Challenges from a business point of view:

• High hourly machine costs (due to machine acquisition and power costs)
• Machine availability: Experimental testing on the machines reduces the productiveness
• Relatively high material costs

Challenges from a technical point of view:

There are various influencing factors in the additive manufacturing process with different significance, such as

• Different production methods and their special physics
• Different 3D printers and their machine-specific influence on the production process
• Differing metal powder quality

A very high number of machine input parameters (up to 200) is involved in AM processes, all having an impact on the achieved behavior of the final parts. Prior to producing the parts, you have to answer questions like

• What is the best support structure strategy in terms of location and properties?
• What is the best build-up orientation?

Complex physical interactions cause an inconsistent quality of the produced parts.

Non-optimal part design for manufacturing leads to

• Incorrectly produced or even failed parts (cracks), due to
  ... Distortion
  ... Residual stress
How Simufact Additive can help you solve these issues

Simufact Additive is a powerful and scalable software solution for the simulation of metal-based additive manufacturing processes.

Simufact Additive helps you to produce **AM parts first-time-right:**
- Deformation of the manufactured part and of the base plate
- Minimize residual stress
- Optimize the build-up orientation
- Optimize the support structure
- Condition the part after heat treatment, base plate and support structure removal

**In the future also**
- Predict the microstructure
- Indicate criteria-based part failure

Simufact Additive puts its focus on **Powder Bed Fusion processes** including Selective Laser Melting (SLM), Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS), LaserCUSING®, Electron Beam Melting (EBM), and more. Deposition processes are currently covered by Simufact.welding.

Using the macroscopic approach, you get simulation results within a few minutes, which predict the tendency of stresses and distortions. Accurate results can usually be obtained in just a few hours.

Achieve your business goals with Simufact Additive

Replace time-consuming testing with simulation methods!

Employ Simufact Additive process simulation and save time and money:
- Shorten your learning process dramatically
- Run more variations prior to the production
- Shorten time-to-market
- Increase machine/manpower availability and productivity
- Reduce material and energy consumption costs

Simufact Additive covers the core manufacturing process chain including
- Additive Manufacturing
- Heat Treatment / stress relief process
- HIP process (mechnical influence)
- Cutting & removal (of the support structures and plate)

**AM process chain**
5 reasons why Simufact Additive will lead the way

1. Problem solver
   Simufact Additive helps you solve the No. 1 issues with 3D metal printing:
   a. Significantly reduce distortion
   b. Minimize residual stress to avoid failures
   c. Optimize the build-up orientation and the support structures

2. Strong concept
   Simufact Additive’s multi-scaling approach combines the best approaches in one unique software solution – from an extremely fast mechanical method to a fully thermo-mechanically coupled transient analysis with highest accuracy in simulation results.

3. Special purpose software
   Simufact Additive is a specialized software solution dedicated to AM process simulation.

4. Best-in-class GUI
   Simufact Additive comes with an intuitive and user-friendly GUI ensuring an extraordinary user experience. The flexible GUI concept allows machine and application-specific dialogs aligned with the real process work flow.

5. Sophisticated Technology
   Simufact Additive is based on MSC’s proven MARC solver technology
   • Leading solution for non-linear numerical simulations
   • Covering a broad range of physics
   • Further dedicated advancement for AM purposes

Best-In-Class GUI for AM process simulation

Simufact Additive comes with a best-in-class GUI ensuring an extraordinary user experience:

- User-friendly, intuitive use
- Fewer icons for a better usability
- Context sensitive, use right mouse click
- Prepared for application- and machine-specific dialogs
- Support of complex models
- GUI is oriented to real AM workflow

Please read more details on our websites simufact.com/additive