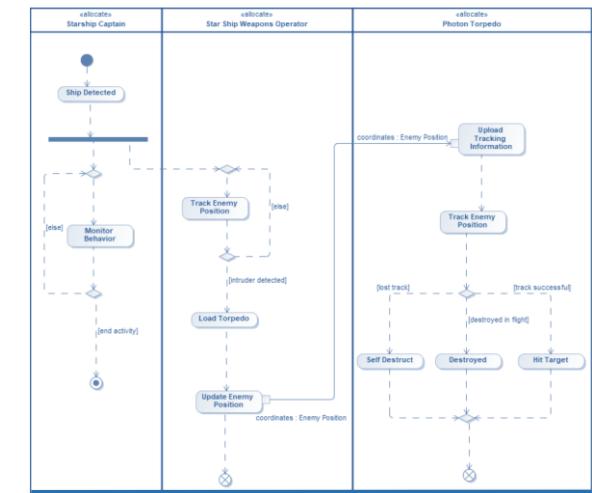
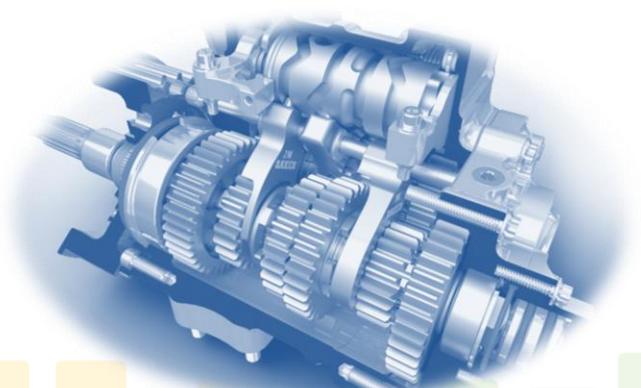
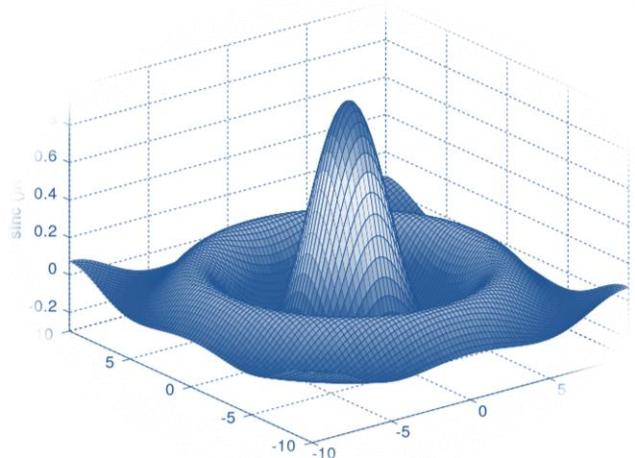


# Into the Great Digital Unknown

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Model-Based Systems Engineering and Digital Engineering

# What Do You Envision?



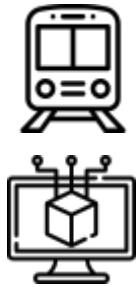
# Appreciating a Changing Context

## *From Static Products to Intelligent Systems of Systems*

Product



Smart Product



Smart, Connected Product



Product System



Systems of Systems



Electro-mechanical

Cyber

Connected

Coordinated

Collaborating

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# Exceeding the Capabilities of Traditional Engineering

## *Systems Challenges in Today's World*

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Mission complexity is growing faster than our ability to manage it . . . increasing mission risk from inadequate specifications and incomplete verification.

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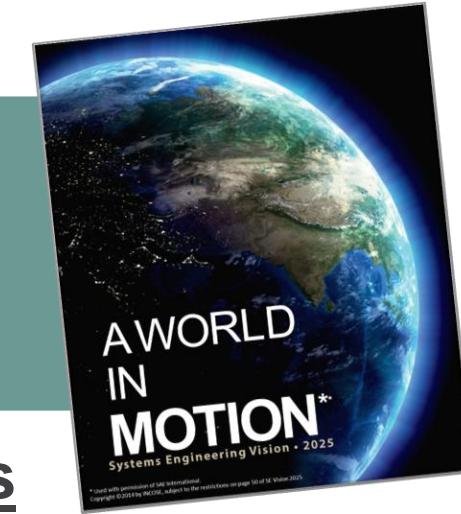
System design emerges from pieces, rather than from architecture . . . resulting in systems that are brittle, difficult to test, and complex and expensive to operate.

3

Knowledge and investment are lost at project life cycle phase boundaries . . . increasing development cost and risk of late discovery of design problems

4

Knowledge and investment are lost between projects . . . increasing cost and risk: dampening the potential for true product lines.



## An Explosion in Complexities and Expectations

- ❖ System scale
- ❖ Mission complexity
- ❖ Technology complexity
- ❖ Project team complexity
- ❖ Dynamic complexity
- ❖ Build to order
- ❖ Cycle time



*It is not necessary to change.  
Survival is not mandatory.*

# Responding to a Changing World

Leveraging today's capabilities to engineer tomorrow's solutions

# Towards Model-Based Systems Engineering

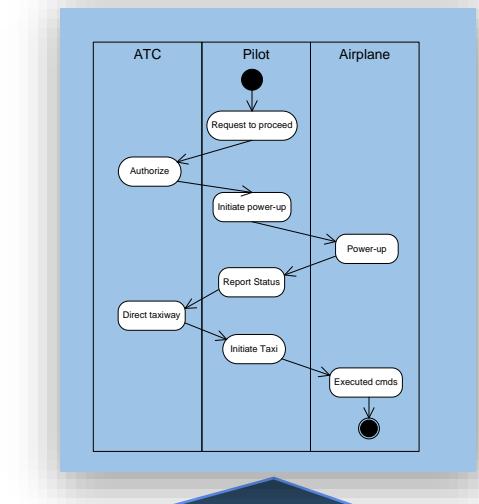
## *A Practice in Transition*

### *Traditional*



- Specifications
- Interface requirements
- System design
- Analysis & Trade-off
- Test plans

### *Future*



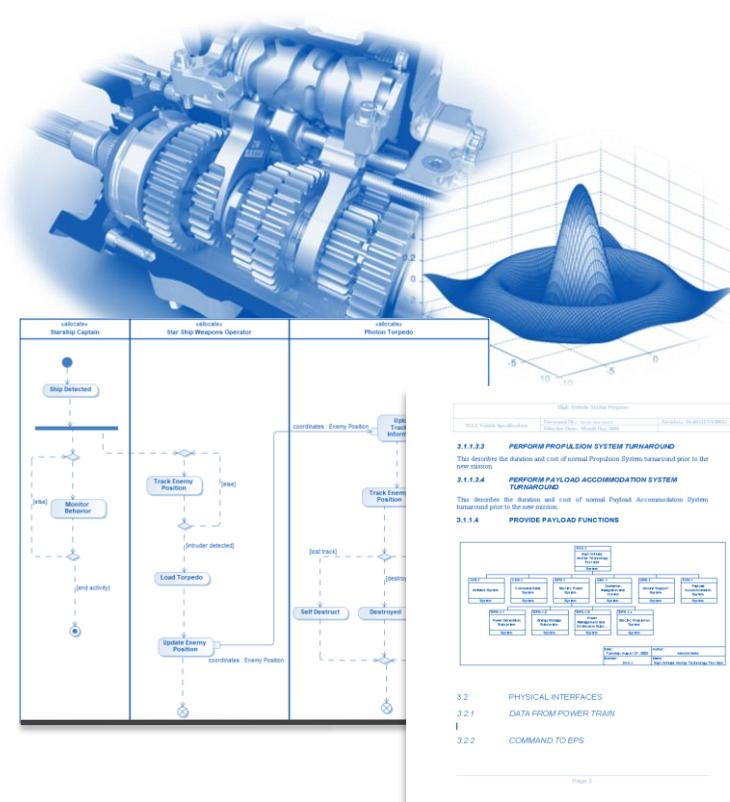
Moving from document-centric to model-centric

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# “Defining” Models and MBSE

A graphical, mathematical (symbolic), physical, or verbal representation or simplified version of a concept, phenomenon, relationship, structure, system, or an aspect of the real world

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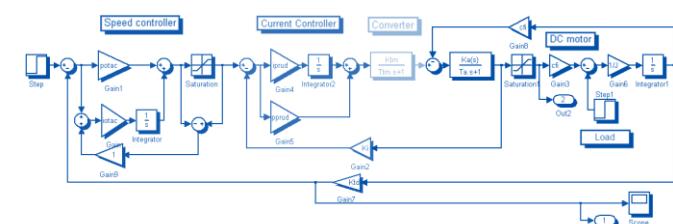
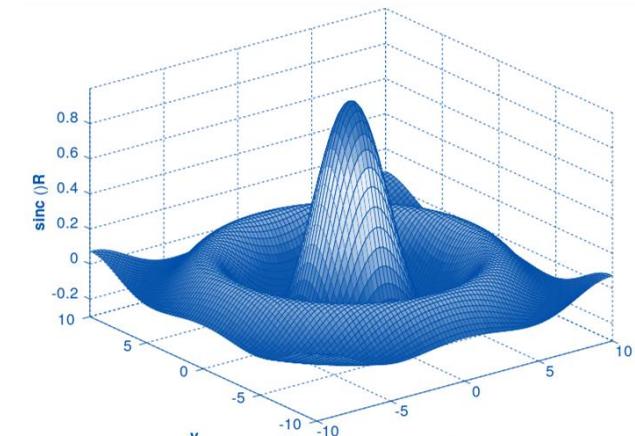
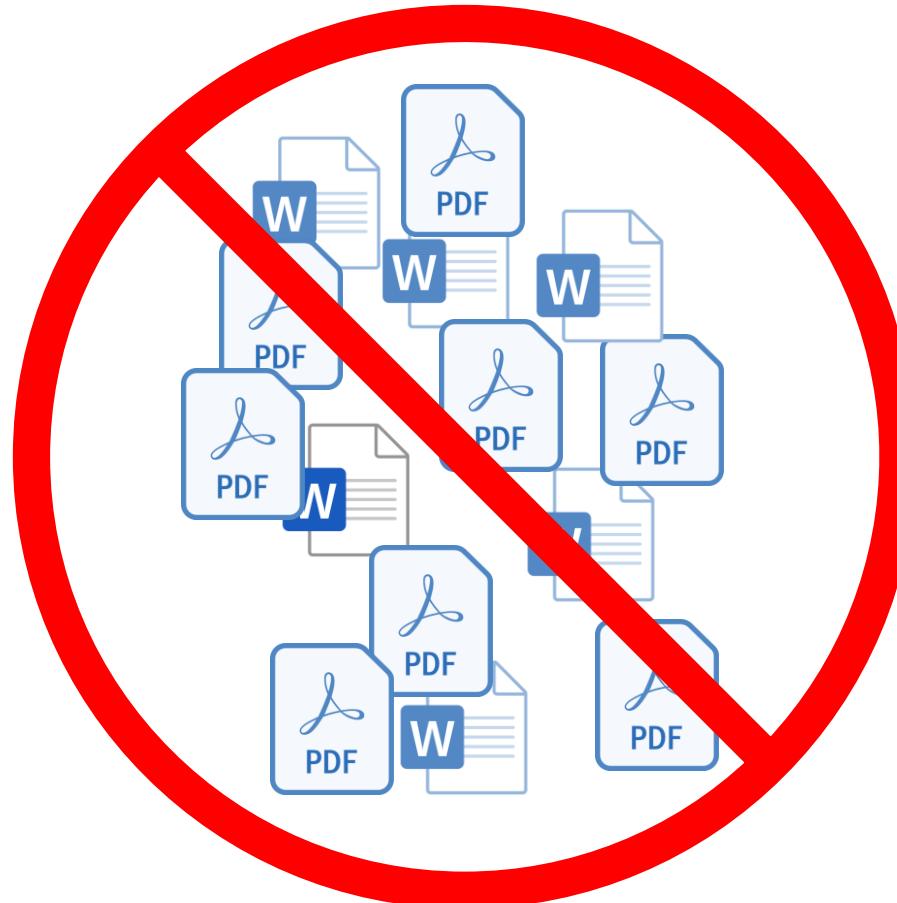
A physical, mathematical, or otherwise logical representation of a system, entity, phenomenon, or process

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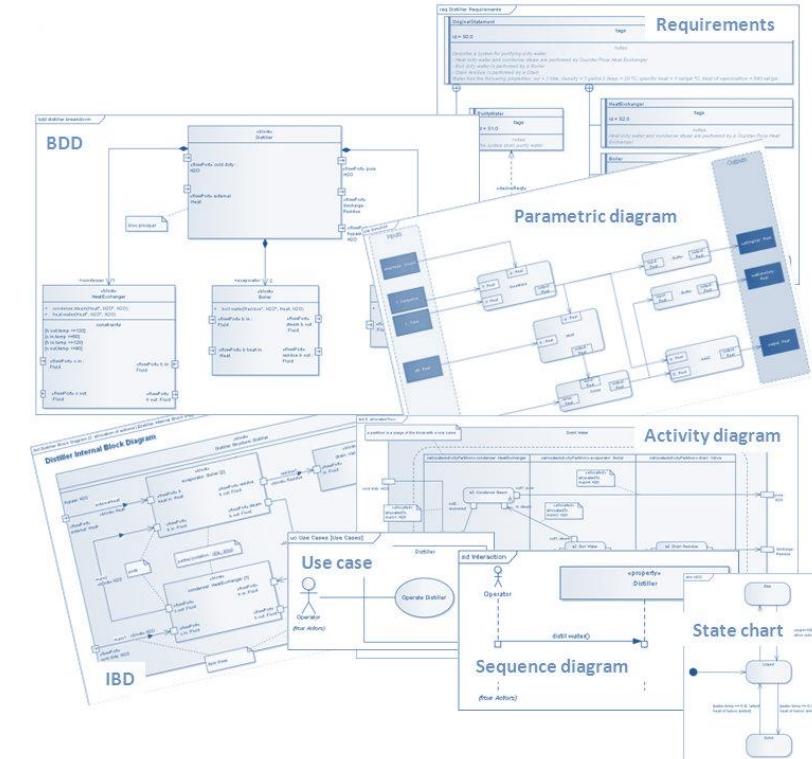
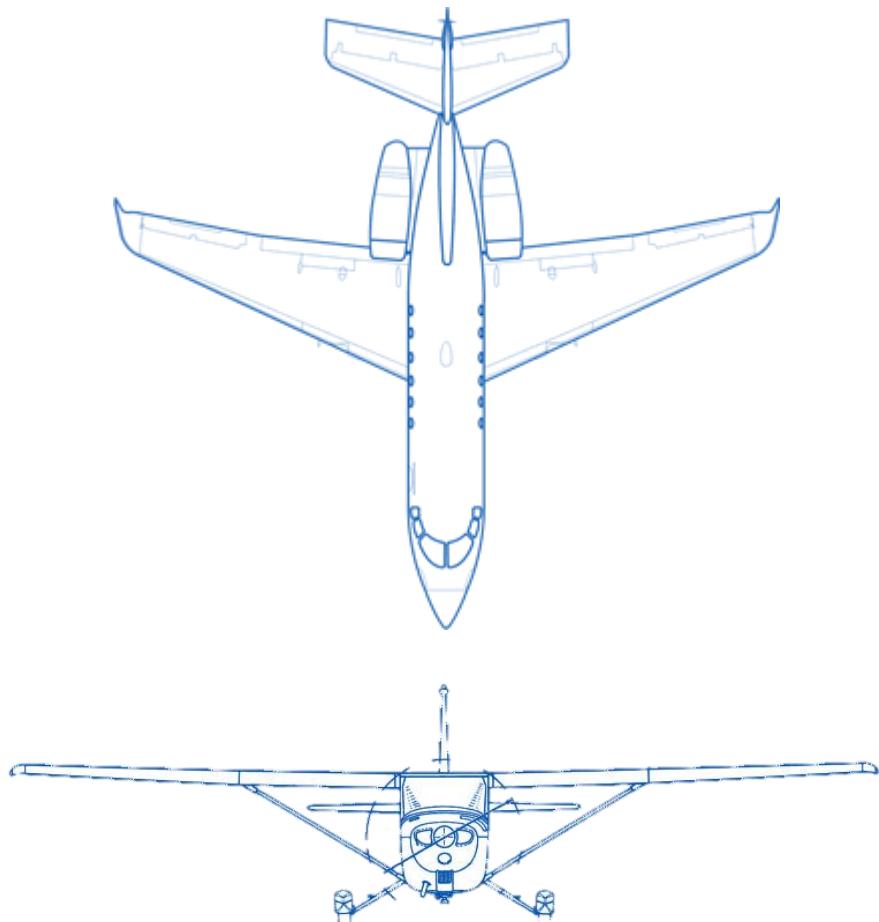
Much of the confusion in MBSE is the ambiguity in “model”.  
If everything is a model, everything qualifies as MBSE.

# Recognizing Myths and Misconceptions

## *What MBSE Is Not*

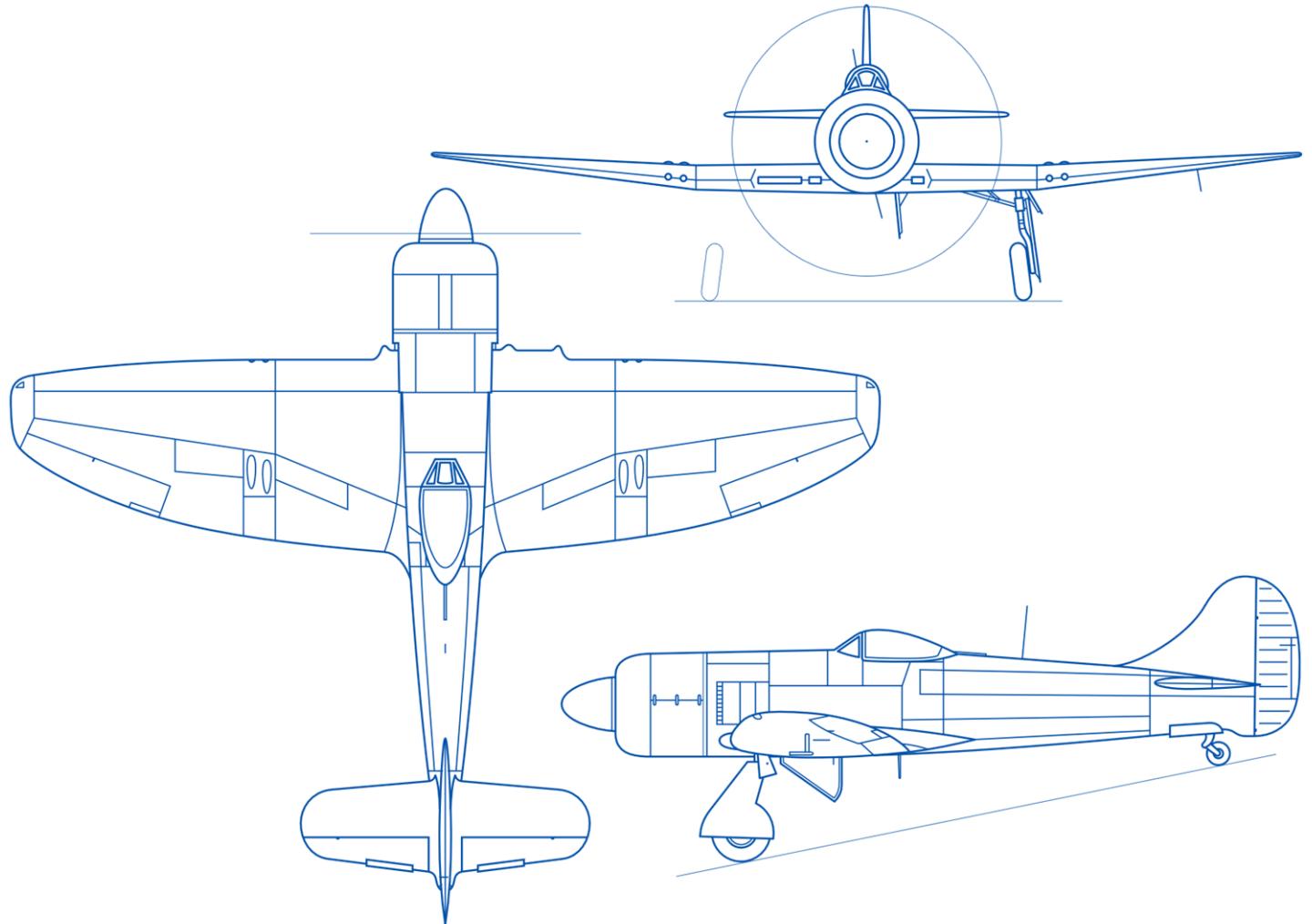


# Recognizing the Decoy of Diagram-Based SE



# Focusing on Essential Information and Clarity

*Look to Data before Visualization*



● Points

→ Vectors

# EXPLICIT OVER IMPLICIT

# CLARITY OVER AMBIGUITY

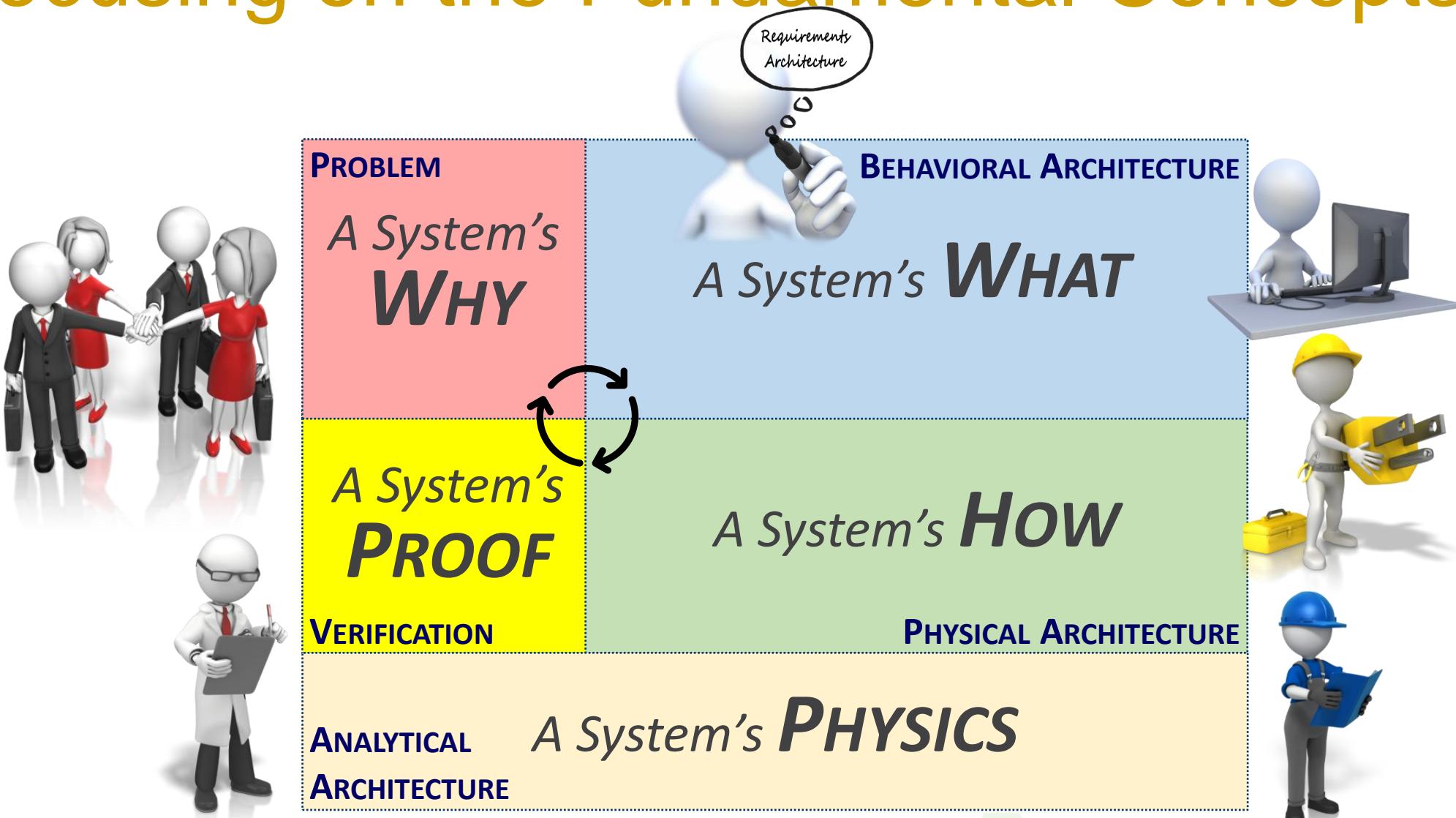


# AUTHORITATIVE DATA OVER ARTIFACTS

# ACCURACY | | PRECISION

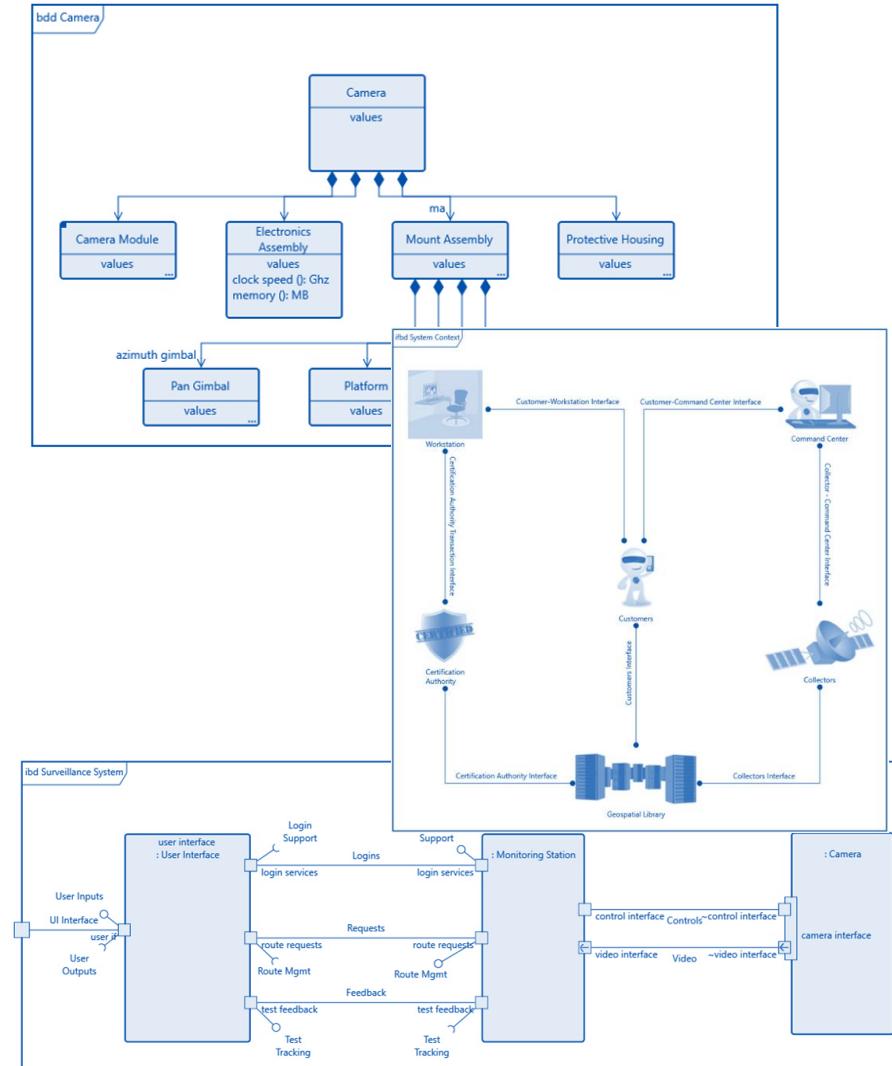
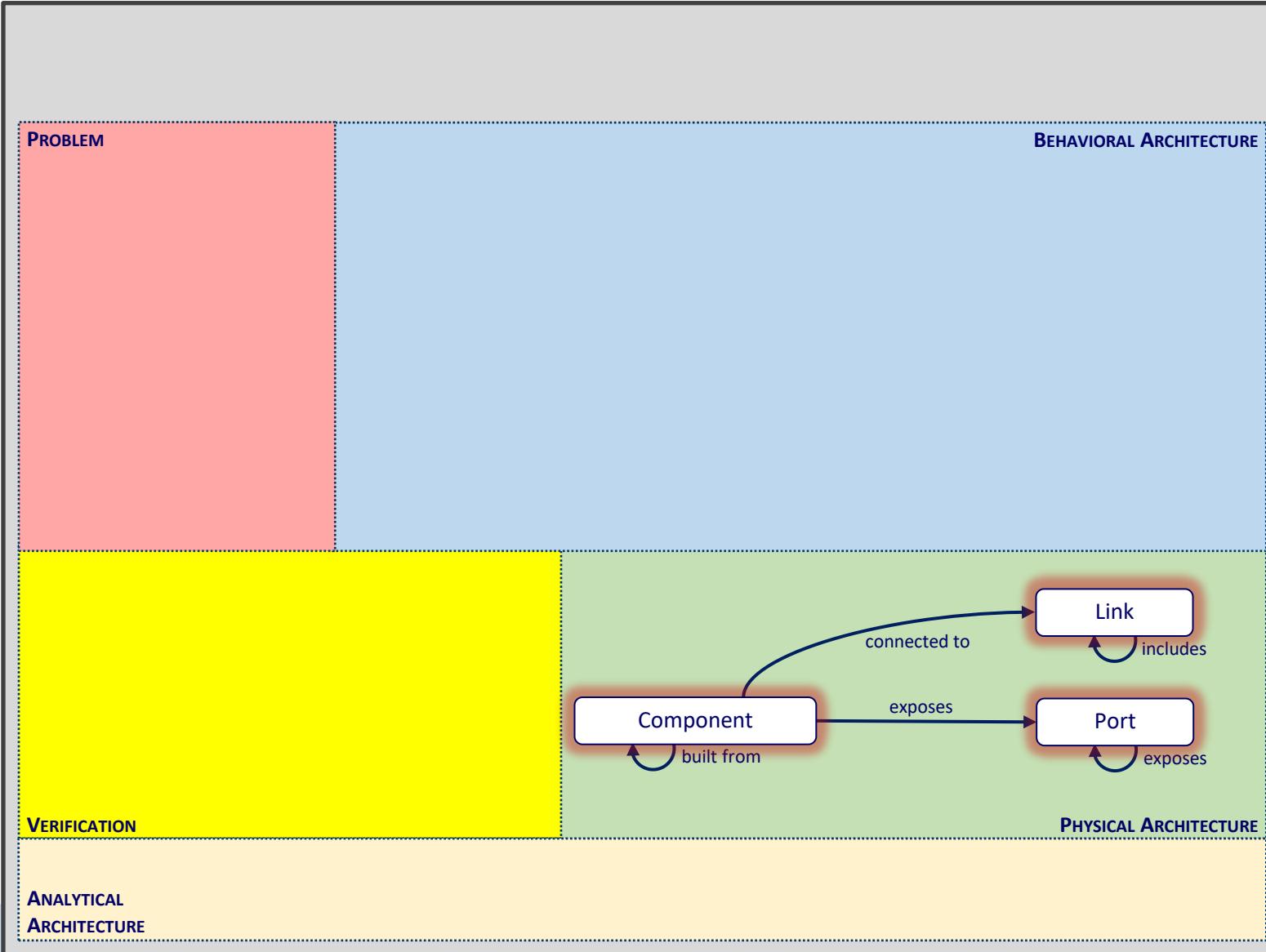


# Focusing on the Fundamental Concepts



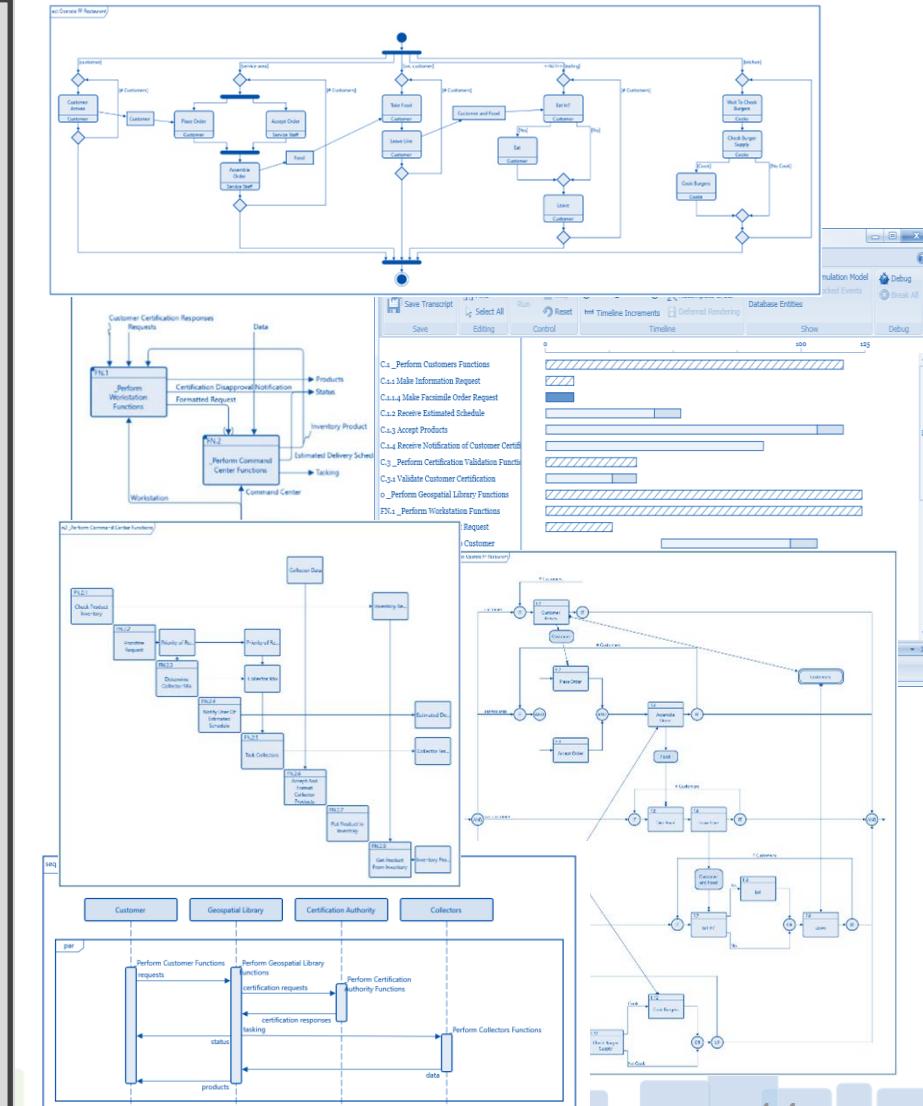
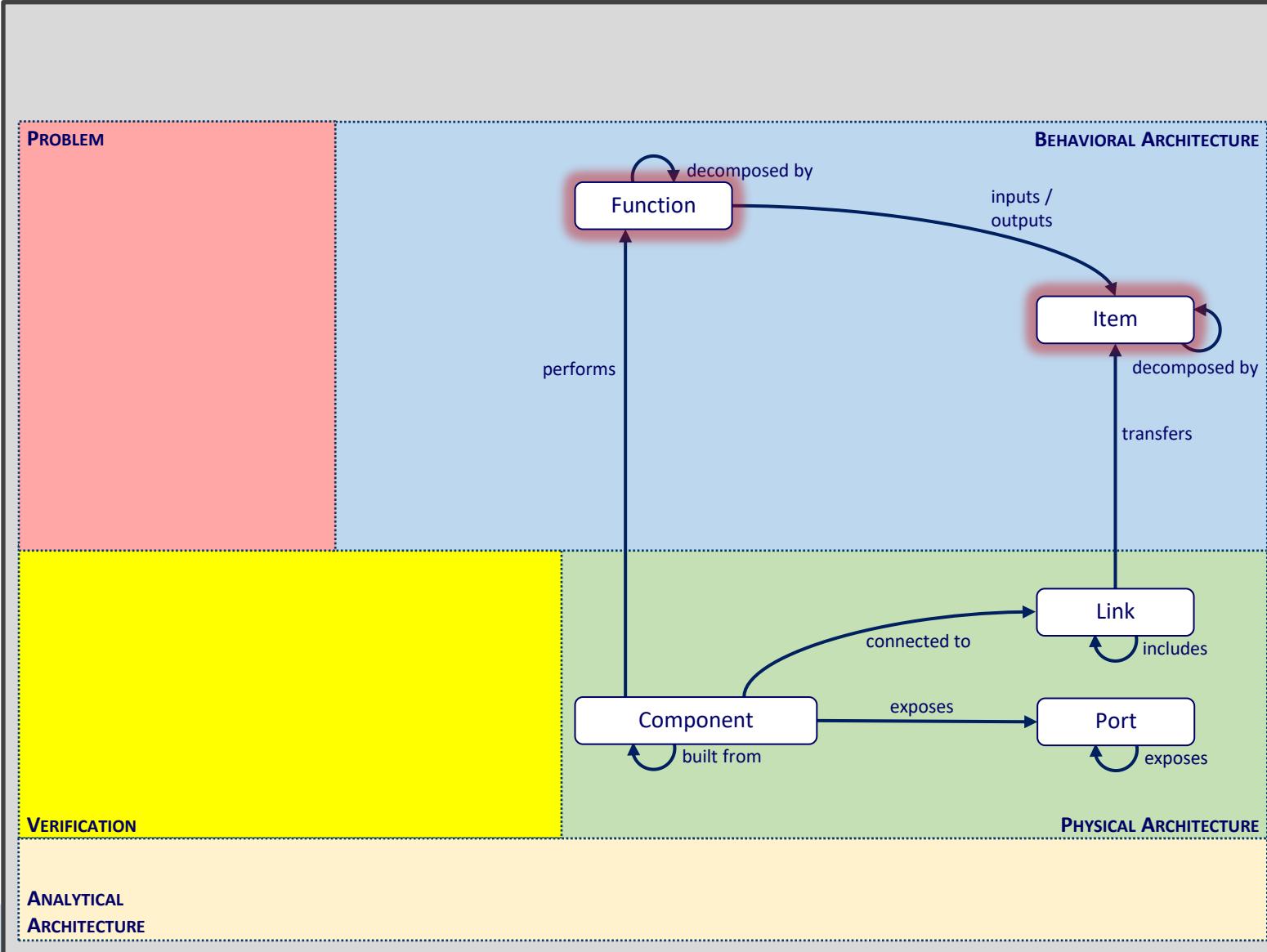
# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

## *Specifying the Design Envelope and Interfaces*



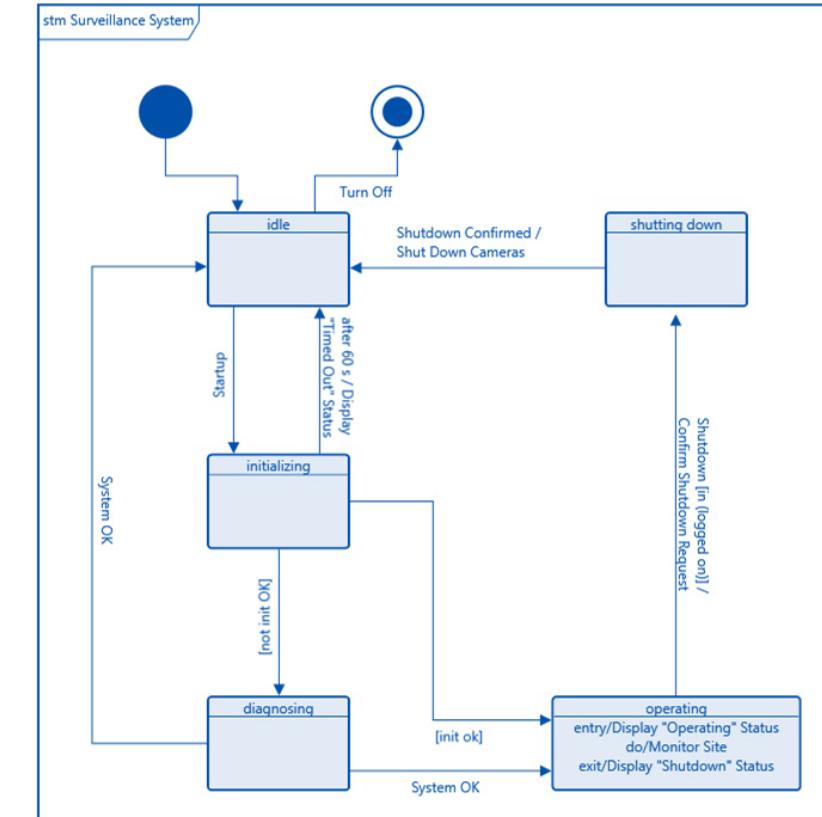
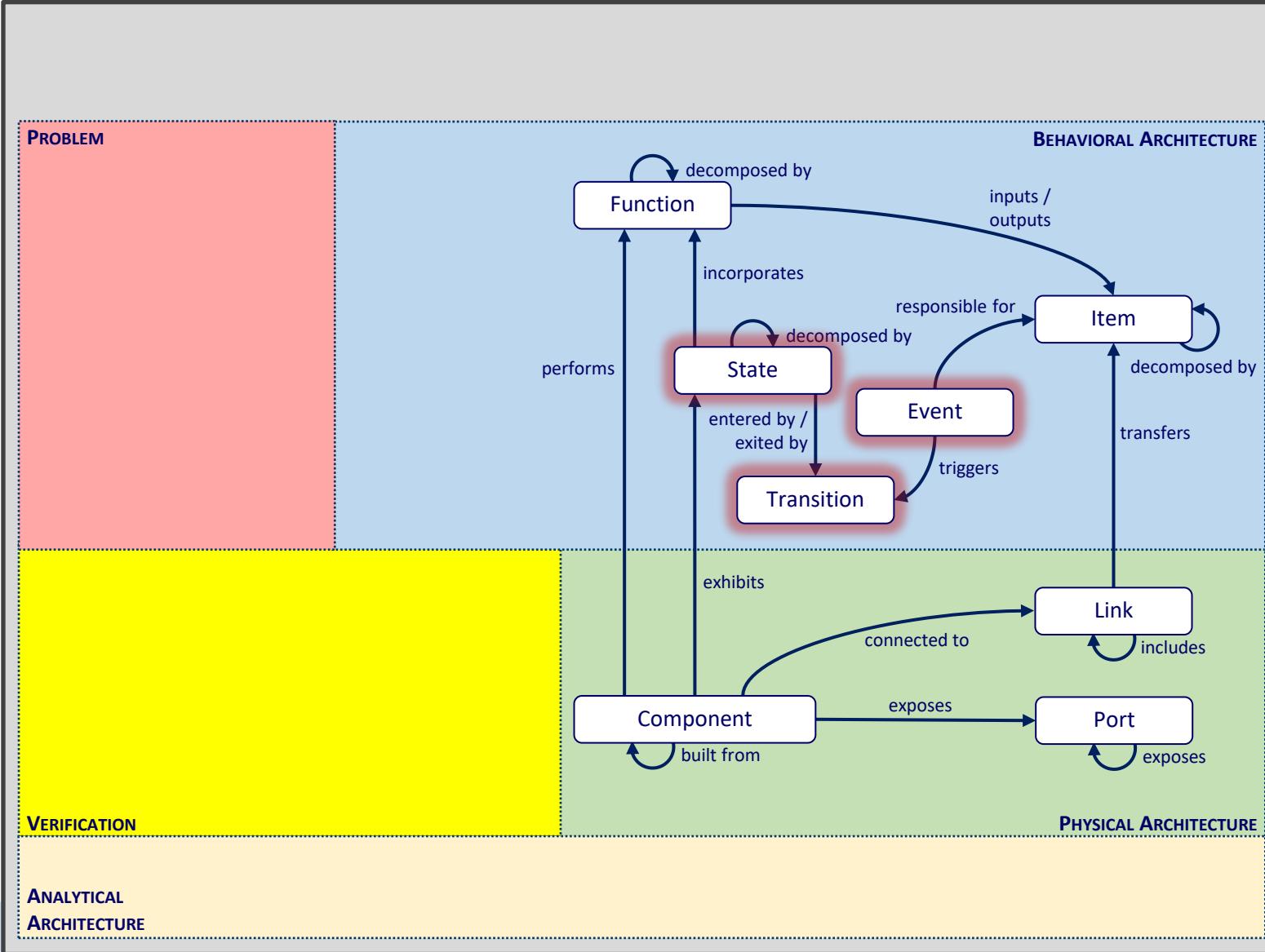
# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

## *Defining Functions and Exchanges*



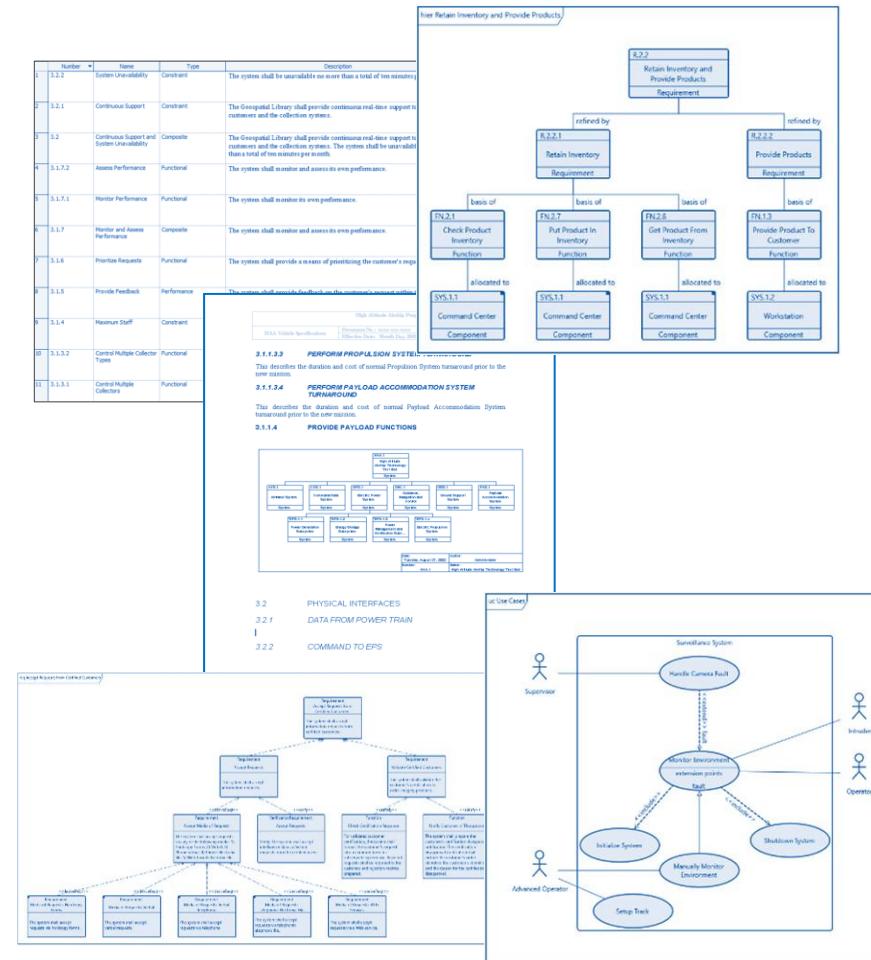
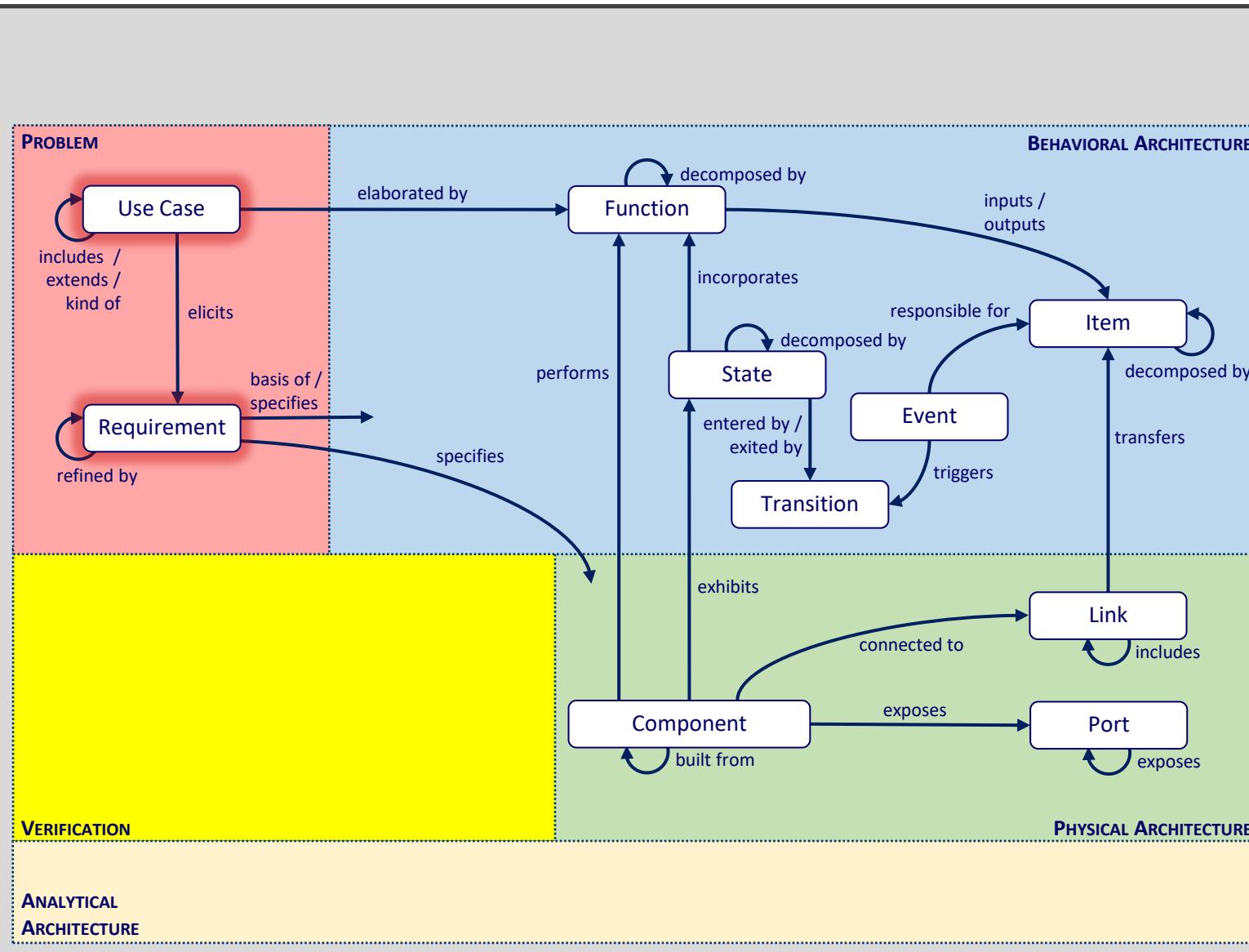
# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

## Considering All States



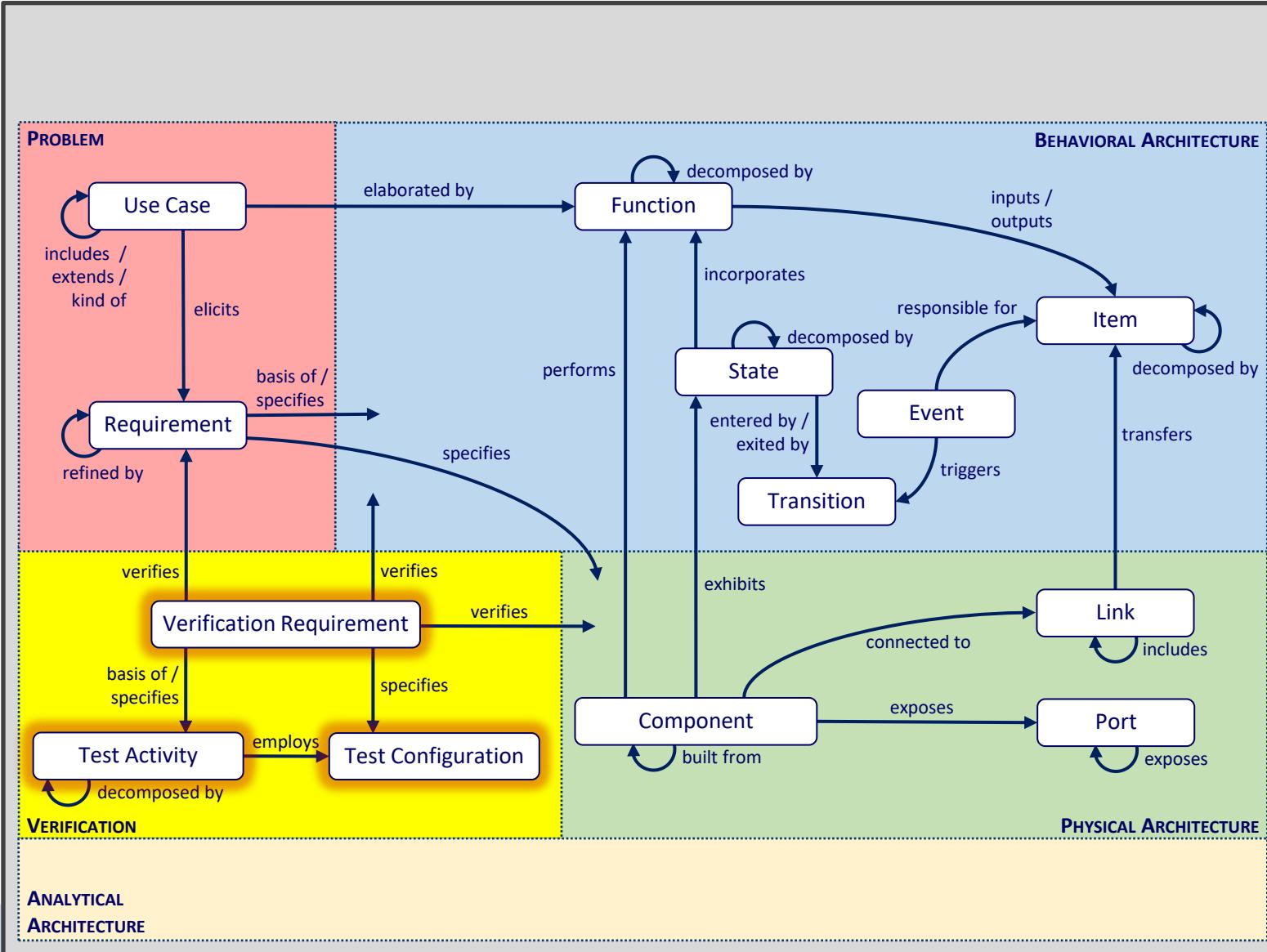
# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

*Capturing the Right Problem, Tracing Throughout*



# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

# *Planning and Tracking Verification*



SDS Rqmt Number	SDS Rqmt Title	Verification					
		Inspection	Analysis	Demo	Test	Comments	
3.1	SDS DATA DISTRIBUTION AND DEPOSITORY ELEMENT					N/A	
3.1.1	IngestSD3E Data				X		
3.1.1.1	Product Subscription to IDPS			X	X		
3.1.1.2	Ad-hocRequest to IDPS					Hier Retain Inventory and Provide Products	
3.1.1.3	BRD Ingest from IDPS						
3.1.1.4	Data Delivery Report Ingest						
3.1.1.5	PROCESS Data Product and Request Status Ingest						
3.1.1.6	xDR Ordering Request from IDPS						
3.1.1.7	Product Subscription to the ADS						
3.1.1.8	Ad-hocRequest to the ADS						
3.1.1.9	xDR Ingest from the ADS						
3.1.1.10	xDR Ordering Request from ADS						

The diagram illustrates the traceability of requirements from the SDS Rqmt matrix to specific system functions and finally to workstation components.

**Requirements Traceability:**

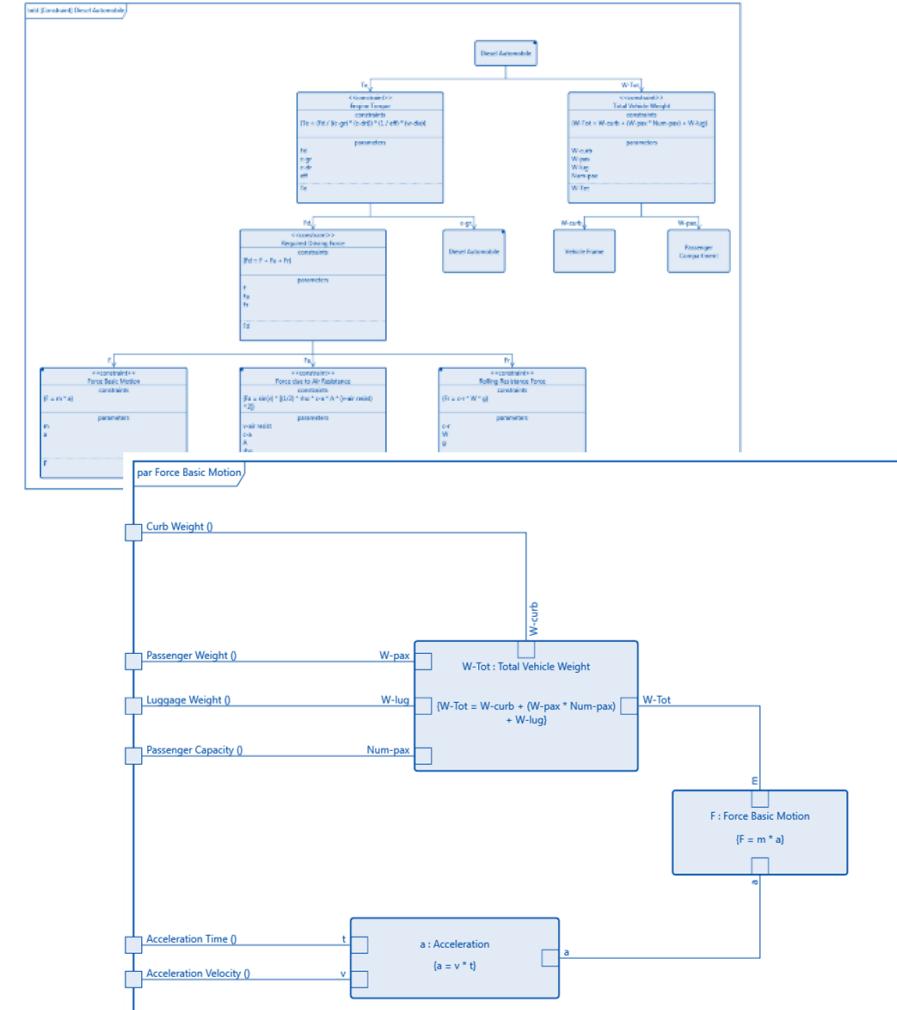
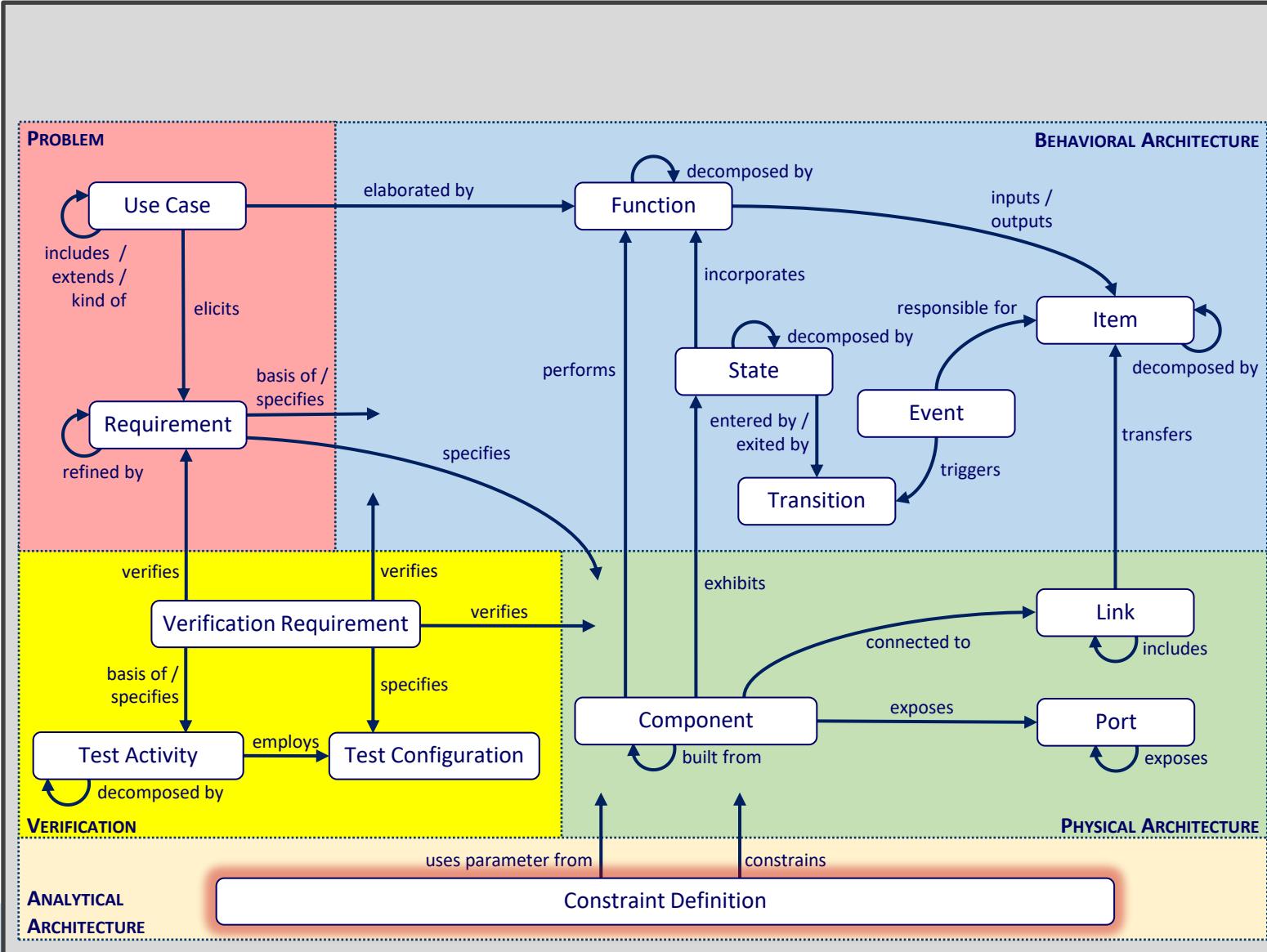
- Requirement R.2.2:** Retain Inventory and Provide Products Requirement
  - Refined by R.2.2.1: Retain Inventory Requirement
  - Refined by R.2.2.2: Provide Products Requirement
- Function Allocation:**
  - R.2.2.1 is the basis of FN.2.1: Check Product Inventory Function.
  - R.2.2.2 is the basis of FN.2.7: Put Product in Inventory Function.
  - R.2.2.2 is the basis of FN.2.8: Get Product From Inventory Function.
- Function Allocation to Workstation Components:**
  - FN.2.1 is allocated to EWS.1.1.
  - FN.2.7 is allocated to EWS.1.1.
  - FN.2.8 is allocated to EWS.1.1.
  - FN.2.8 is allocated to EWS.1.2.

**Verification Cross-Reference Matrix:**

The matrix shows the relationship between SDS Rqmt numbers and verification methods (Inspection, Analysis, Demo, Test). The matrix is partially filled with 'X' marks, indicating which verification methods are applicable for each requirement.

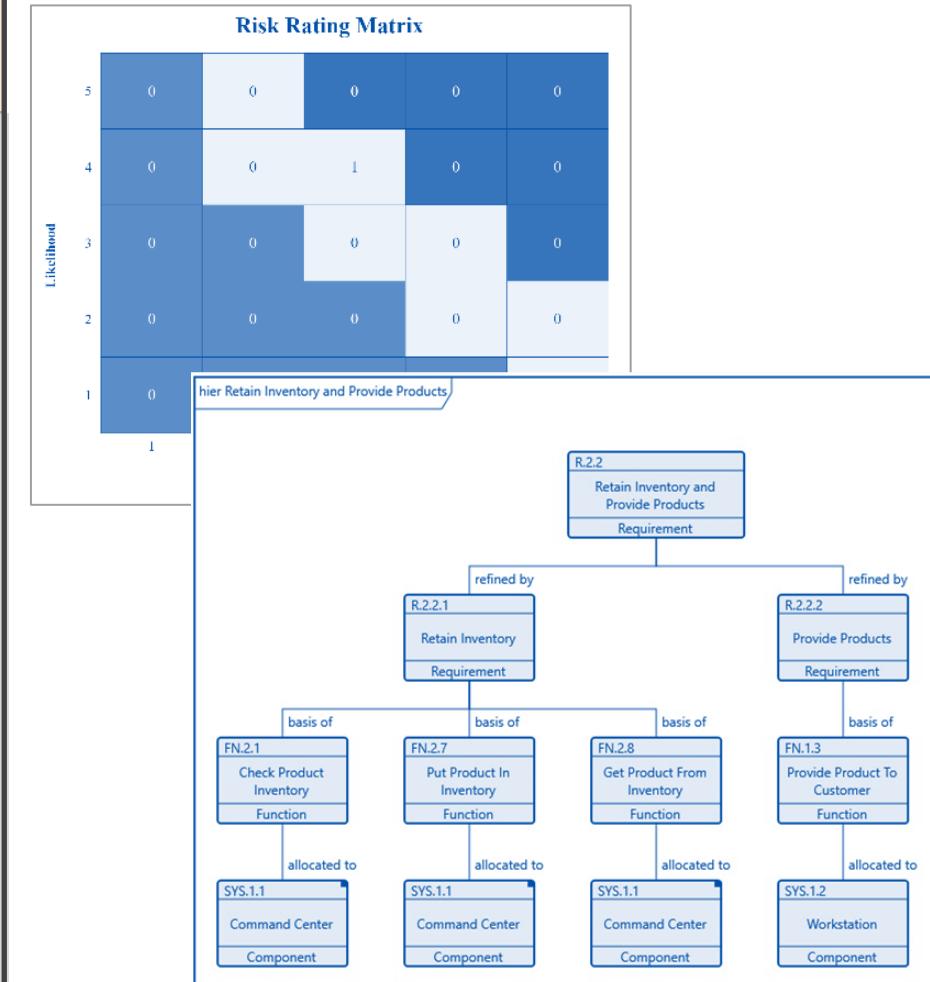
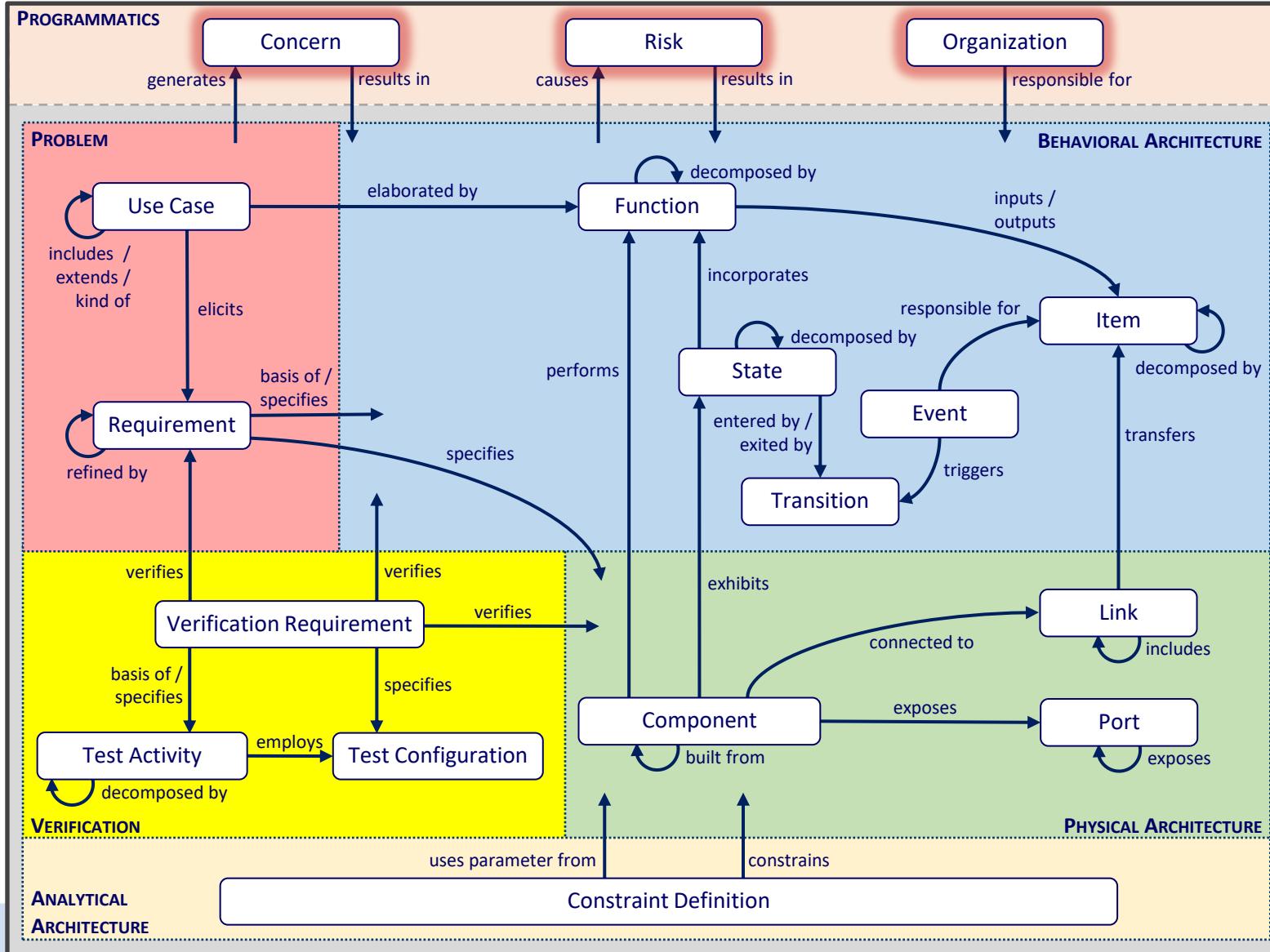
# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

# *Engineering with Rigor*



# Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

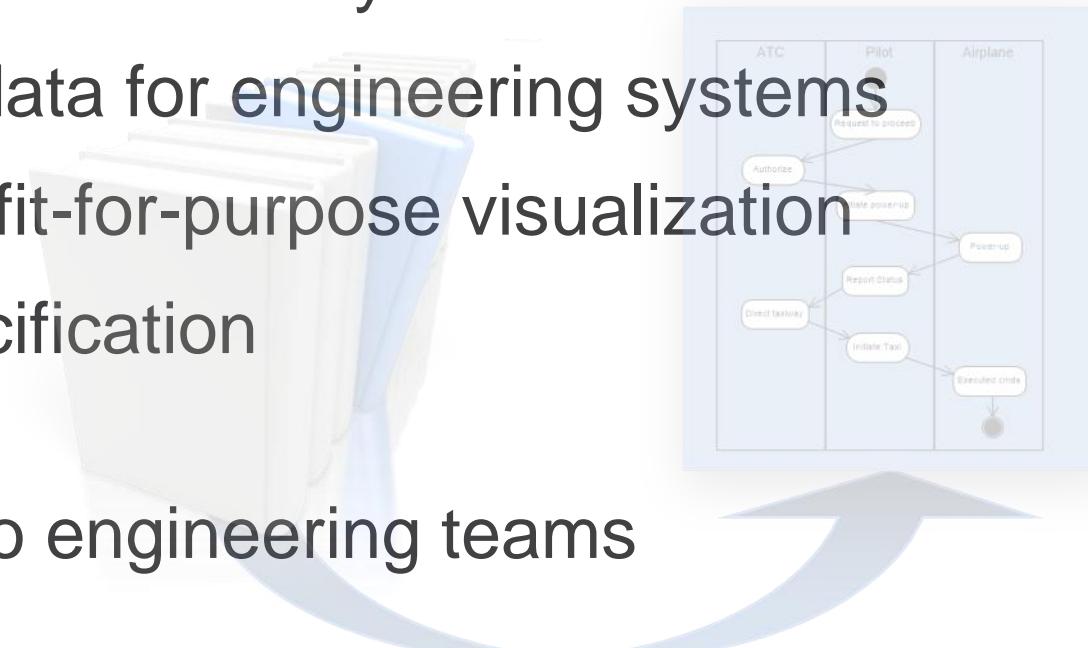
*Capturing the Journey*



# Expressing the Fundamentals of MBSE

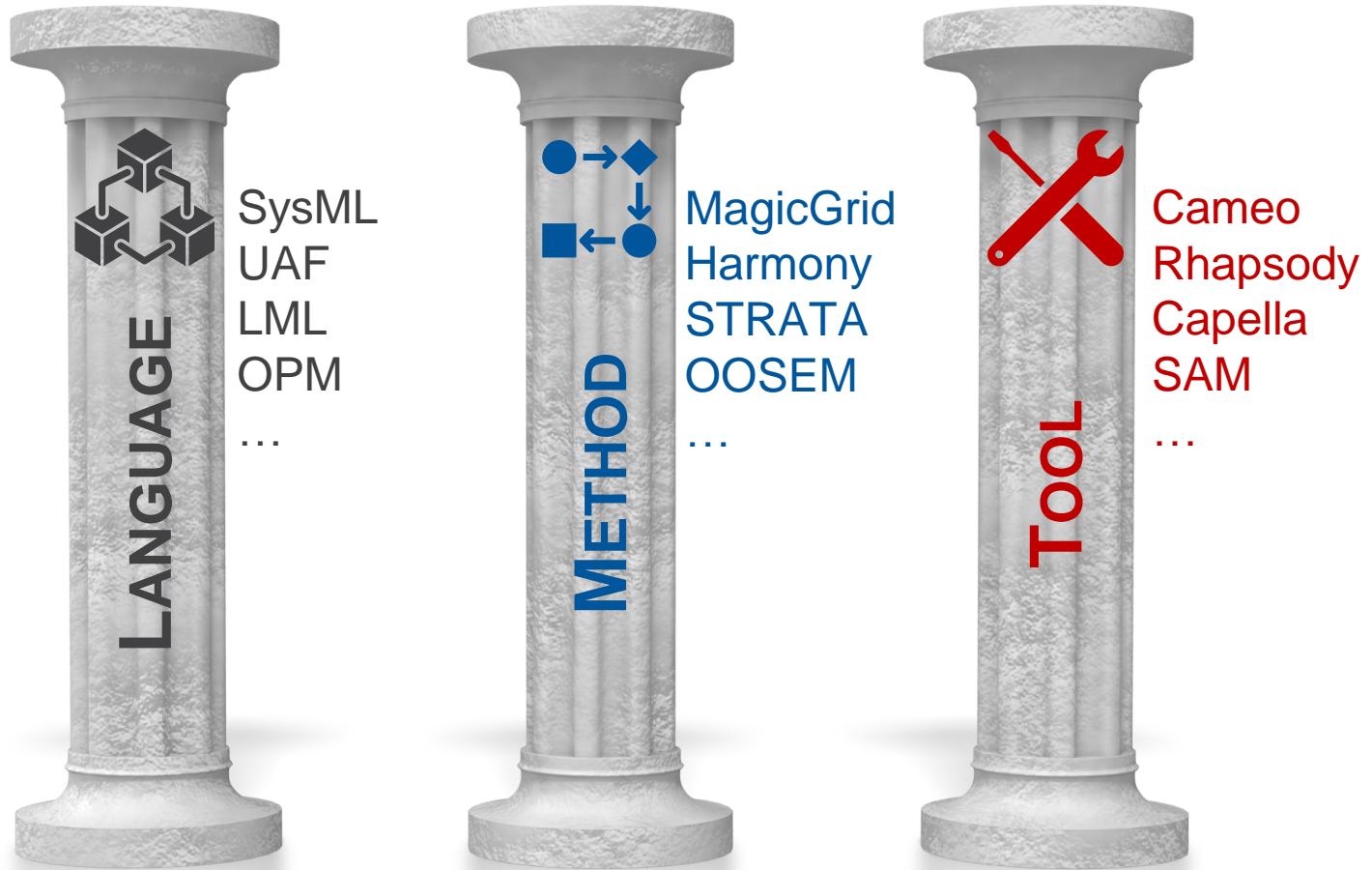
## *Model-Based Systems Engineering is about...*

- Making system architectural and analytical models **explicit**, **coherent**, **consistent**, and **actionable** through the power of digital
- Leveraging models for communication and analysis
- Developing and using authoritative data for engineering systems
- Freeing data from artifacts enabling fit-for-purpose visualization
- Ensuring consistent design and specification  
(when done well)
- Providing an explicit system model to engineering teams



# Understanding “The Three Pillars of MBSE”

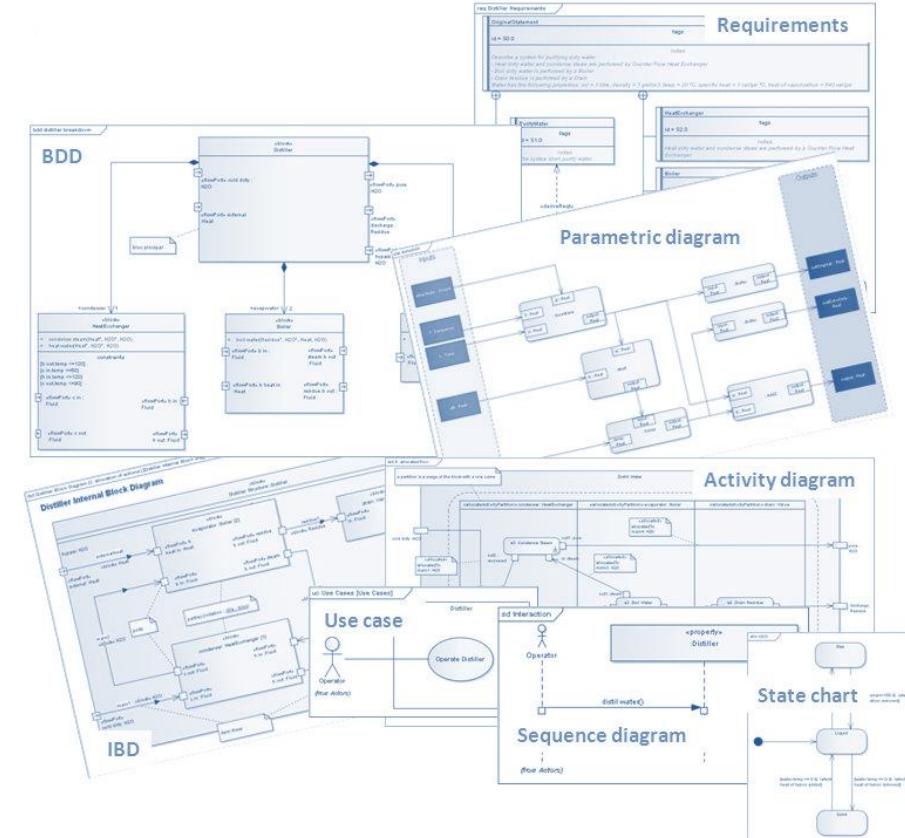
*Awareness with Caution*



# Defining the Purpose of Your Model

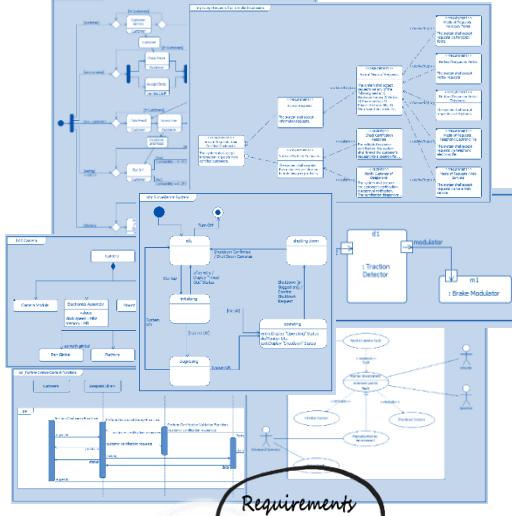


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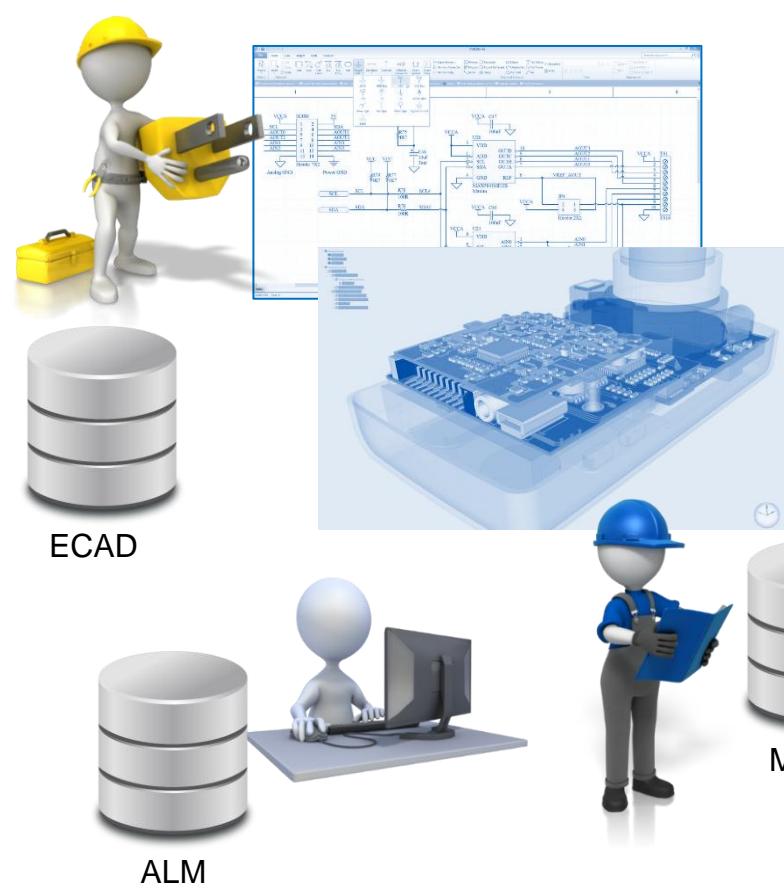


# Avoiding the Trap of Silos of Excellence

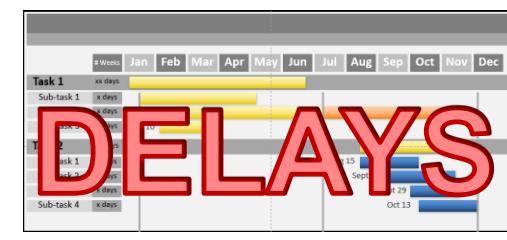
*Disconnected Engineering in a Complex World*



CONCEPT



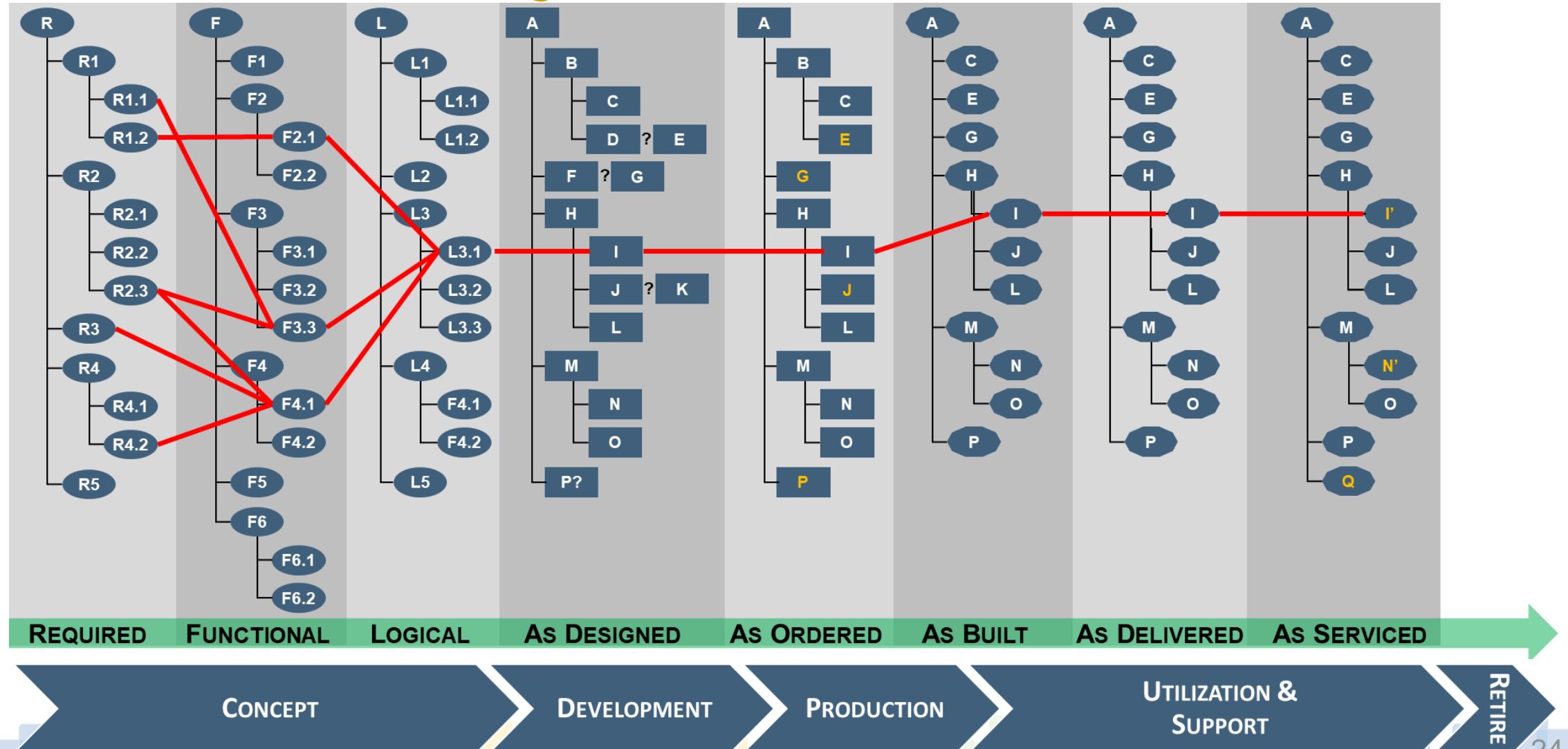
DEVELOPMENT



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# Maintaining an Unbroken Thread of Traceability

## *The Power of the Digital Thread*



# Leveraging the Power of Digital

## *A “Smart” Digital Twin Connecting Design and Operation*



A digital twin is virtual representations of real-world entities and processes, synchronized at a specified frequency and fidelity

Digital Twin Consortium

# Connecting the Engineering Lifecycle

## *The Authoritative Source of Truth*

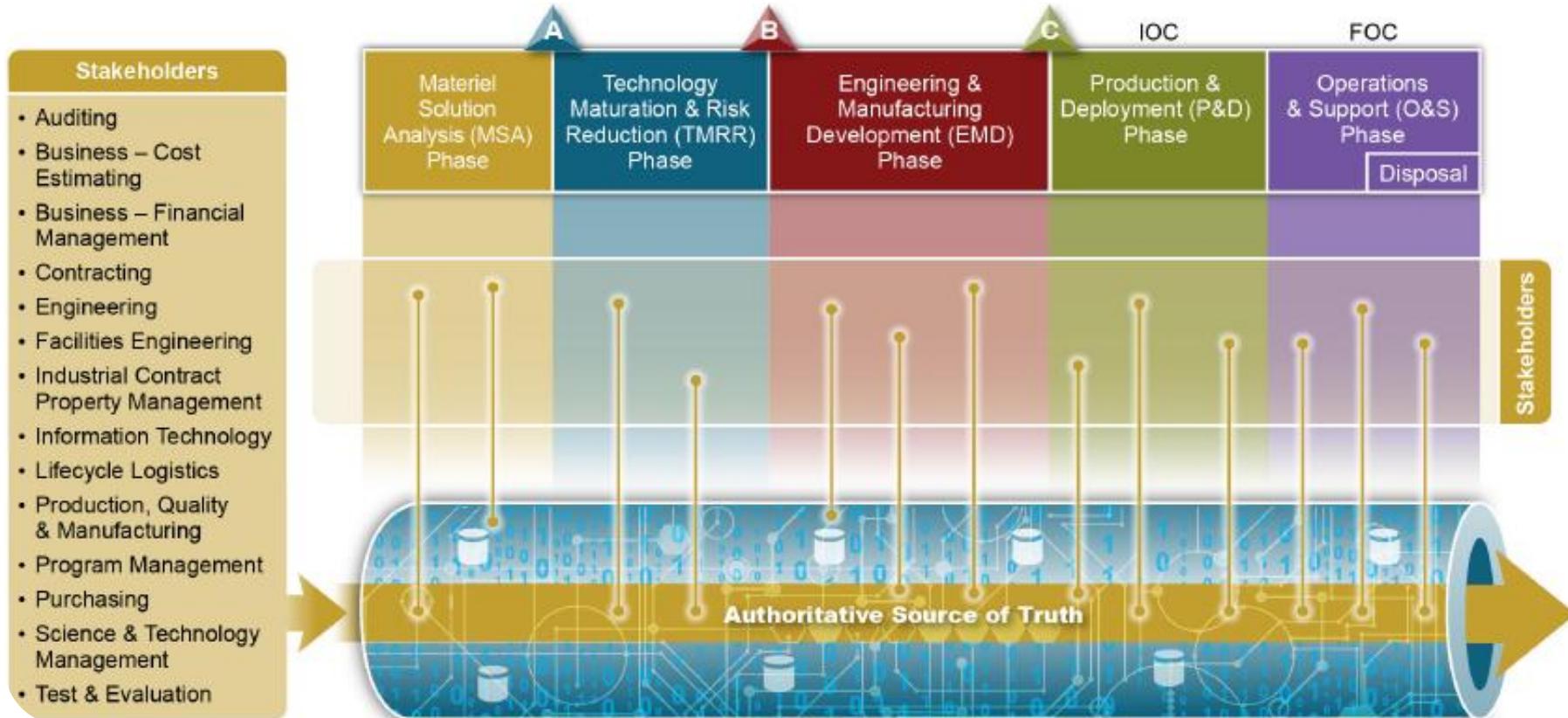


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An integrated approach using authoritative data and models as a continuum across disciplines and across the lifecycle

Department of Defense  
Digital Engineering Strategy

# Relating the Key Concepts

*The Foundations of DE and Our Digital Transformation*



**Digital Engineering** *a critical enabler for the modern engineering enterprise*



**MBSE**  
*connective tissue of the  
Digital Engineering environment*



**Systems Engineering**  
*technical connective tissue of  
the project team*



**Data**  
*oxygen fueling 21<sup>st</sup> century  
engineering and operations*



# Delving Deeper into Engineering Digitally

Critical ideas, enablers, challenges, and opportunities

# Engineering Does Not Require All Data at All Times

*Right Data, Right Abstraction, Right Place, Right Time, Right Presentation*



# Immersing in Design and Analysis

*Information-Aware over Data-Seeking, Hands-on over Conduits*

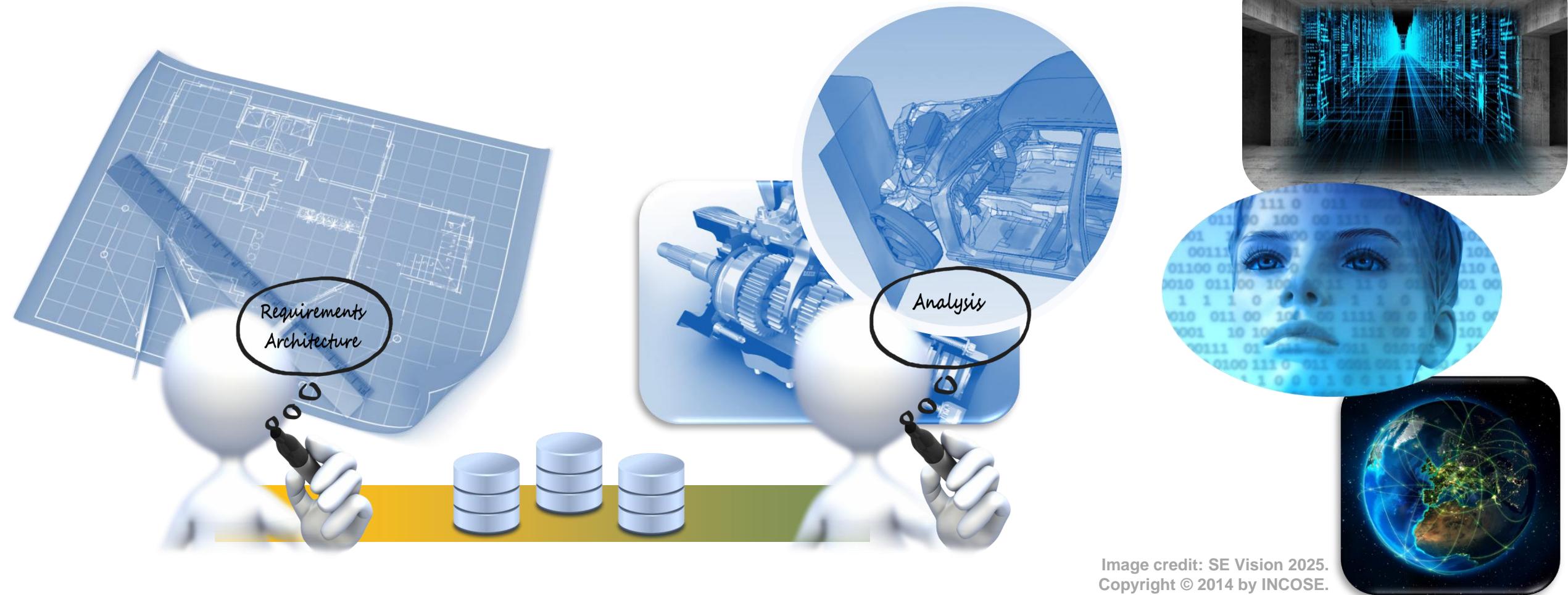
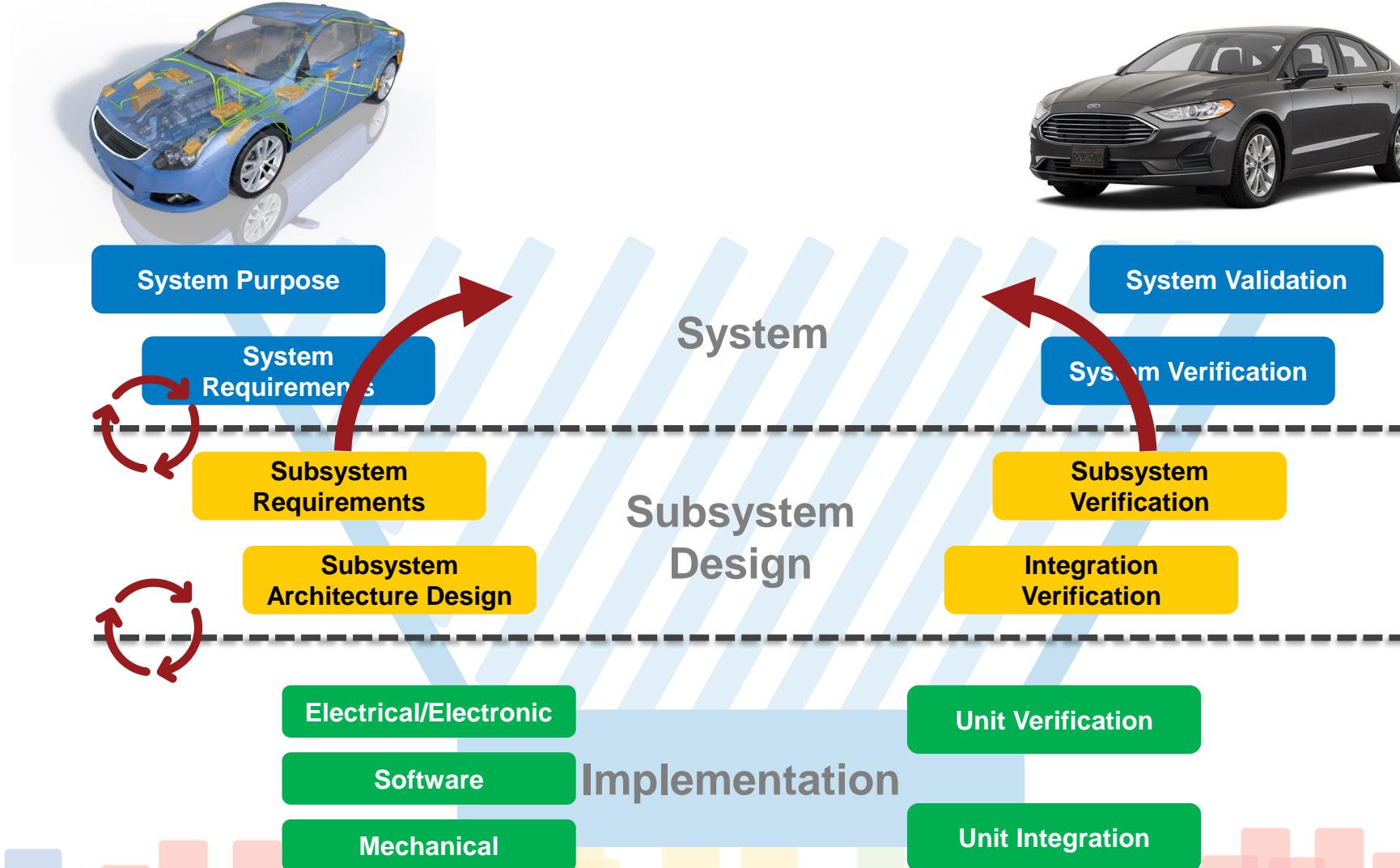


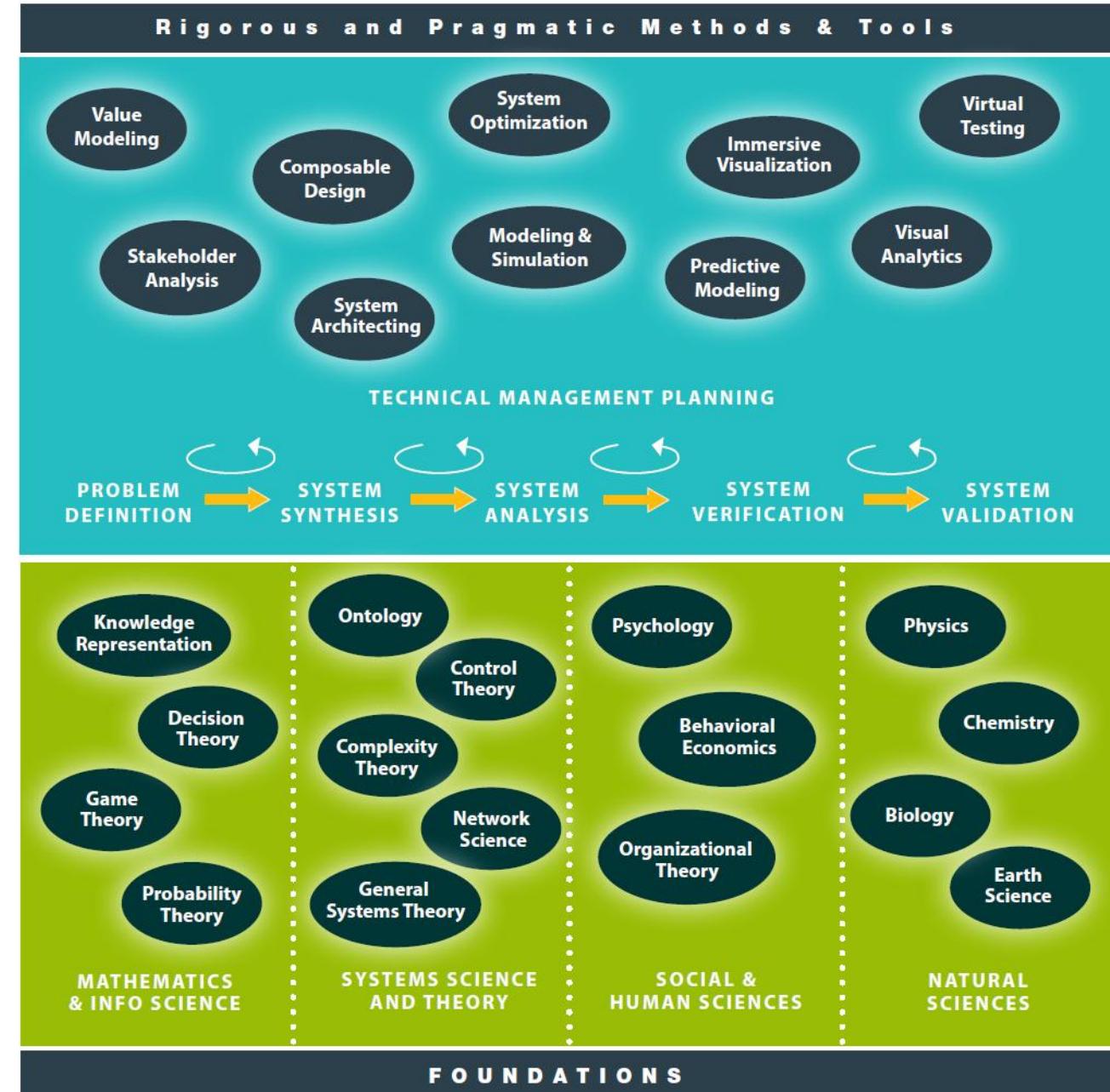
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# Tightening the (Systems) Engineering V

## *Avoiding Defect Injection, Accelerating Defect Detection*

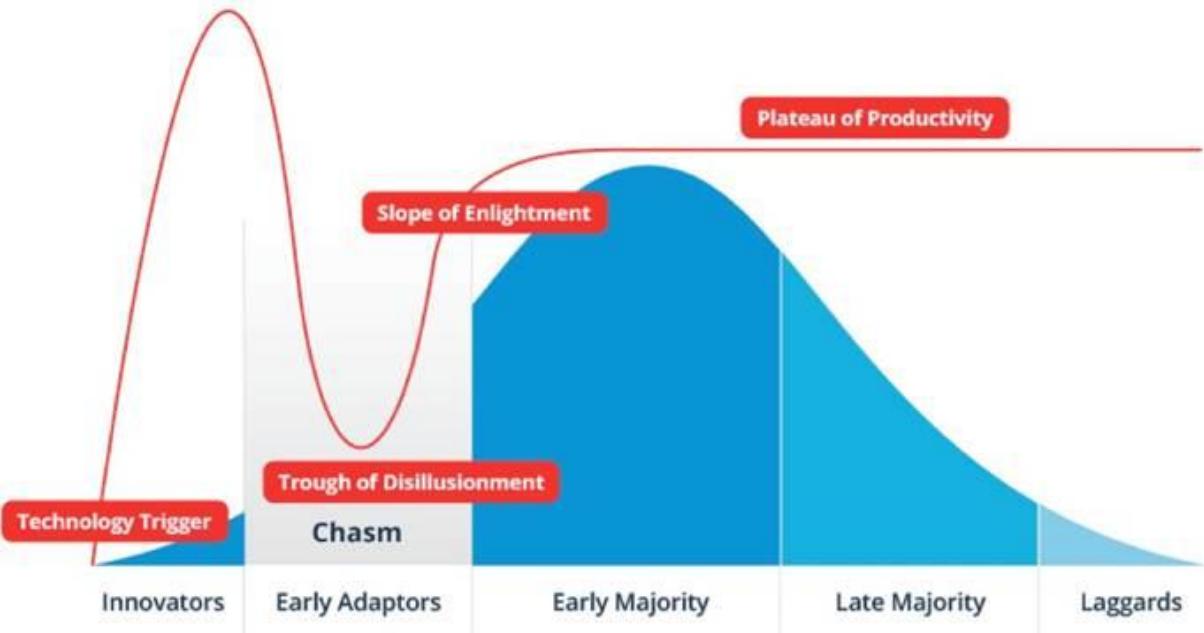


# Establishing a Connected Foundation of Theory and Science



# Looking beyond Marketing Hype

## Assessing and Benchmarking Capability



Solution	(1) Initial	(2) Managed	(3) Defined	(4) Qualitative	(5) Optimizing
<b>Product engineering</b>	Uncontrolled	Controlled Documents	Isolated models	Enterprise Integration	Continuous Engineering
System Architecture Modeling <i>Product architecture definition</i>	PPT in docs	Disconnected Visio diagrams	Standalone SysML with simulations	Fine-grained integrated system architecture	Continuous integration via PLM-based architecture drives closed-loop MBDC
Planned Product Variability <i>PLM/Configuration/Variation</i>	None	Variation documents & spreadsheets	Disconnected variation rules	PLM Integrated variation rules	PLM variation definition drives architecture decisions
Reliability & System Safety Analysis <i>Technical Risk (RAMS)</i>	Risk documents & spreadsheets	Combined Risk Mgmt plans with manual RAMS artifacts (FMEA)	Disconnected RAMS tools output artifacts (FMEA, ...)	RAMS analysis tools integrated with product architecture via PLM	Integrated RAMS, continuous risk assessment, alarms, dashboards..
<b>Cross domain services</b>					
System Definition & Design Integration <i>Logical modeling &amp; Interface mgmt</i>	ICD & logical description documents	Managed interfaces & logical hierarchy	SE artifacts linked to Logical models & Std interface libraries	Integrated fine-grained logical arch with interfaces	Logical architecture carries across domains. Interfaces everywhere
<b>Integrated services</b>					
Feature Engineering <i>Feature/Functional Modeling</i>	Feature/Functional description docs	Functional hierarchy	Isolated functional behavior models	Integrated fine-grained functional modeling	Functional arch with allocations & traceability
Parameter/Target Mgmt <i>Characteristic/Targets/TPM</i>	Uncontrolled Excel/Docs	Controlled spreadsheets/Docs	Project-based Parameter/Target libraries	Enterprise PLM parameter/target mgmt & reuse	Integrated parameters, targets, ... drive continuous compliance monitoring
Change management	Document-based change process	Isolated models included in change	Change impact analysis & suspicion mgmt	Complete PLM configuration with models, parameters, history, ...	Cross-project level reuse, starting point for next project
<b>Content Management</b>					
Requirements Analysis <i>Requirements engineering &amp; mgmt</i>	Uncontrolled spreadsheets & docs	Managed requirements docs	Disconnected RM tools with exchange	Integrated requirements & traceability inside PLM	Continuous compliance thru connected, configured, cross-domain traceability & reuse
Behavior Model Management <i>System, performance, et al simulation</i>	Uncontrolled models on desktops	Version controlled models	SE artifacts linked into models	Integrated model & product configuration with simulation	Continuous, focused simulation & multi-domain dash boards
Verification Management & Governance <i>Product Test/V&amp;V</i>	Document-based test procedures	Managed test cases	SE artifacts linked to test	Devops-like V&V simulation	Best Aero (best case) focused testing, ... model swap out
Physical Design Management <i>CAD, CAE, ... control/mgmt</i>	Unmanaged CAx models	PDM controlled CAx	SE artifacts linked into CAD	Cross-domain fine-grained PLM integration	Continuous physical design verification (Digital Twin)

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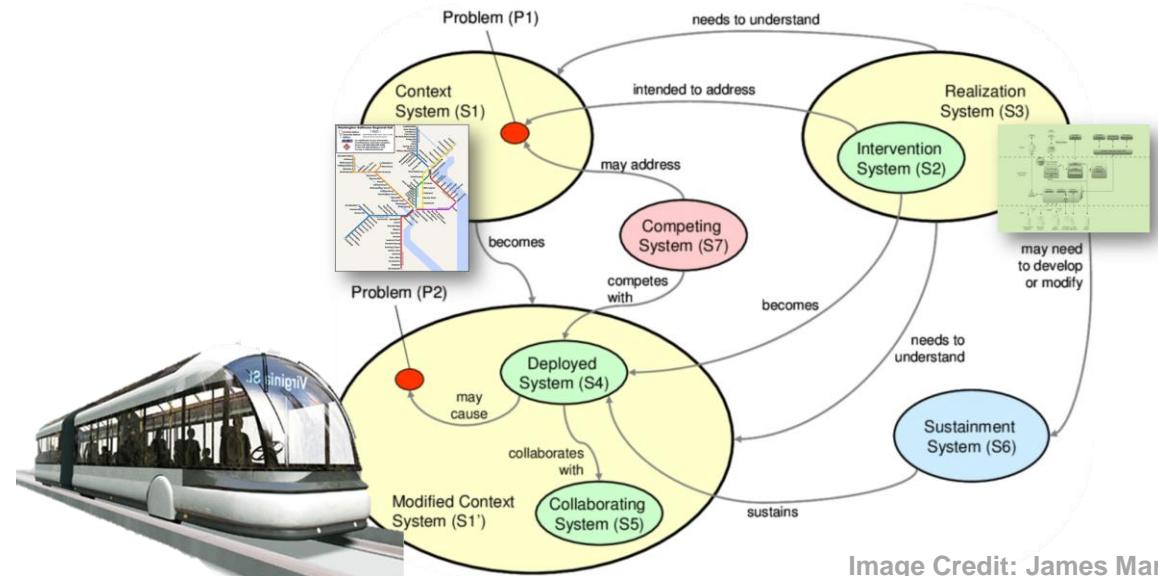
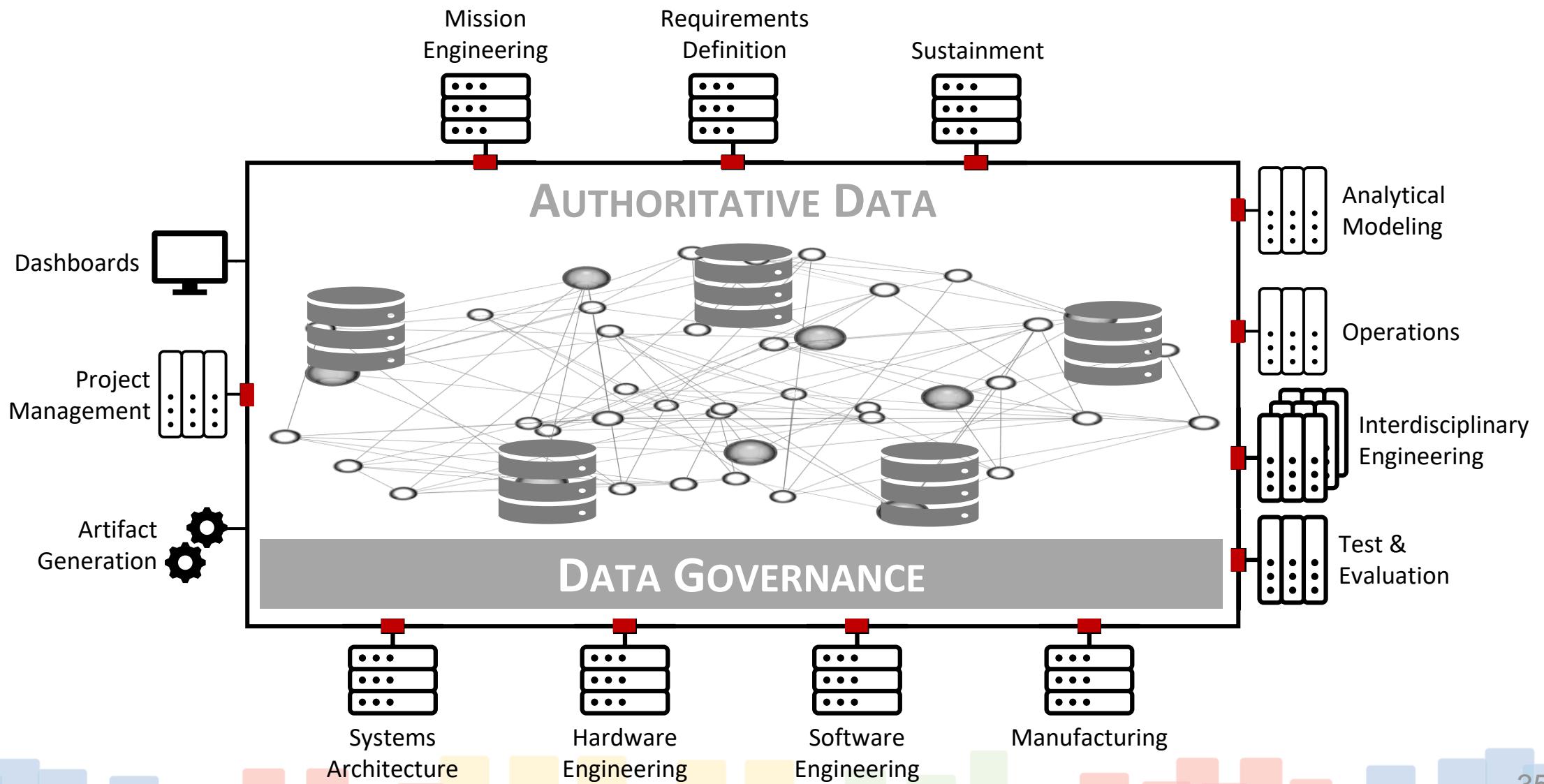


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# Deploying MBSE and DE

A system is a system is a system

# Appreciating a Notional Environment for DE



# Embracing Digitalization to Transform Engineering

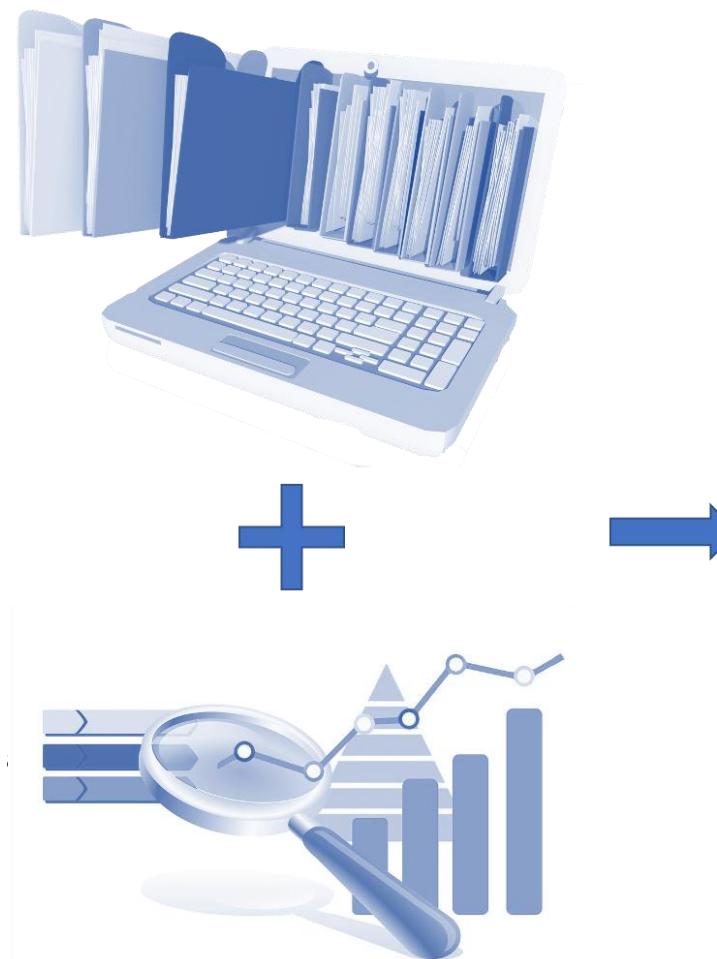
## *More than Technology and Tooling*

### Digitization

**Transitioning** existing documents and processes as they are into a digital environment (for example, generating all artifacts for a preliminary design review from models)

### Digitalization

**Transforming** existing approaches and artifacts to optimize for a connected digital environment (for example, shifting from milestone reviews to continuous customer and contractor reviews conducted in the DE environment).



### Digital Transformation

True transition from document-based acquisition to digital acquisition and engineering.



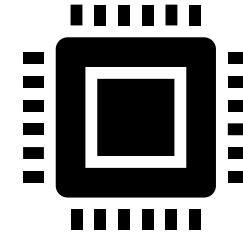
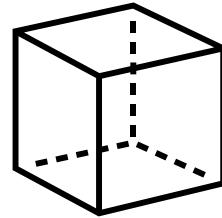
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# Appreciating the Full Scope

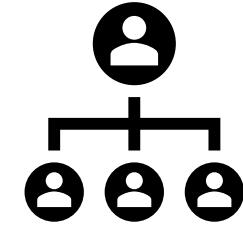
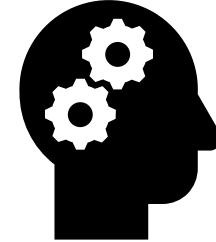
*Dependencies and Interactions thru Life*

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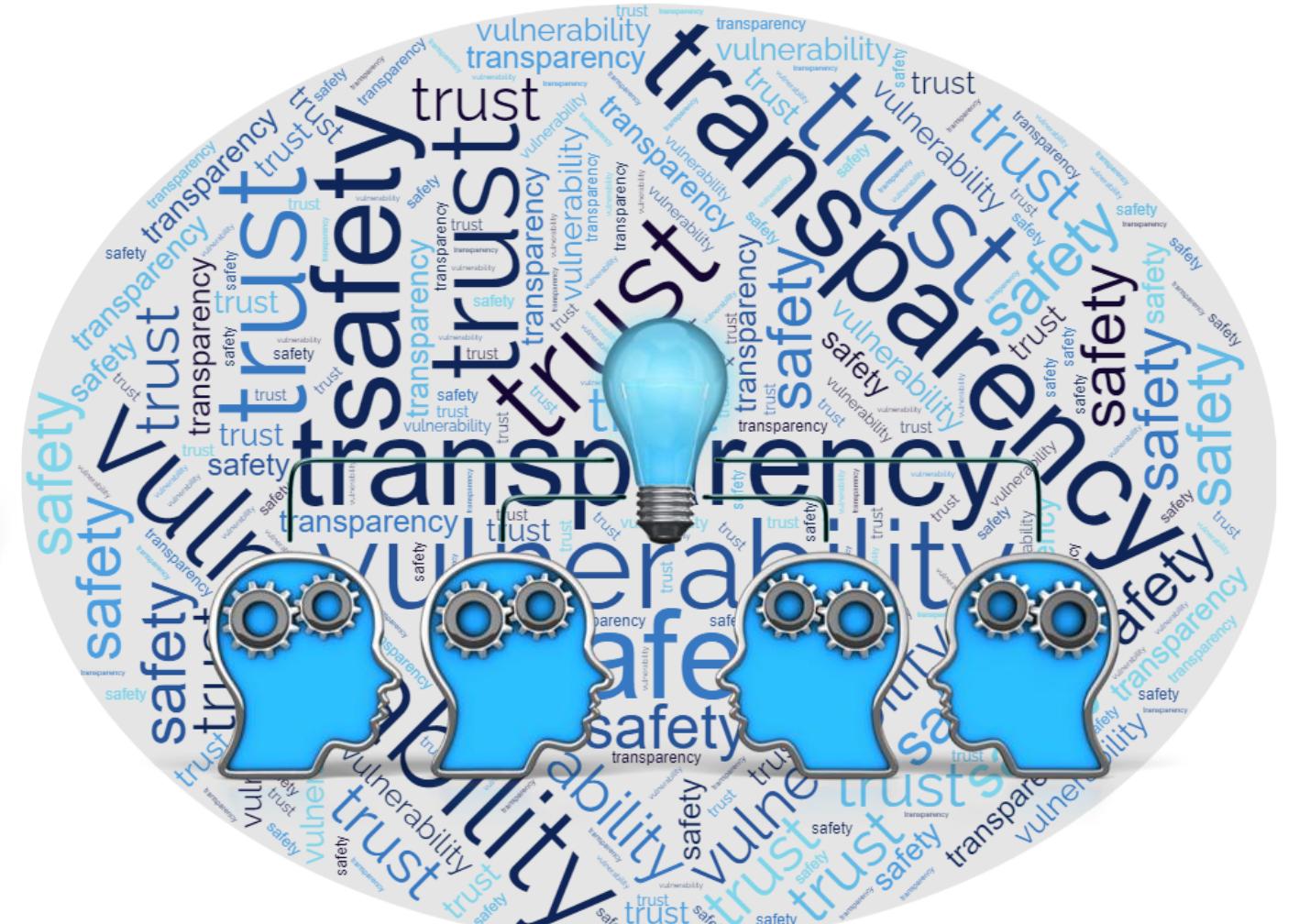
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# Embracing the Human Dimension

## *Unlocking Collective Intelligence*



# Identifying Traps

*Classic Errors on the Journey to Model-Based and Digital*

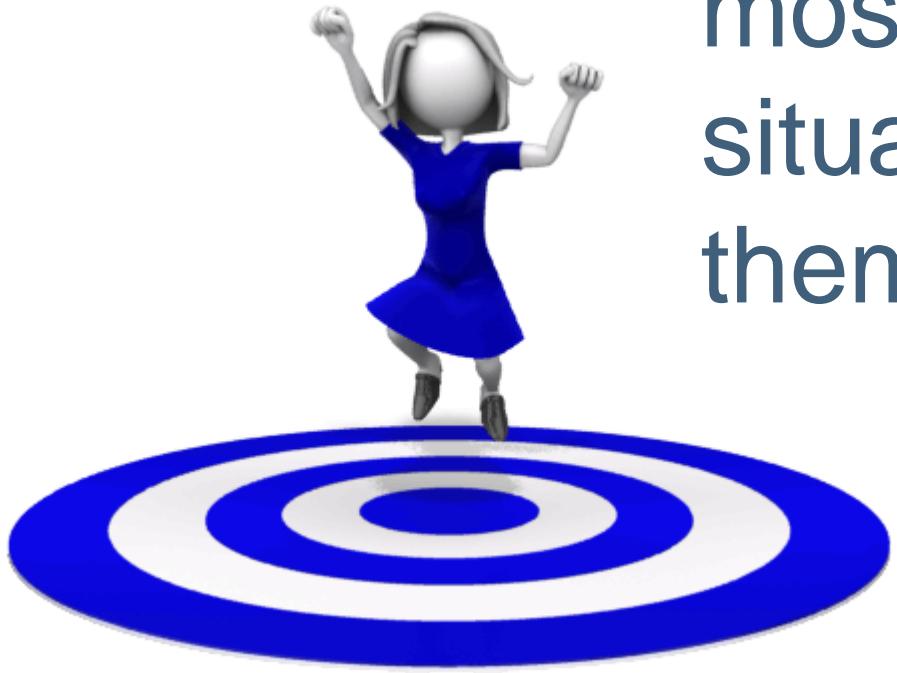
- Thinking it's a tool (or a technical) issue
- Implementing someone else's solution
- Ceding responsibility to a (tool) vendor
- Chasing standards
- Overlooking middle management
- Thinking sprint not marathon



# Find Your Customer

*aka Your Champion*

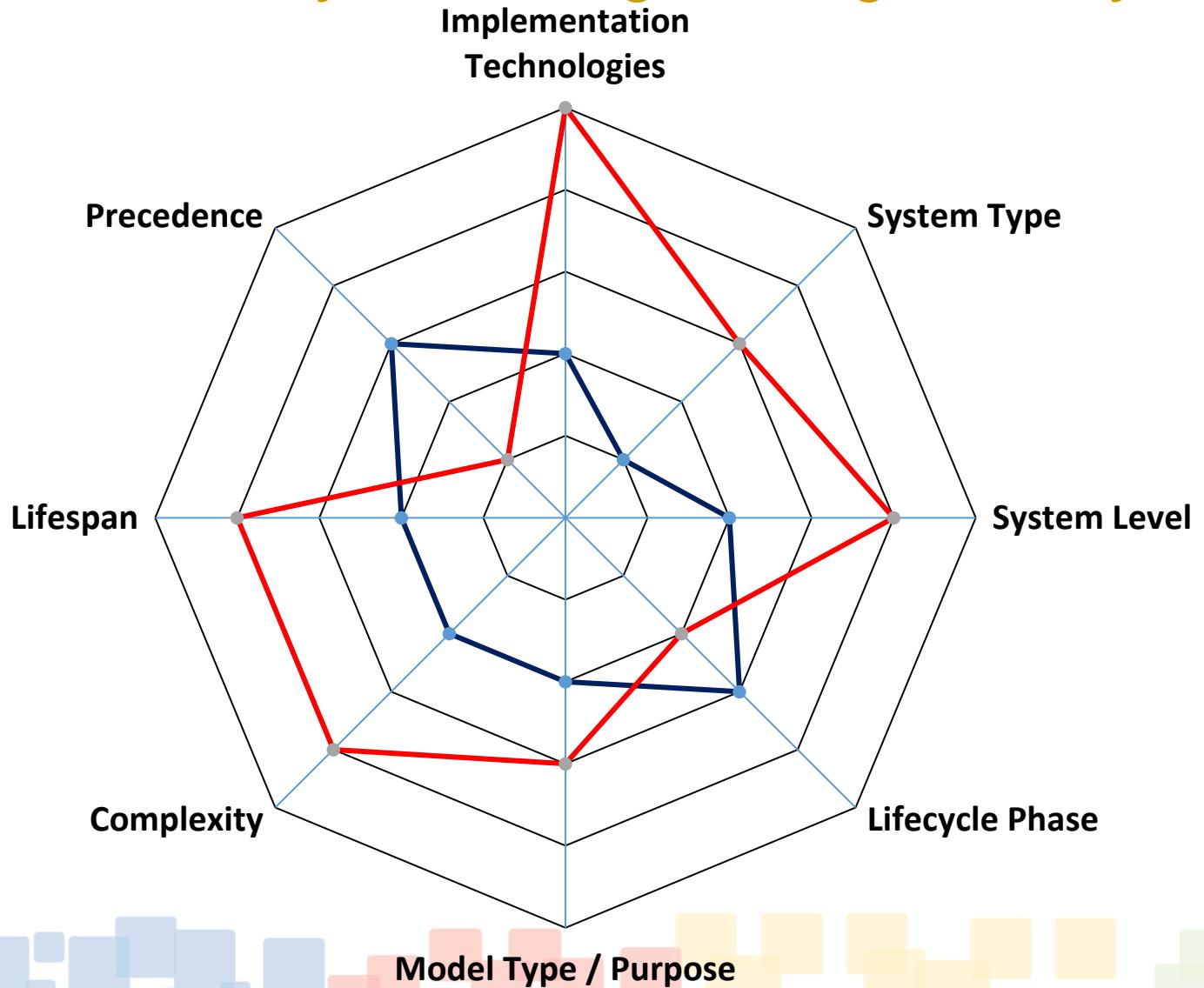
Find the people in your system  
most susceptible to having their  
situation improved. Focus on  
them, not technology.



Larry Leifer  
*Dancing with Ambiguity*  
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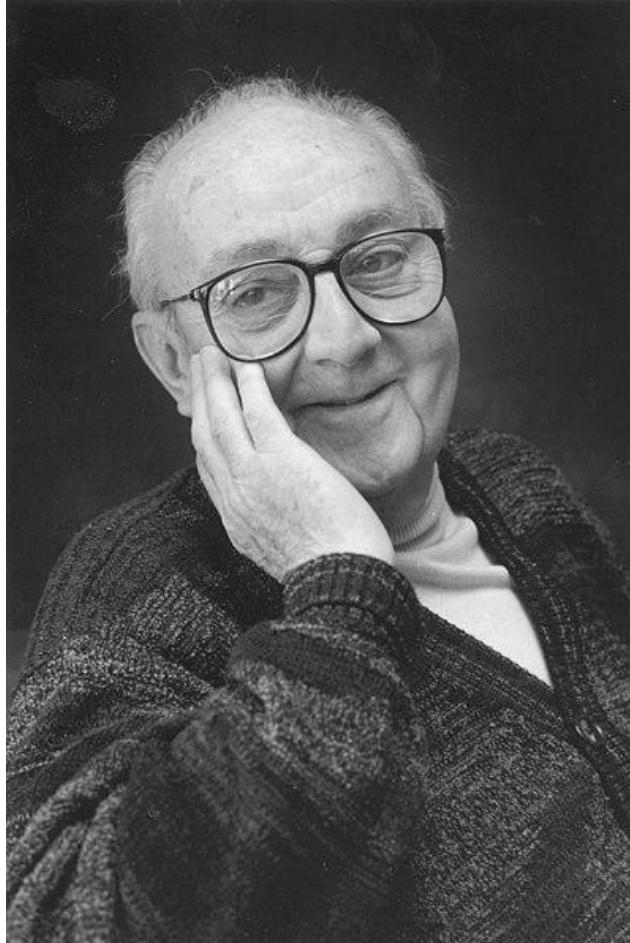
# Begin with Your End in Mind

*Good Systems Engineering is Always Fit-for-Purpose*



# Leverage the Thinking of George Box

*Both Caution and Guidance*



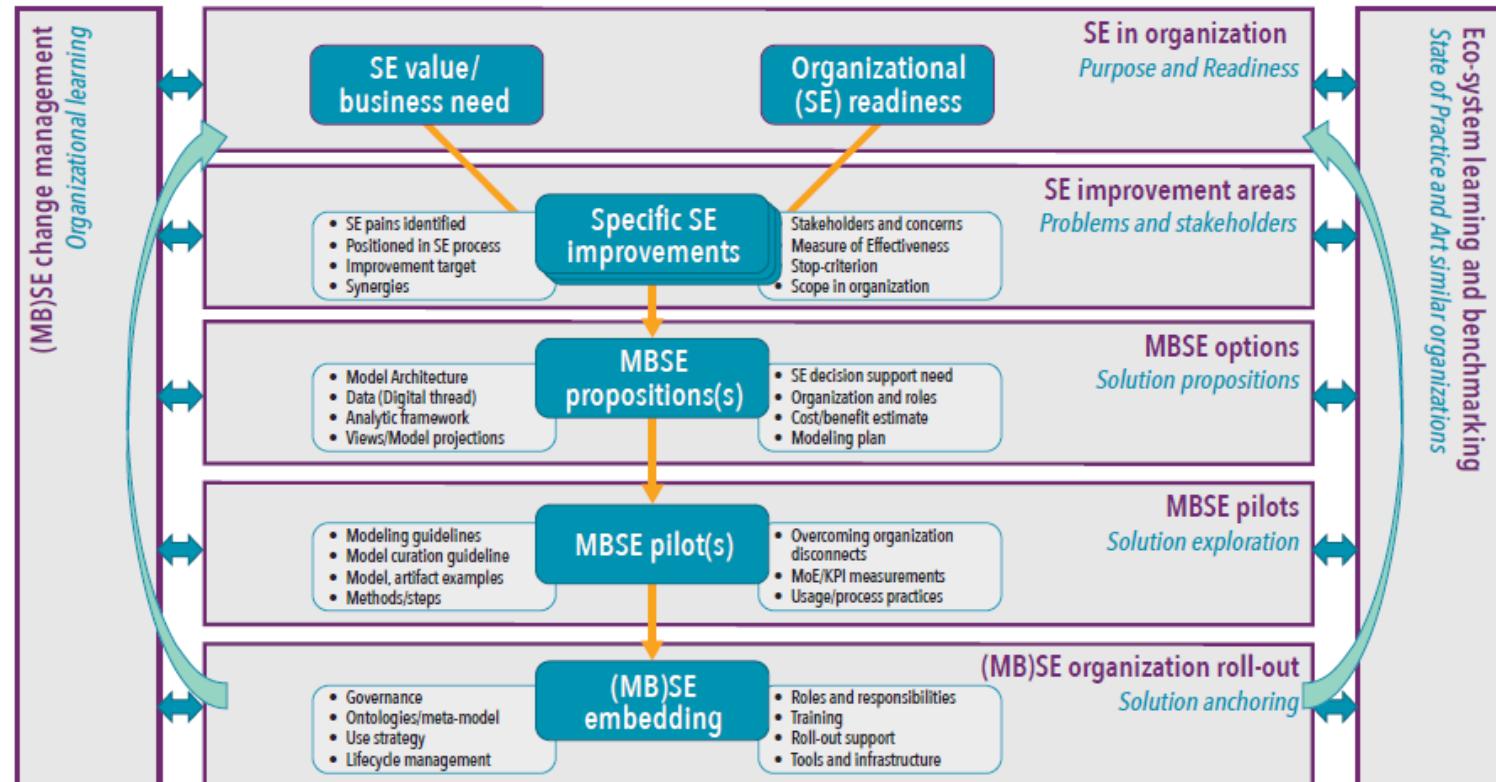
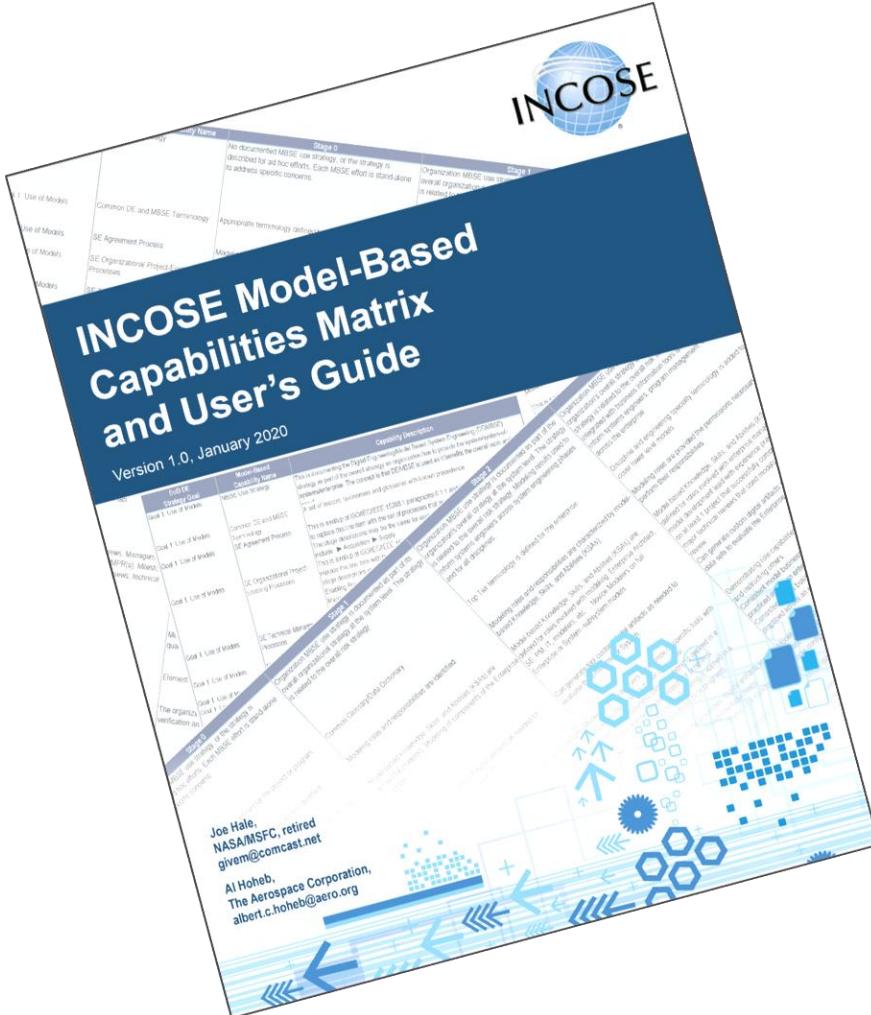
All models are wrong

All models are wrong  
but some are useful

The question is how wrong a  
model can be and still be useful

# Assess Where You Stand Today

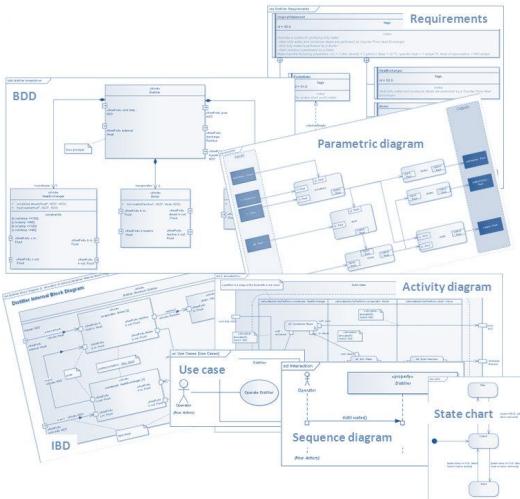
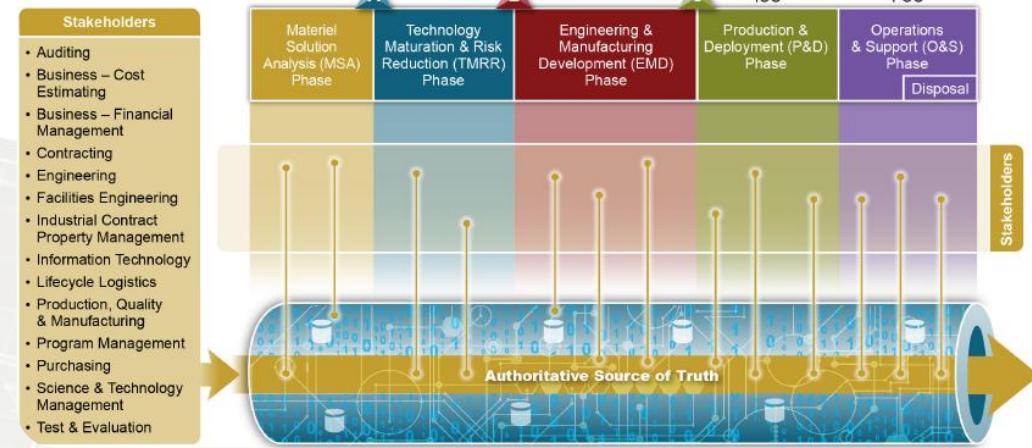
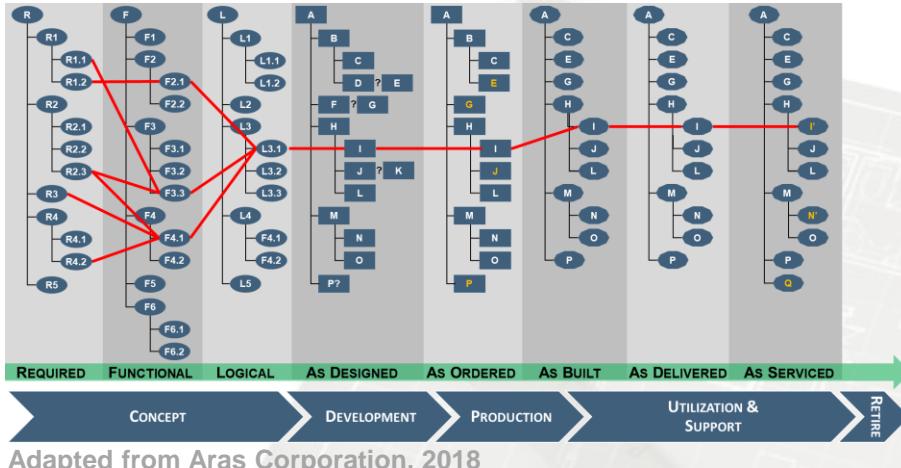
## Undertaking a Journey Requires Both an As-Is and To-Be



Credit: Creating Value with MBSE in the High-Tech Equipment Industry, Hendriks et al., INCOSE Insight Volume 25 Issue 4, December 2022.

# Define Your Reach for Dx

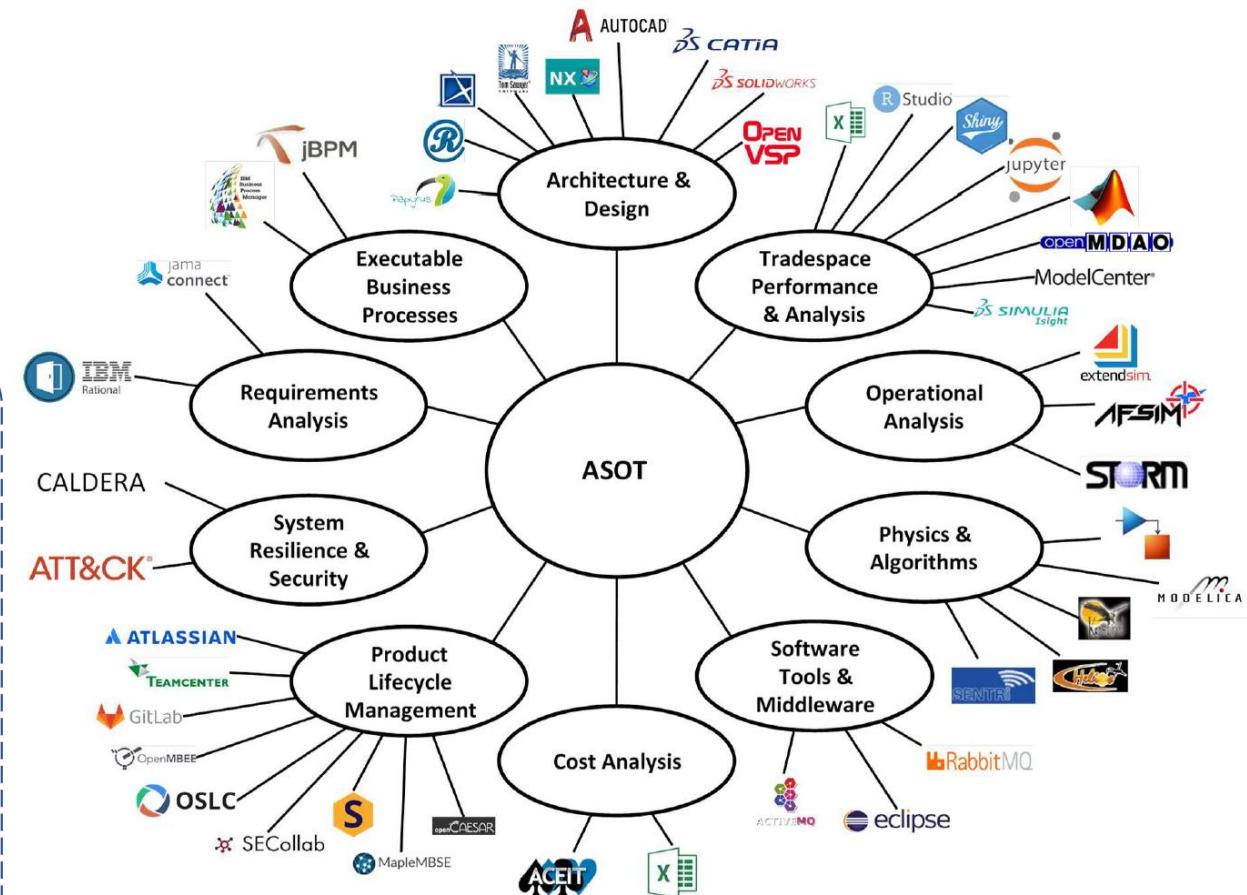
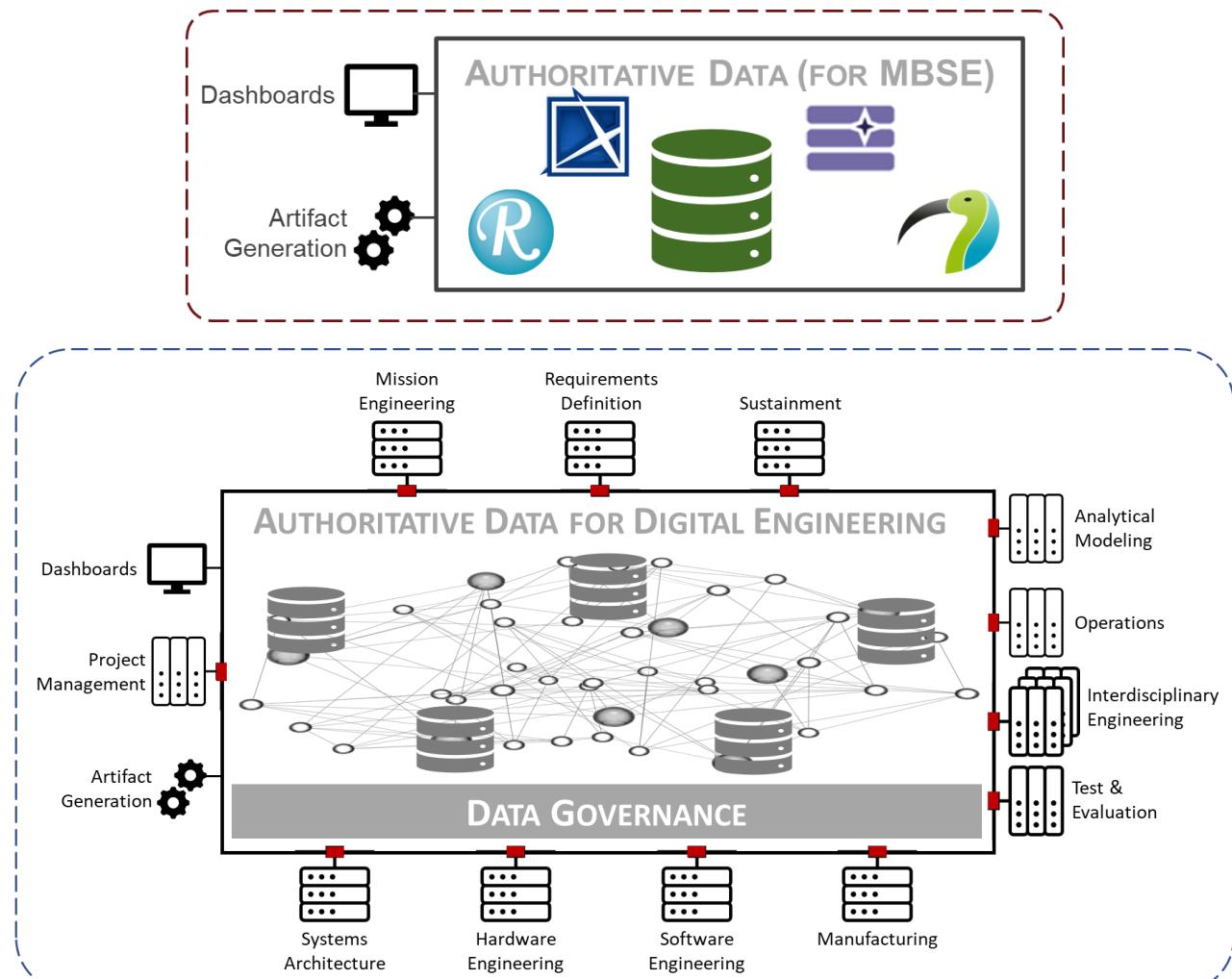
Where You Need to Be not Want to Be – SE, EoS, or Beyond?



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# Appreciate and Honor Your Scope

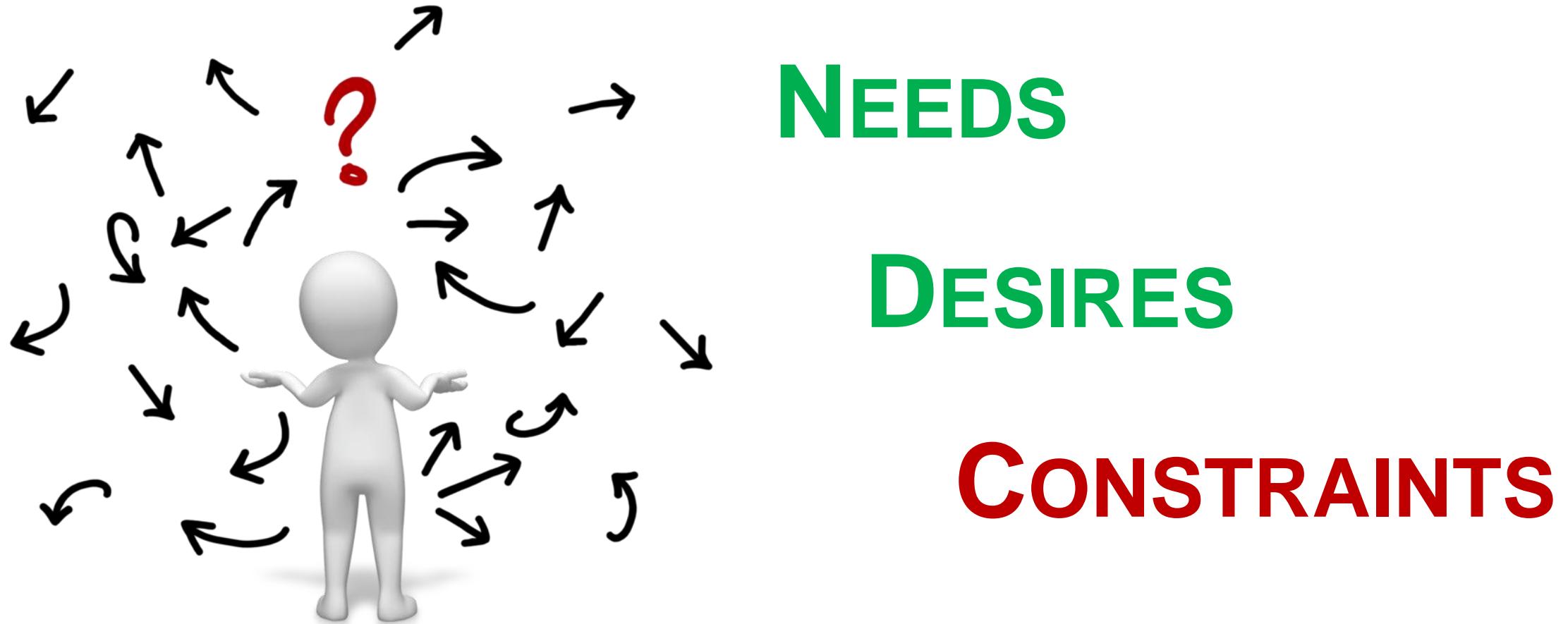
*Neither Benefit nor Difficulty Increase Linearly*



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# Elicit Requirements

*Understanding Both Project and Journey*



# Apply the Power of the Black Box

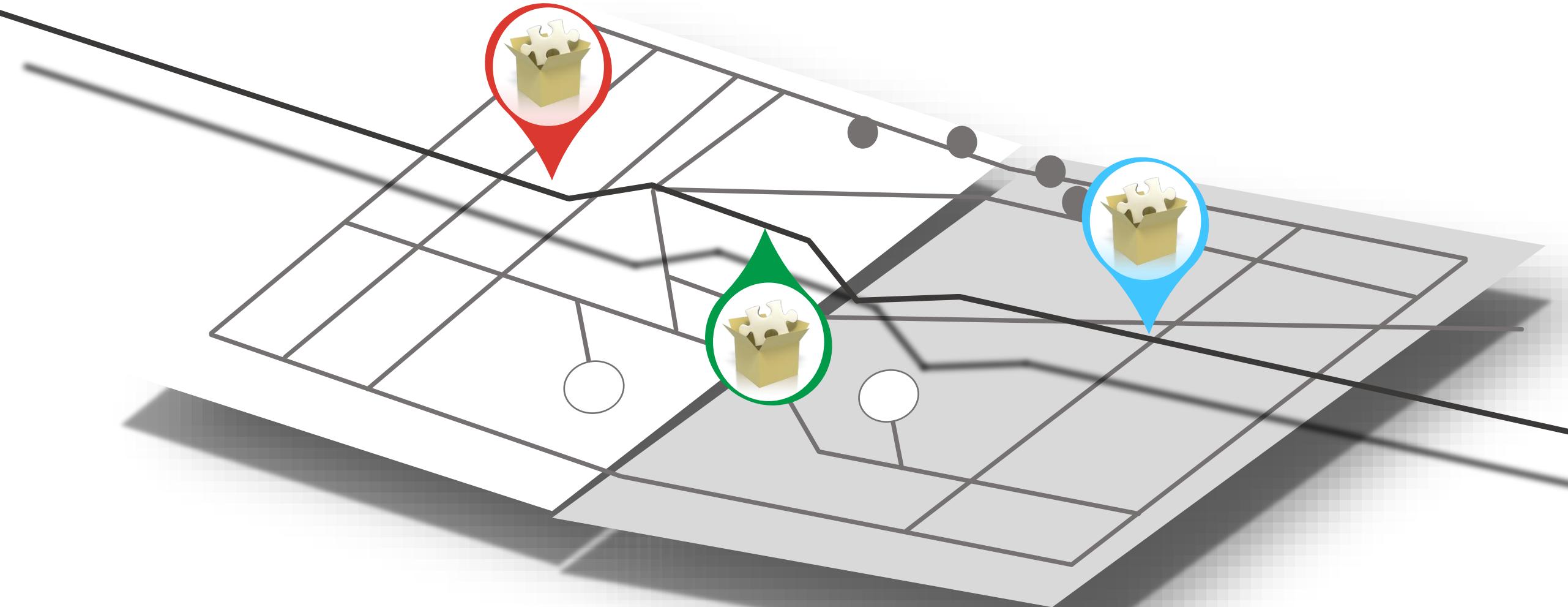
## *Manage the Change Boundary*



- ✓ Compartmentalize change
- ✓ Empower change agents
- ✓ Honor existing interfaces
- ✓ Honor interface formats
- ✓ Expand intentionally

# Engineer the Outcomes and the Change

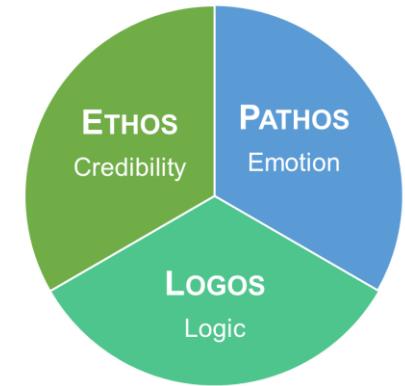
*Plot and Adapt the Journey Map*



# Driving the Change – Up, In, and Out

## *Transformation Must Live Outside the Silos*

- Recognize it's not "if" but "when" and "how well"
- Be informed – about the topic, customer, team, vision, and journey
- Move beyond positions to interests
- Align to and guard the why
- Sell through attunement, buoyancy, clarity – *To Sell is Human* (Pink)
  - Sell technologies only to technologists
  - Move the conversation from cost to value (but beware the Shanri-La of ROI)
  - Under-promise and over-deliver (and don't underestimate the costs of transformation)
- Champion systemic considerations and systemic change
  - Through-life considerations and concerns
  - Thinking and engineering



**Prioritize your letters – E then S before D and M then lastly B**

# Continuing the Conversation

