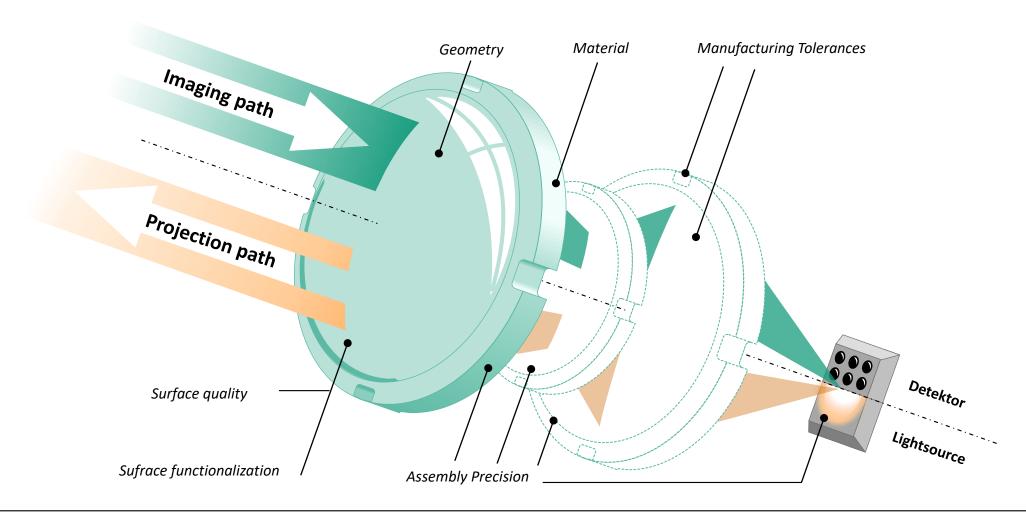
## Optics manufacturing and automated precision assembly for LiDAR systems for prototyping and massproduction



#### Introduction & Motivation

## **Challenges in production of LIDAR Systems**





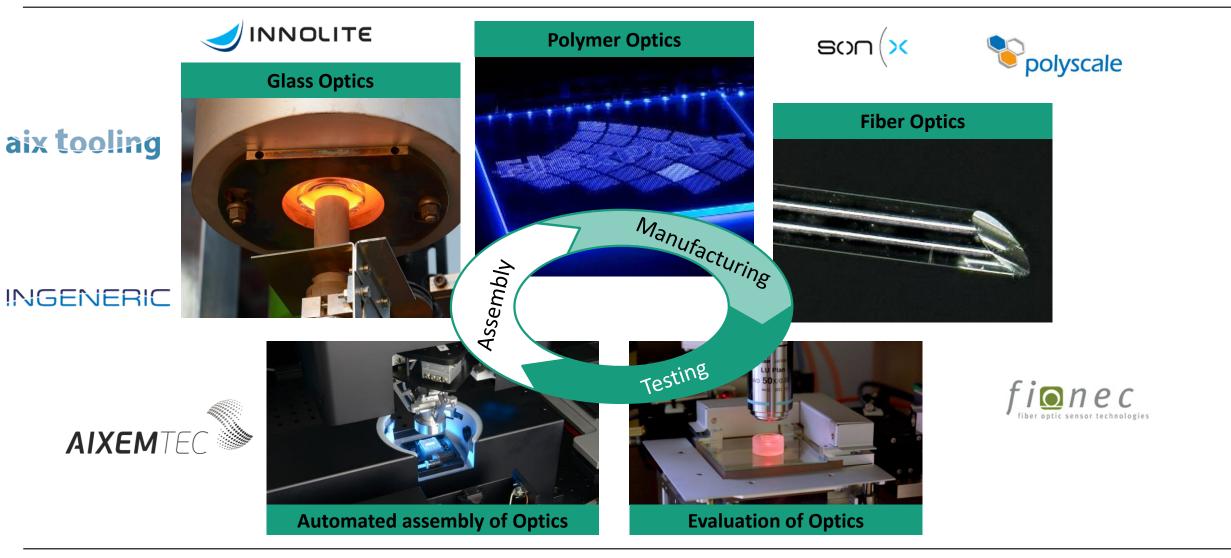


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## **Optics in Aachen**

### From Manufacturing over Assembly to System integration

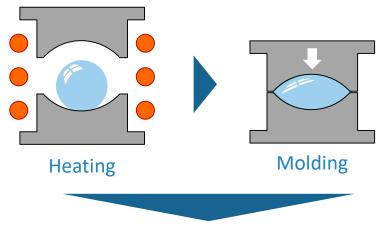




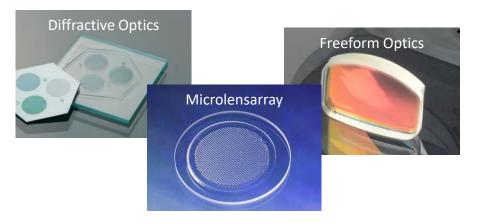


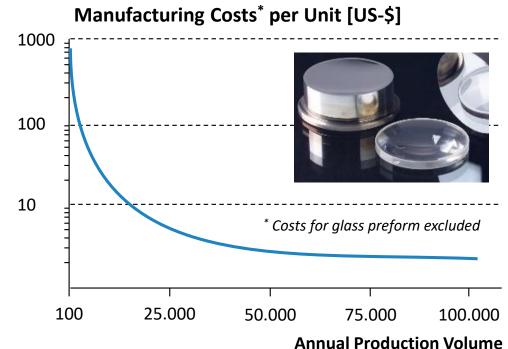
## **High Potential of Replicative Optics Manufacturing**

#### **Precision Glass Molding Principle**



Complex Lens with high acurracy





Precision Glass Molding can potentially meet the requirements of complex geometries, high accuracy at low costs





#### **Precision Glass Molding**

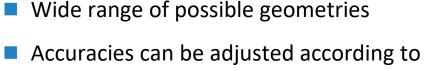
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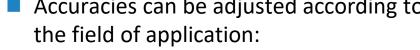




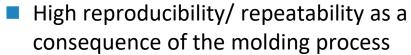






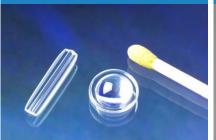


- **Imaging**
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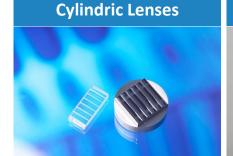
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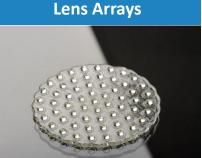






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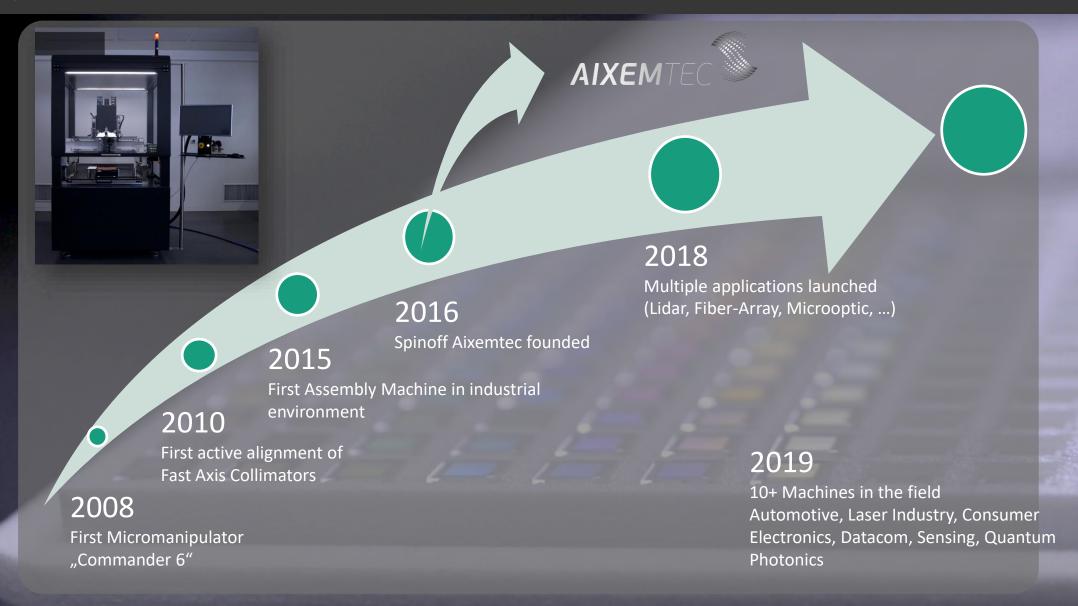






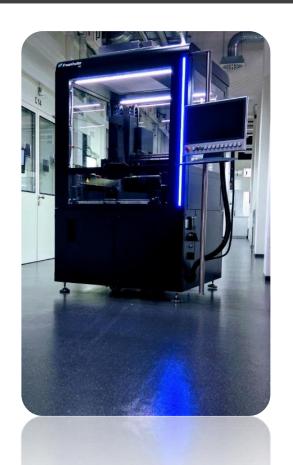
## Precision Assembly and Automation in Aachen

#### **Timeline**





## Assembly Technology from Aachen - Aixemtec GmbH



## **Key facts**

Core Business Precision Assembly Machines and Services
Technological Excellence Highly Flexible Precision Assembly Machine Platform
Founded 2016
Ownership 100% Privately Owned
Staff 20 employees
Facilities Cleanroom, Labs and Offices, R&D Machines

**Mother Institute** 





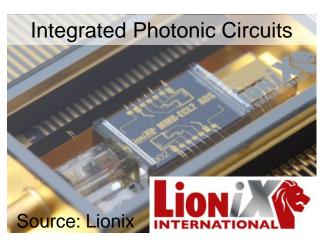


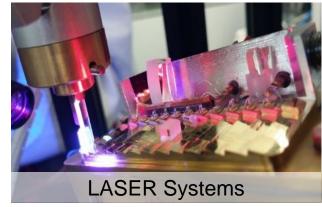


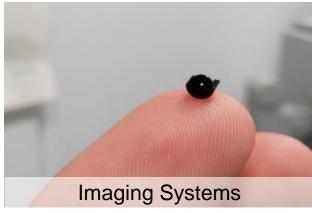
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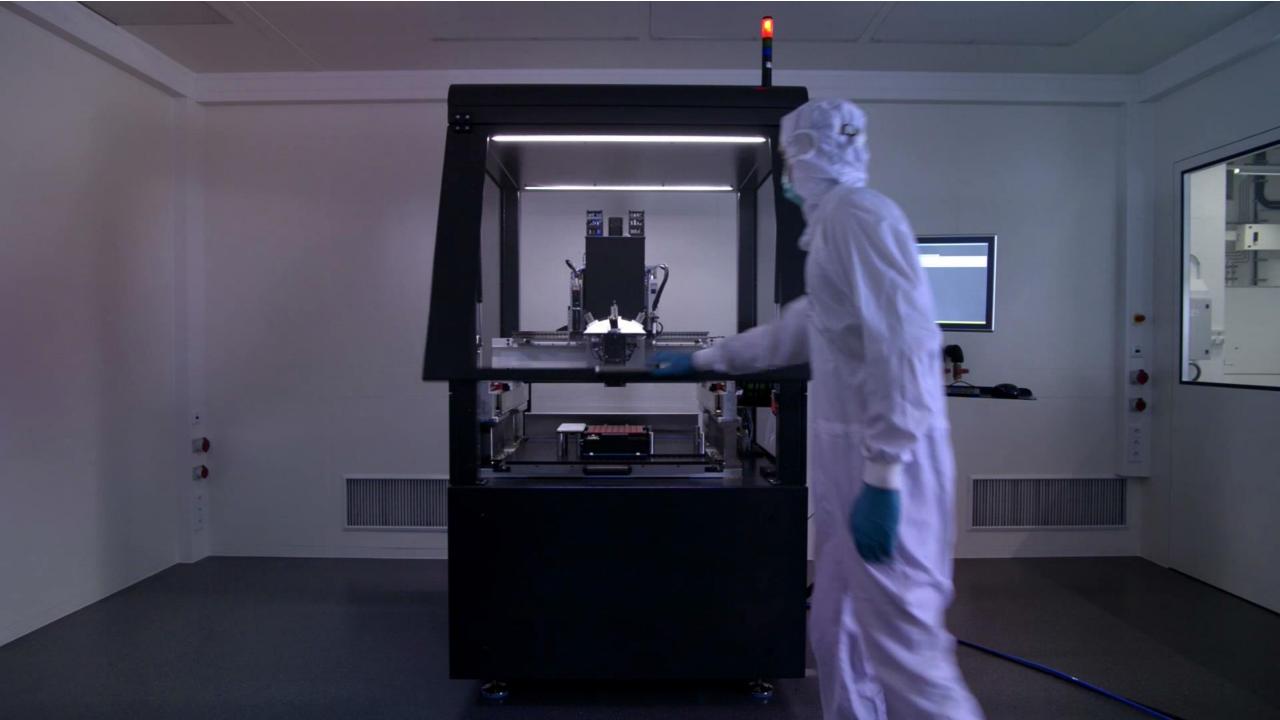
- Automotive applications
  - LiDAR systems
  - Driving assistance cameras
  - Headlight systems
- Imaging systems
  - Mobilephone Camera lens (Lens-Barrel)
  - Endoscopes
- Photonic Integrated Circuit
  - Chip Testing
  - Fiber assembly
  - Chip coupling
- Lasersystems
  - FAC-lens assembly
- Consumer electronics
  - Face ID & Gesture recognition









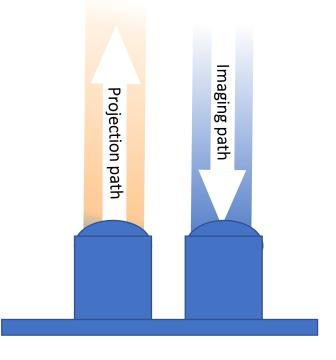


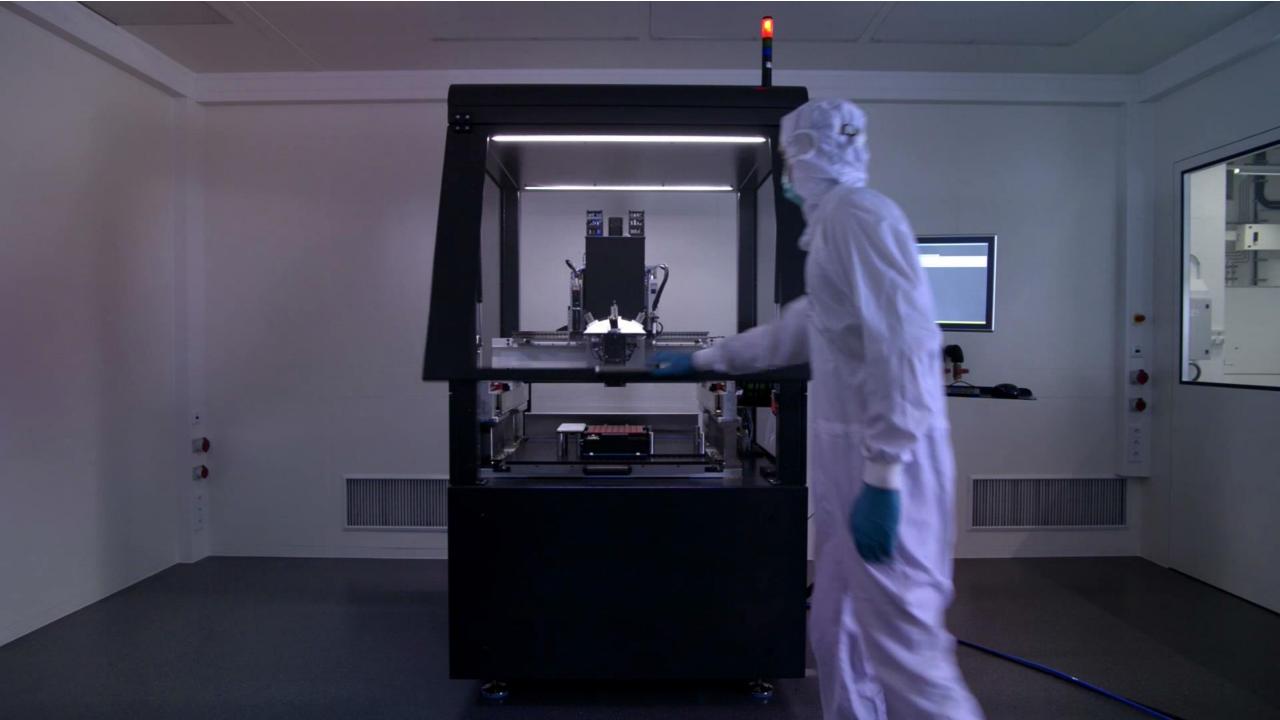


## Automated Assembly of Solid State LIDAR Systems

## **Key facts on Aixemtec's Solid State Lidar Assembly Machine**

- Installed January 2019
- Ultimate alignment precision in micron range for sender/receiver side
- Integrated UV-curing for high bonding repeatabilty
- Reconfigurability for different FOVs
- Open Source for process tuning through end-customer
- 6 Months projetction time due to concurrent engineering
- Commercial Service and Support through Aixemtec





## **Summary and Outlook**

## **Incubation hub for novel LIDAR products**



**Development** 

Product development consulting
Prototyping and feasibility studies
Optics manufacturing and assembly

**Market launch** 

Contract manufacturing for low- to mid-volume Manufacturing of high-end optics Prove of automated assembly

**Industrial production** 

Turnkey solutions for industrial production Commercial service and support Commercialization through partner companies

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## What can we provide?

Shortest development cycles for optics and optical system manufacturing Knowhow in product design for automation

Powerful R&D team and network for industrial dissemination Shortest time-to-market and efficient scaling of production

## What are we looking for?

LIDAR or optical Systems manufacturers looking to develop or commercialize their products
Ambitious companies looking for strong development partners
R&D Projects and industrialization projects
Ultimately:

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