



**DIGITAL MODEL** 

**Product Data** 

**DIGITAL THREAD** 

**Traceability** 

DIGITAL TWIN

Configuration

# How can we achieve our vision of PLM - The Single Source of Truth?



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### NER PLM Vision Late 90ties (Academia, Analysts and Consultants

Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) is the company-wide concept for information management of product and processrelated data along the Product Lifecycle. It incorporates requirements, concept, design, planning, manufacturing, operation and recycling and is required for the holistic management of all data, documents, resources, and processes throughout the entire product lifecycle (→ Single Source of Truth SSoT).

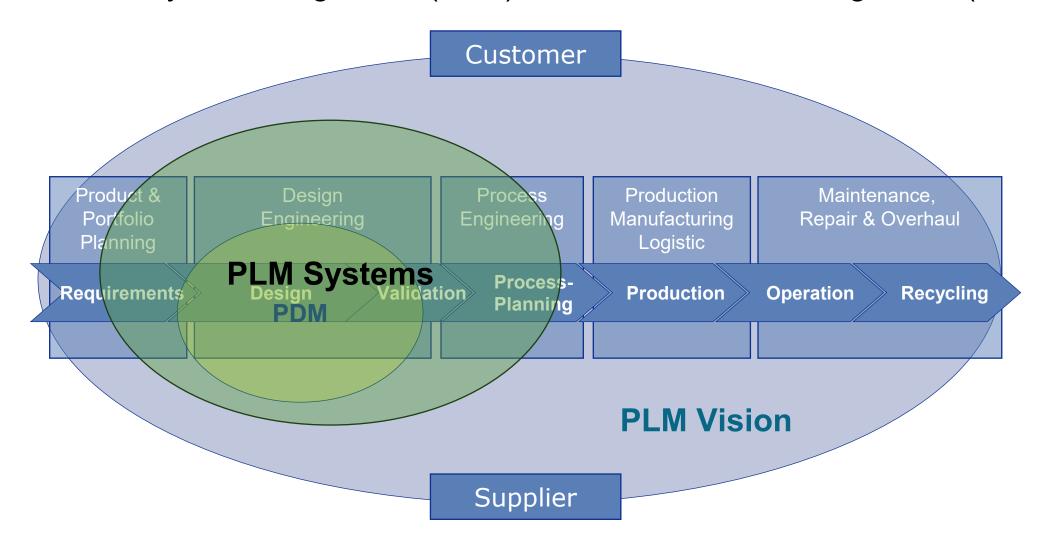
All people who must solve certain tasks together independently of their location and organizational association work together (→ Engineering Collaboration).





#### **PDM, PLM-Vision and PLM-Systems**

Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) vs. Product Data Management (PDM)





#### **The Current Landscape**

- Fragmentation and many legacy systems along the Product Lifecycle
- No common engineering processes above the Legacy Systems
- Mostly Based on Old SW Technology (Monolithically SW-structure)
- Very high first-time and permanent (upgrade) effort for customization
- What is the Scope of PLM?
- Who owns PLM?

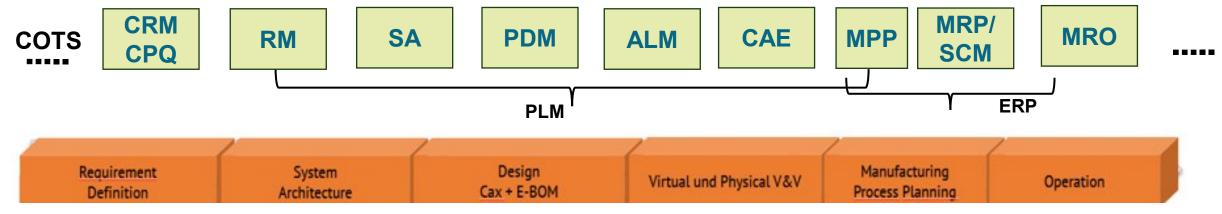




#### Many Fragmented Legacy Systems along the PLC

#### No cross PLC-processes:

- Release and Change Management (ECR(ECM))
- Configuration management (CM)
- Quality Management (QMS)



#### **Product Lifecycle**

CRM = Customer Relations Mgmt. RM = Requirement Management SA = System Architecture PDM = Product Data Mgmt.

ALM = Application Lifecycle Mgmt. CAE = Computer Aided Engineering CPQ = Configure, Price, Quote

MPP = Manufacturing Process Planning MRP = Material Resource Planning

SCM = Supply Chain Mgmt. MRO = Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

COTS = Commercial off the Shelf (The traditional Legacy Systems along the Product Lifecycle)



## Do we really need PLM?

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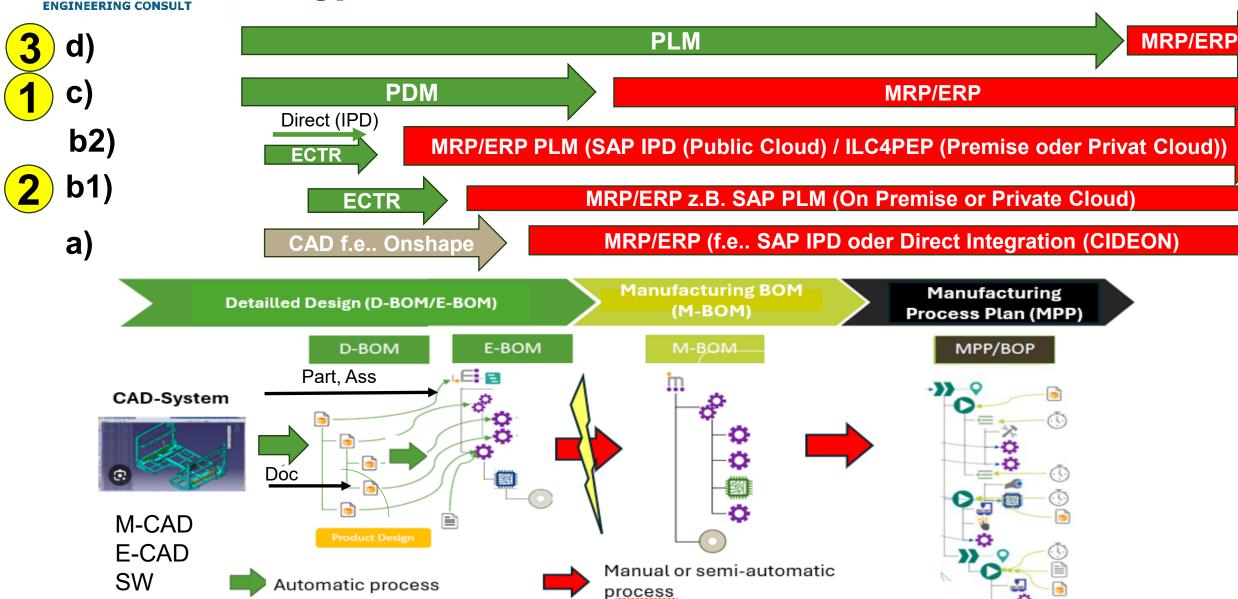
f.E. SAP, Dynamics 365





ECTR = Engineering Control Center

## **Typical CAD/TDM/PDM/PLM/ERP Alternatives**





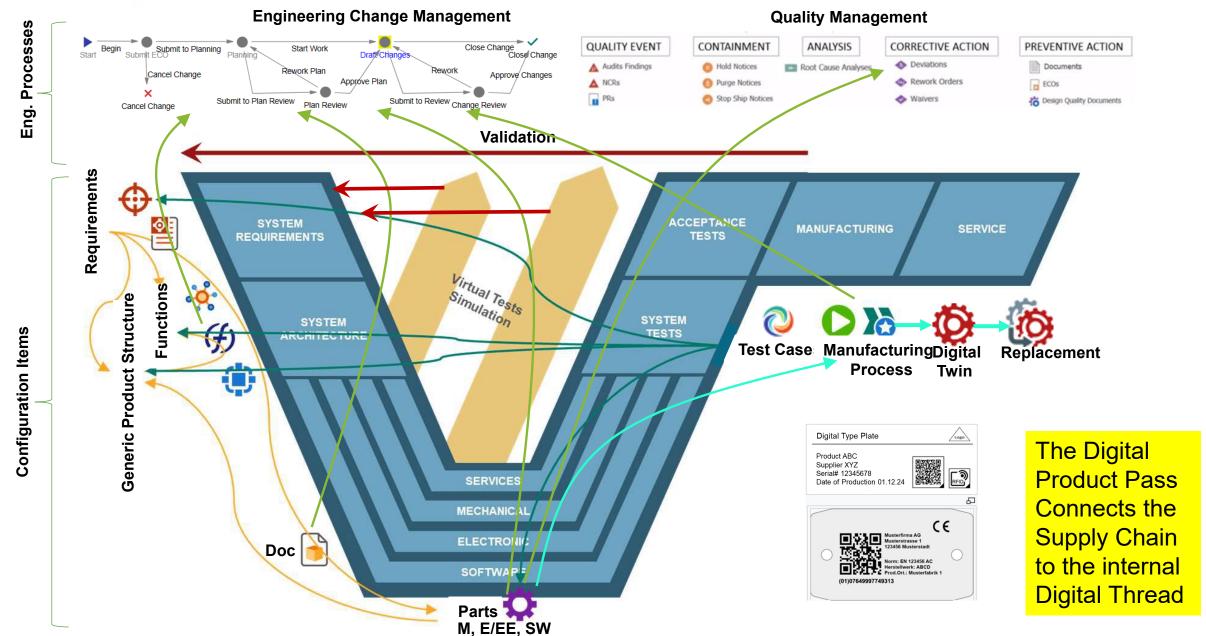
#### How Can We Get Closer to our PLM Vision From the 90s?

- Mindshift in integrated and interdisciplinaryThinking (System Thinking)
- Model Based Design / Model Based System Engineering
- Change and Acceptance Management
- New Methodologies (Methods, Processes and Tools)
- New Software Technology
- Extended Digital Thread and Digital Twin





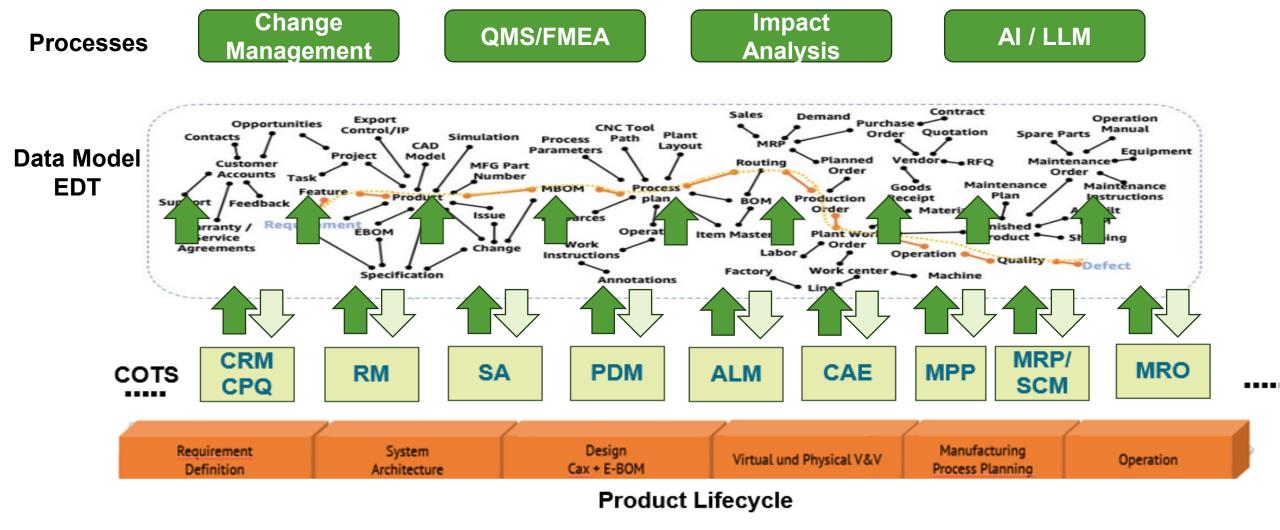
## **Digital Thread in an Extended View: Cis+ and Processes**





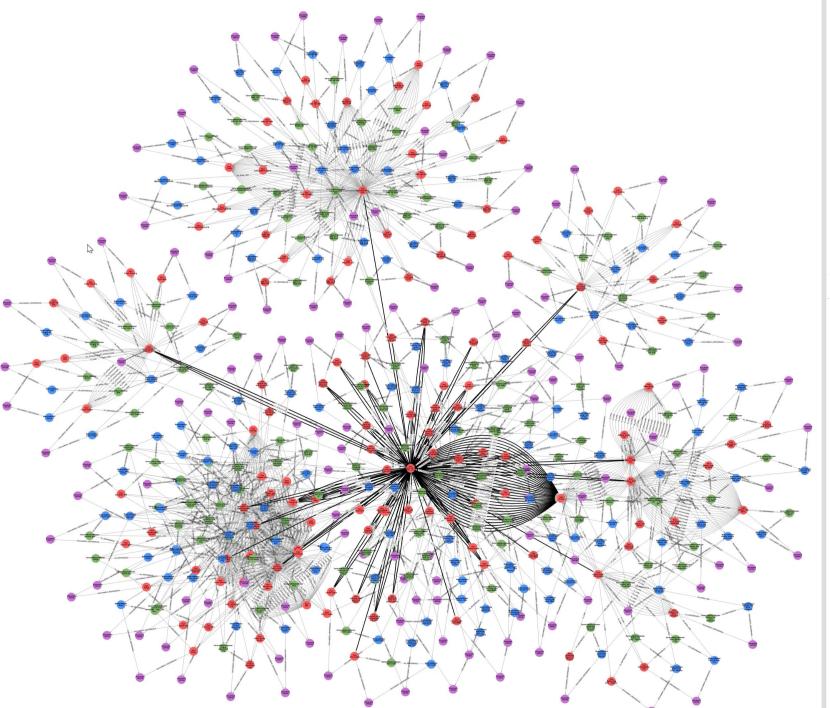
## The Concept of an Extended Digital Thread (EDT)

The implementation is done using a Graph DB.



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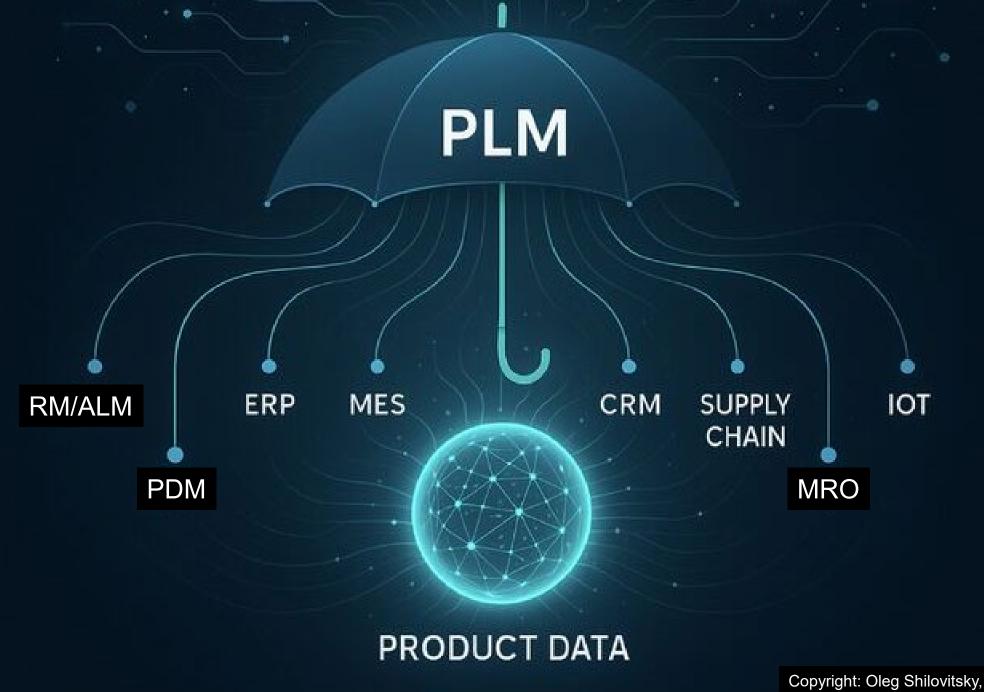
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## Yes, We Can Realize Our PLM Vision

















