

# **Failure Mode Based Optimization of Durability and Reliability Validation Programs**

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# Who is AVL?

**Privately owned company**

(Owner: Prof List and family)

**Turnover:**

1984: ~40 million €

2006: ~500 million €

**Staff:**

1984: ~560

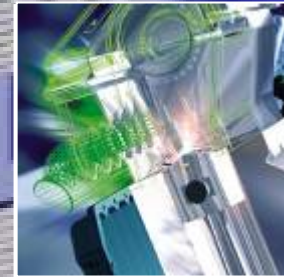
2006: ~3500

**Average R&D spending**

10 % of turnover



AVL  
Powertrain  
Engineering

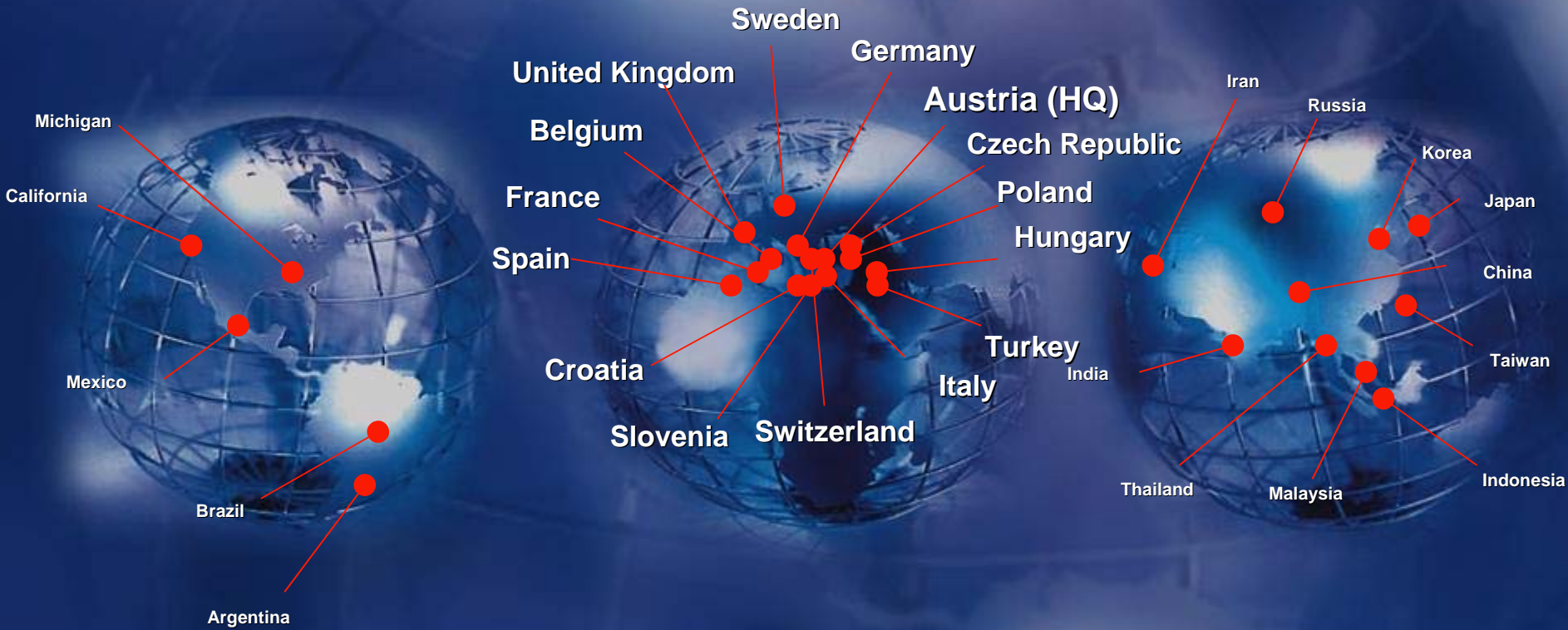


AVL  
Advanced  
Simulation  
Technologies

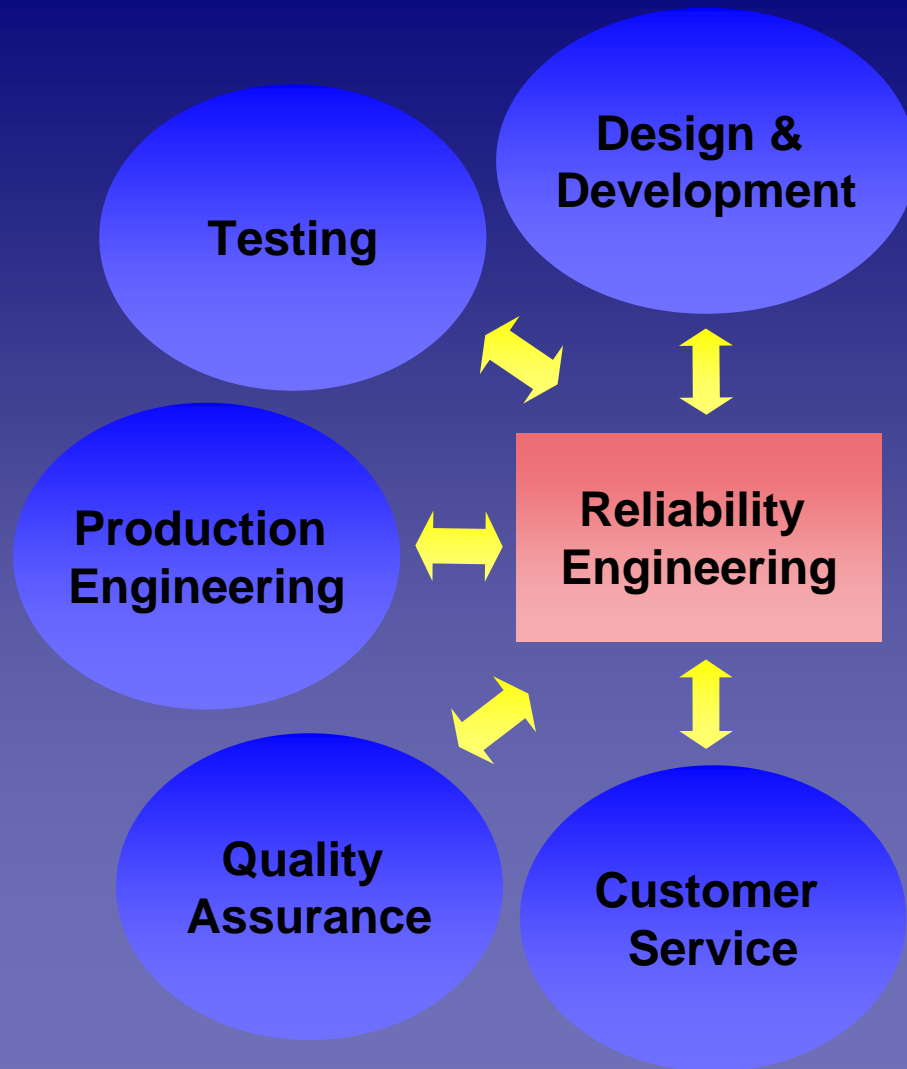


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and Test Systems

# AVL Establishments



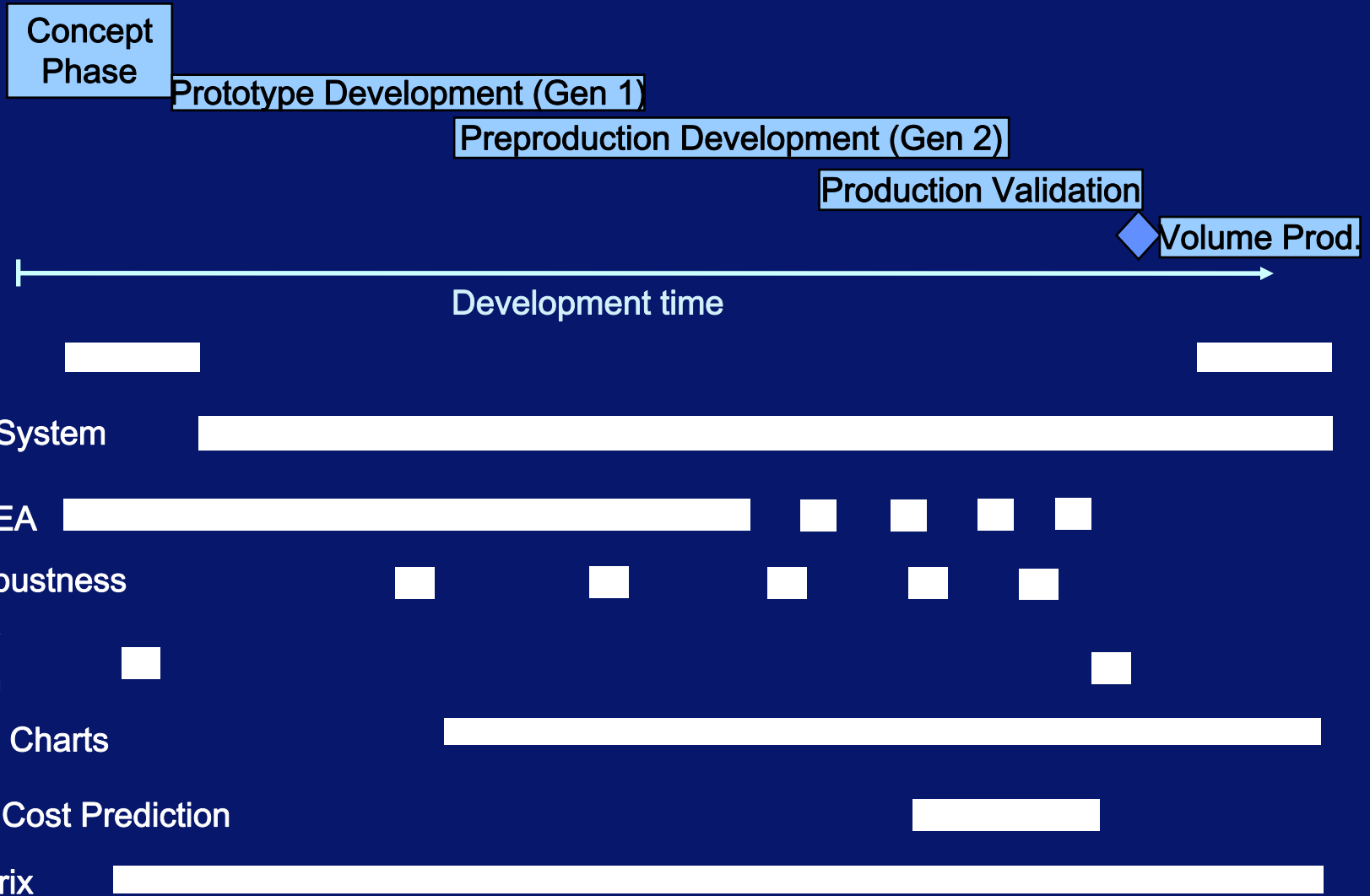
# A Reliability Engineering Approach for Powertrain Development



## AVL's Reliability Engineering ...

- Is focused on failure-free products in the field
- Includes a range of methods,
  - Risk management
  - Field and test data analysis
  - Statistical methods
  - Validation optimisation
- Is a comprehensive process throughout product development

# The Reliability Engineering Process

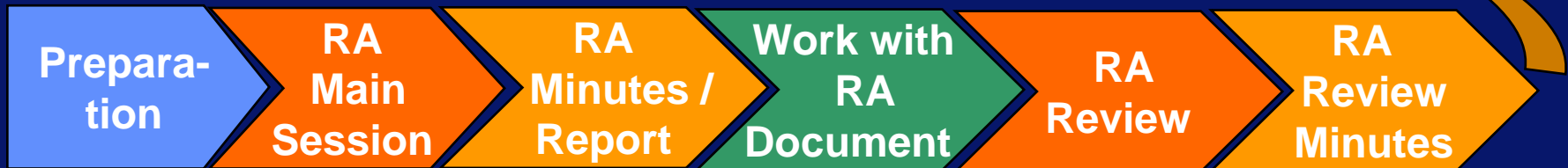


# Project Risk Assessment

- To get a quick, clear and unbiased view on project risks
- To be able to act upon critical risks in an appropriate way

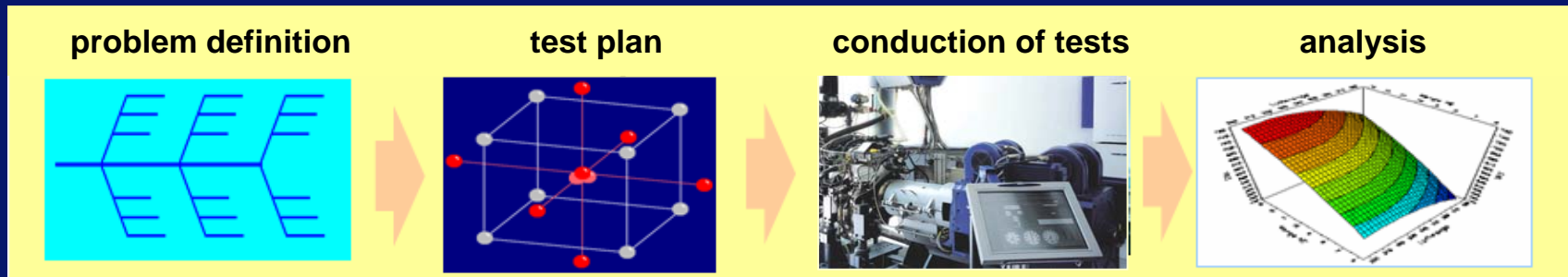
## How?

- The risks not to reach the project targets are rated.
- Assessment is done similar to FMEA. Scoring system, facilitator, interdisciplinary team.
- Technical, organisational, financial, and legal / contractual risks are covered.
- Generation of an action plan.



# Robustness / DoE Techniques

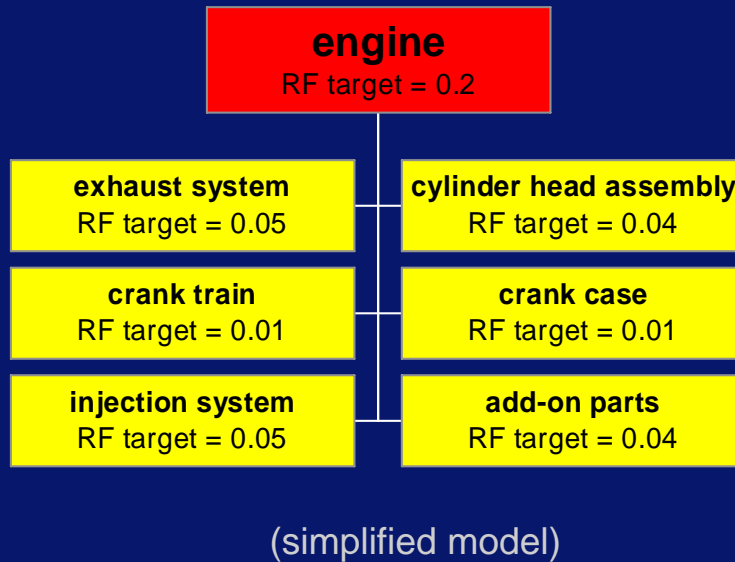
- Application of DoE (Design of Experiments) and related statistical methods
- Definition of variants of reference duty cycles
- Derivation of load variations for especially critical components / failure modes



## Benefits

- Optimized, robust design and testing
- Reduction of test effort
- Insight into „load space“ and damaging parameters

# Reliability Allocation



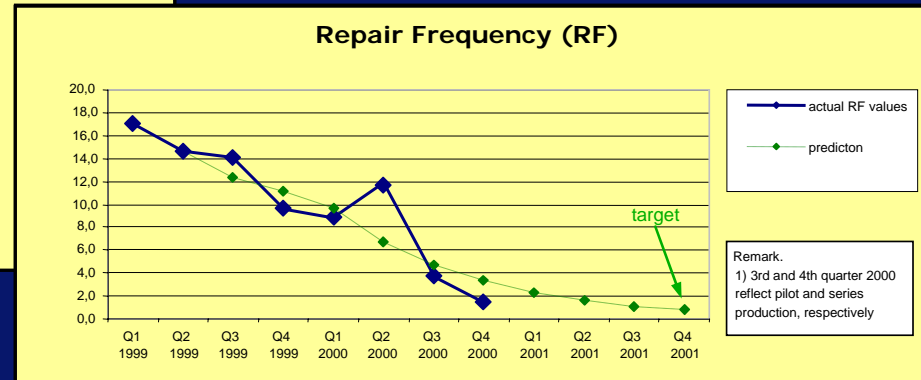
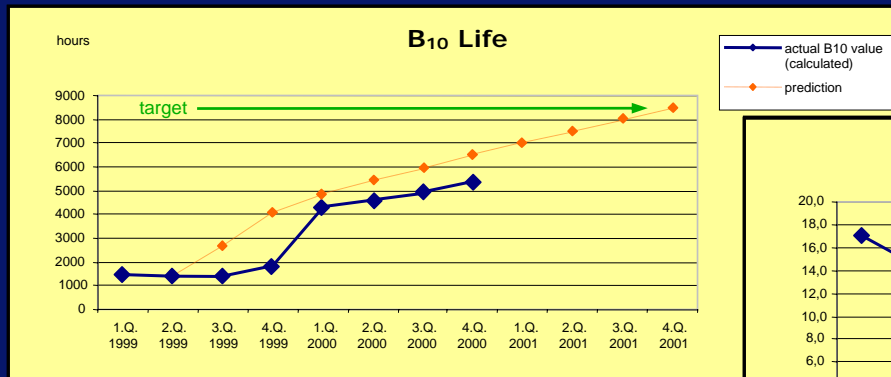
- The system is modelled reliability-wise as a block diagram
- Reliability values (eg,  $B_{10}$  and RF) are allocated to each subsystem
- Values are derived from similar projects, prototypes, FMEAs and field data.

## Benefits

- Gives an instant overview of the whole system and on reliability-critical parts
- Provides reliability targets for as an input for supplier technical specs
- Serves as a basis for life cycle cost models

# Reliability Charts - Reliability Improvement Monitoring

- Monitoring technique - shows the durability and reliability status of an engine / powertrain / vehicle during product development
- One chart is made for the system lifetime, another one for Repair Frequency or MTBF value (classical Reliability Growth Testing)



## Benefits

- Shows current and historic values of reliability indices
- Illustrates the rate of improvement of these indices
- Provides a basis for prediction of the indices in the future

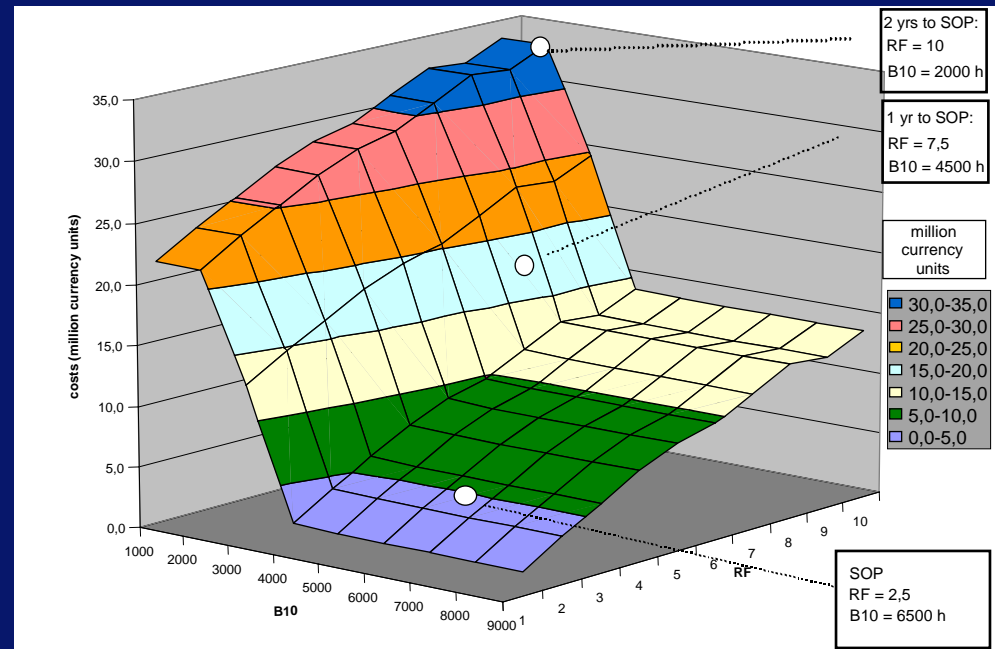
# Warranty Cost Models

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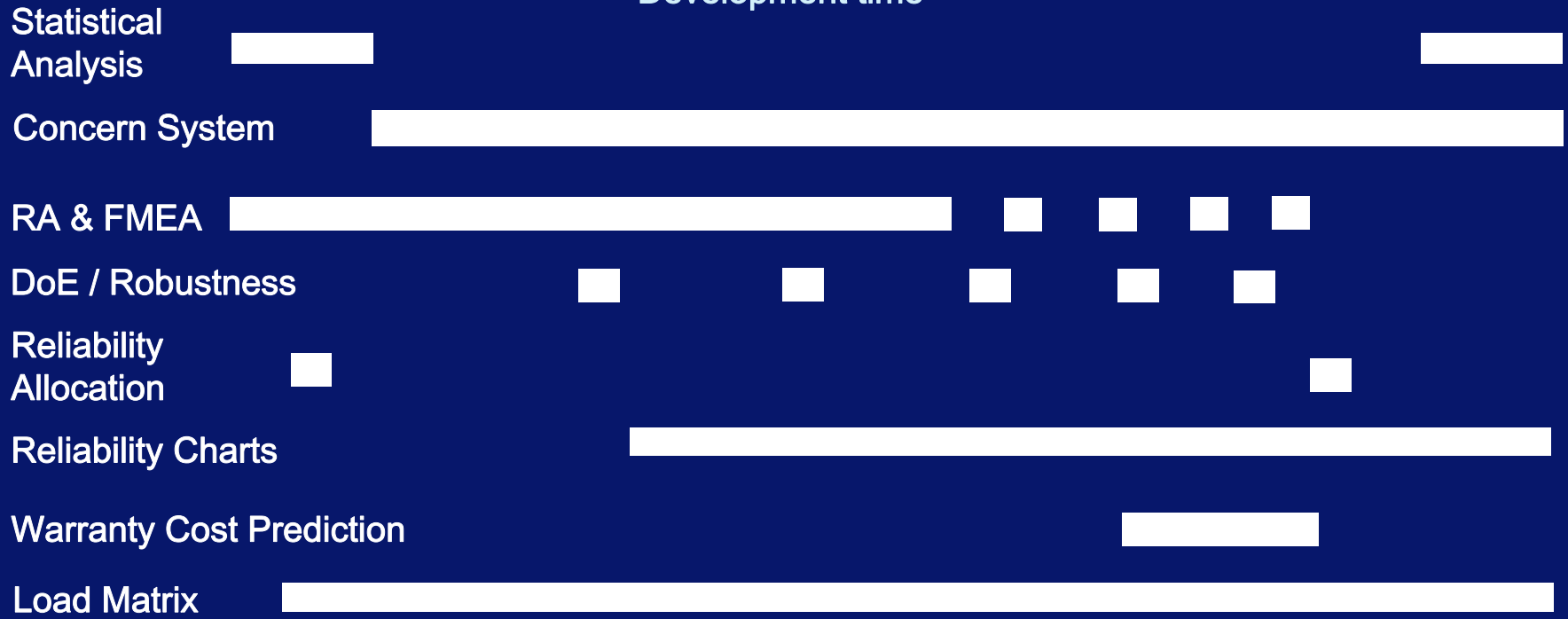
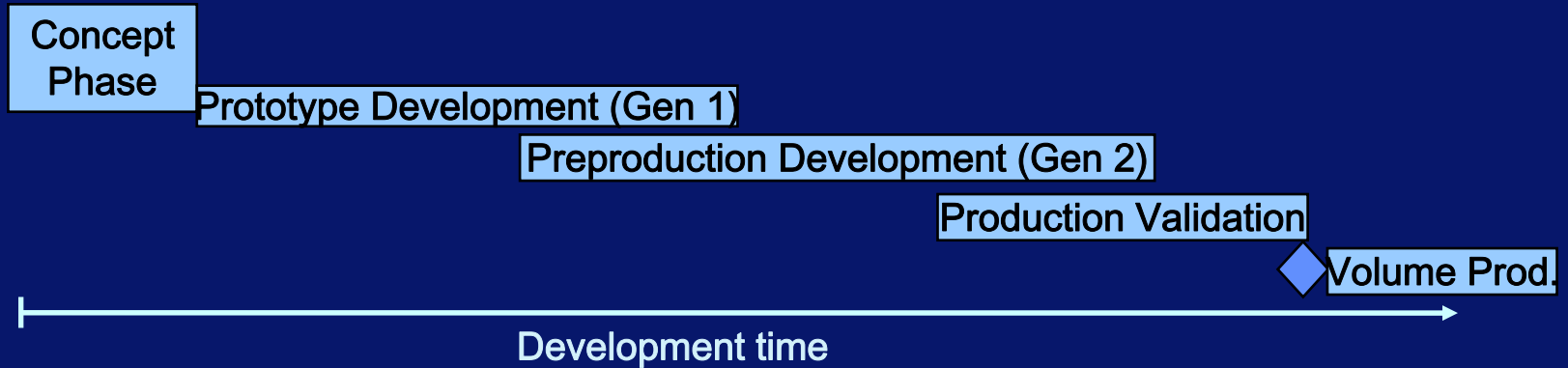
- illustrate in which way warranty costs depend on the  $B_{10}$  and the MTBF/RF values of the product
- reflect 100%-repair campaigns due to serial defects
- require as input repair costs and subsystem failure distributions (from field data or estimated from protos)

## Benefits

- make the costs of unreliability transparent
- show the SOP risk
- can be used as a basis for life cycle cost prediction



# The Reliability Engineering Process



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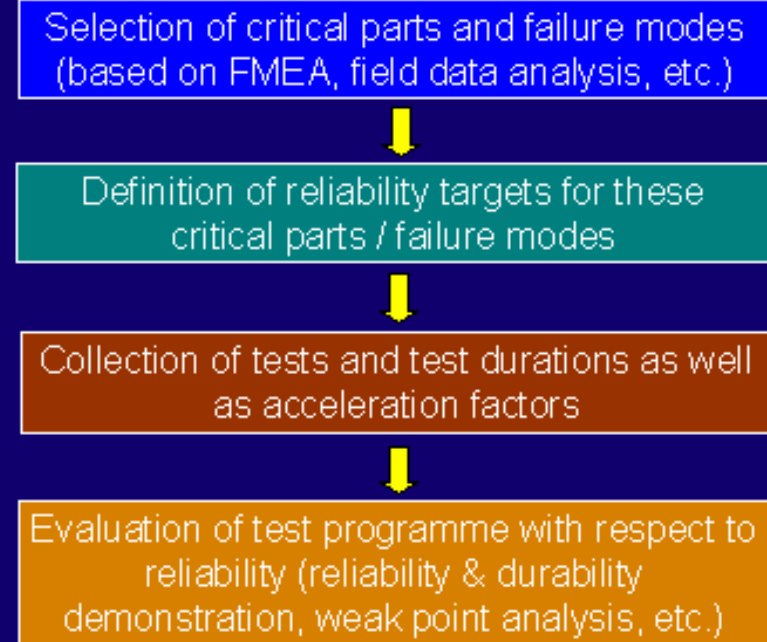
# The Load Matrix

## The Load Matrix is ...

- a methodology to optimise test & validation programs systematically

## The Load Matrix is applied to

- optimise existing „traditional“ durability & reliability validation programs
- design optimal validation programs for new systems (eg, DPF)



# Load Matrix Details

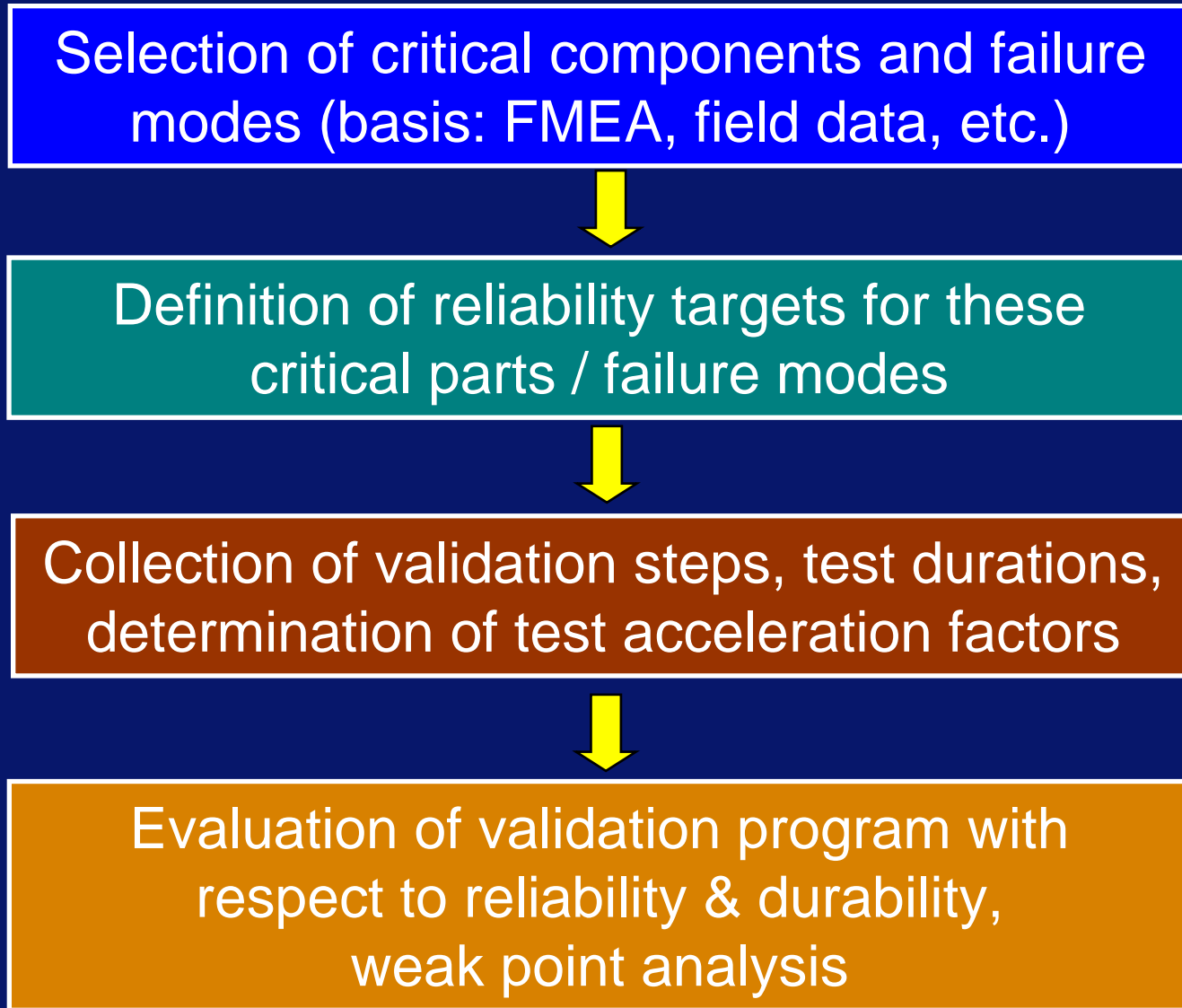
## The Load Matrix ...

- is based on component and failure mode specific test acceleration factors
- uses these specific acceleration factors as weighting factors to compare test efficiency and life coverage
- uses damage models to calculate acceleration

## The Load Matrix is used for ...

- minimising validation costs without jeopardizing product durability & reliability

# Load Matrix Process



# Selection of critical components & failure modes

Existing reliability field data  
(e.g, from previous engine)

TOP FIELD PROBLEMS OF ENGINE	
Part name	Failure Rate (ppm)
Injection pump	2110
Cylinder head	1690
Connector 36A	1450
ECU	1420
Gasket 145	1350
T/C	1100
Exhaust manifold	1040

FMEAs and FP sheets of  
new subsystems

Part Name Part No.	Part Function	Fail Mode	Fail Effect
13659 End Plug	Entrep Oil/Gas in Cylinder	No Seal with Cylinder	Hatch will not up
12680 Piston	Proccures Oil/Gac		



1	Component / failure mode
2	Piston Ring / wear
3	Cylinder head / valve bridge fracture
4	Cylinder head / valve seat wear
5	Connector / Fretting
6	....

**Result:**  
List of critical  
components and  
failure modes

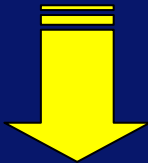
# An Important Tool: The FP Sheet

**FMEA, Risk Analysis, Field Data, Experience**

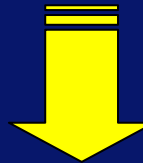


## **FP (Failure Mode - Parameter) Sheet**

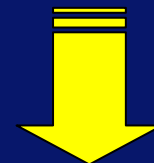
= Extended FMEA with emphasis on parameters relevant for damaging and critical operating conditions



**Priorisation of  
critical failure  
modes**



**Identification  
of damage  
parameters**



**Selection of  
damage  
model**

# Example of an FP Sheet (shortened)

<i>FP sheet</i>											
Subsystem/ Komponente	Failure Mode	Failure Cause	Failure effect	Pri orit y	(Sub)System- parameter	Damaging operating condition	Classification model	Damage model	Damage model class	measurements	rema acce
<b>Substrate</b>	substrate cracks	thermal stress	soot accumulation too low	1	Temperature, - gradient, exhaust gas stream, O2	Regeneration operation, worst case (= filter overloading, idle during regeneration), load change (start/stop)	Rainflow substrate temperatur	Wöhler / Miner	<b>B</b>	Temperature difference sensor vehicle application	
	Volume reduction	ash accumulation	increased regeneration frequency >> emissions too high, oil dilution >> engine damage	1	Ash in exhaust gas, temperature	high load operation (oil, fuel consumption), ash content in oil, fuel quality	accumulated oil and fuel consumption	oil consumption measurement, fuel consumption measurement	<b>B</b>	durability documentation	
<b>Catalytic coating</b>	dagradation of surface	ash accumulation	...	1	ash in exhaust gas	...	...	...	<b>B</b>	...	

# Example. Load Matrix Single Sheet for Cylinder Head High Cycle Fatigue

A		B	F	G	H	K	L	M	N	O	P
Cylinder Head - HCF									Customer Reference Duty Cycle		
Class of Damage Model											
		Click to select									
Test	Number	Duration / Planned	Unit	Defects during tests	Category	Activated	Relevance	Acceleration Factor	Equivalent-km (one repetition)	Equivalent-km (all repetitions)	
Component Test 1	1	200	h		2	■	1	0	0	0	
Component Test 2	1	500	h		2	■	1	0	0	0	
Engine Cyclic Load Test	3	750	h		3	■	1	2	67500	202500	
Engine Thermal Cycle Test	2	300	h		3	■	1	0,5	6750	13500	
Reliability Vehicle - City Cycle	5	100000	km		4	■	1	1	100000	500000	
Reliability Vehicle - Highway Track	10	200000	km		4	■	1	1,5	300000	3000000	
Customer Vehicles	20	150000	km		4	■	1	1	150000	3000000	

tests

number and duration

acceleration factors

equivalent mileage

# Example. Load Matrix Summary Sheet

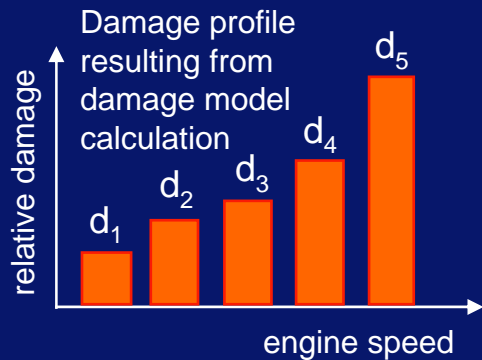
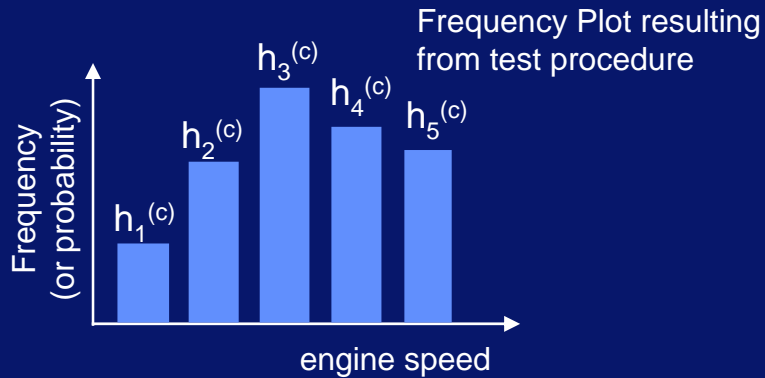
Sheet	Crit. Component / Failure Mode	Weibull Parameter Gamma	Weibull Parameter Beta	Reliability Target	Maximum of Equivalent km in one single test	Sum of Equivalent km	Demonstrable Reliability (Weibull Distribution)
1	Cylinder Head - HCF	0	1,00	0,999	300.000	6.716.000	0,980
2	Cylinder Head - LCF valve bridge	0	2,50	0,998	240.000	5.957.175	0,996
3	Piston Ring - Wear	0	2,00	0,995	280.000	6.534.150	0,994
4	DPF - Substrate Crack (thermal cycling)	0	2,50	0,990	300.000	6.250.000	0,997
5	Injector joint - wear (engine vibration)	0	1,50	0,999	300.000	6.611.000	0,989

- Highlights existing durability risks of the validation program
- Indicates to what extent the test program is adequate to demonstrate the target reliabilities

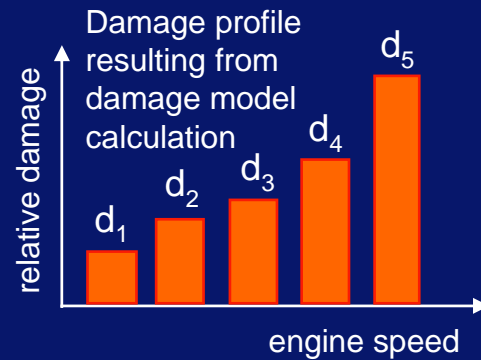
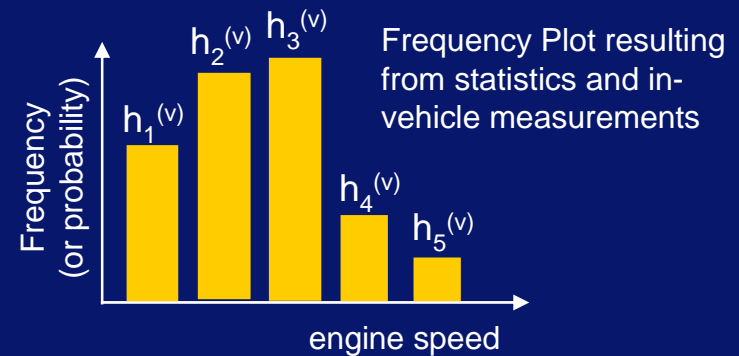
Derived actions to reduce risks include higher acceleration, new test procedure, calculation (e.g., FEM analysis), longer test time / mileage, customer fleets)

# Calculation of Acceleration Factor (simplified)

## Test: Cyclic Load Test



## Vehicle (duty cycle)



← identical →

Relative damage per hour in Cyclic Load Test:

$$D_R^{(c)} = \sum h_i^{(c)} d_i$$

Relative damage per hour in vehicle (duty cycle):

$$D_R^{(v)} = \sum h_i^{(v)} d_i$$

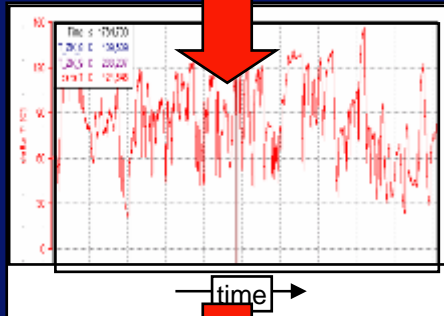
$$\text{Acceleration Factor} = D_R^{(c)} / D_R^{(v)}$$

# Data Processing w.r.t. to Damage

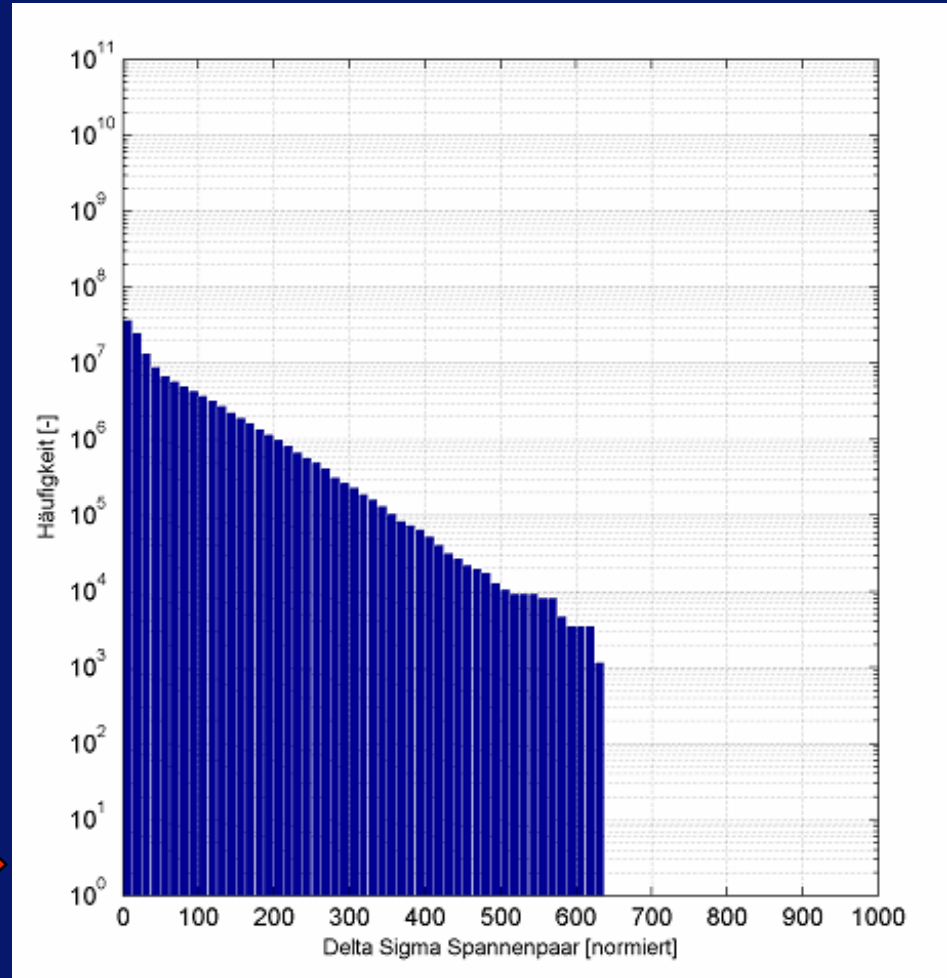
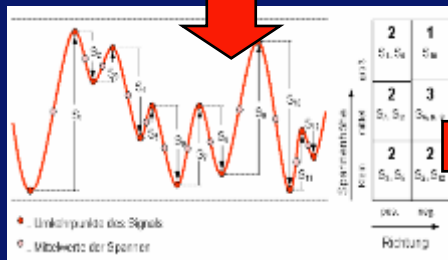
vehicle operation



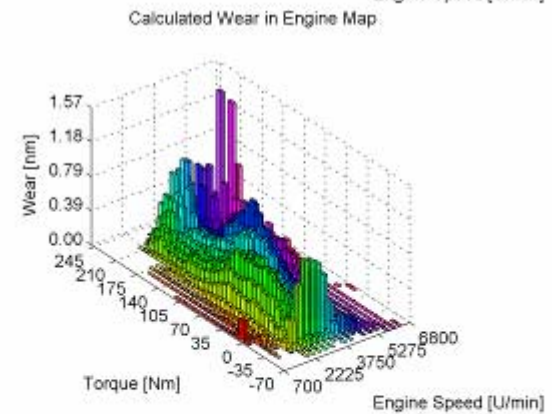
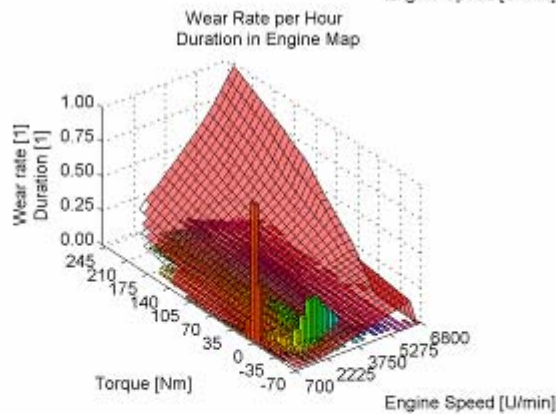
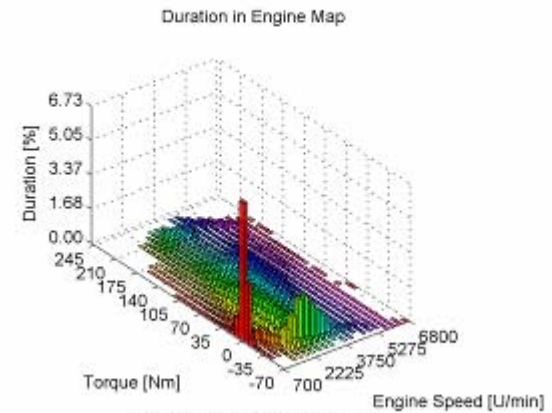
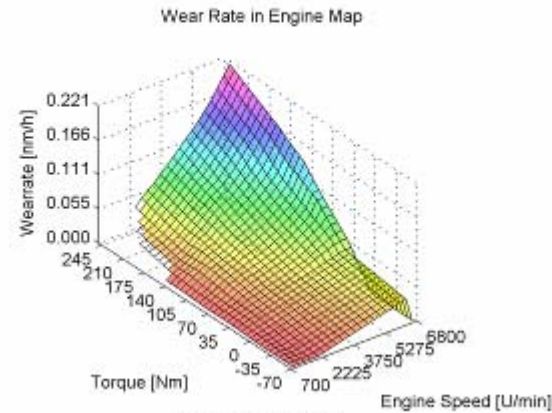
acquisition of damage related parameters



data processing



# Example of Damage Calculation (Matlab-based)



Wear LINER total 118.5372mm for total duration 4058.2793h Wear rate 0.0291mm/h  
 V\_m 68.10Kmh, Mot\_m 2791.25rpm  
 Calculated by AVL List GmbH, on 02-Nov-2005 17:36:04

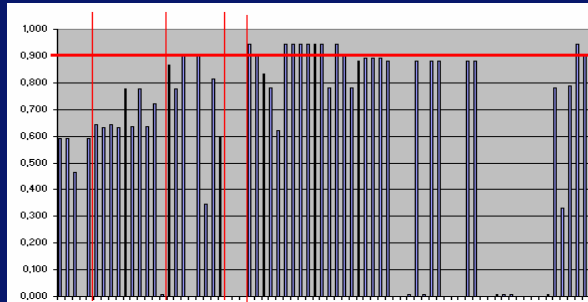
# Classes of Damage Models

Class	Method	Example
A	empirical model based on general experience	damage is proportional to the number of actuations
B	simplified physical model	$L = (C/P)^m$ for the lifetime of a ball bearing
C	full physical model Modell	FE-Analysis + Damage Accumulation Hypothesis + Actual material data

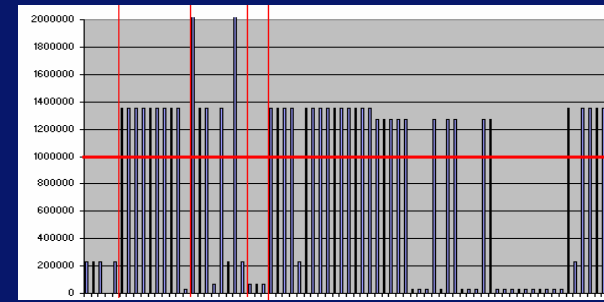
# Example. Optimization of an Exhaust Aftertreatment System Validation Plan

Original Plan

### Reliability



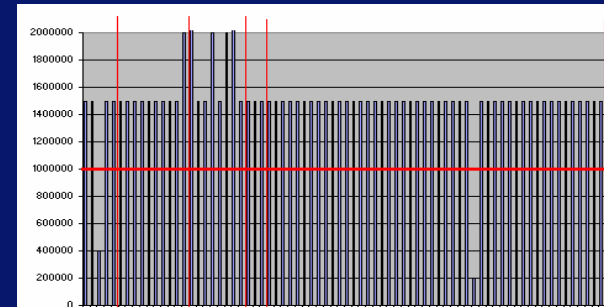
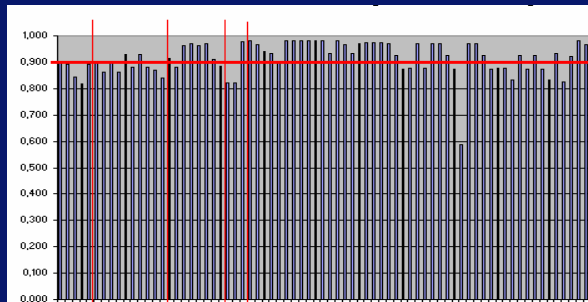
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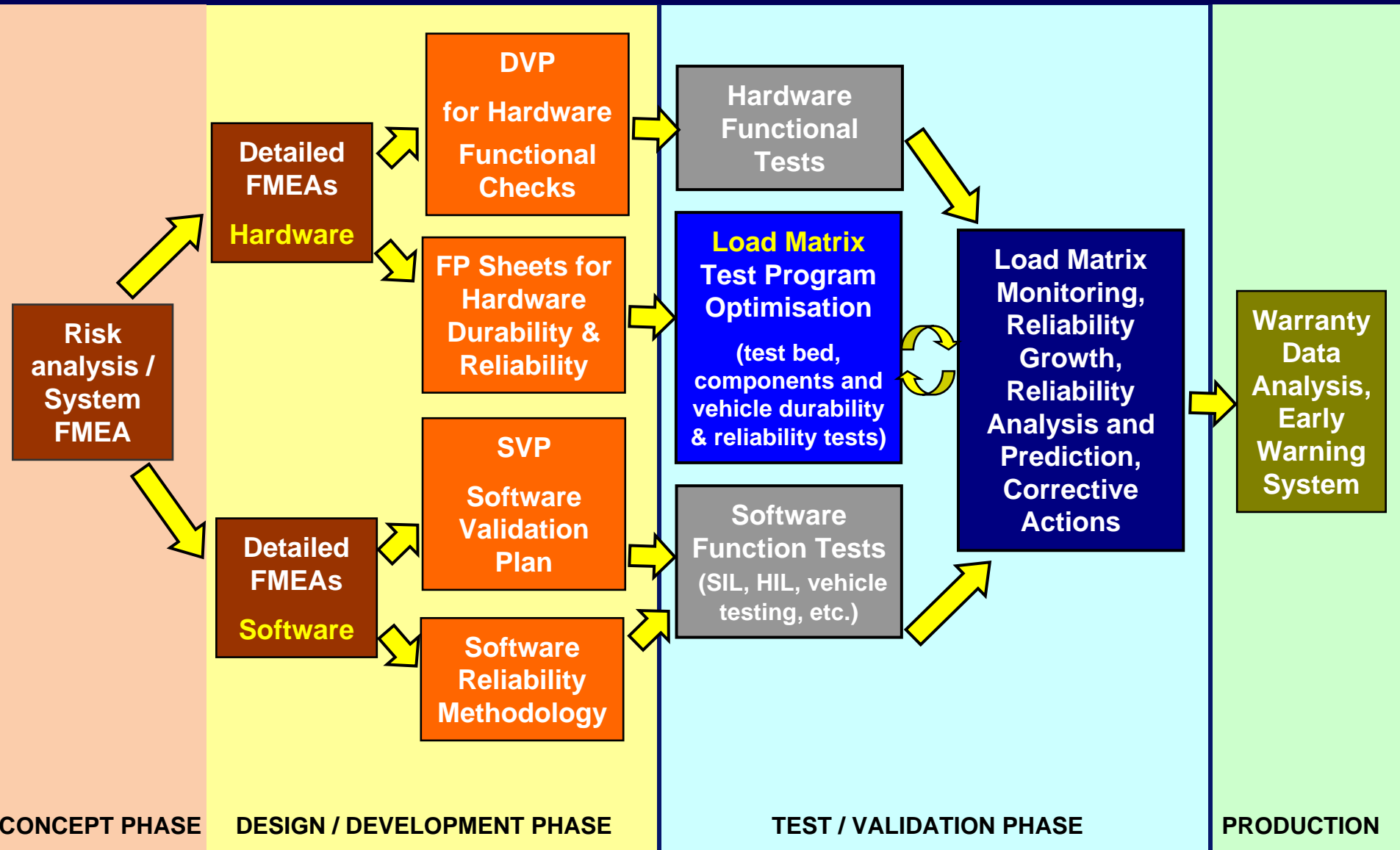
## Optimization



Plan after Optimization



# Load Matrix as Key Element of an Overall Risk Minimisation Process



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# Load Matrix Benefits

## Failure mode based optimization of validation ...

- Generates complete and balanced validation plans, including analysis, component testing, test bed tests, vehicle tests.
- Shows how far durability and reliability targets can be demonstrated.
- Helps to avoid unnecessary testing.
- Supports the exchange and proper use of key information from all involved partners, including suppliers.
- Supports optimised assessment procedures to make full use of all available information.
- Helps in deciding on the benefits of additional validation steps.

# A Selection of Recent Projects

Customer	System	Tasks
European OEM	HD Diesel Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Setup of a warranty cost prediction model</li> <li>▪ Assessment of Validation Program</li> </ul>
European OEM	HD Diesel Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Determination of sub-system specific acceleration factors</li> <li>▪ Validation program optimisation</li> </ul>
Supplier	Diesel Particle Filter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Definition of a test program</li> <li>▪ Definition of the LOAD MATRIX for Substrate, Mat and Canning</li> </ul>
European OEM	DENOX System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Definition and optimisation of a test program</li> </ul>
Japanese OEM	SUV and LCV TCI Diesel Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Determination of the effect of a different vehicle application (LCV instead of SUV) on engine life</li> <li>▪ Definition of a durability test program</li> </ul>
European OEM	Rear Axle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Setup of Load Matrix</li> <li>▪ Assessment of current test program</li> </ul>
European OEM	Pass Car Gasoline Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comparison of two different validation programs</li> </ul>
European OEM	LCV and HD TCI Diesel Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessment of validation program for a DPF application</li> </ul>

**Thank you for your attention!**