

# A systematic approach to process planning (PRODEQ)

Magnus Lundgren (KTH), Mohammad Haddad Zade (Scania), Miroslaw Chamera (Ariadne Engineering AB)

Acknowledgement for important contributions by:

Martin Boremyr (Ariadne Engineering AB) and Mikael Hedlind (Sandvik Coromant)

# Process design driven part quality



# Today's speakers



**Magnus Lundgren**

KTH

[brix@kth.se](mailto:brix@kth.se)



**Mohammad Haddad Zade**

Scania

[mohammad.haddadzade@scania.com](mailto:mohammad.haddadzade@scania.com)



**Miroslaw Chamera**

Ariadne Engineering

[Miroslaw@ariadne-eng.se](mailto:Miroslaw@ariadne-eng.se)

# PRODEQ – WHAT and WHY



## Aim of PRODEQ is to:

- Strengthen process planning methods and tools in Swedish industry.
- Promote cross-industrial cooperation between Swedish automotive and aerospace industry.
- Strengthen collaboration between industry, institute and university.

# PRODEQ – WHAT and WHY



## Objectives with PRODEQ is to:

- Improve strategies for part and process measurement and control
  - Reduced variation
  - Improved ability to manufacture parts with future tighter tolerances
- Improve standardisation and dissemination of common work methods
  - Established best practice for process design
  - Eliminate duplication of method development work
- Shorten product introductions
  - Method and tools for a better first definition of production requirements
  - Improved manufacturability by early involvement of manufacturing aspects in product design
- Improve quality control
  - Ability to relate production and process requirements to product and process functions
  - Finer and continuous control of part quality
- Optimize use of production resources
  - Knowing where to measure less and where to measure more
  - Complementary process evaluation in addition to capability indexes as acceptance criteria's

# Project structure



WP4: Project result dissemination

WP2: Quality  
engineering method  
development

WP3: Model based  
process design

WP1: Project management

# We will present



## **A systematic process planning approach**

**Mohammad Haddad Zade**

Scania

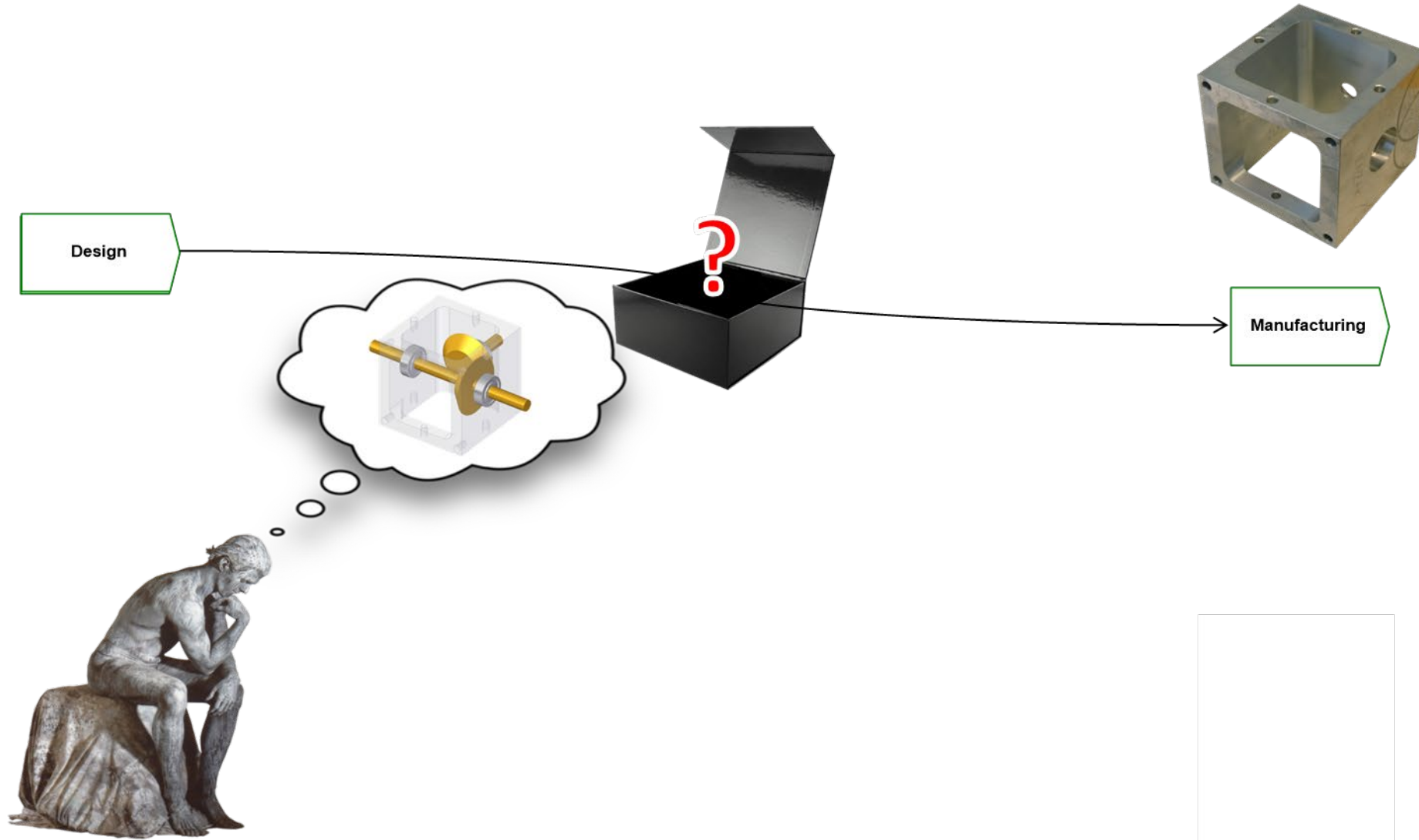


## **Model-based Tolerance Chain Analysis**

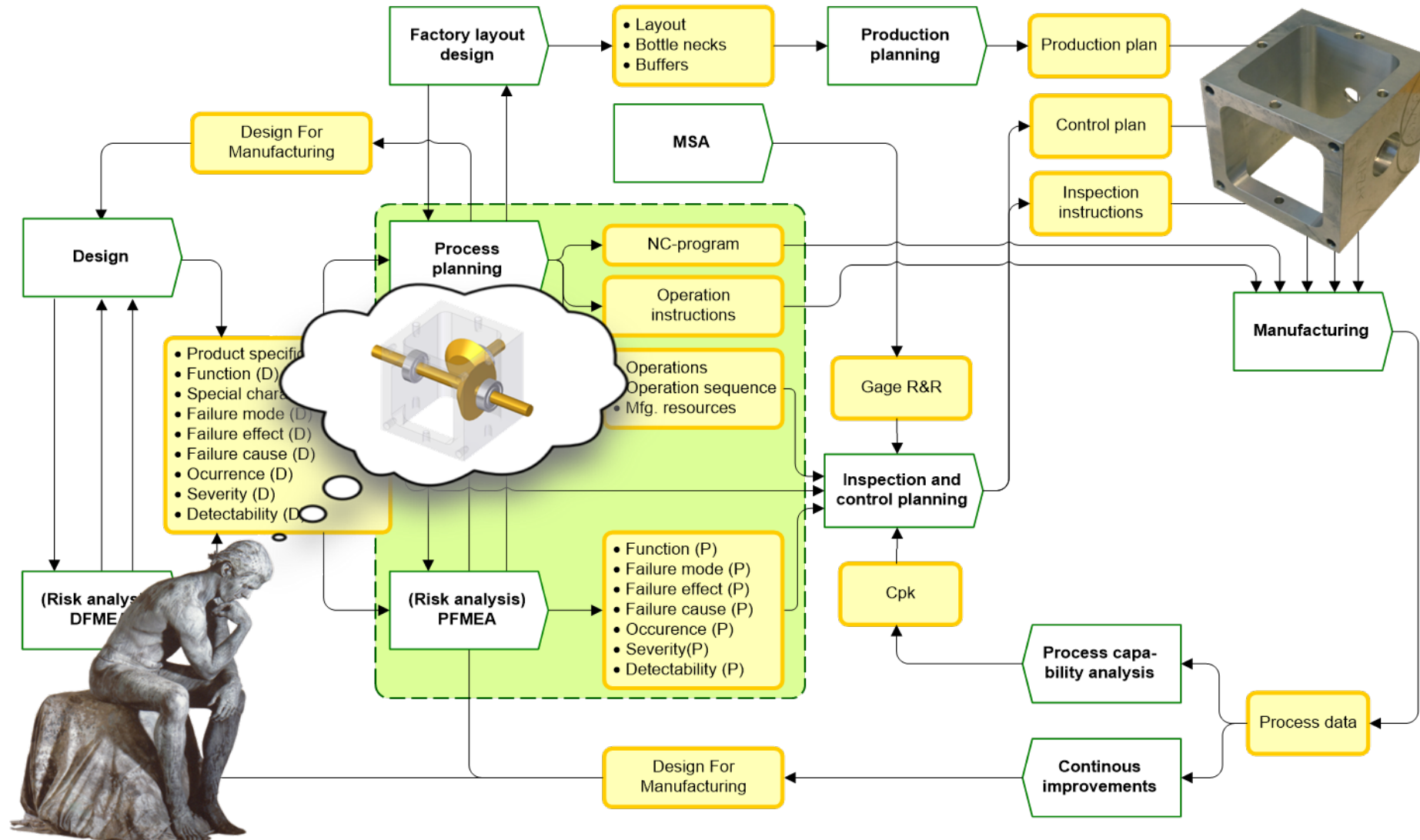
**Miroslaw Chamera**

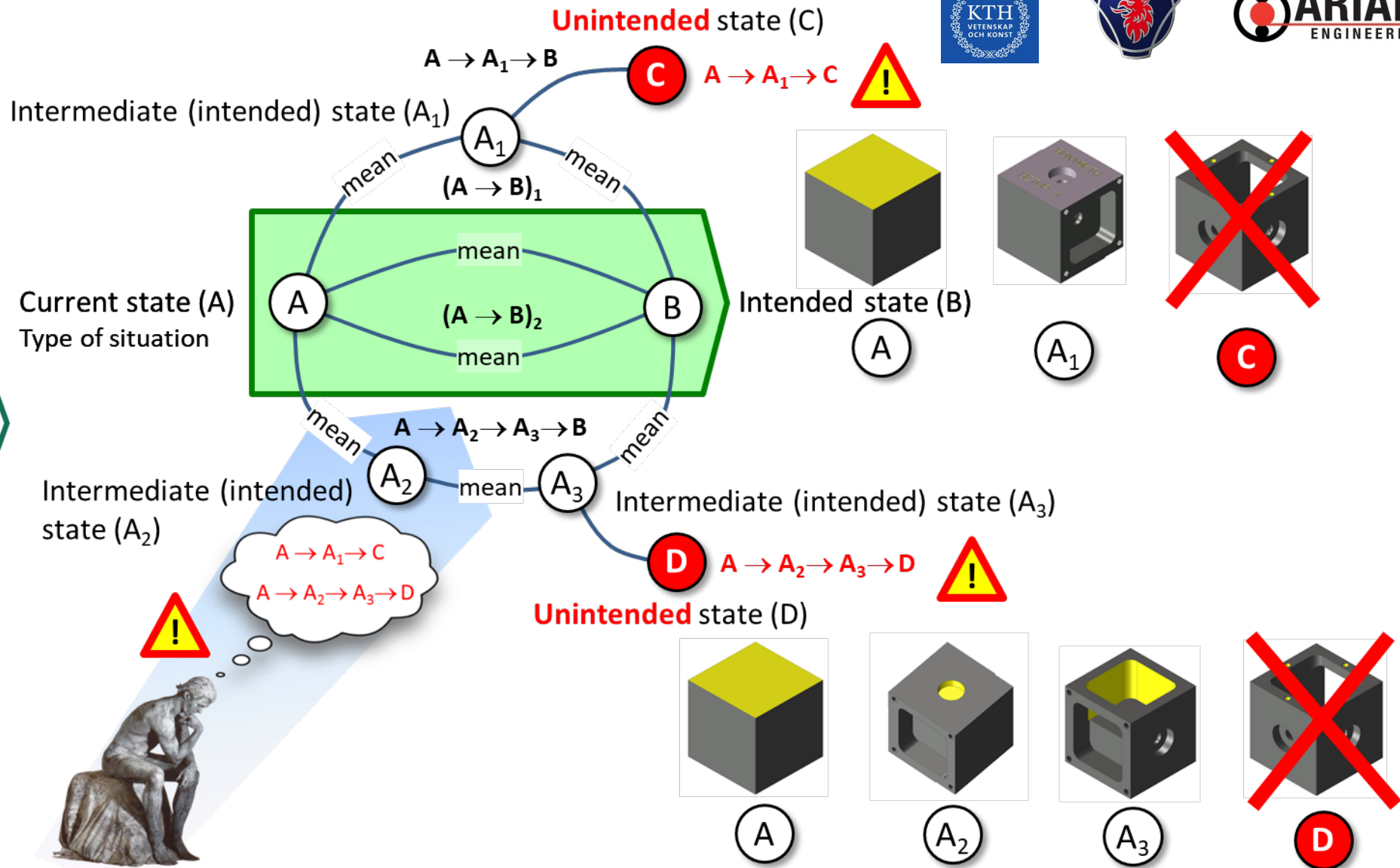
Ariadne Engineering

# Process Planning - A link between...









Important concepts

- unintended ⚠
- side-effects



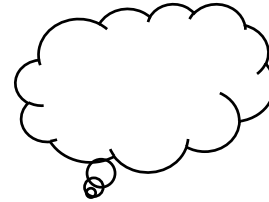


# Find the most critical feature

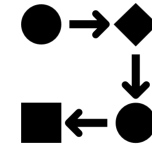


↔ Tight tolerance/ surface requirement

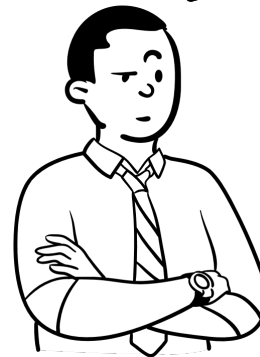
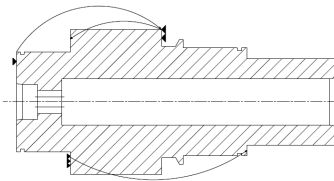
$\frac{H}{h}$	0,008
$\frac{\sigma}{\phi}$	0,006



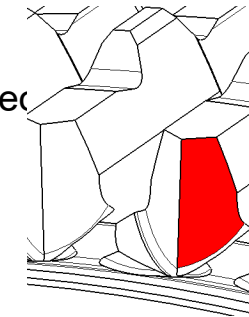
Is produced in several operations



↻ Different references in each operation



Complex geometry



Is produced using different tools



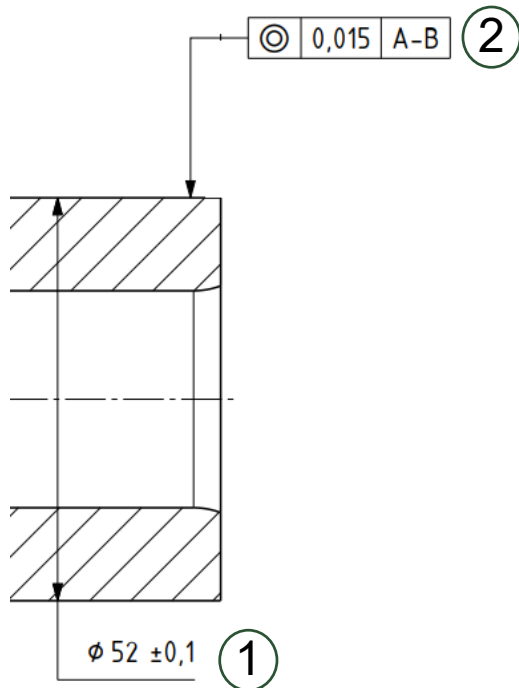
Affected by heat treatment



# What is a feature in PRODEQ?



- A feature is a set of surfaces which are used to define a requirement on a part.



At this example, the requirement 1 is just the cylindrical surface (single feature) while the requirement 2, the cylindrical surface, reference A and B make the feature (related feature)

# Find the most critical feature



$$C_I = K_a \times K_b \times K_c \times K_d \times K_e \times K_f \times \prod_{i=1}^n K_{g_i} \times K_h$$

$C_I$ : Critical index

$K_a$ : Tolerance size / surface roughness

$K_b$ : Type of tolerance

$K_c$ : Feature size

$K_d$ : Feature type

Affected by design

$K_e$ : Production complexity

$K_f$ : Heat treatment effect

$K_{g_i}$ : Machine performance of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  process

$K_h$ : Tool effect

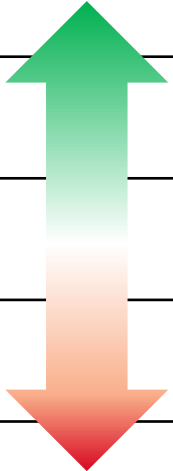
Affected by process planning

# $K_a$ : Tolerance range/ surface roughness

Tolerance range

Tolerance range	$K_a$
>0,5	
Over 0,1 Up to 0,5	
Over 0,05 Up to 0,1	
Over 0,01 Up to 0,05	
0,01 $\geq$	

Smaller values



Bigger values

Tighter tolerances lead to:

- Increased setup and inspection time
- Higher tooling and equipment costs
- More often inspections
- Greater complexity of machining operations
- Difficulty in maintaining tolerances over time

# $K_b$ : Type of tolerance


## Dimensional tolerances

Type	$K_b$
Linear	1
Angle	2

Parameters that affect geometrical tolerances order:

- The material being machined
- Feature orientation
- Part geometry

## Geometrical tolerances

Type	$K_b$
Straightness	
Flatness	
Circularity	
Cylindricity	
Line profile	
Surface profile	
Parallelism	
Perpendicularity	
Angularity	
Position	
Concentricity	
Symmetry	
Circular run-out	
Total run-out	



# $K_c$ : Feature size



Feature size	$K_c$
$\leq 0,2$	
Over 0,2 Up to 0,5	
Over 0,5 Up to 1	
Over 1 Up to 10	
Over 10 Up to 50	
Over 50 Up to 200	
Over 200 Up to 500	
$>500$	

## Challenges for Small Features:

- Require high-precision machining tools and techniques.
- Tool wear and breakage can be a significant issue.
- Chip evacuation can be challenging.
- Measurement can be difficult to conduct.

## Challenges for Large Features:

- Require larger and more powerful machining equipment.
- Material removal rates can be slower.
- Heat generation can affect accuracy and quality.

# $K_d$ : Feature type (Geometric complexity)



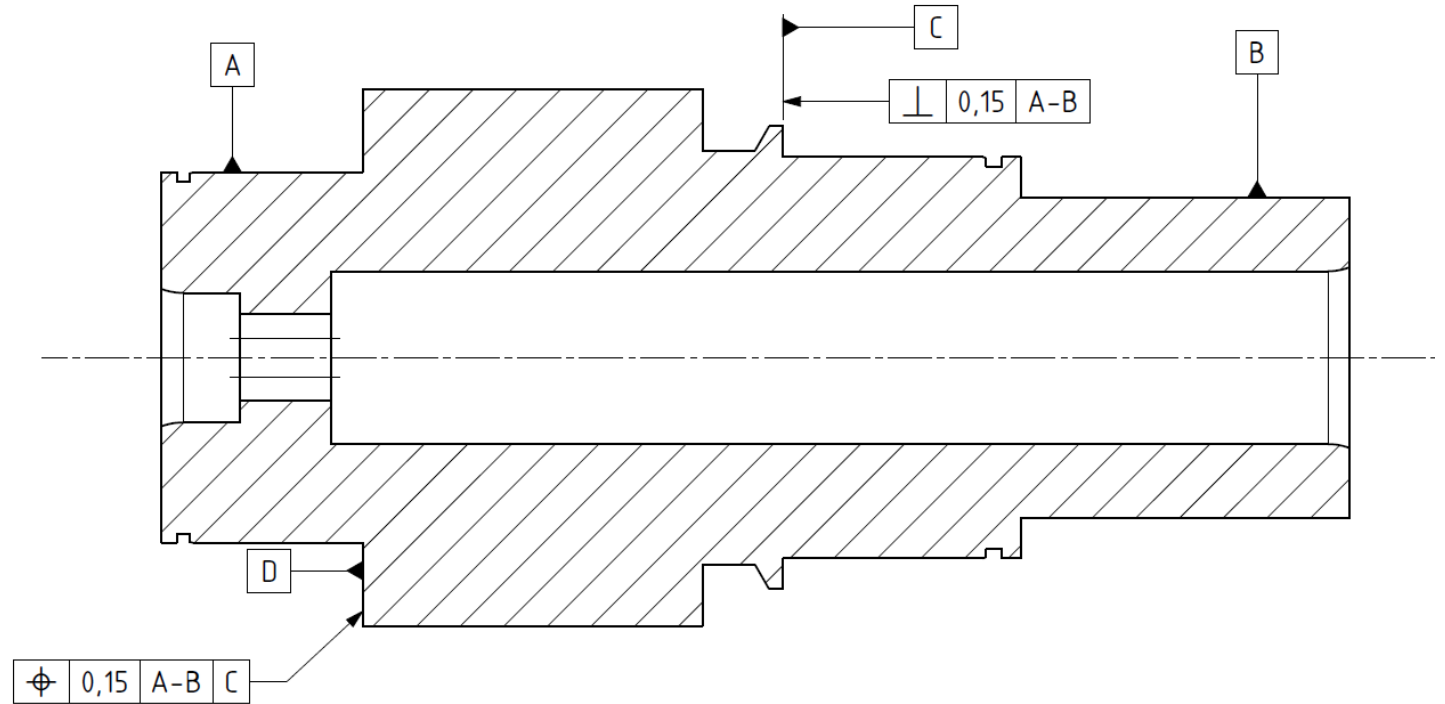
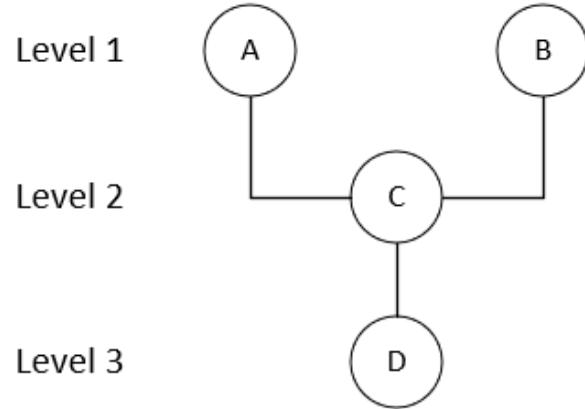
Shape	$K_d$
Flat	
Cylinder	
Cone	
Thin wall	
3D geometry (e.g. pointing)	

Challenges with more complex features:

- Increased machining time
- Tool access and clearance
- Machining accuracy
- Measurement accuracy
- Measurement repeatability

Note: The shape of a feature is related to the surface that has the requirement on it, rather than to any references or datums.

# Reference dependency graph



Create a graph that shows the dependencies between datums (references).

Note: several datums may be located at the same level if they are independent.

# Production complexity



		Production complexity	
		setup complexity	Reference level
The same setup and the same tool			
The same setup but different tools			
The same operation and different setups	One surface is used as a locating/probing surface		
	Completely independent surfaces		
Two different operations	Using the same locating surface		
	Using different surfaces		

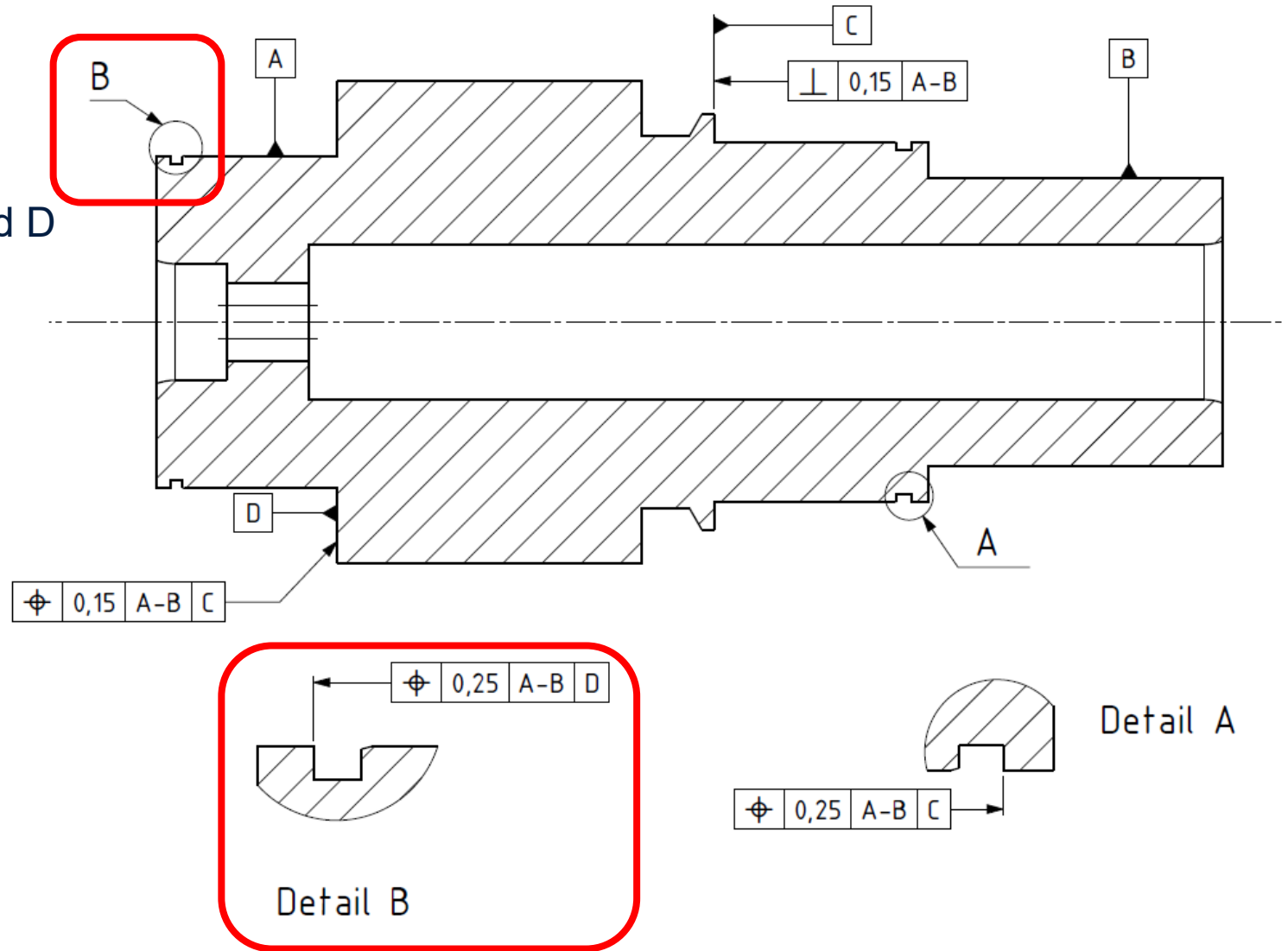
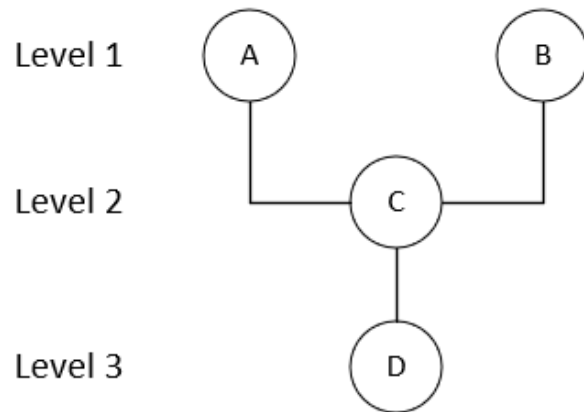
Note: As we go lower in the reference dependency graph, we should increase the production complexity value.

# Example

Problem description:

Two grooves are related to datum C and D with the same position tolerance.

Reference dependency graph for this part looks like this:



# $K_f$ : Heat treatment effect



Affected by heat treatment	$K_f$
No	1
Yes	2

\*A feature is considered not to be affected by heat treatment if there is no heat treatment on the surfaces of the feature/references or if all surfaces of the feature/references will be machined after the heat treatment.

# Example



The machining step for this part is:

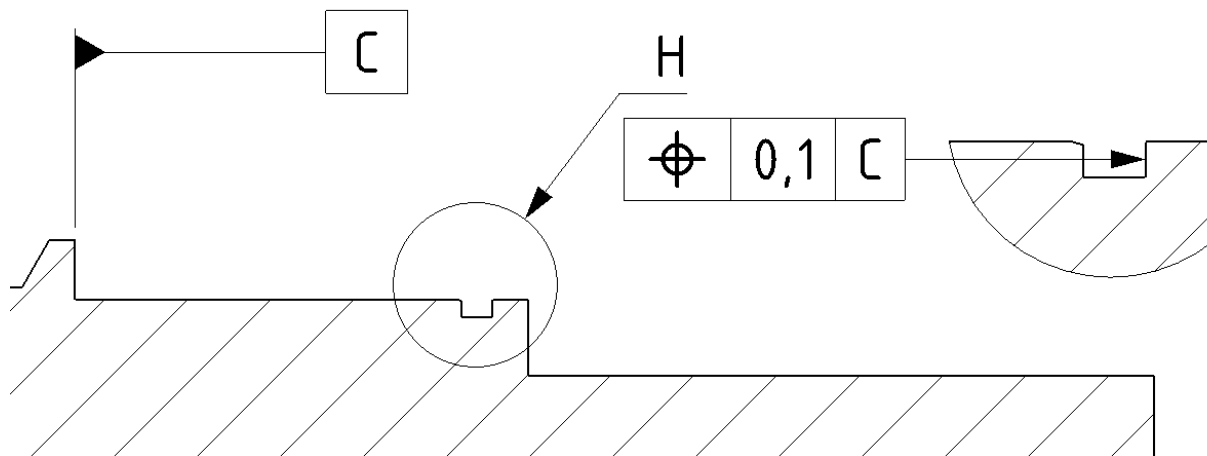
- 1- Soft turning of the datum C and the groove
- 2- Heat treatment
- 3- Hard turning of the datum C



This feature consists of datum C and the groove.



$$K_e = 2$$



# $K_g$ : Machine performance



Process	$K_g$
Honing	
Grinding	
Broaching	
Turning/Milling	
Drilling / boring	
Hobbing	
Skiving	
Gear shaping	

- Accuracy
- Surface finish
- Dimensional stability
- Production speed



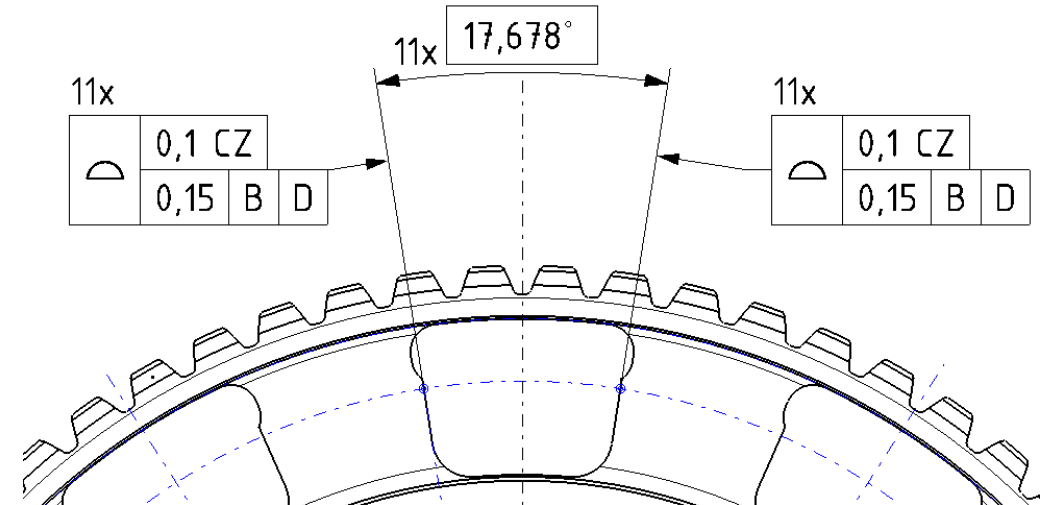
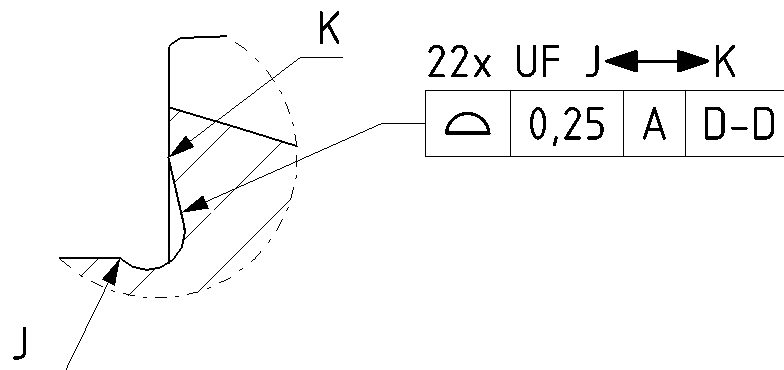
# $K_h$ : Tool effect



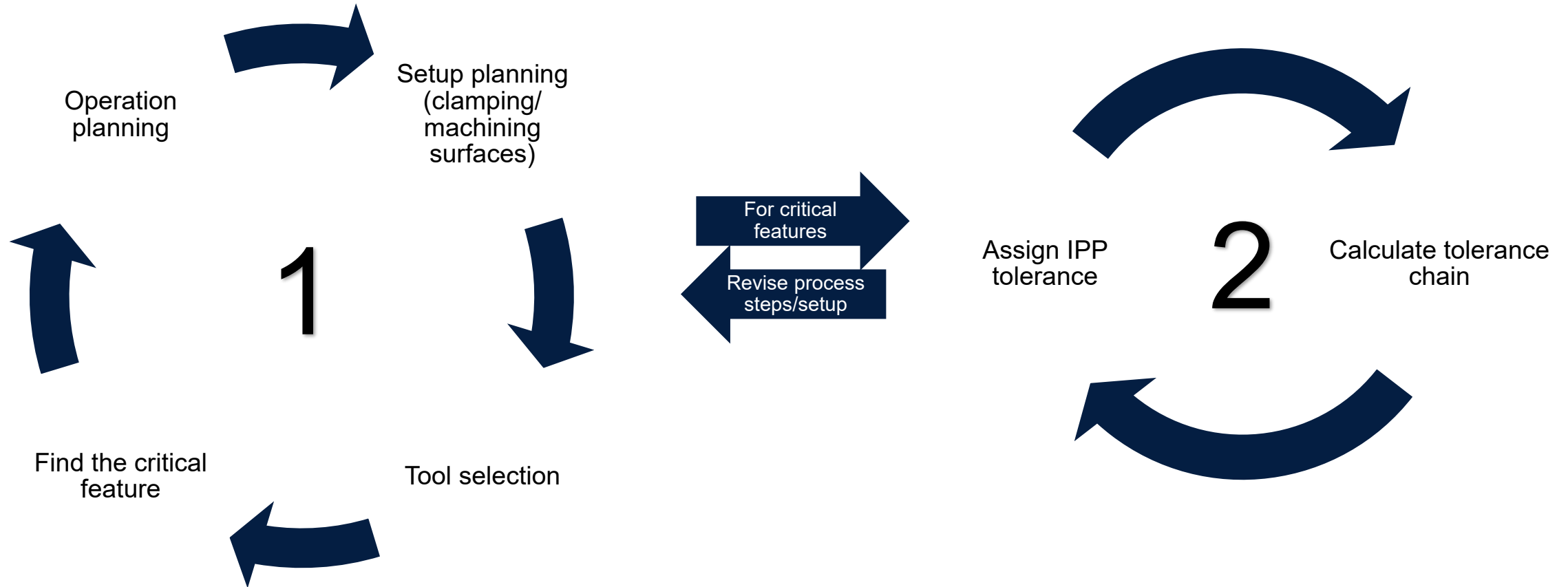
The number of tools which are used in one operation to produce the feature

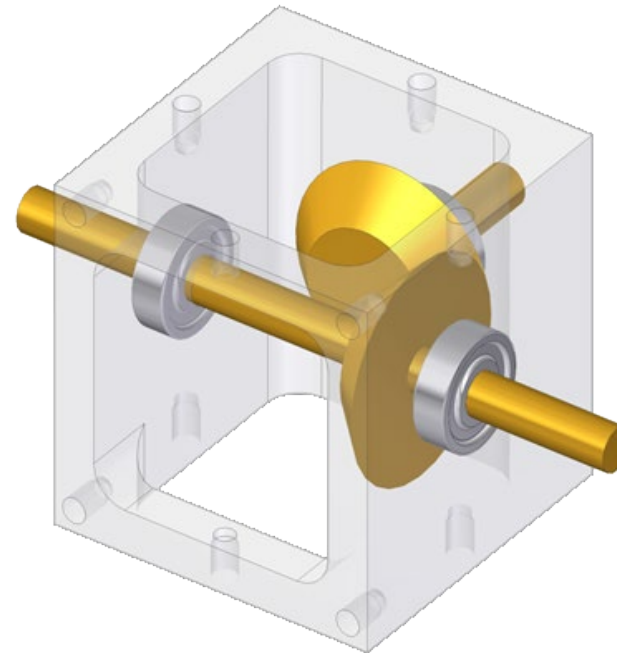
Number of tool	$K_h$
1	
2	
$\geq 3$	

- roughing
- finishing
- profiling



# Tolerance assignment cycle

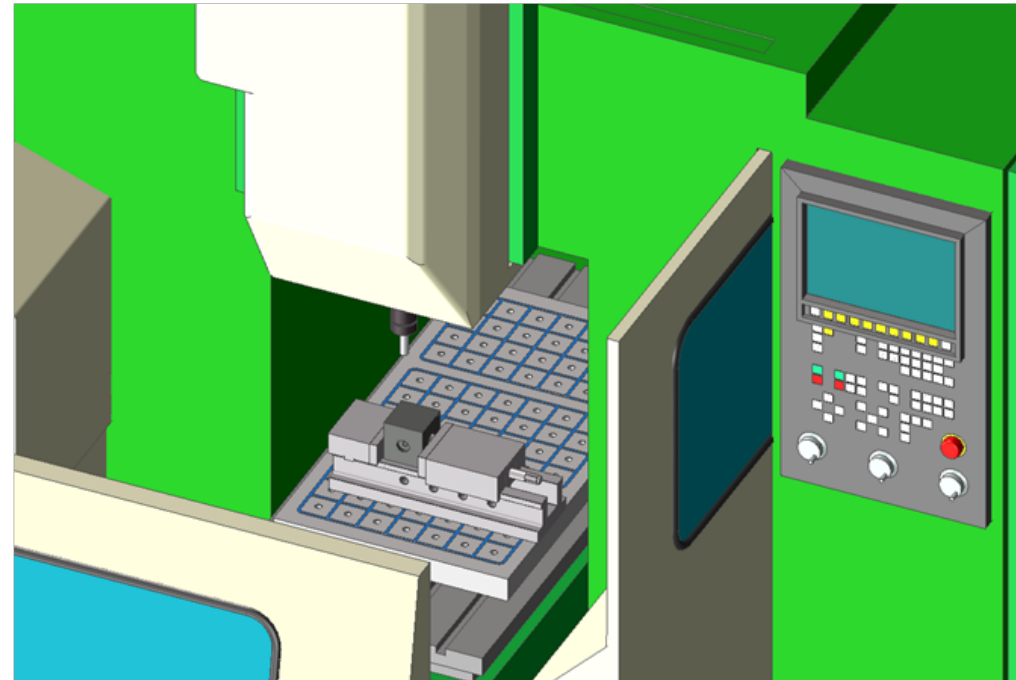




## 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: 5-axis machine tool



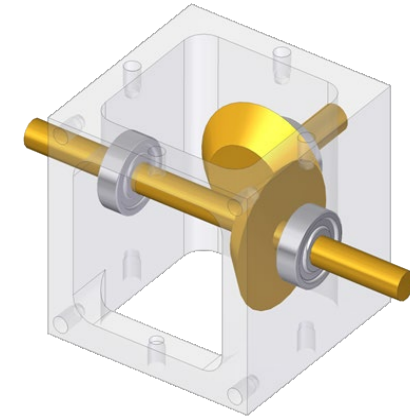
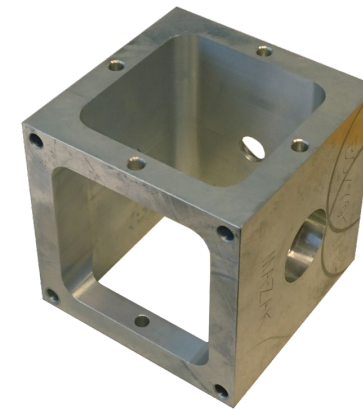
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: 3-axis machine tool



# What we would like to achieve with simulation

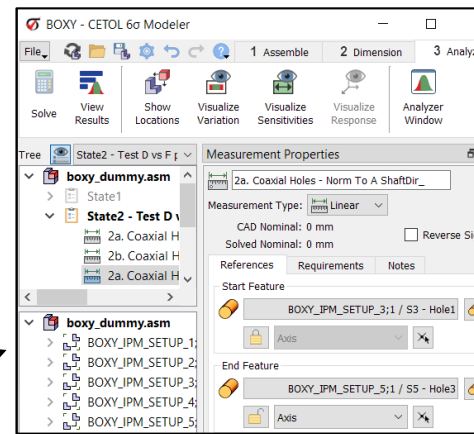


- Find generic approach for simulation
  - A structured way to build a tolerance/variation analysis model
  - A way to define what to analyze
  - Including all relevant tolerances/variations
- Analyze proposed methods
  - Method/methods first defined manually (based on previous experience, cost, etc.)
  - Simulation can verify a proposed method – assess the chance to be successful
  - Evaluate several different methods to find the best (evaluate full methods or e.g. just test small differences in datum positions)
  - Assess expected total variation from a method
  - Find critical features in a specific method (Need to loosen or tighten requirements?)

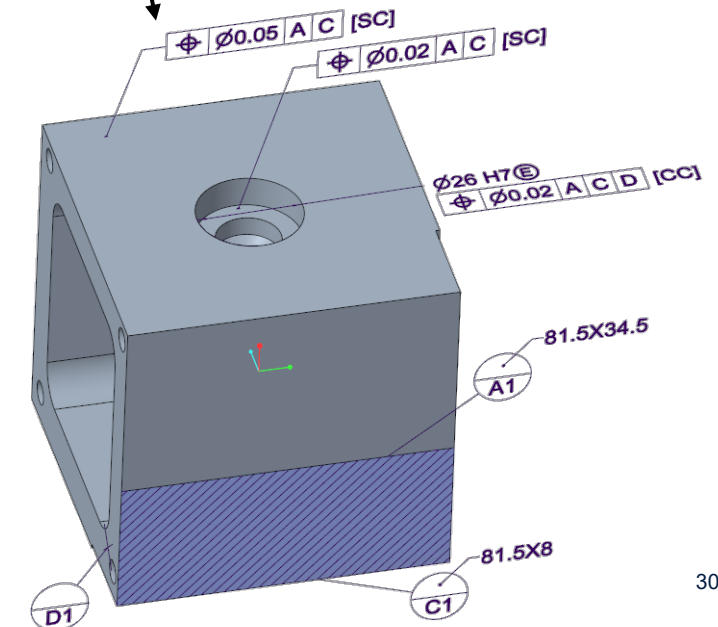
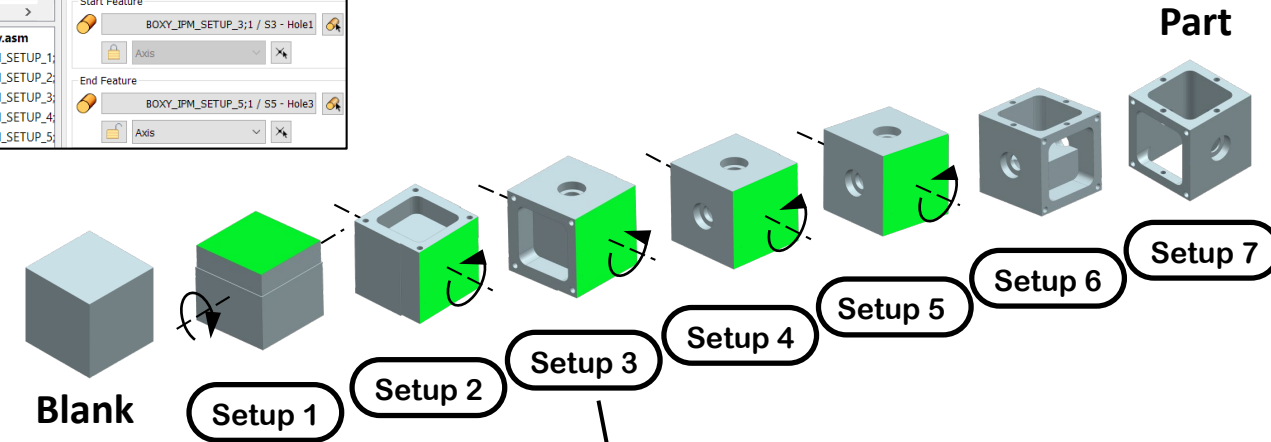


# Inputs for simulation

- Tolerance analysis software (Cetol)
- 3D-models with finished geometry after each setup



- Tolerancing/requirements for geometry created in each setup
  - Ideally a 3D model-based definition - MBD (2D-drawing works, but more hands on)
  - Ideally GPS-tolerancing with semantic connection (Machine readable)
- Information about clamping variation for setups
  - Physical surfaces used and size
  - Variation related to each surface (translations and rotations)

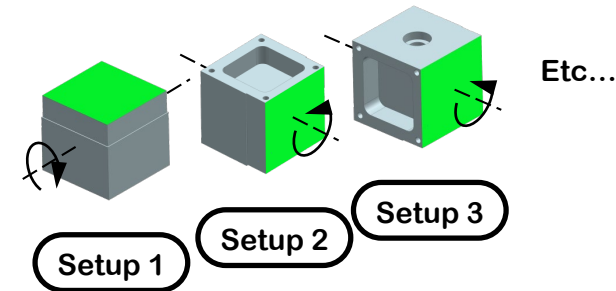


# Two levels of variation



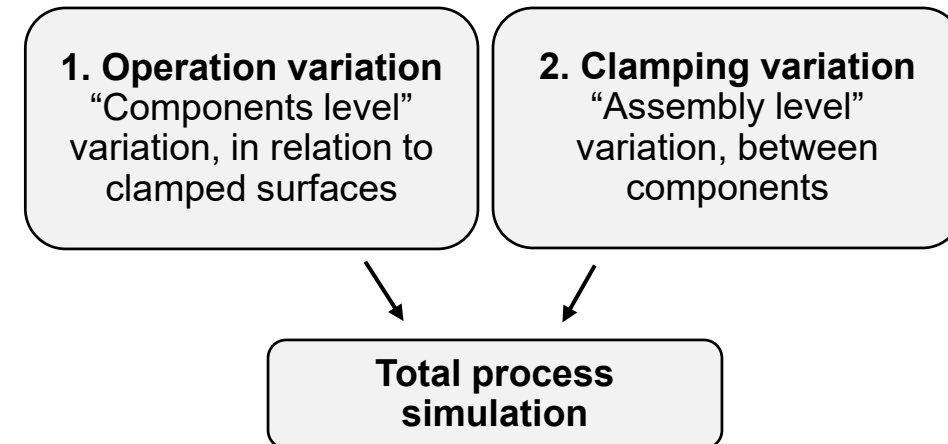
- **Level 1 - Operation variation**  
(machining or other process)

- This is modeled as tolerances on “**component level**”  
(GPS tolerances inside each component: Setup 1, Setup 2, etc)
- Accuracy of machine - Machine dependent, could vary with e.g. machine speed or distance from machine zero)
- Requirement for allowed machining variation is defined as “tolerances”



- **Level 2 - Clamping variation**  
(clamping or other fixation/handling process)

- This is modeled as variation on “**assembly level**”
- Accuracy of clamping equipment
- Accuracy of manual/automatic setup handling
- Requirement for allowed clamping variation is defined as “assembly tolerances”

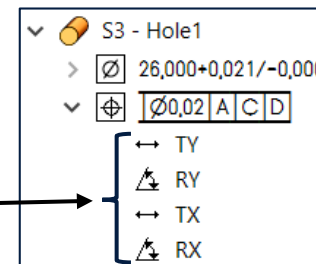
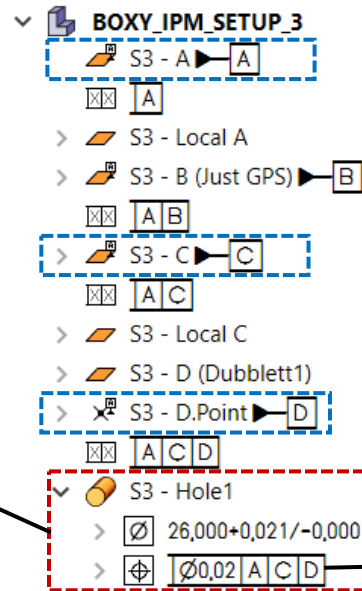
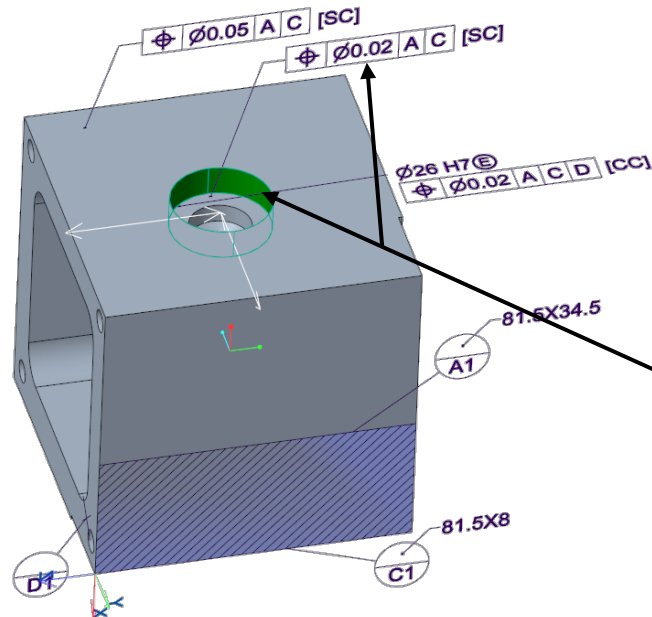
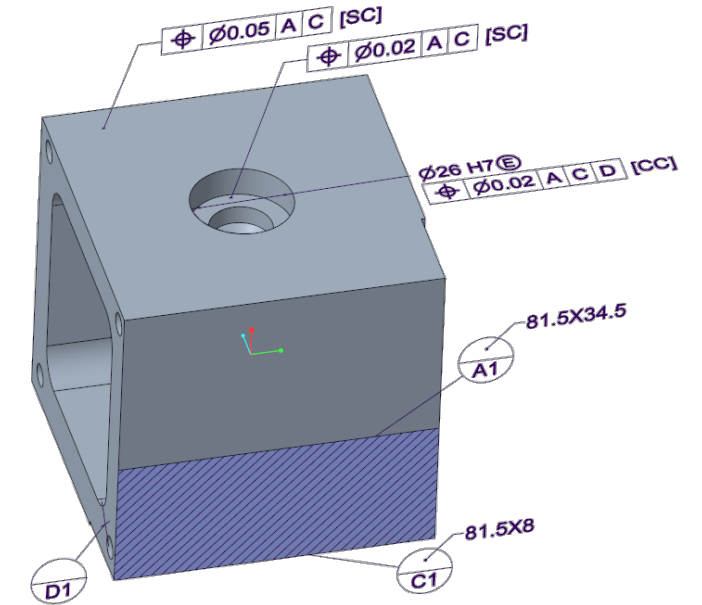


# Level 1

## Operation variation - Definition



- Datums are defined – corresponds to clamping surfaces
- Variation for each “machined” surface is defined as a tolerance (including both allowed translations and rotations)





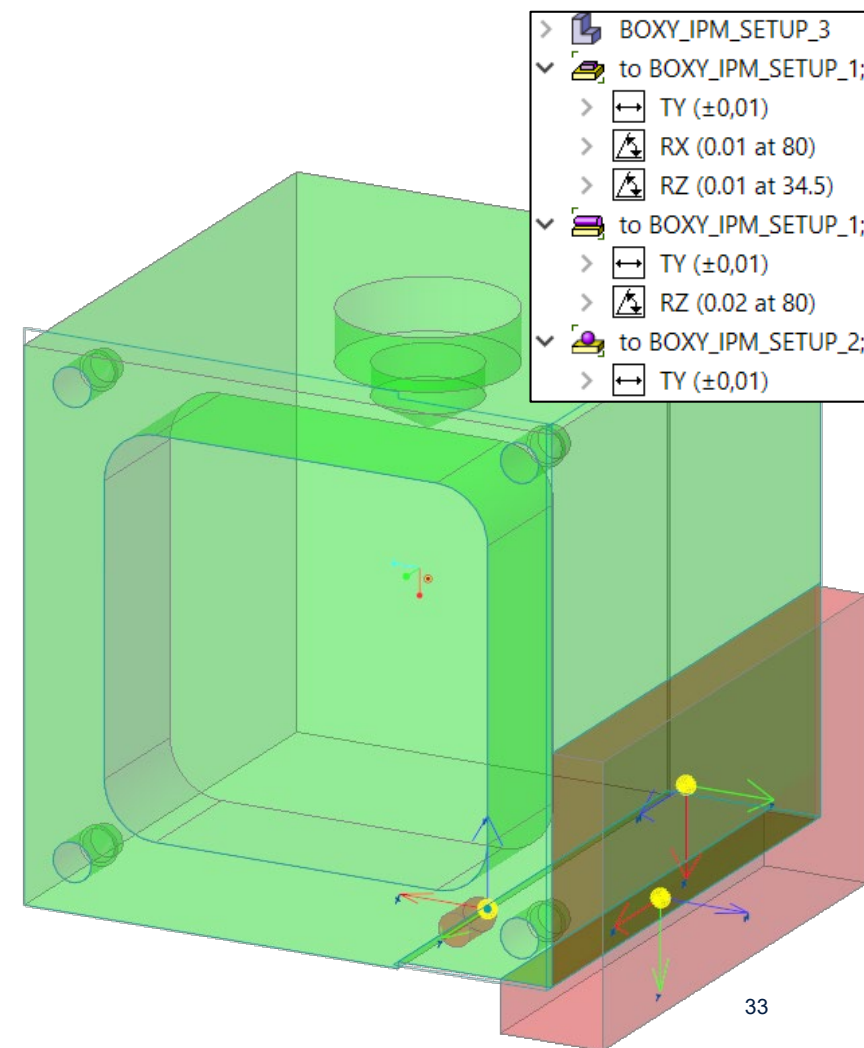
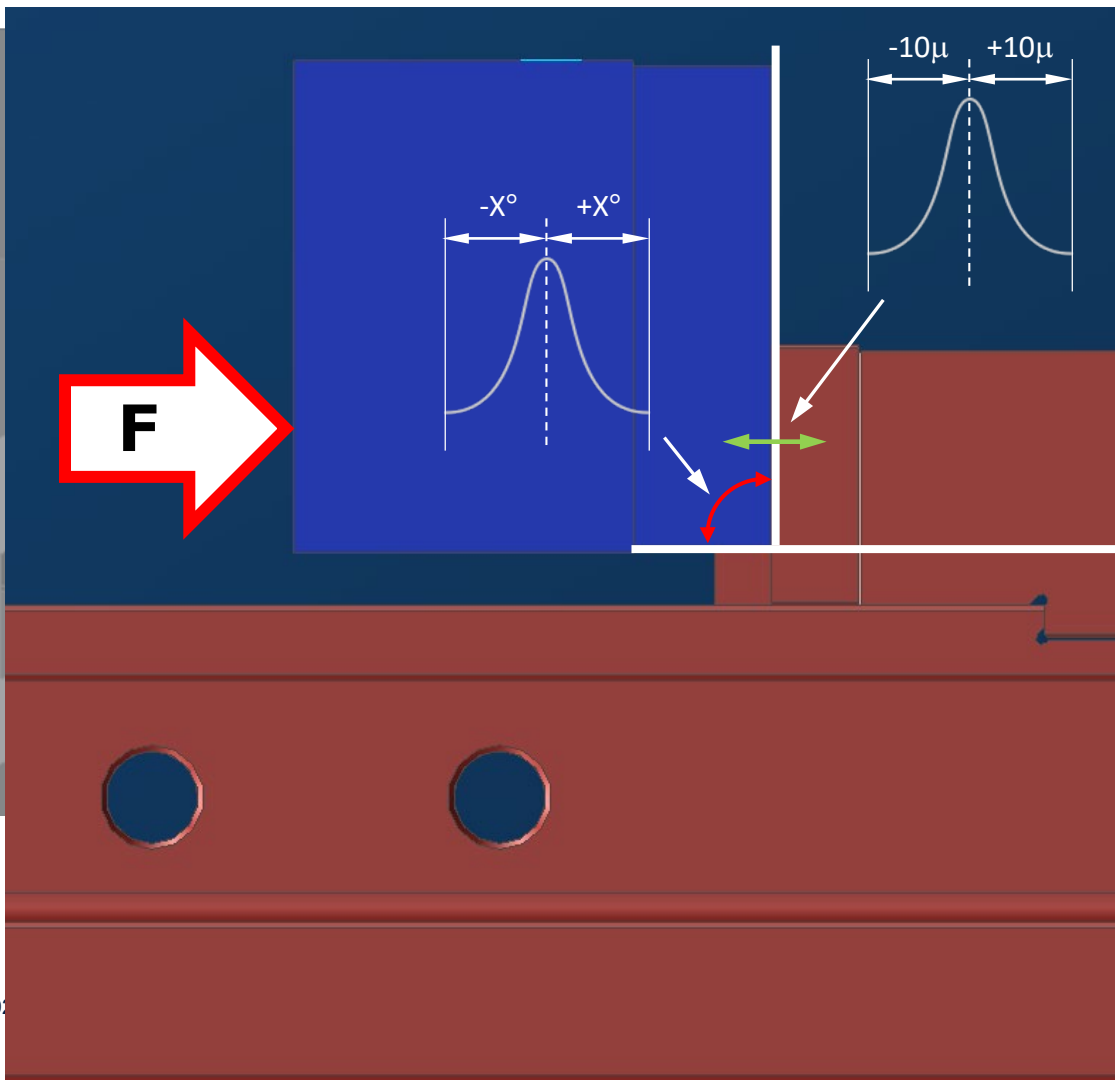
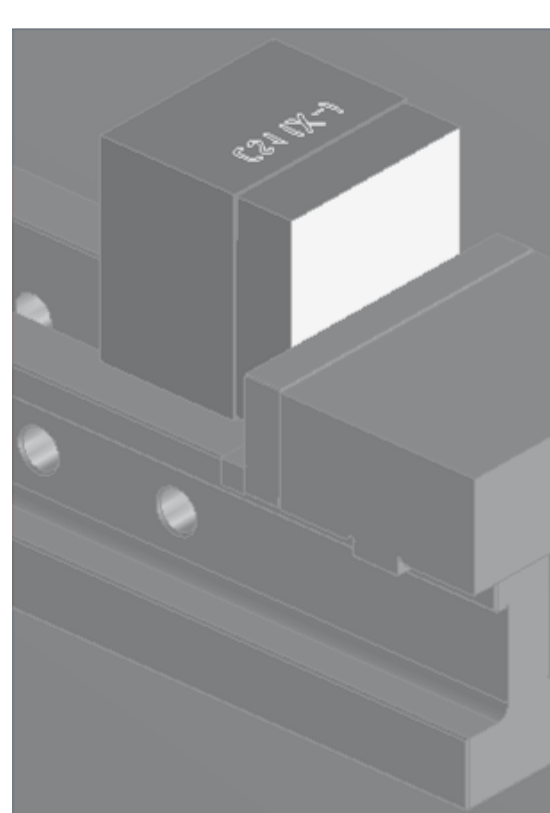
# Level 2 - Clamping variation



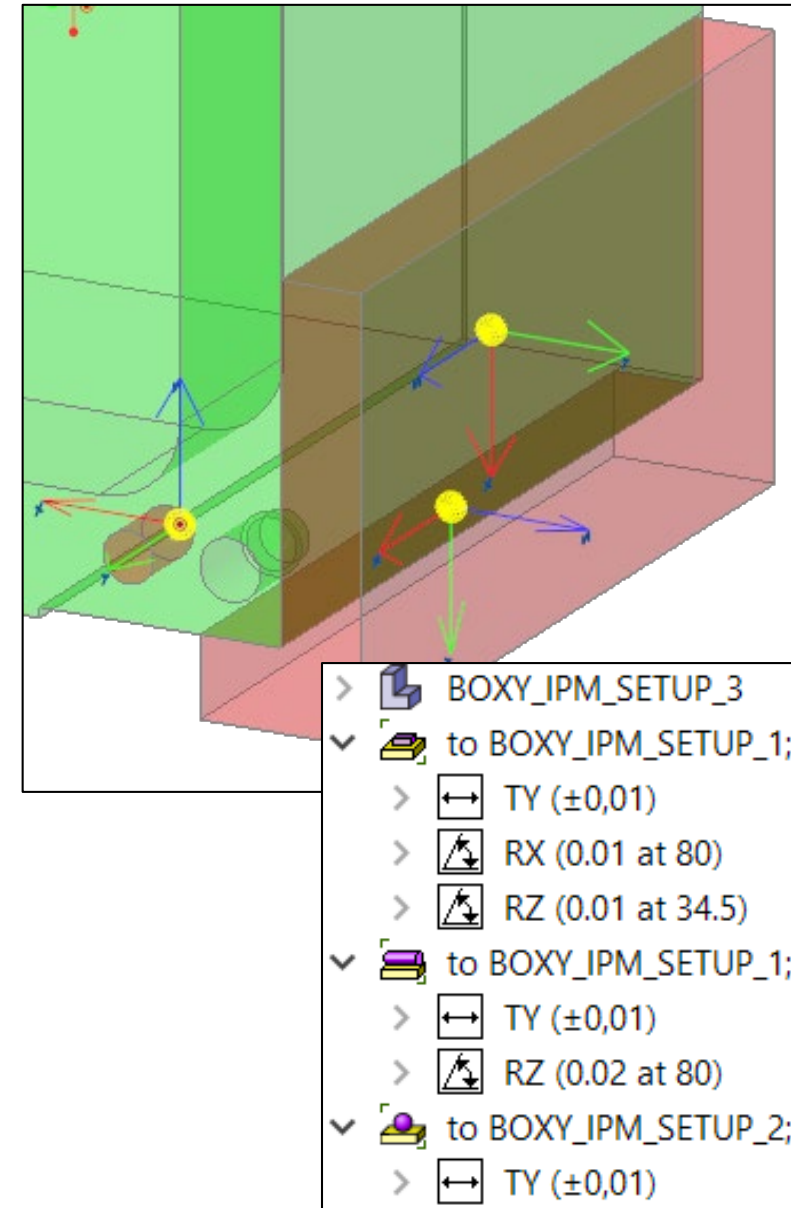
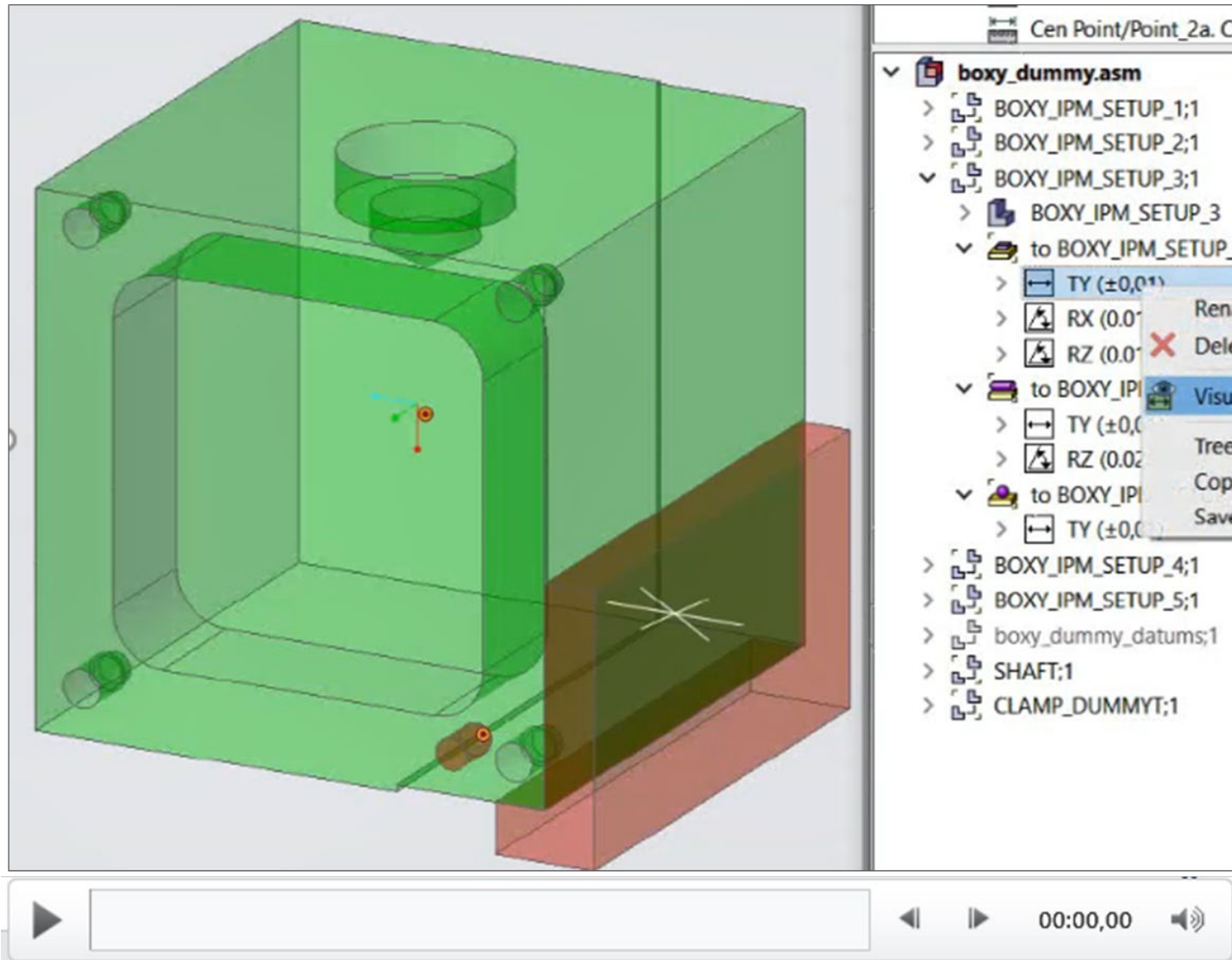
## Clamping Equipment

## Clamping Variation

## Clamping Variation Modelling

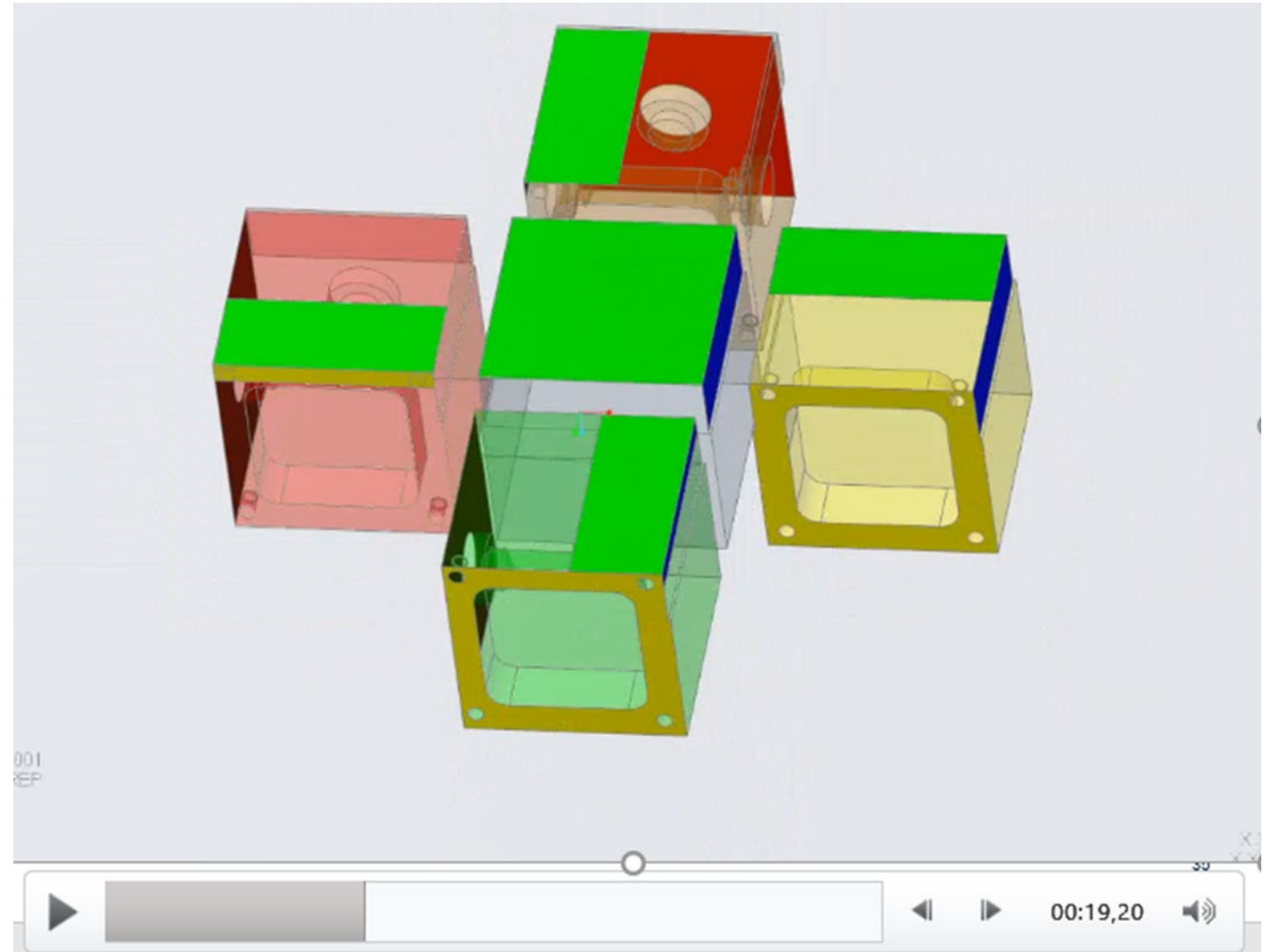


# Simulate process variation – Clamping variation



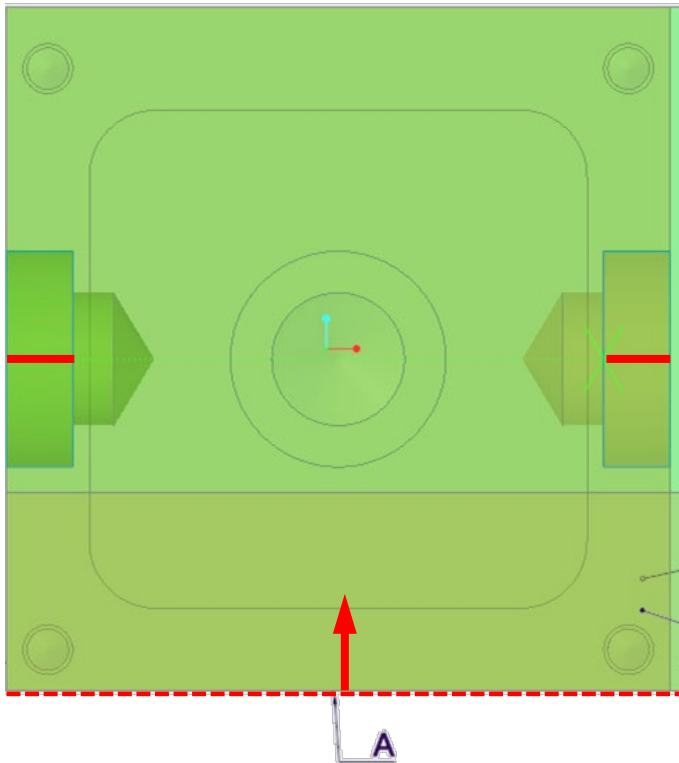
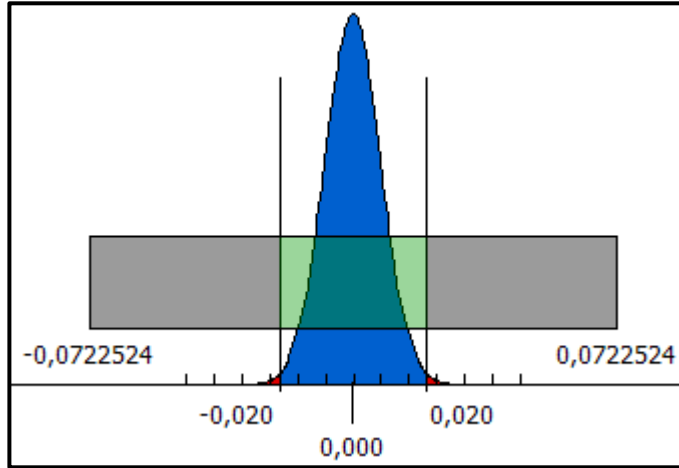
# Simulate process variation – Assembly sequence

- Setup 1-5 components are included in analysis
- All components are assembled “on top of each other”
- Components for each setup are assembled according to clamping
- The component’s clamping surfaces are connected to corresponding surfaces in previous components (where it appears the first time)
- Color coding shows the assembly sequence

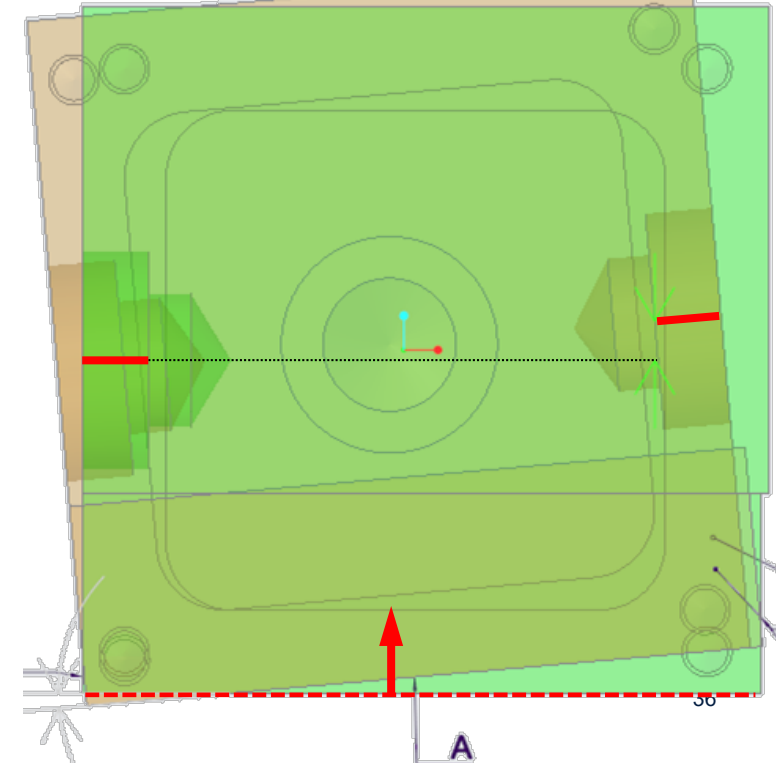


# Analysis - Measurements

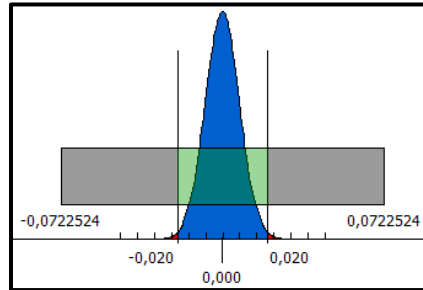
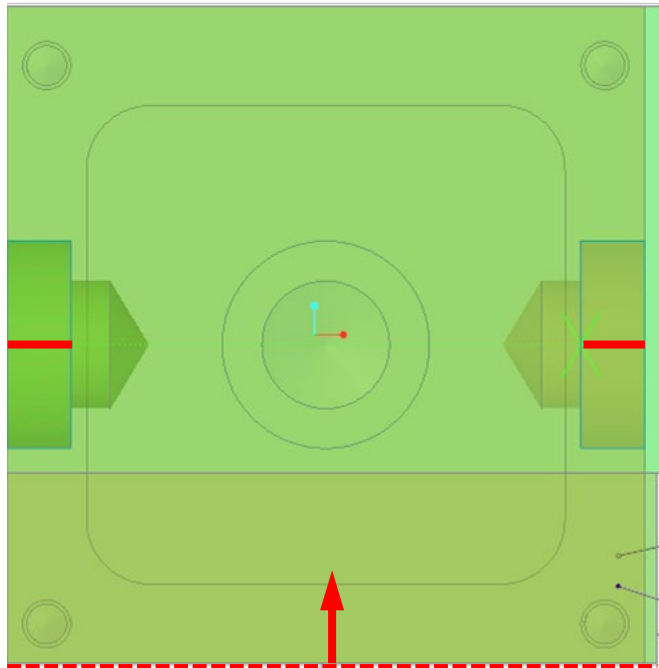
- Relevant measurements are defined
- Example: Vertical hole alignment (in relation to A, bottom surface)
- Results:
  - Total variation from used method
  - List of largest contributing variations
  - Identifying “critical features” (variations)
  - Identify feature sensitivities



Name	Contribution
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	28,96 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	27,43 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 TY (±0,01) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 TY (±0,01) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / RX	2,73 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / RX	2,73 %



# Simulation analysis – Results



## Animation – Contributions 1 & 2

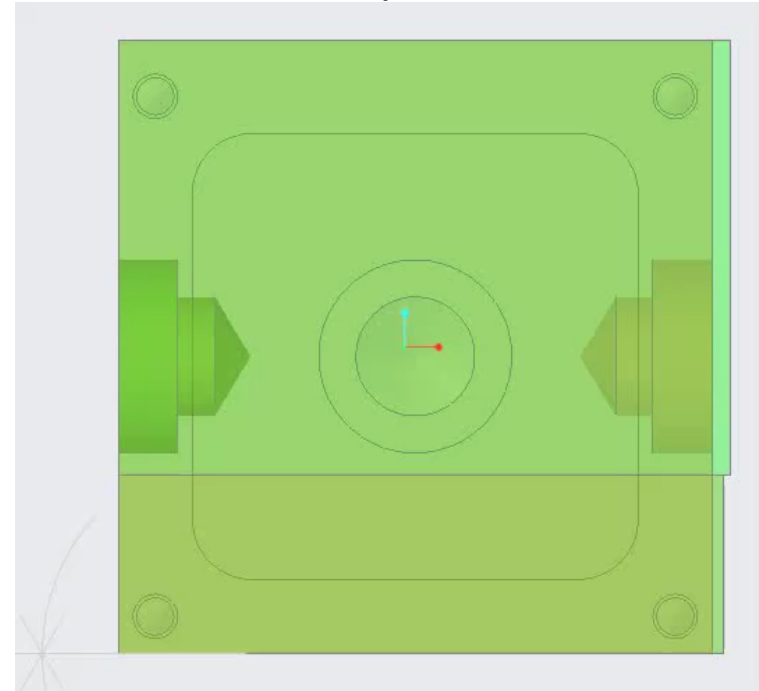
1. Clamp rotational variation 56%
2. Clamp translational variation 22%
- (3. Hole position tolerances 22% - Not animated)

Name	Contribution
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	28,96 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	27,43 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 TY (±0,01) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 TY (±0,01) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / RX	2,73 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / RX	2,73 %

1. Clamp rotations

2. Clamp translations

3. Hole position tol.  
(rot. & transl.)



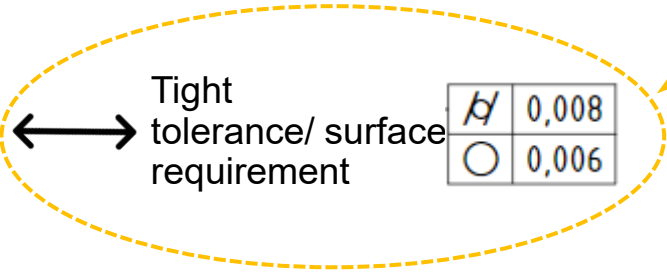
Display: Statistical Contributions Based on: Variables

oles - Dist Norm To A (RelDist\_NormToA' Statist

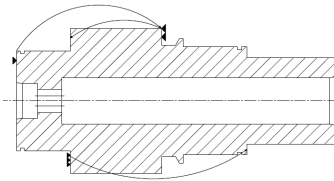
Name	Contribution
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	28,96 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	27,43 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 TY (±0,01) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1 TY (±0,01) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / RX	2,73 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / RX	2,73 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1,1	...

# Find critical features

Hole position tolerance related 22%  
(rotations & translations)



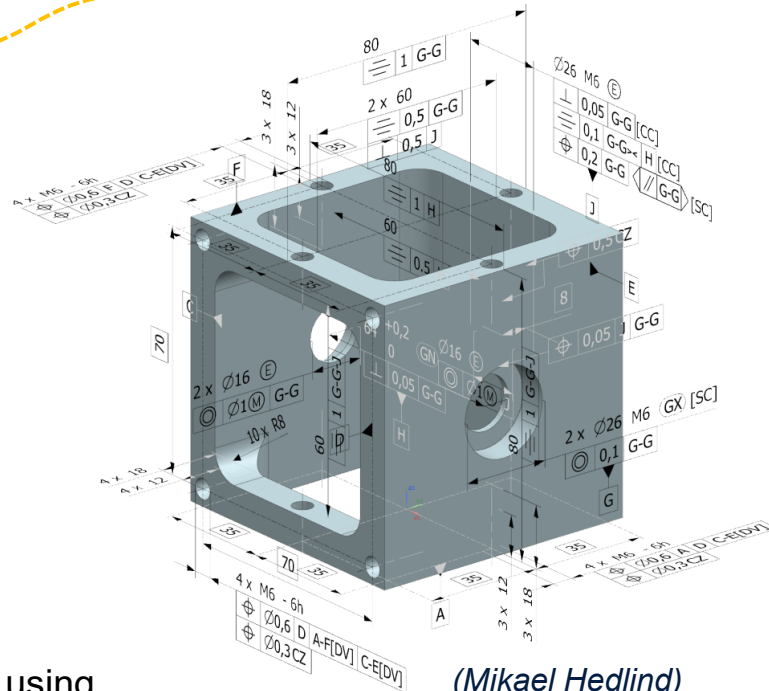
Different references in each operation



Is produced using different tools



Affected by heat treatment

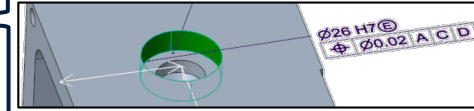


(Mikael Hedlind)

Name	Contribution
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1;1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	28,96 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1;1 RZ (0.01 at 34.5) / RZ	27,43 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1;1 TY ( $\pm 0,01$ ) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / to BOXY_IPM_SETUP_1;1;1 TY ( $\pm 0,01$ ) / TY	10,90 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / TY	8,18 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_3;1 / S3 - Hole1 to A C D / RX	2,73 %
BOXY_IPM_SETUP_5;1 / S5 - Hole3 to A E D / RX	2,73 %

Clamp rotations

Clamp translations

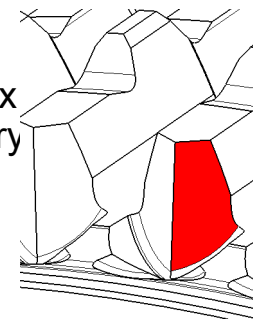


Hole position tol.  
(rot. & transl.)

Clamping related 78%  
(rotations & translations)



Complex geometry



# Outlook



- Conduct case studies to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed method in improving product quality and reducing process planning time
- Develop a quality control plan based on the critical feature index
- Develop and validate new analytical methods and tools for tolerance allocation for IPPs
- Develop computer models/use software to simulate the tolerance chain analysis for IPPs



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**