



# Manufacturability Assessment Knowledge-Based Evaluation



## MAKE

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## ***“ERS buys down acquisition risk”***

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# ERS “Manufacturability” Module

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## Purpose

To understand various aspects of designs manufacturability by developing an assessment methodology targeted for use assessing system designs for the DoD lifecycle acquisition process. This methodology will assist design teams with assessing and improving the manufacturability of a product design.

## Products/Capability to be Delivered

### ERS Manufacturability Module

- **Manufacturability Metrics** – The manufacturability metric(s) that assess the difficulty to manufacture products . The metric(s) will consider the technology readiness level (TRL) as well as the manufacturing readiness level (MRL) to rate the product on a scale determined by subject matter experts
- **Updated ERS manufacturability Roadmap** - phases, products, and efforts of the development process to synchronize with ERS tradespace module/tool development efforts
- **Development of the manufacturability assessment methodology** - provide descriptions of anchoring factors for quantitative and qualitative metrics to include scalability, risk, etc.
- **Submit and publish a research conference paper as well as a conference presentation (e.g. IEEE, MORSS, NDIA, etc.)** - papers to communities of interest to gain user/community feedback and advertising ERS capabilities
- **Collaboration with and feedback from DMDI Institute (DMDII), Additive Manufacturing Engineering (AME), and Model Based Engineering (MBE)** – to leverage community expertise for metric development and review as well as module exposure
- **Verified Manufacturability Module for ERS demos & presentations** – Manufacturability module for use by ERS for usability studies, verification, and inclusion in the ERS tool set



# What is the need for MAKE?



## ERS Environment *Data-driven Engineering*



Common Core Platforms

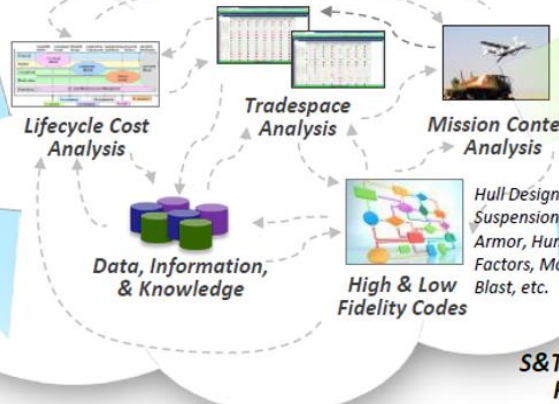


*Data-Driven Decisions Throughout Lifecycle*

**Framework Interface**

DIGITAL THREAD

Rapid Prototyping, Reconfigurable Systems



**Needs (...ilities)**

- Manufacturability
- Affordability
- Reliability
- Sustainability
- Usability
- Survivability
- Etc.

Previous Design Successes, Lessons learned

Hull Designs, Suspension, Armor, Human Factors, Mobility, Blast, etc.

S&T Resources, Research

HPCMP Resources

ENGINEERED RESILIENT SYSTEMS (ERS)

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# Collaboration Effort

**ERDC**  
Engineer Research and  
Development Center



MRAP, Navistar Maxx  
Pro, West Point, MS  
Production Facility, over  
6,000 vehicles produced,  
2007 - 2009.





# Project Team “Working Group”

- A Diverse Research Team with over **180 combined years** of industry experience (Reps from CAVS-E, ISER, ERDC, and Outside Consultants).

• **Areas of Experience:** **Functional Areas:**

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Aerospace  
 Automotive  
 • all-terrain vehicles  
 • consumer road vehicles  
 • military vehicles  
 Consumer & Personal Care Products  
 Healthcare  
 Electronics  
 Electronic Test Equipment  
 Elevators  
 Industrial Parts

Logistics  
 Medical Devices  
 Musical Instruments  
 Networks  
 Office Furniture  
 Plant Equipment  
 Quality Assurance  
 Residential Appliances  
 Shipbuilding  
 Transportation  
 Utility

Product Design  
 Mfg. Process  
 Engineering  
 Quality Engineering  
 Mathematics  
 Computer Science  
 Systems Engineering



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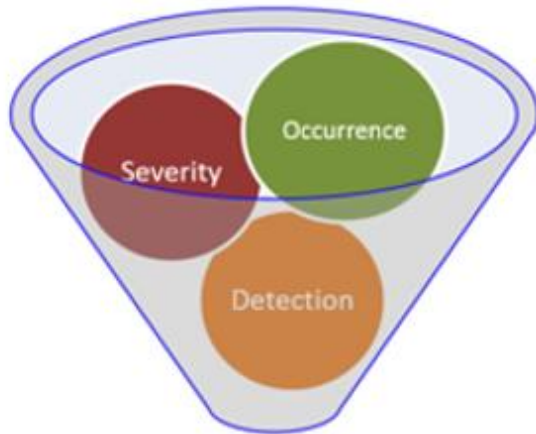
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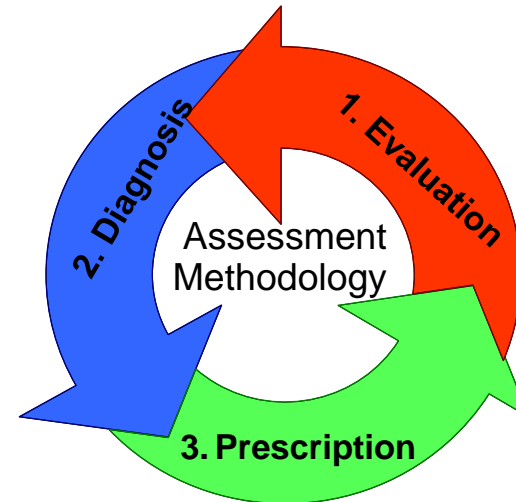
# Original MAKE Concept

Originally thought of as having similarities to FMEA

- Unit-less metric
- Continuous improvement cycle



$$RPN = Sev \times Occ \times Det$$

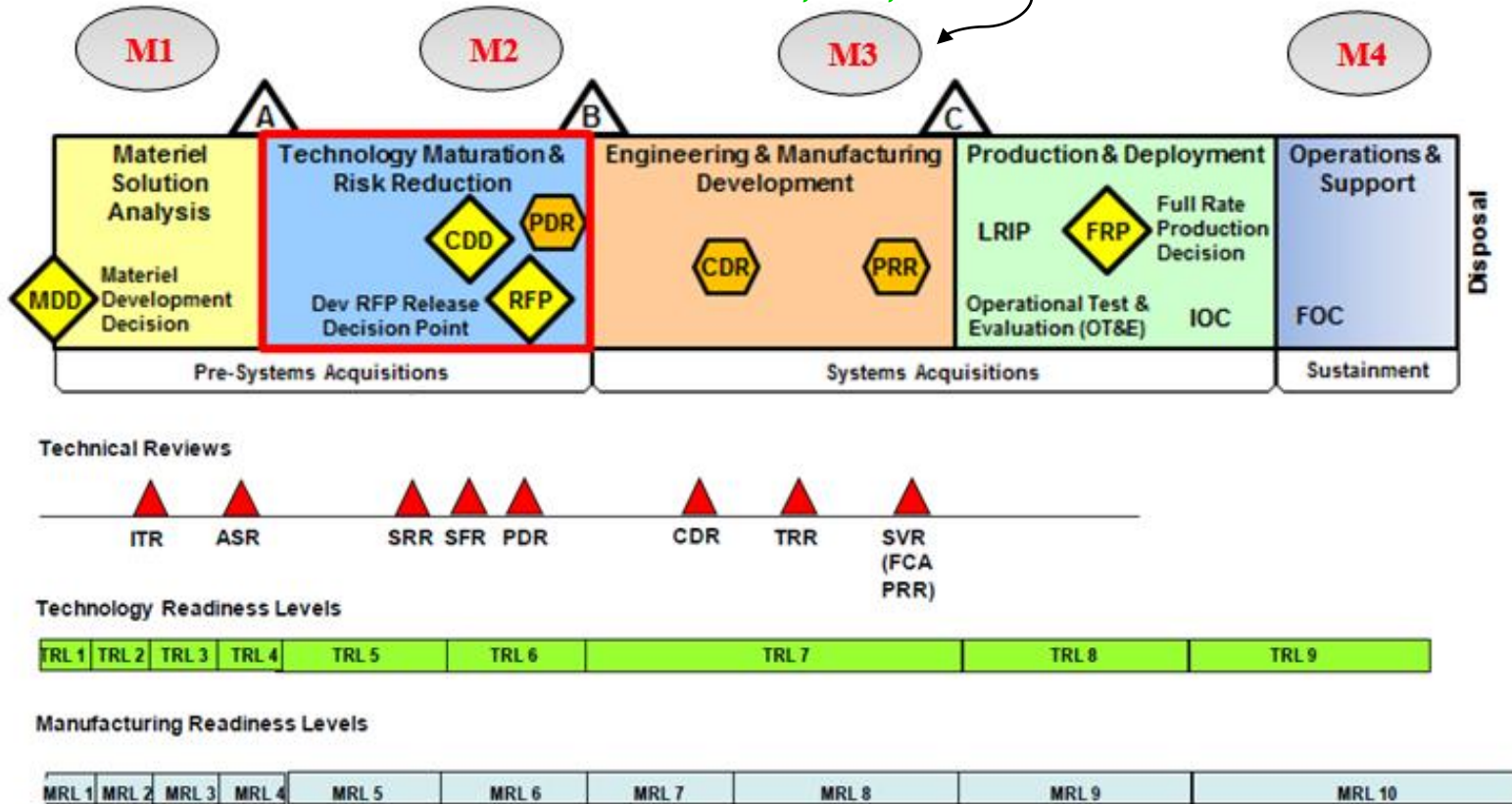


*Manufacturability Metric*



# Four “Potential” Metrics Throughout the Product Life Cycle

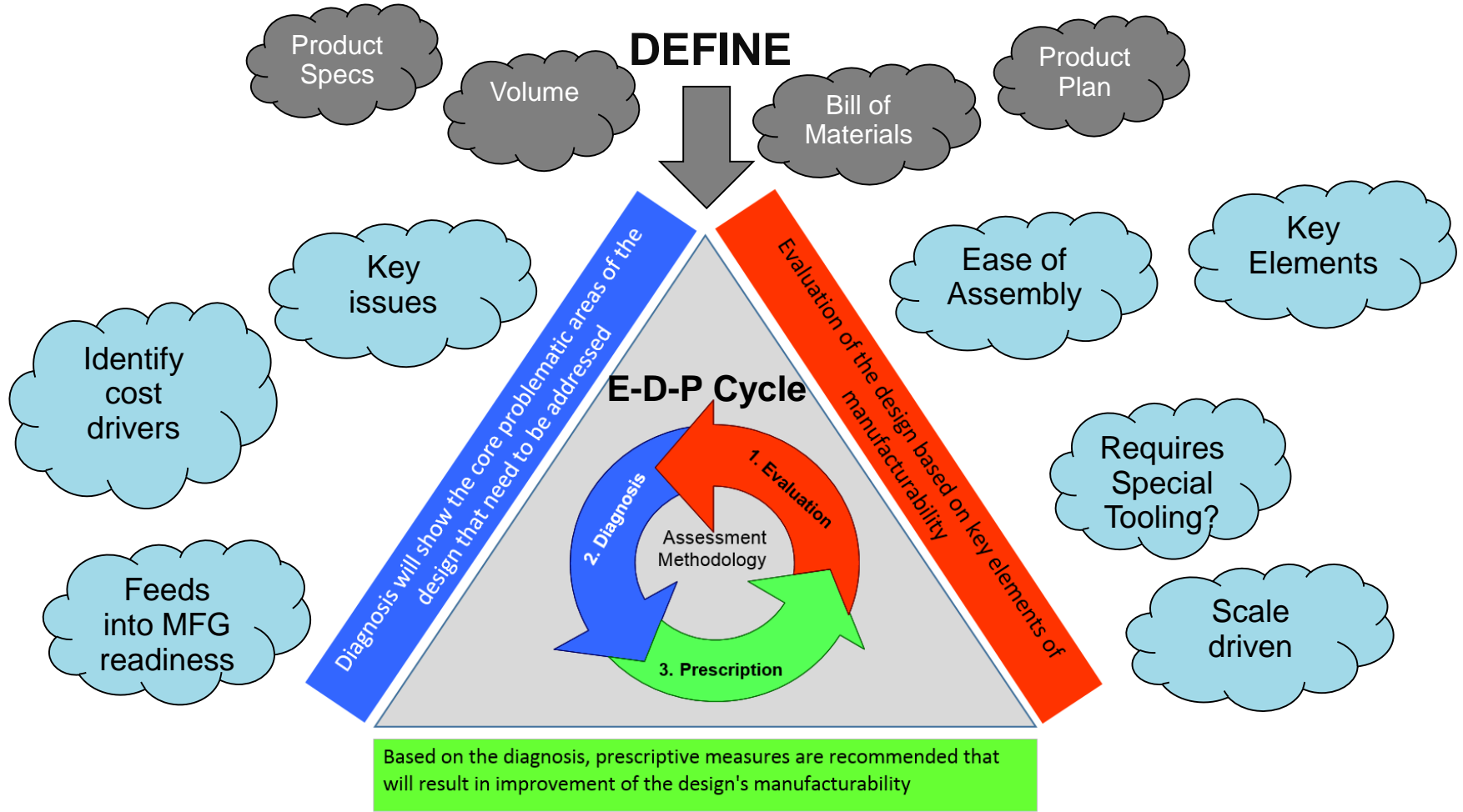
\* MRL 7-8  
 PDR, CDR, PRR







# Framework for the Manufacturability Assessment





# Development of Key Elements

- **What is “Manufacturability”?**
  - ▶ Describes the relative ease with which a product or component can be manufactured.
  - ▶ The inherent difficulty of manufacturing a product to design specifications has both direct and indirect cost implications.
  - ▶ Major criteria such as process costs, time to produce, production volumes, supply chain issues and product quality collectively determine manufacturability,
- **As the team generally discussed the key components of manufacturability, a brainstorming activity was performed to identify the specific elements that impact it.**



# Affinity Diagram Exercise

- Grouped ideas were translated into the following:

**91 elements**



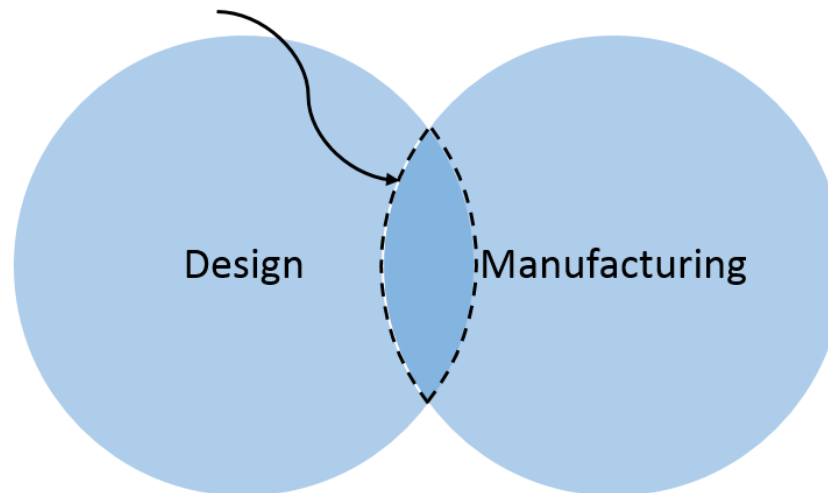
**Observed interactions/overlap between the elements and the grouped categories**



# Development of Key Elements

- The assessor's intent would be to *understand the impact of characteristics of the “design” on particular areas of “manufacturing”?*

Interaction of design and manufacturing





# Manufacturability Interaction Matrix

- 15 x 9 matrix showing the interactions (X) between the “aspects of design” and the “aspects of manufacturing”.
- What is the impact of the “aspects of design” on the “aspects of manufacturing”? Ex. What is the impact of “ease of assembly” on the “process”?

Aspect of Design \ Aspect of Mfg	Design	Material	Product Dimensioning	Special Tools	Part Geometry	Special Skills	Ease of Assembly	Reliability	Process Capability	Capacity and Scalability	Ergonomics	Material Handling, Transporting, and Packaging	Strategic Sourcing	Quality testing and equipment	Maintainability
Process	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Supply Chain	X	X			X	X				X	X	X		X	X
Equipment/Tools	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Facility	X			X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
Labor	X						X		X	X	X	X	X		
Quality	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cost	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EHS	X	X		X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	
Sustainability	X	X		X	X		X				X			X	



# Evaluation Phase

## Version 2.0 Manufacturability Interaction Matrix

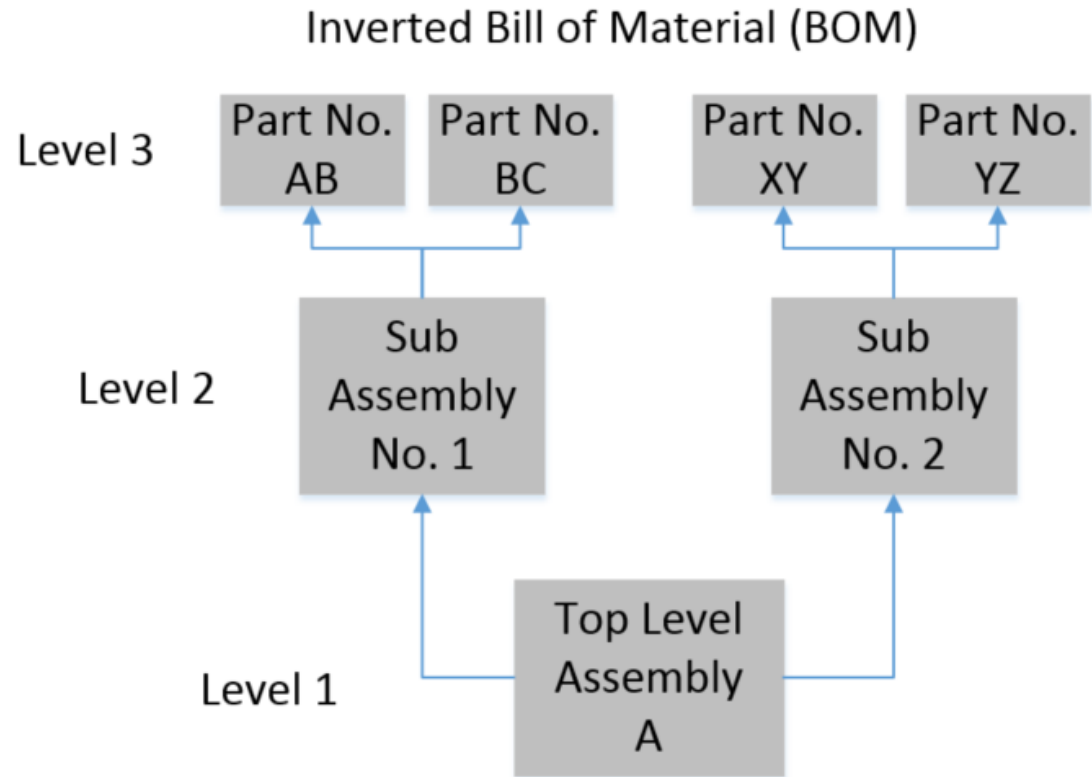
- ▶ Understand impact of the design on particular aspects of manufacturing
- ▶ Example “What is the impact of material on the manufacturing process?”

Aspect of Design	Aspects of Mfg (AM)	Material	Product and Manufacturing Information (PMI)	Part Geometry
Process		X	X	X
Process Capability		X	X	X
Supply Chain		X	X	X
Equipment/Tools		X	X	X
Facility		X	X	X
Labor		X	X	X
Quality		X	X	X
EHS		X	X	X
Ergonomics		X	X	X
Capacity and Scalability		X	X	X
Maintainability		X	X	X



# Structured Evaluation

- In the inverted BOM, evaluation of lowest level part number(s) will occur first.
- Once all parts at lowest level evaluated, assembly level will be evaluated.



Assessment will be based on an Inverted BOM approach.



# Evaluation – Rating Scales

- Rating system\* based on the following criteria:

Color	Rating	Description
Red	1 - 60	High concern significant issues, <b>stop and evaluate</b>
Yellow	61 - 85	Medium concern, some issues (additional build time, extra resources, and special tooling, etc. may be required), <b>proceed with caution</b>
Green	86 - 100	Low concern, very few issues, <b>proceed</b>

\* Based on prior work with a large defense contractor – needs to be further validated



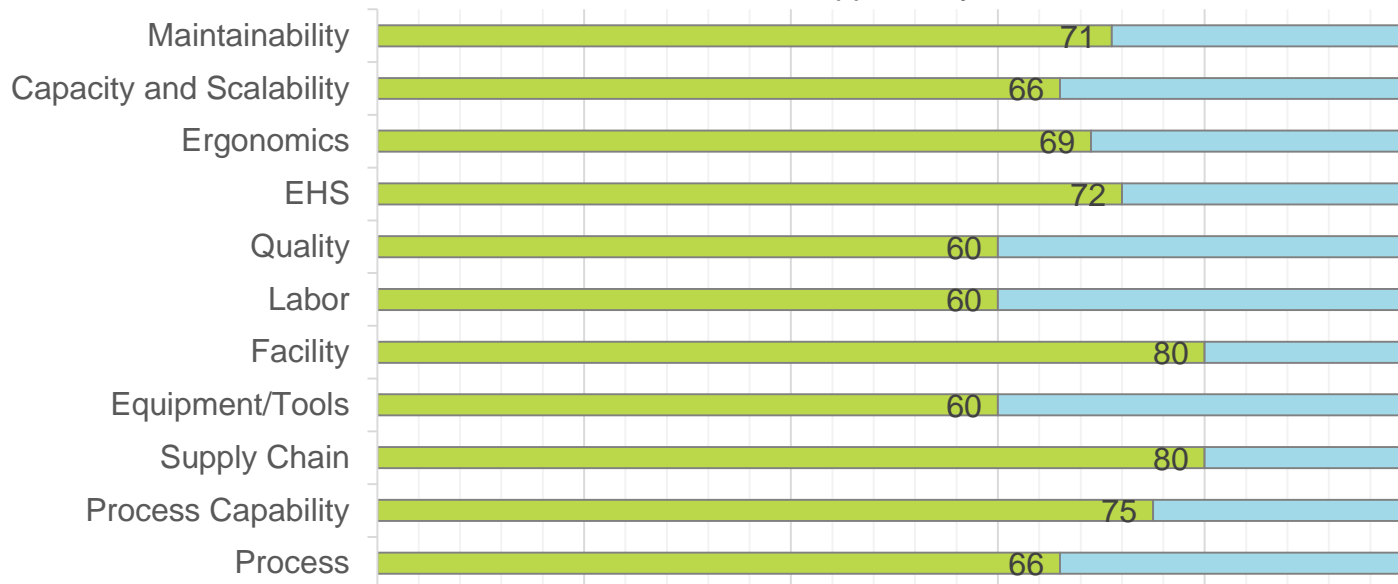


# Diagnosis Phase

- Dive deeper to understand the impact of the design on particular aspects of manufacturing.

## Impact of Material

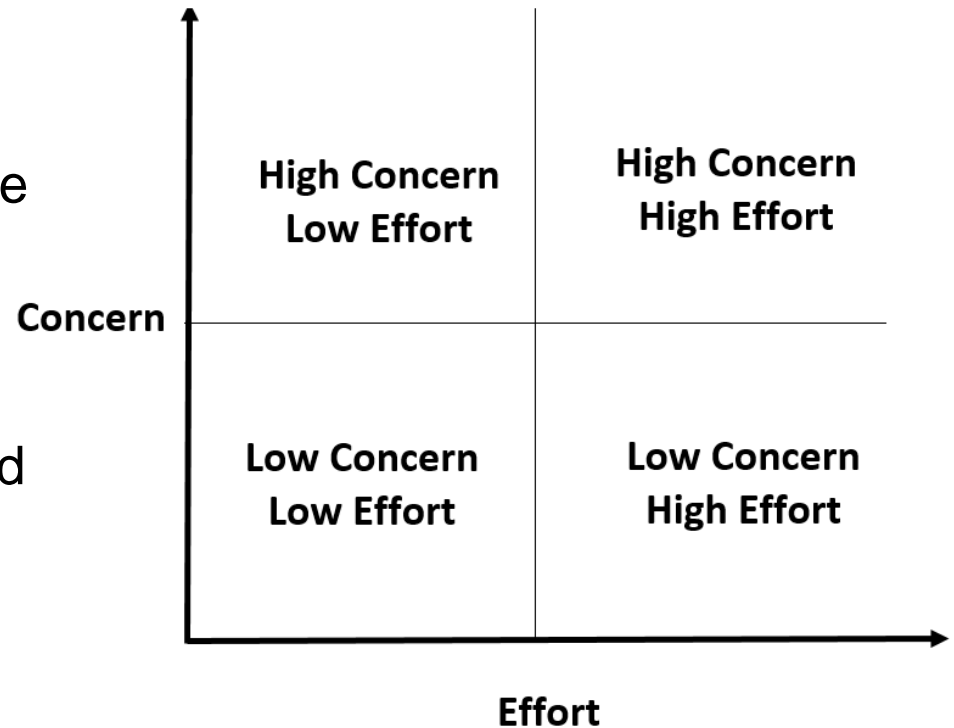
■ Assessed Value   ■ Opportunity





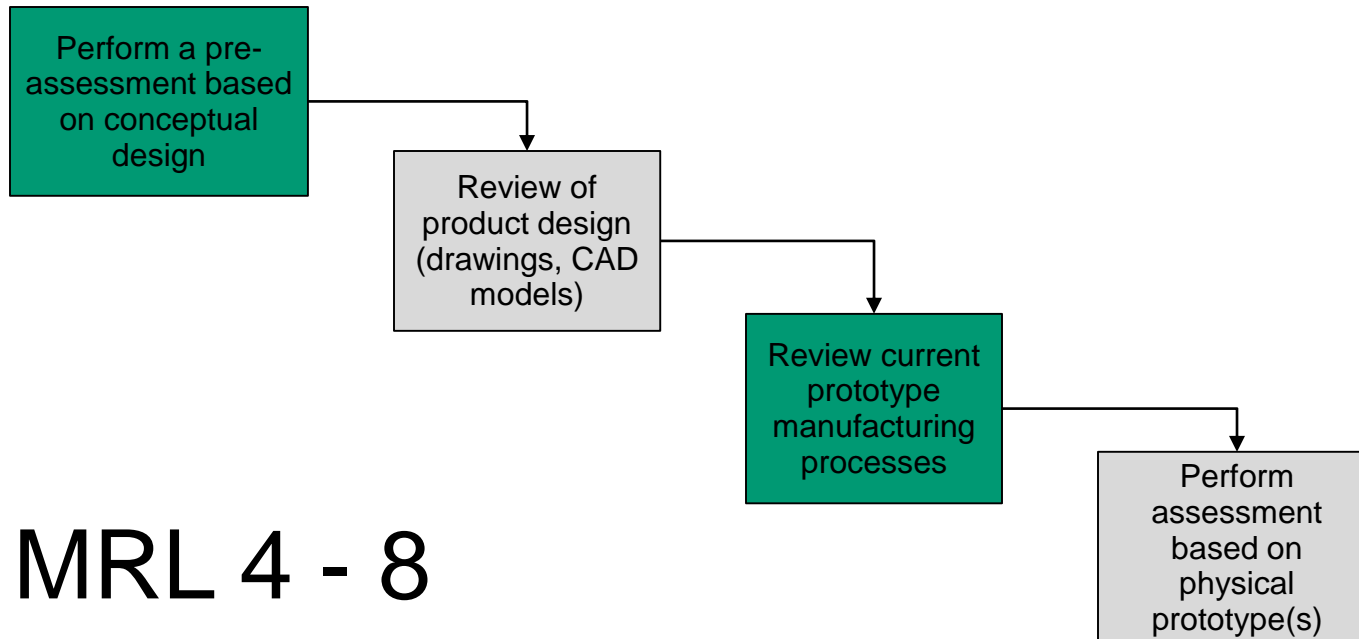
# Prescription Phase of Study

- Utilize a taxonomy of best practices.
- SME input is provided to mitigate risk & facilitate improvement in the manufacturability scores.
- Communicate the SME proffered recommendations based on the assessed effort and risk to the operation.





# Case Study Evaluation Progression



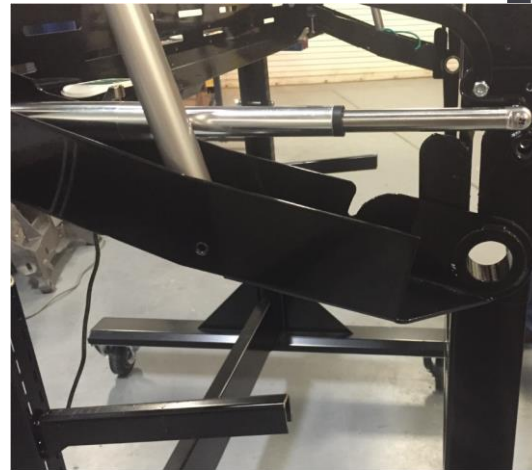
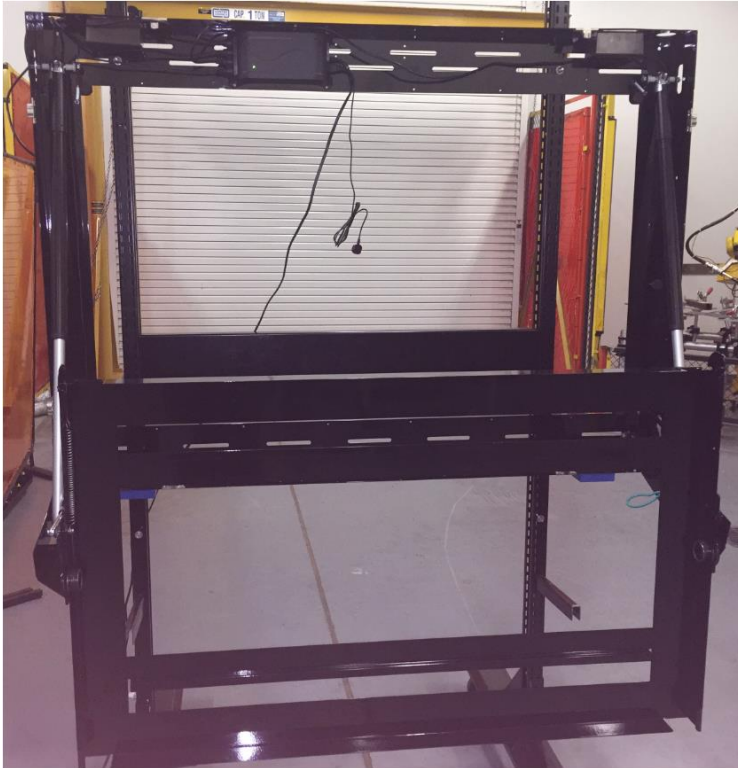
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Milestones A - C



# 1<sup>st</sup> Case Study

- **RTVM - Rotatable TV Mount**



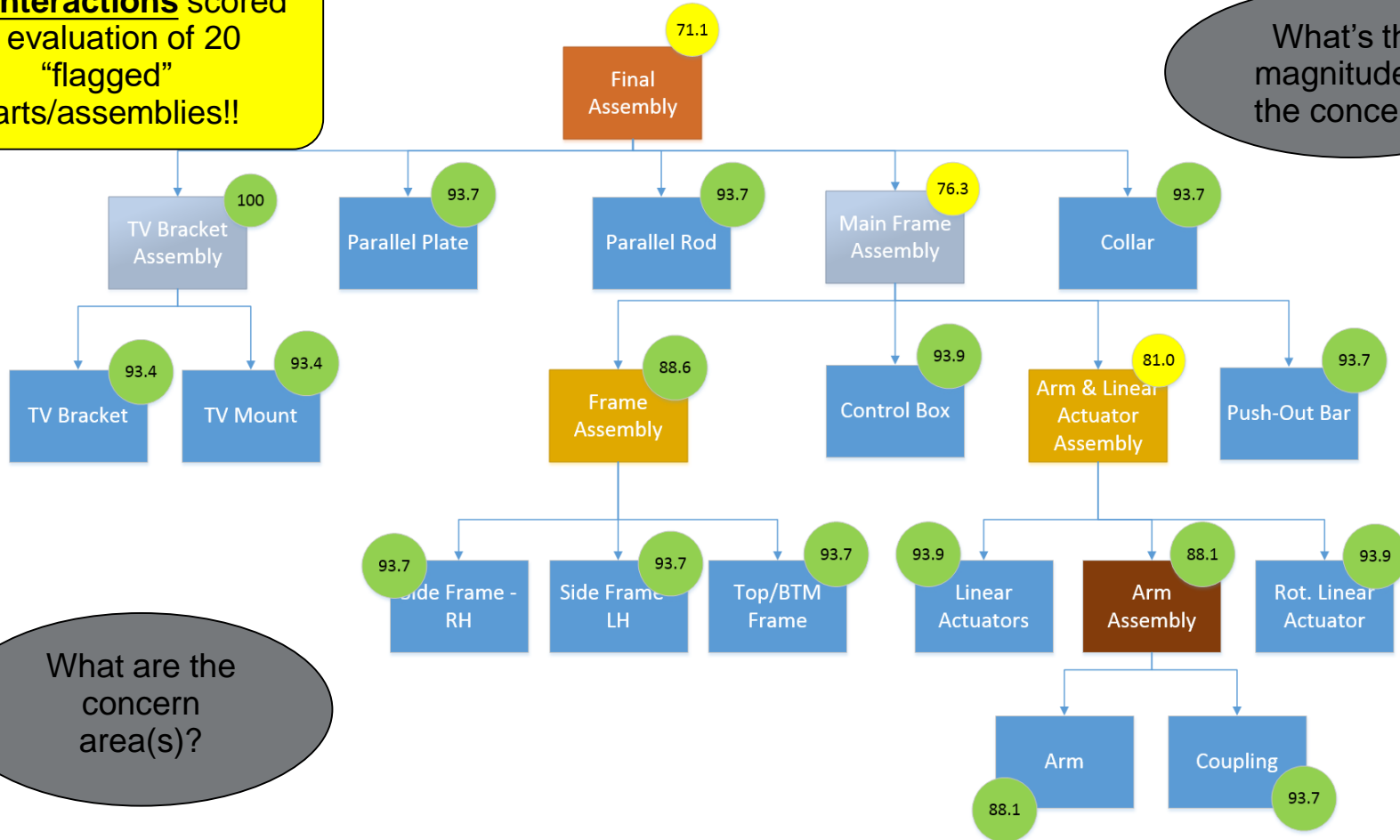
Components: Sheet Metal, Electrical/Electronic, Electro-Mechanical actuators, Springs, Fasteners, etc.



# Evaluation of Design

300 **interactions** scored  
 in evaluation of 20  
 “flagged”  
 parts/assemblies!!

What’s the  
 magnitude of  
 the concern?

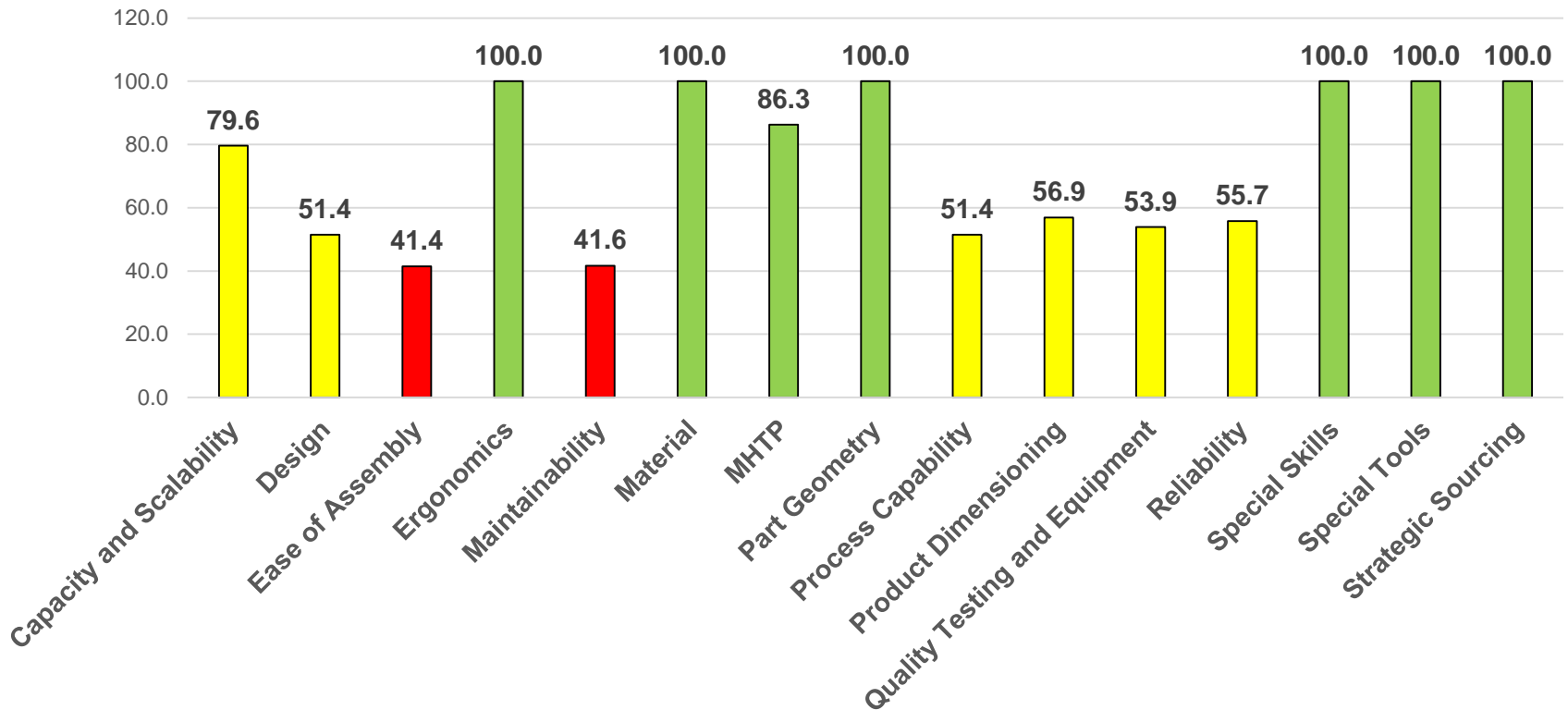


What are the  
 concern  
 area(s)?






# Diagnosis: Concern areas within Mfg

## Final Assembly Process Step - Impact of Aspects of Design





# Prescriptive: Concerns & Recommendations

Element	Score	Concern	Recommendation
Product Dimensioning	44.6 	1) Disagreement between drawing tolerance and quality capability. 2) Block tolerance high – three decimal places = +/- .015. Unnecessary tight tolerances are costly. Drawing dimensioned to three decimal places which is beyond Leonard’s capability. 3) Dimension not specified on the assembly drawing 4) Perpendicularity call-out (squareness) not shown for quality verification purposes.	1) Dimensions should reflect two decimal point specifications to reflect Leonard’s quality capability of +/- .031”. 2) Update frame assembly drawing with dimensional and geometric specifications. 3) Need to confirm decision that this will be a welded assembly (as built for prototype) instead of bolted. Once decision is confirmed, remove bolt holes and add notes for welding (weld locations, weld fixturing, bead size, and weld finishing, etc.)
Quality Testing and Equipment	63.0 	Tight drawing tolerance (as drawn). Does not match manufacturing capability or quality measurement capability.  Need to be able to measure and confirm squareness of the finished assembly.	Update all drawings to show +/-0.031" tolerance for all two decimal point dimensions.  Ensure there is quality check (measure and confirm) for squareness of the frame assembly.
Capacity and Scalability	69.7 	Volume greater than 100/month would cause issues 1) Increase labor force would be required 2) Additional equipment, fixtures, jigs, etc. would be needed to support the increased volume (ex. Laser, turret punch)	1) Discuss with future assembly house (Leonard) on capability for future expansion(2018 and beyond = volume >100/month) 2) Manufacturing set up would be more batch queue, so focus needs to be on part storage capacity. 3) Review finished goods inventory and order shipment policy.



# “Live” MAKE Demo

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Questions ?