Industrialized Construction: From Houses to Bridges?

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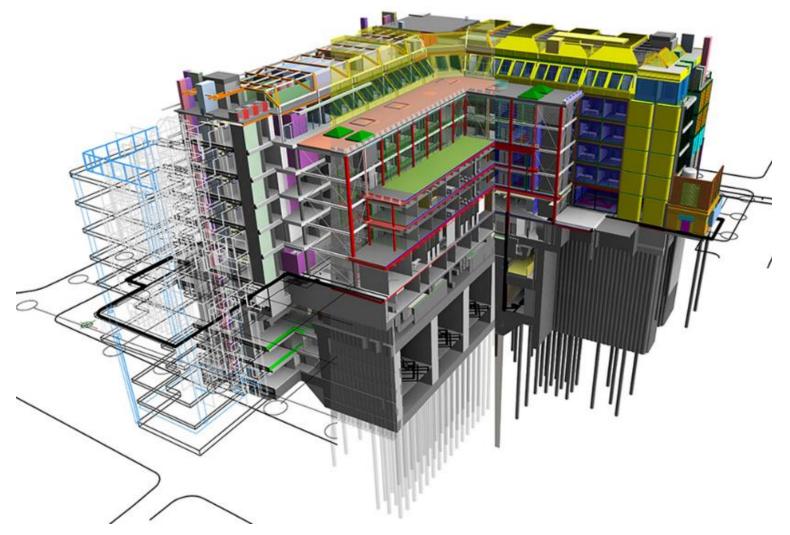
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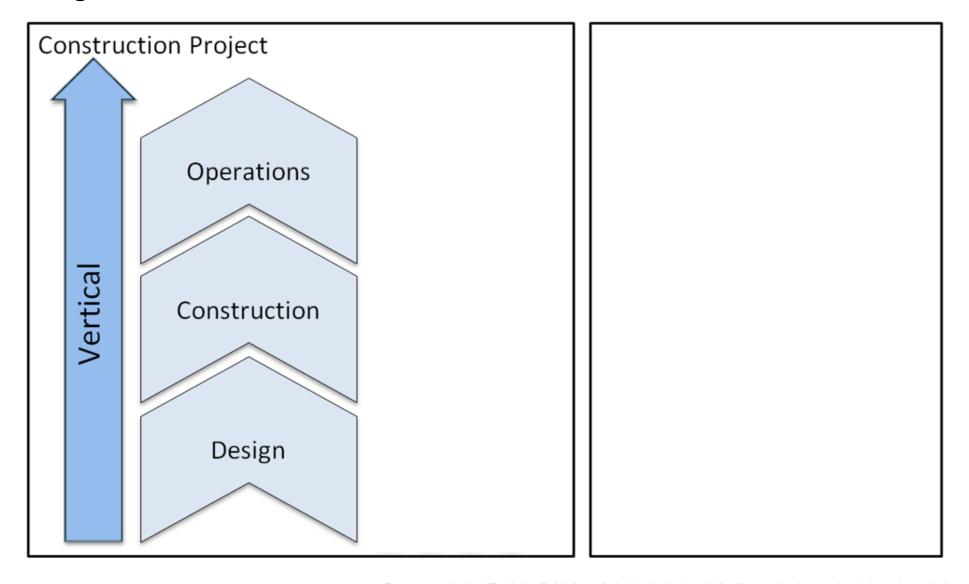


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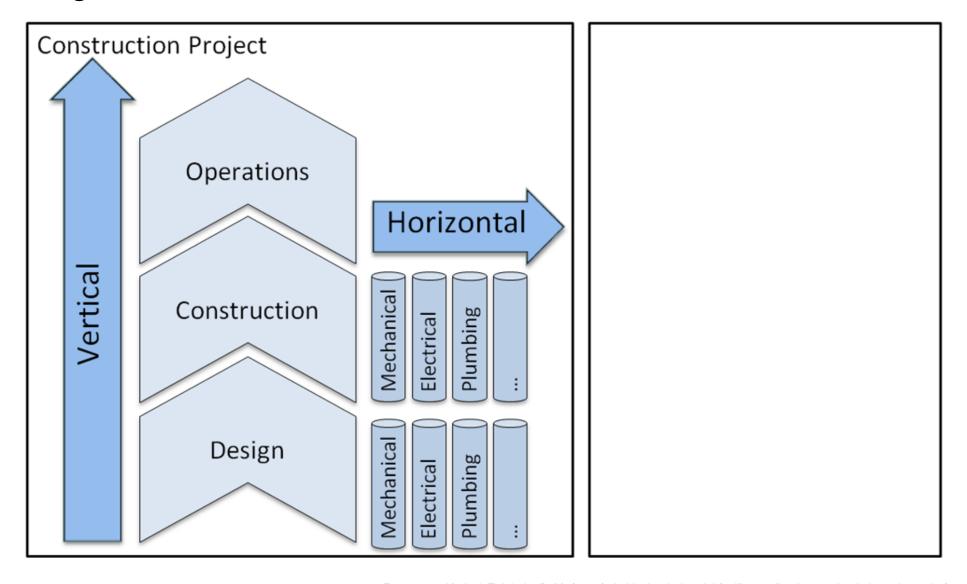
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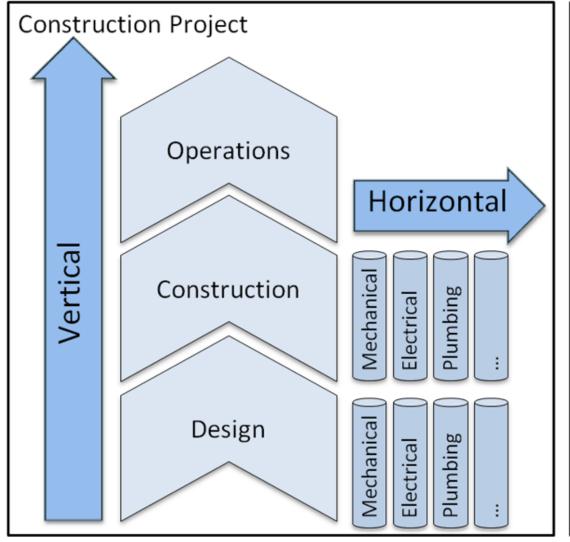


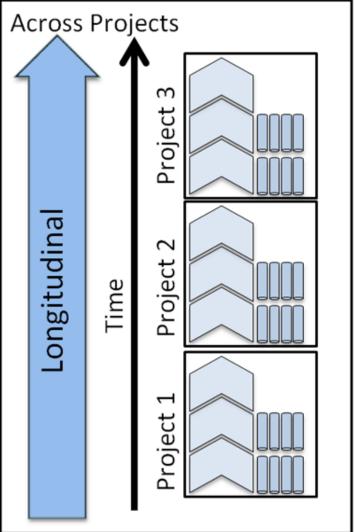


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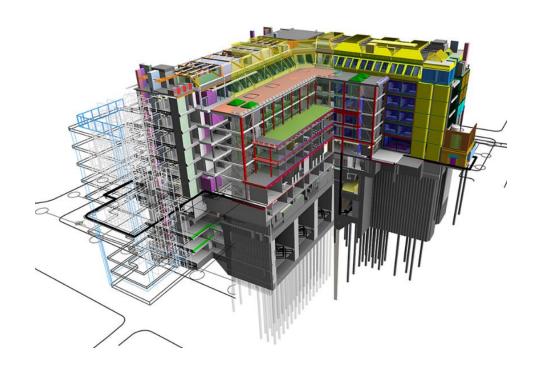




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Shift in Technology: BIM will never be the answer to all our problems



Digitalization





Industrialization



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Insights from 10 years of research on the topic...







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Agenda

- What is Industrialized Construction?
- Projects, Processes, and Platforms
- Configuration and Mass Customization
- Entrepreneurship and New Business Models
- Towards Circular Industrialized Construction
- From Houses to Bridges?



1. What is Industrialized Construction?

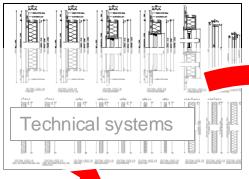


Industrialized Construction vs. Prefabrication



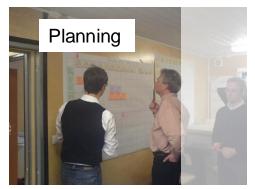






















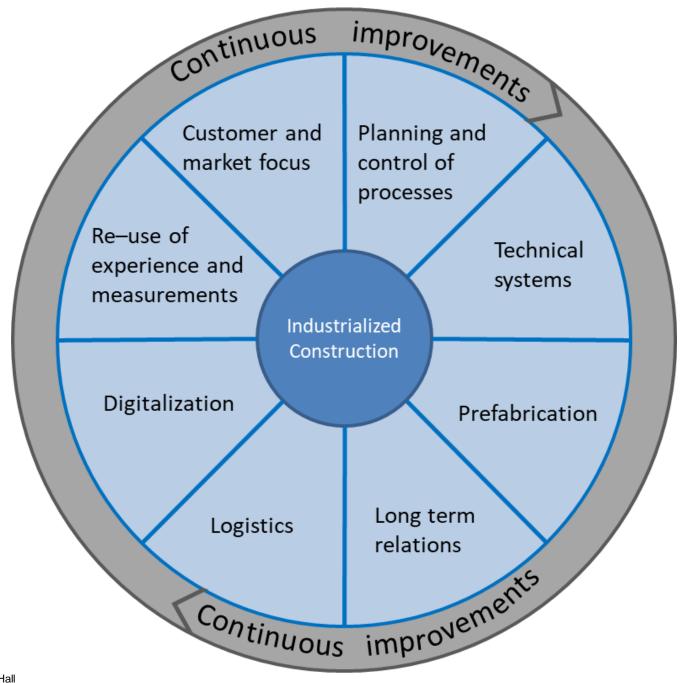




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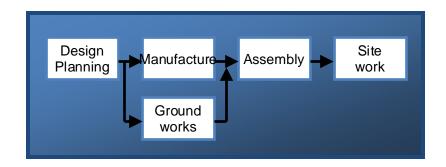




2. Projects, Processes and Platforms



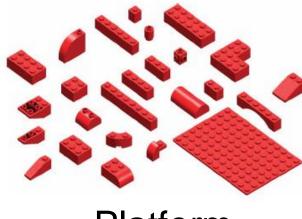
Projects, Processes, and Platforms







Process

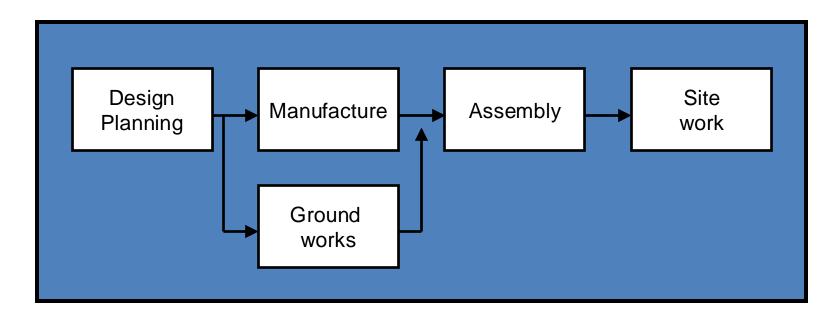


Platform



What is a Project?

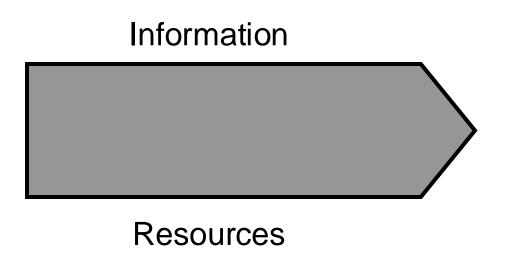
- A project is a series of activities, defined with a starting point and an end point, with a certain amount of resources allocated.
- A *project* exists only once and has its own unique prerequisites.





What is a Process?

- A process is a continuous flow of activities, that uses information and resources
 to fulfil its role: to create value for the customers.
- A process does not have a clear start and end point in time.





What is a Platform?

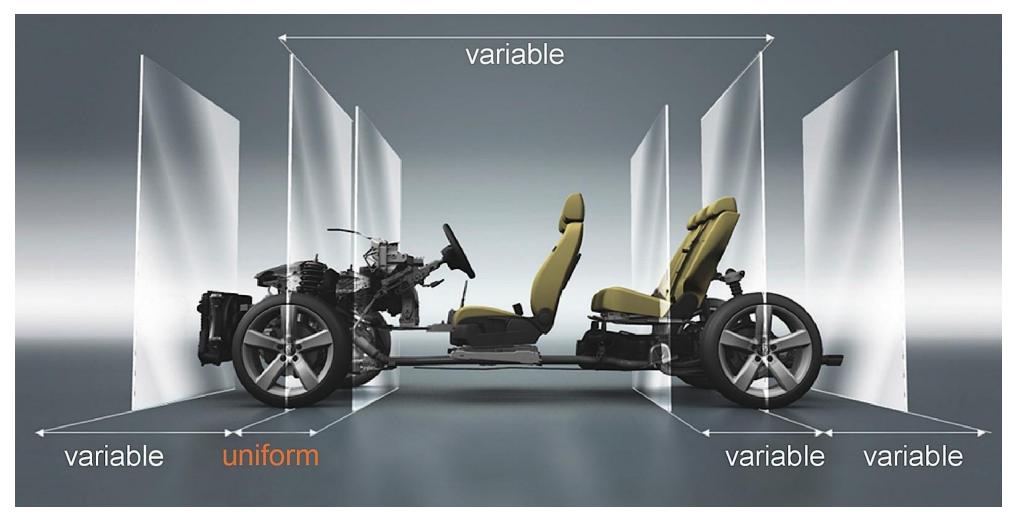
- "A **platform** is a set of common components, modules or parts that form a common structure from which a stream of derivative products can be efficiently developed and produced." (Meyer & Lehnerd, 1997)
- Platforms allow multiple products to be built within the same technical framework.



Volkswagen – the MQB Platform

"Modularer Querbaukasten"

"Modular Transverse Toolkit"



Development cost

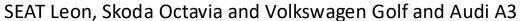
\$60 billion



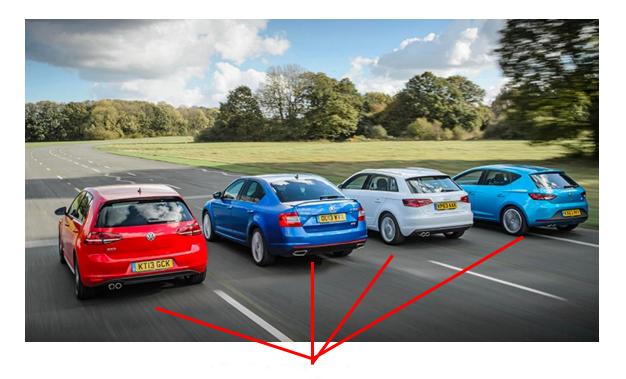
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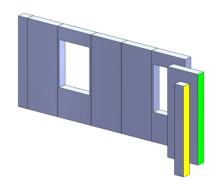
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Platforms in Industrialized Construction

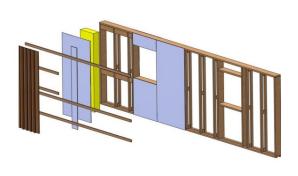
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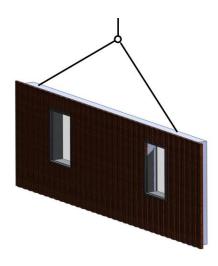




Configuration Engineering



Manufacturing & Production



Assembly & Logistics

Information Transferred Downstream



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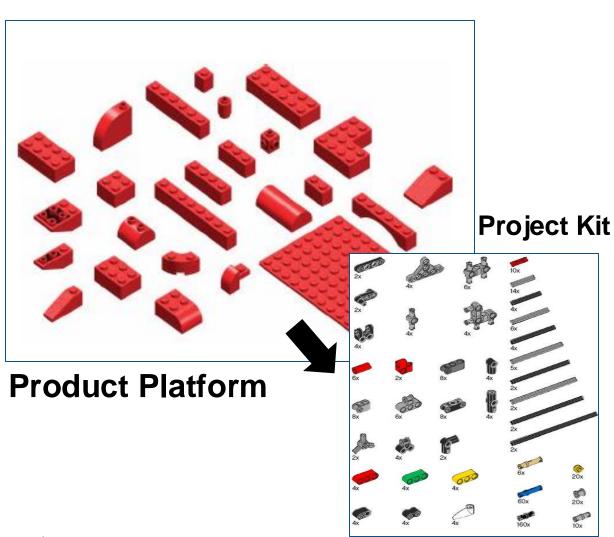
But... customers don't buy platforms...

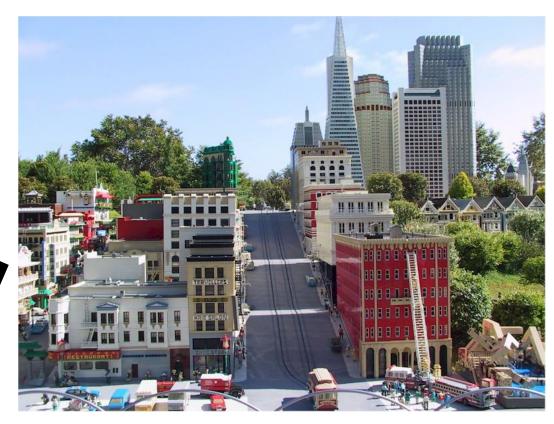
Unique buildings are built using *projects*, based on solutions from the *platform*

Information Transferred Downstream



(Adapted from Malmgren et al. 2011)

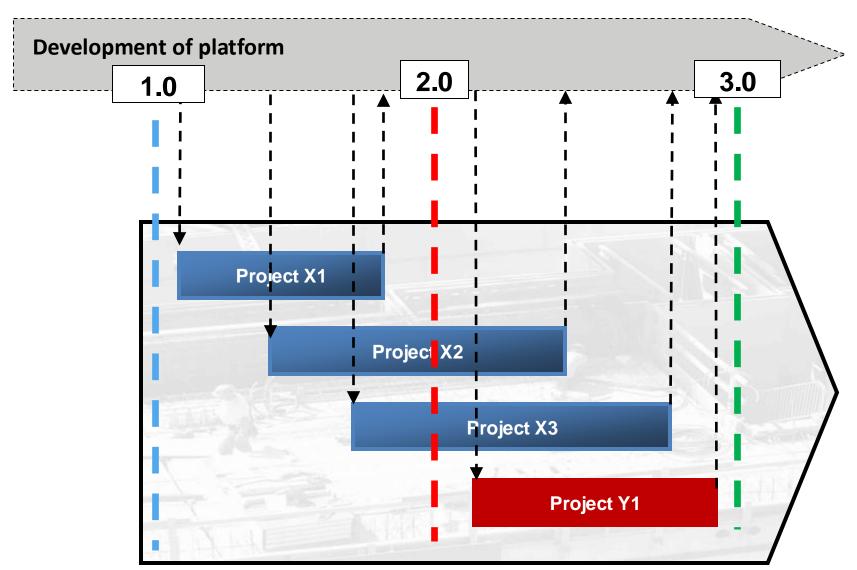




Projects

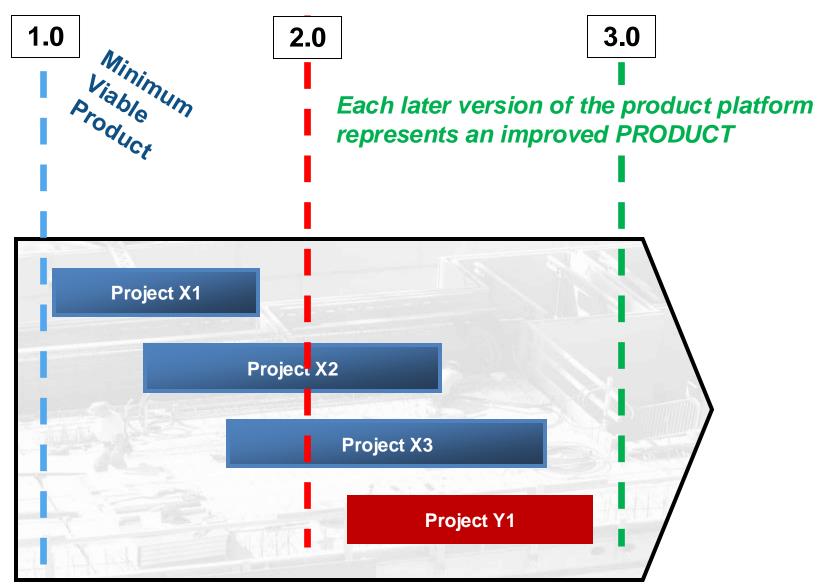


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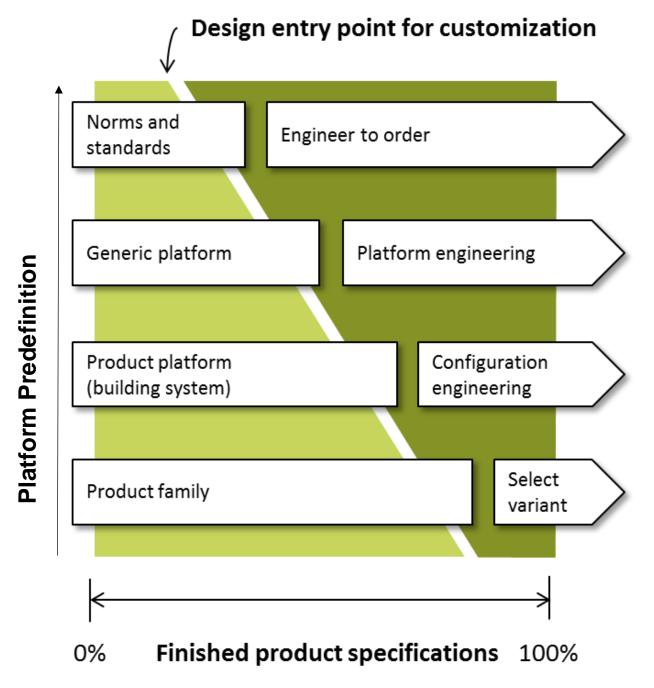
The projects are part of a continuous process





3. Configuration and Mass Customization







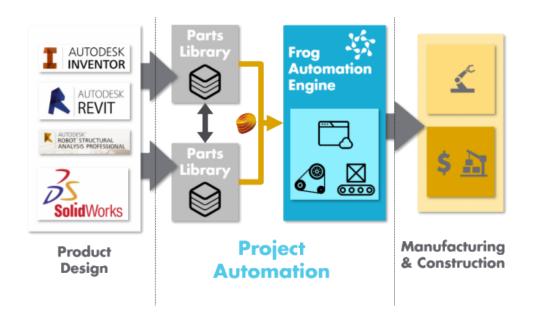
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Digital Configurators



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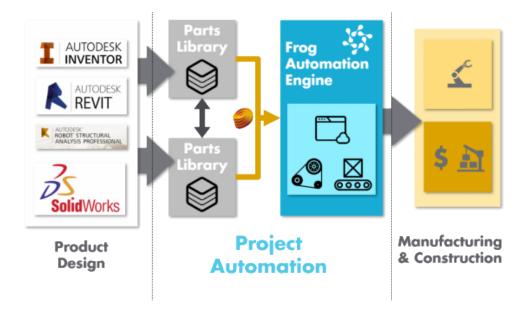
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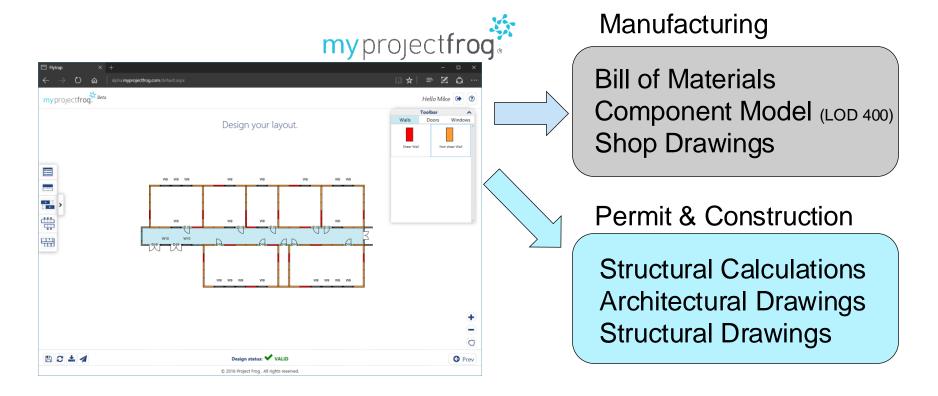
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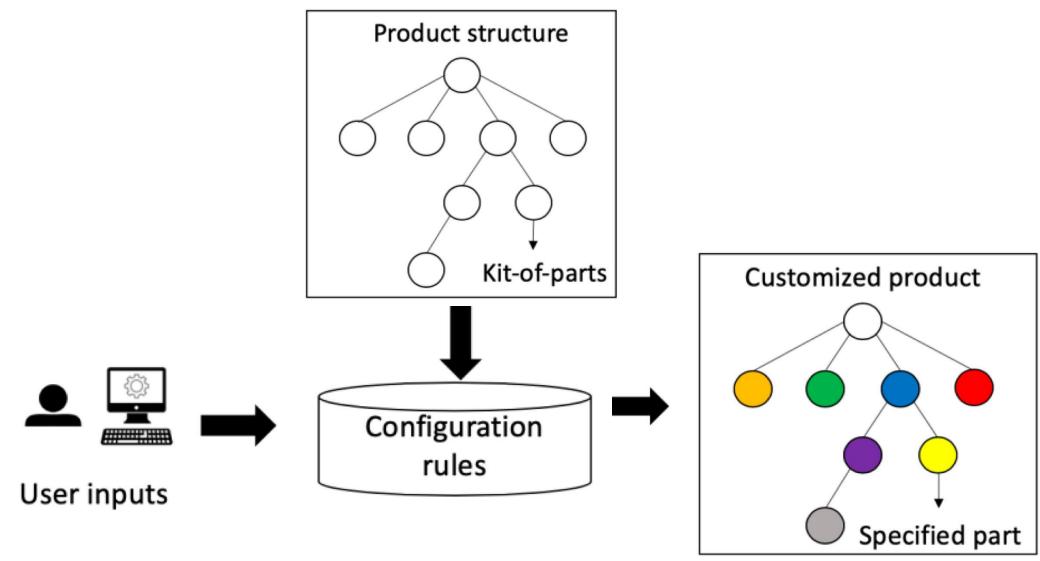
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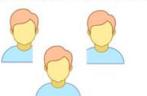
Digital Configurators: The link between platforms & mass customization!



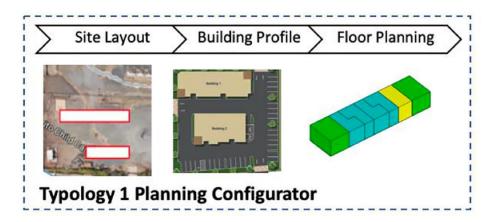


















4. Circular Industrialized Construction



Opportunities in Resource Efficiency and Circularity for IC

Product Design rematter

- Product optimization
- System optimization
- Innovative and industrial materials





- Lean production
- Inventory monitoring and tracking







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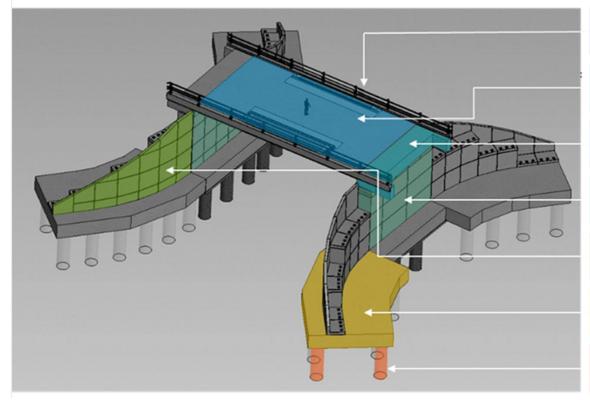


5. From Houses to Bridges?



Can we apply this to infrastructure?





Parapets

Deck

Diaphragm

Abutment

Wingwall

Pilecap

Piles

"Our innovative approach is underpinned by a digital bridge configurator and an engineered kit of parts that has been developed, tested and refined by our technology and innovation team, working in collaboration with industry and academic partners.

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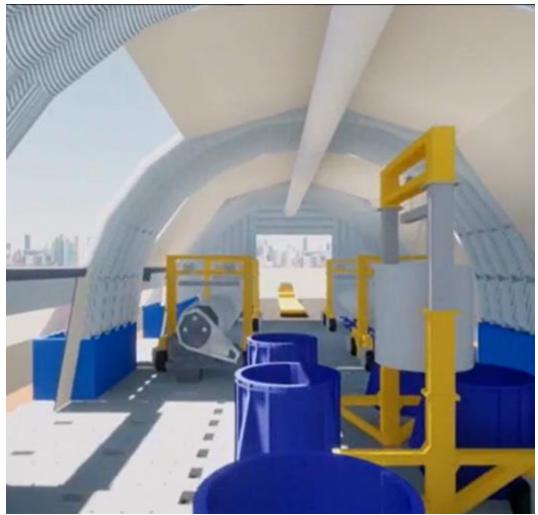
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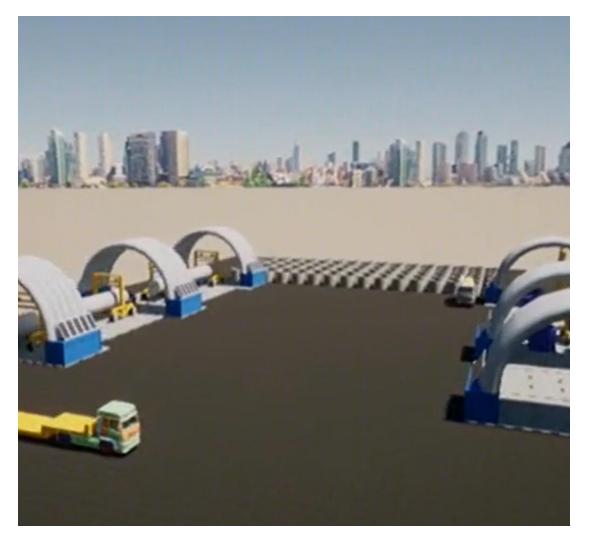
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Rethink the Factory Model?









Slide from Tom Brouwer Master Thesis?



Thank You! Questions?

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