

# Digital Thread Proposal

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# Why digital thread

- Requirements are met at multiple stages of the design to manufacturing pipeline
- Linking requirements to solutions is difficult because of islands (or stovepipes) of automation in which design uses one set of tools, engineering another set, and manufacturing yet another
- We propose to link the islands to create a digital thread that can be used to trace and maintain solutions to requirements.
- The proposed thread uses decentralized identifiers (**DiDs**) to link the islands
- The proposed thread uses a **triple store** to trace the requirements

# Example – tracing requirements

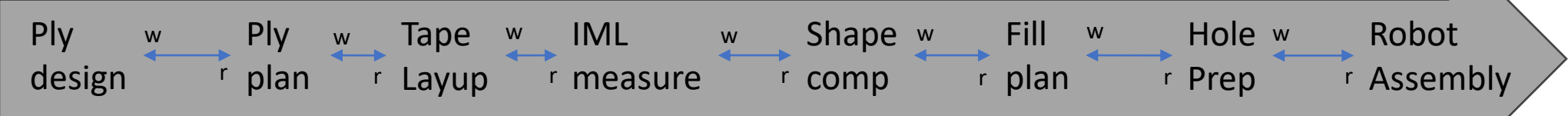
Multiple design disciplines

*“How my requirements were met”*

Multiple manufacturing solutions

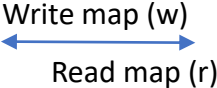


*Requirements*



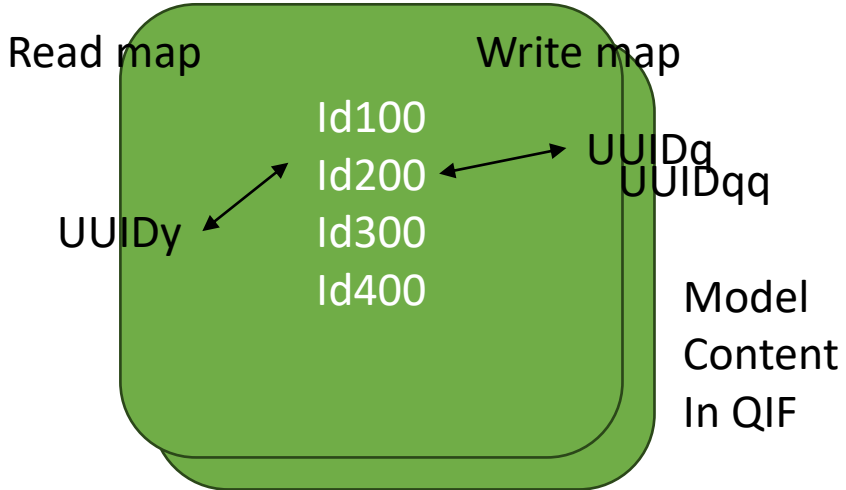
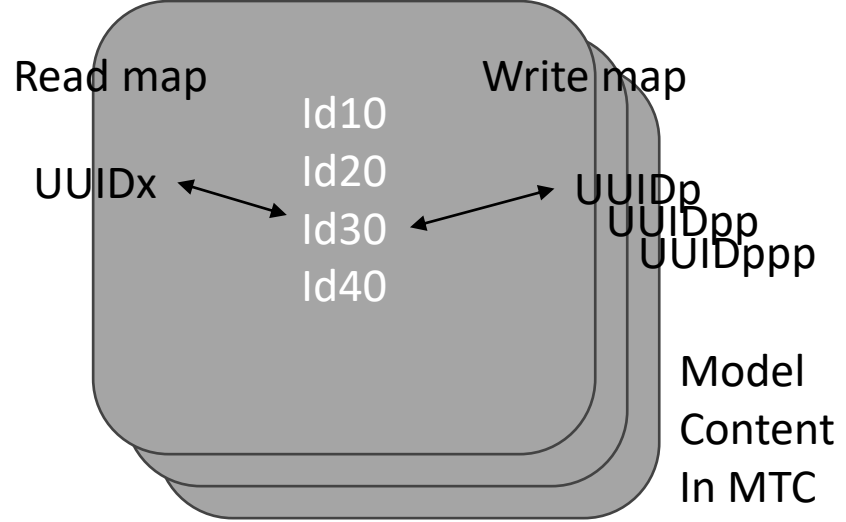
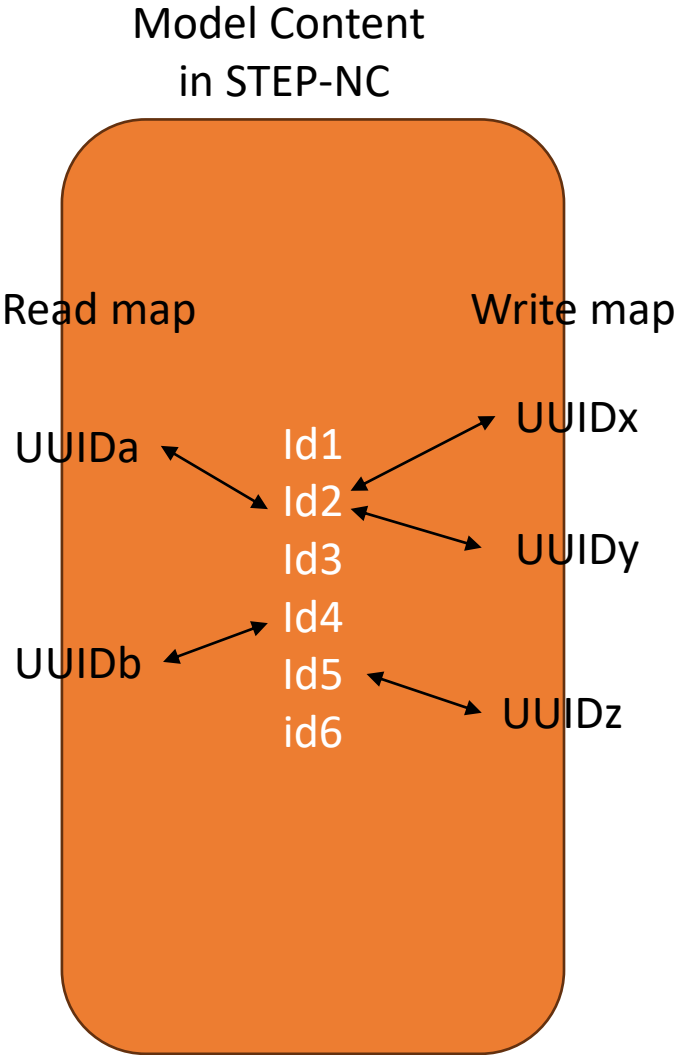
*Forward flow*

*Stability in references*



*“How my design was used”*

# ISO 23247-5 Digital Thread for digital twin



**did:thread:step:**

position tolerance:UUIDa  
 machining workingstep:UUIDx  
 measurement workingstep:UUIDy

**did:thread:mtc:**

feature twin:UUIDp  
 feature twin:UUIDpp  
 feature twin:UUIDppp

**did:thread:qif:**

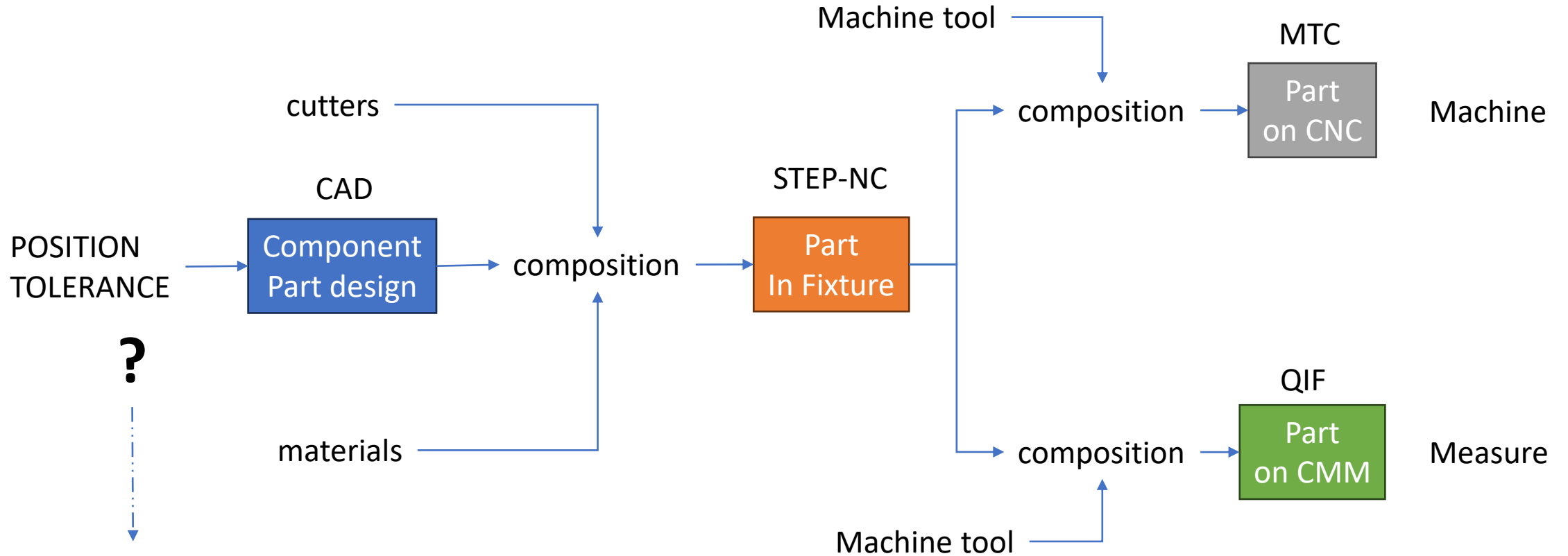
measurement twin:UUIDq  
 measurement twin:UUIDqq

**Triples**

Makes (UUIDa, UUIDx)  
 Instance(UUIDx, UUIDp)  
 Instance(UUIDx, UUIDpp)  
 Instance(UUIDx, UUIDppp)  
 measures(UUIDa, UUIDy)  
 Instance(UUIDy, UUIDq)  
 Instance(UUIDy, UUIDqq)  
 Setup(UUIDb, UUIDz)

# ISO 23247-6 Digital Twin Composition

Read/write maps for internal and external identifiers as design components are merged to make manufacturing solutions



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- How was this made
- How was this measured
- How well is it being met
- What is the manufacturing cost

# Key data requirements

LOTAR

Design

LOTAR  
Mutability

Manufacturing

LOTAR  
Mutability  
Traceability

Maintenance

LOTAR

Design

LOTAR  
Mutability

Build

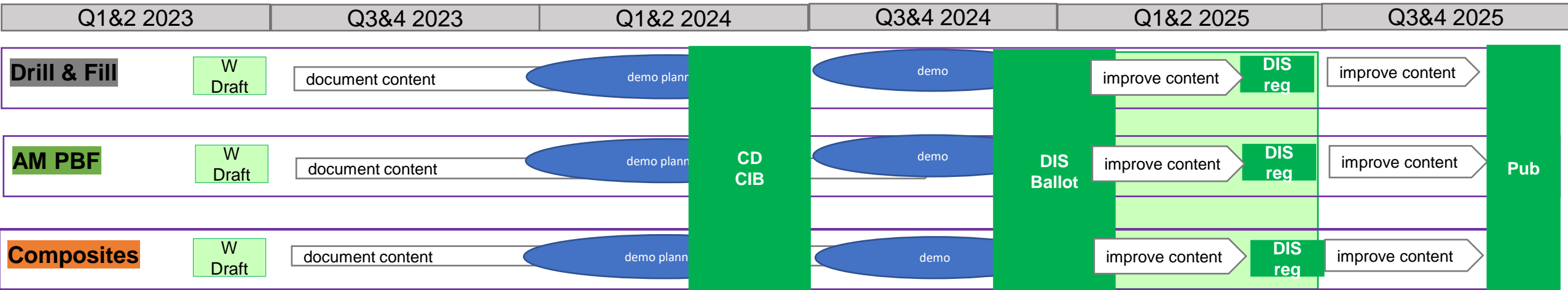
LOTAR  
Mutability  
Traceability

Maintain

# Toolkits

Level 1	Part 21 Parser	Read data files, looks for keywords, resolves numbers, checks syntax
Level 2	EXPRESS Parser	Make class libraries, populate objects from files, check conformance
Level 3	STEP Modeler	Simulate manufacturing operations, mutate objects, validate results

# AP238 E4 – Model Based Manufacturing



**Drill & Fill**

Model based assembly to reduce weight

W Draft

EXPRESS definition of requirements

**AM PBF**

Additive and subtractive for shape management

CIB Ballot

Mapping tables

**Composites**

Accurate tape layup at reduced cost

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English descriptions (final form)