

Fraunhofer-Institute for Production Technology IPT

EPIC Meeting on Polymer Optics

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Institutes und sites



Key Figures

- 74 institutes
- 28 000 employees
- > 2.8 bn € annual fund for research

➔ **Largest organization for applied research in Europe**

Fraunhofer Society

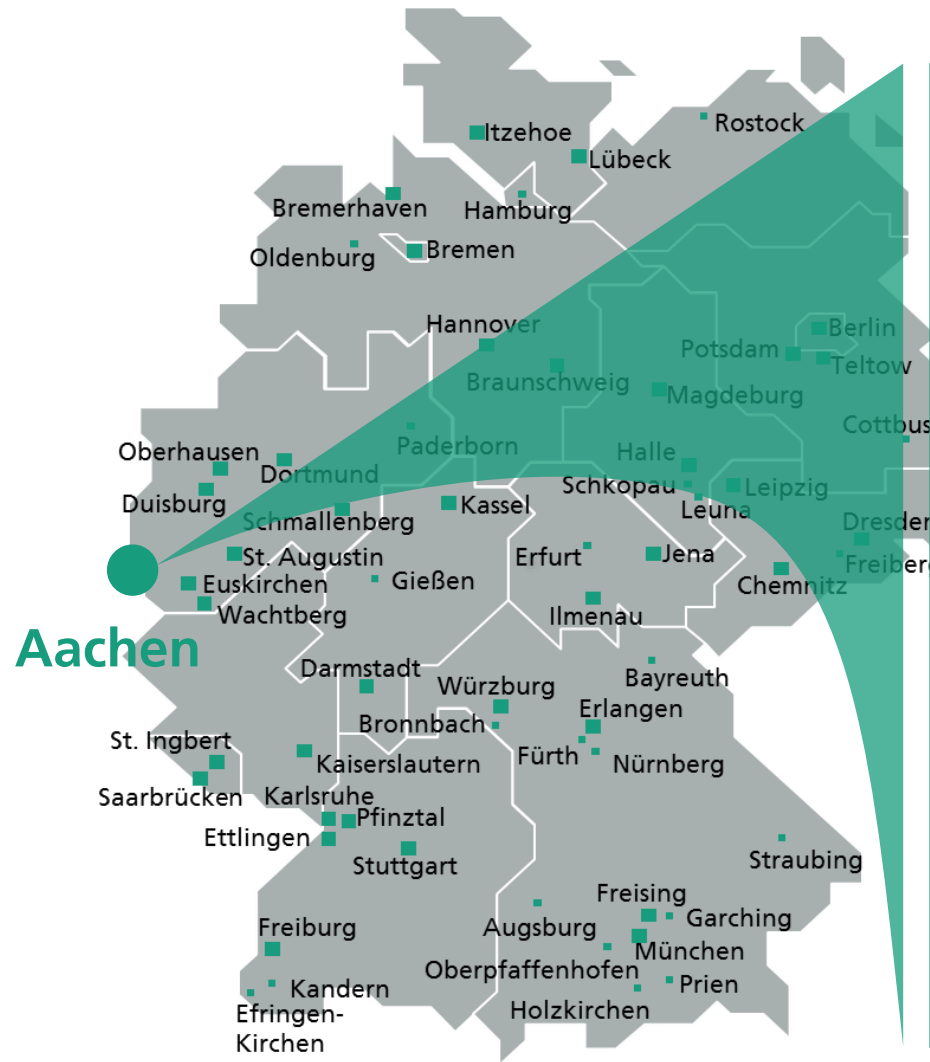
- Founded in 1949
- Legal form: nonprofit association
- Headquarter in Munich, Germany

Goal

- Contract research for economy and society
- Transferring fundamental research to industrial application

Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology IPT

Overview



Fraunhofer

IPT



459 Employees, thereof
229 permanently



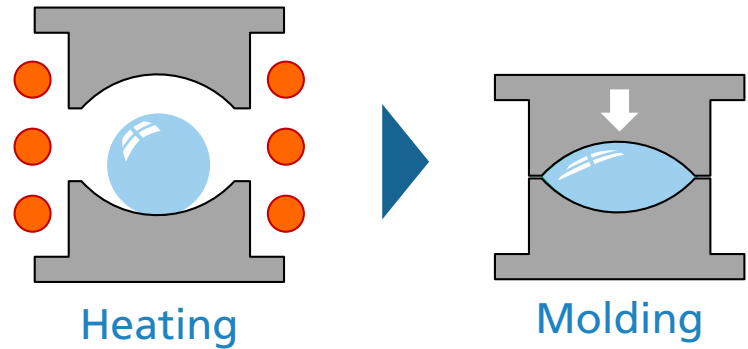
31 Mio. € operating budget,
thereof 11.1 m € Industry
projects



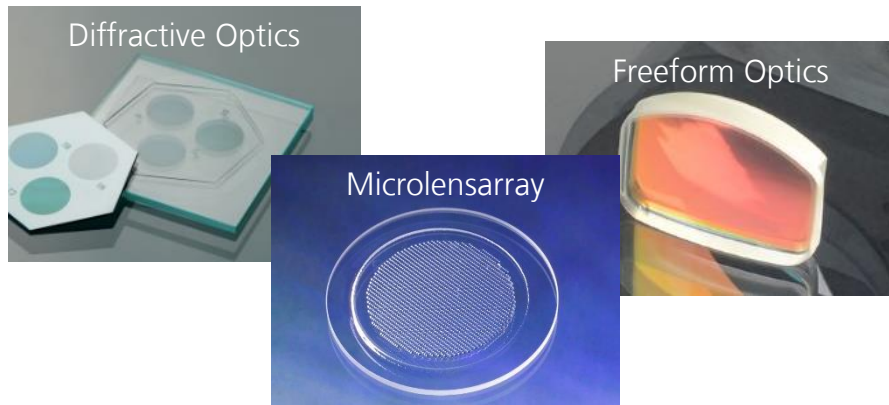
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9001:2015

High Potential of Replicative Optics Manufacturing

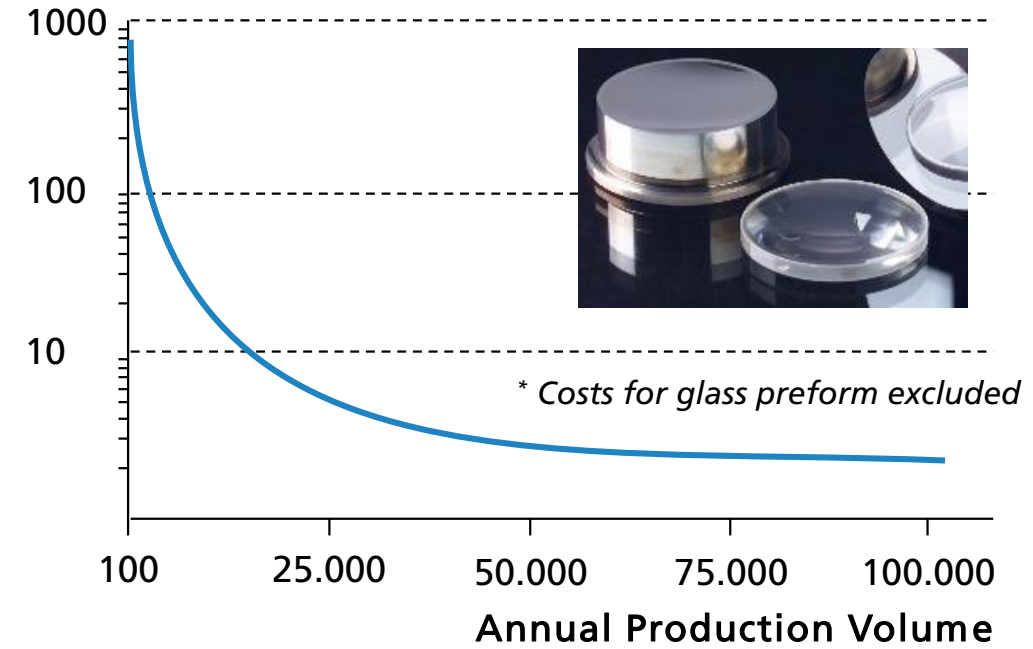
Precision Glass Molding Principle



Complex Lens with high accuracy



Manufacturing Costs* per Unit [US-\$]



Precision Glass Molding can potentially meet the requirements of complex geometries, high accuracy at low costs

Precision Glass Molding

Product Spectrum & Scope of Application

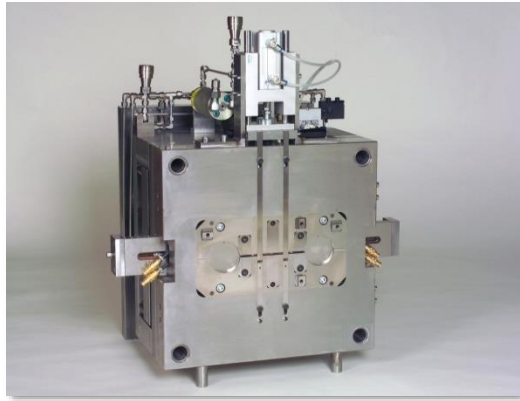


- Wide range of possible geometries
- Accuracies can be adjusted according to the field of application:
 - Imaging
 - Lighting
 - Laser Optics
- High reproducibility/ repeatability as a consequence of the molding process
- Scalable production through Spinoff companies and technology transfer

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aix tooling

Replication of Polymer Optics at Fraunhofer IPT

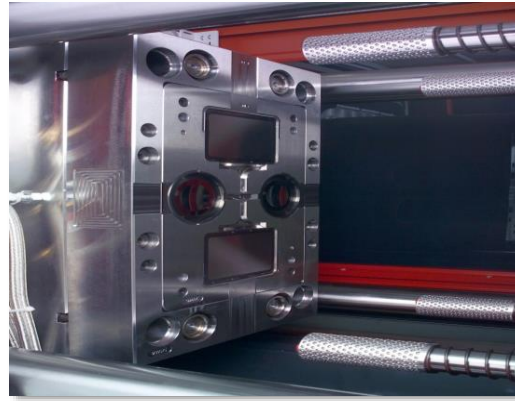
Project examples of IPT mold and tool making



Injection compression molding tool with integrated measuring sensors



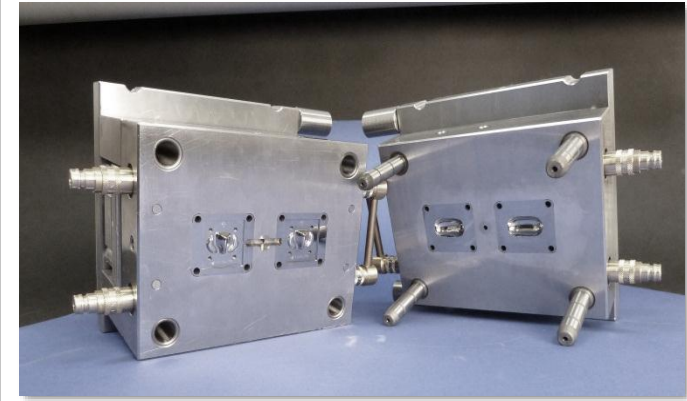
Freeform optic for automotive lights



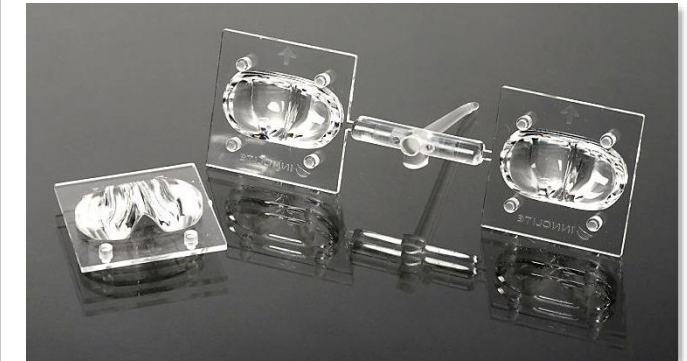
2+2-cavity injection molding tool with dynamic cooling



Microstructured Lightguides



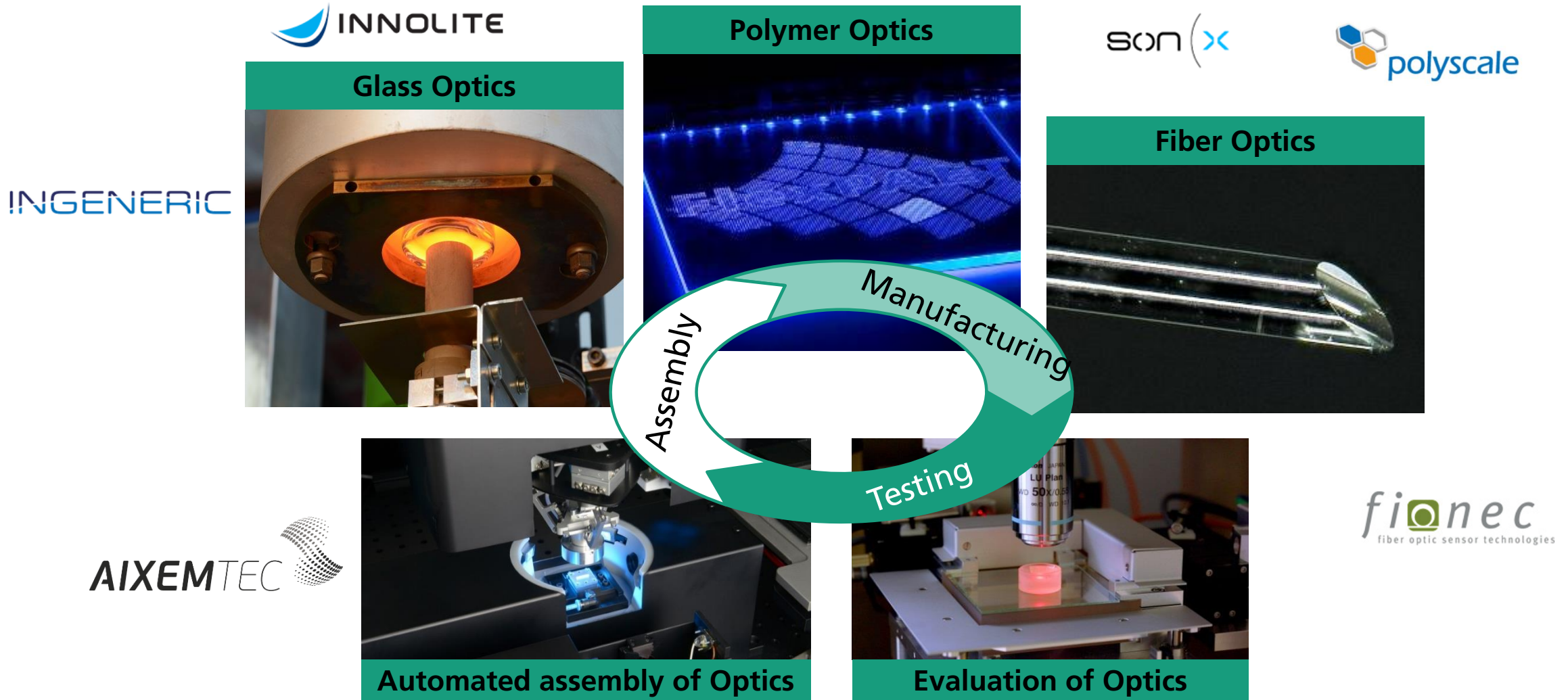
Compact injection compression molding tool with integrated hydraulic unit



Thick-walled LED-focus lens with freeform surface

Optics in Aachen

From Manufacturing over Assembly to System integration



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