

1st Accelerators Technology Sector Workshop

Engineering Design Tools and Processes
Project Management Methodologies and Tools

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Interconnecting knowledge, experience, methods,
people & data to foster learning & collaboration



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Transforming engineering processes with the new Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) platform

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What is a PLM platform?

PLM (Product Lifecycle Management)

- **Centralizes** all product information in one location
- Allows the access to **relevant information at every stage** of the product lifecycle
- Manages engineering **business processes** (data verification, ECR, etc...)
- **Backbone** that integrates with other systems, **acting as «single source of truth»** for engineering data

Some PLM challenges at CERN

- **Complex and technically advanced environment**
LHC + detectors: some 100 million high-tech components.
- **Large international collaborations**
Typical particle detector experiment is >2000 people, located on 5 continents often using different CAD tools.
- **Very long lifecycles**
Our installations have lifecycle of 30-50 years.
- **Traceability**
Strict traceability of equipment and detailed techn. documentation.
- **Quality and control vs. Innovation and research**



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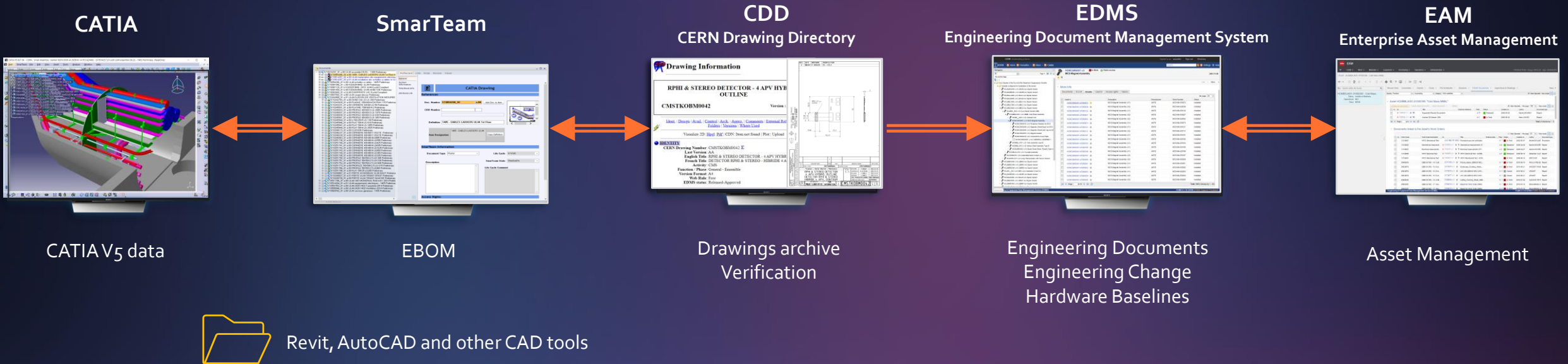
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The PLM Project

Why the PLM Project?

- Trigger: **SmarterTeam end of support**
- Multiple systems used by Engineering community: SmarterTeam, CDD and EDMS
 - Heavy data synchronization
 - Hard to maintain this ecosystem



What is the scope of the PLM Project?

- **Replace SmarTeam and CDD** with an integrated CERN Engineering Platform

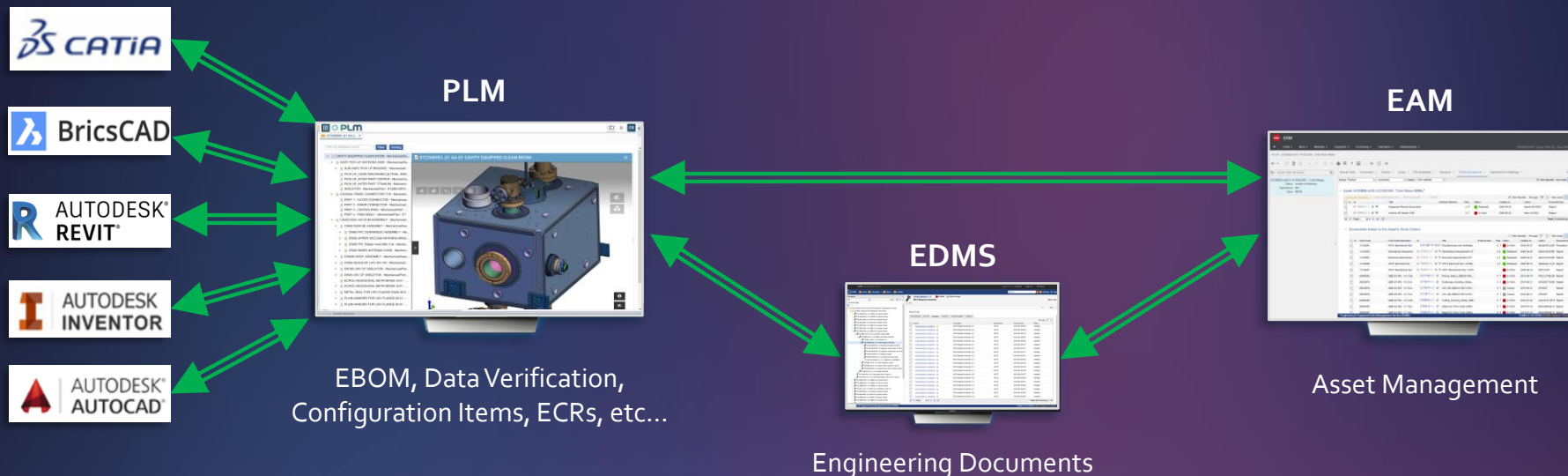
- Reduce the number of tools for the users
- Provide better service

- + **MultiCAD support** → All Design Offices can work with it!

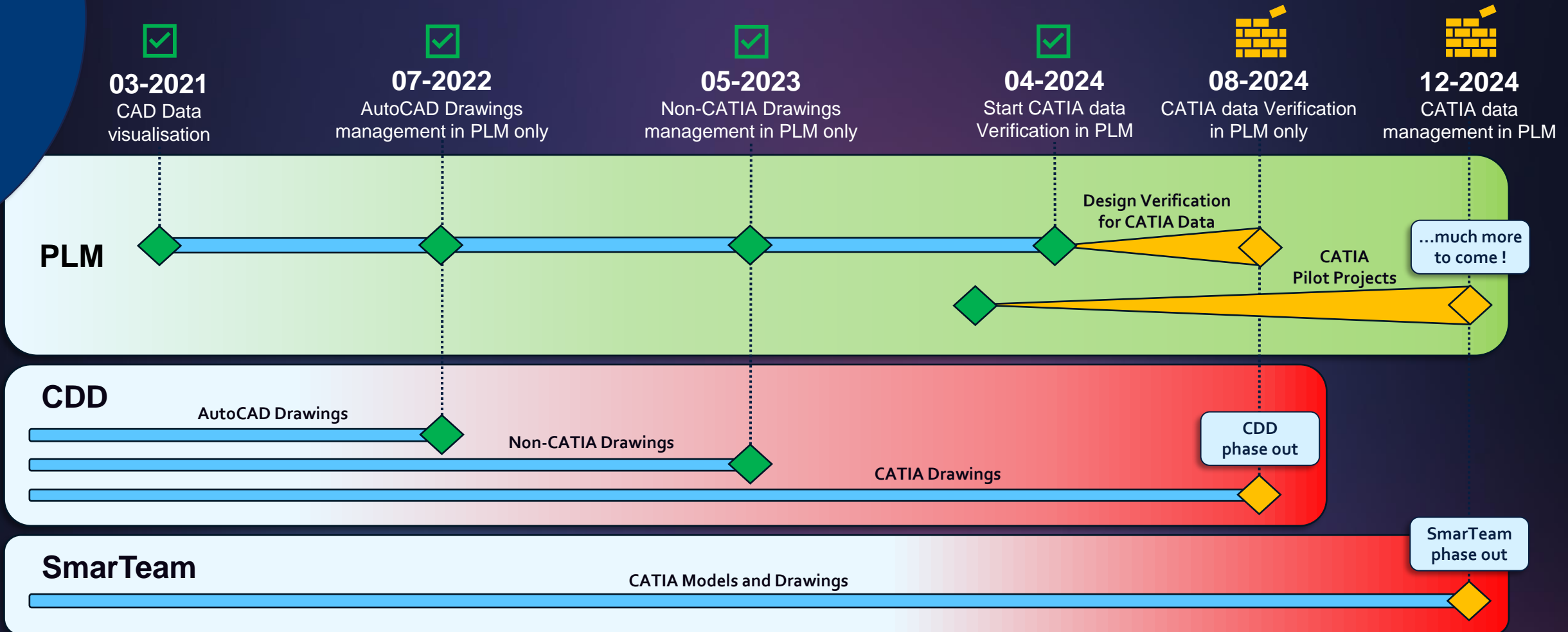
- CATIA for Mechanical CAD
- AutoCAD, BricsCAD, Inventor, Revit for other disciplines, ...

- + **Part Centric methodology**

- Link with physical equipment
- Enabler of the Digital Thread



Project Milestones



What is already in Production?

Web access

https://plm.cern.ch/

PLM

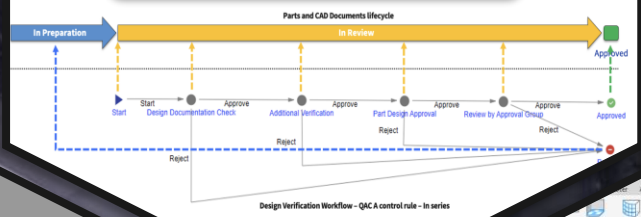
Search

equipped vacuum

All BETA CAD Documents Parts

Mechanical/Assembly ST1035677_01 AA.00 - VACUUM UNION VPSB EQU...
CAD-BE-RF-PM CATIA
Lars Haarsma (lhaarsma)

Business Processes and Workflows



Structured data

Catalogue

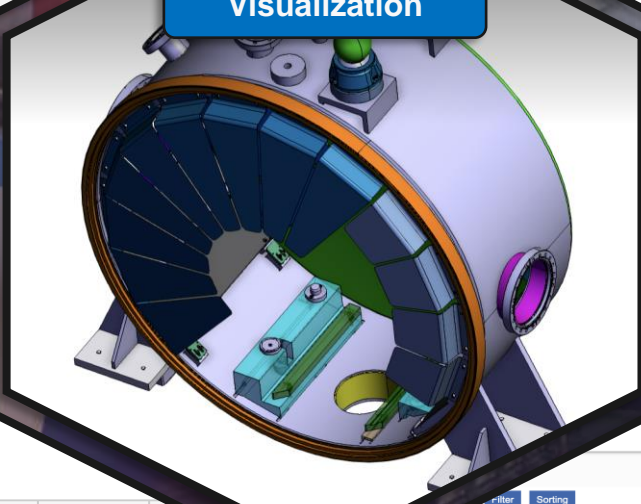
- Disciplines
 - Charpentes Métalliques
 - Civil Engineering
 - Cooling & Ventilation
 - Cryogenics
 - AR External
 - AR Tanks UX15
 - Cryogenics test facility in SM18
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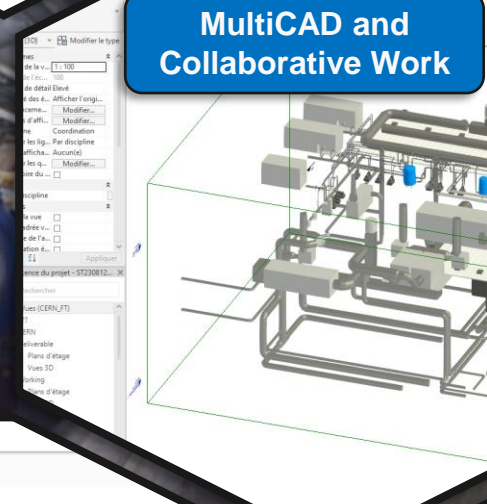
11 items (11 CAD Documents)

Thumbnail	Type
	Mechanical/Ass...
	Mechanical/A...

Visualization



MultiCAD and Collaborative Work



Some of the CERN PLM Core capabilities

Unified TitleBlock integrated with PLM

10252 VW Beetle Engine	DESIGNED P. Marcella
	CHECKED B. Lepoitte
	VERIFIED B. Swiatlows
	REVIEWED
	Approved 2024-03-21
REFERENCES Doc No: ST2311200_02	INDEX LABEL

Traceability and Version Control

Reference	Version	Description
SPLACRFQ0067	AA.00	LINAC 4 RFQ
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SPLACRFQ0067	AA.02	LINAC 4 RFQ
SPLACRFQ0067	AB.00	LINAC 4 RFQ
SPLACRFQ0067	AB.01	LINAC 4 RFQ

Link and show data from other apps

CR (CERN Naming S...)

- FC (FCC Naming S...
- HC (LHC Naming S...
- A (Acceleration)
- B (Beam Instrumentation)
- C (Controls and Communication)
- D (Electrical Distribution and Quench Pr...
- E (AC Electrical Distribution)
- F (Fluids)
- F252 (LHC - Fluids - Assembly hall ...)
- F3169 (LHC - Fluids - Cooling towers...
- F3186 (LHC - Fluids - Cooling towers...
- F3299 (Fluids - Point 2 Site for LHC/...

Code: F2252

Description: LHC - Fluids - Assembly hall experience I3

Variant

Status

Web Viewer

The screenshot displays a CAD web viewer interface. On the left is a tree view of a project structure. The main area shows a 3D model of a blue and gold mechanical assembly. To the right of the model are metadata fields for Design Code, Responsible Project Group, Part, Designer, and Replaced By. Below the model are tabs for 'Detailed information', 'Children', and 'Direct parents'. The 'Detailed information' tab is active, showing three panels: 'References' (with Description and Representation Type), 'CAD Information' (with Level Of Detail, Coord. System, Authoring Tool, and Authoring Tool Version), and 'System Information' (with Generation, Previous Version, Created By, Created On, and Last Modified By).

ST2308981_01 AA.01 In Preparation

CAD Document
Mechanical/Assembly

CAVITY EQUIPPED CLEAN ROOM

Design Code: STRSS-LHCX

Responsible Project Group: CERN PLM Support

Part: ST2308981 1.01 CAVITY EQUIPPED CLEA ...

Download converted file: STEP (.stp)

Designer: Pierre-Francois Marcillac (pmarcill)

Replaced By:

Detailed information | Children | Direct parents

References

Description

Representation Type: Master

CAD Information

Level Of Detail

Coord. System

Authoring Tool: CATIA

Authoring Tool Version: V5R27

System Information

Generation: 1

Previous Version: Frozen

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Digital Twin

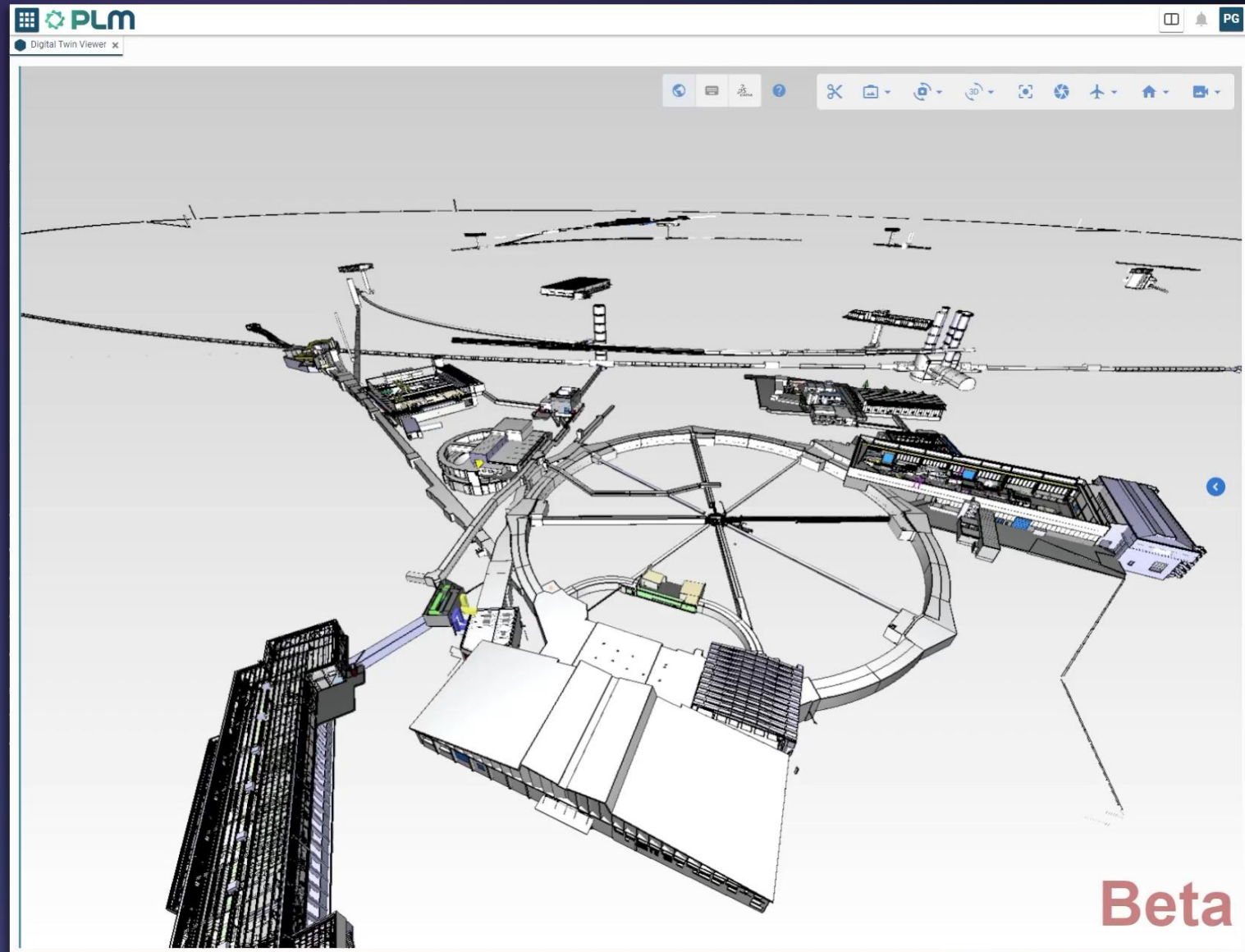
3D navigation of Accelerators & Detectors complex using Layout and CAD data

Goal

Augment with links and data feeds from PLM, EAM, Layout, SCADA...

Applications

- Training before Interventions, VR, AR
- Visualisations for Integration, Coordination, Configuration Management
- Safety, Work Dose Planning
- High-Fidelity tests of Digital Model
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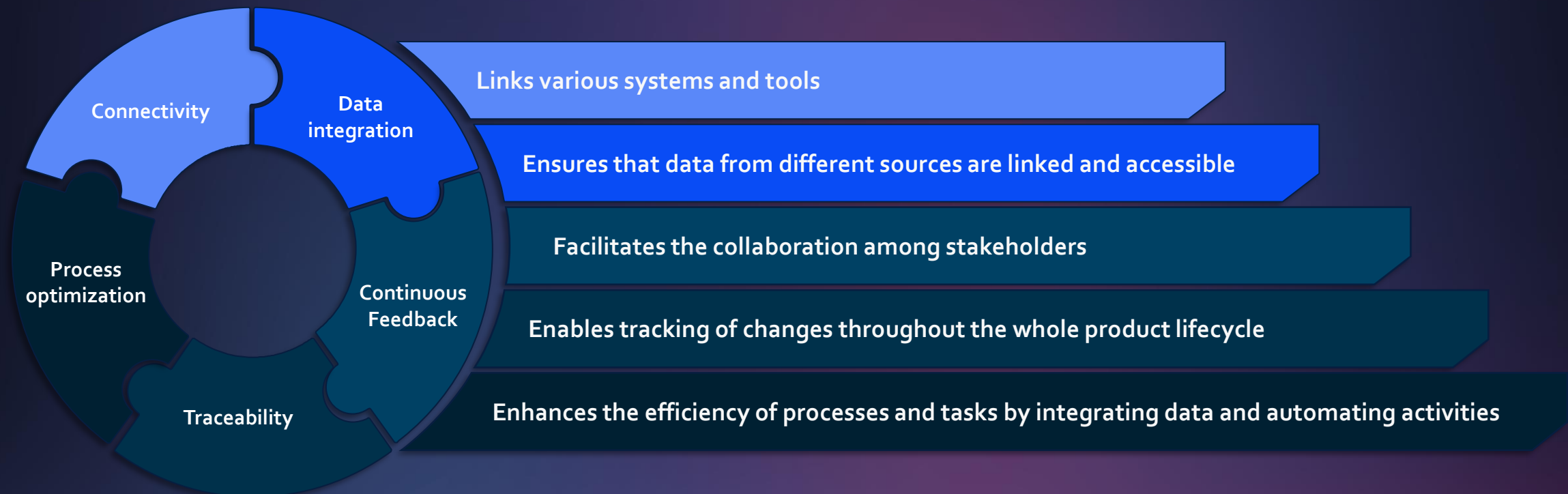


Enhancing the Digital Thread at CERN

What is the Digital Thread?

The **Digital Thread** means **integrating data** and information from multiple systems **across the lifecycle of a product**, from design and manufacturing to operation and maintenance.

It ensures the **accessibility** of relevant information **at every stage**.



An aerial photograph of a tropical archipelago, showing numerous small, lush green islands scattered across a deep blue ocean. The water around the islands is a lighter, turquoise color, indicating shallow depths and coral reefs. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic.

CERN's engineering system landscape is similar to an archipelago



EAM

EDMS

SCADA

Survey

Simulations

Layout DB

PLM

...

CAD Tools

Other engineering application

We need to build up the bridges together

PLM as reference for engineers

Integrated Platform

Gradually link applications and data into a common engineering platform

Data visualization

Provide relevant engineering information, from multiple angles & in different formats

Business Processes

Increasingly support more engineering business processes with the platform

Digitalized workflows

Make the PLM evolving into the EDH for the engineering community

Please come and talk with us before building another island !

AI - ChatPLM

The implementation of a **robust Digital Thread** becomes **extremely important** for the future, as we have more and more **AI assistance** in our daily work

Current status

- Convenient way to **find answers** to questions about the platform
- **Based on** the content of the **available documentation**
- Provides **links to** the related **documentation**



Ask questions about the PLM Platform.

How can I launch a design verification workflow?



ChatPLM can produce incorrect information, always check its answers. [Learn more](#)

Powering the future of Particle Accelerators

Enabling AI and Industry 4.0

SPECIFICATION & DESIGN

- Global access to digitalized CERN environment
- AI-powered simulations and testing
- Accelerated design process

MANUFACTURING & INSTALLATION

- Enhanced supplier collaboration
- Less physical prototypes
- Decreased production errors
- Lower costs

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

- Live monitoring through IoT
- AI-driven predictive maintenance
- Extensive robotics utilization
- AR and VR support

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Digitalization is the future of engineering !

CERN's new PLM is a key step toward this and a platform to build on

Thanks for your attention!

