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FOR ADDITIVE  
MANUFACTURING**



**Your Partner for Additive Manufacturing in Aachen**

Community | R&D | Services | Education

# RWTH Aachen University Campus

## A unique research environment – and unique in its shape



**Campus Melaten 2012**

- From first idea to final product
- Winning formula:  
*„Kannste mal eben?“*

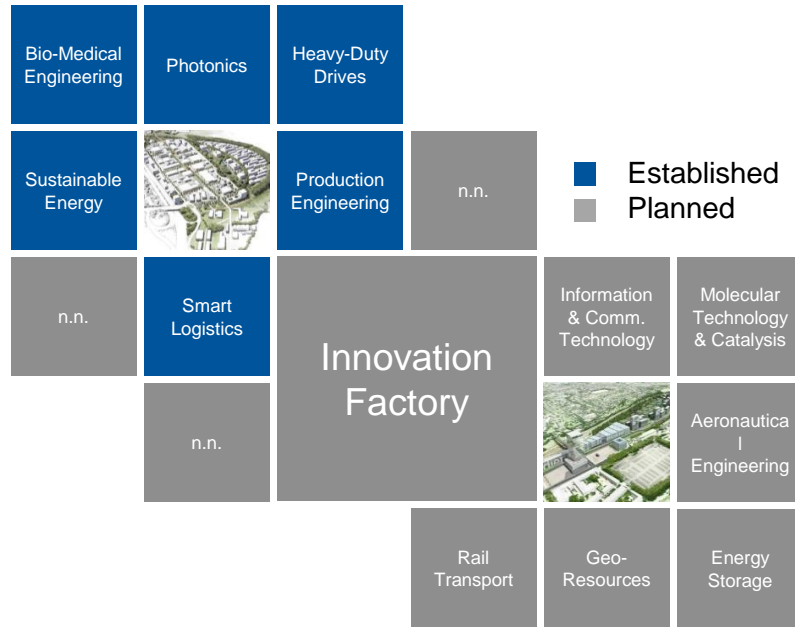
- Broad engineering portfolio tailored to industrial needs
- Trust is the key! Infrastructure and expertise is not enough
- Systemized learnings

**Campus Melaten 2016**



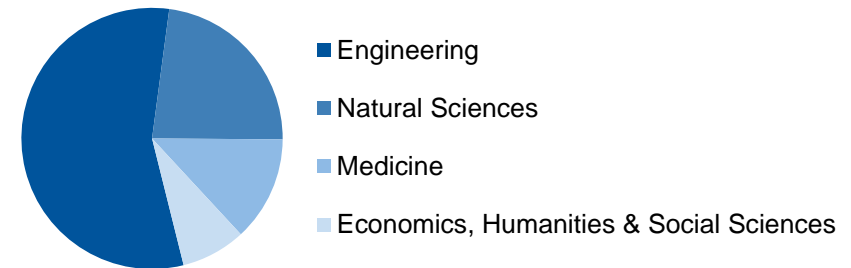
# Engineering Valley - The RWTH Aachen University Campus

## Key Facts



- Shared lab & office space for
  - industrial R&D partners
  - research chairs
- 16 clusters overall
- 300+ industry partnerships already established
- Hotels, shopping, leisure, day-care, ...

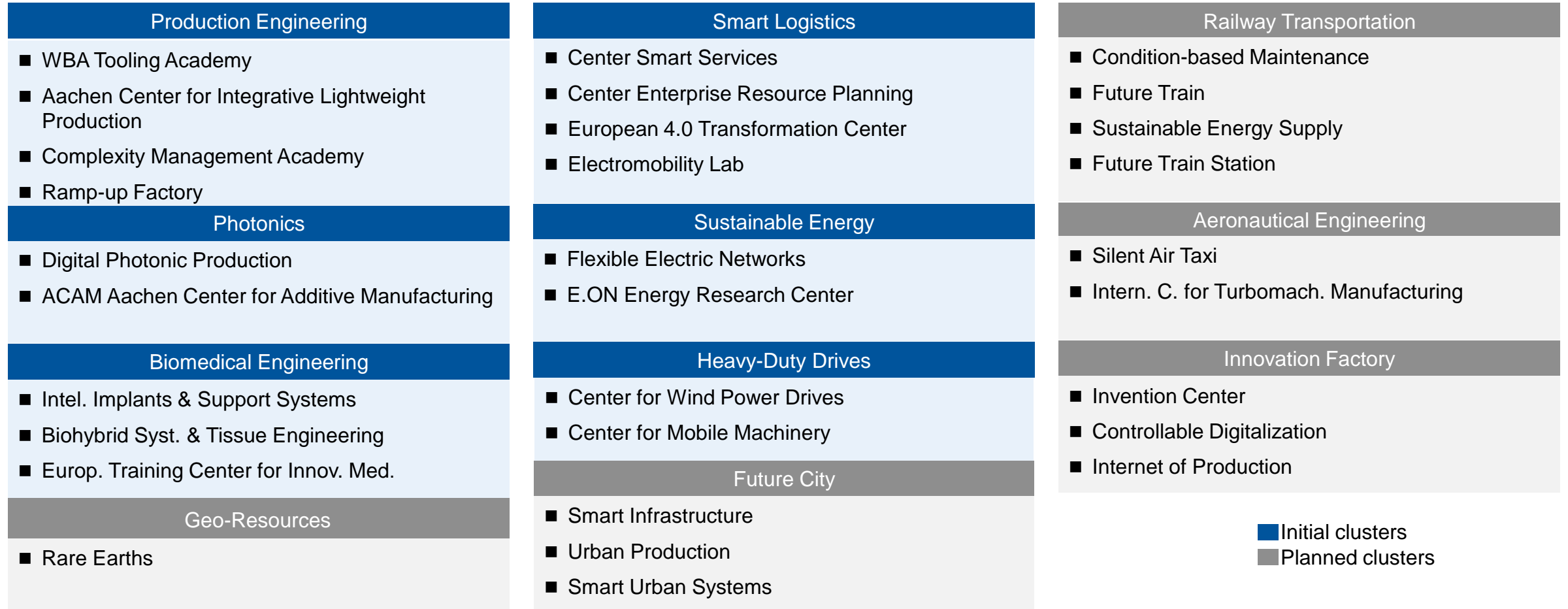
- Know-how of RWTH Aachen
- Among best technical universities worldwide
- 43,000 students
- 500+ professors
- Vast amount of industry cooperations



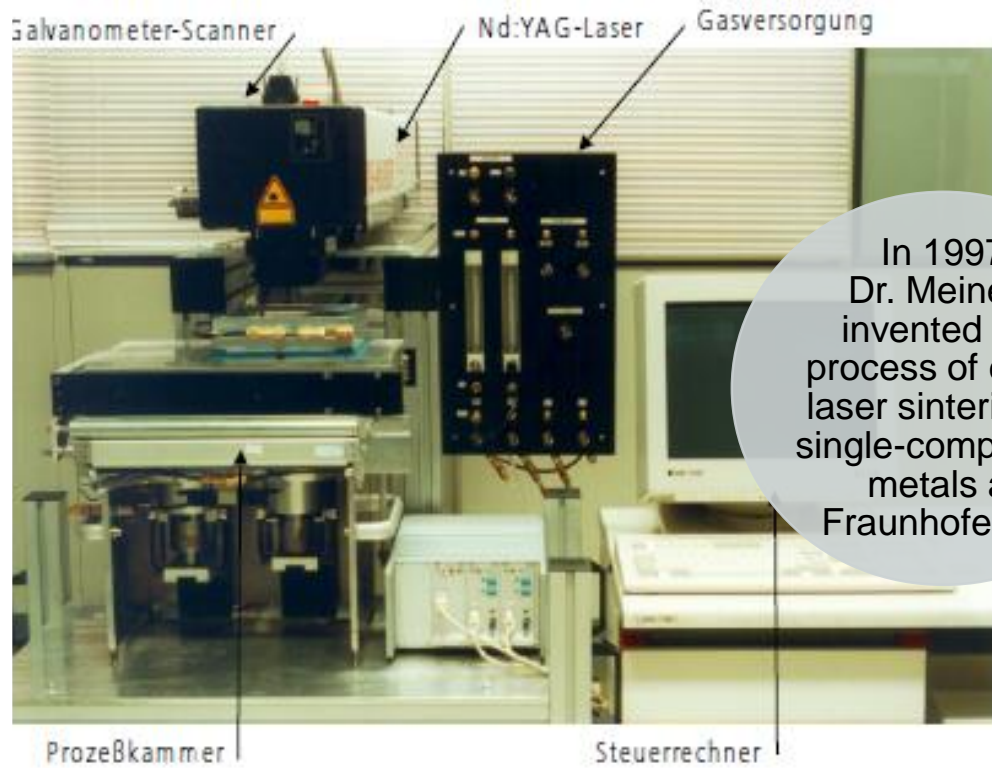
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## Focus Areas



# Additive Manufacturing in Aachen Back in the Days...



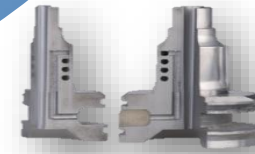
In 1997  
Dr. Meiners  
invented the  
process of direct  
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„The cradle of metal AM“

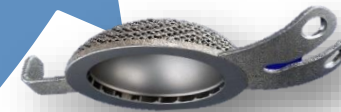
„The world’s most vivid and  
multifaceted AM ecosystem“



**1997:**  
Basic Patent at  
Fraunhofer ILT



**2001:**  
First Tool Insert



**2008:**  
First Implant

# Additive Manufacturing at the RWTH Aachen Campus Nowadays – Cluster Photonics



More than **100 researchers** dedicated to AM  
200+ years of person years in R&D experience



**3,000 m<sup>2</sup> AM lab space**  
Design, post-machining and testing facilities



**25 systems for metal AM, 15 for polymers**  
L-PBF, DED, SLS, SLA, EBM, FDM

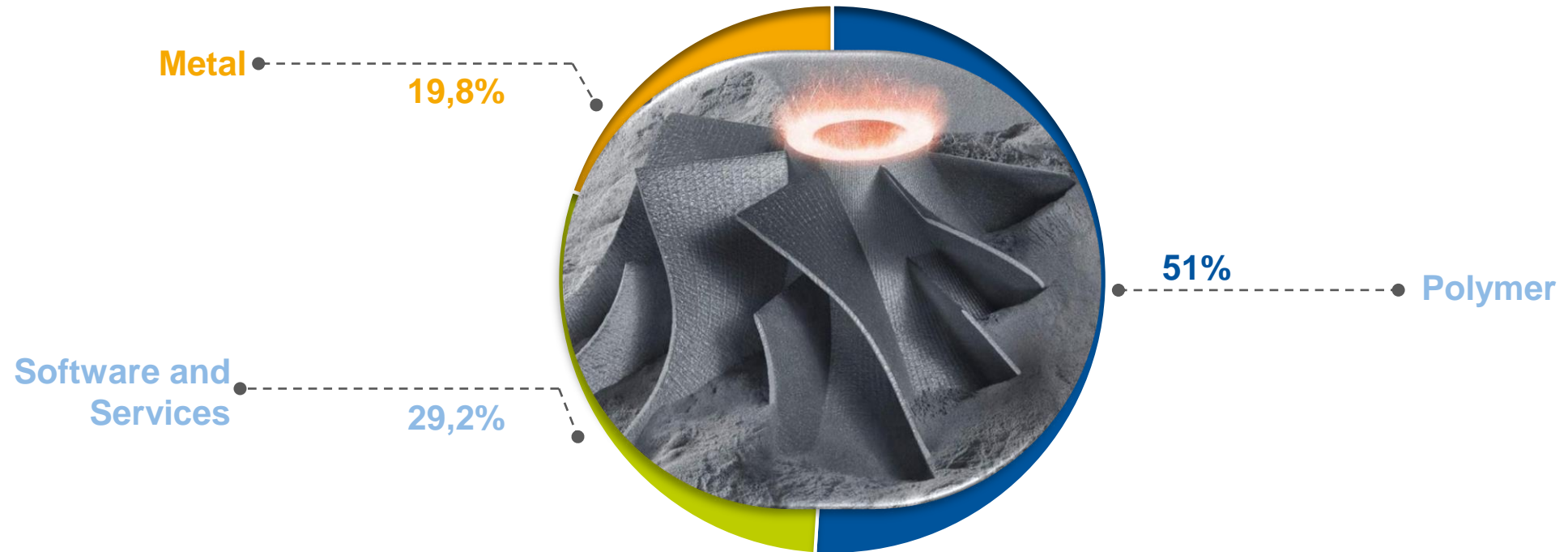


**16 Mio. € yearly** overall AM budget  
40% industry share



# Economical perspective

## The potential of Additive Manufacturing



UP

**10,8 Bil. €**



The global market volume of products and services in the field of Additive Manufacturing will increase to € 10.8 billion by 2020.<sup>1</sup>

Source: <sup>1</sup>Wohlers Report 2013; Image: trumpf.com

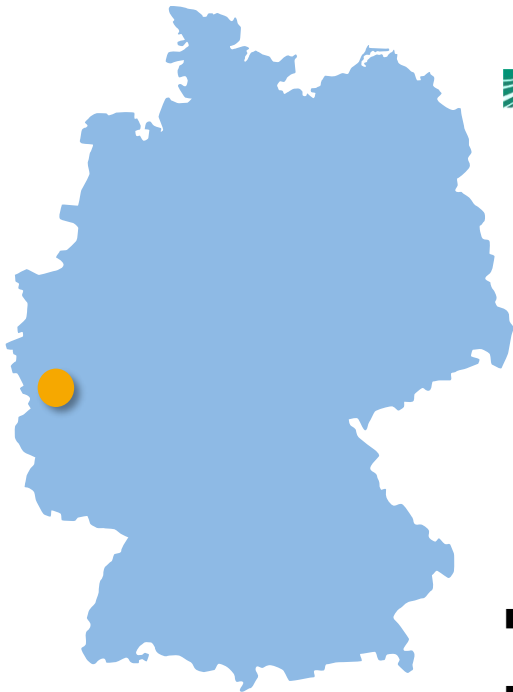


# Additive Manufacturing at the RWTH Aachen Campus

## Navigating AM Complexity



### University, research institutes and spin-off companies in Aachen



### Research Partners at the



### AACHEN CENTER FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

- **One stop shop** for Additive Manufacturing
- We pool resources and facilitate the access to the Additive Manufacturing expertise of the **leading research institutions**
- We provide opportunities for **joint R&D**, a sophisticated **training and education** program and an **online platform**
- We enable industry partners to **strengthen their AM footprint**, to be upfront in **technologies** and build **business connections**.



# Additive Manufacturing at the RWTH Aachen Campus

## Highlights in research, development and cooperation



WBA  
WERKZEUGBAU  
AKADEMIE



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### 1995: First hybrid machine tool

Development and patent of „Controlled Metal Buildup CMB“ at Fraunhofer IPT



### 2015: Foundation of ACAM

With 10 research partners and a growing number (now 30) of industrial members AM is being industrialised



### 1997: Basic patent for SLM

Development and patent of laser based powder bed fusion of metals at Fraunhofer ILT



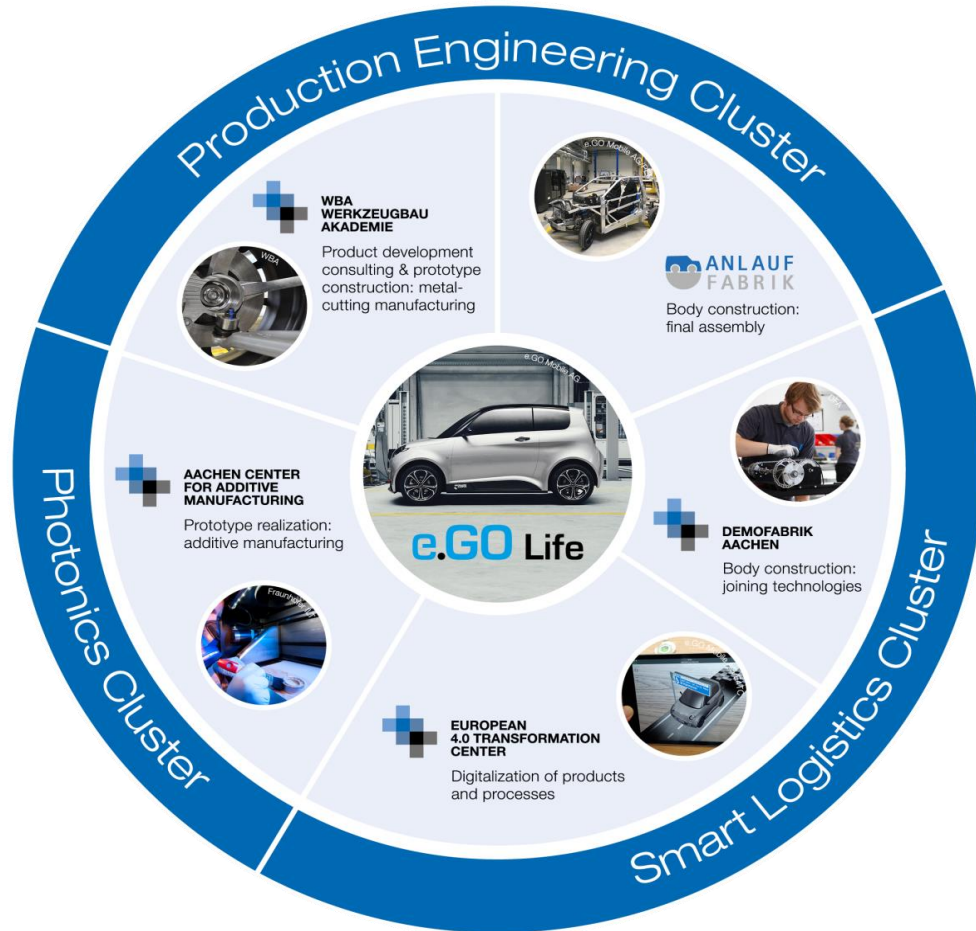
### 2016: LMD ten times faster

Development and patent of High Speed Laser Metal Deposition at Fraunhofer ILT



# Additive Manufacturing at the RWTH Aachen Campus

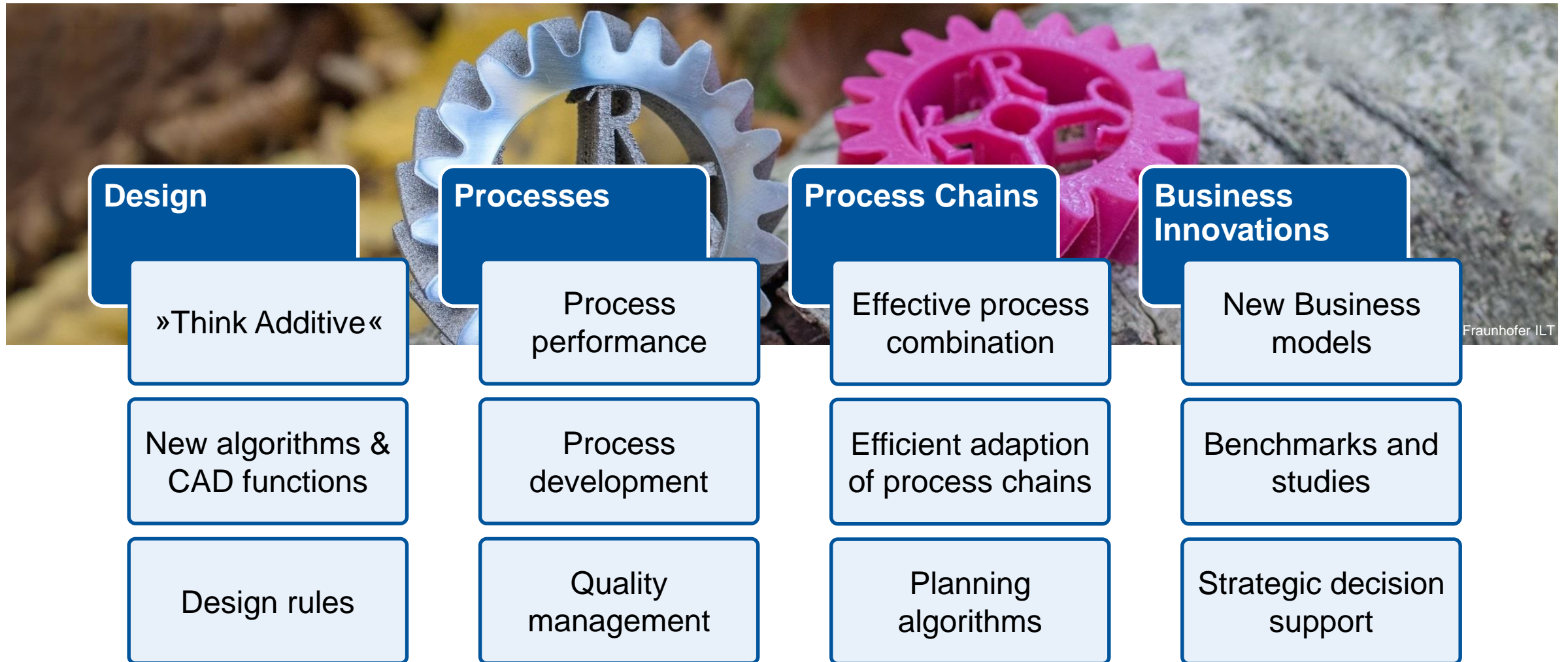
## ACAM promotes AM as a core element of agile and adaptive production for e.Go Mobile



The ACAM has provided the business with its product design and manufacturing processes expertise.

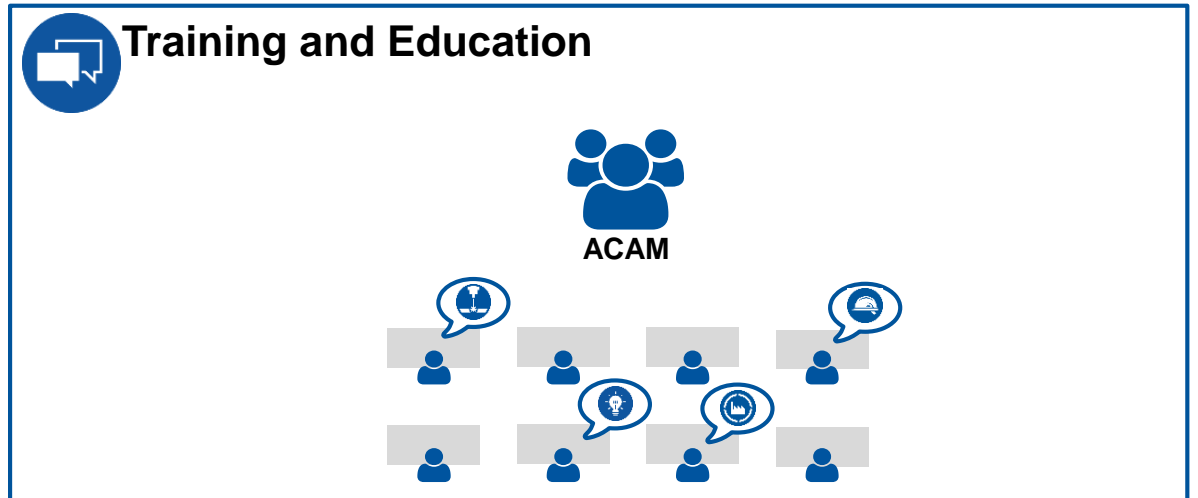
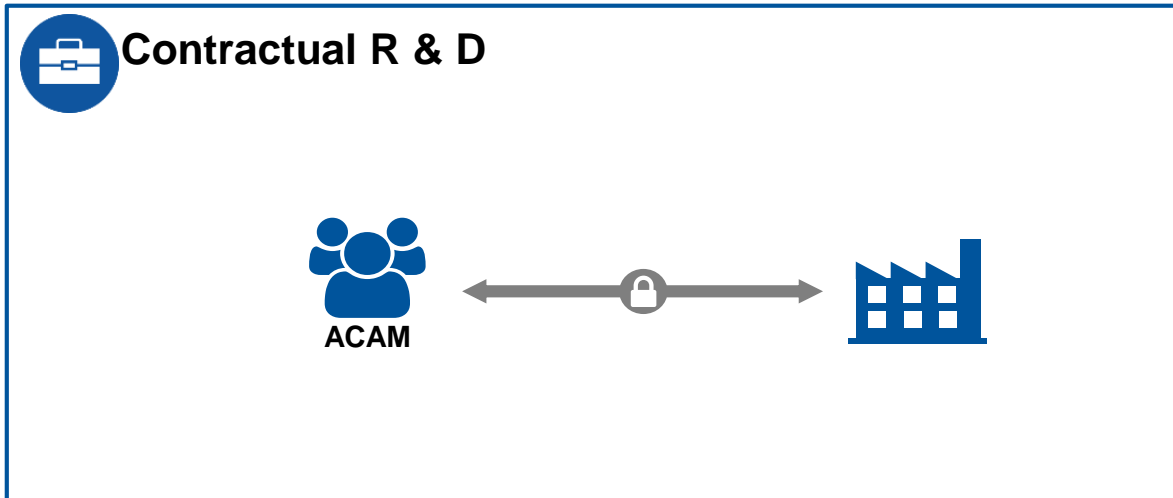
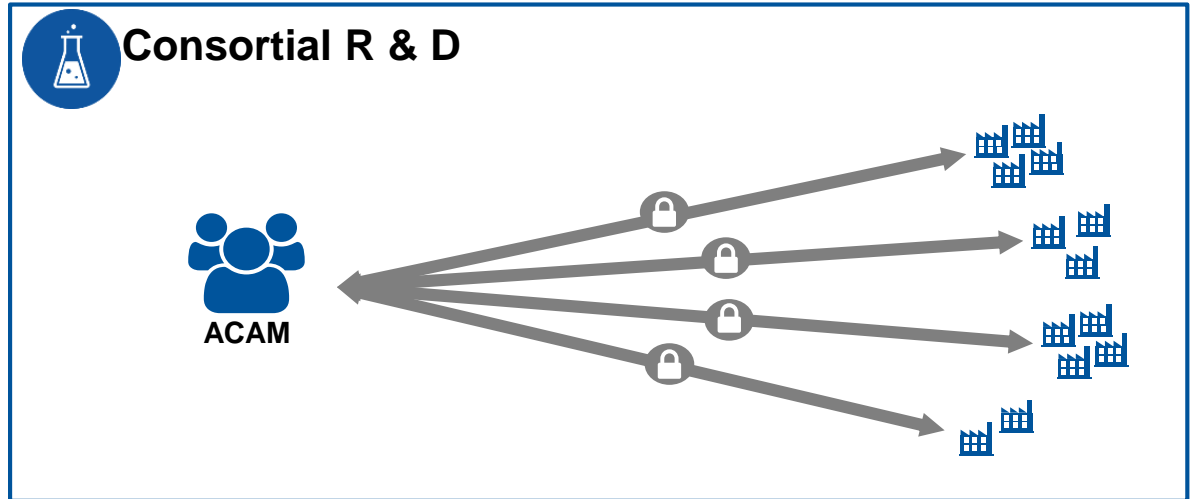
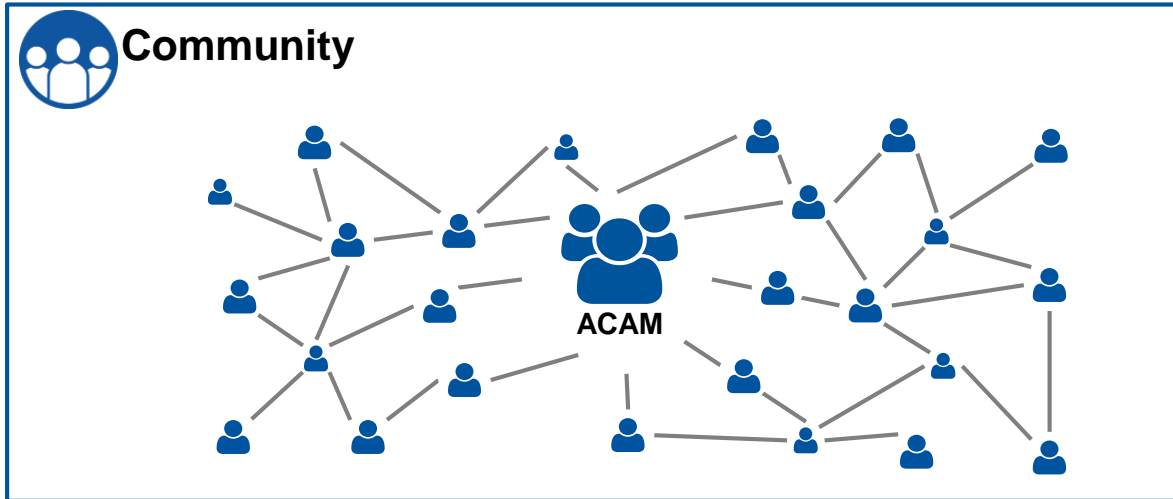


The ACAM is a central component of the RWTH Aachen Campus and development partner of the e.GO Mobile AG.



Fraunhofer ILT

# Four pillars ensuring successful AM implementation for our partners



## Four pillars ensuring successful AM implementation for our partners



### Community

- Physical and virtual networking and exchange in the ACAM Community
- Annual ACAM report and AM Technology Monitoring and Review
- Marketing and Website Package



### Consortial R&D

- Strategic ACAM R&D roadmap and research topics
- Annual ACAM R&D projects on agreed topics (shared IP)
- Joint acquisition and realization of public funded research projects (shared IP)



### Services and Contractual R&D

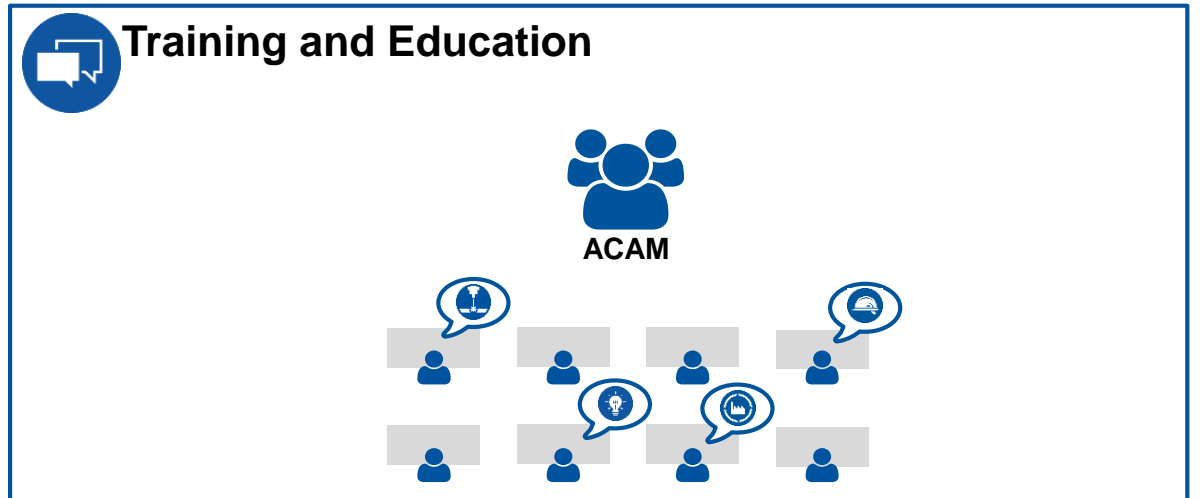
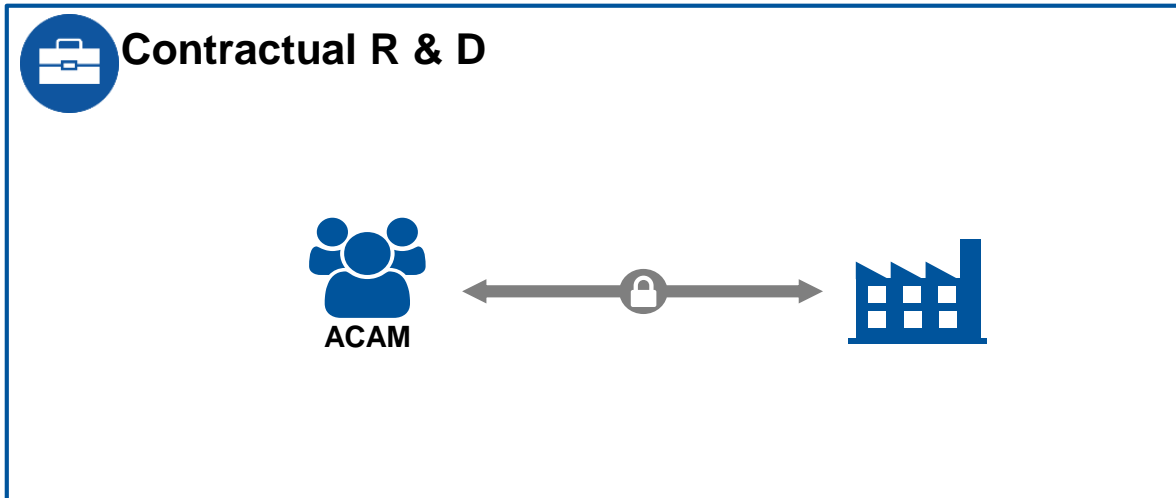
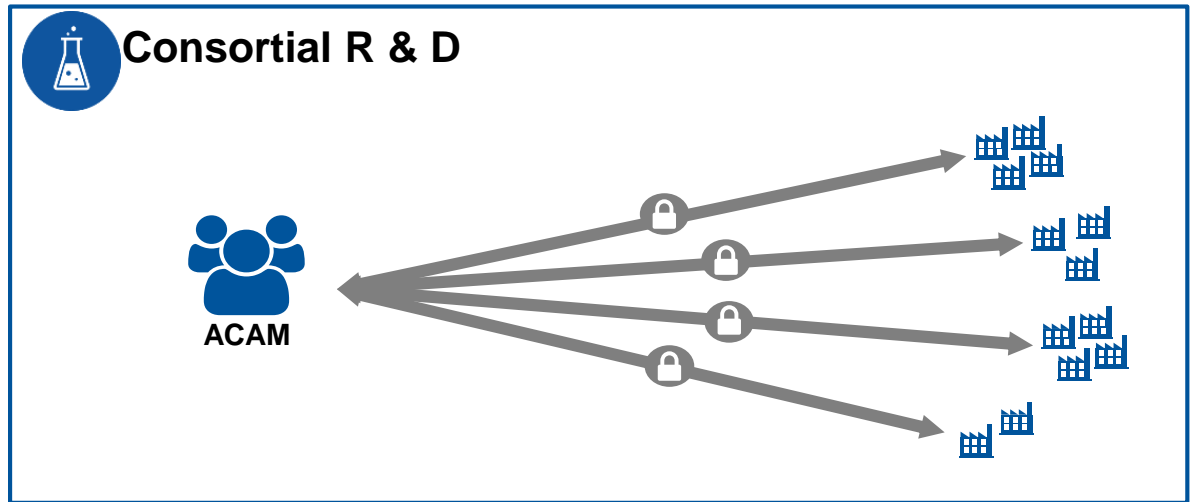
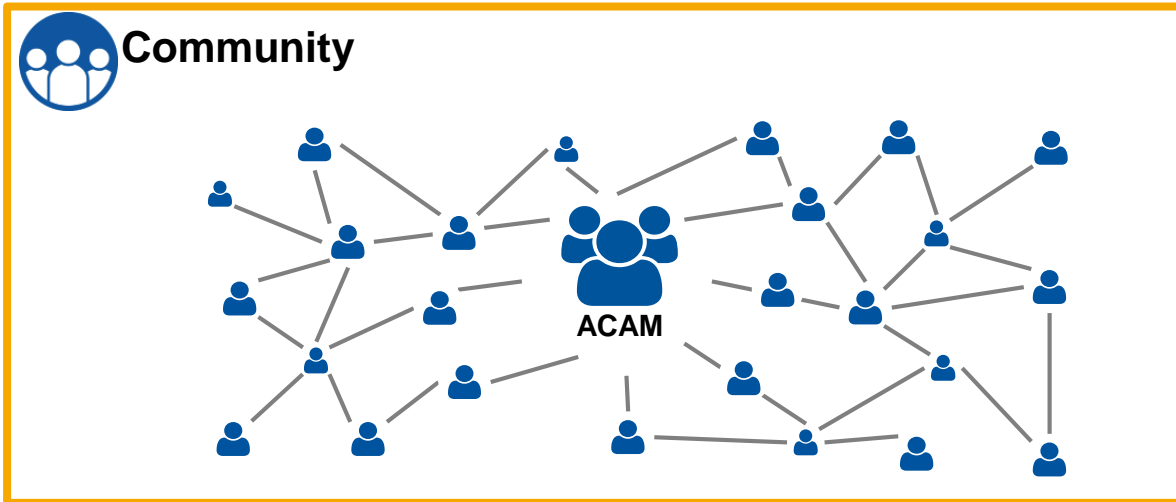
- Bilateral research and development projects
- Prototype manufacturing along the process chain
- Strategy, market and technology oriented consulting projects



### Training and Education

- Seminars for employees and decision makers
- Modules for professional further education
- In-house seminars

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# Community

## Our Member Network



### BUSINESS Members



### BASIC Members

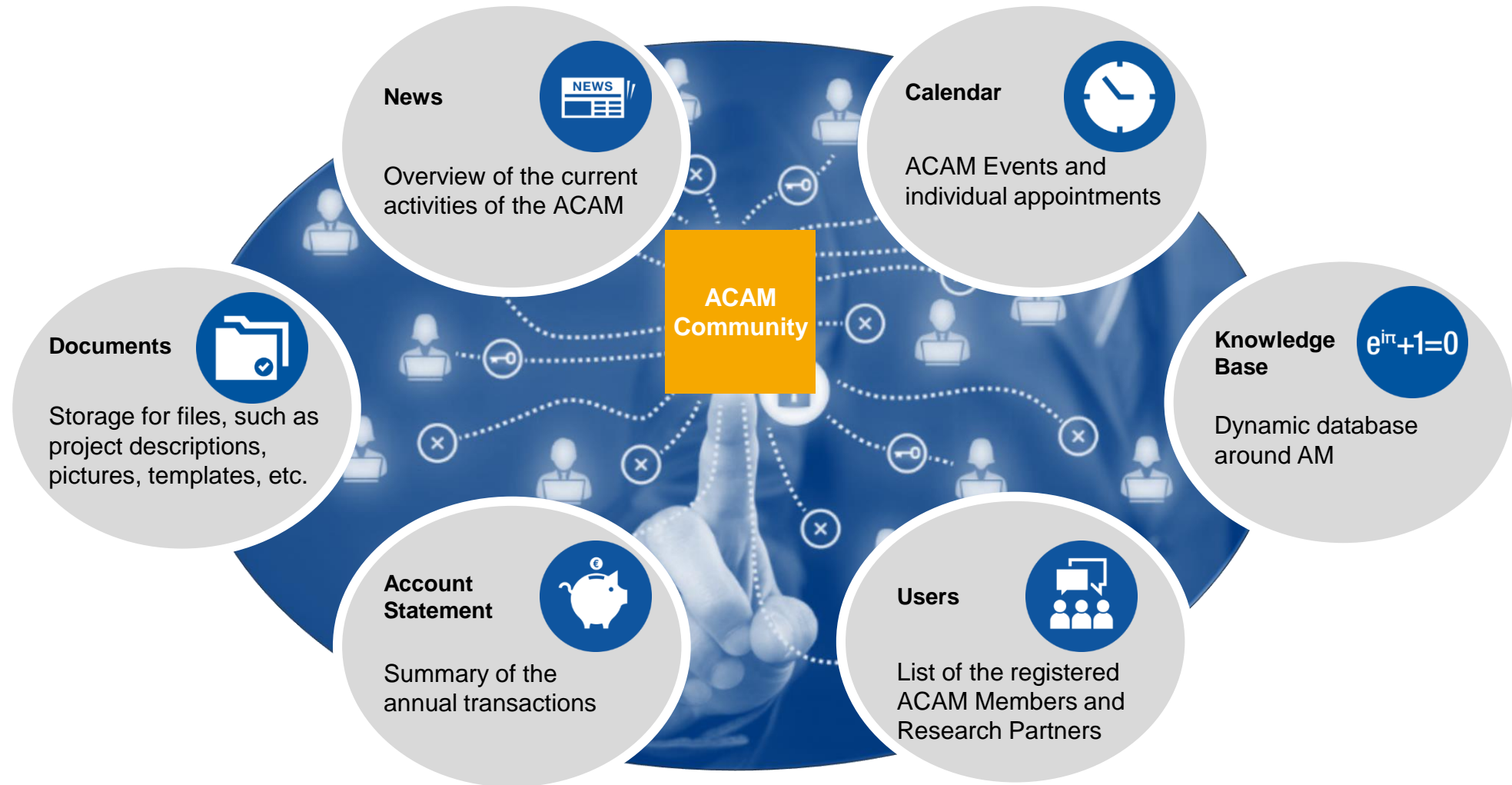


### COOPERATION Members



# Community

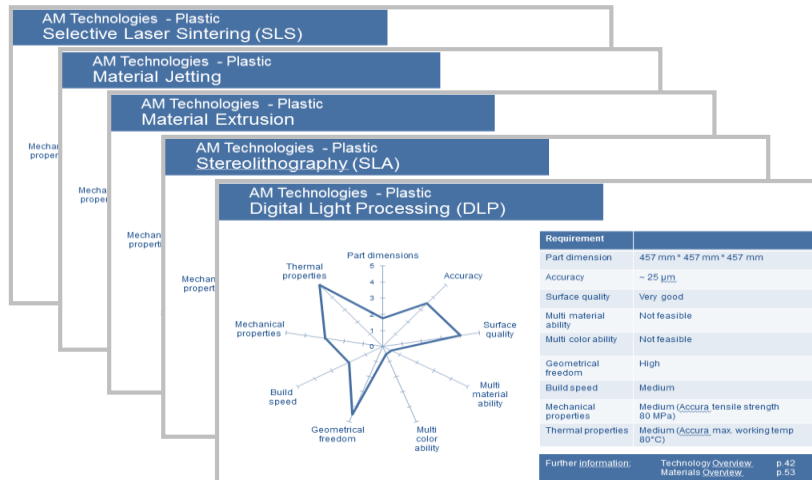
## Virtual Networking in the ACAM Community





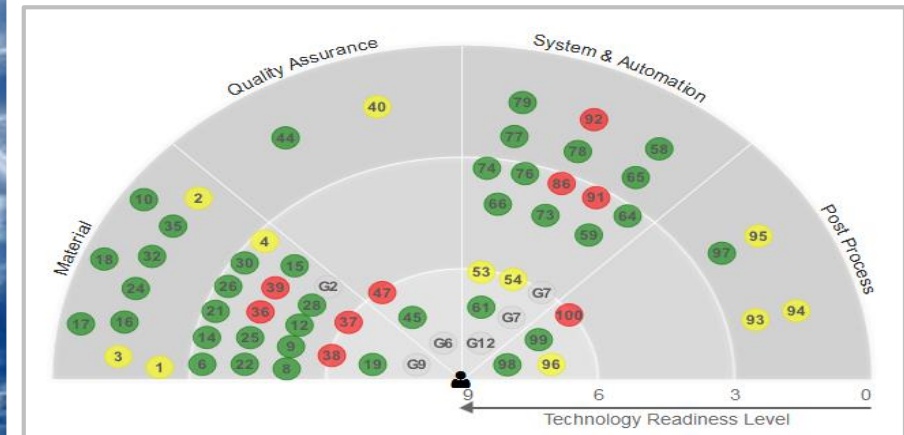


## Technology information



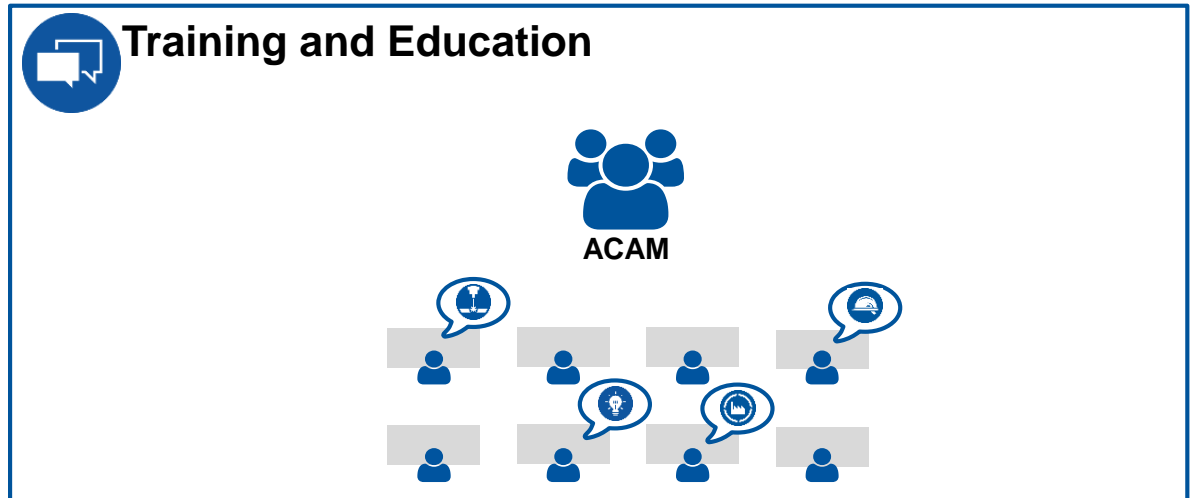
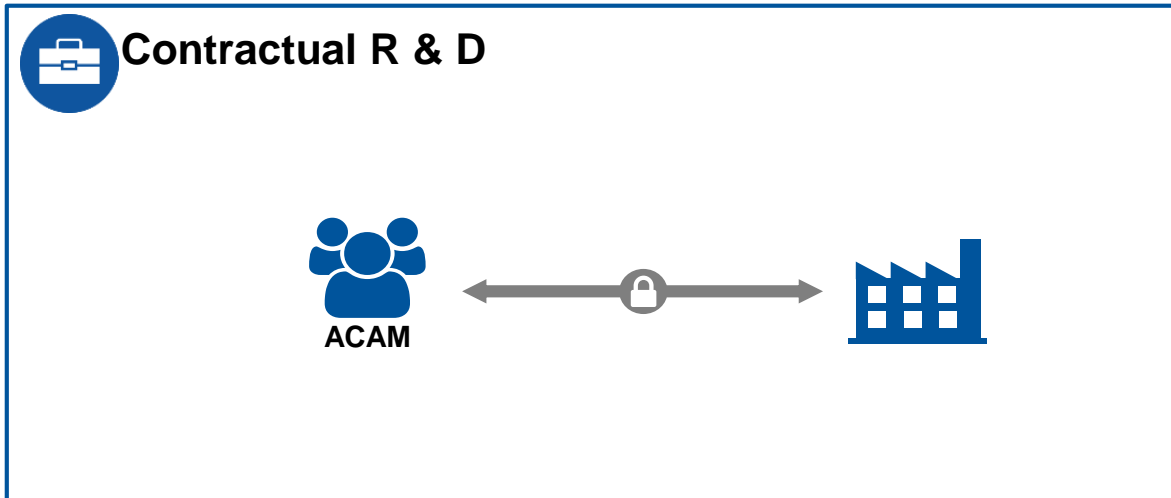
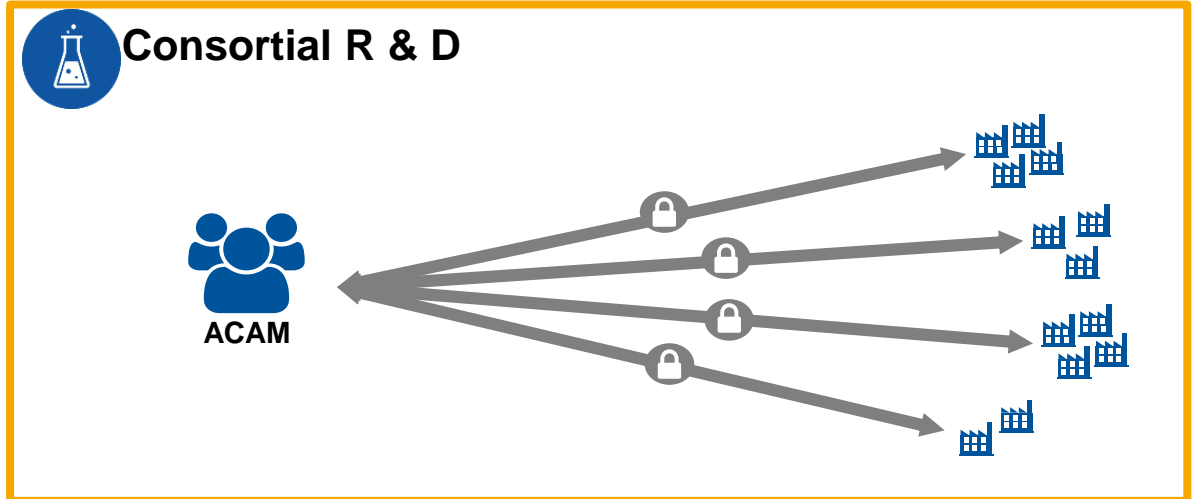
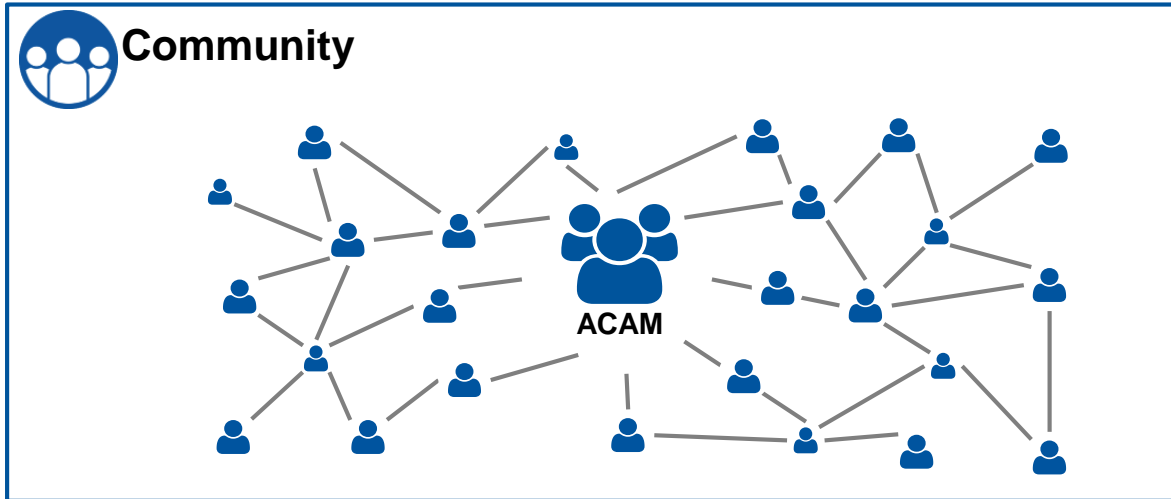
- Technology maturity
- Technology developments
- Technology performance

## Market information

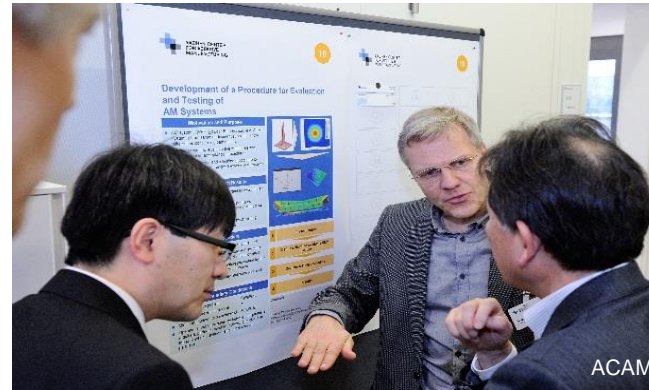
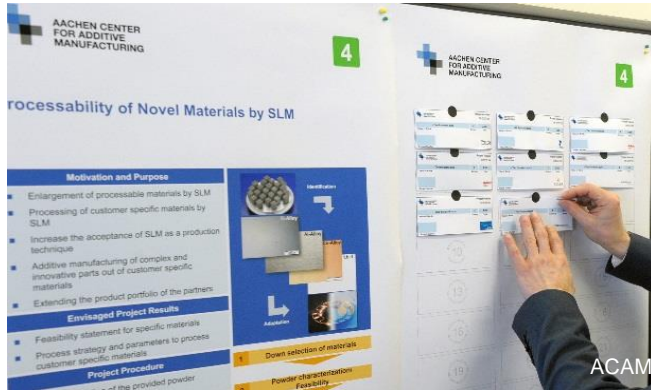


- Market players and share
- Suppliers and research institutes
- Price and cost development

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# Consortial R&D Based on our members' needs



## ACAM Consortial Projects

- Annual joint R&D projects with ACAM industry and research partners
- Topics range from polymers to metals, from design and processes all the way to innovative business models and new possibilities in AM.

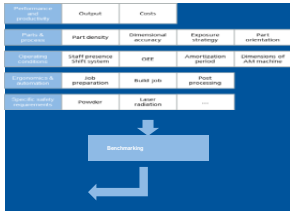


**Together with our research partners, the ACAM facilitates the access to the Additive Manufacturing expertise and conducts R&D projects on wide range interdisciplinary topics for the industry members.**



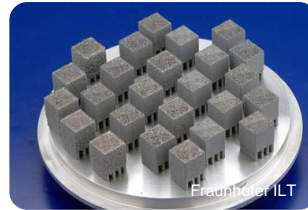


## Benchmarking of SLM Production Systems



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Tobias Pichler – Fraunhofer ILT

## Processability of Novel Materials by SLM



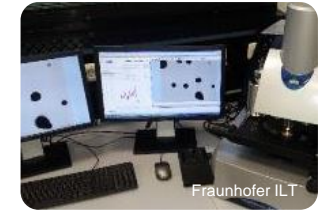
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## Requirements for Industrial AM Process Chains



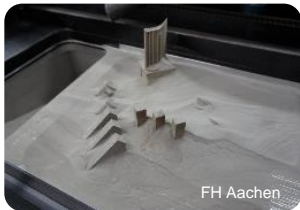
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## Qualification of Metal Powders for SLM



Sebastian Bremen – Fraunhofer ILT  
Simon Vervoort – Fraunhofer ILT

## Powder handling & Workplace Safety



Prasanna Rajaratnam – FH Aachen

## Potential Industrial Applications for Powder Based and Wire Based LMD



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Dr. Chongliang Zhong – Fraunhofer ILT

## Powder Production – Market and Technology



Frederik Klöckner – KEX AG



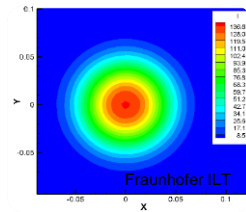


## Prototyping and Part Production Using Qualified Series Thermoplastics



Nicolai Lammer – IKV

## Development of a Procedure for Evaluation and Testing of AM Systems



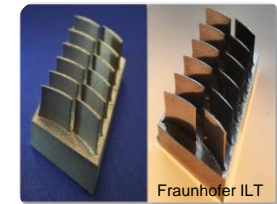
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## Quality Monitoring and Quality Measurement of AM Parts



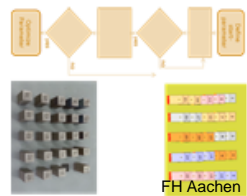
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## Finishing of AM Parts Focus on Areas which are Hard to Access



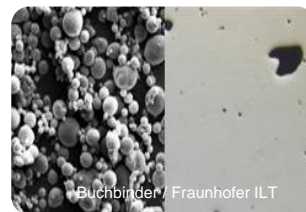
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## Guideline for Development of Parameters in Metal AM



Prasanna Rajaratnam – FH Aachen

## Influence of the Humidity on the AM Process (PBF)



Simon Vervoort – Fraunhofer ILT

## Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP) of Additive Manufactured Parts



Sebastian Bremen – Fraunhofer ILT



# ACAM R&D Projects Consortial Projects 2018

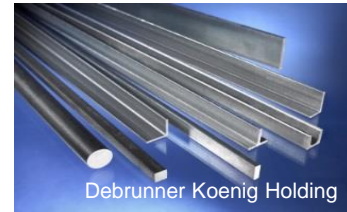


## Microstructure of Additive Manufactured Metal Parts



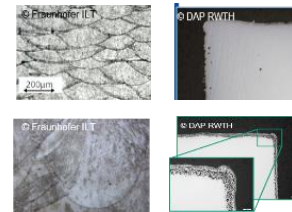
Jürgen Jakumeit – Access e.V.

## SLM-Process Development for Corrosion Resistant Steels with High Hardness



Jasmin Saewe – Fraunhofer ILT

## Metallographic Preparation and Typical Defects of AM-parts



Robin Day – DAP RWTH-Aachen

## Removal of Support Structures on SLM Parts



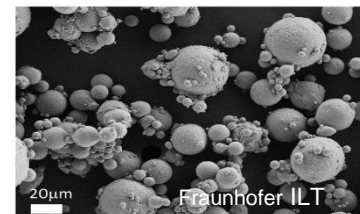
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## AM Quality Assurance



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## Low Cost Powder Material for SLM



Christian Weiß – Fraunhofer ILT

## Study of applying Cost- Efficient 3D Printing

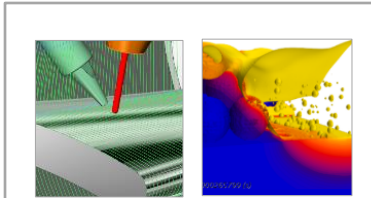


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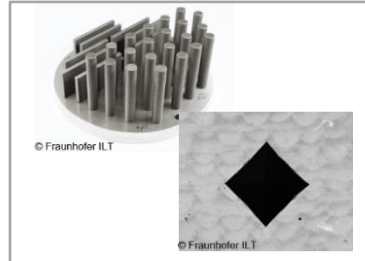
## Software tools for AM



Access; Fraunhofer IPT

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## LPBF-Processing of Engineering Steels – Challenges and Potentials

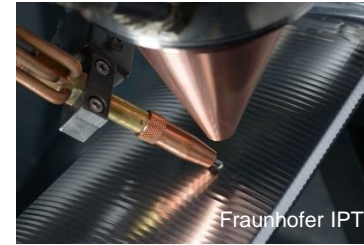


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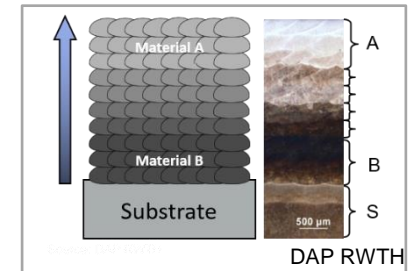
## Hybrid Parts – Expedient Combination of Technologies



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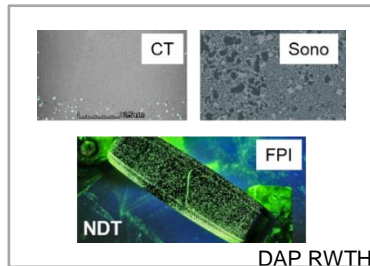
## Case Study – Multi-material Printing



DAP RWTH

Simon Ewald – DAP

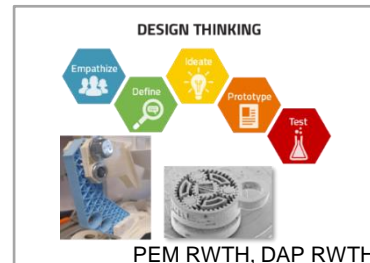
## Non-destructive Testing of AM Parts



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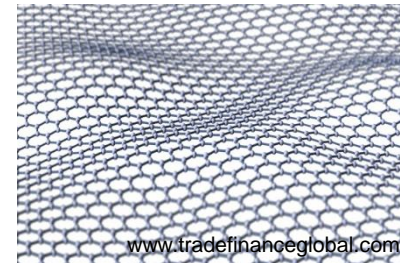
## Think 3D – How to change Designer's Minds



PEM RWTH, DAP RWTH

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## Novel AM Materials

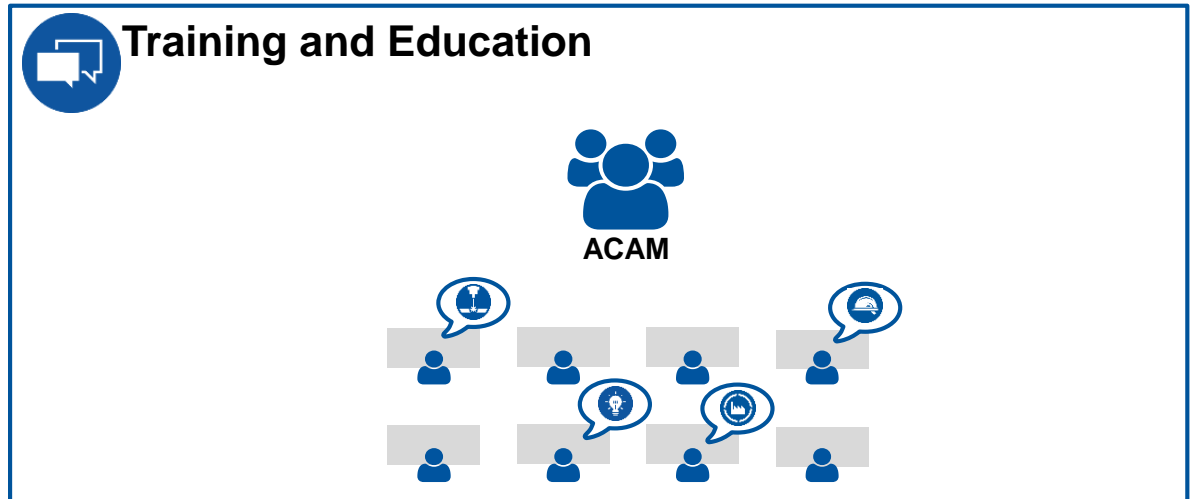
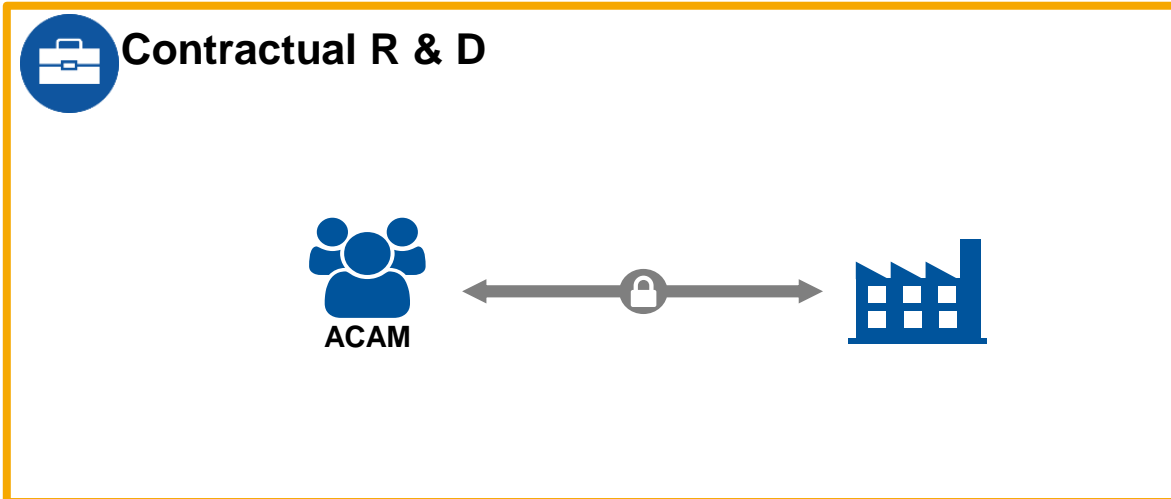
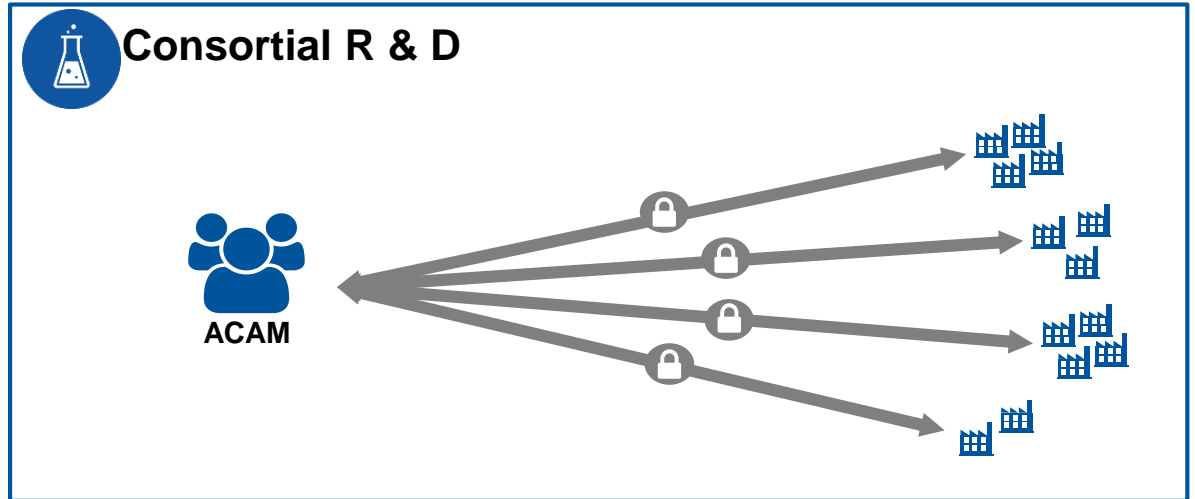
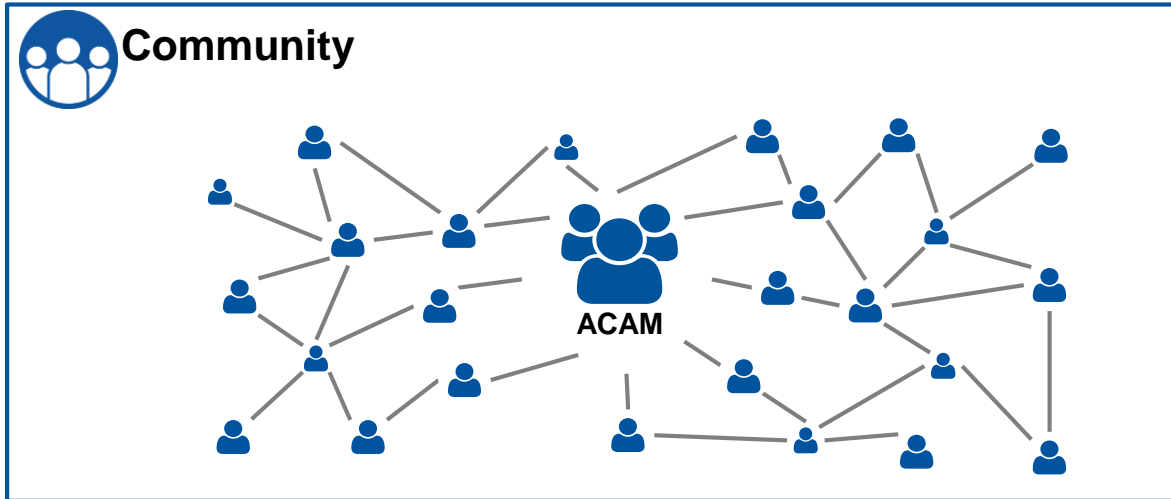


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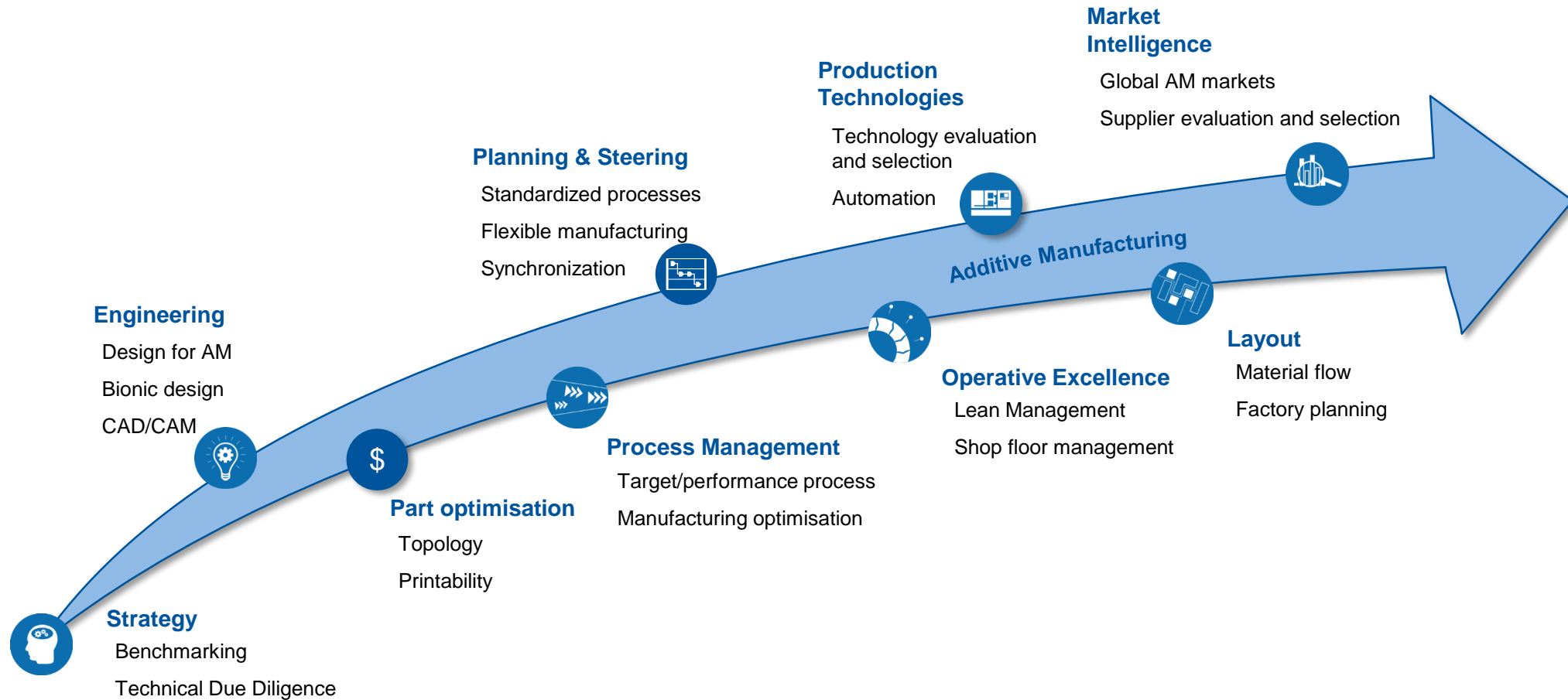


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# Contractual R&D Consulting Services offered by the ACAM



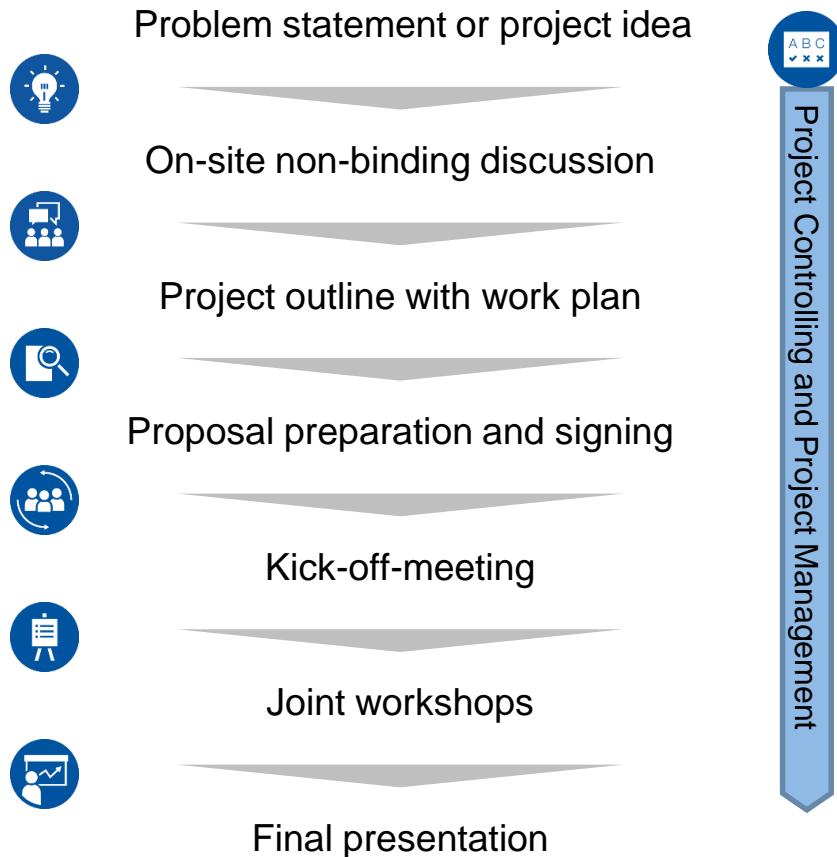
**The insight and technological expertise regarding AM is unique**

# Contractual R&D

## Professional project approach



### Approach



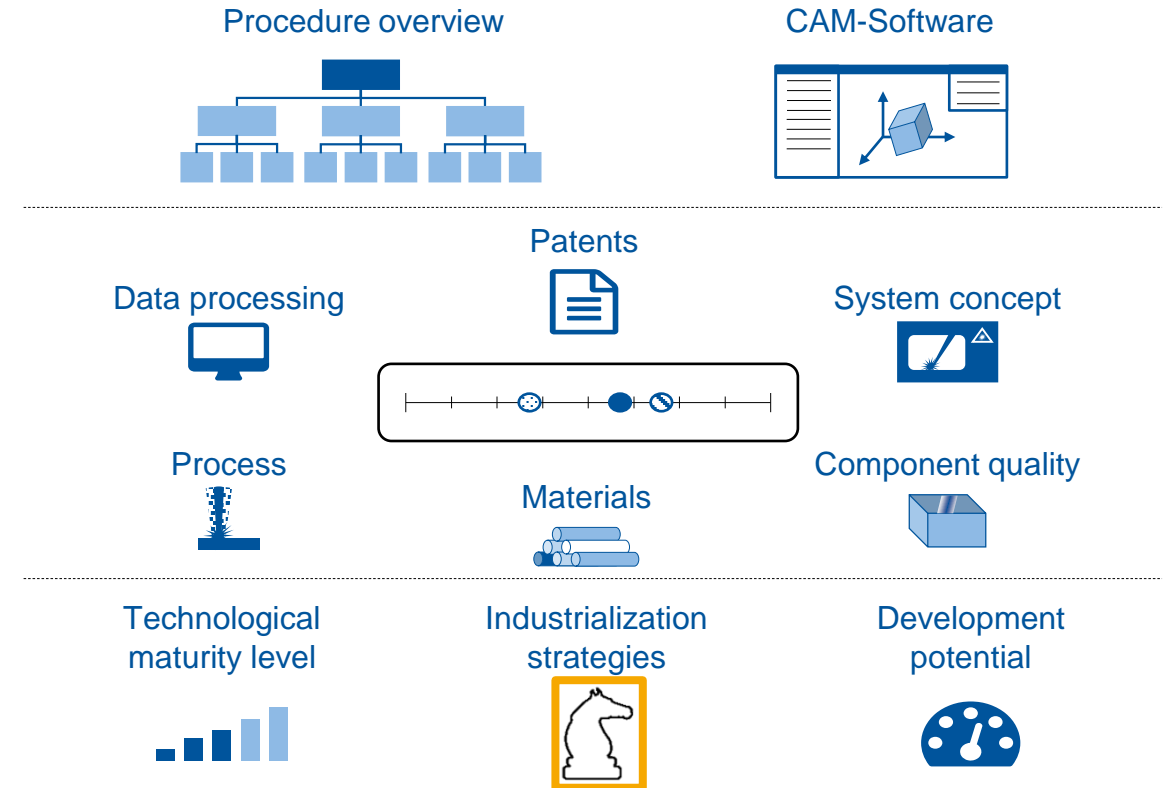
### Success Factors

- ★ **Workshop** oriented elaboration of the results
- ★ Intensive **involvement** of all relevant employees of the tool making industry
- ★ Contribution of **external impulses** and integration of issue-specific **best practices**
- ★ Detailed **documentation** of project results and clear definition of **further procedures**

**Profit from the experiences of the ACAM network of more than 100 consulting projects per year!**



- Market analysis of competing Additive Manufacturing processes and of available CAM software systems for metals
- Evaluation of the system and technology developed by the company in the areas of :
  - Data processing
  - Process
  - Materials
  - Component quality
  - System concept
- Evaluation of the patent situation
- Derivation of the technological maturity of developed technology and identification of industrialization strategies



- Detailed market analysis of competitors and competing technologies
- Evaluation of the technological maturity and of the development potential of the system technology

# Feasibility study

## Alfred Nobel Science Park AB – Laser Cladding



### Project Goal

- Nonporous cladding of tophammer housing
- Copper alloy as cladding material
- Good dilution and adhesion between substrate and cladded material
- Material density above 99,5%

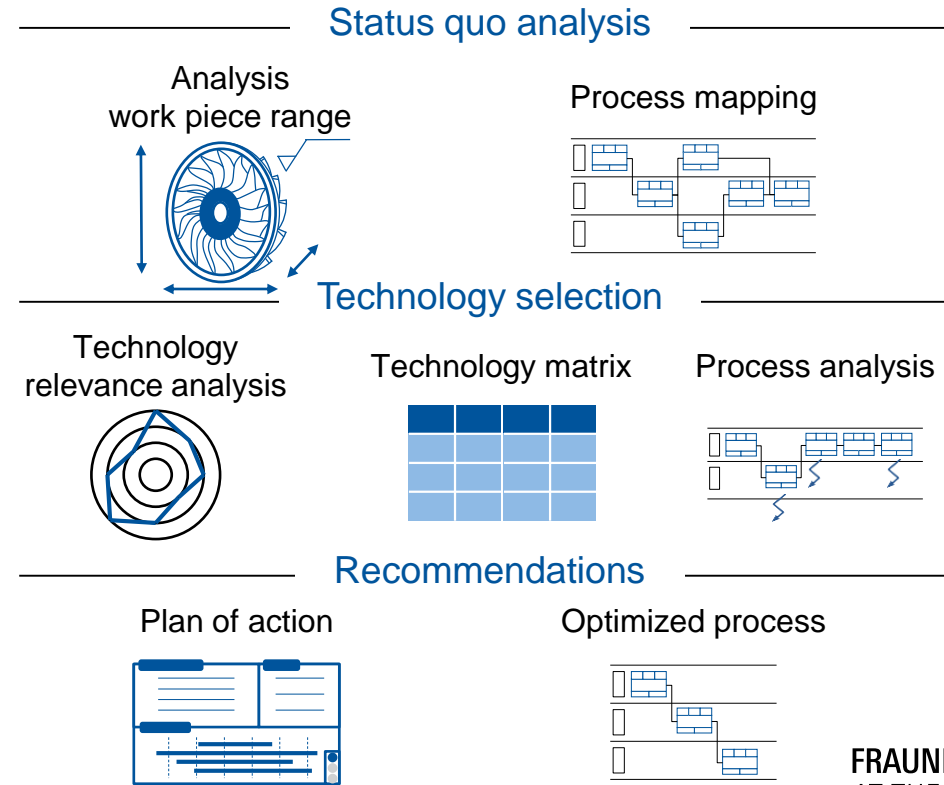
### Project Procedure

- Hybrid process using a preform in combination with LMD process
- Cladding of housing with inner processing optics

- Reduction of wear during operation of tophammer
- Increase of life time of tophammer housing



- Detailed status quo analysis of the production possibilities regarding Additive Manufacturing
- Recording of the actual manufacturing process in order to identify the optimization potential of the manufacturing process
- Development of a company-specific technology matrix for the identification of suitable technologies for specific work piece properties
- Evaluation of the relevant technology aspects with a focus on post-processing of additive manufactured components
- Development and implementation of an optimal company-specific process chain and necessary measures



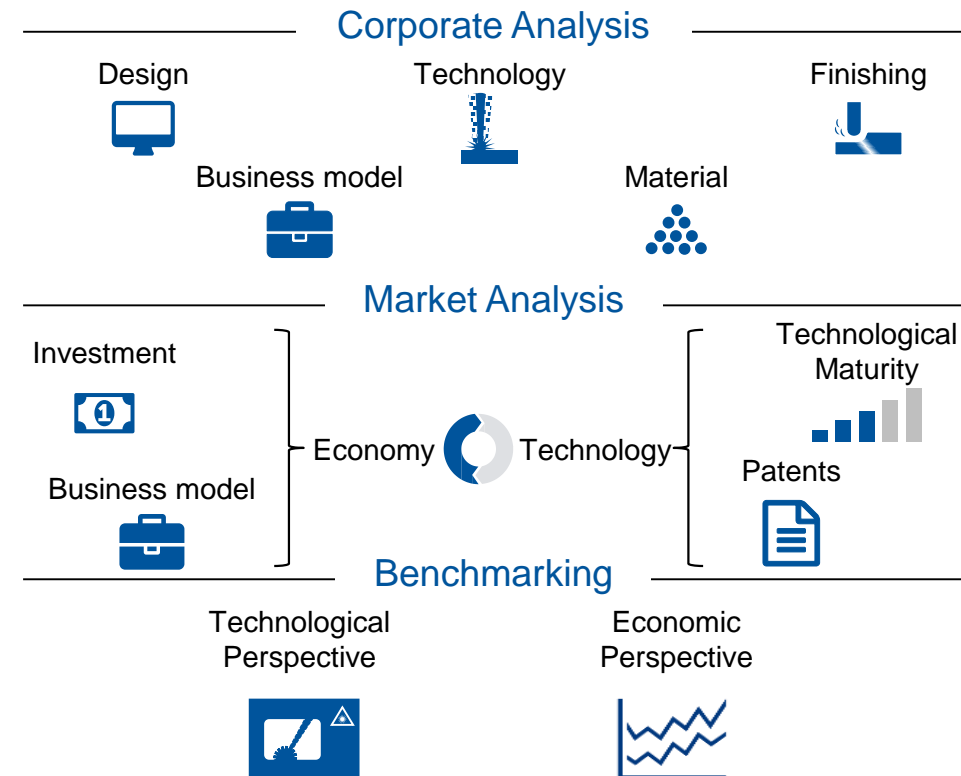
- Analysis of technological possibilities and limits in the field of post-processing of additive components
- Identification of the optimized process chain for post-processing of additively manufactured components

# Highlight consulting project

## Benchmarking of a 1st-Tier-Supplier from the aerospace industry



- Analysis of the current applications in Additive Manufacturing Technologies and planned future actions
- Qualitative description of the position regarding the applications of AM technologies
- Competitive landscape analysis of application and implementation of AM technologies within the aerospace industry
- Description of current competitive situation regarding economical and technology perspectives



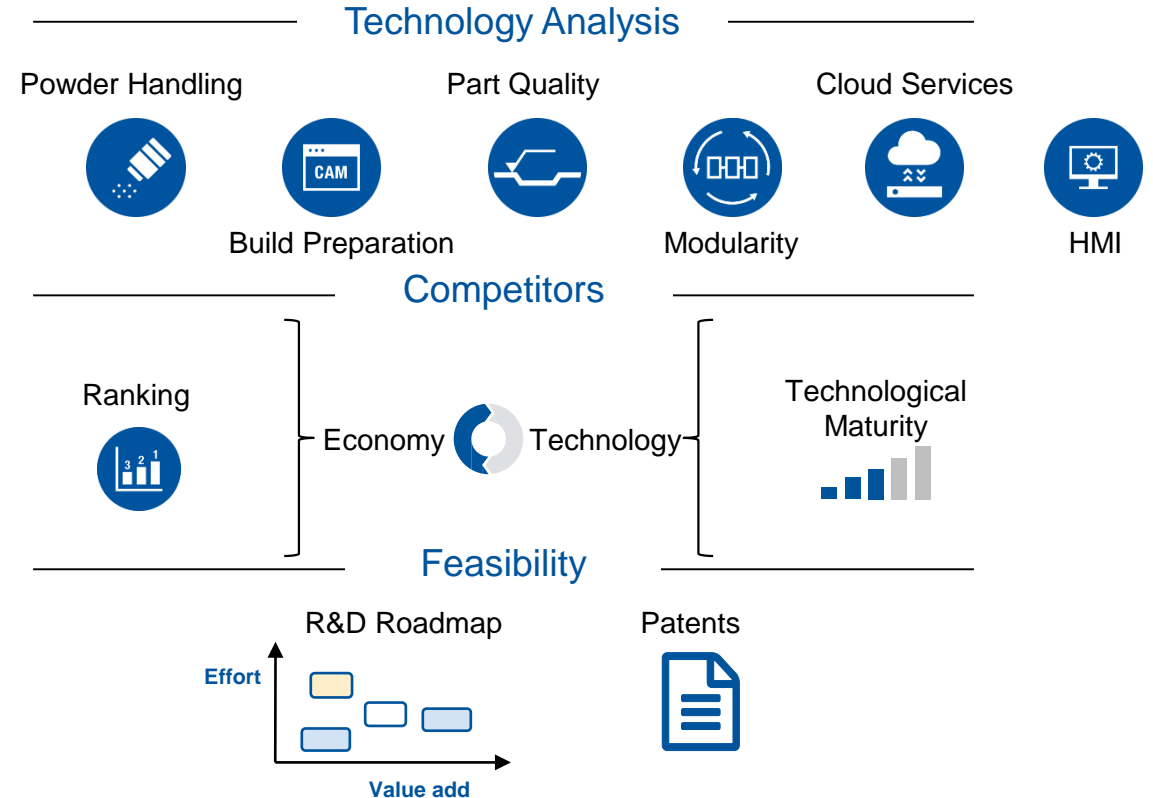
- Evaluation of the current situation regarding strength and potentials in Additive Manufacturing
- Detailed analysis of the competitive situation within the aerospace industry
- Definition of field of actions to strengthen the competitive position in the future

# Highlight consulting project

## Technical due diligence for machine OEM's investment round



- Analysis of competitive situation and current positioning with regard to manufacturing concept
- Software and hardware benchmark
- Challenging of USPs
- Customer interviews
- Feasibility analysis of technology roadmap
- Global judgement regarding IP and patents



- Evaluation of the current competitive situation and classification regarding hardware and software
- Derivation of recommendations and next steps for potential investor

## Highlight consulting project

# Market overview – Polymer applications in the aerospace and automotive industry



- Evaluation of current and future polymer material portfolio
- Interviews with relevant industry stakeholders
- Identification of customer and market needs
- Mapping of customer requirements and industry partner's portfolio
- Identification of USPs and derivation of suitable market entrance strategy



- Generation of performance overview regarding productivity and possible part sizes of all relevant polymer printing processes for automotive and aerospace
- Derivation of recommendations and next steps for potential investor



# Polymer AM System for Education



Stratasys

## Industrial 3D Printing technology

- Stratasys Fortus 450 MC for multiple FDM materials
- Use for training and education activities in Aachen
- First part of ACAM Demo facility for 3D printing

## Joint training activities

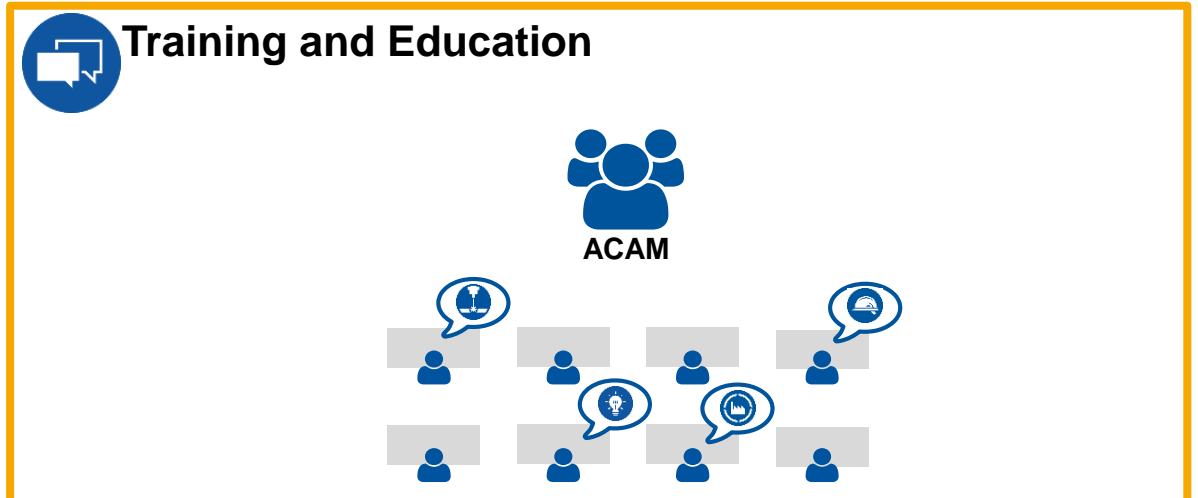
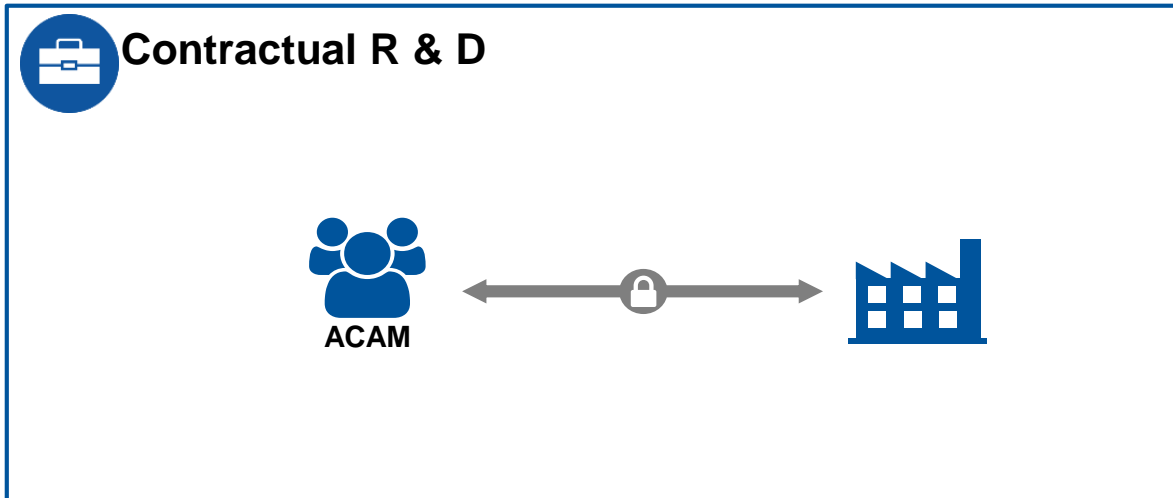
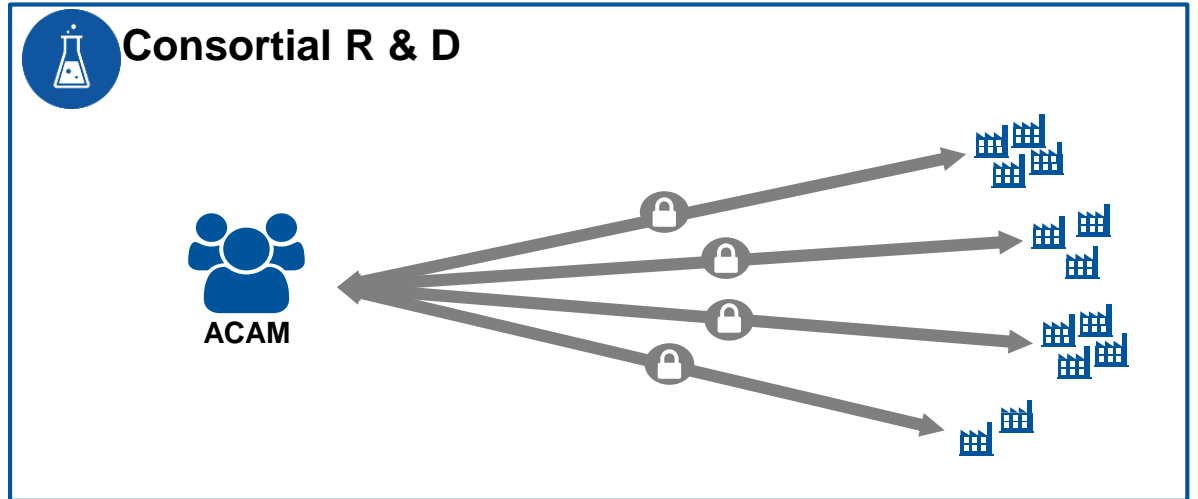
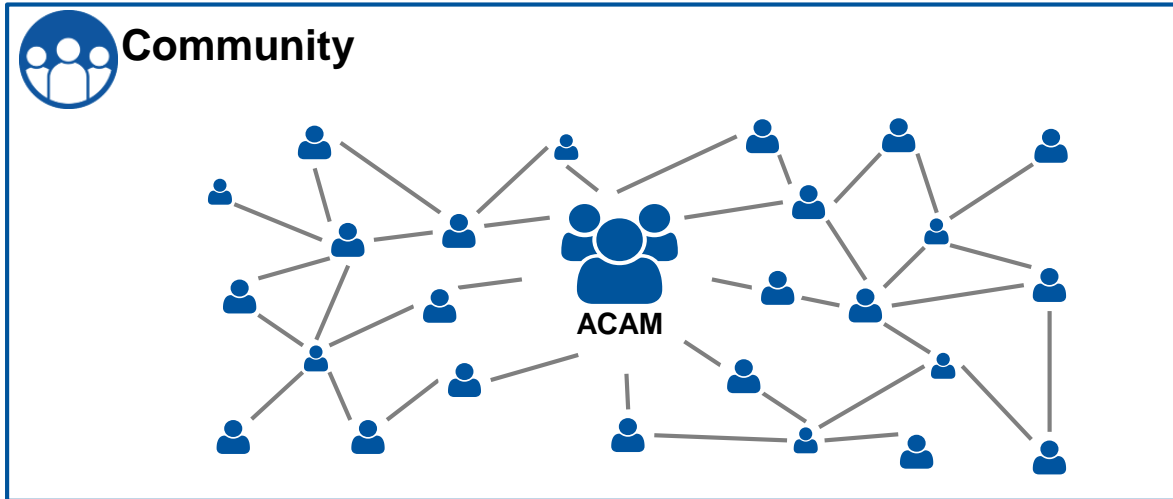
- Workshops and seminars including the AM knowledge of ACAM and technical experience of Stratasys

## Target group

- Further education for professionals from different industry sectors
- Academic education at the RWTH University
- Apprenticeship for young professionals
- All seminars being realized in close cooperation with our research partner network

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# Four pillars ensuring successful AM implementation for our partners



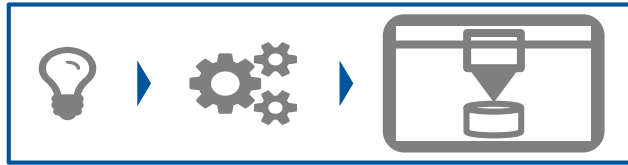
# Training and Education

## ACAM Professional Education Program 2019



### Certificate Course Additive Implementer

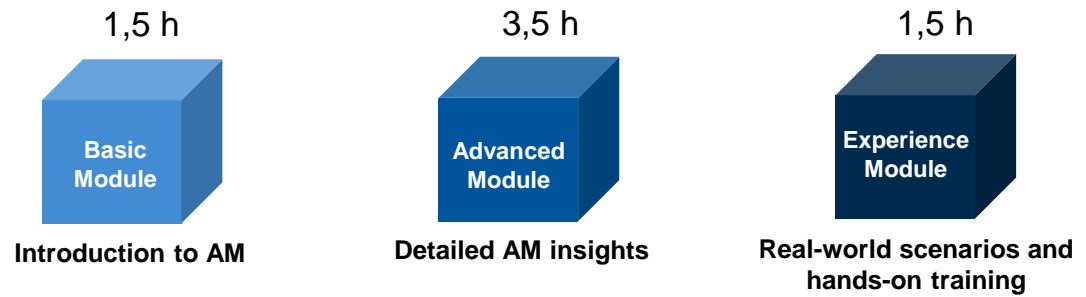
Key topics for AM implementation



- 5-day course including social events in Aachen.

### Modular In-house Seminars

Create a customized seminar based on your specific needs



### One-Day Seminars

Meet with our AM R&D experts



- Seminars with an one-day duration in Aachen.



# Training and Education One-Day Seminars 2019



## 2 Seminars with an one-day duration in Aachen.

- Learning content of specific field of activity.

October 9, 2019

### Additive Manufacturing for Tool Making and for Small Serie Production



November 6, 2019

### Powder Bed Based Laser Melting Starter Training



# ACAM Professional Education Program

## Certificate Course AM Implementer



### Content

- Overview of all relevant AM technologies and respective know-how necessary for implementation

### Target group

- Engineers and managers from the areas of design, production and business development.

### Speakers

- Renowned AM experts from ACAM R&D partners

## Dates for 2019

**Day 01** **October 21, 2019**  
AM Technologies and Hardware

**Day 02** **October 22, 2019**  
Design for AM

**Day 03** **October 23, 2019**  
AM Applications

**Day 04** **October 24, 2019**  
AM Process Chains

**Day 05** **October 25, 2019**  
Market Development, Costing, Health & Safety

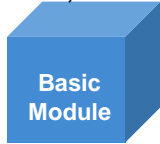


# Training and Education

## ACAM In-House – Customized Seminars



1,5 h



Introduction to AM

### Basic

Metal AM (PBF)	Metal AM (DED)	Polymer AM (SLA, SLS)	Polymer AM (FDM, Jetting)	AM Software	Health & Safety	Design for AM
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3,5 h



Detailed AM insights

### Advanced

Metal Materials for AM	Market, Costs and Innovation	Post-processing for AM	PBF Process, Parameters & Hardware	Part Identification	Automation & Factory Planning	DED Process, Parameters & Hardware
Plastic Materials for AM	Design for AM	Metrology and Quality Assurance				

1,5 h



Real-world scenarios and hands-on training

### Experience

Lab Tour PBF	Lab Tour DED	Lab Tour FDM	Lab Tour Jetting	Lab Tour Post Processing	Exercise Design	Exercise DED Software
Use Case Aviation	Use Case Automotive	Use Case Turbo-machinery	Use Case Medical	Use Case Tooling	Exercise PBF Software	

- Tailored scope and composition of seminar content
- Available in Aachen or at customer's premise
- Experienced, renowned speakers for each seminar





The ACAM offers together with Formnext a special seminar for beginners during the fair

**formnext**  
discover3Dprinting

**Save the Date!**  
November 19 – 22, 2019

## Further Discover3Dprinting dates in 2019

■ May 6, 2019

**pcim**  
EUROPE

■ November 26 – 28, 2019






**sps**  
smart production solutions



# Community

## The ACAM Membership Opportunities



ACAM Membership		COOPERATION Adaptable fee	BASIC 12 k€ / a	BUSINESS 40 k€ / a
 <b>Voucher</b>	Total value of included ACAM vouchers	€	6 k€	18 k€
	Physical and virtual networking and exchange in the ACAM Community	✓	✓	✓
	Annual ACAM report			
AM Technology Monitoring and Review	€	€		
 <b>Community</b>	Marketing and Website Package	€	-	
	Decision on ACAM R&D roadmap and research topics	-	-	✓
 <b>Consortial R &amp; D</b>	Annual ACAM R&D projects on agreed topics	€	Voucher	Voucher
	Joint acquisition and realization of consortial research projects	✓	✓	✓
	Bilateral R&D projects			Voucher
 <b>Services / Contractual R &amp; D</b>	Prototype manufacturing along the process chain	€	€	€
	Strategy, market and technology oriented consulting projects			
	Seminars for employees and decision makers			%
 <b>Training and Education</b>	Modules for professional further education	€	€	
	In-house seminars			✓



# Join ACAM and be part of the community!



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**Access to AM know-how, consultancy, training and education.**

