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## **Model Based Systems Engineering De-mystified**



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# Model-Based Systems Engineering De-Mystified

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# State of Systems Engineering



1950s Era TV



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- Advances in technology have led to larger, more complex systems, which implies:
  - A need for a clear concise way to express the system design (clear, logically consistent semantics).
  - A need for larger, distributed teams.
  - A need to model emergent behavior.
  - A need for systems engineering tools to enable collaboration across the entire lifecycle.

**Complexity has been identified by many as a critical problem facing system engineers.**

# INCOSE Definition of MBSE



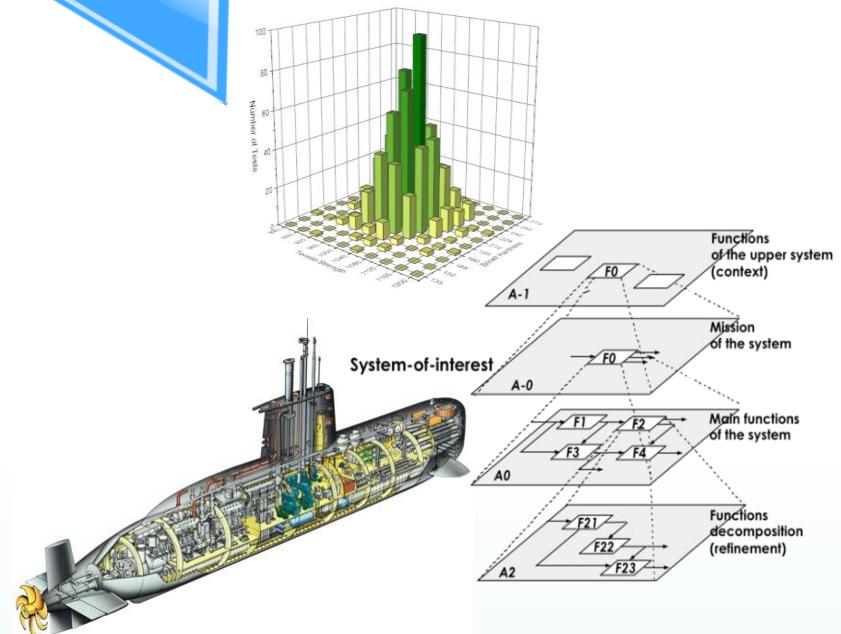
***“Model-based systems engineering (MBSE) is the formalized application of modeling to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification and validation, beginning in the conceptual design phase and continuing throughout development and later life cycle phases.”*** – INCOSE

# MBSE: Document-based to Model-based

## Traditional Systems Engineering



## Model-Based Systems Engineering



**Model-Based Systems Engineering was envisioned to transform systems engineering from a document-based to model-based discipline.**

# MBSE Misperceptions

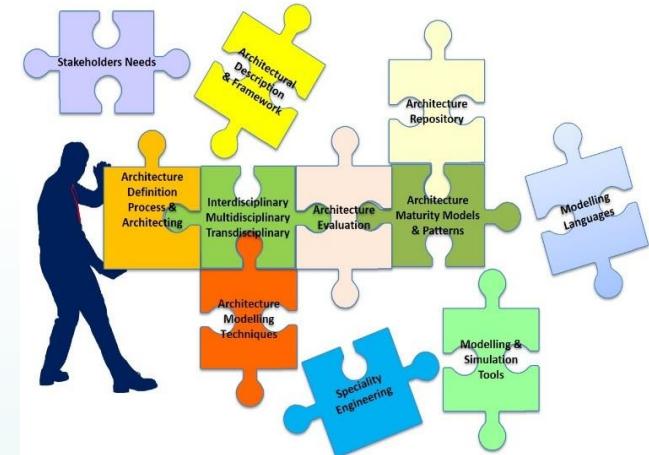
Contrary to popular belief:

- MBSE ≠ SysML
- MBSE ≠ UML
- MBSE ≠ LML
- MBSE ≠ DoDAF
- MBSE ≠ UAF
- MBSE ≠ MagicDraw
- MBSE ≠ Innoslate

Modeling Languages

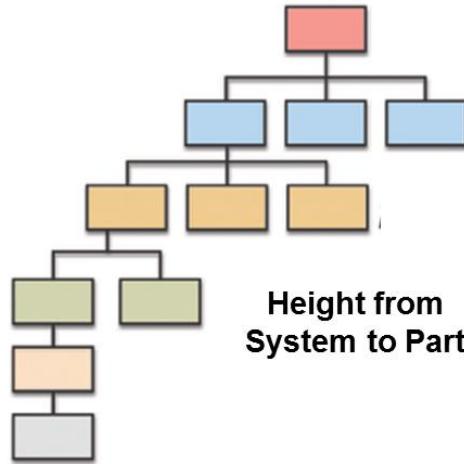
Presentation Framework

Modeling Tools

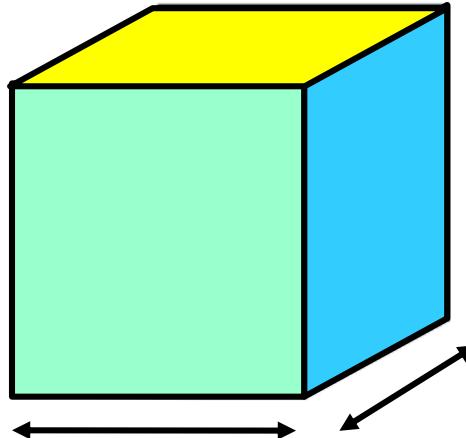


The goal of this presentation is to think about MBSE holistically, and independent of languages, frameworks, and tools.

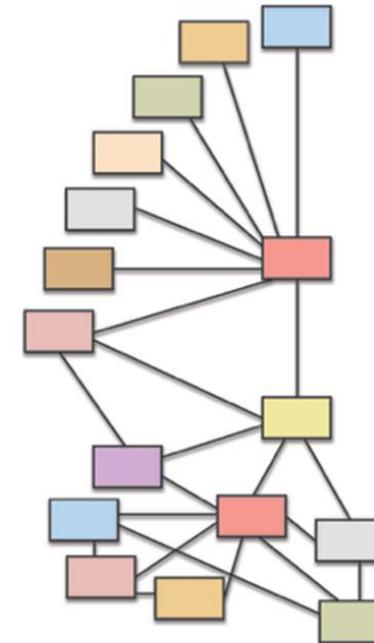
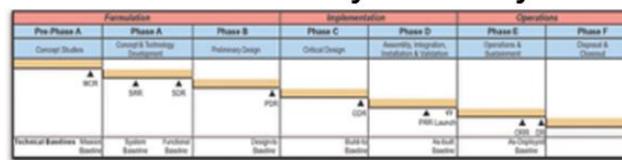
# Dimensions of a Systems Engineering Project



Height from  
System to Part



## Width across the system lifecycle



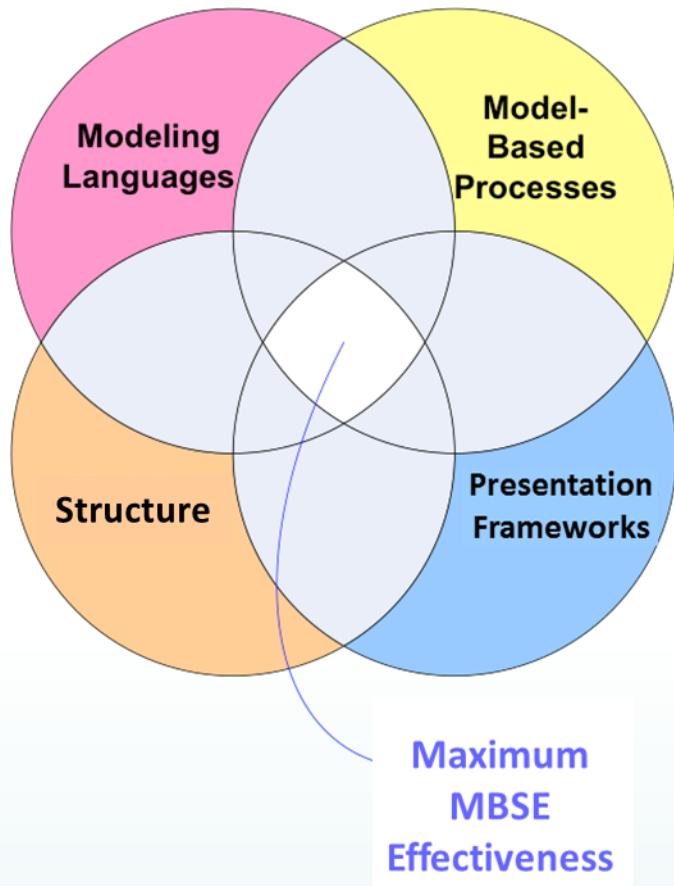
## Depth = Relationship within the System

**Height** – Provides a decomposition from the highest system level down to components and parts

**Width** – Provides insight across the entire system lifecycle from concept through disposal.

**Depth** – Provides the complex relationships between systems, functions, requirements, etc

# Model-Based Systems Engineering



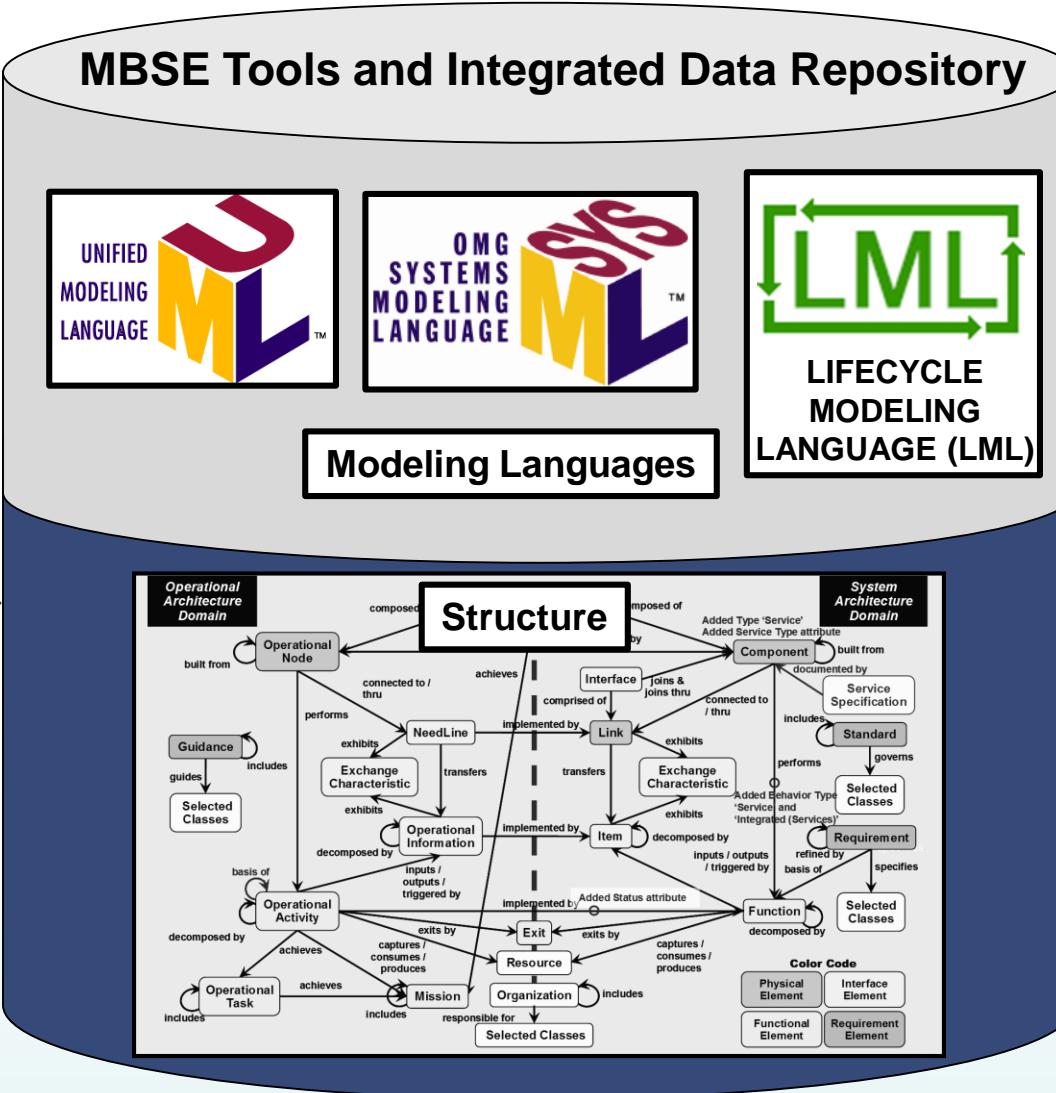
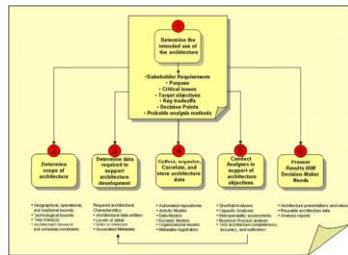
**Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)** is the formalized application of modeling (both static and dynamic) to support systems design and analysis, throughout all phases of the system lifecycle, through the collection of modeling languages, structure, model-based processes, and presentation frameworks used to support the discipline of systems engineering in a “model-based” or “model-driven” context.

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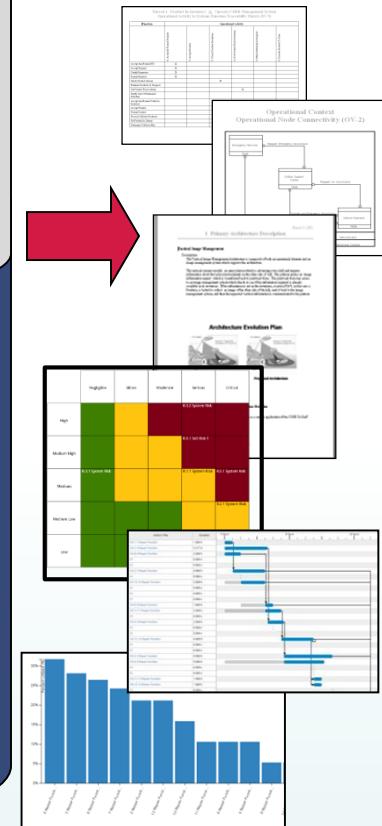
# MBSE Environment

# MBSE Tools and Integrated Data Repository

## Model-Based Processes

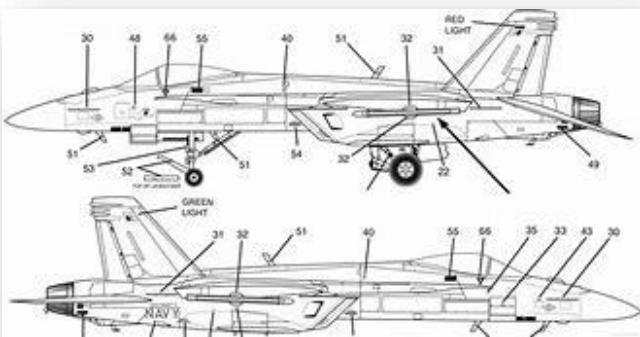


# Presentation Framework



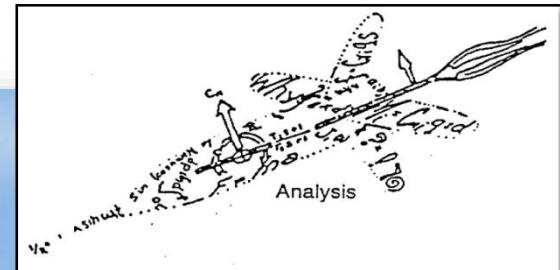
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# Principle of Concordance



Systems Perspective

Analyst Perspective



# Modeling Languages

- **Modeling Languages –**  
Serves as the basis of tools, and enables the development of system models. Modeling languages are based on a visual representation (logical construct) and/or an ontology
  - An ontology (i.e. meta-model) is a collection of standardized, defined terms or concepts and the relationships among the terms and concepts.



# A Common Ontology

- A common ontology and data standards are required across the full spectrum of MBSE applications and tools.
- The ontology must be “simple” so that the system can be reduced to its “atomic” elements.
- Each entity has one or more corresponding visual representation.
- Include a model structure to define system relationships to ensure concordance.
- A comprehensive ontology satisfies a broad set of data needs.

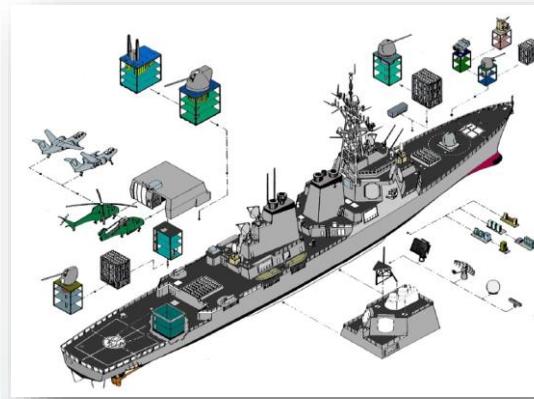
Entity	Visual Representation
Action	Action Diagram
Artifact	Photo, Diagram, etc.
Asset	Asset Diagram
Resource (Asset)	Asset Diagram
<i>Port</i> (Asset)	Asset Diagram
Characteristic	State Machine, Entity-Relationship, and Class Diagrams
Measure (Characteristic)	Hierarchy, Spider, and Radar Charts
Connection	Asset Diagram
Conduit (Connection)	Asset Diagram
Logical (Connection)	Entity-Relationship Diagram
Cost	Pie/Bar/Line Charts
Decision	
Input/Output	State Machine Diagram
Location	Map
Physical (Location)	Geographic Maps
Orbital (Location)	Orbital Charts
Virtual (Location)	Network Maps
Risk	Risk Matrix
Statement	Hierarchy and Spider Charts
Requirement (Statement)	Hierarchy and Spider Charts
Time	Gantt Chart, Timeline Diagram
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# Structure

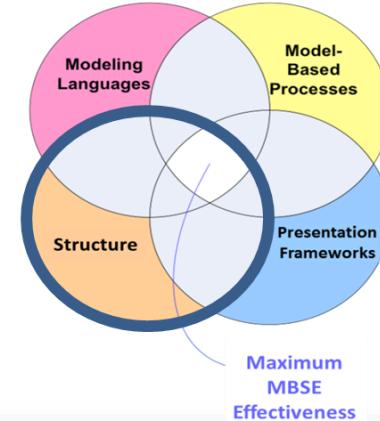
- Structure defines the relationships between the system entities, establishes concordance within the model, and allows for the emergence of system behaviors and performance characterizations.



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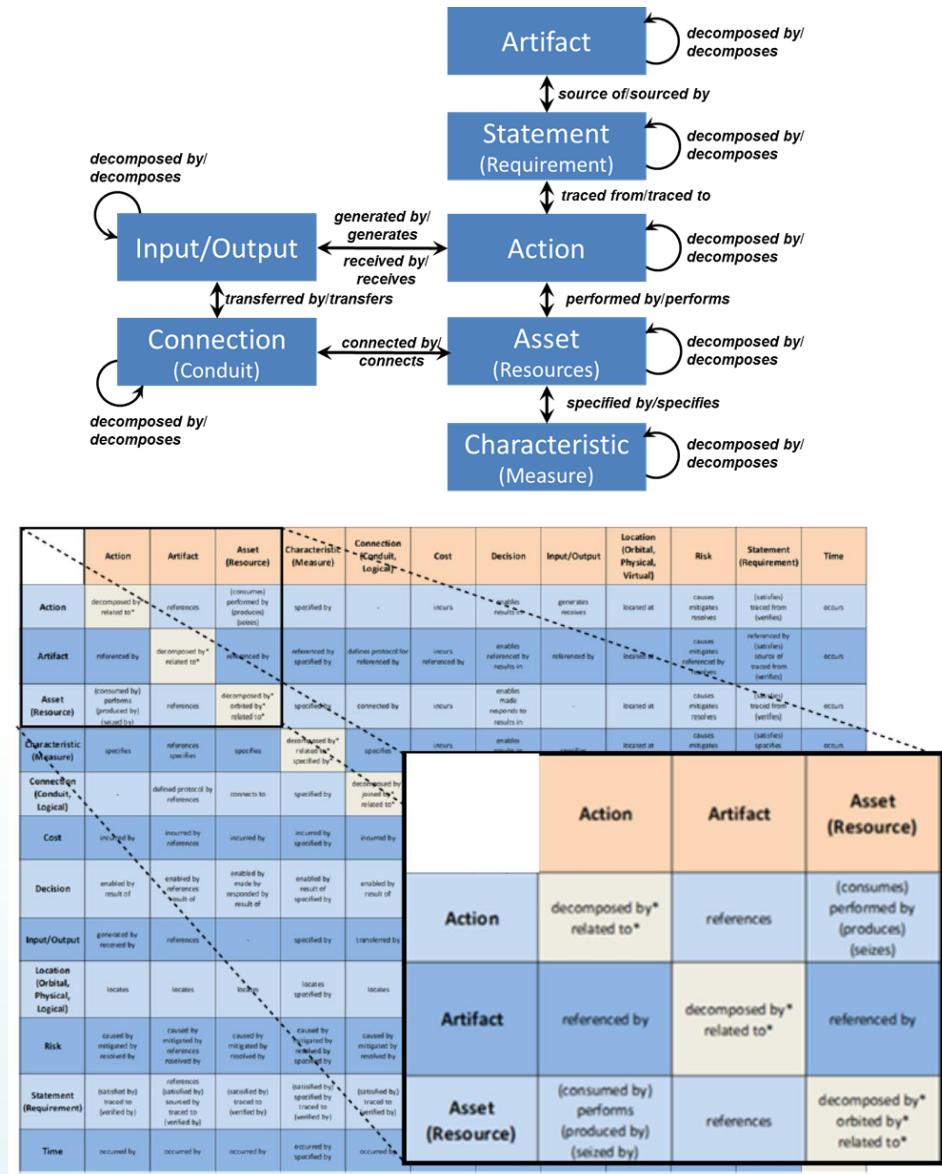
Systems consists of “building blocks” and the relationships between them that form a complete and functional entity.



**The relationships between the principal entities define structure, address complexity, and ensure system traceability across the model.**

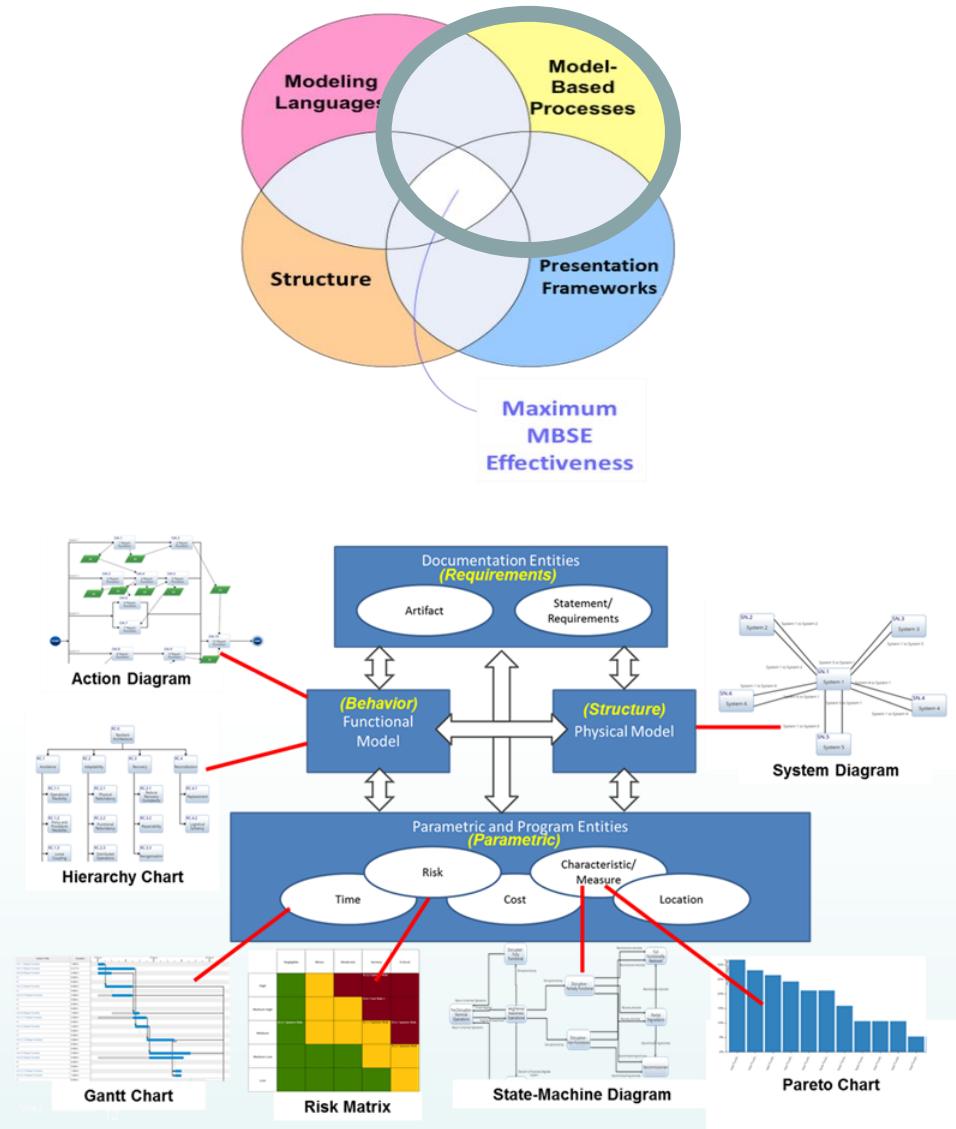
# Structure Defines Relationships Among Entities

- Structure describes:
  - Elements, attributes, and relationships that can be made within the model.
  - How the elements are connect and interact with each other to achieve the system's purpose.
  - How the system is in relation to other systems that impact its behavior.
- Structure supports discovery and understandability of architecture datasets.
- Establishes concordance within the model.



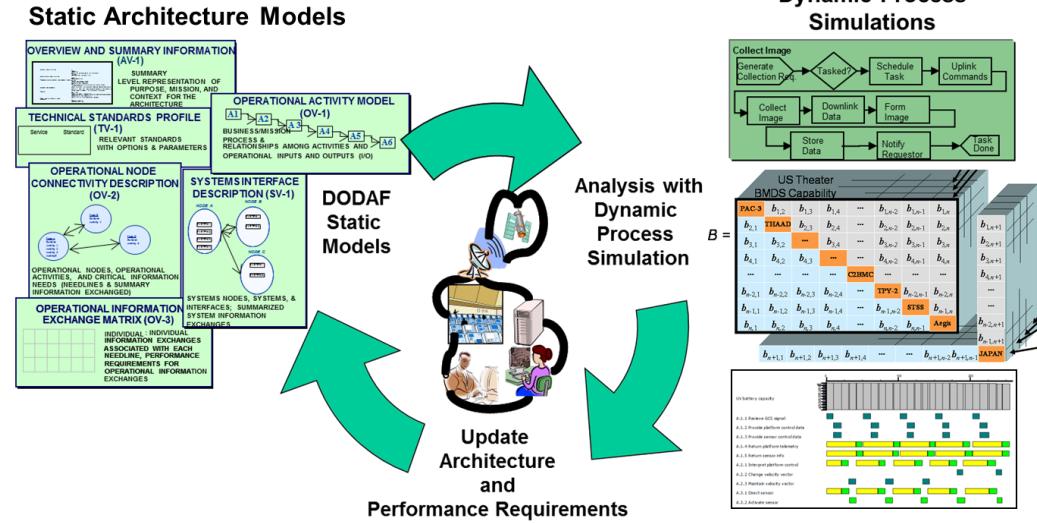
# Modeling Processes

- Provides the analytical framework to conduct the analysis of the system virtually defined in the model. The model-based processes may be traditional systems engineering processes such as requirements management, risk management, or analytical methods such as discrete event simulation, and systems dynamics modeling.



# Modeling Processes

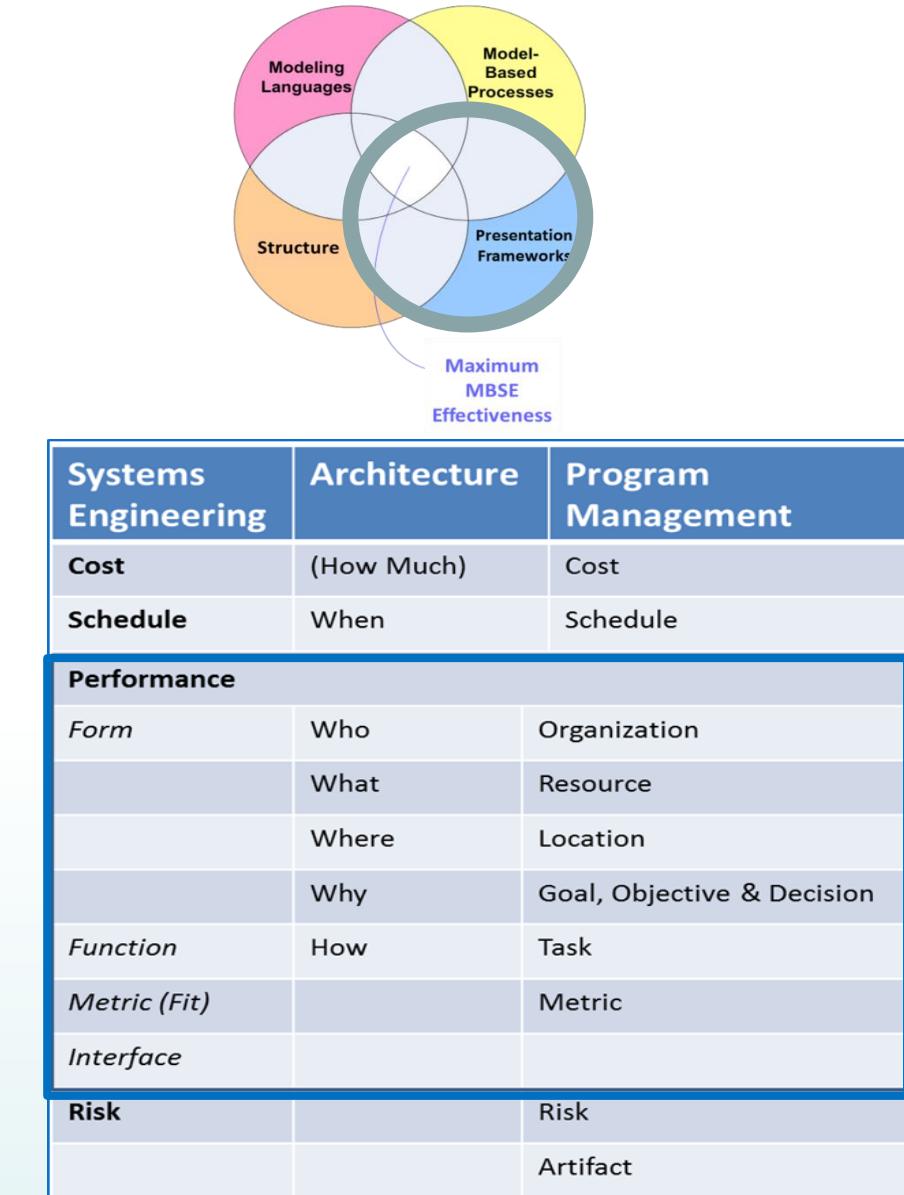
- MBSE requires an increased emphasis on the model, specifically the objects and relationships it contains, rather than the diagram to encourage better model development, usage, and decision-making.
- MBSE processes include systems architecture, operations research, program management, and classical systems engineering methods and techniques.
- There is a strong need to ensure that the systems engineering and stakeholders understand the different model types and what information can be gleaned from them.



**MBSE requires changes to engineering mindsets and processes, and to the expectations of the artifacts required during the systems engineering process.**

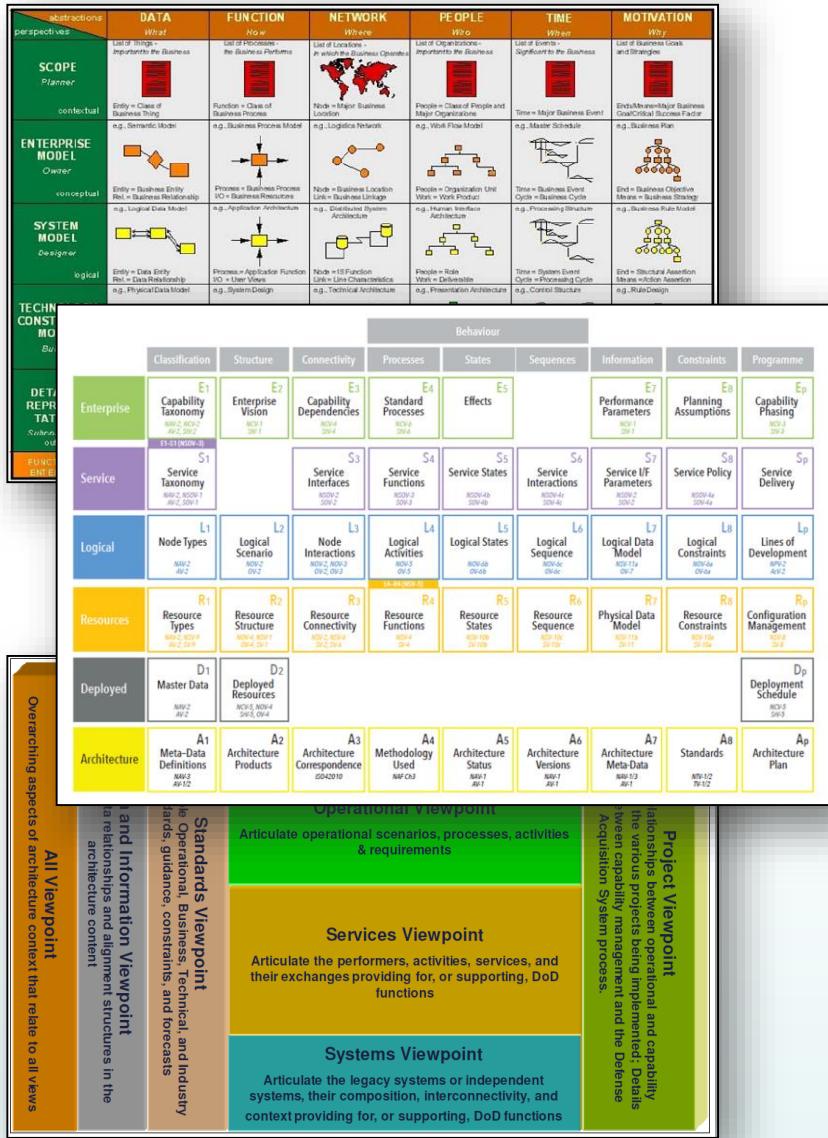
# Presentation Frameworks

- **Presentation Frameworks** - Provides the framework for the logical constructs of the system data in visualization model that are appropriate for the given stakeholders. These visualization models take the form of traditional systems engineering models. These individual models are often grouped into frameworks that provide the standard views and descriptions of the models, and the standard data structure of architecture models.



# Presentation Frameworks

Source: <http://www.zifa.com/>

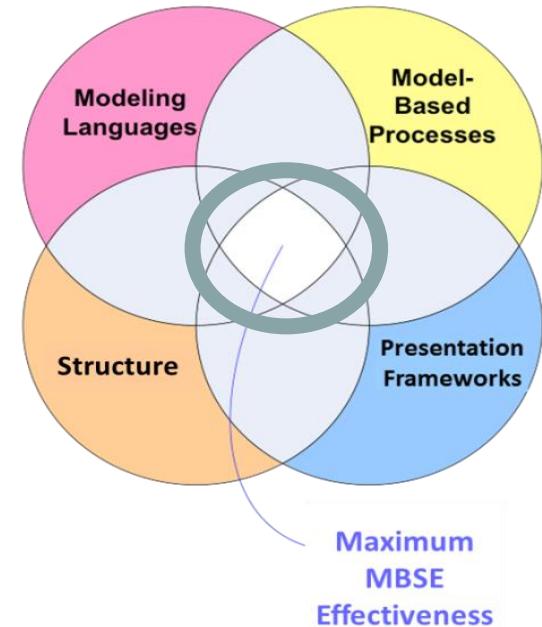


- Systems engineers, enterprise architects and program managers have overlapping needs for information.
  - Popular modeling languages typically address only one aspect of the information needs.
- The framework provides the definitions, references, guidance and rules for structuring, classifying, and organizing architectures.
- Complexity in a model-based environment is significantly reduced by separating and characterizing systems issues into various data-driven viewpoints and views.
- Presentation frameworks should be extended to include data that is relevant across the system lifecycle.
  - (e.g. architectural data, requirements, risk, V&V data, programmatic data)

Source: DoD Architecture Framework Version 2.0 (2010).

# MBSE Tools

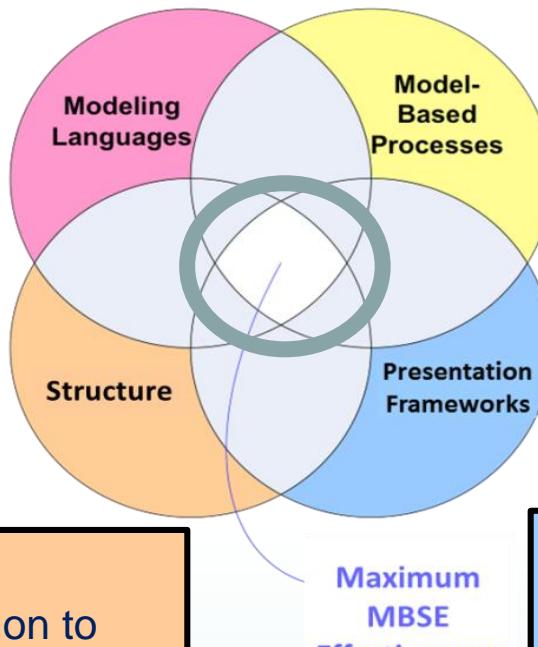
- **Model-Based Systems Engineering Tools** are general purpose software products that use modeling languages, and support the specification, design, analysis, validation and verification of [complex] system representations.



# MBSE Tool Selection Considerations

## Modeling Languages

- What is the technical knowledge of systems engineering and MBSE among the staff?
- What impact will the modeling language have on productivity?
- Does the organization have a preferred modeling language?



## Structure

- How willing is the organization to migrate to a true MBSE environment where a virtual representation of the system replaces the traditional, document-based view of the system?
- Does a meta-model of existing data related to system entities exist?

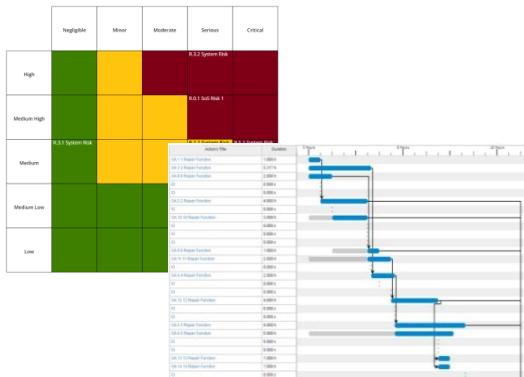
## Model-Based Processes

- What are the engineering and analysis objectives for the model?
- Will the model-based processes be used represent the entire lifecycle, or just portions of it?
- What processes are needed for verification and validation of the model?

## Presentation Frameworks

- What system perspectives (i.e. viewpoints) do the system stakeholders represent?
- What additional viewpoints, and views, are required to provide the stakeholders with the requisite information to make decisions?

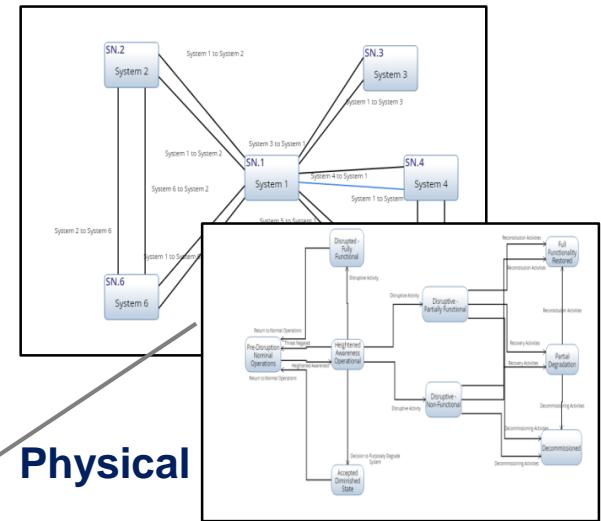
# MBSE... More than Systems Architecting



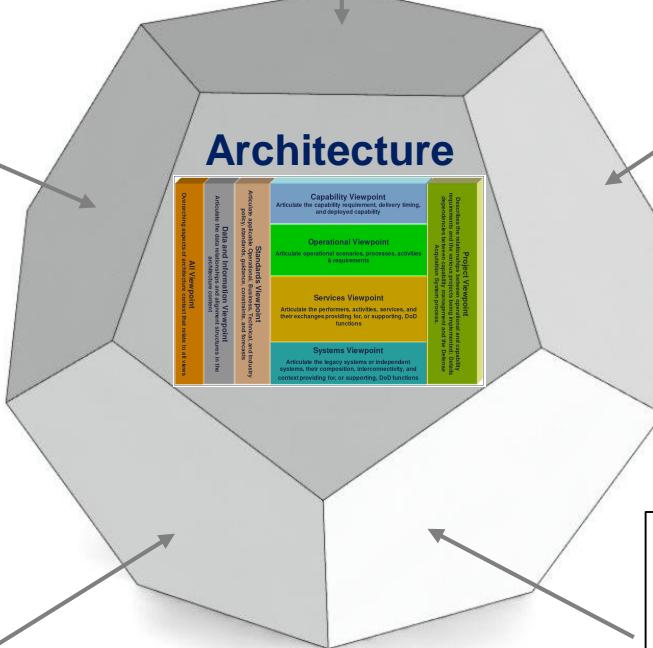
## Programmatic



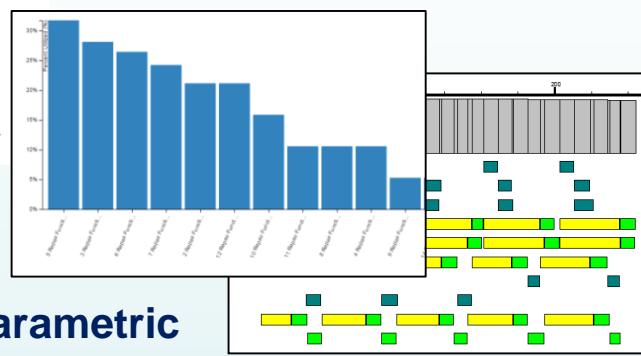
## Requirements



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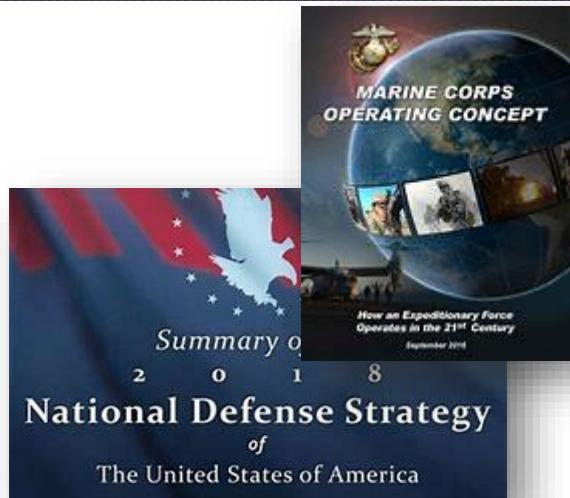


# Computer Aided Design



## Parametric

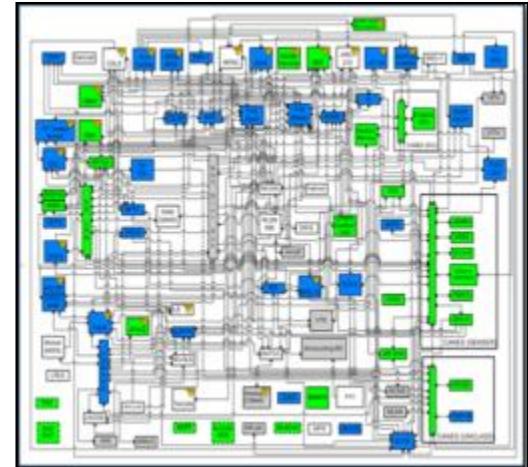
# Benefits of MBSE



Ensure focus on the vision



Ensure that the stakeholders needs are clearly understood, prioritized and addressed



Manage complexity



Support engineering decisions (cost, schedule and technical)



Manage change



Identify critical details that need special consideration/mitigation

# Parting Thoughts



*"I must sound a note of caution though with respect to [modeling], both technical and programmatic. They are a useful tool to support decision-making but they should always be continually updated as new information comes to hand and importantly, they should never completely supplant the wisdom of corporate knowledge held by the "grey beards" of an [organization]."* - Senator David Fawcett – Parliament of Australia

- For Digital Engineering to be truly successful, model-based processes must replace traditional Systems Engineering processes.
  - Requires a deliberate effort to transform the culture
- Lack of understanding, and definition, of a true MBSE environment will inhibit progress.
- A comprehensive ontology needs to be defined to ensure concordance and traceability through model entities that support all lifecycle activities.



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