

Closing the loop for lifecycle product management in Norwegian subsea systems

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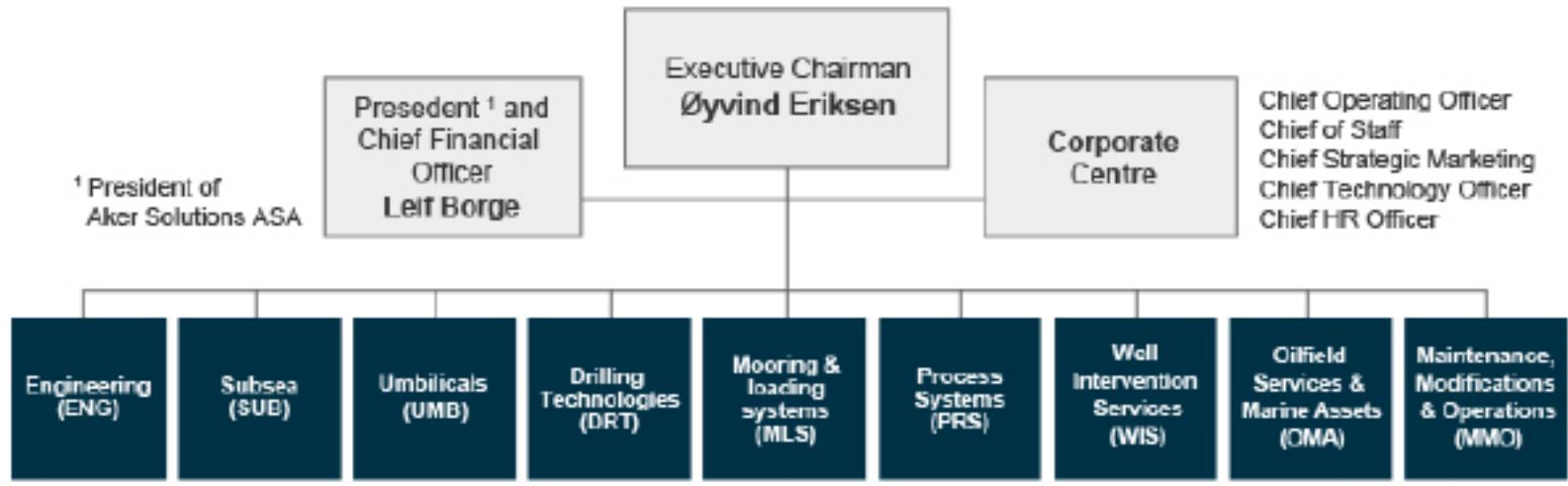


Background

- Systems in subsea natural environments face many of the same challenges as space-based systems.
- This means that they are complex and often embedded as systems of systems.
- Norwegian firms are increasingly applying systems engineering processes.



Aker Solutions



Vision: To be the preferred partner for solutions in the oil and gas industry...



Engineering and Maintenance



Project success

- Communication across the multiple vendor supply chain is a critical project success factor.
- Communication is a symptom of a larger problem.
- Example:
 - Fire safety system in Gulfaks



What can ISO/IEC 15288:2008 contribute to making
Aker Solutions projects successful?

RESEARCH QUESTION



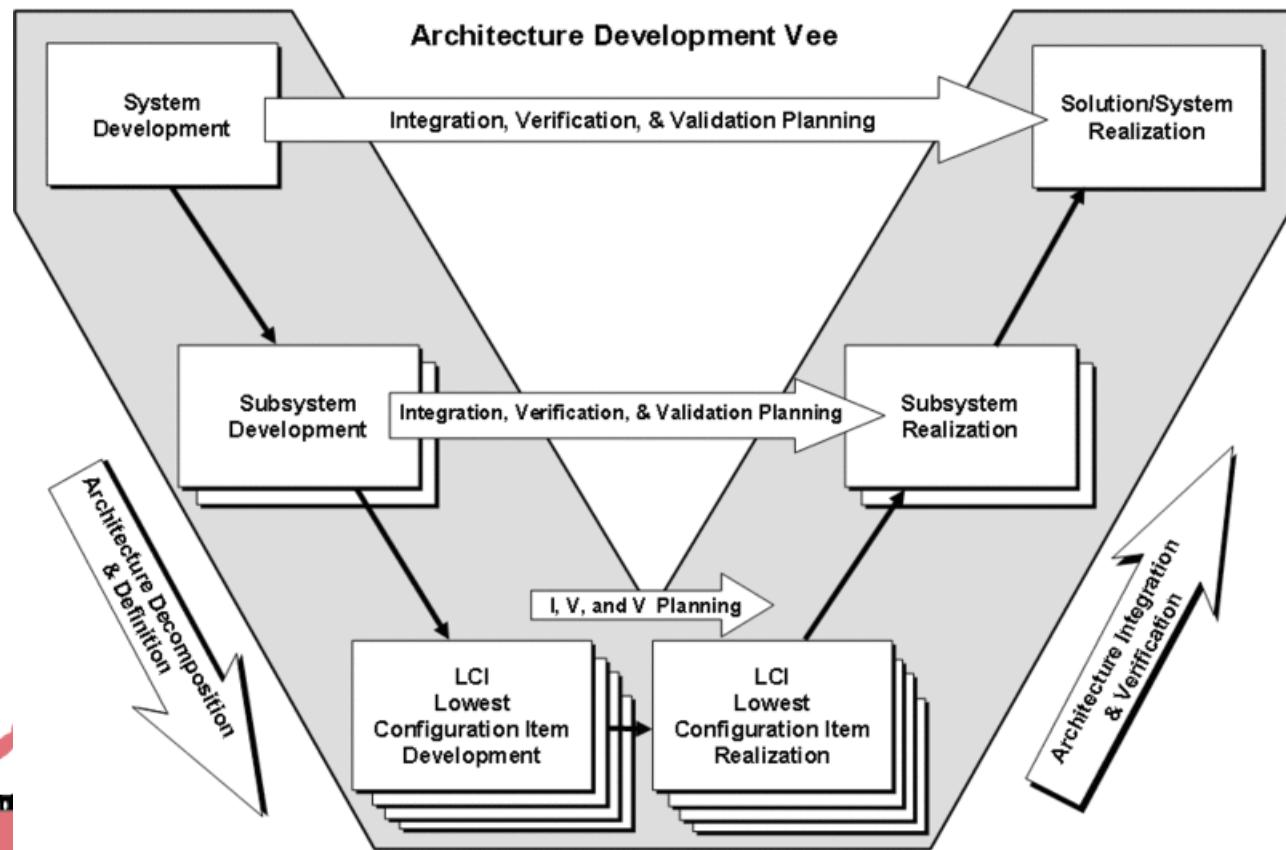
Methods

- Aker uses a Project Execution Model (PEM)
- Gap analysis of the PEM and ISO/IEC 15288:2008 to find differences and discrepancies between the models.

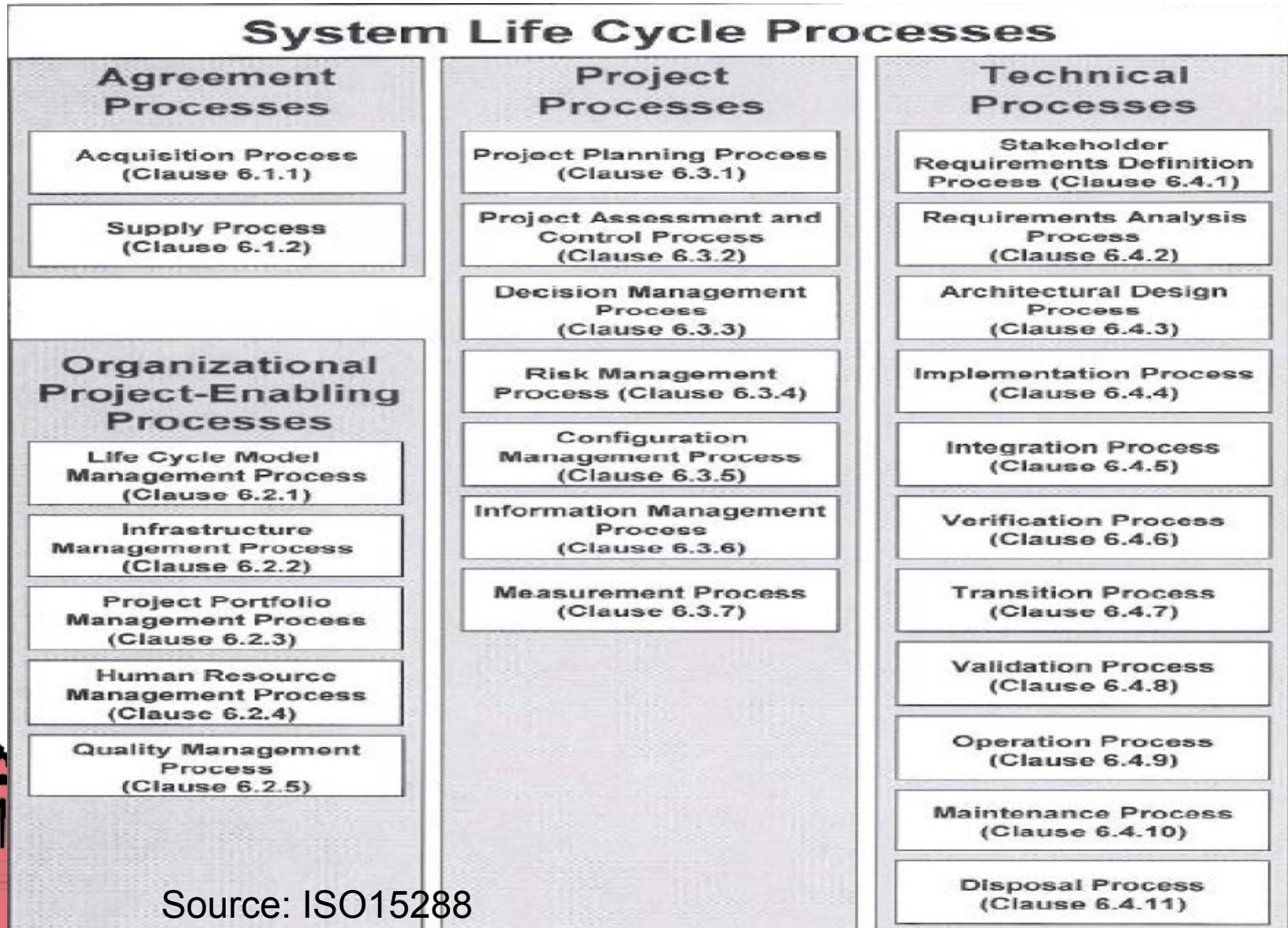


Methods

- Map onto the Systems Engineering Vee model for comparison against a framework



Overview of ISO15288



PEM & PEM_{m&m}

PEM – New projects and product development

Feasibility & Concept	System Definition	Detailing & Fabrication	Assembly / Erection	System Completion
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OPPORTUNITY APPRAISAL	· SYSTEM DEFINITIONS	· DETAIL DESIGN & SUB-CONTRACTING	· TRANSPORT & POSITIONING	· COMMISSIONING
· FEASIBILITY STUDIES	· SYS. DESIGN & LAYOUT DEV.	· PRE-FAB. & MANUFACTURING	· ASSEMBLY	· OFFSHORE INSTALLATION
· CONCEPT SELECTION	· GLOBAL DESIGN	· FABRICATION	· MECHANICAL COMPLETION	· START-UP
· CONCEPT DEFINITION				· TAKE-OVER

PEM_{m&m} – Maintenance and Modification

Scope Definition	System Definition	Detailing & Fabrication	Assembly / Erection	System Completion
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CONCEPT CLARIFICATION	· SYSTEM DEFINITION	· DETAIL DESIGN	· TRANSPORT & POSITIONING	· COMMISSIONING
· CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT	· SYS. DESIGN & LAYOUT DEV.	· WORK PREPARATION	· INSTALLATION	· CLOSE OUT
· ESTIMATION & PLANNING	· GLOBAL DESIGN	· PRE-FABRICATION		
		· FABRICATION		

Top Level Observations

Stakeholder requirements definition	Requirements Analysis	Architectural Design	Implementation Process	Integration	Verification	Transition	Validation	Operation	Maintenance	Disposal
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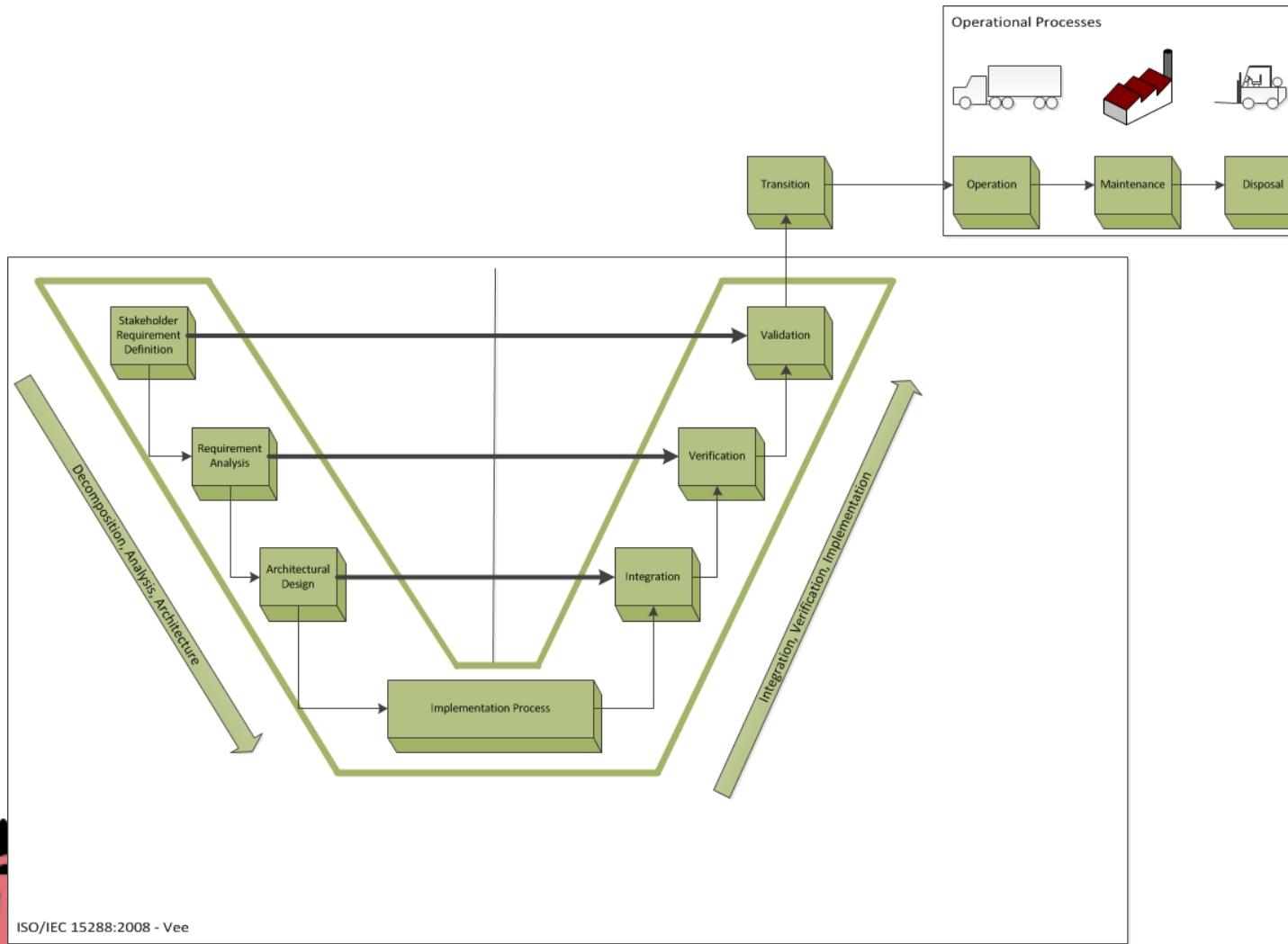
Top level ISO standard

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Top level PEM



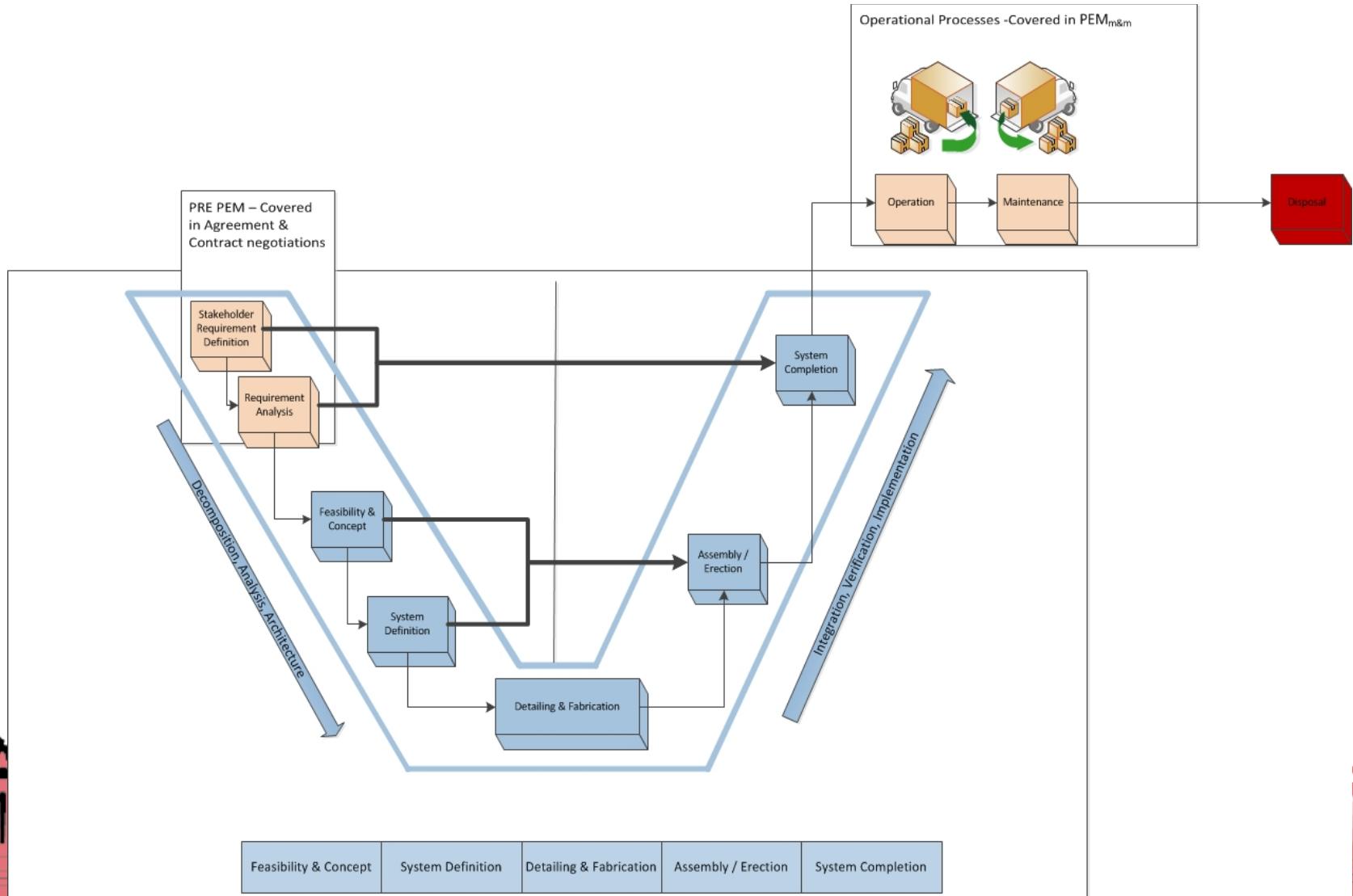
Vee over ISO standard



ISO/IEC 15288:2008 - Vee

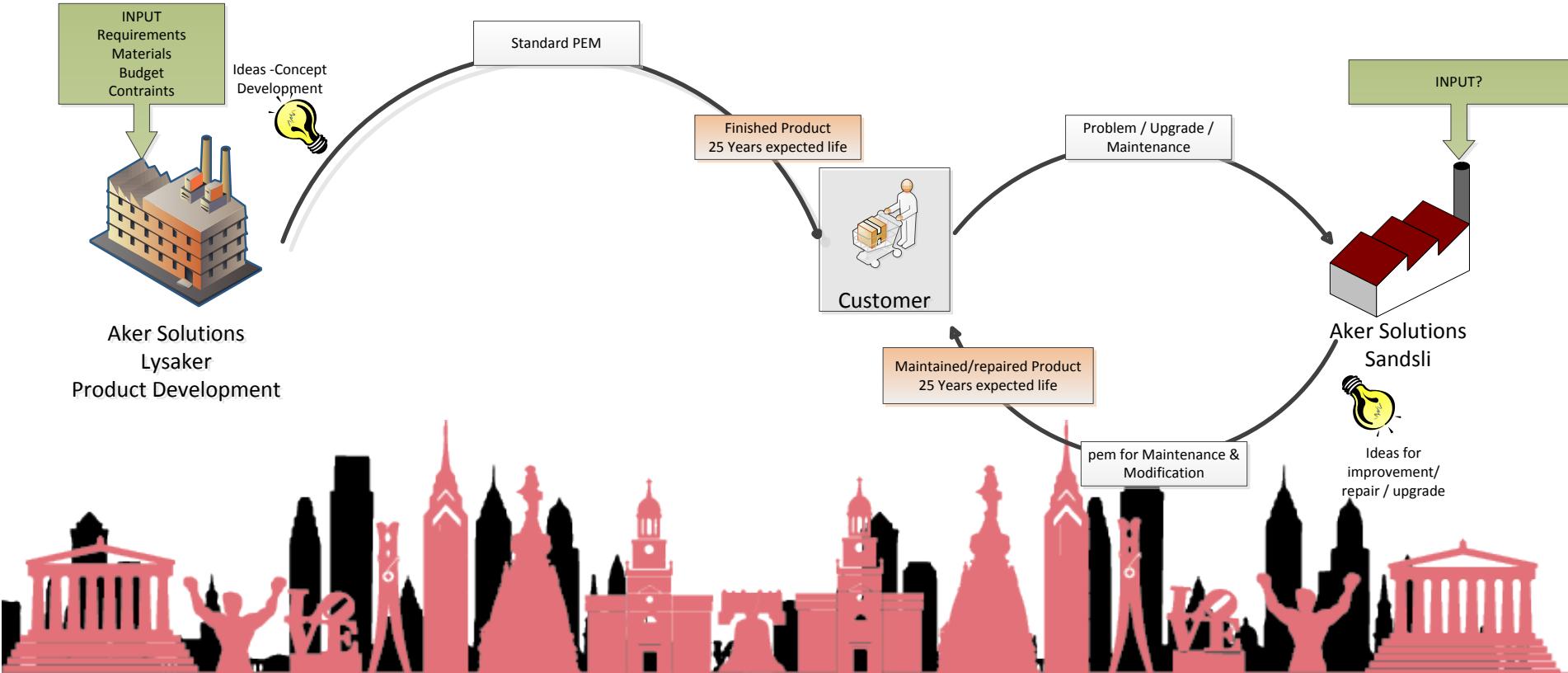
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Vee over PEM



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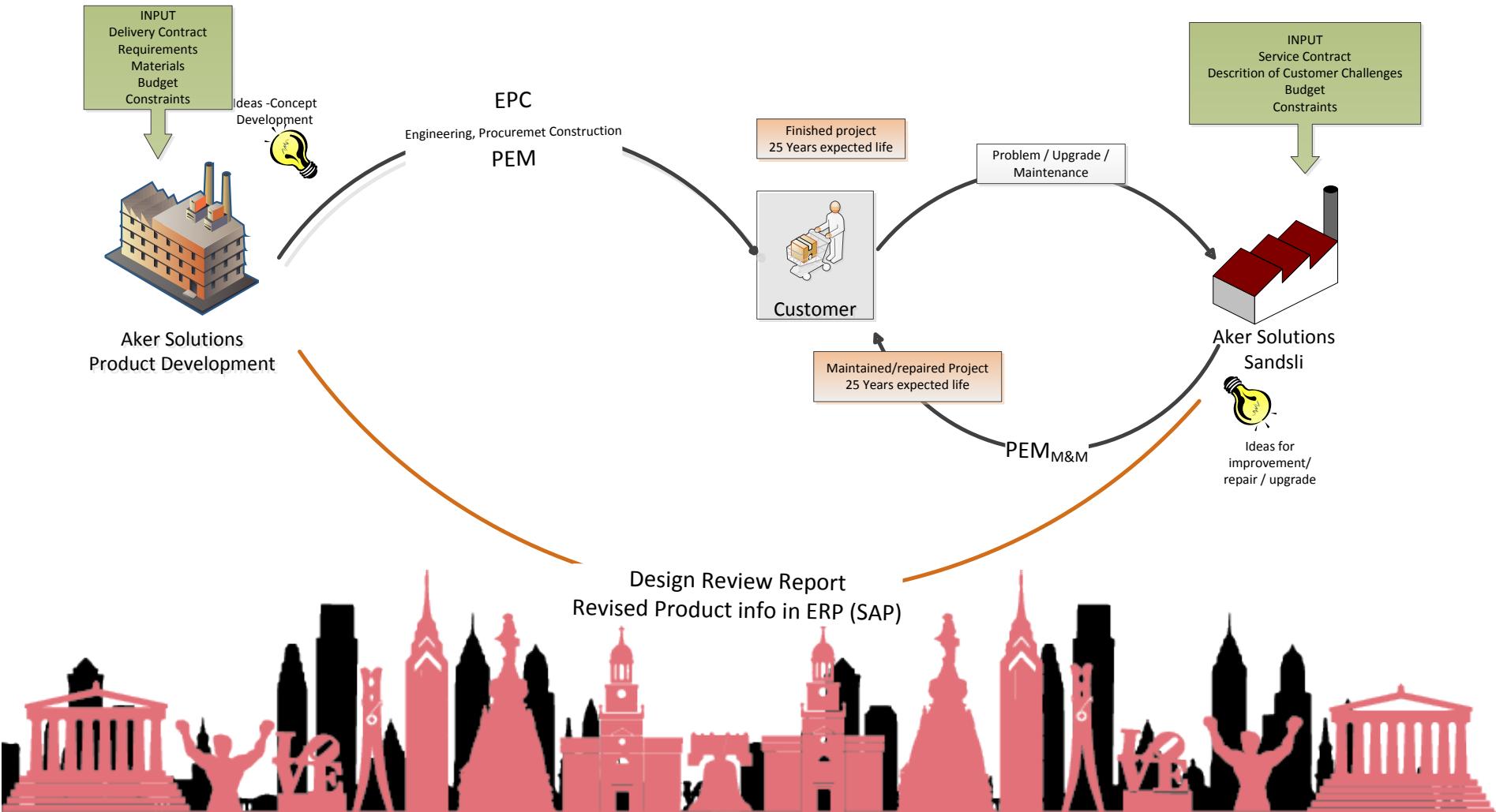
Todays situation – Outside View PEM for Development & PEM_{M&M} for Maintenance and Modification



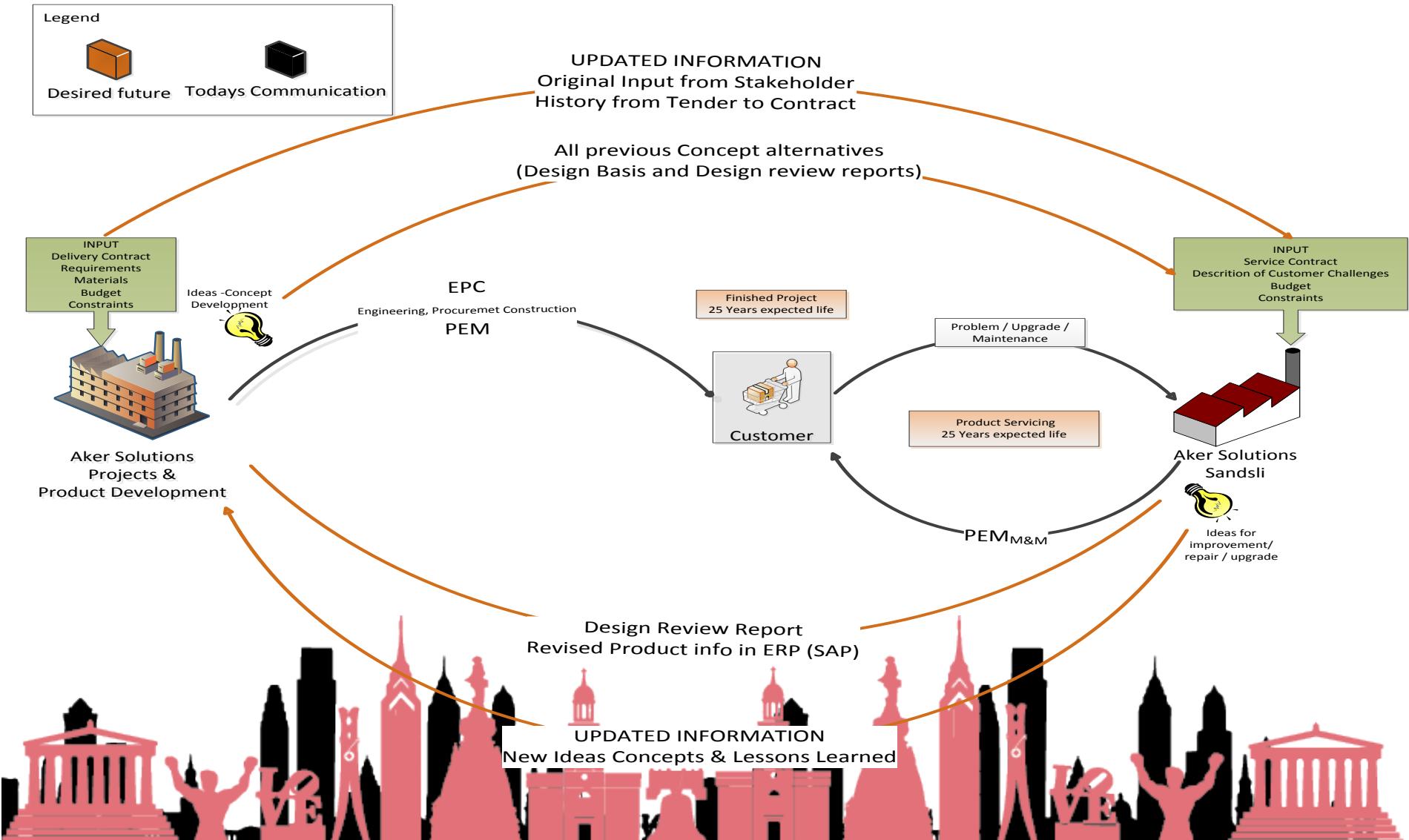
Findings - 2

Todays situation: With inside Information

PEM for Development & PEM_{M&M} for Maintenance and Modification



Closing the loop



Discussion

- The research done and the deviations documented suggest that Aker would benefit from and increase their success of projects by introducing missing elements of the ISO/IEC 15288:2008 standard processes into their project execution strategy.
- PEM has a visible focus towards implementation elements of the lifecycle. This is evident where the boxes depicting PEM starts at the lower part of the left leg of the Vee and stop at the top of the right leg.



Discussion

- My findings suggests that requirements analysis should be a part of the early phase of system definition. The upper left part of the vee model is not covered by PEM.



Discussion

- ***“The current industry standard for executing projects is dependent on requirements defined by governing documents.”***
- ***“As the existing tendering regime restricts the flow of information between the contractors and the oil companies, it is not possible to perform an efficient analysis in this phase.”***
 - Tranøy, Eldar; 2013: “Reduction of Late Design Changes Through Early Phase Need Analysis”



Conclusion

- It is clear that PEM in today's version is a development life cycle model and to become a full life cycle model PEM needs to be expanded to cover more of the ISO standard processes..
- It is my understanding that gathering all project execution activities into PEM and make it into a full life cycle model would make PEM a more important and more useful tool within the company.



Conclusion

- Further reflection on the use of the standard (and the accompanying INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook) suggests that these are well constructed and useful products that assist in the analysis of current situations, and the development of tailored approaches for future improvements.



Questions

THANK YOU

