

# Operational Analysis and Mission Engineering: A strategy and framework to analyze any industrial ecosystem

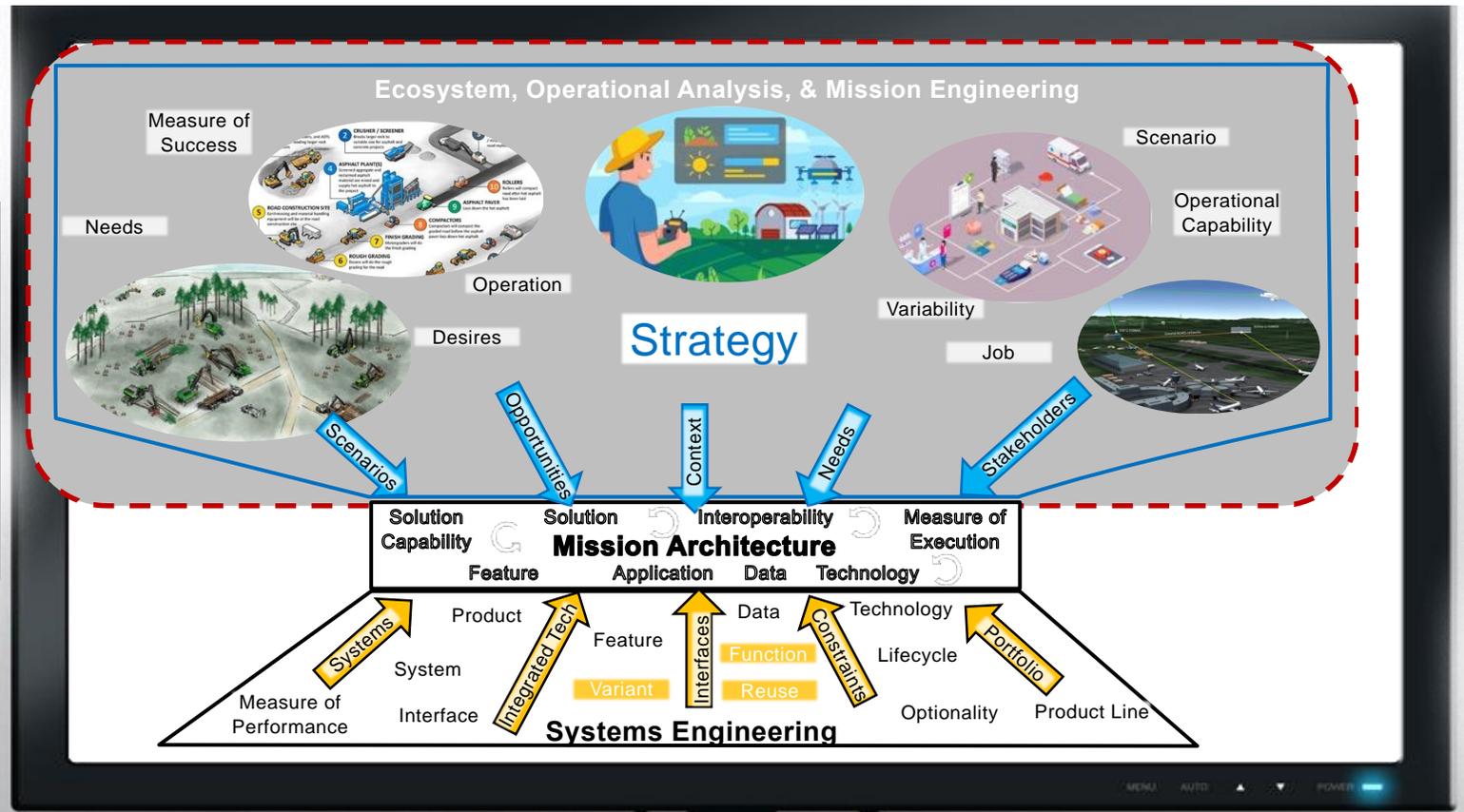
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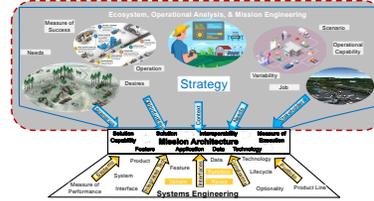
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# Agenda

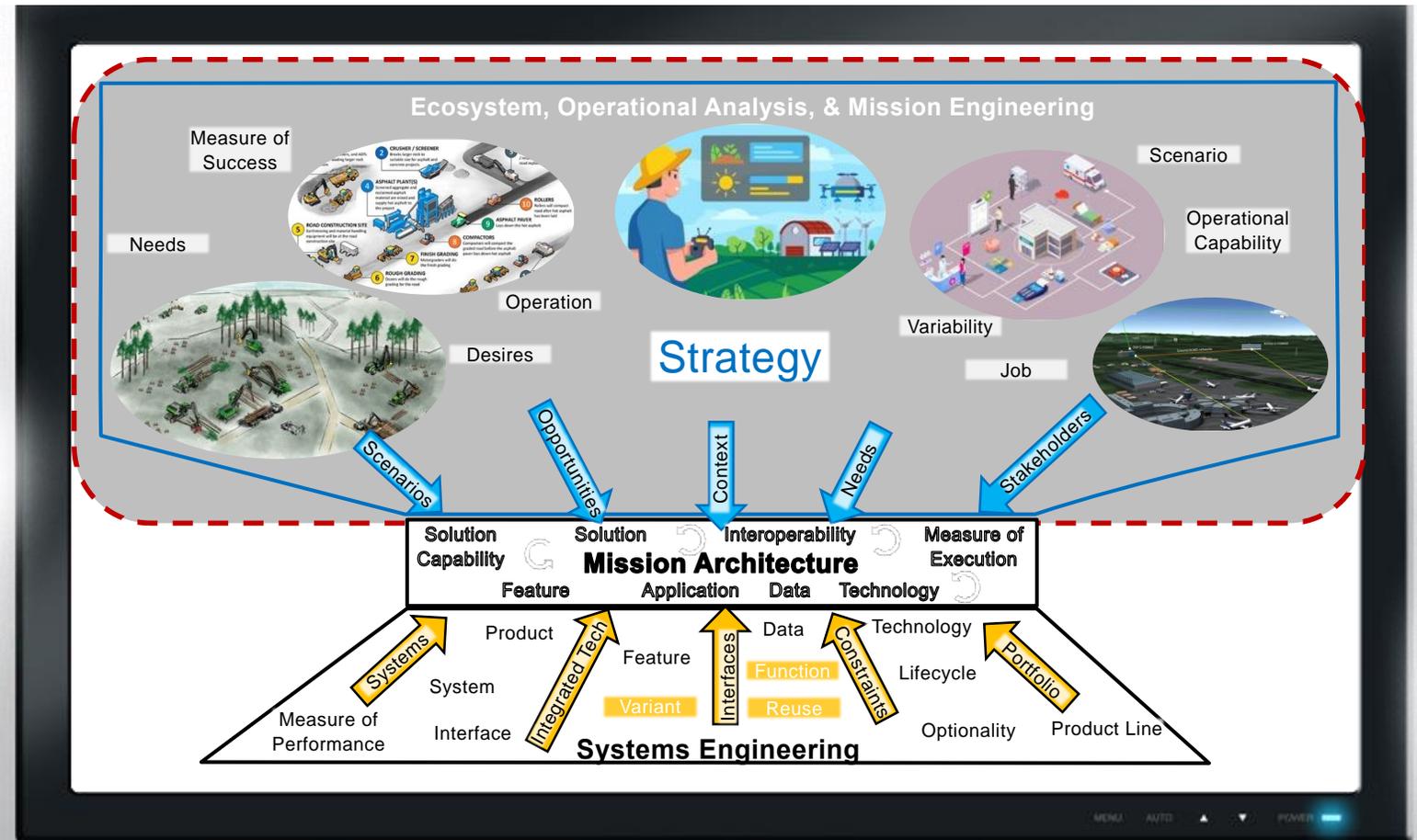
- Background
- Industrial Ecosystems
- Operational Ontology
- Operational Analysis
- Mission Engineering & Mission Threads
- Future Work



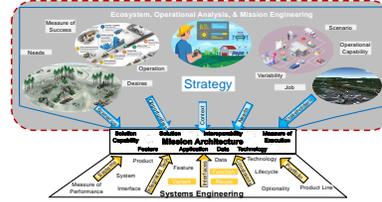
# Problem Statement

- **To** deliver a framework and structure that can be adapted and tailored within an industry when operational analysis and mission engineering are required (Value Needed)
- **By** understanding both the inherent relationships within and the dependency between operational analysis and mission engineering (Action Needed)
- **Using** existing principles, architecting methods, tools and practices consistent with academic research and governance (Process or System Delivering Value)
- **While** satisfying thesis requirements for the MIT System Design and Management program completion

# Industrial Ecosystems

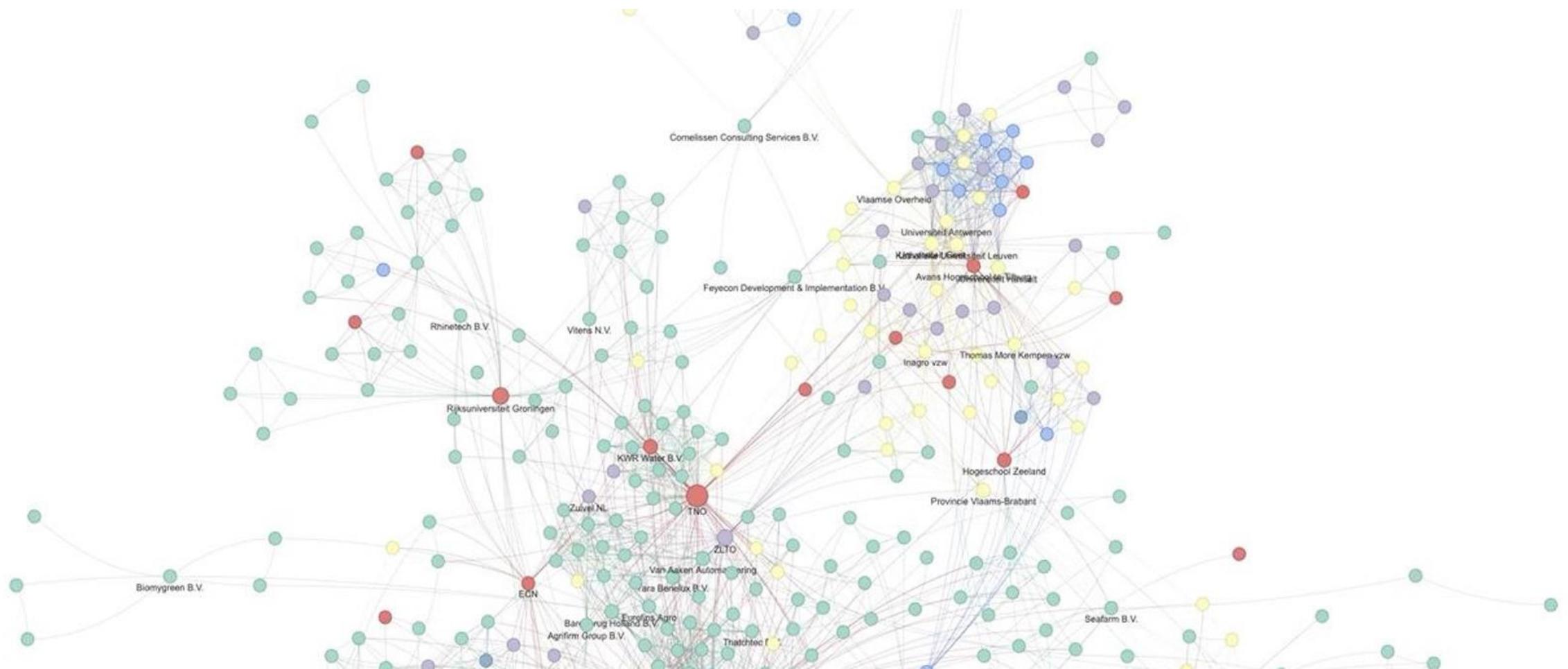


# Industrial Ecosystems

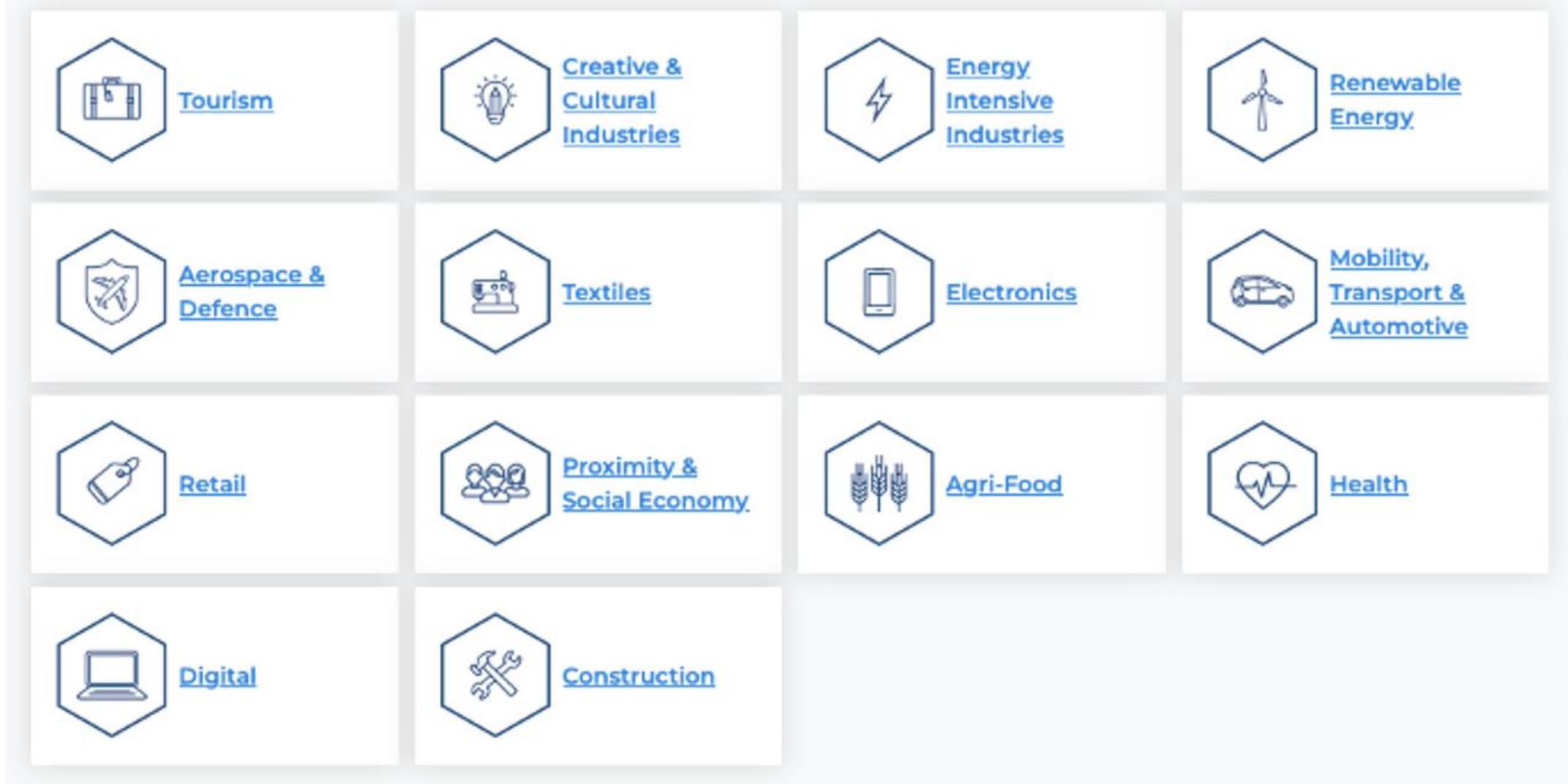


- **Industrial ecosystem** - A systems-based multidisciplinary description that seeks to understand the emergent properties of value-added and non-value-added behaviors of a complex combination of human/natural systems
  - The industrial ecosystem encompasses the entire flow of goods and services from the source to consumption, not just the individual enterprise that resides within the specific industrial ecosystem category
  - Understanding these ecosystems allows us to understand the socioeconomic and sociotechnical implications within a categorized ecosystem
- Enterprises tend only to understand where their products, process, and services are used
  - They can take advantage of significant opportunities to provide additional value to their stakeholders through an aligned strategy
  - They want to understand the sociotechnical and socioeconomic risks over the long term in a socially responsible way, as society demands this in the 21st century
  - They need to consider the why, what, and how of the industrial ecosystem when developing an enterprise strategy

# Example Ecosystem – Tracing of complex links across firms, sectors, and institutions



# Industrial Ecosystem Classification (Ref: Industrial Ecosystems/European Cluster Collaboration Platform)



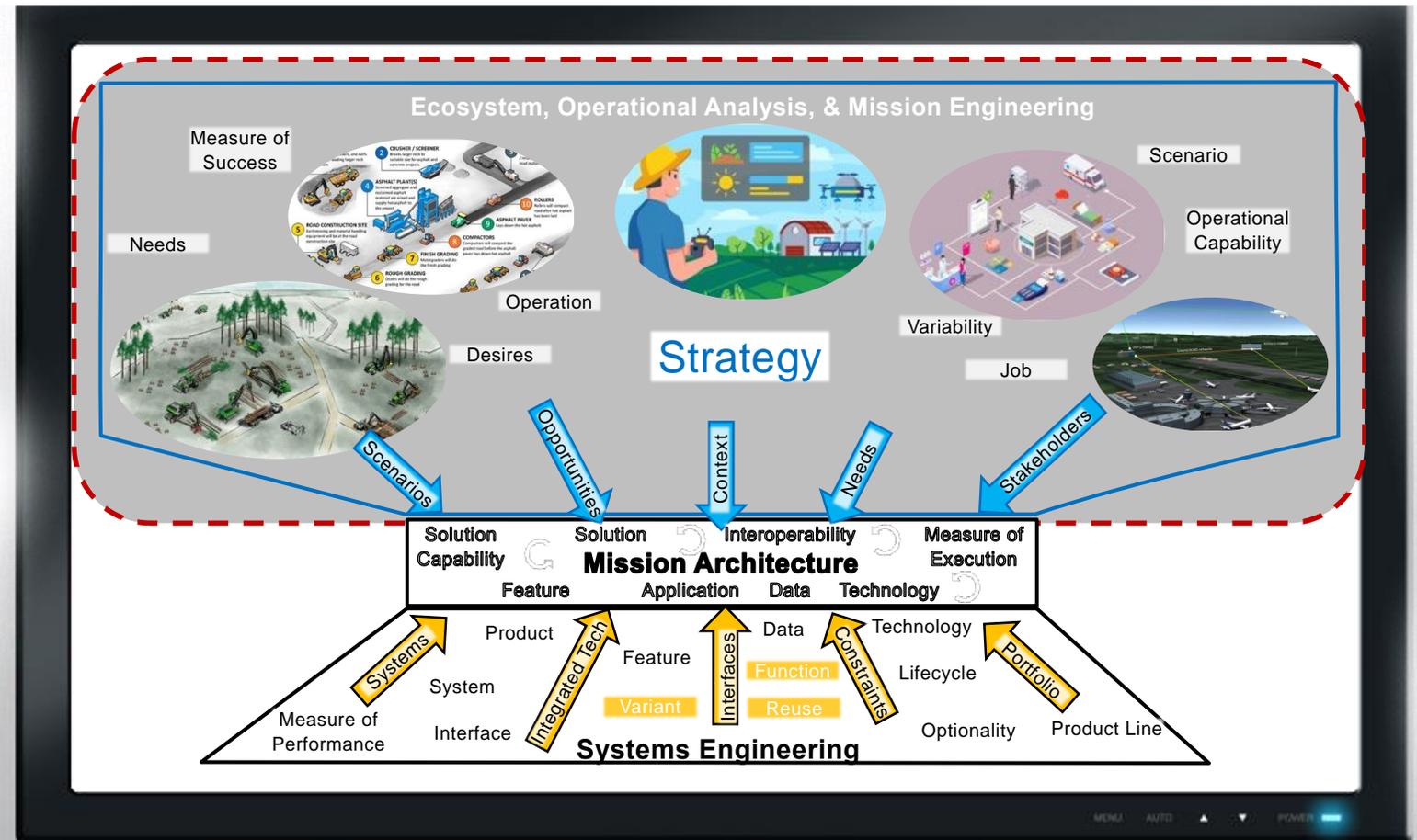
# Complex Relationship Network (Interfaces)

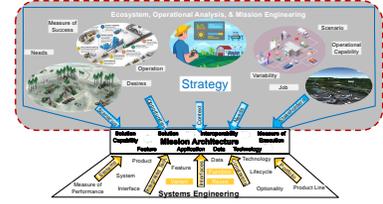
## Mapping of the agri-food system



Figure 1. Food Supply Chain

# Operational Ontology





# Operational Ontology

- **Operational Ontology** – Decompose industrial ecosystems into an ontology that would provide hierarchical categories to apply fundamental system design, management principles, and tools to enhance our operational understanding.
  - Enterprises, during strategy development, need structures of elements for the classification and explanation of these entities within the context of the systems
- I am capturing the knowledge within a certain domain as a model
  - The enterprise can answer complex questions through the relationships across the domain through this model
  - This enables the understanding of the information as a basis for structure
- Enterprises need to consider the why, what, and how of the operational ontology when developing an enterprise strategy in a logical/theoretical yet practical way
- Revise based on socioeconomic and socio-technical trends emerge

# Operational Ontology Development

**RM** = Relationship Management

Industrial Ecosystem(s)  
(Healthcare, Commercial Aviation, Agriculture, etc.)



**AOL 0**

Operational Analysis  
(Release Analysis to define missions)

**RM**

**AOL 1**

Mission Engineering  
(Release mission(s) for architecture development)

**RM**

Research Needed

**AOL 2**

Mission Architecture

**RM**

Research Needed

**AOL 3**

Technology Roadmap

**RM**

Recently some work has been done

**AOL 4**

Portfolio Management

**RM**

Research Needed

**AOL 5**

Product Development

**RM**

Academic, industry, and INCOSE development

**AOL 6**

Order Fulfillment

**RM**

Research Needed

**AOL 7**

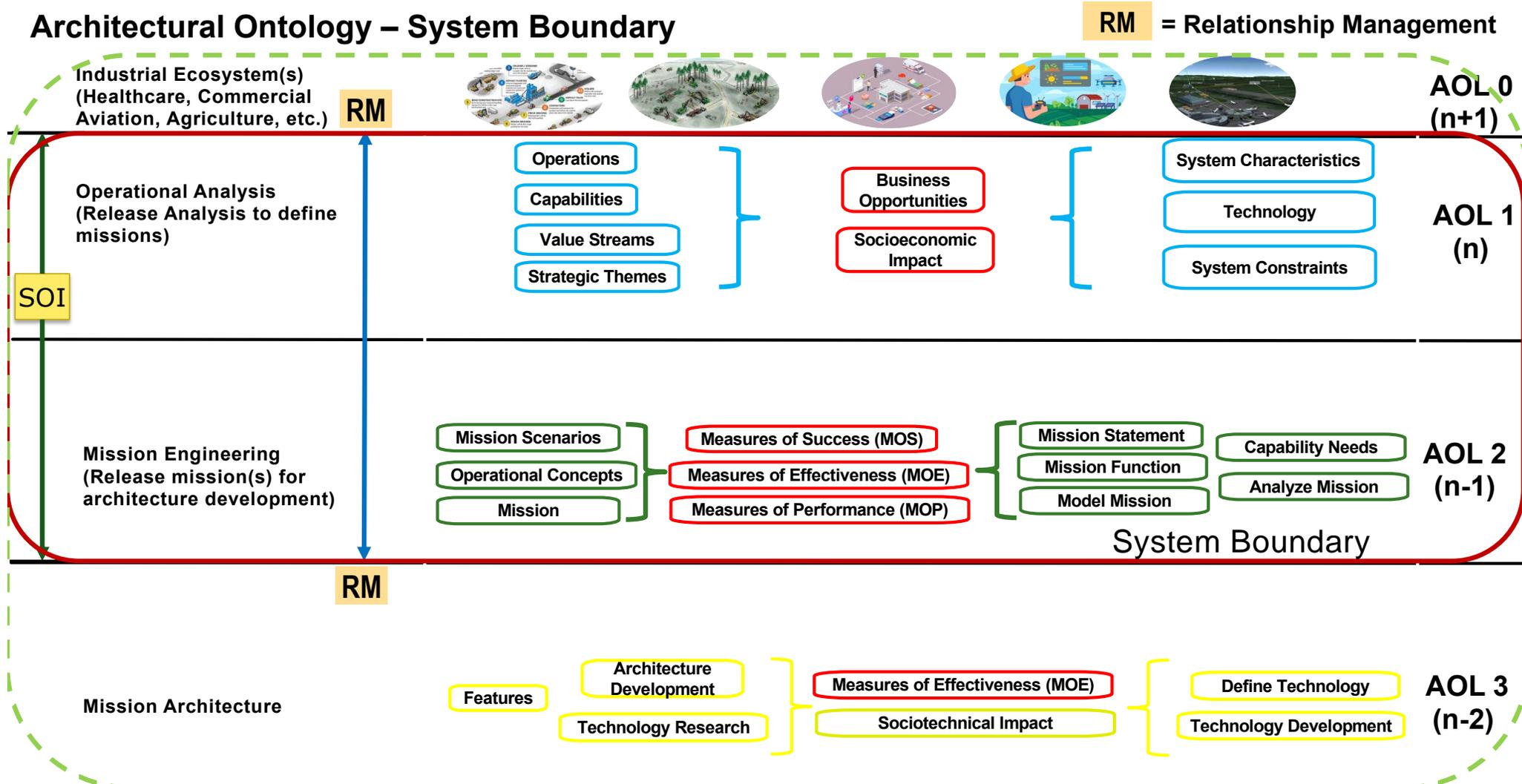
Life Cycle Management

**RM**

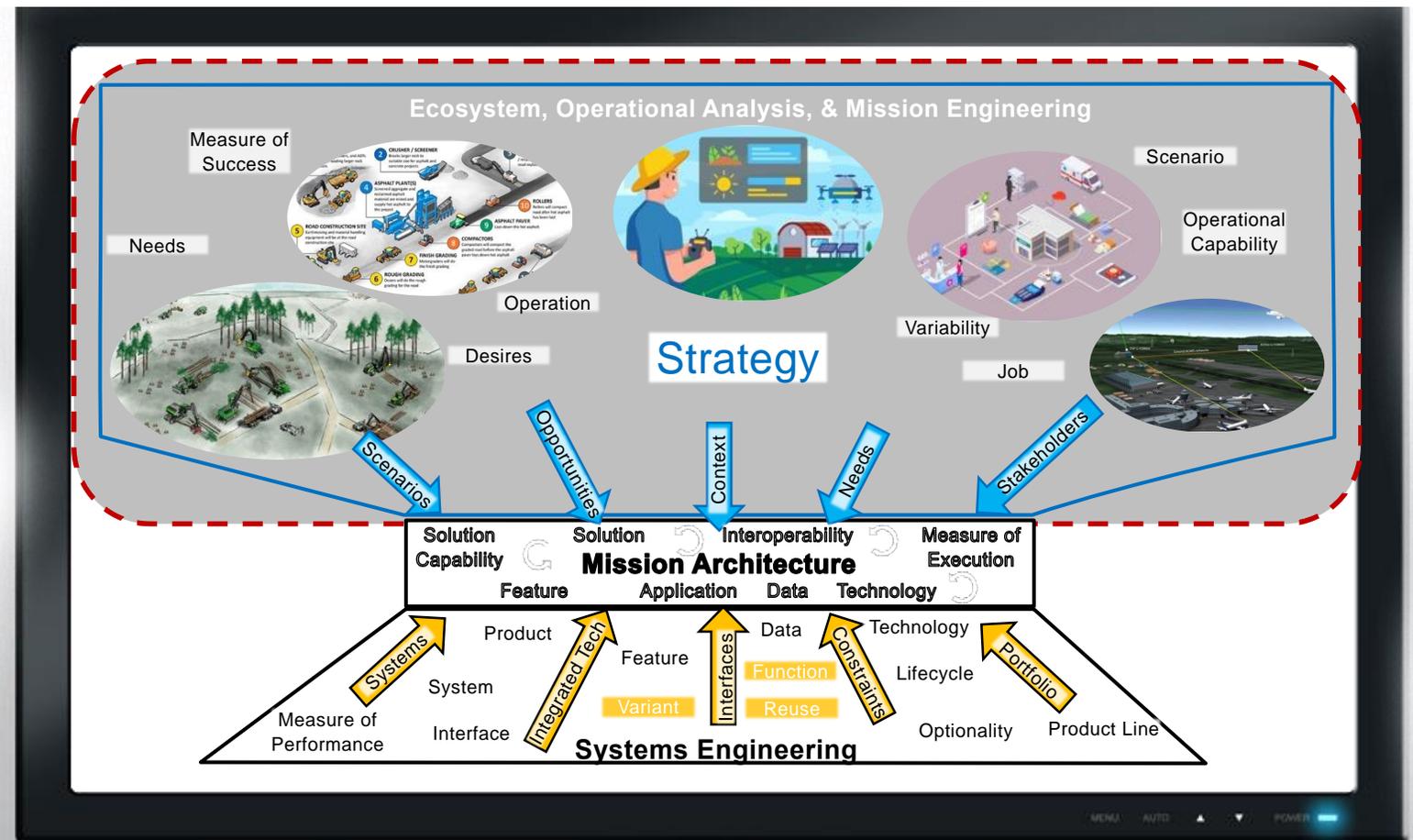
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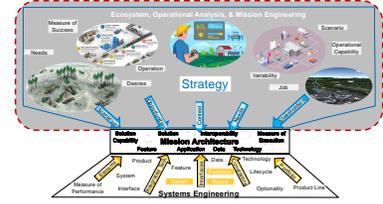
**AOL 8**

# Architectural Ontology, Boundary, and Scope



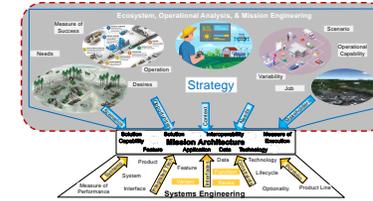
# Operational Analysis





# Operational Analysis and Mission Engineering

- Perform operational analysis on the Production System (SoS)
  - Examples: commercial aviation, healthcare systems, agriculture, infrastructure, mining, forestry, etc.
  - Define and develop scenarios
  - Identify potential business opportunities
- Engineer your missions (Mission Engineering)
  - Understanding the impact on operational analysis
  - Understanding Economic Headroom
  - Identify which mission provides the most business and customer value
- Identify technologies needed
- Review and align to business portfolio
- Develop mission architecture
- Define business and product strategy
- Initiate product and services projects to meet customer and business need



# Why, What, and How of Operational Analysis

## ■ Why Operational Analysis?

- Today many enterprises only think about the internal environment in the form of products, services, and processes
- To remain relevant, they must understand how they fit in the larger ever-changing ecosystem
- Innovation must understand the sociotechnical and socioeconomic impact on the ecosystem to affect the enterprise positively

## ■ What is/is not the Operational Analysis?

- Operational analysis is an external look to recognize gaps and opportunities to assist in identifying emerging needs, technology, etc., for sustainability and innovation within an enterprise

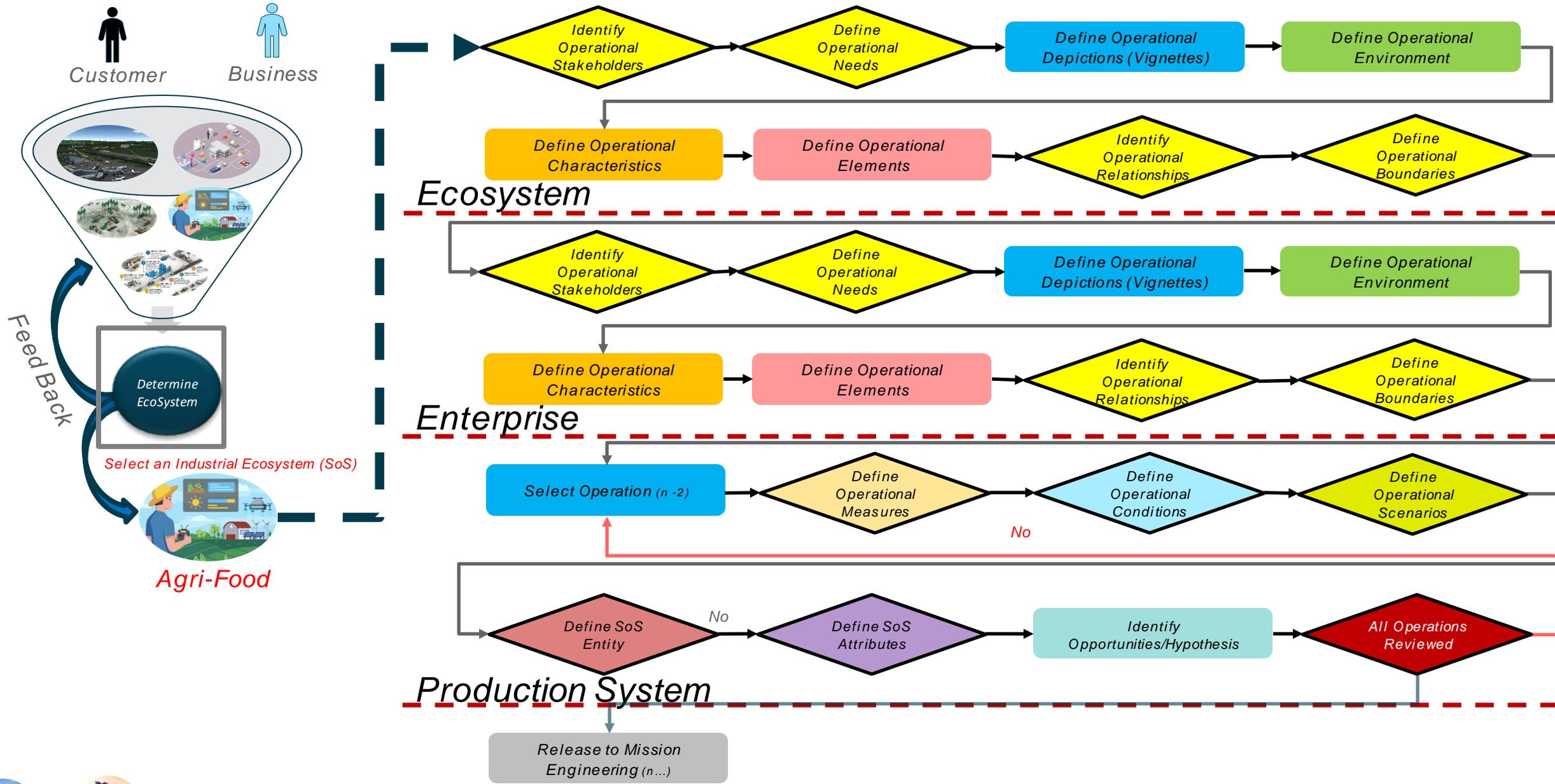
## ■ How does Operational Analysis work?

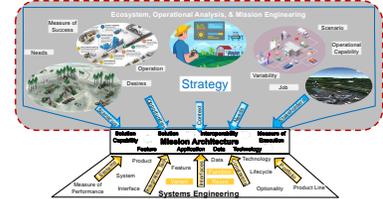
- It defines the necessary operational characteristics and relationships within the larger context of the ecosystem
- Then within this more extensive ecosystem, we can discern opportunities and threats to the enterprise
- Identify all critical relationships within the broader ecosystem and our enterprise

## ■ What is the deliverable of Operational Analysis?

- A prioritized list of opportunities as well as critical relationships for technology and mission development
- Assures our internal enterprise environment is aligned with the external ecosystem before engineering our missions
- A ranked list of opportunities, relationships, and technology needed for mission engineering

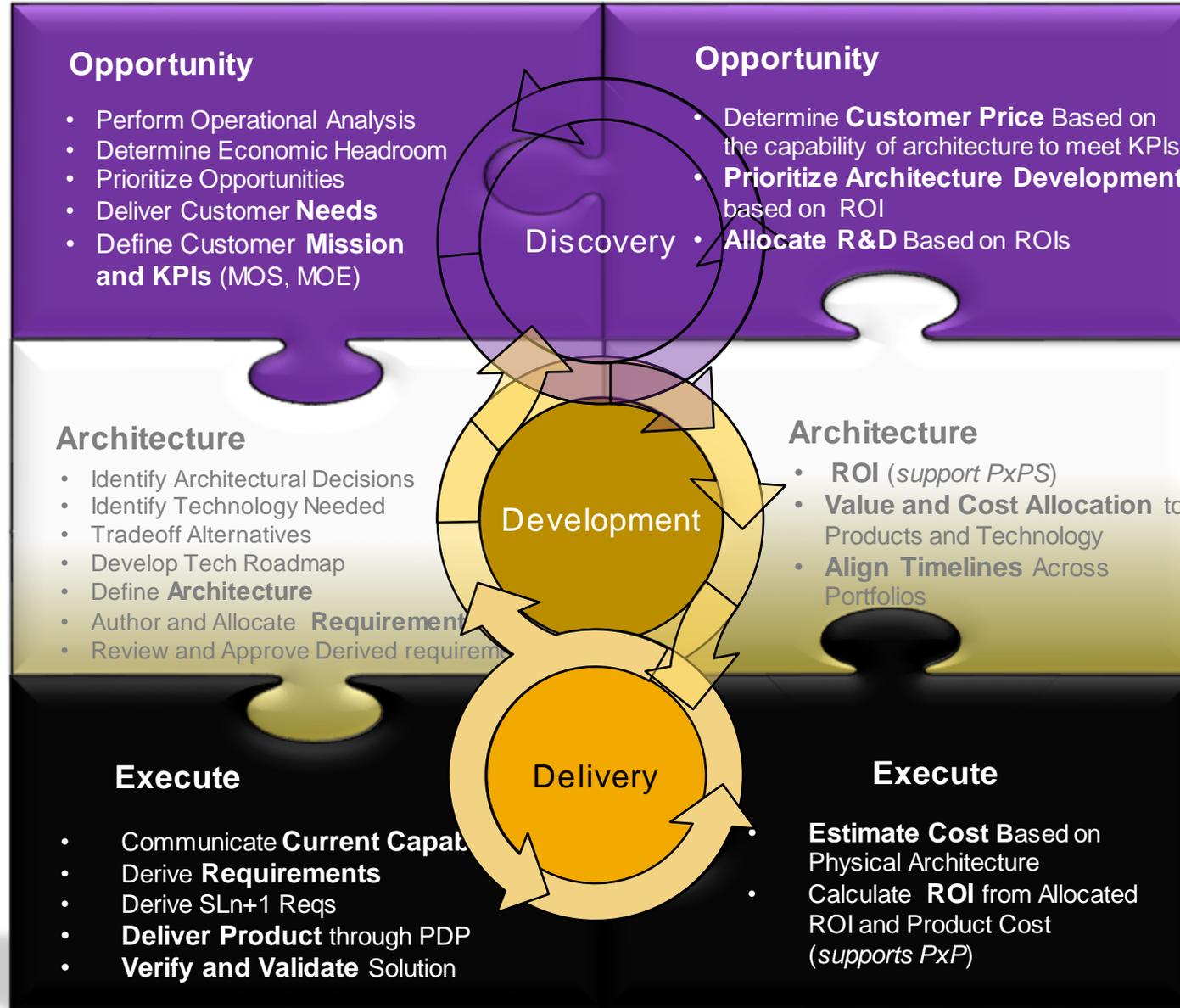
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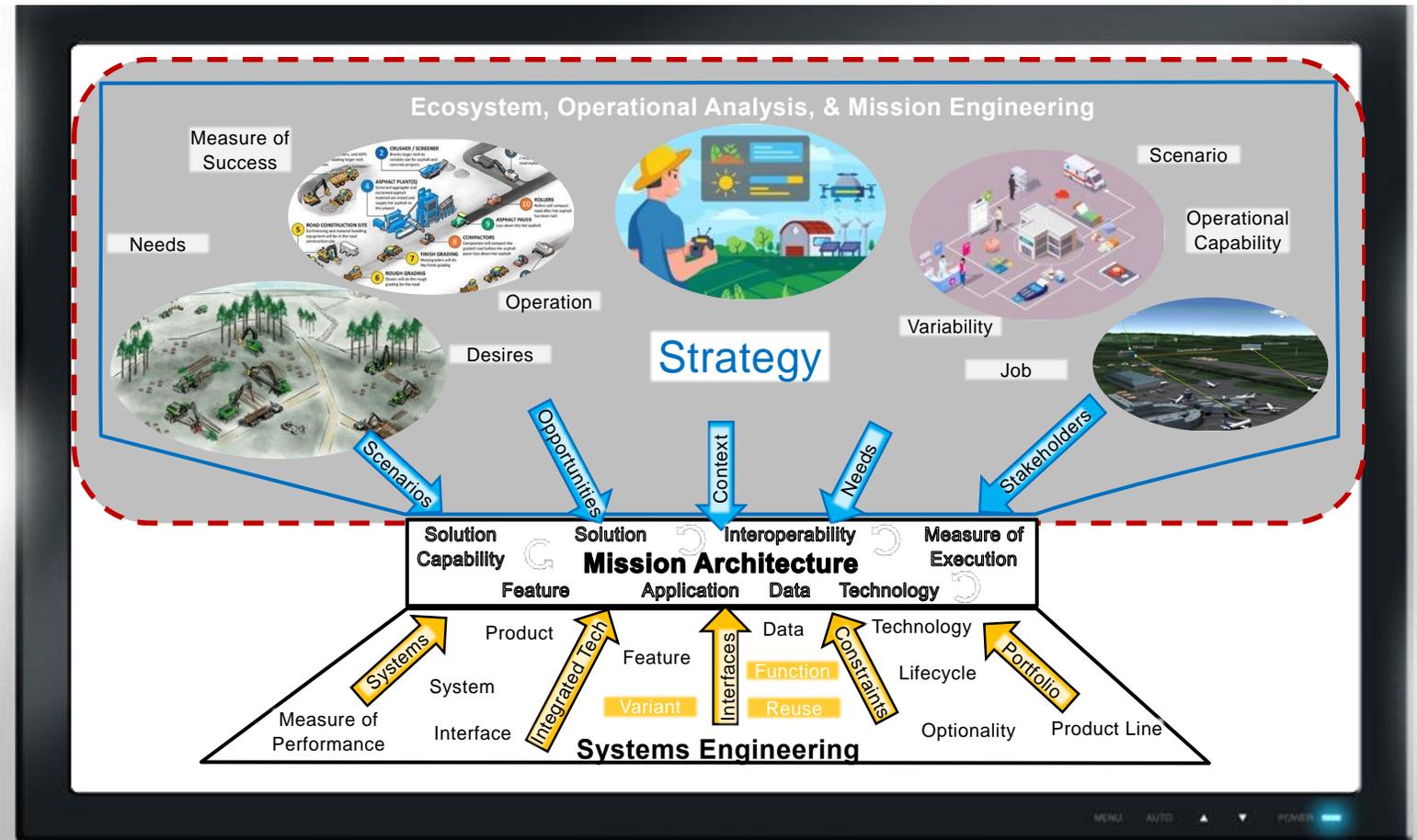


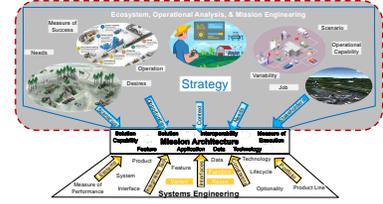
## Technology Swimlane

## Ecosystem Swimlane



# Mission Engineering

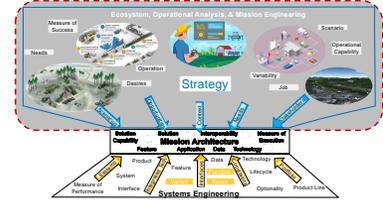




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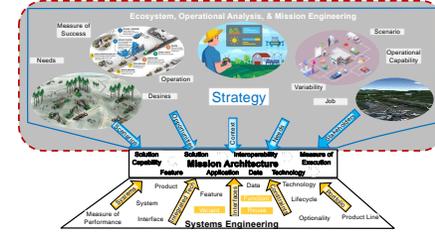
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# Why Mission Engineering?

- Aligns operational opportunities and the respective relationships to the engineered missions within the operational ontologies.
- Assess the disruptive technology (competitive threats), with the socioeconomic (i.e. environmental) influences, to avoid business risk to the business from a financial and customer perspective
- The key first step is aligning the operational SoS to the engineered missions and assessing the sociotechnical impact.
  - Few attempts have been made to develop operational analysis and mission engineering from an overall SoS perspective
- Limited experience and knowledge exist within all industries

# Why, What, and How of Mission Engineering



## ■ Why Mission Engineering?

- It assures our engineered mission(s) are aligned with the internal enterprise environment and the external ecosystem.
- The output feeds the development of our internal mission architecture and technology roadmaps while maintaining alignment with the ecosystem

## ■ What is/is not the Mission Engineering?

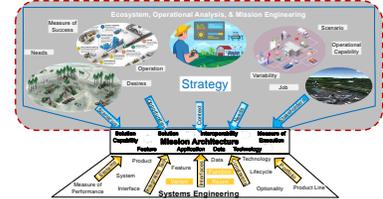
- Mission Engineering analyzes the operational opportunities, relationships and technology, and acquisition needs through integration to achieve the mission goals in line with the internal and ecosystem goals

## ■ How does Mission Engineering work?

- Develops individual missions while maintaining the relationships between the internal enterprise and the external ecosystem
- The missions are then stitched together to better understand the internal and external environment tradeoffs.
- We also develop a detailed understanding of the socioeconomic and sociotechnical impacts and documents.

## ■ What are the deliverables of Mission Engineering?

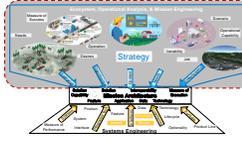
- Internal enterprise mission(s)
- Internal enterprise mission(s) relationships
- Internal enterprise mission(s) relationships to the external ecosystem as defined in operational analysis



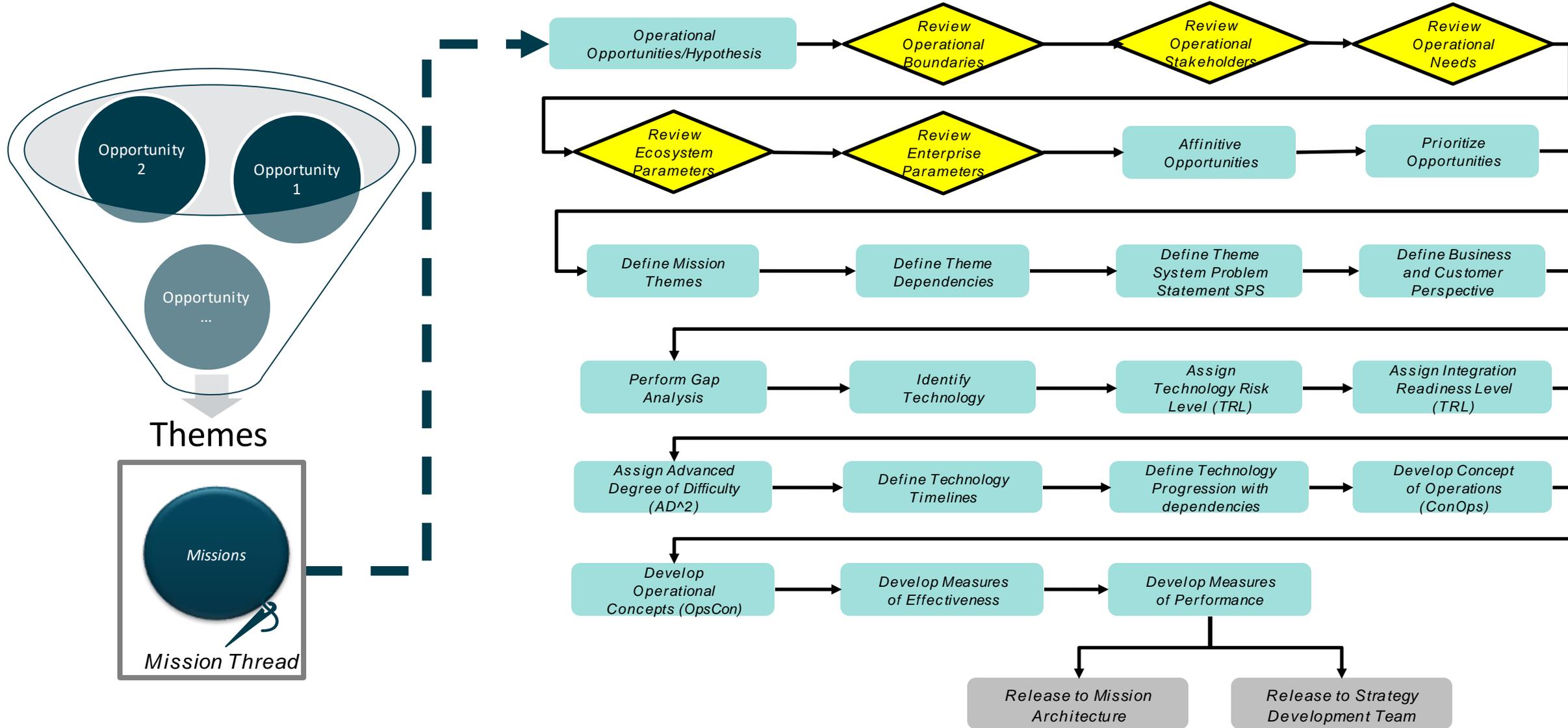
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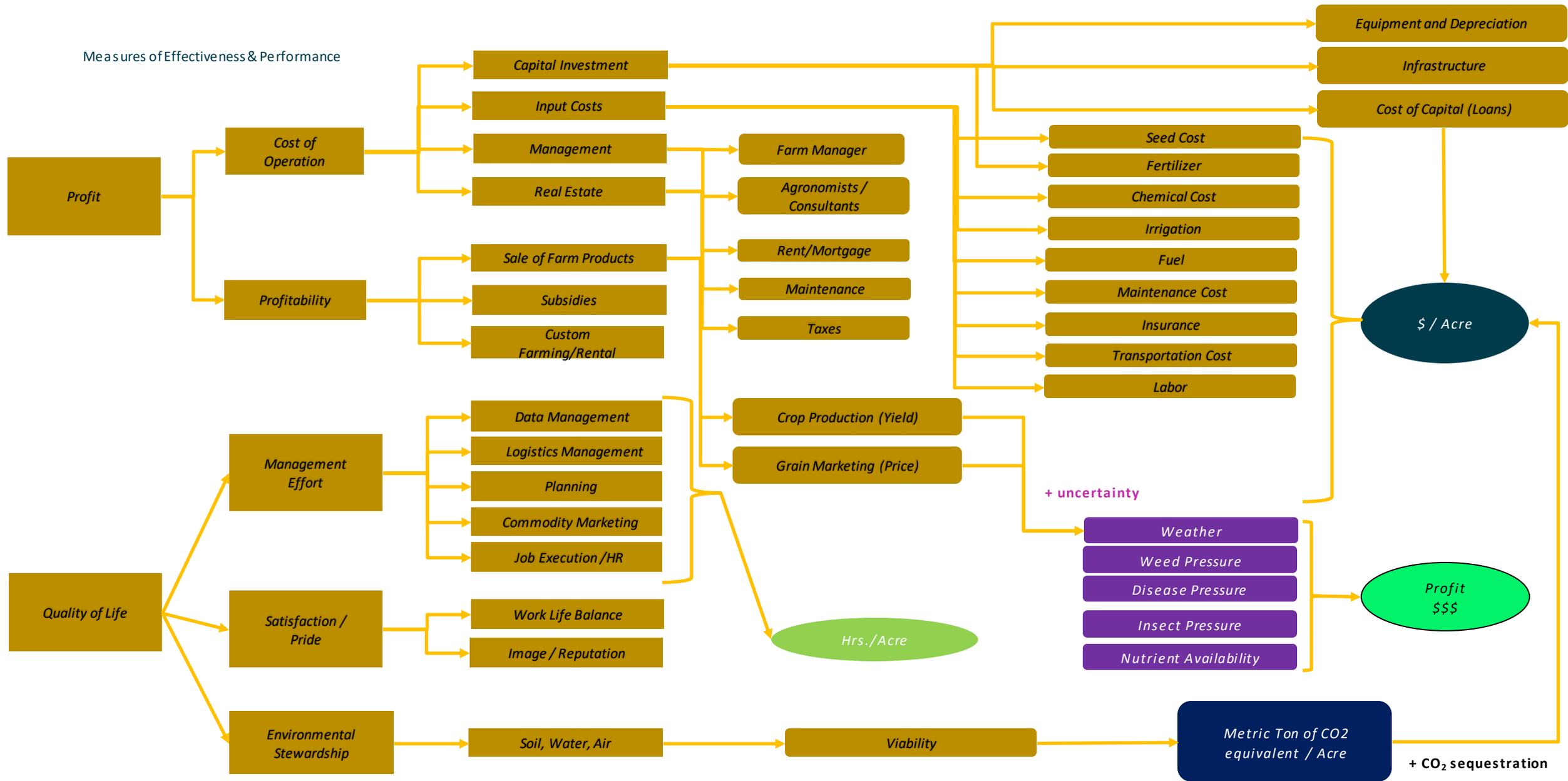
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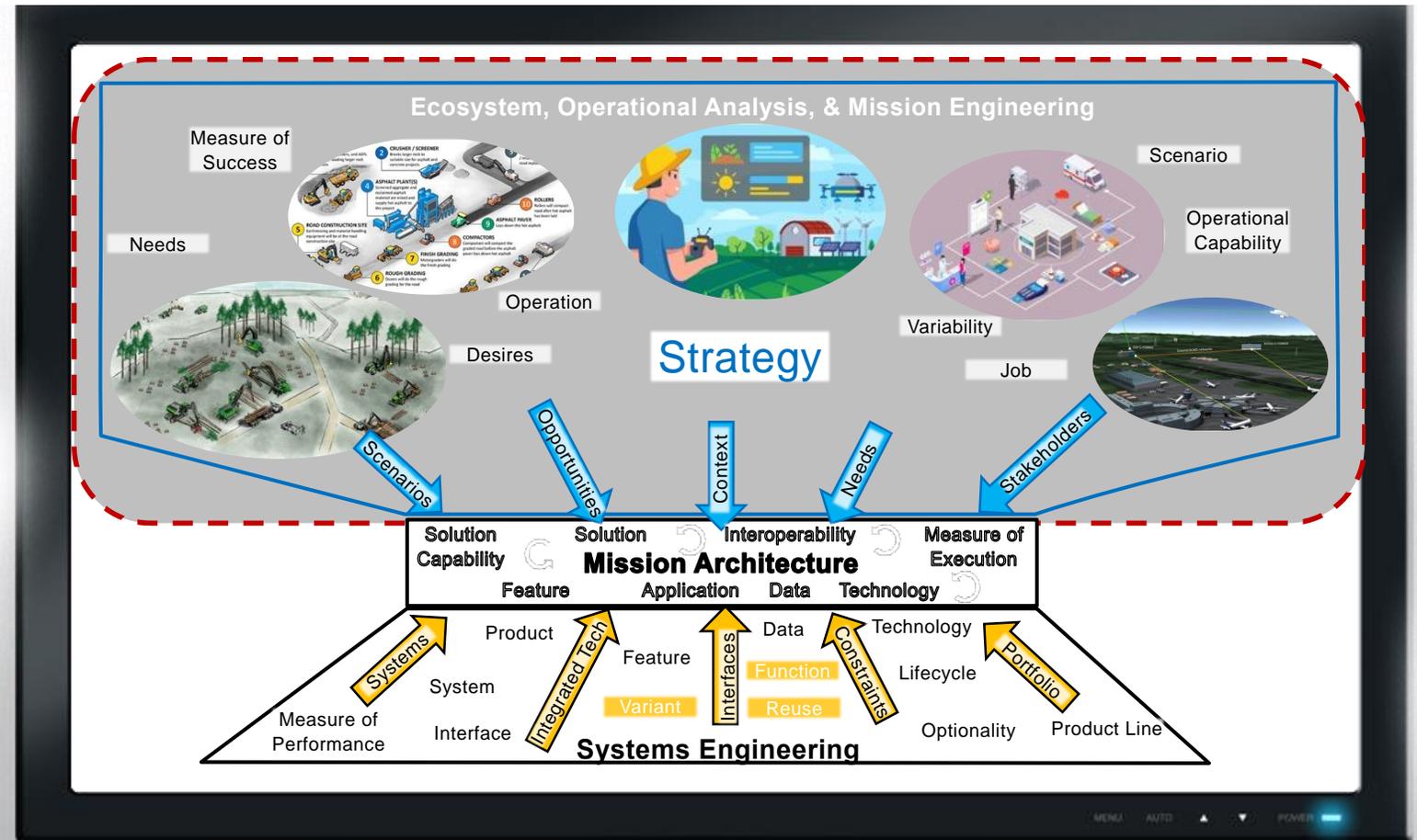


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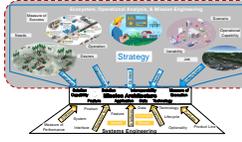




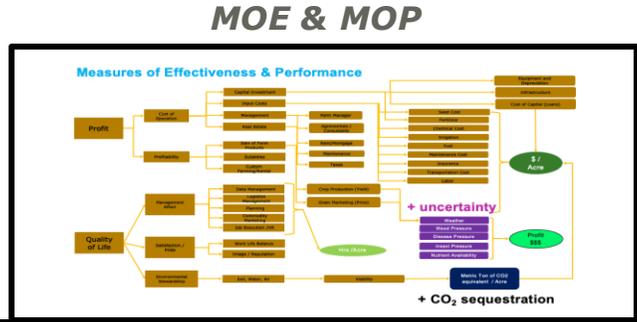
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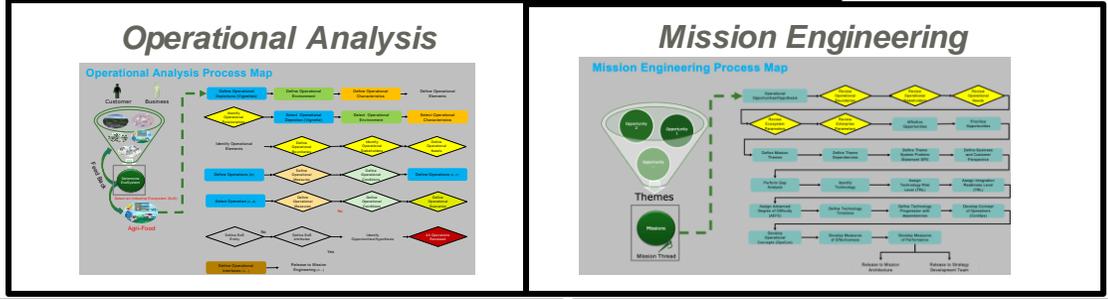
# Framework & Structure



Metrics



Methods



Frameworks

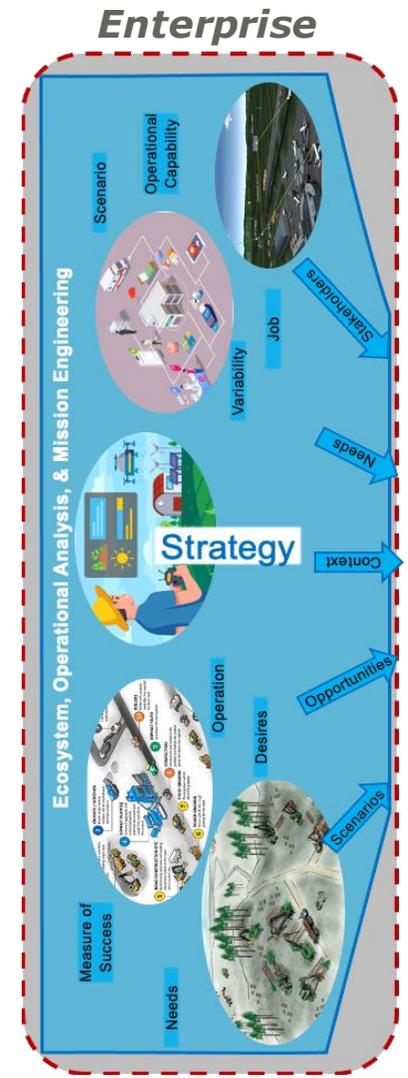


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Inputs



# Questions