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## History and Focus of GPDIS

- Global Product Data Interoperability Summit (GPDIS) was formed in 2009. It was the consolidation of two conferences (Data Exchange and SOA Deep Dives) addressing integration technologies along with the non-proprietary exchange of data
- GPDIS functions as a communications hub for industry principals to foster knowledge through the exchange of ideas, solutions and methods.

## 2020 Theme: The Great Race of Digital Transformation

How is your model based enterprise today?

- Together we will explore digital transformation and what it will take us to FULLY achieve it. Using the Great Race as a metaphor, we will explore the building blocks of digital transformation and how interoperability will enable the digital transformation journey for industry.

**Mark your Calendars! GPDIS 2021 - September 13-17<sup>th</sup>  
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# Digital Thread—the PLM Professionals' Path to Delivering Innovation, Efficiency, and Quality

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## *Professional background*

- More than 30 years of experience in the development of IT solutions for research, engineering, and manufacturing organizations worldwide
- Run numerous projects in PLM analysis, selection, implementation & management, synchronous and lean manufacturing consulting & software engineering, as well as general data management strategy development and support
- Authored many papers & research reports on PLM and related topics, as well as numerous articles, commentaries, and perspectives that have appeared in publications throughout the NA, EMEA & Asia
- Holds a B.S. in Computer Science (minor in Physics) & M.S.E. in Manufacturing Systems Engineering



# CIMdata's Mission...

*Strategic management consulting for competitive advantage in global markets*



**CIMdata is the leading independent global strategic management consulting and research authority focused exclusively on PLM and the digital transformation it enables.**

**We are dedicated to maximizing our clients' ability to design, deliver, and support innovative products and services through the application of PLM.**



# CIMdata's Services...

*Creating, disseminating, and applying our intellectual capital in support of your digital transformation*



## Research

- Market research & analysis
- Technology research & analysis
- Reports & publications across multiple domains
- Market news
- Member services...



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- Strategy & vision
- Needs assessment
- Solution evaluation
- Best practices
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- Market planning...

*Delivering strategic advice and counsel through a comprehensive, integrated set of research, education, and consulting services*

# Key Takeaways

*Digital Thread—the PLM Professionals' Path to Delivering Innovation, Efficiency, and Quality*

- The Digital Thread is a multifaceted opportunity with implications affecting innovation, efficiency, and quality
  - Unfortunately, many companies view these dimensions as a tradeoff and define improvement goals & strategies to achieve what they see as an optimum balance
  - However, these dimensions are independent imperatives, and improvements in all three dimensions need to be pursued aggressively
- Leading companies are developing strategies and implementing the Digital Thread in ways that...
  - Enhance their innovation platform, increase efficiency of development, production, and service, as well as their ability to assure compliance
- We, as PLM Professionals, need to understand the key components & criteria for achieving a successful digital thread strategy & associated enablement

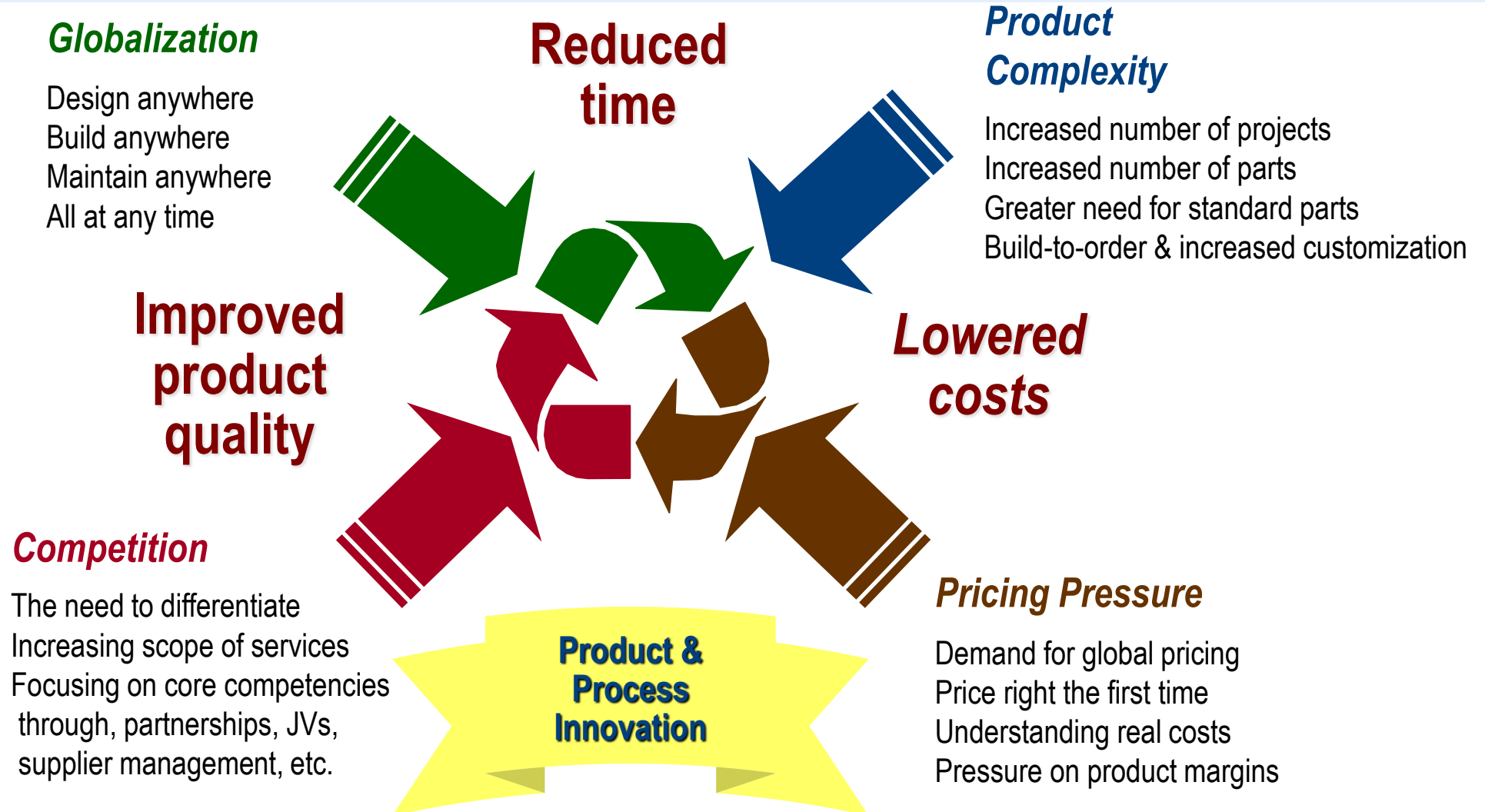
# Agenda

- What Are We Trying to Sew Together
- What Are You Going to Do With It
- What Does It Takes to Get It Done
- Concluding Remarks



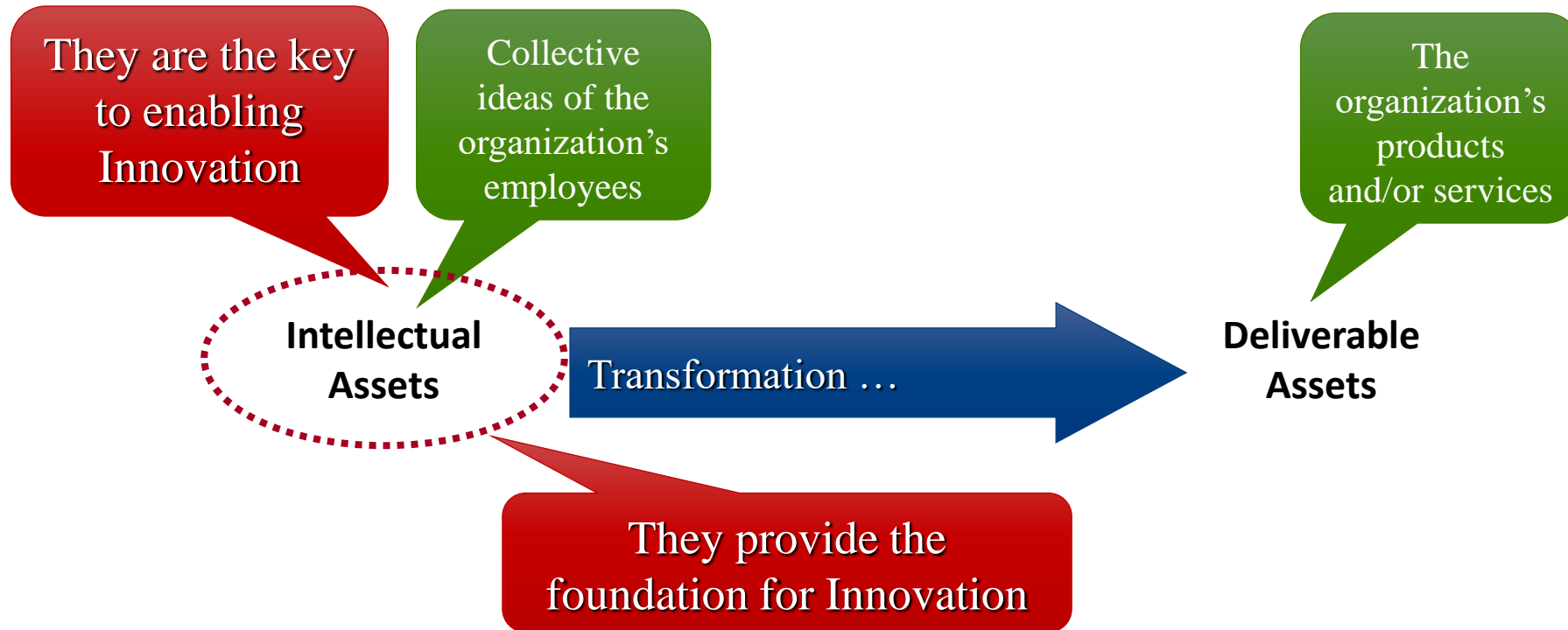
# Business Drivers Impacting All Companies

*Time, Cost, and Quality equation is no longer sufficient*



# The Basic Lifecycle

*Innovation's foundation is the organization's intellectual assets*



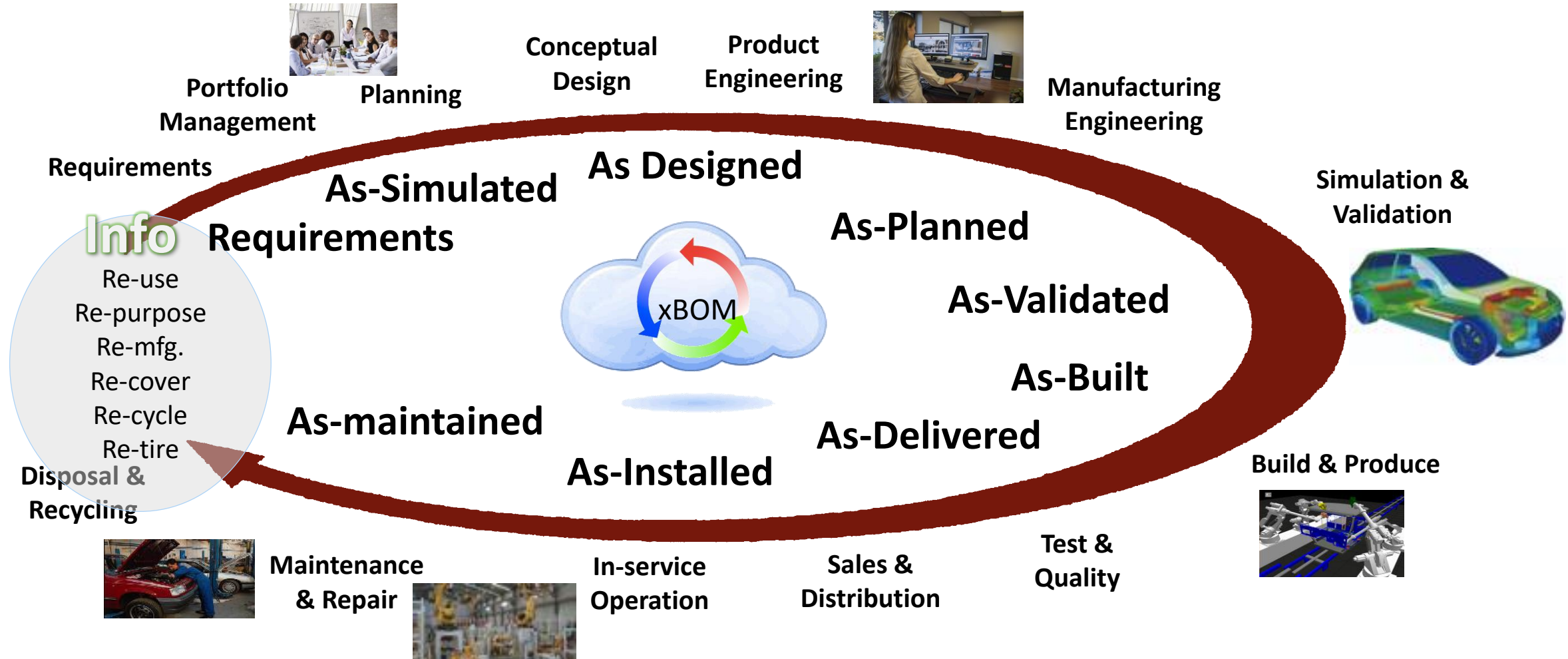
*Innovation does not only take place during the transformation process but also in the definition of the organization's intellectual assets!*

*Product data touches all phases of a product's life—end-to-end connectivity is critical*



# Lifecycle Information is Represented by Structures

*Managing relationships between structures throughout the lifecycle—they must be managed throughout*

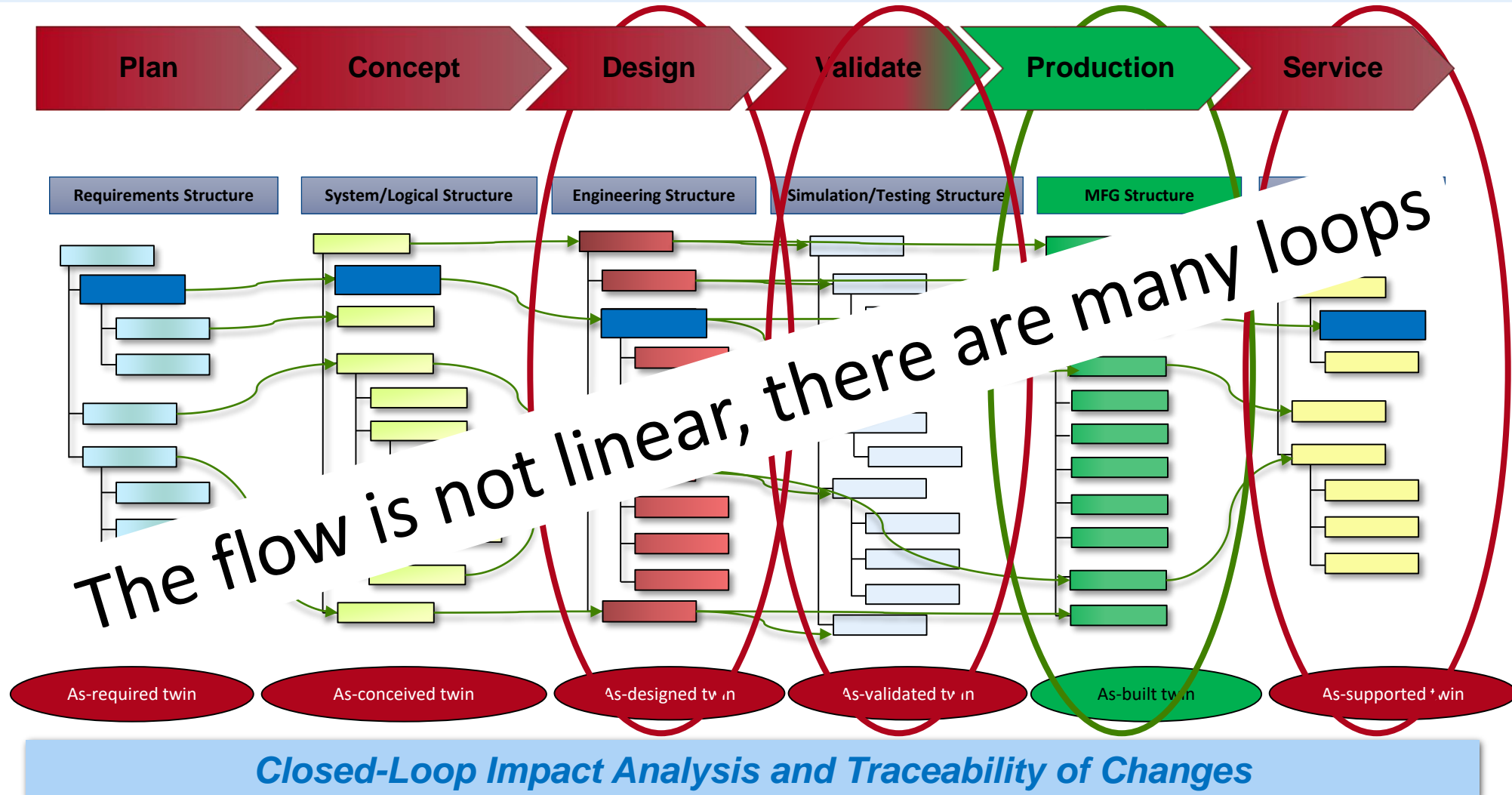


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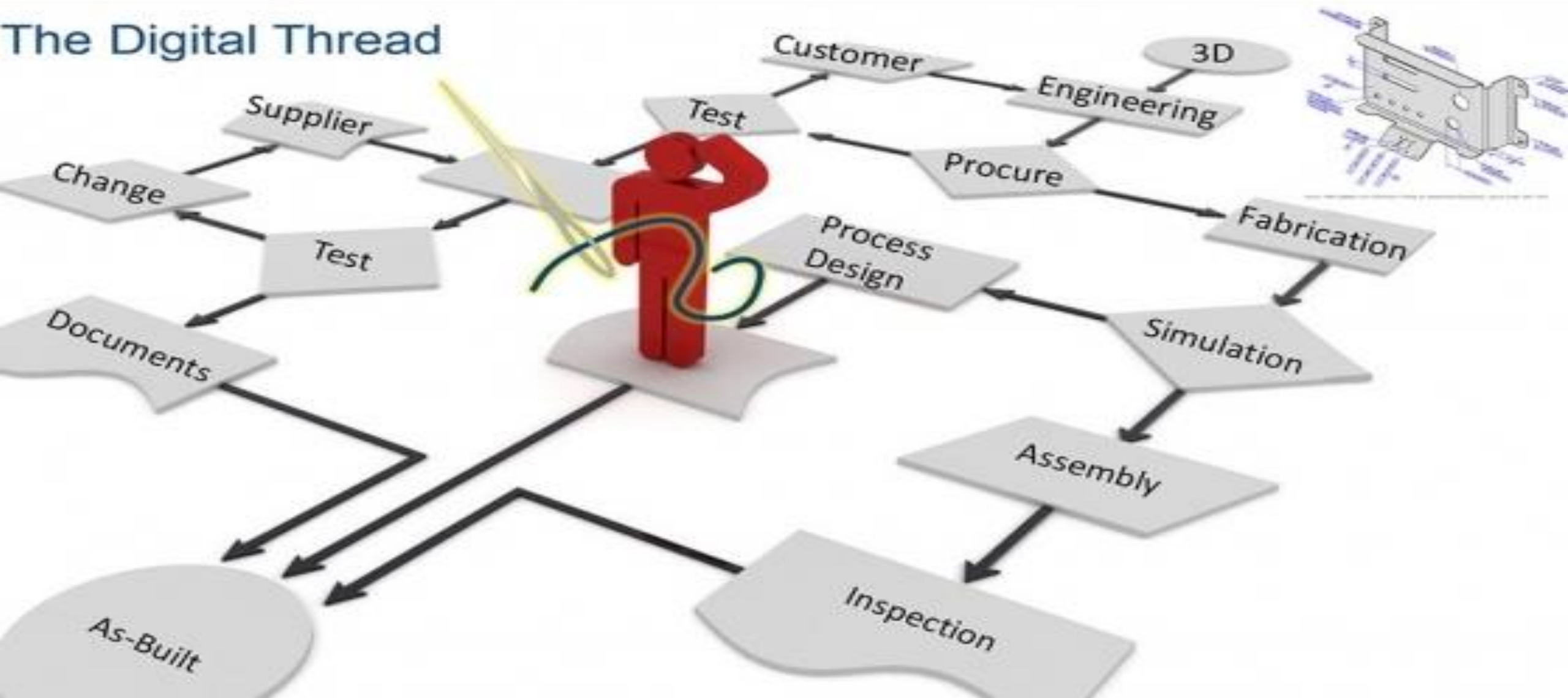
# Digitalization Requires End-to-End Connectivity

*This is the Digital Thread, which in turn supports multiple Digital Twins*



# “Sewing the Digital Thread”

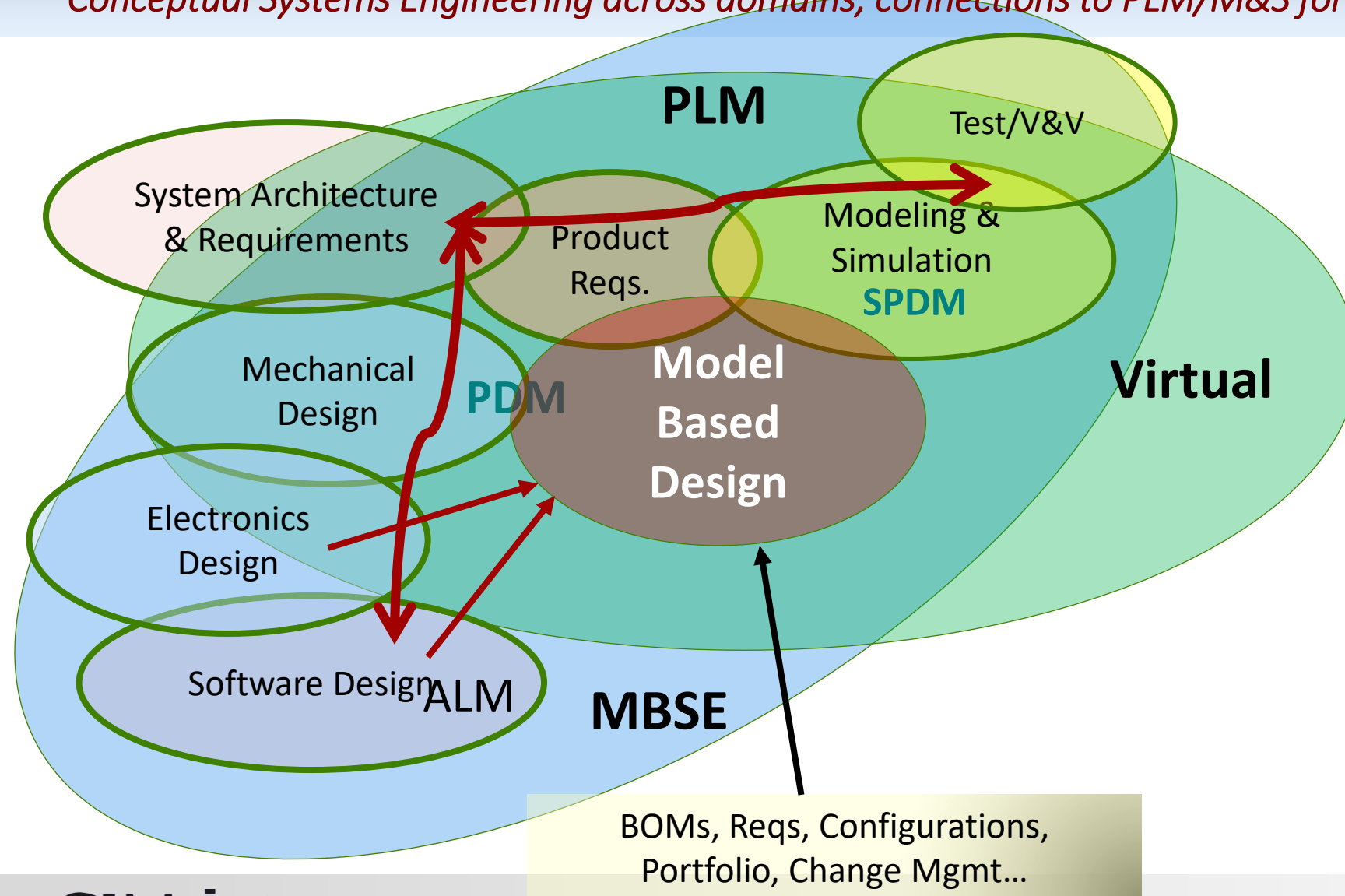
## The Digital Thread





# Sewing the MBSE Digital Thread ("To Be")

*Conceptual Systems Engineering across domains; connections to PLM/M&S for V&V*



## MBSE Use Case:

*Conceptual Design,  
Optimization and Validation  
Of Cyber-Physical Systems*

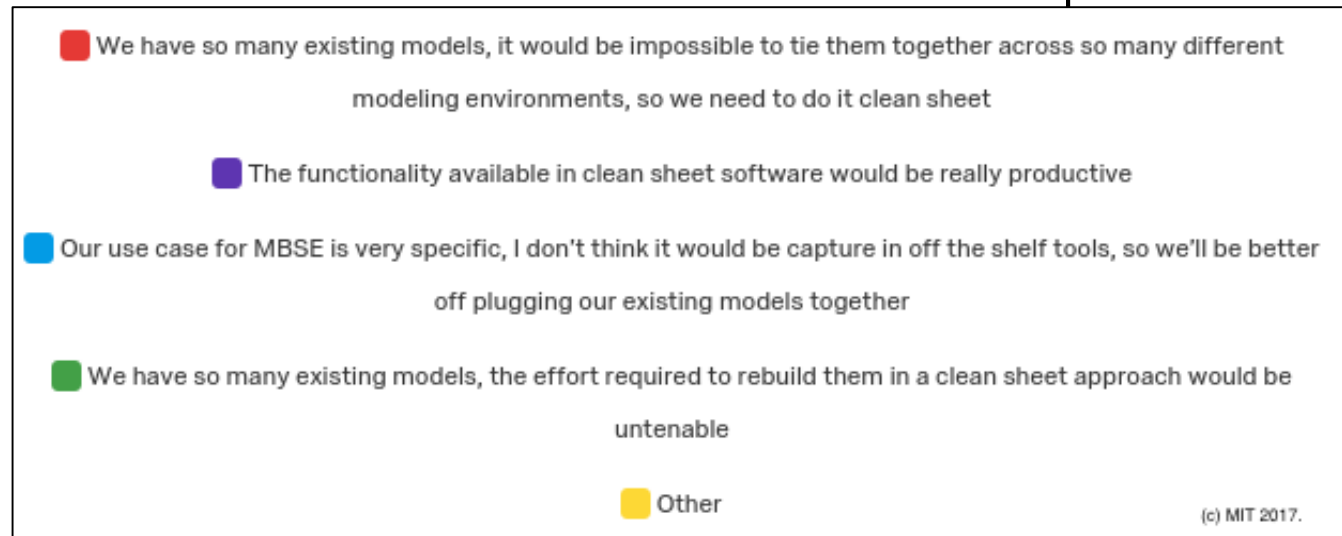
The thread needs to connect information across domains:

- Systems Architecture & Requirements
- Software/ALM
- EDA/ECAD/EBOM
- MDA/MCAD/PDM
- M&S/CAE/SPDM
- Test/V&V/TDM

# Challenge: Tool Integration & Data Interoperability

## *Challenges to the digital thread*

- If you pursued MBSE, would you start with a clean sheet in specific MBSE software, or would you write custom software to tie your existing models together? Why?
- Majority indicated need to tie together existing models in some manner

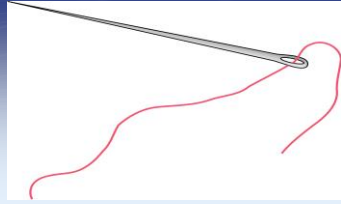


*MIT MBSE On-line Course  
Survey of 300+ Engineers*

*Bruce Cameron, TSP  
MBSE LinkedIn blog post  
May 17, 2017*

# Sewing the MBSE Digital Thread (“As Is”)

*Significant collaboration efforts underway to integrate data and processes*

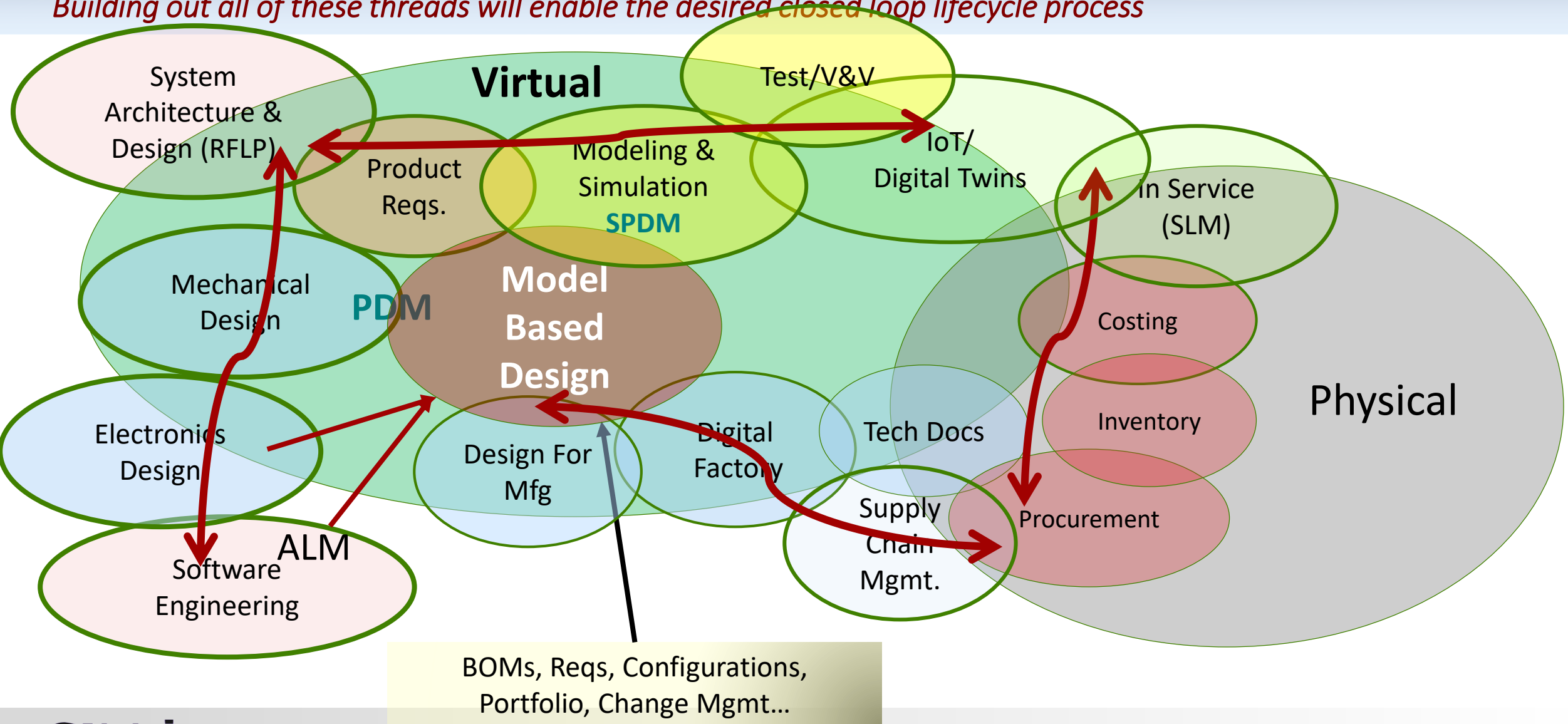


## Evolving standards for cross-domain data linking & interoperability

- SysMLv2.0 & UPDM– Next generation systems modeling languages
- STEP AP 233/239/242 & 209 – New unified data architecture
- OSLC – Open Services for Lifecycle Collaboration ([www.oasis.org](http://www.oasis.org))
- PDES Requirements Traceability Project – Connect requirements information across the domains of MBSE, PLM/MCAD & ECAD
- AVSI SAVI Program- A&D Systems Architecture Virtual Integration
- FDX- German initiative for Functional Data Exchange file format
- Modelica & FMI/FMU (Functional Mockup Interface/Mockup Unit)
- MoSSEC – Modeling & Simulation information in a collaborative Systems Engineering Context. See <http://www.mossec.org/>

# Connecting the Lifecycle Digital Thread

*Building out all of these threads will enable the desired closed loop lifecycle process*

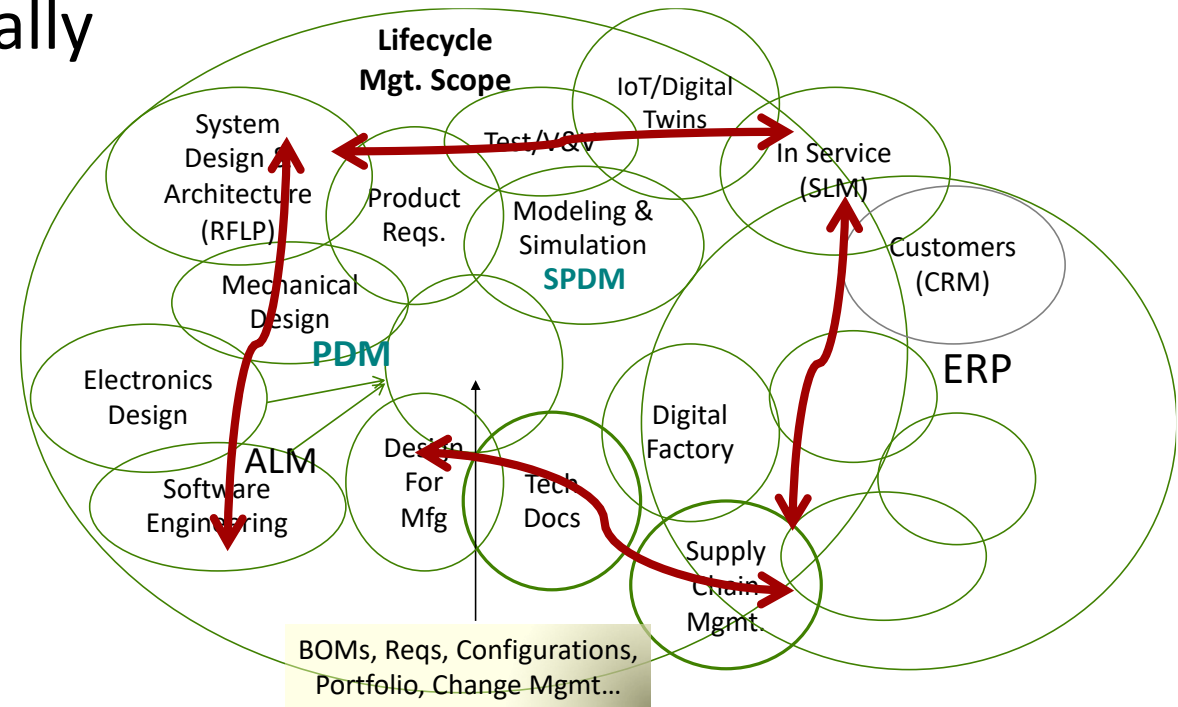


# Digital Thread

*CIMdata's preferred definition*

- **Digital Thread** A digital thread is a **communication framework** that connects data flows, which can be used to produce an integrated and holistic view of an asset's data from physical and virtual systems (i.e., its digital twin) throughout its lifecycle across traditionally siloed functional perspectives.

*Digital thread is enabled and supported by a robust end-to-end and connected systems model and MBSE processes*



Extracted from: [https://www.dodmantech.com/ManTechPrograms/Files/AirForce/Cleared\\_DT\\_for\\_Website.pdf](https://www.dodmantech.com/ManTechPrograms/Files/AirForce/Cleared_DT_for_Website.pdf)

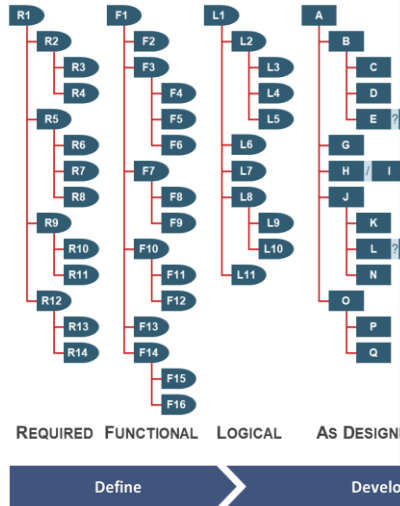
Also see: <http://www.manufacturing-operations-management.com/manufacturing/2016/04/what-is-the-digital-thread-and-digital-twin-definition.html>



# Technology Exists...But

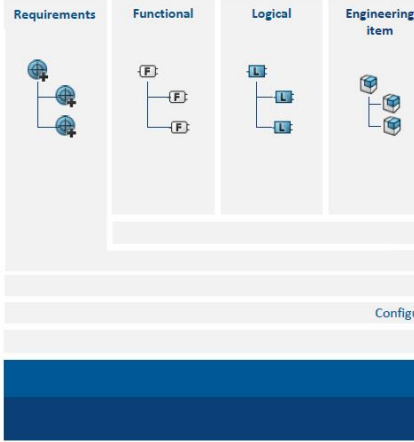
*What are you going to do with it?*

## Through-life Configuration Management

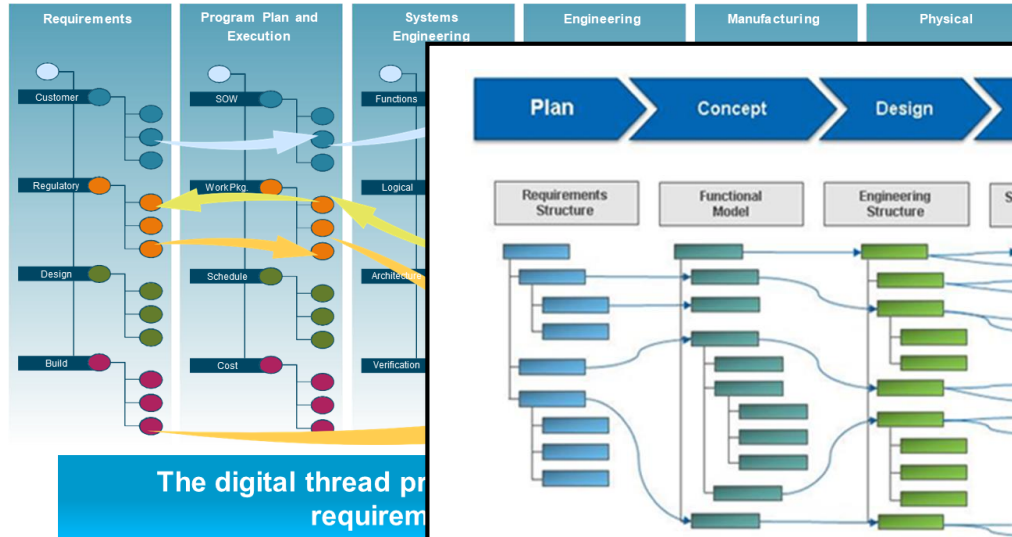


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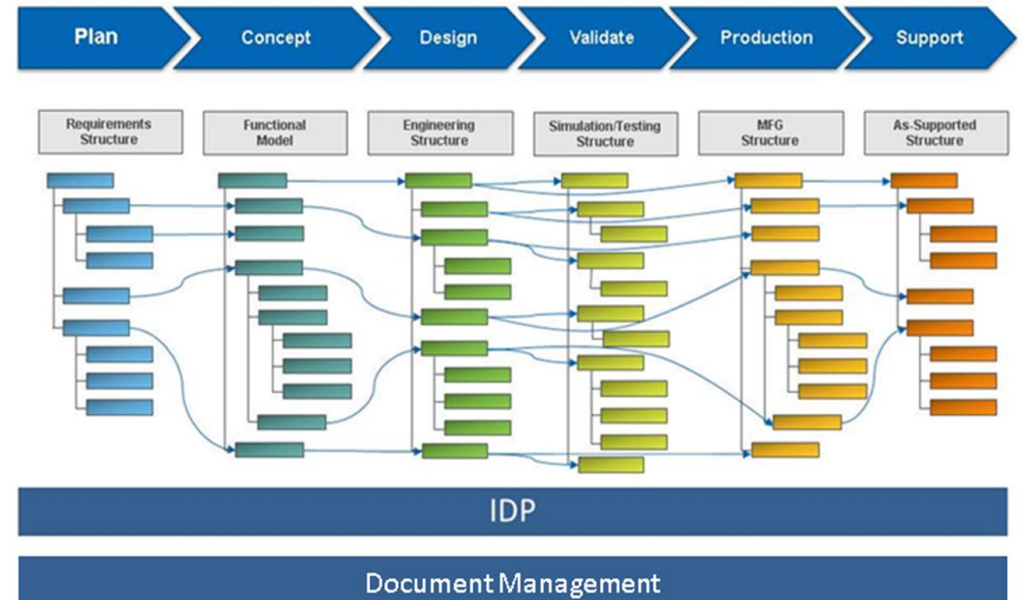
## Digital Continuity



Source: DASSAULT SYSTEMES



Source: SIEMENS



Source: ptc

Digital Thread examples from some of CIMdata's mindshare leaders



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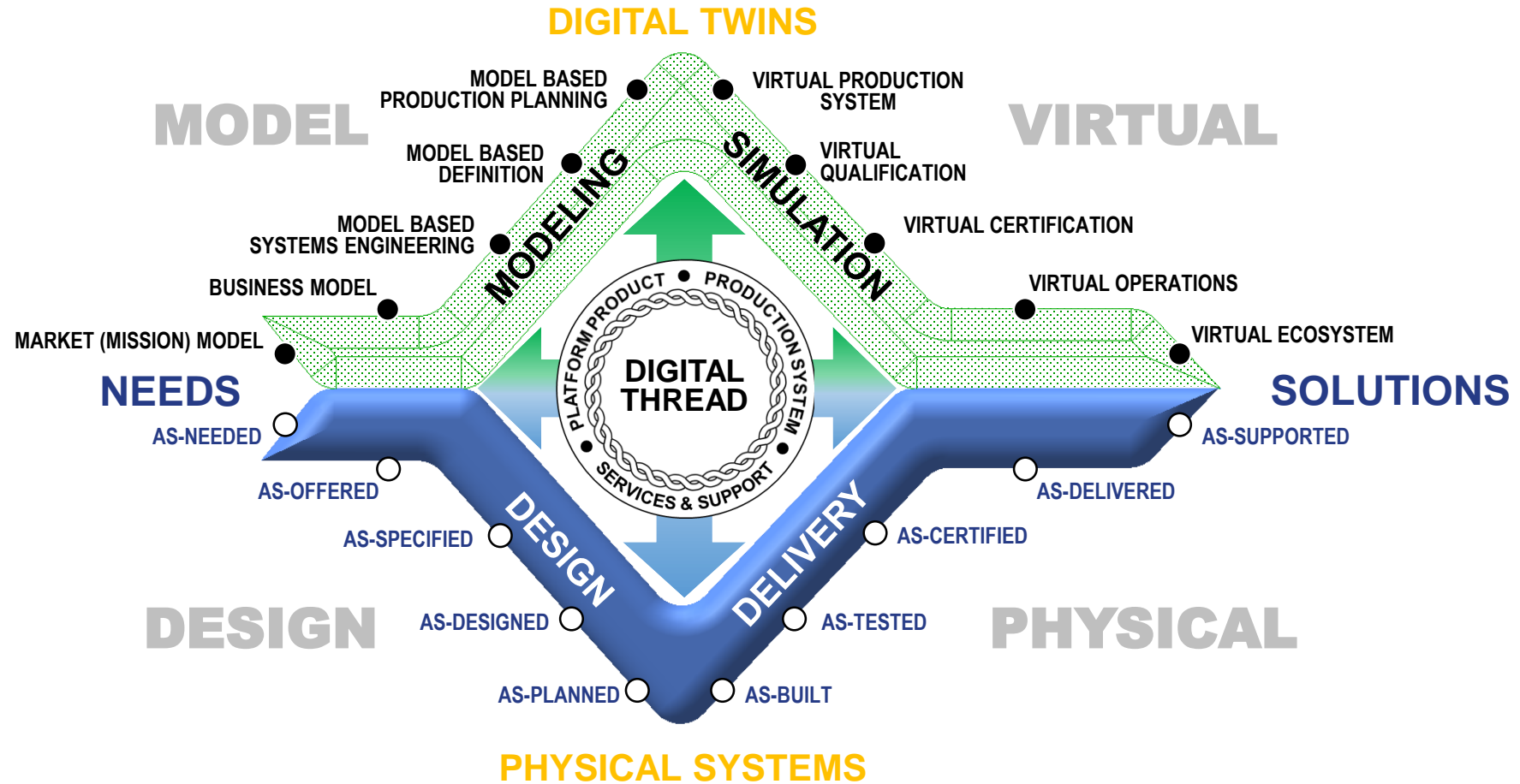
*...if you had a digital thread that provided the end-to-end connectivity we are talking about*



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# Imagine...What You Could Do?

*...if you had a Digital Thread that tied the virtual world to the physical world—MBE “Diamond” Symbol*



(Courtesy of The Boeing Company)

# Imagine...What You Could Do?

*...if your product information was always accurate & complete throughout the entire product lifecycle*

- The integrity of information and effectiveness of the organization are linked
  - Integrity = accuracy and completeness of the information you use to make decisions
  - Effectiveness = the ability to respond accurately and quickly



*Adapted from ICM's CM2 materials.*

# You Could Enable the Digital Twin

*An accurate digital representation of your products and/or services at any point throughout the lifecycle*

- A **virtual representation** (i.e., digital surrogate) of a physical asset or collection of physical assets (i.e., physical twin) that exploits data flow to/from the associated physical asset(s).



*Digital twin is enabled and supported by a robust end-to-end and connected systems model and MBSE processes*

Adapted from input from ASSESS (see [www.assessinitiative.com](http://www.assessinitiative.com))



# Key Characteristics of Digital Twins

## *Noteworthy characteristics of digital twins*

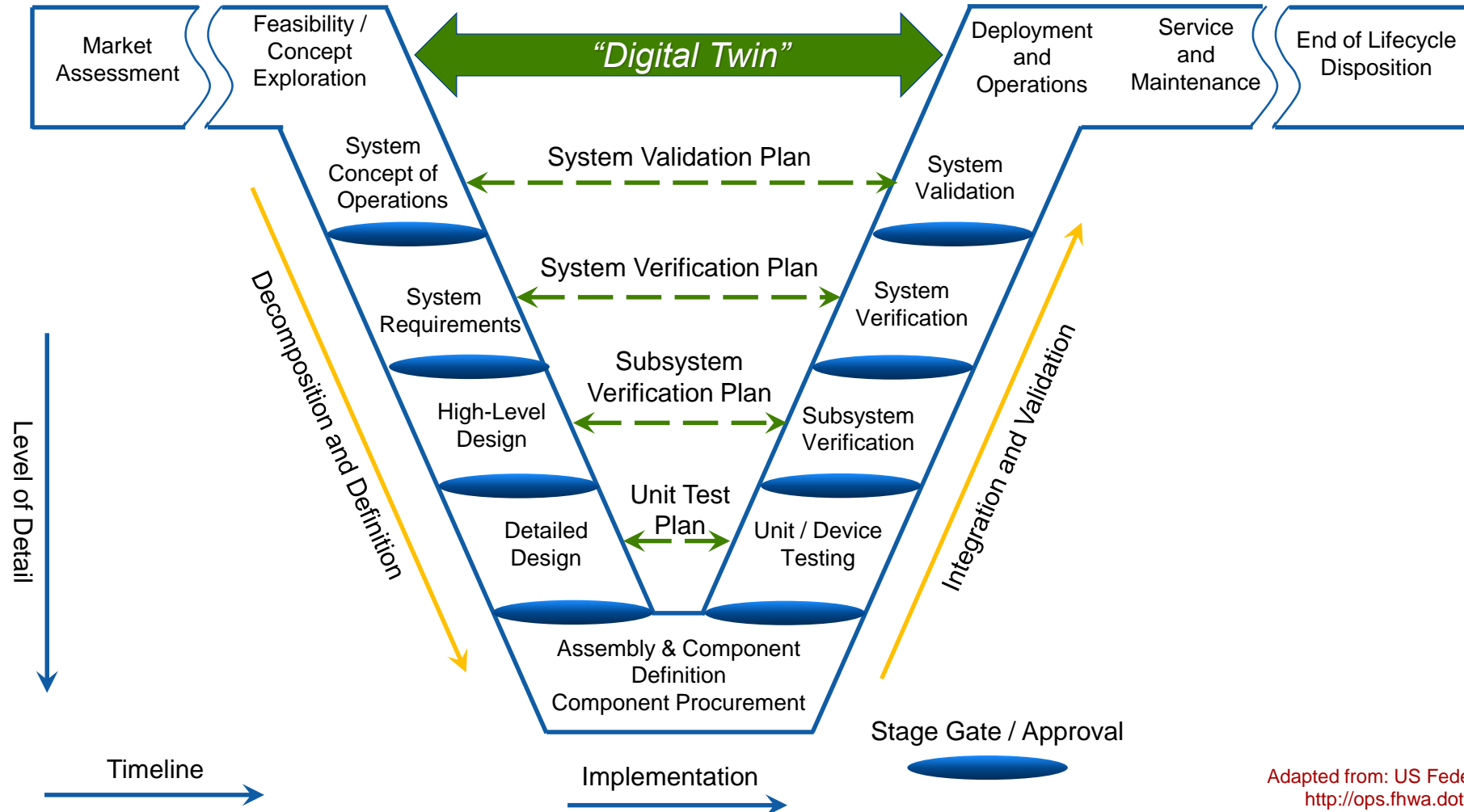
- There is never a single Digital Twin
  - There are multiple Digital Twins for different purposes, each of which have specific characteristics
    - For example, Data Analytics Digital Twins, MRO Digital Twins, Financial Digital Twins, Engineering Digital Twins, and Engineering Simulation Digital Twins
- Each Digital Twin must have a physical twin (i.e., a physical asset)
  - A virtual representation can and should exist prior to the physical twin
  - The physical asset can be a plant, a ship, infrastructure, a car, any type of product
- Each Digital Twin must have some form of data communication with their Physical Twin
  - Does not have to be real time or electronic

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# You Could Enable A Robust MBSE Environment

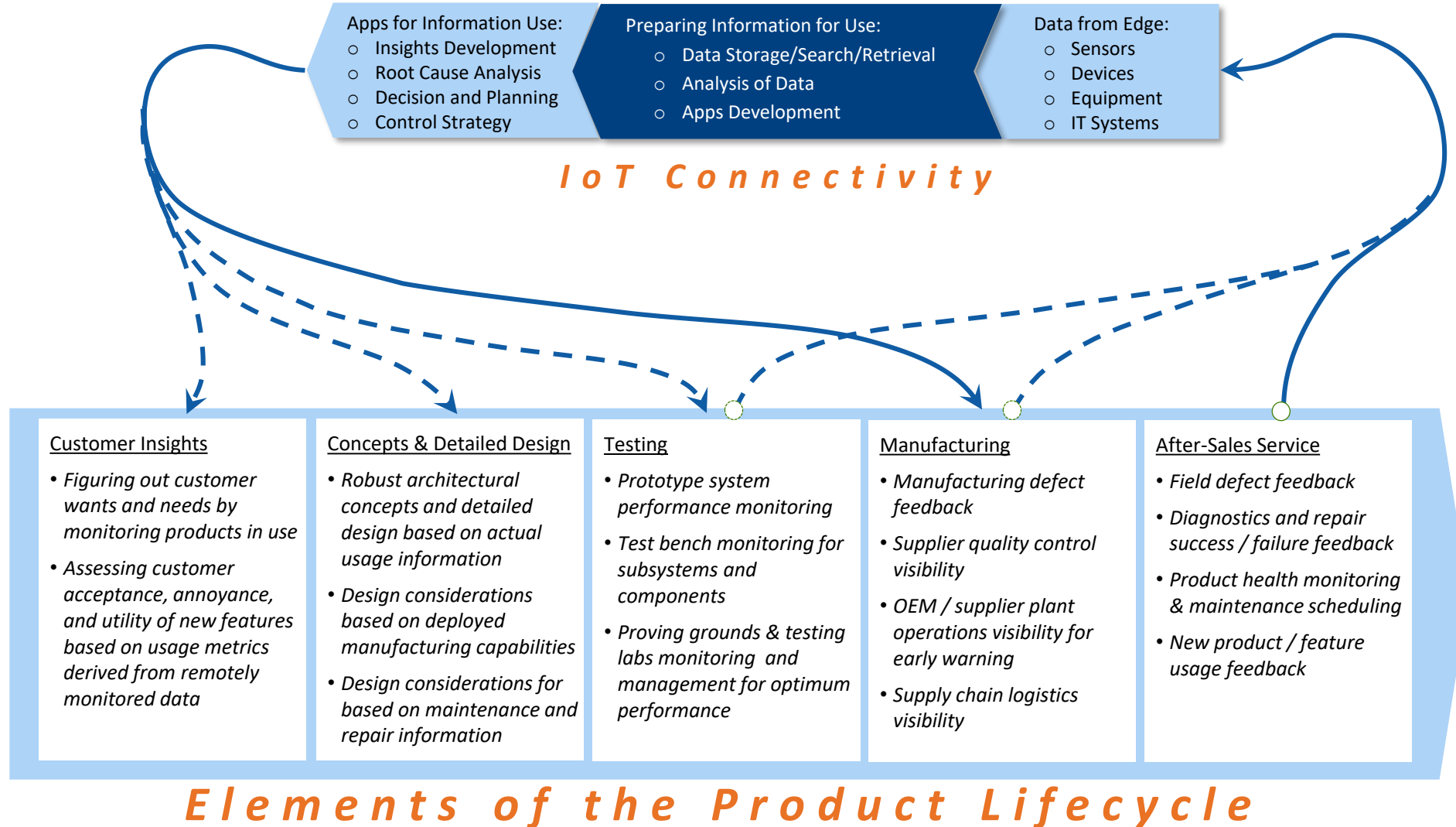
*True end-to-end lifecycle management with multiple feedback loops*



Adapted from: US Federal Highway Administration:  
<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/seitsguide/>  
“Systems Engineering for Intelligent Transportation Systems”

# You Could Also Do All of This...

*Product & process innovation, efficiency & quality—the opportunities provided are numerous*



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# Tackling A Multifaceted Opportunity

*A set of independent imperatives and improvements in all three dimensions need to be pursued aggressively*

- Industry leaders are developing strategies and implementing the Digital Thread in ways that enhance their **innovation** platform
  - Results include increased **efficiency** of development, production, and service, as well as their ability to assure compliance with the highest standards of product **quality**
- Independent, as well as interdependent imperatives and improvements in all three dimensions mentioned above must be pursued aggressively to maximize value potential
- The development of and resulting value from a digital thread initiative will require a multifaceted approach—on that is on-going and requires changes in people, processes, and technologies

*If the digital thread is the desired end-state, what are the elements that must be considered to achieve it?*

# Select Enabling Elements

*Key enabling elements of an end-to-end digital thread that you can't and/or shouldn't live without*

1. Data & process management
2. Bill of Information & other model-based structures
3. Ensure all data are under configuration management control
4. IoT & other “connecting” technologies
5. Allowing for a changed view on what your “Product” is
6. Big data & analytics
7. Data governance
8. Digital skills transformation



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# Concluding Remarks

*Digital Thread—the PLM Professionals' Path to Delivering Innovation, Efficiency, and Quality*

- Enabling an end-to-end Digital Thread is a multifaceted effort & opportunity with implications affecting innovation, efficiency, and quality
  - Doing so requires a rather robust set of independent, as well as interdependent imperatives and improvements in all three dimensions in an aggressive manner
- Leading companies are developing strategies and implementing the Digital Thread in ways that...
  - Enhance their innovation platform, increase efficiency of development, production, and service, as well as their ability to assure compliance
  - Allows them to rethink their products in ways that were previously not possible
- We, as PLM Professionals, need to understand the key components & criteria to achieving a successful digital thread strategy & associated enablement
  - Like most things, it requires adjustments in people, processes, and technologies

# PLM Road Map & PDT 2020

*Annual PLM Road Map conference*



- PLM Road Map & PDT 2020
  - Virtual-live Event
  - November 17-19 – comprising 3 right-sized sessions of +/- 3.5 hours each
- Theme: Digital Thread—the PLM Professionals’ Path to Delivering Innovation, Efficiency, and Quality
- Agenda includes report outs from 4 AD PAG workstreams:
  - Multiple-View Bill of Materials Solution Evaluation Benchmarks
  - Global Collaboration - Defining a baseline for data exchange processes and standards
  - MBSE Data Interoperability - Architecture Model Exchange Solutions
  - Model-based Definition Information Requirements for Type Design

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Please join us for the next Session on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

David Odendahl, Technical Fellow  
The Boeing Company  
Manufacturing Data Standards 2020

*2020 GPDIS Virtual Sessions Agenda*  
All Sessions From 2:00 PM ET to 3:30 PM ET  
Session 6: Tuesday, November 10th  
Session 7: Thursday, November 12th  
Session 8: Tuesday, November 24th

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