

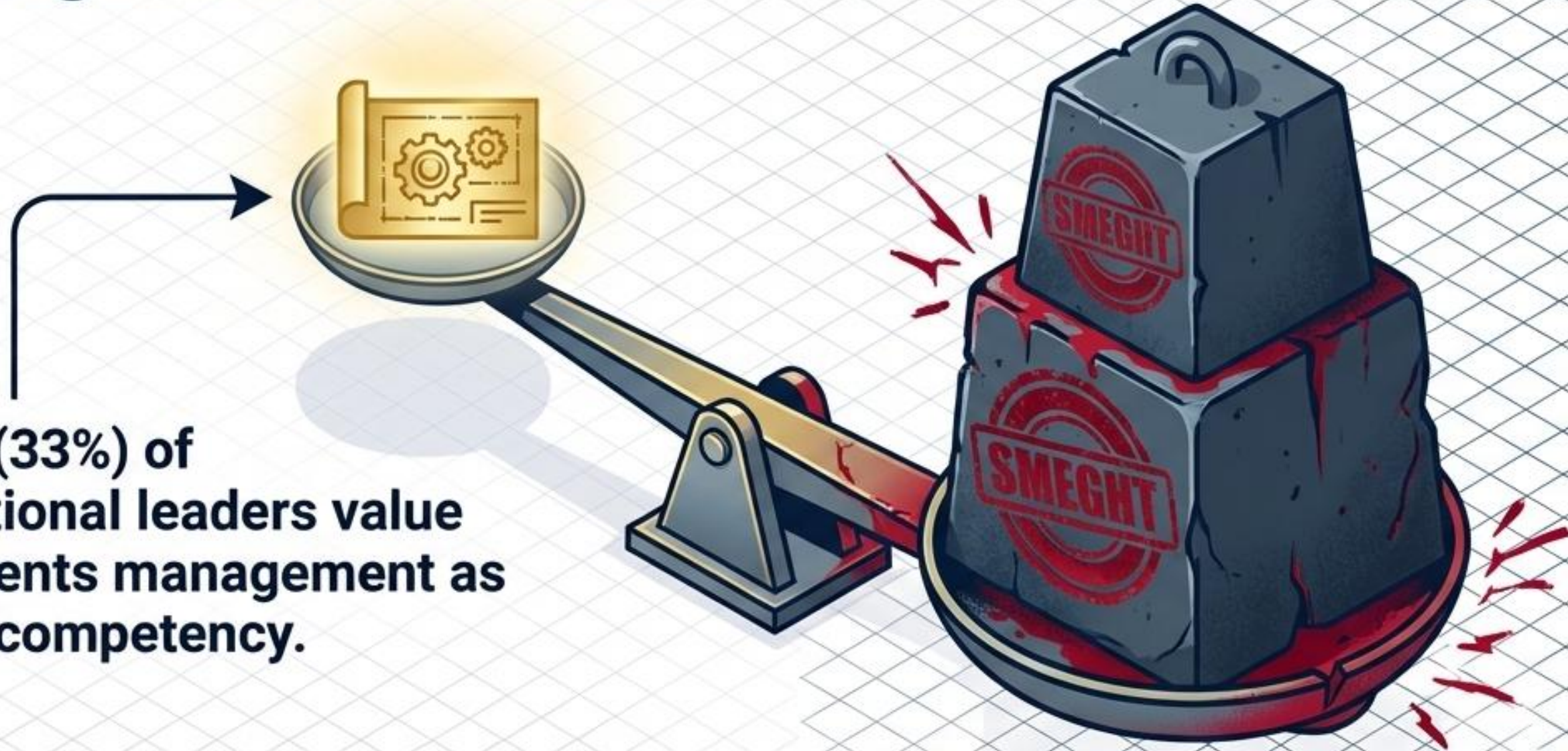


# Requirements Management: The Financial Perspective

Transforming engineering rigor into bottom-line profitability.

Poor requirements management destroys 51% of project budgets. This briefing outlines the financial mechanisms to recover lost capital, eliminate scope creep, and maximize ROI.

# The Executive Blind Spot: The Management Paradox



Only 1/3 (33%) of organizational leaders value requirements management as a critical competency.

**The Paradox:** The primary driver of massive budget hemorrhaging is viewed by leadership as a mundane administrative chore. This is not a knowledge gap; it is a financial blind spot.

# The True Cost of Apathy

The illustration shows two vertical pipes with flanges. The pipe on the left has a small hole with a few drips of red liquid. The pipe on the right has a large, jagged hole with a thick stream of red liquid pouring out. Below the pipes is a dark grey collection tank filled with red liquid. The background is a light grey grid with some faint technical drawings.

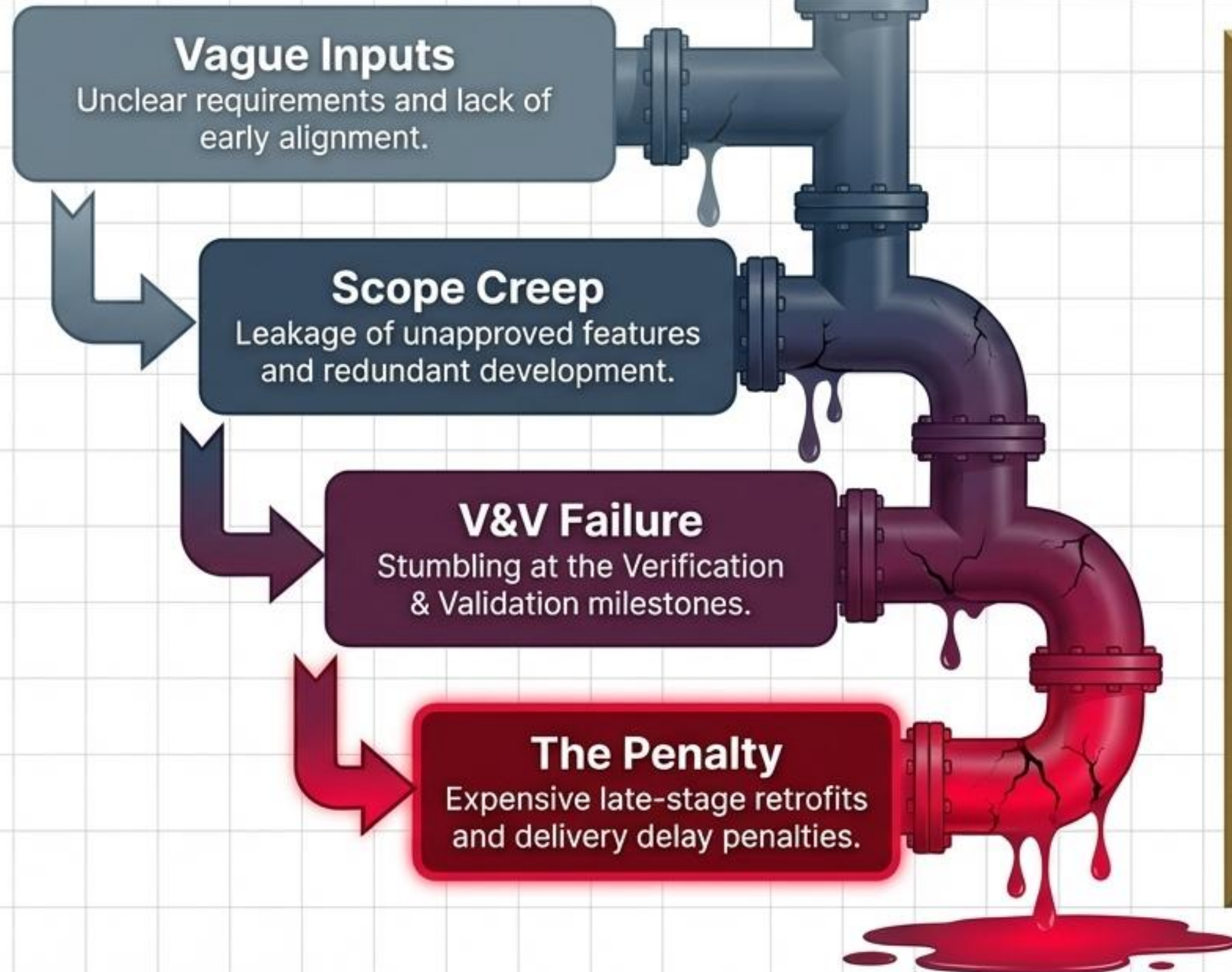
**47% of unmet project goals are directly due to poor requirements management.**

**Failure is structurally embedded in the earliest stages of the project lifecycle.**

**51% of wasted project dollars stem from poor requirements management.**

**Over half of all wasted capital in engineering and development projects drips directly from poorly managed requirements.**

# Anatomy of a Budget Leak: The Failure Cascade



What begins as a 'minor ambiguity' at the top of the cascade gains devastating financial momentum, culminating in the **51%** total budget waste.

# 51%

Total Budget Waste due to Poor Requirements Management (PMI)

# The 64% Illusion: Funding Ghost Features

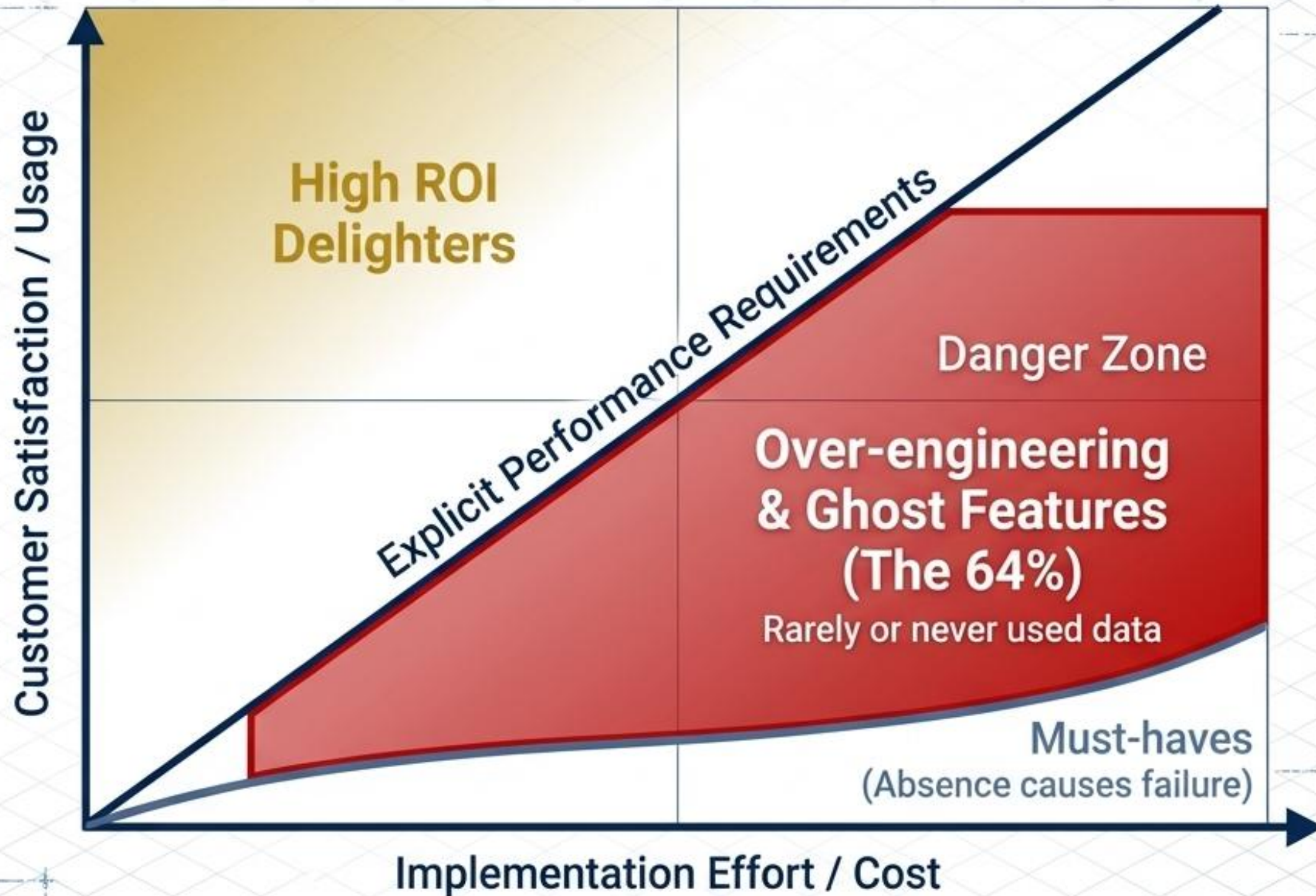
## The Scope Creep Anatomy



The common enemy is Scope Creep: delivering functionality that the customer rarely or never uses.

**Economic Reality:**  
Every unnecessary function carries a heavy payload of redundant development, manufacturing, and testing costs that aggressively erode project profitability.

# Over-Engineering Destroys ROI



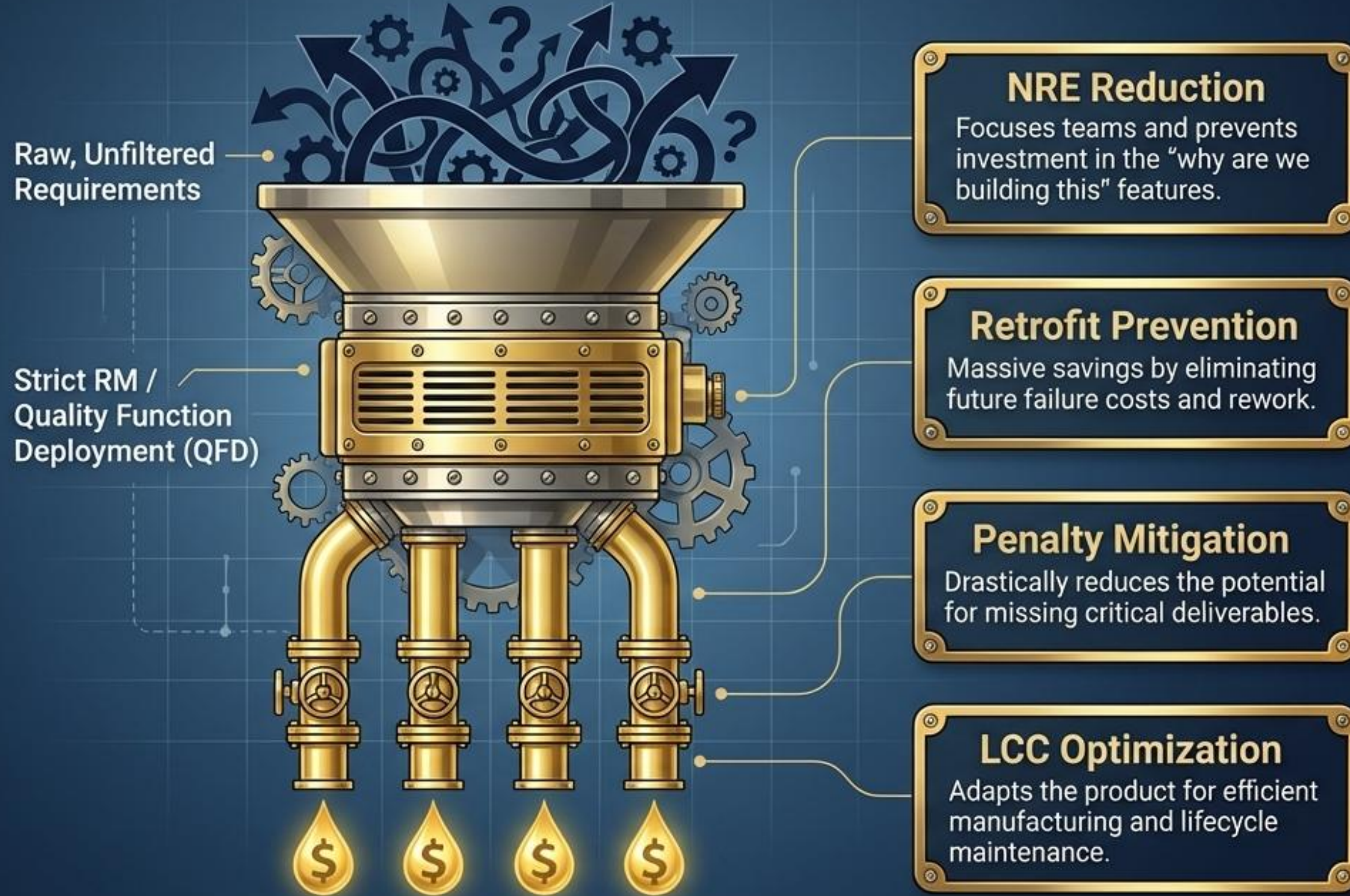
The role of Systems Engineering (via QFD) is not to build more features; it is a rigid financial discipline to prevent unrequested "enhancements" from entering the high-cost danger zone.

# Redefining the Function: A Paradigm Shift

	<b>Traditional View</b>	<b>The Financial Blueprint</b>
<b>Perceived Nature</b>	An administrative engineering chore.	A primary executive profitability lever.
<b>Core Objective</b>	Building things right.	Preventing teams from building the wrong things.
<b>Success Metric</b>	Volume of features delivered.	Capital protected from NRE waste and retrofits.
<b>Management Style</b>	Handled loosely; requirements shift 35% of the time.	Handled rigidly; treated as a binding financial contract.

**Strict requirements management equals NRE minimization and profit maximization.**

# The Value Extraction Machine



# Two Sides of the Same Financial Coin

## Failure Prevention:

Mitigating risk of non-compliance and avoiding catastrophic, expensive retrofits.

## Operational Fit:

Proactively designing for streamlined manufacturing and optimized Life Cycle Costs (LCC).



## Profitability Growth:

Increasing sales through targeted, data-backed customer satisfaction (delivering what actually matters).

## NRE Minimization:

Preventing costly detours and focusing capital strictly on verified value drivers.

A rigid requirements framework bridges the gap between technical execution and business strategy.

# The Ultimate Financial Valve



## The Problem Neutralized

Implementing a strict Requirements Management framework directly attacks the 64% of unused "ghost features."



## The Capital Recovered

By filtering out over-engineering and stopping scope creep, organizations systematically recover the 51% of budget dollars traditionally lost to poor RM.

**Requirements Management is not a technical prerequisite; it is the most powerful financial filter an executive can deploy to defend project ROI.**