



# MBSE Culture, Configuration, and Integration

At Sandia National Laboratories

- As the systems engineering and integration lab for the nuclear weapons enterprise, Sandia has been addressing MBSE challenges for many years.
- Our panel of speakers will address topics that include the following:
  - An MBSE culture – Leadership , Process, and Infrastructure
  - Ontology/patterns/standards - the basis of an MBSE approach
  - Configuration Management vs. Configuration Control
  - Integration of MBSE/SysML to M&S and to executable models

*We can share our journey so far, we are still working  
on the vision and the means to get there*

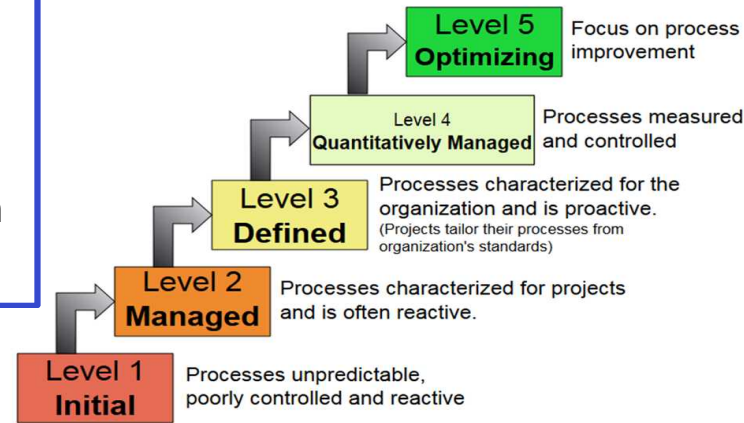
# We are trying to change our culture

– You can't just “put a Tool on it!”

## Consistent MBSE Processes

- Assist in resource development
- Updated steps, milestones, and criteria
- Reviews adapted to the MBSE process and its artifacts
- Time upfront, team-wide effort in learning how to communicate through process and the tools

## Characteristics of the Maturity levels



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## Corporate Support Creates a Strong MBSE Infrastructure

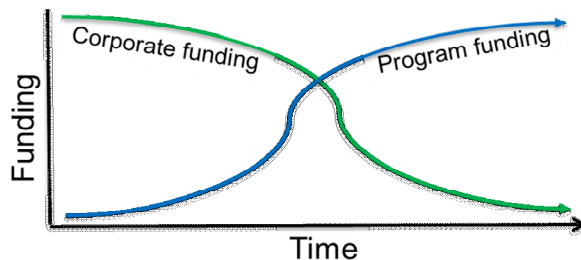
- Staff with deep understanding of both MBSE practices and the tools
- Methods to capture, store, access and share both artifacts *and* the central model

## Smooth Tool Management is Essential

- Managing licenses and new users
- Multiple ‘Projects’ vs One single ‘Project’
- Up-to-date access for viewing (not editing) and sharing with customers
- API needs/ communication between tools
- How/Whether to generate “documents”

## Costs are mostly human labor:

Center of Excellence, development of software to check model patterns, establishing maturity metrics, developing schema for design options, architecture and tool integration

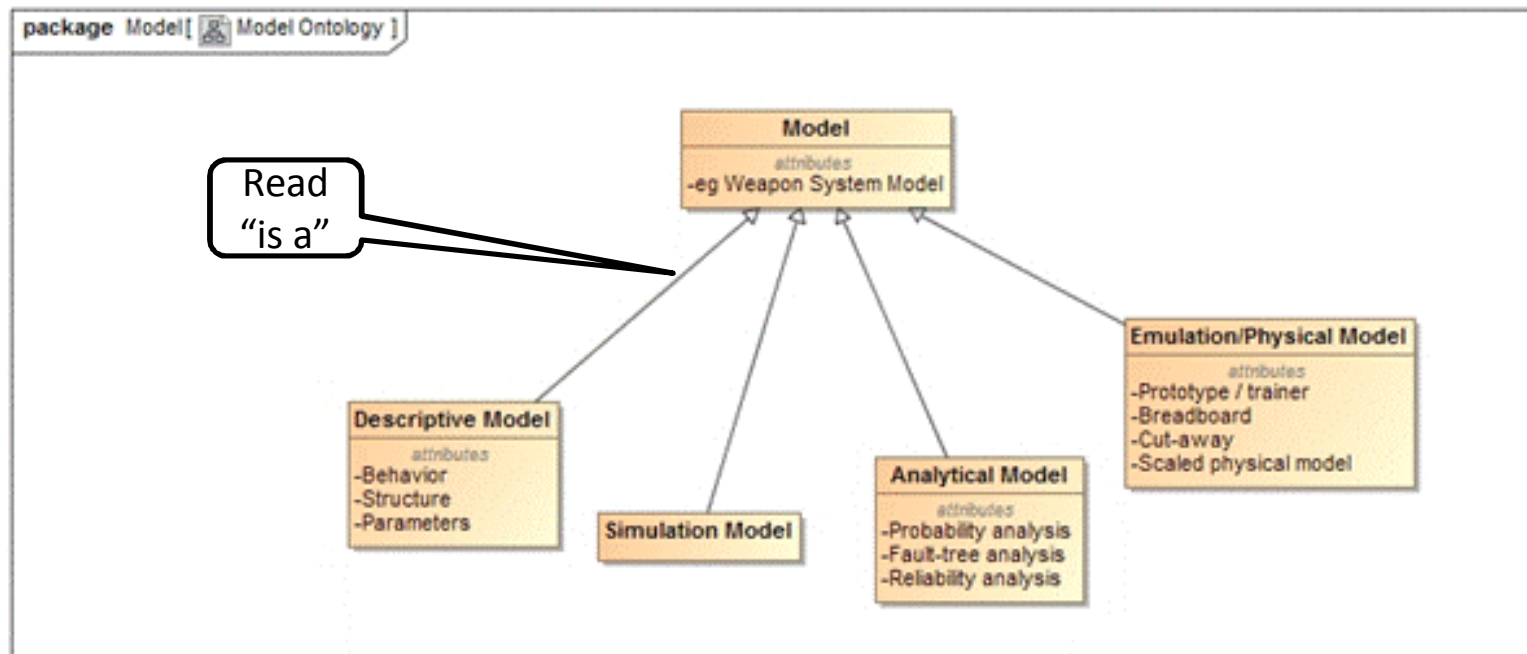


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## Leadership Sets Direction, Supports Staff Development, Organizes for Project and Infrastructure Development, Support and Sustainment

- Ask for artifacts
- Implement MBSE-based reviews
- Establish and Reward Milestones
- Measure Progress

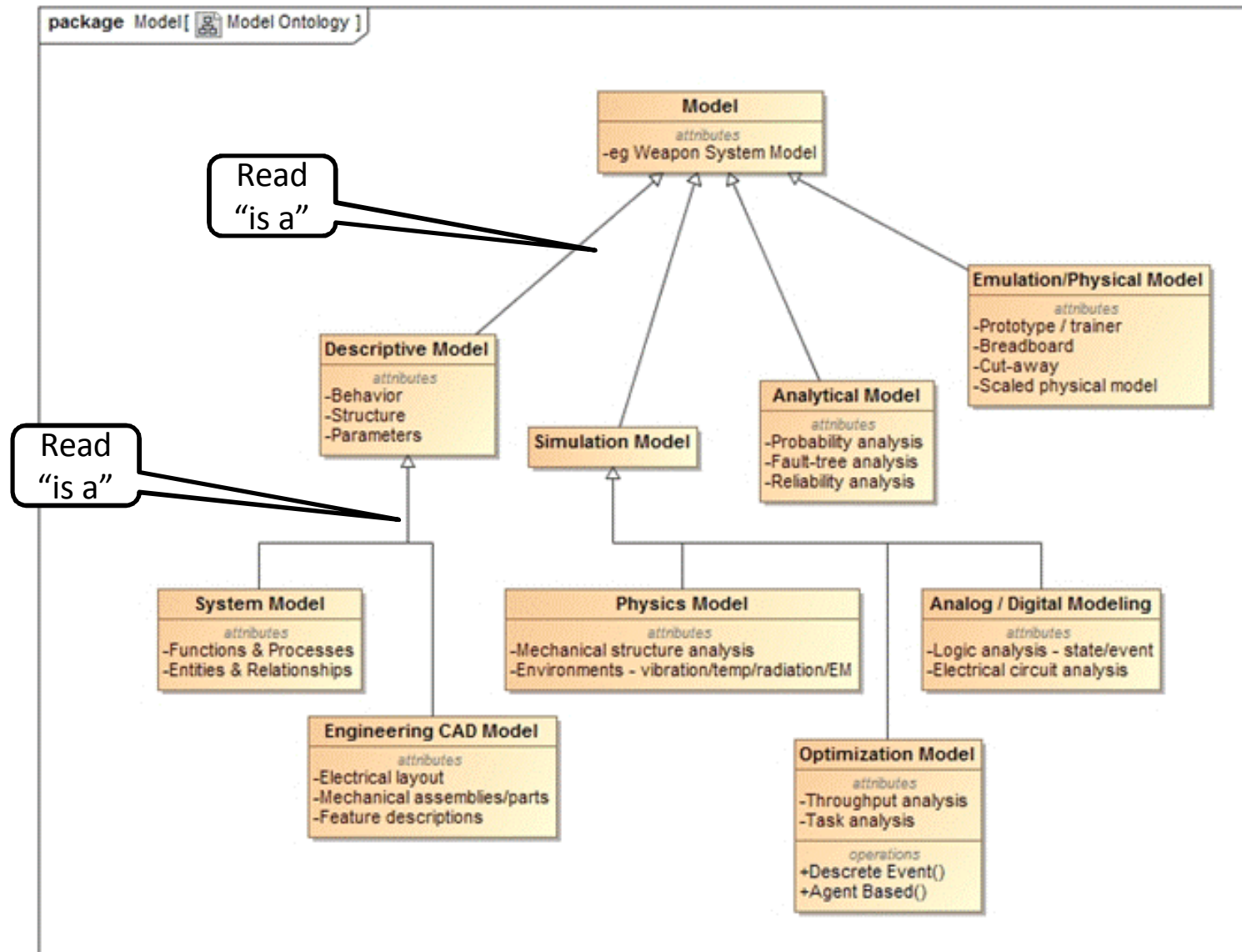
# What is a “model”



*Need an ontology for the word “Model”*



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# Ontology, Patterns, and Standards

## An ontology is critical to model success

Organizes and describes content

*Metadata, structure, relationships*

• Inputs

*DG Implementation Team, Data Stewards/Owners, SMEs*

• Outcomes

*Navigation, taxonomy, search, audience*



Data is Accessible: Our workforce will experience a first day on an assigned project in which they will have seamless access to the data and tools they need.



Data is Trusted: Protected, but access to data within a person's authorization level is seamless; the method by which data is authorized is also seamless.



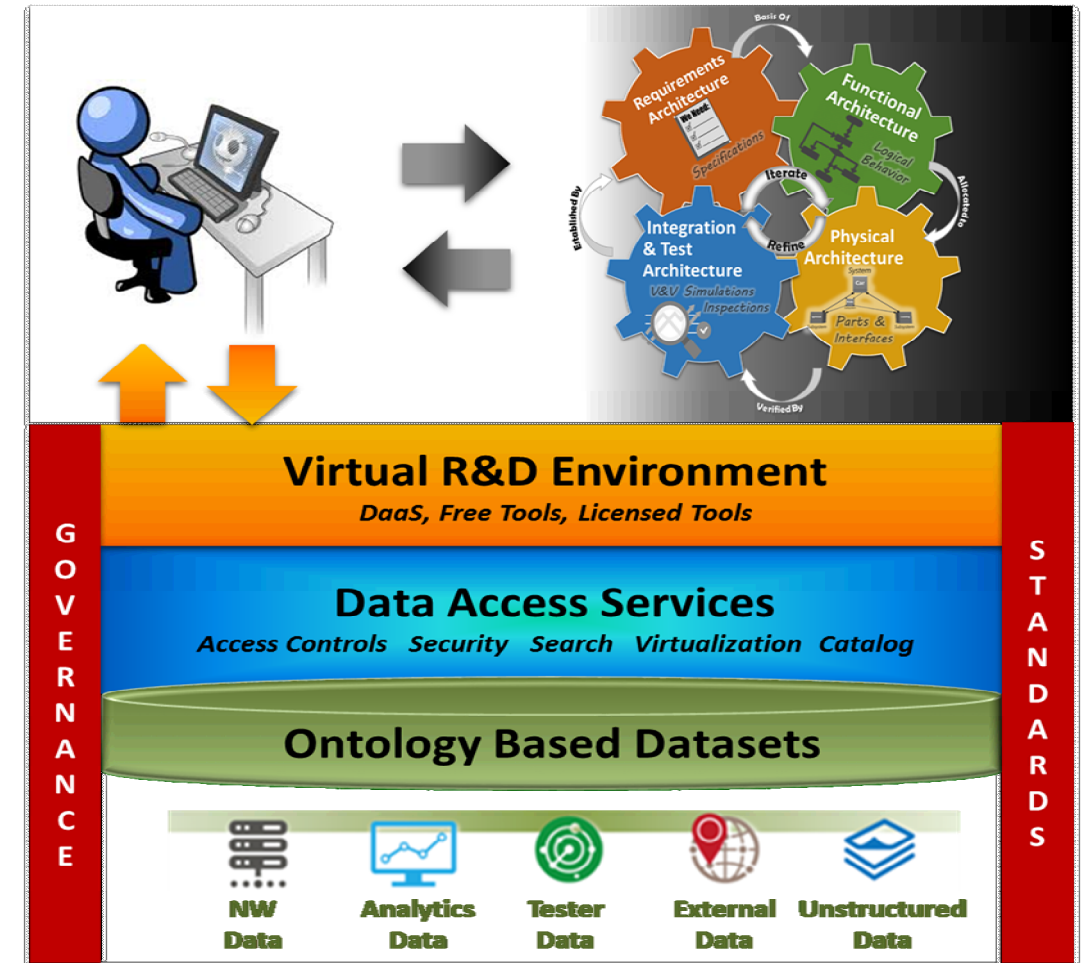
Data is Useful: Data is readily shared and available to a broad set of users allowing different "lenses" to view and use the data.



Data is Traceable: Our workforce knows where to find data and whether or not it is the right data to use.



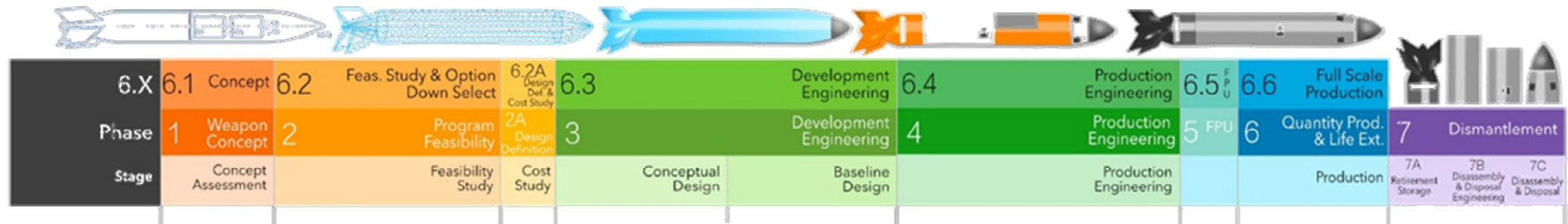
Data is Understandable: lifecycle is considered at beginning of any program/project.



# Managing vs Controlling Model Configuration

## Nuclear Weapons Product Realization Lifecycle: System Level Milestones

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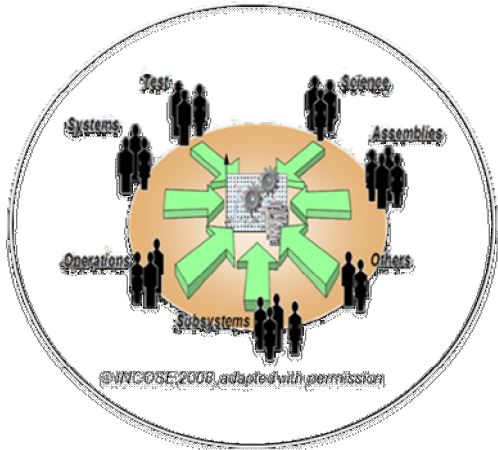
### • Comparable DoD & DOE Lifecycles:

- Multi-year with PM oversight
- Typically includes:
  - Technology maturation
  - Feasibility studies
  - Concurrent engineering
  - Trade-off analyses
  - Unique products
  - Critical Interfaces
  - Extensive integration

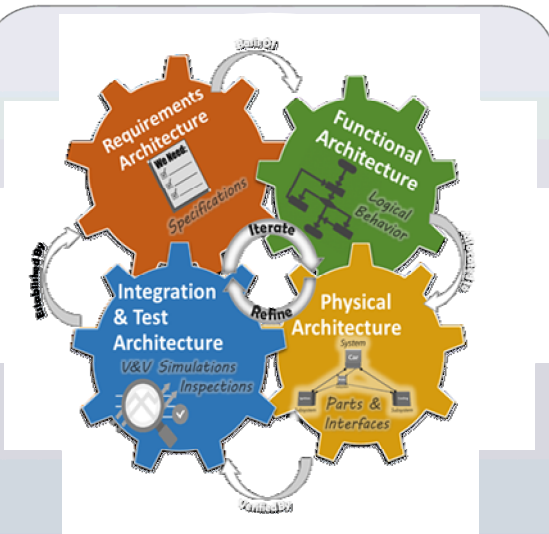
- Imposing Rigorous Change Control too early can kill the MBSE approach & add program risks
  - Version control early – yes
  - Configuration *control* – only after stabilization
    - Model changes involve not only words --- *but also relationships, objects, diagrams – AND review time*
  - Where possible, use separate projects and use relationships to relate subsystem/component models to the level above



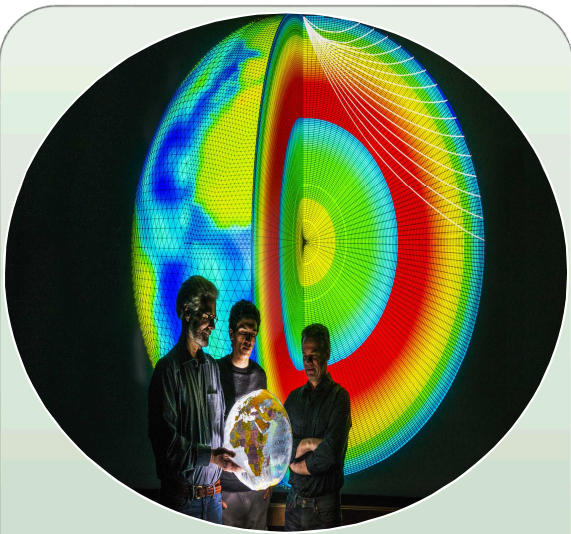
# Desired State is Integrated Model Centric Engineering



- Make the model the center from concept to operations
- Thread a digital path with model-centric engineering
- Share capabilities across systems and enable a digital approach (an NW engineering initiative):
  - MBSE is fundamental for successful delivery of a modular weapon system architecture, model-centric engineering, and lab-wide design and qualification.
  - It will be critical to the success of specific projects such as high-tempo flight tests, that require coordination across a diverse set of organizations internal to SNL



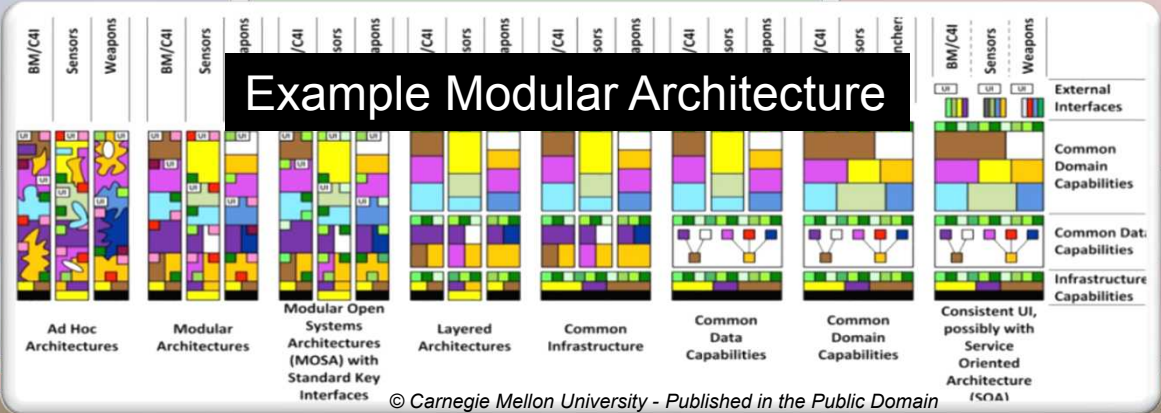
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Modeling & Simulation



Design Engineering

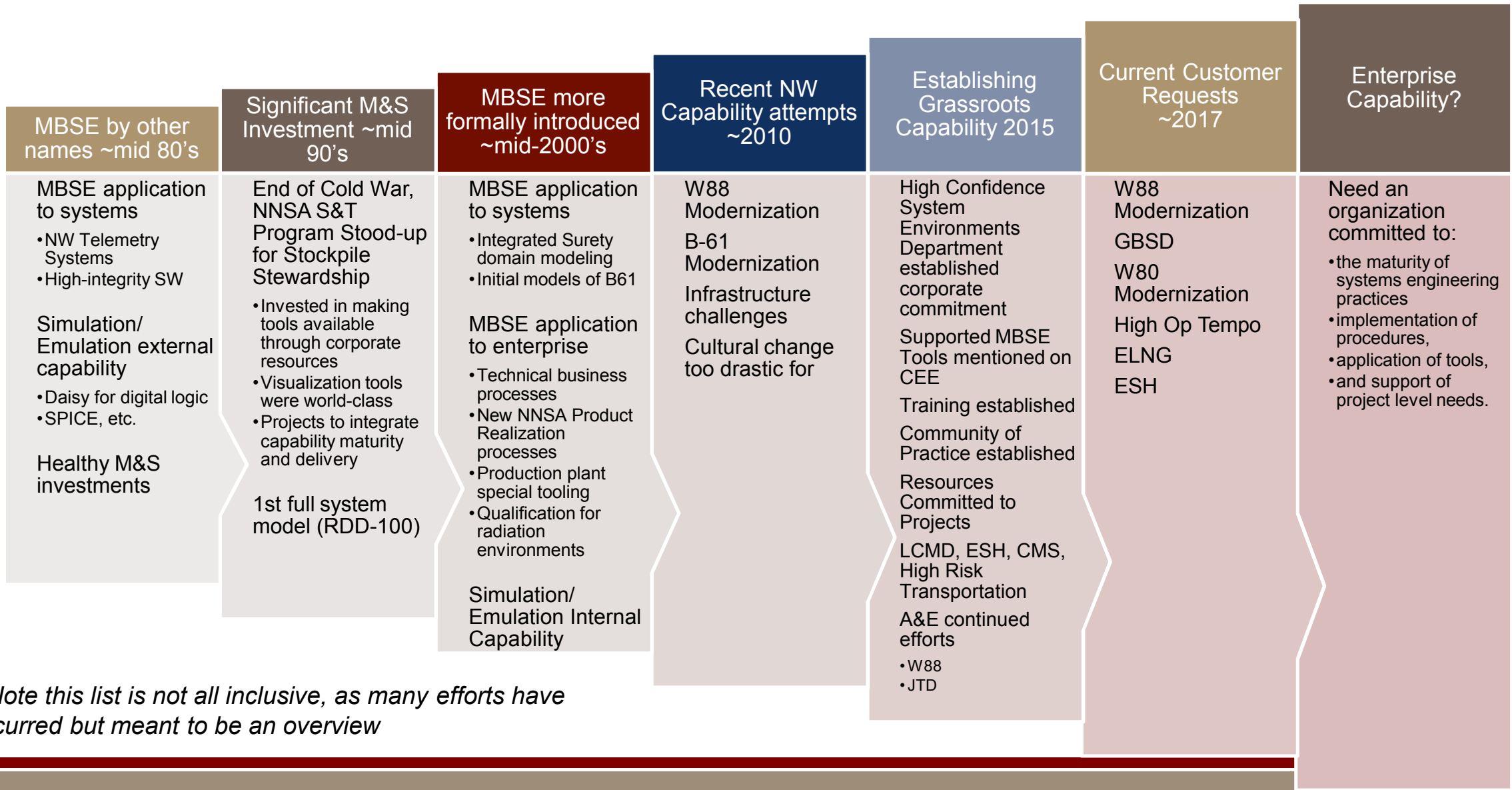




# BACK-UP

# MBSE Vision Initiatives

Journey of systems engineering utilizing models in nuclear weapons engineering projects



*\*\*Note this list is not all inclusive, as many efforts have occurred but meant to be an overview*