

FuSE: Methodologies Themes to Disrupters

Sunday 29 Jan 2023, 8:00-10:00 PST

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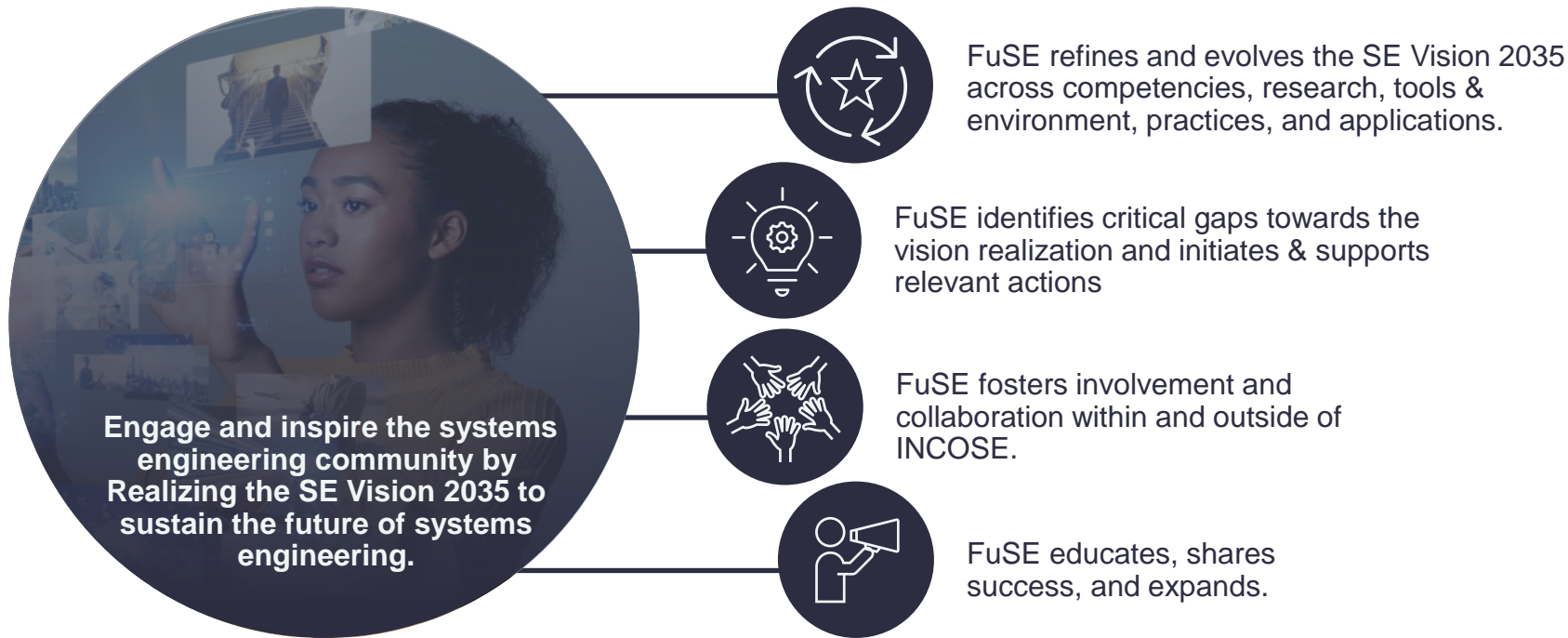
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FuSE Program Mission Statement



FuSE Program Charter

Vision Statement

Inspire the global community to realize the Vision of SE

Mission

Engage and inspire the systems community for sustaining the future of systems engineering in realizing the SE Vision 2035

FuSE **refines and evolves the SE Vision 2035** across competencies, research, tools & environment, practices, and applications.

FuSE **identifies critical gaps** towards the vision realizations and **initiates & supports relevant actions**

FuSE **fosters involvement and collaboration** within and outside of INCOSE.

FuSE **educates, shares success, and expands.**

Success Factors

Inclusive: From an exclusive club to inclusive initiative

Attractive: Engage members and non-members

Implementation: The degree to which the road map is realized

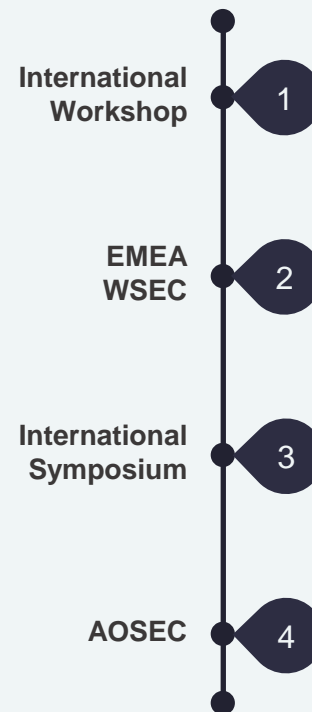
Fresh: Relevant and updated road map and context

Close to application: Involvement of companies and domains

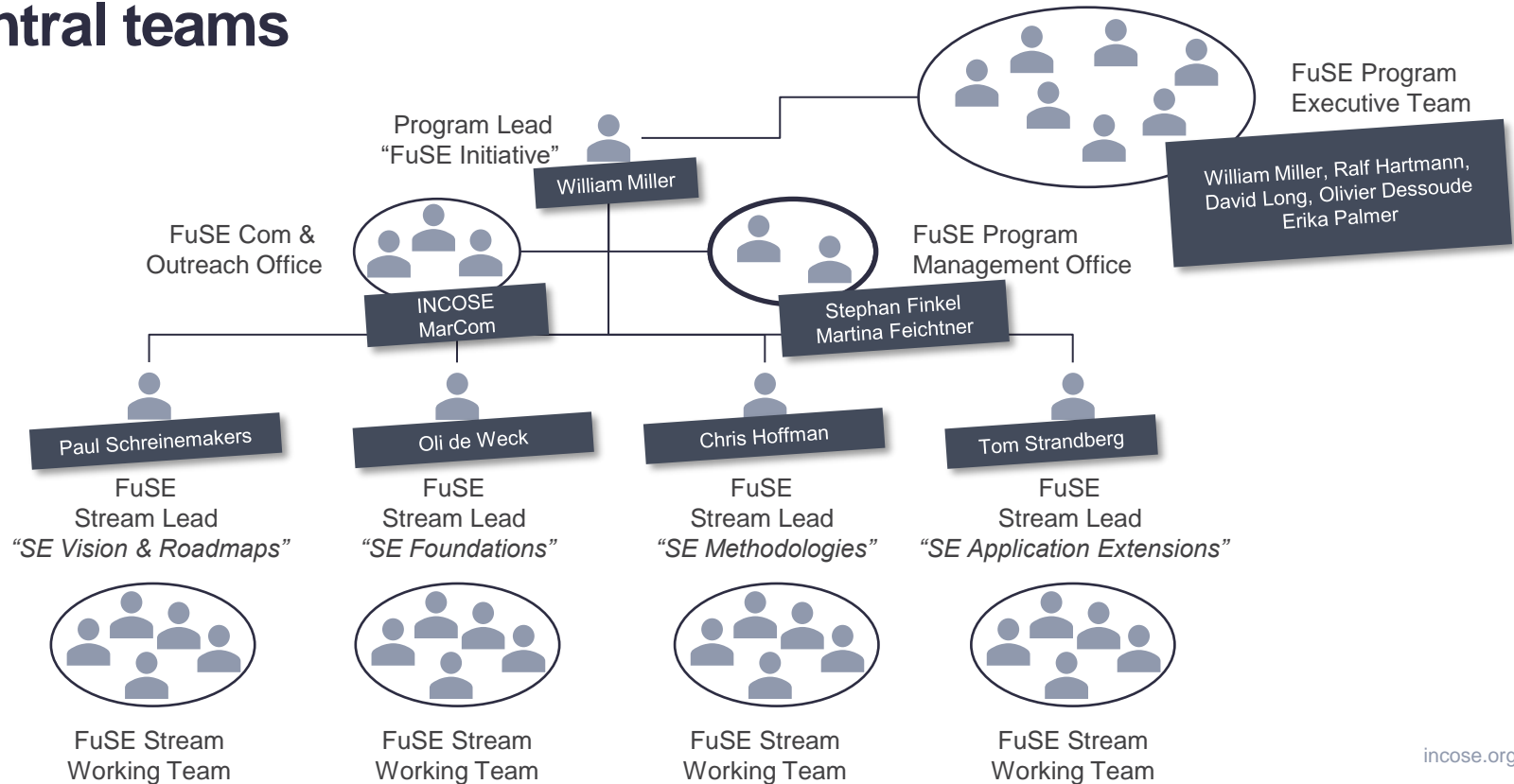
Global promotion: Attractive global digital marketing

Passion: To get the working group proud to be part of it

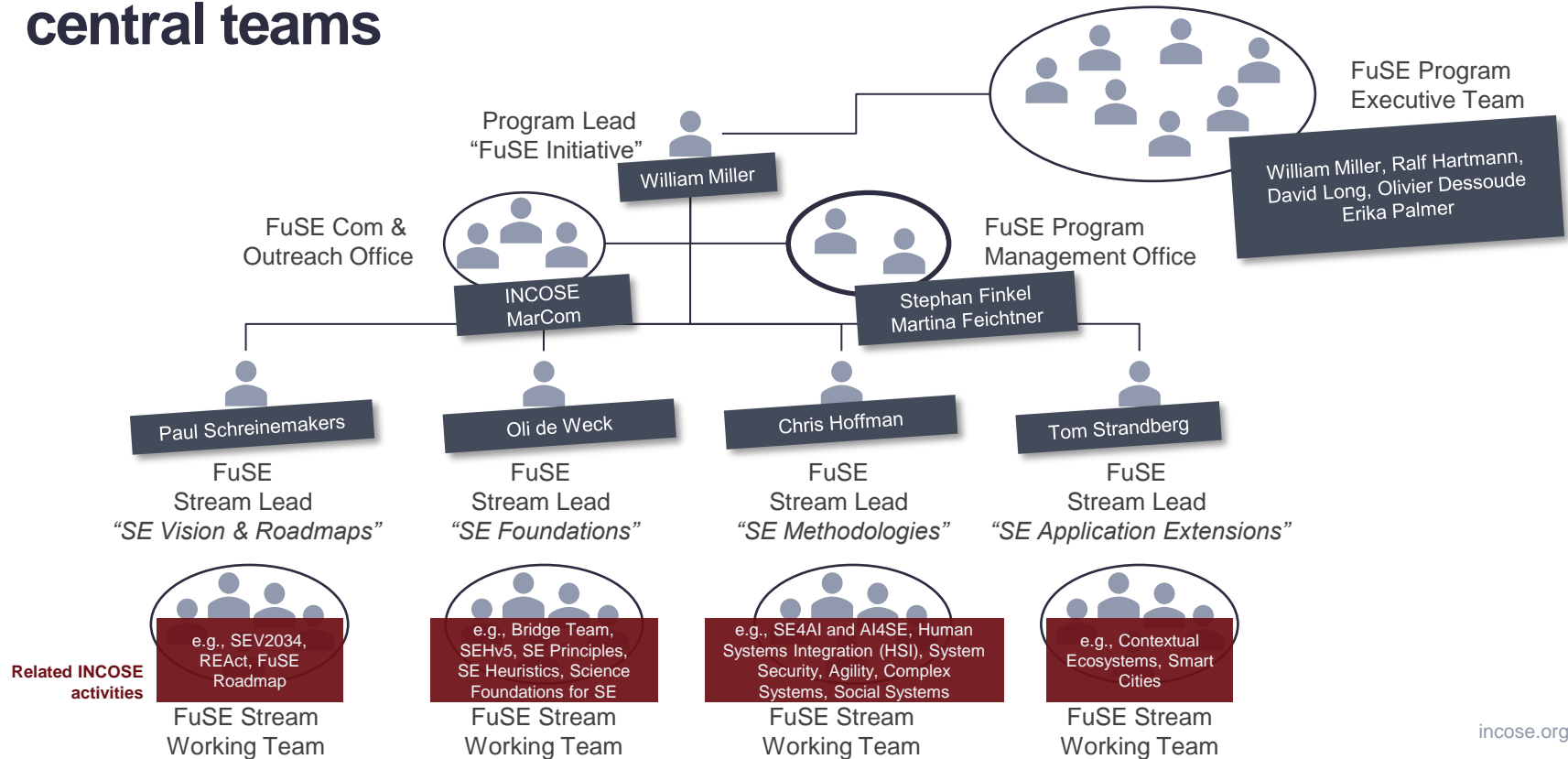
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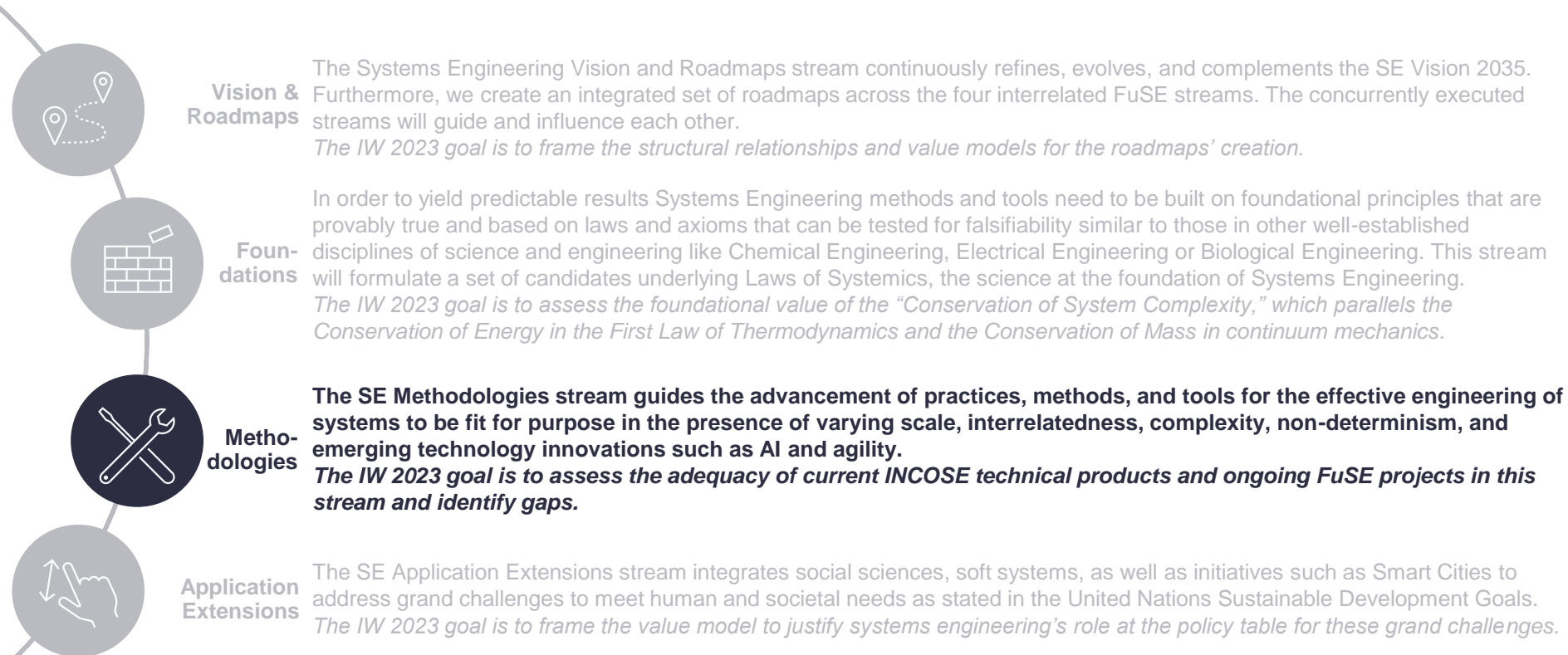
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7 success factors the FuSE program



FuSE Methodologies Stream

Partial Baseline

Products (various stages):

- DE Measurement Framework,
- SE Principles,
- Model Portfolio Management Guide,
- Digital Systems Engineering Process Model,
- Human Systems Integration Reference,
- Agile SE Decision Guidance Method,
- SE-AI Primer,
- SE Handbook 5th Edition

Related working groups & initiatives (partial list):

- Agile Systems and Systems Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence Systems
- Competency
- Complex Systems
- Configuration management
- Digital Engineering Information Exchange
- Enterprise Systems
- Integration, Verification & Validation
- Knowledge Management
- Lean Systems Engineering
- MBSE Initiative
- MBSE Patterns
- NAFEMS-INCOSE Systems Modelling & Simulation
- Product Line Engineering
- Professional Competencies & Soft Skills
- SE Tools Database
- Small Business Systems Engineering
- Social Systems
- System of Systems
- Systems and Software Interface
- Systems Security Engineering
- Tools Integration & Model Lifecycle Management
- Value Proposition Initiative
- SE Handbook Team

Key Insights of SAT FuSE Sessions



Vision & Roadmaps

Session Topic:

Introduction, Activities for 2023, Prioritization of roadmap topics to be addressed

Key Insight:

The highest priority for the Vision & Roadmaps stream is to **make the roadmap goals measurable**.

The **reason-why** behind the goals needs to be clear.

Soft skills and outreach will play an important part in the Future of Systems Engineering and needs to be fostered in the vision.



Foundations

Session Topic:

Frame SE Foundations in terms of First Law
Conducted complexity experiment to collect data

Key Insight:

INCOSE members were highly engaged (40+20=~60)
Generated about 300 data points to be post-analyzed
Valuable feedback received for making "SE" Experiments more realistic (e.g. introduce unexpected nodes in the system, show value of MBSE human augmentation)



Methodologies

Session Topic:

Introduction, Activities for 2023, Initial feedback, Opt-in participation

Key Insight:

What does INCOSE want to be in terms of methodology.
If INCOSE wants to be more prescriptive about the how – are we ready to take the leap?



Application Extensions

Session Topic:

Introduction, Feedback on Stream scope and planned Activities

Key Insight:

Small group, a lot of energy and useful output, including:
Extending the application of SE into new domains requires a clear and simple message tailored to domain;
We also need to conduct joint activities with external organizations creditable in the domain to prove the value SE.

Systems Engineering Methodologies Stream



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What is the KJ Method?

The KJ-Method or KJ Technique, is an idea generating and prioritizing technique named after its inventor, Jiro Kawakita. This technique is one of the most popular brainstorming variations for design, team, retrospective, and project meetings. The KJ Technique includes these steps:

- **Individual brainstorming:**
Everyone silently writes down ideas. Each idea goes on a separate note.
- **Sharing ideas:**
People take turns sharing the ideas they've written and posting them to the group space.
- **Grouping or Clustering:**
Working together, the team makes groups of similar ideas or concepts. Each group then gets named with a single word or short phrase that best captures the core concept underlying the ideas in that group.
- **Voting:**
The team then votes on which concepts matter most. Each person gets a set number of votes (or “dots”) that they can place on the concepts they care most about. The concepts that get the most dots win.

A 20,000-foot Look at the KJ Method



1. Agree on theme



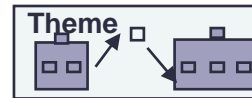
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3. Group similar facts



4. Title the groups

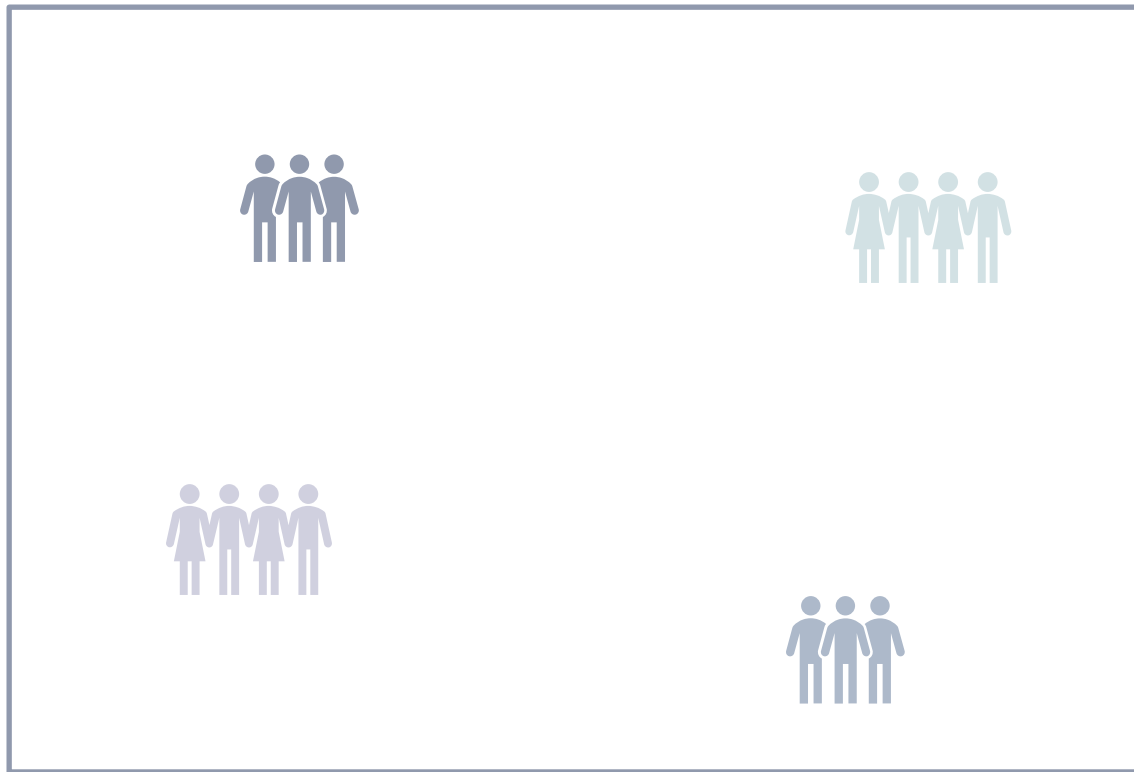


5. Lay out groups and show relations between groups



6. Vote on most important second-level issues and draw conclusions

Quickly split into groups and find an area.



Resources needed (per group)

- 3 Flipchart papers
- 5 pads of 3x3 sticky notes
- 2 pads of 3x5 sticky notes
- 10 med point black markers
- 4 med point red markers
- 2 med point blue markers
- 2 large black markers
- 2 large red markers
- 2 large green markers
- 2 large blue markers
- Colored dot stickers
- ¾" Masking Tape
- Functioning Brains
- Vertical surface for hanging flipcharts

Write theme

5 min to understand and write the theme.

Themes (1 per group, variations are OK)

1. What is preventing the advancement of practices/methods/tools in the presence of **varying scale and interrelatedness**?
2. What is preventing the advancement of practices/methods/tools for systems that are **complex, chaotic, complicated, clear**?
3. What is preventing the advancement of practices/methods/tools in the presence of **new technologies (e.g., AI, digital ecosystems, ...)**
4. **What are obstacles** in advancing practices/methods/tools?
5. What are practice/method/tool **disrupters**?
6. What is preventing us from...?

References: SE Vision 2035, WG plans, company input...

Theme

State the Theme

Block print in 1" black in the upper left corner of a large sheet (2-3 flip chart papers together).

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Gather Facts

10 mins to **silently** gather facts

Definition:

“Voice, fact, image”

an individual thought, idea, image or statement that is to be considered and can stand on its own merits.

Hints for completing the notes:

- Address Theme
- One Idea
- Complete Sentences
- Lower Level, Specific
- Big Block Printing
- Limited to four (4) lines
- Multi-valued, NOT Two-Valued
- Sticky Side on Top



Gather Facts

- Bold black pen
- Block printing
- One fact per note
- Initials in lower left corner, seq. # (fact source)

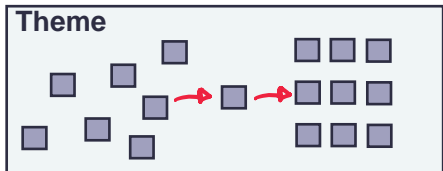
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Understand

10 mins to **understand** the facts

Assemble the data:



Hints for completing the notes:

- Remove any exact duplicates
- If necessary, reduce to 20-30 notes
- Use a dot exercise (red pen) to mark survivors (pick the most impactful notes). Repeat as needed to reduce.
- Team should be alert, active listeners as each note is read and advocated.



Understand Facts

- Read aloud & understand each note as a group
- Check wording, light editing if needed
- Use parking lot for out-of-scope notes

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First Grouping

5 min to **silently group** the facts

Group the facts:

- In silence (levels the influence)
- Group by full intention and meaning of each note, not by similar words.
- If a note keeps moving among groups, break silence and discuss reasons. Consider making a new group

Theme

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Group Facts

- **Silence**
- Group intuitively, not logically
- No more than 3 per group
Lone wolves (ungrouped facts) are OK
You may move grouped facts if you disagree

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Title Groups

10 min to **title** the groups

Title the groups:

- Combination of facts using conjunctions (e.g. and, or, if) is not allowed in a title
- When you are done, each black note should be an equally good example of the fact described in the red note title (the “is a” relationship)



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- RED bold pen
- A complete sentence that still answers the theme question
- Abstract UP one level, in a fair and equal manner
- Check your work

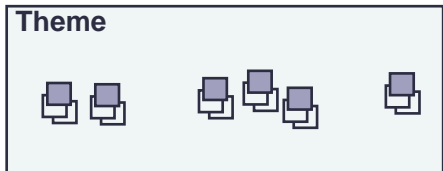
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Second Grouping

5 min to **group** 2nd levels

Assemble the data:



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- If a note keeps moving among groups, break silence and discuss reasons. Consider making a new group
- Be quick – you should have a good understanding of the content by now!



Nest the groups

Pull black notes in each group under their red titles

2nd Level Groups

Group RED (title) notes and any lone wolves using same rules as earlier for black (fact) notes

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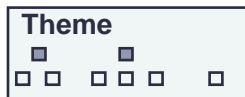
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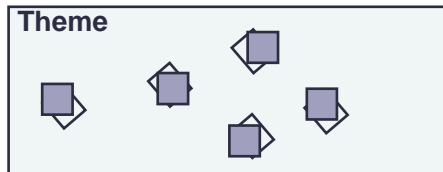
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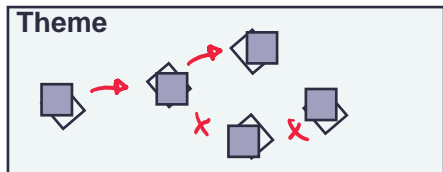
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Nest the 2nd level groups:

When nesting, turn lone wolves 45° so they may be separated when these groups are expanded later



Show relations:



Nest the groups

Pull red and black notes in each group under their blue titles

Show Relations

- RED arrow symbol (one way) for Cause-and-Effect relationships
- RED "X" symbol for competing or ambiguous relationships

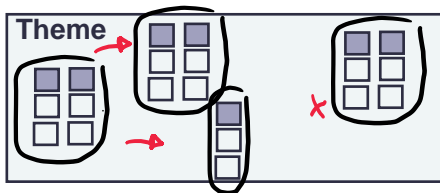
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Expand Layout

5 min to **complete** the layout

Expand Layout:



- Follow the color rules for outlining. The common patterns are helpful for graphical communications
- Tell a story, left to right.
- If you have time, Block print (in ALL CAPS) the blue titles on the sheet



Complete layout

- Open-up the groups on the sheet
- Outline red groups with black line
- Outline blue groups with green line
- Draw red arrow and X symbols on the sheet
- Save a space at upper right for a conclusion statement

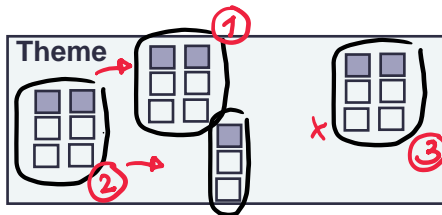
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Priority Vote

5 min to **vote** on priority

Vote at Red or Lone Wolf Level:



Hints:

- Use dot stickers for votes.
- Write the point value [3, 2, or 1] on the dot.
- Pattern the top 3 areas by priority

Top



2nd



3rd



Voting

- Each person may cast 3 votes [3 points, 2 points, 1 point] on three different notes (no stacking the ballot box)
- Tally the points on each note
- Most points = highest priority

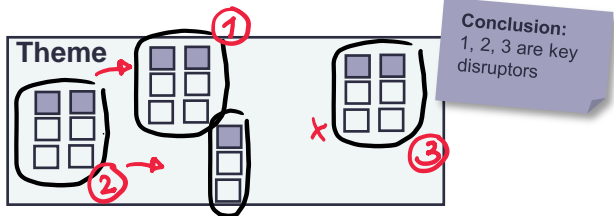
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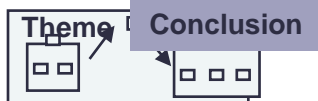
5 min to **conclude** & sign

Vote at Red or Lone Wolf Level:



Hints:

- The conclusion statement should be a fair and (by now) obvious answer to the theme question.
- Conjunctions (e.g. and, or, if) are allowed here to help tell the cause-and-effect story.



Conclusion

- Develop a conclusion statement to the theme question
- RED bold pen
- Block print (CAPS) the statement in the upper right corner
- Lower right corner: date, location, and each participant signs the sheet

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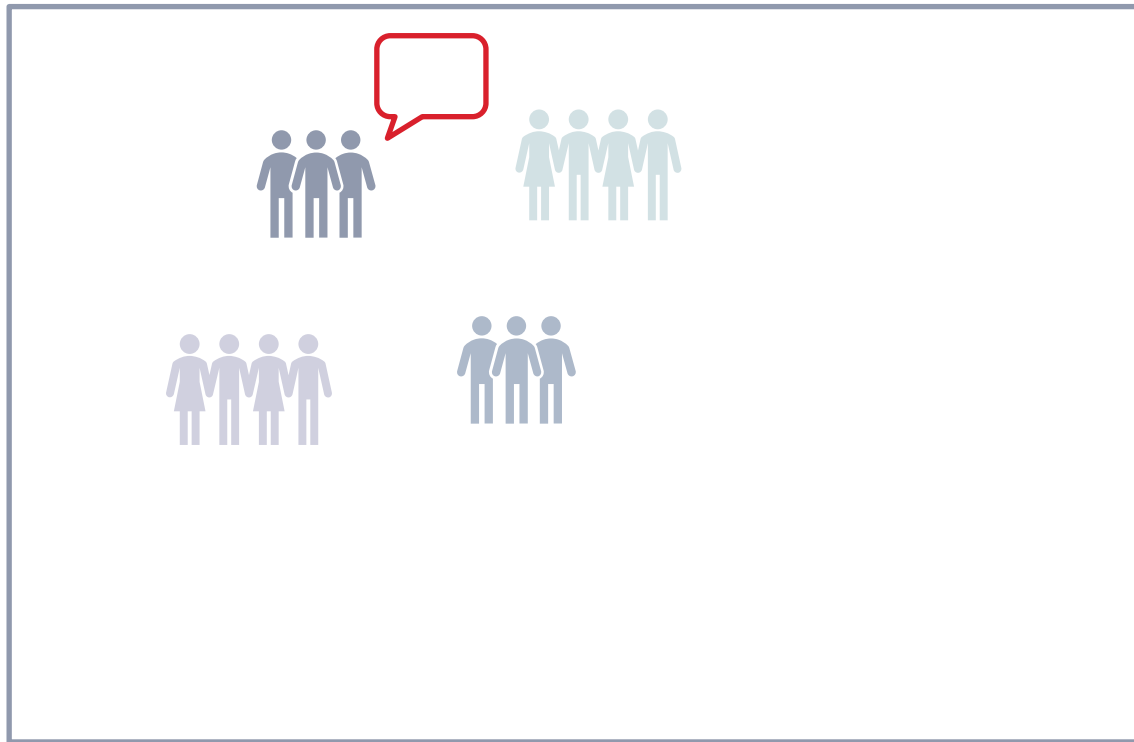
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Share your findings!

~3 mins per group to **share their theme and conclusion**



Share with the whole room

- Gather around the first group's KJ sheet
- Group spokesperson reads their Theme and Conclusion statement
- Rotate to the next group
- KJs will remain on the walls for discussion during the event

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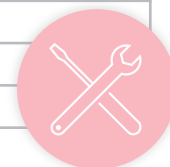
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TOMORROW's PLAN

- We will brainstorm on solution concepts to mitigate or leverage the disrupters
- RESEARCH! Bring knowledge of what is already in process or planned
- We will prioritize the top concepts
- We will elaborate what is required for the top solution concepts to be successful



FuSE Targeted Events in 2023

Where to engage



Going forward

How to participate?

- Join our SE Methodologies Meetings
- Visit the targeted events 2023
- Join FuSE Yammer Community
- Visit our Website www.incose.org/fuse
- Propose new or updated products, activities, services, initiatives... - Share with Chris Hoffman (christopher.hoffman@incose.net)
- Engage with WGs & Initiatives that are related to FuSE Methodologies goals with their activities & products

SE Methodologies Meetings

Frequency: tbd – e.g., monthly, likely Friday late morning EST

Content:

- Monitoring & Control (**progress**)
- Health check of contributors (**progress**)
- Topics that streams are currently working on (**information**)
- Peer reviews of in-process work (e.g., TPP driven content) (**working**)
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