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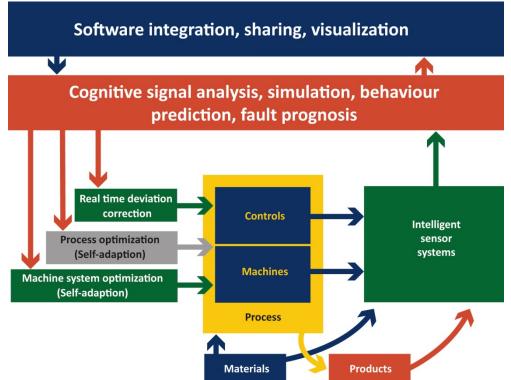
5 Academic partners 5 End user (2 Aerospace, 3 Machine tools) 4 Technology Providers



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## The vision of IFaCOM, <u>Intelligent Fault Correction and</u> self <u>Optimizing Manufacturing systems</u>

- Zero defect level of manufacturing for all kinds of manufacturing, with emphasis on production of high value parts, on large variety custom design manufacturing and on high performance products
- The whole system contains of three main loops:
  - The real time vital parameter control loop
  - The process optimization loop
  - The machine system optimization loop





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# The background of Zero Defecet Manufacturing

- ZDM A Total Quality Approach
  - Can be seen as a Extension/further implementation of Total Quality Management
  - A continuous system oriented quality approach
  - Quality Techniques improvement e.g. 6 sigma (smaller batches and real time measuring)
  - From product to (manufacturing) processes focus
- Reduction of losses by extensive <u>quality control</u> and the increase of efficiency in manufacturing applicable for many industries (in particular in the traditional



## Goals of the Zero Defect Manufacturing

- System approaches for monitoring and data processing of dimensional fluctuations
- Efficient simulation tools and methods to predict the manufacturing system behaviour which can be utilised for efficient operation planning to be combined with in-process monitoring
- Innovative solutions for intelligent manufacturing systems, in support of customising and build-to-order strategies
- Extensive integration capabilities in production equipment of intelligent, autonomous, and self-adaptive devices (integrated, self-powered sensors and actuators) at low cost for process monitoring, control and quality management.



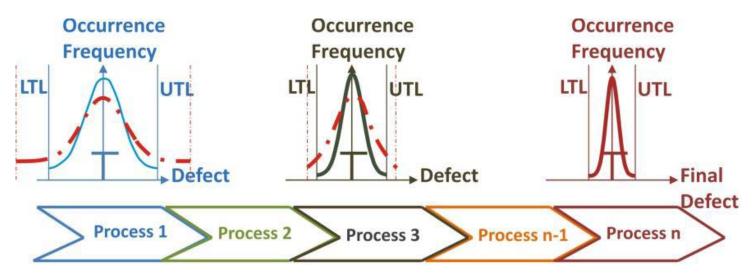
## Expected impact of Zero Defect Manufacturing

- The development of innovative solutions for zero-defect manufacturing is of strategic relevance for Indusry, especially in the domains of parts manufacturing with (conventional) technologies such as machining, cutting, forming, coating and others.
- The reduction of losses by extensive quality control and the increase of efficiency in manufacturing are expected in many industries, in particular in the traditional sectors.
- Safeguarding and creation of high-skilled jobs in European Industry



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# Dynamically adjusted quality targets in multi-stage process chains



From the system viewpoint, data collection, data presentation and root cause reasoning needs to be determined to allow continuous monitoring of the performance of the different process stages to master propagation of defects within or between processes and increase the robustness of processes.



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# Software solutions

- Fault Diagnosis, identification of sensitive parameters i.e. Knowledge discovery, Optimization and decision making of the processes
- Self-adaptive system for in-process real time control of vital quality parameters
- Intelligent Fault Diagnosis and Prognosis System (long time optimization)



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# Hardware/Sensor approaches

- Method for selection and characterization of commercially available sensor systems
- Method for identification of sensor system location
- Optimization of sensor performance
- Characterization and implementation into industrial demonstrators
- Selection and testing of sensor systems to enable the implementation of the industrial DEMOs



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## IFaCOM Five Enduser for the demonstrators



- Aerospace cluster: Implement Zero Defect Manufacturing solutions in production lines
- Machine Tool cluster: Improve products so that the products are able to obtain Zero Defect Manufacturing results
- ALESAMONTI : Compensate MT errors, automatic SPC for small batch, tool wear monitoring
- CHARMILLES : Predict and correct error occurrences in WEDM process
- **STRECON** : Monitor status of RAP process and control process with monitored data and recorded data from past operations
- **GKN** : Automate Aerospace component assembly process
- **EMA** : Optimize investment casting process for obtaining better final results









#### Before and after IFaCOM A Zero defect Manufacturing demonstator example GKN AEROSPACE

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- Extensive human subjective influence
- Manual process results in a varying anount of built in stress in sturecture affecting downstream processes
- Minimal feedback of assembly data
- Ingoing material with large variance

anual process

• Weld defects during the weld up sequence

- Standard workflow and method
- Much more uniform stress state in the structure
- Ample amount of automatic feedback from production, possibility of in-depth process analysis
- Ability to deal with variance of ingoing material
- Reduction of weld defects

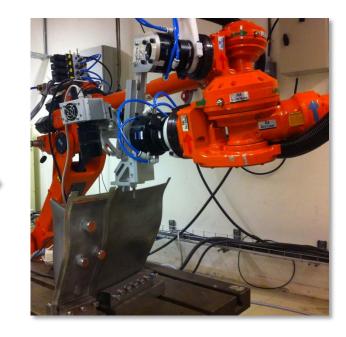
Fully or semi-automated robotic compliant assembly process

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# Current assembly process and IFaCOM solution







## Reduction of errors by 50% Long term: 90%





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#### Before and after IFaCOM A Zero defect Manufacturing demonstator example **EMA** "Optimize investment casting process for obtaining better final results: reduction of the scrap rate due to the ceramic inclusion in the investment casting"

#### **Before IFaCOM**

- Ceramic inclusions caused mainly by an ineffective control of the mixtures and the ceramic shell
- Extensive human influence in the control of the ceramic slurry in the investment casting process
- No optimal data integration



Manual process





New equipments introduction (automatic & semi-automatic), more effective control, scrap reduction



#### After IFaCOM

- More objectives, confident results come from the introduction of new equipments to control the ceramic slurry. Part of these are in-line
- Possibility of expanding type and amount of information from the shell making process
- Lower utilization of human resources in the control of ceramic slurries
- Faster feedback on the real status of the ceramic shell production
- Reduced scrap rate due the ceramic inclusions on EQX vanes for aero-engines





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## Before and after IFaCOM A Zero defect Manufacturing demonstator example STRECON

 Pre IFaCOM polishing was blindfolded meaning that a post- polishing quality assesment is made.



- Post IFaCOM online surface roughness assesments are made to determine the appropriate stoptime – avoiding overpolishing and the consequential potential defects.
- (As benificial side effect is that performance is improved since no unnecessary machine time is wasted.)

## Before and after IFaCOM A Zero defect Manufacturing demonstator example Charmilles

- Lines and marks marks may appear sporadically on the surface of the workpiece at the finishing stage of the WEDM which is the last machining stage
- Therefore, it results in costly rejects



- IFaCOM system will:
  - Proactively predict the occurence of lines and marks
  - Propose on-line process parameter adjustments to prevent the occurrence of lines and marks

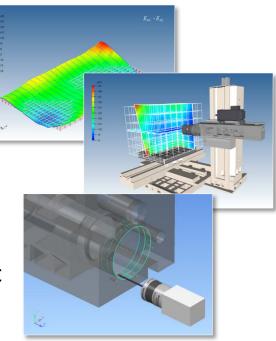
#### Before and after IFaCOM

#### A Zero defect Manufacturing demonstator example — ALESAMONTI

- Machine tool geometric errors are only periodically compensated, in unloaded state, at given ambient temperature
- Residual geometric errors are transferred to the workpiece
- Fitting between structural components needs to be performed at the assembly line, applying hand scraping



- Quasi real-time compensation of MT geometric errors
  - Prediction of workpiece errors
- On-machine inspection applying small-batch SPC



#### IMPACT

- 50% reduction of geometric tolerances on structural component features
- □ 50% reduction of hand scraping costs
- 15% reduction of heavy components handling and transportation
- $\square$  5% reduction of overall order execution time

## **Zero-defect manufacturing Cluster**



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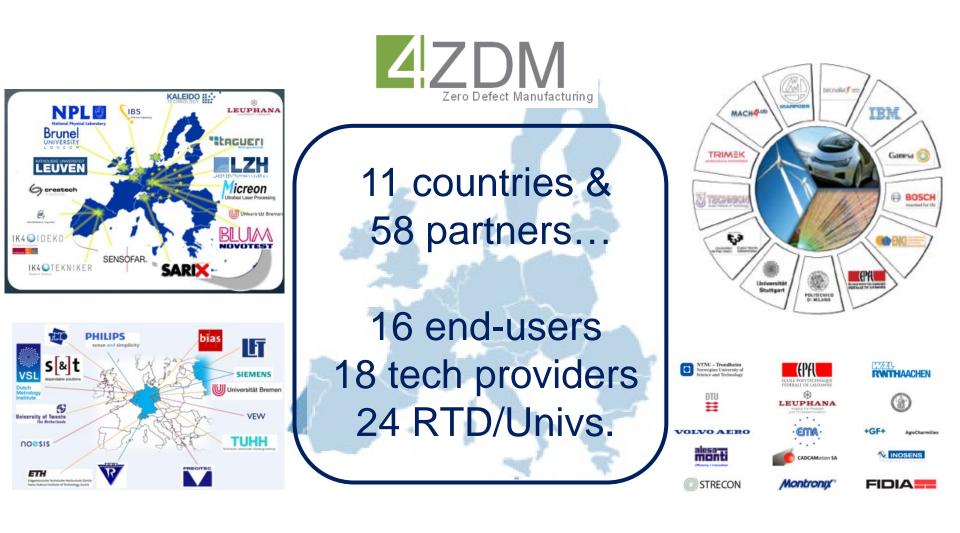




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## **Cluster cross-cutting issues**

1- Common targeted sectors or market applications: medical, transport, energy, industrial.

2- Common manufacturing processes: chip removal, laser ablation, electrical machining, replication, additive manufacturing, extrusion, assembly.

4 - **Share technological approaches** within Zero-Defect manufacturing.

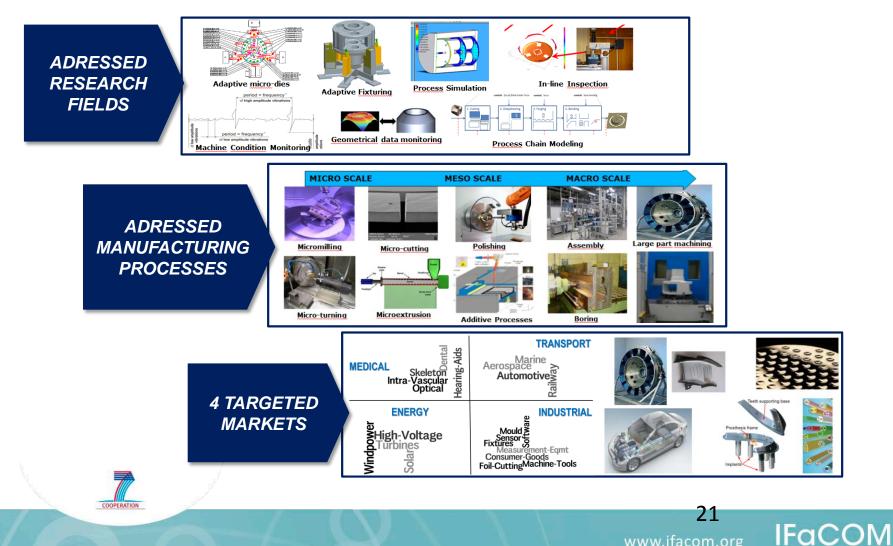
5- **Share industrial needs and demonstrator cases** (exploitation activities). Share obtained research results (dissemination activities).

6 – Contribute to international standardization activities.



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## **Technical cross-cutting issues**



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## Zero-defect manufacturing, EU-FoF cluster



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