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The SoS-VEE Model

Mastering the Socio-Technical Aspects and Complexity of
Systems of Systems Engineering (SoSE)

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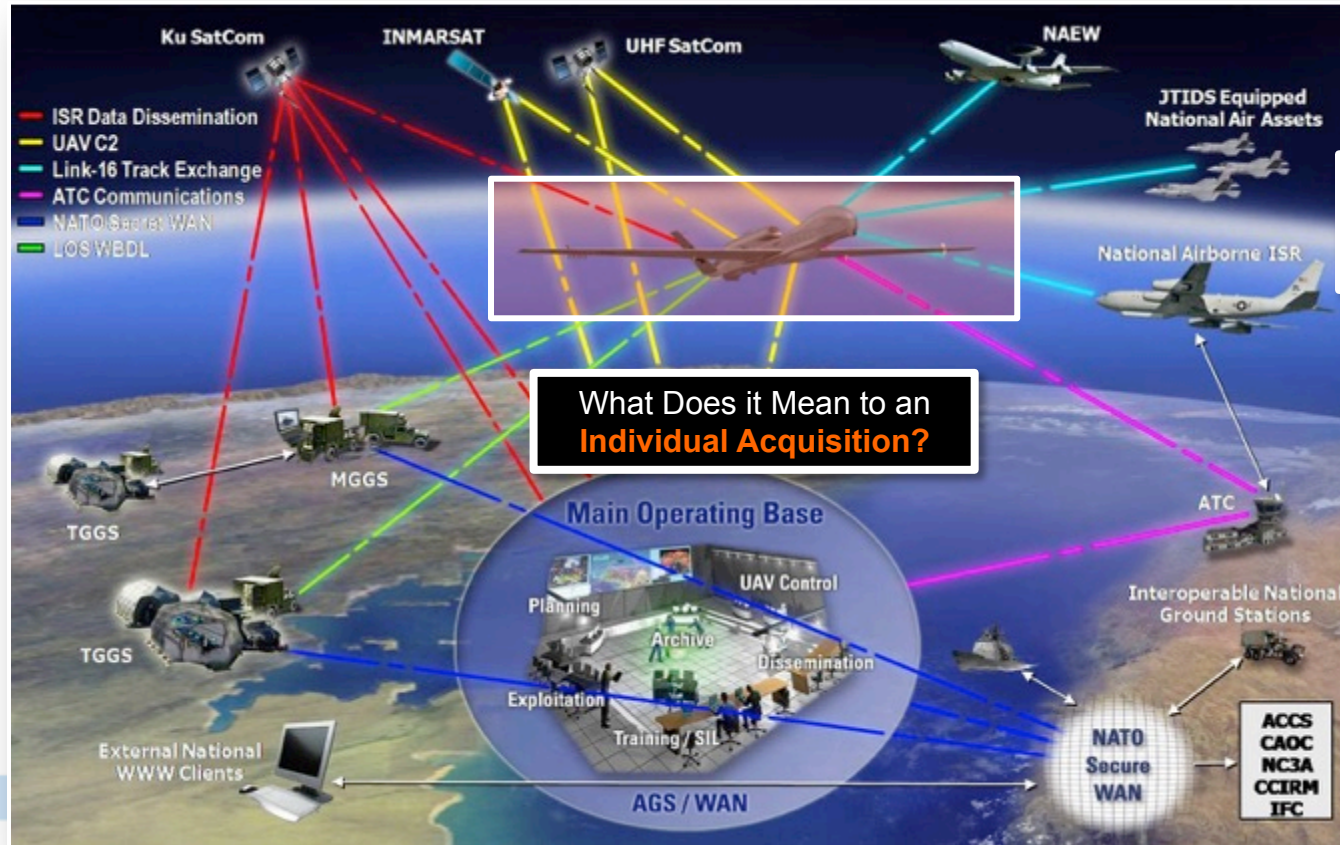
PROBLEM STATEMENT

COMPLEX SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENVIRONMENTS



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Example: NATO Alliance
Ground Surveillance (AGS)
System

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ACQUISITION CHALLENGES IN SOS ENVIRONMENTS



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Germany axes Euro Hawk drone program

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BERLIN — Germany has canceled a planned "Euro Hawk" drone program over fears that European authorities will not certify them, a defense ministry source said Tuesday after reported European safety concerns.

Germany had "no hope" of seeing the unmanned aircraft, part of a program that would have cost more than €1 billion (US \$1.3 billion), approved for use, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The European Aviation Safety Agency has said it would certify the drones only to fly over unpopulated areas because of a lack of an anti-collision system to protect airliners, according to German press reports.

"The equipment is not ready for approval without immense expenditure," the source added.

Germany has already spent €508 million on a Euro Hawk prototype and was due to fork out a further €500 million on four more models.

Source:

<http://archive.defensenews.com/article/20130514/DEEREG01/305140015>

European Authorities
will not certify Euro Hawk

Lack of Anti-Collision System
(**Interface** with Civilian Air Traffic Control)

Equivalent (in %) of ca. \$10 Billion
Compared to US DoD Budget

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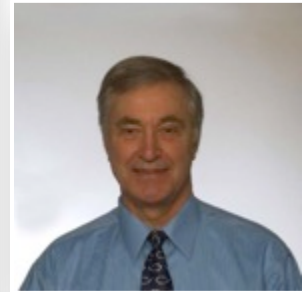


What is Different About SoSE? – My Perspective



J Clark

- ❖ The management (e.g., acquisition) processes are inadequate, not the technical (SE Standards) processes:
 - There is no god (no overall Program Manager) of a SoS (Dr Larry Pulman)
 - Acquisitions are stovepipes (single systems, not SoS)
 - Systems are directed to “integrate” with other systems, often after fielding
 - Suppliers don’t cooperate with each other (they believe it’s not in their best interest)
 - Acquirers don’t cooperate with each other for the same reason
 - SoS costs more up-front to develop (but saves much more later)
 - Interoperability is hampered by lack of SoSE



John Clark

Source: "SoSE from the SE Standards, INCOSE SE Handbook, and Dual V-Model Perspective", INCOSE Webinar 72, Feb 18, 2015, John Clark

UNDESIRABLE OUTCOMES

RESULTS OF STOVEPIPING OR SILO ENGINEERING



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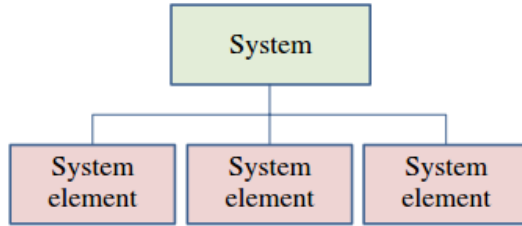
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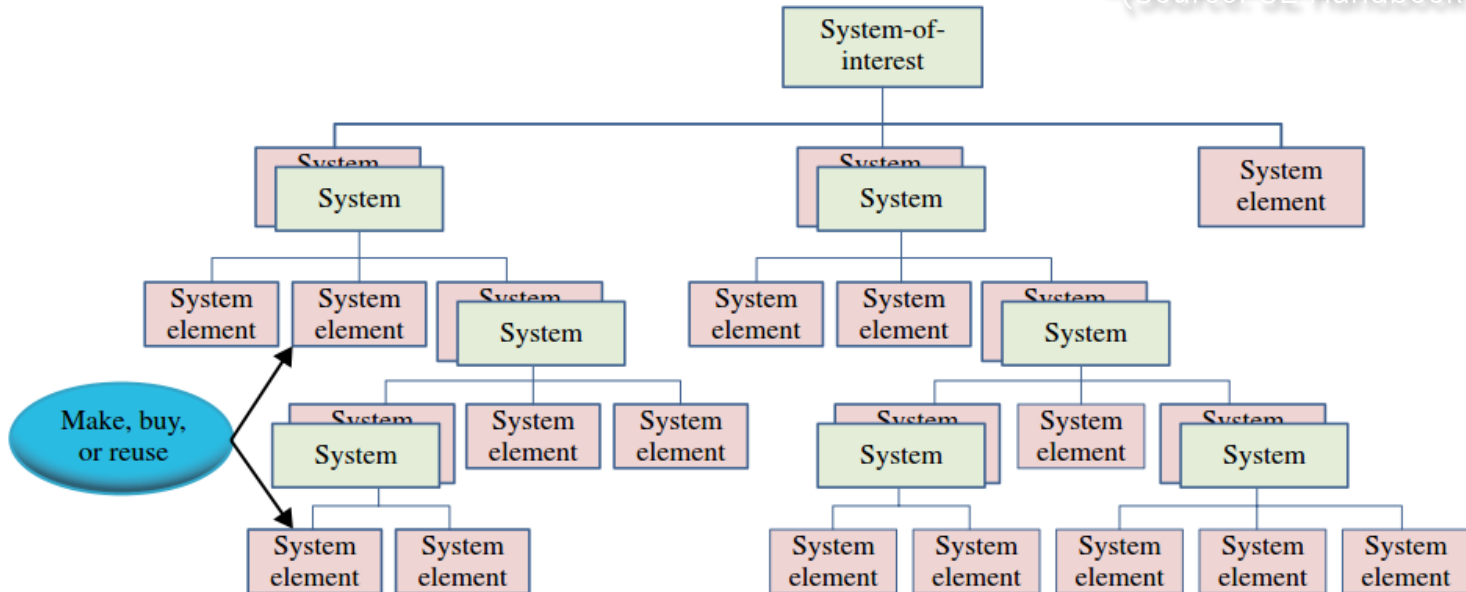
HIERARCHY WITHIN A SYSTEM



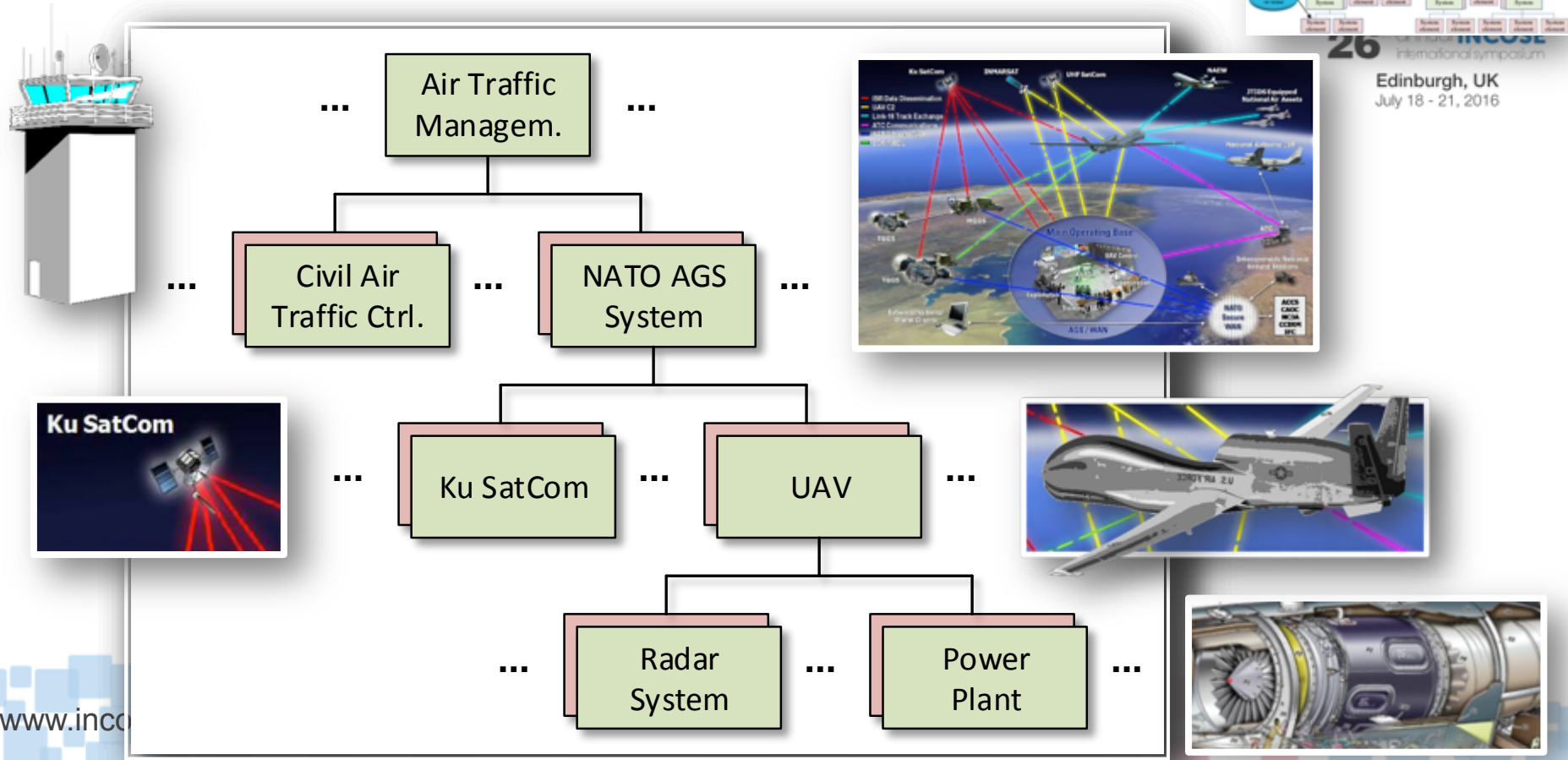
System
composed of
interacting system elements

“Systems-of-Systems” (SoS): Is a system of interest whose elements are managerially and/or operationally independent systems. This interoperating and/or integrated collection of constituent systems usually produce results unachievable by the individual systems alone.

(Source: SE Handbook 4.0)



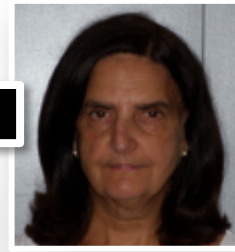
HIERARCHY WITHIN A SYSTEM (CONT'D)



SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

MAIER SOS CHARACTERIZATION

Judith Dahmann



SEBoK: SoS Types

Source: "The State of Systems of Systems Engineering Knowledge Sources", INCOSE SoSWG Webinar, Oct 2015

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Directed

- The SoS is created and managed to fulfill specific purposes and the constituent systems are subordinated to the SoS.
- The component systems maintain an ability to operate independently; however, their normal operational mode is subordinated to the central managed purpose;

Acknowledged

- The SoS has recognized objectives, a designated manager, and resources for the SoS; however, the constituent systems retain their independent ownership, objectives, funding, and development and sustainment approaches.
- Changes in the systems are based on cooperative agreements between the SoS and the system;

Collaborative

- The component systems interact more or less voluntarily to fulfill agreed upon central purposes.
- The central players collectively decide how to provide or deny service, thereby providing some means of enforcing and maintaining standards; and

Virtual

- The SoS lacks a central management authority and a centrally agreed upon purpose for the SoS.
- Large-scale behavior emerges—and may be desirable—but this type of SoS must rely on relatively invisible mechanisms to maintain it.

Directed SoS:

- Created to Fulfill Specific Purpose
- Dedicated SoS Manager
- Subordinated Constituent Systems

Acknowledged SoS:

- Recognized SoS Objectives
- Designated SoS Manager & Resources
- Independent Constituent Systems

Collaborative SoS:

- Agreed Upon Central Purpose
- Voluntary Interaction
- Independent Constituent Systems

Virtual SoS:

- Lacks Central Management
- Lacks Agreed Upon Purpose
- Large Scale Emergent Behavior

Directed SoS

SoS
Manager

Owner #1

Owner #2

Owner #n

Subordinated
Constituent
System

Subordinated
Constituent
System

Subordinated
Constituent
System

Owner #1

Owner #2

Owner #n

Independent
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Voluntary Collaboration

Collaborative SoS

Acknowledged SoS

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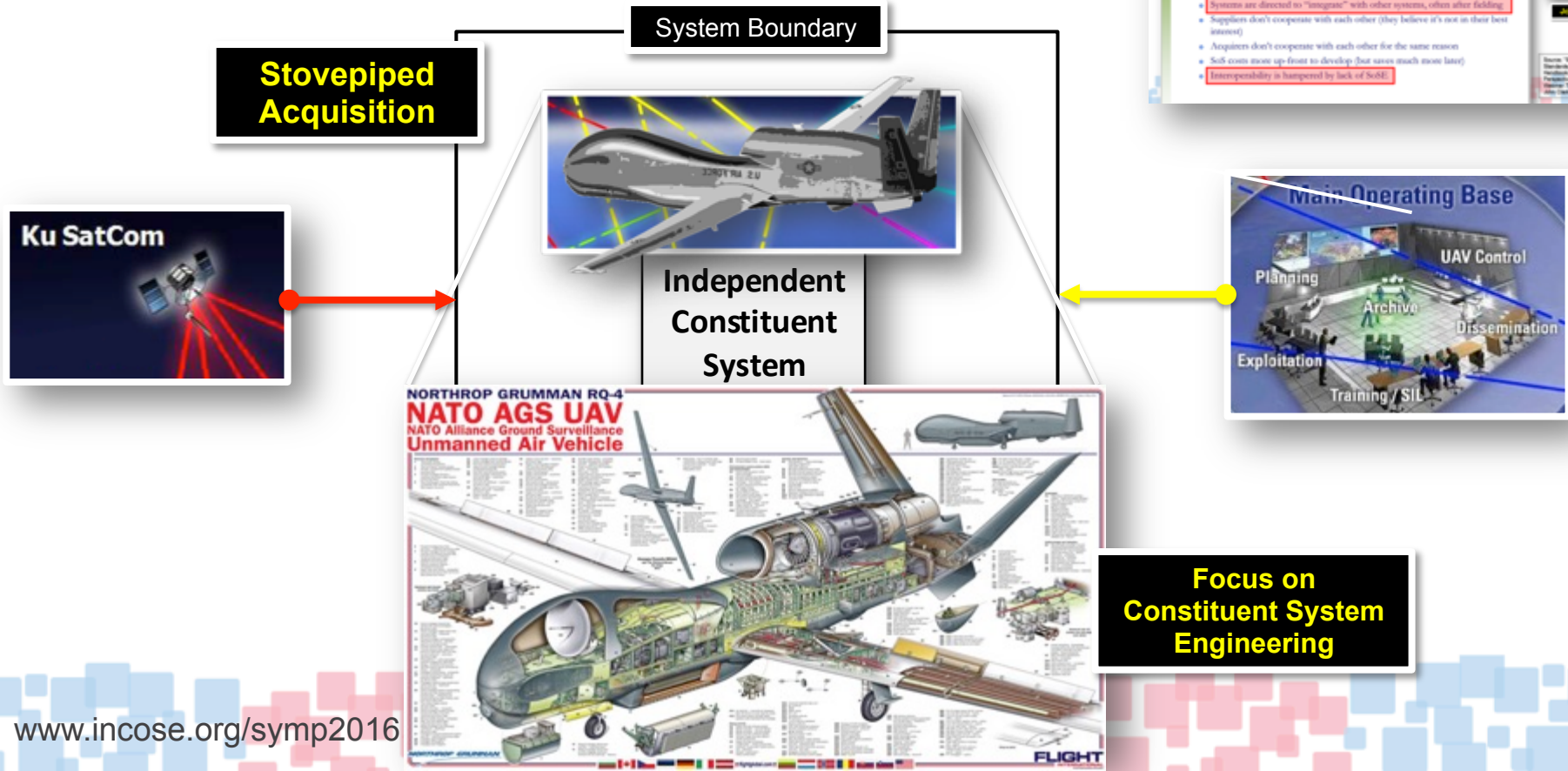
Independent
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Virtual SoS

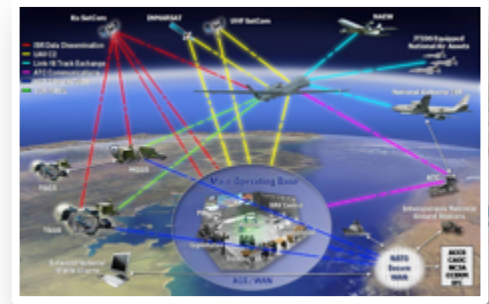
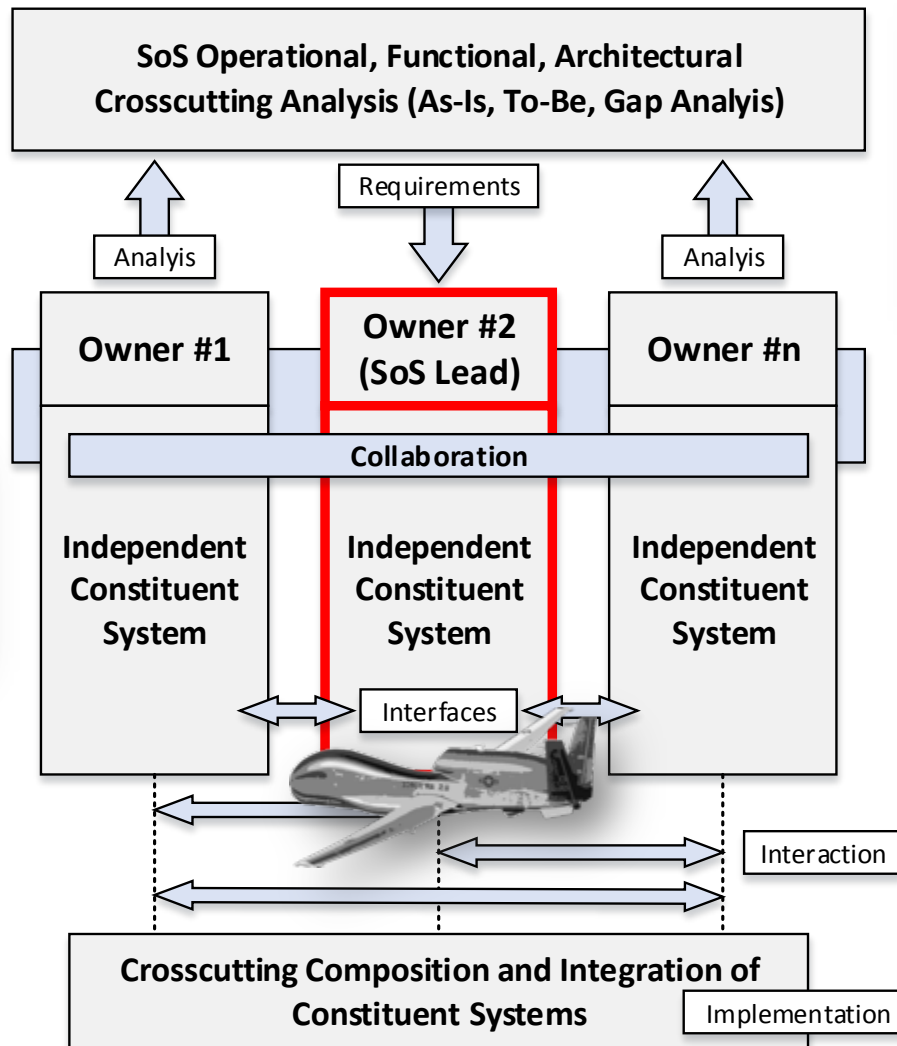


SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

TRADITIONAL ACQUISITION



ENGINEERING CONSTITUENT SYSTEMS WITHIN CONTEXT



**Focus on
System of Systems
Engineering**

SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (SoSE)



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SEBoK: Comparing Systems and SoS

	SE	SoS SE
		Management/Oversight
System	Physical engineering	Socio-technical management and engineering
Stakeholder Involvement	Clear set of stakeholders	Multiple levels of stakeholders with mixed and possible
Governance	Aligned management and funding	Added levels of complexity due to management and systems; SoS does not have control over all constituent
		Operational Focus (Goals)
Operational Focus	Designed and developed to meet common objectives	Called upon to meet new SoS objectives using systems may not align with the SoS objectives
		Implementation
Acquisition/Development	Aligned to established acquisition and development processes	Cross multiple system lifecycles across asynchronous efforts, involving legacy systems, developmental systems
Process	Well-established	Learning and Adaptation
Test and Evaluation	Test and evaluation of the system is possible	Testing is more challenging due to systems' asynchronous complexity of all the parts
		Engineering and Design Considerations
Boundaries and Interfaces	Focuses on boundaries and interfaces	Focus on identifying systems contributing to SoS objectives, data, control and functionality across the SoS while, OR focus on interactions between systems. Difficult
Performance and Behavior	Performance of the system to meet performance objectives	Performance across the SoS that satisfies SoS user needs of the systems
Metrics	Well defined (e.g., INCOSE handbook)	Difficult to define, agree, and quantify

SEBoK: Socio-Technical Aspects of SoS

- SoSE often entails more than simply integrating physical systems but also incorporates integration of the people and processes associated with the constituent systems
- SoSE needs to consider both
 - The operating processes of the constituent systems and how these will affect the SoS as well as
 - The development processes of the constituent systems including their current state of development (e.g., in development, fielded, evolving) and how this affects their ability to change to meet SoS needs.
- Finally, many SoS are in effect socio-technical systems composed of interdependent resources, including people, processes, information, and technology expanding the concerns for SoSE beyond the technical.

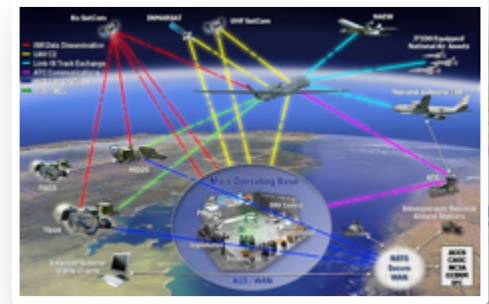
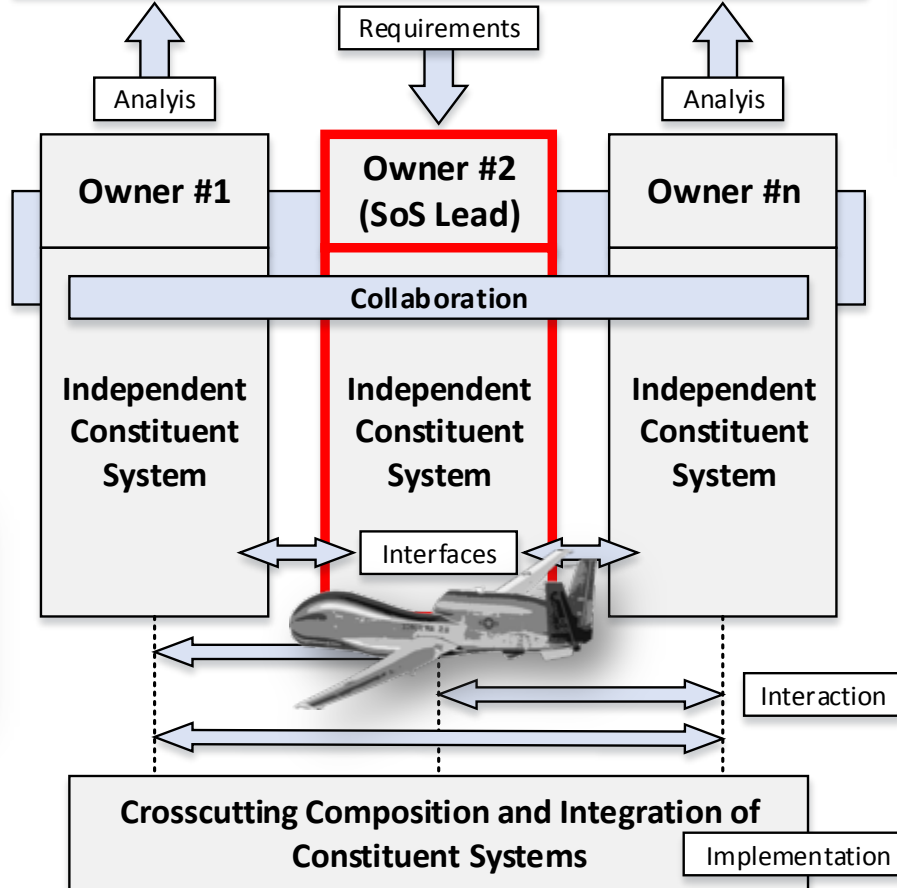
Socio-Technical Aspects

Integration of People & Processes

Integration of Physical Systems



SoS Operational, Functional, Architectural Crosscutting Analysis (As-Is, To-Be, Gap Analysis)



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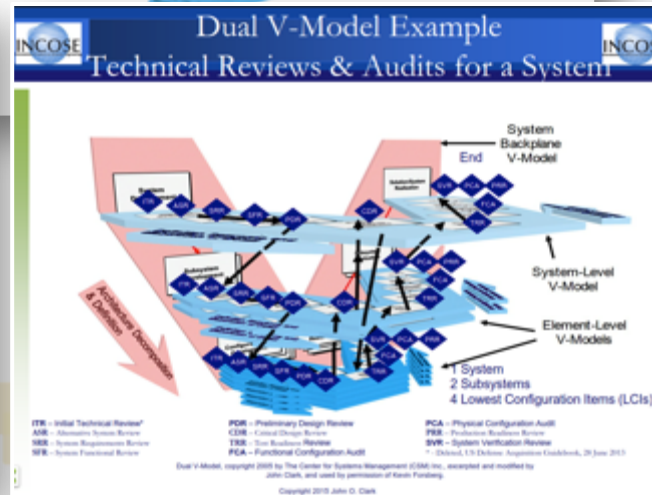
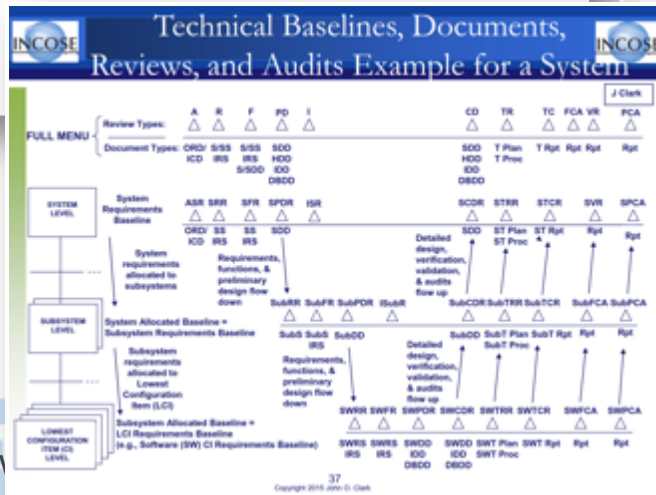
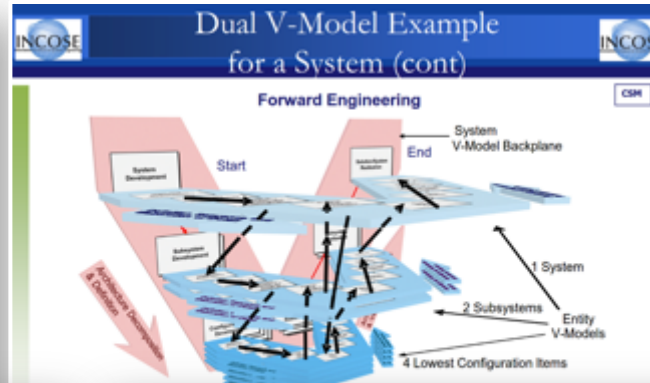
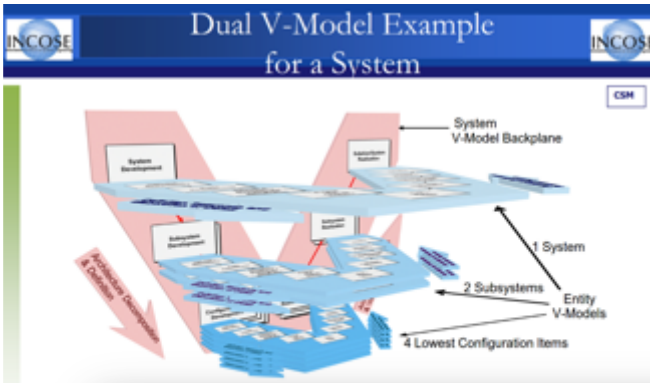
SoS-VEE Model: **SIMPLE, MODULAR & SCALABLE**

BENCHMARK: DUAL-VEE MODEL



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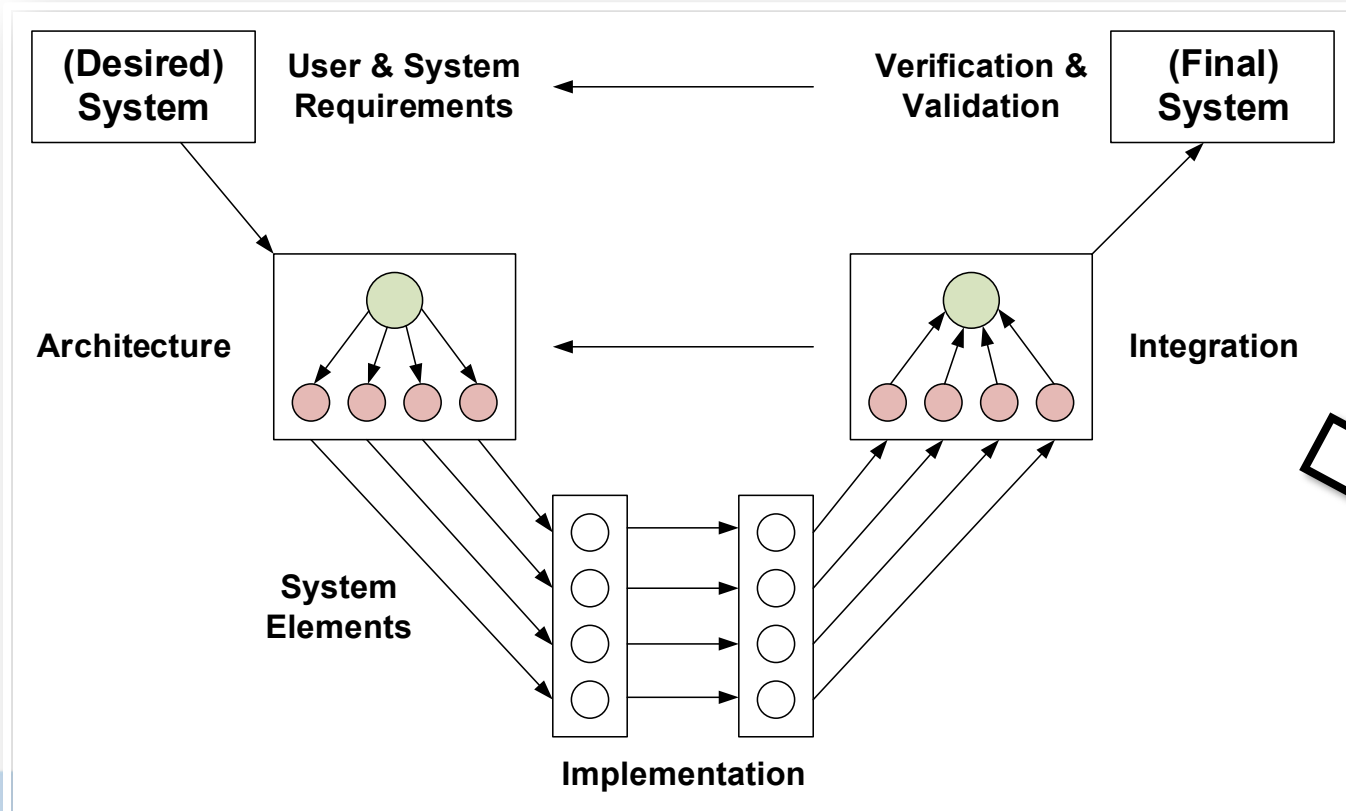
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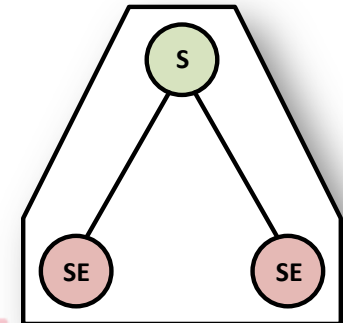
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CREATING THE MAIN BUILDING BLOCK



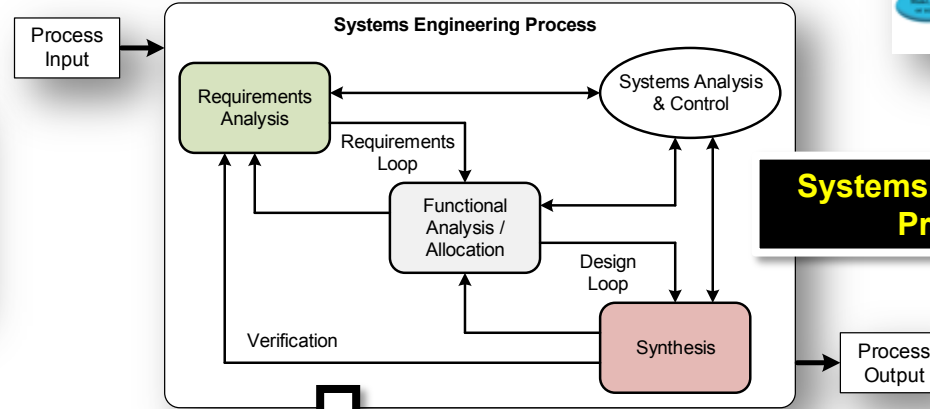
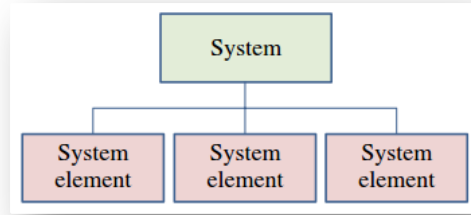
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Main Building Block



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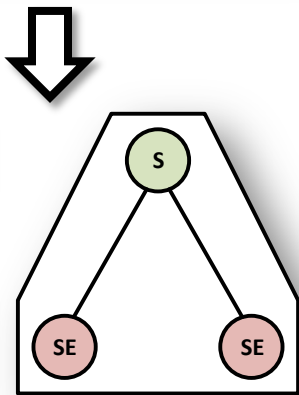
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Systems Engineering Process

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System Element

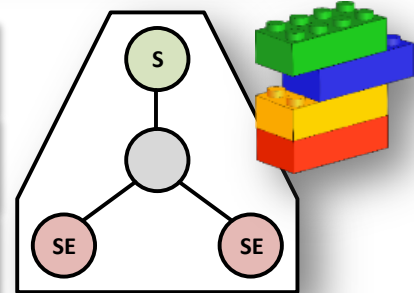


Stakeholder Needs & Requirements (SNR)

System Requirements

Architecture Definition Process

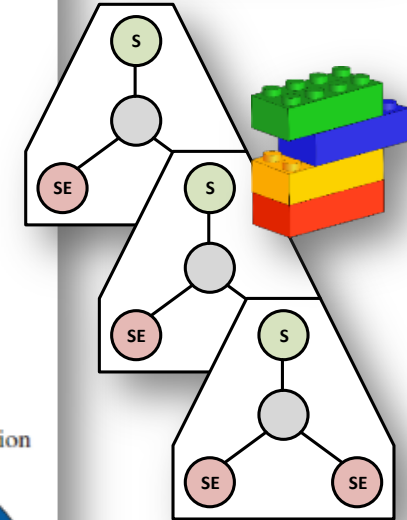
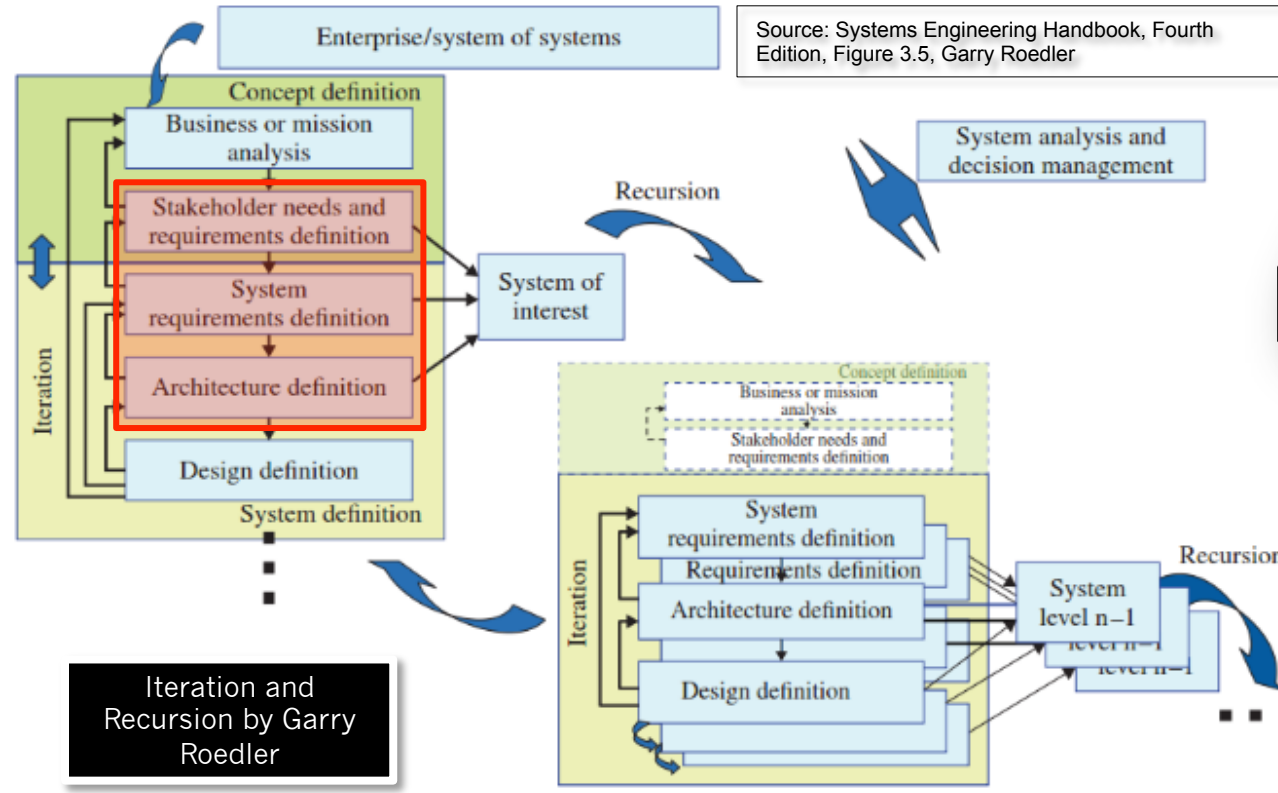
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ITERATION AND RECURSION PRINCIPLES

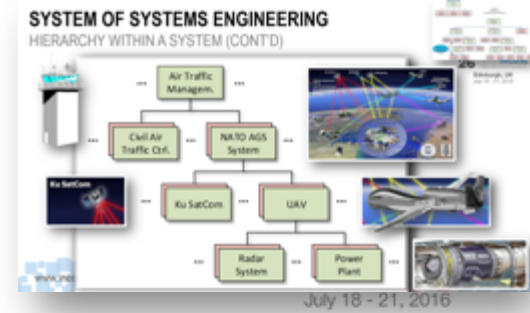
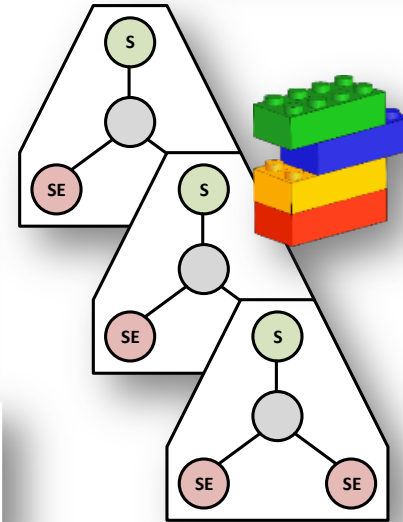
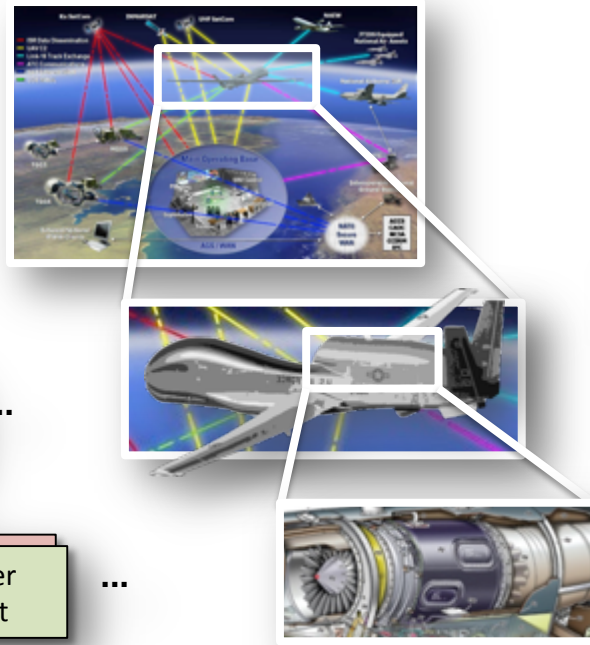
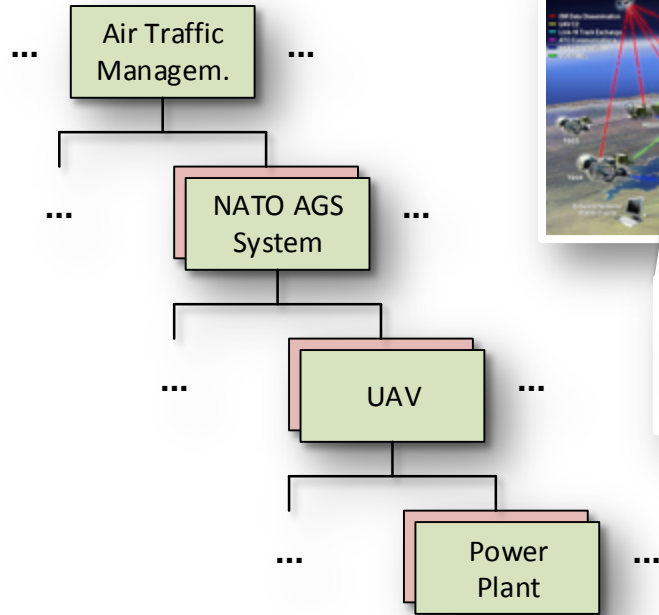
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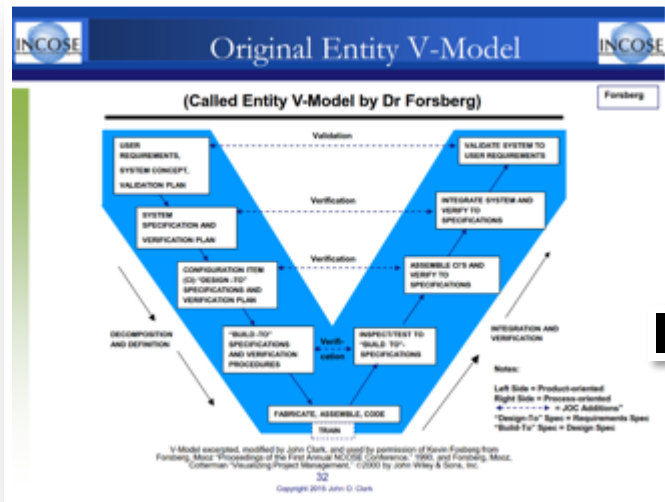
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APPLIED SYSTEM HIERARCHY, ITERATION & RECURSION

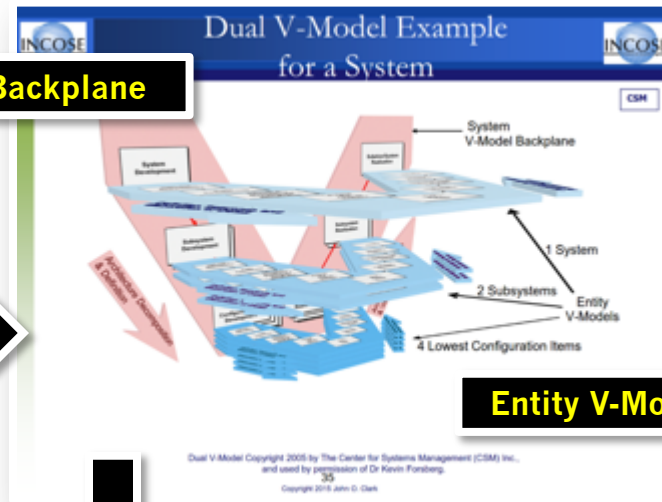


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CREATING THE ENTITY LAYER



Backplane



Entity V-Model



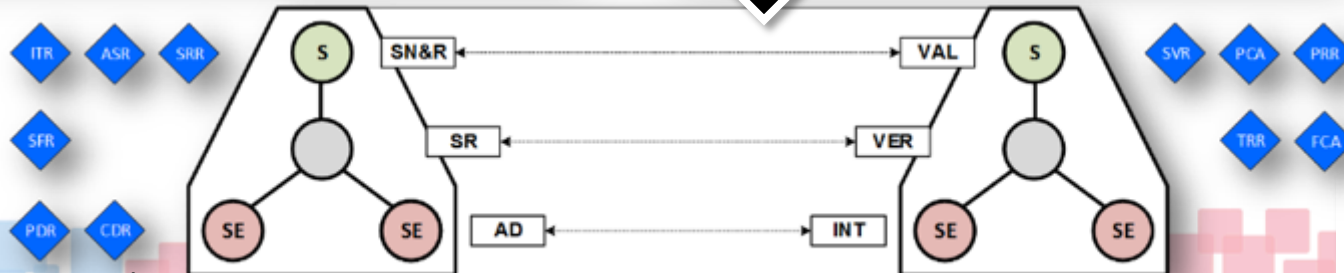
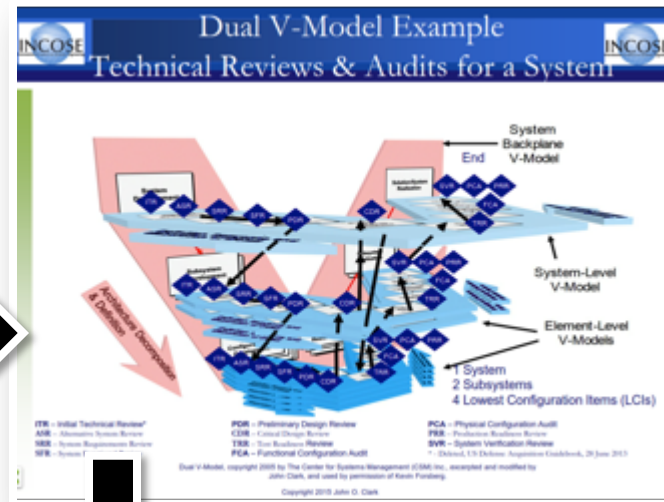
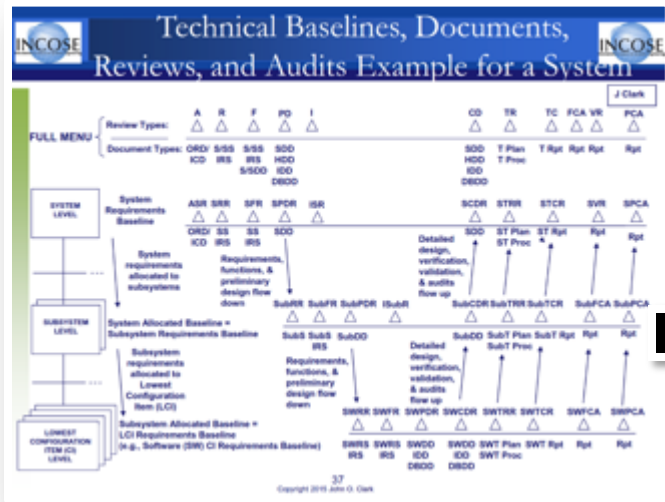
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ASSIGN REVIEW & AUDIT MILESONES



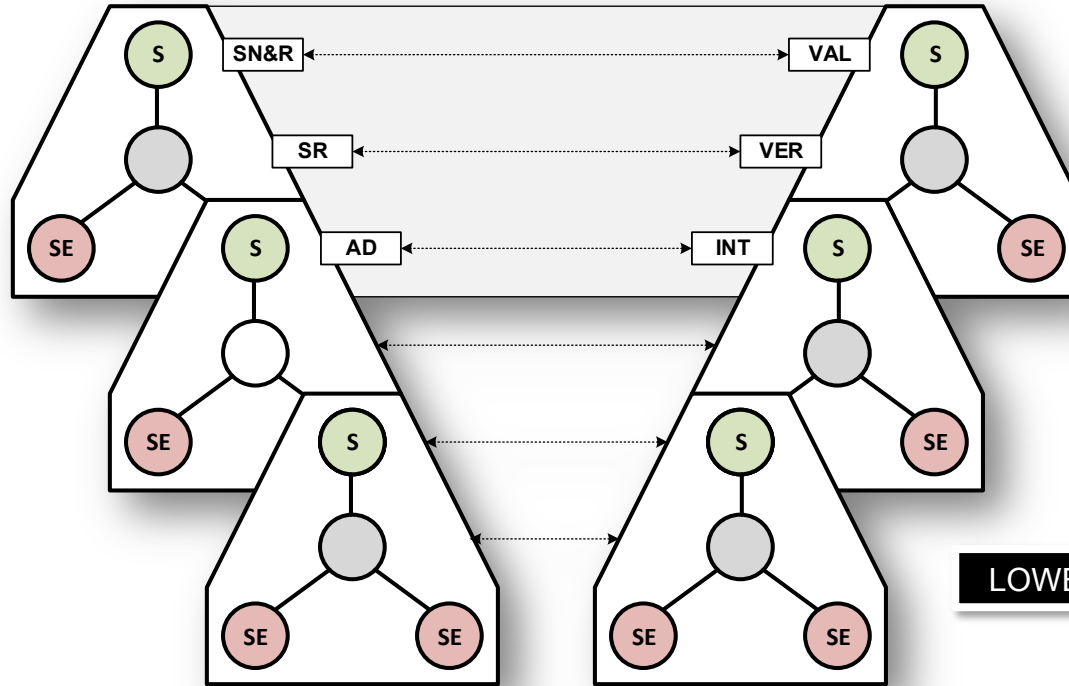
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BUILDING THE **SYSTEM HIERARCHY**



SYSTEM

SUBSYSTEM

LOWEST CONFIGURATION ITEM

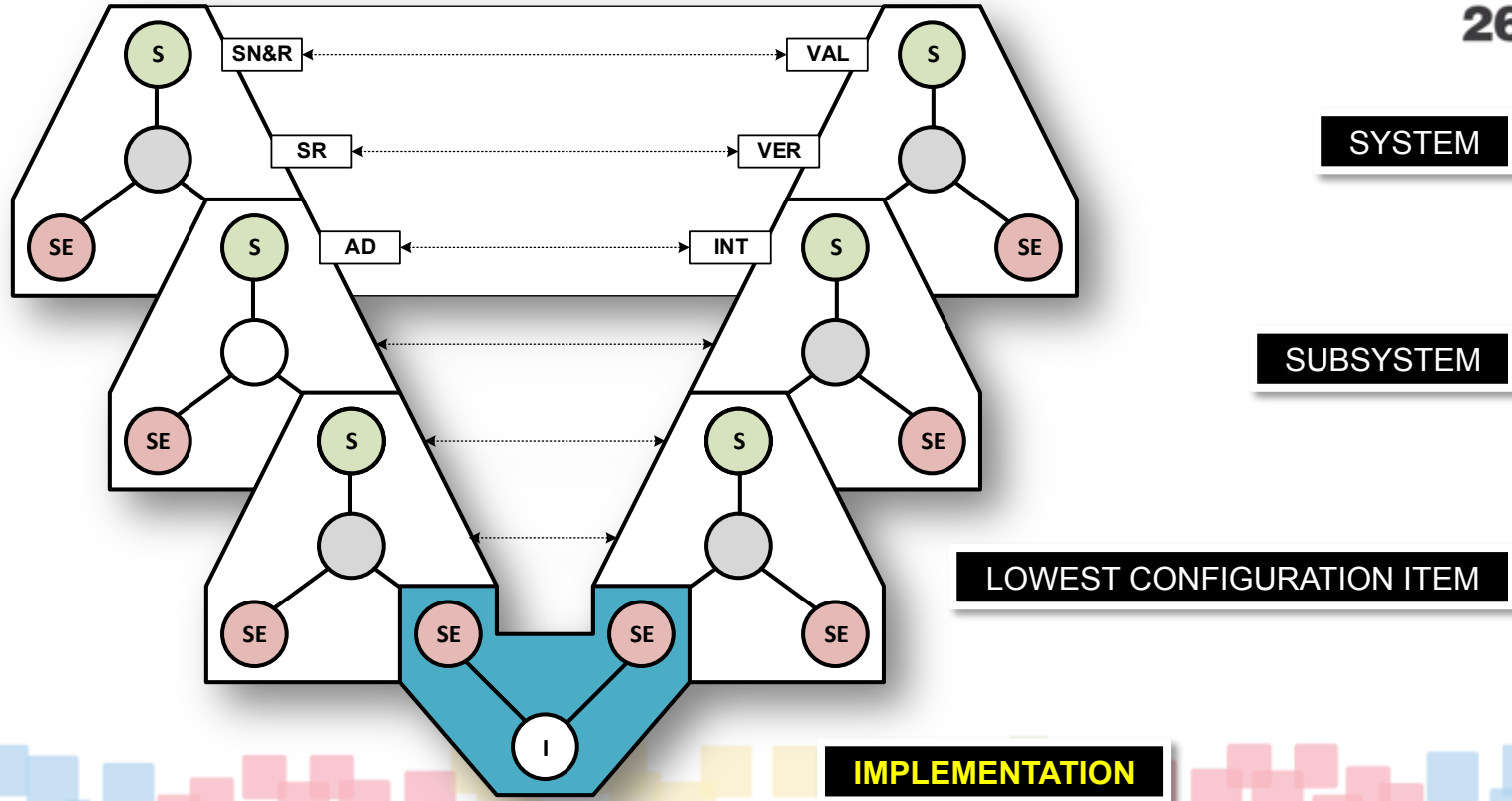
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEM ELEMENTS



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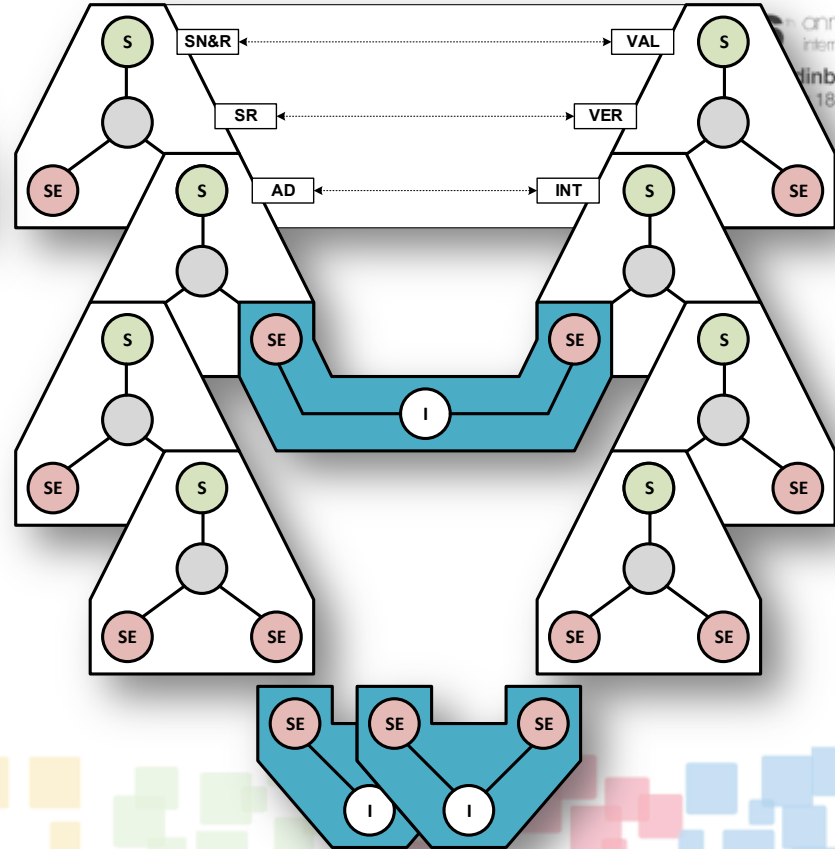
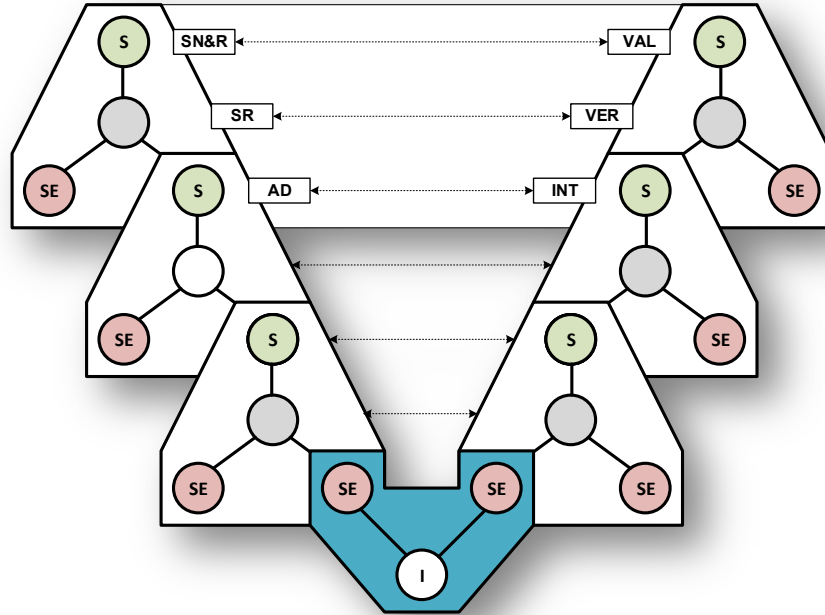


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IMPLEMENTATION **AT ANY LEVEL**

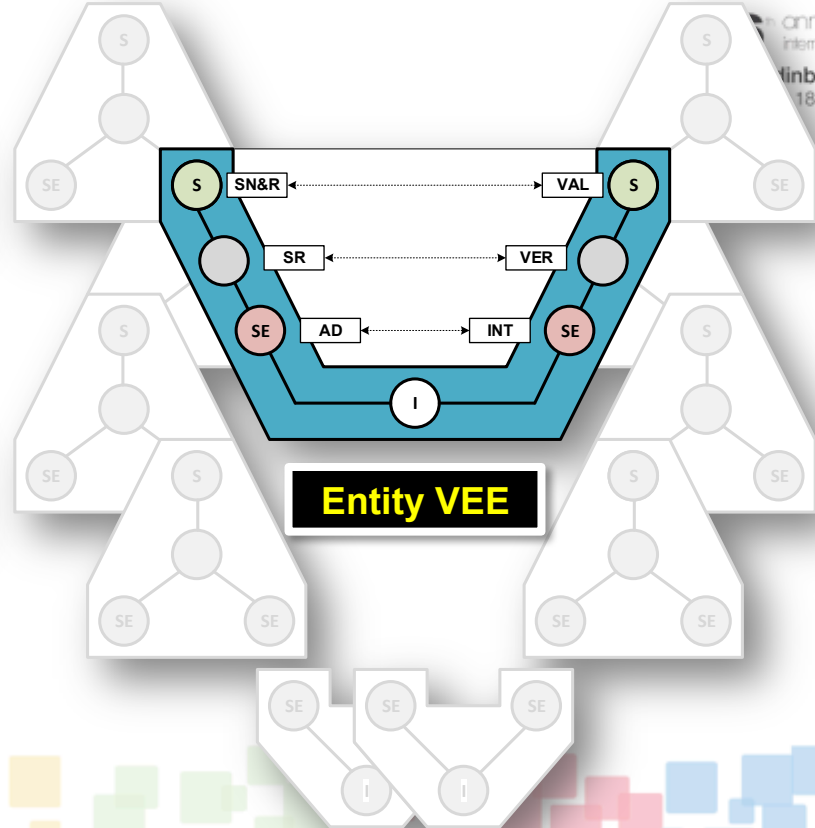
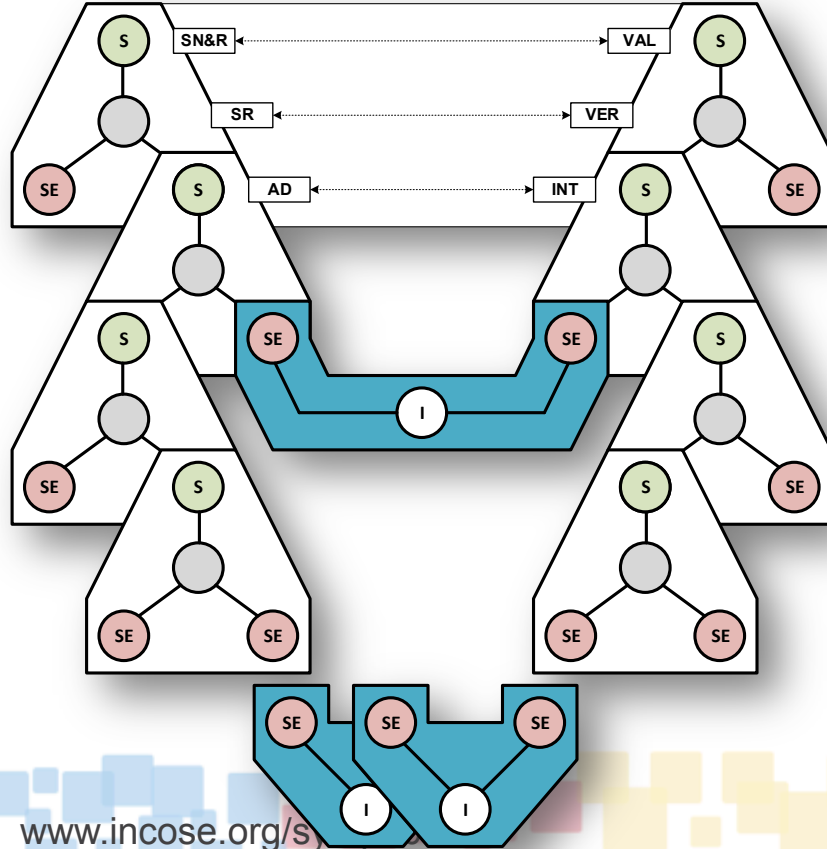


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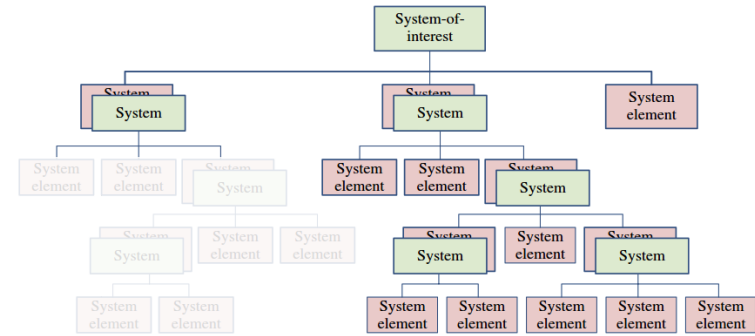
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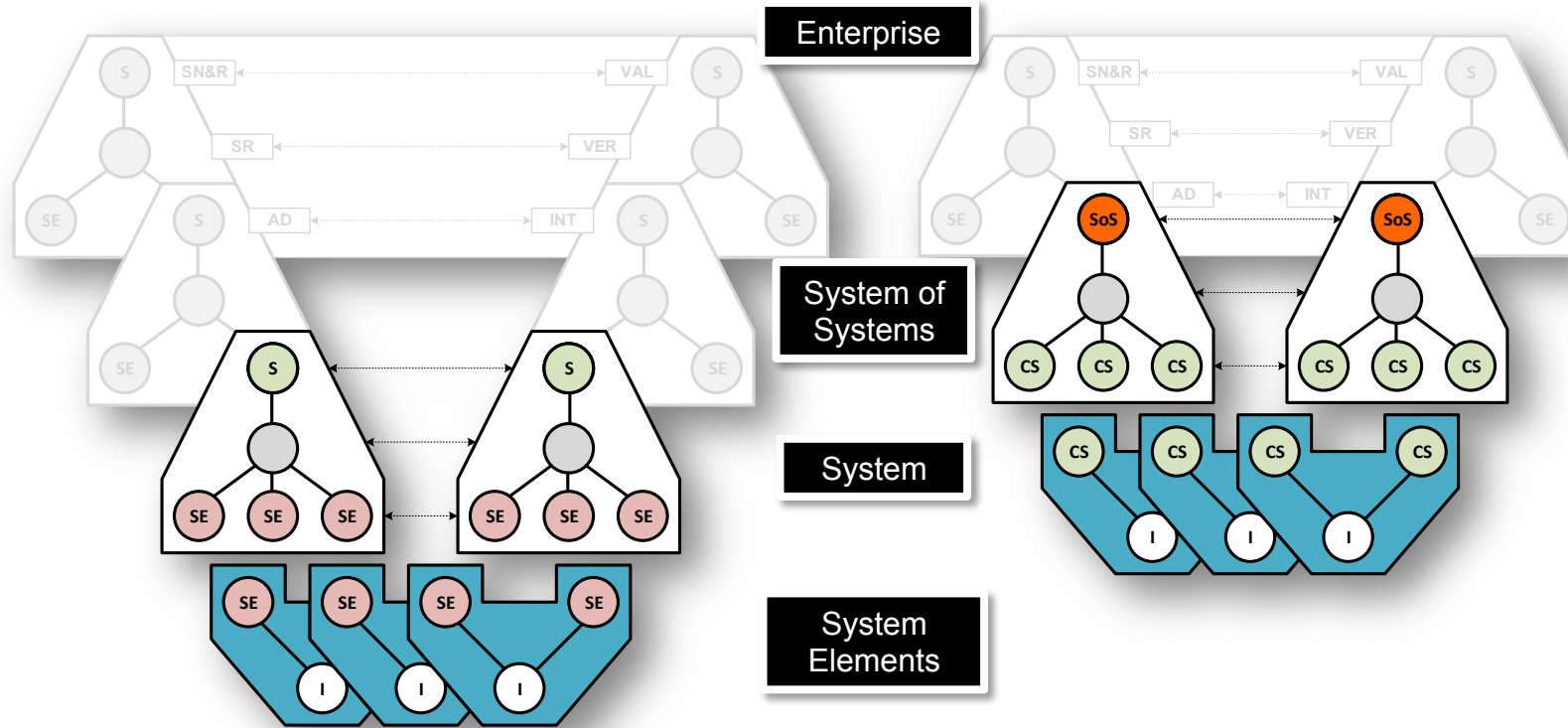


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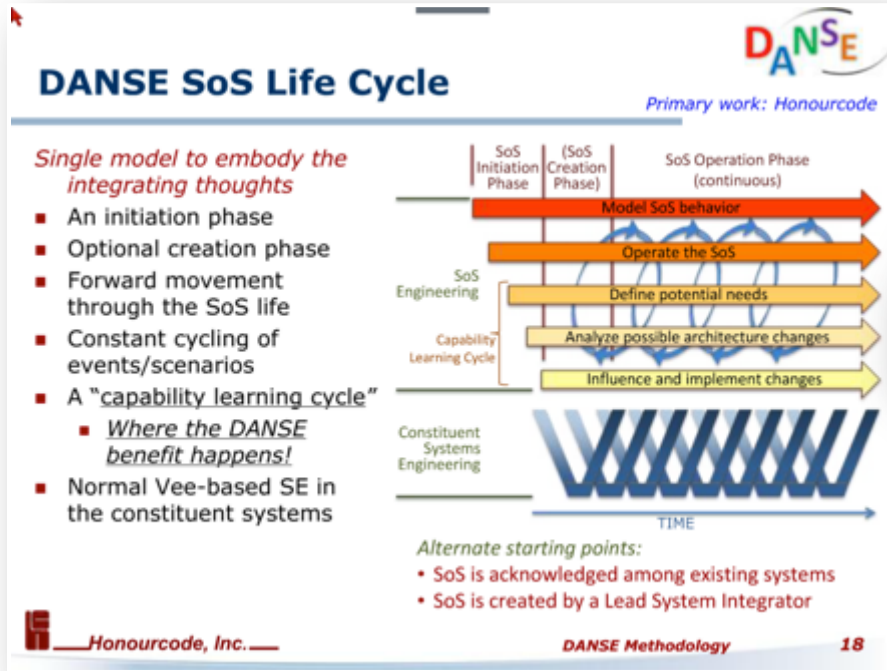
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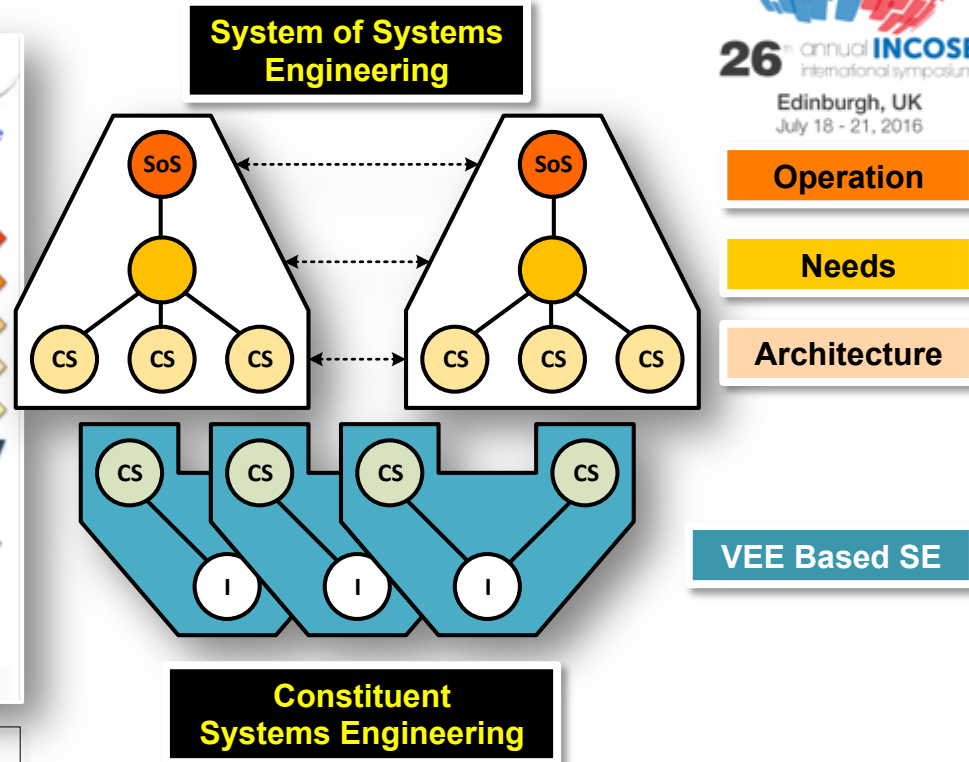


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ALIGNMENT WITH DANSE SoS LIFE-CYCLE

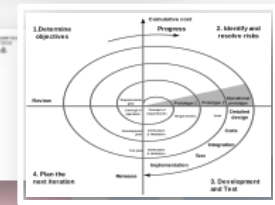
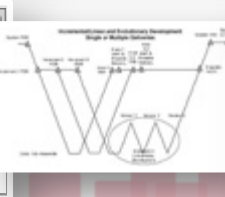
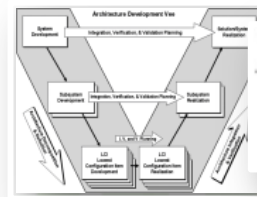
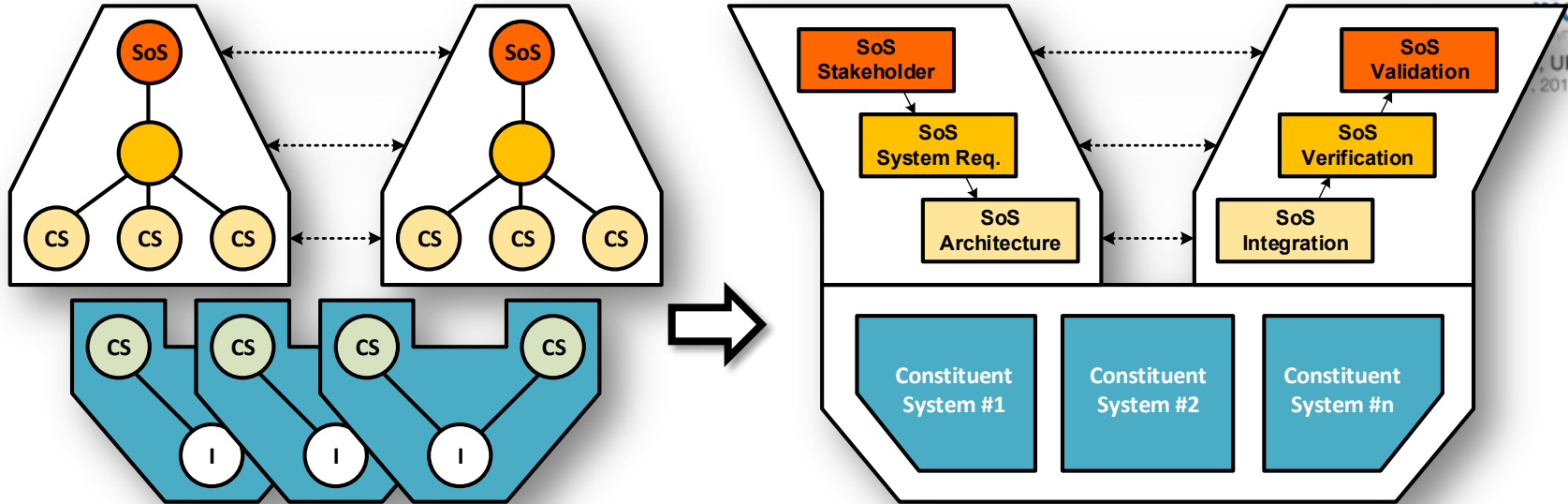


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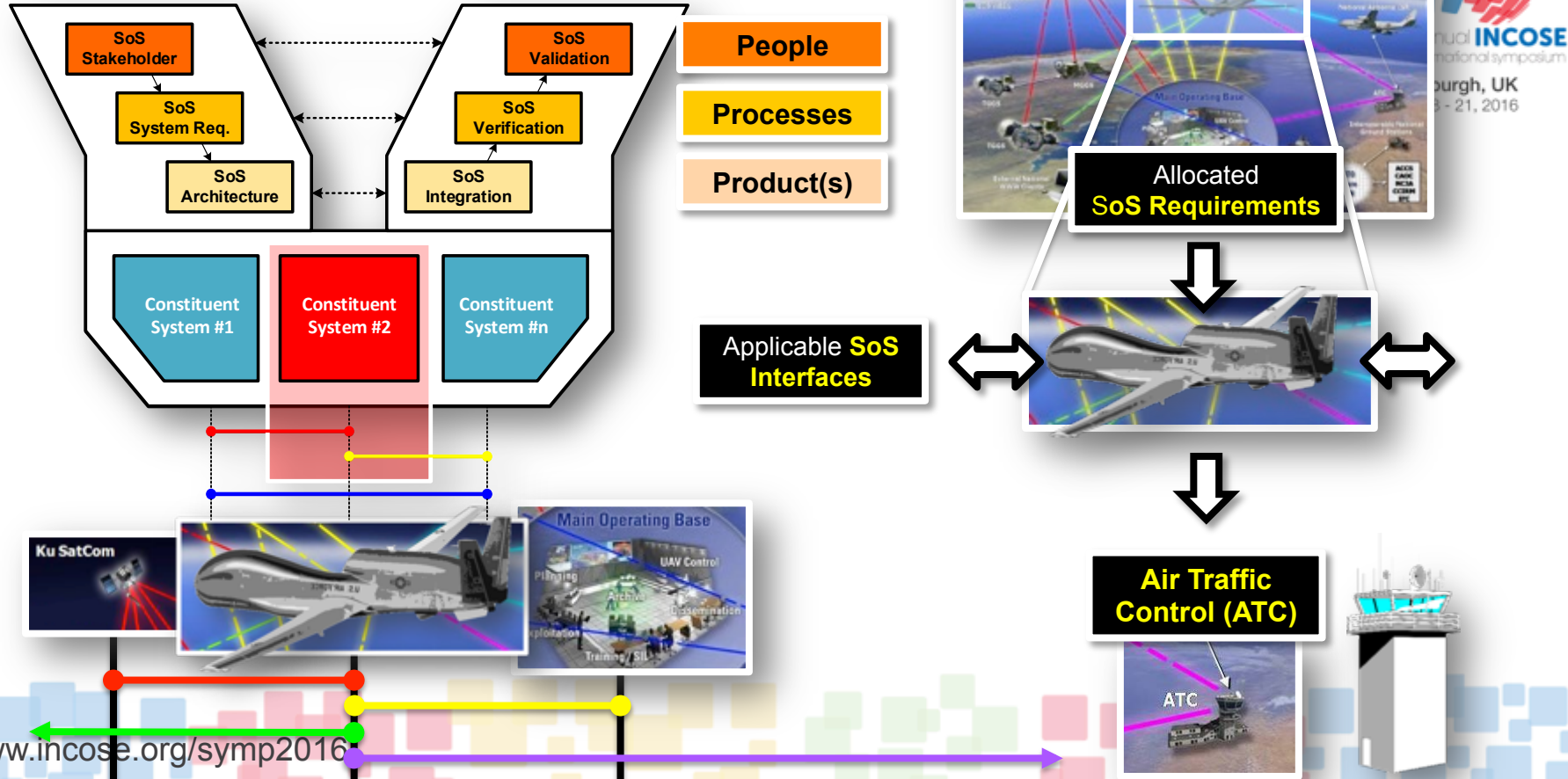
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ENABLING INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENT SYSTEM DEV. LIFE-CYCLES



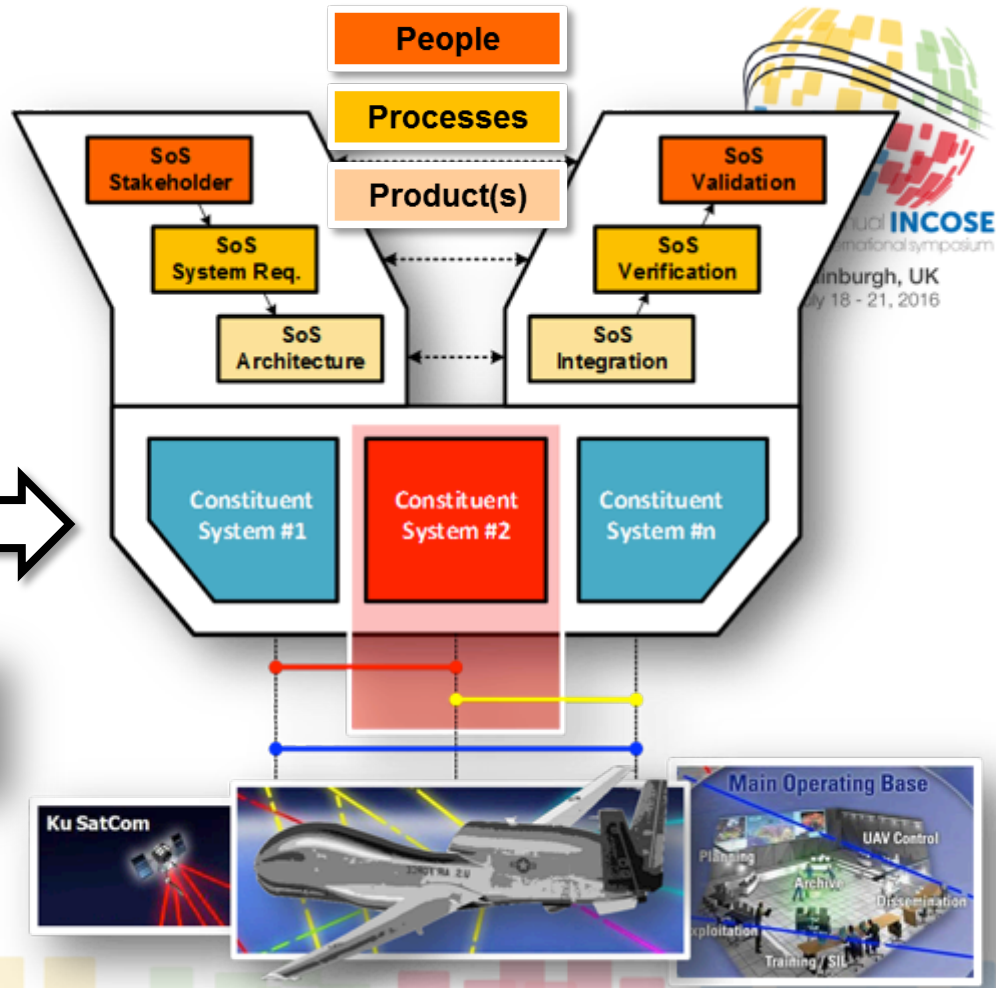
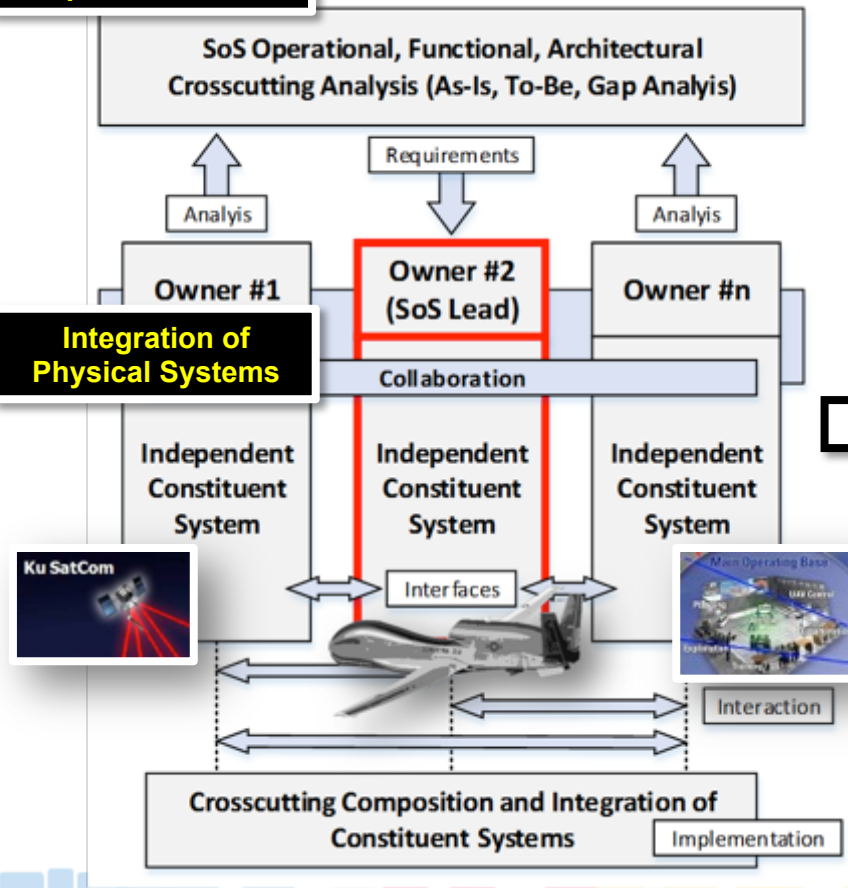
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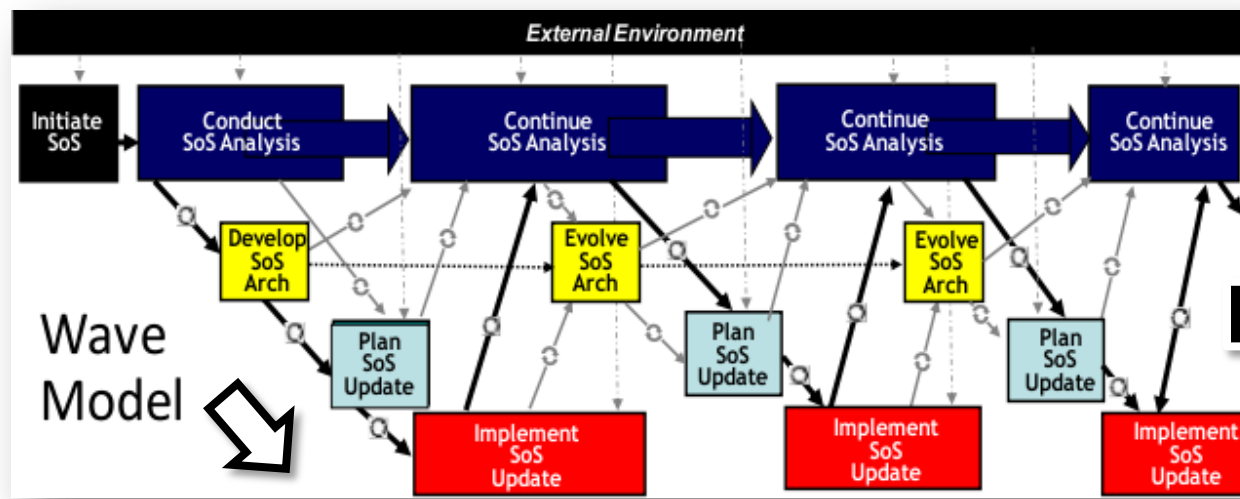
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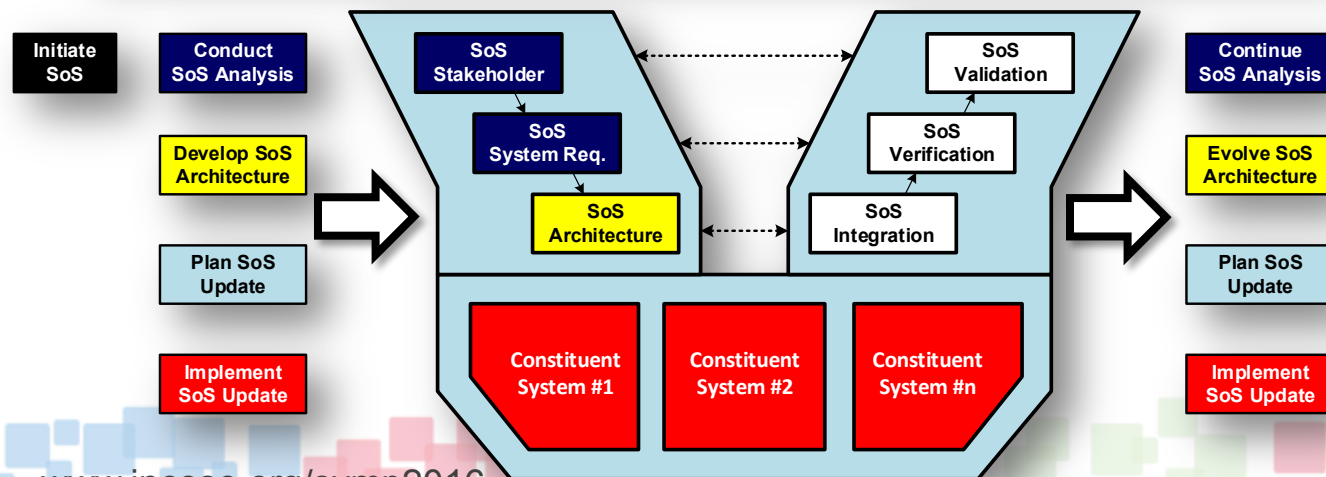
Integration of People & Processes

Integration of Physical Systems





Wave Model



Process behind each Wave

SoS-VEE Model

CONCLUSIONS & SUMMARY

- Failure to consider SoSE (context) early and throughout the acquisition can result in significant risk to the effectiveness and fielding of systems
- **The SoS-VEE Model:**
 - Offers a simple, modular, and scalable engineering tool
 - Focuses on early SoSE activities (stakeholder needs, system requirements, architecture)
 - Addresses the socio-technical aspects of integrating people, processes, and products associated with the constituent system(s)
 - Based on VEE model principles
 - Focuses on SoSE behavior, defines Constituent System requirements & interfaces
 - Aligns with governing SE and SoSE principles (SE process, system hierarchy, iteration, recursion, recursion, DANSE SoS Life Cycle, Wave Model, etc.)



IMAGINE WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN ...



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