

# PDC 2021 – ESA’s Planetary Defence NEO Coordination Centre DevOps model based Operations

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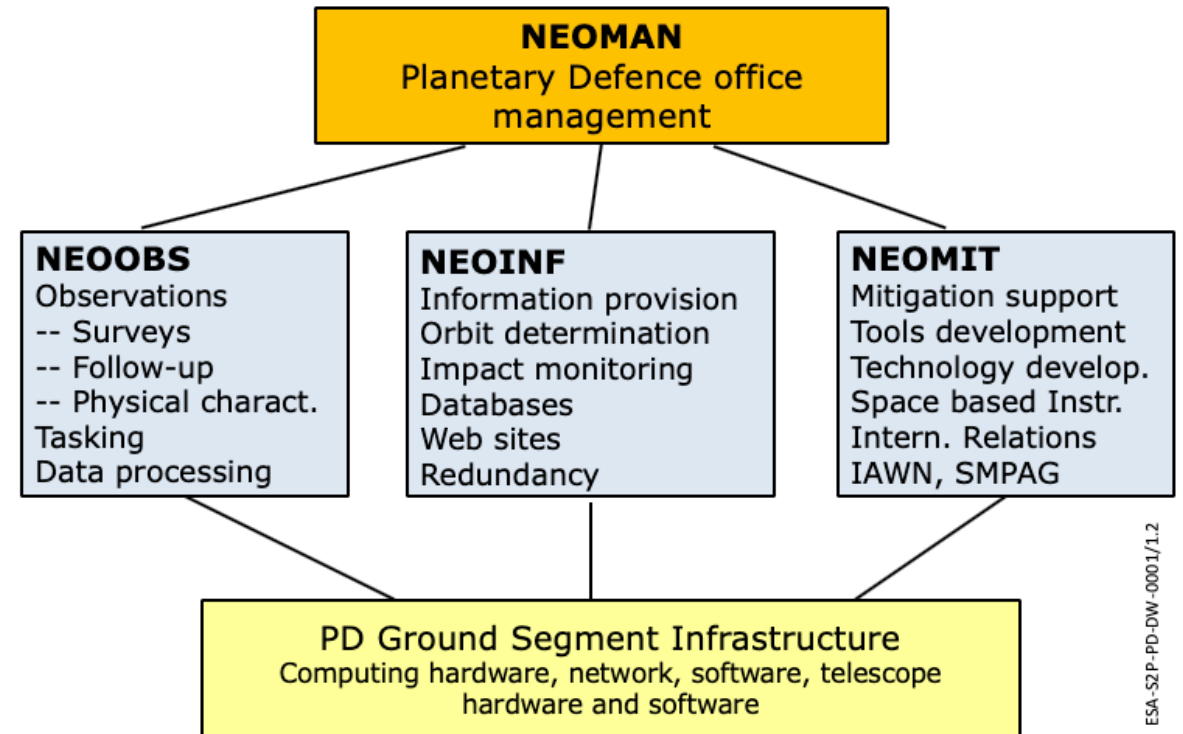
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- Ground Segment
- Operations
- Teams
- DevOps approach
- CI/CD Infrastructure
- NEO Resulting DevOps Quadrant
- Achievements

## Operations

- Observation
- Information Provision
- Mitigation

## Ground Segment Infrastructures

- Asset Engineering
- Development
- Validation
- Deployment
- Monitoring
- Maintenance
- Evolution



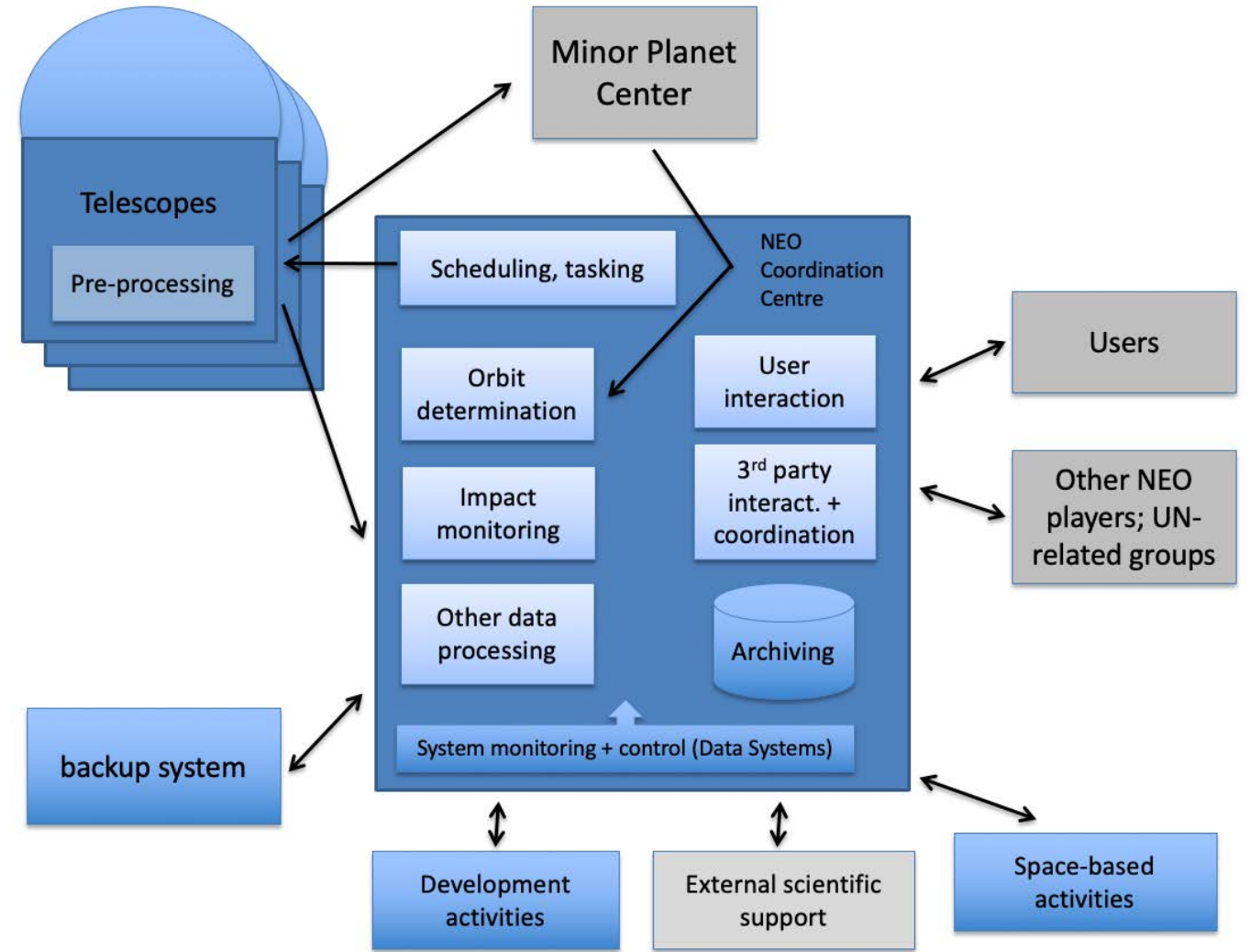
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An overall visual representation

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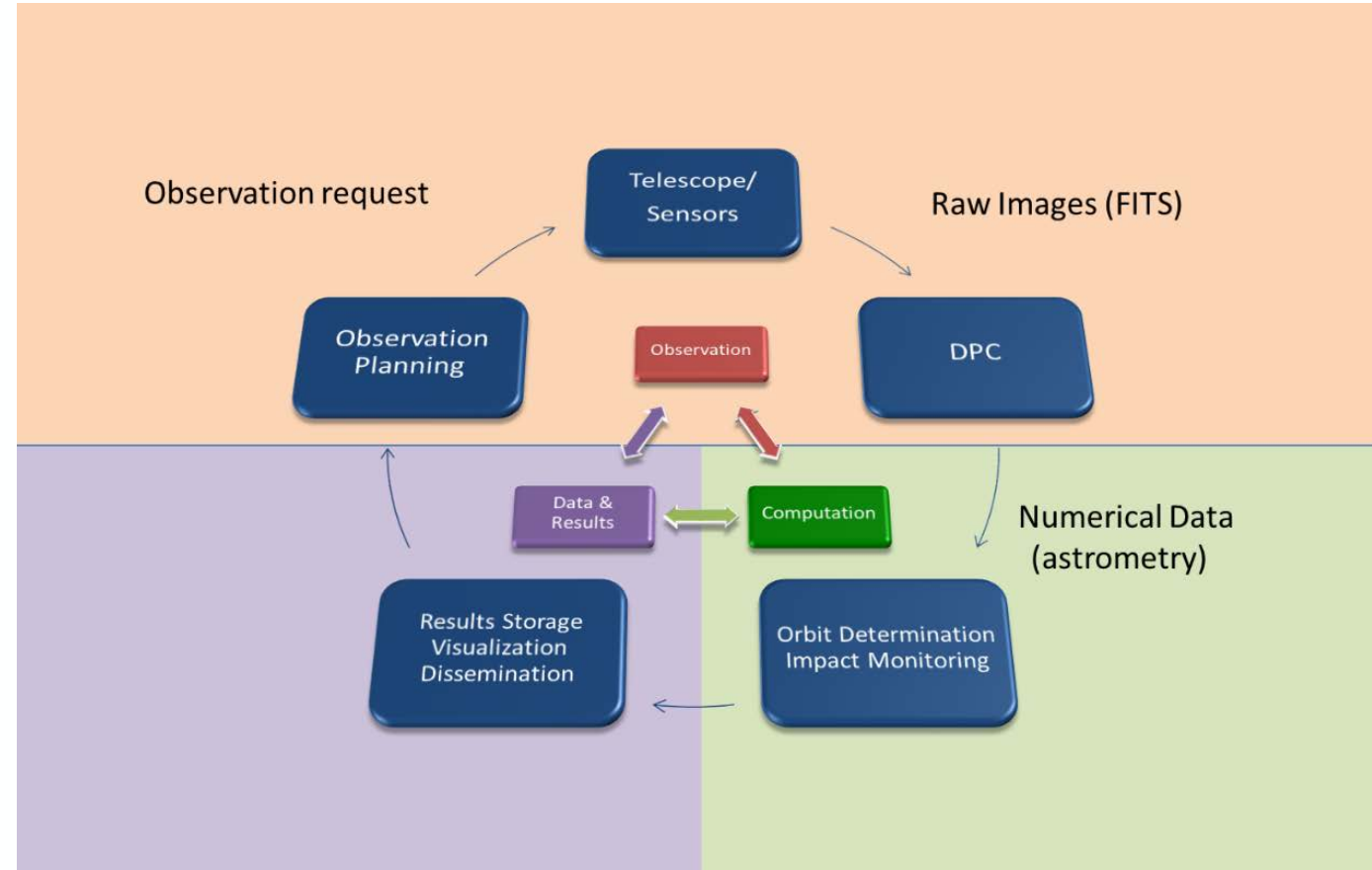
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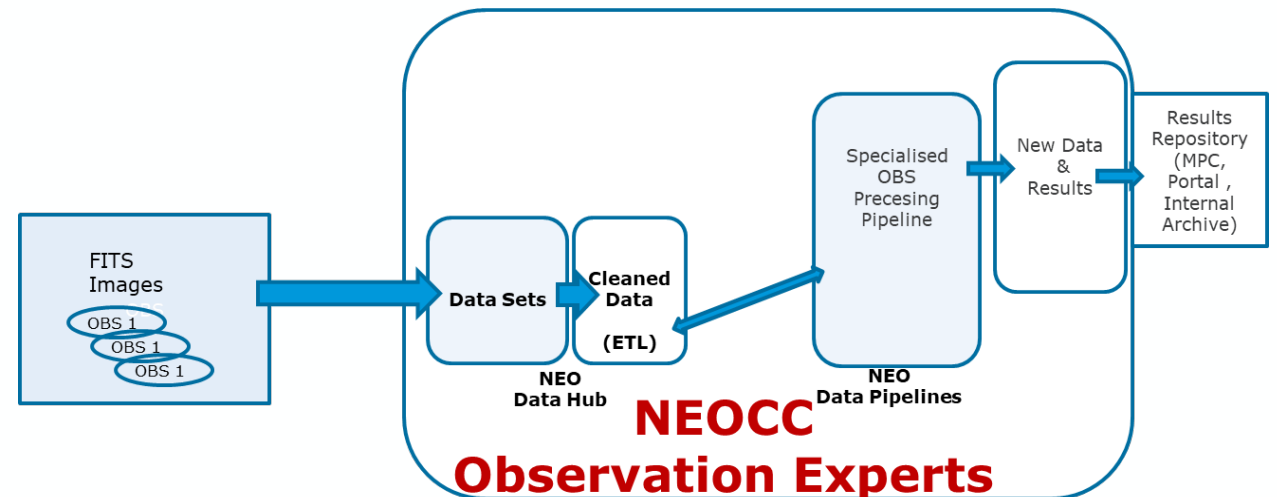
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- External data acquisition and refinement (in IT terms: Data Management)
  - **Micro services, agile in house software development (data pipelines)**



## Industry

- Operational SW Development
- Many industries
- Spread across Europe

## • Development

## ESA Ground Segment Team

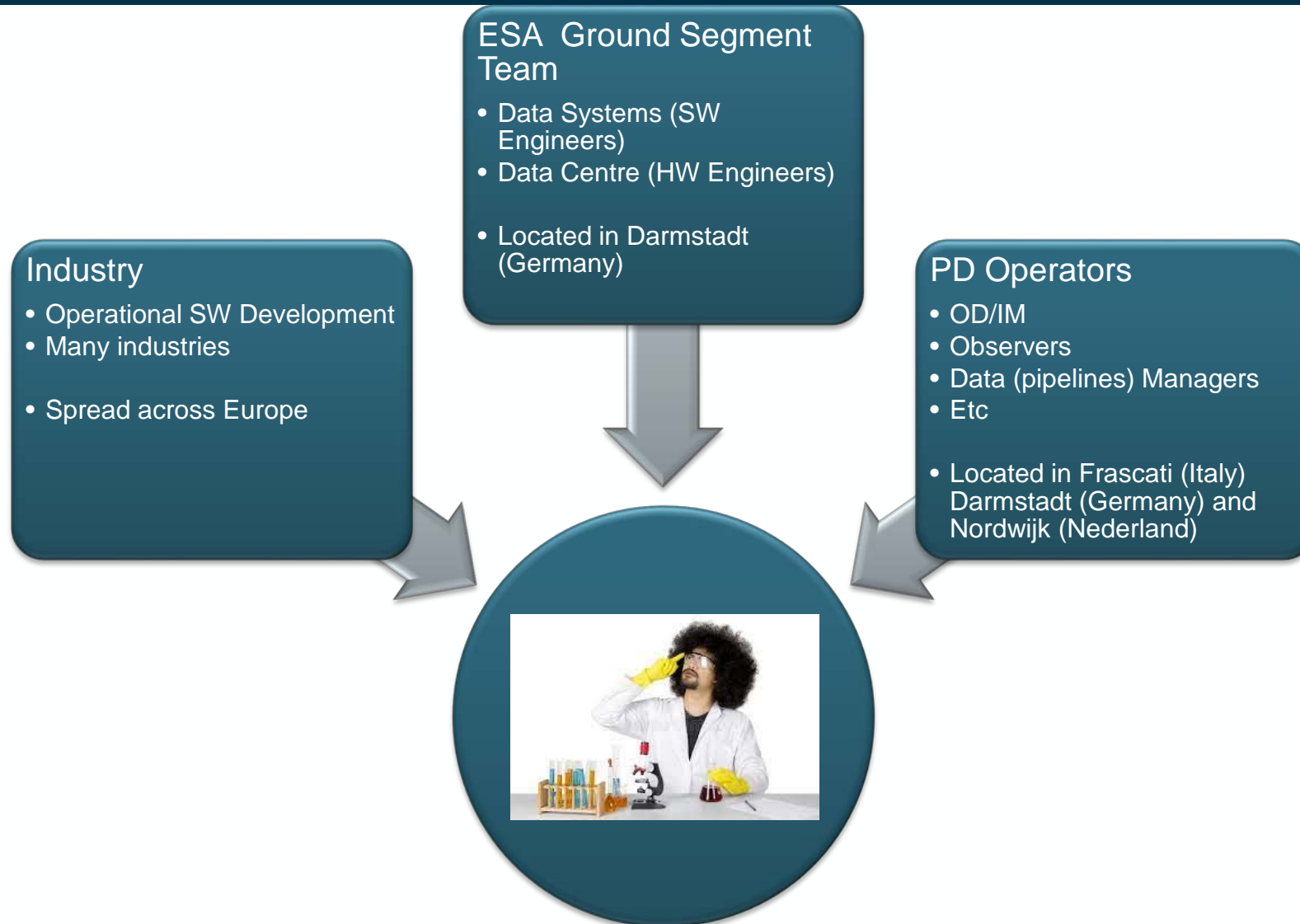
- Data Systems (SW Engineers)
- Data Centre (HW Engineers)
- Located in Darmstadt (Germany)

## • Build, Test, Validation

## PD Operators

- OD/IM
- Observers
- Data (pipelines) Managers
- Located in Frascati (Italy) Darmstadt (Germany) and Noordwijk (Nederland)

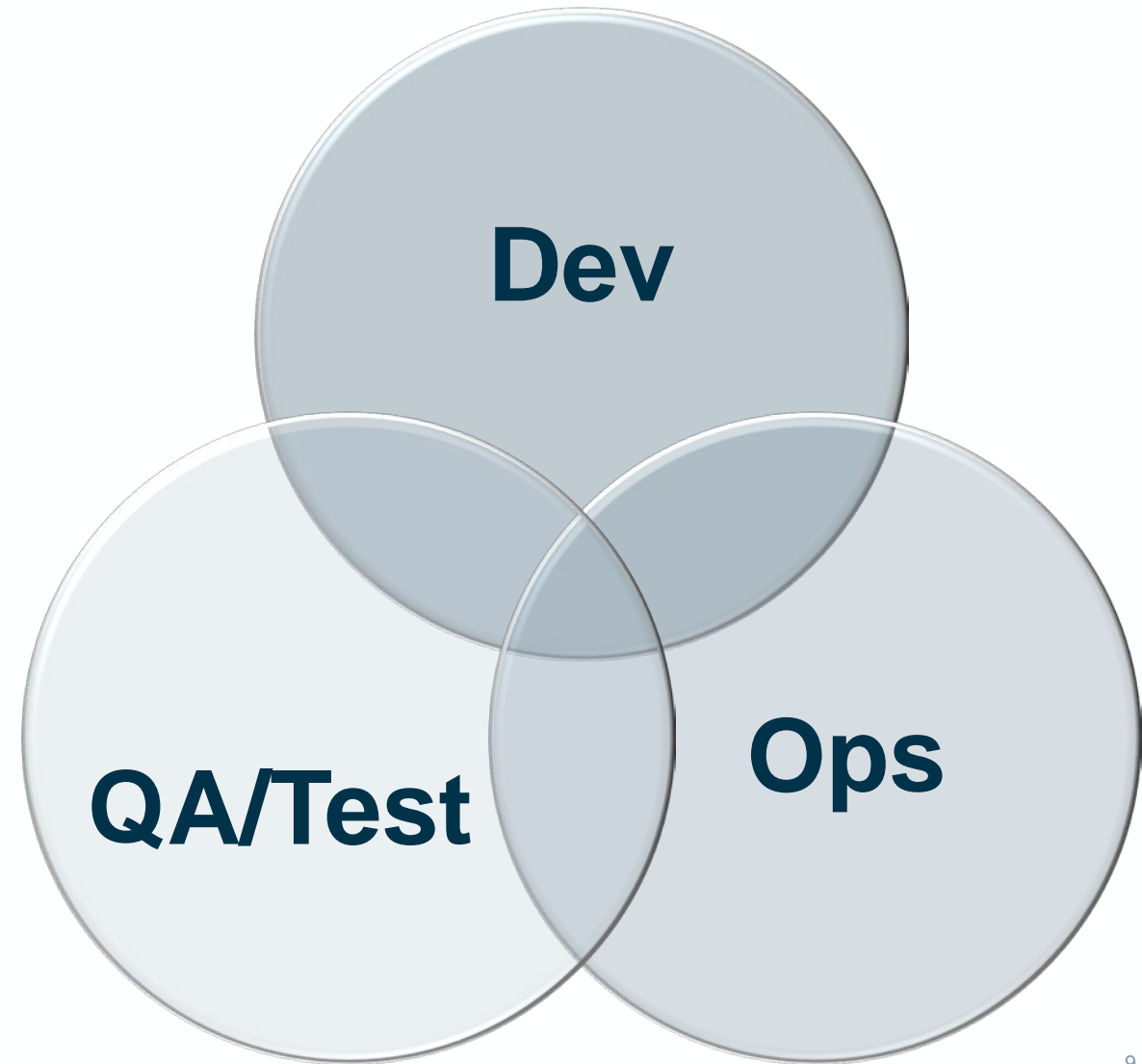
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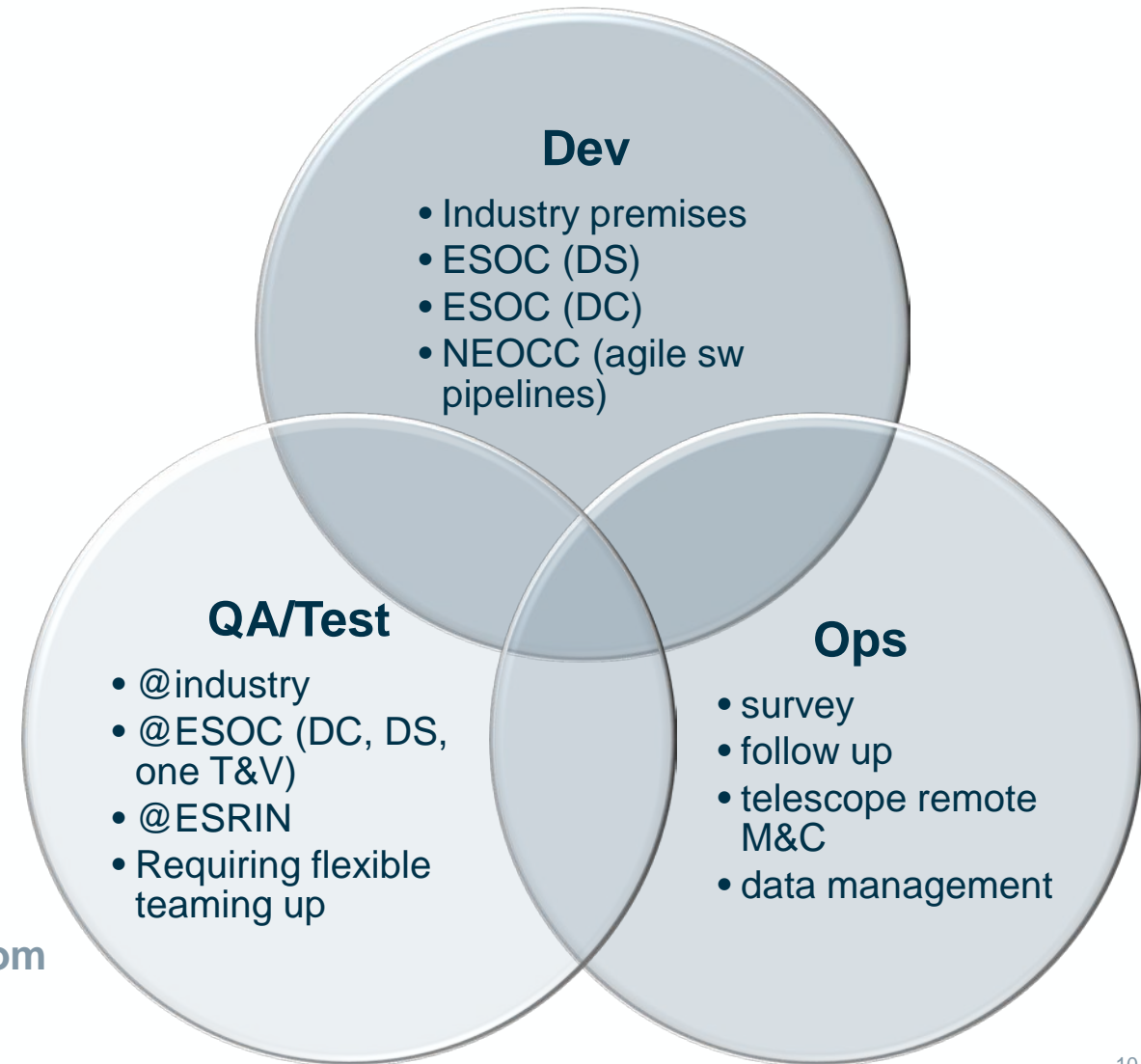


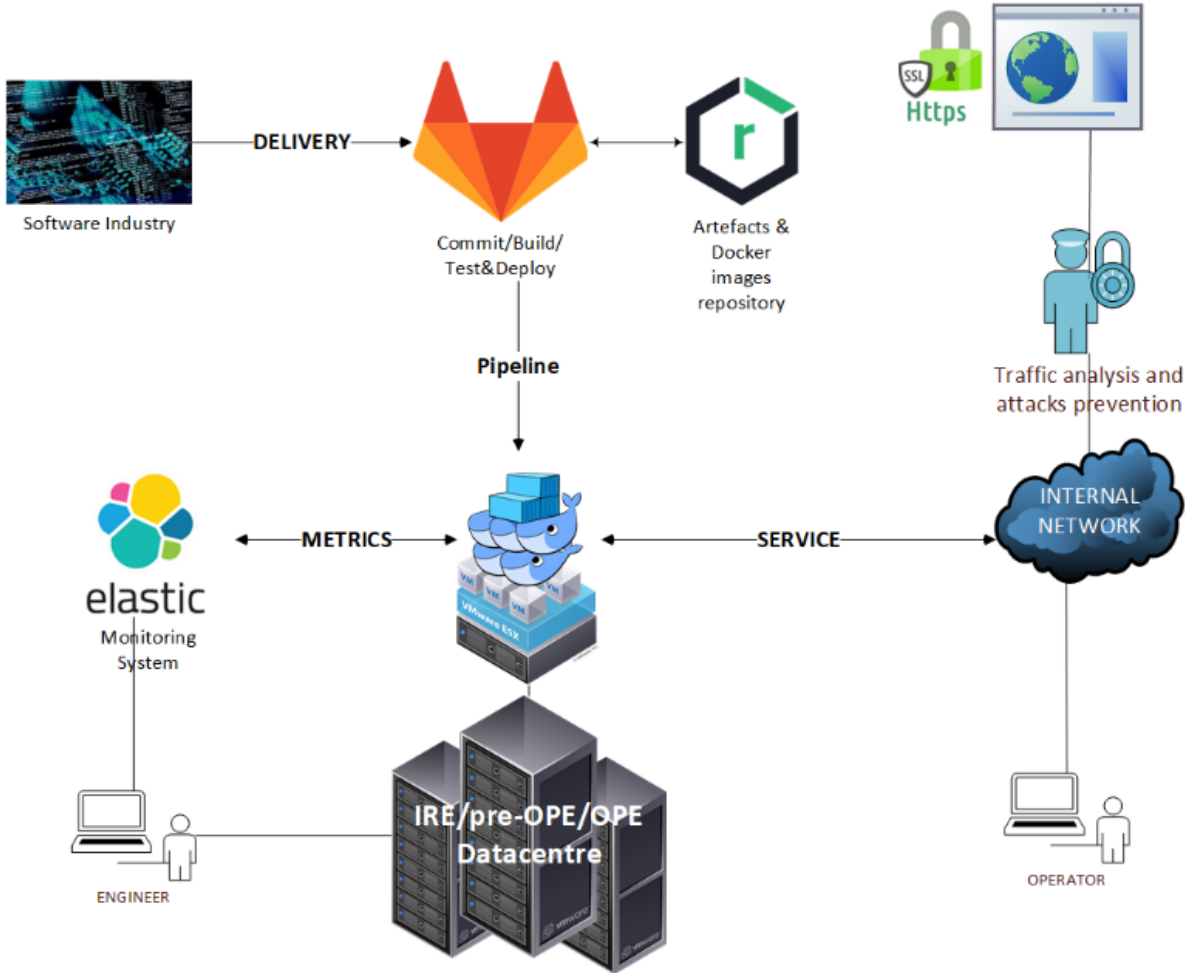
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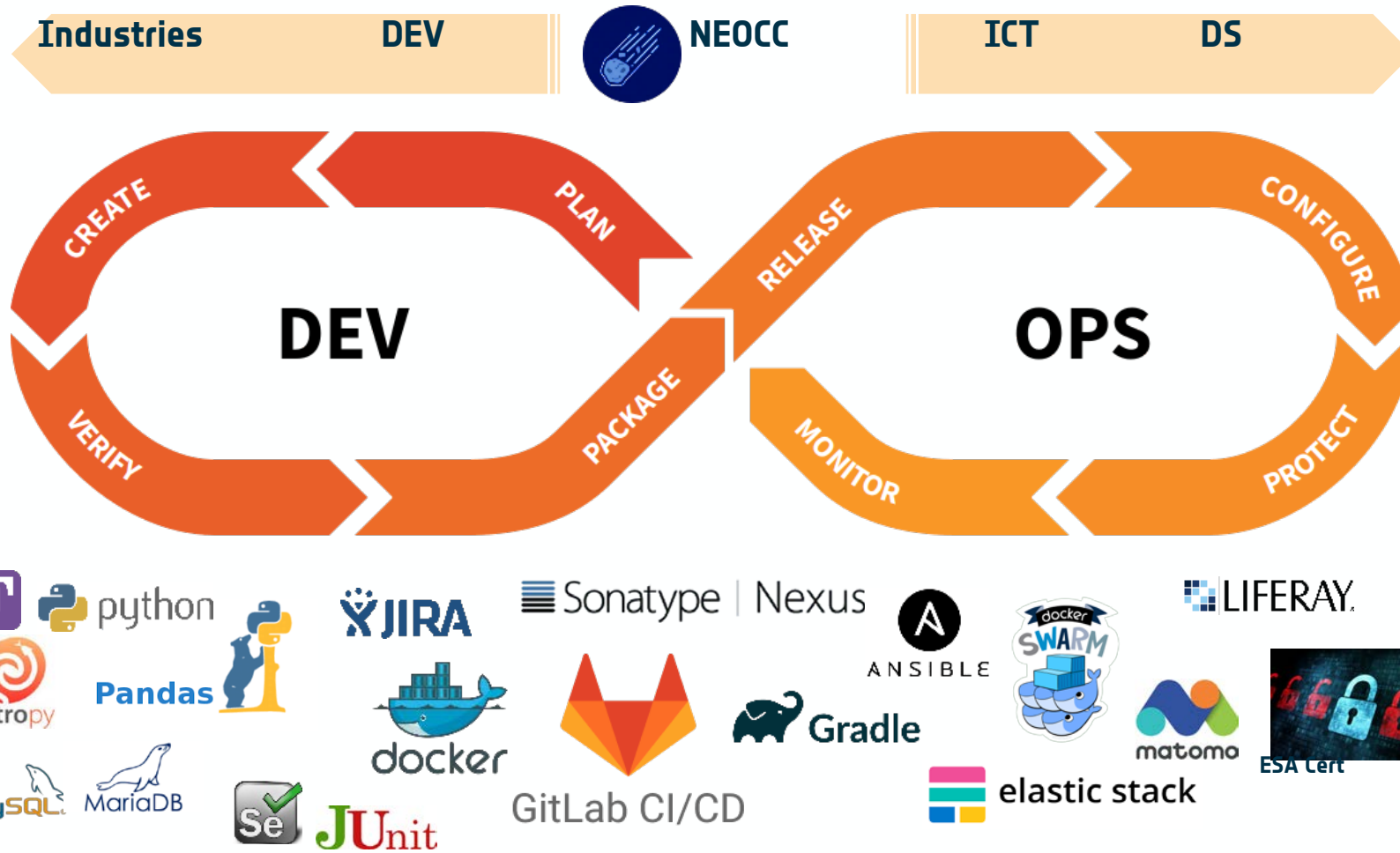
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## NEO Peculiarity

- **Different Development's cycles**
  - Long (Industrial Procurement)
  - Short (NEOCC Op need agile SW changes)
- **Different Teams location**
  - Offsite (ESOC, ESA, Industry)
  - Onsite (NEOCC)
- **This demands the definition of an efficient working model**
  - **an infrastructure capable to support the dev&test&op&maintenance demand**
    - **Software & Data Management (not separated from the SW )**







# ESA PD CI/CD Pipeline Design



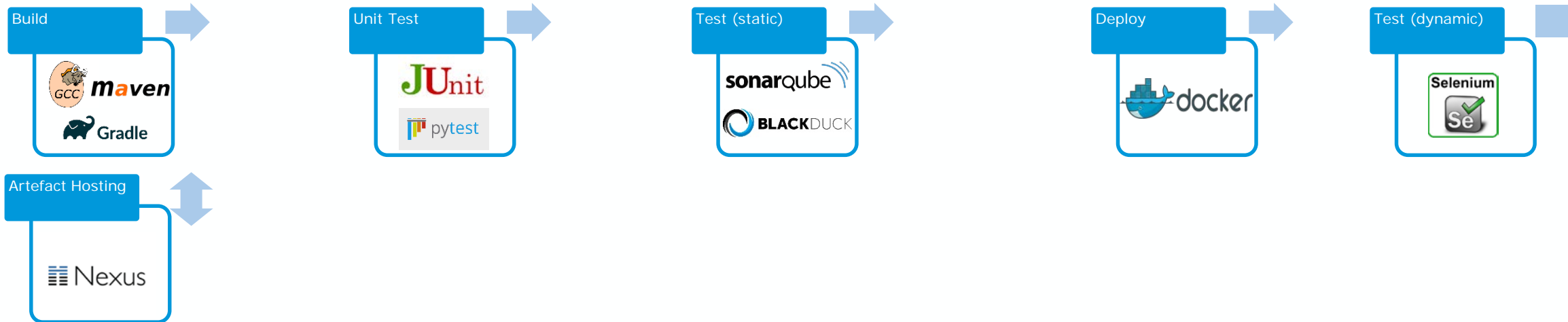
PD Project Pipeline - Example Run:

GitLab CI/CD

Pipeline Needs Jobs 10 Tests 38

! test\_static  
<<manually>>

Conceptional CI/CD Pipeline Stages:



# ESA PD CI/CD Pipeline Monitoring



GitLab CI pipelines

owner: SSA-NEO | project: SSA-NEO/neo-portal | ref: develop + develop\_eversis + matomo\_basic\_configs + monitoring + ssane...

PIPELINE... **5**

FAILED PI... **0**

RUNS # (in the last ...) **0**

Average Pipeline Run Frequency: **2 weeks**

Average Pipeline Duration: **12 minutes**

Overview on recent pipeline runs

PIPELINE RUNS

RUNNING, FAILED OR NOT COMPLETED

ID	Project	Ref Kind	Ref Name	Date ↓	Duration	Status
<a href="#">96469</a>	SSA-NEO/neo-portal	branch	develop	6 days ago	21 minutes	CANCELED
<a href="#">93920</a>	SSA-NEO/neo-portal	branch	develop_eversis	3 weeks ago	18 seconds	CANCELED

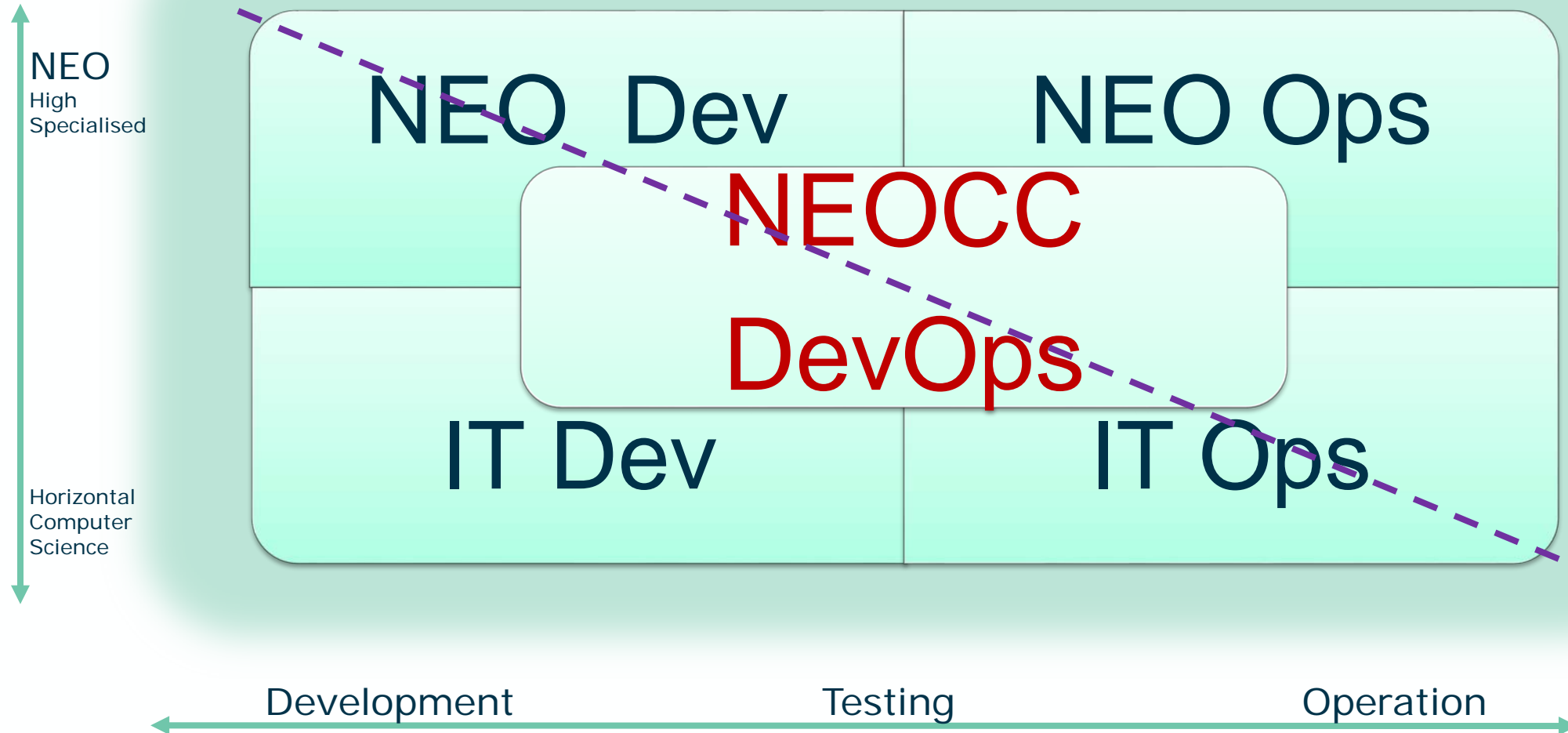
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

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<a href="#">96860</a>	SSA-NEO/neo-portal	branch	ssaneo-694-783	2 days ago	13 minutes	SUCCESS
<a href="#">96372</a>	SSA-NEO/neo-portal	branch	monitoring	1 week ago	13 minutes	SUCCESS
<a href="#">87911</a>	SSA-NEO/neo-portal	branch	matomo_basic_...	1 month ago	11 minutes	SUCCESS

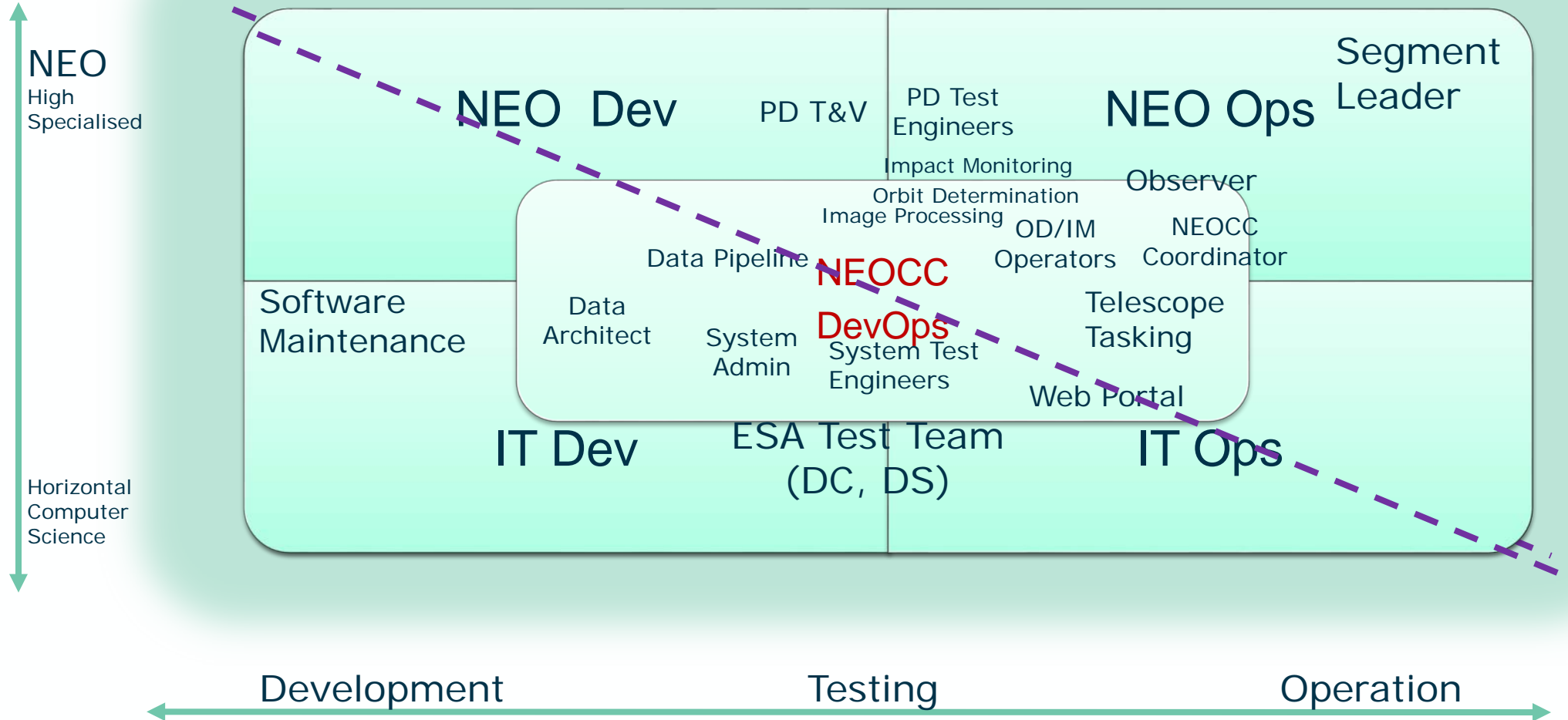




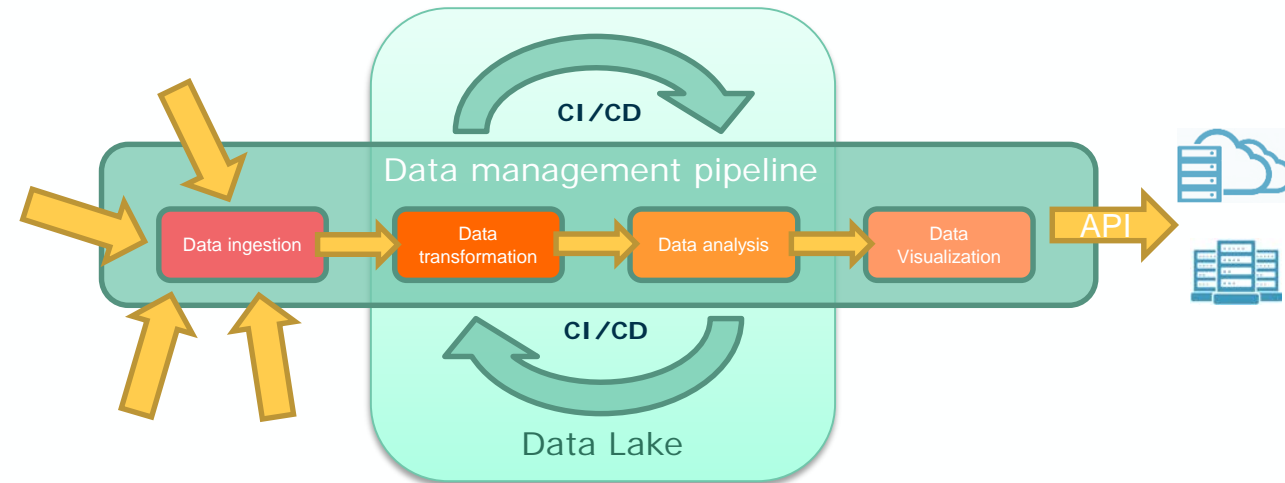
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- Continuous monitoring.
- Active participation
- Cooperation model .
- Automated and controlled processes
- Simpler despite Growing up fast



## ESA S2P PD

- runs Operations under an evolved, agile, and nonetheless controlled work processes
  - Fully validated DevOps model used into an Operational context
- 14 Software Repository with almost 100 components
  - consequently high delivery frequency
- Time from build to deploy from 140/200hours per delivery to minutes
- Combines and complements macro functionality procured offsite with microservices (data pipelines) developed in the scope of the specialised Operators activity
- The future growth of software components/delivery will not require a linear&proportional increase of the IT support
  - it will require to move efforts in the sustainability and evolution of the CI/CD infrastructure

# Upcoming (continuous) challenges

The NEO Operation complexity requires hectic interaction with software and data

- ✓ Agile, efficient, controlled SW Management via modern CI/CD infrastructure
- ❑ NEOCC Operation Team can spend more time in creating agile data management pipelines
- ❑ Looking ahead to Increased number of functionality, data volume and heterogeneity

Upcoming Evolution fronts

- ❑ System and application log analysis
- ❑ MMI
- ❑ and others unknown ... will (continuously) arise!