

The enabling role of
Configuration Management
for the
Systems Engineering
of tomorrow's complex systems and SoS



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Our aircraft are a familiar sight around the world

Presence

An Airbus takes off
or lands every

2 seconds

16,400+

Aircraft sold

60

Produced monthly

9,700

Delivered

25,000+

Daily flights

The **AIRBUS** Family

A320 Family

The market leader



A330 Family

The right aircraft, right now



A350 XWB

The Xtra that makes a difference



A380

Own the sky



We are part of **Airbus Group**

AIRBUS
GROUP

136,000+
Total workforce

€1,006billion
Order book

€64.4billion
Annual revenue





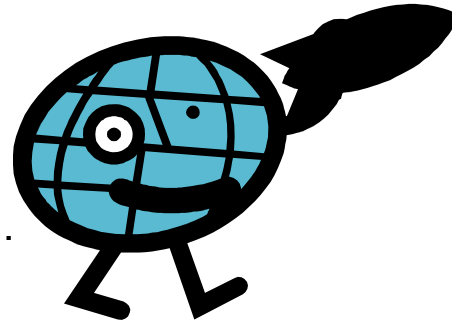
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Successful demonstration → the projectile hit target

Buyer: 'Build me 100 more'

Industry had the following dilemma:

- The prototype was expended...
- No adequate records
- Technical publications did not reflect built...



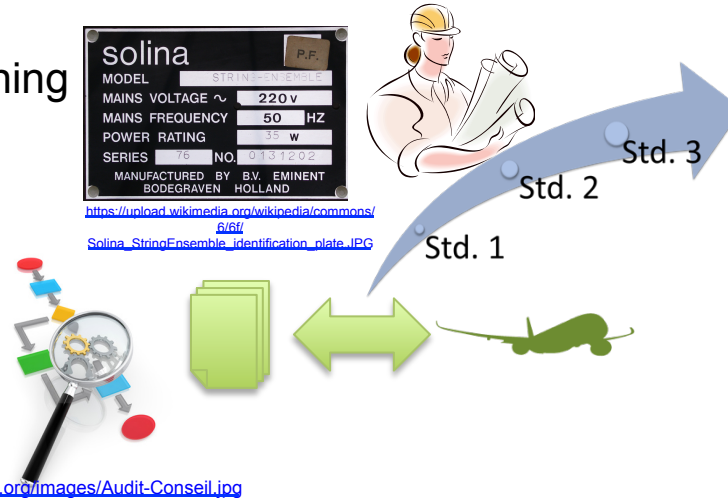
... a second success could not be guaranteed, nor an identical article produced.



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Main activities (ISO 10007):

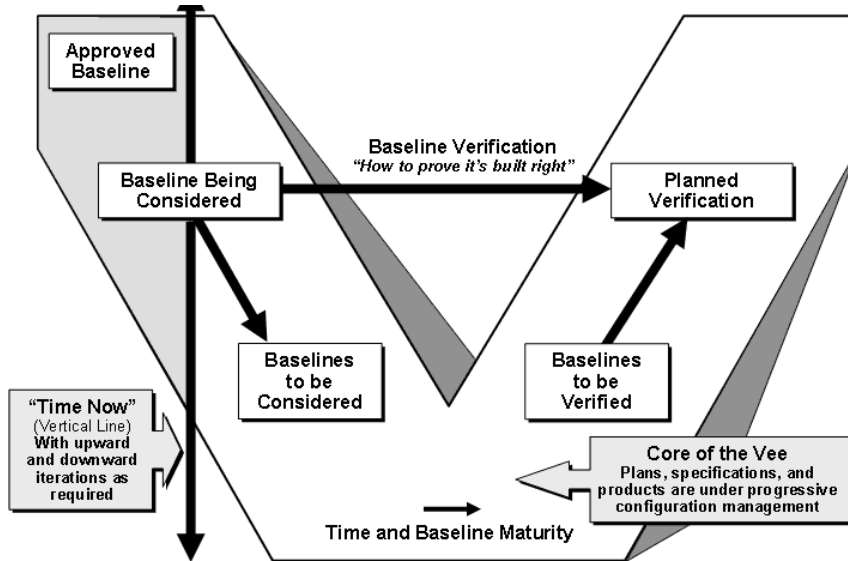
- Configuration management planning
- Configuration identification
- Change control
- Configuration status accounting
- Configuration audit



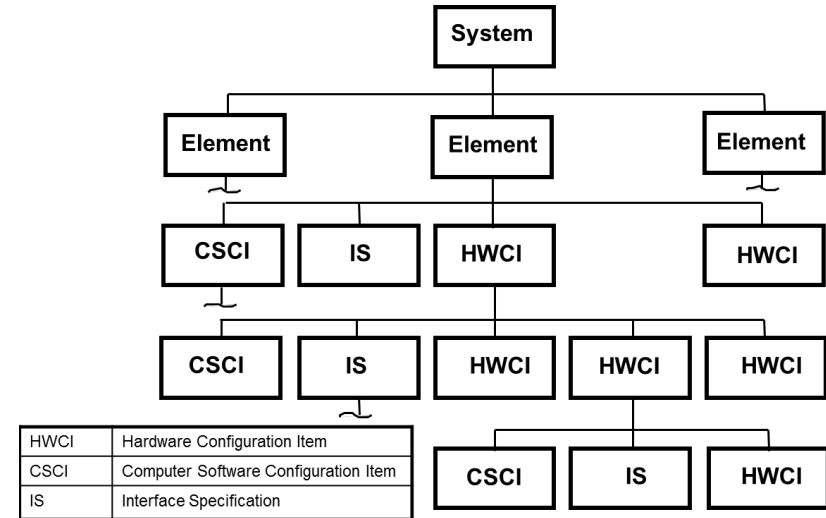
Requirements for CM can be found in the **ISO 10007**, **EIA 649 B**, **EN 9100** standards, the specific domain of activity regulations (e.g. **EASA** and **FAA** regulation for the aerospace industry) and recommended practices (e.g. **ARP4754** for the aerospace industry)

SE and CM today

SE - Baselines



CM – Configuration Items

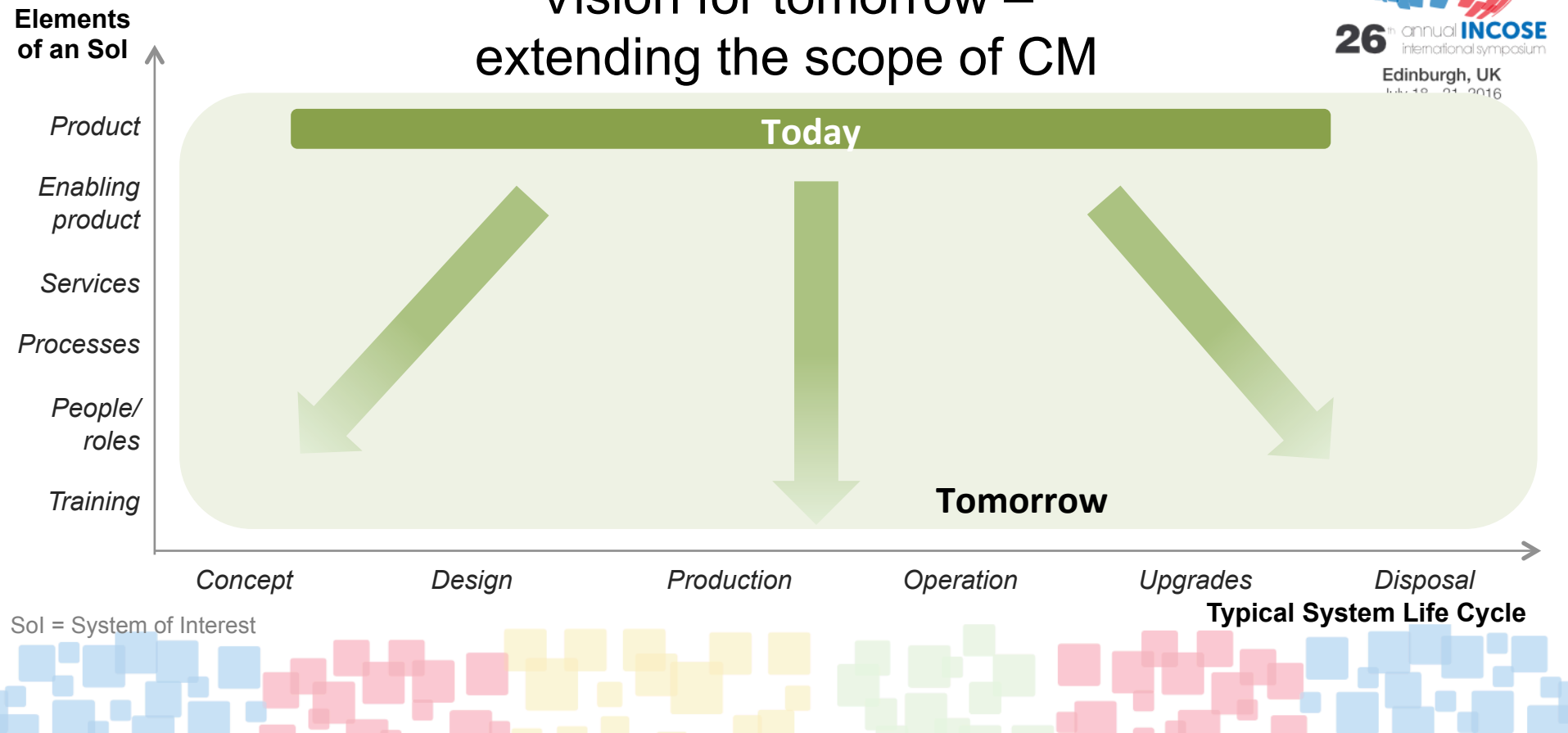


Cross-Industry trends

- Life cycle span and
- Evolving and diversified customer expectations
- Evolving market conditions and business cases
- Globalisation
- Technology revolutions (e.g. 3D Printing)



Vision for tomorrow – extending the scope of CM

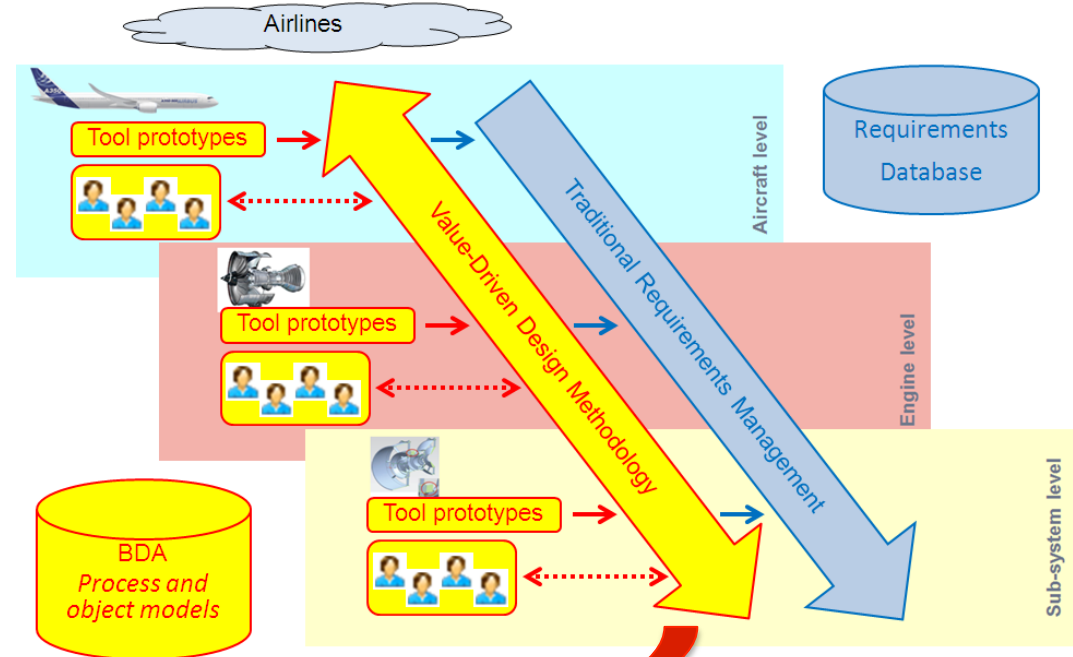
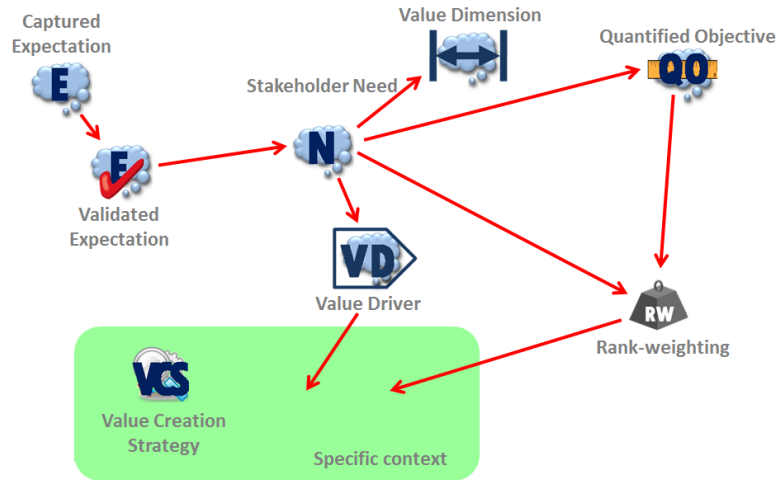


Vision for tomorrow

- The extension of CM & SE along the full lifecycle
- The extension of CM across all elements of the Sol
- Tailoring and automation of CM
- Traceability and reusability across multiple programs

Sol = System of Interest

Vision for tomorrow (examples)

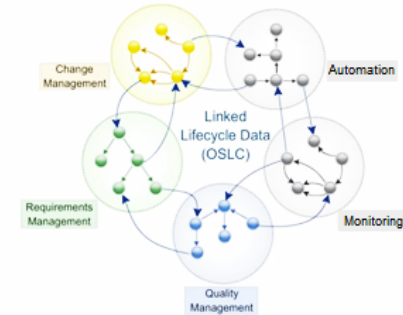
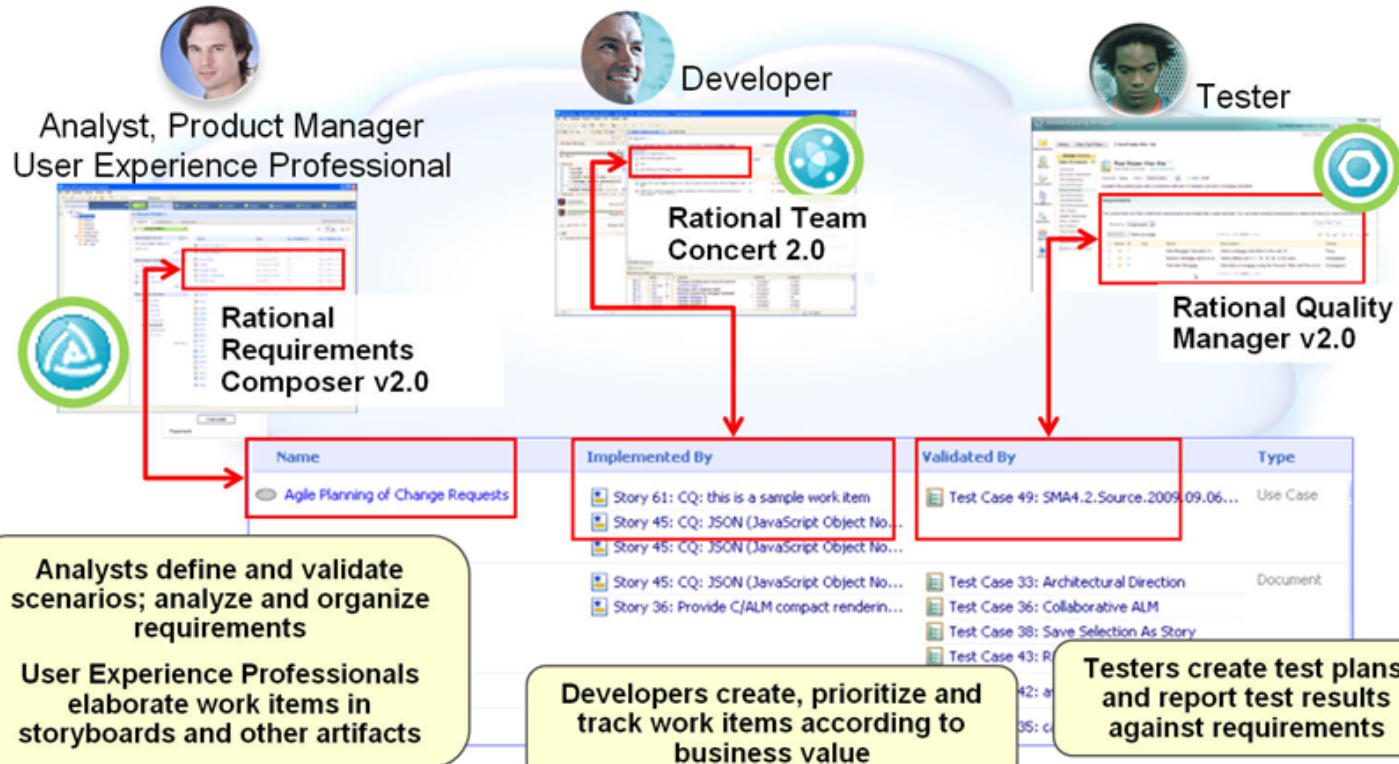




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Vision for tomorrow (examples)



<http://open-services.net/resources/whitepapers/oslc-one-page-flyer>

Vision for tomorrow (examples)



‘Thor’ (Airbus):

- First fully 3D printed UAV
- Tested during a 40km test flight from Hamburg to Stade



Production of spare parts and components by 3D printing becomes reality...

<https://3dprint.com/137389/airbus-thor-3d-printed-plane/>

UAV = Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

What is still **missing** to make it happen?



Further research in specific areas



Strategic collaboration frameworks



Legal frameworks



Culture of sharing



Further standardization

Conclusions

- Cross-industry trends will force us to further advance and automate the way we conduct CM and how we integrate it with SE approaches for tomorrow's complex systems and SoS.
- An extension of the scope of CM is needed; while at the same time making CM much more agile and flexible.
- Two key obstacles to the needed changes are the lack of early collaborative environments within the extended enterprise (including appropriate legal frameworks); as well as further standardization.



Thank you