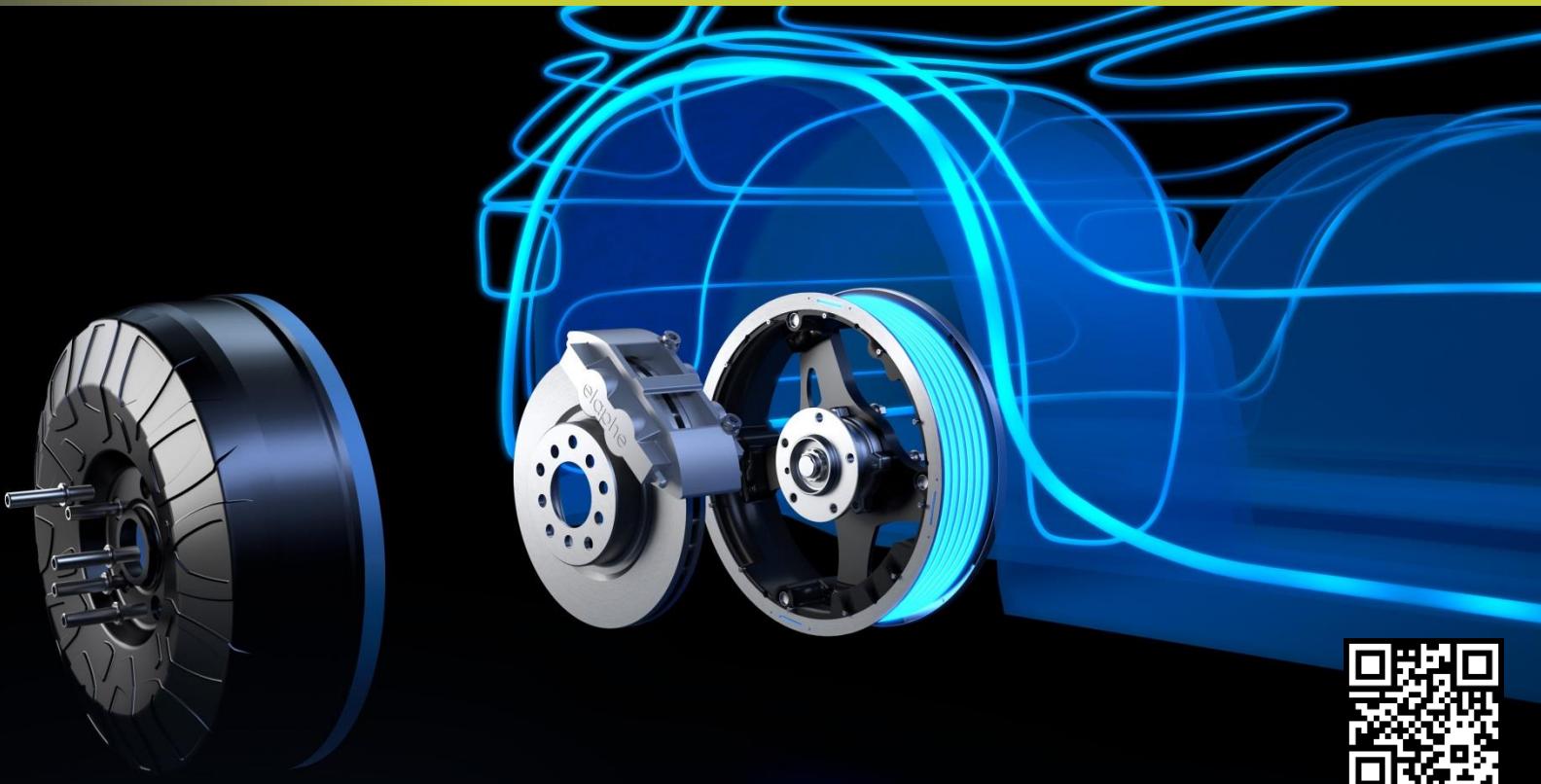


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# Can in-wheel powertrains reduce the costs of EVs?



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# ELECTRIC IN-WHEEL MOTOR POWERTRAIN PLATFORM



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# Benefits



Highest in-wheel performance on the market



A plug & play modular powertrain platform



Manufacturing oriented design, short time-to-market

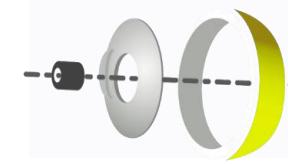


Use of standard rims, brakes and bearings



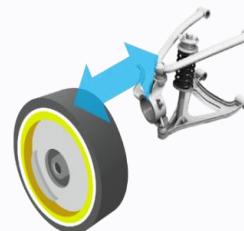
## Light weight:

Global leaders in specific torque with the lightest electromagnetic design for high-performance direct-drive (up to 100Nm/kg)

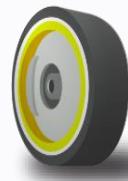


## Smarter packaging:

compact ring-shaped electromagnetic design (up to 460 Nm/liter) with less complexity



**Modular & simple integration:** unified, modular platforms reducing vehicle manufacturing and R&D costs.



**Direct drive:** no mechanical transmissions, less weight. Key benefits for optimizing precision and responsiveness

# Applications

## SCALABLE

Across size, weight, performance and function, Light EVs and motorcycles to alpine snow rescue vehicles



## INTERCHANGEABLE

New feature, new user value. Upgradable and interchangeable.

## CUSTOMIZABLE

Technology concept designed for maximal flexibility of servicing and mechanical interfaces

## ENABLING TECHNOLOGY

A solution that simplifies and enables new forms of mobility and new types of vehicles.

Industry went from **Automotive → Mobility**.  
Elaphe enables **all** with solutions.

# Components

- Custom development based on requirements
- Industrialized products off-the-shelf

Direct drive  
motors



- High-torque
- Standard brake integration possible
- Low voltage or high voltage
- Scalable

Power  
electronics



- Up to 200 kVA (high-performance)
- SW optimized for direct-drive

Multiple-Motor  
Control / ECU



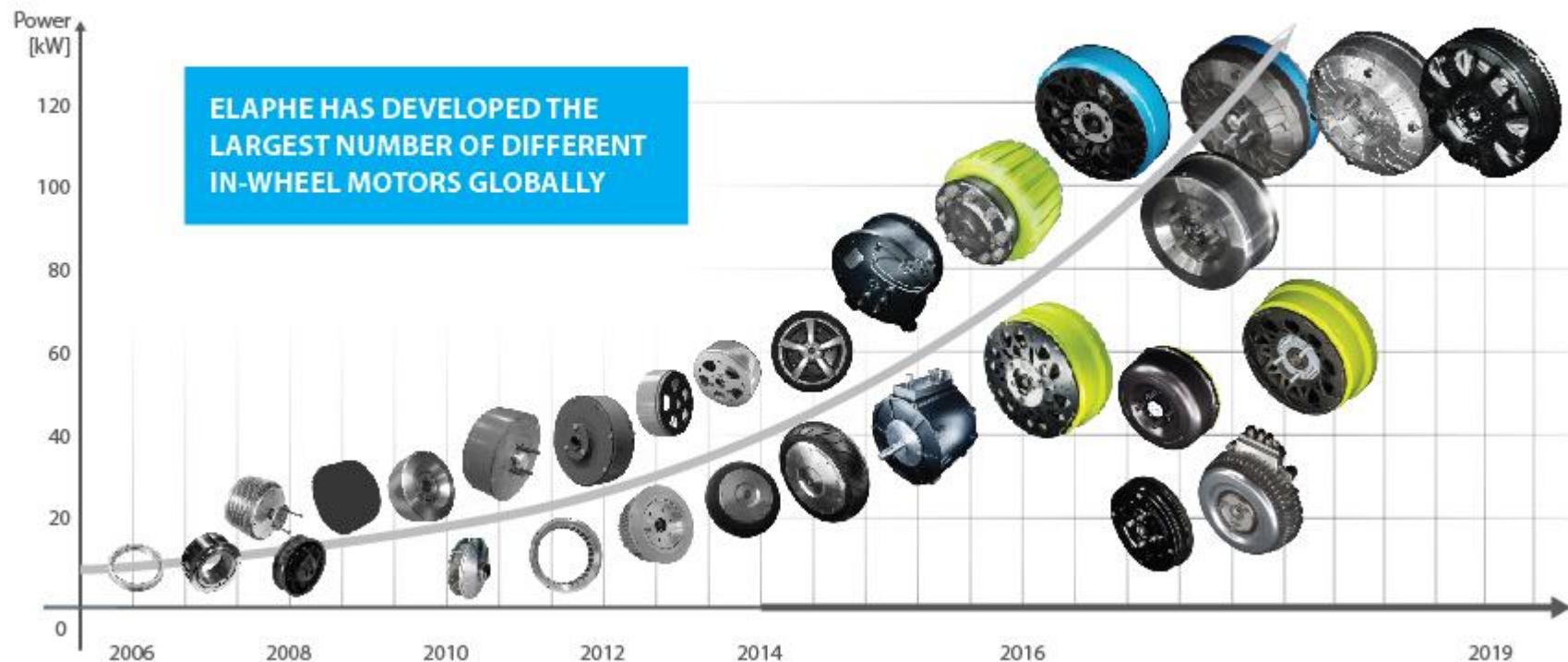
- Traction control
- Torque vectoring
- Battery power control
- Condition monitoring
- Connected = DATA
- Autonomous-ready

HMI / Infotainment  
interface



- Driving mode selection
- User interface
- Propulsion control settings

# Versatile in-wheel motor design



- Different applications of same product
- Scalable motor design
- Experience with wide variety of motor design (water/air cooling, integrated/on-board inverter, slim/standard bearing, in-wheel/near-wheel motor), etc.

# State-of-the-art development with embedded innovations

- Based on cutting-edge in-wheel technology R&D projects
- Delivering the most performant motors in various vehicle segments
- Elaphe™ M700 in advanced stage of industrialization, L-type and S-type in design validation



S 400



M 700



L 1500

## Elaphe™ S-type

- 460 Nm peak torque
- Fits inside 14" rim
- Low voltage (120V)
- 7" Drum brake
- Speed up to 1440 rpm

## Elaphe™ M-type

- 800 Nm peak torque
- Fits inside 16" rim
- Voltages up to 420 V
- Disc and 9" drum brake versions ready
- Speed up to 1500 rpm

## Elaphe™ L-type

- 1500 Nm peak torque
- Fits inside 19" rim
- Voltages up to 420 V
- Disc brake
- Speed up to 1260+ rpm

# Electronics

Condition monitoring & logging

Torque distribution

Wireless human-machine interface

Intelligent PCU

Elaphe Connected Car module

## Multiple Motor Control Unit

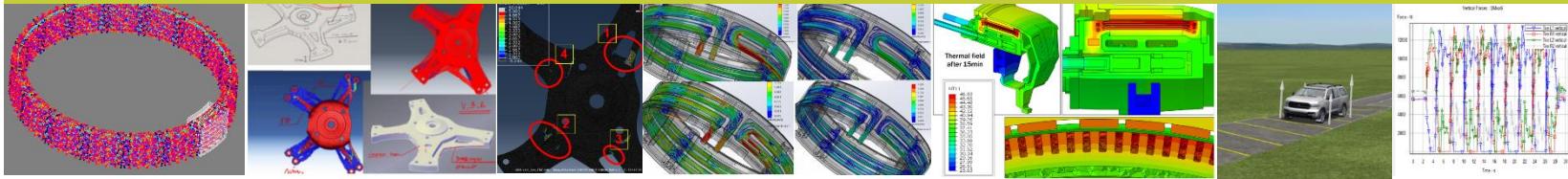


## THE POWERBRAIN MULTIPLE-MOTOR PROPULSION CONTROL

Traction Control	Torque vectoring	Anti-lock regenerative braking system (ARBS)	Configurable motor control	Complete propulsion APIs
Connected & Safely integrated	Battery power control	Condition monitoring	Data logging & Drive analytics	Various driving modes

# From concept to mass production

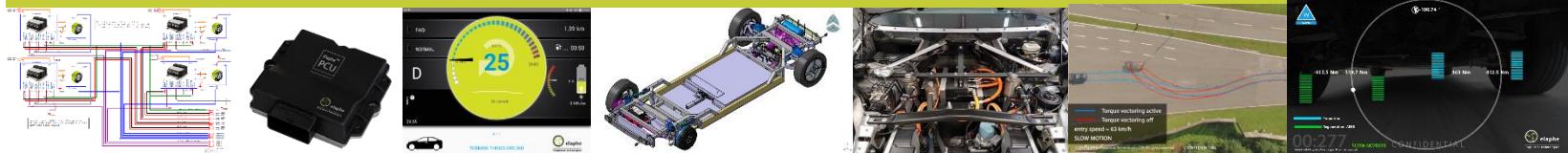
## Proprietary tool development, product development with state of the art CAE



## Standards, requirements, validation plan, validation procedures, execution and analysis



## Powertrain control unit, system engineering, vehicle level advanced functions



## Production processes, machines and line



# COST OF POWERTRAIN COMPONENTS



In-wheel

**2x** e-motor  
**2x** inverter



Near-wheel

2x e-motor  
2x inverter  
2x reduction gear



E-axle platform

**1x** e-motor  
**1x** inverter  
**1x** reduction gear

# Rivian



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# Cons and pros – is there a need?

**Higher powertrain BOM cost**

Durability

No gearbox

Advanced maneuvering capabilities

**Weight reduction**

**Packaging - Increased cabin or battery space**

Shorter assembly lines

**Is there a need ?**

Unsprung mass

No half-shafts

Front trunk possible

**Vehicle energy consumption**

SW upgradeable advanced functions add-ons

Powerful regenerative braking

Short supply chain

Integrated corner possible

No mechanical losses

Leader in space of the given segment

Direct drive – superior grip control, unbeatable safety pro

**Other**

# In-wheel powertrain mass benefit

## COST CASE:

Used average for large reductions: 10 EUR/kg

Used increased efficiency from less weight: 2-3% (assume 2%)

### Total mass saving (single iteration):

- 150 kg powertrain weight reduction @ 2500 kg GVW: **-1500 EUR**
- Reduced battery cost@100kWh range: (-2kWh) **- 185 EUR**
- Additional reduced vehicle weight from reduced battery size - additional 10-14 kg **- 120 EUR**

- **TOTAL saving:**

at least: **- 1805 EUR**

Reduce cost

Reduce mass

Reduce size & material  
Decrease battery cost

Lower system loads

Increase energy efficiency

## E-axle:

Study with two OEM customers for an 4WD SUV shows:

**4WD conventional powertrain = 312 kg**

### weight status BEV

- Current weight for powerunit incl. side shafts and mounts:

e-motor/gearbox/inverter front	130 kg	
side shaft front	16 kg	
mounts/brackets for e-powerunit front	12 kg	
		158 kg

e-motor/gearbox/inverter rear	130 kg	
side shaft rear	16 kg	
mounts/brackets for e-powerunit rear	8 kg	
		154 kg

total	312 kg
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## In-wheel motor powertrain:

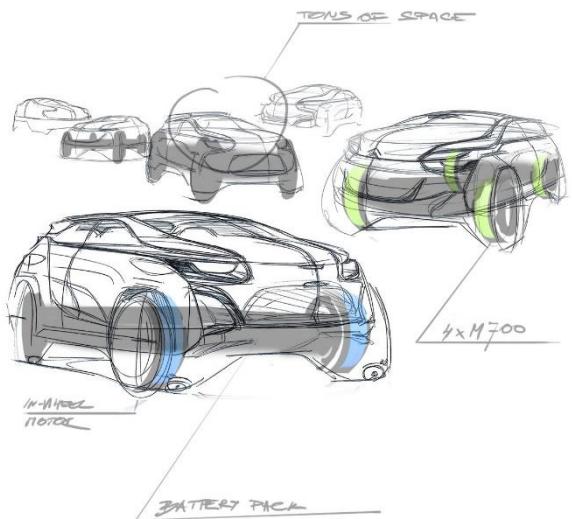
Study with two OEM customers for an 4WD SUV shows:

**4WD in-wheel powertrain = 150 – 160 kg**

### Weight status BEV

- Current weight for power unit
  - Front motors and inverters **76 kg**
  - Rear motors and inverters **76 kg**
- Total **152 kg****

# Packaging – parts (in-wheel)



## COST CASE:

On-board volume cost: 0,7 EUR / liter

E-axle volume: 300 liter / axle x 2 axles

IWM volume: 15 liter / axle x 2 axles

- Lower outer vehicle dimension for same interior
- Better battery packaging and safety options
- Lower vehicle weight by at least 100 kg
- Lower cost of battery, increased efficiency

## COST CASE:

- Volume cost (body + chassis):
- Reduced weight @10 EUR/kg:
- Reduced battery cost@100kWh range:
- Battery pack cost 111 USD/kWh
- Battery weight: 5-7 kg/kWh (assume 5 kg/kWh)
- Used average for large reductions: 10 EUR/kg

SAVING
- 400 EUR
- 1000 EUR
- 1 kWh
- 93 EUR
- 5 kg
- 50 EUR

- **TOTAL saving:**

at least: - 1543 EUR

**Continental**

Continental study of space-saving technologies (small crash zones, in-wheel motors...) showed that an interior size of VW Golf can be achieved in the outer dimension of VW Up. So the difference is two classes of vehicle types. (Golf – Polo - Up).

**Elaphe propulsion mule car conversion:  
Removed 565 kg of original drivetrain**



# Cycle Energy efficiency (not including weight benefits)

## COST CASE:

- >2% better IWM overall efficiency
- Reduced battery cost@100kWh range:
- Battery pack cost 111 USD/kWh
- Battery weight: 5-7 kg/kWh (assume 5 kg/kWh)
- Used average for large reductions: 10 EUR/kg

## SAVING

- 2 kWh
- 185 EUR**
- 10 kg
- 100 EUR**

- TOTAL saving:** at least: **- 285 EUR**

### E-axle losses:

- 1-5 % inverter minimal losses
- 4-10% electric motor minimal losses
- 2-8 % transmission minimal losses
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- TOTAL: 78 – 93 % e-axle efficiency @ OPTIMAL PEAK**

### IWM losses:

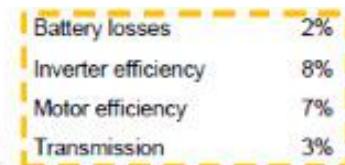
- 1 - 5% inverter minimal losses
- 6-9 % motor minimal losses (inc. seal friction)
- 0 % transmission losses
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- TOTAL: 86 – 93 % IWM axle efficiency @ OPTIMAL PEAK**

**Up to 8% better peak efficiency of IWM axle vs. e-axle!**

Study with two OEM customers for an 4WD SUV shows:

**E-axle: 4WD conventional powertrain efficiency = 83%@WLTP**

**IWM: 4WD IWM powertrain efficiency = 85%@WLTP**



## Simulated EV Power Consumption

Source: Drive System Design Ltd. (drivesystemdesign.com)

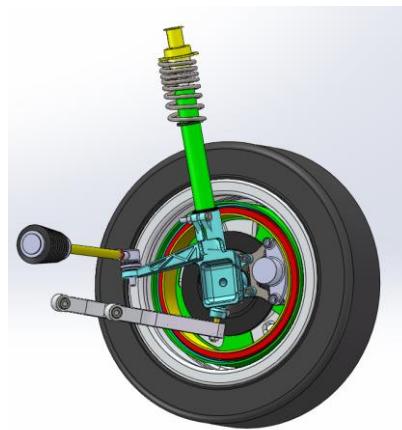
Power electronics, boost converter	96-99%	Lower conversion efficiency for higher voltage steps	
Power electronics, DC/AC converter	Peak 95-99%	Higher voltage and lower switching frequency give higher efficiency.	SiC power electronics (Ch. 3) with very high conversion efficiency > 99%
Electric motor/generator	Peak 90-96%	Lower conversion efficiency at either low torque or low speed. Higher voltage and motor speed give higher efficiency.	Considerable loss reduction unlikely. Trade-off with cost, size and materials' availability.
Transmission	92-98%	Avoiding gearbox increases efficiency. High motor speed may require reduction gear. Differential necessary if not in wheel motors.	Elimination of transmission by in-wheel motors possible development
Total driveline	Peak eff. = 73-88%. Instant efficiency is the product of driveline component efficiencies, which vary with working point	Depends on the technology as well as the driving pattern. Avoidance of high speeds and frequent and strong accelerations/decelerations will increase efficiency.	The driveline involves many conversions between components, each with high efficiency, which need to be, and can be, even more efficient

Source: System Perspectives on Electromobility, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

# Other financial and cost benefits

- Torque vectoring, lower center of gravity and other performance and safety improvement benefits
- Vehicle development cost reduction
- Strong regenerative braking
- Ground clearance increase
- Advanced steering and redundancy
- Modularity of IWM platform
- Chassis simplification
- Powertrain modularity
- Shorter vehicle assembly line
- Lower investment into production line
- Supply chain savings

**TOTAL saving: 1500 EUR**



# How to combine this data, know-how?

## GOALS and ASSUMPTIONS

- Qualitative -> Quantitative
- Rough estimations
- Combination of drawbacks and benefits
- Averages for the early majority
- Time: State of the Art -> implemented in the future

# The mathematical model

## INPUT

- Cost
  - OEM need
  - Mass
  - Space
  - Efficiency
  - Other
  - @ different Vehicle types
  - & changing with time (years)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		CostDiff	Need	Mass	Space	Energy	Other
2	year			1,6	1,5	0,3	1,5
3	2010,0	-20,00	-10,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,10
4	2015,0	-10,00	-5,00	0,00	0,00	0,10	0,20
5	2018,0	-5,00	-4,00	0,10	0,00	0,20	0,23
6	2019,0	-3,00	-2,00	0,15	0,00	0,30	0,26
7	2020,0	-2,00	-2,00	0,20	0,10	0,40	0,30
8	2021,0	-1,50	-1,00	0,25	0,15	0,50	0,32
9	2022,0	-1,20	-1,00	0,30	0,20	0,60	0,34
10	2023,0	-1,00	-1,00	0,35	0,25	0,65	0,36
11	2024,0	-1,00	-0,50	0,40	0,30	0,70	0,38
12	2025,0	-1,00	-0,50	0,45	0,35	0,75	0,40
13	2030,0	-1,00	0,00	0,60	0,40	0,85	0,50
14	2035,0	-1,00	0,00	0,70	0,45	0,90	0,60
15	2040,0	-1,00	0,05	0,80	0,60	0,95	0,70
16	2045,0	-1,00	0,10	0,90	0,70	1,00	0,80
17	2050,0	-1,00	0,10	1,00	0,80	1,00	0,90
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		11	2024,0	-1,50	0,40	1,00	0,70
		12	2025,0	-1,50	0,45	1,00	0,75
		13	2030,0	-1,50	0,60	1,00	0,85
		14	2035,0	-1,50	0,70	1,00	0,90
		15	2040,0	-1,50	0,80	1,00	0,95
		16	2045,0	-1,50	0,90	1,00	1,00
		17	2050,0	-1,50	1,00	1,00	0,90

# IN-WHEEL MOTOR BASED PLATFORM



Prepare for uncertainty  
Leverage partnerships  
Drive transformational change  
Redefine the value proposition

## Thank you!

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