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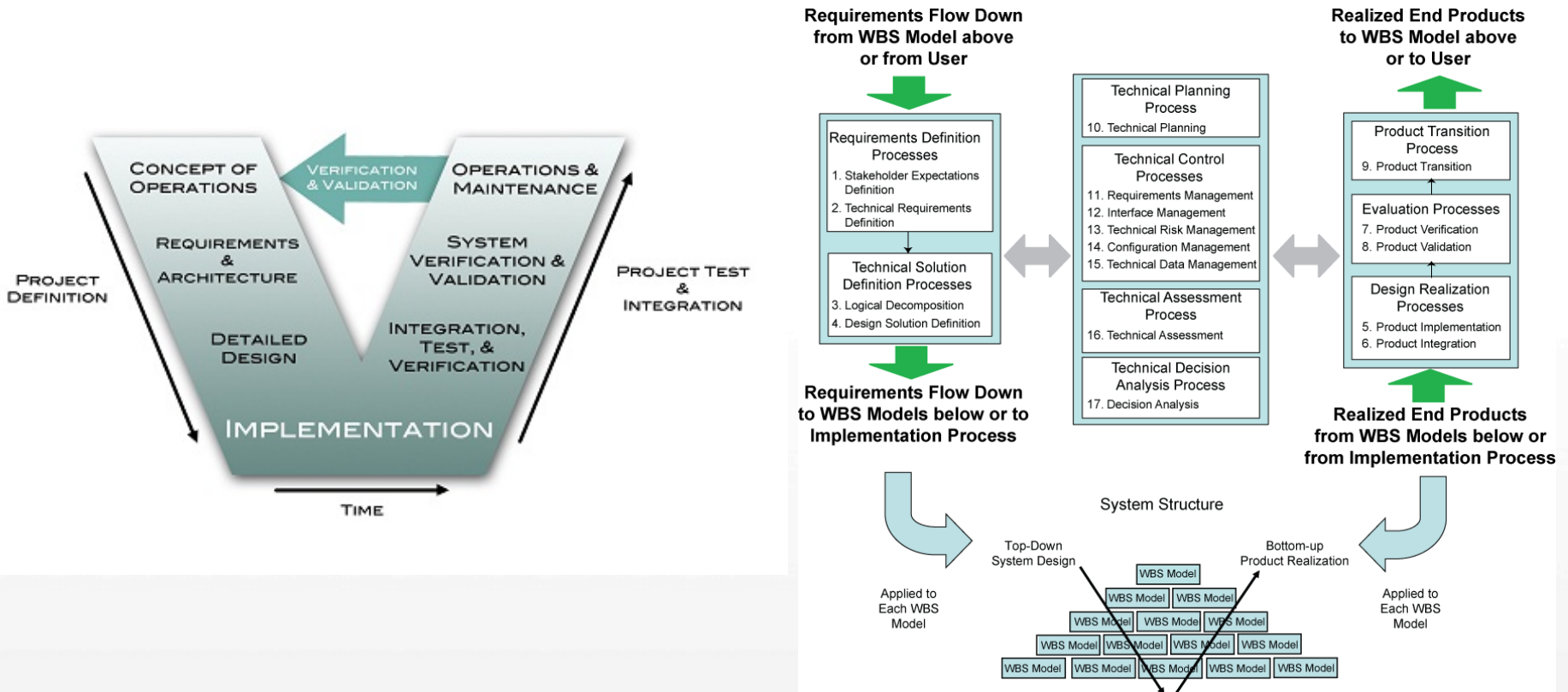
- ▶ **When speaking of overcoming past engineering failures, Dr. Mike Griffin (*How do we Fix Systems Engineering*) stated, “We need to rise above process, to examine the technical, cultural, and political mix that is ‘system engineering’, and to examine the education and training we are providing to those who would practice this discipline.”**
- ▶ **Challenges of engineering complex systems - Dr. Michael Watson (*Engineering Elegant Systems: Theory of Systems Engineering*)**
 - “While at its core system engineering is concerned with the interfaces between and among separable system elements, it should be realized that the more important understanding concerns the dynamic behavior of the interactions between these elements..”
 - Gentry Lee who stated, “it’s about the partials, not the values”. Properly understood, system engineering is concerned with context over structure, with interactions over elements, with the whole over the sum of the parts.

Tools available to System Engineers greatly enhance the ability to develop elegant (robust, efficient, effective) complex systems

Introduction

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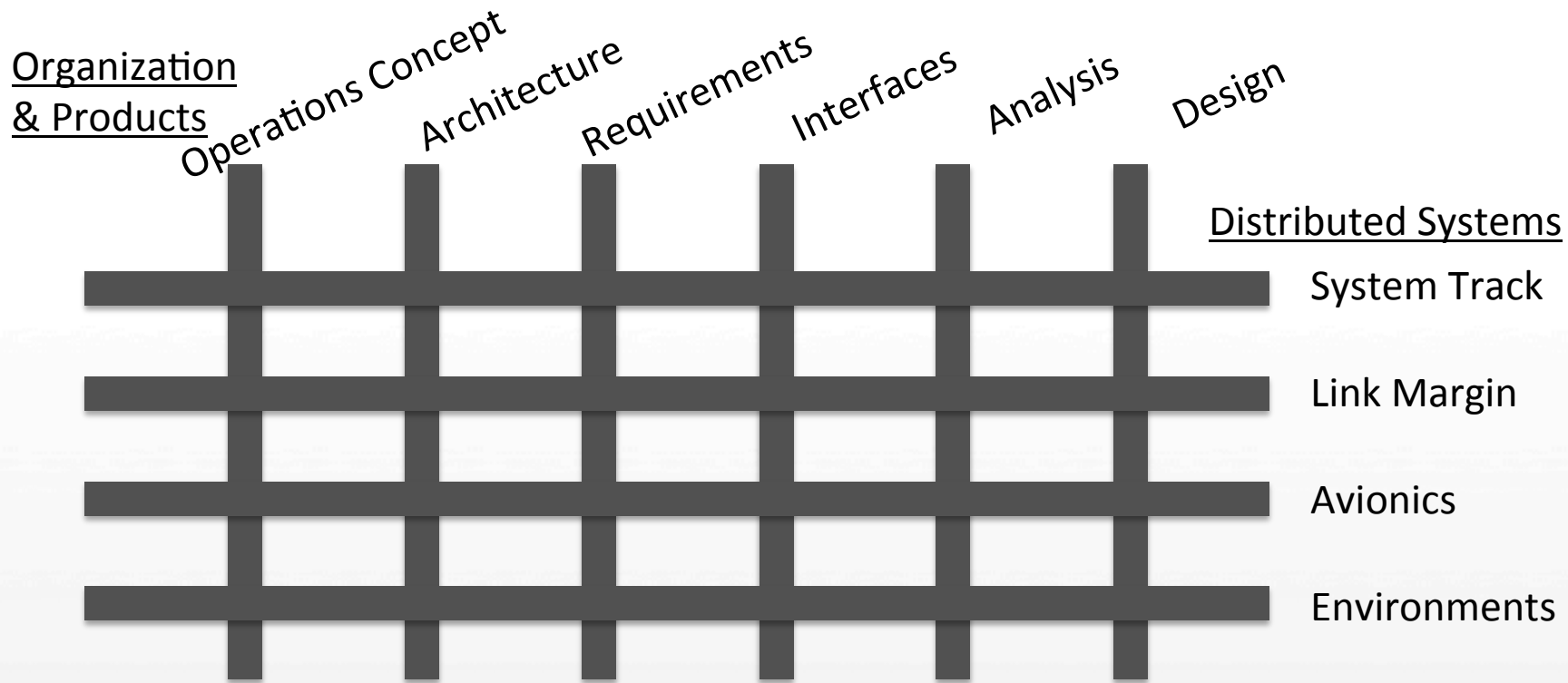


Process is necessary but you cannot totally rely upon the process to produce the desired outcome, must be physics/engineering focused

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Avoid 'stove-pipes' and focus on vertical and horizontal engineering: tools (i.e. MBSE), organization/people, products, culture,...

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AMRDEC CoMBAT



AMRDEC CoMBAT is the Center of Model-Based Acquisition & Technology Project

Focused on performing good systems engineering utilizing MBSE

AMRDEC Director's Corner Article
January 13, 2015

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Bottom-line upfront: MBSE is an emergent, increasingly accepted application of modeling as a more affordable and ease of analysis approach to systems engineering. This article is designed to introduce the basic concept of MBSE and convey that AMRDEC intends to define its corresponding policy, procedure, and competency standpoint plan moving forward.

Earlier this week, I was given a multi-directorate overview brief of MBSE and what AMRDEC is doing to implement it on actual aviation and missile systems programs. MBSE is a formalized methodology that depicts a system in model format to support requirements relationships, functional analysis, design synthesis and verification and validation activities for any program whether it be in early concept phase all the way out to sustainment/upgrade capability support. The advantage of using a model in the systems engineering process cannot be overstated. As our systems become more complex, interoperable and thus architected to operate in increasing system of system operating formats, use of modeling can save the ability to analyze and truly understand performance behaviors and identification of development risk. These models also act as the foundation for service oriented architectures to better enable open-systems operating constructs, characteristics essential for more adaptable, scalable and more affordable weapon systems that can be more easily upgraded over a longer service life.

The importance of MBSE quickly emerges when one compares and contrasts it to traditional approaches. In a traditional approach, the systems engineering process produces reams of paper documentation that appropriately outline requirements flow-down, functional analysis, design specifications, and verification & validation approaches but in stove-piped, expensive and time consuming formats that is prone to errors and/or incorrect assumptions. It becomes difficult when one wants to view system relationships between these domains. Add on top the complexity of a system interoperating with another in network centric format and / or in system of system (e.g., missile launched from host platform but controlled via datalink from an independent sensor source) and it becomes exponentially difficult to do appropriate analysis whether it be functional determinations or sensitivity analysis of design feature iterations (e.g., reliability impacts, power margin allocation, etc.)

MBSE is the "ultimate cool way" to look at our products in a refreshing approach that better holistically captures "the system" in operation, a streamlined approach that hooops garners the excitement and attention especially for our young, future leader workforce. If and when it makes sense from a timing and opportunity for insertion standpoint, use of MBSE needs to be increasingly adopted so that AMRDEC can provide the best, robust, systems capture analysis and architecture of our aviation and weapon products for our Customers. This is about creating of our skill sets in this area and working to communicate the affordability and efficiency benefits of MBSE to various program office leadership personnel. I recognize standing of this as a core technical competency will take time. A team of dedicated personnel working across multiple directorates will develop a MBSE implementation roadmap that will include how we can define and create a MBSE "tool box" for adoption onto any effort. The team will also define how we should define our MBSE policy as well as consistent processes and procedures for implementation. Recognize that sometimes MBSE usage makes sense and sometimes otherwise due to the time it takes to implement a model and the degree of systems complexity at-hand. We need to be smart on helping our Customers determine the business case for MBSE on a case by case basis.

CoMBAT Supported Programs

Aviation Programs



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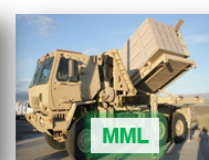
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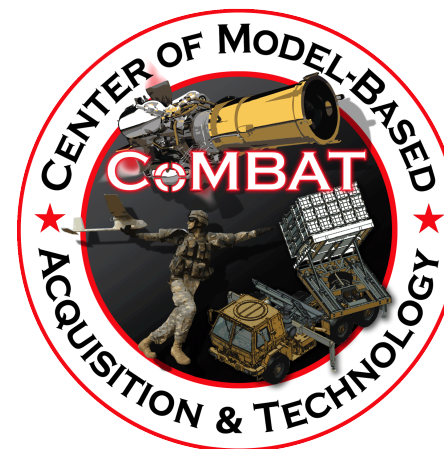
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Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

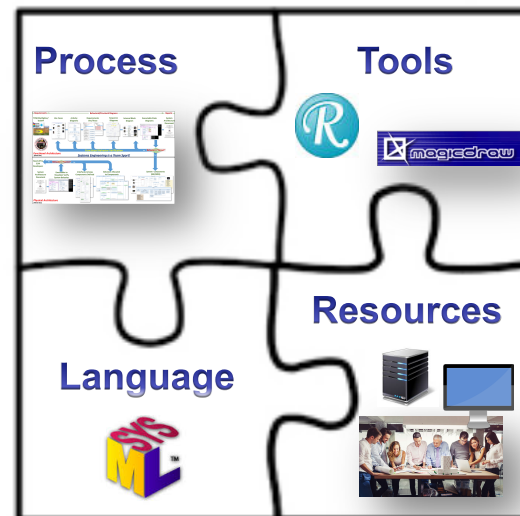


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Evolving our Approach to Acquisition

The MBSE Puzzle



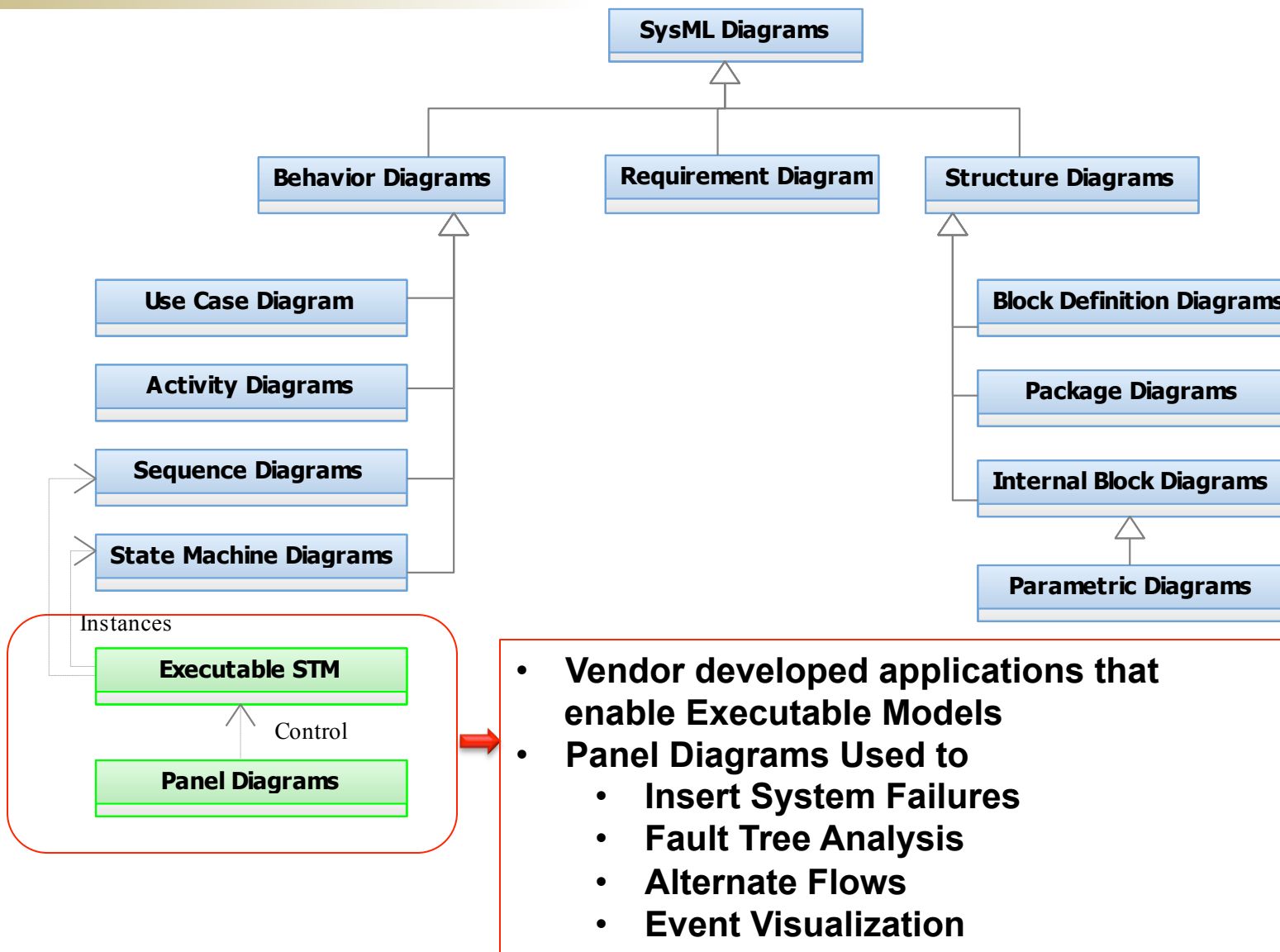
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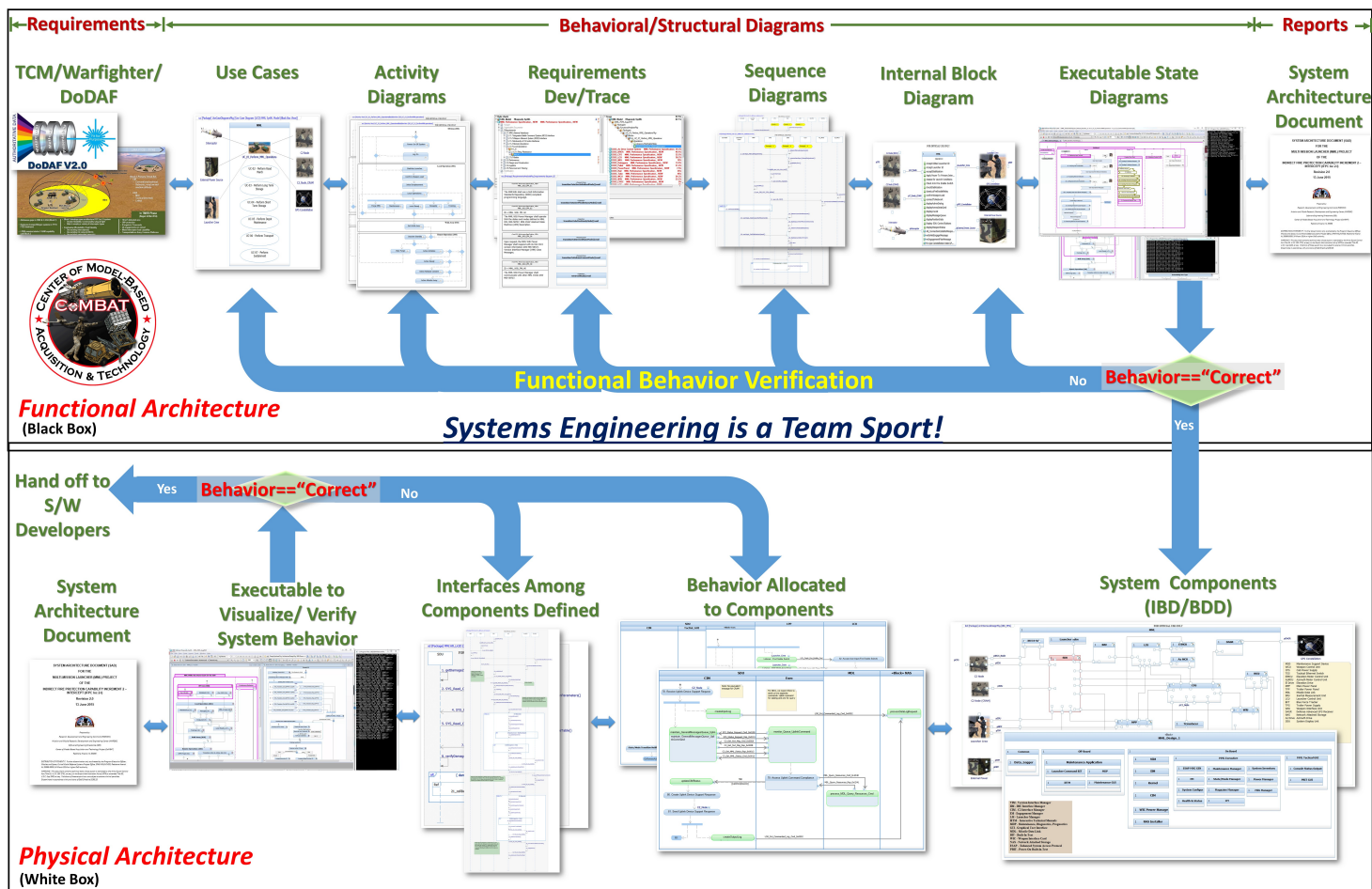
MBSE is a Systems Engineering paradigm that puts emphasis on applying visual modeling principles

- 2006 - Officially adopted by the Object Management Group (OMG)
- 2007 – SysML 1.0
- 2008 – SysML 1.1
- 2010 – SysML 1.2
- 2012 – SysML 1.3
- 2015 – SysML 1.4
- SysML 2.0 is currently being developed by the OMG



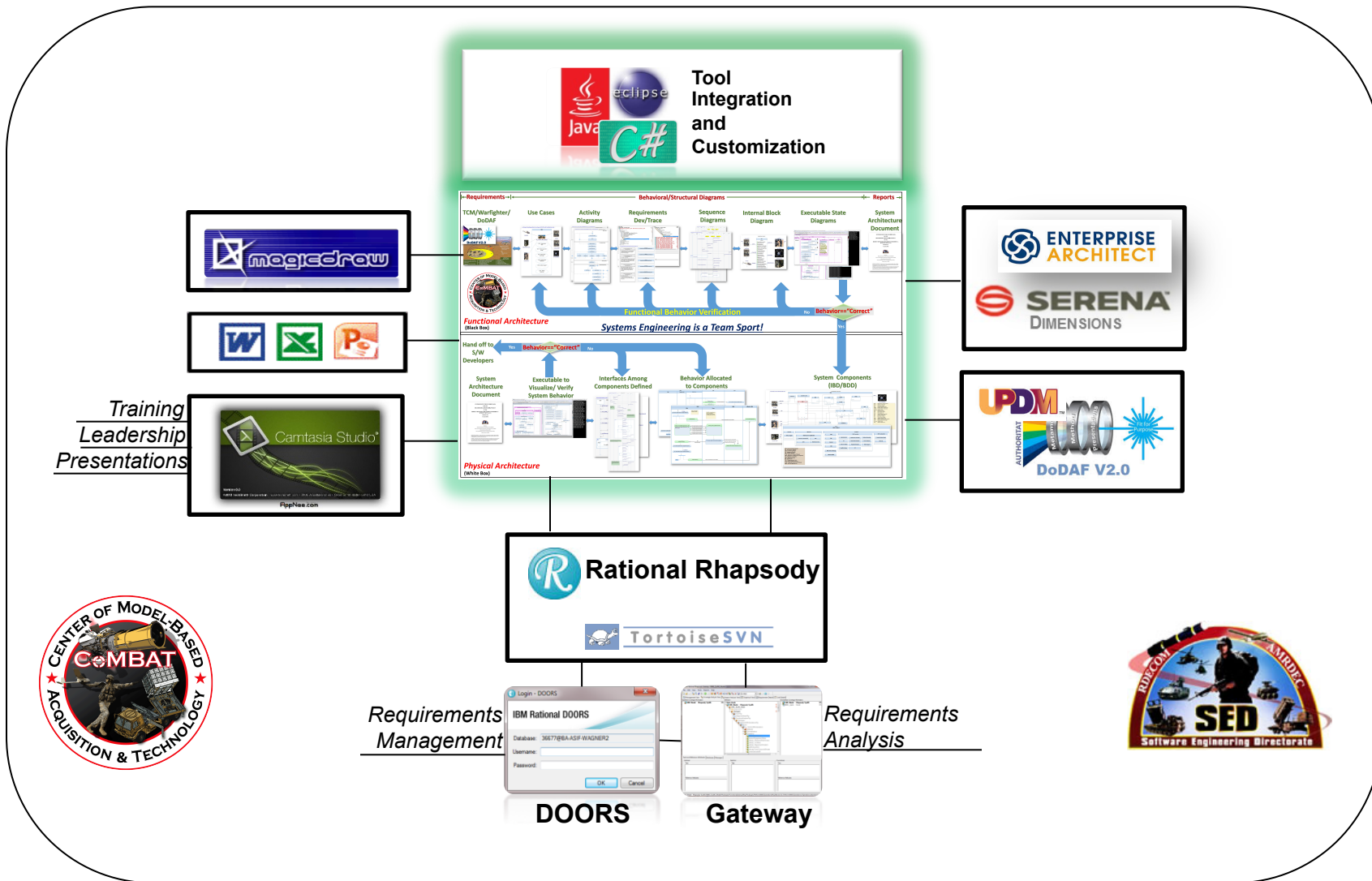


SED's CoMBAT MBSE Process



Highly Iterative Process where behavior and structure diagrams are tightly Integrated

Key CoMBAT MBSE Tools

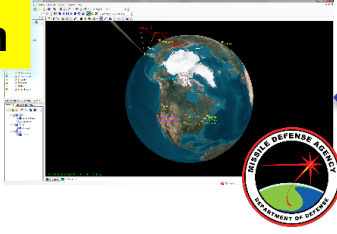


GMD Support



STK

Visualization



Integration to Analyze Raid Behaviors



Simulations

Performance Analysis

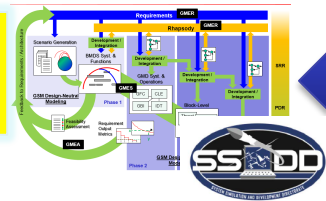


Integration to Analyze Behavior & Performance



Specification Model

Requirements Optimization



Analyze System Level Requirements to Optimize Performance



Reliability & Probability Analysis

SysML Model
Rational Rhapsody

System Architecture

Requirements Development

IBM Rational DOORS Next Generation

CENTER OF MODEL-BASED ACQUISITION & TECHNOLOGY

Integrating Functional Models with Performance Models to Conduct more Complete System Analysis

STK – System Tool Kit
GMD – Ground-Based Midcourse Defense

MDA – Missile Defense Agency
SysML – Systems Modeling Language

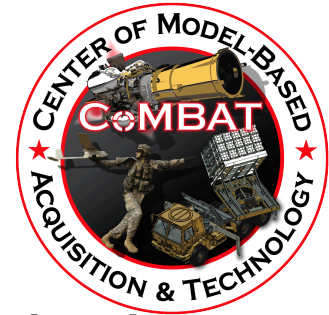
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Summary and Path Forward

MBSE Benefits



- **Communication**
 - Enhances consistency of documentation
 - Enables highly interactive reviews
 - Used as a tool to solicit feedback from stakeholders
- **Integration**
 - Establishes team integration through developing the model and requirements (Systems, Software, Requirements, Test) with a Battle Rhythm
 - Reduces stove piping with a single source of truth
- **Requirements Analysis**
 - Specification/requirements development, requirements validation (with emphasis on functional requirements)
 - Assists in requirements leveling and gap analysis
 - Requirement orphans and widows quickly identified



The Ability to “Visualize” the System and Integrated Component Architecture proves valuable in Revealing Undesired and/or Unexpected Behavior

Summary and Path Forward Recommendation

- ▶ **Government Acquisition Process Challenges**
 - Contract deliverable items in standard formats (non-models)
 - (Typically) procurements require a government developed specification
- ▶ **Program Engineering Focus Areas for MBSE**
 - Reliability Engineering (probabilities)
 - Failure Modes Analysis and Off Nominal Scenarios
 - Investigate development of a Government Standard for consistent translation between SysML tools
 - Enhance better collaboration
 - Less vendor dependency
- ▶ **MBSE Training**
 - Academic Degree program that integrates Systems Engineering with other Engineering disciplines (Aerospace, Mechanical, Software, Chemical, Civil...)
 - Job training to expose engineers to tools necessary to solve complex integration problems

System Engineers: “Examine the education and training we are providing to those who would practice this discipline”



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