



Graduate Program in Science and Space Technologies (PG-CTE)

*SPACE SYSTEMS, TESTING AND LAUNCHING (CTE-E)*

# CLASSICAL DIAGRAMS



WEEK	CLASS ACTIVITY	REF	INDIVIDUAL	W	GROUP	W
1	Course Structure and Initial Definitions					
28/Jul	Systems Engineering Review	[1][2][3][4]	IA-01 - Reading and Conceptual Questions (10)	10%		0%
04/Aug	2 Classical Systems Engineering Diagrams (IDEF-0/N2/eFFBD/DFD)	[4] *papers	IA-02	0%	GA-02 - Prepare a representation of your system using classical Diagrams	50%
11/Aug	3 Transition from Legacy to MBSE MBSE Methodologies MBSE Languages	[5][7] *papers	IA-03 - Reading and Conceptual Questions (10)	10%		0%
18/Aug	4 OPM - Basic	[6]	IA-04 - Exercises	10%		0%
25/Aug	5 OPM - Extended	[6]	IA-05 - Exercises	10%		0%
01/Sep	6 OPM - Group Presentation		IA-06	0%	G6 - Prepare a presentation of your system using OPM	50%
08/Sep	7 SysML Introduction (bdd/ibd)	[7]	IA-07 - Exercises	10%		0%
15/Sep	8 P1 - Conceptual Questions and Case	[1][2][3][4] [6]	IA-08 - Questions and a mini-case	50%	GA-08 -	
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# enhanced Functional Flow Block Diagram



# FUNCTION DEFINITION

- **Function** is the activity, operation, or transformation that **causes or contributes to performance**.
- In designed systems, function is the **actions for which a system exists**, which ultimately lead to the delivery of value.
- **Function is executed by form**, which is instrumental in function.
- **Function emerges from functional interaction** between entities. Function is a product/system attribute.
- *Function is about activity, in contrast with form, which is about existence.*



# Functional modelling

- Functional modelling in Systems Engineering is a **structured representation of functions** (i.e. activities, actions, processes, operations) within the modelled system.
- The purpose of the function model is to **describe the functions and processes**, **assist with discovery of information needs**, help **identify opportunities** and **establish a basis for determining product and service costs**. In Systems Engineering, a function model is created from a functional modelling perspective.

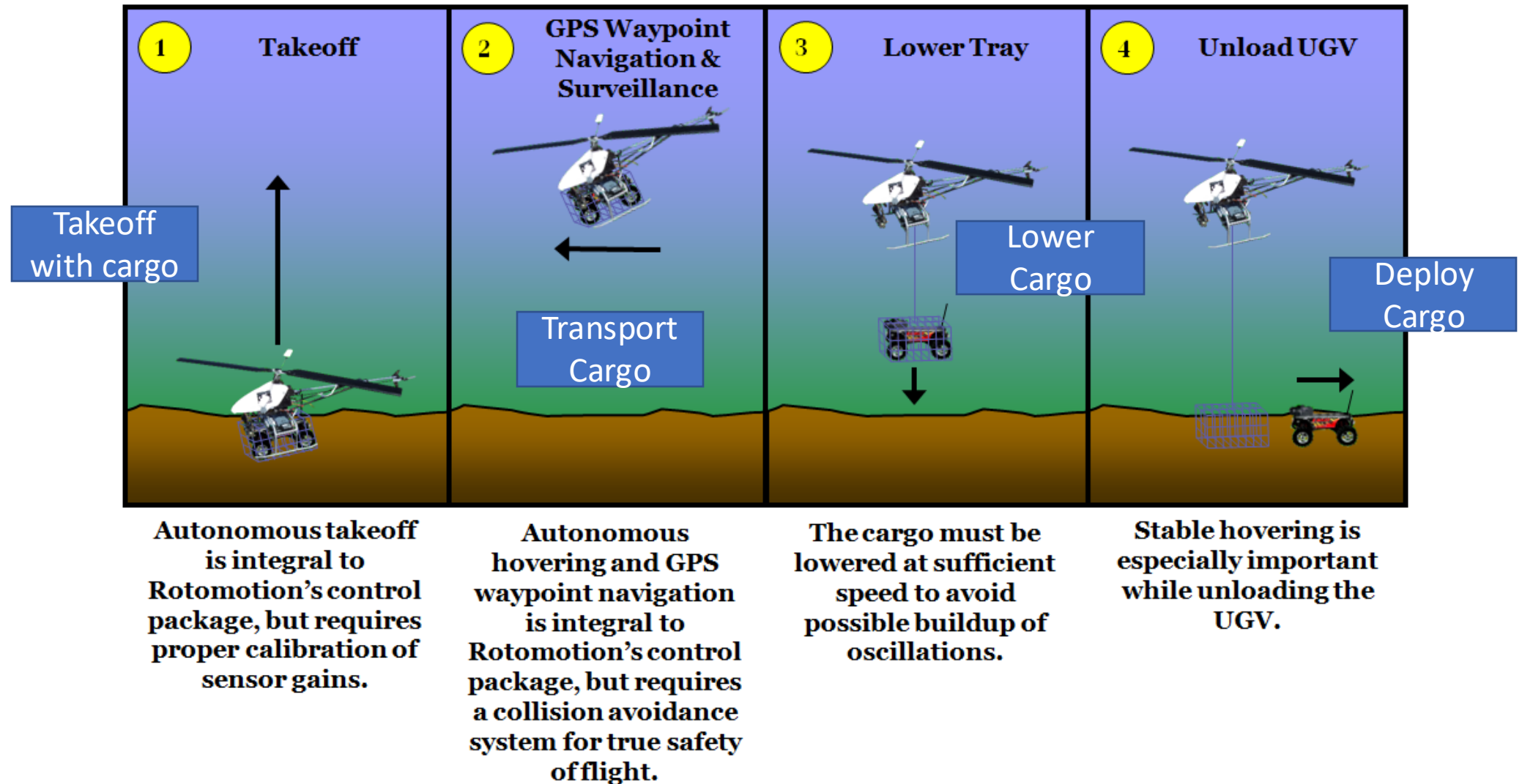


# Functional architecture

- The functional architecture is (usually) a **top-down decomposition** of system functional and performance requirements.
- The architecture will show not only the functions that have to be performed, but also the **logical sequencing of the functions and performance requirements associated with the functions**.
- The **functional architecture** produced by the Functional Analysis and Allocation process is the detailed package of documentation developed to analyze the functions and allocate performance requirements.

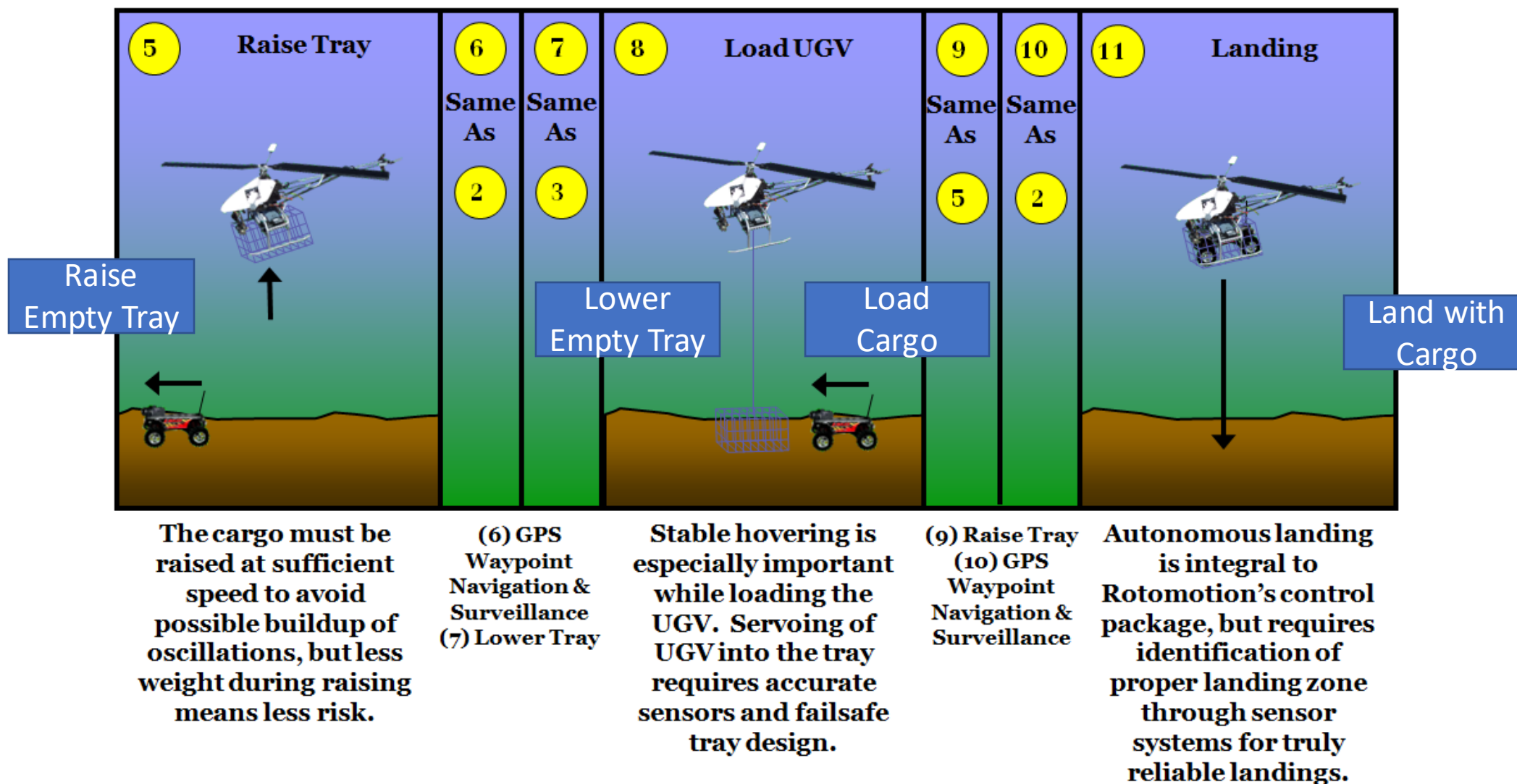


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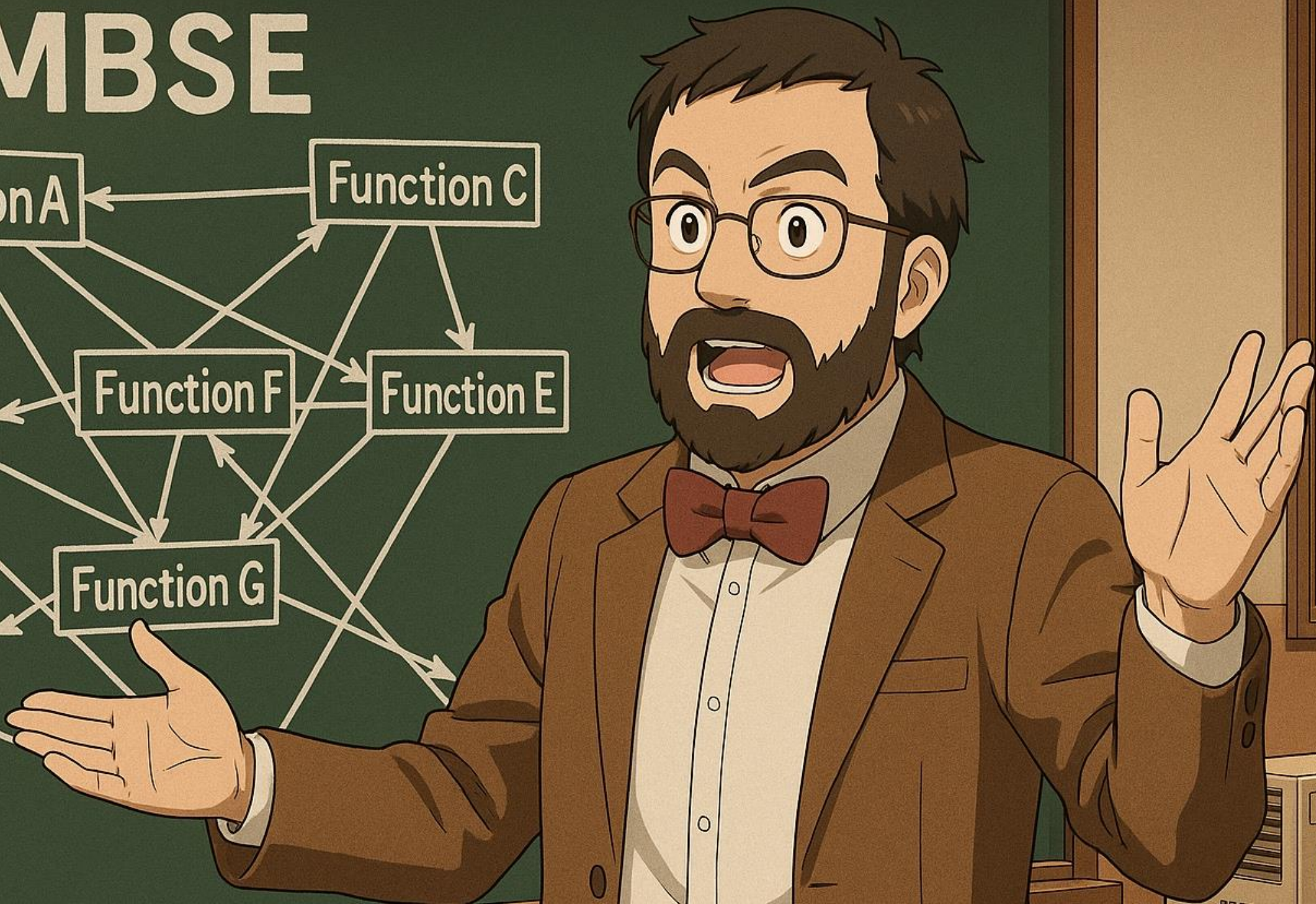
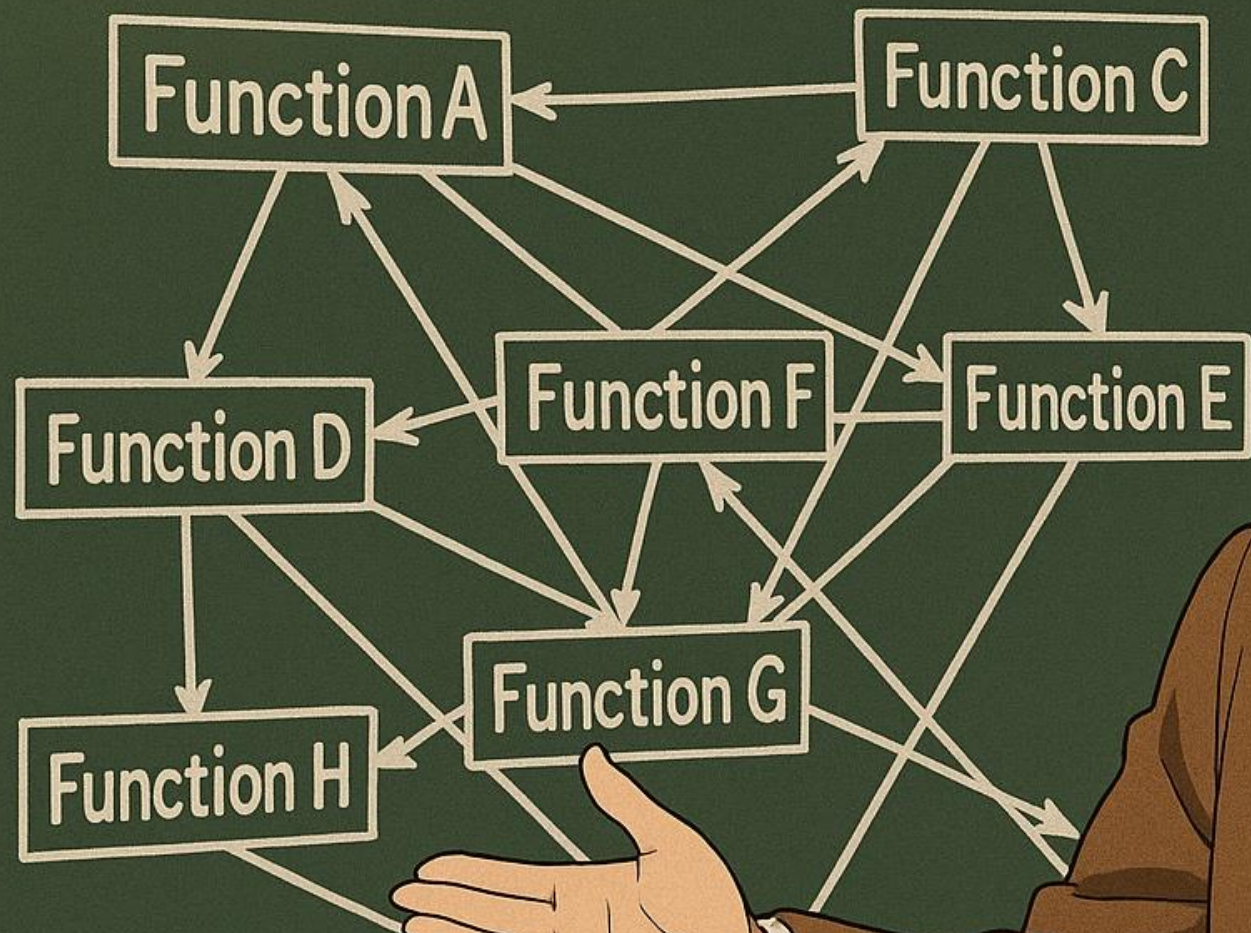


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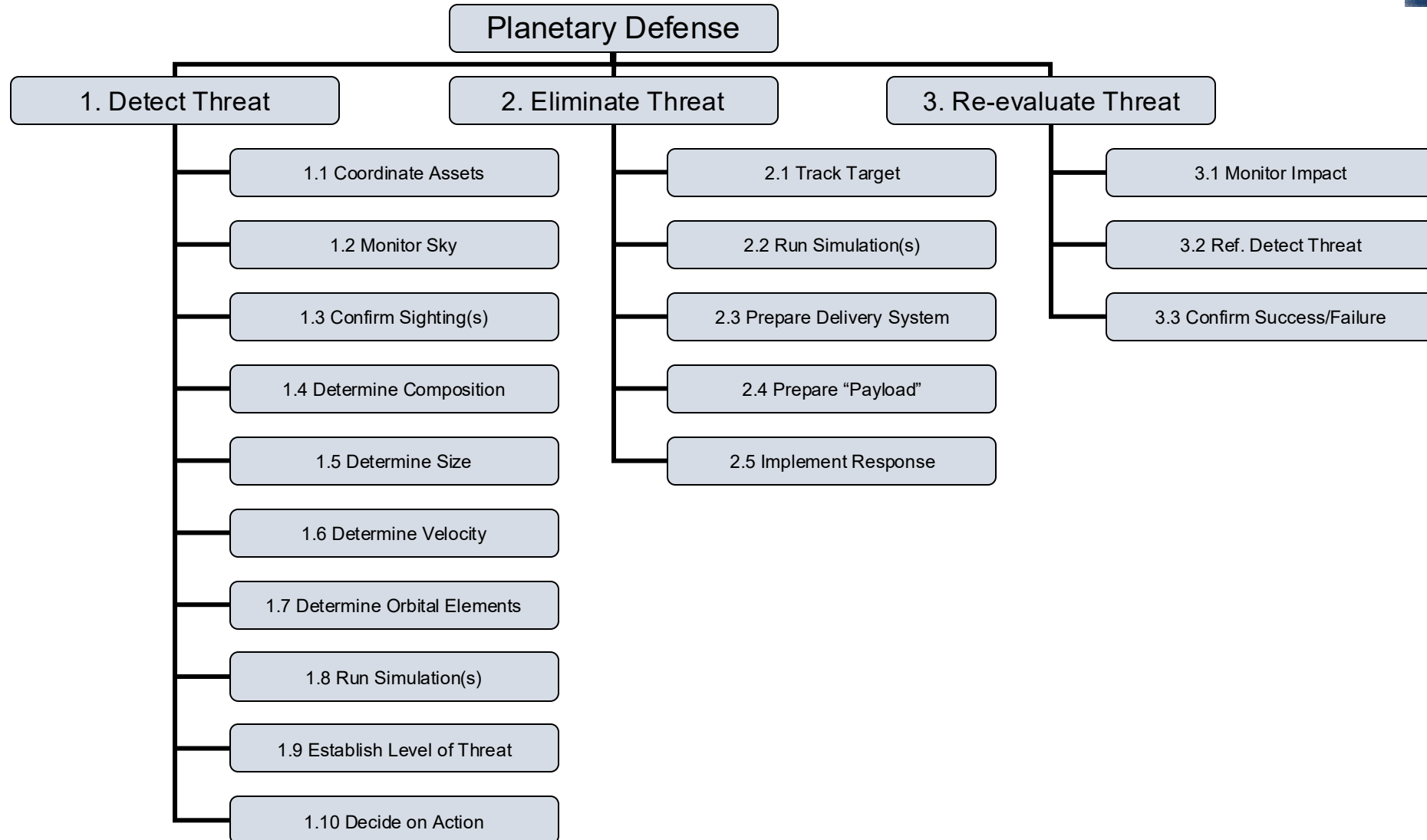
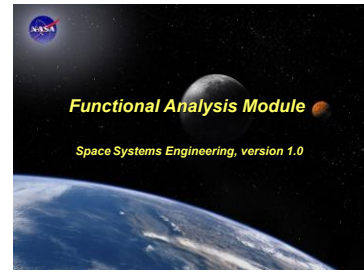
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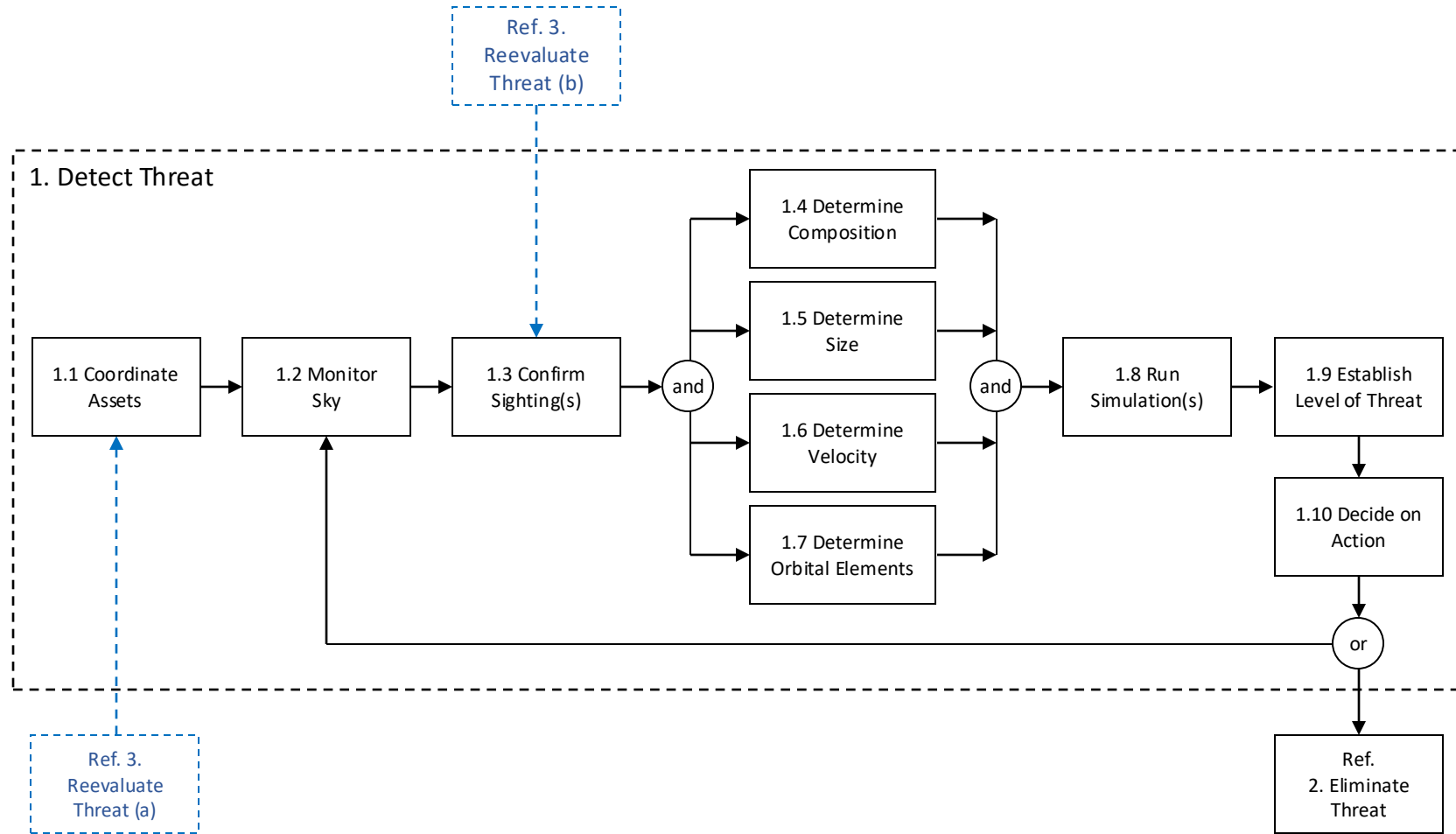


# Planetary Defense Program



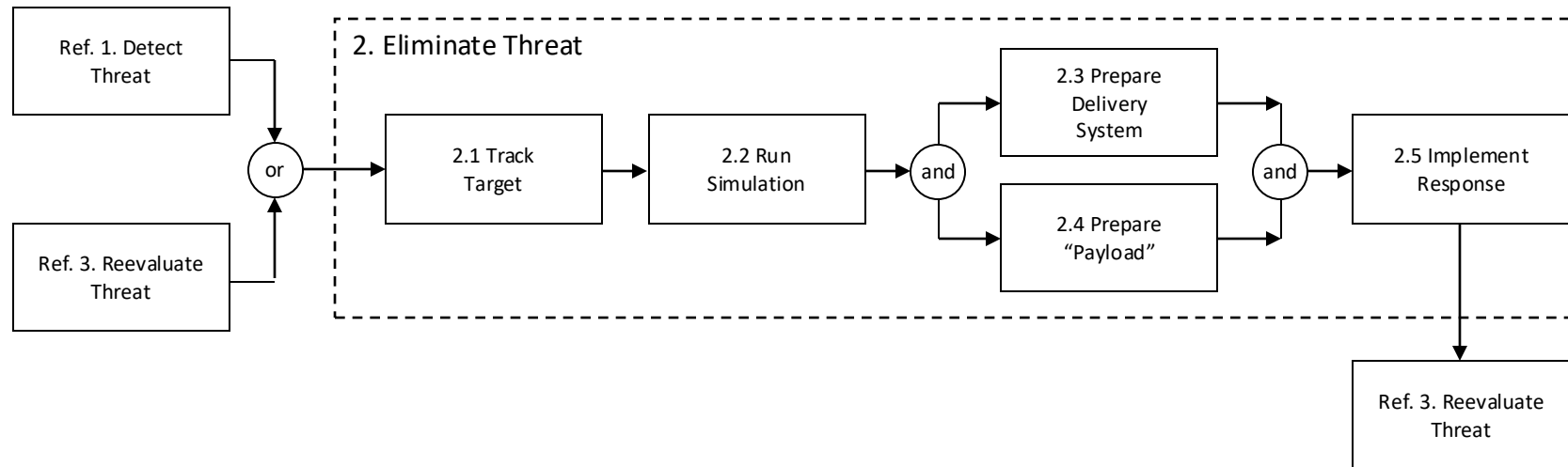


# Planetary Defense Level 1 Functional Flow Block Diagram For Threat Detection



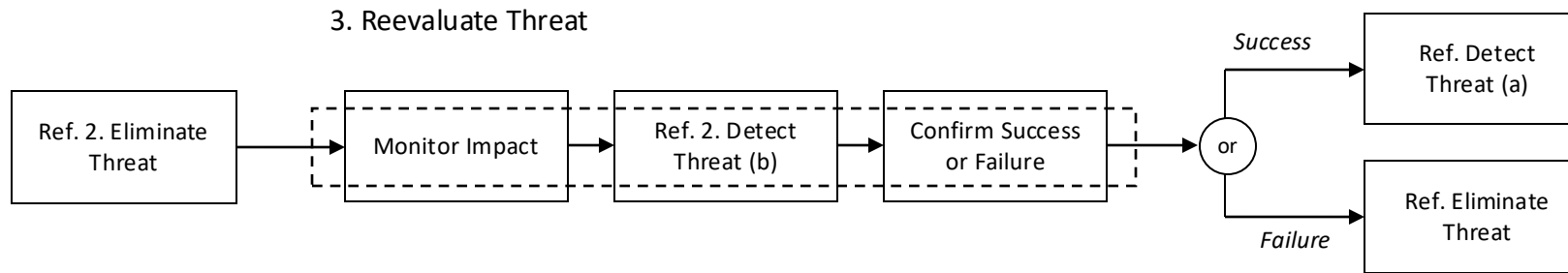


# Planetary Defense Level 1 Functional Flow Block Diagram For Threat Elimination





# Planetary Defense Level 1 Functional Flow Block Diagram For Threat Reevaluation





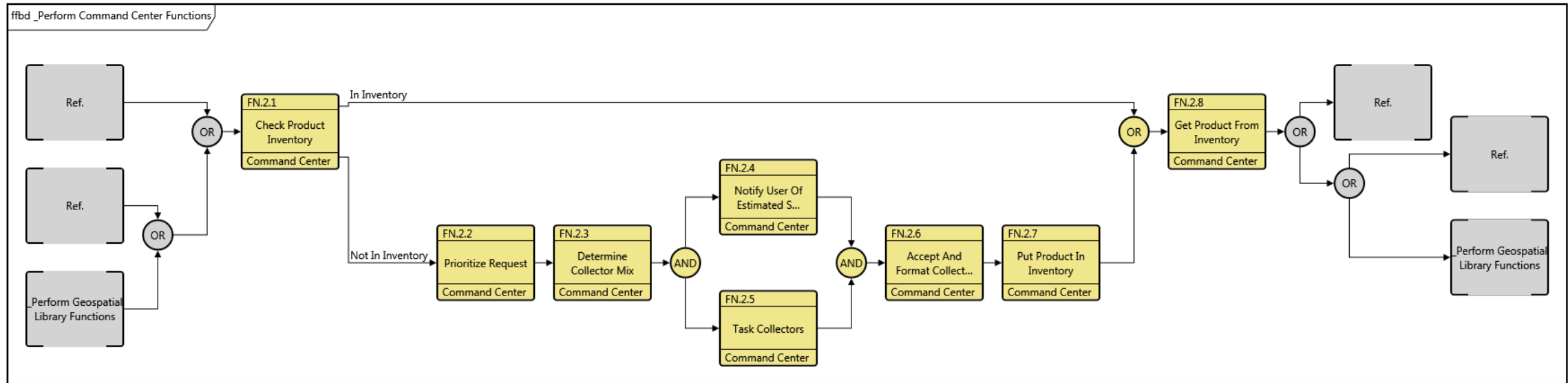
# The FFBD – Functional Flow Block Diagram

- The Functional Flow Block Diagram (FFBD) was developed in the 1950s by TRW Inc., a U.S. defense contractor.
- **TRW created the FFBD** as a structured method to **represent the sequential flow of system functions**, particularly for complex aerospace and defense projects.
- In the 1960s, NASA adopted FFBDs to visualize the time sequence of events in space systems and flight missions.



# FFBD – Functional Flow Block Diagram

- The FFBD is a **multi-layered, sequenced diagram** of the functional flow of a system.
- An FFBD usually defines the sequences and **supports step-by-step detailing** of systems, but it can also be used effectively to define processes when developing and producing systems.
- In the FFBD method, they are organized and represented by their **logical order of execution**.
- A key concept in modeling is **that for a function to begin, the previous function or functions within the "control" flow must have ended. For example, a "view targets" function would logically not start until a "detect targets" function was completed.**

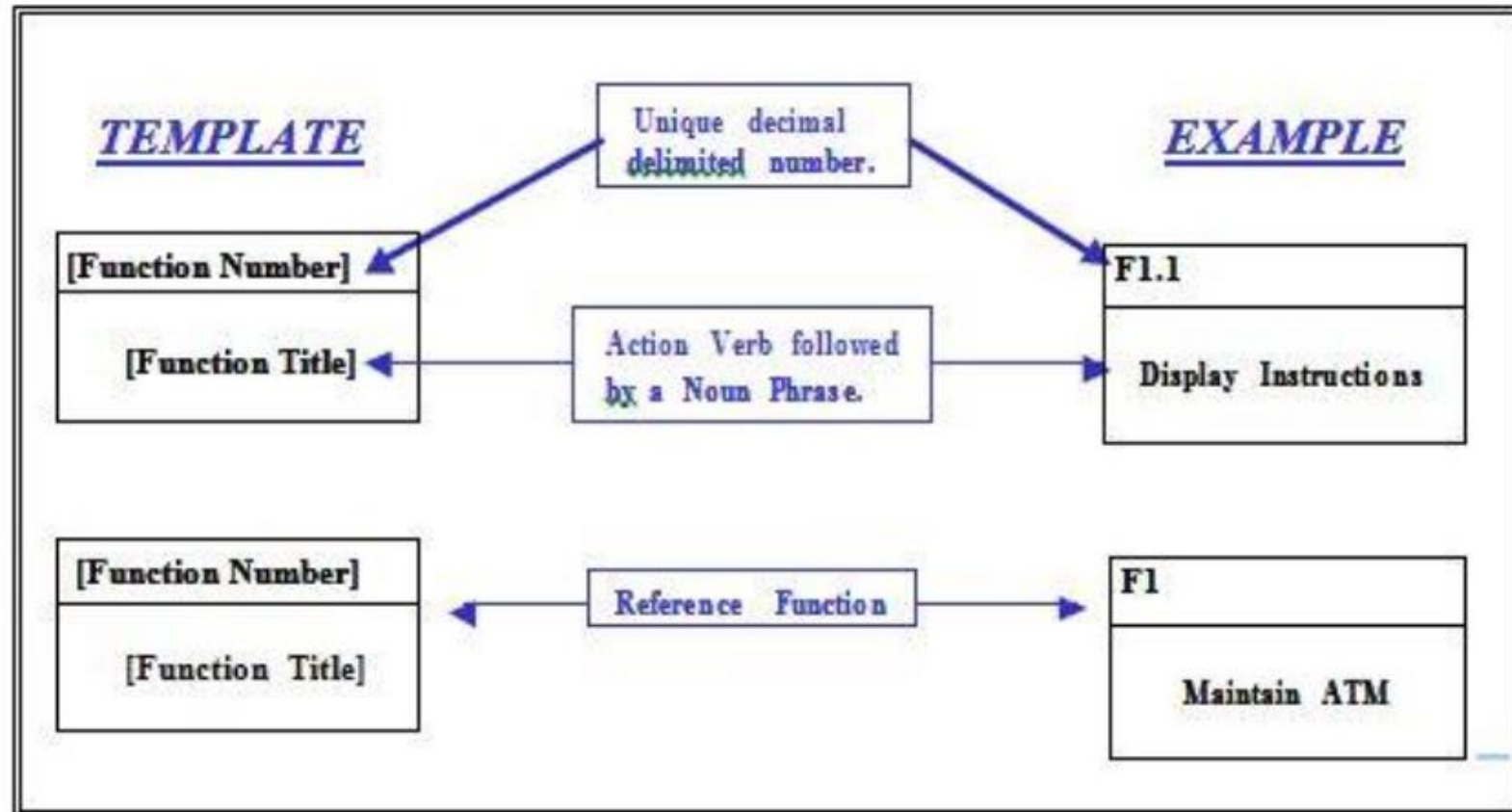






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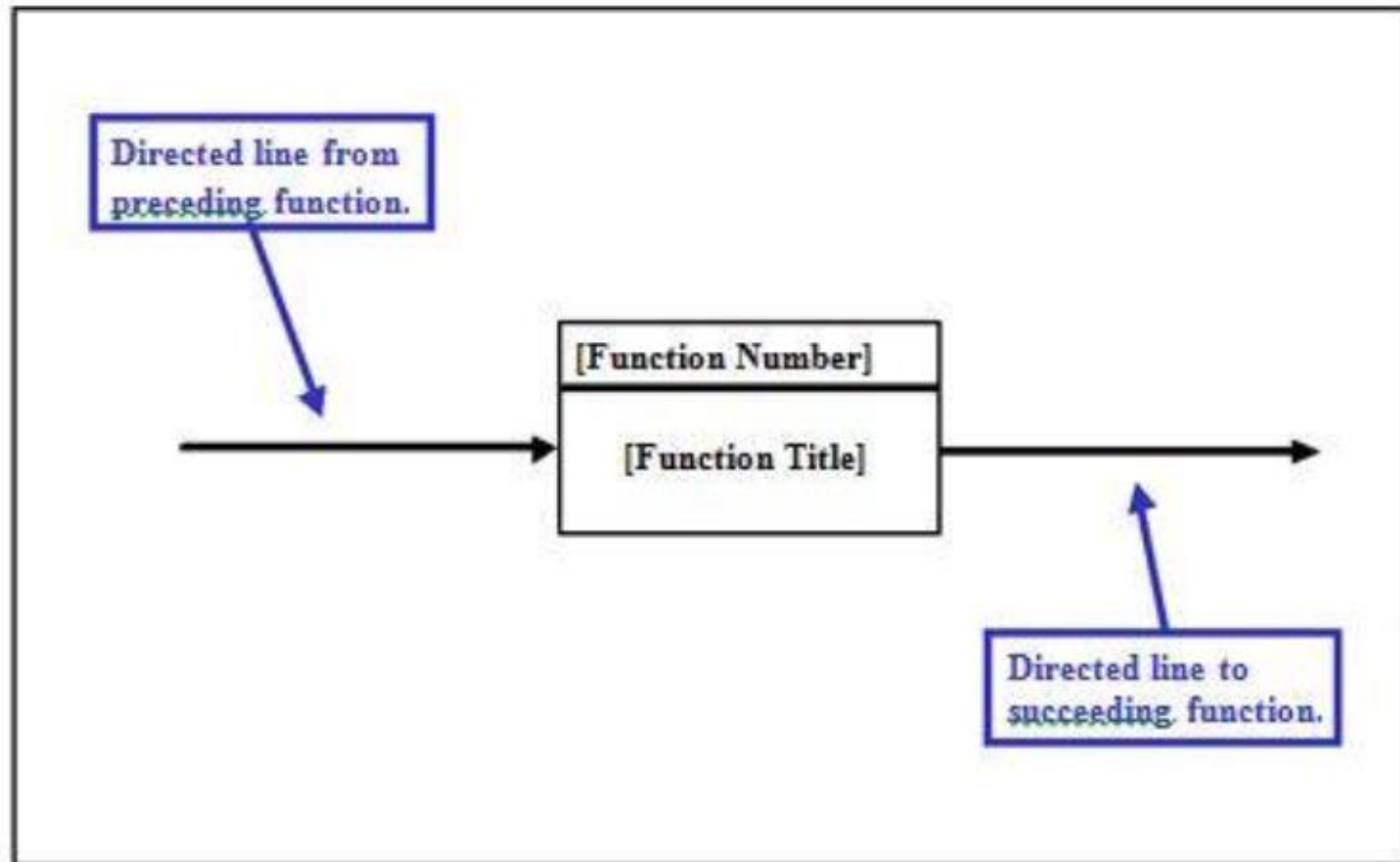
- A function must be represented by a rectangle containing the function title (a **verb** followed by a noun) and its unique number.





# Functional flow

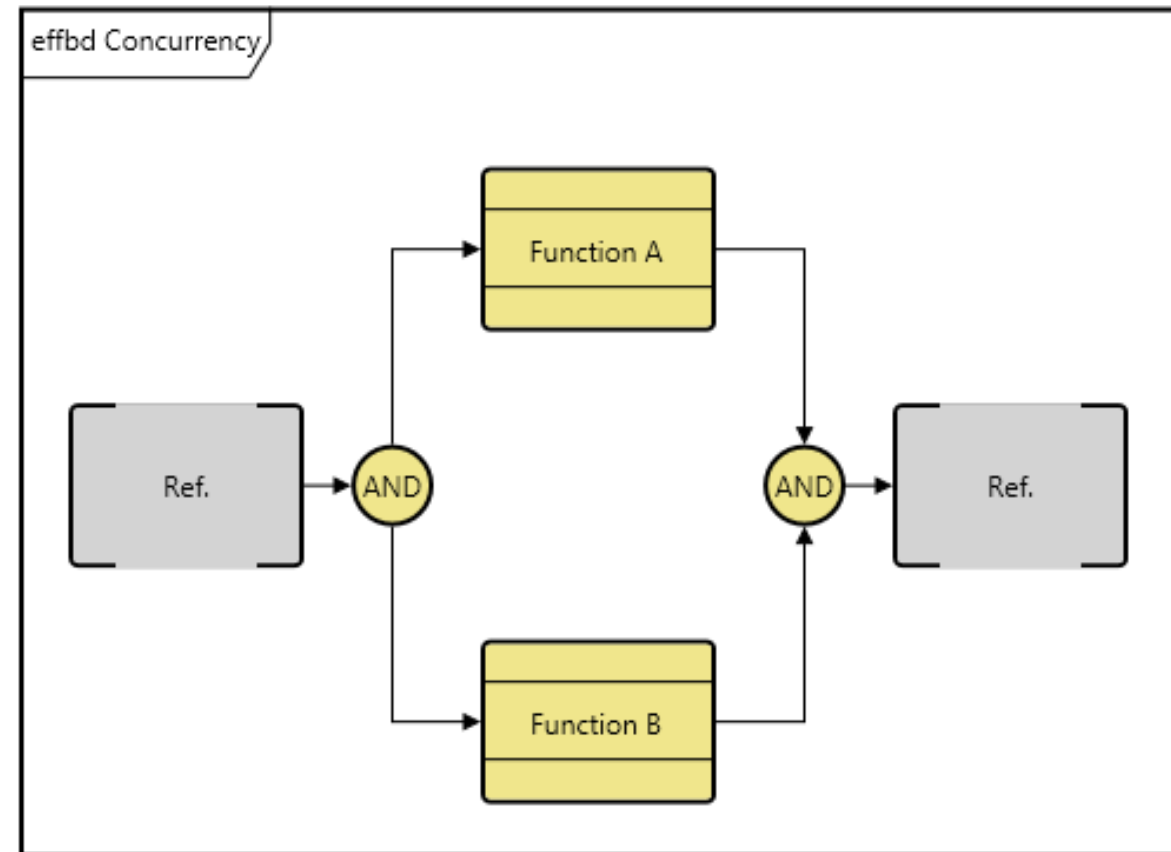
- A line with a single arrowhead should represent the functional flow from left to right.





# Logical conditions: and

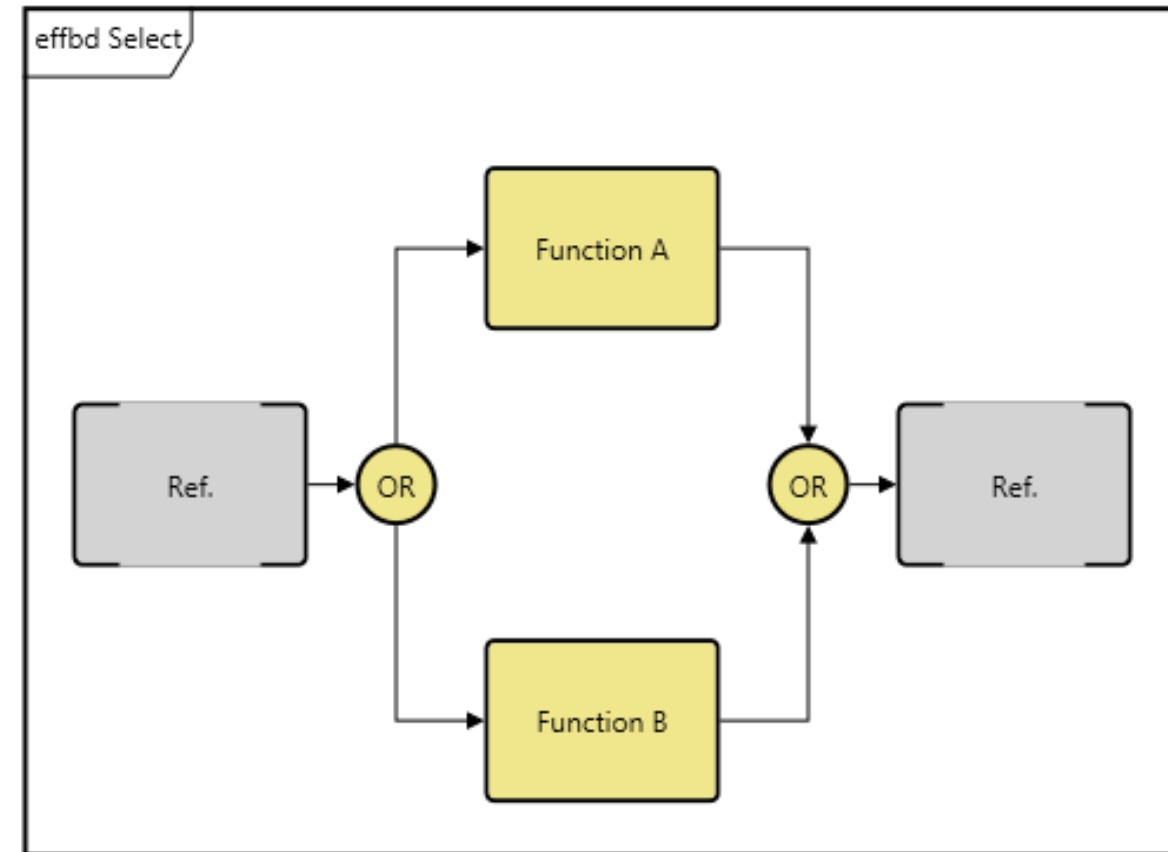
- A parallel construct consists of an AND node, followed by separate branches that rejoin and terminate at another matching AND node.
- Each branch can contain any number of functions and control constructs.
- When executed, the first entity on each branch will be enabled at the same simulation clock time. The construct cannot be exited (from the second AND node) until all branches have completed their processing.
- Control is then passed to the next function or construct after the parallel construct.





# Logical Conditions: Exclusive OR (XOR)

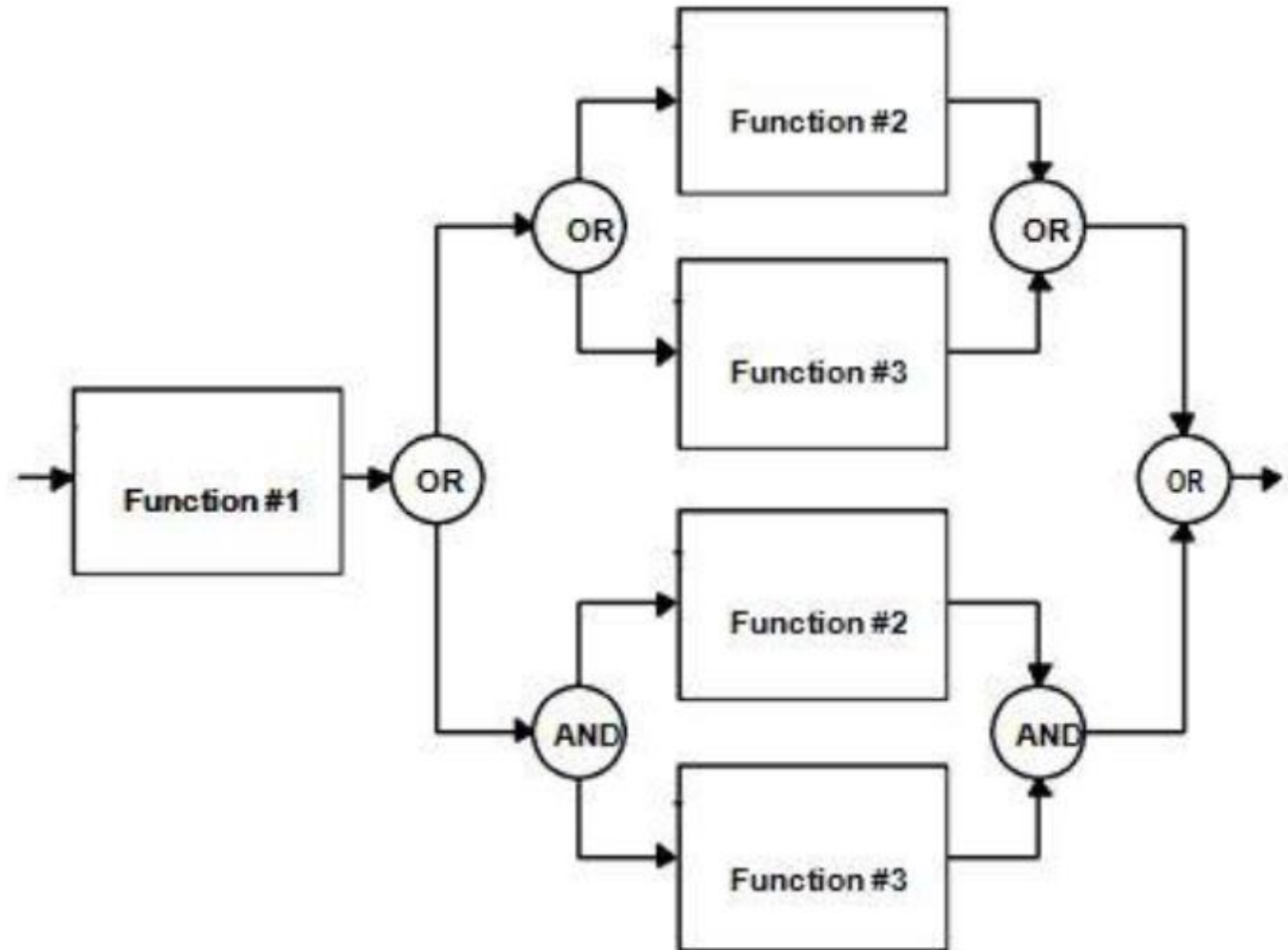
- A select construct consists of an OR node followed by multiple branches that rejoin at a matching OR node. Each branch can contain any number of functions and control constructs.
- In contrast to a parallel construct in which all branches are executed, with a select construct only one branch is executed. Thus, the select construct is an exclusive OR.





# Logical conditions: or inclusive

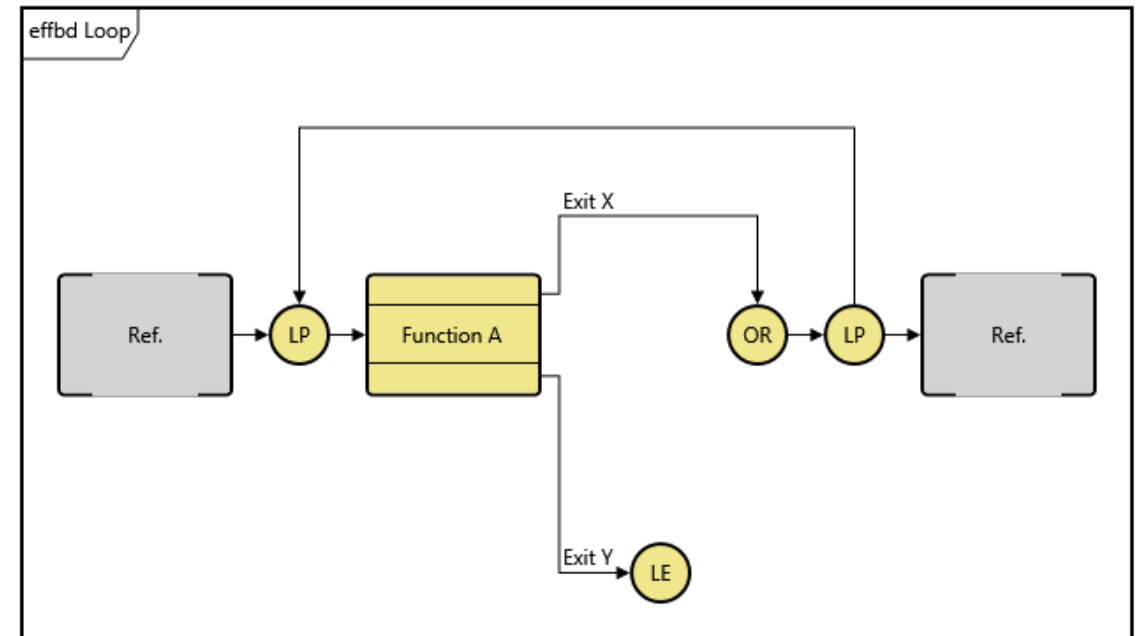
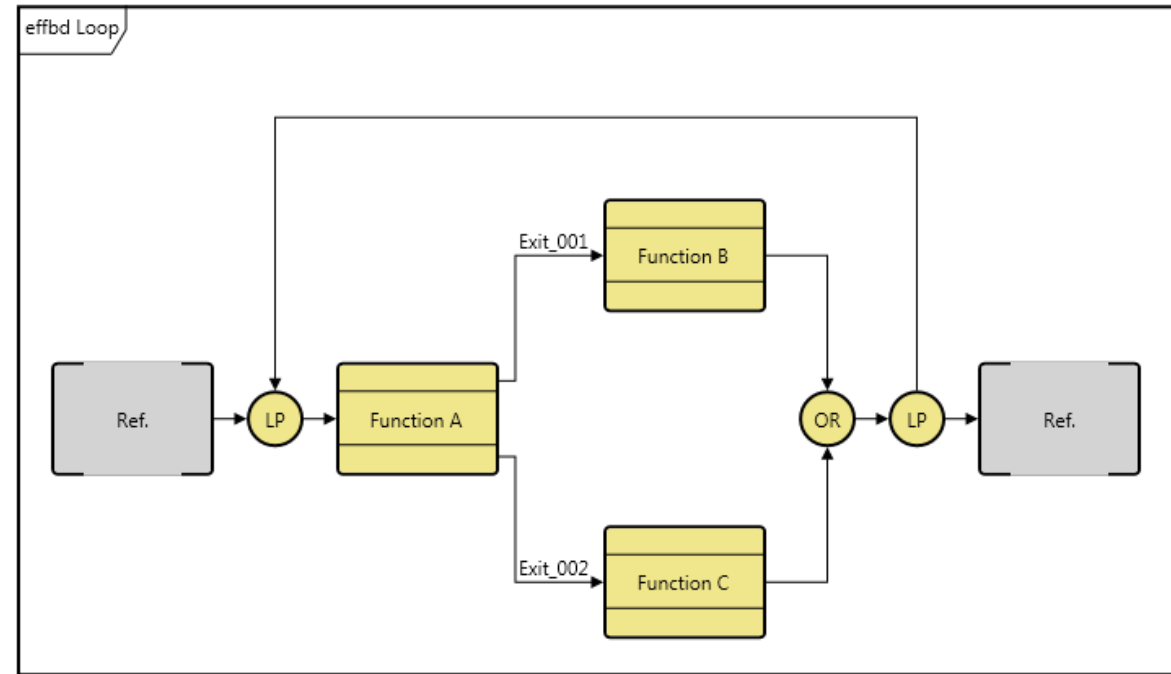
- Inclusive OR: A condition in which one, some, or all the preceding or successive multiple paths are required.



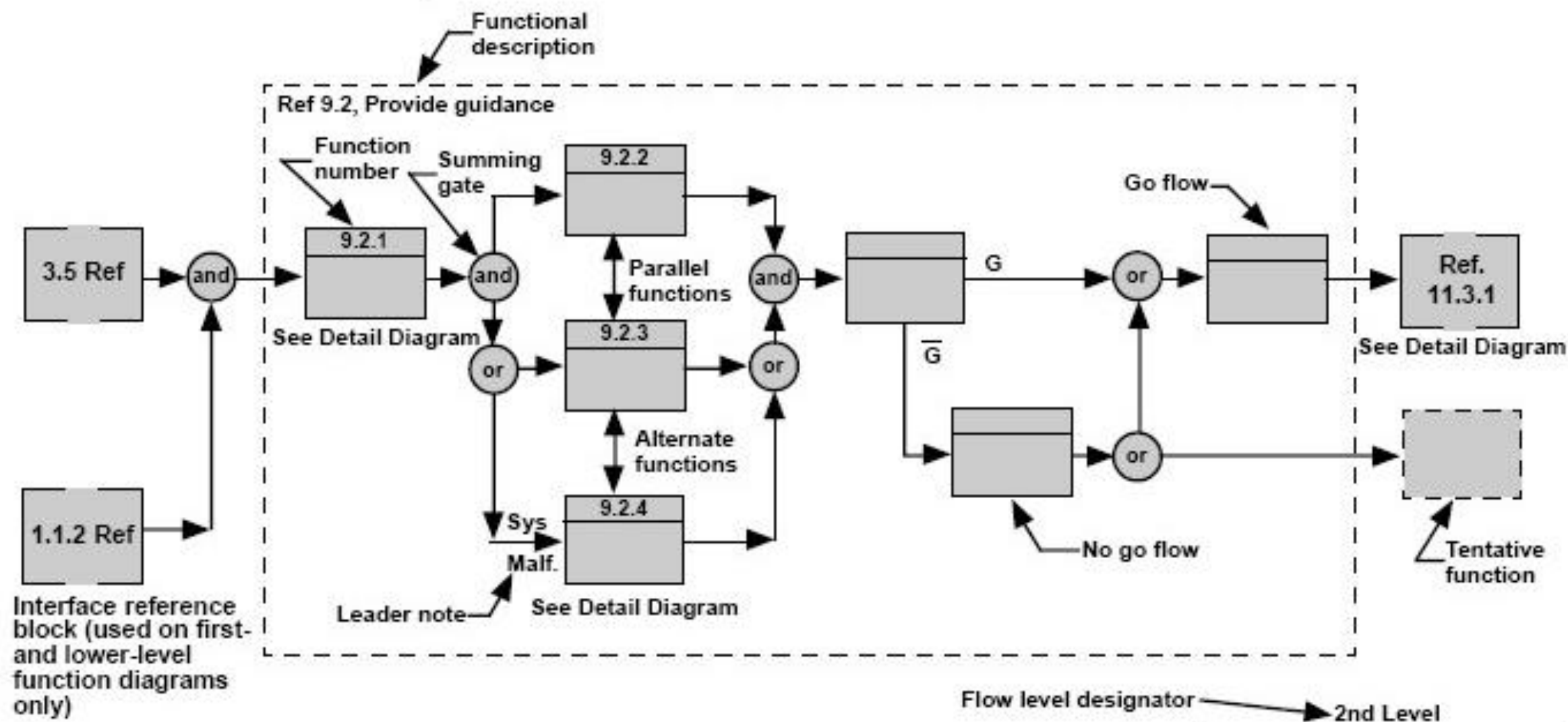


# Loop

- A loop construct consists of a pair of LP nodes that enclose a branch and are connected with a loop back line. The branch can contain any number of functions and control constructs. These will be repeatedly executed in sequence.
- The branch will typically contain a loop exit construct to conditionally exit the loop construct. Without a loop exit, the loop construct becomes an endless loop.
- The loop exit construct provides the mechanism for exiting a loop. When the loop exit construct is encountered, the innermost loop is immediately terminated, enabling the construct or function following the loop.



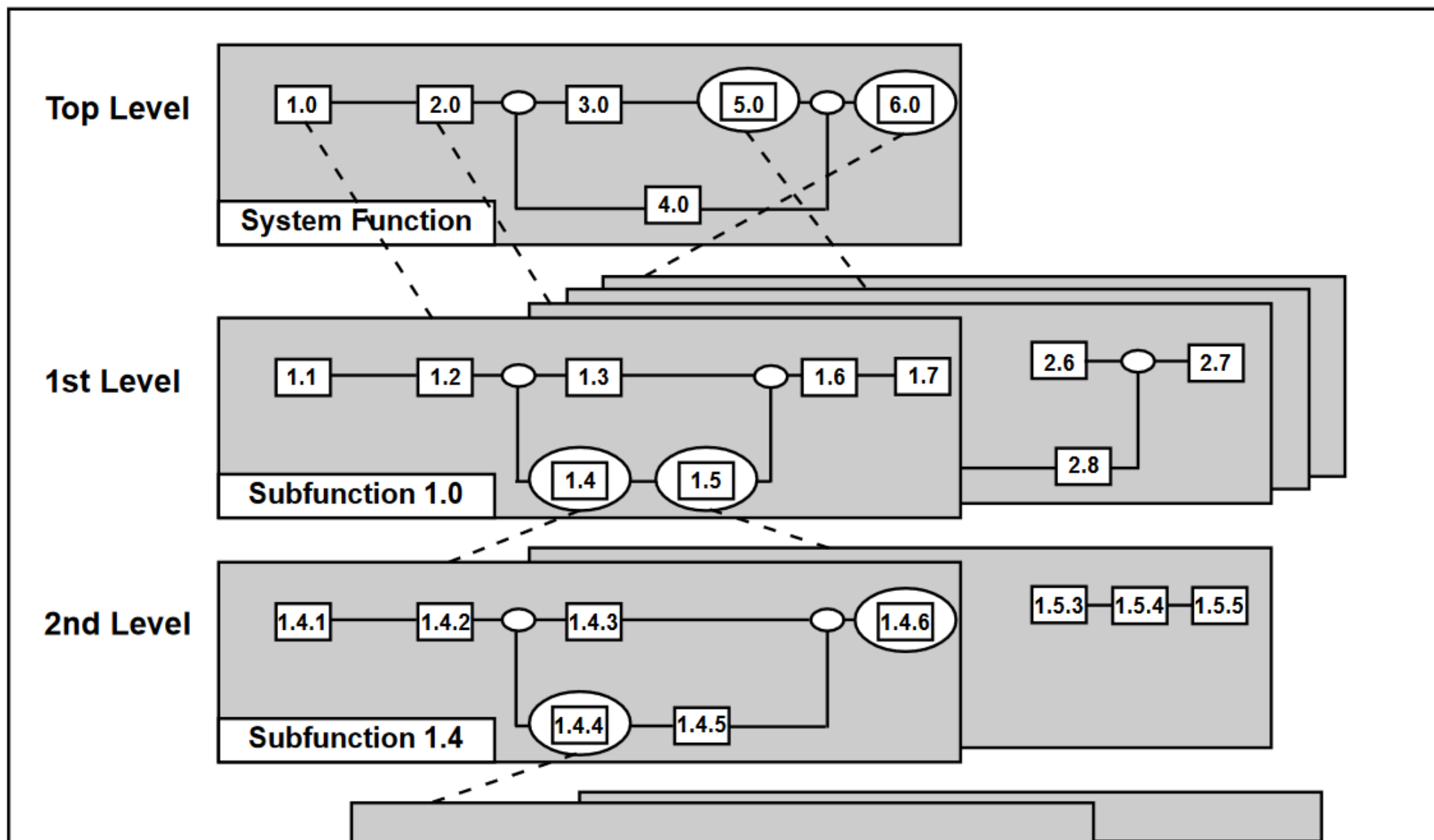
“And” Gate: Parallel Function  
“Or” Gate: Alternate Function



**Scope Note:**\_\_\_\_\_

Title block and standard drawing number

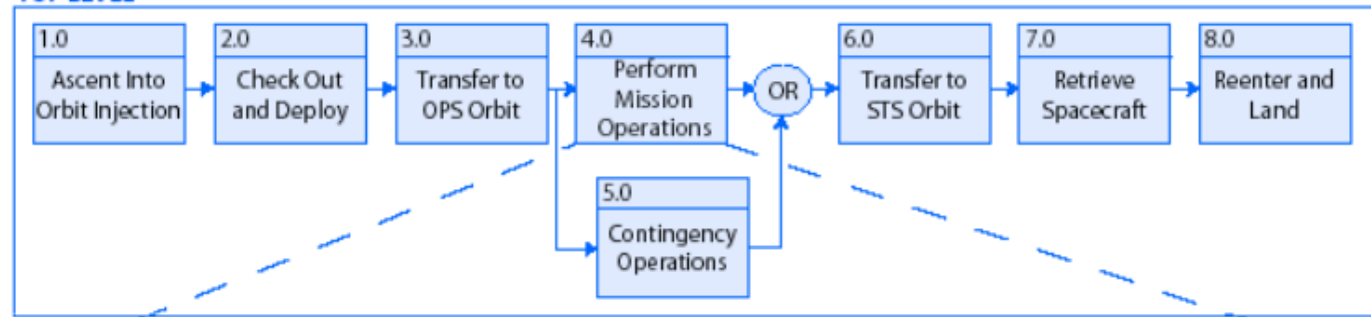
### Functional Flow Block Diagram Format



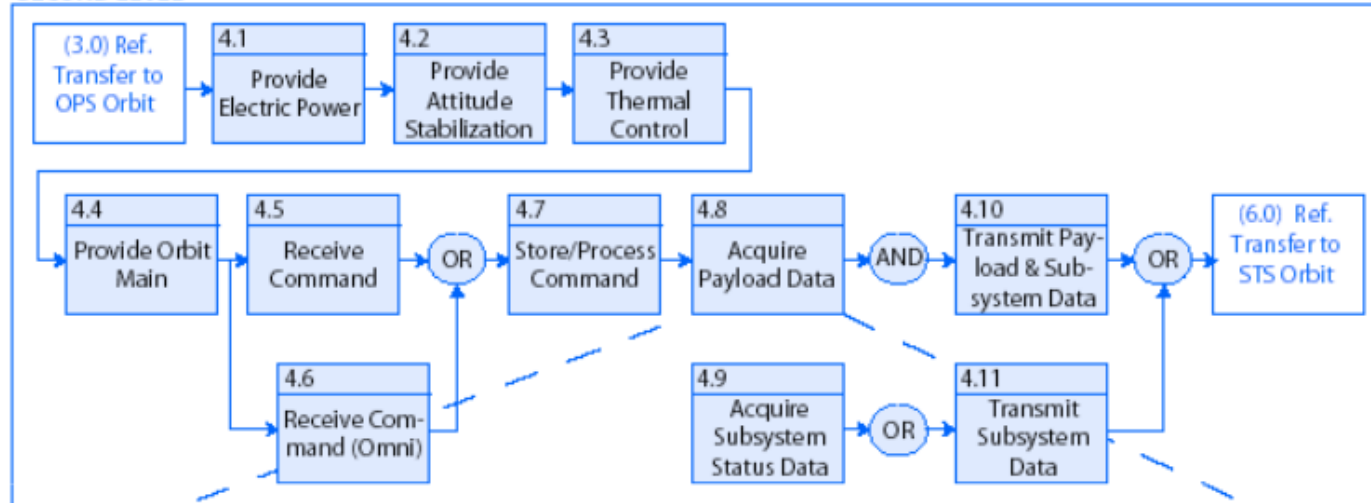




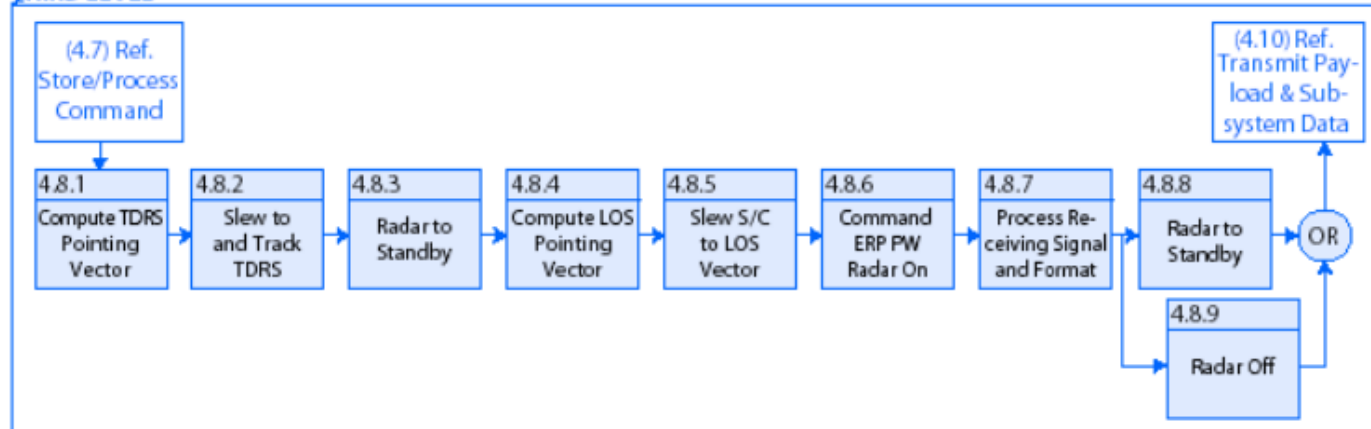
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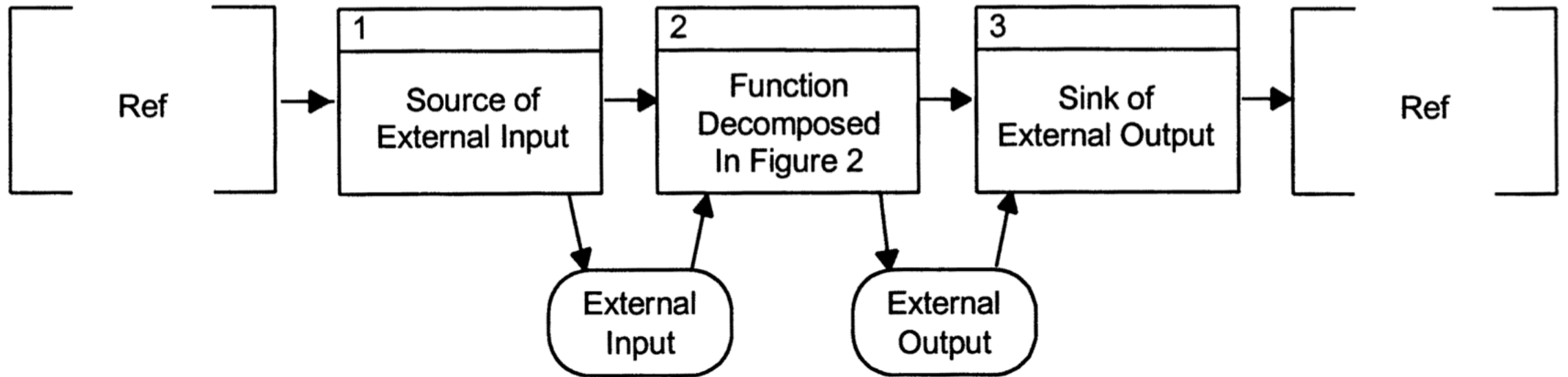


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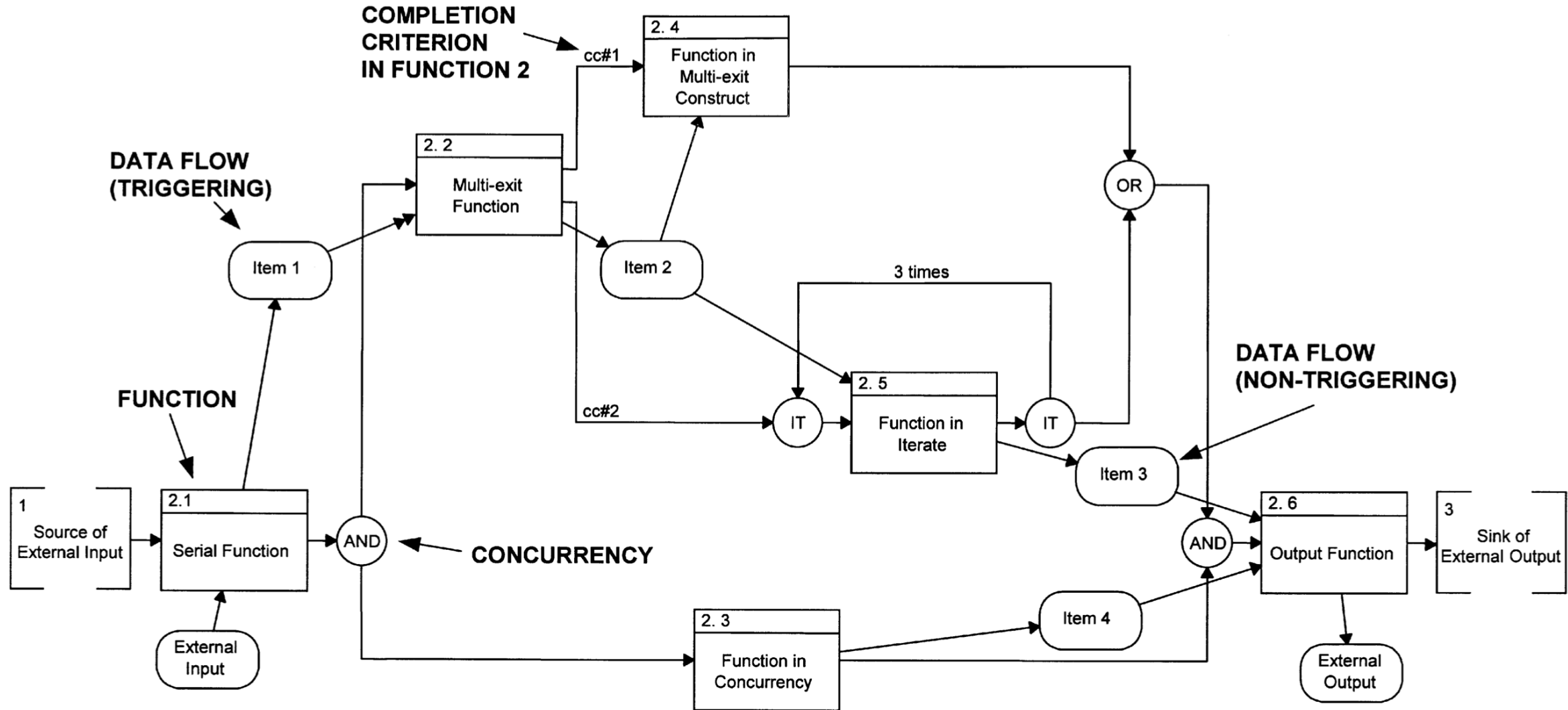




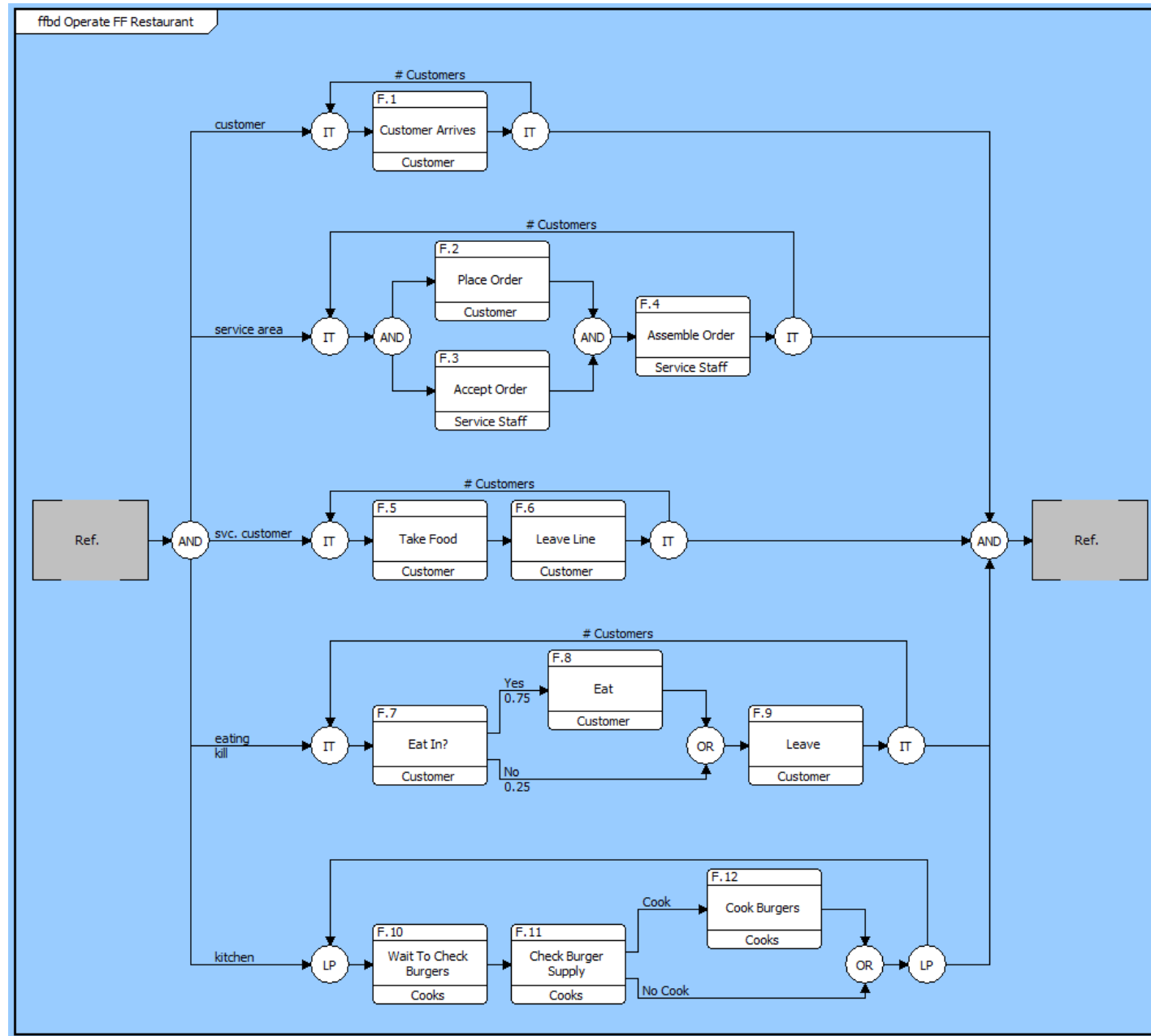
# enhanced Functional Flow Block Diagram



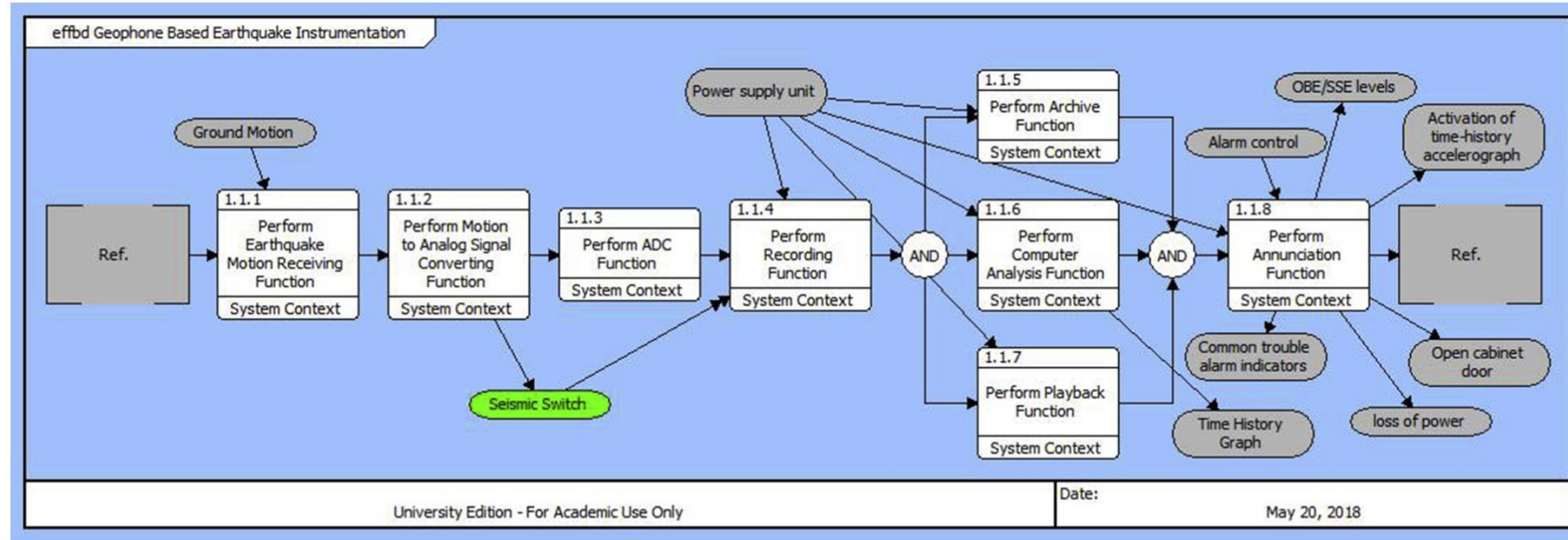
**Figure 1.** Enhanced functional flow block diagram context for Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Enhanced functional flow block diagram for function 2 in Figure 1.



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**Fig. 5.** EFFBD of the existing earthquake instrumentation.  
EFFBD, enhanced functional flow block diagram.



# Some possible analysis

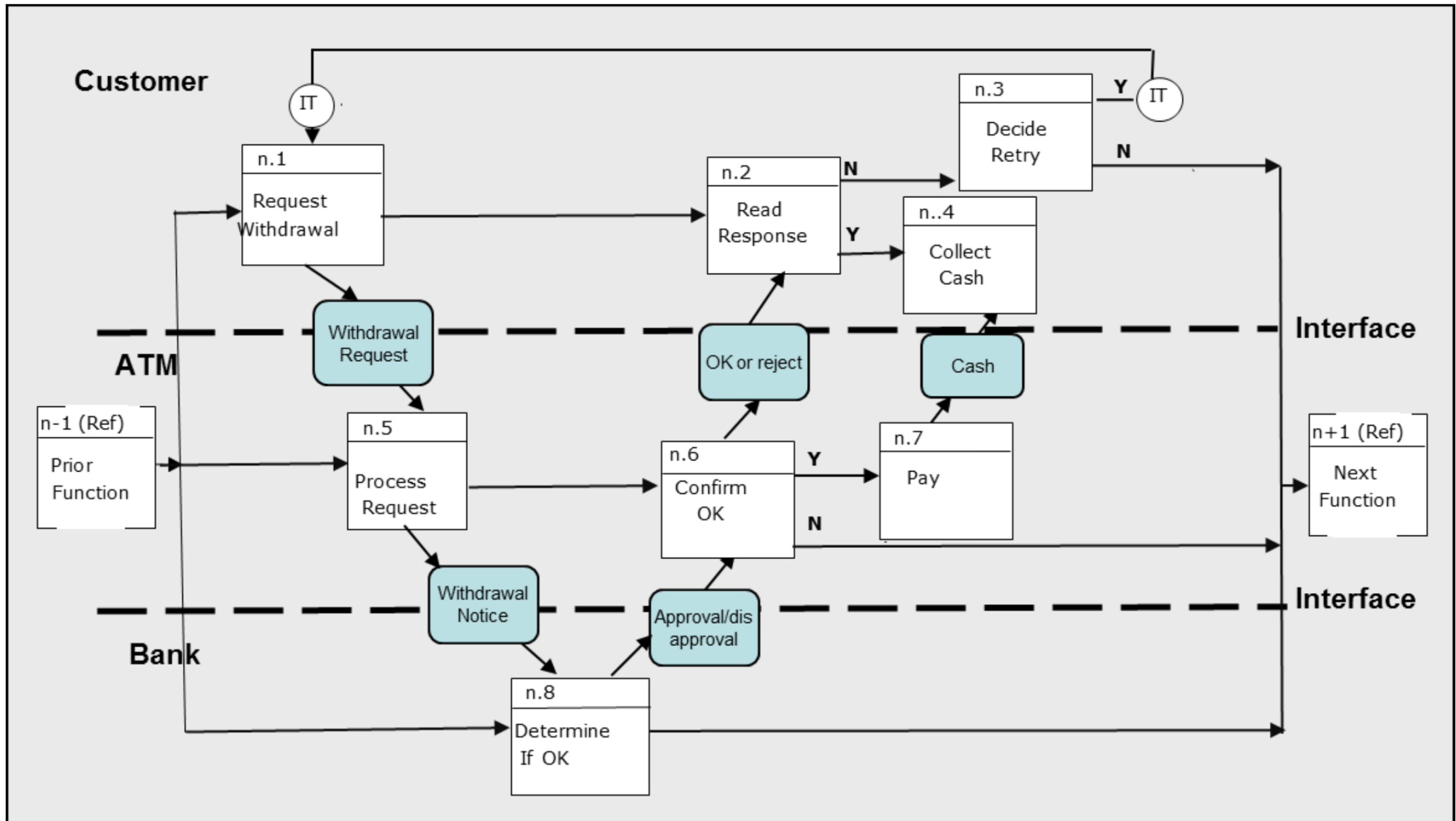
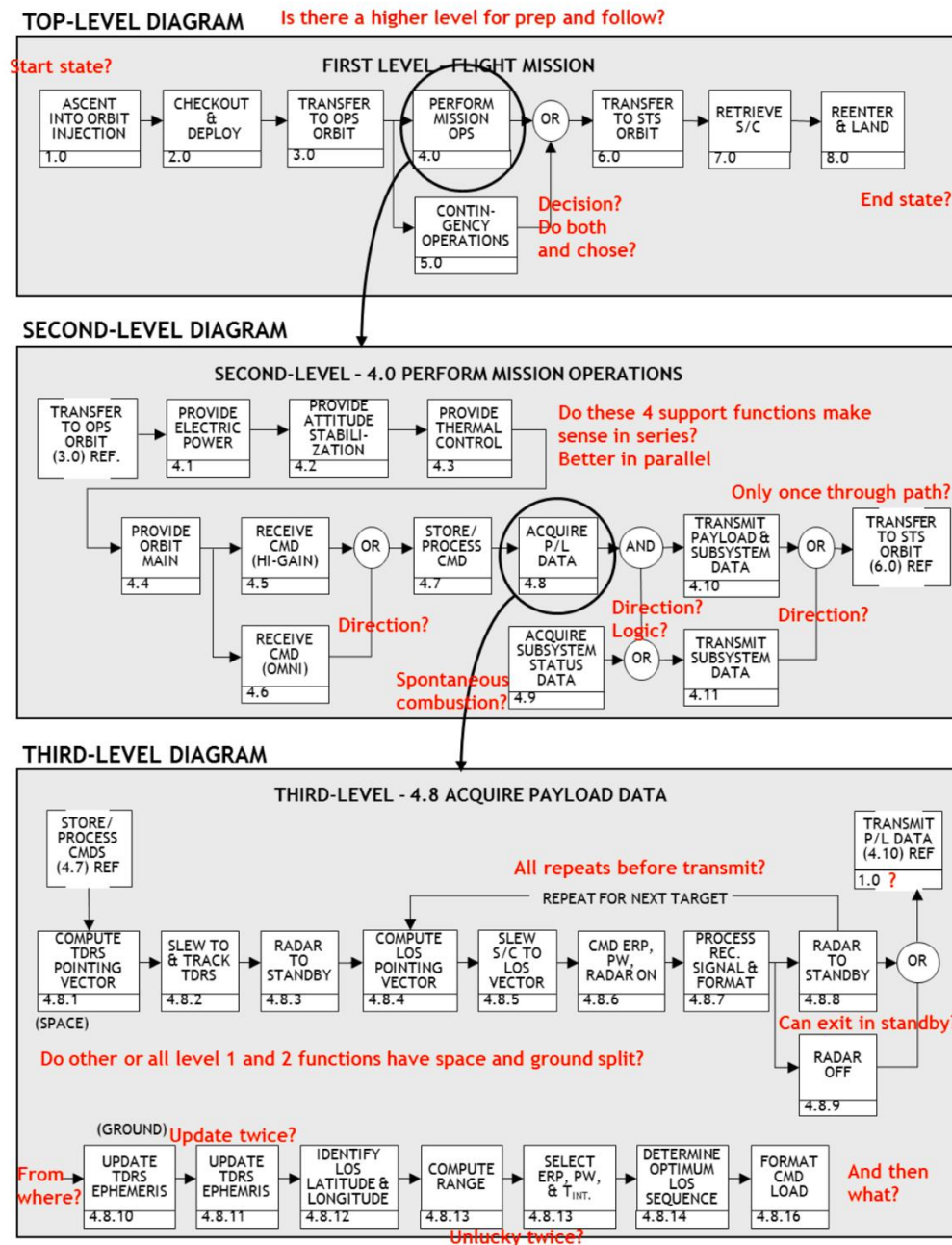


Figure 6. Example of Enhanced Functional Flow Block Diagram with Swimlanes for Allocations



Source: DSMC SE Management Guide (Jan 1990).

Figure 13. FFBD Example with Class Discussion Notes



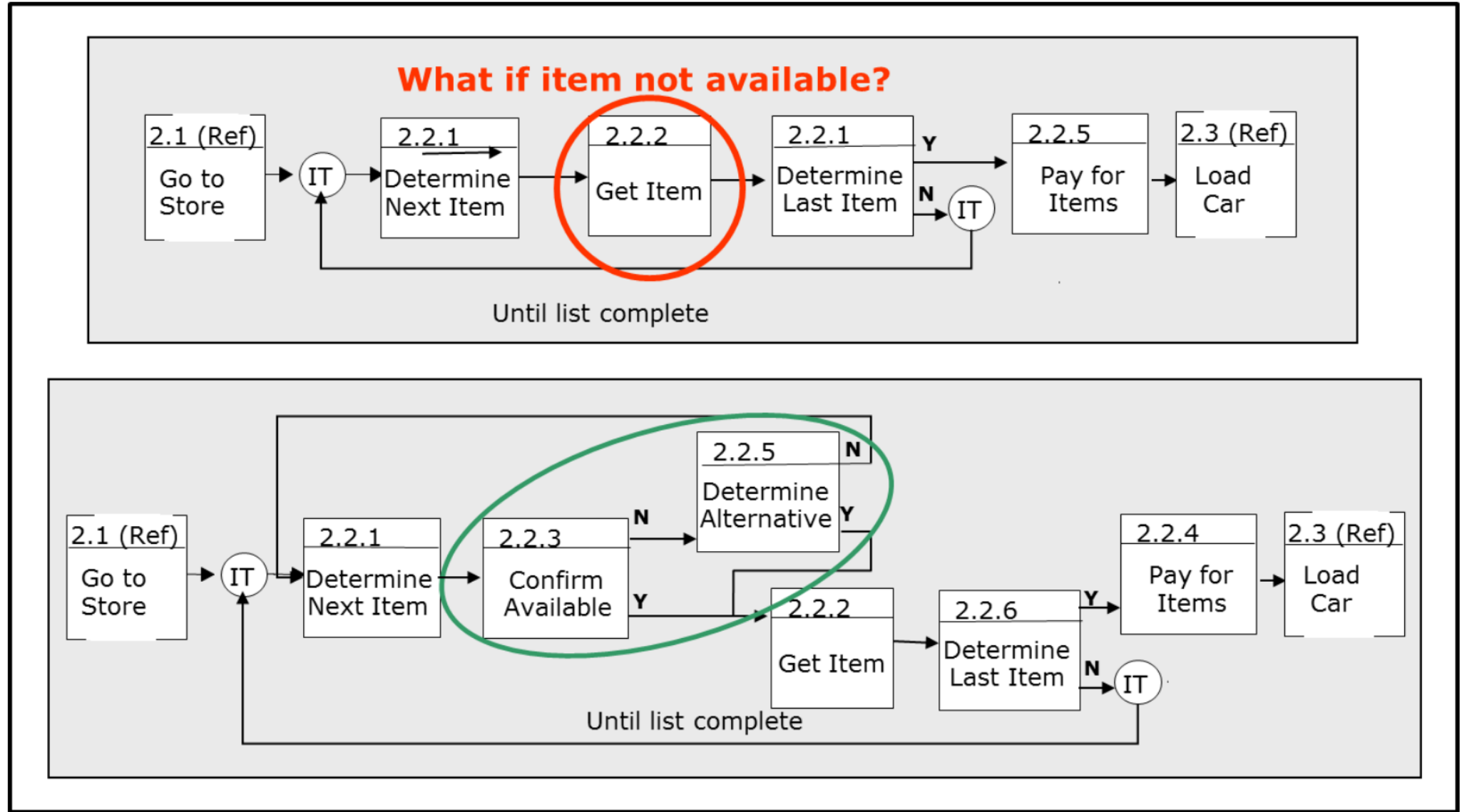


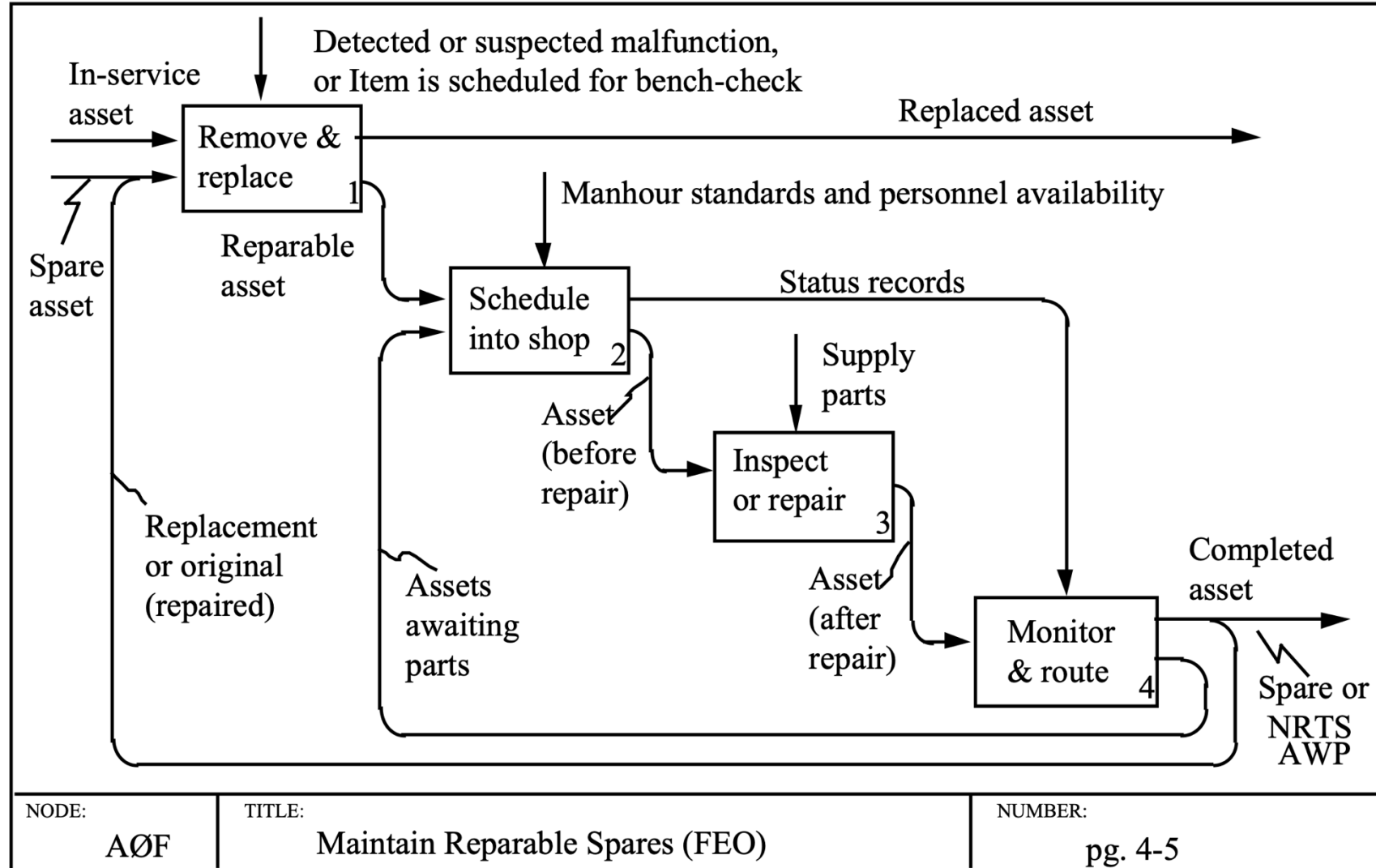
Figure 11. Functional Failure Analysis Example



IDEF0



# Idef0





# Integration Definition for Function Modeling (IDEF0)

- **IDEFO** is associated with the methodology established by Douglas T. Ross in 1974.
- In parallel, the U.S. Air Force's Integrated Computer-Aided Manufacturing (ICAM) program adopted the approach and mandated a definition for the public domain called IDEF0 (1975).
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- **IDEFO** ("Icam DEfinition for Function Modeling"), is a function modeling methodology for describing manufacturing functions, which offers a functional modeling language for the analysis, development, reengineering, and integration of information systems; business processes; or software engineering analysis.
- **IDEFO** is part of the IDEF family of modeling languages in the field of software engineering and is built on top of the **Structured Analysis and Design Technique (SADT)**.



# Benefits resulting from the use of IDEF0

- **Identifies needs:** A good IDEF0 template will look very simple and easy to understand. Needs and opportunities for improvement revealed during the modeling effort may seem obvious at first, but would have gone unnoticed otherwise.
- **Builds consensus:** The diversity of knowledge, training, skills, and expertise of a team can hinder communication. The reader/author model's critique method can establish a well-defined common ground for understanding by the entire team.



# Benefits resulting from the use of IDEF0

- **Improves vision:** The condensed graphic image provided by the model presents a thought-provoking baseline on which to consider improvements. An analyst or corporate planner who considers the potential use of a new technology or new method in light of this baseline can identify specific application opportunities.
- **Provides a foundation for an open architecture:** The model structure can be used to define the interfaces between system elements and to identify precise interfaces for defining an open systems architecture. The model narrows the scope precisely, showing where the modeled system fits into the larger picture.



# Benefícios resultantes do uso do IDEF0

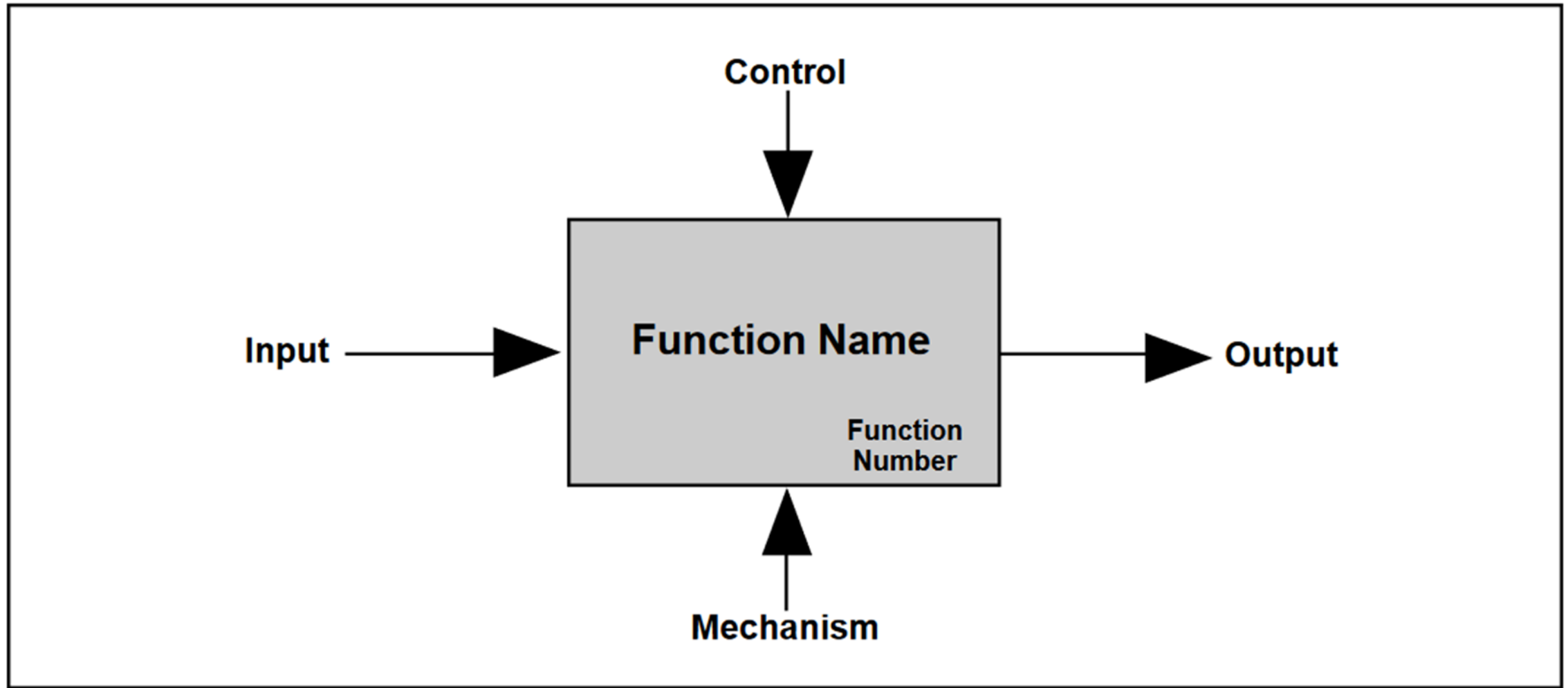
- **Suporta o controle de gerenciamento por meio de métricas:** O modelo pode servir como uma linha de base para custo, tempo, capacidade de fluxo e outras métricas relevantes para o projeto de um novo sistema. Se os detalhes do modelo não forem suficientes para anexar métricas específicas, a falta de detalhes deve ser usada para identificar onde é necessária mais decomposição. Detalhes mais finos na modelagem facilitarão uma medição mais precisa.
- **Define variantes para uso mais amplo do sistema de suporte:** Os sistemas de suporte que são aplicados a várias atividades no modelo podem se beneficiar de uma análise cuidadosa da funcionalidade real necessária em cada ponto de uso. Variantes e versões do sistema de suporte podem economizar custos consideráveis se o sistema de suporte puder ser ajustado para cada ponto de uso específico.

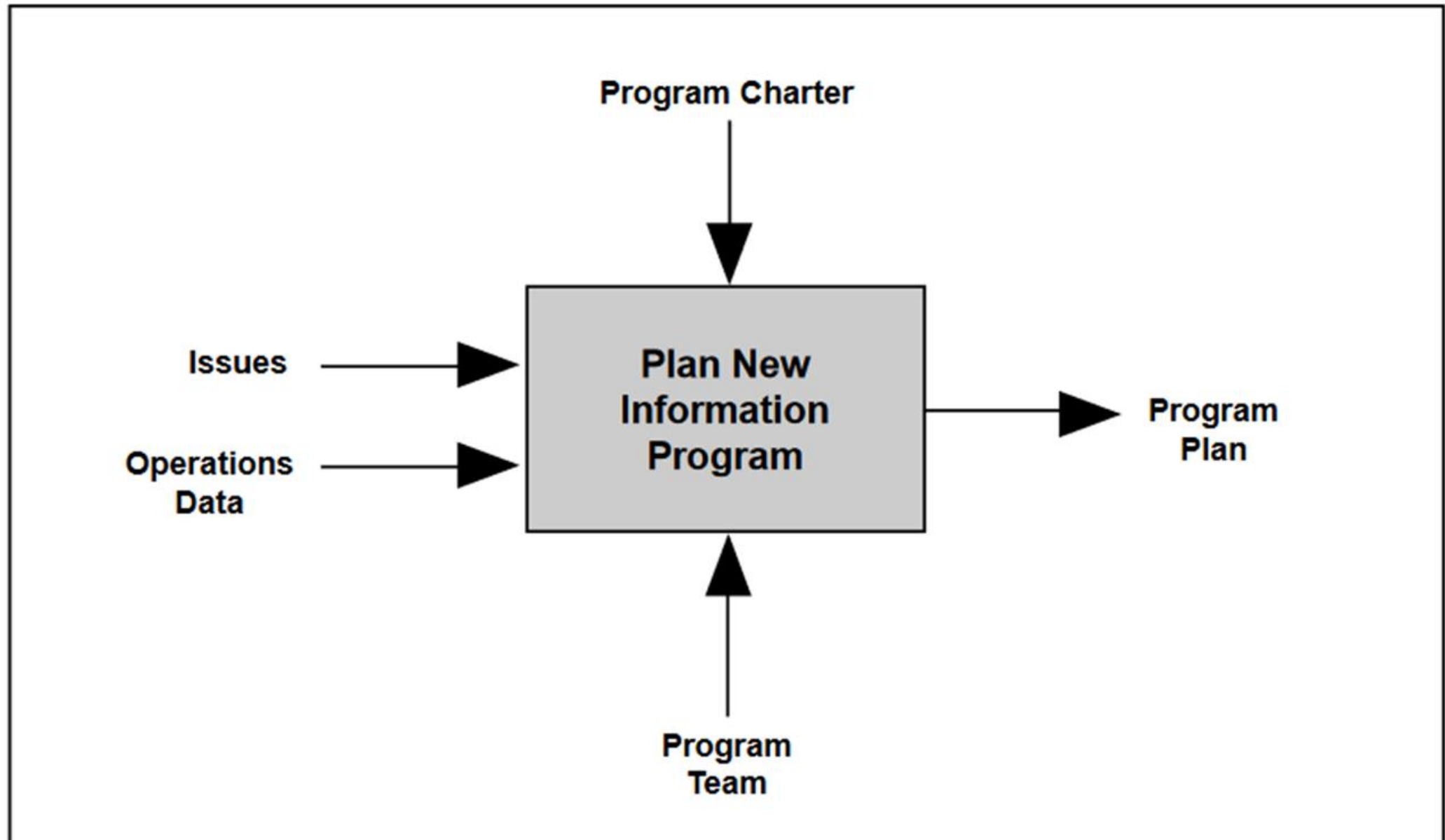


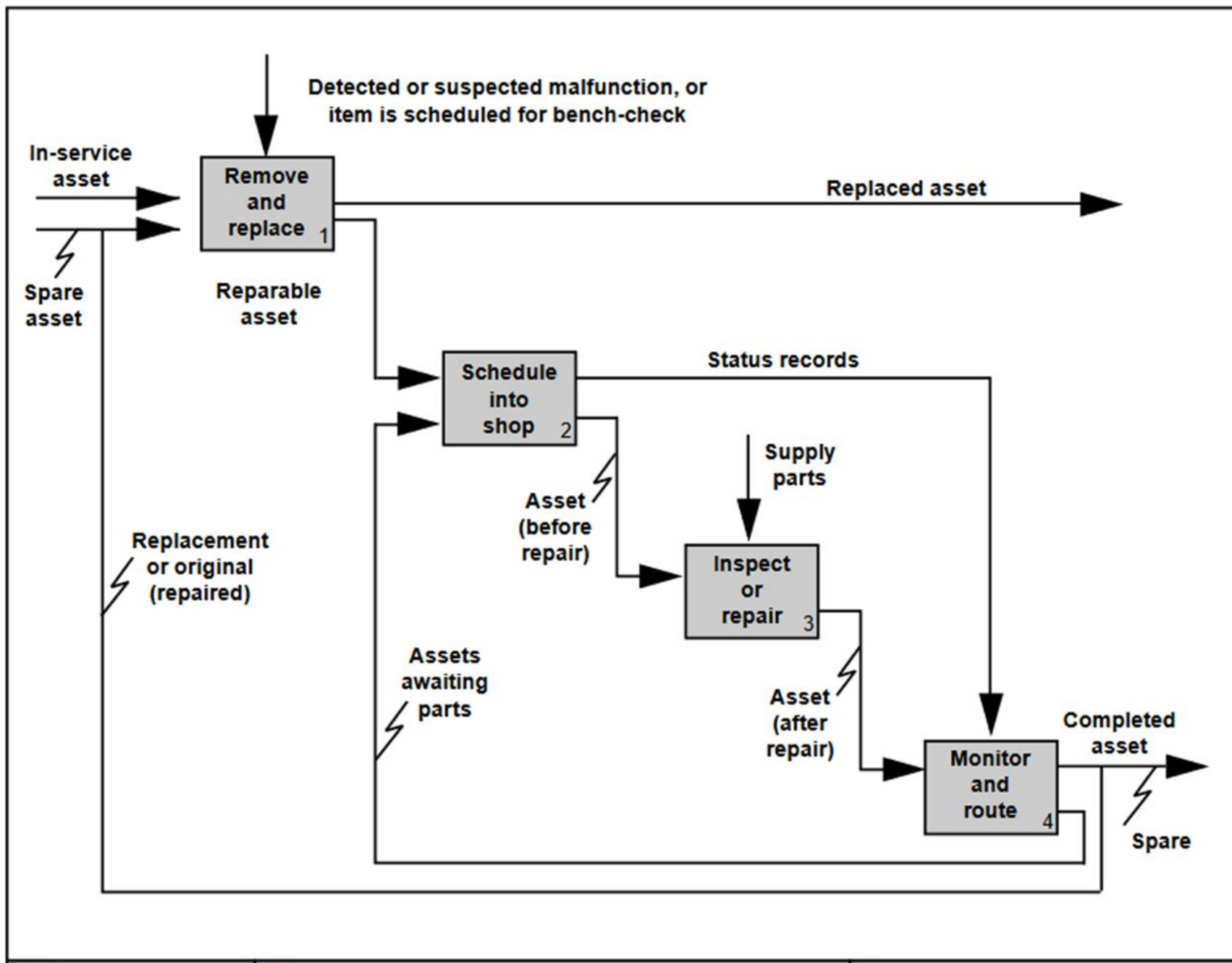
# The position at which the arrow connects matter

- **Controls** go into the top of the box.
- The **inputs**, data, or objects actuated by the operation, type the box from the left.
- The **outputs** come out of the right side of the box.
- The arrows of the **mechanism** that provide means of support to perform the function join (point towards) the bottom of the Box.











N2



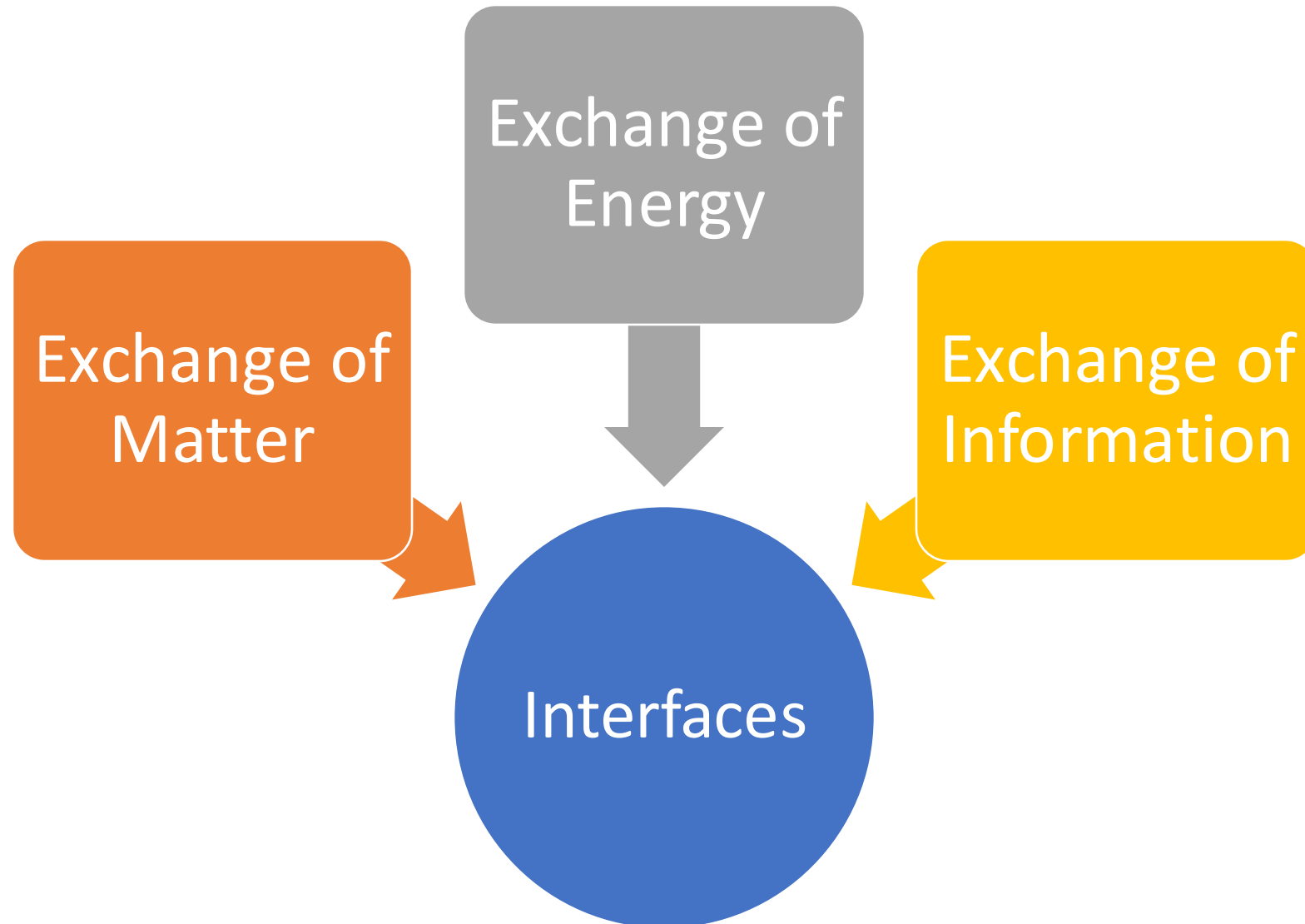
# It is important to identify the interfaces.

- Complex systems have many interfaces
  - **Common interfaces reduce complexity**
  - **System architecture** drives the **types of interfaces** to be utilized in the design process
  - Clear **interface identification** and definition reduces risk
  - Most of the **problems in systems are at the interfaces.**
  - Verification of all interfaces is critical for **ensuring compatibility and operation.**





# Common Interfaces





# Other possible interface domains

Data types	Representation	Applications
Component-based (ProdBuct)	Component relationships	System architecting, engineering and design
People-based (Organization)	Organizational unit relationships	Organizational design, interface management, team integration
Activity-based (Process)	Activity input/output relationships	Process improvement, project scheduling, iteration management, information flow management
Parameter-based (low-level Process)	Design parameter relationships	Low level activity sequencing and process construction, sequencing design decisions





# N2 diagrams

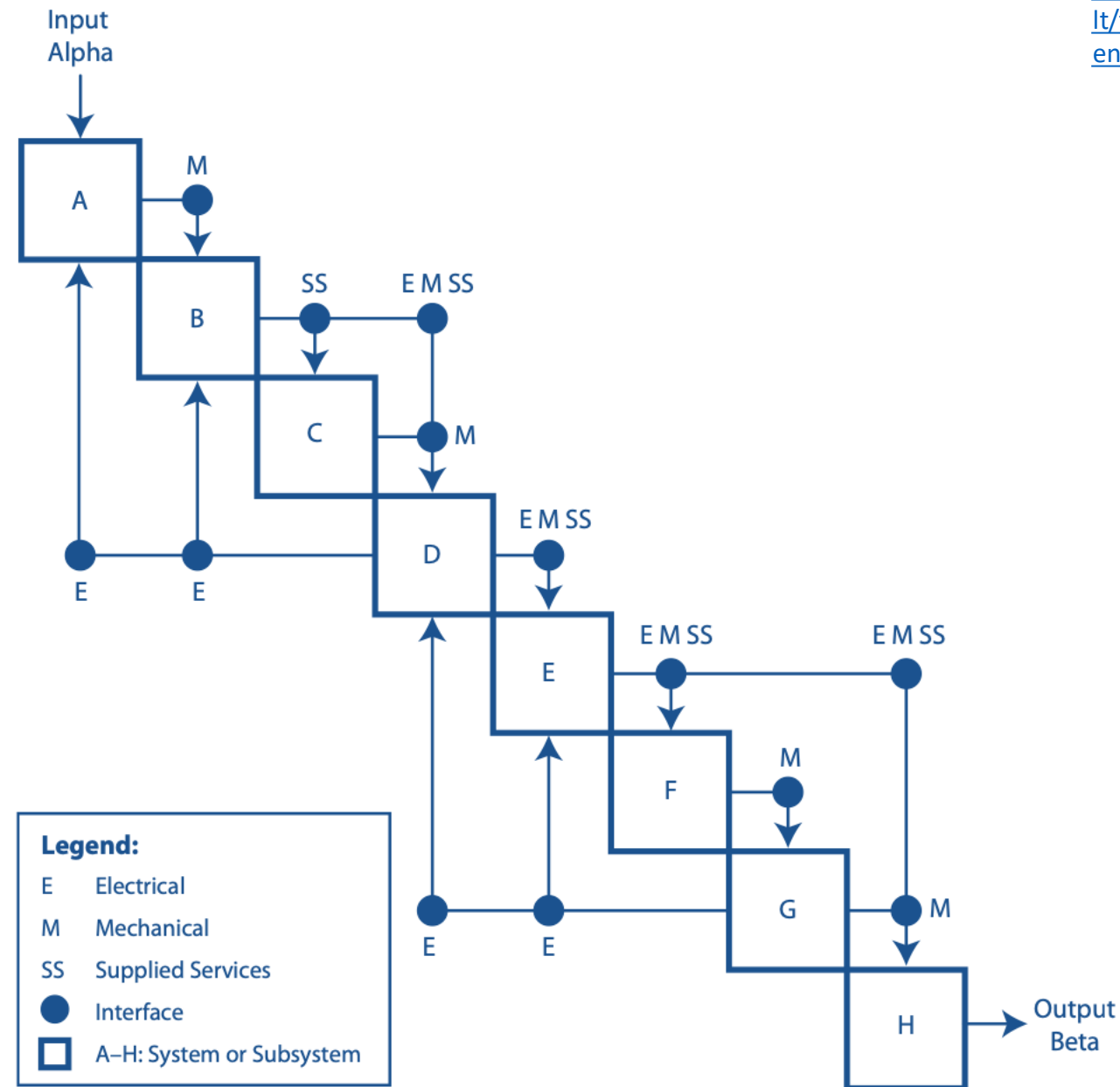


Figure 4.3-4 Example of an N2 diagram



# N2 Analysis

- N2 Analysis is a tool that uses a  $N \times N$  matrix to **record the interconnections between elements** of a system. It has several potential uses:
  - In system design to **assess the degree of binding and coupling** in a system and thereby **determine candidate architectures** based on the natural structure of the system.
  - In systems design to **record**, and thence **aid the management** of, the interfaces in a system.
  - In systems analysis to **identify and document the interconnectivity** in a system to help understand observed behavior and to provide guidance for improvement.



# N2 Diagrams

- The N2 diagram has been used extensively to **develop** data **interfaces**, primarily in the software areas. However, it can also be used to develop hardware interfaces.
- The **system functions (or architecture elements) are placed on the diagonal**; the remainder of the squares in the N x N matrix represent the interface inputs and outputs. Where a blank appears, there is no interface between the respective functions.
- Data flows in a **clockwise direction between functions** (e.g., the symbol  $F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  indicates data flowing from function  $F_1$ , to function  $F_2$ ).
- The data being transmitted can be defined in the appropriate squares.

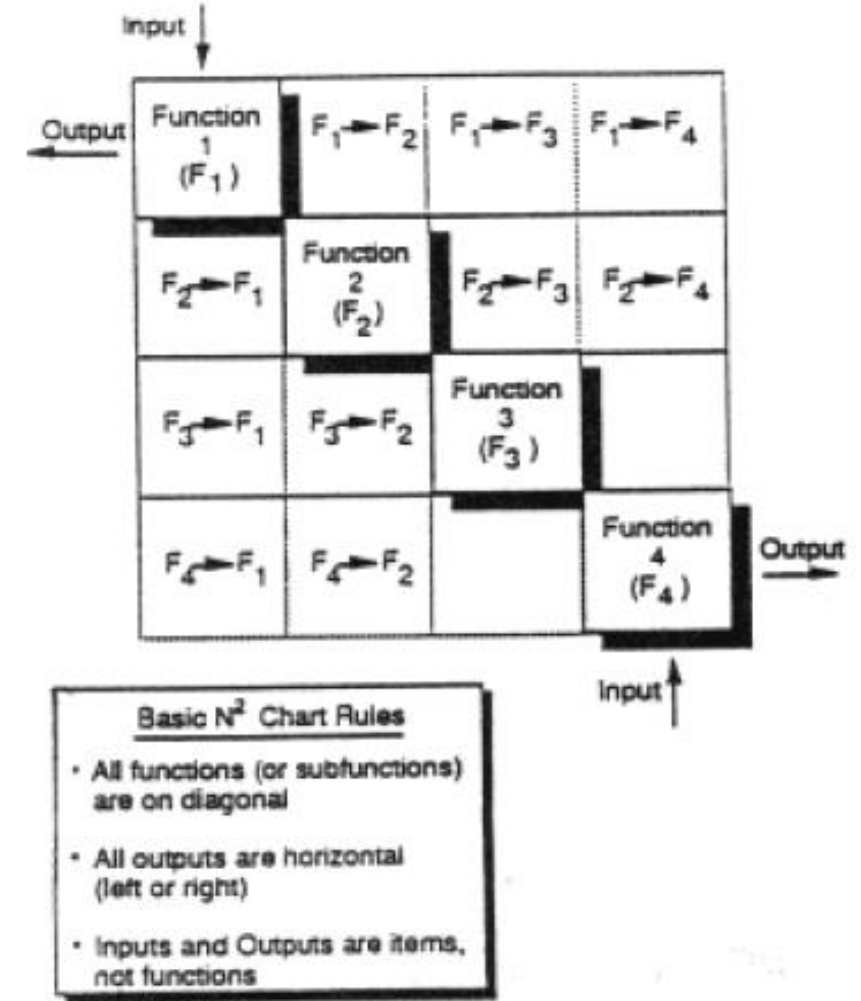
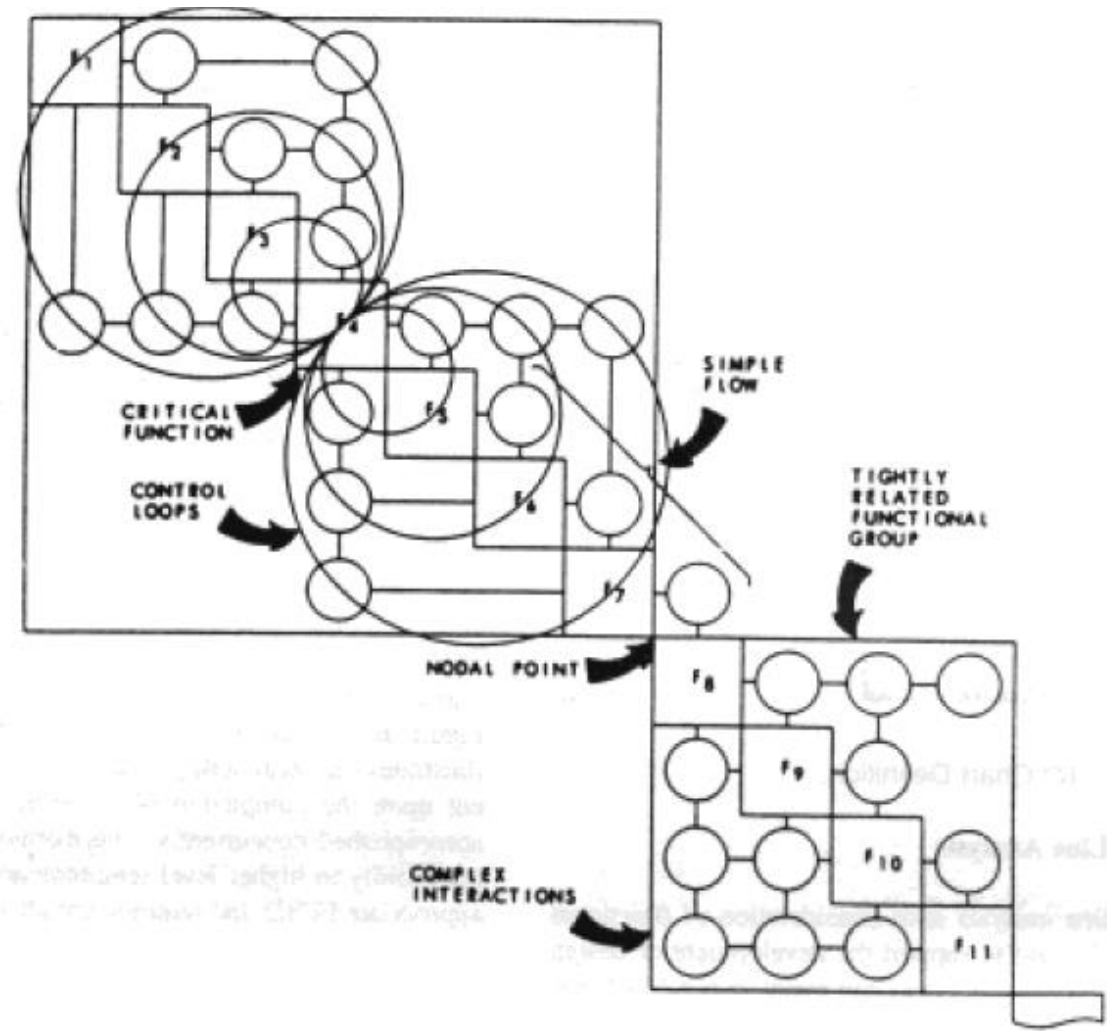


Figure B-7 — N<sup>2</sup> Chart Definition.



- Alternatively, the use of circles and numbers permits a **separate listing of the data interfaces**.
- The **clockwise flow of data between functions that have a feedback loop** can be illustrated by a larger circle called a **control loop**.
- The identification of a **critical function**, where function F4 has a number of inputs and outputs to all other functions in the upper module.
- A **simple flow of interface data exists between the upper and lower modules** at functions F7 and F8.
- The **lower module has complex interaction** among its functions.
- The **N2 chart can be taken down into successively lower levels** to the hardware and software component functional levels. In addition to defining the data that must be supplied across the interface, the N2 chart can pinpoint areas where conflicts could arise.





# DSM – Design Structure Matrix

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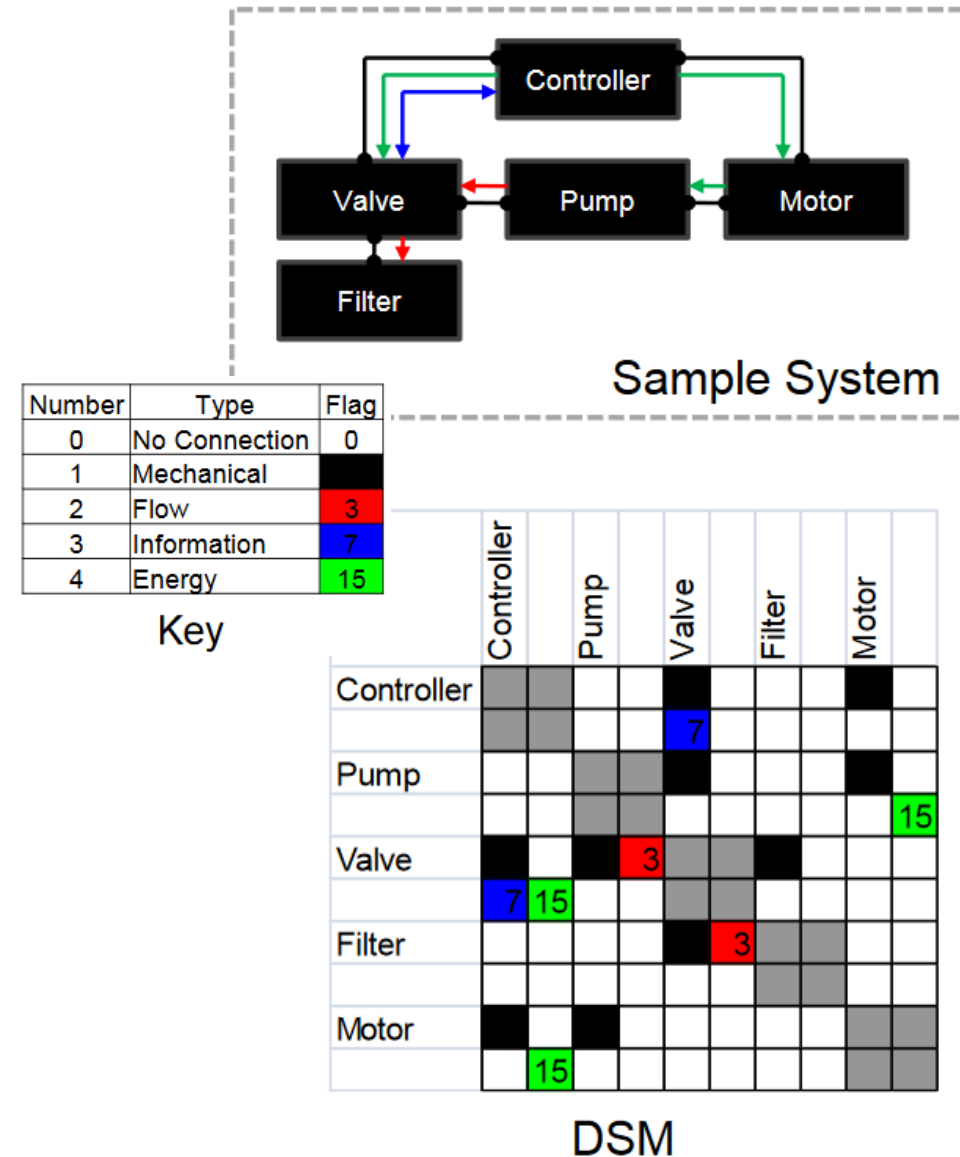
# DSM – Design Structure Matrix

- Research on matrix-based complexity management has come a long way. Originating from a process focus with the first published formulation of a **Design Structure Matrix (DSM) by Don Steward in 1981**, a whole community has developed around this research.
- DSMs can have different qualities:
  - Binary DSMs represent only the existence of a relation,
  - whereas numerical DSMs represent a numerical value (also called “weight”) to represent the strength of a relation.
  - DSMs can either be directed or non-directed.



# Design Structure Matrix

- **Architecture Definition:** The embodiment of concept, and the allocation of physical/informational function (process) to elements of form (objects) and definition of structural interfaces among the objects
- DSM captures connectivity of components => architecture
- DSM provides analysis capability not present in a traditional schematic





# Example

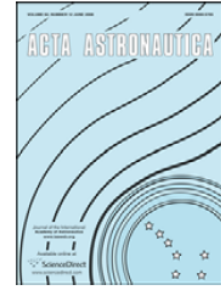
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## An application of the Design Structure Matrix to Integrated Concurrent Engineering

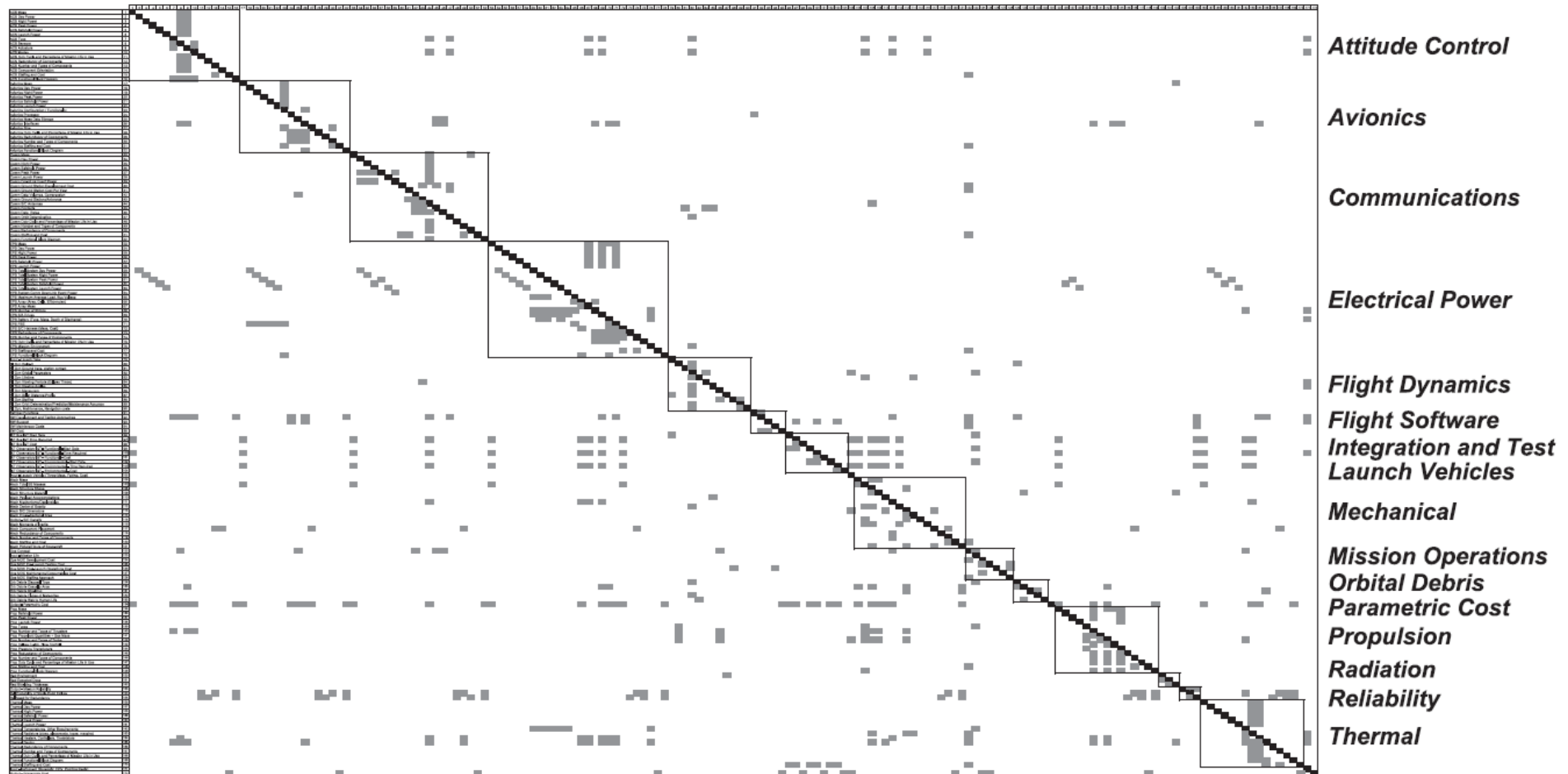
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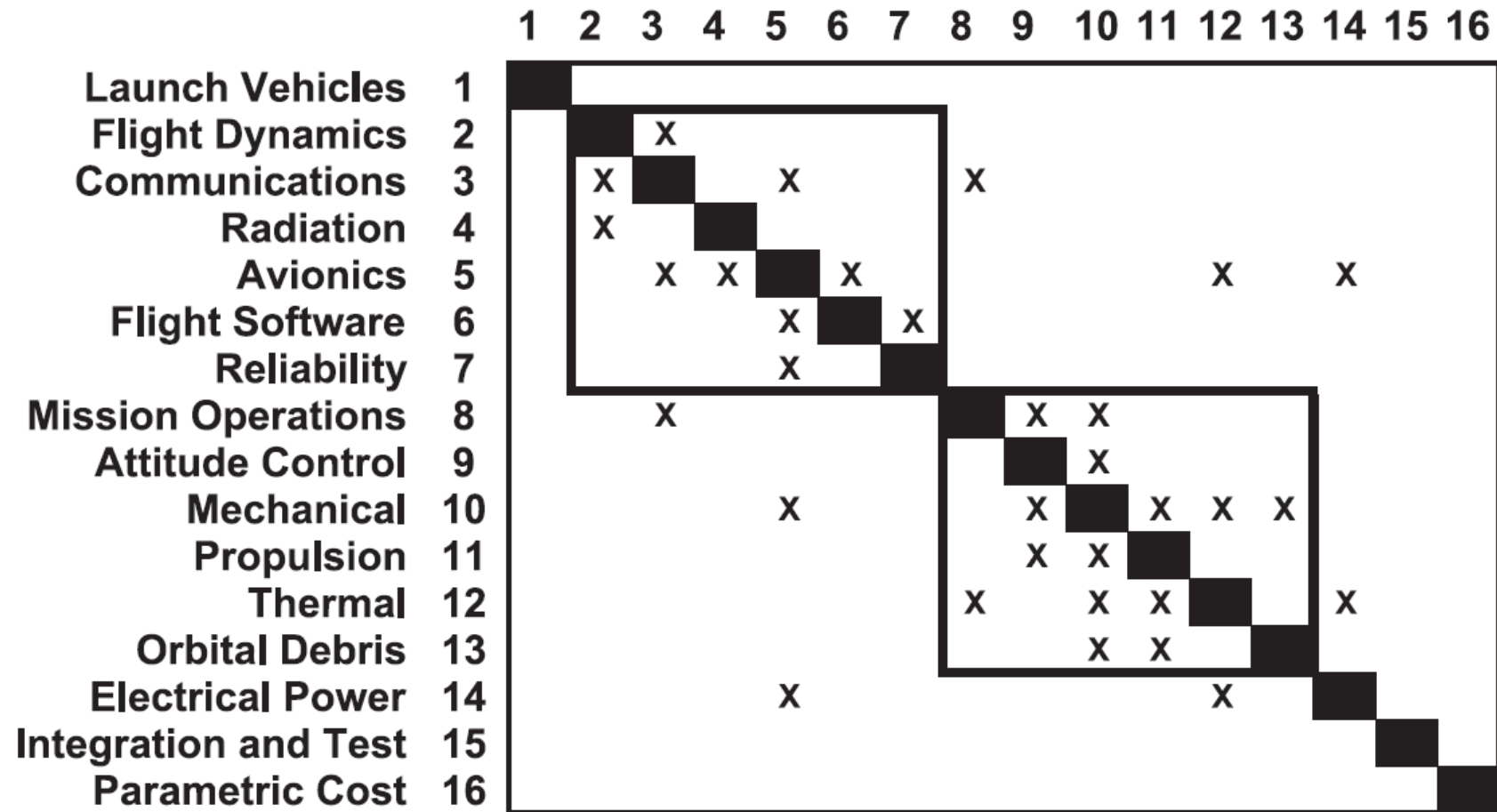
# Parameters exchange



**Fig. 2.** Parameter-based DSM for the typical ICE design process. The DSM is organized as an alphabetical sequence of the 16 disciplines involved. The blocks along the diagonal encapsulate the work that is internal to each discipline, and the off-diagonal marks represent information flow across disciplines.



# Dependencies among disciplines

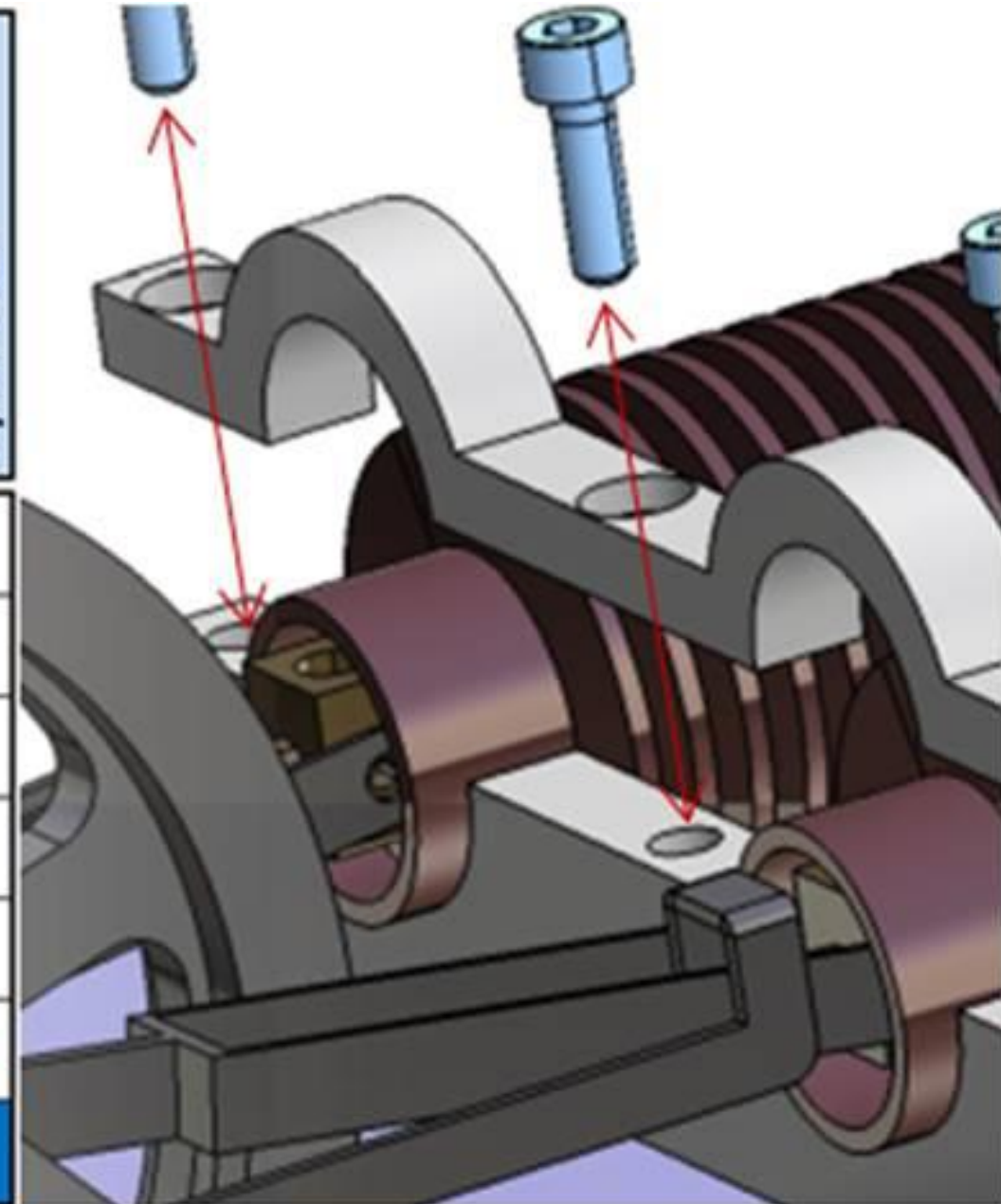


**Fig. 4.** Clustered team-based DSM for the ICE design process. Each mark indicates that the discipline in the row requires information from the discipline in the column due to one or more of the critical design trades (the loop types shown in [Table 2](#)).



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bolt 2
bolt 3
flange
base plate
cylinder body
cylinder

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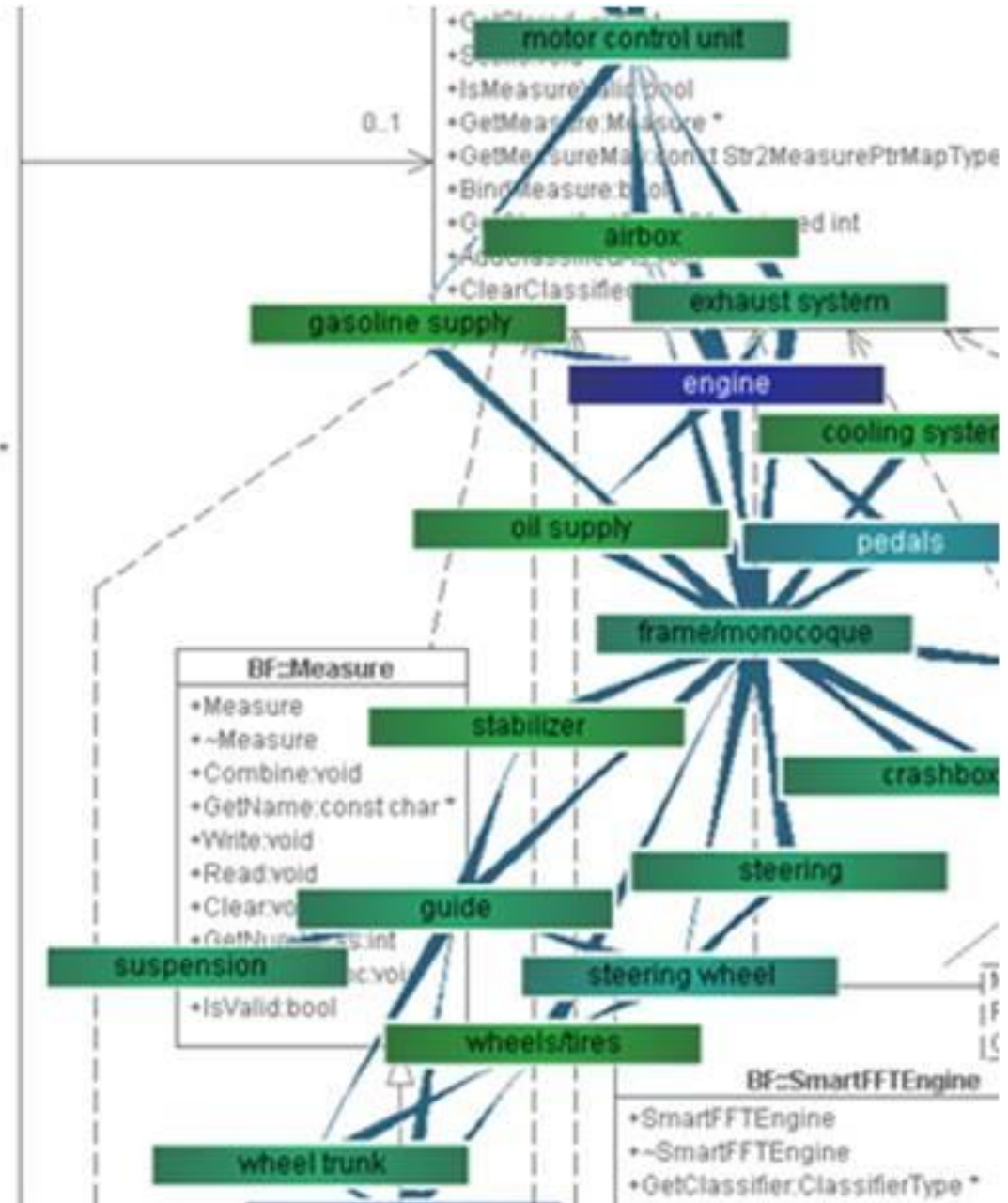


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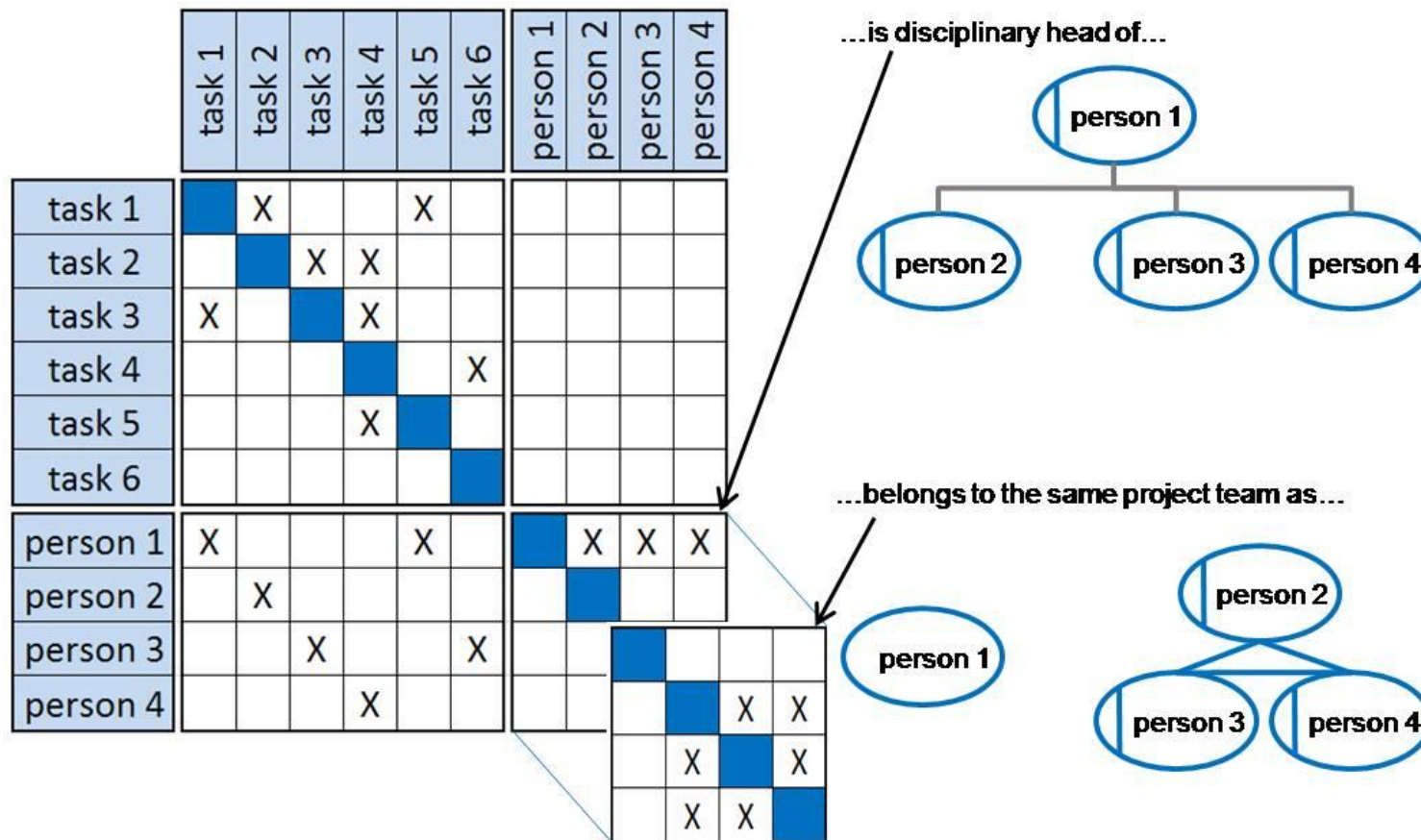
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# Multi-dimension DSM



- MDM allows analyzing a system's structure across multiple domains, condensing each single analysis into one DSM that represents multiple domains at a time.





# Other flavors

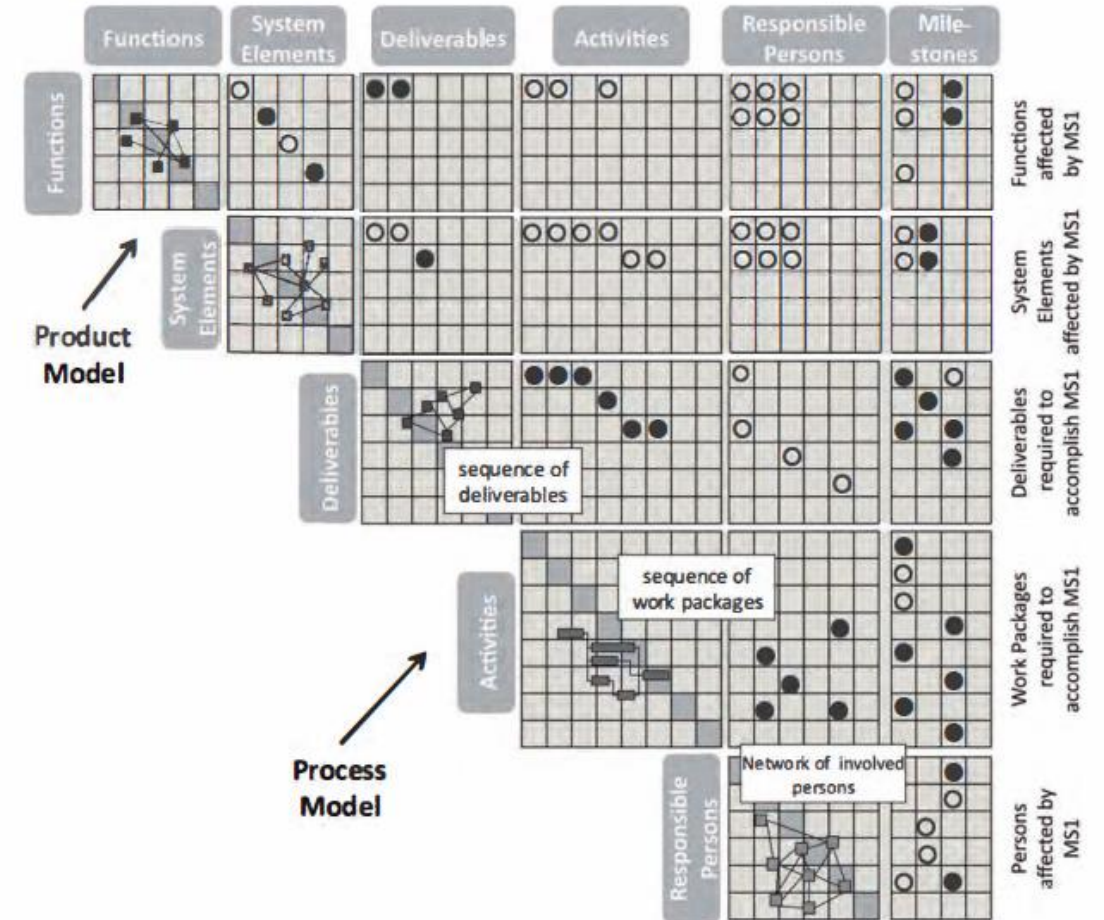
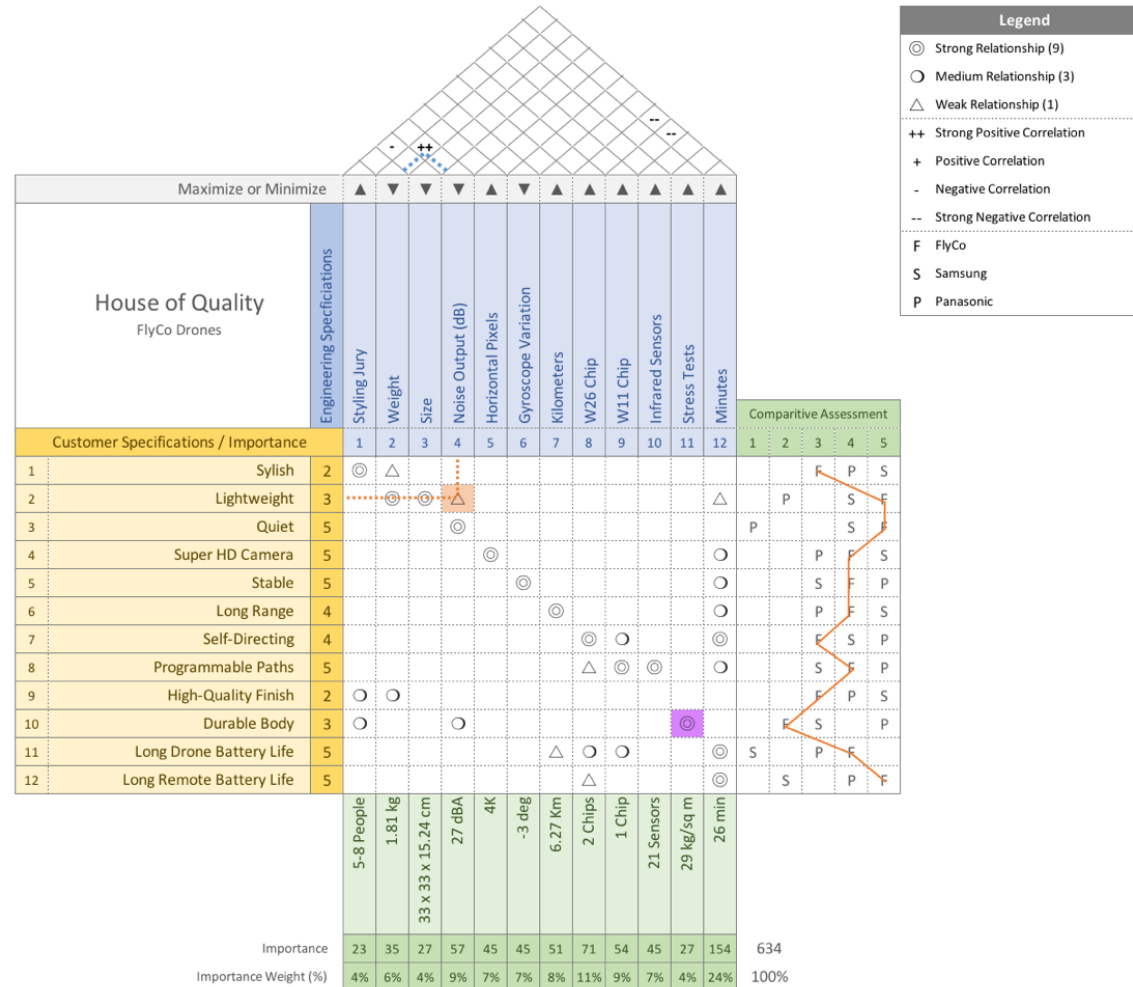
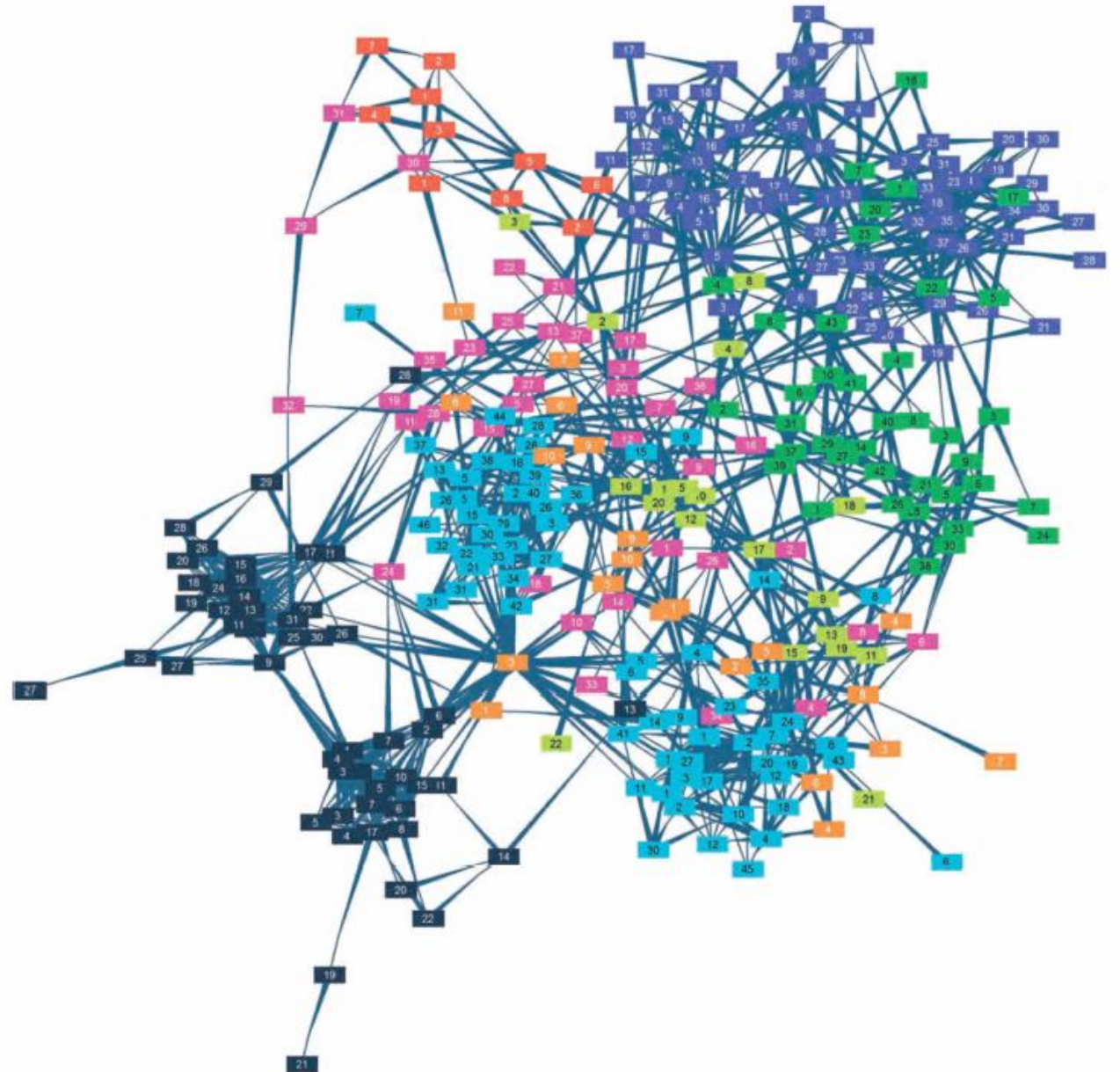


Figure 9.6.2  
Layout of the MDM used to analyze the product and its development process.



# On software

		Design Parameters							Relational Characteristics							
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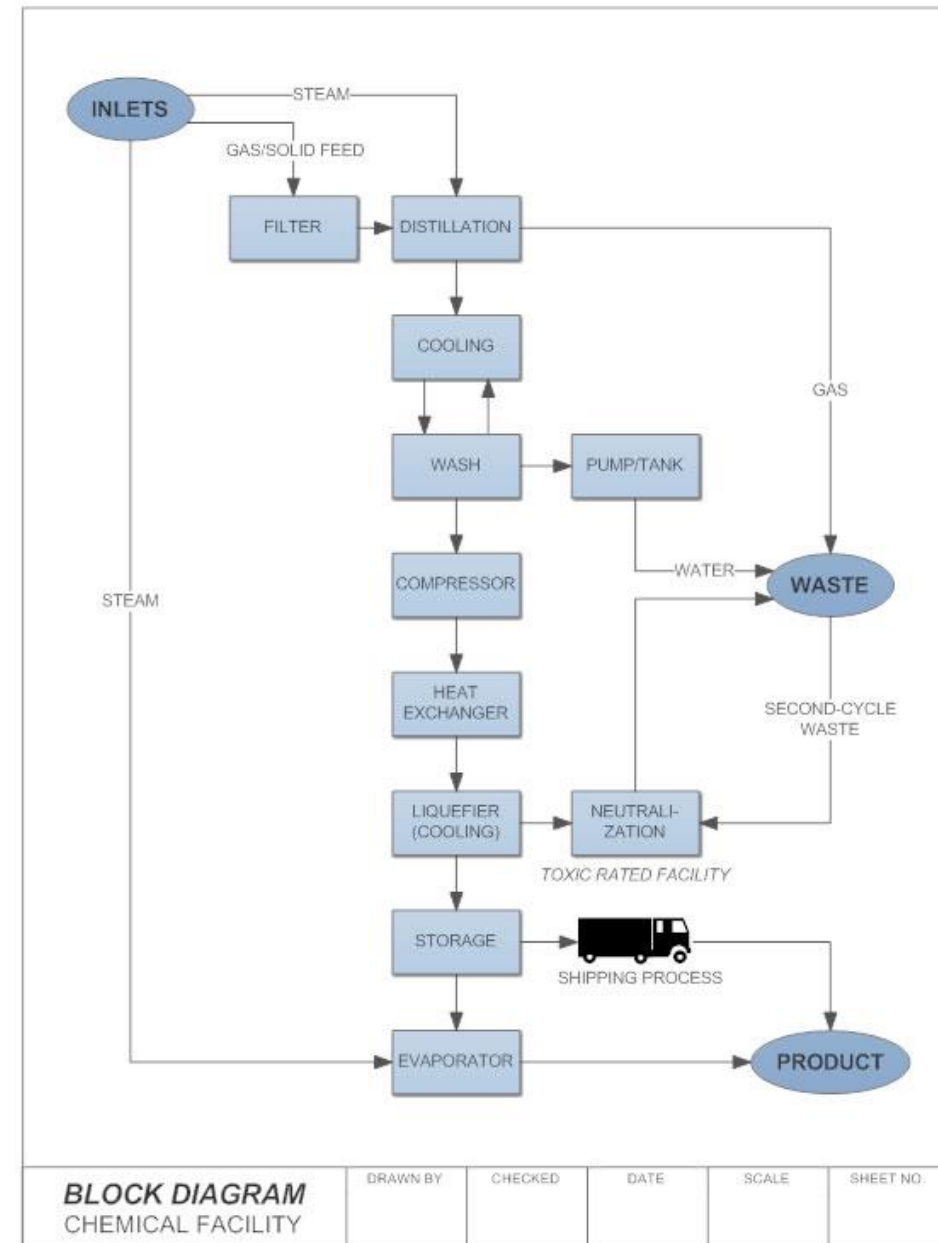
# Block Diagram





# What is a block diagram?

- A block diagram is a **specialized flowchart** used in engineering to visualize a **system at a high level**.
- Create your block diagram to **identify the most important components of your system** so you can focus on rapidly pointing out potential trouble spots.
- A block diagram is especially useful for **visualizing the inputs and outputs of your system**, while what happens in-between can remain in a black box.





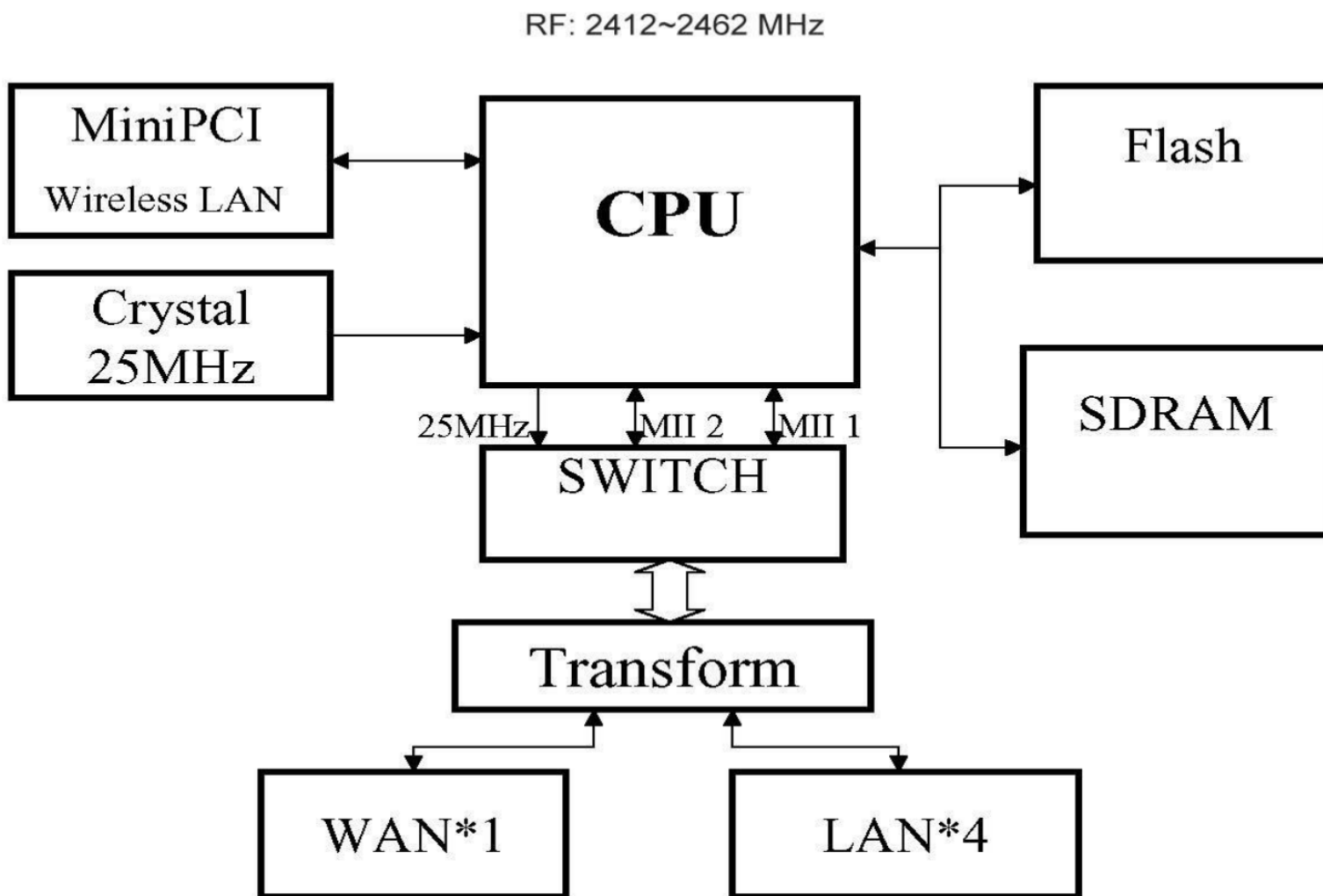
# Symbols

- Block diagrams use very basic geometric shapes: **boxes and circles**. The principal parts and functions are represented by blocks connected by **straight and segmented lines** illustrating relationships.
- When block diagrams are used in electrical engineering, the arrows connecting components represent the direction of signal flow through the system.
- Whatever any specific block represents should be written on the inside of that block.
- *A block diagram can also be drawn in increasing detail if analysis requires it.* Feel free to add as little or as much detail as you want using more specific symbols.



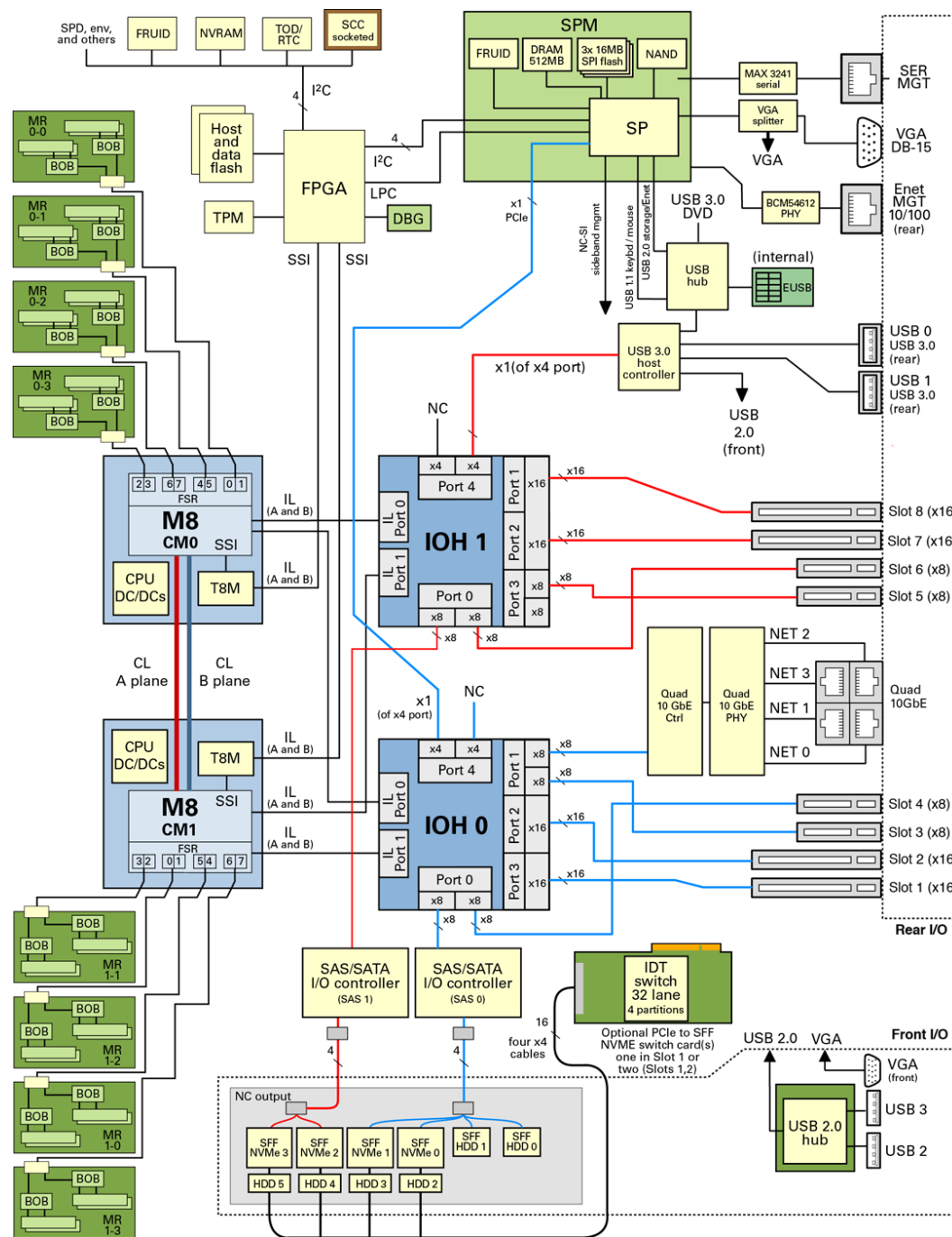
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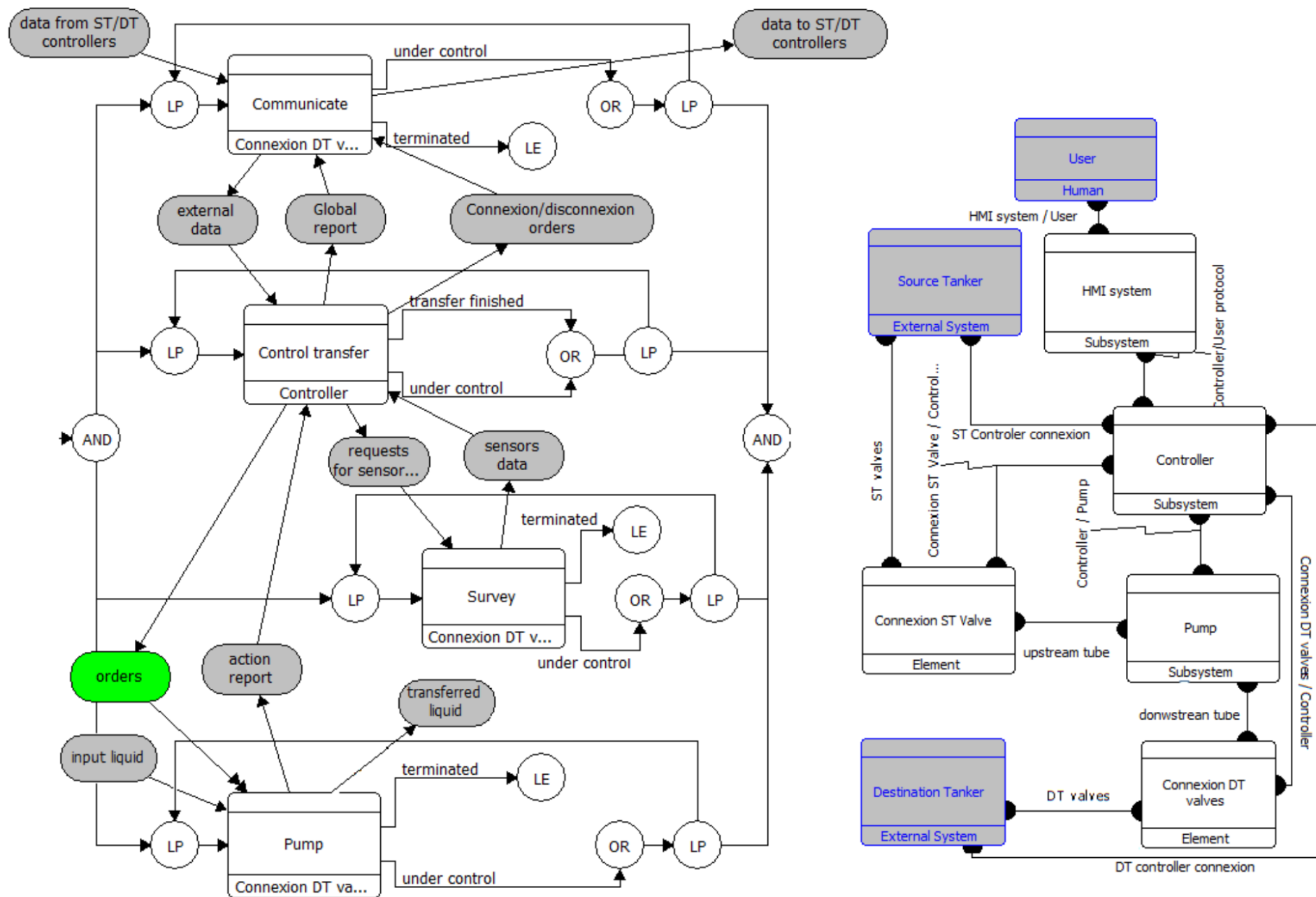
DI-524 Block Diagram





# Example:





**Figure 9. A functional (left) and physical (right) architecture of a liquid transfer system.**

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# Final Considerations



# Last words - Exercises

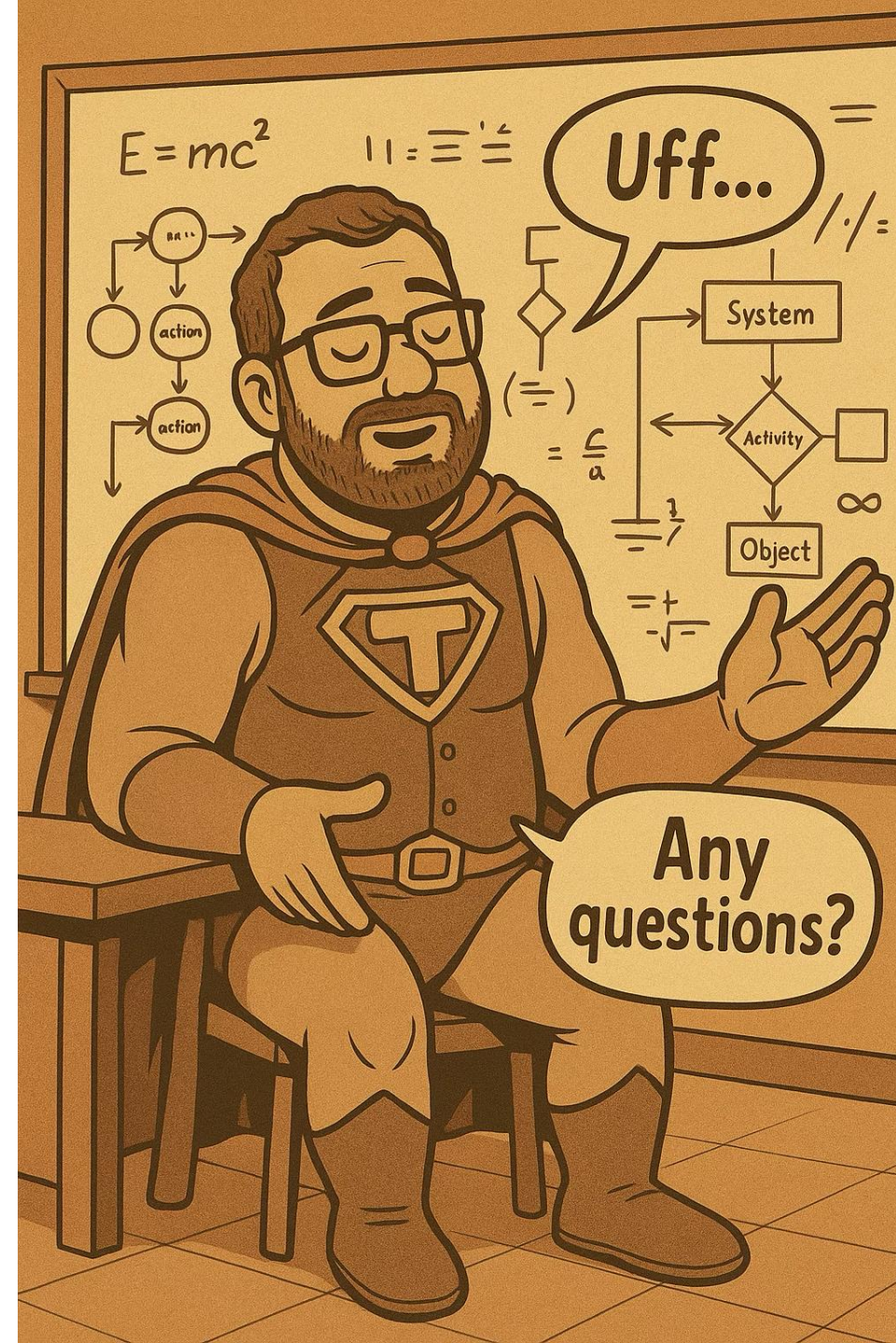
- Self-paced (no due-date – just joy)
  - A list of 20 cases to apply the classical diagrams.
- To deliver
  - A list of 10 conceptual questions at the Classroom (each click counts --- click Only if you are sure of the answer)
- To deliver ( class leader)
  - Send me a list of the groups w/ selected themes (asap)
  - Place on the collaborative document at the GClass, the names and links for the presentation / report.





# Last words

- Hope you enjoy these lectures
- Keep in mind that (Model based) Systems Engineering is one of EMBRAER's verticals.
- I'm available through the GClass, and through the Class Leader.
- We will dive into the MBSE – it will be useful on the third phase.







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# starting...

## “There is something” (MFS)



... on the journey to uncover the essence of abstraction.



# Example: Mosquito killing racket

