

# A\*STAR's Future of Manufacturing Initiative (FoM)

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# ABOUT A\*STAR

# Our mission and vision

## MISSION

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**A global leader in science, technology and open innovation**

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**Biomedical  
Research Council  
(BMRC)**  
13 Research Entities

**Science &  
Engineering  
Research Council  
(SERC)**  
9 Research Entities

**ETPL**  
Commercialisation

**A\*STAR  
Graduate  
Academy  
Scholarships**



**>5,200  
STAFF**

**>4,100**  
Researchers, Engineers  
and Technical Support Staff

**>38%**  
of whom come  
from 64 countries

# Singapore's lead government agency for economic oriented R&D

## Achievements in FY17

### ▶ Achieved around

**\$340 million** of R&D spending through industry projects, an **increase of over 50%** from \$220 million in FY16

- More significantly, R&D spending **by local enterprises** outpaced this increase, **growing by more than 60%**

### ▶ Worked on over

**2,100 R&D projects** with companies, a **20% increase** over FY16

- $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total industry projects were with **local enterprises** for both years

### ▶ Seconded over **60** A\*STAR Research Scientists & Engineers to **56** local enterprises

- Help improve products and services in sectors **including engineering, infocomms, biotechs, chemicals & electronics**

### ▶ **More local enterprises** taking up A\*STAR licenses

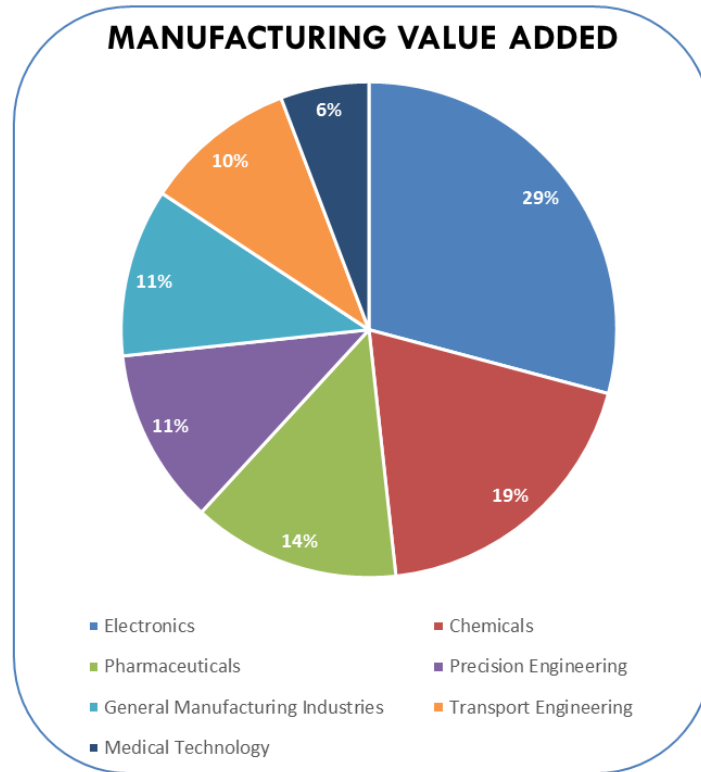
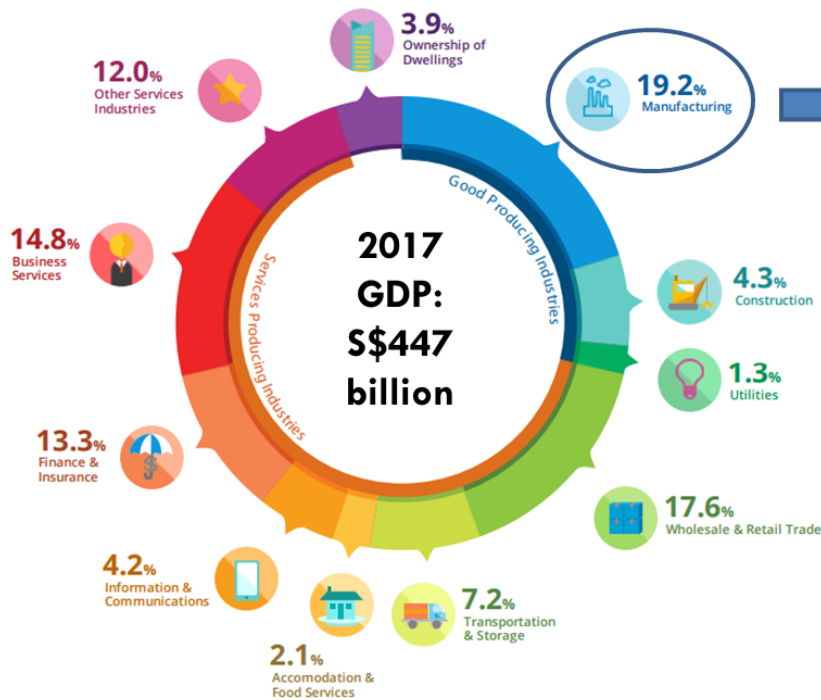
- **$\frac{3}{4}$  of over 260** licensing deals were with local enterprises
- Compared to about **60% of 235 licenses** that went to **local enterprises** in FY16
- Licenses were deployed to companies in various sectors **including digital technology, advanced manufacturing, biotech & medtech**

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# **Preamble on A\*STAR's Future of Manufacturing (FoM) Strategy**

# Manufacturing is a key pillar of Singapore's economy



Source: Department of Statistics (DOS), Economic Development Board (EDB)

Employment contribution  
**>480,000; 13.4% of total employment**  
 Diverse manufacturing jobs



# Recognised that manufacturing is no longer simply about making physical products

Factors that affect value creation and value capture

## Consumer demand



- Personalisation and customisation
- Consumers as creators

## Nature of products



- From 'dumb' to 'smart'
- From product to platform
- From product to service

VALUE  
CREATION  
VS

VALUE  
CAPTURE

## Economics of production



- Exponential technologies
- Eroding barriers to learning, entry, and commercialisation
- Emerging manufacturing models

## Economics of the value chain

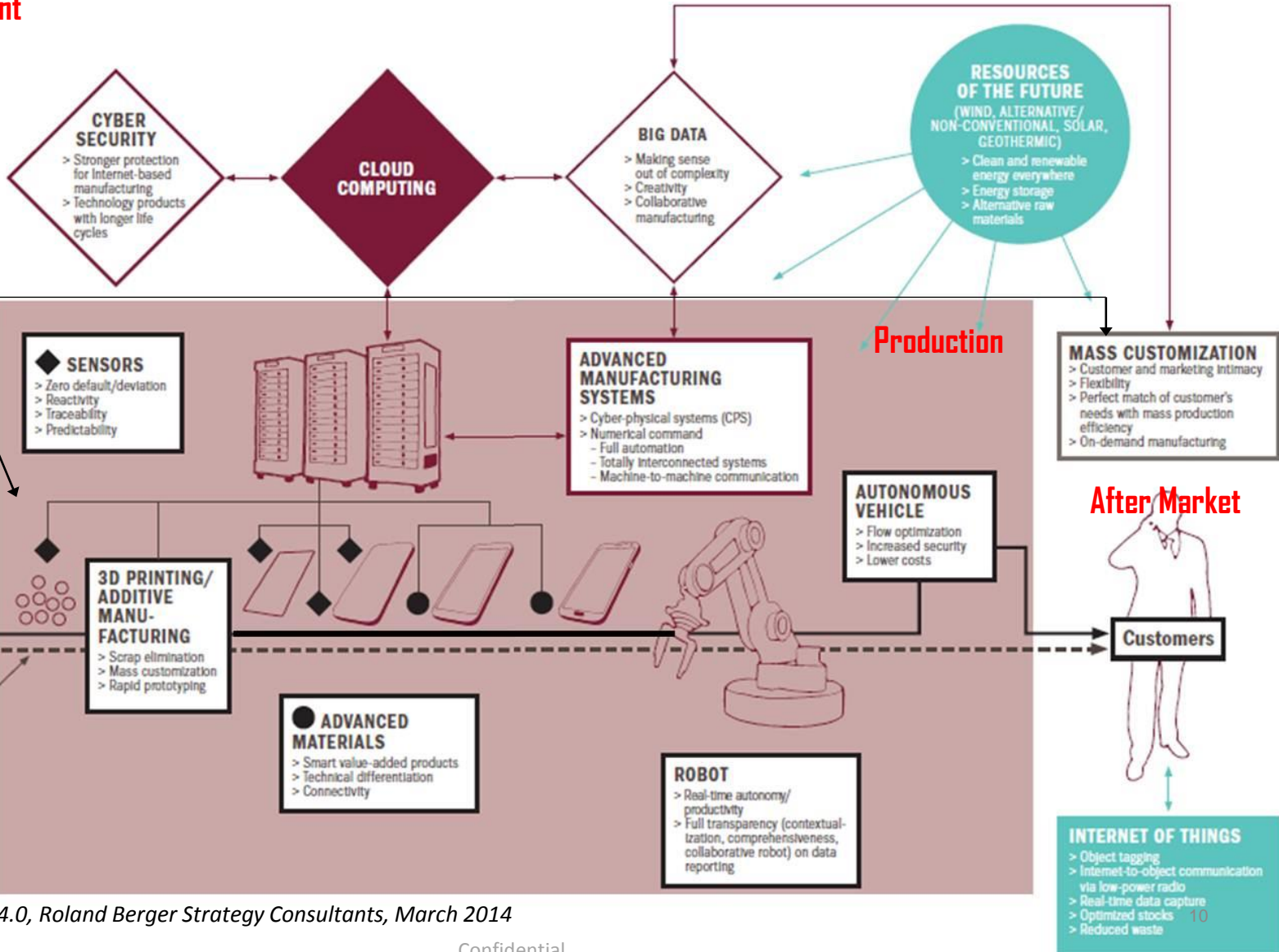
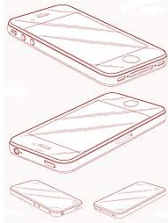


- Eroding value proposition for intermediaries
- Direct consumer engagement
- Faster speed to commercialisation
- Build to order vs build to stock

Source: *The Business Times Graphics*, Oct 2015,  
*4 shifts in manufacturing, The Future of  
Manufacturing*, 2015, Deloitte University Press

# Digitalisation in a fully connected manufacturing value chain with multiple different players in the eco-system

## Design & Development



## Supply Chain



Suppliers

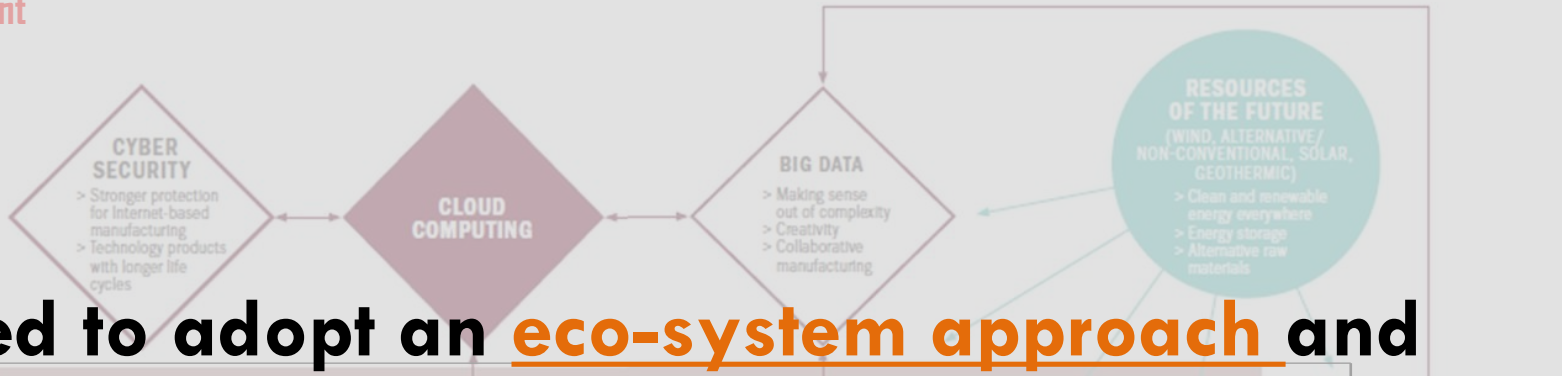
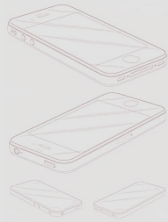
**LOGISTICS 4.0**

- > Fully integrated supply chain
- > Interconnected systems
- > Perfect coordination

Adapted from Industry 4.0, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, March 2014

# Digitalisation in a fully connected manufacturing value chain with multiple different players in the eco-system

## Design & Development



**COLLABORATIVE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT**

- > Multi-stake holder co-development/design and transfer to production
- > Engage customer earlier

**Need to adopt an eco-system approach and be a convenor of partnership platforms to bring the different players together to co-innovate and demonstrate fully the potential of FoM**

## Supply Chain



# Broad engagement of stakeholders in the FoM strategy development in 2016

- **104** Participants (FoM Steering Committee and Sub-committees<sup>1</sup>)
- **58** companies from the **8** AME industry clusters were consulted
  - **3** Industry Roundtable discussions and one-to-one engagements (incl. Singapore and overseas trips<sup>2</sup>)

<b>Aerospace</b> 	<b>Electronics</b> 	<b>Chemicals</b> 	<b>Marine &amp; Offshore</b> 	<b>Machinery &amp; Systems</b> 	<b>Precision Modules &amp; Components</b> 	<b>Biologics &amp; Pharmaceutical manufacturing</b> 	<b>MedTech manufacturing</b> 
<b>IT/OT Enablers</b> 							

**TACs:**

**Agency for Science, Technology and Research SINGAPORE**

<sup>1</sup> Comprising Industry reps, Trade Association & Chambers (TACs), Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) agencies and Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs)  
<sup>2</sup> Overseas engagements with the following companies: Rolls-Royce, Lloyd's Register, SAP, FESTO, Bosch, Fujitsu, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Lonza



# A\*STAR's Future of Manufacturing (FoM) Technology Strategy

To sustain Singapore's competitiveness in manufacturing and technology innovation, as a location of choice for developing, test-bedding and deploying advanced technologies in the manufacturing sector

## 1 Creation of public-private partnership platforms to catalyse adoption of FoM technologies in the near term



**Tech Labs (Model Factory)**

*Bring together ecosystem of research performers, end users, technology providers and system integrators to jointly innovate, test and demonstrate FoM technologies*

Public-Private Platforms



**Tech Access**

*Supports firms' innovation efforts by providing access to an installed base of advanced mfg equipment/facilities & expertise*

**Tech Depot**



*Provides SMEs with access to a suite of plug-and play, easy-to-use technologies to help them improve productivity*

## 2 R&D programmes in FoM to address near and medium/long term industry needs



**Additive Manufacturing**



**Advanced Materials**



**Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing**



**Industrial Internet of Things**



**Robotics & Automation**

# 1 Announcements of public-private partnership platforms for FoM



a) Tech Labs – Model Factories



b) Tech Access



c) Tech Depot

*“I’m pleased to announce that **A\*STAR will establish two ‘Model Factories’** to allow companies, particularly our SMEs, to firstly **experience the technologies first-hand in a learning environment**, without affecting their existing business operations; and secondly to **collaborate with stakeholders to test-bed and jointly develop innovative solutions** for their processes.”*

Minister of State  
Dr Koh Poh Koon  
Committee of Supply 2017



*“We will also support companies in the use of advanced machine tools for prototyping and testing, which may require costly specialised equipment. **A\*STAR will provide access to such equipment, user training and advice under a new Tech Access Initiative**”*

Finance Minister,  
Mr Heng Swee Keat  
Budget 2017



*“To improve our companies’ access to technology and digital solutions, we will add a one-stop **Tech Depot** to the SME Portal... This is a showcase of **easily adoptable technology solutions**... include A\*STAR’s ready-to-go (RTG) technologies as well as IMDA’s pre-qualified Infocomm & Media (ICM) solutions.”*

Senior Minister of State,  
Ms Sim Ann  
Committee of Supply 2017



# Future of Manufacturing Initiatives – Partnerships



## Collaboration with Rolls-Royce in aerospace sector

A\*STAR and Rolls-Royce to establish technology centres to develop FoM capabilities



## McKinsey & Company Digital Capability Centre at ARTC

Help companies learn about Industry 4.0 technologies, and groom talent for FoM technologies through workshops & training



## Testbedding Model Factory technologies at CKE Manufacturing

Target for 500 SMEs to benefit from Model Factory initiatives over the next 5 years



## Working with Feinmetall to build their advanced manufacturing capabilities

Support for SMEs that wish to build up in-house R&D and innovation capabilities

# TECH LABS (MODEL FACTORIES)



# Tech Labs

## Features of Model Factories in A\*STAR

### 1 Experiential Learning Environment

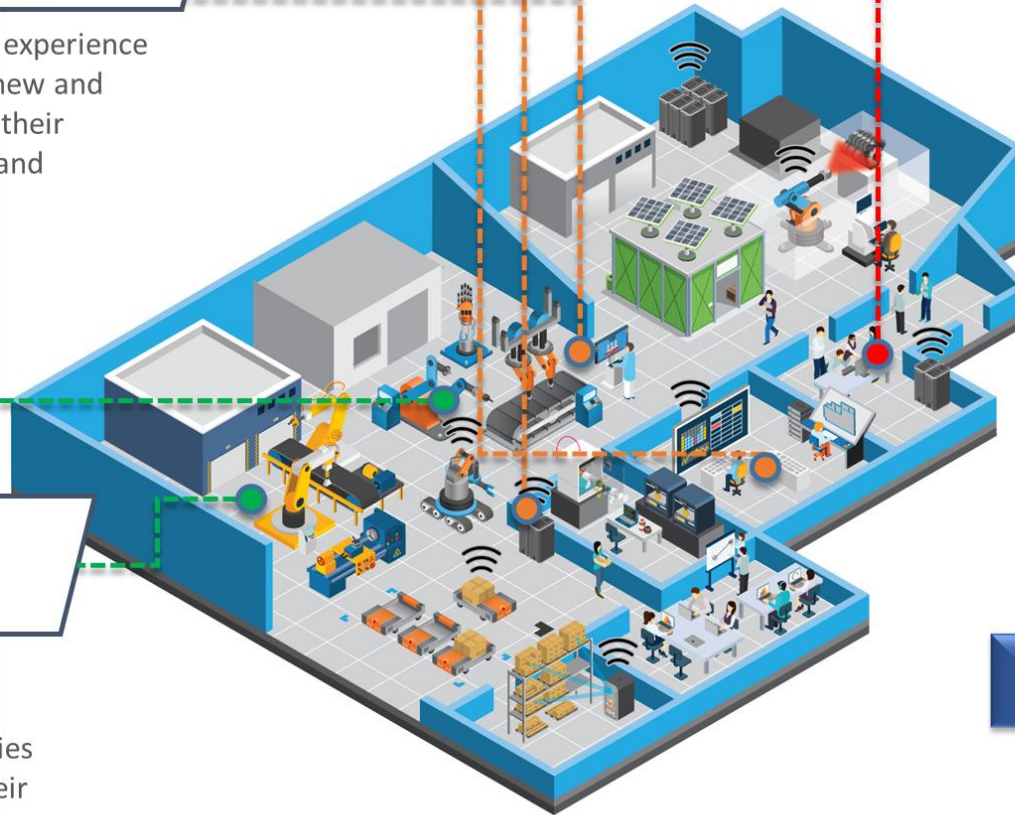
Companies will be able to experience and learn the benefits of new and advanced technologies to their manufacturing processes and operations.

### 2 Improving Production Processes

The dynamic production environment in the Model Factories will allow companies to optimise and improve their production processes.

### 3 Co-Innovation Platform

Test bedding facilities will allow the ecosystem of research performers, technology providers and end-users to co-create and test new innovations.



**MODEL FACTORIES  
@ SIMTech and @ARTC**



# Operating model of Model Factories

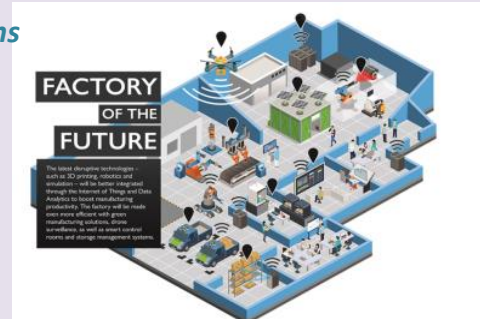
Technology Providers/  
System Integrators

Technologies and tools  
Dissemination of end user requirement

Model Factory @ SIMTech



Model Factory @ ARTC



Interactions

Co-create technologies

Problem statements  
Technology solutions

End users

Research performers

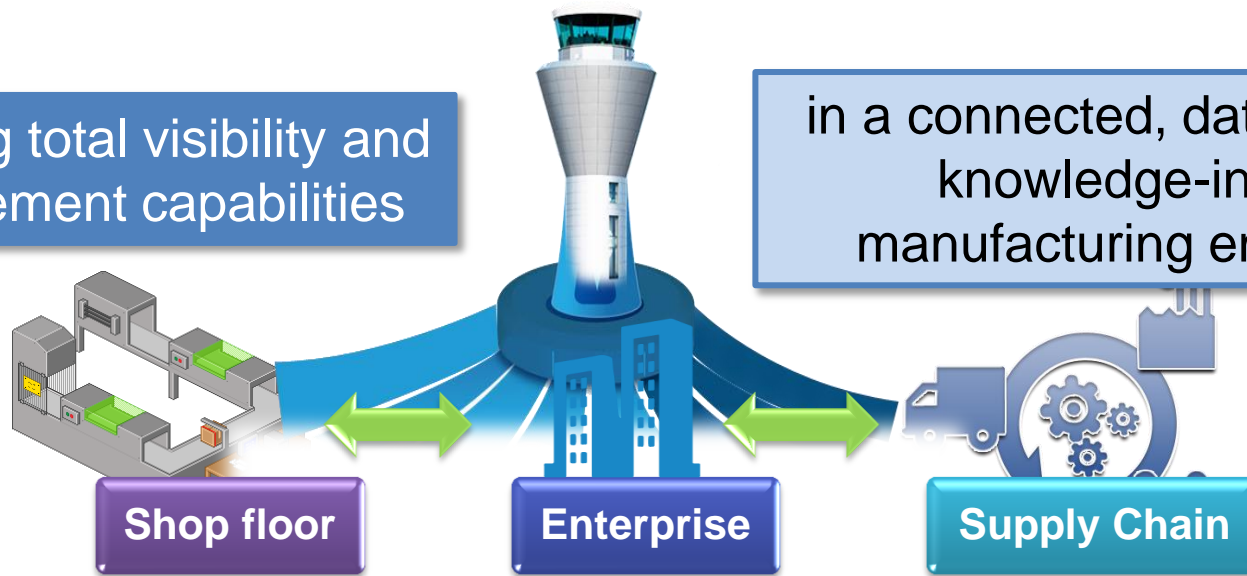
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Technologies and tools

# Model Factory@SIMTech

Providing total visibility and management capabilities

in a connected, data-driven and knowledge-intensive manufacturing environment



# Model Factory@SIMTech - Sandbox



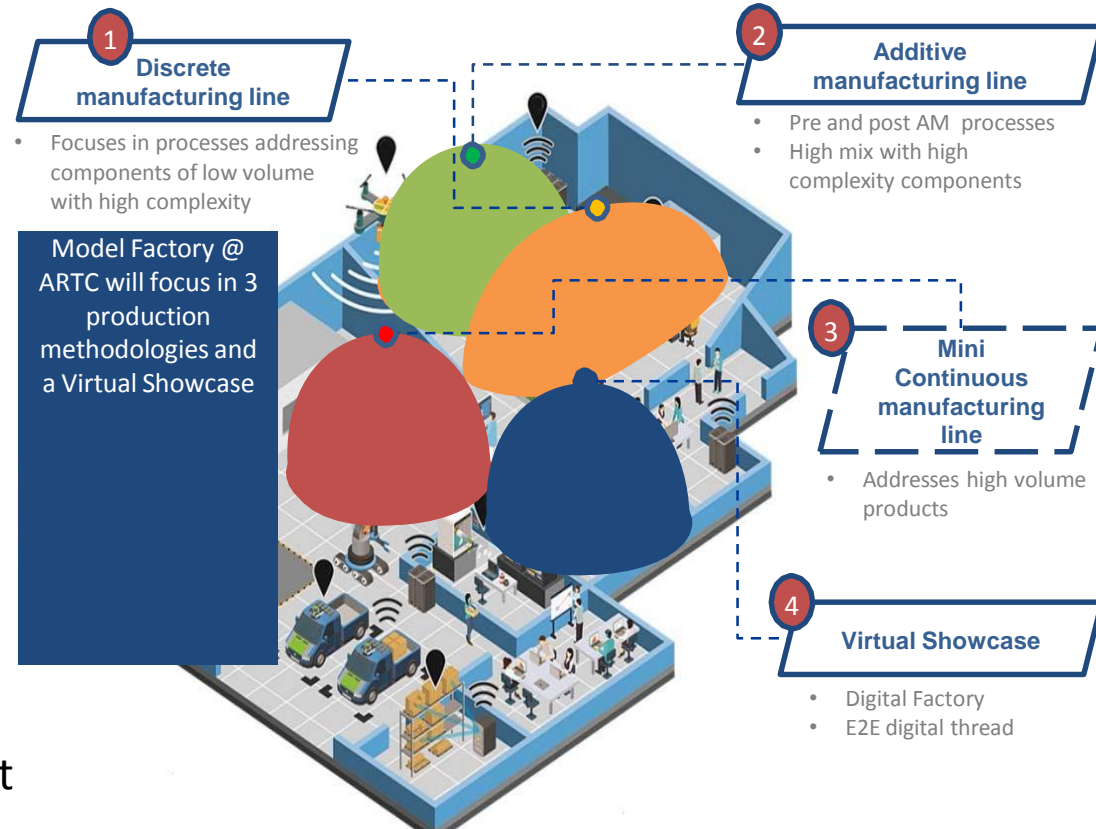
Equipment Testing  
Systems Integration  
Nerve Centre  
Demonstrators  
Test-runs



# Model Factory @ ARTC

A **Public-Private Partnership platform** to accelerate the adoption of digital and smart manufacturing technologies.

- **Develop learning and knowledge management** in digital and smart manufacturing for **aerospace and heavy machinery industry**
- Develop and **validate various IT/OT architectures, technologies and process models** required for a smart factory concept



# Model Factory @ ARTC

- 3 type of production methodologies and a virtual showcase testbeds have been built to test, validate and demonstrate the technologies and solutions developed from research.



# TECH ACCESS

# Tech Access Objectives

- Mitigate SMEs' risks and enable move to advanced manufacturing
- Provide SMEs access to A\*STAR's installed base of research equipment through resource planning and time shifting
- Tech Access can be provided in various combinations –
  - a) access to use of the equipment;
  - b) user training; and
  - c) consultancy to optimise equipment effectiveness.
- From the experience gained and benefits validated with the adoption of such technologies, the SMEs could then opt to scale and acquire their own equipment to capture new business opportunities.





# TECH DEPOT

# Tech Depot Objectives

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- **Online platform to showcase easily adoptable technology solutions under SME Portal**
  - A\*STAR's ready-to-go technologies
  - IMDA's and SPRING's prequalified digital solutions by private solution providers
- **Applicable to various business functions such as**
  - Inventory Management
  - Customer Management
  - HR Management
  - Workflow Tracking
  - Machine Effectiveness
  - Quality Assurance

# Thank you