

# Enabling the Tool-agnostic Digital Thread for a Digital Twin Configuration

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# Pace of Transformation & Disruption Accelerating




Material Advancements &  
Additive Manufacturing



Smart Connected +  
Autonomous +  
Hypersonic



Industrial Internet &  
Industry 4.0



Machine Learning /  
Artificial Intelligence

source: rolls-royce

source: cnh



A sleek, white Boeing stealth bomber is shown in flight against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The aircraft's distinctive shape, including its sharp nose and large, curved wings, is clearly visible. The Boeing logo is on the side of the fuselage.

# Smart Connected Future = Even More Changes

New Technologies + Next Gen Craft + New Business Models

More Systems-of-Systems & Machine-to-Machine

Introduction of Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning

source: boeing

# Data Streaming from Factory & Field



source: airbus

source: insitu



Design Improvements  
Performance Optimization  
Predictive Maintenance

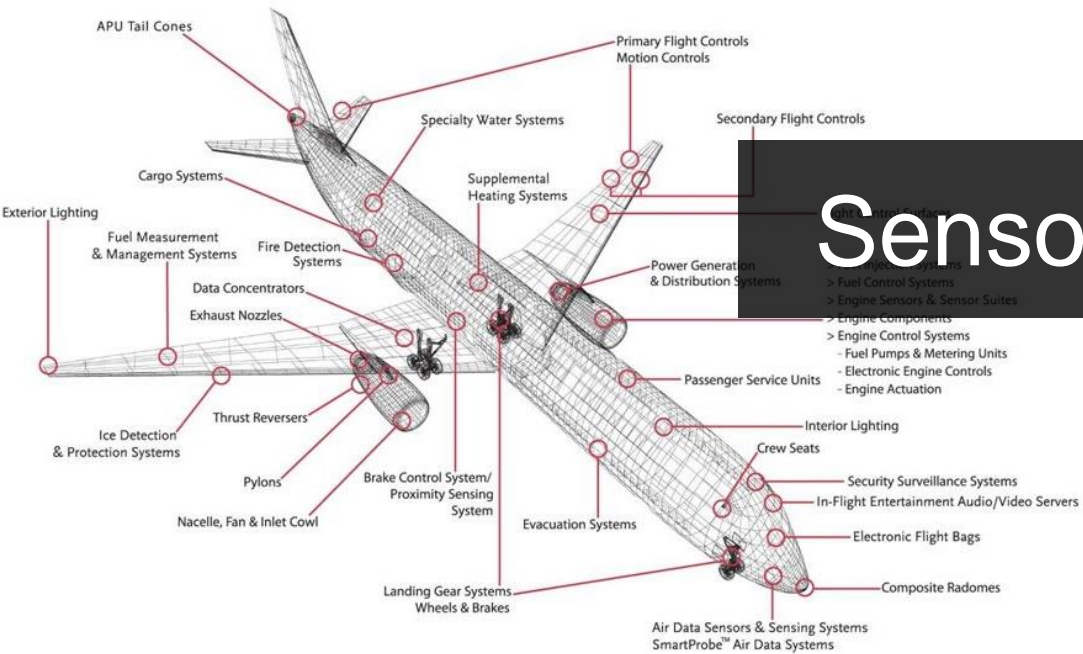


source: Imco



# Many Initiatives Focused on Infrastructure

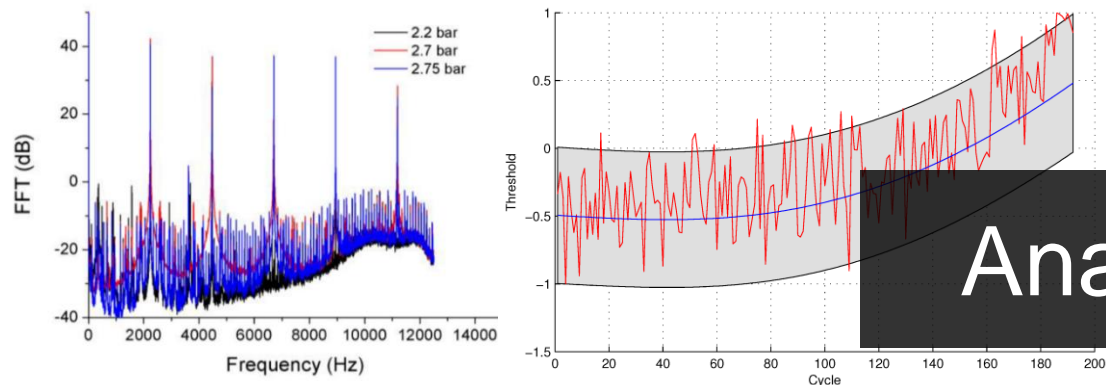
## Sensors



## Datacenter & Cloud



## Analytics

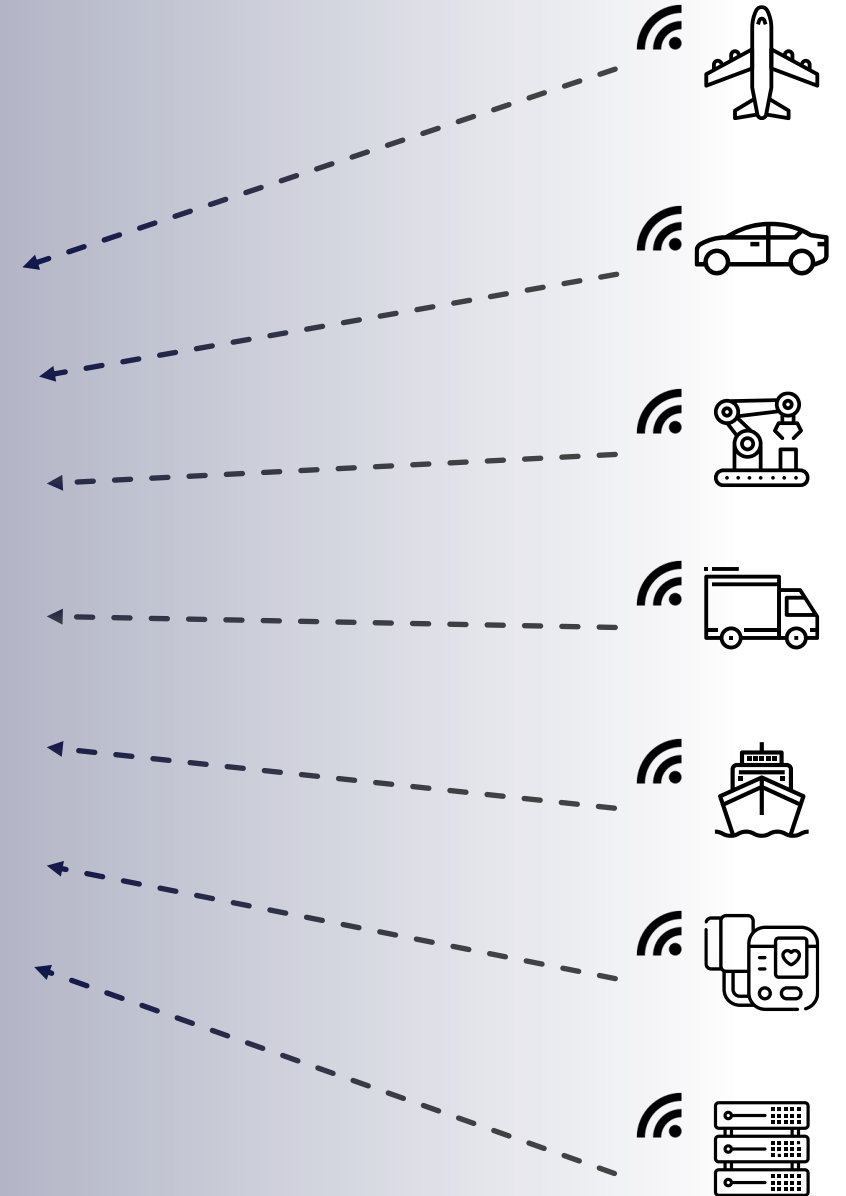


# Digital Twin Performance

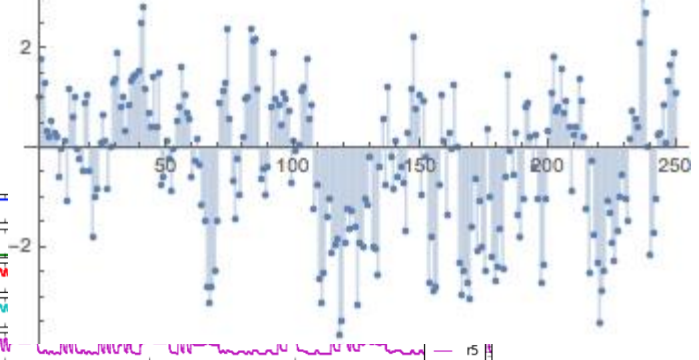
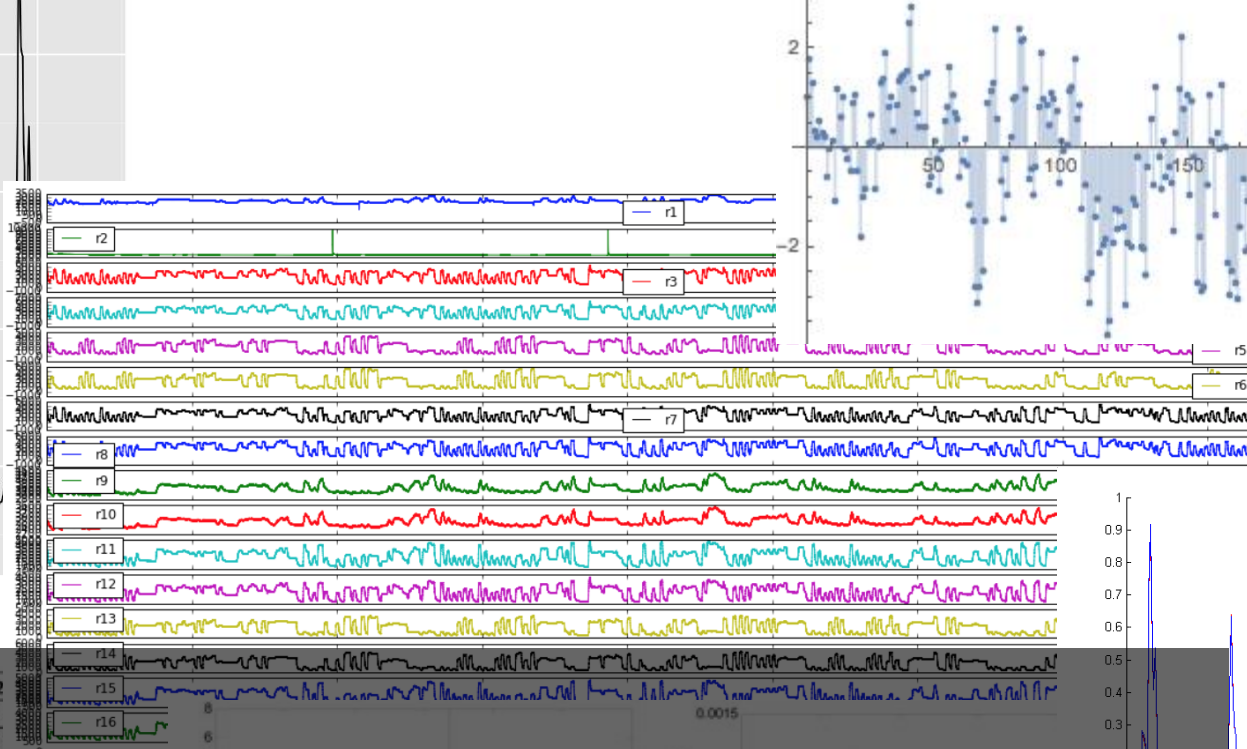
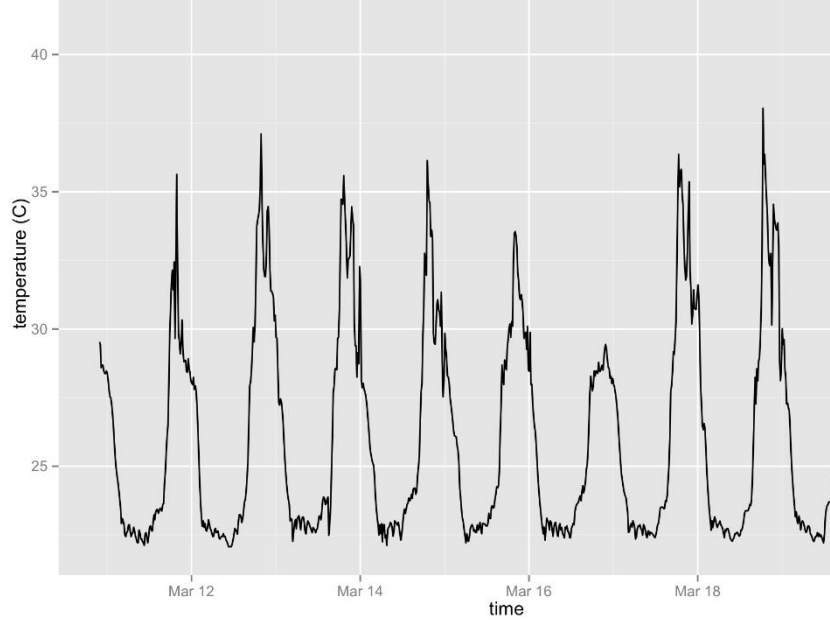
## Current State Signals

- Operating Characteristics
- Temperature
- Pressure
- Speed
- Location
- Direction
- Many more

## IoT Sensor Data



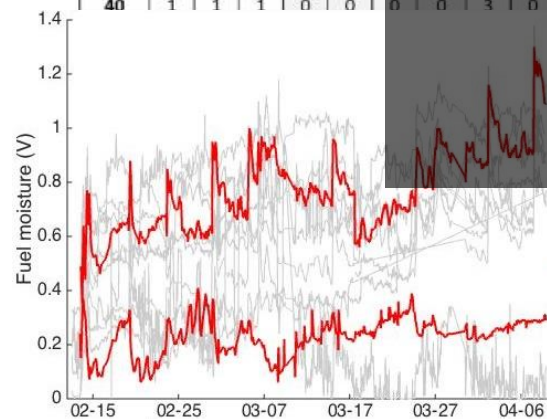




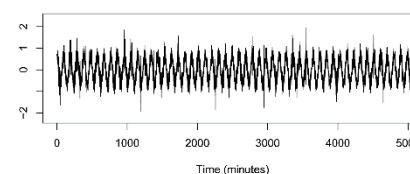
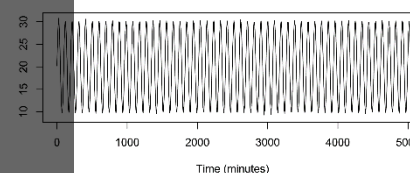
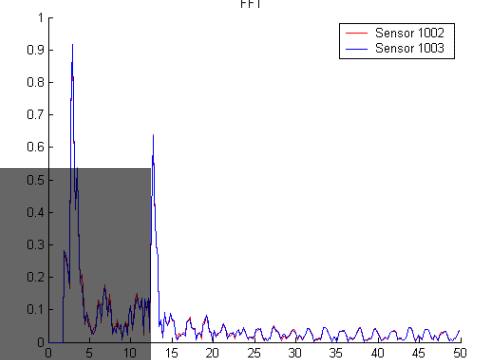
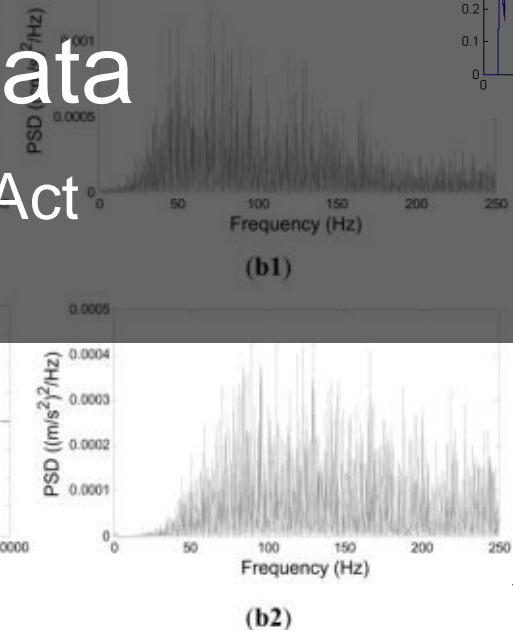
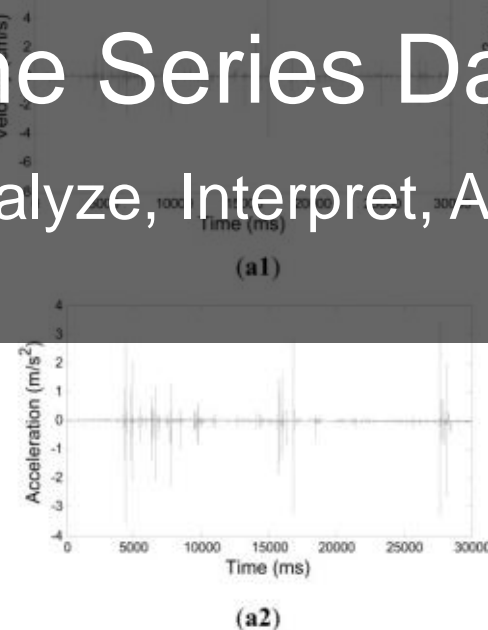
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# Time Series Data

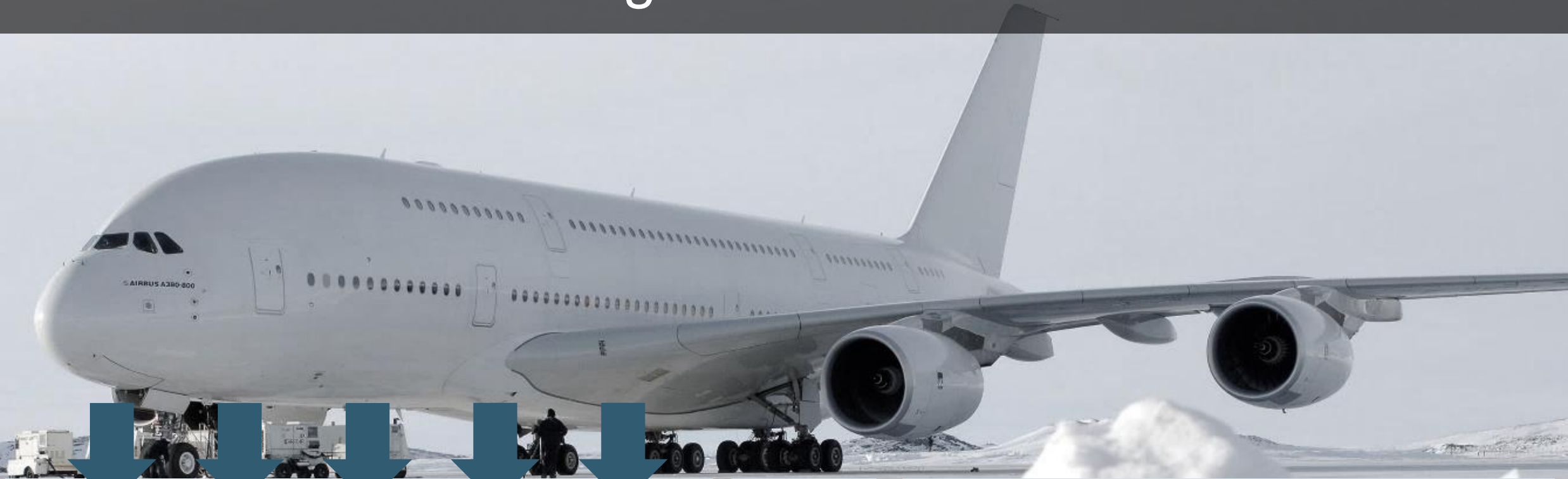
## Analyze, Interpret, Act



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# Increasing Context Problem



## TIME SERIES DATA

Airspeed  
Altitude  
Barometric Pressure (electronic/aneroid)  
Outside Air Temperature (C/F)  
Fuel pressure (x number of engines)  
Fuel flow (x number of engines)  
Cabin air pressure (psi/hg)  
Cargo air pressure; doors, bulkheads  
Cabin temperature; doors, bulkhead  
Cargo temperature  
Fuel temperature; fuel tanks, fuel pumps  
Radar air traffic – TCAS

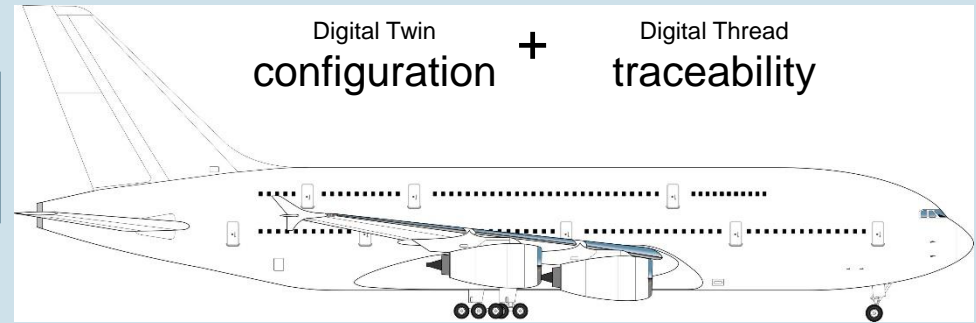
Hydraulic Pressure; brakes, flaps, spoilers, rudder, aileron, landing gear pumps  
Weight sensors - landing gear  
Turbines; RPM (N1/N2), Inlet- turbine pressure, Temperature, fuel burn  
Voltmeter; cockpit, main bus, cabin, auxillary power, cargo, engines, APU  
Generator meters (engines, APU)  
Electricity Load (amp/hr); flight deck, cabin, cargo  
Fire sensors; cabin, cargo, engines, fuel, brakes, electronics bay  
Carbon Dioxide; cabin, cargo  
Magnetic Compass  
GPS (satellite / terrestrial)  
Radio Compass (NDB)  
Doppler radar; weather, lightning, downdraft (microburst)

## ANALYZE & SIMULATE



## CONTEXT

Digital Twin configuration + Digital Thread traceability



source: airbus



# Knowledge = Information in Context

Stefane Gardmann

[https://pro.europeana.eu/files/Europeana\\_Professional/Publications/Europeana%20White%20Paper%201.pdf](https://pro.europeana.eu/files/Europeana_Professional/Publications/Europeana%20White%20Paper%201.pdf)

# 2 Parts to Digital Twin

## Digital Twin Configuration



## Digital Twin Performance



Data Lakes

IoT Sensor Data



# Risks Without Digital Twin + Digital Thread Context

## Ramifications

Misdirected Actions

Inaccurate Conclusions

Misinterpretations

## Risks

Loss of Life

Safety Issues

Liability

Brand Damage

Regulatory Actions

Operational Shutdowns

Lost Revenues

Customer Frustration

Unnecessary Rework / Repairs

Risks increase exponentially with artificial intelligence

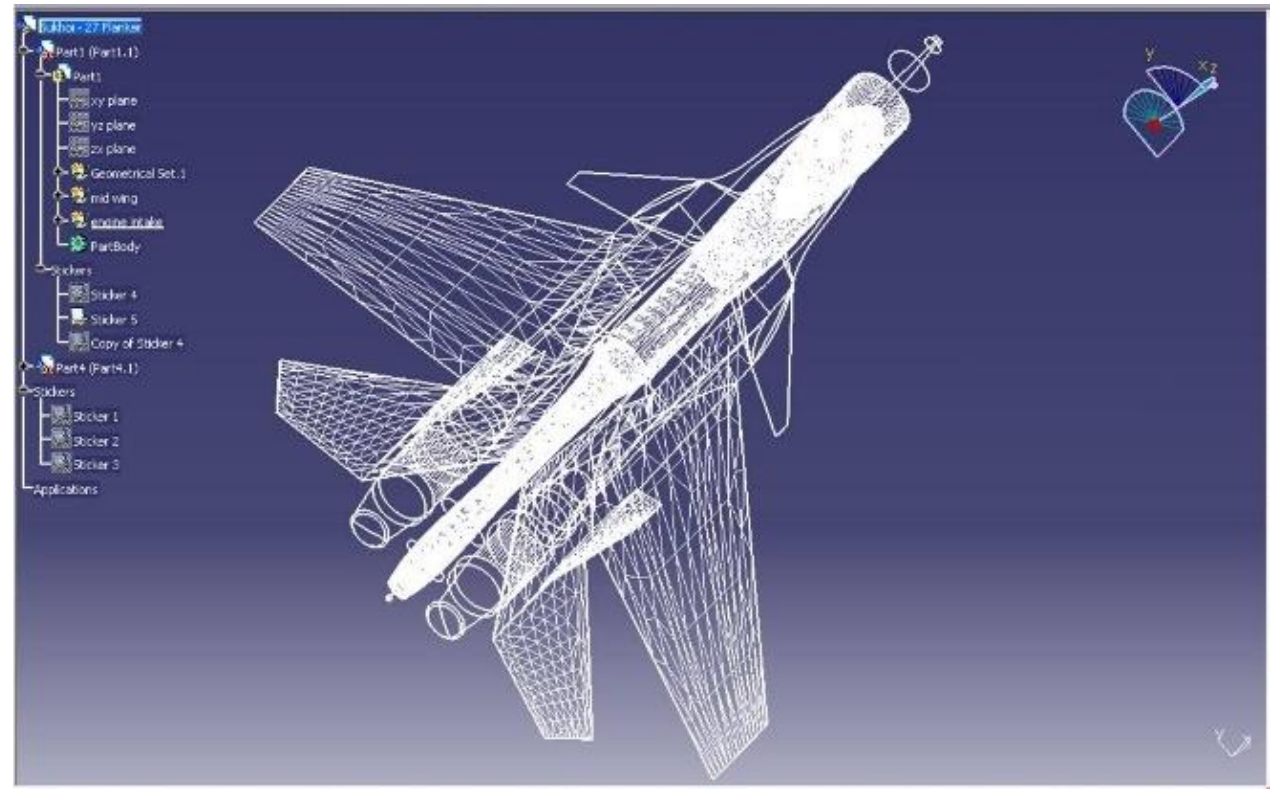
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# What is the Digital Twin Configuration?

General representation of  
a family of products?

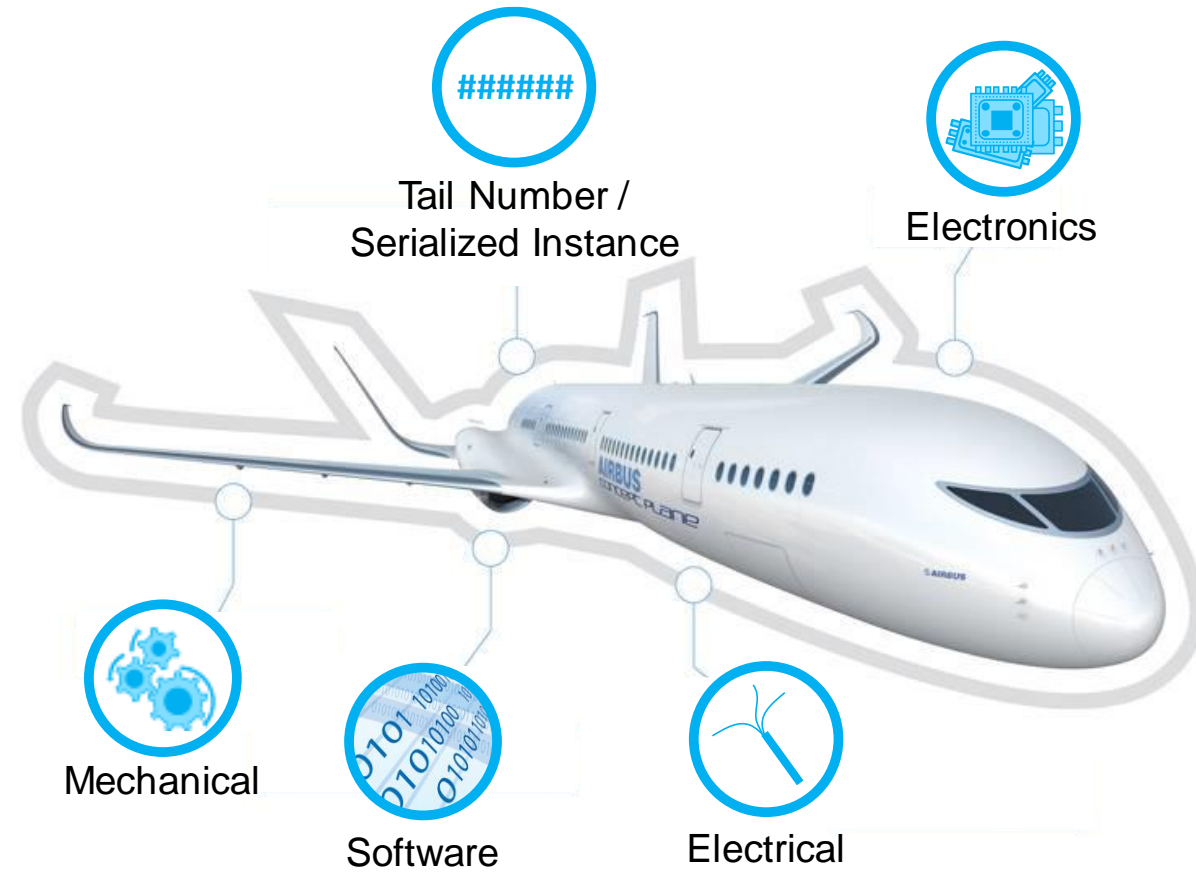
Just Mechanical?

As-Designed?



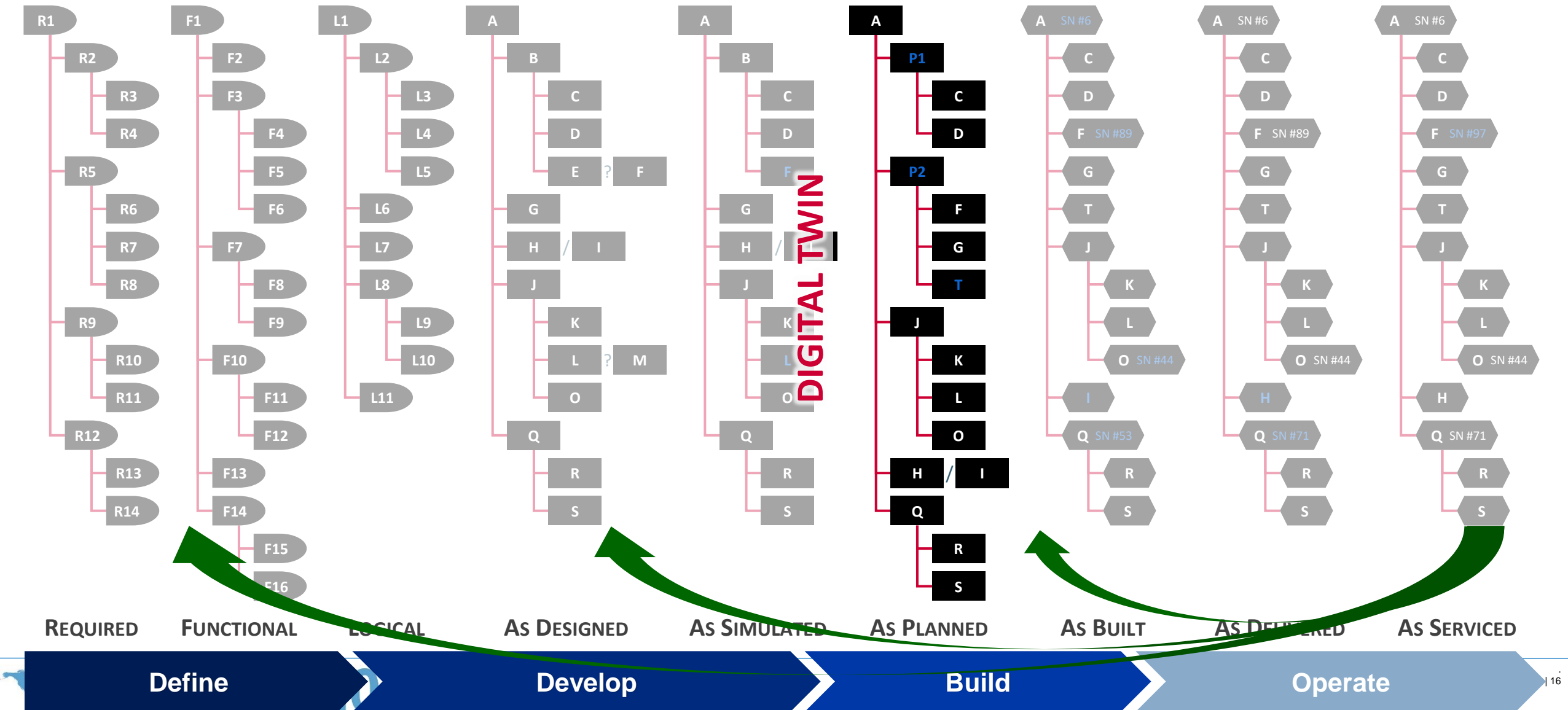


# Digital Twin Configuration



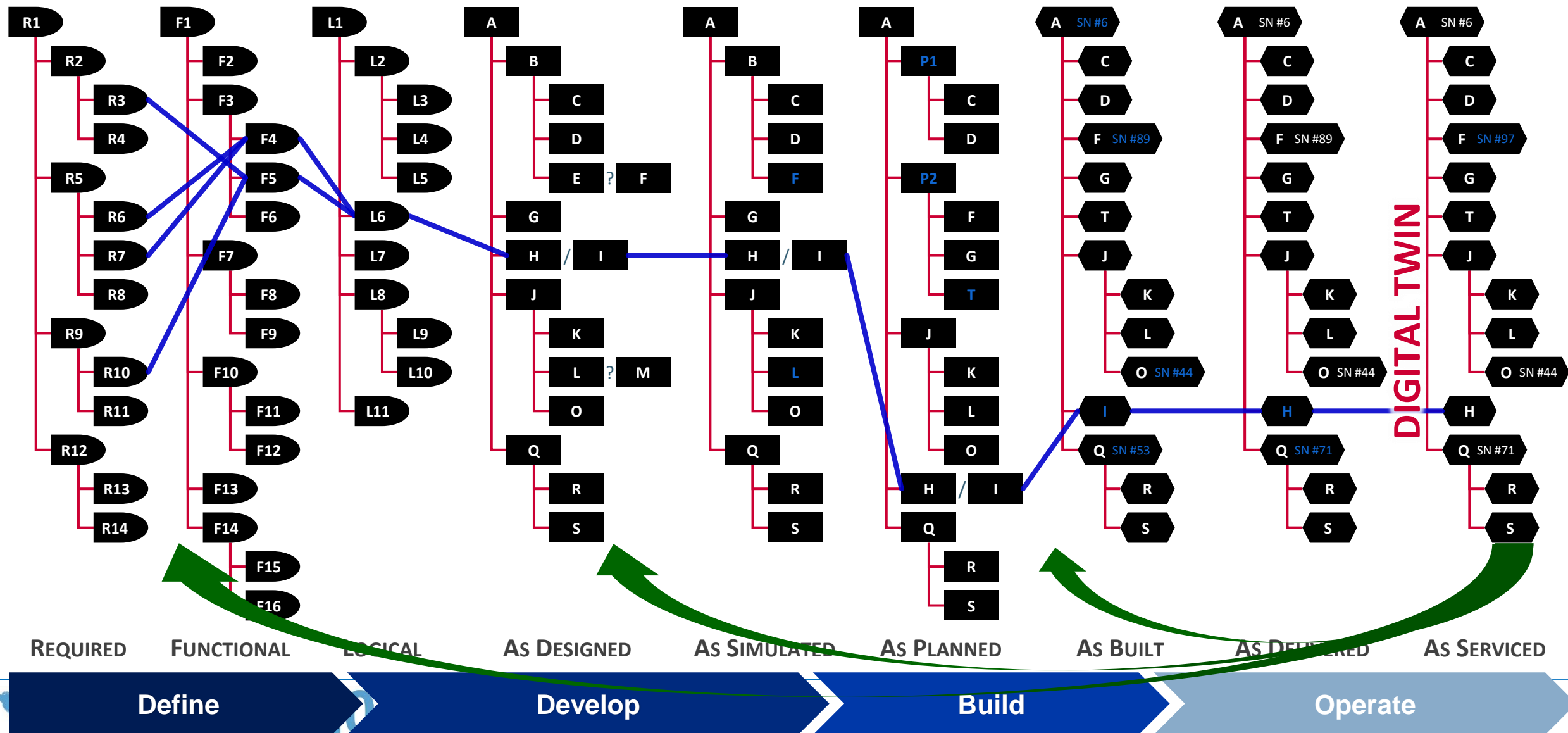
exact digital representation of the physical asset right now

# Digital Twin Configuration Over Lifecycle





# Digital Thread Traceability Across Lifecycle



# What is the Digital Thread?

## Meaningful Relationship Connections

Meaningful relationship connections between all of a product's digital assets – and their revisions over the lifecycle – across the multiple domains in the lifecycle within and throughout an enterprise including the supply chain.

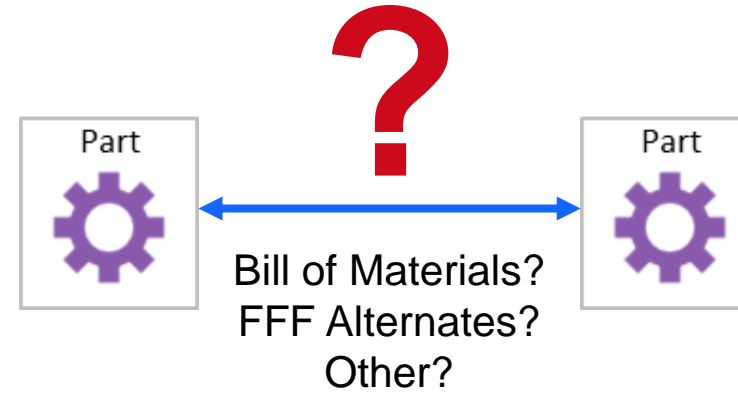
Digital thread connect data elements of products, bills of material, parts, software, electronics, CAD models, documents, requirements, simulation & analysis data, verification & validation data, supplier specifications, technical data pack (TDP) contents, manufacturing process plans, inspection & test plans, quality records, service manuals, maintenance records, and many other digital assets.

Digital thread is an attribute of an enterprise's information architecture as opposed to a software system that is purchased, and exists both within and between data elements in different tools and systems from a wide range of vendor providers.

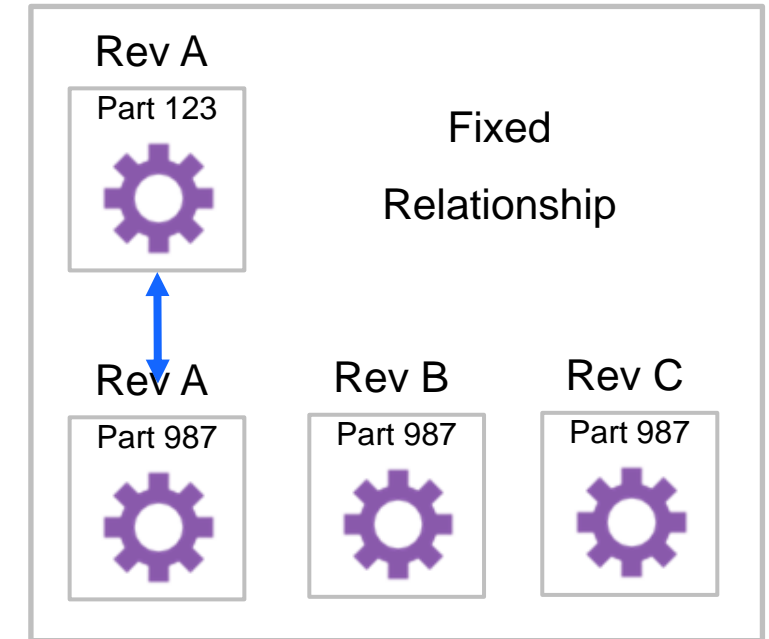
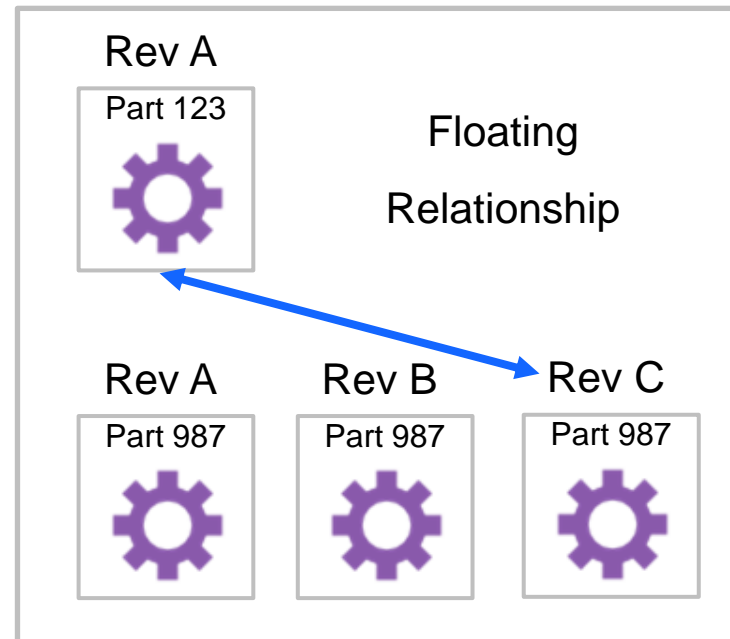


# Digital Thread = Meaningful Relationships

Context



Dependency

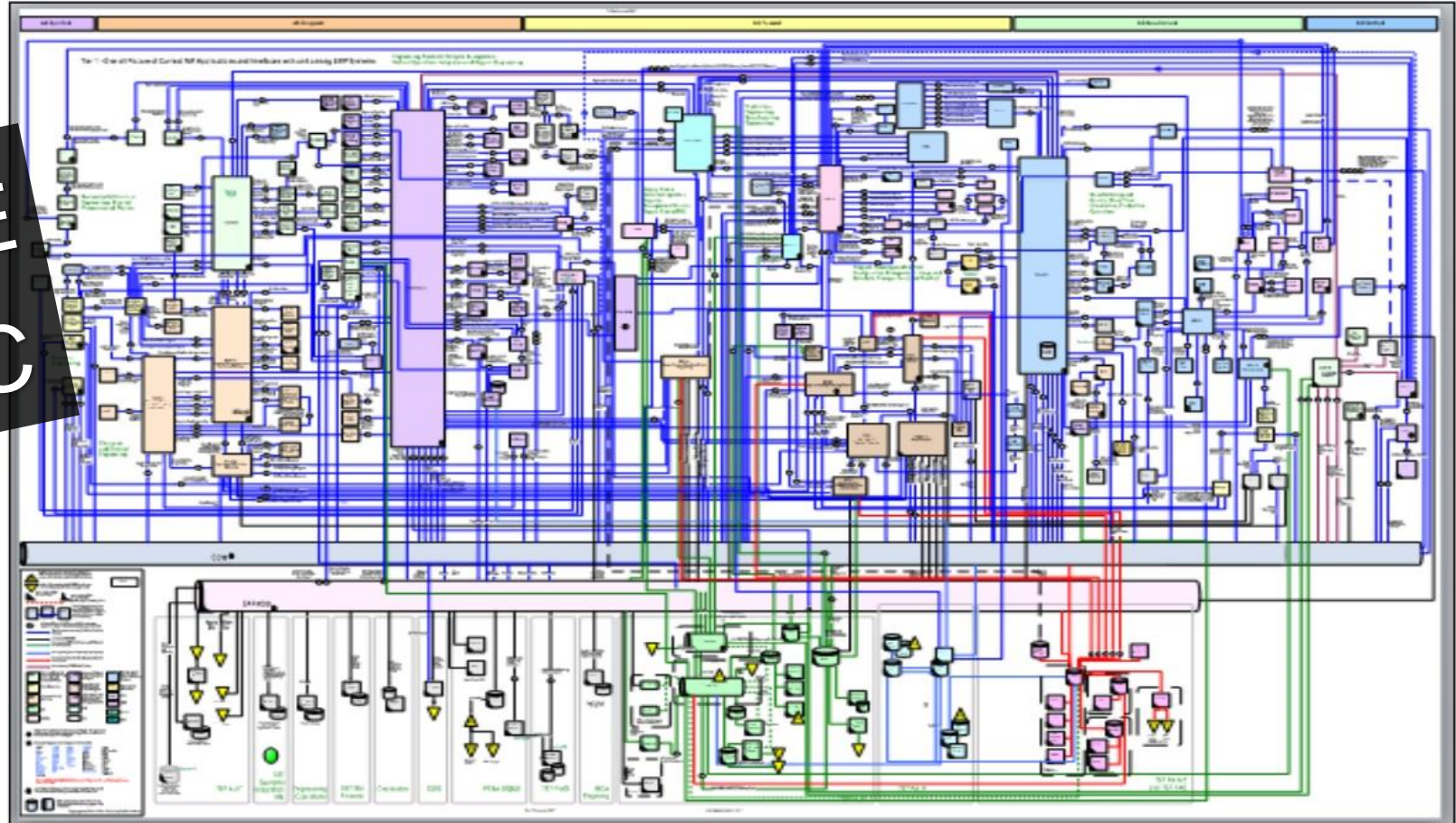


Security

# Are Digital Twin & Digital Thread Achievable?

Thousands of Existing Systems & Petabytes of Data  
Users around the World

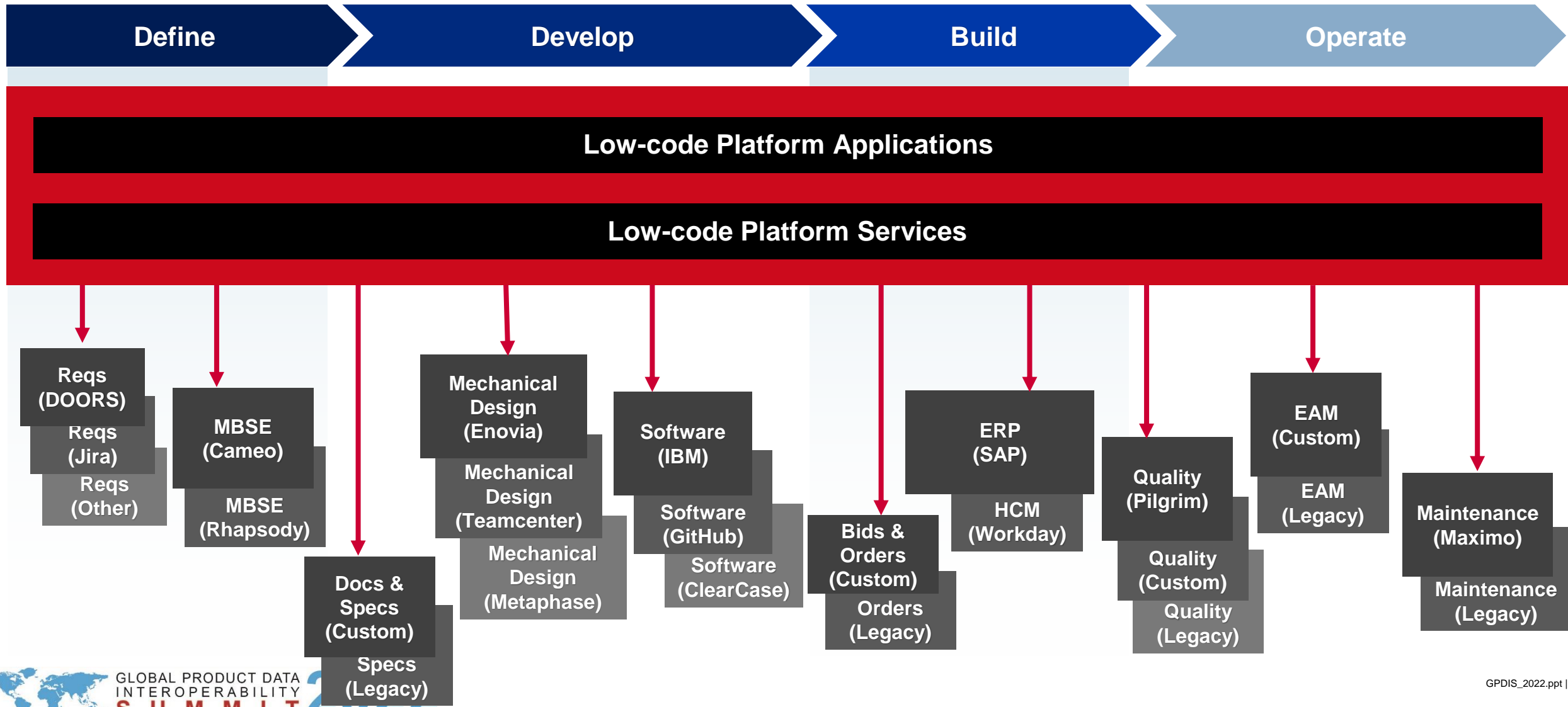
**RIP & REPLACE  
NOT REALISTIC**



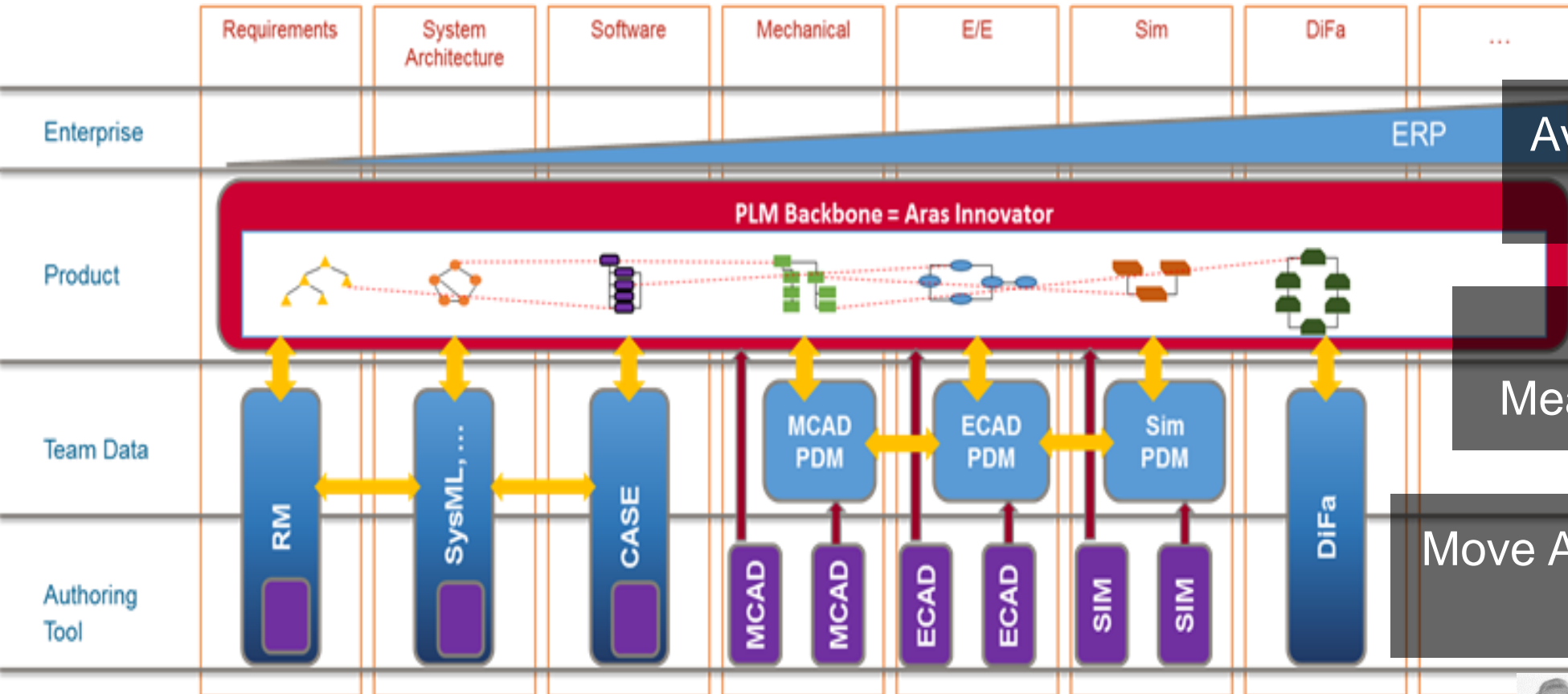
source: gpdis 2015



# Platform Overlay Approach



# System-of-Systems Architecture



Avoids Risk / Disruption of Rip & Replace

Not just Links, Meaningful Relationships

Move Agile, Digitalize Faster, Bi-modal IT

TDM and authoring tool tightly connected

TDM  
Authoring tool } freely integratable



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# Platform Requirements for Tool-Agnostic Digital Thread

## PLATFORM REQUIREMENTS



Ability to **ingest data**  
through  
API and Services



**Integration**  
ability to manipulate processes and  
data through exposed API / Services



Ability to **exfiltrate data**  
out of API / Services



**Extensibility**  
ability to build / extend functionality  
leveraging COTS framework

## CANNOT HAVE

Proprietary Closed APIs

Proprietary Data Models

Obfuscated Data

Static / Hard Coded Data Model

## MUST HAVE

FULL + Open APIs

Open Data Model

Open Data Access

Dynamic Data Model

source: <https://www.cimdata.com/en/aerospace-and-defense/publications/obsolescence-management> a&d plm action group platform requirements

must be able to openly connect to numerous tools & systems

# Attributes of Digital Twin Configuration

## Digital Twin Configuration



## Digital Twin Performance

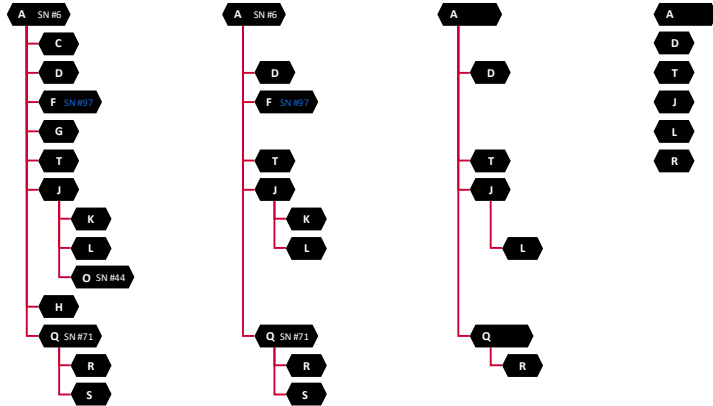


Data Lakes

IoT Sensor Data

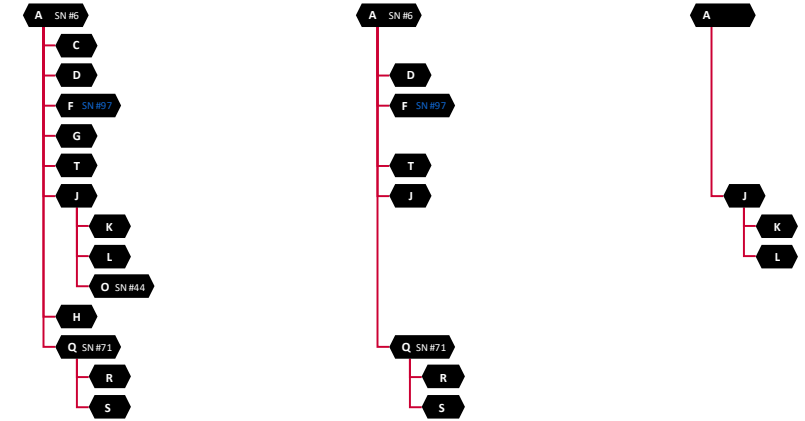
# Data Model Requirements for Digital Twin Configuration

## CUSTOMER DEMANDS



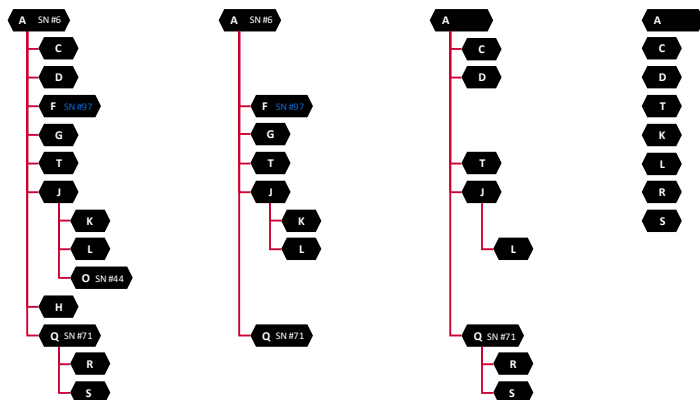
CUSTOMER 1 CUSTOMER 2 CUSTOMER 3 CUSTOMER 4

## SUPPLY CHAIN PERSPECTIVE



OEM OWNER OPERATOR TIER SUPPLIER

## BUSINESS MODEL

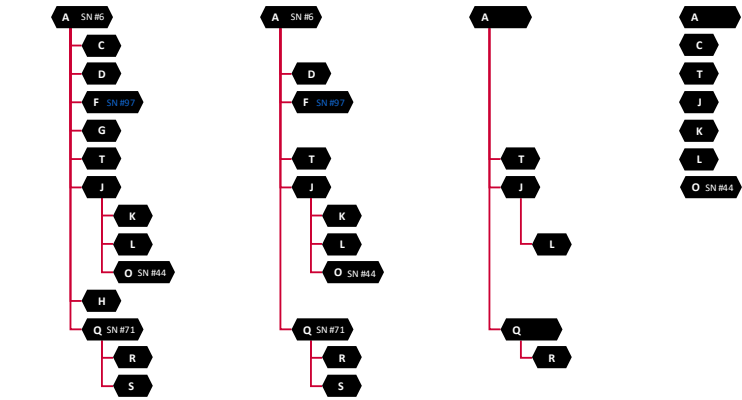


IN-PRODUCT CAPABILITY PURCHASE POWER BY THE HOUR PAAS (PRODUCT AS A SERVICE) USAGE-BASED BILLING

## Digital Twin Configuration

Asset Model  
(Persistent & Derived)

## TARGET SCENARIO

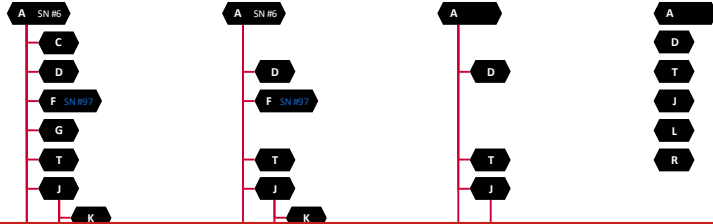


PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION OVER-THE-AIR SOFTWARE UPDATES REMOTE OPERATION



# Data Model Requirements for Digital Twin Configuration

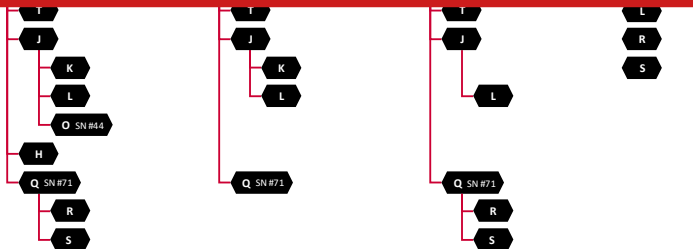
## CUSTOMER DEMANDS



Low-code data model customization  
Highly Adaptable & Extensible

Open connectivity & interoperability  
Link / Federate with Legacy

Continuously Upgradable  
especially when specific & highly customized



IN-PRODUCT  
CAPABILITY PURCHASE

POWER  
BY THE HOUR

PAAS  
(PRODUCT AS A SERVICE)

USAGE-BASED  
BILLING

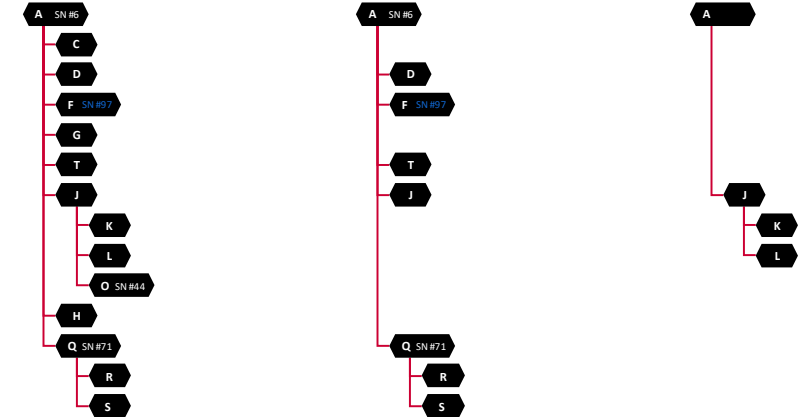
MEASUREMENT 4



Digital Twin  
Configuration

Asset Model  
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## SUPPLY CHAIN PERSPECTIVE

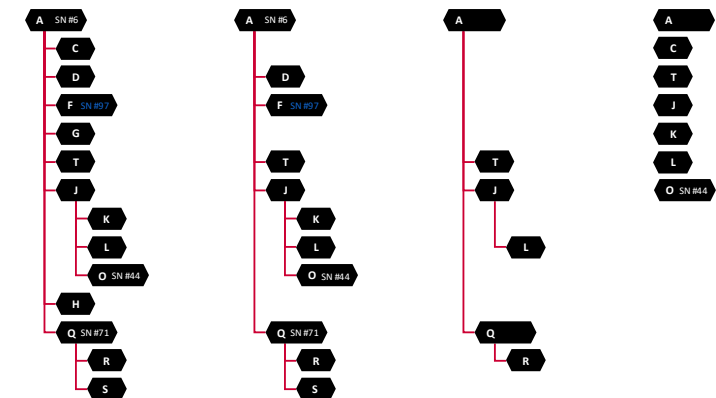


OEM

OWNER OPERATOR

TIER SUPPLIER

## TARGET SCENARIO



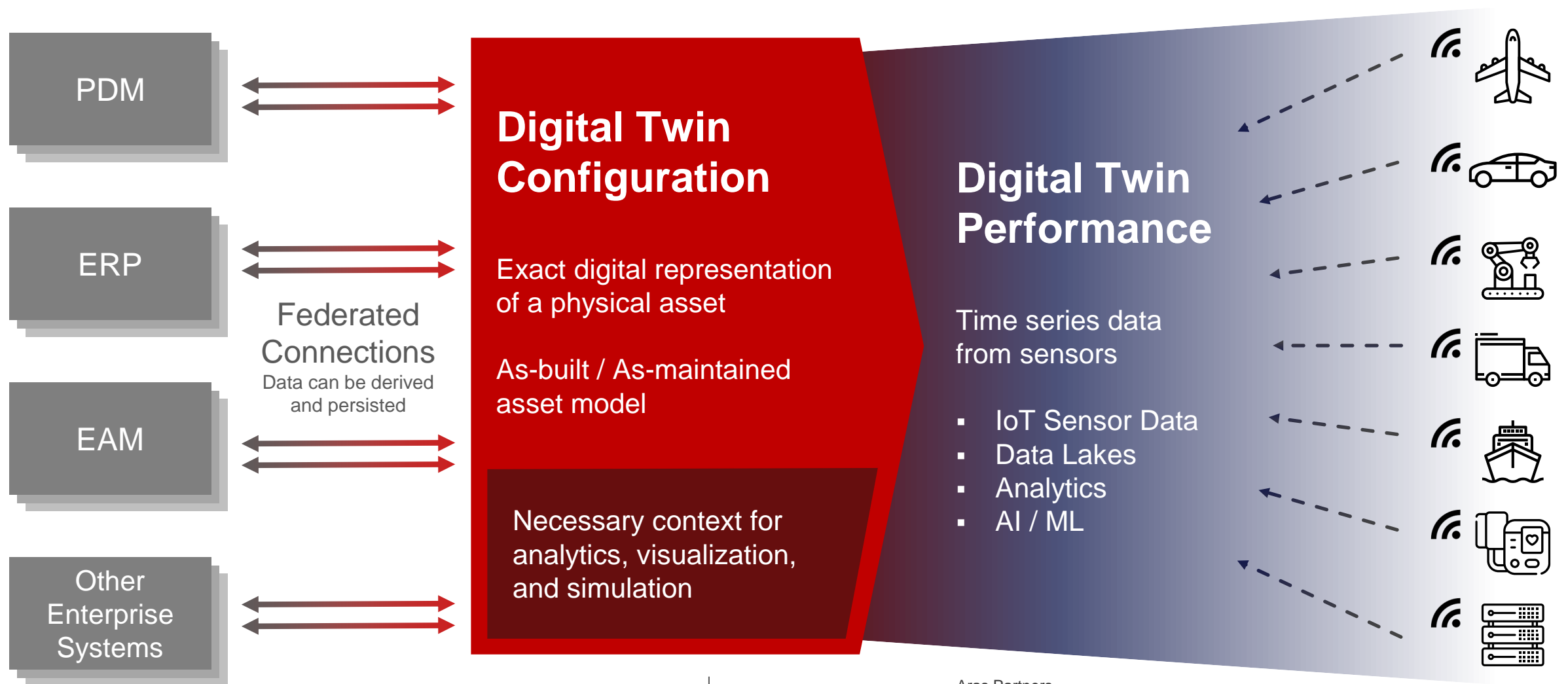
PREDICTIVE  
MAINTENANCE

PERFORMANCE  
OPTIMIZATION

OVER-THE-AIR  
SOFTWARE UPDATES

REMOTE  
OPERATION

# Aras Digital Twin Core for Configuration Management



**aras**  
INNOVATOR



Aras Partners



Google Cloud Platform



**Product designs**



**Manufacturing processes**



**Quality tests**



**Maintenance effectiveness**

**Digital Thread Video: <https://bit.ly/3eKx3YQ>**





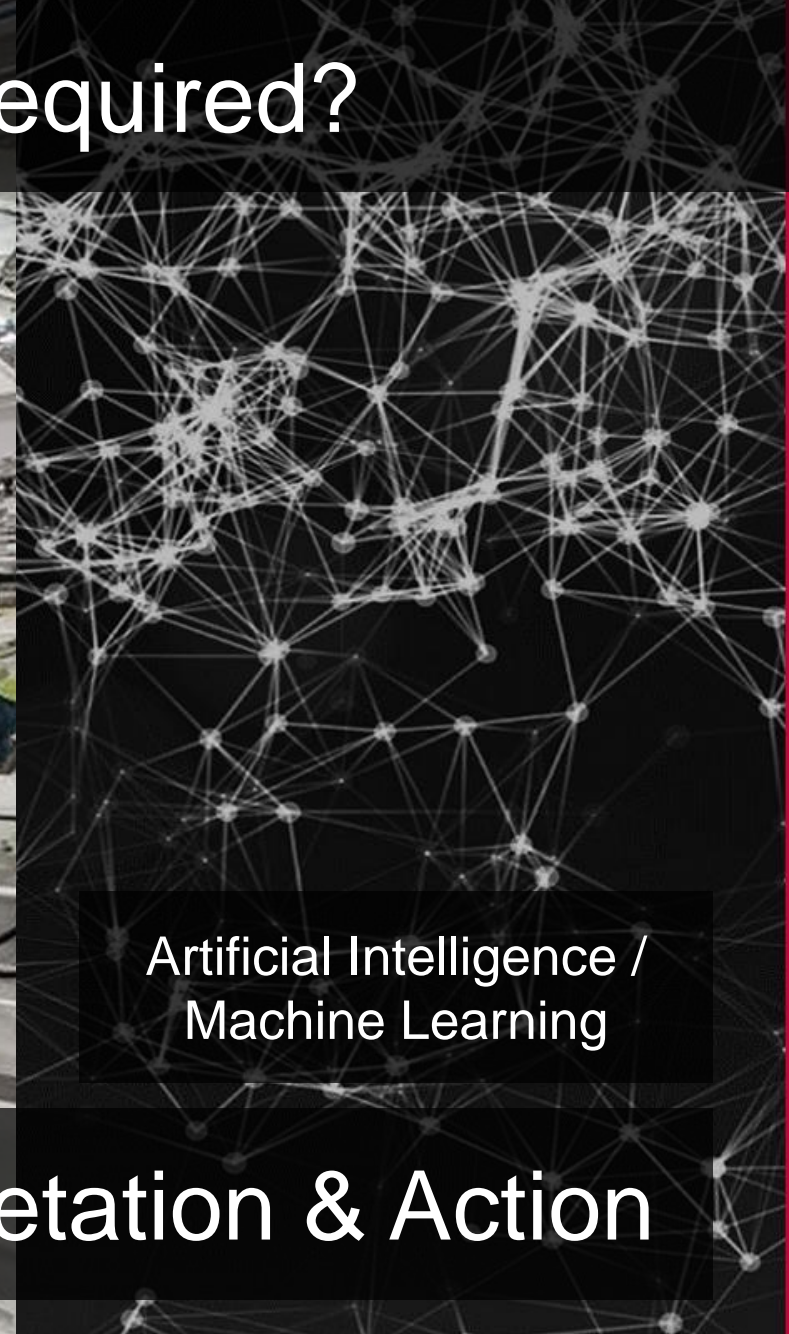
# Why are Digital Twin & Thread Required?



Smart Connected  
Technology



Industrial Internet &  
Industry 4.0



Artificial Intelligence /  
Machine Learning

## Context is Critical for Interpretation & Action

# **Kawasaki** Aerospace Systems Company



source: khi



# AIRBUS



smart manufacturing

How innovative thinking in IT can revolutionize a long-established business



The Airbus A350 and other models in the company's line benefit from the use of the "Greenhouse" IT concept.

## Airbus Creates a 'Greenhouse' for Digital Transformation

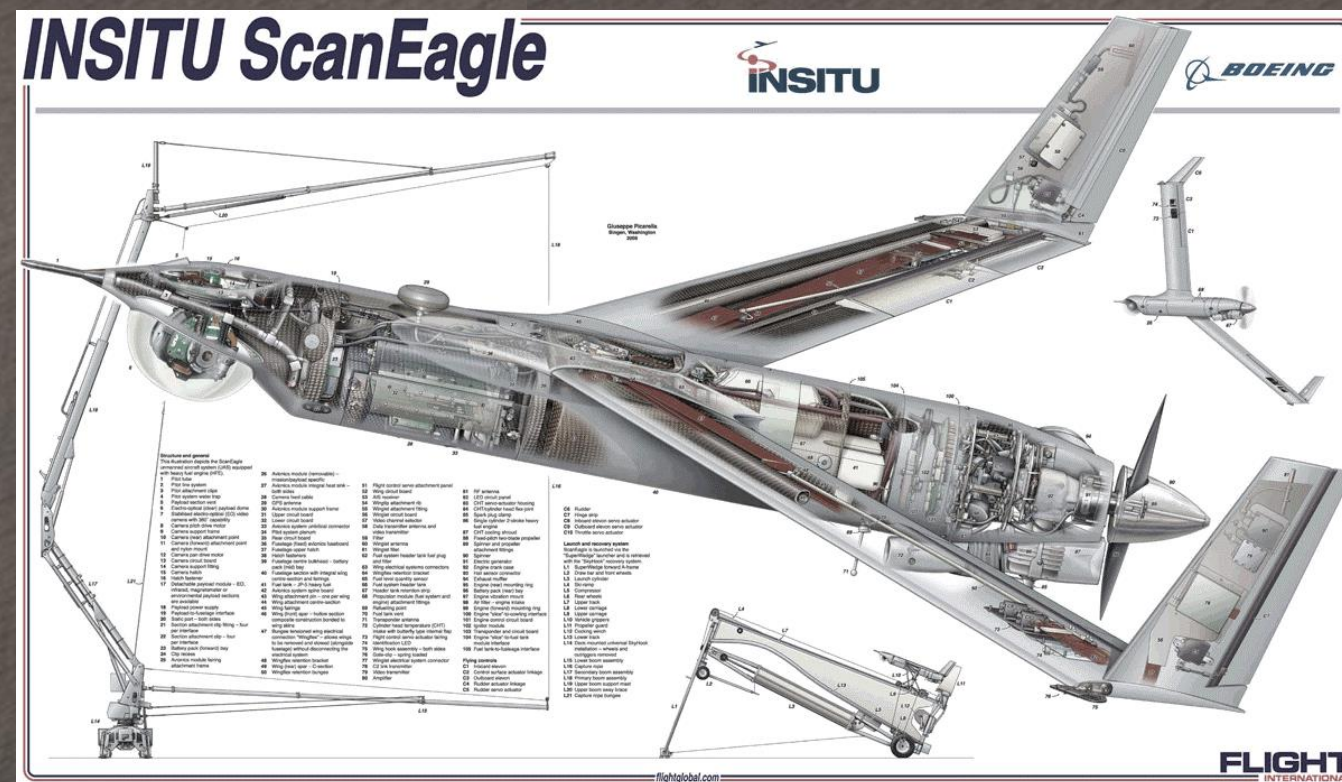
To say that business is booming at Airbus would be an understatement. The global aircraft maker, which supplies half the world's commercial aircraft, currently has bookings for new jet airplanes in its commercial division that total more than one trillion Euro, pushing out new orders to a 10-year waiting period. As a result, Airbus is focusing considerable effort to devise innovative, new ways to streamline engineering, test, manufacturing and quality to build planes faster and more effectively.

From an IT perspective, making the business faster means undertaking a digital transformation so that teams across the enterprise can access and share product data more quickly and easily than ever before. It's the only way to

clear out the order backlog quickly while ensuring superior product quality. What's fascinating about the digital transformation story at Airbus is not so much what they are doing, but how they are doing it. The story highlights how innovative thinking in IT can revolutionize a business, even one as established and global as Airbus.

Airbus relies on more than 1,000 point systems to keep engineering, test, manufacturing and quality running smoothly. It's these applications that Airbus IT recognized needed to be modernized, upgraded, and integrated to streamline the business. "The question was how can IT enable modernization of so many systems without writing code from scratch and taking years to do it," said Henrik Weimer





source: insitu

# Insitu

## Fast Facts

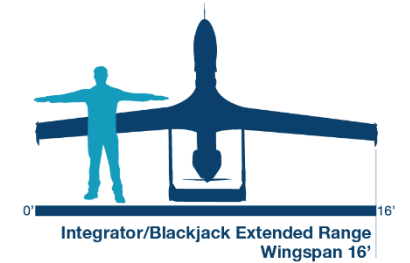
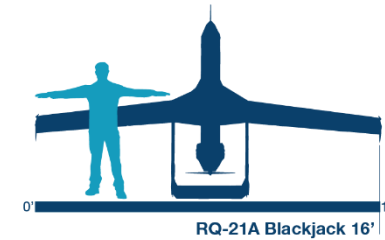
Employees:  
**1000+** worldwide

Founded:  
**1994**

Headquarters:  
**Bingen, Washington, USA**



### Unmanned Air Vehicles



### Global Presence

Global customer base  
of more than  
**28**  
COUNTRIES

**10,000+**  
HOURS  
OF ISR SERVICES ON AVERAGE  
per month  
**GLOBALLY**

Global UAS  
operators trained:  
**9,500**

Deployable field  
personnel world-wide:  
**250+**

Global Sites  
of Operation: **47**

Multiple aircraft platforms with



field-swappable payloads

Unparalleled  
**99%**  
mission  
reliability rate



More than  
**3500**  
UAVs  
built to date



### Maritime Operations

Shipboard  
Flight Sorties:  
**8,000**

Shipboard  
Flight Hours:  
**60,000**

Operations from

**27**  
different  
class ships



**18m** Fishing Vessel

**127m** USCG NSC

**277m** AFSB





+ - aV-00002 UAV

- UAV
  - Nose Assembly
    - Turret Assembly
  - Fuselage
  - Engine Assembly
  - Left Wing
  - Right Wing
  - Payload
  - Control System
  - Installation Kit
  - Shipping and Storage Container



UAV

&lt; Prev Next &gt;

## UAV Product Family

ScanEagle

Integrator

ScanEagle 3

RQ-21A Black Jack

## Nose Assemblies

EO900, Articulating

MWIR 3.5 WO Laser

MWIR 3.5 WITH Laser

## Turret Assemblies

MWIR 3.5, WITH LASER

EO900, 170X ZOOM, ONBOARD TRACKING

MWIR 2 TURRET

## Strobe Light

Standard

Mode 3C

BLK E, Mode 3C

SLICE, 3.5 IN LG

## Left Wing Features

Model D

Verified

Base Structure

V2.3.0, Verified

V2.2.0, NO-PAYLOAD, Verified

Dual Band Antenna

ELEC, ENC2, FW, L-BAND, FMW5.16, TCCR

Trayless

## Summary

[Clear](#)

## UAV

UAV Product ...

Nose Assemb...

Turret Assem...

Strobe Light

Left Wing Fea...

## Nose Assembly

UAV Product ...

Nose Assemb...

Turret Assem...

## Turret Assembly

Turret Assem...

## Fuselage

Strobe Light

## Left Wing

Left Wing Fea...

Resolve





# MORE INFO

Digital Thread – Digital Thread with Aras | Connect Everything

eBook – Unlocking Productivity Gains: The Case for a Digital Thread

Case Study – Kawasaki Heavy Industries

Video – Lifecycle Traceability and the Digital Thread

Digital Twin – Digital Twin Core from Aras | Create, Manage, and Sustain Context

eBook – Managing Product as a Service with the Digital Twin

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