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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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# AGENDA



## ➤ **Problem Statement**

- Complex System of System Environments
- Acquisition Challenges in SoS Environments

## ➤ **Background**

- System of Systems Engineering Overview

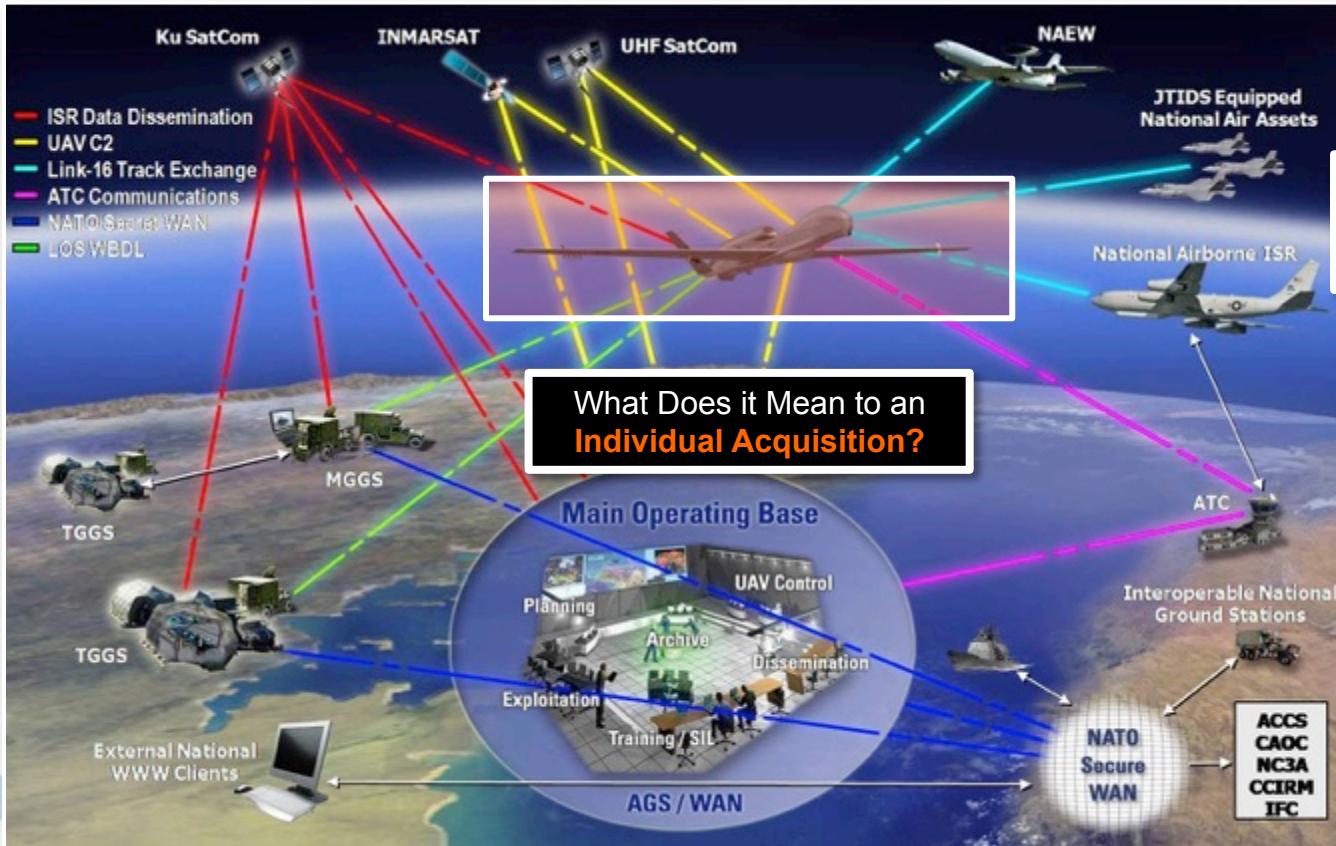
## ➤ **Offered Solution**

- SoS-VEE Model

## ➤ **Conclusion & Summary**

# PROBLEM STATEMENT

## COMPLEX SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENVIRONMENTS



**Example:** NATO Alliance  
Ground Surveillance (AGS)  
System

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

## ACQUISITION CHALLENGES IN SOS ENVIRONMENTS



### 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/DEFREG01/305140015>

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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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## ACQUISITION CHALLENGES IN SOS ENVIRONMENTS (CONT'D)

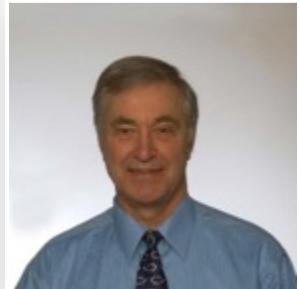


### What is Different About SoSE? – My Perspective



- ❖ 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

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# UNDESIRABLE OUTCOMES

## RESULTS OF STOVEPIPING OR SILO ENGINEERING



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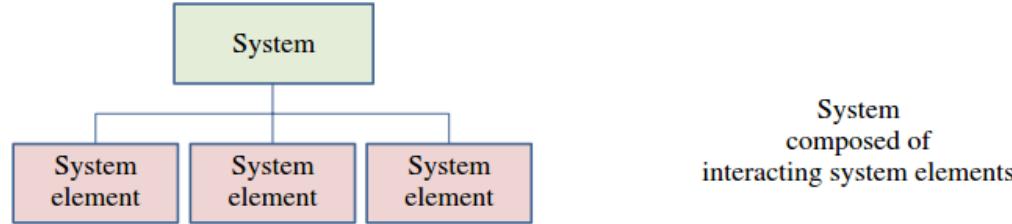
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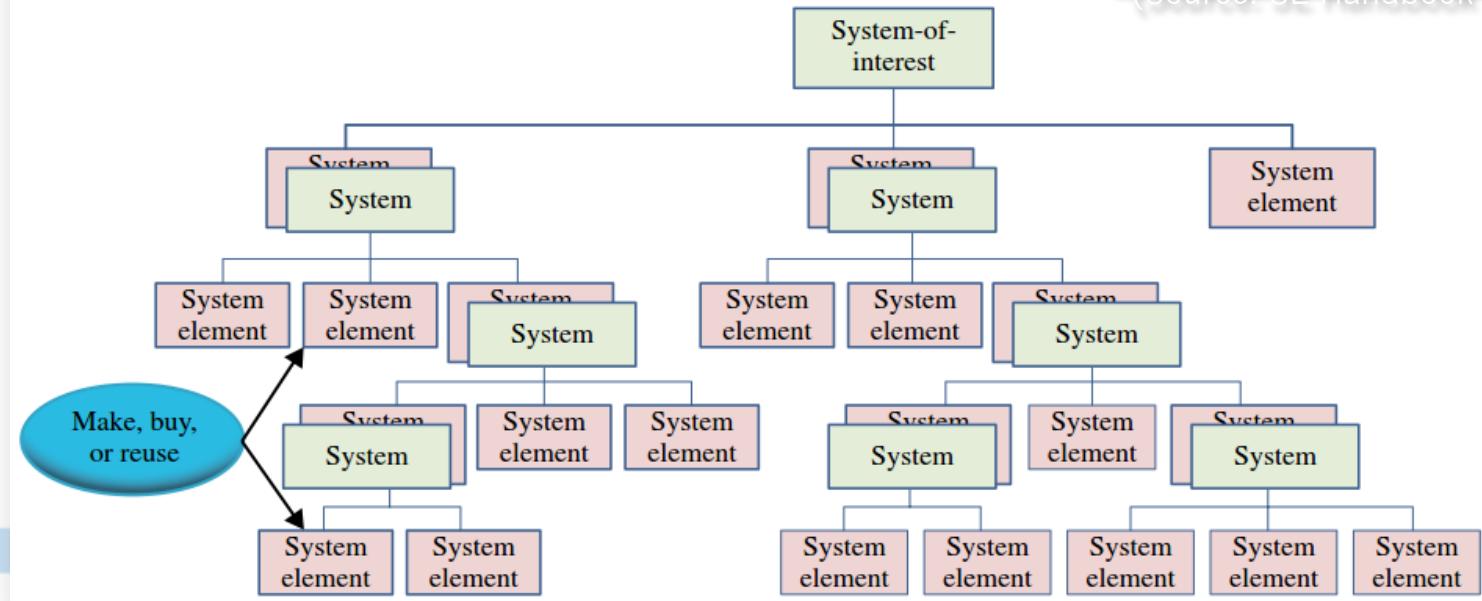
# SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

## HIERARCHY WITHIN A SYSTEM



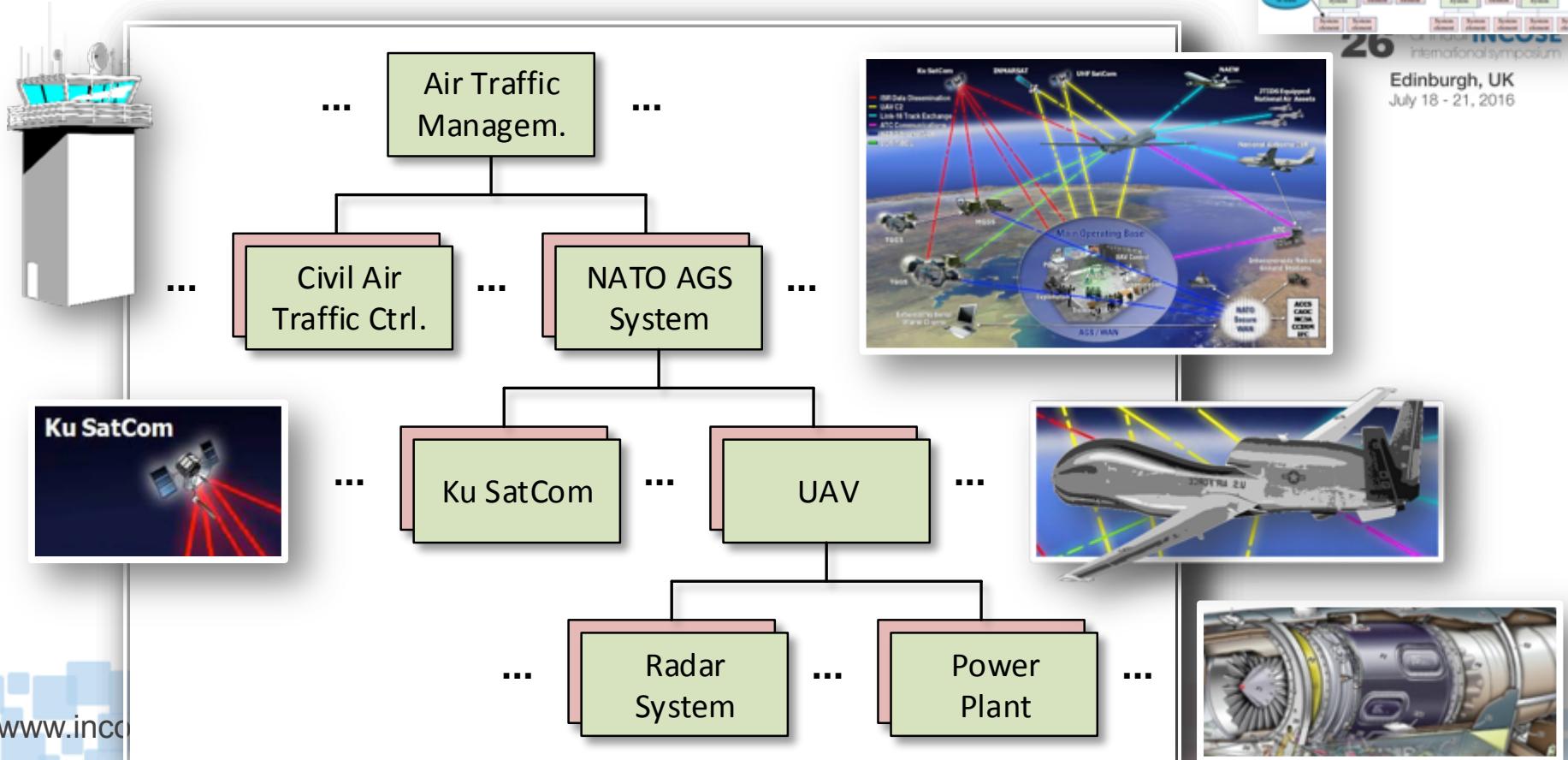
**“Systems-of-Systems” (SoS):** Is a system of interest whose elements are managerially and/or operationally independent systems. This interoperating and/or integrated collection of constituent systems usually produce results unachievable by the individual systems alone.

(Source: SE Handbook 4.0)



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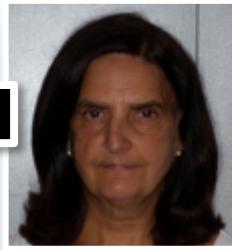
## HIERARCHY WITHIN A SYSTEM (CONT'D)



# 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

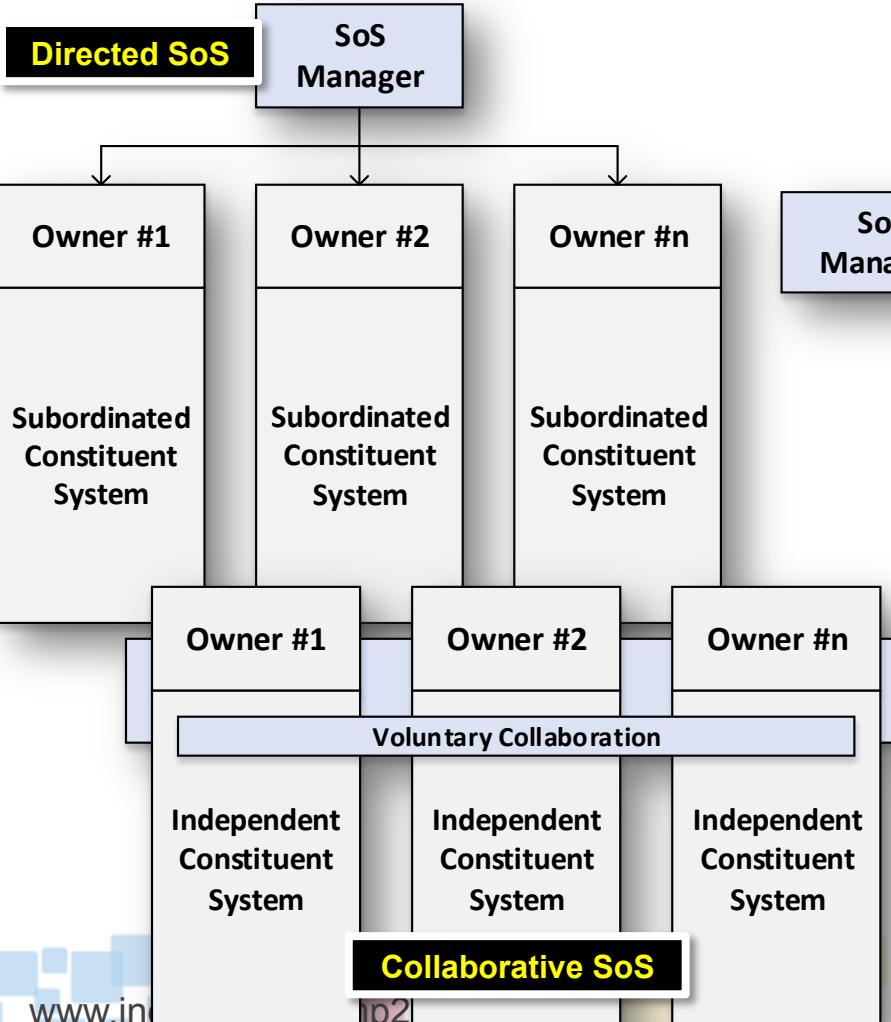
#### Collaborative SoS:

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

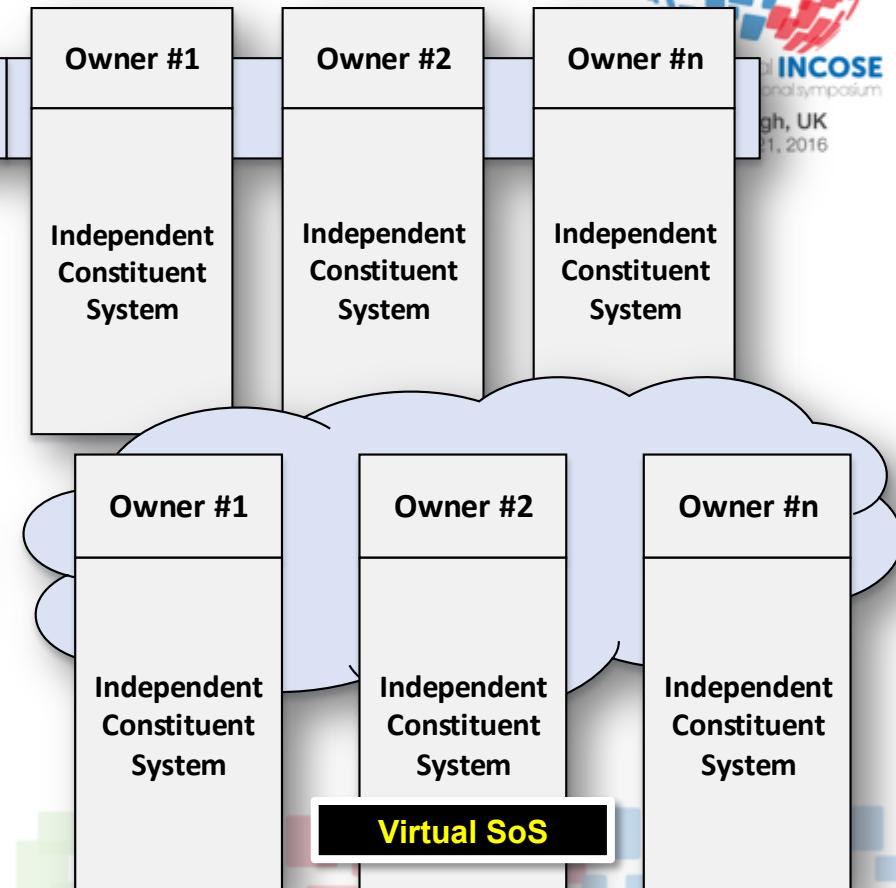
#### Virtual SoS:

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

## Directed SoS



## Acknowledged SoS

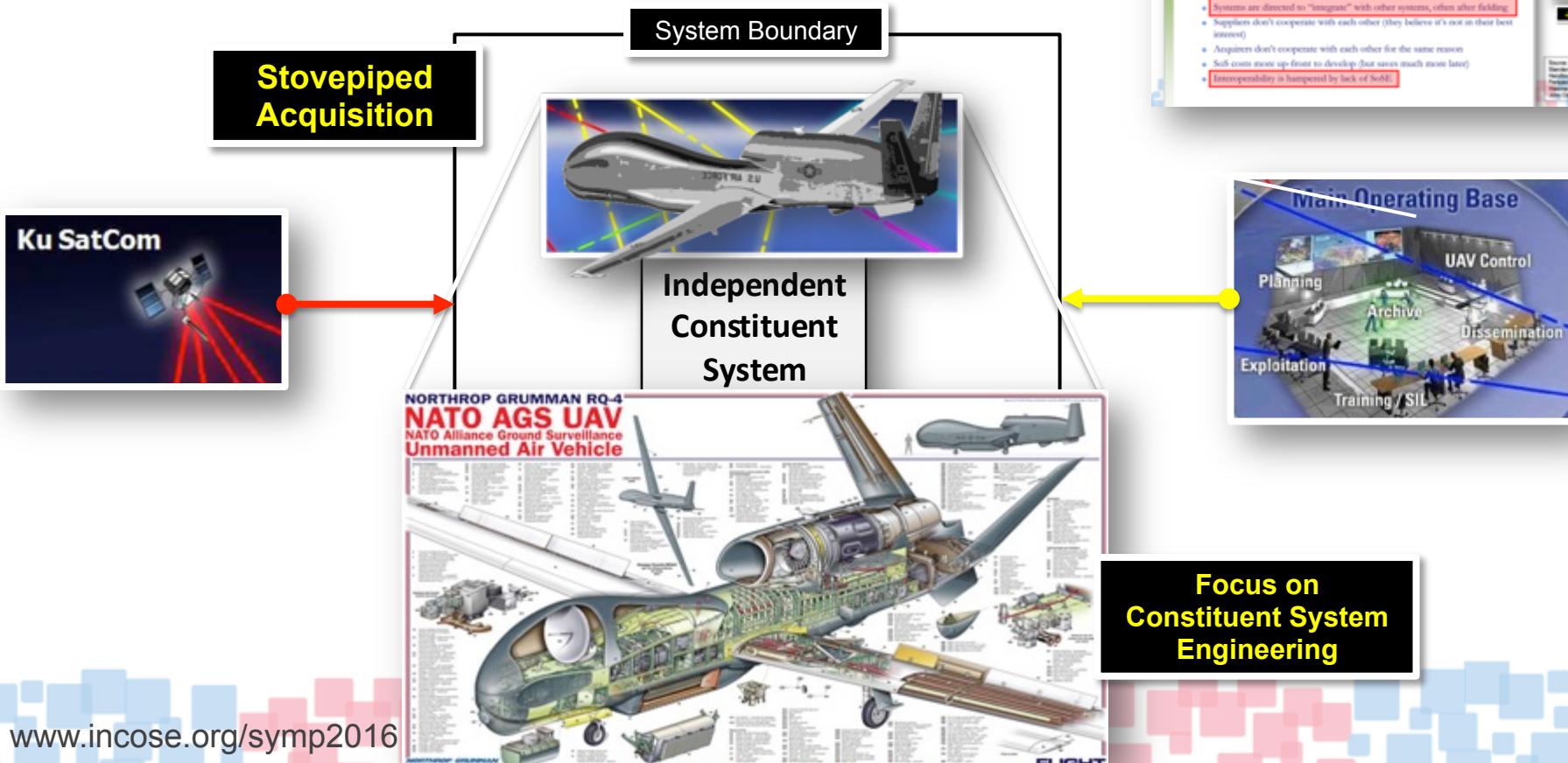


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## TRADITIONAL ACQUISITION

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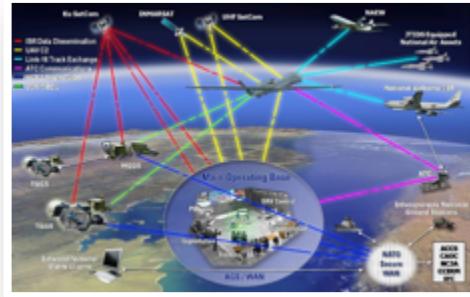
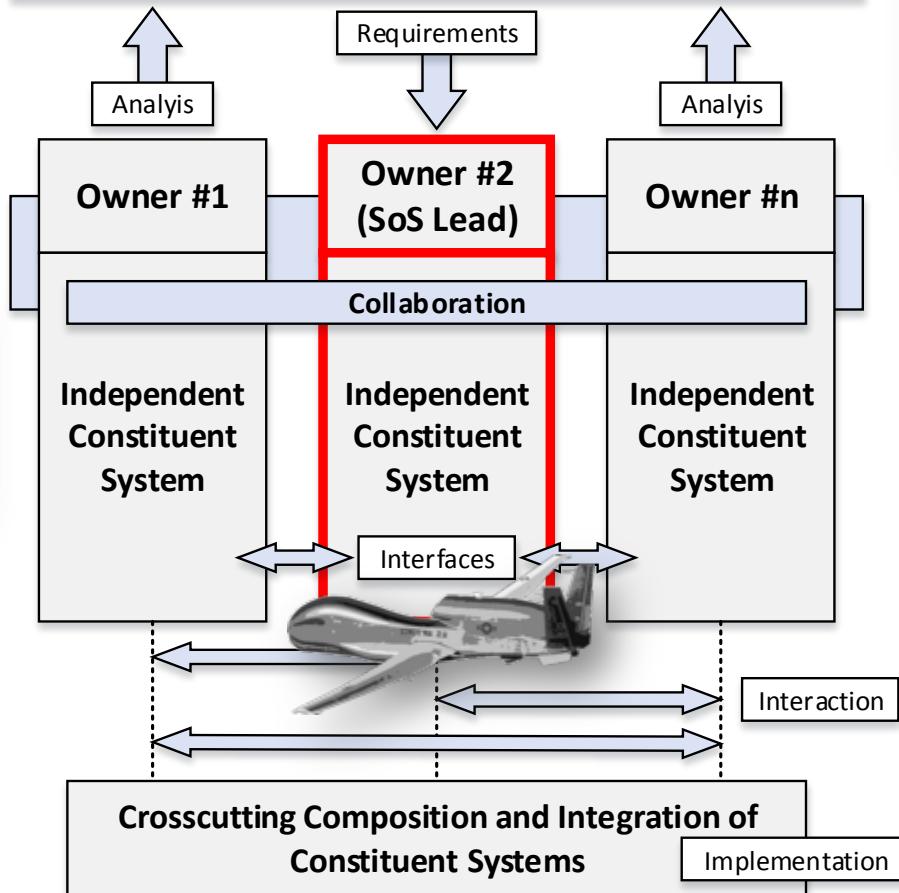
## TRADITIONAL ACQUISITION



# ENGINEERING CONSTITUENT SYSTEMS WITHIN CONTEXT



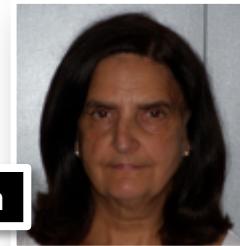
## SoS Operational, Functional, Architectural Crosscutting Analysis (As-Is, To-Be, Gap Analysis)



Focus on  
System of Systems  
Engineering

# SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

## SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (SoSE)



### SEBoK: Comparing Systems and SoS

SE	SoS SE	
<b>Management/Oversight</b>		
System Stakeholder Involvement	Physical engineering Clear set of stakeholders	Socio-technical management and engineering 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 constit
<b>Operational Focus (Goals)</b>		
Operational Focus	Designed and developed to meet common objectives	Called upon to meet new SoS objectives using system may not align with the SoS objectives
<b>Implementation</b>		
Acquisition/Development	Aligned to established acquisition and development processes	Cross multiple system lifecycles across asynchronous efforts, involving legacy systems, developmental sys
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
<b>Engineering and Design Considerations</b>		
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

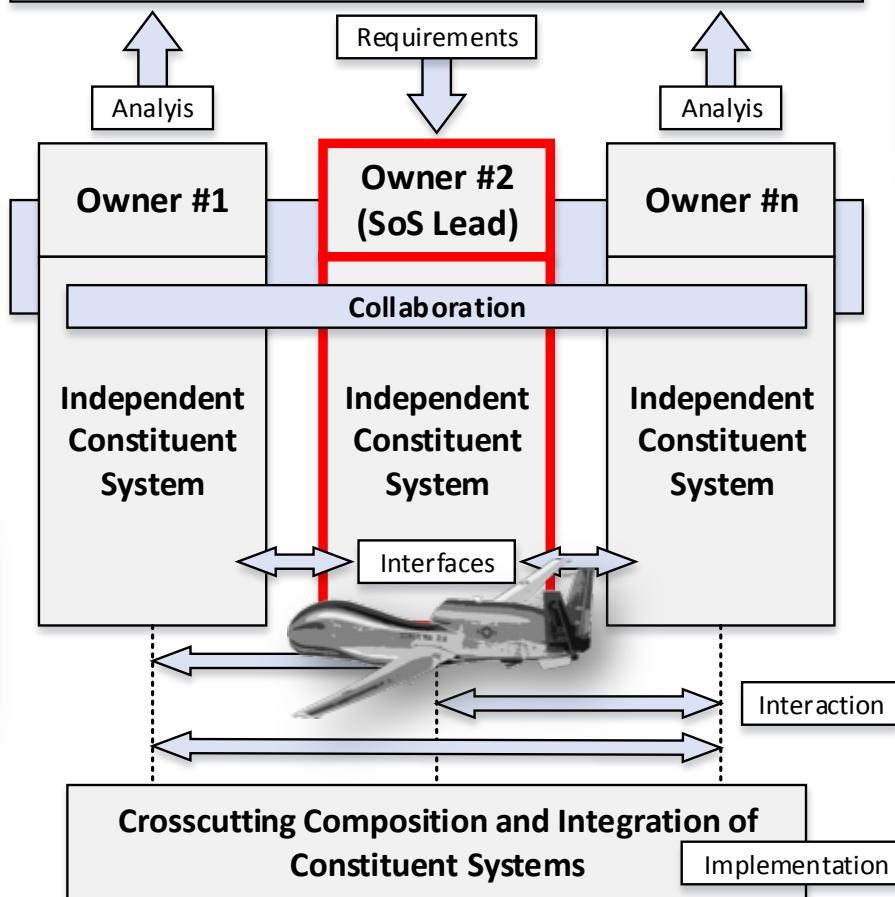
### SEBoK: Socio-Technical Aspects of SoS

- 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 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.

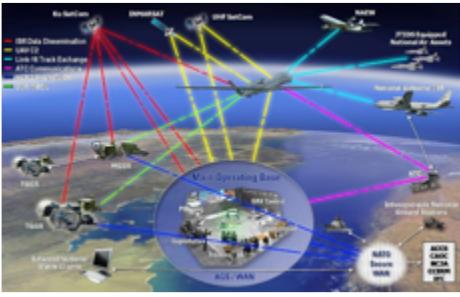
**Socio-Technical Aspects**

## Integration of People & Processes

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## Integration of Physical Systems



# PROGRESS



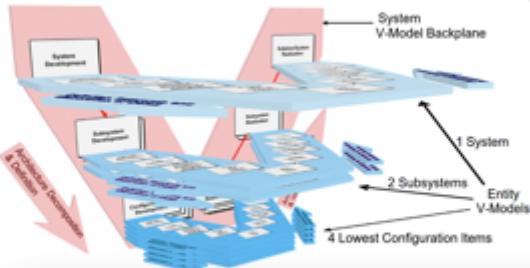
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# SoS-VEE Model: SIMPLE, MODULAR & SCALABLE

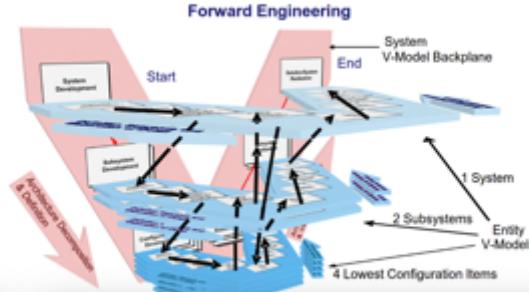
## BENCHMARK: DUAL-VEE MODEL



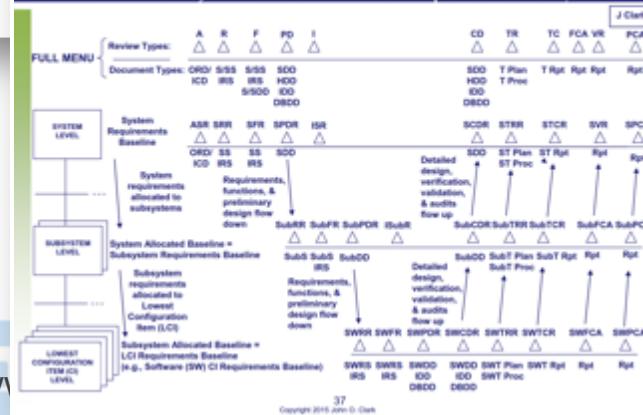
## Dual V-Model Example for a System



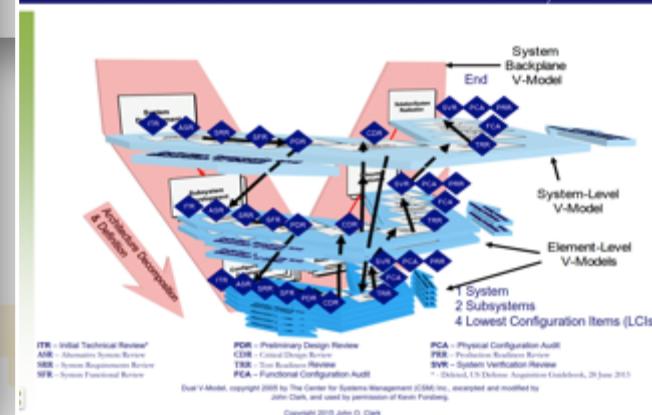
## Dual V-Model Example for a System (cont)



## Technical Baselines, Documents, Reviews, and Audits Example for a System



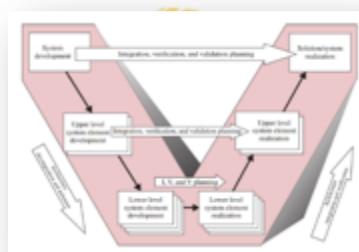
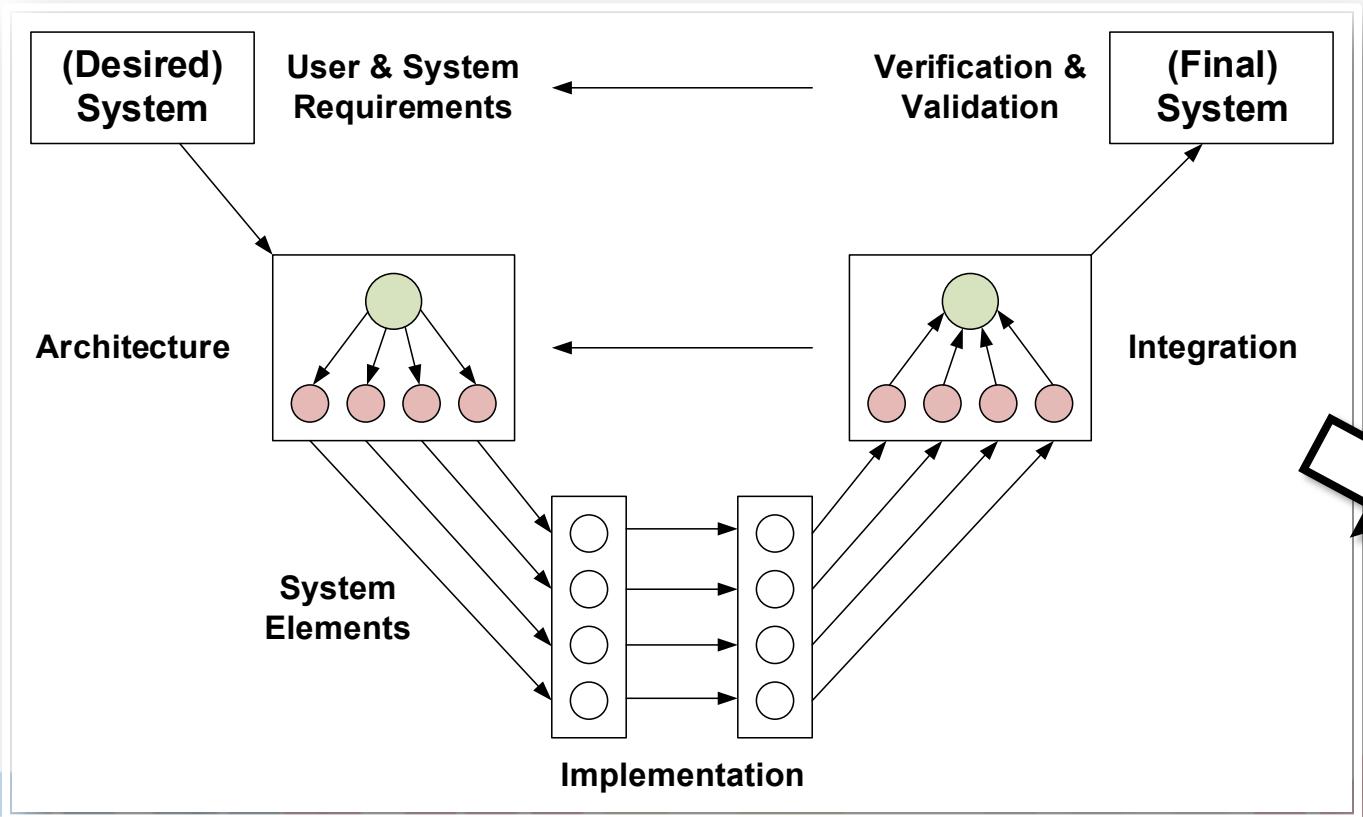
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# SoS-VEE Model

# CREATING THE **MAIN BUILDING BLOCK**

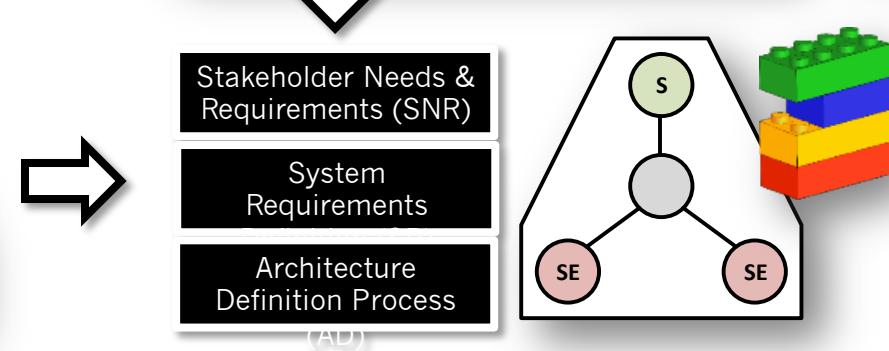
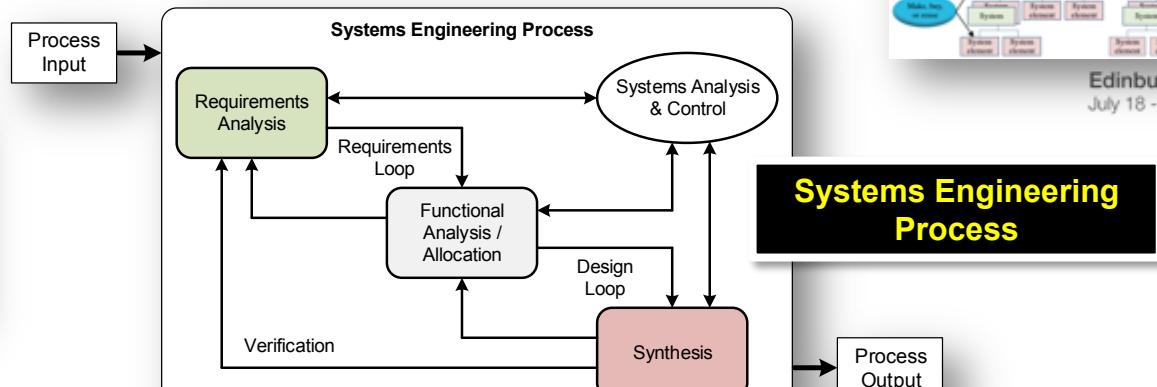
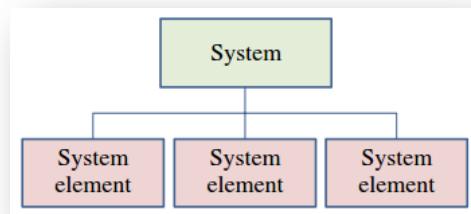


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## Main Building Block

# SoS-VEE Model

## CREATING THE MAIN BUILDING BLOCK (CONT'D)

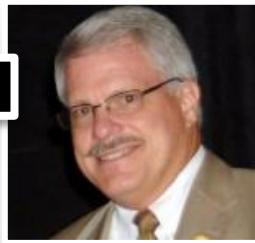


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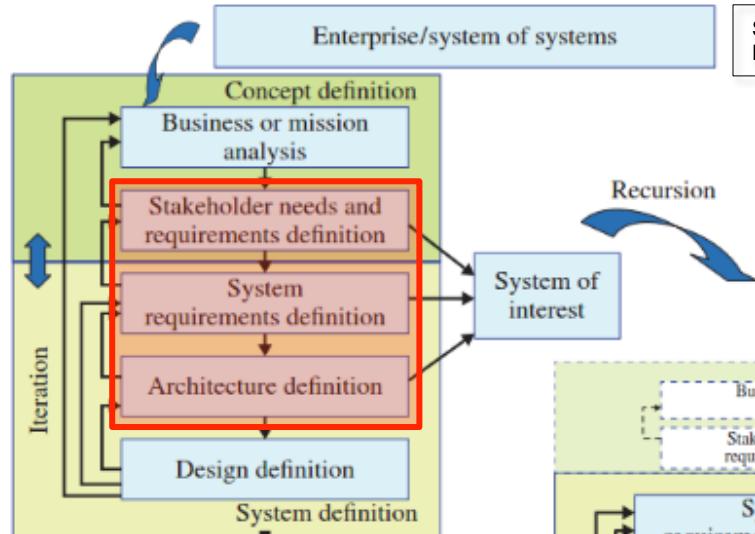
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## ITERATION AND RECURSION PRINCIPLES

Garry Roedler

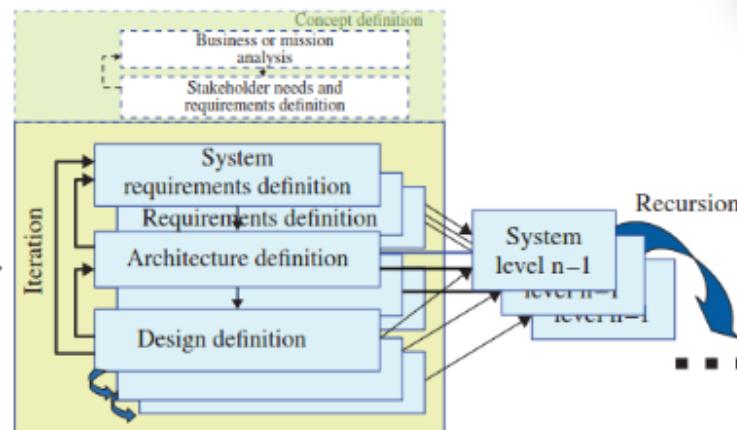


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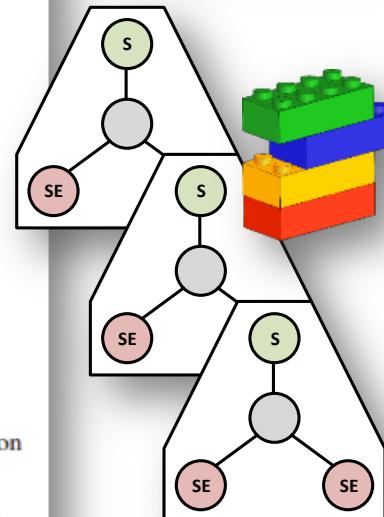


Iteration and  
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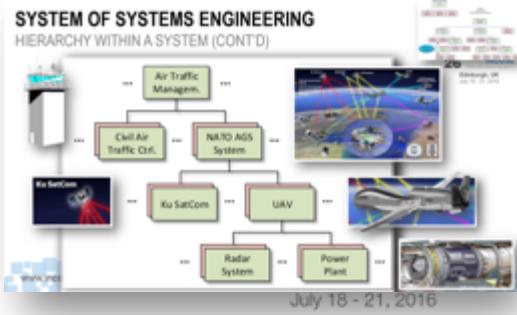
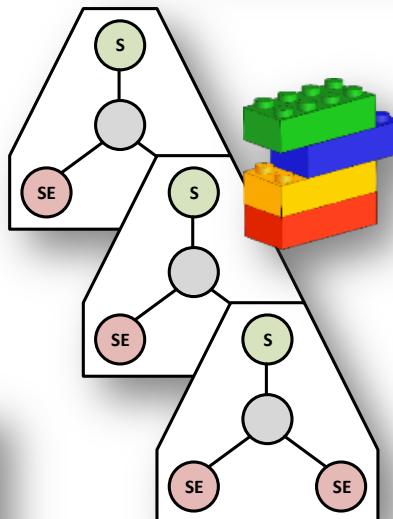
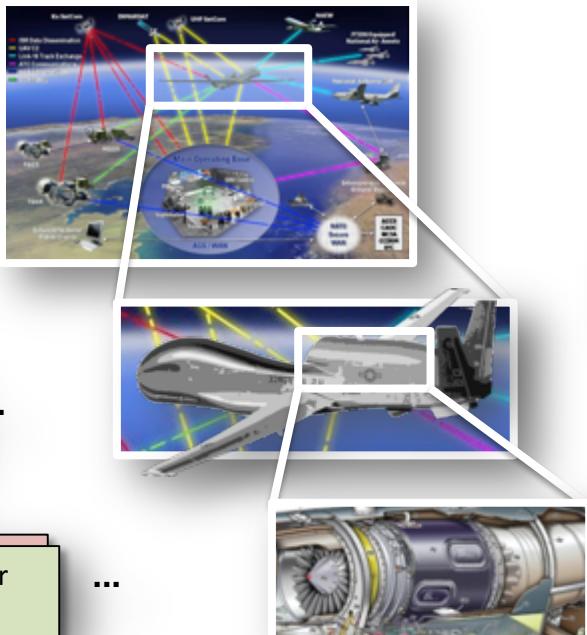
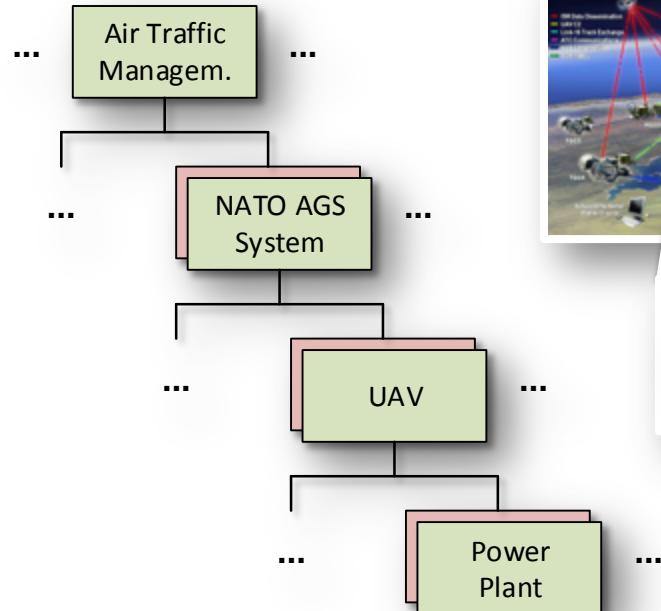


Apply to SoS-VEE  
Model



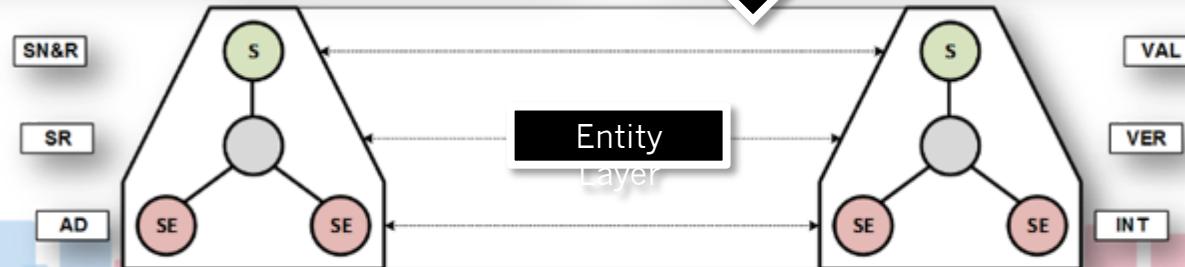
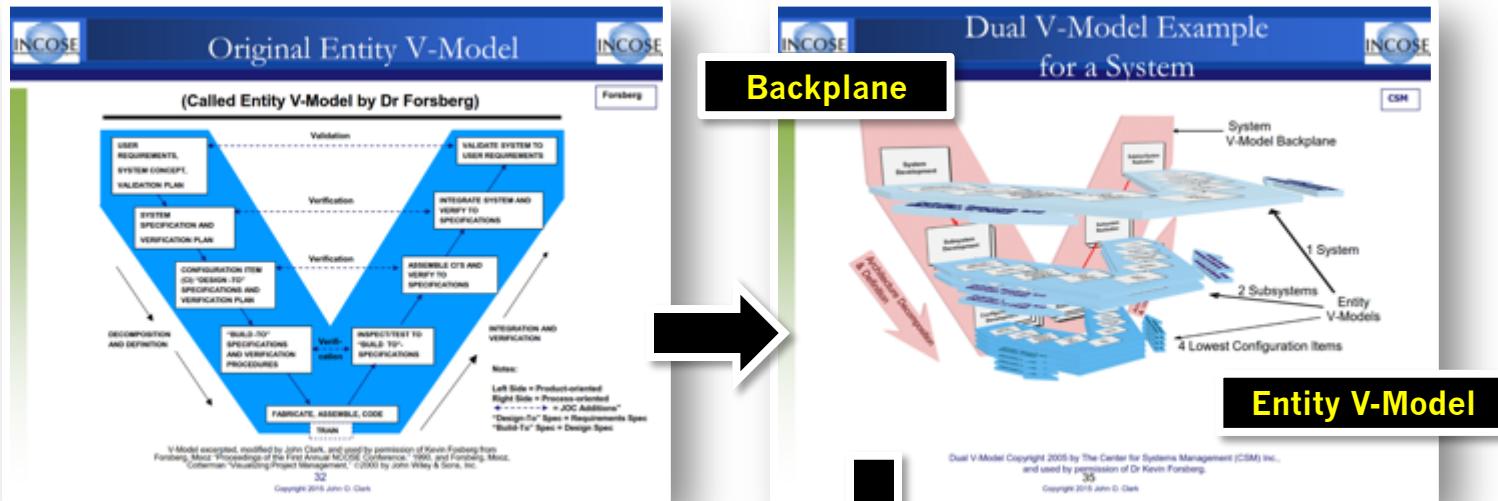
# SoS-VEE Model

## APPLIED SYSTEM HIERARCHY, ITERATION & RECURSION



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## CREATING THE ENTITY LAYER



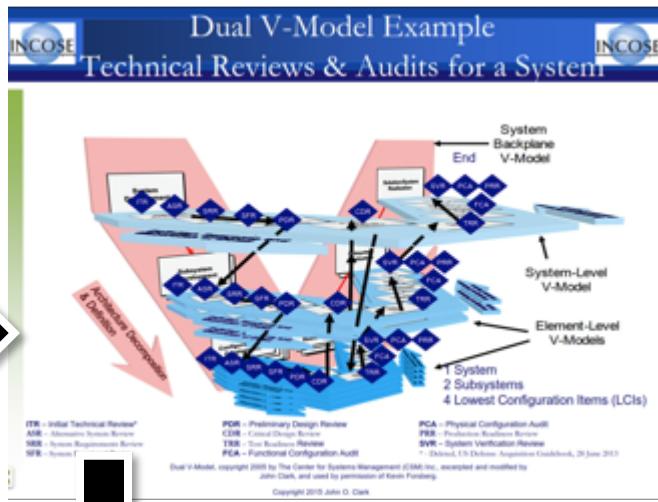
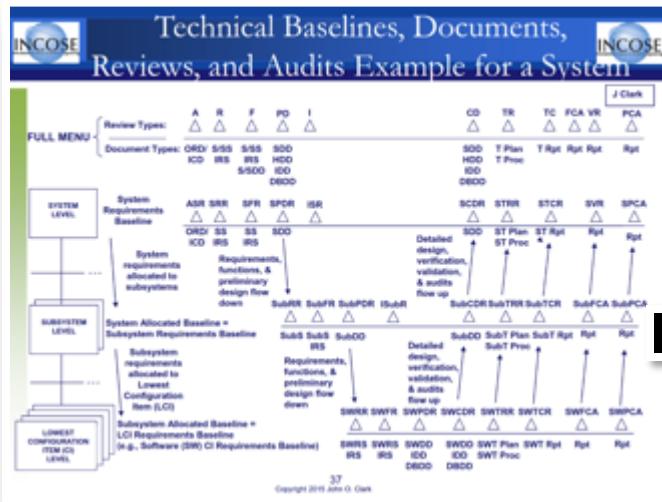
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## ASSIGN REVIEW & AUDIT MILESTONES



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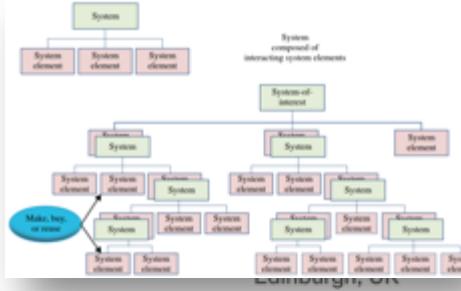
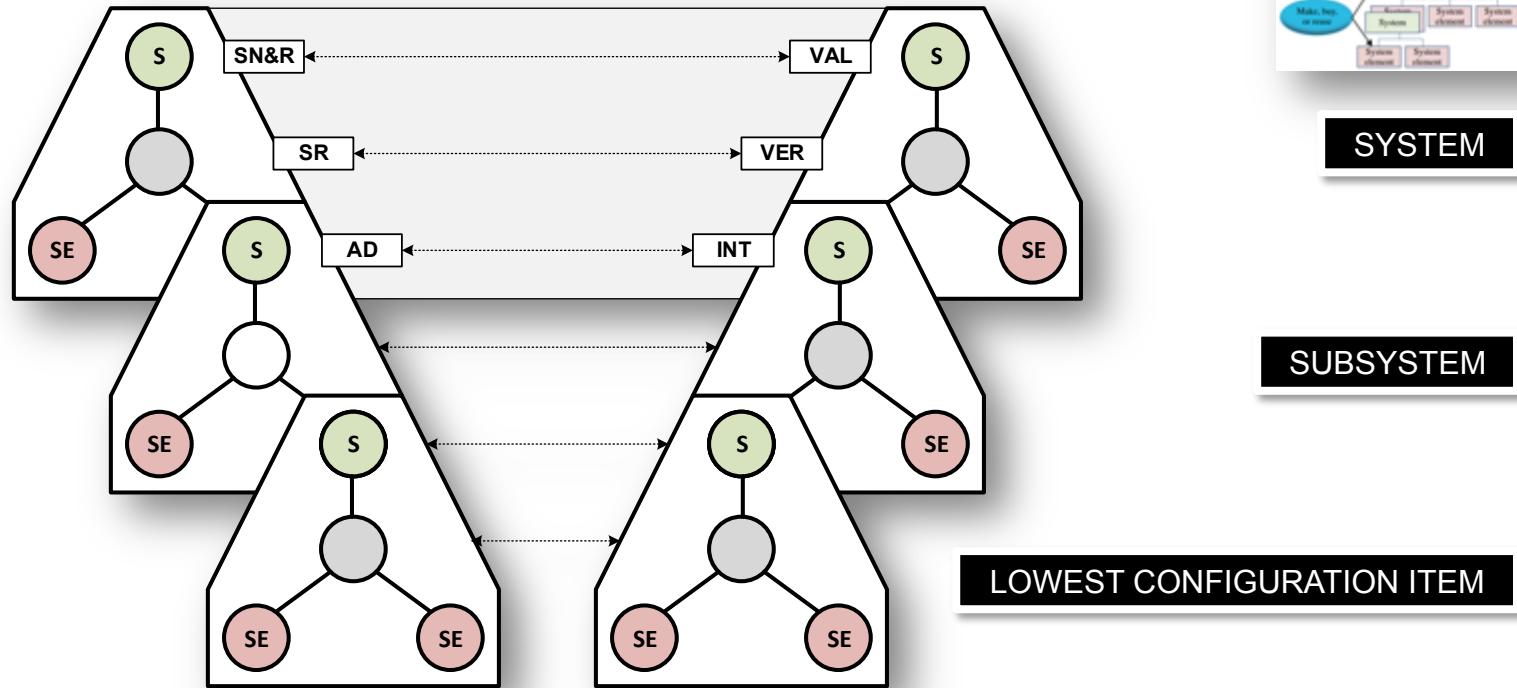
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## Review & Audit Milestones

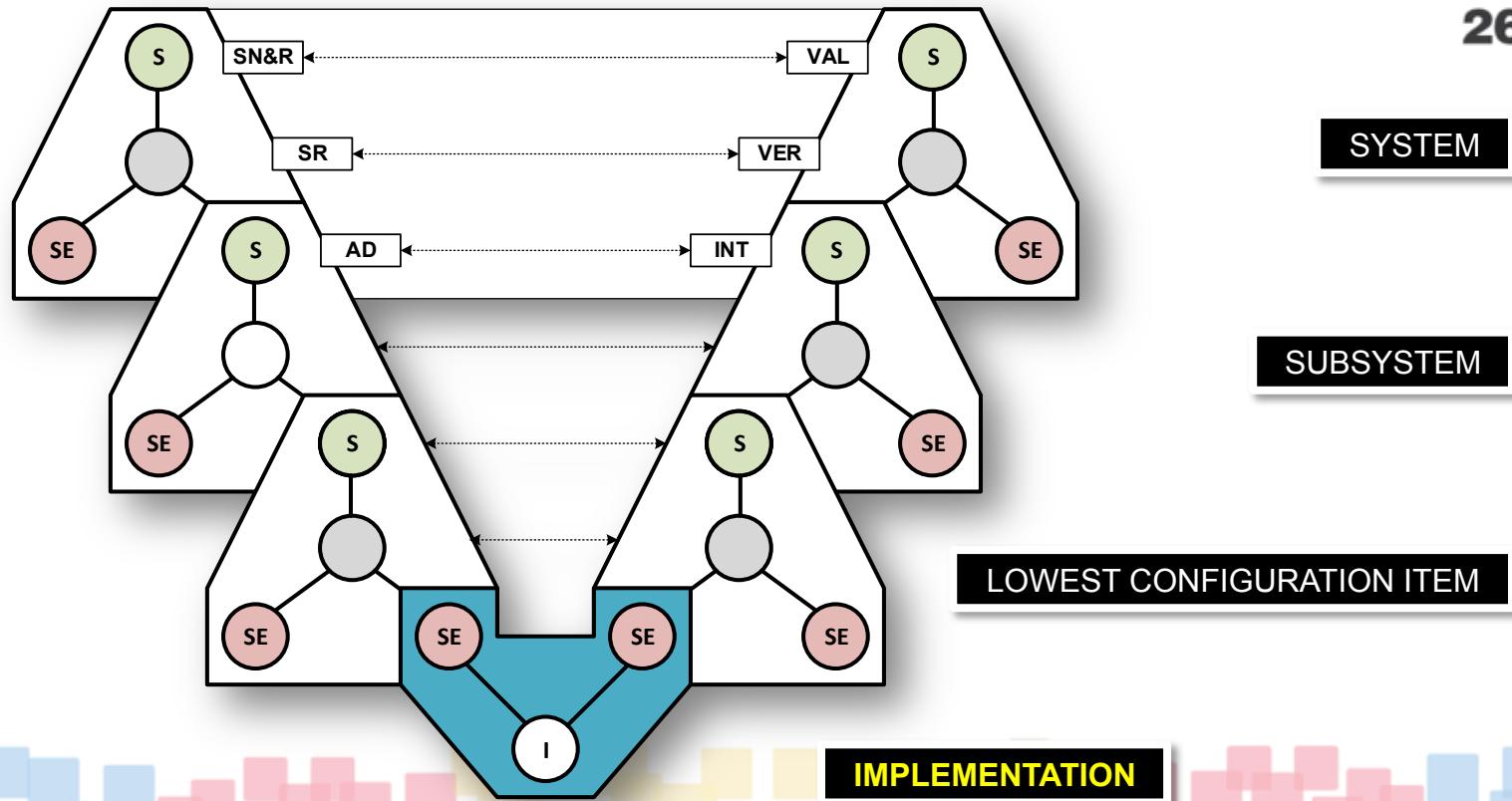
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## BUILDING THE **SYSTEM HIERARCHY**



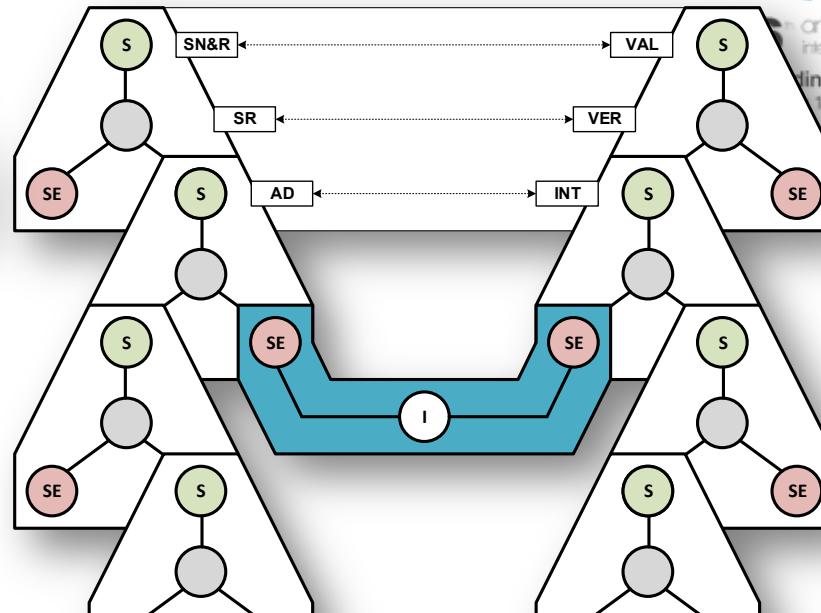
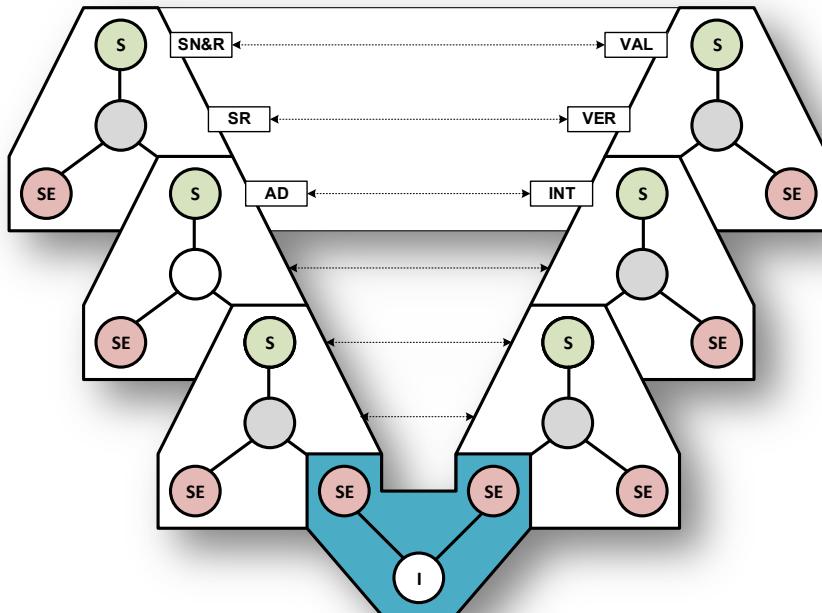
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## IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEM ELEMENTS



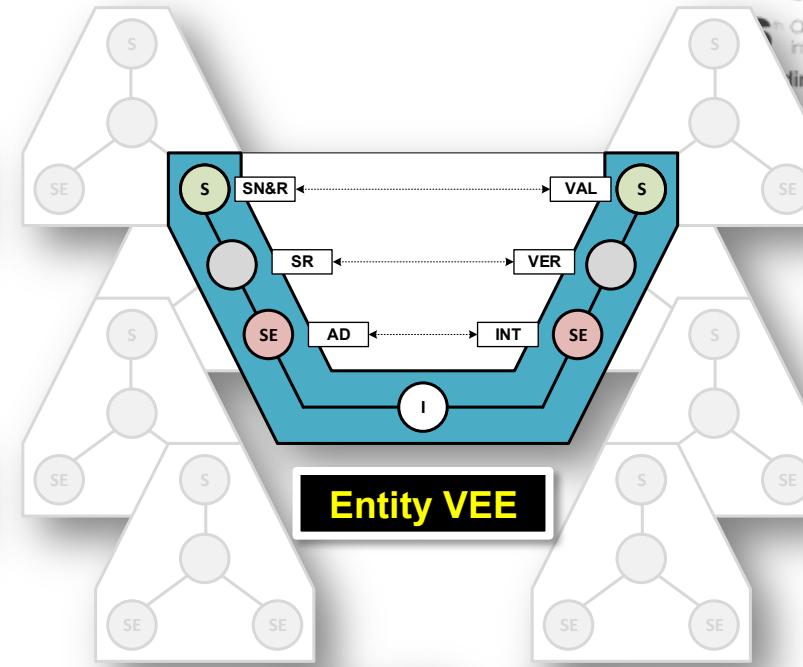
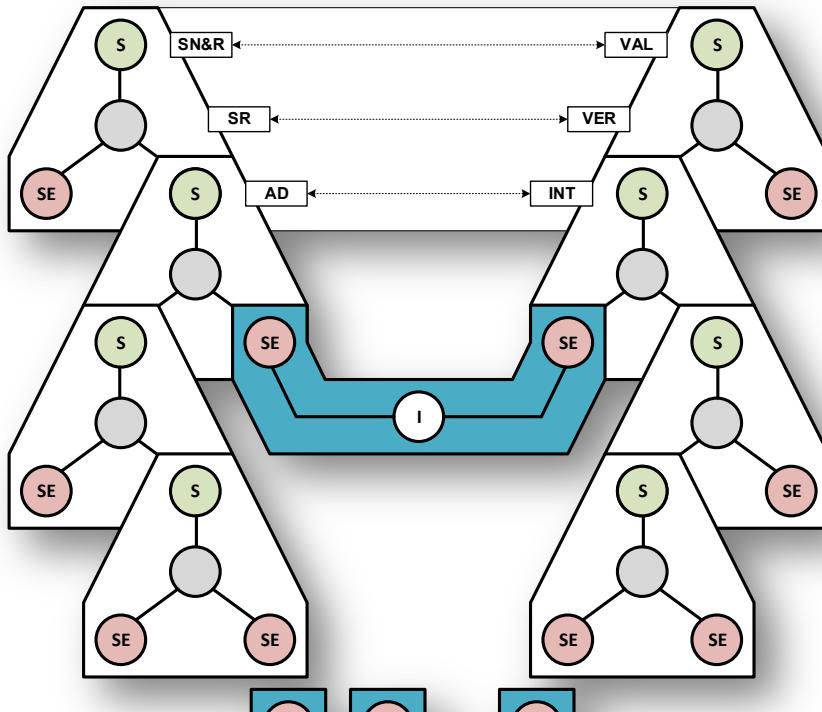
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IMPLEMENTATION **AT ANY LEVEL**



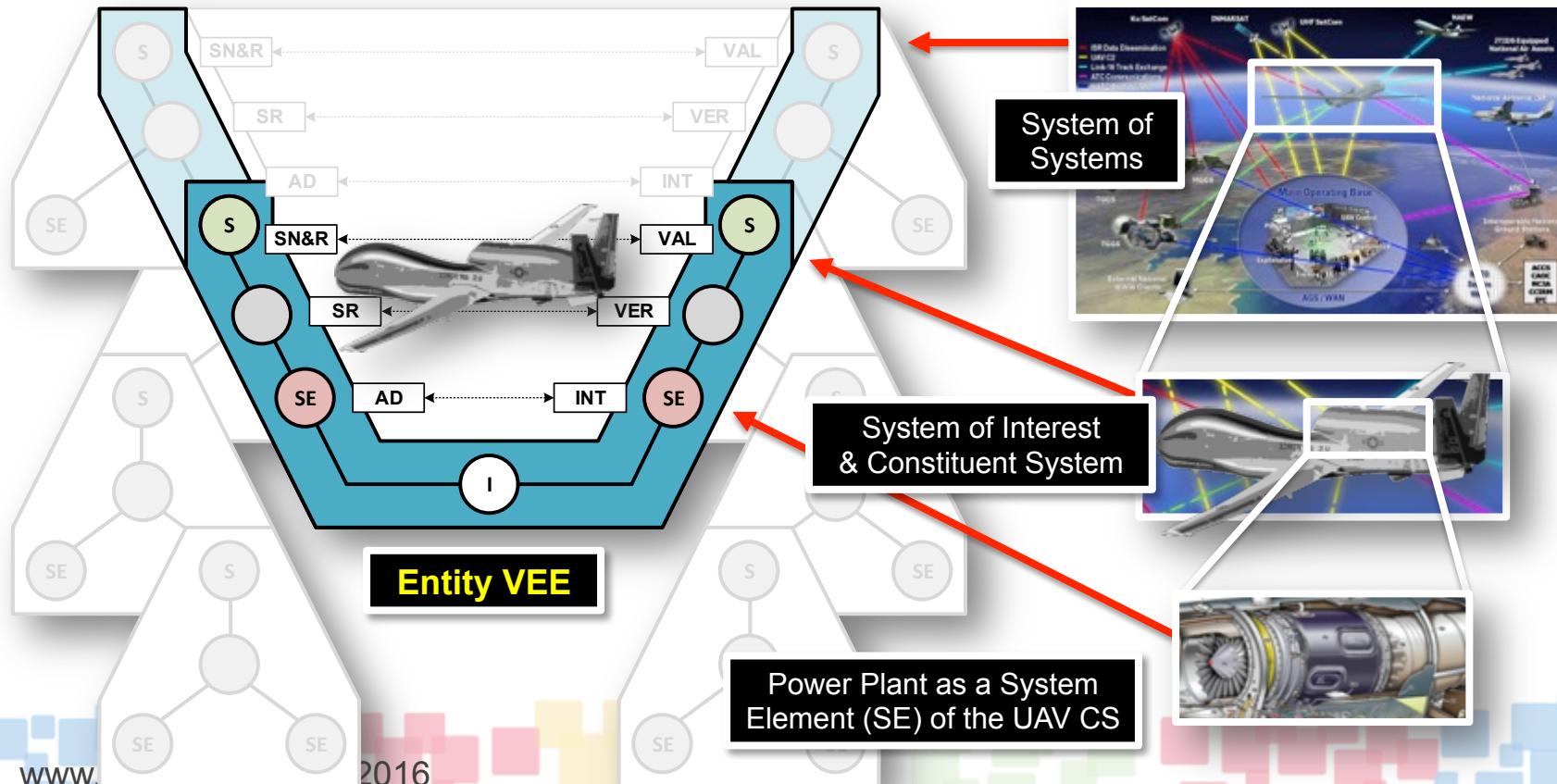
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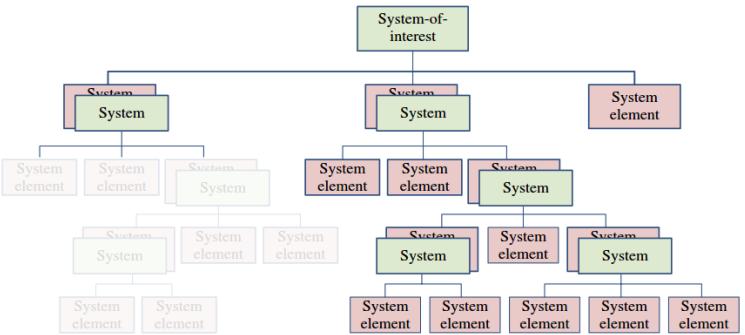
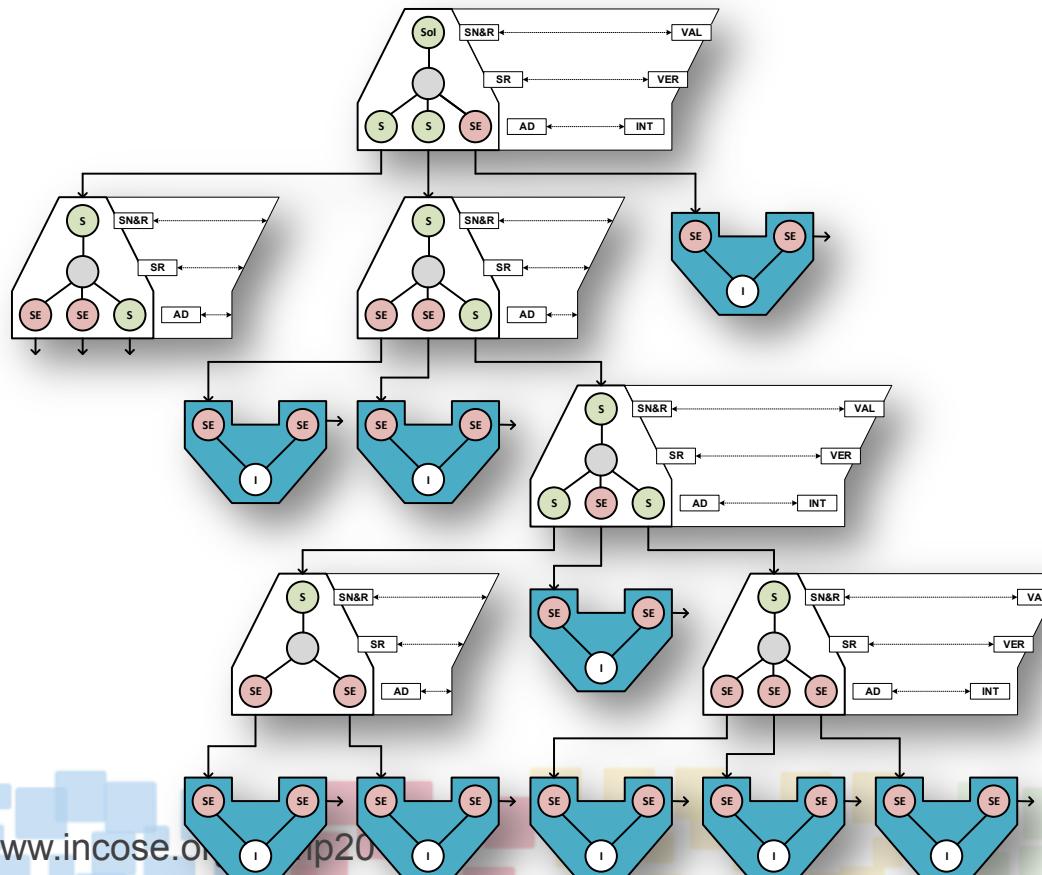
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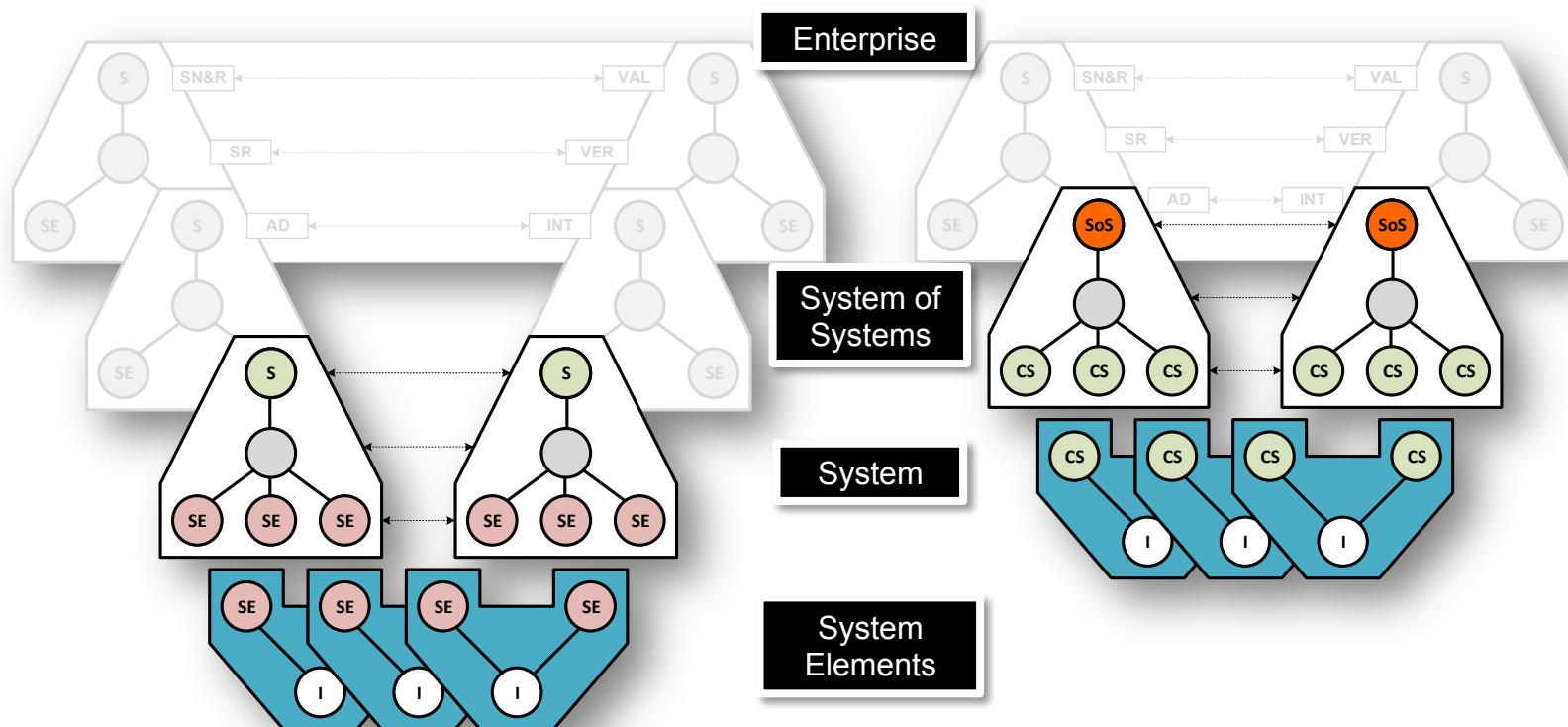
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## COMPLEX SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS HIERARCHIES



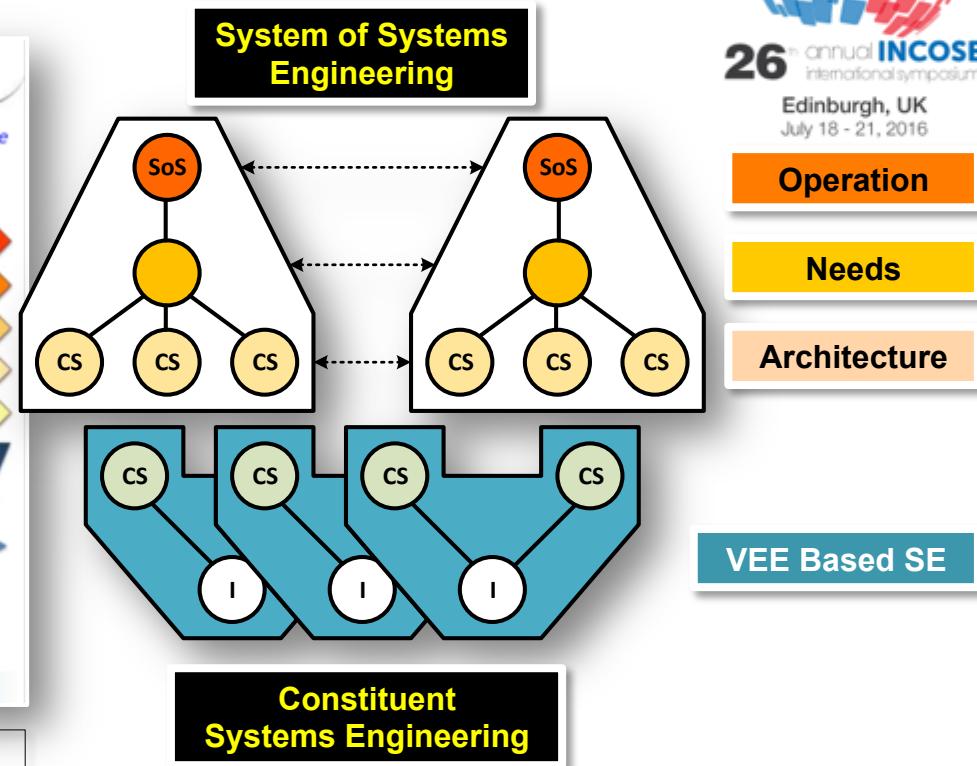
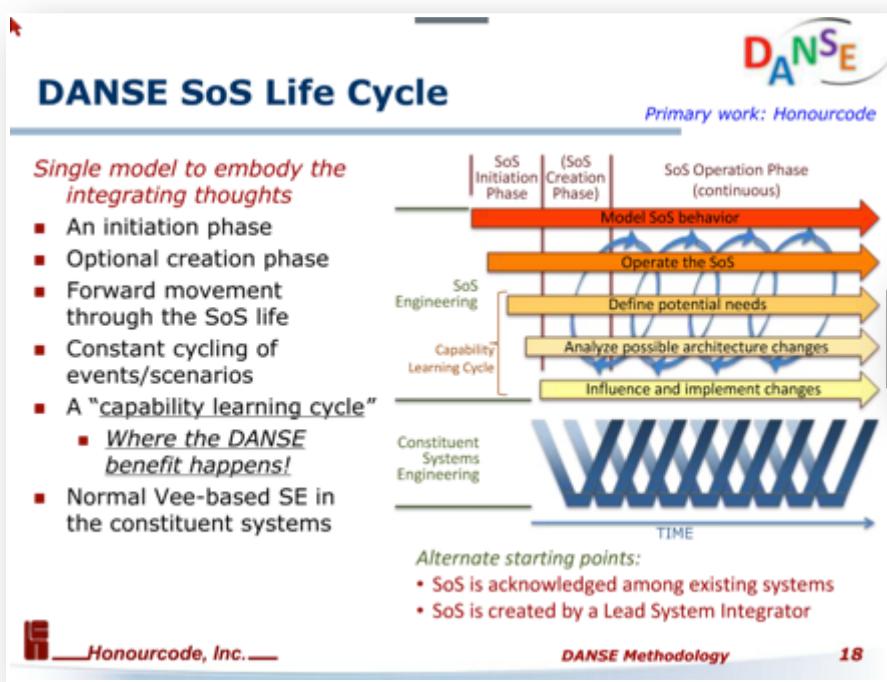
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## SHAPING THE GENERAL FORM DEPICTION OF THE MODEL



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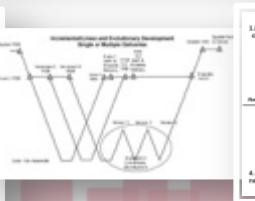
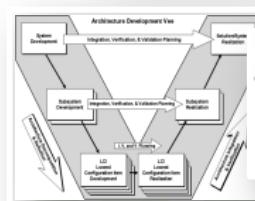
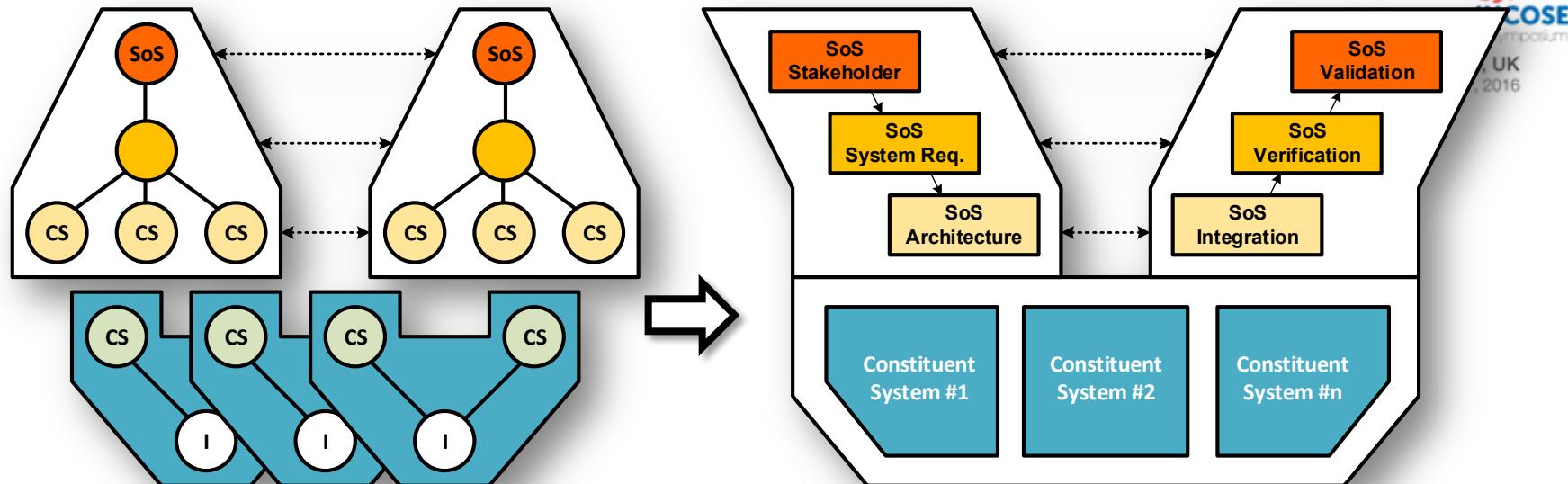
## ALIGNMENT WITH DANSE SoS LIFE-CYCLE



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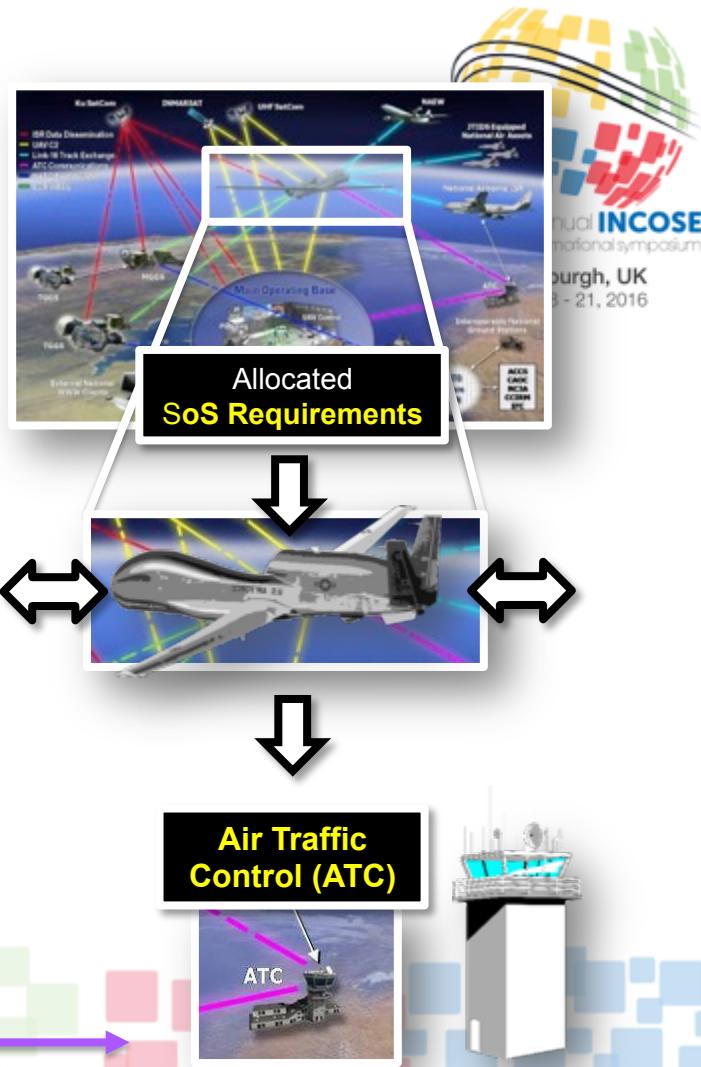
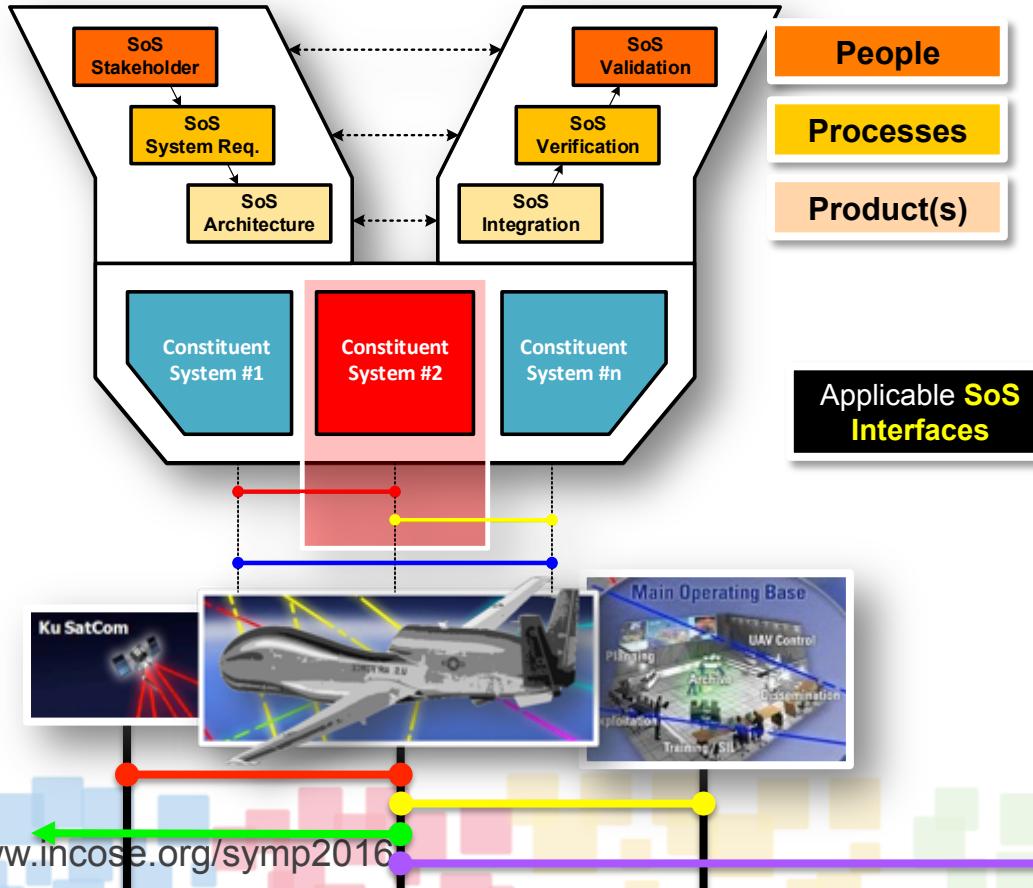
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## ENABLING INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENT SYSTEM DEV. LIFE-CYCLES



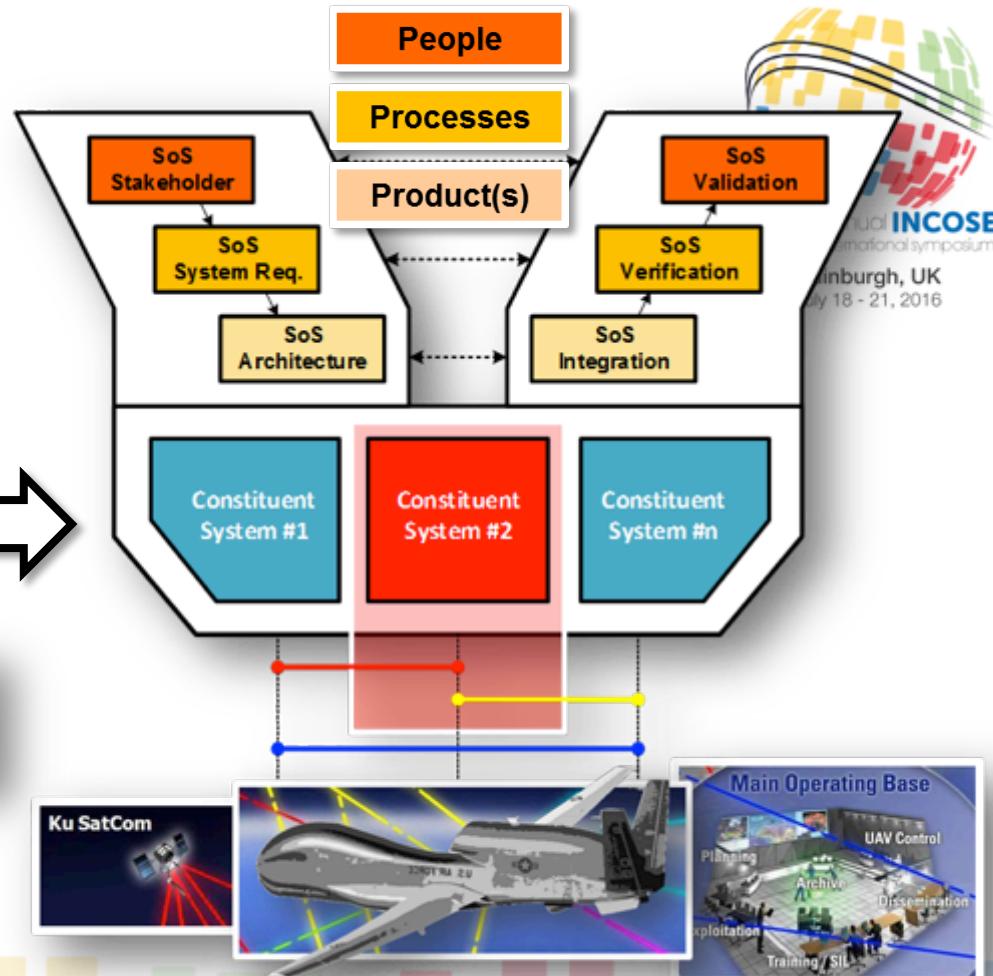
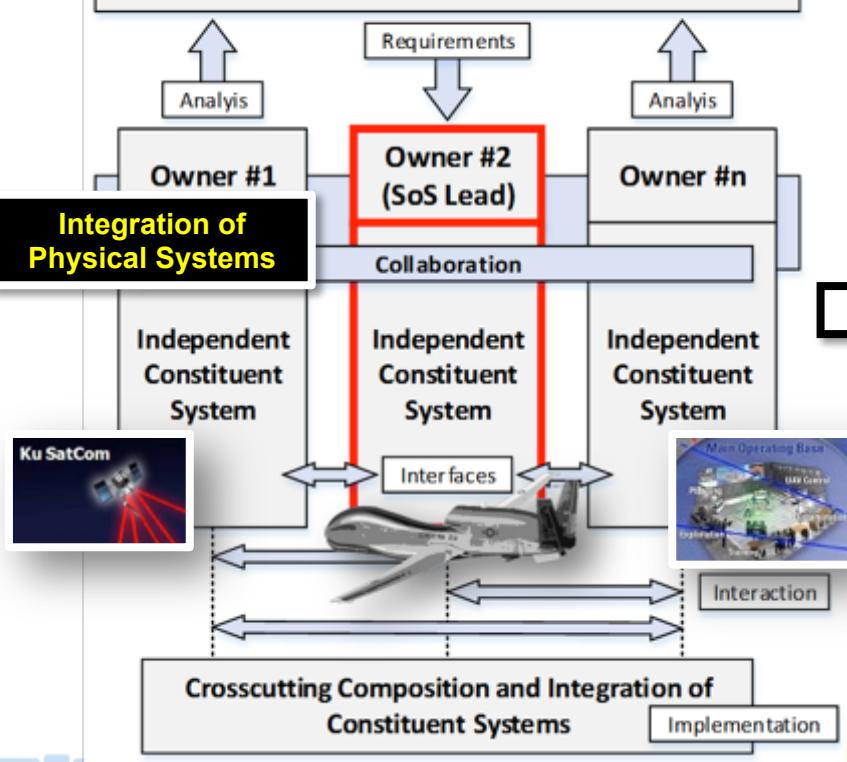
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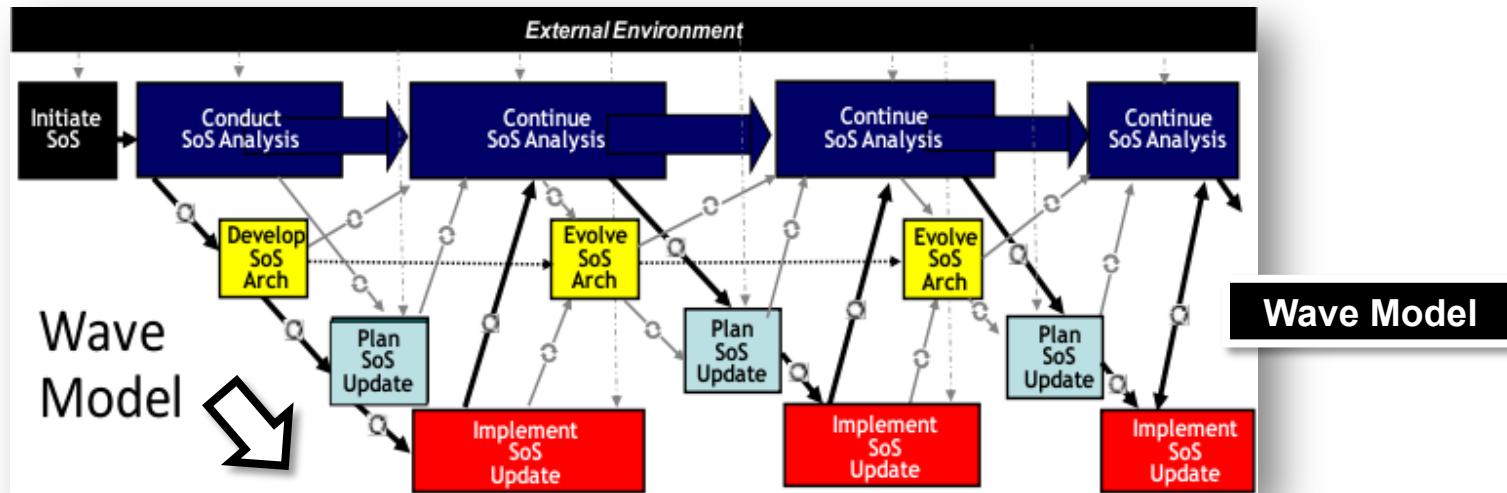
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## Integration of People & Processes

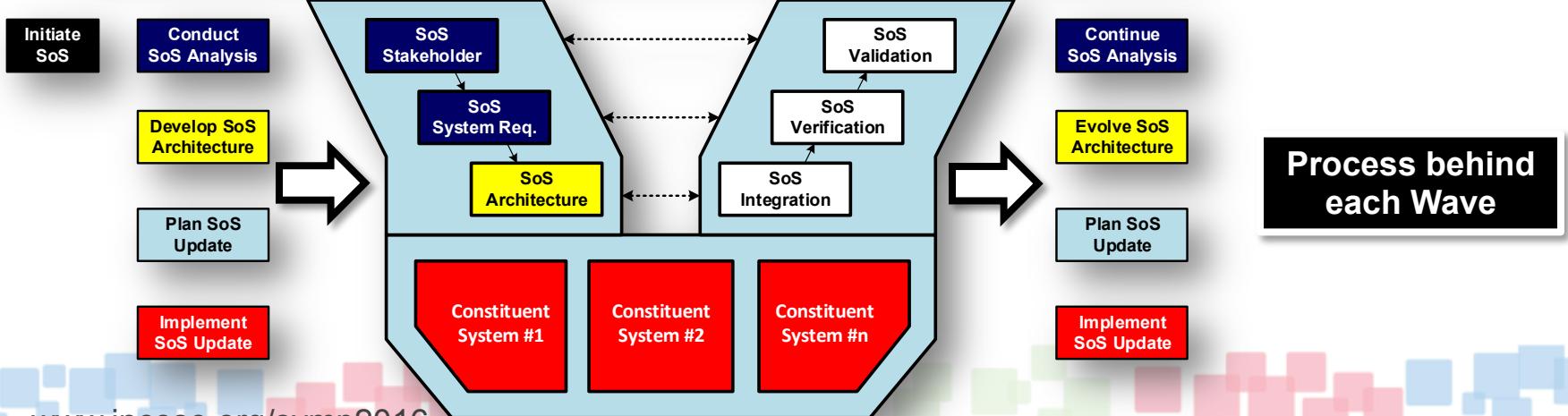
### SoS Operational, Functional, Architectural Crosscutting Analysis (As-Is, To-Be, Gap Analysis)





Wave Model

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# 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, DANSE SoS Life Cycle, Wave Model, etc.)

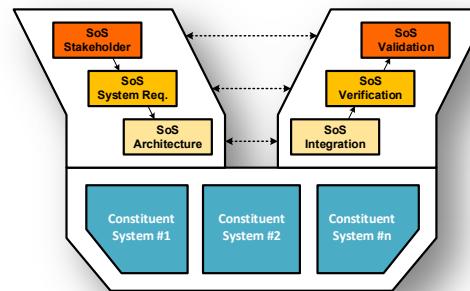
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# SoS-VEE Model

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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