



# Forum Motion & Drives

## Challenges for SMEs in the bearing industry

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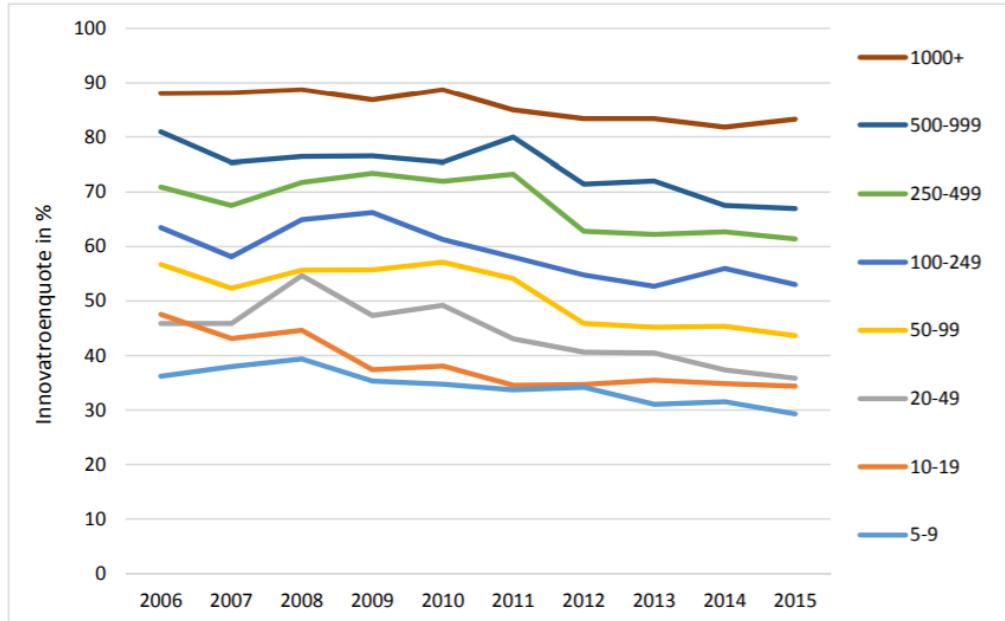
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**closed loop**  
**additive manufacturing**  
**drive trains**  
**predictive maintenance**  
**fuel cells**  
**electric motor**  
**power electronics**  
**batch size one**  
**new materials**  
**sensors**  
**innovation**  
**supply chains**  
**Industry 4.0**  
**electric drive components**  
**battery production**

# Innovation reality

**Abbildung 10: Innovatorenquote 2006 bis 2015 nach Größenklassen in Deutschland (Basis nationale Statistik)**



Unternehmen ab 5 Beschäftigte.

Quelle: ZEW: Mannheimer Innovationspanel; Berechnungen des ZEW.

Innovation decreases by company size

Innovation is concentrated on fewer industry sectors

Innovation is dependend on:

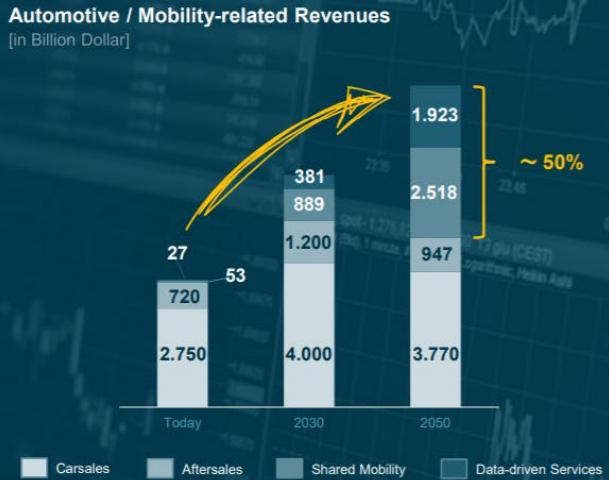
- Budget
- Human Ressources
- Understanding future business

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# Data driven business models

## 50% OF REVENUE BY DIGITAL SERVICES IS REALISTIC... BUT NOT BEFORE 2050



Car related revenues will decline,  
digital services will overcompensate

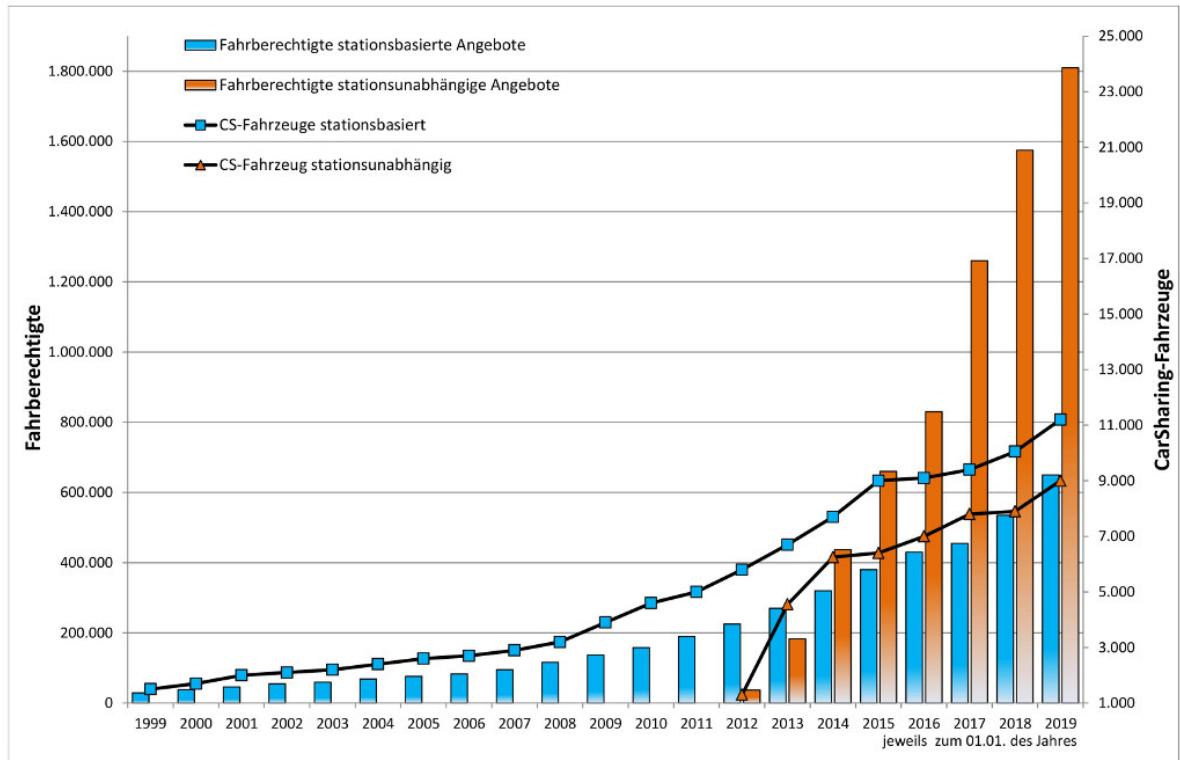
Völlig neue Dienstleistungen

**Audi-Geheimplan: Digitalgeschäft soll 2020  
Hälfte des Umsatzes ausmachen**

Gabriel Pankow am 04. Februar 2016 um 12:17 Uhr  
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Source: [www.automobil-produktion.de](http://www.automobil-produktion.de)

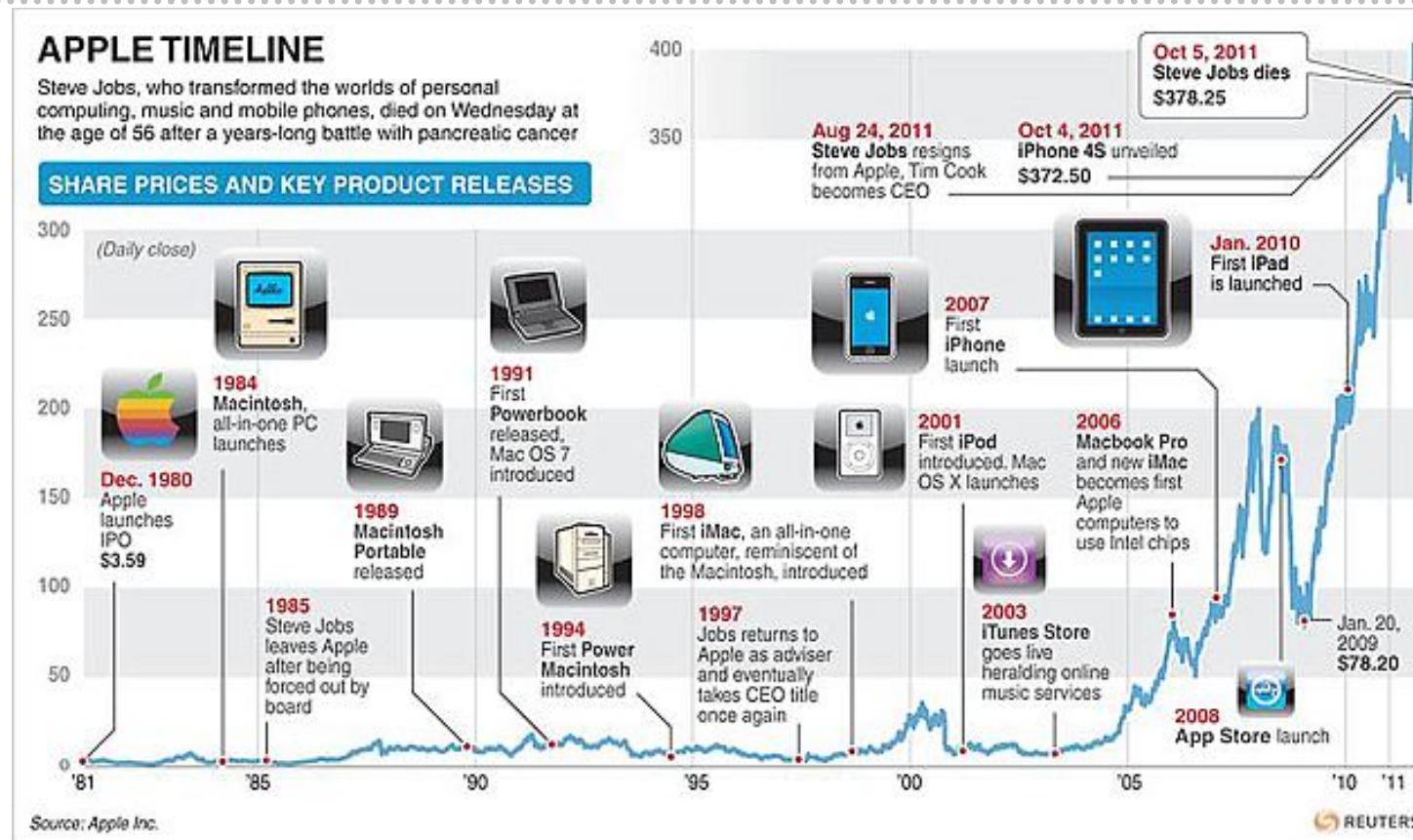
# Data driven business models



Source: Bundesverband car sharing e.V.

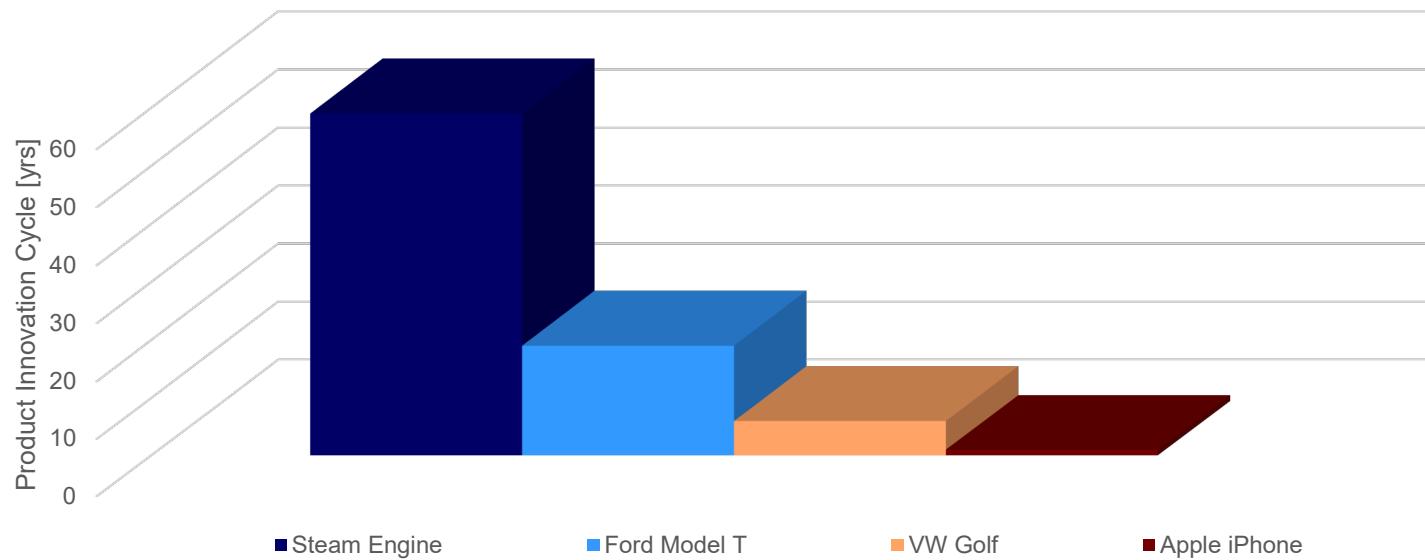
- Car sharing is exponentially increasing
- Sharing economy is based on digital business models
- Each driver/customer creates and utilizes data
- New challenges also for „old“ products -> reduction of downtimes

# Reduced Time-to-market



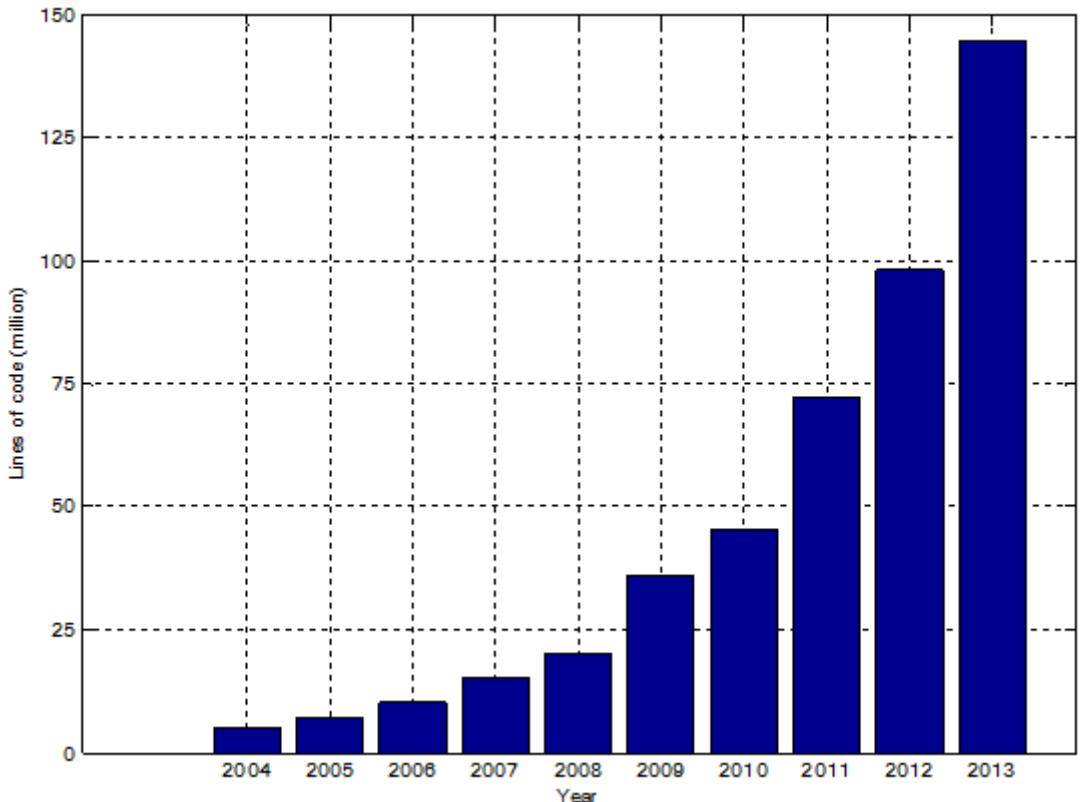
# Reduced Time-to-market: Product Innovation cycles

Disruptive Innovation



Innovation cycles are dropping drastically from 1st industrial revolution till today

# Transparent products



- Utilization and availability of data increases.
- Digital twin leads to data transparent products.
- Data transparent products are enabler for cyber-physical-system.
- Consistency and transparency of data needs to be ensured!

Khan, Zeashan & Khan, Arsalan. (2015). Perspectives in Automotive Embedded Systems: From manual to fully autonomous vehicles.

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# Instruments and tools to prepare change



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## VDMA Future Business: Trendscouting

Orientation for 2030+  
Think Tank  
for Mechanical and plant engineering

<https://future.vdma.org/trends>

Picture: Thorsten Schier | fotolia.de



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## VDMA Corporate Foresight: Best Practices, How-to Coaching

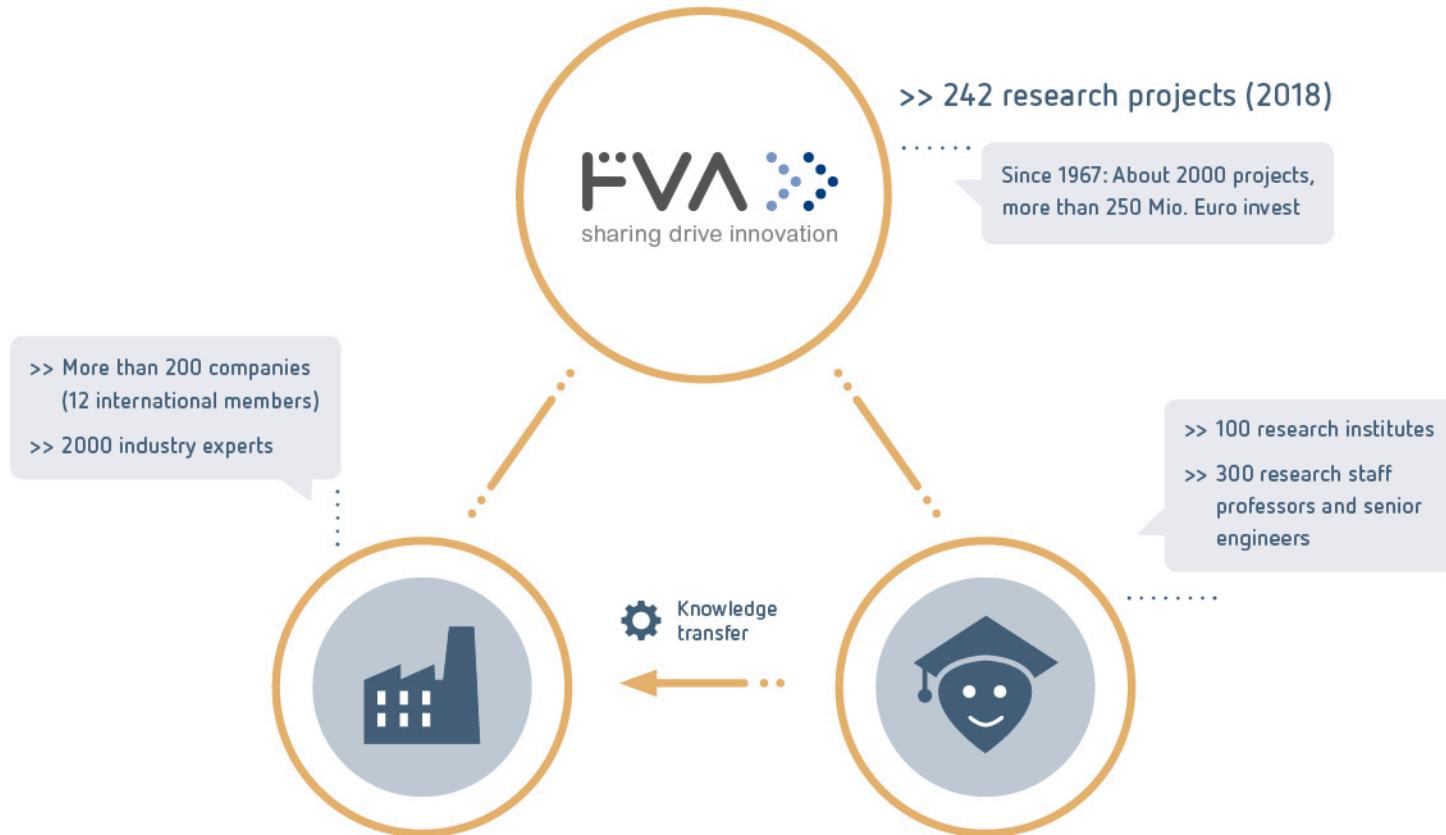
**Be prepared  
Learn to ride the waves of change  
(instead of drowning!)**

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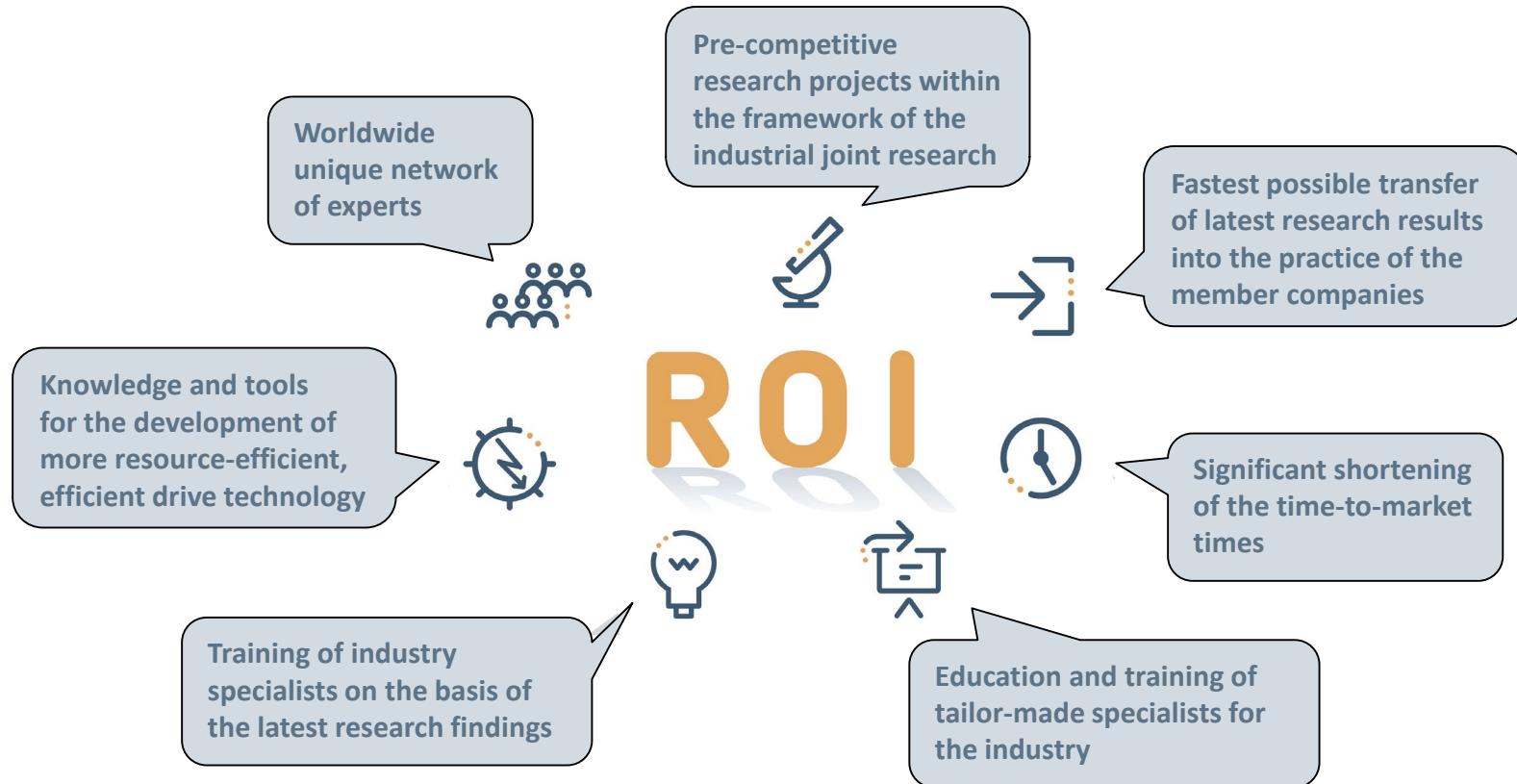
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# FVA - A worldwide unique network for drive technology



# FVA - More than research



# New FVA Software Release - FVA-Workbench 5.5

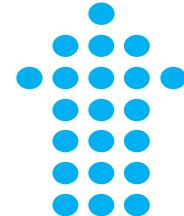


**Released July 2019**

**Free BETA-Workshops ahead!**

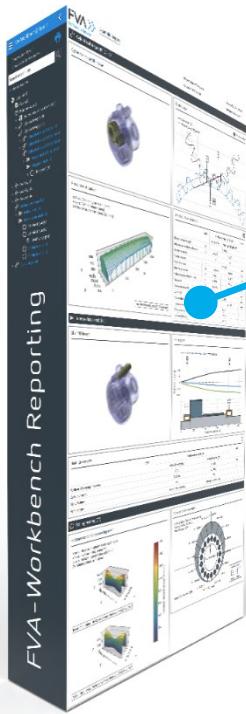
**Increased efficiency in day-to-day business with the FVA-Workbench**

- Simple modeling & parameterization
- High-performance
- High-quality output of results



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# FVA Software - What's New in FVA-Workbench 5.5

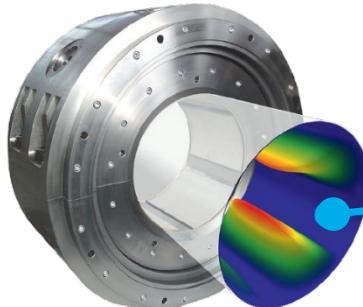


High-quality  
results reports

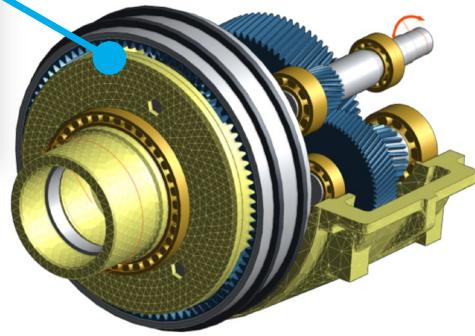


REXS Interface  
[www.rexs.info](http://www.rexs.info)

Import &  
integration  
of CAD models



Detailed  
simulation of  
plain bearings

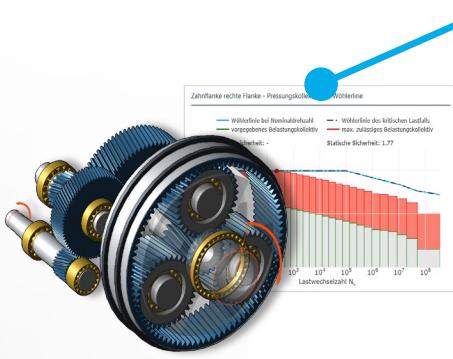


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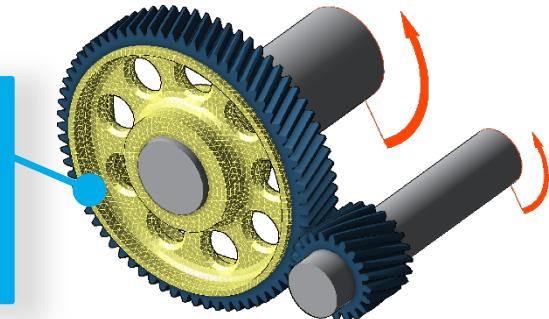


Updated SKF,  
Schaeffler, and  
DIN/ISO 281 bearing  
catalogues



Complete system  
collective  
calculation

Flexible wheel  
bodies

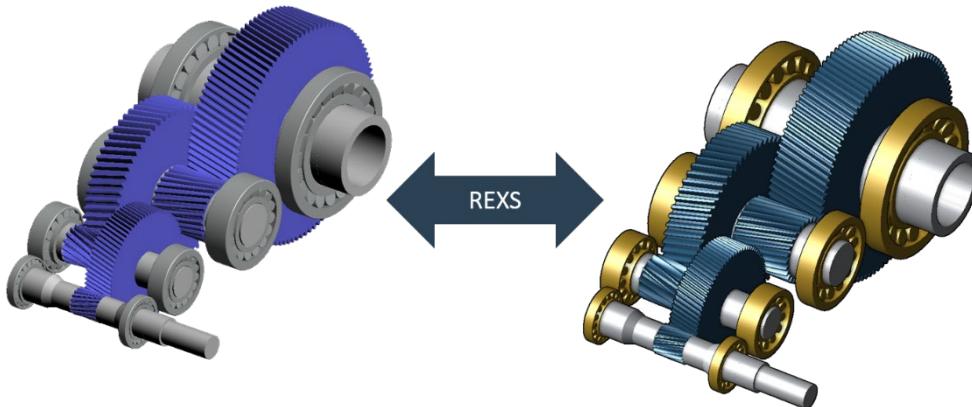


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# REXS - Simple Exchange of Gearbox Data

REXS establishes a comprehensive standard for the calculation and simulation of gearbox models.



Reusable  
Engineering  
EXchange  
Standard

Greatly  
reduced  
development  
time  
and costs

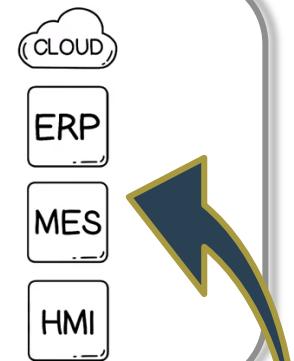
Simple, automated exchange of data between CAE tools, e.g. Bearinx and FVA-Workbench  
(Most commercial software providers have already implemented the interface).

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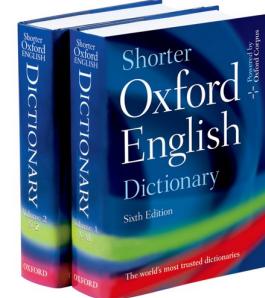
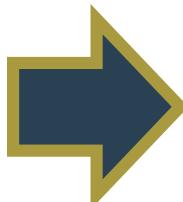
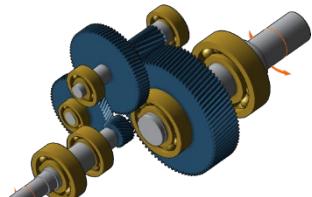
# REXS – Interface for I4.0



VDMA develops OPC UA Companion Specification



FVA develops REXS as data dictionary for drivetrains



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## Summary and outlook

- » Major challenges for SMEs (also in the field of bearings) are right ahead.
- » Innovations are developed by fewer companies in fewer sectors
- » 4th industrial revolution is happening right now. I4.0 has turned real!!!
- » Innovation will speed up further in the next years and we have to cope with that.
  
- » Strong networks are more important than ever to innovate and keep up pace with the change.
- » Data analytics and data maintenance will be value adding process just like grinding or honing.
- » Common interfaces and specifications will create equal conditions for the entire industry.
- » FVA and VDMA will support SMEs to change successfully and sustainably.

# Gadgets from „Back to the future“ that came true



Video  
conferencing



Fingerprint  
recognition



Tablet  
computers



Drones



Electromobility



Wearables

Source: Motion pictures „Back to the future“, „Back to the future II“, „Back to the future III“ – Universal Pictures

# BACK TO THE FUTURE™

