

System Partitioning Fundamentals

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Abstract

The fundamental concepts and approach system partitioning are explained. We look at physical decomposition and functional decomposition in relation to supply chain, lifecycle support, project management, and system specification and design.

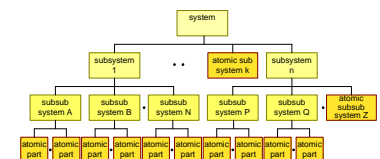
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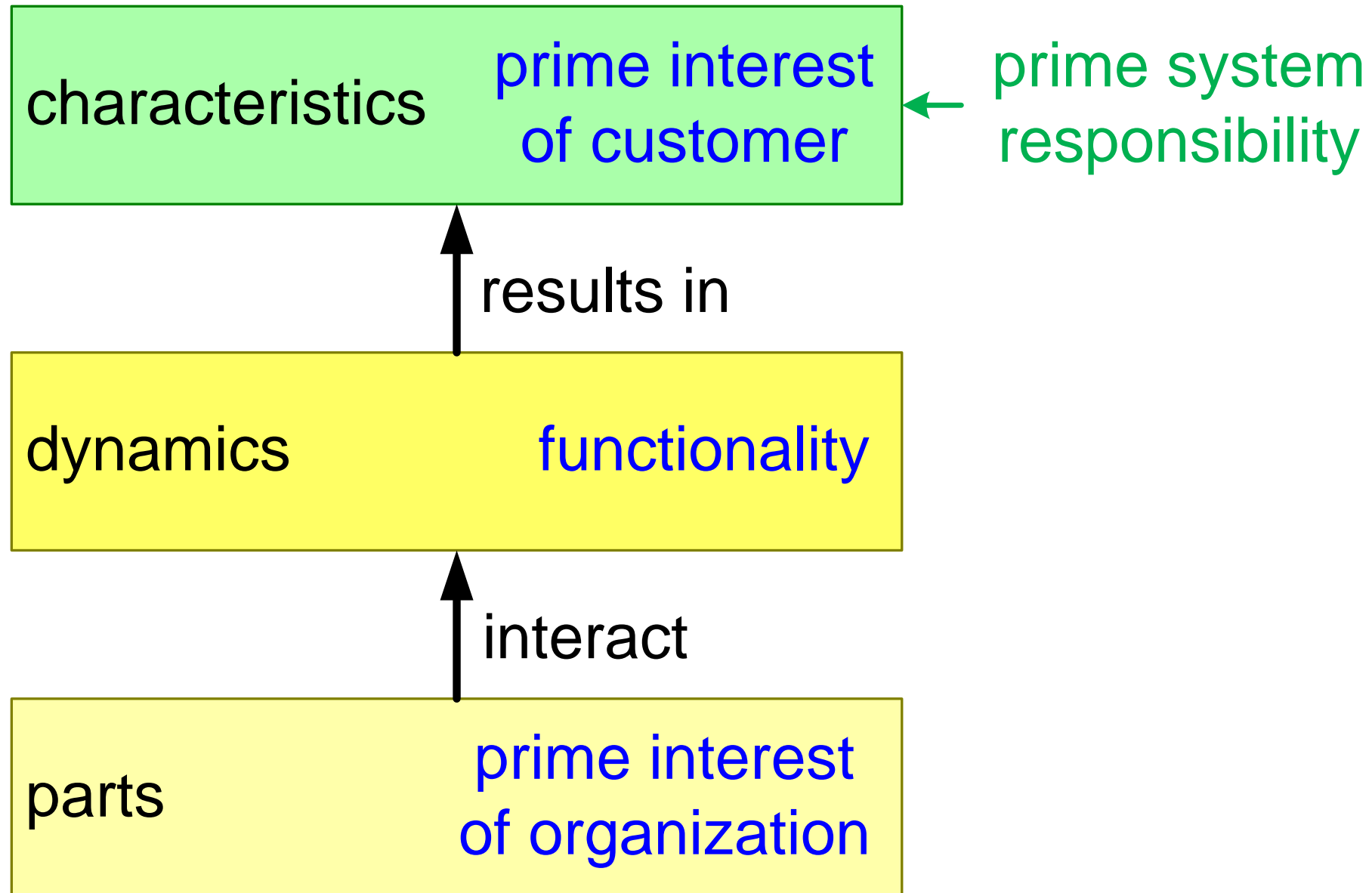
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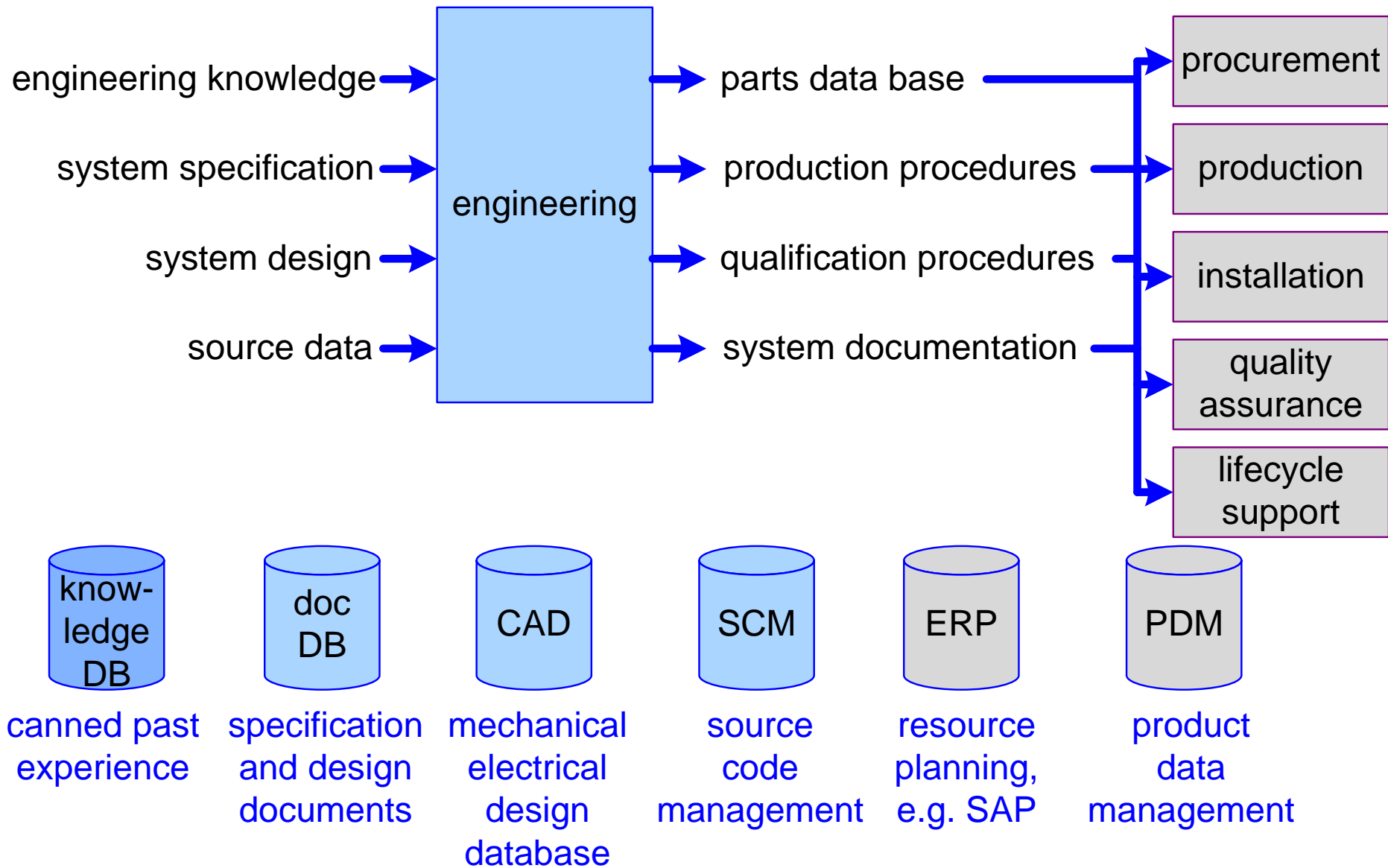
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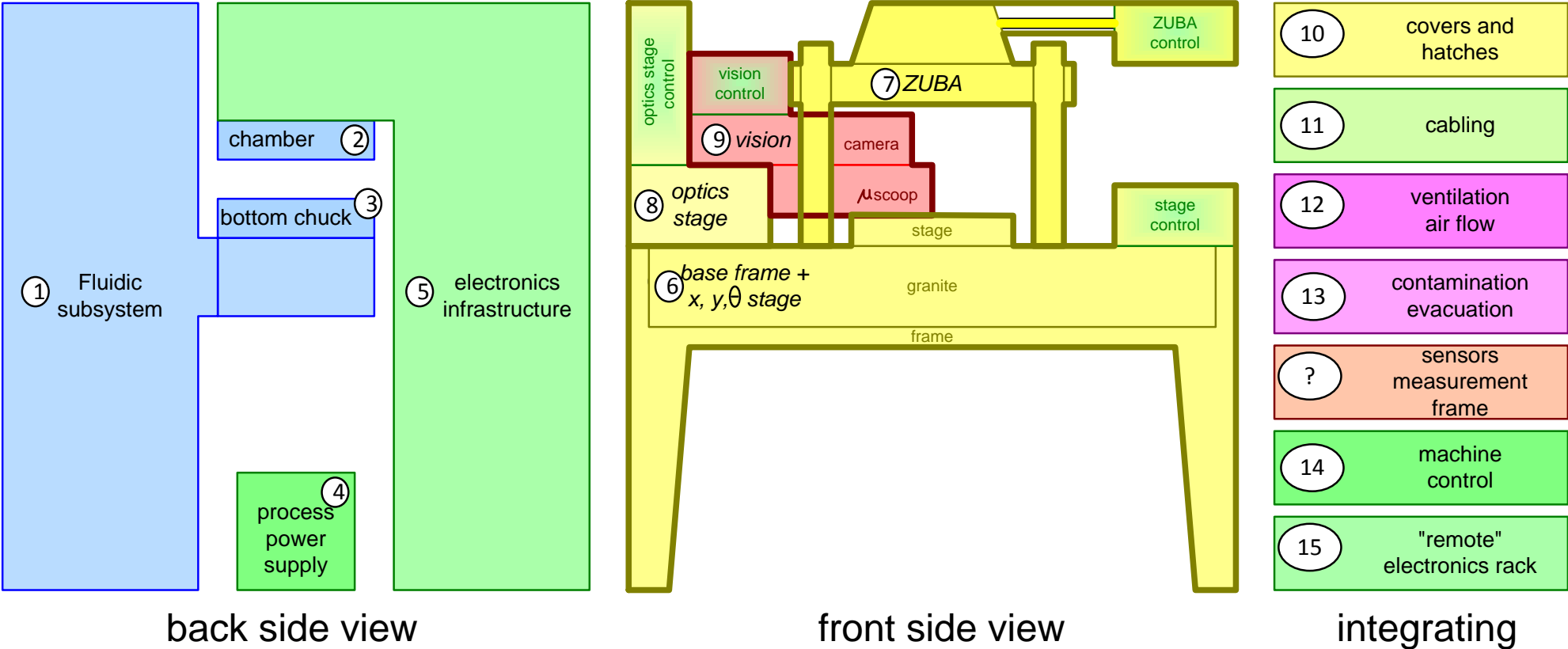
Parts, Dynamics, Characteristics



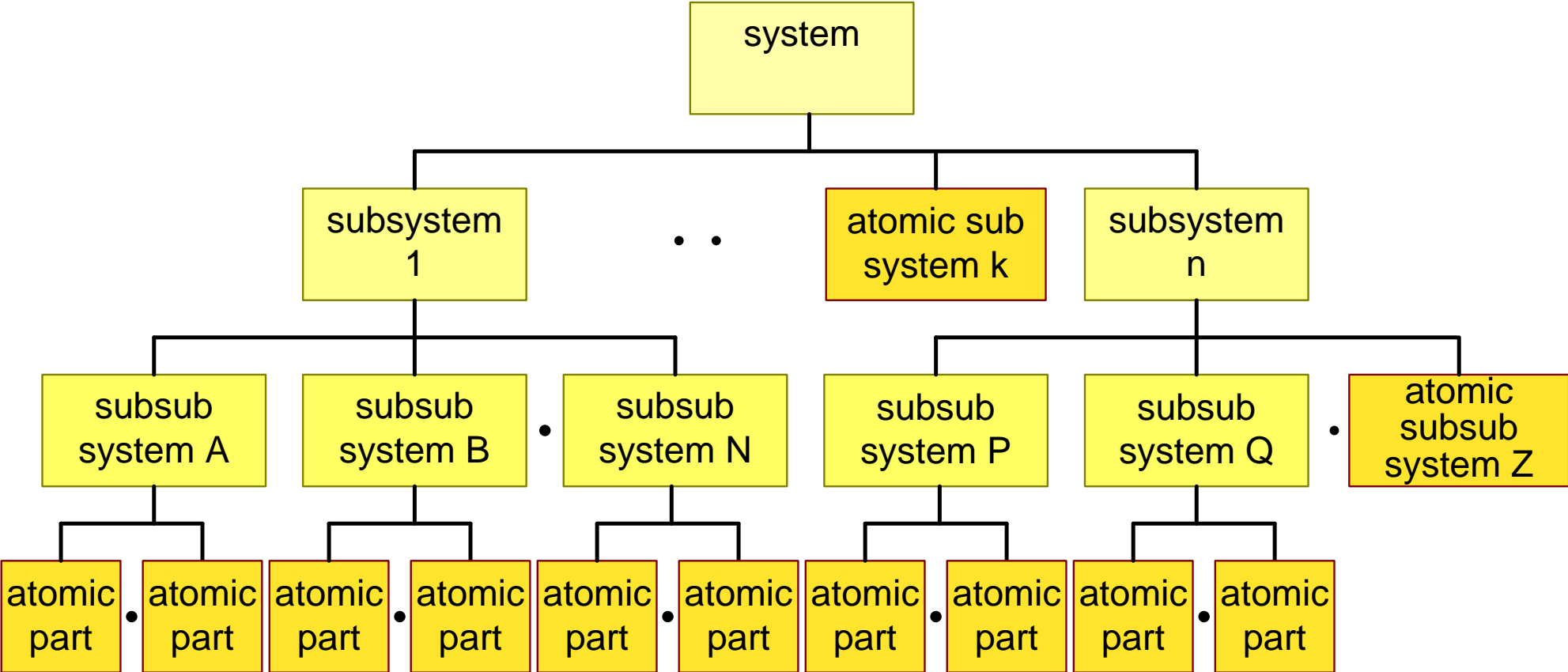
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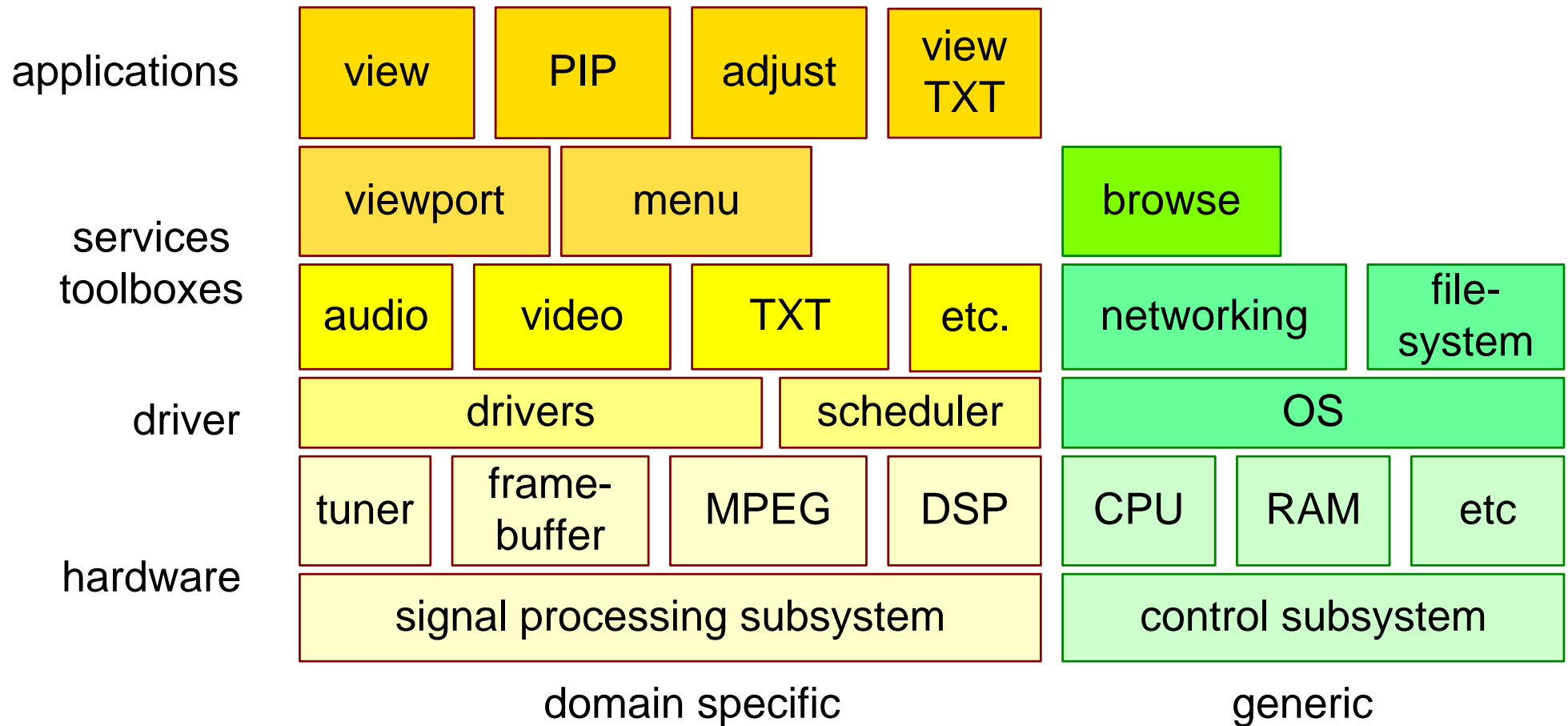
Example Physical Decomposition



Partitioning is Applied Recursively



Software plus Hardware Decomposition



the part is cohesive

functionality and technology belongs together

the coupling with other parts is minimal

minimize interfaces

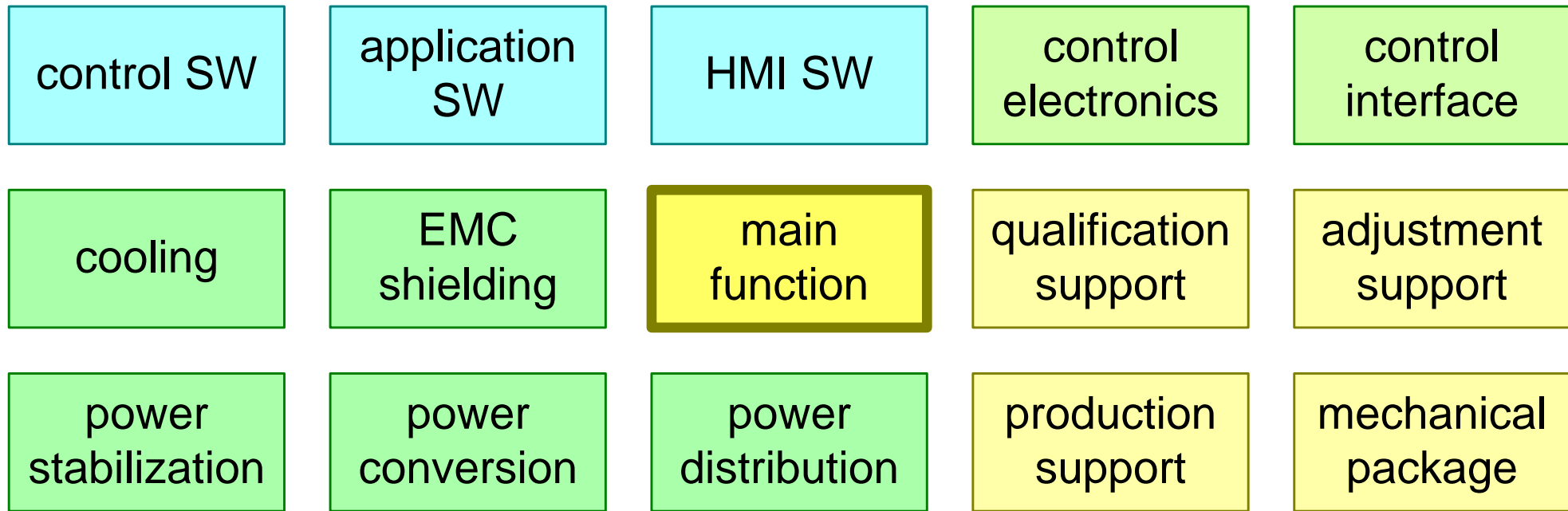
the part is self-sustained for production and qualification

can be in conflict with cost or space requirements

clear ownership of part

e.g. one department or supplier

How much self-sustained?



How self sustained should a part be?

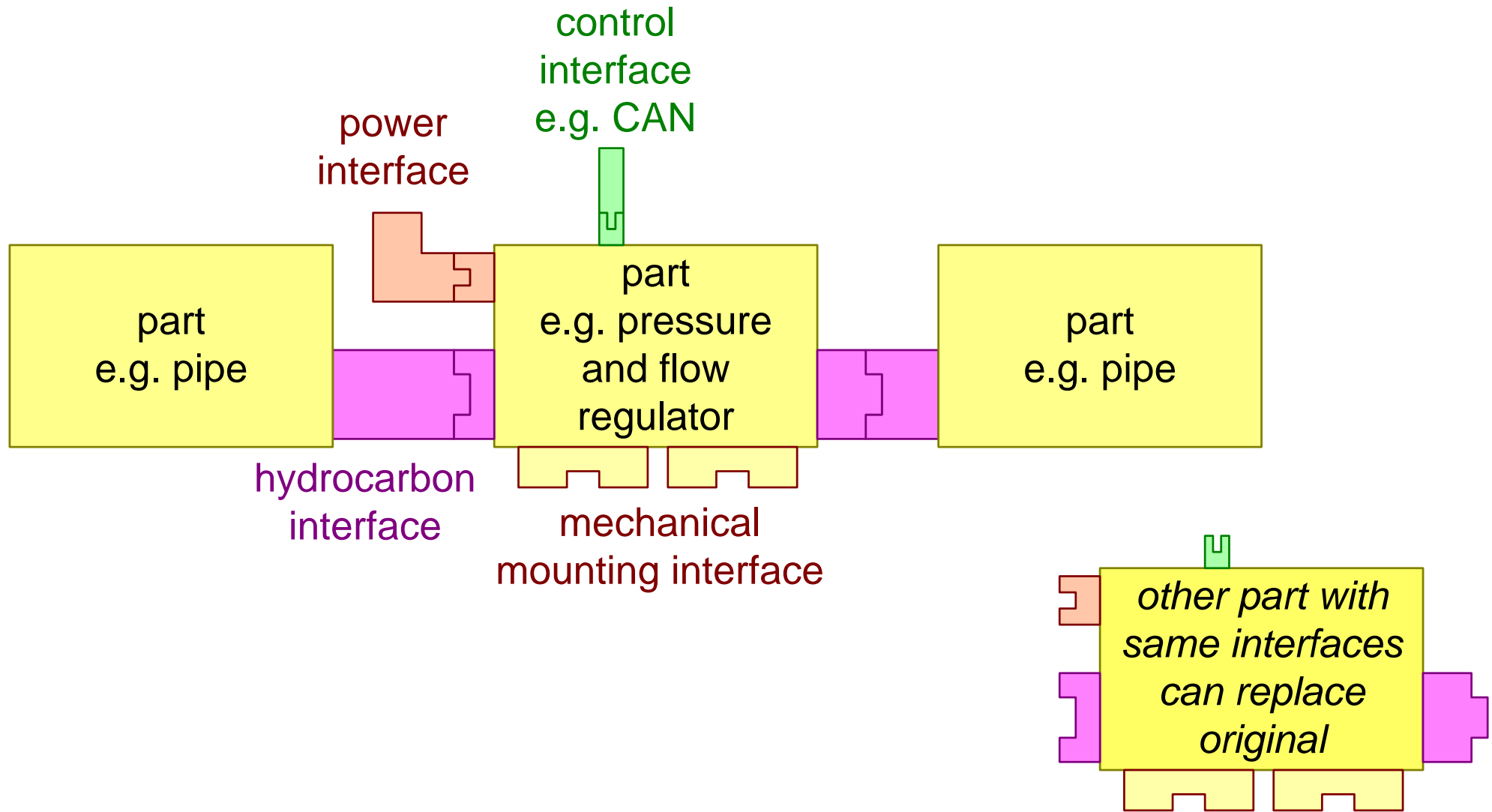
trade-off:

cost/speed/space
optimization



logistics/lifecycle/production
flexibility
clarity

Decoupling via Interfaces



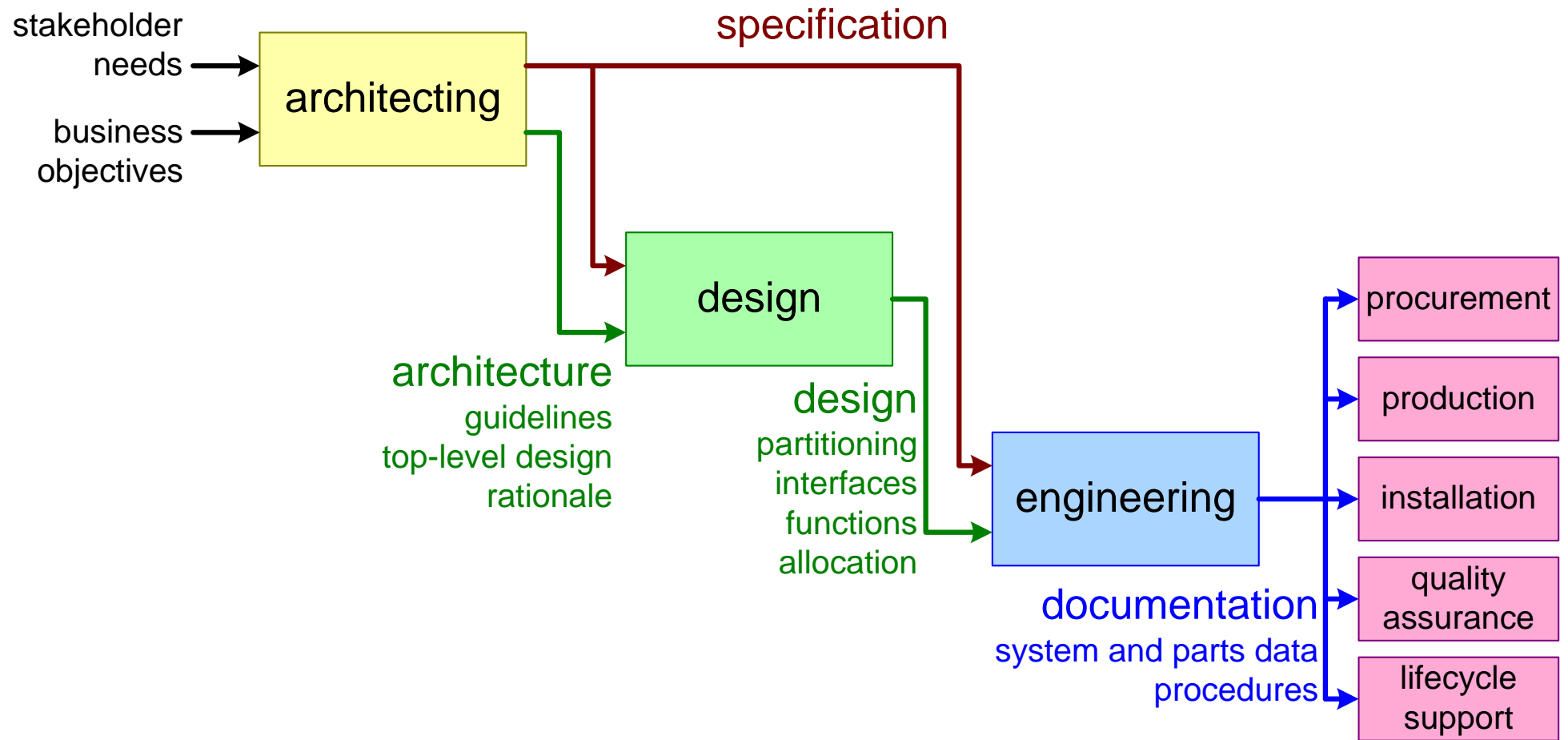
The Ideal Modularity

System is composed

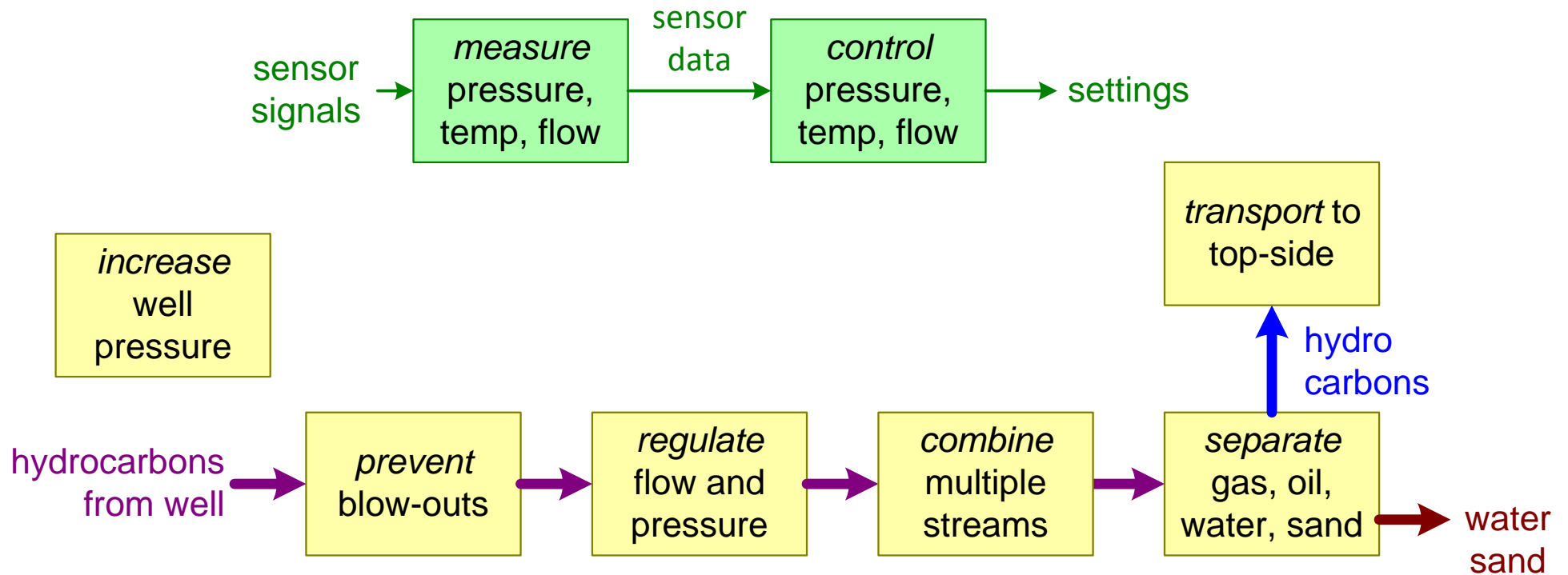
by using standard interfaces

limited catalogue of variants (e.g. cost performance points)

System Creation



Simplistic Functional SubSea Example



Functional Decomposition

How does the system work and operate?

Functions describe *what* rather than *how*.

Functions are *verbs*.

Input-Process-Output paradigm.

Multiple kinds of flows:

- physical (e.g. hydrocarbons)

- information (e.g. measurements)

- control

At lower level one part \approx one function

- pump pumps, compressor compresses, controller controls

At higher level functions are complex interplay of physical parts

- e.g. regulating constant flow, pressure and temperature

Quantification

Size 2.4m * 0.7m * 1.3m

Weight 1450 Kg

Cost 30000 NoK

Reliability MTBF 4000 hr

Throughput 3000 l/hr

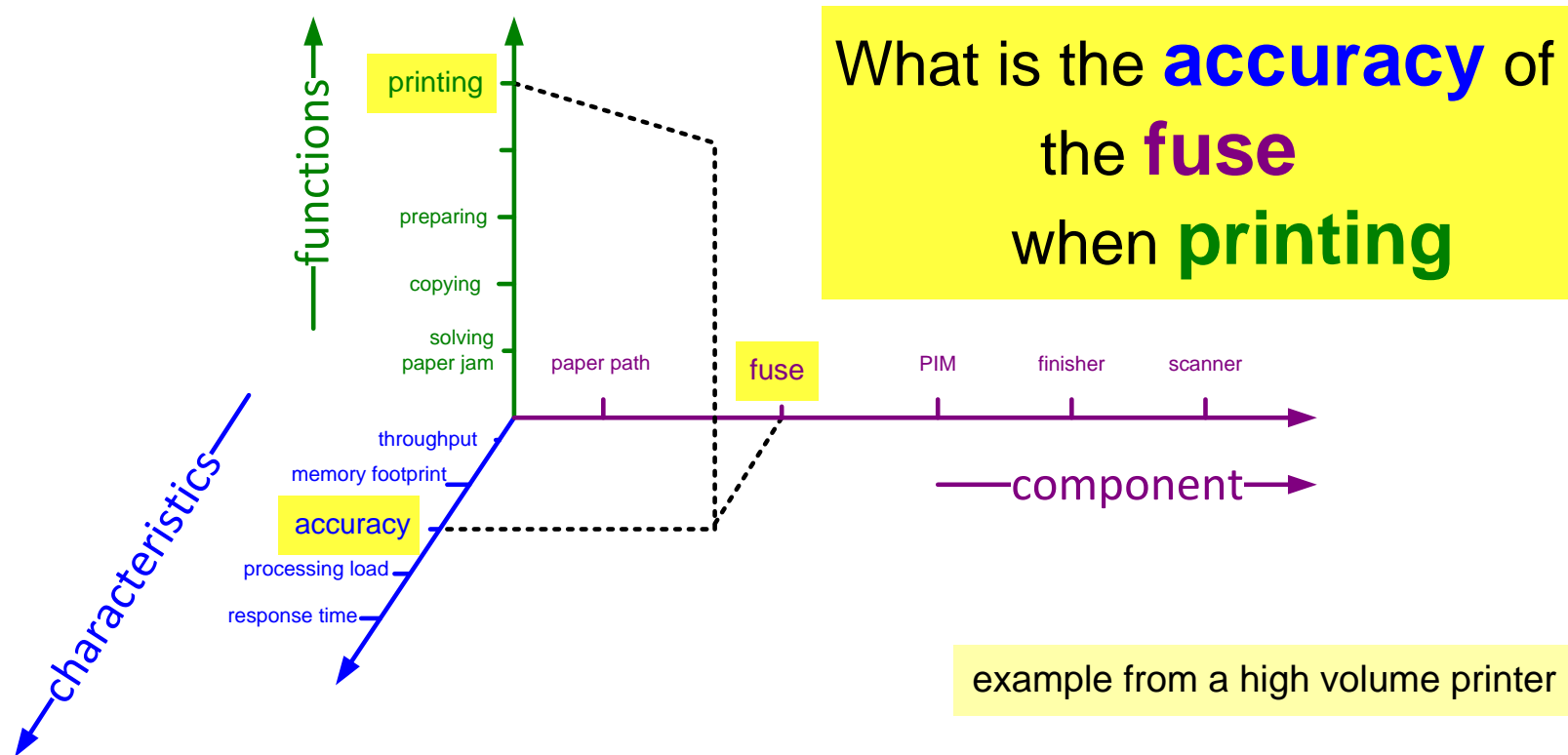
Response time 0.1 s

Accuracy +/- 0.1%

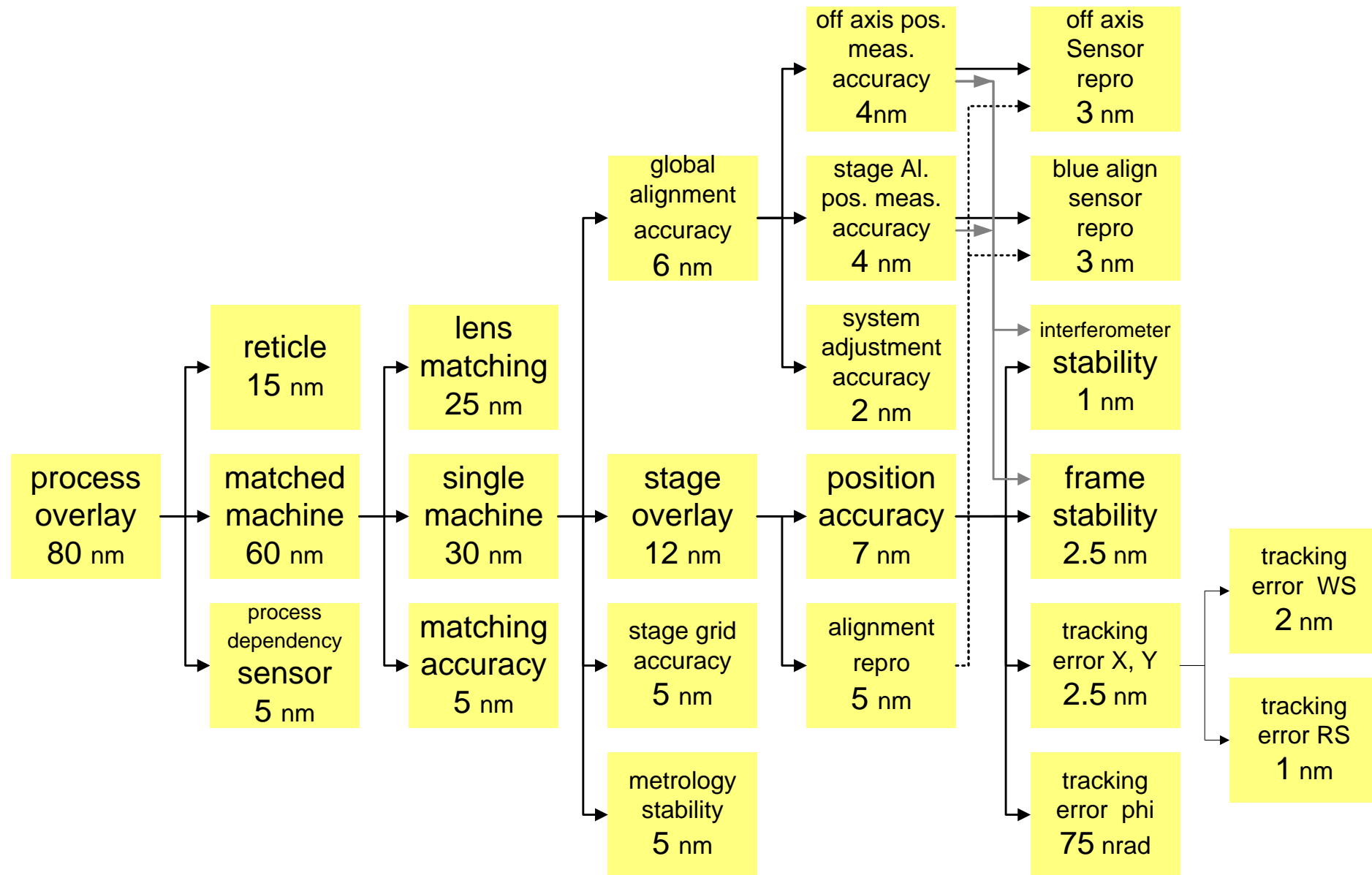
*many characteristics
of a system, function or part
can be quantified*

*Note that quantities
have a **unit***

How about the **<characteristic>**
of the **<component>**
when performing **<function>**?



Example Technical Budget



Example of A3 overview

A3 architecture overview of the Metal Printer (all numbers have been removed for competitive sensitivity)

