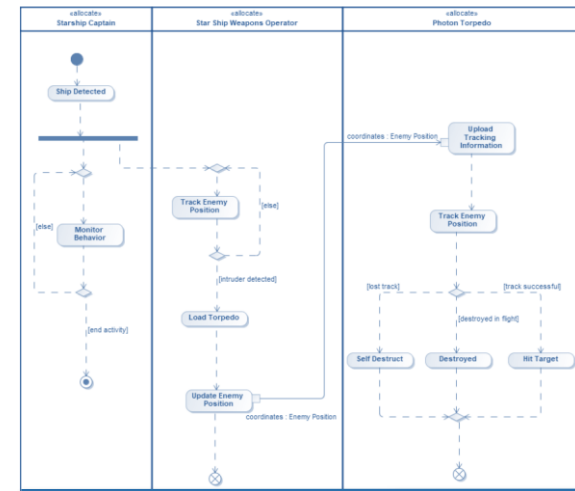
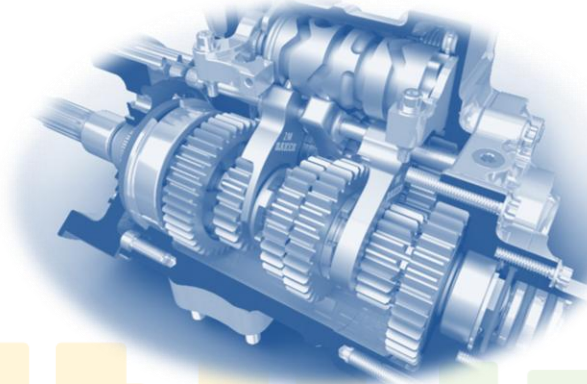
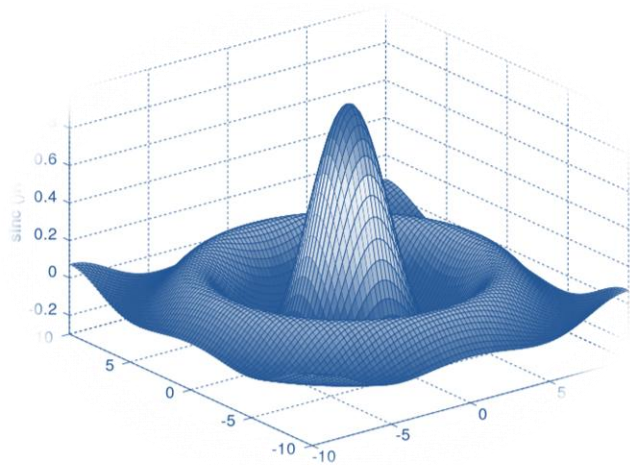


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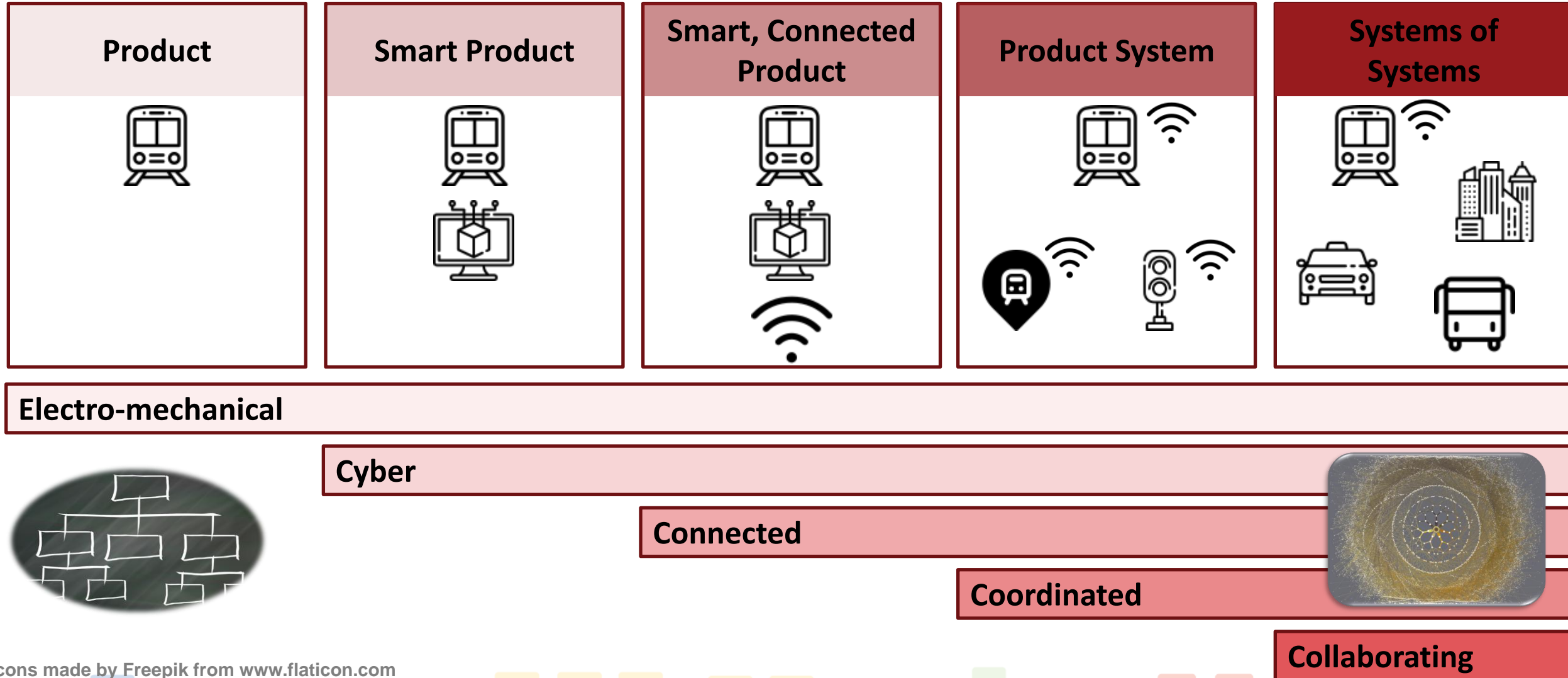
Model-Based Systems Engineering and Digital Engineering

What Do You Envision?



Appreciating a Changing Context

From Static Products to Intelligent Systems of Systems



Exceeding the Capabilities of Traditional Engineering

Systems Challenges in Today's World

1

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

2

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

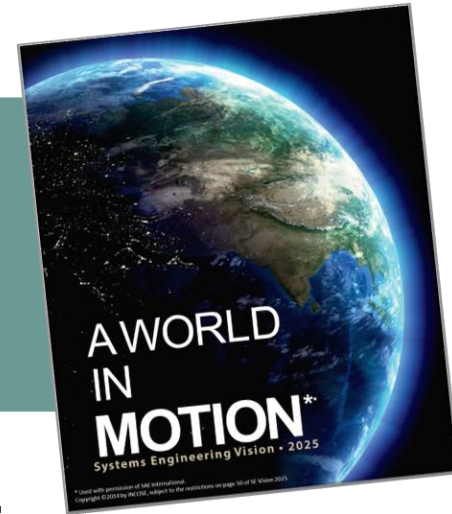
Knowledge and investment are lost at project life cycle phase boundaries . . . increasing development cost and risk of late discovery of design problems

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

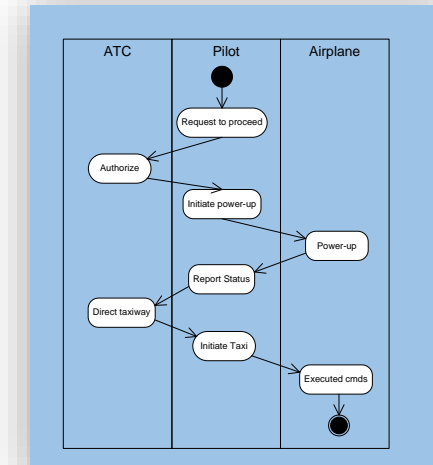
A Practice in Transition

Traditional



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

Future



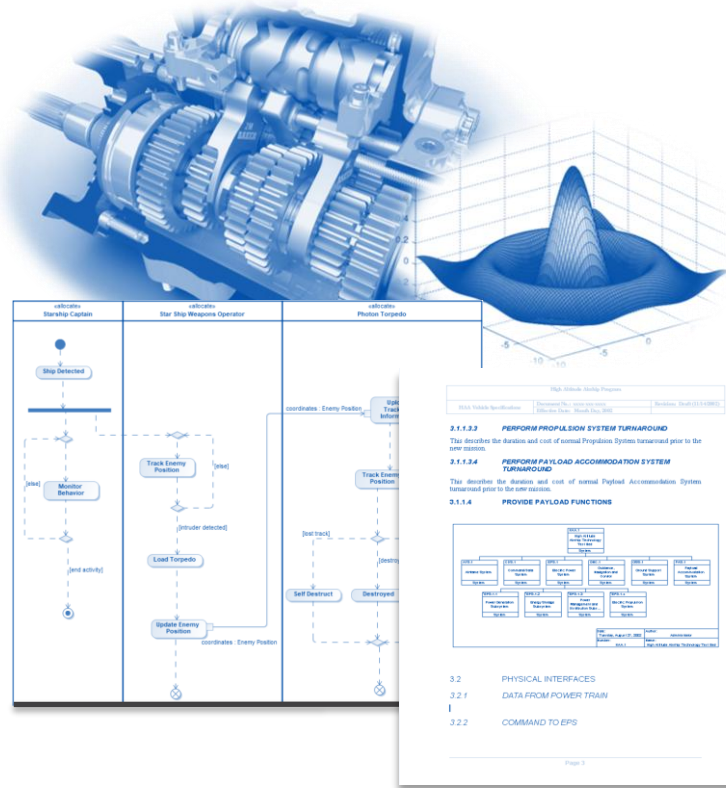
Moving from document-centric to model-centric

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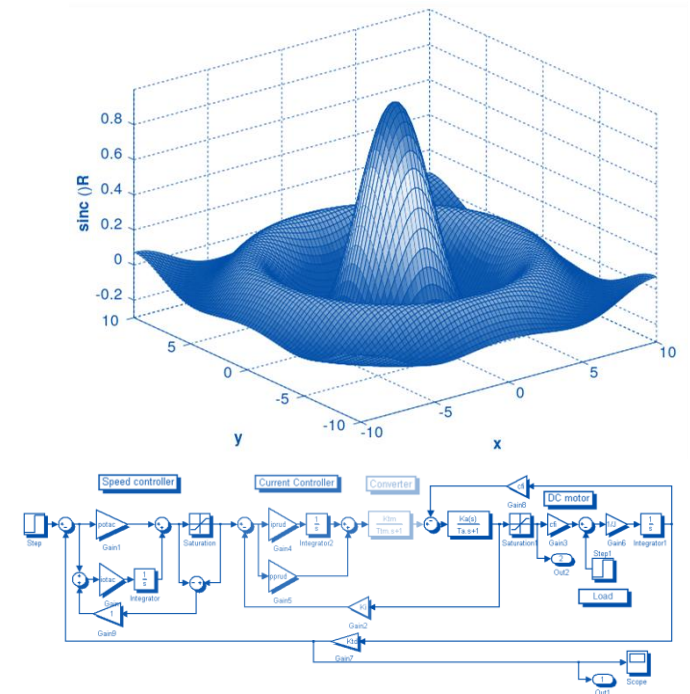
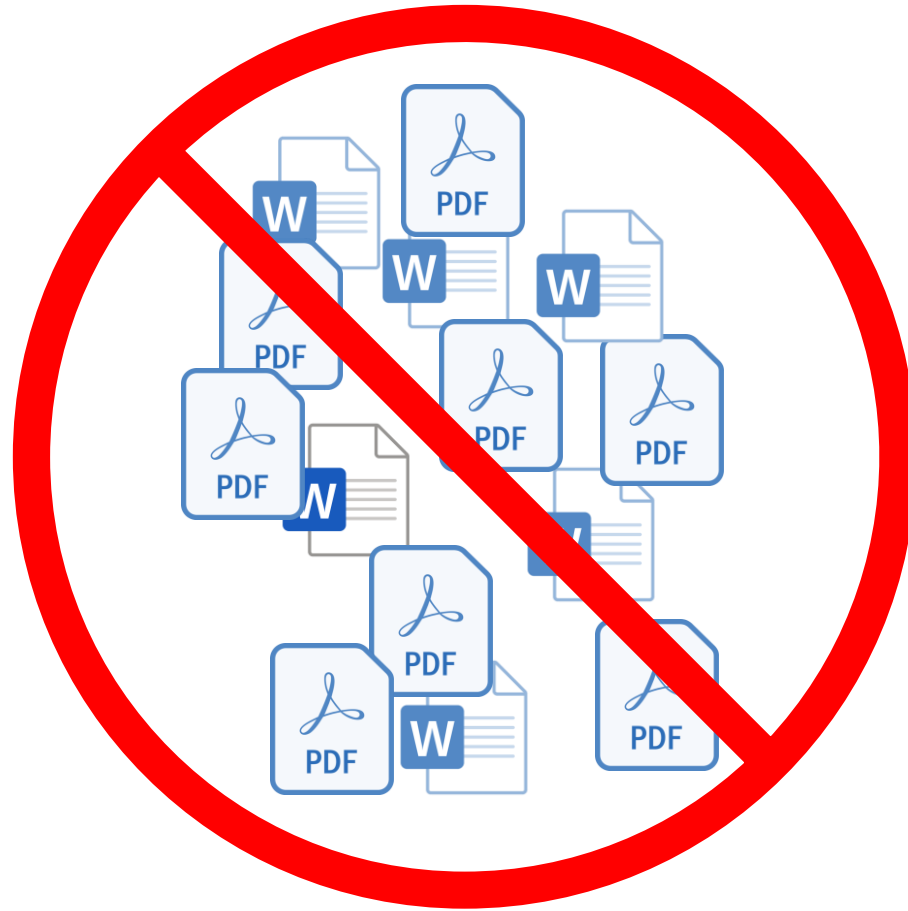
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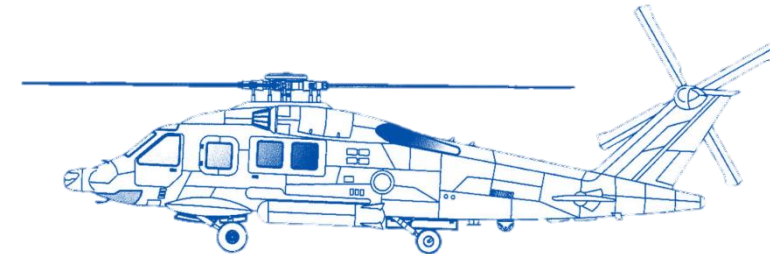
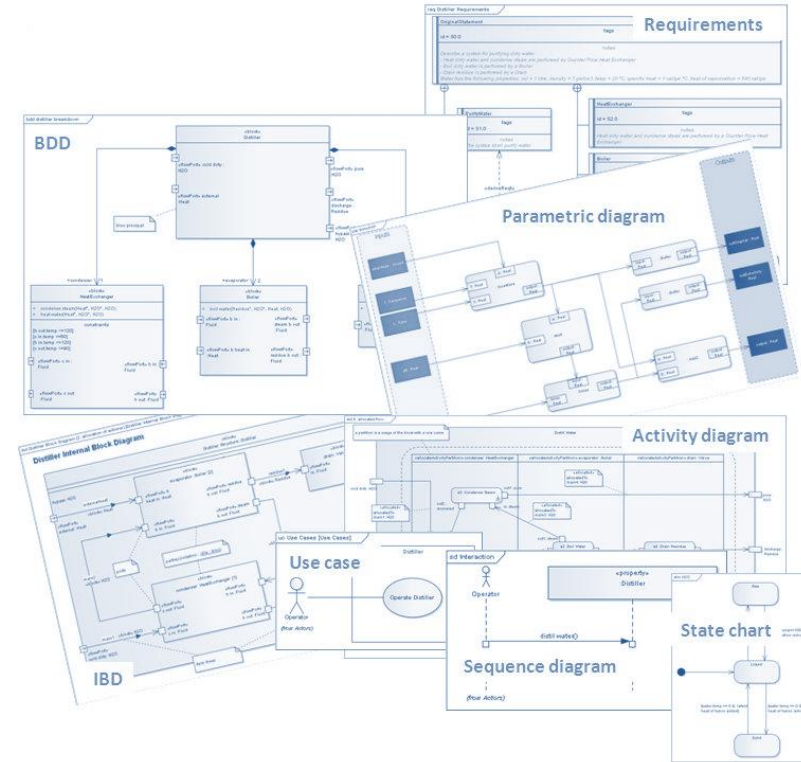
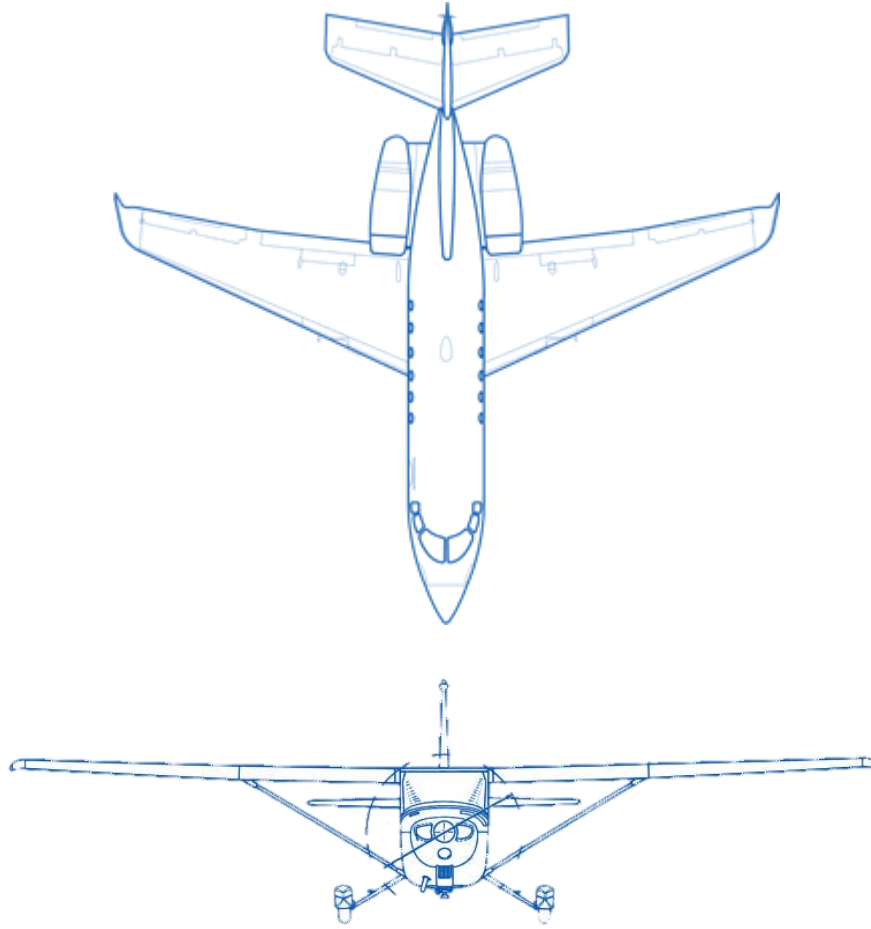
**Much of the confusion in MBSE is the ambiguity in “model”.
If everything is a model, everything qualifies as MBSE.**

Recognizing Myths and Misconceptions

What MBSE Is Not

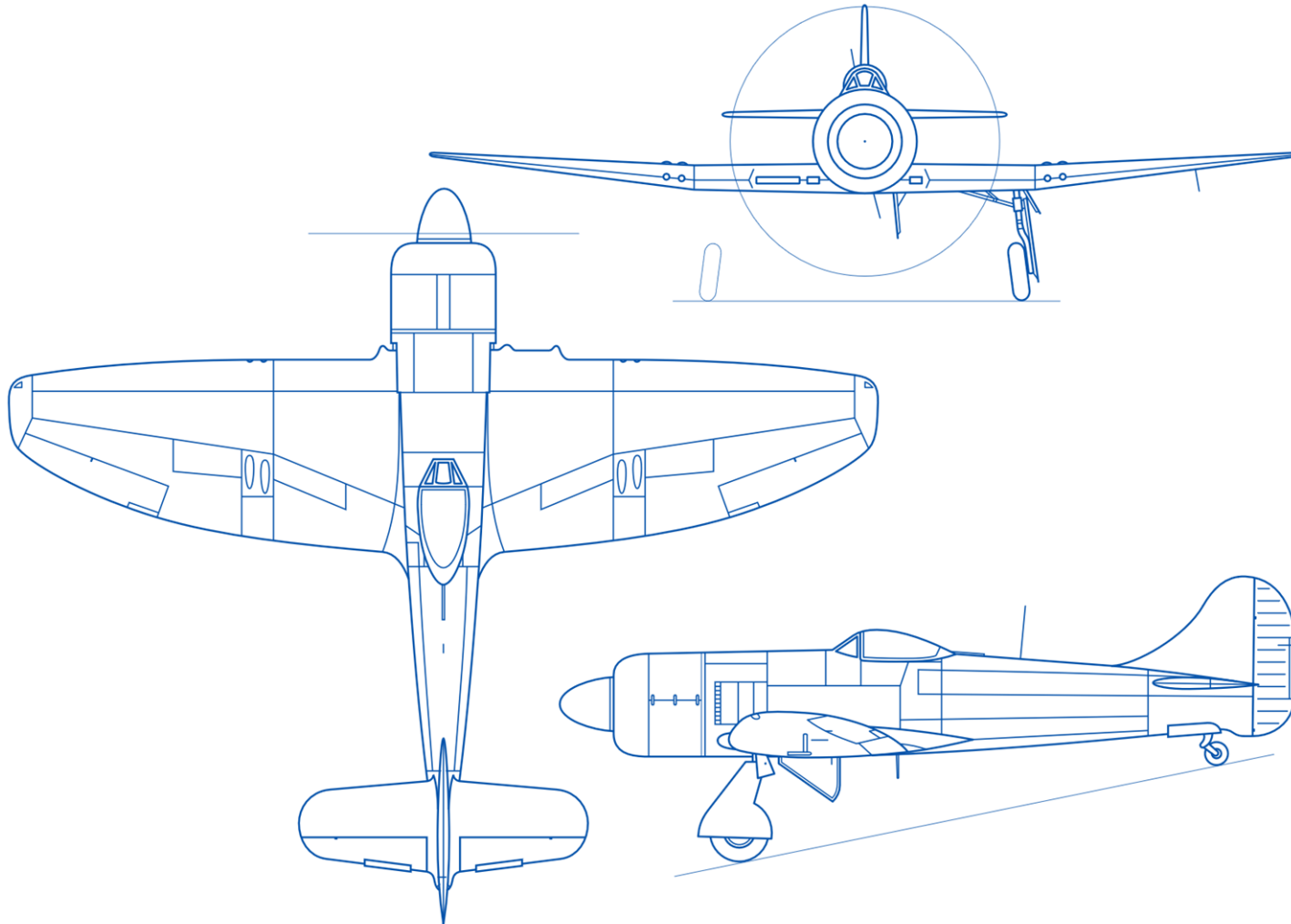


Recognizing the Decoy of Diagram-Based SE



Focusing on Essential Information and Clarity

Look to Data before Visualization



● Points

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Vectors

**EXPLICIT
OVER IMPLICIT**

**CLARITY
OVER AMBIGUITY**

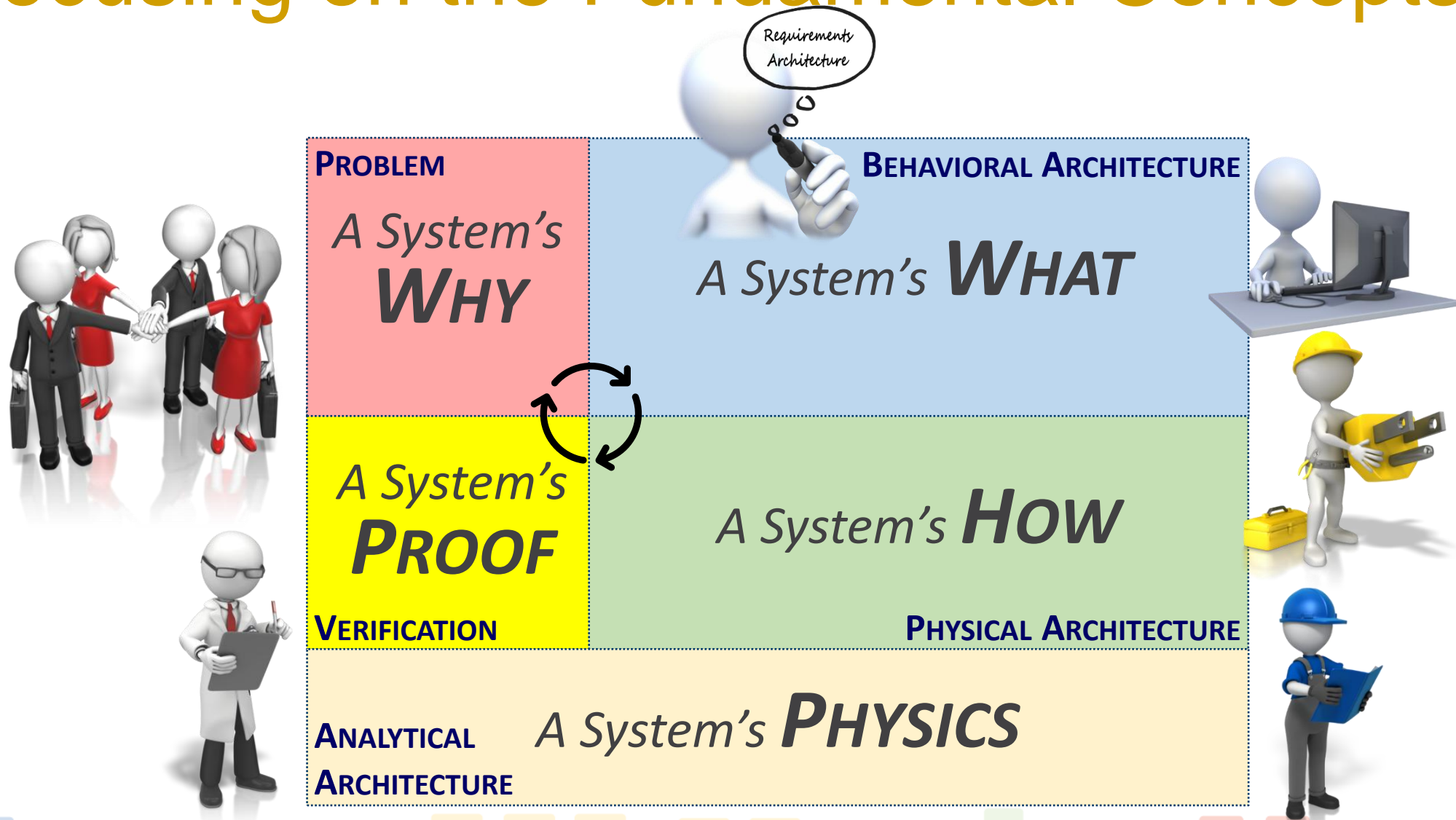


**AUTHORITATIVE DATA
OVER ARTIFACTS**



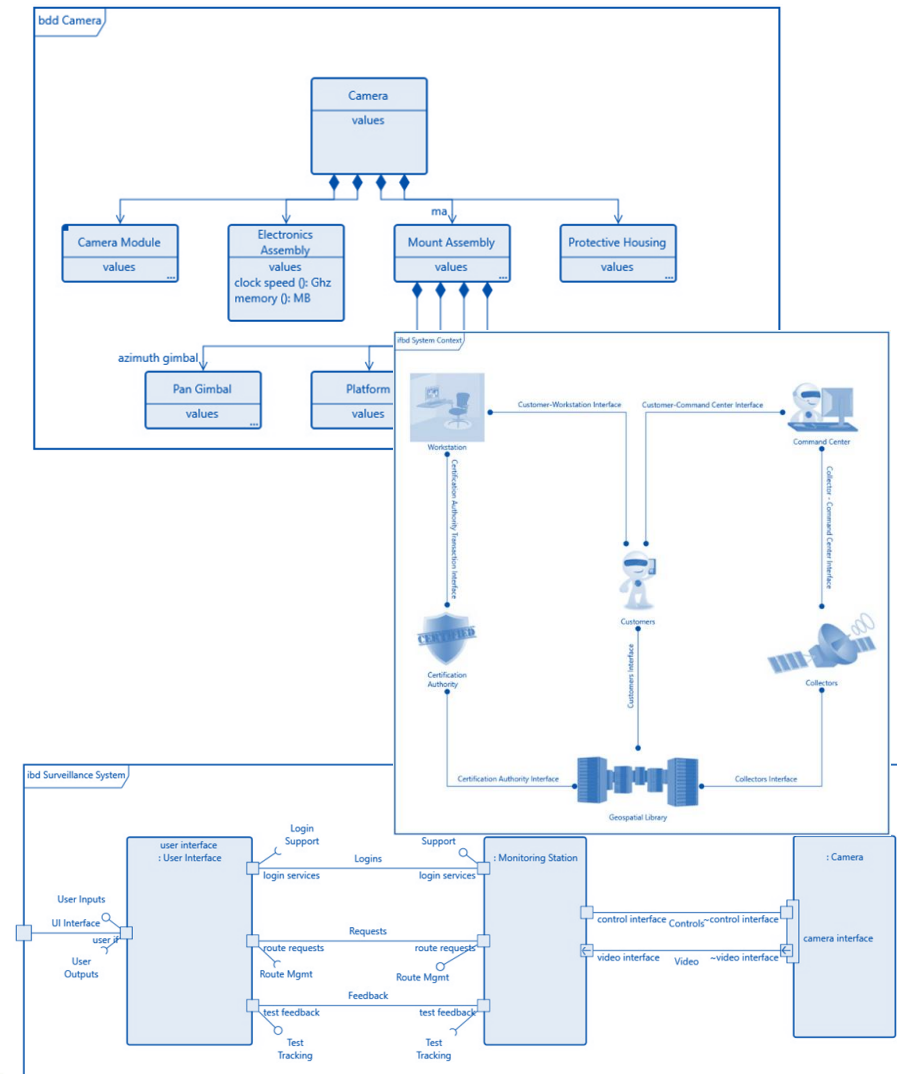
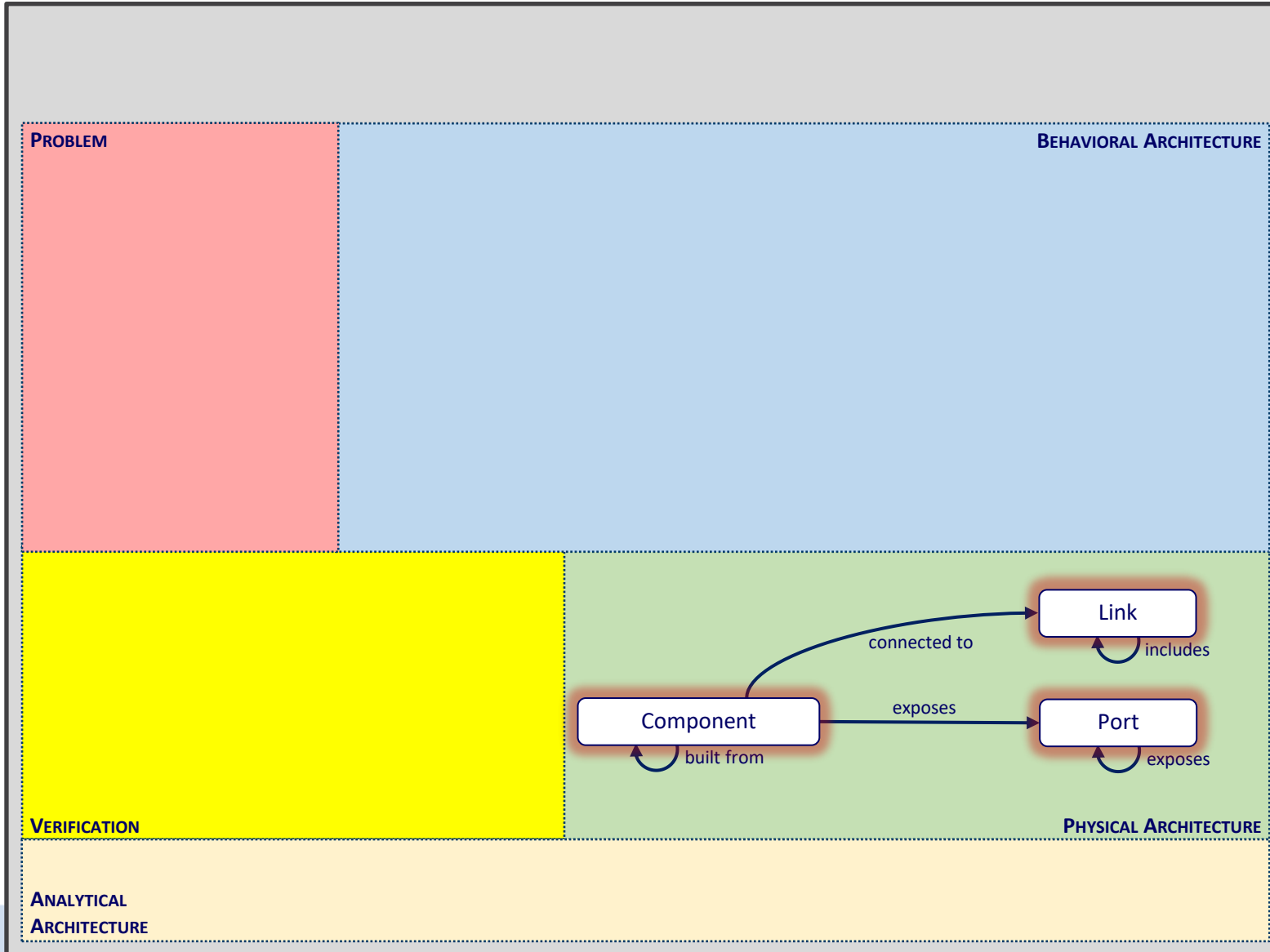
ACCURACY || PRECISION

Focusing on the Fundamental Concepts

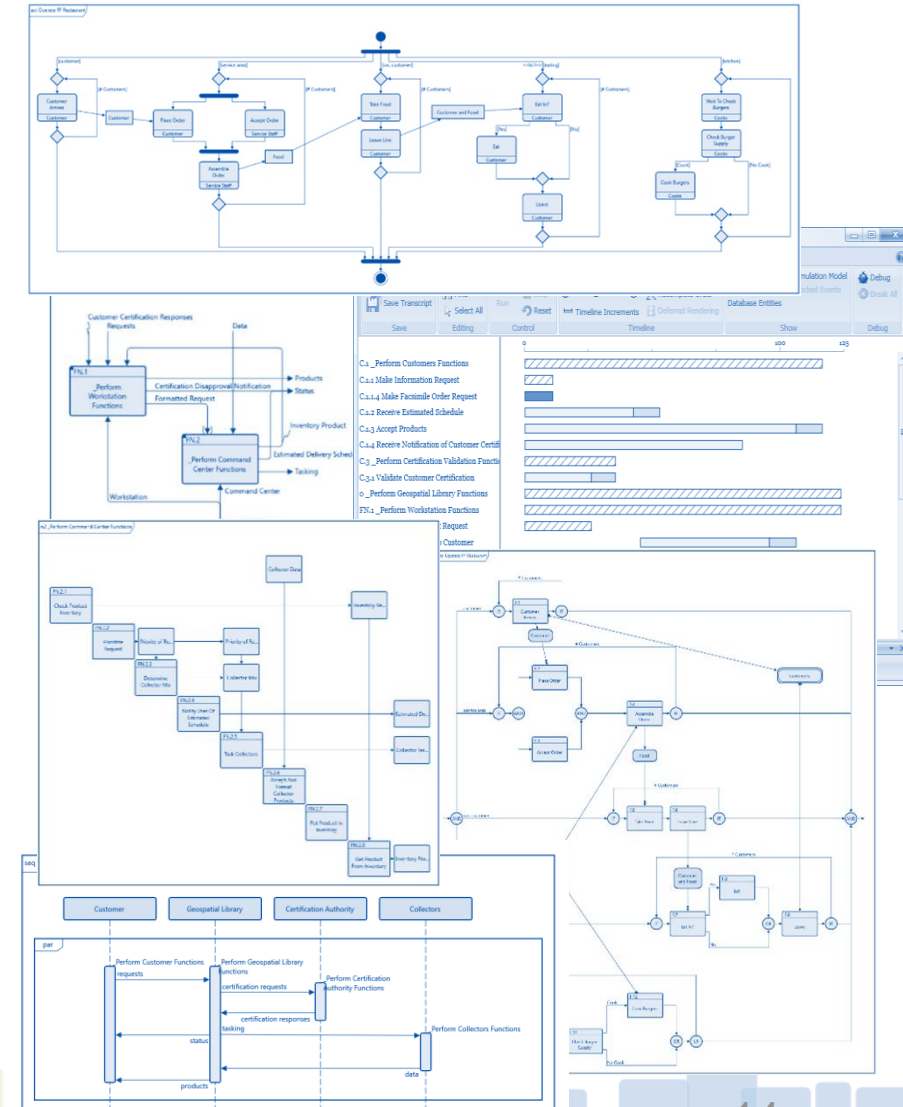
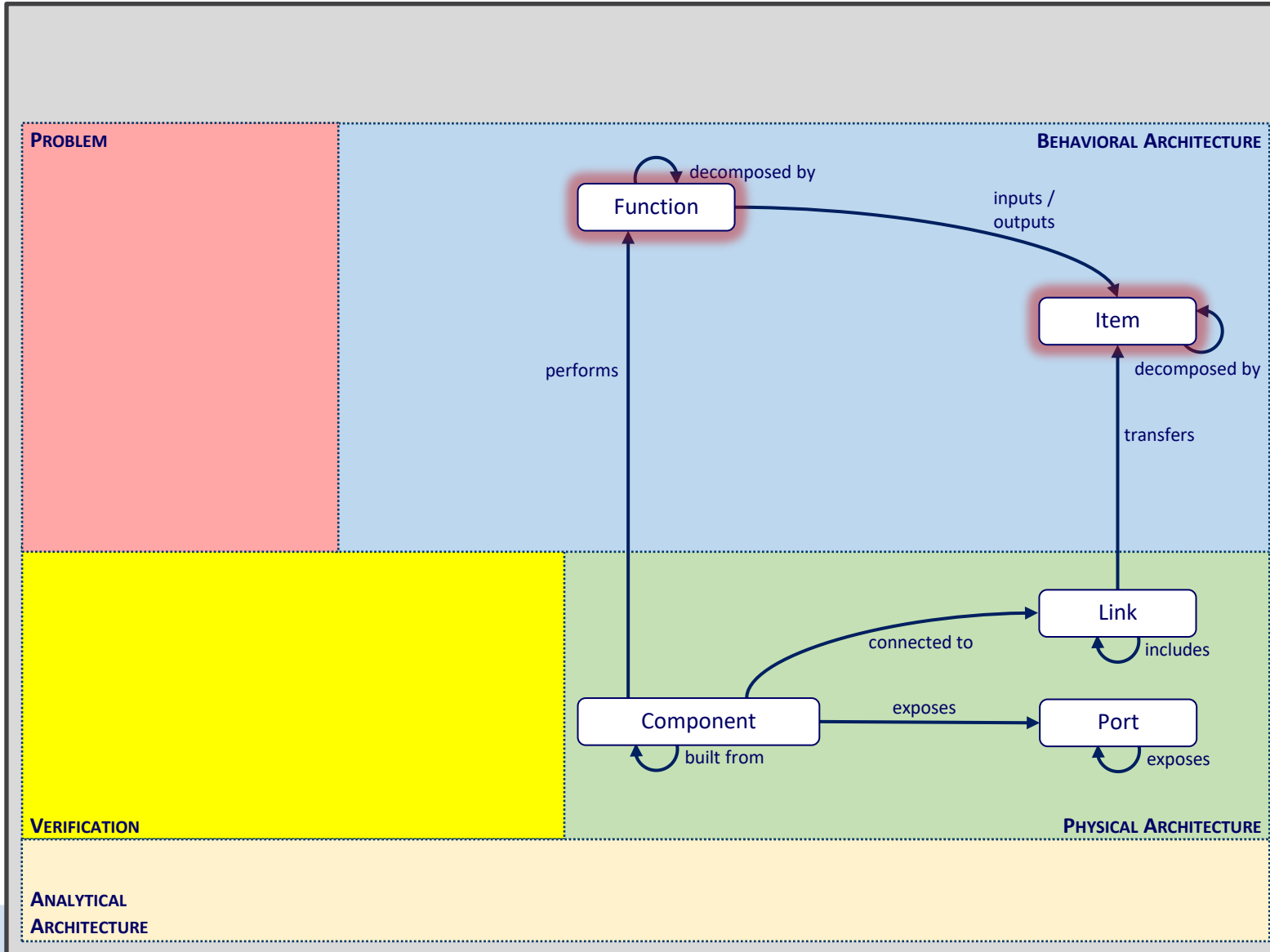


Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

Specifying the Design Envelope and Interfaces

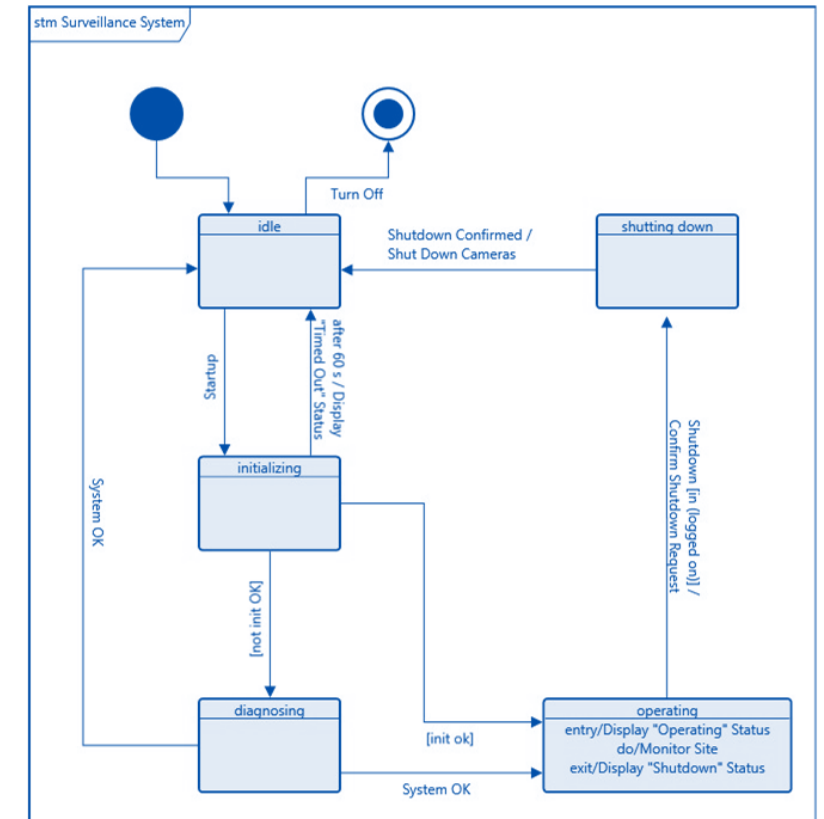
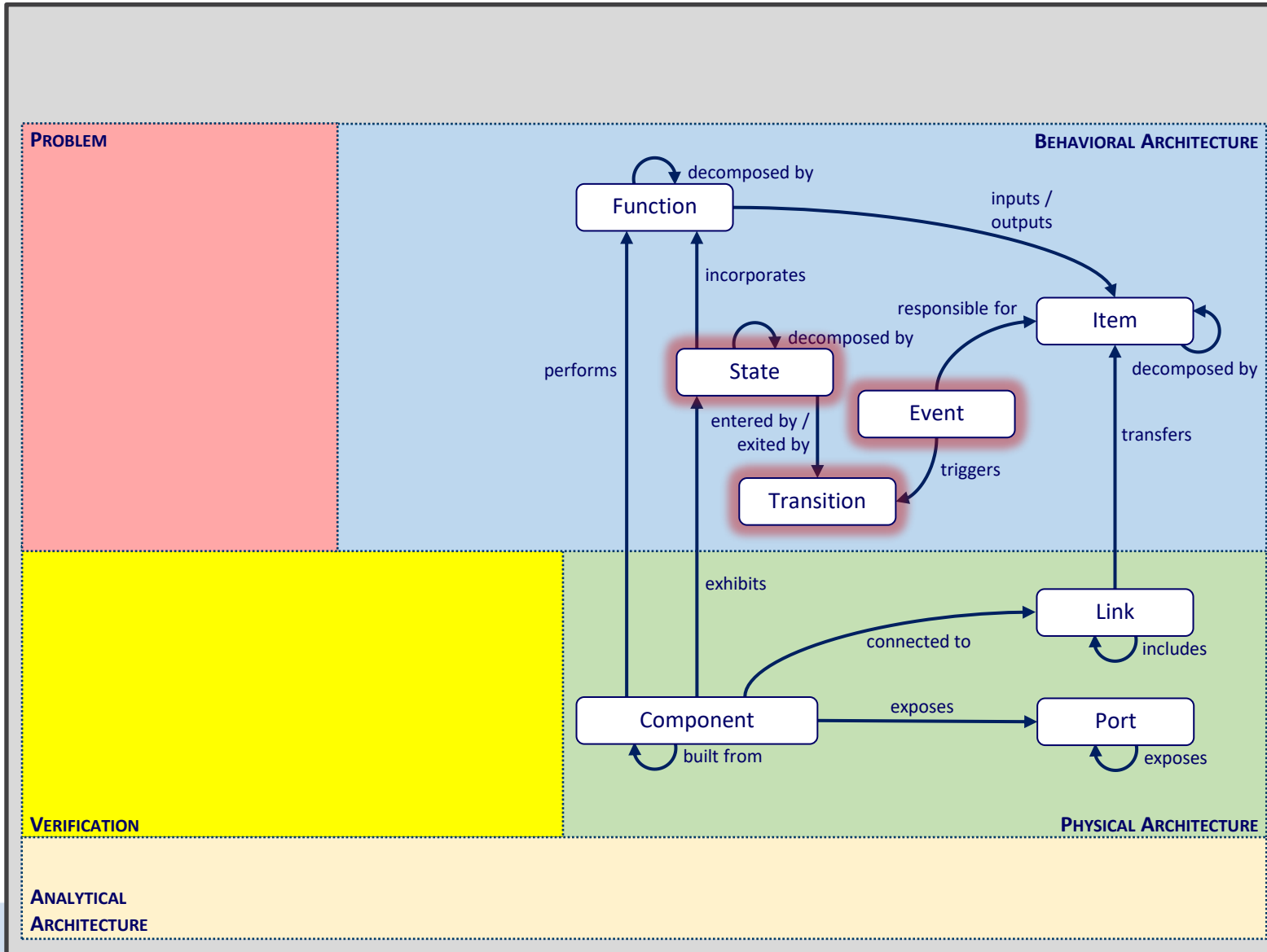


Defining Functions and Exchanges



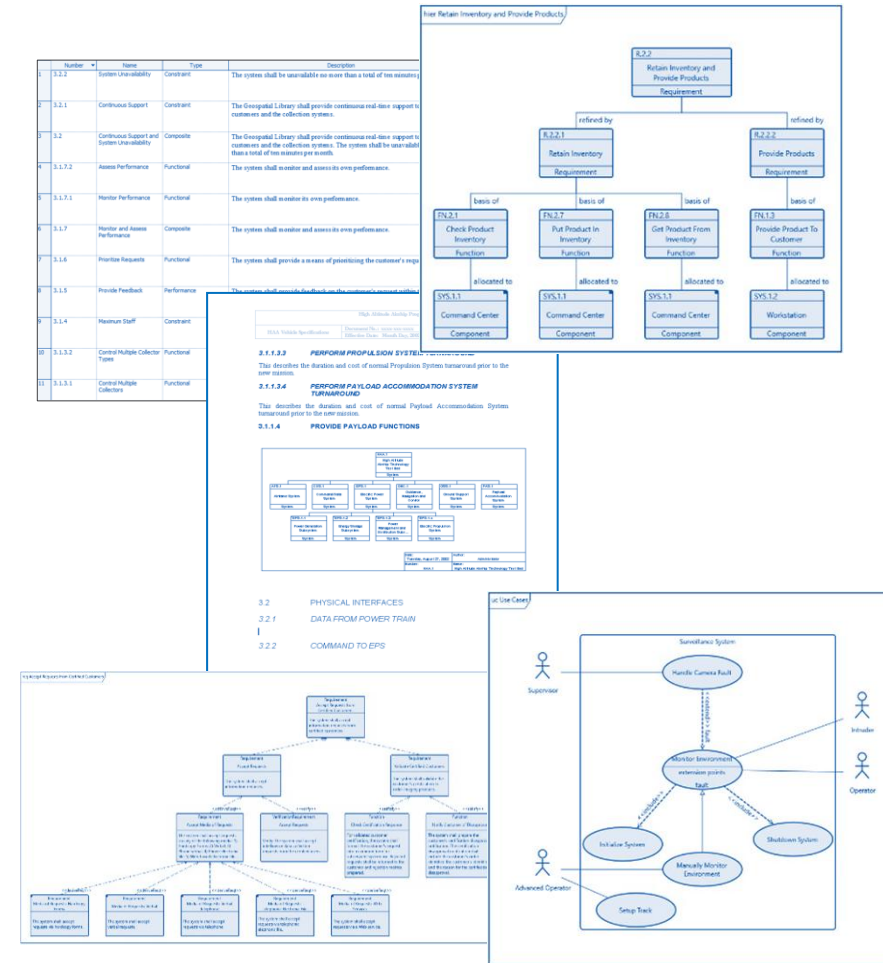
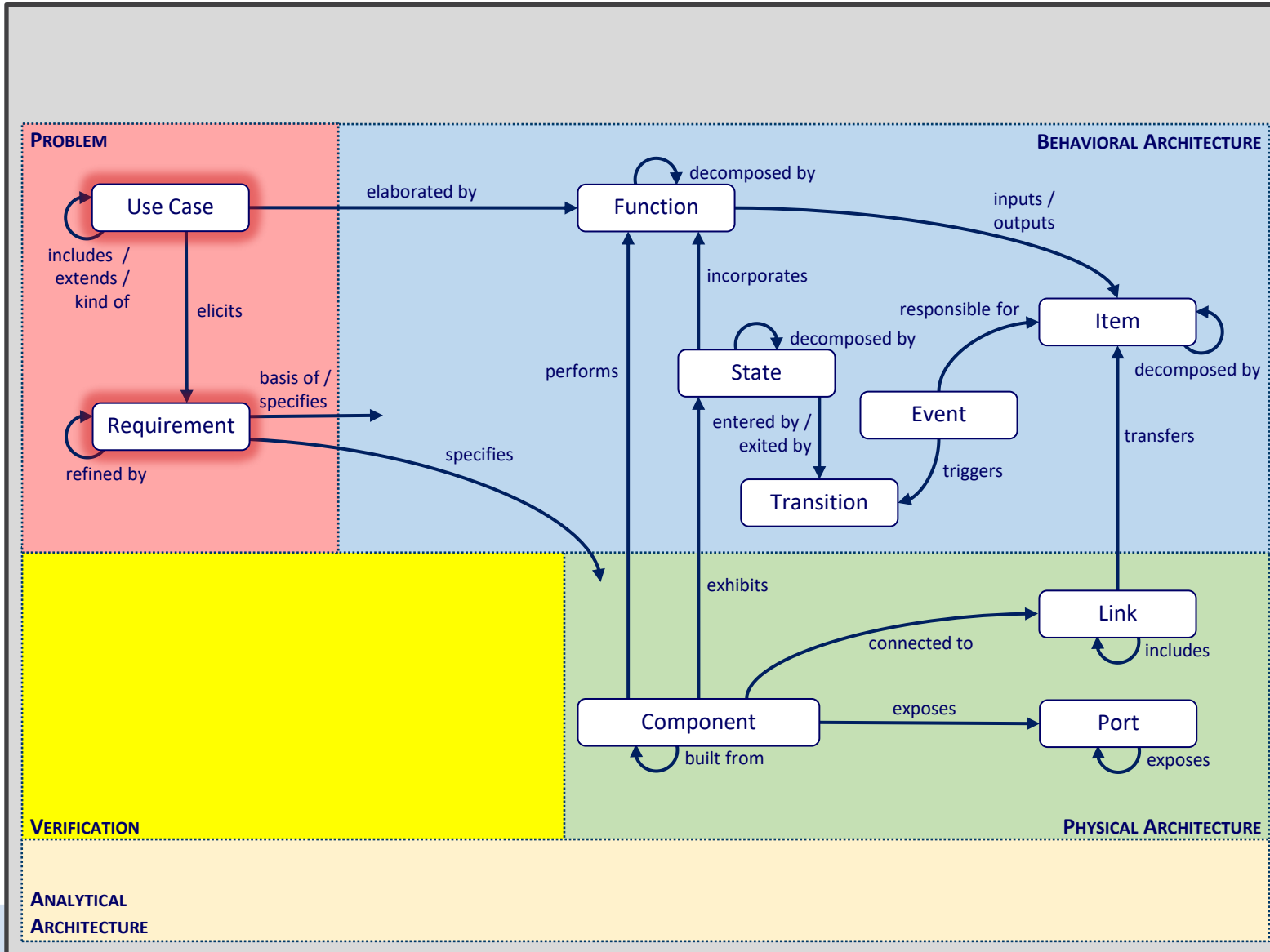
Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

Considering All States



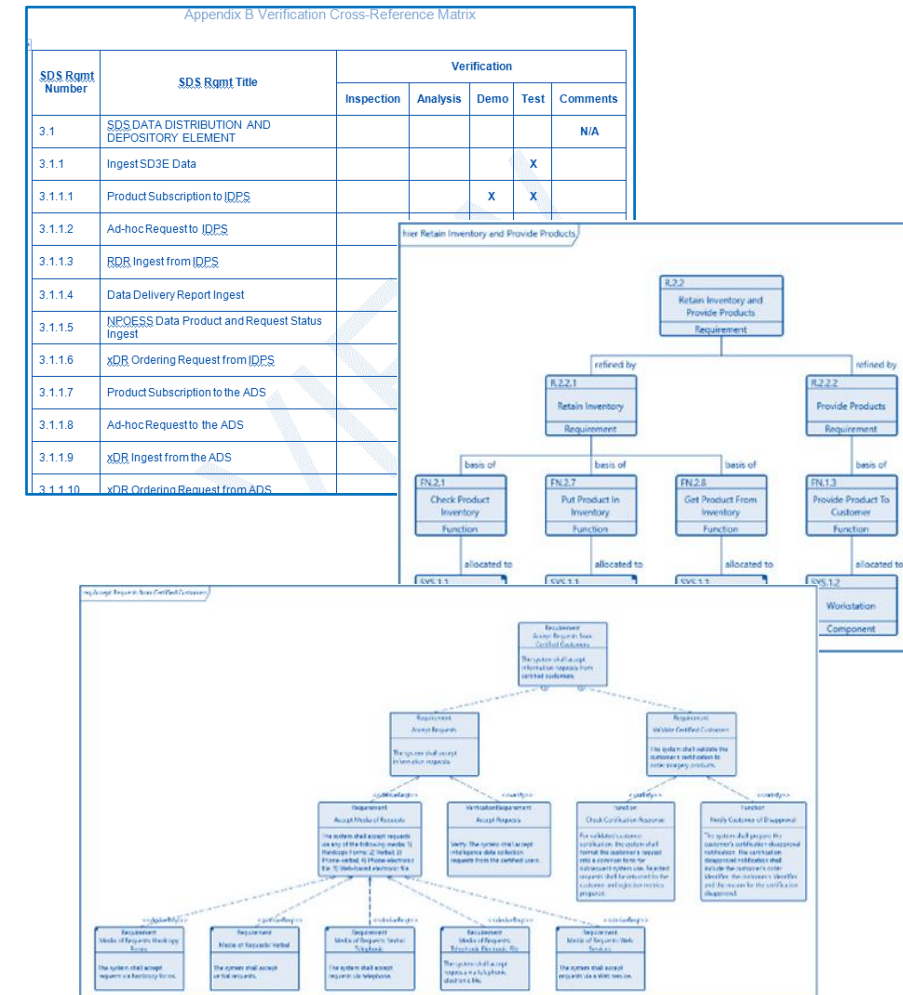
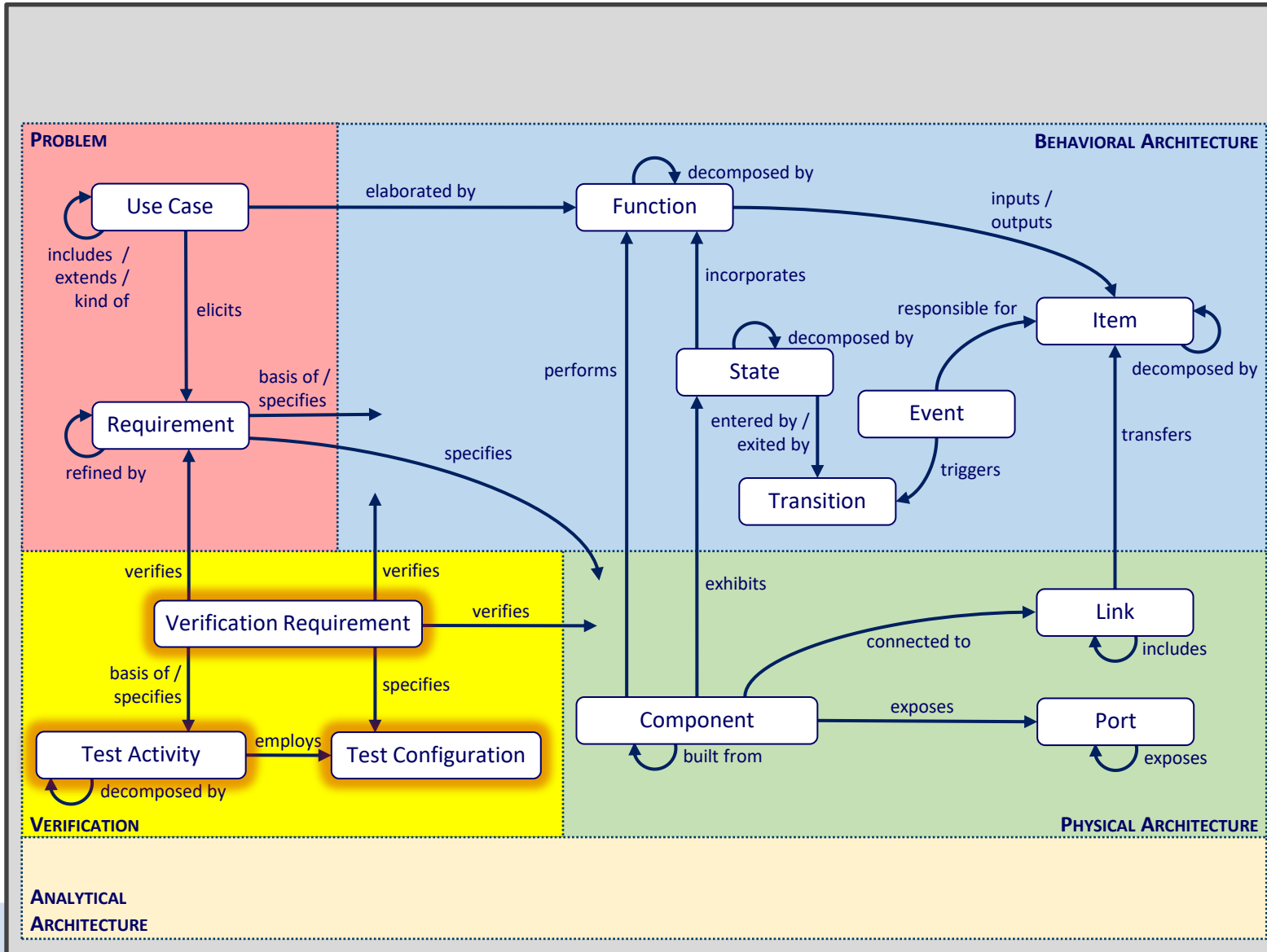
Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

Capturing the Right Problem, Tracing Throughout



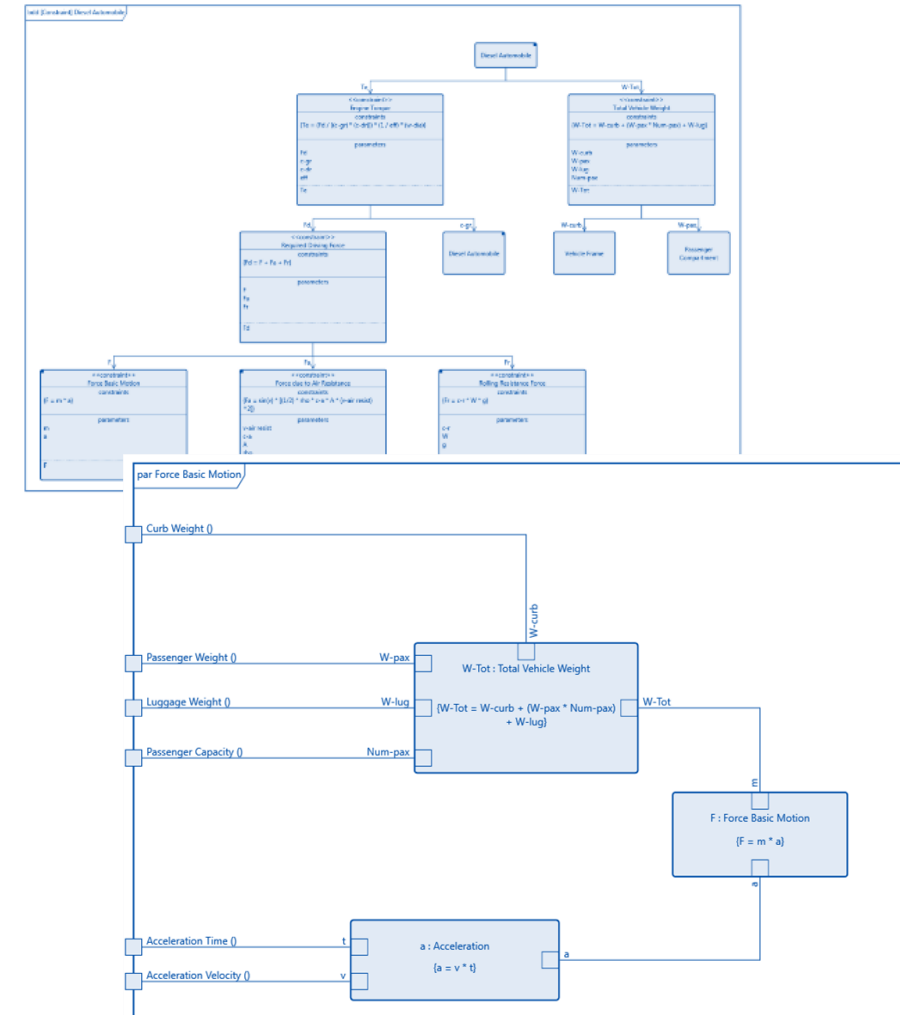
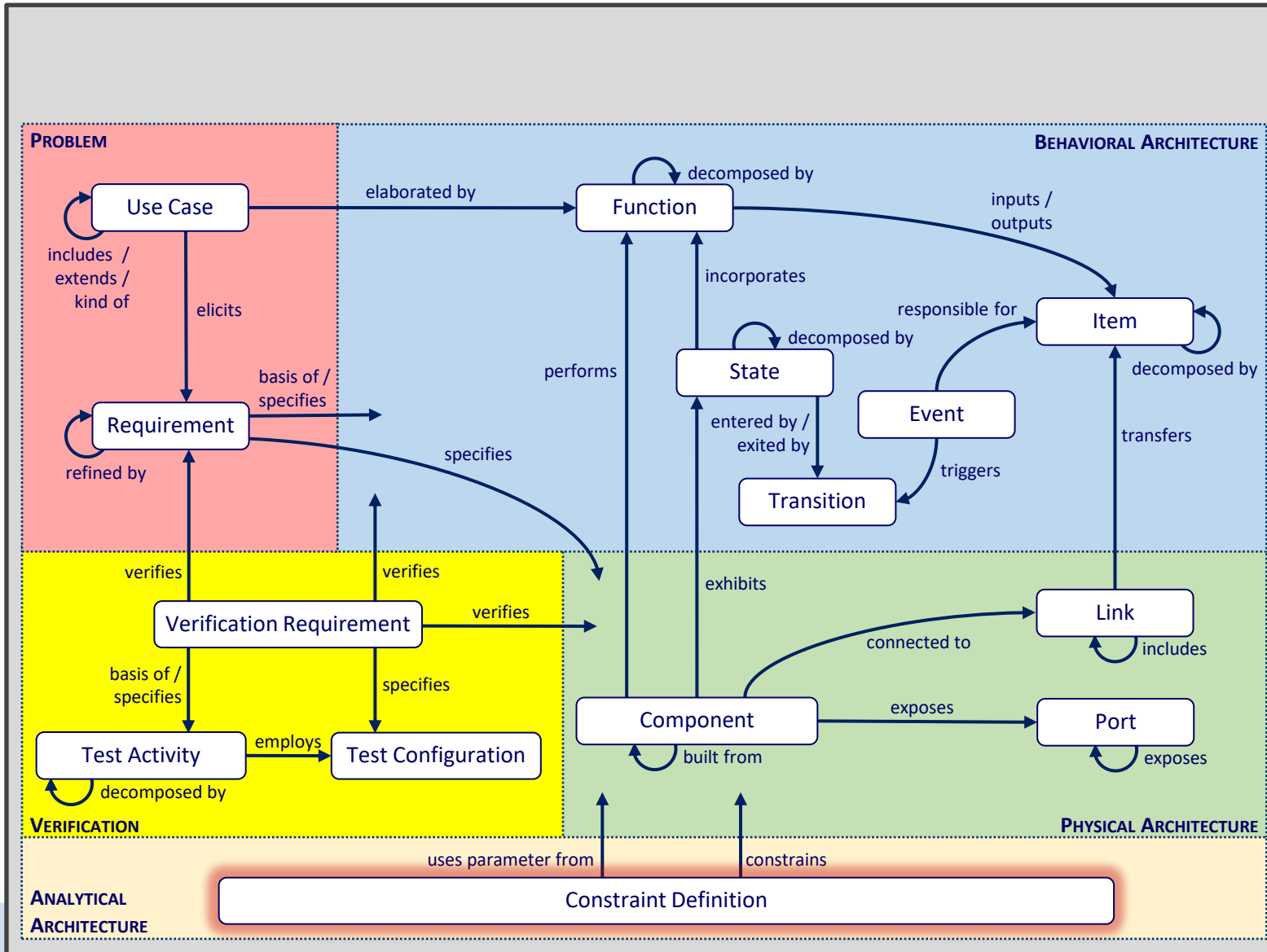
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Planning and Tracking Verification



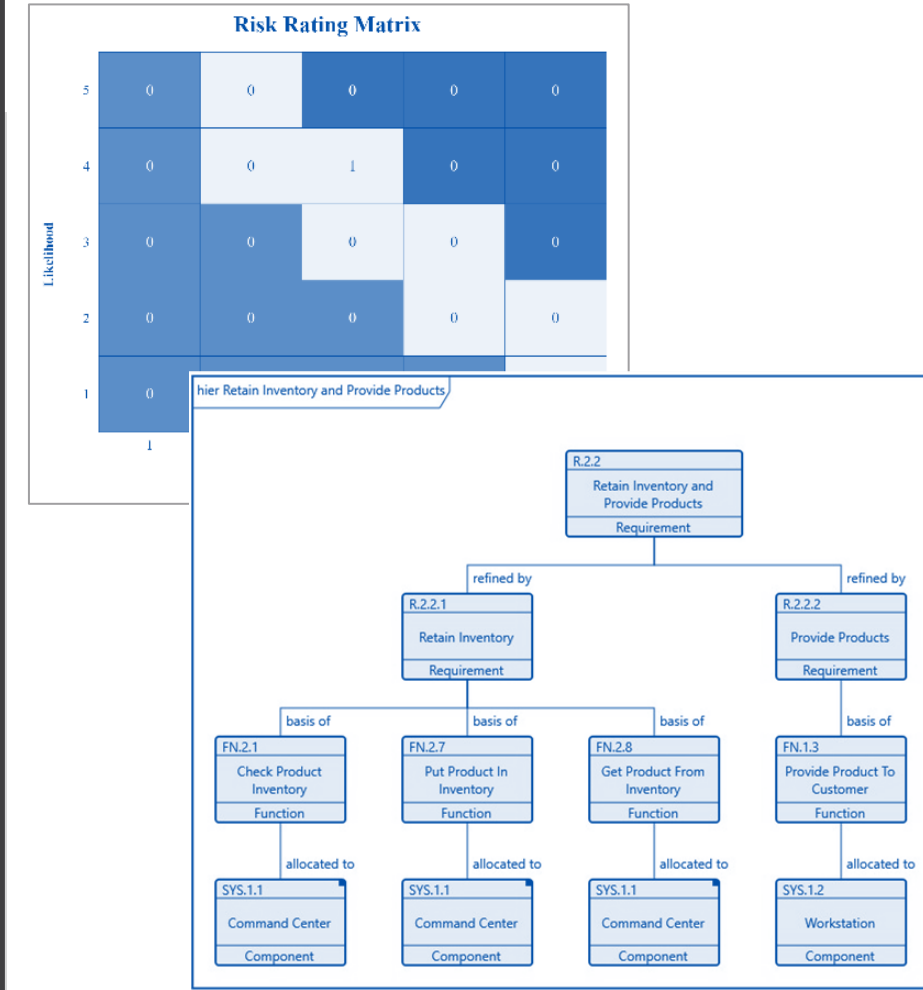
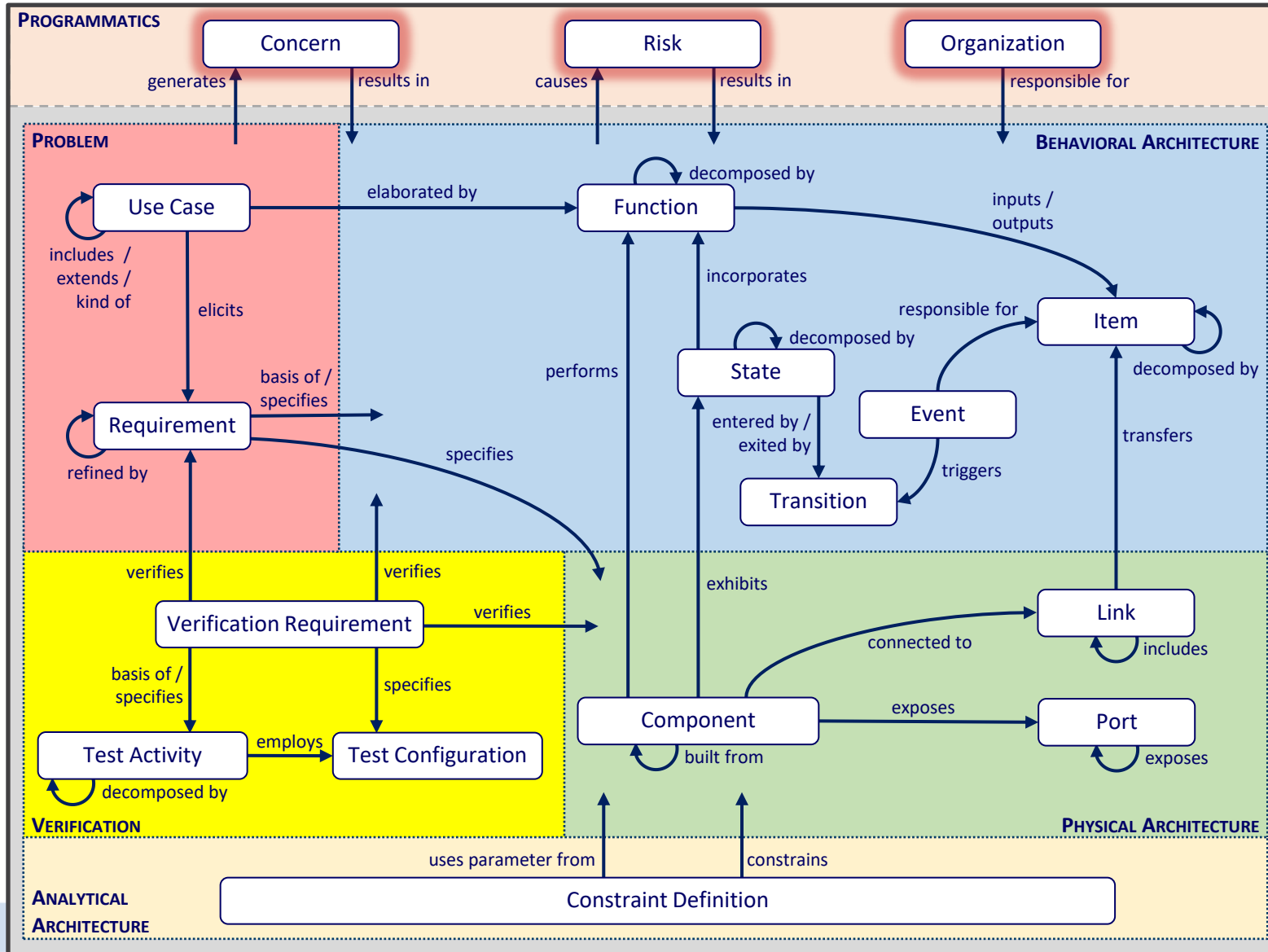
Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

Engineering with Rigor



Focusing on the Foundational Concepts

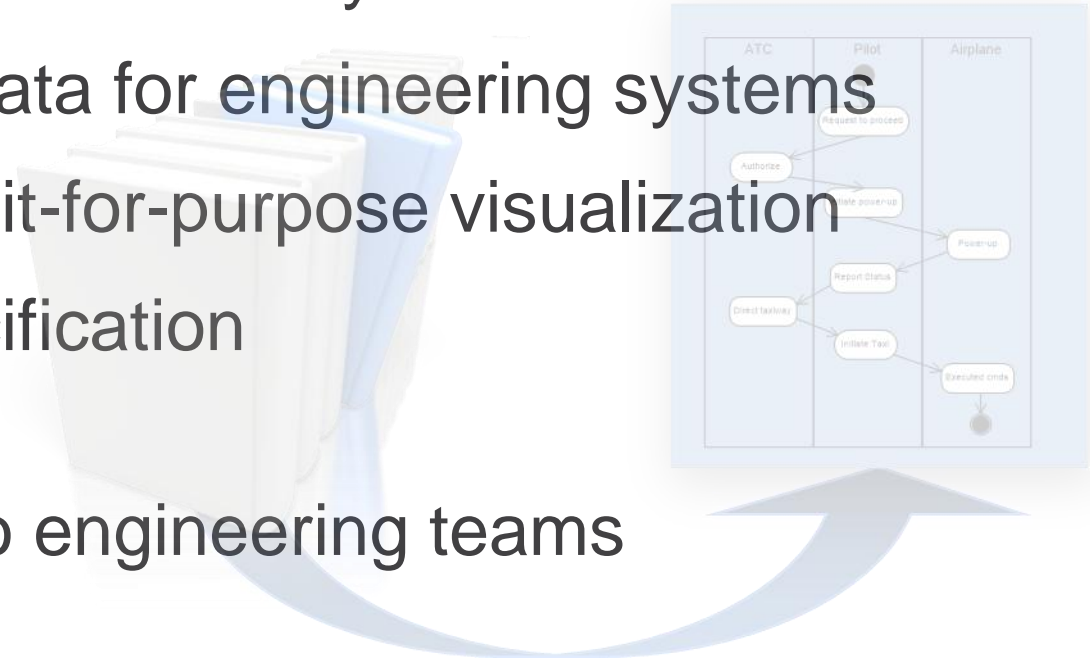
Capturing the Journey



Expressing the Fundamentals of MBSE

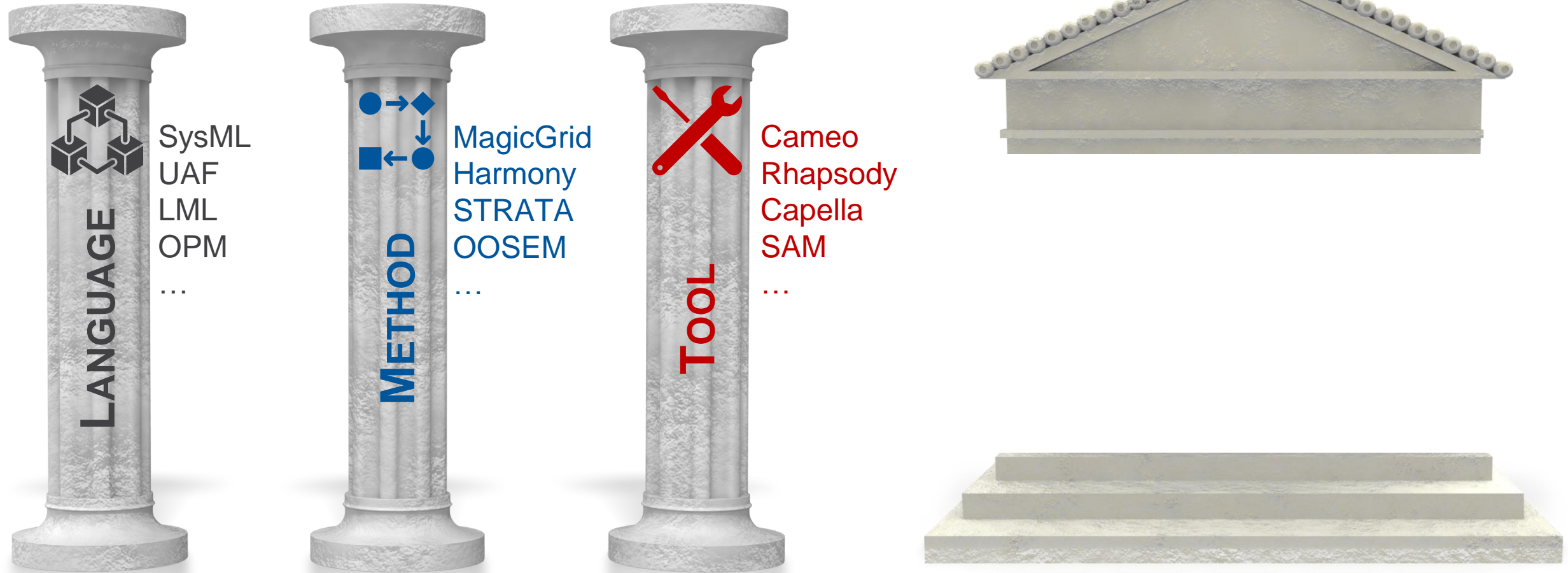
Model-Based Systems Engineering is about...

- 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

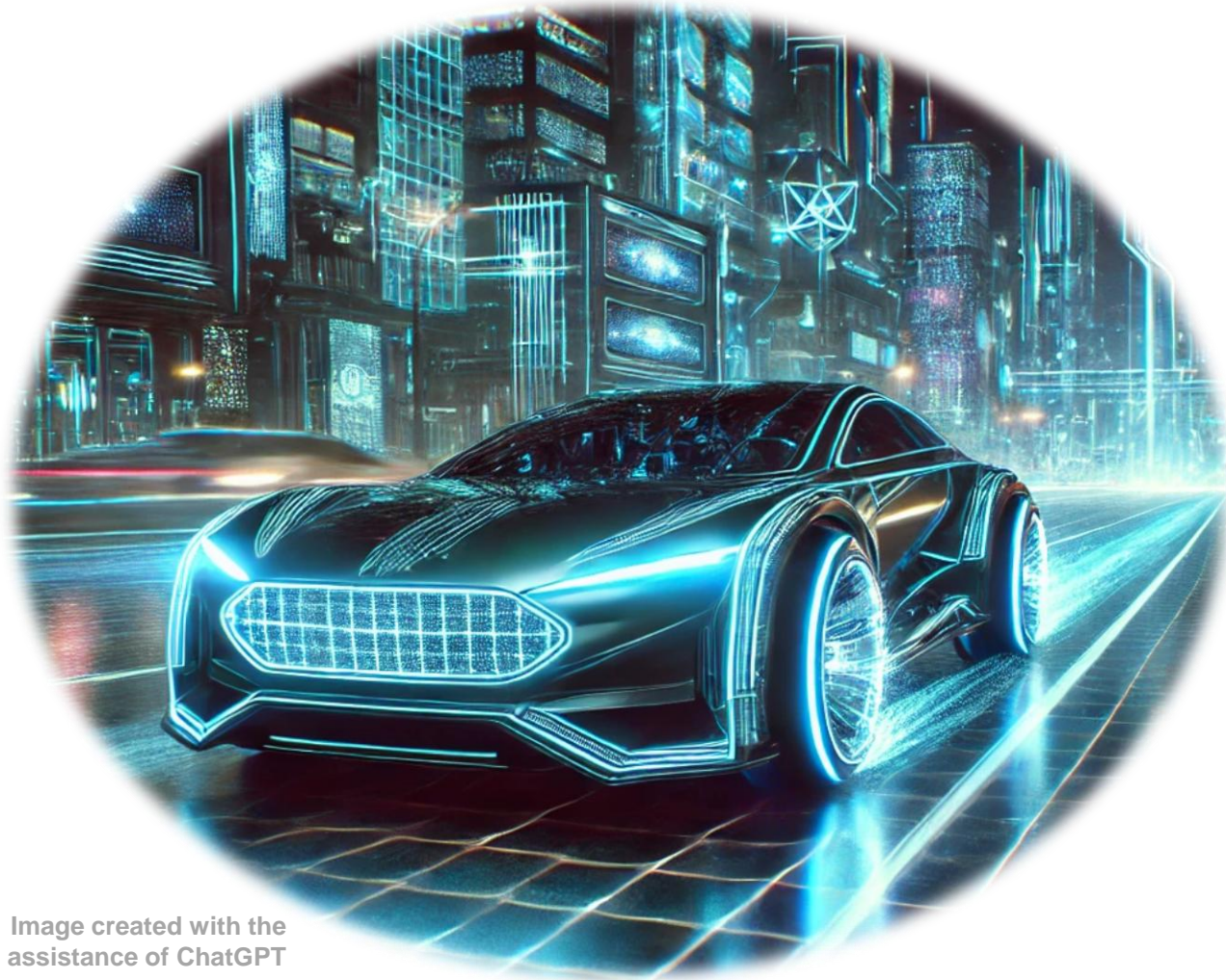
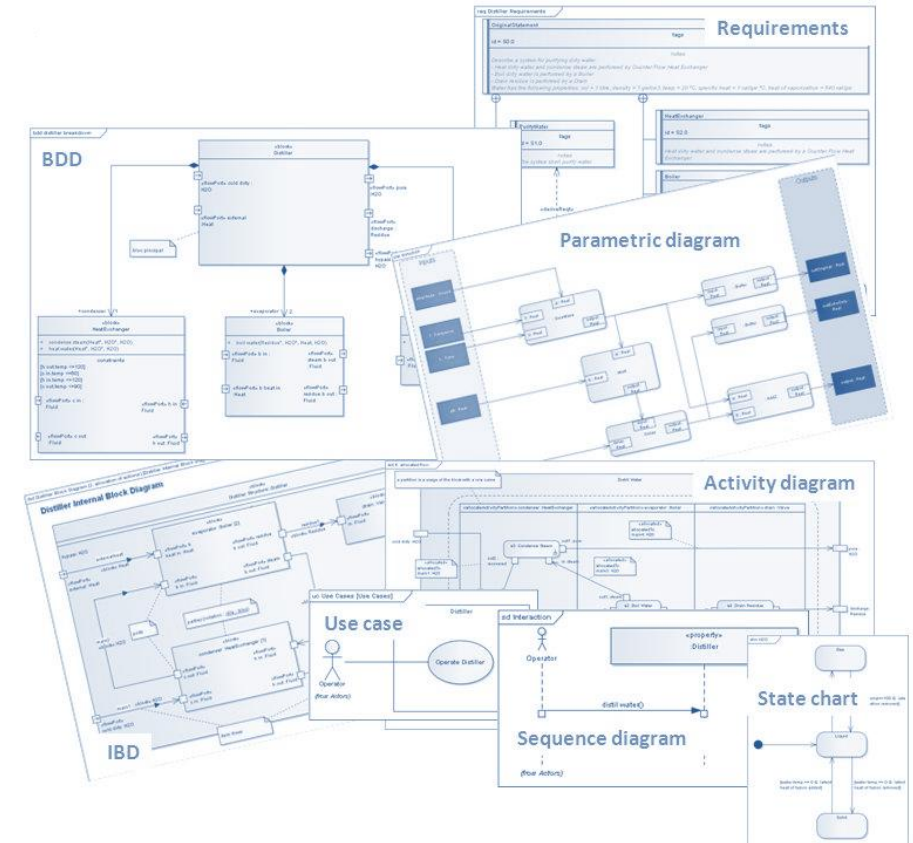
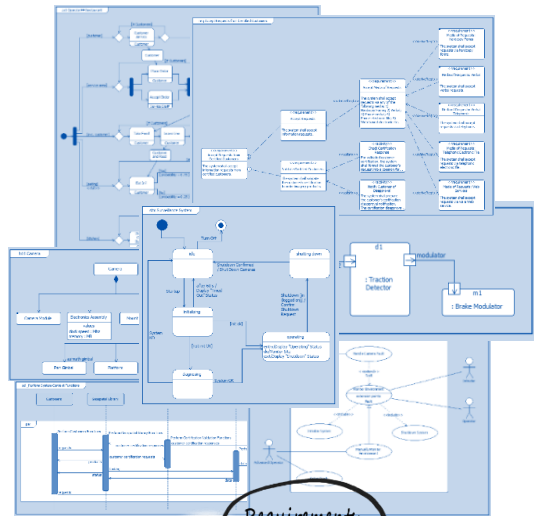


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Avoiding the Trap of Silos of Excellence

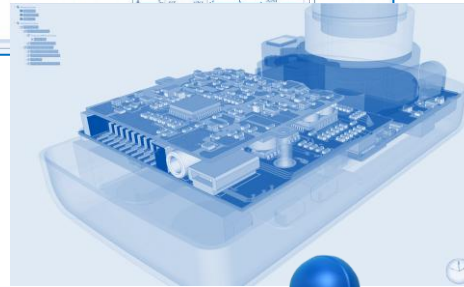
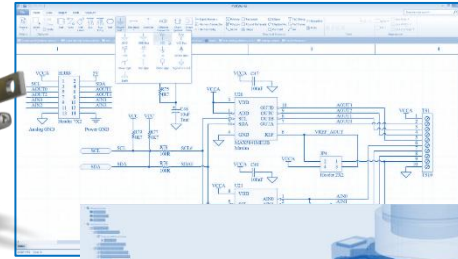
Disconnected Engineering in a Complex World



MBSE



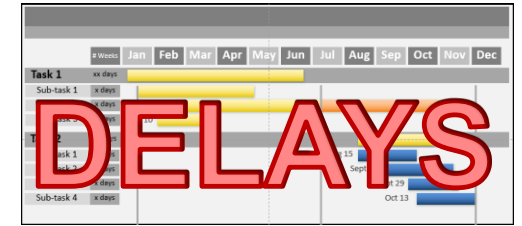
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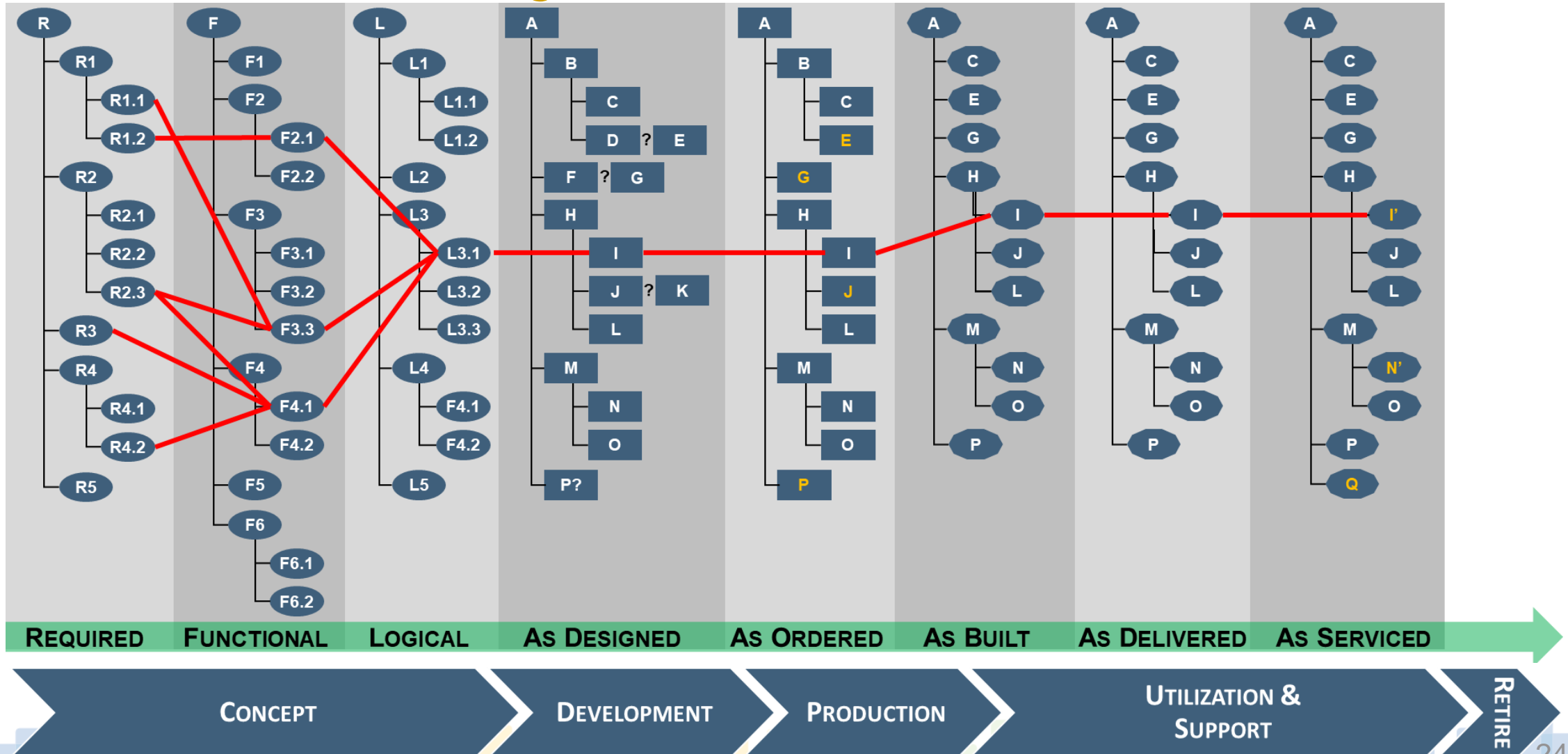
CONCEPT

DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTION

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



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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

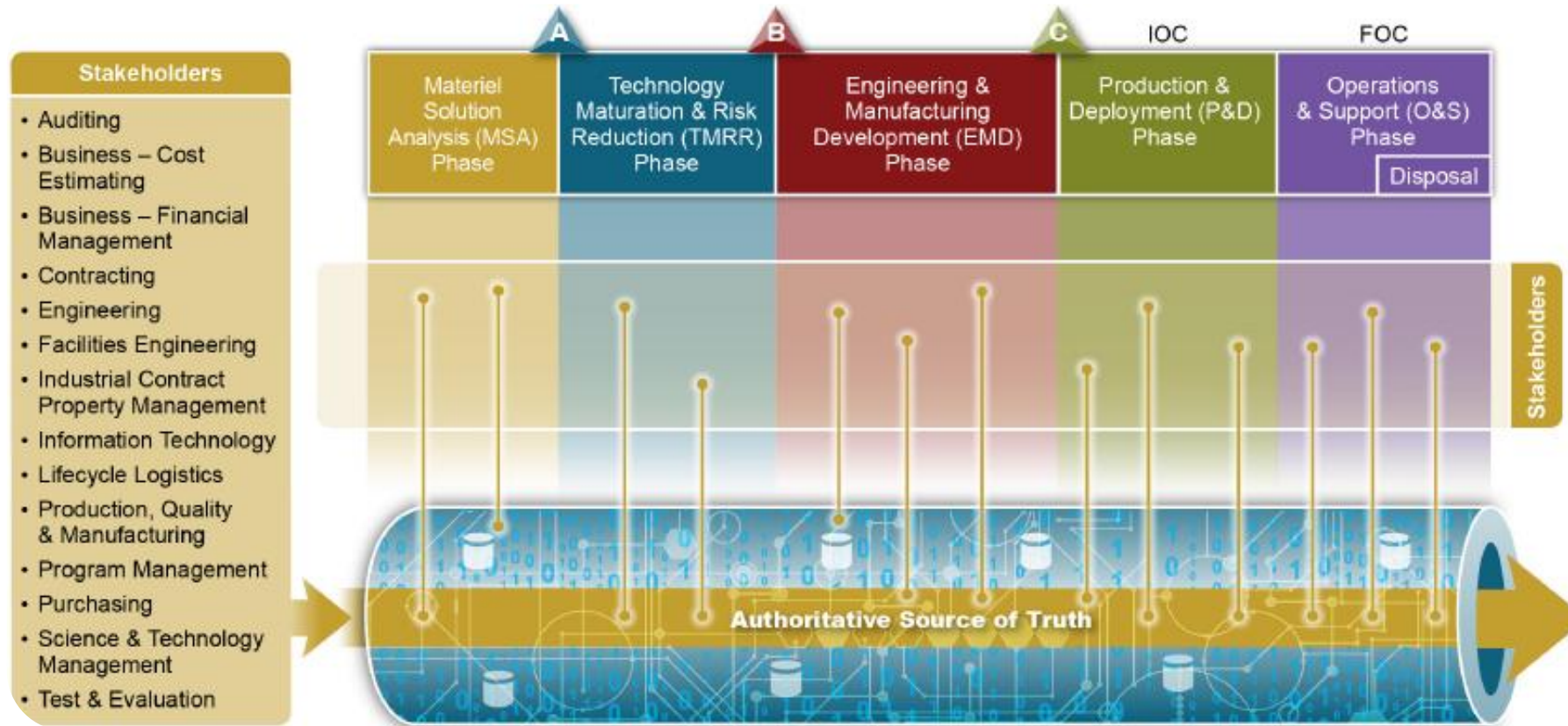


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An integrated approach using authoritative data and models as a continuum across disciplines and across the lifecycle

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 21st century
engineering and operations*

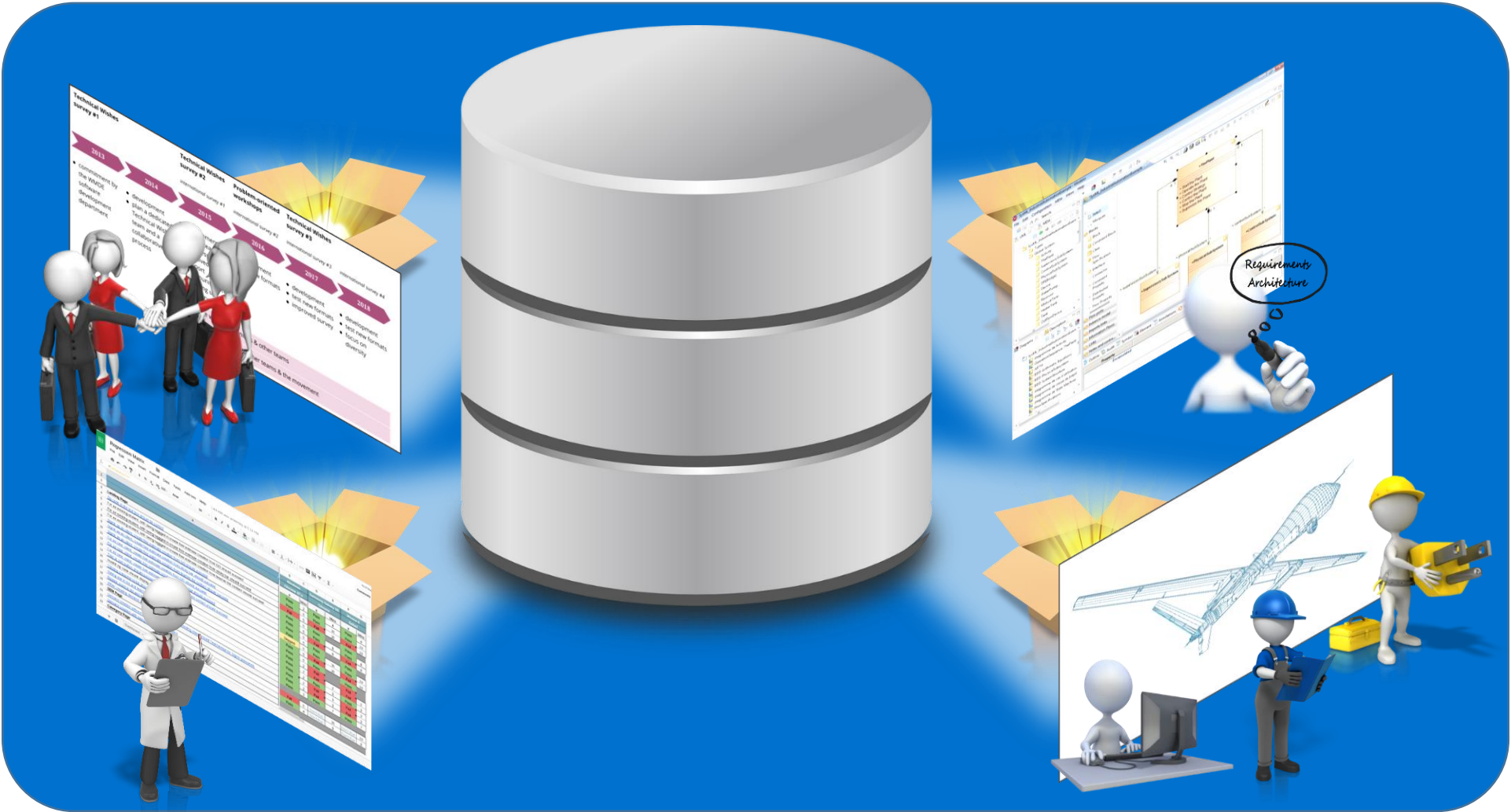


Delving Deeper into Engineering Digitally

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

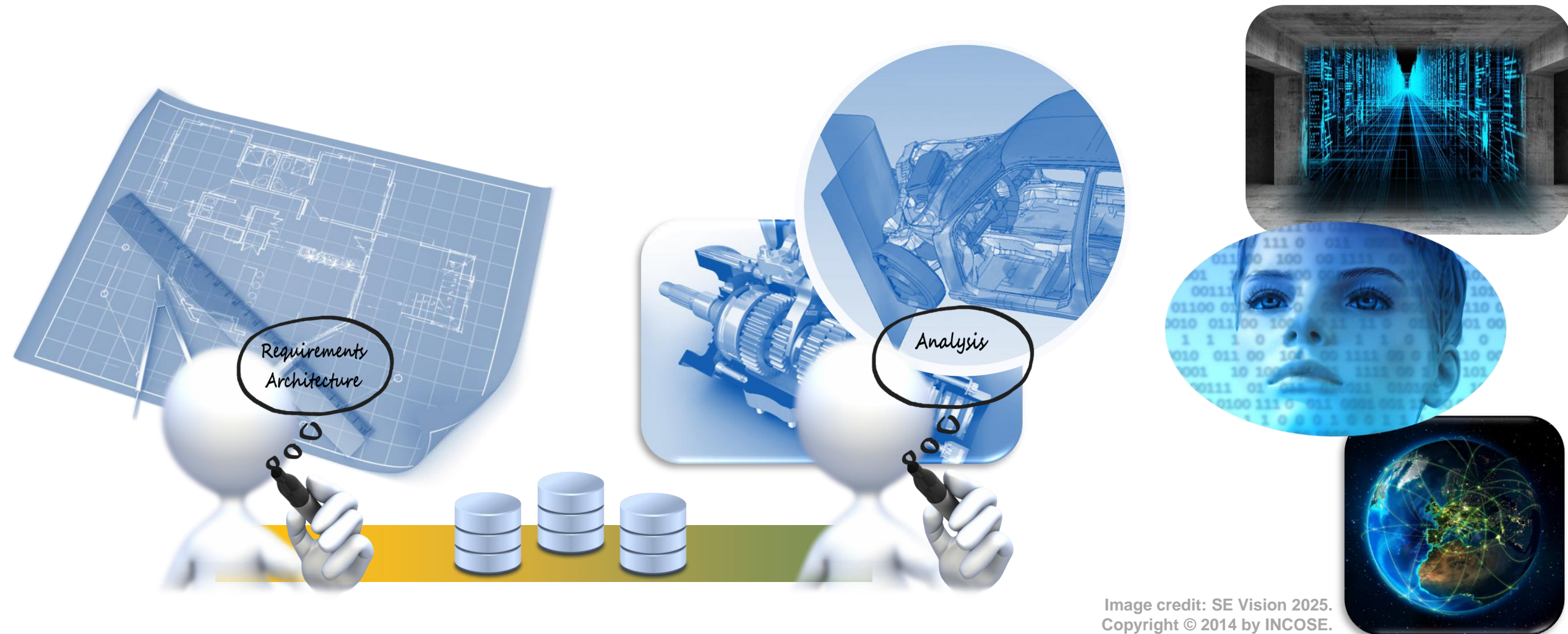
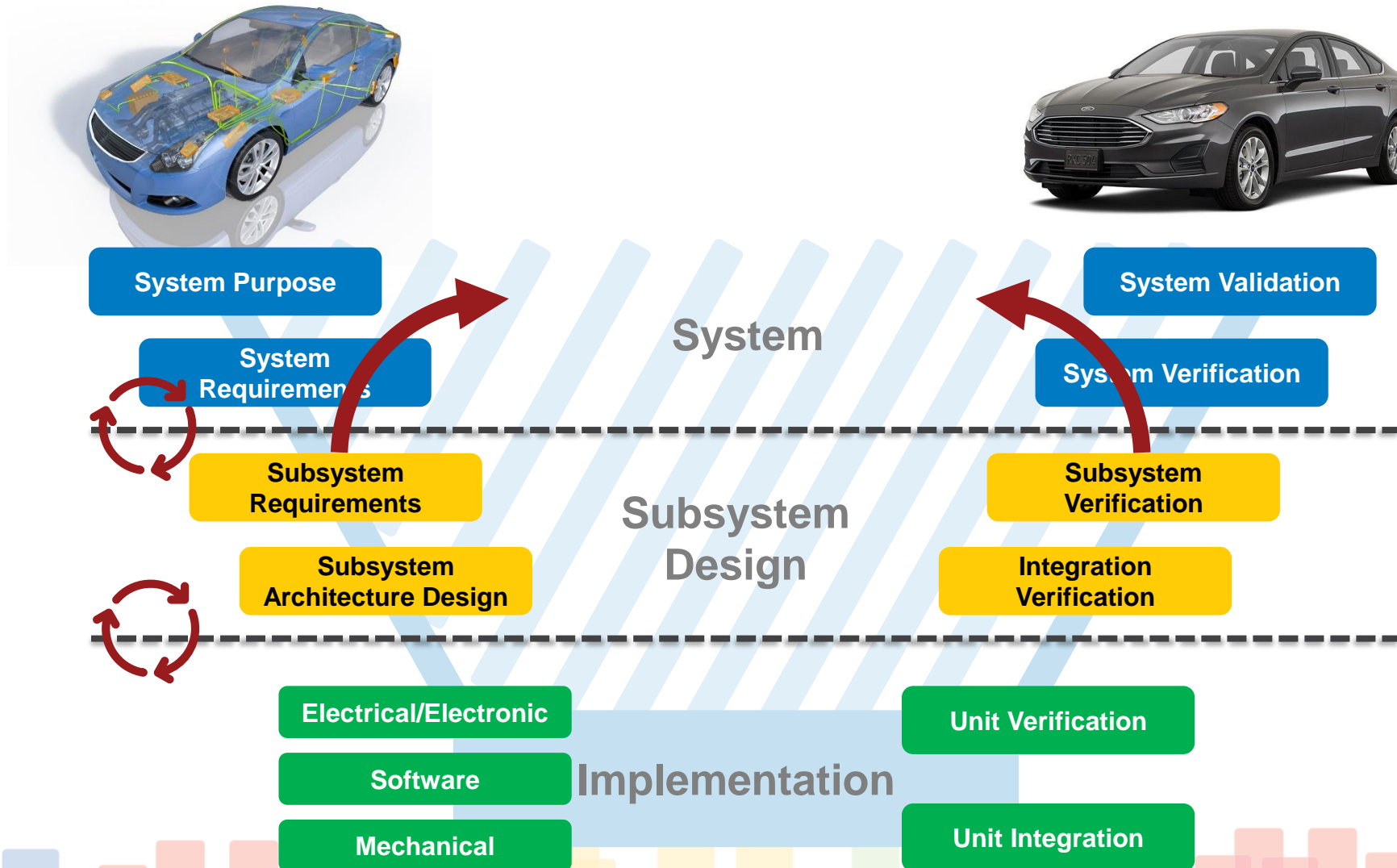


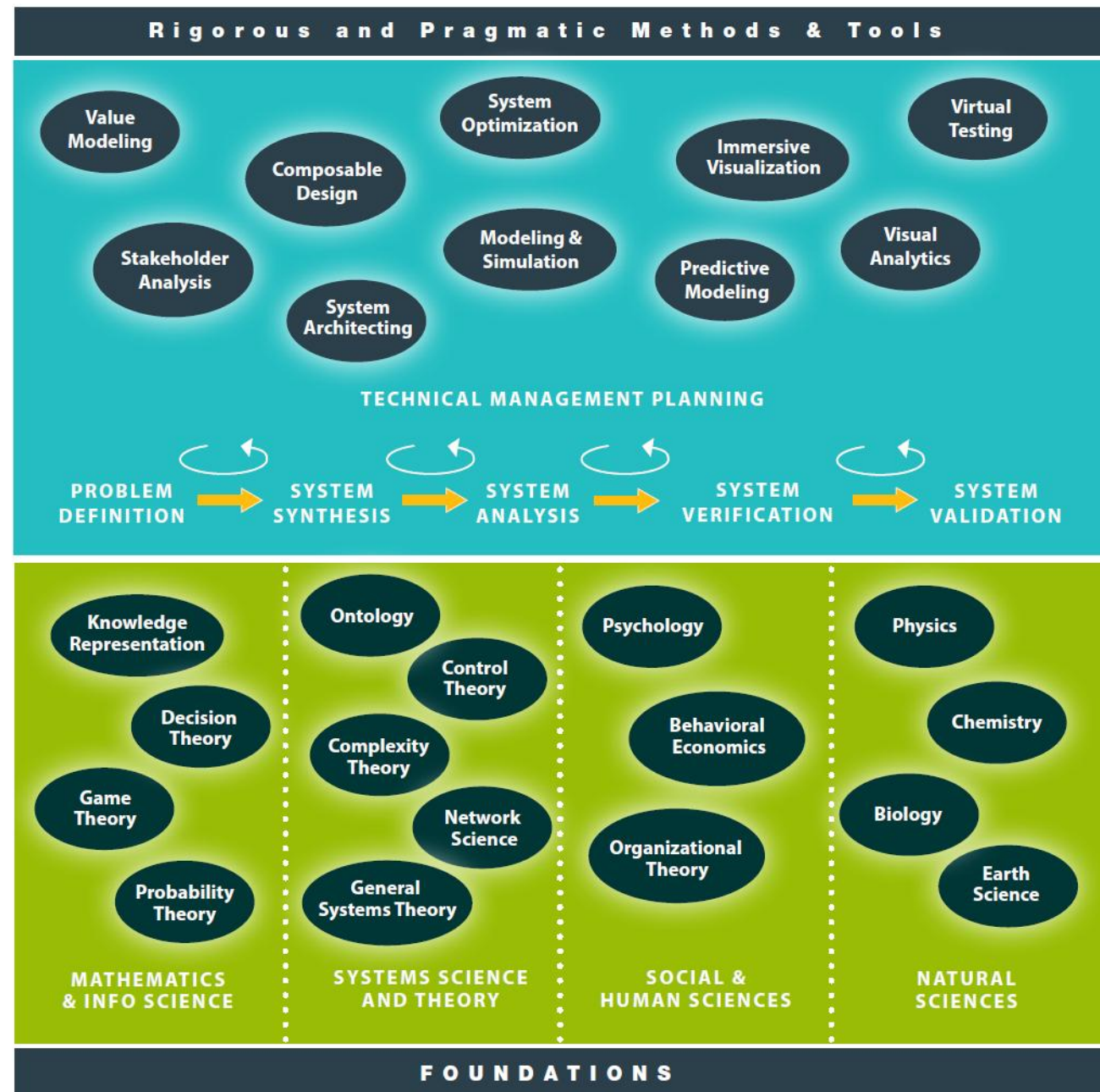
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Tightening the (Systems) Engineering V

Avoiding Defect Injection, Accelerating Defect Detection

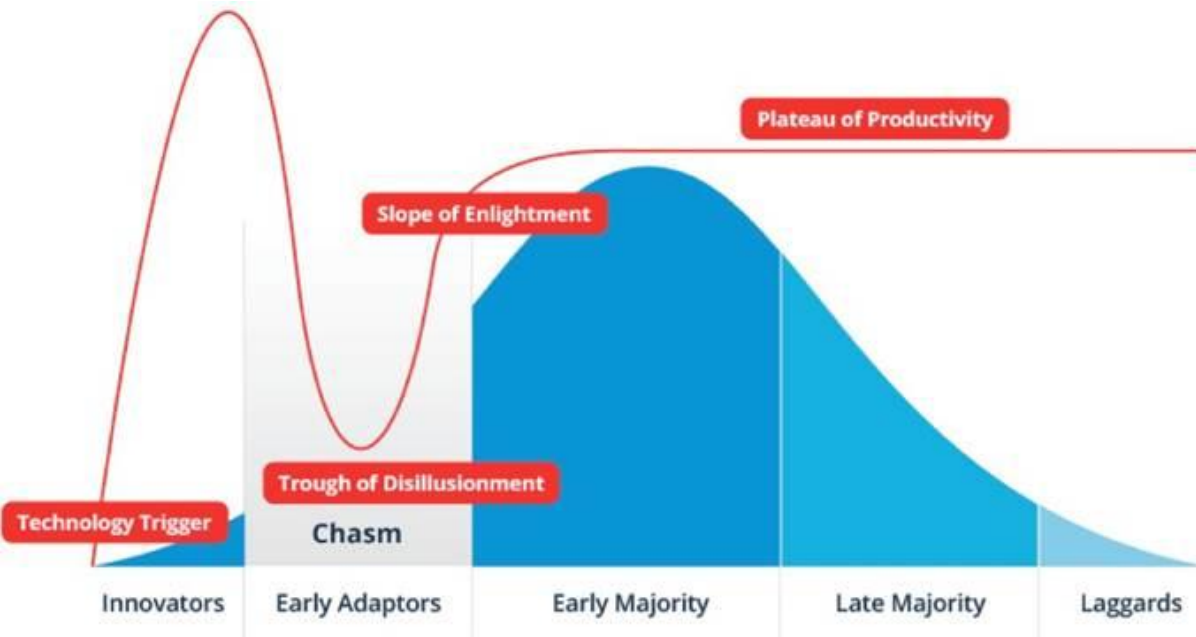


Establishing a Connected Foundation of Theory and Science



Looking beyond Marketing Hype

Assessing and Benchmarking Capability



	(1) Initial	(2) Managed	(3) Defined	(4) Qualitative	(5) Optimizing
Solution	Uncontrolled	Controlled Documents	Isolated models	Enterprise Integration	Continuous Engineering
Product 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>PLE/Configuration/Variation</i>	None	Variation documents & spreadsheets	Disconnected variation rules	PLM Integrated variation rules	PLM variation definition drive 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 (FMECA)	RAMS analysis tools integrated with product architecture via PLM	Integrated RAMS, continuous risk assessment, alarms, dashboards..
Cross domain services					
System Definition & Design Integration <i>Logical modeling & 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
Integrated services					
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 & suspension mgmt	Complete PLM configuration with models, parameters, history,...	Cross-project level reuse, starting point for next project history,...
Content Management					
Requirements Analysis <i>Requirements engineering & 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 simulation, dash boards
Verification Management & Governance <i>Product Test/V&V</i>	Document-based test procedures	Managed test cases	SE artifacts linked to test	Devops-like V&V simulation	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)

Credit: INCOSE MBSE Initiative, 2024.

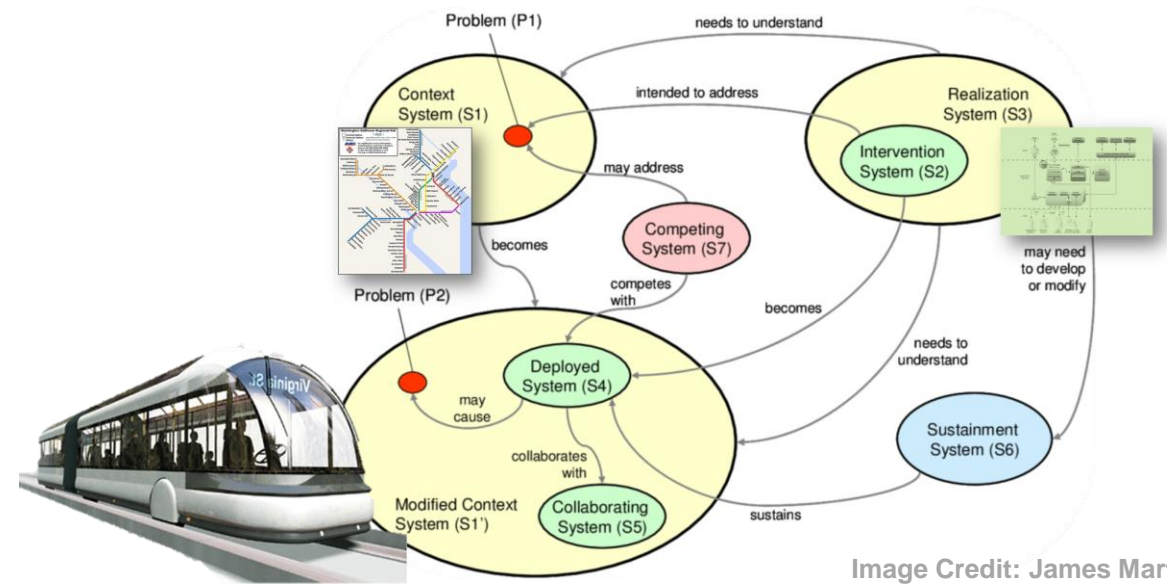
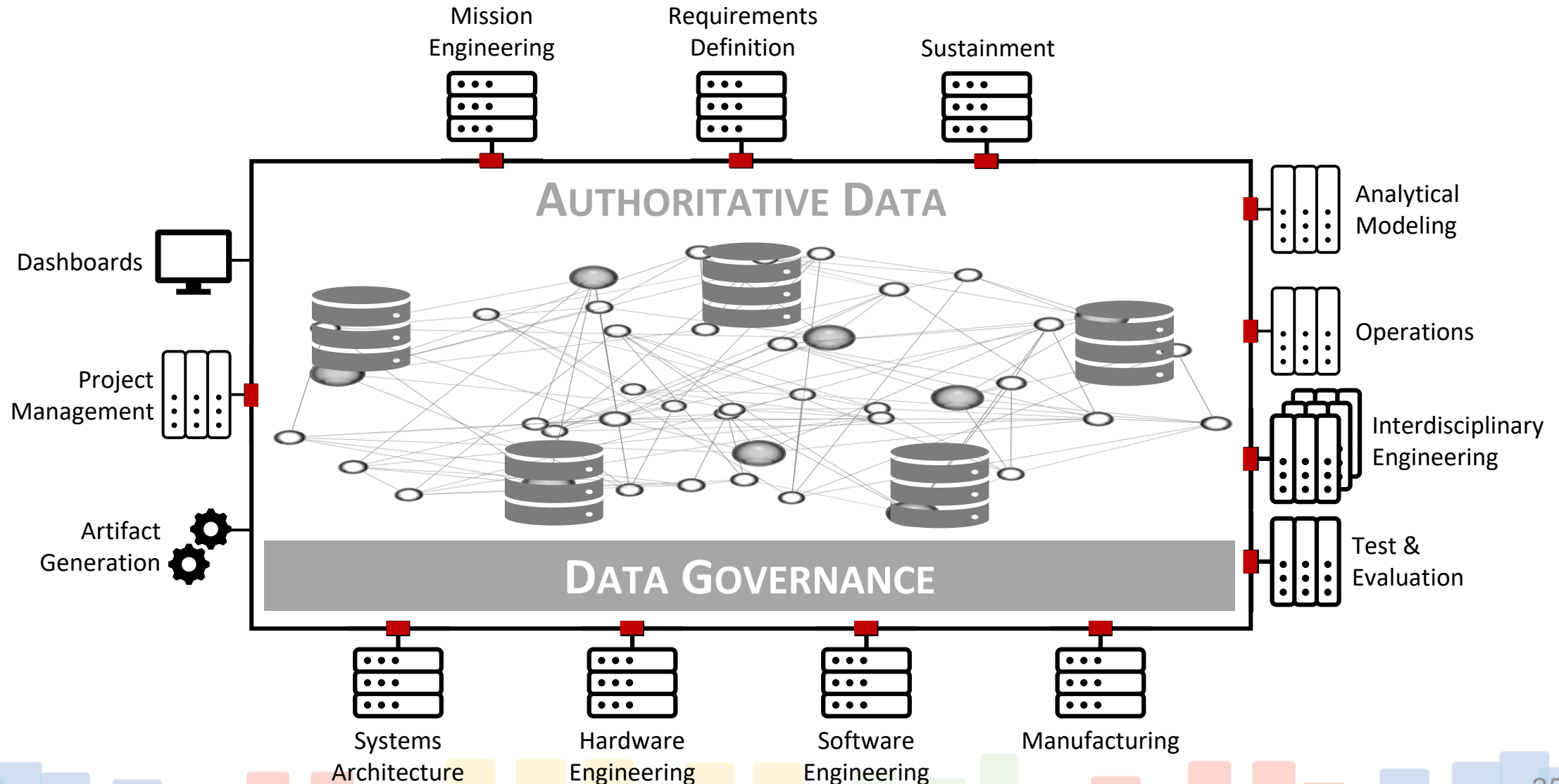


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Seven Samurai Framework

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.



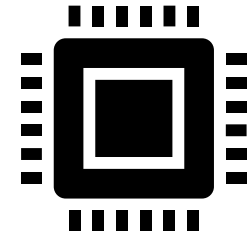
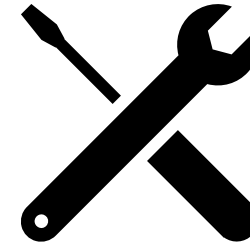
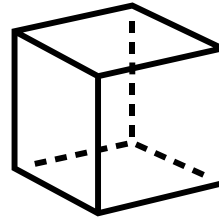
Hutchison et al. (2022)

Appreciating the Full Scope

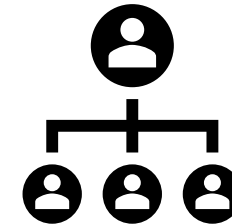
Dependencies and Interactions thru Life

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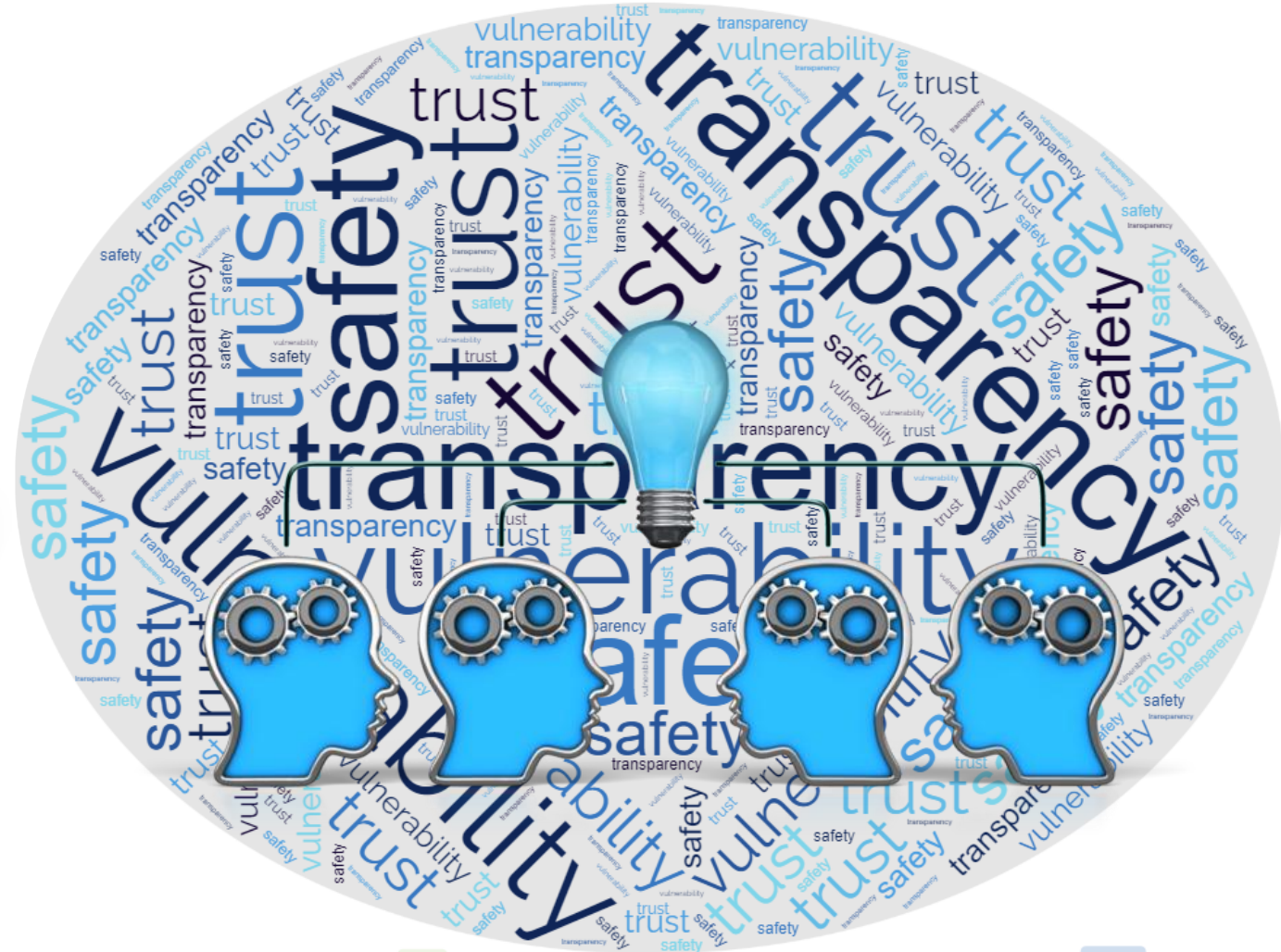
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Embracing the Human Dimension

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

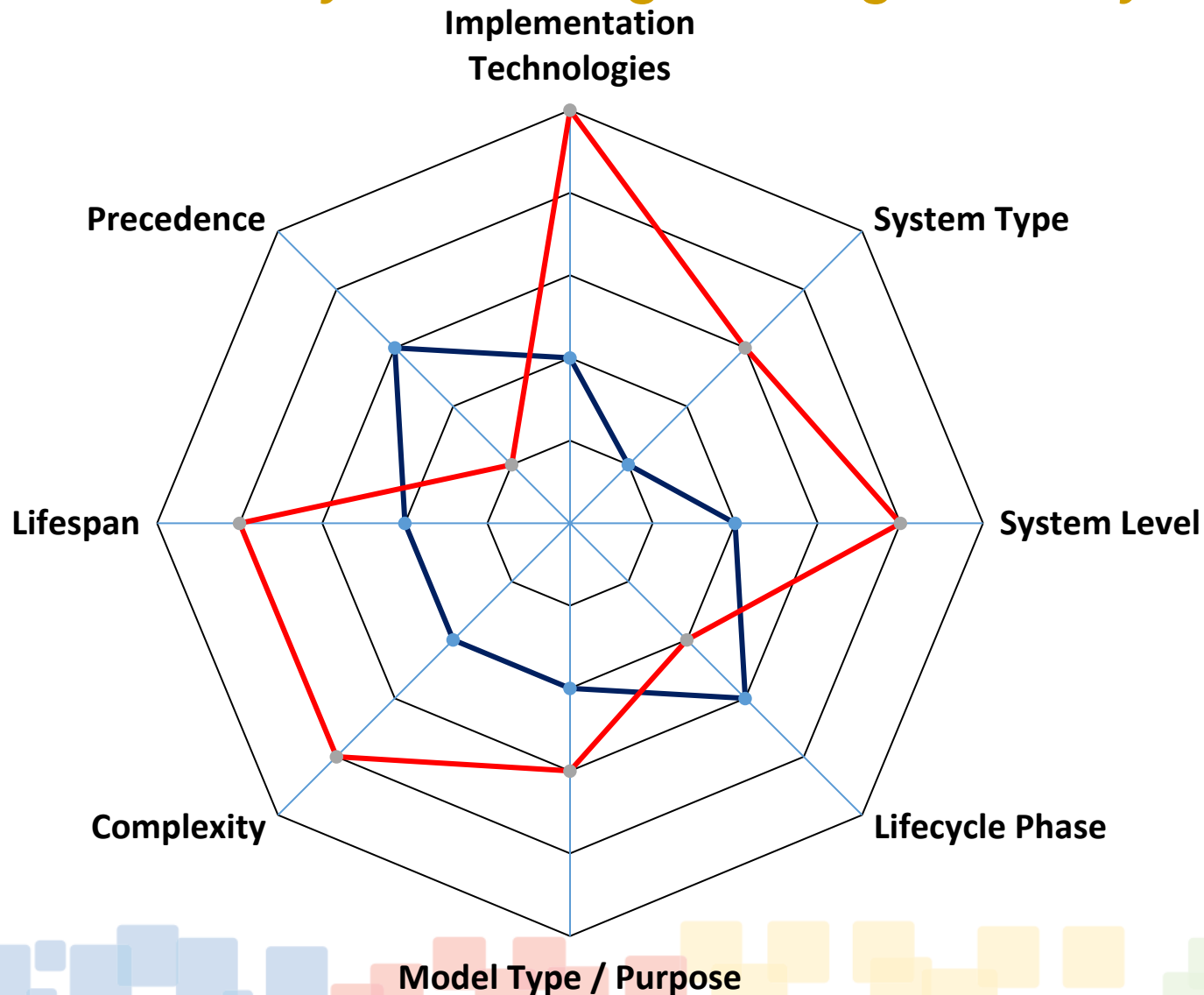
Find the people in your system most susceptible to having their situation improved. Focus on them, not technology.



Larry Leifer
Dancing with Ambiguity
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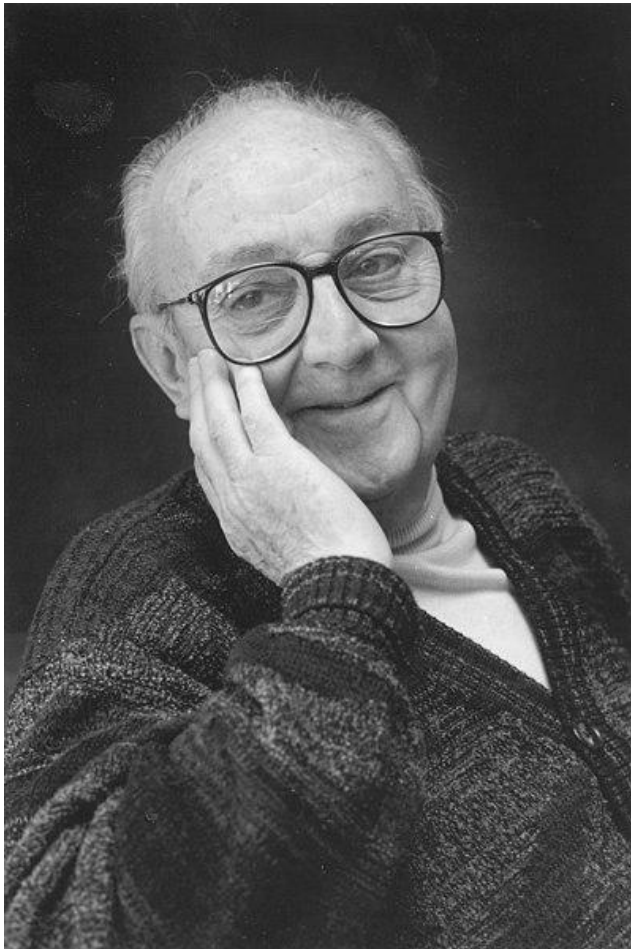
Begin with Your End in Mind

Good Systems Engineering is Always Fit-for-Purpose



Leverage the Thinking of George Box

Both Caution and Guidance



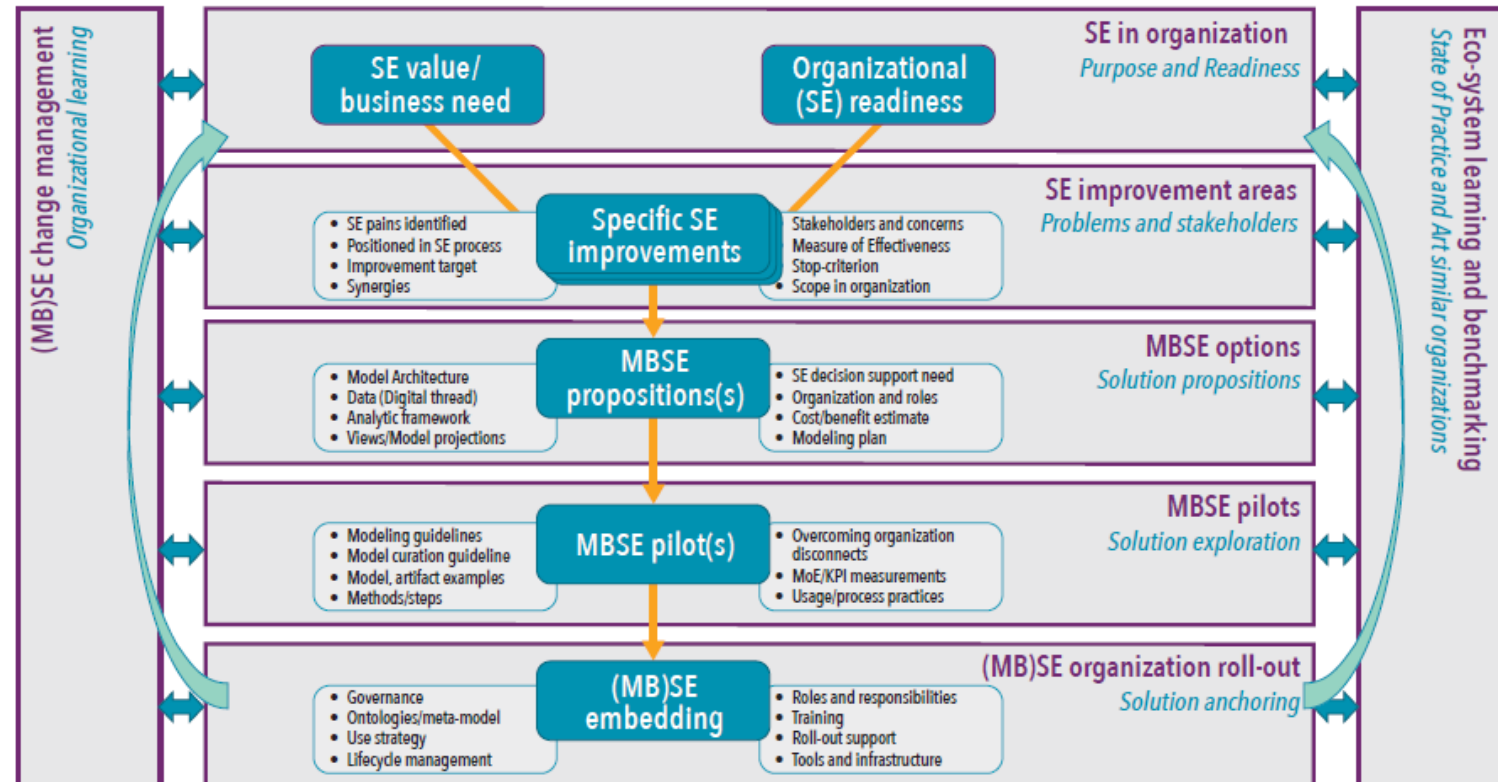
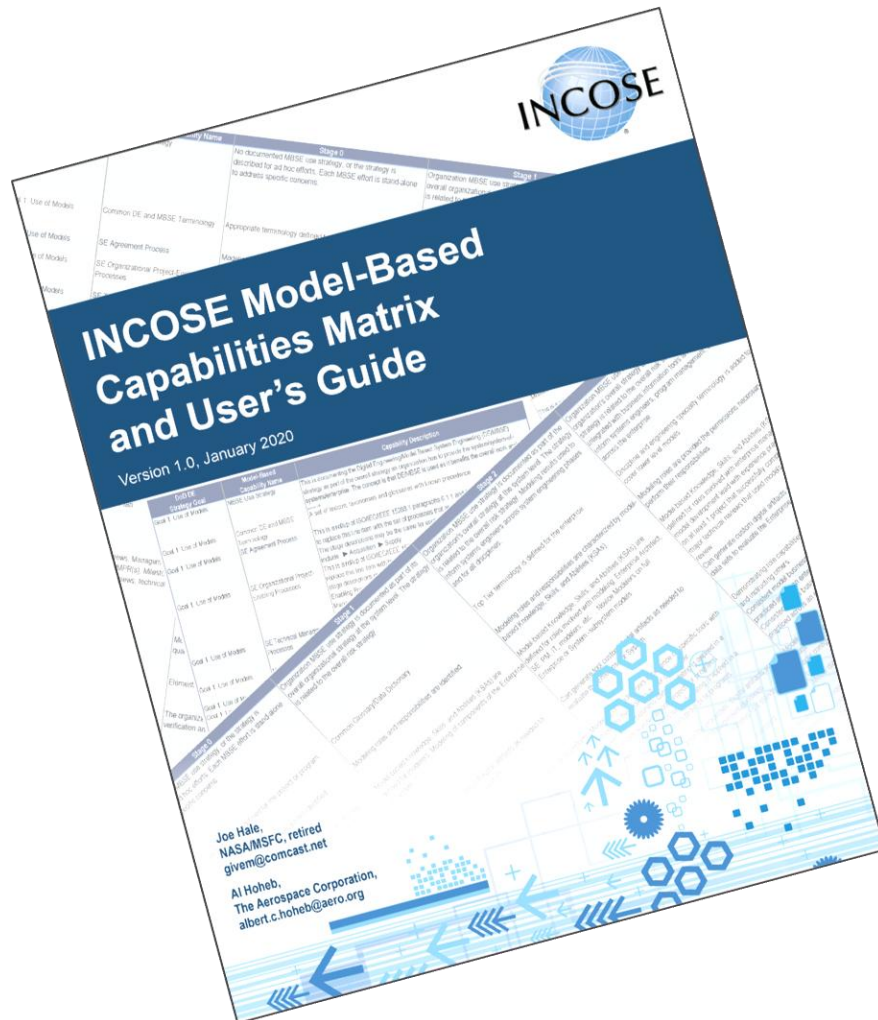
All models are wrong

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

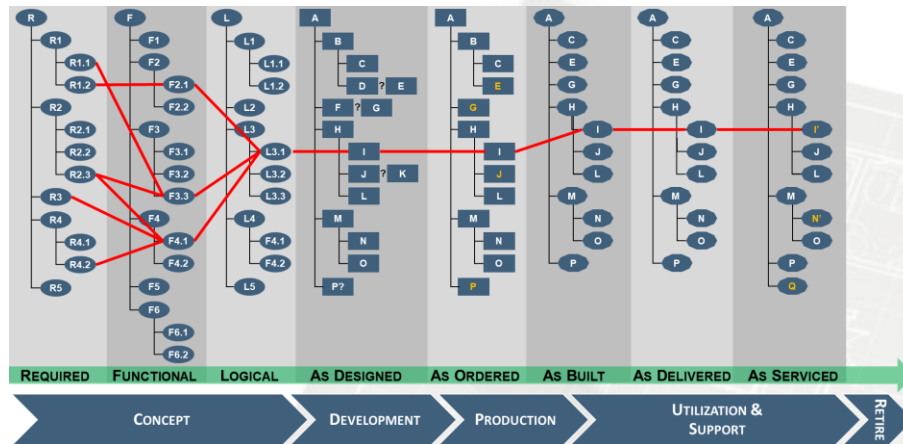
Undertaking a Journey Requires Both an As-Is and To-Be



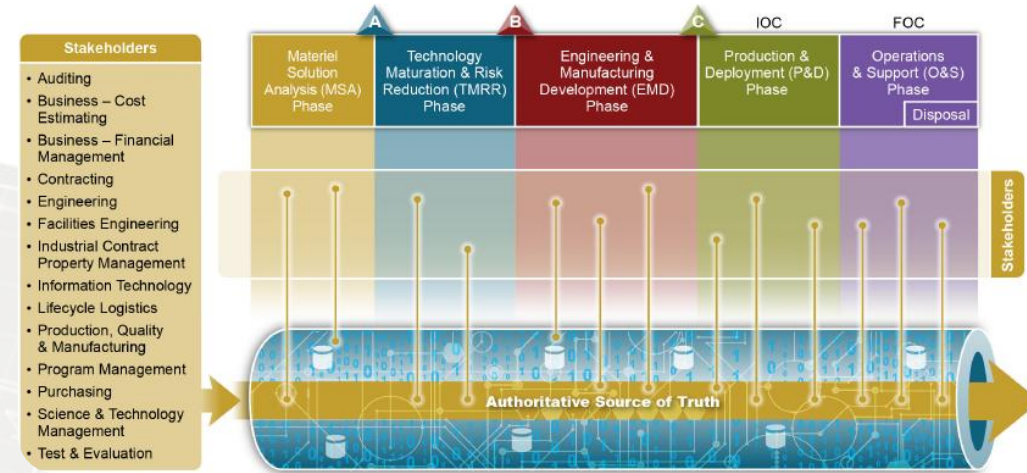
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Define Your Reach for Dx

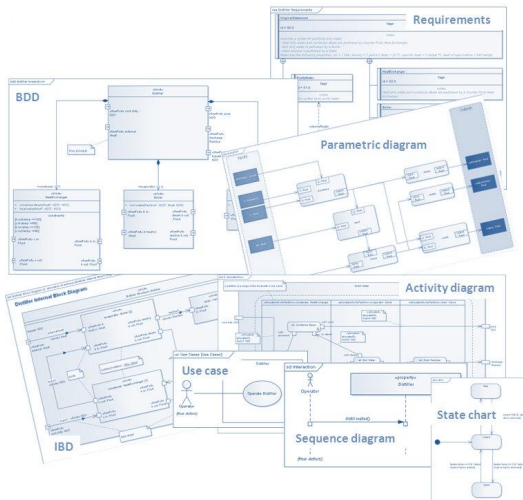
Where You Need to Be not Want to Be – SE, EoS, or Beyond?



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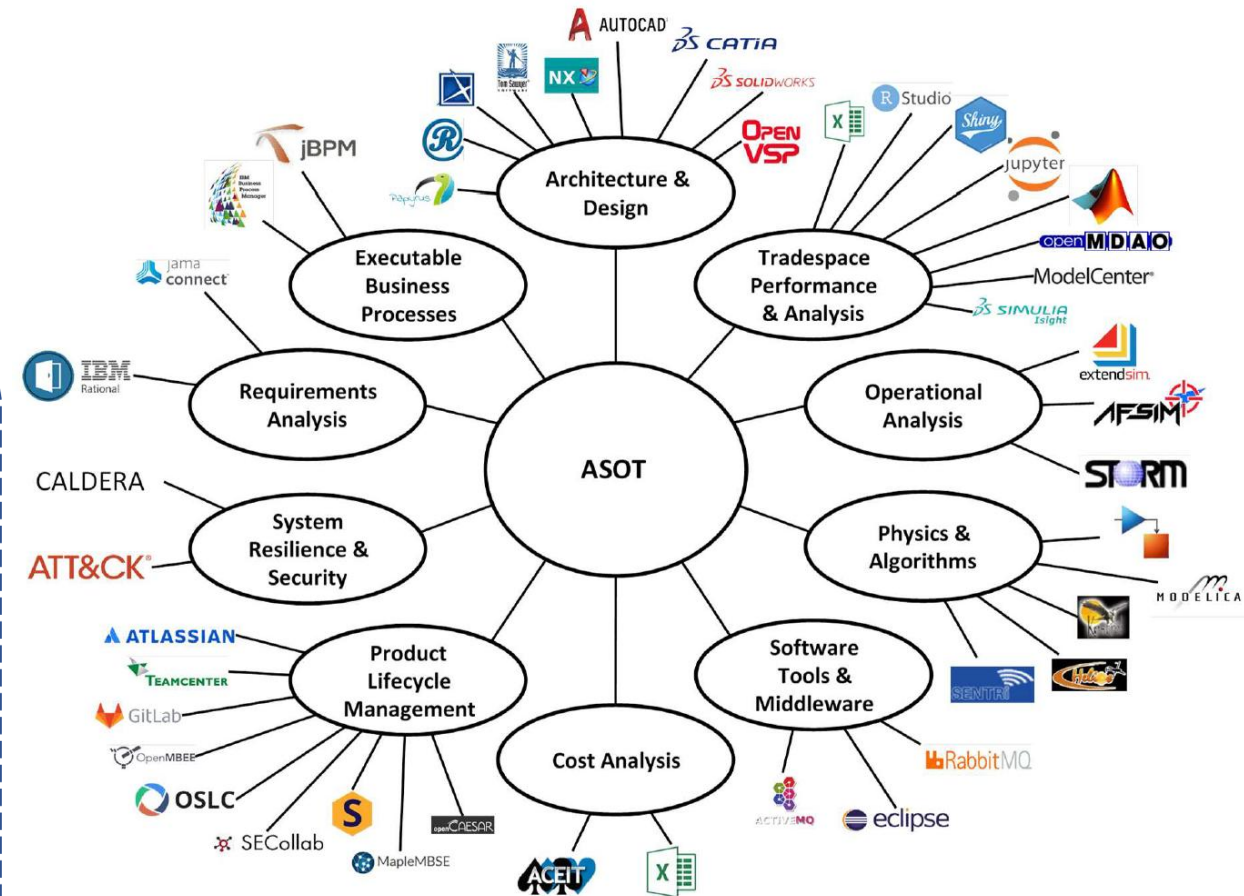
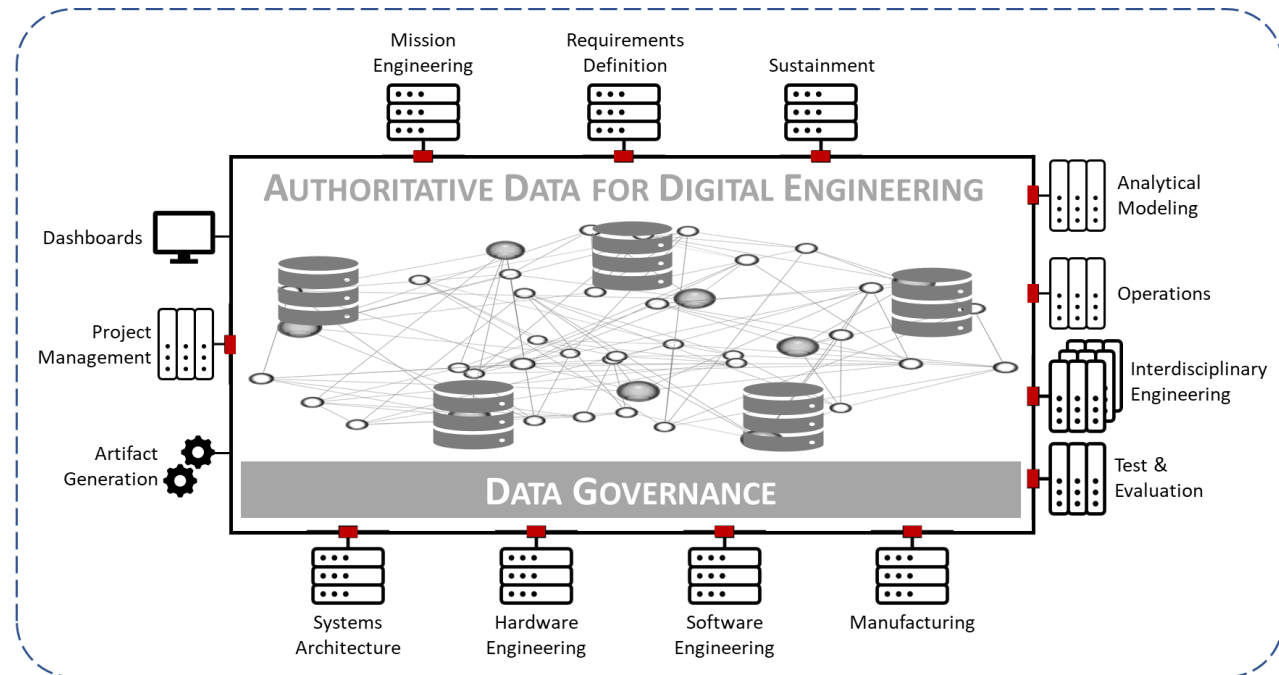
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Appreciate and Honor Your Scope

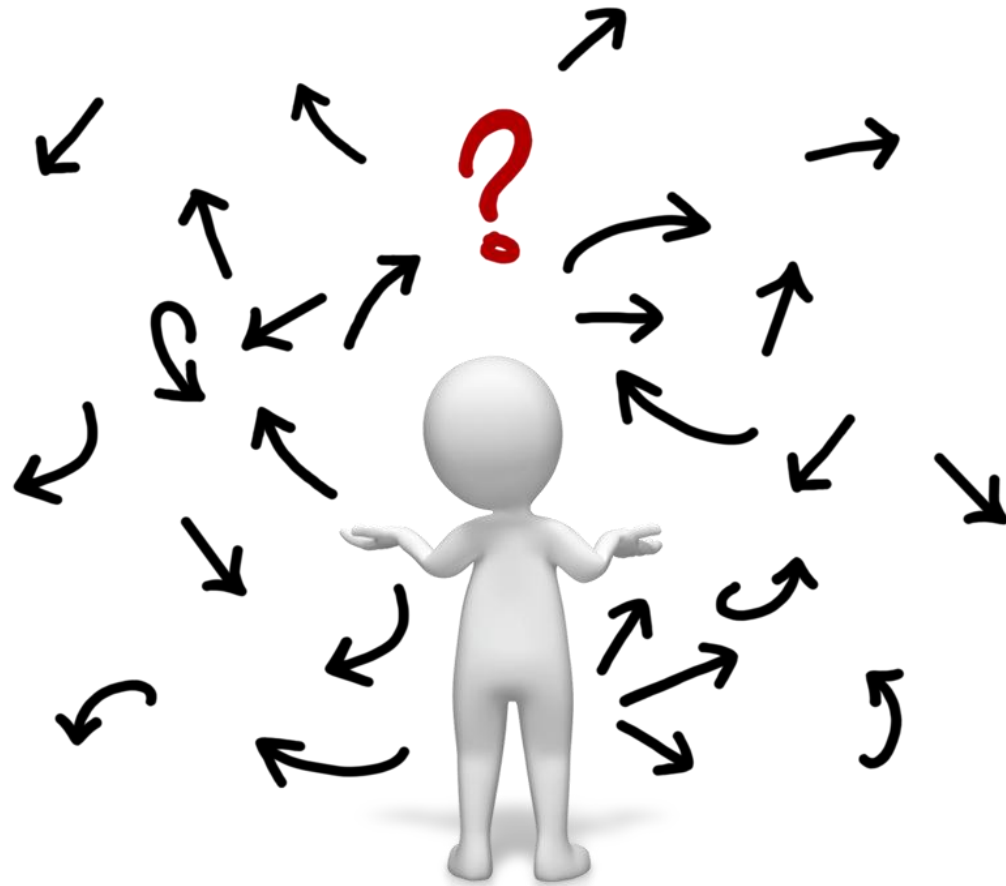
Neither Benefit nor Difficulty Increase Linearly



Credit: WRT-1051, Program Managers Guide to Digital and Agile Systems Engineering Process Transformation, August 2022

Elicit Requirements

Understanding Both Project and Journey



NEEDS

DESIRES

CONSTRAINTS

Apply the Power of the Black Box

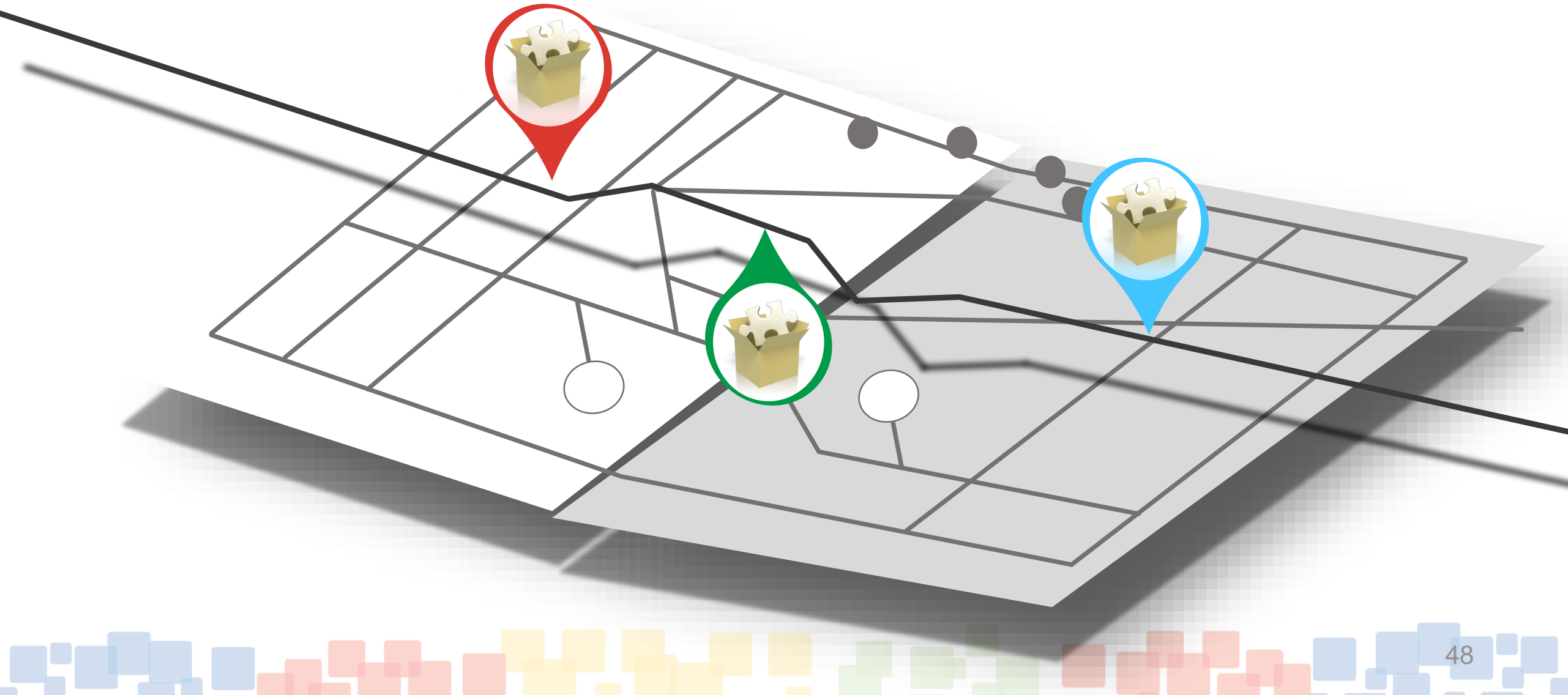
Manage the Change Boundary



- ✓ 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



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