

Day 1 Introduction to workshop topic

Abstract: SE as Multidiscipline Enabler/Art/Science

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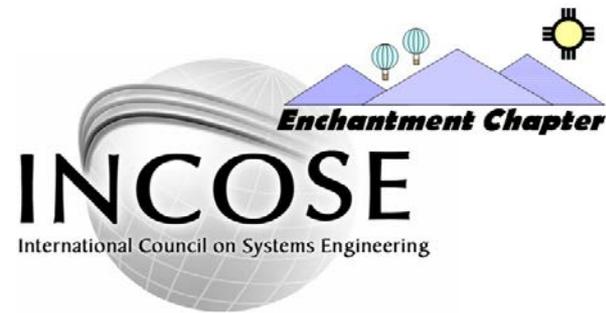
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This workshop will explore the art and science of systems engineering and the notion of the systems engineering brand.

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Workshop participants will own the agenda



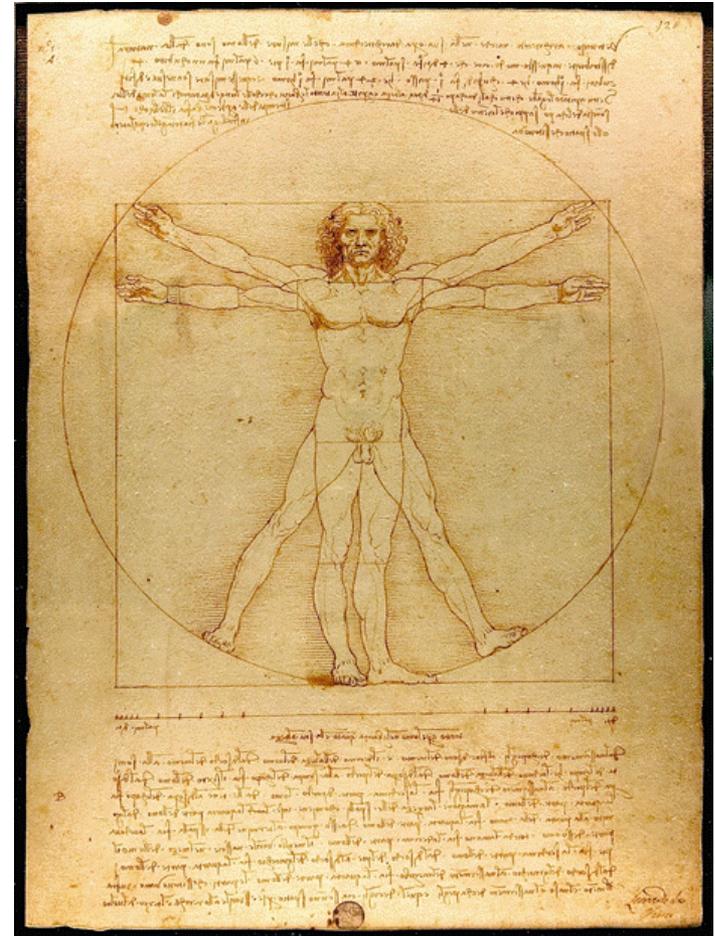
*“A Letter To Incoming Art School Freshman”,
K. Capasso, Odyssey, 2016*

Art is a diverse range of human activities in creating visual, auditory or performing artifacts (artworks), expressing the author's imaginative or technical skill, intended to be appreciated for their beauty or emotional power.

(Wikipedia/Oxford Dictionary/Merriam-Webster)

Are systems art?

Leonardo da Vinci
15 April 1452 - 2 May 1519
Artist or Scientist?



in·no·va·tion

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noun

noun: innovation

the action or process of innovating.

synonyms: change, alteration, revolution, upheaval, transformation, metamorphosis, breakthrough;
[More](#)

- a new method, idea, product, etc.

plural noun: innovations

"technological innovations designed to save energy"

"Try spending 15 to 30 minutes each day writing down questions that challenge the status quo in your company."

"The Innovator's DNA", J. H. Dyer, H. Gregersen, C. M. Christensen, HBR December 2009

Corning's Breakthrough Innovations

During its more than 160 years, Corning has leveraged its expertise in glass and materials science to produce a long list of highly successful products, including the following.

1800s

1879 Glass envelope for Thomas Edison's lightbulbs

1900s

1912 Glass for railroad lanterns that could withstand extreme temperature changes

1915 Heat-resistant Pyrex glass for cookware and laboratory equipment

1926 Ribbon machine for the mass production of lightbulbs

1932 High-purity fused silica—the foundation of other Corning innovations, such as telescope mirrors and optical fiber

1934 Silicones, a class of materials that are a cross between glass and plastic

1947 Process for mass-producing television picture tubes

1952 Heat- and break-resistant glass-ceramic material used in Corning Ware cookware and missile nose cones

1964 Fusion overflow process for producing flat glass

1970 Low-loss optical fiber used in telecommunications networks

1972 Cellular ceramic substrates used in automotive catalytic converters and today's diesel engines

1982 Active matrix liquid crystal display (LCD) glass for high-quality flat-panel displays

2000s

2007 Gorilla Glass—thin, lightweight glass with exceptional damage resistance for smartphones, tablets, and other consumer electronics

2012 Ultraslim, flexible, lightweight glass for consumer electronics and architectural and design applications

SOURCE: CORNING; GARY P. PISANO FROM "YOU NEED AN INNOVATION STRATEGY," JUNE 2015

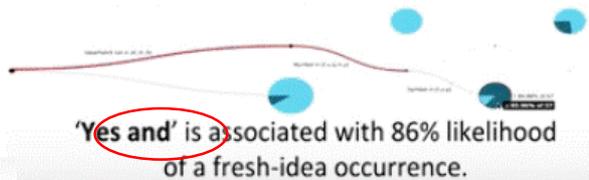
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Design Thinking at Stanford - Prof Larry Leifer Keynote IS2016

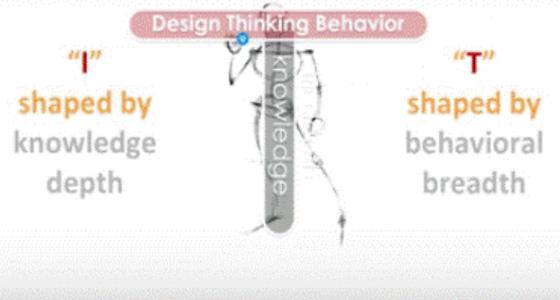
design
has never been
this **cool.**

"How do systems engineers do what they do?"

the face of foundational knowledge
design + big data
genetic pattern discovery



"but word, very bad"

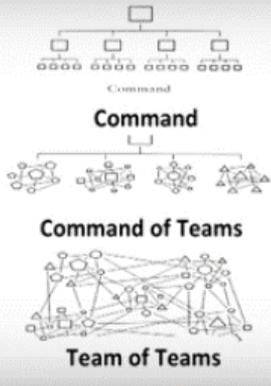


what we know
is the driver for most engineering education
facts, figures, and physics

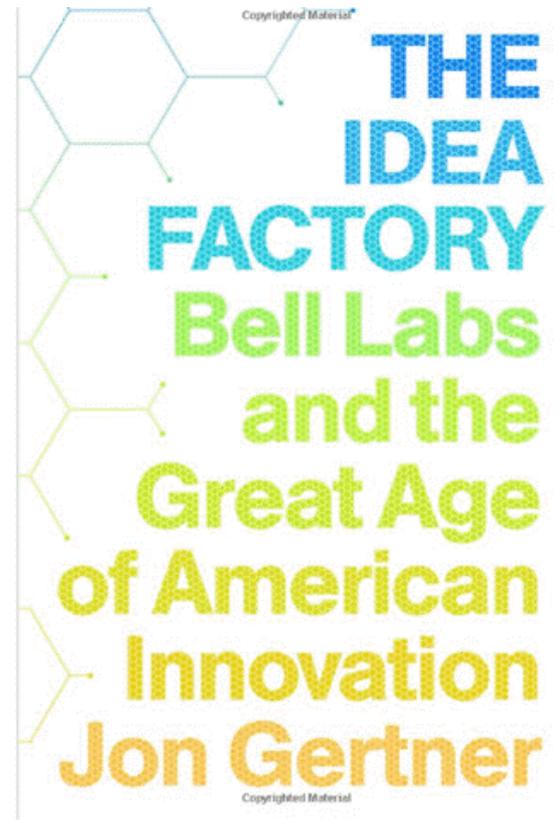
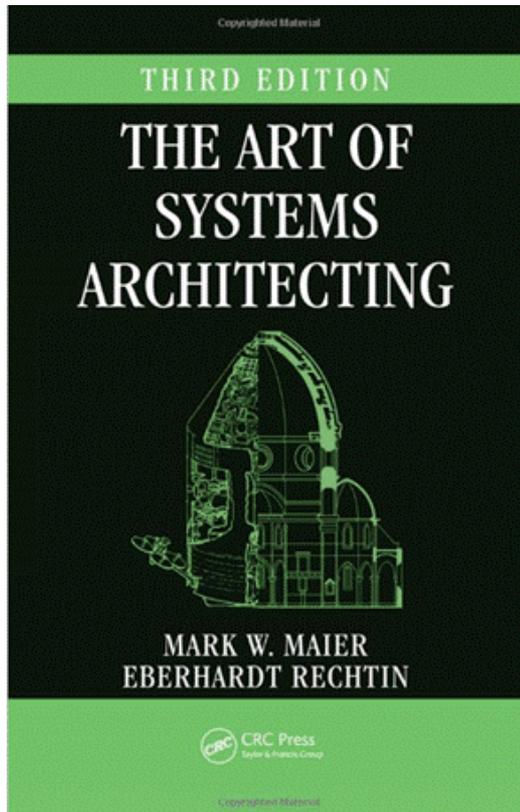
design innovation is about human intentions, actions, and values that guide how we use what we know

"Need to balance the equation"

The grand challenge to 20th century organizations locked into the "Command" model is to become a "Team of Teams" to cope with 21st century complexity



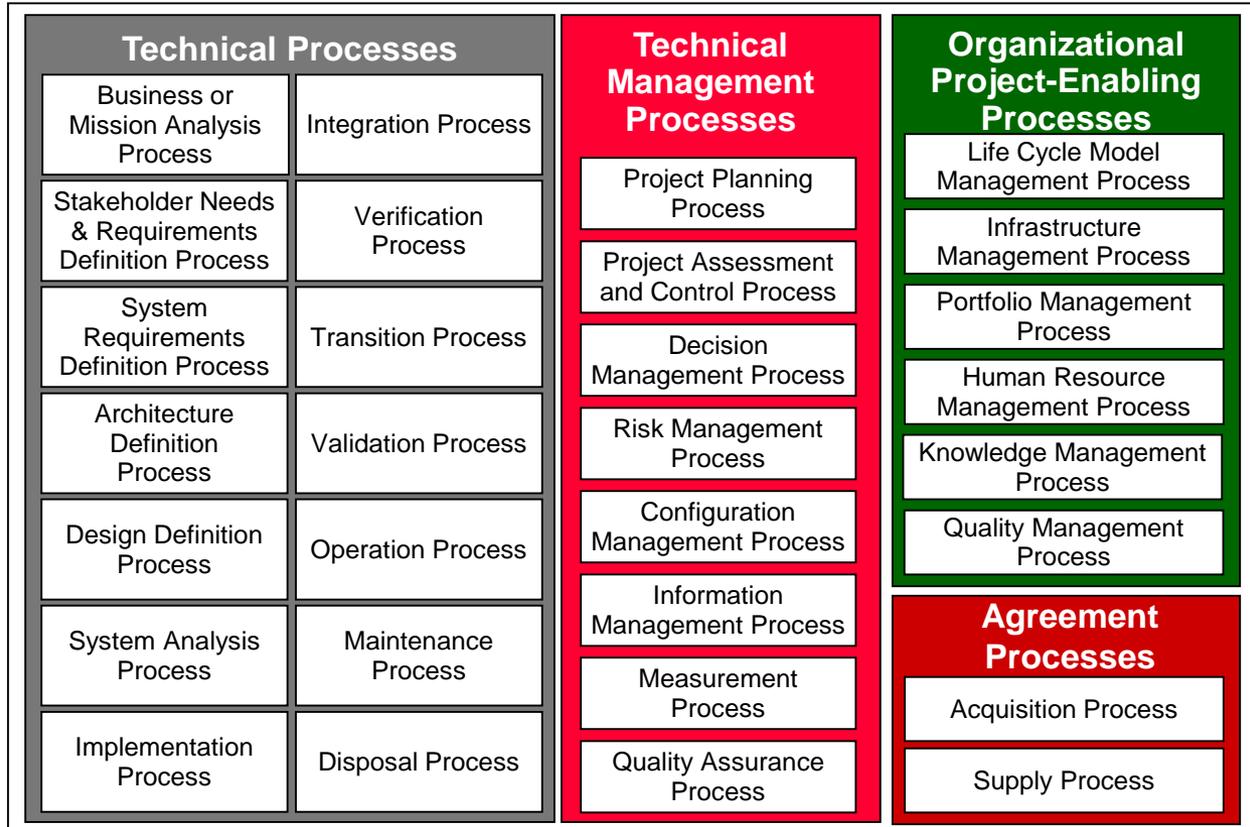
Stanley McCrystal, Tantum Collins, David Silvermann, and Chris Fussell, "TEAM of TEAMS: new rules of engagement for a complex world" 2015



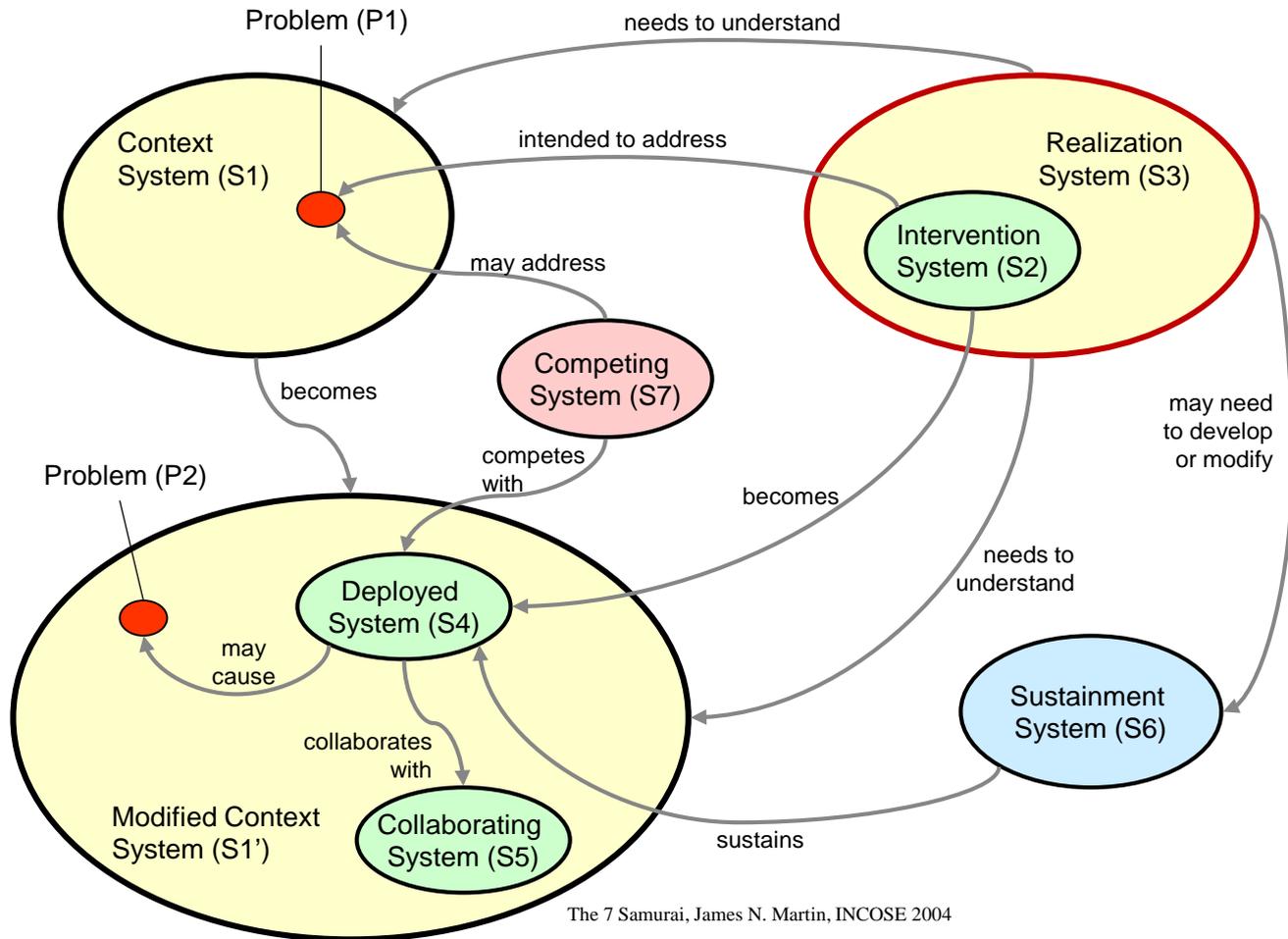
Is systems engineering an artistic endeavor?

ISO/IEC 15288 Processes

Or is systems engineering about applying good process in a systematic analytic way?



What about
 the system
 that realizes
 the system?



The 7 Samurai, James N. Martin, INCOSE 2004

And the people and teaming...

Definition of a Team

A team is a group of people who work in collaboration and hold each other mutually accountable to achieve a common purpose and set of performance goals.

The Five Components of Emotional Intelligence at Work

	Definition	Hallmarks
Self-Awareness	the ability to recognize and understand your moods, emotions, and drives, as well as their effect on others	self-confidence realistic self-assessment self-deprecating sense of humor
Self-Regulation	the ability to control or redirect disruptive impulses and moods the propensity to suspend judgment—to think before acting	trustworthiness and integrity comfort with ambiguity openness to change
Motivation	a passion to work for reasons that go beyond money or status a propensity to pursue goals with energy and persistence	strong drive to achieve optimism, even in the face of failure organizational commitment
Empathy	the ability to understand the emotional makeup of other people skill in treating people according to their emotional reactions	expertise in building and retaining talent cross-cultural sensitivity service to clients and customers
Social Skill	proficiency in managing relationships and building networks an ability to find common ground and build rapport	effectiveness in leading change persuasiveness expertise in building and leading teams

Source: BEST OF HBR 1998 - What Makes a Leader? by Daniel Goleman

Team Types

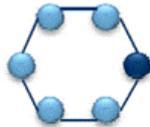
What is
your best
teaming
style?



Leader-directed: The leader is essentially external to the group and interacts with people individually, managing separate agendas. The group members do not really interact or work closely together. This is not really a team as it represents a classic command and control structure. It can work powerfully in certain circumstances.



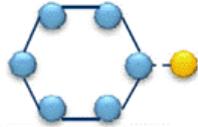
Working Group: The leader participates with the group and exercises command and control functions. Group members work toward a common charter and in a common direction. They have some interaction to ensure the alignment and coordination of individual agendas, but interaction with the leader is primary.



Leader/Member: The leader sits as first among equals in terms of the team's work while still exercising some leadership roles. The team works collaboratively toward its goals and authority and decision-making is shared. There is some differentiation in rank between the team leader and team members.

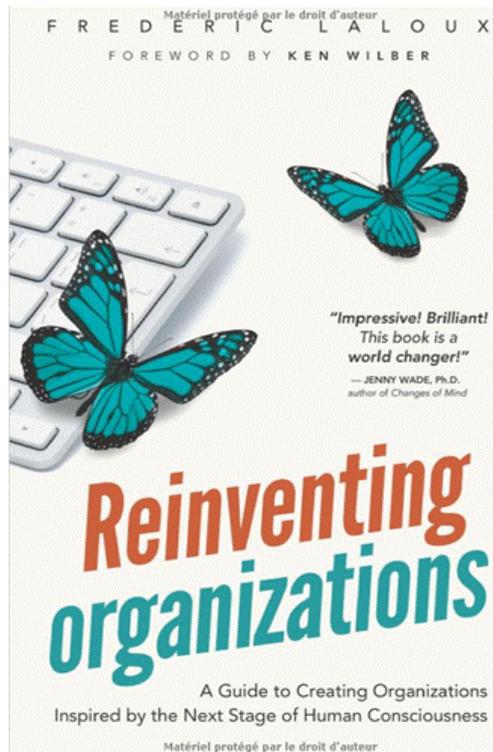


Rotating/Shared Leadership: There is no formal leader as all leadership roles are either shared amongst the members or members rotate through the leadership role. This design is typically used in transition situations or for short term teams.



Self-Directed: There is no official leader role. All team members are empowered and accountable, and work collaboratively. A facilitator typically works with the team with a hands-off approach and serves as a liaison between the team and the organization.

Organizations as incubators for Leanordo?

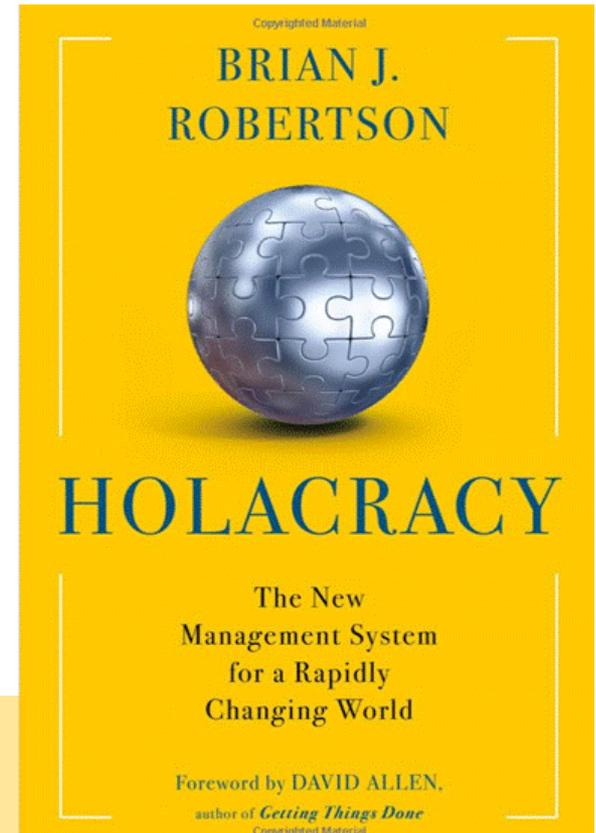


Extraordinary pioneers reveal how we can create truly soulful businesses and nonprofits, schools and hospitals.

The way we manage organizations seems increasingly out of date. Deep inside, we sense that more is possible. We long for soulful workplaces, for authenticity, community, passion, and purpose.

In this groundbreaking book, the author shows that every time, in the past, when humanity has shifted to a new stage of consciousness, it has achieved extraordinary breakthroughs in collaboration. A new shift in consciousness is currently underway. Could it help us invent a radically more soulful and purposeful way to run our businesses and nonprofits, schools and hospitals?

A few pioneers have already "cracked the code" and they show us, in practical detail, how it can be done. Leaders, founders, coaches, and consultants will find this work a joyful handbook, full of insights, examples, and inspiring stories.



Holacracy is a revolutionary management system that redefines management and turns everyone into a leader.

Holacracy distributes authority and decision-making throughout an organization, and defines people not by hierarchy and titles, but by roles. Holacracy creates organizations that are fast, agile, and that succeed by pursuing their purpose, not following a dated and artificial plan.

This isn't anarchy it's quite the opposite. When you start to follow Holacracy, you learn to create new structures and ways of making decisions that empower the people who know the most about the work you do: your frontline colleagues.

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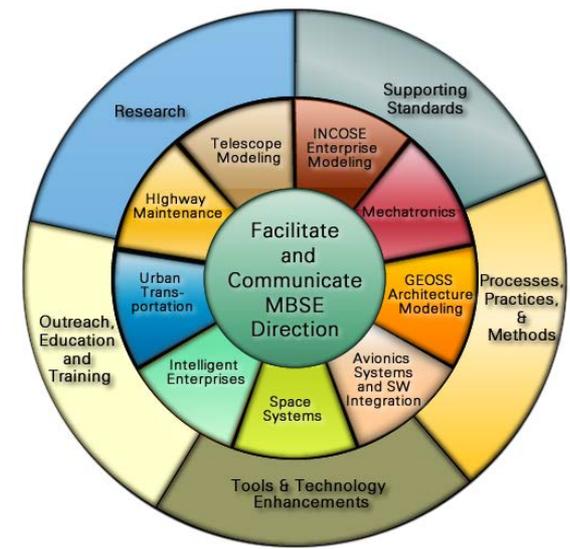
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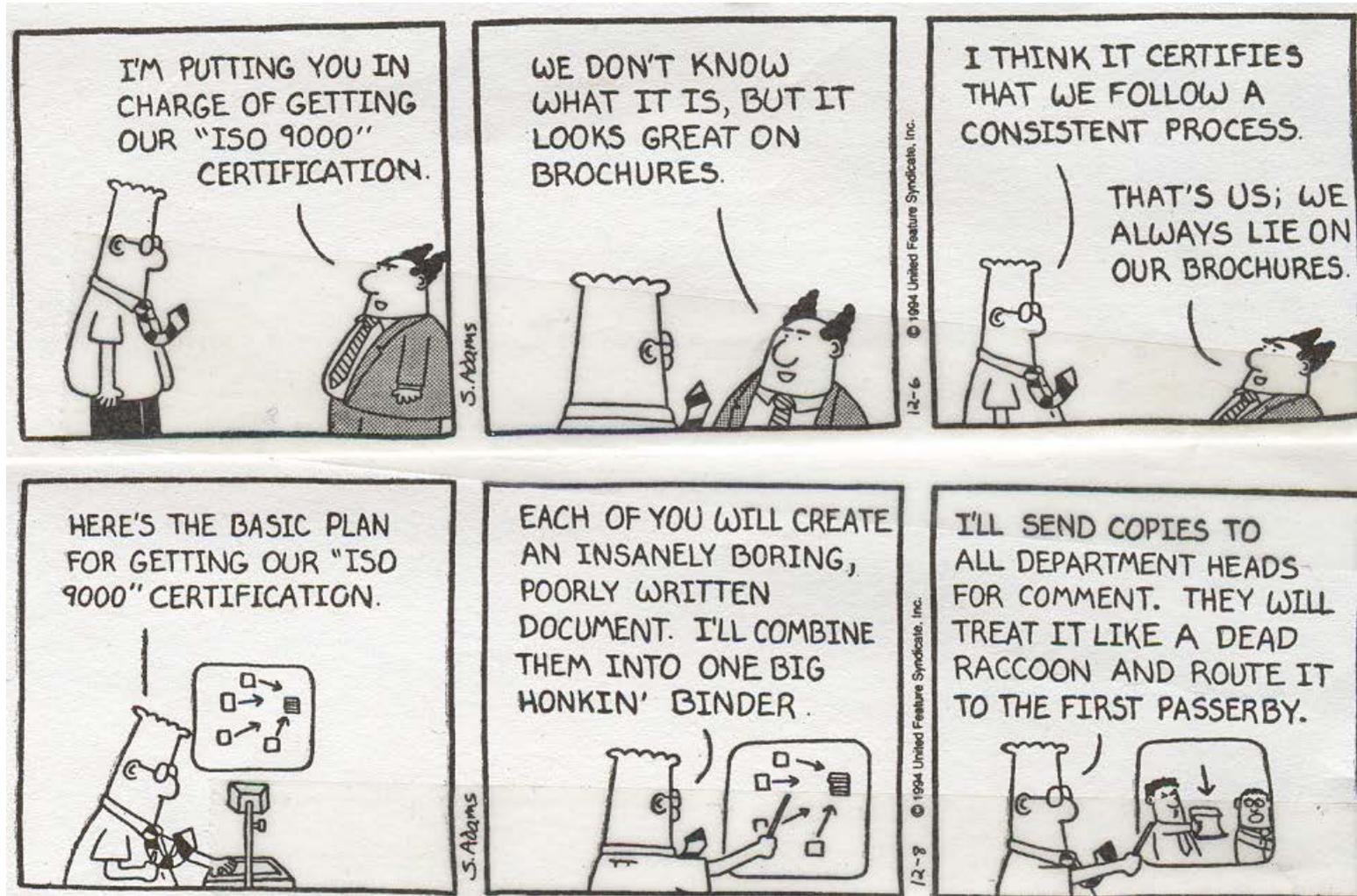
gerund or present participle: **branding**

- mark (an animal, formerly a criminal or slave) with a branding iron.
synonyms: mark, stamp, burn, sear
 "the letter M was branded on each animal"
 - mark indelibly.
 "an ointment that branded her with unsightly violet-colored splotches"
synonyms: engrave, stamp, etch, imprint
 "the scene was branded on her brain"
 - describe (someone or something) as something bad or shameful.
 "the do-gooders branded us as politically incorrect"
synonyms: stigmatize, mark out; More
- assign a brand name to.
 "branded goods at low prices"
 - the promotion of a particular product or company by means of advertising and distinctive design.
 noun: branding



**What is the Systems Engineering Brand?
What is the branding for Systems Engineers?**

Is this the "brand" we want for Systems Engineering



Systems Engineer Brand?

“One of my ‘Hot Buttons’ that I’m not only passionate about personally, but I think is critical for INCOSE and critical for this community called Systems Engineering, is elevating the sense of the contribution of the systems engineer. ...a credentialed systems engineer is someone who the senior immediately wants to turn to because there is a faith that they will be a driving element in a solution. Now the reason why I think this is important and I believe it’s a fundamental brand issue.” John Thomas, INCOSE Past-President, IS2015

I believe a successful personal brand is cultivated from the inside out. By that, I mean, your personal brand *must* be rooted in that which is authentically you. Your brand is your unique promise of value. It is your individual stamp that reflects the unique combination of strengths, skills, passions, values and creative abilities that define you and differentiate you from others.

Rasheryl McCreary, Tao Leadership Development

Practitioners in Transition: Systems Engineers and Systems Engineering



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Important Characteristics of Effective Systems Engineers

- 1. Paradoxical Mindset**
 - Big Picture Thinking and Attention to Detail
 - Strategic and Tactical
 - Analytic and Synthetic
 - Courageous and Humble
 - Methodical and Creative
- 2. Effective Communication**
 - Modes (oral and written; good speakers and listeners)
 - Audience (bridge between problem domain and solution domain)
 - Content (social, managerial, technical)
 - Purpose (understanding needs, negotiation, information brokering, technical arbitration, driving consensus)
- 3. Flexible Comfort Zone**
 - Open Minded
 - Rational Risk Taking
 - Multidisciplinary
 - Enjoys Challenges
- 4. Smart Leadership**
 - Quick Learning and Abstraction
 - Knowing when to stop
 - Focused on "Vision" for System
 - Ability to Connect the Dots
 - Patience
- 5. Self Starter**
 - Curiosity
 - Passionate and Motivated
 - Eager to Learn

Helix Workshop, Washington DC July 23, 2014

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IS BROADLY APPLICABLE

- Systems thinking is used by many.
- Systems engineering is understood and embraced by all engineers.
- Systems engineering is a career for a few.

SE Mindset

- **Big-Picture Thinking** - Also referred to as 'systems thinking' and 'holistic thinking', this includes the ability to step back and take a broader view of the problem at hand.
- **Paradoxical Mindset** - The ability to hold and balance seemingly opposed views that are critical to providing value for systems engineers.
- **Flexible Comfort Zone** - The overall ability to deal with ambiguity and uncertainty, this involves the abilities to be open-minded, understand multiple disciplines, deal with challenges, and ability to take rational risks.
- **Inquisitive and Self-Driven** - The ability to ask the right questions without hesitation, and to self-initiate and complete work with little to no supervision or external impetus.
- **Quick Learning and Abstraction** - The ability to synthesize new information from separate pieces of data with multiple sources, e.g. to realize that a problem an electrical engineer faces in one component is related to a problem that a mechanical engineer faces in another component and address the root causes instead of just the symptoms.
- **Foresight and Vision** - The ability to foresee the remaining lifecycle of the system, the impact of current decisions, and to visualize possible scenarios.

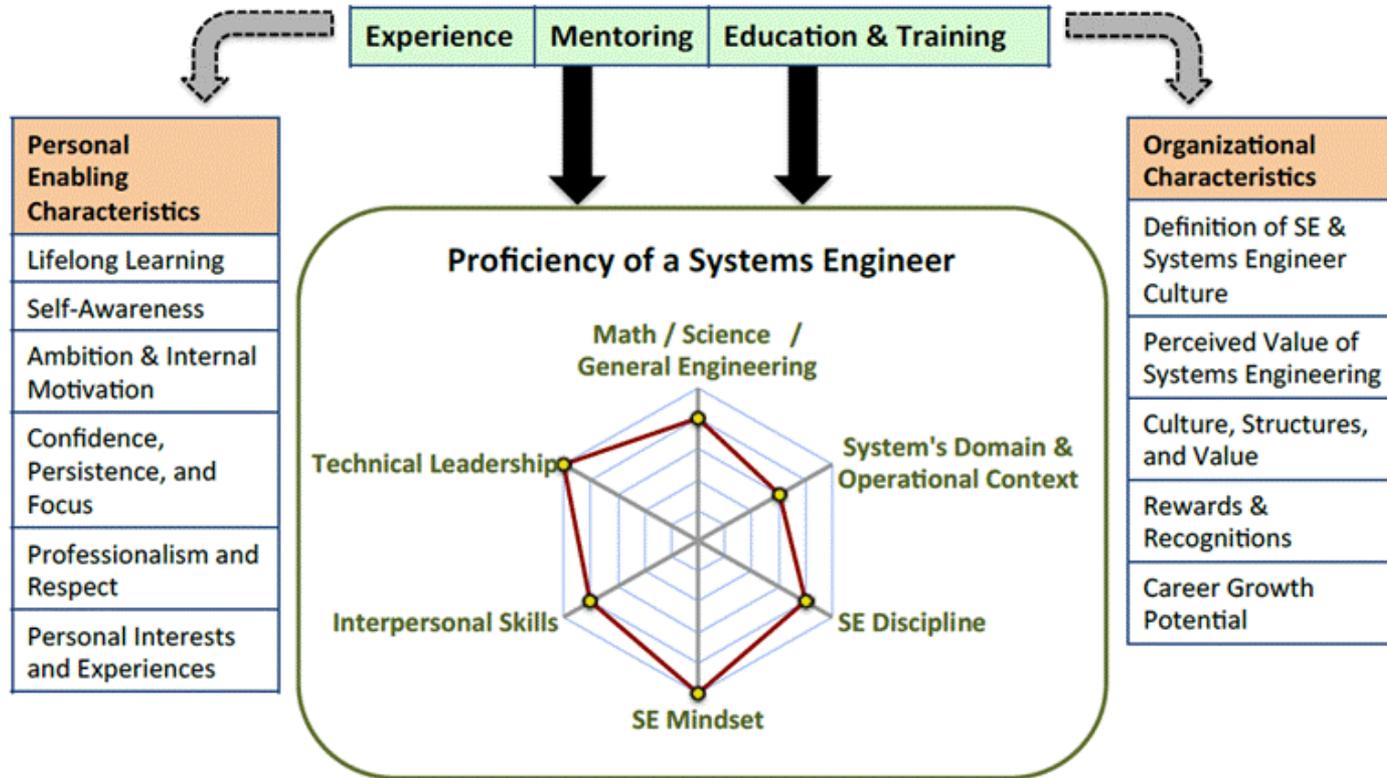
Advancing our Competency

- Systems engineer is the linchpin
- Must lead/influence decision-making
- Balance hard & soft skills
- "T-shaped" individual
- Competency is key
 - o Specialist SE skills
 - o Wider general understanding
 - o Leadership and soft skills



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The beginning of a “brand”



Atlas: The Theory of Effective Systems Engineers, Version 0.25;
SERC November 2014 (HELIX Project)

Questions

- **Think about the systems that you are most proud of, or the times that you have been a part of a system development effort that felt exciting, even exhilarating. Would you say they are works of art, or simply science, process, and project management?**
- **When have you experienced the flow as a systems engineer?**
- **How would you characterize systems engineering in your organization: process and project management or a blend of art and science?**
- **What is fun about engineering?**
- **How do you regard your personal brand as a Systems Engineer?**

Objectives:

- What is the SE Brand and how does agility add value?
- How can we best interface with other disciplines and merge creativity with innovating efficiency?
- How to balance learning and innovation that is driven the business value.
- How to create capabilities and competence in SE for the next generation?
- How do we apply SE to meet the goal in interdisciplinary way?

Questions during dialogue:

- How can we grow Leonardo in current education system?
- Understanding of the problem in piece
- How can we creatively involve users/customers in the design of a system?
- What do system engineers need to do to improve
- How do we innovate ourselves as SEs
- How do we re-innovate ourselves?
- What should we do to be responsive in a disruptive environment?
- What do they want in next three years and what do we want to be in three years?

Question from Sticky Note:

- How do we effectively introduce systems concept and analysis into all disciplines?
 - How do we leverage this for better communication/exchange/solutions/
- What success stories or best approaches are there in using SE practices, to integrate multidiscipline data tools? i.e.: CAD models, Monte Carlo analysis, Human Factor, User Experience
- Why don't school teach SE as an art? Where is the Julliard Schools for Systems Engineering?
- Multi-discipline component seems trivial (no problems exists in a silo) so why is that often difficult for other to see this as well?
- System-thinking/designing thinking: can systems engineering and creative efforts (UI Design, graphics, visualization) coexists/work in harmony?
- How do we remove the art/intuition aspect and better define the process of systems engineering?
- How do we ensure SE understand “ imagineering” if they have only standard systems engineering?
- Is there a better metaphor to describe system engineering than orchestra?
- How do we tailor SE communicators to include Art and other none engineering fields?
- How does one recognize or define system engineering in an organization that may not explicitly embrace SE?
- Art, science, engineering as enablers to successful system. How do successful system occur?
- Now that SE is becoming more model-based, why do we still emphasize work process over the model (of the target)
- When does the SE belief system break down? One if the three fails, does the other two pick up the slack (process, art, science)?
- How do you get young engineers to accept their role within SE when they just want to build stuff?
- What is the necessary skillset of system engineers to become successful?

- Is standardization in MBSE leading to poverty in genetics of visualization as an enabler for creativity and concept development? Where free-form visualization are left out?
- How is system engineer incorporating its discipline into a non-engineer discipline?
- What are the models for reduction to practices of SE as the multi-discipline enabler? Assumption: SE is an art, science, behavior changes.
- SE can be used as pivot point for the discipline to hold to (revolve around)
- How did Disney able to merge art and science on the imagineering group?
- How do metaphors limit or help our understanding of system engineering?
- What is the impact of applying SE to the arts, where there is not a strict procedure to follow?
- The art brings passion to engineering, is systems engineering a performance art?
- How do art and SE interact as cognitive process (es)? Note: “flow” cognitive process

Observation:

- Design and Thinking is System Engineering

Example:

- University of Stanford introduced the art of system engineering
- Georgia Tech creates multi-disciplinary experience

Reference:

- Creative Confidence - David Kelly and Thomas Kelly (Stanford University)
- Educating The reflective Practitioner - Donald Schönls

SE as Multidiscipline Enabler/Art/Science

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Day-1 Brief Out (as decided Friday, subject to change during Saturday)

Planned Primary Workshop Issues to Explore

- How do art and SE interact as cognitive process(es)? Note: “flow” cognitive process
- Is standardization in MBSE leading to poverty in genetics of visualization as an enabler for creativity and concept development; where free-form visualization are left out?
- When does the SE belief system break down? What if one of the three fails, does the other two pick up the slack (process, art, science)?
- How do metaphors limit or help our understanding of system engineering? Is there a better metaphor to describe system engineering than orchestra conductor?

Potential Secondary Workshop Issues to Explore

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Day-2 Brief Out

- **Systems Literacy – key principals, key concepts**
 - What’s important in systems
 - Next generation – science standards, cross-cutting themes
 - Totality of presence - flow
 - Go to SE references and pick a section that
- **Choice is directive or open ended (even say as a unique contribution)**
- **Comes from art, differences in critical thinking**
 - In SE, be obedient to the requirement – waiting for the next note of music
 - Behavior adjustment to suggestion
- **Passionate about music and poetry**
 - “Promote the curating of beautiful code”
 - Design principals that define aesthetic or artistic concepts
 - Create the experience of art / music in engineering design and has the emotional response
- **What I run into, understand business and supply chain**
 - Business architecture – picture in EASparx

Emergence and teams

Team wholes have behaviors and properties arising from the organization, capabilities, and values of their members and their relationships, which only become apparent when the team is placed in different environments.

What kinds of teams exhibit different kinds of emergence and under what conditions?

To what extent can emergence in teams be predicted and whether emergent behavior is beneficial or detrimental to a team?

How do we account for emergence in the development and purpose of teams? **Related to the notion of intentionally creating a team or self-forming teams.**

- Can emergence be planned for? How?
- How does process beneficially or detrimentally influence emergence?
- What should we consider in formation of teams to maximize creative emergence in teams?
- Are adaptability and resilience emergent properties of a team?
- How can we construct a team with the chemistry and capabilities that create a delightful emergent experience?

Overview:

Emergent team behavior can be viewed as a consequence of the interactions and relationships between team members and the behavior of individual members. It emerges from a combination of the behavior and properties of the members and the team structure or norms for interactions between the members, and may be triggered or influenced by a stimulus from the teams environment.

What we refer to as “team-awareness” results from the combined effect of the interconnected interactions based on the make up the team.

Next Steps

- **Miguel**
 - Explore new instruments of modeling to promote the creativity in development.
- **Mary:**
 - Frame Research Question
 - Sharing principles+ feedback in practice @ my company
- **Harsha(harshabl701@gmail.com):**
 - Going to explore more on this field gain theoretical experience by receiving /sharing some papers and sharing the summary and idea, wisdom with team.
- **Peter (peter@coexplovation.net)**
 - Create a virtual space to enable design of “system literacy and partner + practice team emergence.