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The Future of Systems Engineering

Topics

- Build on the *A World in Motion: Systems Engineering Vision 2025* published by INCOSE
- Address the Challenges of Elegant Design as stated by Michael D. Griffin, “How do we fix system engineering?”, 61st International Astronautical Congress, Prague, Czech Republic, 27 Sep – 1 Oct 2010
- FuSE Roadmap

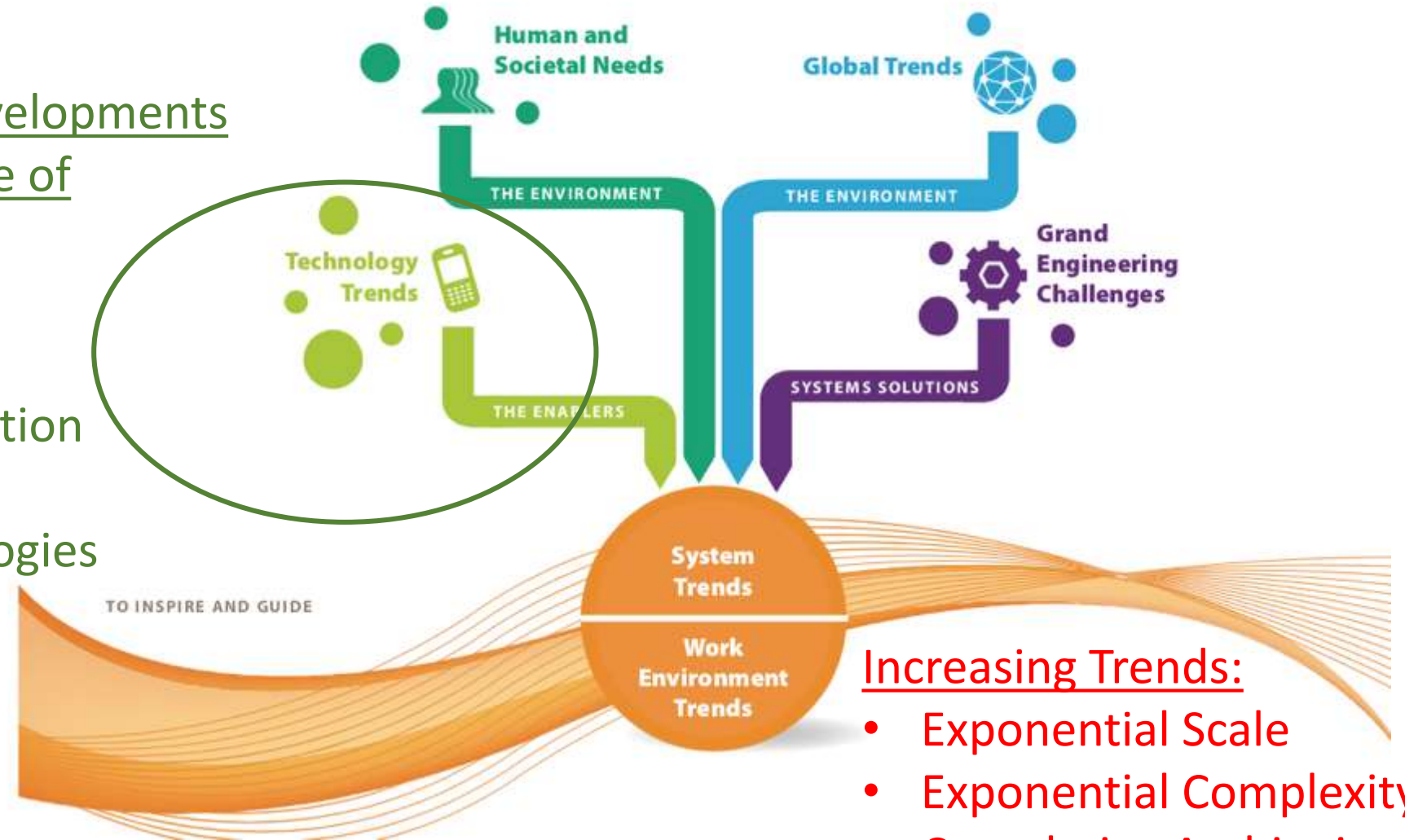
A Systems Community Initiative



Global Context for Systems Engineering

Accelerating Technology Developments & Infusion Impact the Nature of Systems

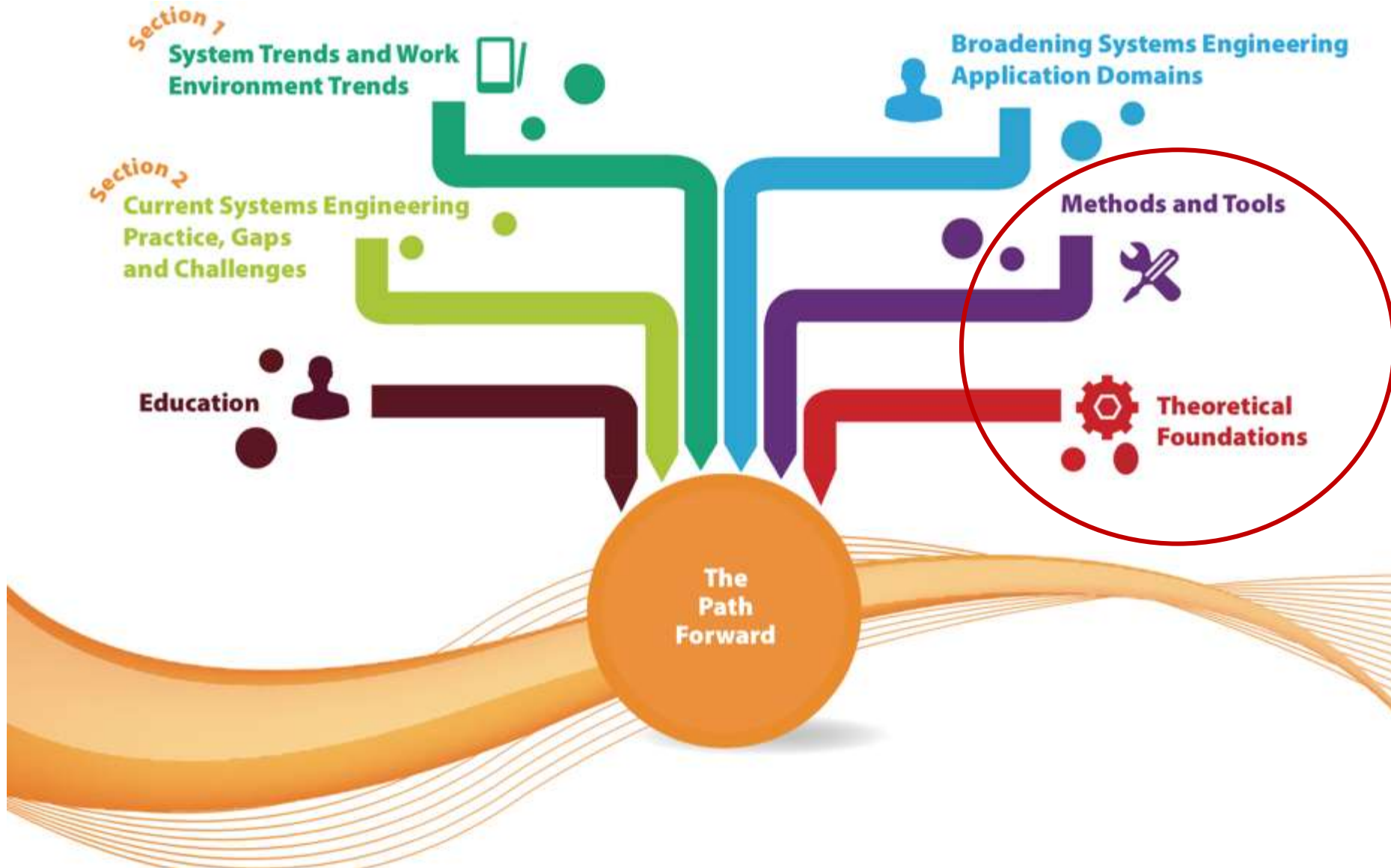
- Computational Power
- Software Systems
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Sensor Technologies
- Communications Technologies
- Material Science
- Bio-Technology
- Miniaturization



Increasing Trends:

- Exponential Scale
- Exponential Complexity
- Cumulative Ambiguity
- "Lack of Control"

The Future State of Systems Engineering



Leverage Technology for Methods & Tools that are Fit for Purpose

Foundations for Systems Engineering (F4SE)

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From Empirical Heuristics to Analytics

Rigorous & Pragmatic Methods & Tools

- **Elegant Design**
- **Executable Models**
- **Formal Verification & Validation**

Foundations

- **Mathematics & Info Science**
- **Systems Science & Theory**
- **Social & Human Sciences**
- **Natural Sciences**

Elegant Design: Attributes Germane to Systems Engineering

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1. The system actually works

“The system produces the anticipated behavior, the expected output, over the expected range of input conditions, control variations etc”

2. The system is robust/resilient

“The system should not produce radical departures from its expected behavior in response to small changes to its operating input, external state, or external environment”

3. The system is efficient

“The system produces the desired result for what is thought to be a lesser expenditure of resources than competing alternatives”

4. The system accomplishes its intended purpose while minimizing unintended actions, side effects, and consequences

“Control of these effects is a more subtle facet of system engineering, less noted but of considerable significance”

FuSE Projects Chartered and Proposed

1. Collaborate with Groups Inside and Outside the Systems Community to Develop:
 - a. Foundations for Systems Engineering [Summit in Conjunction with INCOSE EMEA Workshop October 10-11]
 - b. Methods, Processes, Tools for Artificial Intelligence (AI) including Autonomous Systems and Machine Learning
 - c. **Methods, Processes, Tools for the Acquisition, Support and Use of Data [Knowledge Management & Ontologies Working Group?]**
 - d. Methods, Processes, Tools for Complexity [INCOSE Complex Systems & CIPR Working Groups and SF Bay Area Chapter]
 - e. Methods, Processes, Tools for Agility [INCOSE Agile Systems & Systems Engineering Working Group]
 - f. Advances in Computing for Engineering
2. Evolving Systems Expertise
 - a. FuSE Route-Map and Horizon Scanning Workstream
 - b. Create a Body of Knowledge for Evolving, Adaptive Systems
 - c. **Develop Heuristics & Guidelines Relevant to these Evolving Systems and Variable Environments**
 - d. Cyber security [INCOSE Systems Security Engineering WG]
3. Workforce
 - a. **Create an Education/Training Capability to Educate the Evolving Systems Workforce**
4. Broadly Apply
 - a. Evangelize the Credibility & Value of Systems Engineering and a Systems Approach
 - b. **Develop in Our Community the Understanding that Complicated/Deterministic Systems are a Special Case and that Different Methods, Processes, and Tools are Required for Complex/Non-Deterministic Systems [INCOSE/SAE/ASME Verification & Validation Uncertainty Quantification Initiative]**
 - c. Build Community and Expansion of Boundaries of Systems Engineering Use



The Future of Systems Engineering

- Emerging technologies are driving the complexity, interactions, and scale of systems exponentially
- Application of AI, machine learning, and deep learning technologies are not proven to “do no harm”
- Engineering methods & tools must evolve to engineer elegant systems that are “fit for purpose” and “do no harm”



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