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- To identify successful strategies for applying systems engineering principles to systems engineering of SoS

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# **2021-2022 System of Systems Engineering Collaborators Information Exchange Webinars**

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***March 9, 2021***

***Distributed Architecture for Monitoring Urban Air Quality: A Systems Engineering Approach***

*Adrián Unger, Tom McDermott and Philip Dewire*

***April 6, 2021***

***Holistic architecture description for a future Global Health Assurance Systems of Systems***

*Adrián Unger*

***April 20, 2021***

***Leveraging Set-Based Practices to Enable Efficient Concurrency in Large Systems and  
Systems-of-Systems Engineering***

*Brian Kennedy*

***May 4, 2021***

***OUSD R&E: USD(R&E) Mission Engineering (ME) State of Practice***

*Elmer L. Roman*

***May 18, 2021***

***Application of Probabilistic Graph Models to Kill Chain and Multi-Domain Kill Web Analysis  
Problems***

*Jason Baker and Valerie Sitterle*

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***Applying an MBSE Approach for Evaluating Shipyard Operations***

*David Jurkiewicz*

***June 15, 2021***

***Implementing a Digital Engineering Environment for Mission Engineering***

*Jason Anderson and Jeffrey Boulware*

***June 29, 2021***

***Digital Engineering: From Toolchain to Platform***

*Dr. Aleksandra Markina-Khusid*

***July 13, 2021***

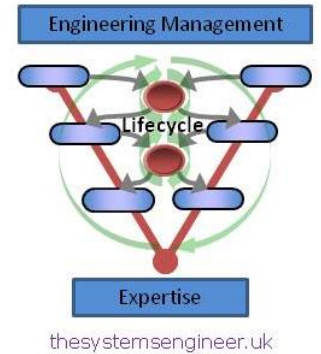
***Developing Meta Systems Architectures for Leading Innovation with Complex Societal and  
Technical Challenges***

*Dr. Cihan Dagli*



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# Interface Management – The Neglected Orphan of Systems Engineering

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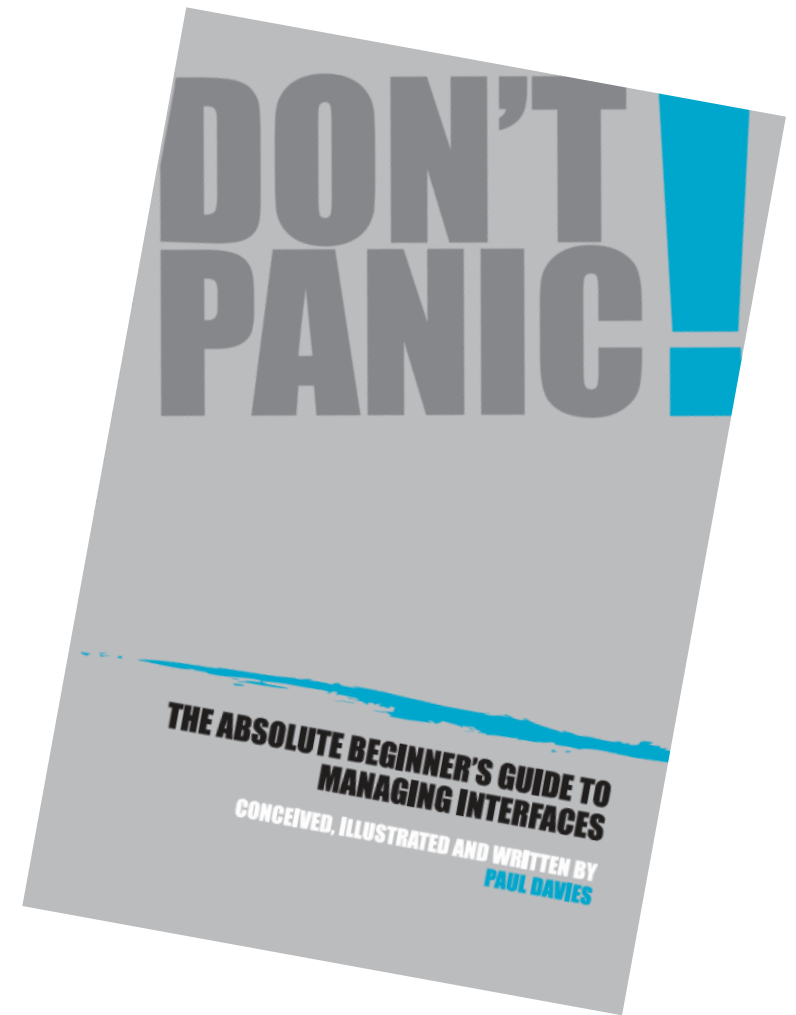
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# Aims of the paper

- To challenge the perception of an engineer as someone who ignores the world outside their System Element
- To remove the excuse “There’s no training or guidance on interfaces”
- To promote a whole-lifecycle view of interfaces, and left-shift their consideration in architecting

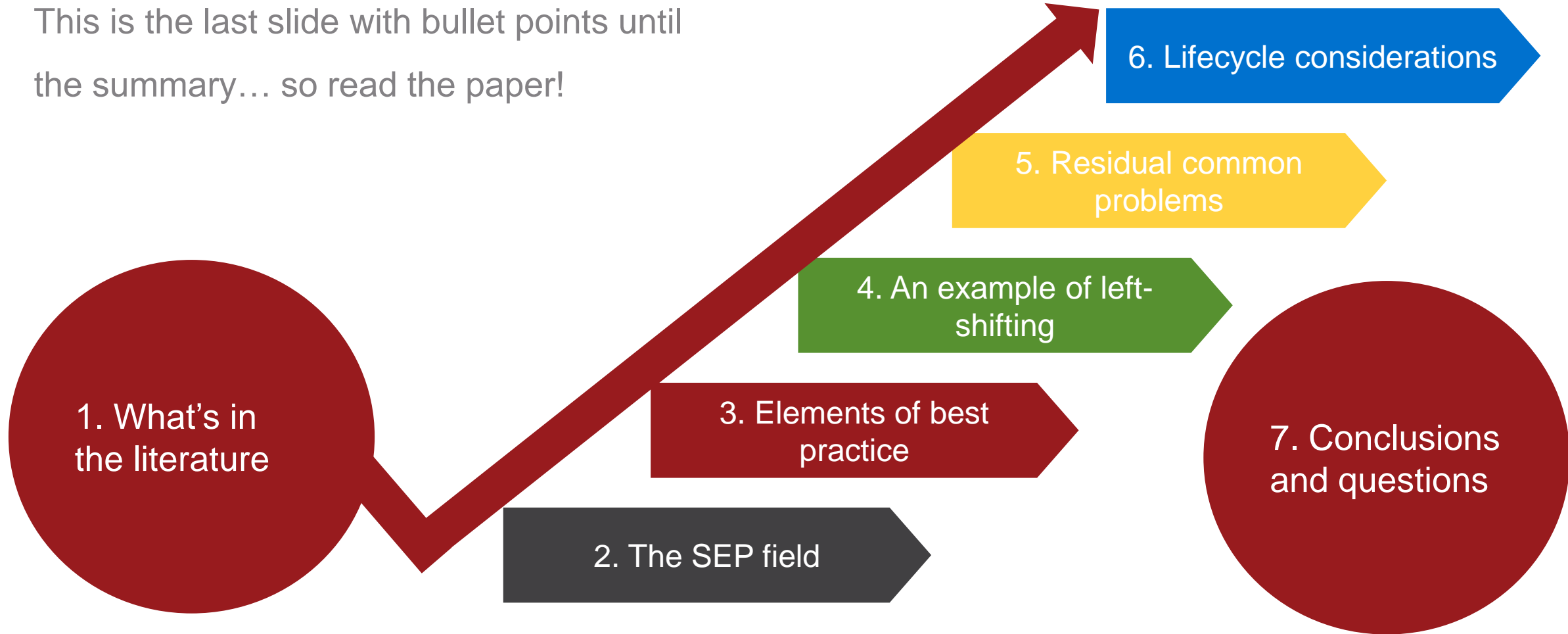




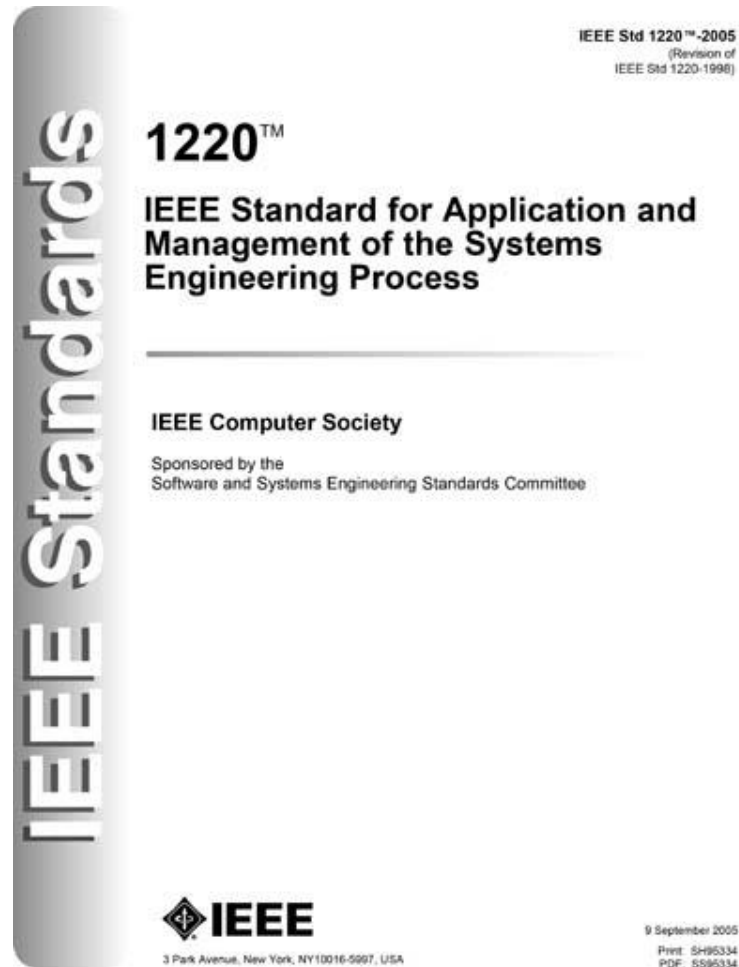
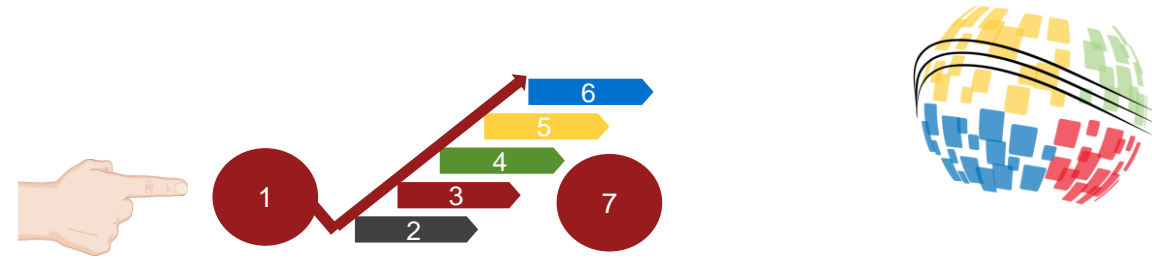
# Outline



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# What's in the Literature



## ANSI/EIA Standard

**Processes for Engineering a System**  
**ANSI/EIA 632**

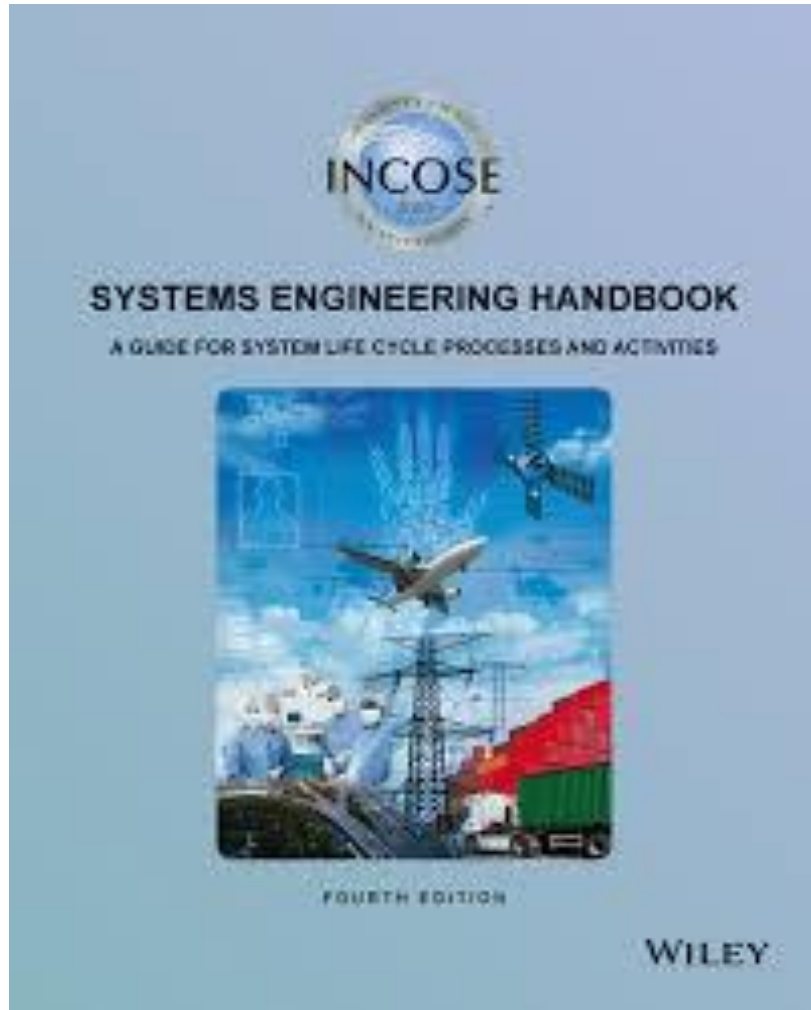
**NASA  
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**Training Manual for Elements of Interface  
Definition and Control**



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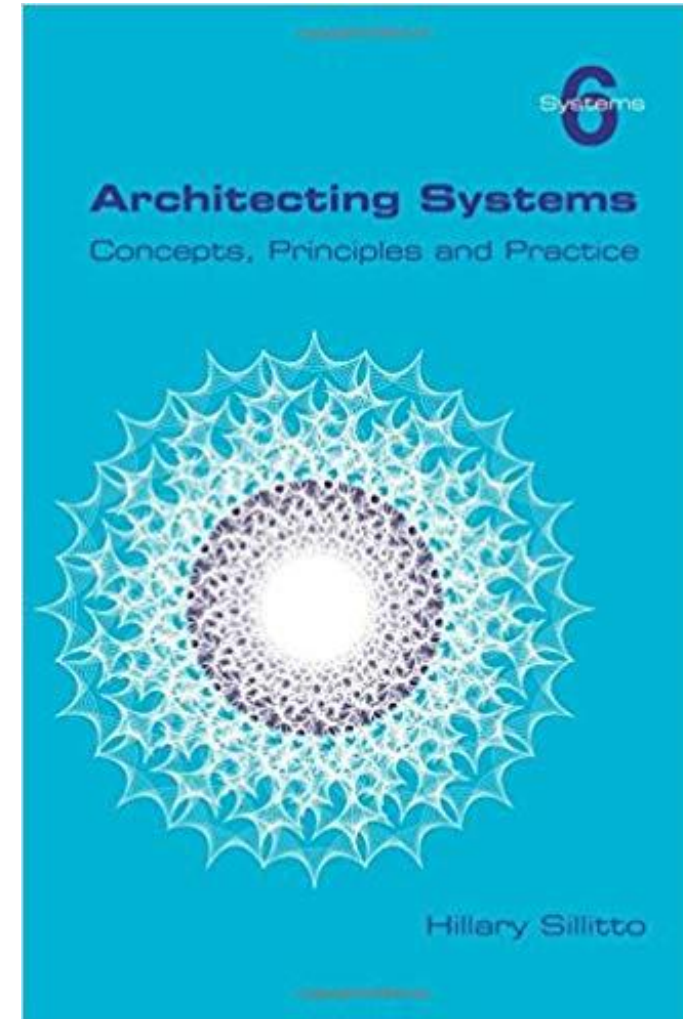
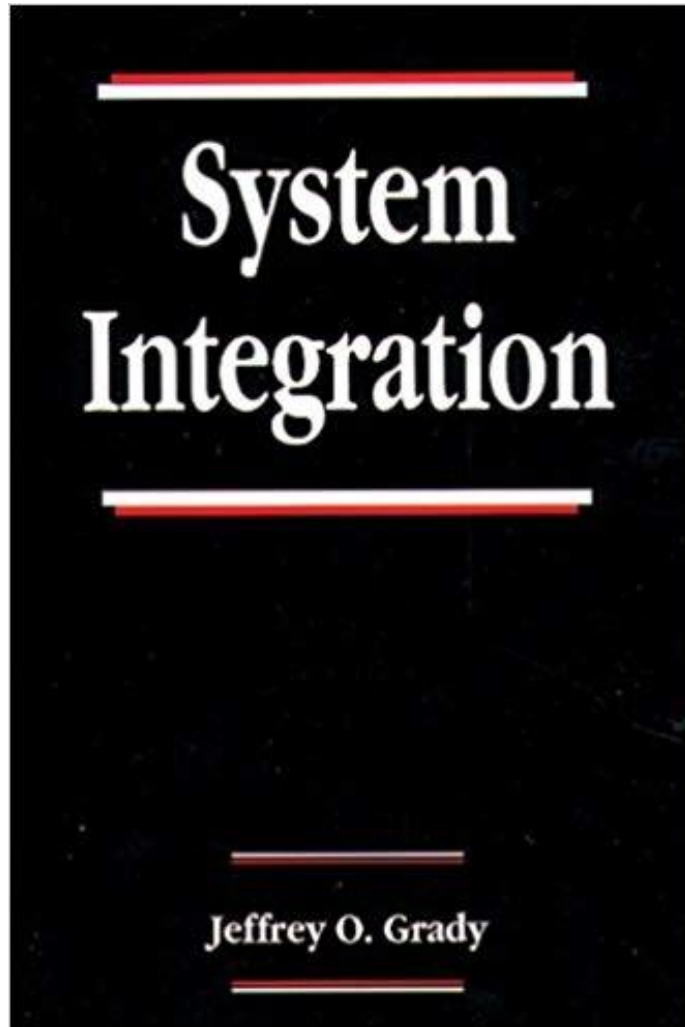


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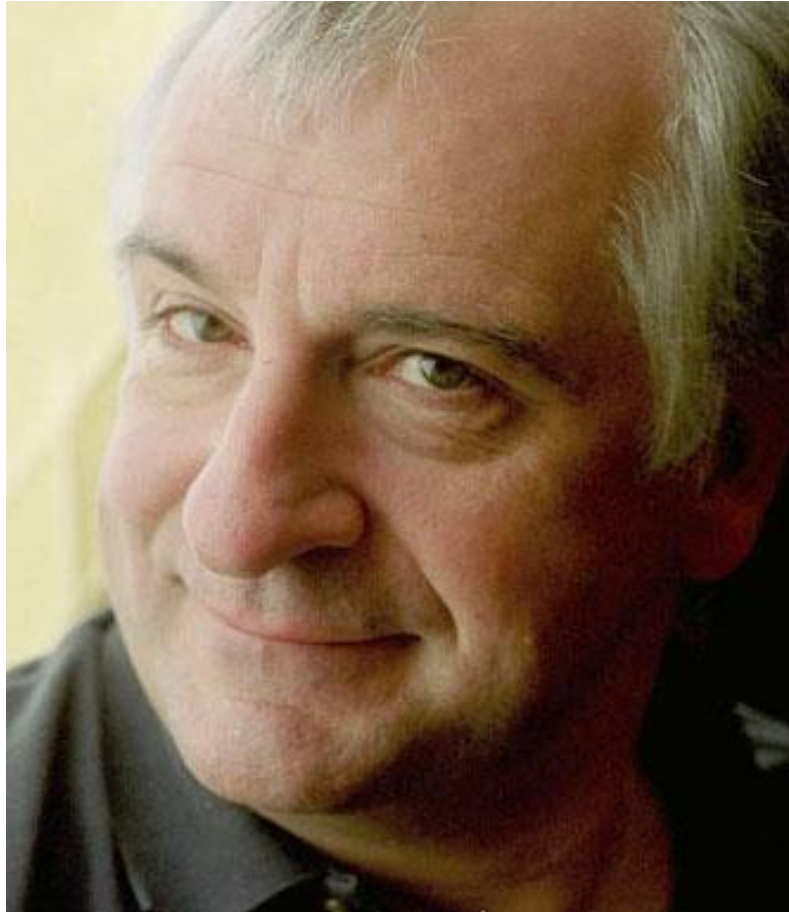
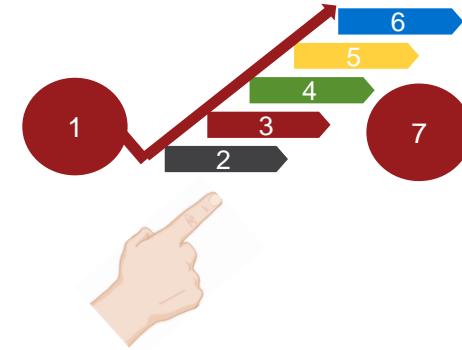




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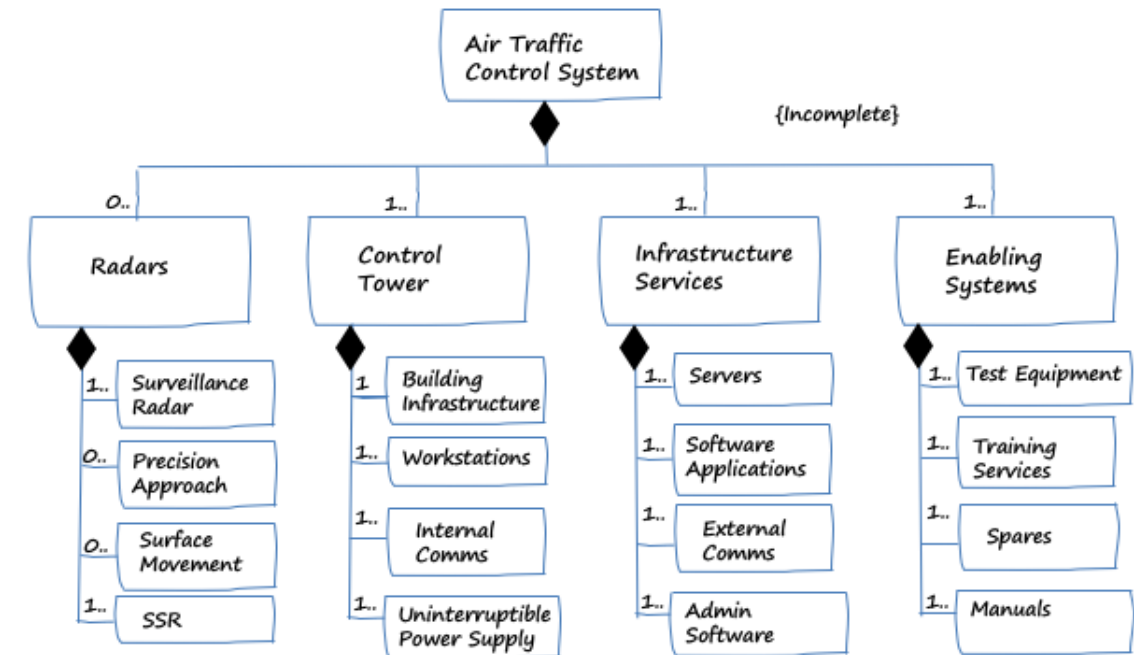
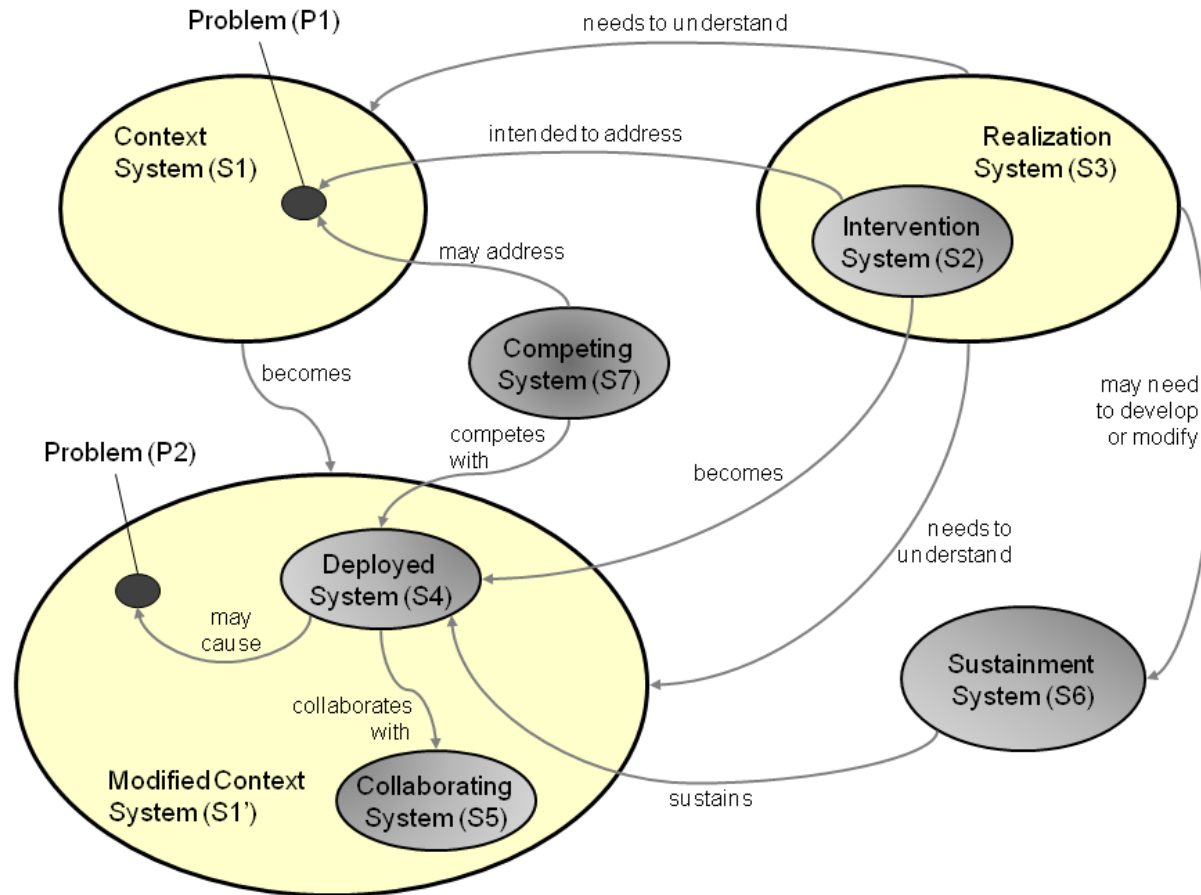


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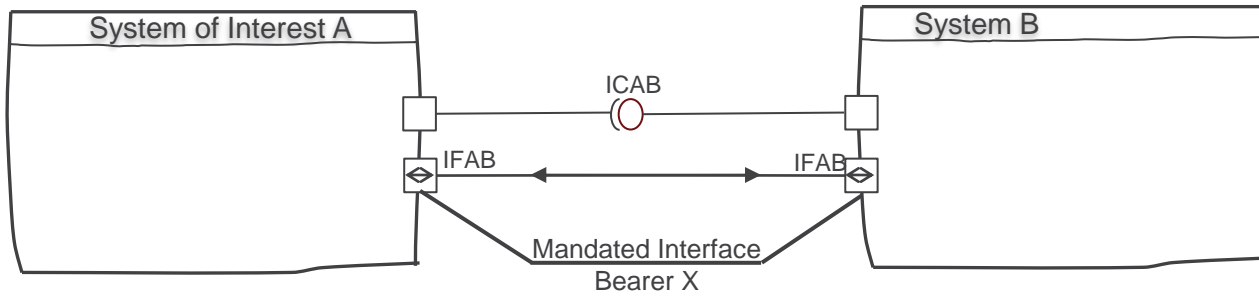




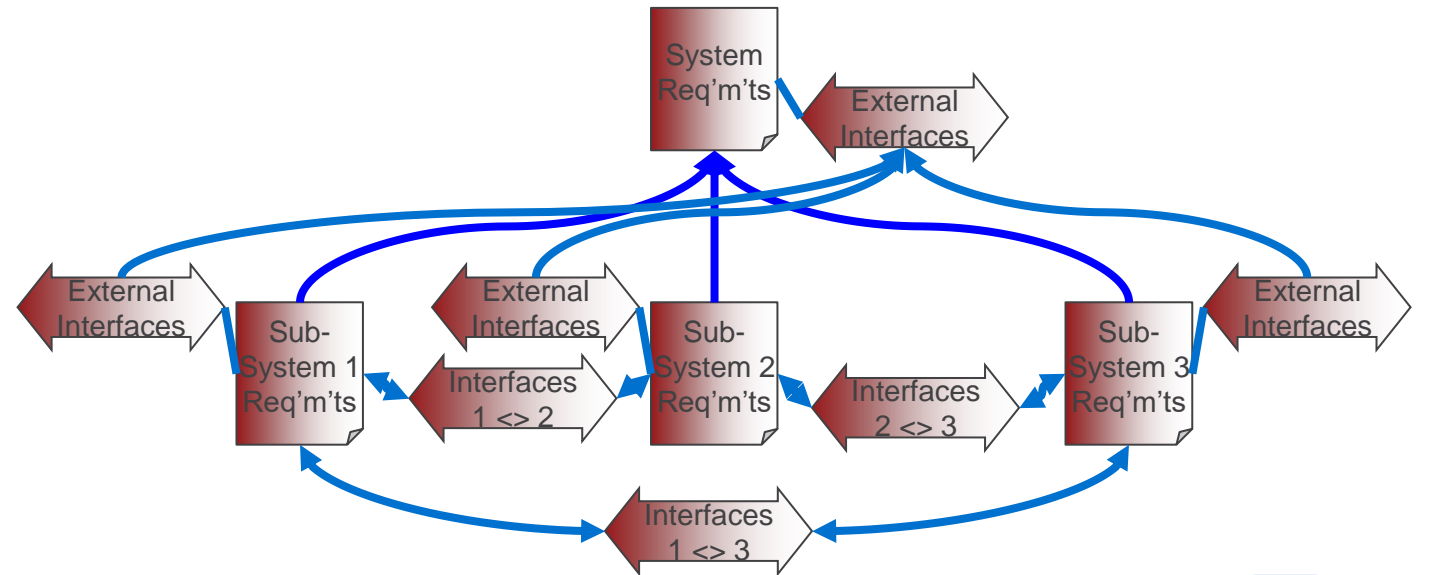
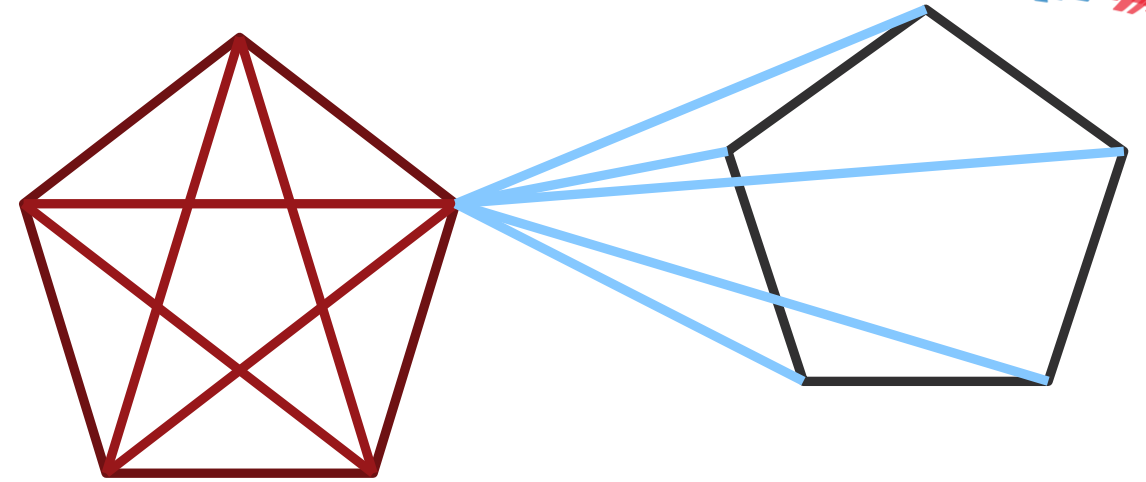
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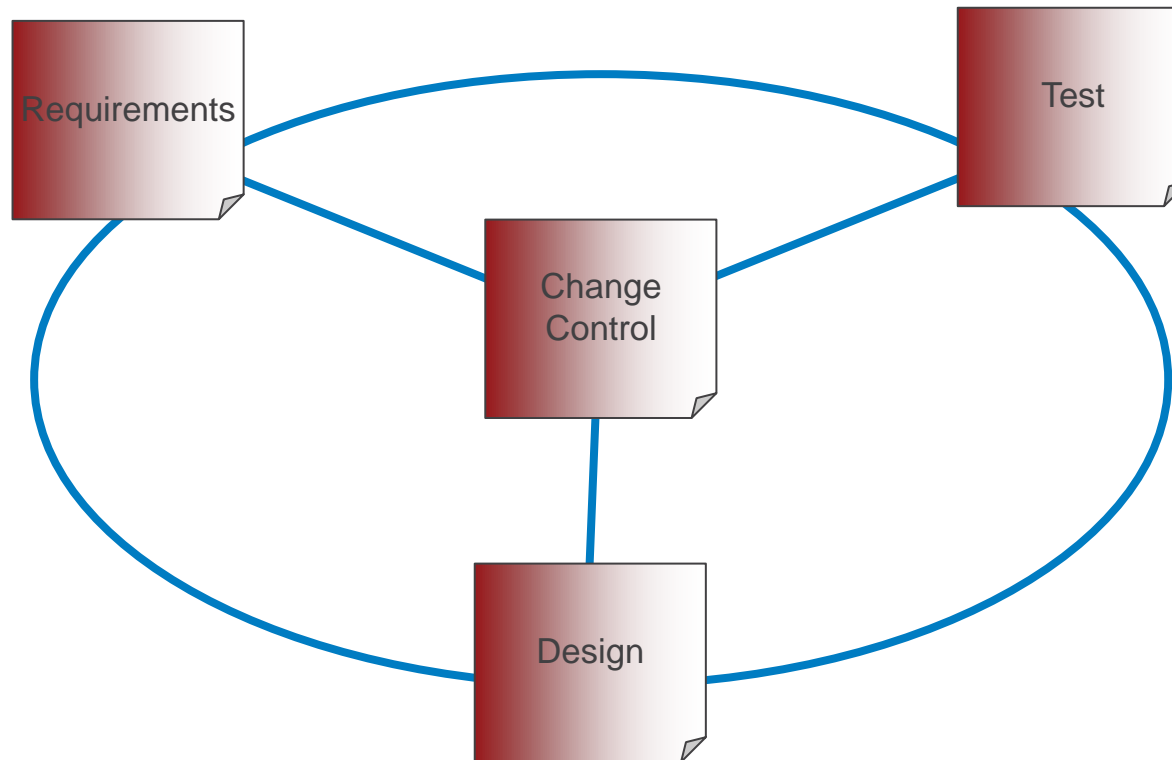
# Why does it matter?



"System A shall interface to System B via bearer X"



# Why does it matter?





# It's not just software



Electrical voltage + current (+ spikes)

Vertical forces (time-varying)

Longitudinal forces due to friction

Heat

Flash arcing

Electromagnetic field flux (+RFI)

Vibrational forces (resonance?)

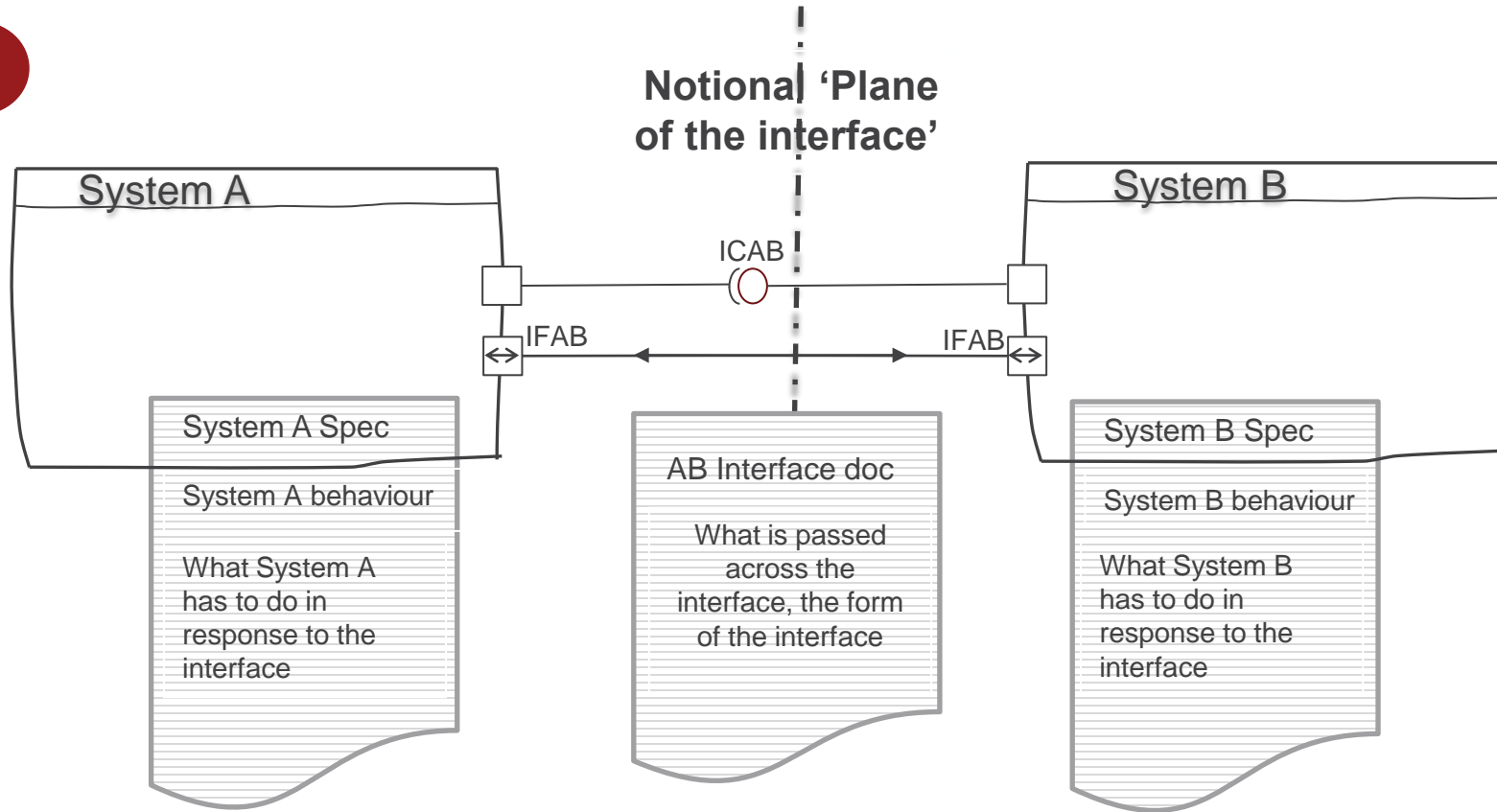
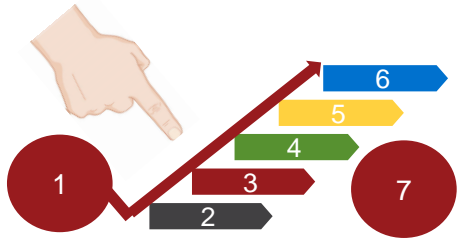
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Moisture & salt deposition

Carbon deposits, rust, crud

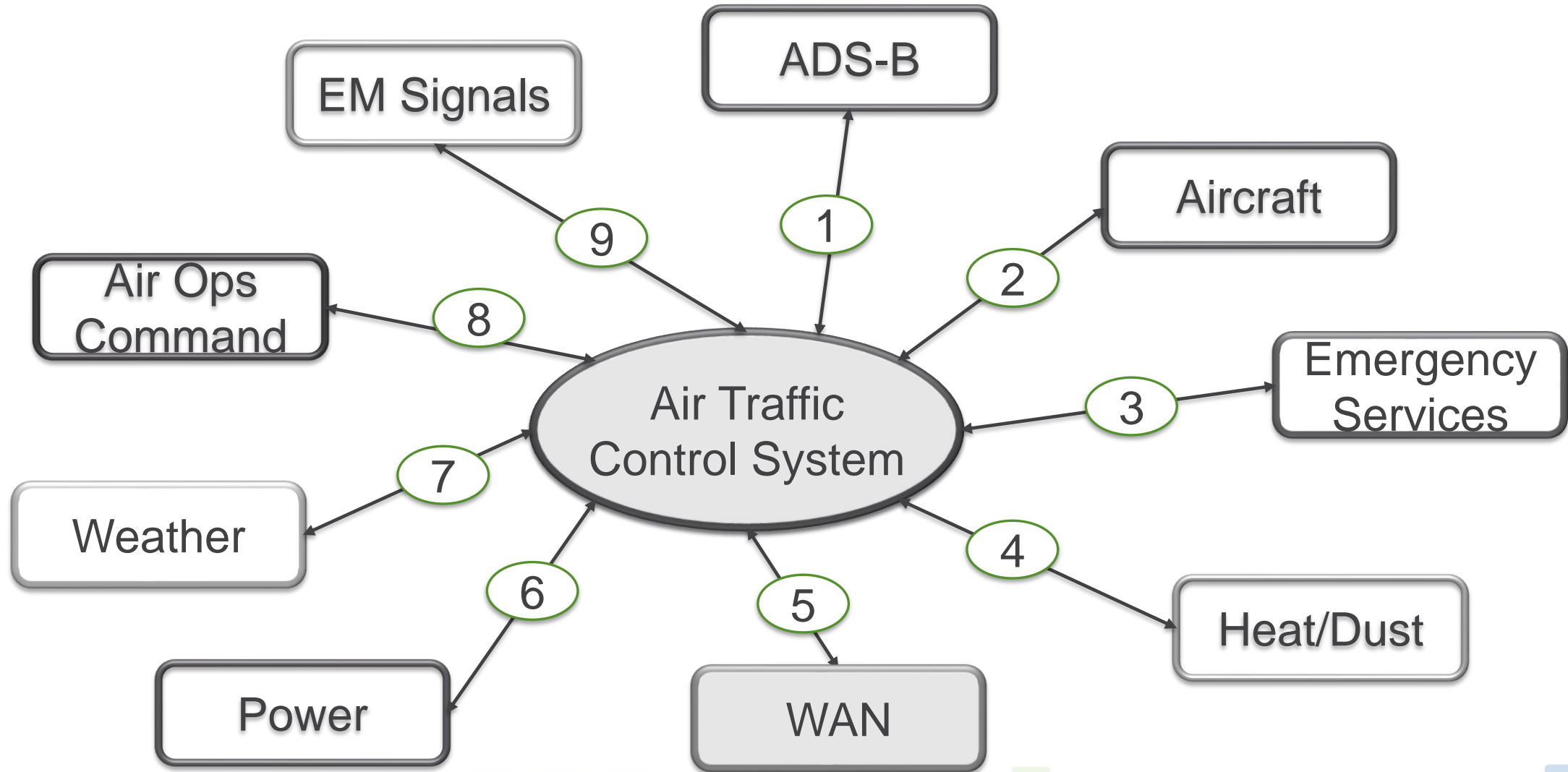


# Best Practice 1: the Separation Principle



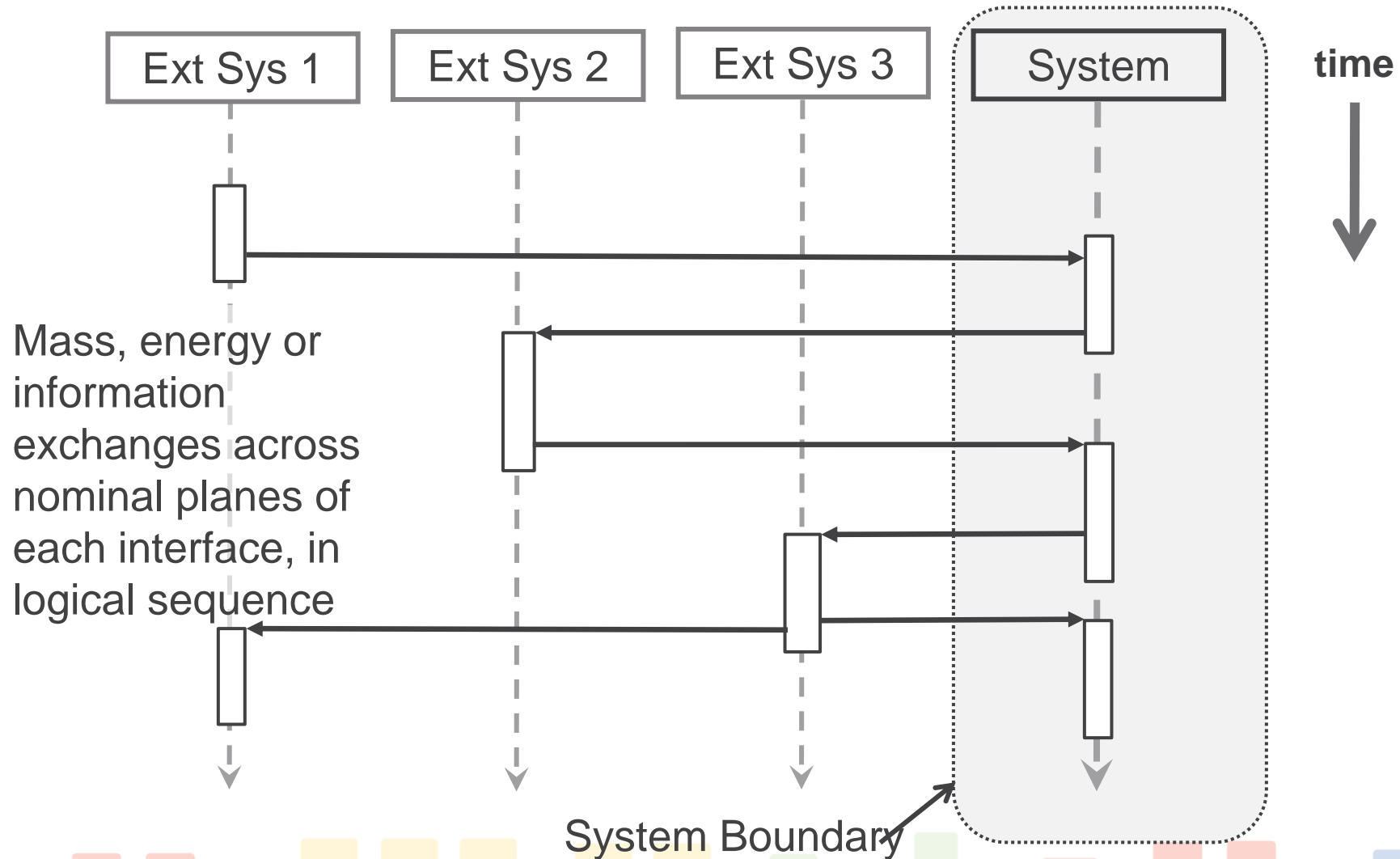


## Best Practice 2: the Context Diagram



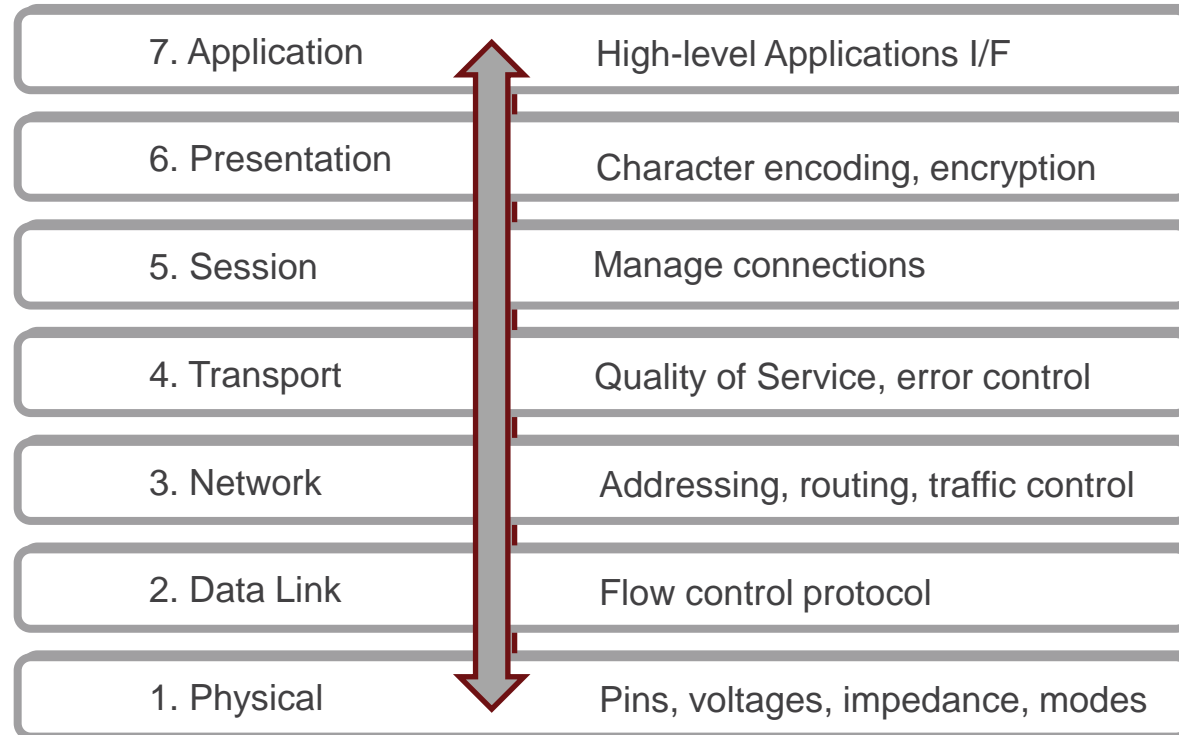


# Best Practice 3: the Sequence Diagram



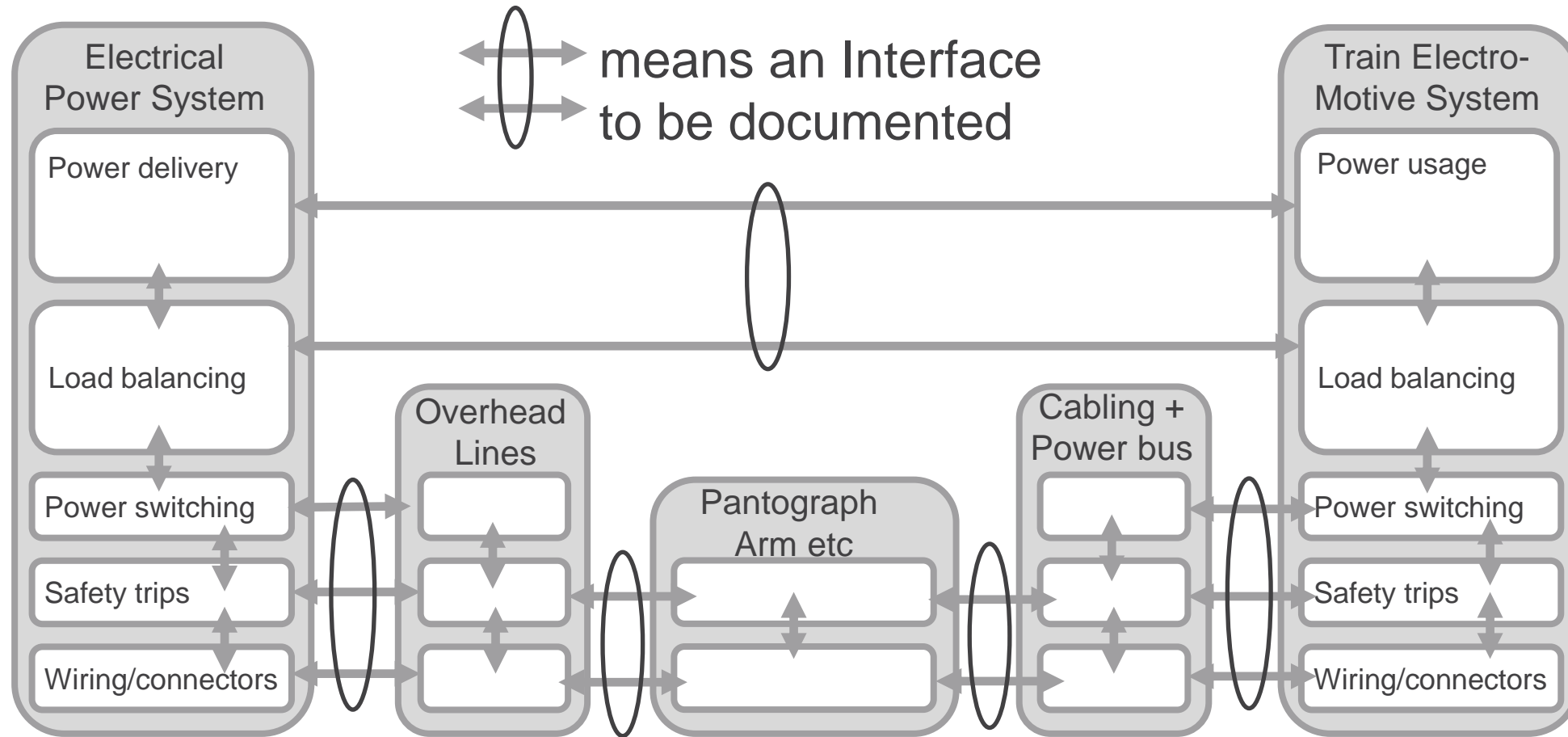


# Best Practice 4: layered models as patterns



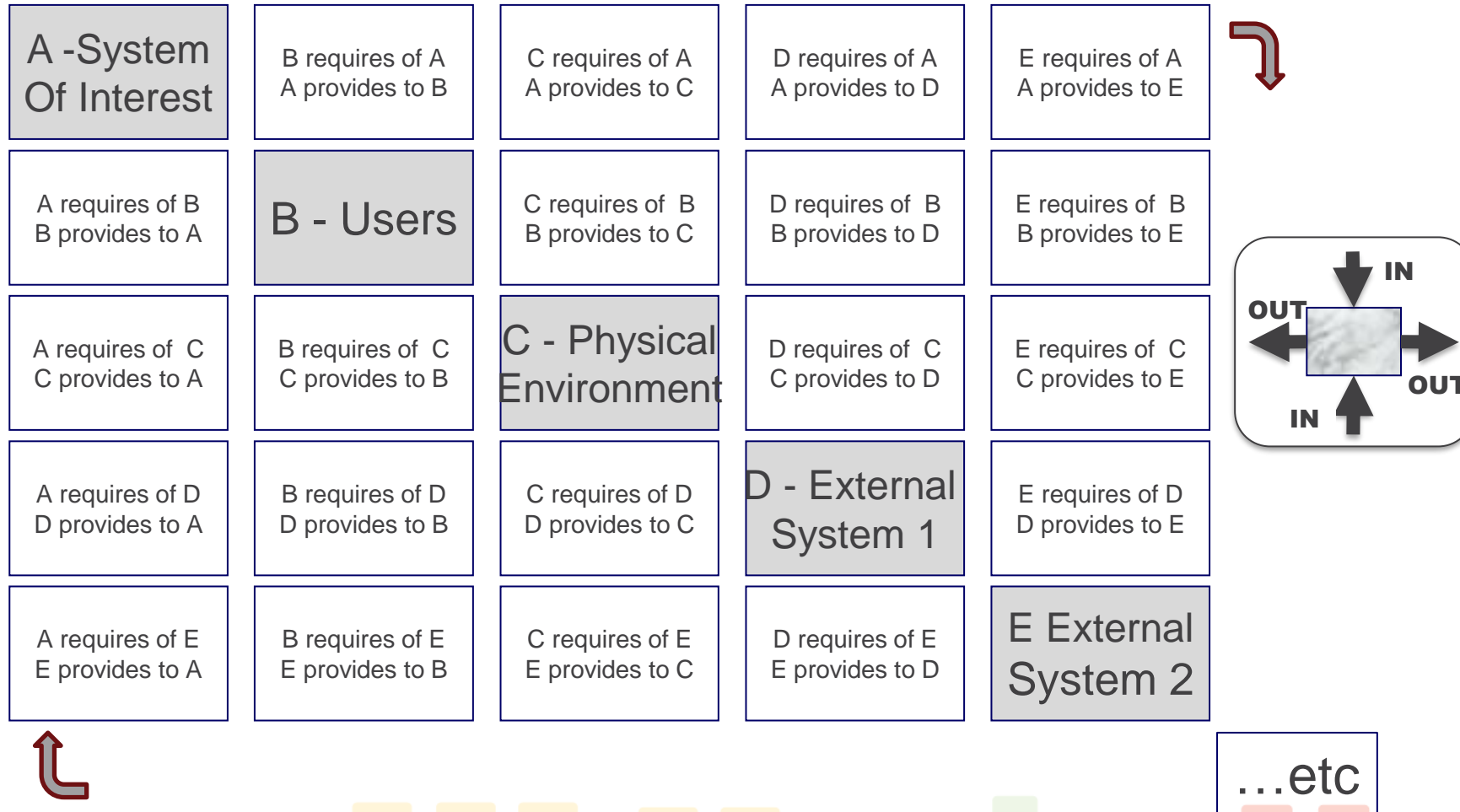


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# Best practice 5: black box N<sup>2</sup> chart



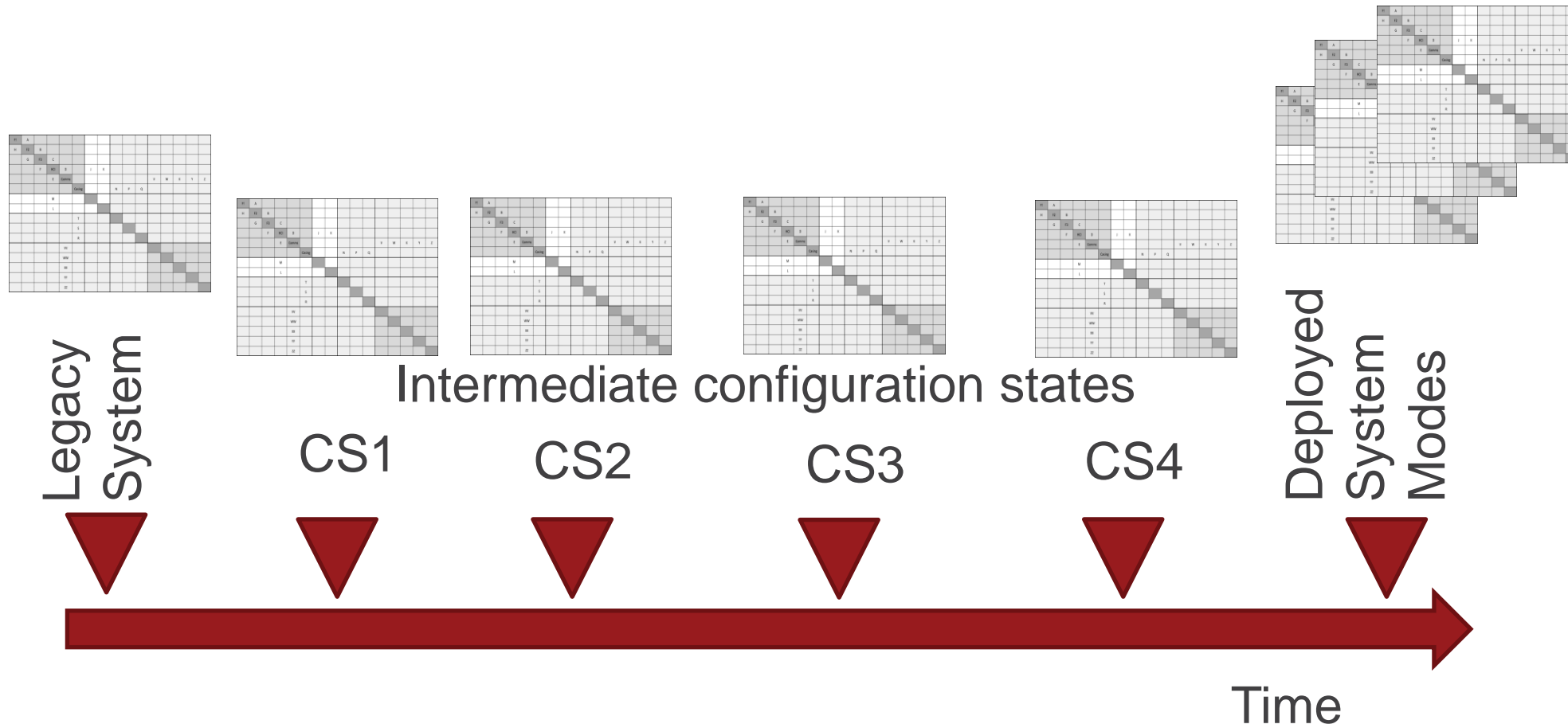
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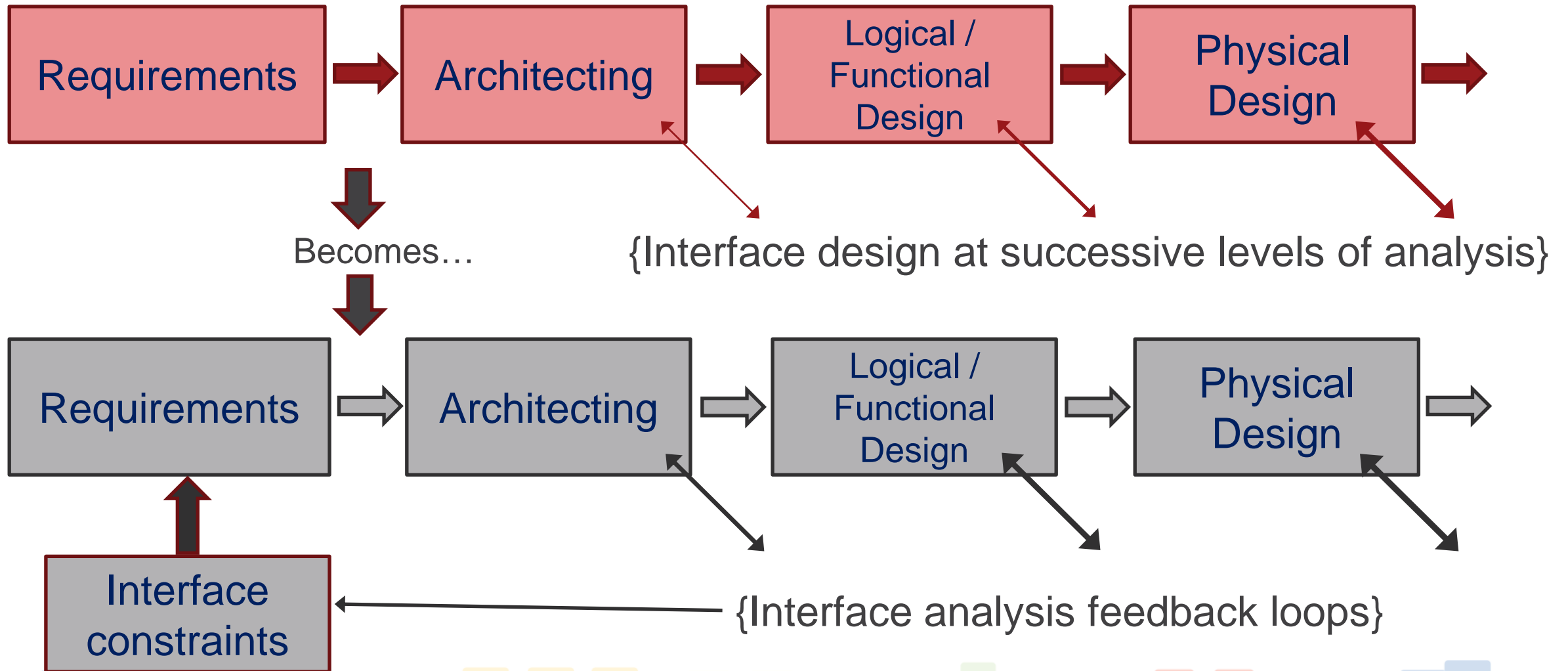
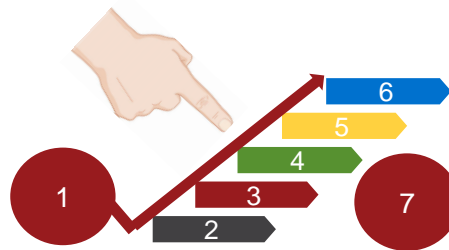
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# Best practice 8: phased implementation $N^2$



# Left-shifting...





# Pantograph example again



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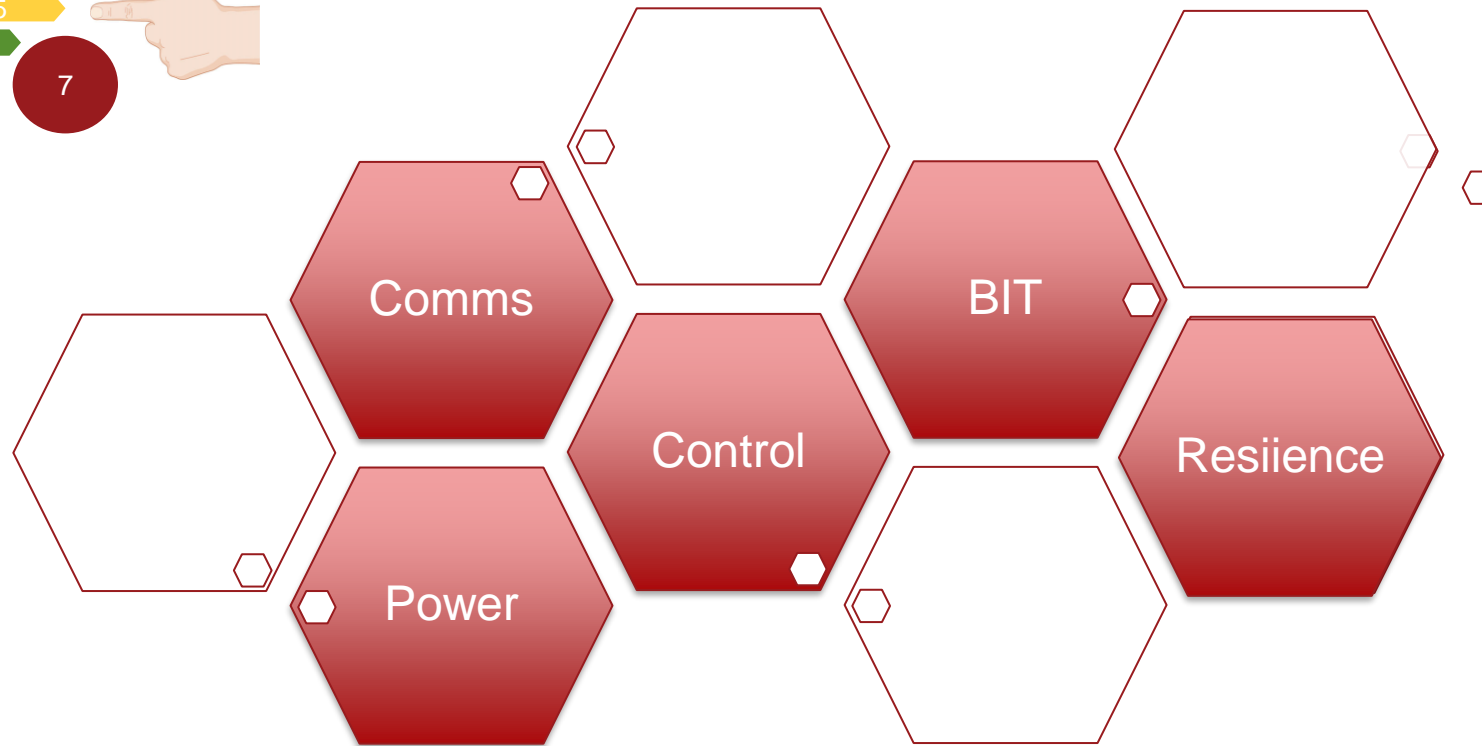
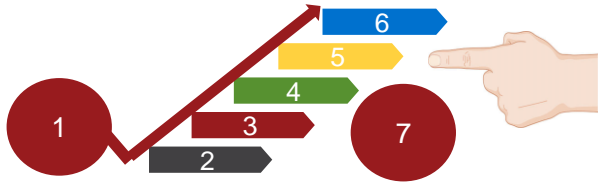
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*The flows across the interface drive extra functional and non-functional requirements on the System Elements at each end*

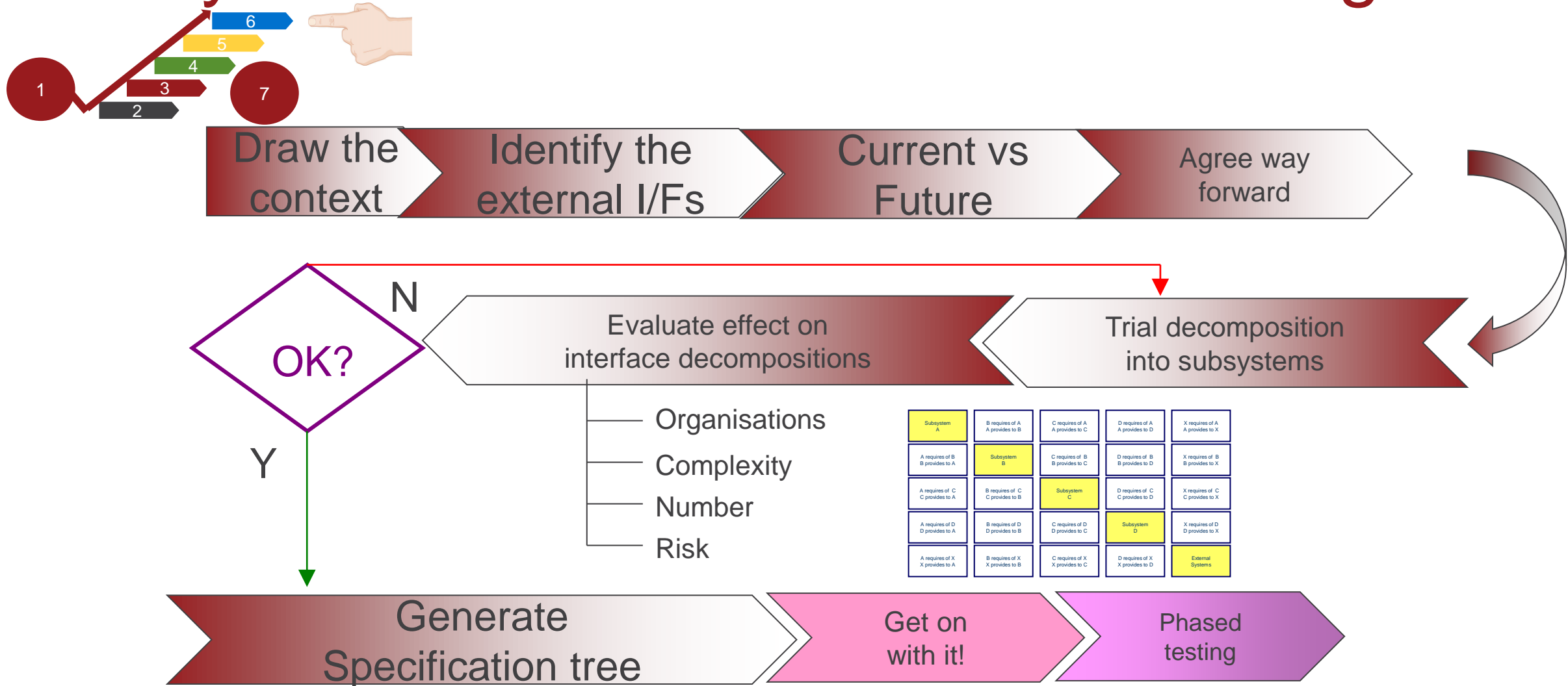


# Residual architecting decision patterns for interfaces



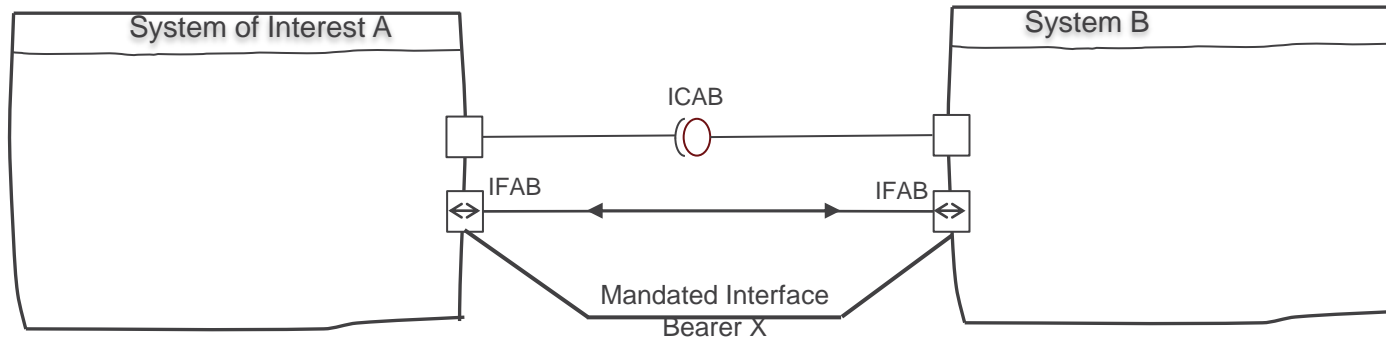


# Lifecycle of interface-based architecting





# The requirement from hell, and future-proofing

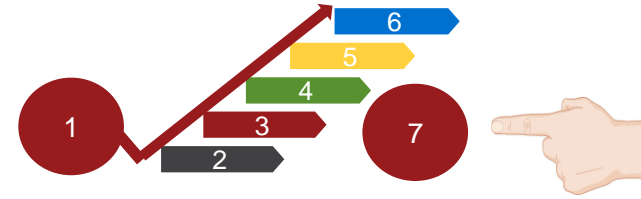


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# Conclusions

- We have looked at gaps in the literature, and started to overcome the lack of a lifecycle-oriented view of interface evolution.
- We have outlined some key principles associated with interfaces, and looked at some best practice methods of representing and elaborating them.
- We have stressed the use of interface analysis in architecting Systems throughout their lifecycle.
- We have encouraged engineers to look outside the box.







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