

Product development & engineering design

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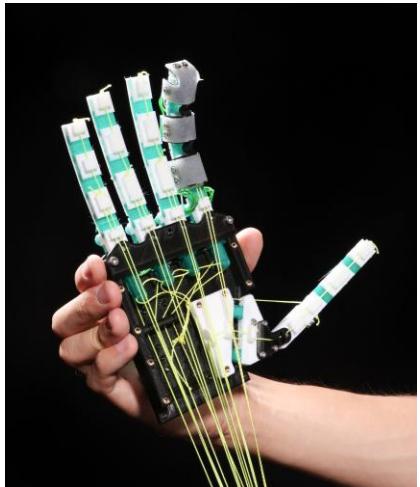
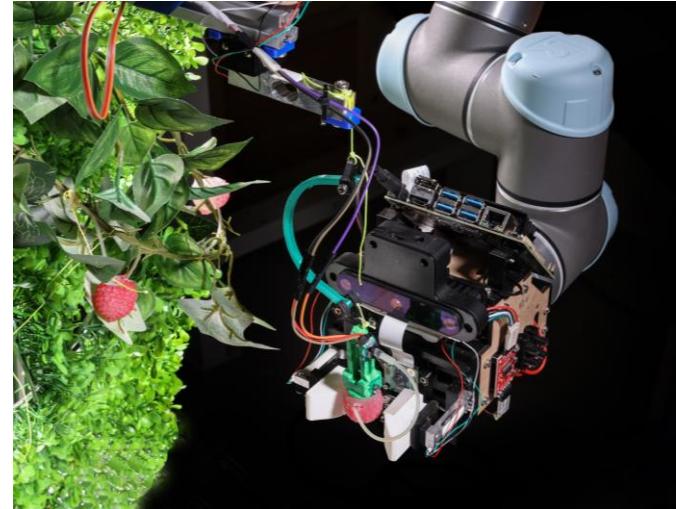
PROF. JOSIE HUGHES

## Lecture 1: Introduction, Motivation & Project



# About Me...

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- Post-doc, MIT CSAIL
- Assistant Professor, CREATE Lab, 2021



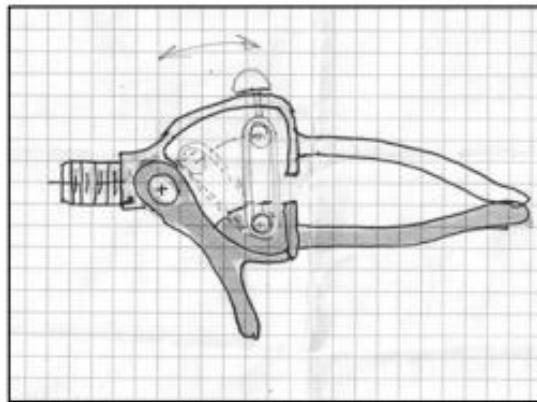
# Question for you!

<https://tppoll.com/p/designefpl>



# What is Product & Engineering Design?

Engineering design is a systematic process in which designers **generate, evaluate, and specify devices**, systems, or processes whose form and function achieve objectives while satisfying constraints.



CRITERIA	WEIGHT OF 100-200	WEIGHT OF 200-300	WEIGHT OF 300-400
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EXCELLENT PERSONNEL TURN OVER	+	+	+
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Safety (Inhalable dust)	+	-	-
INHALABLE DUST	+	-	-
INTEGRITY (FACT)	+	-	-
CORES WITH MANAGEMENT	+	-	-
TIME TO DEVELOP	+	-	-
TYPE OF INVESTMENT	+	-	-



“The knowledge of technical systems or analysis is not sufficient to understand the thought processes that lead to successful synthesis or design.”

# The science of how we make things

Dym, C. L., A. M. Agogino, O. Eris, D. D. Frey, and L. J. Leifer, 2005, "Engineering Design Thinking, Teaching, and Learning," *ASEE Journal of Engineering Education* 94(1):103-120.



# Product & Engineering Design...

"The way we think, a bone is a link; a joint is a bearing; a muscle is an actuator; ligaments and tissues are springs..."

"Superb preparation in good, practical arts -- foundry, forge and machine shop."

- **Robert Mann**

Creativity

Informed creative thinking.

- **Woodie Flowers**

Innovation

"If you understand people's values better, you can create better products and services for them. That's the future of design."

- **Harry West**

Understanding people

Problem Solving

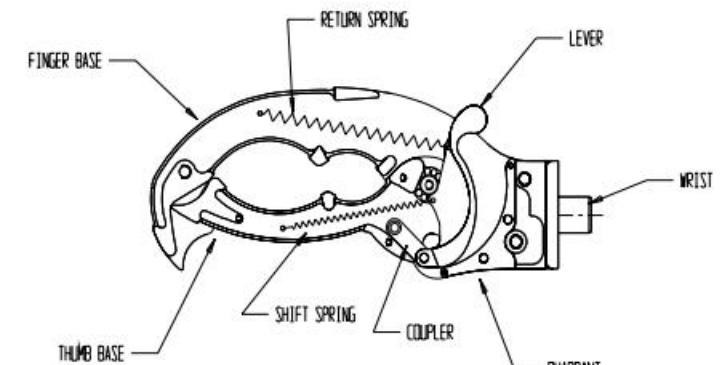
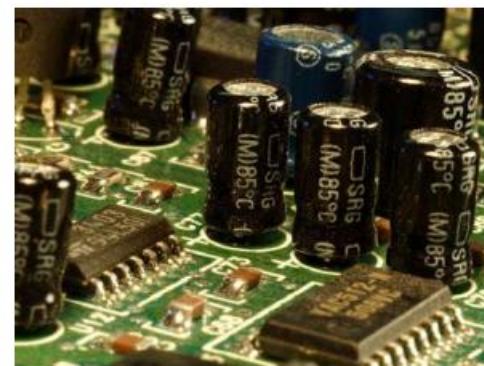
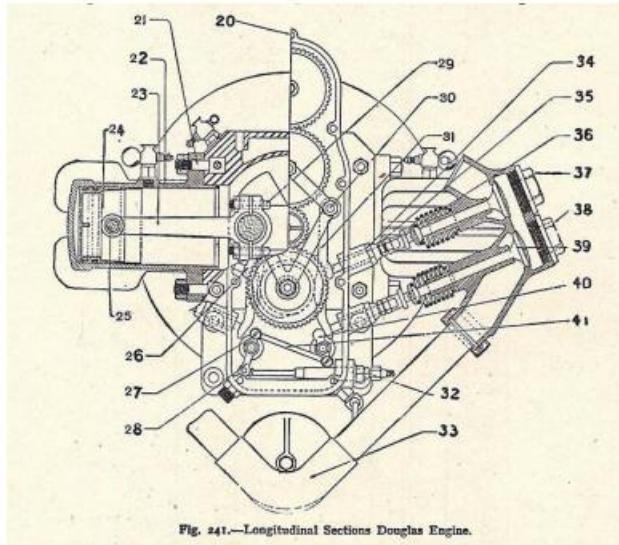
Design is a passionate process.

- **Alex Slocum**



# Mechanical Design is Central...

Design is driven by  
**fundamental**  
**mechanical** engineering  
concepts applied to  
solve problems



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# Product & Engineering Design...

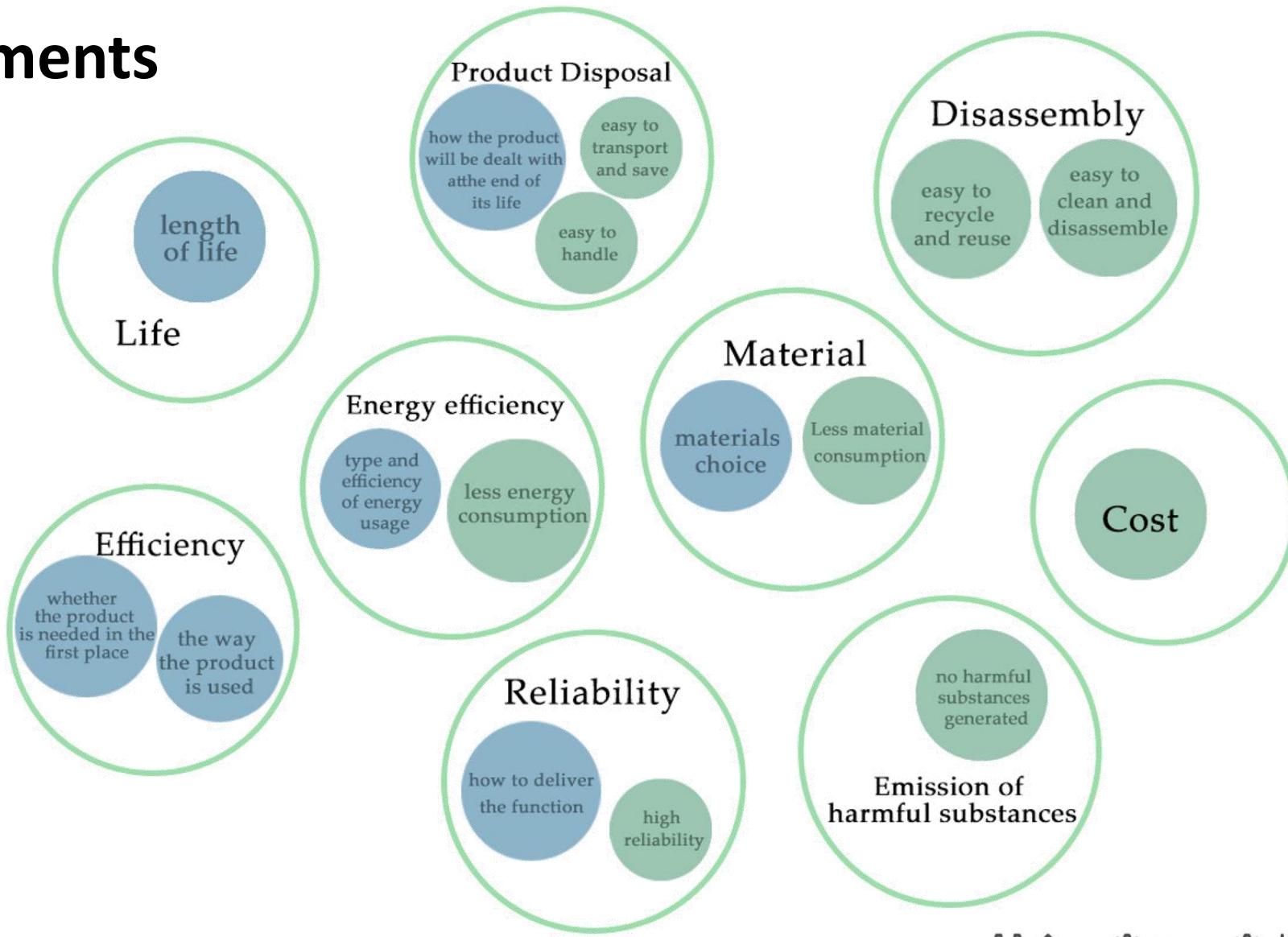
## Why it is important?



Increasing need for energy and resource efficiency.  
Need innovative and creative solutions.

# Product & Engineering Design...

The requirements  
must shift...



# Product & Engineering Design...

Suggestions for examples of successful product design.

# Notable Examples: Successes

## iPhone



- Clean, dependable and quality products.
- Design is a key focus
- Focus on user experience

Takeways: Good technology and good aesthetics, fills a user need



# Notable Examples: Successes

## Automatic Transmission



Offered convenience, easy of use and improved strength

**Takeaway:** Filled a need, improved life for the consumer.

# Notable Examples: Successes

## Ball point pen



During several decades many inventors tried to improve on the fountain pen without much practical success. Ball point offered low cost, effective alternative

Takeways: Filled a market need, low cost and effective



# Product & Engineering Design...

Suggestions for examples of failed product design.

# Notable Examples: Failures

## Juciro: Wifi Juicer



- Over-engineered, overly complex device, which included 400 custom parts
  - Replaces simple squeezing of fruit
  - Does a juice machine truly need to be connected to the internet?
  - Juicero was a pricey appliance \$400

Takeway: Avoid over-engineering, ensure you understand consumers



# Notable Examples: Failures



**Google Glass**, wearable, voice-controlled Android device that resembled a pair of eyeglasses and was aimed at eliminating mobile devices.

**The Failure:** It cost \$1,500, looks unappealing, privacy concerns and lack of product support.

**Takeaway:** Ensure there is a market need



# Notable Examples: Failures

Microsoft Zune: Mp3 player



- Released 5 years after the first iPod
- Functioned as well as an ipod
- Despite >\$9million on advertising, poor sales
- Was not better than an ipod, and less 'cool'

**Takeaway: Don't copy competitors,  
you need creativity or improvement**



# Good Design is...

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|---|---|---|
| 01. <b>Good Design is innovative.</b>                   | 02. <b>Good Design makes a product useful.</b>              | 03. <b>Good Design is aesthetic.</b>                |
| 04. <b>Good Design makes a product understandable.</b>  | 05. <b>Good Design is unobtrusive.</b>                      | 06. <b>Good Design is honest.</b>                   |
| 07. <b>Good Design is long-lasting.</b>                 | 08. <b>Good Design is thorough down to the last detail.</b> | 09. <b>Good Design is environmentally friendly.</b> |
| 10. <b>Good Design is as little design as possible.</b> |   |   |



Dieter Rams

Challenging as subjective, depends on application, depends on the needs



# Product & Engineering Design...

...is Research and Development

## Research: Technology Development

- Unstructured methods
- Difficult to plan
- Unpredictable

## Development: Product Development

- Structured methods
- Generally planned
- Predictable



# Product & Engineering Design...

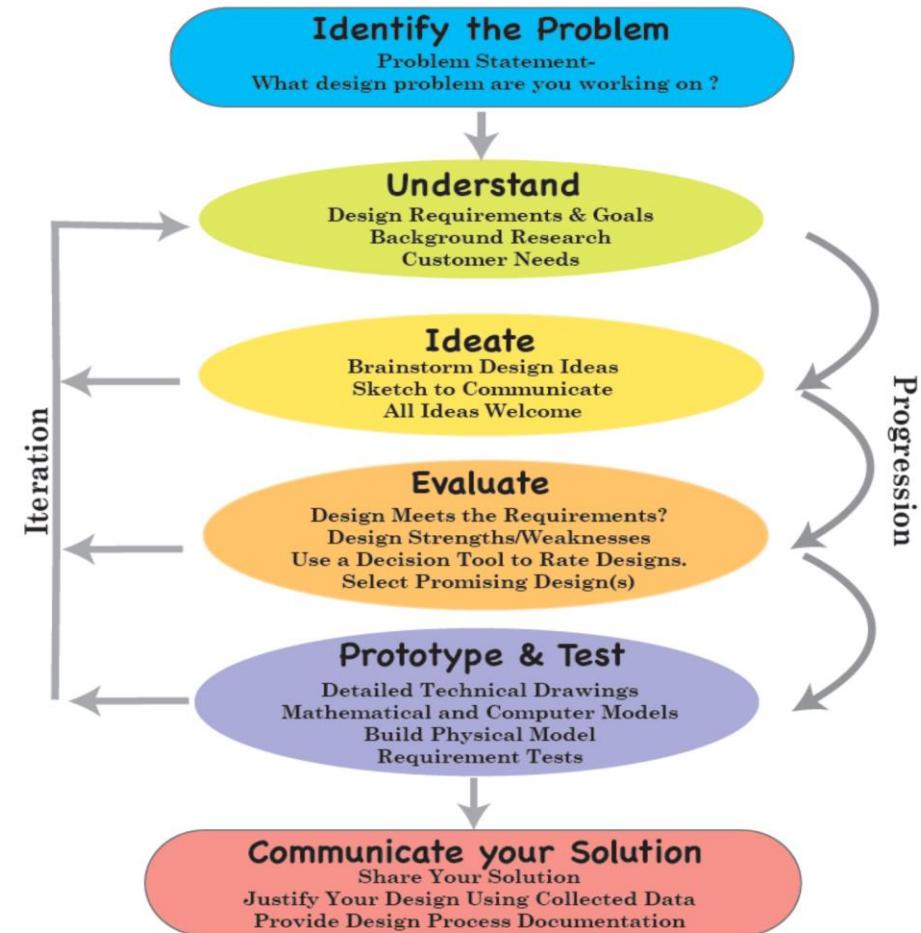
## Technology Development

Engineering Principles (component level):

- Mechanics
- Materials
- Electronics
- Software/control

System level integration  
Manufacturing/production

## Product Development Methodology

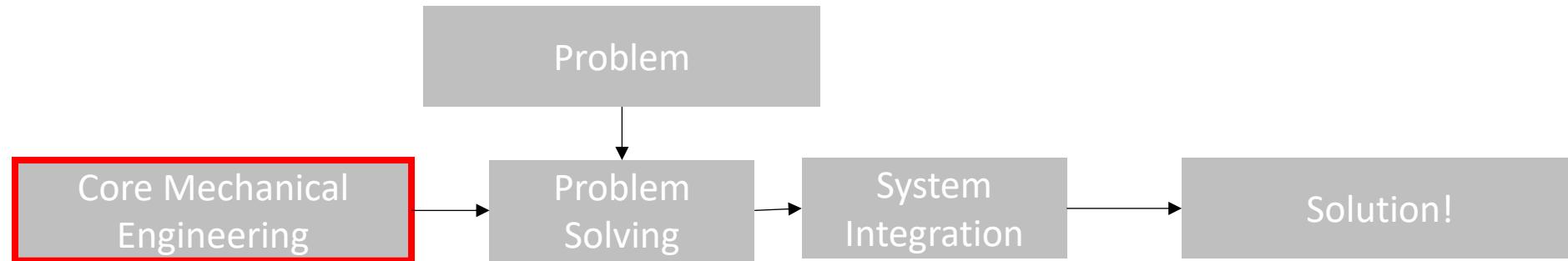


# Learning Objectives

- Understand the Product Development Process
- Learning By Doing
  - Apply tools learned in class
  - Apply and share existing knowledge
  - Improve team work and communication skills
  - Improve project management skills
- Have Fun

# Course Philosophy

- Learn by doing
- Experience full product design cycle'
- Real World Problem
- Work in a team
- Build teams reflecting the relevant skill distribution
- Innovative thinking
- Projects open to innovation and brainstorming



# Assessment

- 100% Group project
  - Progress reports to TA
  - ‘Competition Score’
  - Engineering Drawings
  - Final Report

# Group Work

- At the end of the project, you will each be individually asked to give a distribution of how you believe you have each contributed to the project, e.g.
  - Person A: 30%
  - Person B: 25%
  - Person C: 25%
  - Person D: 20%
  - Person E: 0%
- In extreme cases where there is concern regarding lack of input from team members this can be used to adjust the score
- Please come and talk to us as soon as there is a concern regarding a member of the team so we can actively help to fix it!

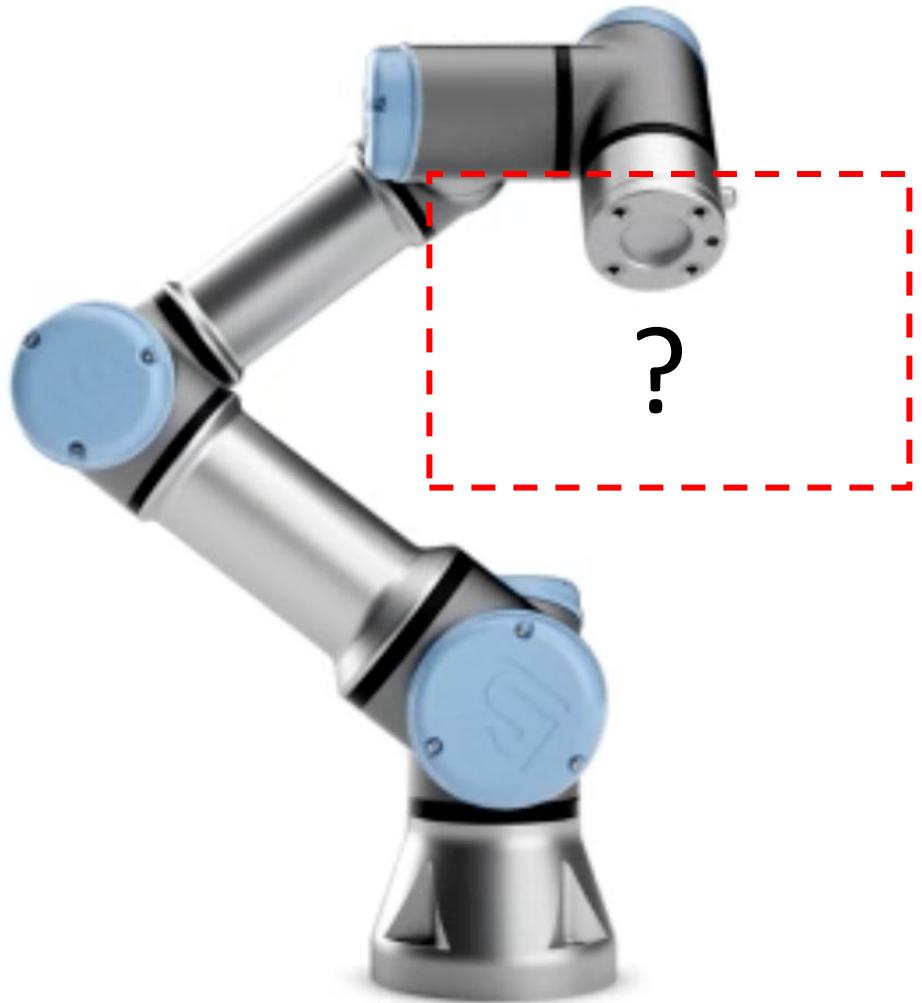


# Team Project

- Interdisciplinary teams (5 students)
- Feedback from TAs (Design Reviews)
- Continuous feedback/assistance (project sessions)
- Process “paced” by theory in lectures
- Use DLL/SPOT for development
- Each team will be given a base kit or set of parts with additional parts available on request
- Each team will have an additional ‘budget’ to spend on prototyping, you are responsible for your own budgeting



# Your Engineering Design Problem



**Develop a Robotic Gripper to harvest soft fruit**

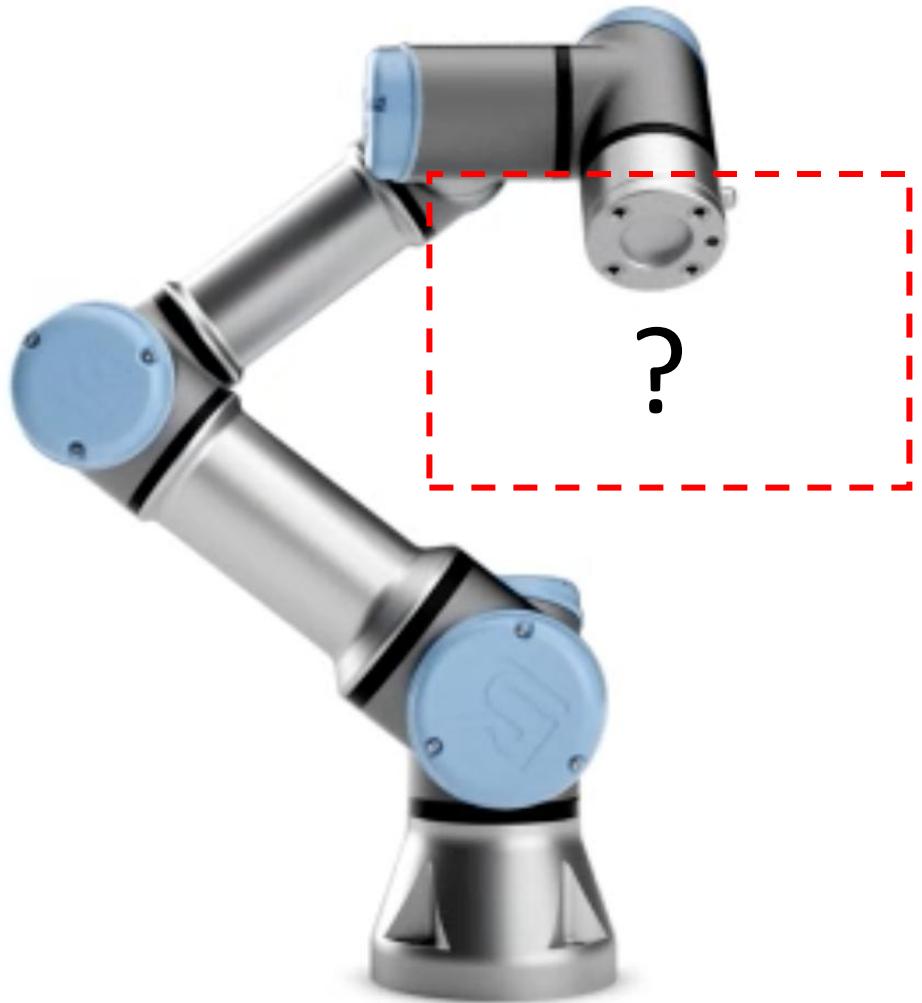
# Your Engineering Design Problem



Harvesting **ripe berries** from the plant without damaging them.

Real world problem → lack of labour for harvesting, food left wasted in the fields

# Your Engineering Design Problem



**Develop an end effector for a 6 dof robot arm:**

You will have 5 minutes to 'harvest' as many raspberries as possible.



# Your Engineering Design Problem

## Soft Fruit Objects

The fruit (raspberries, blackberries and strawberries) can be of varying color, stiffness and size, however, they have two classes:

- **Ripe fruit** will be red or black and will have a higher conductivity (corresponding to sugar content) in colour and stiffer
- **Un ripe** should be left on the plant. This will be white or lighter red, and will have a lower conductivity.

Fruit (ripe and un-ripe can vary in size from 10mm diameter to a 30mm diameter. If too much force is applied to the fruit it will be considered to be damaged during harvest



Ripe



Un-ripe

## Soft Fruit Objects

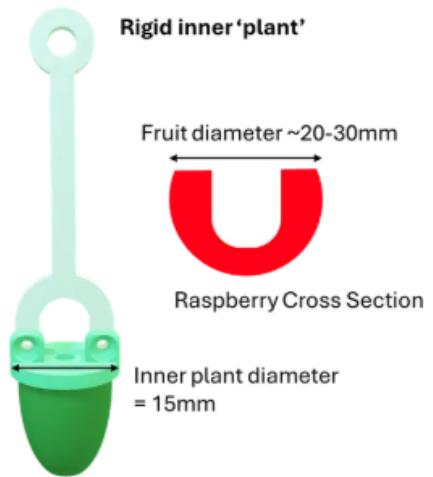
The raspberries are of varying color, 'plant' stiffness. There are two types of ripeness:

- **Ripe fruit** will be red and should be harvested.
- **Un ripe** should be left on the plant. This will be white.

There are also two sizes, and these must be put into appropriate boxes depending on their size:

- Large fruit (approximately 30mm in diameter).
- Small fruit (approximately 20mm in diameter)

The dimensions of the raspberry and its inner 'plant' structure are given as:



## Damage

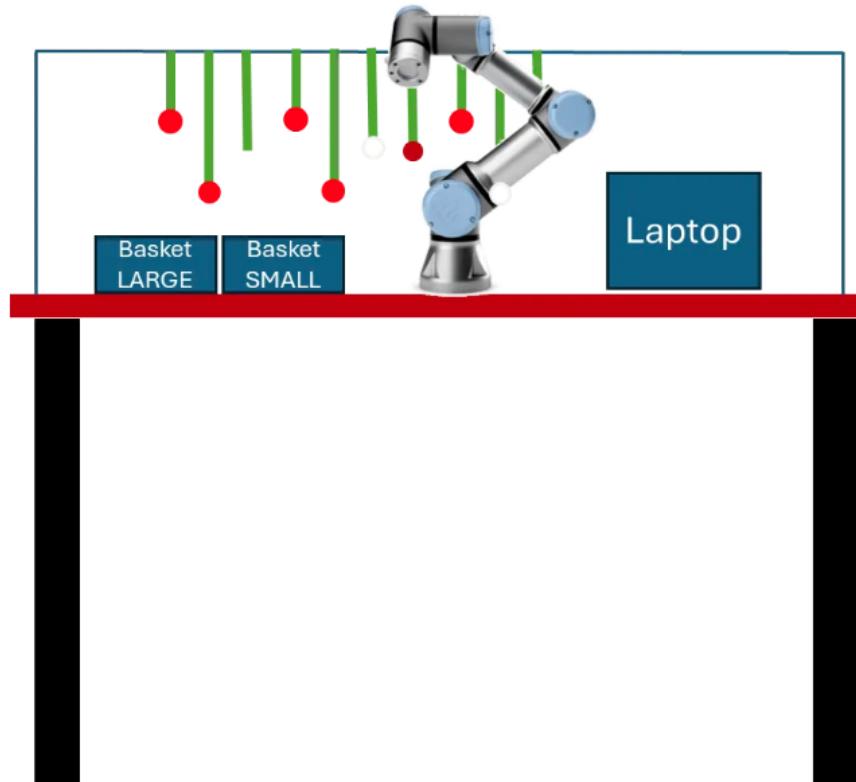
If the two inner sides of the raspberry touch and are pressed together this will be defined as 'damage'. This will be determined by visual inspection of the assessor watching the competition run.

If these two sides touch, it  
will be classed as damage



### Setup with the robot

The raspberries will be mounted on an aluminium extrusion structure on the table, with two baskets on the table (in a fixed position). The robot arm will be placed such that it can reach all raspberries.



# Your Engineering Design Problem

## Scoring

The score scheme is detailed below.

Fruit Picking	Score
Pick of ripe fruit without 'damage'	15
Pick of ripe fruit with 'damage'	0
Pick of 'unripe' fruit	-5
Fruit Detection & Placement	
Detection of ripe or un-ripe fruit	10
Fruit Placement + Size Classification	
Placement of each non-damaged fruit into the correct	10
Placement of each non-damaged fruit into the correct	10

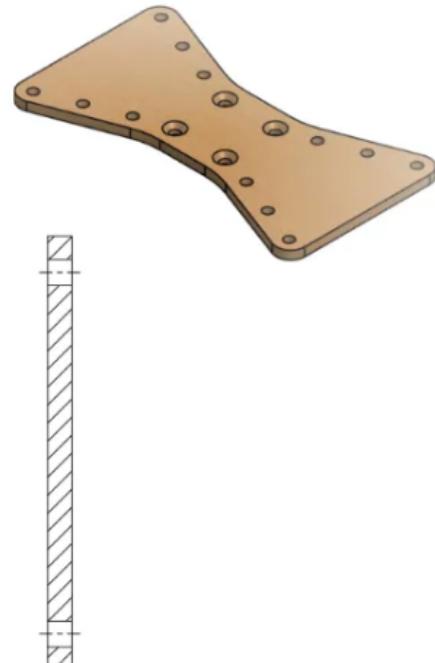
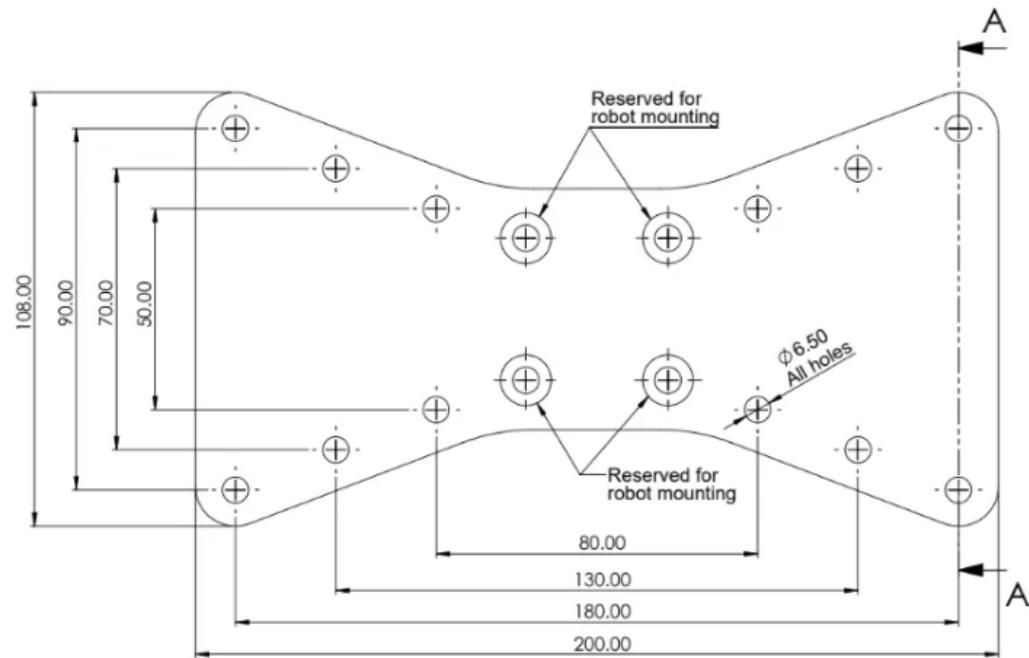
## Specifications

- The gripper should use no more than 3 actuators
- The gripper should have a size which is less than 20 x 20 x 20 cm
- The gripper must be able to be mounted on the end of the UR robot end effector
- To UR5 robot can be manually moved down up/down above the item until at a desired height, the gripper control can then be activated with a single key press, and then robot moved vertically down.
- The identification of the object should be printed to the screen (via. Serial monitor, or other)
- There is a maximum of 5 minutes to attempt as many raspberries as possible.
- Teams have one minute to assemble the gripper onto the robot.



## Attachment to the robot

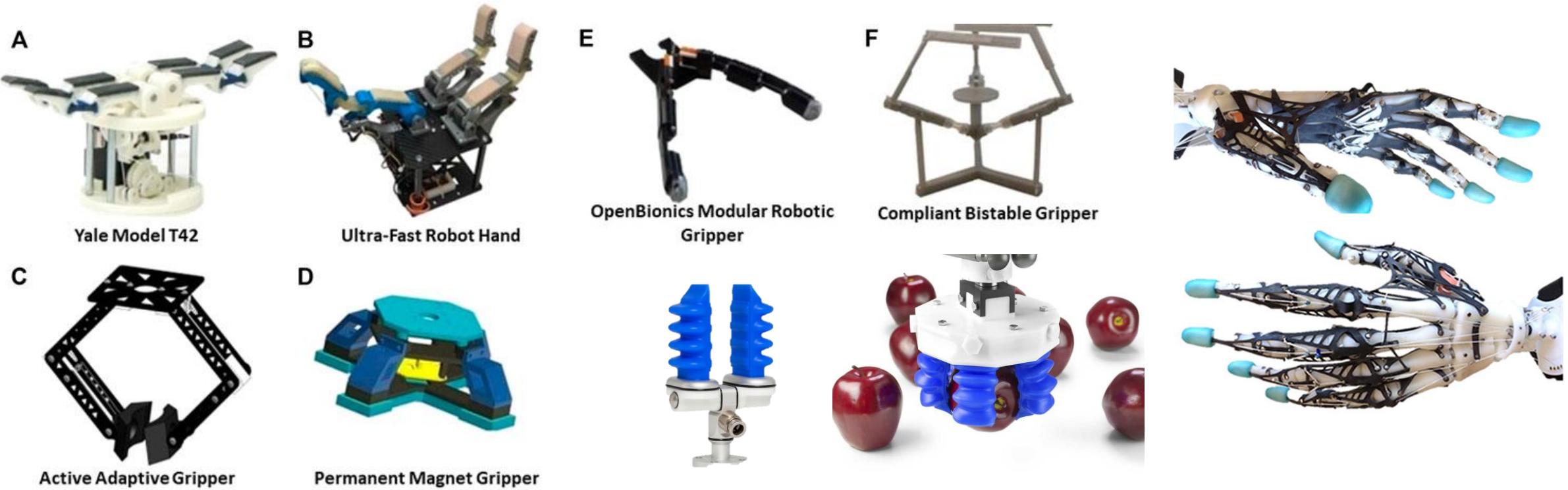
The following plate is attached to the end of the raspberry, you should design your gripper/solution to attach to this. The CAD for this plate can be found on the CAD of parts [here](#). M6 bolts and nuts will be provided for this.



# You need to consider....

- Mechanism design for harvesting
- Sensing of ripe and un-ripe
- Force control to grip with enough force
- Efficiency, usability, repeatability, reliability, ease of manufacture, ....

# Many Gripping Solutions...



This is not a trivial problem!

# Your Engineering Design Problem

You need to develop:

Overall concept & strategy for solving the problem

## Hardware

- Mechanical design
- Actuation & control
- Sensing mechanism
- Interface and control to the gripper

## Communication of the solution

- CAD/Diagrams
- Pitch



# Lectures & Activities

Week	Date	Topic	Location
Week 1	10/09/2025	Introduction to the course project & Product Design	Lecture
Week 2	17/09/2025	Design ideation & methodologies, core parts	Lecture + SPOT Tour
Week 3	24/09/2025	Product architectures & project management	Lecture
Week 4	01/10/2025	Design Pitch & Review with TAs	Review session in SPOT
Week 5	08/10/2025	Mechanical Design	Lecture
Week 6	15/10/2025	Control and integration	Lecture
Week 7	22/10/2025	<i>Break</i>	
Week 8	29/10/2025	2nd Design Review with TAs	Review session in SPOT
Week 9	05/11/2025	Electronics & prototyping	Lecture
Week 10	12/11/2025	Engineering Drawings	Lecture
Week 11	19/11/2025	Design for Manufacture, Sustainability	Lecture
Week 12	26/11/2025	3rd Design Review with TAs	Review session in SPOT
Week 13	03/12/2025	Introduction to the robot arm	SPOT
Week 14	10/12/2025	Preparation and testing (competition for anyone wanting to go early)	SPOT
Week 15	17/12/2025	Final Testing/Competition	SPOT



# Schedule

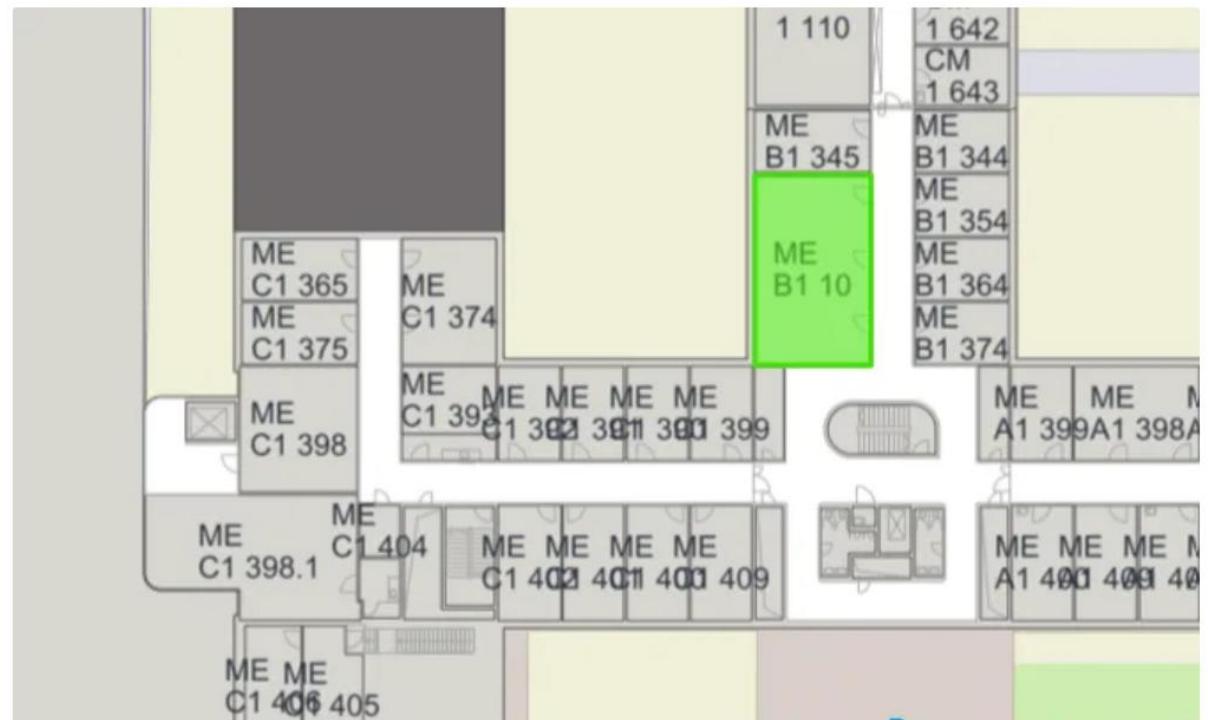
- **Lectures:**
- **TA session: 8-11**
- **Drop-in sessions during the week:**
  - Monday 16-17
  - Friday 12-13

## Weekly Drop in Sessions

Starting from FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

- Monday 16-17h
- Friday 12-13h

These will be held in: ME B1 10 ([map here](#))



# Assessment

	Component	Percentage of Grade	Deadline
Assessment During Course	Teams Formation & DLL Safety	-	Week 2
	Concept Section & Gantt Chart	5%	Week 4
	Design Review 1 (Process Check)	5%	
	Design Review 2 (Process Check)	5%	
Competition	Solution Test Performance	50%	Last two weeks of the semester
Final Report & Evaluation	Final Report, Engineering Drawings & Updated Gannt Chart	20%	10th January
	Quality of Developed Product	15%	Assessed
Penalties	Returning of parts (in the form they were given)	-20%	16th January

**Deadlines are Wednesday midnight for that week unless stated otherwise**



# Course Resources

- Moodle
    - Lecture Notes will be posted
    - Recordings of the lectures will be posted shortly after the lecture
    - All project work should be uploaded on Moodle by one member of the team
  - Notion Wiki
    - Details of the course and assessment
- <https://flossy-quartz-a5a.notion.site/ME-320-Course-Home-54178da366fd4b31a74d7544ae79ab02?pvs=4>
- Any problems – feel free to email me: [josie.hughes@epfl.ch](mailto:josie.hughes@epfl.ch)

→ Please provide feedback as we go!

# Moodle: Resources

## Course Documents & General Information

[Collapse all](#)

In this section you will find the main documents relating to the course including details of project and also the course schedule.



Announcements



Team Sign Up



Course Schedule



Project Details



Parts List



CAD Files of Parts



# Notion Wiki



## ME-320 Course Home

Welcome to the ME-320 Notion Wiki! Here you will find all the details regarding the course structure, assessment details, parts and equipment.

 [Project Task](#)

 [List of available equipment](#)

 [Assessment Details](#)

 [Course Schedule](#)

 [Project Groups](#)

 [Team Budgets](#)

Any problems, questions, or feedback please get in touch with [josie.hughes@epfl.ch](mailto:josie.hughes@epfl.ch)

Best of the luck with the course!

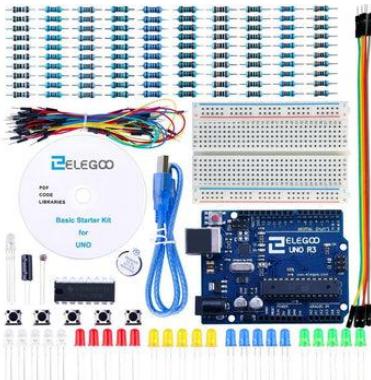


# Questions

- Ask me in lectures
- Send me an email: [josie.hughes@epfl.ch](mailto:josie.hughes@epfl.ch)
- Ed board (on Moodle)
- I will update the FAQs on Notion

# Materials & Equipment

Core parts (not included in the budget):



- Arduino kit
- Electronics (to create sensors)
- Actuators (Motors, servos, steppers)

Prototyping/materials budget (30CHF)

- 3D Printing
- Laser Cutting
- Fasteners

**Parts can be picked up during the lecture session on Monday/Friday drop-in sessions**



# Prototyping



## Team Budgets

You have a budget of 30 Francs. This does not include any of the parts in the kit, or the motors/sensors that are in the course inventory and you get from the course.

Each team should create a tab in the budget file and keep this updated as you go - it is the responsibility of each team and will be checked periodically!

Team Budgets			
Group Number XXX			
A	B	C	D
1 Group Number XXX	Budget	30	
	Remaining Budget	16.37	
Date	Cost	Notes	
13/11/24	0.48	Laser cutting	
13/11/24	0.69	3D printing	
14/11/24	0.1	3D printing	
22/11/24	0	3D printing	
23/11/24	7.8	3D printing	
27/11/2024	2.58	Laser cutting	
30/11/24	1.98	Laser cutting	
06/12/24	0	Laser cutting	
Total		13.63	
Notes: The Arduino kit, motors and sensors are not included in this budget. If you need to go over budget, or have any issues contact Prof. Hugo.			
All Teams should add a tab and make a copy of this to start their own budget!			

Budget Spreadsheets

If you need additional budget, please get in contact ASAP and this can be approved with a valid reason (e.g. a large change in design requiring additional rapid prototyping etc.)

Equipment purchased externally can not be reimbursed.



# Equipment List on Notion

## List of available equipment

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Aa parts	category	description	↗ in use by	⚠	available
📄 Arduino Starter Kit	arduino checked	Kit	🔗 No access	🔗	✓
📄 Mains 3-6V, 1A supply	power supply checked	The white line indicates the +ve	🔗 No access	🔗	✓
📄 Servo (micro)	motor checked	SD90 Micro Servo		✓	
📄 Servo (standard)	motor checked	MG995 RC Servo Metal Gear Hi		✓	
📄 DC Motor Controller	(micro)controller checked	Double H-bridge L298N	🔗 No access	🔗	✓
📄 Webcam	camera checked	Cannot be used with Arduino -	🔗 No access	🔗	✓
📄 Load cell & Amplifier	sensors checked	1kg load cell + amplifier	🔗 No access	🔗	✓
📄 Light Dependent Resistor	sensors	5 – 10 K Ohms – Dark		✓	
📄 Limit switches	sensors			✓	
📄 Nuts (M2,M3,M4)	fasteners			✓	
📄 M2 Bolts	fasteners	Various lengths		✓	
📄 M3 Bolts	fasteners	Various lengths		✓	



# Software & Computing...

- CAD Software (Fusion 360 recommended)  
CAD given for standard parts
- Arduino Software
- Python

→ It is up to you, if you have a preference!



# Week One: To Do's

- Form teams of 5
- Sign up on the google doc on Moodle

*If you are not signed up by next week (Tuesday evening), you will be randomly allocated*

## Project Groups

Please create projects groups of 5 students and sign up in the sheet below providing a group name and number, names, scipers and emails of everyone in each group. If you would prefer to be randomly allocated, please add your name, sciper and email to the columns on the right hand side of the sign-up sheet.

Deadline for signing up Tuesday September 10th at mid-day.

Team Sign Up Lists



### Budgeting Spreadsheets

Any spending at the SPOT for consumables and prototyping must be recorded here. Each team has a budget of 30CHF. If for whatever reason you go over this, this must be approved with good reason by talking to the course leader.

It is your responsibility to make your own sheet and keep track of this. Failure to do so will mean you will not get access to other actuators/sensors.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_bQYLF7jDkLnyYINUUn3JPpZVfAwrtRPXn5yqyf2ujE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_bQYLF7jDkLnyYINUUn3JPpZVfAwrtRPXn5yqyf2ujE/edit?usp=sharing)



# Team Sign Up

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Team Sign up												
2	Groups of 5 <u>only</u> . Add Group name, and full details of those in the team												
3	Deadline: Tuesday 17th Mid-day												
4	For those not registered, you will be randomly allocated												
5	If your name isn't on the list (was taken on 20th Sept), please add your name and email												
6	Group # and Name	Name (First, Last)	Sciper	Email									
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# Team Work

## Ensuring Effective Teamwork and Coordination

Foster a culture of open communication

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Conduct regular team meetings and check-ins

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Embrace collaboration tools and technologies

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2 Utilize various communication channels

3 Establish clear roles and responsibilities

4 Encourage active listening

In your team, think about:

- What is the appropriate structure, should you have a team leader? Should you split up the tasks?
- How are you going to communicate, what tools are you going to use?
- What are your expectations in terms of work-load and timing – what other courses/loads do you have in the team?



# Create a Budget Sheet

The screenshot shows a Google Sheets document titled "Team Budgets". The spreadsheet has a header row with columns A through G. Row 1 contains "Group Number XXX" in A, "Budget" in B, and "30" in C. Row 2 contains "Remaining Budget" in B and "16.37" in C. Row 3 is blank. Row 4 has columns "Date" in A, "Cost" in B, and "Notes" in C. Row 5 is blank. Row 6 starts a data section with a date of "13/11/24" in B and a cost of "0.48" in C, followed by the note "Laser cutting". Rows 7 through 13 show similar entries for dates like "13/11/24", "14/11/24", etc., with costs ranging from "0.1" to "2.58" and notes like "3D printing" or "Laser cutting". Row 18 is a summary row with "Total" in B and "13.63" in C. Row 22 contains the red text "All Teams should add a tab and make a copy of this to start their own budget!".

Team Budgets						
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22	All Teams should add a tab and make a copy of this to start their own budget!					
23						
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Create a group budget sheet.

You will not get any parts/kit until you have the budget sheet.



# Week One: Activities

- Download the necessary software
  - CAD
  - Arduino
- Safety instructions for using the SPO
  - **Step 1:** Mandatory basic training (even if you have done it before) – available from Friday
  - **Step 2:** Specific training e.g. laser cutting, 3D printing, ...., sign up for specific ones (first come first served!)



# SPOT Safety Training

## For users of the EPFL MAKERSPACES

In order to use the [makerspaces](#) of EPFL, namely the SPOT and the SKIL, students must perform an online training: <https://make.epfl.ch/training>

### Important information

1. The training will be available **starting Tuesday 9th September 2024**
2. On the first page of the training select **CREDITED – ME-420**
3. You need **80% of correct answers** to validate the training so please pay attention to it

What happens after the training?

1. You should receive access in the next 24h. If you don't have access after 24h, please contact your supervisor. To find your supervisor go to <https://make.epfl.ch/projects> and find your project.
2. If you need access to more advanced workshops, you will be able after the online training to register for specific trainings (for example the 3d printing room of the SPOT) on this link : <https://make.epfl.ch/trainings>

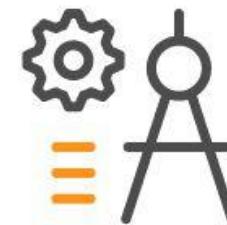
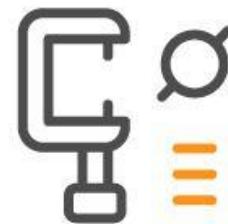
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**The training is for an individual, not a group!**

The MAKE team

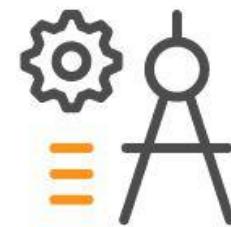
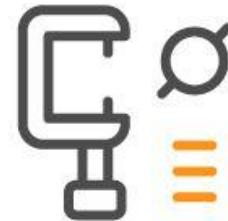
Next week:  
Tour of the SPOT

How many are new  
to SPOT?



# Any Questions?





Product development & engineering design

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# Lecture 1: Introduction & Project The Design Process

# The Design Process



What does design incorporate?

# The Design Process

- **Mechanical Design:** the physical principles, the proper functioning, and the production of mechanical systems
  - **Industrial design:** pattern, color, texture and consumer appeal
- Primary focus ←  
But shouldn't be forgotten ←

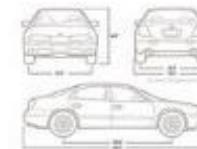
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Industrial  
Design

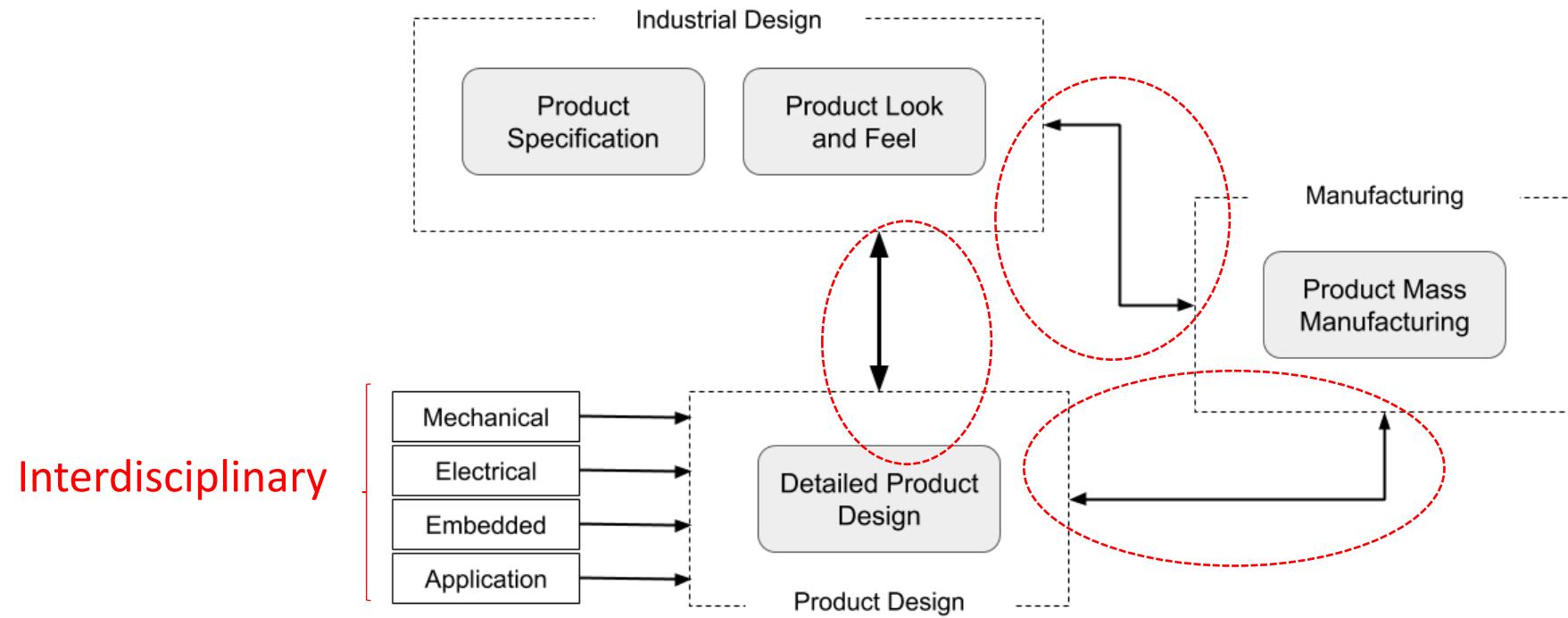


VS

Mechanical  
Engineering



# The Design Process



- The optimum starting point in product development is good mechanical design
- Different facets of design are inter-related

# The Design Process

**Starting Point**

A market need or a  
new idea

**The Design Process**

**The end point**

Full specification of a  
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# The Design Process

## Starting Point

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Full specification of a product that fills the need or embodies the idea.

- A need must be identified before it can be met.
- It is essential to define the need precisely

Need Statement: e.g.

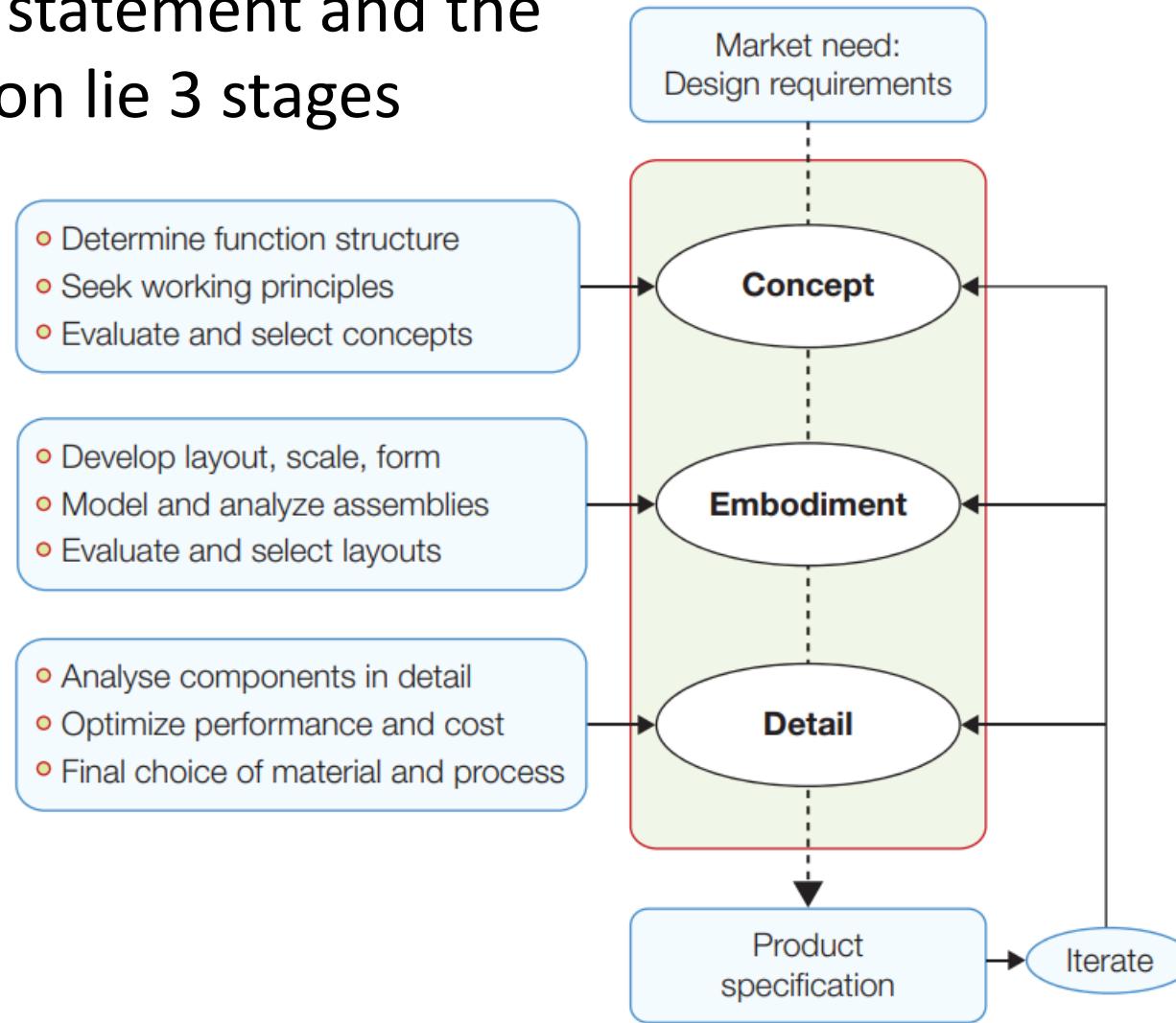
*“A device is required to perform task X,”*

Expressed as a set of design requirements

*Should be solution-neutral (that is, it should not imply how the task will be performed)*

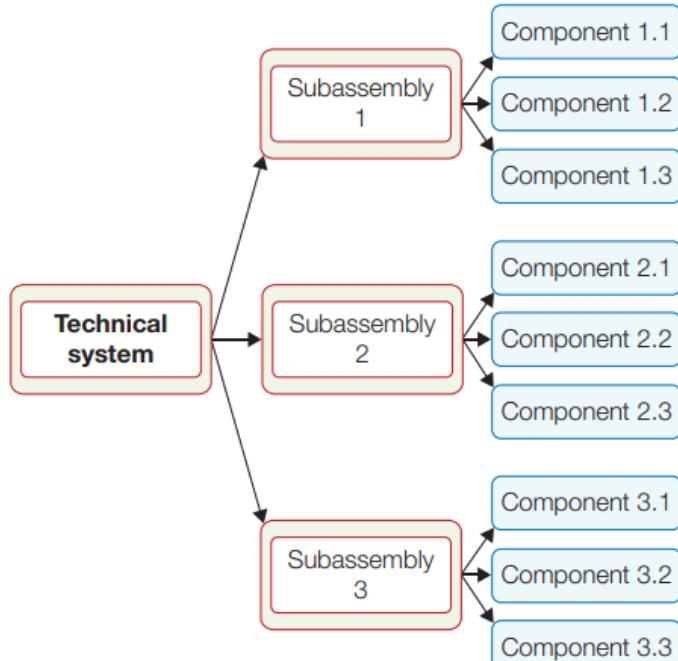
# The Design Process

Between the need statement and the product specification lie 3 stages

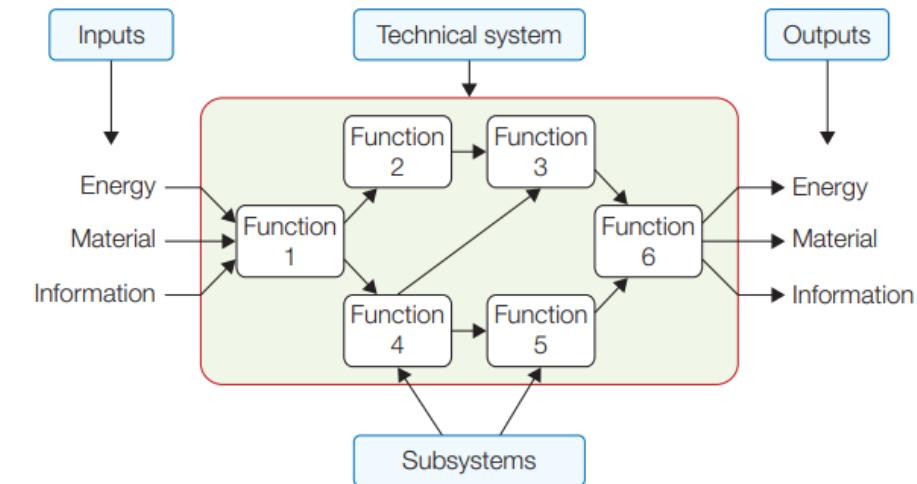


# The Design Process

How do we represent concepts?



**A technical system**

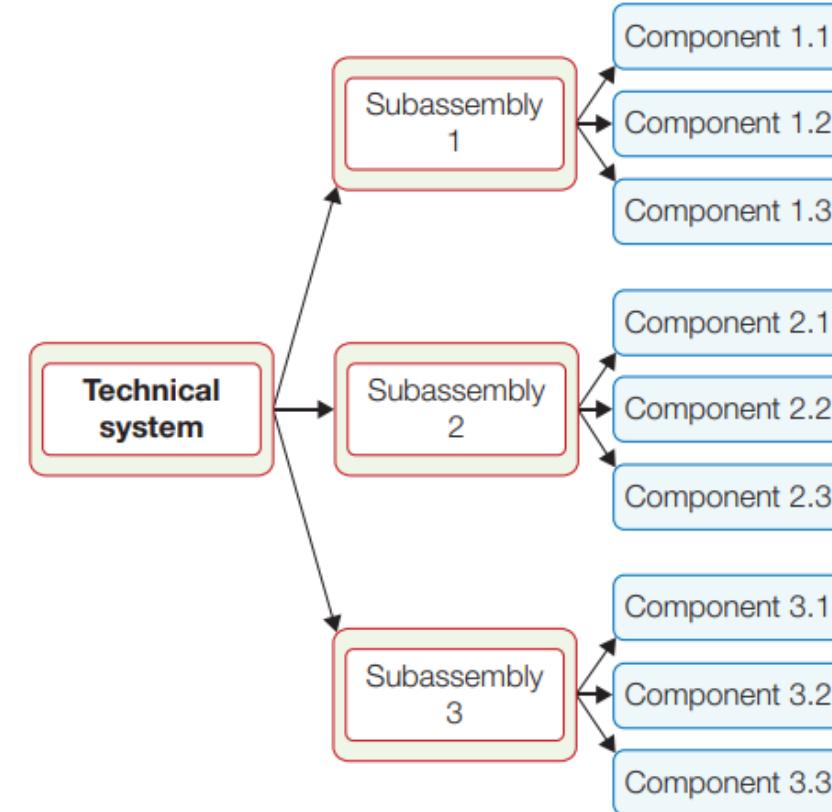


**Functional Analysis**

# The Product: a Technical System

A technical system consists of subassemblies and components that enable the required task.

**Cat = System**



What would a sub-assembly or a component be?

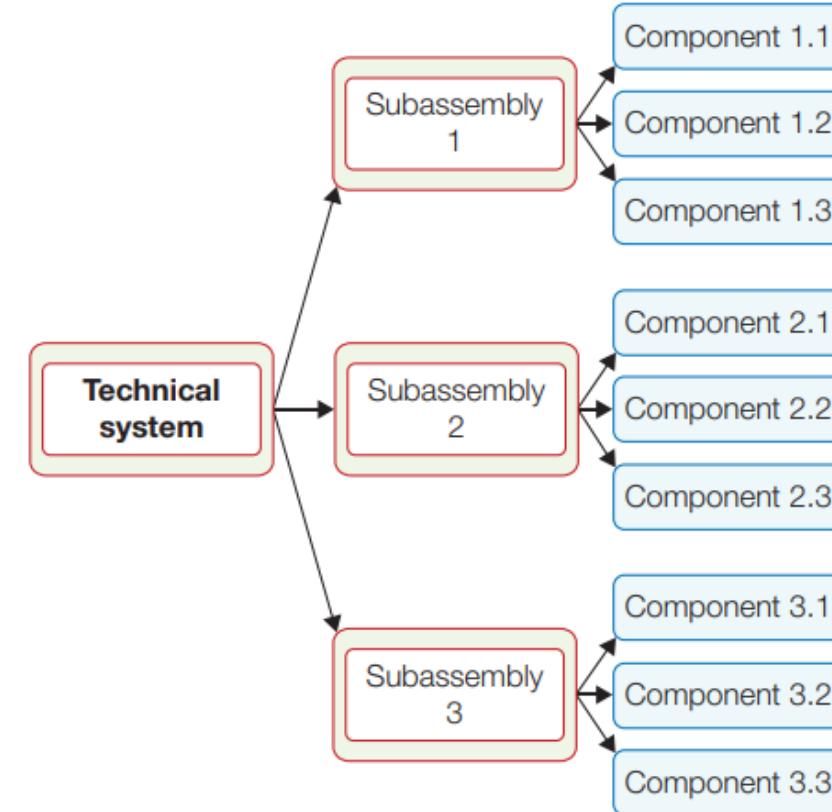
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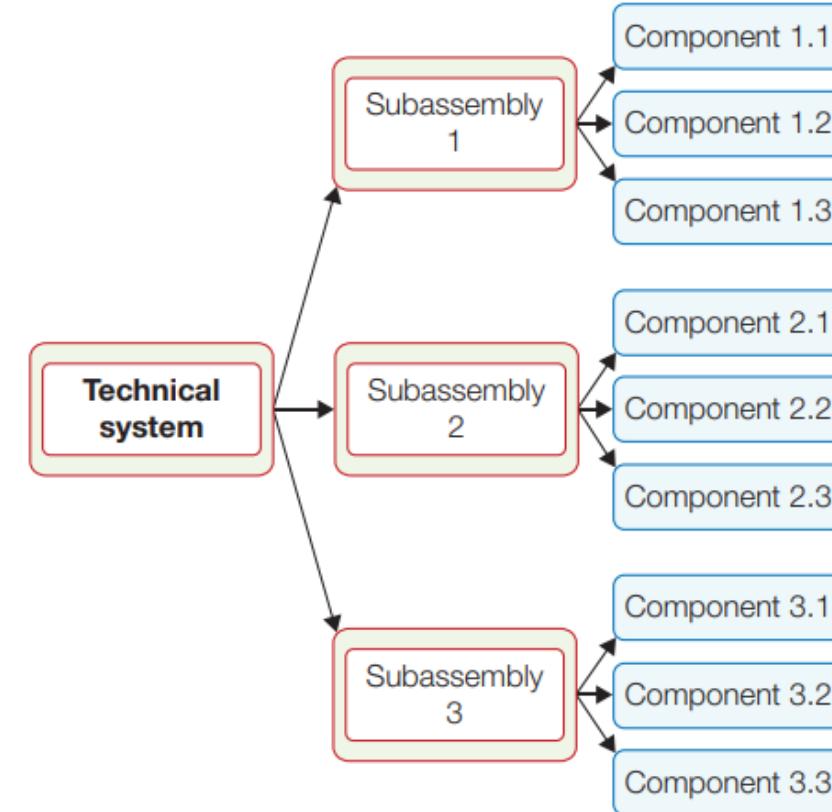


Sub-assembly: head, body, tail, leg  
Components: Femurs, quadriceps, claws, fur



# The Product: a Technical System

A technical system consists of subassemblies and components that enable the required task.



Decomposition useful for analyzing an existing design but challenging for the design process

Instead, considering a product as a series or inputs, flows and outputs can be used...

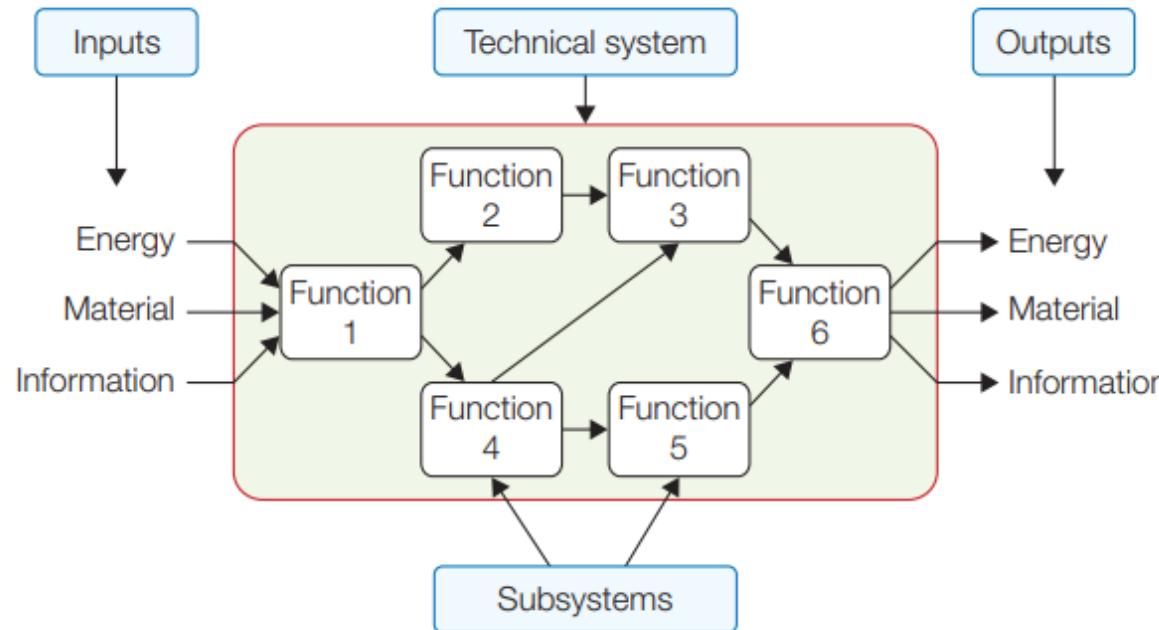


# The Product: System Analysis

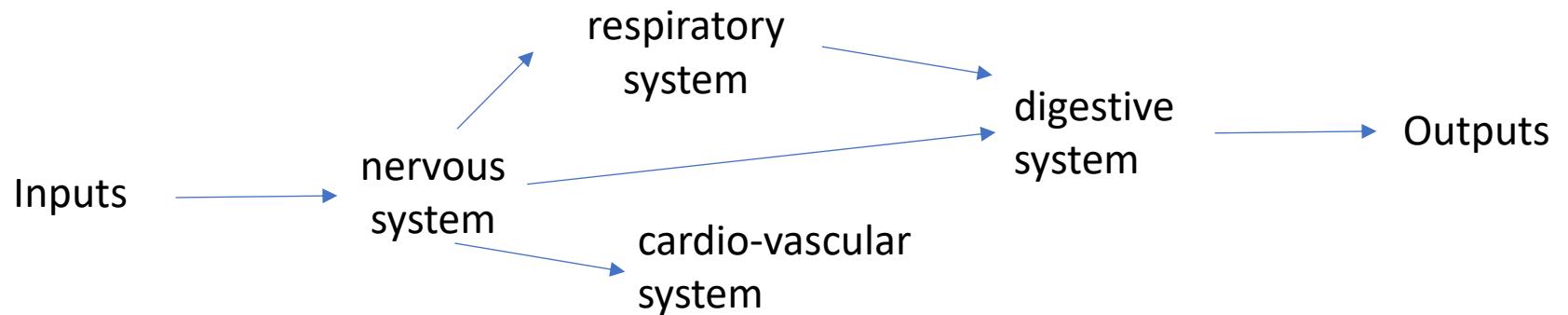
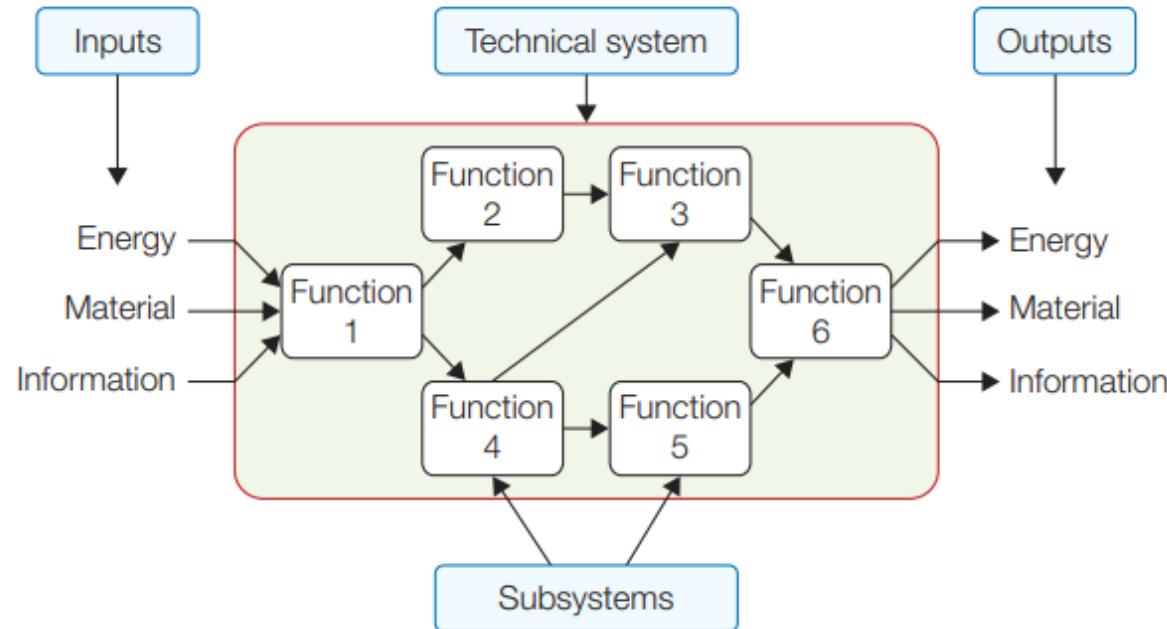
Considers the inputs, flows, and outputs of information, energy, and materials

e.g. Motor: Converts electrical into mechanical energy

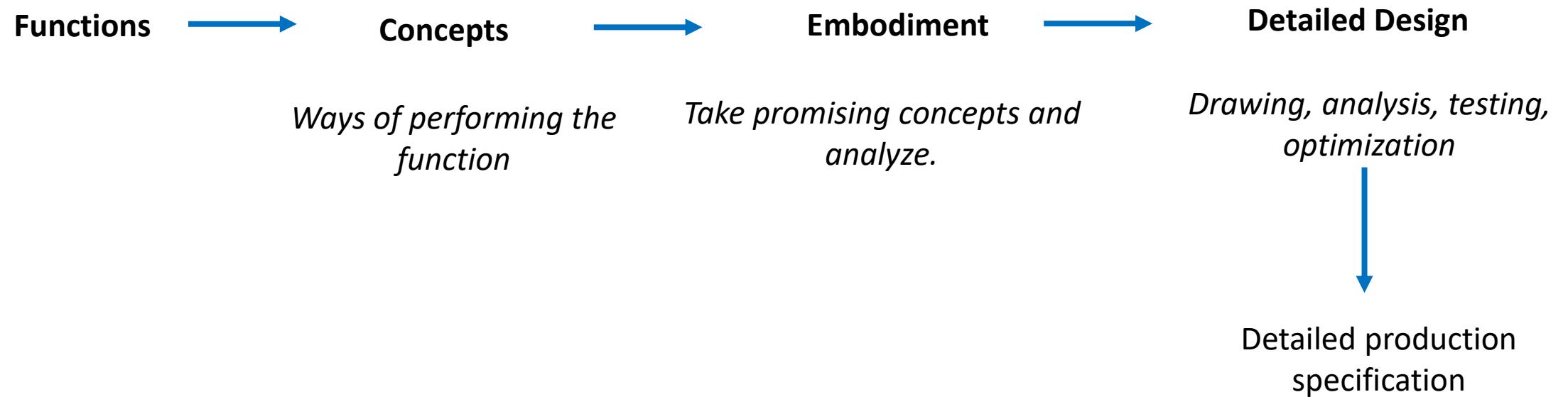
Alarm: converts information into noise



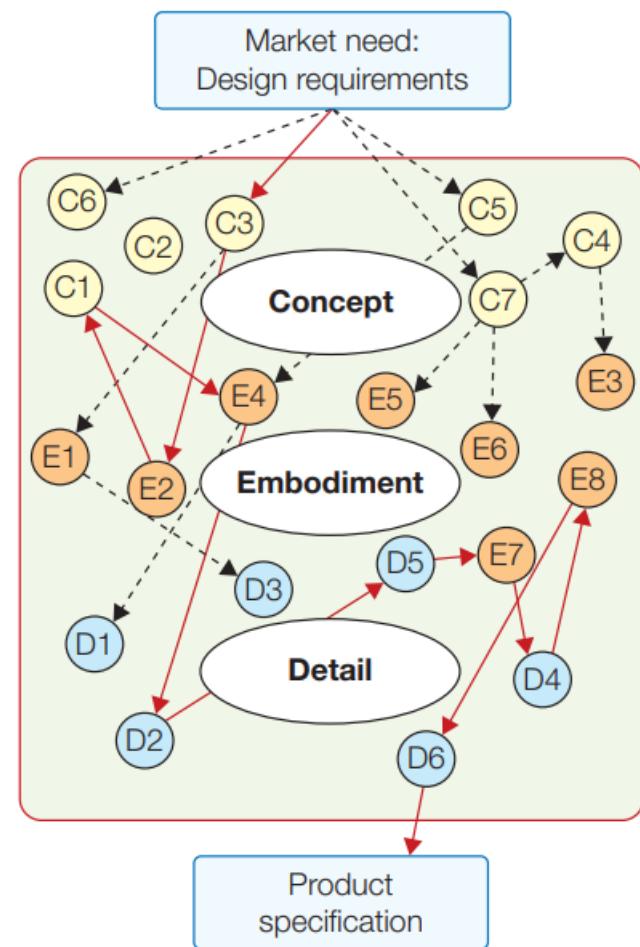
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# The Product Pathway



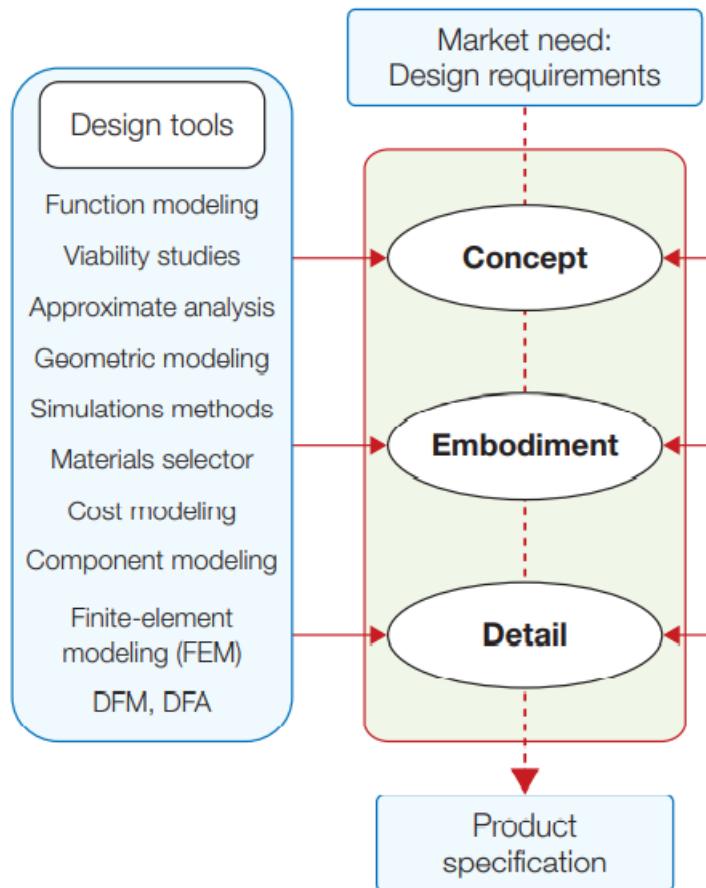
# The Product Pathway



Convoluted path from market need through to product specification.



# Design Tools



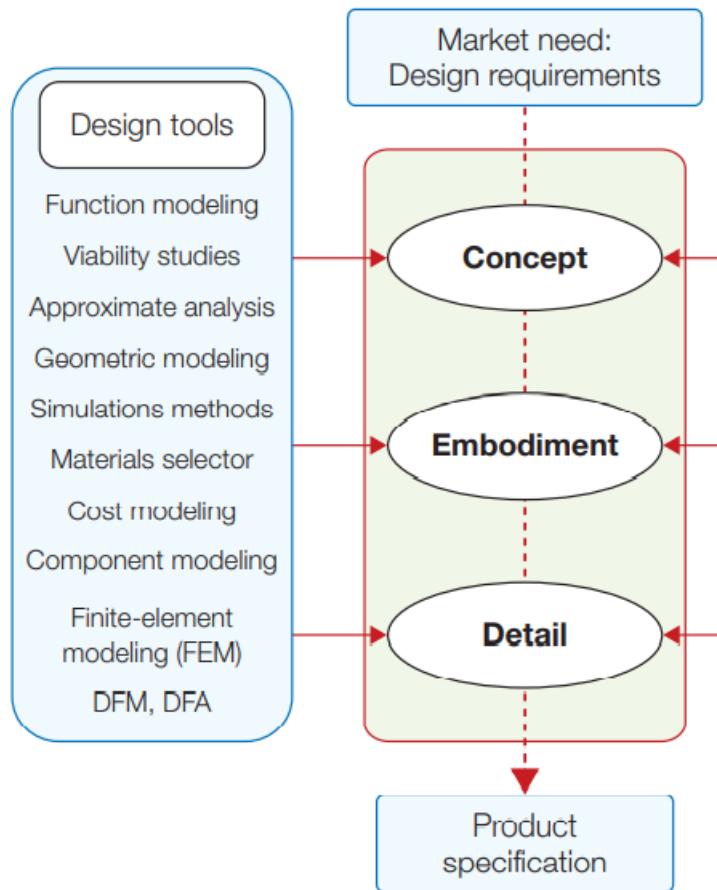
The tools enable the modeling and optimization of a design:

- **Function modelers** suggest viable function structures.
- **Configuration optimizers** suggest or refine shapes.
- Geometric and 3D solid modeling packages allow visualization and create files that can be downloaded to numerically controlled prototyping and manufacturing systems.
- **Optimization, DFM, DFA, and cost estimation software** allows manufacturing aspects to be refined.
- **Finite element (FE) and computational fluid dynamics (CFD)** packages allow precise mechanical and thermal analysis

There is a natural progression of the tools used...



# Design Tools



approximate analysis and modeling at the conceptual stage

more sophisticated modeling and optimization at the embodiment stage

and precise analysis at the detailed design stage



# Types of Design

**Original Design:** it involves a new idea or working principle (the ballpoint pen, the compact disc).



- Can be driven by new materials (e.g. high-purity silicone enabled the transitory)
- Can be driven by new demands: space technology stimulated the development of light weight composites

Original design sounds exciting, and it is.  
But most design is not like that.

# Types of Design

It is not always necessary to start from scratch...

Almost all design is **adaptive or developmental**. The starting point is an existing product or product range.



For example, to:

- Enhance performance
- Reduce cost
- Adapt to changing market conditions

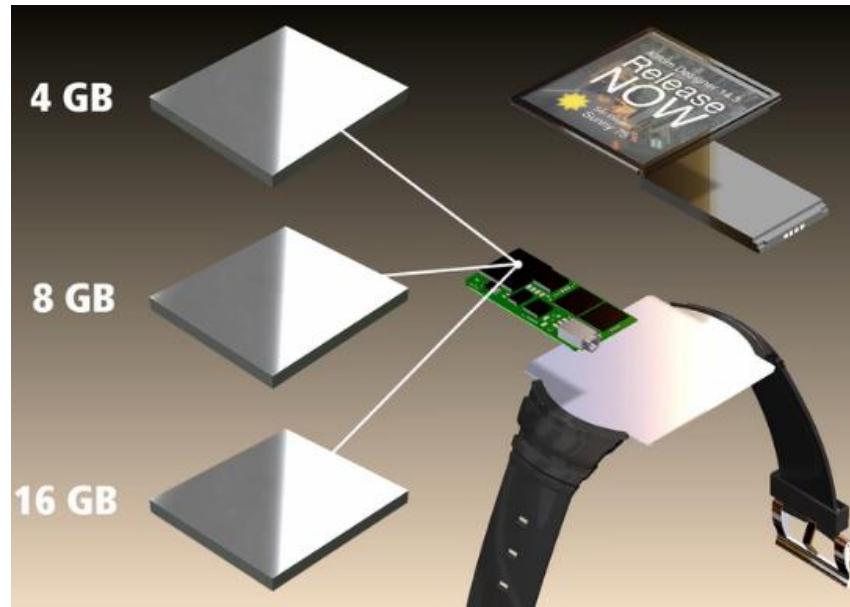
Adaptive design takes an existing concept and seeks an incremental advance in performance through a refinement of the working principle.



# Types of Design

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**Variant design involves** a change of scale or dimension or detailing without a change of function or the method of achieving it.

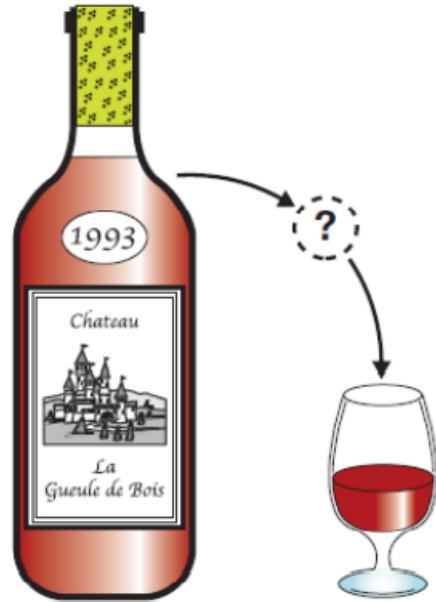


Altium Chips

For example:

- The scaling up of boilers, or of pressure vessels, or of turbines, for instance.
- Change of scale or circumstances of use may require change of material
- Small boats are made of fiberglass, large ships are made of steel; small boilers are made of , large ones of steel

# Case Study: Devices to Open Corked Bottles



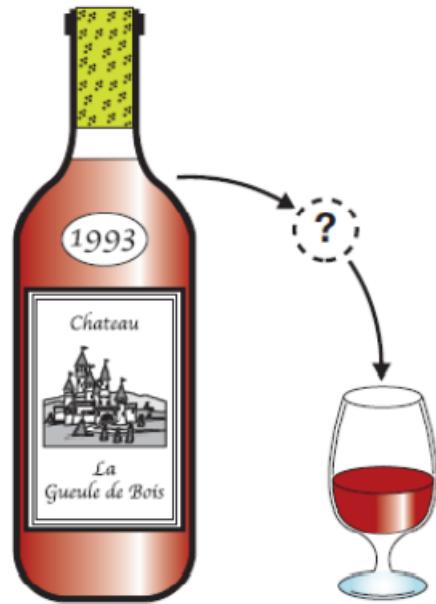
Corked bottle creates a market need  
→ Need to access the wine inside.

What is an example of a non-solution neural need statement?

What is a good solution-neural need statement?

Inspired from M. F. Ashby, Materials Selection in Mechanical Design, 4th Edition

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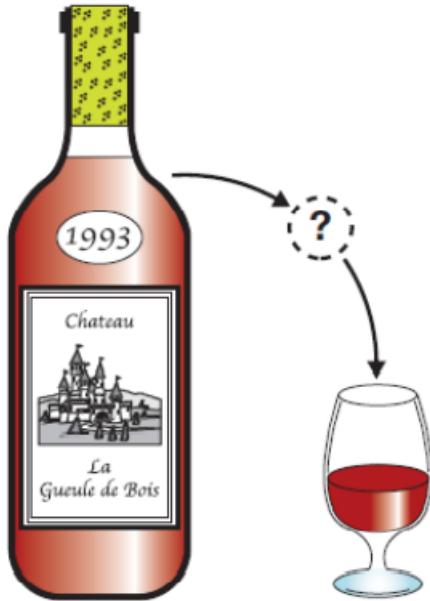
“A device is required to pull corks from wine bottles.”

“A device is required to allow access to wine in a corked bottle with convenience, at modest cost, and without contaminating the wine.”

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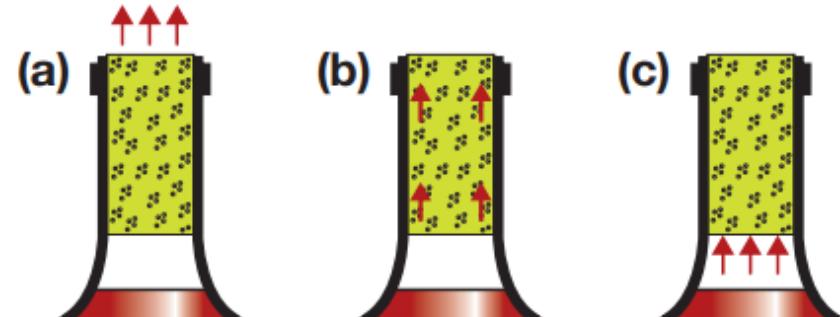
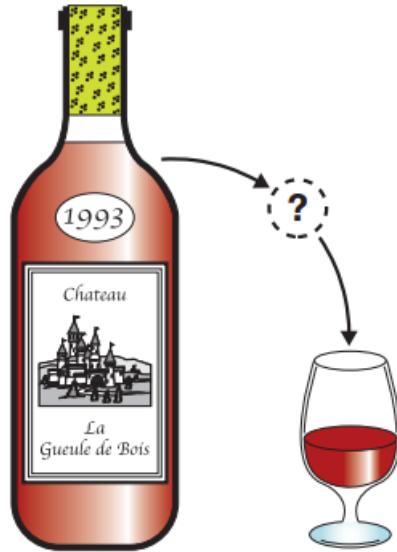
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Propose at least four different mechanism to address the needs statement

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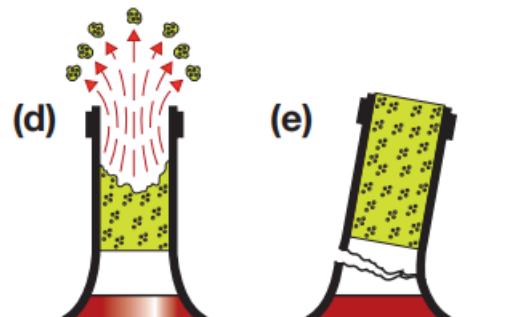
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axial traction  
(pulling)

Shear  
Traction

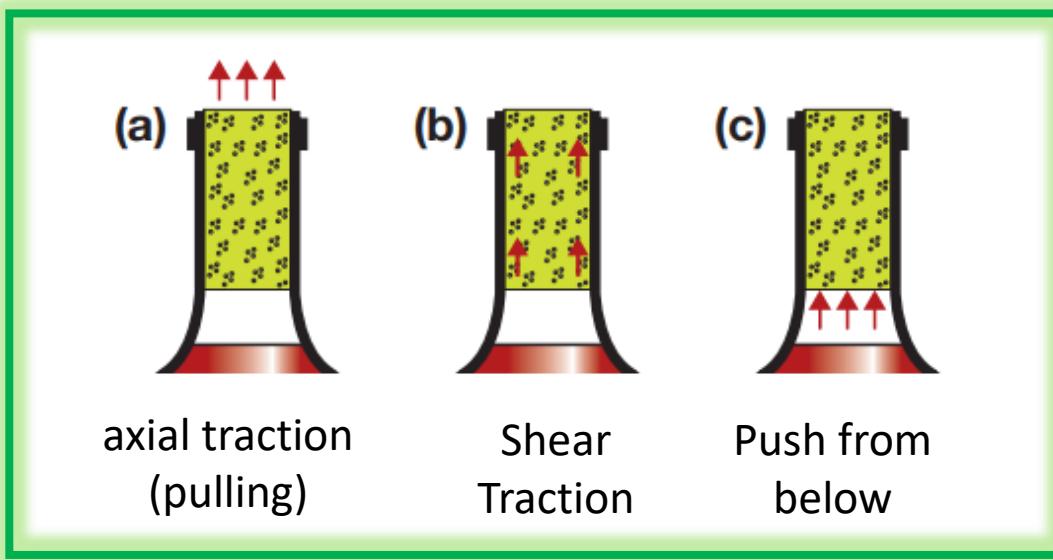
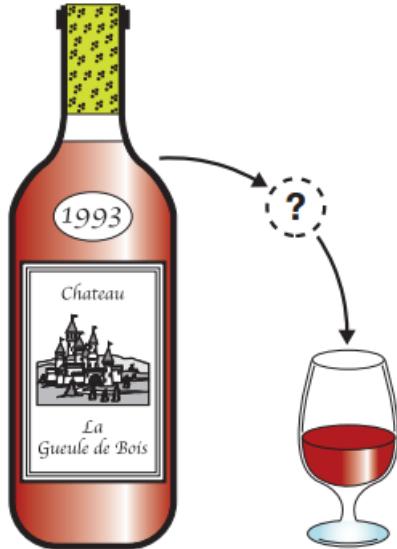
Push from  
below



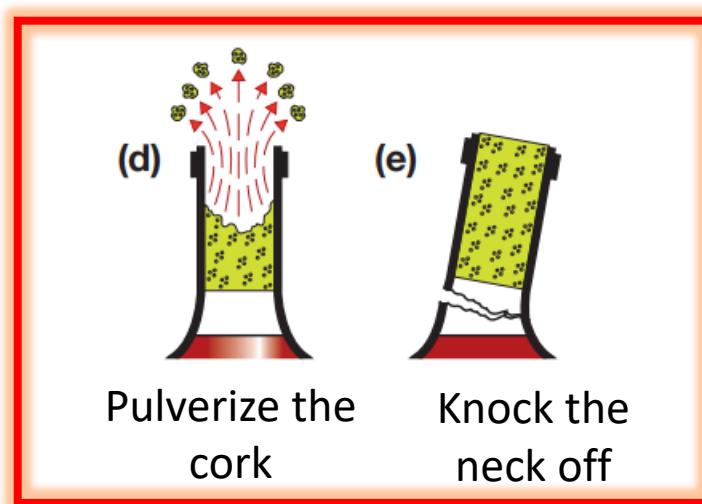
Pulverize the  
cork

Knock the  
neck off

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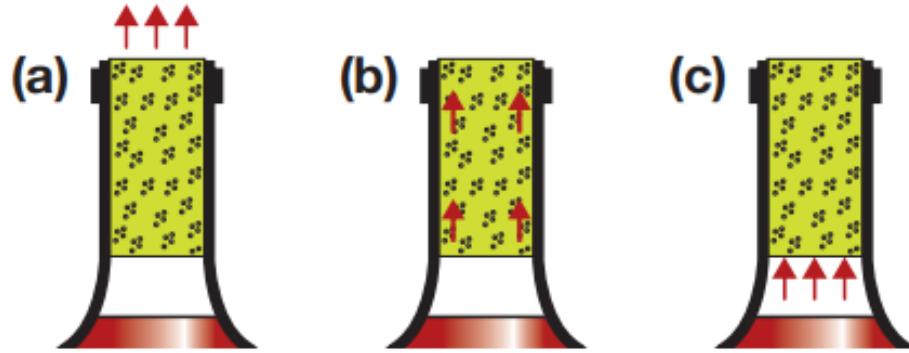
Select as reasonable designs → take forwards



eliminate these on the grounds that they might contaminate the wine

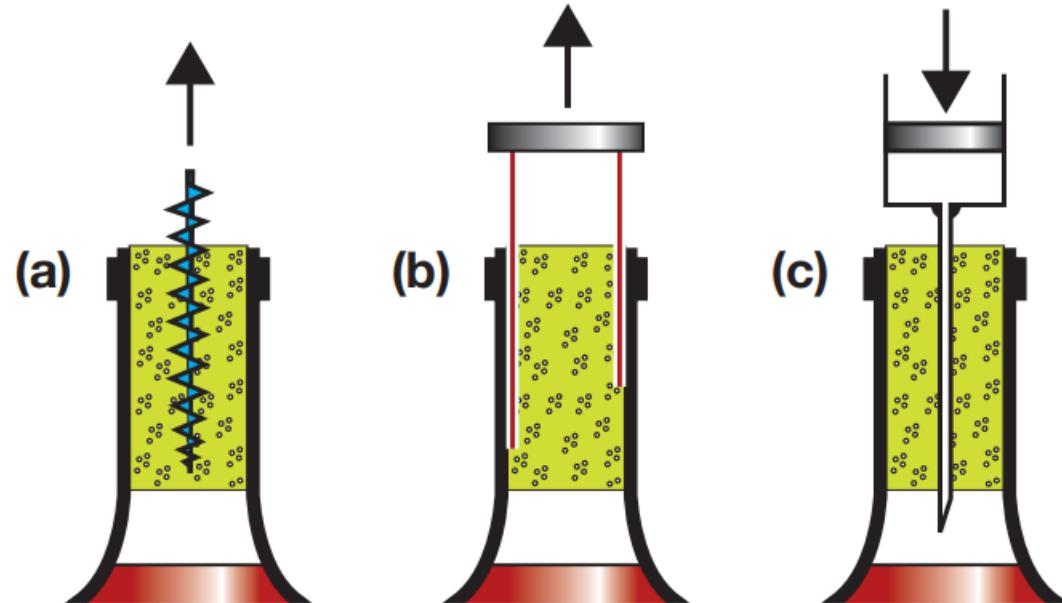
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Mechanism



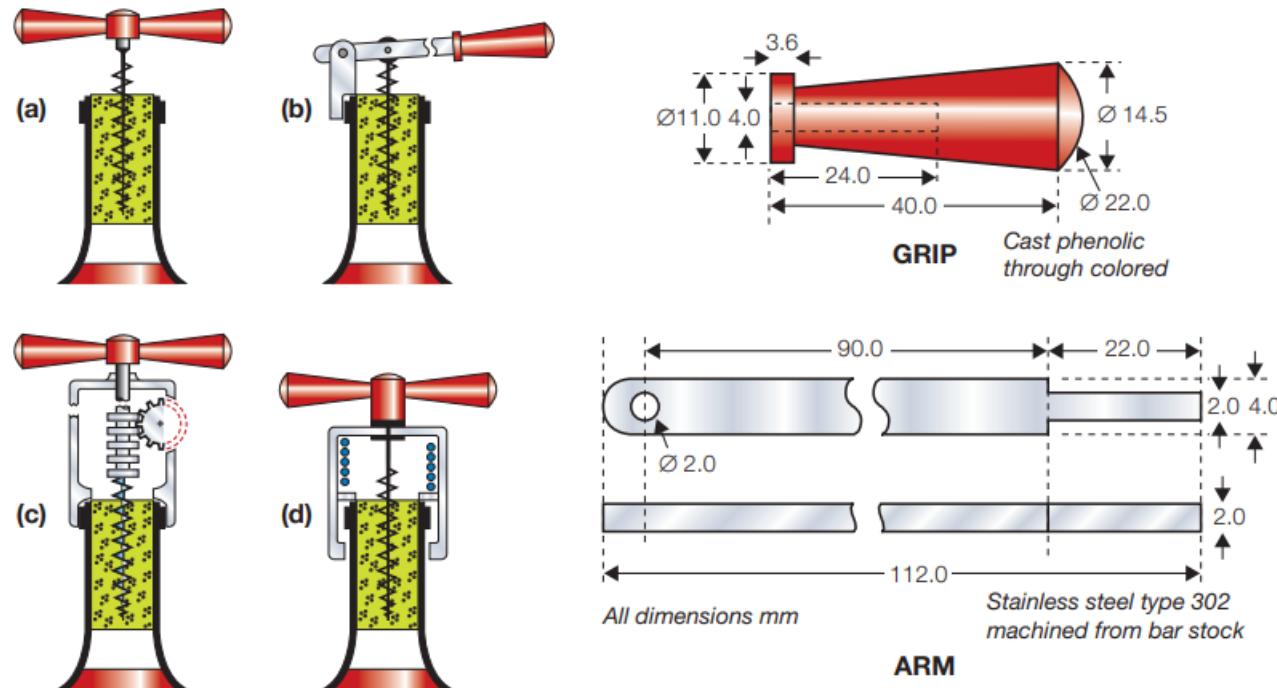
- a) Screw is threaded into the cork to which an axial pull is applied
- b) Slender elastic blades inserted down the sides of the cork apply shear tractions when twisted and pulled
- c) The cork is pierced by a hollow needle through which a gas is pumped to push the cork out.

Product Idea



# Case Study: Devices to Open Corked Bottles

## Design Variation



**FIGURE 2.9**

Left: embodiments: (a) direct pull; (b) lever-assisted pull; (c) gear-assisted pull; (d) spring-assisted pull (a spring in the body is impressed as the screw is driven into the cork). Right: detailed design of the lever of embodiment with material choice.

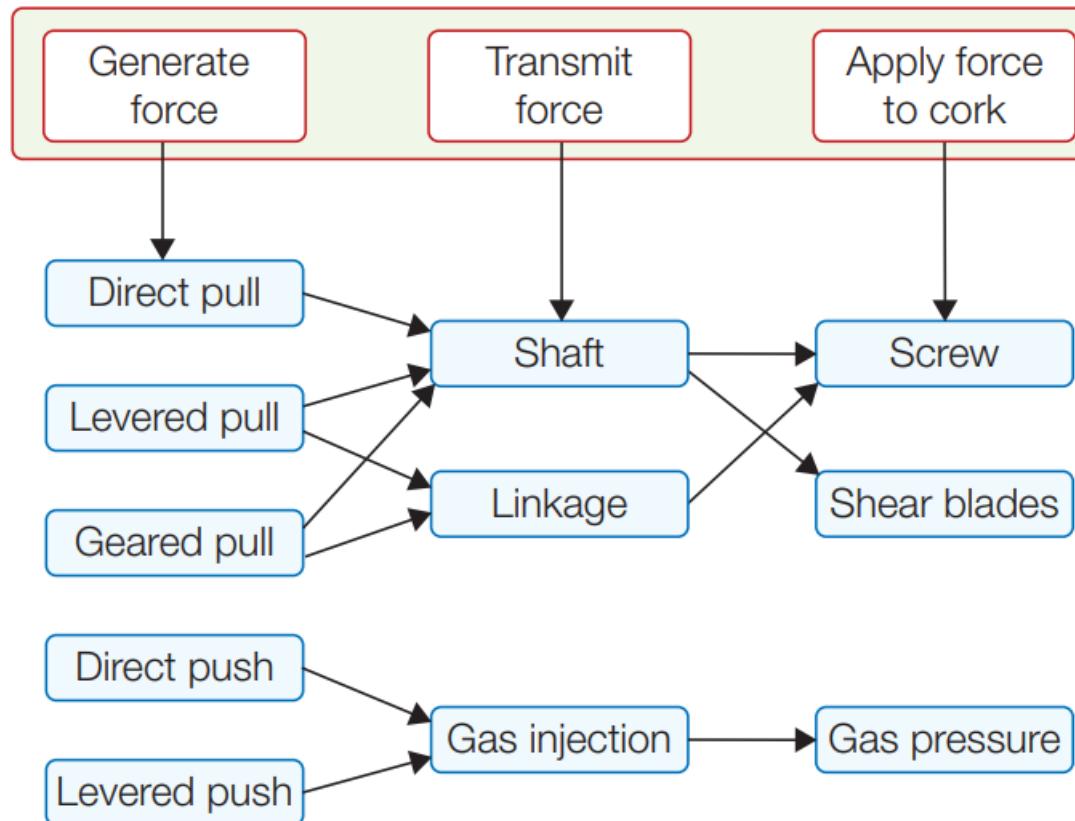
Embodiment sketches for axial traction.

- a) The first is a direct pull
- b) Levered pull
- c) Geared pull
- d) Spring-assisted pull

The embodiments identify the functional requirements

# Case Study: Devices to Open Corked Bottles

## Function Structure



Three functions:

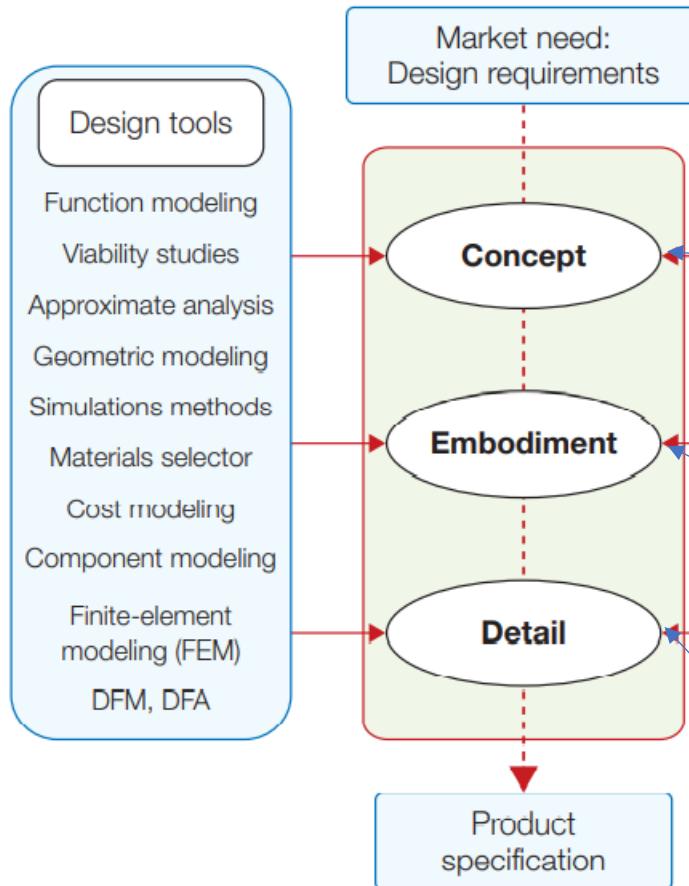
- Generate a force
- transmit a force
- apply the force to the cork

# Case Study: Devices to Open Corked Bottles



The final choice of material and process forms part of the detailed stage of design leading to full specifications to enable manufacture

# Design Process



Design is an iterative process.

The starting point is a market need captured in a set of design requirements.

**Concepts** for a product that meet the need are devised.

*If concept is believed to be viable, proceed to....*

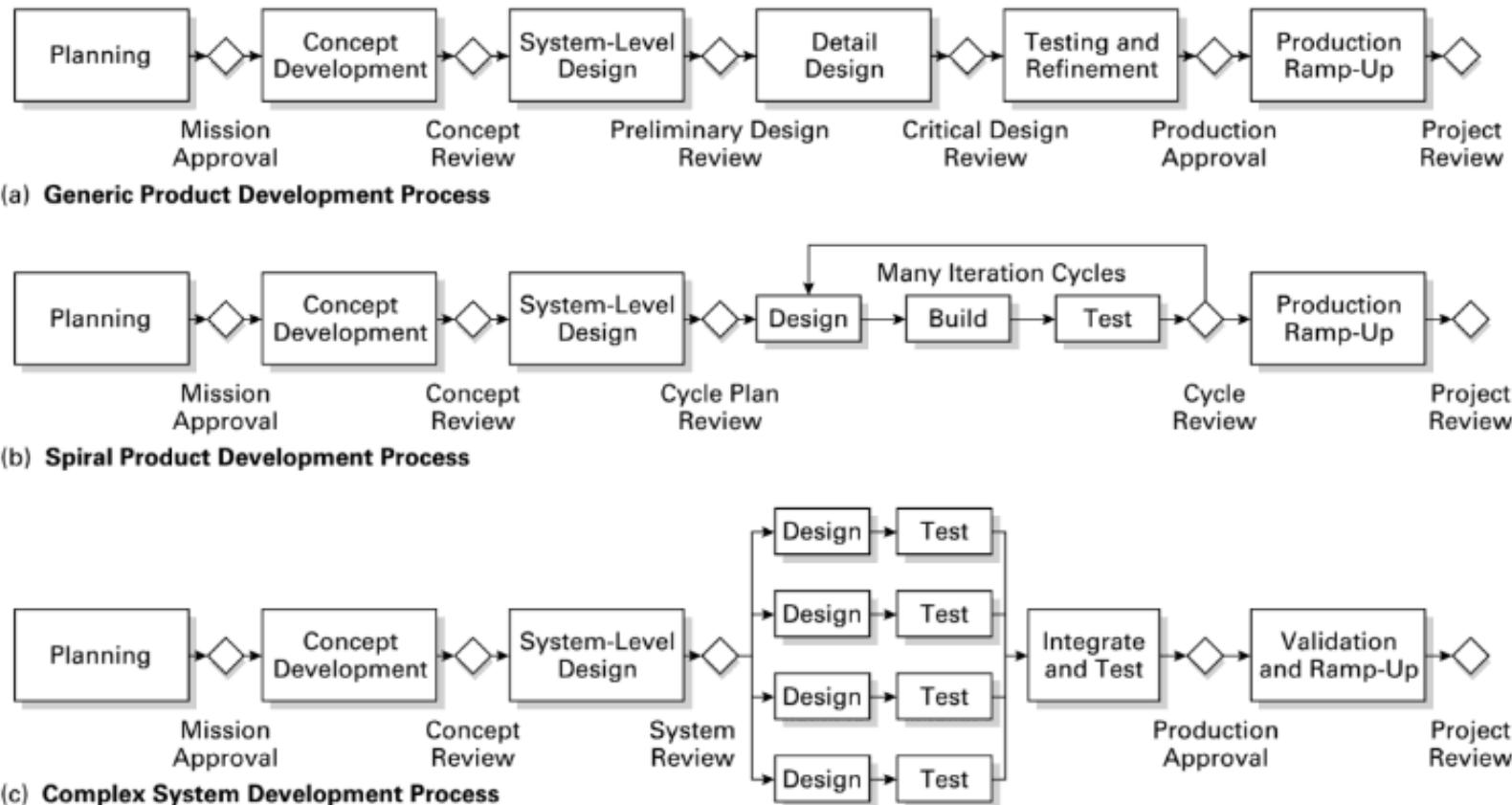
**Embodiment:** Working principles are selected, size and layout are decided, and initial estimates of performance and cost are made.

*If embodiment is believed to be viable, proceed to....*

**Design Stage:** optimization of performance, full analysis of critical components, preparation of detailed production drawings



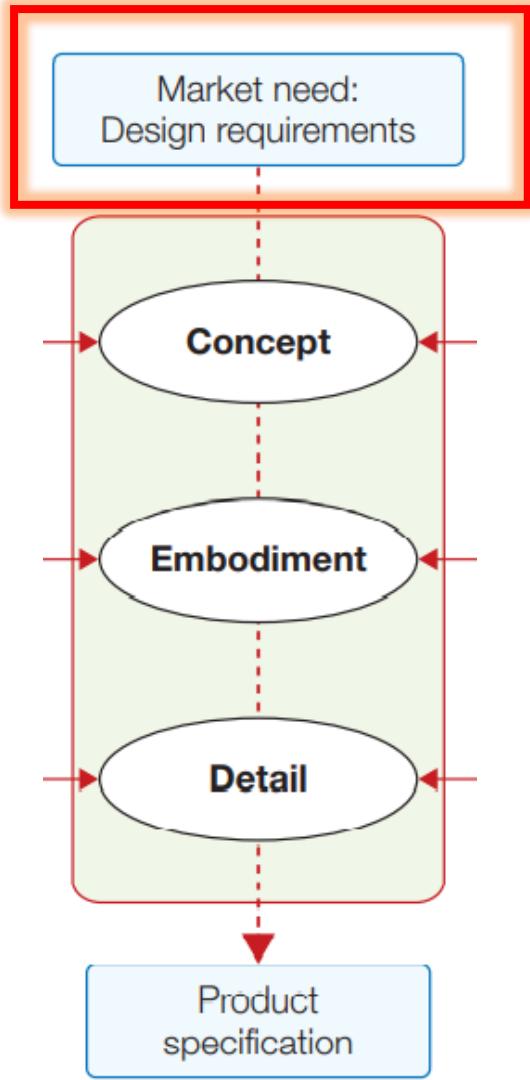
# Design Process: Variations in process



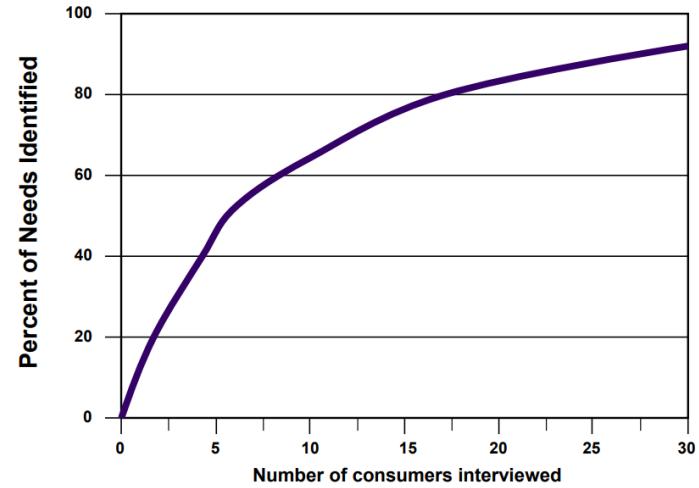
**EXHIBIT 2-5** Process flow diagrams for three product development processes.



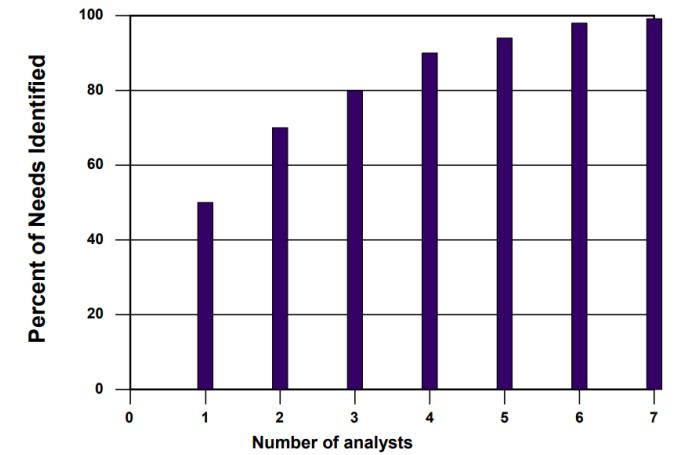
# Customer Needs



- Define the Scope
  - Mission Statement
- Gather Raw Data
  - Observation
  - Interviews
  - Focus Groups
- Interpret Raw Data
  - Need Statements
- Organize the Needs
  - Hierarchy
- Establish Importance
  - Surveys
- Reflect on the Process
  - Continuous Improvement



How Many Analysts?



# Needs Statement

## Structuring Needs

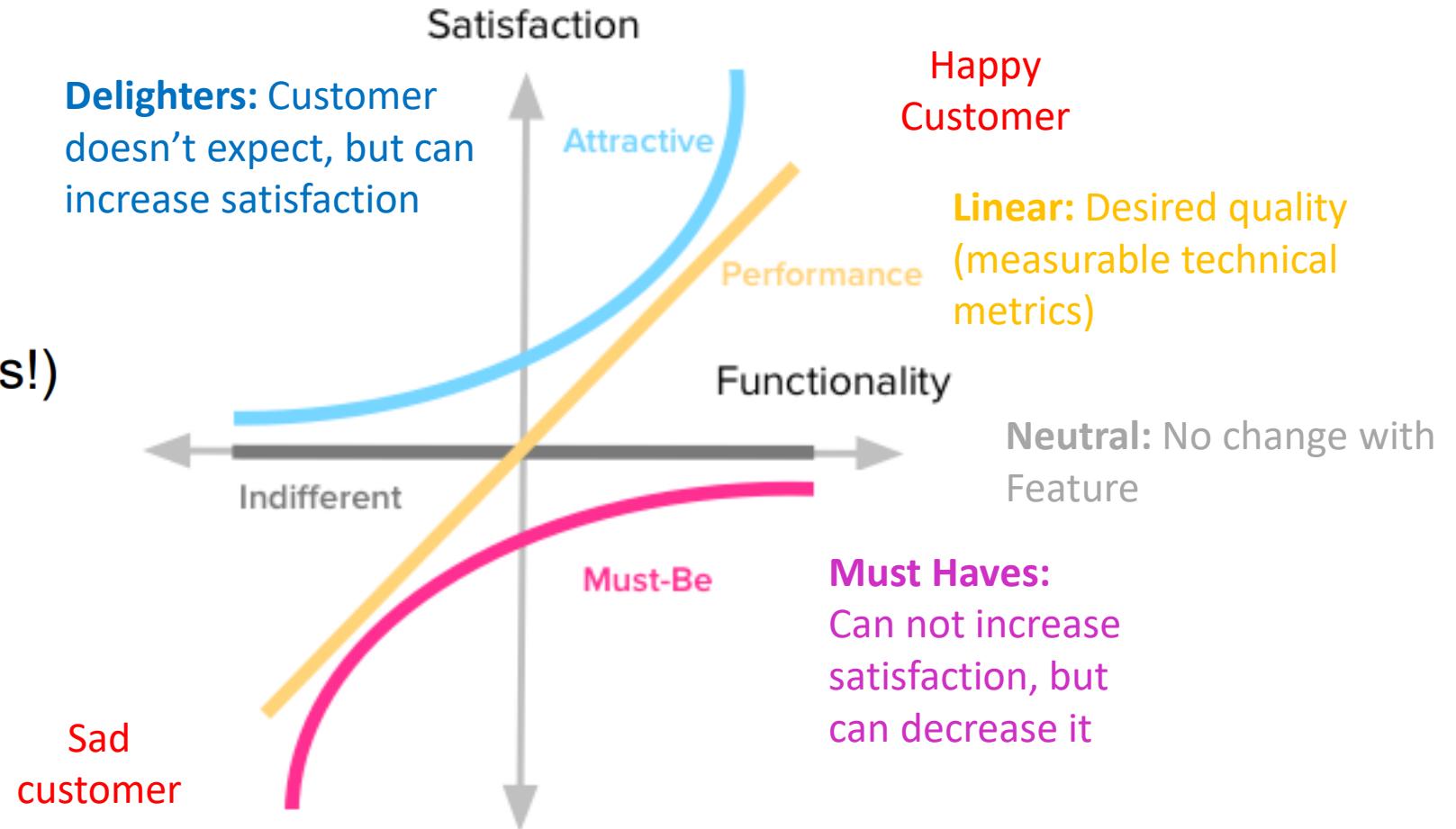
- Primary Needs (*Strategic Needs*)
  - Secondary Needs (*Tactical Needs*)
  - Tertiary Needs (*Operational Needs*)
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- Must Haves
  - Delighters (Latent Needs!)
  - Linear Satisfiers
  - Neutrals



# Kano-Diagrams

## How to determine the important needs

- Must Haves
- Delighters (Latent Needs!)
- Linear Satisfiers
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# Kano-Diagrams

What could be example of each for our wine cork remover?

- Must Haves
- Delighters (Latent Needs!)
- Linear Satisfiers
- Neutrals

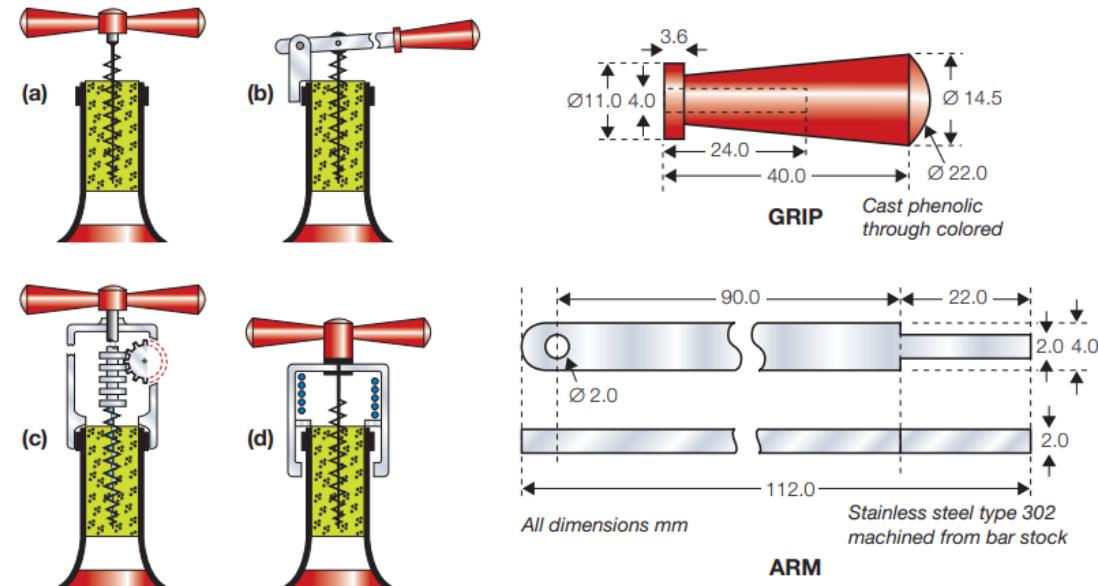
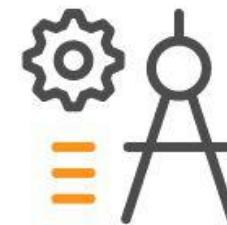


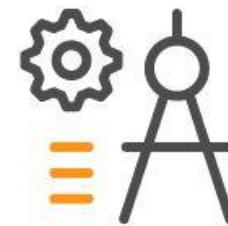
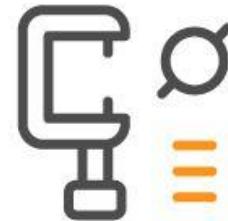
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