

From Industrial Experience to System Architecting Know-how

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Abstract

The system design process in an industrial setting is illustrated by the development flow of a Medical Imaging Workstation. The role of the architect and the architecting method is explained.

The goals of the Gaudí project are elaborated. In summary the goal is to develop systems architecting as a discipline. Questions addressed are: How to do research in this field? What are the challenges to do the research in a scientific way. The education of architects is also part of the development of this discipline. Although a lot of activity has already been done in related fields a lot still has to be done to develop the discipline Systems Architecting.

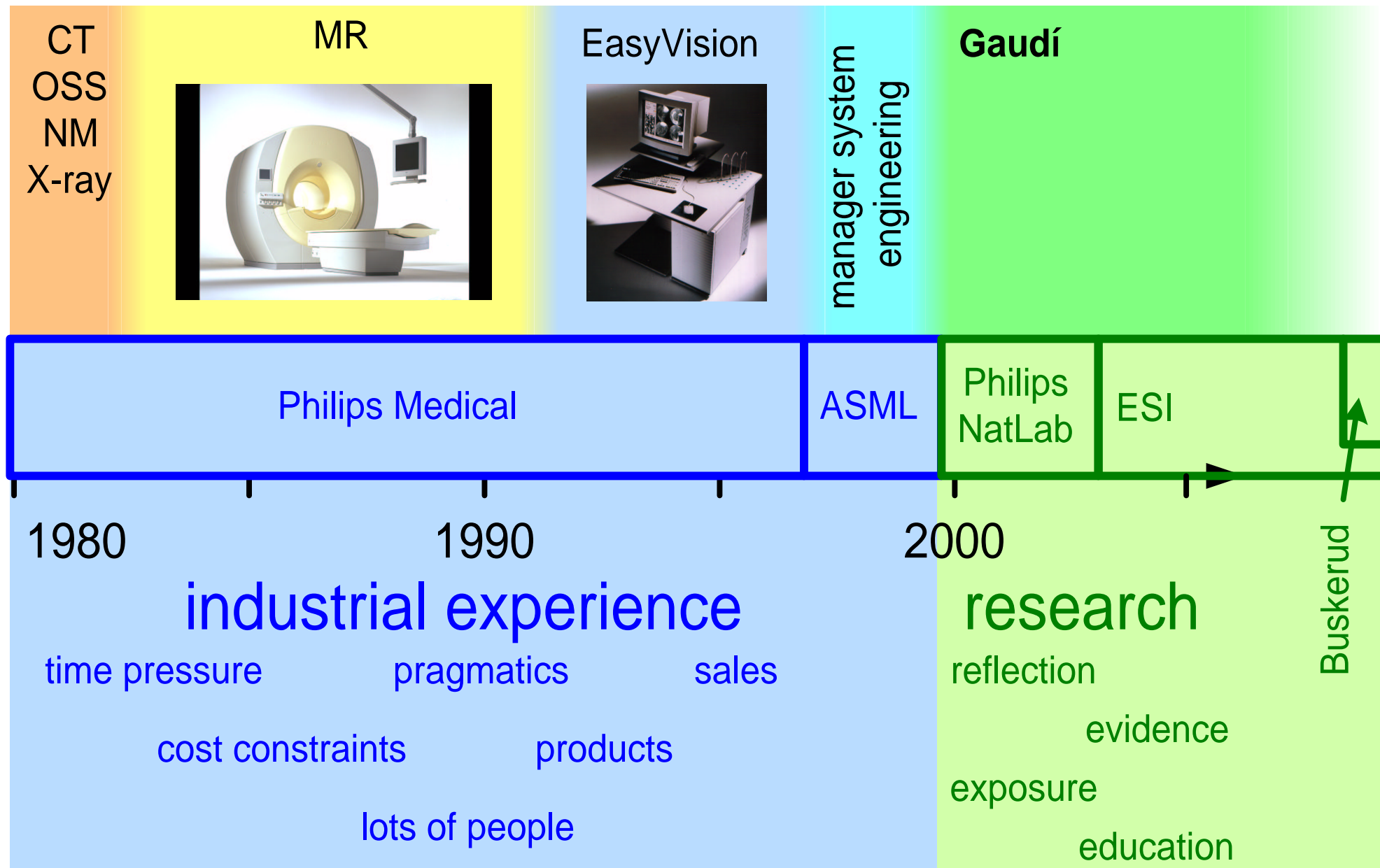
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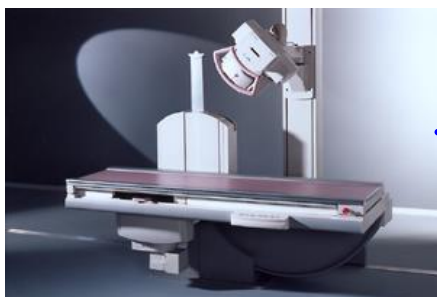
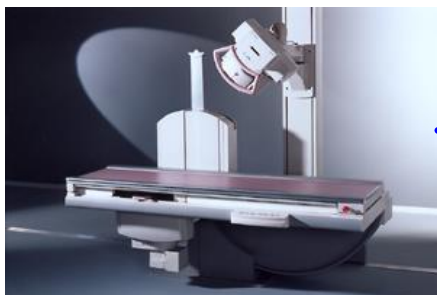
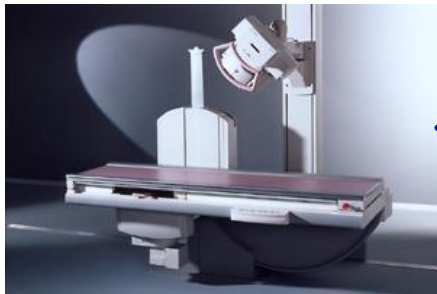
From Industry to Research



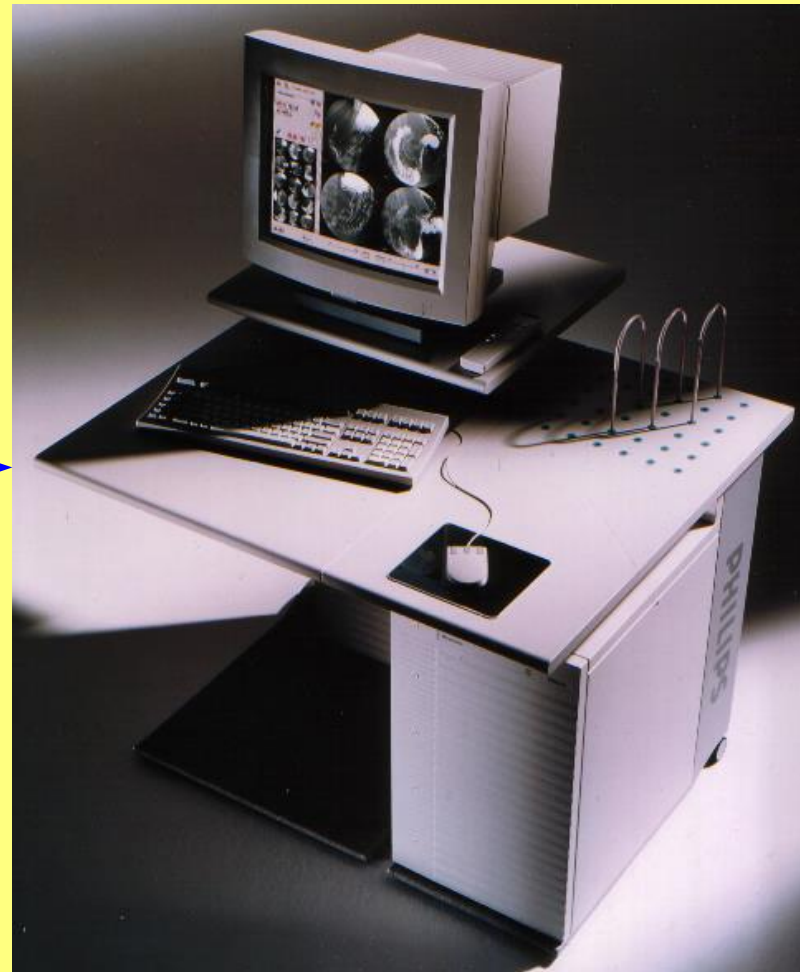
Gaudí Project Goals

- Consolidate existing Systems Architecting Methods
evaluate, reflect, generalize
- Make the Systems Architecting art more accessible
case descriptions
- Enable the education of (future) System Architects
curriculum, course material
- Research new or improved Systems Architecting Methods
industry as laboratory

Easyvision serving three URF examination rooms



URF-systems

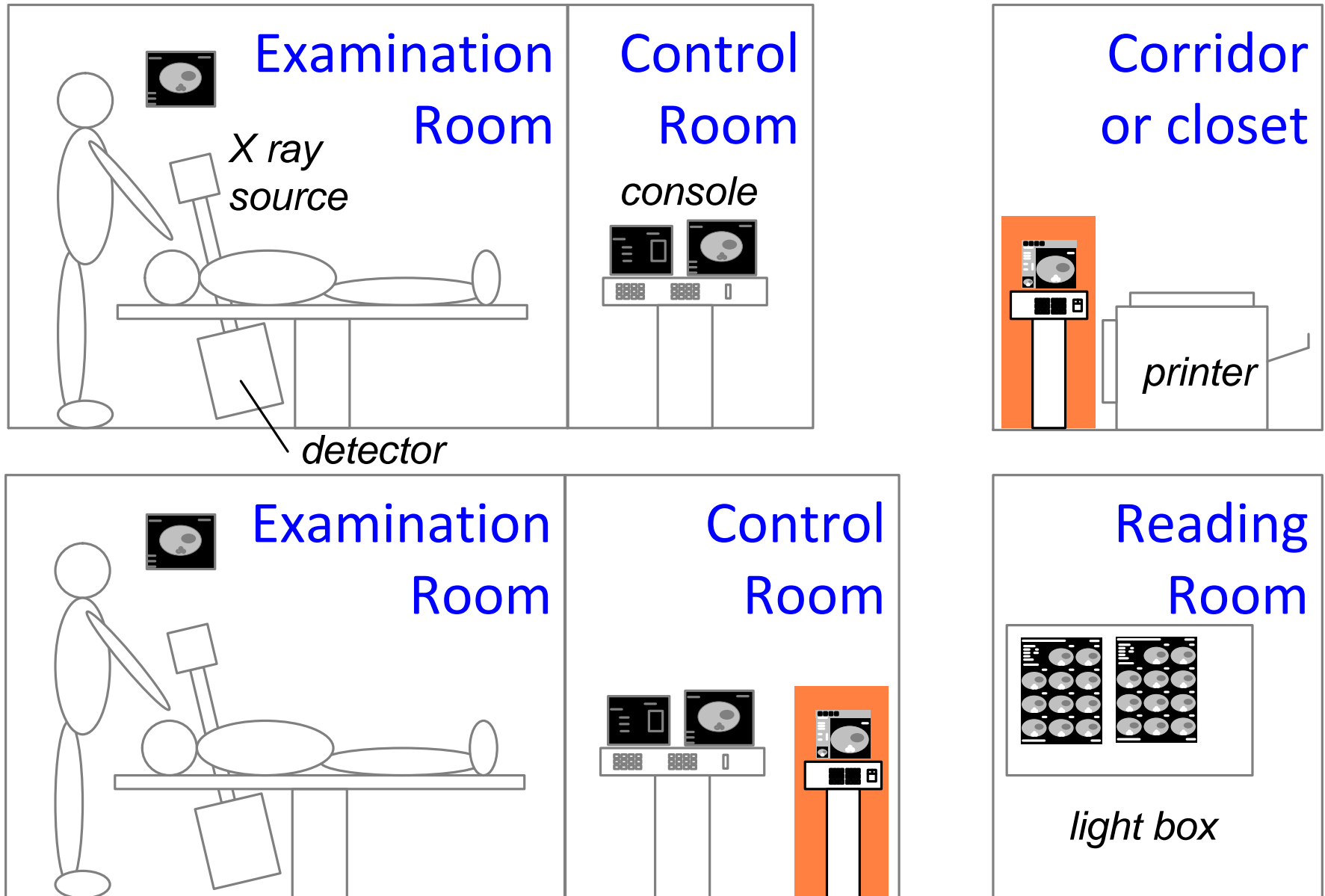


EasyVision: Medical Imaging Workstation

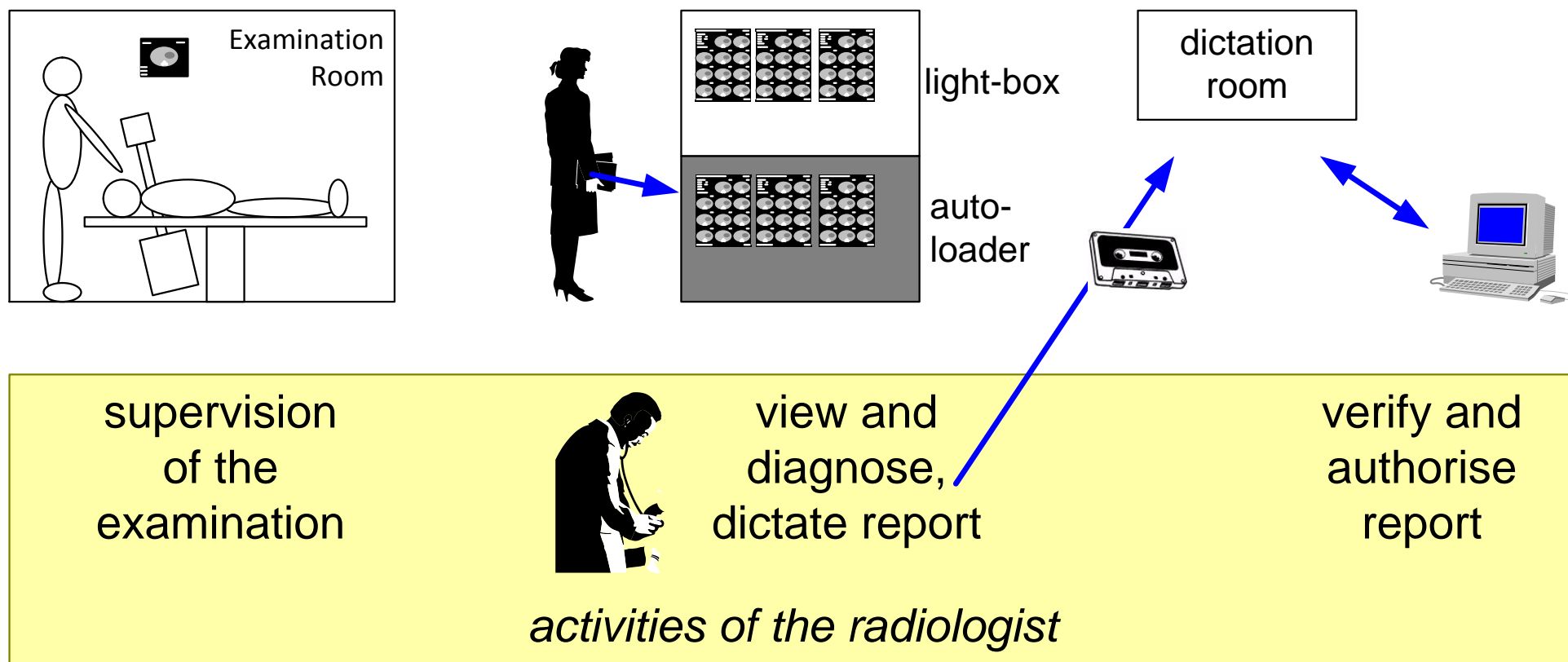


typical clinical image (intestines)

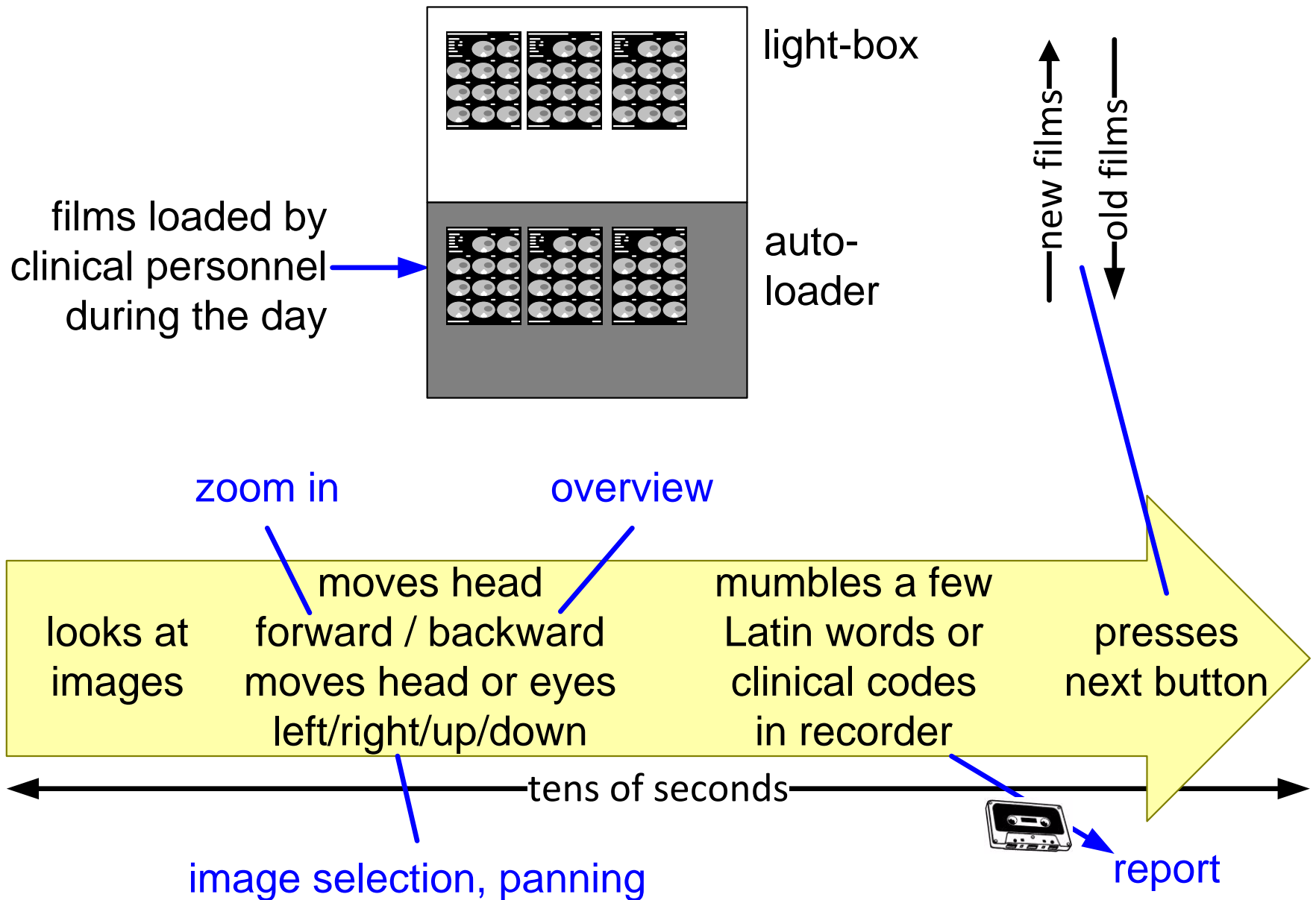
X-ray rooms with Easyvision applied as printserver



Radiologist workspots and activities



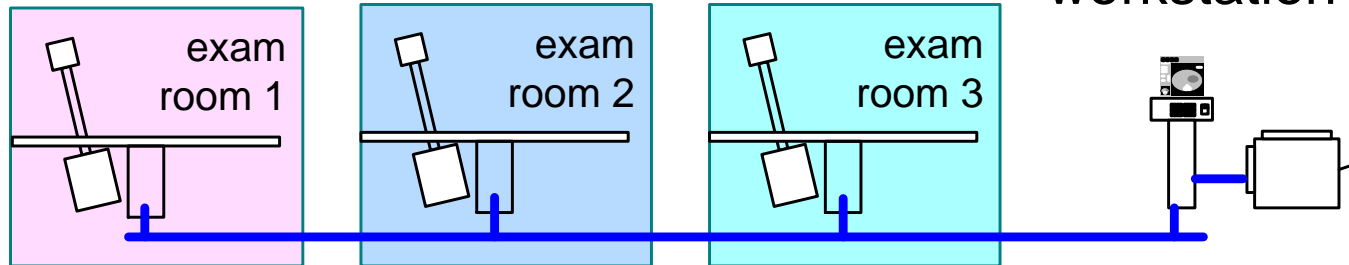
Diagnosis in tens of seconds



Typical case URF examination

3 examination rooms connected to

1 medical imaging workstation + printer

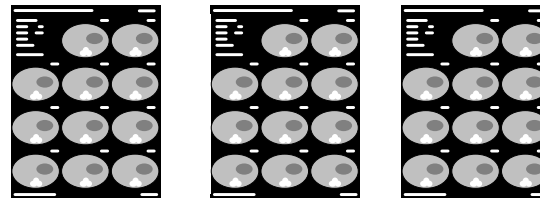


examination room: average 4 interleaved examinations / hour

image production: 20 1024^2 8 bit images per examination

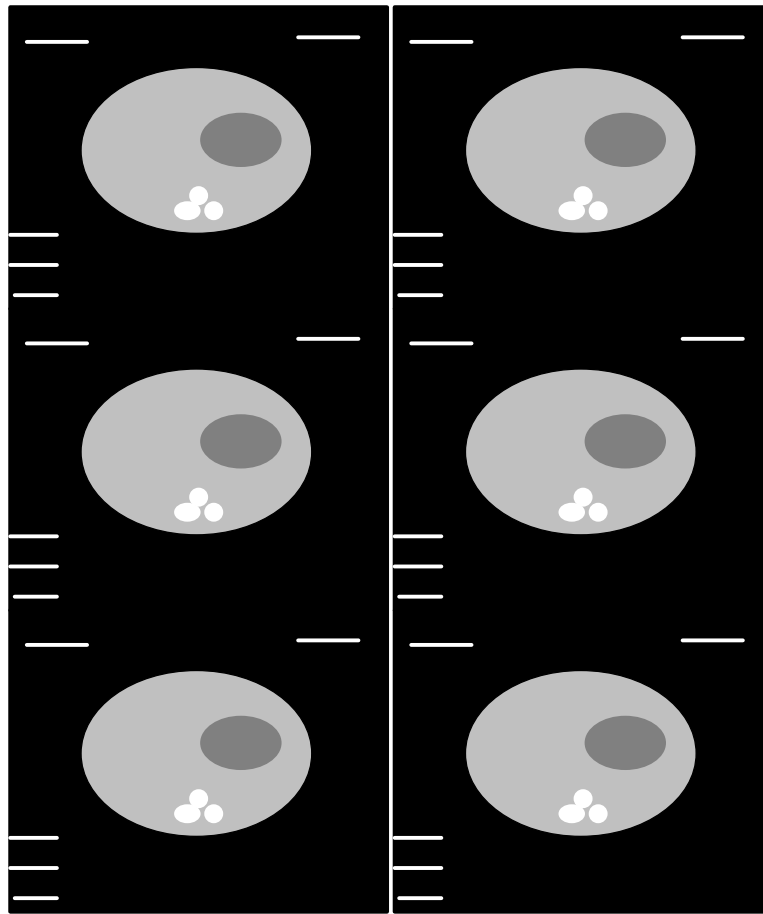


film production: 3 films of 4k*5k pixels each

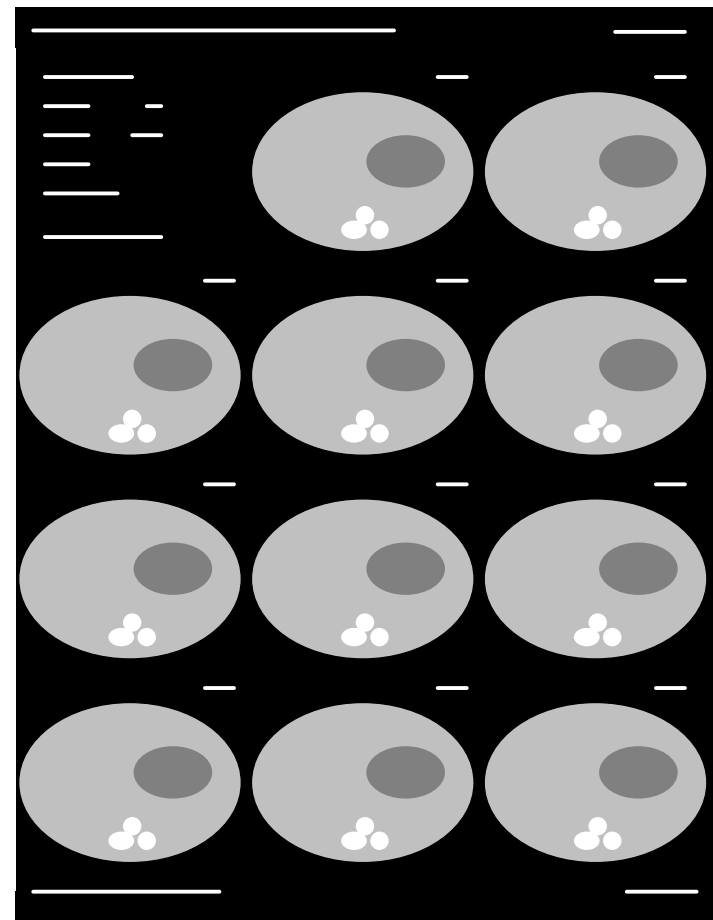


high quality output
(bi-cubic interpolation)

Comparison screen copy versus optimized film



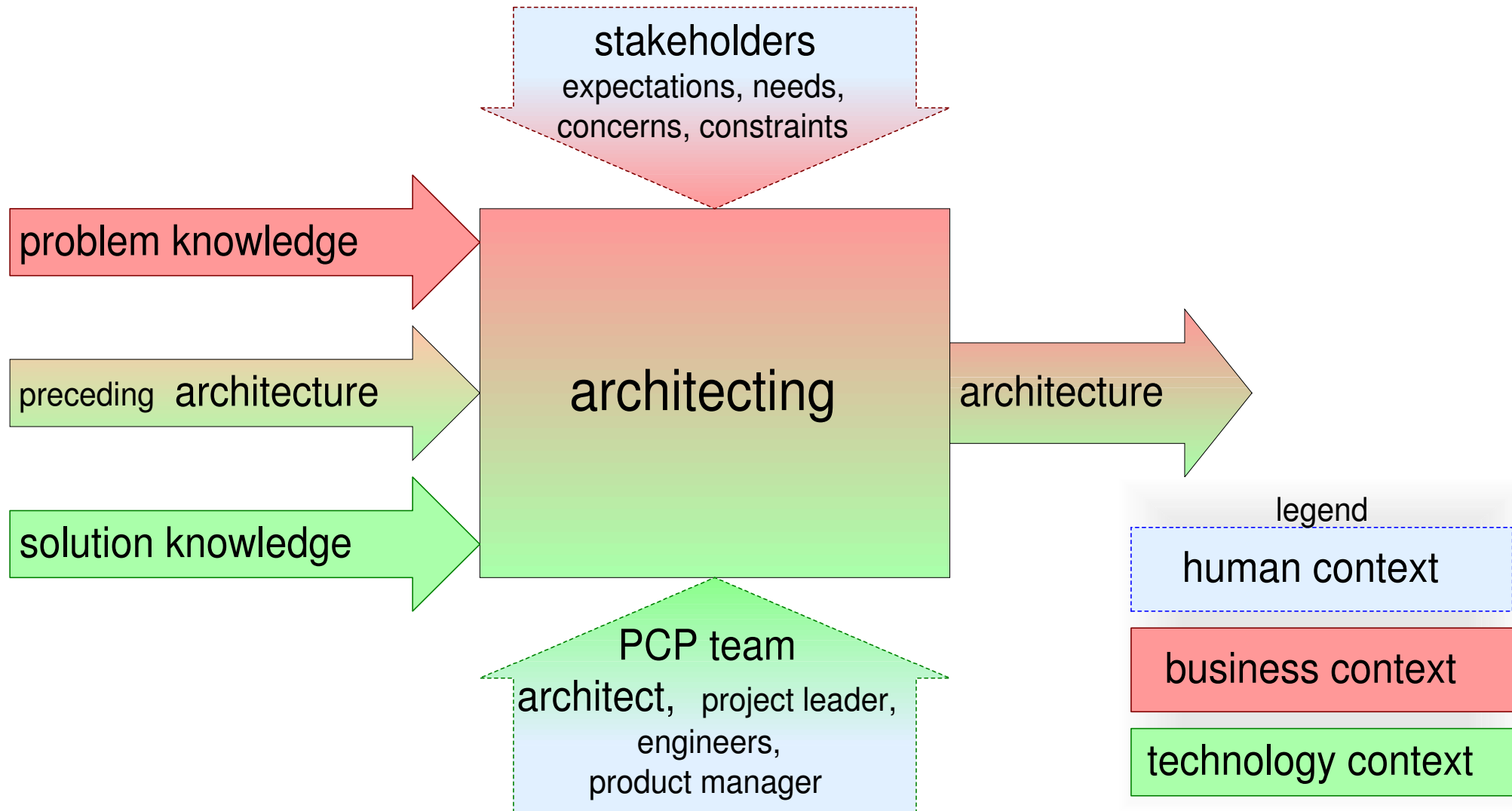
old: screen copy



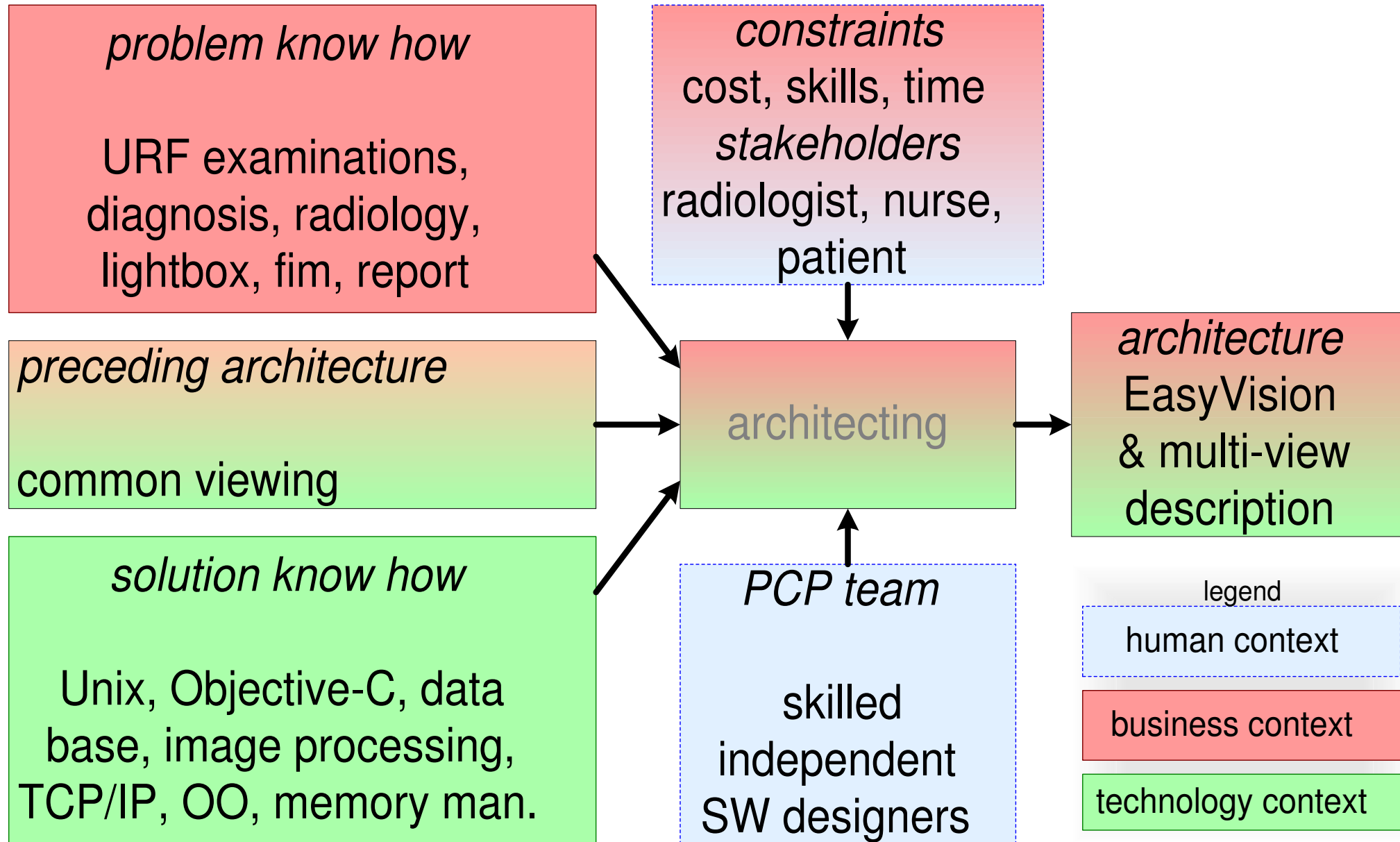
new: SW formatting

20 to 50% less film needed

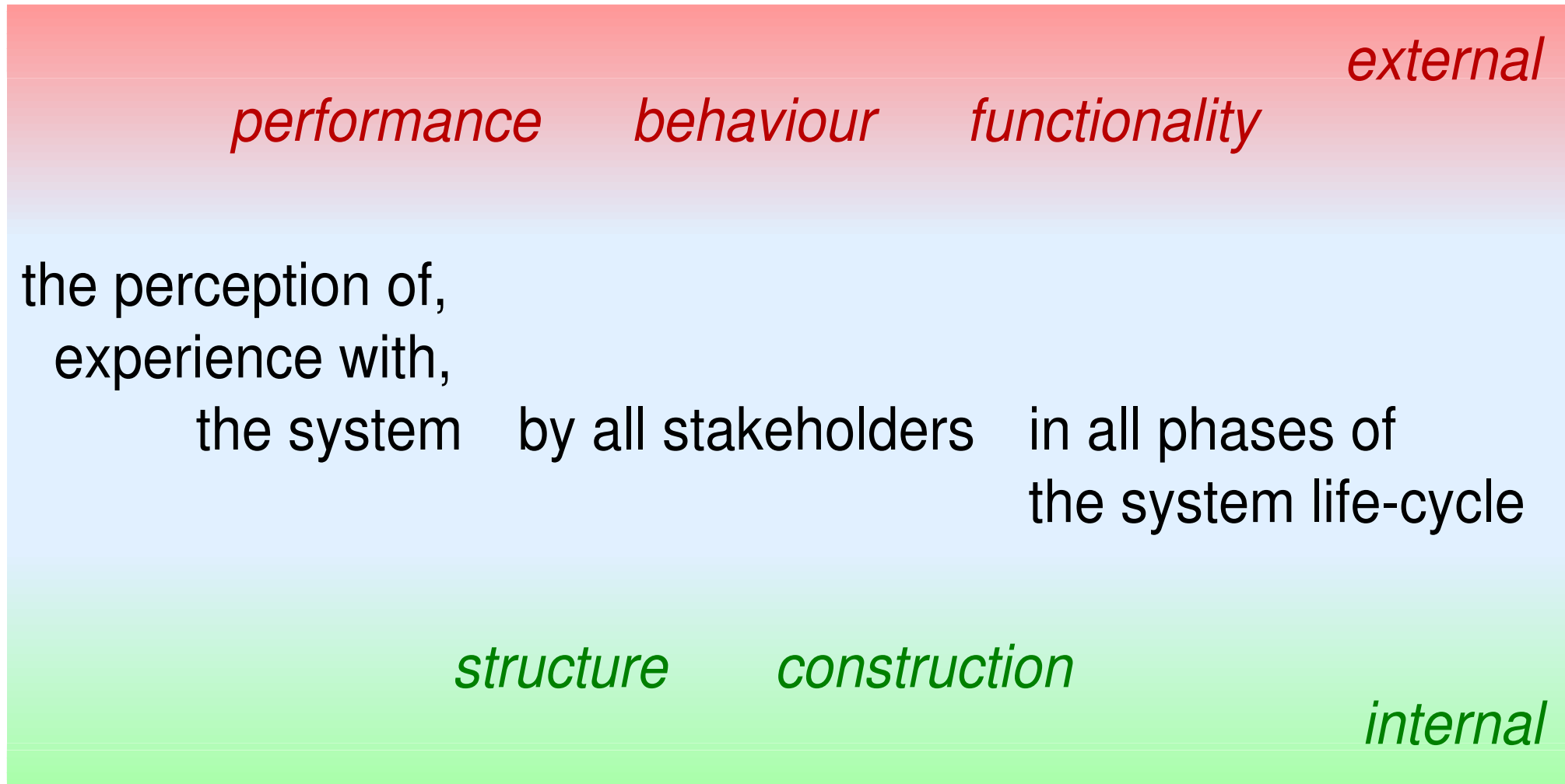
Architecting = creating an architecture



Architecting EasyVision



Architecture = tangible (internal) + intangible (external)



EasyVision Architecture

3 exam rooms

3 films/exam

contrast
clinical details

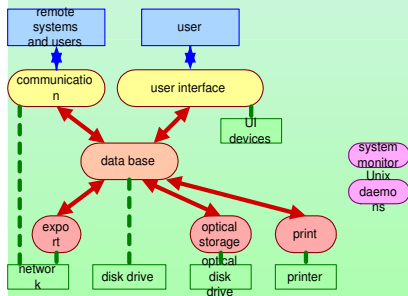
external
autoprint
autostorage

the perception of,
experience with,
the system

by all stakeholders

in all phases of
the system life-cycle

SW
processes



construction
decomposition

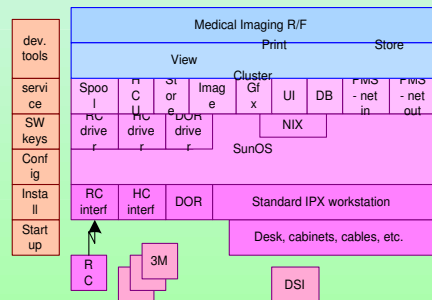
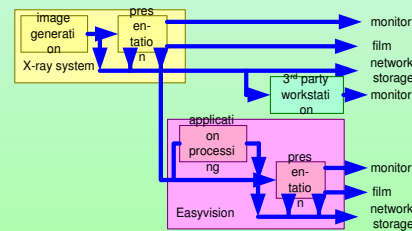
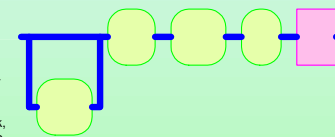


image
quality
context



processing
pipeline

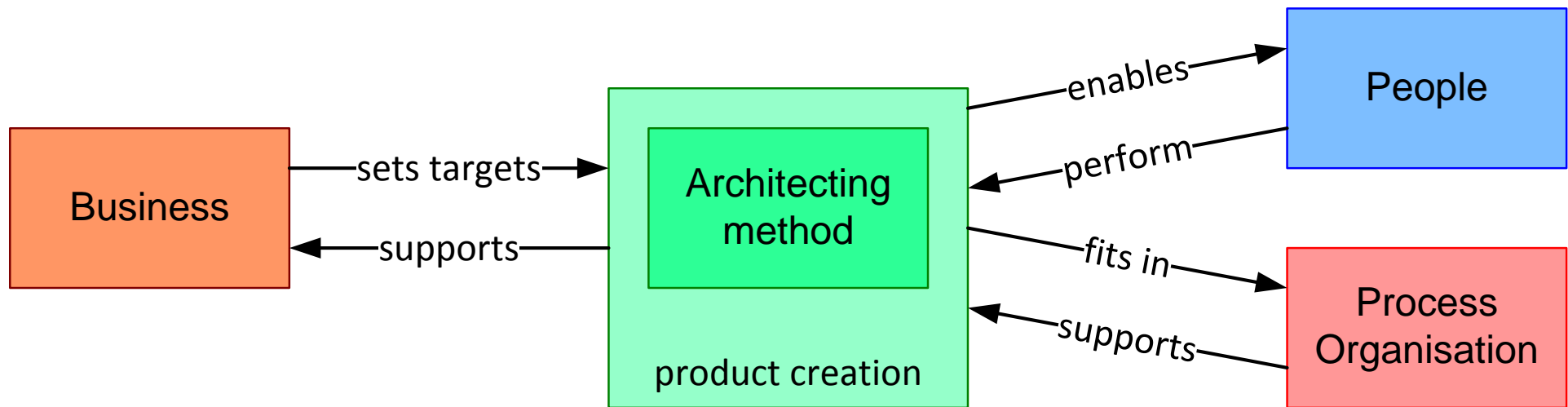


memory
budget

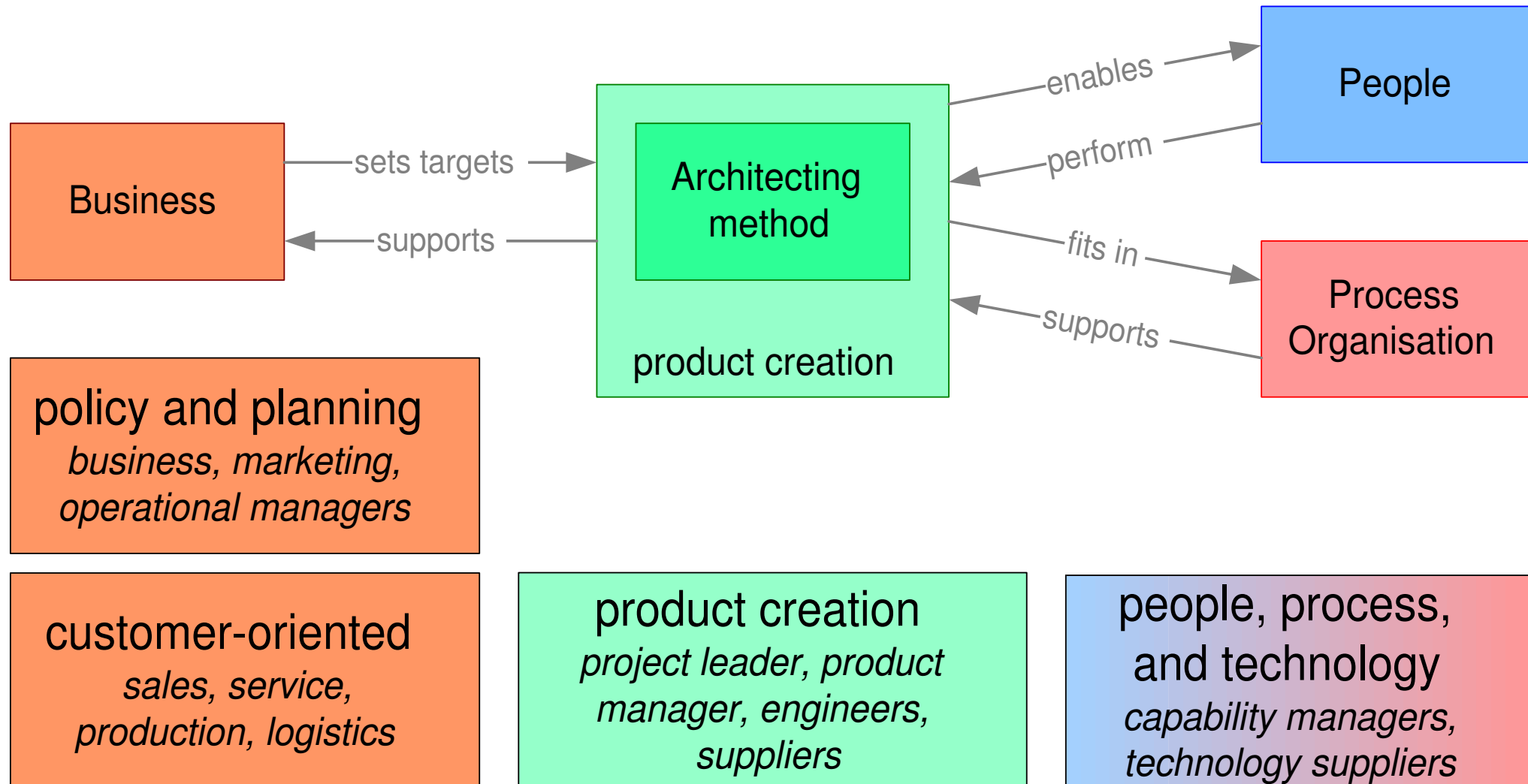
memory budget in Mbytes	code	obj data	bulk data	total
shared code	11.0			11.0
UI process	0.3	3.0	12.0	15.3
database server	0.3	3.2	3.0	6.5
print server	0.3	1.2	9.0	10.5
DOR server	0.3	2.0	1.0	3.3
communication server	0.3	2.0	4.0	6.3
UNIX commands	0.3	0.2	0	0.5
compute server	0.3	0.5	6.0	6.8
system monitor	0.3	0.5	0	0.8
ASW total	13.4	12.6	35.0	61.0
UNIX Solaris 2.x				10.0
file cache				3.0
total				74.0

internal

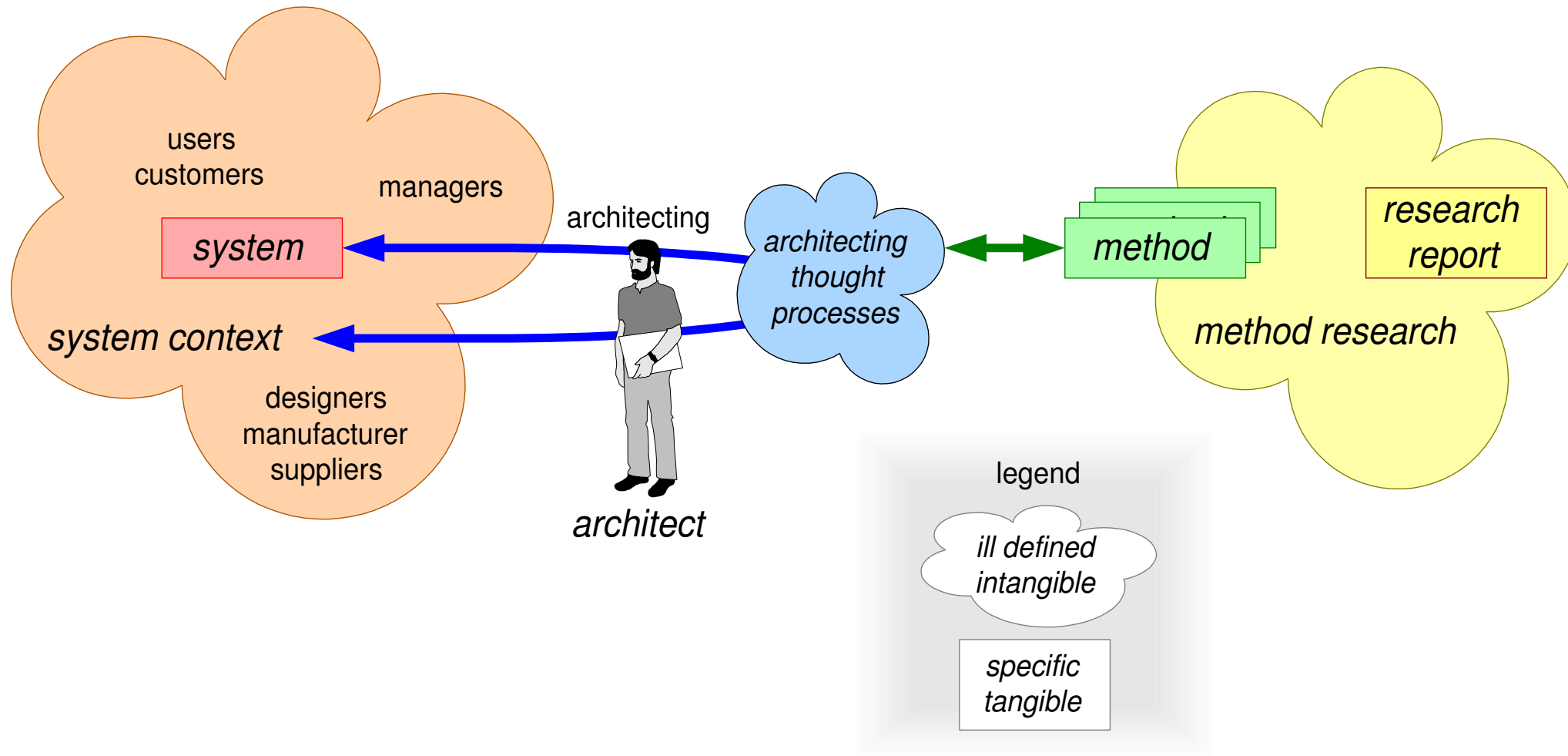
The business context of architecting methods



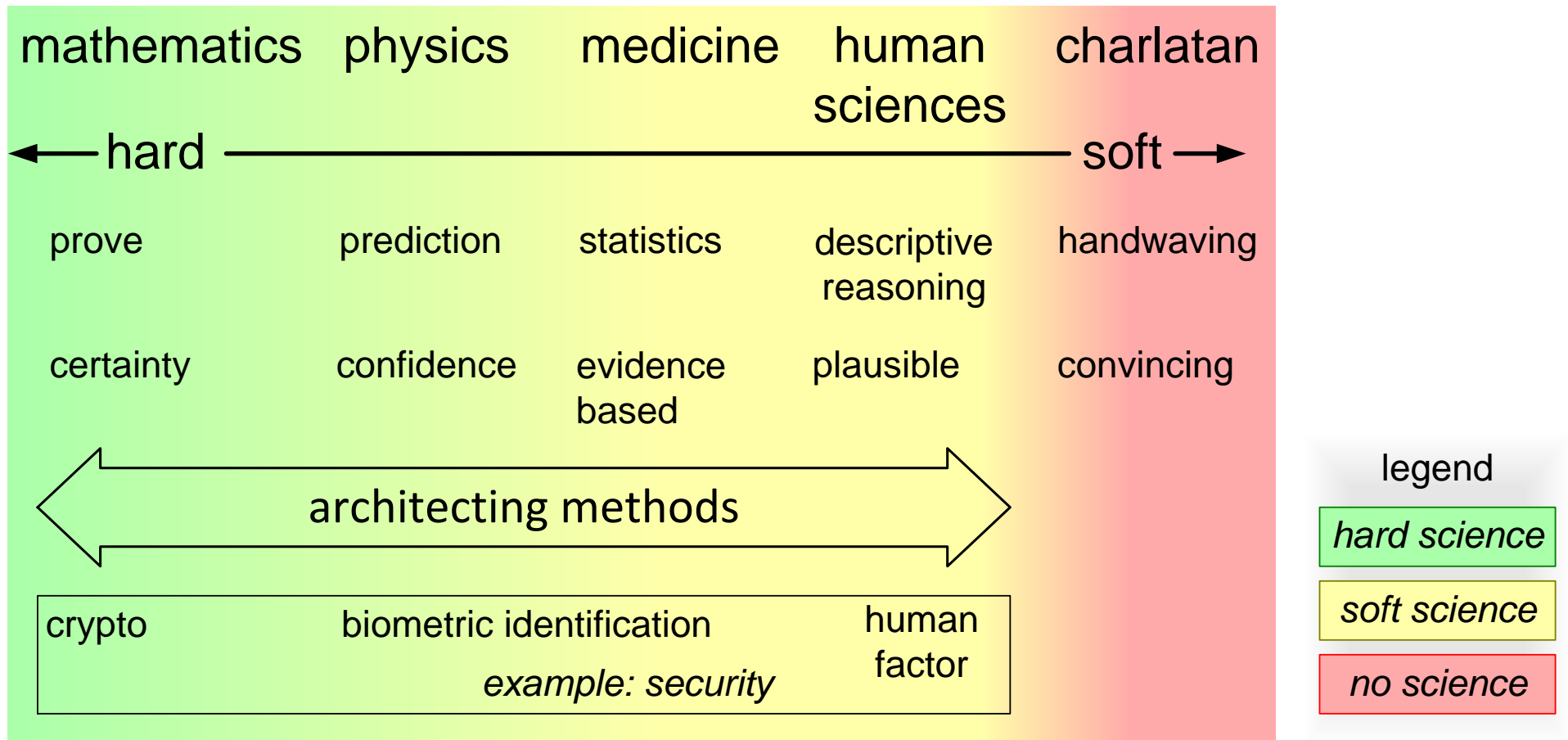
Internal stakeholders



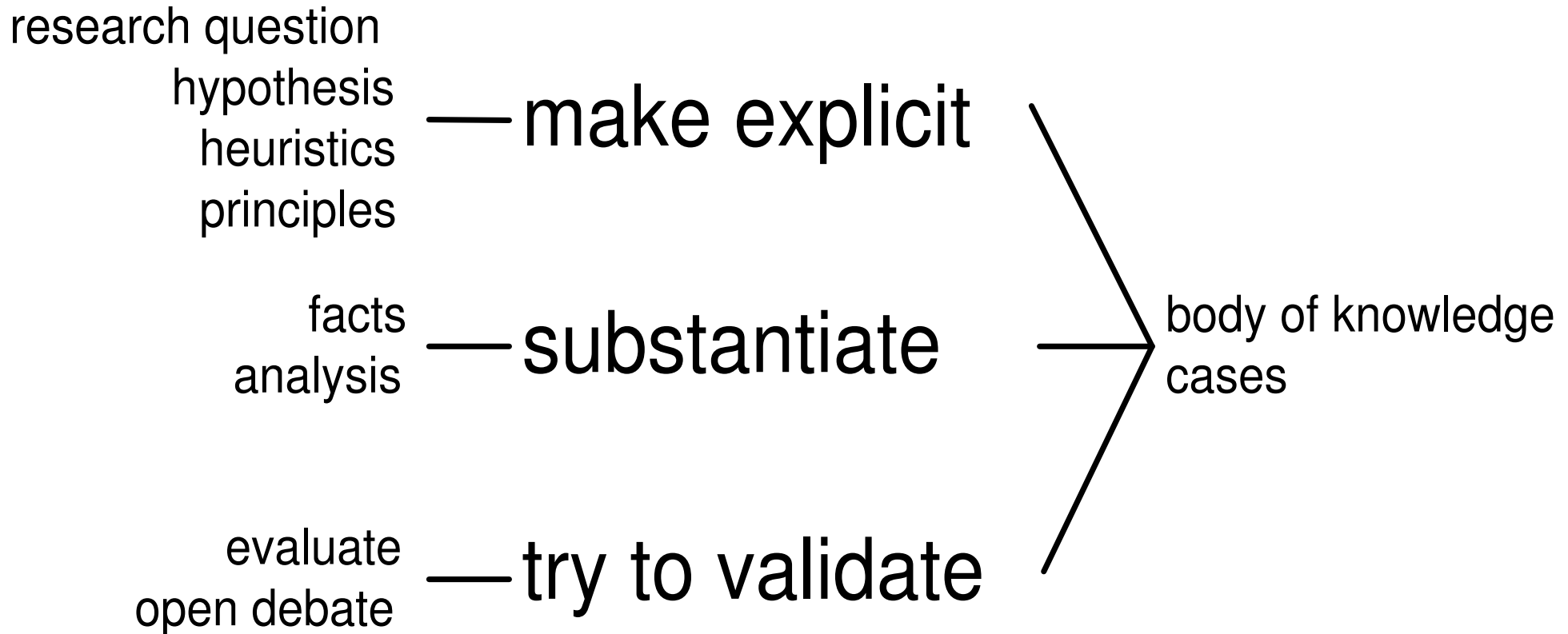
Context of Architecting Method Research



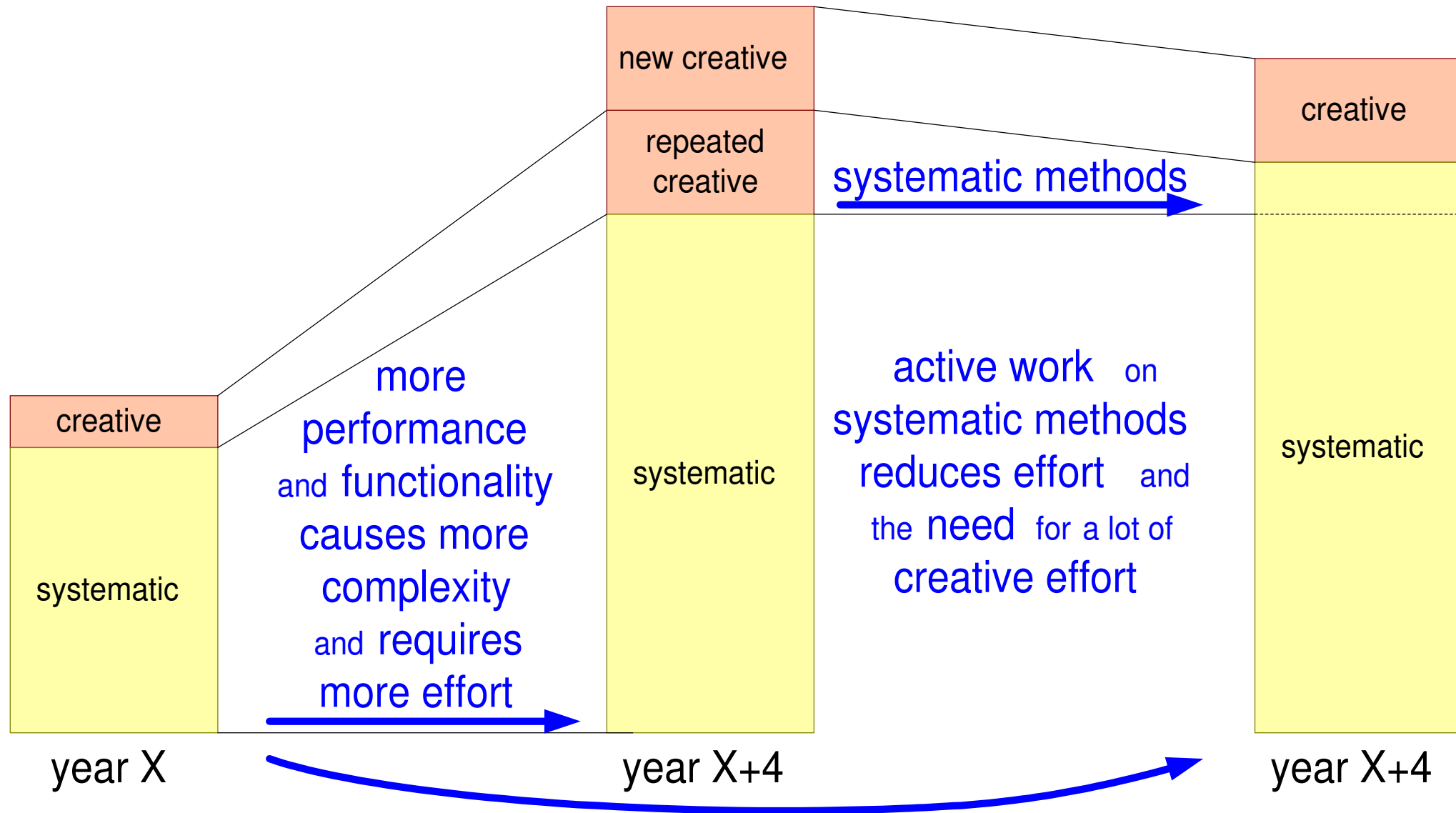
Spectrum of sciences



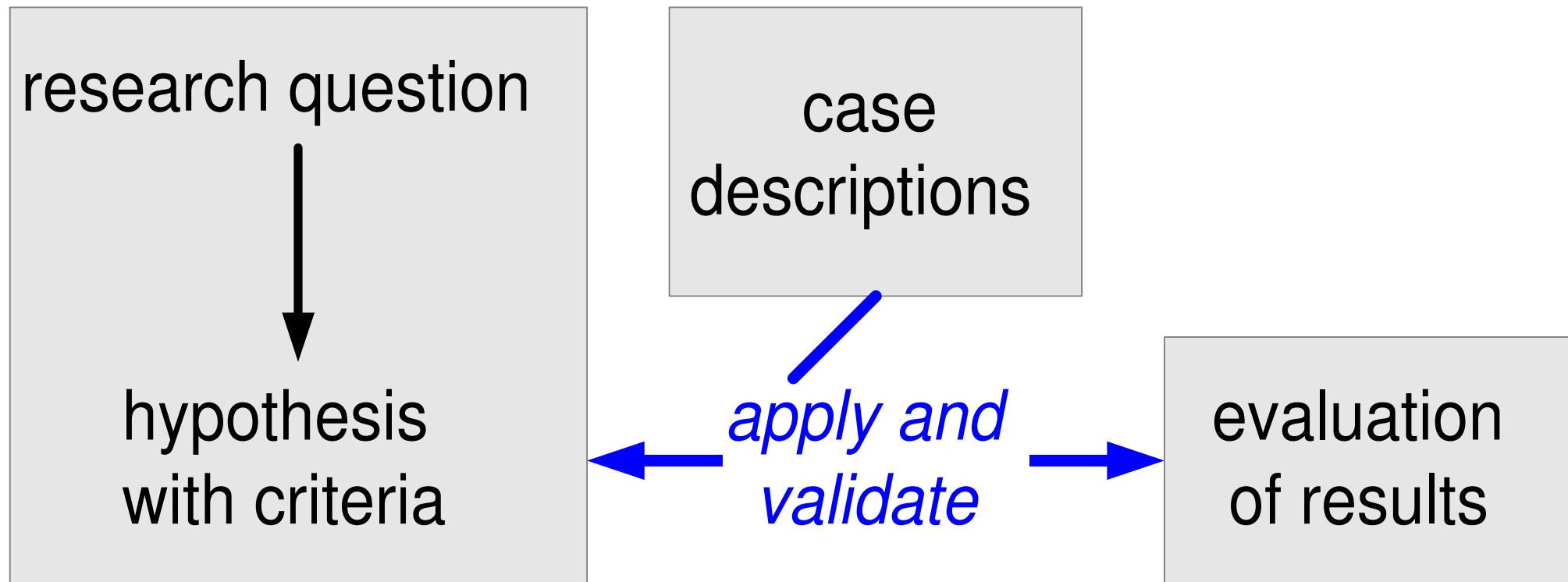
soft is not in conflict with scientific attitude



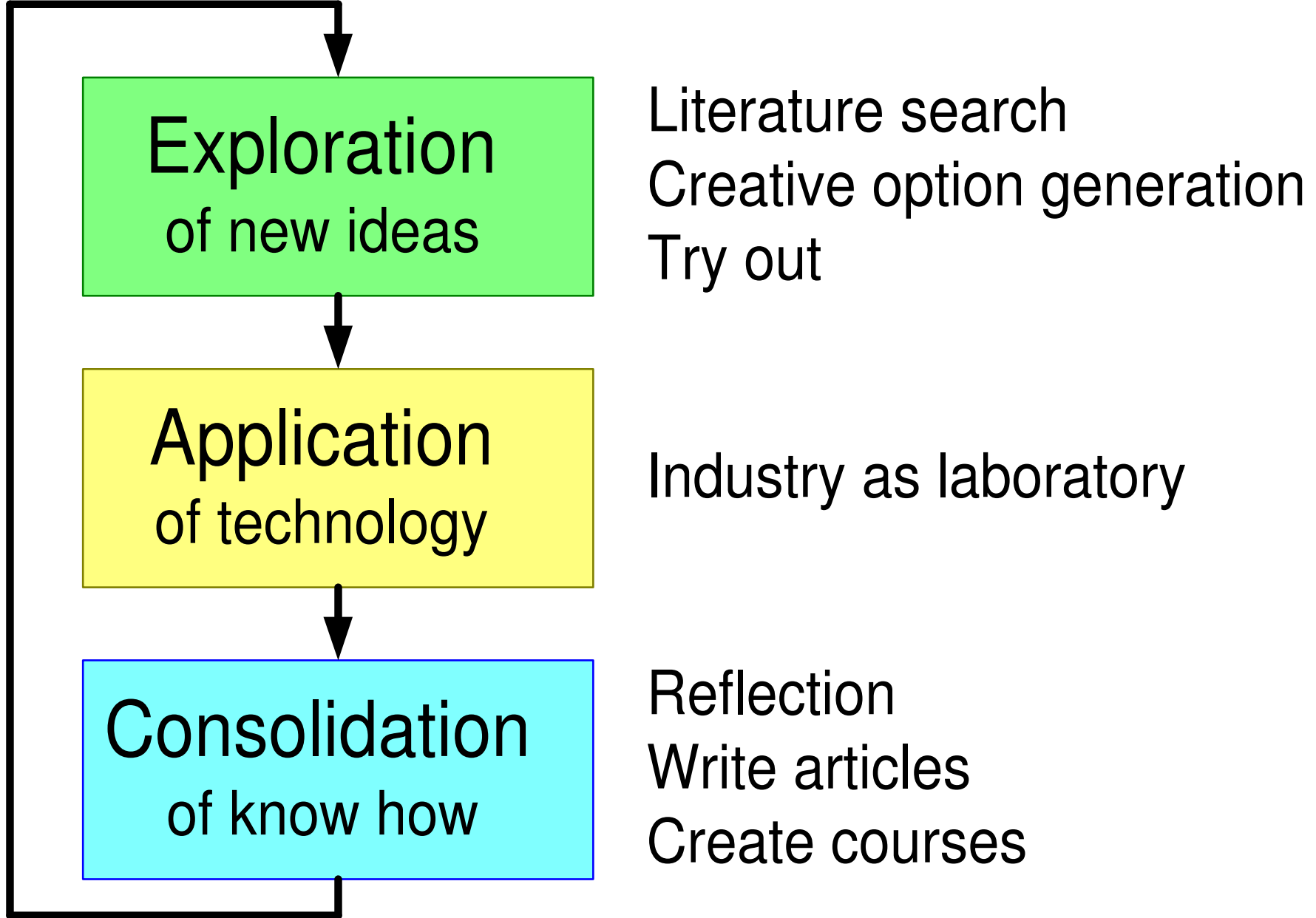
Systematic Know-how to cope with Growing Complexity



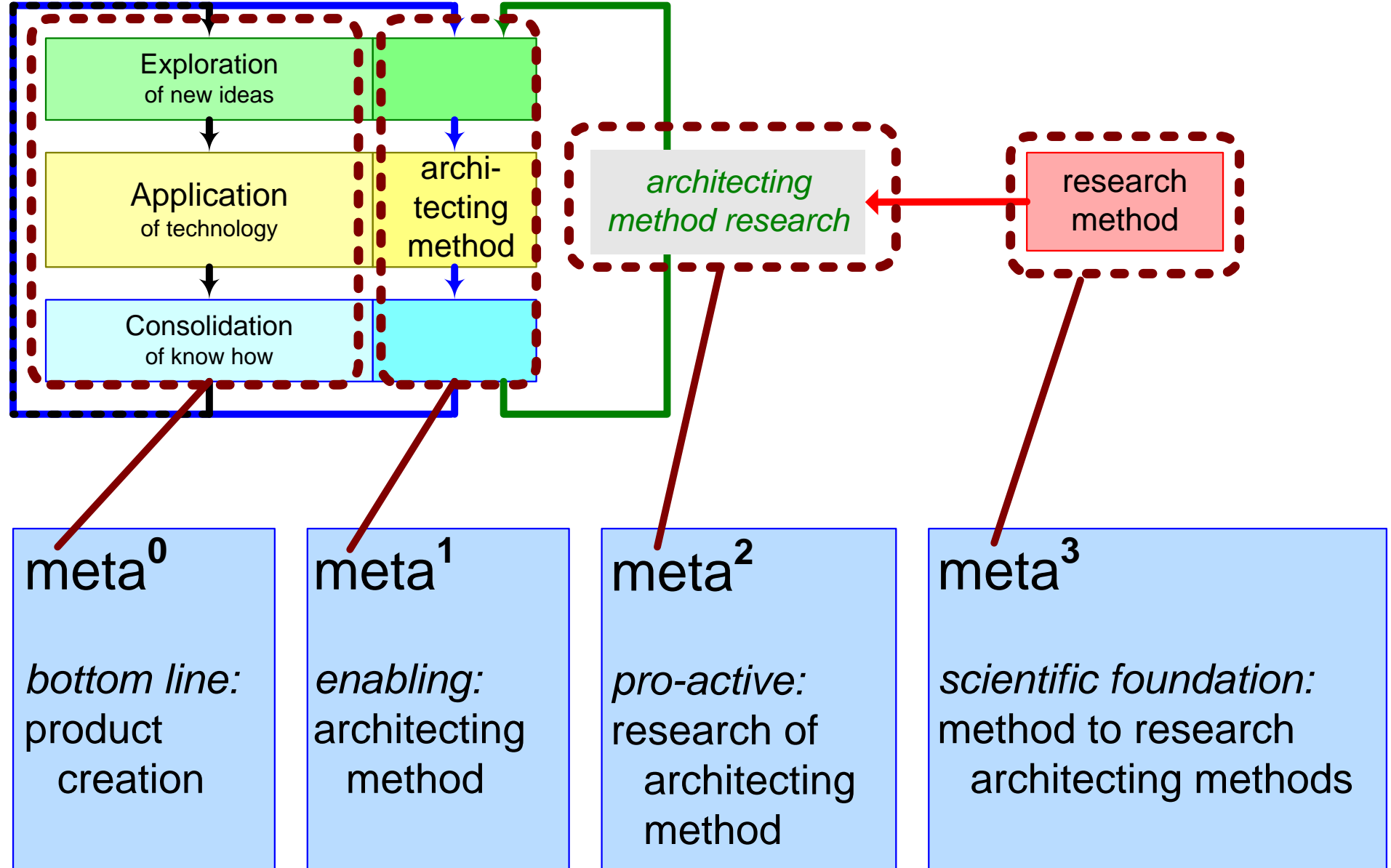
Research of Architecting Methods



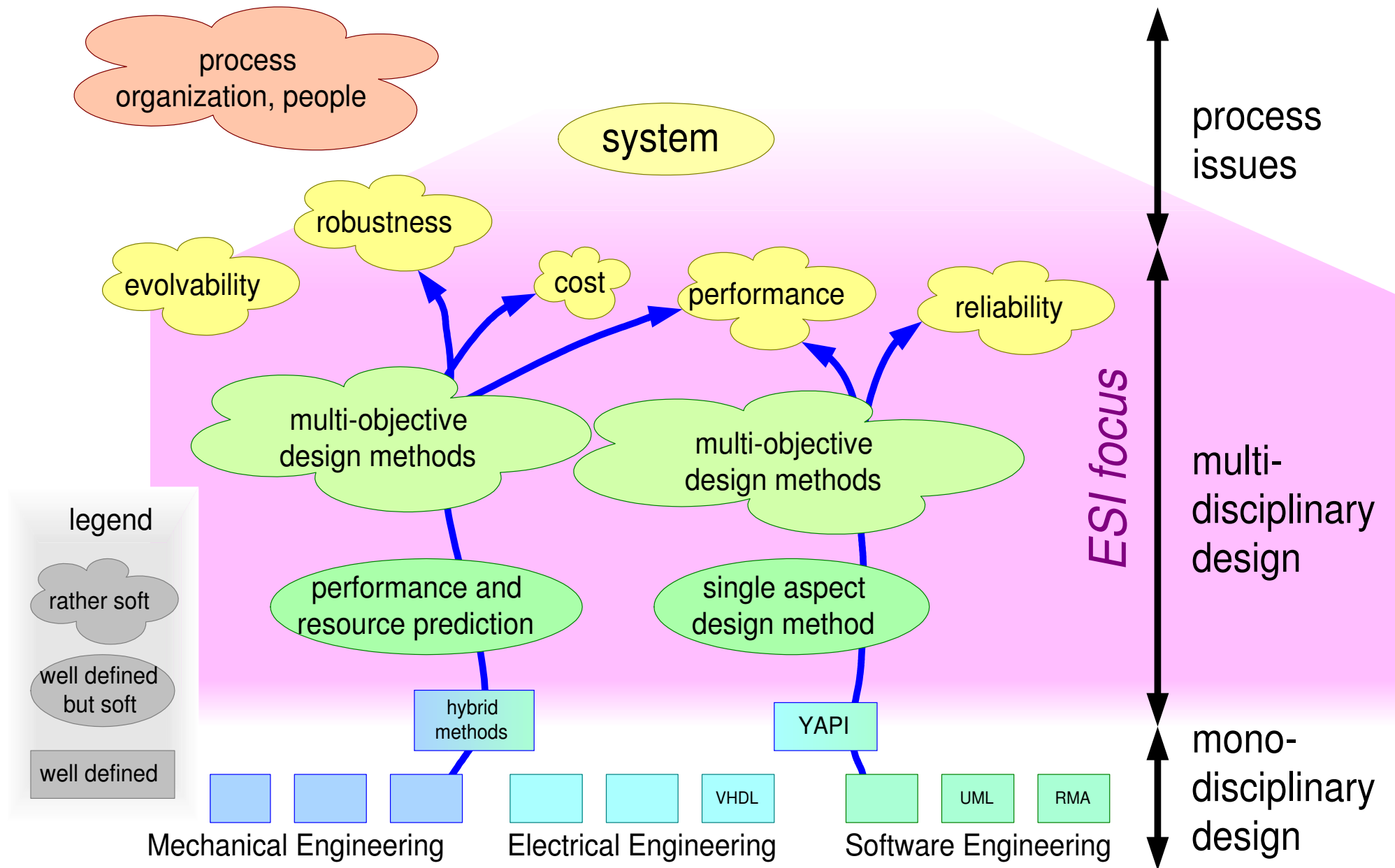
Technology Management Cycle



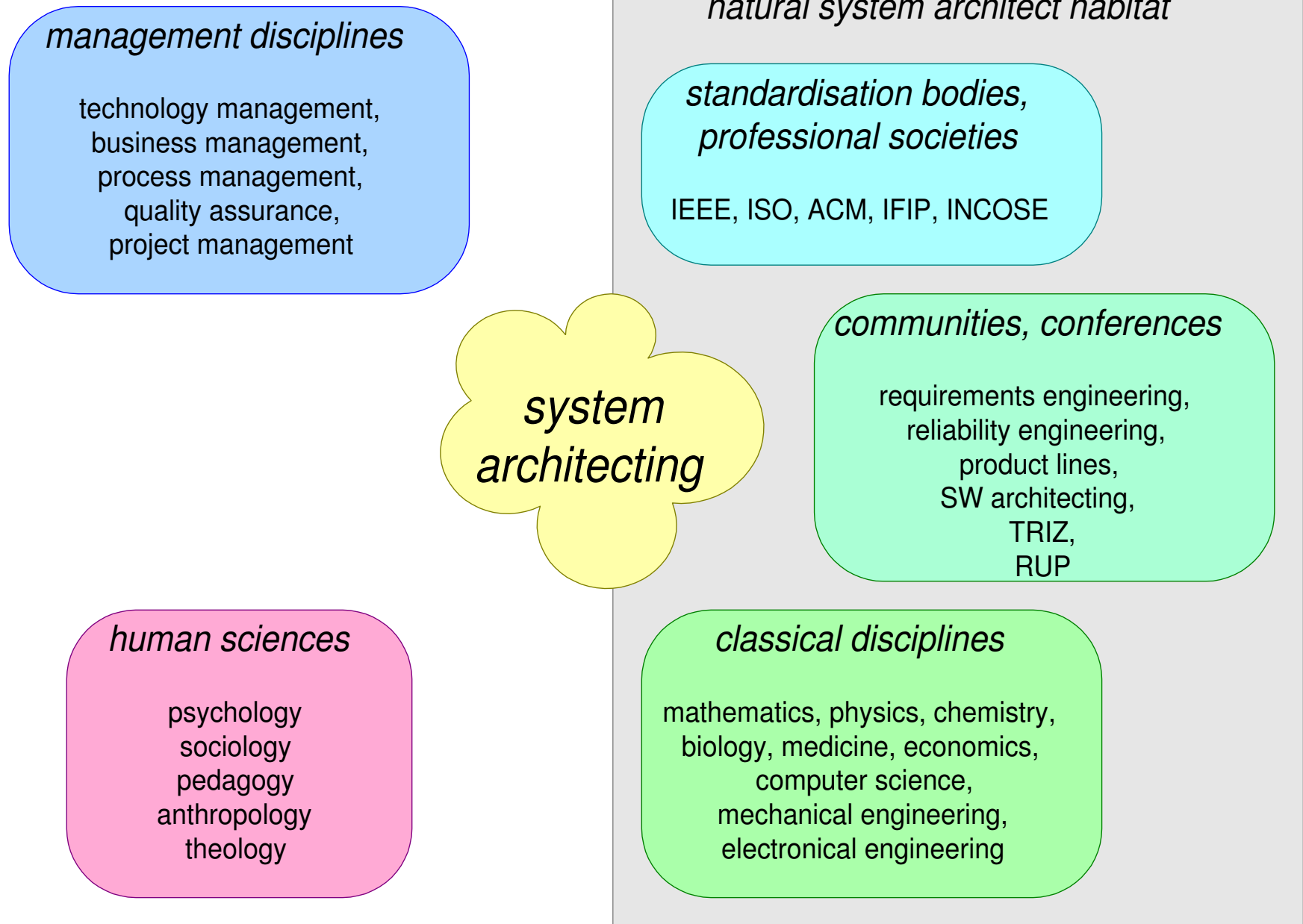
Moving in the *meta* direction



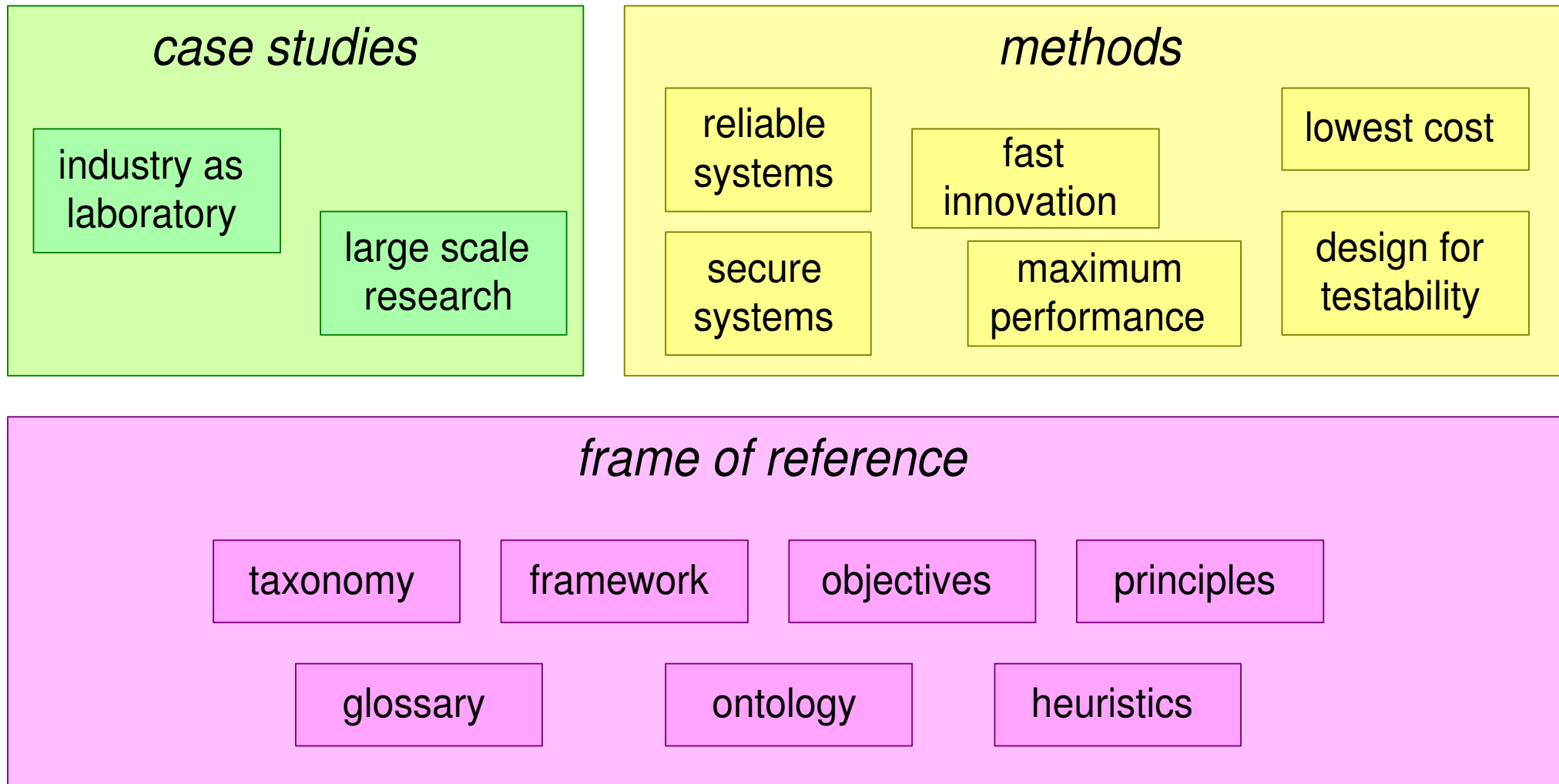
System ?= Multi-disciplinary



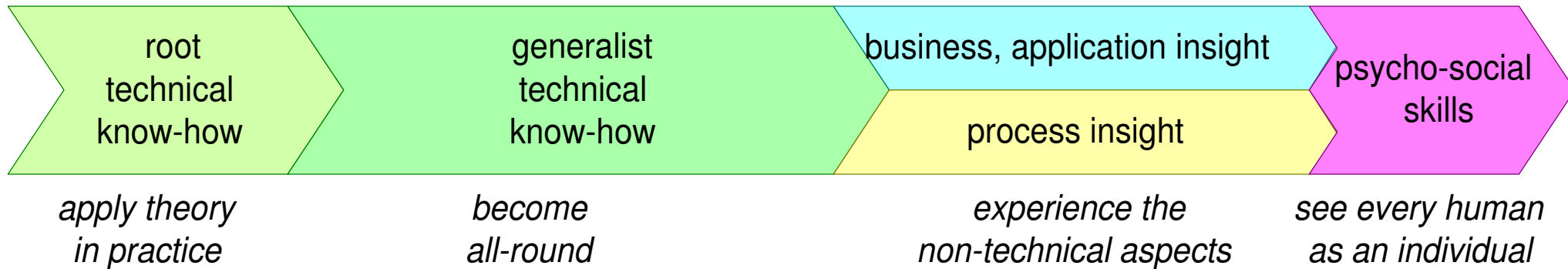
The context of architecting



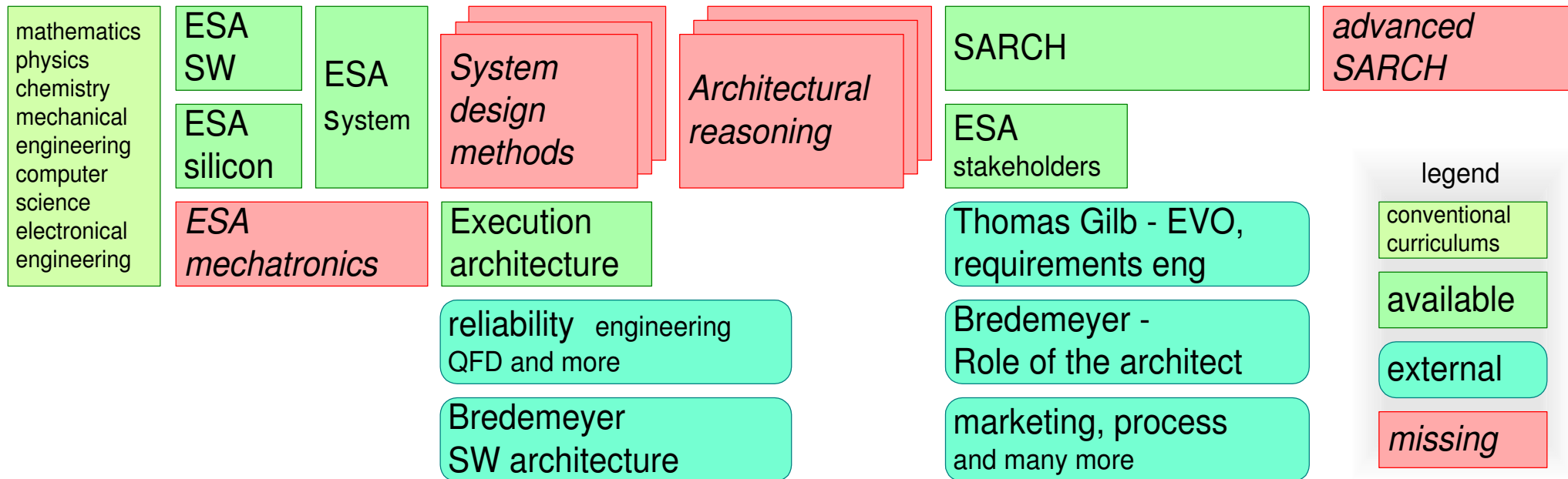
System architecting research: to do



Curriculum system architecting



architecture school



Courses based on Gaudí Material

Course	Abbreviation	Duration (in days)	Participants per course	Target audience
System Architecture	SARCH	5	16	architects stakeholders of architects
Management SARCH	MSARCH	2	16	management teams
Embedded Systems Architecting; Stakeholders	ESA	3	16	potential architects
Requirements Engineering as part of OOTI curriculum	OOTI	5	12-18	post-doctoral students
Embedded Systems context	EScontext	4	30	masters students
Execution Architecture (with Ton Kostelijk)	EXARCH ASP	4..5	16	SW designers architects
Multi-Objective System Architecting and Design	MOSAD	3..5	16	designers architects
System Modeling and Analysis	MA611	3..5	16	designers architects

Status of Courses

Course	Abbreviation	number of courses upto March2008	appr. total participants
System Architecture	SARCH	44	660
Management SARCH	MSARCH	7	72
Embedded Systems Architecting; Stakeholders	ESA	20	300
Requirements Engineering as part of OOTI curriculum	OOTI	7	125
Embedded Systems context	EScontext	3	90
Execution Architecture (with Ton Kostelijck)	EXARCH ASP	11	160
Multi-Objective System Architecting and Design	MOSAD	3	36
System Modeling and Analysis	MA611	2	16

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