

# NEM BAM 2025-2



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# Welcome – 2025-2 BAM

*presentation: 75 persons – 5 nationalities*



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Volvo

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DTU

TUHH

Chalmers/Milan Uni

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Modular Management

Configit

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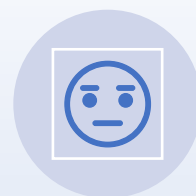
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~54 Companies (Members & Partners)  
~418 NEM active individuals



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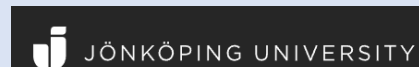


# NEM Partnerships

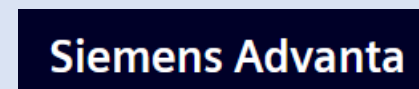
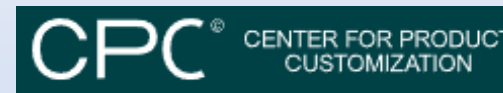
NEM has established partnerships with universities, industry associations, and consultancy companies, each with their own unique approaches to and experience with modularization.

Through these partnerships, our network gains knowledge and new perspectives, which benefit our members on their respective modularization journeys.

## Universities (8)



## Consultancy Companies (9)



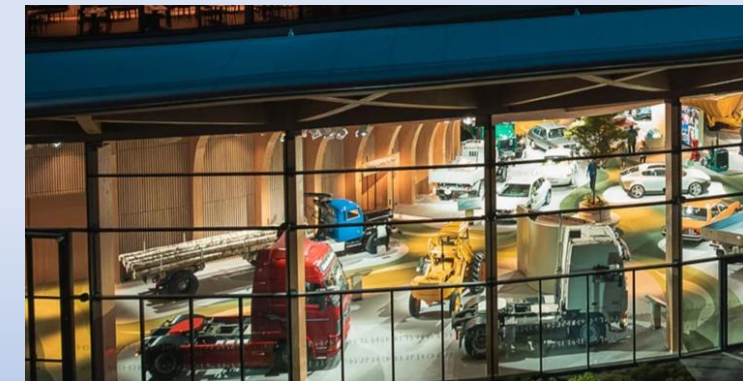


# Day 1



**Tuesday 7 oct(only NEM-member)**

	NEM Day 1 high level Agenda	Details
0800		
0830	Coffe	Coffe
0900	NEM Welcome/introduction NEM	Welcome/introduction
0930		
1000	Volvo company introduction	Volvo company introduction
1030		
1100		
1130		Lunch
1200	Lunch + Transport to manufacturing plant	1200-1245 Bus Shuttle to Tuve(7km)
1230		
1300	Manufacturing plant, tour + presentation	Group 1: Tuve Train 1300-1345
1330		Group 2: Fishbone Factory/Mixed Model Assembly
1400		Group 2: Tuve Train 1400-1445
1430		Group 1: Fishbone factory/Mixed Model Assembly
1500	Volvo Modularization journey	Modularization assembly perspectiv(60min)
1530		
1600		
1630	Transport to Volvo Lundby -> World of Volvo	Bus Shuttle till Lundby->World of Volvo
1700	World of Volvo Museum	World of Volvo, Museum from 1700?
1730		
1800		Resturant Ceno OnTop 1830
1830		
1900	World of Volvo, dinner 1830->	
1930		
2000		





# Day 2



<b>Wednesday 8 oct(open day with invited companies)</b>		
	<b>NEM Day2 High level Agenda</b>	<b>NEM Day2 details</b>
0800	Introduction/coffee	Introduction/coffee
0830	Volvo Modularization history	Lennart Börjesson/Andreas Lundmark
0900		
0930	Modularization at Volvo Group Trucks Technology	Modularization at GTT(Top Level Modules/Vehicle Module Structure)
1000	Customer perspective	Customer perspective(GTA/TAD)
1030	PDM/PLM ->AVP	Toolchain KOLA from design ->production & visualization
1100		
1130	Modularization examples	Modularization IRL: Mack/Volvo North America
1200		
1230	Lunch	
1300		
1330	NEM Information	NEM Workstream status
1400		NEM Project - AIMO - Artificial Intelligence to support Modular Strategies
1430		NEM Project - CEMO - Modular Circular Economy model.
1500		NEM Partner presentations
1530		Next NEM activities
1600	Wrap up	Wrap up and networking
1630	Closing the conference	Close at 1630
1700		



# NEM Agenda – Day 2

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<b>16.00-16.30</b>	<b>Wrap-up</b>	<b>ALL</b>	



- MODULARIZATION
- GET INSPIRED, GET NEW IDEA's, SHARE EXPERIENCE
- MEET OLD FRIENDS, GET NEW FRIENDS
- HAVE FUN TOGETHER
- ACCELERATE.....

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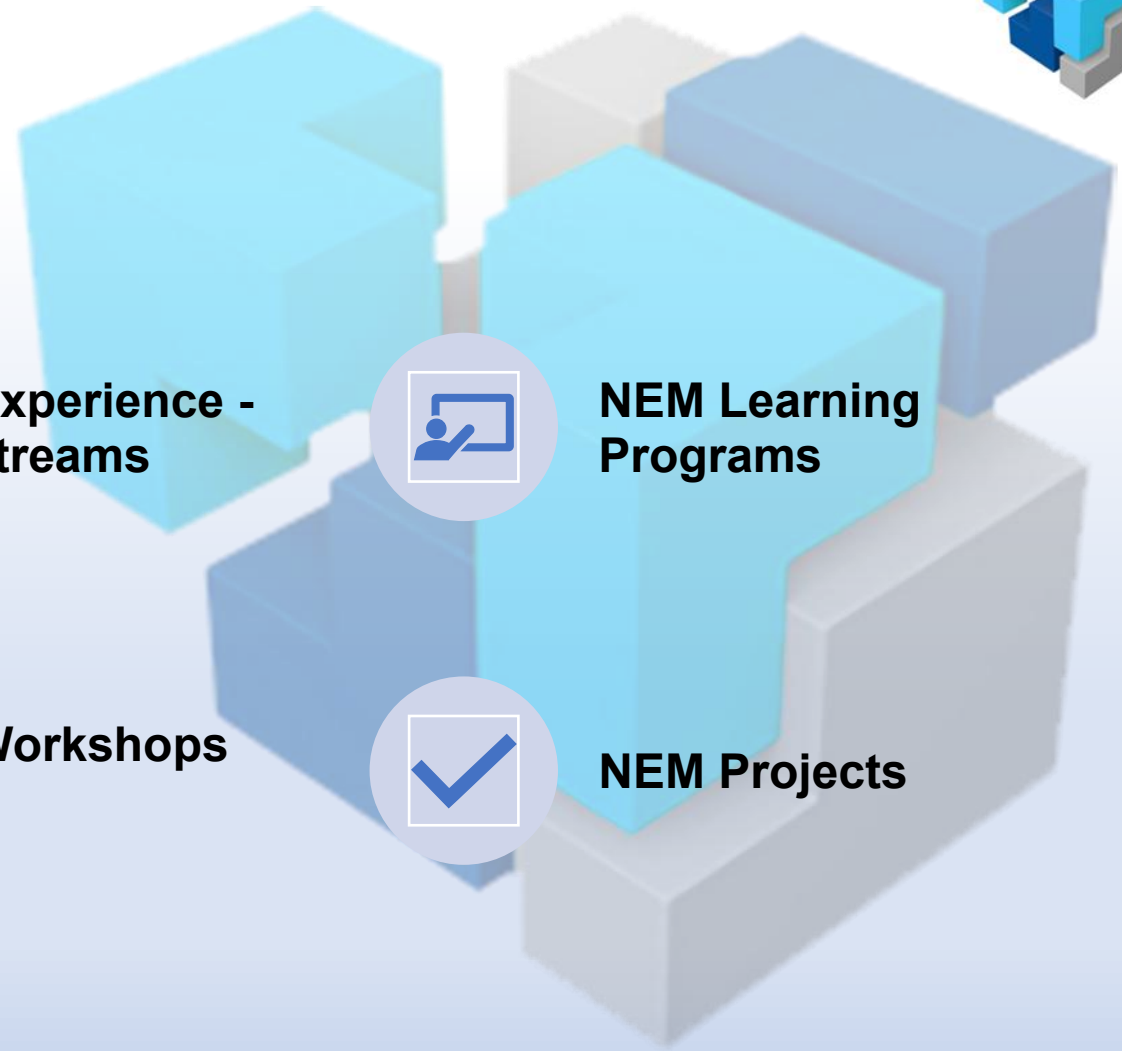
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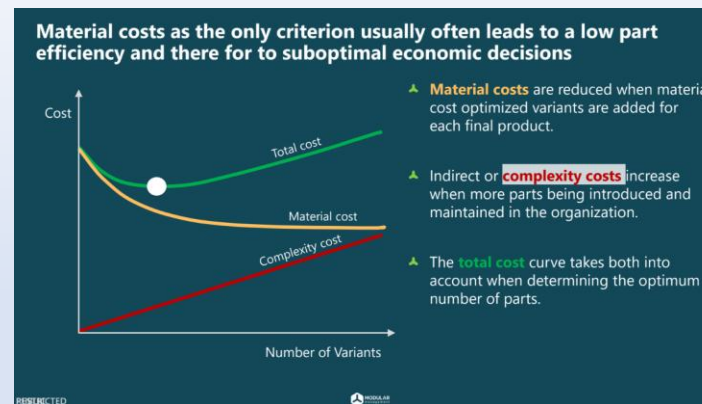




# NEM Webinars



Fraunhofer  
Modular Manufacturing  
June



Modular Management  
Complexity Cost  
June



ICV - NEM  
Finance-Modularization  
October



# NEM Workstreams

Industry drive on modularization topics

participation



Finished 2023 & 2024

**Process and  
Tools**

WS 5

**Architecture  
Governance**

WS 6

**Cost of  
Complexity**

WS 7

**Requirements  
Engineering  
Modular Products**

WS 9

New WS Process running 2024 & 2025

**Modular &  
Circular**

WS 1



**Modular PLM  
(Digital Thread)**

WS 10



**Modular  
Manufacturing**

WS 3



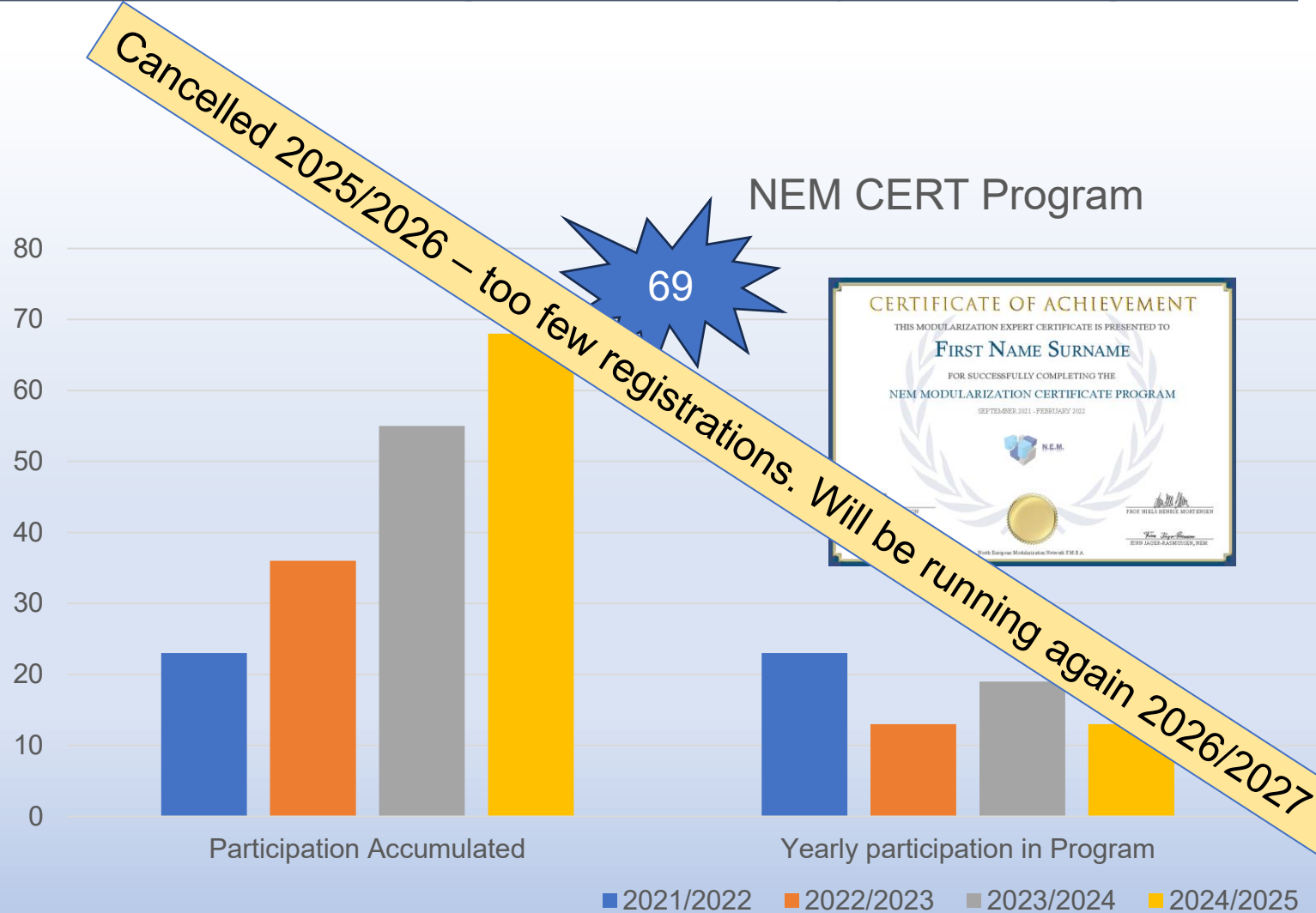
**SW &  
Connectivity**

WS 2





# NEM CERT Program – unique and global



**NEM Certification program**  
3 modules – 14 weeks – 28 sessions

	January 19	January 26	February 2	February 9	February 16
14:00 – 19:30	Introduction to module 1	TUHH Development of modular product families	Modularization in SMEs pt.2: Simplification	Industry case: Modular Matrix in the automotive industry pt. 1	Execution challenges in modularization Solutions from NEM companies

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
14:00 – 16:30 (CEST)	Introduction to module 2	Platform strategy	Design structure Matrix and interfaces	Platform metrics	Managing platforms

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
14:00 – 19:30 (CEST)	Introduction to NEM + module 1 Terminology	Product manufacturing as-is architectures Assignment on product architectures	Introduction to product configuration, CTD and ETO processes Assignment on scope and business case for configurator	Software for implementing configurators Product configuration at xx company Complexity management
19:00 – 21:00 (CEST)	Market strategy Case introduction Assignment on market clarification	Product and manufacturing to-be architectures Assignment on to-be architectures Case presentation	How to model products for a configurator Assignment: Modeling products for a configurator (PDM and CRC cards)	Presentation and evaluation of models and configurators

**Based on NEM Academic**

**Main lecturer**  
Dr. Bruce Cameron, TSP

**Featured lecturers**  
Dr. Ulrich Hackenberg, Prof. Dieter Krause, TUHH



# Framework for NEM Assessment



## NEM Assessment – 1 day at Company location

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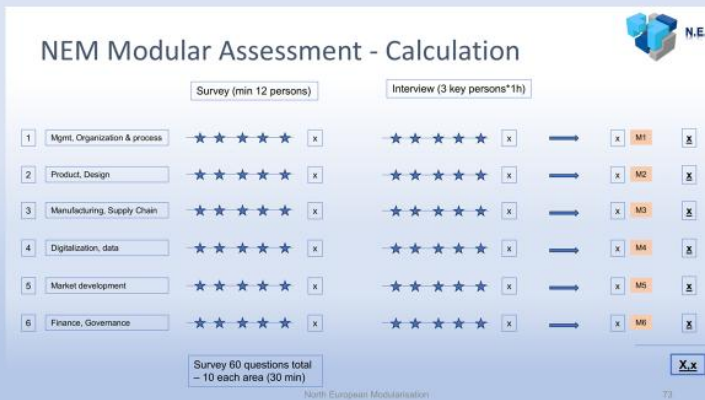
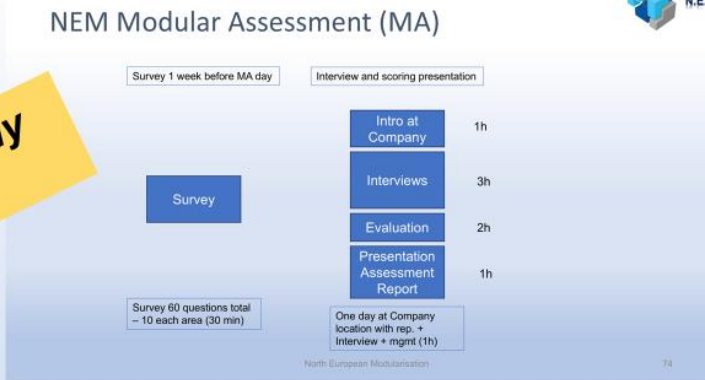
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- Questionnaire:
  - 1 week before MA day
  - 10 persons selected
  - Whole Value Chain
- Assessment day
  - Interviews
  - 3 persons
  - Assessment results

**NEM Member Company  
Free test in 2025**



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# NEM Con Project - Overview

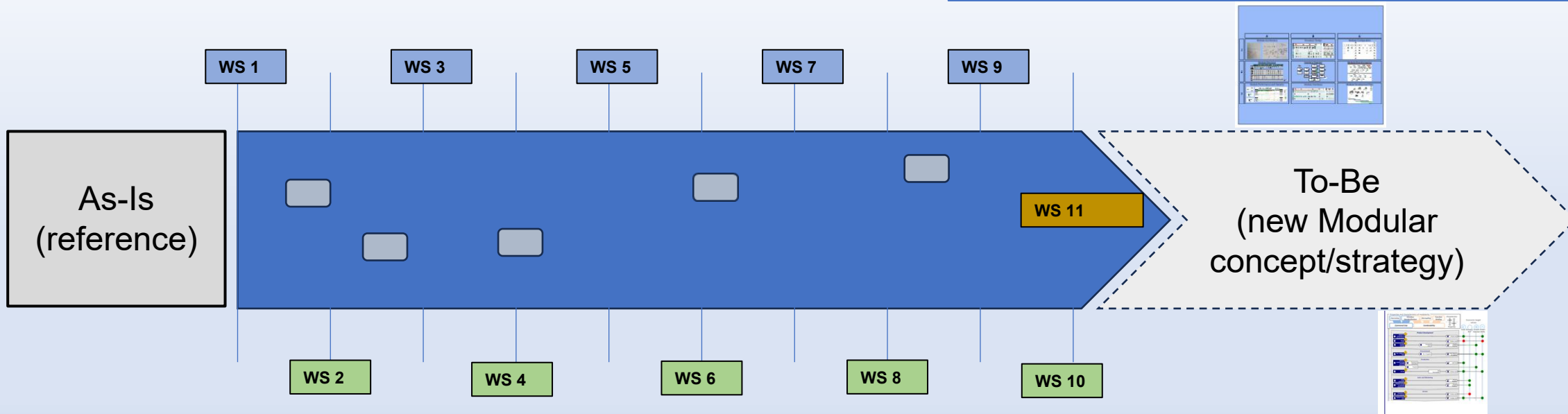


*NEM has successfully supported NEM member Companies in accelerating on a Modular Strategy.*

*NEM approach to use the NEM network of Companies, Partners and Universities etc to compose a NEM specific team to support the Company team in approx 6 months time with normally 10-11 workshops. This offer is unique and only possible to take advantage of as a NEM member. Each Con project will be developed to accelerate Company strategy and the connected benefits of modularization.*


## NEM Top-Down Approach - CUBE

End to end valuechain approach to quantify the overall potential and a proposed road-map for execution,...



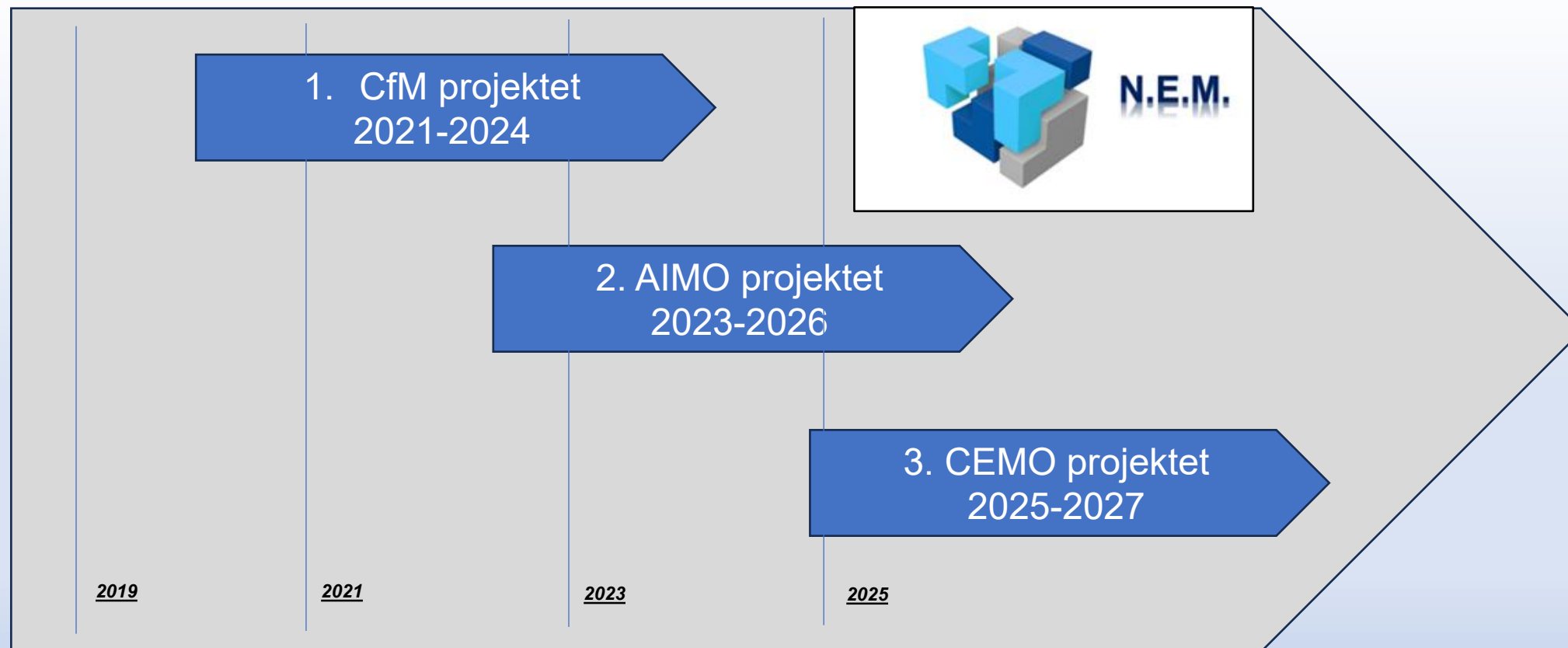
## NEM Bottom-up Approach - IMF

Analysis and datamining of existing productportfolio to quantify potential savings linked to complexity reduction, cost of complexity and portfolio optimization,...

 Company specific Modular activities like projects, programs etc....



# NEM Project overview

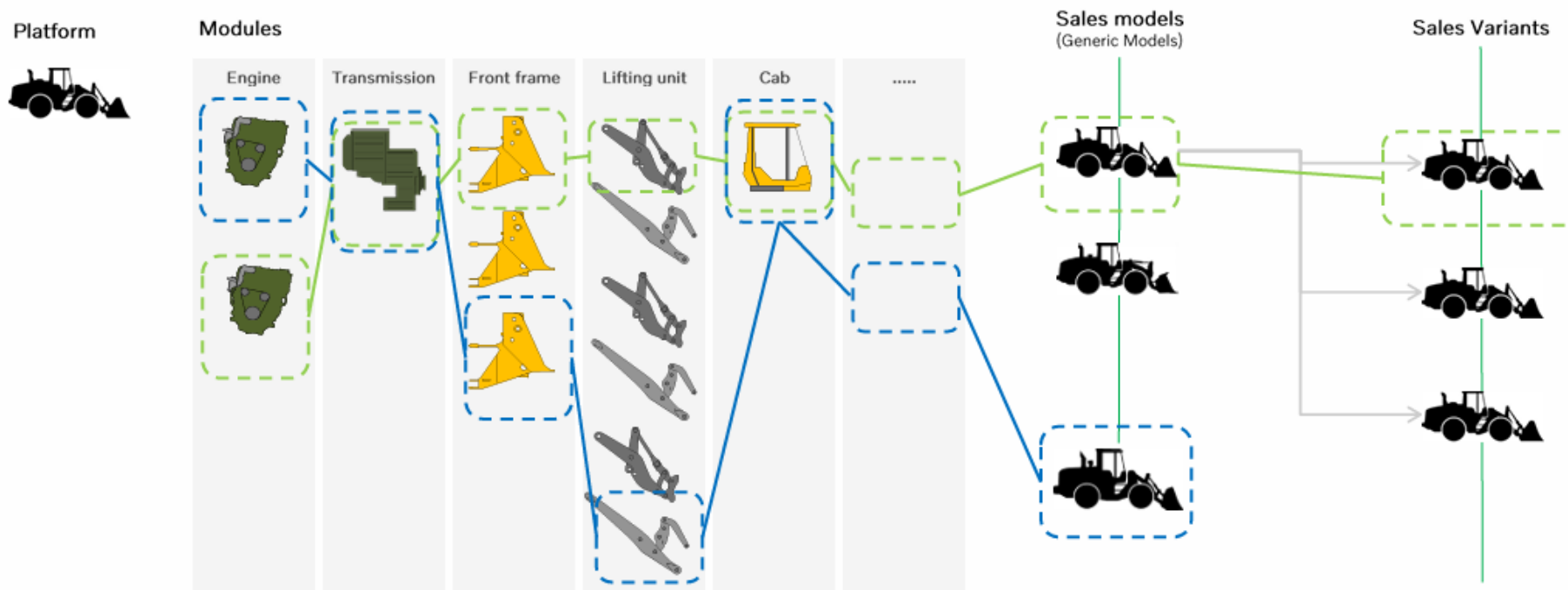




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## The benefits of Common Architecture and Shared Technologies CAST

A modular Architecture will optimize the development effort



- The development cost is mainly connected to the large expensive modules
- A modular architecture is therefore crucial to manage this variety
- Development cost is optimized by keeping the modules on a minimum level

- A good architecture generates many sales variants to reach broader market coverage
- Reducing sales variants will only have a limited effect on the development cost





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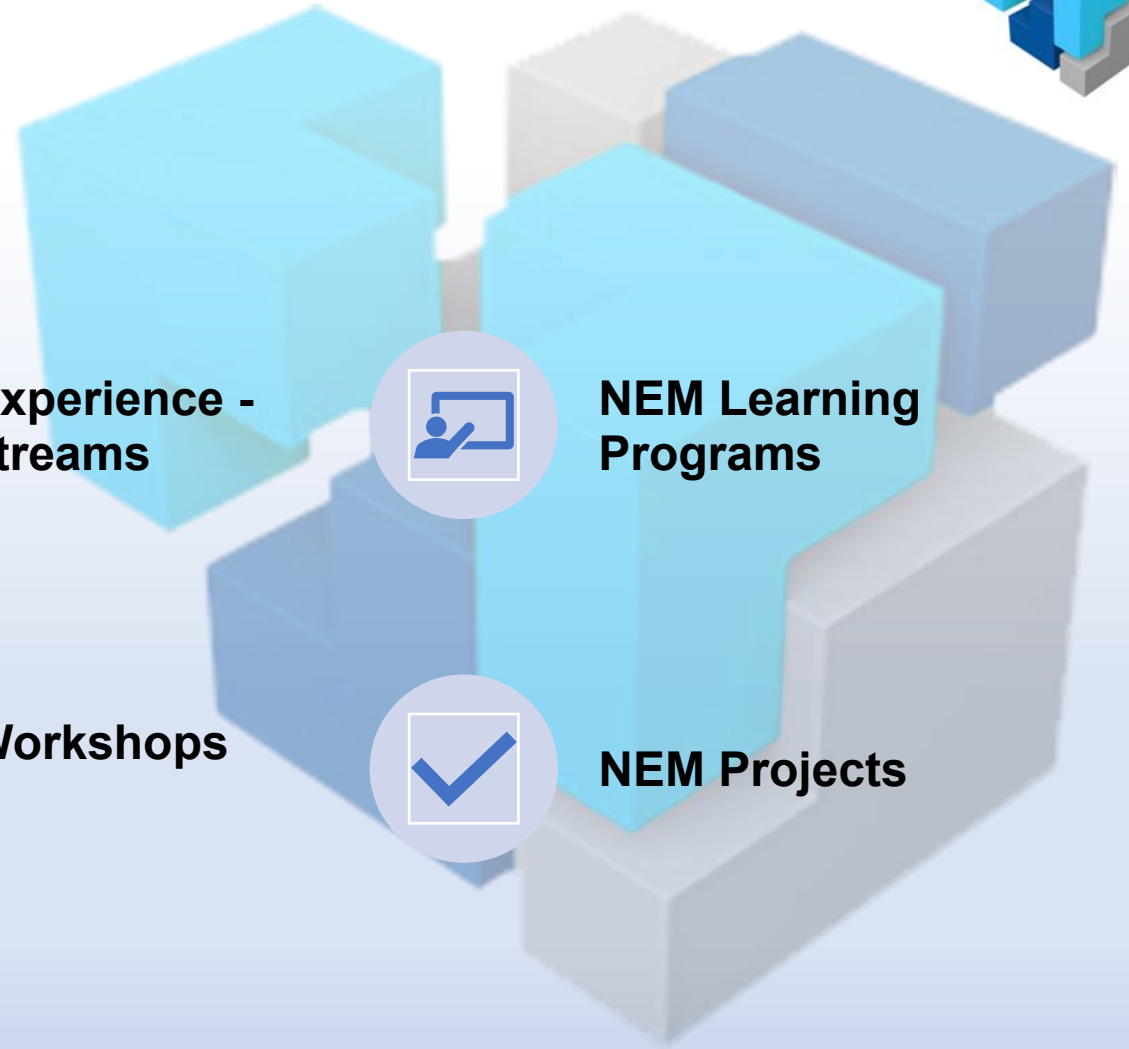
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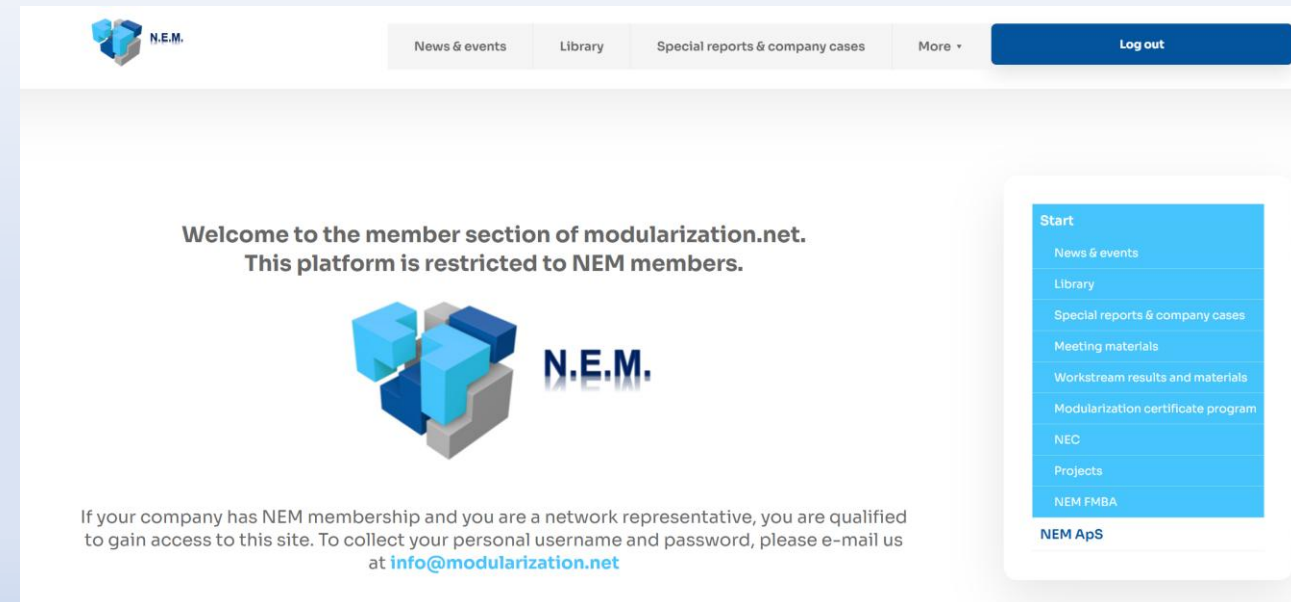
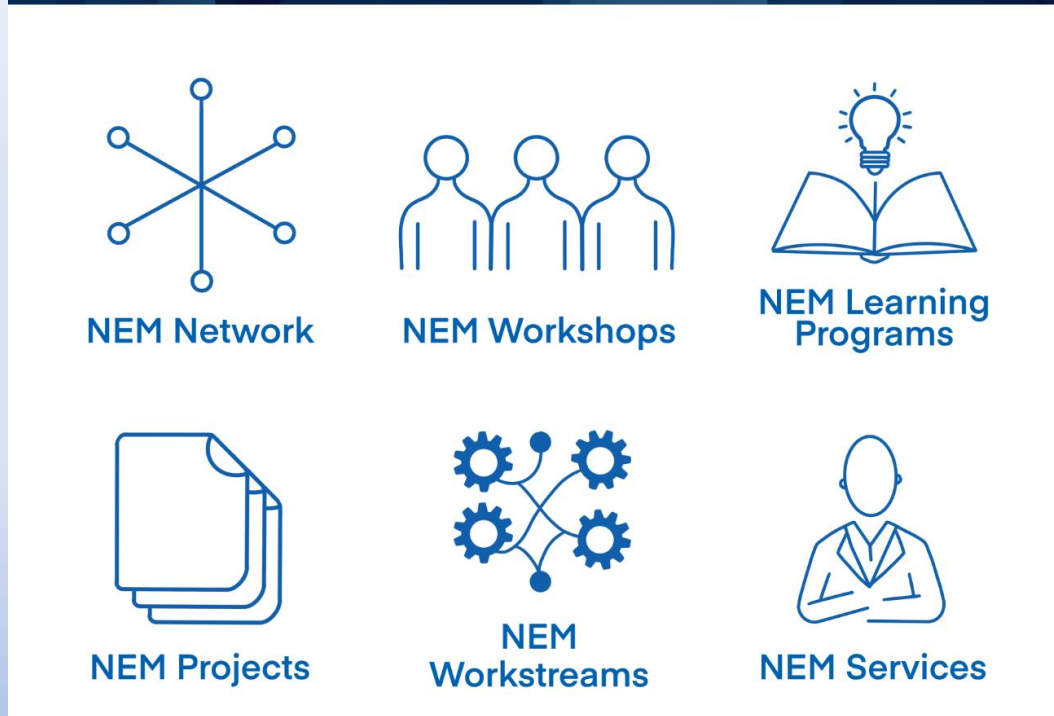
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# WWW - updates





**DTU University**

- [Hansen, Mortensen & Hvam \(2012\): Calculation of Complexity Costs – An Approach for Rationalizing a Product Program](#)
- [Harlou \(2006\): Developing product families based on architectures](#)
- [Hansen \(2013\): On the identification of architectures for product programs](#)
- [Ghosh et al. \(2019\): Reusing components across multiple configurators](#)
- [Mortensen, Hvam & Haug \(2010\): Modelling Product Families for Product Configuration Systems with Product VariantMaster](#)
- [Mortensen et al. \(2010\): Making Product Customization Profitable](#)
- [Askhøj \(2021\): Implementing modular product architectures in mid-sized companies](#)
- [Christensen \(2021\): Developing Modular Product and Process Architectures in Engineer To Order Companies](#)
- [Løkkegaard et. al \(2018\): Assessing increased product line commonality's effect on assembly productivity and product quality](#)
- [Joergensen, Hvilshøj, Madsen \(2012\): Designing modular manufacturing systems using mass customisation theories and methods](#)
- [Askhøj et. al \(2021\): Cross domain modularization tool: Mechanics, electronics, and software](#)
- [Lomholt Bruun \(2015\): PLM support to architecture based development](#)
- [Bonev \(2015\): Enabling Mass Customization in Engineer-To-Order Industries](#)

**KTH University**

- [Williamson \(2021\): On integrated modularization in heavy-duty truck architecting](#)
- [Henriksson, von Yxkull \(2017\): Controlling product complexity over time in a modular product architecture](#)

**MIT University**

- [Simpson, Siddique, Jiao \(2005\): Product Platform and Product Family Design: Methods and Applications](#)
- [Cameron et. al \(2017\) Management levers for product platforms](#)
- [Cameron, Crawley \(2013\): Crafting Platform Strategy based on Anticipated Benefits and Costs](#)

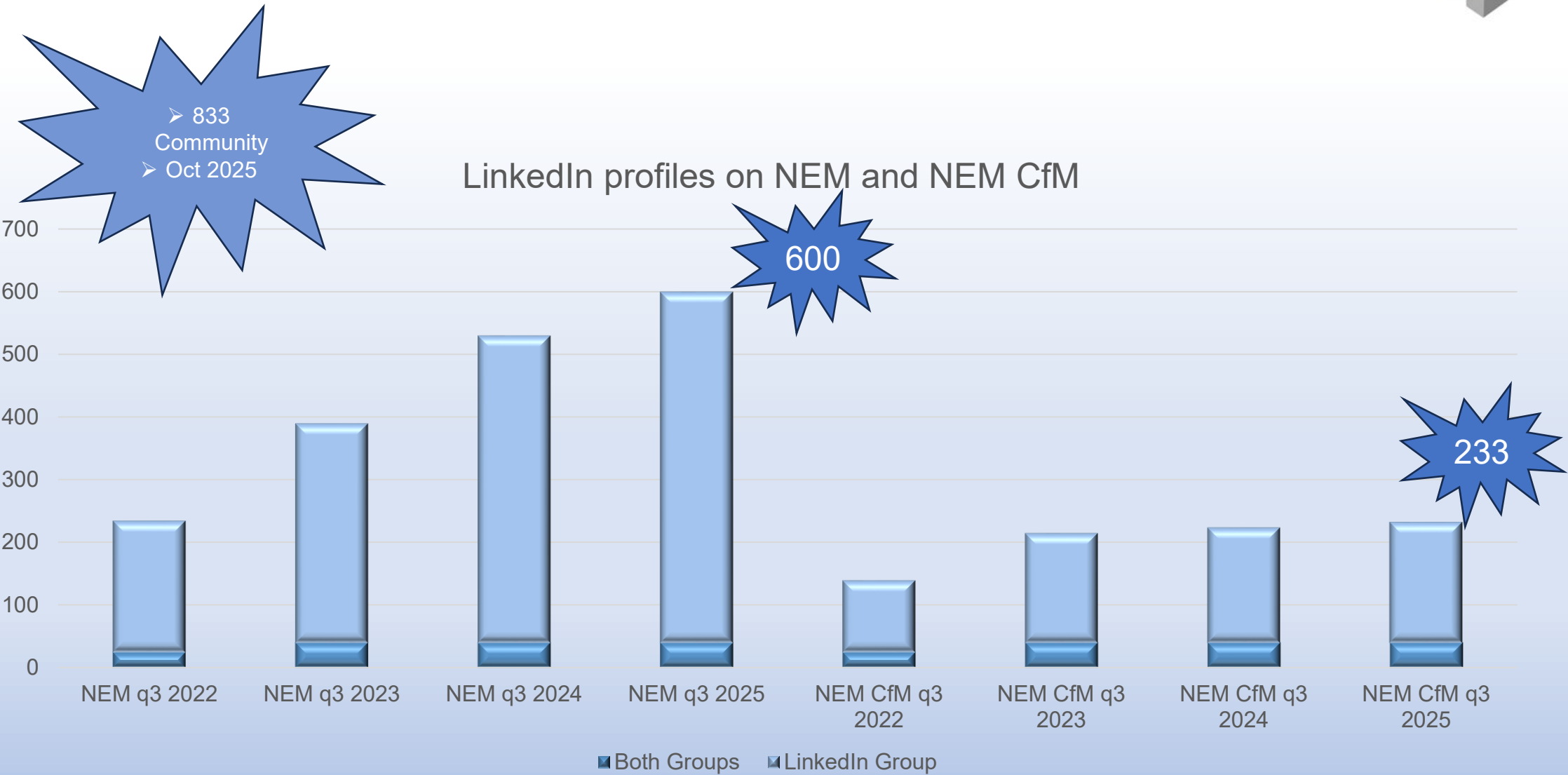
**Pennsylvania State University**

- [Chiu, Okudan \(2011\): An Investigation of Product Modularity and Supply Chain Performance at the Product Design Stage](#)

**SDU University**

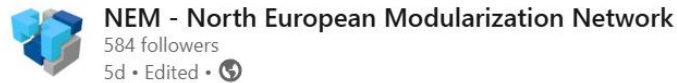


# Good Progress – Profiles on our on LinkedIn sites

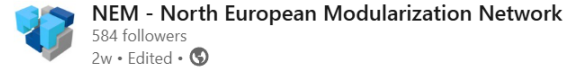




# Frequent activity on LinkedIn.



🚀 Driving Innovation in Production: Partnership with [Fraunhofer IPA](#) 🚀  
We are thrilled to announce our collaboration with the Fraunhofer Institute for Production, Technology, and Automation (IPA), a global leader in modular ...more



🚀 Is your business ready to turn sustainability into a competitive edge?

Join a conference organized by North European Modularization and [Jönköping University](#) (Sept 22–23) where we dive into how modularization can boost both profitability and sustainability. 🌱📊

Rethinking your development and manufacturing processes - this event offers:

- 🔍 Real business cases: from small and mid-sized companies
- 👤 Expert insights and strategies
- 🔧 Mini-workshops tailored to your business
- 👥 Peer exchange with fellow manufacturers
- 🏢 Perfect for small and medium-sized manufacturing companies ready to take the next step in the green transition – without compromising on business value.

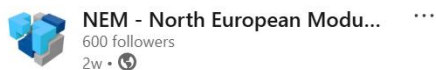
- ✓ The conference is free of charge
- ✓ Dinner is paid separately by participants at cost price

📍 Jönköping University | 📅 Sept 22–23



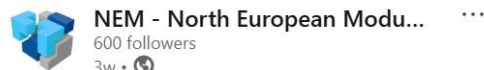
📅 Mark your calendars: NEM Biannual Meeting – October 7–8, 2025  
📍 Volvo Facilities, Gothenburg, Sweden ...more

**NEM BAM October 7th&8th 2025**  
**VOLVO Sweden**



🚀 Exciting News from NEM!

We are thrilled to welcome [LESER GmbH & Co](#) ...more



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We are delighted to welcome [Nidec Global](#) ...more



🕒 Last chance to sign up for the NEM Modularization Certificate Program 2025–2026!

- 📅 28 sessions, 14 course days, 6 months
- 🕒 Each day includes an afternoon and evening session (2.5 hours each)
- 💻 Fully online - hosted via MS Teams
- 📚 Includes presentations, group assignments, and interactive discussions

**Modul 1:**  
Nordic Industry Perspectives

- ➔ Modular architecture
- ➔ Modular product programs
- ➔ Modular configuration strategies

**Modul 2:**  
American Industry Perspectives

- ➔ Product design & platforms
- ➔ Real-world case studies
- ➔ Strategic benefits of modularity

**Modul 3:**  
German Industry Perspectives

- ➔ Tools, models & strategies
- ➔ Modularity in circular economy
- ➔ Applications in automotive

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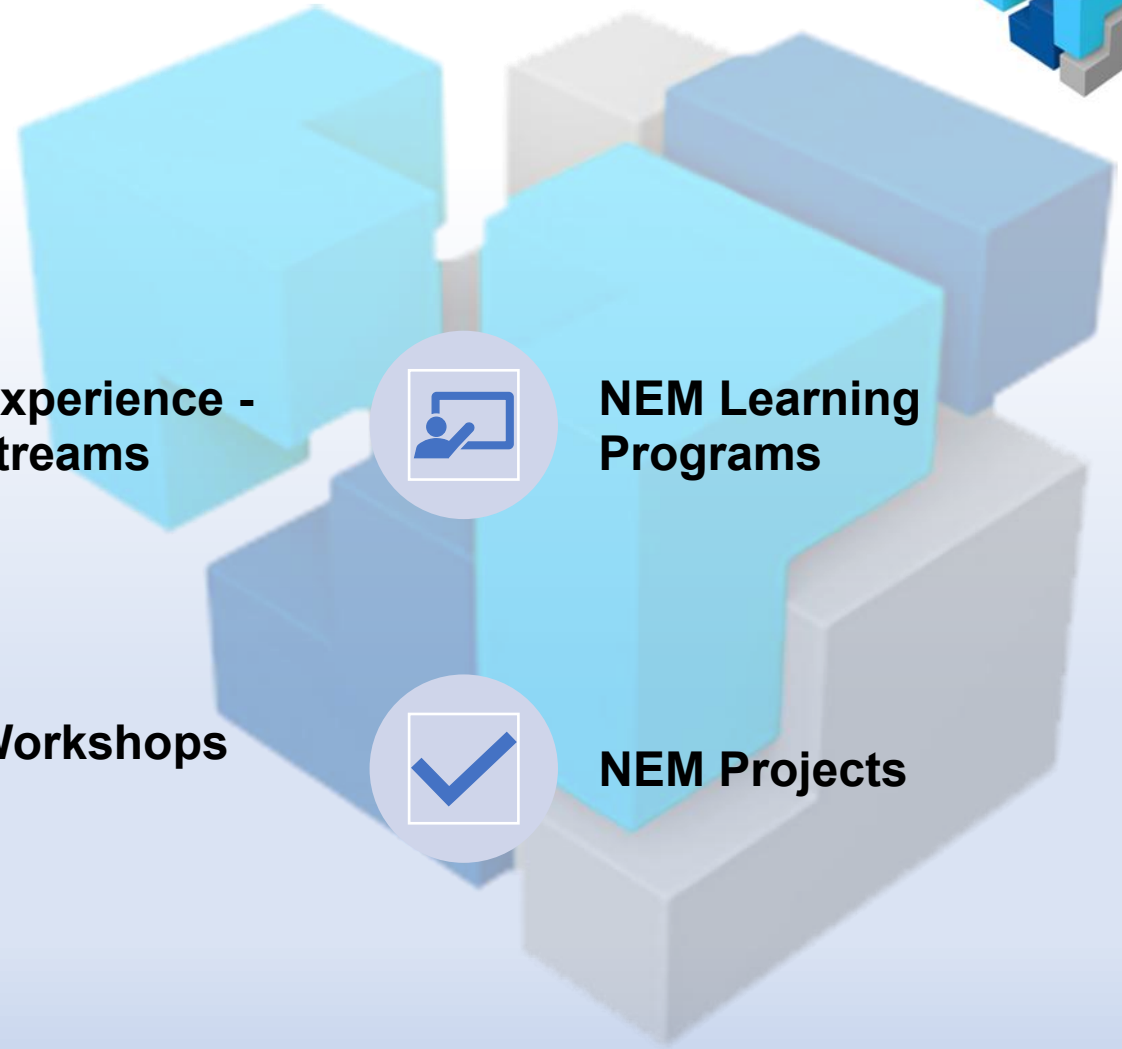
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# Introduction



**Joakim Bursell**

Chief Engineer – Platform and  
Architecture  
Volvo Group Trucks Technology



**Andreas Lundmark**

Director, Platform Architecture,  
AE & Studies  
Volvo Group Trucks Technology



*Erik  
Carresjö*



*Maria  
Siiskonen*



*Emil  
Arvidsson*



*Cecilia  
Linner*



*Robin  
Persson*

## **Some reminders:**

Emergency exit  
No foods or beverages in the room  
Phones on silent



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1. How can organizations effectively finance modular platform projects while **balancing short-term ROI** with **long-term** strategic value?
2. What practical strategies can teams use to actively **manage complexity in modular systems**—across architecture, governance, and operations?
3. How can a modular platform support **multiple brands** without compromising brand identity, customer experience, or operational efficiency?



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# COMPANY PRESENTATION

Volvo Group

Volvo Group Company Presentation 2025

2025-10-17





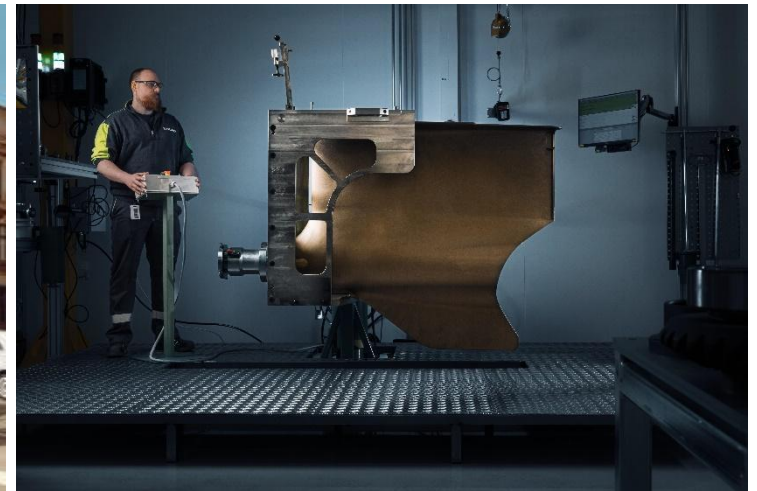




## What we do

Volvo Group offers trucks, buses, construction equipment, power solutions for marine and industrial applications, financing and services that increase our customers' uptime and productivity.

We develop and offer electrified and autonomous solutions for the benefit of customers, society and for the environment.





# Our brands

Volvo Group's brand portfolio consists of several distinct brands, targeting a variety of customers and segments.

VOLVO

VOLVO  
PENTA

ROKBAK



PREVOST

NOVA BUS

MACK®

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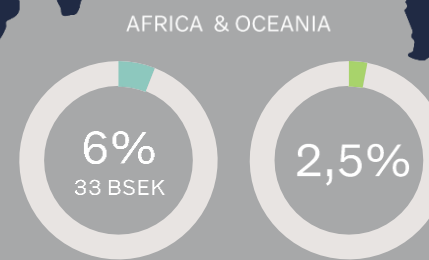
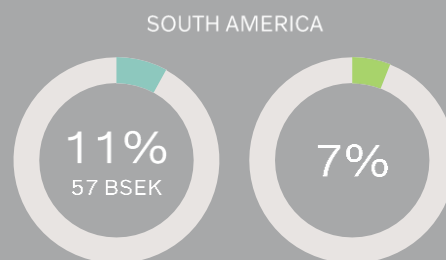
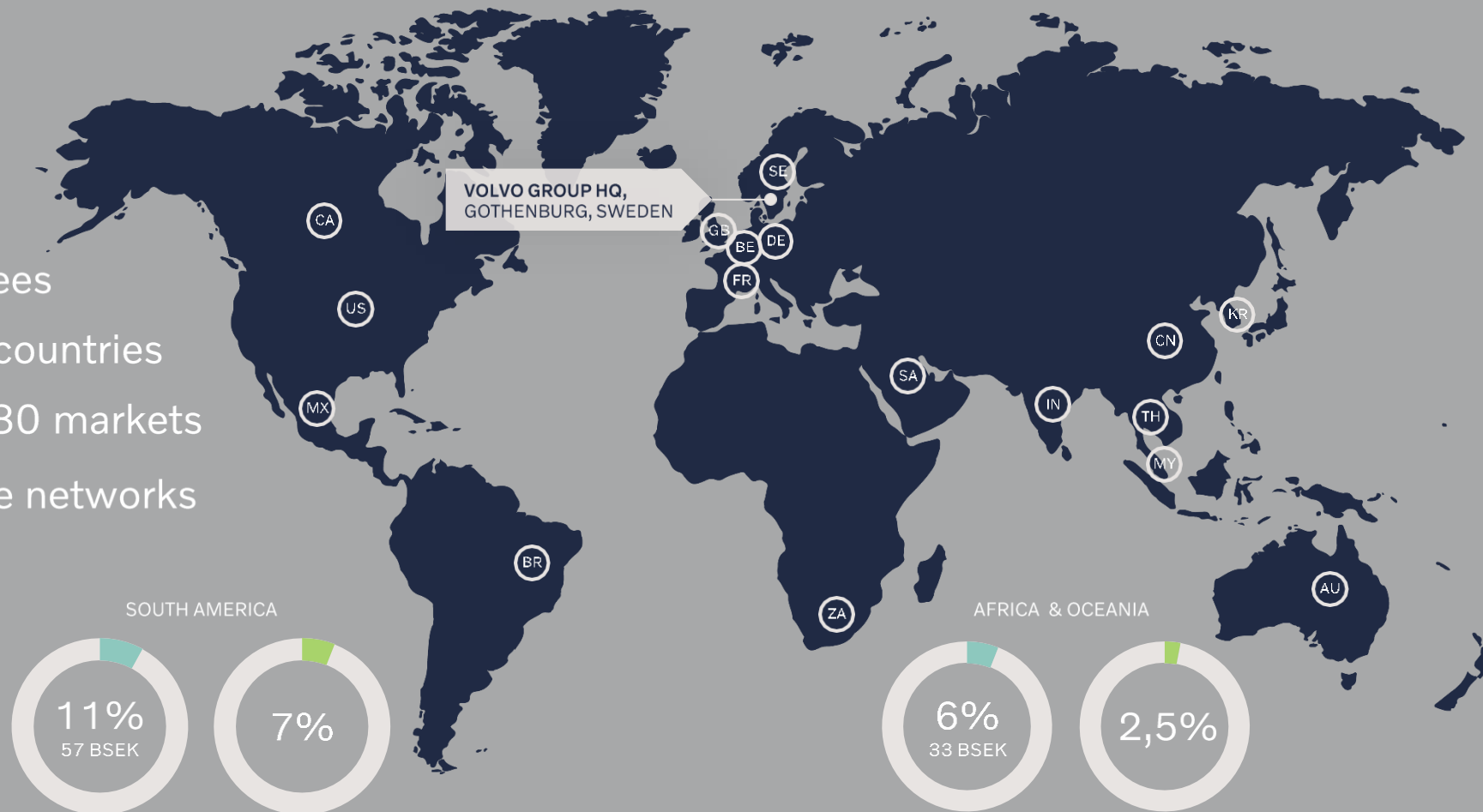
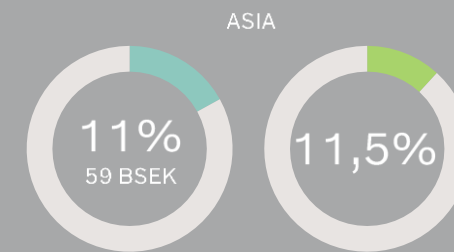
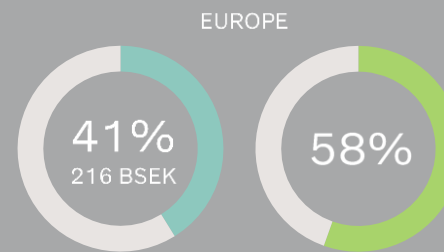
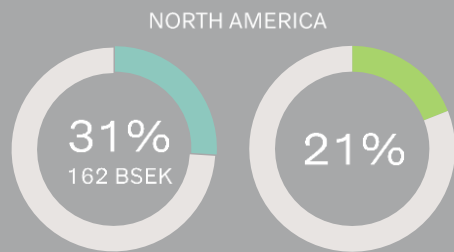
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# Global presence

- 102,000 employees
- Production in 17 countries
- Sales in almost 180 markets
- Worldwide service networks and dealerships





# Innovative since 1927

Snapshots of a  
history of innovation  
and sustainability  
focus.

Safety is put in focus  
in the very first year of  
Volvo's history.

1927



The world's first articulated hauler  
sees the light of day.

1966

The Lambda Sond  
is presented.

1976



1995

Volvo Trucks introduces  
driver airbags in  
heavy-duty trucks as  
a world first.



1959

The three-point  
safety belt is  
invented.



1990

The Volvo Environment  
Prize is incepted.

1972

Environmental  
care becomes a core  
value for Volvo.

2001



I-Shift becomes  
available.





Volvo Penta's revolutionary IPS system is revealed.

2004

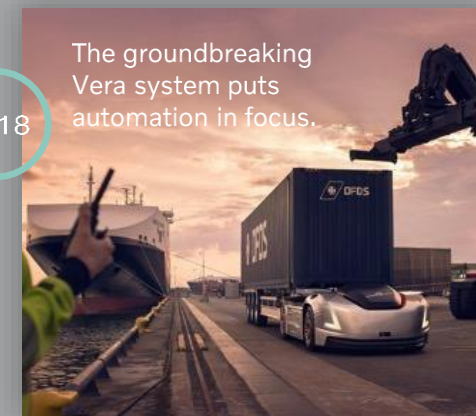
2007

The world's first carbon neutral vehicle manufacturing plant opens in Ghent.



2013

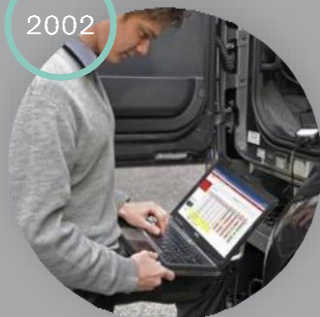
Launch of Volvo Dynamic Steering.



2018

The groundbreaking Vera system puts automation in focus.

2002



Infomax from Renault Trucks premieres.

V-Eagle – Volvo Group's LGBTQ+ network is established.

2005



2010

Volvo Group joins WWF's Climate Savers program.



2015

The ElectriCity project takes place in Gothenburg

Results from the Electric Site research project shows a 98% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

2018

2020

Volvo Group commits to the goals of the Paris Agreement.



2022

Volvo Group starts series production of electric heavy-duty trucks – completing the range.





Dongfeng Commercial Vehicle.  
45% joint venture  
with Dongfeng Motor  
Corporation



Volvo trademark started  
by SKF ball-bearing  
company

1915

AB Volvo started as  
the first car was  
built.

1927

Volvo acquired White trucks

1981

2007

Nissan diesel  
(later UD trucks)

2013

1928

First truck was built.



2001

Renault trucks and  
Mack trucks becomes  
part of AB Volvo.

2008



VE Commercial Vehicles.  
50% Joint venture with  
Eicher

2021  
-  
2025

Partnerships



# Expanding portfolio since 1915





## BUSINESS AREAS

Volvo Trucks | Renault Trucks | Mack Trucks | Volvo Construction Equipment |  
Volvo Buses | Volvo Penta | Volvo Energy | Volvo Autonomous Solutions |  
Volvo Financial Services



# Volvo Trucks

One of the largest premium truck brands in the world.

- Medium and heavy-duty trucks.
- Main production in Sweden, Belgium, Brazil and the USA.



Volvo FE Electric



Volvo FMX  
Electric



Volvo FH Aero



Volvo VNL





# Renault Trucks

One of the world leaders in heavy goods vehicles. (Internal Combustion Engine and Battery Electric)

- Light, medium and heavy-duty trucks.
- Main production in France.



Renault Trucks E-Tech D Wide



Renault Trucks E-Tech T



Renault Trucks Master





# Mack Trucks

One of North America's largest truck manufacturers.

- Heavy-duty trucks, engines, transmissions and axles.
- Medium-duty trucks.
- Main production in the USA.



Mack Anthem



Mack LR Electric



Mack MD





# Volvo Construction Equipment

A leading provider of construction equipment and innovative solutions.

- Brands: Volvo, Rokbak.
- Rigid & articulated haulers, wheel loaders, excavators & road equipment.
- Main production in Sweden, Germany, South Korea and China.



Volvo A60H



Volvo ECR 25  
Electric



Rokbak  
RA40 RA30





# Volvo Buses

Leader in the development of sustainable transport solutions for public transport.

- Premium city- and intercity buses, coaches and chassis.
- Brands: Volvo and Prevost.
- Main production in Sweden, Mexico, Brazil and Canada.



Volvo 7900 Electric



Volvo 9800



Volvo BZL Electric



Prevost X3-45





# Volvo Penta

World-leading supplier of power solutions to marine and industrial applications.

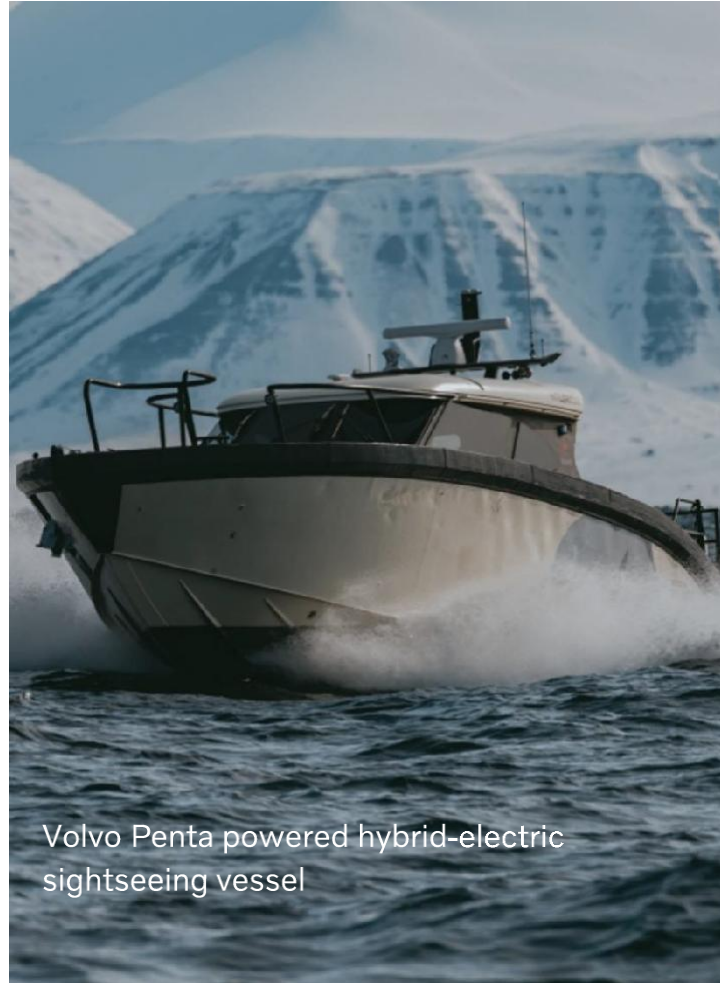
- Engine- and power systems for marine and industrial applications.
- Production in Sweden and in USA.



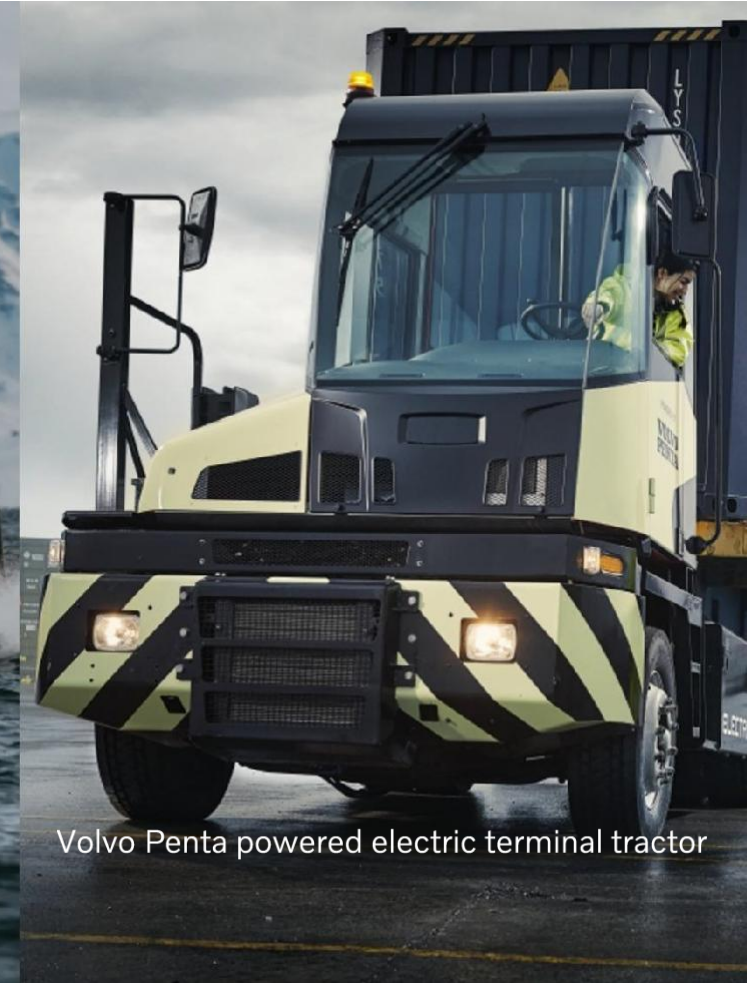
D16 engine



Volvo Penta IPS



Volvo Penta powered hybrid-electric sightseeing vessel



Volvo Penta powered electric terminal tractor



# Volvo Energy

Volvo Energy is dedicated to accelerate electrification and drive circularity for a better tomorrow through:

- Charging value chain: ensure reliable access to charging, by supporting the Volvo Group brands' sales and services of electrified vehicles and machines.
- Battery value chain: capture Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) market potential, with an attractive and sustainable circular business model for both first and second-life batteries.
- Enabling and accelerating the Volvo Group's overall sustainability ambitions.





# Volvo Autonomous Solutions

Volvo Autonomous Solutions is transforming the movement of goods through efficient, sustainable, and safe autonomous transport solutions within selected industry verticals.

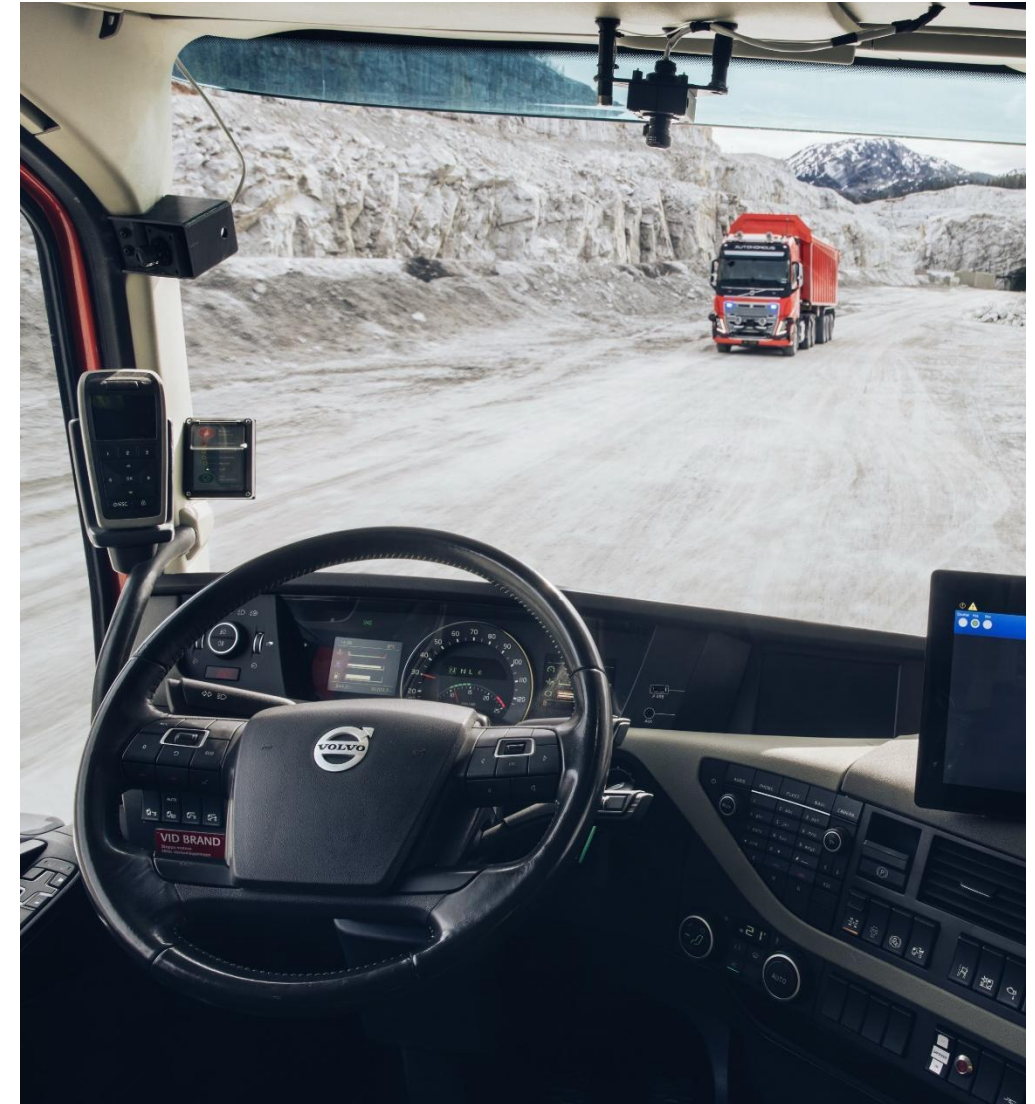
- Industry verticals: Hub-to-Hub highway trucking and Quarries and Mining
- Complete Autonomous Transport Solution based on Transport-as-a-Service (TaaS)
- In-house developed full-stack solution for confined areas, industry-leading partners for Hub-to-Hub
- Current deployments in Norway, Sweden and the United States



Volvo VNL Autonomous



Autonomous Volvo FH





# Volvo Financial Services

Volvo Group's captive finance provider committed to customer success

- Works collaboratively with all Volvo Group brands and business areas as an integral part of Volvo Group's total offer
- A full range of financing, rental, insurance and other services and solutions for the truck, construction equipment, bus and marine and industrial engine markets
- Accelerating sustainable solutions for customers







# THE STRENGTH OF THE VOLVO GROUP



# Creating synergies

## Harnessing shared resources

Volvo Group has global organizations for product development, manufacturing and purchasing. This is one of the ways in which we can create synergies and utilize Volvo Group's extensive and shared resources in the best possible way.



PURCHASING



OPERATIONS

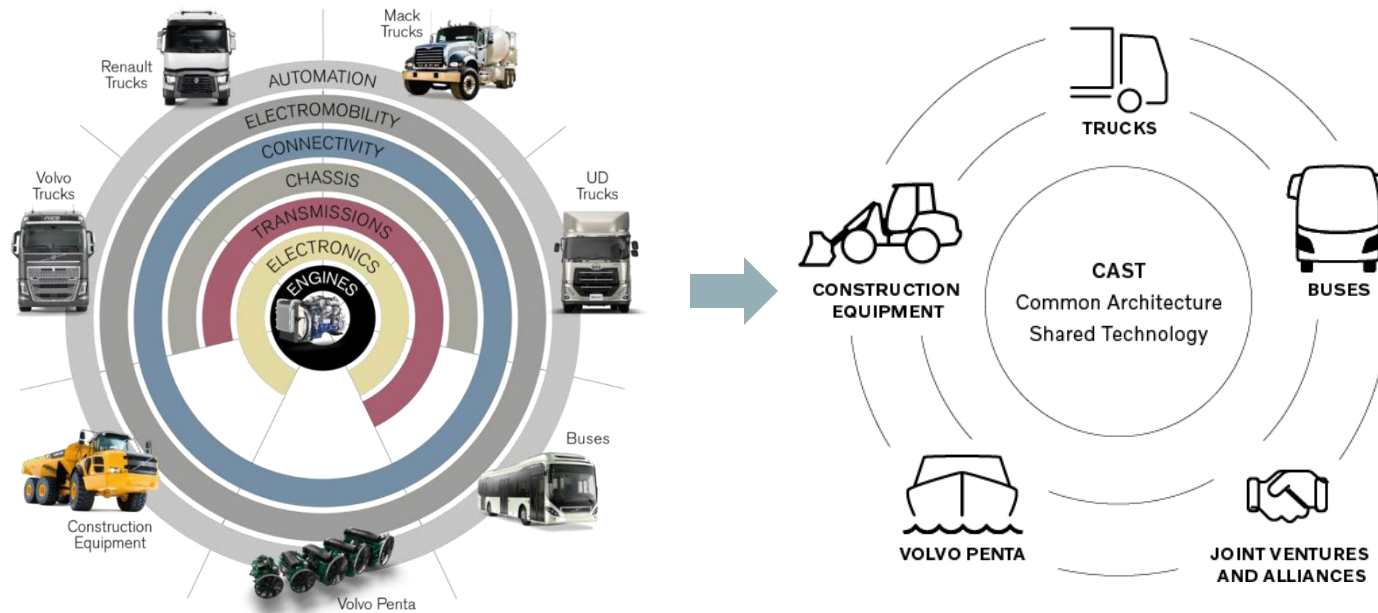


TECHNOLOGY



# CAST – Common Architecture & Shared Technology

A modular approach that benefits all business areas

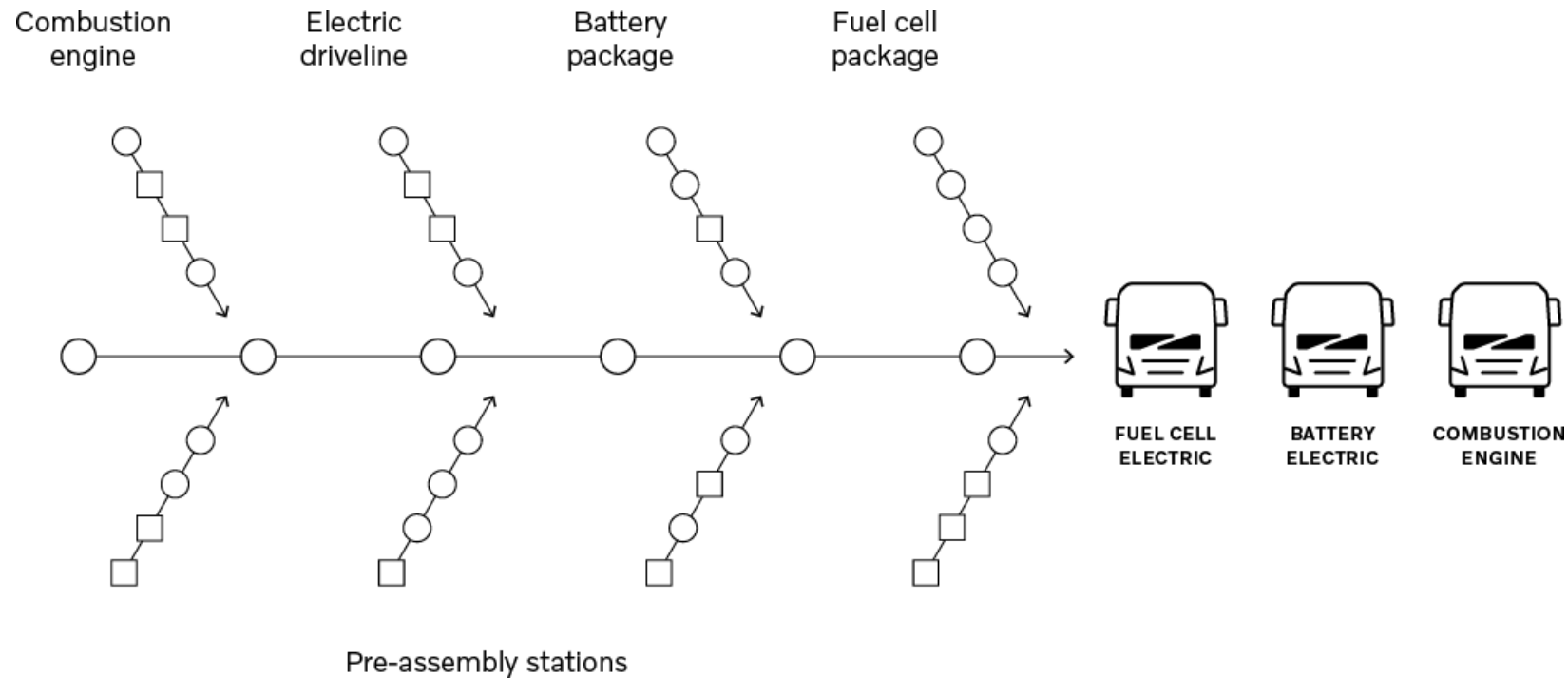


- Volvo Group and its partners can benefit from the Group's modular platform: Common Architecture & Shared Technology (CAST).
- The ambition with CAST is to develop a competitive set of modular products and services that are easy to integrate, that meet future legal, market and society needs, and that exceed customer expectations.
- This modular approach enables Volvo Group to share technology for engines, electronics, transmissions, chassis, connectivity, electromobility and automation among its business areas.



# Mixed model assembly

Volvo produces electric trucks on the same lines as its conventional trucks, which gives high production flexibility and efficiency gains.

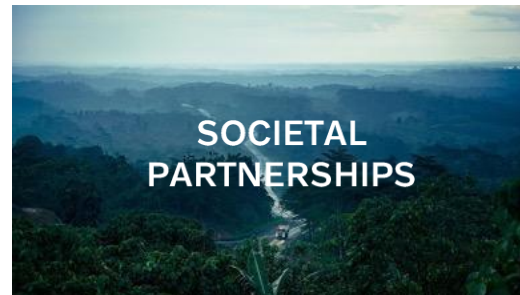






# Partnership is the new leadership

Keeping up with the latest development is an essential part of staying successful – and one which is impossible to do on your own. So, Volvo Group engages in numerous collaborations and partnerships.







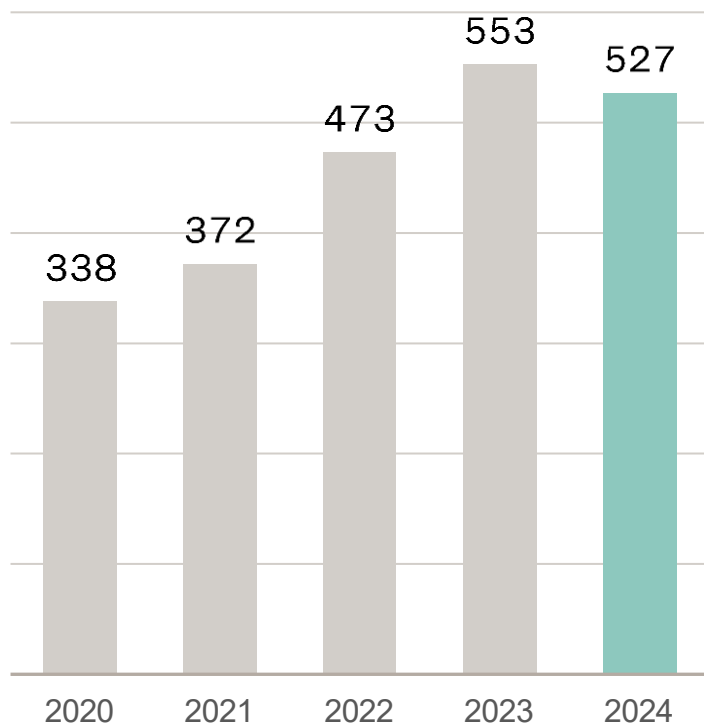
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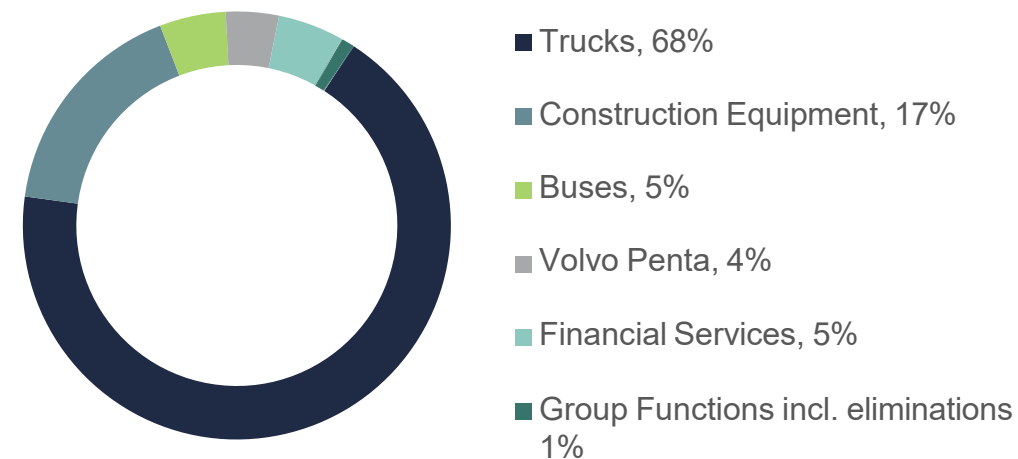


# Net sales

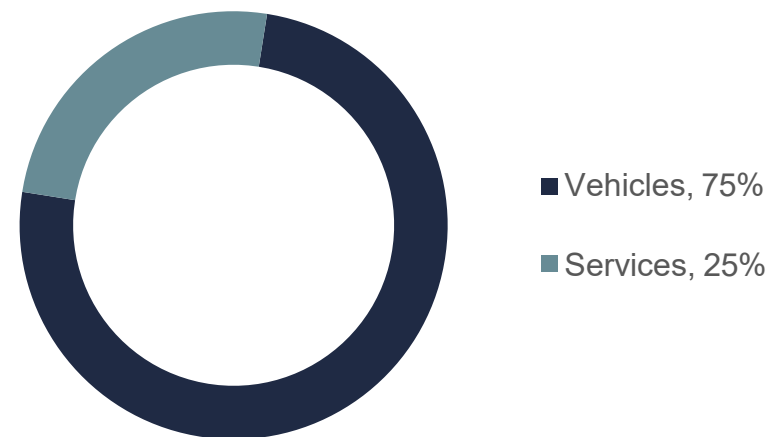
Volvo Group's net sales 2020-2024, BSEK.



Share of net sales by segment



Share of net sales by revenue type

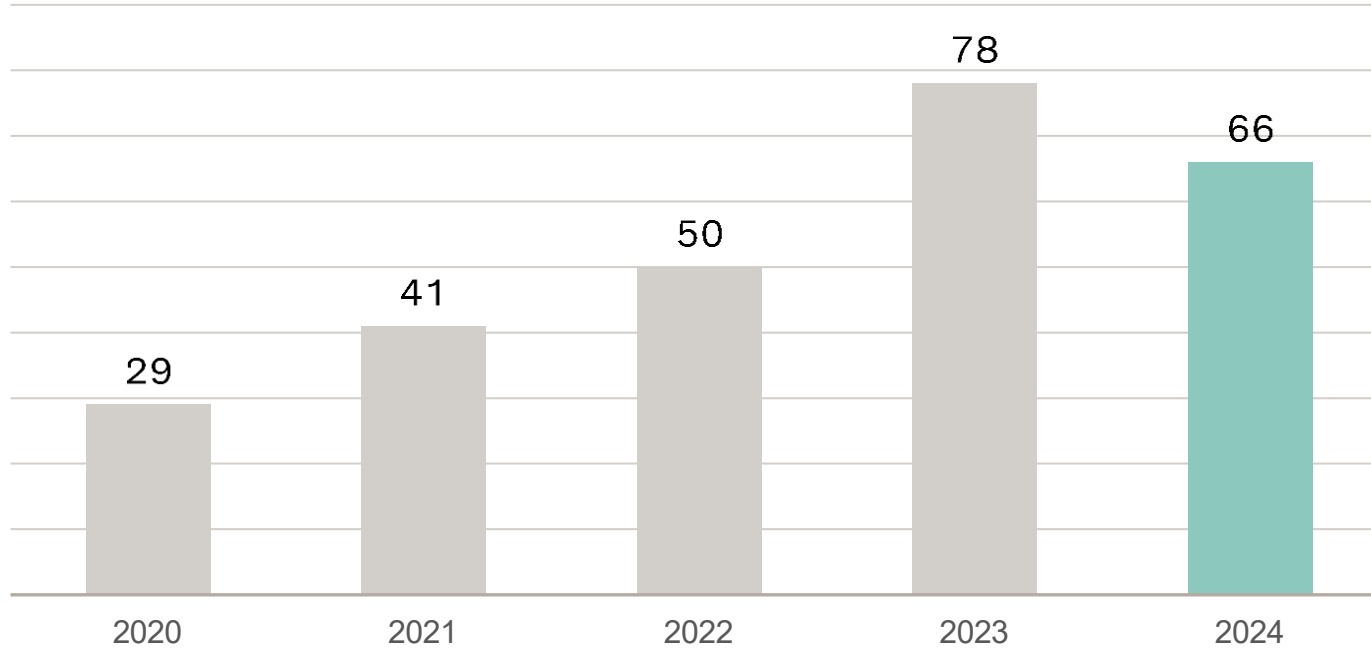






# Adjusted operating income

Volvo Group's adjusted operating income 2020–2024, BSEK.



Adjusted  
operating margin:

**2024: 12.5%**

**2023: 14.0%**

**2022: 10.7%**

**2021: 11.0%**

**2020: 8.4%**



# Volvo Group

102,000 employees | 180 markets

9 business areas | 15 brands

Sharing resources

Safer | Cleaner | More efficient





VOLVO

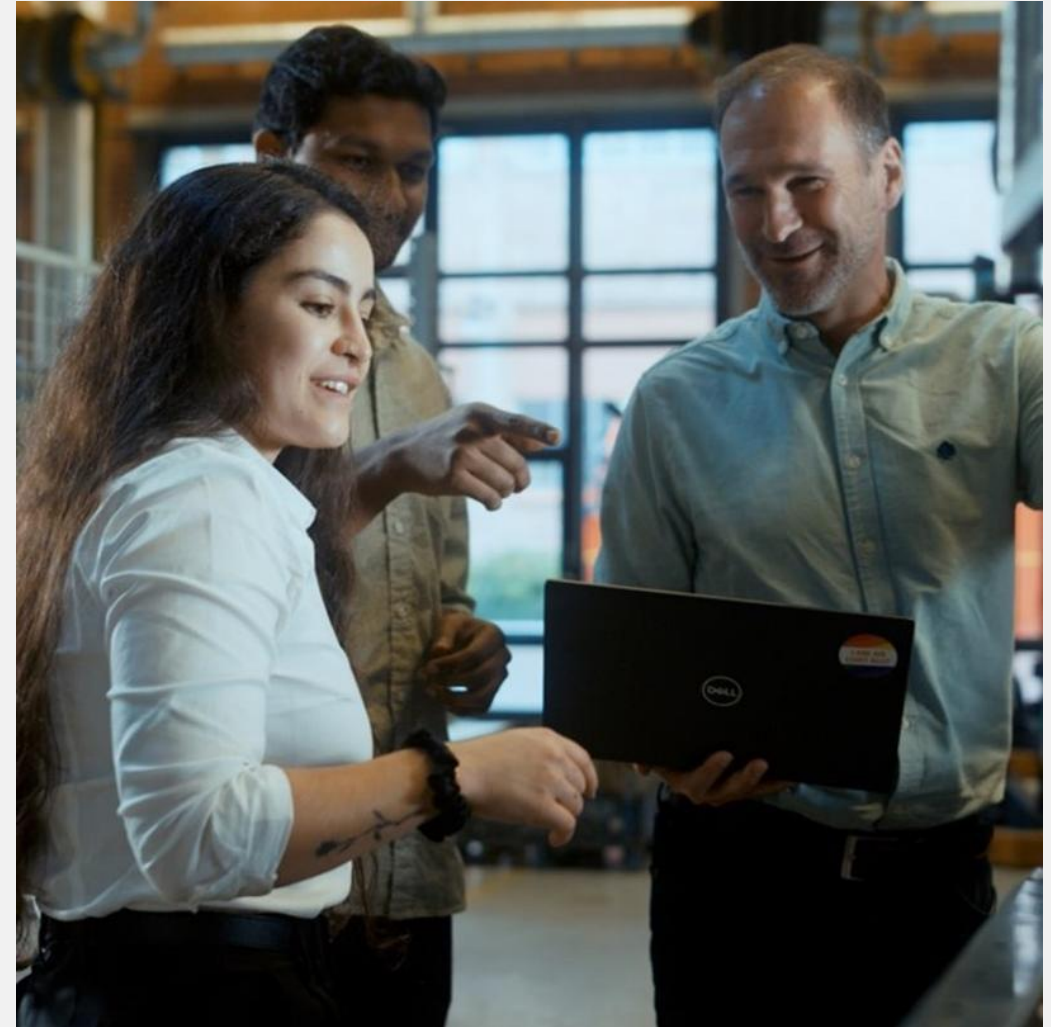
# GROUP TRUCKS TECHNOLOGY





# Group Trucks Technology

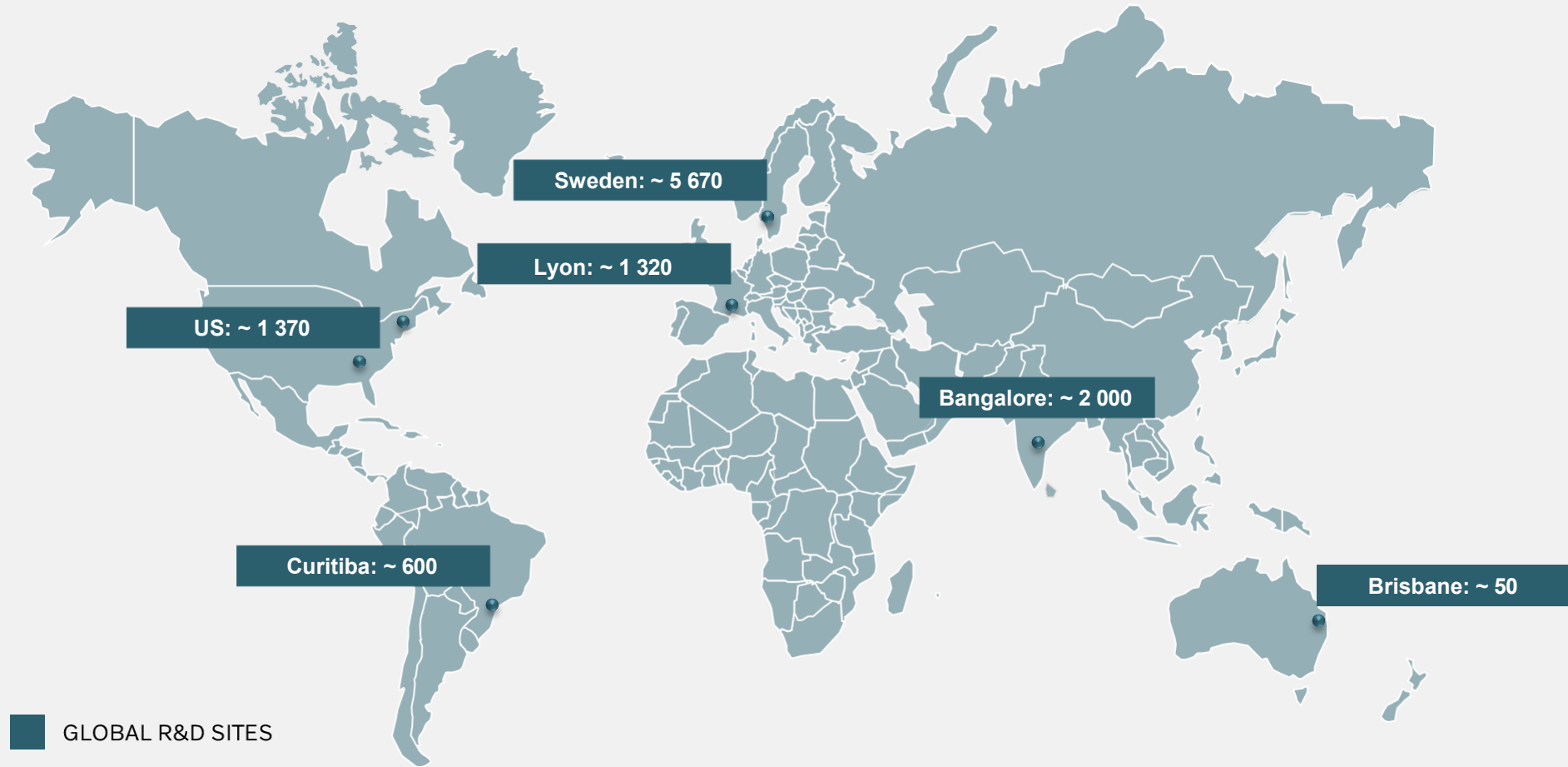
- We maximize the output from the Volvo Group R&D investment. We do this by balancing common and brand unique solutions and by mastering both well-known and new technologies.
- We provide state-of-the-art research, engineering, product planning and project execution to final delivery of complete products and support the products in the aftermarket.
- We assure product leadership for all Volvo Group brands. By offering technologies for different brands, we address many different customer and market segments in mature as well as growth markets.
- Empowerment, accountability and simplicity are key principles guiding us in our daily work.





# Global cooperation in our R&D system – every day

~11,000 GTT PROFESSIONALS





# State-of-the-art facilities and labs

ACROSS THE GLOBE

**06**

## GLOBAL R&D SITES

Research and development sites around the world and in close cooperation

**06**

## PROVING GROUNDS

GTT has six proving grounds where intensive tests are carried out for all products

**Over  
18**

## STATE-OF-THE-ART LABORATORIES

Our engineers concentrate on innovation, our state-of-the-art facilities allow them to do just that

**04**

## DESIGN STUDIOS

Volvo Group product and services design is carried out in studios by a diverse team of highly skilled professionals

**Over  
22**

## WORKSHOPS

Professionals with deep customer knowledge at workshop focus on complete products, cross-collaboration, continuous improvements, verification and validation and bring hands-on truck experience





# TRUCK PRODUCTS



# Volvo trucks



Volvo FH16 Aero



Volvo FH Aero



Volvo FH16



Volvo FH



Volvo FMX



Volvo FM



Volvo FE



Volvo FL



# Volvo trucks

North America



Volvo VNL



Volvo VNR



Volvo VNX



Volvo VHD



Volvo VAH



# Renault trucks

Renault Trucks T High



Renault Trucks T



Renault Trucks K



Renault Trucks C



Renault Trucks D Wide



Renault Trucks D





# Mack trucks



Mack Anthem®



Mack Pioneer™



Mack® Pinnacle™



Mack® TerraPro®



Mack® MD Series



Mack® Granite®



Mack® LR



# All truck products

VOLVO

## Volvo trucks



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VOLVO

## Renault trucks



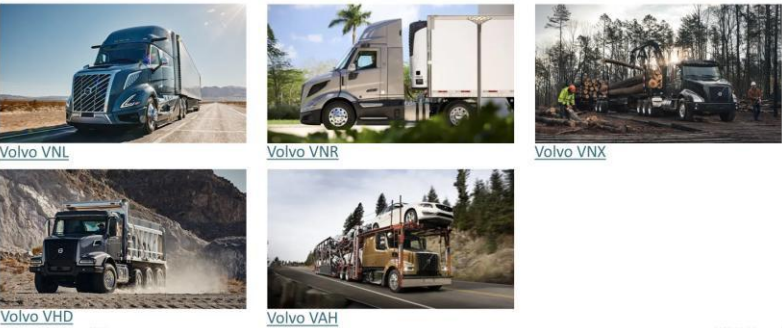
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VOLVO

## Volvo trucks

North America



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## Mack trucks



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# Heavy duty platform

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## Volvo trucks



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## Renault trucks



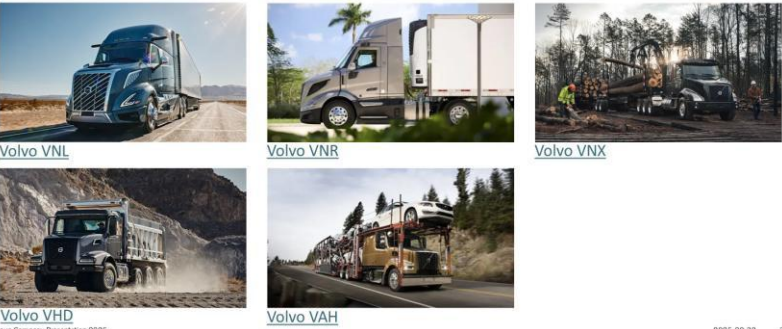
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## Volvo trucks

North America



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## Mack trucks



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# Medium duty platform

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## Volvo trucks



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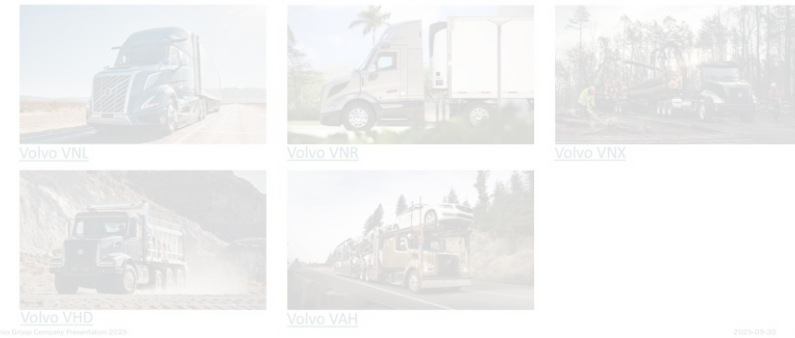
## Renault trucks



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## Volvo trucks

North America



VOLVO

## Mack trucks





# Two different ranges

**Volvo trucks**

Volvo FH16 Aero, Volvo FH Aero, Volvo FH16, Volvo FH, Volvo FMX, Volvo FM, Volvo FE, Volvo FL

**Cab over engine**

**Renault trucks**

Renault T, Renault T, Renault Z, Renault T, Renault T, Renault T

**Volvo trucks**  
North America

Volvo VNL, Volvo VNR, Volvo VNX, Volvo VHD, Volvo VAH

**Conventional**

**Mack trucks**

Mack Anthem, Mack Pioneer, Mack Pinnacle, Mack TerraPro, Mack MD Series, Mack Granite, Mack LR







# Agenda/time plan

08.30 Networking

09.00 NEM welcome/introduction

10.00 Fika

10.30 Volvo Company introduction

11.30 Lunch

12.15 Bus transfer to Tuve Plant

13.00 Manufacturing plant, tour & presentation

15.00 Fika

15.30 Modularization, assembly perspective

16.30 Bus transfer to World of Volvo via Campus Lundby

17.30 World of Volvo/Volvo Museum

18.30 Dinner World of Volvo, Restaurant Ceno on Top

08.00 Networking

08.30 Volvo Modularization Journey with Lennart Börjesson

09.30 Fika

10.00 Modularization at Volvo Group Trucks Technology

12.00 or 1230? Lunch

13.30 NEM information, Aimo/new company introduction

15.00 Fika

15.30 NEM information/Wrap up

16.30 Close





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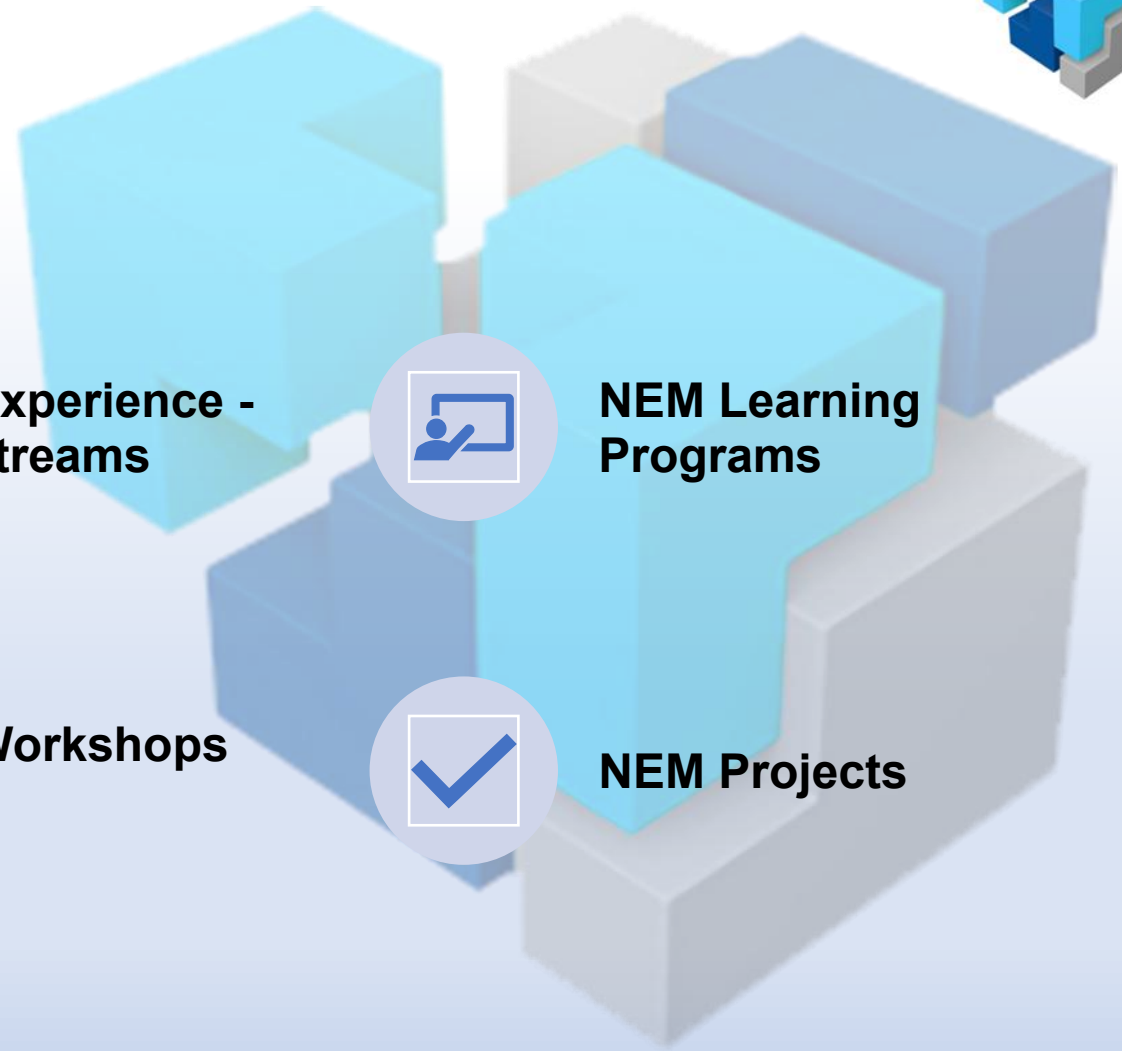
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# Give and take results



## Take

- Long term program – don't expect to have things done within 4-5 years
- Common framework is key, common reference
- Tailored system is impressive
- Repeated training is key
- Top down and bottom up approach both important for buy in
- Horizontal line – cross functional – important to serve the customer
- Architecture organisation – long term platform development
- Very clear definition of interfaces
- Spend time to engage in CAST and exchanged knowledge
- CAST is in the annual report - indicates commitment on management level
- PLM system integration
- Organization level is balanced
- Competition enables and motivates new developments
- Production: quiet and without stress, special solution organization, fishbone, advantage of same size product, solve problems in the modular area, production line used for many years
- Variation management close to customer



# Give and take results



## Give

- Community can help in further organization
- Check if complexity reduction is an option
- Learn something from software modularization in the network
- PLM to be consolidated taking in modular level
- Balancing short term gains vs long term strategies - further input needed
- Brand distinction – input needed
- Commercial variance needed for customer needed – outsource software





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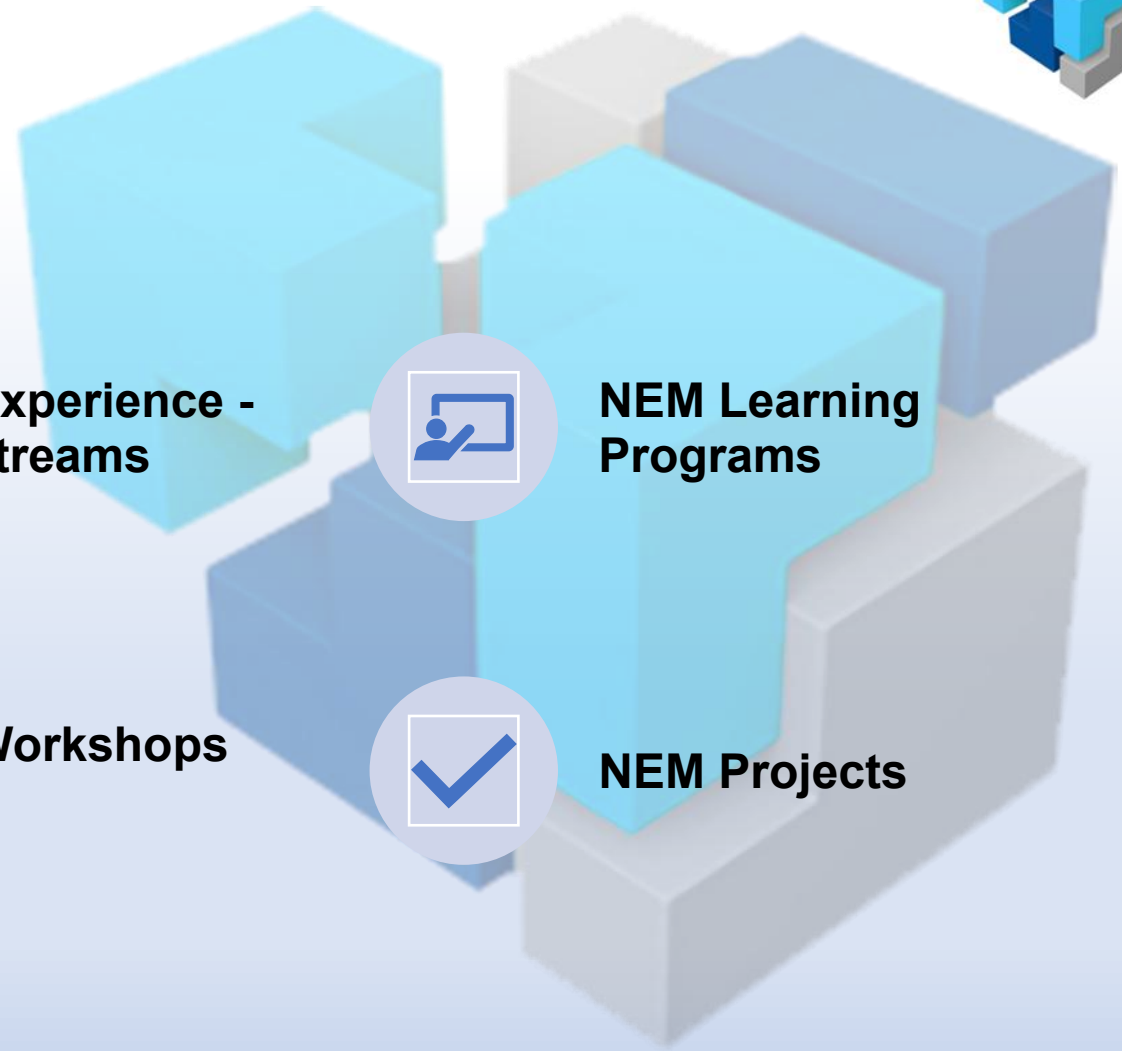
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# *Workstream 7 – Cost of Complexity*

Understanding the balance in creating variance

“When the value of creating variance exceeds the cost of creating and maintaining it”



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# Executive Summary

In a complex organization and in complex end to end processes the practice shows that a „one model fits all“ approach for cost of complexity is not possible as the complexity may differ significantly from the product or service category one considers.

One approach to understand the cost of complexity is to first understand the value chain end-to-end in the process of a company to generate value for customers and consumers.

In each of the value chain steps one defines the cost drivers and their exposure and sensitivity to complexity or the changes in the complexity, first on a rather high level.

This allows to focus on the most important process steps and cost positions. Further detailed evaluations will then lead to cost of complexity with an accuracy and granularity precise enough to take decisions or calculate the cost reductions and impacts for all cases like if complexity is reduced, both directly tangible or intangible, if one wants to select between alternative modular product structures, the effect of new modular structures compared to current integrated structures, impact of variant generation and what the cost of complexity are per product or part.

This is shown in several practical examples.

A summary of potentials by introduction of modular product structures considering the complete value chain is shown. The potential is estimated to be minimum 2% of cost of goods sold, compared to an integrated non modular product structure.



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# Introduction

What is the cost of complexity that comes with added variance? This was the question we asked ourself and a question which permanently appears when companies deal with complex organizations and complex product structures. This is also the question when companies go from integrated product structures to modular product structures: Beside the direct effects e.g. in direct material and direct labour, are there potentials in cost and revenue due to streamlined and simplified processes ? How can this effect in reduced complexity be calculated and used in business cases ? Is there a generic “one model fits all” or is it necessary to go case by case ?

As inspiration we took outset in article from TUHH ‘Impact of Modularity Decisions on a Firm’s Economic Objectives’ to map the life phase affects that have the biggest impact on complexity cost. We took also a look into the publication of Ripperda, Krause et. al. “Cost Effects of Modular Product Structure Concepts” which looks into a similar question and compared to the result of our investigations of various concepts and used cases in NEM member companies and the cases in our workstream.

In the following outline of our work you will find a lot of answers to the questions above. We will guide you through the important step of value stream mapping which sets the base for the calculation of complexity cost. The value stream mapping is a good exercise to assess the areas where complexity creates over-proportional cost and should be avoided. We also believe that you will be able use the value stream mapping to create a usable model if financial data is available in the right configuration and quality. Based on this mapping you will see how to identify the major complexity drivers, the processes which are impacted by complexity most and which steps you take in order to calculate the financial impacts of complexity changes. You will find examples for various applications of those principles. As a result, we believe that we are able to deliver to you a very good guideline to approach your individual situation and application field and how to gain the knowledge to do the right decisions regarding variant generation and product structures.

However, you will also see through the various examples that it became clear that a generic model to calculate the cost complexity as a “one formula fits all” will be close to impossible to build as it is very dependent on the business model and the product. As an example, the model would look very much different in a Make to Stock (MTS) setup than in an Engineered To Order (ETO) setup. Based on this learning we started to map the value stream per product line where the boundary conditions were constant (e.g. MTS, high volume, same significant life phase effects etc).

Finally, we can tell a rough range of cost savings which you can expect when working on complexity reduction or introducing modular structures, based on used cases. The exact value will depend on the individual situation, business you are in, product segment, product line, processes and how far you have already come in the way to modularization

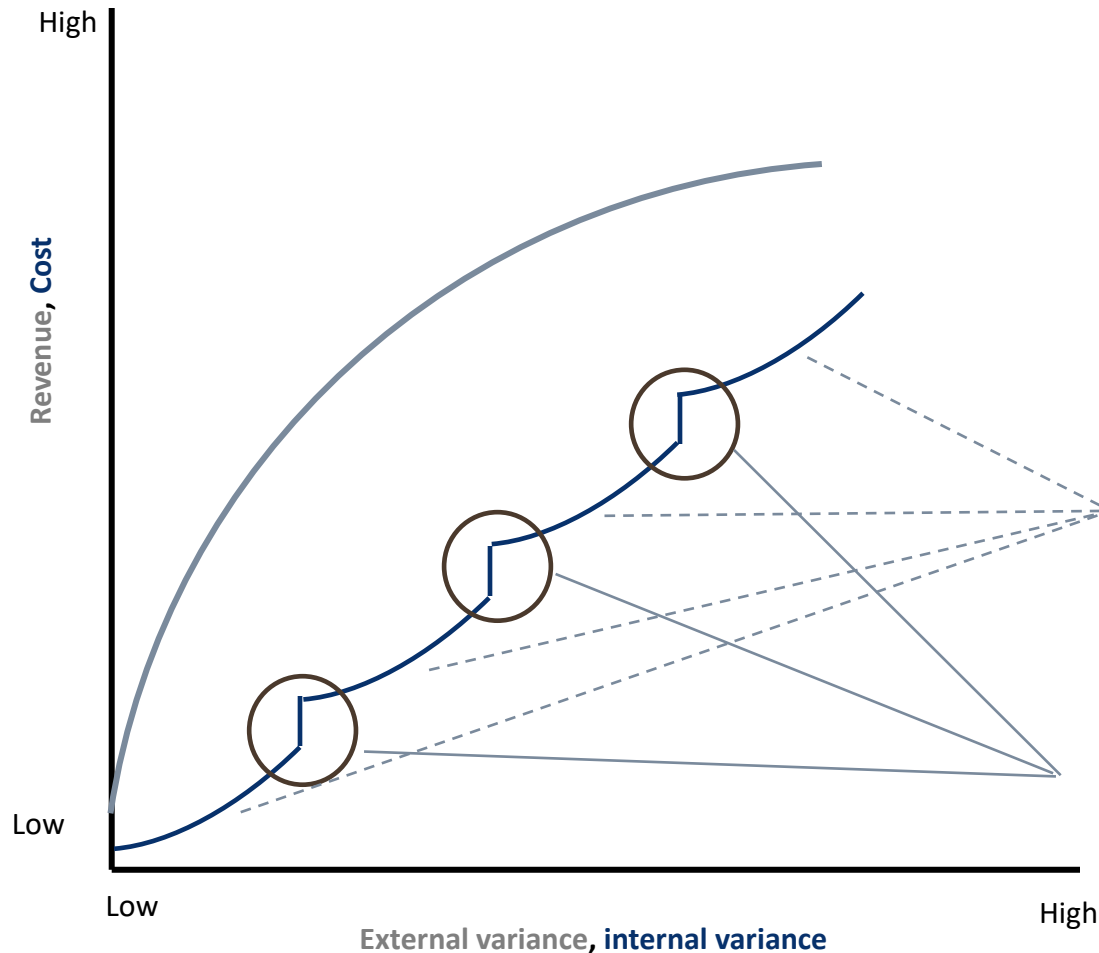


# Complexity cost play an important role in the P&L of variant generation

The complexity impacts external variance and internal variance

External variance is defined by the products with its different features and functions, delivered to the market

Internal variance is defined by the number of parts or modules in the product generation and connected processes



The vertical axes shows schematically the revenue increase which is created by the increase of product variants (external variances) due to a better offer to the market (with a certain leveling if the number of variants is too big, grey curve)

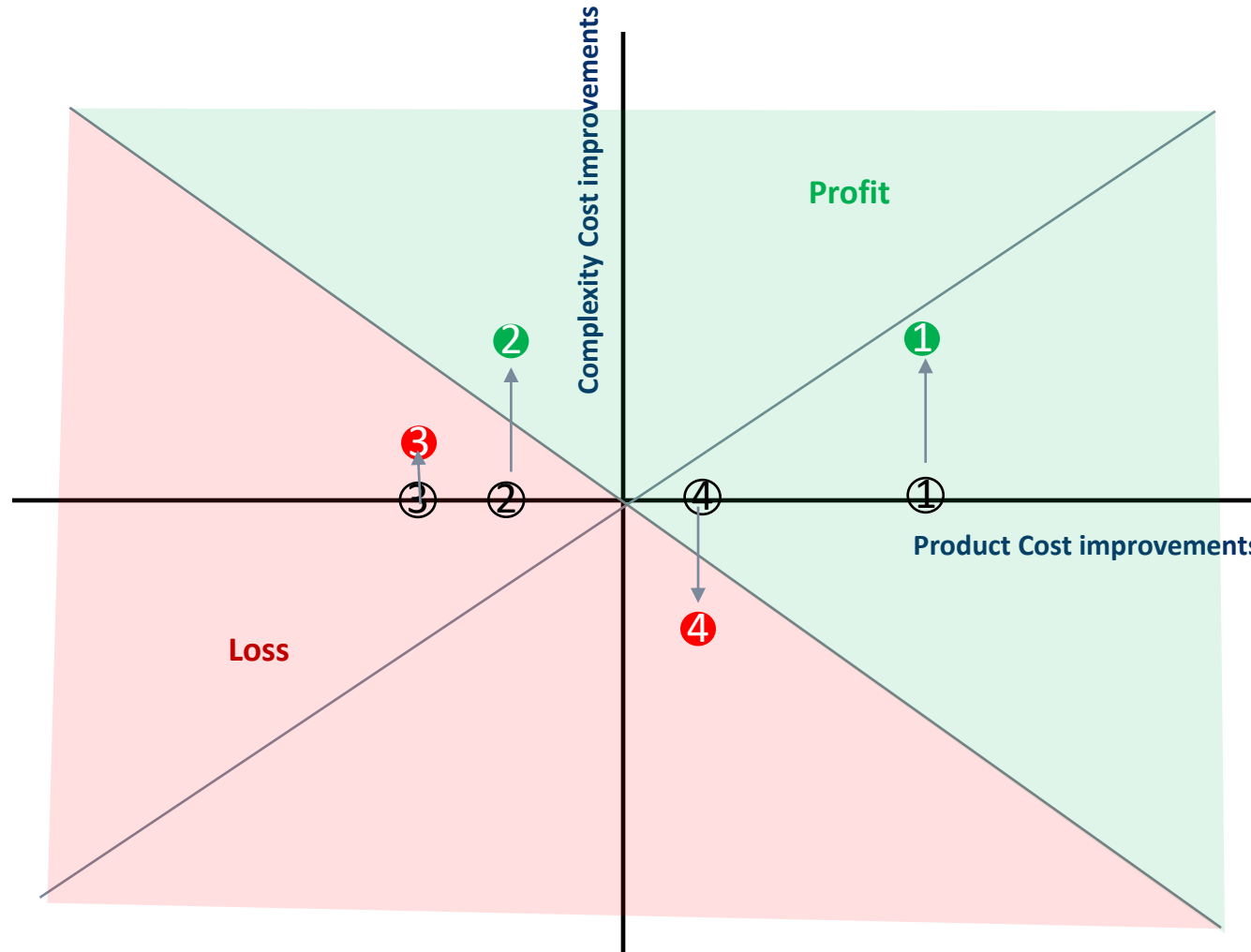
You find in the same graph the cost development with the increase of internal variances (black curve), by the increase of parts, production structure and and more complex processes in the value chain connected with the increase in external variances.

Complexity Cost appear as part of the continuous increases in variable cost (material and labour) due to the increases in internal variants .....

..... and as step changes in the structural cost (R&D, production, procurement, logistics, sales, marketing) to manage the increased number of variants in products and parts



# Business cases and profitability of variant generation needs to consider complexity cost additional to product cost



- ① New modular structure or take out of internal variants with improvements of products cost and reduction of complexity
- ② New product structure increases product cost but leads to higher improvement of complexity cost
- ③ New product structure increases product cost more than gains in complexity reduction
- ④ New variant reduces product cost but increases complexity to a much higher extend

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Additional consideration of complexity cost





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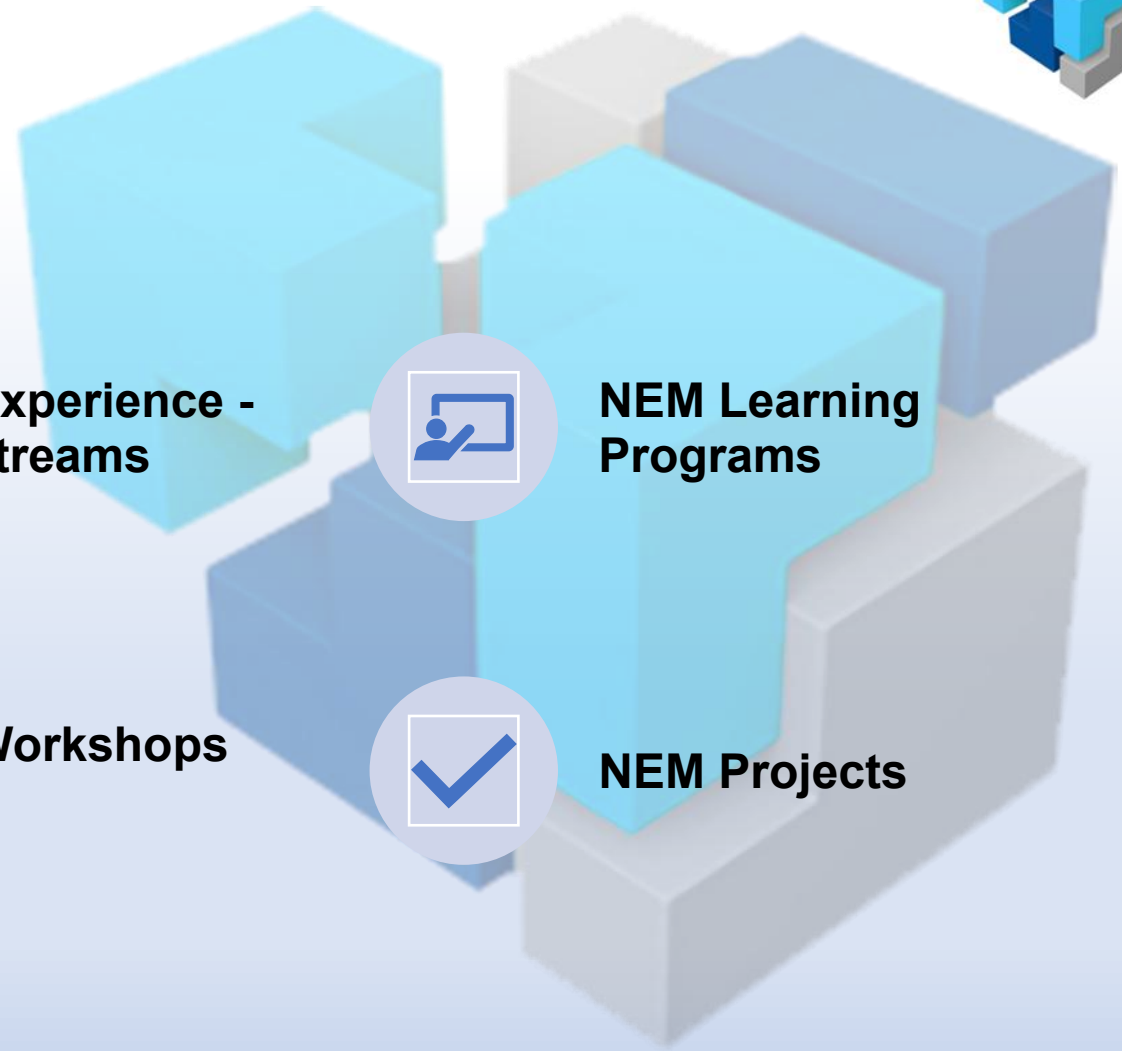
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# Modelling flexibility and value of modular architectures

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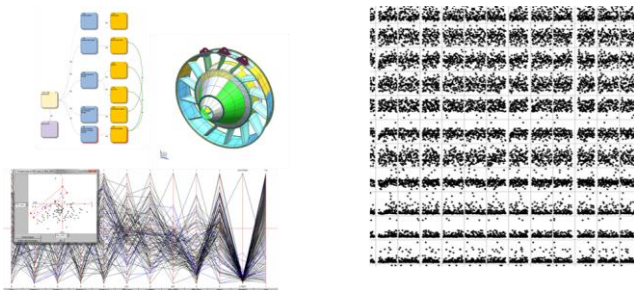
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## *Take a Systems Approach to Engineering Design*

*Systems Design Methodology*



*Systems Engineering Design  
Methods and tools*

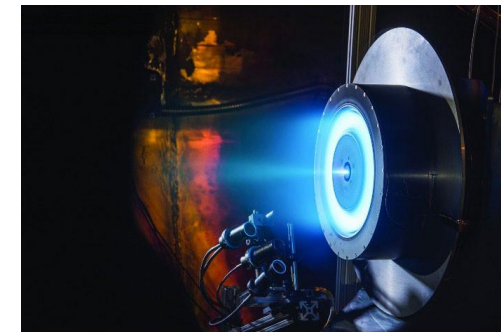


Design to make system level  
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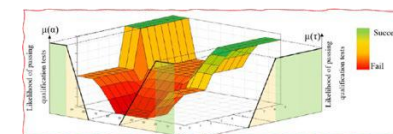
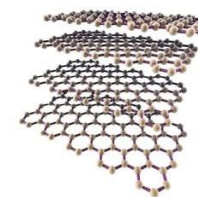
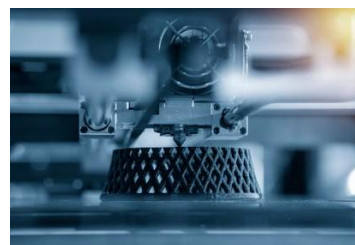
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Product



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# Outline

**Methods to design and analyse modular architectures Exa**  
**Message What is next**



# Methods to design and analyse modular architectures

Examples

Message

What is next



# What issues do we need to address?

**COMPLEXITY** increases

*Drive cost, time and quality challenge exponentially vs degree of complexity*

**SPEED** is expected to adapt to abrupt changes in conditions

*New expectations, constraints, market priorities, availability of resources and material,*

..

**PLATFORMS** have focused to ensure efficient, configurable, products and production systems

*Need for increasingly flexible, adaptable, resilient platforms*

**TECHNOLOGY** accelerated impact

*New – primarily digital – technologies evolve more rapidly than physical technologies*

**MODULARISATION** is one of few proven strategies to manage complexity

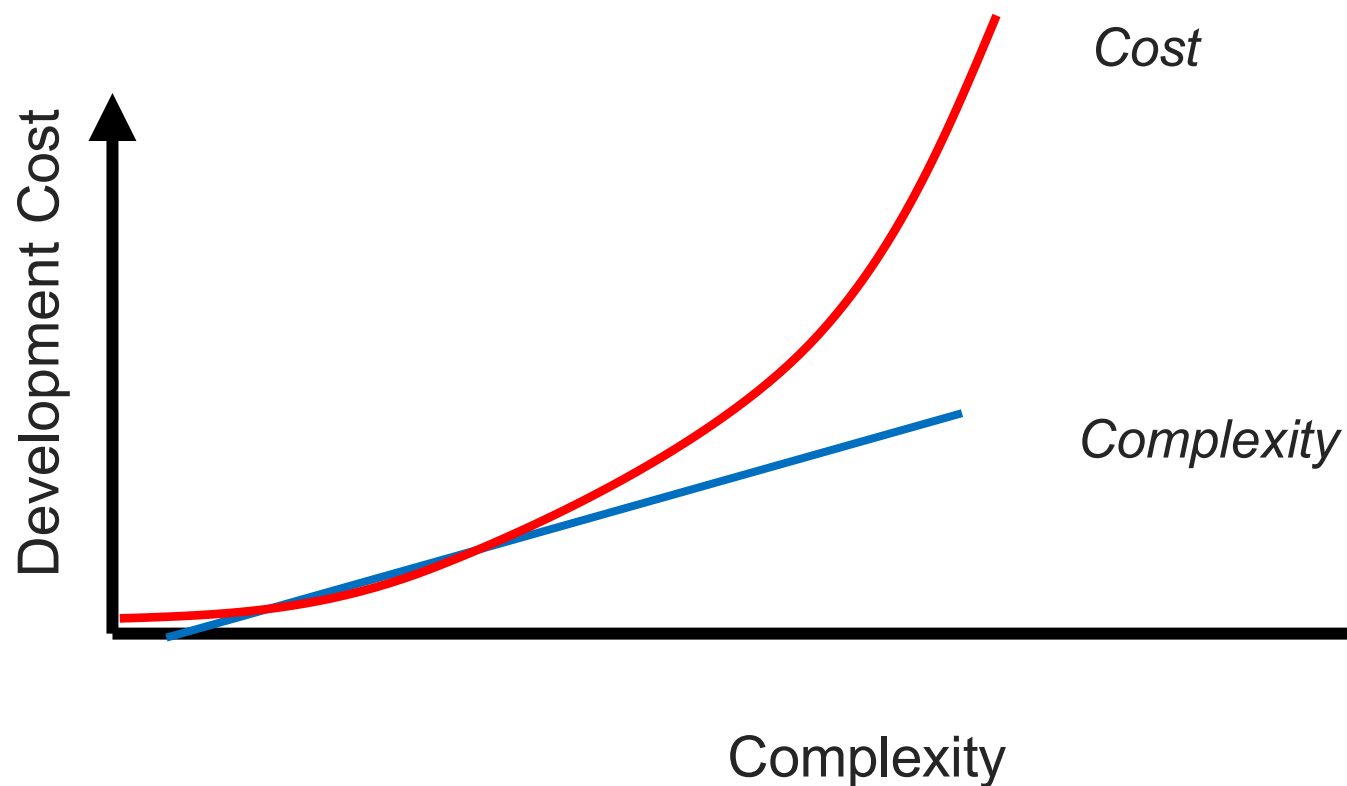
**MODULARISATION** enable automation, (re)allocation, configuration, adaption. Generative methods allow generation and evaluation of many alternatives.

**MODULARISATION** is an enable to ensure commonality and configurability of products and industrial systems

Platforms are **multitechnological**, and modularisation need to support more diciplines and aspects – while technology **cycles are fast and different in nature**



# Complexity of Products Affect Development Cost



**Complexity => Exponential  
Cost Increase to develop  
and realise**

SINHA, K. & DE WECK, O. L. 2016. Empirical Validation of Structural Complexity Metric and Complexity Management for Engineering Systems. *Systems Engineering*, 19, 193-206.



# Functionally defined architectures

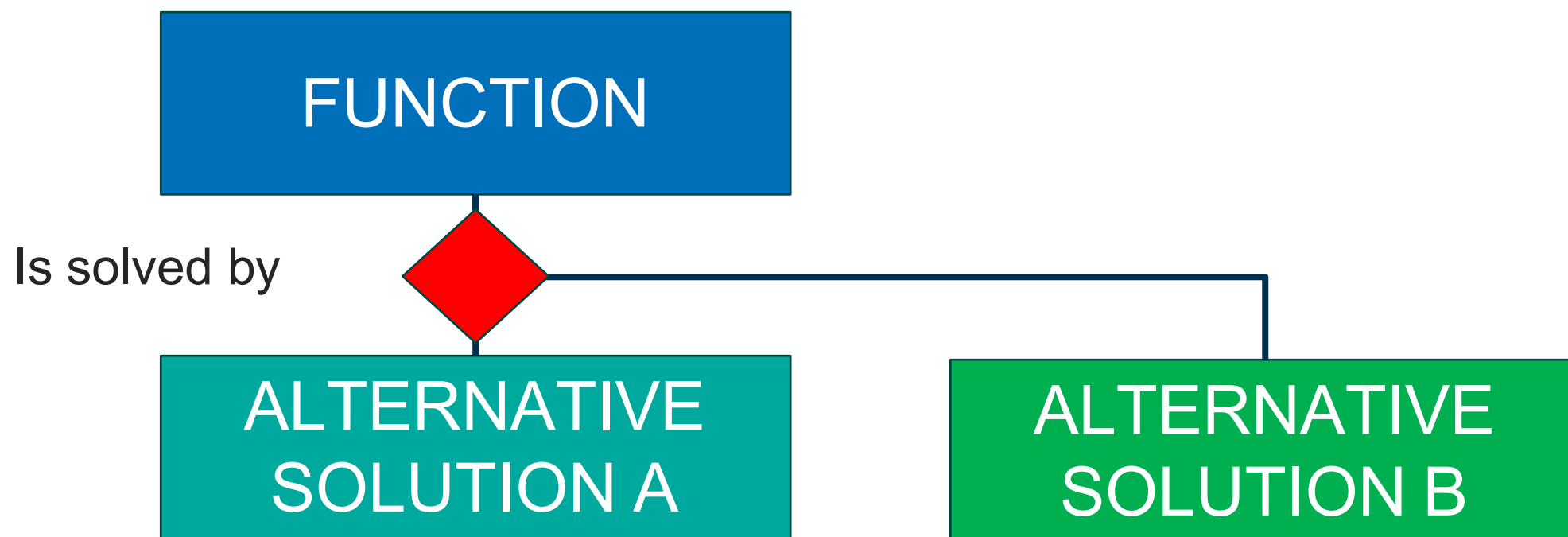
Separating

- WHAT the product does (FUNCTION) from
- HOW it solves the function (MEANS; or SOLUTIONS)

Note: Enables representation of multi-technological modular architecture

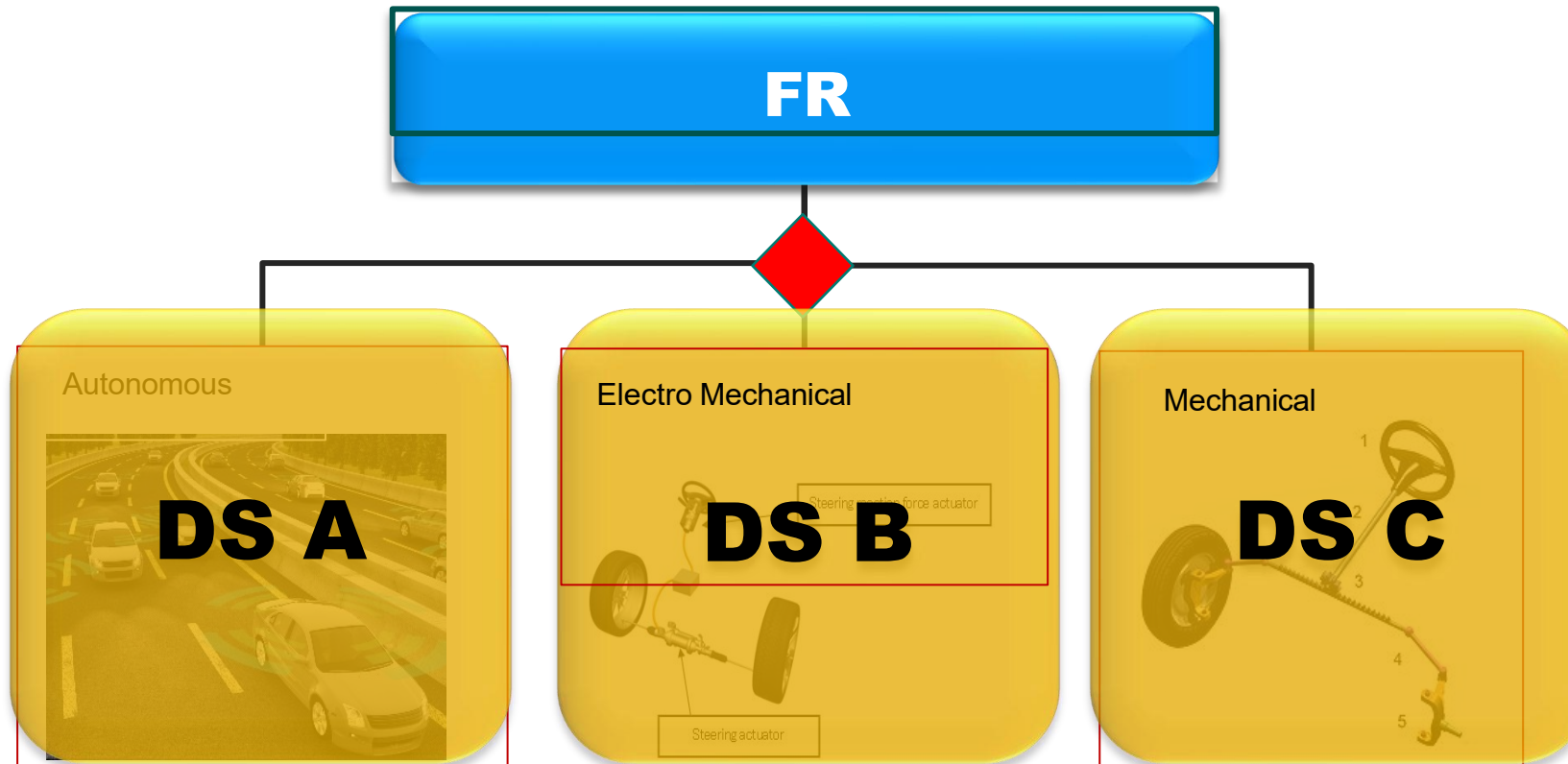


# A function can be met by alternative solutions (~concepts)



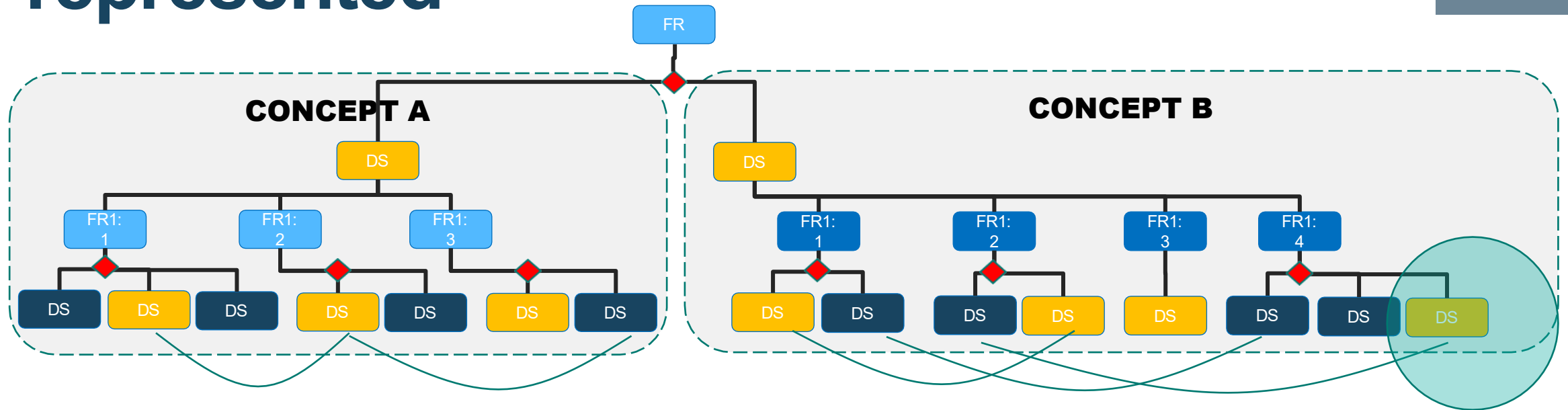


# A modelling approach





# Alternative architectures can be represented



Capture how sub-solutions interact



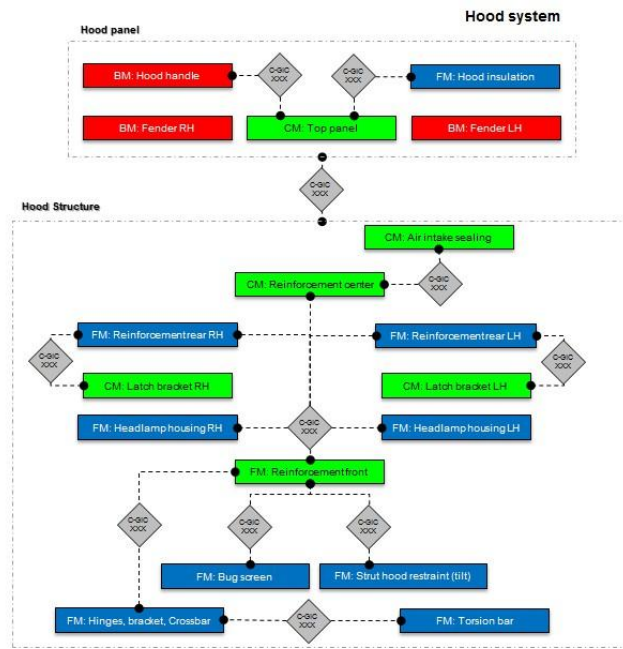




# Example – Functionally defined Modular Architecture @ Volvo

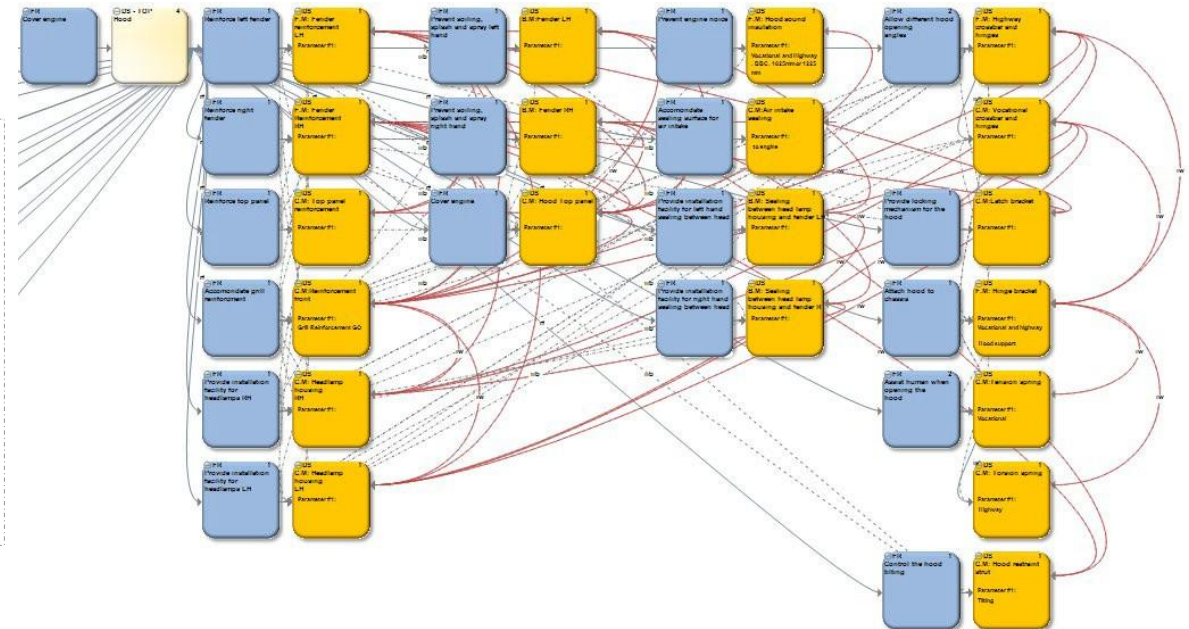
## Scope

- 50 modularized systems
- 1300 Modules
- 3500 Components



## Proven benefits

- Understanding of requirement connection to modules
- Cost saving
- Assessing cost of customer requirement





# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

# MANUFACTURING ARCHITECTURE

Product E-FM

Production E-FM

1

2

Hold objects  
at height

Desk

Provide flat  
surface

Provide height

Alternatives

Desk top:  
Wood

Desk top:  
Glass

Alternatives

Legs: Hollow  
tube

Legs: Hollow  
square

Manufacture  
desk parts

Desk parts

Manufacture  
desk top

Manufacture  
legs

Alternatives

Top mfg  
method A

Top mfg  
method B

Alternatives

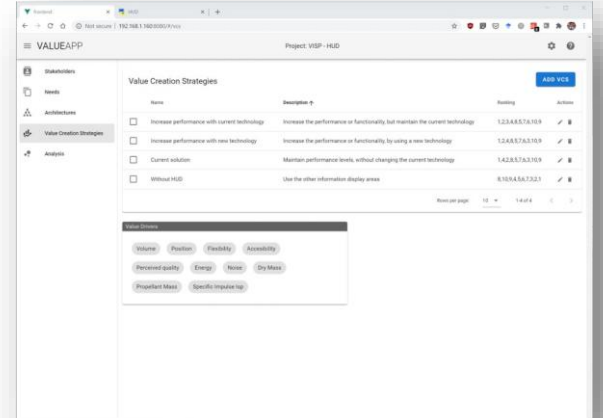
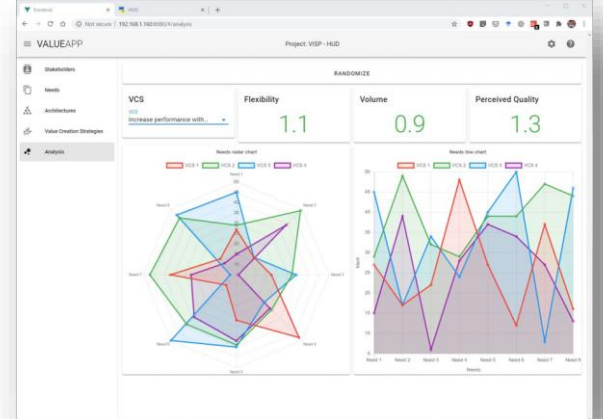
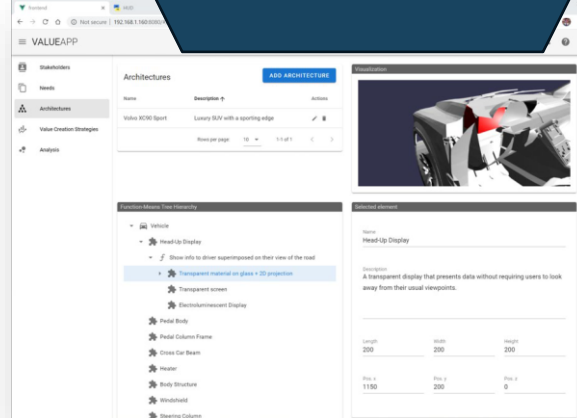
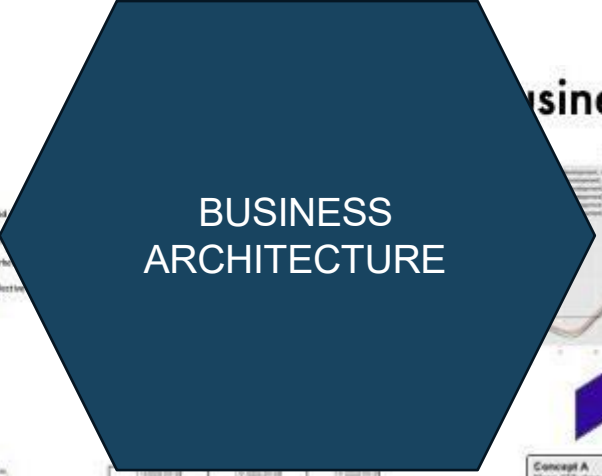
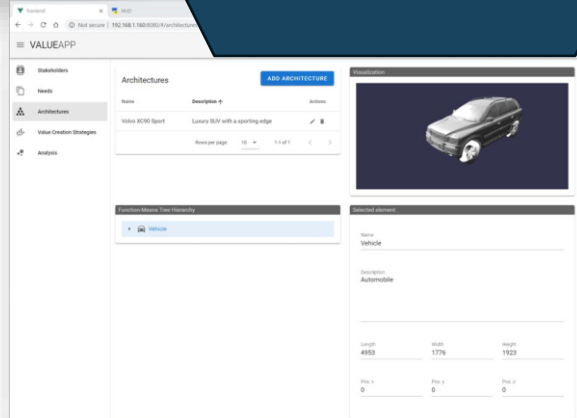
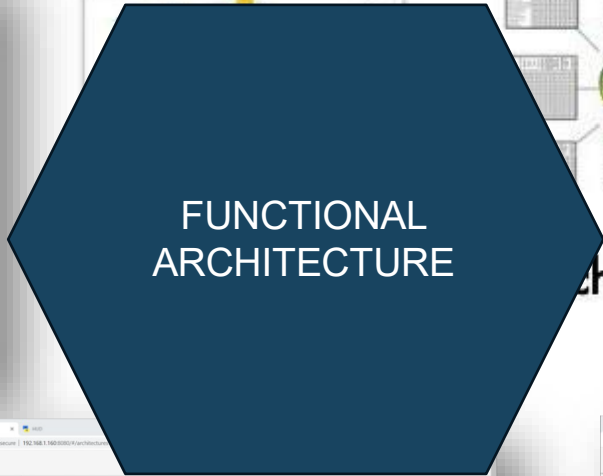
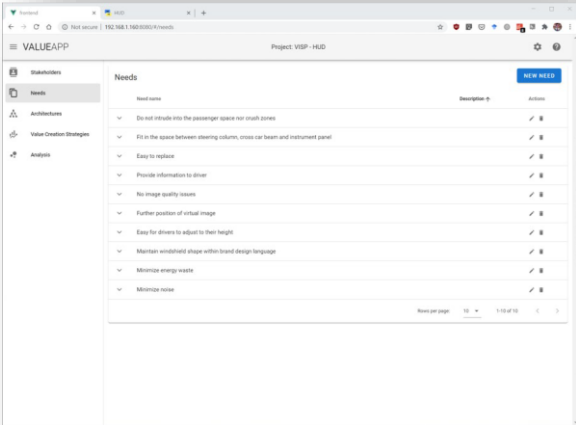
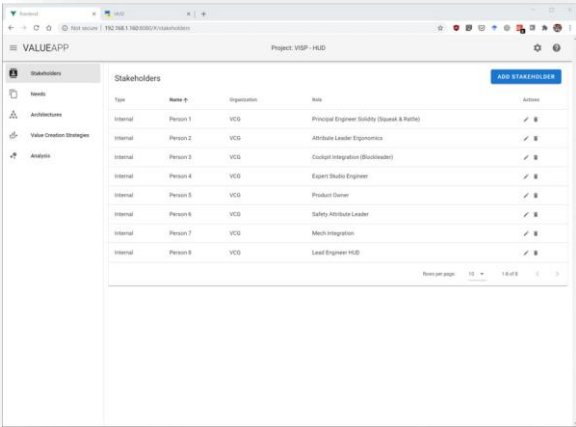
Leg mfg  
method A

Leg mfg  
method B



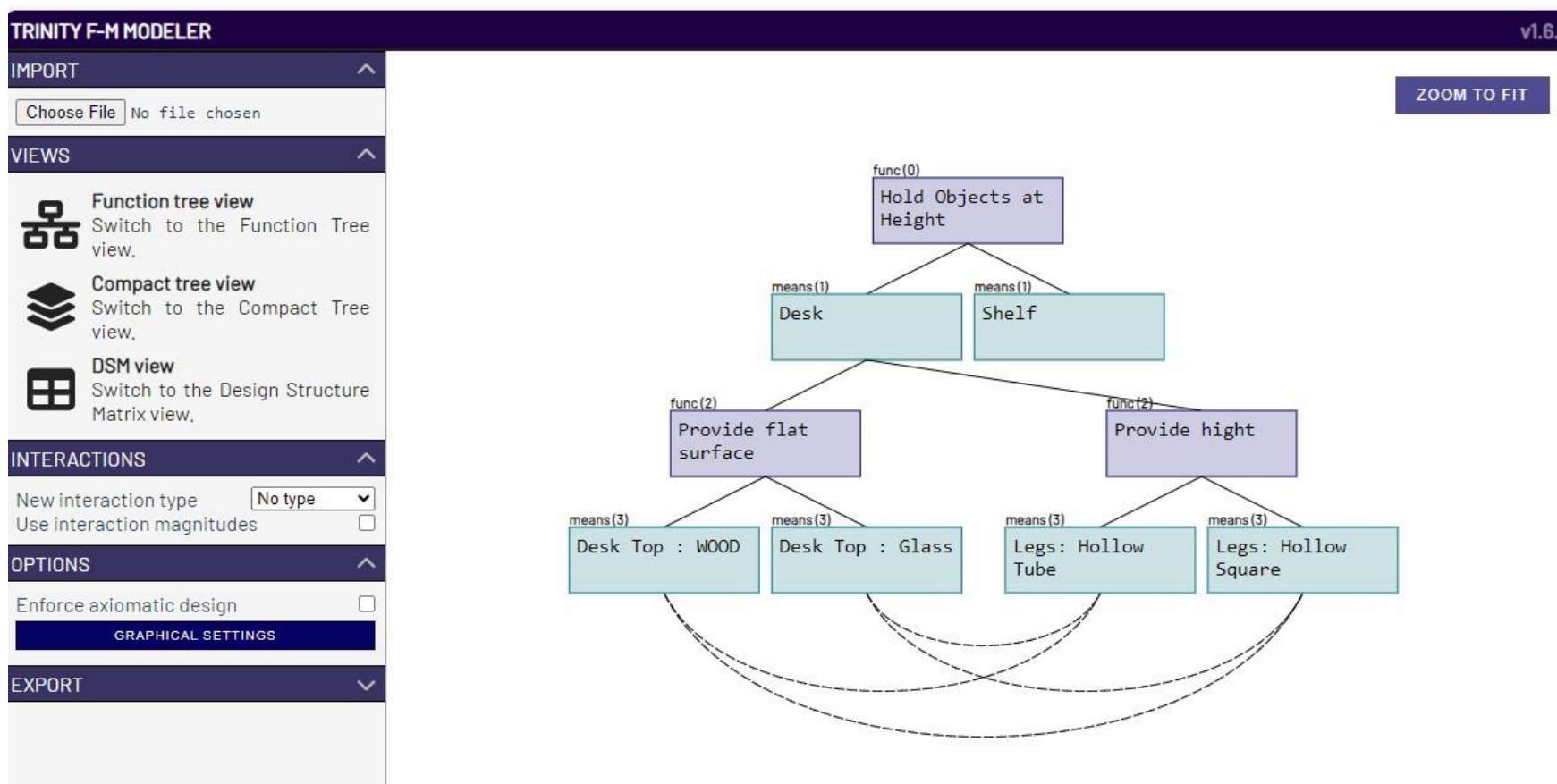








# TRINITY – Open Access Modelling tool



<https://trinity.martinsson-bonde.com/>



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**Examples**

**Message**

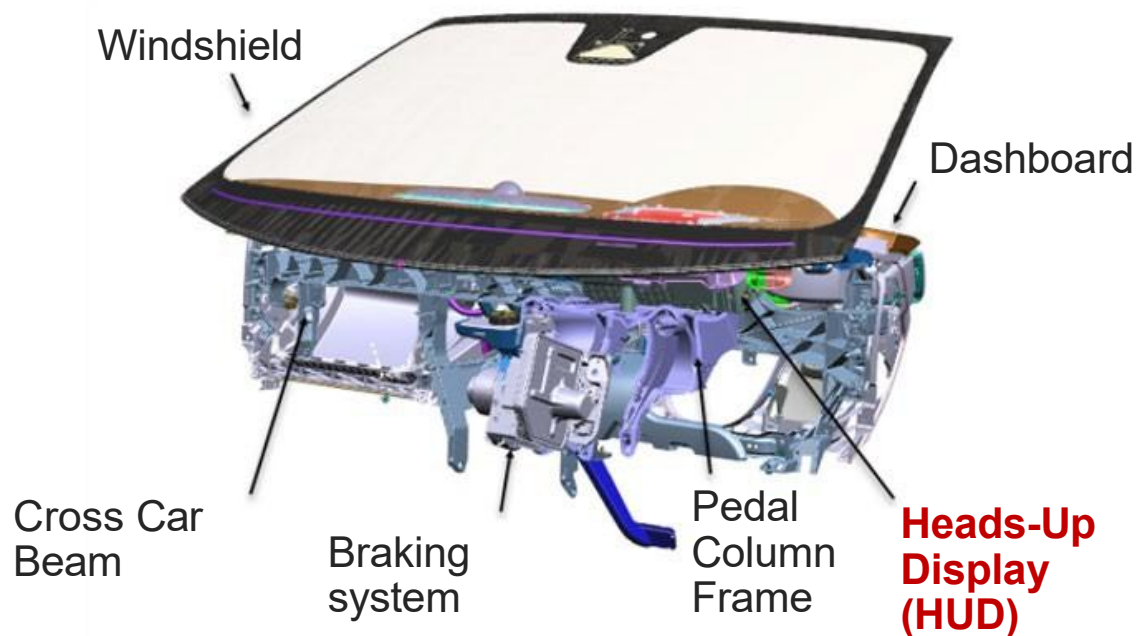
**What is next**



# 1. FLEXIBILITY OF A PLATFORM?



Inigo Alonzo  
Fernandez

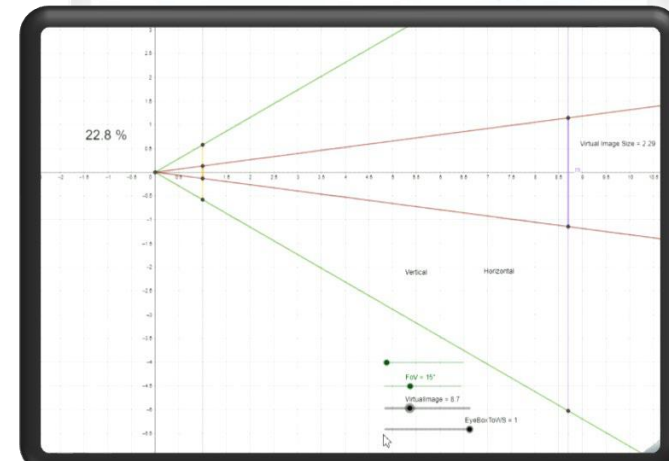
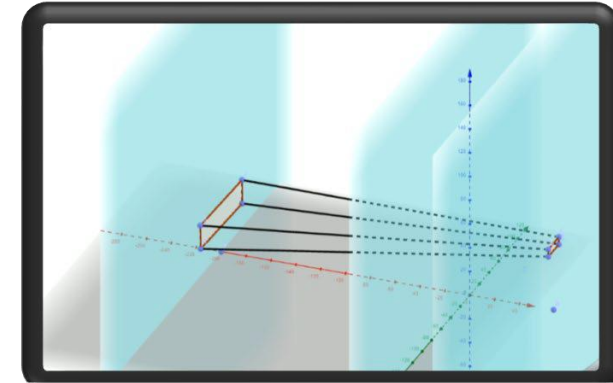
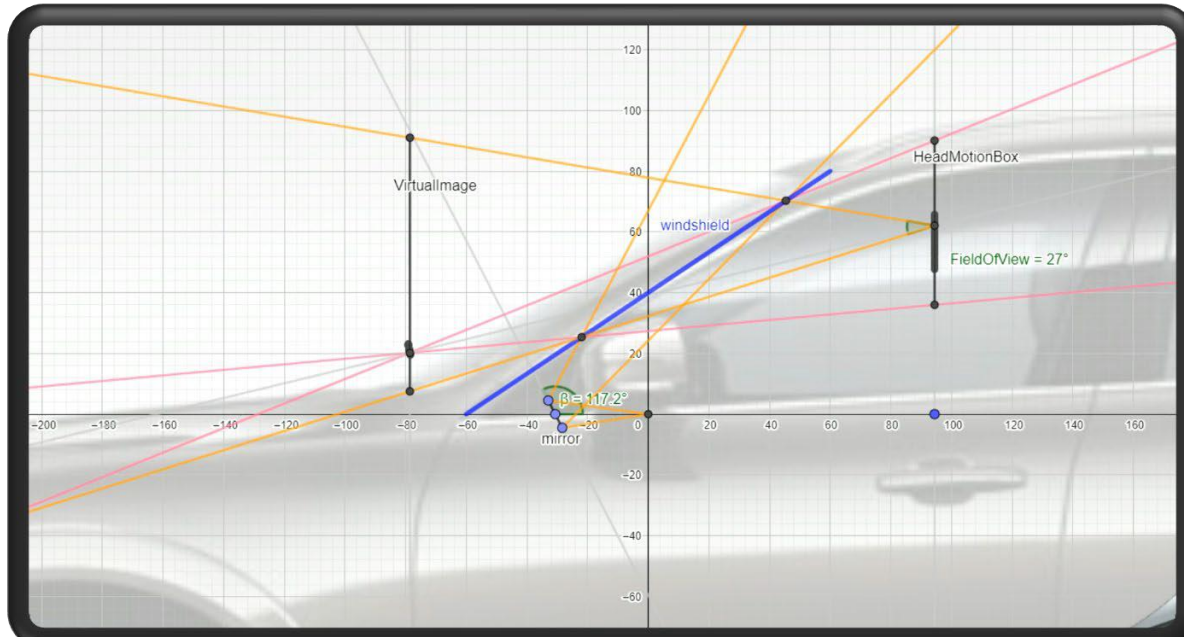


A classic situation where market driven technology changes is proposed, that may challenge the existing limitations of a platform

How to evaluate?



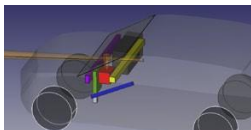
# GENERATE THE DATA NECESSARY TO EVALUATE



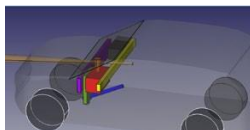


# Results: Flexibility assessment

Platform A



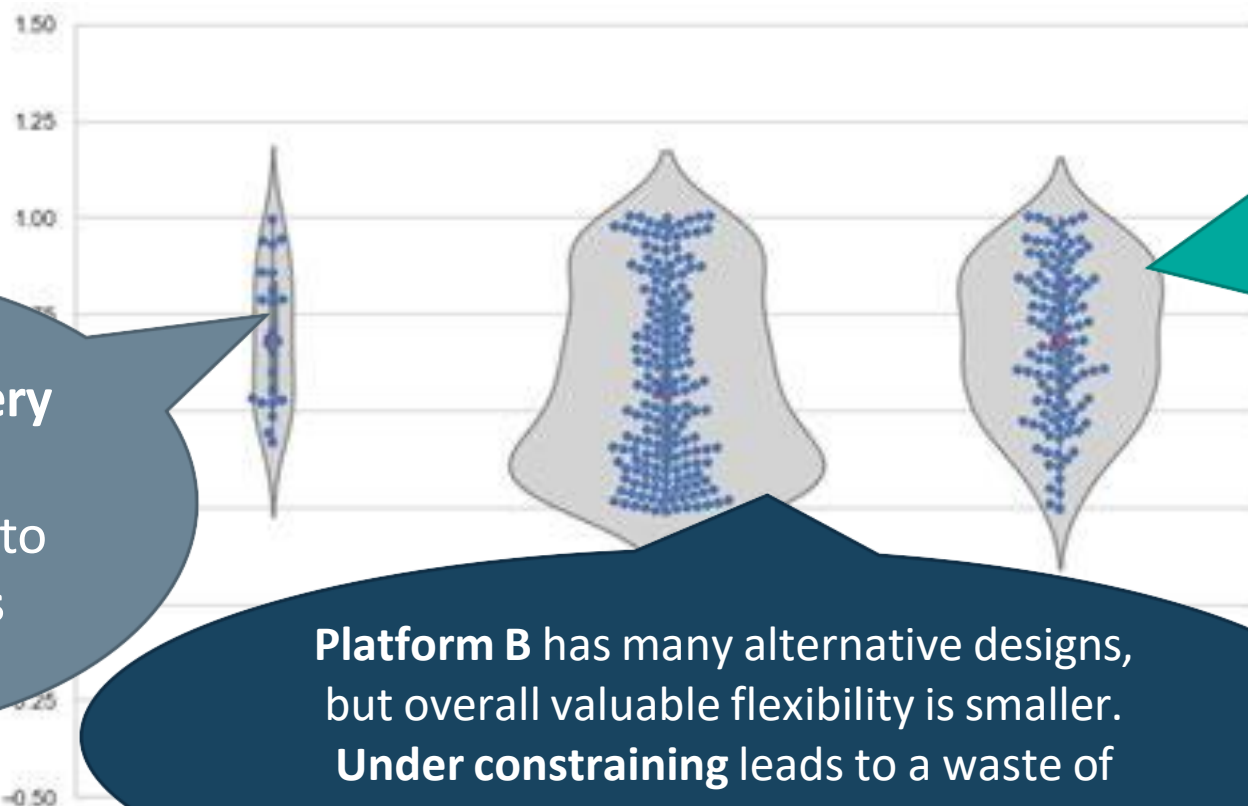
Platform B



Platform C



Platform A has very few design alternatives, due to over-constrains

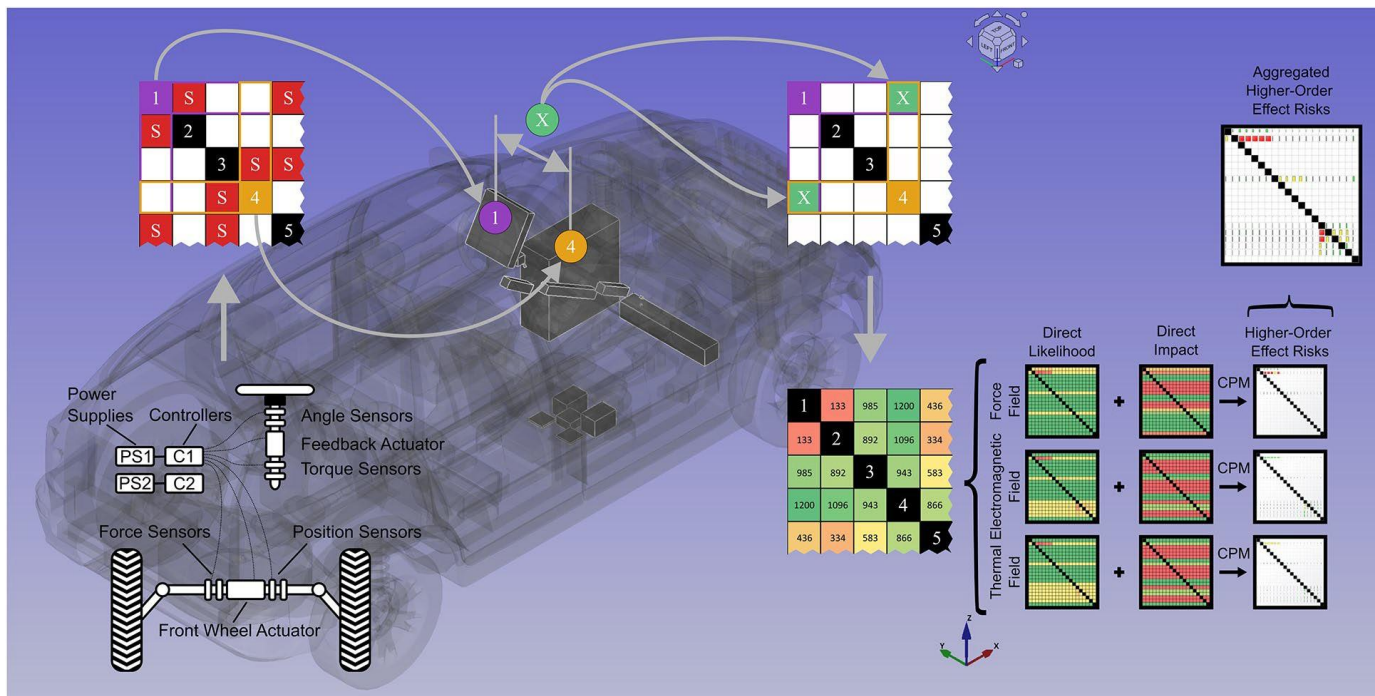


Platform B has many alternative designs, but overall valuable flexibility is smaller. Under constraining leads to a waste of the reserved space.

Platform C has a balanced delimitation of the constraints, high flexibility with freedom for defining many alternative designs.



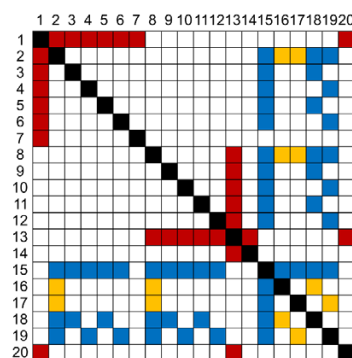
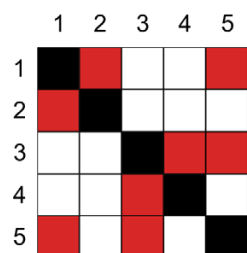
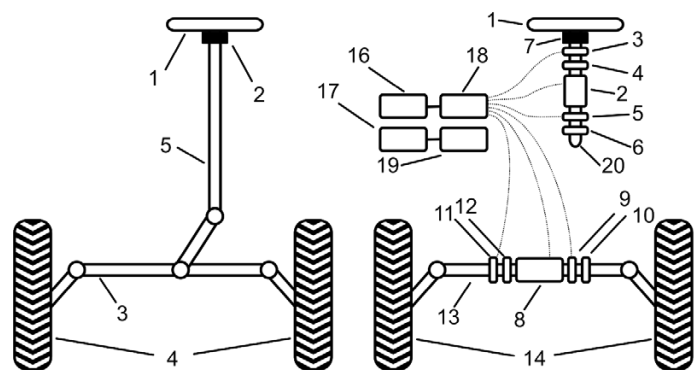
## 2. Example – risk analysis



- a novel method for modeling technical risk propagation due to new technology infusion in platforms, specifically aimed at mitigating higher-order field effects from the early stages of the design process



# Model the architectural alternatives



(a) Conventional Steering

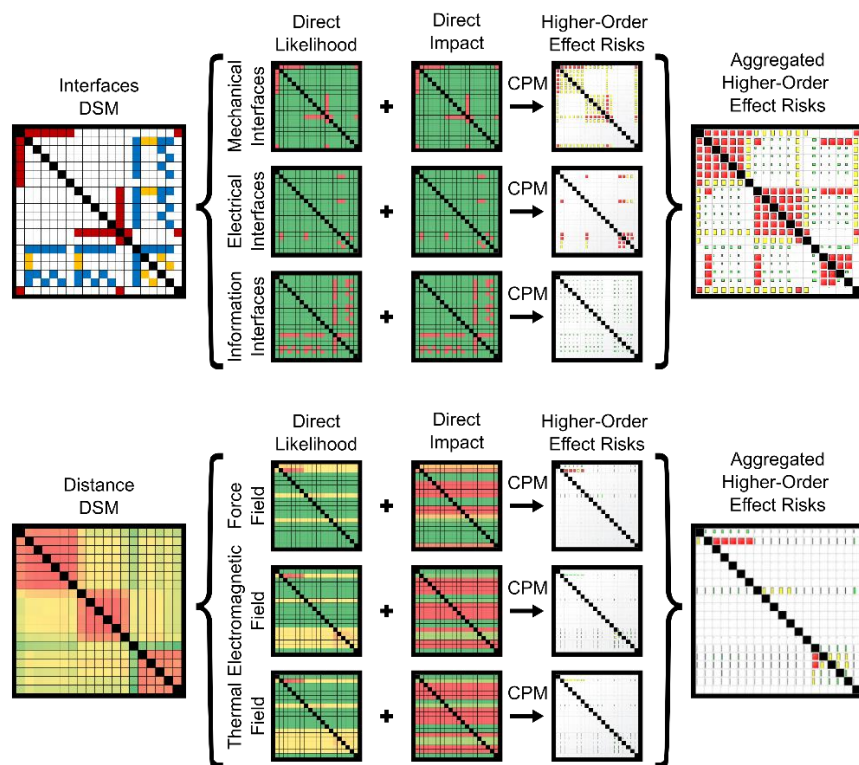
(b) Steer-by-Wire

- Using the methods presented, alternative architectures
  - Conventional steering vs
  - Steer-by-wire steering

were modelled, after identified critical interfaces and dependencies



# Results



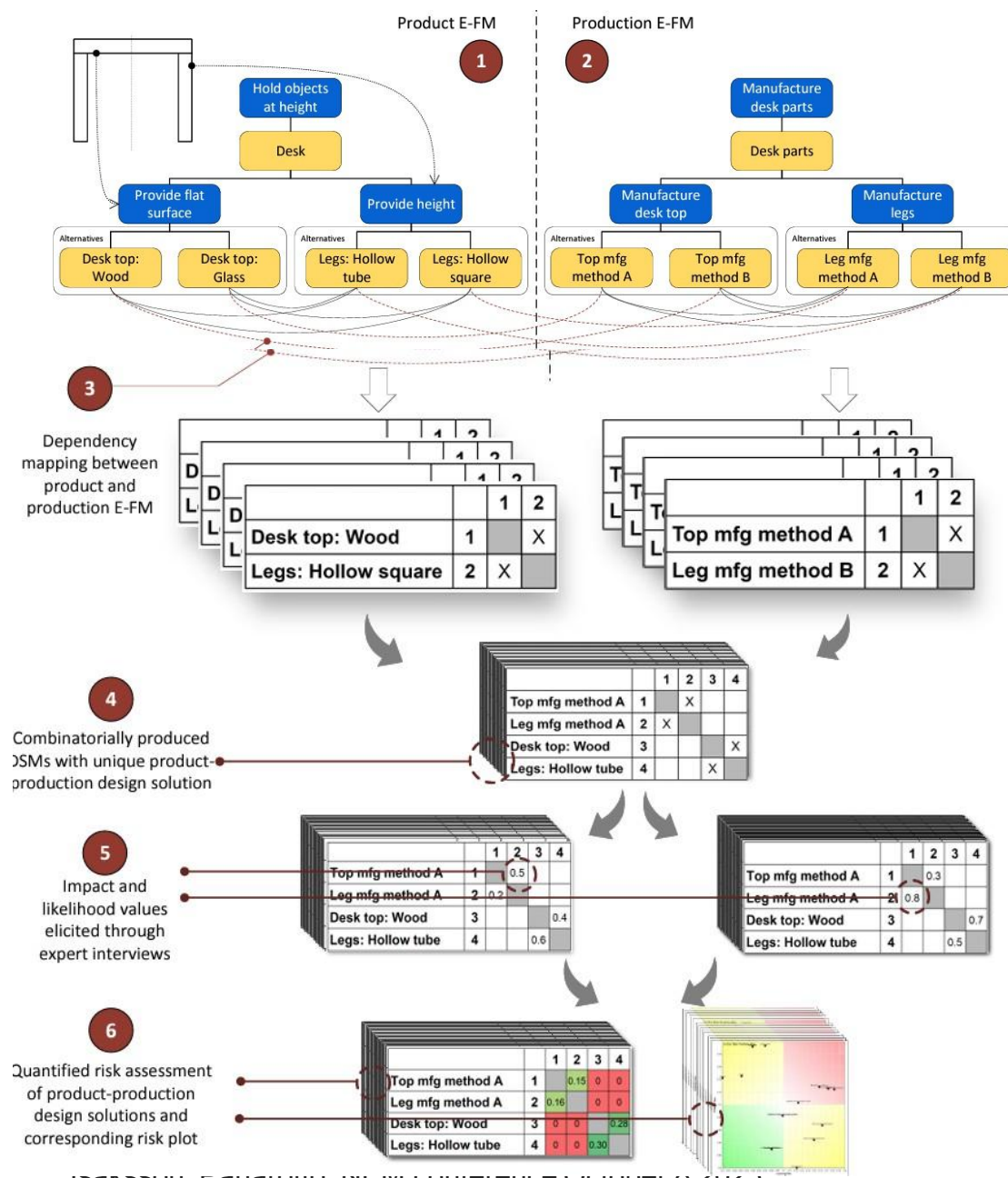
By identifying regions vulnerable to these enable localized mitigation strategies, avoid overdesign.



# Analysis of alternatives

Quantified Risk Analysis of all possible combination enabled

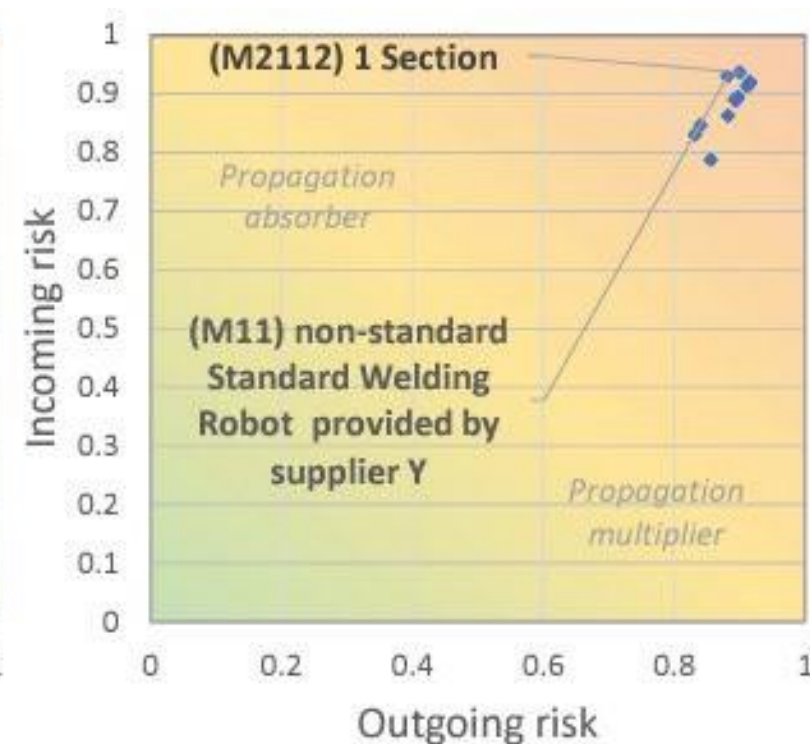
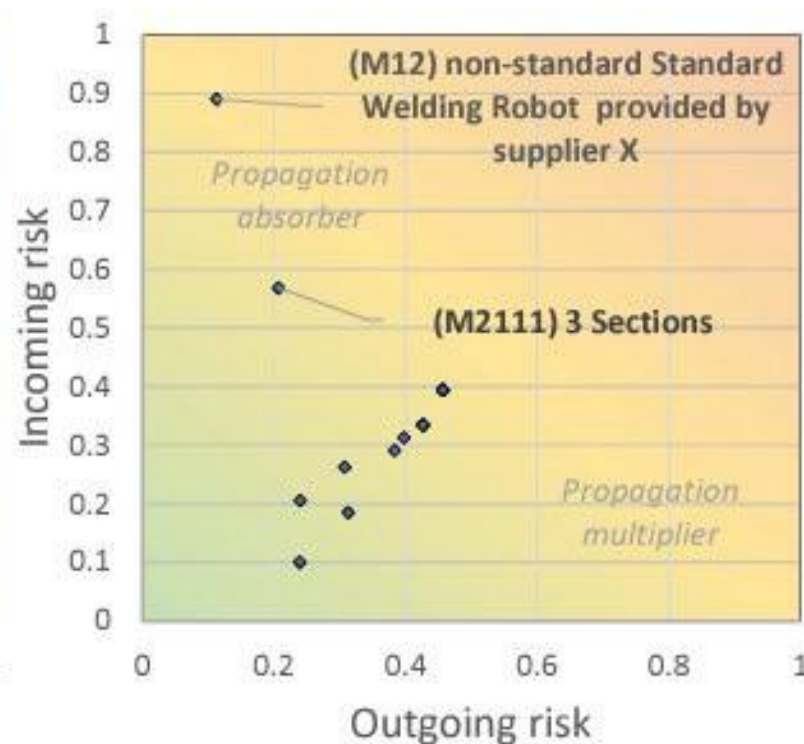
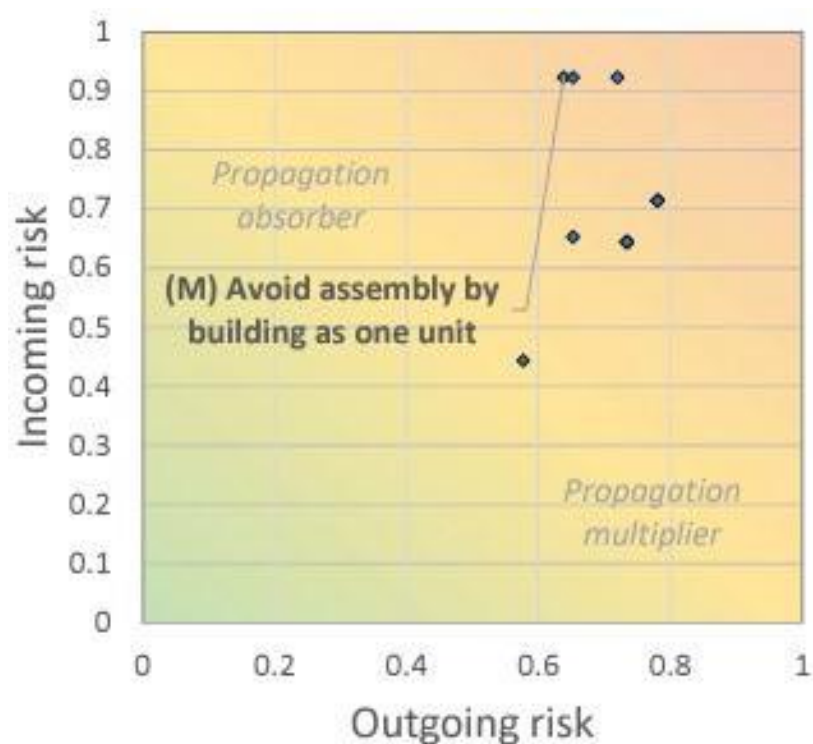
(Using Change Propagation Analysis)



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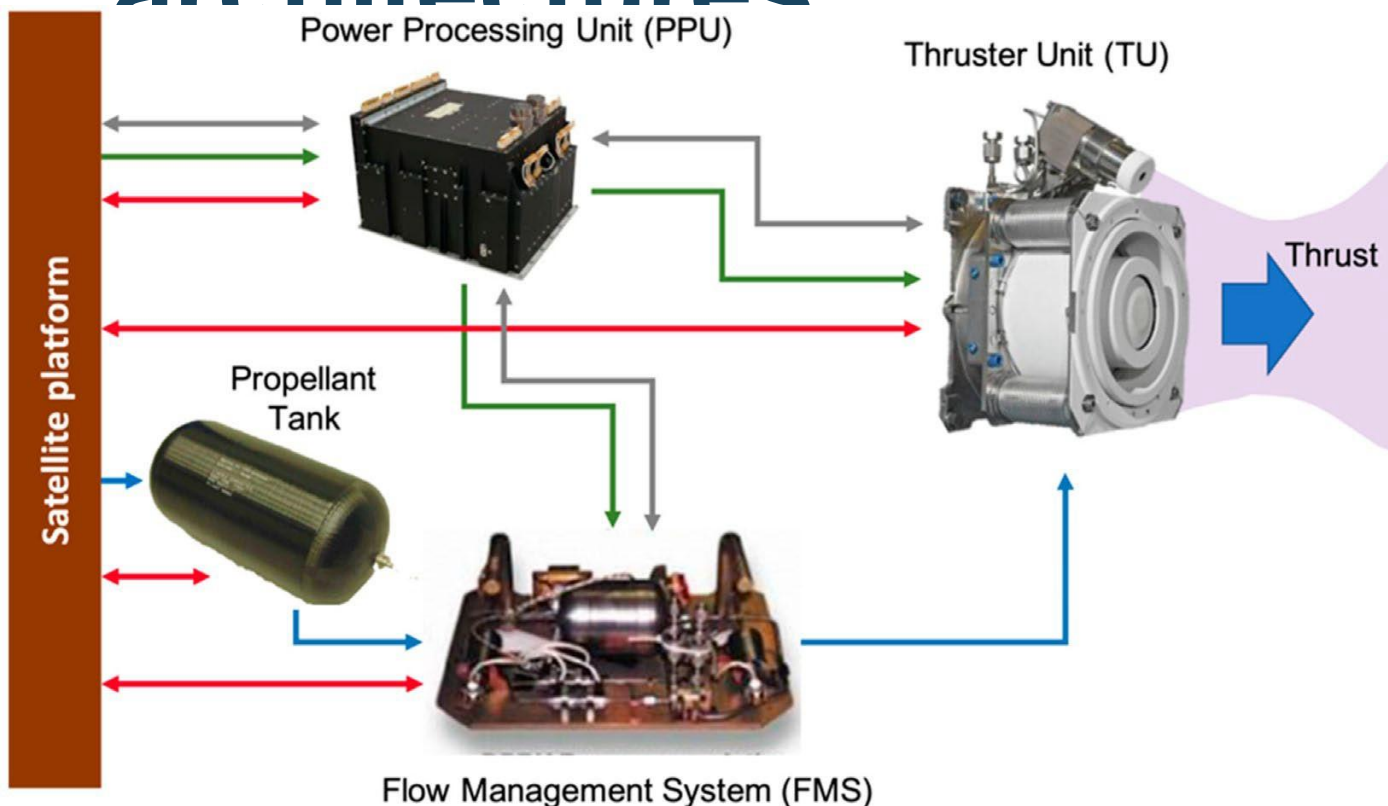
# Risk evaluation of alternative architectures



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# 3. Value of alternative multi- technological architectures



- How integrated should a multitechnological architecture be?
- Value assessment require alternatives to be compared to market scenarios.

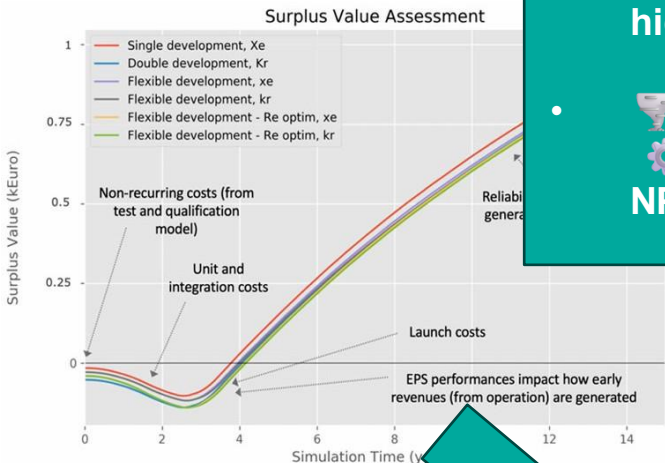
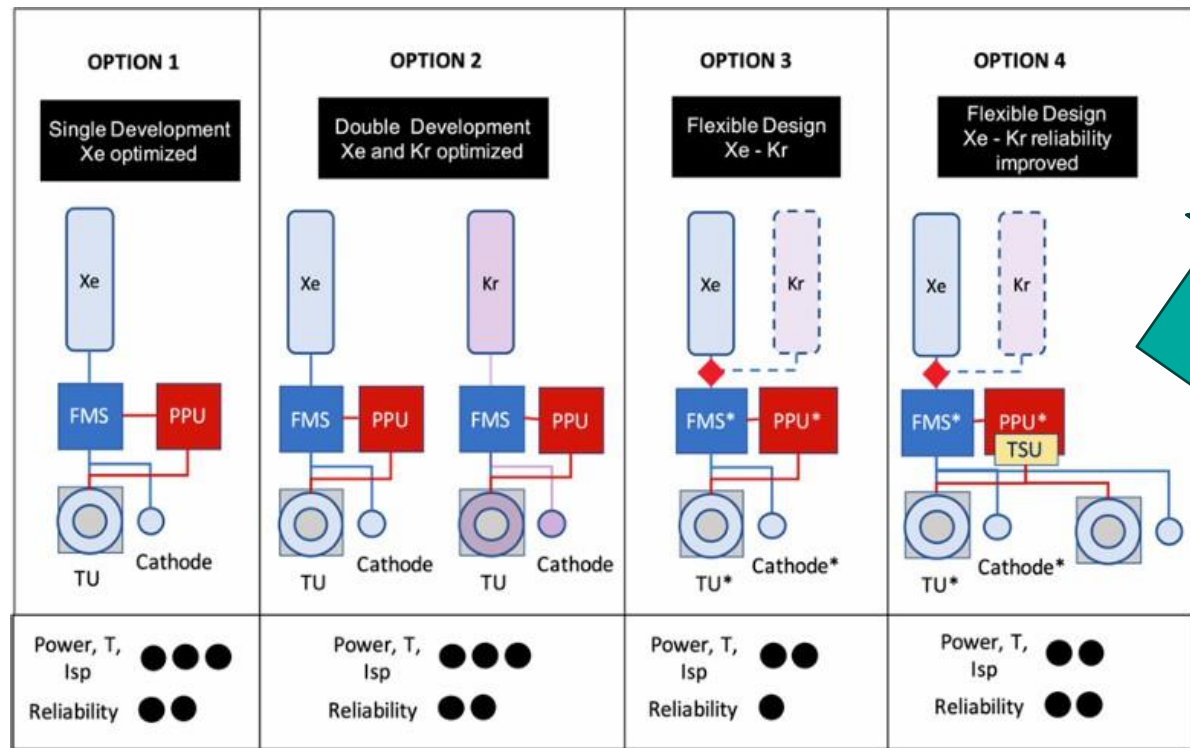








# Value of alternative platforms

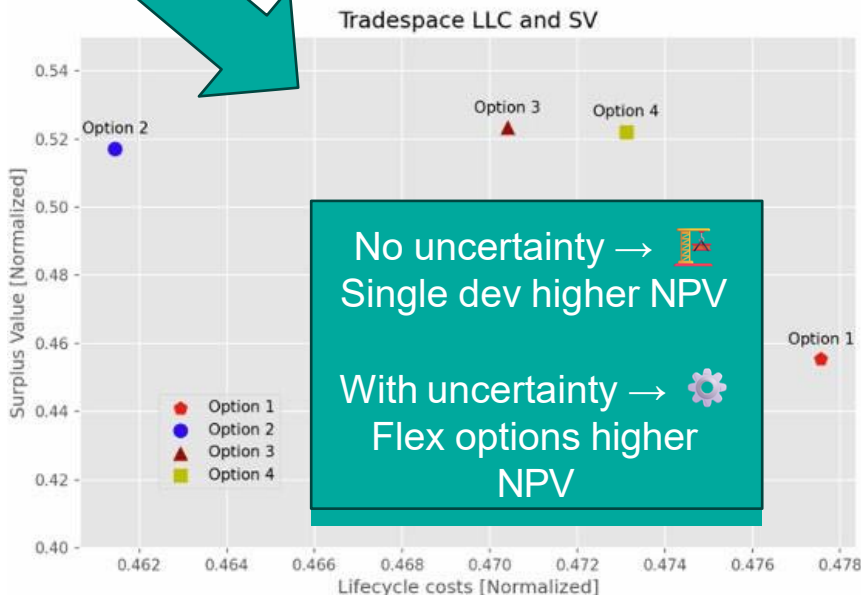


- NPV Analysis

  - No Uncertainty:

Single development → higher NPV
  - With Uncertainty:

Flexible options → higher NPV



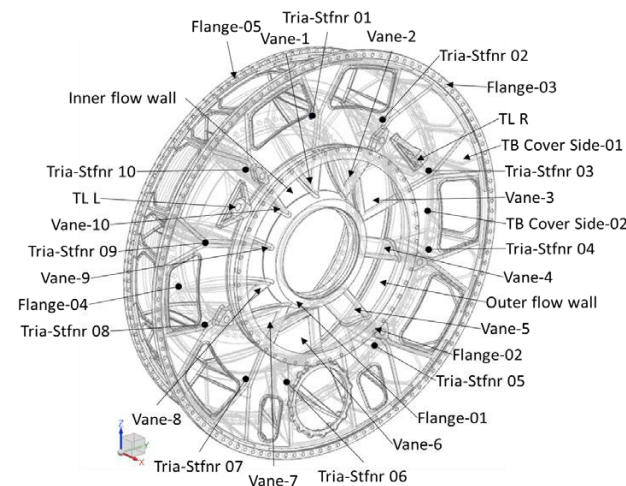


# 4. Measure complexity and similarity???

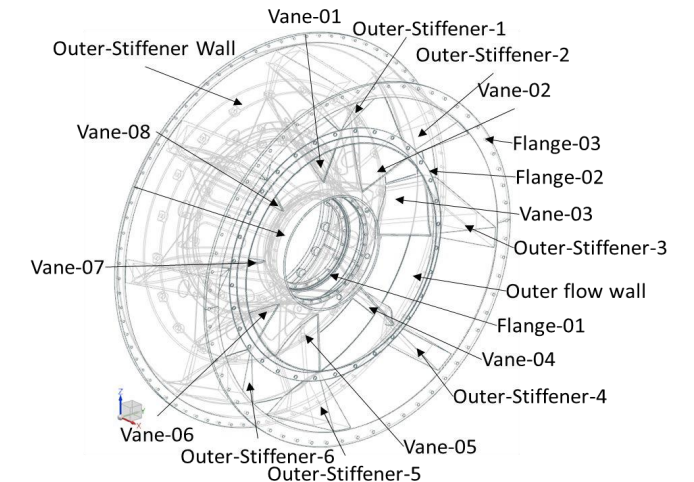
Can complexity be systematically determined?



Product 1



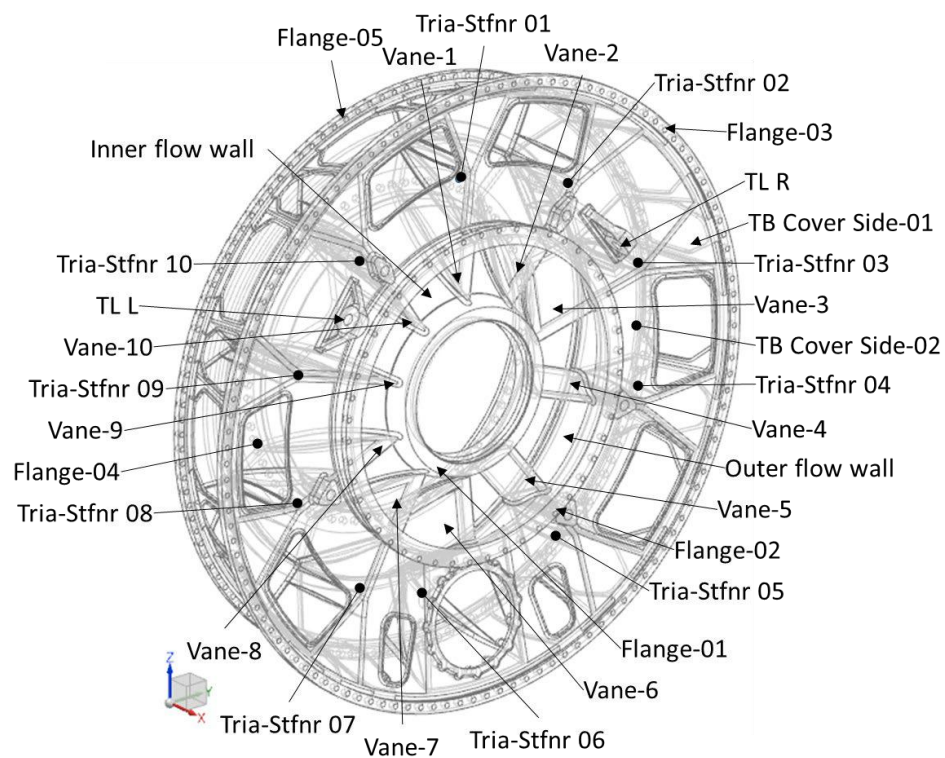
Product 2



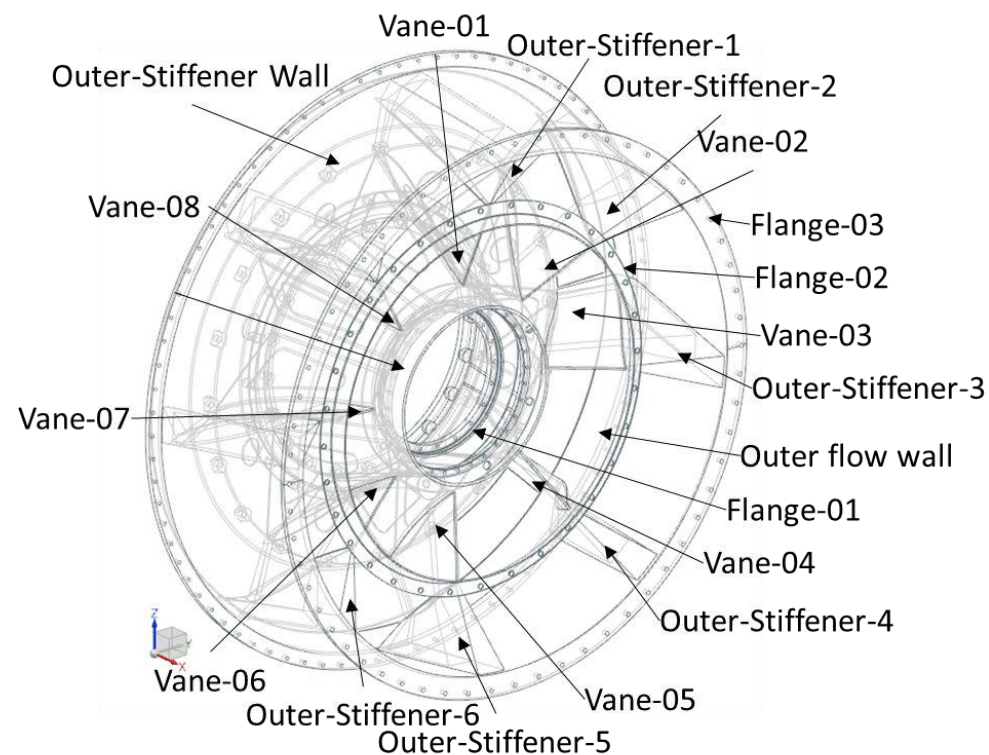


# Comparing risk and effort to develop functionally integrated products?

Product 1



Product 2





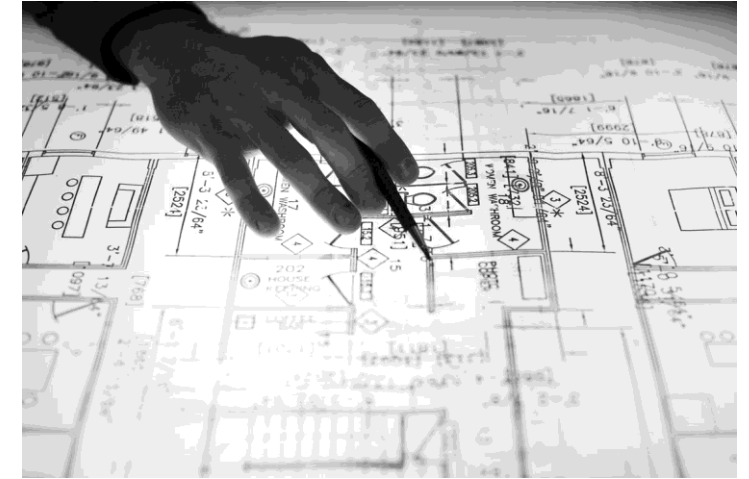
# How can we measure Complexity of Integrated Products?



Components  
(C1)



Interactions  
(C2)



Layout (C3)

$$C = C1 + C2C3$$

SINHA, K. & DE WECK, O. L. 2016. Empirical Validation of Structural Complexity Metric and Complexity Management for Engineering Systems. *Systems Engineering*, 19, 193-206.



# Architecture Metrics and



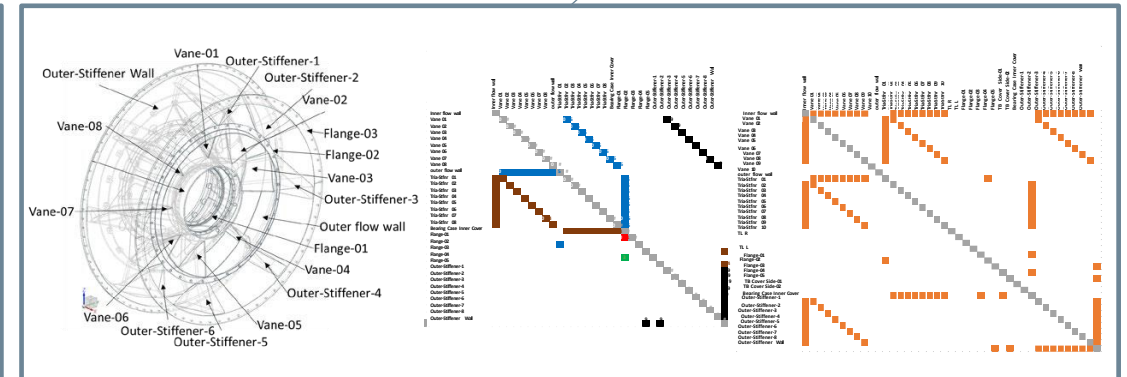
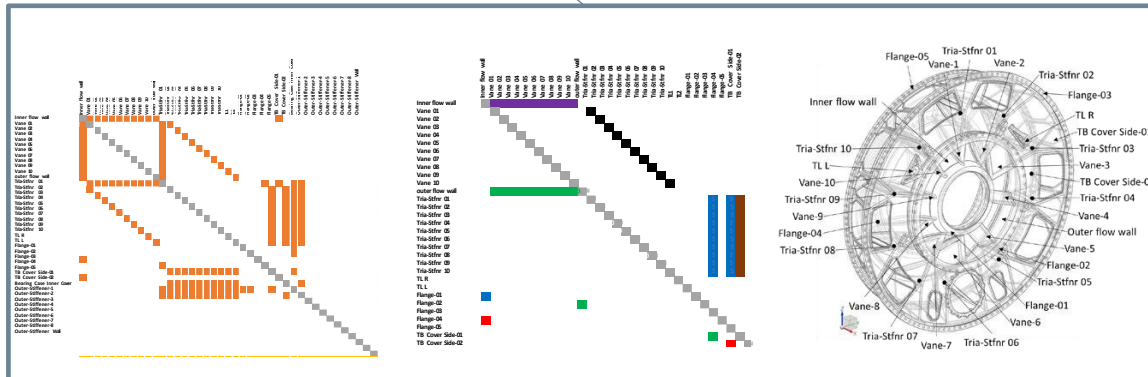
Architecture Fingerprint!

**Product 2, Only 25 % more complex  
But 50% more expensive!**

**C = 236**

**C = 296**

Architecture Fingerprint!



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# Message



- > Formal METHOD to describe modules enable modular engineering
  - Enables mixed technology/disciplinary products (software, electric, physical, etc)
- > Methods developed to ensure repeatable, robust evaluation of modular architectures

Examples shown

- RISK Possible to evaluate risk of alternative architectures
  - FLEXIBILITY A metric is available for use
  - VALUE TRADE OFF Foster communication between programs and engineering
  - COMPLEXITY Can be quantified and included in modelling
  - ... More underway...
- Implementation in modelling tools enable scalability and impact

Example: TRINITY for Function-Means Modelling





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# Research

- **New Project started** together with VOLVO on how to enable combined software and hardware architecture and definition in "Design for Data as a Product (DDaaP)" VINNOVA FFI
- **Preparing National Wide research** to enable DATA DRIVEN DESIGN using advancements in digital infrastructure
- Exploring **novel approaches** to manage margins, field effects etc for modularity
- **European** research and education initiatives via ERASMUS **open**.
- **Open for collaboration** – do contact [Ola.Isaksson@chalmers.se](mailto:Ola.Isaksson@chalmers.se) and [Massimo.Panarotto@polimi.it](mailto:Massimo.Panarotto@polimi.it).



## Part B - Actions covered

## Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals ▼

**Key Action 2: Cooperation among  
organisations and institutions** ▲

## Introduction

## Partnerships for cooperation

## Cooperation partnerships

## Small-scale partnerships

## Partnerships for Excellence

## Centres of Vocational Excellence

## Erasmus+ Teacher Academies

## Erasmus Mundus action

## Partnerships for innovation

**Alliances for innovation**

## Capacity building (higher education)

## Capacity building (VET)

## Setting up a project

Each Alliance shall implement a coherent, comprehensive and variable set of interconnected activities to enhance innovation in higher education, vocational education and training and enterprises (including large, small and medium-sized enterprises and social enterprises) and the broader socio economic environment.

### Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises

At least one of the following activities (non-exhaustive list) should be included in each Alliance for Education and Enterprises:

#### Boosting innovation

- jointly developing and implementing new learning and teaching methods (like new multidisciplinary curricula, learner-centred and real problem-based teaching and learning using innovative technologies and making greater use of micro-credentials)
- developing and testing continuous education programmes and activities with and within enterprises
- developing and implementing educational and training programmes to support the development of skills needed in the deep-tech domains
- setting up incubators within education and training institutions across Europe, in close cooperation





# Education

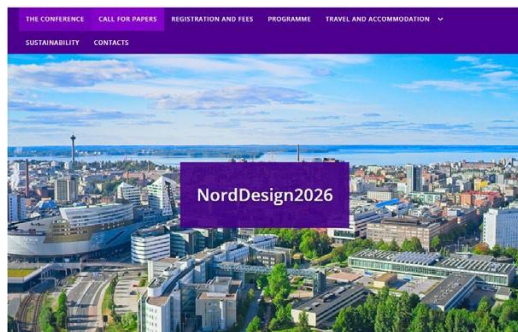
- Preparing next summerschool in Product Architecture Design
- 2022 in VOLVO (CHALMERS/VOLVO)
- 2024 in HAMBURG (TUHH)
- **2026 in COPENHAGEN (DTU) (Late June 2026)**
- <https://www.tuhh.de/pkt/aus-weiterbildung/wissenschaftliche-veranstaltungen/pad-summer-school>





# Conferences

- Venues to meet, present, educate, discuss
- Upcoming 2026 (with a clear content on MODULAR strategies, tools and methods)
- The NORDDESIGN conference, 12.-14.8.2026, Tampere, Finland
- The International DSM Conference, Milan Italy October 2026
- ICED 2027 in HAMBURG – Aug 2027



ICED is the Design Society's biennial flagship event, uniting educators to share advances in design. Covering method and emerging technologies, it fosters academia-industry workshops, and networking, strengthening the international

## The 26th International Conference on Engineering Design (ICED27)

**Hamburg, Germany**  
**16 - 20 August 2027**

Call for Papers: **May 2026**  
Full Paper Submission Deadline: **December 2026**





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**The 28th International DSM  
Conference  
Milan, Italy,  
September 29-October 1, 2026**





**PLEASE JOIN US IN MILAN!**

- Conference Theme: *"Threads of collaboration: Interlacing Minds and Machines"*
  - *The conference will take place one week after the Milano Fashion Week*
- Venue: Bovisa Campus, Politecnico di Milano
- Co-organized with the involvement of ABB
- Endorsement by the Design Society under approval





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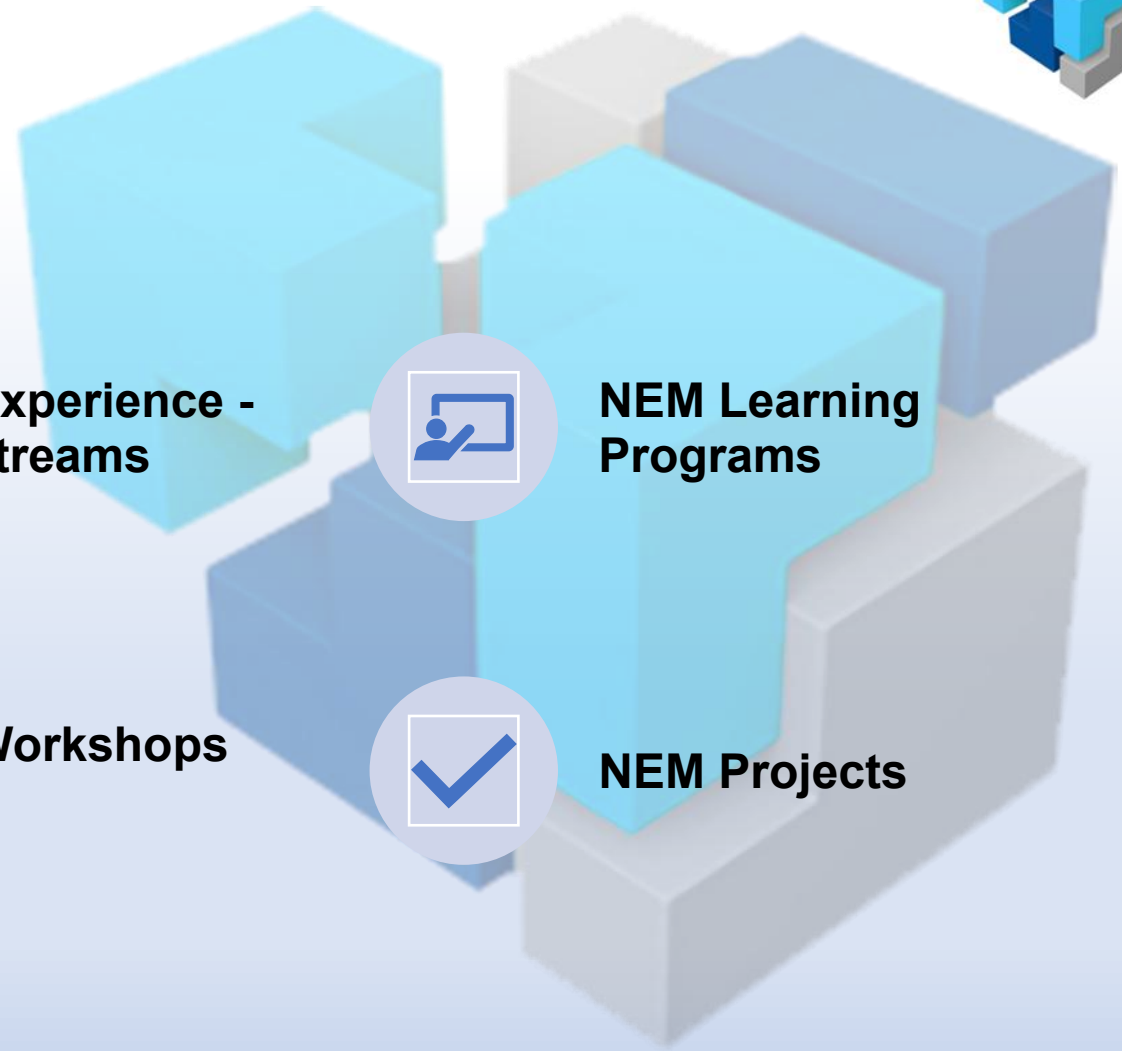
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# AIMO

**TERMA<sup>T</sup>**

**EXHAUSTO**



Reliable.  
Flexible.  
Available.

**RUNI**  
TURN WASTE TO VALUE >>>

Visible  
Cost

Hidden  
Cost



**INDUSTRIENS FOND**

Thomas B. Thriges Fond



# Agenda

- Why Financial systems cannot do modularization!
- Results
- How can ALMO assist modularization



# Why do we still struggle to quantify the potential of modularization

Because our financial systems cannot share cost objects !!!

## Definition

*“Indirect costs are costs that are not directly accountable to a cost object”*

### Fact

Terma  
+35.000 parts  
+10.000.000 relations





# What can we ask then ?

How much have the product earned ?





# What can we ask then ?

But not how much have the company earned on the product ?





**3 Years**  
**Hundreds of interviews**  
**And many different**  
**methods tested**

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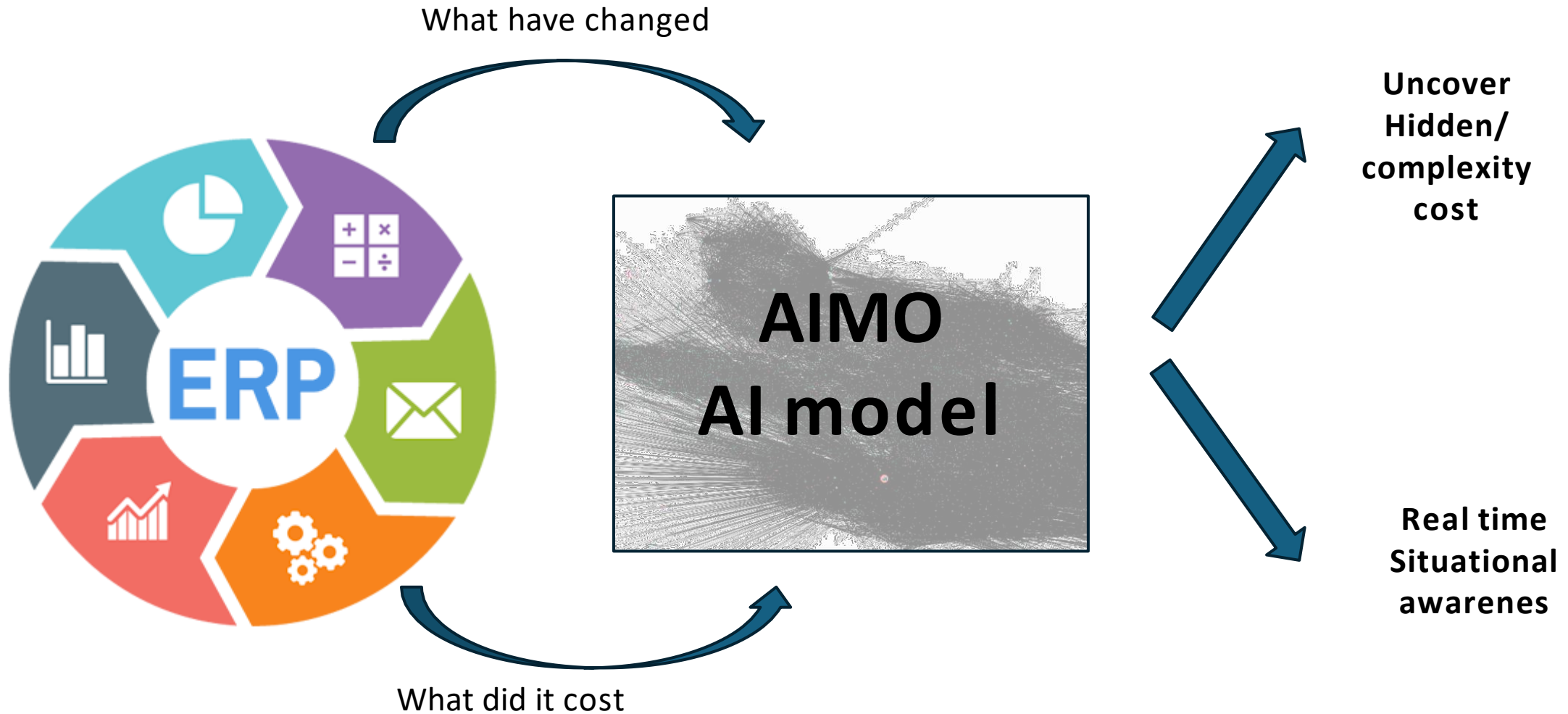


**EXHAUSTO**





# The solution





# Results – Is it important ?





# 6 Years ago Terma made a new variant of a Antenna

Existing product  
HG antenna



New product  
Compact antenna





# How much did we save



	Compact	HG
Total direct cost	31.863.180,48 kr.	45.080.000,00 kr.
Product Developement	4.119.062,03 kr.	
<b>Savings</b>	<b>9.097.757,49 kr.</b>	

**Visible  
Cost**

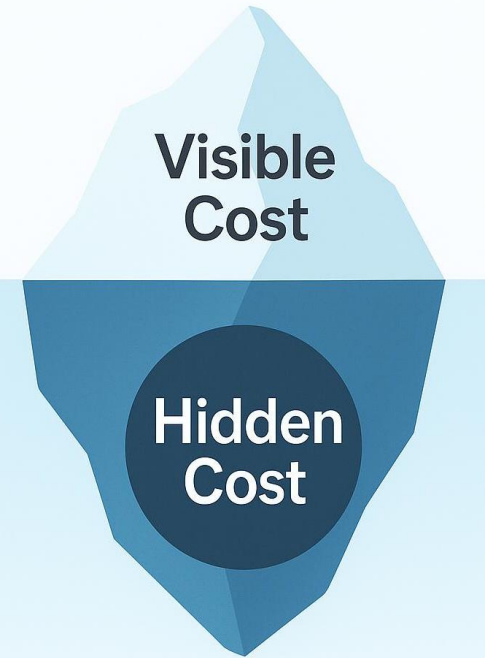
**Return on Investment 52%**



# With AIMO uncovering the hidden cost



	Compact	HG
Unit cost	31.863.180,48 kr.	45.080.000,00 kr.
Product Development	4.119.062,03 kr.	- kr.
Procurement	1.662.043,00 kr.	516.685,00 kr.
Shipping	602.246,00 kr.	187.223,00 kr.
Wharehouse	1.173.206,00 kr.	364.718,00 kr.
Planning	1.766.319,00 kr.	540.077,00 kr.
Sustainment	1.029.600,00 kr.	- kr.
Quality	18.287,00 kr.	- kr.
Production engineering	94.424,00 kr.	- kr.
Sourcing	61.640,00 kr.	- kr.
Direct cost savings increased sales HG		- 7.937.644,82 kr.
Total	42.390.007,51 kr.	38.751.058,18 kr.
<b>Savings</b>	-	<b>3.638.949,33 kr.</b>



## Return on Investment -92%



# What can we learn from an existing modular platform making the new

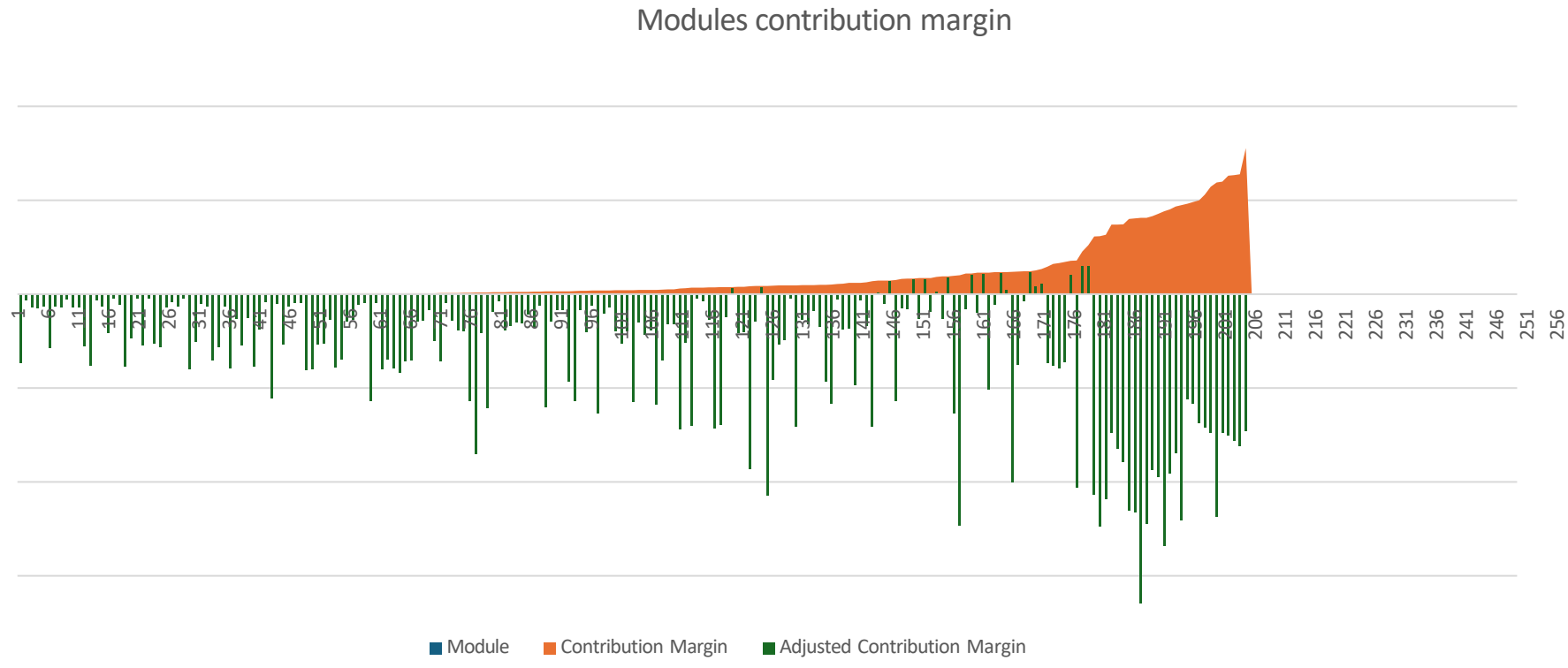
- Build partly by consultants
- Modules are ungoverned
- Modules can only be shared within a size (10 sizes)
- Philosophy all sizes must have all modules

**EXHAUSTO**



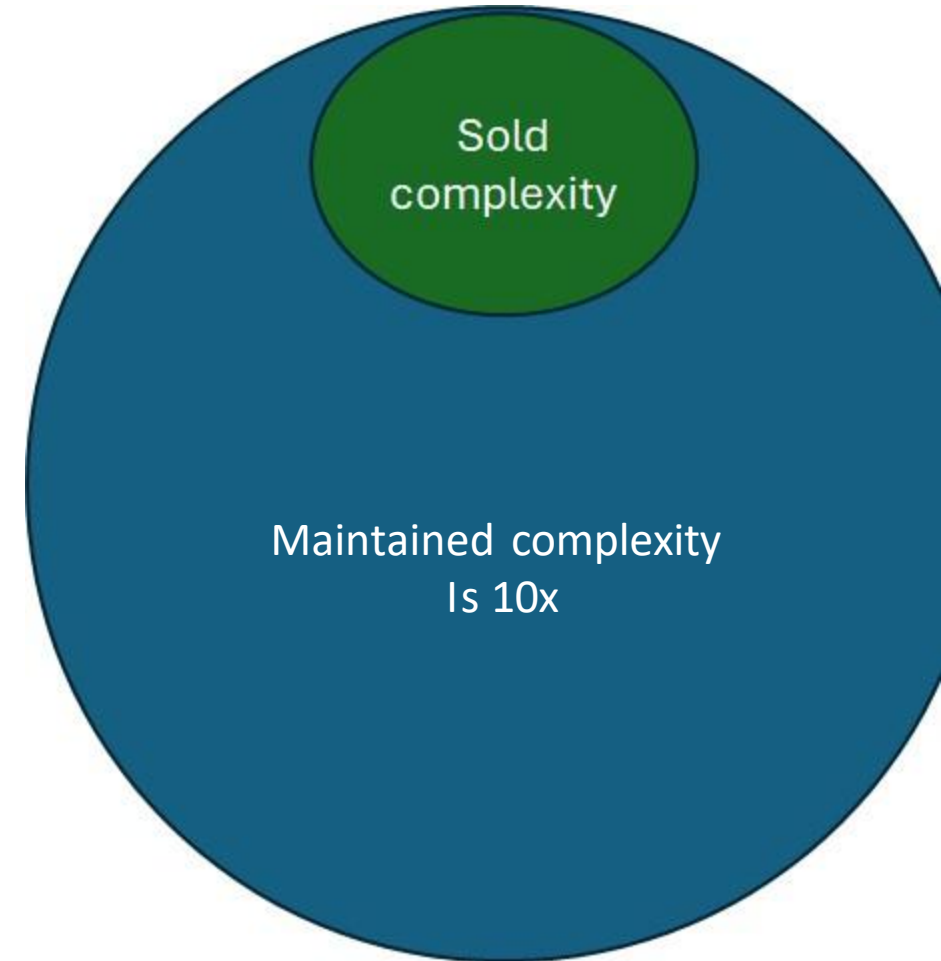
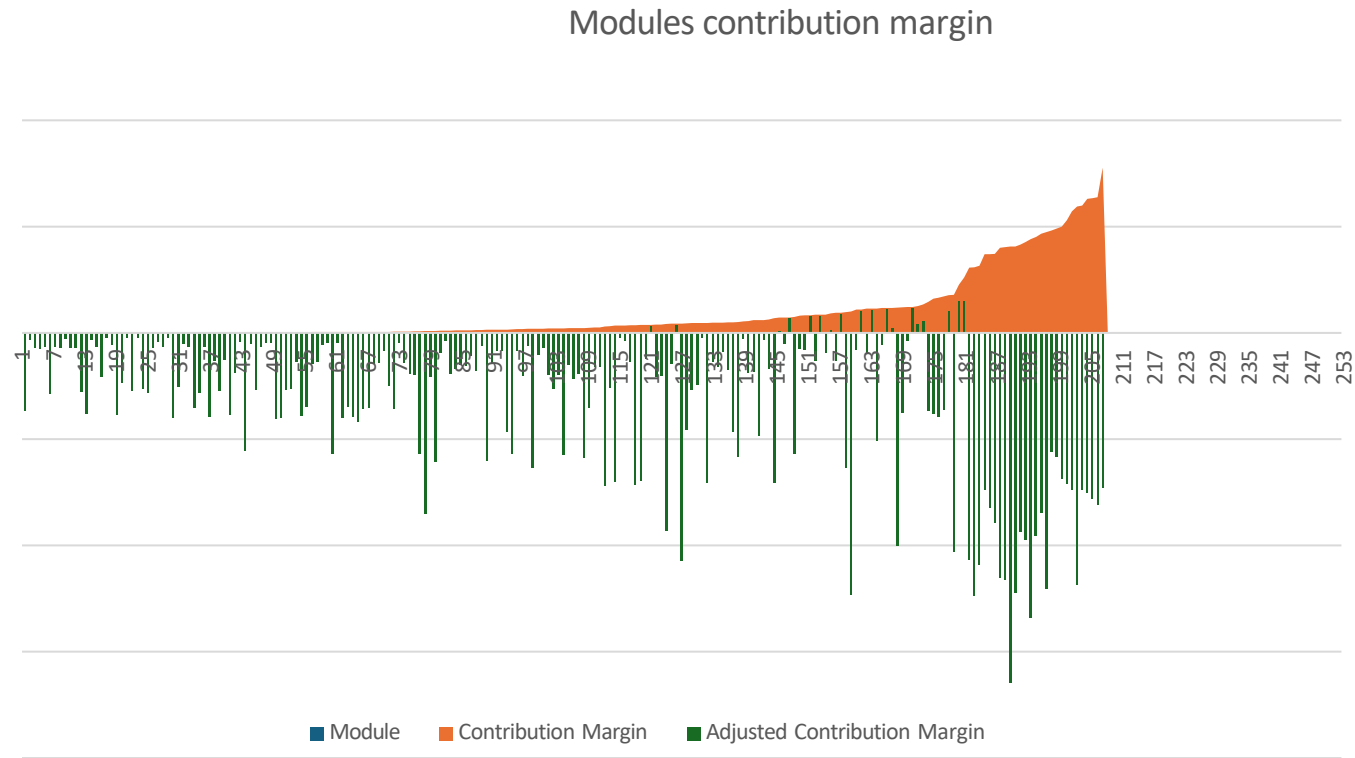


# Only 9% of modules have been profitable





# We carry to much complexity





# Simulation of two architectures for new radar product architecture in Terma

Two different architectures

Modular architecture – 48%

Modular architecture + 18%

Total yearly difference AIMO

Total yearly difference Direct Cost

■ Modular Architecture

■ Redesign with existing Architecture





# What can the AIMO do



AIMO can quantify Hidden / complexity / indirect cost

This can show the "hidden" potential of modular products

- *Modularization has much more potential than current systems can quantify*

Assist governance of modular platforms

- *Current systems is biased towards creating new variants because the hidden cost are "free"*



# Prototype Tool

## Decision Support for variation decisions

Make full cost and life cycle estimates on

- Replacing variants and or
- Introducing variant and or
- Removing variants

This can be done in seconds

And can be implemented to all affecting variation





# Prototype Tool

## Situational awareness

In sales direct cost can vary up to 10-15 % from the average depending on pipeline, stock levels etc.

Affecting salesman behaviour to most profitable solution

We can also make sure procurement and planning gets noticed to capture the gains





# Combining cost with CAD recognition to bring in the physical constraints and suggest alternatives

The screenshot displays the STEP Similarity software interface. The top header features the 'STEP SIMILARITY' logo and a search bar containing '01-4774-08'. Below the header, a status bar indicates 'Results 12.85s / Retrieval 0.95s / KNN 0.21s'. The main interface is divided into three sections: Solid Information, Match Information, and a grid of alternative parts.

**Solid Information**

- Name: 01-4774-08
- BB X: 162.3200002016
- BB Y: 162.3200002016
- BB Z: 2812.3200002016
- Volume: 11984753.735493796
- Area: 2255652.2654001387
- Edges: 48
- Lines: 40
- Curved: 8
- Faces: 18
- Planar: 14
- Curved: 4
- Vertices: 32
- Wires: 18
- Shells: 1

**Match Information**

- Name: 031-23004-17
- BB X: 150 (-8%)
- BB Y: 300 (+85%)
- BB Z: 2665 (-5%)
- Volume: 14340902.405091353 (+20%)
- Area: 3102289.7359603886 (+38%)
- Edges: 48 (0%)
- Lines: 40 (0%)
- Curved: 8 (0%)
- Faces: 18 (0%)
- Planar: 14 (0%)
- Curved: 4 (0%)
- Vertices: 32 (0%)
- Wires: 18 (0%)
- Similarity: 0.001855395141183974
- Difference: 0.9064309320204395

The grid of alternative parts shows 18 items, each with a 3D model and similarity scores. The items are arranged in a 3x6 grid. The first item in the grid is 031-23004-17, which is highlighted. The other items are 08-0990553, d352852\_7-a, 08-0501527, 031-09504\_14, 08-0071434-01, 011-06700\_3, 011-07733-06, 011-07732-06, 031-15787\_5, 011-07733-09, 031-09199\_26, 011-07731-09, 011-09122-09, 011-07732-09, 021-04316\_9, 011-02638\_8, 031-09199\_6, d351912\_8-a, 011-08131-14, 08-0672505-14, 08-0074901-14, 011-08901-14, and 031-16164\_9.



# Next steps for AIMO

- Establish cooperations with companies
- Get funding and launch first commercial offerings
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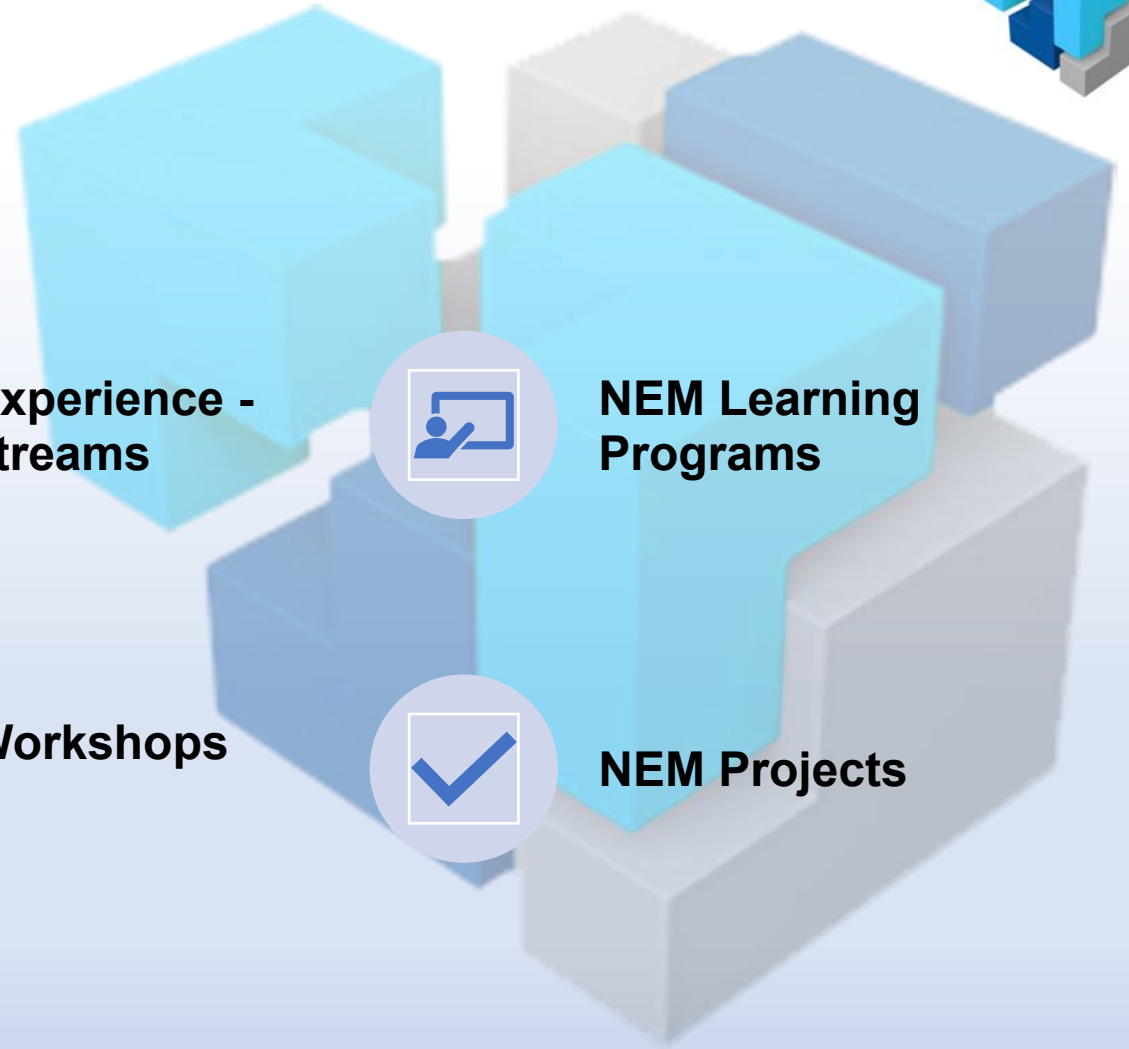
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Sales

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Article codes

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Material cost

**-60%**

Construction h

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Weeks delivery time



# About me



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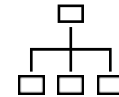
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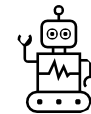
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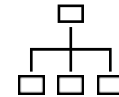
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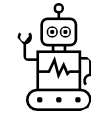
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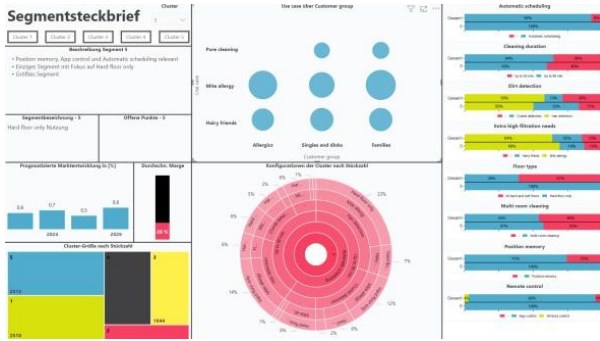


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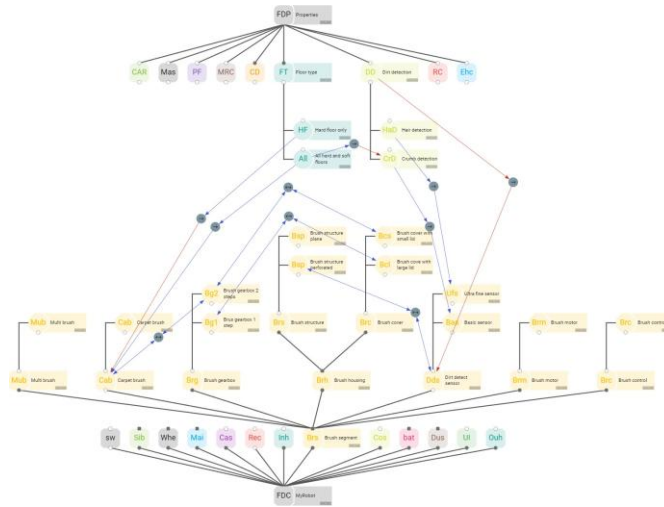
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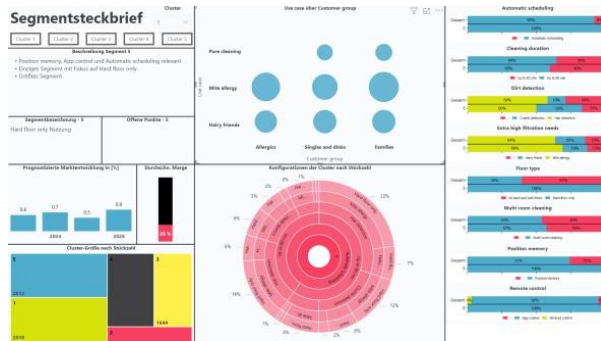
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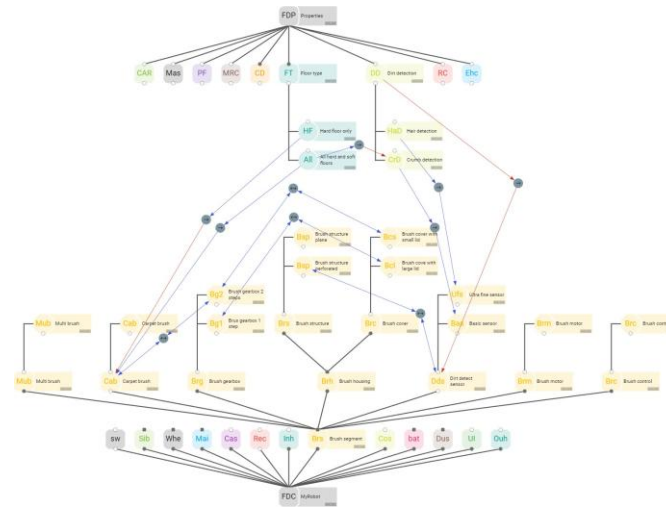
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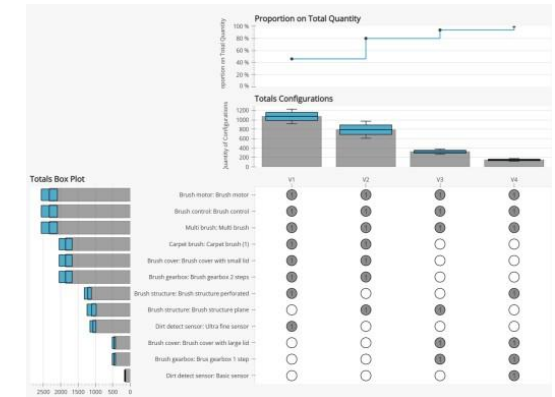
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We collect data on base of each single order:

- Product specification: features, options, sizes ...
- Customer data: branch, region...
- Commercial data: prizes, cost, delivery time, working hours....
- Requests: Proposals, request for proposal...

# Data acquisition



# Market segmentation grid

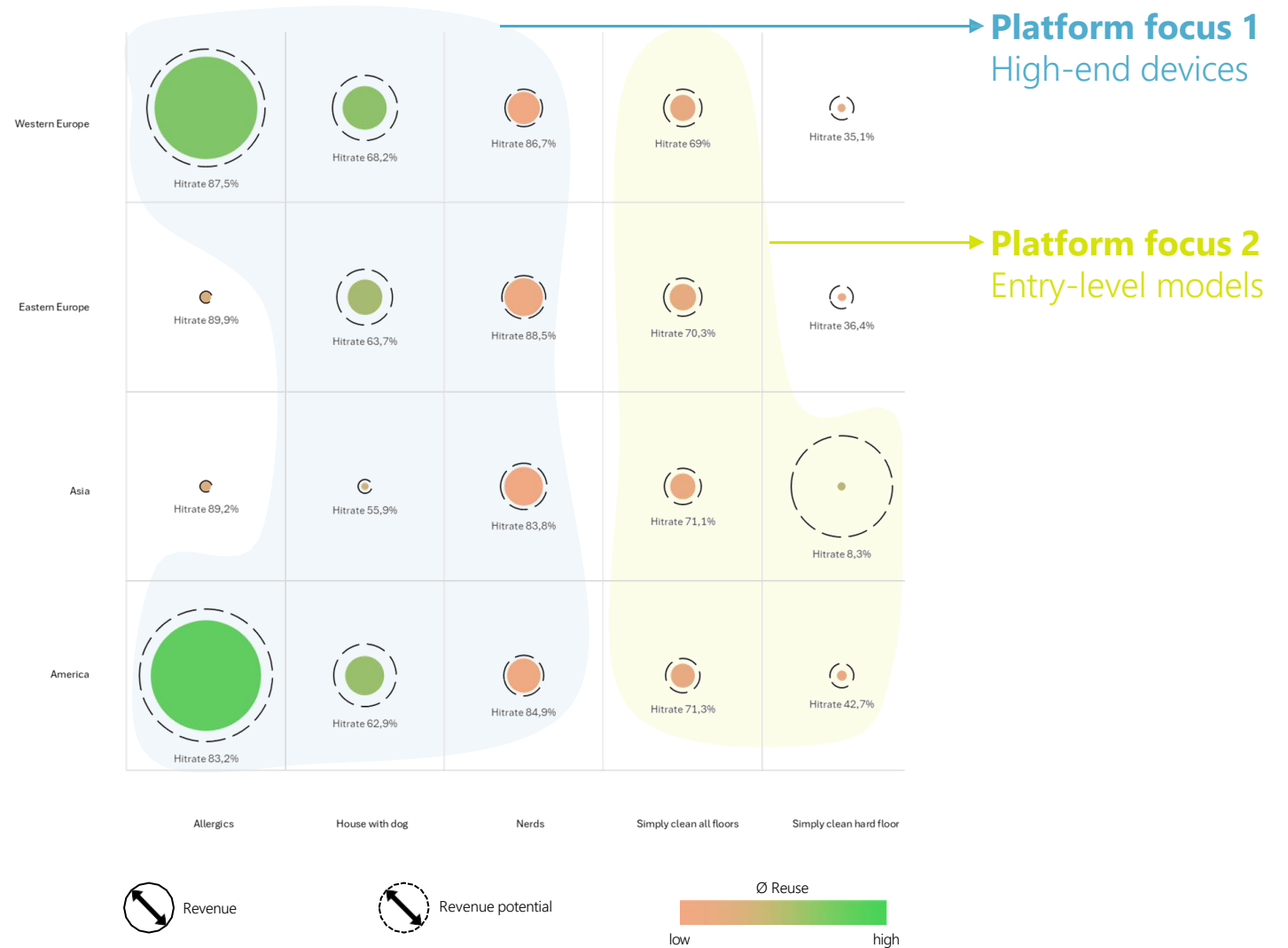
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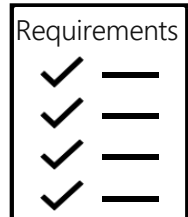








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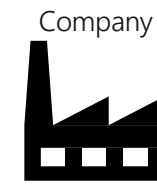


Requirements

**External**

## Configuration in modular system

**Internal**

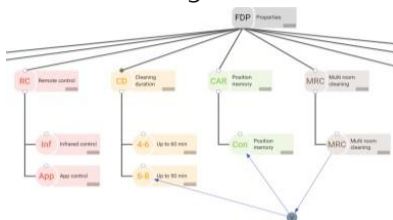


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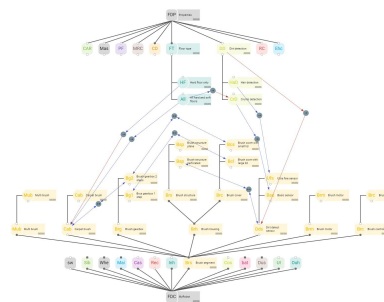


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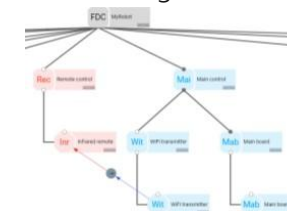
Feature Diagram External



Constraint net



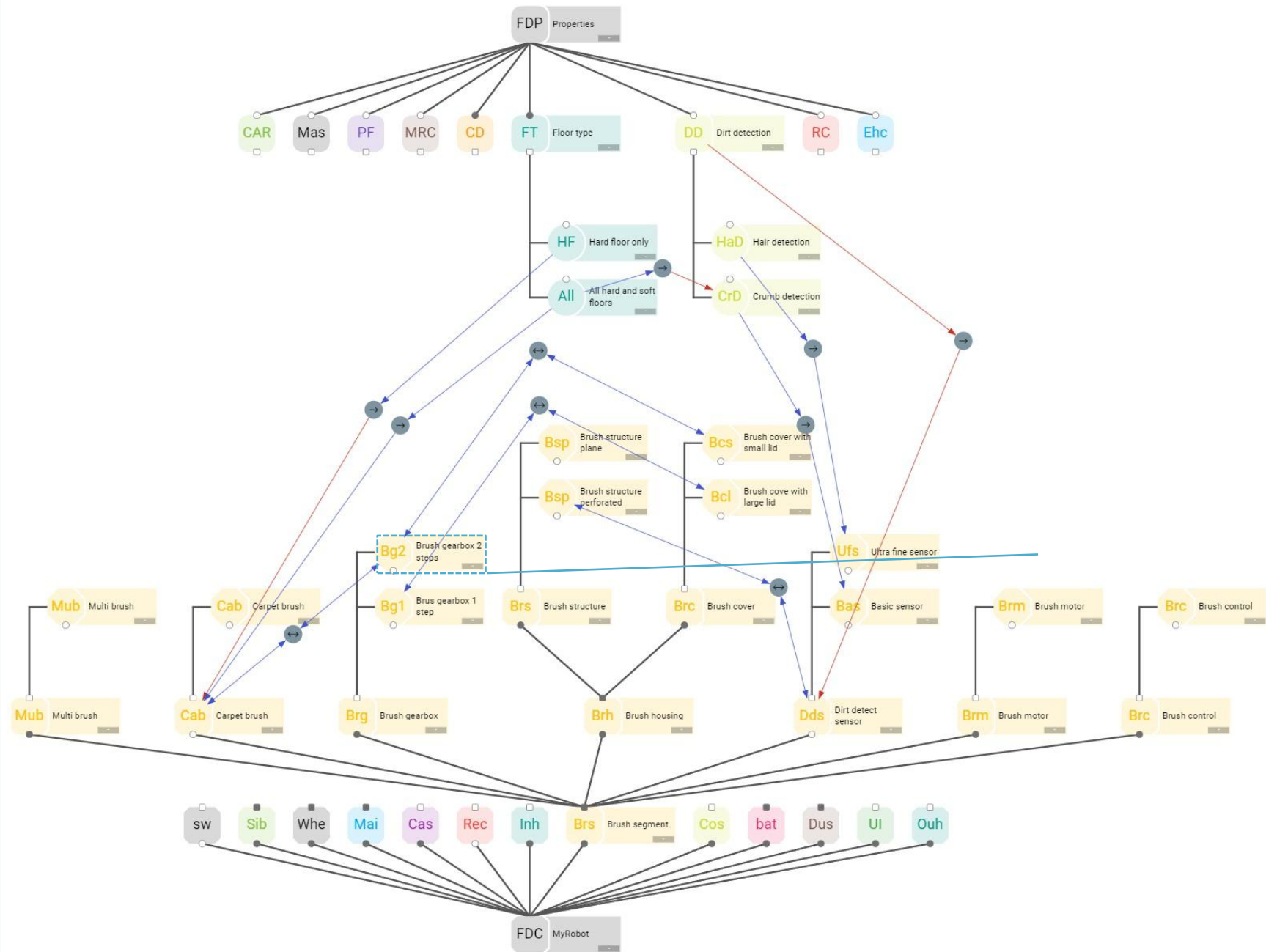
Feature Diagram Internal





# Modeling the product concept

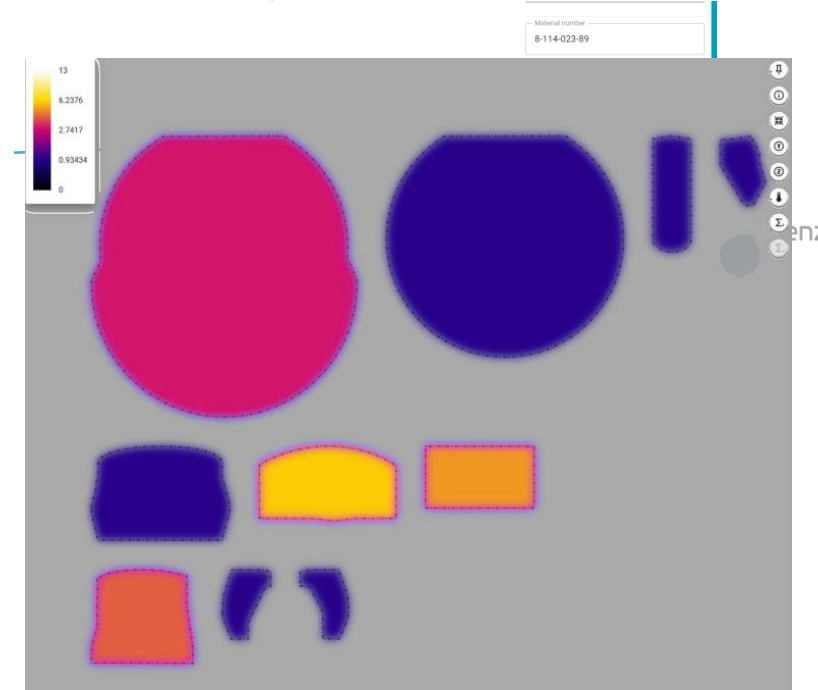
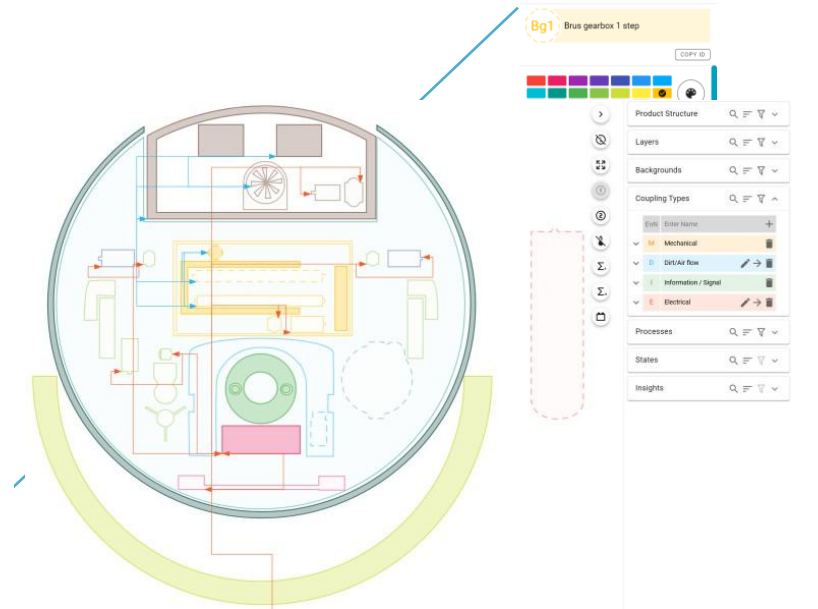
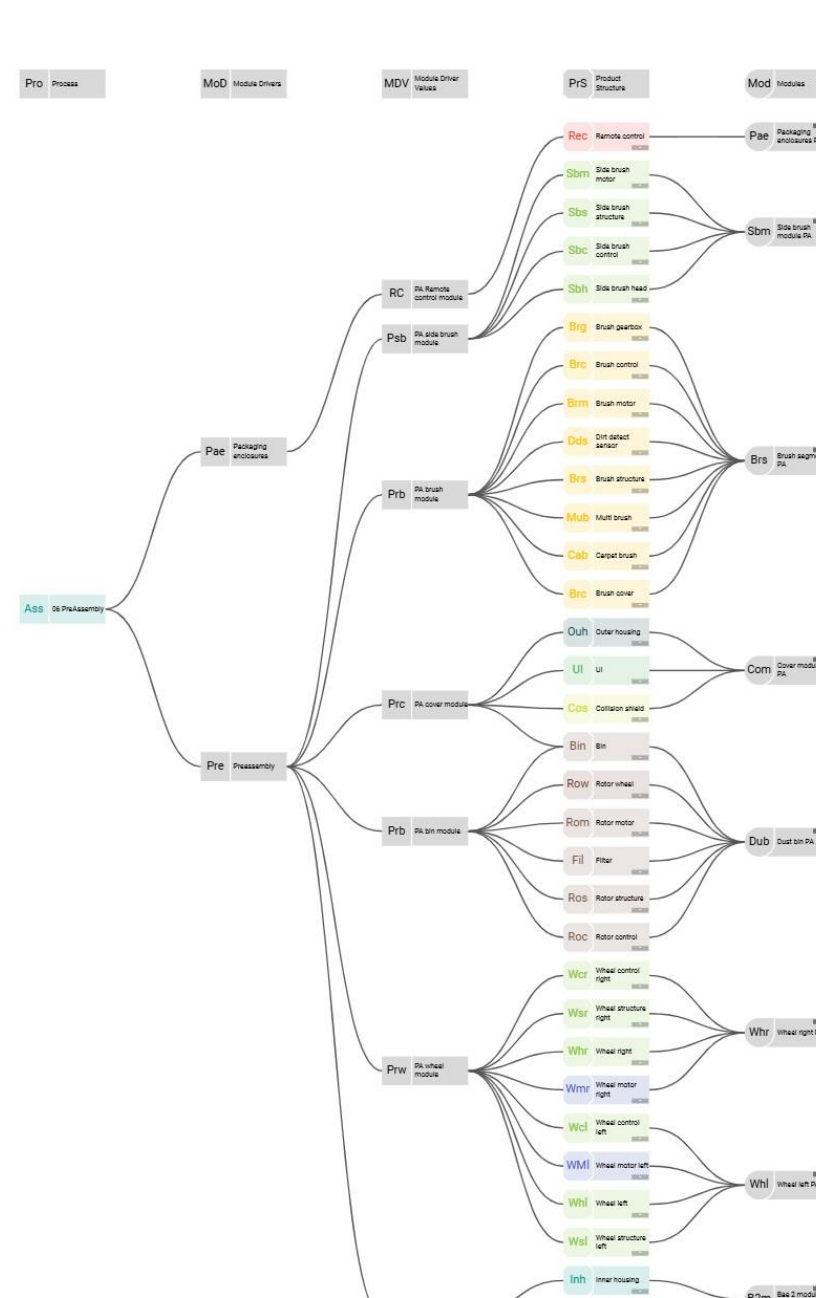
- Creating external requirements and internal components
- Linking through constraints
- Variety oriented product structuring
- Reduction of component variants
- All planned variants can be evaluated in one model





# There is much more in Cquenz

- Tree of variety
- Functional architecture
- Interface definition, analysis and clustering (DSM)
- Complexity cost calculation
- Module driver analysis
- Modular structuring for different processes
- Future market scenarios
- ROI and roadmap
- Stocking and purchasing strategy
- AI agent
- ....









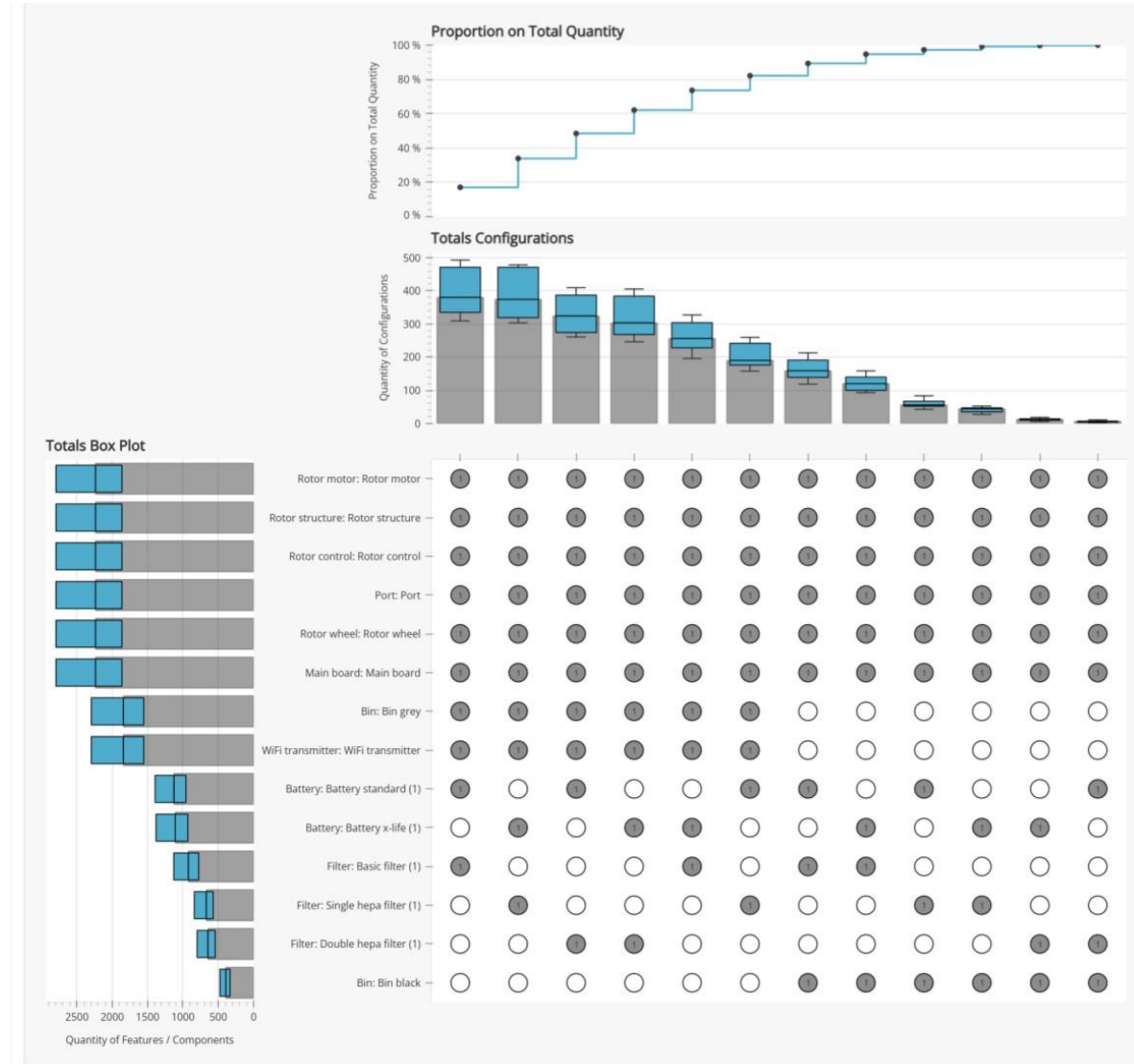
# Modularity effects

Lot size prognosis for

- Features
- Components
- Modules
- Variants

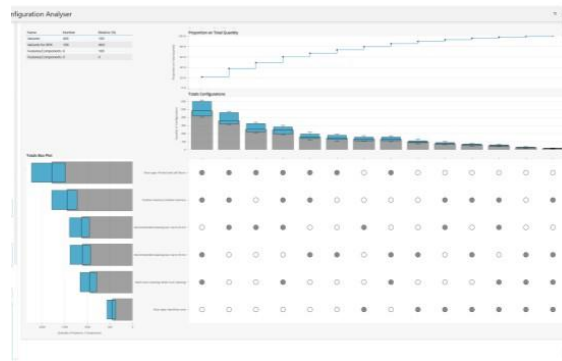
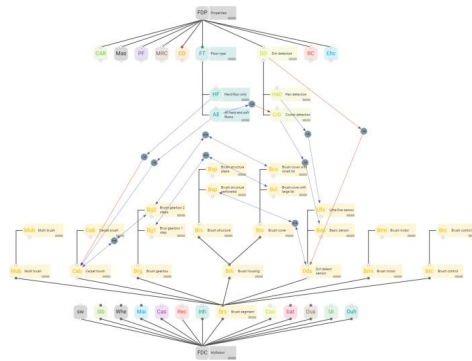
Across

- Market segments
- Future scenarios
- Different processes





# Reduce development risk for modularity newcomers and experts



## From ETO to CTO

- Establish new modular structures
- Understand, evaluate and communicate how it will work upfront
- Enable your team with a systematic tool-supported approach

## Next gen projects

- Create an automated Cquenz model based on existing data and structures
- Fast quantification of decision impact
- Achieve your project goals with confidence

## Continuous management

- Support product management and engineering in continuous portfolio and variety management
- Portfolio monitoring
- Data-based evaluation of measures and action





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