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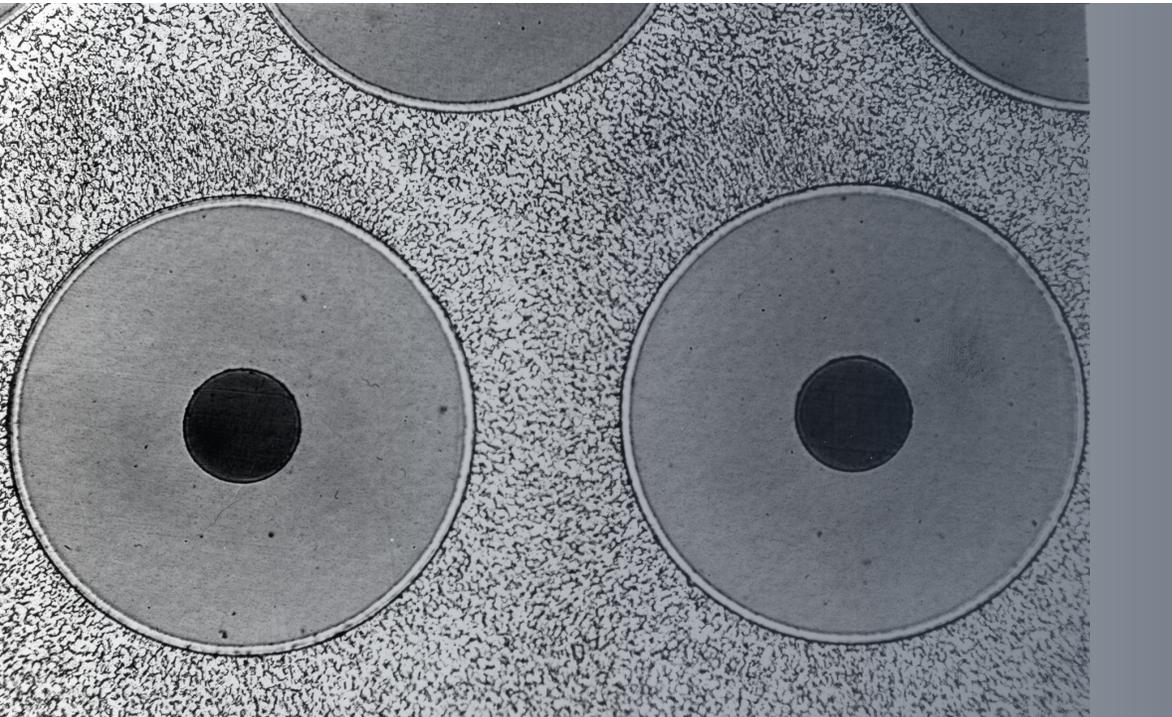
**Titan Matrix Composites**

**SmartValve System**

**Vacuum Laser Welding**

# USP of KTW TMC Technology

In summary, more than **20-years research** and **development** in various organizations



**Fiber reinforced** Titanium alloy

**Advantages** (compared to regular/tempered steel)

- **Less weight**
- Higher stiffness
- Higher strength
- **Corrosion-free**, non-magnetic, **biocompatible**
- Temperature-resistant ~ 650°C

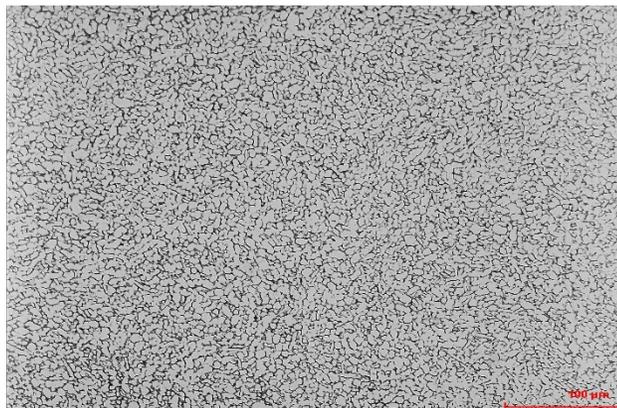
**Reliable**, high quality Manufacturing Process for **all Titanium alloys**

# TMC Technology Principle

Challenge lies in **homogenic** and **seamless connection** of both materials

## Si-C - Fiber

Diameter 140  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Density 2.9  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$   
 Tensile Strength 4000 MPa  
 Stiffness/E-Mod. 380 GPa  
 Elongation 1.2 %

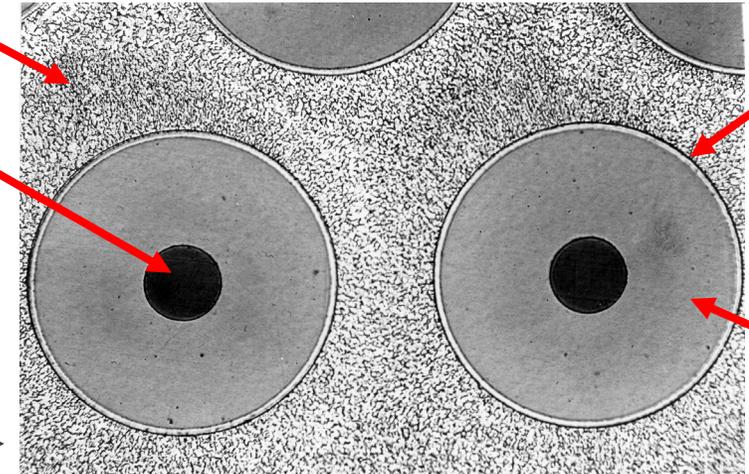


## Ti-Alloy

Density 4.5  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$   
 Tensile Strength 1200 MPa  
 Stiffness/E-Mod. 110 GPa  
 Elongation 10 - 20 %

## TMC

Ti alloy  
 Carbon Fiber



Diffusion  
 Barrier  
 Coating

Si-C

Characteristics	TMC	Tempered Steel	Ti Alloy
Density (in $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )	4	7,8	4,5
Strength (in MPa)	2200	1700	1200
Strength at 600°C (in MPa)	1400	800	650
Stiffness (in GPa)	210	190	110
Elongation (in %)	1,3	6	15
Thermal Expansion (in $\text{K}^{-1}$ )	$5 \times 10^{-6}$	$12 \times 10^{-6}$	$8,5 \times 10^{-6}$

# Alternative Manufacturing Processes

No real technological **alternative** available **beyond** the **Magnetron Sputter** Process

- **Foil – Fiber - Foil Technology**

- **Tape-Cast Process**

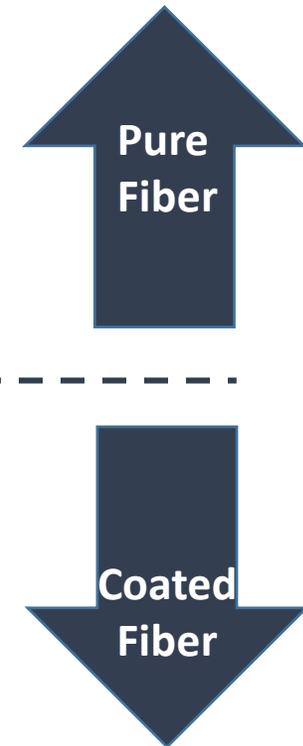
- **Plasma Flame Spraying**

- **Electrolytic Coating**

- **Electron Beam Deposition**

- **Cathodic Vaporization (Magnetron Sputter Process)**

Mature  
Manufacturing  
Process



# Magnetron Sputtering Processes

No limitations with respect to metal matrix used

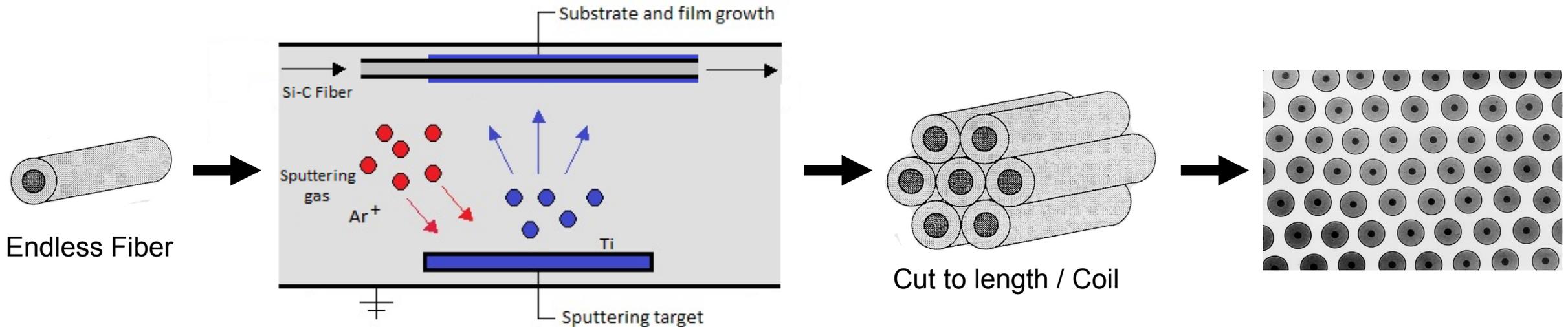
## Magnetron Sputter Process

Sourcing

Fiber Coating

Trimming & Bundling

Hot Isostatic Pressing



### Advantages:

- + Fiber distance distribution
- + Material properties
- + Reproducibility
- + Different metal matrix composites possible
- + Homogeneity

### Disadvantages:

- Dimensional limitations
- Manufacturing Costs

# Step-by-Step Process View

Fiber to be positioned in direction of loading

## Example: Connecting Rod



1. Bundle of coated fibers to be filled into especially designed component (lengthwise / spooled depending on direction of load)
2. Closing of component with end caps and vacuum welding
3. Hot isostatic pressing to achieve seamless material connection
4. Machining of component to finalize shaping and address surface requirements

# Technical Equipment required

3D Printing provides new design and application option

## 3D Metal Printing



**Fiber Coating**



**Metal Machining**



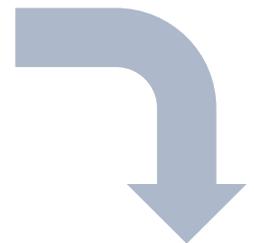
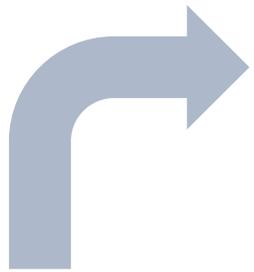
**Vacuum Laser Weder**



**Hot Isostatic Press (HIP)**



**Final Machining**



# Markets

TMC is suitable for different markets



AVIATION



SPACE TRAVEL



RACING



MED TECH

# High-performance Engine Parts

Typical applications - highly stressed engine components



TMC adopted mainly in Engine Technology  
(Aviation / Motor racing)

Performance more important than costs

Application examples:

- Turbine / Fan Blades (weight reduction -30%)
- Impeller Blade Wheel (weight red. -30%)
- Inlet/Outlet Valves (weight red. -15%)
- Connecting Rod (weight red. -10%)
- Stud Bolt (weight red. -40%)
- Piston Pin (weight red. -40%)
- Drive Shaft (weight red. -50%)

Built basis for success of TOYOTA Formula 1 engines (2002-2006), until F1 changed regulations

# Medical Tech

The TMC advantages promises to be the perfect material for hip implants

Per anno 400.000 hip implant operations in Germany,  
Worlwide Turnover of hip implants is approx. \$20bn



Problem: the dwell time is limited to ~15 years inside the body



Solution: hip implants of TMC shall have a significant longer lifetime (we are in the research phase)



Idea: prostheses made of TMC under use of Ti-Alloy with medical approval



Advantage: further operative procedures are extremely reduced and relief of the health system

# Orthopedic Implants

**TMC based implants improve quality of life for patients**



## Materials used

- Titanium alloys (TiAl6V4, TiAl6Nb7 - forging alloy)
- CoCrMo forging alloys

## Today's limitations

- risk of fatigue fractures (titanium implants)
- Pure biocompatibility of steel
- Limited number of implant operations per joint

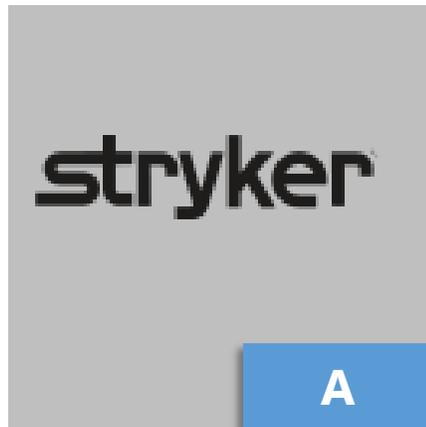
Implants typically replaced after 15 years

Costs per surgery in Germany (EUR 10.000 excl. material)

## Advantages of TMC-based implants:

- Lifecycle extension of implant
- Replacement of steel implants
- Reduction of medical surgeries
- Improved quality of life

# Hip Implants Market



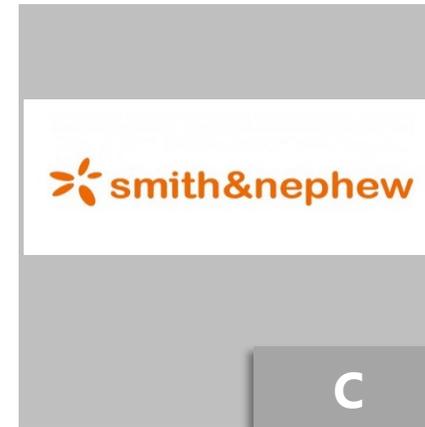
**STRIKER CORP.**

Sell 650,000 hip implants and knee joints every year worldwide  
Sales: \$ 9.946 billion



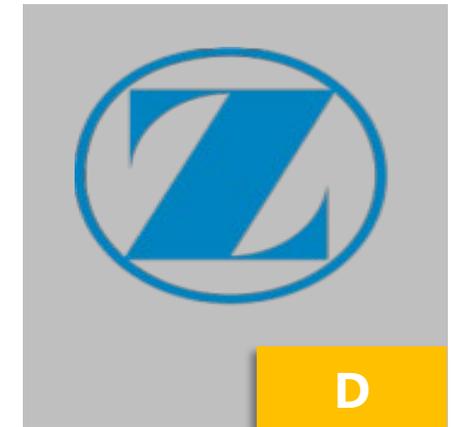
**DEPUY SYNTHES**

Total revenue in 2015:  
\$ 9.3 billion



**SMITH&NEPHEW**

Total revenue in 2016:  
\$ 4.7 billion



**ZIMMER BIOMET**

Hip products sales in 2016: \$ 1.868 billion

# E-Drives for Regional Air Mobility

Expand use of E-Drives into Aerospace by increasing power density



- Worldwide more than 100 aerotaxi projects ongoing
- Piloted or autonomous
- Different principles: jet or helicopter
- Weight, payload, drive power are critical

Today's limitations due to power density of available E-Drives (<10 kw/kg), doubling required as target performance

Use of innovative techniques and materials

- 3D prints, carbon fiber to reduce weight of components
- Limited esp. regarding high temperature applications

Advantages of TMC-based components:

- Reduced weight of heavy iron parts, esp. rotor / stator
- Increased performance (increased RPM)
- Reduced weight of safety shields etc.

# Thank You & Get in Touch



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