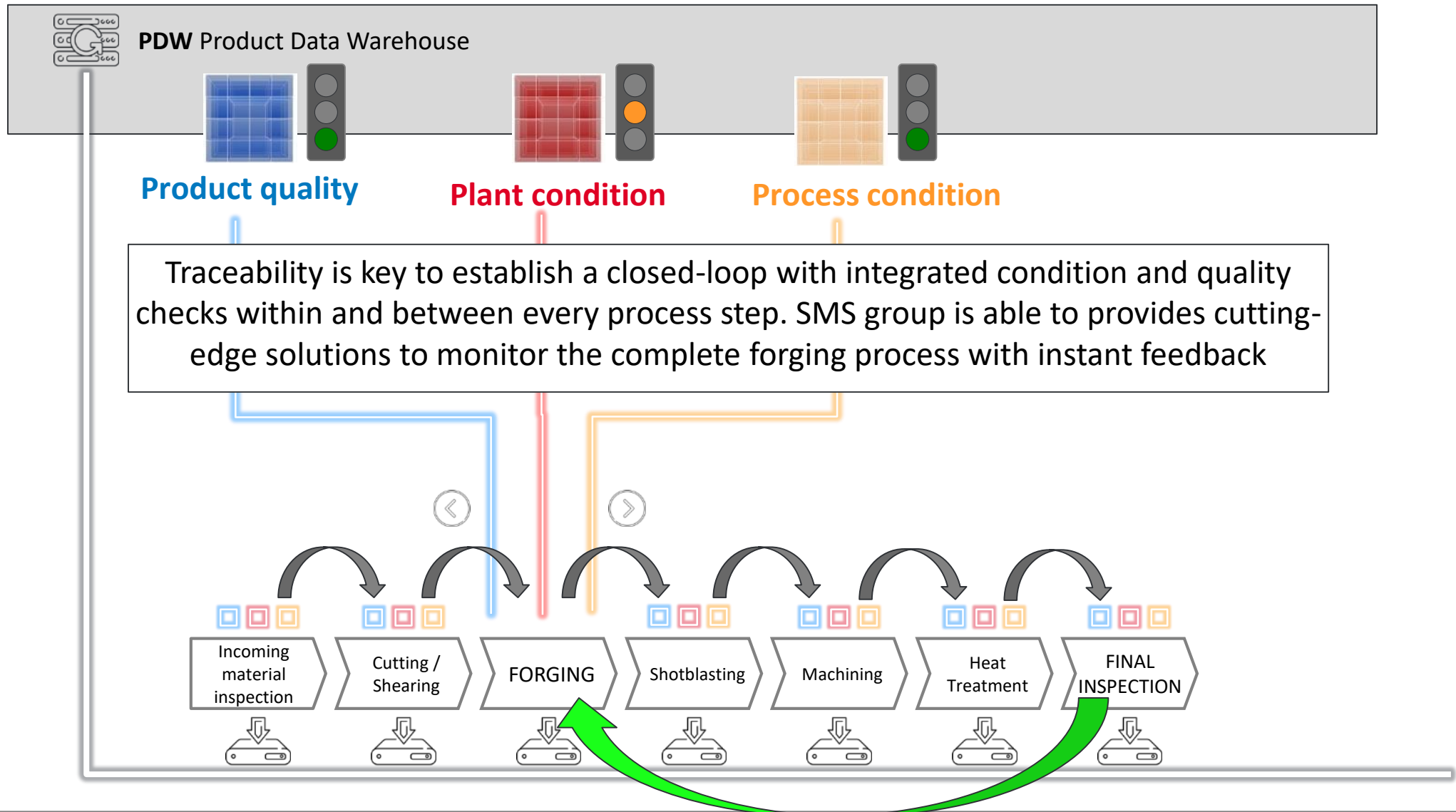
## Superior data

- Cumulated power consumption of individual units
- Quality related data (CAQ-data)
- Condition Monitoring data

## Material properties

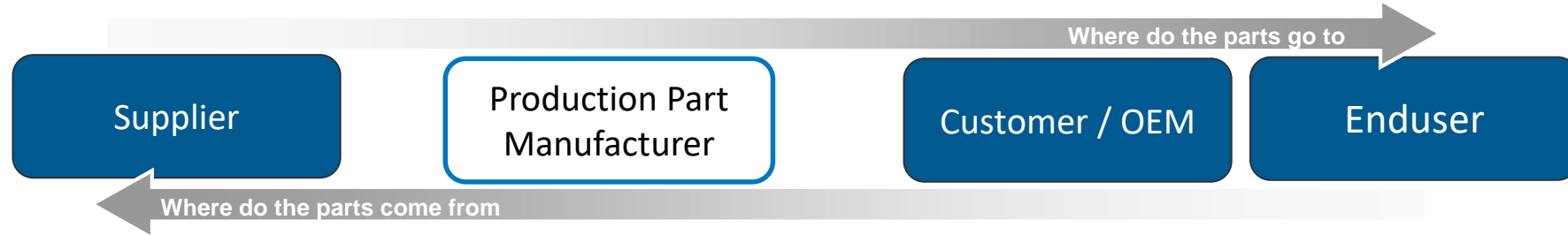
- Batch No.
- Efficiency
- Material denomination
- Material supplier
- Shift designation
- Dimensions
- Input weight
- Site temperature

# Traceability – Singular Production Part Tracking

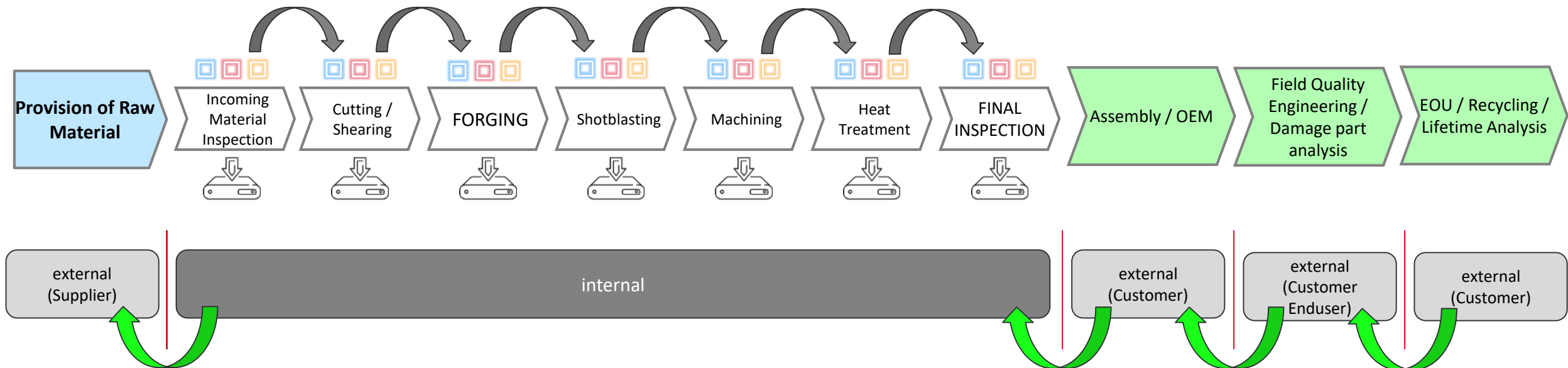




# Traceability – Why Product Traceability?

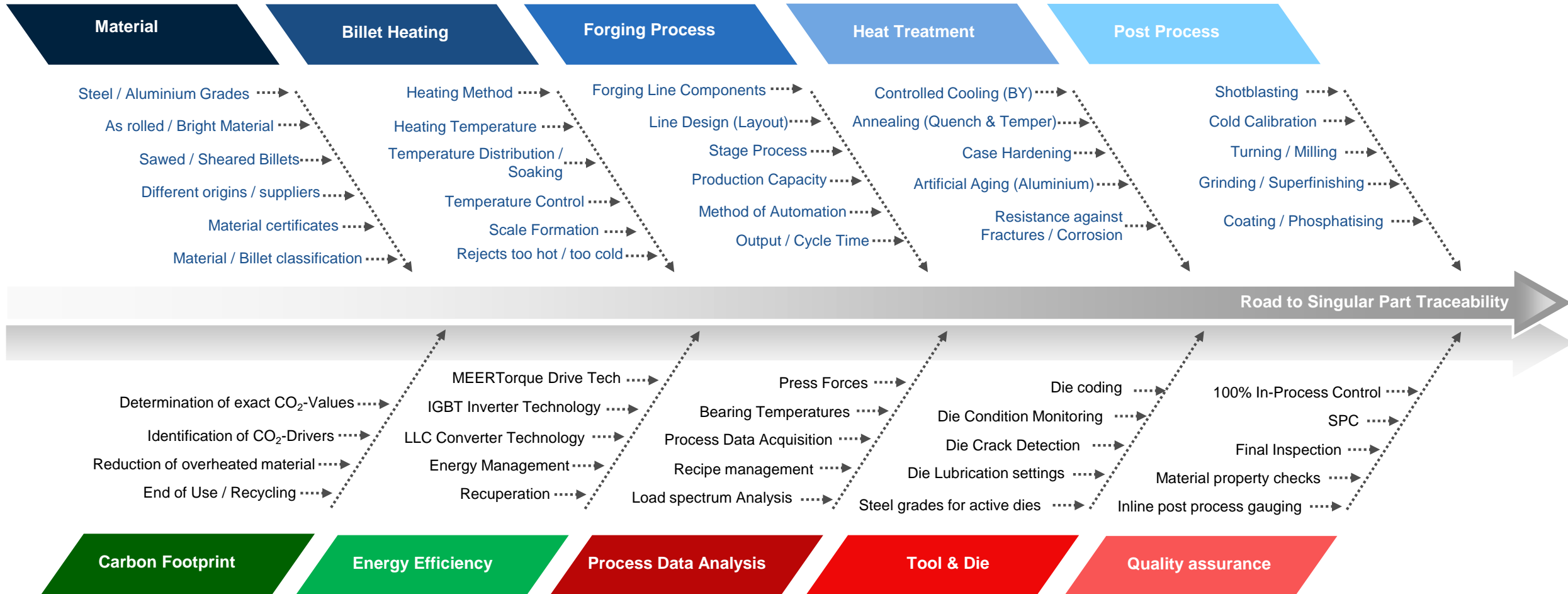


Traceability within the manufacturing and supply chain means that the progression from procurement of raw materials and parts to their machining, assembly, distribution and sale can be traced, both downstream and upstream.



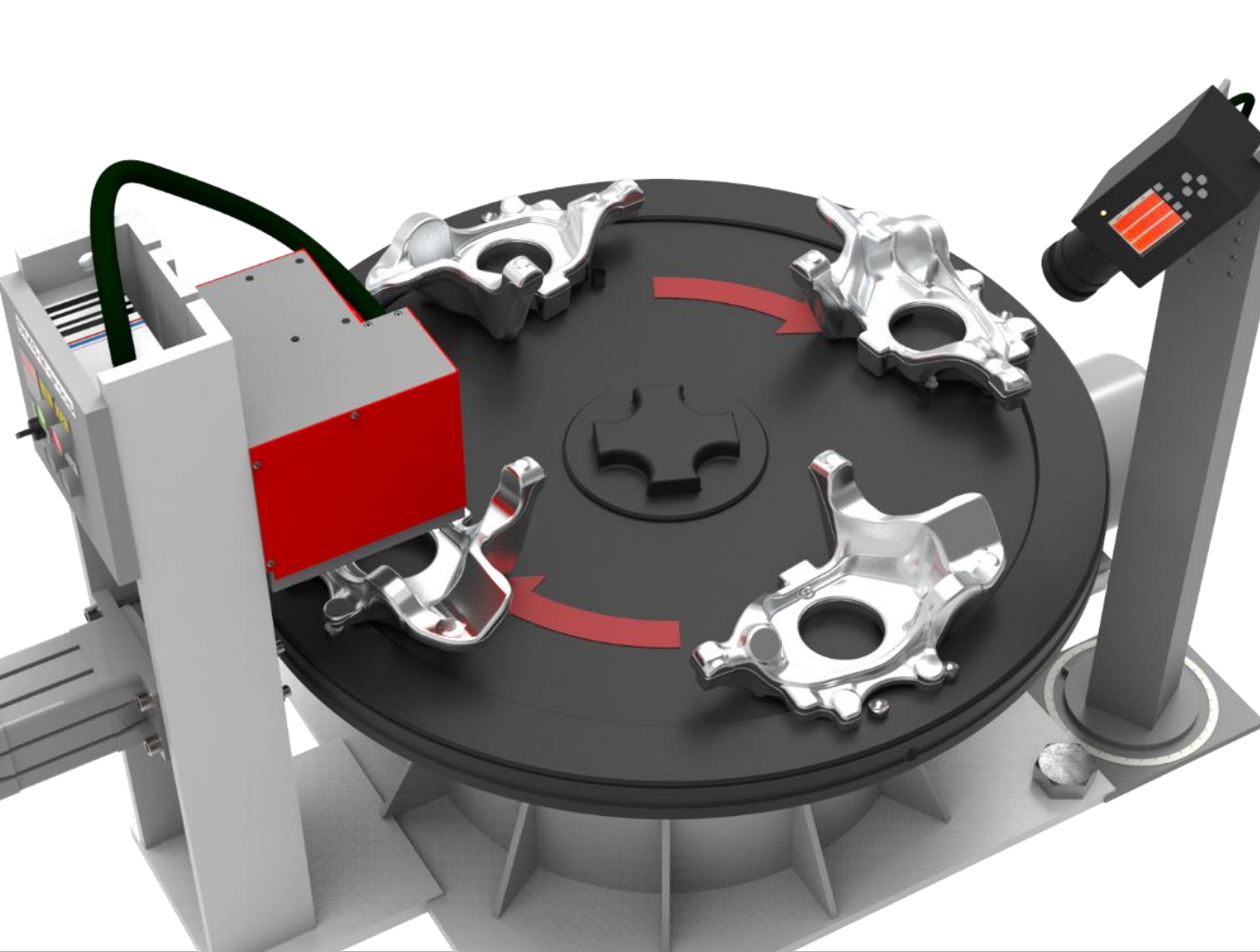


# Traceability - Challenges





## Dot peen marking of hot parts / Data Matrix Code



First comprehensive solution for tracking hot forged parts on the market

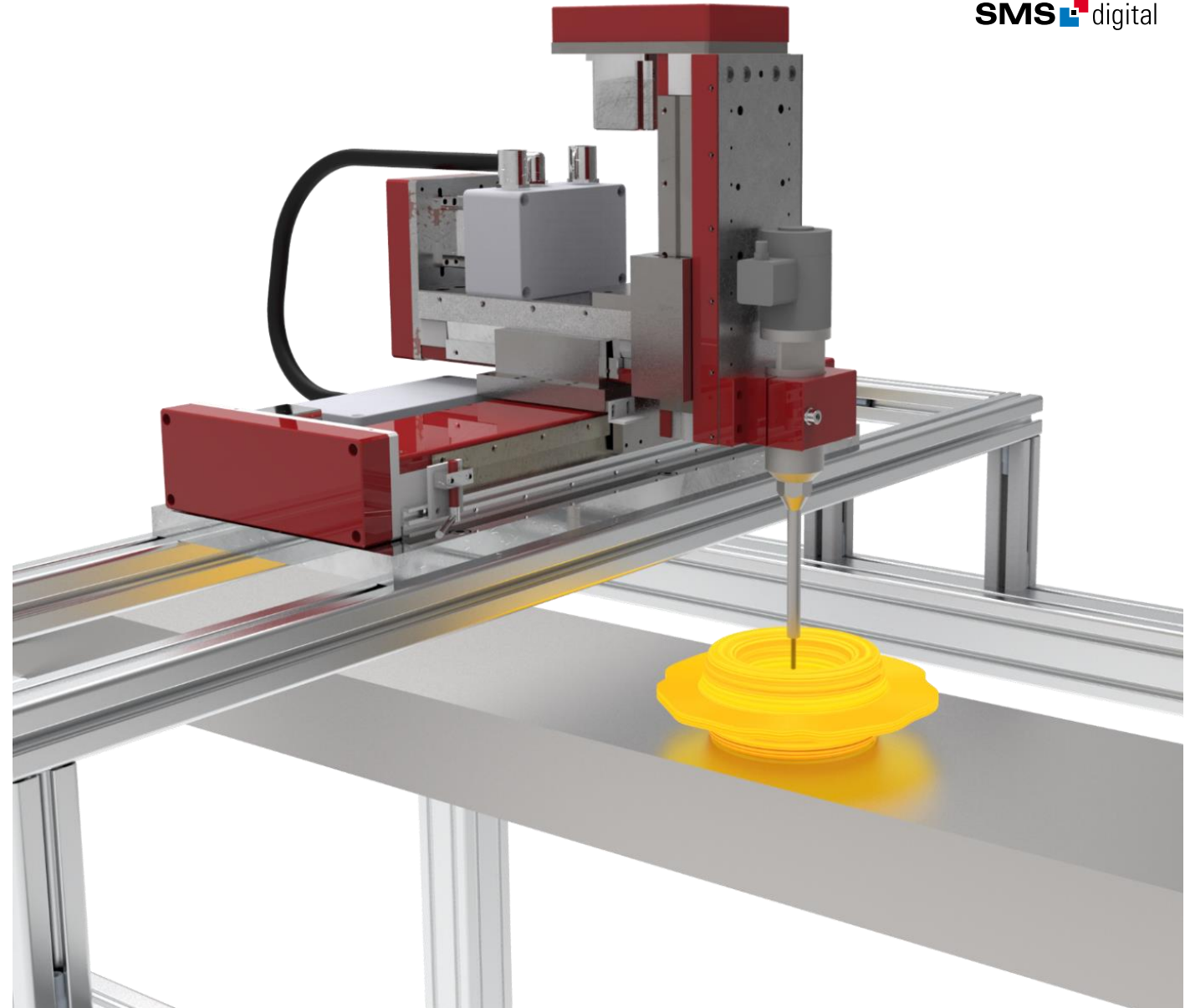
Detailed CO<sub>2</sub> detection broken down on each individual part

Transparent proof of the values results in a high level of acceptance and excellent market opportunities



## Dot peen marking of hot parts / Data Matrix Code

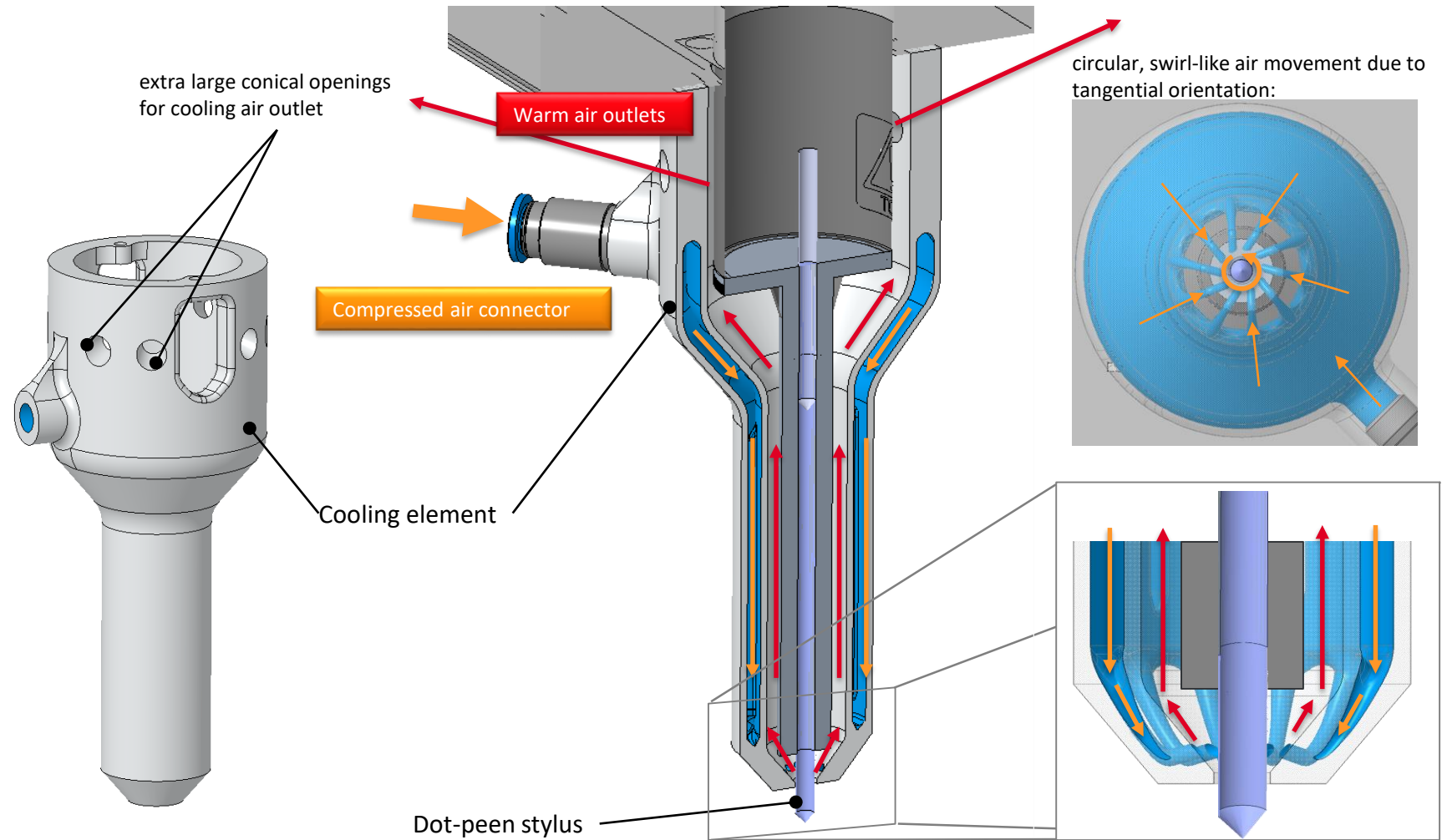
- Dot peen marking has proven to be best practice to deliver high-quality markings suitable to withstand mechanical and thermal influences
- Data-Matrix-Code is industry standard in product tracing due to its ability to tolerate reading errors
- Dot peen marking will be applied on a surface to be machined afterwards. Before the machining sequence starts the code will be read and processed during machining
- The sequence number of the workpieces being in the process between the forging press and the marking station is stored in the control system to ensure that every workpiece will receive the related process data correctly





# Dot-peen marking / Stylus cooling

## 3D-printed cooling element for dot-peen stylus





## Dot peen marking station

- Right after leaving the forging press, each workpiece is identified and uniquely marked by dot peen marking with an individual and unique data matrix code
- The marking station comes as stand-alone solution with interfaces to be easily integrated into fully automated forging lines via handling systems or industry robots
- Immediately after the marking process the readability of the code is verified by an integrated vision sensor



# iForge Traceability

## Dot peen marking

- Tests in automation process





# iForge Traceability

## reading Codes

- Camera for reading at various points in the process
- Handheld readers for spontaneous checking



## Laser marking of finish machined parts

- To keep the Code size as small as possible, a 10x10 dot code will be used that only transmits a 6 digit number to clearly identify every part being produced
- This code will be replaced by a DataMatrixCode marked with a fibre laser thus generated and tested for perfect readability using an integrated camera system
- The laser-marked code may contain additional information, such as serial and batch numbers, production date and other information.
- The laser, camera system, software and handling system are integrated part of the production line creating the final part surface





## CURRENT STATUS

## IN FUTURE WITH iFORGE TRACEABILITY

### Capture of batch data:



- Data acquisition for entire batch only
- Quality data always related to whole batch

### CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint:



- Only averaged CO<sub>2</sub> data
- Poor data transparency and accuracy

### Capture of singulary part data:



- Production data for each individual part
- Quality data for each individual part
- Each part traceable in production history

### CO<sub>2</sub> footprint for each individual part:



- Exact CO<sub>2</sub> single part data
- High data transparency

## Costs

- High losses in the event of product recalls
- High premiums for risk insurance in case of product recalls
- Roughly estimated CO<sub>2</sub> data for products



- Loss of profit only for individual parts during recalls
- Better starting point for insurance conditions
- Increased competitiveness through verifiably accurate CO<sub>2</sub> data



## Animation Video Sequence / Forging Line with iForge Traceability

- Integrated Forging Line MT 4000 with Cross Roll QW 850 for steel suspension parts



- Duration 5 min 16 sec



## Advantages of iForge Traceability

- All process data collected can be assigned to a singular component
- End-to-end solution from incoming material to the finished product
- No slip between the acquired data and the associated component
- Seamless integration into digital solutions provided by SMS digital
- Additional digital services and solutions (cloud-based or on premise) coming soon



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- High quality plants
- Digital Ready Automation
- Technology driven
- Process Expertise

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- Infrastructure / Tools
- Data Storage / Cloud
- Web-Development
- Data Science / ML

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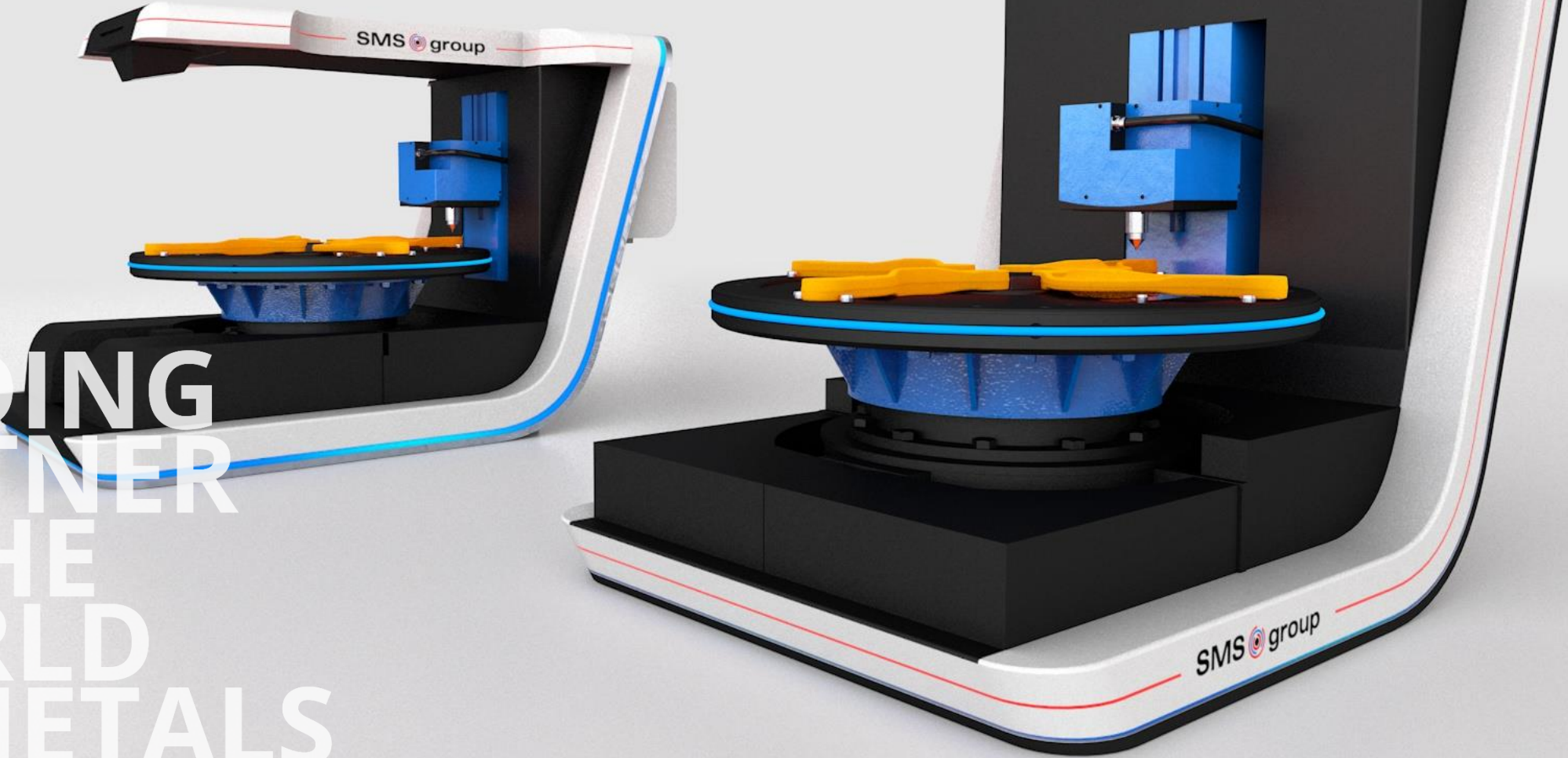
- Customer Centered
- Use-Case orientated
- Business Cases Driven



**End-to-end solution from SMS group**

# iForge Traceability

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