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3D-Printing

How to unlock the full potential for the Automotive industry

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Introduction: Two Drivers of AM

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PROCESS INNOVATION *"flexibility in volumes & location"*



Prototyping



Tools/molds



Spare/Repair



PRODUCT INNOVATION *"new design freedom"*

> Complex designs Functional integration



Customization



Multi-material

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Successful applications at Volkswagen Group

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PROCESS INNOVATION: "flexibility in volumes & location"

Rapid Prototyping (e.g. multicolor printing)

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Development (e.g. I.D. R Pikes Peak)





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Printed jigs & fixtures (e.g. on-site desktop FDM)



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Tools and Molds (e.g. forming or casting)







Spare parts (e.g. water connectors W12)





Classic parts (e.g., for Porsche 959)





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PRODUCT INNOVATION: "new design freedom"

Low volume series parts (e.g. filler cap "URUS")





High performance parts (e.g. Chiron brake caliper)





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Functional integration (e.g. rotor shaft study)



Multi-material (e.g. frame study)



Customization (e.g. shift knobs or keys)



Lightweight components (e.g. frame)





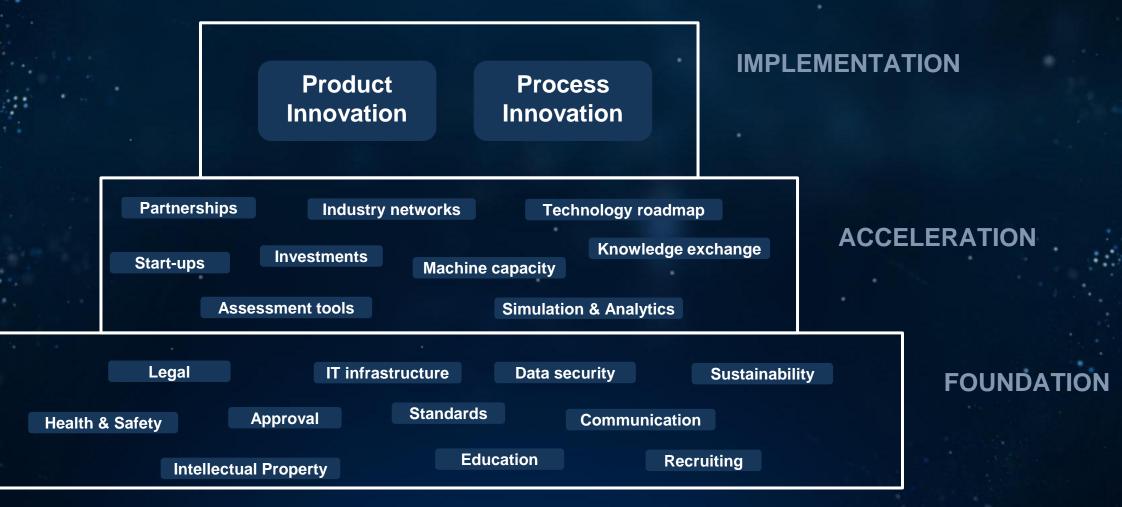








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Connecting capacity towards AI



Connecting systems and collecting data is key

AI optimized processes







Sensor fusing

Deep learning

Optimized decentralized capacity



Do not think of AM as an end in itself — Understand it as part of a data driven world.

Today

AM is ...



... known for process innovation e.g., prototyping applications



. used for first applications within product innovation

Vision

AM will be ...



. an enabler of agile development & optimization of products



.. the key technology to physically realize AI optimized designs

Thank you for your attention!

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