

# Masters Course The Context of Embedded System Design, Module 0, Information

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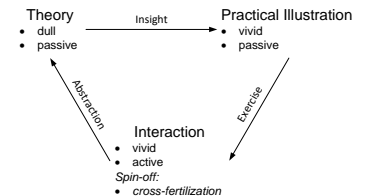
## Abstract

## Introduction to the Masters Course The Context of Embedded System Design

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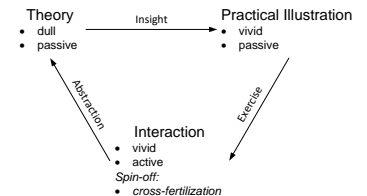
The Masters Course The Context of Embedded System Design is a course for students following the masters “Embedded Systems”. The course material is based on the SARCH course *Systems Architecting*. However, more and shorter exercises are added, and a common case is used throughout the course.

The course addresses a wide spectrum of issues in relation with system architecture, such as: processes, business, role and task of the system architect (team), generic Developments (re-use, platforms) requirements, roadmapping, and skills.

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# Program

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session	subject
lecture 1	introduction, requirements capturing
lecture 2	story telling, customer views
lecture 3	product creation in business context
lecture 4	roles and tasks in product creation
lecture 5	how to: document, present
lecture 6	roadmapping
lecture 7	product families, platforms
lecture 8	presentation by teams

# Case: Intelligent Greenhouse

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Teams of 3 to 5 students

Describe the context of the Intelligent Greenhouse,  
one subject/section per week.

Every lecture one subject will be discussed.

Send the resulting section within one week to the teacher.

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At the end: present an overview to the Management Team.

Send complete description within two weeks to the teachers:

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# Exercises Requirements

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- 1 Describe a “Intelligent Greenhouse”: What does it look like, what can it do?
- 2 Identify Stakeholders and concerns
- 3 Discuss the technological opportunities and challenges
- 4 Make a key driver map

# Exercises Story Telling

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- 1 Create a story
- 2 Improve the story, with the criteria for stories in mind
- 3 Derive a case description from the story
- 4 Make a design to satisfy the case description

- 1 Identify the processes within your own company.
- 2 Make a design of the product
- 3 Make a work breakdown structure
- 4 Propose an organizational structure, quantify the size of the groups.

- 1 Determine the most critical system functions and performance aspects
- 2 Propose an integration plan
- 3 Perform a risk assessment
- 4 Improve the organizational structure



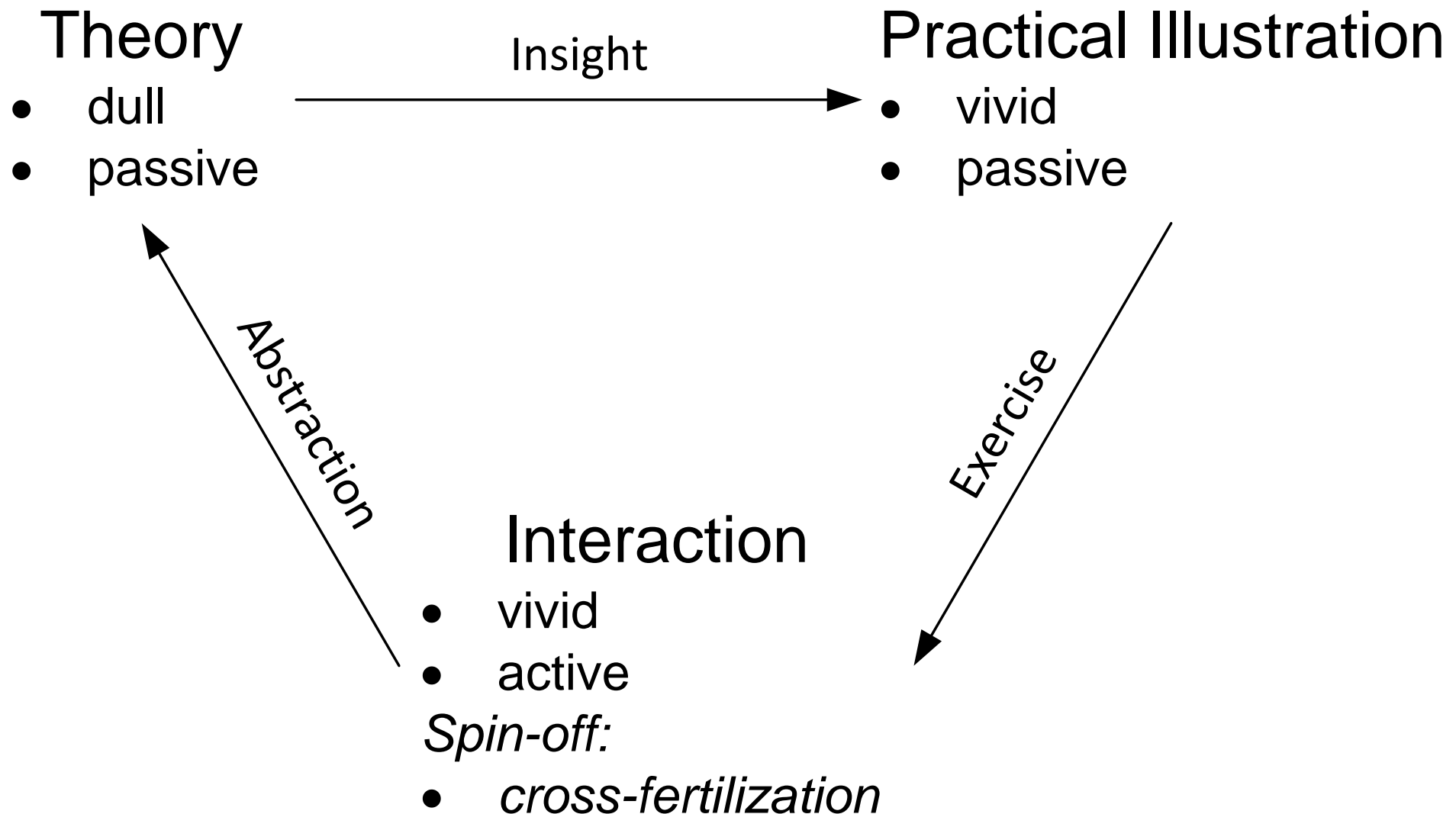
- 1 Analyse the costs of the product creation, manufacturing and sales
- 2 Analyse the income
- 3 Make multi-year business forecast
- 4 Make a presentation outline for the presentation to the Board of Management

# Exercises Roadmapping

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- 1 Identify Market trends
- 2 Identify Technology Trends
- 3 Make a product roadmap proposal
- 4 Integrate Market, products, technology into 1 roadmap and identify Process and People issues

- 1 Identify the members of the product family
- 2 Identify the synergy between the members of the family
- 3 Identify the member specific functionality
- 4 Propose a balanced product family approach



# Rules of the Interactive Parts

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- Your contribution is essential.
- Don't monopolize the time, everyone also the quiet people should have the opportunity to contribute;  
*The facilitator will intervene if the contribution is limited to a small group of participants.*
- Respect the contribution of others;  
*Opinions can't be wrong, difference of opinion is normal and called plurality.*
- The course format is highly experimental and based on improvisation, constructive proposals are welcome;  
*it is your course! Regular evaluations will give the opportunity to influence the rest of the course.*

# Rules of the Broadcast Parts

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- Please write your questions/remarks/statements on yellow stickers and attach them at the end on the P-flip.

*These will be used in the interactive section for discussion and to increase insight.*

- Short clarification questions are welcome,  
*discussion will take place in the interactive part.*
- Stupid questions don't exist. Learning is based on **safe** and **open** interaction.  
*Very individual oriented questions can be referred to a break or after the session.*

# Module Requirements

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## Abstract

This module addresses requirements: What are requirements? How to find, select, and consolidate requirements?

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# Fundamentals of Requirements Engineering

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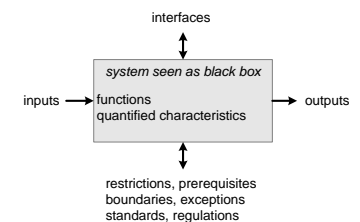
## Abstract

Requirements engineering is one of the systems engineering pillars. In this document we discuss the fundamentals of systems engineering, such as the transformation of needs into specification, the need to prescribe *what* rather than *how*, and the requirements when writing requirements.

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# Definition of “Requirement”

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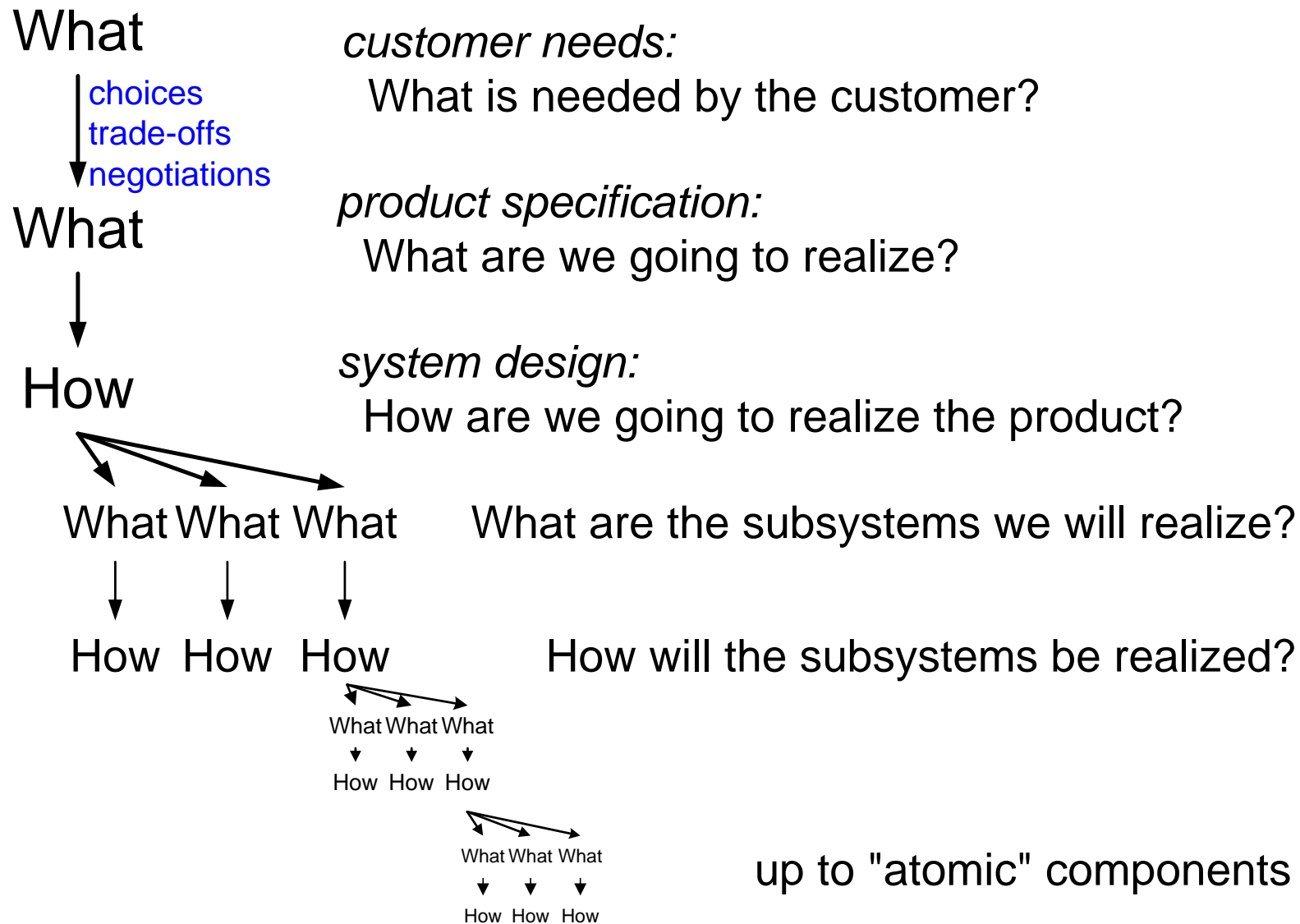
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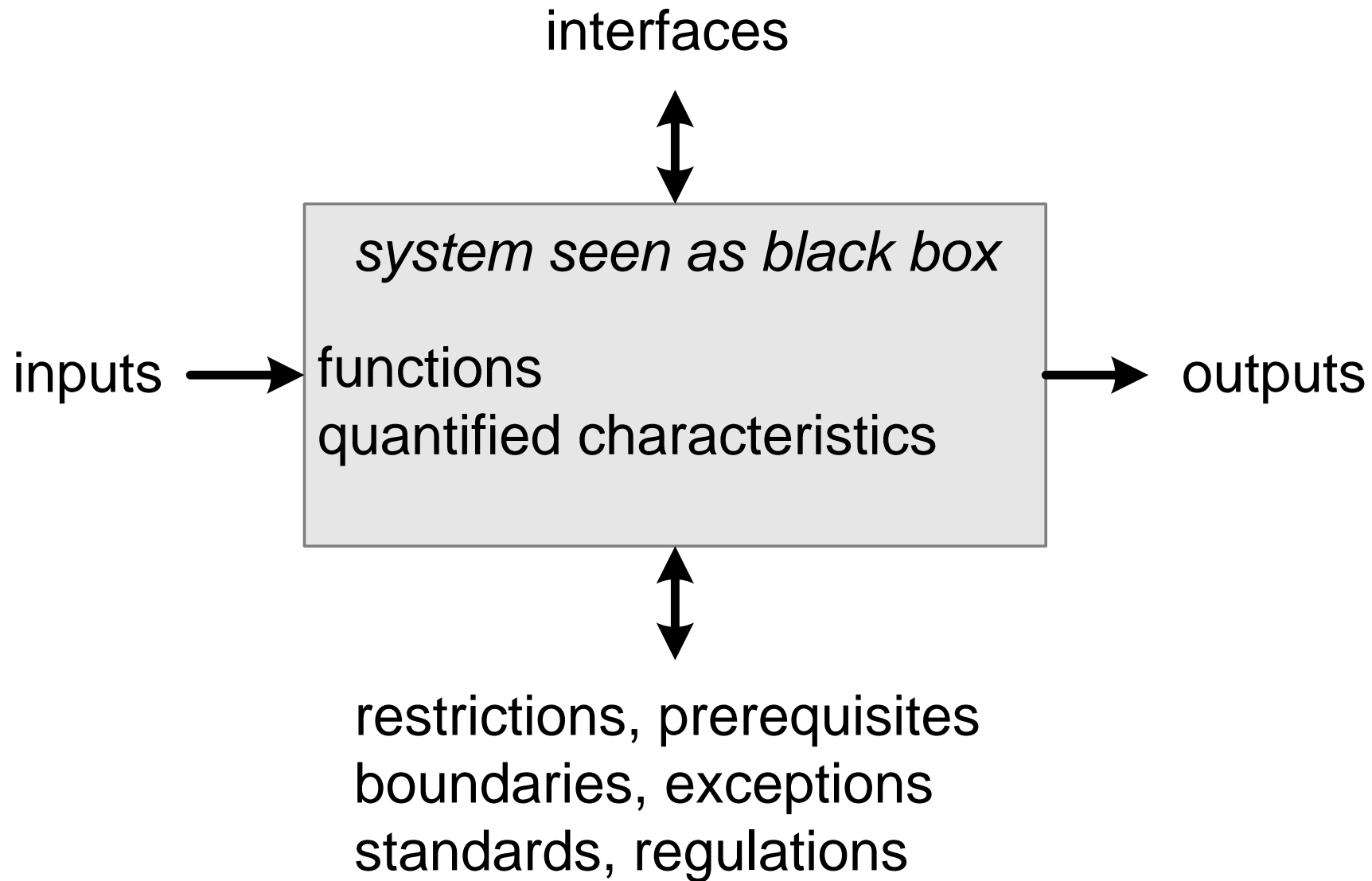
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# Flow of Requirements

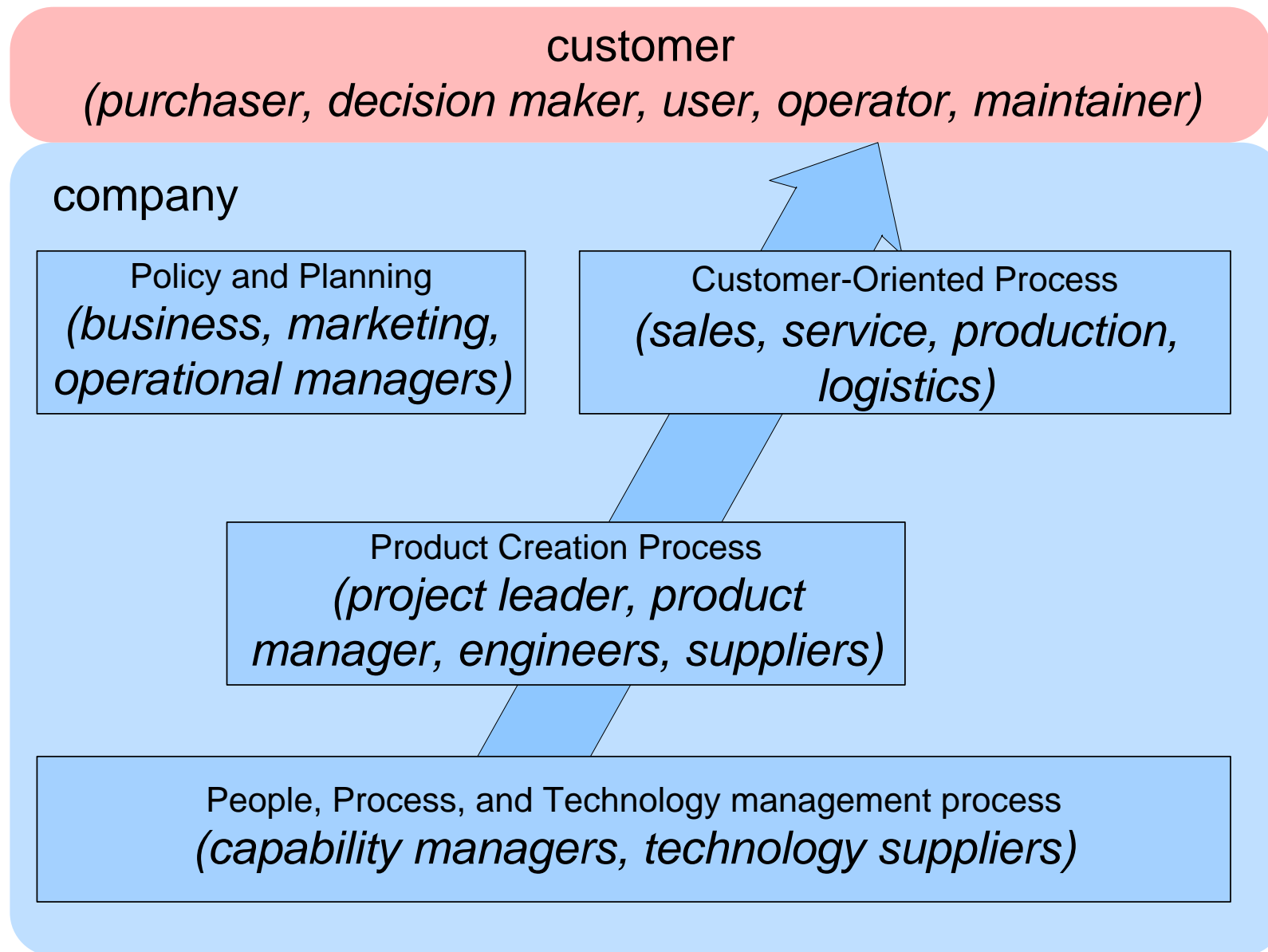


# System as a Black Box

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# Stakeholders w.r.t. Requirements



# The “Formal” Requirements for Requirements

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Specific

Unambiguous

Verifiable

Quantifiable

Measurable

Complete

Traceable

# The Requirements to Enable Human Use

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Accessible

Understandable

Low threshold

# Short introduction to basic “CAFCR” model

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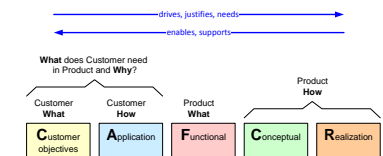
## Abstract

The basic “CAFCR” reference model is described, which is used to describe a system in relation to its context. The main stakeholder in the context is the customer. The question “Who is the customer?” is addressed.

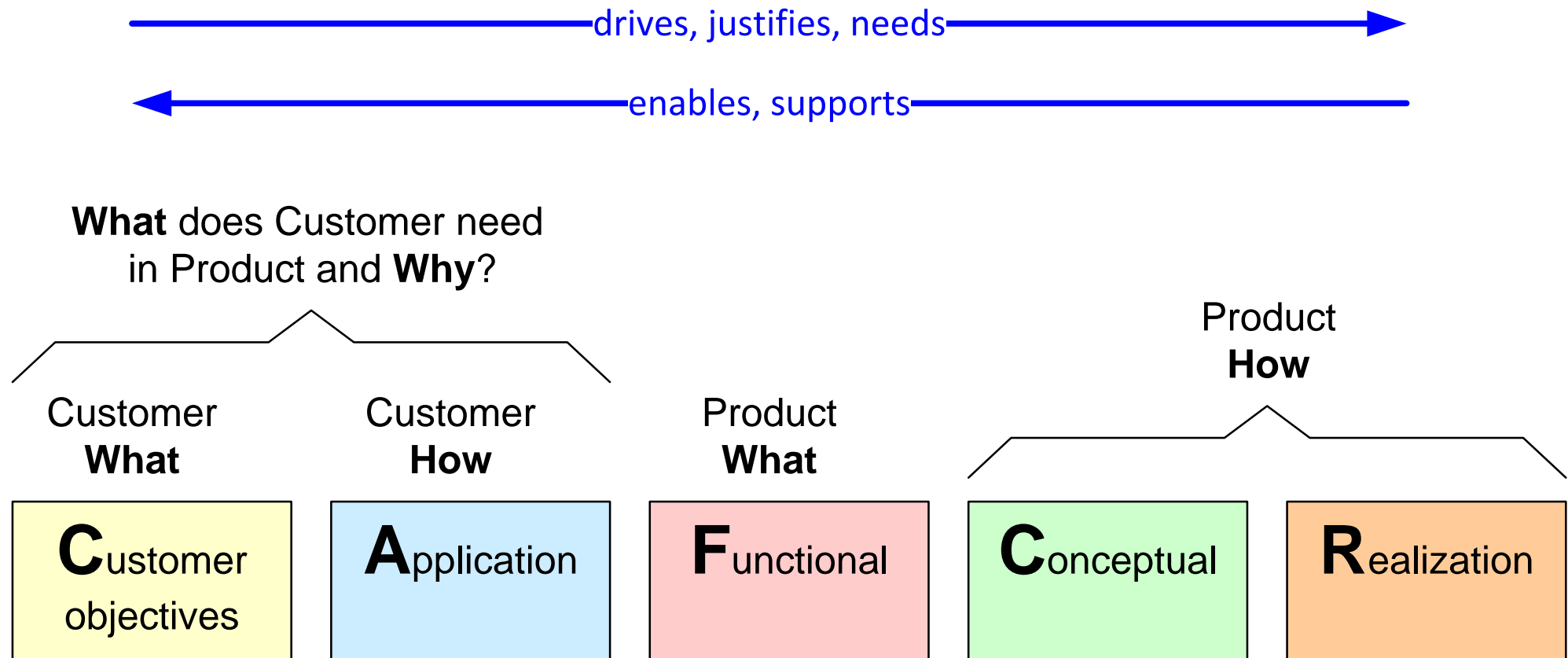
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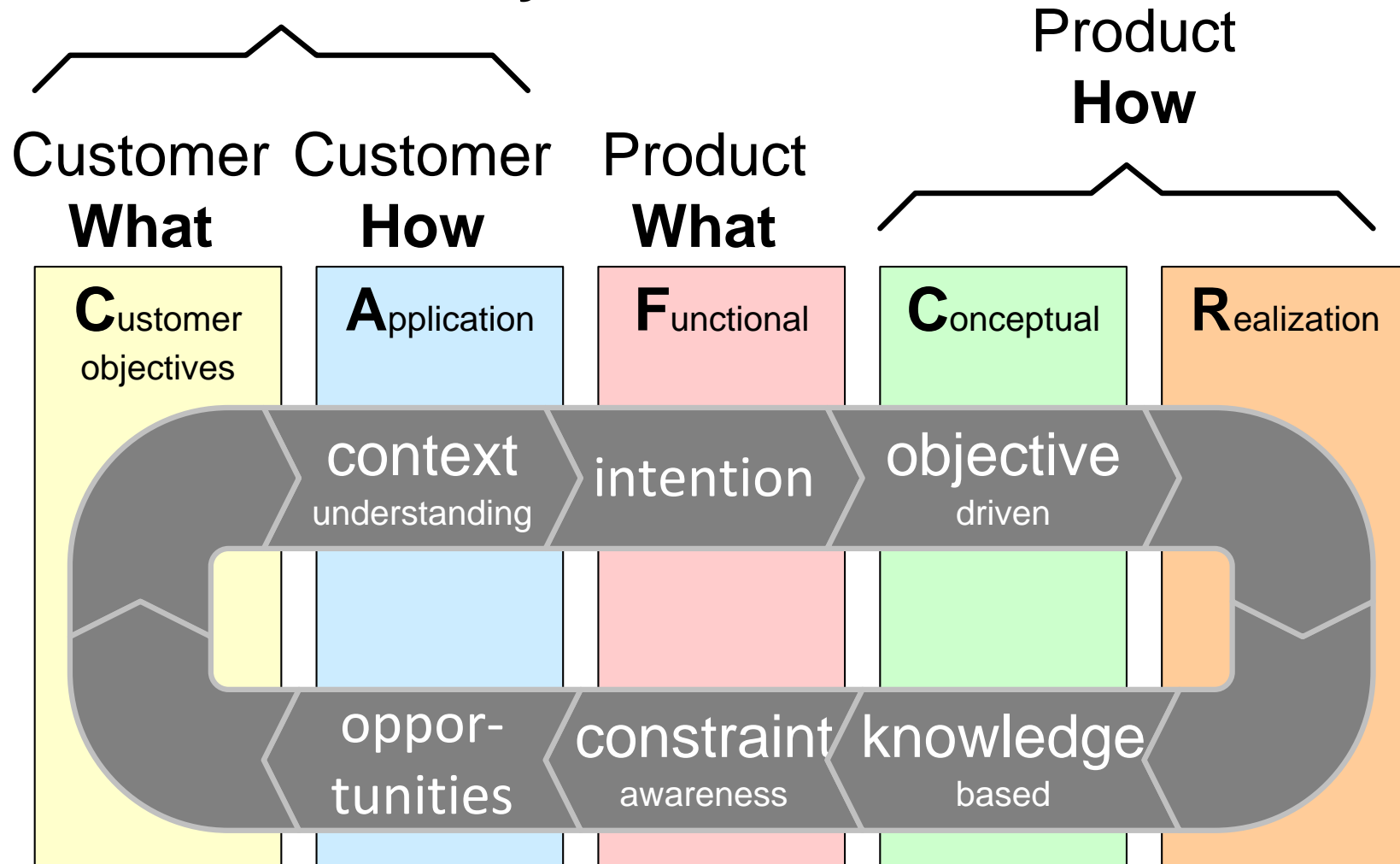


# The “CAFCR” model

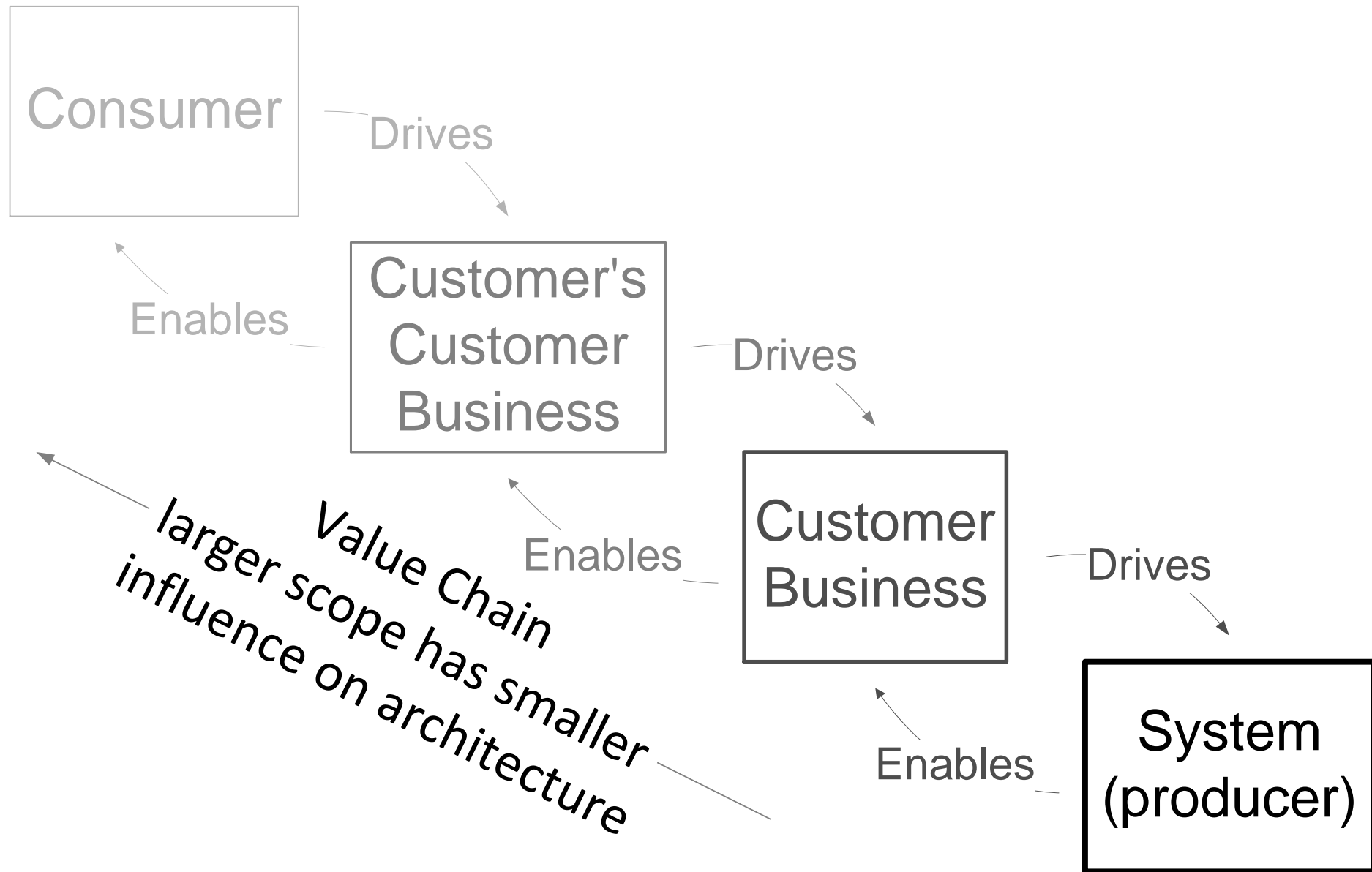




**What** does Customer need  
in Product and **Why?**



# CAFCR can be applied recursively

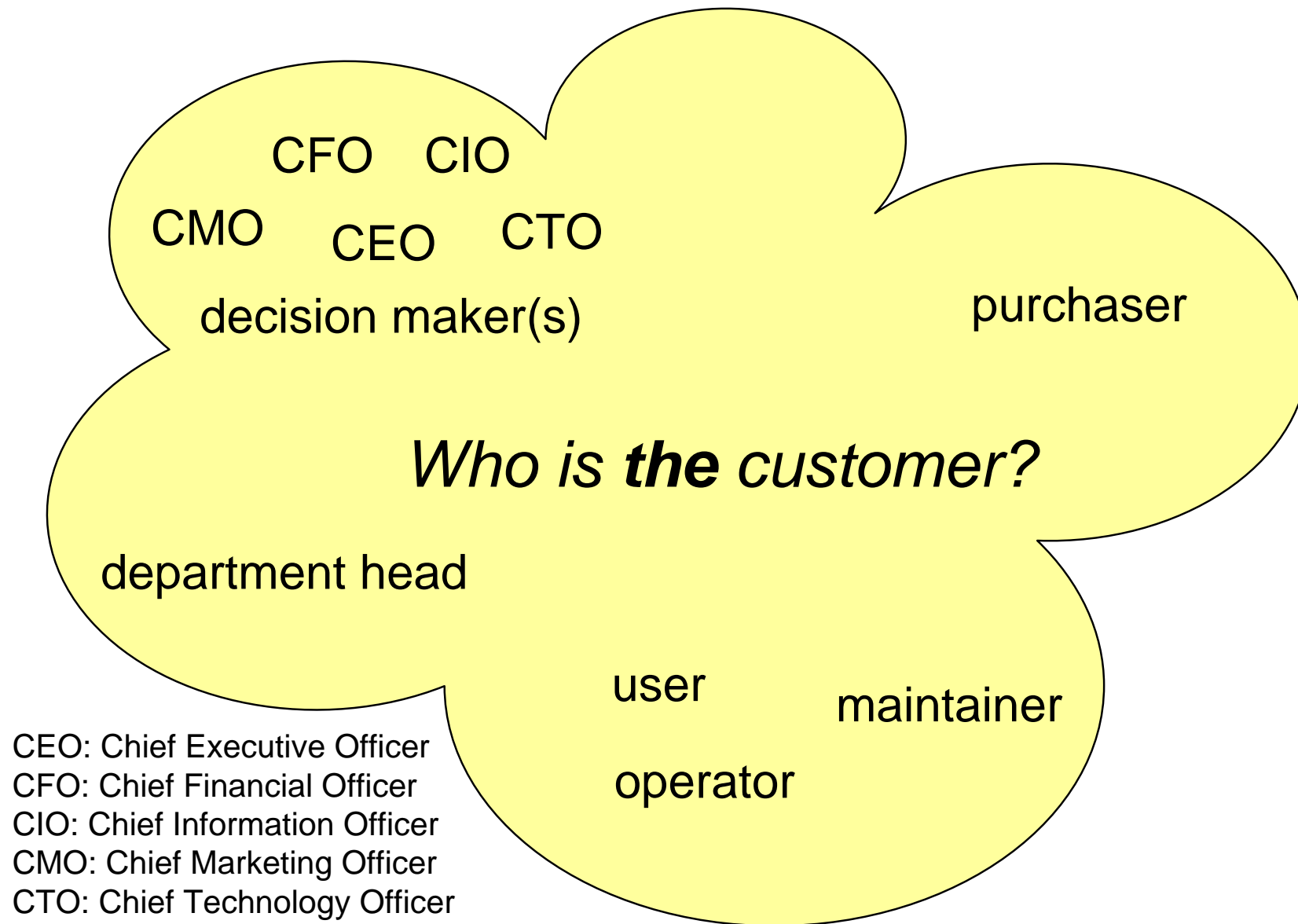


# Market segmentation

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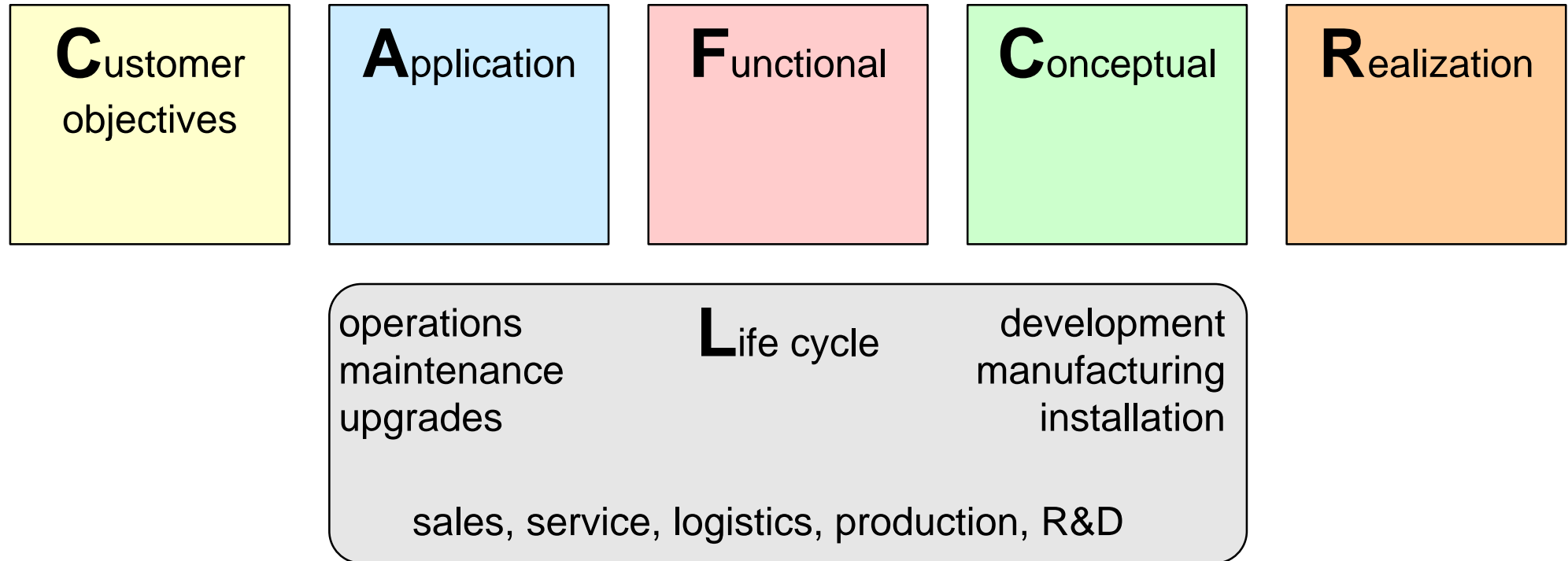
segmentation axis	examples
geographical	USA, UK, Germany, Japan, China
business model	profit, non profit
economics	high end versus cost constrained
consumers	youth, elderly
outlet	retailer, provider, OEM, consumer direct

# Example of a small buying organization



# CAFCR+ model; Life Cycle View

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# Key Drivers How To

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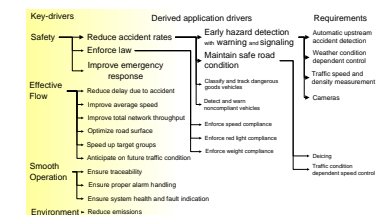
## Abstract

The notion of "business key drivers" is introduced and a method is described to link these key drivers to the product specification.

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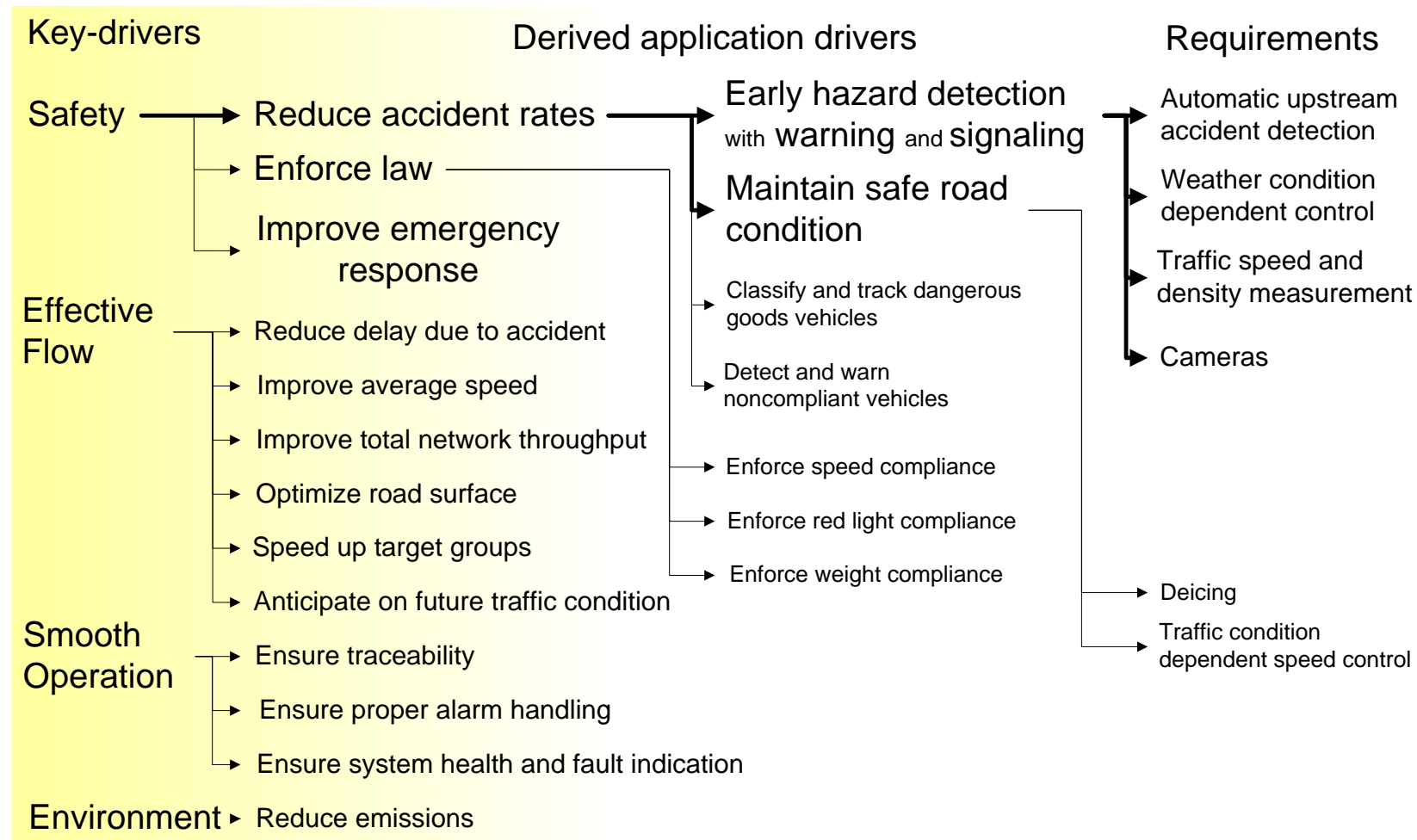
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Note: the graph is only partially elaborated for application drivers and requirements

# Example Motorway Management Analysis



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# Method to create Key Driver Graph

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- |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Define the scope specific.                                                                               | in terms of stakeholder or market segments                                                                           |
| • Acquire and analyze facts                                                                                | extract facts from the product specification<br>and ask why questions about the specification of existing products.  |
| • Build a graph of relations between drivers and requirements<br>by means of brainstorming and discussions | where requirements<br>may have multiple drivers                                                                      |
| • Obtain feedback                                                                                          | discuss with customers, observe their reactions                                                                      |
| • Iterate many times                                                                                       | increased understanding often triggers the move of issues<br>from driver to requirement or vice versa and rephrasing |

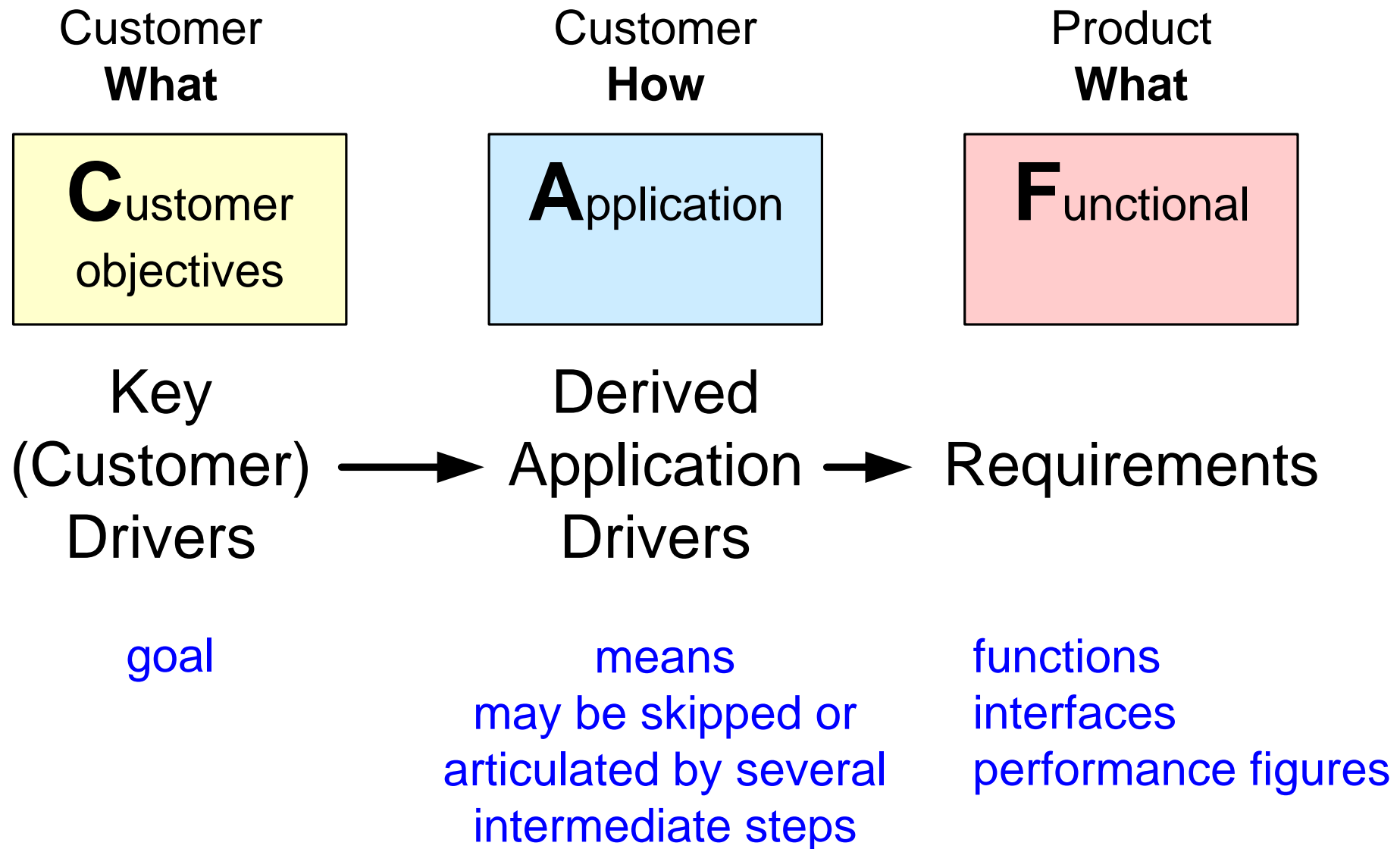


# Recommendation for the Definition of Key Drivers

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Limit the number of key-drivers                                                  | minimal 3, maximal 6                                                                                                                    |
| • Don't leave out the obvious key-drivers                                          | for instance the well-known main function of the product                                                                                |
| • Use short names, recognized by the customer.                                     |                                                                                                                                         |
| • Use market-/customer- specific names, no generic names                           | for instance replace “ease of use” by “minimal number of actions for experienced users”, or “efficiency” by “integral cost per patient” |
| • Do not worry about the exact boundary between Customer Objective and Application | create clear goal means relations                                                                                                       |

# Transformation of Key Drivers into Requirements



# Requirements Elicitation and Selection

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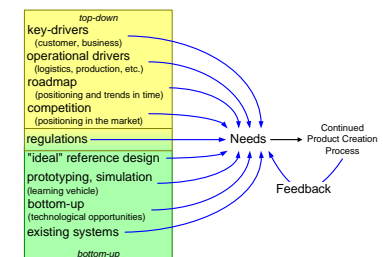
## Abstract

An elicitation method for needs is described using many different viewpoints. A selection process with a coarse and a fine selection is described to reduce the specification to an acceptable and feasible subset.

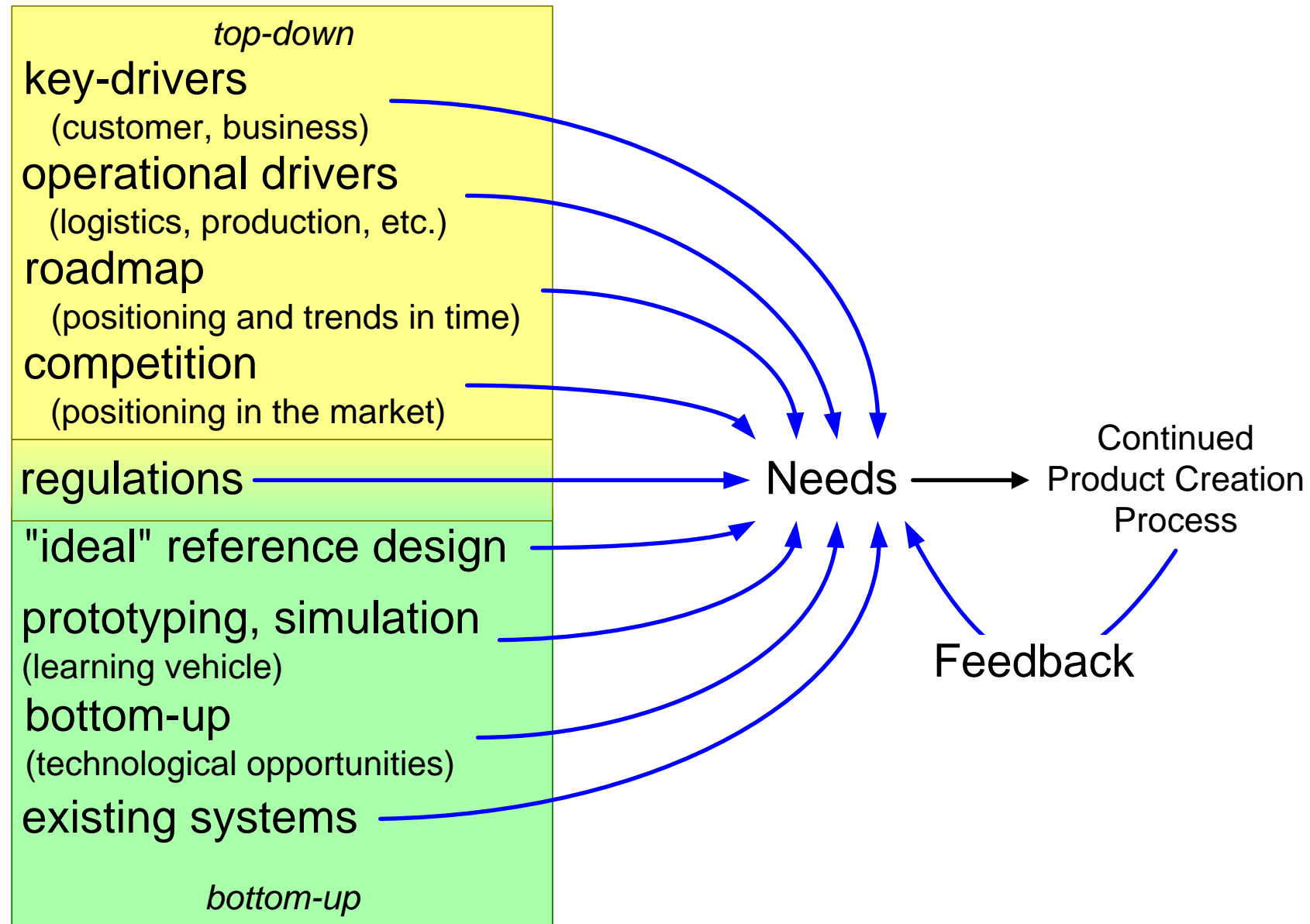
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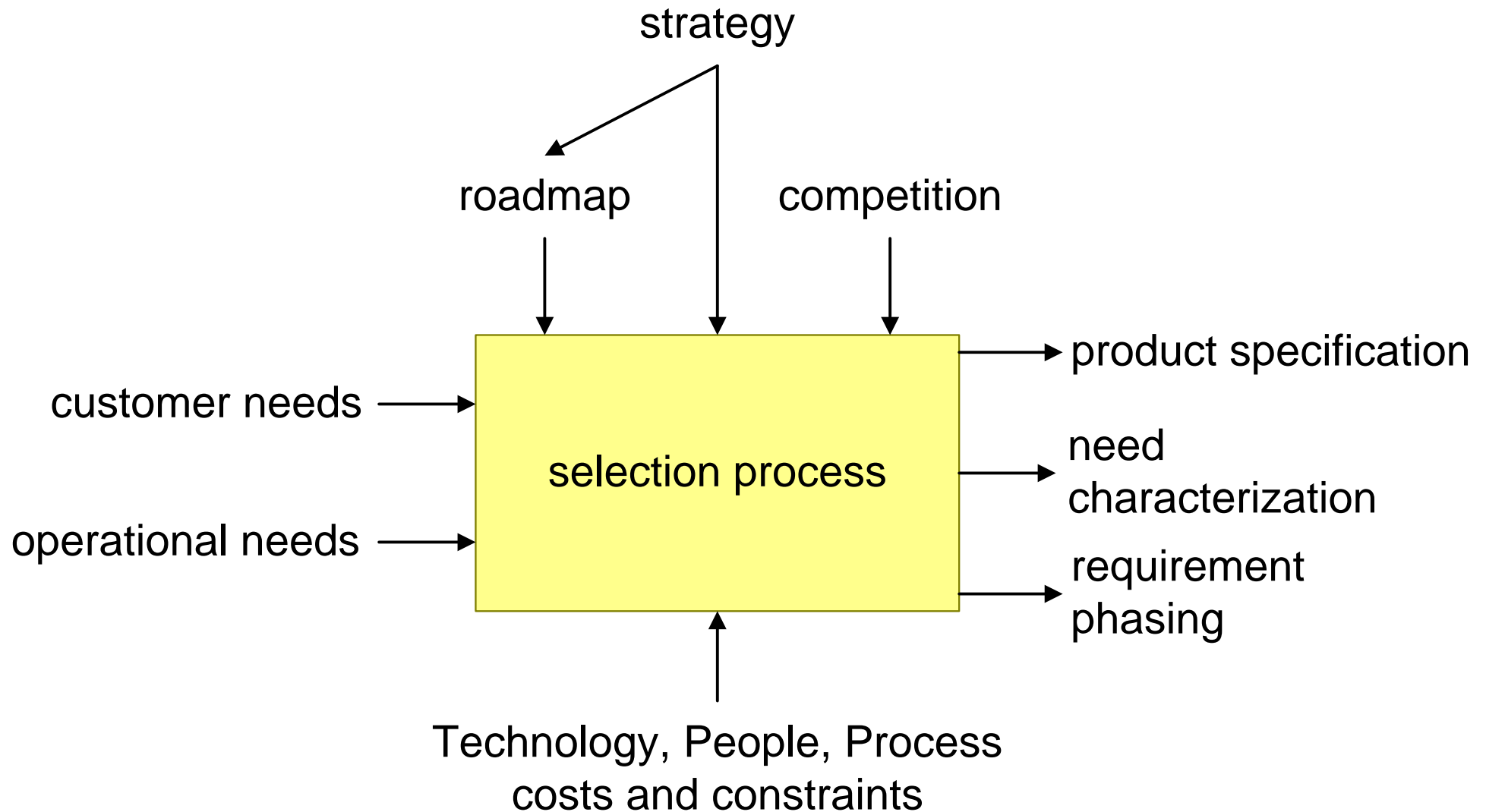
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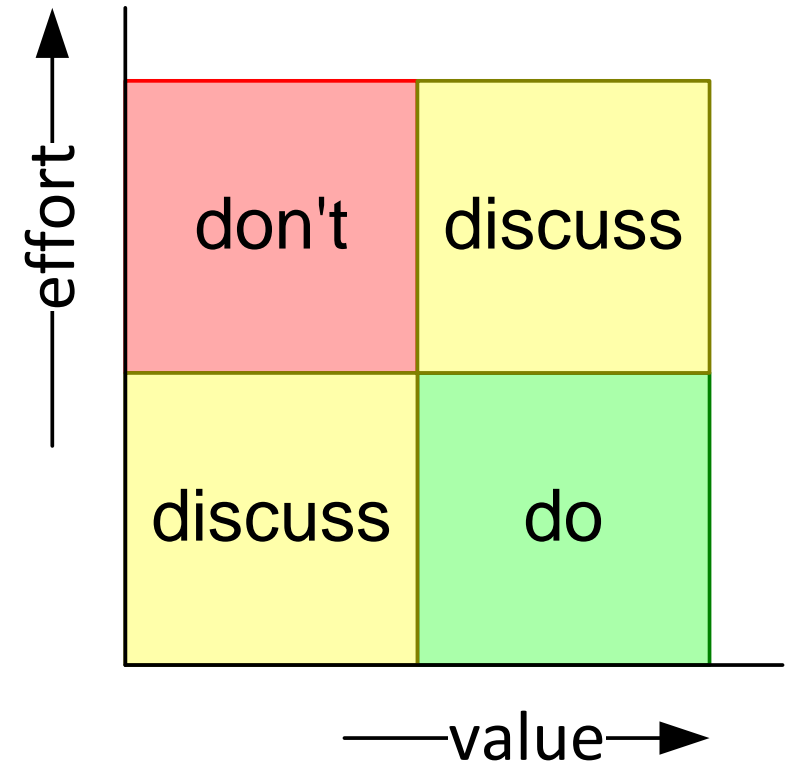
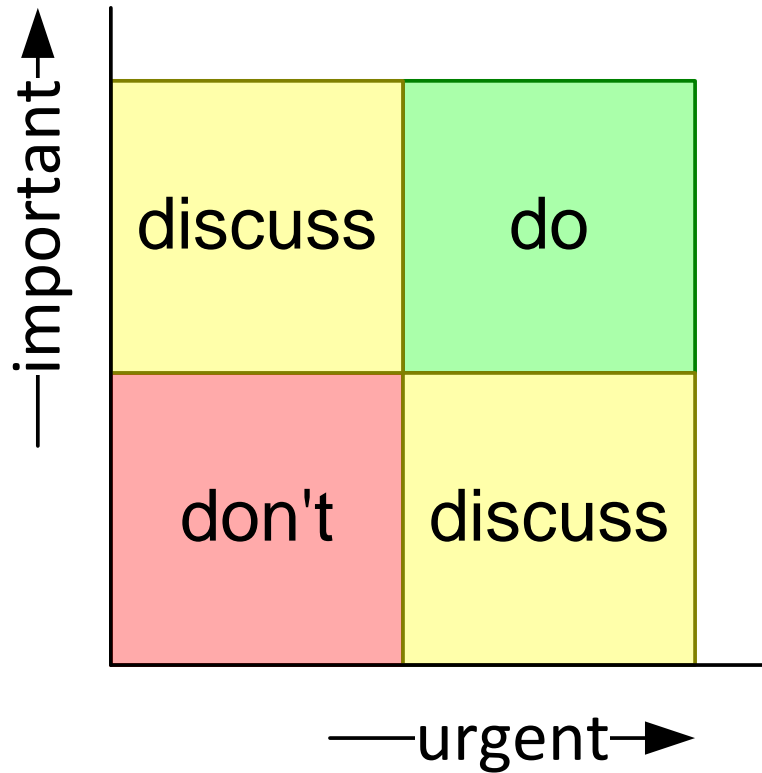
# Complementary Viewpoints to Capture Requirements



# Requirement Selection Process



# Simple Qualification Method



# Examples of Quantifiable Aspects

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- Value for the customer
- (dis)satisfaction level for the customer
- Selling value (How much is the customer willing to pay?)
- Level of differentiation w.r.t. the competition
- Impact on the market share
- Impact on the profit margin

Use relative scale, e.g. 1..5 1=low value, 5 -high value

Ask several knowledgeable people to score

Discussion provides insight (don't fall in spreadsheet trap)

# Exercise Requirements Capturing

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- Determine the key drivers for one particular product family.
- Translate these drivers into application drivers and derive from them the requirements.



# Needs and Requirements

## Needs, Specification, Requirements

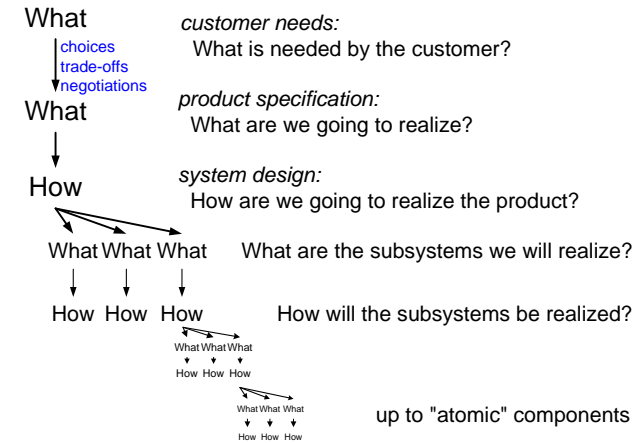
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## Flow of Requirements



## Requirements for Requirements

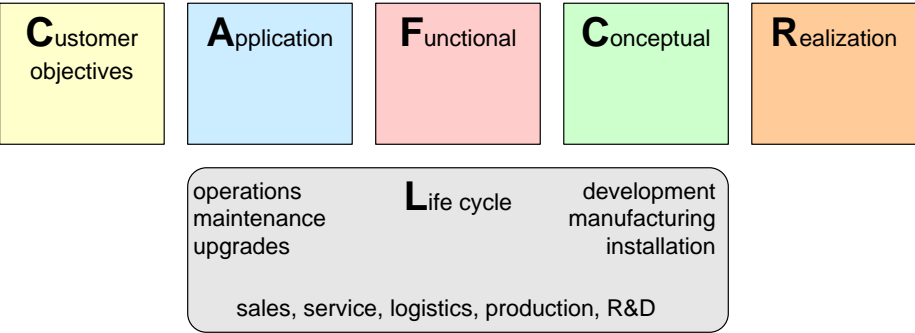
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## Enable Human Use

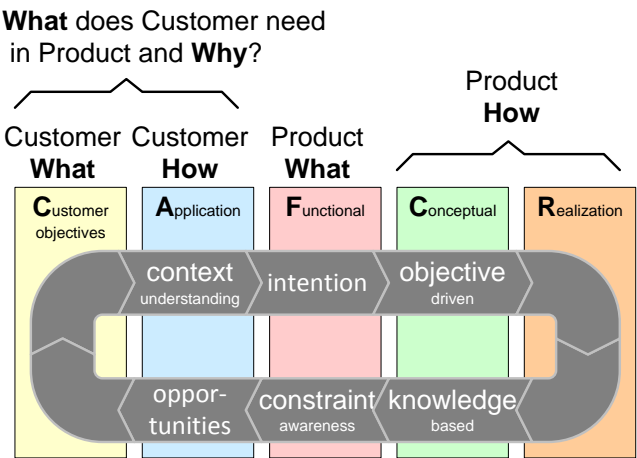
Accessible  
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Low threshold

# CAFCR, Customer Key Driver Graph

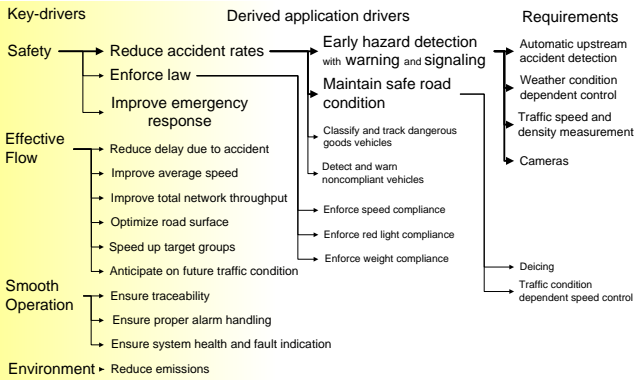
## CAFCR+ Model



## Iterate over Views

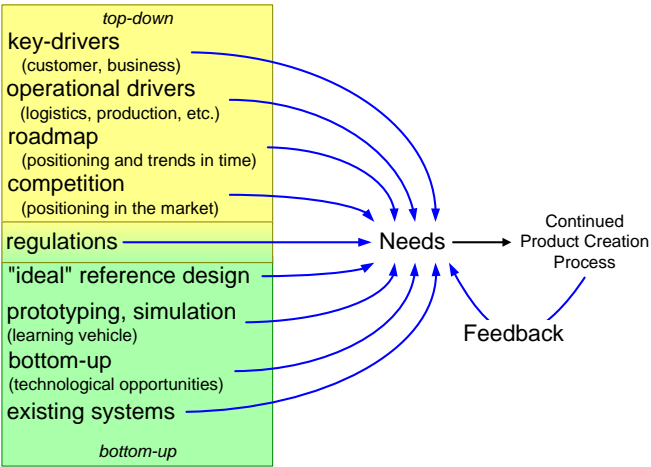


## Example Key Driver Graph



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## Complementary Viewpoints



# Module Story Telling

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## Abstract

This module addresses Story Telling as a means to explore customer needs and as a means for communication.

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# Story How To

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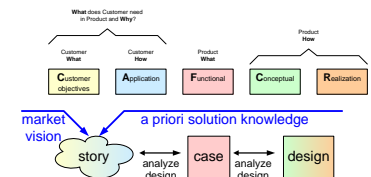
## Abstract

A story is an easily accessible story or narrative to make an application live. A good story is highly specific and articulated entirely in the problem domain: the native world of the users. An important function of a story is to enable specific (*quantified, relevant, explicit*) discussions.

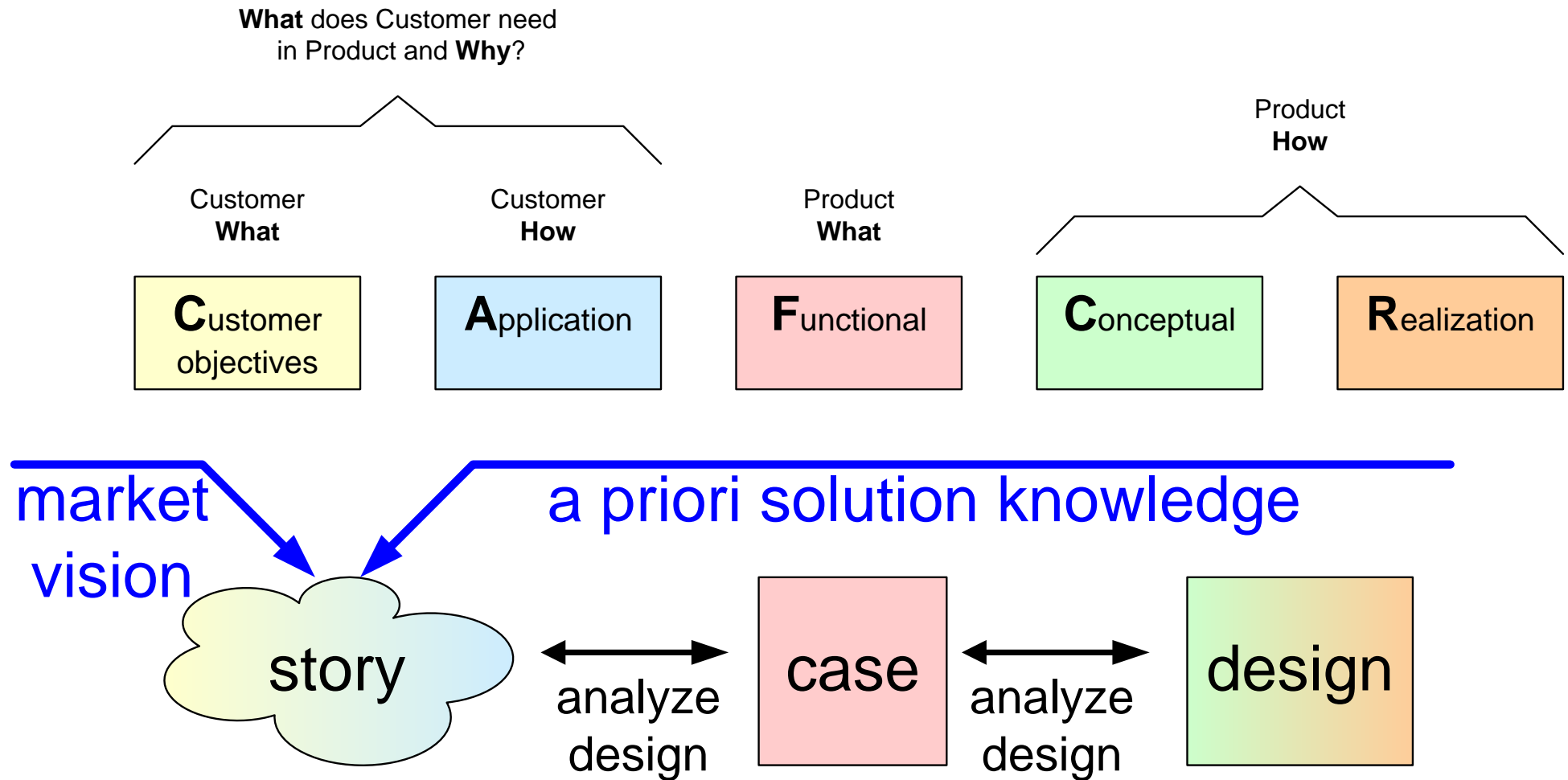
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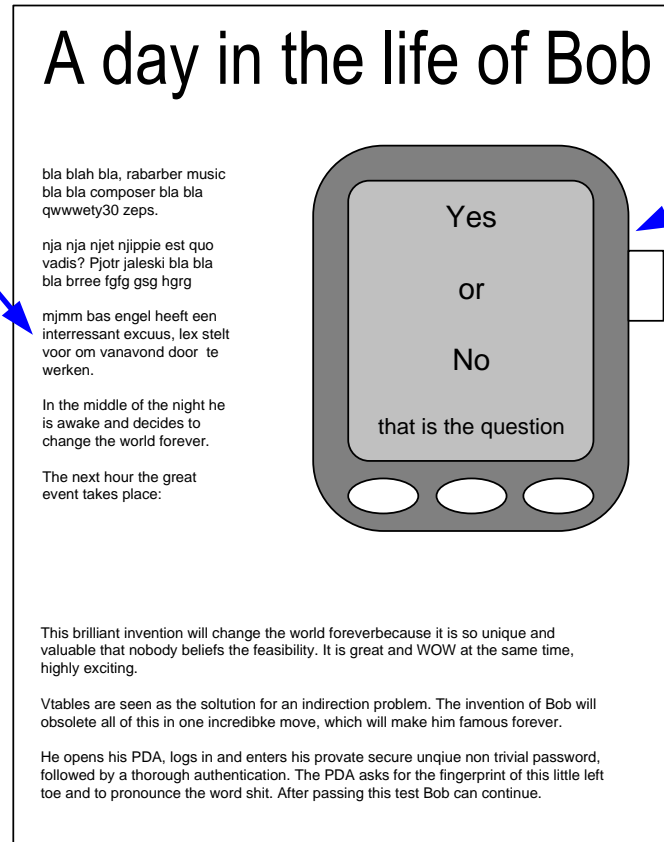


# From story to design



# Example story layout

ca. half a page of  
plain English text



draft or sketch of  
some essential  
appliance

- purpose What do you need to know for specification and design?
- scope “umbrella” or specific event?
- viewpoint, stakeholders Define your stakeholder and viewpoint  
f.i. user, maintainer, installer
- visualization Sketches or cartoon  
Helps to share and communicate ideas
- size (max 1 A4) Can be read or told in few minutes
- recursive decomposition, refinement

# Criteria for a good story

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**C**ustomer  
objectives

**A**pplication

- accessible, understandable

"Do you see it in front of you?"

**C**ustomer  
objectives

**A**pplication

- valuable, appealing

attractive, important

"Are customers queuing up for this?"

**C**onceptual

**R**ealization

- critical, challenging

"What is difficult in the realization?"

"What do you learn w.r.t. the design?"

**A**pplication

- frequent, no exceptional niche

"Does it add significantly to the bottom line?"

**A**pplication

**F**unctional

- specific

names, ages, amounts, durations, titles, ...



# Example of a story

Betty is a 70-year-old woman who lives in Eindhoven. Three years ago her husband passed away and since then she lives in a home for the elderly. Her 2 children, Angela and Robert, come and visit her every weekend, often with Betty's grandchildren Ashley and Christopher. As so many women of her age, Betty is reluctant to touch anything that has a technical appearance. She knows how to operate her television, but a VCR or even a DVD player is way to complex.

When Betty turned 60, she stopped working in a sewing studio. Her work in this noisy environment made her hard-of-hearing with a hearing-loss of 70dB around 2kHz. The rest of the frequency spectrum shows a loss of about 45dB. This is why she had problems understanding her grandchildren and why her children urged her to apply for hearing aids two years ago. Her technophobia (and her first hints or arthritis) inhibit her to change her hearing aids' batteries. Fortunately her children can do this every weekend.

This Wednesday Betty visits the weekly Bingo afternoon in the meetingplace of the old-folk's home. It's summer now and the tables are outside. With all those people there it's a lot of chatter and babble. Two years ago Betty would never go to the bingo: "I cannot hear a thing when everyone babbles and clatters with the coffee cups. How can I hear the winning numbers?!". Now that she has her new digital hearing instruments, even in the bingo cacophony, she can understand everyone she looks at. Her social life has improved a lot and she even won the bingo a few times.

That same night, together with her friend Janet, she attends Mozart's opera The Magic Flute. Two years earlier this would have been one big low rumble mess, but now she even hears the sparkling high piccolos. Her other friend Carol never joins their visits to the theaters. Carol also has hearing aids, however hers only "work well" in normal conversations. "When I hear music it's as if a butcher's knife cuts through my head. It's way too sharp!". So Carol prefers to take her hearing aids out, missing most of the fun. Betty is so happy that her hearing instruments simply know where they are and adapt to their environment.



source: Roland Mathijssen  
Embedded Systems Institute  
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# Value and Challenges in this story

**C**ustomer  
objectives

**A**pplication

Value proposition in this story:

quality of life:

active participation in different social settings

usability for nontechnical elderly people:

"intelligent" system is simple to use

loading of batteries

**C**onceptual

**R**ealization

Challenges in this story:

Intelligent hearing instrument

Battery life — at least 1 week

No buttons or other fancy user interface on the hearing instrument,  
other than a robust On/Off method

The user does not want a technical device but a solution for a problem

Instrument can be adapted to the hearing loss of the user

Directional sensitivity (to prevent the so-called cocktail party effect)

Recognition of sound environments and automatic adaptation (adaptive  
filtering)

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# Exercise Story Telling

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- Create a story using the criteria.
- Transform the story into a case (functional, as well as quantitative).
- Perform a short design exploration based on the case.
- Improve the story based on the use in the case and the design.
- Use time boxes to ensure that you make all the indicated steps.

# Module System Architecture Context

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## Abstract

The system architecture process is positioned in a wider context: First in the business context, then in the Product Creation Process context.

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# Process Decomposition of a Business

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## Abstract

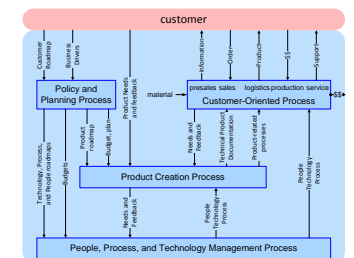
This article positions the system architecture process in a wider business scope. This positioning is intended to help understanding the processes in which the system architect (or team of system architects) is involved.

It focuses on an organization that creates and builds systems consisting of hardware and software. Although other product areas such as solution providers, services, courseware, et cetera also need system architects, the process structure will deviate from the structure as presented here.

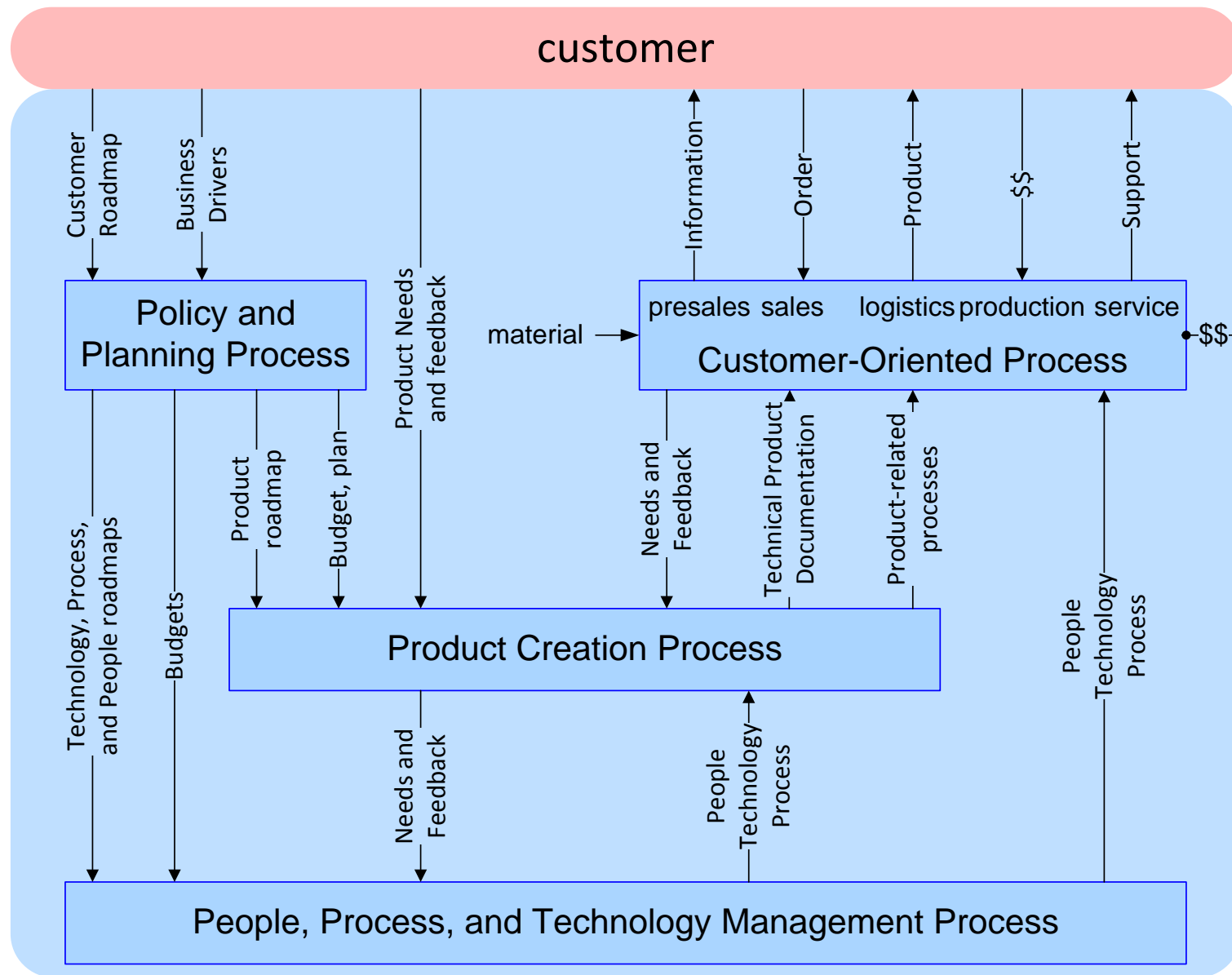
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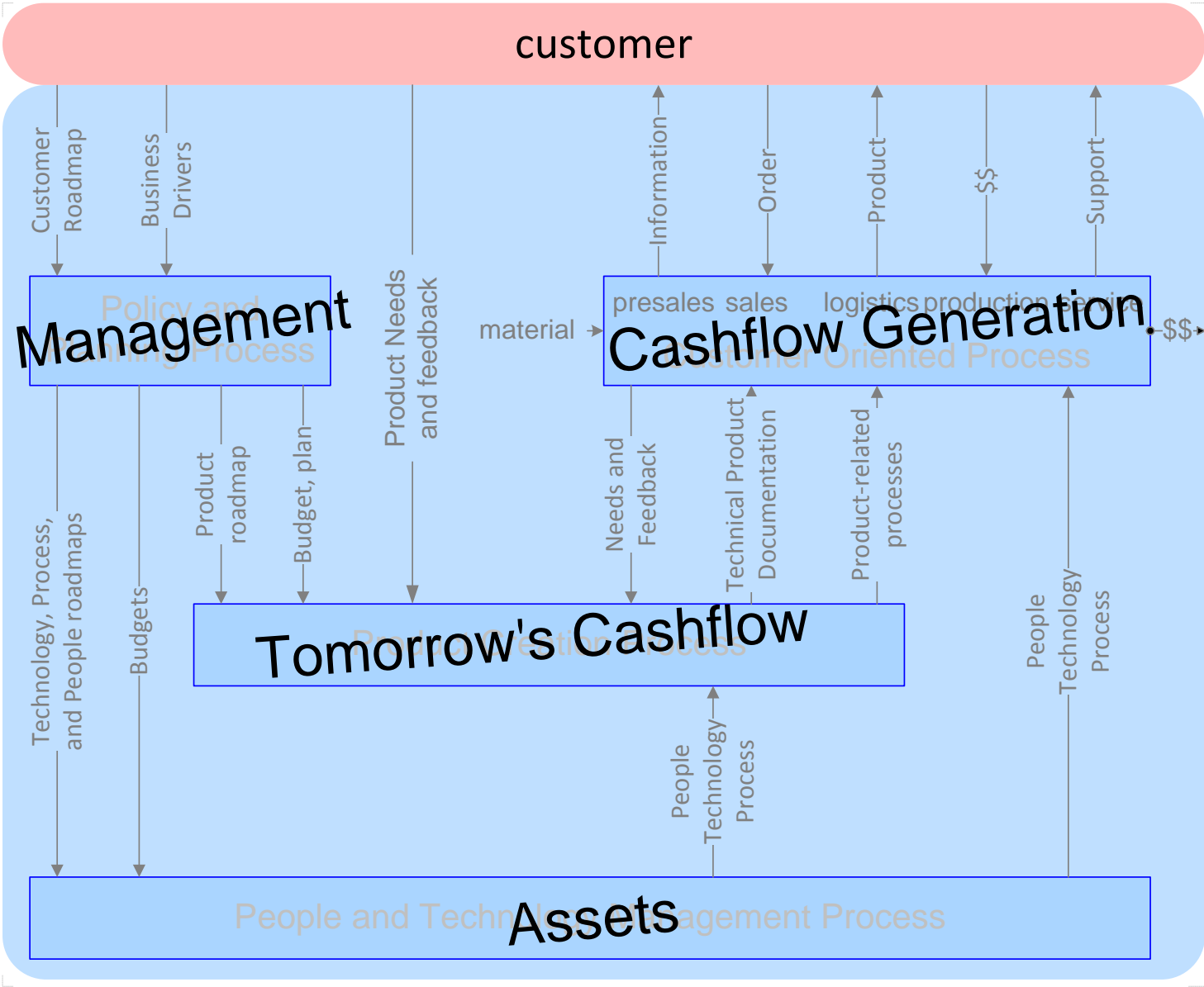
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# Simplified Decomposition of the Business



# Financial Characterization of Decomposition



# Multiple Instances per Process

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**Customer Oriented Process:** Depends on geography, customer base, and supply chain.

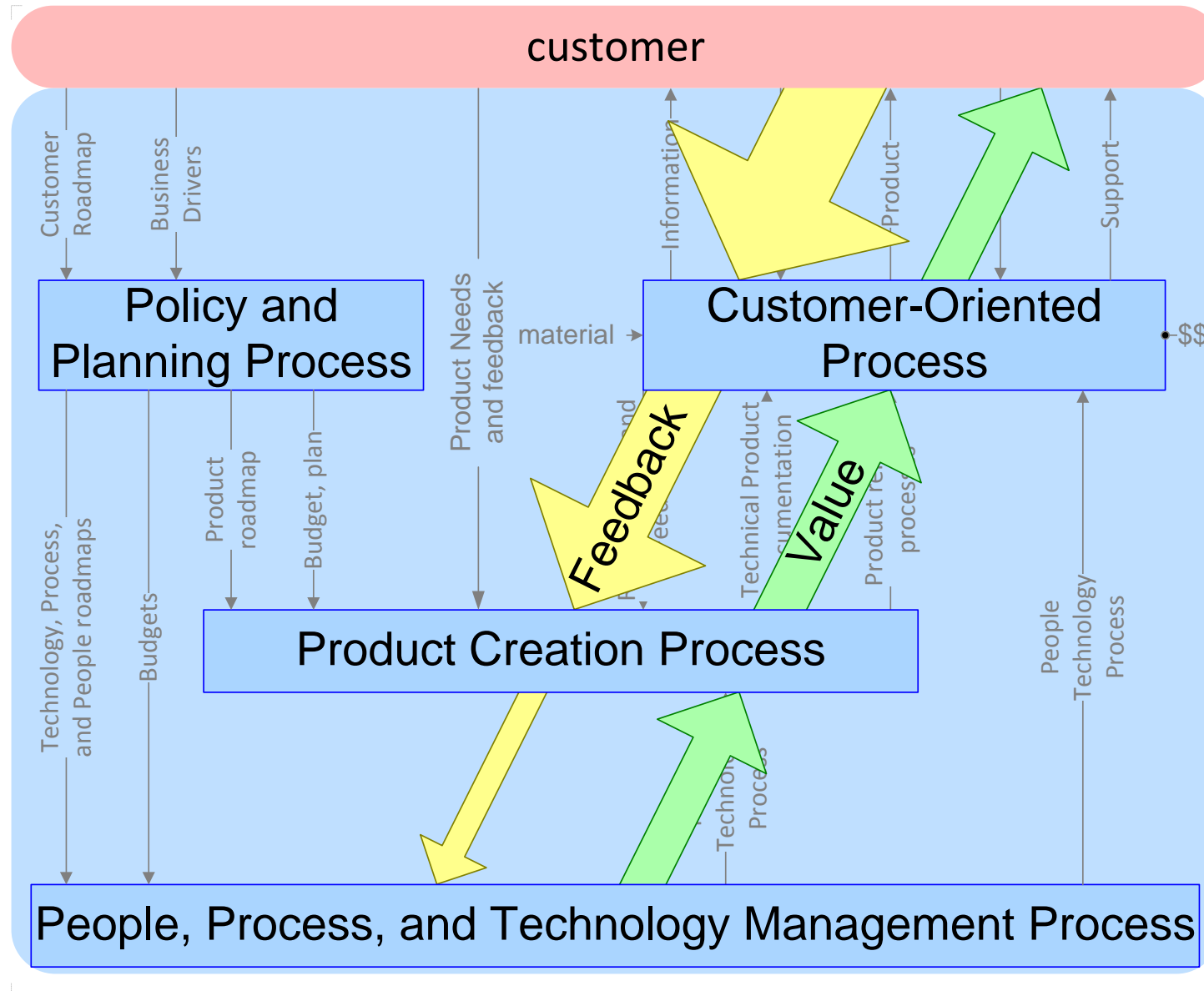
**Product Creation Process:** One per entity to be developed, where such an entity can be a product family, a product, or a subsystem.

**People and Technology Management Process:** One per “competence”, where a competence is a cohesive set of technologies and methods.

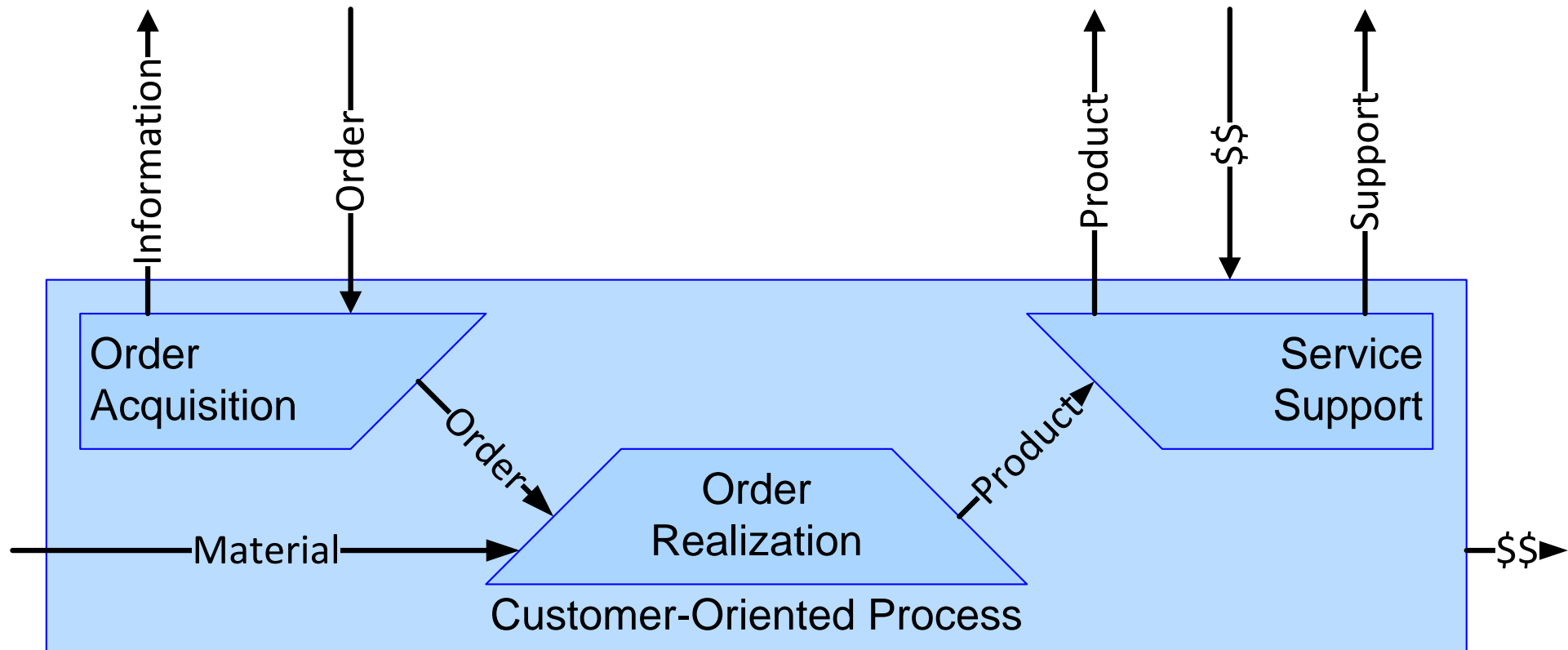
**Policy and Planning Process:** One per business. This is the pro-active integrating process.



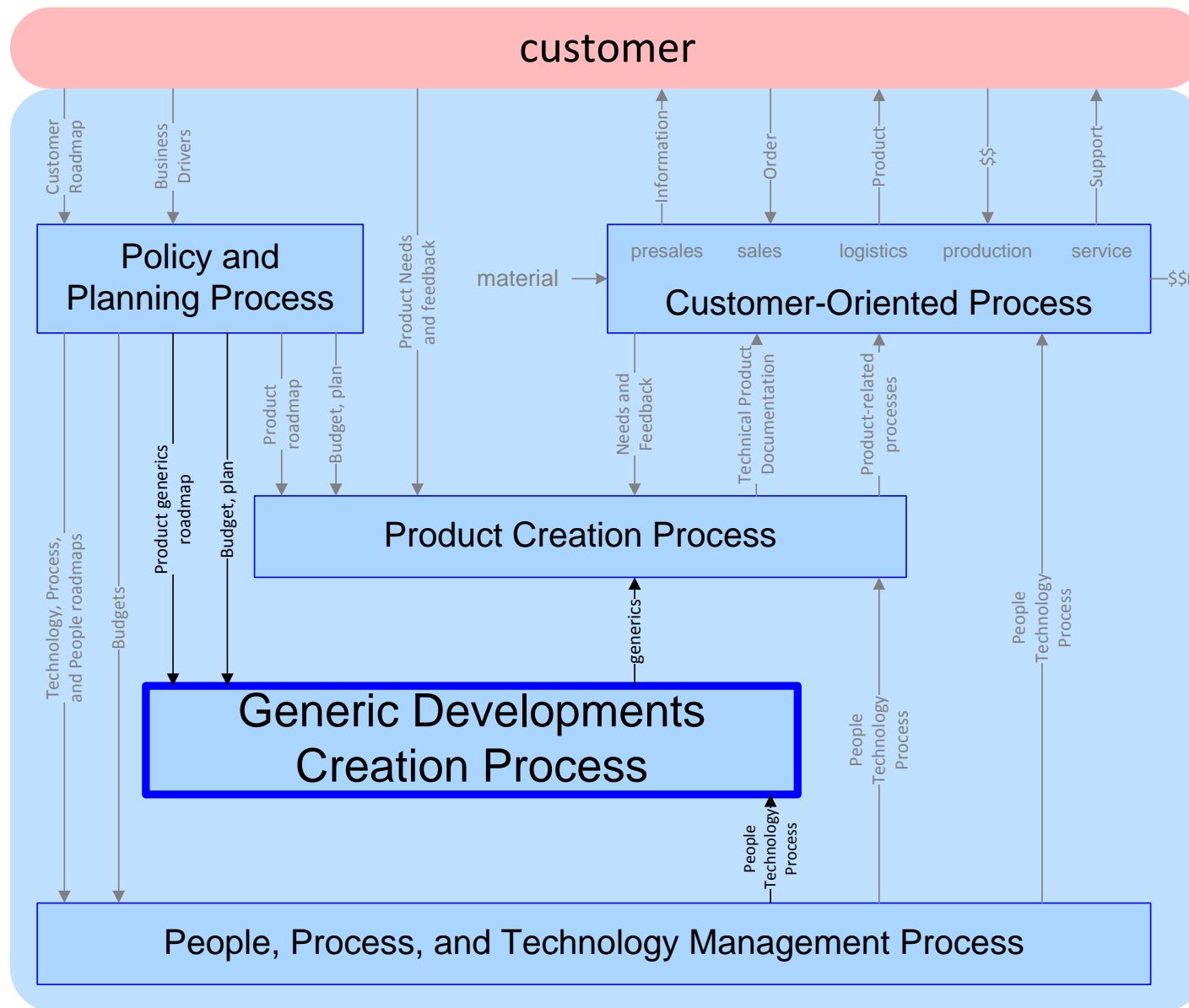
# The Value Chain and the Opposite Feedback Flow



# Decomposition of the Customer Oriented Process



# Extended with Generic Developments



# The Product Creation Process

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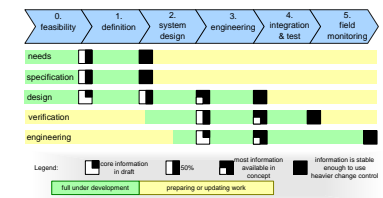
## Abstract

The Product Creation Process is described in its context. A phased model for Product Creation is shown. Many organizations use a phased model as blueprint for the way of working. The operational organization of the product creation process is discussed, especially the role of the operational leader.

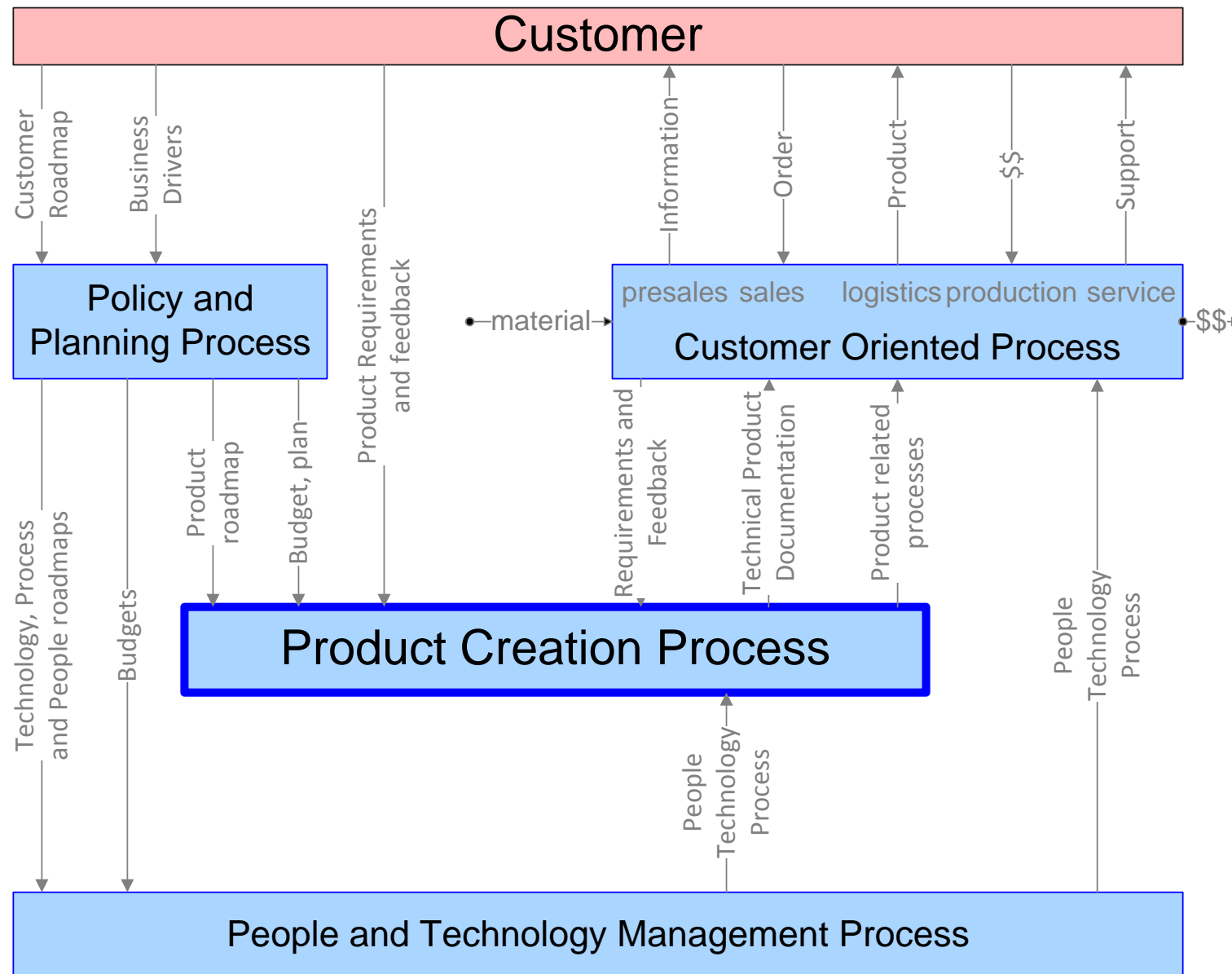
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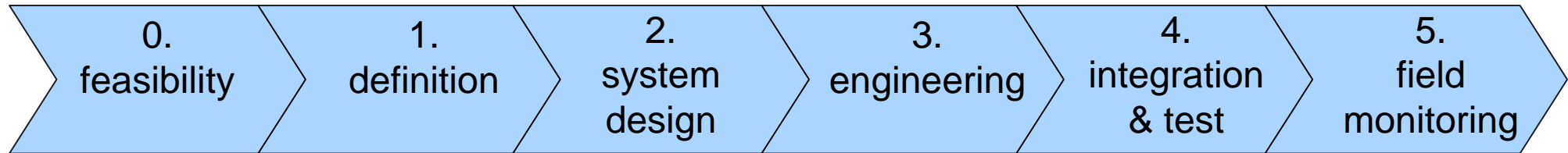


# The Product Creation Process in Business Context



# Phasing of the PCP at Business Level

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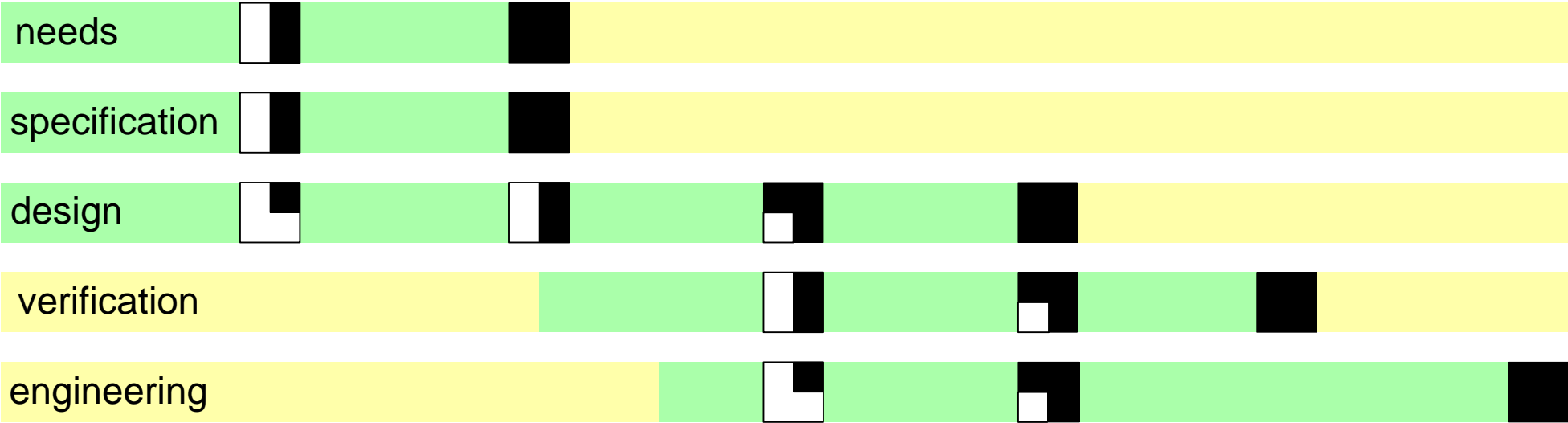
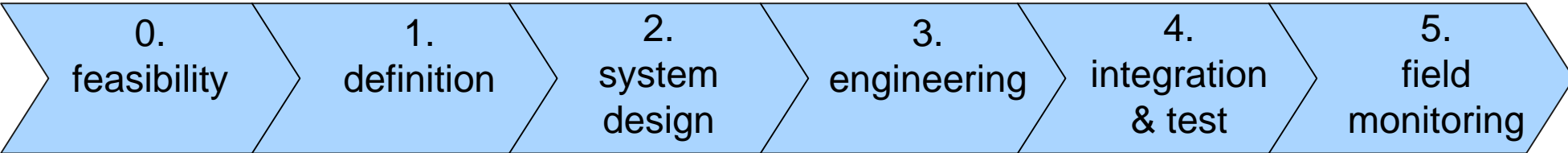
logistics

production

service

development & engineering: marketing, project management, design

# Phasing the Design Control Process



Legend:

core information in draft

50%

most information available in concept

information is stable enough to use heavier change control

full under development

preparing or updating work

# Advantages and Disadvantages of a Phased Process

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## *benefits*

blueprint: how to work

reuse of experience

employees know *what* and *when*

reference for management

## *disadvantages*

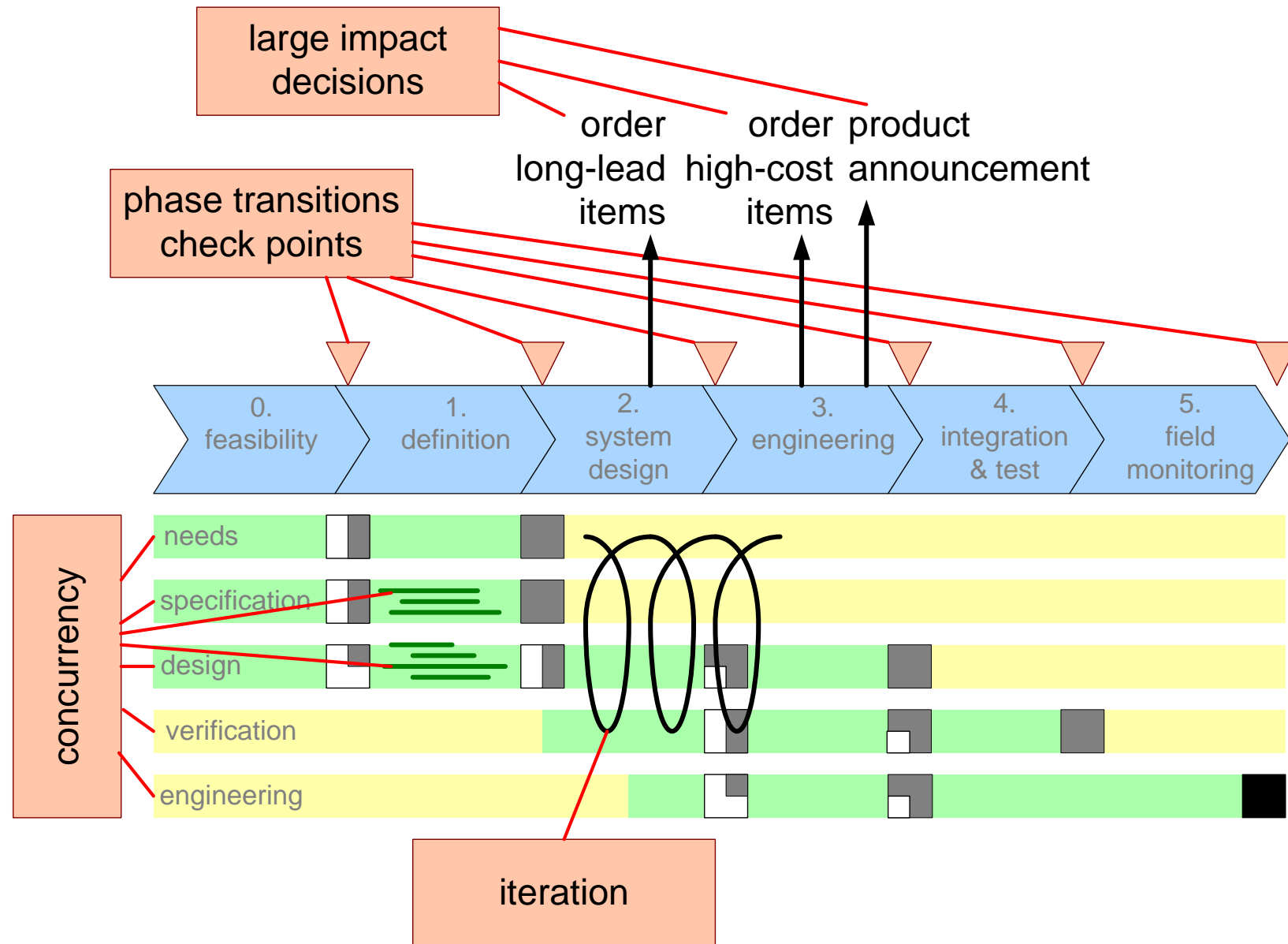
following blueprint blindly

too bureaucratic

transitions treated black and white



# Characteristics of a Phase Model



Define a minimal set of *large-impact* decisions.

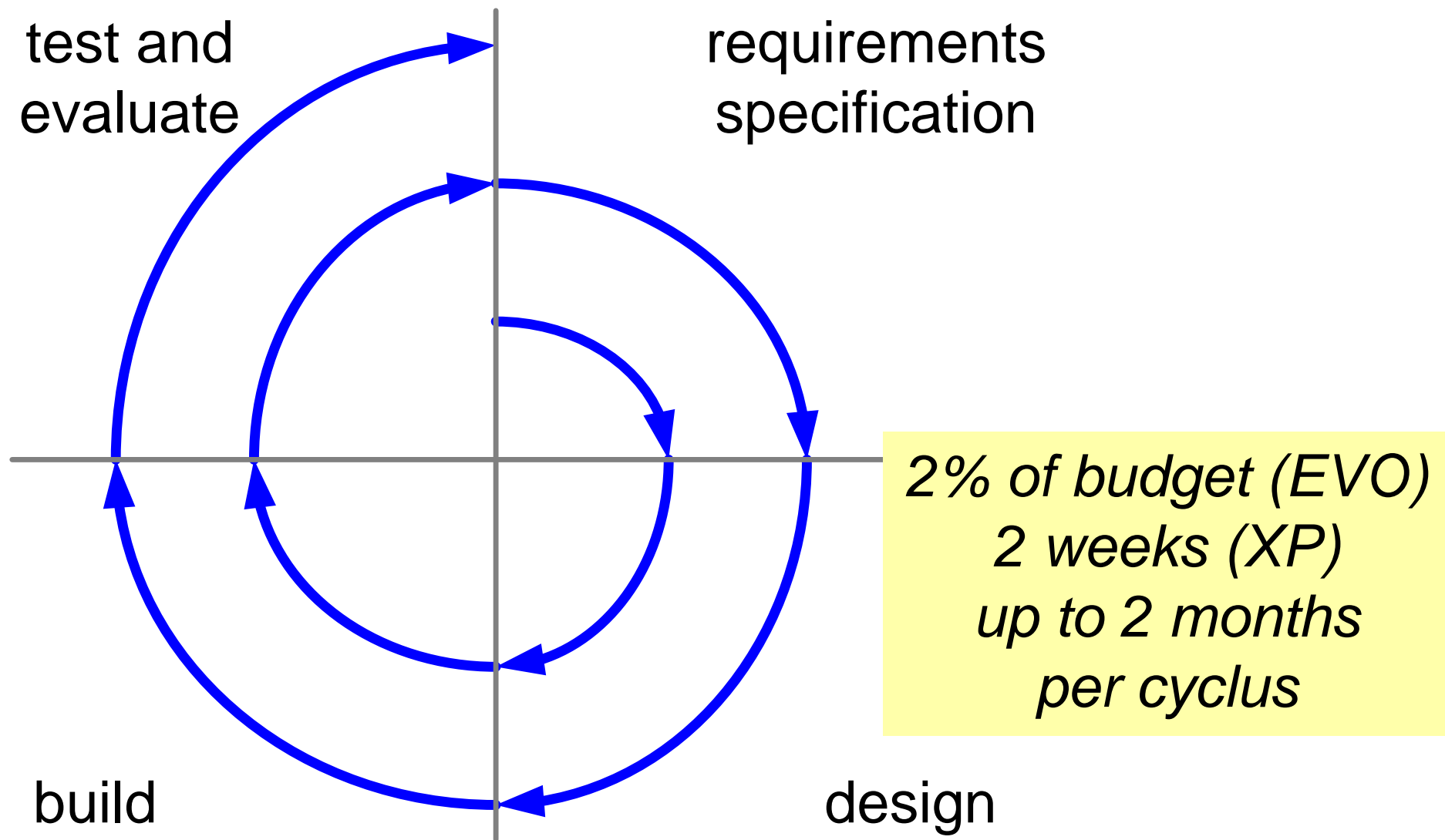
Define the mandatory and supporting information required for the decision.

Schedule a decision after the appropriate phase transition.

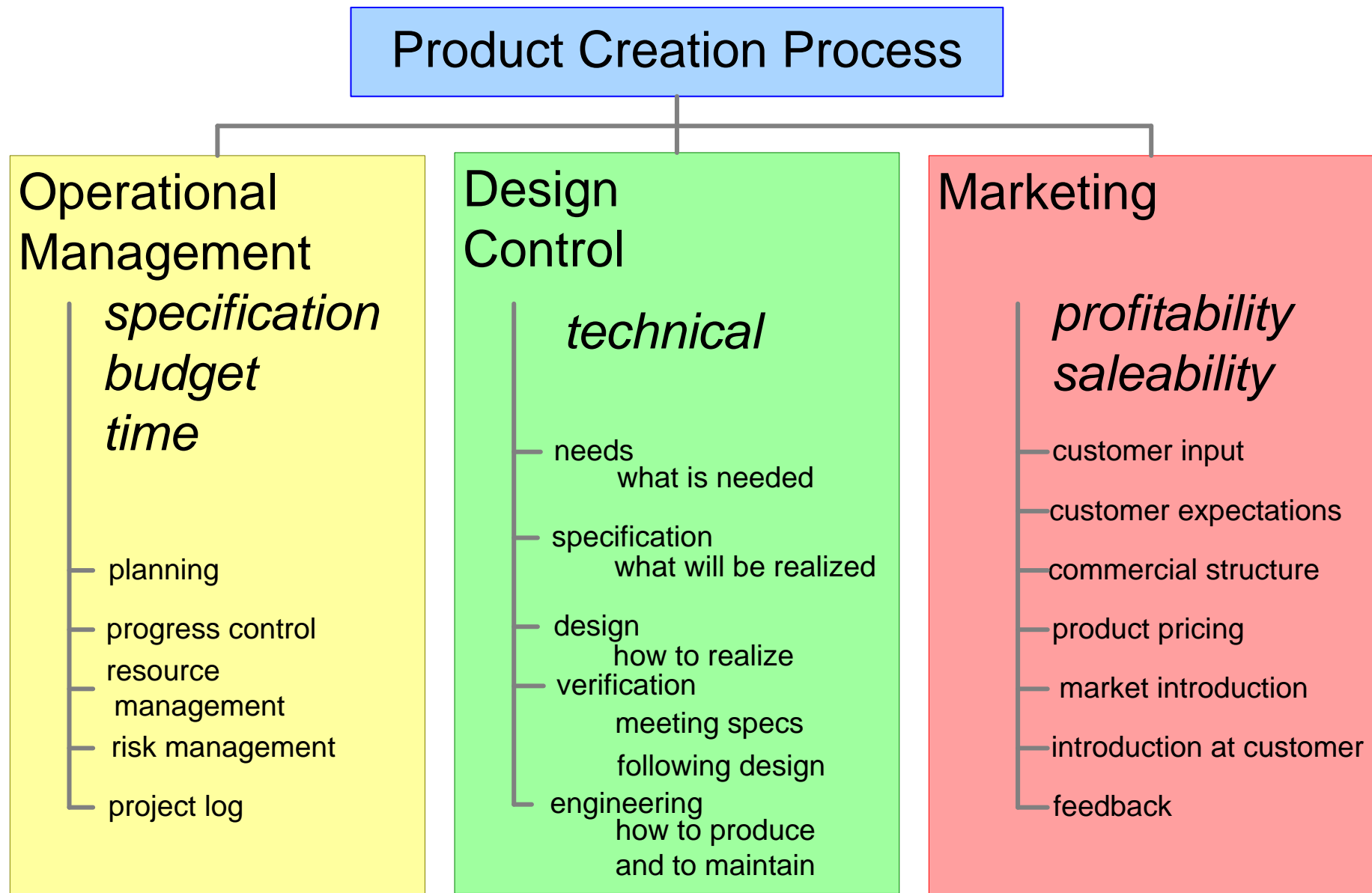
Decide explicitly.

Communicate the decision clearly and widely.

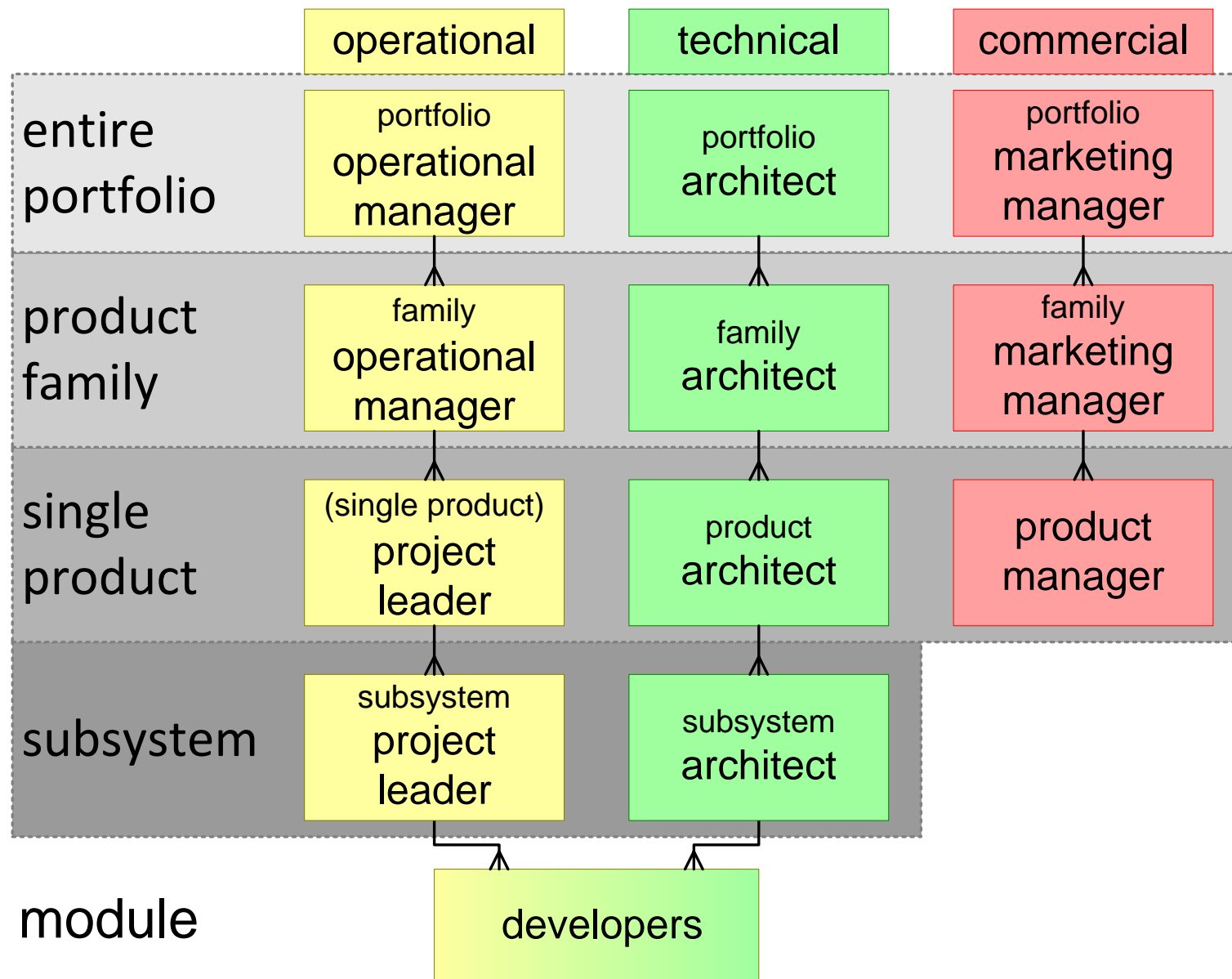
# Evolutionary PCP model

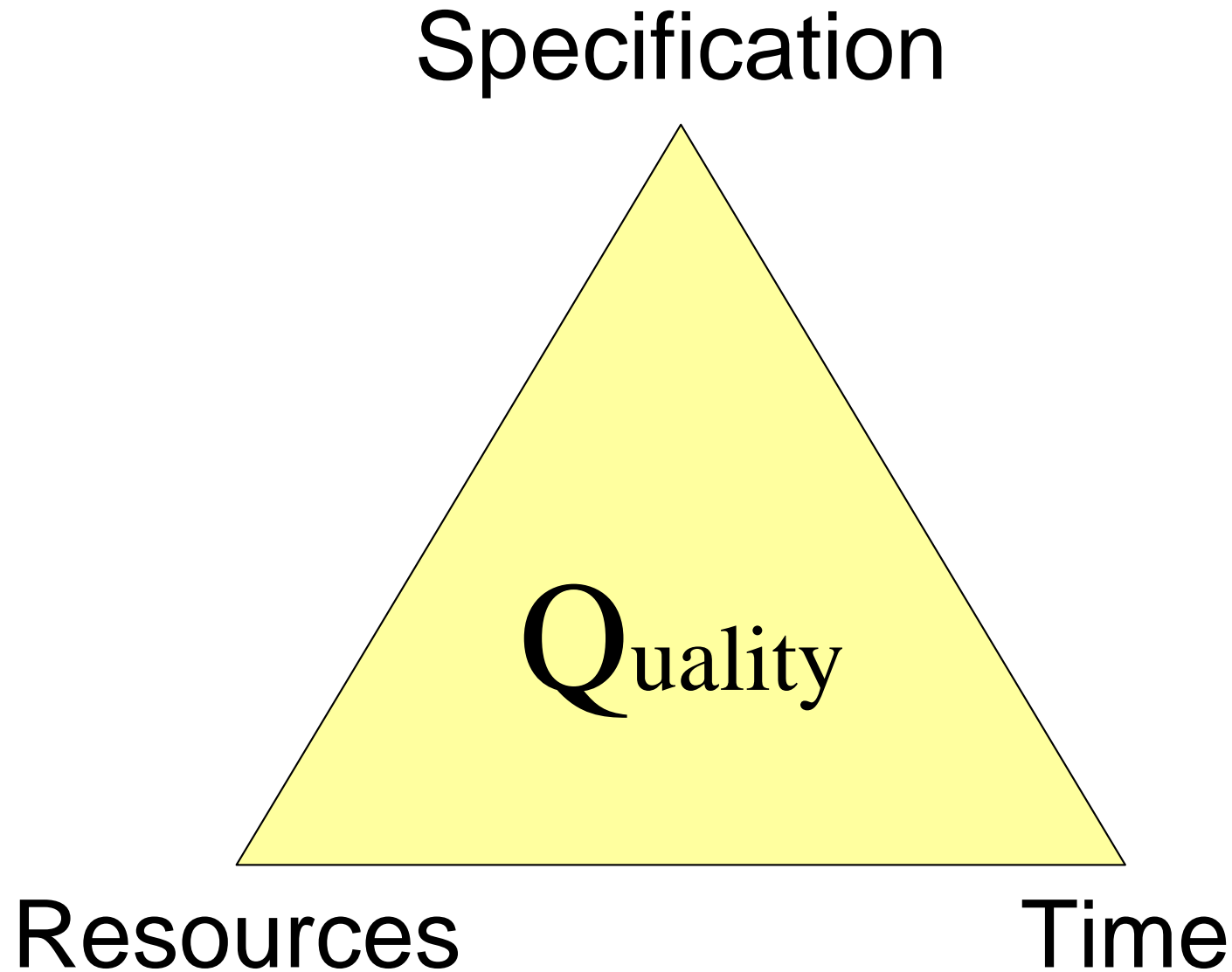


# Decomposition of the Product Creation Process



# Operational Organization of the PCP

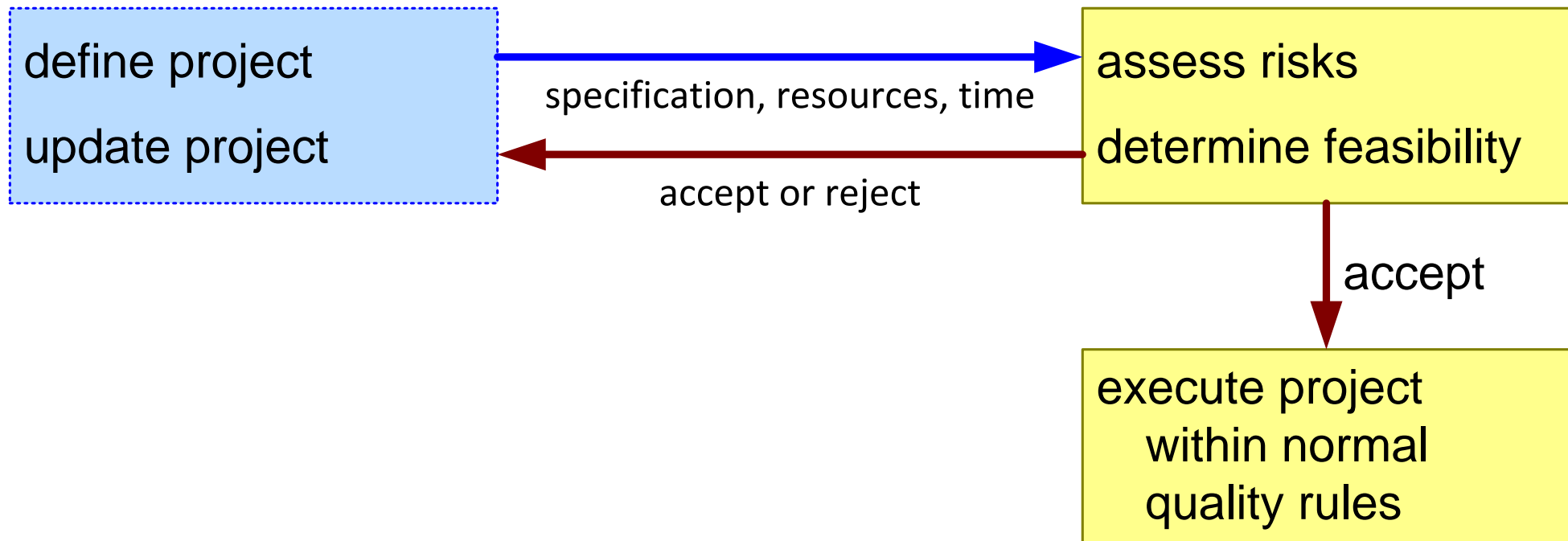




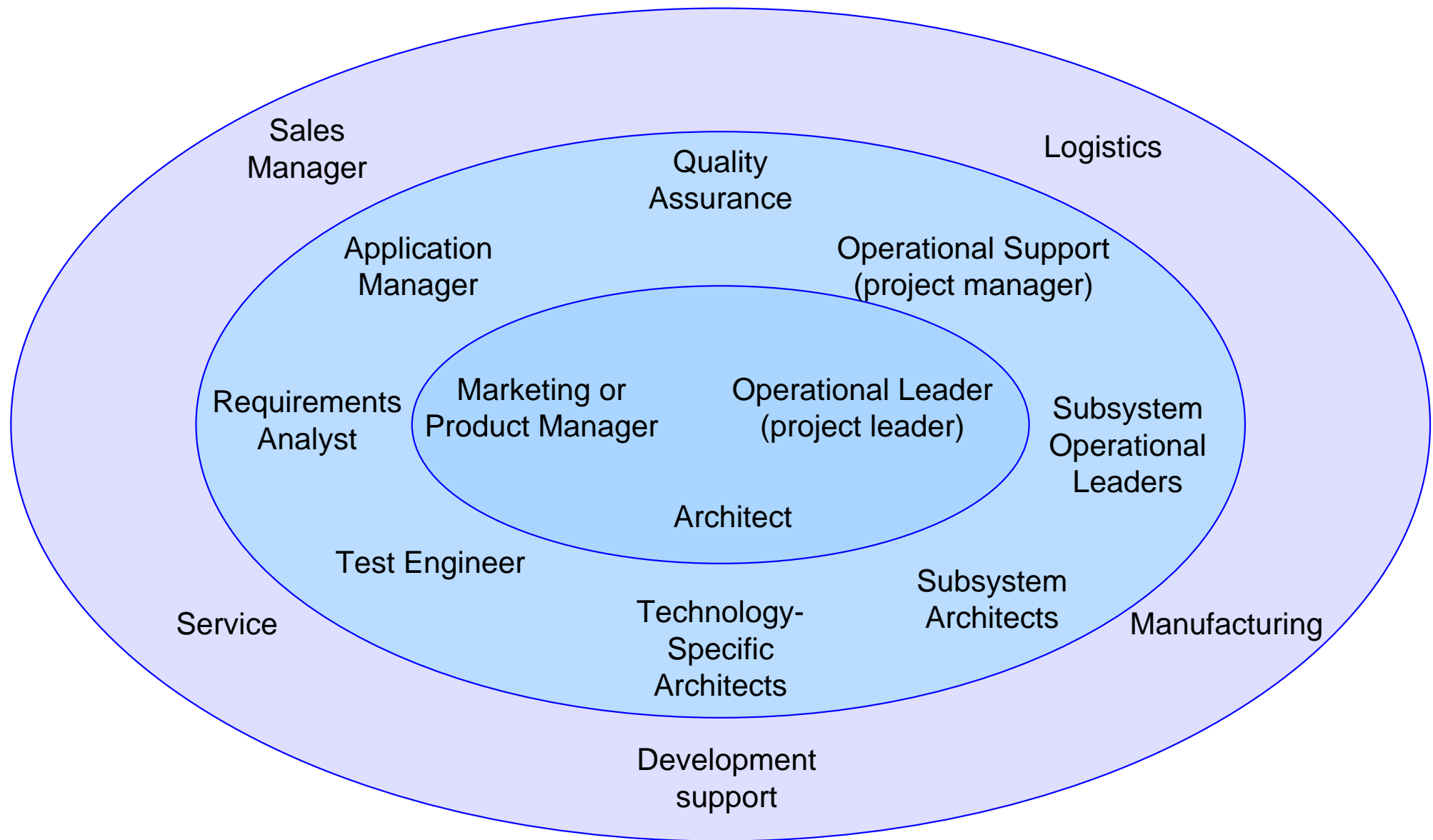
# The Rules of the Operational Game

business management

project leader



# Operational Teams





# The System Architecture Process

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## Abstract

The System Architecture Process is positioned in the business context. This process bridges the gap between the Policy and Planning Process and the Product Creation Process.

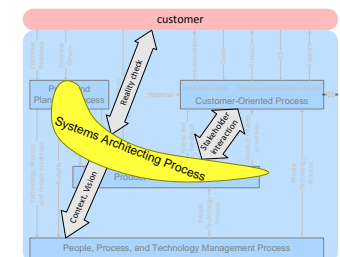
The purpose of the System Architecture Process is to provide the Integral Technical overview and consistency, and to maintain the integrity over time. Subjective characteristics as elegance and simplicity are key elements of a good architecture.

The scope of the system architecture process is illustrated by showing 5 views used in a reference architecture, ranging from Customer Business to Realization.

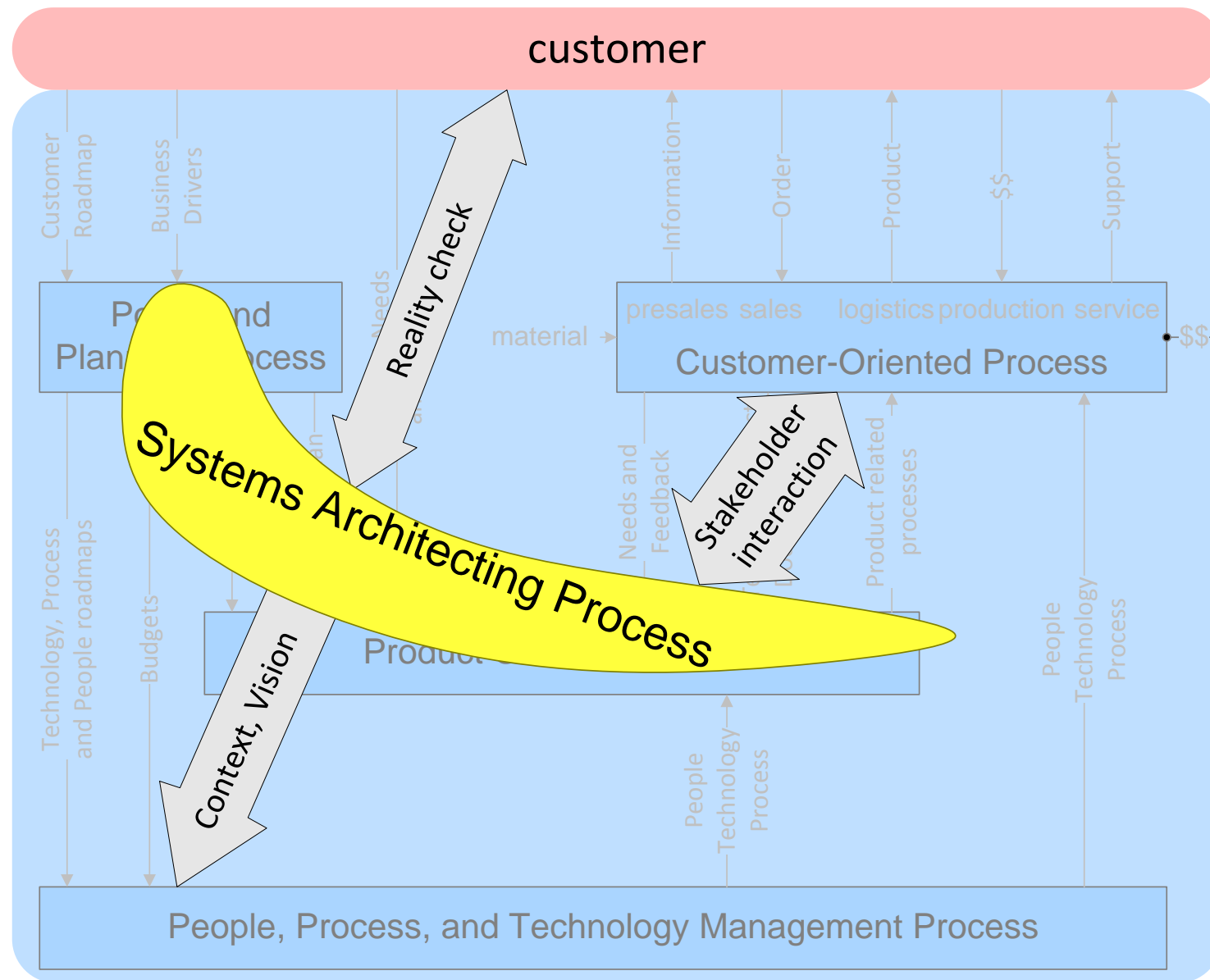
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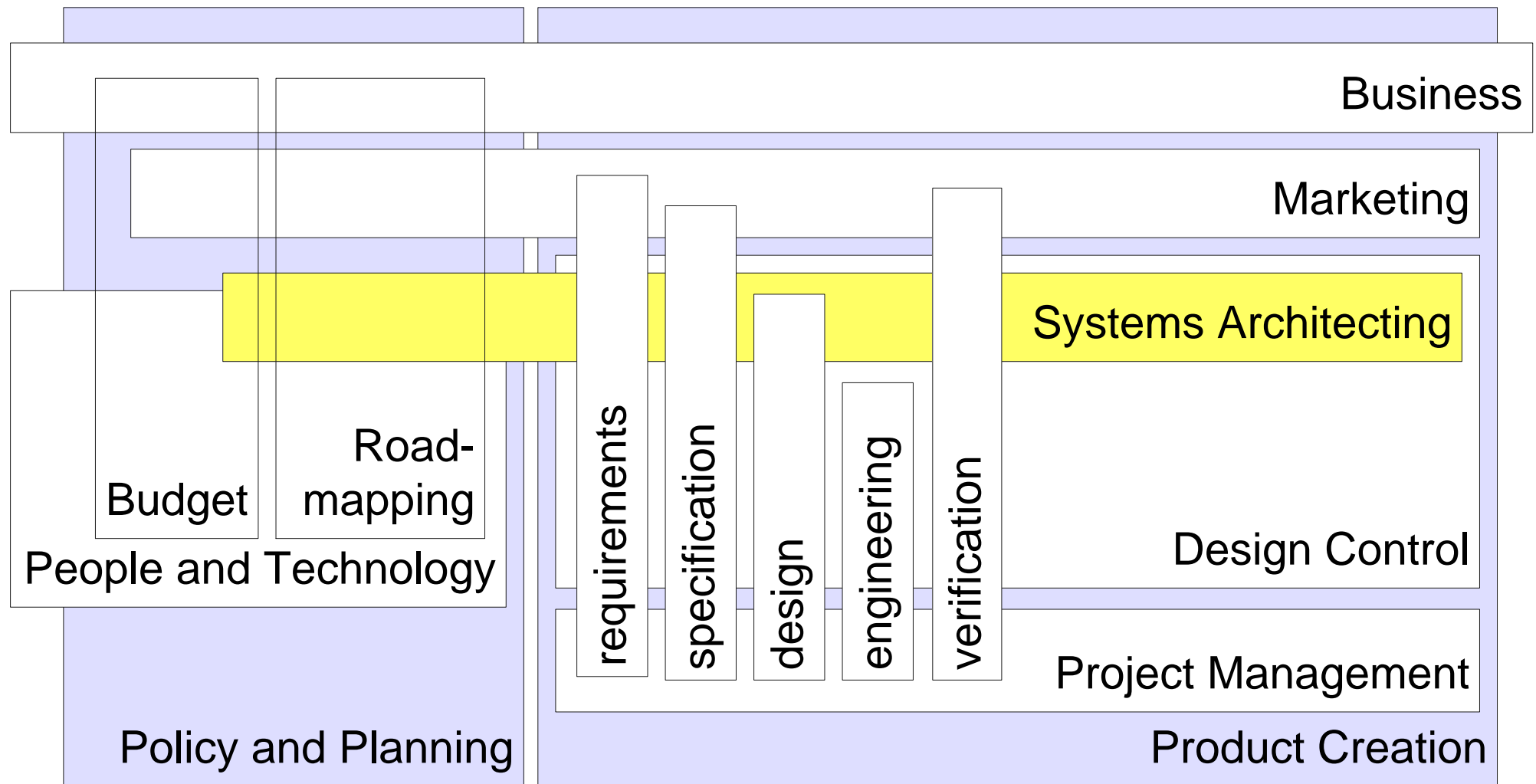
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# System Architecting Process in Business Context

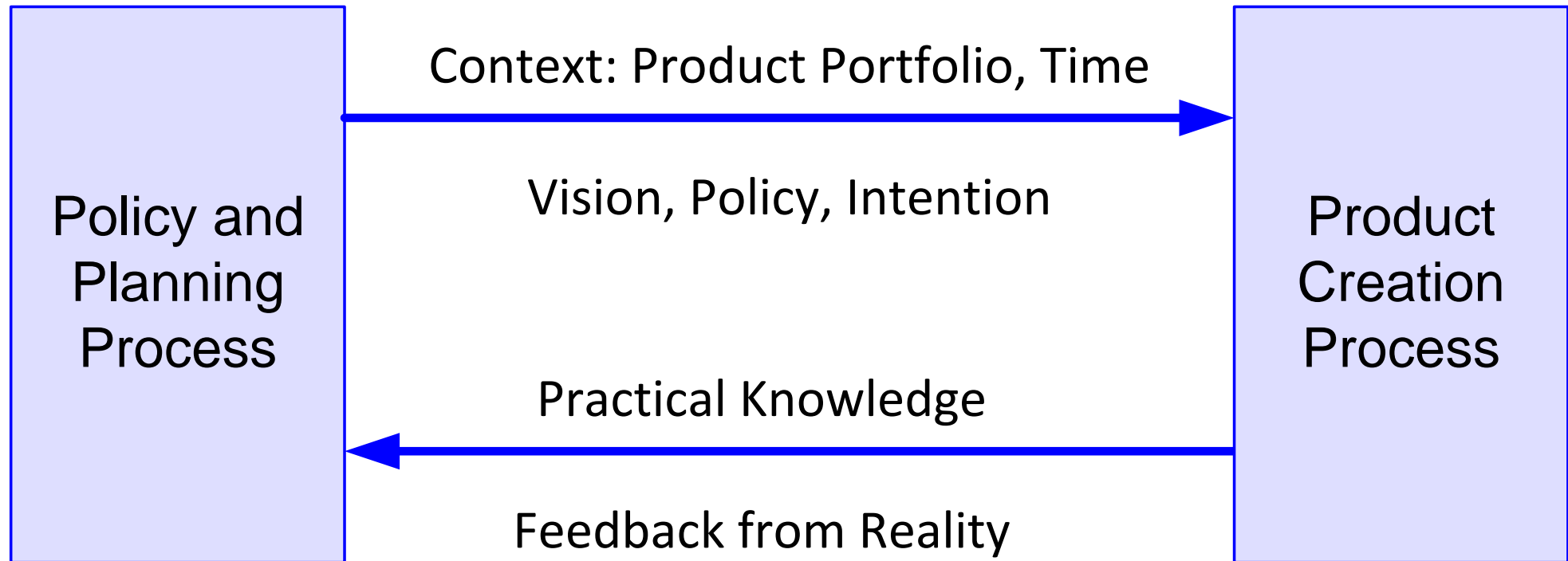


# Map of System Architecting Process and Neighborhood



# System Architecting Relation between PPP and PCP

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# System Architecting Key Issues

## *key words*

balance

consistency

integrity

simplicity

elegance

stakeholder  
satisfaction

## *balancing acts*

External ↔ internal requirements

Short term needs ↔ long term interests

Efforts ↔ risks from requirements to verification

Mutual influence of detailed designs

Value ↔ costs

## *example trade-offs*

performance



qualities

functionality



synergy



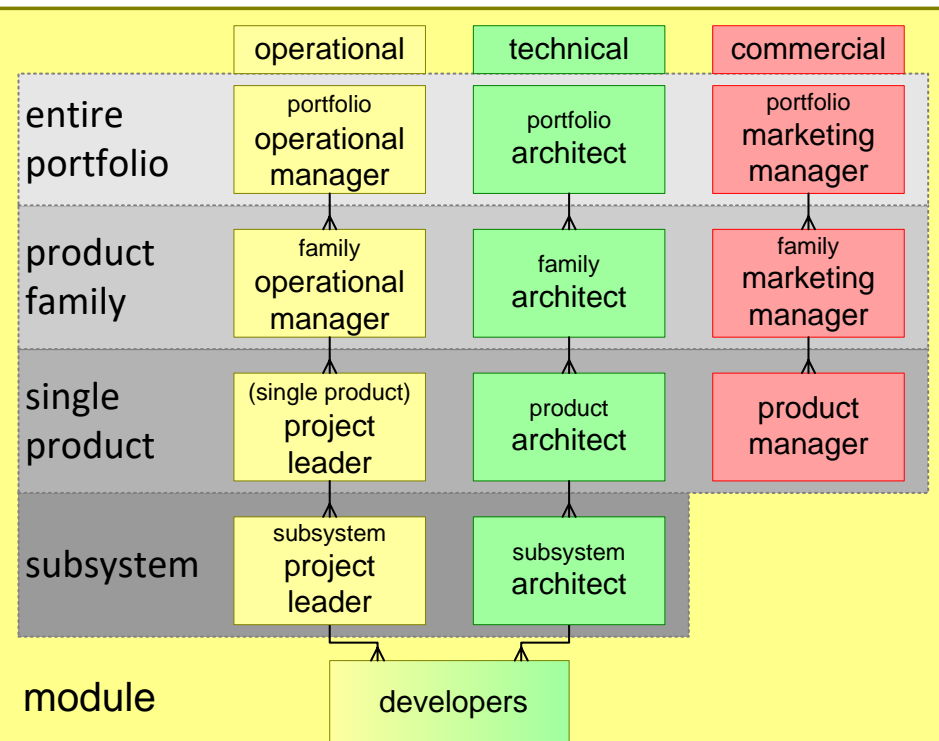
specific solution

# Exercise Product Creation Process

Make a map with names of individuals in the **operational organization** of one project and its context

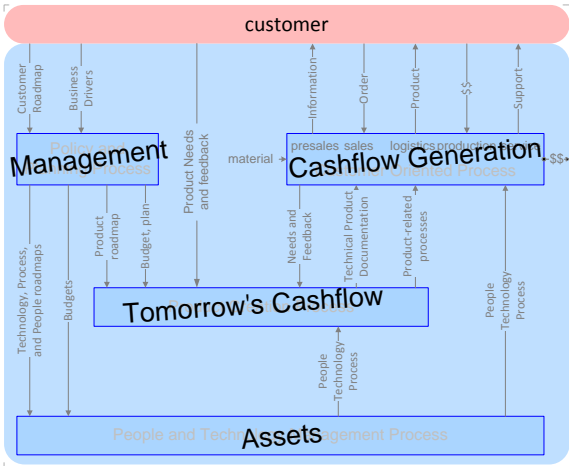
Identify the **relationships** of the **project core team**:

- **geographical**
- **organizational**
- **psychological**



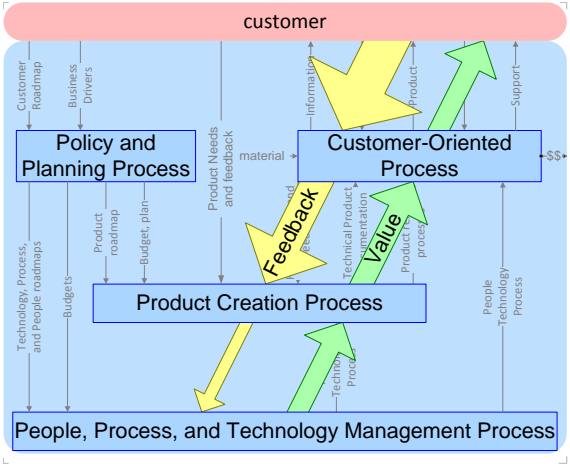
# Process Decomposition of a Business

## Importance in Financial terms



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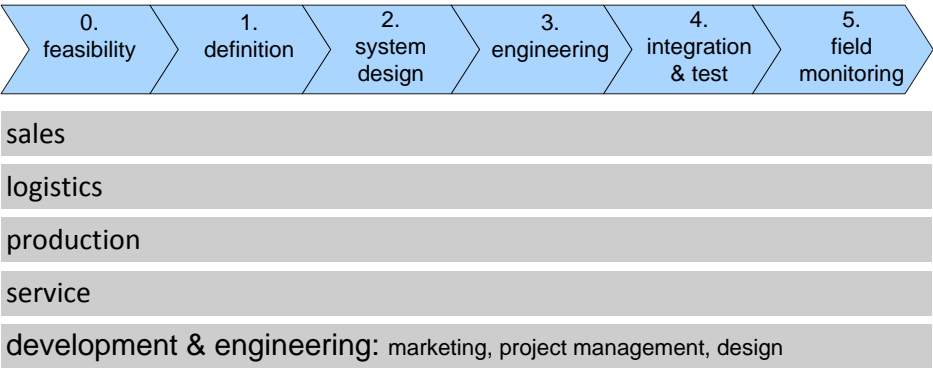
## Value Chain and Feedback Flow



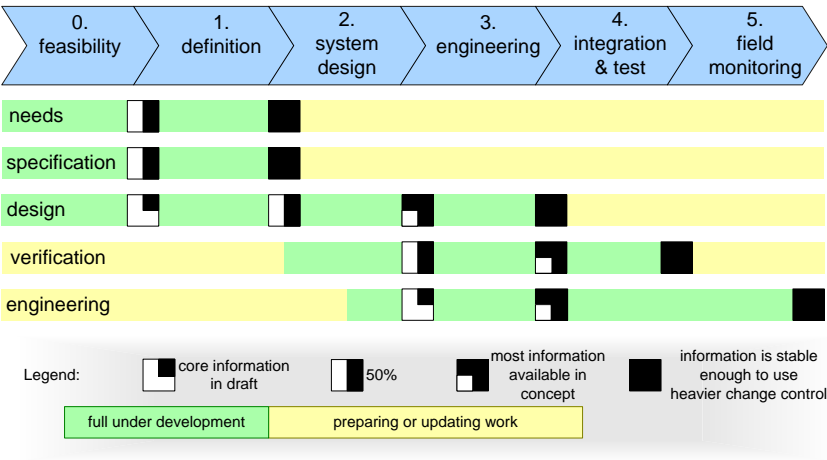
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# Product Creation Process

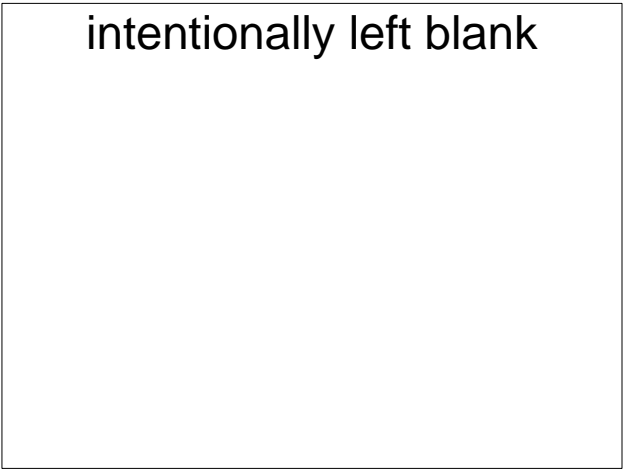
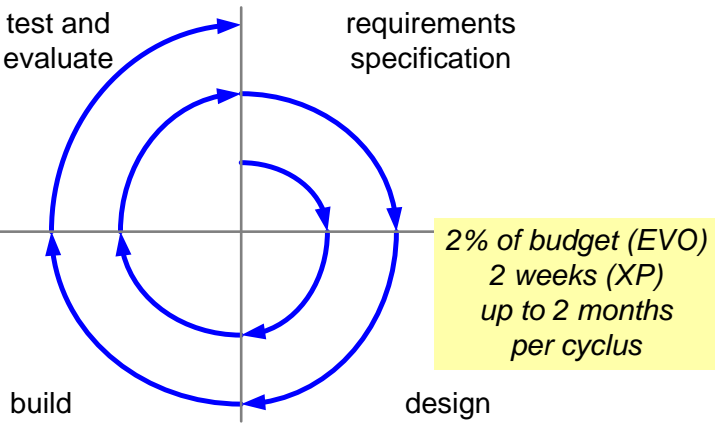
PCP involves **all** disciplines, much more than D&E



## Phased Process



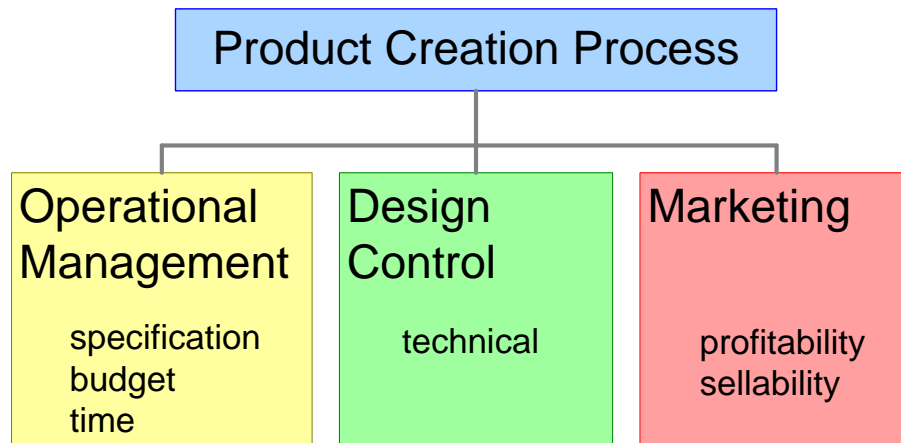
## Incremental Development



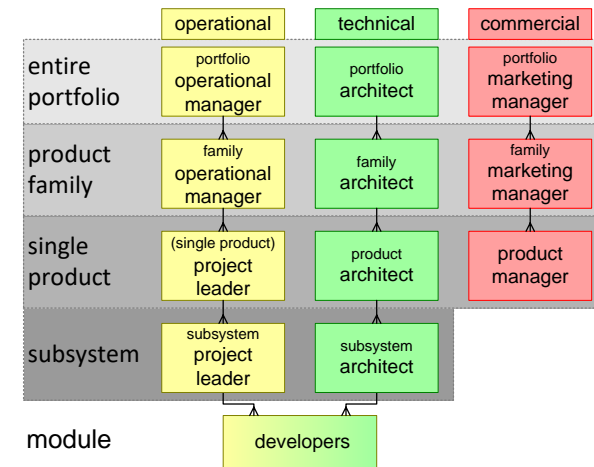


# PCP Decomposition and Operational Management

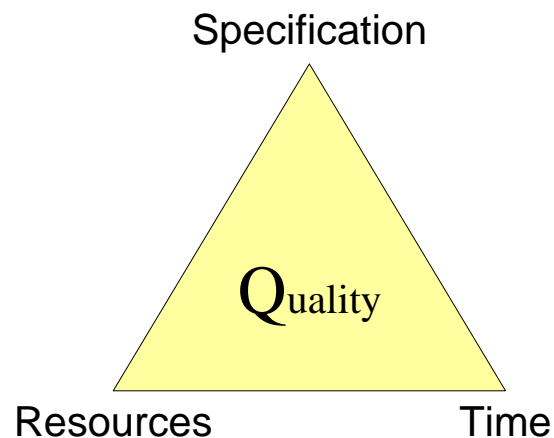
## PCP decomposition



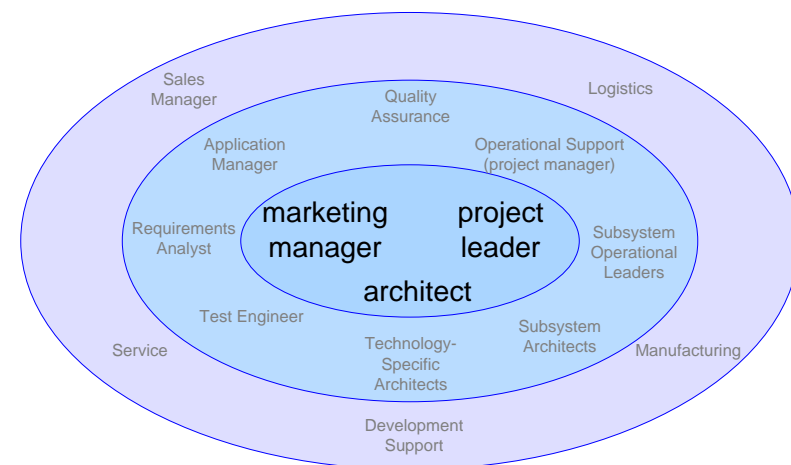
## Architecture at all levels; From portfolio to subsystem



## Operational Commitment

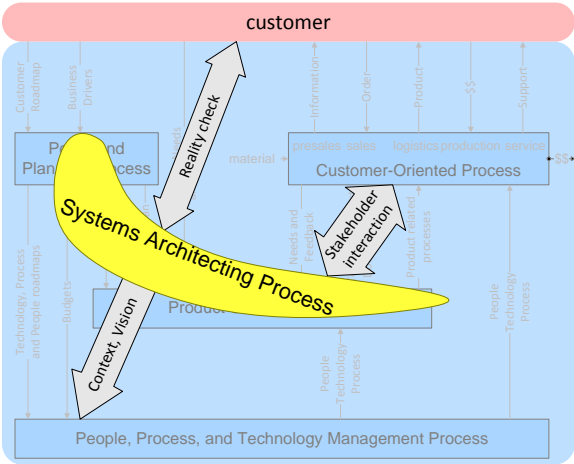


## Core: Operational + Technical + Commercial



# System Architecture Process

## In Business Context



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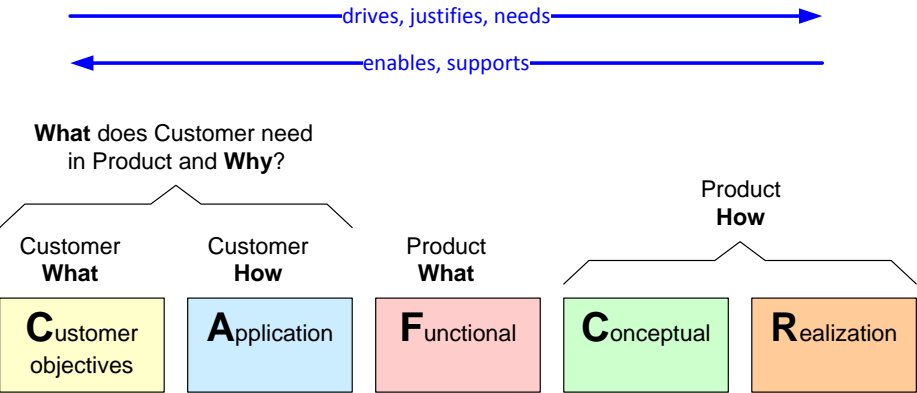
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*example trade-offs*

performance ↔ functionality ↔ qualities

synergy ↔ specific solution

## 5 Views



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# Role and Task of the System Architect

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## Abstract

The role and the task of the system architect are described in this module.

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# The Role and Task of the System Architect

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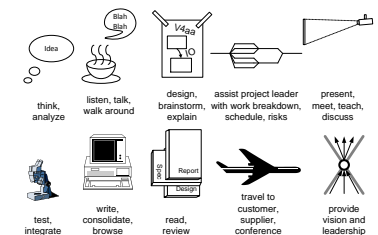
## Abstract

The role of the system architect is described from three viewpoints: deliverables, responsibilities and activities. This description shows the inherent tension in this role: a small set of hard deliverables, covering a fuzzy set of responsibilities, hiding an enormous amount of barely visible day-to-day work.

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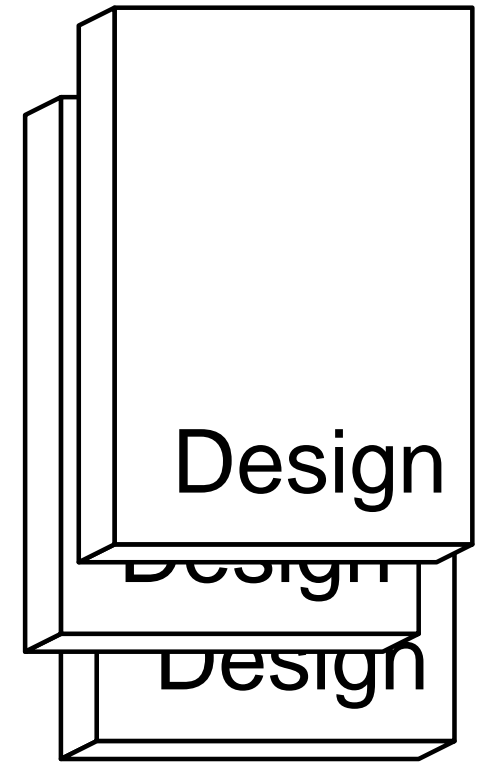
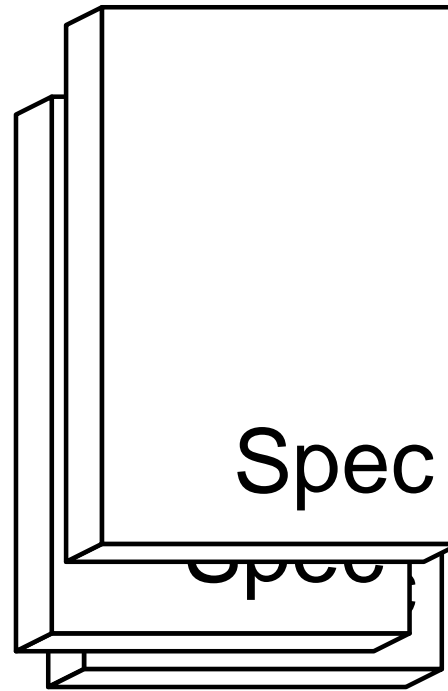
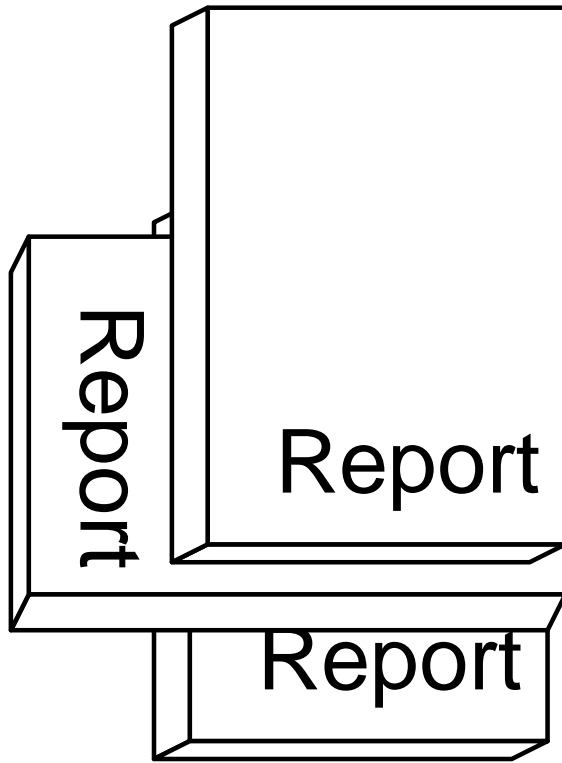
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# Deliverables of the System Architect

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# List of Deliverables

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Customer and Life-Cycle Needs (*what is needed*)

System Specification (*what will be realized*)

Design Specification (*how the system will be realized*)

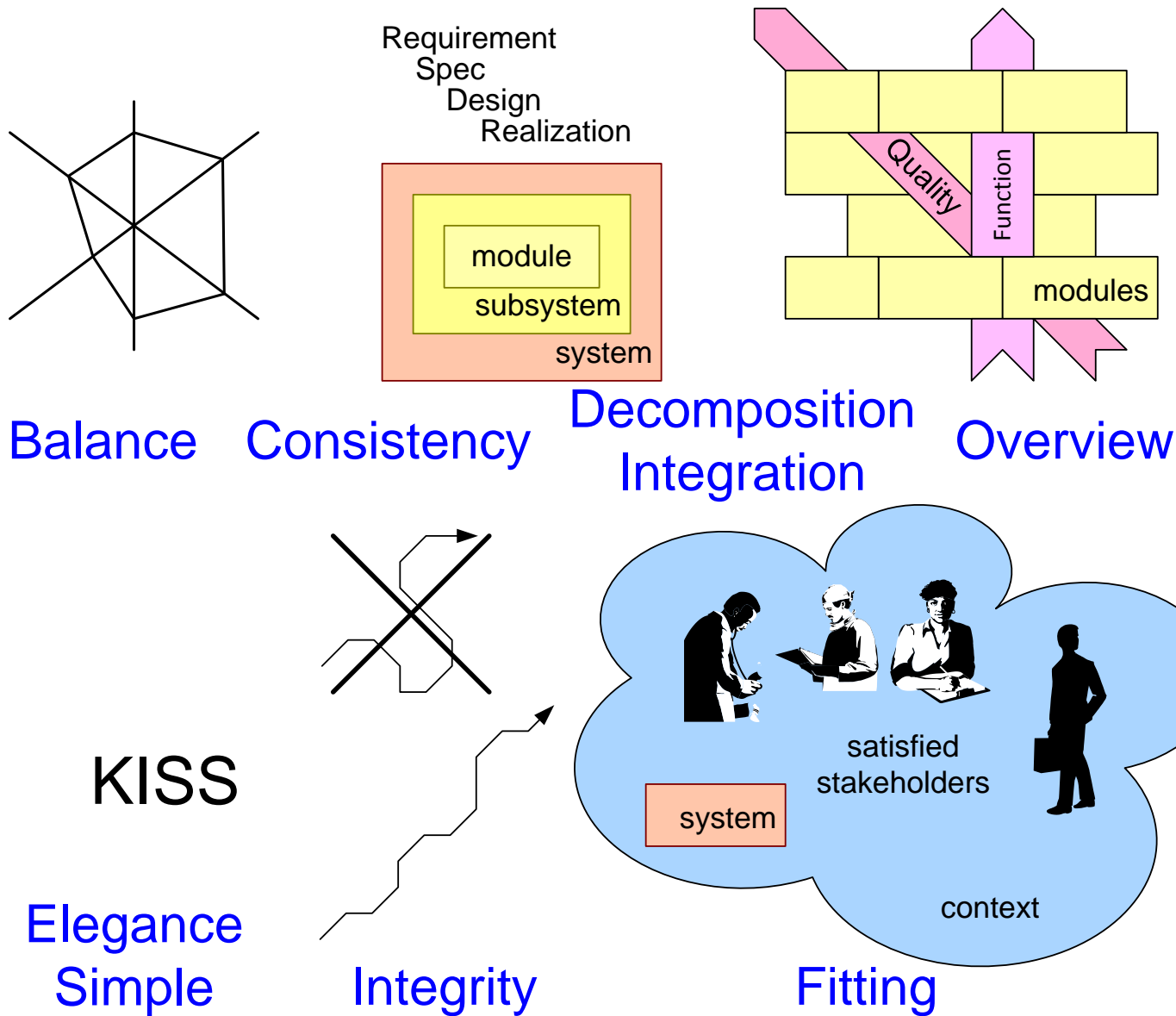
Verification Specification (*how the system will be verified*)

Verification Report (*the result of the verification*)

Feasibility Report (*the results of a feasibility study*)

Roadmap

# Responsibilities of the System Architect



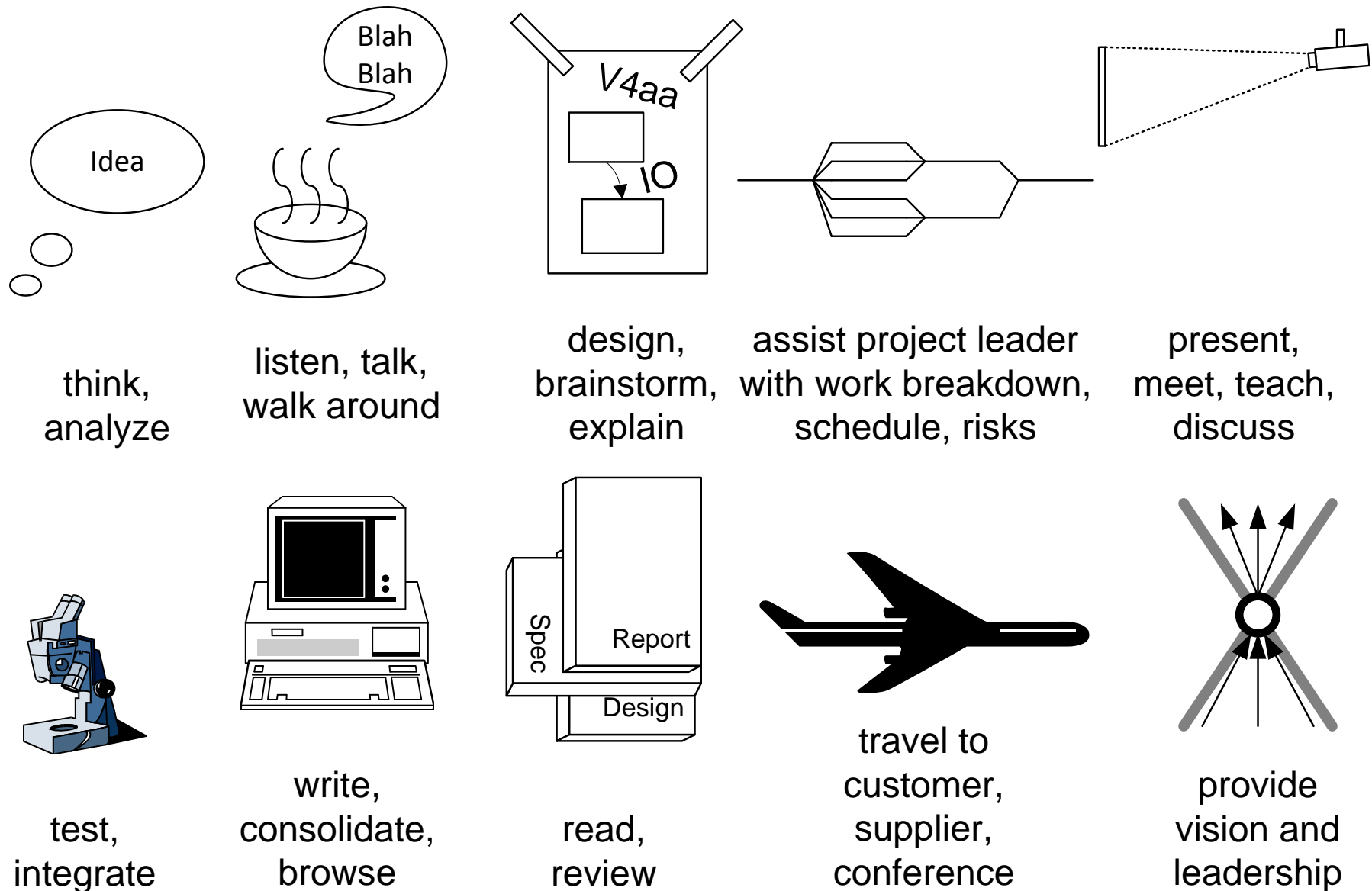
# Examples of Secondary Responsibilities

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responsibility	primary owner
business plan, profit	business manager
schedule, resources	project leader
market, saleability	marketing manager
technology	technology manager
process, people	line manager
detailed designs	engineers



# What does the System Architect do?

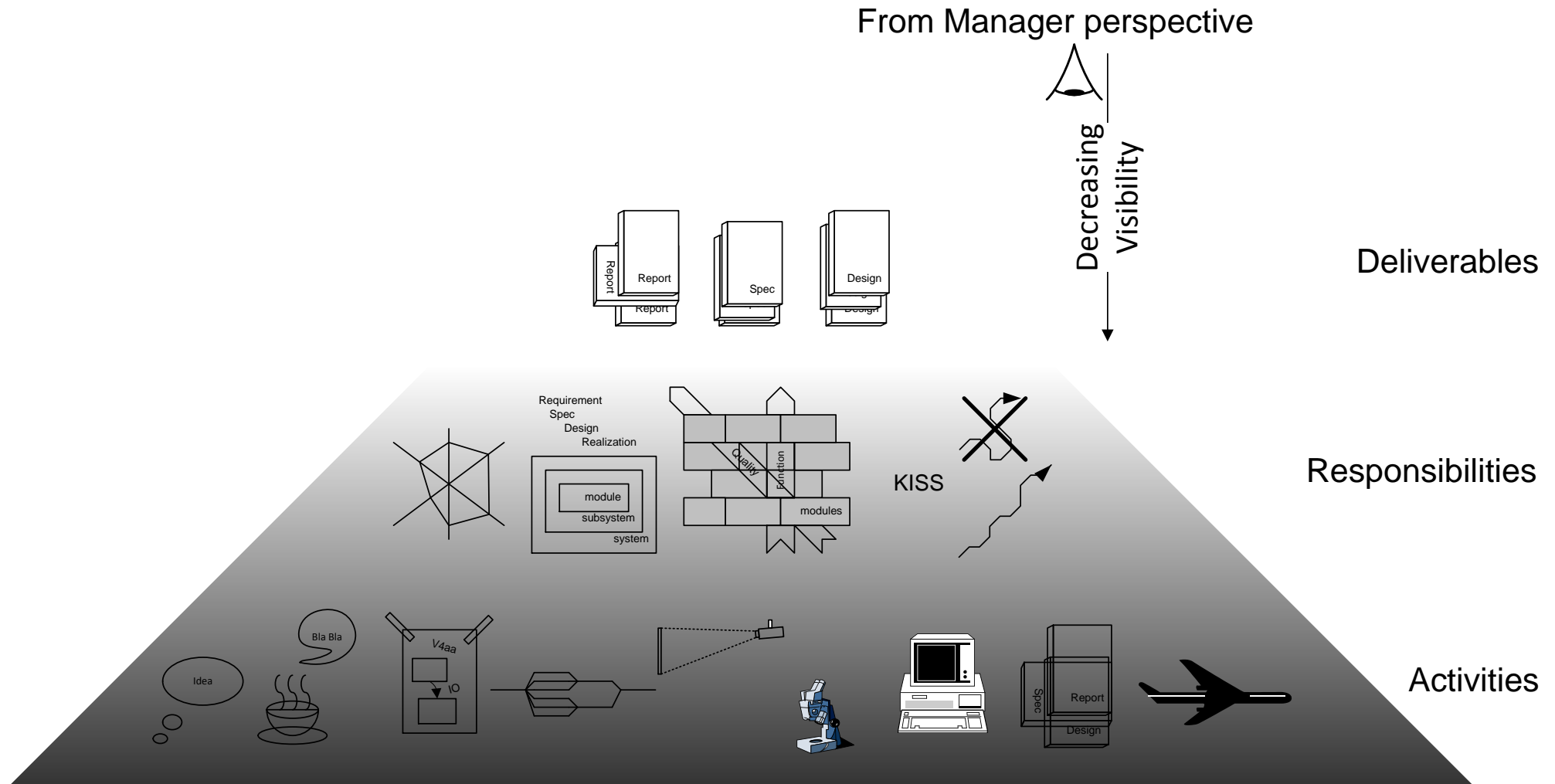


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Abstractions only exist for concrete facts.

# Visible Output versus Invisible Work



# The Awakening of a System Architect

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## Abstract

The typical phases of a system architect development are described, beginning at the fundamental technology knowledge, with a later broadening in technology and in business aspects. Finally the subtlety of individual human beings is taken into account.

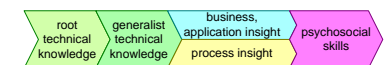
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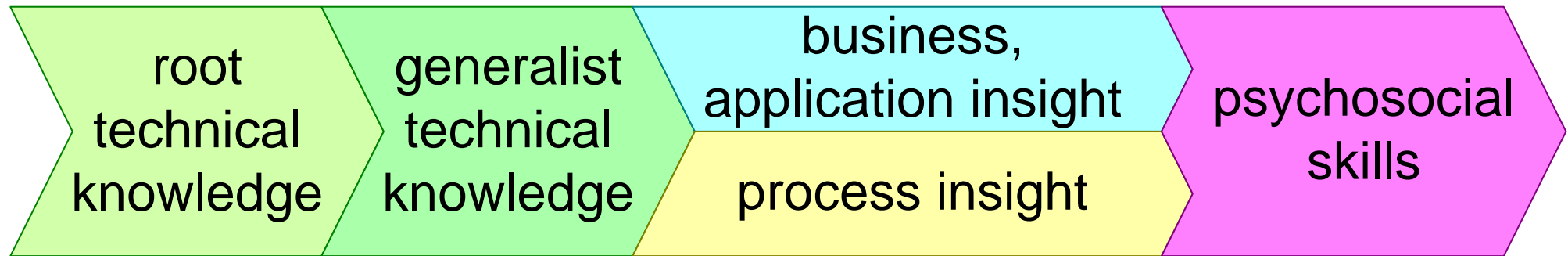
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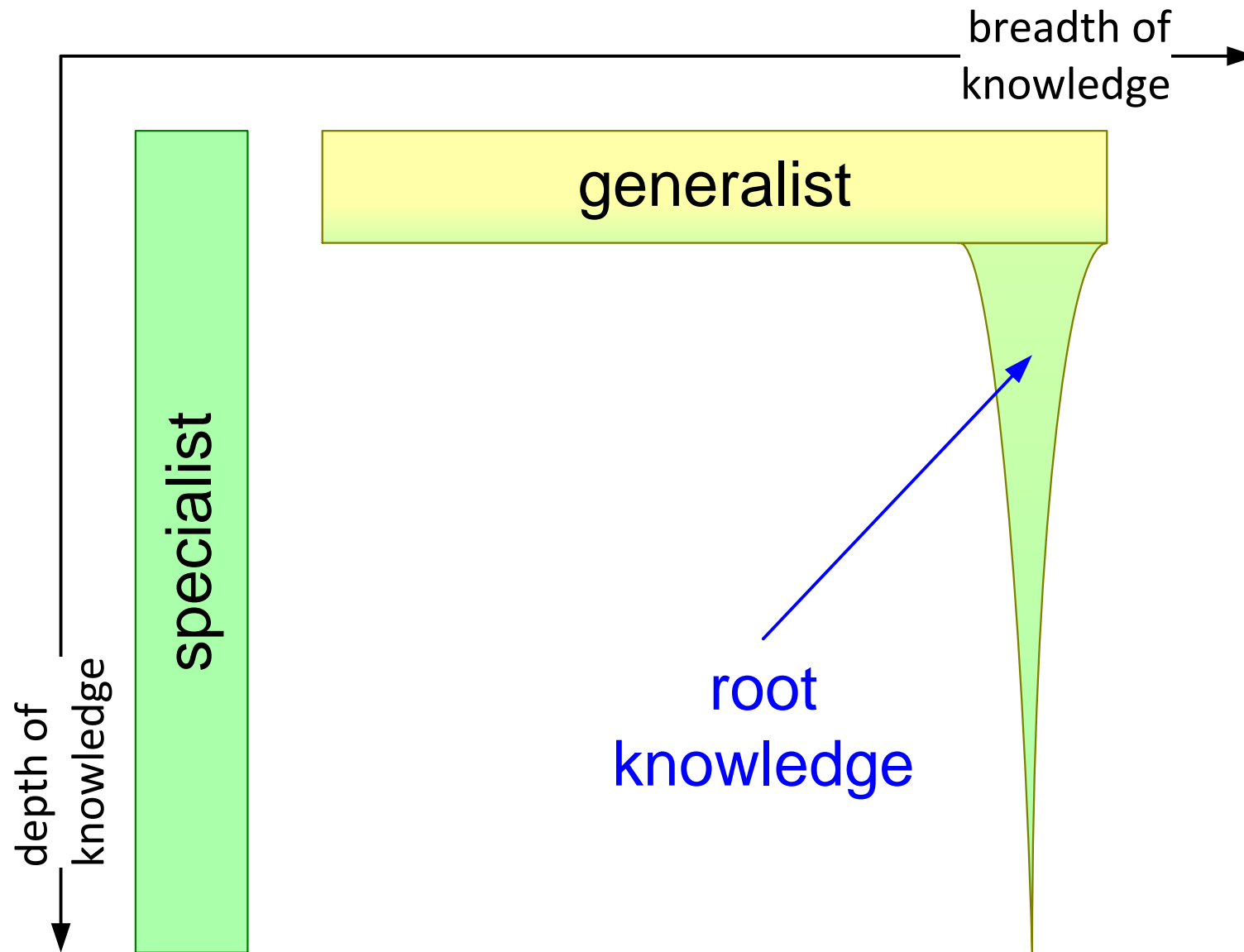


# Typical Growth of a System Architect

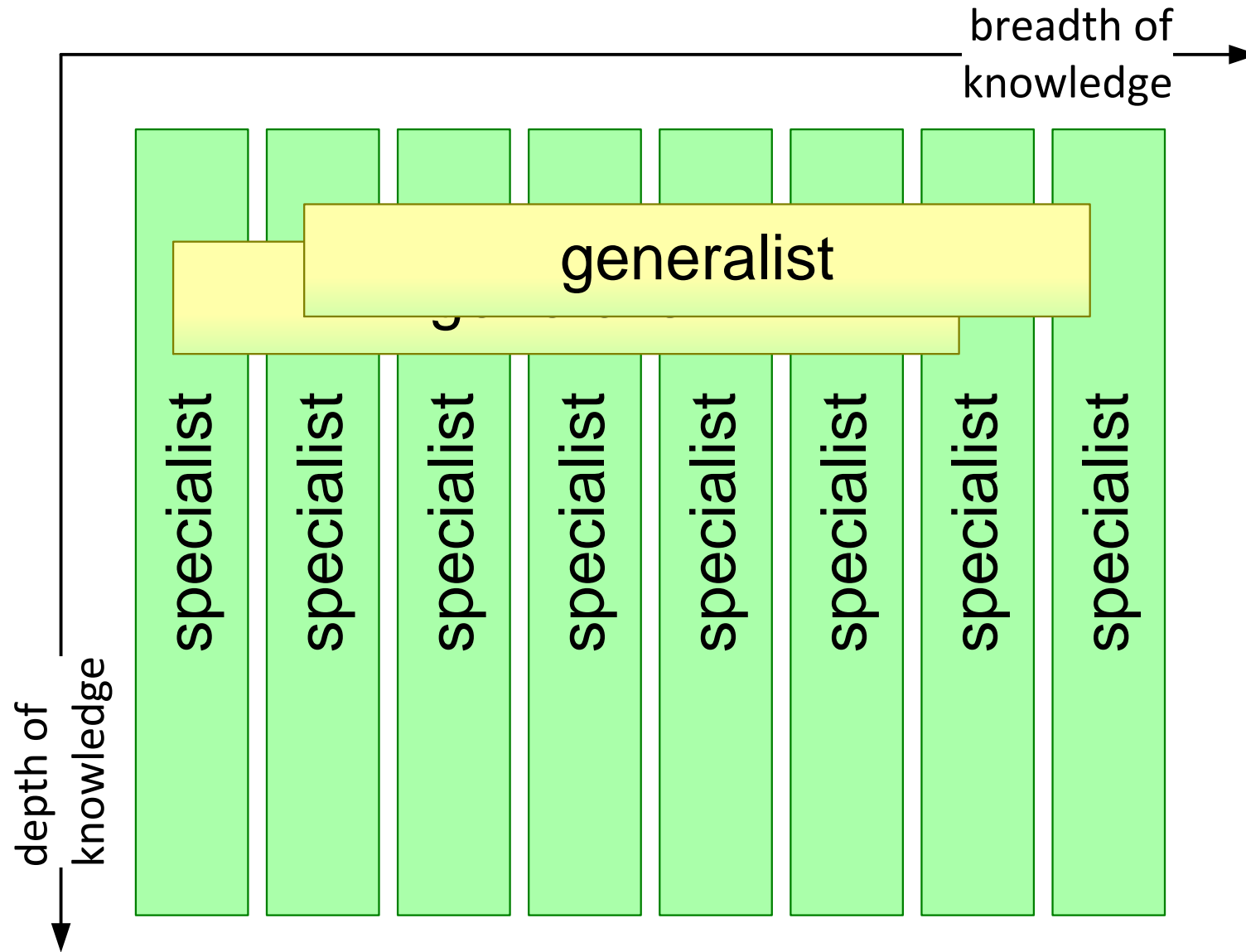
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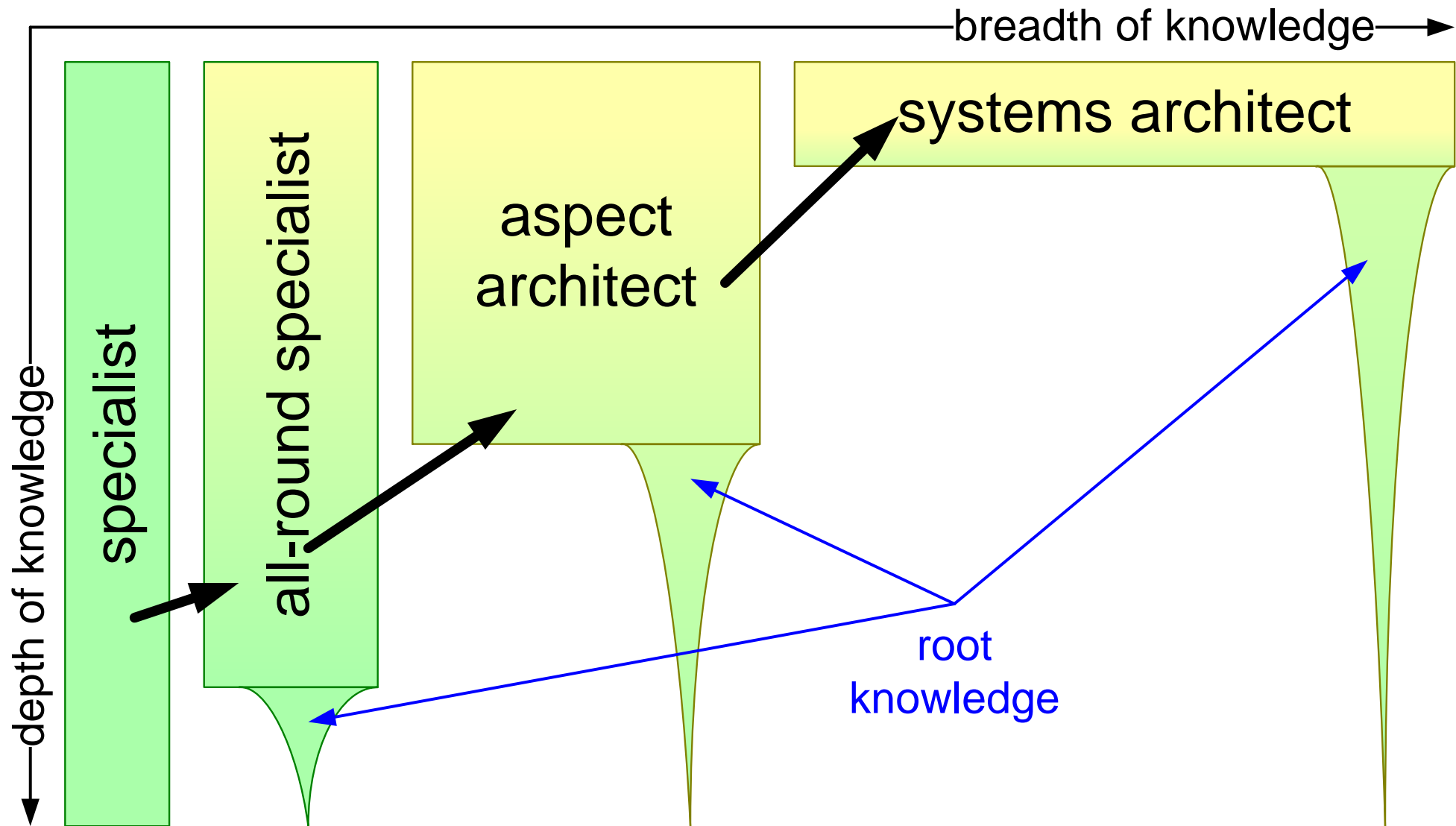


# Generalists and Specialists are Complementary





# Spectrum from Specialist to System Architect



# Architecting Interaction Styles

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## Abstract

A system architects needs skills to apply different interactions styles, depending on the circumstances. This document discusses the following interaction styles: provocation, facilitation, leading, empathic, interviewing, white board simulation, and judo tactics.

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# Exercise Role and Task of the System Architect

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Role play with 3 roles and optional observer:

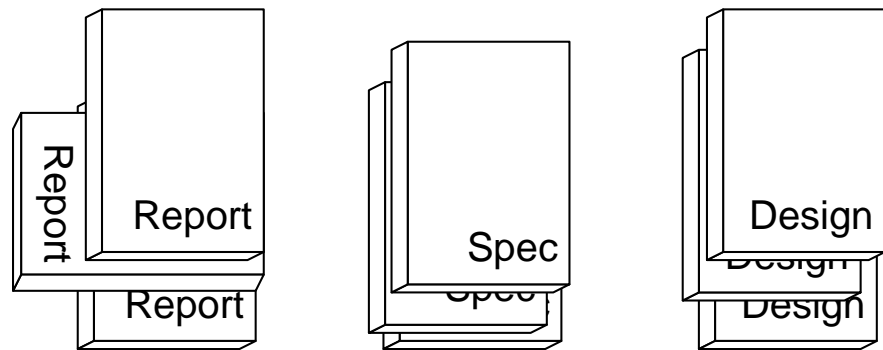
- 1 operational leader (project leader)
- 1 system architect
- 1 marketing manager
- 1 observer (optional)

Discuss the definition (business relevance, specification, and planning) of a travel e-mail mate.

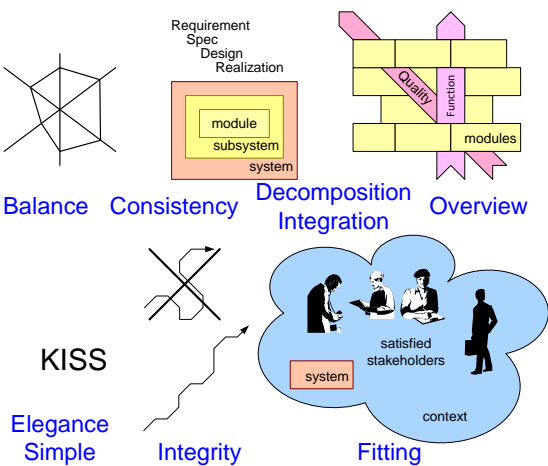
Present (max. 2 flips) the result and the process (the relation and interaction of the three roles).

# Role and Task of a System Architect

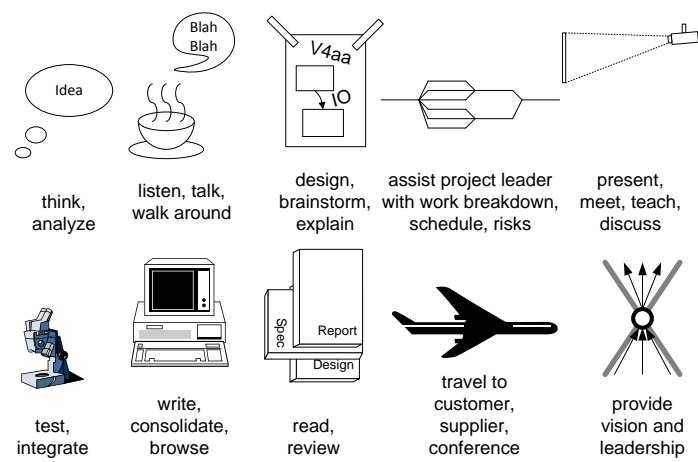
## Deliverables



## Responsibilities



## Daily Activities

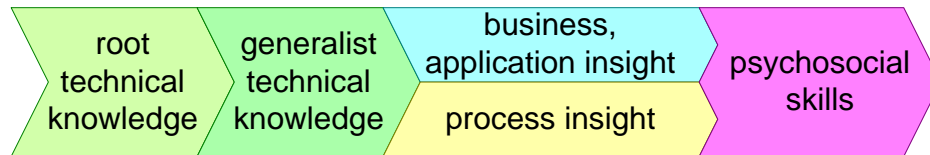


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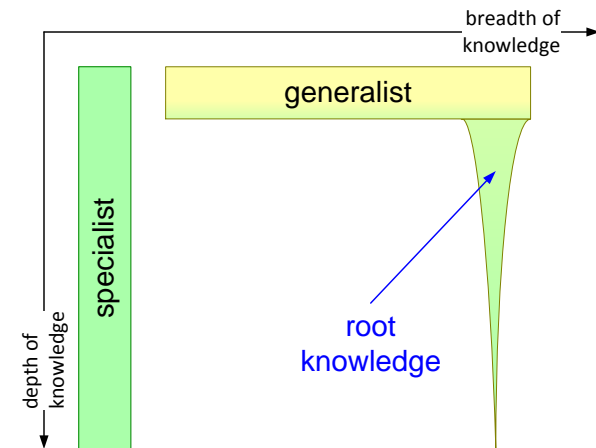
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# Personal characteristics of a System Architect

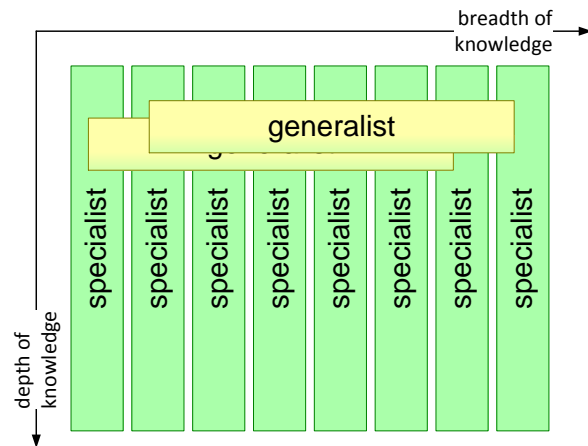
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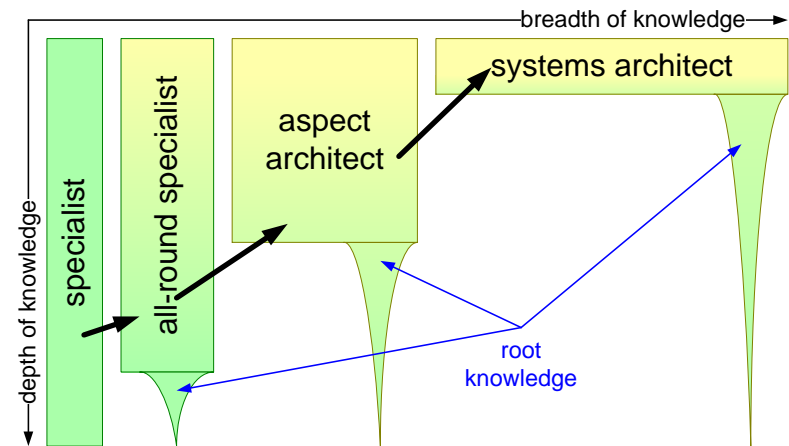
## Generalist vs Specialist



## Complementary Roles



## Role Spectrum



# Module Supporting Processes

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## Abstract

This module addresses supporting processes, for instance documentation, templates, and reviewing.

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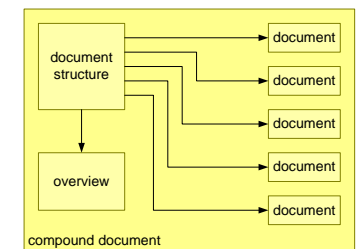
## Abstract

The design of documentation is discussed, with emphasis on the requirements, the need for decomposition, the measures needed to maintain overview and criteria for granularity.

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Accessibility for the readers

Low threshold for the readers

Low threshold for the authors

Completeness

Consistency

Maintainability

Scalability

Evolvability

Process to ensure the quality of the information

Convenient **easy**  
**fast**  
viewing  
printing  
searching

# Requirements per Document

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High cohesion (within the unit)

Low coupling (outside of the unit)

Accessibility for the readers

Low threshold for the reader

Low threshold for the author

Manageable steps to create, review, and change

Clear responsibilities

Clear position and relation with the context

Well-defined status of the information

Timely availability

Ease of reading, “juiciness”

High signal-to-noise ratio: information should not be hidden in a sea of words.

Understandability

Reachability in different ways, e.g., by hierarchical or full search

Reachability in a limited number of steps

single author

limited amount of reviewers

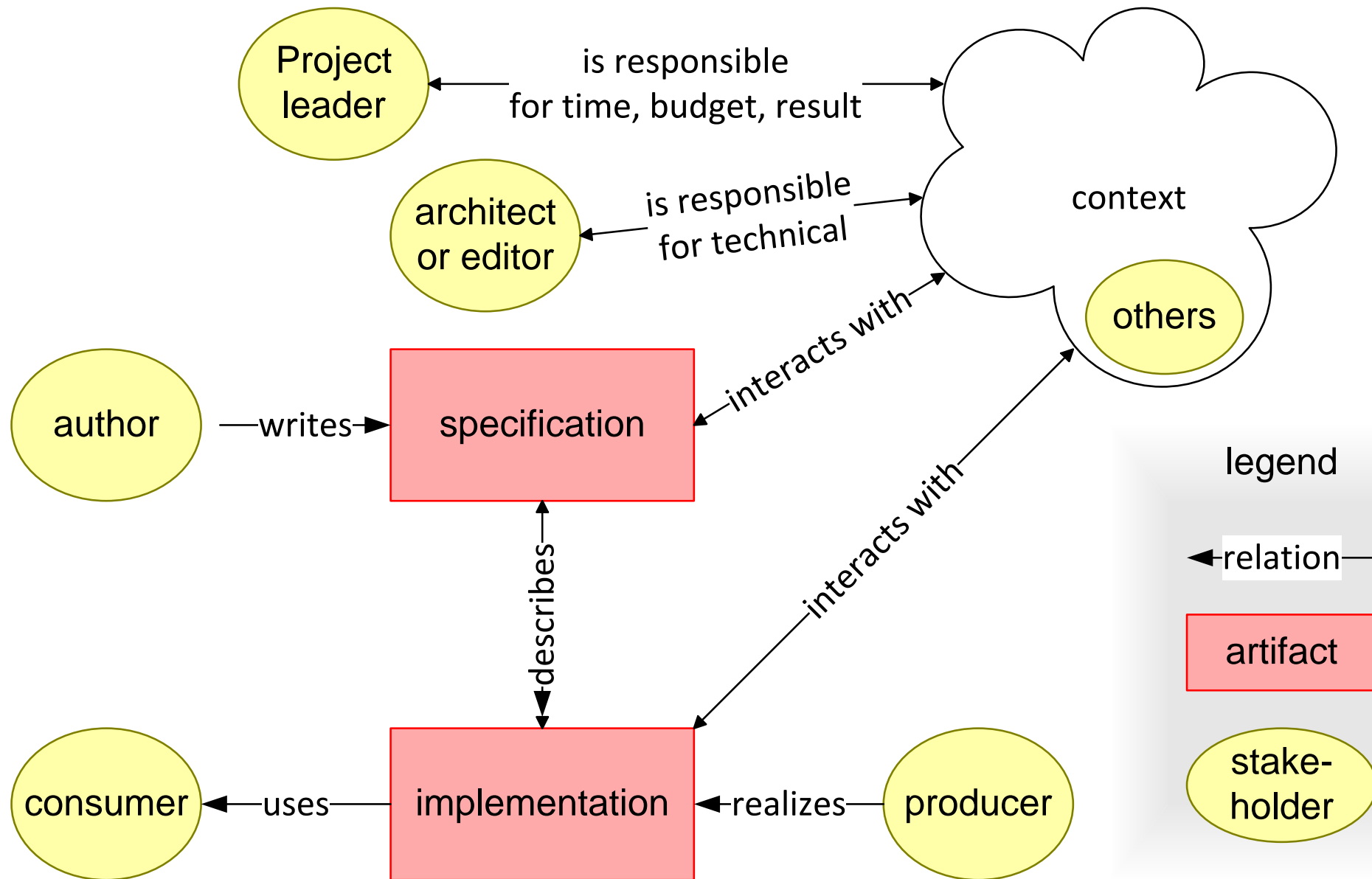
well defined documentation structure

overview specifications at higher  
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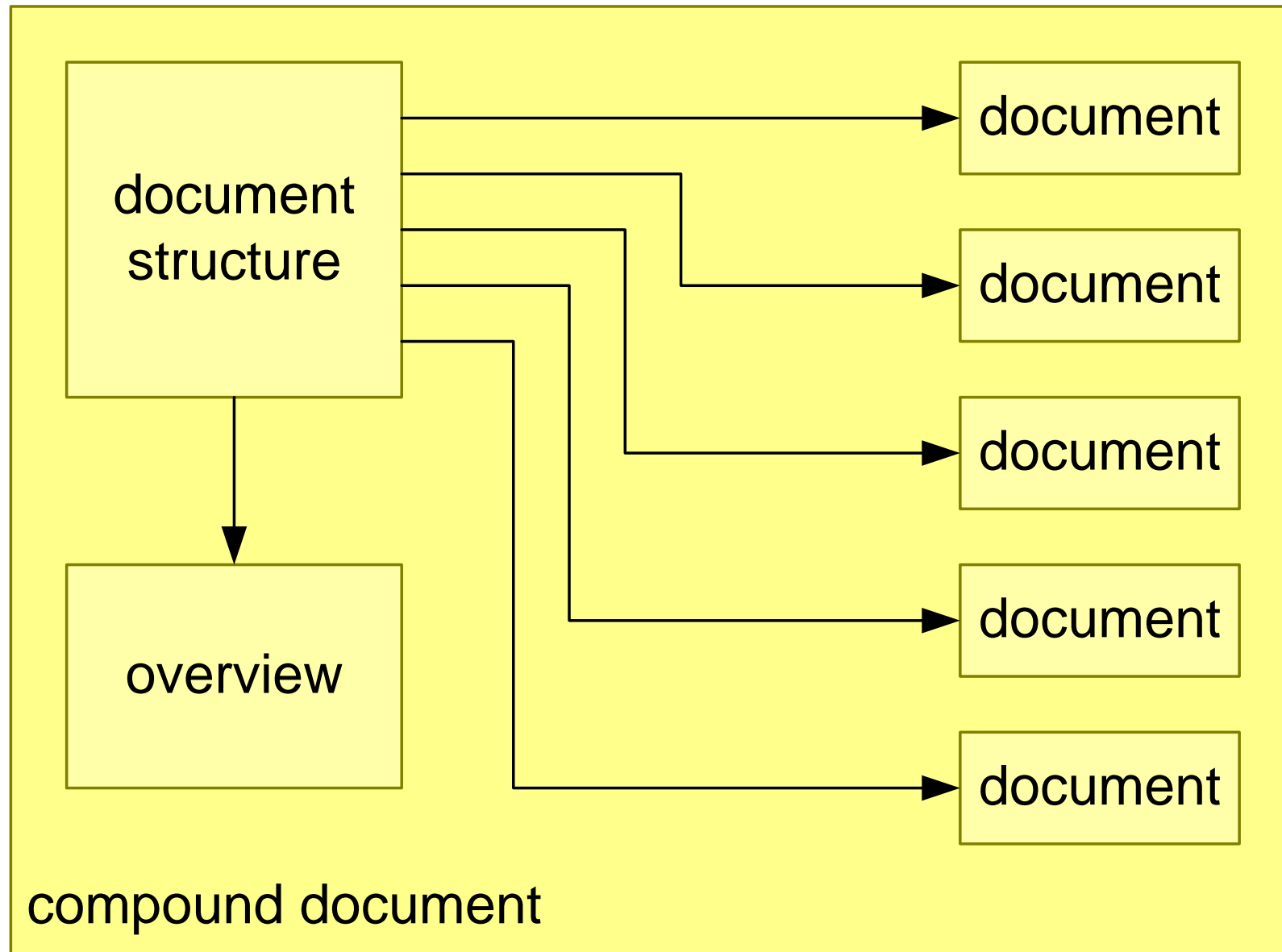
recursive application of structure and  
overview

delegation of review process

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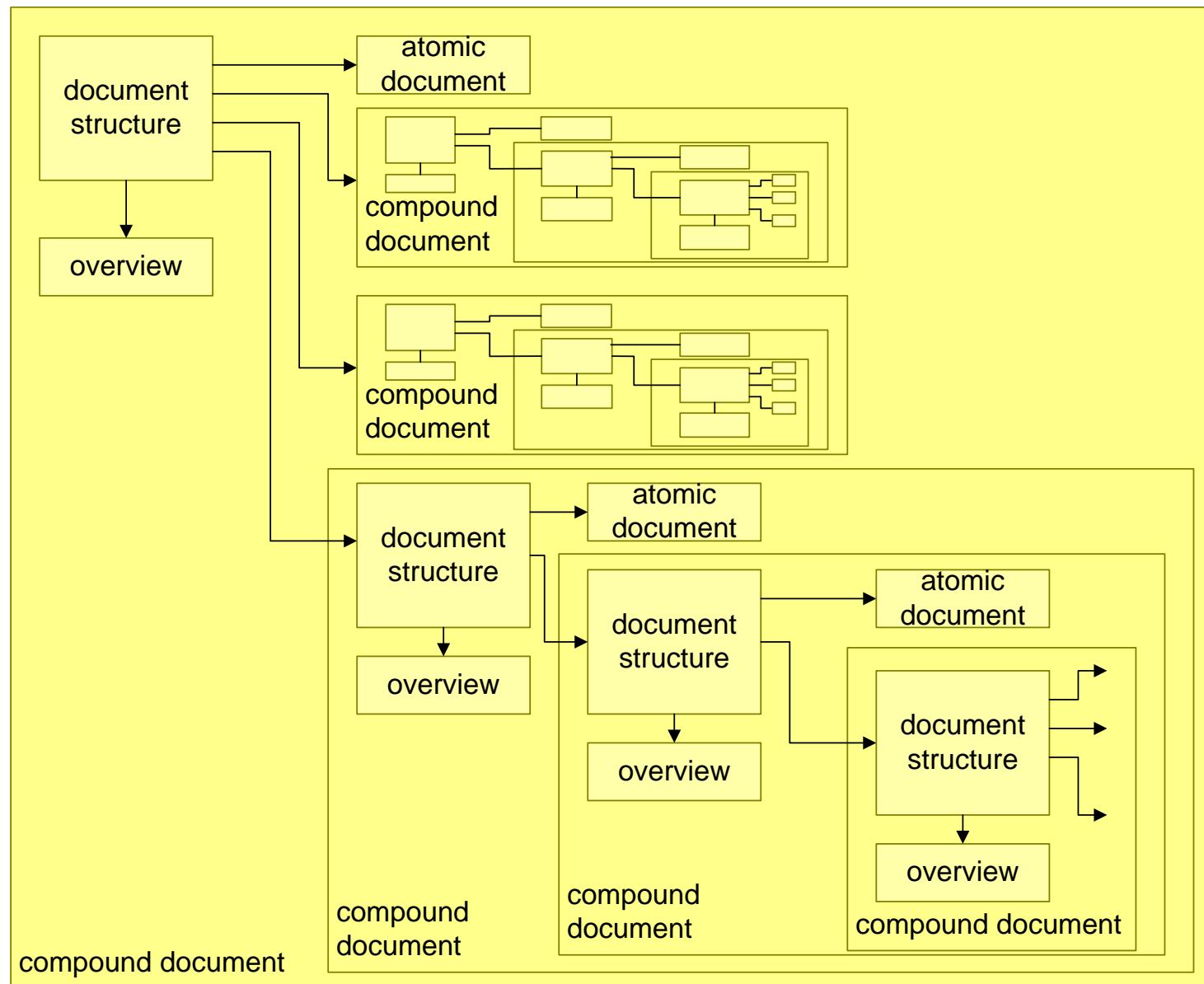


# Decomposition of Large Documents



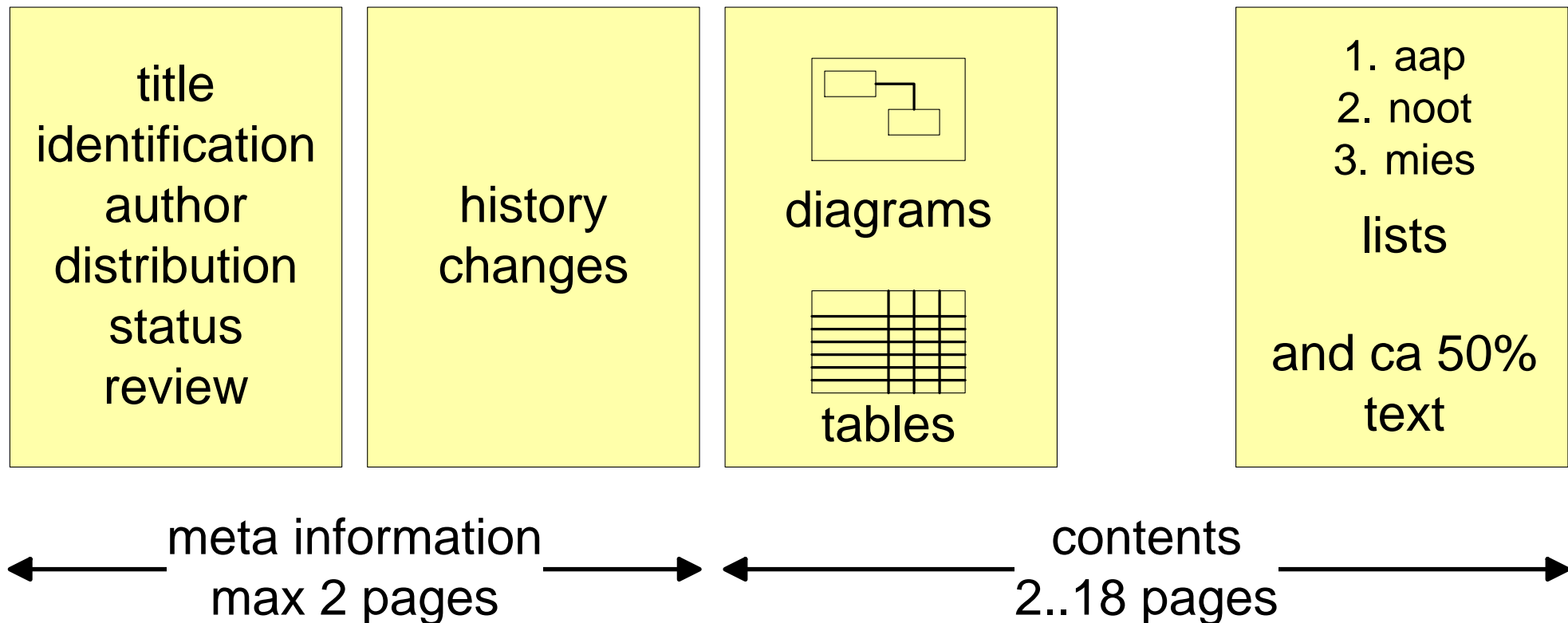


# Documentation Tree by Recursive Decomposition



# Payload: the Ratio between Content and Overhead

front page



# LEAN and A3 Approach to Supporting Processes

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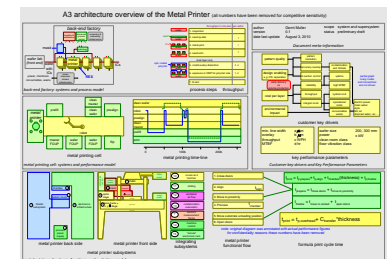
## Abstract

LEAN product development is in the process and means area pragmatic. Low tech tools, such as paper, pen and magnets, with very direct interaction are used. For communication the use of single A3-size documents is promoted, because this is a manageable amount of information.

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# Characteristics of LEAN

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A holistic, systems approach to product development including people, processes, and technology.

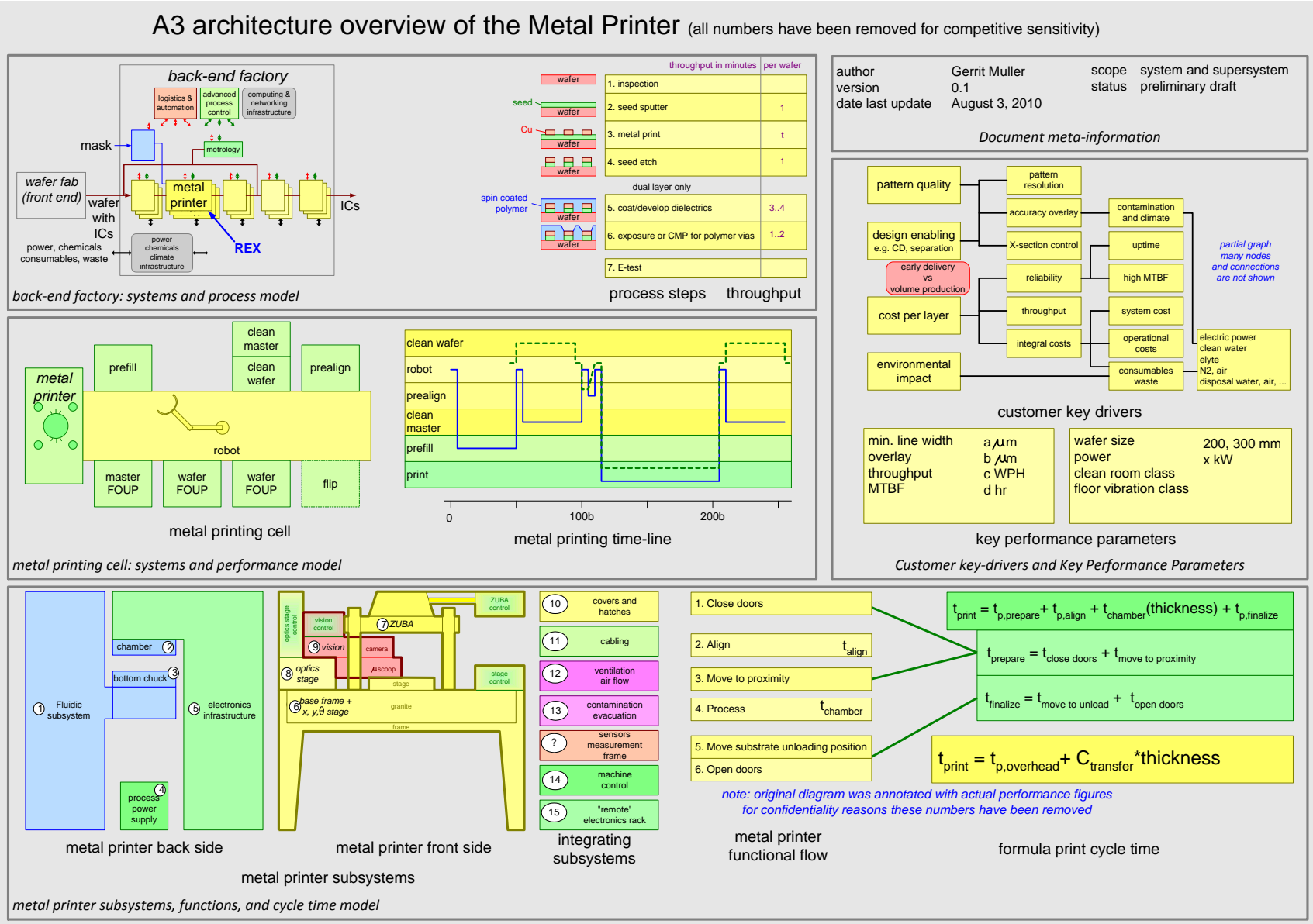
Multi-disciplinary from the early start, with a drive to be fact based.

Customer understanding as the the starting point.

Continuous improvement and learning as cultural value.

Small distance between engineers and real systems, including manufacturing, sales and service and the system of interest.

# Example of A3 Architecture Overview

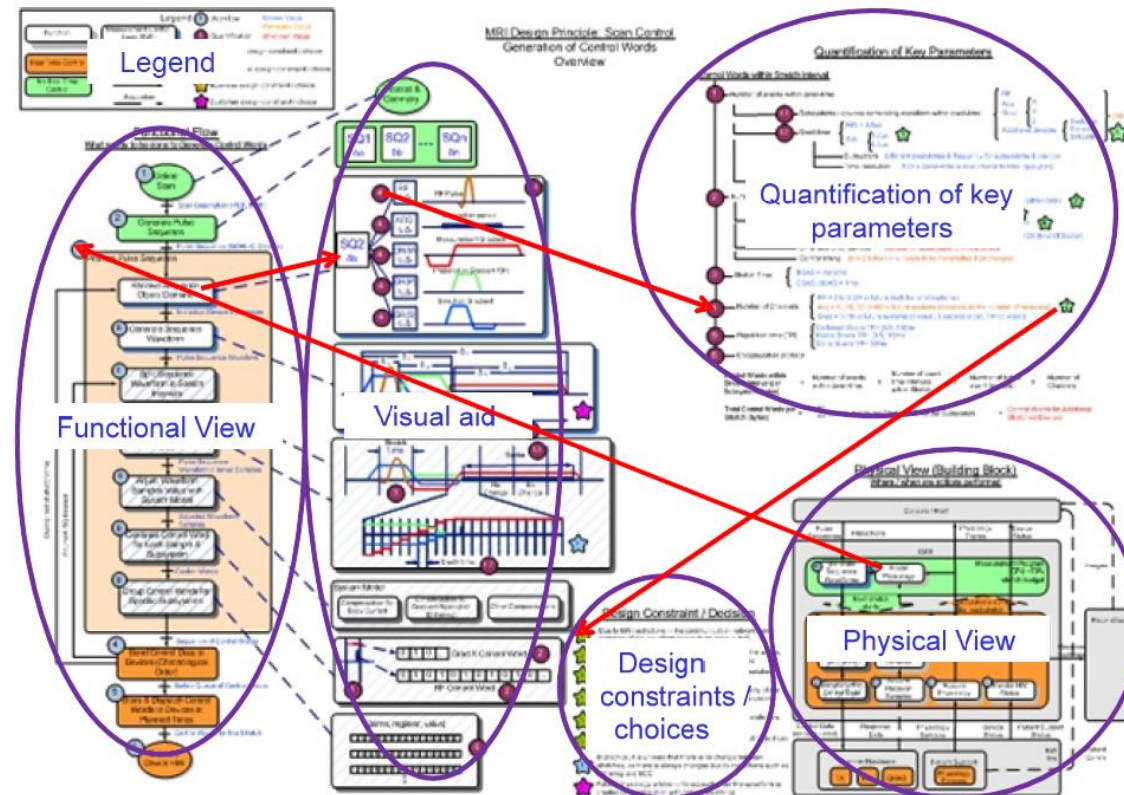


multiple related views

quantifications

one topic  
per A3

capture  
"hot" topics



source: PhD thesis Daniel Borchers <http://doc.utwente.nl/75284/>

digestable  
(size limitation)

practical  
close to stakeholder experience

# Light Weight Review Process

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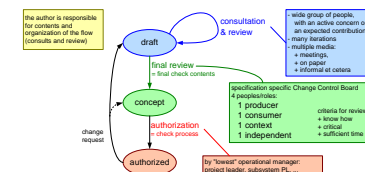
## Abstract

A light weight review process is described that can be used for documents made during product creation. This review process is focused on improving the contents of specifications as early as possible. The process is light weight to increase the likelihood that it is performed *de facto* instead of *pro forma*.

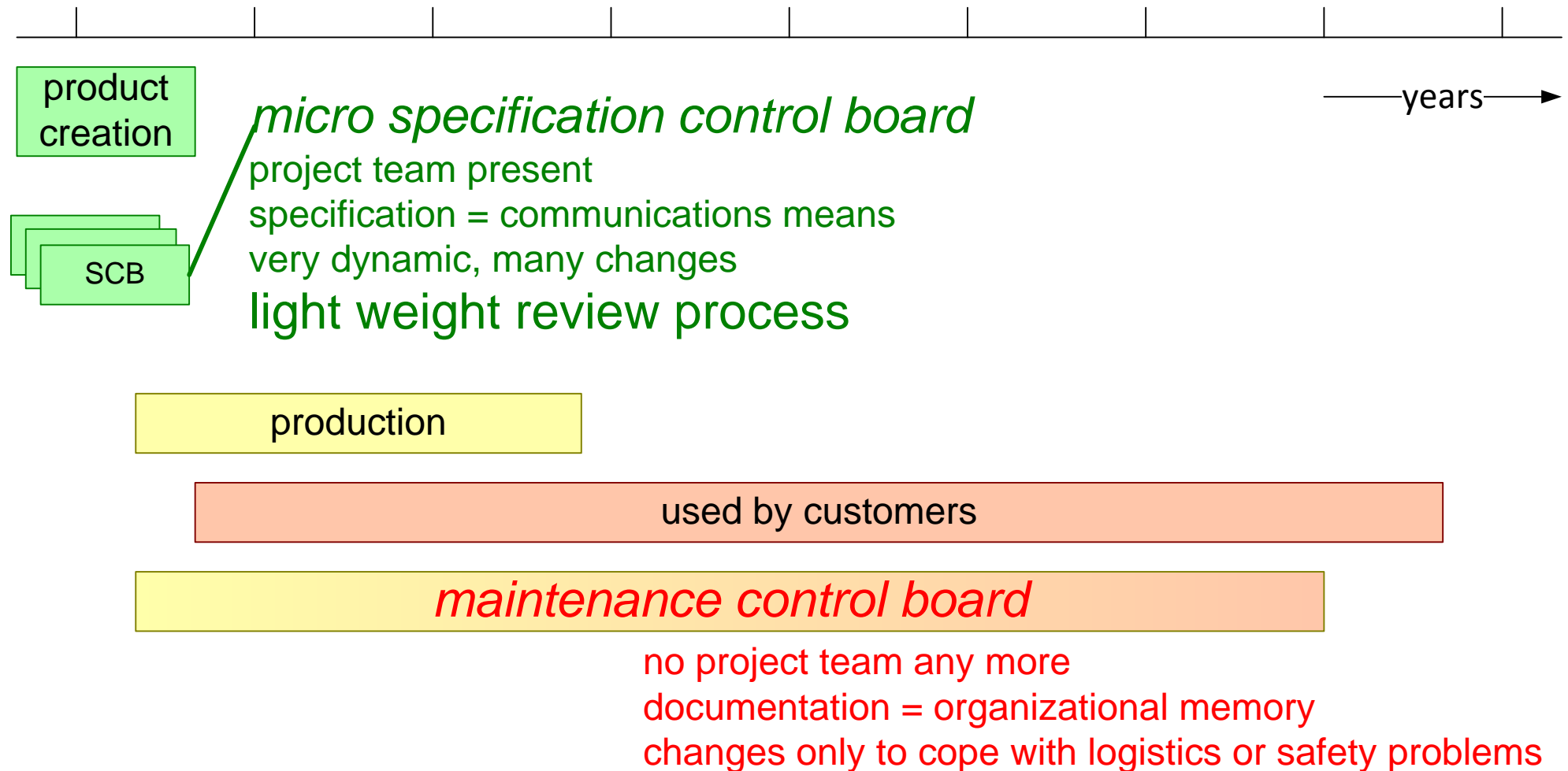
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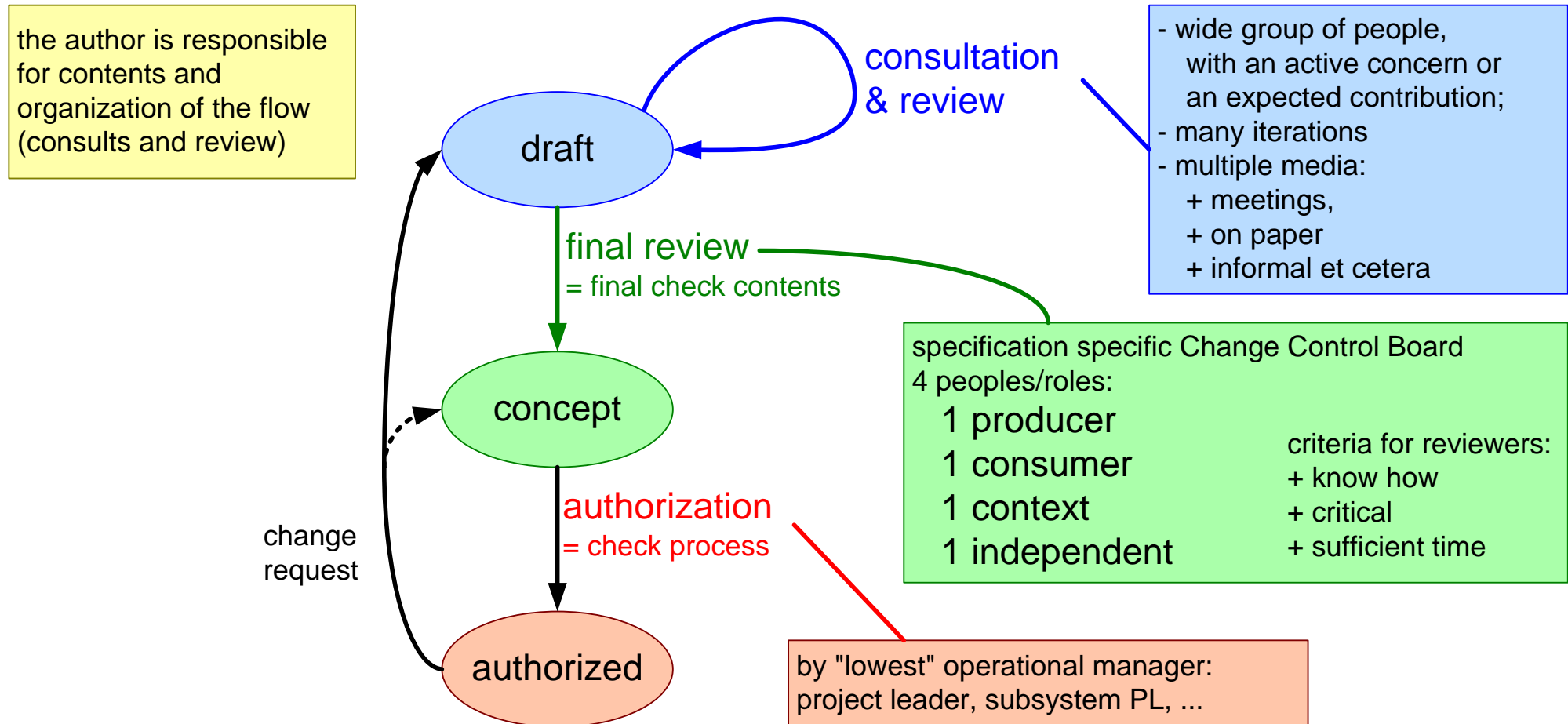


# Product Life Cycle and Change Management





# Light Weight Specification Review Process



# Template How To

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## Abstract

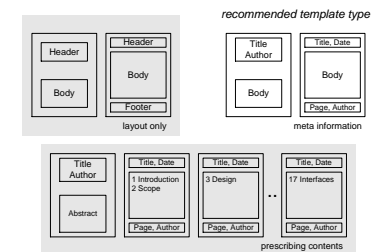
The introduction of a new process (way of working) is quite often implemented by supplying ready-to-go tools and templates. This implementation mainly serves the purpose of a smooth introduction of the new process.

Unfortunately the benefits of templates are often cancelled by unforeseen side-effects, such as unintended application, inflexibility, and so on. This intermezzo gives hints to avoid the **Template Trap**, so that templates can be used more effectively to support introduction of new processes.

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# Rationale for Templates

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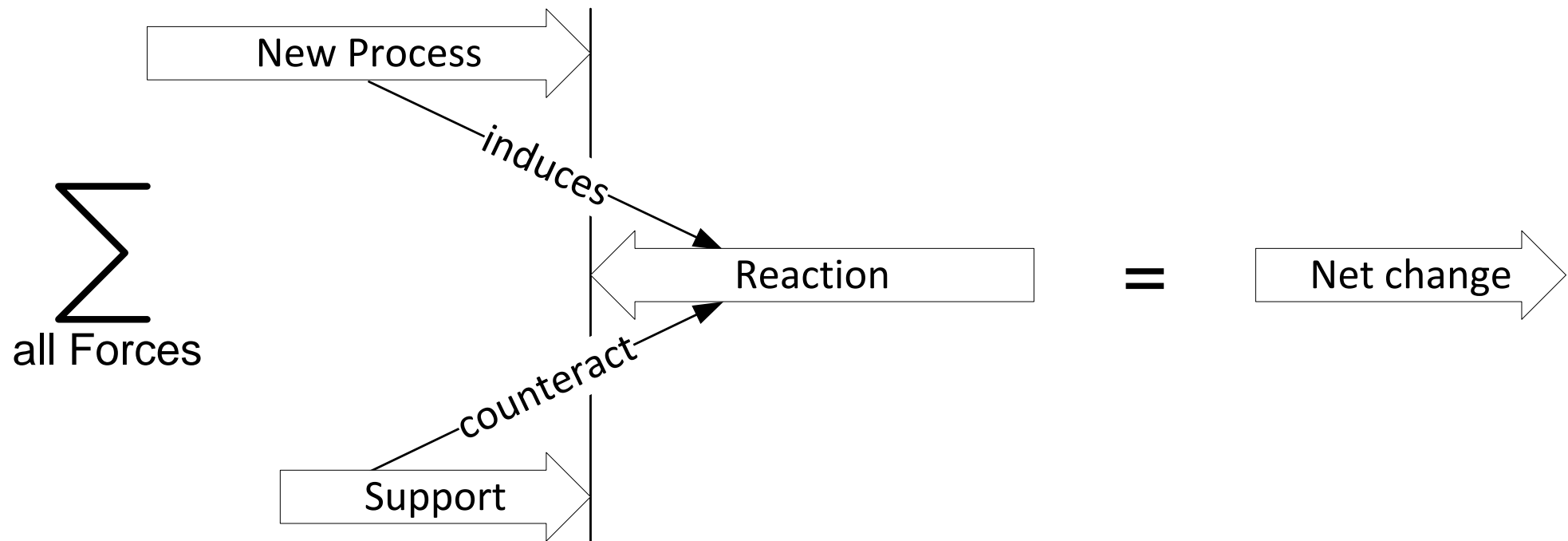
- Low threshold to apply a (new) process (1)
- Low effort to apply a (new) process (2)
- No need to know low level implementation details (3)
- Means to consolidate and reuse experiences (4)

# Bogus Arguments for Templates

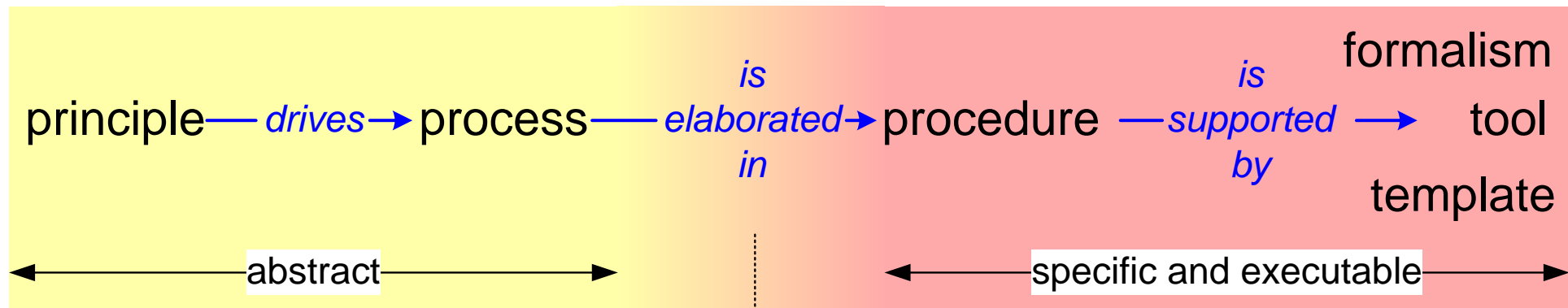
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- Obtain a uniform look (5)
- Force the application of a (new) process (6)
- Control the way a new process is applied (7)

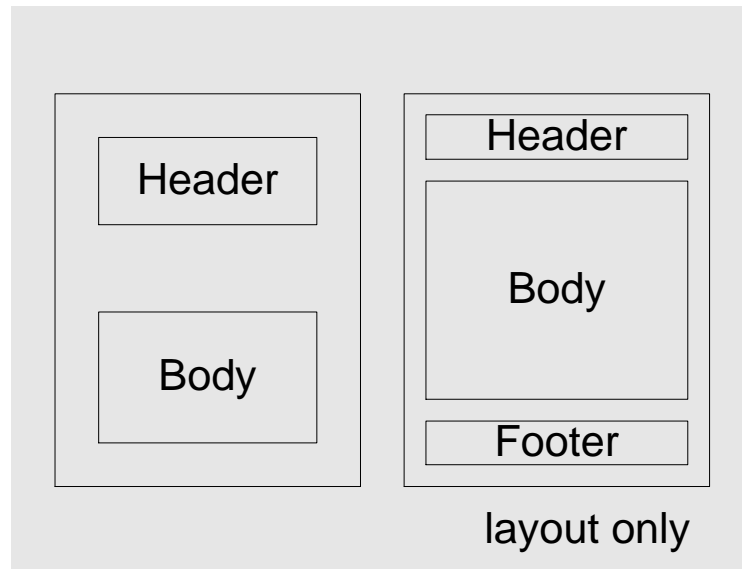
# Forces of Change: Action = - Reaction



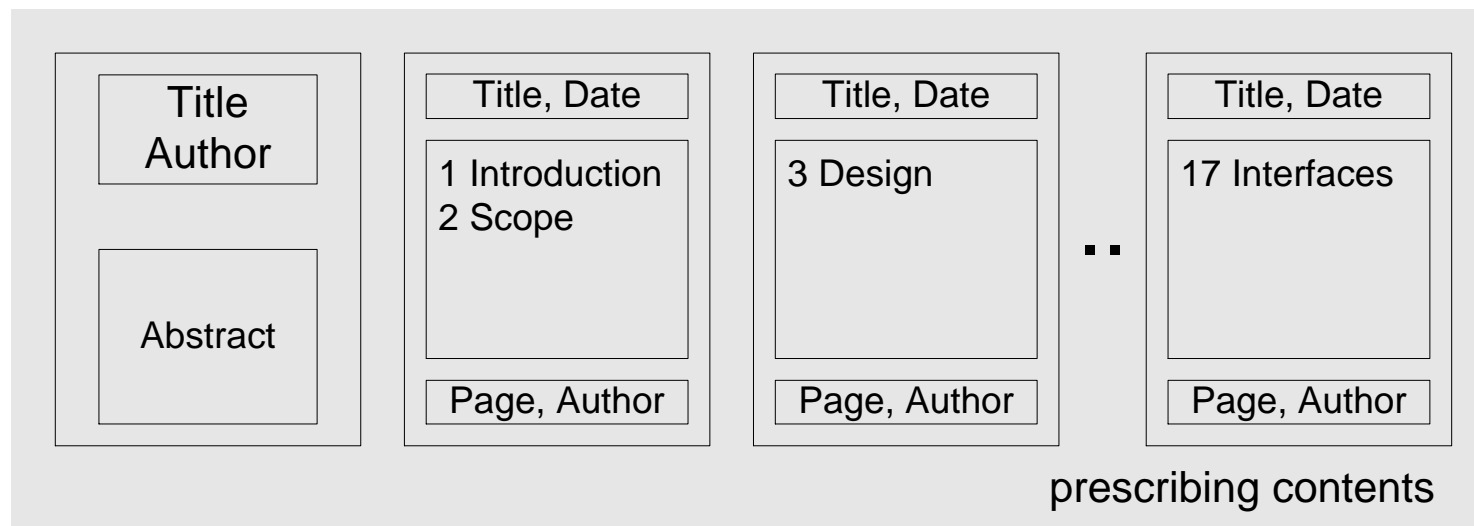
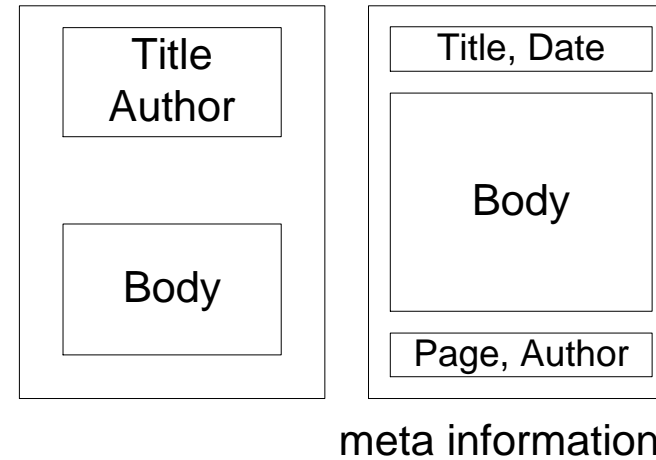
# Template as Support for Process



# Types of Templates



*recommended template type*



# Recommendation

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template type	context knowhow	value
layout only	no	low
meta information	process	high
prescribing content	process and domain	constraining

- Use templates for meta-information.
- Use checklists for structure and contents.

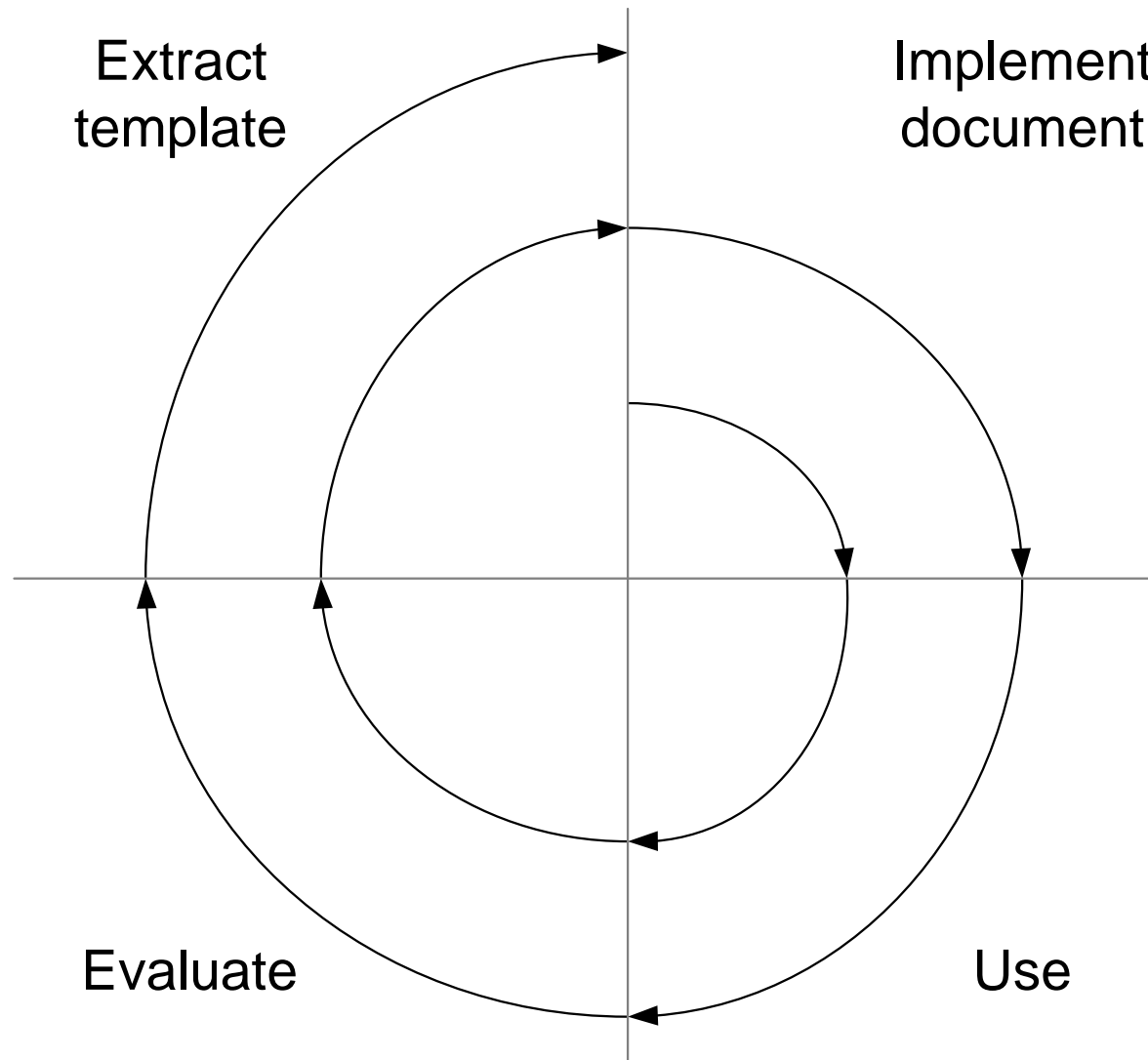


Templates are an optimization of the Copy Paste Modify pattern:

- Look for a similar problem
- Copy its implementation
- Modify the copy to fulfil the new requirements

# Spiral model: Use before Re-use

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# Example Guidelines Meta Information(1)

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- Title
- Status
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- Date of last update
- Unique Identification
- Business Unit
- Page number

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- Distribution (Notification) list
- Reviewers and commentators
- Document scope (Product family, Product, Subsystem, Module as far as applicable)
- Change history

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- Short statement on frontpage stating what is expected from the addressed recipients, for example:
  - Please send comments before february 29, this document will be reviewed on that date
  - This document is authorized, changes are only applied via a change request
- See Granularity of Documentation [?] for guidelines for modularization and contents

# Template Pitfalls

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- Author follows template instead of considering the purpose of the document.
- Template is too complex.
- There is an unmanageable number of variants.
- Mandatory use of templates results in:
  - no innovation of templates (= no learning)
  - no common sense in deployment
  - strong dependency on templates

## **Recommendation:**

- Enforce the procedure (*what*)
- Provide the template (*how*) as supporting means.

# Summary

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- Templates support (new) processes
- Use templates for layout and meta information support
- Do not use templates for documents structure or contents
- Stimulate evolution of templates, keep them alive
- Keep templates simple
- Standardize on **what** (process or procedure), not on **how** (tool and template)
- Provide (mandatory) guidelines and recommended practices
- Provide templates as a supportive choice, don't force people to use templates

# System Integration How-To

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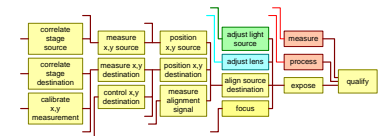
# Abstract

In this document we will discuss the full integration flow. We will discuss the goal of integration, the relation between integration and testing, what is integration and how to integrate, an approach to integration, scheduling and dealing with disruptive events, roles and responsibilities, configuration management aspects, and typical order of integration problems occurring in real life.

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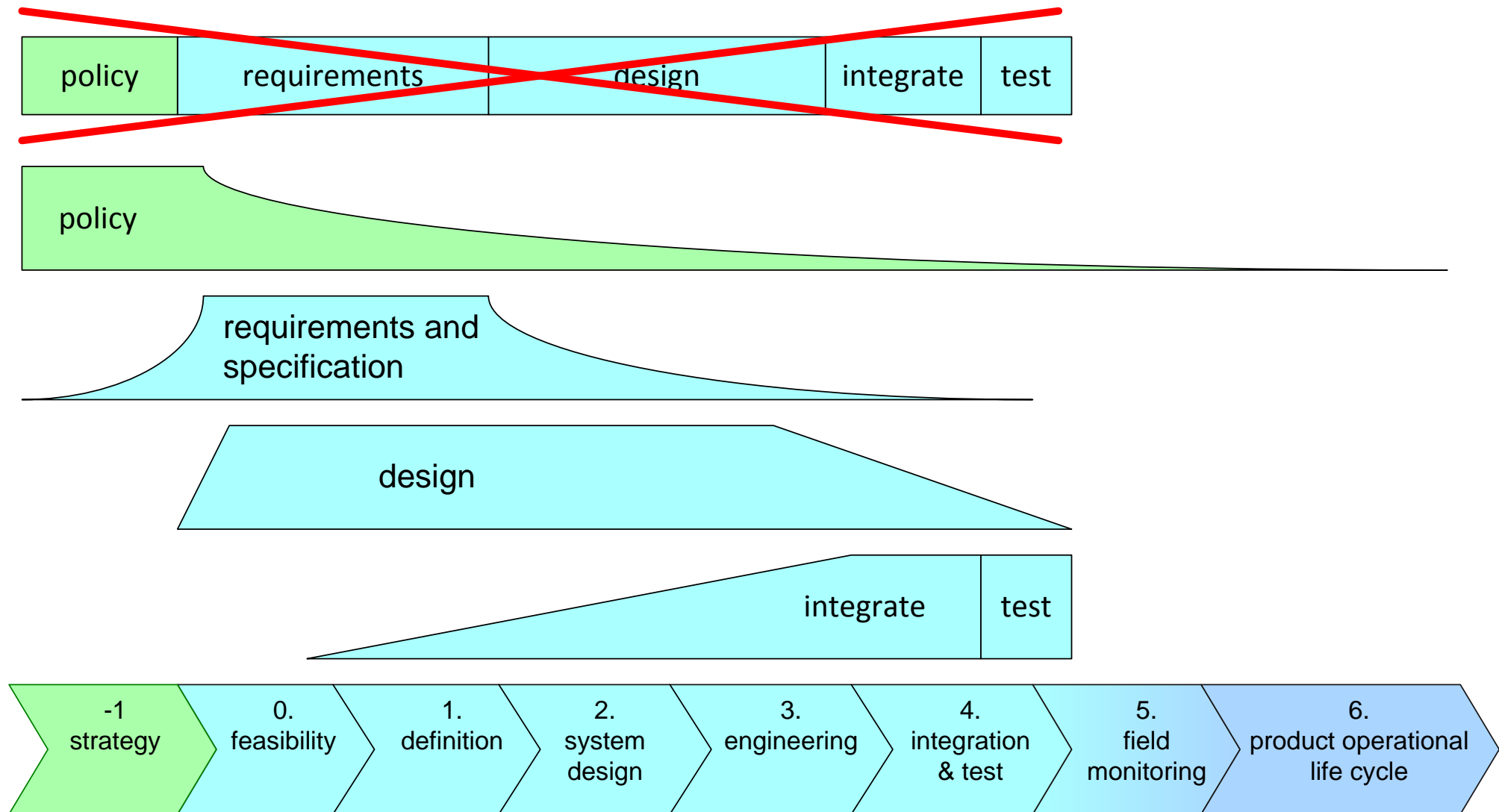
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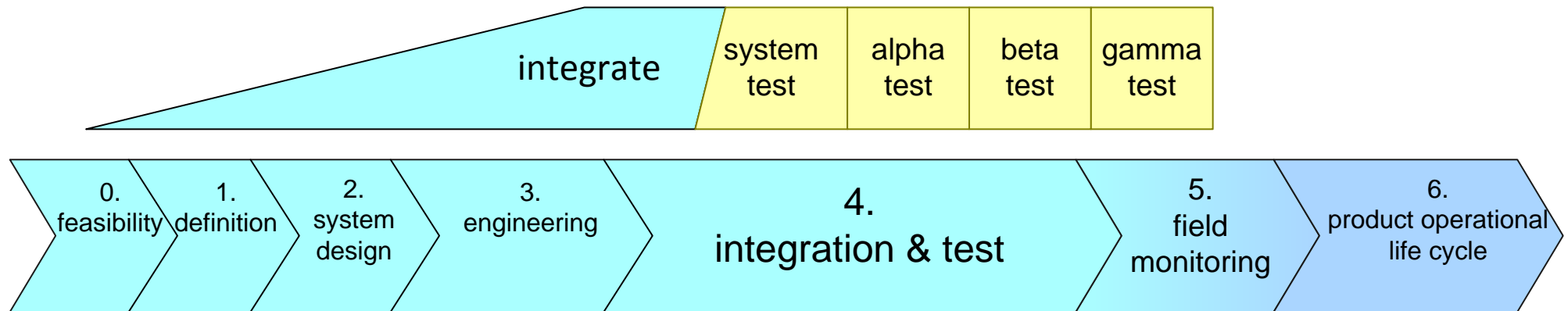




# Typical Concurrent Product Creation Process

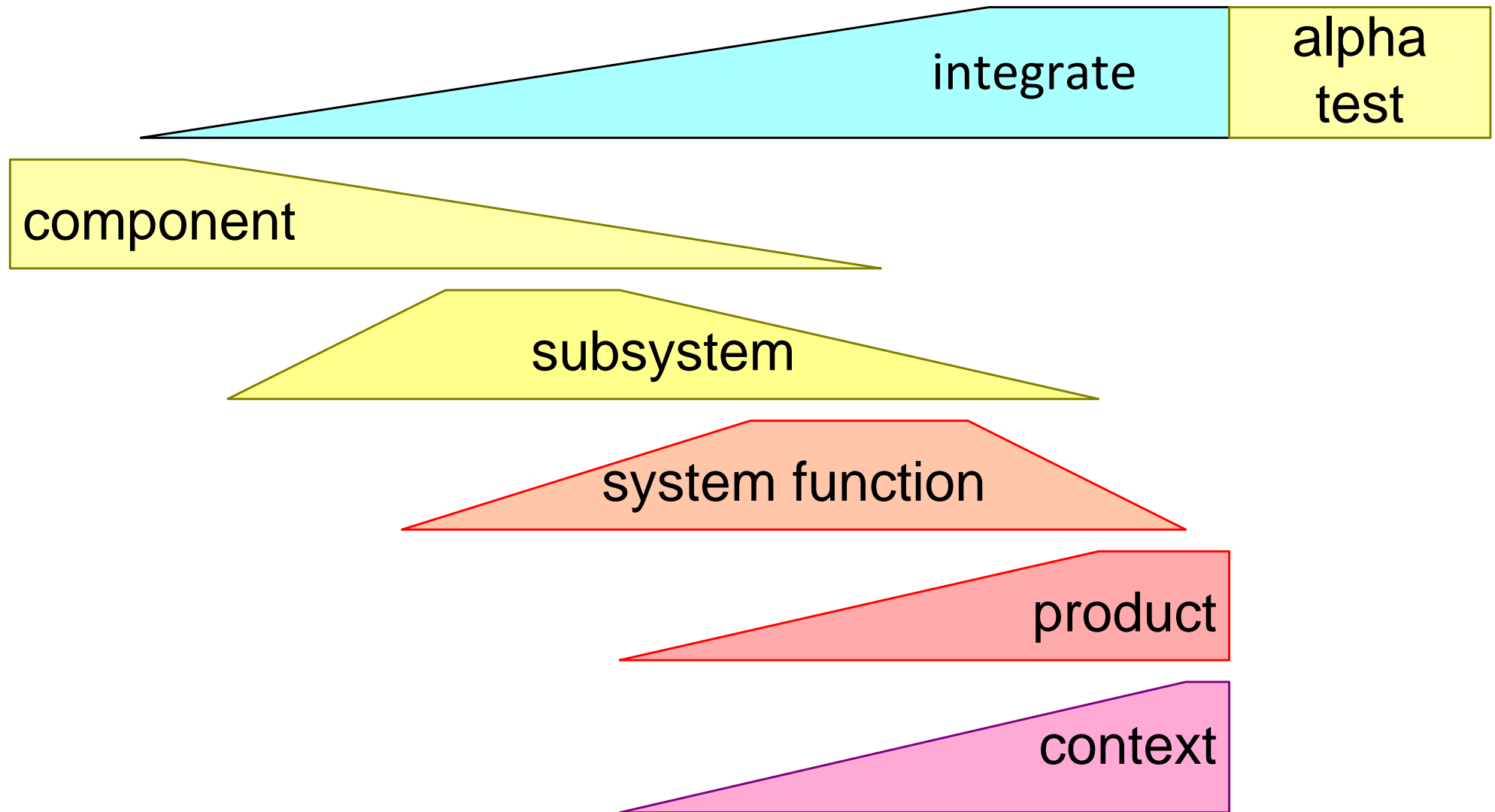


# Zooming in on Integration and Tests

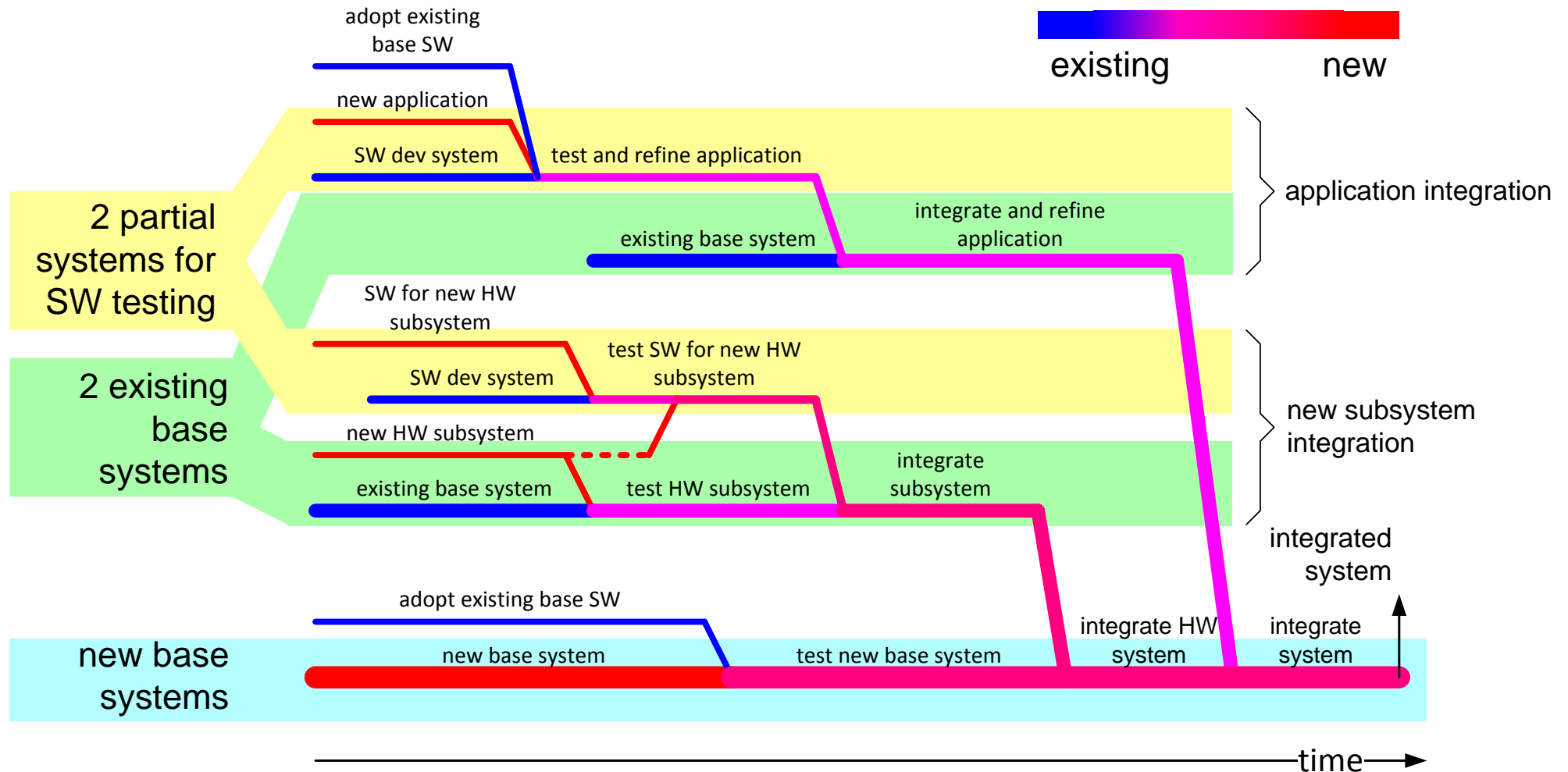


# Integration Takes Place in a Bottom-up Fashion

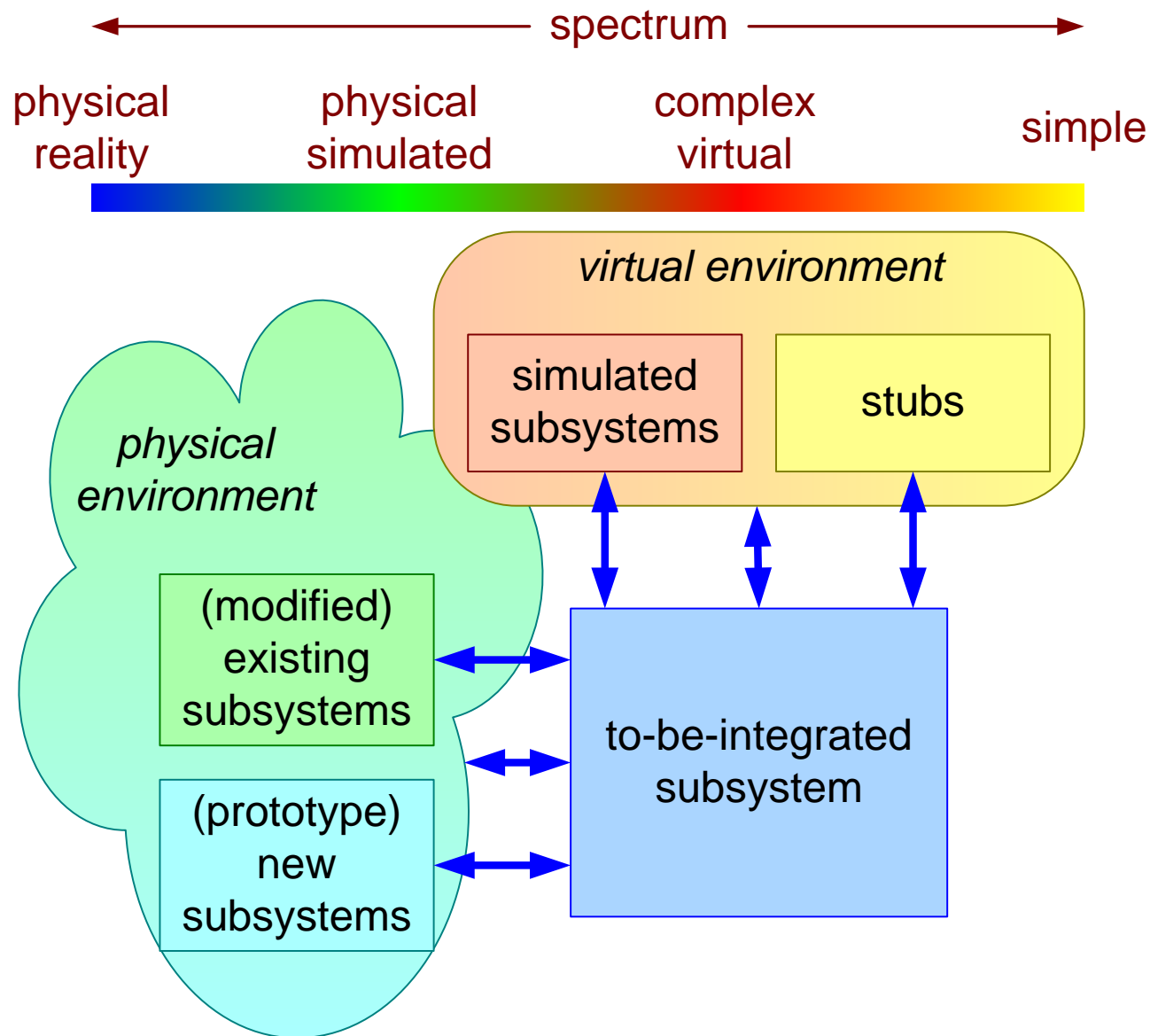
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# Transition from Previous System to New System



# Alternatives to Integrate a Subsystem Early in the Project

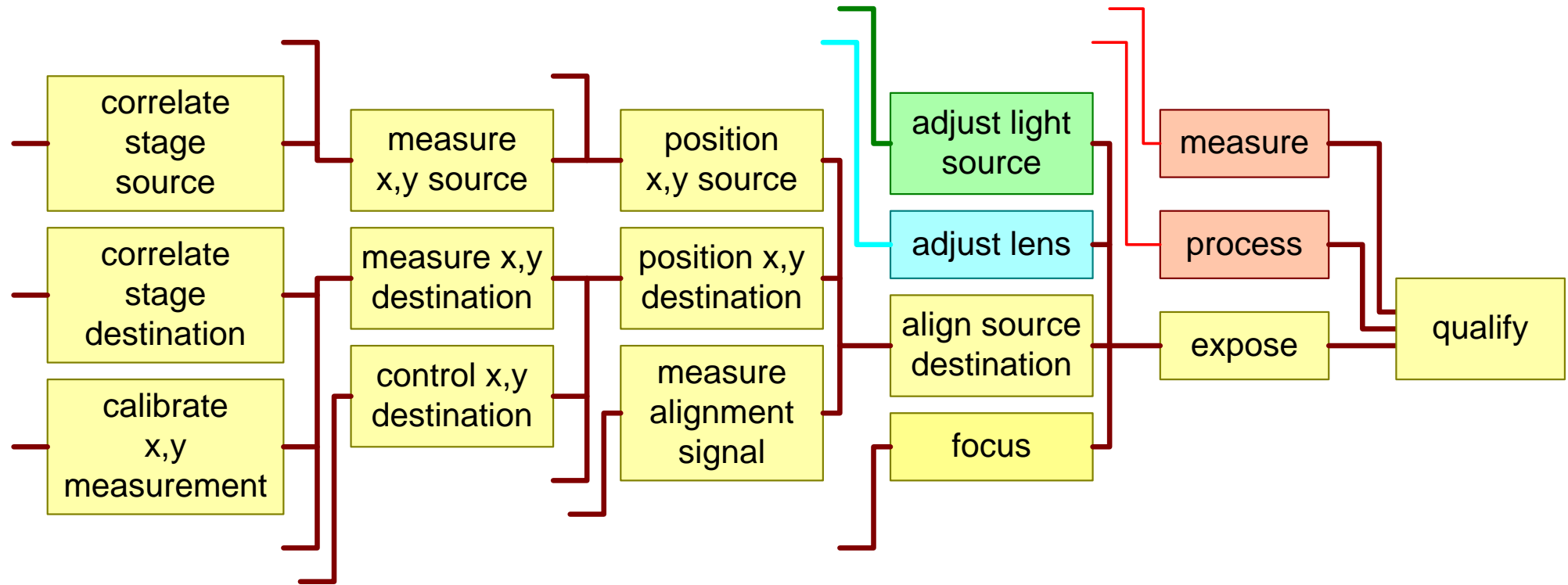


# Stepwise Integration Approach

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1	Determine most critical system performance parameters.
2	Identify subsystems and functions involved in these parameters.
3	Work towards integration configurations along these chains of subsystems and functions.
4	Show system performance parameter as early as possible; start with showing "typical" system performance.
5	Show "worst-case" and "boundary" system performance.
6	Rework manual integration tests in steps into automated regression tests.
7	Monitor regression results with human-driven analysis.
8	Integrate the chains: show system performance of different parameters simultaneously on the same system.

# Order of Functions Required for the IQ of a Waferstepper



# Roles and Responsibilities During the Integration Process

## *project leader*

organization  
resources  
schedule  
budget

*systems architect/  
engineer/integrator*  
system requirements  
design inputs  
test specification  
schedule rationale  
troubleshooting  
participate in test

## *system tester*

test  
troubleshooting  
report

*logistics and  
administrative support*  
configuration  
orders  
administration

## *engineers*

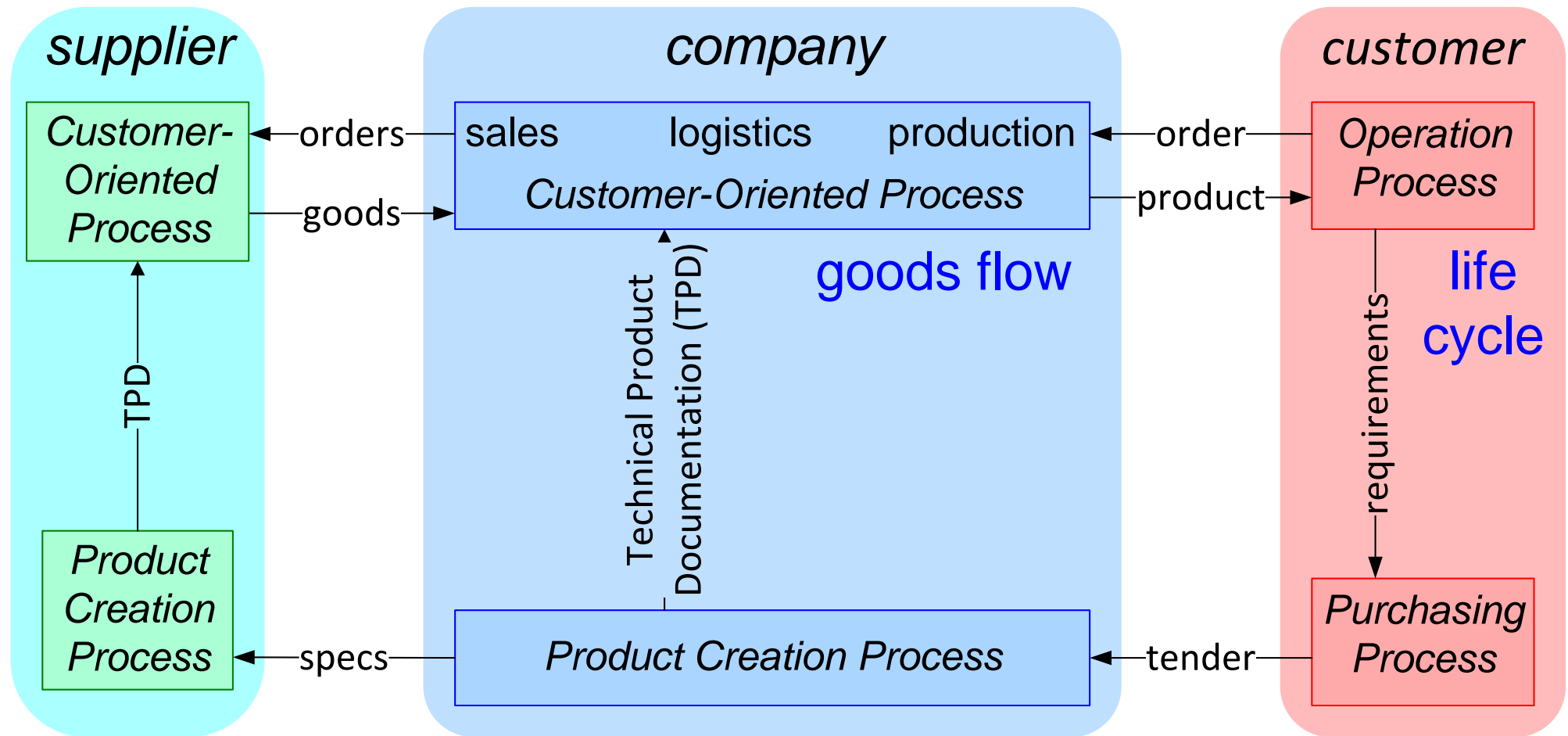
design  
component test  
troubleshooting  
participate in test

## *machine owner*

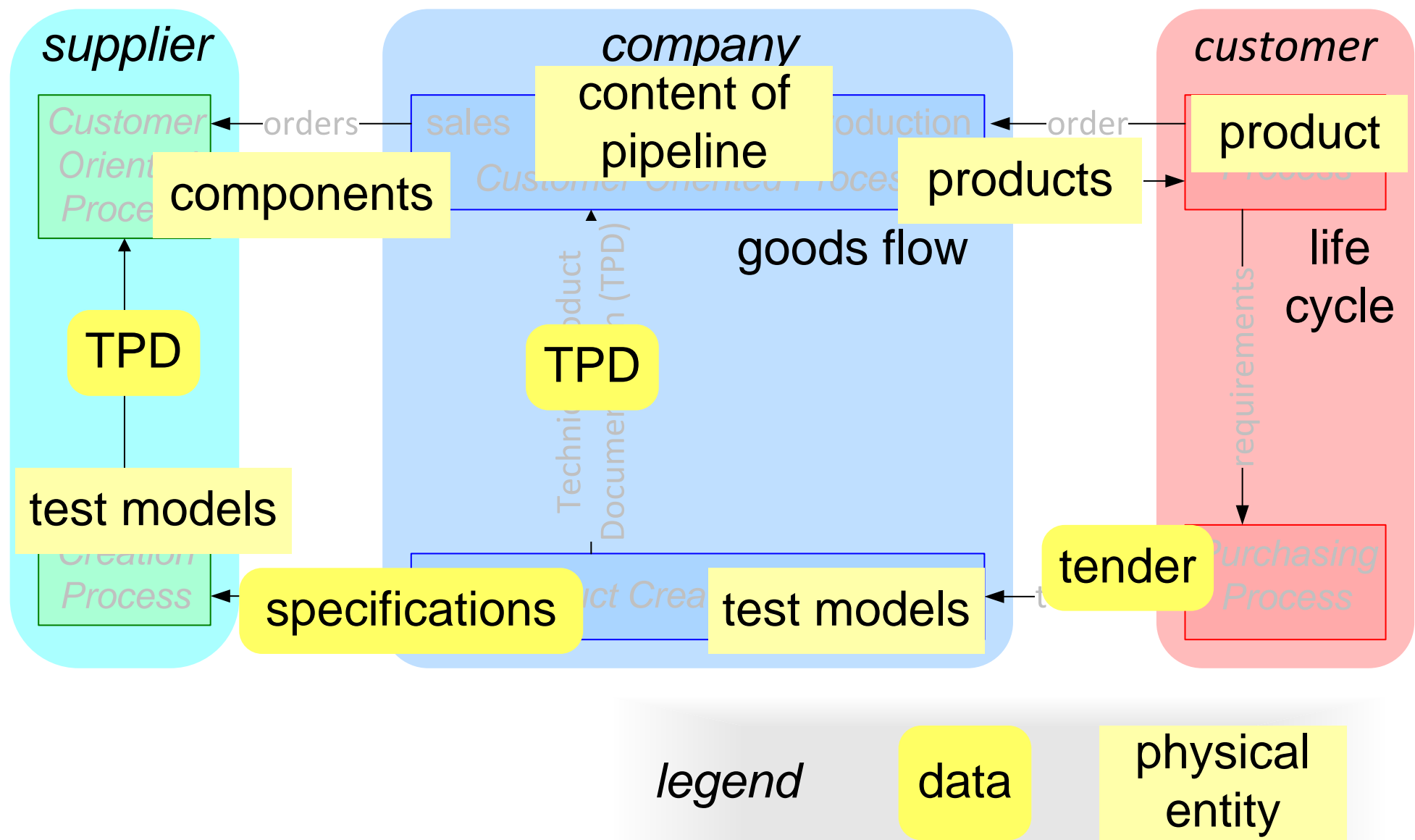
maintain test model  
support test



# Simplified Process Diagram



# Configuration Management Entities



# Typical Order of Integration Problems

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1. The (sub)system does not build.
2. The (sub)system does not function.
3. Interface errors.
4. The (sub)system is too slow.
5. Problems with the main performance parameter, such as image quality.
6. The (sub)system is not reliable.

Make a design for the documentation structure of the case, take into account a.o.:

- target audience per documentation module
- lifecycle
- author
- size (budget)

Present (max 1 flip) the proposed documentation structure and the rationale.

# Documentation

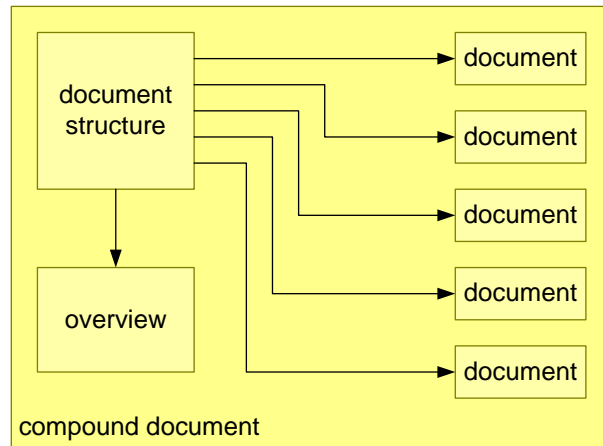
## Requirements Entire Documentation

- Accessibility for the readers
- Low threshold for the readers
- Low threshold for the authors
- Completeness
- Consistency
- Maintainability
- Scalability
- Evolvability
- Process to ensure the quality of the information

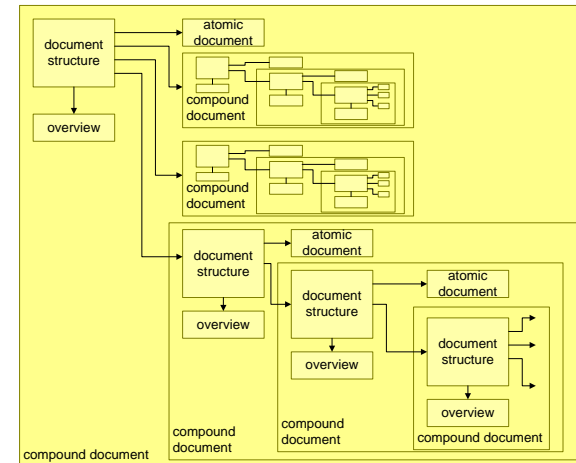
## Requirements per Document

- High cohesion (within the unit)
- Low coupling (outside of the unit)
- Accessibility for the readers
- Low threshold for the reader
- Low threshold for the author
- Manageable steps to create, review, and change
- Clear responsibilities
- Clear position and relation with the context
- Well-defined status of the information
- Timely availability

## Decompose Large Documents

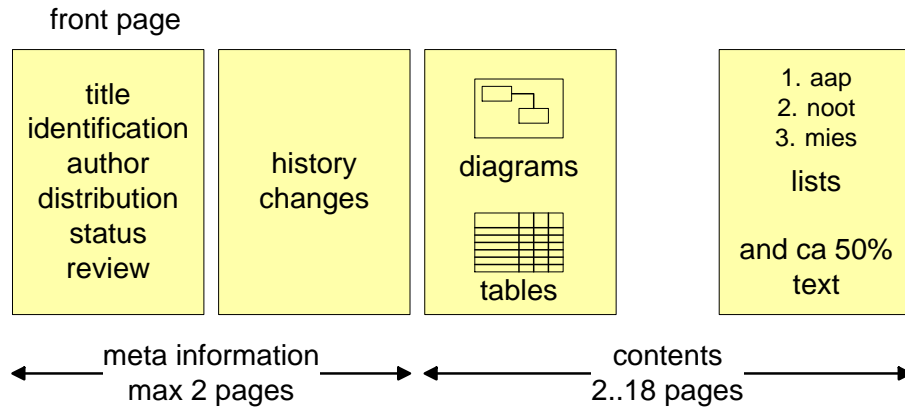


## Recursive Decomposition

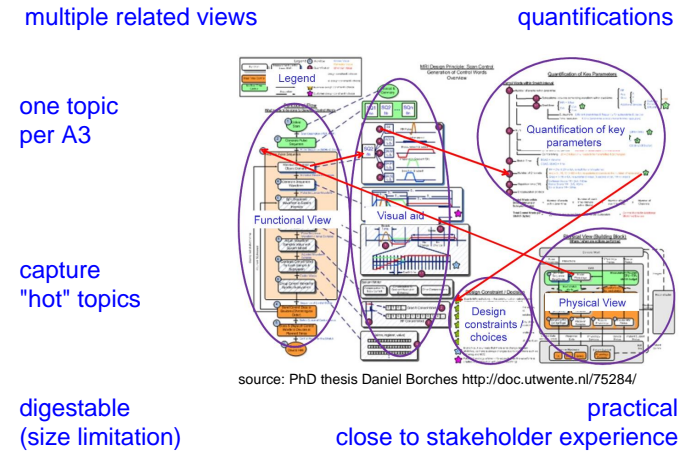


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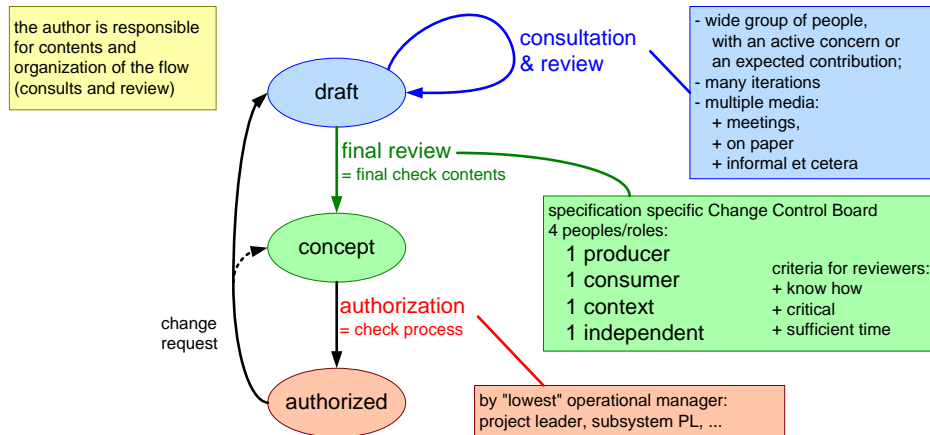
## Maximize Payload



## A3s



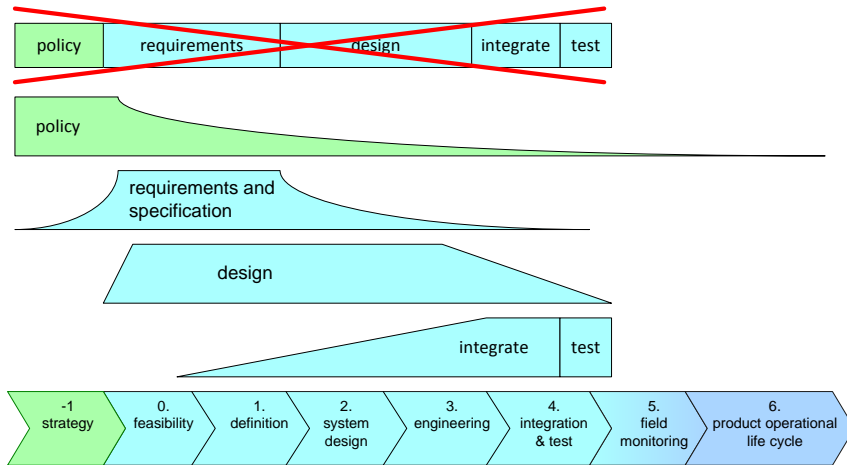
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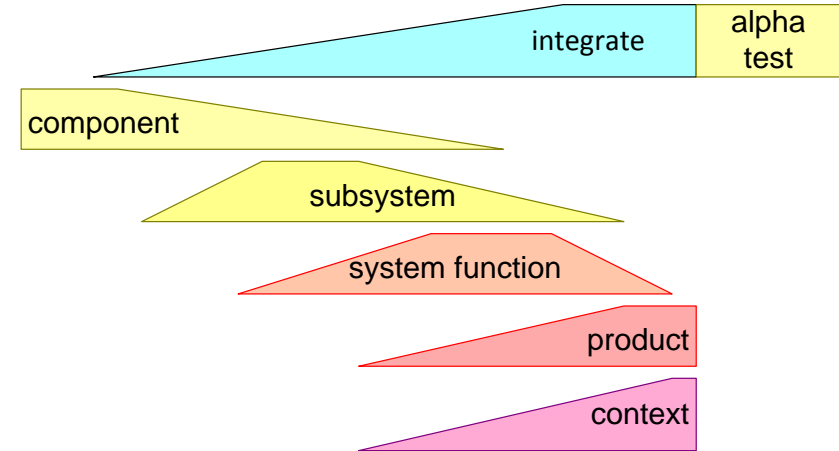
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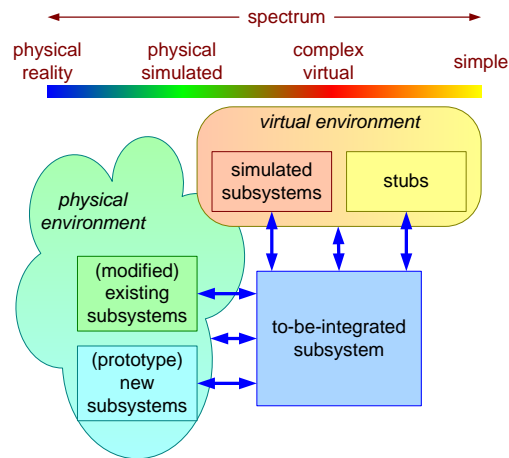
## Integration Starts at Feasibility



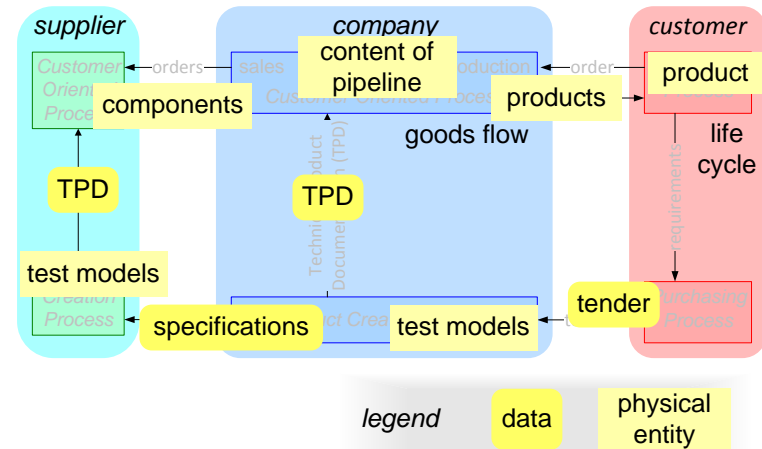
## Bottom-up



## Alternatives for Early Integration



## Propagation of Configuration Issues



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## Abstract

This module addresses the presentation of architectural issues to higher management teams.

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# Simplistic Financial Computations for System Architects.

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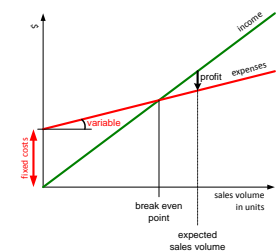
## Abstract

This document explains how simple financial estimates can be made by system architects. These simplistic estimates are useful for an architect to perform sanity checks on proposals and to obtain understanding of the financial impact of proposals. Note that architects will never have full fledged financial controller know how and skills. These estimates are zero order models, but real business decisions will have to be founded on more substantial financial proposals.

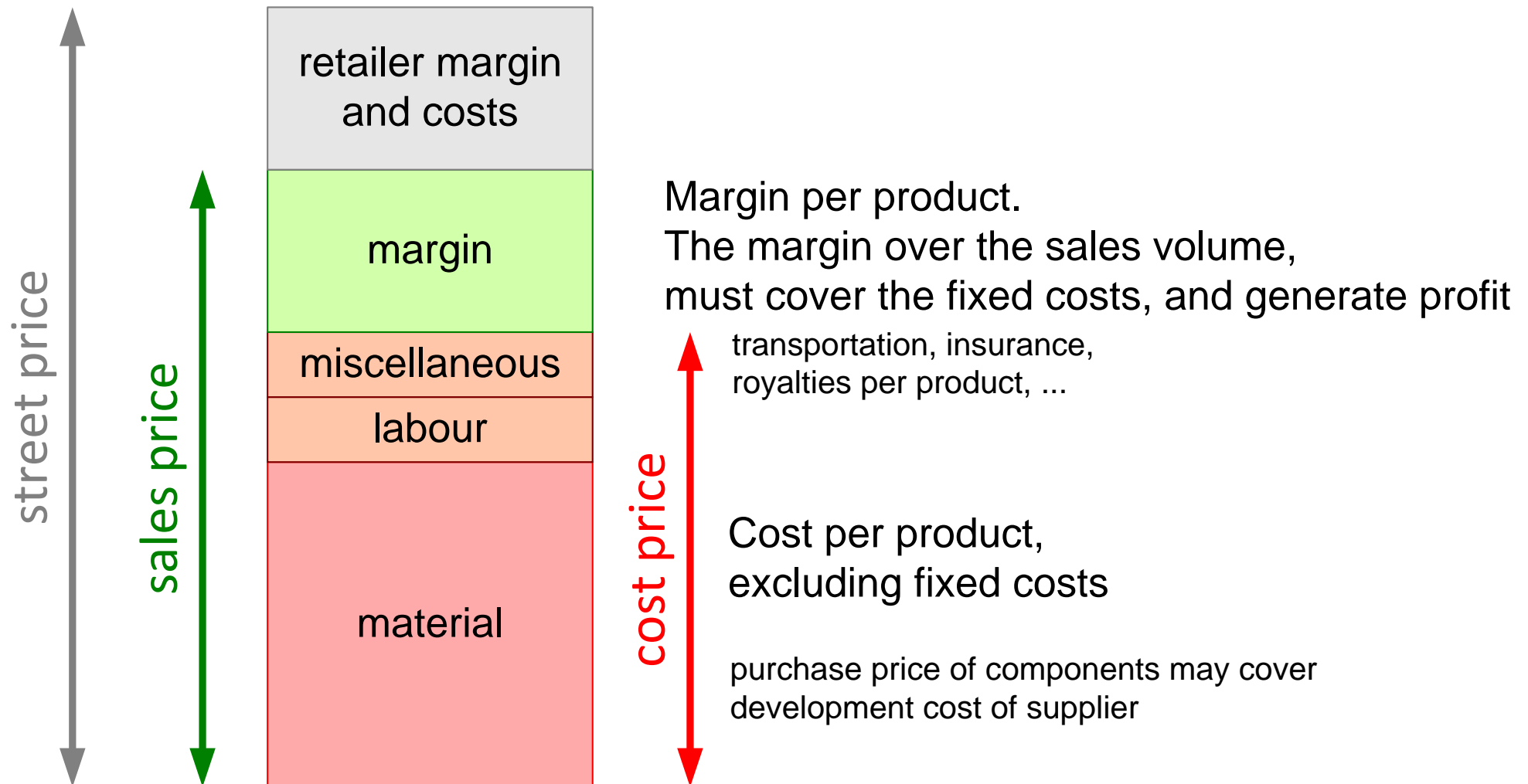
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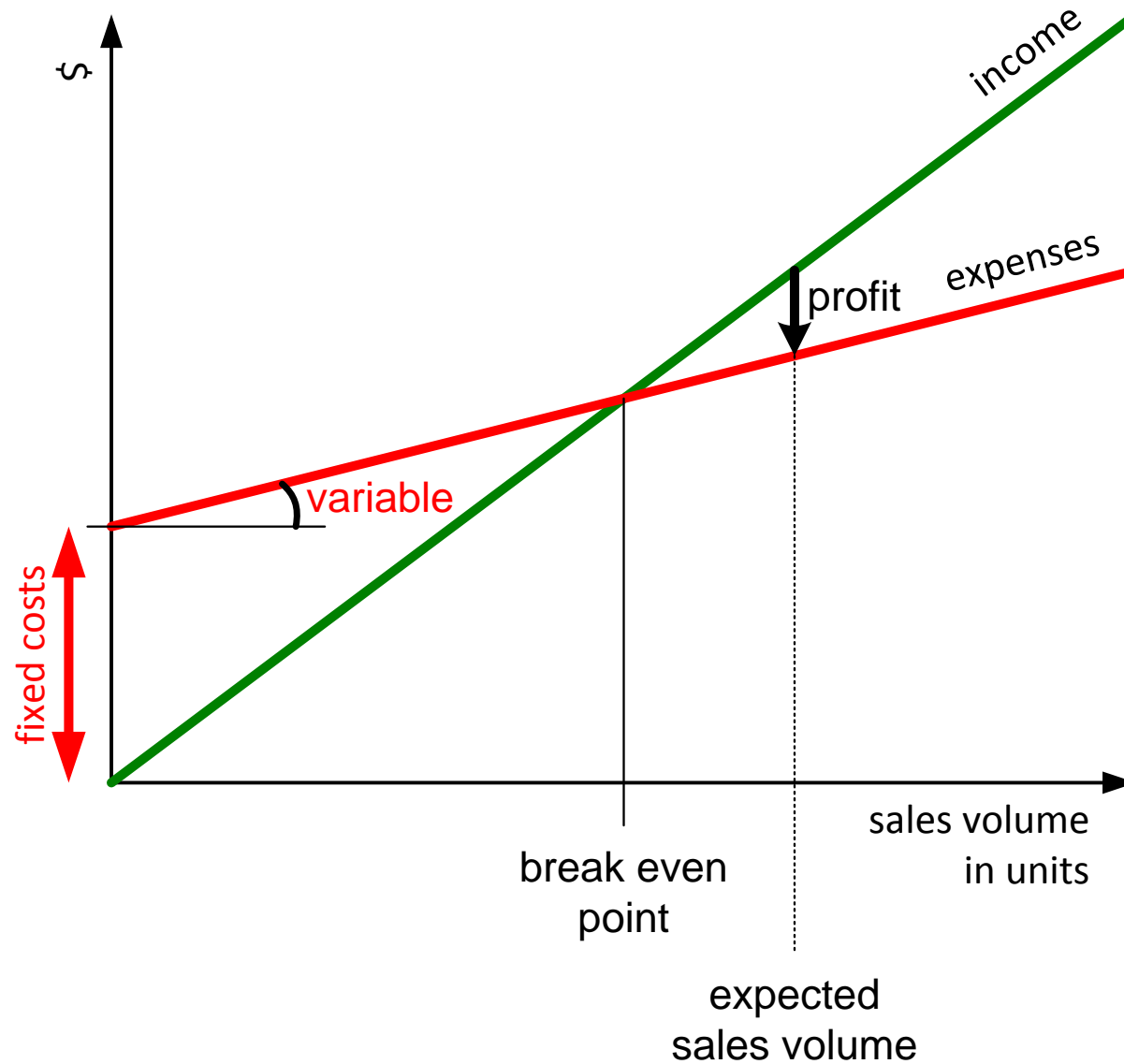
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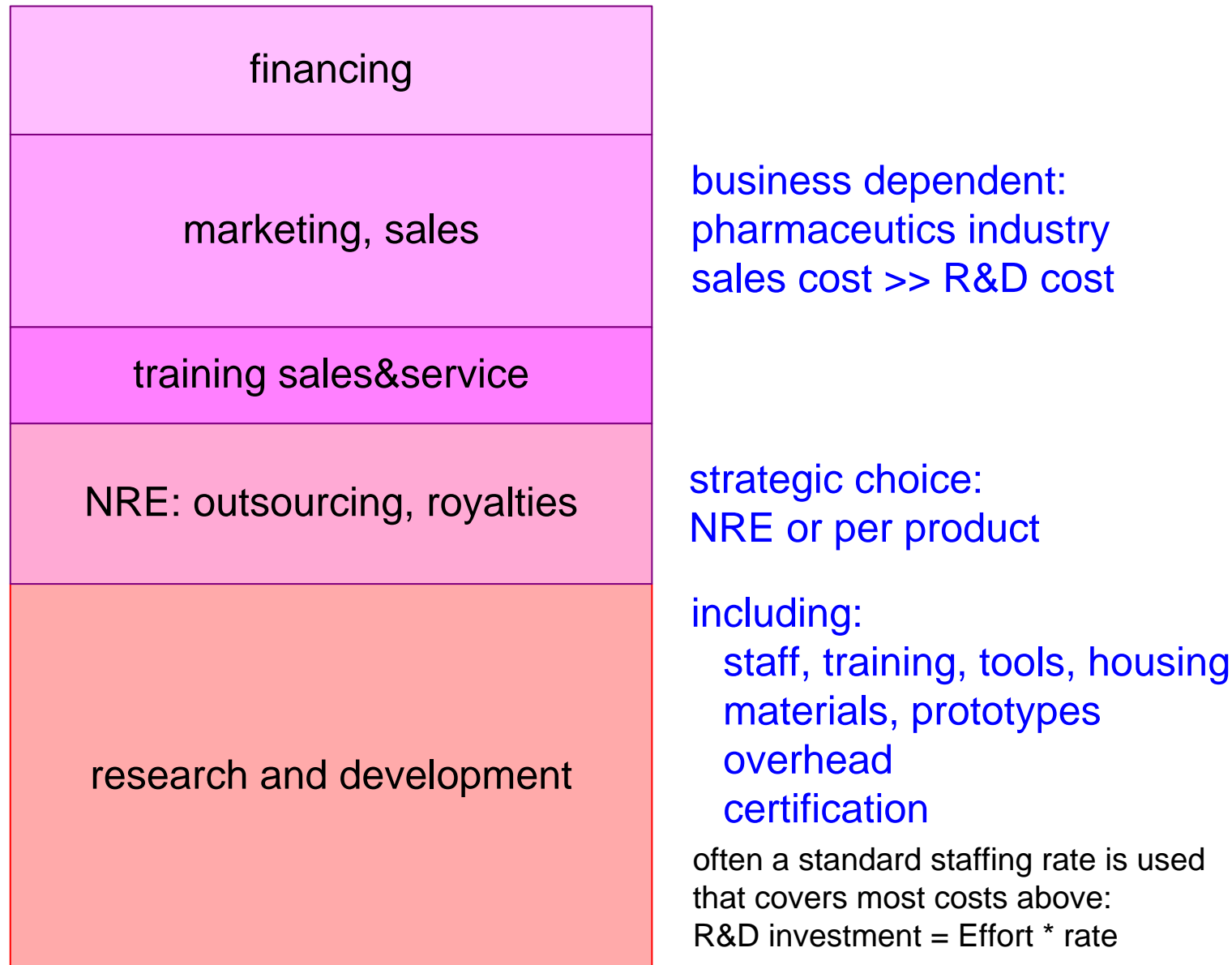


# Profit as function of sales volume

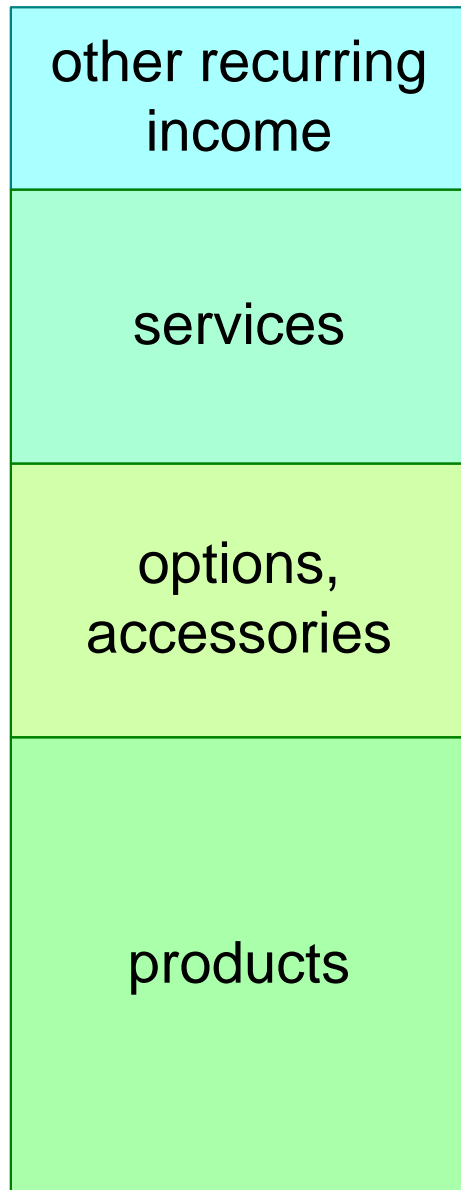


# Investments, more than R&D

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# Income, more than product sales only



$$\sum_{\text{services}} \text{income}_{\text{service}}$$

$$\sum_{\text{options}} \text{sales price}_{\text{option}} * \text{volume}_{\text{option}}$$

$$\text{sales price}_{\text{product}} * \text{volume}_{\text{product}}$$

license fees  
pay per movie

content, portal  
updates  
maintenance

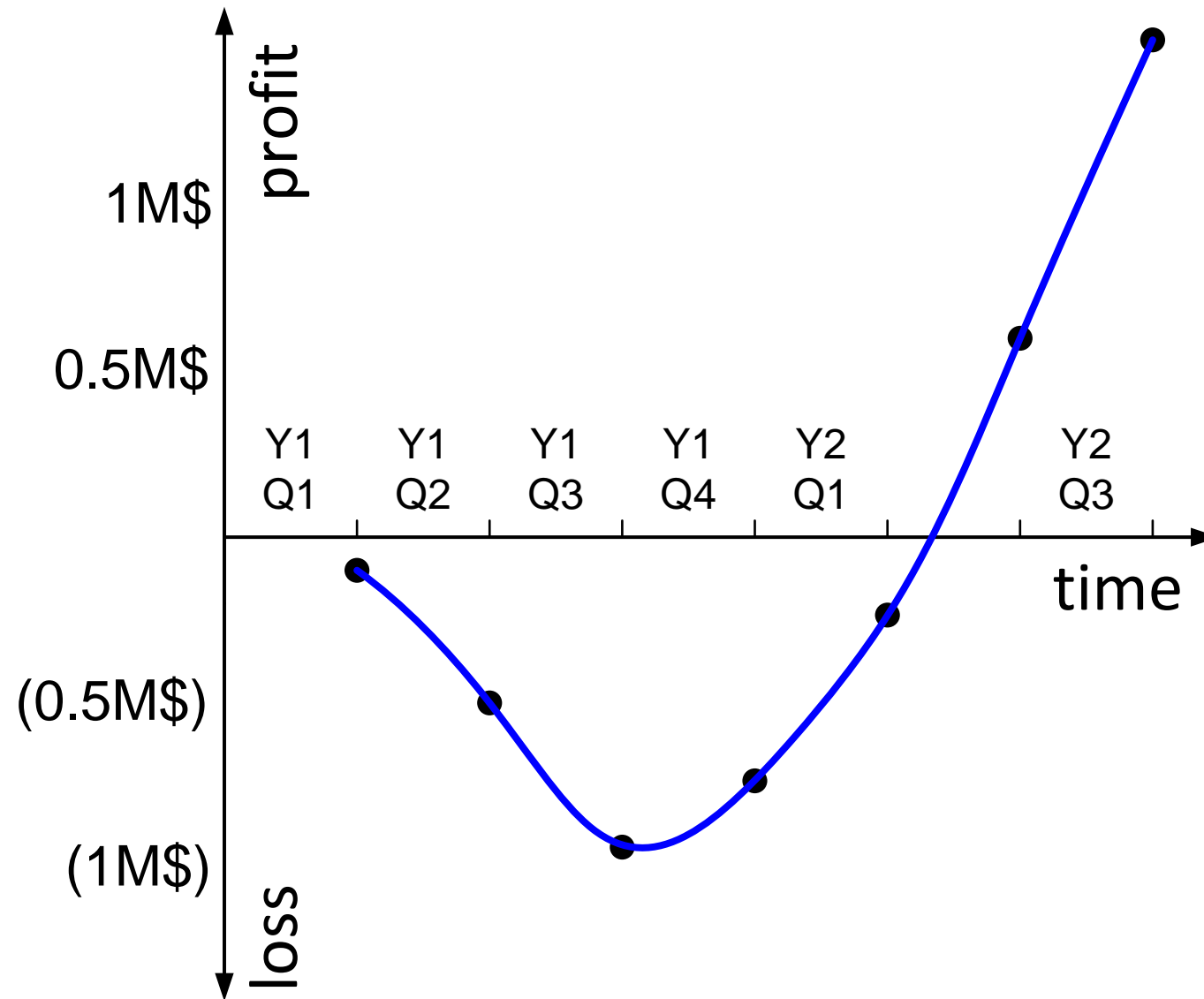
# The Time Dimension

	Y1 Q1	Y1 Q2	Y1 Q3	Y1 Q4	Y2 Q1	Y2 Q2	Y2 Q3
investments	100k\$	400k\$	500k\$	100k\$	100k\$	60k\$	20k\$
sales volume (units)	-	-	2	10	20	30	30
material & labour costs	-	-	40k\$	200k\$	400k\$	600k\$	600k\$
income	-	-	100k\$	500k\$	1000k\$	1500k\$	1500k\$
quarter profit (loss)	(100k\$)	(400k\$)	(440k\$)	200k\$	500k\$	840k\$	880k\$
cumulative profit	(100k\$)	(500k\$)	(940k\$)	(740k\$)	(240k\$)	600k\$	1480k\$

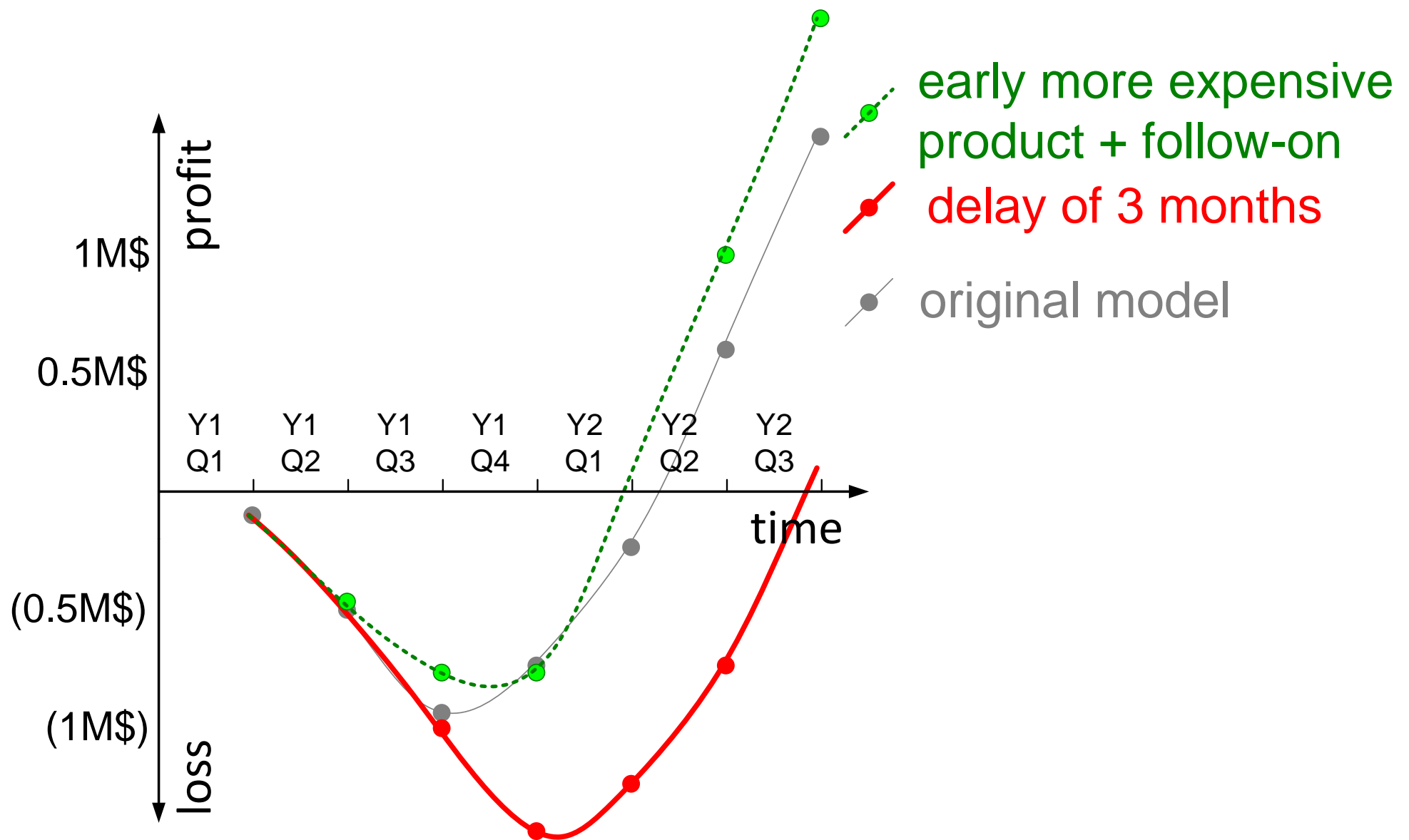
*cost price / unit = 20k\$*  
*sales price / unit = 50k\$*

*variable cost = sales volume \* cost price / unit*  
*income = sales volume \* sales price / unit*  
*quarter profit = income - (investments + variable costs)*

# The “Hockey” Stick

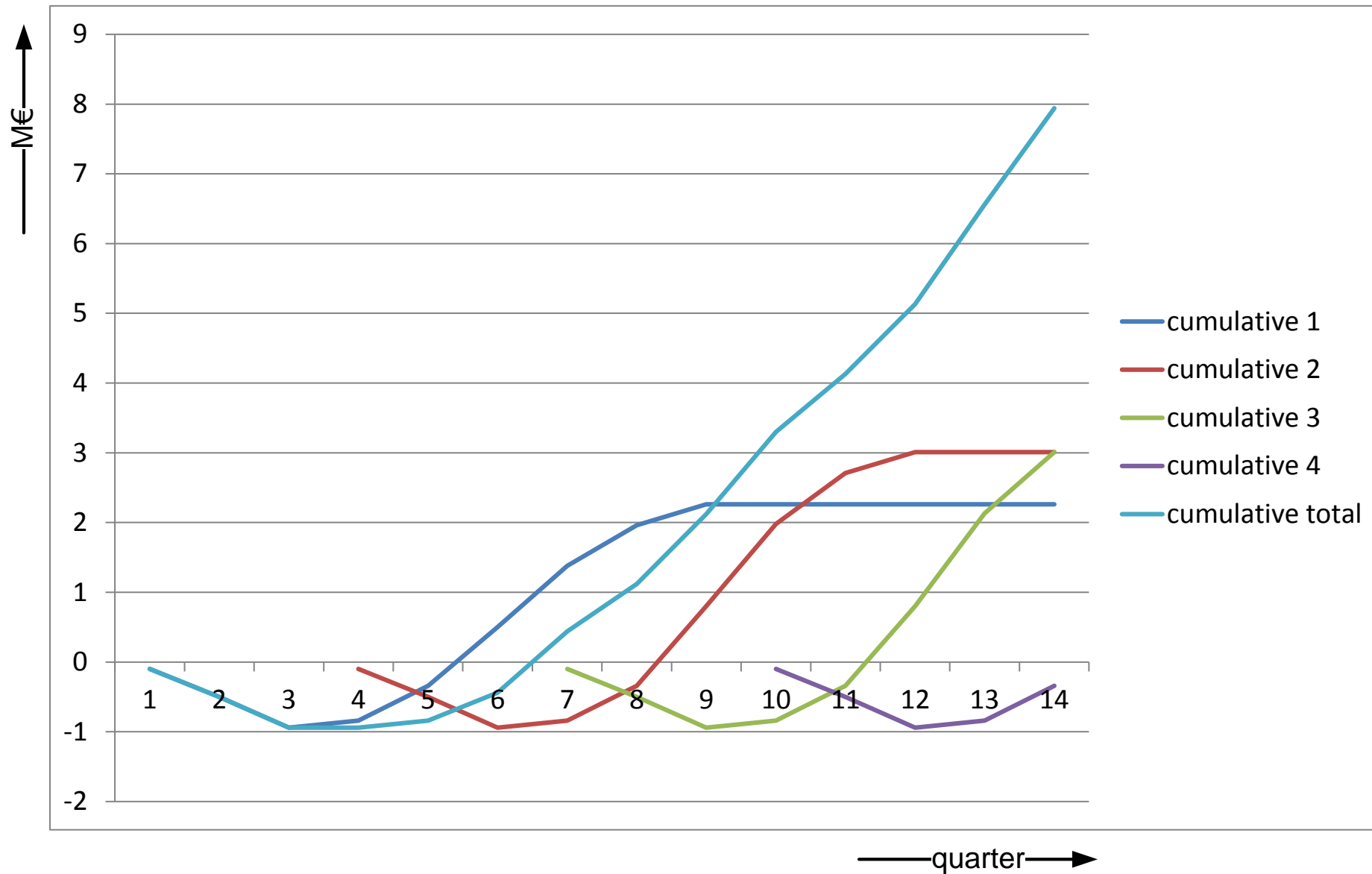


# What if ...?





# Stacking Multiple Developments



# Fashionable financial yardsticks

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Return On Investments (ROI)

Net Present Value

Return On Net Assets (RONA) leasing reduces assets, improves RONA

turnover / fte outsourcing reduces headcount, improves this ratio

market ranking (share, growth) "only numbers 1, 2 and 3 will be profitable"

R&D investment / sales in high tech segments 10% or more

cash-flow fast growing companies combine profits with negative cash-flow,  
risk of bankruptcy

# How to present architecture issues to higher management

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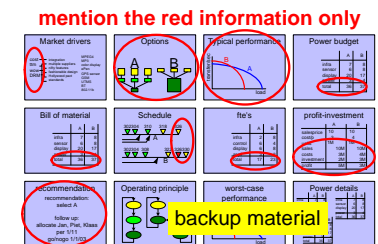
## Abstract

Architects struggle with their visibility at higher management echelons. The introvert nature of architects is a severe handicap. Participation of architects in management teams is important for balanced technical sound decisions and strategy. Improved managerial communication skills of architects are required. This article describes how to give a more effective presentation to higher management teams. Subjects discussed are the preparation, content and form, do and don't advise.

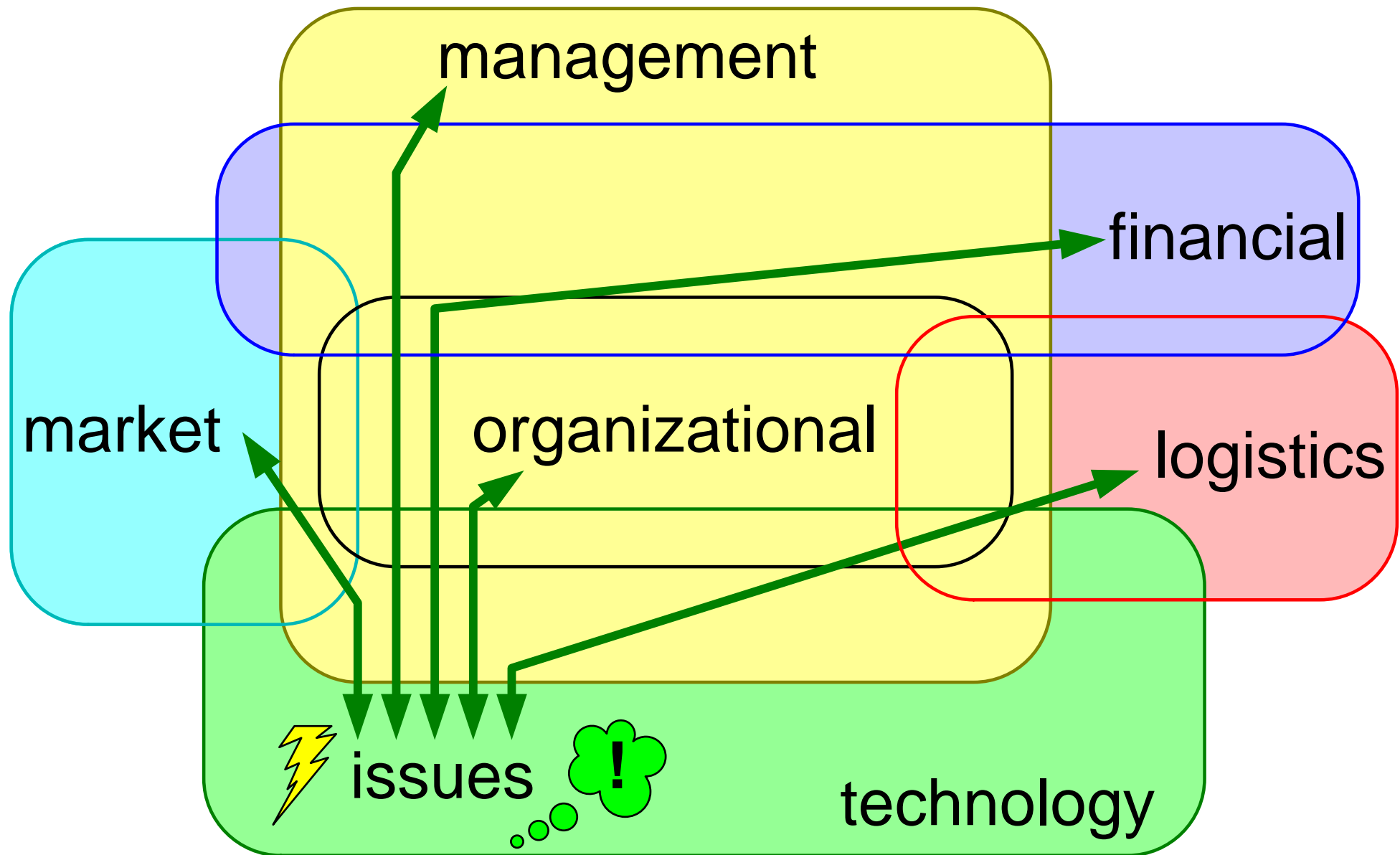
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# Architectural issues related to managerial viewpoints



# Characteristics of managers in higher management teams

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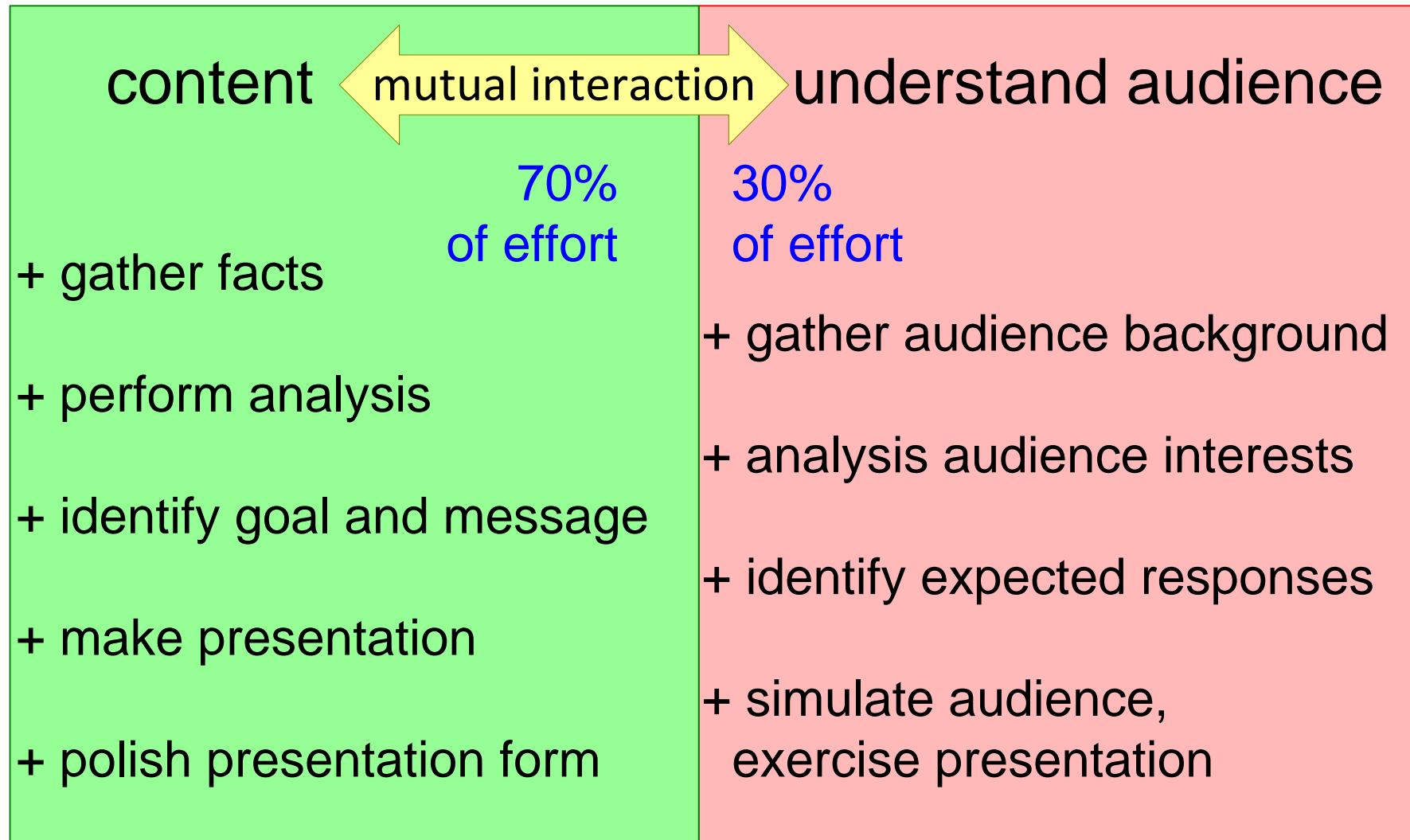
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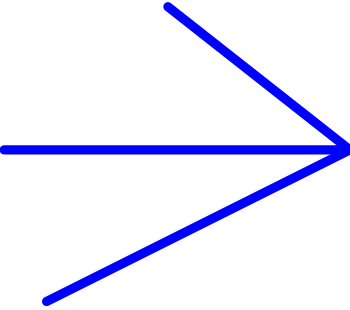
- + action-oriented
- + solution rather than problem
- + impatient, busy
- + want facts not beliefs
- + operate in a political context
- + bottom-line oriented:  
profit, return on investment,  
market share, etc.

## *highly variable characteristics*

- ? technology knowledge  
from extensive to shallow
- ? style from power play to  
inspirational leadership

## Always prepare with small team!



- + clear problem statement (what, why)
  - + solution exploration (how)
  - + options, recommendations
  - + expected actions or decisions
- 
- supported by  
**facts and figures**

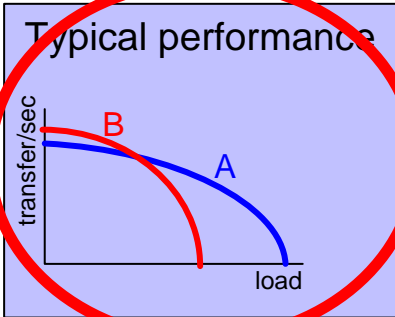
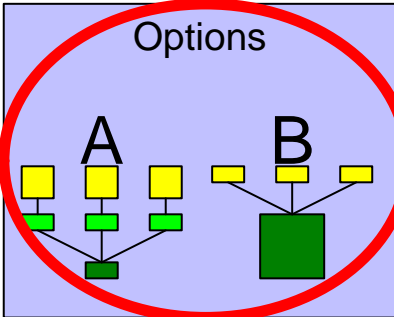
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- integration
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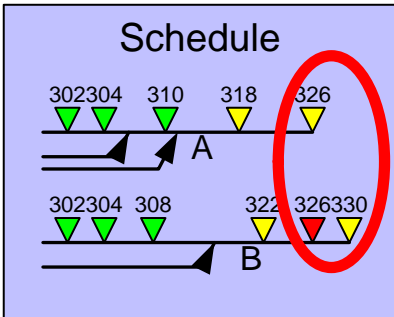


Power budget

	A	B
infra	7	8
sensor	6	8
display	20	17
power	3	4
total	36	37

Bill of material

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sensor	6	8
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fte's

	A	B
infra	2	8
control	6	4
display	6	8
app	3	3
total	17	23

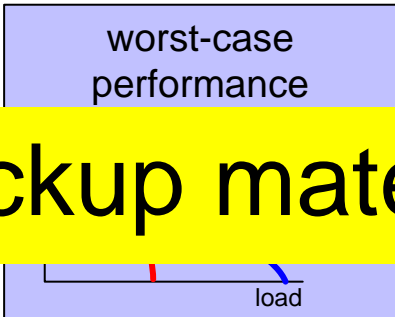
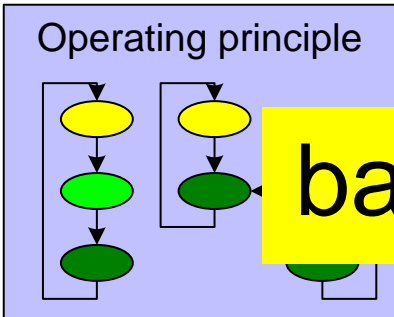
profit-investment

	A	B
salesprice	10	10
cost/p	3	4
units	1M	1M
sales	10M	10M
costs	3M	4M
investment	2M	3M
profit	5M	3M

recommendation

recommendation:  
select A

follow up:  
allocate Jan, Piet, Klaas  
per 1/11  
go/nogo 1/1/03



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# Form is important

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poor form can easily distract from purpose and content

## presentation material

- + professional
- + moderate use of color and animations
- + readable
- + use demos and show artifacts

## presenter's appearance

- + well dressed
- + self confident but open

but stay yourself,  
stay authentic

# Don't force your opinion, understand the audience

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## *do not*

- preach beliefs
- underestimate technology knowledge of managers
- tell them what they did wrong
- oversell

## *do*

- + quantify, show figures and facts
- + create faith in your knowledge
- + focus on objectives
- + manage expectations

# How to cope with managerial dominance

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## *do not*

- let one of the managers hijack the meeting
- build up tensions by withholding facts or solutions
- be lost or panic at unexpected inputs or alternatives

## *do*

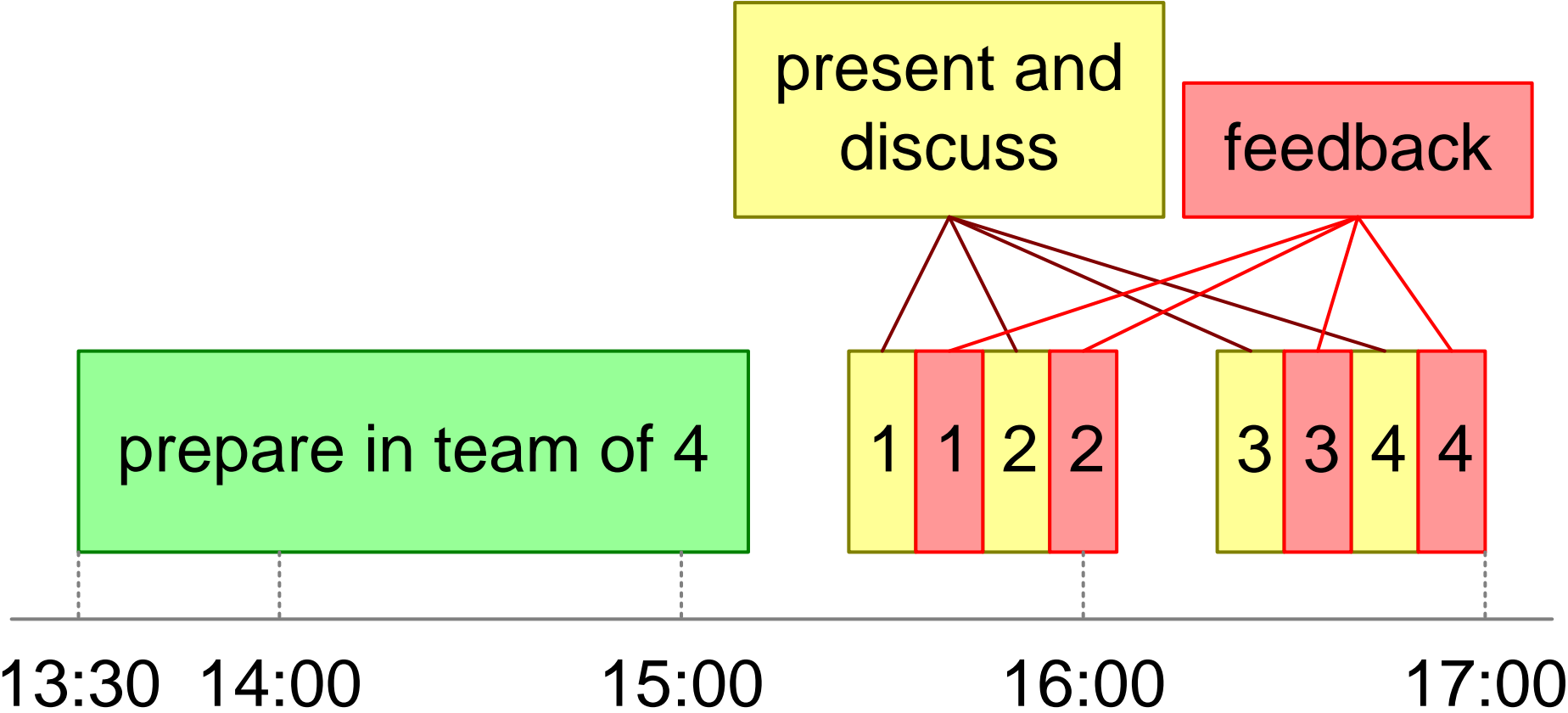
- + maintain the lead
- + be to the point and direct
- + acknowledge input, indicate consequences (facts based)

# Exercise presentation to higher management

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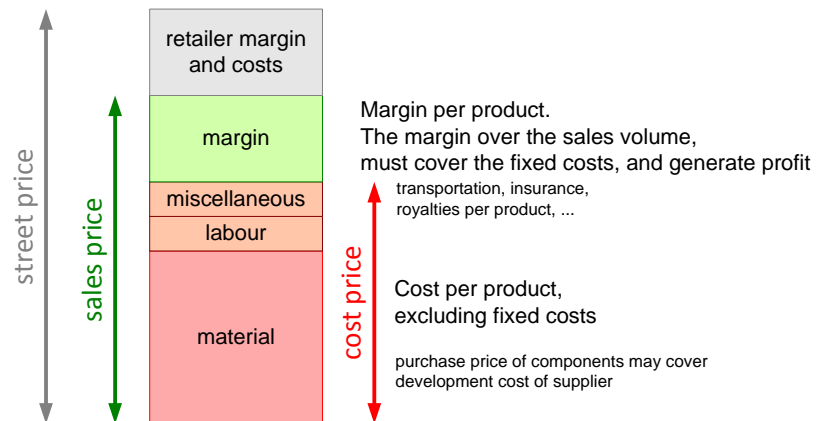
- + Bring a clear **architecture message** to
- + a **Management team** at least 2 hierarchical levels higher
- + with **10 minutes** for **presentation including discussion**  
(no limitation on number of slides)
- \* architecture message =  
**technology** options in relation with **market/product**
- \* address the **concerns** of the **management stakeholders**:  
translation required from **technology** issues into  
**business consequences** (months, fte's, turnover, profit, investments)

# Exercise schedule

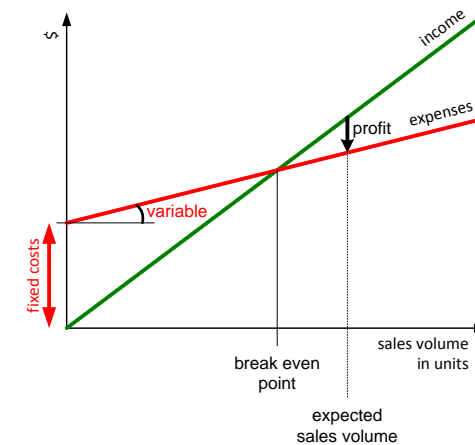


# Simplistic Financial Computations

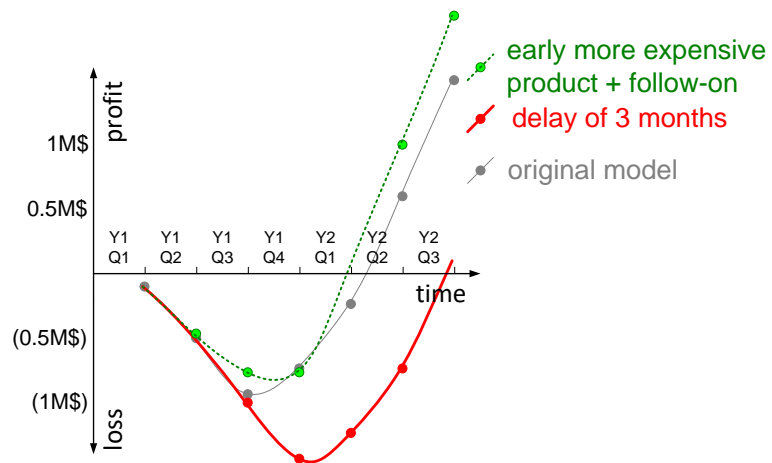
Product Margin = Sales Price - Cost



Profit as function of sales volume



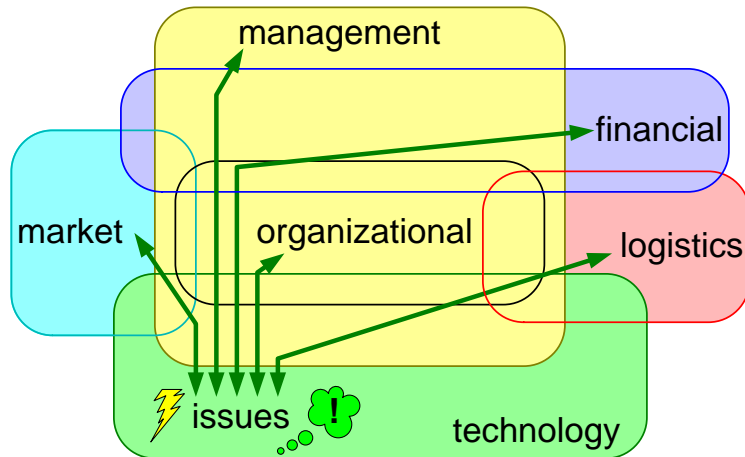
Hockey stick and scenarios



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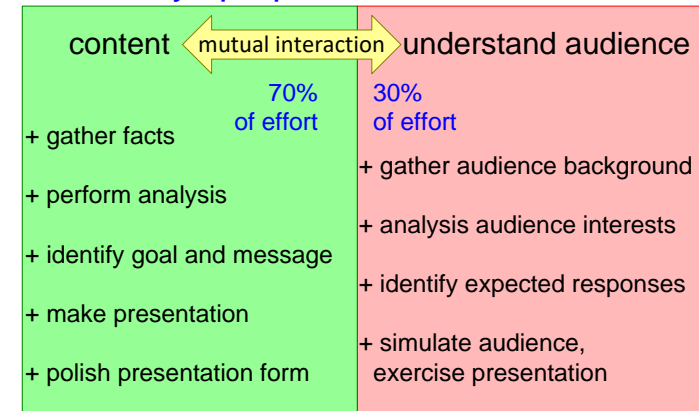
# Presentation to Management

## Managerial Viewpoints



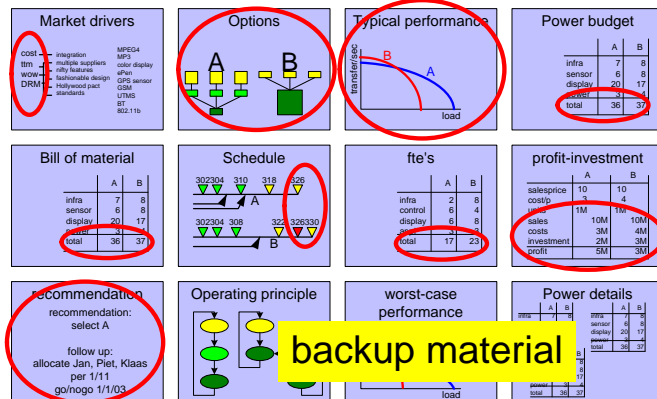
## Prepare Content, Understand Audience

Always prepare with small team!



## Show underlying info

mention the red information only



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## Abstract

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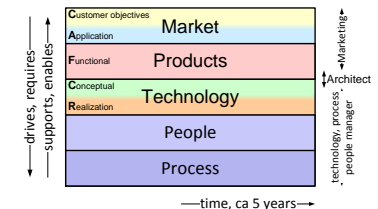
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This article describes what a roadmap is, how to create and maintain a roadmap, the involvement of the stakeholders, and criteria for the structure of a roadmap.

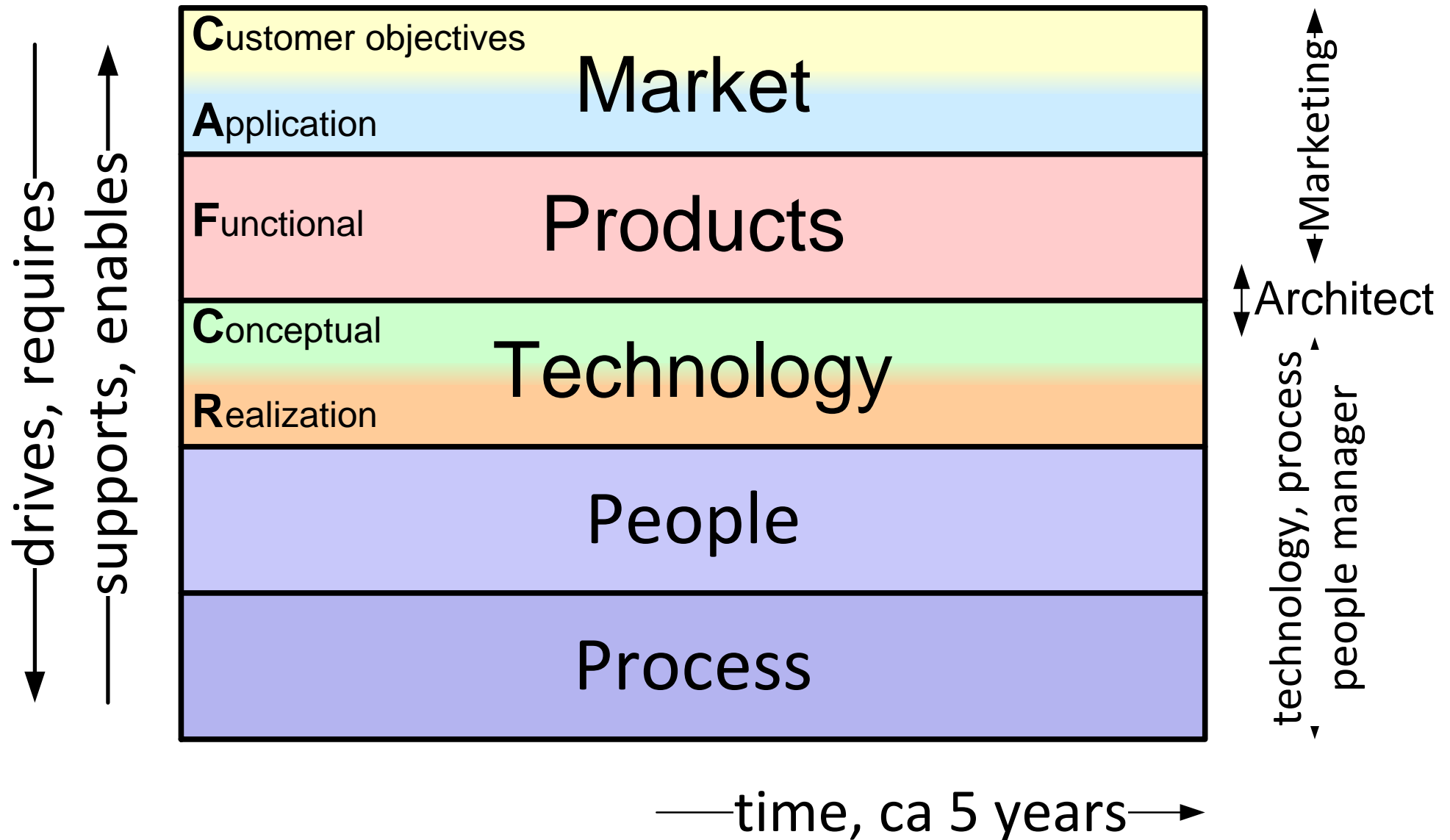
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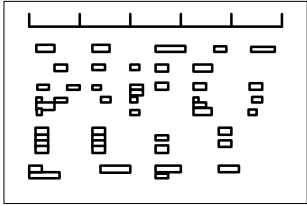


# The Roadmap Integrates Five Views



# Granularity of Roadmap Material

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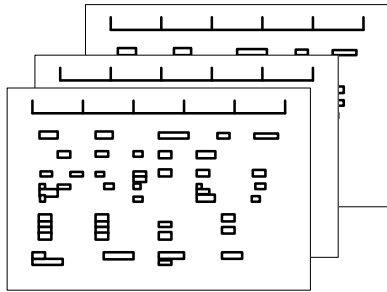


## Top-level roadmap

Single page

Poster

part of many presentations

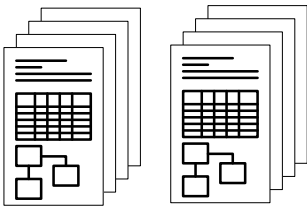


## Supporting roadmaps

Single page  
per view  
or per driver

Poster

part of many presentations



## Supporting reports

Document  
per relevant  
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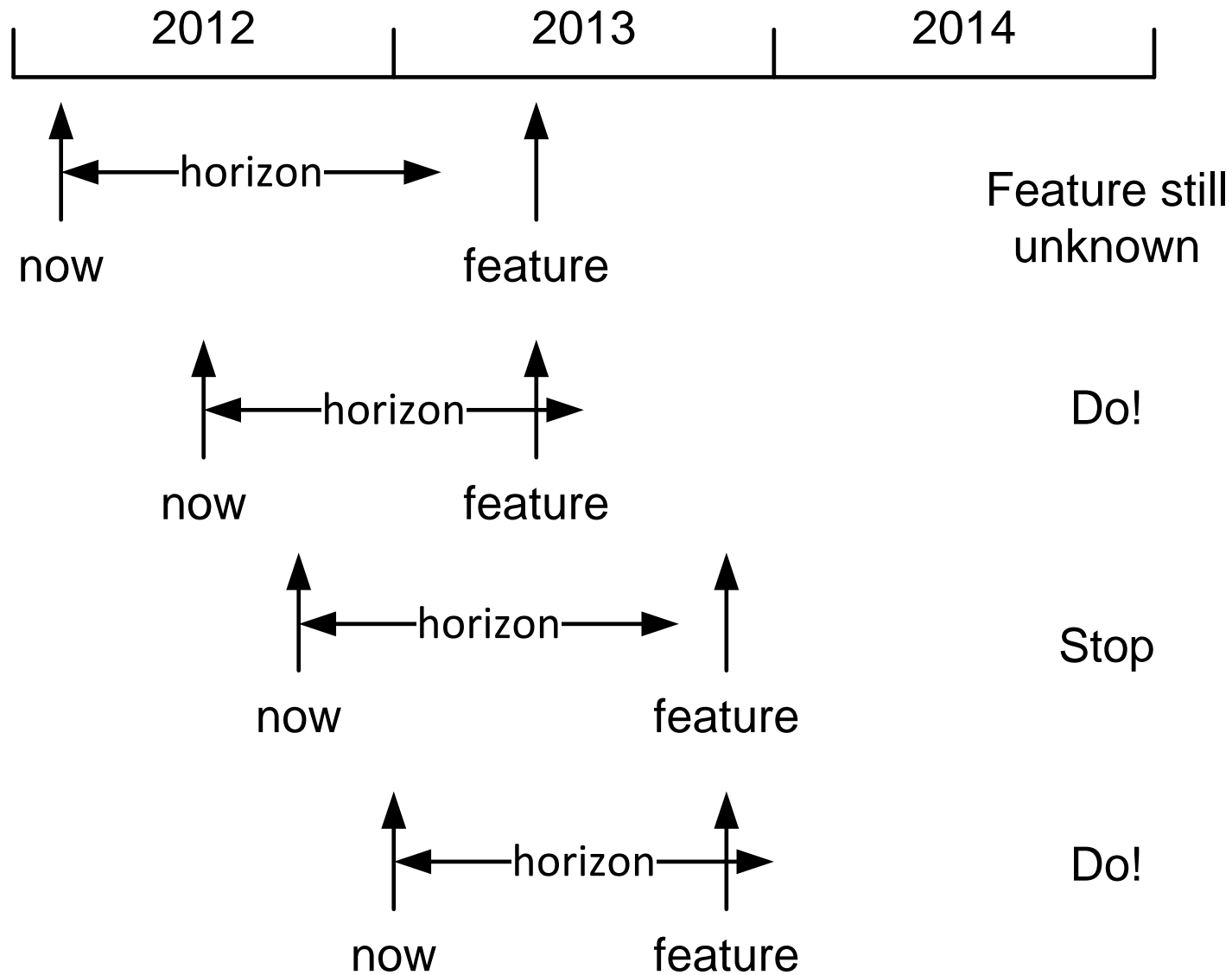
Frequent changes in product policy

Late start up of long lead activities, such as people recruitment and process change

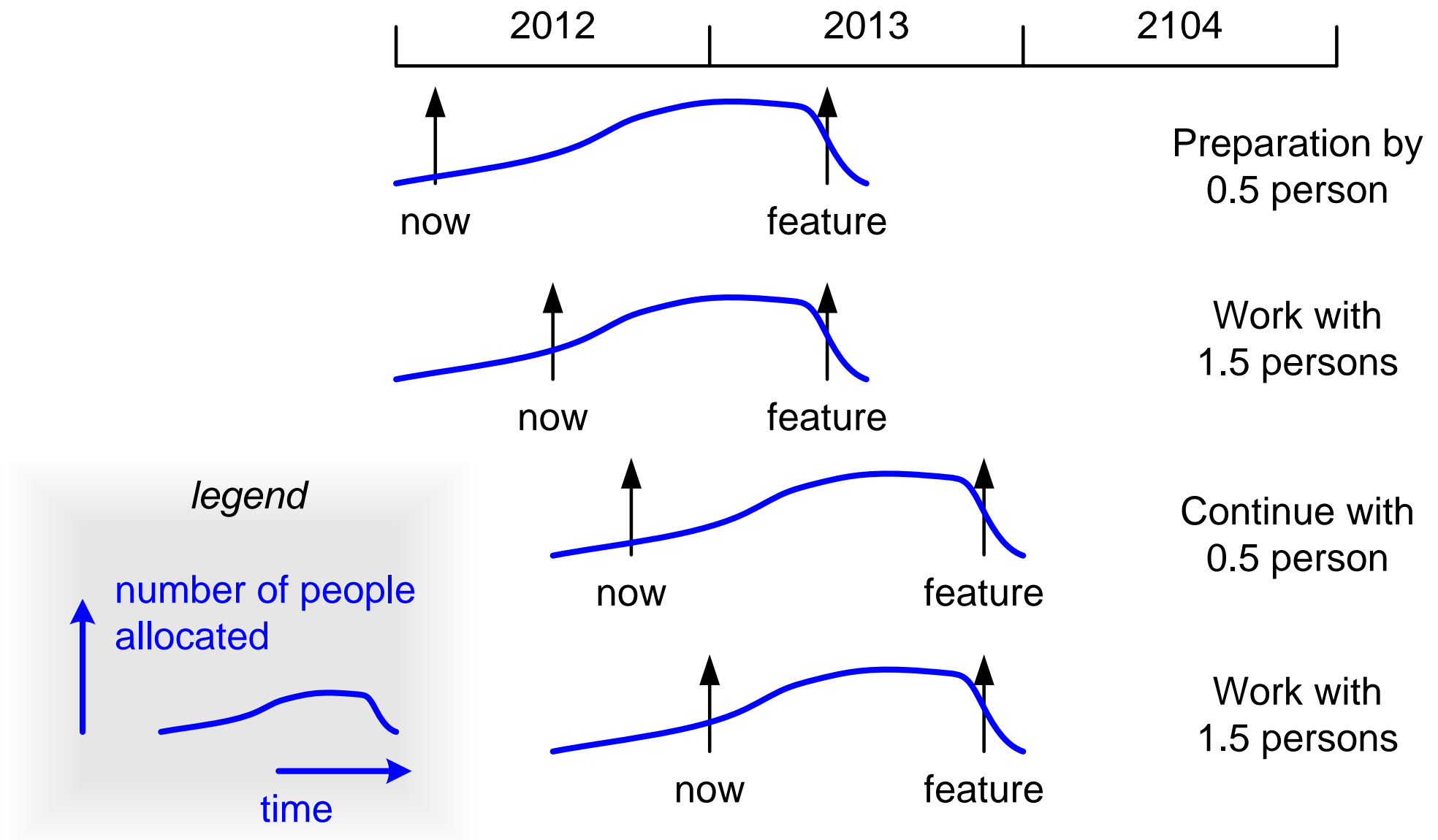
Diverging activities of teams

Missed market opportunities

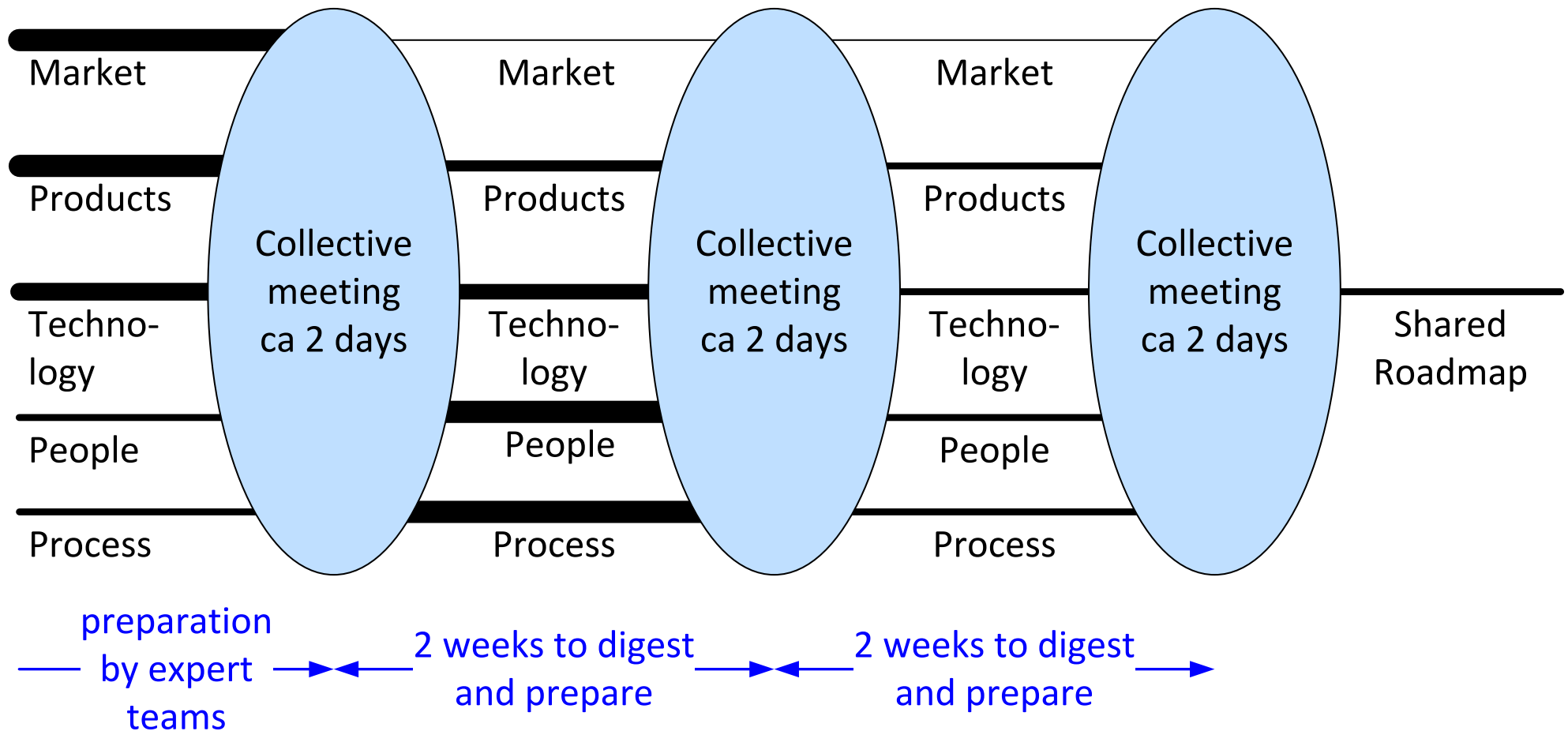
# Management with a Limited Horizon



# Management with a Broader Time Perspective



# Creation or Update of Roadmap in Burst Mode



# Typical Stakeholders of a Roadmap

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business manager overall enterprise responsible

marketing manager(s)

discipline or line managers

people, process, and technology manager(s)

operational manager(s) project or program managers

architect(s)



Shared vision on market

First iteration of possible products as an answer to the market

Share technology status, as starting point for technology roadmap

Explore people and technology status, to identify main issues

Obtaining a shared vision on the desired technology roadmap

Sharing the people and process issues required for the products defined in the first iteration

Analyzing a few scenarios for products, technologies, people, and process

# The Roadmap Update Visualized in Time

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**Market:** What is needed by the customers?

**Products:** How to package technologies into products to fulfill market needs?

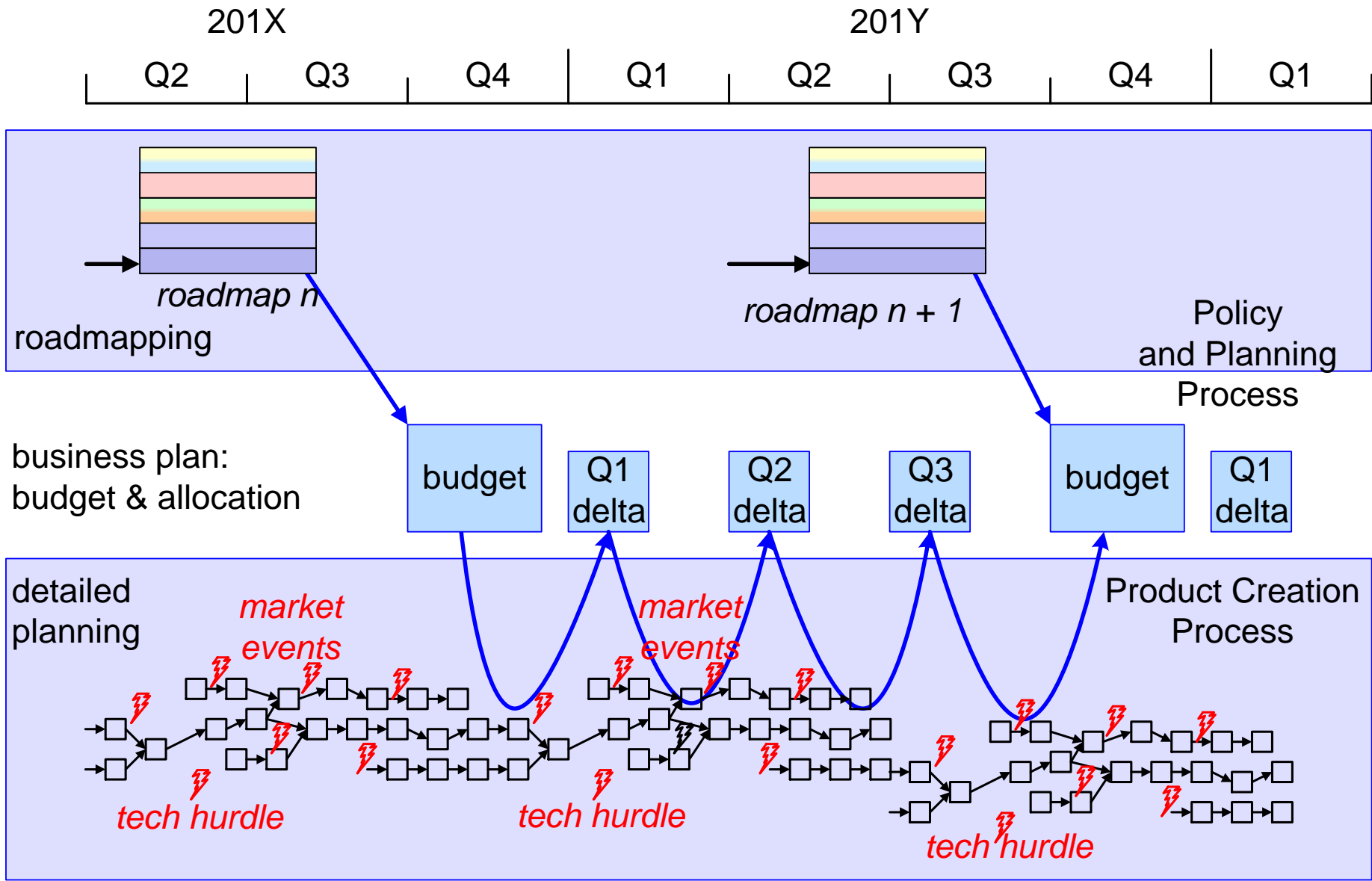
**Technology:** What technological trends are relevant? What technologies are needed?

**People:** What kind of and how many people are required to realize the products and technologies?

**Process:** What processes are required to let these people realize the products and technologies?

—time—→

# From Roadmap to Detailed Plans



# 3-Tier Approach

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	<i>horizon</i>	<i>update</i>	<i>scope</i>	<i>type</i>
roadmap	5 years	1 year	portfolio	vision
budget	1 year	3 months	program	commitment
detailed plan	1 mnth-1yr	1 day-1 mnth	program or activity	control means

Selection of most important or relevant issues

Key drivers as a means to structure the roadmap

Nothing is certain; ambiguity is normal

Use facts whenever possible

Don't panic in case of impossibilities

# Requirements for a Good Roadmap

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Recognizable issues for all stakeholders

Clear positioning in time; uncertainty can be visualized

The main events (enabling or constraining) must be present

Limited amount of information to maintain the overview

## Market analysis reports

number of customers, market size, competition, trends

## Installed base

change requests, problem reports, historical data

## Manufacturing (statistical process control)

statistical process control

## Suppliers (roadmaps, historical data)

roadmaps, historical data

## Internal reports (technology studies, simulations)

technology studies, simulations



# Causes for Overestimation

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Quantization effects of small activities (the amount of time is rounded to manweeks/months/years)

Uncertainty is translated into margins at every level (module, subsystem, system)

Counting activities twice (e.g., in technology development and in product development)

Quantization effects of persons/roles (full time project leader, architect, product manager, et cetera per product)

Lack of pragmatism (technical ambition is not too bad during the roadmap process, as long as it does not pre-empt a healthy decision)

Too many bells and whistles without business or customer value

# Market Product Life Cycle Consequences for Architecting

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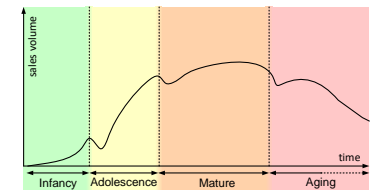
The lifecycle of a product category in the market determines many aspects of the architecting approach. The lifecycle consists typical of 4 phases: infancy, adolescence, mature and aging.

A discontinuity in market success is seen in the transition from one phase to the next phase. The explanation given is that the phases differ in characteristics and require different approaches. The right approach for one phase is sub optimal for the next phase. A set of characteristics per phase is given and the consequences for architecting are discussed.

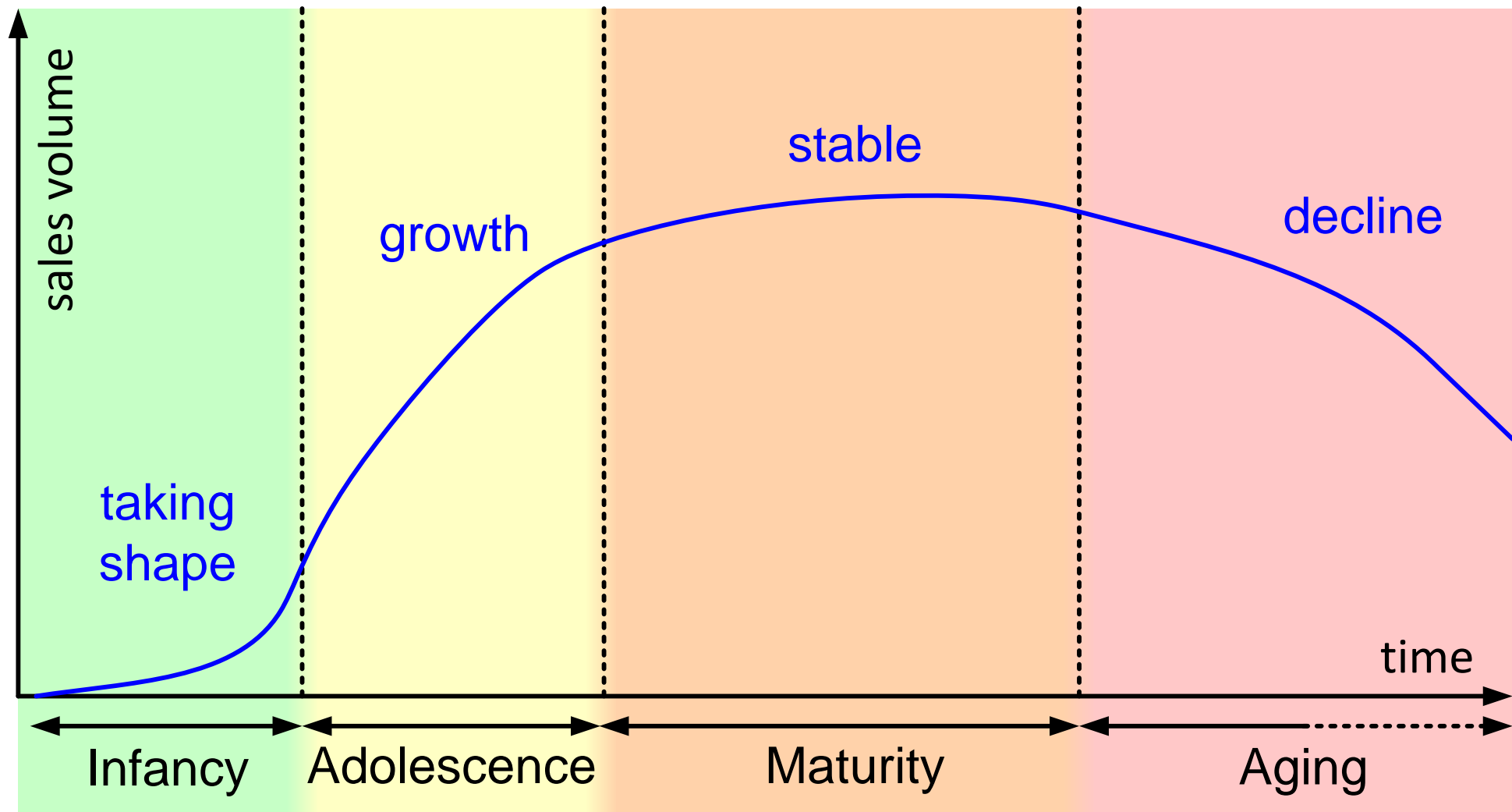
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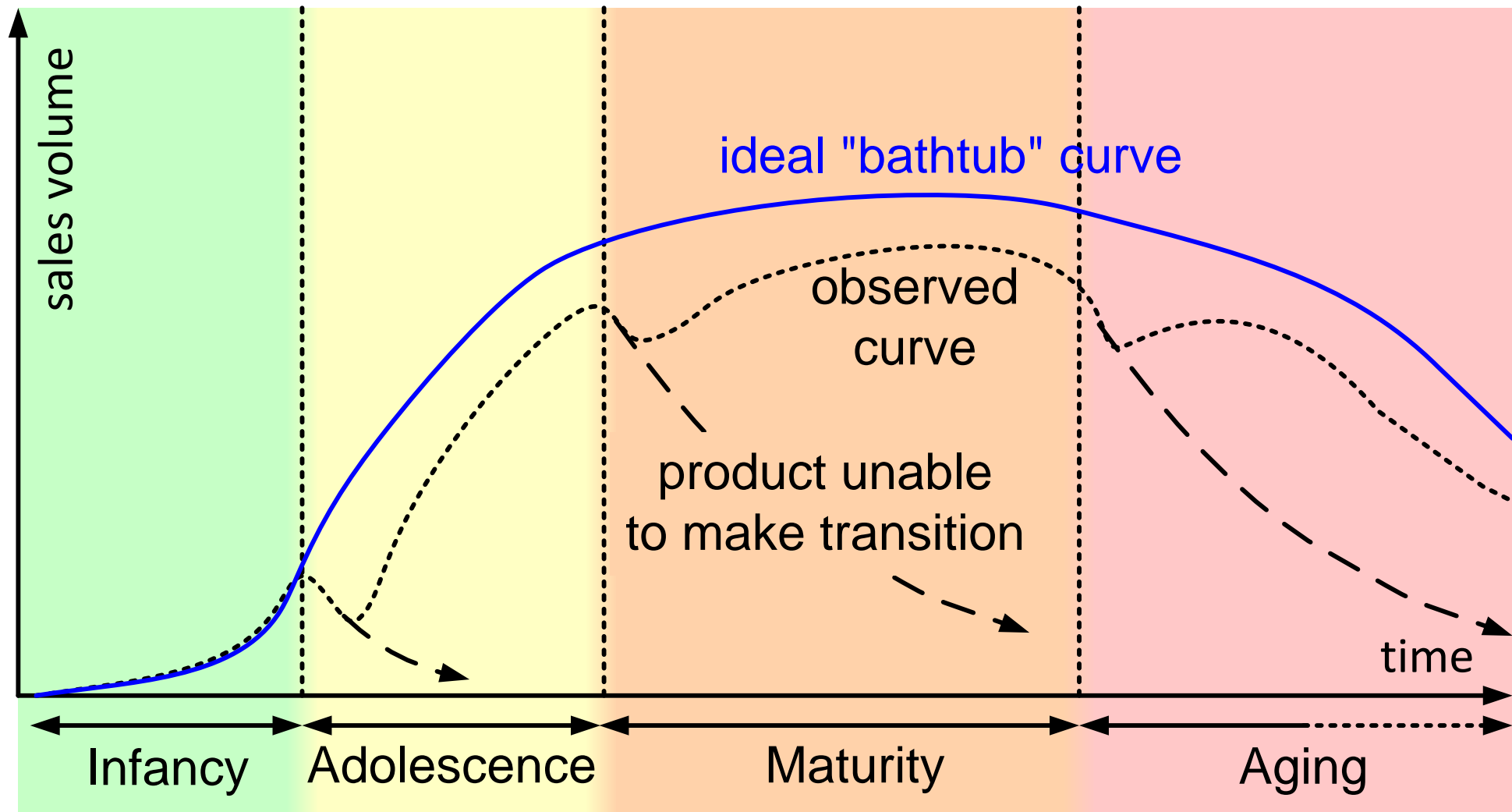
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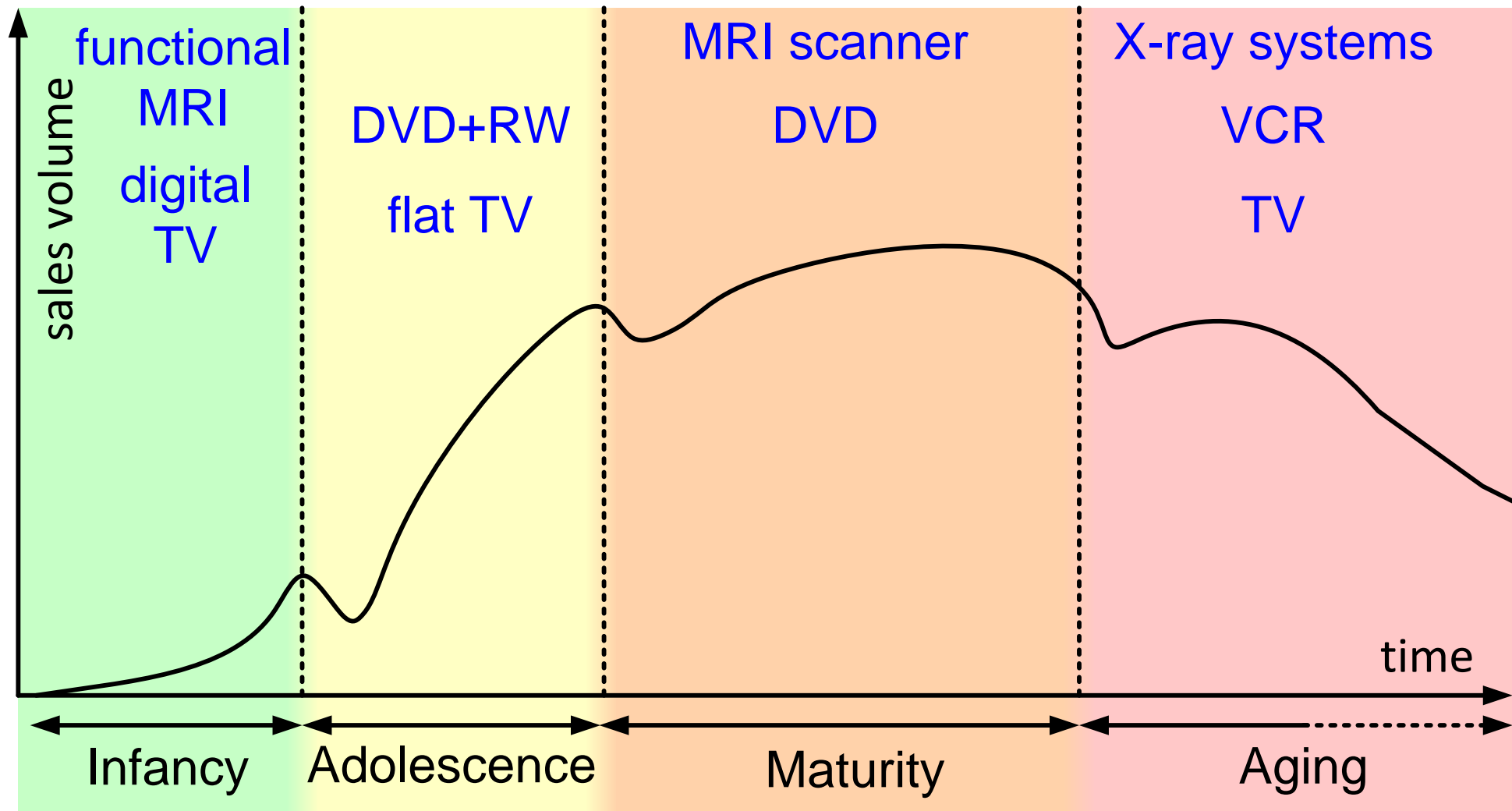
# Ideal Bathtub Curve



# Market Product Life Cycle Phases in Practice



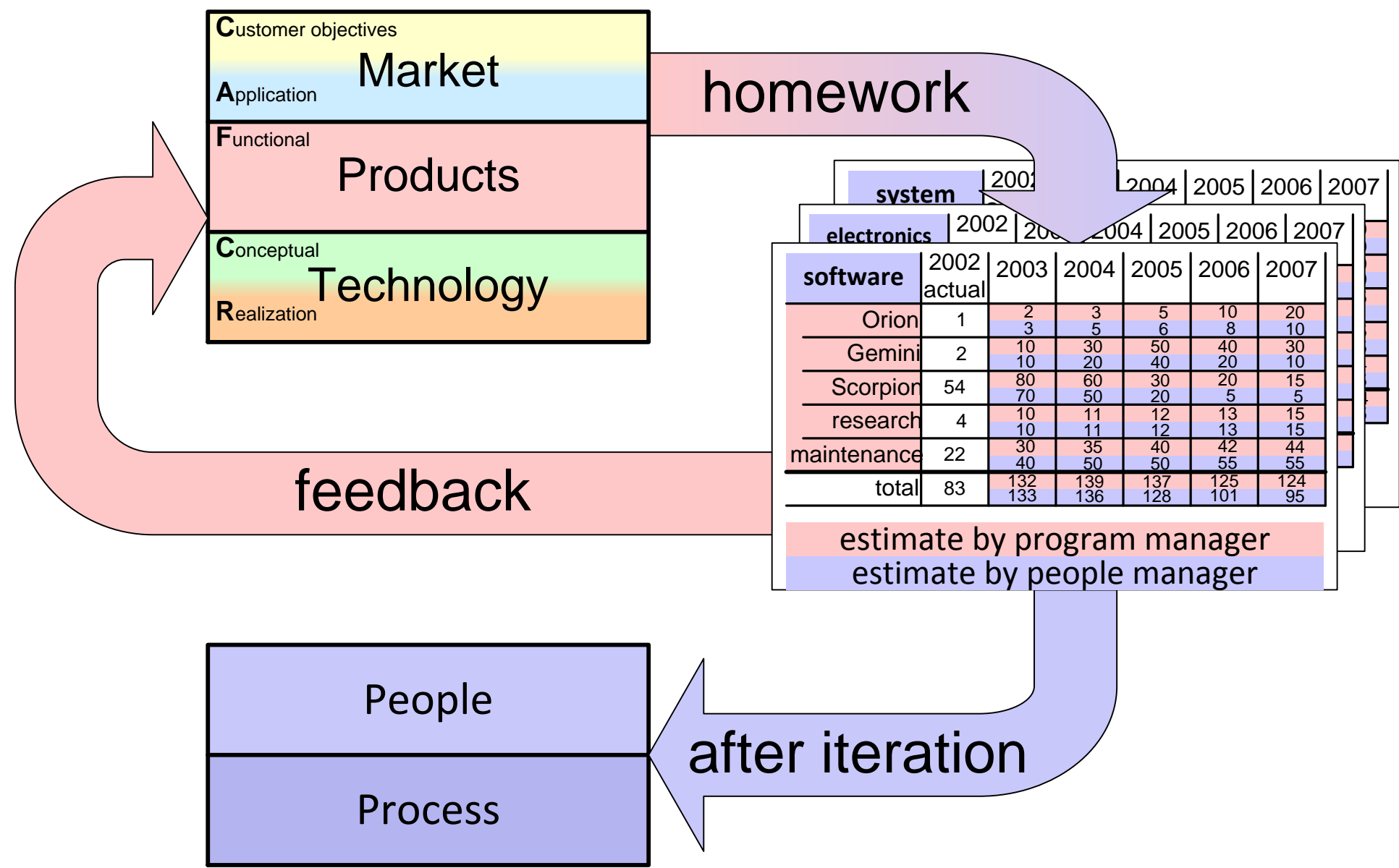
# Examples of Product Classes on the Curve



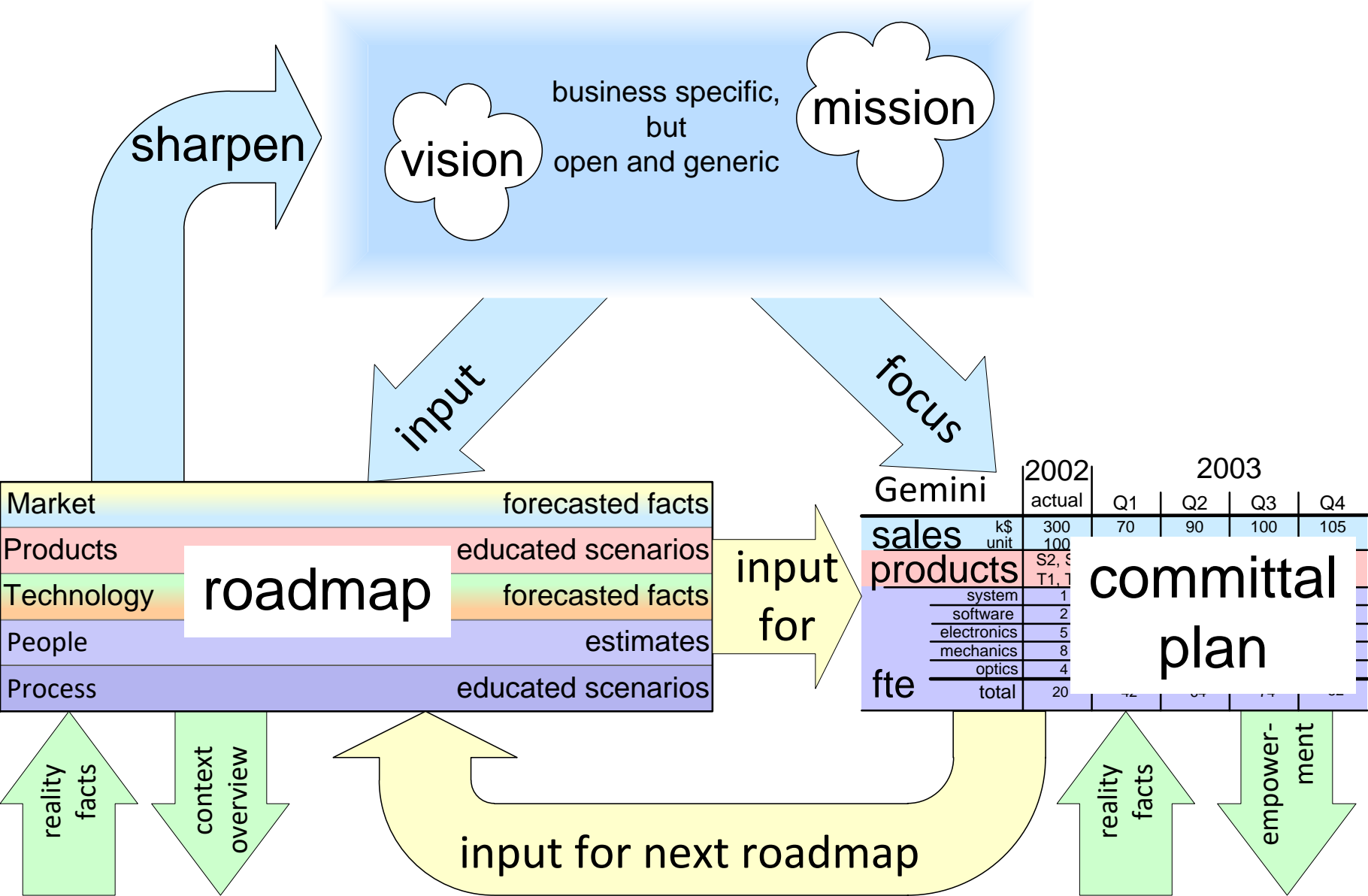
# Attributes per Phase

	Infancy	Adolescence	Mature	Ageing
Driving factor	Business vision		Stable business model	Harvesting of assets
Value from	Responsiveness	Features	Refinements / service	Refining existing assets
Requirements	Discovery	Select strategic	Prioritize	Low effort high value only
Dominant technical concerns	Feasibility	Scaling	Legacy  Obsolescence	Lack of product knowledge Low effort for obsolete technologies
Type of people	Inventors & pioneers	Few inventors & pioneers "designers"	"Engineers"	"Maintainers"
Process	Chaotic		Bureaucratic	Budget driven
Dominant pattern	Overdimensioning	Conservative expansion	Midlife refactoring	UI gadgets

# From Market, Product, Technology to People, Process



# Summary of strategy process





# Exercise Roadmapping

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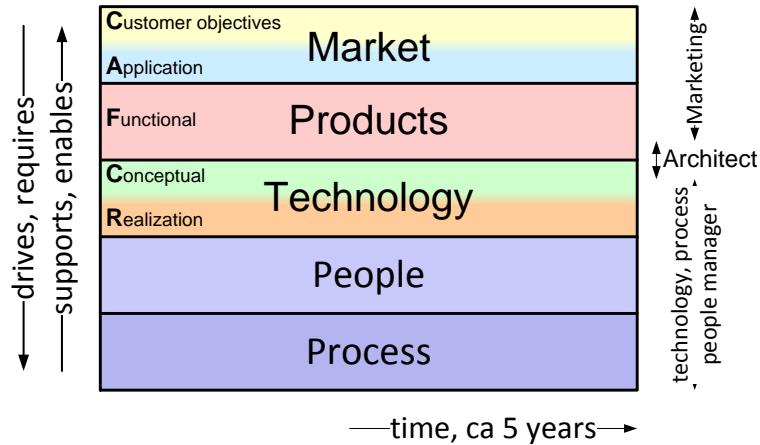
Make a roadmap on the basis of what you know at this moment, or what you perceive as the "shared expectation".

Try to fill in as many views (market, products, technology, people and process) as possible.

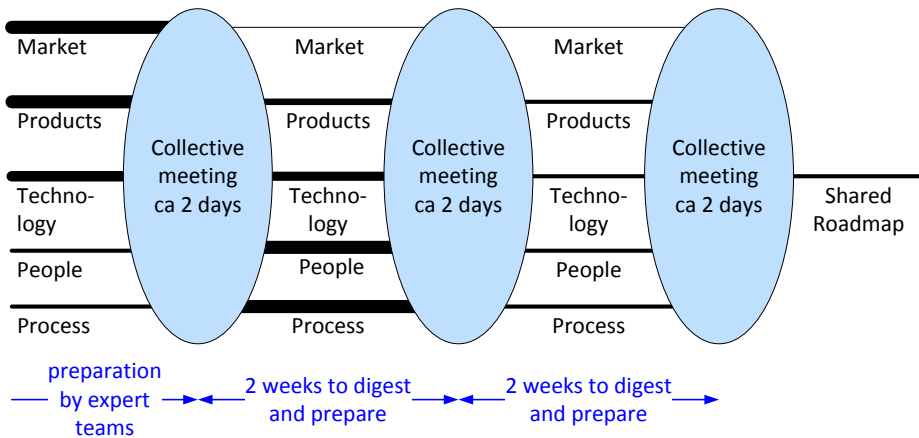
Present an overview by minimizing the contents to the most essential data.

# Roadmap Creation

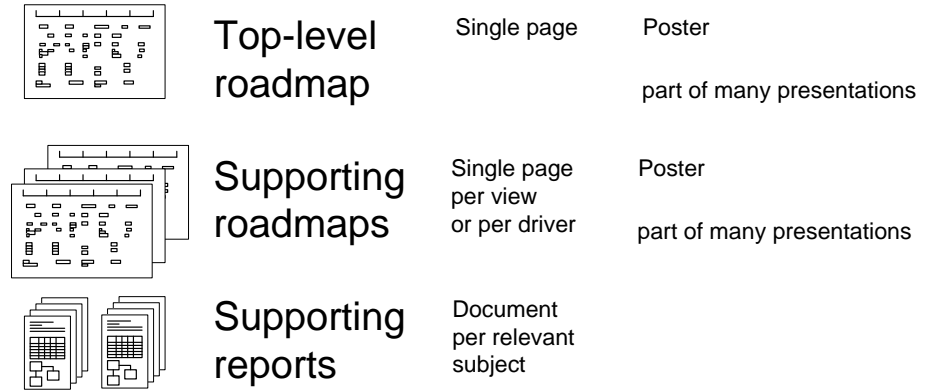
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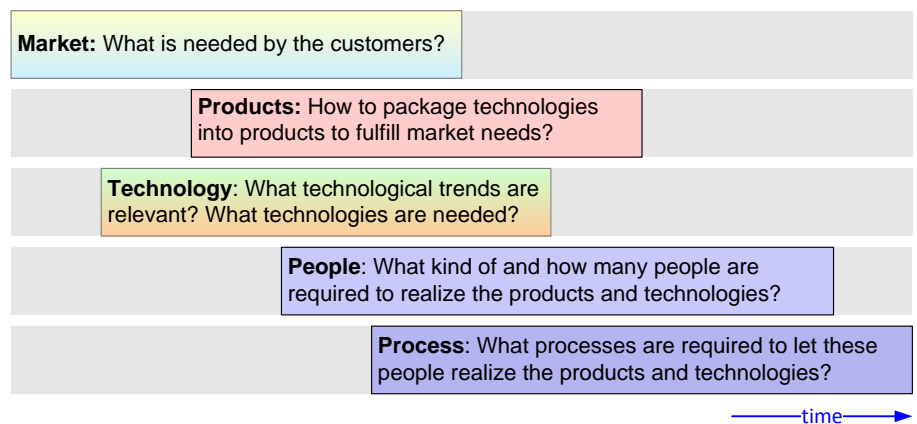
# Creation in Teams



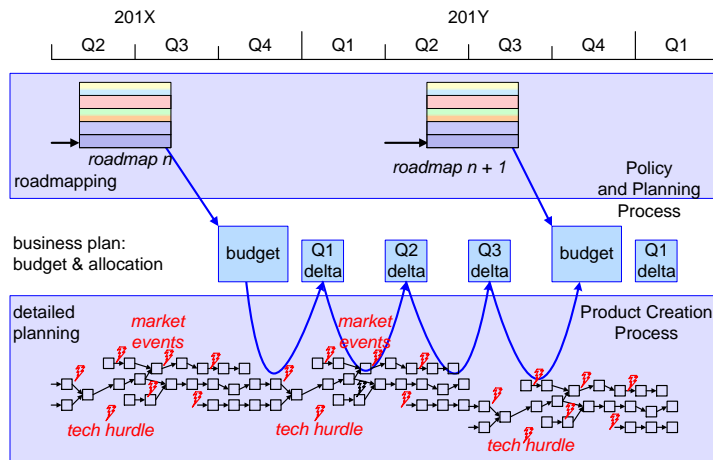
# Multiple Levels



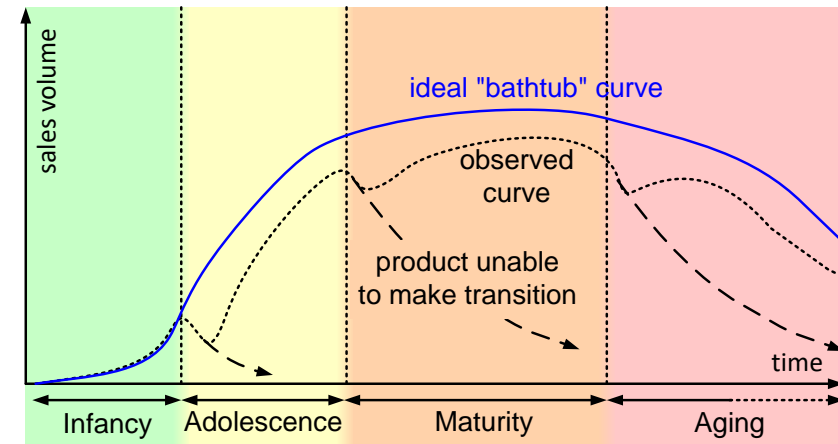
## Order of Creation



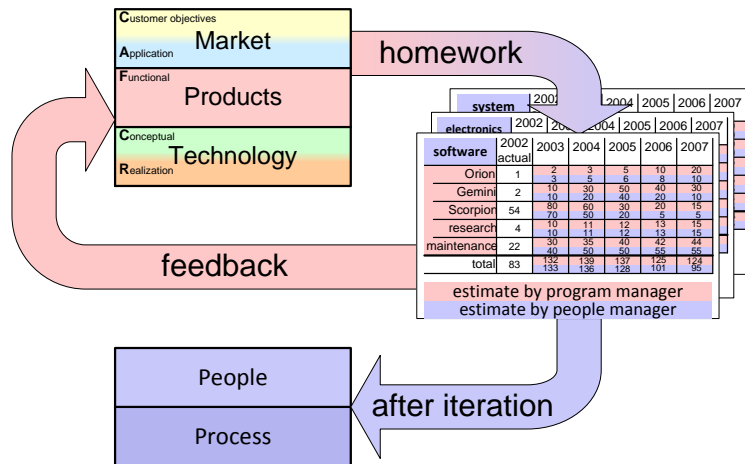
## Time Horizons



## Life Cycle Transitions



## People and Process



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# Module Product Families and Generic Developments

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## Abstract

This module addresses product families and generic developments.

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# Product Families and Generic Aspects

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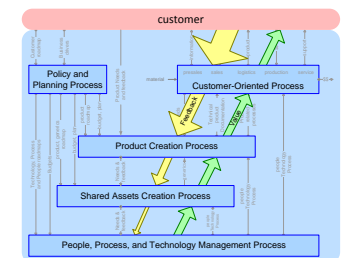
Most products fit in a larger family of products. The members of such a product family share a lot of functionality and features. It is attractive to share implementations, designs et cetera between those members to increase the efficiency of the entire company.

In practice many difficulties pop up when product developments become coupled, due to the partial developments which are shared. This article discusses the advantages and disadvantages of a family approach based on shared developments and provides some methods to increase the chance on success.

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Platform

Common components

Standard design

Framework

Family architecture

Generic aspects, functions, or features

Reuse

Products (in project environment)

# Claimed Advantages of Generic Developments



# Experiences with reuse, from counterproductive to effective

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## bad

longer time to market  
high investments  
lots of maintenance  
poor quality  
poor reliability  
diversity is opposed  
lot of know how required  
predictable too late  
dependability  
knowledge dilution  
lack of market focus  
interference  
but integration required

## good

reduced time to market  
reduced investment  
reduced (shared) maintenance cost  
improved quality  
improved reliability  
easier diversity management  
understanding of one base system  
improved predictability  
larger purchasing power  
means to consolidate knowledge  
increase added value  
enables parallel developments  
free feature propagation



# Successful examples of reuse

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homogeneous domain

cath lab  
MRI  
television  
waferstepper

hardware dominated

car  
airplane  
shaver  
television

limited scope

audio codec  
compression library  
streaming library

struggle with integration/convergence with other domains

TV: digital networks and media  
cath lab: US imaging, MRI

how to innovate.?

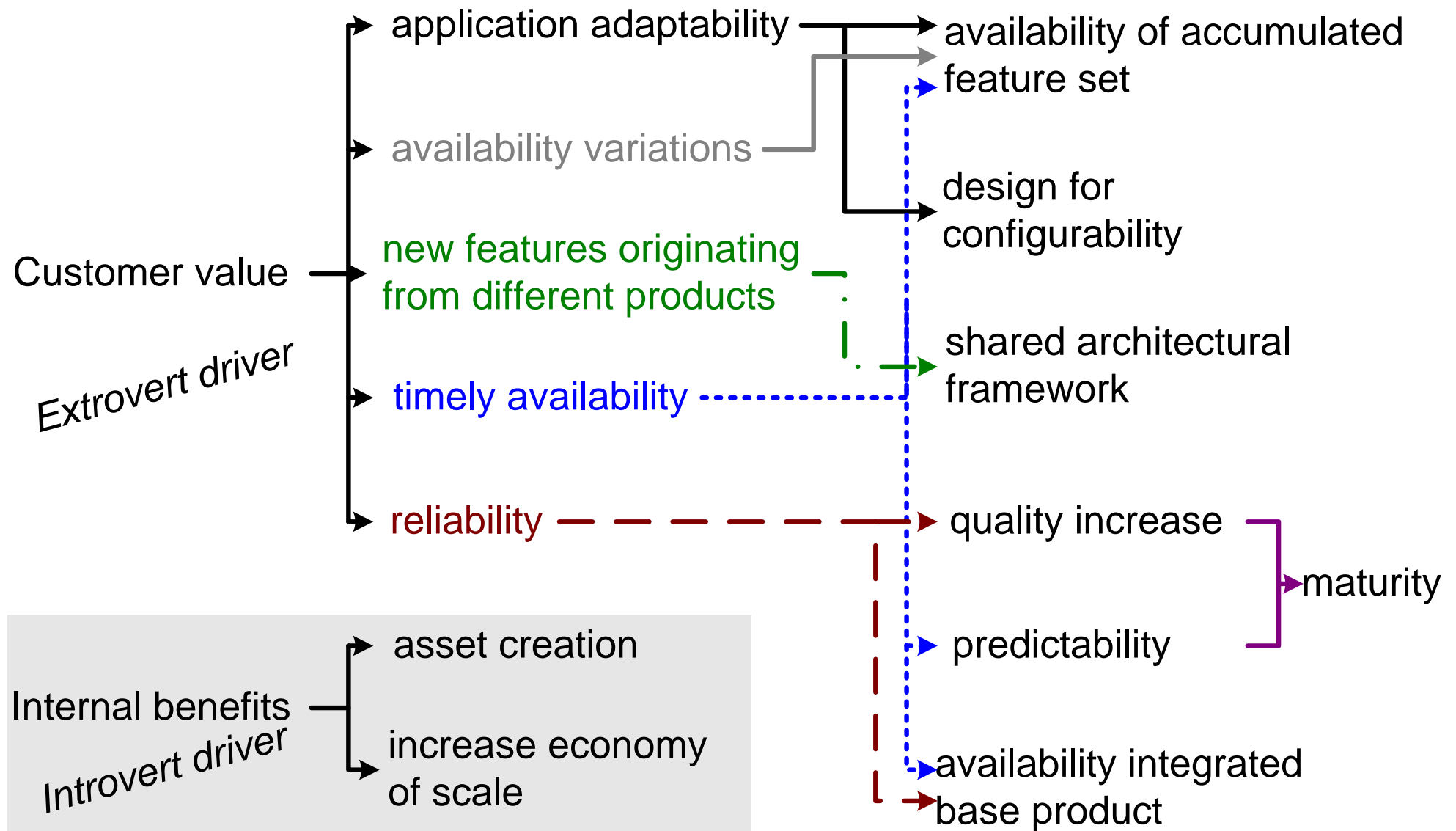
poor/slow response on paradigm shifts

TV: LCD screens  
cath lab: image based acquisition control

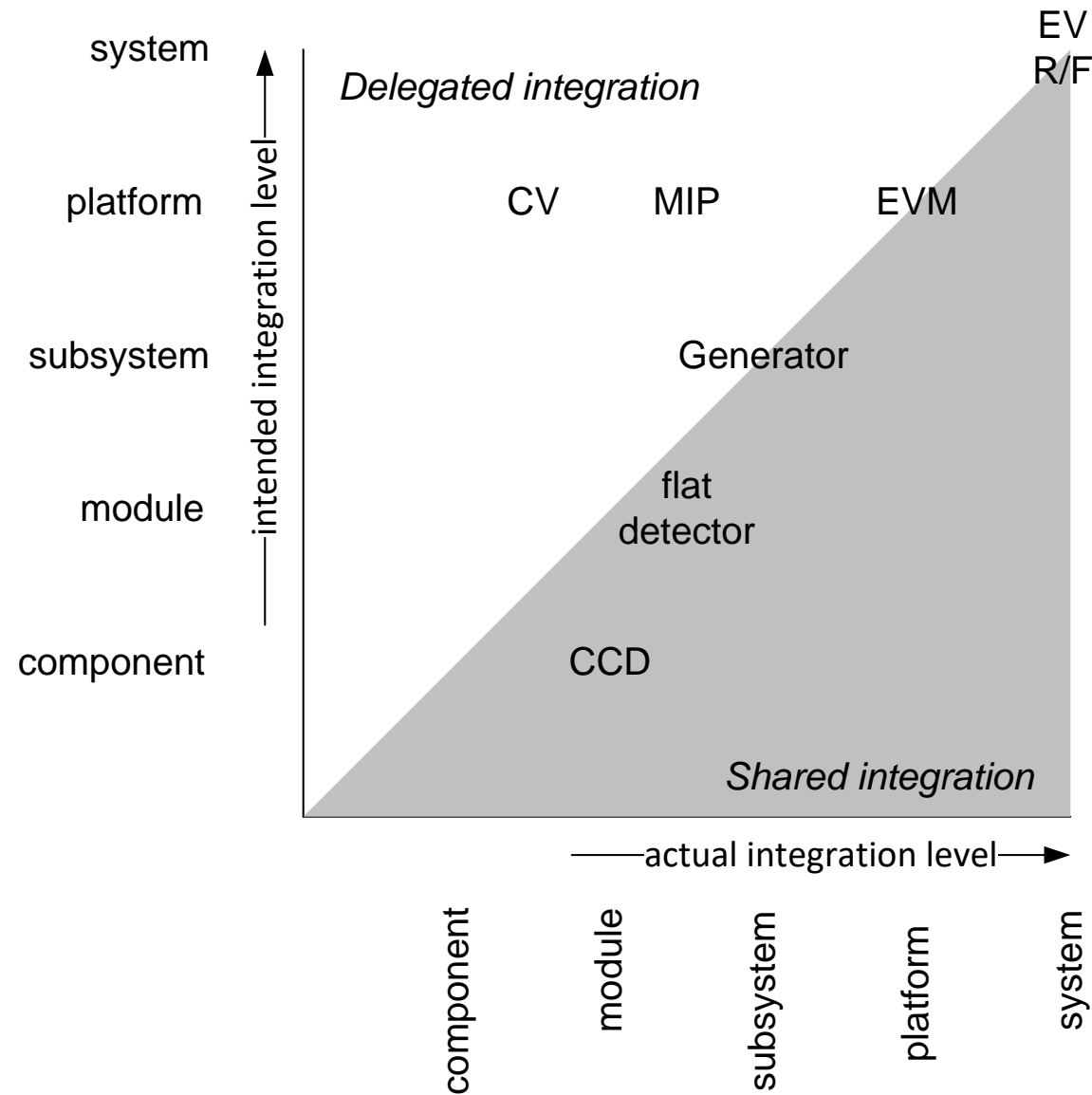
software maintenance, configurations, integration, release

MRI: integration and test  
wafersteppers: number of configurations

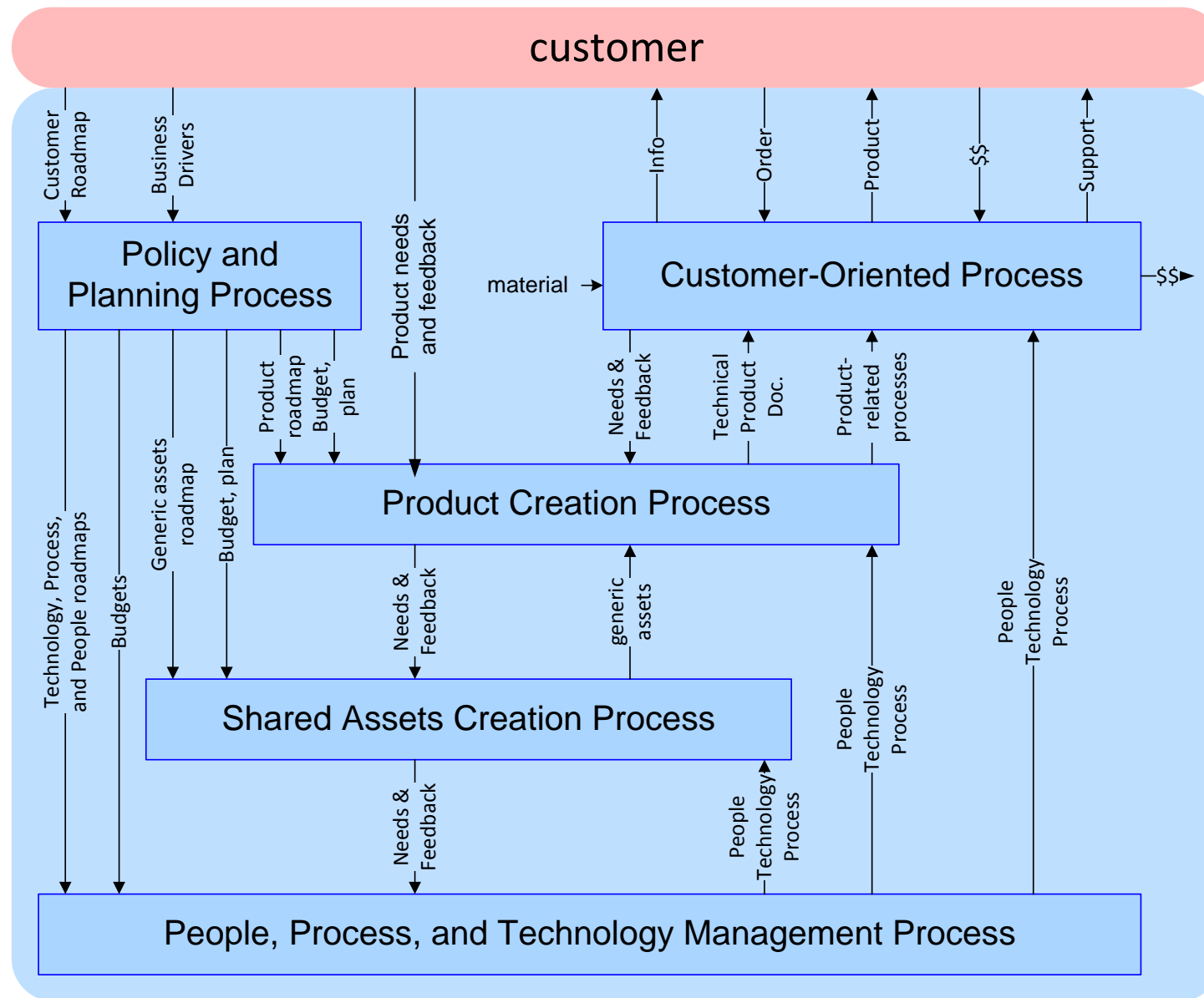
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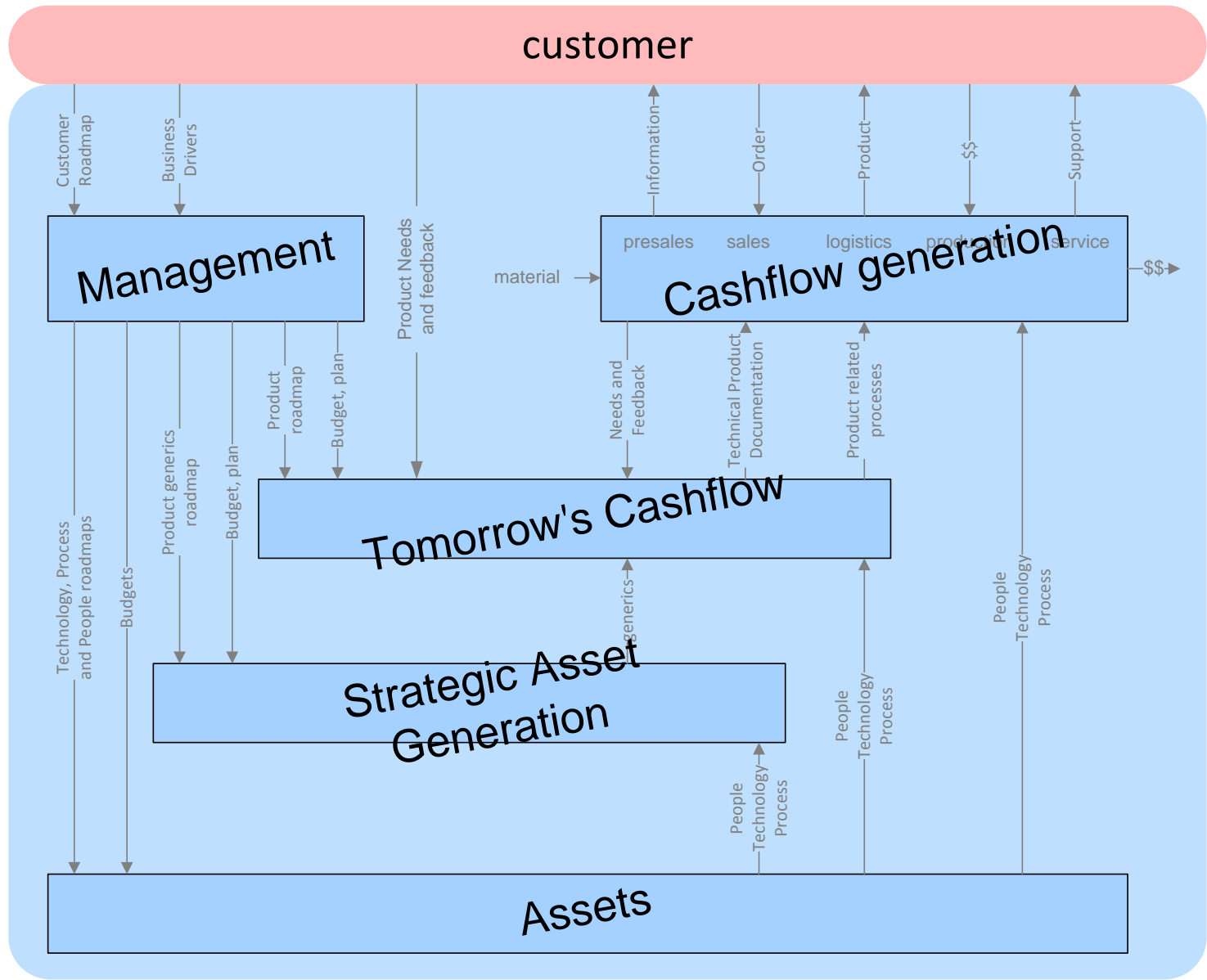
# Granularity of generic developments shown in 2 dimensions



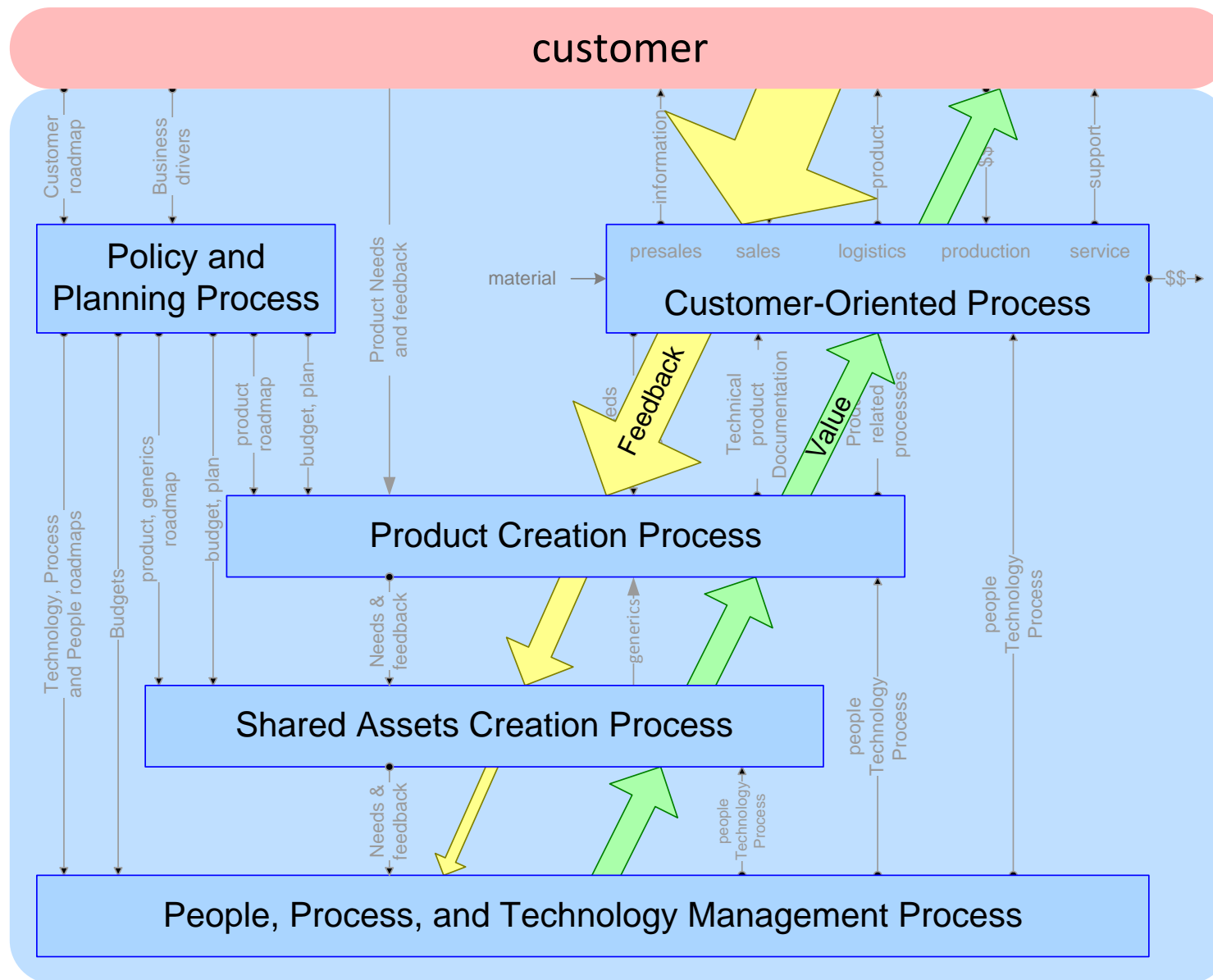
# Modified Process Decomposition



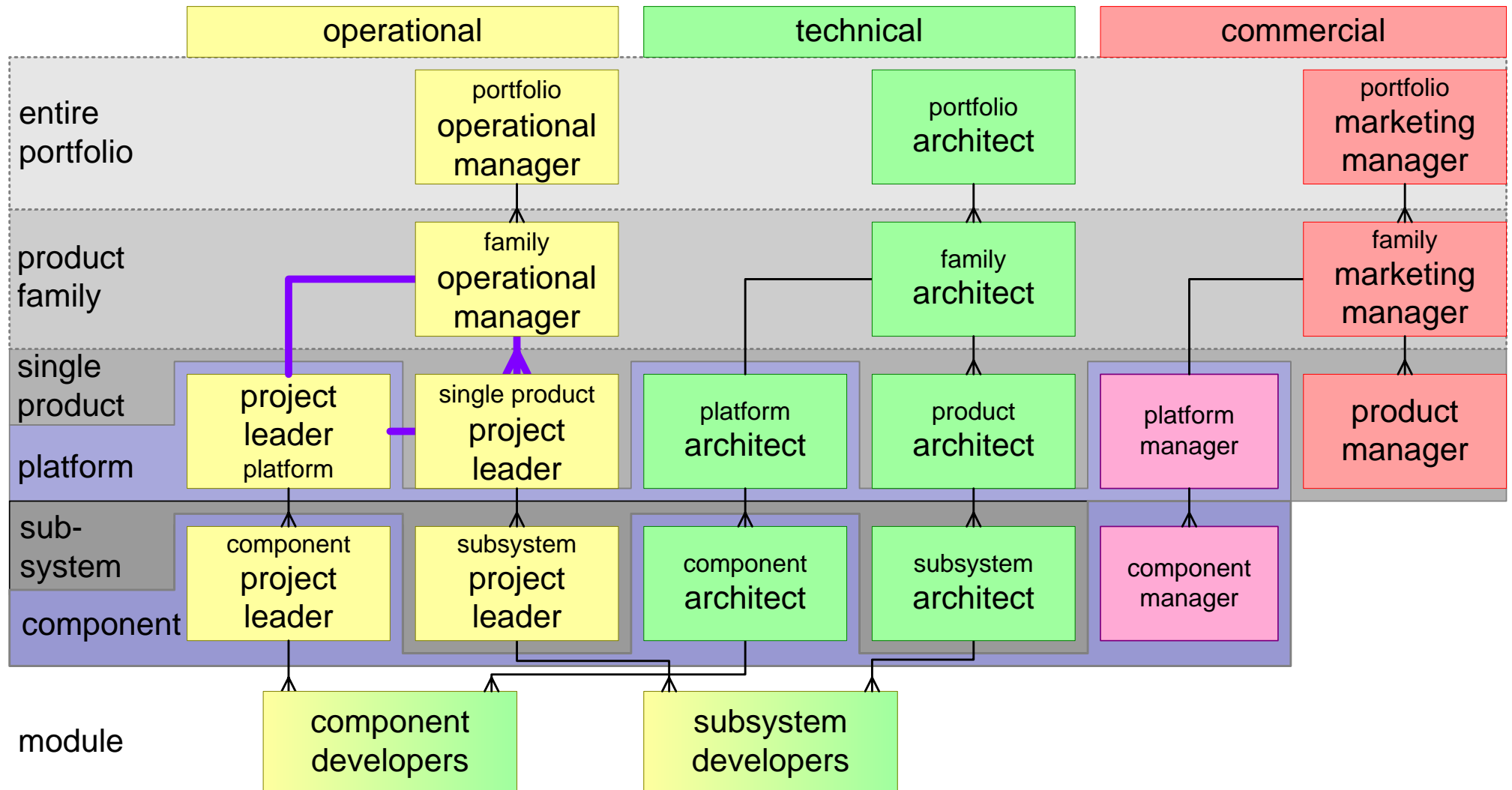
# Financial Viewpoint on Process Decomposition



# Value and Feedback Flow

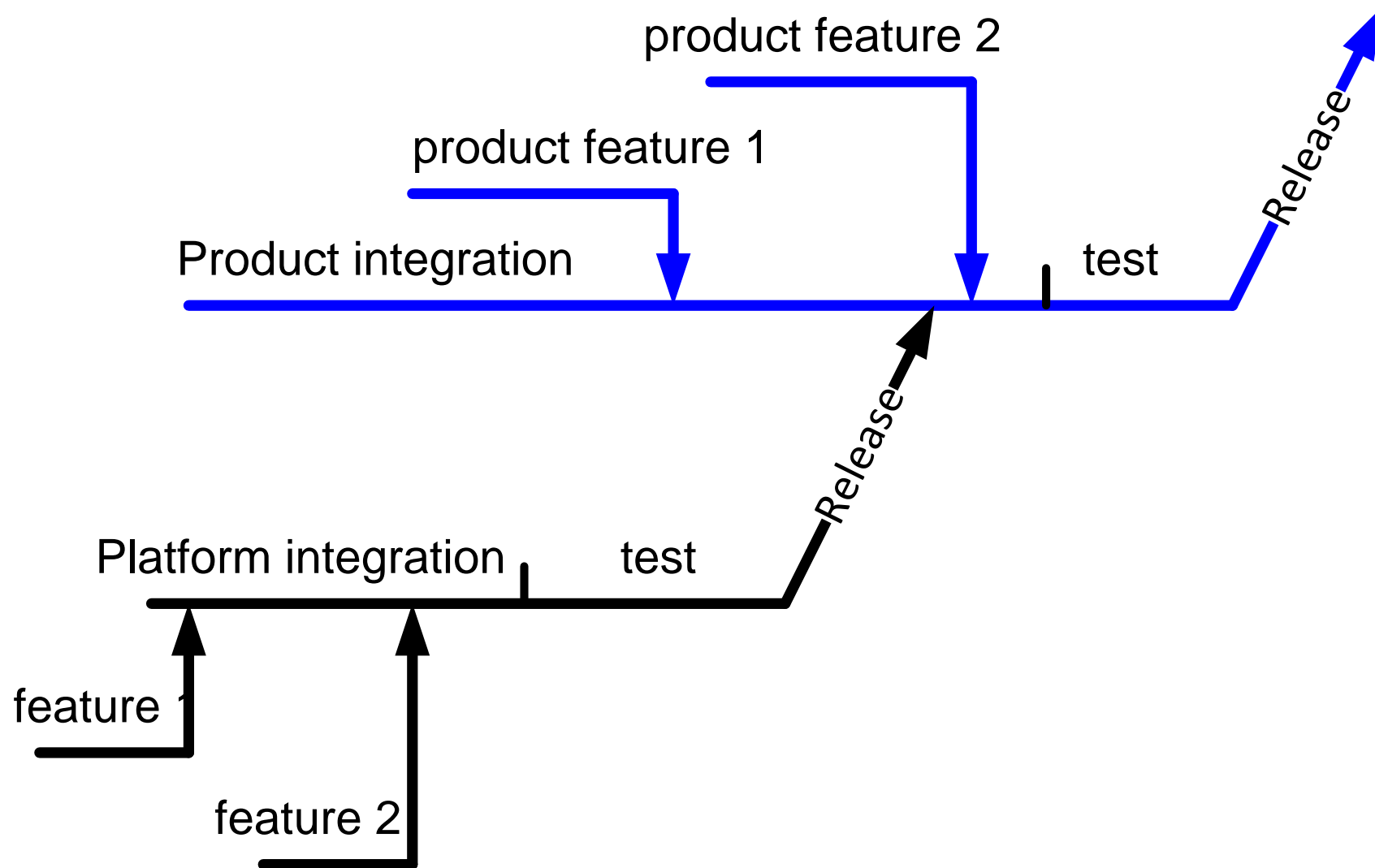


# Modified Operational Organization PCP





# Propagation Delay Platform Feature to Market



# Sources of Failure in Generic Developments

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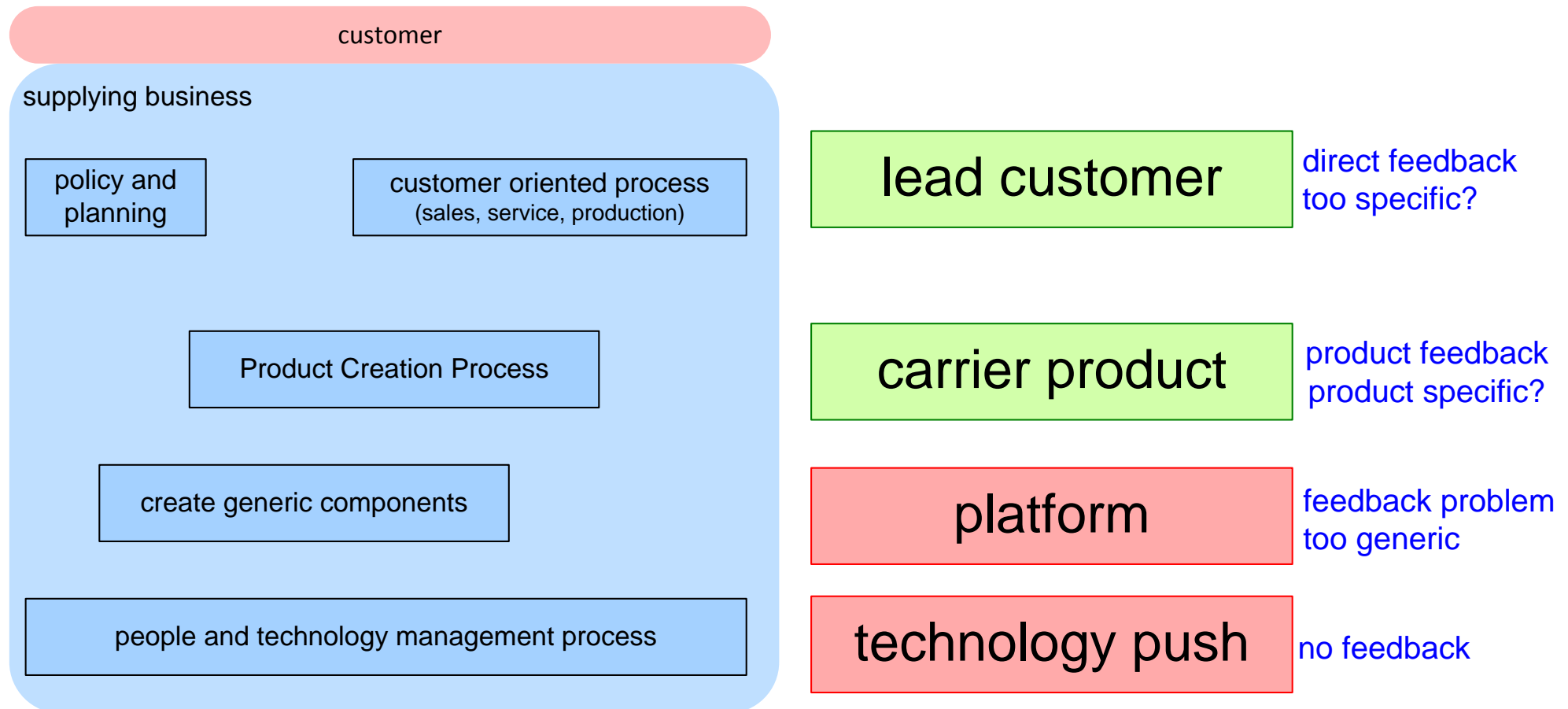
## *Technical*

- Too generic
- Innovation stops (stable interfaces)
- Vulnerability

## *Process/People/Organization*

- Forced cooperation
- Time platform feature to market
- Unrealistic expectations
- Distance platform developer to customer
- No marketing ownership
- Bureaucratic process (no flexibility)
- New employees, knowledge dilution
- Underestimation of platform support
- Overstretching of product scope
- Nonmanagement, organizational scope increase
- Underestimation of integration
- Component/platform determines business policy
- Subcritical investment

# Models for Generic Development



# Exercise Generic Developments

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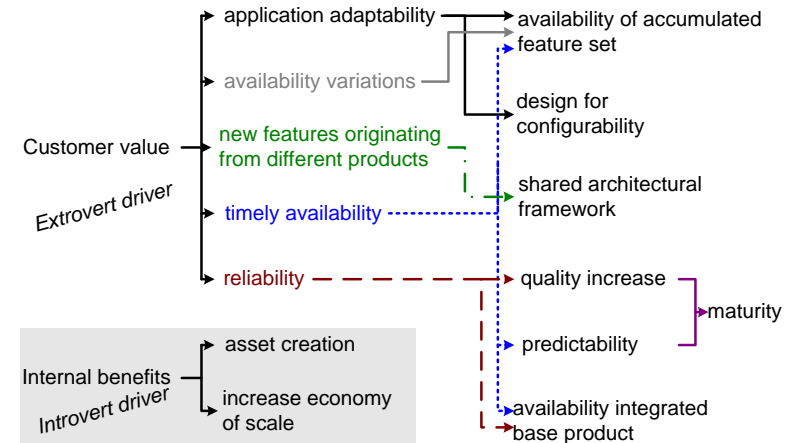
What are the top 3 benefits for your product family or generic development?  
What are the top 3 disadvantages?

# Harvesting Synergy

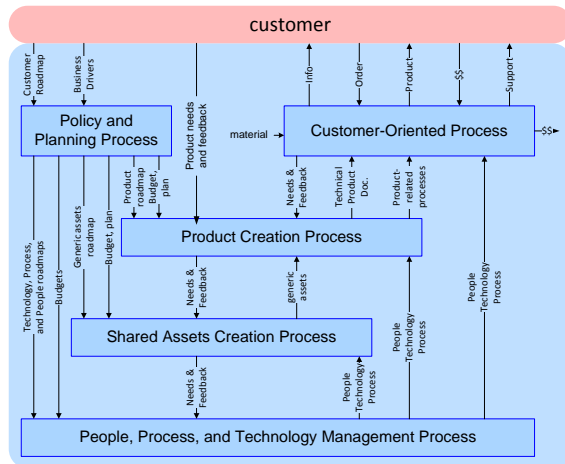
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high investments	reduced investment
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diversity is opposed	easier diversity management
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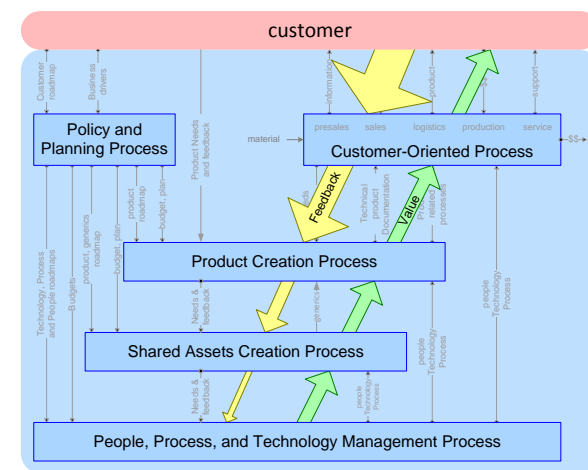
## Drivers



## Shared Asset Creation Process

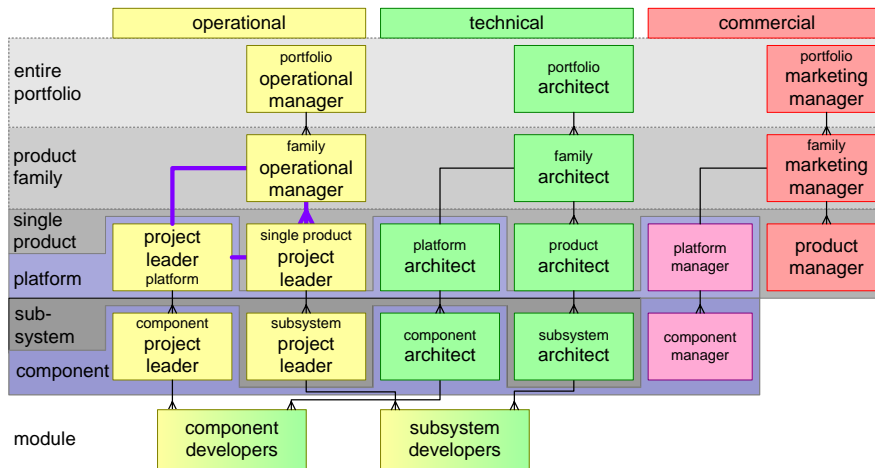


## Longer Chains

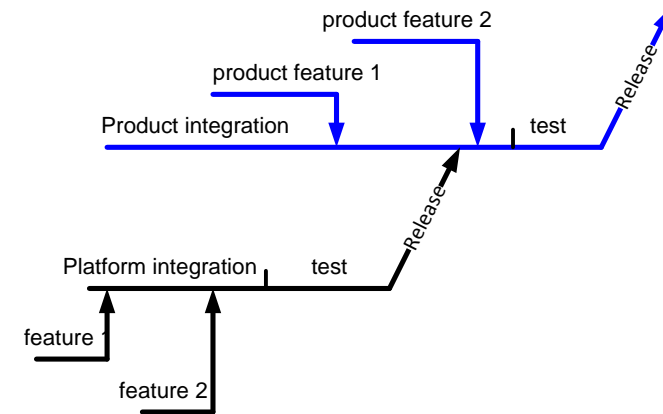


# Some Architecting Means

## Organizational Complexity



## Delay to Market



## Pitfalls

Technical	Process/People/Organization
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## Successful and Failing Models

