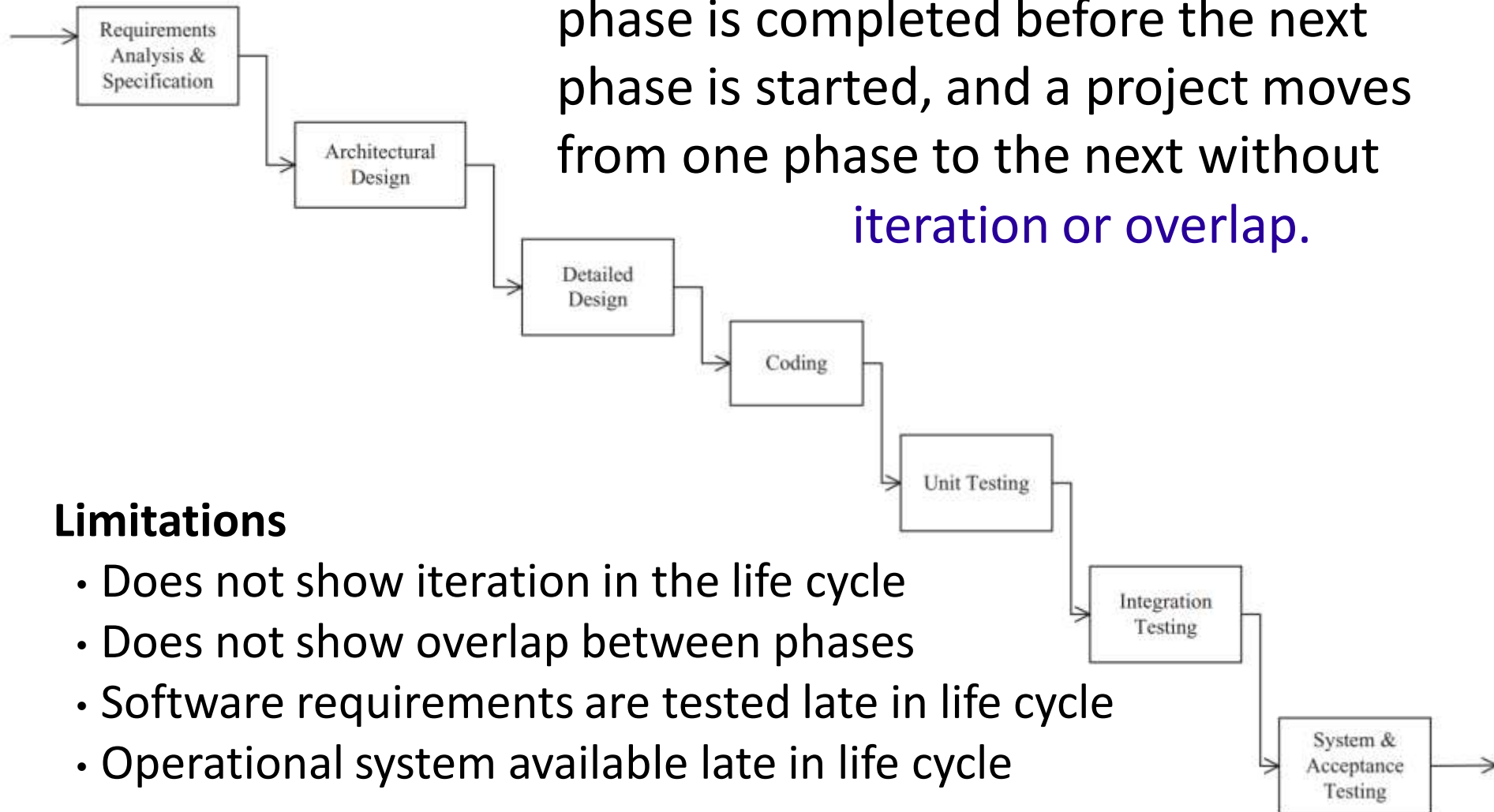


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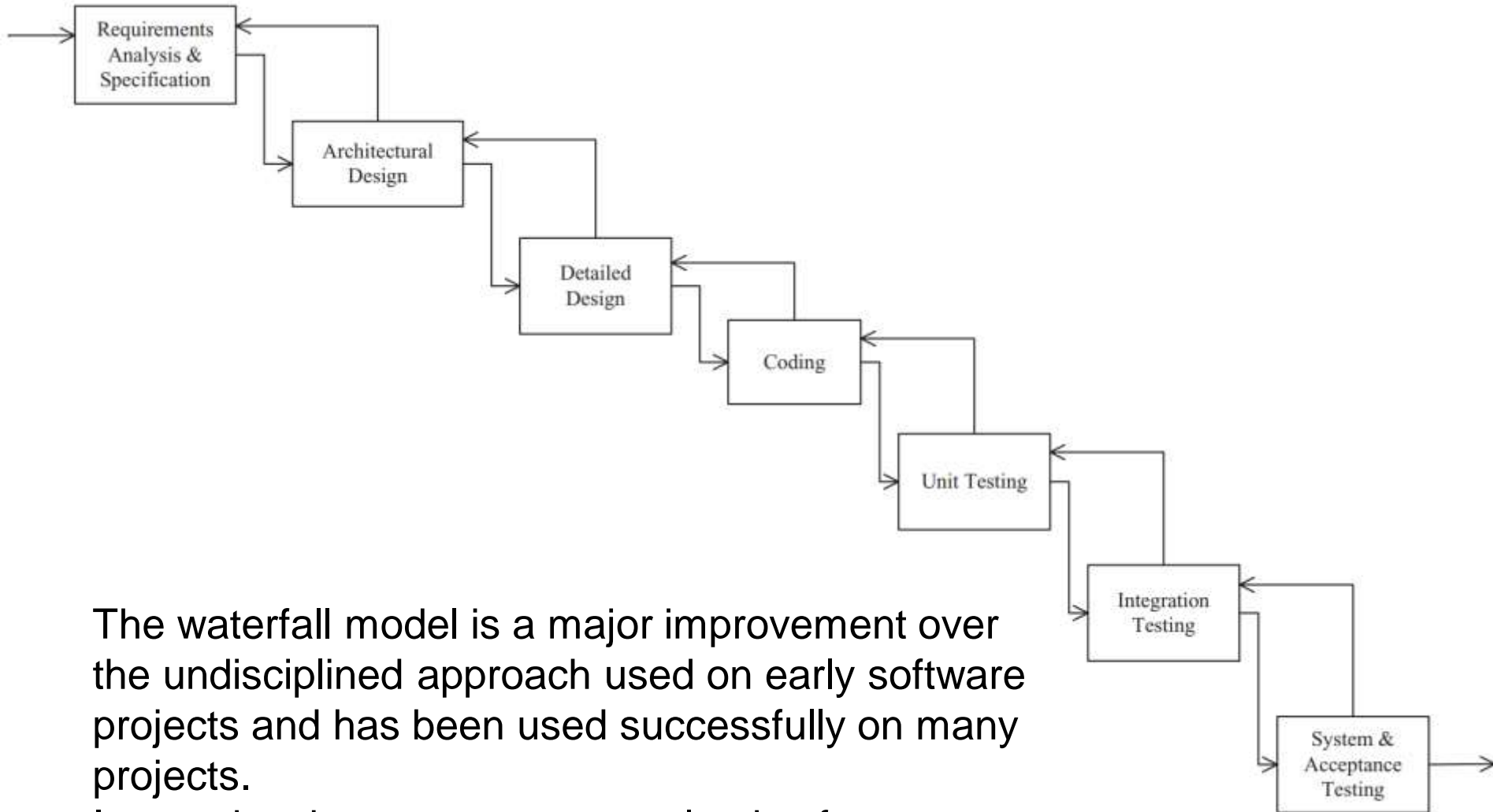
CH03 – SOFTWARE LIFE CYCLE MODELS AND PROCESSES

Idealized process model in which each phase is completed before the next phase is started, and a project moves from one phase to the next without iteration or overlap.



Limitations

- Does not show iteration in the life cycle
- Does not show overlap between phases
- Software requirements are tested late in life cycle
- Operational system available late in life cycle

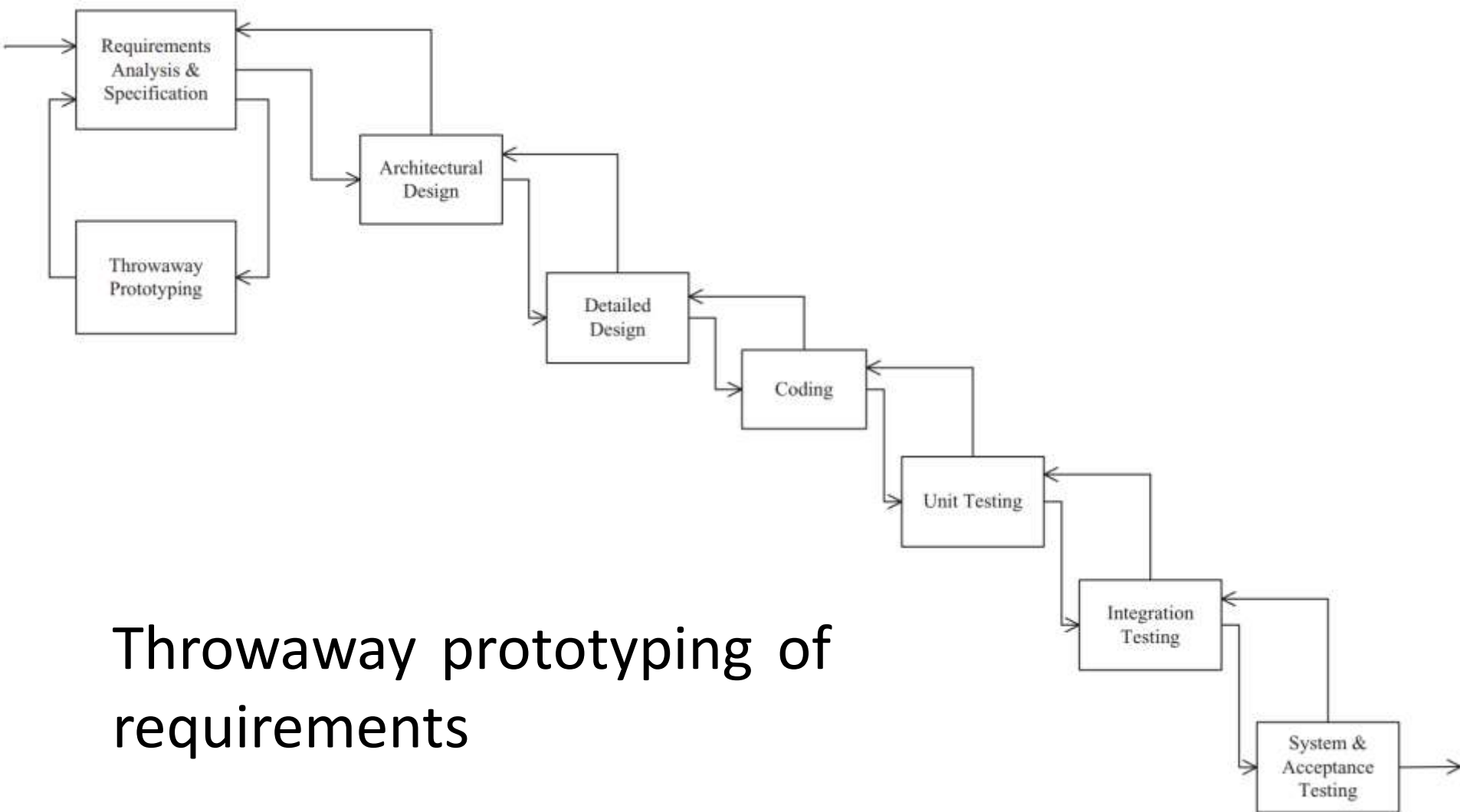


The waterfall model is a major improvement over the undisciplined approach used on early software projects and has been used successfully on many projects.

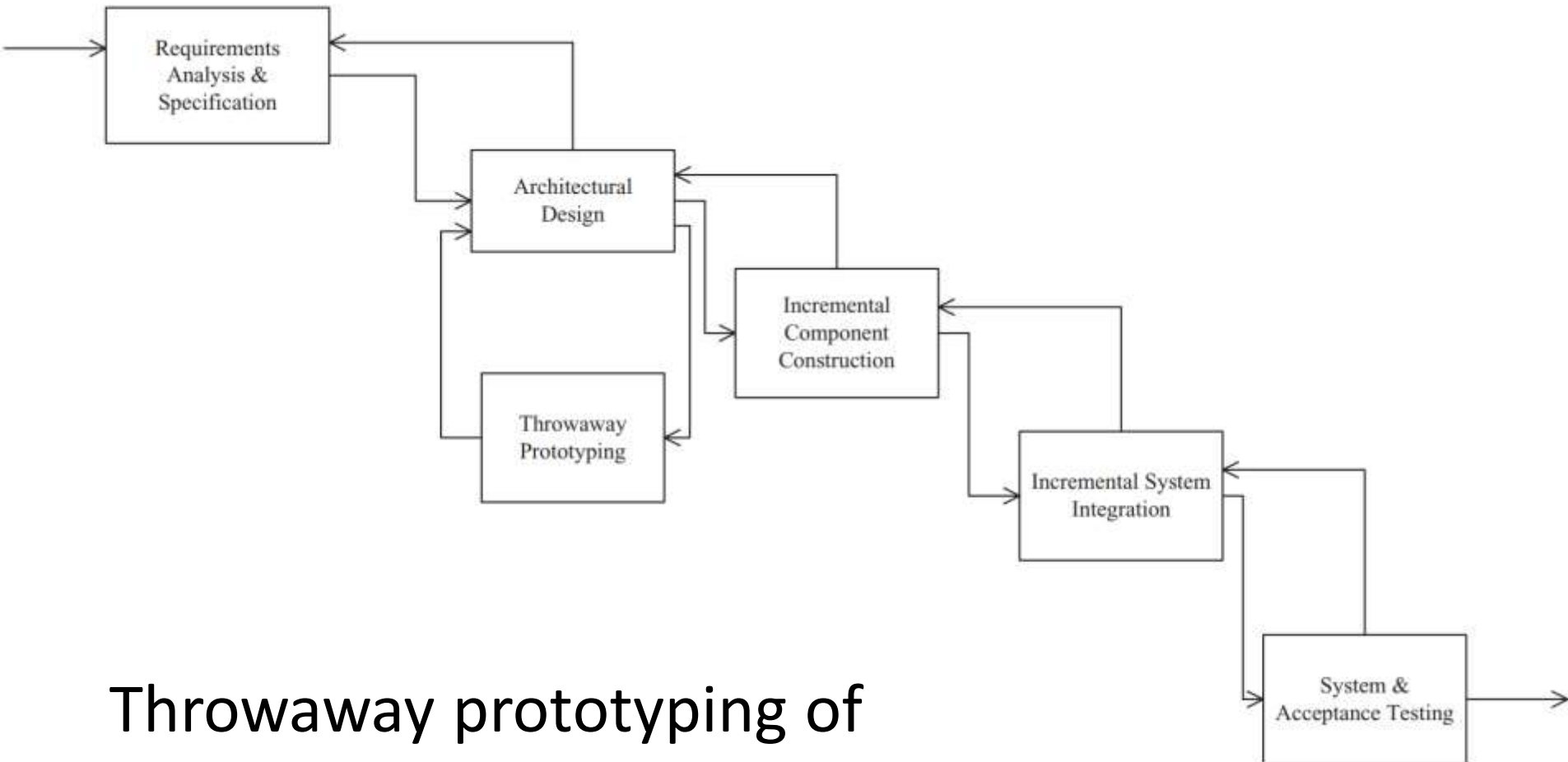
In practice, however, some overlap is often necessary between successive phases of the life cycle, as well as some iteration between phases when errors are detected.

Impact of Throwaway prototyping and its revolution

- Particularly useful for getting feedback on the User Interface
- Is developed after a preliminary requirements specification
- Is an effective solution to the problem of specifying the requirements for interactive information system
- Helps overcome the communication barrier that existed between the users and the developers
- Evolutionary prototyping approach is a form of incremental development in which the prototype evolves through several intermediate operational systems into the delivered system
- Evolutionary prototyping approach is to have a subset of the system working early, which is then gradually built on



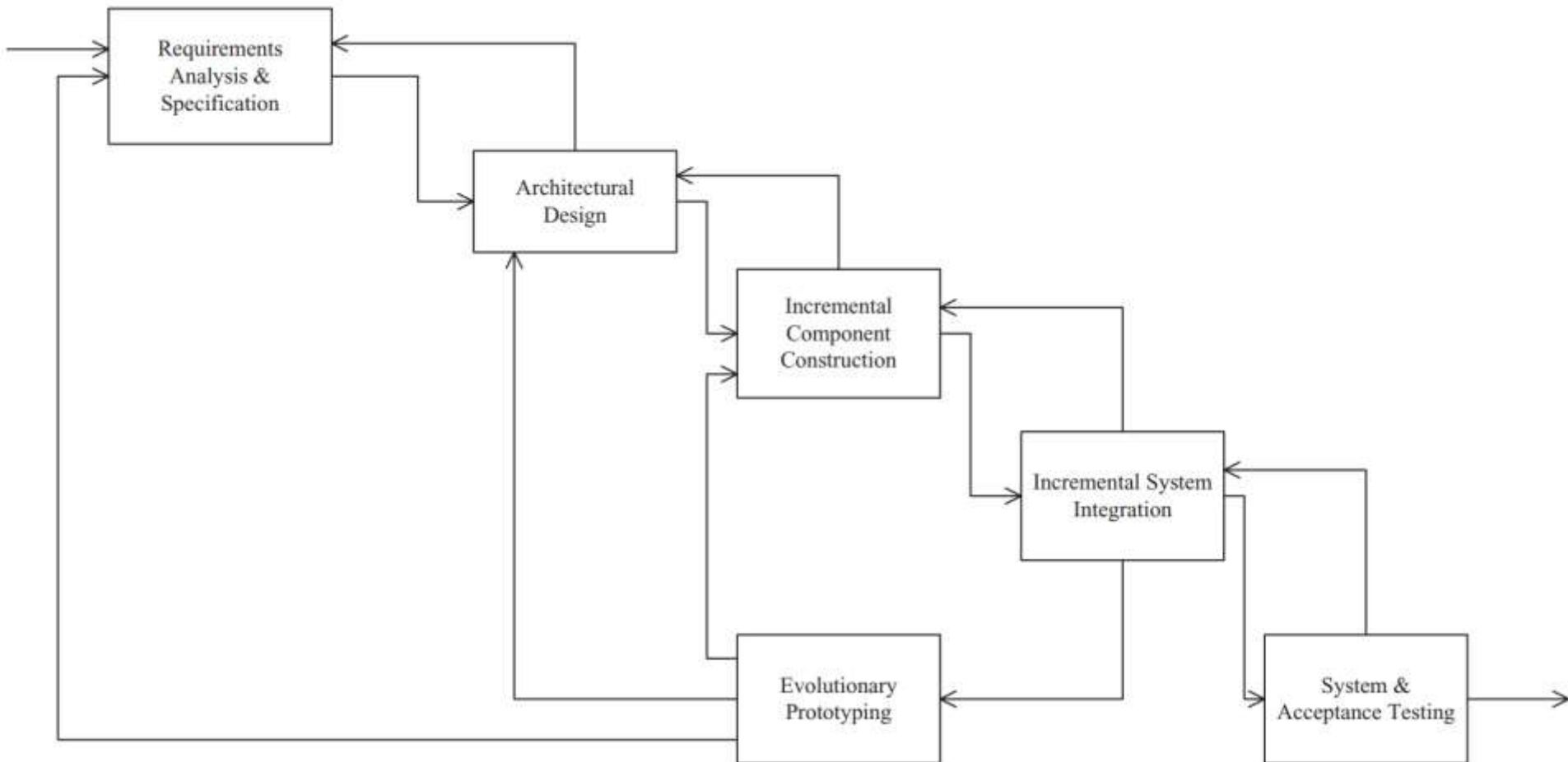
Throwaway prototyping of requirements



Throwaway prototyping of architectural design

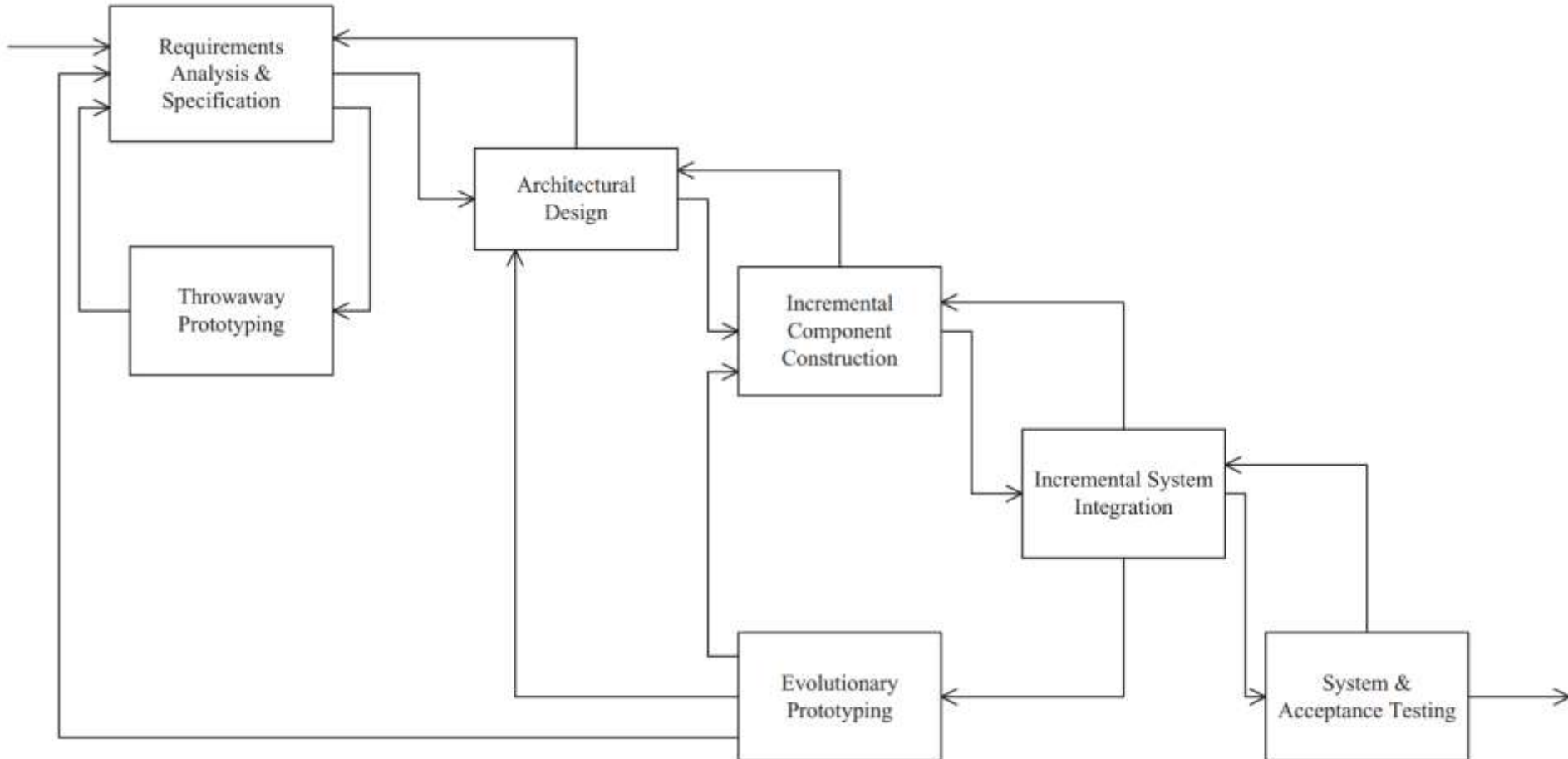
Incremental development model

Evolutionary Prototyping by Incremental Development

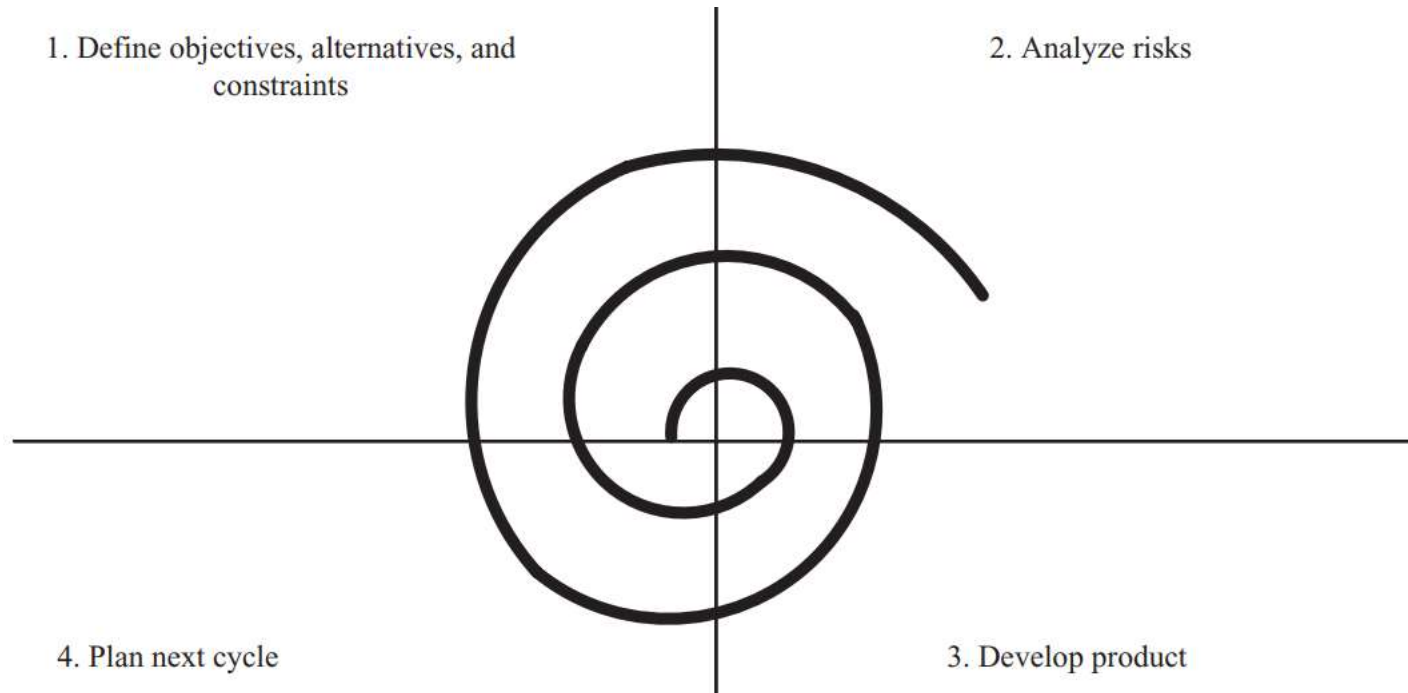


Incremental development model

Combine throwaway prototyping



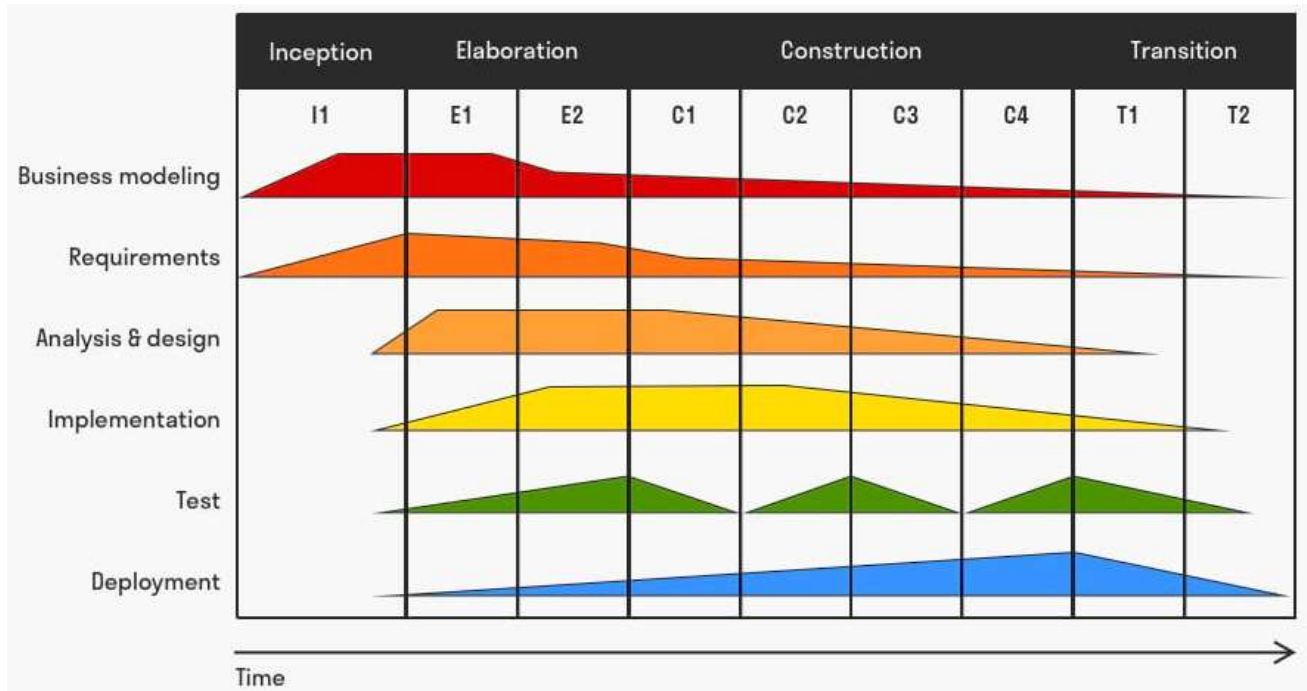
Spiral Process Model (SPM)



- Define objectives, alternatives, and constraints. Detailed planning for this cycle: identify goals and alternative approaches to achieving them.
- Analyze risks. Detailed assessment of current project risks; plan activities to be performed to alleviate these risks.
- Develop product. Work on developing product, such as requirements analysis, design, or coding.
- Plan next cycle. Assess progress made on this cycle and start planning for next cycle.

Rational Unified Process (RUP)

AKA Unified Software Development Process (USDP)



*Consists of five core workflows and **four iterative phases***

- *Inception: idea, concepts*
- *Elaboration: software architecture*
- *Construction: ready for release to the user community*
- *Transition: the software is turned over to the user community*

The goal of software validation is to ensure that the software development team “builds the right system,” that is, to ensure that the system conforms to the user’s needs.

The goal of software verification is to ensure that the software development team “builds the system right,” that is, to ensure that each phase of the software system is built according to the specification defined in the previous phase.

Software Quality Assurance – activities to ensure the quality of the software product

- Throwaway prototyping: validation of the system (before it is developed) against the user requirements
- Software technical reviews can help considerably with software verification and validation. In software verification, it is important to ensure that the design conforms to the software requirements specification

Performance Analysis of Software Designs

- Analyzing the performance of a software design before implementation is necessary to estimate whether the design will meet its performance goals.
- If potential performance problems can be detected early in the life cycle, steps can be taken to overcome them

- Requirements Analysis & Specification: BRD/URD => SRS
- Architectural Design: define overall system structures
- Detailed Design: define algorithms, internal structures,...
- Coding: each component is coded in the programming language selected for the project
- Software Testing

