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**Basic AM Seminar** 



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# The ACAM Offers Services in the Areas of Consulting, Engineering, Research and Education with a Focus on the Additive Manufacturing Industry

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#### Perspective and focus



- One-stop-shop for additive manufacturing covering the entire process chain
- Pooling of resources of RWTH Aachen Campus and facilitating industry's access to the Additive Manufacturing expertise of leading scientific and research institutions
- Over 100 researchers engaged in topics around the AM product life cycle and industry structure
- Delivery of approx. 40 industry project in consulting, engineering and research



## Heritage At the Time of Charlemagne, Aachen was the Capital of Europe





Image Source: DAP RWTH Aachen University



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### RWTH Aachen Campus: 16 Research Clusters Are Developing











The world's most vivid and multifaceted AM The cradle of ecosystem metal AM 1995 2015 **First Hybrid** 1997 City in Machine Tool 2008 2001 Foundation **Basic Patent** of ACAM for SLM **First Implant First Tool** Insert

Image Source: DAP RWTH Aachen University, Fraunhofer ILT, Campus GmbH



# Community The Aachen Center for Additive Manufacturing

#### **Navigating AM complexity**

Creating opportunities by leading-edge **R&D**, professional **training and education**, and agile **engineering** and **consulting** services





#### The ACAM is your one stop shop for Additive Manufacturing research, education, engineering and consulting.



#### Leading-Edge Research in Additive Manufacturing



# Community Our Member Network



#### **BUSINESS Members**



#### **COOPERATION Members**





### Consulting **Enabling Manufacturing Companies**





Top-Level Business Processes Support Processes Market & Customer



### Research & Development The Future of Additive Manufacturing





#### **Connecting Industry and Research**



#### **Consortial ACAM Projects**

- Annual R&D projects from research partners exclusive for ACAM members
- Quick knowledge boost by collaboration



#### **Bilateral R&D Projects**

- Address contemporary challenges in R&D projects
- Overcome risks by fast results from leading-edge research



#### Public-funded R&D Projects

- Take part in shaping the future of Additive Manufacturing
- Benefit from public funding to reach long-term goals



## Education Implementing an Additive Mindset



Source: Schleifenbaum and Schuh et al. (2020): Structured Approach for Changing Designer's Mindset Towards Additive Manufacturing

#### **Targeting Continuous Learning**



#### **Project-based Approach**

- Starting with predefined goals
- Structuring the design process and integrating existing knowledge
- Focus on discussions about solutions



#### **Problem-based Approach**

- Starting with selected examples
- Understanding theoretical fundamentals of design problems
- Focus on the perception of problem indicators



- Starting with heuristic information
- Summary of experiences and theoretic knowledge
- Structured lectures transporting information
- Focus on existing knowledge of audience



### **Basic AM Seminar – Content**



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# Introduction to AM **Subdivision of Manufacturing Technologies**

#### **Subtractive Manufacturing**



Manufacture of geometry by removing of defined areas from workpiece

- Milling
- Turning
- ...

#### **Formative Manufacturing**



Forming a given volume into geometry under the condition of constant volume

- Deep Drawing
- Molding
- ...

#### Additive Manufacturing



Stacking of volume elements (usually in layers)

- Laser Powder Bed Fusion
- Laser Metal Deposition
- ...



### Introduction to AM Additive Manufacturing – Definition

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#### **Definition (ASTM 52900)**

*"Additive Manufacturing (AM) is defined as the process that* 

- produces components from 3D model data
- *by joining material usually layer by layer,*
- as opposed to subtractive and formative manufacturing methods."



#### **Definition (VDI 3405)**

*"Manufacturing process in which the workpiece is built up in successive layers or units."* 







### Introduction to AM Global Interest on AM According to Google Trends





Source: Google Trends

- Overall positive trend of relative interest in AM and 3D printing in online search platforms
- Lower interest in AM compared to 3D printing because
   AM is the more scientific term
- Strong increase (hype) until 2013/2014 of the search term 3D printing

"3D Printing has the potential to revolutionize the way we make almost everything"

Barack Obama, State of the Union, Feb 2013



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# Introduction to AM **AM – Overrated Hype or Manufacturing Revolution?**





- 2015-2016: Adoption of metal AM in high-tech industries
- 2016-2018: Plastic AM for low-volume end-part production
- Since 2018: Widespread adoption of low-volume end-part production
- Since 2021: Plastic AM established for series production

Source: Gartner Hype Cycle 2018, 3D Printing Trend Report Hubs 2022



## Introduction to AM Positive Historic and Future Development of the AM Market



# Total AM market size according to different market reports [\$ billion]



- Overall positive forecasted and historic growth rates in all reports
- Diverging positive forecasts indicate a developing volatile and uncertain market
- Included revenue (primary market):
  - AM systems
  - Software
  - Materials
  - Services



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Source: Hubs Additive manufacturing trend report 2021 and cited sources

# Introduction to AM Market Overview





Source: Wohlers Report 2021



## Introduction to AM General AM Process Chain



Physical Dimension	<ul> <li>Material preparation</li> <li>Production resource preparation</li> <li>Machine preparation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Physical generation of geometry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Build job removal and cleaning</li> <li>Part finishing         <ul> <li>e.g., support removal, heat treatment, surface treatment, quality assurance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul><li>Assembly</li><li>Labelling, packaging, shipping</li></ul>	
	Pre-Processing	In-Processing	Post-Processing	Final Component	
Digital Dimension	<ul> <li>Data preparation (CAD &amp; CAM)</li> <li>Build job preparation</li> <li>Production planning</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Execution of machine code</li><li>Printing process monitoring</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Acquisition and evaluation of quality assurance data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evaluation of data for long-term improvement</li> </ul>	



### Introduction to AM Key Characteristics of Additive Manufacturing



**Toolless** 

#### **Additive**



Geometry is generated by adding material instead of removing or forming



#### Component geometry is independent from tool



#### Complex

Different technologies require specific expert knowledge





#### Digital



Direct manufacturing based on 3D models

# Introduction to AM **AM Benefits and Barriers**

# AM Benefits

- Design freedom: Complex features, lightweight, monolithic
- Flexible design iterations and engineering changes
- Integration of functions
- Economic small quantities and individualization
- Short time and efficiency idea to product
- Short supply chain
- Insourcing: Appealing for staff in industrialized countries & high degree of automation
- Sustainability by material reduction or efficiency in performance

## AM Barriers

- Long printing times
- Almost no economies of scale
- Low surface quality as-built
- Large geometrical tolerances as-built
- Requires "Additive Mindset" and skills
- Complex quality assurance and certification
- Health and security measures required

AM benefits and barriers are not generic - consideration of use case, AM technology and process chain mandatory

Source: Unsplash, Pexels



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# AM Technology Overview Segmentation of Established Metal AM Technologies





Source: Derived from Fomrnnext AM Field Guide Compact and DIN EN ISO/ASTM Terminology



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### AM Technologies Laser Powder Bed Fusion of Metal (LPBF)



# Process Principle







- Selective melting of metal powder layer-by-layer with one or more lasers
- Requires support structures for overhangs
- General suitability for weldable materials, comparably many alloys are qualified (e.g., steels, Ni base alloys, CoCr, copper and alloys, Ti and alloys, Al alloys, refractory metals, Mg alloys, HEA)



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## AM Technologies Laser Metal Deposition (LMD)









- Used for additive manufacturing, additive coating and repair (deposition on existing geometry)
- Powder is transported by an inert gas flow
- Energy for melting the metal powder is mainly deposited in the substrate, not directly in the powder
- General suitability for weldable materials, different materials qualified (e.g., steels, Ni-base alloys, Al alloys)



## AM Technologies Extreme High Speed Laser Metal Deposition (EHLA)









- Application of homogenous coatings on rotationally symmetrical parts with higher process speed than LMD
- Powder is transported by inert gas flow
- Energy is mainly deposited in the metal powder and not the substrate
- EHLA for AM of 3D parts is an emerging technology



## AM Technologies **Binder Jetting (BJ)**



# **Process Principle**

Agent









- Production of complex geometries by selective deposition of binder agent on metal powder layer by layer
- As-built part is in green state and requires further processing steps for functionality (e.g., curing, depowdering, sintering)
- Compared to LPBF lower technological maturity and less materials qualified, but potential of higher productivity



### AM Technology Overview Technology Readiness – Metal AM Maturity Index





- Twenty different work principles
- Over 194 OEMs supplying machines
- LPBF only technology widespread established in industrial use
- 7 technologies with index reached
- Many technologies as first application and prototype system



# AM Technology Overview Available Metal Materials

#### **PRECIOUS MATERIALS**

 Mainly gold and silver material for jewelry applications

#### **COPPER ALLOYS**

- High heat conductivity
- Low absorption of laser radiation

#### **STAINLESS STEEL**

- High ductility
- Corrosion-resistant
- Easy to post-process

#### **TOOL STEEL**

- High ductility
- Corrosion-resistant
- Easy to post-process

#### Source: BCG (2019)



#### NICKEL-BASED

- Corrosion-resistant
- High mechanical strength
- Hardening possible

#### **COBALT-BASED**

- High strength & hardness
- Temperature-resistant
- Corrosion-resistant

#### **TITANIUM ALLOYS**

- Lightweight, high strength per density
- Corrosion-resistant

#### **ALUMINUM ALLOYS**

- Lightweight
- Low material density
- Suitable for casting



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## AM Technologies Multi Jet Fusion (MJF)









- Layer-by-layer application of material applied to powder in build chamber
- Introduction of liquid binder by inkjet print heads to bond powder particles together
- Energy input (curing) through UV lamps



# AM Technologies Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)









- Production of complex geometries by selective melting of polymer powder with one or more lasers
- As-built parts are usually white (polymer color)
- Many different materials available (e.g., PA11, PA12, TPU, PEEK, TPE, PP)



## AM Technologies **Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)**











- Thermoplastic filament is molten and extruded through a hot nozzle
- Support structures are required for overhangs
- Use in industry, but also huge open source and DIY community
- Many materials available (e.g, PLA, ABS, PP, PA, PC, TPE, TPC, TPU, PEEK, PEKK, PPSU, PEI)



## AM Technologies Stereolithography (SLA)









- Polymerization of photo-reactive resin by selective scanning with a UV laser beam (usually through transparent container from below)
- Requires support structures for overhangs
- Wide range of photo-reactive resins with different optical, thermal and mechanical properties



## AM Technology Overview Technology Readiness – Polymer AM Maturity Index





- Sixteen different work principles
- Over 240 vendors supplying industrial machines
- SLS, FDM, SLA and DLP with widespread industrial use
- 6 technologies with index reached
- Many technologies as first application and prototype system


#### AM Technology Overview Available Polymer Materials





Source: 3DMaker Engineering, RapidMade, EOS, BigRep



# AM Technology Overview **Segmentation of Other AM Technologies**





Source: Derived from Fomrnnext AM Field Guide Compact and DIN EN ISO/ASTM Terminology



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#### AM Application Examples Fields of Application Along the Ship Development Process



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Source: Drezner (2011)





#### AM Application Examples Geometry Prototype – Aiming at a Real-Size Replica

# **Characteristics**

- Usage of AM technologies in prototyping processes of traditional sailing yacht designs
- Mechanical and design improvement with updated prototypes
- Goal: Continuous scaling until a real 1:1 prototype can be manufactured
- AM technology: Material extrusion

## **Utilized AM Benefits**

- Flexible design iterations and engineering changes
- Short time and efficiency from improvement to product
- Economic small quantities compared to real scale prototypes







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## AM Application Examples Functional Prototype – Hybrid Manufacturing of Large-Scale Parts

# Characteristics

- Triple-blade "WAAMpeller" (1,350 mm diameter propeller)
- Goal: Spare-part supply
- AM technology: WAAM, material: Nickel Aluminum Bronze (NAB)
- Application type: Prototype





## **O** Utilized AM Benefits

- Facilitation of extensive material testing and analysis to match material properties with specific application
- Optimization of part design according to application
- Speeding up of product development process and optimization of process parameters

Source: https://www.bairdmaritime.com/work-boat-world/prototype-3d-printed-propeller-unveiled-in-rotterdam/, Sener (2019)









#### AM Application Examples Fields of Application Along the Ship Development Process









Source: Drezner (2011)

#### AM Application Examples Manufacturing and Assembly Aids – Lifting Tool



# **Characteristics**

- 3D printed device to carry the assembly of a cylinder liner with piston and connecting rod
- Steel tools expensive, time-intensive to manufacture and heavy to use and transport
- AM technology: Fused Filament Fabrication (continuous carbon fiber reinforcement)
- Application type: Tool

## **Utilized AM Benefits**

- Economic small quantities
- Reduction of production time
- Demand-driven manufacturing
- Weight reduction by 75% while maintaining load capacity











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Source: Markforged, Ziolkowski and Dyl (2020)

#### AM Application Examples Rapid Tooling – Jig for Joint Connection

# Characteristics

- T-AO Expansion Joint Connection is pivotal to the ship's operation and difficult to envision how it ties into surrounding structure
- 3D printed part used to help with its installation
- AM technology: Stereolithography
- Application type: Jig

# **O** Utilized AM Benefits

- Shorter installation time
- Shortening of product development process
- Economic small quantities













#### AM Application Examples Fields of Application Along the Ship Development Process







Source: Drezner (2011)

#### AM Application Examples (**On-Board**) Spare Parts Manufacturing

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# Characteristics

- Spare parts are manufactured on-board, stored nearby or transported to the ship when requested
- Metal and polymer AM according to required part
- Example parts e.g., scupper plugs used to close drainage holes to prevent oil or contaminant spills





#### **O** Utilized AM Benefits

- Cost reduction due to elimination of shipping
- Reduction of inventory demand-oriented supply
- Reduction of down times (short duration between identification of part and physical replacement)









Source: http://rwappleton.com/3Dprinting.pdf

# AM Application Examples **On-Site Repair**

## **Characteristics**

- Ships usually last much longer than planes or cars
- Obsolescence of parts and retiring of their ways of manufacturing increases the costs for repair
- AM enables on-site repairs
- AM technology: Metal cladding or cold spray (rebuild of worn or damaged surfaces)

## **Utilized AM Benefits**

- Safety improvement through faster replacement of damaged parts
- All levels of complexity and increasing size parameters
- Reduction of downtime
- Cost decrease due to part repair instead of part change

Source: Greenship, Ziolkowski and Dyl (2020)







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#### AM Application Examples Customization of Interior Components

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# **Characteristics**

- Customization of interior design adapted to individual customers' needs
- AM to enable economic manufacturing of small quantities
- AM technologies: Multiple technologies
- Application type: Customized part

# **O** Utilized AM Benefits

- Economic small quantities
- Realization of complex geometries and function integration
- Facilitates responsiveness to customer needs
- Decrease of production cost of exclusive products











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Source: https://greenship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/The-maritime-opportunity-space-of-3D-print.pdf

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Comparing Apples with Oranges...



Successful AM adaption requires consideration of AM differences. Without change of expectations, AM turns

out as a poor substitute for established processes.

#### ... Additive Manufacturing is different



**Different cost structure:** High upfront investment costs and high material prices, but not driven by economies of scale



Financial return and technological feasibility must be considered in identification of parts with positive business case



Enables **new business models** such as mass customization or digital warehousing



**Products and required expertise** along the product life cycle are different (e.g. Design for Additive Manufacturing)



Some AM technologies require complex health & security measures



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Source: Effectory, TCT

## Successful Adaption of AM Different Cost Structure of Conventional Manufacturing (CM) and AM









## Successful Adaption of AM Different Process Chains Result in Different Manufacturing Cost Structure



#### Inconel Heat Inconel 3D Heat Inspecting Cutting Pressing Sintering Brazing powder Treatment Powder Printing Treatment Surface Support Inconel Inspection Sintering Pressing removal treatment powder Semifinished Cutting Turning product

Additive Manufacturing allows to transfer process chain complexity to part design (e.g. through part consolidation)

**Conventional process chain** 



Additive process chain



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Source: ACAM Webinar "Software or Expert? Part Identification for Additive" with RWTH DAP





Part identification process

Preliminary Selection 

> Financial Assessment

> > Technological Assessment

Implementation



#### Mapping of possible candidates to find target parts for implementation

Development of prototype components and processes to validate assumptions

# Keeping in backlog for future

Technology and market evolution can change the feasibility status of parts. Focus on parts with high potential ROI

Source: ACAM Webinar "Software or Expert? Part Identification for Additive" with RWTH DAP





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Source: Effectory, TCT

#### Successful Adaption of AM Business Models Based on AM



# **O** AM Benefits

- Design freedom: Complex features, lightweight, monolithic
- Flexible design iterations and engineering changes
- Integration of functions
- Economic small quantities and individualization
- Short time and efficiency idea to product
- Short supply chain
- Insourcing: Appealing for staff in industrialized countries & high degree of automation
- Sustainability by material reduction or efficiency in performance



#### Enabled business models for AM users (not a conclusive)







Digital spare part warehouse

Service provider

Online marketplace





**Co-Production** 





# Successful Adaption of AM **Digital Spare Part Warehouse**





#### Specialized manufacturer - FIT AG

- Expertise in additive manufacturing, rapid prototyping & tooling and spare parts manufacturing
- Introduction of demand-driven production of "critical" spare parts
- Examination of the usefulness of additive manufacturing in terms of cost & quality

#### Spare parts on demand

- Production costs and delivery times can be planned
  (-30% total costs | -75% response time in case of need)
- Minimization of failure risks
- Elimination of warehousing
- Digitization of additively manufacturable spare parts & backup in virtual warehouse Production "on demand"
- Also used for discontinuous series components

Payment only for actually needed spare parts

High availability due to fast production

S.P.O.D. – Spare Parts on Demand

Lack of availability, long delivery times, unplanned high order costs and expensive inventories are eliminated



Source: FIT AG

Source: oerlikon am

production

High-quality 3D-printed parts

- Covering entire metal AM value chain lowering the market entrance barrier for manufacturing companies
- Certified according to ISO 9001 and AS/EN 9100 in Europe and the United States
- Facilitates reliable, risk-reduced acquisition of certified series metal parts for manufacturing companies
- Seizing of AM benefits without having to establish own AM

Economic acquisition of high-quality AM series parts

Risk-reduced integration of AM parts

Rising share of series parts empower business model

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#### Successful Adaption of AM **Service Provider**

## **œrlikon** am Specialized service provider – oerlikon am

- Service provider for metal series parts in a variety of industries (e.g., automotive, aerospace, medical or energy)
- Design, development and series manufacturing partner of manufacturing companies





#### Successful Adaption of AM Online Marketplace with Instant Quoting





#### Online marketplace for AM

- Integration of manufacturing providers
- Platform for customers to compare manufacturing services of of different providers
- Instant quoting tool with cost and delivery dates based on CAD upload by customer
- Automated design check of uploaded models

#### Exemplary AM marketplaces

- Protiq
- Xometry
- Hubs
- Jellypipe
- HP Digital Manufacturing Network



# Successful Adaption of AM Mass Customization





#### 3D printing customization service

- Set-up of online shop for customers to indicate customized changes to implement in their BMW Mini
- Customizable parts: door sills, door projectors, interior trims and side scuttles
- Polymer AM technologies used

#### Adaptability to multi-level customers

- Addressing customers' need for individualization and customization
- Customized parts are designed according to clients' style and additively manufactured
- Economic realization of customized parts and increased customer satisfaction



Source: BMW, Sculpteo



Source: Enable3D, Wiesemann 1893

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# Successful Adaption of AM **Co-Production**

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#### Product design service

- Development and marketing for AM brands
- Aiming at companies striving towards digitization
- Design aimed to facilitate physical manufacturing by end users
- Monomaterial part design for circular economy

#### Print@home applications

- Inclusion of customers into value creation process for better and more individualized products
- Shared value creation (print@home application)
- Reduced transport and waste through demand-oriented product supply
- Facilitated circular economy through monomaterial design
- Economic supply of small-series products



Enable3D & Wiesemann 1893

Economic production of individualized products

Higher sustainability through facilitating circular economy





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Enables **new business models** such as mass customization or digital warehousing



**Products and required expertise** along the product life cycle are different (e.g. Design for Additive Manufacturing)



Some AM technologies require complex health & security measures



**Successful AM adaption** requires **consideration of AM differences**. Without change of expectations, AM turns out as a poor substitute for established processes.

Source: Effectory, TCT

#### Successful Adaption of AM Algorithmic Design for Additive Manufacturing – Generative Design



# How?



**Conventional design** 

Additive design

Source: RWTH DAP, e.GO



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#### Successful Adaption of AM Health & Safety Risks and Measures for Prevention





## Health & Safety Measures

#### **Standard PPE**

- Protective gloves
- Work protective clothing
- Respirator mask
- Tight-closing safety goggles
- Anti-static work shoes

#### **Extended PPE**

- Heat-protective gloves
- Flameproof clothing
- Full respiratory mask
- Protective shield
- ESD wristband







Prevention of health hazards requires implementation of specific safety measures



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#### Future Perspective of AM What Does the Future Hold for Additive Manufacturing?



# Expected market development



#### Prognosis of cost development<sup>1</sup>



- Increase of machine productivity
- Higher technology readiness level
- Higher degree of automation

The AM market is predicted continuous strong growth and costs for AM parts are expected to decrease. Current barriers of AM are addressed in industry and ongoing research and development.

Source: Audi AG, Hubs, <sup>1</sup>LPBF-specific, high uncertainty and unpredictability of certain events



#### Future Perspective of AM Emerging AM Technologies – Metal Binder Jetting for Mass Production

#### Expectations in productivity

- More parts per build job due to 3D nesting compared to 2D nesting with LPBF
- Faster printing speed especially with high filling degree



ExOne



Two Volkswagen employees check the quality of 3D printed structural parts at the Wolfsburg center (photo credit: Volkswagen)

Parts & Service

#### Volkswagen and binder jetting, a winning duo?

#### Barriers for realization

- Additional process steps: Debinding & Sintering
- Automation, e.g., removal of green parts from powder cake
- Comparably low technology maturity compared to LPBF



#### ExOne Qualifies Aluminum Binder Jet 3D Printing With Ford

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Automotive Industry-First Binder Jet Aluminum 3D Printing and High-Density Sintering

New patent-pending process developed by ExOne and Ford Motor Co. for binder jetting aluminum 6061, one of the most commonly used
 aluminum alloys in the world, delivers final parts with 99% density and material properties comparable to traditional manufacturing




# Future Perspective of AM Data Security in Digital Supply Chains - Research Project ProCloud 3D





# Recent crises have shown the vulnerability of global of supply chains. Establishing resilient supply chains is a key element to competitiveness.

Source: RWTH DAP, WIBU, BMBF



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# Future Perspective of AM Data Security in Digital Supply Chains - Research Project ProCloud 3D





Digital supply chains enabled by AM have the potential to substitute physical supply chains to large extent. But data transfer, processing and security must be ensured – that is where ProCloud 3D comes into play.

Source: RWTH DAP, WIBU, BMBF



# Future Perspective of AM Data Security in Digital Supply Chains - Research Project ProCloud 3D





# Future Perspective of AM Industrialization – Joint Research Project IDAM





- Material systems: Aluminum and steel
- Production volumes: > 10,000 components/year (@GKN)
- Production volumes: > 50,000 components/year (@BMW)





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# Basic AM Seminar Summary



# Antroduction to Additive Manufacturing



### **Overview of AM Technologies**



- High variety of established and emerging AM technologies
- Varying technology readiness
- Technology-specific characteristics, advantages and disadvantages
- Material choice according to application



### **Future Perspective**

- Expected continuous market growth
- Cost decrease due to increased technology readiness level, productivity and industrialization
- Technological and economical challenges are addressed through industry and R&D

### Successful Adaption of AM

Successful AM adaption requires consideration of AM differences. Without change of expectations, AM turns out as a poor substitute for established processes.



### **AM Application Examples**

- Various applications along the product lifecycle
- Differentiation in rapid prototyping, rapid tooling and AM of end use parts
- Taking advantage of different AM benefits according to application





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# Outlook





The strong market growth of AM continues holding immense potential for most industries. Successful implementation requires understanding of AM characteristics and strategic business model development.



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## **Thank You For Your Attention!**



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