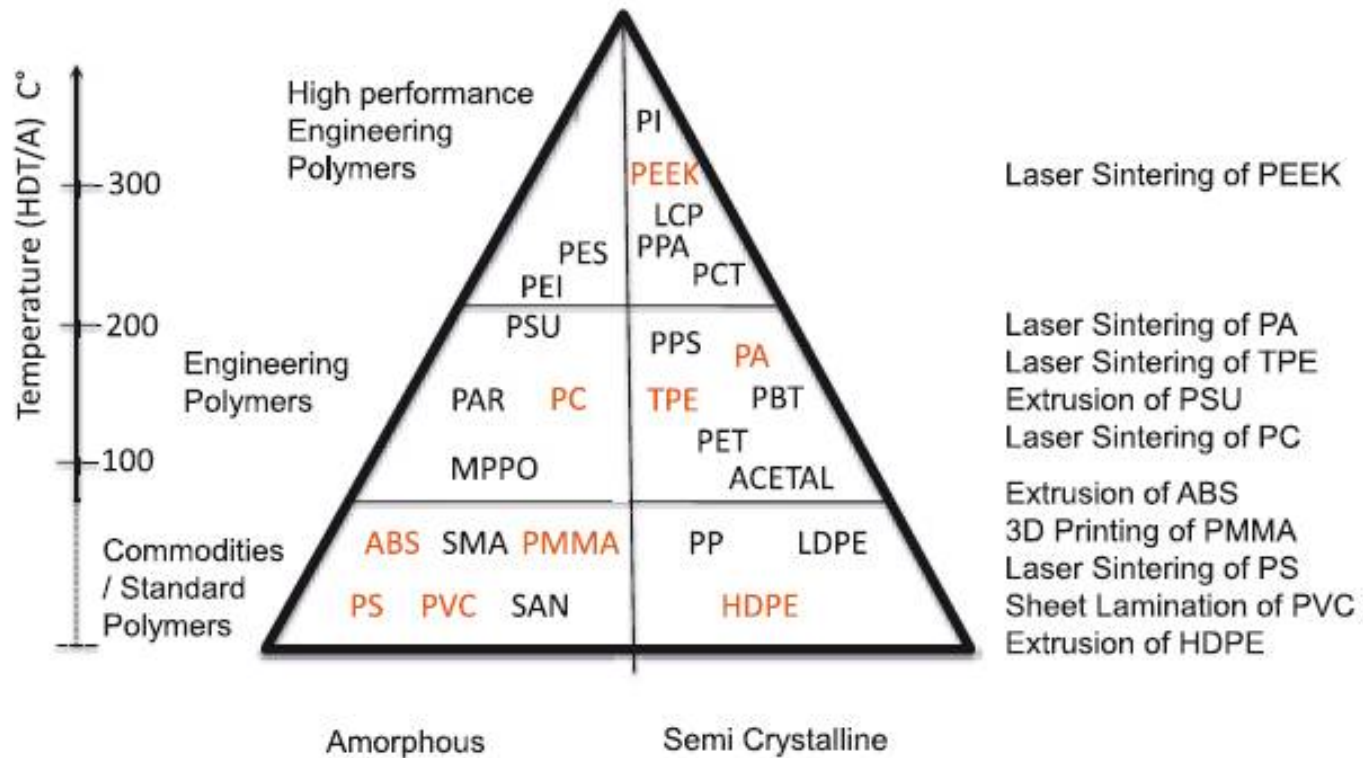




Plastic triangle with plotted AM processes and related materials





Material	Strength	Weakness	3D Printer
PLA, ABS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low-cost• Fast turnaround times• High stiffness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited dimensional accuracy• Print layers are likely to be visible• More brittle	FDM
Resin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fine features• high detail• Smooth surface• injection mold-like prototype• surface finish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support marks may be visible on surface• Brittle• not recommended for functional parts	SLA/DLP
Nylon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good chemical resistance• Perfect for functional applications.• excellent mechanical properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher cost than FDM• Longer lead times	SLS
PEI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High performance applications• Flame retardant• Food safe• Good mechanical properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited dimensional accuracy	FDM



Materials	Technology
Standard, tough, flexible, transparent, & castable resins	SLA
Standard & castable resins	DLP
Standard, tough, flexible, transparent, & castable resins	CDLP
ABS, PLA, Nylon, PC, fiber-reinforced Nylon, ULTEM, exotic filaments (wood-filled, metal-filled)	FDM
Rigid, transparent, multi-color, rubber-like, ABS-like. Multi-material and multi-color printing available	Material jetting
Stainless steel, ceramics	NPJ
Wax	DOD
Silica sand, PMMA particle material, gypsum, Stainless steel, ceramics, cobalt-chrome, tungsten-carbide	Binder jetting
Titanium, stainless steel, aluminum, copper, tool steel	LENS
Titanium, stainless steel, aluminum, copper nickel, 4340 steel	EBAM