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IHE & IHE Catalyst: Advancing Interoperable MedTec Solutions with "Regulatory Submission Ready" Conformity Assessment



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Session Overview

IHE International & IHE Catalyst:
Advancing Interoperable MedTec Solutions with
"Regulatory Submission Ready" Conformity Assessment

- ❖ **The MedTech Device Interoperability Challenge**
- ❖ **New Generation of MDI Standards & Profiles + Communities**
- ❖ **Addressing MedTech Regulatory Realities**
- ❖ **Big Ideas! enabling “Regulatory Submission Ready” IHE CA**

The MedTech Device Interoperability Challenge

For some the challenge is “We’ve heard about this for decades! Why should we think that history will NOT repeat itself ... again?!”

For others, “Medical device interoperability? What’s the ‘big deal’ ... we’ve solved device interoperability challenges in many other industries?!”

Medical Device Interoperability Journey

40+ Year *Promise* of
Medical Device Interoperability:

As we ponder the NEXT 40 ...

*Why do we think it will be
any different?!*

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Does it have to be this hard?

Life-critical MedTech is HARD!

Is it a technology problem?

Not in the last 40 years!

Why such a challenge?



#1 Misaligned Business Drivers

#2 Incomplete Standards Solutions

Consider some exemplary MDI use cases:

- ❖ **Endoscopic/Laparoscopic Surgery** (OR focused)
- ❖ **Silent Bed** (ICU/ER focused)
- ❖ **Isolation Point-of-Care** (from Hospital to Home!)
- ❖ **MDIRA / Autonomous Medical Systems** (from OR to trauma site)

Compendium of MDI Oriented Use Cases
compiled by IHE Devices co-Chair Ken Fuchs ...

Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise



IHE Patient Care Devices (PCD)
Compendium of Medical Device
Oriented Use Cases

Companion to the “Service-oriented Device
Point-of-Care Interoperability (SDPi)”
White Paper

*Device-to-Device Connectivity in High-Acuity Healthcare
Environments using Web Services Technology*

Revision 1.0

Date: August 1, 2019
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https://wiki.ihe.net/index.php/SDC@IHE_White_Paper

MedTech Customer Need: Surgery Augmented Reality

The Customer Need – Information Availability



The ability to view settings of surgical devices like HF surgical devices or laparoscopic light sources as overlay on the laparoscopic view.



HF Device



Light Source



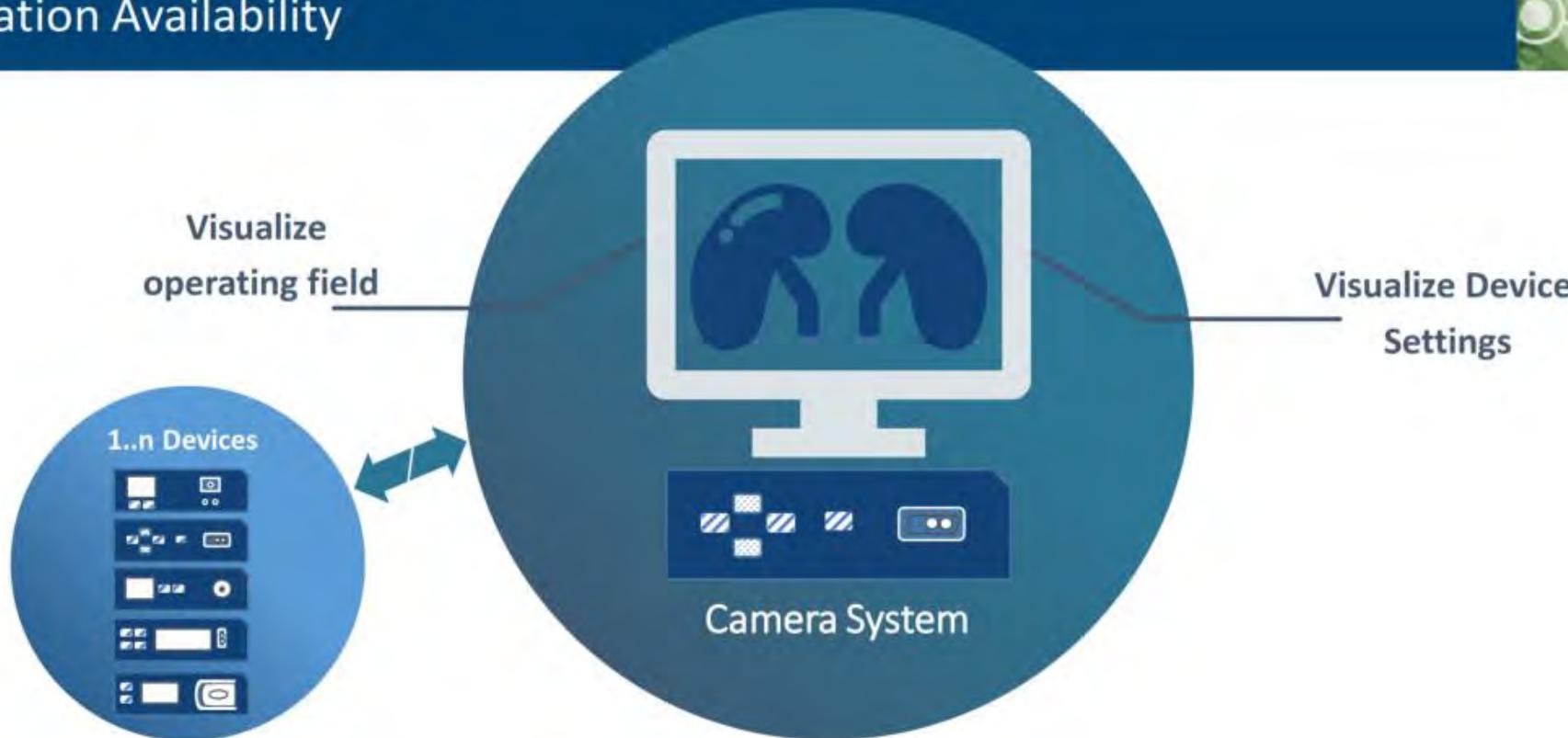
Camera System

Source: <https://www.drbillhefley.com/the-importance-of-minimally-invasive-surgery/>

► Interoperable Medical Device System for information awareness without distracting the surgeon from the procedure.

MedTech Customer Need: Surgery Augmented Reality

Addressing the Customer Need Information Availability



Laparoscopic camera system to visualize the operating field with overlaid device settings information of connected surgical equipment.

The Customer Need – Isolation Room Remote Control



„Ingenuity.. this is one of MANY things that make me proud to be part of a great group of Respiratory Therapists! Removing the control monitor of Hamilton G5 ventilator and linking outside a closed door. RTs effectively limiting exposure and conservation of PPE!“ – A. Smith BS, RRT-ACCS on LinkedIn

The ability to view patient data as well as device settings and control devices from outside the patient's room, as well as be informed about the alarm status.



Ventilators



Infusion Pumps



Patient Monitor



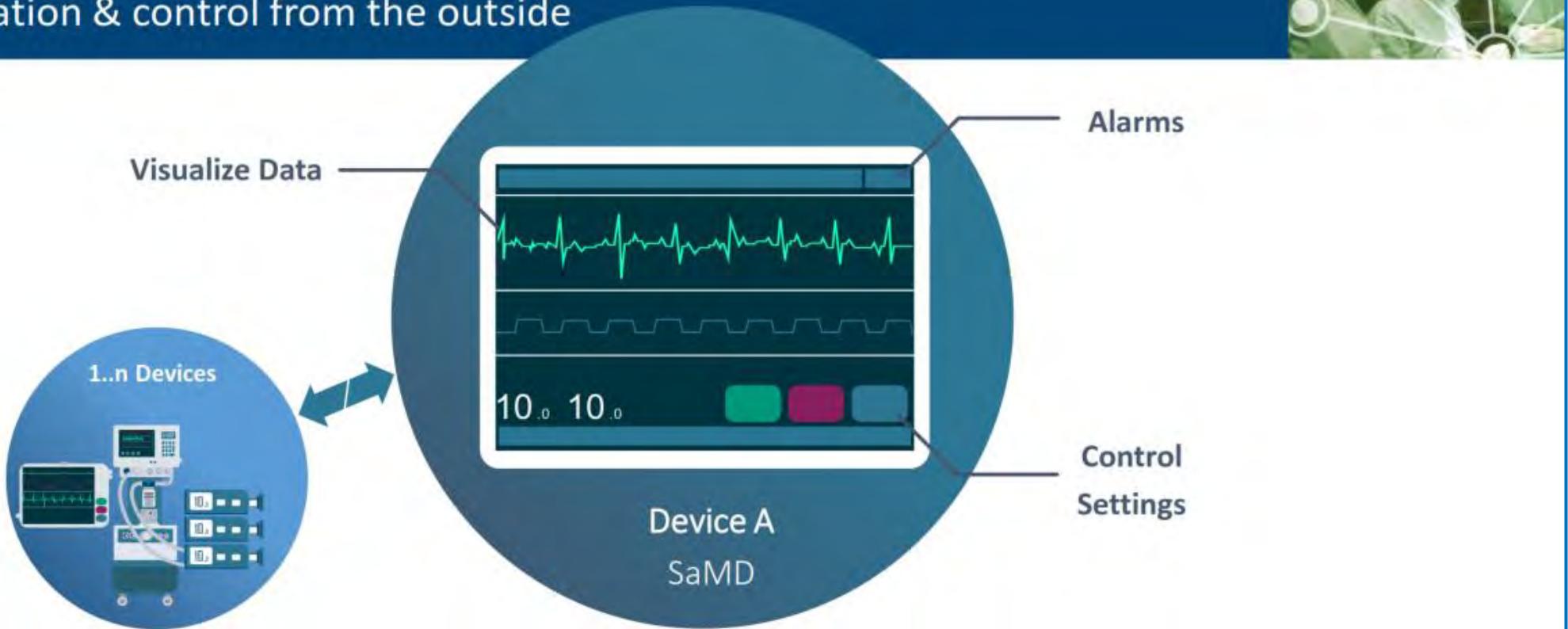
Isolation Room Controller

Interoperable Medical Device System for information awareness and control that **limits staff exposure**.

MedTech Customer Need: Isolation Room Remote Control

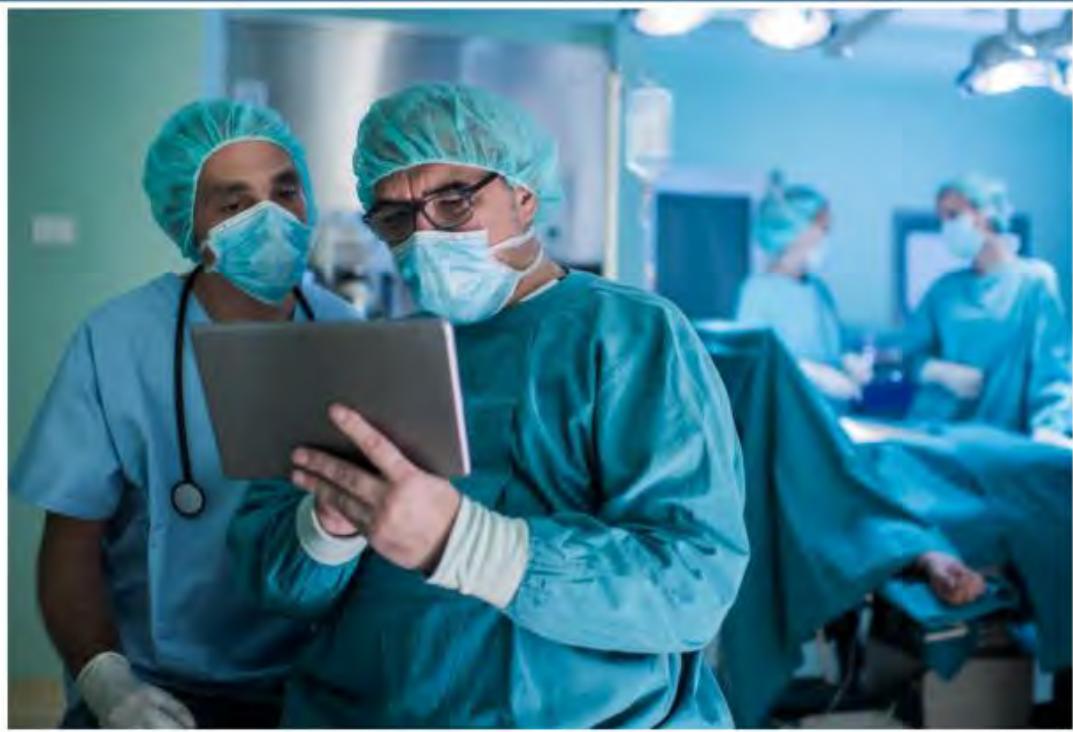
Addressing the Customer Need

Information & control from the outside



Limiting staff exposure by a Software as a Medical Device allows the medical staff to view the aggregated patient's status, alarms and to control the patient's devices.

Interoperability Applications



Data-Driven Clinical Application

... “Real-time” patient status, Remote supervisor support, Remote Control, Isolation Rooms



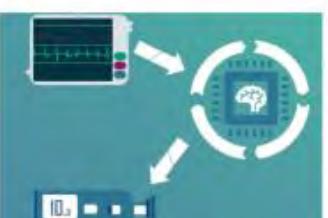
Automated Documentation

... for Data Analytics, Forensic Documentation, Reimbursement



Care Automation

...OR Planning, OR Setup Assistance, Device Setting Recommender, Physiological Closed-Loop Controller



There exists a customer need for applications that would benefit from interoperability!

MedTech Interoperability Reality: Virtually “Nonexistent”

Interoperability Challenges



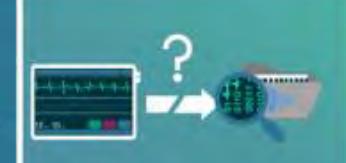
Conventional Medical Devices

Generate a lot of data about the patient, the current workflow, and about their configuration.



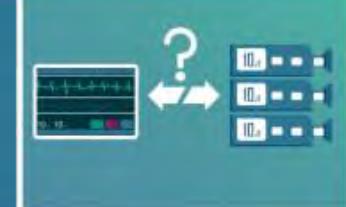
Limited Data Availability

Devices have either no digital export interface or proprietary protocols that have to be manually integrated.



Limited External Control

Devices have either no or limited external control interface.



„Interoperability¹ is an almost nonexistent feature of medical devices“

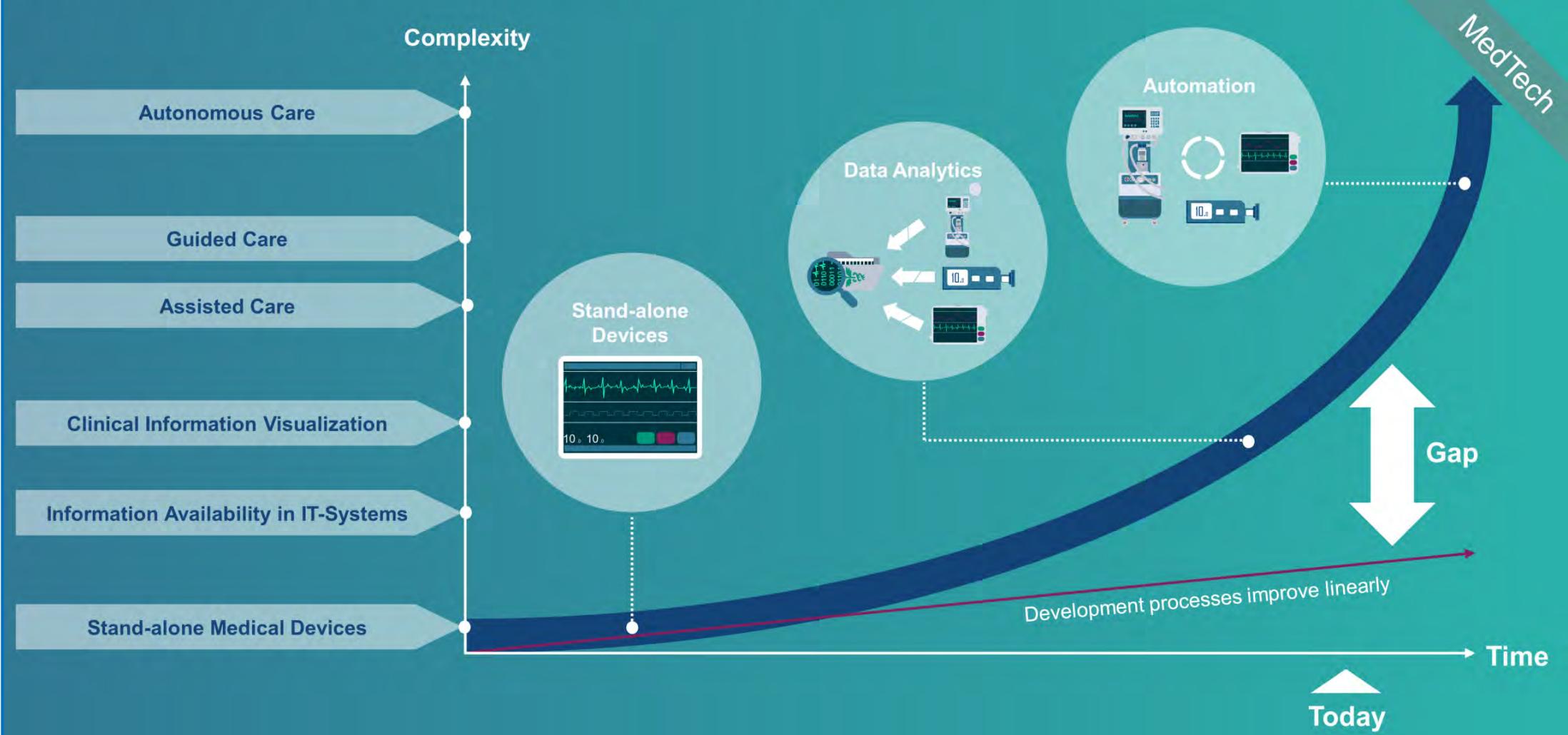
- Lesh et al 2007

¹Based on FDA Interoperability Guidance (2017) see

MedTech Challenges – Complexity!

The Need for Systems Engineering
Complexity of development is increasing exponentially

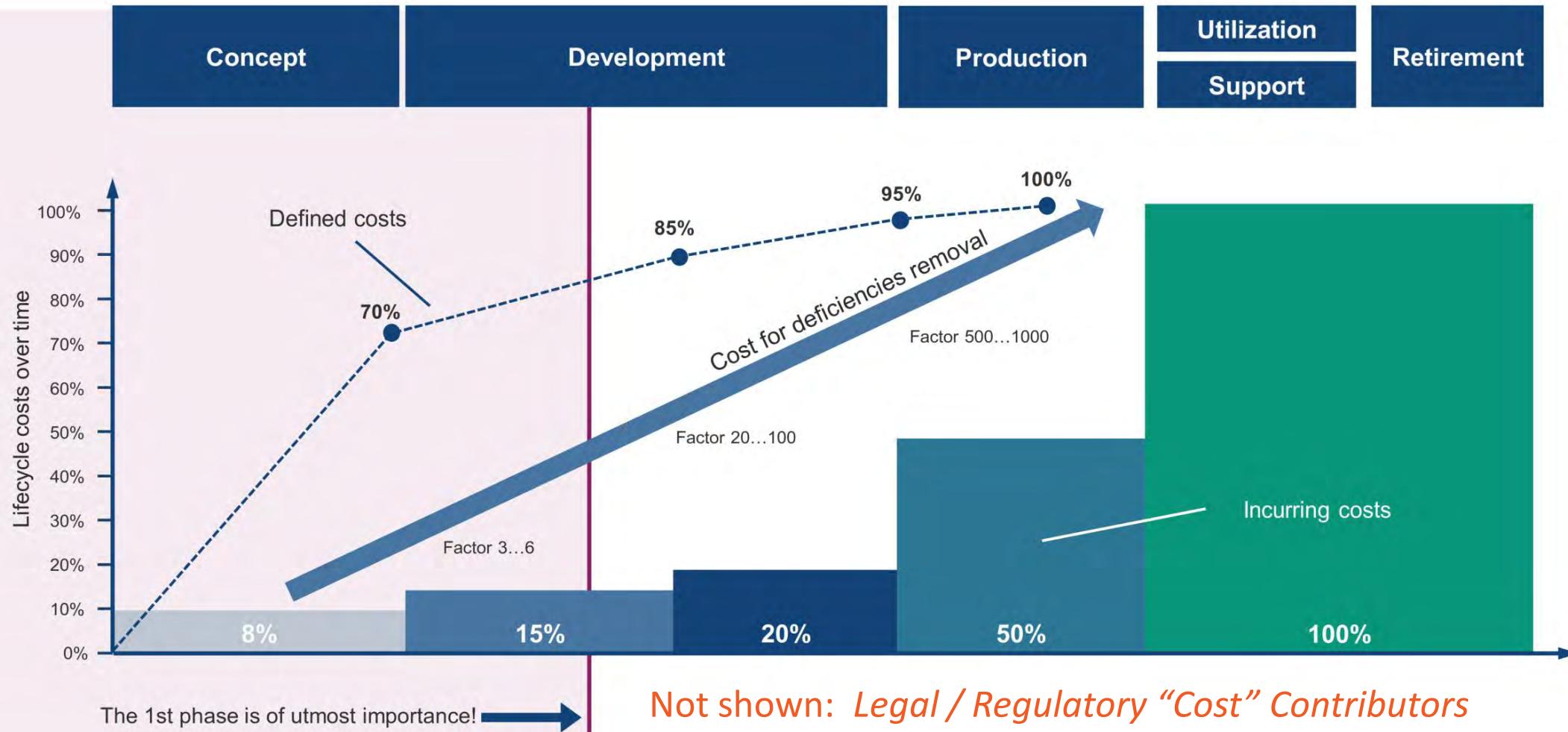
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MedTech Challenges – Total Product Lifecycle Cost

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Defined Costs vs. Incurring Costs during the Life Cycle



MedTech Interoperability – Open ?'s

MedTech Interoperability Challenges and Open Questions abound ...

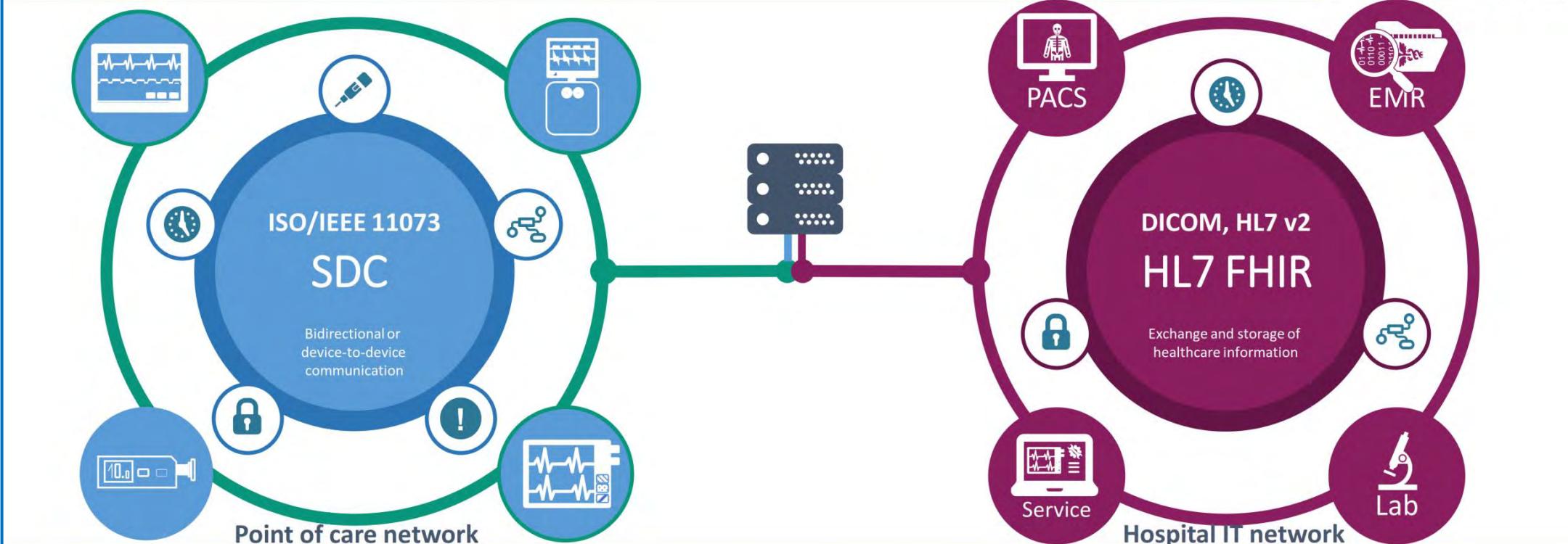
- ❖ Technology constantly evolves but *MedTech product life cycles are loooooong!*
- ❖ What is a medical device? “SaMD” and *Medical “Apps”?*!
- ❖ Implementing mostly non-regulated health ICT in a *regulated device ecosystem*
- ❖ *Risk management* of “component products” in a *decoupled ecosystem*
- ❖ Integrating standards-based requirements and specifications in a *MedTech product development management tool chain*
- ❖ ...

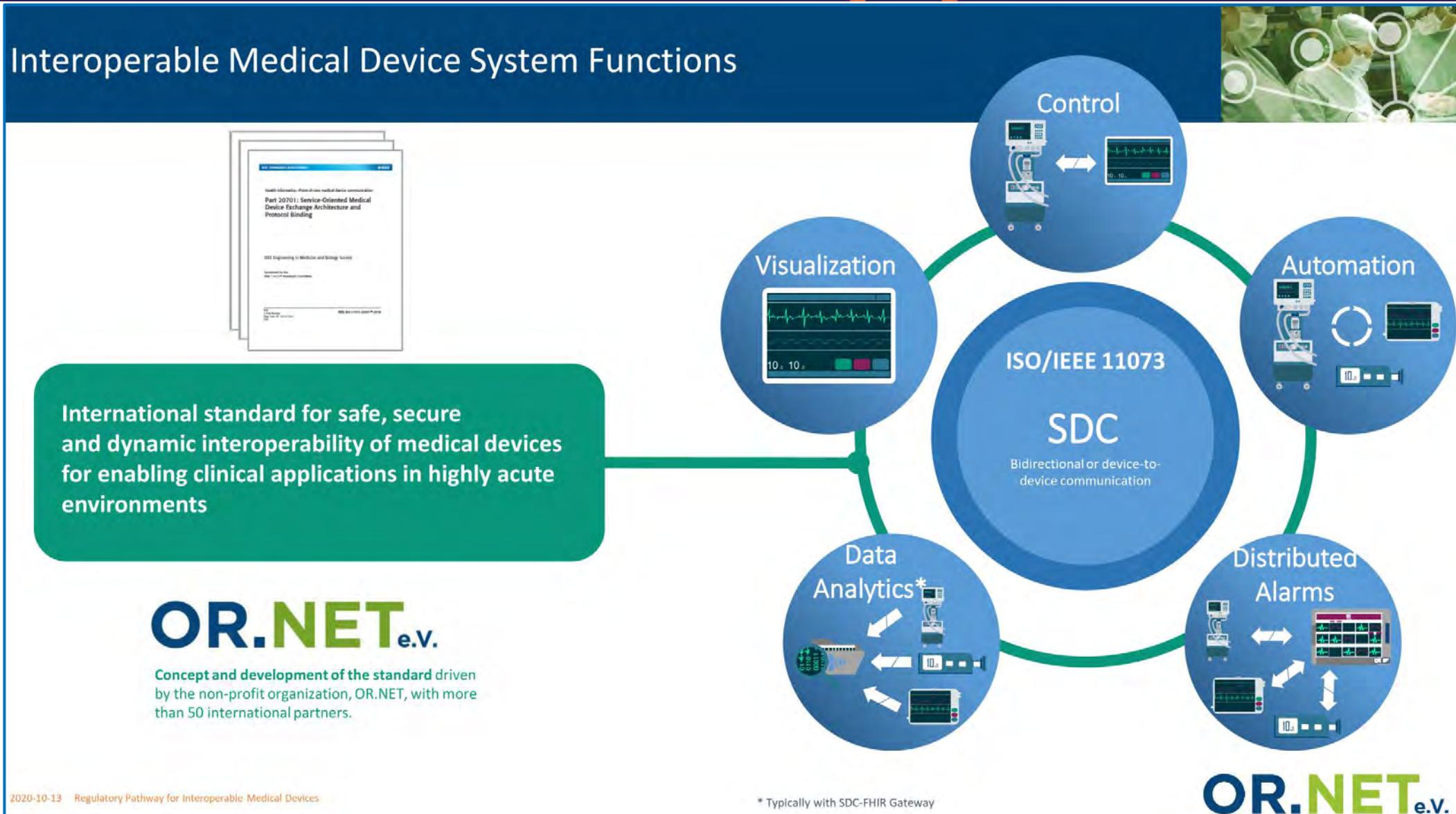
Conclusion: *To break out of the “40 year wander” cycle, we have to do differently and do better – enabling significant implementer value chain improvements*

New Generation of MDI Standards & Profiles + Communities

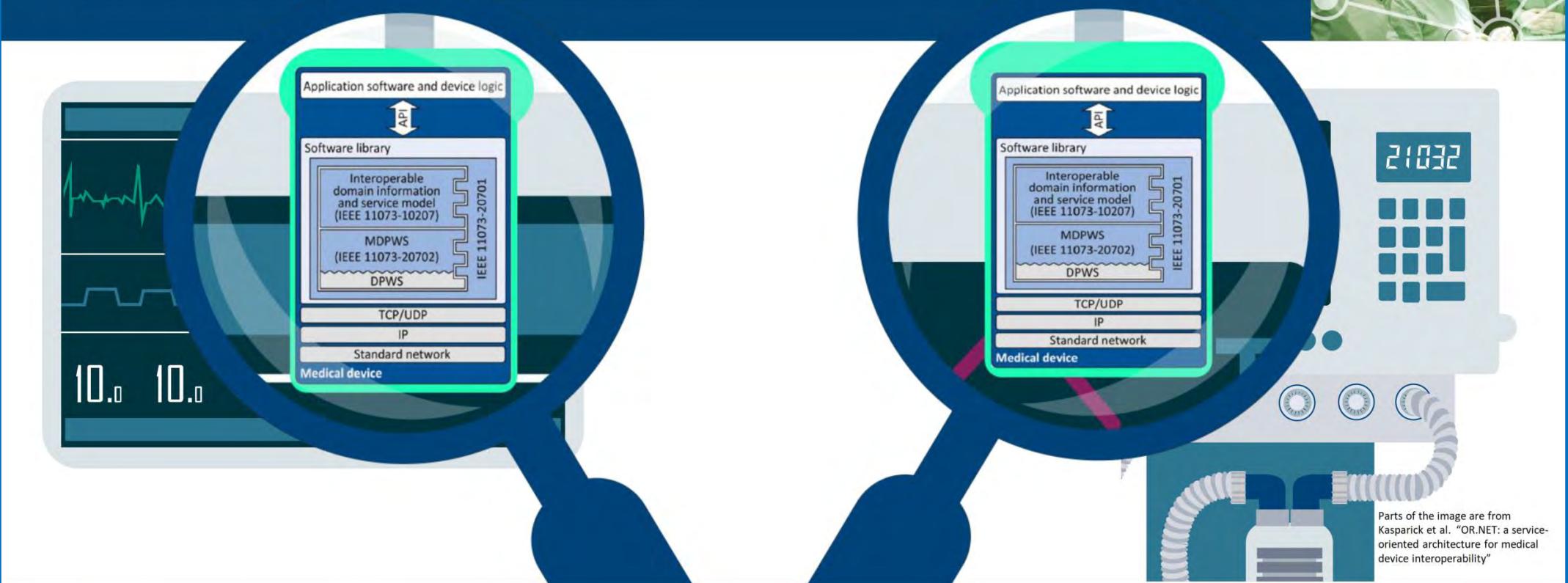
The stage is set for finally breaking through to realizing open standards-based medical device interoperability due to a new generation of ISO/IEEE 11073 standards, IHE profiles of those standards and a broad international community that has embraced and is advancing real-world implementations ...

The Interoperability Standards Landscape



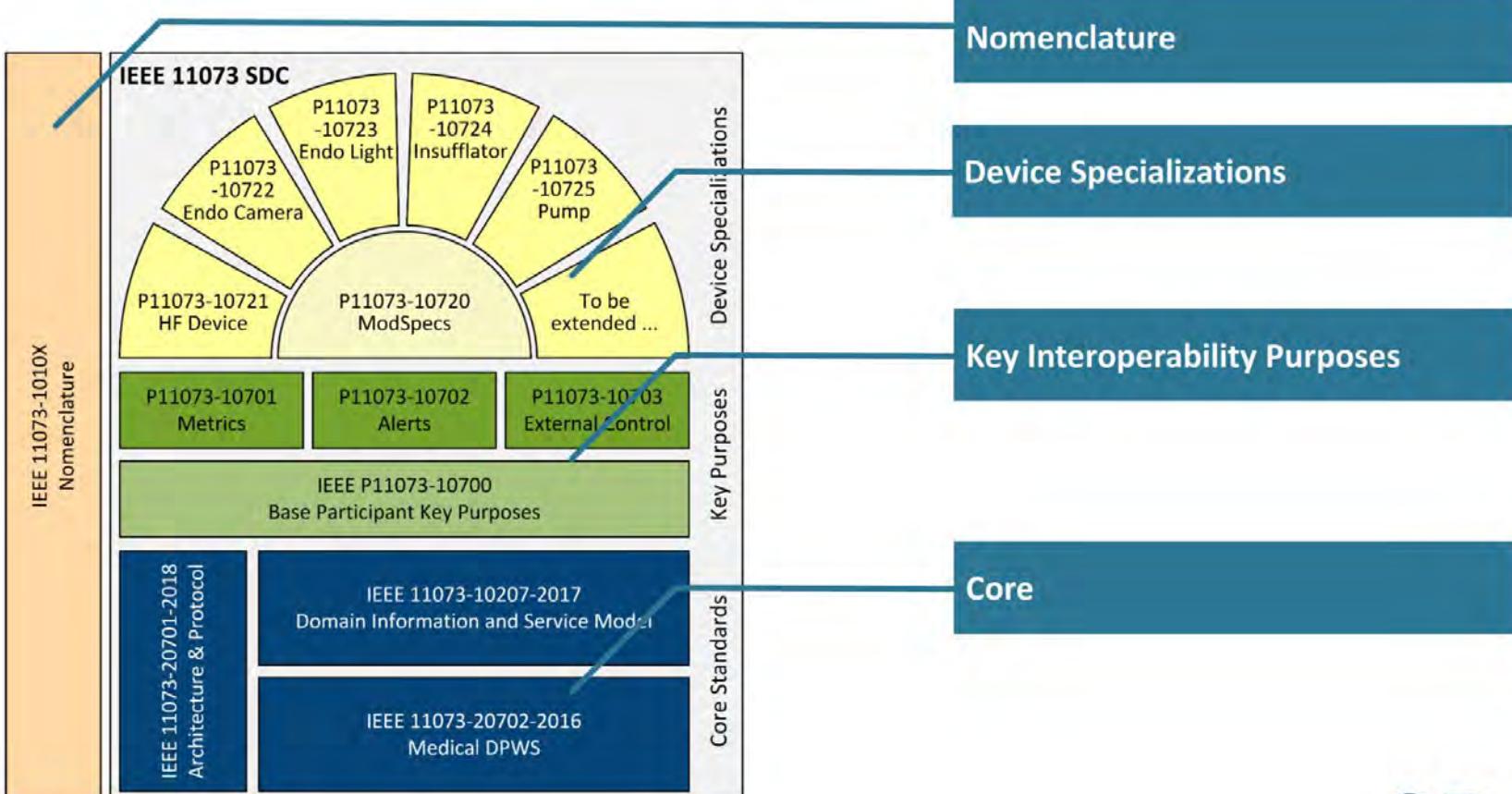


Service-oriented Device Connectivity



ISO/IEEE 11073 SDC – An international standard for interoperable **exchange of real time information** between medical devices and external systems in dynamic IP networks

The SDC Standards Family



Service-oriented Device Point-of-care Interoperability (SDPi)

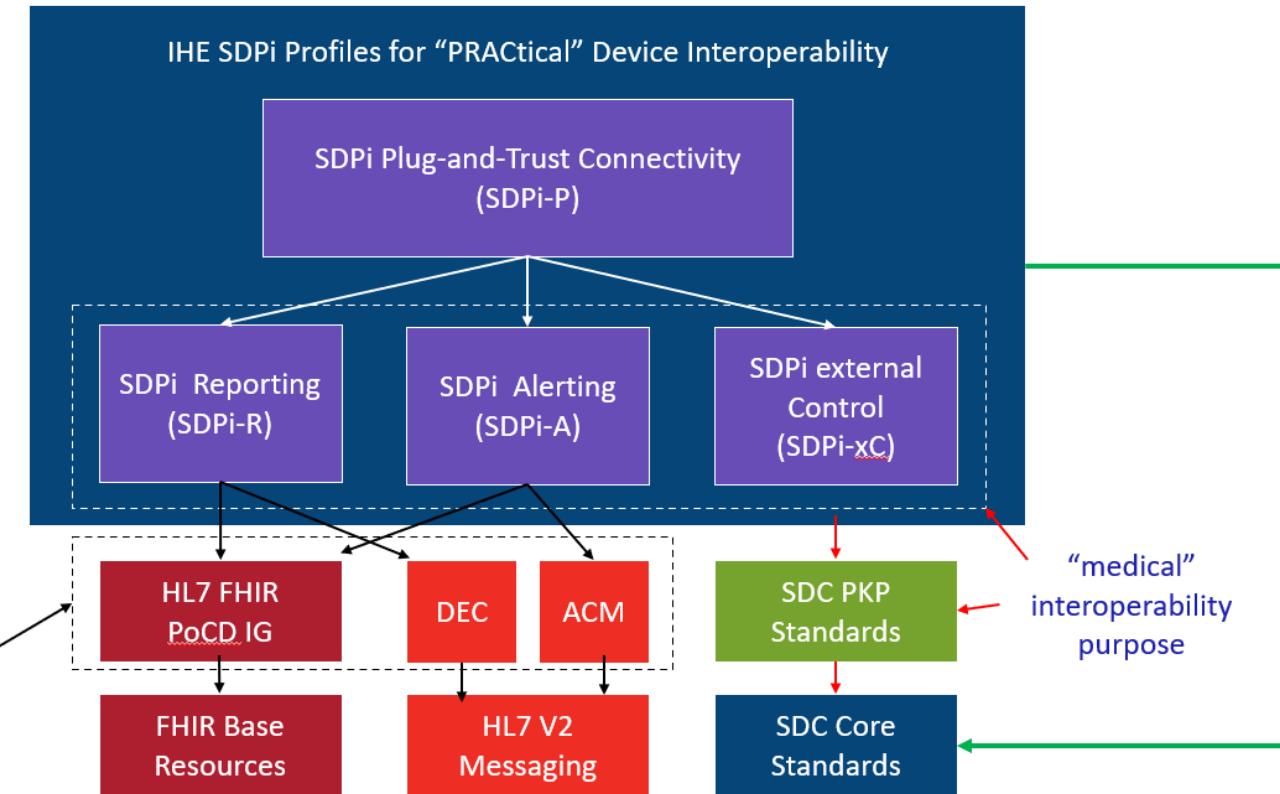
✓ Four profile specifications:

- SDPi-P for Plug-and-Trust Interoperability
- SDPi-R for Reporting Medical Information
- SDPi-A for Alerting
- SDPi-xC for External Controlling

IHE “Gateway”
Actors Defined

✓ Three IHE DEV TF Volumes:

- TF-1 Profiles / use cases / actors / ...
- TF-2 Transactions / MDPWS messaging
- TF-3 BICEPS content modules / device specializations



See draft SDPi Supplement Word Document for additional content detail & outline

(<https://github.com/IHE/sdpi-fhir/tree/master/SDPi%20Supplement/SDPi%20Rev%201.0>)



Making
Healthcare
Interoperable



IHE-HL7 Gemini MDI SDPi+FHIR – *Project Update*

for

Joint IEEE / HL7 / IHE Working Group Meetings

2021.01.27 (Finalized 2021.02.19)

Year 3 Update @
<https://confluence.hl7.org/x/Xzf9Aw>



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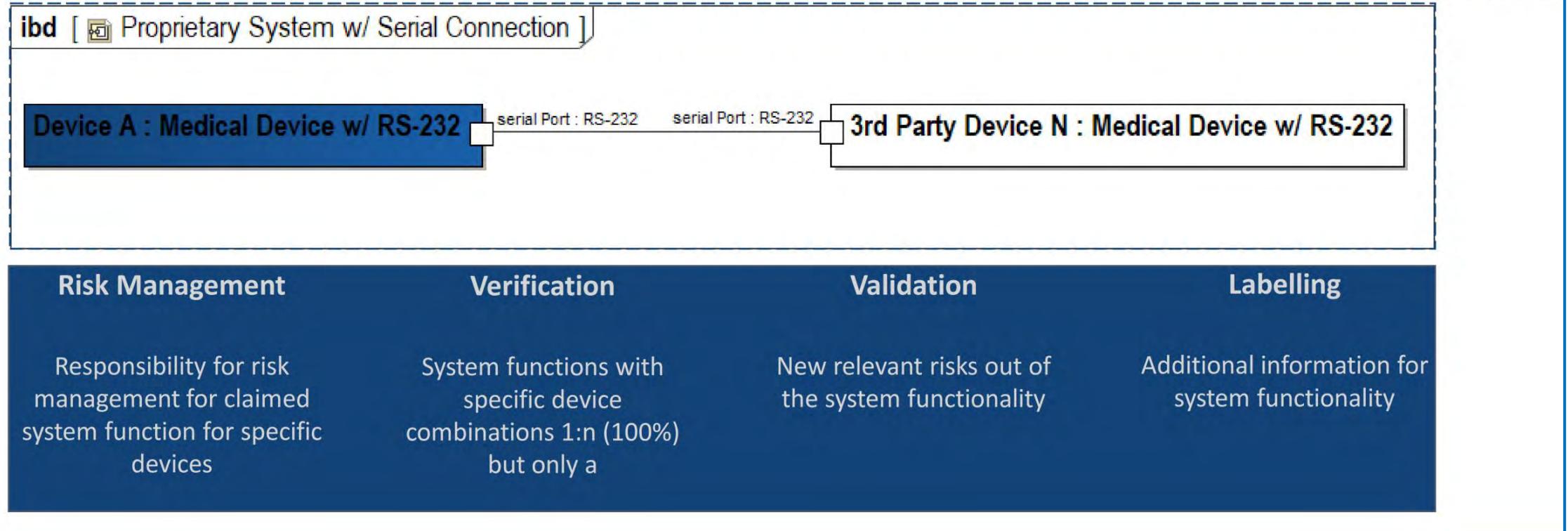
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Addressing MedTech Regulatory Realities

For all MedTech products, getting to the market includes having to navigate regulatory requirements and challenges – interoperability standards communities have not provided a cohesive, integrated approach for applying their standards, leaving the burden largely on the backs of product developers – we must do better!

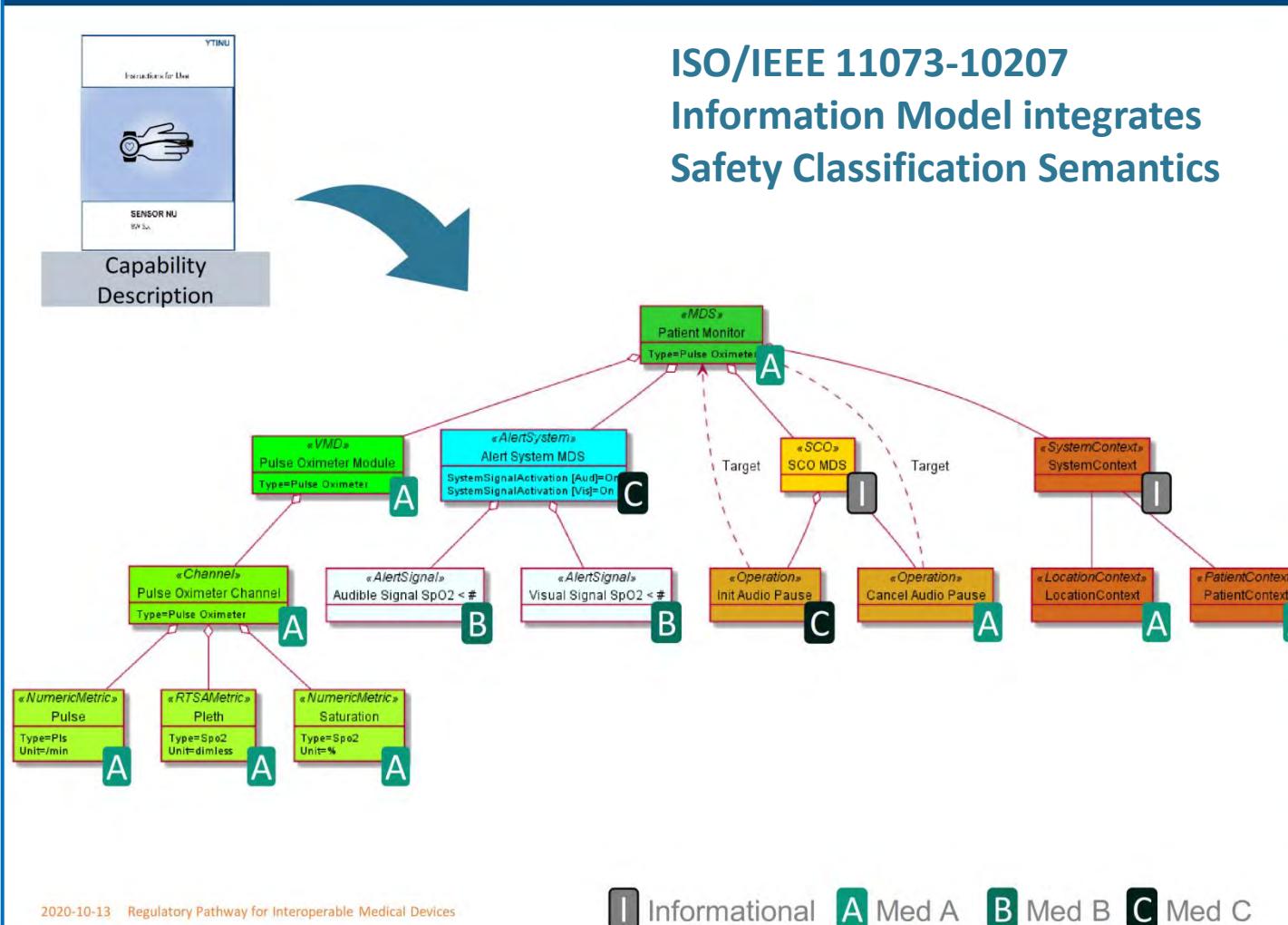
Established approach today



Manufacturer of “Device A” performs Risk Management, V&V and Labelling for the System Function of the combined proprietary system.



Safety Classification Concept



Safety Classification

The **Capability Description** of an SDC Service Provider comprises a Safety Classification attribute.

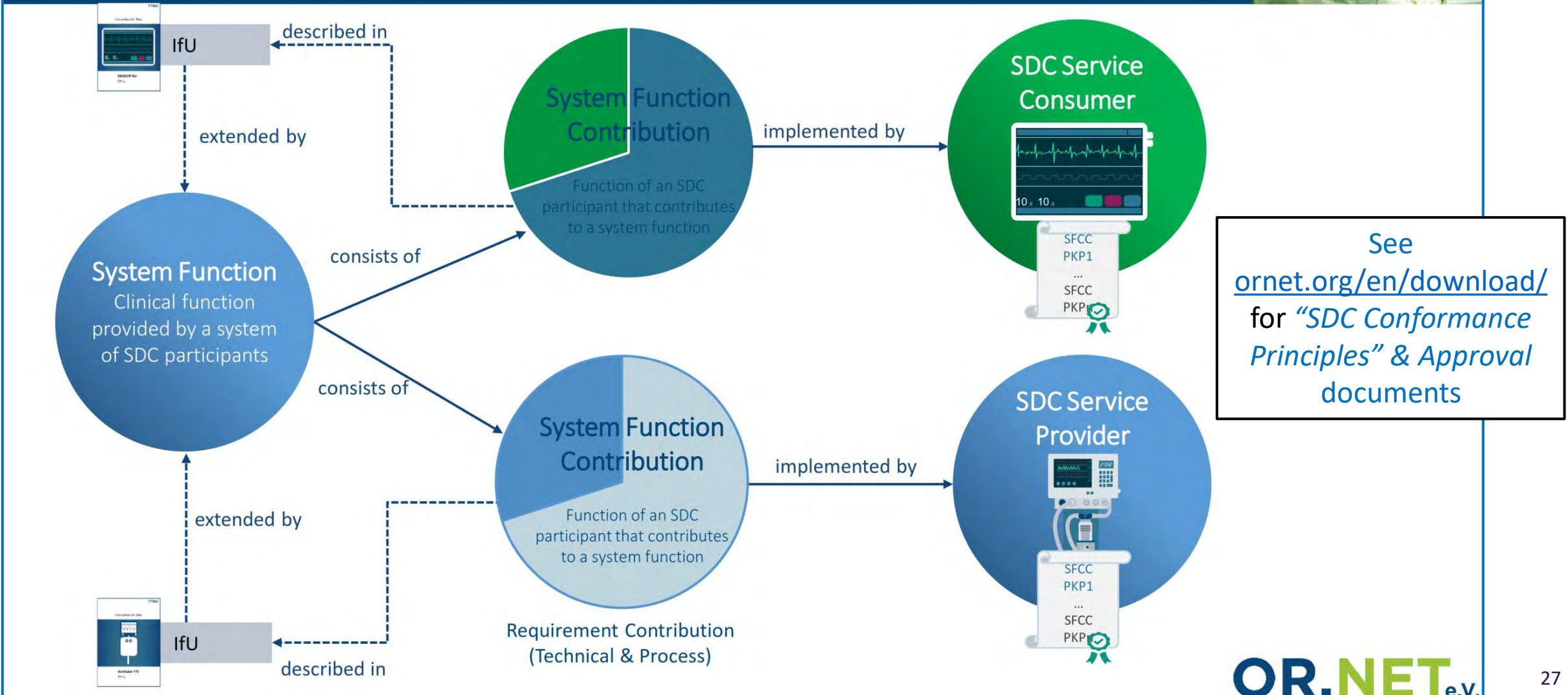
Indicator from the SDC Service Provider to the SDC Service Consumer on how the Manufacturer of the SDC Service Provider has considered the intended use of the Containment Tree Entry in its Risk Management.

4 Safety Classes exist:

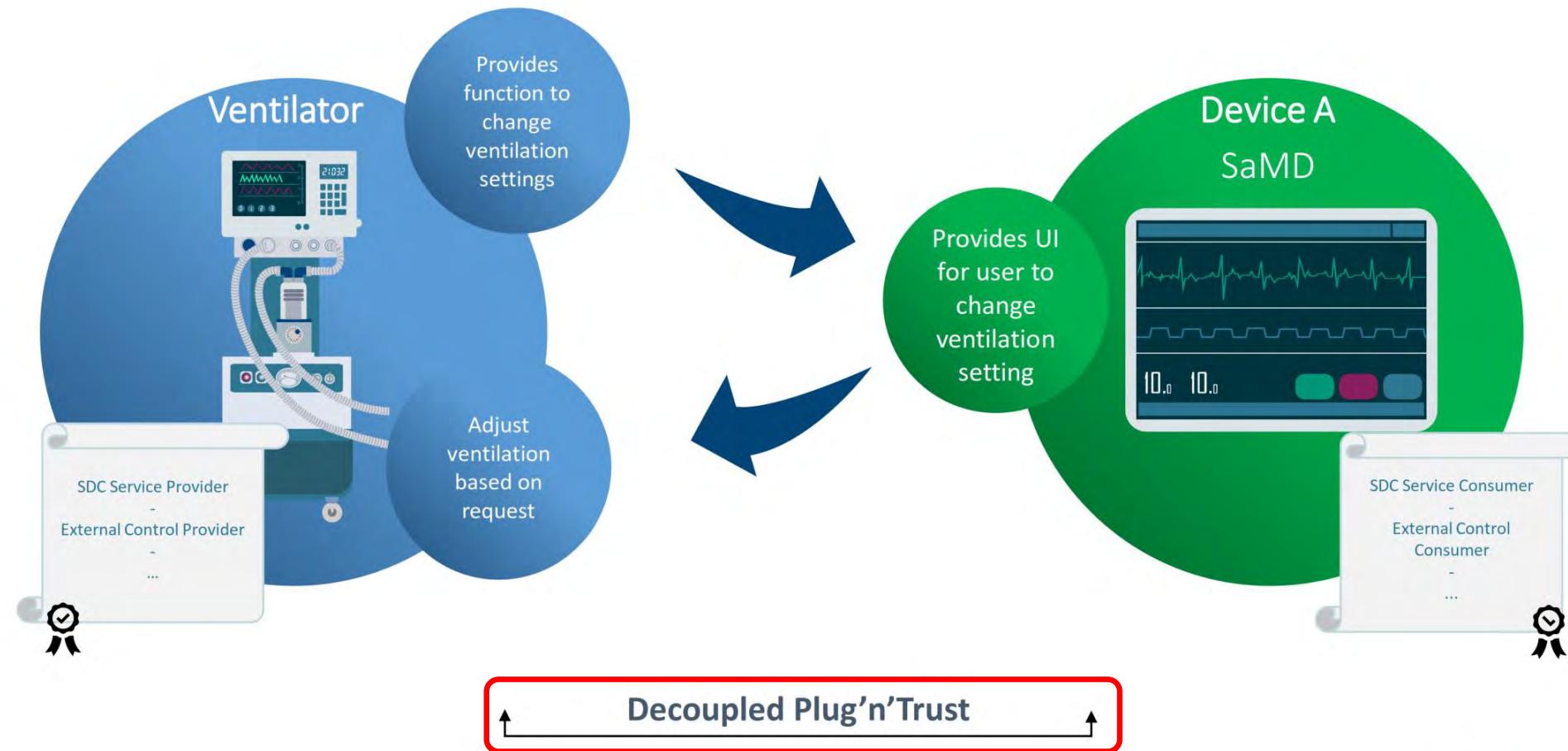
- Informational,
- Medical Class A, Medical Class B, Medical Class C

It should be noted that the classes are not equal to the safety classes from IEC 62304.

System Functions & System Function Contributions

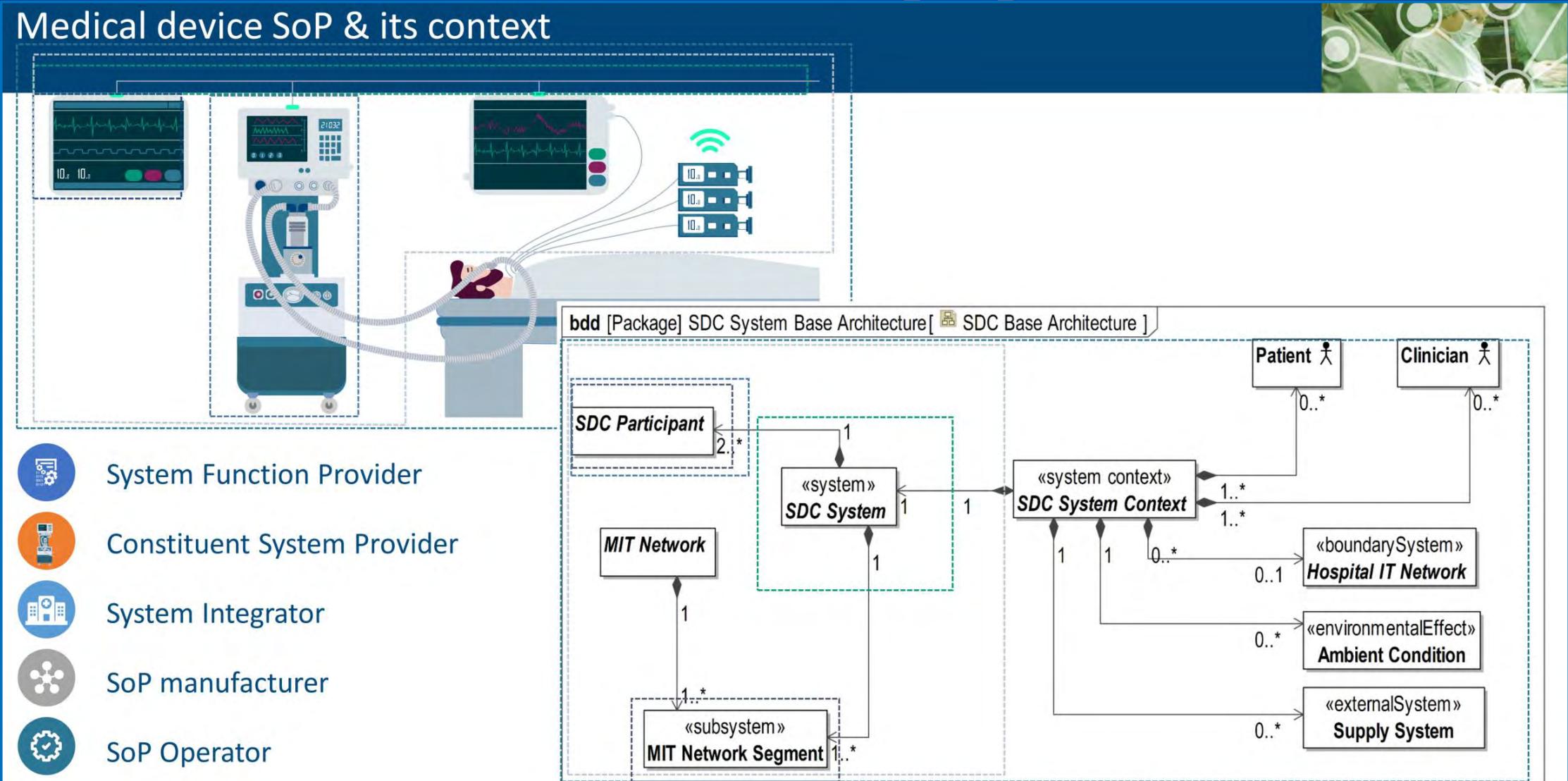


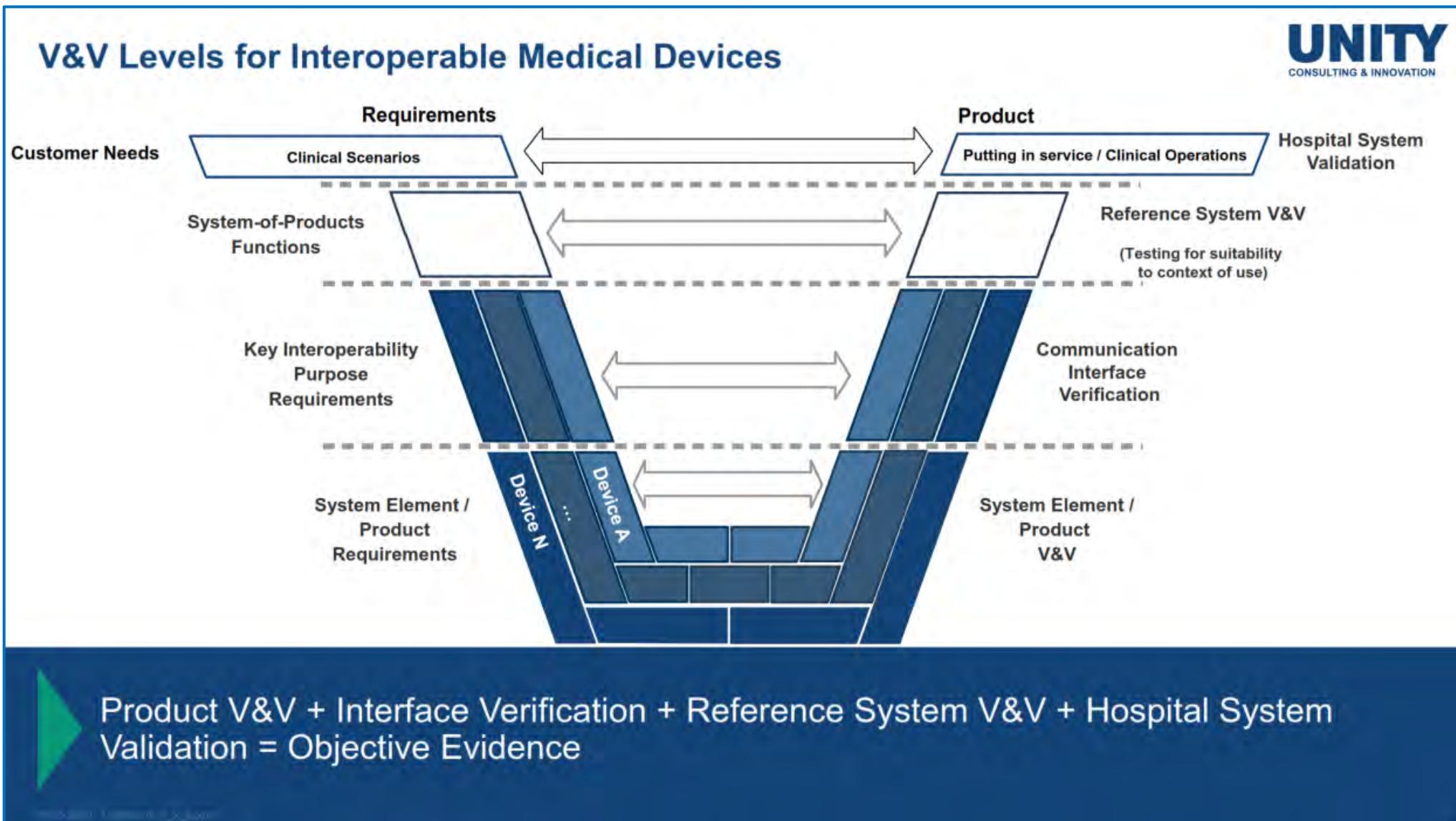
Example: External Control of Ventilator using Device A



MedTech Regulatory Pathway – Core to SDC/SDPi Specifications

Medical device SoP & its context

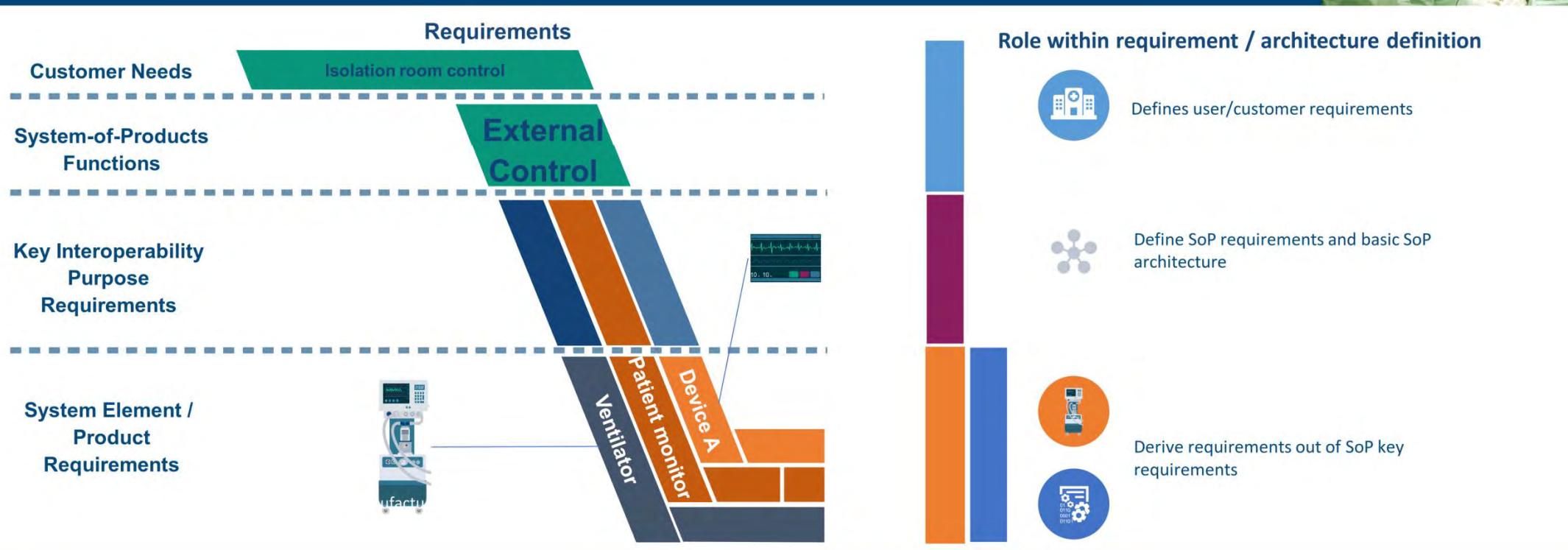




MedTech Regulatory Pathway – Core to SDC/SDPi Specifications

Implication of interoperable SoP on Requirement / Architecture

Traditional SE approach cannot fulfill the requirements



Using the traditional SE approach leads to a lack of responsibility between the User requirements of the system-of-product and the system requirements / architecture of the constituent systems and functions

Responsibility and Validation Challenges

Verification and validation responsibilities



V & V for integration into surrounding SoP (e.g. hospital network)



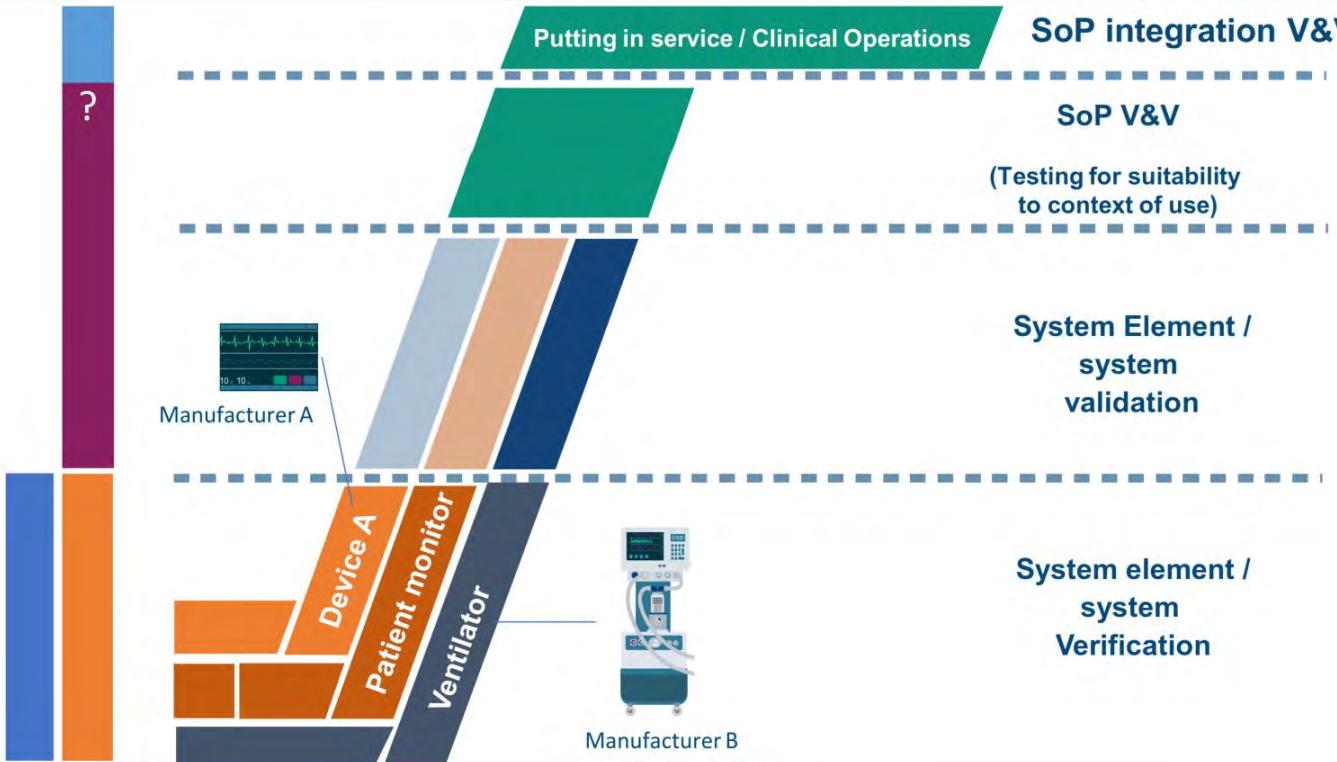
End-to-end testing of system-of-system functionality



V&V for constituent system



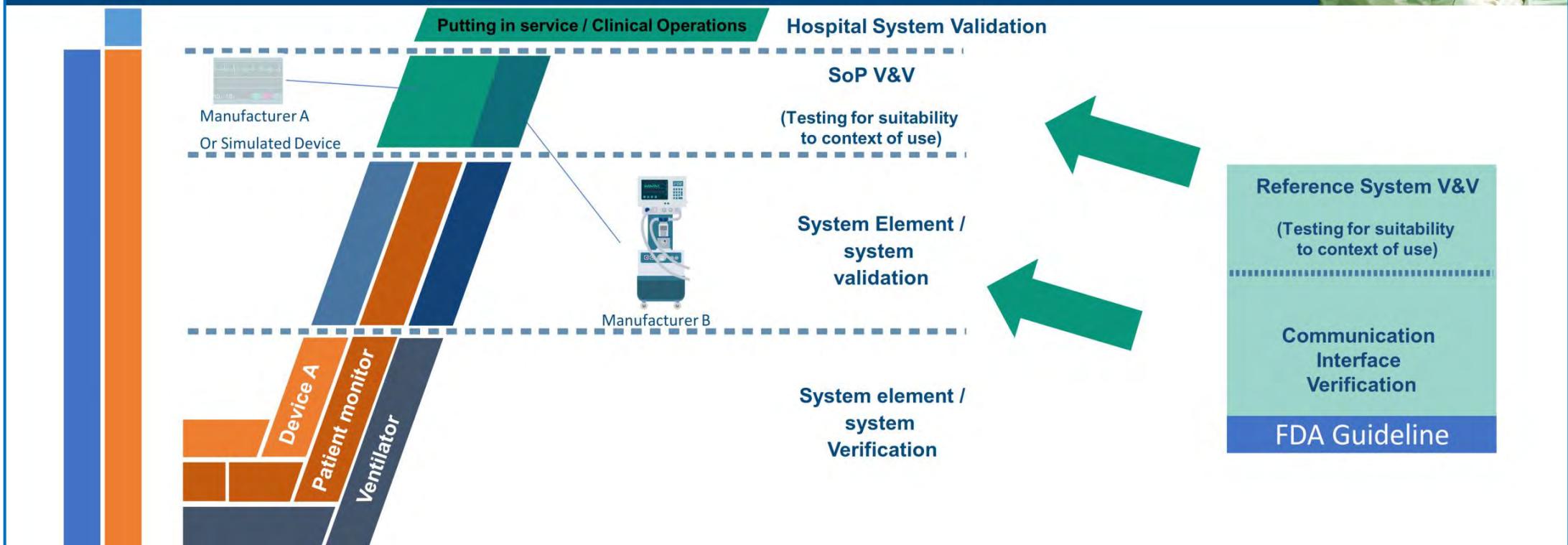
Verifies and validates single functions but not integration in SoP



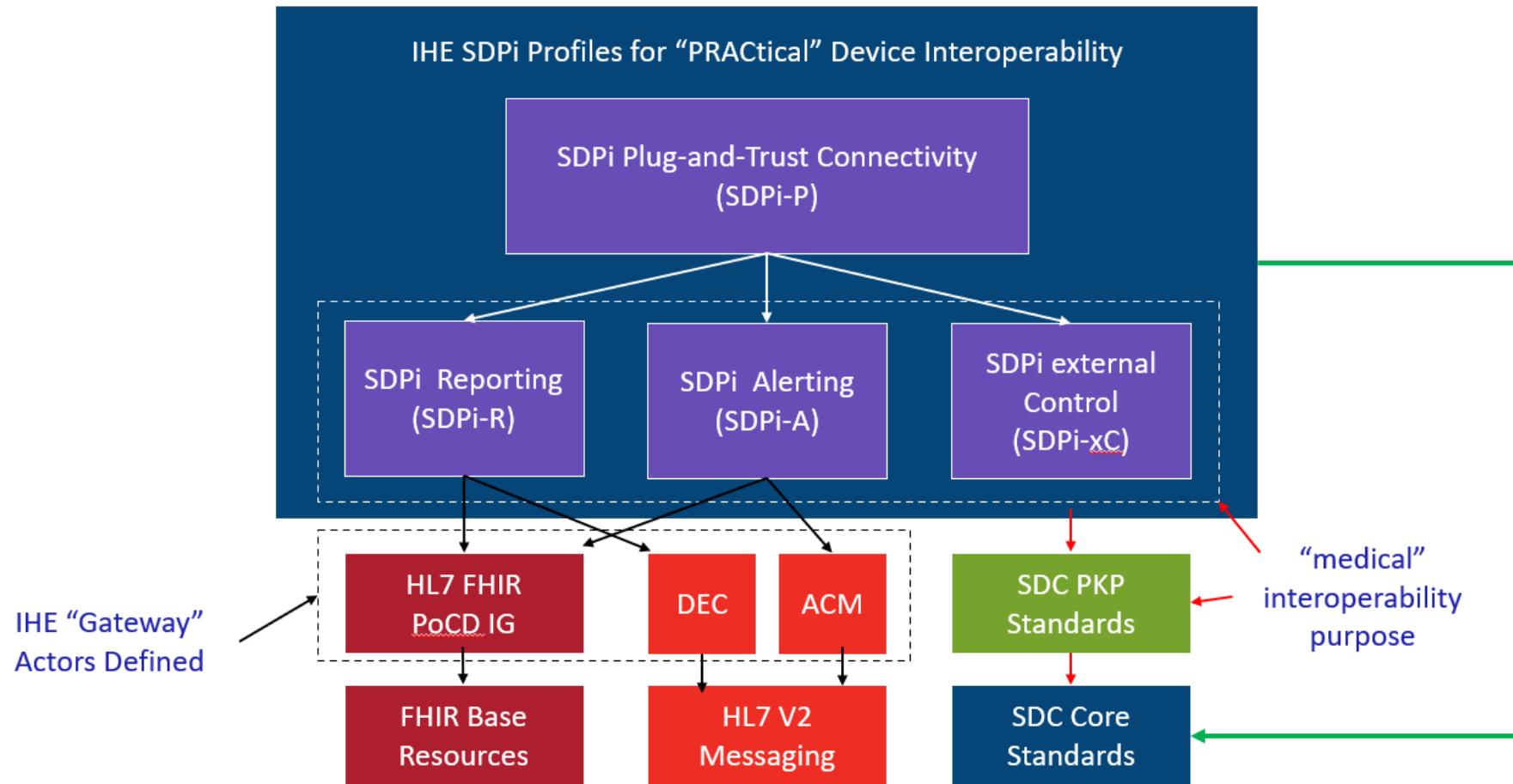
A lack of end-to-end testing responsibility is observed in traditional SE

Verification and validation responsibilities

Example Medical Device



FDA Guideline also applicable for CE market?



Integrating the PKP Requirements – across the (4) Interoperability Key Purposes – into the (4) IHE SDPi specifications ...

Enables IHE Conformity Assessment to ensure that the “decoupled” system has implemented the required quality/regulatory risk control measures

EU MDR

Regulation (EU) 2017/745

The European Union Medical Device Regulation of 2017

If you are a manufacturer, authorised representative, importer or distributor of medical devices in the EU, or a regulatory affairs or quality management professional involved with medical devices, you need to know how to comply.

[Click here for the latest consolidated text](#)

European MedTech industry must support the latest EU MDR requirements, including:

- ✓ “*Regulations*” vs. Directives (“MDD” previously)
- ✓ *Increased evidence* supporting ALL intended use “purposes”
- ✓ *Increased post-market surveillance* (esp. for intelligent tech)
- ✓ *Product registration database* – euroUDI? SaMD / Med “Apps”?
- ✓ New cohort of “*recognized standards*” (100’s!) proposed
- ✓ ...

Source: eumdr.com

May 2021:

- Notice to stakeholders: [Status of EU-Switzerland mutual recognition agreement on medical devices](#).
- [Press release 26 May 2021](#): announcing [Stronger rules on medical devices](#) (EU MDR) have entered into application.
- Publication of [MDCG 2021-8](#) Clinical investigation application/notification documents.
- The UDI Helpdesk is live. [Click here](#). The UDI Helpdesk is intended to help economic operators implement the requirements of the new UDI system.

April 2021:

- Publication of [MDCG 2021-6](#) Questions & Answers regarding clinical investigation.
- Publication of [MDCG 2021-5](#) Guidance on standardisation for medical devices.
- Publication of [MDCG 2021-4](#) Application of transitional provisions for certification of class D in vitro diagnostic medical devices (according to Regulation (EU) 2017/746).
- Update to [MDCG 2018-1 Rev 4](#) Guidance on basic UDI-DI and changes to UDI-DI.
- Publication of a Factsheet on [Class 1 Medical Devices](#).

March 2021:

- Publication of [MDCG 2021-3](#) Questions and Answers on Custom-Made Devices.
- Publication of [MDCG 2021-2](#) Guidance on state of the art of COVID-19 rapid antibody tests.
- Publication of an [Infographic](#) “Is your software a Medical Device?”

February 2021:

- Publication of [MDCG 2021-1](#) Guidance on harmonised administrative practices and alternative technical solutions until EUDAMED is fully functional.

Big Ideas! enabling “Regulatory Submission Ready” IHE CA

Premise is simple: Can we craft IHE profiles and testing such that IHE conformity assessment (CA) test reports can be directly included in regulatory submissions?

Answer: Yes! But it will take some innovative thinking and a few: Big Ideas!

SES+MDI – *Parallel Universe Problem*

Problem: Medical device interoperability (**MDI**) standards & Medical Technology Safety, Effectiveness & Security (**SES**) standards exist in **parallel universes** BUT products allowed for patient use must meet **both** the informatics *interoperability technology* requirements + *quality, regulatory, and legal* requirements.

Question: Can a **framework** be created to enable
Trusted Interoperable Product Decoupling

Using

MDI: ISO/IEEE 11073 **SDC**, IHE **SDPi** & HL7 **FHIR Interoperability Standards**

+

SES: ISO/IEC **JWG7 Safety, Effectiveness & Security Standards?**

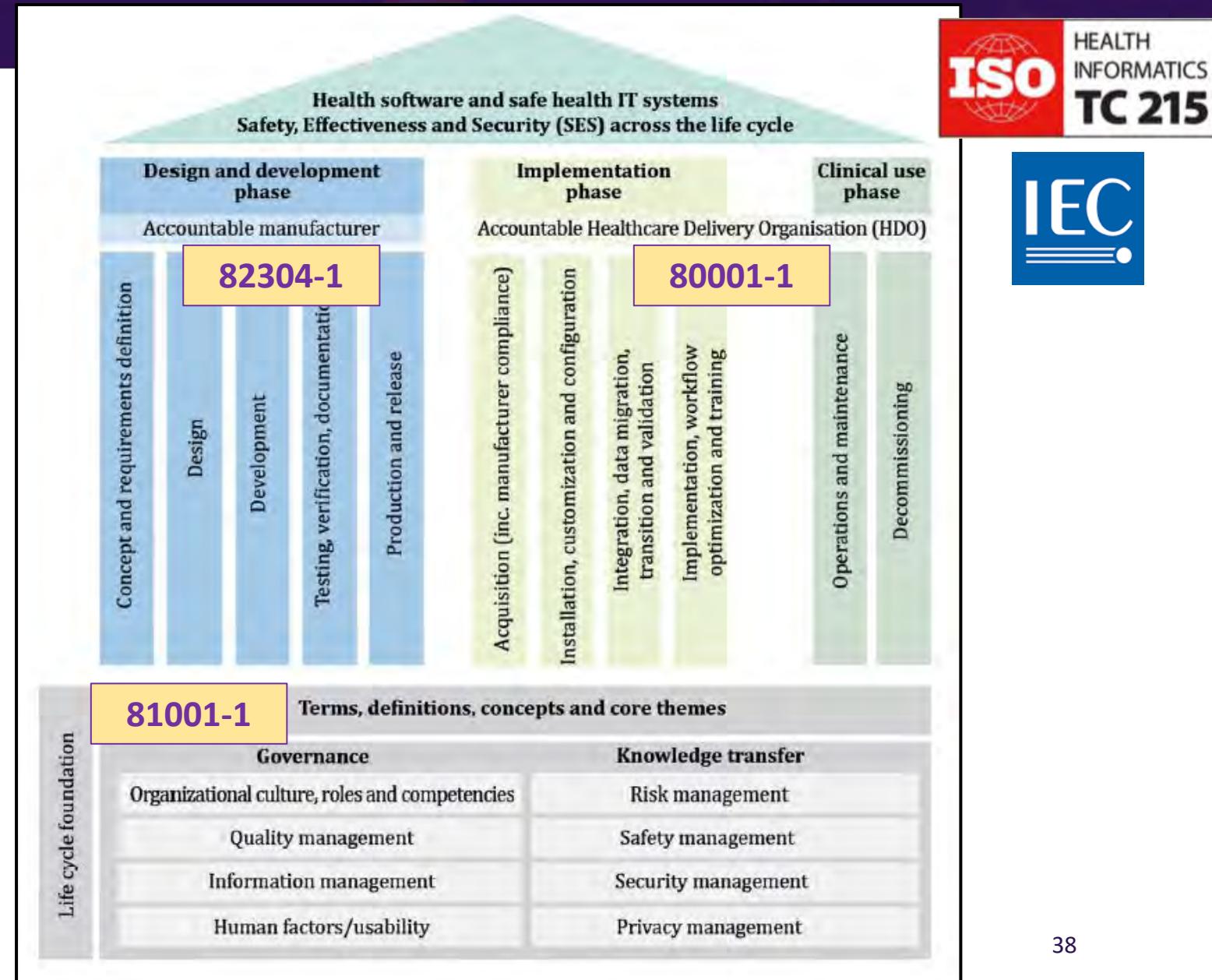
Big Idea: Leveraging the SES “Temple” Model

The JWG7 SES “*Temple Diagram*” identifies core topic / subject areas ...

... standardized in *81001-1* ...

... over which you can “make sense of” *specific standards* ...

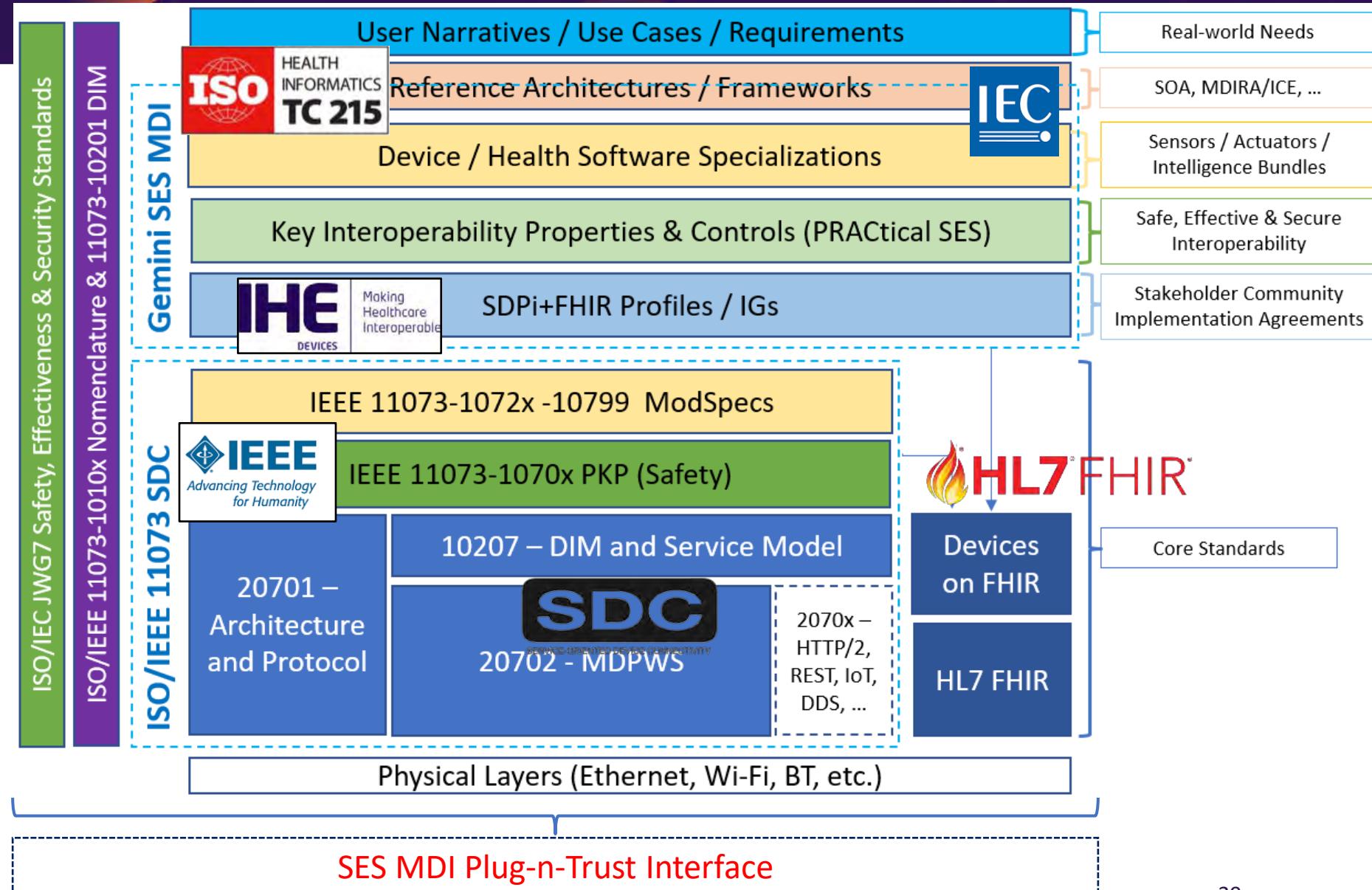
... all with a process / quality / regulatory / legal “SES” *community* subject focus



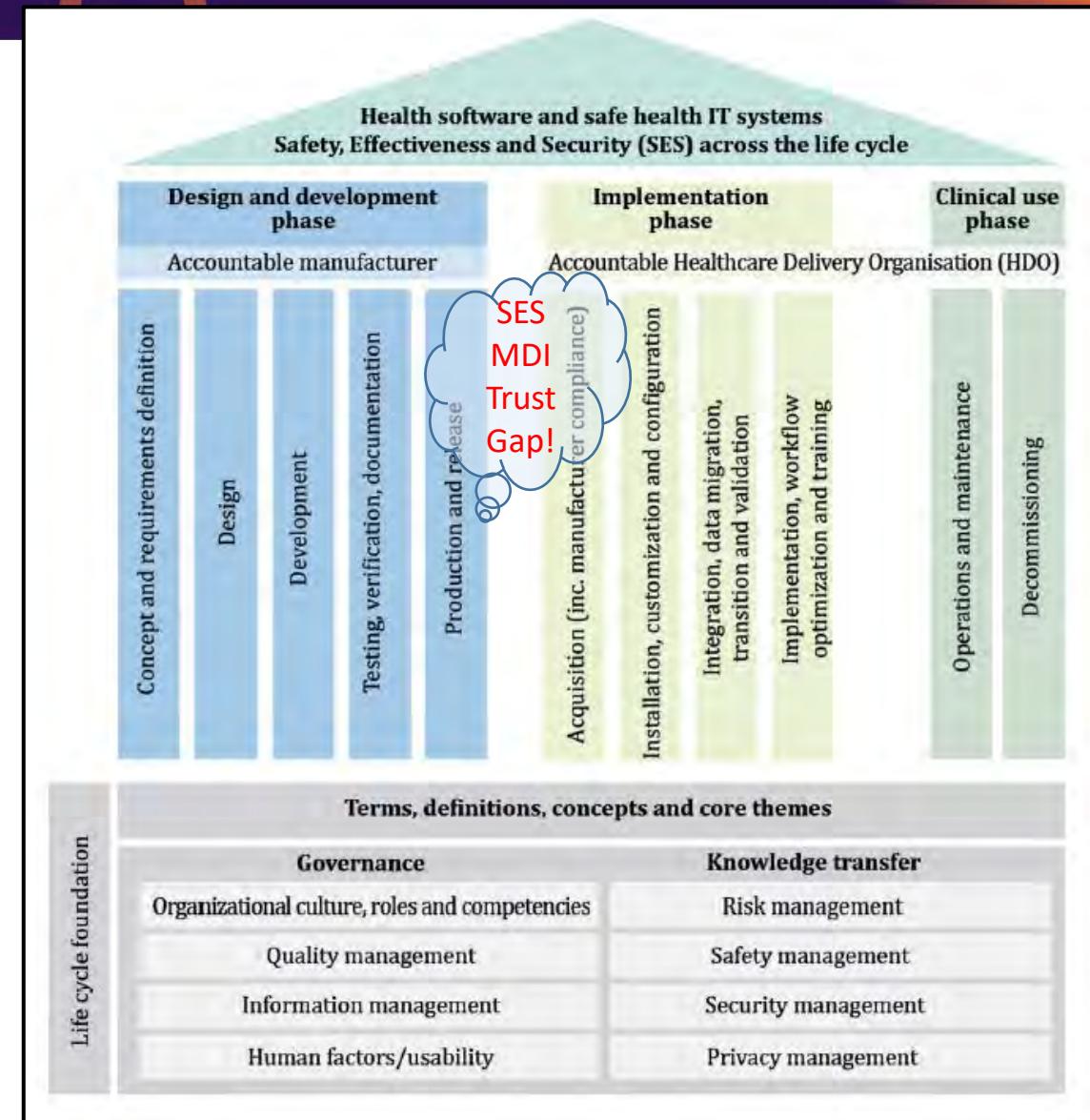
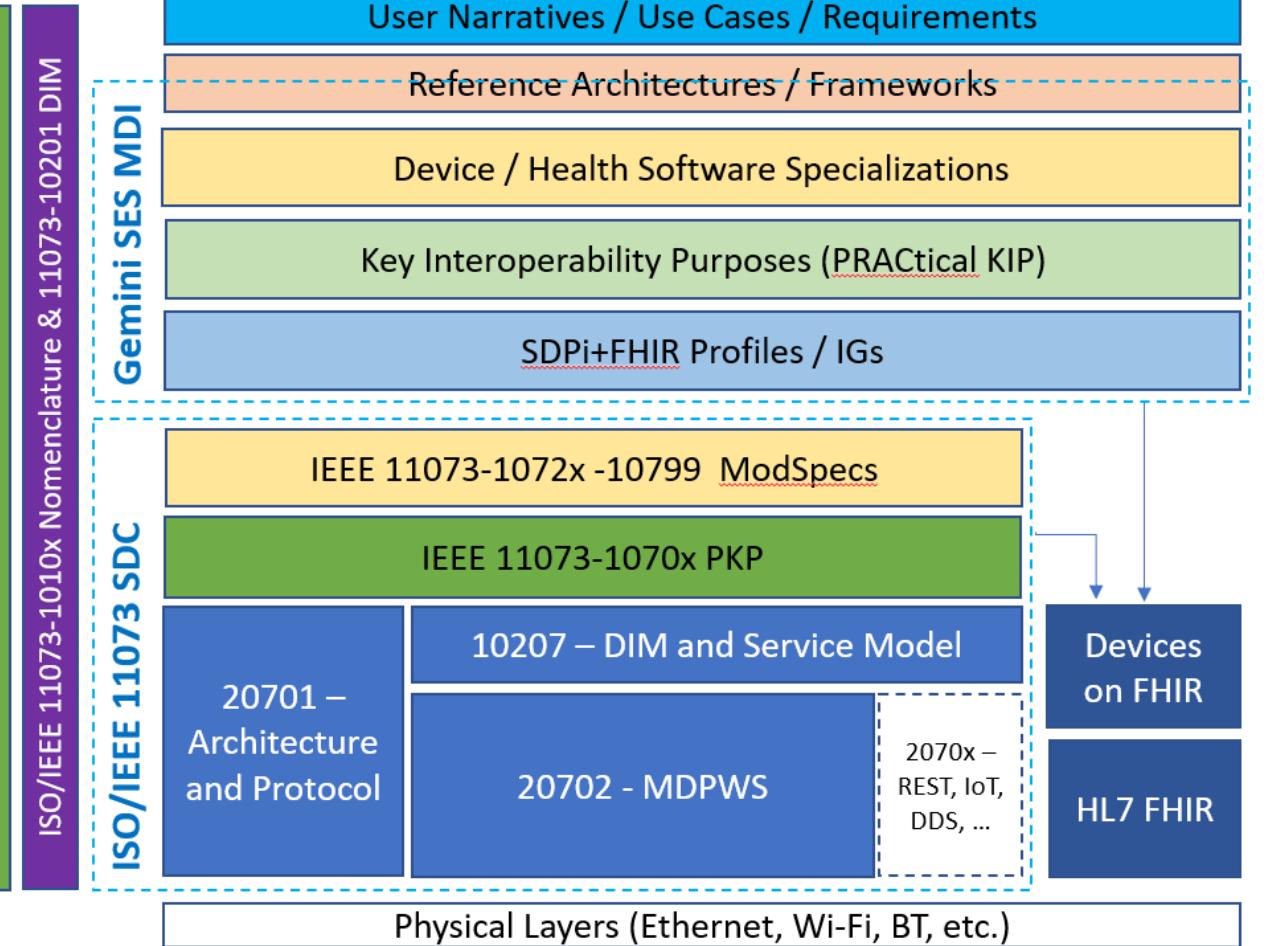


Consider the
SES MDI
***“Hanging
Gardens”***
Framework ...

Big Idea: SES+MDI Hanging Gardens Framework



Addressing the SES MDI Ecosystem “*Trust Gap*” ...



Pragmatic “Big Idea!” initiatives to realize SES+MDI – **RI+MC+RR**

❖ Requirements Interoperability (RI)

Establishing traceability, test coverage & conformity from the device interface to multiple standards (1:m)

❖ Model-Centric (MC)

Establishing a computable, model based “single source of truth” specification that supports all stakeholders’ needs

❖ Regulatory Ready (RR)

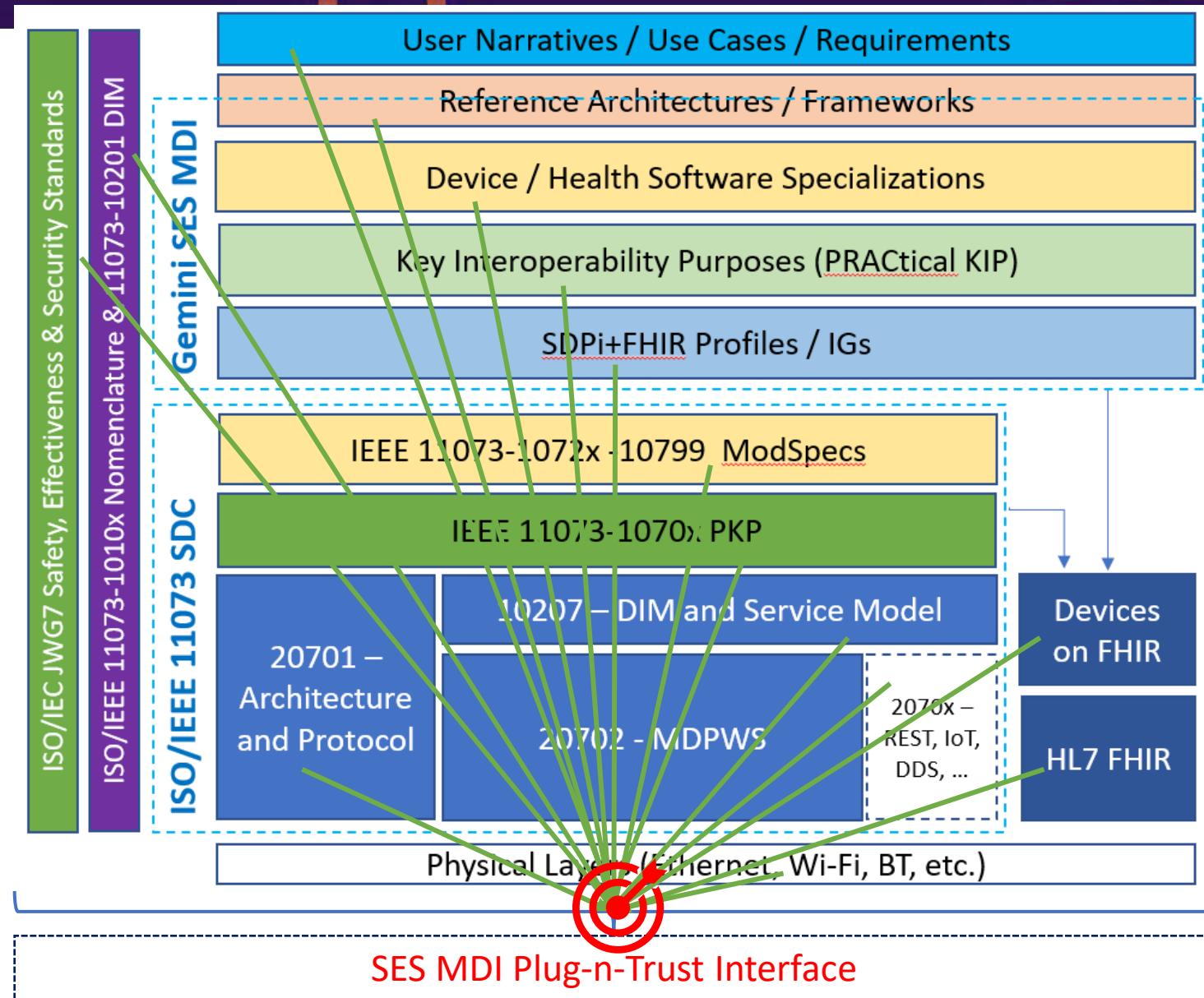
IHE Conformity Assessment (CA) that provides "regulatory submission ready" test reports

Big Idea: Requirements Interoperability

Innovators Challenge: *One Interface / <X> Standards*

The Hanging Gardens framework provide a perspective on the various standards and specifications that are *integrated into each individual product's interface* ...

**One Layer &
One Standard
at a Time!**



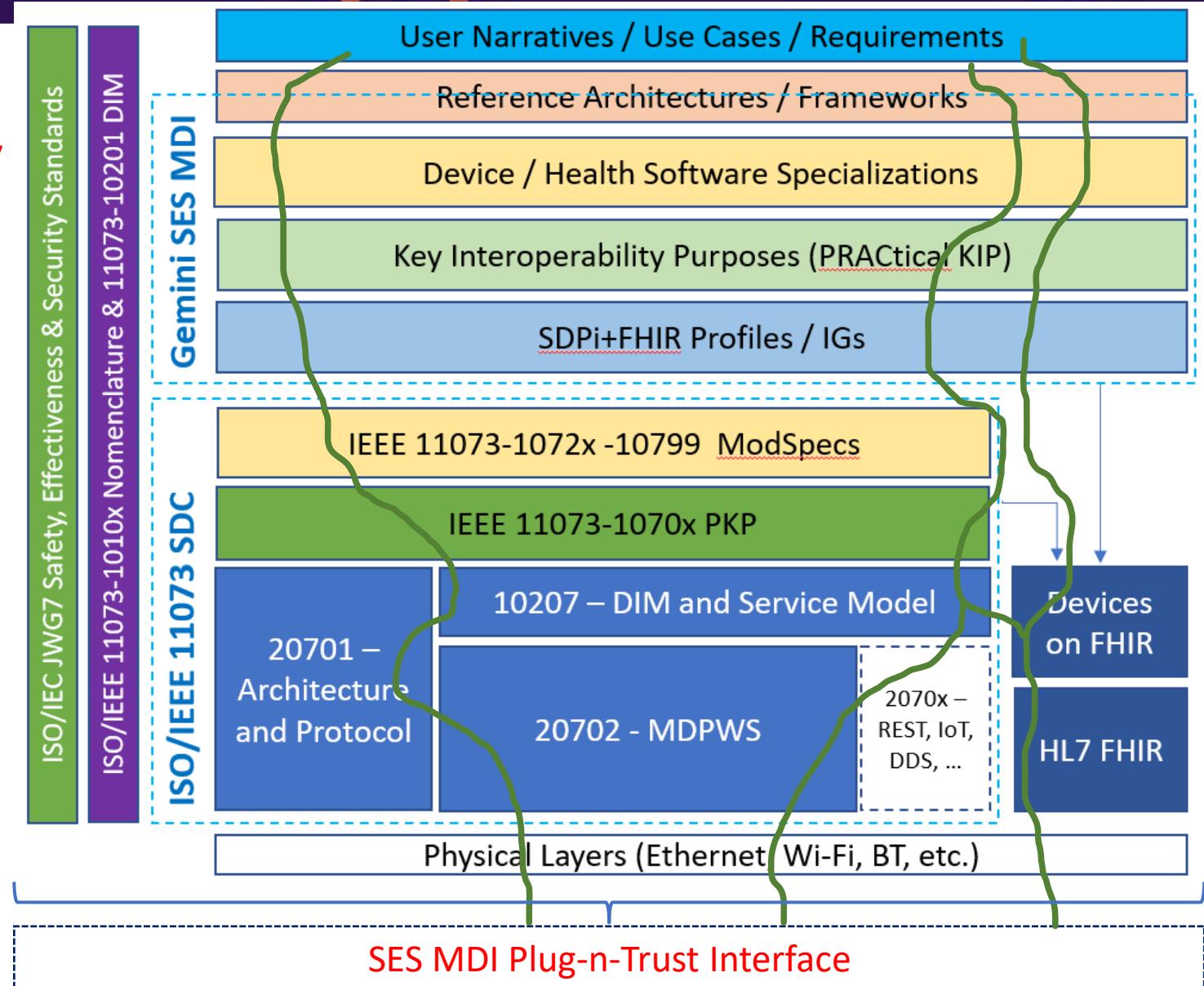
Big Idea: Requirements Interoperability

Innovators Hope:
Requirements Interoperability

The Hanging Gardens framework can also enable a much simpler, streamlined requirements pathway through *through each standard's needs & capabilities ...*

... the *Happy Path* charts *traceability* from the interface back to each standard specification and their *requirements*

How hard can it be?!

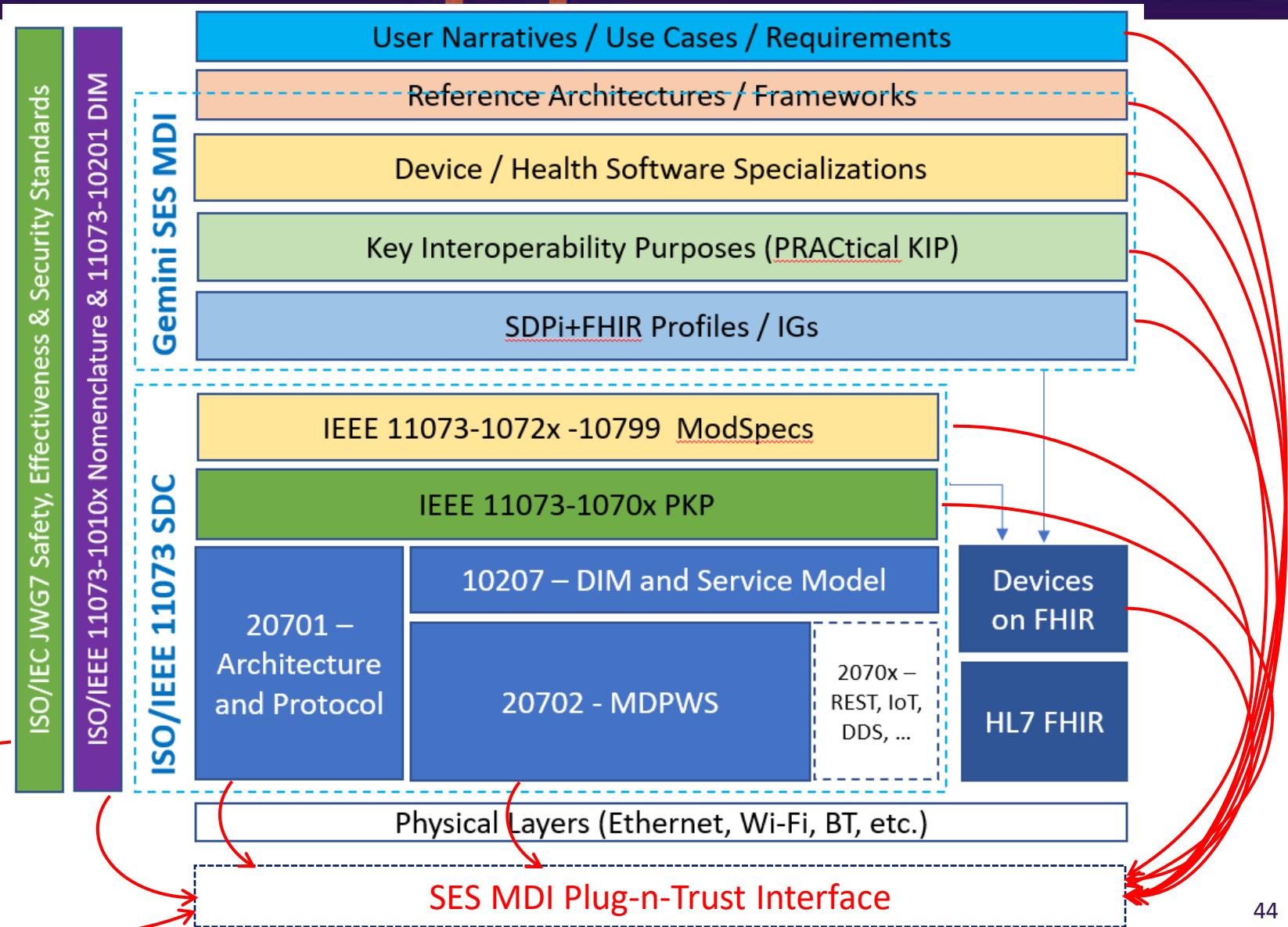


Big Idea: Requirements Interoperability

In the absence of a clearly defined **Requirements Interoperability model** to enable connection between standards ...

How hard can it be?
PRETTY HARD!!!

(via **Ad Hoc Requirements Integration**)



Question: How are MedTech developers managing the complexity and cost of next generation solutions?

Answer:

- ❖ **MBSE** Model-based Systems Engineering (methodology)
- ❖ **SysML** OMG Systems Modeling Language (UML profile)
- ❖ **Tooling** Automation tool chains supporting

Question: Can standards specification move from document-centric to model-centric to support these complex next generation technologies?

Answer:

- #1 MBSE / SysML / Tooling has advanced to make this 100% viable
- #2 *Without transitioning* from document-centric *to computable, model-centric “single source of truth” specifications ... standards adoption will continue to be abysmal!*

Definition

“Model Based Systems Engineering”



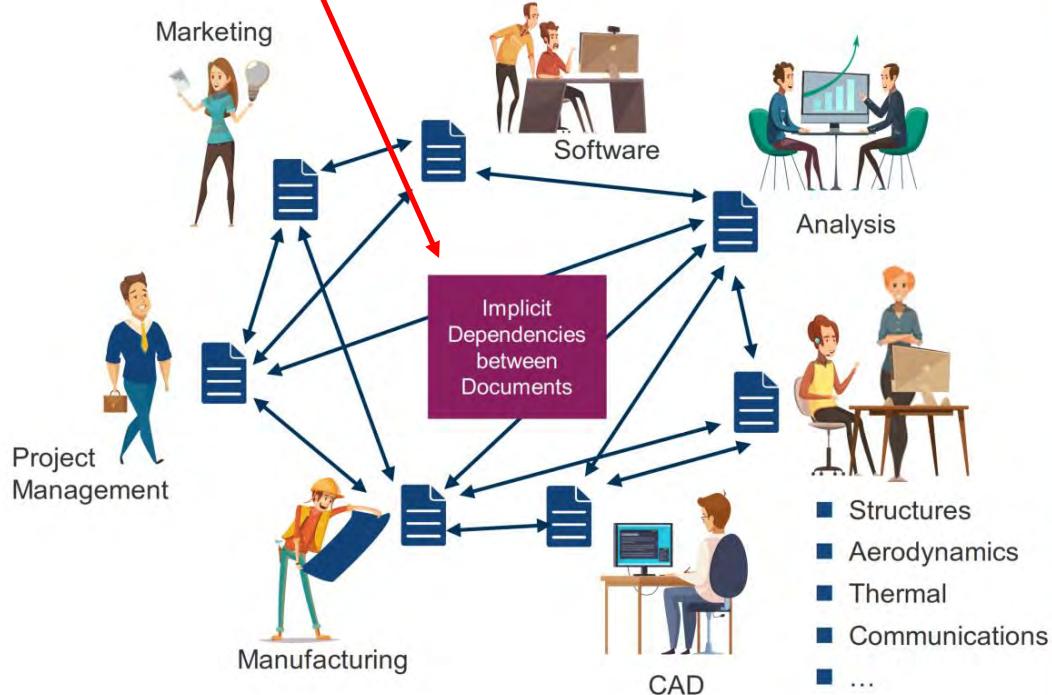
The formalized application of modeling to support ..

...system requirements, architecture, design, analysis,
verification and validation activities

...beginning in the conceptual design phase and continuing throughout development
and later life cycle phases

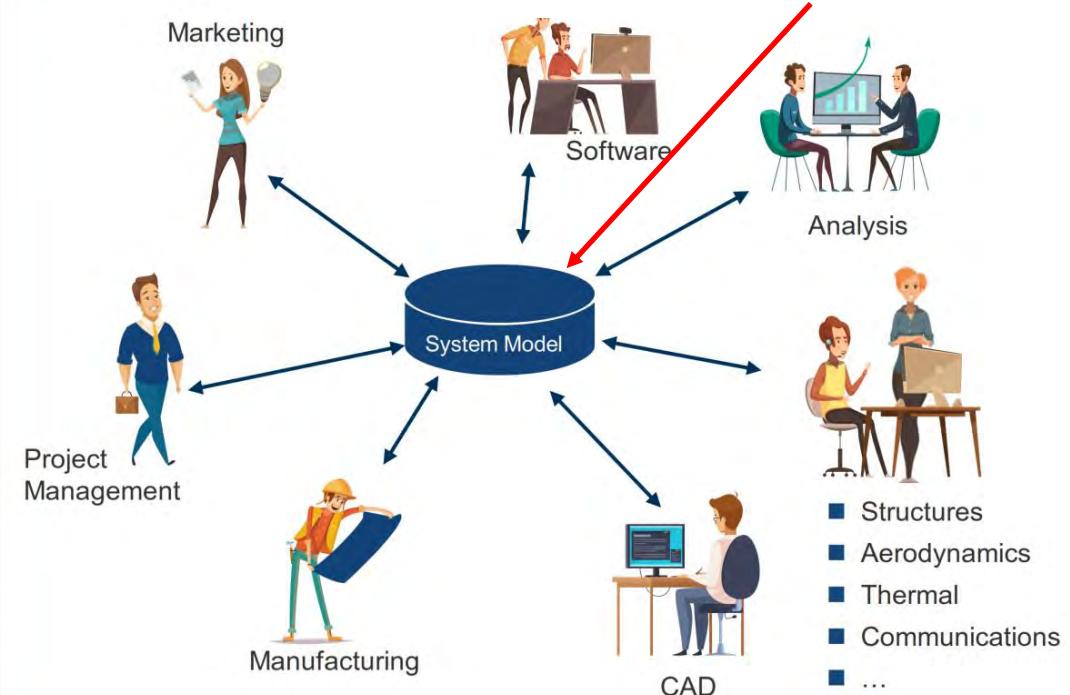
Document-based vs. Model-based approach

Standards remain document-centric



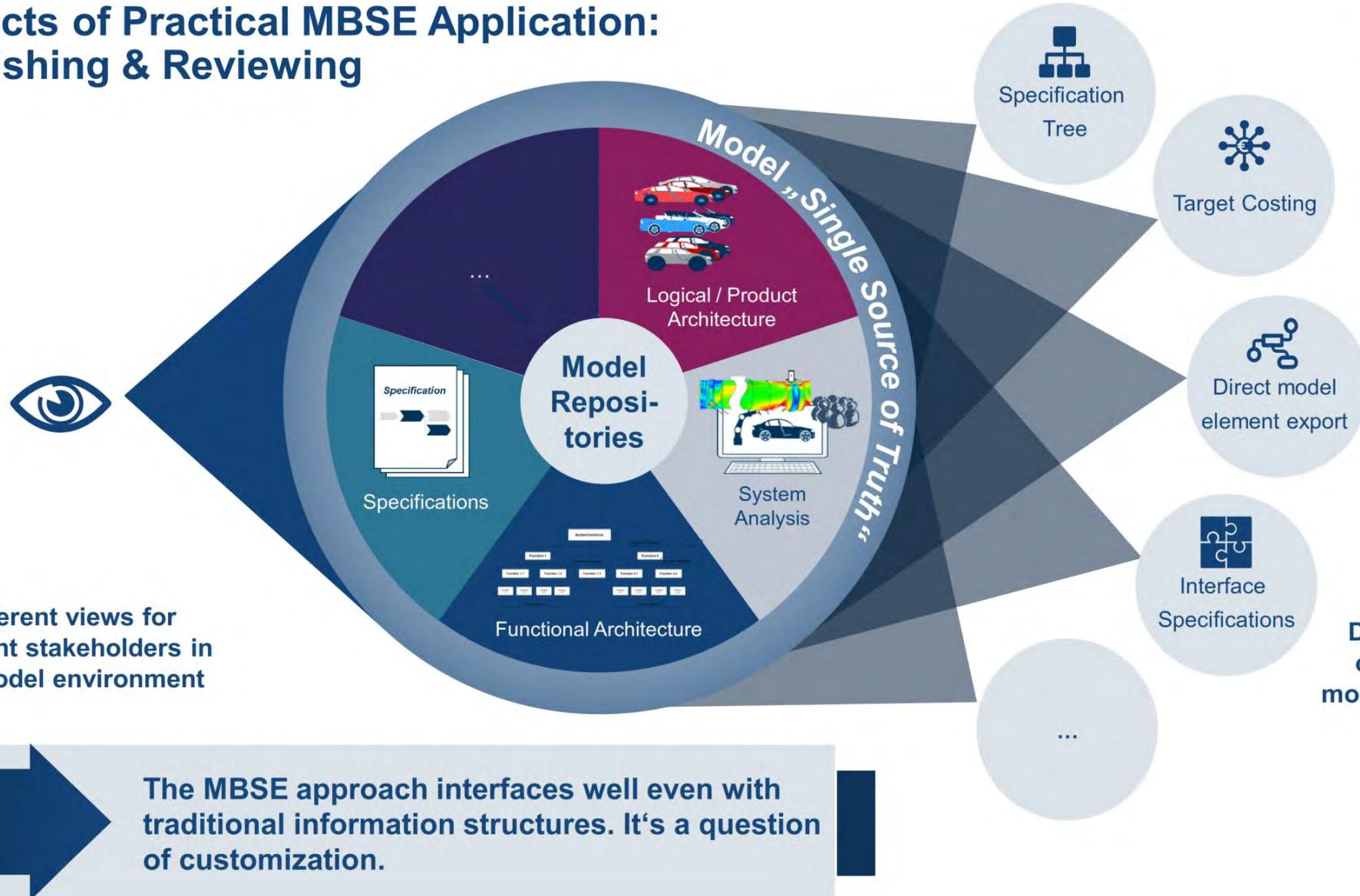
Traditional systems engineering

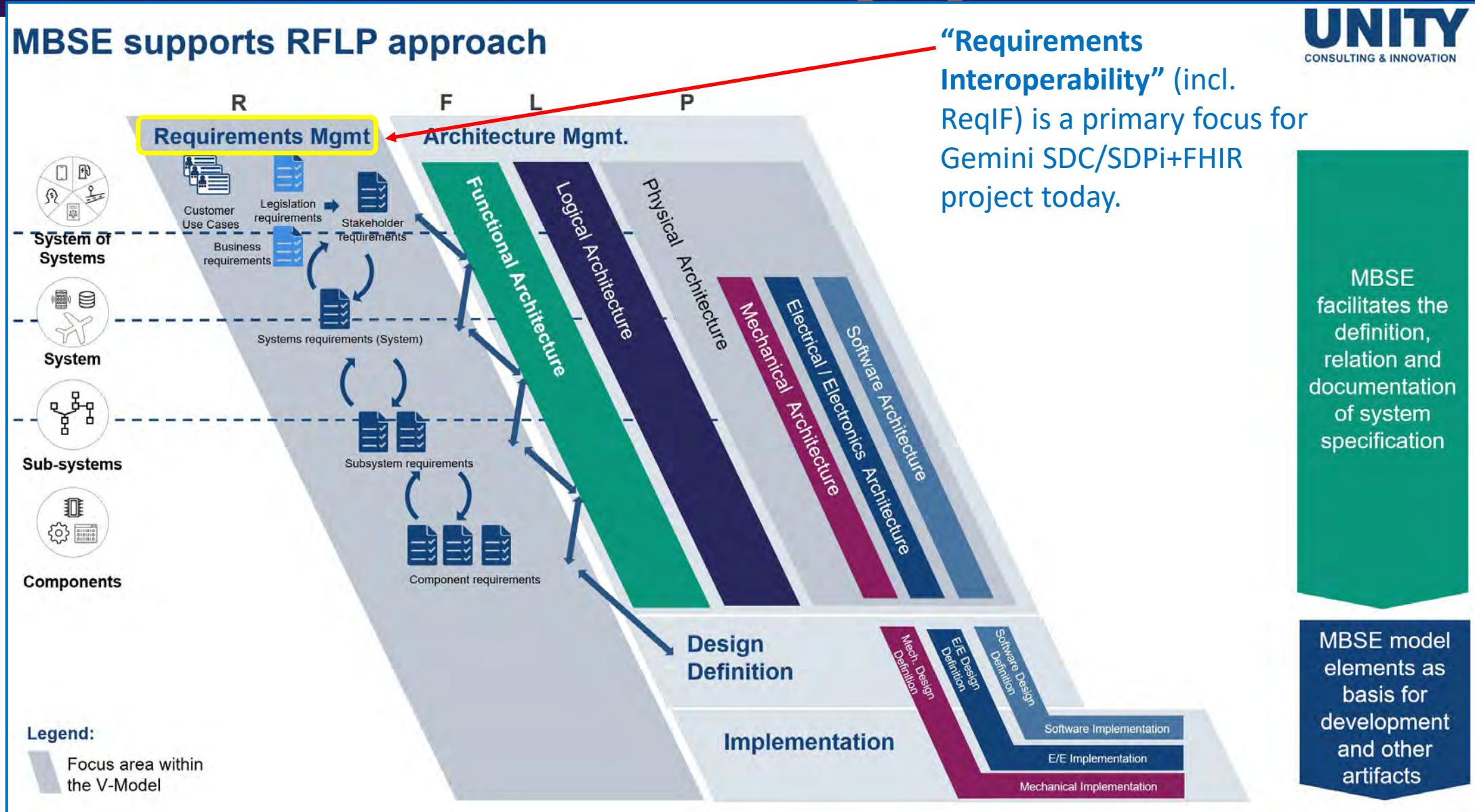
Gemini SDPi+FHIR must transition to model-centric



Model-based systems engineering

Aspects of Practical MBSE Application: Publishing & Reviewing





Question: Can IHE Conformity Assessment of SDC/SDPi+FHIR specifications provide test reports that can be directly included in regulatory submissions?

Answer:

- ❖ 11073 SDC has a comprehensive integrated SES MDI regulatory pathway
- ❖ IHE SDPi+FHIR profiles fully integrate the foundational
- ❖ Requirements Interoperability provides the traceability and coverage required to claim conformity to key SES standards and the MDI risk mitigations
- ❖ MBSE / SysML not only increases overall quality across ALL implementers, but enables simulation and other Systems of Products validation techniques

Question: But what is the basis for confidence that a regulatory agency will *recognize* and *accept* IHE SDPi CA Test Reports in submissions as “*sufficient evidence of SES MDI*”?

U.S. FDA S-CAP program
lays the foundations for
determining if and how SES
MDI CA test reports
could be used in
regulatory submissions ...

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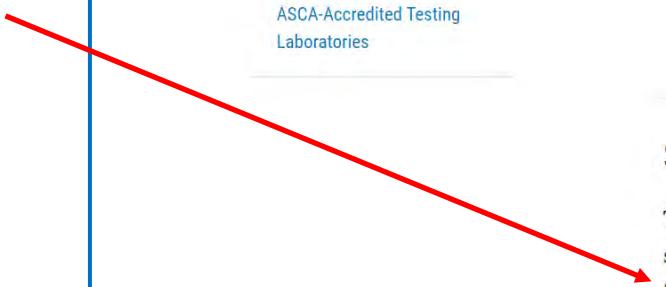
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Standards and Conformity Assessment Program

The Standards and Conformity Assessment Program (S-CAP) seeks to promote patient safety, advance regulatory science, and support a least burdensome regulatory framework. S-CAP fosters a collaborative approach to standards development and application by drawing upon expertise from across the product development, conformity assessment and standards communities.



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Accreditation Scheme for Conformity Assessment (ASCA)

U.S. FDA ASCA Pilot Program
leverages the same **NIST Expertise**
and **ISO 17000 CA “pedigree”** as
the **IHE CA program!**

See April 2021 FDA Webinar for more complete information @

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/webinar-asca-pilot-streamlining-conformity-assessment-device-submissions#materials>

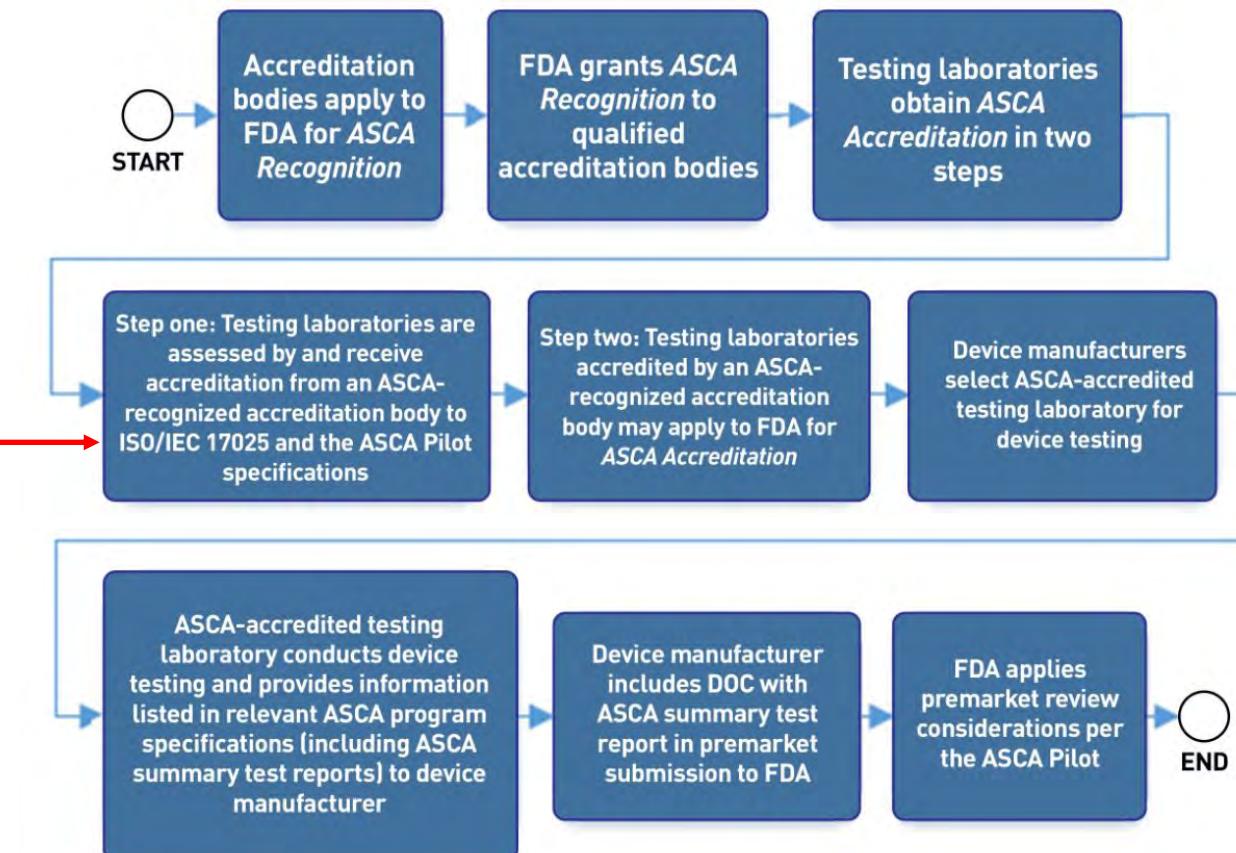


Figure: Process flow for the ASCA Pilot

Conclusion: “Are we there yet?”

Arguably, no BUT we are closer than ever before and are closing fast on the long sought-after goal of **“Plug-and-Trust” Safe, Effective & Secure (SES) Medical Device Interoperability (MDI)** ...

Conclusions

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- ❖ ISO/CEN/IEEE 11073 SDC Standards provide true *Plug-and-Trust Interoperability*
- ❖ IHE-HL7 Gemini Device Interoperability using SDC/SDPi+FHIR will deliver the profiles needed to advance *interoperable MedTech product* implementation and deployment
- ❖ “SES MDI” closes the “*interoperability trust gap*” between tech & quality standards
- ❖ RI+MC+RR – Requirements Interoperability + Model-Centric + Regulatory Ready provide new value for all implementers
- ❖ Integration of a *regulatory pathway* into the standards & profiles + engagement with *notified bodies* + pilot projects such as the FDA ASCA set stage for decoupled products
- ❖ Integration with *total product lifecycle* management *automation tool chains*
- ❖ IHE Conformity Assessment + IHE Catalyst support add the last pieces of the puzzle!

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