

# Wishlist of an industrial manufacturing machine tools producer

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### **About BLM GROUP**



BLM GROUP HEADQUARTERS
Cantù, Italy

**BLM** specializes in the design and production of CNC tube and wire bending and tube end-forming equipment.



ADIGE CAMPUS
Levico, Italy

ADIGE manufactures tube laser-cutting systems and cold sawing machines for tube and bars. The product range also includes wire brushing, measuring, washing and collection systems.

ADIGE-SYS produces combination
Tube and sheet laser systems,
large diameter capacity Lasertube
And end-machining tubes
and bars equipment.

**BLM GROUP** develops advanced integration & automation between tube processing technologies.





# Focus on internationalization

Sales and Service: close to you – wherever and whenever you need it





# Focus on Research and Development

7%

40

36

Of our income is invested in R&D

**Active Patents** 

Collaboration programs with University and Research Centers



# Product range

LASERTUBE | BENDING & END-FORMING | SAWING & END-MACHINING | SHEET LASER CUTTING | SERVICE





# Application Fields

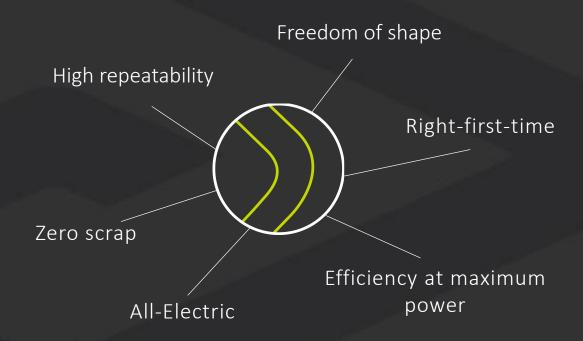
We provide manufacturing solutions for the production of existing and emerging products within the industrial marketplace.



Automotive - Indoor and outdoor furniture - Aerospace - Railway equipment - Architecture - Mechanical applications - Climate control - Cycles and motorcycles Industrial and agricultural vehicles and products — Shipbuilding - Household appliances



# TUBE BENDERS



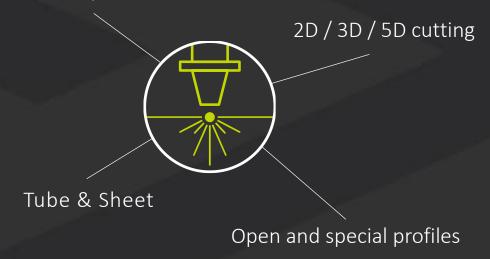
**16 models** to meet any requirement



# LASERTUBE CUTTING SYSTEMS

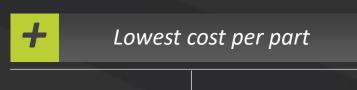
More than 2000 installations worldwide

Ø from 12 up to 610 mm



**10 models** to meet any requirement







*Just in time production* 

# ALL-IN-ONE PROCESS



Right-First-Time



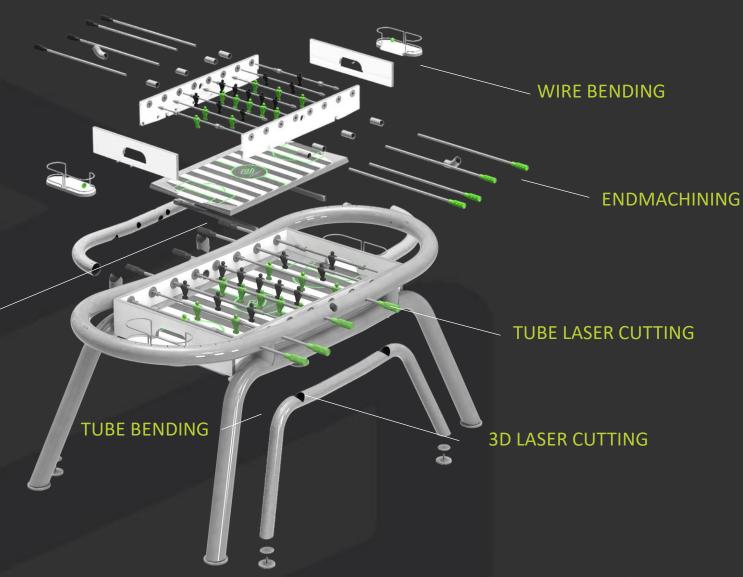
Free design reach



# BLM GROUP different technologies made for each other

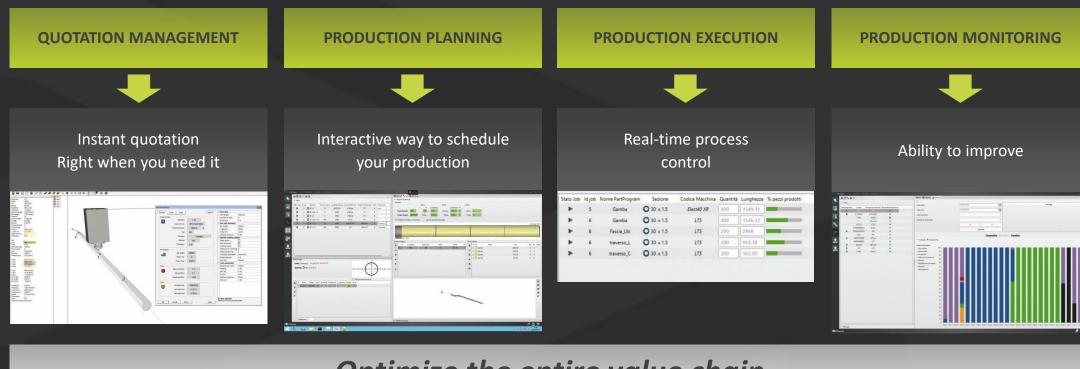
The use of separate technologies has always caused difficulties. **BLM GROUP machines** are created to seamlessly marry these technologies taking in account the effects of each technology on the final product. All automatically.

SHEET METAL LASER CUTTING





# Managing daily production



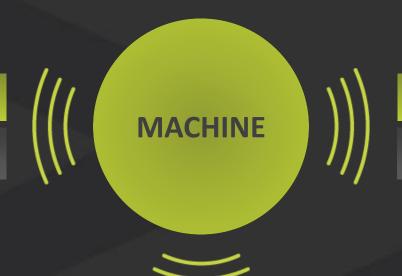




# Focus on digitalization

#### **SERVICE**

Predictive - Preventive - Corrective



#### LOGISTIC

Optimal movement just in time



Productivity - Efficiency - Quality





Dear Santa...

Laboratorio Embedded Systems & Smart Manufacturing (ESSM)

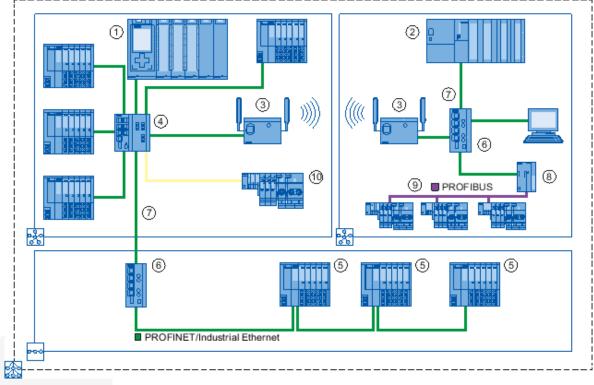
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### **Embedded Systems**

- A typical system for industrial applications is made up of several "embedded" components.
- Despite different connection topologies, the most used paradigm is the controller/device (a.k.a. master/slave, depending on fieldbus)

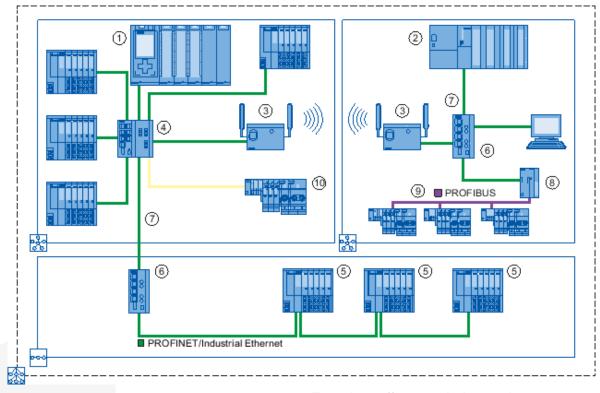


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### **Embedded Systems**

- Hundreds (or thousands) sensors are spread all over the machine, but they talk only to the controller and serve only one purpose.
- What if we could merge all the signals into a pool from which extract rich information?!
  - Predictive maintenance
  - Production process optimization
  - Anomaly detection
  - Faulty parts detection



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The controller is (usually) not the proper tool

## **Embedded Systems**

Our wish: to reverse the paradigm. The fieldbus communication should be broadcasted, moving from "point-to-point" to "publisher-subscriber".

OPC-UA PubSub is a good candidate, but should meet real-time requirement of industrial fieldbus (see the recent rise of TSN).

We need "machine slaves" with this sort of communication options.

In this way, a PLC/CN can do its job while another unit (CPU/GPU) could mine the data through the help of machine learning algorithms.

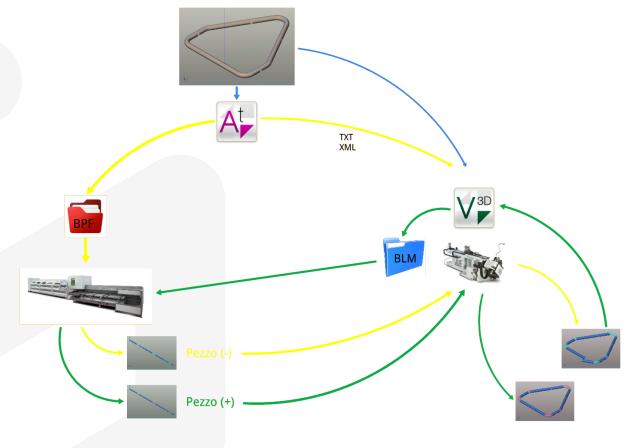


BLM Group cares about the full production chain of its costumers.

1) we developed the "All-in-One" solution, for cutting+bending

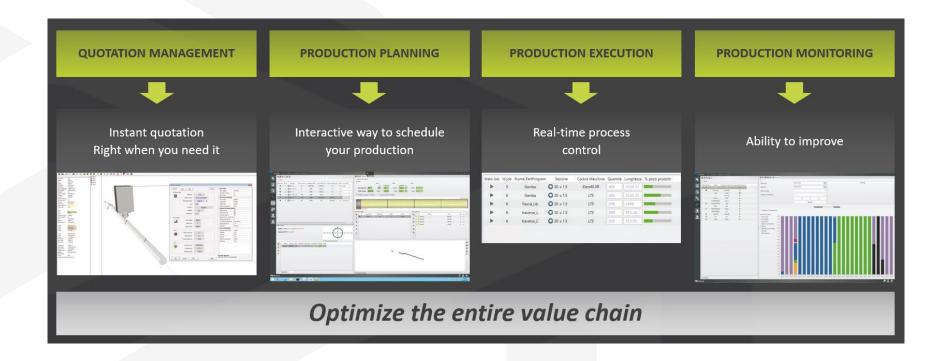
multi-machine process flow.

LaserTube can compensate Bender deformations... no need to act on CAD file!





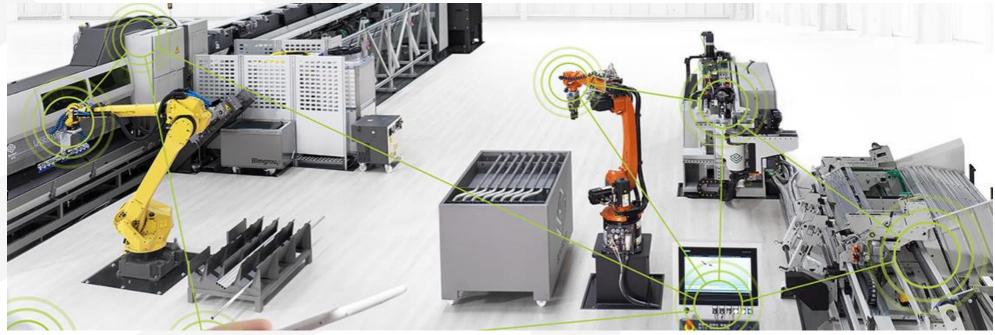
- BLM Group cares about the full production chain of its costumers.
- 2) we developed a suite of SW tools for MES and ERP integration





BLM Group cares about the full production chain of its costumers.

3) we go even further: we customize solutions with robots and automatic warehouses





What is missing?! A standardization (among different producers) of:

- processing system model
- raw material, batches and parts "parameters"
  - geometrical (theoretical/compensated)
  - handling
  - status (correct/faulty/to be reworked/...)
- machine bus or I/O
- machine data

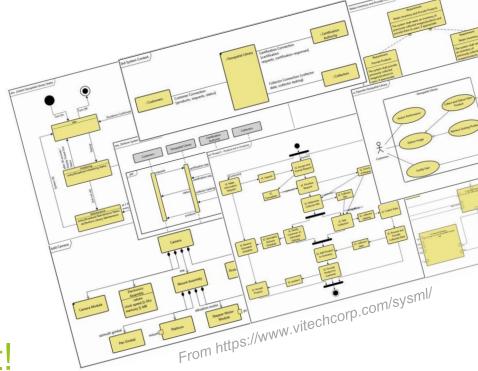
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Is SysML a promising solution?!

Can we create standard «blocks» and API?!

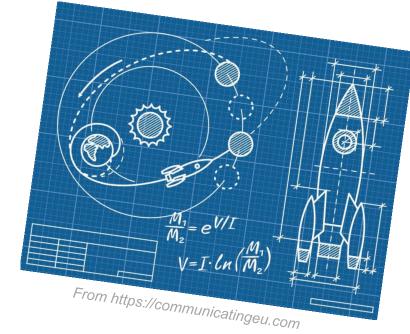


## **Technology Transfer**

No one can be a know-it-all. It's hard to climb the (normally steep) learning curve!

We do not need rocket-science blueprints...

... we need rockets!





## **Technology Transfer**

Technology Transfer is a process which must be carried out in collaboration between companies and institutions.

Laboratories and Applied Research Center can bridge the different focus (publications vs. revenue)

CINI, ESSM and ICE (together with other Italian excellences, e.g. SMACT Rovereto) are rapidly reducing the gap with the "german model" (see e.g. ARENA2036)



# Thank you!!

