

## Designing for the environment:

## Using lean product and process development to lower carbon emissions and other sustainability concerns

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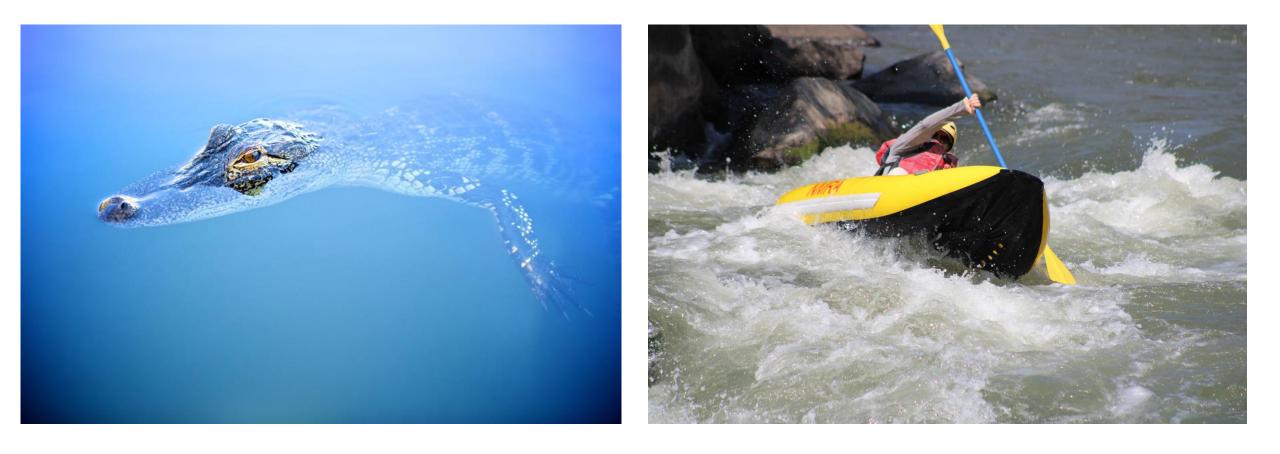
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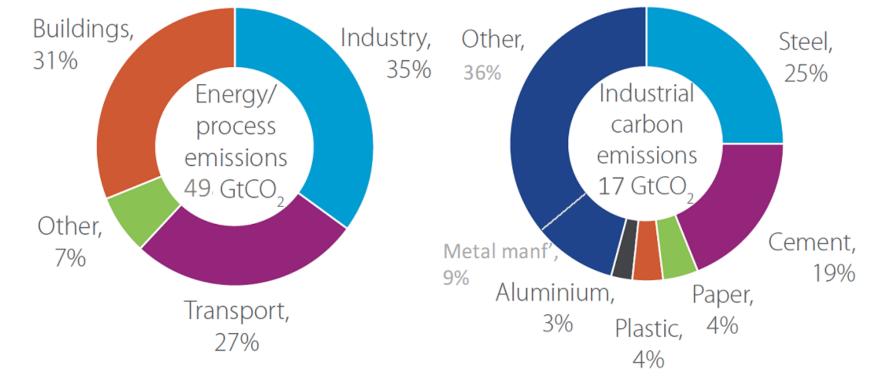




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# Motivation: Reducing industrial emissions is critical





Opportunities in manufacturing: Resource efficiency

- Energy efficiency. E.g., Efficient motors, hydraulic & compressed air systems
- Material efficiency. E.g., 25% of steel & 40% of aluminum is scrapped along the supply chain

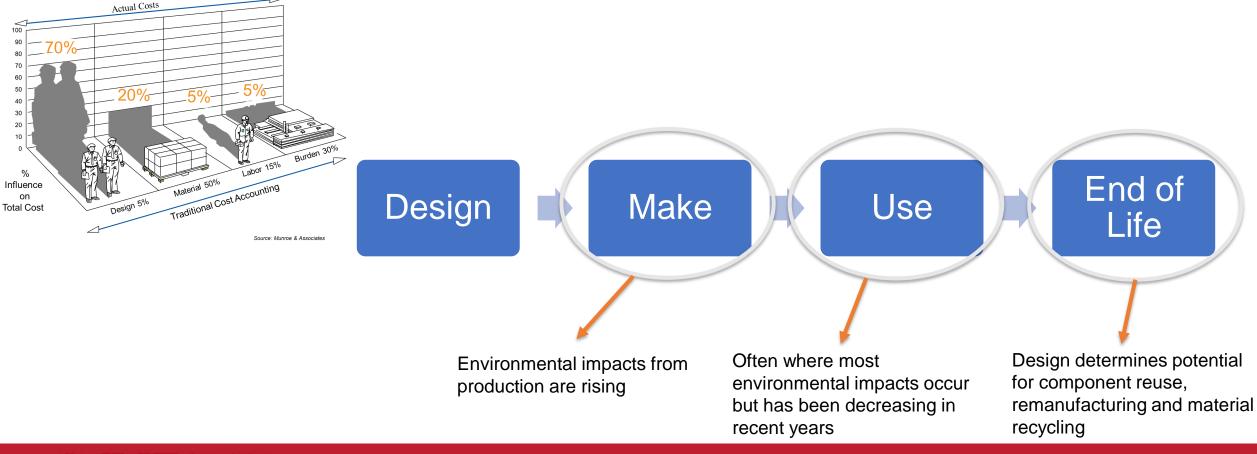


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# Why focus on minimizing emissions in the design phase?

Decisions made in design have lasting environmental impacts across the entire product life cycle



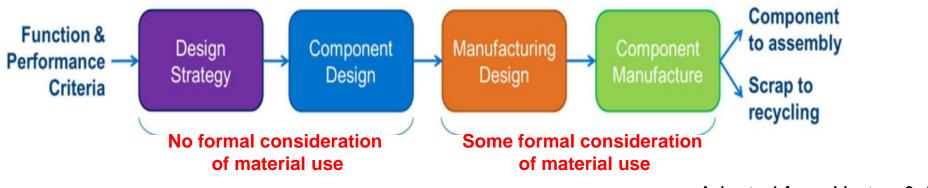




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Decisions that impact the sustainability and efficiency of designs are often made without understanding the impact



Adapted from Horton & Allwood (2017)

"Designers need to consider material and energy utilization." - Easy to say, but for it to happen it needs to be built into the development system



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### **Environmental Analysis and Product Design Tools**



#### Industrial Sustainability: Reviewing the Past and Envisioning the Future

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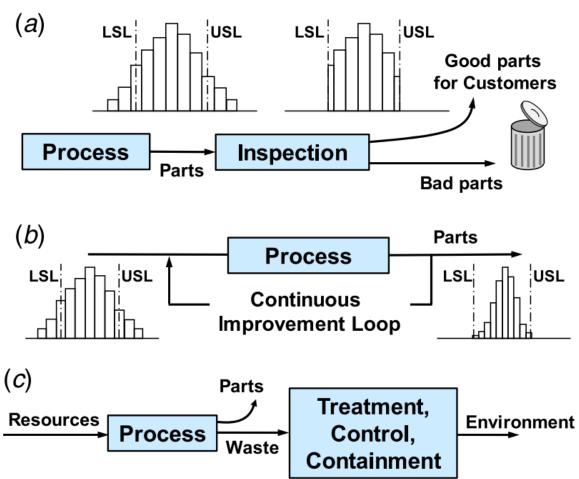
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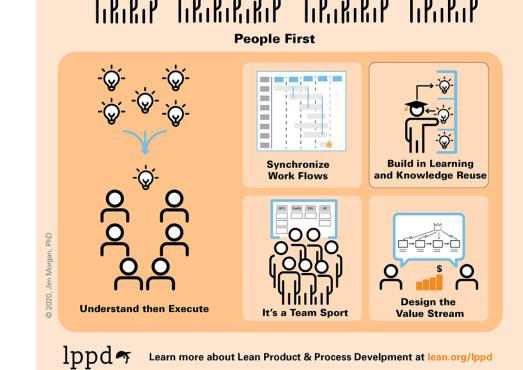
# Building Industrial Sustainability into Design using LPPD

- Putting People First
- Understanding before Executing
- Synchronizing Workflows
- Developing Products is a Team Sport
- Building in Learning and Knowledge Reuse
- Designing the Value Stream



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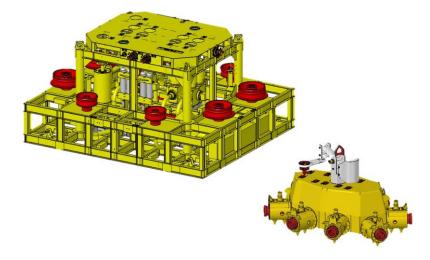


# Case studies where LPPD delivered environmental benefits

- Business motivations were not environmental sustainability
- LPPD strategies that delivered change:
- > Setting clearly defined targets
- Communication
- > Deep collaboration with the supply chain
- Pushing towards optimal standard architectures
- > Education and Technical Excellence
- > Managing tradeoffs









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## **AME Interactive Session 2019**



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**Discussion Questions** 

- 1. Where are the environmental impacts in your manufacturing operations?
- 2. What are the opportunities to improve the environmental impact and improve the bottom line?
- 3. How can LPPD help to deliver these benefits?



## AME Interactive Session 2019



- Upstream manufacturers identified opportunities through energy waste / efficiency
- Downstream manufacturers identified opportunities through material savings / recycling / remanufacturing
- Most participants identified the potential for:
  - > Greater **standardization** (only changing where the greatest value is provided)
  - > Environmental key performance indicators (KPIs) as engineering targets
  - > Higher material utilizations in manufacturing
  - > Greater **understanding and collaboration** between design and manufacturing
  - > Greater use of **design guides** to effectively utilize organizational knowledge



## **AME Interactive Session 2021**



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## **Research Findings**



- Need for translating environmental aspirations to concrete strategies to reduce life cycle impacts.
- LPPD is in itself agnostic to environmental sustainability.
- LPPD is a system that can effectively cut waste and deliver on organizational objectives.

"Exploring how lean product and process development can promote industrial sustainability" was published as part of the conference proceedings for the ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conferences & Computers and Information in Engineering Conference, August 17–19, 2021.







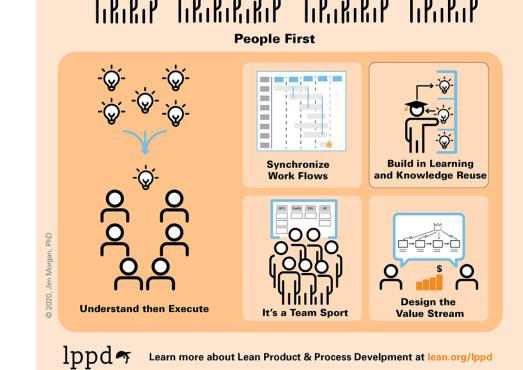
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## Better Performance through Putting People First

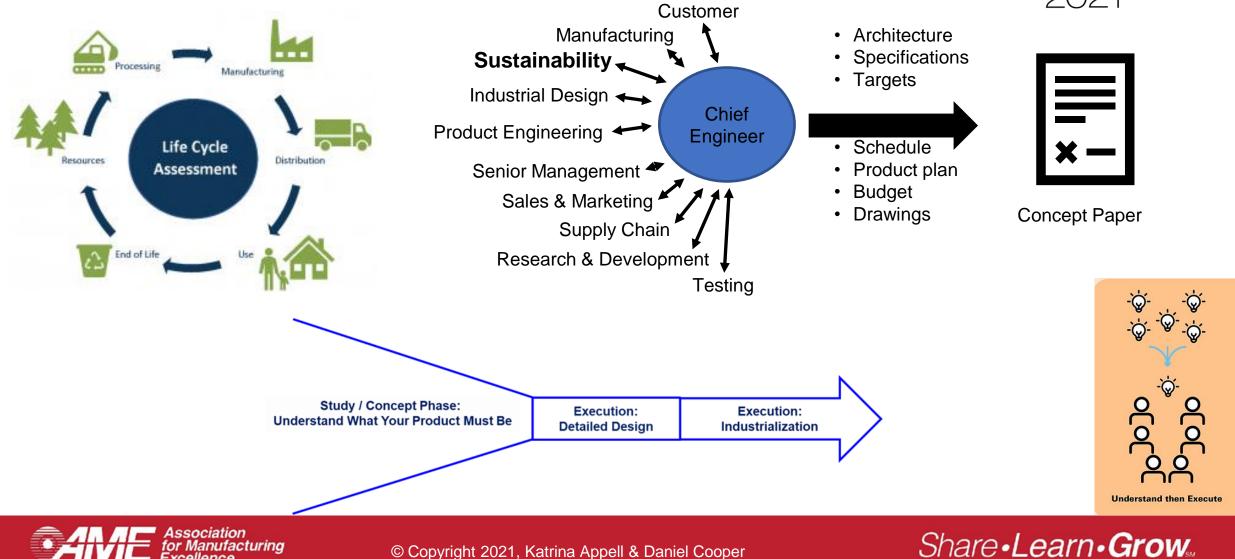




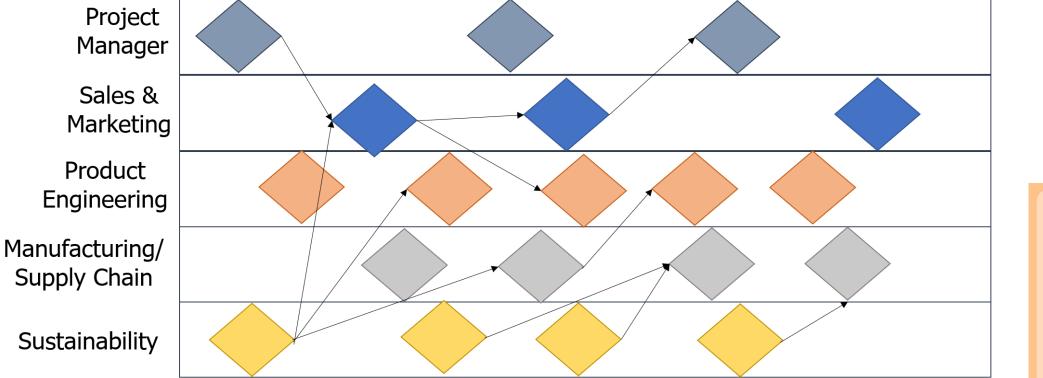




## Understanding before Executing



## **Synchronizing Workflows** Decision Flow



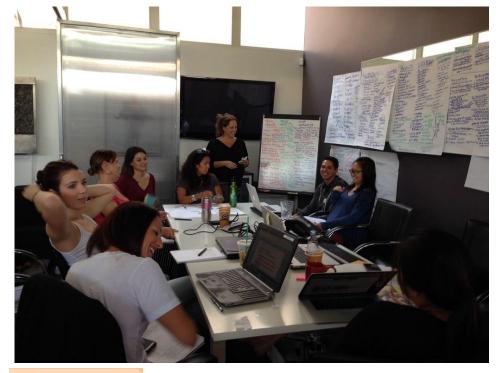
Synchronize Work Flows



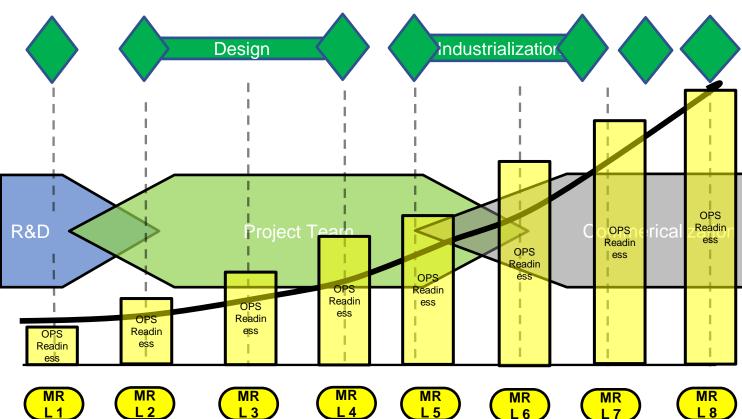


## **Developing Products is a Team Sport**





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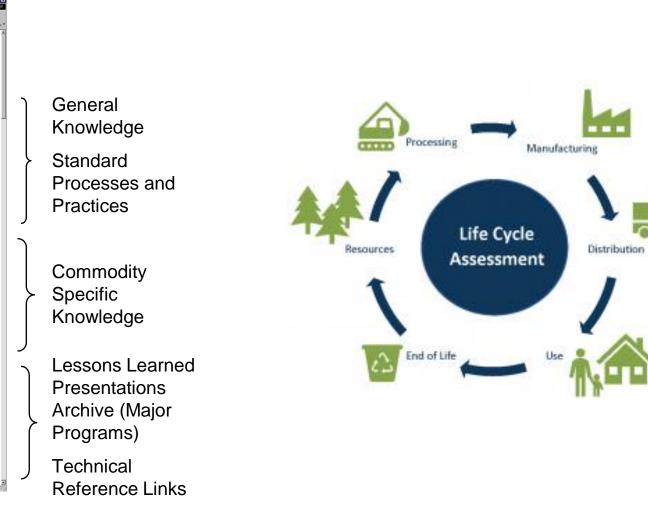
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## Building in Learning and Knowledge Reuse

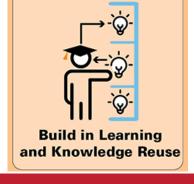


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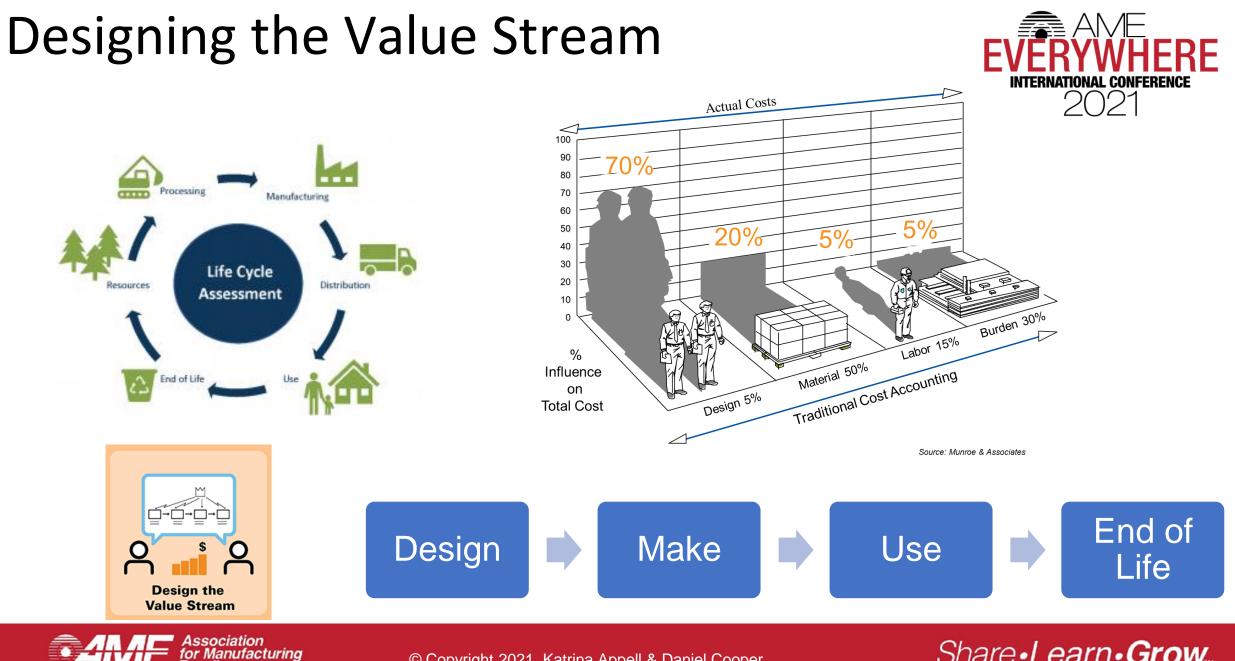
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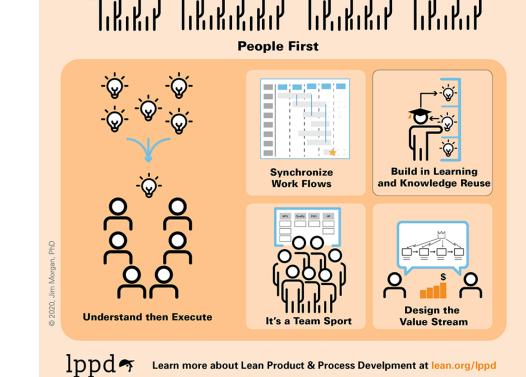
## Discussion question: How can you Build Industrial Sustainability into Design using LPPD?

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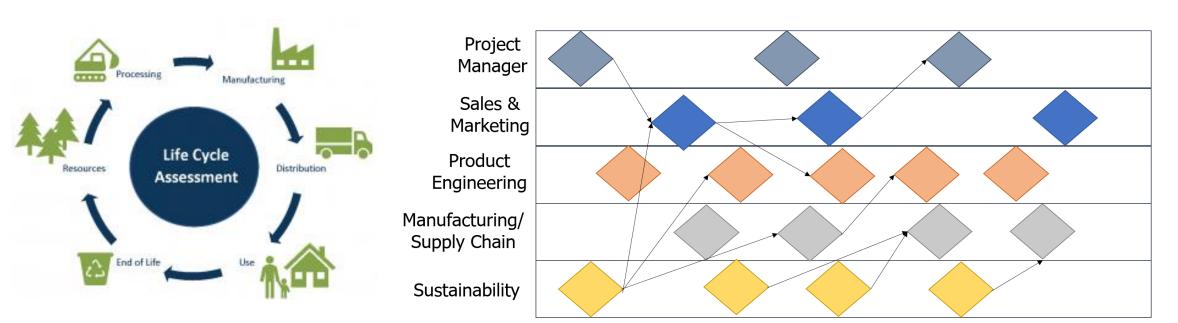
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## **Continuing Research**





#### **Decision Flow**

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## Questions?

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