

# Defining the research agenda for 3D printing-enabled re-distributed manufacturing

Scoping Workshop

Institute for Manufacturing, Cambridge

30<sup>th</sup> January 2015

# About 3DP-RDM

- One of five winning proposals from the EPSRC/ESRC under the “Re-distributed Manufacturing Network Call”
- Started in January 2015 and runs for 2 years
- One of three 3D printing projects we’re involved in:
  - 3DP-RDM
  - Bit by Bit: Capturing the value from the digital fabrication revolution
  - National Additive Manufacturing Strategy

# Objectives of 3DP-RDM

- To provide the research councils with guidelines on the research challenges in this area and the research they should support in the future
- To run workshops that bring together academia and industry from different research domains and sectors
- To operate feasibility study competitions and commission 4-6 studies of £35k-£65k (2-3 in year 1, 2-3 in year 2)

# Research aims of 3DP-RDM

- The features of 3D printing technologies that help enable re-distributed manufacturing
- How re-distributed manufacturing may accelerate the diffusion of 3DP technologies, and vice-versa
- Sector specific and generic aspects of 3DP enabled re-distributed manufacturing

# Industry

# Policy



**ECONOLYST** THE 3D PRINTING & ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PEOPLE

**Rolls-Royce**

**IfM** Education and Consultancy Services

**NHS**

**gsk** GlaxoSmithKline

**dyson**

**TWI**

**mtc** Manufacturing Technology Centre

**makespace**

**JAGUAR** **LAND ROVER**

**asics**

**RENISHAW** apply innovation

**GN**

**BU** Bournemouth University

**Cass Business School** CITY UNIVERSITY LONDON

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

**IfM** MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY POLICY

**The University of Nottingham**

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**RWTH AACHEN UNIVERSITY**

**NEMODE** New Economic Models In The Digital Economy

**Cardiff Metropolitan University**

**Prifysgol Metropolitan Caerdydd**

**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

**DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY LEICESTER**

**UCL**

**BITBUBIT** Capturing the value from the digital fabrication revolution

**CSaP**

**Royal College of Art**

**The University of Sheffield**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

**CSTI** Science Technology Innovation Policy

**Innovate UK** Technology Strategy Board

**BIS** Department for Business Innovation & Skills

**UK National Additive Manufacturing Strategy Group**

**Intellectual Property Office**

**IfM** Centre for Technology Management

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**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

# Objectives of today

- To facilitate multi-disciplinary discussion and new academia-academia and academia-industry connections
- To develop a high-level view of the research issues at the intersection of 3D printing and re-distributed manufacturing
- To support your identification of possible feasibility studies in 3DP-RDM
- To inform you about the 3DP-RDM feasibility study competition process
- To inform you about the National AM Strategy



Bonus

# Agenda

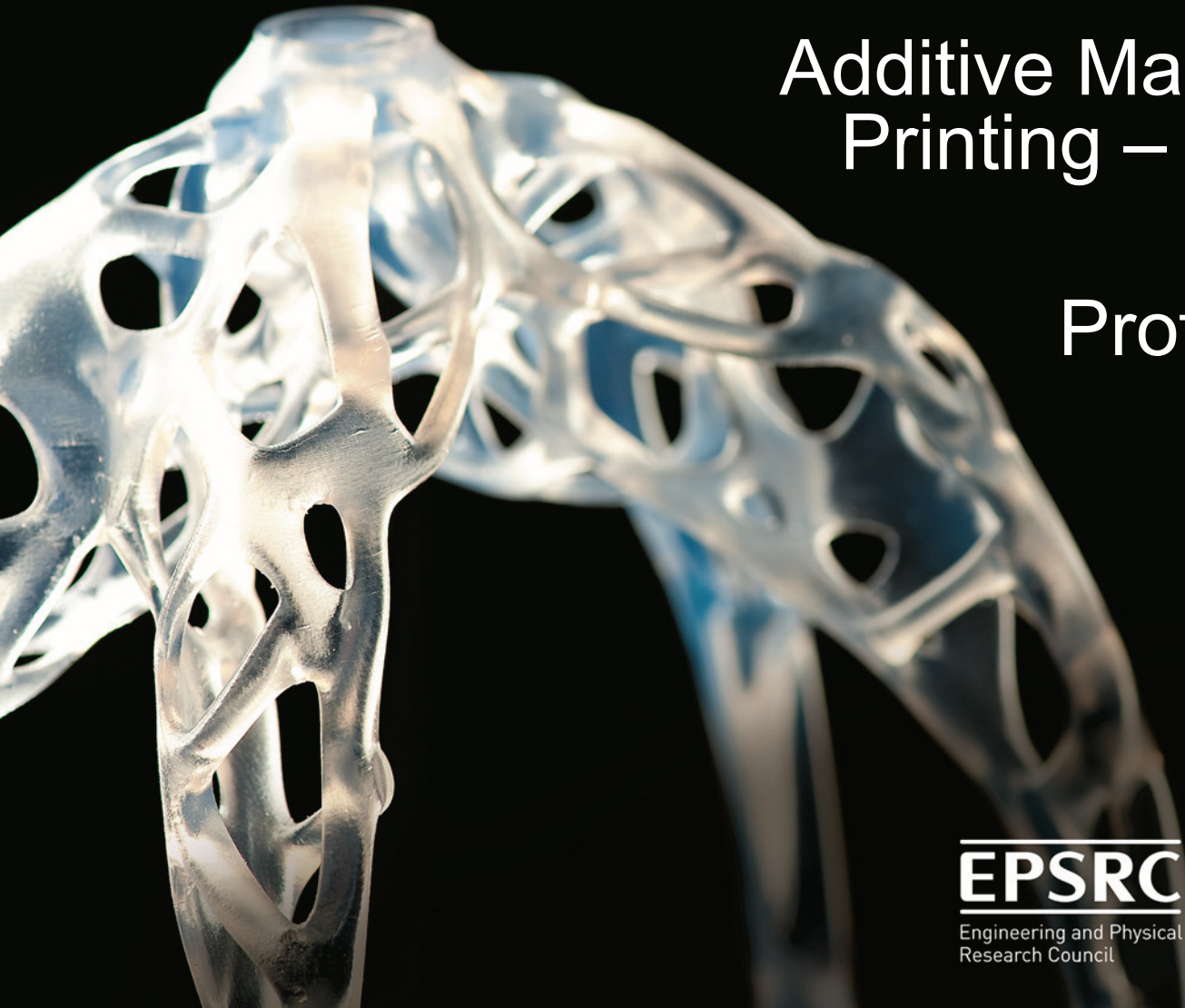
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# Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing – Current Status

Prof. Phill Dickens



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Research Council



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# What is it?



- **ASTM F2792**
  - a process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing methodologies
- **Radically different to conventional processes such as:**
  - Machining
  - Casting
  - Forging
  - Moulding
  - etc.



# What can it do?



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- Increasingly being used in demanding applications
- Ideal for Complex, High Value, medium-low volume, customised products
- Plastics, metals, ceramics, bio



# What can it do?



- Fuel nozzles for GE LEAP-56 engines
  - Cobalt Chrome
  - Part count from 20 to 1
  - Decrease in fuel burn due to weight reduction (-25%)
  - x5 durability
  - Initial production – 85,000
  - 40,000/yr by 2023
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMzVSbNebCg>
- Took 15 years to get to this



# Why is it of interest?



- Numerous **possible** benefits
  - Greater design freedom
  - No tooling
  - Less fixed investment
  - Production numbers can be low
  - Fast response to orders
  - Combine parts – reduce assembly
  - Cheaper than conventional processing
  - Customised products
  - Many materials
  - Replacement body parts
  - Possible to manufacture in new locations – home?



# Where are we headed technically?



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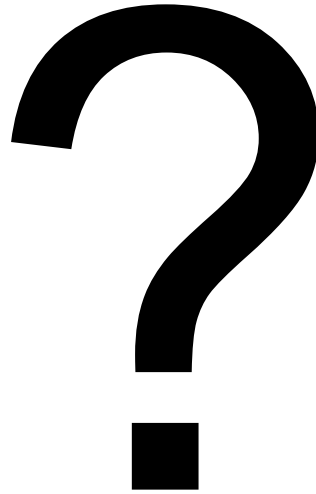
- Faster machines
- Greater size range
- Better quality – mat properties, accuracy, finish etc.
- Greater capability
- More materials
- Multiple materials
- Full colour

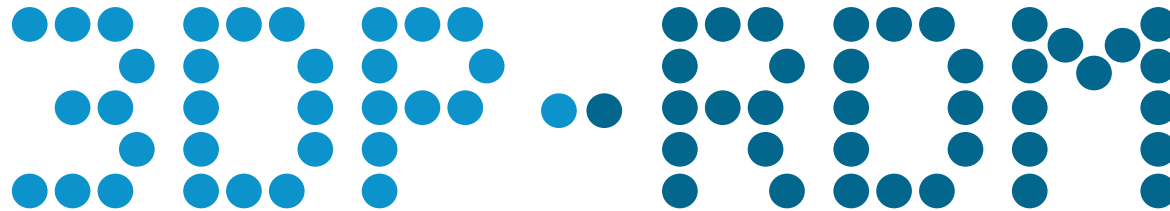


# Where are we headed commercially?



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# Re-distributed manufacturing

Dr Tim Minshall  
University of Cambridge

# What is Re-Distributed Manufacturing (RDM)?

**“Technologies, systems and strategies that change the economics and organisation of manufacturing, particularly with regard to location”**

*EPSRC Re-distributed Manufacturing Workshop Report 7-8  
November 2013.*

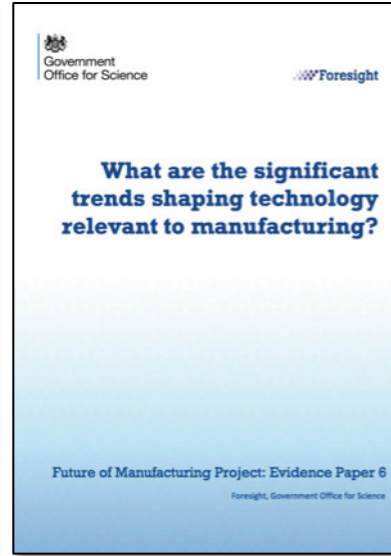


# Why is RDM important now?

- ‘Re-balancing’ of the UK economy
  - Geographically and sectorally
- Emerging technologies
  - Enabling new ways of producing
- Emergence of the ‘Maker’ movement
  - Stimulating product-based entrepreneurship
- Connecting science, technology, innovation, regional and industrial policies
- Sustainability – the Circular Economy

## RDM-related academic domains include:

- Economic geography – cluster theory
- Supply chain management – network capability
- Innovation and industrial policy – national & regional
- Asset management – servitisation
- Open innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Intellectual Property Rights management
- Diffusion of innovations
- .. and many more



**Re-distribution of manufacturing**



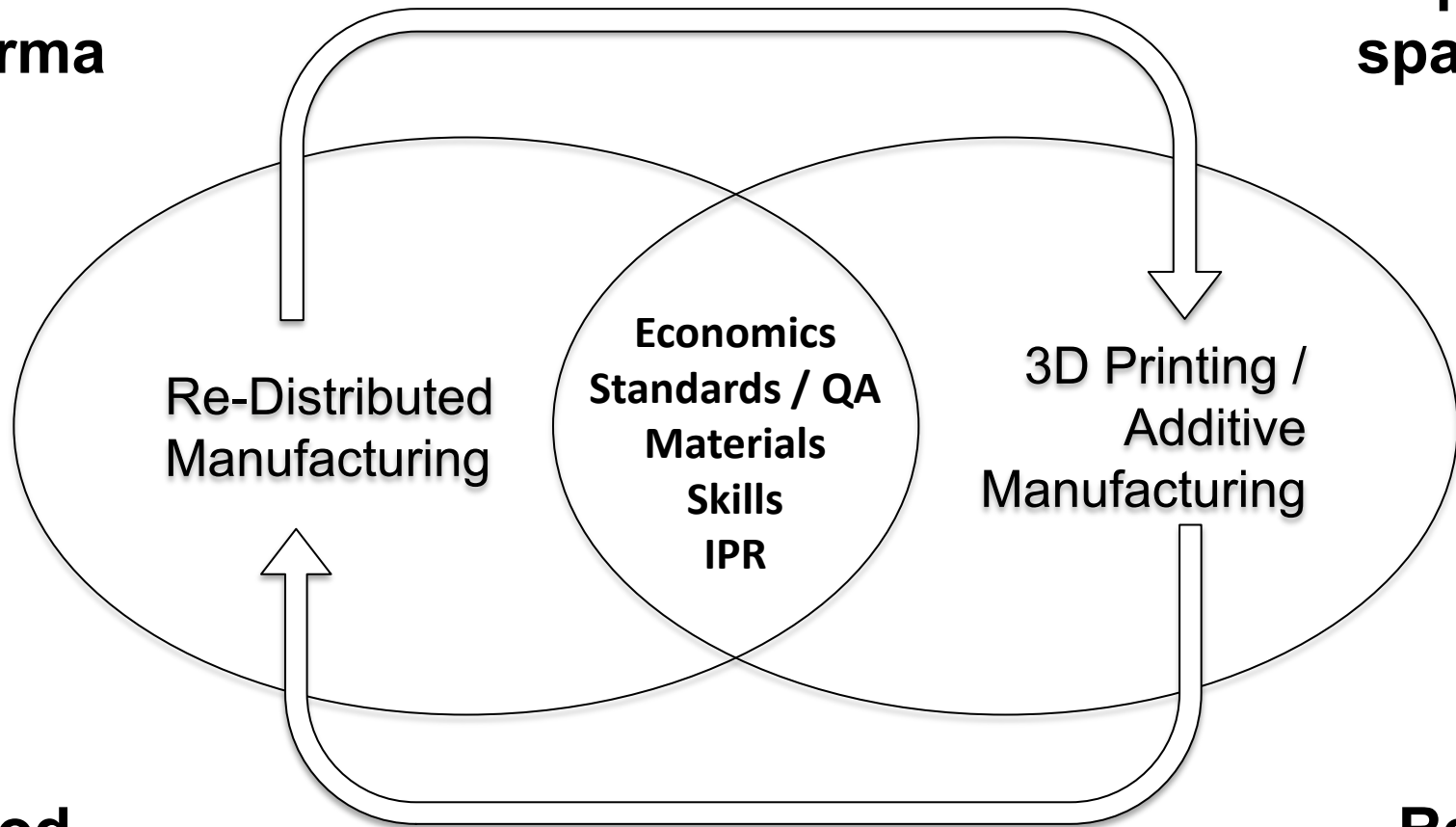
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# Focus of this network

Provides opportunities for

**Medical/  
pharma**

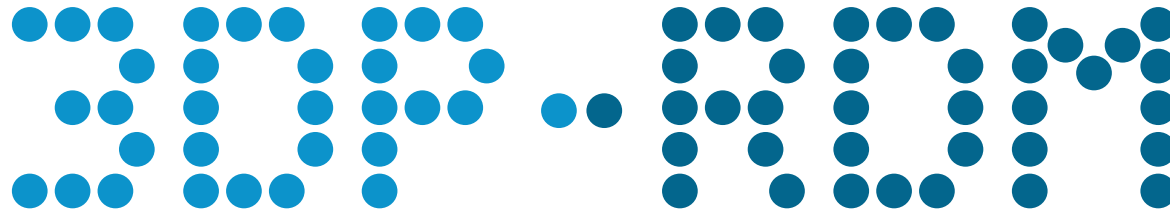
**Repairs/  
spares**



**Food**

**Retail**

Enables



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at the intersection of 3D printing  
and re-distributed manufacturing?

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landscaping activity and prioritisation

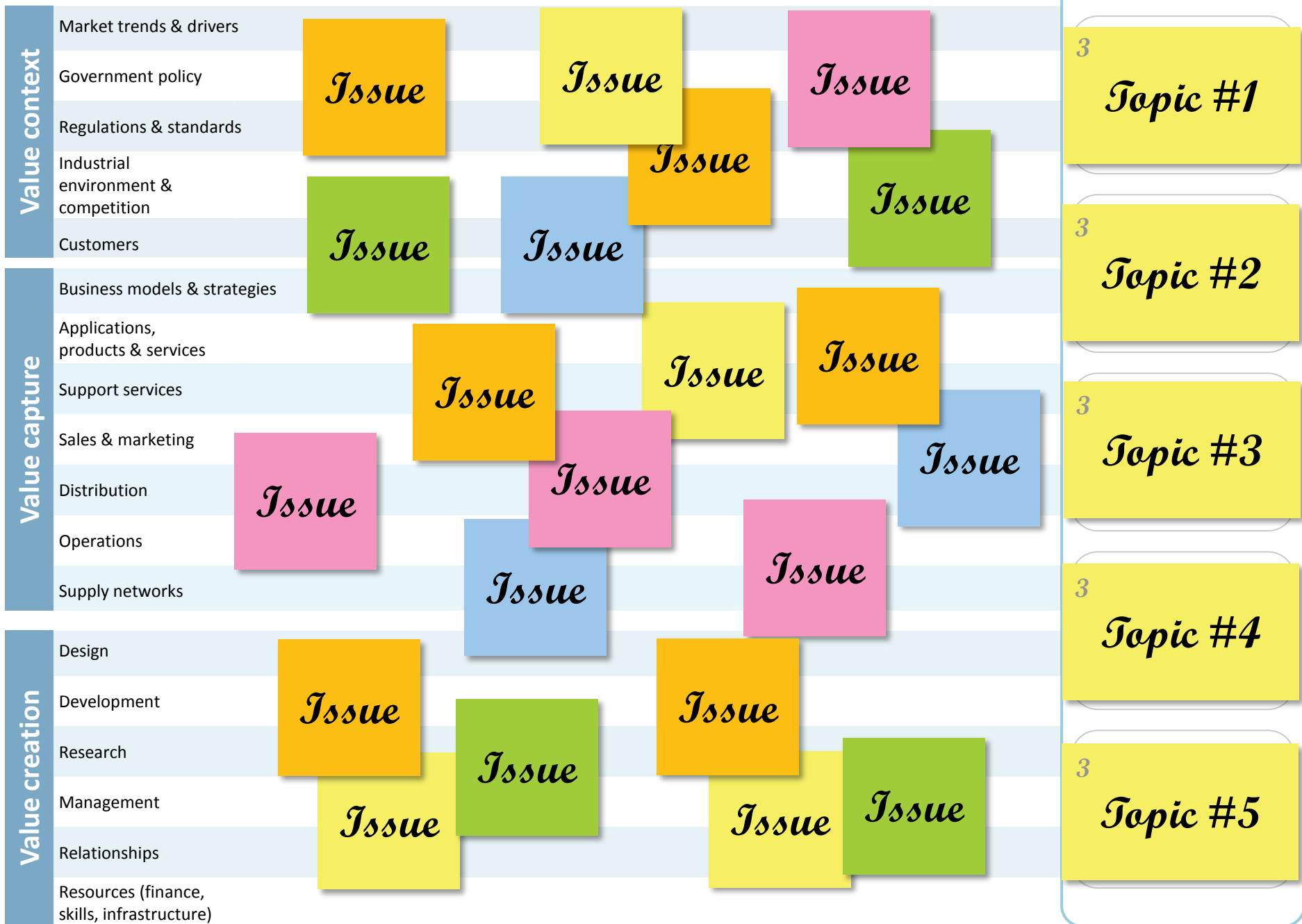
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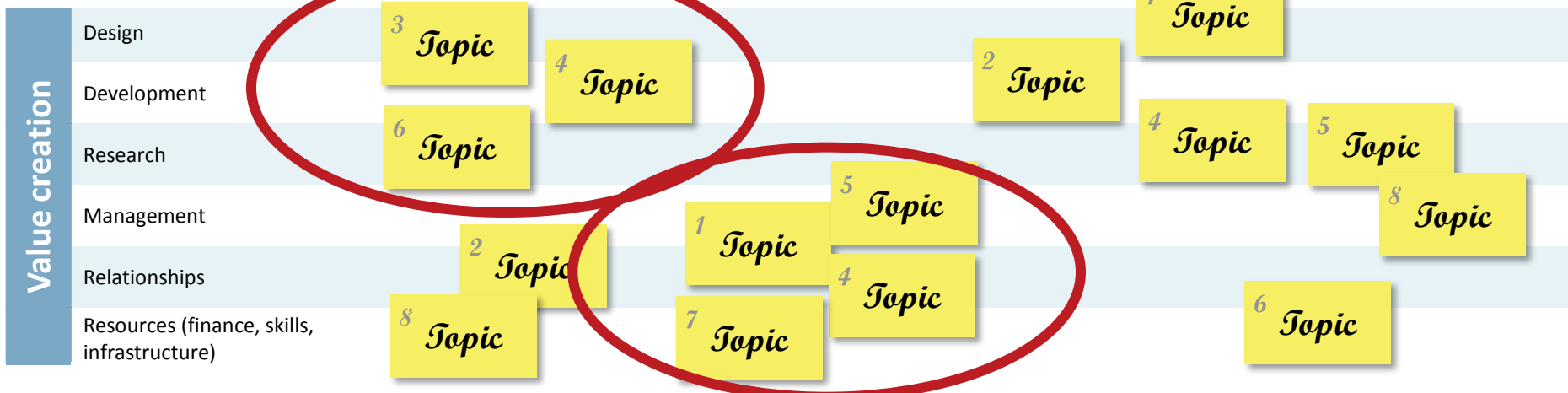
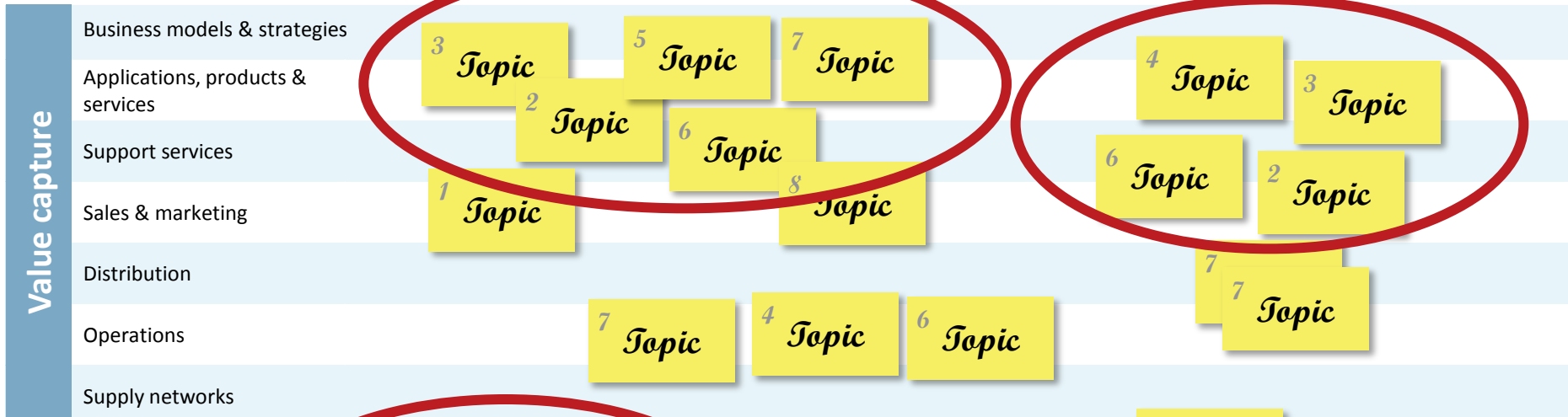
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## Stage 2: Landscaping (20 minutes)

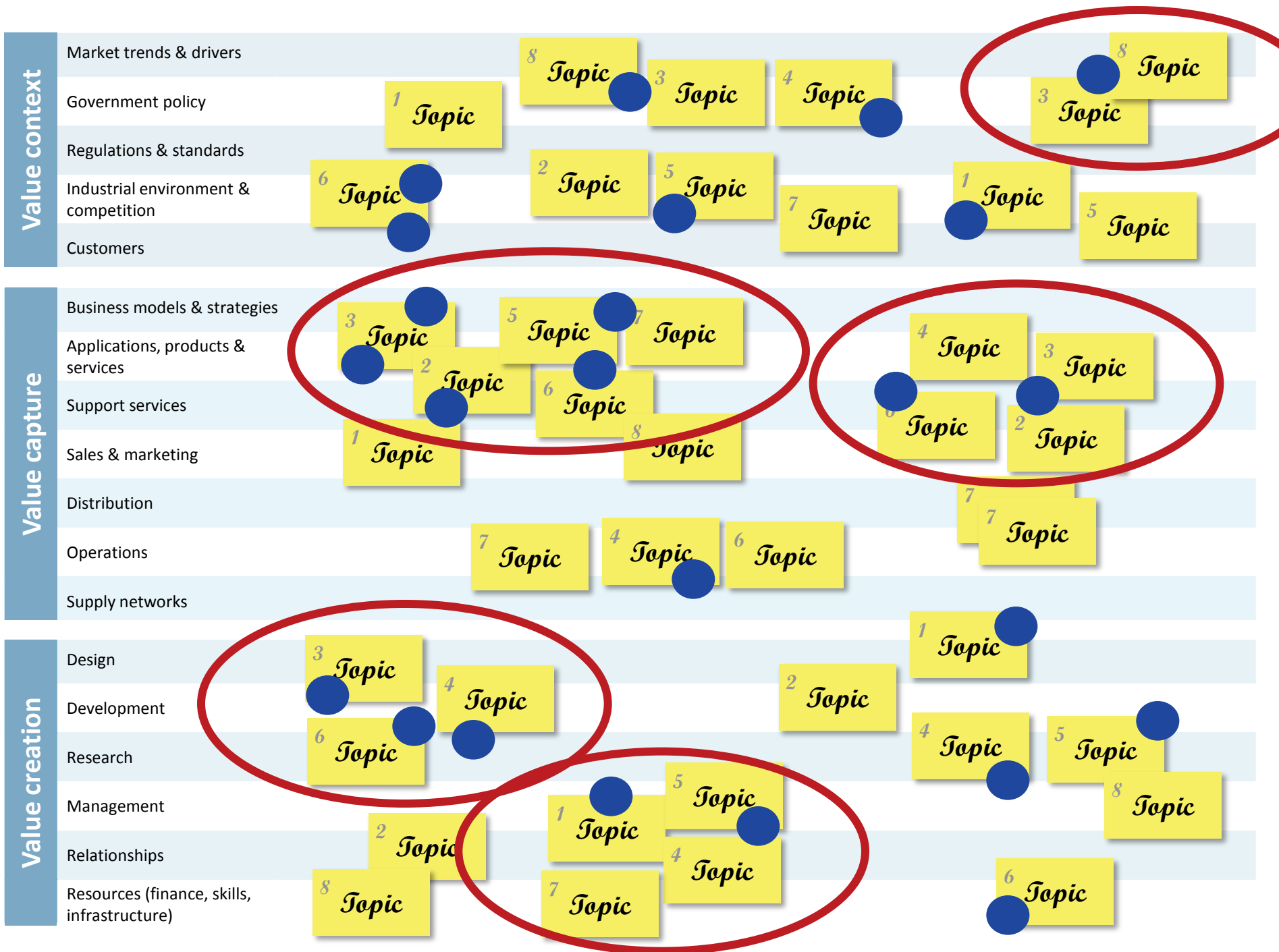
- Feedback from the small groups to hear about their Top 5 topics





## Stage 3: Prioritisation (15 minutes)

- Each person has 5 dots, which each represent a 'vote'
- With these votes you are stating which topics you think need to be investigated through feasibility studies in this first year of the network
- Rule: only one dot per Post-it note or Post-it cluster
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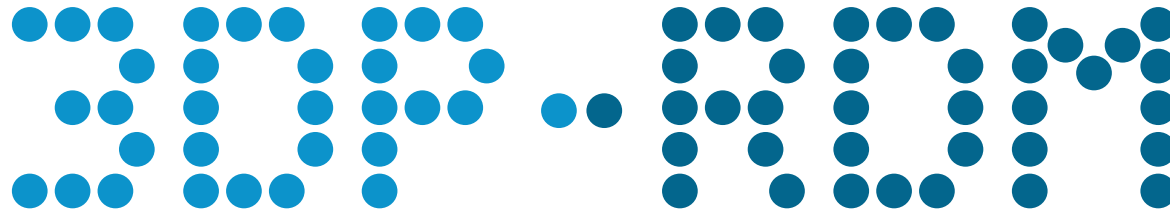


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# Highest priority topics for feasibility studies

Group	Topic	Votes
1	Material supply chain	13
2	Standards + compatibility + regulation + certification	12
3	Reconfiguring supply chain – consumers become prosumers	11
4	Software requirements and infrastructure in RDM environment – how is it accessed?	11
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10	Changing business model	6

1. Topic: *Priority topic #1*

2. Group participant

*Name*

*Name*

*Name*

*Name*

*Name*

6

3. Background and research interest

*Interests*

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4. Areas of research need and possible research questions

*RQ5*

*RQ2*

*RQ1*

*RN1*

*RN3*

*RN5*

*RQ4*

*RQ3*

*RQ7*

*RQ6*

*RN4*

*RN2*

5a. Feasibility study idea #1

*What?*

*Why?*

*How?*

5b. Feasibility study idea #2

*What?*

*Why?*

*How?*

5c. Feasibility study idea #3

*What?*

*Why?*

*How?*

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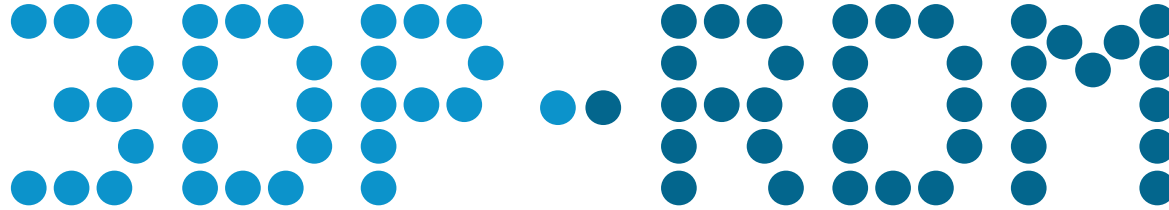
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# Group formation

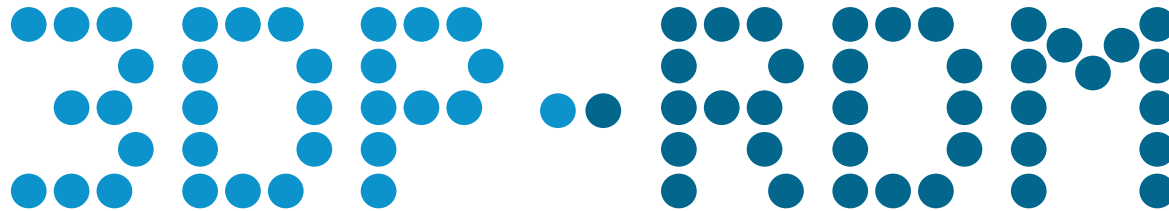
- Priority topics will be investigated in groups of 4-5 people
- Pick the topic that you're most interested in investigating and move to the numbered poster on the wall
- If there's a lot of interest in a group we'll subdivide
- ~50 minutes for discussion into this topic
- Feedback will focus on the Top 3 ideas for feasibility studies

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## Group feedback



## Next steps

# 3DP-RDM Feasibility Study Competition

- 2-3 feasibility studies will be commissioned for this calendar year
- Budgets for feasibility studies should be £35k-65k at 100% full economic costing
- You will be reimbursed at 80% full economic costing
- Collaborations are possible – and encouraged – but only academic institutions can receive funding

# 3DP-RDM Feasibility Study Competition

- Applications should follow template in participant pack
- Digital versions of the call for proposals and the template will be available on our Bit by Bit and 3DP-RDM blog:  
<https://capturingthevalue.wordpress.com/>
- Submitted to Simon Ford, [sjf39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sjf39@cam.ac.uk) by 12pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March



# Key dates

Today	Announcement of feasibility study competition at 3DP-RDM Scoping Workshop
2 March	Deadline for feasibility study proposal submissions – 12pm
18 March	Review of submissions completed, with winners announced shortly thereafter
1 April – 1 July	Feasibility studies begin
17-18 September	Interim reporting at 4 <sup>th</sup> EPSRC Manufacturing the Future Conference, Churchill College, Cambridge
31 December	Deadline for deliverables from feasibility studies
14-15 January 2016	Provisional dates for dissemination workshop and 2016 scoping workshop



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# UK AM Strategy Development

*We need your help*

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# Why have a UK Strategy for AM?

- Ensure UK maximises benefits of AM
- Ensure joined up activity;
  - Involving all parties (industry, academia, government, finance etc.)
  - Covering research, innovation, exploitation and training
  - Considers the entire supply chain
- Reduce the risk of duplication and critical gaps
- Focus effort to give the most effective outcome
- Raise awareness of the potential impact of AM
- Accelerate learning /knowledge transfer
- Ensure immediate opportunities are addresses but not at the expense of capability building for the long-term sustainability

# AM strategy

Must be:

- Independent
- Inclusive
- Industry driven
- Integrated with UK Government Industrial Strategy

# Getting started

## Initial working group established – September 2014

- Neil Mantle – Rolls Royce
- Rob Sharman/Dan Johns – GKN
- Robin Wilson – Innovate UK
- Chris Carr/Clare Marett/Brian Greenwood – BIS
- Rob Scudamore – TWI
- David Wimpenny – MTC
- Tim Minshall – IfM, Cambridge
- Phill Dickens – University of Nottingham

# Progress to date

- Letter from Industrial leaders to Mathew Hancock (Minister of State for Skills & Enterprise)
- Very positive response from Mathew Hancock who has requested a meeting with the industry leaders in March
- Position Paper on AM in the UK is being prepared to highlight the importance of AM for the UK (Rob Scudamore et al)
- Website is being set up to share information

# Next steps

- Promote the activity to ensure wide engagement
- Arrange series of workshops to gain input from different sectors
- Use the information gathered to produce an AM strategy
- Draft by end of 2015 for review
- Final version issued Q1 2016
- Update the strategy regularly

# Consultation

- Industry led based on sectors
  - Aerospace
  - Automotive
  - Agricultural Technologies?
  - Construction
  - Information Economy
  - Life Sciences
  - Nuclear
  - Offshore Wind
  - Oil and Gas
  - Professional and Business Services
  - Plus others
- Research and training bodies



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