

# THE FUTURE OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IN THE DUTCH HIGH TECH INDUSTRY

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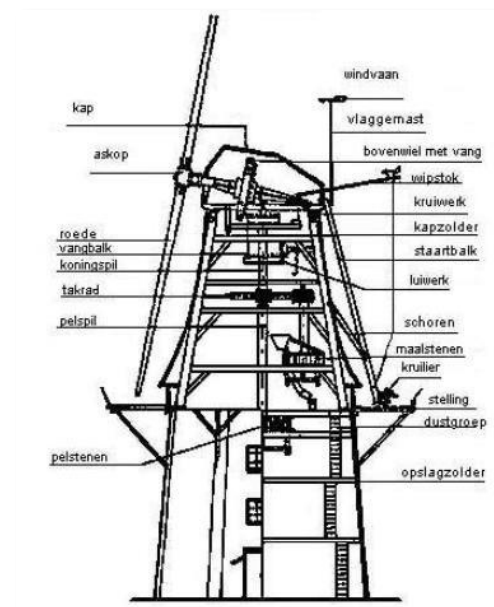
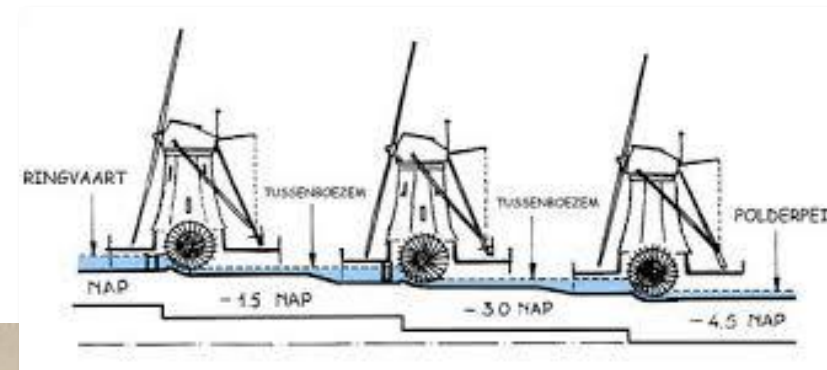


## OUTLINE

1. Engineering: *Dutch High Tech*
2. Systems Engineering: *In The Netherlands*
3. Based Systems Engineering: *Methodology innovation*
4. Model Based Systems Engineering: *Value for Dutch High Tech*
5. SE education in The Netherlands: *National Growthfund project*

# ENGINEERING

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# THE (DUTCH) HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY



Semiconductor manufacturing equipment



Medical systems



Food processing



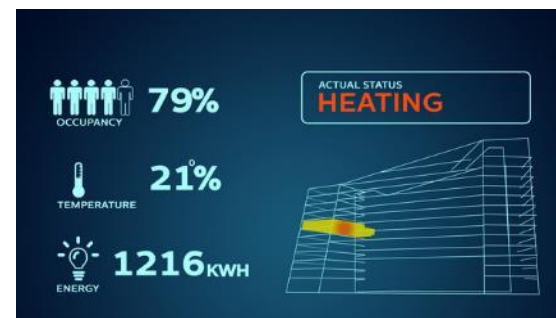
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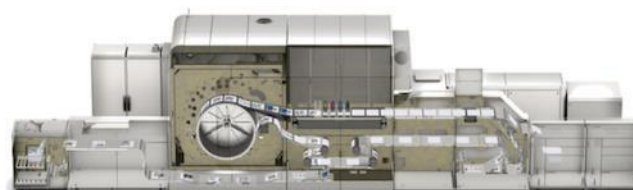
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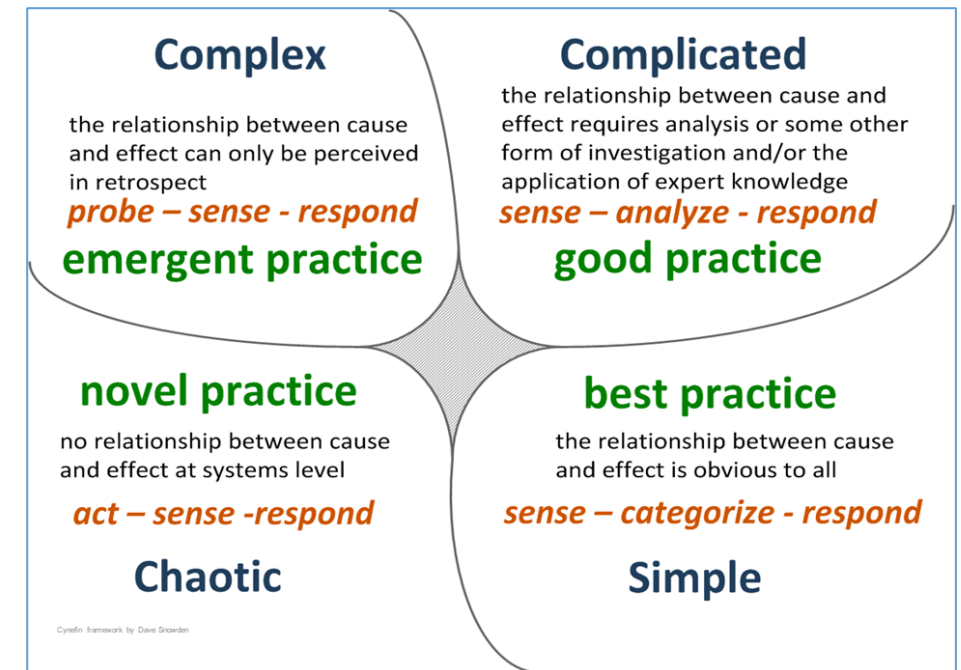
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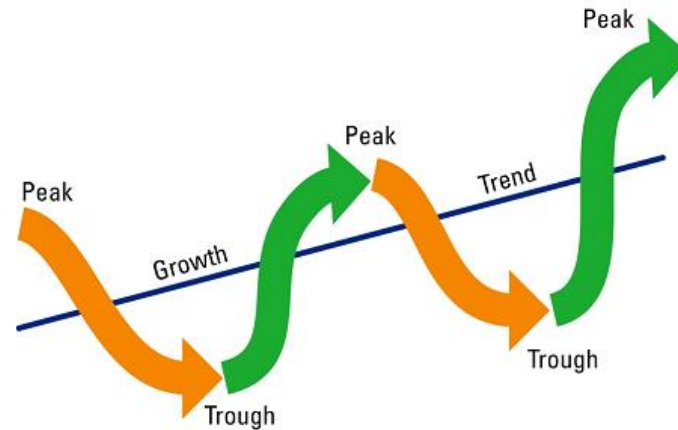
## High-tech industry characteristics

- **Globalization** has introduced a change in customer mix and entries into emerging economies.
- **Global diversification** has become yet another challenge
- Increasingly emphasis on providing services, content and interoperability around their products: **open systems, solution selling**
- The products, as well as the context in which the products operated have become highly **digitalized**
- De-verticalized businesses, **increasingly tightly integrated supply chains**
- **Total life-cycle business**, i.e. the sales of new products combined with services to installed products, is an ever more important revenue model
- **Effective collaboration** among globally dispersed design teams and with external partners has become a necessity

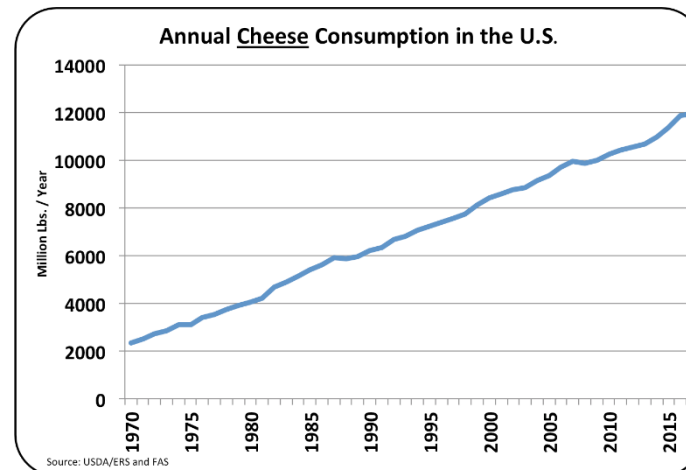


# HIGH TECH HAS BECOME A PRIMARY NECESSITY OF LIFE

Electronics in 90's and 00's  
Cyclic fluctuations



Electronics today  
Steady and strong growth



“Kaas marcheert altijd”

# SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

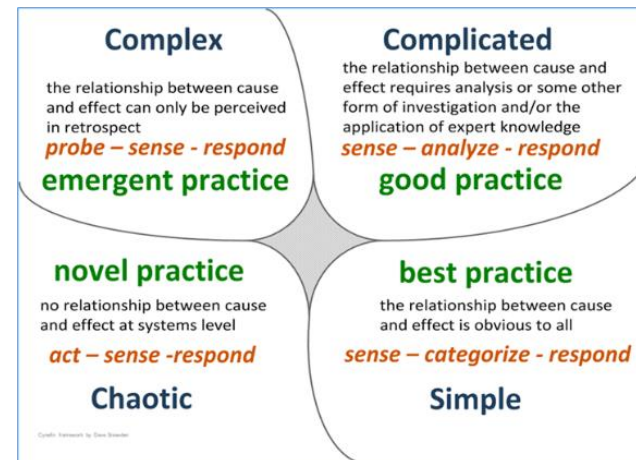


## WHY SYSTEMS ENGINEERING?

- **More than just multi-disciplinarity**
- **Bringing market, business and technological considerations together**
- **Integral (process) approach**
- **System Architecture and System Integration competence become increasingly important**

# SYSTEMS THINKING

*The insight that systems cannot be understood by analysis- the properties of the parts  
can only be understood within the larger context of the whole.*



## STUDIES INTO SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PRACTICE

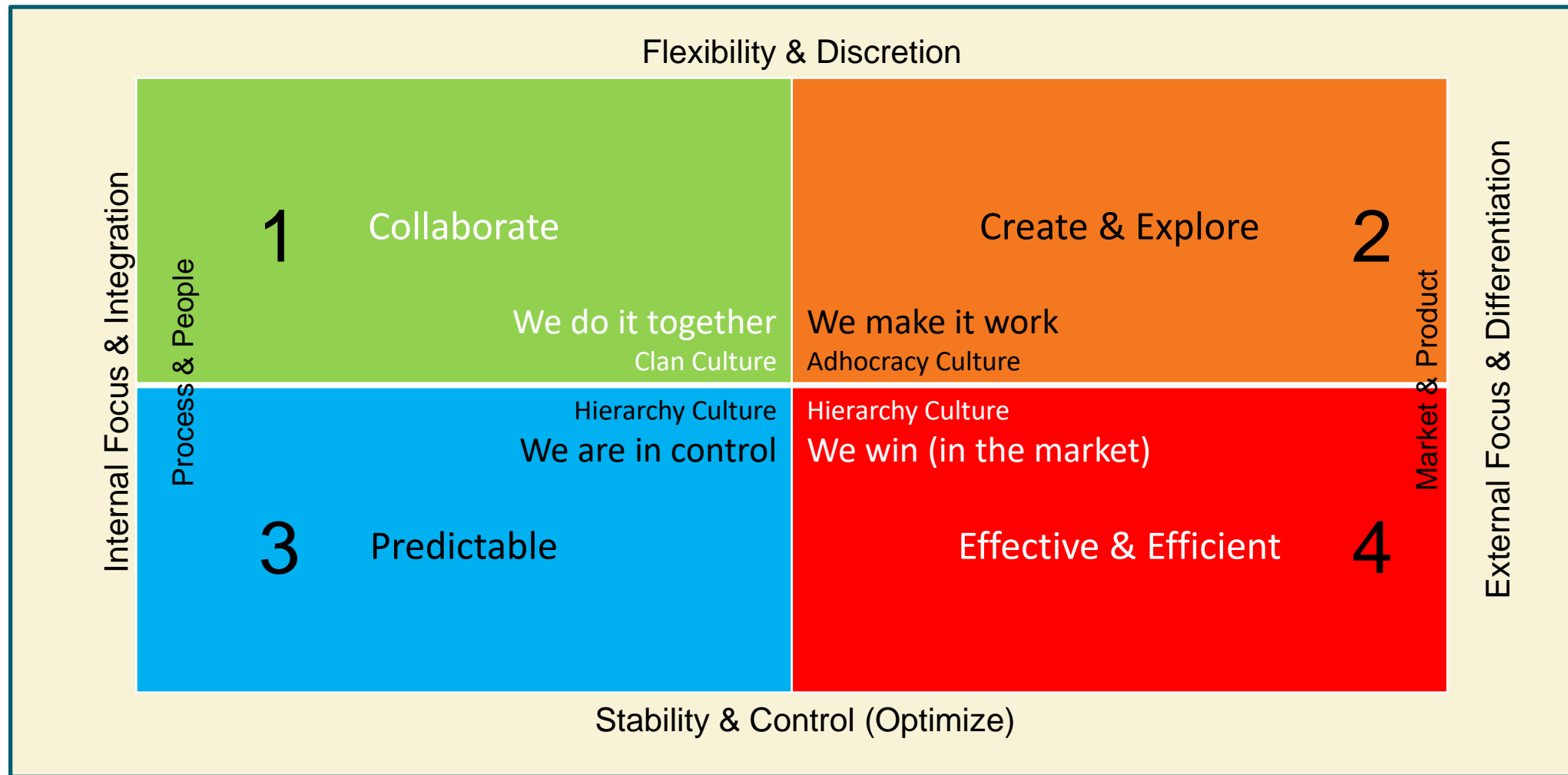
The Helix project (SERC): identifying the proficiencies of effective systems engineers.



Blueprint Systems Engineering in Brainport Eindhoven



# FOUR TYPES OF CULTURES/VALUES

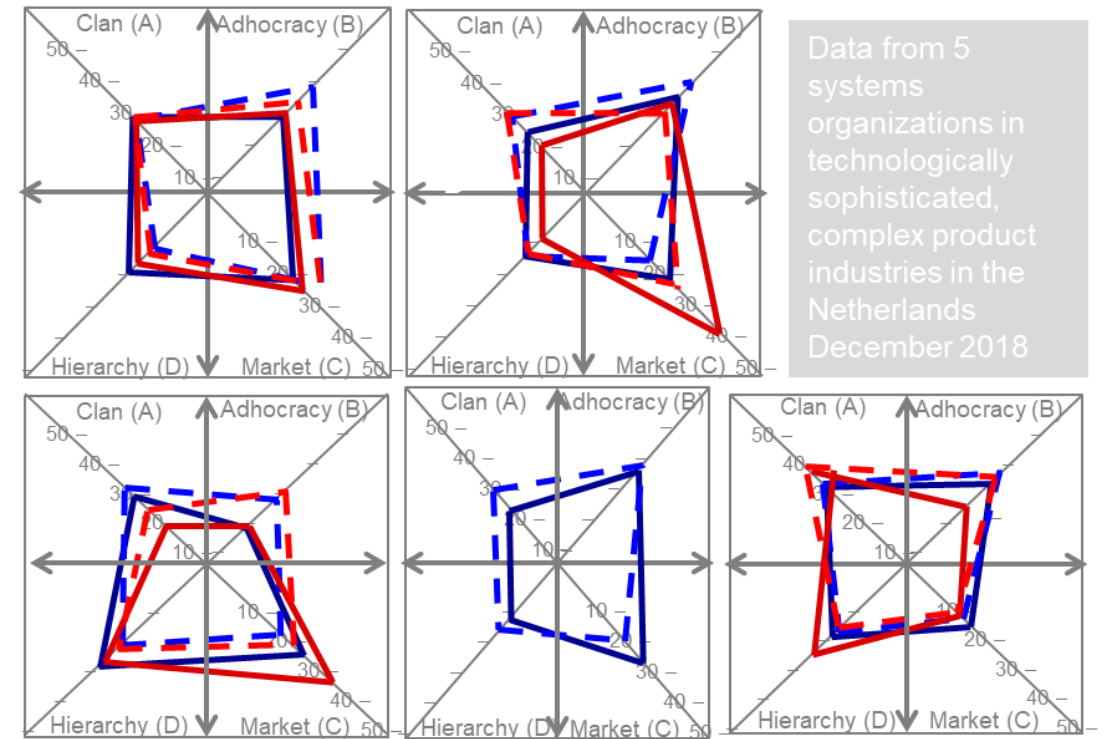
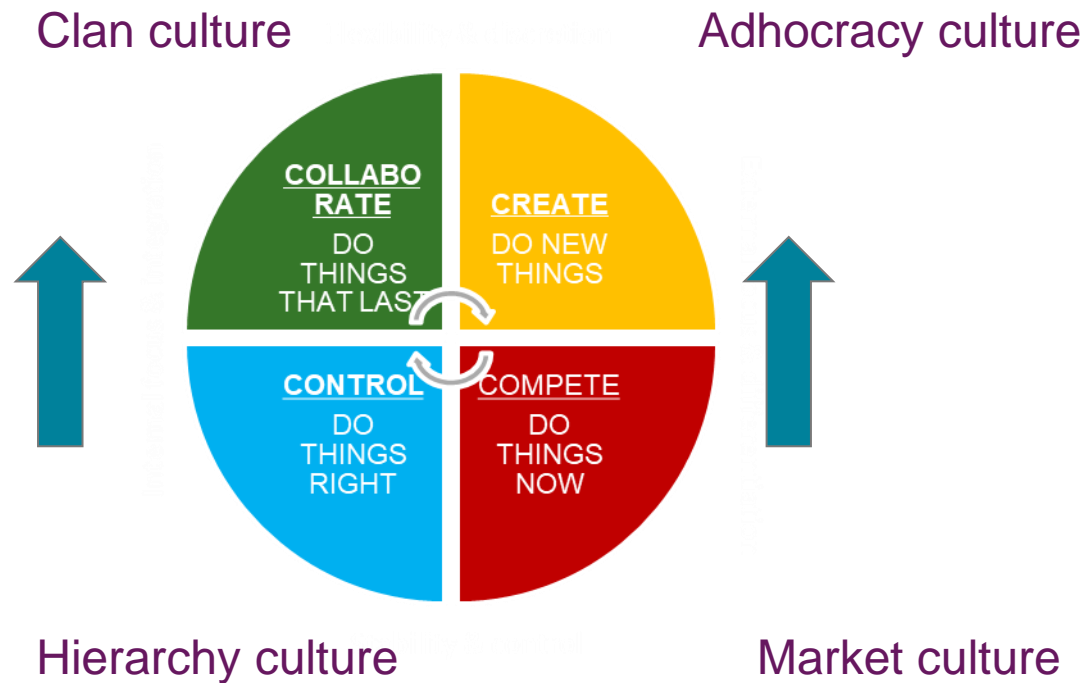


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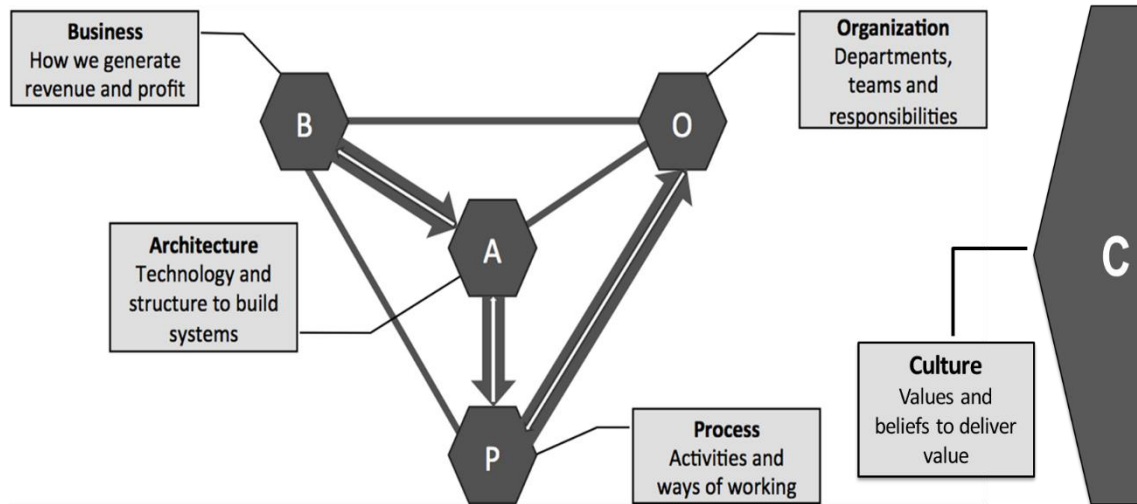


# WHAT DRIVES VALUE AND EFFECTIVENESS





# BLUEPRINT SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IN BRAINPORT EINDHOVEN



\* SE-BAPO(C) is based on the [BAPO model](#)

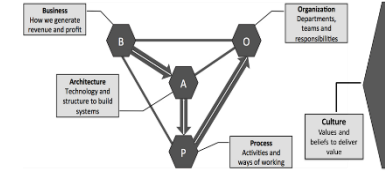
1. **Business** is the most influential factor. This has to be set up right.
2. **Architecture** reflects the business concerns in system structure and rules.
3. **Process** is set up to develop, build, and maintain the system determined by the architecture.
4. **Organization** should host (the product??) and the process.
5. **Culture** addresses typical shared beliefs and values related to systems engineering.



**BRAINPORT  
EINDHOVEN**

home of pioneers

# Blueprint Systems Engineering in Brainport Eindhoven: conclusions



Brainport Business	From low volume, high value B2B mechatronic systems to data driven cyber-physical solutions and services integrated in customer workflows.
Brainport Architecture	System architecture and platforms are key assets to deliver profitable and customized cyber-physical low volume high value solutions and services.
Brainport Process	From an expert centric, content driven SE approach, supported by lightweight processes, methods and tools to a more democratized and explicit, model and data supported, SE approach.
Brainport Organization	Professionals operating in a matrix organization with clear ownership coupled to the system's structure (architecture, product quality, reuse levels, variability mgt.).
Brainport Culture	Systems Engineering in the Brainport region is primarily based on collaboration and creativity and less on control and competition.






# METHODOLOGIES FOR SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

# SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IS AN EVOLVING DISCIPLINE

## System Architecting and (Systems) Engineering:

From an art to being based on:

- Formalisms
  - Techniques
  - Methods
  - Tools
- 
- methodology

**TNO-ESI** conducts research into SE methodologies, ensures applicability in real life (in high tech equipment industry) and embeds them into practice

## ESI AT A GLANCE

**Mission:** *Embedding leading edge methodologies into the Dutch high-tech systems industry to cope with the ever increasing complexity of their products*

### Synopsis

- ❑ Foundation ESI started in 2002
- ❑ ESI acquired by TNO per January 2013
- ❑ ~60 staff members, many with extensive industrial experience
- ❑ 7 Part-time Professors
- ❑ Working at industry locations

### Focus

Managing complexity of high-tech systems

through

- system architecting,
- system reasoning and
- model-driven engineering

delivering

- methodologies validated in cutting-edge industrial practice

### Partners

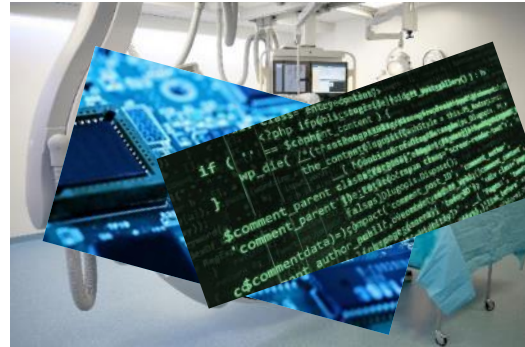


Capgemini engineering

# DIGITAL TRANSITION IN THE HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY



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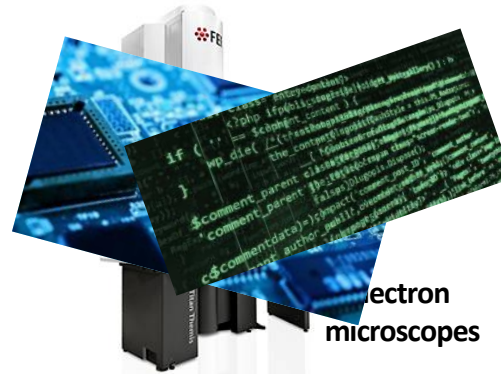
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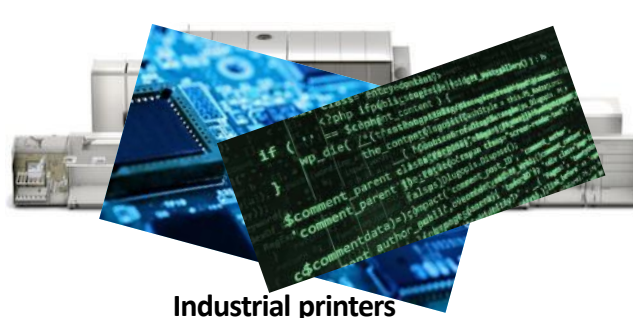
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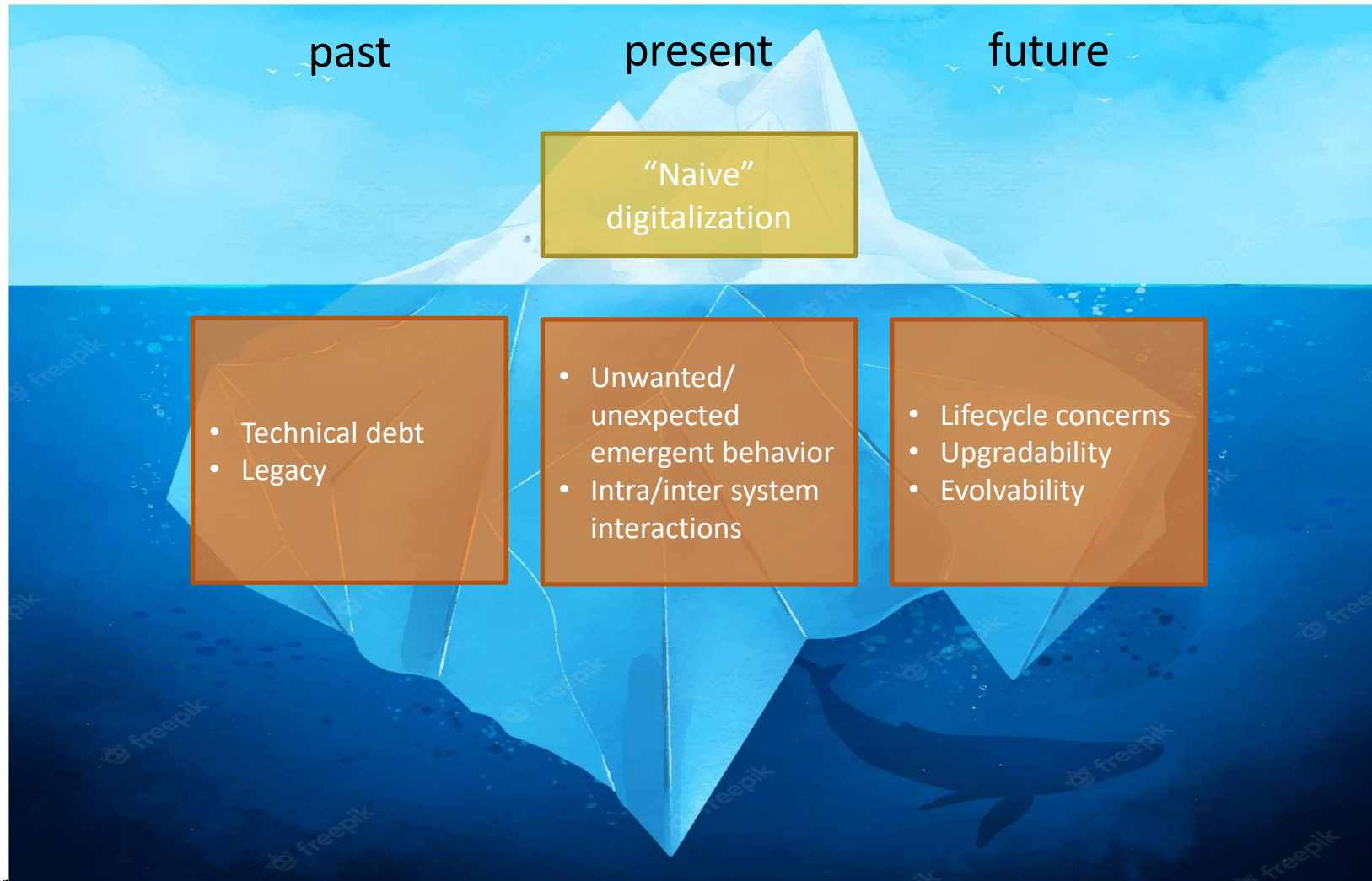
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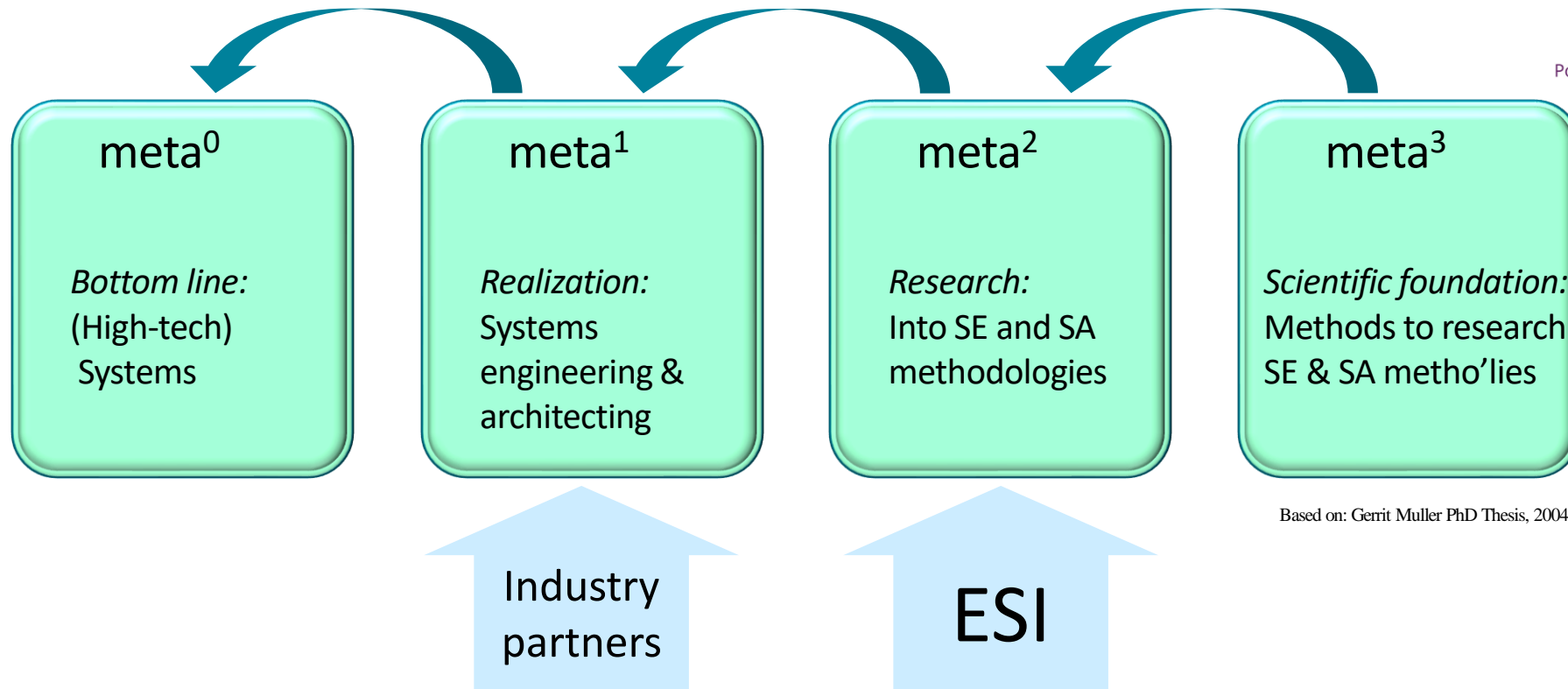
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# WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DIGITALIZATION



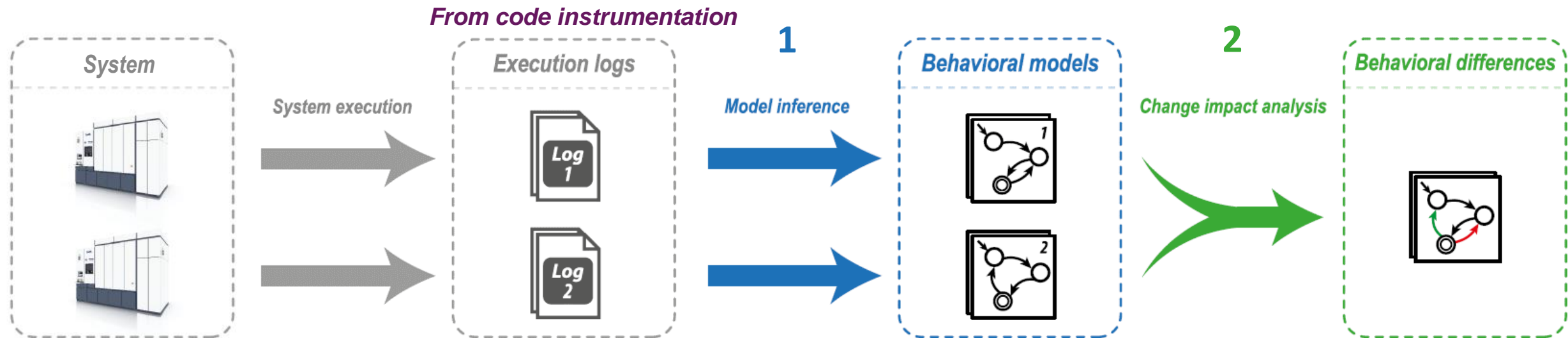
## MENTI QUESTION 1



## Two examples:

1. Prevent regression from software changes
2. Reasoning from customer value to technical choices

# 1. PREVENT REGRESSIONS FOR SOFTWARE CHANGES



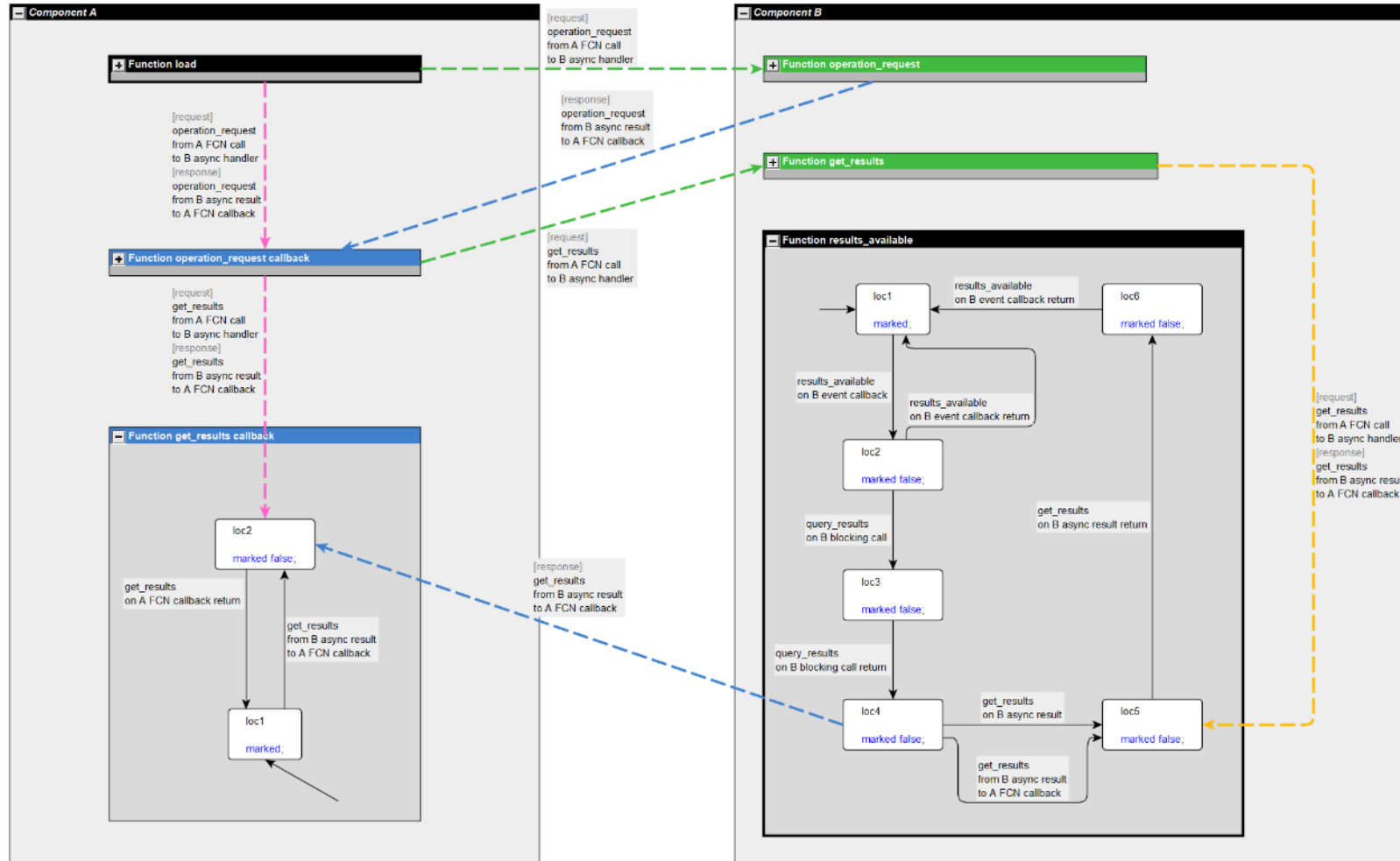
- Automatically infer behavioral models
- Provide insight into software behavior
- Essential for making correct software changes

- Automatically compare behavioral models
- Confirm expected differences and potential regressions
- Quick change impact analysis for system behavior

Improve development efficiency and reduce risks



# INFERRED MODELS AT MULTIPLE LEVELS OF DETAIL



“The ability to analyze behavior of our software at a very high level of abstraction, as well as zooming in on the details is extremely cool.”

“You can really see how it behaves, for this configuration.”

# CHANGE IMPACT ANALYSIS: QUICKLY IDENTIFY POTENTIAL REGRESSIONS

- High level expose controller
- One line code change caused a regression

	Before	After
obtain_budget_identifier (function 1 of 113)	A	A
check_memory_state (function 2 of 113)	A	A
renew_memory_state (function 3 of 113)	A	A
get_printer_characteristics (function 4 of 113)	A	A
get_component_name (function 5 of 113)	A	A
get_current_active_task (function 6 of 113)	A	A
set_task_started (function 7 of 113)	A	A
load_configuration (function 8 of 113)	A	A
store_configuration (function 9 of 113)	A	A
perform_plate_assignment (function 10 of 113)	A	A
prepare_lens_config (function 11 of 113)	A	A
calibrate_level (function 12 of 113)	A	A
fixate_measure (function 13 of 113)	A	A
signal_printer (function 14 of 113)	A	A
prepare_queue (function 15 of 113)	A	A

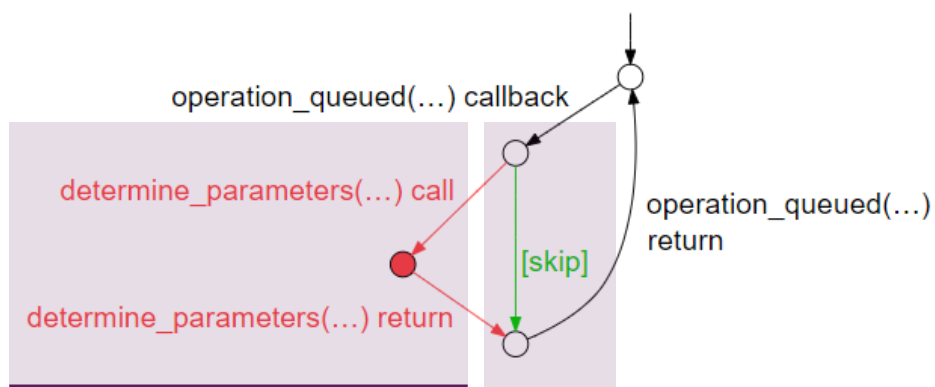
validate_config (function 16 of 113)	A	A
obtain_operation_state (function 17 of 113)	A	A
operation_queued (function 18 of 113)	A	B
report_phase (function 19 of 113)	A	A
persist_state (function 20 of 113)	A	A
retrieve_error_code (function 21 of 113)	A	A
collect_corrections (function 22 of 113)	A	A
start_operation (function 23 of 113)	A	B
detect_settings_change (function 24 of 113)	A	A
sync_measurements (function 25 of 113)	A	A
clear_buffers (function 26 of 113)	A	A
terminate_measurements (function 27 of 113)	A	A
evaluate_measurements (function 28 of 113)	A	A
validate_measurements (function 29 of 113)	A	A
reset_mark (function 30 of 113)	A	A
perform_sensor_corrections (function 31 of 113)	A	A
preload_setup_tasks (function 32 of 113)	A	A
determine_position (function 33 of 113)	A	A
start_synchronization (function 34 of 113)	A	A
finalize_configuration (function 35 of 113)	A	A

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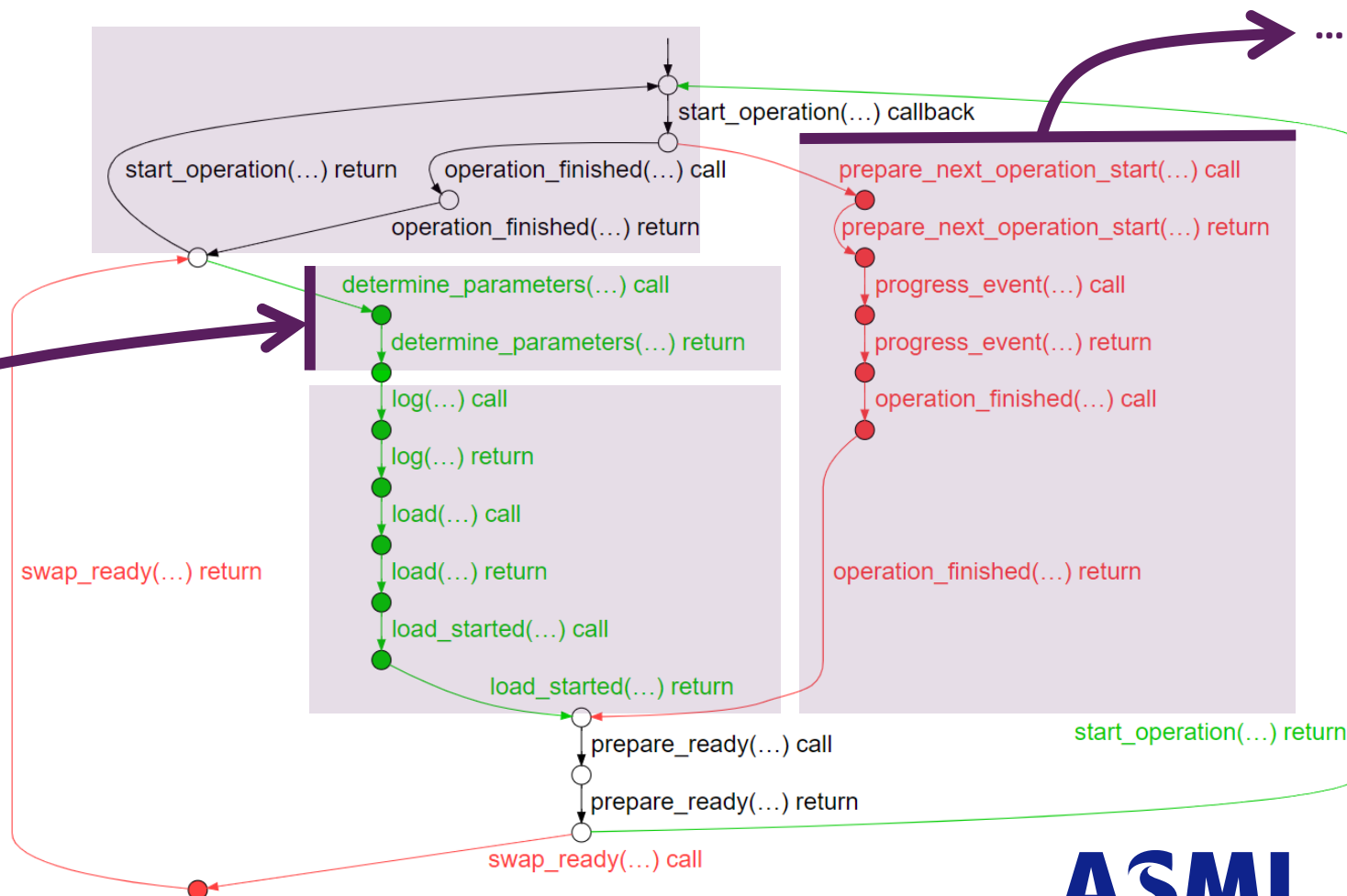
A	1st behavior for function
B	2nd behavior for function

# CHANGE IMPACT ANALYSIS: INSPECT THE REGRESSION IN DETAIL

## operation\_queued callback



## start\_operation callback



“Would I have had these tools when I made the change, this regression would not have happened.”

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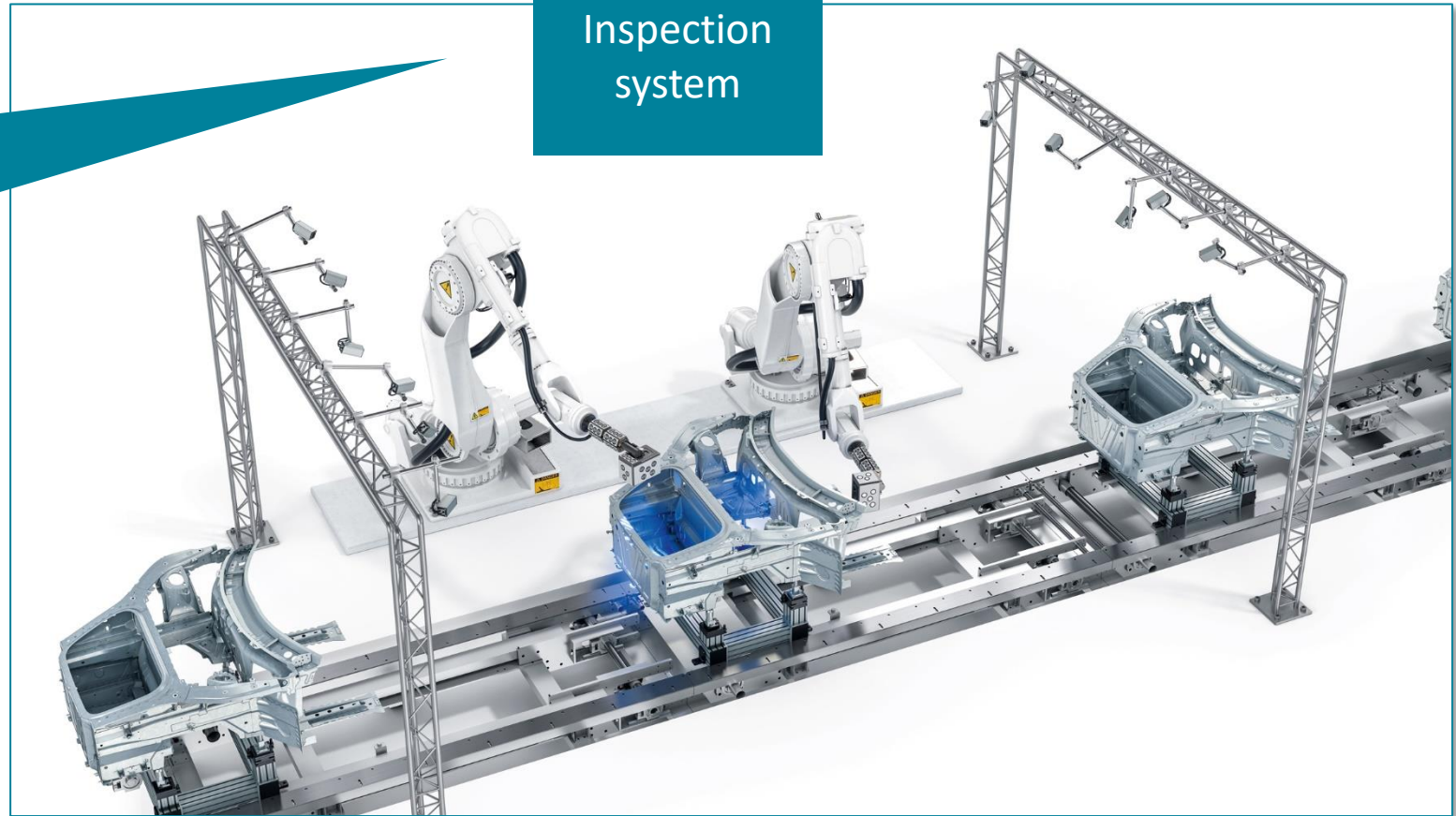
- No change →
- Before change →
- After change →

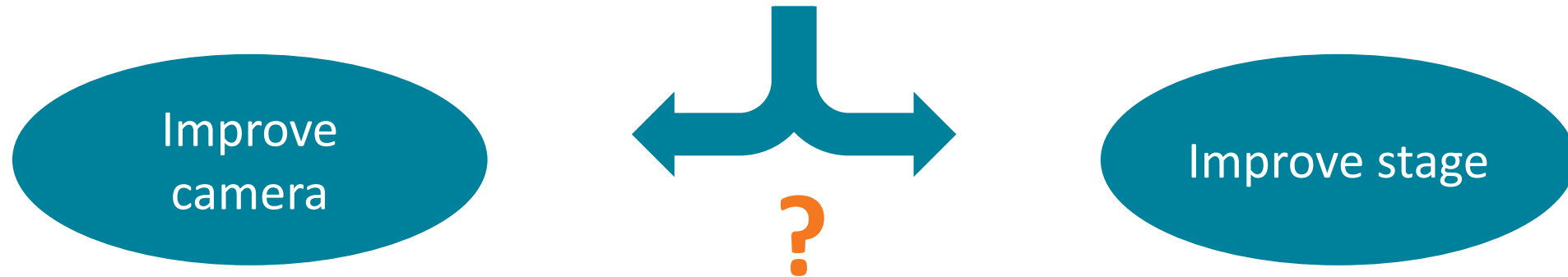
## 2. REASONING FROM CUSTOMER VALUE TO TECHNICAL CHOICES

### CASE: INNOVATE INSPECTION SYSTEM

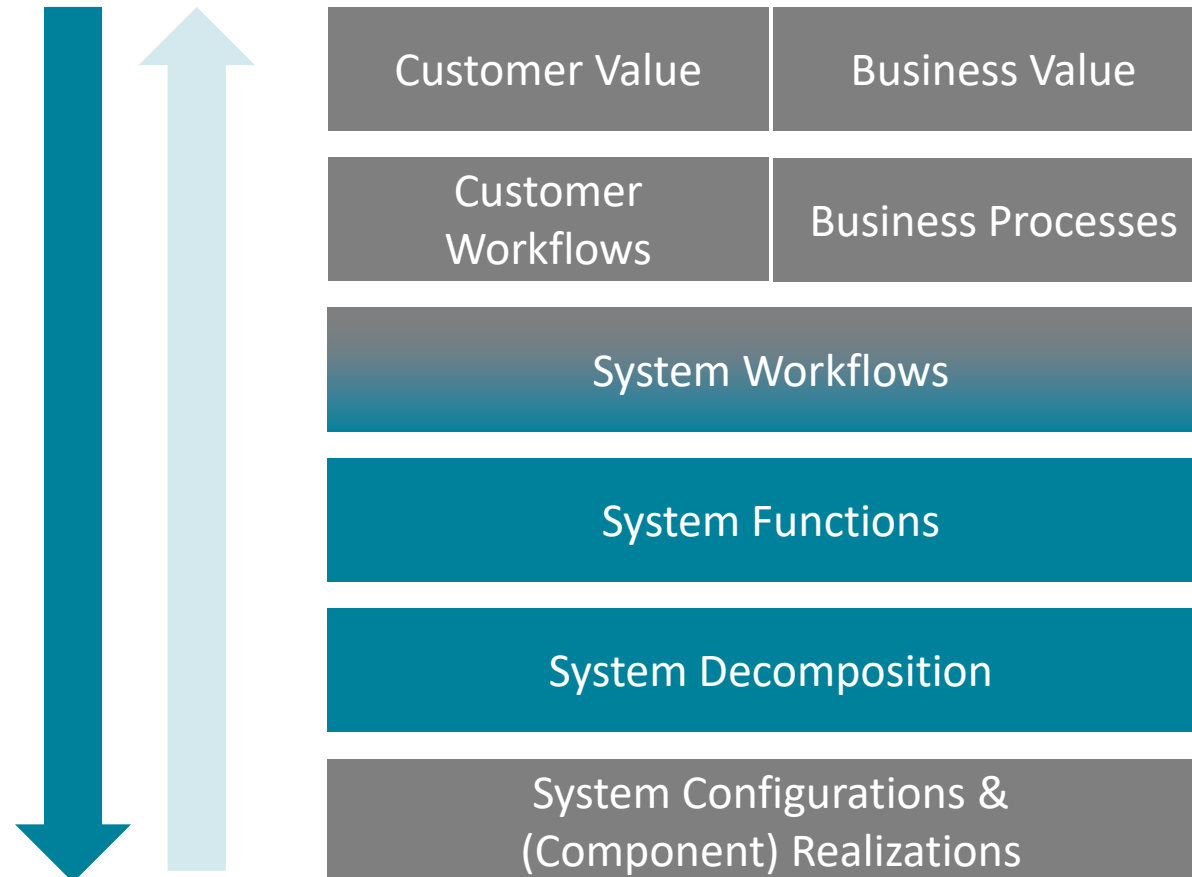
Innovate on the stage, or on the camera?

Inspection system



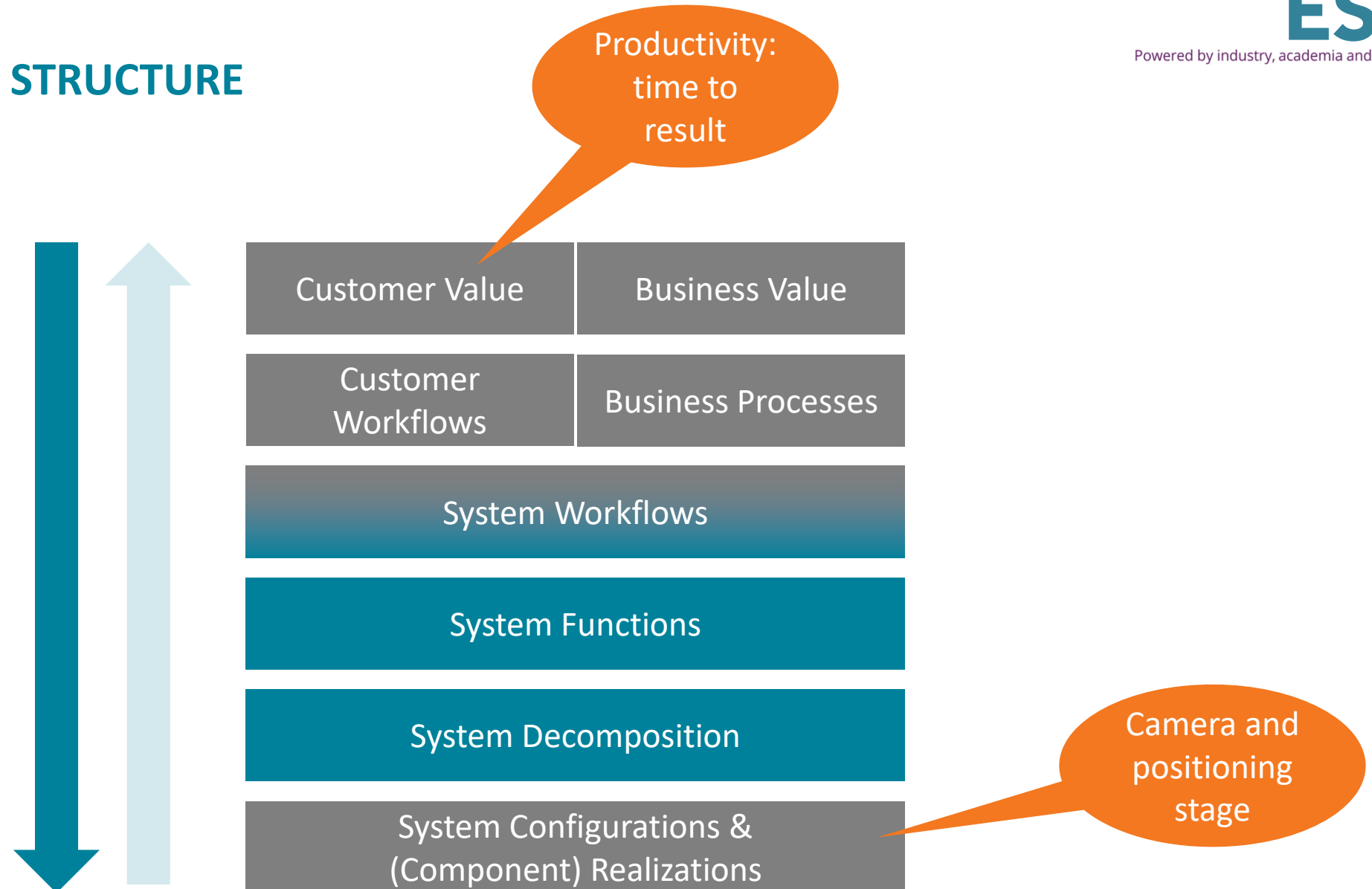


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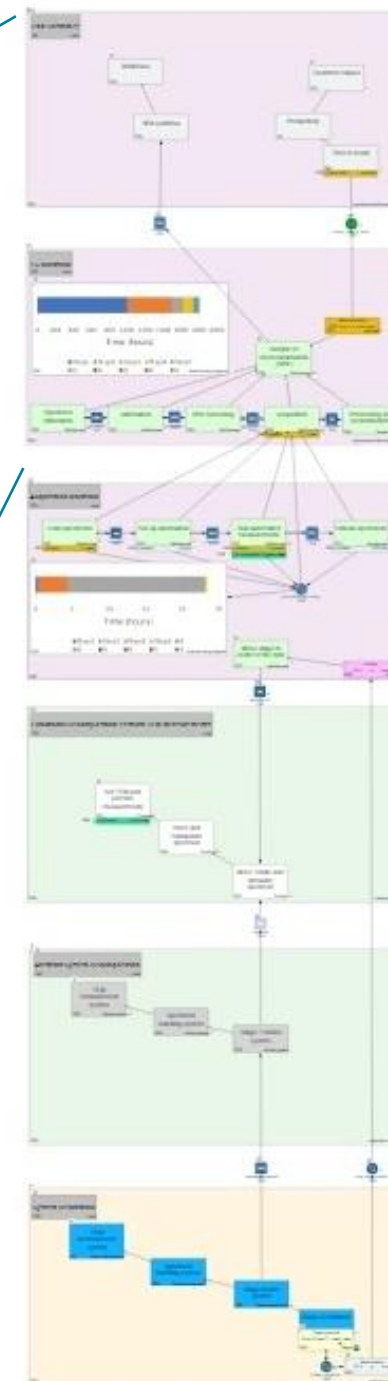
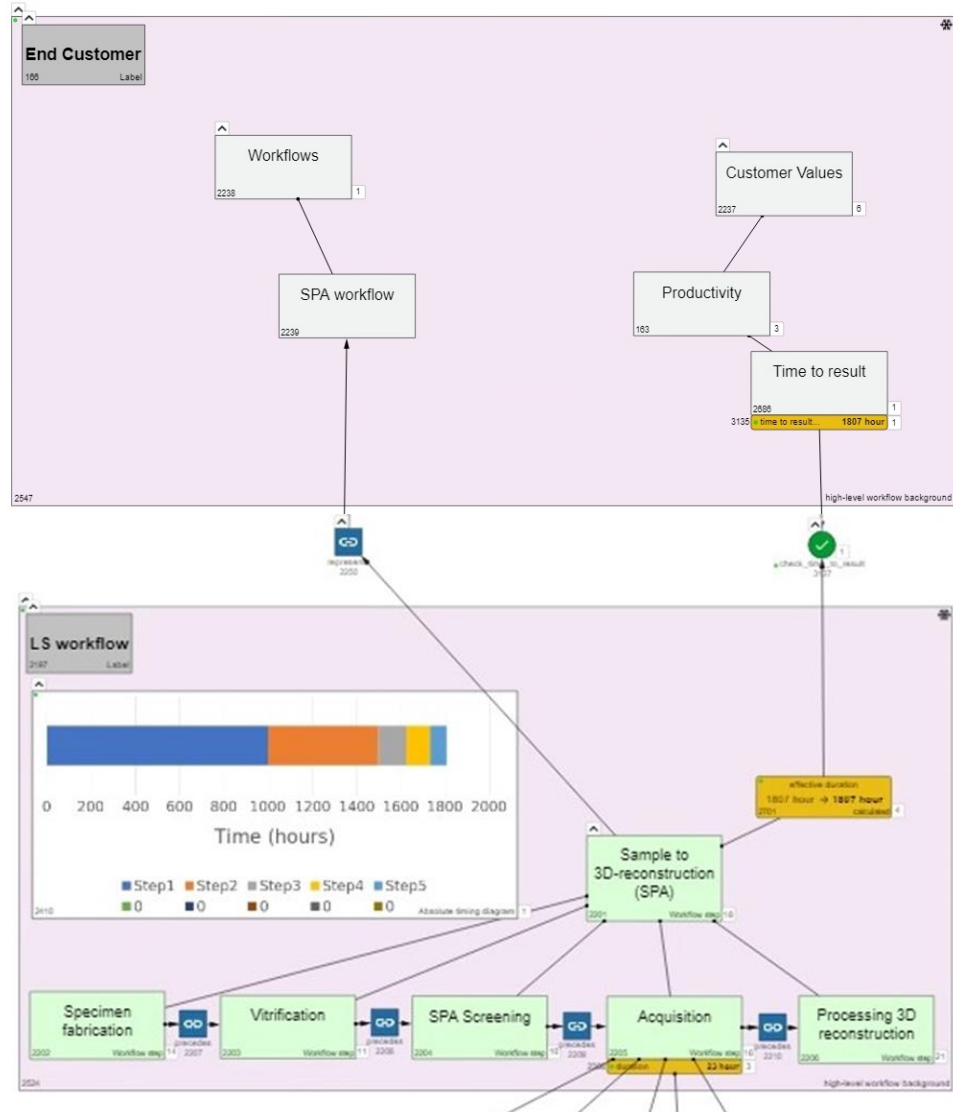




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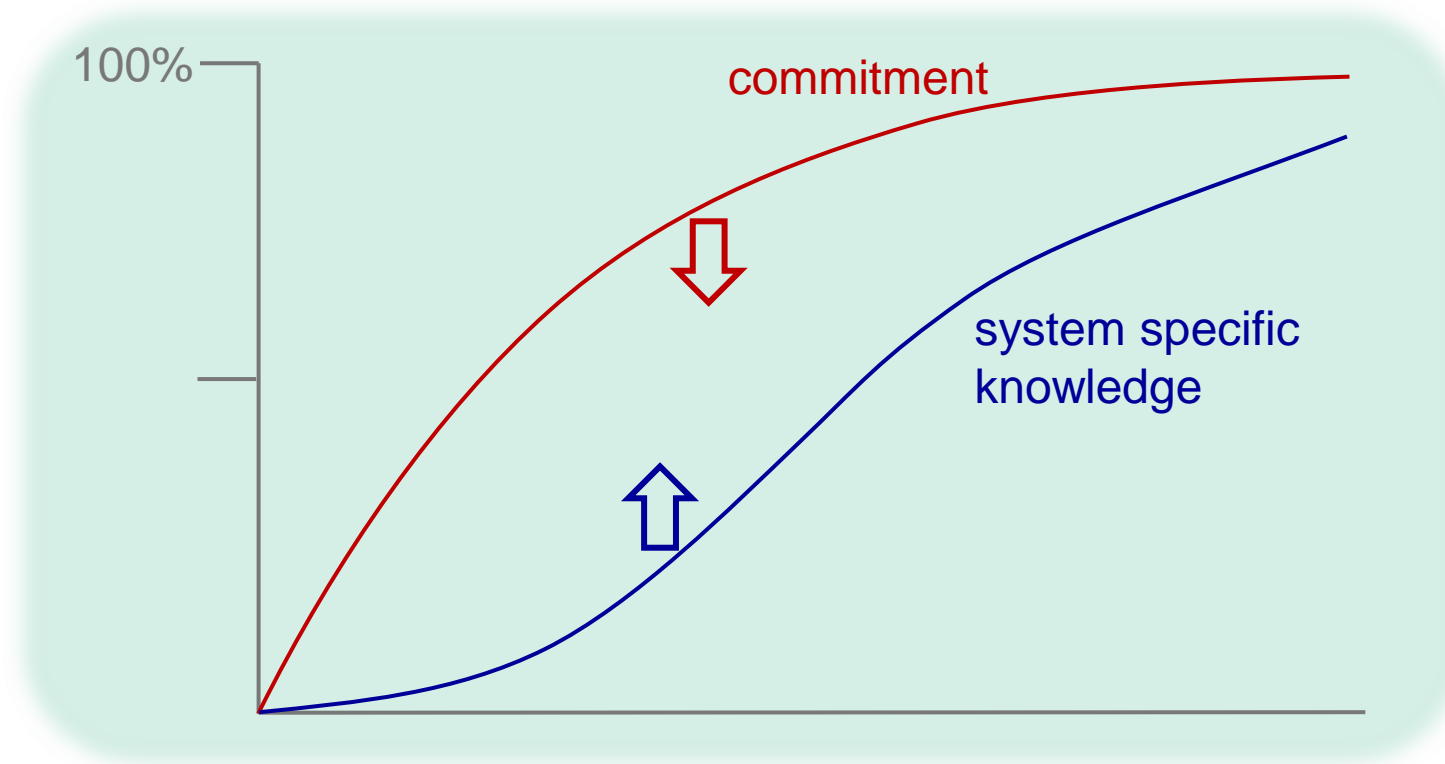
# DAARIUS METHODOLOGY



**Assumption: innovation costs and other factors are similar**



## WHY USE MODELS IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING?



- Systems engineering aims at narrowing the gap
- Modelling i.s.o. building can lower the cost commitment
- Using models can accelerate system knowledge build-up

## MENTI QUESTION 2



# MODEL BASED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

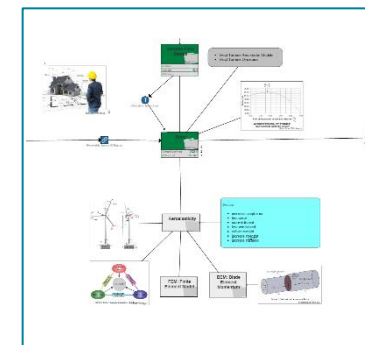
# MBSE



**Document-centric**  
Presentations and  
Documents



**Model-centric**  
Multi-user, tool-based,  
Connected information



**Systems Engineering using models**

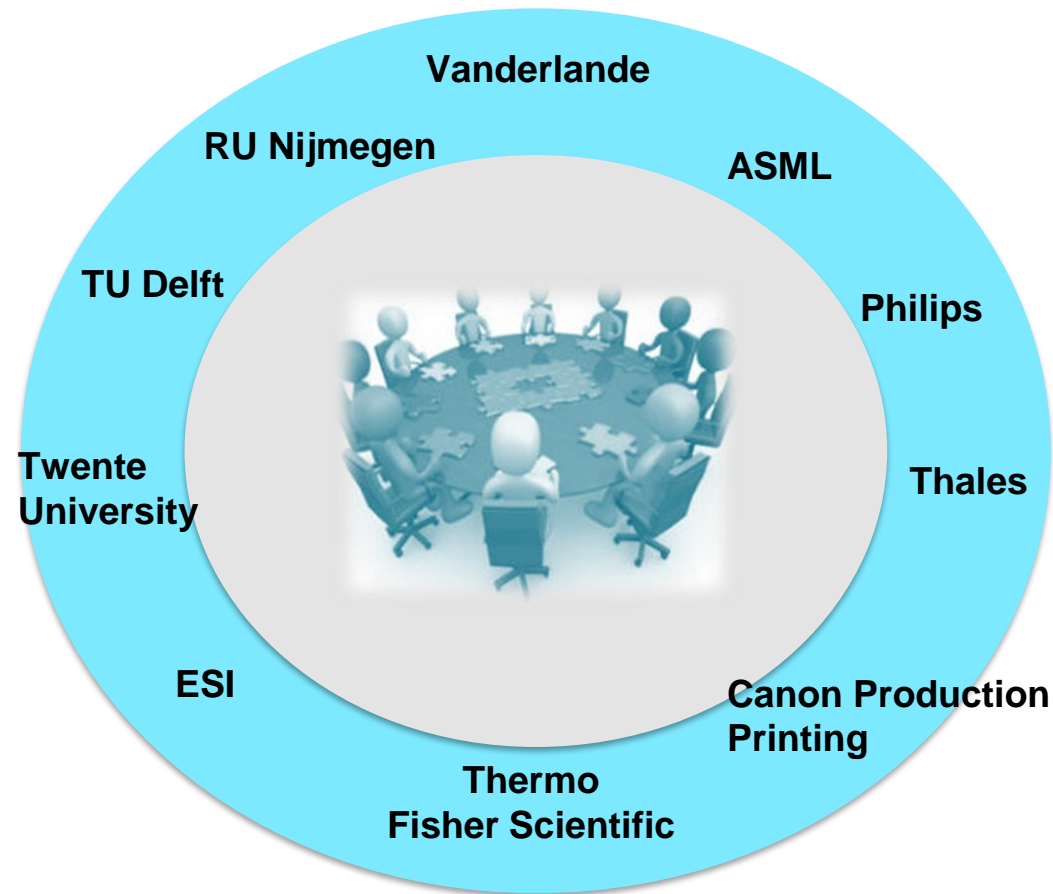
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**Model Based Systems Engineering**

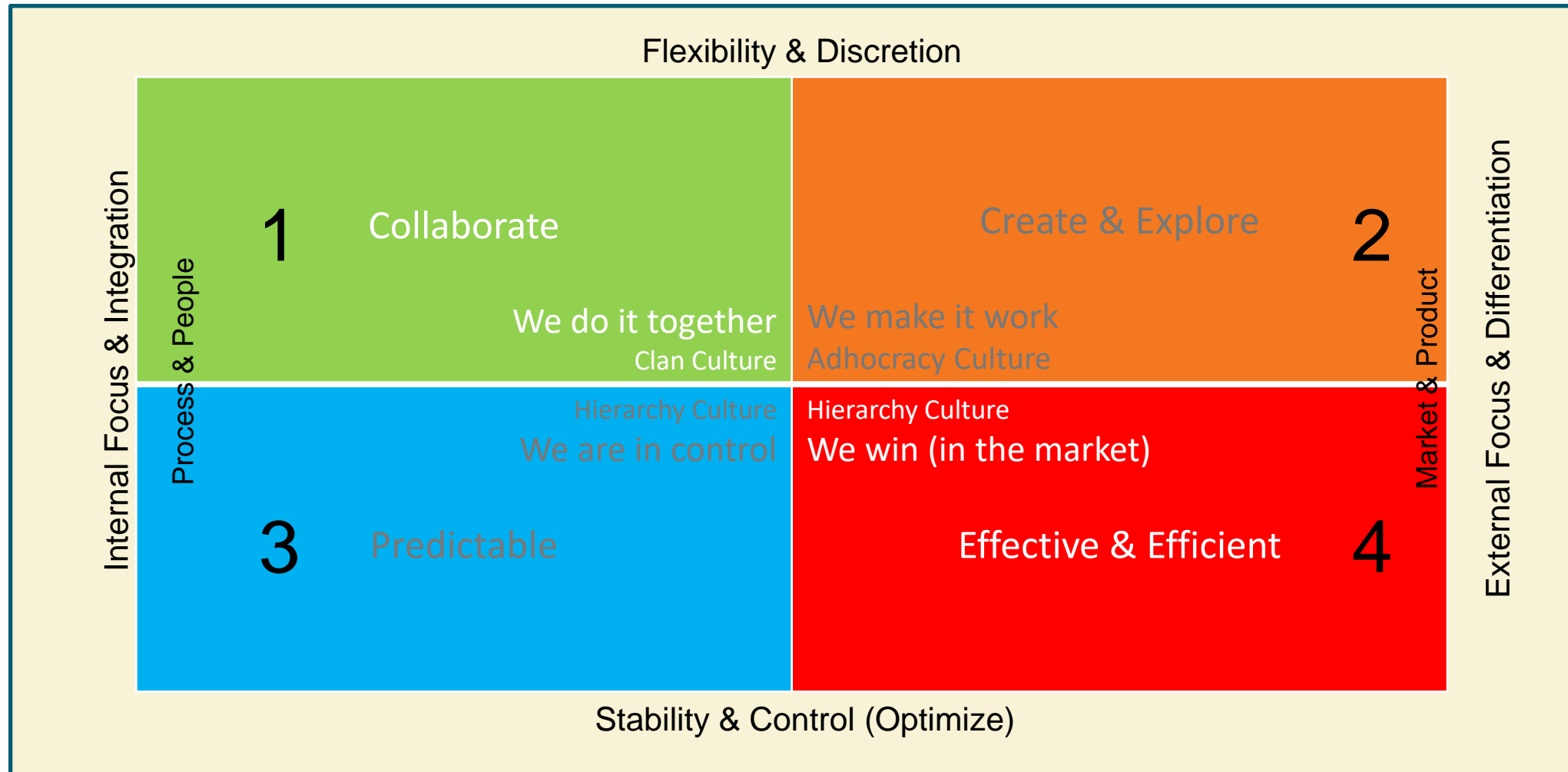
## Model Based Systems Engineering:

- Models are the **authoritative, single source of Systems Engineering information for everyone.**
- Models are not add-ons to documents.  
Documents (if used at all) are generated from the models.
- MBSE covers the **full System Life Cycle (SLC)**

## DEMYSTIFYING MBSE – A STUDY BY ESI AND PARTNERS

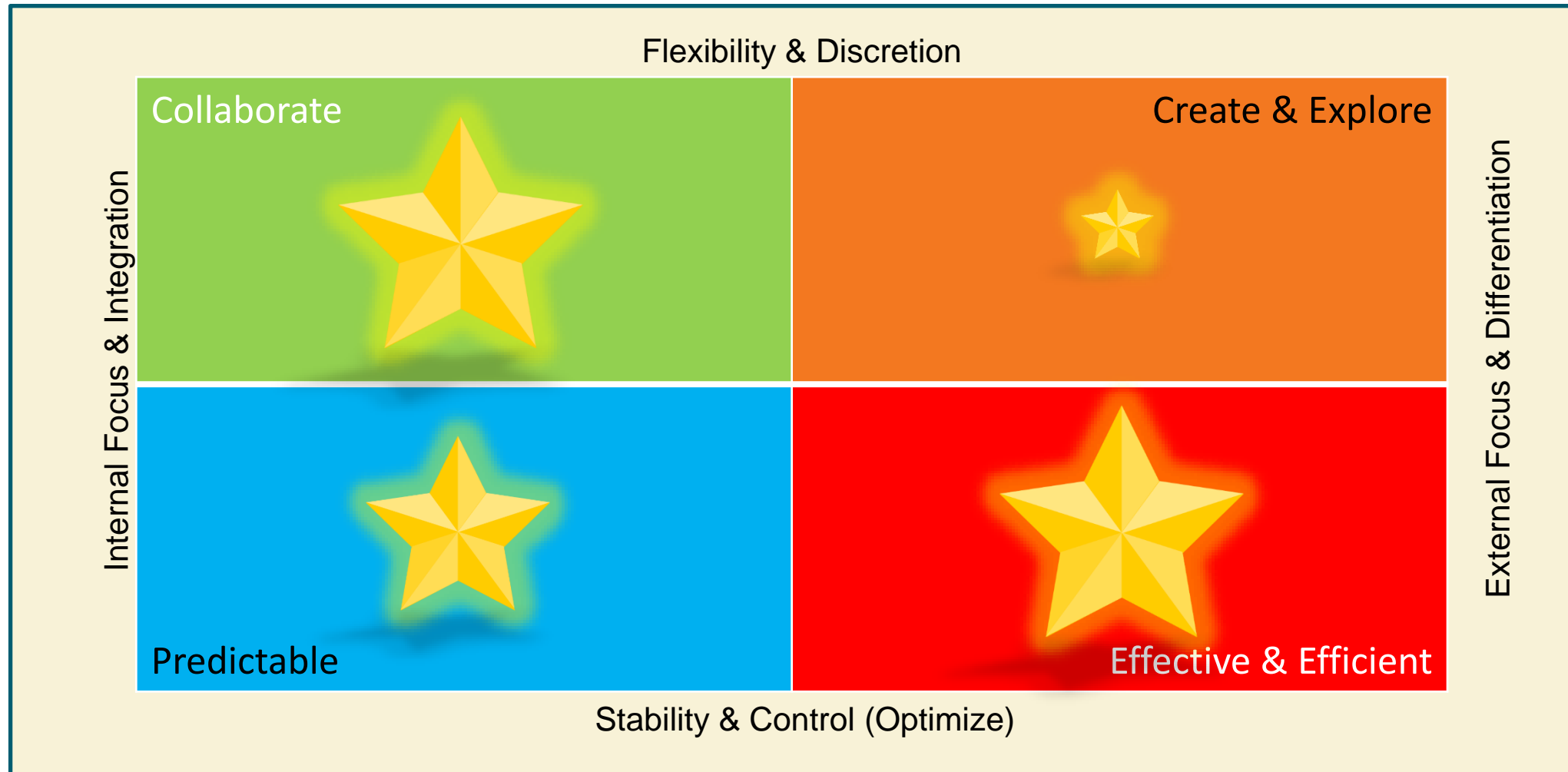


## FOUR MOTIVATORS TO INTRODUCE MBSE



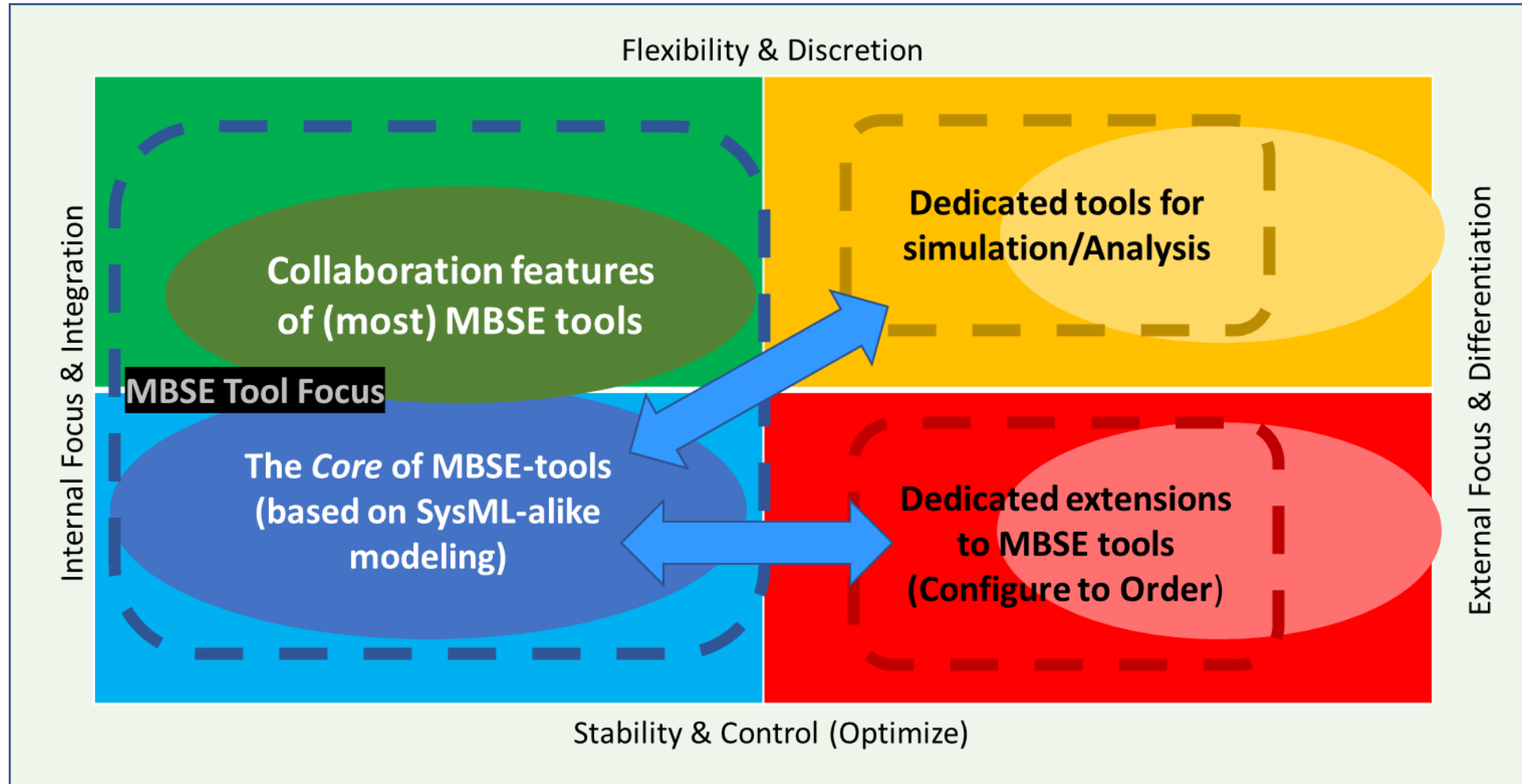
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## WHAT COLOR IS YOUR DRIVER FOR MBSE?





## WHAT IS MBSE CORE?



## BROWN-FIELD VS GREEN-FIELD

*Consistency, Completeness, Cooperation*

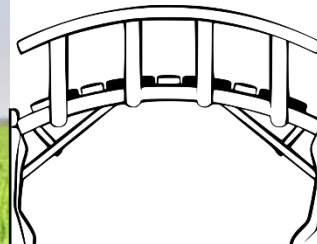
Green Field

Create new designs

Decomposition

Functionality

**What  
MBSE  
primarily offers**



*Consistency, Completeness, Cooperation*

Brown Field/Evolution/Legacy



Focus on capturing essential knowledge

Integration and Composition (Config to Order)

(also) Emergent Qualities/Non-Functionals

**MBSE-needs of  
High Tech Equipment  
Industry**



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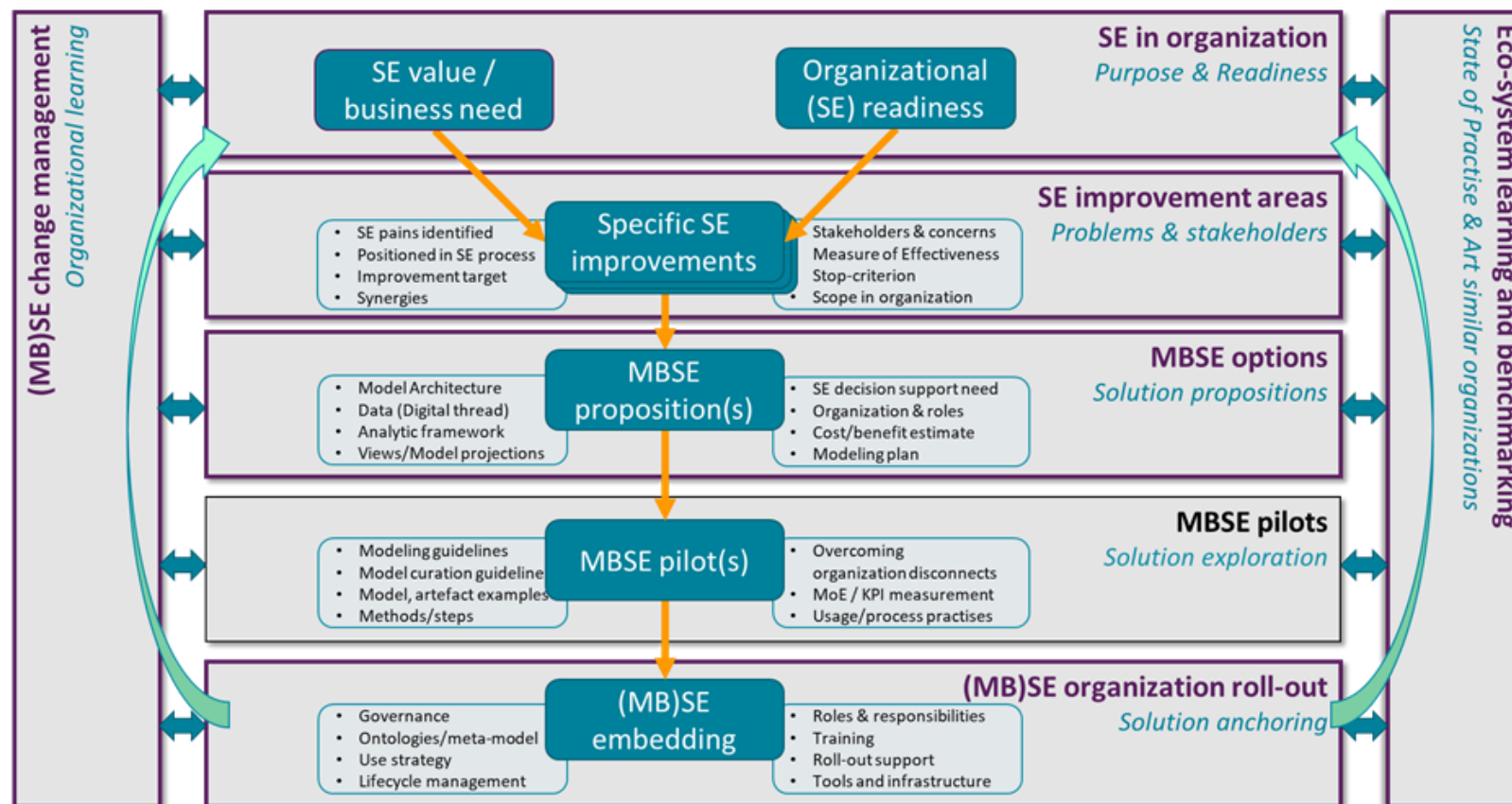
# CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL MBSE USAGE IN HIGH TECH EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY

Solutions are needed for MBSE to:

- pay-off in a brownfield situation (legacy systems)
- support platform-based R&D
- support managing a large system diversity
- multi-disciplinarily model system qualities
- combine with agile R&D approaches

# HOW TO INTRODUCE MBSE IN HIGH TECH?

## SUBJECT OF PHASE 2 MBSE STUDY 2022-2023



Interested to  
be involved in  
this study?  
Contact us!

# SE EDUCATION IN THE NETHERLANDS



## PROJECT: TOWARDS A CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IN THE NETHERLANDS

*Part of pillar 3 of the NxtGen Hightech proposal ‘Versterken ecosysteem voor borging blijvende structuurverandering’ | 2e tranche Nationaal Groeifonds*

### Insights:

- **Systems Engineering Competency is a crucial success factor in Dutch industry and business**
- **Education in SE in NL is scattered, not aligned and incomplete**
  - E.g. no Master degree in SE in NL
- **Demand for Systems Engineers is increasing**
- **Generation of experienced Systems Engineers and System Architects is retiring**

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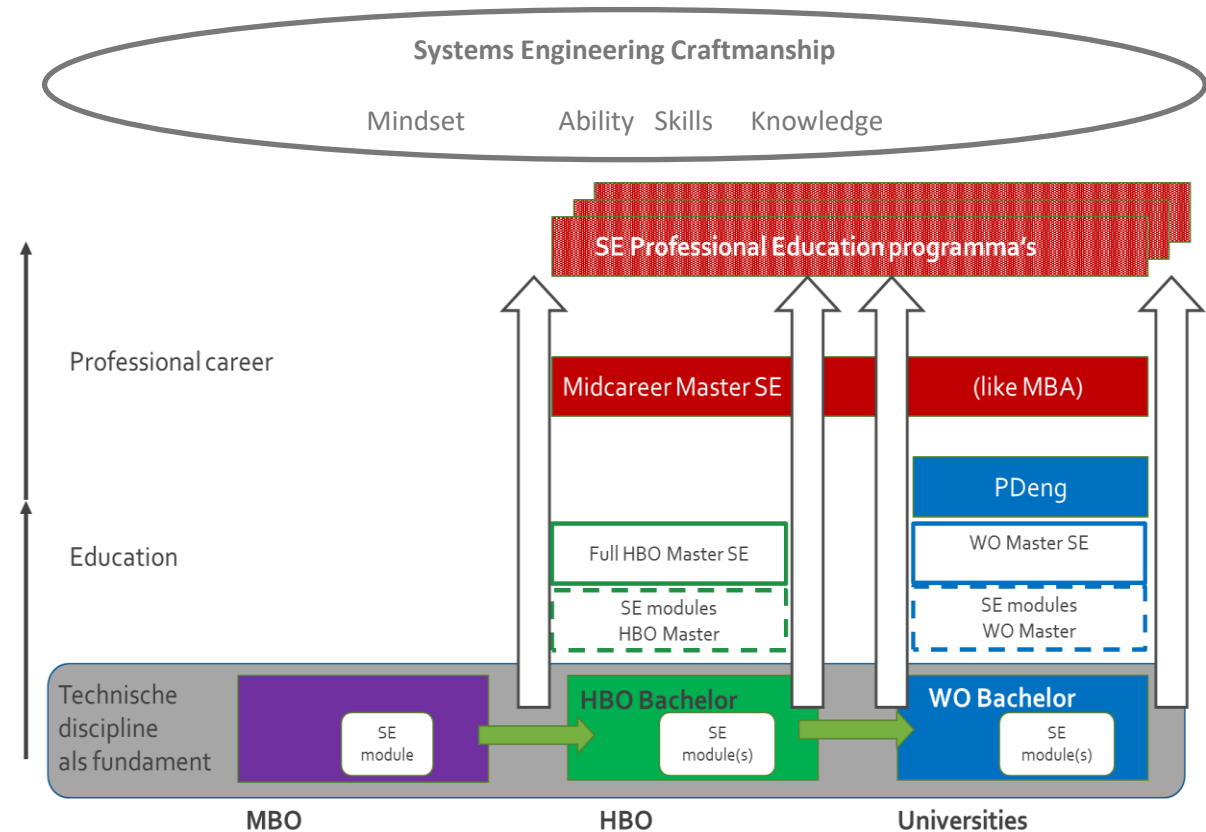
*Part of pillar 3 of the NxtGen Hightech proposal ‘Versterken ecosysteem voor borging blijvende structuurverandering’ | 2e tranche Nationaal Groeifonds*

- Building on Brainport SE study, a core team of stakeholders initiated this project proposal
- All major high tech equipment industries have offered in-kind support
- 5 Mln€ subsidy from National Groeifonds
- Runtime 7 years
- Start: Q1 2023

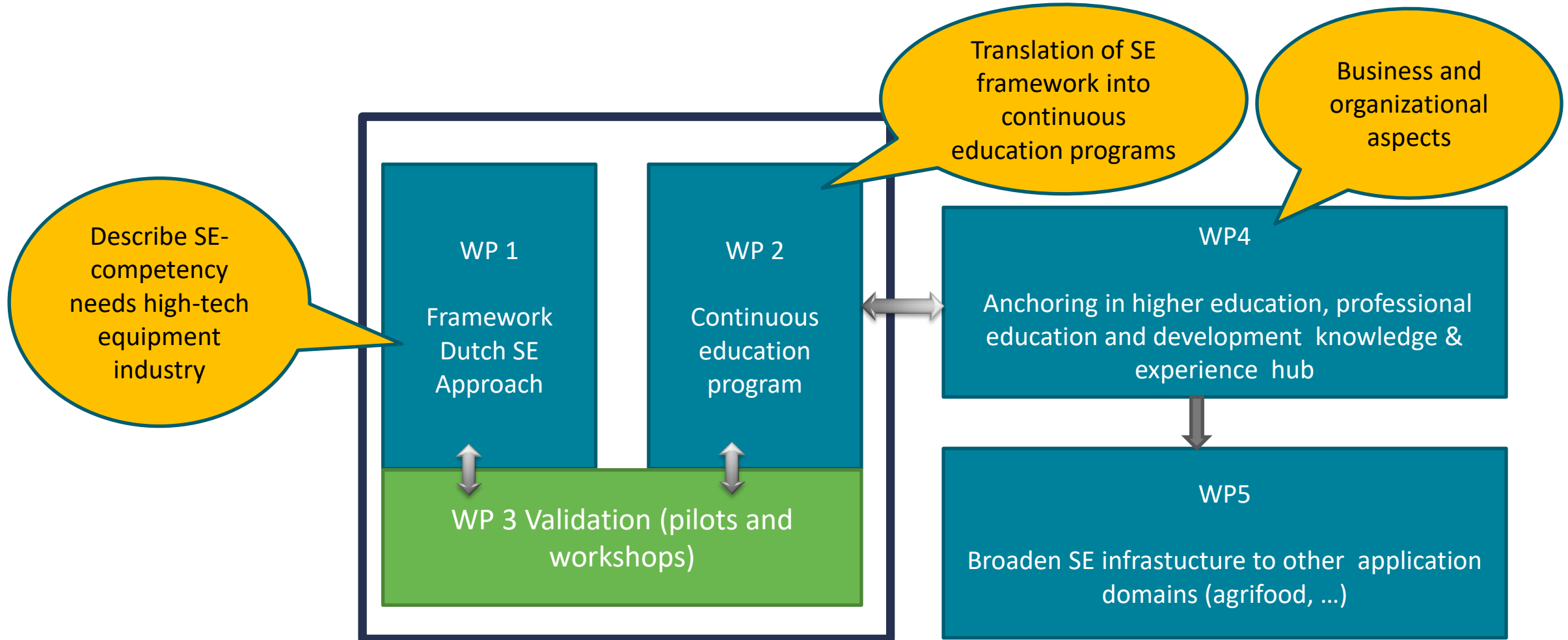


## PROJECT GOALS

- Realize a continuous education program at Bachelor and Master level, and life-long Professional Education.
- Target groups: all engineers, from students **with SE potential to experienced** senior Systems Engineers in industry.
- Sub-objectives:
  - Define an explicit SE framework, based on the current successful way of doing SE in Dutch high-tech equipment industry.
  - Realize a Dutch Systems Engineering knowledge and experience hub where education, research, and development meet and is being consolidated.
  - Define a desired Professional Education Portfolio.



## PROJECT STRUCTURE – 2023-2030



## SUMMARY

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# THANK YOU

## Q&A