



Data: Lab Munich

GeometricalDeepLearning on 3D Models: Classification for Additive  
Manufacturing

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# Get to know the team

## About us



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# At Data:Lab Munich we solve real problems with the use of data and AI.

- / Sustainable data driven products.
- / Provide better customers experience.
- / Improve organisations' internal processes.
- / Volkswagen Group DNA.





# Paving the way for digital transformation.

With a team of forward looking experts turning the most valuable asset of our entire organisation - data - into business solutions.



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# EPT Team

## 3 key business domains

A small and agile structured group of people who research and develop projects primarily for the sake of radical innovations in engineering and production.



### Engineering

- / Integrate with development teams
- / Showcase ML in motorsports
- / Get into vehicles



### Connected Car

- / Act as a central hub for ML
- / Integral part for all data
- / Data brokerage topics in VW



### Production

- / Support novel manufacturing technologies with ML
- / Digital Production Platform





# Production

## Additive Manufacturing

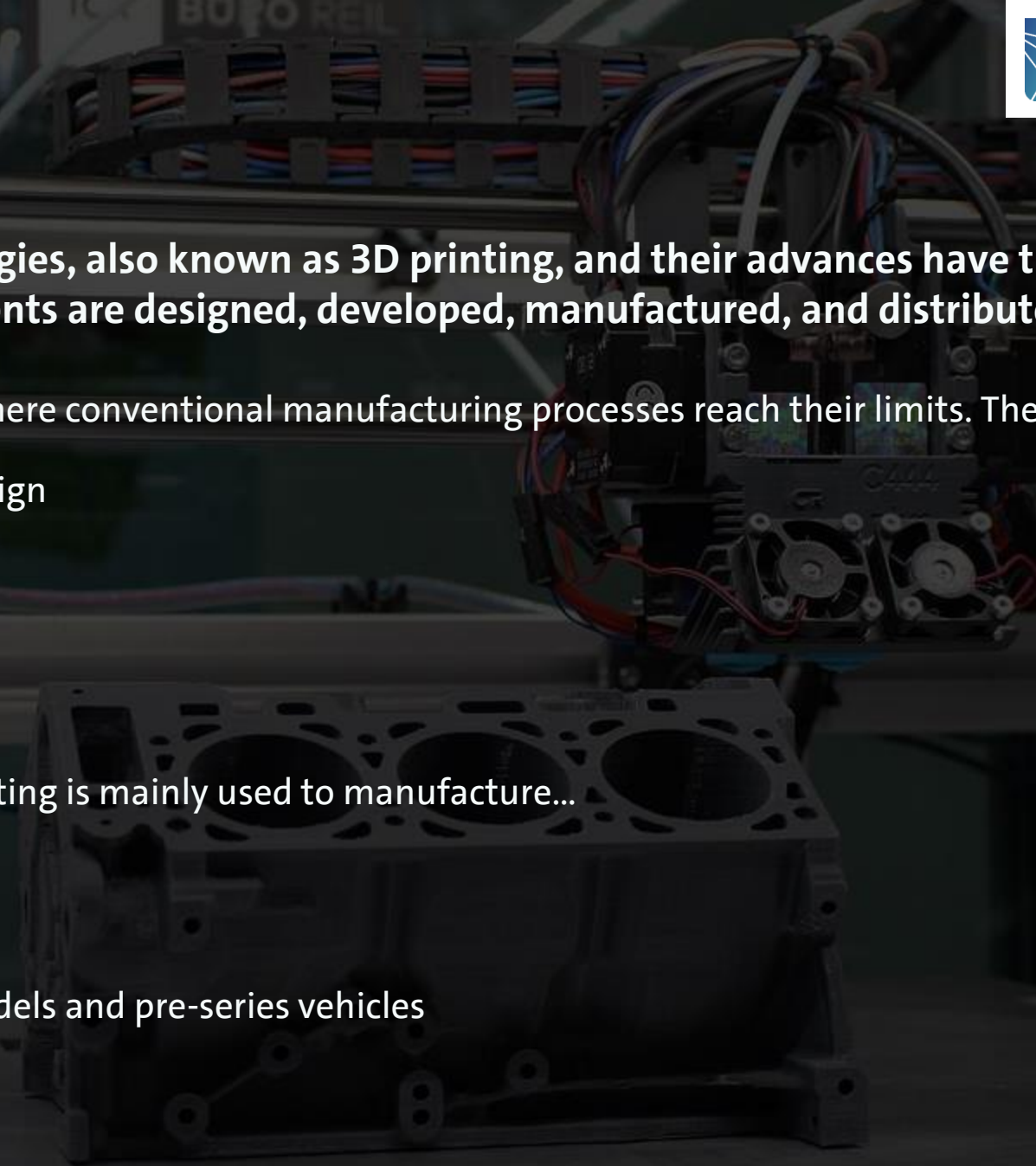
**Additive manufacturing technologies, also known as 3D printing, and their advances have transformed the potential ways in which components are designed, developed, manufactured, and distributed.**

/ 3D printing shows its strengths, where conventional manufacturing processes reach their limits. These include...

- ...high geometric freedom of design
- ...functional integration
- ...strong and lightweight parts
- ...low resource consumption
- ...production on demand

/ In the automotive industry 3D printing is mainly used to manufacture...

- ...prototypes
- ...operating equipment
- ...customized parts
- ...components for exhibition models and pre-series vehicles
- ...motorsport parts



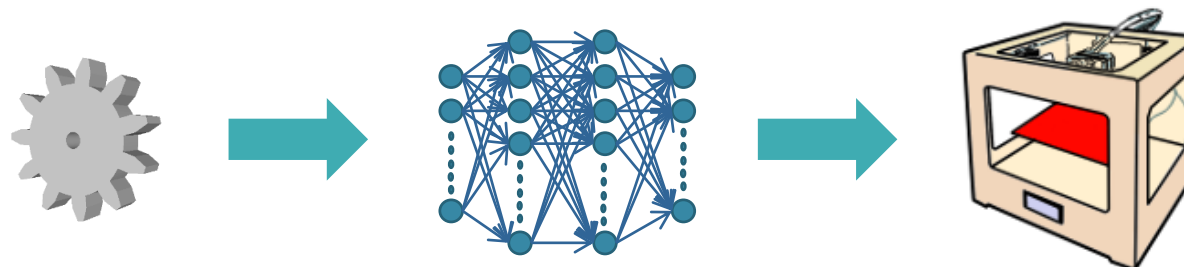
# Use-case

## Check if specific parts can be produced with a 3D printer

- Status quo:* In order to check whether a part can be produced with a 3D printer, the geometric elements of the parts are usually measured manually in CAD software and it is checked whether they are not below the minimum dimensions specified by the 3D printer manufacturer.



- Problem:* The manual check is very time-consuming due to the many geometric elements a part can consist of
- Our approach:* Train a Machine Learning model that checks if all requirements are fulfilled to produce a part on a 3D printer



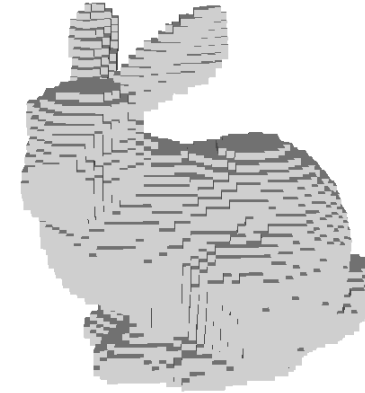
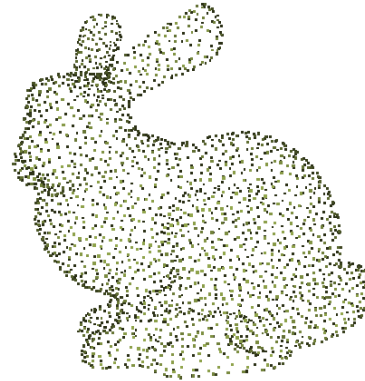
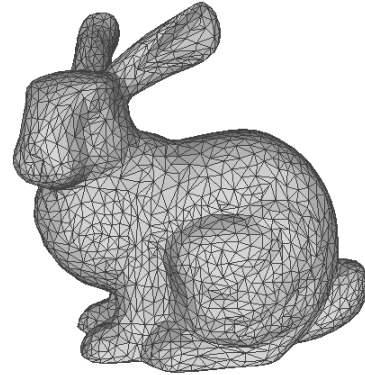




## Recommended feature sizes: Are features properly sized?

FEATURE	RPU 70	RPU 130	MPU 100	EPU 40 EPU41	FPU 50	CE 221	EPX 82	PR 25	UMA 90	SIL 30
Wall Thickness - Unsupported (mm)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Wall Thickness - Supported (mm)	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.5
Positive feature size XY (mm)	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	1.0
Minimum hole size XY (mm)	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.9	2.0
Positive feature size Z (mm)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0
Minimum hole size Z (mm)	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.8	2.0
Unsupported angle from horizontal (deg)	30	40	40	40	35	40	40	30	30	40

# Representations of 3D data



	Mesh grid	Point cloud	Voxel
Textures	++	-	+
Memory	++	+	-
Neural network Functionality available	+	+	++

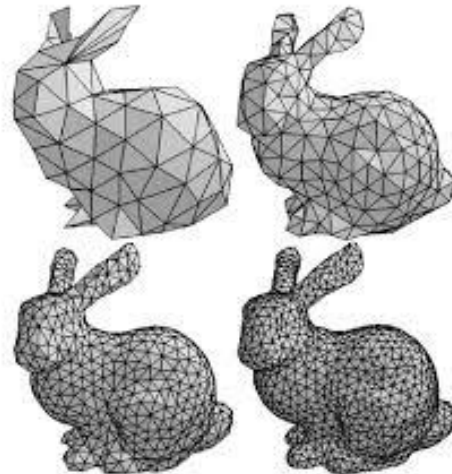
# Why is the analysis of 3D shapes complicated?

Input data is different!

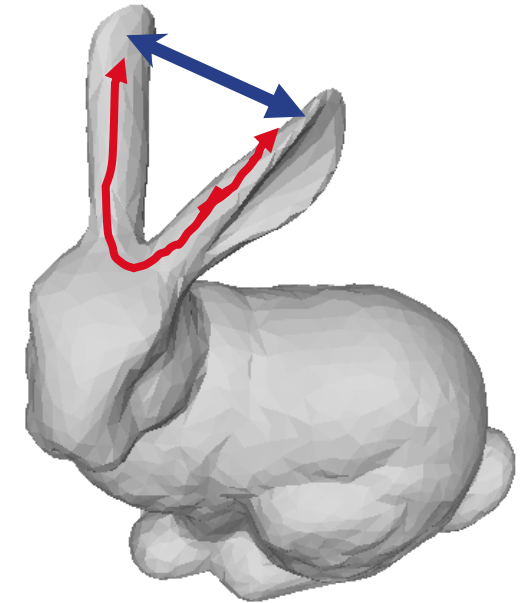
Input types



Data complexity and number of inputs



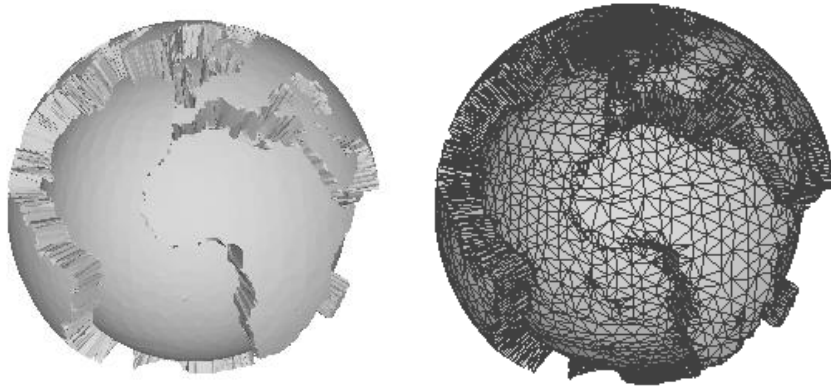
Non-Euclidean



- / Data type-based transformation
- / Special operations/layers
- / Different information contained
- / Complexity in data handling

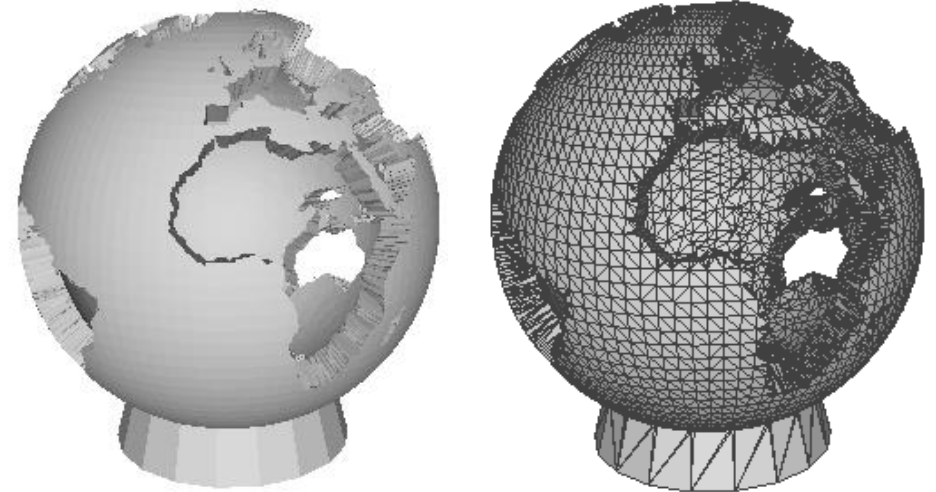
# Problem definition

Grid representation

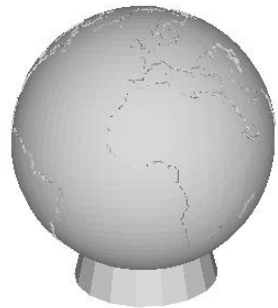


Land

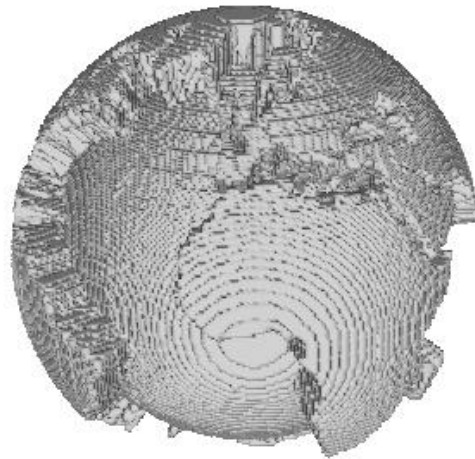
Grid representation



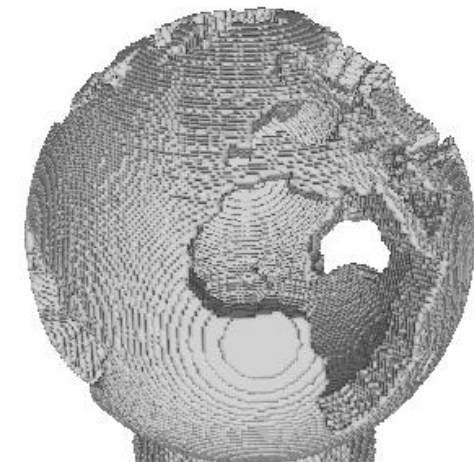
Water



Globe



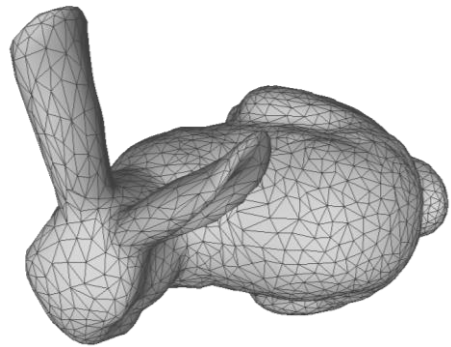
Land Voxel  
representation



Water Voxel  
representation

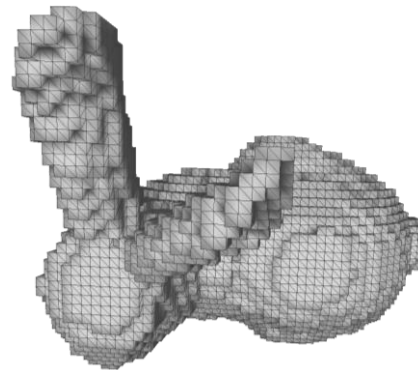


# Data preparation



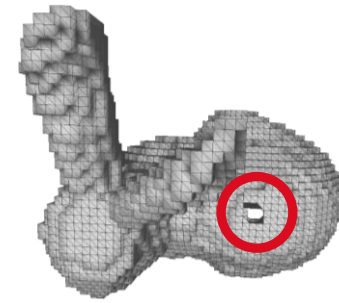
Mesh Grid

standardize

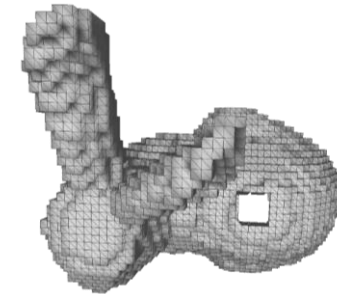


Voxel

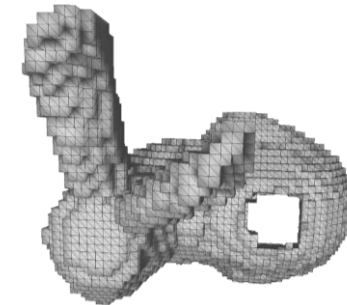
Synthetic  
data  
generation



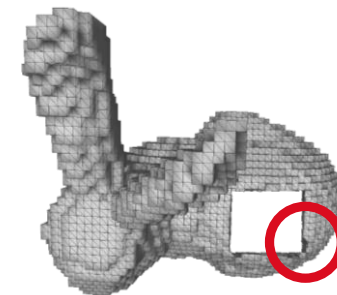
non-printable  
too small hole



printable

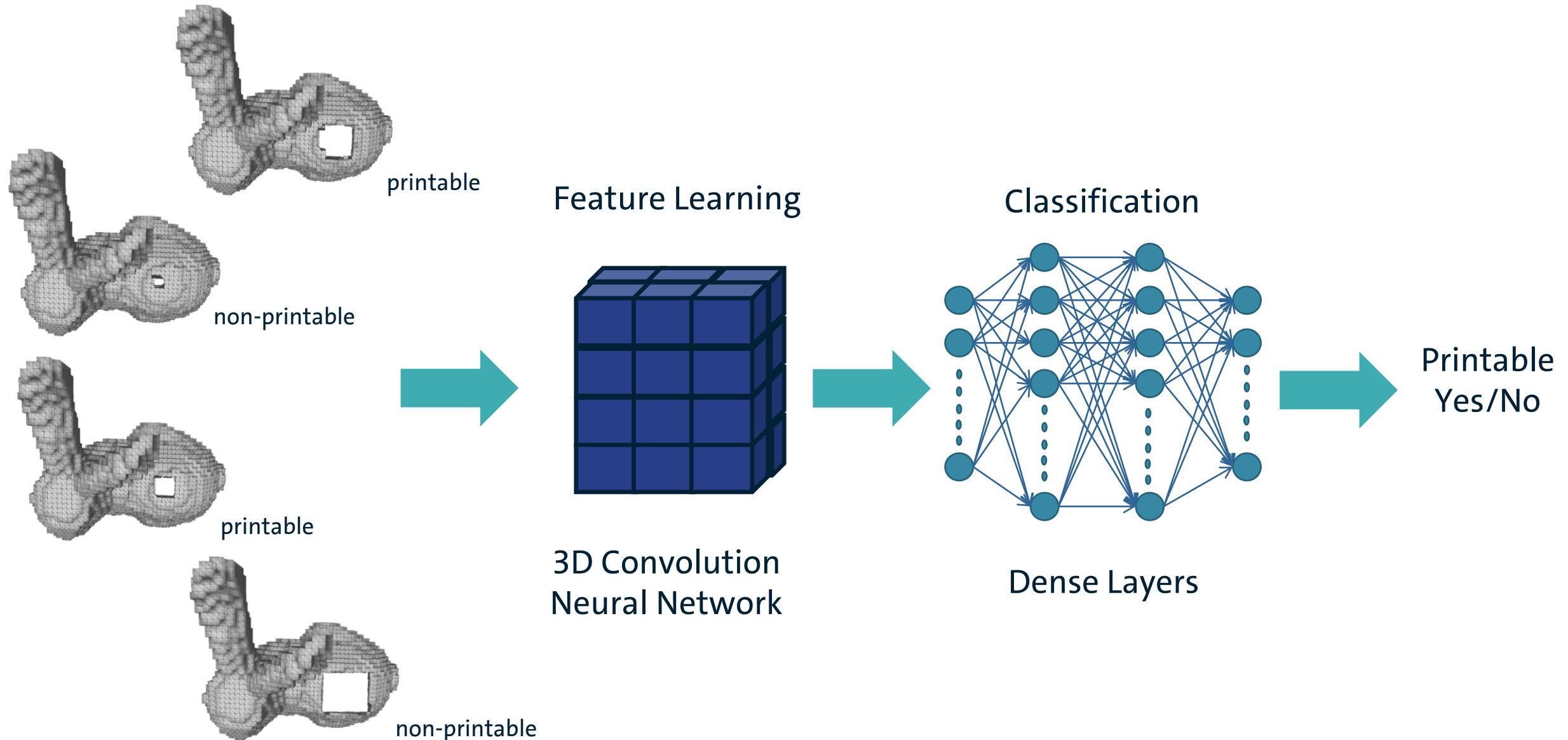


printable



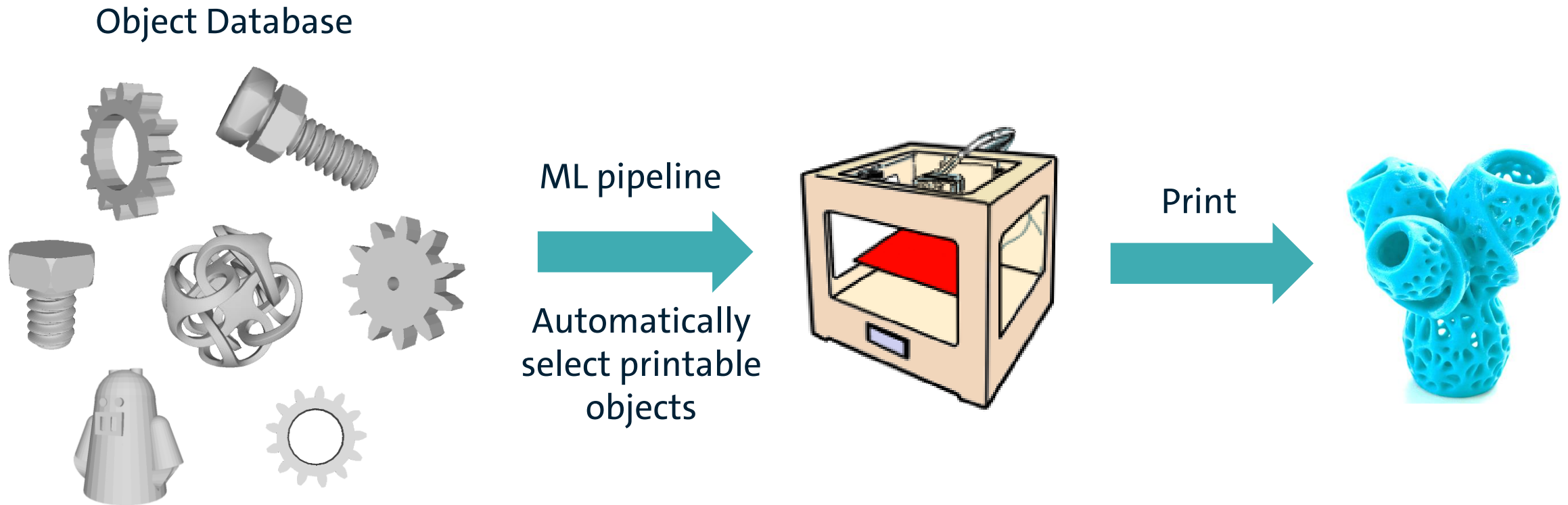
non-printable  
too narrow wall

# Neural network classifier



# Project vision

**Develop data pipeline and machine learning algorithm for classification between printable and non-printable 3D models**



## Content / Work packages

- Preprocessing: clean data, normalize data of printable 3D shapes, convert to the voxel representation
- Synthetic data: generate data by inserting defects into 3D shapes that lead to the non-printable forms
- Modelling: develop neural network- based solution for classification between printable and non-printable shapes
- Testing: test solution on real-world 3D shapes examples

## Project deliverables

- Data pipeline
- Proof of Concept, Code implementation
- Report/ Documentation



## Technical specifications

### Data sources:

- Open Source dataset of 3D printable shapes fused synthetic datasets

### Algorithms/methods:

- Neural Networks for 3D data classification based on voxel data
- 3D convolution neural nets and transfer learning
- Classical Differentiable geometry methods

### Software/IT:

- Python, sklearn, PyTorch, Keras, Tensorflow, 3D graphics Frameworks (Blender, Unity ...)

# Project plan

**Develop data pipeline and machine learning algorithm for classification between printable and non-printable 3D models**

#	Work package	Deadline
1	Preprocessing	2 CW
2	Synthetic data generation	2 CW
3	Modelling	5 CW
4	Testing	2 CW
5	Inference Pipeline	3 CW

## Communication & Collaboration

### Working together

- Kick-off: today, 1 April 2021
  - Project start: 13 April 2021
  - Weeklies: tbd.
  - Final meeting: tbd.
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- Communication tool for calls: E-mail, Teams
  - Collaboration tool: Trello, GitHub

# We are happy to welcome you on board!

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