



# INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE 2023

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# Driving Digitalisation, Automation & Value Chain Innovation in Singapore's Manufacturing Industry

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# Singapore Manufacturing Sectors

## SINGAPORE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

“Singapore Manufacturing 2030 vision” is a 10-year plan for Singapore manufacturing to grow 50% by 2030.

- The **manufacturing sector** contributes about **21 per cent** of the total GDP, hiring about **450,000 workers**, or around **12 per cent of the workforce**.
- ‘Singapore needs to **innovate** in order to raise the global competitiveness of its manufacturing sector, so that more Singaporeans is keen to work in the sector as the **proportion of low-wage foreign workers is reduced**’ Mr Chan said.
- To remain competitive and continue its growth trajectory in **Industry 4.0**, the manufacturing sector has to embrace **digitalization and automation Innovation** in the industry and increasing output through technology adoption.
- **Advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, and internet of things (IoT)** are three important transformative trends that are expected to power the manufacturing sector forward.

[10-year plan for Singapore manufacturing to grow 50% by 2030: Chan Chun Sing | The Straits Times](#)



# Driving Digitalization , Automation and Value Chain Innovation in Singapore Manufacturing Industry

SIMTech Manufacturing Productivity Technology Centre (MPTC) was launched in 2011

- Completed > 4099 TAP projects
- Helped > 1000 SME to improve their productivity by > 20%

## Mission

To spur industries towards innovating with digital & automation technologies to drive continuous productivity & value add improvement

## Vision

The innovation partner of industry for their Automation , Digitalization and Value Chain transformation journeys

**Industry**



Singapore Institute of Manufacturing Technology  
SIMTech

Innovation Factory

Digitalization and Automation *MPTC*

Product Innovation  
*IF*

Manufacturing Innovation  
*PECOI*

Value Chain Innovation  
*MPTC*

Sustainability Innovation  
*SMC*

Leadership and Culture



# SIMTech's Technologies for SMART Manufacturing & Beyond

Towards Smarter, Greener & More Connected Manufacturing

## Application Areas

### Smart Factory

(NPI, Line Systemisation & Digitalisation, Data & Infrastructure Mgmt, Vertical Integration)

### Robust Shopfloor

(Smart & Predictive Tracking & Execution, Predictive/Prescriptive Maintenance & Quality)

### Resilient Enterprise Value Chain

(Adaptive multi-resource real-time Planning & Scheduling, Predictive Decision Support, Operations Track & Trace, Value-chain platforms)

Digital & Automation Transformation

## Key Competencies and Strengths

### Connectivity

(IIoT, Brownfield, Cyber-Physical)

### E2E Immutability

(Tracking, Traceability, Smart Contracts)

### Simulation & Modelling

(Event-driven, large-scale)

### Machine Learning

(Imbalanced/Few Shot, Semi-/Unsupervised/Online)

### Optimisation

(Data-driven multi-objective transfer, Robust )

### Automation

(Robotics ,Optics Mechatronics, Image processing )

Operations Research & Software / System (Micro-services, UI/UX, Integration, PLC, Cyber-security)

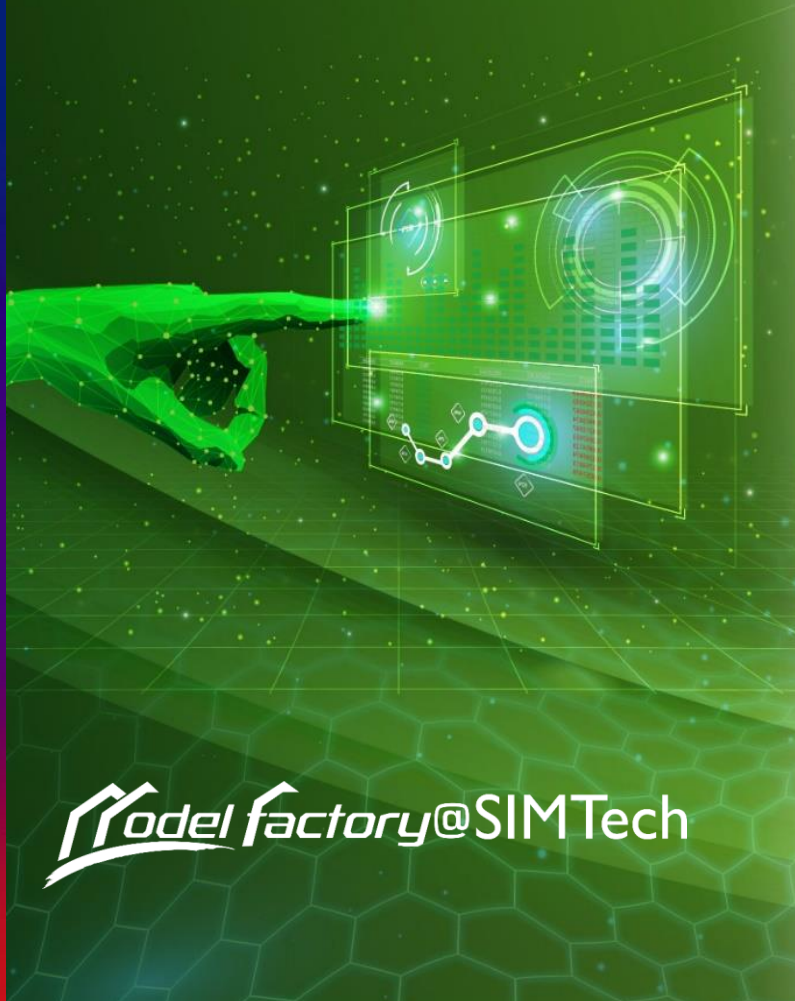




# SIMTech

Adopt *Digitalization & Automation*  
Innovation Approach towards I4.0

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## Our Approach

Helping industry to kick-start i4.0 implementation with Public-Private Partnership and Whole of Government approach



## Find Partners & Technologies

### SIMTech Technologies

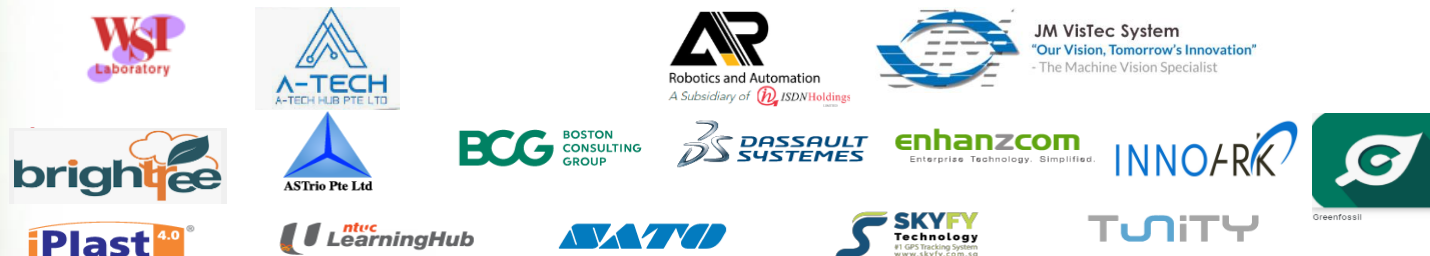
- Offers an array of tested and modular solutions for companies to adopt easily in a cost-effective manner



## Technology Partners

### Digitalization

- To help you scale-up or go international, we have our technology partners



JM VisTec System  
"Our Vision, Tomorrow's Innovation"  
- The Machine Vision Specialist

# Digitalization , Automation & Value Chain Innovation - IDEA Framework

## IDENTIFICATION

Infuse knowledge via **Training & Road mapping**

- Create a systematic approach for **digital & automation and value chain** transformation road mapping
- **Identify** company **pain-point**, digital and automation **technology GAP** to drive Company growth

## DEVELOPMENT

**Develop** digital, automation & value chain solution pathway via various **CIP programs**.

- **Develop** customized solutions pathway
- Carry out tech assessment
- Analysis project costing, ROI and Support company EDG grant application

## ENGINEERING

**Engineer** solutions pathway **implementation** to produce desired results

- **Engineer** the customized solution **implementation**
- Review cost benefit analysis after implementation

## APPLICATION

Accelerate **application adoption** of SIMTech Technology solutions via **System Integrators**.

- Update industry with Latest technology & application using **Model Factory 2.0**
- Focus on applying **data analytics & AI** in the next phase of technology adoption

### Digital Transformation Innovation™



Industry Problems	Value Proposition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low productivity (processes and operation); increasing older workers; shortage of manpower</li> <li>• Complex processes and operations - no ready-made automation solutions</li> <li>• No expertise to identify and scope appropriate automation projects</li> <li>• Different companies facing different challenges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know how to prepare for automation adoption                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Understand method for identifying areas that needs automation to achieve high impact</li> <li>○ Know how to address practical issues in automation implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Practice automation adoption method to identify automation solutions                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify automation solutions for suitable areas</li> <li>○ Know how to justify the recommended automation solution</li> <li>○ Plan for automation implementation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### CIP to drive Tech solution pathway Development



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# Identifying key problem statement & evaluating various digital & automation solutions via skills Future Approved Hands-On Training Courses (*Learn-Practice-Implement*)

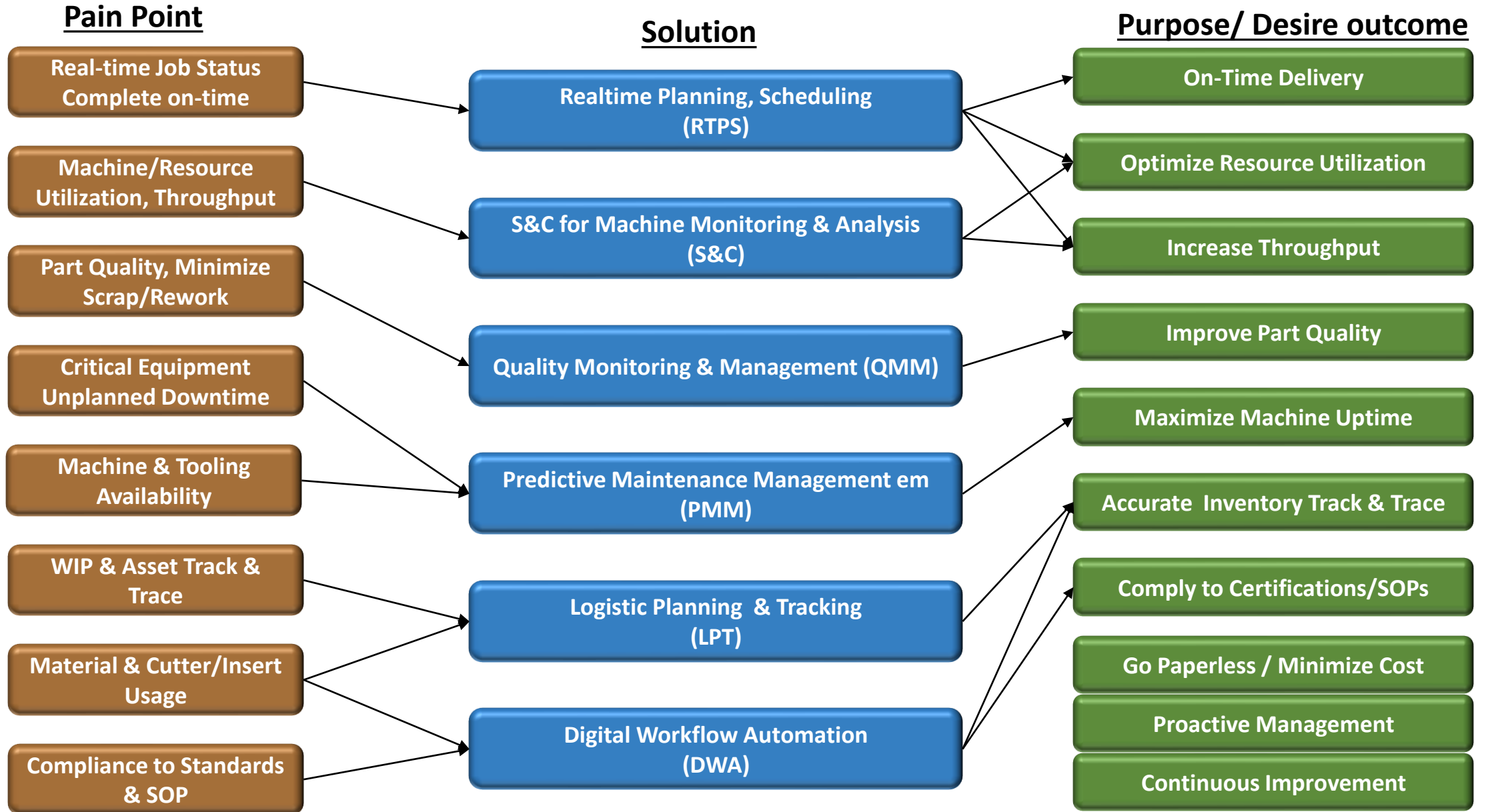
#	Course Title	Full Course Fee / pax (\$)	Course Duration (hour)	Technological Areas
1	<a href="#">OMNI Programme</a>	6,000	40	Operations Innovation
2	<a href="#">Digital Transformation &amp; Innovation (CU1 / CU2)</a>	6,000	40	
3	<a href="#">Production Planning &amp; Scheduling</a>	2,400	24	Smart Manufacturing
4	<a href="#">Factory Performance Improvement through Operations Modelling and Simulation</a>	4,000	40	
5	<a href="#">Connectivity for Visibility and Decision Making in Smart Factories</a>	2,400	24	
6	<a href="#">Manpower Scheduling</a>	1,600	16	
7	<a href="#">Industrial Artificial Intelligence for Manufacturing</a>	4,000	40	
8	<a href="#">Implement Manufacturing Data Mining Techniques</a>	4,000	40	Robust shopfloor
9	<a href="#">Data-driven Predictive Maintenance and Optimal Plan</a>	4,000	40	
10	<a href="#">Real-time OEE for Industry 4.0</a>	5,000	40	
11	<a href="#">Improve Quality Monitoring and Management Through Digitalisation</a>	1,600	16	Resilient supply chain
12	<a href="#">Machine Learning for Supply Chain Analytics &amp; Operations Management</a>	5,000	40	
13	<a href="#">Inventory Management for Smart Manufacturing &amp; Services</a>	4,000	40	
16	<a href="#">Digitalisation of business process workflow</a>	1,600	16	Automation
17	<a href="#">Apply Robotics for Manufacturing Automation</a>	4,000	42	
18	<a href="#">Automation Components &amp; Systems</a>	4,000	42	
19	<a href="#">Control in Automation Systems</a>	4,000	42	
20	<a href="#">Automation Design &amp; Simulation</a>	4,000	42	
21	<a href="#">Project Management</a>	4,000	30	

Skill Future Funding is available for All Singaporean or PR in both SME, LLE and MNC  
Funding quantum is between 70% to 90%

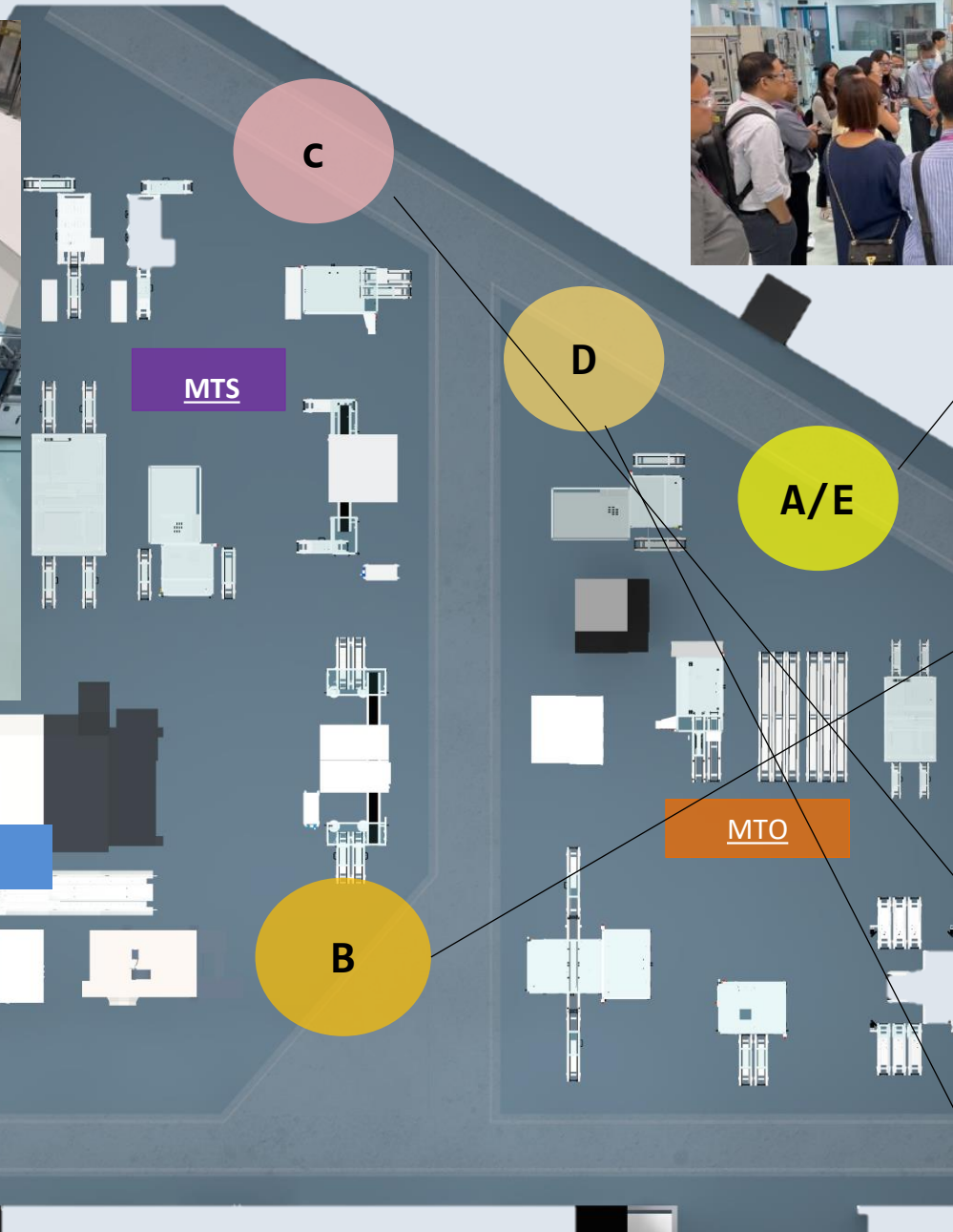




# Identifying key Pain Point and evaluating digital and automation solutions



# Model factory@SIMTech Showcase of Various SIMTech Digital Technology Solution



Demonstrator	Scenario	Area
Order App	Integrated CPPS	A
Real-Time Scheduling	Disruption - Raw Material Shortage	
Simplified Inventory Planning		
Online Simulation	Pervasive Nerve Centre	E
Real-Time Dashboard		
Real-time OEE	Integrated CPPS	B
Brownfield Connectivity	Disruption - Quality Prediction	
In-situ Quality Management		
Real-Time Scheduling		
PIM LIVE Video	Integrated CPPS	C
Predictive Maintenance	Disruption - PIM	
Real-Time Scheduling		
Smart Waste Management	Eco-Efficient Resource Management	
Holistic Energy Management		
Last Mile Logistics	Timely Supply Chain	D
Multi-side Order Allocation and Tracking		

# MPTC Major Industry Initiatives in CY23

## Driving Industry Digital, Automation & Value Chain Innovation via CIP programs

### Broad engagement through - CIP program

- (i) Platform Solution for SMEs & LLE 1
- (ii) Develop IP/solution & license to multiple SMEs 1 2

- Automation of manual process via Robotic Manipulator 1
- Automate inspection via Intelligent Optical Inspection 1
- Enhancing SME Mfg capability via CPPS digital solutions 2
- Traction Motor & Drive Supply Chain Development 3
- Driving value chain innovation in SME via supply chain digital solutions 3

1. Uplifting SMEs' Competitiveness via Automation innovation

2. Advancing Manufacturing Research – Digital Innovation

3. Enhancing Local Manufacturing Ecosystem via Value chain innovation

### Deep Engagement through Joint-Labs & Public Sector Engagements

Joint program



Research Collaboration Agreement RCA



Development of a b2b aggregator platform for SMEs

Joint lab



# Local Supply Chain Development for Electric Drive Train

## CIP on E-TraM OTP – Value Chain Innovation



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### Objective:

- Develop local Eco-system for Electric Drive Train to support Singapore Electrification industry
- Drive IP Creation in electric Drive Train Technology in area of **Power Density, Energy Efficiency & Thermal Management** to enable Singapore to be R&D Hub for Drive Train technology

### Value Capture:

- “Asia-Pacific E- Scooter is expected to grow 3X in next 7 years to reach USD 1905.25 Billion by 2027.
- Develop local Eco-system for Electric Drive Train to support the rapid growth of 2-3 wheelers in Asia
- Develop **capability, talent & business opportunity in Electric Drive train** for local Industry

### Timeline :

- 2022: Secure IAF-PP Funding to support 23 researchers from A\*STAR, & other IHL to develop IPs in E-TraM
- 2023: Launch CIP on E-Tram OTP to grow local eco-system
- 2024: Joint-lab with Key Partners

**CIP Launched with 10 Key partners**



### 2 & 3 Wheels EV



### Other form of EV



IAF-PP Funding to develop IP in Core Tech

**Core Technology**

- Increase Power Density** – Novel Motor Topology with optimization of analytical model
- Energy Efficiency** – variable electromagnetic coupling with time-efficiency optimized drive cycle
- Thermal management** – targeted thermal conductivity and dissipation in a compact space

**Demand Driver**

Identifies interest in technology



Provides solution to customer

**Traction motor & components**

**Drive Electronics & MCU**

**Technology Provider**

Upgrades capabilities

**Electric Drive Train component supplier**

# Drive I4.0 Transformation via Cyber Physical Production System (CPPS) - Digitalization Innovation CIP program



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## Key Technology

- Industry Lack of Integrated & large-scale decision support making capability for **inventory planning, production scheduling and resource planning** to improve productivity, reduce lead time and enhanced quality
- SIMTech has acquired Govt Grant to develop **intelligent** and **contextual** decision support capabilities for Cyber-Physical Production System (CPPS)



## Initiative Objective:

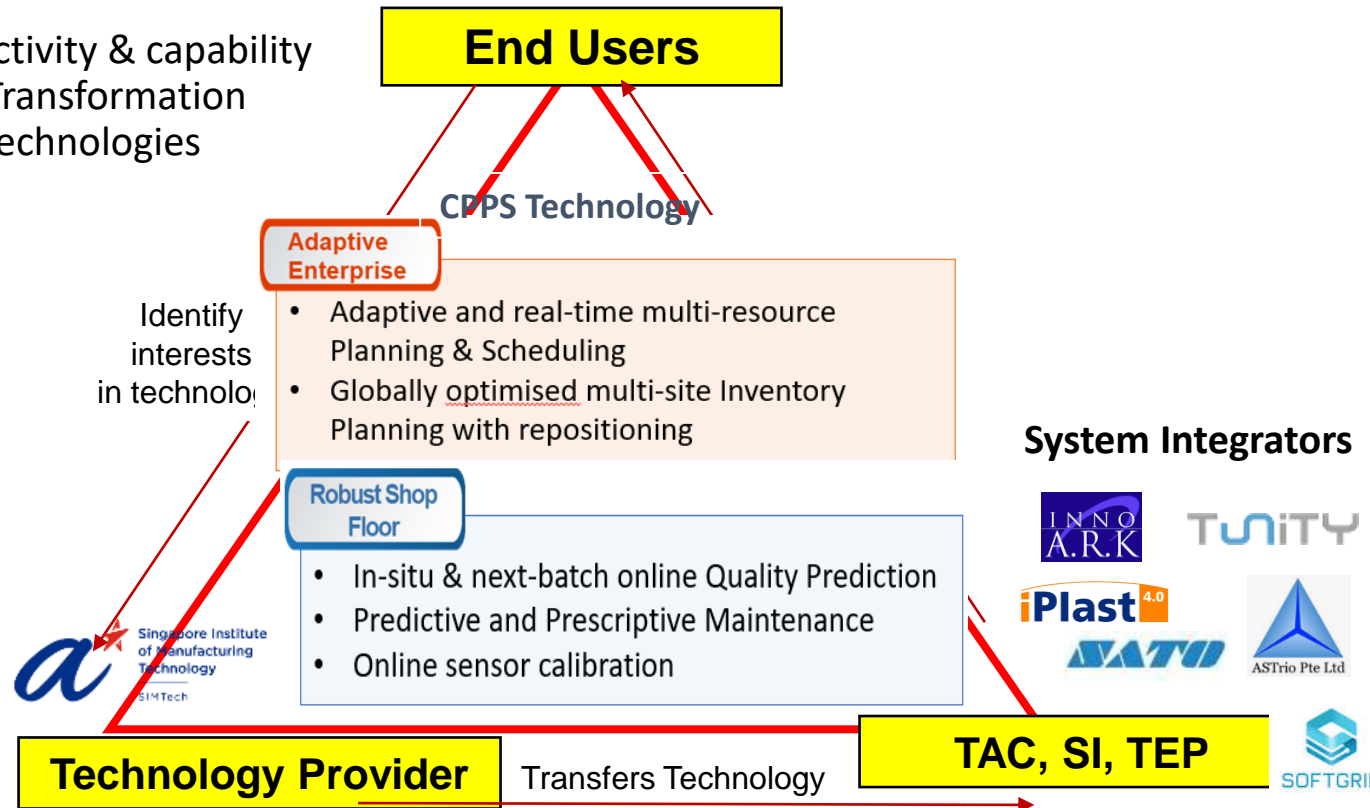
- Drive **adoption of CPPS Technology** to increase productivity & capability of Singapore manufacturing industry to intensify I4.0 Transformation
- Attract & train talents** via knowledge transfer in I4.0 Technologies

## Value Capture:

- ↑ People I4.0 skill of 30% - 50%
- ↑ Job creation & increase operations of ≥ 20%
- ↑ Productivity gains of ≥ 20%

## Timeline:

- Phase 1: **Training program** to Identify and address Industry pain-points – Quality, Leadtime, cost
- Phase 2: Carry out POC for CPPS technology via MF
- Phase 3: Drive CPPS adoption via industry projects



# Improve Industry Value Chain Resilience via Supply Chain Digital Solution – Drive Value Chain Innovation



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## Initiative Objective:

- Improve **Enterprise Value Chain Resilience** via **Adaptive multi-resource real-time Planning & Scheduling, Predictive Decision Support, Operations Track & Trace, Value-chain platforms**
- Enhance **integration of supply chain digital solutions** in Local companies to improve their **operations, planning and monitoring** capabilities across their **supply chain**

## Value Capture:

- **↑** Productivity  $\geq 20\%$  in companies supply chain management
- Building foundation for Digital Transformation of companies across their supply Chain

## Timeline:

CIP program to drive SC Digital tech adoption

- . **Phase 1:** Introduce effective master classes as POC
- . **Phase 3:** Develop SI to drive adoption
- . **Phase 3:** Customize digital pathway for various industry

## Logistic Industry



## Food Manufacturing



**End-users**



Provides solution to customer

Identify interests in technology

**Last mile logistic**

**Logistic Tracking Planning**

**Digital Workflow - End to End order fulfilment**

**Technology Provider**

**Tech Partners & TAC**



# CIP on Robotic Manipulation for **Automation Innovation**

(To replace manual process such as paint removal, polishing and deburring )

## Objective:

- Develop **automatic robotic manipulation** solution based on force-controlled end-effector platform technology.
- **Automate** low-value-adding manual surface finishing processes, such as polishing, deburring, scarfing, with **automatic robotic manipulation solution**

## Value Capture:

Enable Industry to acquire capabilities to robotic manipulation for auto deburring and polishing process.

- **↑** Productivity  $\geq 30\%$  in companies through adoption of SIMTech Robotic manipulation to replace manual processes

## Activities:

**Phase 1:** uplift **knowledge** in Robotic manipulation to replace manual surface finishing via training

**Phase 2:** Initiate **Tech evaluation** via project with SIMTech with various government grant and support

**Phase 3:** Drive **full tech implementation** via Projects Or joint lab with SIMTech & SI

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Powered by AI, Driven by Innovation

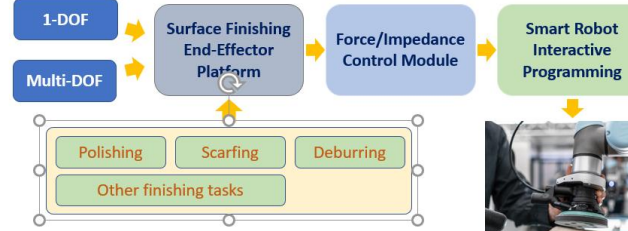


End Effector and toolpath for Auto deburring and polishing capability

Provide Solutions to customers

Identify interests in technology

Methodology:



Singapore Institute of Manufacturing Technology  
SIMTech

Transfers technology / Upgrades capabilities

**System Integrator (SI)**

TDS

TDS Technology Group

CARESTOR™

ISDN Holdings LIMITED

FLEXSPEED TECHNOLOGY PTE LTD  
Solutions Beyond Expectations

**Technology Provider**



# CIP on Automated Optical & X-ray Inspection System – Automation Innovation (to replace low value- add manual inspection in the industry )



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## Objective:

To develop key technologies for **automated optical & x-ray inspection technologies** to **replace low value add manual inspection** in various industries

## Value Capture:

- Develop industry capability in **automated optical & x-ray inspection technologies**, to replace their manual inspection .
- Work with **System Integrators** to develop affordable automated optical & x-ray inspection solution
- **↑** Productivity  $\geq 30\%$  in companies via SIMTech automated optical & x-ray inspection solution

## Activities:

**Phase 1:** Uplift knowledge & tech assessment via training

**Phase 2:** Further evaluate tech via feasibility study .

**Phase 3:** Full Implementation via SIMTech and SI with Grant

### Automotive & PE



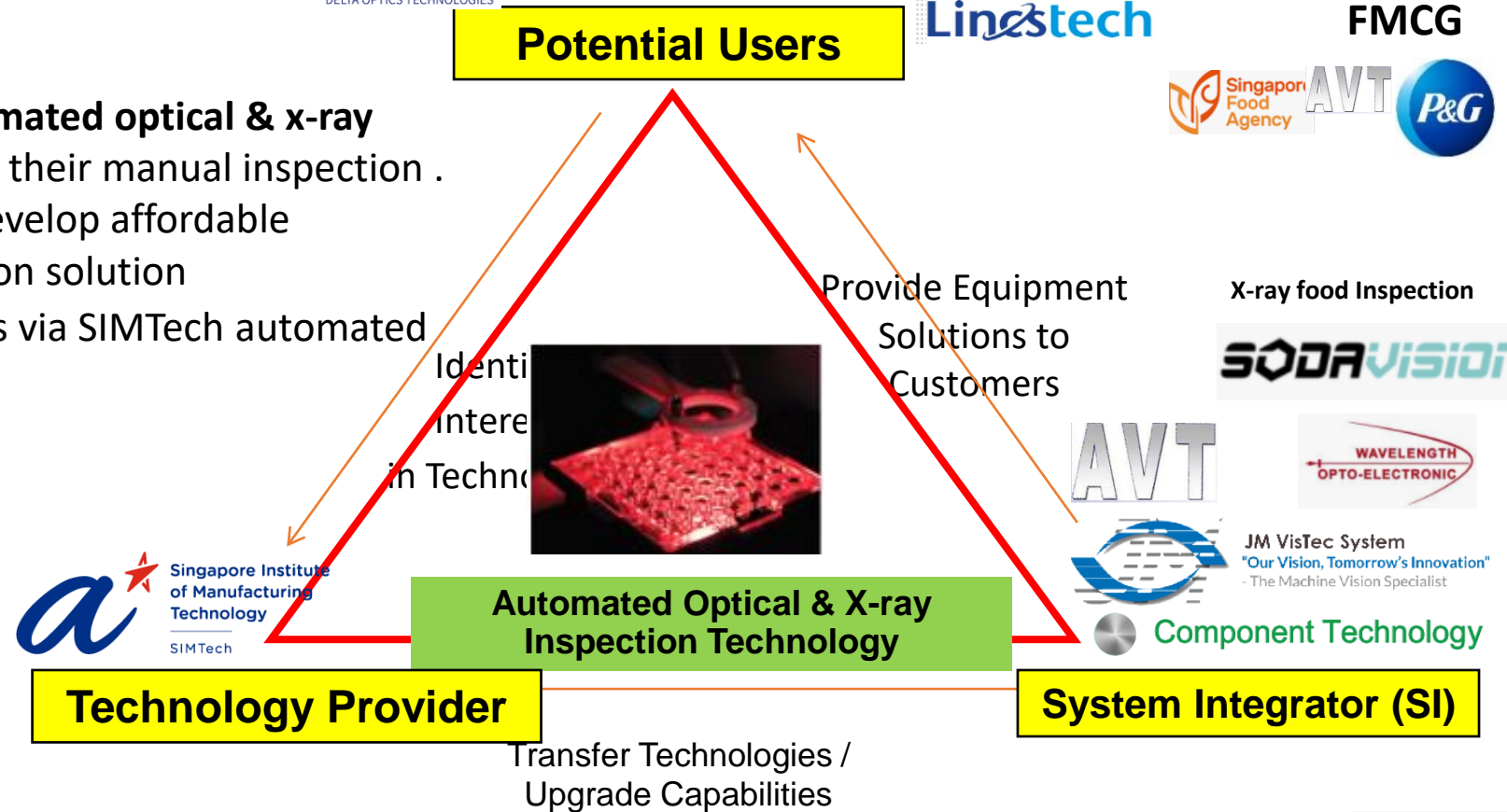
### Electronics & Semicon



### MedTech



### FMCG

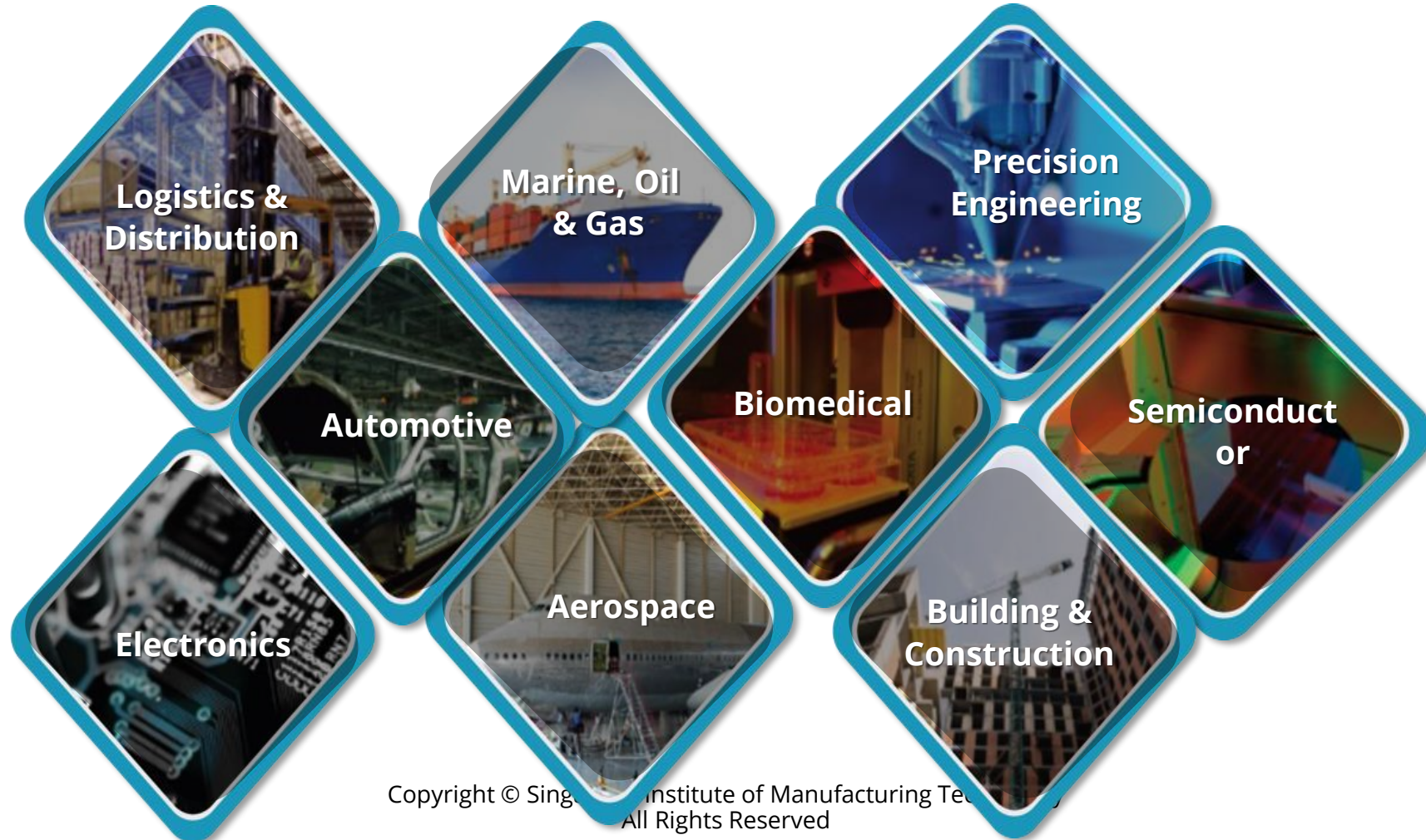




# Conclusion

SIMTech has been your R&D and Technology Partner for the last 30 years

**SIMTech MPTC is committed to be your Advanced Manufacturing Partner to Drive Digital , Automation and Value chain innovation in Various sector of Singapore Mfg**





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# THANK YOU

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# Keynote for Digital Manufacturing: Get Set for the Next Paradigm Shift in Manufacturing – Industry 5.0 & Beyond

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# CONTENT



## Fast Changing Environment

- Changing Manufacturing Landscape
- Technology & Trend Push



Key Focus Areas → **Autonomous Manufacturing**



## Getting There (Digital)

- Smart Manufacturing
- Baby Step: Cyber-Physical Production System
- Next Step: Distributed Smart Value Chain



## What is NEXT?

- Model Factory
- Call to Action

# Changing Manufacturing Landscape

- Addressing new needs of the manufacturing industry



## Trend

High Demand Fluctuations & Disruptions needing  
 ↑ Resilience

## Changing Paradigm

Single Factory → Network of Factories

## Consequent Focus

Towards **SMARTER, GREENER**  
 and **More Connected**  
 Manufacturing



↑ Responsiveness  
 to customers & customisation  
 needs

Product Customisation Postponement to as  
 near to customer as possible (last-mile  
 production customisation)



Rise of Sustainability

Eco-efficient → Circular Mfg towards Net-  
 Zero Mfg

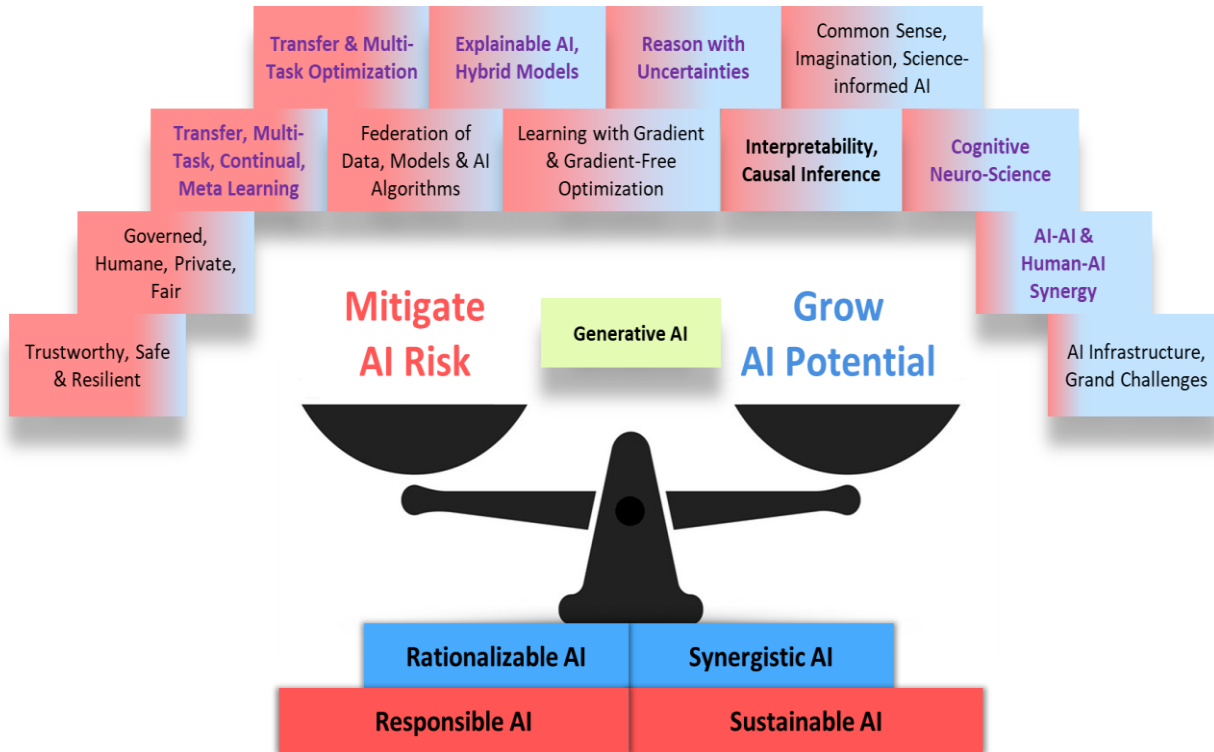


↑ Value-add of SG  
 companies

Manufacture to specifications → Product/Design Owners

# Technology & Trend Push

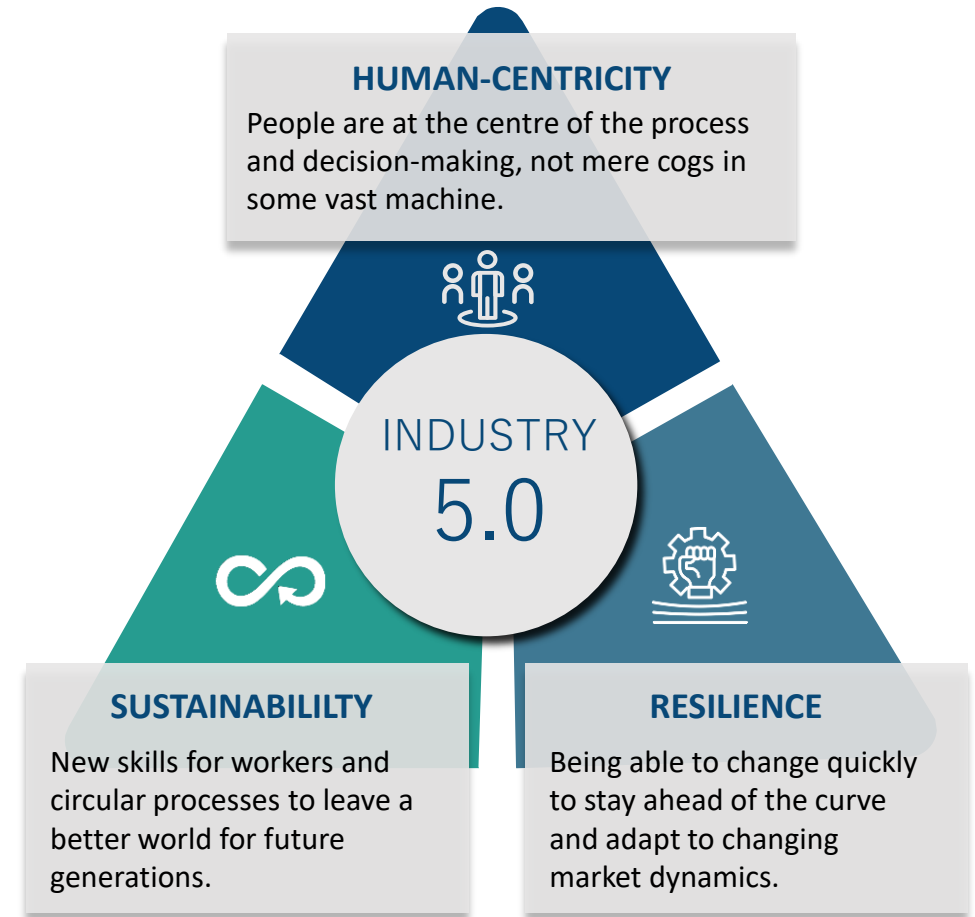
## Rise of AI



Adapted From: New Foundations of AI, Ong YS, 2022

## Industry 5.0

Industry 4.0 +++



Adapted From: Proactioninternal.com, Raiche, 2022 22

# Strategic & Inter-related R&D Themes To Support Singapore Manufacturing 2030 & RIE 2025

Smarter, Greener & More Connected Manufacturing

**Manufacturing 2030 Vision:** Singapore's manufacturing sector to grow by 50 per cent of S\$106 billion value as of 2021

## RIE 2025 DOMAINS



### Advanced Manufacturing Process

- Hybrid / Heterogenous material manufacturing
- 4D metamorphic manufacturing
- Enabling manufacturing processes for Green H<sub>2</sub> Economy and MedTech



### Autonomous Manufacturing

- Lights-Out Manufacturing with total autonomic capabilities across**
- System
  - Automation & Verification
  - Process
- Supported by Connectivity and AI**



### Resilient Value Chain

- Manufacturing resilience
- Distributed & circular value / supply chain
- End-to-end continuous logistics
- First- / last-mile and reverse logistics
- Digital workflow automation



### Net Zero Manufacturing

- Life Cycle Management for Decarbonisation & Circular Economy
- Resource-efficient Manufacturing
- Smart Remanufacturing
- Design for Life Cycle (Sustainability)
- Industrial Symbiosis

Smart Nation and Digital Economy



Human Health and Potential



Manpower



Manufacturing Trade and Connectivity



Innovation and Enterprise



Urban Solutions and Sustainability



Academic Research

# Future of Manufacturing

with Autonomous Manufacturing

3 SELF-LEARNING DECISIONS

2 SELF-AWARE PREDICTIONS

5 SELF-DIRECTED PARTNERSHIPS

4 SELF-RECOVERING & AUTONOMIC PRODUCTION

1 SELF-CORRECTING SENSOR MODULES

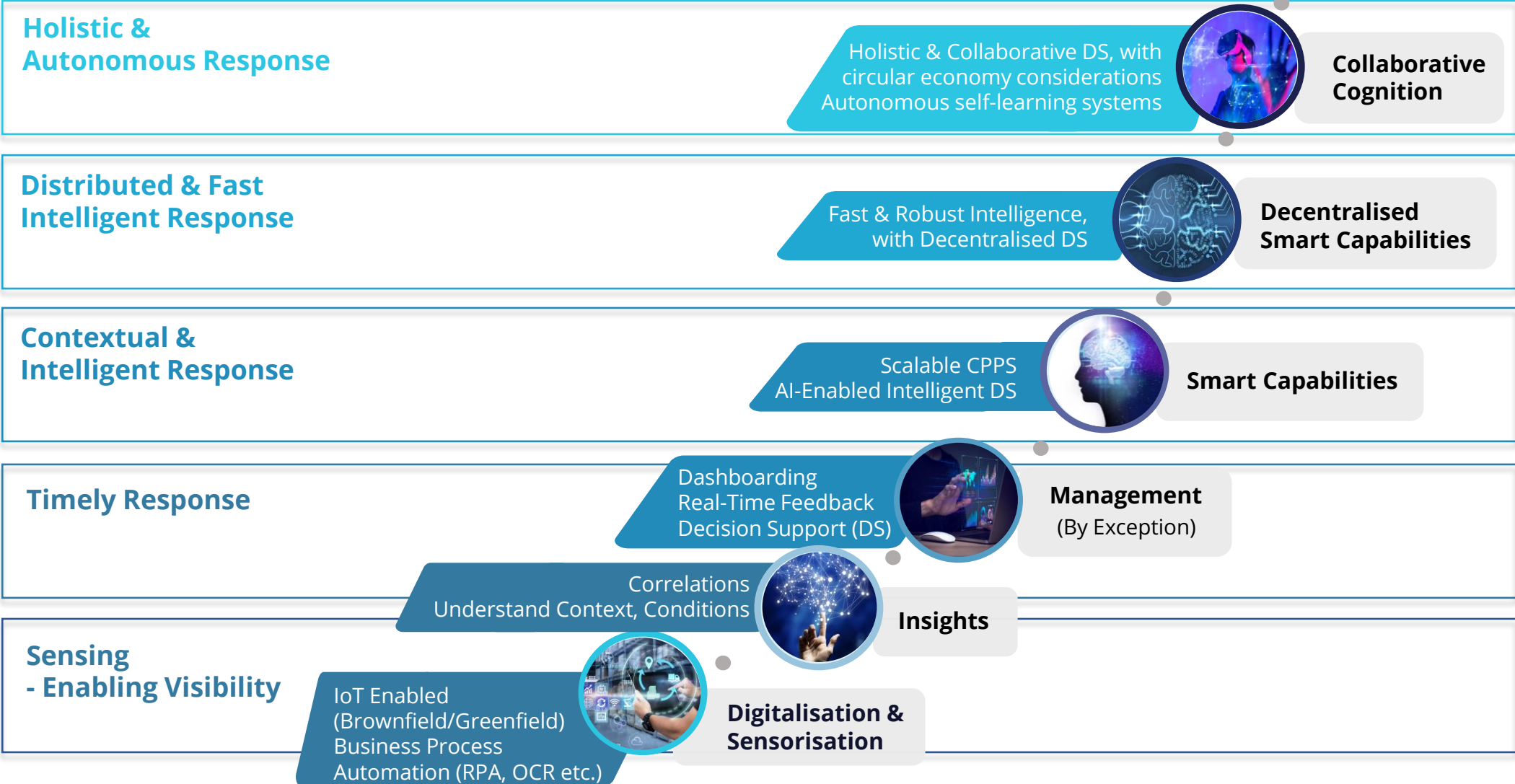
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# Research Roadmap of Digital Manufacturing

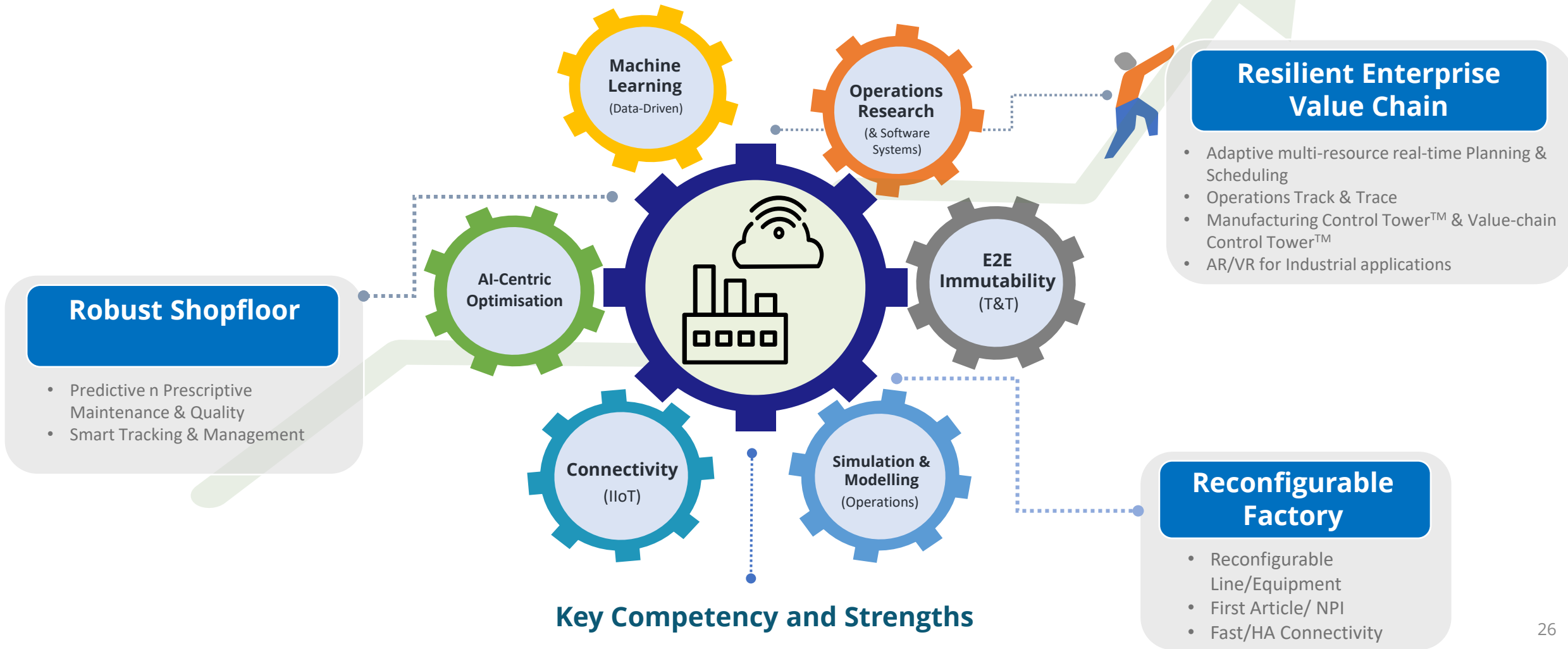
Autonomous Manufacturing



# SMART Manufacturing

Towards SMARTER, GREENER and MORE CONNECTED Manufacturing

Autonomous  
Manufacturing



# Summary of Digital Capabilities in SIMTech

## Shopfloor



### Robust Shopfloor

- Predictive Quality Monitoring & Management (PQM)
- Predictive Maintenance Management (PMM)
- Reconfigurable Operation Control & Execution (ROCE)

## Smart Factory



### Reconfigurable Smart Factory

- Smart Engineering System (SES)
- Immersive Digital Twin (IDT)
- Industrial AR-Guided Operation
- Tools and Enablers for Reliable 5G Industrial IoT Applications

## Enterprise VC



### Resilient Enterprise Value Chain

- Real-Time Planning & Scheduling (RPS) System
- Manpower Scheduling System (MSS)
- Inventory Analytics and Planning (IAP) System
- Operations Simulation and Optimisation (OSO)
- Real-Time Dashboard for MCT (RTD)
- Digital Workflow Automation (DWA)
- Logistics Planning and Tracking System (LPT)

## LPI-based Programmes

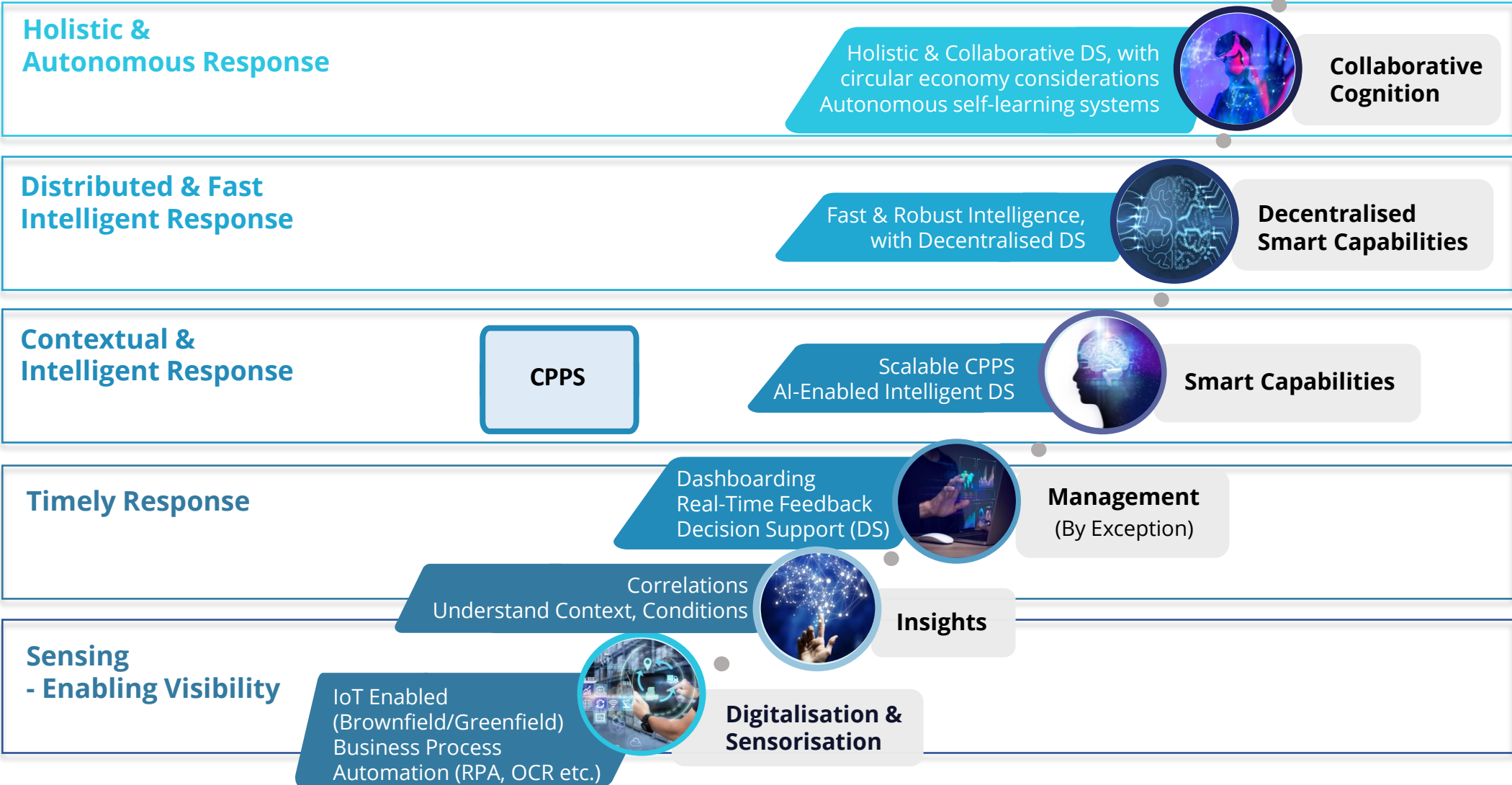


### Learn, Practice & Implement

- Digital Leadership
- Digital Transformation & Innovation™ (DTI™)
- Operations Management Innovation™ (OMNI™)
- Lean
- Platform and DevSecOps Engineering (PDE)
- Manufacturing Data Mining & many more

# Research Roadmap of Digital Manufacturing

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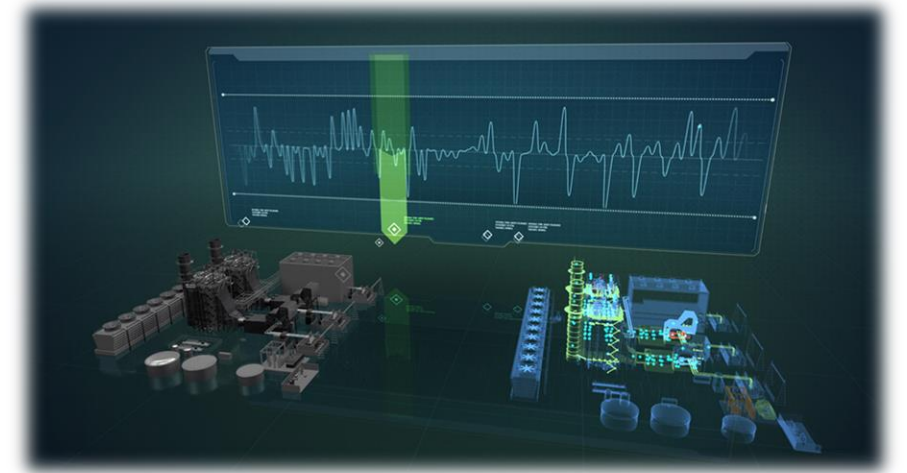
# Baby STEP: Addressing Key Industry UNMET Needs

## What is CPPS?

- **Operational** Digital Twin of the **Production** environment
- A Cyber representation with *real-time connectivity* of the physical world (operations incl. logistics, machines, Sale/Work Orders etc)

## Why is it needed?

- Allows for **TIMELY** fact-based Decision Making, Tracking and Virtual Experimentation, Future Prediction, What-if Analyses, ...



## Targeted Common Problems

## Inability to handle real-world uncertainties

### Enterprise

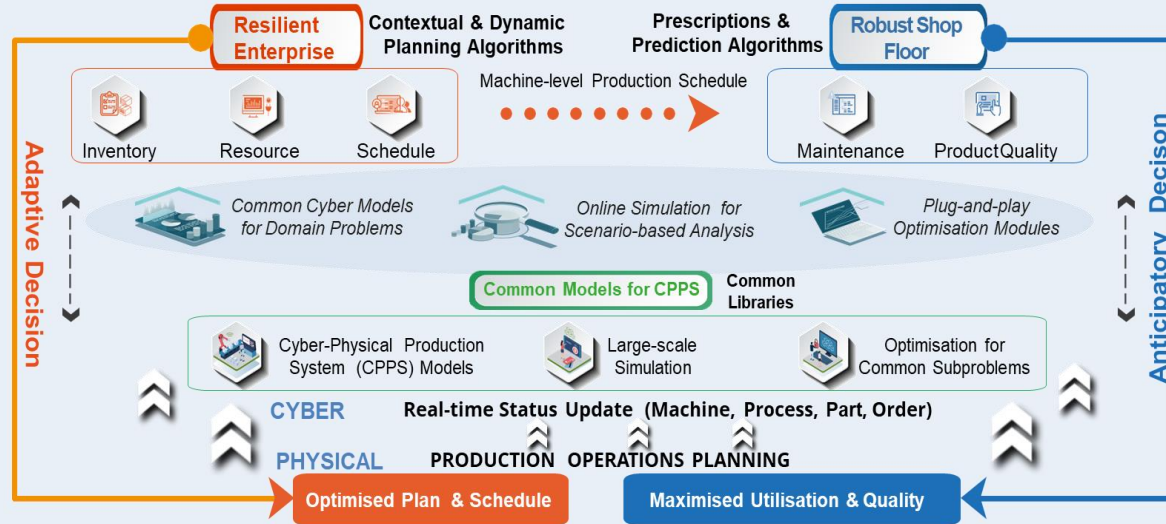
- Plan & Schedules: **Inaccurate** future performance prediction, **Gaps between planned & actual performance**
- Inventory: **Excess and insufficient inventory, unable to provide global optimisation**
- Multi-resource planning: **Inefficient & not reliable**, today mainly planned in silos

### Shop Floor

- Accuracy of sensor data: **real-time/online calibration** not available
- Predictive Capabilities: **Lack of capabilities of correlation analysis** and (automatic) root cause identification
- Maintenance: Difficult to achieve **accurate predictive capabilities**
- Quality: **Offline/delayed** with in-situ or **future prediction** not possible

# Developing Technologies for the Industry

## Overview



## Resilient Enterprise

- Adaptive and real-time multi-resource Planning & Scheduling
- Globally optimised multi-site Inventory Planning with repositioning

## Robust Shop Floor

- In-situ & next-batch online Quality Prediction
- Predictive and Prescriptive Maintenance
- Online sensor calibration

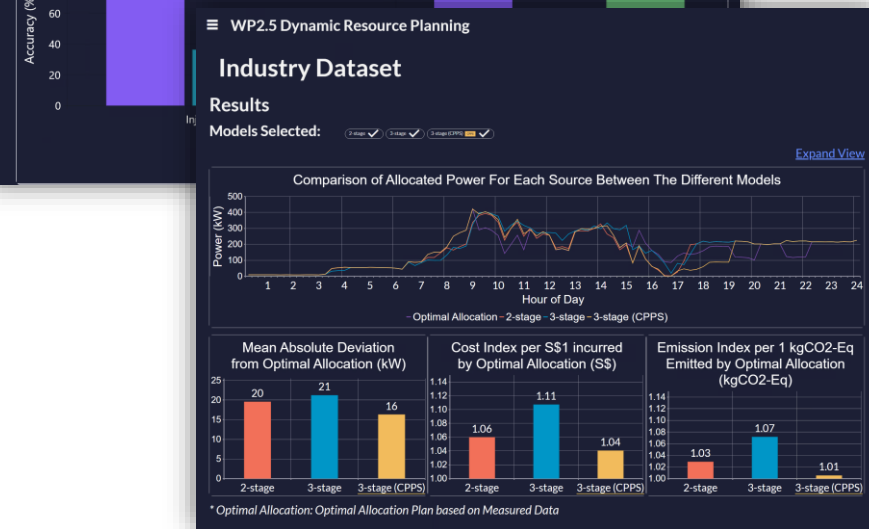
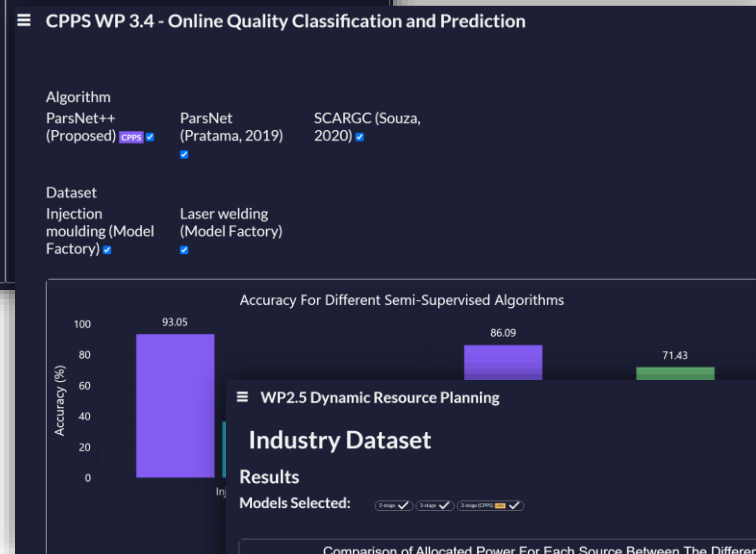
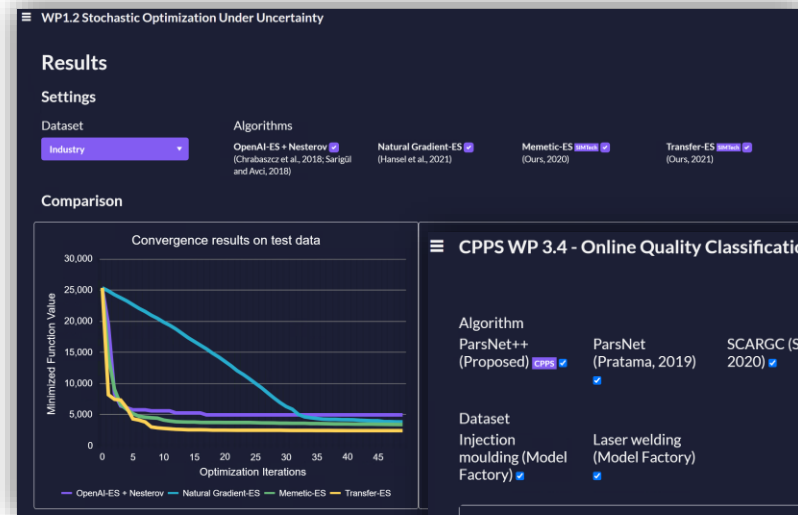
## Common

- Automatic contextual process mining
- Large-scale operations simulation
- Multi-objective Optimisation
- Micro-service platform

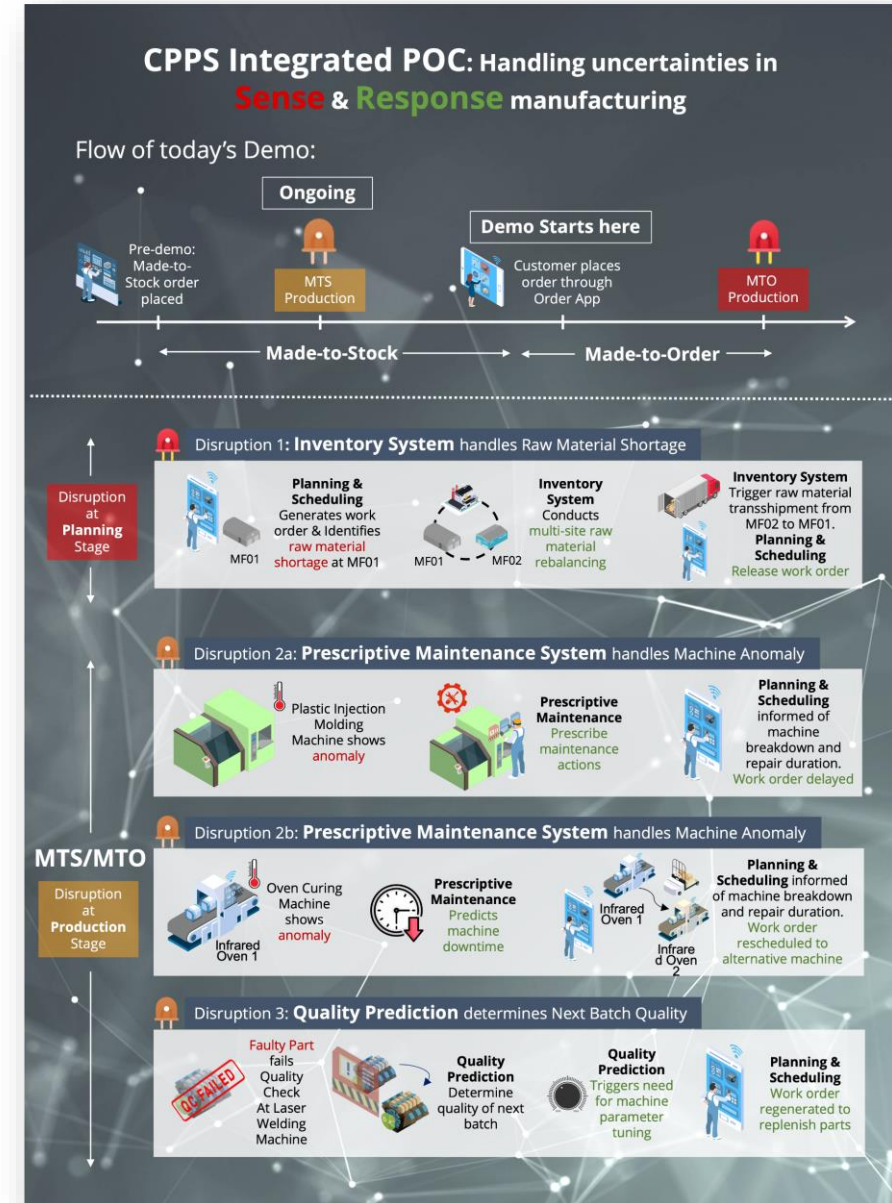
## What is Novel/New?

- A **targeted system approach** for **sense & response** manufacturing environment with
  - A complete digital thread able to handle **relationships on-the-fly** to support different applications
  - Single source of truth, **contextually accurate total visibility**, reinforced by fast decision support/making capabilities, with predictive & prescriptive capabilities
- Fast decision-making capabilities that is **tractable** and able to **handle uncertainties** arising in real-world problems

# Live Demos of CPPS Technologies at Model Factory@SIMTech



## Integrated Demos



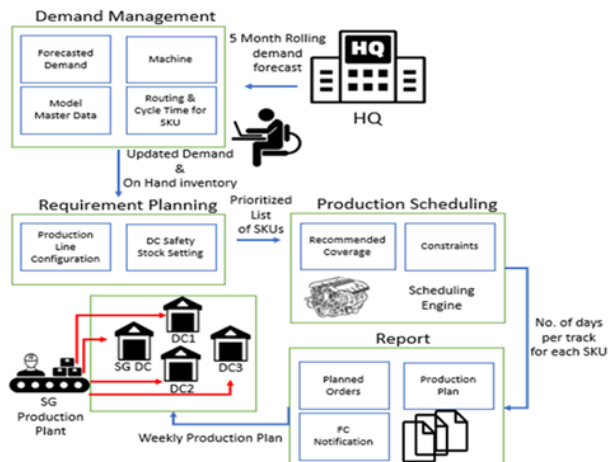
## Individual Research Demos

# Contact Lens Manufacturer

Manufacturing in ophthalmic surgical and vision care



Company's Planners perform what-if analysis through the DRPS system



Functional modules of the integrated DRPS system

## Technology

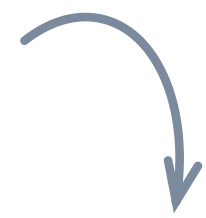
- Developed and implemented An Integrated Distribution Requirement Planning & Scheduling (DRPS) System

## Impact

80%

Planning Efforts

from 3 days to 2-3 hours per week



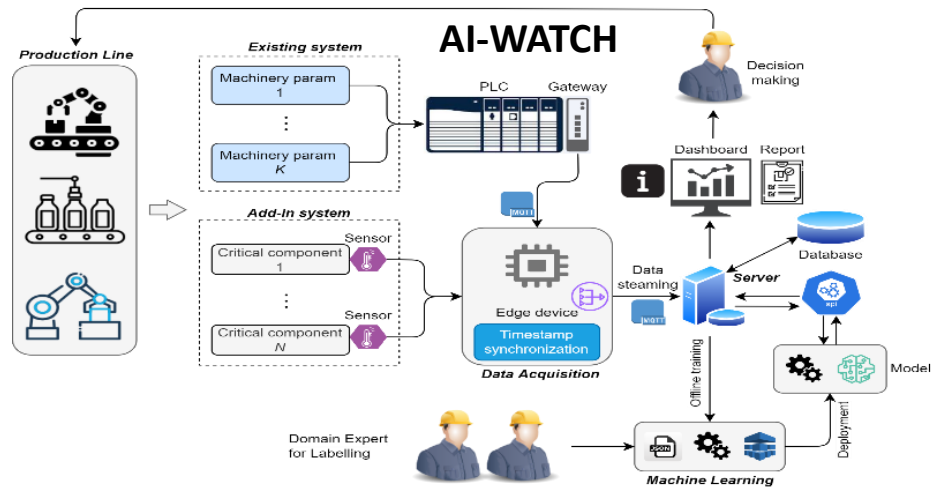
## Usefulness

A decision support tool with what-if scenario analysis and evaluation of the demand fulfilment plans

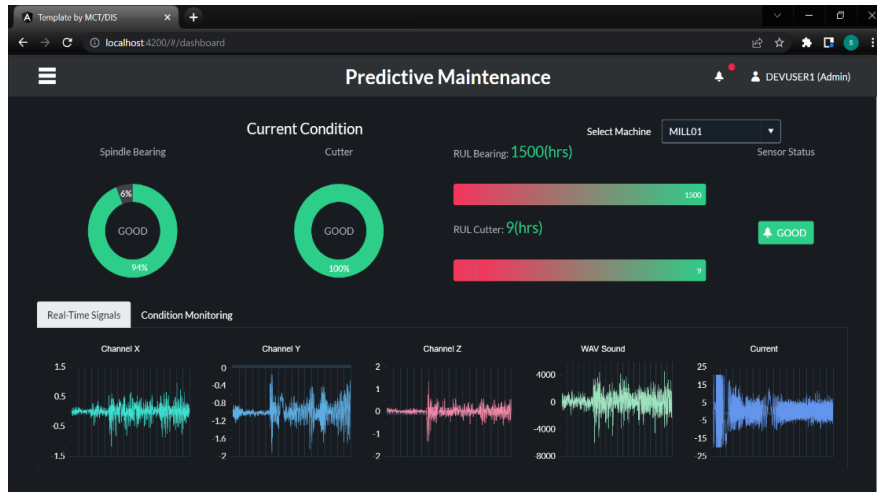


# Consumer Goods Manufacturer

Manufacturing household and personal products



Predictive Maintenance framework



Predictive Maintenance Dashboard

## Technology

- Developed and deployed a **predictive maintenance** software for side milling machine with fault detection/diagnosis and lifetime estimation abilities

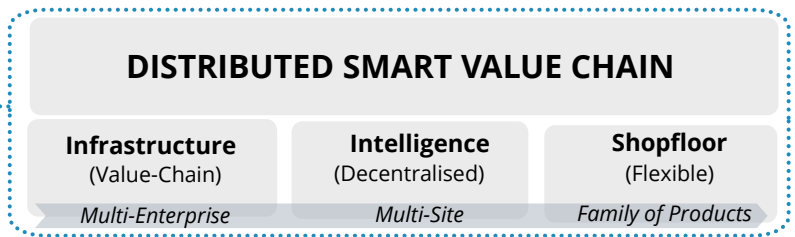
## Impact

**30%**  
Maintenance efficiency  
Reduce downtime

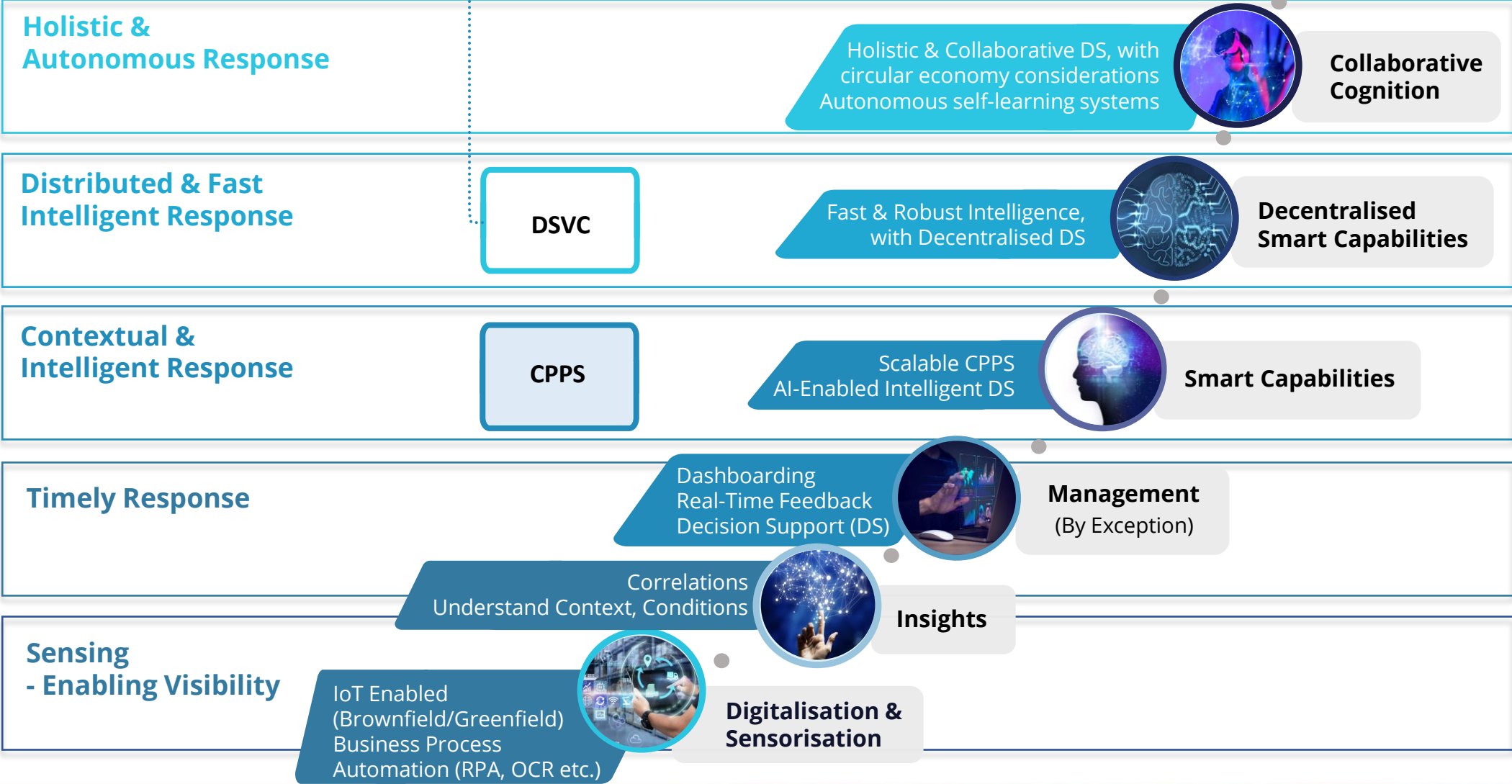
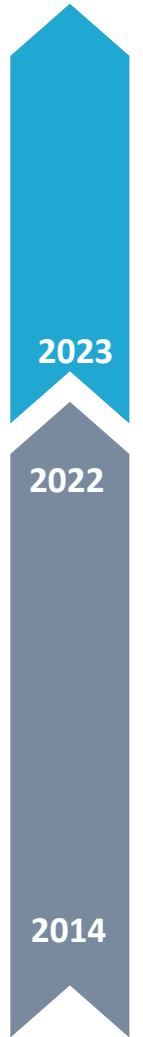
## Usefulness

**A tool for real-time visibility to equipment condition and failure prediction for JIT maintenance planning**

# Research Roadmap of Digital Manufacturing



Autonomous Manufacturing



# Strategic Imperative of Distributed Smart Value Chain (DSVC)

From PE ITM 2025

**Where we want to be** 1. Shift PE industry towards the digital manufacturing paradigm

Accelerate PE industry's capitalisation of digital manufacturing future by:

- Entrenching design and R&D of innovative, high - VA products/services
- Building platforms to enable global export of these high VA products/service

**Scale**  
Leveraging strong growth in Semicon industry



Semicon Eqpt



Test & Measurement

**PURSUE**

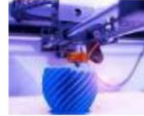
Sectors that are critical enablers for digital manufacturing



Robotics



Lasers & Optics



Addvt Mfg

**Focused Approach**

On enterprises that are key suppliers to major exporters

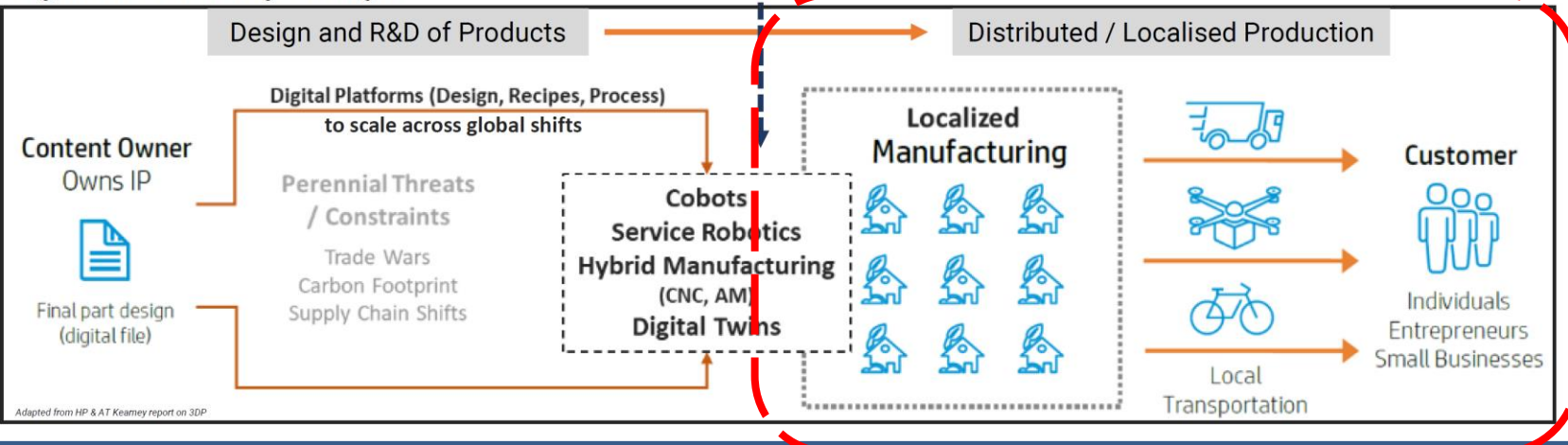


Plastics\*



Sensors

**Digital Manufacturing Paradigm**



Adapted from HP & AT Kearney report on 3DP

**Alignment to PE ITM 2025 needs**

- SG as key tech devt hub for digital mfg
- Catalyse local PE enterprise growth into intl markets
- Near-shore key supporting mfg activities for PE

**Supporting Manufacturing 2030**

- Reshoring/Near-shoring
- Digital Factory & Workforce
- Rise of Digital Ecosystem & Platforms

**DSVC's 3 thrusts:**

- Decision-making for companies in a distributed value chain (i.e., **decisions made collectively**, not centrally)
- Enable manufacturers to take advantage of opportunities quickly (**changeover** of production line **one order of magnitude faster**)
- Smart manufacturing platform** and pilot line(s) to demonstrate viability of DSVC

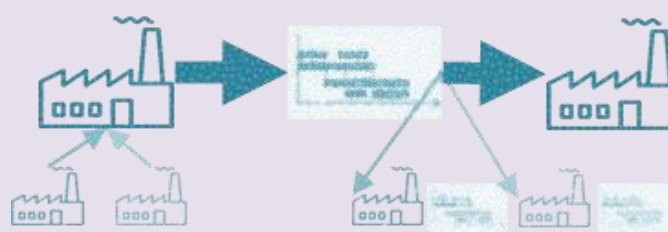

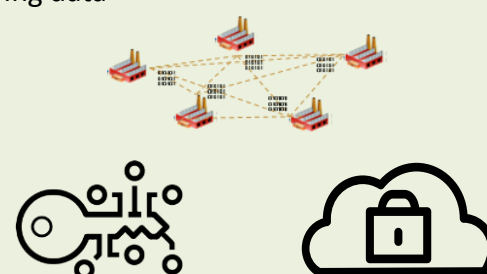
**DSVC's Focus**



# Objective and Deliverables

## OBJECTIVE

Enable **distributed smart value chain** with decentralised manufacturing supported by **facilitative decision making** and a **flexible shopfloor**.

WP 1	Facilitative Decision Making for Decentralised Manufacturing	WP 2	Flexible Shopfloor	WP 3	Proof-of-Concept of Distributed Smart Value Chain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision models for multi-enterprise planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimisation under partial information visibility</li> </ul>  <p>Value chain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods for flexible equipment reconfiguration planning &amp; setup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intelligent &amp; adaptive learning with few-shot data for fast production setup</li> </ul>  <p>Shopfloor @ each site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Platform and infrastructure for secure sharing of manufacturing data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot lines for multi-site &amp; decentralised production</li> </ul>  <p>Platform &amp; pilot lines</p>

## PROGRAMME DELIVERABLES

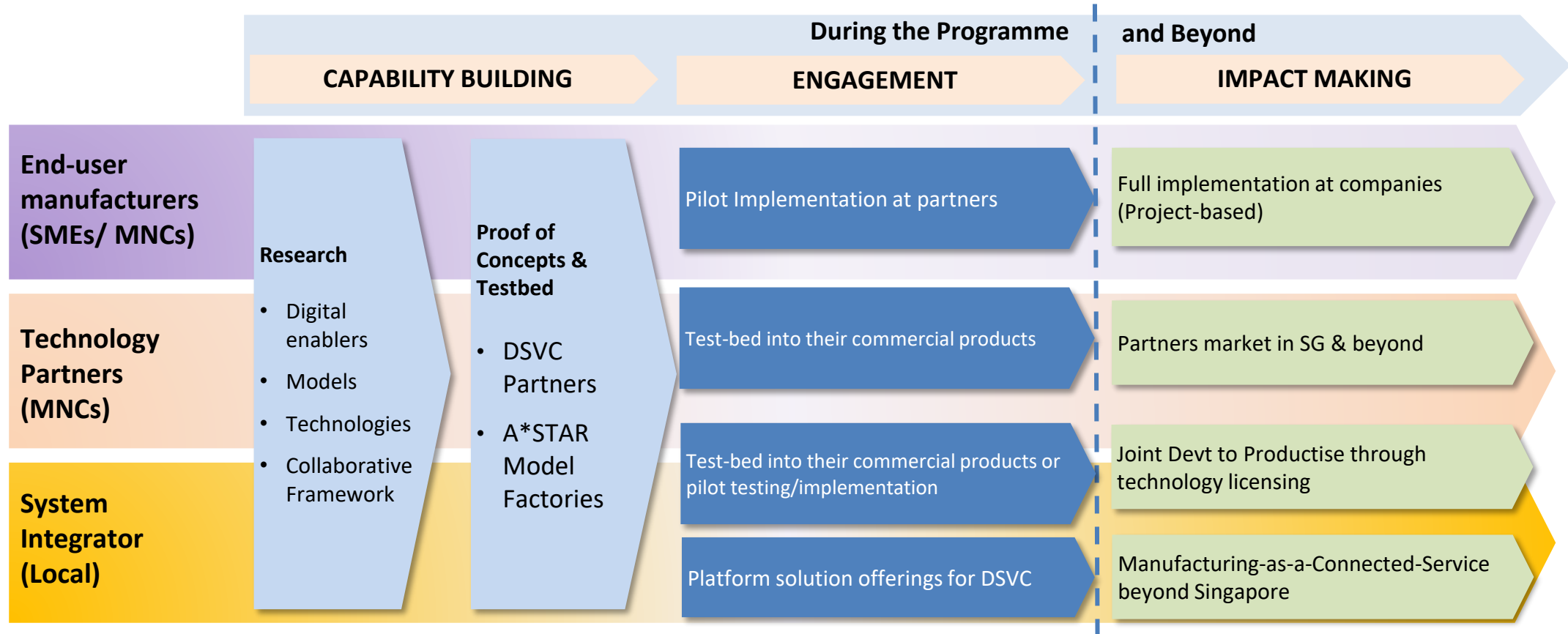
1. **SOFTWARE and ALGORITHMS** for decentralised decision making with partial information visibility

2. **SOFTWARE and ALGORITHMS** for fast setup of equipment with adaptive few-shot intelligence

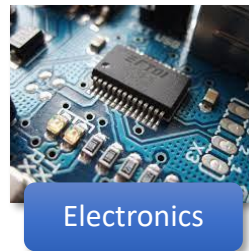
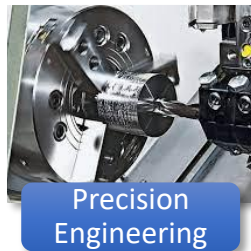
3. **SMART MANUFACTURING PLATFORM TECHNOLOGIES** to enable distributed smart value chain

4. **PILOT LINE(S)** for proof-of-concept of multi-site & decentralised production

# Implementation & Commercialisation Approach



**Targeted Industries (Initial)**

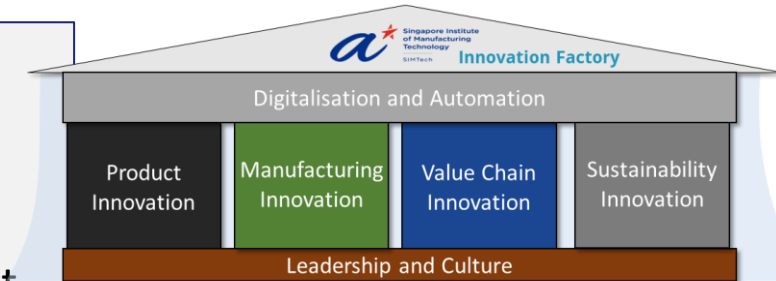


Technologies developed are transferable to other sectors too!

# A\*STAR Model Factories

An integrated environment to

- **Inspire** new ideas for technology developments from both industry and research
- **Innovate** or co-Innovate with industry for NPI/First Article of new products
- **Incubate** industry-ready technologies to customise solutions for rapid deployment



## A\*STAR Model Factories

CleanTech Park 2



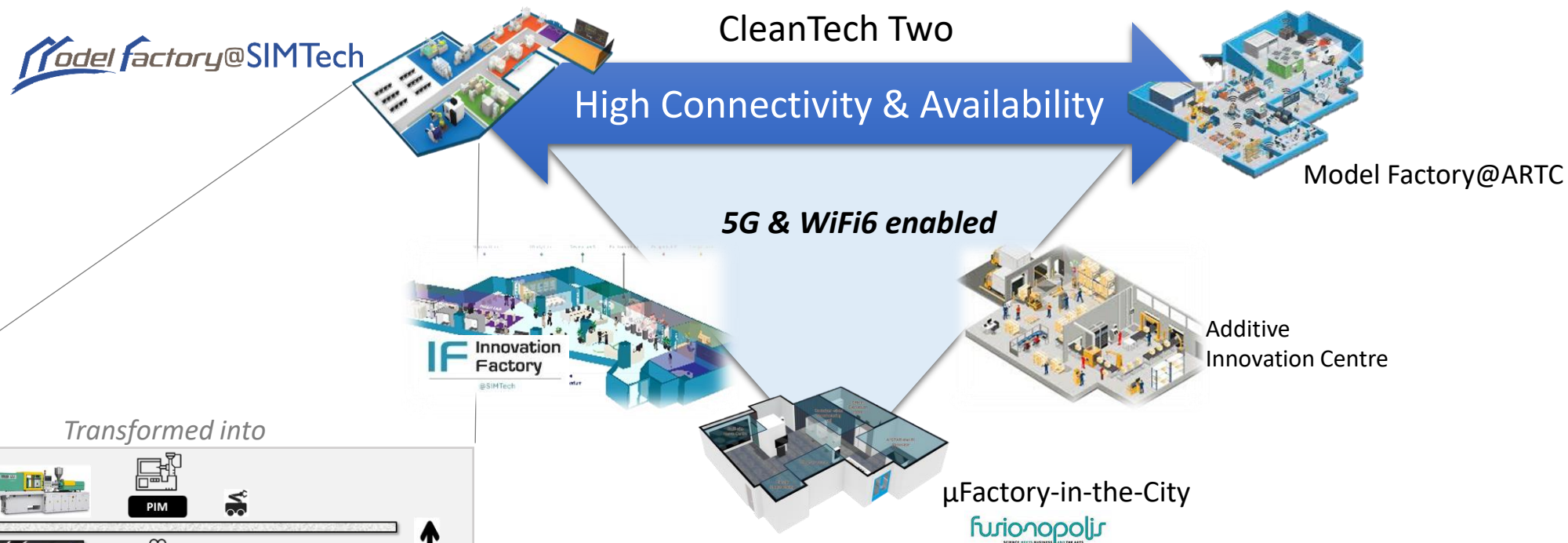
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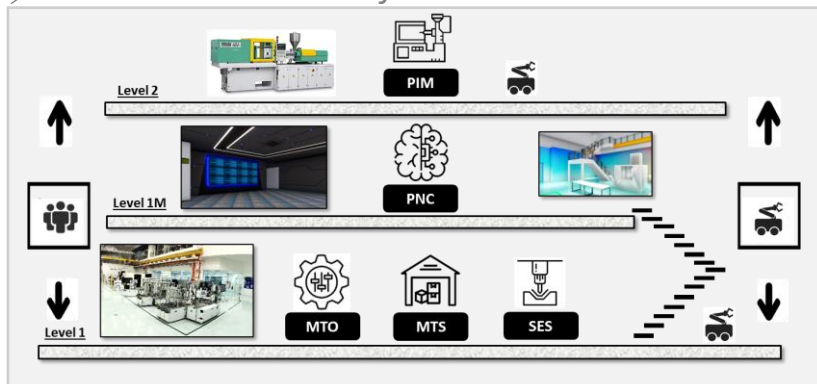
- An immersive learning environment for virtual experimentation and more effective LPI-based programmes
- A high-availability connectivity environment (5G and WiFi6)

# Manufacturing-as-a-Connected-Service

- Network of factories in a **Distributed Smart Value Chain** supported by micro-Factories



Transformed into



MF Distributed Sites @ CT2B

- Explore the concept of sustainability and circular manufacturing with high responsiveness and customisation capabilities
- Last mile customisation supported by new AI-enabled algorithms for handling high demand and customisation flexibilities

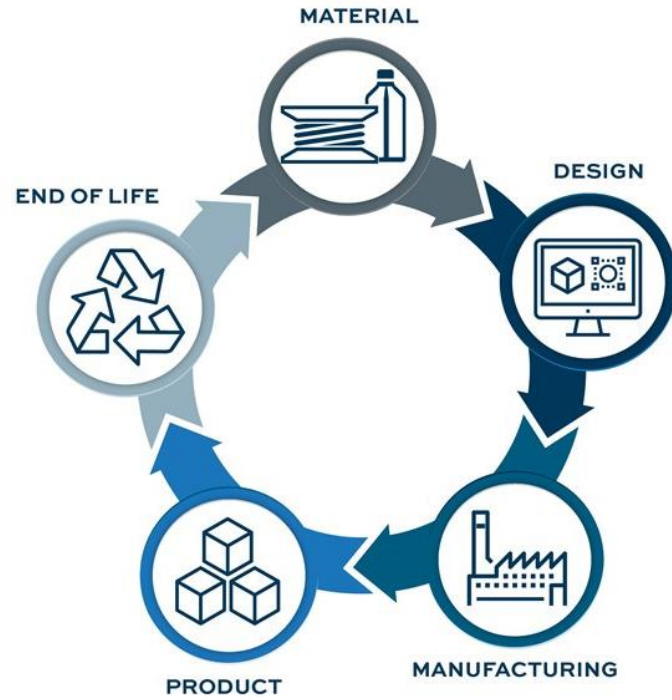
# Industrial Immersive Capabilities



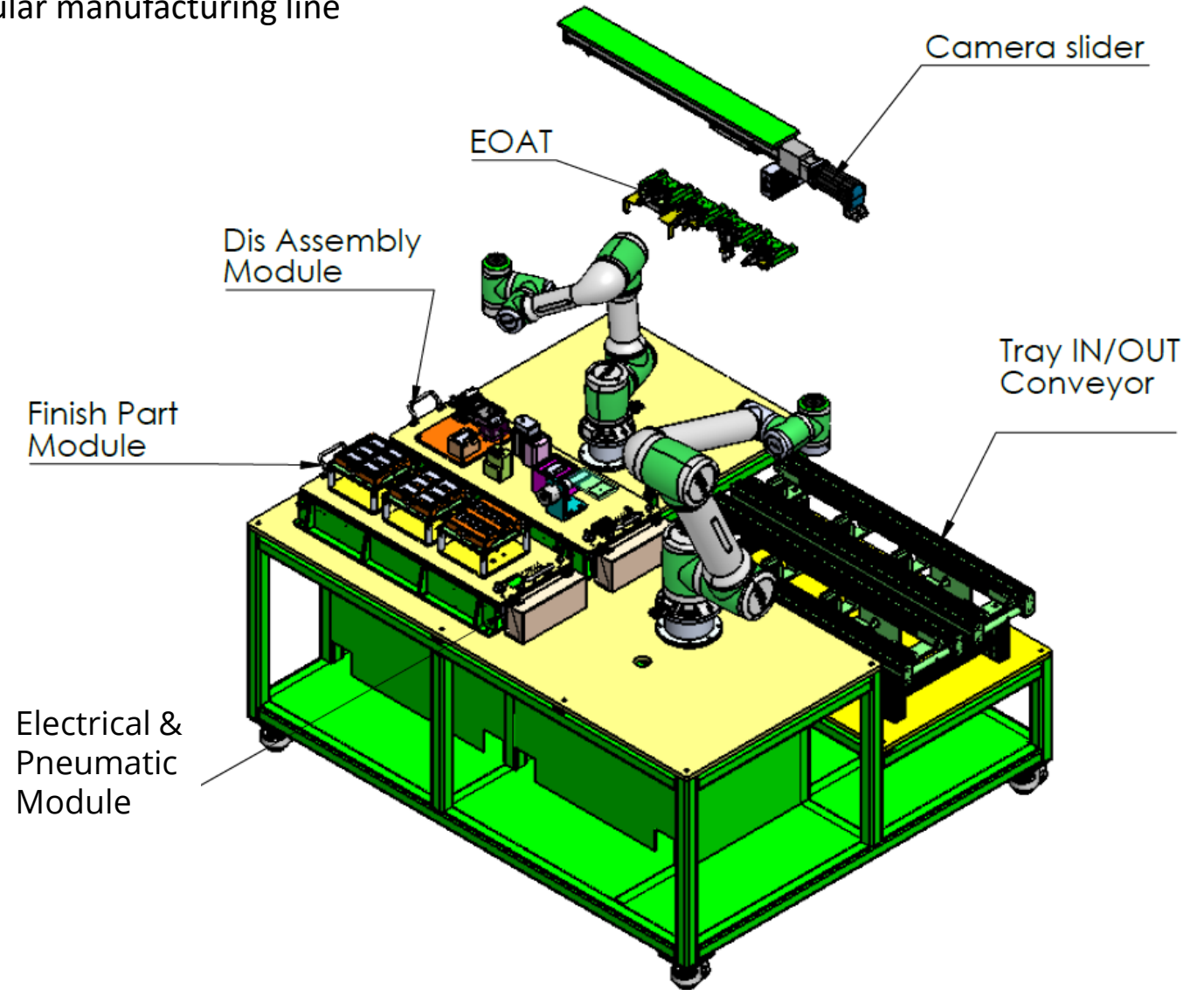


# Circular Manufacturing & Industrial Symbiosis

A joint initiative to establish an integrated circular manufacturing line with key sustainability elements



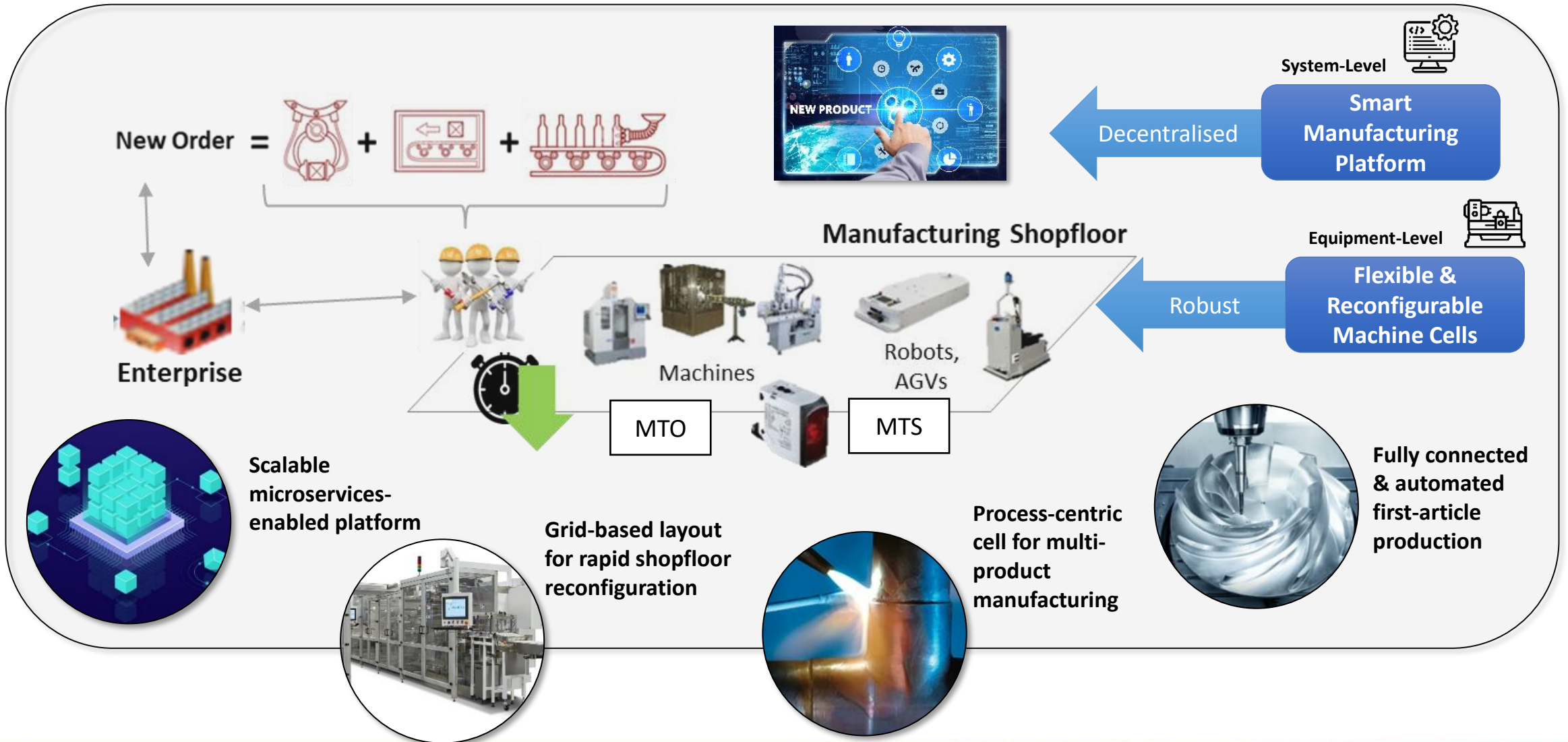
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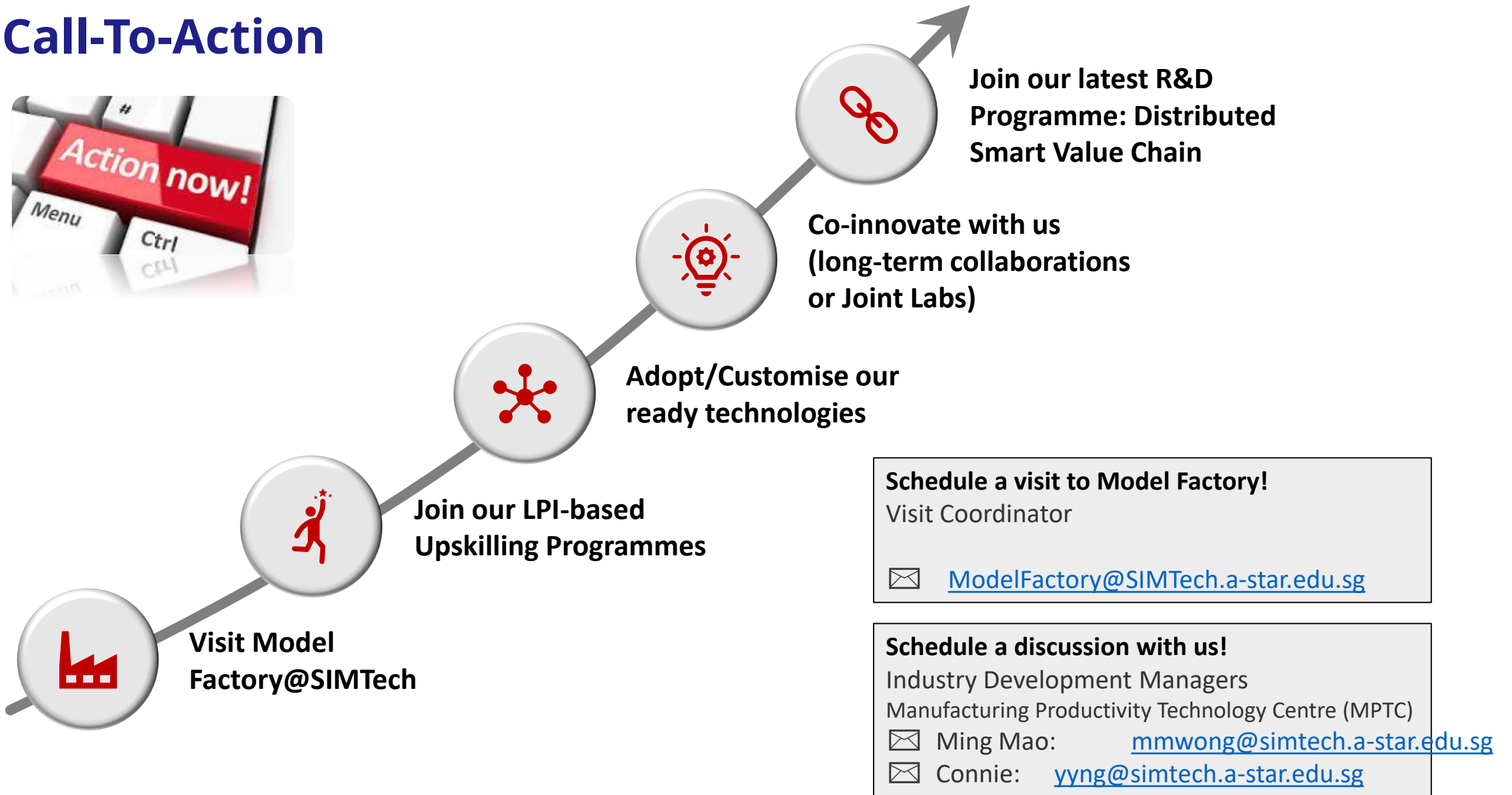
# New Product Introduction (NPI)

For Industry Test-Bedding:

Flexible manufacturing system, reconfigurable process-centric cell and first-article production for dynamic new product introduction



# Call-To-Action





# THANK YOU

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# Enabling Dreamers, Empowering Enterprises

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DEVELOPMENT OF A B2B AGGREGATOR PLATFORM FOR SMES



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# AGENDA

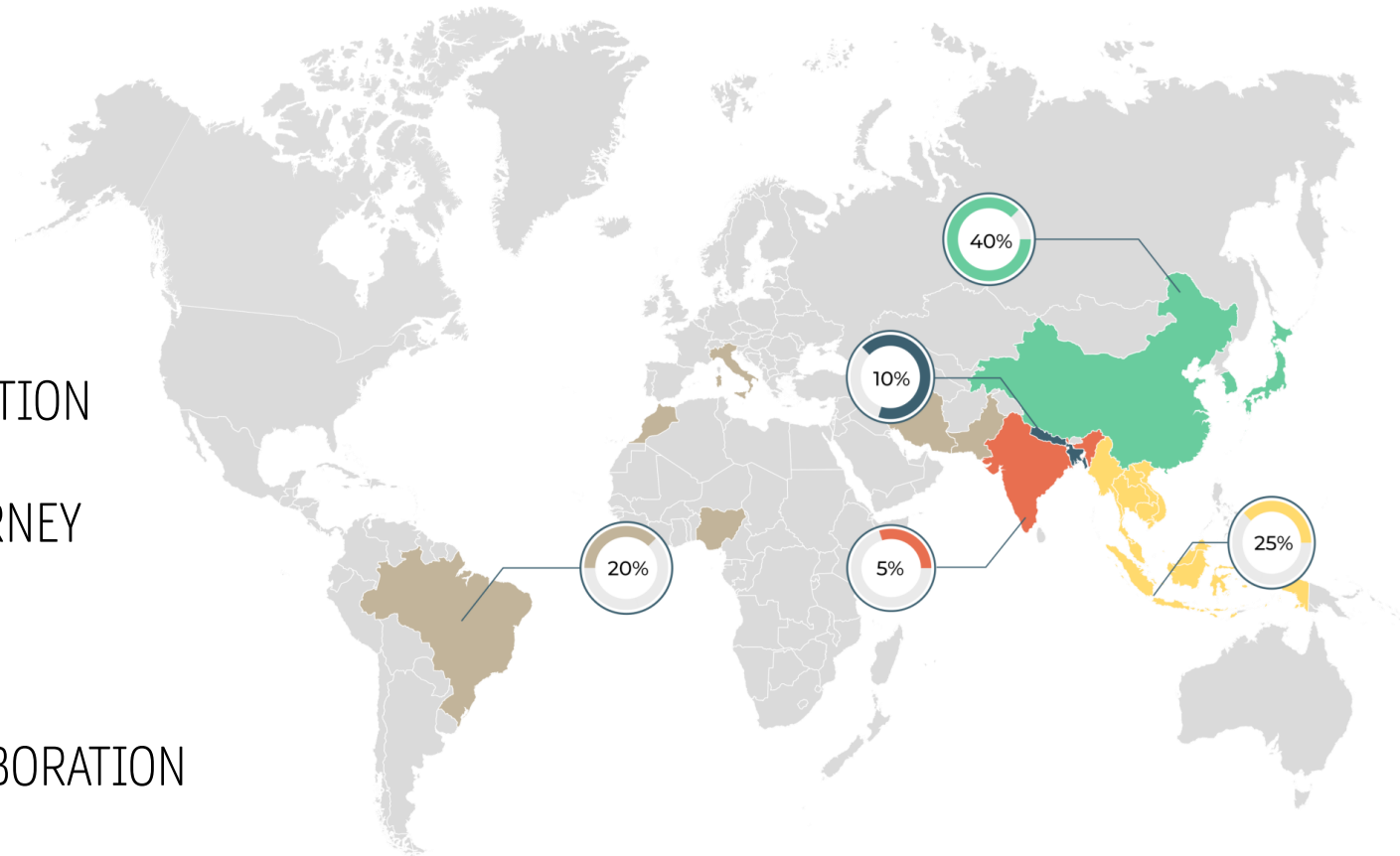
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WHY ARE WE DEVELOPING THIS SOLUTION

WHEN DID WE EMBARK ON THIS JOURNEY

WHO DID WE WORK WITH

HOW DID WE DECIDE ON THIS COLLABORATION



# INTRODUCTION



IMPORT

EXPORT



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PREDICTABILITY  
OF ORDERS &  
PRICE

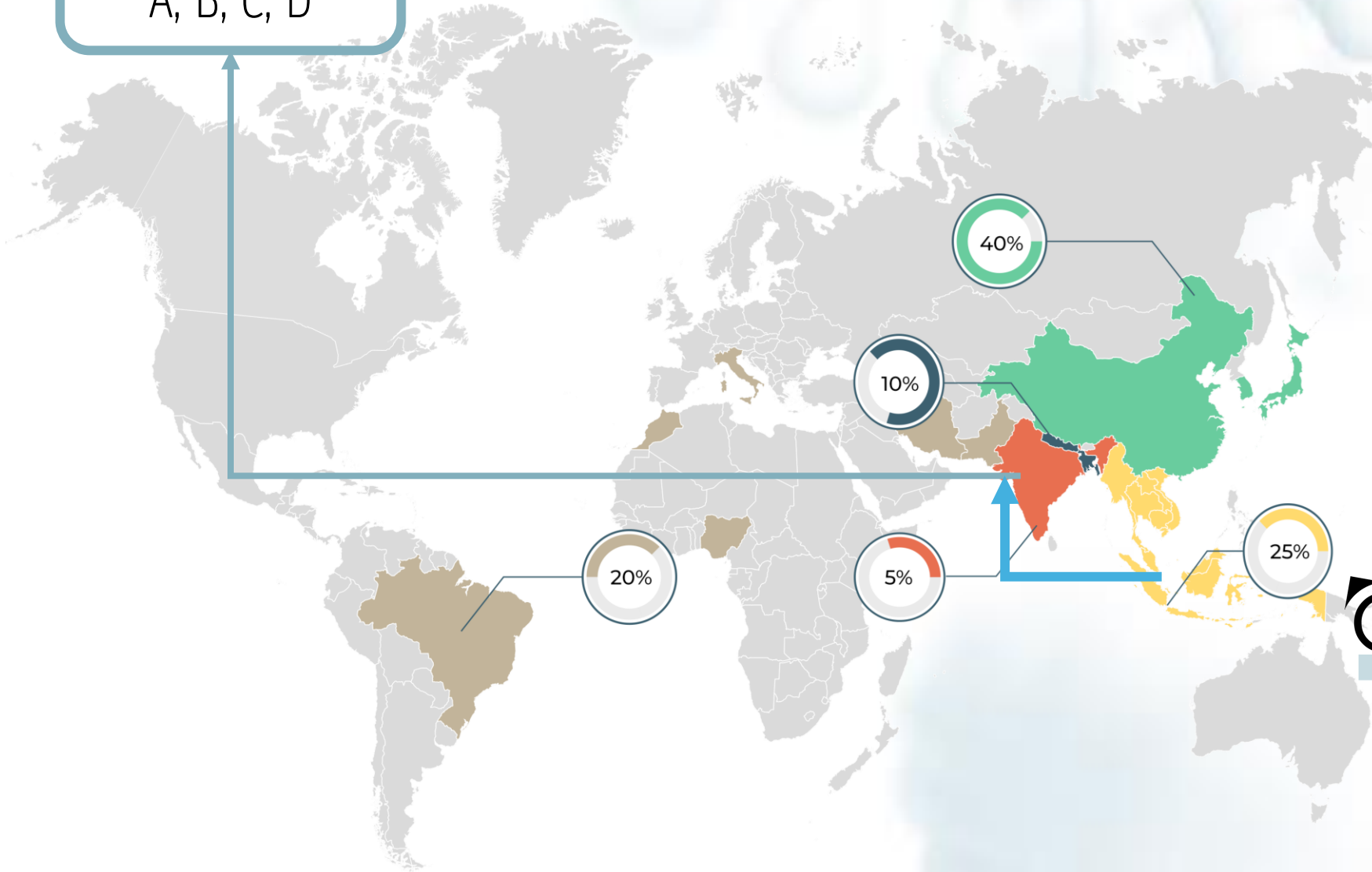
ACCESS TO MORE  
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IMPORTER

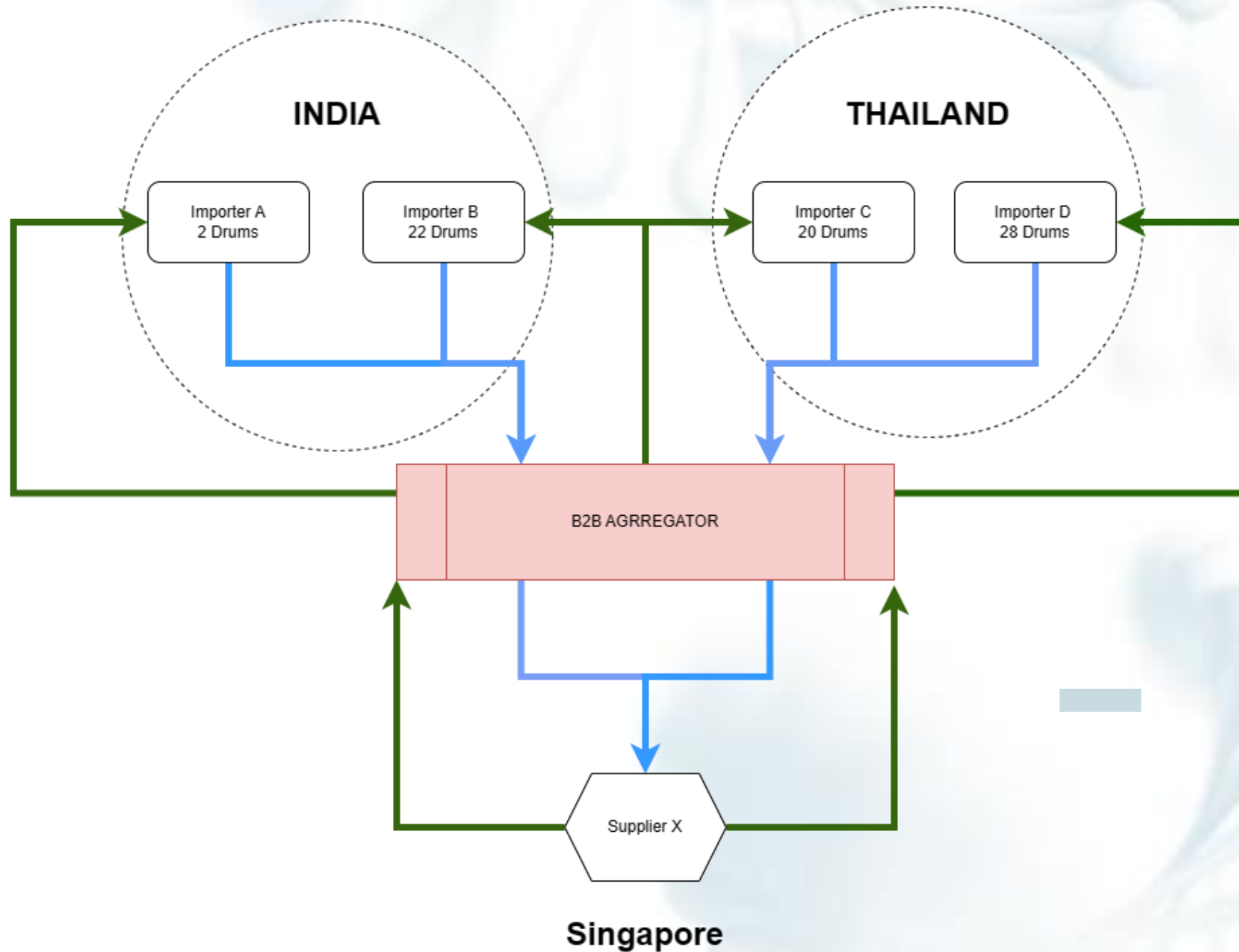
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“IF YOU WISH TO GO FAST, GO ALONE.  
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# SUMMARY

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COMPETENCY  
PASSION  
INTENT



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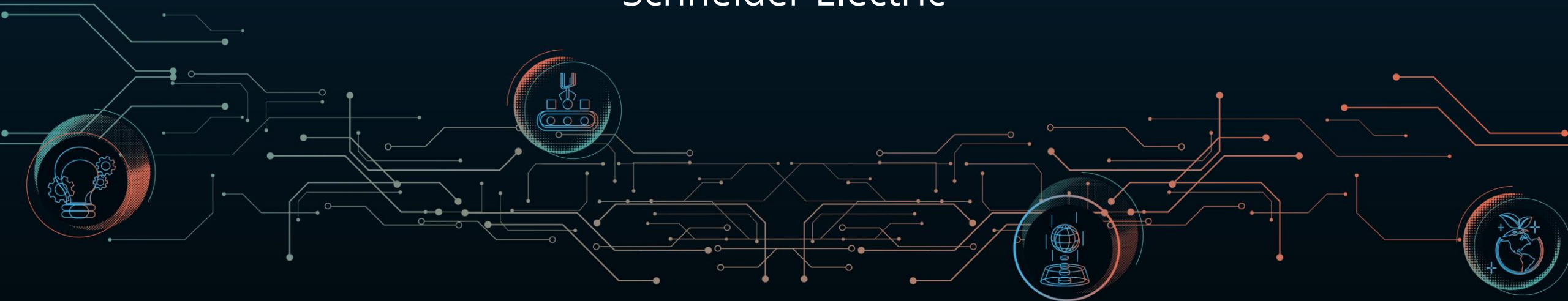
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# Unleash Industry 4.0 Capabilities with Universal Automation

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# Unleash Industry 4.0 Capabilities with Universal Automation

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Smart & Sustainable Manufacturing

*Janet LIM  
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Schneider Electric*



# Industry is on the verge of a Digital Transformation

## End users struggle with complexity ...

- Continual pressure to reduce costs
- Increased product variants & shorter life-cycles
- Fluctuating demand, energy & raw material prices
- Increasing regulations
- Workforce evolution

## ... and look to technology to help

- Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning
- Augmented/Virtual Reality
- Data analytics
- Digital Twins
- Edge computing/cloud architectures
- Wireless sensors

## Does it ring a bell?

"I hesitate with Industry 4.0 strategies because of high cost and complexity to implement with my existing controllers."

"I feel locked to a supplier because switching costs are too high!"

"It is difficult to attract talented young software engineers to maintain my plant or program systems!"

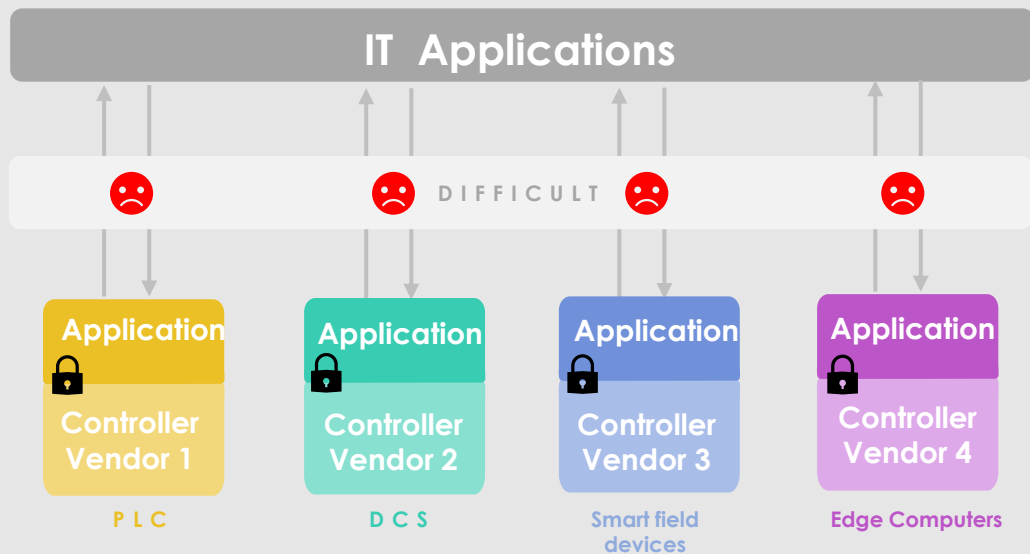


"It is costly to maintain multiple application libraries because of different automation suppliers!"

"I'm obliged to completely rewrite my SW application when my HW reaches end-of-life"

"On every project we seem to re-invent the wheel. How many times have we re-created simple pump controls.....!"

# Current automation systems are a barrier to change

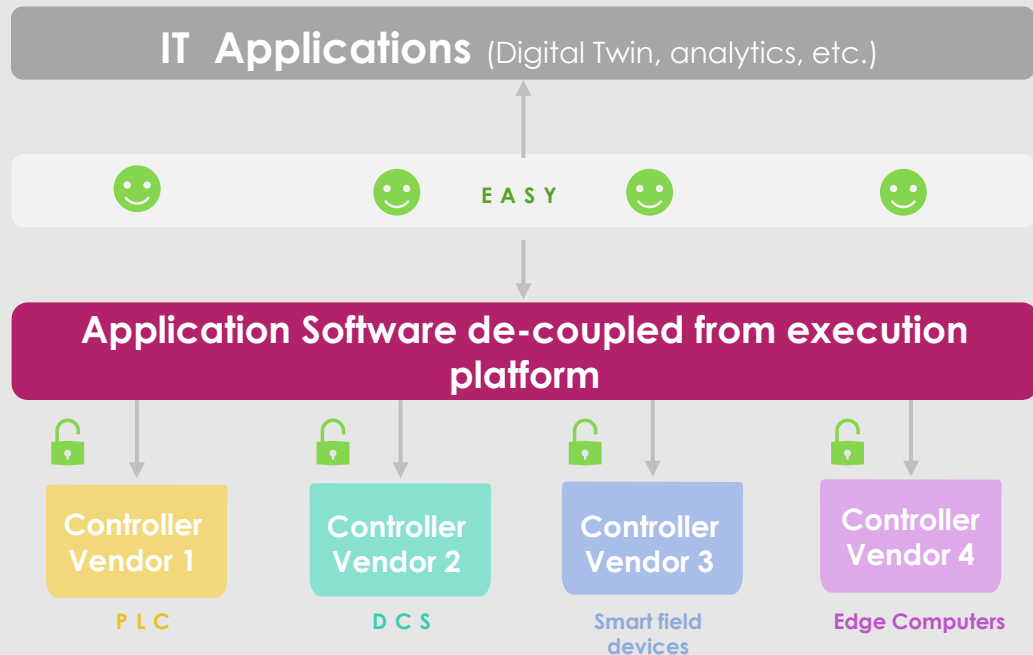


Today's automation systems (PLC's or DCS's) are optimized for real-time control, but:

- × **Difficult to couple** controls with IT systems
- × **Proprietary programming** environments
- × **Flat program** structures (not object-oriented)
- × **No clear boundary** between application SW and the HW on which it executes

# Automation systems must evolve

## Next generation automation systems must have the following characteristics:



- ✓ **Application software** must be **decoupled from hardware** to make it **portable** across different automation platforms.
- ✓ **Fundamentally object-oriented** to **facilitate re-use** via software component libraries
- ✓ **Event/data** driven to make it « easy » to **couple real-time automation with enterprise applications**
- ✓ **Application/Asset-centric** rather than controller-centric
- ✓ **Appeal** to software engineers used to **more modern programming** languages, while maintaining certain OT characteristics.

# Universal automation is the solution

A combination of:

1. **IEC 61499 standard** – a technology enabler
2. A **community** of Users and Vendors sharing a **common runtime execution engine** committed to portable automation software apps – **UniversalAutomation.Org (UAO)**

Think of it as the Android of Industrial Automation



ANDROID

For Smartphones



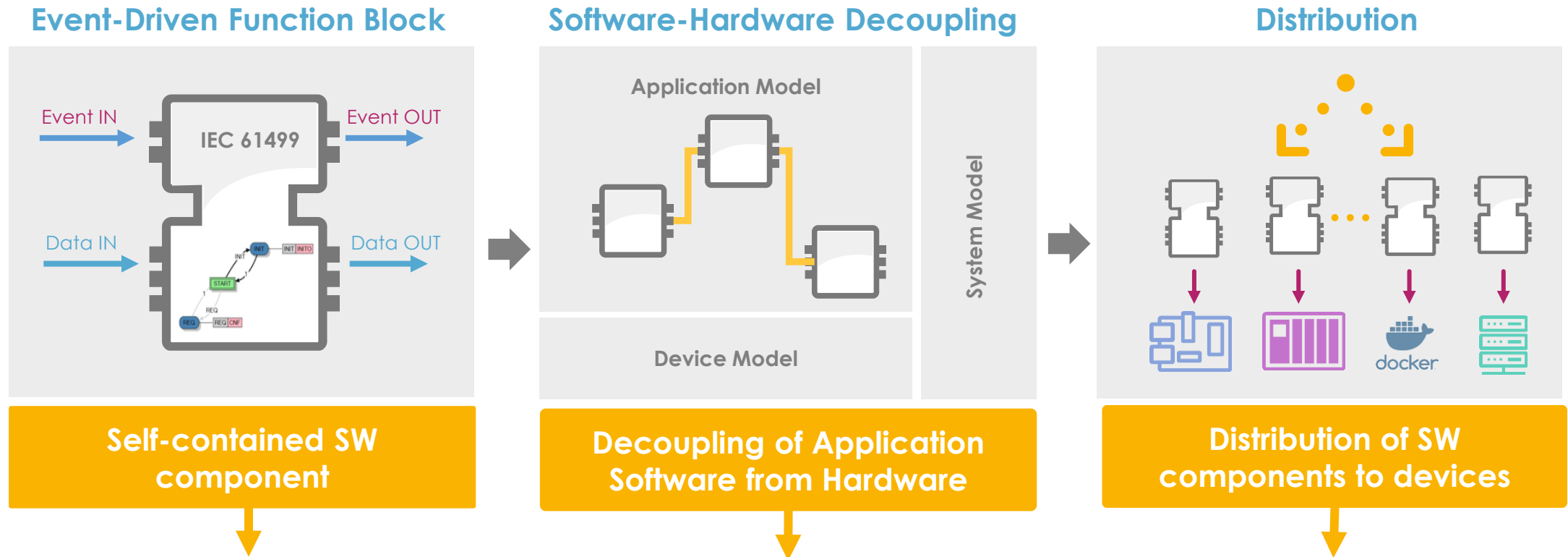
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# IEC 61499

## The technology enabler of UAO



“Plug & Produce programming using hardware-independent, proven-in-use libraries of software components“

**Portability → Reusability → Interoperability**

## A community

**WE  
are**

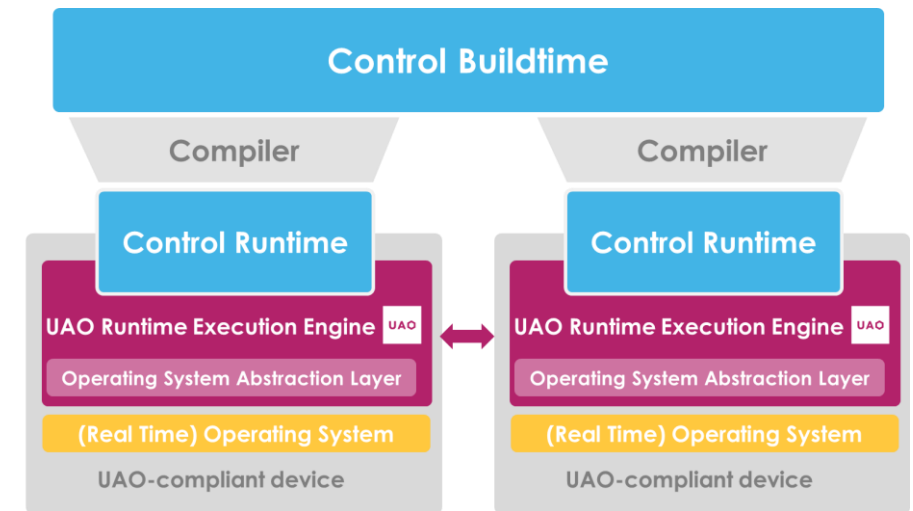
A community of users, vendors and universities organized around an independent non-profit association

**WE  
use**

Universal automation platforms that use a **shared-source IEC 61499 runtime execution engine**

**WE  
promote**

**Portability/Reusability** of vendor-independent automation application software



### Benefits

- ✓ Maximize application portability across vendor platforms
- ✓ Remove issues linked to « interpretation » of written standard
- ✓ Release universal automation offers in months rather than years



# Next Generation automation

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# Overview of today's members

## Vendors



## Users



## Universities / Startups



# End Users are using the technology

## ExxonMobil

- Using UAO runtime execution engine in OPAF test bed since 2018
- Real-life field trial ongoing
  - Replace existing DCS/PLC's
  - 2000 IO points, 90+ loops
  - UAO runtime + OPC UA



- First capital project using EcoStruxure Automation Expert
- Creating OPAF test-bed



- Objective – decouple application library from vendor platforms
- Step 1: Convert semi-continuous process library to IEC 61499

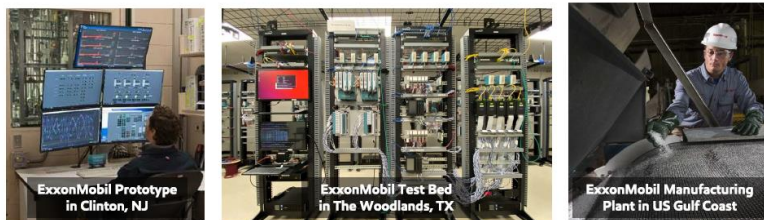


## KONGSBERG

- Orchestration layer above existing legacy controllers
- Additional IT/OT applications



- Building "Reference IEC 61499 application"
- Plan to use Stahl equipment on core reactor



# Addressing your fundamental concerns

"I hesitate with Industry 4.0 strategies because of high cost and complexity."



Plug & produce programming using event/data software components libraries

"I feel locked to a supplier because switching costs are too high !"



HW/SW decoupling, standardized runtime => vendor independence, portability

"On every project we re-invent the wheel. How many times have we re-created simple pump controls.....!"



Asset-centric approach using event/data-driven black-box SW components

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HW/SW decoupling, standardized runtime => one library, regardless of vendor

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HW/SW decoupling, standardized runtime => simplify porting to next generation of controllers

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Modern, sophisticated, object-oriented programming environment following IT principles

# Why should users join UAO?



Do you want “Plug & Produce” automation with vendor-independent software components?

**Sponsor the initiative** =>

Without users we will NOT attract vendors



**Network** with other users to learn & drive standardization



**Influence** the next development of the runtime execution engine



**Get trained** on the technology, interact with UAO Ecosystem



## UAO on the Web



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