



# LOTAR

LONG TERM ARCHIVING AND RETRIEVAL

## LOTAR Project Overview

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The LOTAR International Project is a working group supported by the AIA and PDES, Inc. in the Americas, and ASD-STAN and the ProSTEP iViP Association in Europe to form a four party consortium.

- The project goal is to *develop, publish and maintain standards* designed to provide the capability *to archive and retrieve* digital product and technical information, including 3D CAD and PDM data, in *a standard neutral form* that can be read and reused throughout the product lifecycle, independent of changes in the IT application environment originally used for creation.
- The standards are published as EN/NAS<sup>(\*)</sup> 9300 series and cover both the information content as well as the processes required to ingest, store, administer, manage and access the information.

(\*): EN – European Standard (Norm); NAS – National Aerospace Standard

- Objectives include:
  - Developing a standard for preserving, managing and retrieving product data throughout its lifecycle.
  - Providing methods, process modules and data model(s), to enable long term archiving of CAD, PDM and additional technical data
  - Developing recommendations for practical introduction of long term archiving of product data, such as 3D CAD and PDM data, in the industry
- Benefits include:
  - Process security achieved through implementation of archival systems compliant to international accepted standards
  - Aerospace and Defense authorities accept workflow due to intense collaboration during standards creation
  - Applicable archiving workflow supported by STEP interfaces & functionalities
  - By solving the challenges of long term data retention, issues of data exchange are addressed

# Information Lifecycle Planning Driving Questions

What data  
should we  
archive?

Why are we  
archiving  
the data?

What is the  
current data  
format?

How frequent  
do we access  
the data?

What is the  
retention period  
of the data?

What is the final  
format the data is  
to be archived in?

# LOTAR Timeline

2003

- First joint team meeting of the international AIA - ASD-Stan LOTAR effort under the mgt of the IAQG\* (MoU: AIA/ASD-Stan)

Late 1990s:

- AIA in the US and ASD-Stan in Europe launched separate initiatives for the Long-term Preservation of Aerospace & Defense Digital ProductDefinition Data.

2004

- Launch of the 3D CAD and PDM Workgroups

2005

- First Publication of LOTAR Basic Parts

2012

- First Publication of LOTAR Domain Specific Parts (3D CAD)
- Launch of the Workgroups for Electric Harness, Meta Data for Archive Packages, and 3D Visualization

2000

- Start of the PDES, Inc. LTDR Project (US) coord w/AIA LTDR

2006

- First Publication of LOTAR Common Process Parts

2014

- Kicked off LOTAR Eng Analysis & Sim Workgroup Sept 2014

2002

- Start of the ASD Stan – ProSTEP iViP LOTAR Project (Europe)
- IAQG\* approved charter for AIA/ASD Stan Joint Project
- AIA LTDR Published ARP9034

2009

- Creation of the joint LOTAR International consortium (AIA / ASD-Stan / PDES, Inc. / ProSTEP iViP)
- Launch of the Composites WG

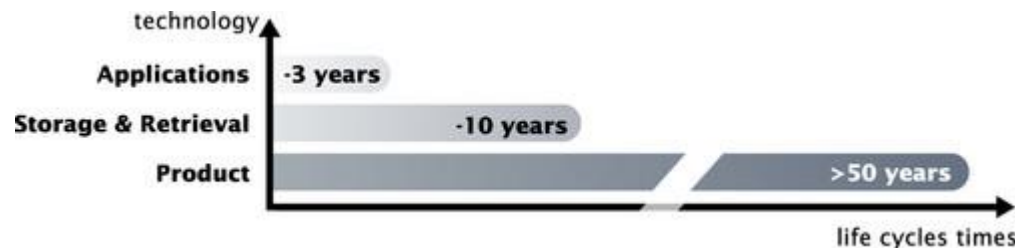
\* IAQG: International Aerospace Quality Group

- Meeting the legal and business requirements of the aerospace and defense industry:



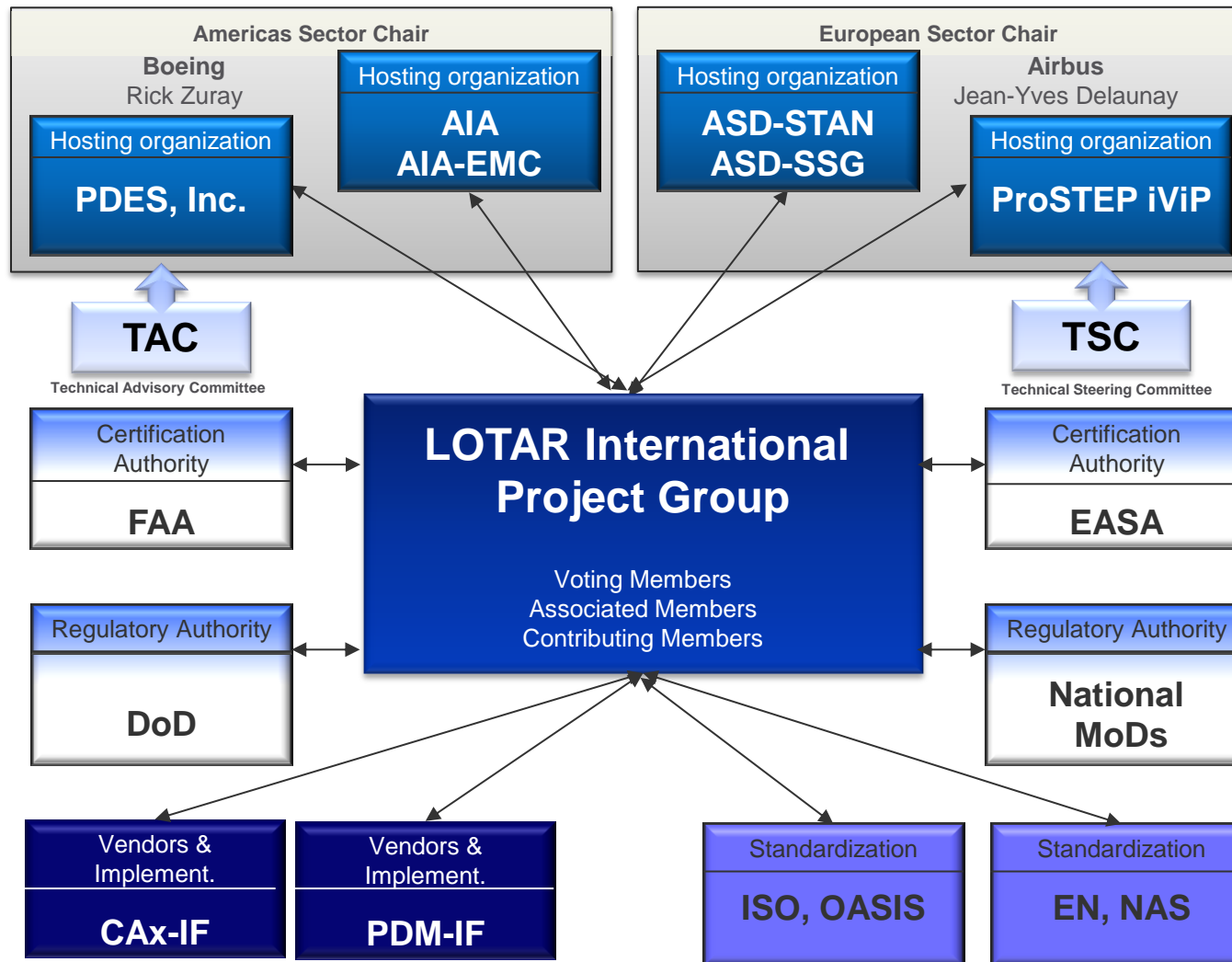
- EN/NAS 9300 considers requirements coming from:
  - Legal and certification rules
  - Regulations on long term archiving of technical documentation
  - Reuse
  - Support in operation
- Additional to legal demands, there are industry established standards, company specific rules and recommendations.
- The standard defines architecture, processes and data formats to fulfill these requirements.

- The life cycle of applications and storage technologies has to be considered by setting up a long term archiving and retrieval standard:



- Continuous development of technical product documentation leads to a change of methods and tools, which are used for design, manufacturing, customer support and archiving.
  - New releases of CAD / CAM / CAE / PDM / ... systems offering new functionalities
  - After each migration, the data shall be checked for consistency and completeness.
- A conversion of the native product data into a more stable format is essential.

# LOTAR Organization – External View





# Organizational Structure

## Process Steering Council



## Leadership Team



# Participating Companies and Agencies











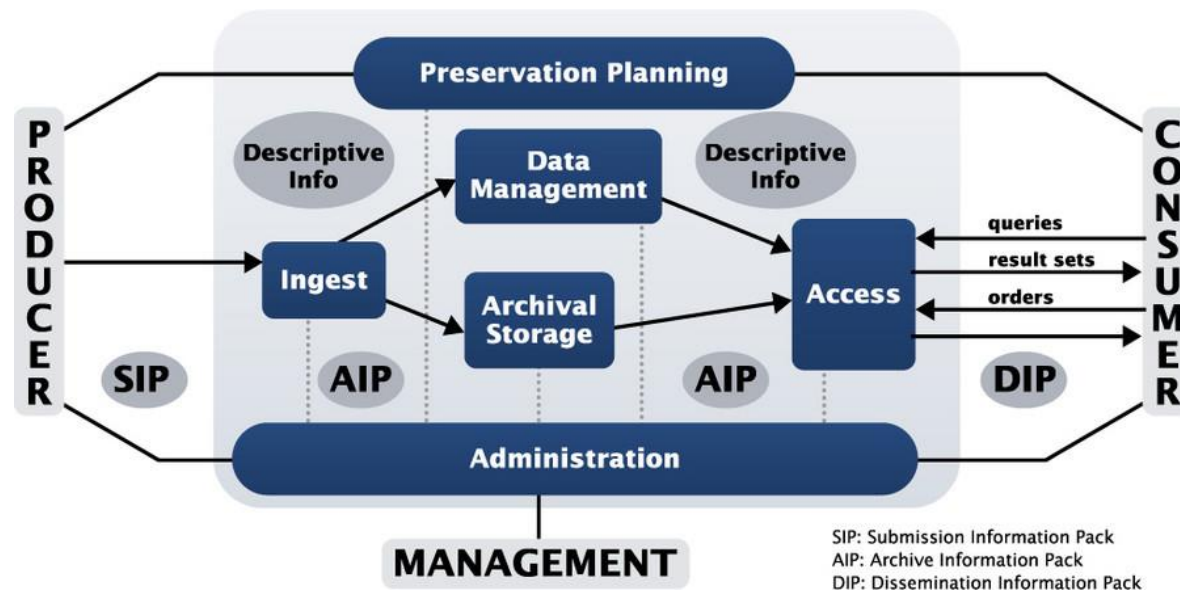






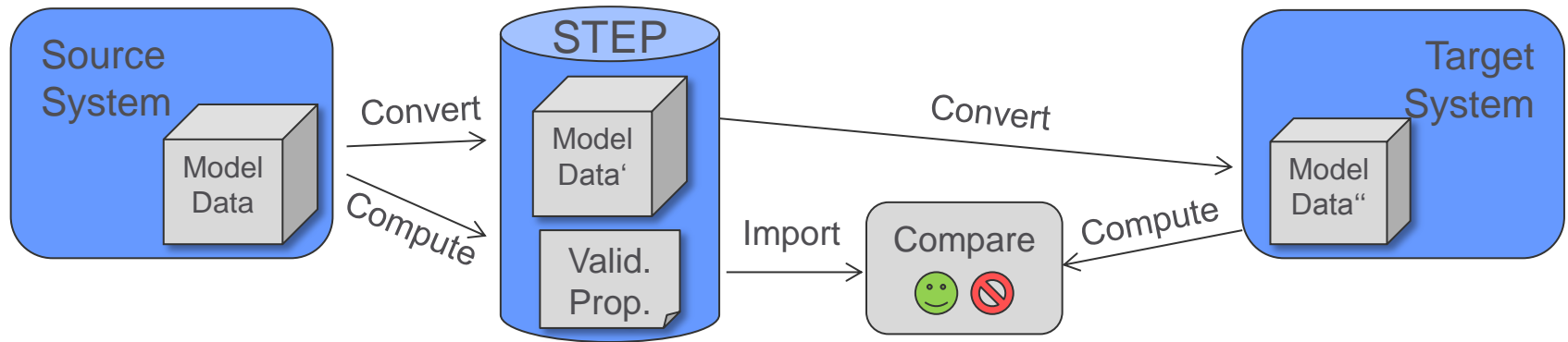


- „Open Archive Information System“ (OAIS) Reference Model is basis for LOTAR processes
- Developed by Aerospace and Defense Industry
- Extended to meet the specific requirements of LOTAR



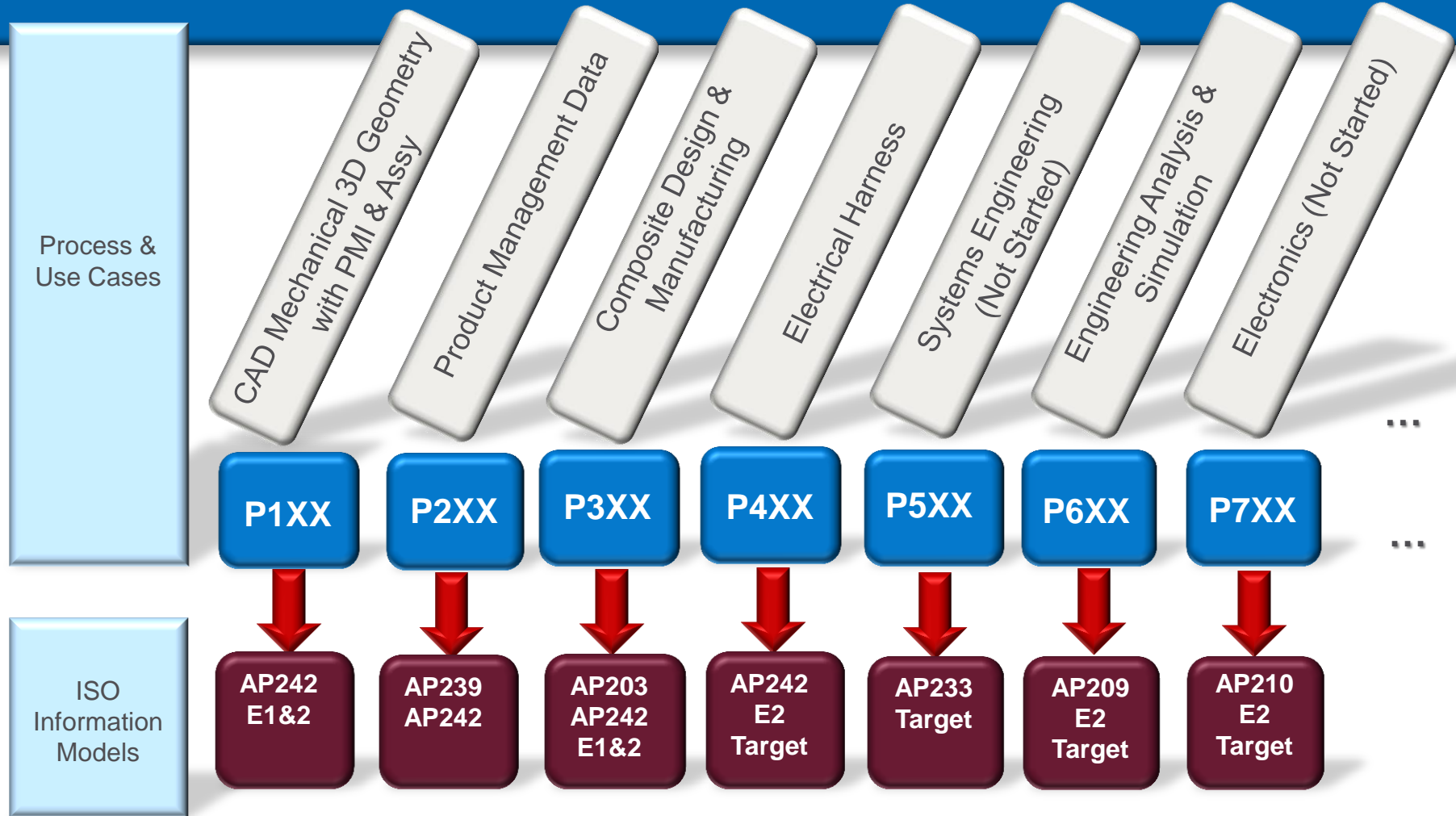
- As neutral data format for the archives, ISO 10303 (STEP) has been chosen since it is the most advanced open format.

- A distinctive feature of the combined use of LOTAR and STEP is the use of Validation Properties
- Validation Properties are key characteristics of a model that help to ensure consistency of the data



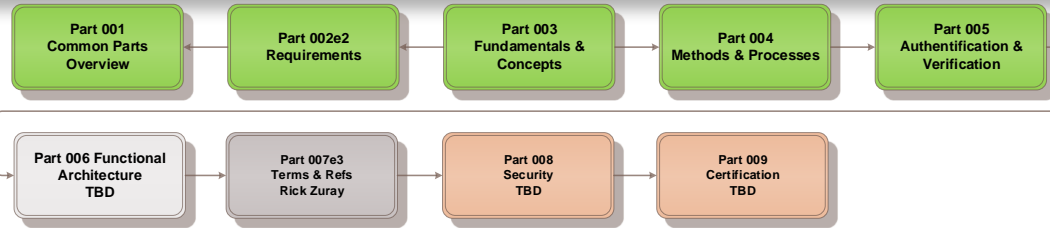
- They are computed by the exporting system and included as key-value pairs in the STEP file
- Any importing system will compare its import results with these properties and thus determine success of the data transfer.

# Standards (5) year vision

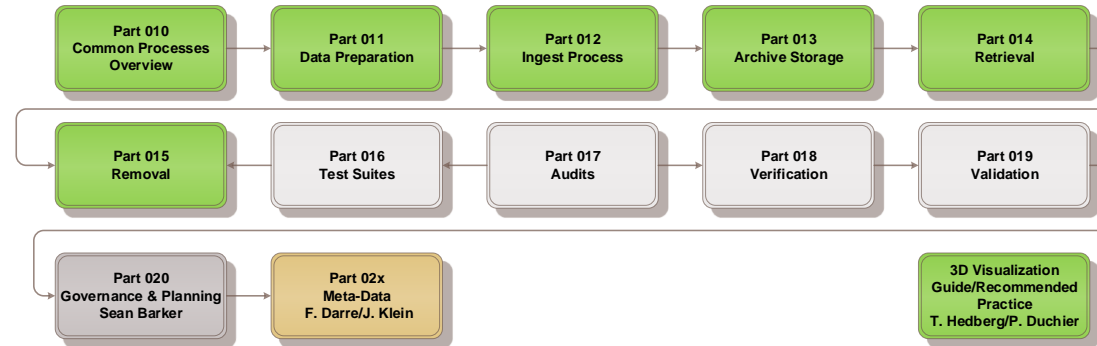


# Governance: LOTAR Document Structure

## Basic Parts 001 – 009 Overview, Reqs, Methods...

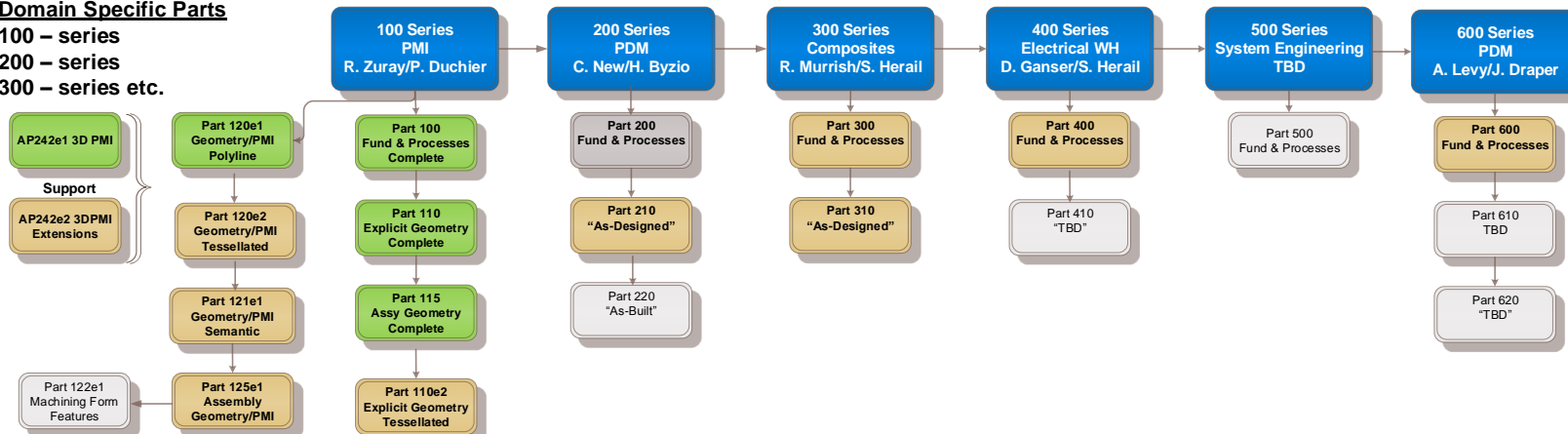


## Common Process Parts 010 – 099 Common Processes, Data Prep, Ingest, Archive Storage, Retrieval...



## Domain Specific Parts

100 – series  
200 – series  
300 – series etc.



## Legend:

Development

On-Hold

Ballot Phase

Published Standard

Not Started



# LOTAR Involvement in the development of ISO 10303-242

## PDM

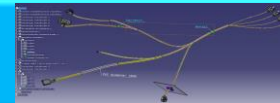
Part Identification. Physical Part Characteristics, Document Management  
General management information  
Activity and work management  
Effectivity, Specification, Breakdown and Configuration

Process Plans

Requirements

Design Rules

Electrical Wire Harness



**AP242**  
**Domain**  
**Support**

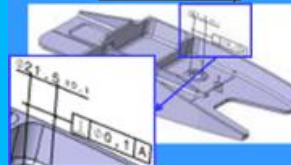
Presentation

3D Machining Form Features



3D PMI

(Product & Manufacturing Information)

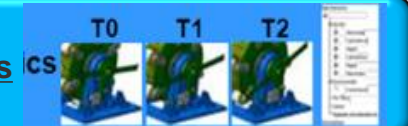


3D Assembly Constraints

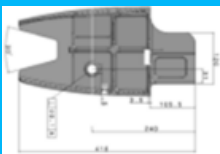


3D Shape Data Quality

3D Kinematics



2D Draughting

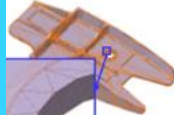


3D Shape (Explicit and Parametric)

3D Exact/Explicit Geometry



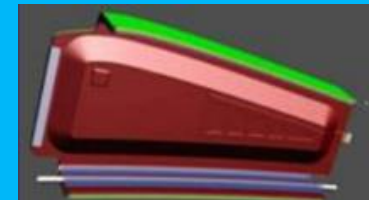
3D Tessellated Geometry



3D Parametric & contr. history



3D Composite Design



## (Americas)

- BAE Systems
- Boeing
- Embraer
- General Dynamics
- General Electric
- Goodrich
- Honeywell
- Lockheed Martin
- Rockwell Collins
- Sandia National Labs

## (Europe)

- Airbus Commercial
- Airbus Defense & Space
- AFNET
- IAI (Israel Aerospace Industries)
- SAFRAN
- Airbus Helicopter TBC



# Status of use of NAS/EN 9300 by LOTAR members

A&D company	Area of application	Scope	NAS / EN 9300 LOTAR parts (CAD)				ISO formats	Project status
			CAD 3D exact geometry	CAD 3D tessellated geometry	CAD 3D PMI	CAD Assembly structure		
			Part 110	Part 100	Part 120	Part P115	ISO 10303 "STEP"	
Airbus	A350	3D electrical harness installation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AP 214 ed3 (*) + AP 242 ed1	PROD
EADS		"Full 3D" model based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AP 242 ed1	PROD
Dassault-Aviation	Falcon 7X	complete definition of the aircraft (airframe, brackets, pipes, harness)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	AP 214 ed3 (*)	PROD
Snecma	New parts of engines	3D definition with PMI of new mechanical part	Yes	No	Yes	No	AP 214 ed3 (*)	PROD
Boeing	787	3D definition with PMI with assemblies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AP 203 ed2 (*) + U3D PDF	DEV
Gulfstream	G650	3D mBD mechanical, electrical and composite	Yes	No	Yes		AP 203 ed2 (*)	PROD
Lockheed-Martin	F35	3D mBD mechanical, electrical and composite	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	AP 203 ed2 + AP242 ed1	DEV
EMBRAER	Legacy 450 & Legacy 500	complete definition of the aircraft	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	AP 242 ed1	PROD

PLANNED : project planned

DEV : project in development

PROD : project on production

(\*): Plan to migrate to STEP AP 242 ed1 when possible

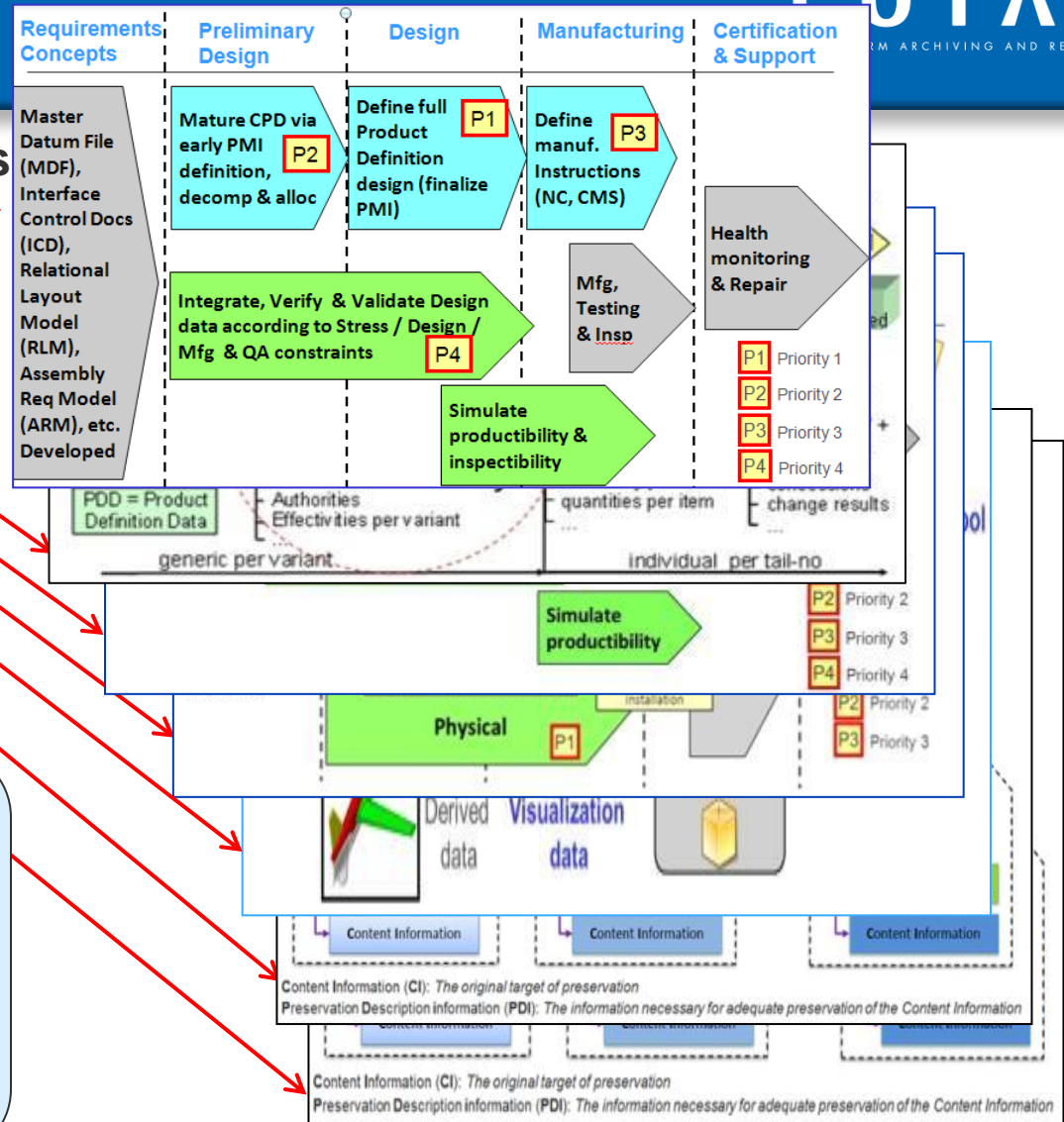


## 7 Technical Working Groups

- 3D Mechanical / PMI
- PDM / PLM
- Adv. Mfg & Composite
- Electrical
- 3D Visualization
- Meta data for archive packages
- Engineering Analysis & Simulation

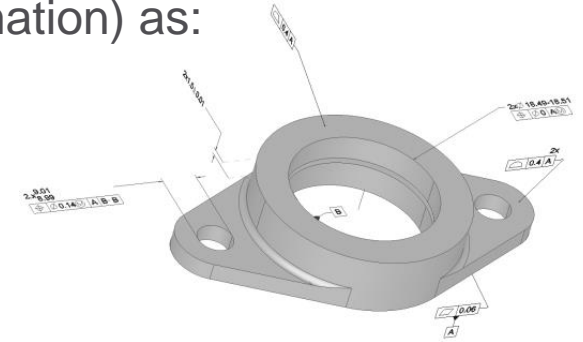
### Description of a LOTAR WG web page

- Goals and Objectives
- Associated LOTAR use cases
- LOTAR Family of Standards
- Associated ISO 10303 Information Models
- Meetings & teleconferences
- Accomplishments
- Related standardization projects



# LOTAR WG: 3D Mechanical CAD with PMI (EN/NAS 9300-1xx)

- Scope:
  - Exchange and archiving of 3D Geometry via STEP
  - Provision of Validation Properties and User Defined Attributes
  - Transfer of PMI (Product & Manufacturing Information) as:
    - Representation (machine-consumable, reusable)
    - Graphic Presentation (human-readable)



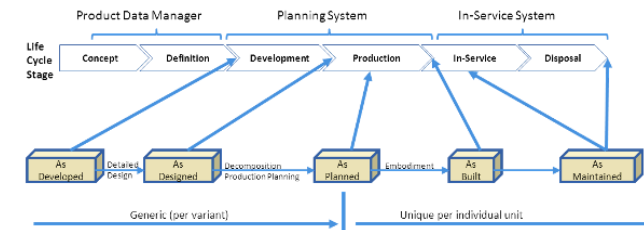
- Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts:
  - 100 (Common Concepts)
  - 110 (Explicit 3D Geometry),
  - 115 (CAD Assembly Structure),
  - 120 (PMI Graphic Presentation),
  - 121 (PMI Semantic Representation),
  - 122 (Machining Features),
  - 125 (Assembly PMI Graphic Pres.)
- Comprehensive suite of test models
- Numerous pilot projects in cooperation with the CAX-IF
- Support of STEP AP242 development and associated Recommended Practices

*(\*): Accomplished or in work; more planned*

## ■ Scope:

- Archive and retrieve Product Data Management information in a standard neutral form that can be read and reused throughout the product lifecycle
- Preservation of digital PDM information along the product lifecycle: in development, as designed, as planned, as delivered and as maintained.



## ■ Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts 200 (Common Concepts), 210 (PDM “as designed”), 220 (PDM “as built”), 230 (PDM “as maintained”).
- Recommendations for the Validation of Product Structures
- Preparation of a STEP AP239 / PLCS DEX
- Facilitation of pilot projects

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- Scope:

- Preservation of New information required in STEP data model for Additive manufacturing:

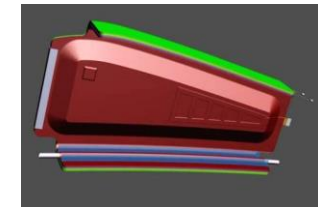
- Organic Shapes and Surface Models

- Design Tools –
- Representation Formats
- Preservation of CAD 3D tessellated solids
- 3D composite structures information such as Sequences, Plies, Cores, Material properties, Rosette, Orientation...
- Preservation of CAD 3D tessellated solids

Full shape freedom



→ Cost independent from shape



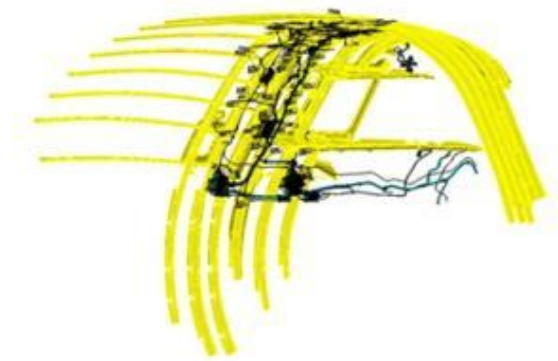
- Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts 300 (Common Concepts), 310 Ed.1 (“exact implicit” – Ply Definition), 310 Ed.2 (“approximate explicit” – 3D Tess. Solid)
- Support of STEP AP242 Development and associated Recommended Practices
- Prototype part developed to anticipate future structures in order to demonstrate concepts
- Independent tests of CAD tools for the purpose of interoperability

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## ■ Scope:

- Preservation of digital electrical harness models for
  - Design
  - Certification
  - Manufacturing
  - Support



## ■ Deliverables(\*):

- Parts 400 (Common Concepts), 410 (Physical harness definition for design & construction)
- Preparation of test cases for physical electrical harness definition
- Coordination with other standardization projects related to electrical harness (STEP AP 210, AP239, VDA VEC specification, ...)
- Preparation of business requirements and use cases for extension of STEP AP 242 ED2 to include Electrical Harness Data

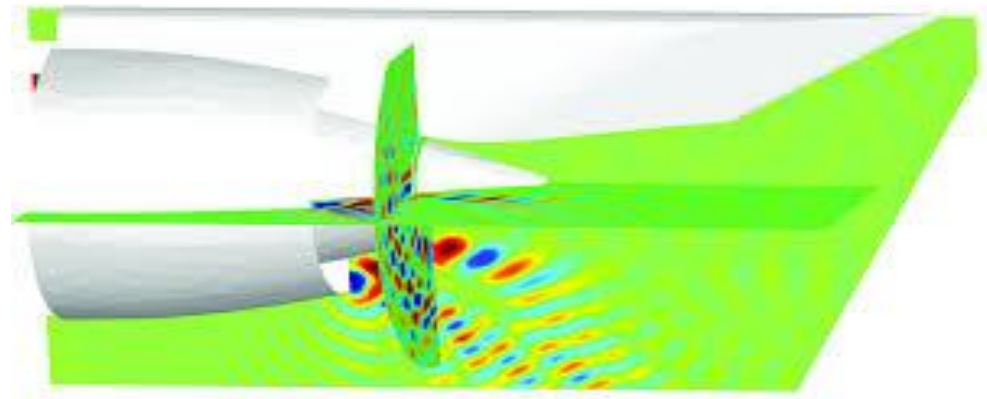
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# LOTAR WG: Engineering Analysis and Simulation (EN/NAS 9300-6xx)

## ■ Scope:

- Preservation of Engineering Analysis and Simulation information
  - Simulation
    - Structural (p1)
    - CFD (p2)
  - Analysis Methods
    - Deterministic (p1)
    - Finite Element (p1)
  - Material Types
    - Composites (p1)
    - Metallic (p1)



## ■ Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts 600 (Fund. & Concepts), 6xx (TBD)
- Preparation of WG Scope and Use Cases
- Coordination with other standardization projects related to EAS (AP209, AP242, MoSSEC, ProSTEP iViP)
- Preparation of business requirements and use cases for extension of STEP AP 242 ED2 to include Simulation & Analysis Data

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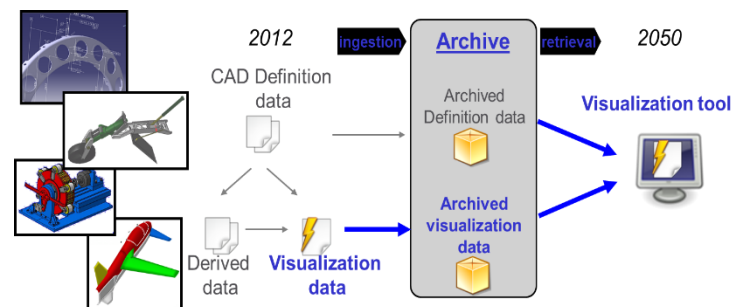
# LOTAR WG: 3D Visualization (Technical Specification/Rec Practice)

## ■ Scope:

- To define common recommendations for LT Archiving and Retrieval of 3D Visualization information being consistent with LT Archiving and Retrieval of information concerning CAD models and related information, throughout the full product life cycle.

## ■ Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- To define the characteristics of the Visualization information to be archived.
- To prepare recommended practices for implementing available 3D Visualization standards by the LOTAR community.
- To describe to the recommended processes to ensure the consistency between the archived CAD 3D (authoring) data and the archived 3D Visualization (derived) data



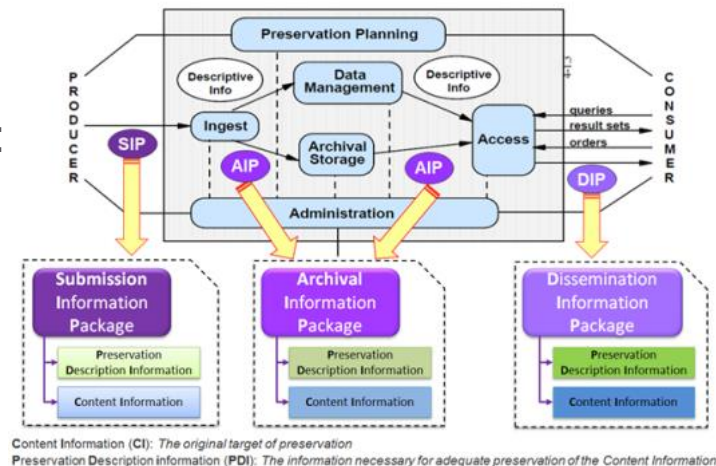
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# LOTAR WG: Meta-Data for Archiving (Technical Specification/Rec Practice)

## ■ Scope:

- Define processes, UCs and standard information model to manage meta-data for:
  - Submission Information Package
  - Archival Information Package
  - Dissemination Information Package
  - Define processes, UCs and standard information model to manage meta-data for:



- Define the information model and the corresponding STEP AP 239 PLCS subset

## ■ Deliverables<sup>(\*)</sup>:

- Parts 021 (Meta-data for Archiving),
- Processes, use cases and test cases
- STEP AP 239 information model subset
- STEP AP 239 LOTAR DEX / Rec. Practices for meta data for AP
- Test round reports and prototypes of PLM vendors

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# LOTAR Homepage: www.lotar-international.org



## Why LOTAR?

- Mission, Objectives & Scope
- Legal & Business Motivation
- Technical & IT Background
- Goals & Benefits

## LOTAR Organization

- External View
- Internal View
- Working Together
- Fundamentals & Processes
- Member Companies

## LOTAR Workgroups

- 3D CAD with PMI
- PDM
- Composites
- Electrical Harness
- 3D Visualization
- Meta-Data for Archival
- Engineering Analysis & Simulation

## Communication

- Public Presentation
- Progress Reports

## LOTAR Standard

- Overview on Parts
- Industry Use

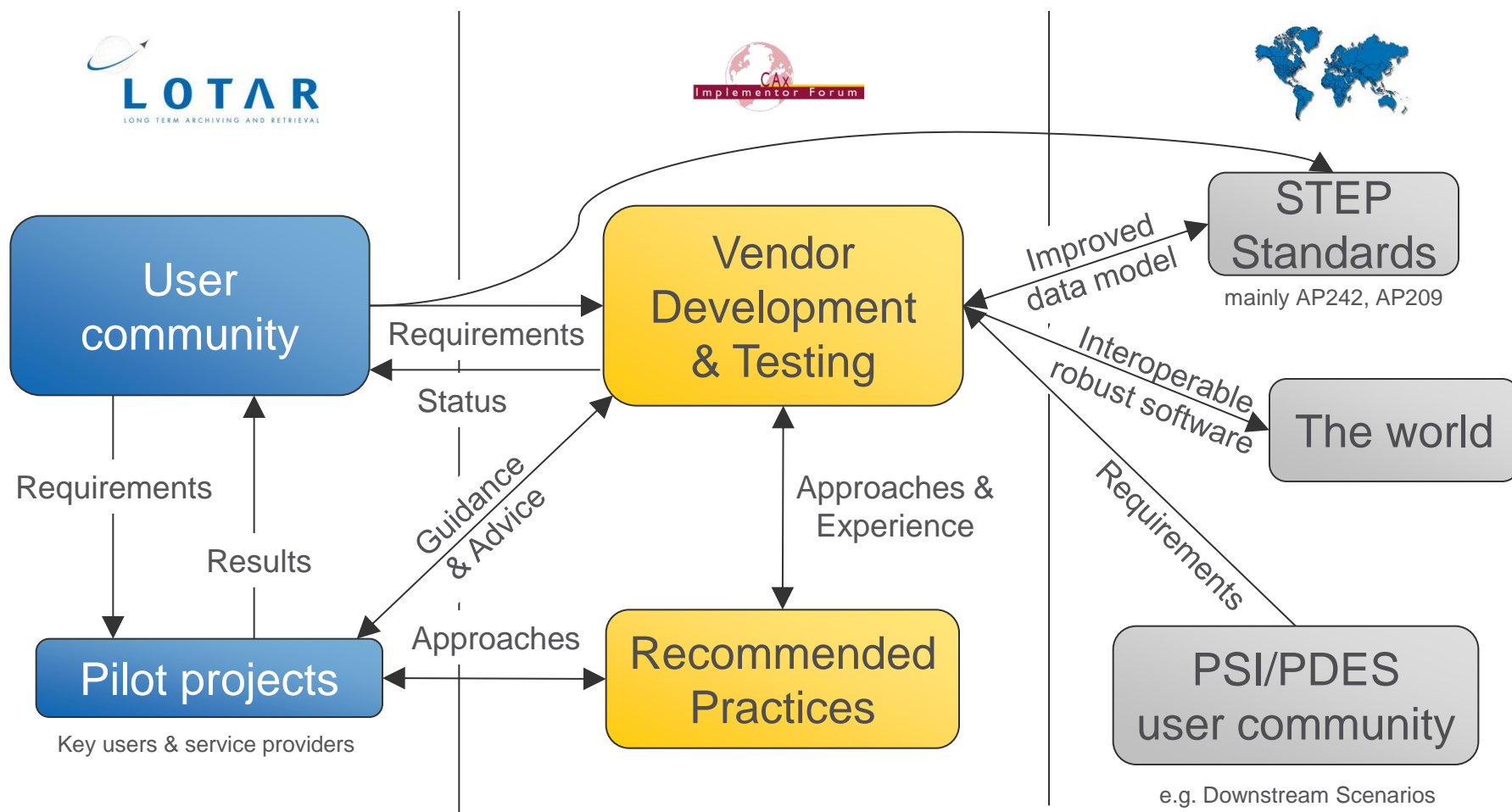
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