

# CARV/MCPC 2021 Opening Paper Presentation

*- A Bibliometric and Sentiment Study of CARV and MCPC  
Conferences in the 21st Century: Towards Sustainable  
Customization*

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# Introduction



# Sustainable Customization

- CARV/MCPC 2021 Conference Theme

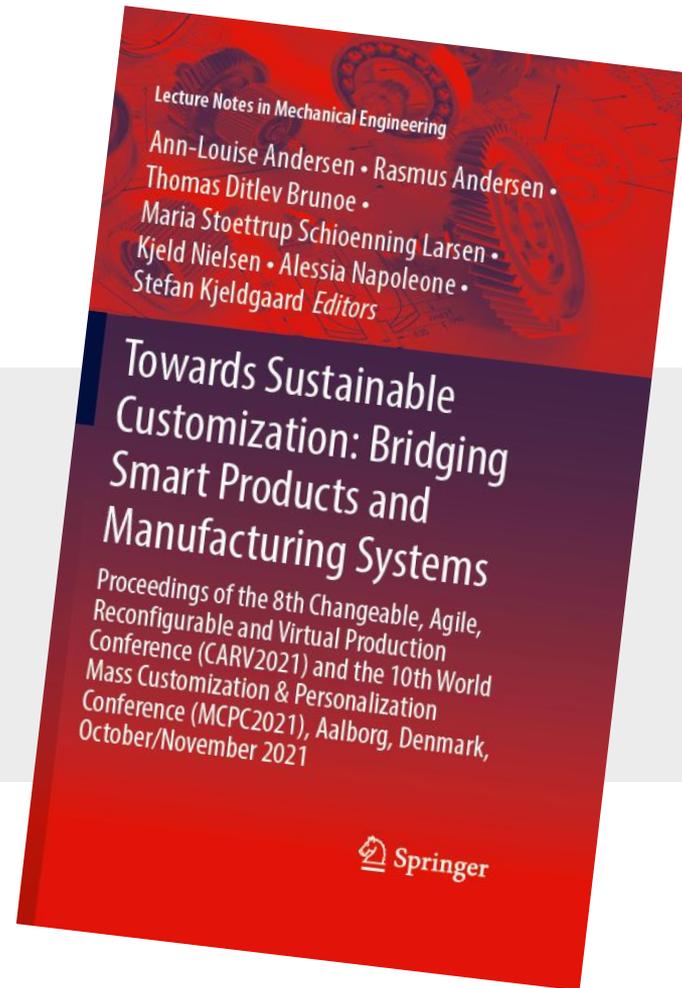
*“... the continued success of a company is highly dependent on the ability to detect and fulfill idiosyncratic and changing customer needs in a cost-efficient, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible way.”*

# Book of Proceedings

- CARV/MCPC 2021

# 119

Papers  
across  
both  
conferences



# Book of Proceedings

- Divided into 14 Topical Parts

Smart Automation  
and Human–  
Machine  
Collaboration

Changeable,  
Reconfigurable,  
and Flexible  
Manufacturing

Additive  
Manufacturing

Machine Learning  
for Smart  
Manufacturing

Smart Factories  
and Cyber-  
Physical  
Production  
Systems

Data-driven  
Approaches for  
Manufacturing and  
Variety  
Management

Global Production  
and Supply Chain  
Networks

Configuration  
Management and  
Choice Navigation

Insights from Case  
Studies and  
Experiments

Smart Products,  
Services, and  
Product-Service  
Systems

Learning Factories  
and Engineering  
Education

Digital  
Transformation  
and Maturity  
Assessment

Sustainable  
Manufacturing and  
Circular Economy

Factory and Shop  
Floor Planning



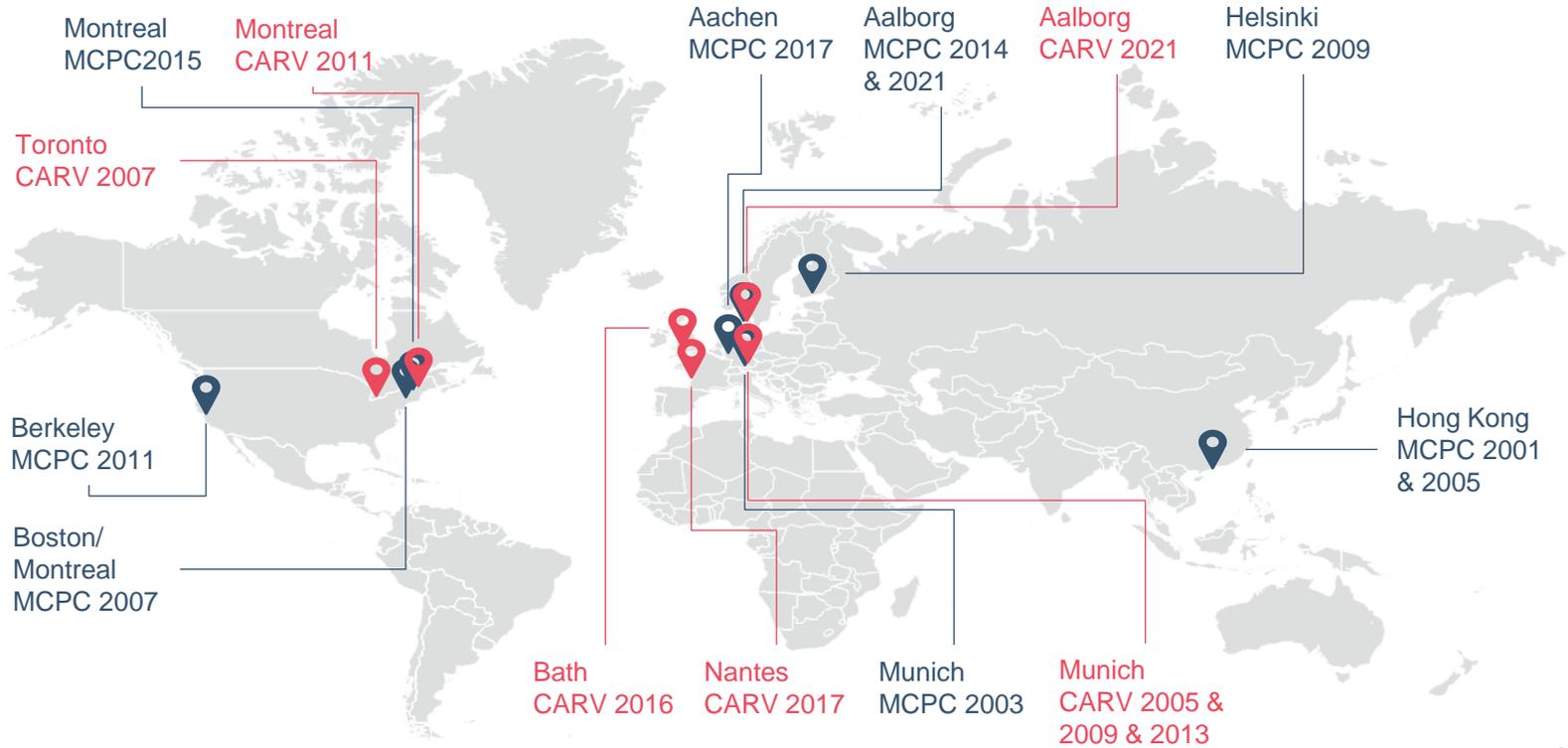
# Review Process in Brief

- CARV/MCPC 2021





# Hosting Cities for CARV & MCPC



# CARV/MCPC 2021 Opening Paper

- 8<sup>th</sup> CARV and 10<sup>th</sup> MCPC conference

Experts, Impact, Relevance

Research Trends

Future of CARV & MCPC

## A Bibliometric and Sentiment Analysis of CARV and MCPC Conferences in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Towards Sustainable Customization

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**Abstract.** This opening paper of the CARV/MCPC 2021 book of proceedings presents a study of papers published within the series of Changeable, Agile, Reconfigurable and Virtual Conferences (CARV) and Mass Customization & Personalization Conferences (MCPC). In total, 398 papers are included from the three most recent MCPC conferences and the four most recent CARV conferences. In addition, 119 papers from the CARV/MCPC 2021 conference are included as well. Bibliometric analyses are presented, highlighting the most cited papers and authors, the most productive authors, and recurrence of authors across conference years. In addition, a sentiment analysis highlights trends in research, applying text mining techniques on paper titles, keywords, and abstracts. Finally, past CARV/MCPC 2021 conference proceedings, which highlights future prominent research areas and new emerging topics relevant to the CARV and MCPC communities and future conferences.

**Keywords:** Mass customization, Changeable manufacturing, Reconfigurable manufacturing, Bibliometric analysis, Sentiment analysis

### 1 Introduction

In the last two years, the manufacturing industry has undergone significant change, as new innovations and technologies continue to disrupt the way manufacturing companies operate and compete, e.g. advanced industrial robotics, additive manufacturing, cloud computing, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and internet of things [1, 2]. At the same time, consumers are more than ever demanding customized and personalized products/services and the rapidness of new product introductions is similarly growing [3]. Traditionally, mass-produced consumer goods such as clothing, shoes, cars, food items, health, and cleaning products are still increasingly moving towards customization and personalization, as e-commerce and social media are expanding markets,





# Data & Methods

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## Description



### Time

- CARV: 2011, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2021 (#5, 11 years)
- MCPC: 2014, 2015, 2017, 2021 (#4, 8 years)
- Remaining prior conferences have only internal publications



### Data

- Publishers: Springer, Procedia CIRP, Procedia Manufacturing
- Citation Records: Google Scholar via Publish or Perish (except 2021)
- Text: Title, abstract, and keywords for all papers (including 2021)



### Papers

- 398 papers are analyzed in total
- 273 CARV papers with citation data, 357 CARV papers in text data
- 125 MCPC papers with citation data, 158 MCPC papers in text data

# Data & Methods

CARV: 2011-2019  
MCPC: 2014-2017

Citation records  
(Google Scholar)

398 papers

## Bibliometric analysis

Citations per conference, paper,  
and author  
Most productive authors  
Recurring and unique authors



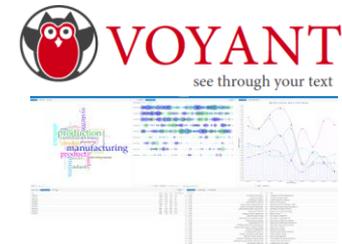
CARV: 2011-2021  
MCPC: 2014-2021

Text data (Title,  
abstract, keyword)

517 papers

## Sentiment analysis

Frequent and distinct words  
Frequent keywords comparison  
across conferences  
Frequent keywords across time



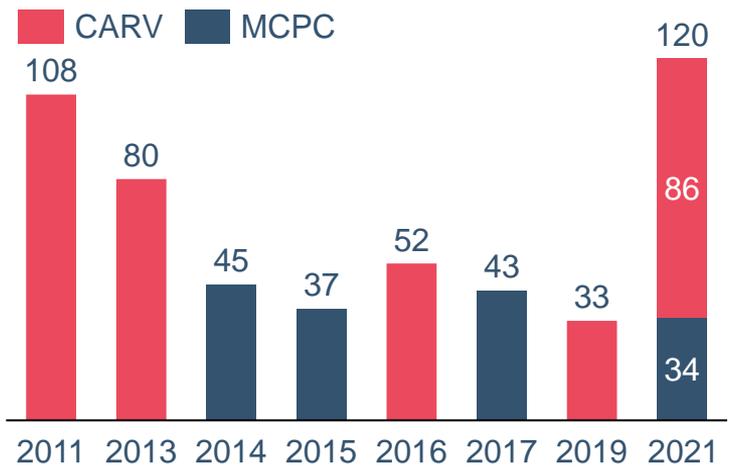


# Bibliometric Analysis

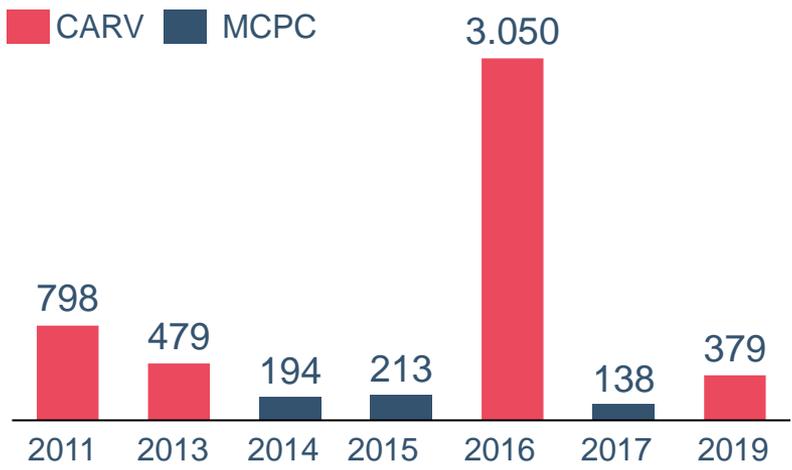
# Citations & Papers per Conference

- Comparison of CARV & MCPC

Number of papers for a book of proceedings from a given year



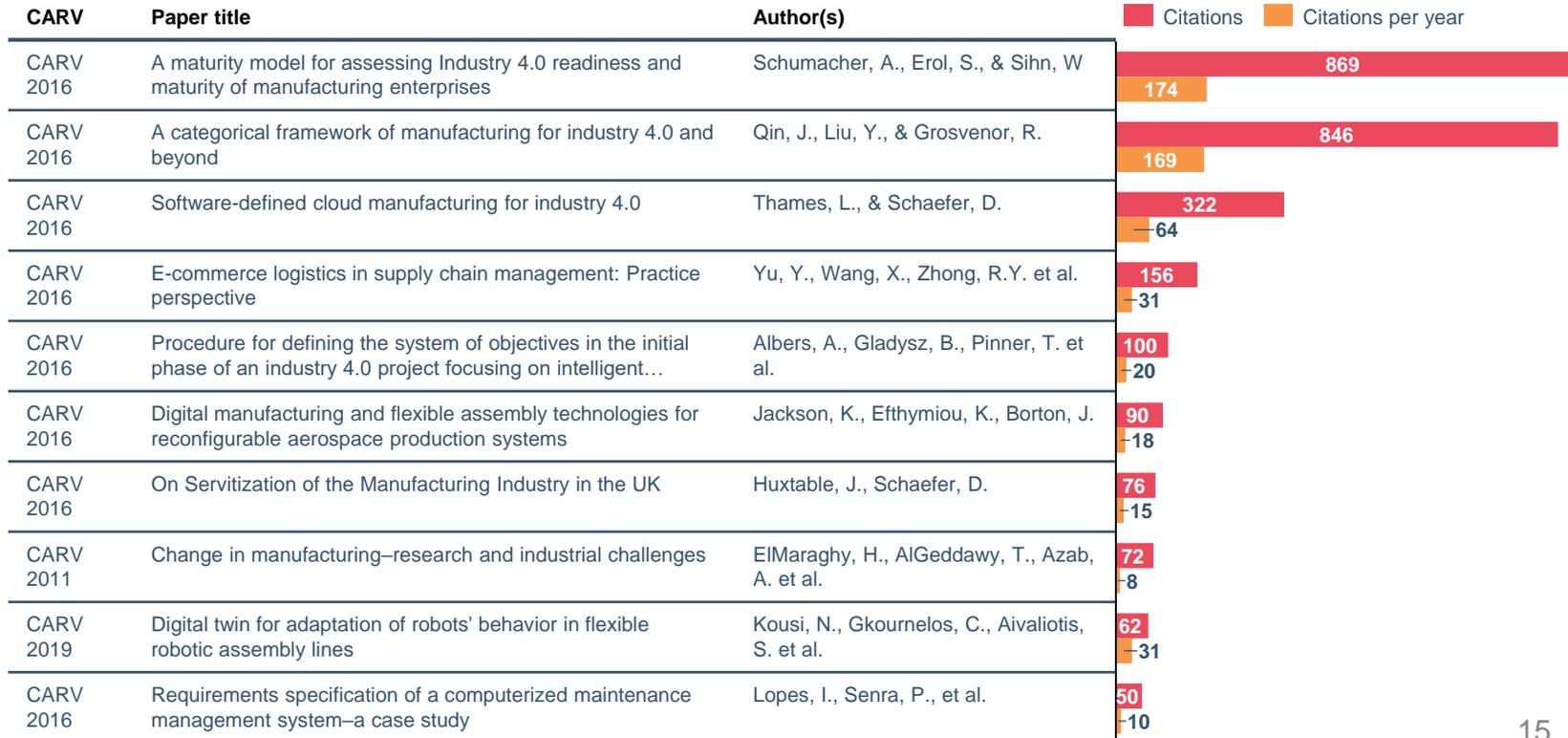
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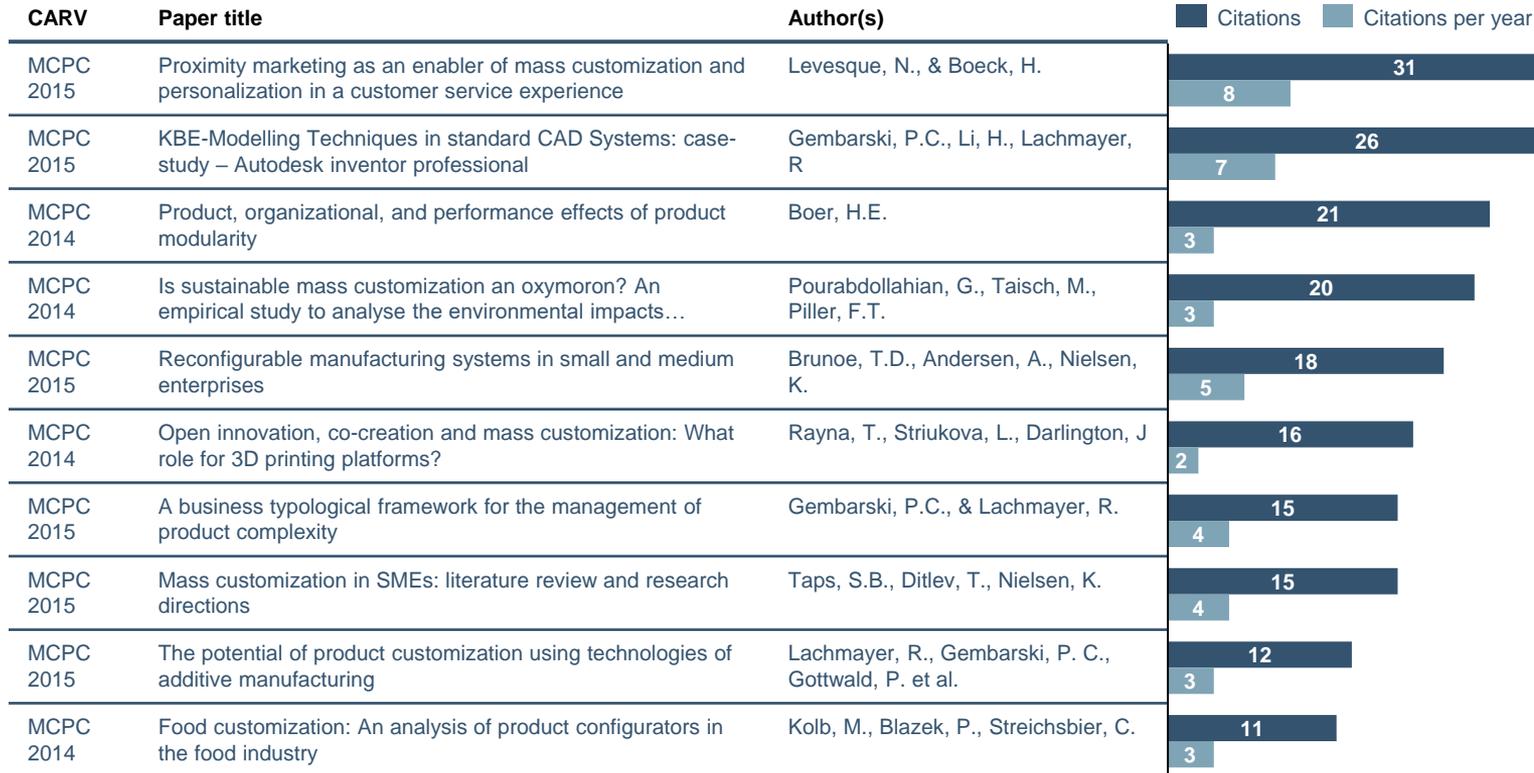
Citations per paper (average)

7,6	6	4,3	5,8	58,7	3,2	11,5
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# Top Cited Papers of CARV



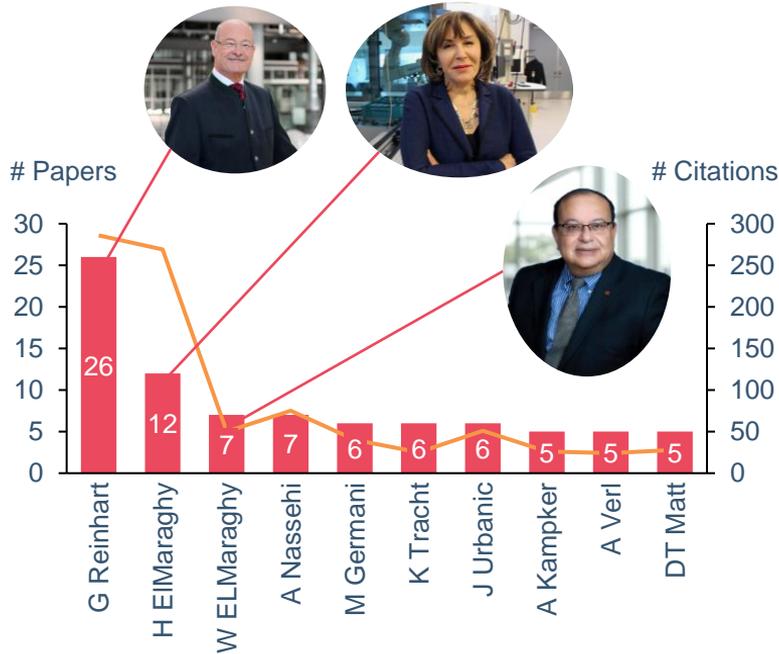
# Top Cited Papers of MCPC



# Most Contributing Authors

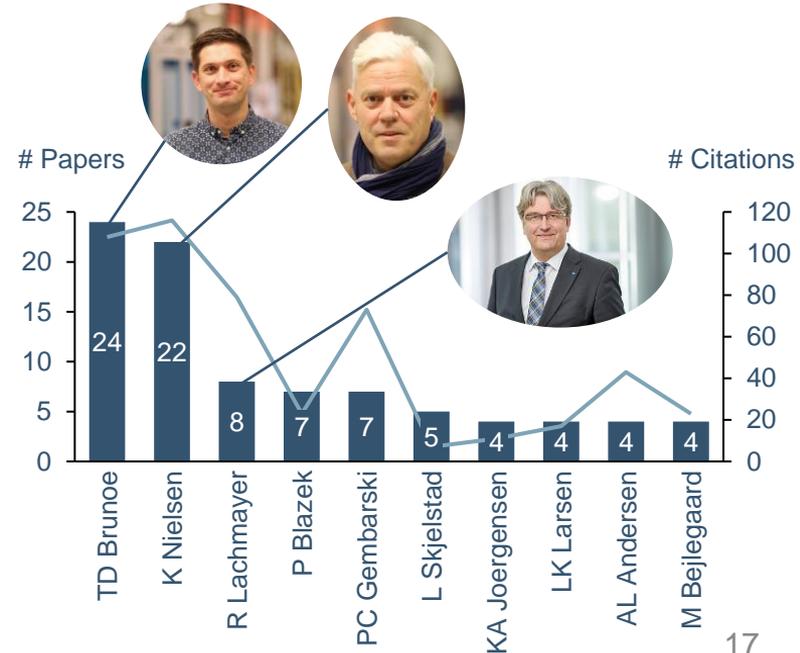
## CARV

# Papers # Citations



## MCPC

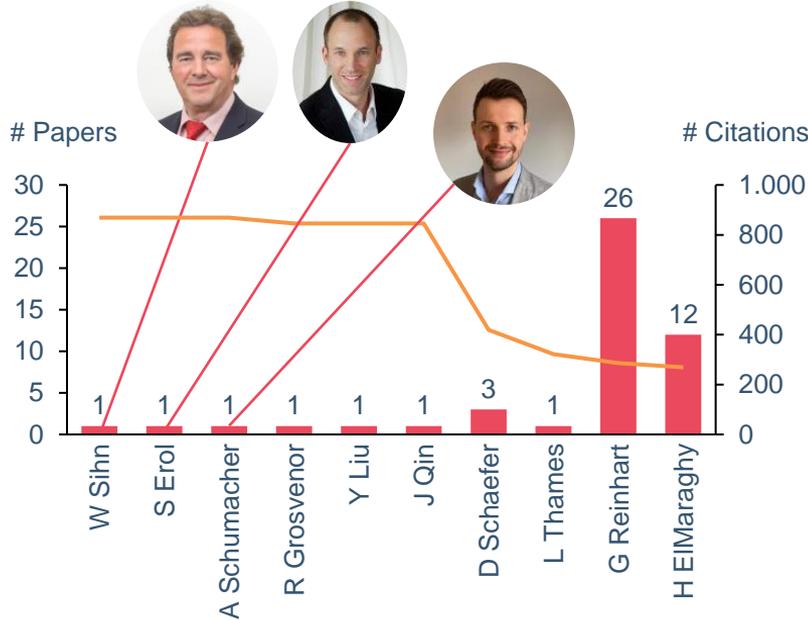
# Papers # Citations



# Most Cited Authors

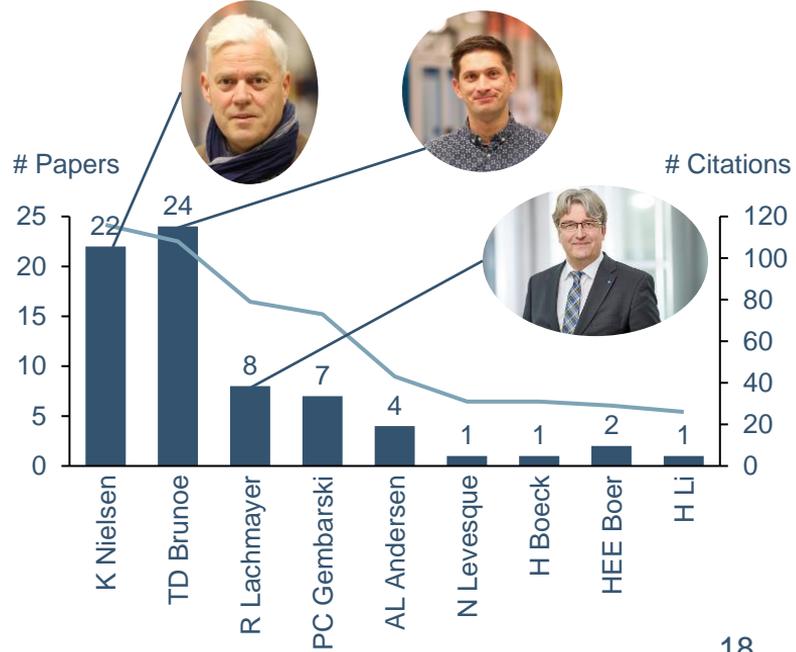
## CARV

# Papers (red bars) # Citations (orange line)



## MCPC

# Papers (dark blue bars) # Citations (light blue line)



# Recurring and Unique Authors

## Author entries for all papers\*

	CARV	MCPC
Number of author entries	852	363
Unique authors	636	265
Ratio	0,75	0,73
One-time authors	516	223
Ratio to unique authors	0,81	0,84

\*Author entries for all papers were generated, giving the number of unique authors and one-time authors.

## Key points

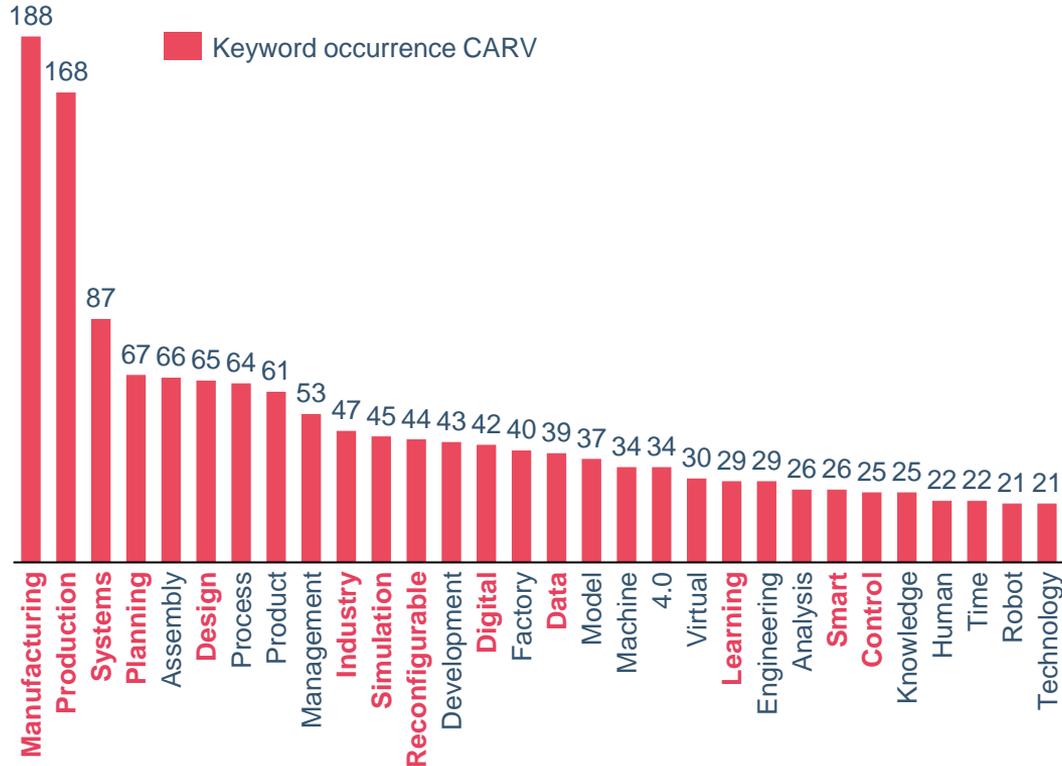
1. Seemingly high ratio of unique and one-time-authors.
2. Might be due to the relatively short time span covered in analyses and relatively “young” age of both conferences.
3. “Narrow” backbone of both conferences.
4. Both conferences appear to attract many doctoral students.



# Sentiment Analysis

# Frequent Keywords

- 30 most frequent keywords for CARV

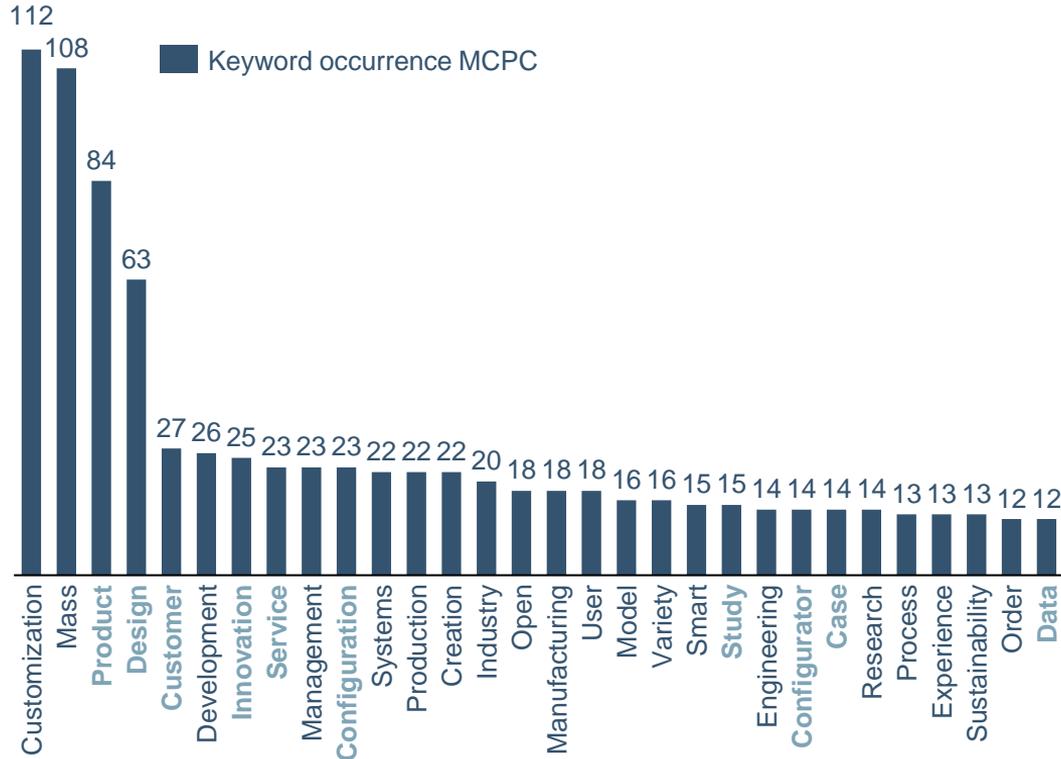


## Key points

1. “Manufacturing” and “production” have very high frequency.
2. The entire lifecycle of systems is covered “Design”, “Planning”, “Reconfigurable”, “Control”.
3. “Industry” (4.0) is frequent, as well as “Digital”, “Smart” and “Data”.
4. “Systems” is more frequent than “Process”, “Product” and “Technology”.
5. “Learning” is relatively high in frequency.
6. “Simulation” has high frequency.

# Frequent Keywords

- 30 most frequent keywords for MCPC

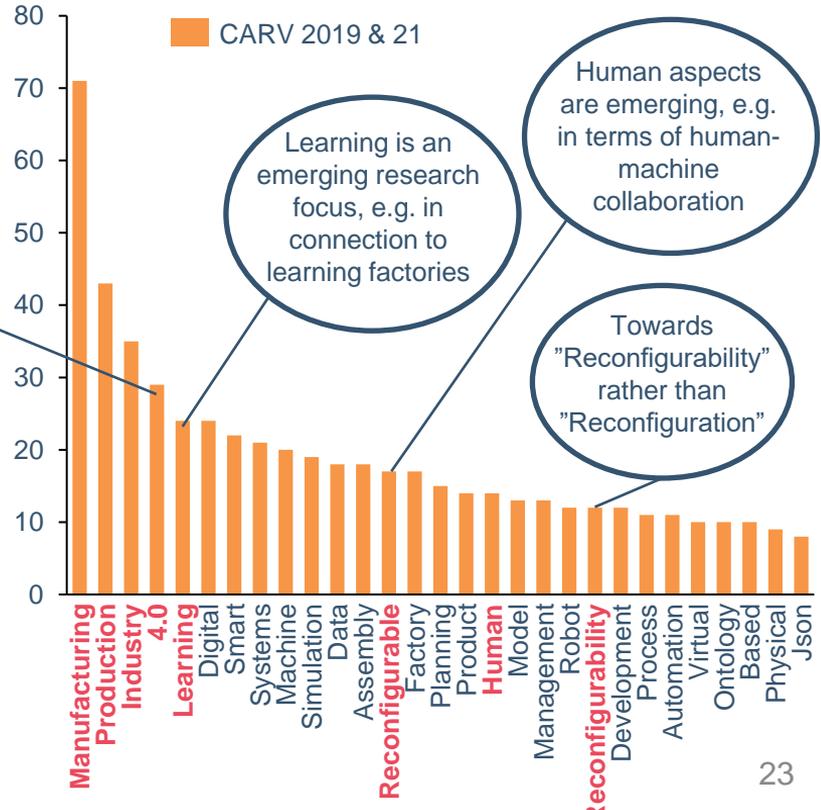
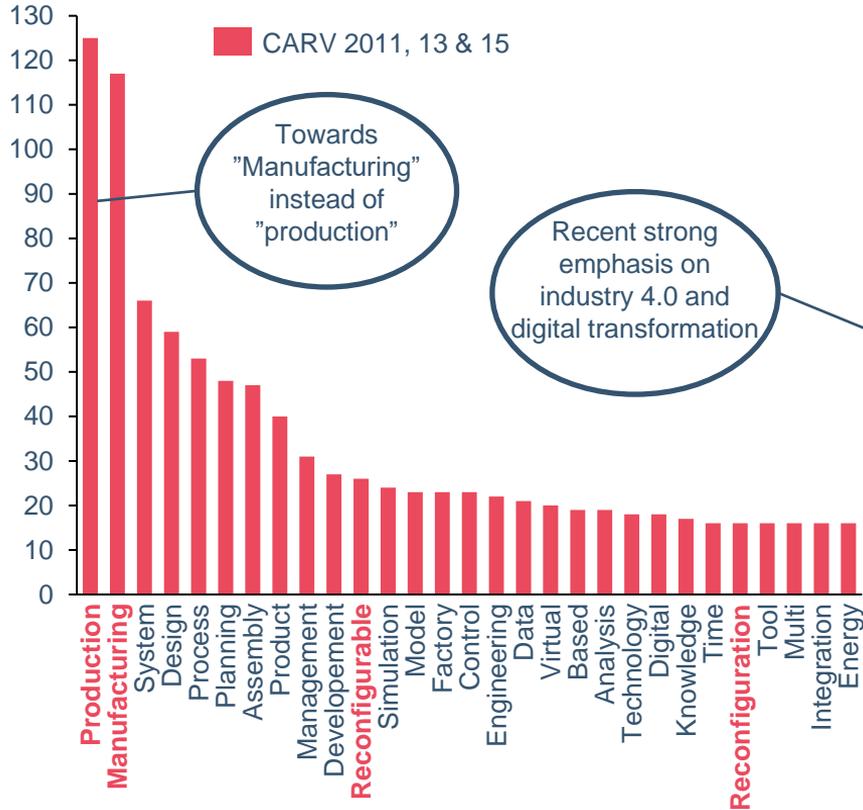


## Key points

1. “Product” has high frequency and also much relatively higher frequency than in CARV.
2. “Design”, “Customer”, “Innovation” are dominant keywords.
3. “Service” is high in frequency and different to CARV top 30.
4. Strong focus on “configuration” and “configurator”
5. “Study” and “Case” are frequent.
6. “Data” is relatively less occurring in MCPC than in CARV.

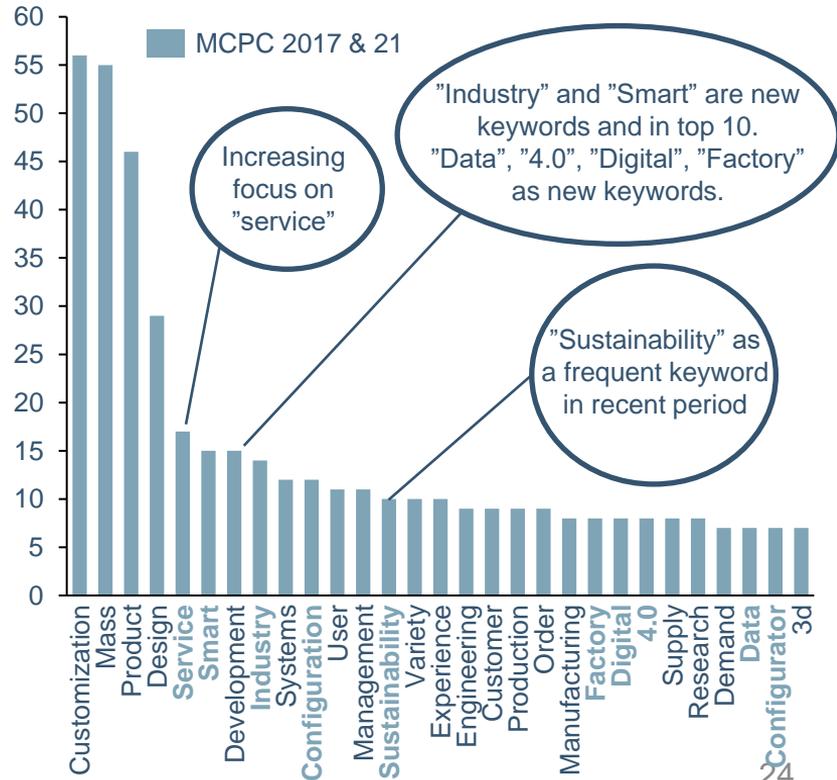
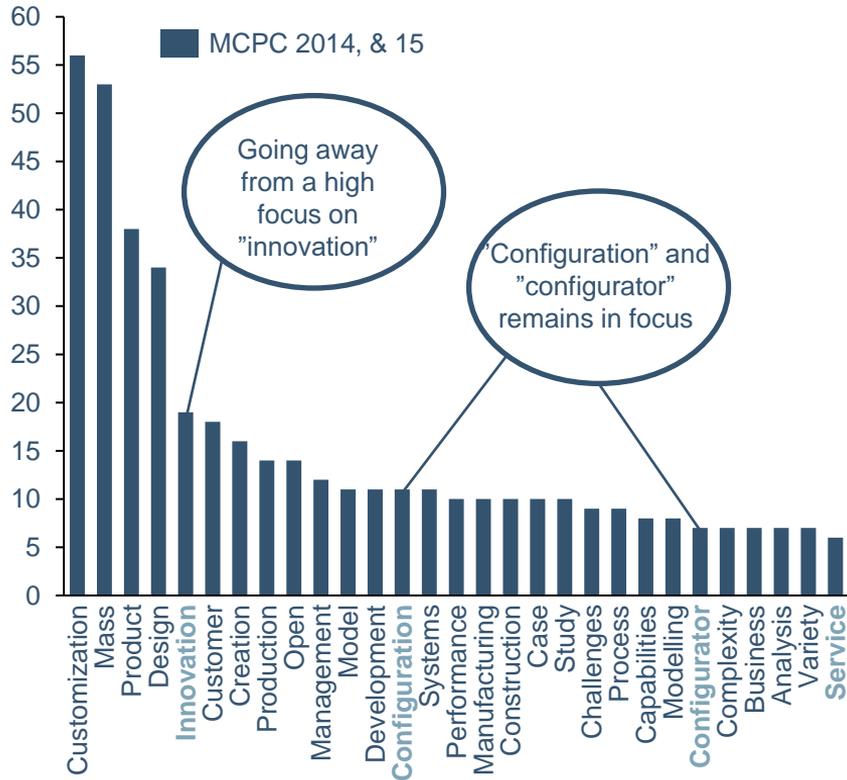
# Frequent Keywords

## - 30 most frequent keywords with time split



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# Conclusions



# Relevance and Impact of CARV & MCPC

- Influential, “young” and dedicated conferences



CARV and MCPC have existed for almost two decades



More than 500 papers published since 2011



More than 5200 citations to date of papers since 2011



Mainly European and North American host cities



Global reach and authorships



Bringing together academia and industry



# Bridging CARV & MCPC

## - Towards Sustainable Customization

1

CARV focuses traditionally on manufacturing, production, systems, processes, technology, and is highly simulation, planning, design, oriented with quantitative methods from an engineering perspective.

2

MCPC covers traditionally wide topics, but includes customer perspectives, products, configuration and modelling, business integration, cases, and qualitative approaches.

3

CARV & MCPC have in recent years' proceedings/papers increased similarity in research focus and topics towards industry 4.0 and smart technologies. CARV continues to focus on changeable manufacturing, while MCPC has increased focus on sustainability.

Sustainability has implications on customer behavior, buying behavior, manufacturing processes, distribution, take-back systems, and manufacturing technologies.

**CARV<sup>21</sup>**



**MCPC<sup>21</sup>**

Supporting industry in becoming changeable and delivering customized products in an efficient, environmentally friendly and socially responsible way.

# Thank you!

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