Importance of a Product life-cycle data access to facilitate product Recirculation in a Circular Economy

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Right to Repair

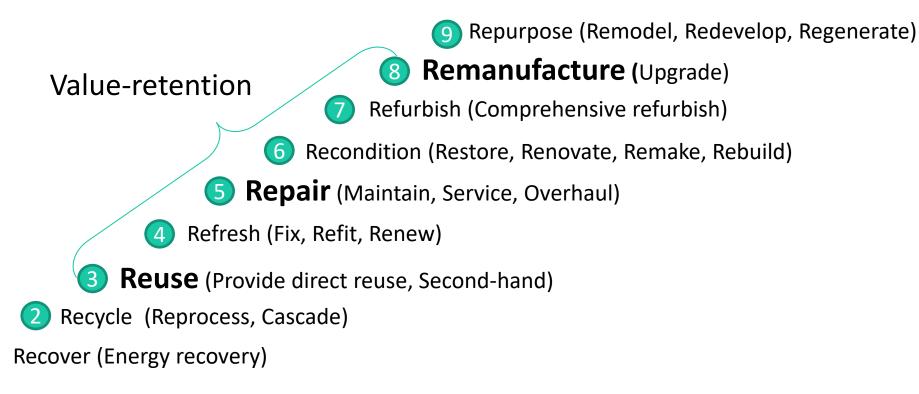
Is a coalition of 40 organizations in 15 European countries pushing for system change around repair.

- 2019 European Commission developed its Green Deal for sustainable future
- 2020 **Right to repair** movement in Europe to support product repair
- It is the fight against product obsolescence and a call for a product labeling for repairability
- Making repair a norm and going against big interests and strong industries
- French (EU) repairability index product suitable for repair index

Source (www.repair.eu)



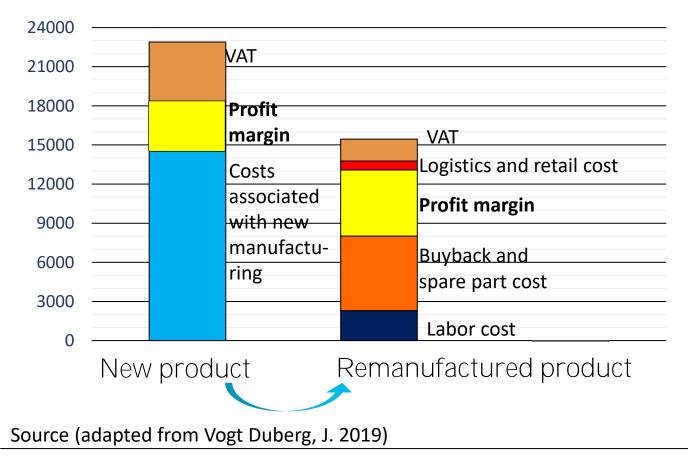
9 Recirculation processes



Source (Kurilova-Palisaitiene, J., Sundin. E. ICoR 2021)

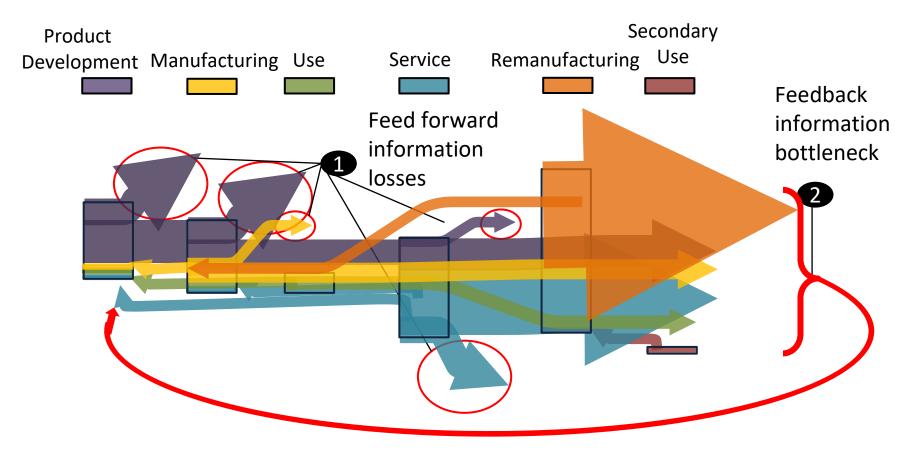


Profit margin with remanufactured products





Sankey diagram for information flow



Source (Kurilova-Palisaitiene, J. et. al, 2016)



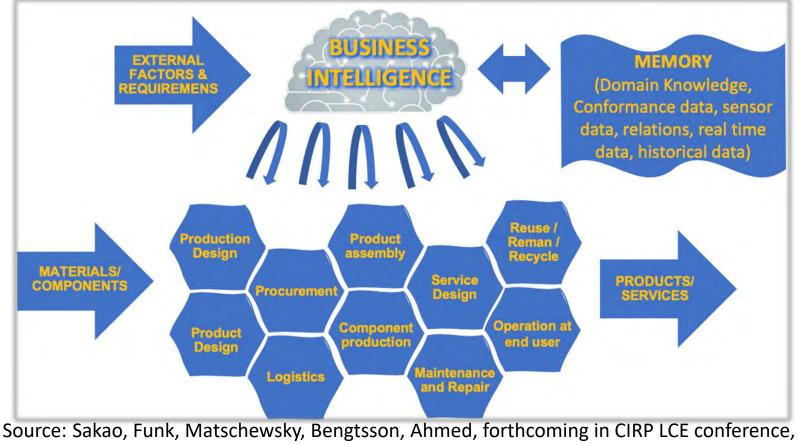
Digital Product Passport

- The Circular Economy Action Plan contains a section on planned action towards "*Designing sustainable products*".
- As part of this legislative initiative, the Commission will consider establishing sustainability principles and other appropriate ways to regulate, including reducing carbon and environmental footprints and "mobilising the potential of digitalisation of product information, including solutions such as digital passports, tagging and watermarks".
- "Digital technologies can track the journeys of products, components and materials and make the resulting data securely accessible. The European data space for smart circular applications will support applications and services such as product passports, resource mapping and consumer information".

Source (https://ec.europa.eu)



Vision of AI-LCE (Adaptive and intelligent lifecycle engineering)



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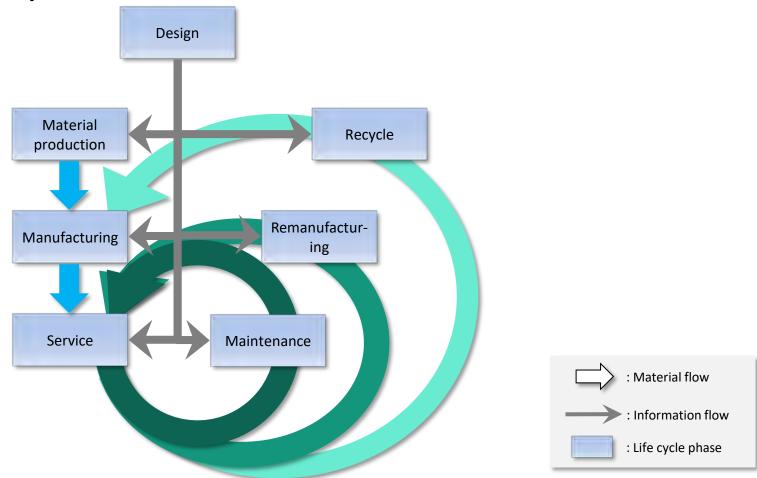
Comparison between traditional LCE and AI-LCE

| | Traditional LCE | AI-LCE |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Perspective | Lifecycle perspective | Lifecycle perspective |
| Digitalization and IoT | Beneficial but not | A foundation for |
| | required | deployment |
| Time for changing | Typically, longer than a | Within a lifecycle (even |
| activities | lifecycle | on real time) |
| Accuracy of changes | Low | High |
| made | | |
| Intelligence used | Mainly human | Human and artificial |
| | intelligence | intelligence |
| | | (complementary) |
| Data storage used | Local databases | Uniform data access |
| | | (e.g. data lake) |

Source: Sakao, Funk, Matschewsky, Bengtsson, Ahmed, forthcoming in CIRP LCE conference, March 2021



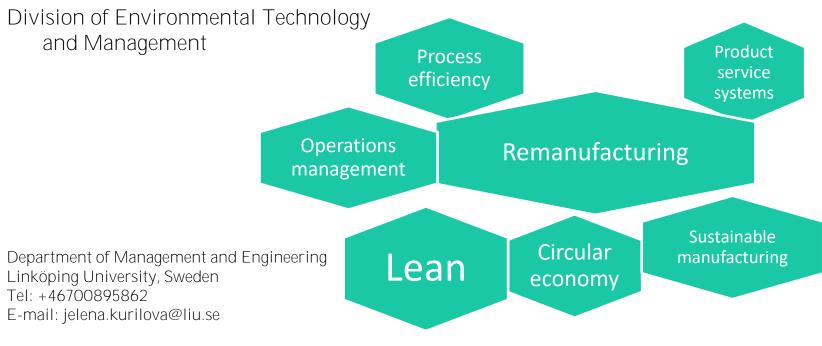
Importance of design with the lifecycle perspective





Thank you for attention!

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