

Avancier Methods (AM) DOCUMENT

Architecture Meta Models

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EA meta models (various)

- ▶ Comparing and contrasting many meta models, from many sources
- ▶ THE FOLLOWING SLIDES ARE ONLY A SHORT EXTRACT FROM A 60 SLIDE PRESENTATION

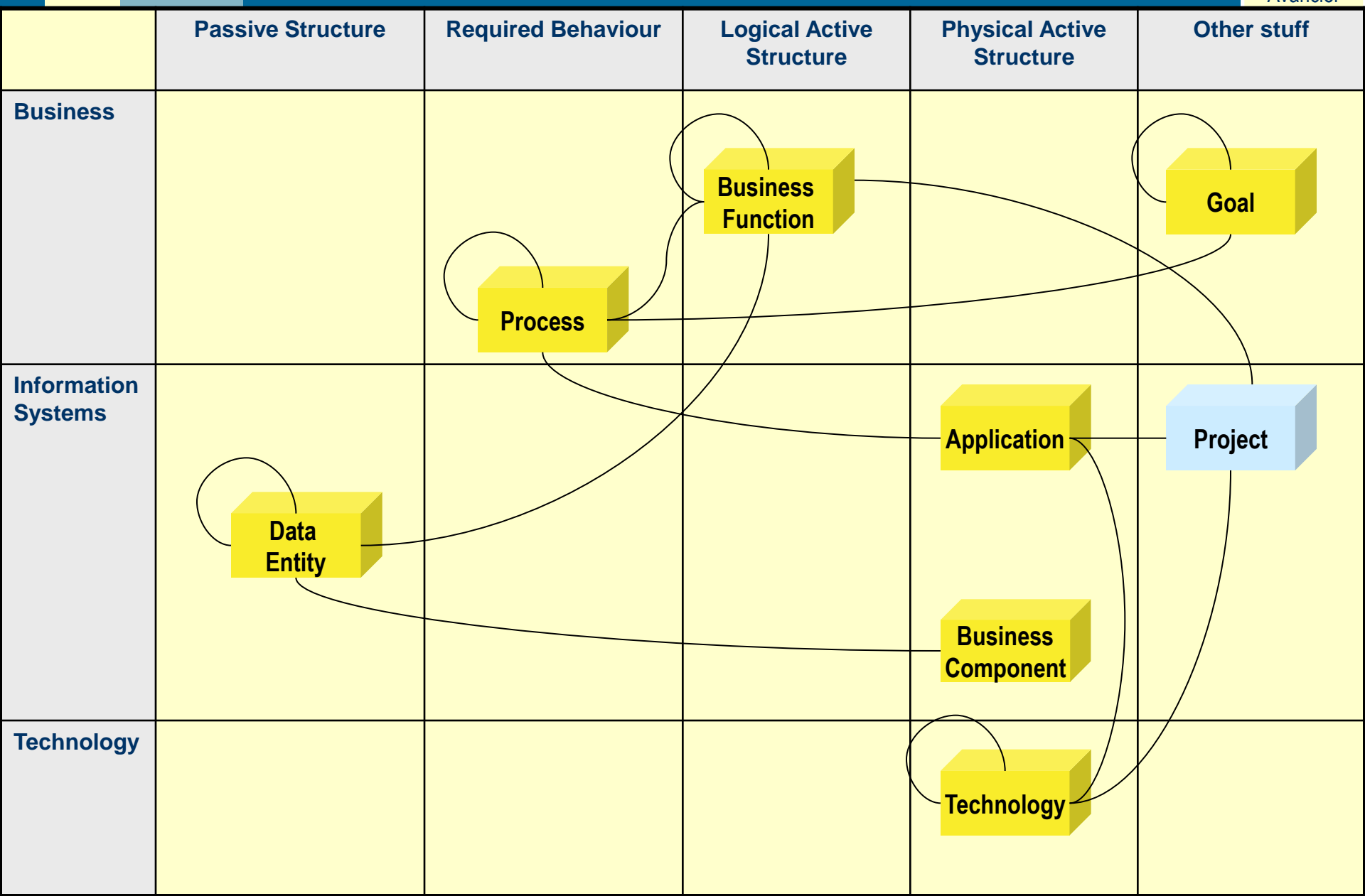
The 3 x 5 presentation framework

- ▶ Helps us to compare meta models

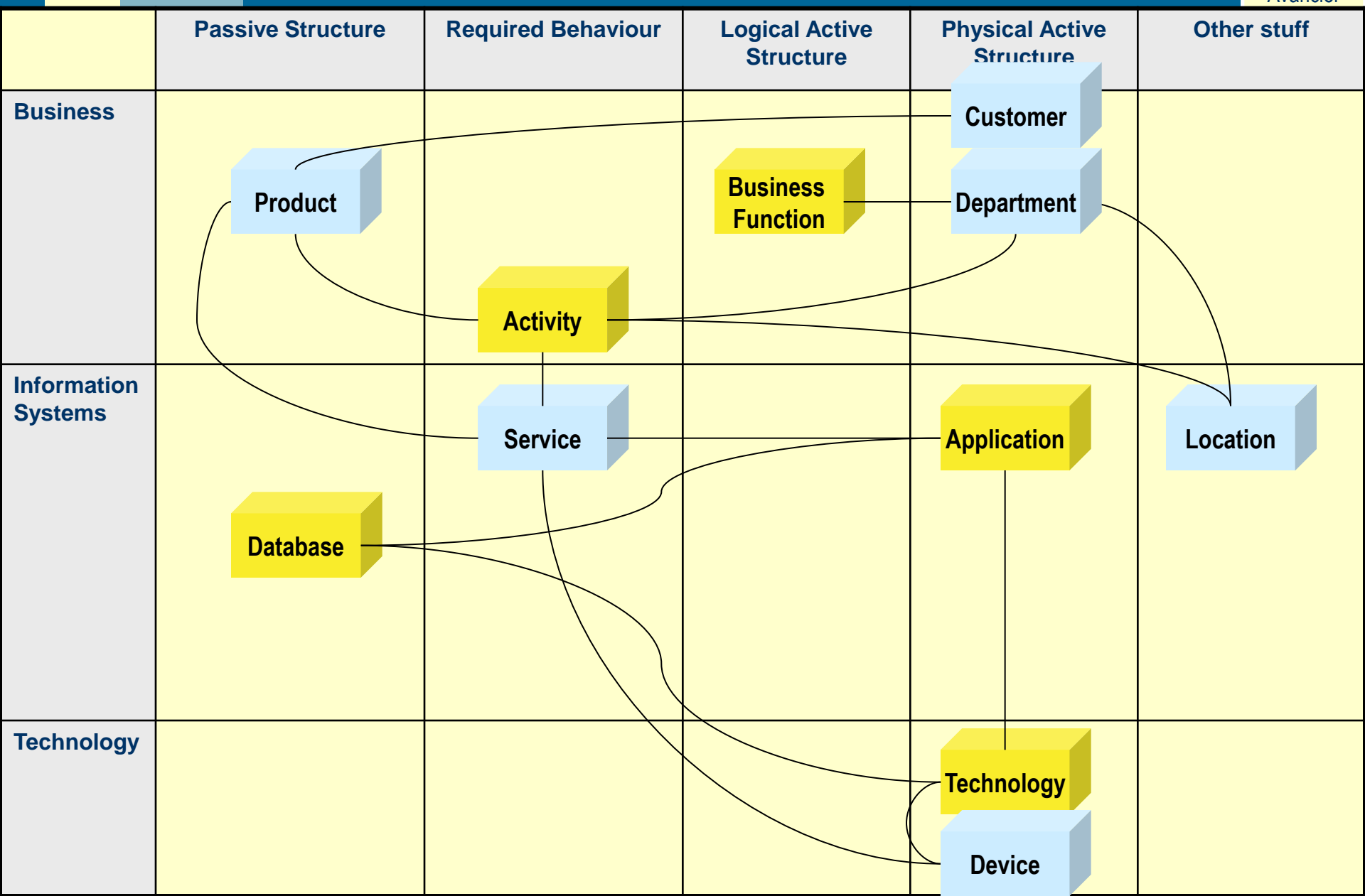
	Passive Structure	Required Behaviour	Logical Active Structure	Physical Active Structure	Other stuff
	Artifacts	Services and processes	Logical components	Physical components	e.g. Locations. Projects
Business					
Information Systems					
Technology					

- ▶ Created by trial and error
- ▶ Merely a presentation framework for placing entities on a page
 - *A visual alignment device*
 - Do not read it as yet another architecture framework
 - Do not read it (for example) to say Goals and Locations are closely related concepts
- ▶ More art than science

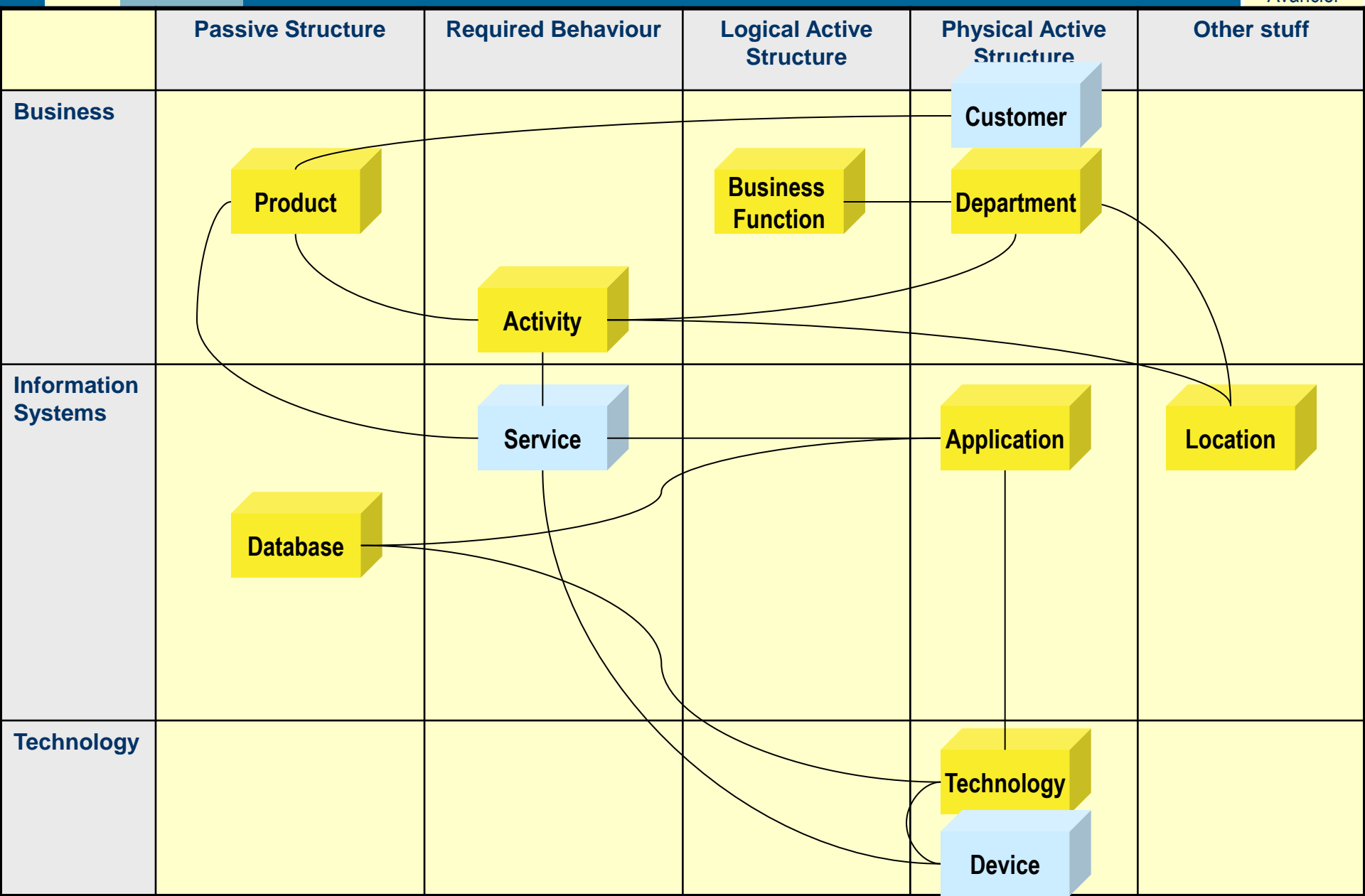
SAM - "essential" EA meta model – drawn to fit the framework



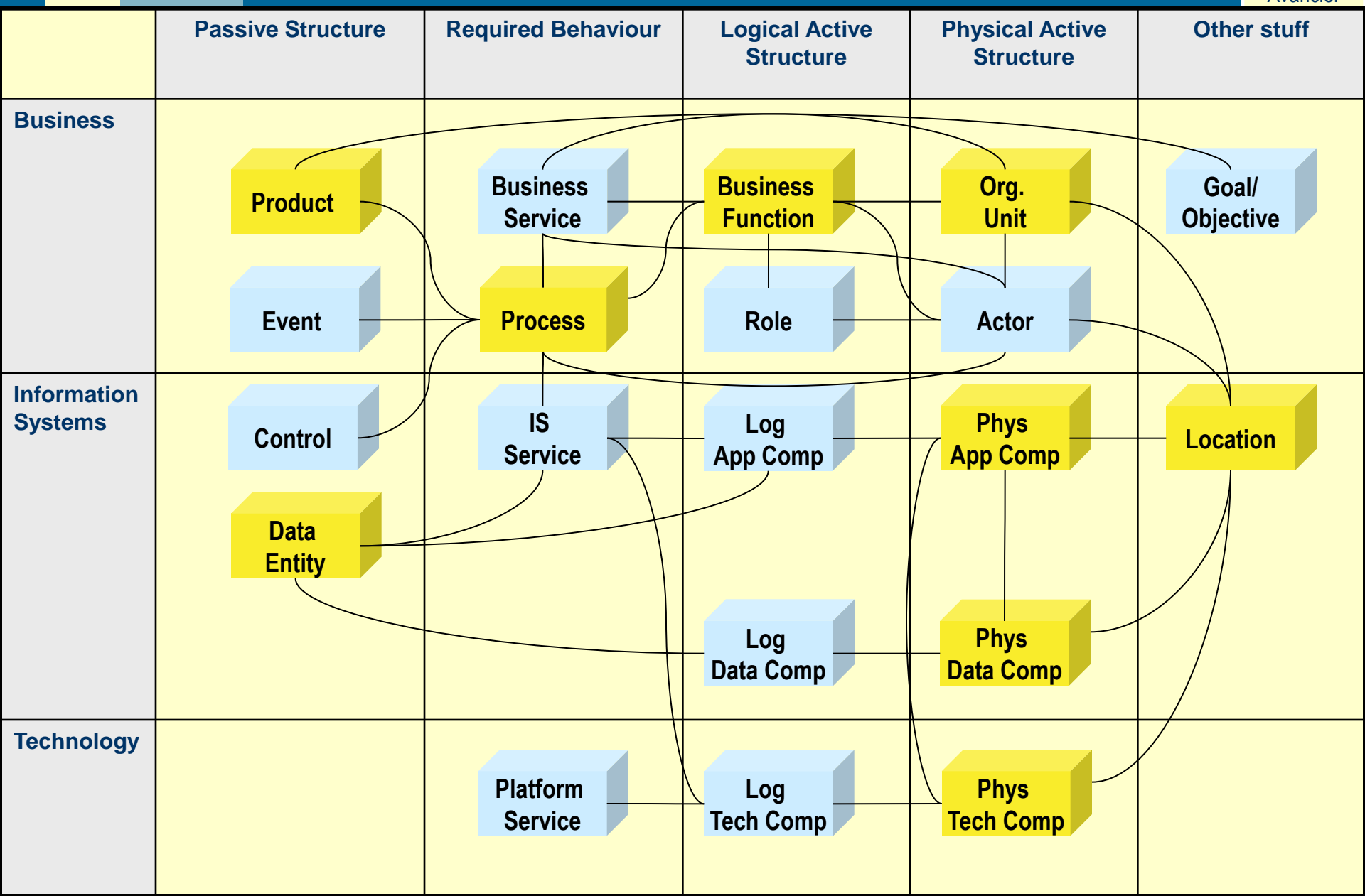
PEAF structural meta model – drawn to fit the SAM



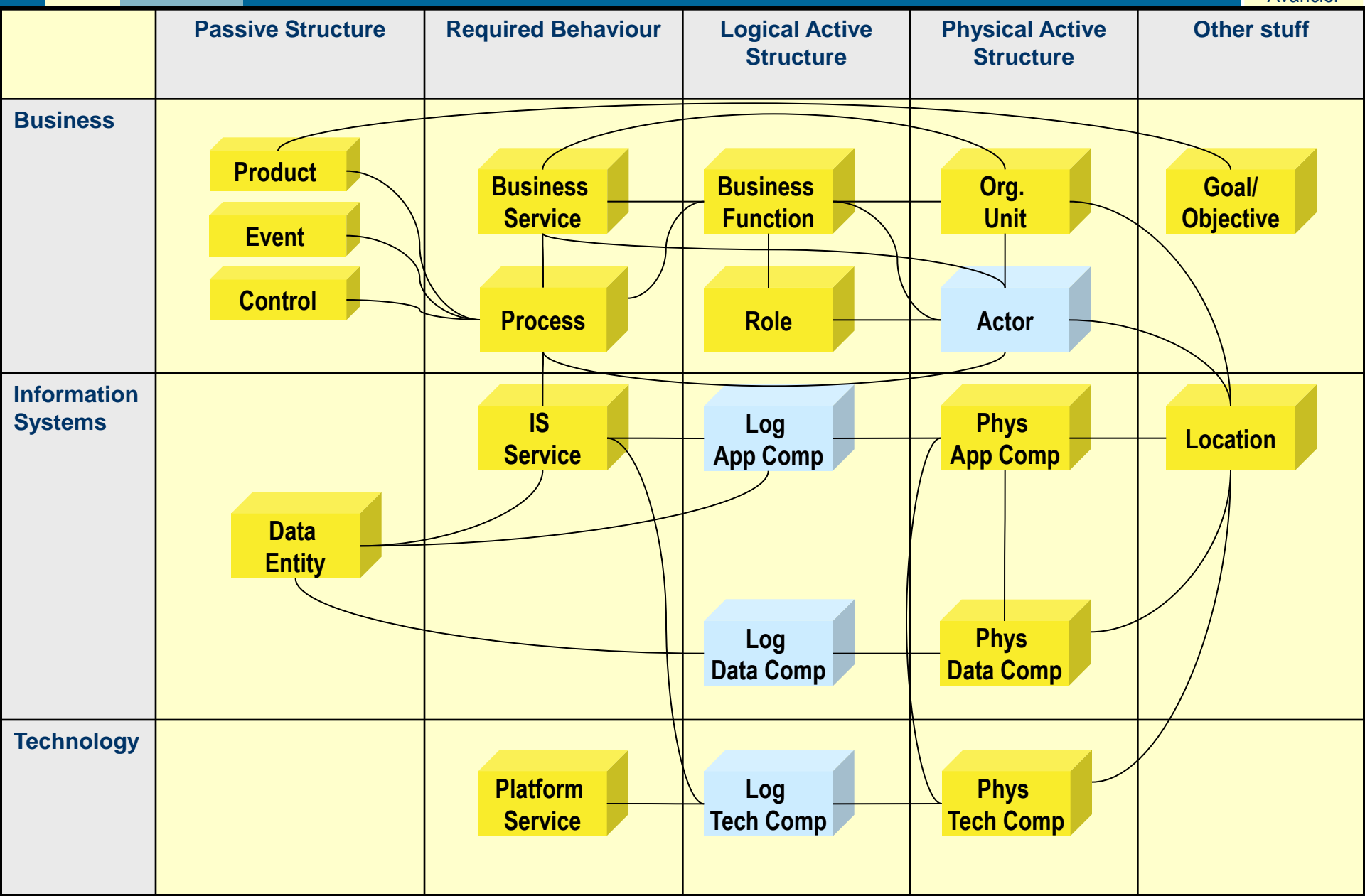
PEAF structural meta model – drawn to fit TOGAF



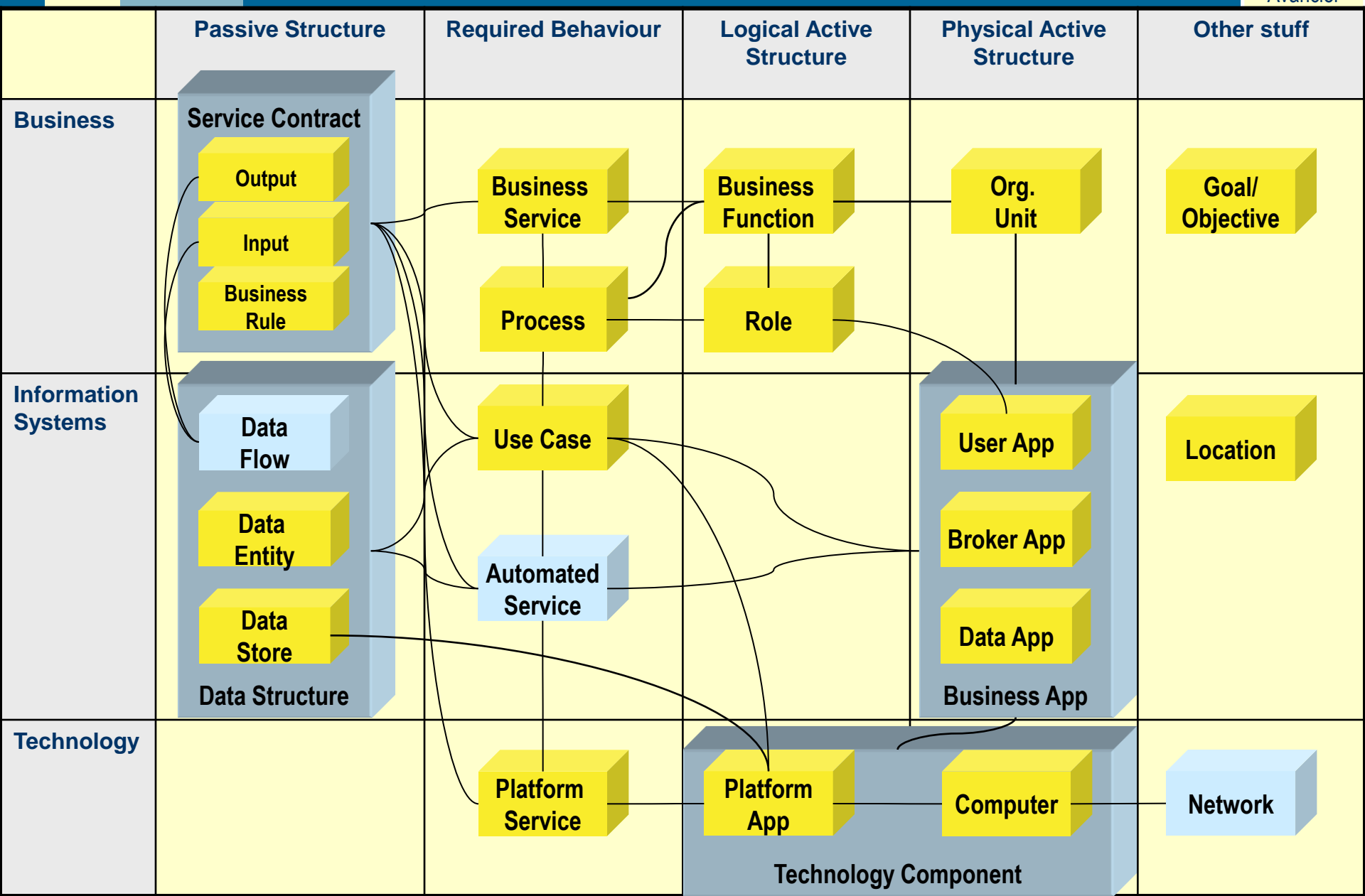
TOGAF 9's explicit meta model – drawn to fit PEAf



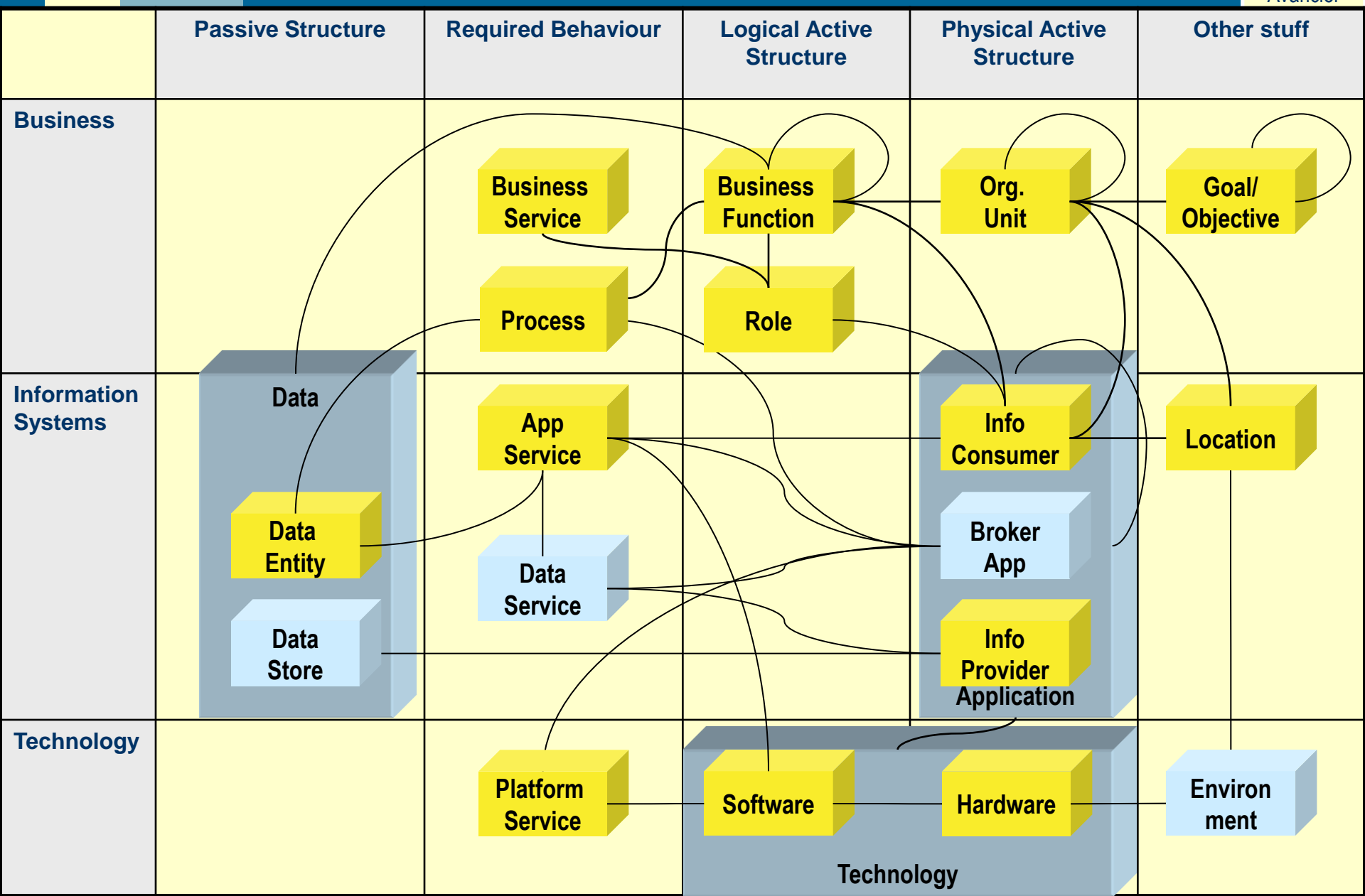
TOGAF 9's explicit meta model – drawn to fit BCS



BCS's *implicit* reference model

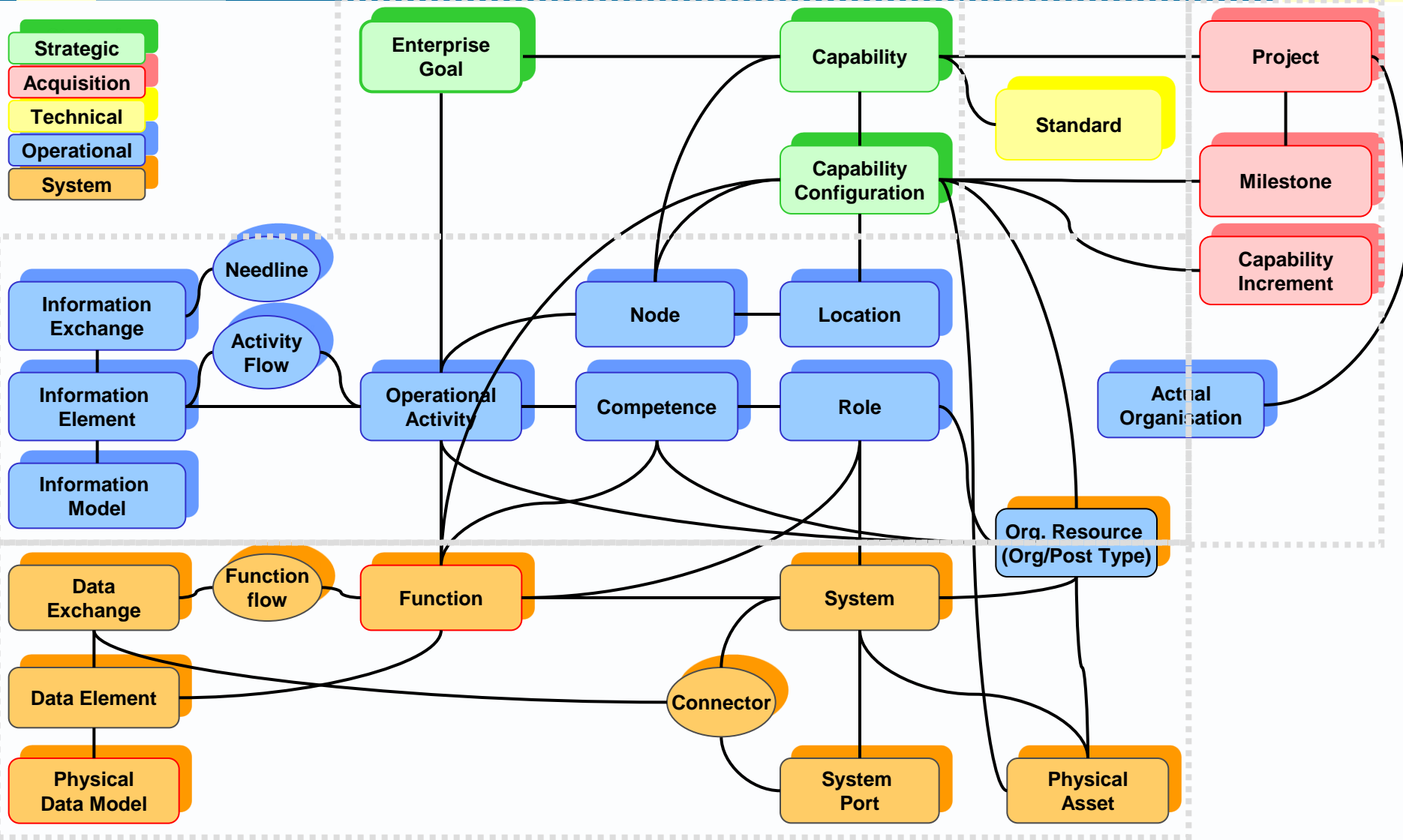


TOGAF 9's *implicit* meta model – drawn to fit the framework



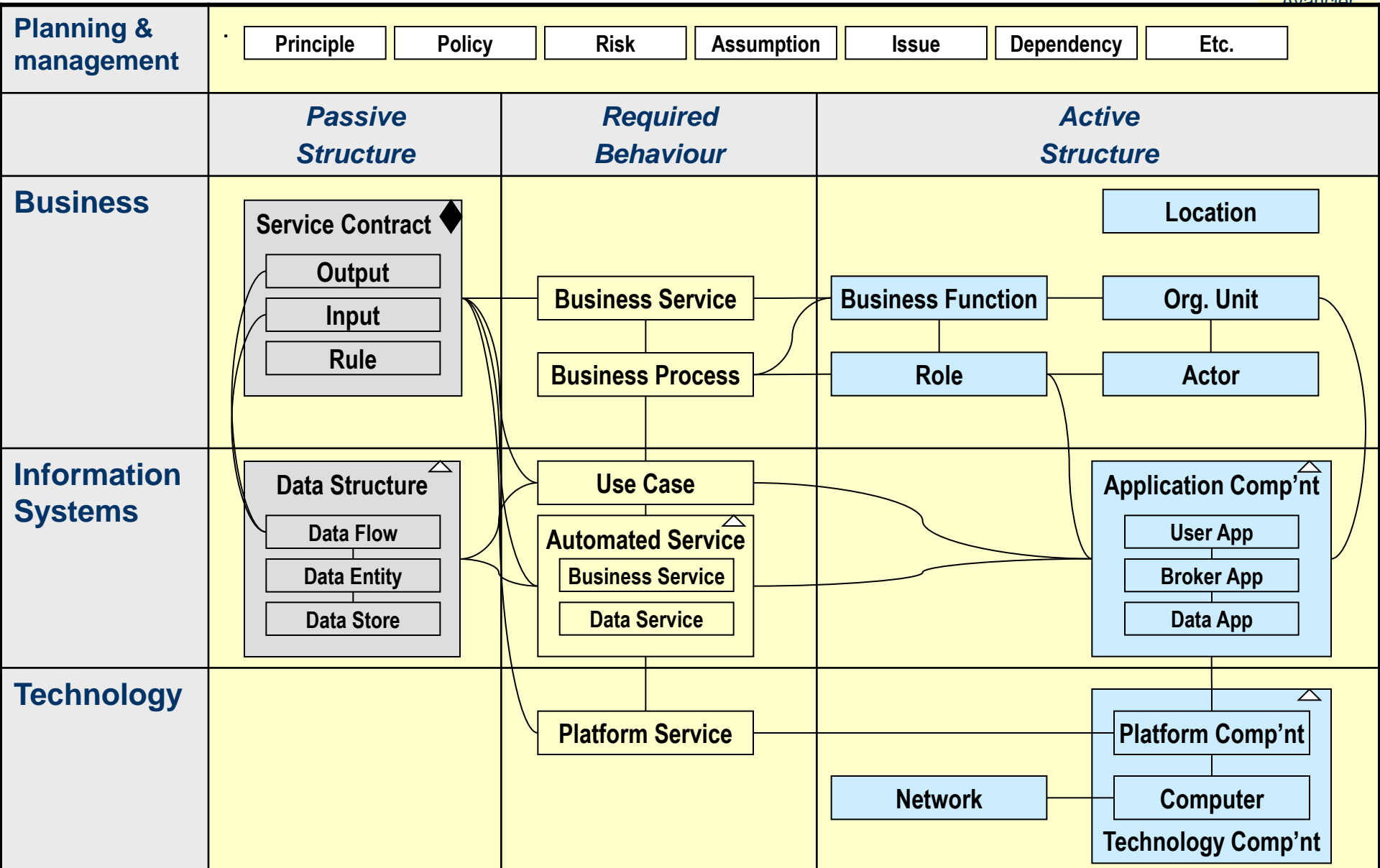
- ▶ The 3 x 5 presentation framework has to be adapted for different meta models

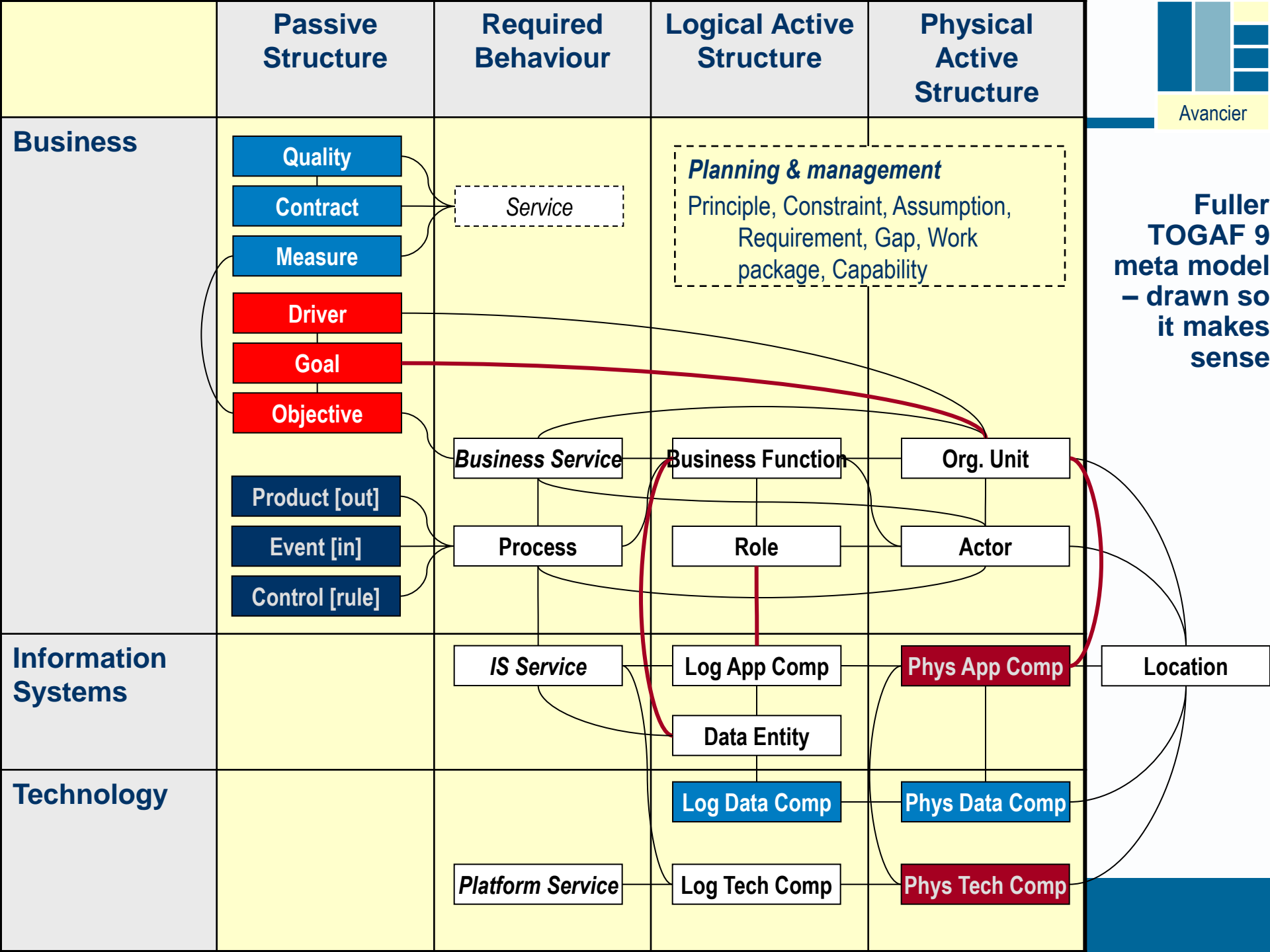
MODAF – doesn't so readily conform to the general shape But still easier to read after alignment to it





Fuller BCS architecture meta model





**Fuller
TOGAF 9
meta model
– drawn so
it makes
sense**

5 related presentations in the Library at <http://avancier.co.uk>

▶ **Logicity**

- Process threads you will find in various architecture frameworks

▶ **Modularity**

- Foundation concepts and strands in the modelling of human and computer activity systems

▶ **Granularity**

- The challenge of multi-level goals, plans and specifications

▶ **Architecture meta meta concepts**

- A 4 cell schema for modelling systems, which helps you understand meta models

▶ **Functionality**

- Functions, Organisation Units and Processes in human activity systems

▶ **Architecture meta models**

- Comparing the meta models of industry standard architecture frameworks