

# Revolutionizing Product Definition: How mabe Transformed Efficiency with Modularization and Digitalization

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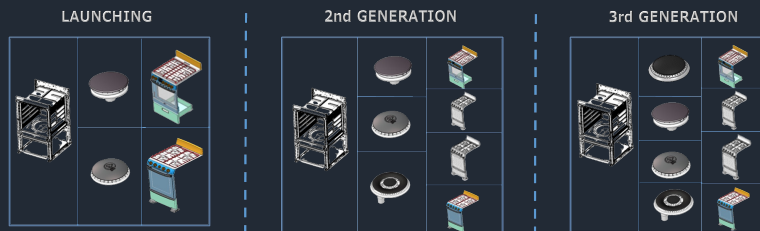
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## Why ?



- Accelerate cadence of new products to the market
- Manage wider product families with improved performance
- Enable module design aimed to reduce business complexity
- Improve productivity in all business processes enabled by less complexity

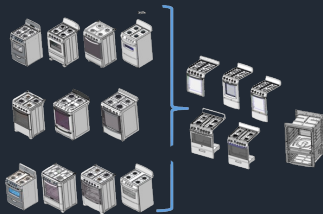


## The return!

- ✓ Efficient Product Planning **reduces effort** to define a new SKU with **90%**.
- ✓ Effort to create BOMs and fixing mistakes is **reduced by 80%**.
- ✓ **Fast and accurate Cost Management** by configuring cost bearing module variants to SKU's.
- ✓ **Safer New Product Factory Start-up** by a clear view of which parts are included in which SKU's across the entire product family.
- ✓ **Predictable Supplier Management** from a clear view of which parts are used across all product families and what volumes.



## Modular Architecture Journey at Mabe



1Q 2017

FSR 20, 22 & 24 inch  
Program: NAOS & GBB  
Market: North America & Latam  
+200 sku's

PART NUMBER COUNT			
BEFORE	AFTER	BENEFIT	
3172	1690	-1482	-47%

1Q 2019

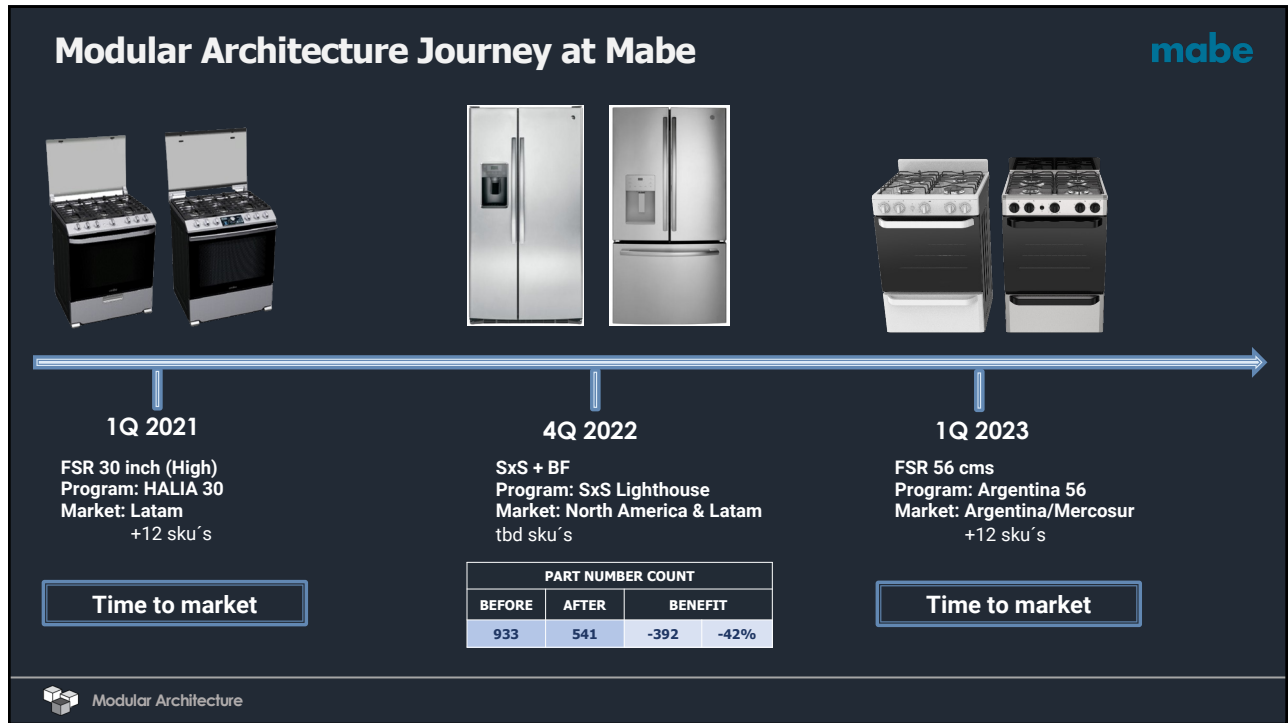
FSR 30 inch (Low, Mid & High)  
Program: APEX  
Market: North America  
98 sku's

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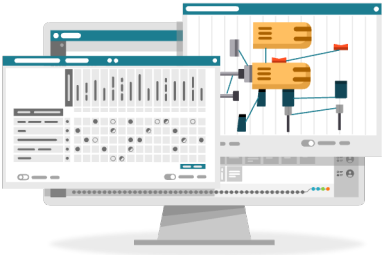
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Time to market

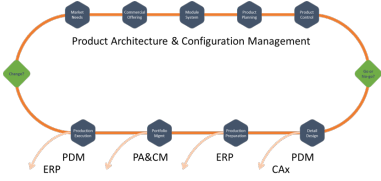


## How?



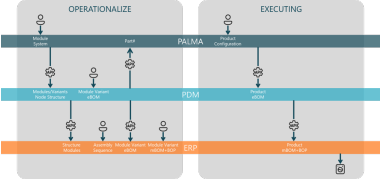
**Modular Architecture**  
Modularizing product families using the PALMA tool, stepwise by product categories.

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**Digitalization**  
Using PALMA and the Unified Product Information Model as a vehicle in the Digitalization journey.

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**Integration**  
PALMA – Windchill –SAP information exchange and automated xBOM creation.

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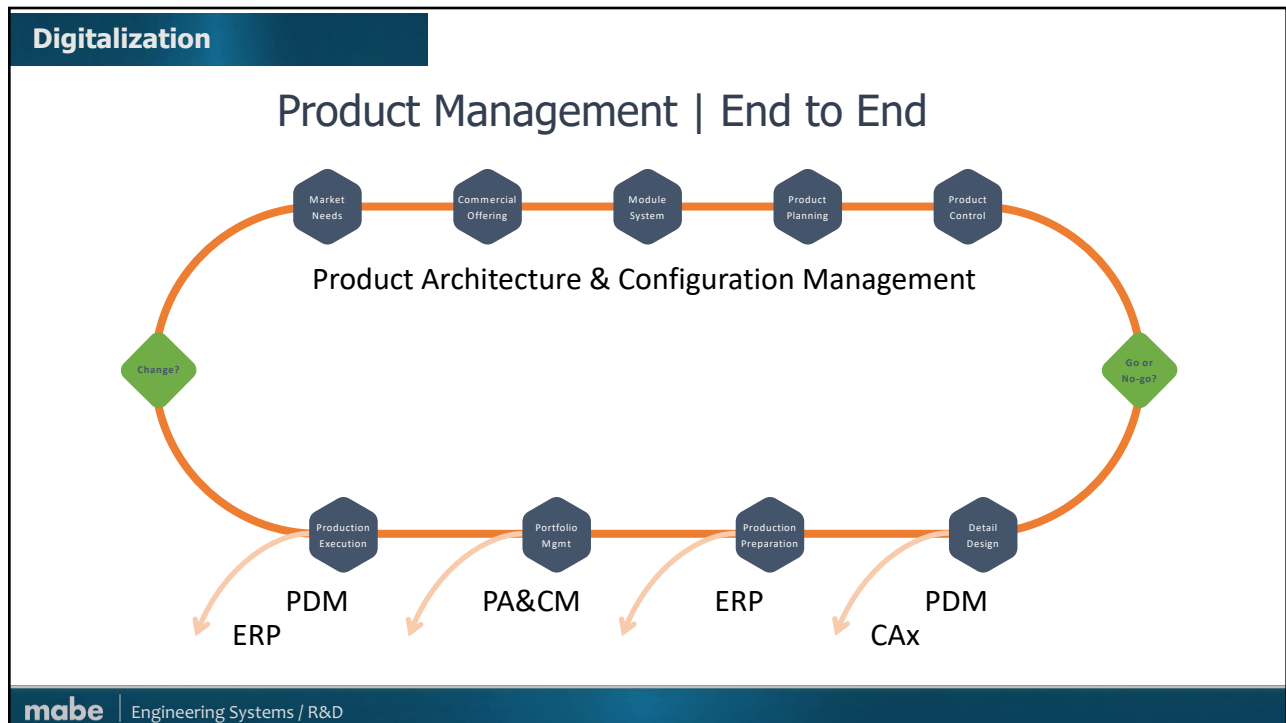
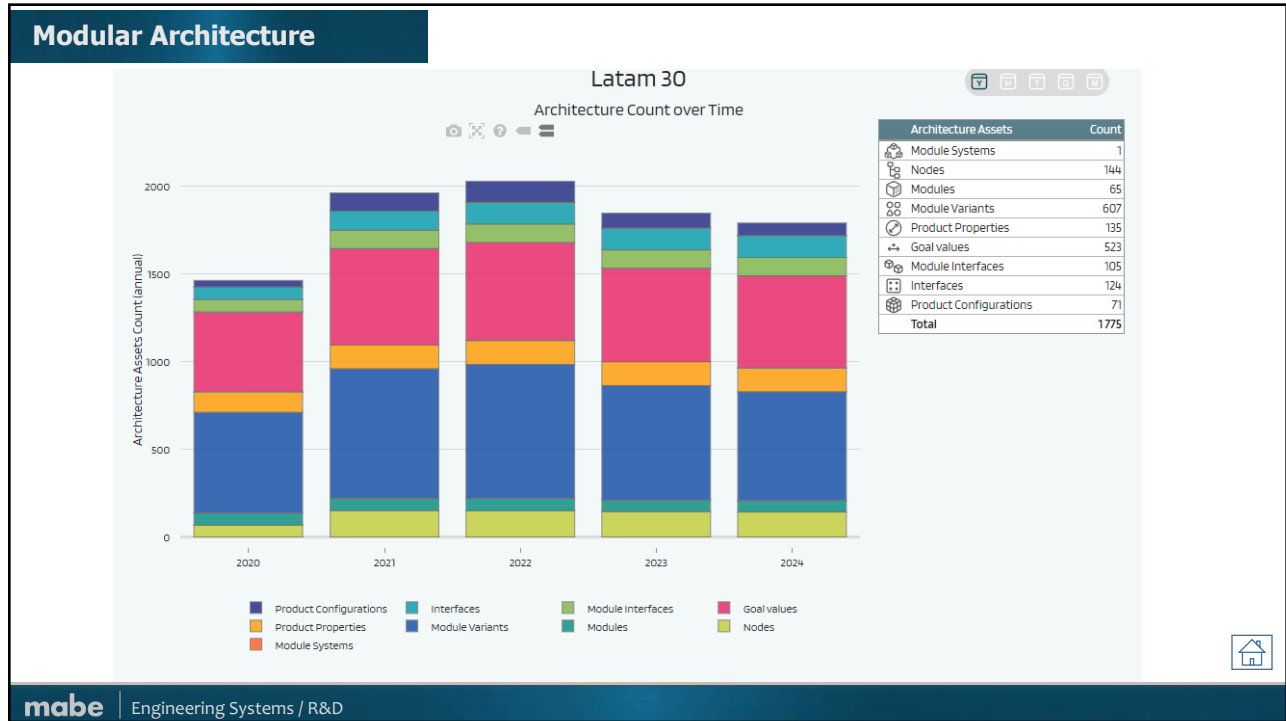
## Modular Architecture

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### Digitalization

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The diagram is a hierarchical tree structure representing product data. It is organized into several vertical columns, each with a category label on the left. The categories and their associated items are:

- Segments:** SR
- Objectives:** CVR, QFD
- Product Properties:** COM, CLP
- Launch Waves:** (unlabeled)
- Competitors:** PB
- Disassembly:** DPE
- Module Drivers:** DPM, MIM, MB, MSM, IM
- Product Properties:** MVS, TFP
- System Properties:** SPM
- Modules:** CI, CFG, PSM
- Hosts:** GPS
- Product Configurations:** PCM
- Launch Waves:** MVP, VP
- Part Types:** CXD
- Activities:** MX, MI, MC
- Investments:** (unlabeled)
- Direct Costs:** (unlabeled)
- Product Configurations:** PLX, PLI, PLC
- Product Configurations:** SF, PCC, MSP

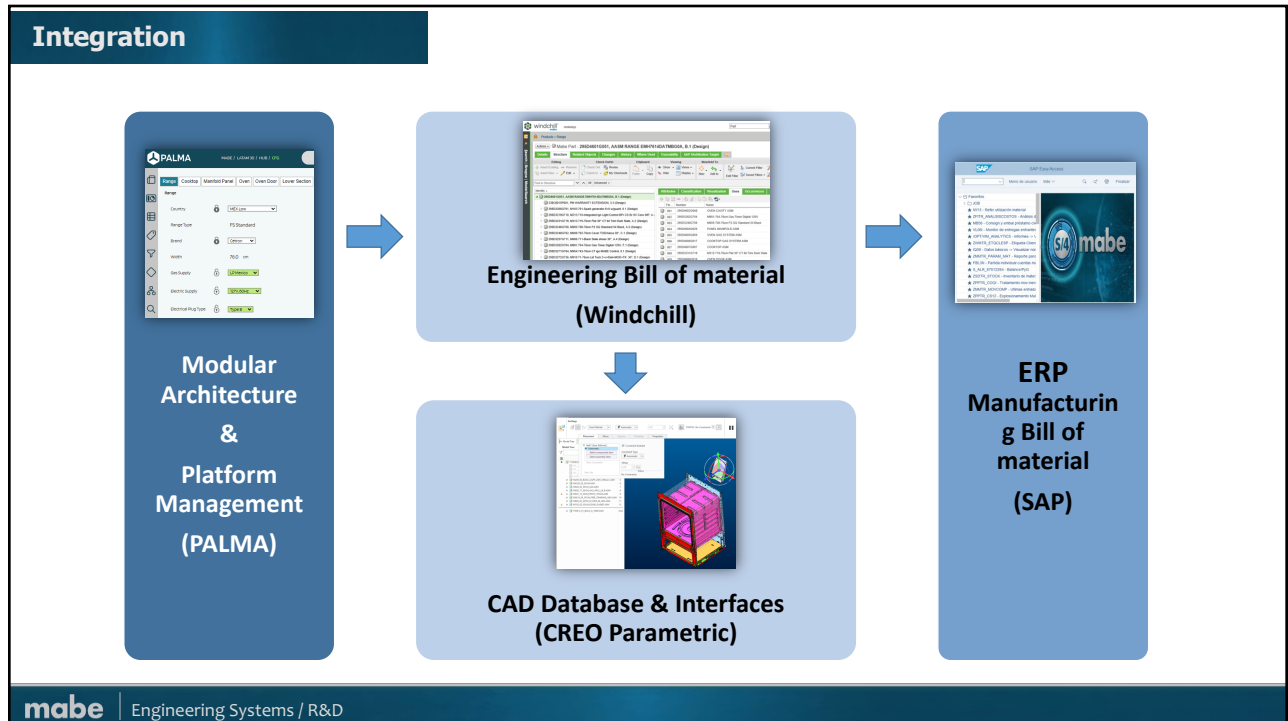
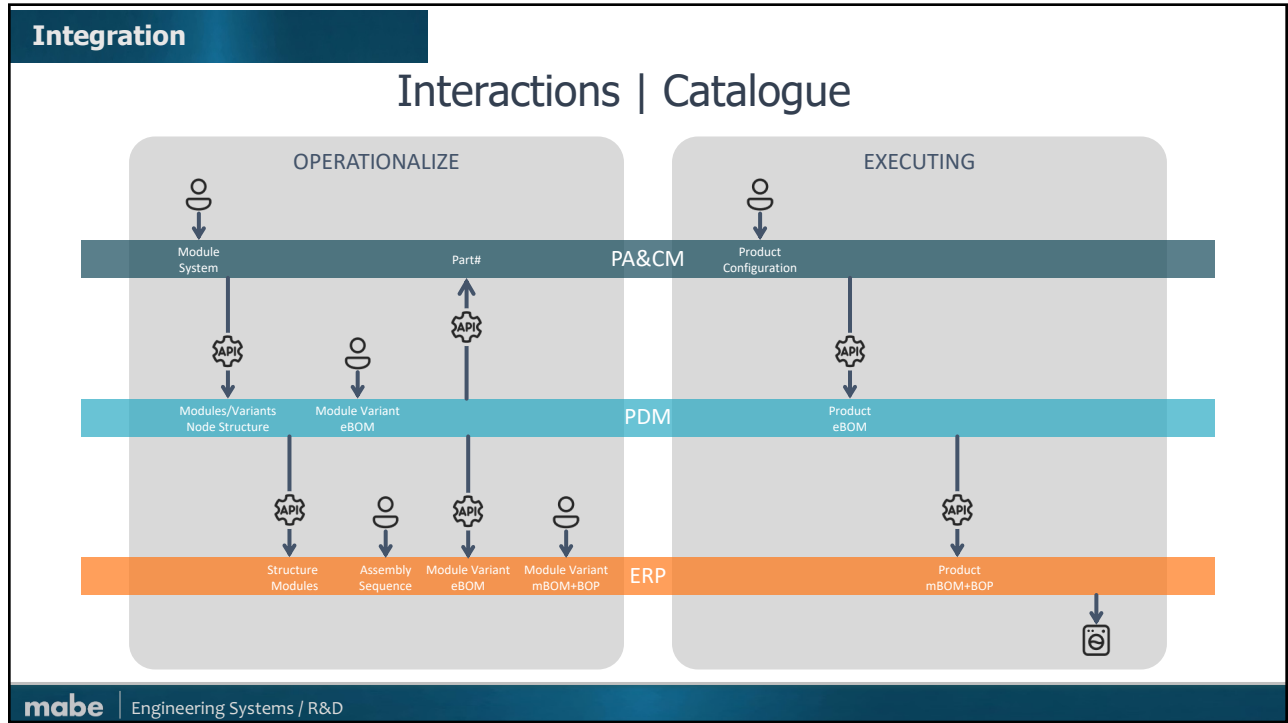
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### Digitalization

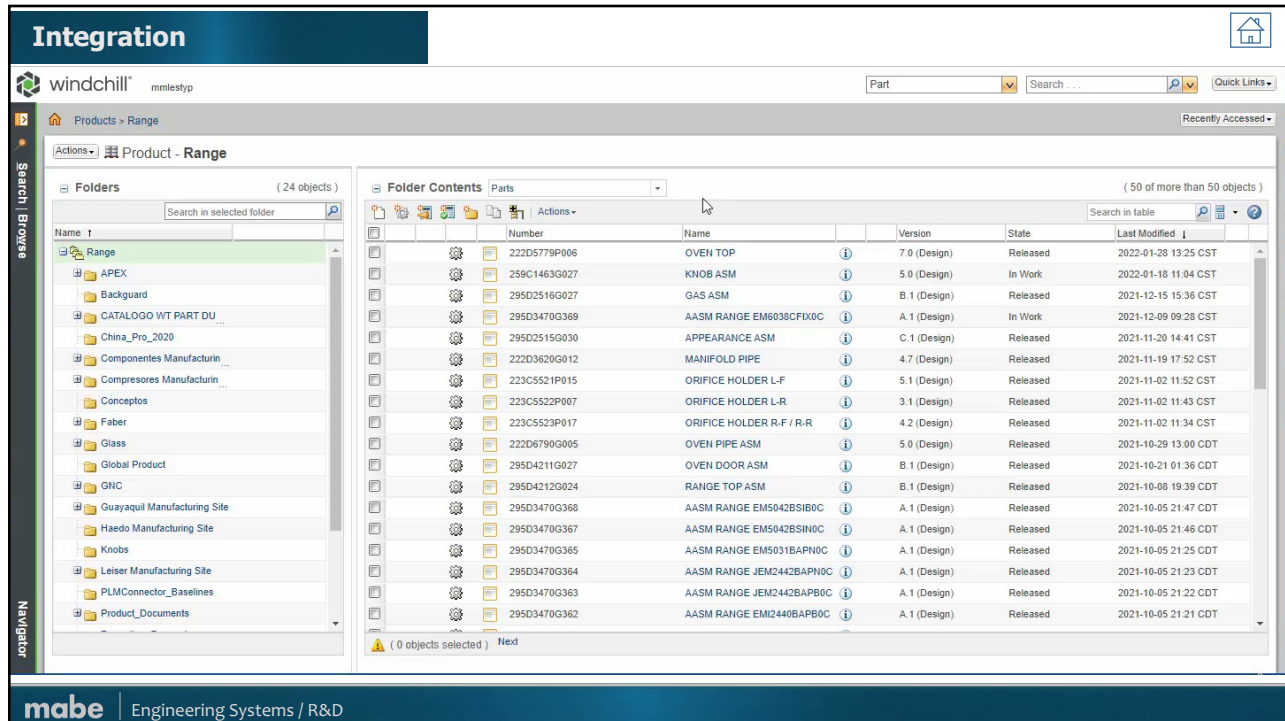
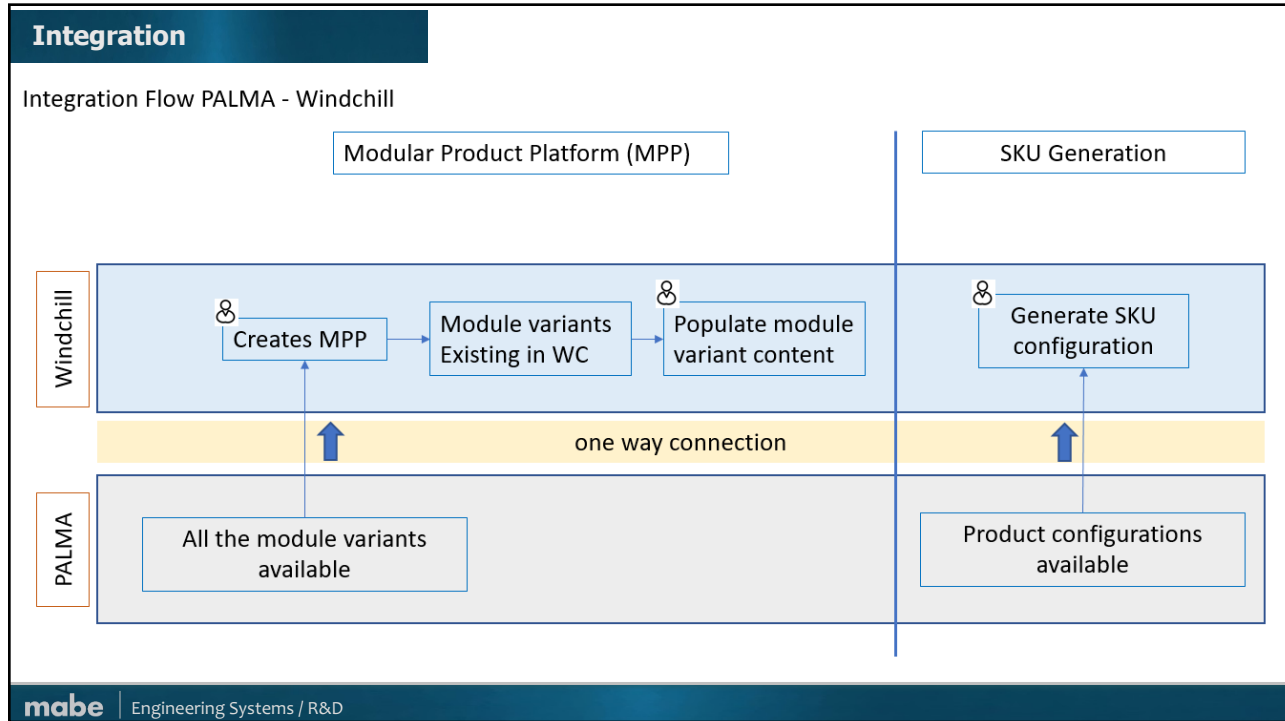
The image displays a 3D CAD model of a kitchen appliance, likely a range hood or oven, with its various components shown in an exploded view. The components are labeled as follows:

- Cavity:** Shows five different views of the main body of the appliance.
- Backsplash / Lid:** Shows three different views of the top and back panels.
- Oven Door:** Shows three different views of the front door, including one with a control panel.
- Lower Unit:** Shows three different views of the bottom section of the appliance.
- Panel:** Shows a control panel with various buttons and a display.
- Cooktop:** Shows the bottom-most section, which is the cooktop.

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## Lessons Learned

- **New skills required**
  - ✓ To adopt a new way of working people need to be open to learn and go out of their comfort zone while learning
  - ✓ Step-wise approach to build trust and avoid overwhelming the organization
- **Importance of data quality**
  - ✓ In a digitalized process manual interpretation and judgement of data is not possible
  - ✓ Data need to be accurate as automated processes will act on it.

## Summary & Conclusion

We had a tough challenge!  
But with the proper mindset and tools to support us, we managed  
deliver on all of them, far better than we would ever imagine.

### Challenges

- Accelerate new products to the market
- Extend and improve product families
- Reduce business complexity
- Improve productivity across business

### Outcome

- ✓ SKU-definition reduced by **90%**
- ✓ BOM-management reduced by **80%**
- ✓ **Fast and accurate** Cost Management
- ✓ **Precise** new product Factory Start-up
- ✓ **Predictable** Supplier Management

### Fact:

- NPD and introduction from 32 to 4 days
- Existing product update from 13 to 1.5 days
- 8 Production Plants, 1 Modular team

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