# I4MS ICT INNOVATION FOR MANUFACTURING SMES

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# SME's World

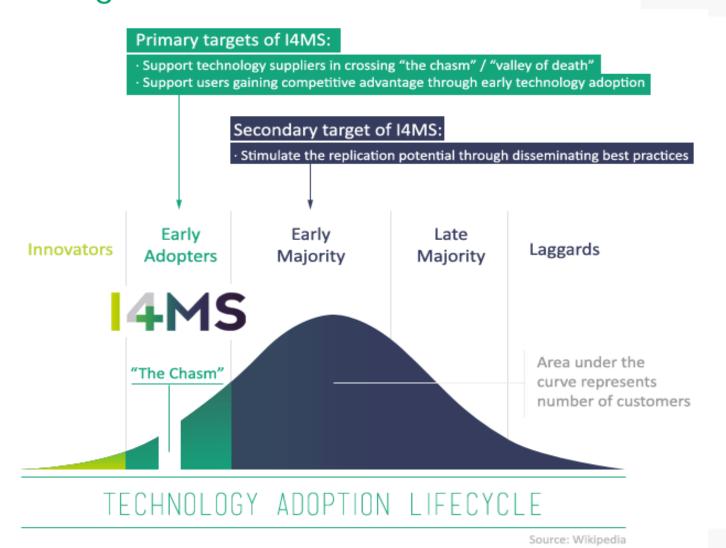


- High tech SMEs want to/must innovate
- SMEs need a market window of opportunity
- SMEs must be connected along the value chain
- SMEs often operate in the wake of the big ones
- SME schemes must be quick and dynamic
- SMEs need much more than €s:
  - √ access to technology & competences
  - √ access to infrastructures
  - √ access to new markets
  - ✓ on an EU-scale across sectors and regions
  - √ through networks of competence centres



# I4MS´ Target



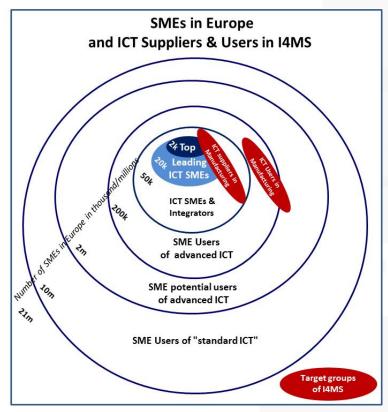




# 14MS Ecosystem



- Key role of SMEs in value chains: users and suppliers
- SME need more than €s: access to competences and networks across Europe
- Different ICT technologies:
  - HPC-Cloud based Simulation
  - Robotics
  - Sensor & Laser applications
- Major implementation means:
  - Application experiments
  - Assessment experiments
- Clustered around networks of competence centres
- Collaboration in a network of innovation multipliers

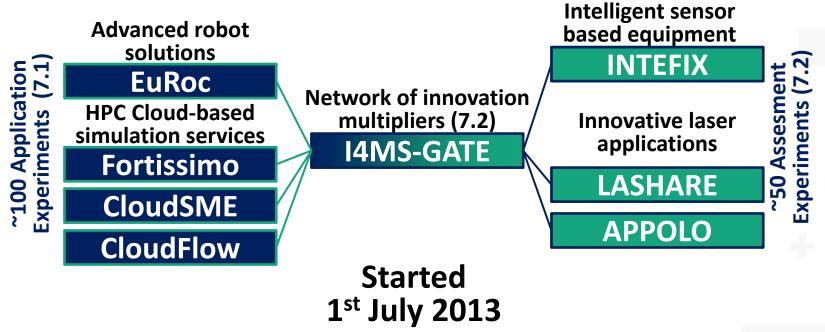




# Projects involved



- Key role of SMEs in value chains: users and suppliers
- Clustered around networks of competence centres
- Open Calls for experiments during course of projects









**Cloud-based**, one-stop-shop solution providing a scalable platform for small or larger scale **simulations**, and enable the wider take-up of simulation technologies in manufacturing and engineering SME's.

- \* Simulation platform that allows seamless access to multiple heterogeneous cloud resources and provides a high level of abstraction to users when accessing these resources for simulations in a one-stop-shop solution.
- \* Platform as a Service (PaaS) solution to build customised cloud applications
- \* Enable simulation software providers to offer **Software** as a Service (SaaS) simulation solutions
- \* Enable SMEs in the manufacturing and engineering domain to access simulation services
- \* Seamless access to HPC resources in order to speed up the simulations on-demand
- \* Define generic and concrete business models for SMEs in the manufacturing/engineering sector to facilitate the take-up of cloud-based simulation solutions



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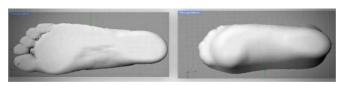


### **3D SCAN INSOLE DESIGNER**

- PC SW simulation used in the design of tailored insoles.
- Migration to a cloud ubiquitous platform will help in the internationalization of the company and in the availability of computing resources for tailored design to increase production.
- Simulation helps in:
  - Detection of wrongly scanned areas without points or too few points



- Screening of flat areas in the foot profile due to an incorrect scan process
- Detection of painful or unpleasant contact areas of the foot with the insole



### 2MoRO's BFly®

- Comparison between aircraft in-service data with design data and limits set by manufacturers to offer other valuable services:
- 2MoRO will translate several services available on BFly® as a set of interoperable cloud-based services (SaaS) that can be potentially deployed as a dedicated solution (PaaS)



- Benefits for:
  - Simulation software providers: offering results of data-mining and calculation (statistical or comparative) in real-time or in timely manner as resources are shared.
  - Aircraft manufacturers: more services, less investment. Optimised business process and knowledge management.





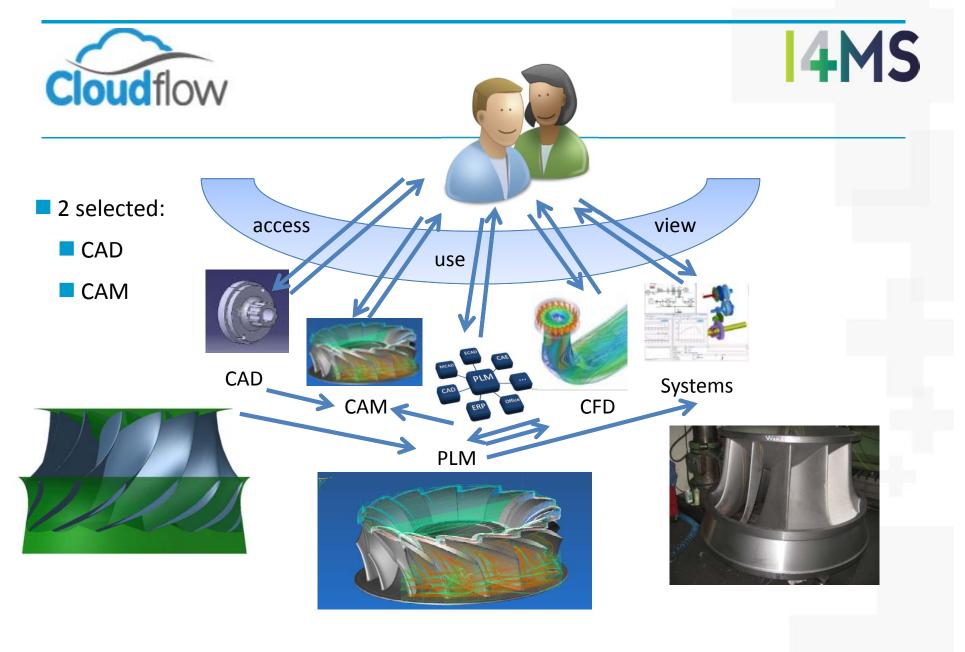


## Computational Cloud services and workflows for AgilE Engineering SMEs

- CloudFlow enables engineers to access services on the Cloud spanning domains such as
  - CAD,
  - CAM,
  - CAE (CFD),
  - systems and
  - PLM,
- combines them to integrated workflows
- leveraging HPC resources.







http://www.eu-cloudflow.eu





- Building Cloud of HPC Resources to solve SMEs' business challenges
- Complementing generic SME initiatives in FP7 with specific support to deliver economic growth through modeling and simulation
- Focus on problem solving not technical development
- Bring together all of the players in a marketplace
- €22m costs, €16m EC funding, 45 partners growing to 90+ over the 3 year duration, 6 HPC Cloud provides







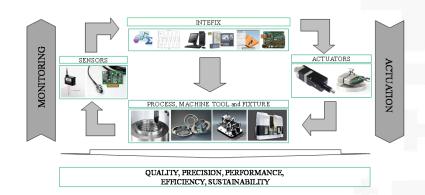


- Increase the performance of the machining processes ⇒ intelligent fixtures
- Control and adapt the behaviour of the fixture  $\Rightarrow$  development of smart fixtures
- Establish fixture design methodologies for different process limitations

SCENARIO 1: VIBRATION SCENARIO 2: DEFORMATION

**SCENARIO 3: POSITIONING** 

- Monitoring, control and adaptation of the process ⇒ modify the fixture's behaviour and include process-systems interactions ⇒ Improvement of precision, quality and time/cost
- Based on state of the art sensors and actuators, with suitable/ad-hoc control algorithms.
- Requirements:
  - Configurable (Modular, reuse of components...)
  - Fast (Automation, data management...)
  - Accurate (Adaptability to forces, deflections...)
  - Durable (self control for wear...)









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### **VIBRATIONS - Turbine Case**

- Vibrations come from:
- Low stiffness
- Changes in geometry
- Process and clamping forces
- Solution:
- Smart fixtures: sensors+actuators+control
- Vibration detection (sensors)
- Changes in the dynamic behaviour (actuators): variable clamping force and position, added mass/damping/stiffness



## DEFORMATIONS – Structural part

### Distortions come from:

- Residual stress + Material removal
- Slender shape
- Clamping forces

### Solution:

- Intelligent clamps: sensors+actuators+control
- Force measurement (sensors)
- Change position and clamping force (actuators)
- Machining steps: clamp in pre-distorted shape





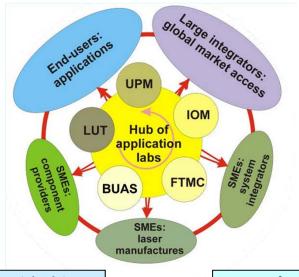


**Assessment** 

procedures



**Goal of APPOLO**: establish and coordinate connections between **end-users** with demand for laser technologies, knowledge accumulated in **application laboratories** of research institutes and universities and **laser equipment manufacturers** in order to **facilitate** faster **validation** of process feasibility and **adaptation** or **customization** of technology & equipment for manufacturing conditions



Core of the consortium – laser application laboratories:

- around Europe;
- connected to a virtual hub,

in order to

- accumulate knowledge and infrastructure
- promote the easy-to-access environment
- develop and validate of laser-based technologies in

8+ equipment assessment value chains

Industrial Advisory
Board
Input from other assessment chains

**Equipment** 

assessment

New partners & assessment experiments - after the Open Competitive Call in 2014

Integration for process validation

Equipment in processing

Validation with end-user

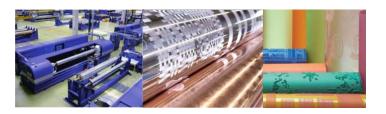


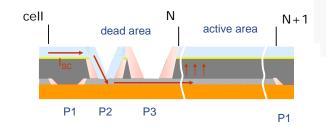






■ Thin film CIGS solar cell scribing with picosecond lasers

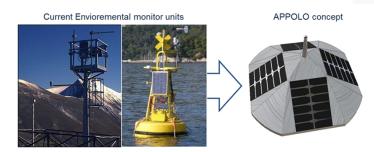




Laser patterning and direct writing for flexible 3D electronics



Laser surface texturing



■ Parallel activities on sensing and monitoring techniques for processing and validation





### Mission

 LASHARE aims to share laser expertise to accelerate innovation for manufacturing SME's through Laser based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

## **Objectives**

- Support 14 SME's from the supplier side to advance their labdemonstrated laser based equipment towards robust solutions
- Focus the laser based equipment towards the assessment criteria and the market demand defined by the 14 industrial users
- Provide an independent source of information on laser based equipment and its integration into manufacturing environments
- Support another 10 12 LEA's in a second set of assessments through an Open Call (approx. Q3/2014)











PARROT - Parallel multi-beam ablation of rotationally symmetric work pieces

- Modify the surface microstructure to achieve new properties
- Develop industrially robust diffractive optical elements and optics to split the laser beam into multiple spots

Increase manufacturing efficiency by parallel processing

FLAT – Plug in laser diode module for warm sheet metal forming

- Integrate a vibration resistant laser diode module directly into a sheet forming machine
- Deliver up to 1kW@1cm² using direct regular water cooling for operation from 10 to 40°C
- Reduce forces in roll forming by 50%
- Implement a totally spring-back-free process with 100% geometric certainty after forming

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User

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