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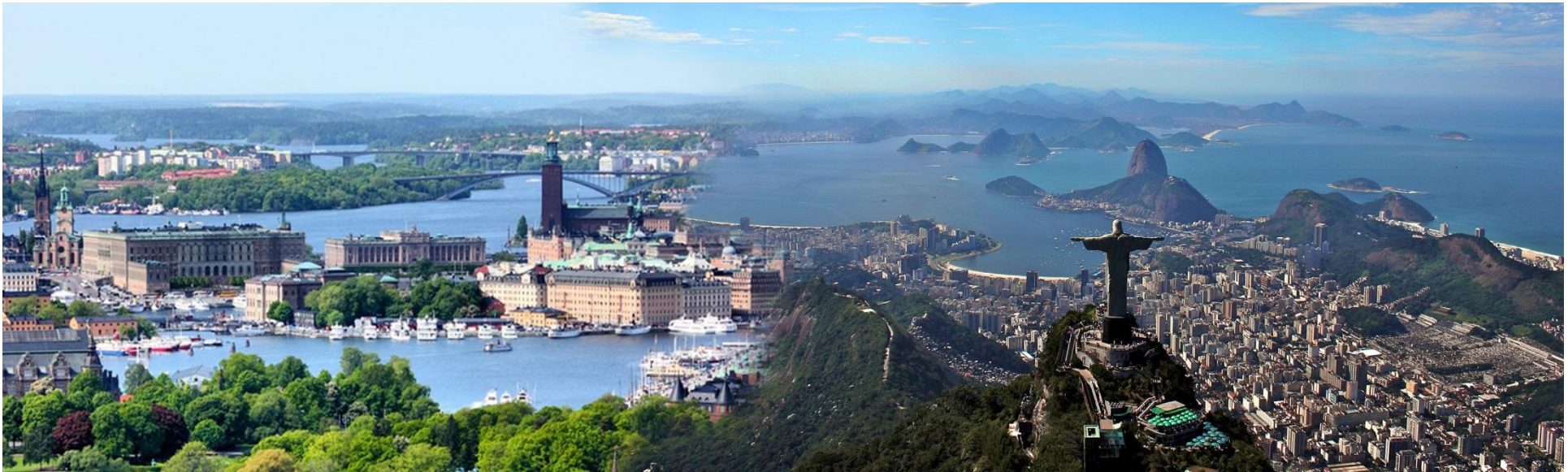
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## *Open Seminar – Technology Forecasting in the Industry*

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# Outline

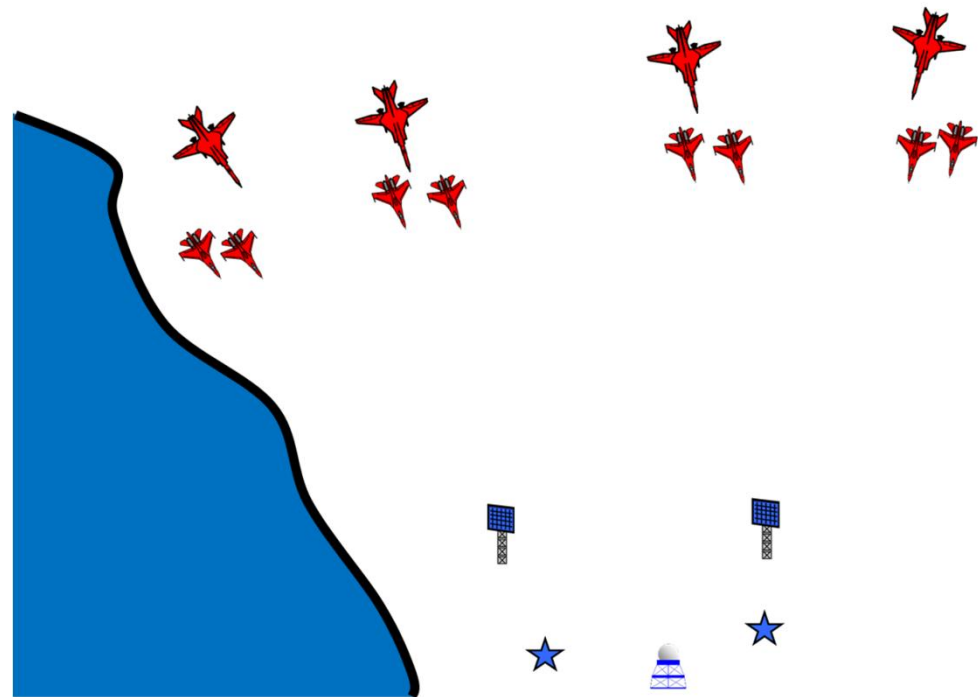
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  - Technology vs Innovation
  - From Technology to Capability
  - Technology Forecasting
  - Putting it all Together



# Scenario Prospecting

## Predictions / Hypotheses about

- General situation
  - *Political, Economical, Conflicts*
  - *Geography, Climate*
  - *Societal*
- Technology and systems
  - *Own, opponent's, cooperative*
- Doctrines and Tactics
  - *Own, opponent's*
- Mission and goals
  - *Own, opponent's*



**Used for needs analysis and concept validation (simulations)**



# Different Scenarios – Different Threats



*Swedish army main battle tank  
MBT 122B developed by IBD  
Deisenroth Engineering*

## Low Tech Threat



*Improvised Explosive Device (IED)*



## High Tech Threat



*MMP ATGW*



# Prepare for new Scenarios

## Iran flies final model of RQ-170 the reverse engineering of the US drone

🕒 November 11, 2014 - 10:29 AM

Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh announced that the Iranian version of the RQ-170 drone with the capability of conducting

Source : FNA

News Code : 650664

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Iran announced on December 4, 2011 that its defense forces had downed a US RQ-170 aircraft **through a sophisticated cyber attack.**



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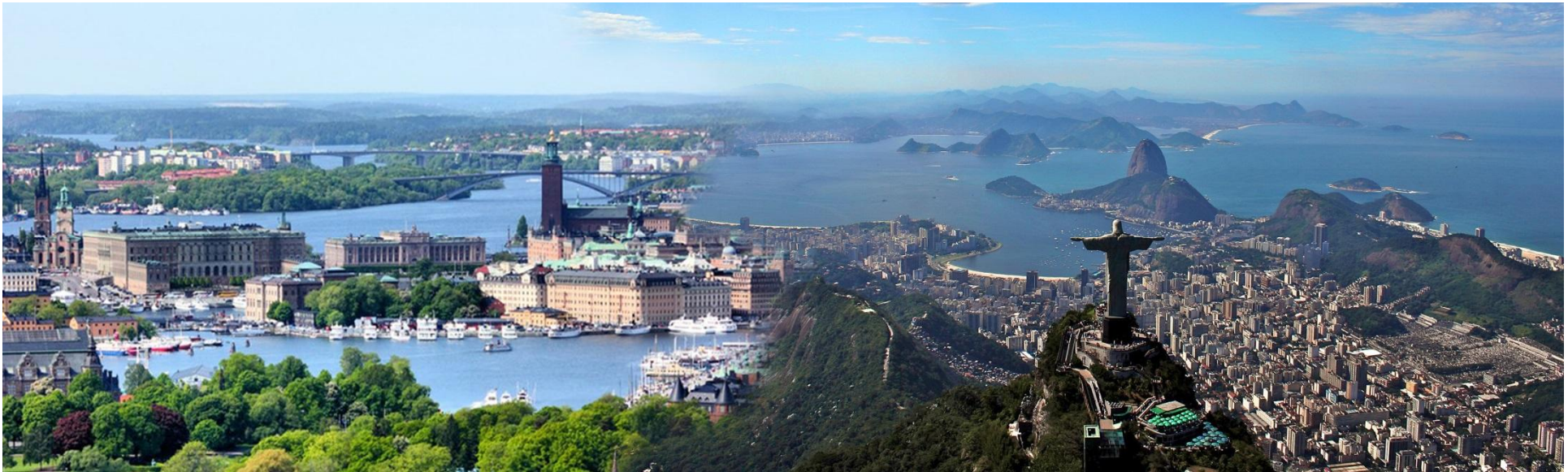
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# Technology vs Innovation

## ■ Innovation

- *is the implementation of a new or significantly improved product (good or service), or process, a new marketing method, or a new organisational method in business practices, workplace organisation or external relations. (something new and beneficial)*

## ■ Types of innovation

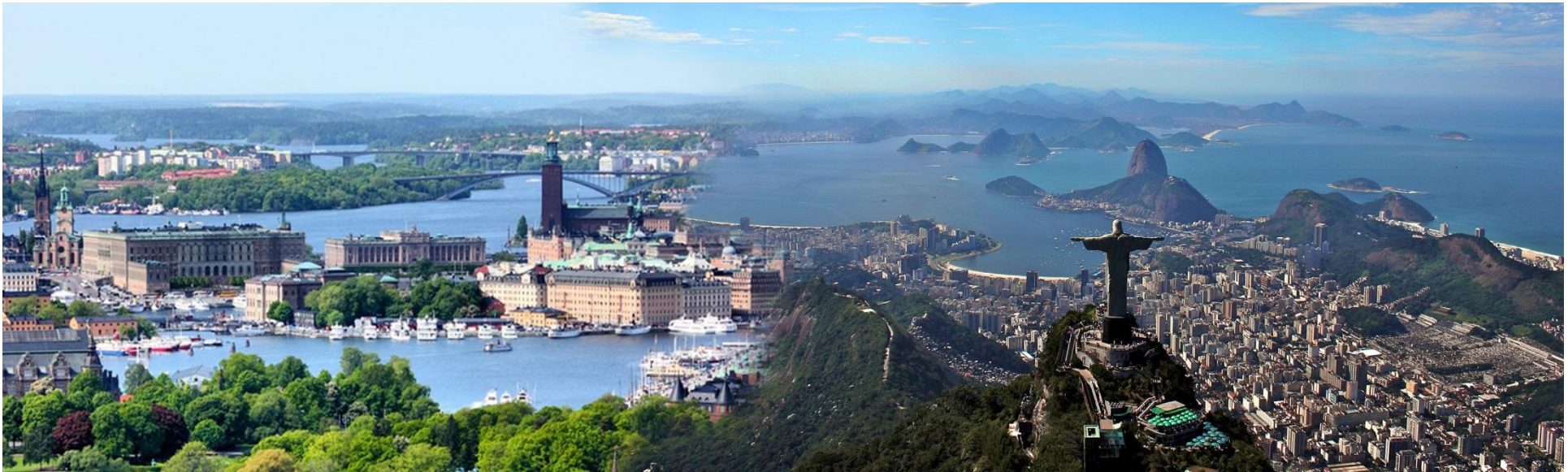
- *Product innovation*
- *Process innovation*
- *Marketing innovation*
- *Organisational innovation*
- *New products*
- *New ways of working*
- *New ways of making business*
- *New ways of organizing*

## ■ Technology is an enabler for innovation

- *Good/dominant products do not necessarily embody the most advanced technology*
- *Most innovations are “just” new combinations of existing technologies*
- *Selection of technology is a balance between risks and benefits*

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# From Technology to Operational Capability

**Capability**

**Protect  
Strategic Area**

**Concept of  
Operation**

**CAP  
CONOPS**

**Function**

**Target  
Acquisition**

**Pilot Situation  
Awareness**

**Weapons  
Guidance**

**Data & Voice  
Communication**

**Sub-systems**

**Navigation**

**Radar**

**Displays &  
Controls**

**Communication  
System**

**Weapons  
System**

**Technologies**

**Laser  
Technology**

**T/R  
Technology**

**OLED  
Technology**

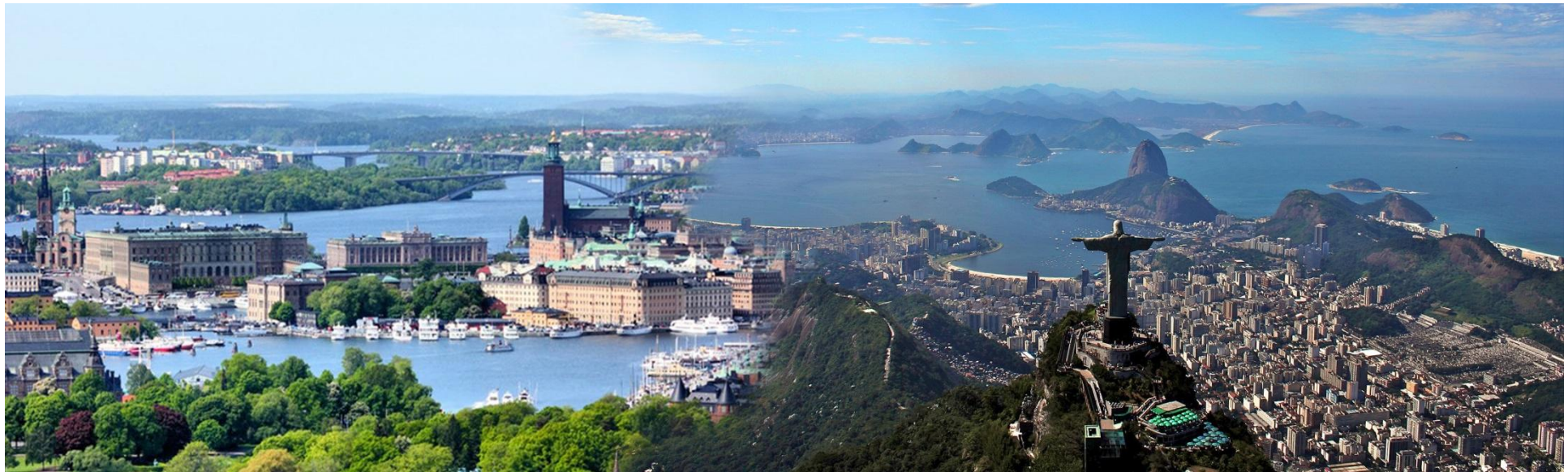
**S/W  
Technology**

**S/W Radio  
Technology**



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# Technology Forecasting

- Technology forecasting attempts to predict the future characteristics of useful technological machines, procedures or techniques.

A technological forecast deals with the characteristics of technology, such as levels of technical performance, like speed of a military aircraft, the power in watts of a particular future engine, the accuracy or precision of a measuring instrument, the number of transistors in a chip in the year 2015, etc.

The forecast does not have to state how these characteristics will be achieved. (*Wikipedia*)

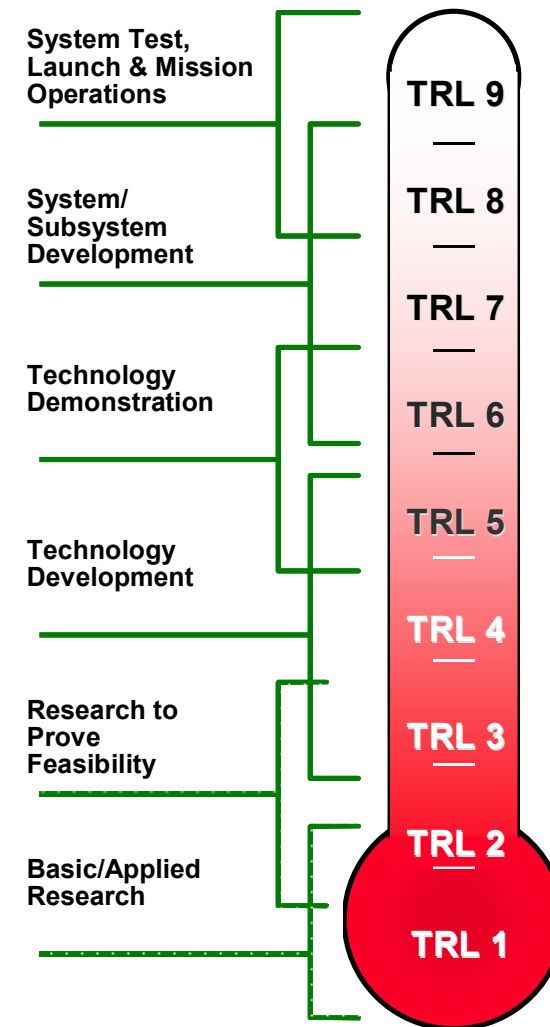
- The main tools for doing technology forecasting are
  - *Qualitative assessments by a number of (independent) experts/scientists*
  - *Extrapolation of observed trends and/or analogies (similar earlier examples)*



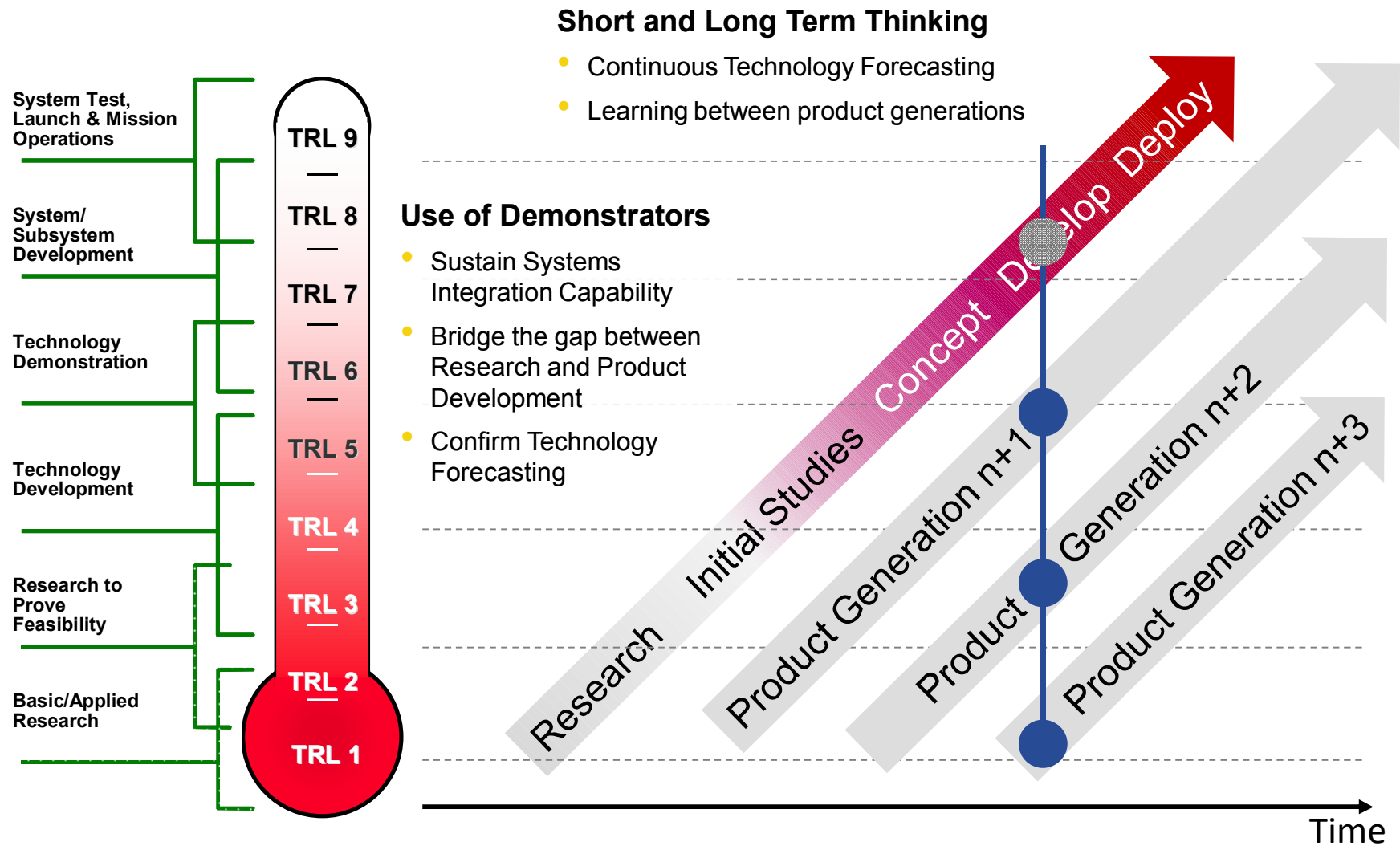
# Technology Readiness Level (TRL)

- A framework to assess and compare different technologies
  - *Plan and measure progress in technology development*
  - *Common language for R&D collaborations such as triple helix*
- Each level is defined by the level and type of test and evaluation

MANKINS; J. C., 1995. *Technology Readiness Levels: A White Paper*. NASA, Office of Space Access and Technology, Advanced Concepts Office



# Technology Forecasting and Maturation



# Basic Steps in Technology Forecasting

- **Identify key technologies**
  - *Investigate critical performance and physical limits*
- **For each key technology predict future performance**
  - *Extrapolation of historical data*
  - *Expert assessments*

- **Scan for signs of disruptive technologies. Examples:**

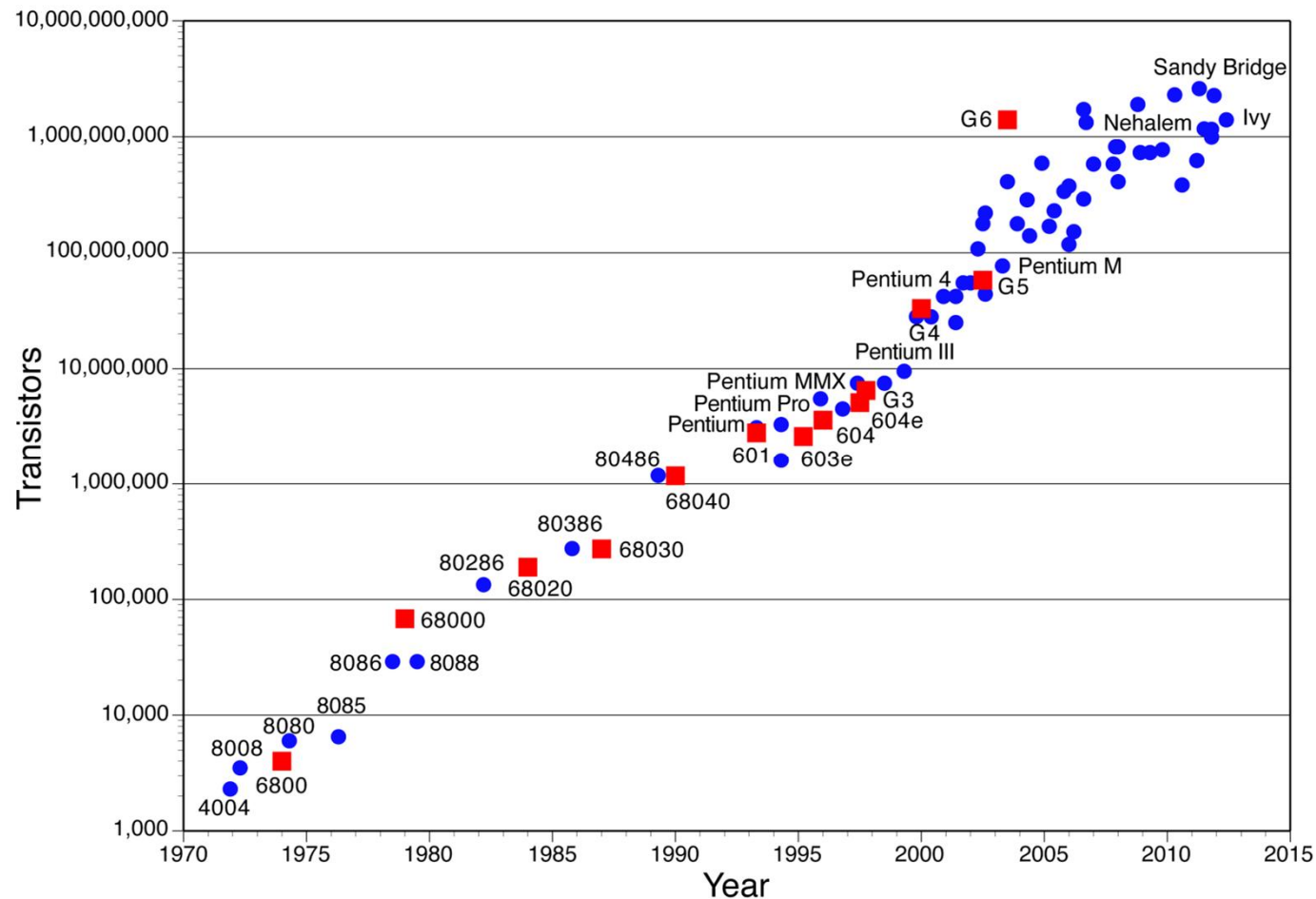
- *Digital cameras*
- *Smart Phones*
- *Electrical Calculator*
- *Streaming media*
- *Electrical cars*



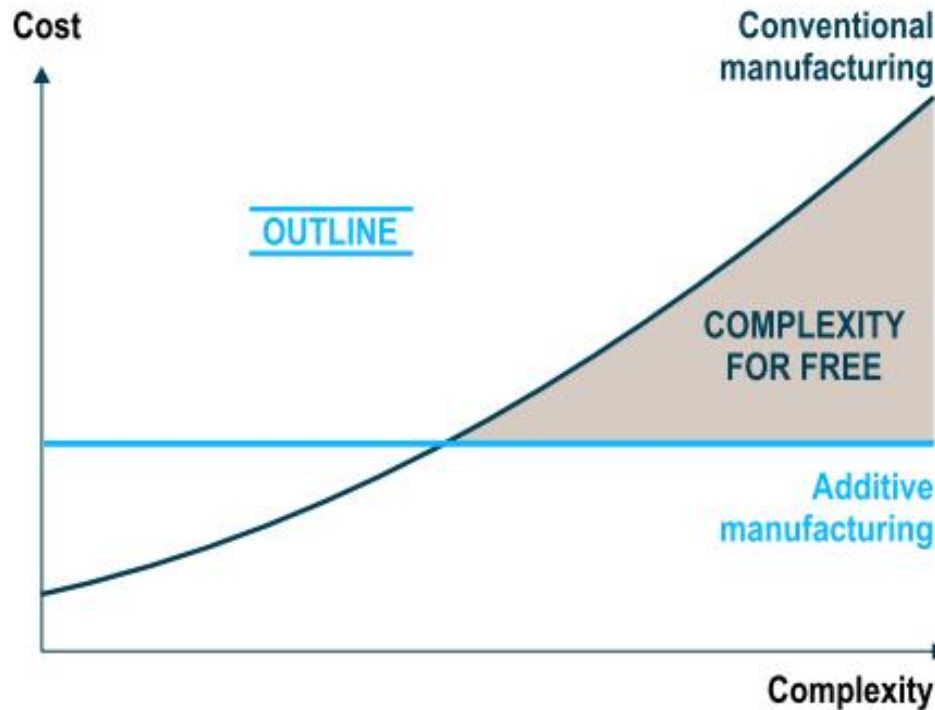
Changes internal and external resource need and/or scope of business.



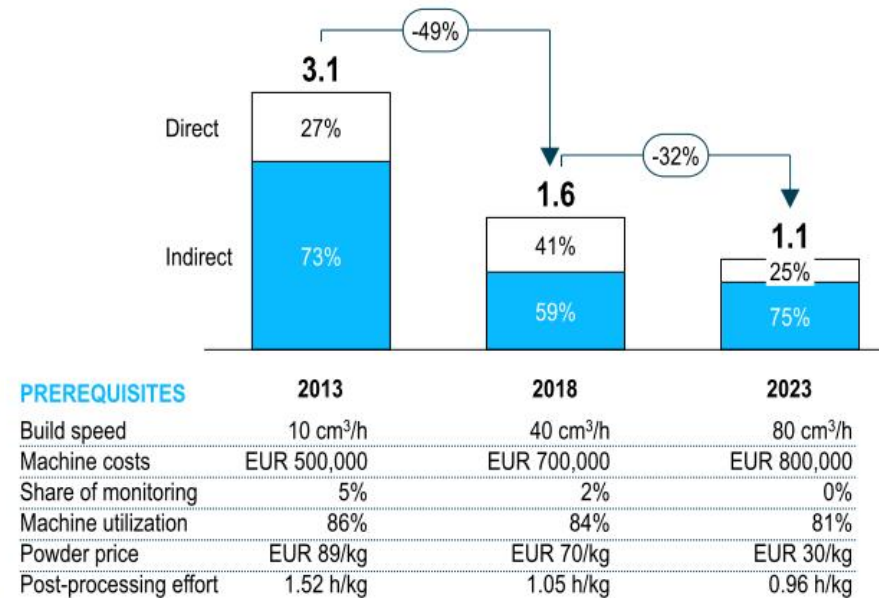
# Example: Moore's Law



# Example: Additive Manufacturing



Forecast metal AM costs [EUR/cm<sup>3</sup>]



Source: Roland Berger; Additive Manufacturing - A game changer for the manufacturing industry?



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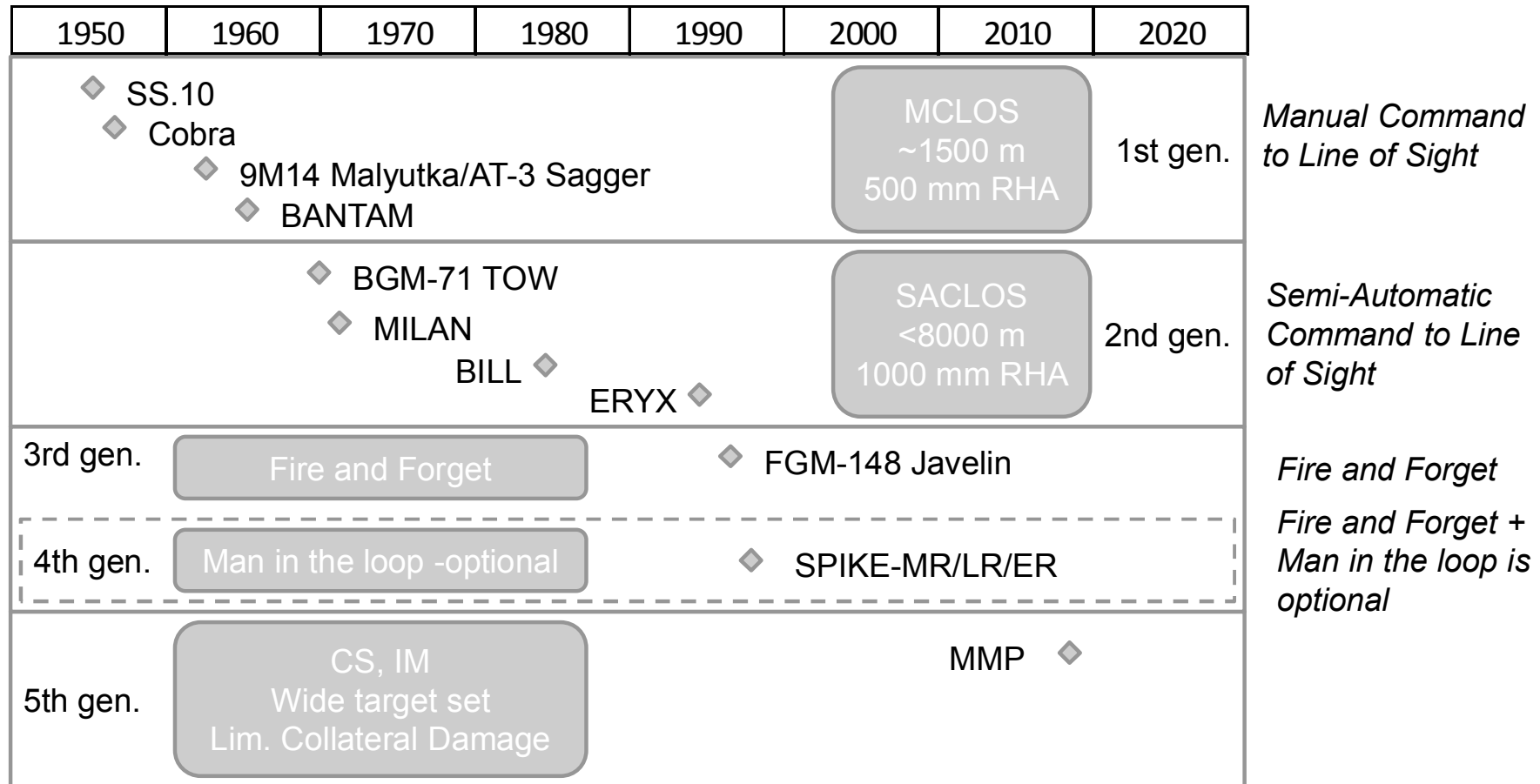


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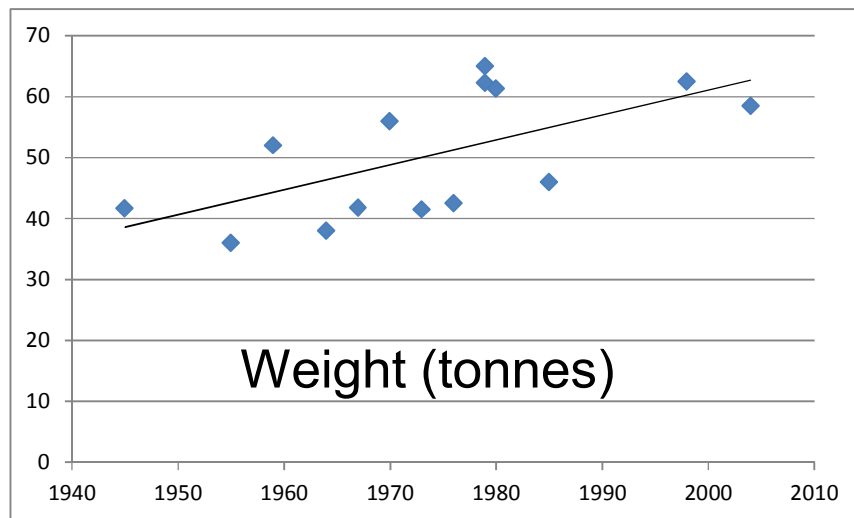
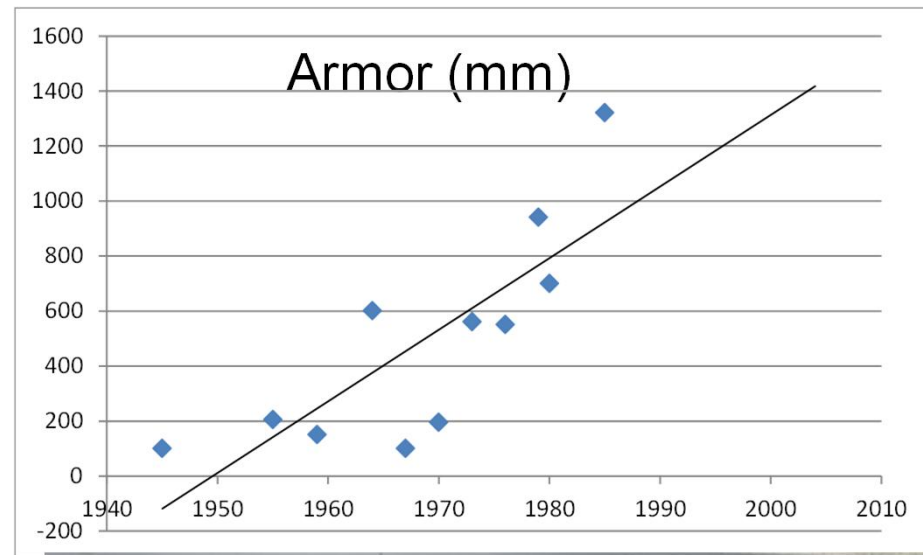
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# Example – Medium-Range Anti-Tank Guided Weapon



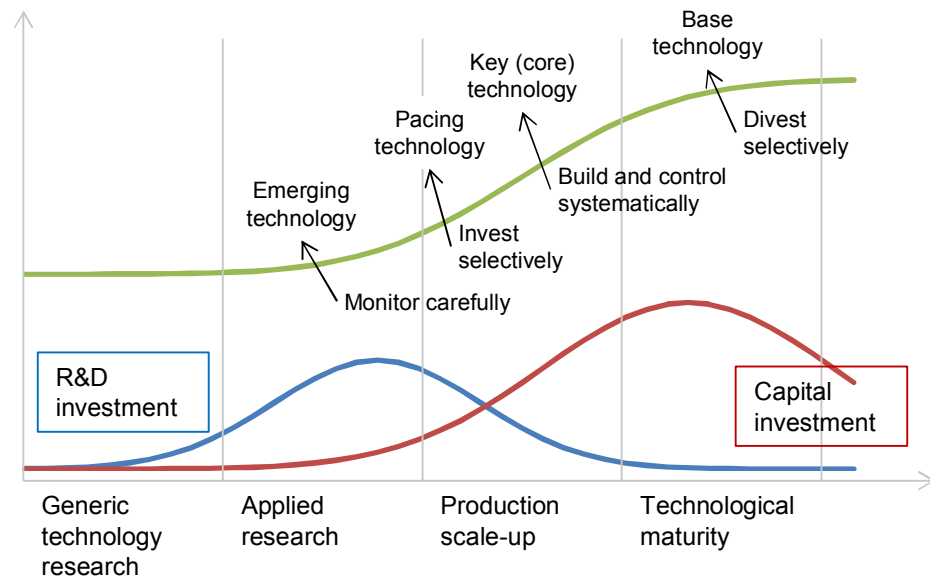


## Example – Main Battle Tanks



# Use of Technology Forecasting

- Evaluate the impact on product performance and customer benefit (contribution to capabilities)
- Identify strategic technologies
  - *Relevance*
  - *Difficulty to Imitate*
  - *Breadth of Application*
- Part of Technology Roadmaps
  - *Technology Maturity Assessment*
  - *Technology Maturation Planning*
  - *Partnerships for Technology Access:*
    - *Suppliers*
    - *Academia*
    - *Other partners*



## Example: Partnership with Universities (Saab)

- Joint research for technology forecasting and access
- Joint development of education for present and future employees
- Mobility between industry and academia for transfer of knowledge





# Example: Technology Roadmap (Saab)

| ID       | Systems domain | Functional domain | Issue | Date |
|----------|----------------|-------------------|-------|------|
| FCAS-X-X | X - Y          | X - Y             |       |      |

**DESCRIPTION**  
Short Description  
The system will be used to actively respond to the first qualified threat surfaces.

**Improvements**

**WHAT - Describe function/ performance and gain**

**MAIN PARAMETERS**

| Parameters | Current | 2030 | 2040 |
|------------|---------|------|------|
|            |         |      |      |
|            |         |      |      |
|            |         |      |      |

**TRL ROADMAP**  
Current (2020)

| Year | Year | Year |
|------|------|------|
| TRL1 | TRL4 | TRL7 |
| TRL2 | TRL5 | TRL8 |
| TRL3 | TRL6 | TRL9 |

**2030**

| Year | Year | Year |
|------|------|------|
| TRL1 |      |      |
| TRL2 |      |      |
| TRL3 |      | 2035 |

**2040+**

| Year | Year | Year |
|------|------|------|
| TRL1 | TRL4 | TRL7 |
| TRL2 | TRL5 | TRL8 |
| TRL3 | TRL6 | TRL9 |

**RATIONALES FOR PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND TRL**  
The system will be used to actively respond to the first qualified threat surfaces. The system will be used to actively respond to the first qualified threat surfaces. The system will be used to actively respond to the first qualified threat surfaces.

**HOW - Technology**

**TECHNOLOGY MATURATION TIMEFRAME**  
From TRL x to TRL x+1

The expected time required to complete each TRL step (in years) will be provided here in a table as the one below. As a first ROW figure, it could be expected that each TRL step will require 2 years. In addition, the schedule for CO's is estimated at 3 to 6 years. Uninterrupted continuing for Technology Maturation and subsequent CO's (the gaps in continuing) will be assumed.

Any additional required assumption and references based on the activities described above.

## WHEN – Maturation plan

| Technology Maturation | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Y7 | Y8 | Y9 | Y10 | Y11 | Y12 |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| TRL1->TRL2            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
| TRL2->TRL3            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
| TRL3->TRL4            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
| TRL4->TRL5            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
| TRL5->TRL6            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
| TRL6->TRL7            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |

**TECHNOLOGY MATURATION RISK**  
TBD

**TECHNOLOGY MATURATION COST**  
TBD

## INTEGRATION ASPECTS

| Parameters        | Parameters             |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| I/O Interface:    | See: (S & S 2017) 2017 |
| HW requirement:   | See: (S & S 2017) 2017 |
| SW requirement:   | See: (S & S 2017) 2017 |
| Considerations:   | See: (S & S 2017) 2017 |
| Other:            | See: (S & S 2017) 2017 |
| Power consumption | See: (S & S 2017) 2017 |

## Integration aspects

## MANUFACTURING ASPECTS

| Current (2020) | Year | Year | Year |
|----------------|------|------|------|
| MRL1           | MRL4 | MRL7 |      |
| MRL2           | MRL5 | MRL8 |      |
| MRL3           | MRL6 | MRL9 |      |

| 2030 | Year | Year | Year |
|------|------|------|------|
| MRL1 | MRL4 | MRL7 |      |
| MRL2 | MRL5 | MRL8 |      |

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| MRL3 | MRL6 | MRL9 |
|------|------|------|

| 2040+ | Year | Year | Year |
|-------|------|------|------|
| MRL1  | MRL4 | MRL7 |      |
| MRL2  | MRL5 | MRL8 |      |
| MRL3  | MRL6 | MRL9 |      |

## DEPENDENCIES WITH OTHER TECHNOLOGIES

| ID_tech | Name_tech | Rationale |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
|         |           |           |

| SY1 | Rationale |
|-----|-----------|
|     |           |

| CO | Rationale |
|----|-----------|
|    |           |

## APPLICATION

| Product | Description |
|---------|-------------|
|         |             |

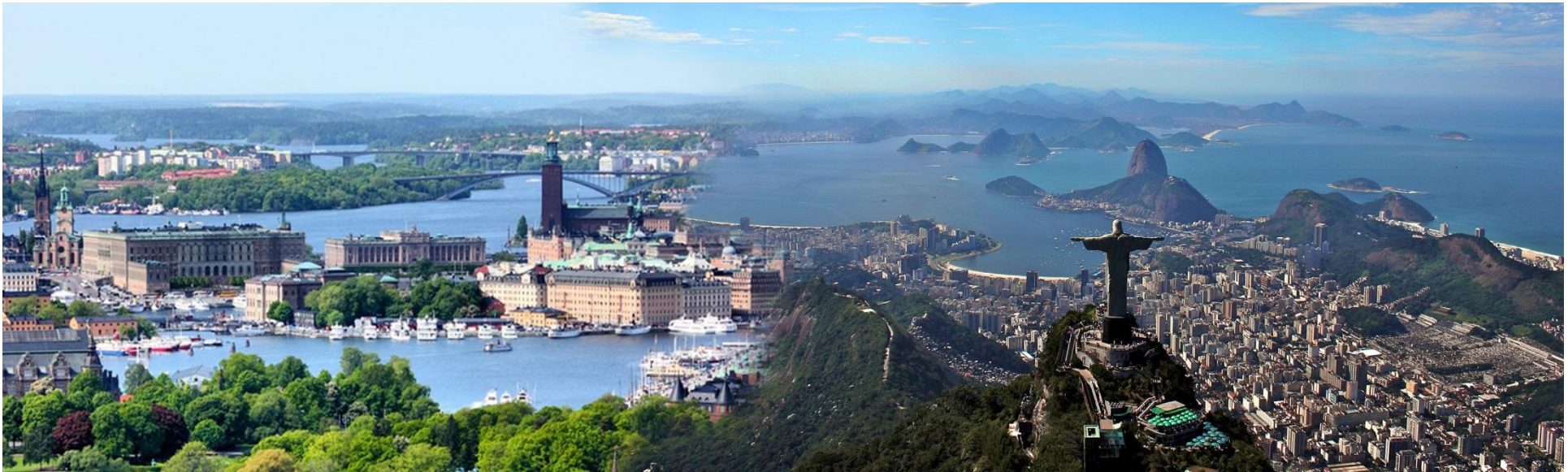
## CHANGES

| Date | Name | Description |
|------|------|-------------|
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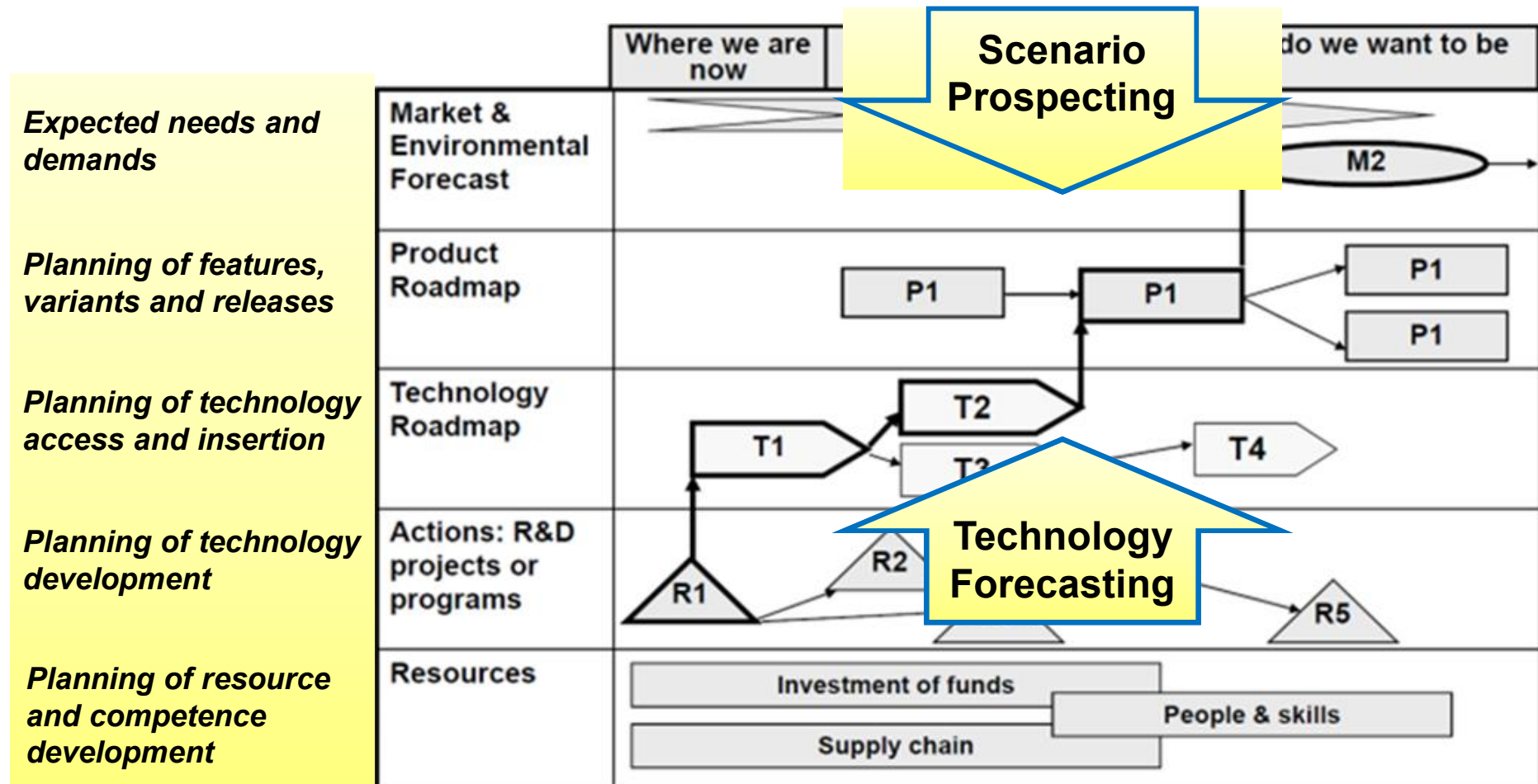


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# Example: Saab Future Combat Air System

