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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)





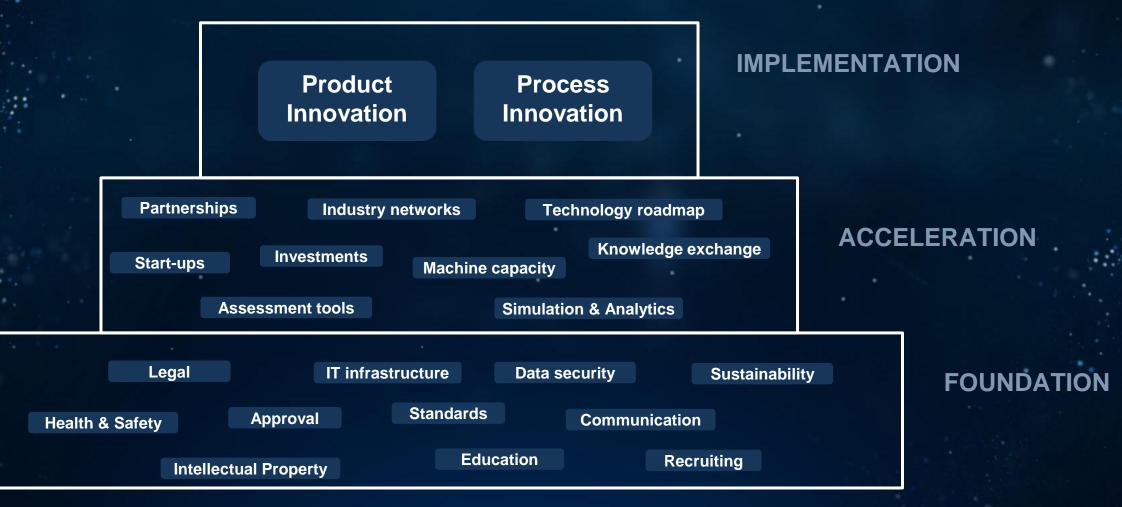








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Connecting capacity towards AI



### **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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