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Metrics for Measuring Model-based Systems Engineering

Model-Based Systems Engineering/Digital Engineering Workshop

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MBSE Initiative

What is the value of MBSE to Sandia?

- Principle Investigator: Ed Carroll
 - Retired Naval Aviator
 - 25 years in software / systems engineering
 - 15 years in systems analytics and data management
- Studied Four Questions about MBSE:
 - What does it look like? (Industry standards, guidelines, and manuals)
 - What can we learn from others? (Literature review & external visits)
 - Lockheed Martin, JPL, USAF, USN, DOD, & DOE
 - What are we currently doing? (SMEs and MGRs, & pilot projects)
 - 4 pilot projects, including: small, large, complex, hardware, software
 - What is the path forward? (based on conclusions from above)
- Our Path Forward:
 - Executive Sponsorship
 - Expanding Program

Agenda

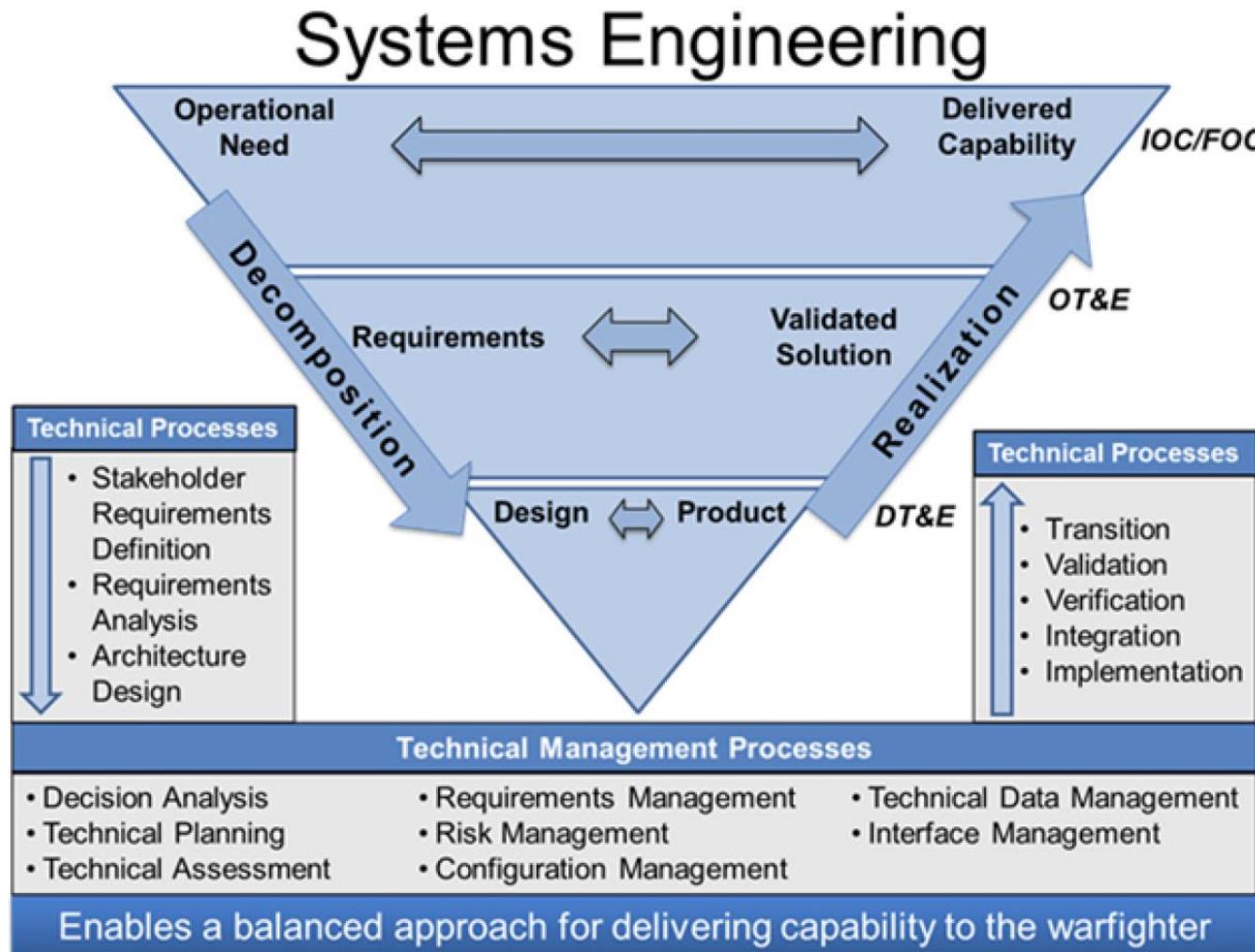
- What is Systems Engineering?
 - Industry description (iterative processes)
 - What is driving us toward MBSE?
- Why MBSE? - Findings from my Value Study
 - An MBSE approach provides significant advantage
 - Systems engineering improves engineering efficiency
 - MBSE Prevents Defects and Rework
 - Systems engineering needs to drive engineering processes
 - Skilled system engineers are needed
 - Prerequisites and Commitments

WHAT IS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING?

Definitions - MBE vs. MBSE

- ***Model-Based Enterprise***
 - The tools, models, and infrastructure used to share design information across the enterprise that develops and supports the system
- ***Model-Based Engineering***
 - Integrated use of models to define the system technical baseline across the full life cycle, across all disciplines, across all program members [models as the authoritative definition of the system]
- ***Model-Based Systems Engineering***
 - A specialized descriptive modeling notation used to describe and analyze systems engineering information across the life cycle [the model is the authoritative definition for all systems engineering information]
- ***Modeling and Simulation***
 - Mathematical algorithms or analytics used to model or simulate advanced engineering environments, concepts, or situations (electro-mechanical environments, physics of trajectory, telemetry, etc.)

The industry standard processes



What are the Key SE Standards?

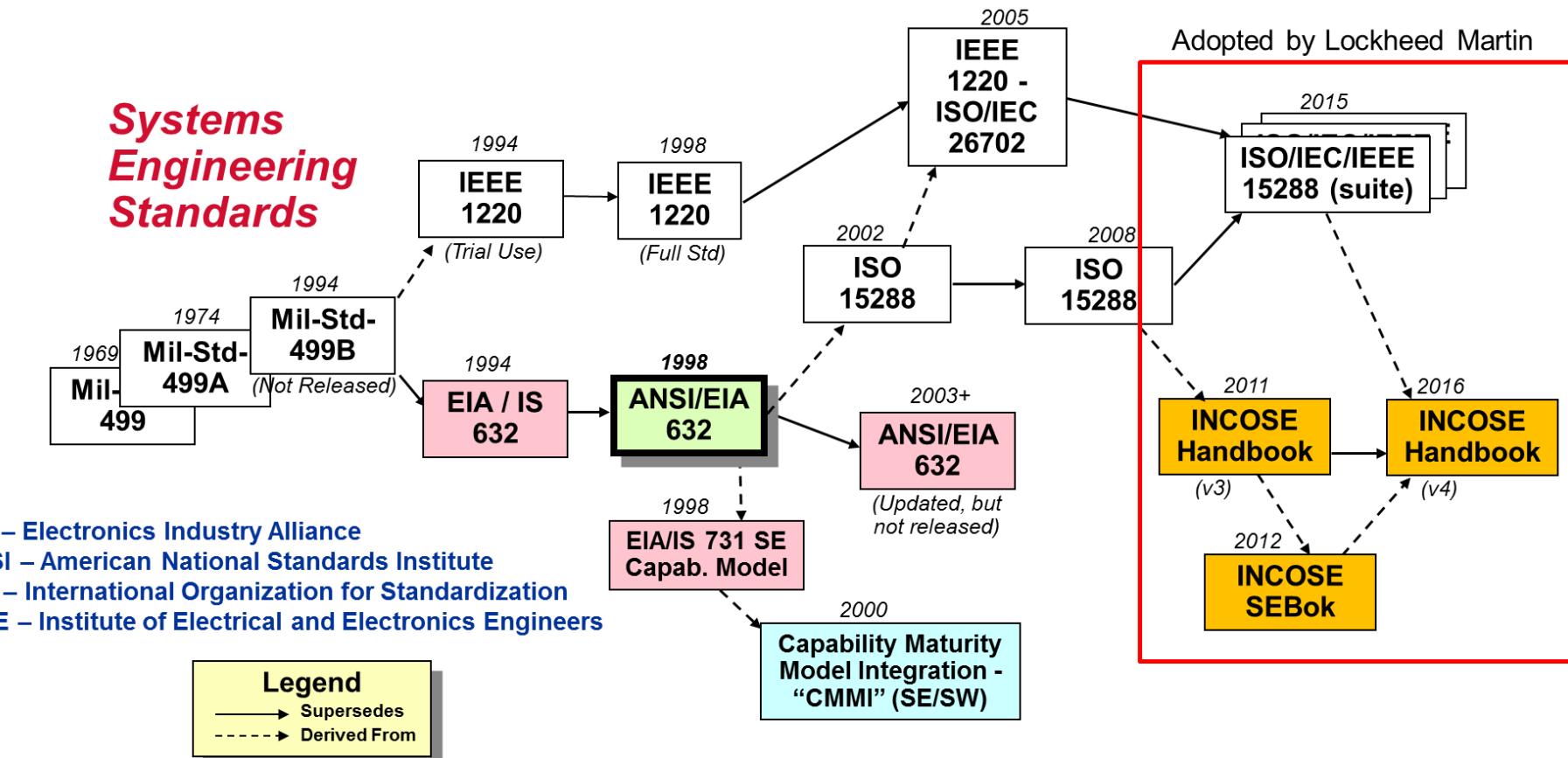
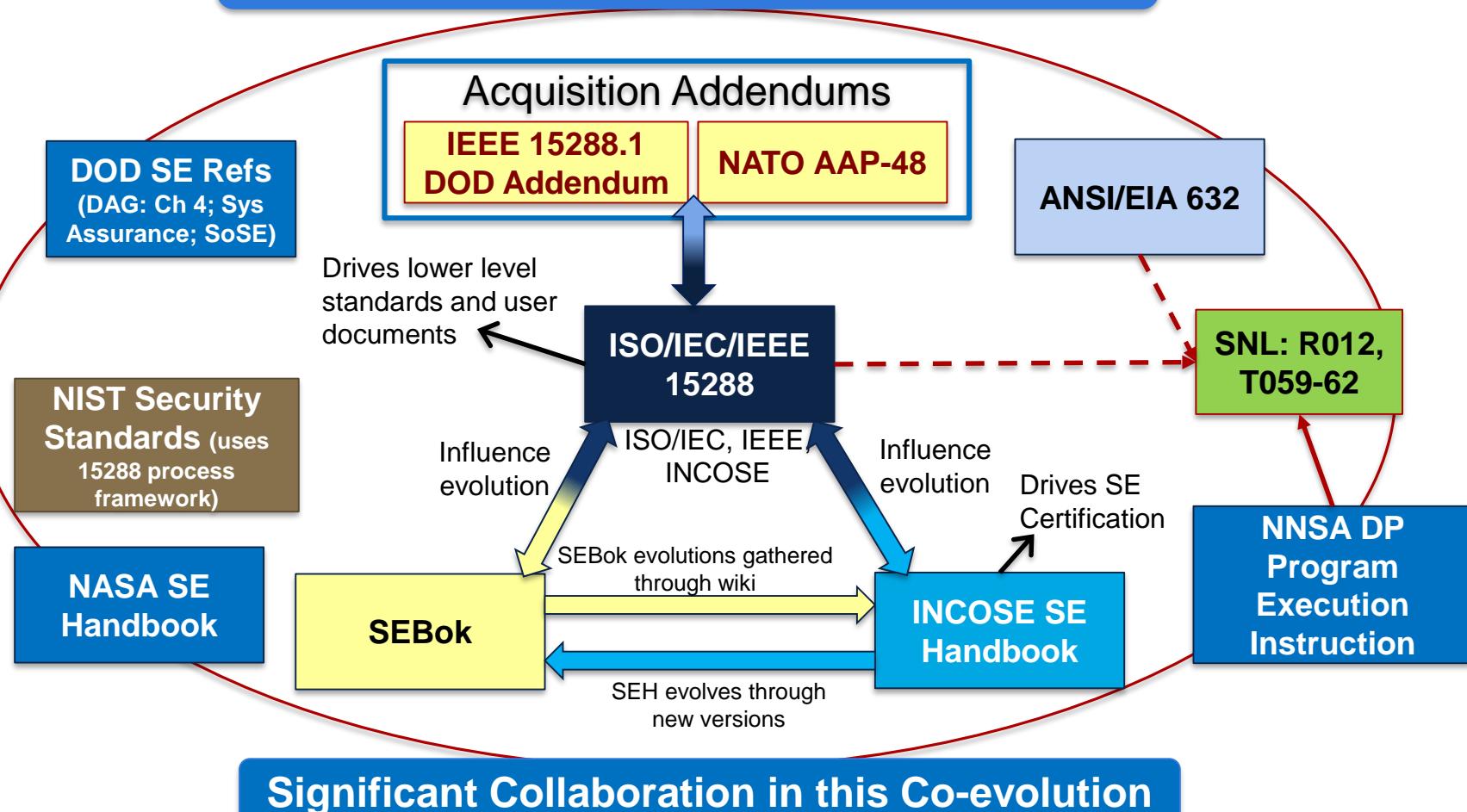


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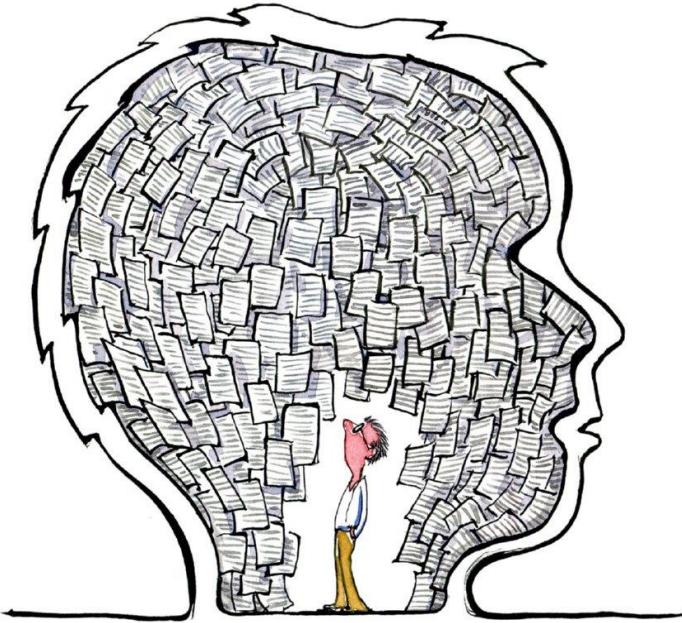
The applicable standards

The industry standards have converged into ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288

Cooperative Technical Co-evolution Model

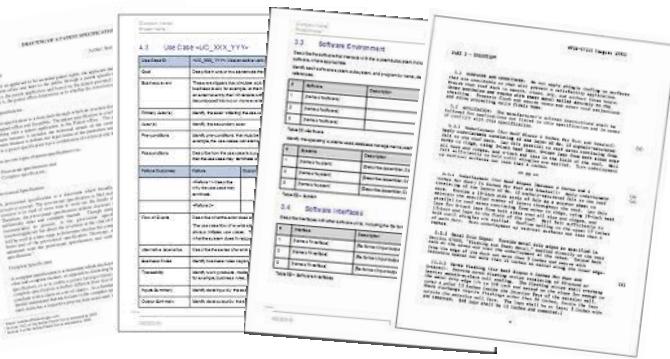


What is driving us toward MBSE?



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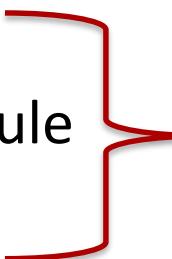
How do I navigate this???



- Complex system example:
- Heavily document-based approach
- Over 6000 parts per system
 - Customer docs:
 - Text: 327 pages, over 750 mined requirements
 - Physical: 396 mined requirements
 - These led to system and major component requirements documents:
 - 832 pages of functional requirements
 - 232 pages of interface requirements
 - Documents do not address
 - Subordinate components
 - Environments
 - Dev Test plan
 - Qual plan
 - Maintenance/Ops Plan
 - Standards and Best Practices
 - Any production related requirements

What is driving the industry to MBSE?

- Systems are getting more complex
- Customers want to reduce cost / schedule
- Customers want guaranteed reliability



- Modeling is prevalent in all engineering disciplines
 - Electrical, mechanical, physics-simulation, software
 - Data shows a positive ROI for using models to solve the problems of complexity, cost, and reliability
- DOD is mandating models in contracts
 - The Ground Based Strategic Deterrent
 - CVN-80, LCS, F-35
 - Nunn-McCurdy breach on the GPS III program – due to inadequate systems engineering at program inception, the Air Force said in a press statement.
- Additive Manufacturing requires models

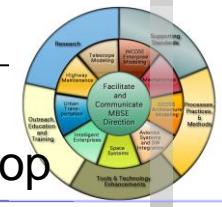
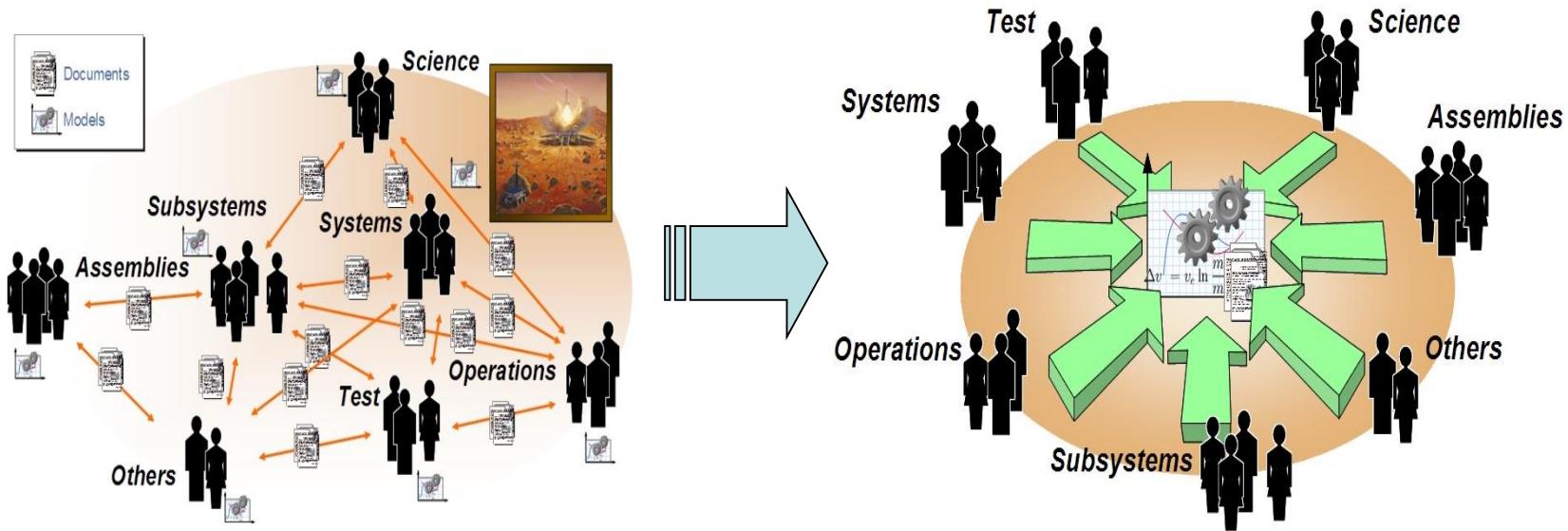
Others have said
“how can we not use
an MBSE approach?”
- Consider SNL’s
agile, adaptable,
affordable initiative

Metrics to measure MBSE

- Gathered from existing processes:
 - SME and MGR use characteristics and opinions
 - Defect rates
 - Failure mode analysis – tracing, mistake proofing
 - Halt/Hass, Fagen Inspections, CONOPS reviews
 - Interaction points, degree of completion, consistency
 - Compare to COQUALMO defect predictions
 - Level of Effort (cost and schedule)
 - compare man hours to \$\$ and schedule overage
 - Informal Assessment of SE Capability

gathered as a bi-product of project work already being conducted

What Would MBSE Look Like ... In Current Practice to Future Practice



What SE Processes does MBSE overlay?

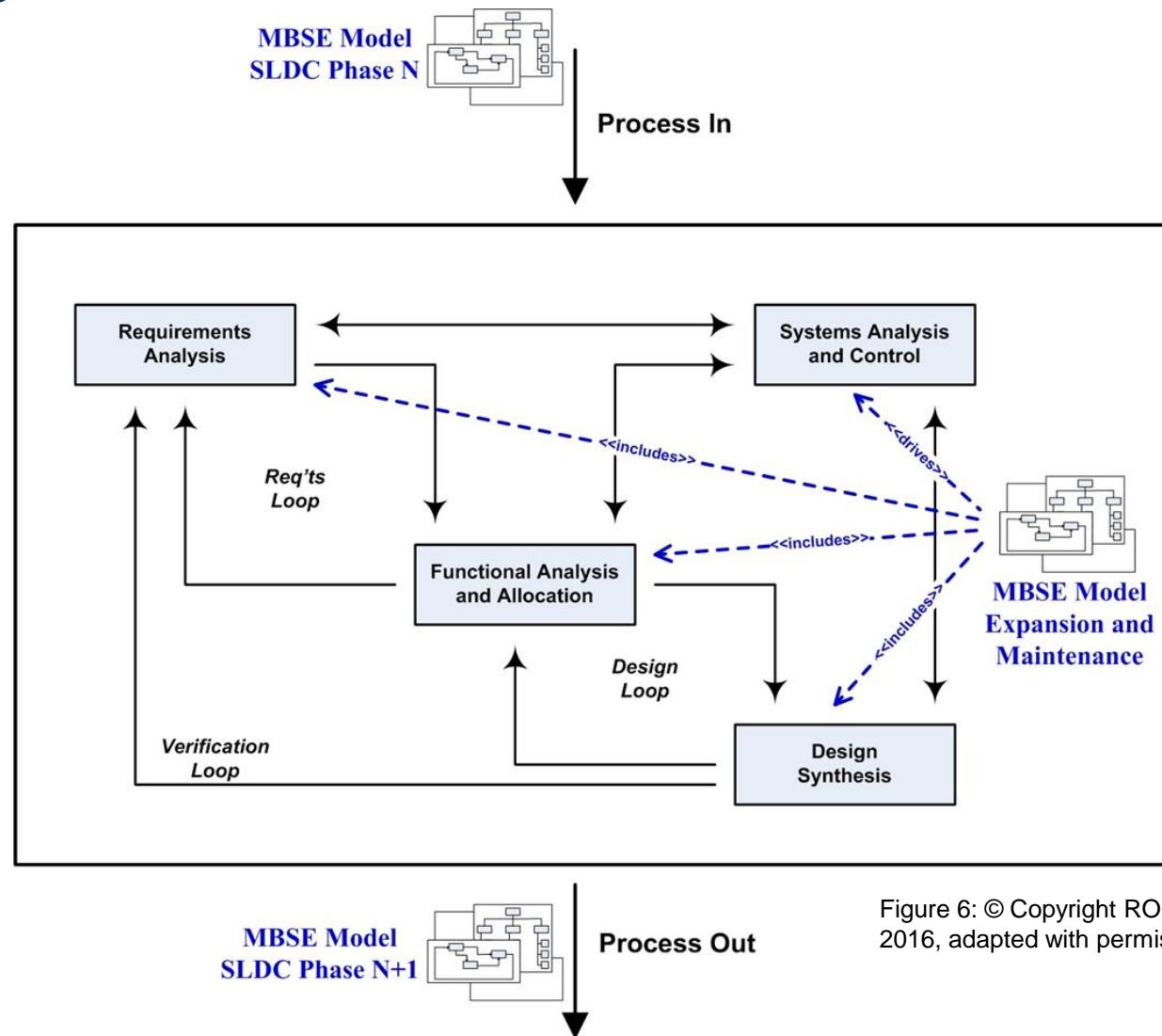


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What is Different When Using MBSE?

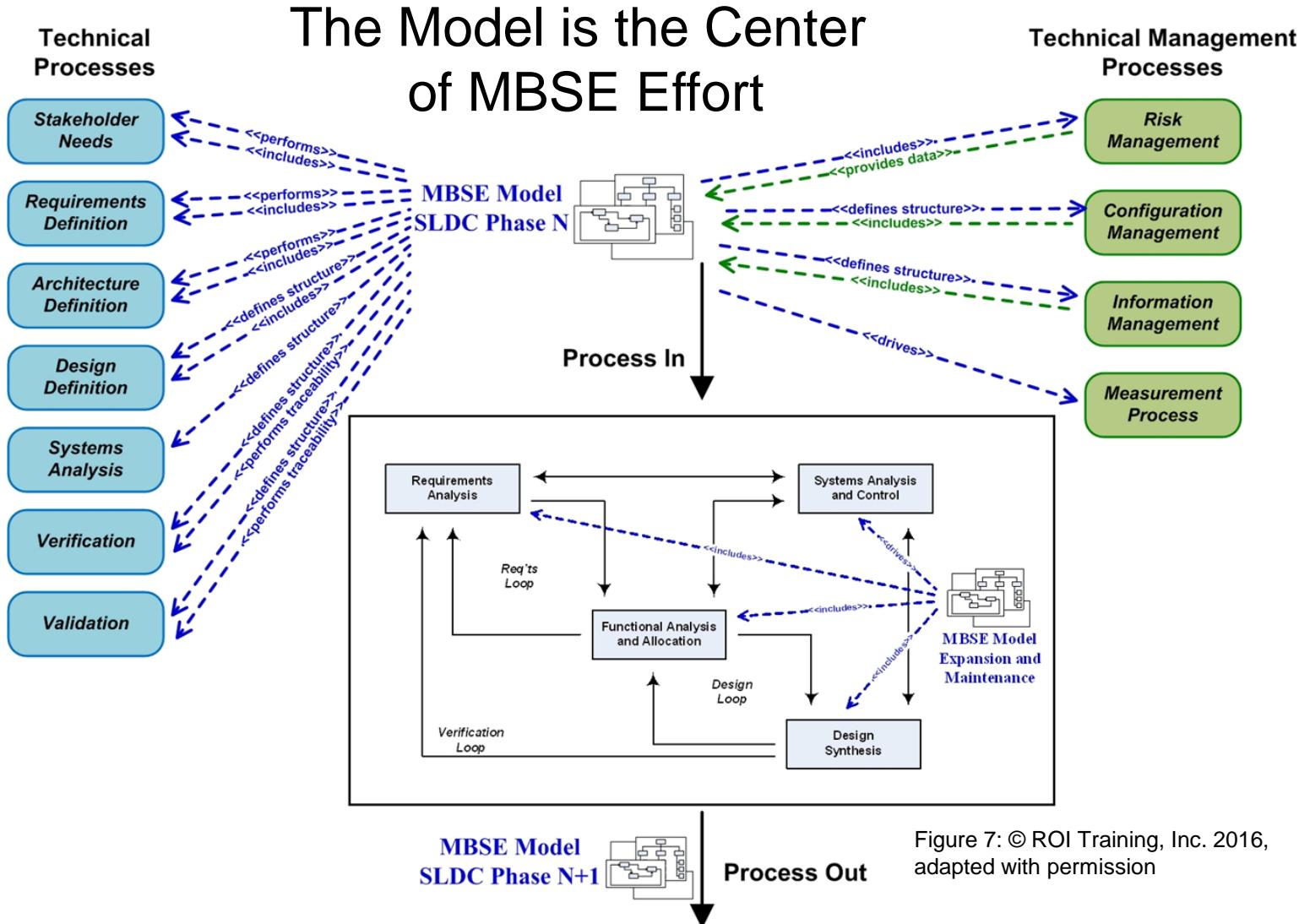


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Overlaying MBSE to SE Foundation

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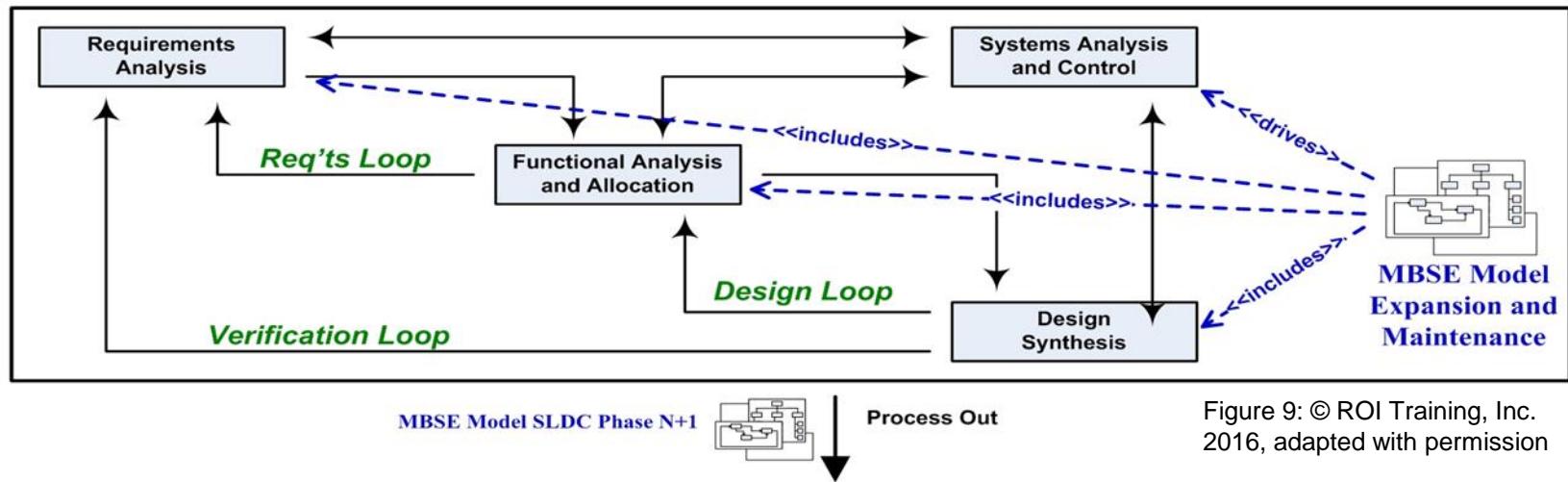
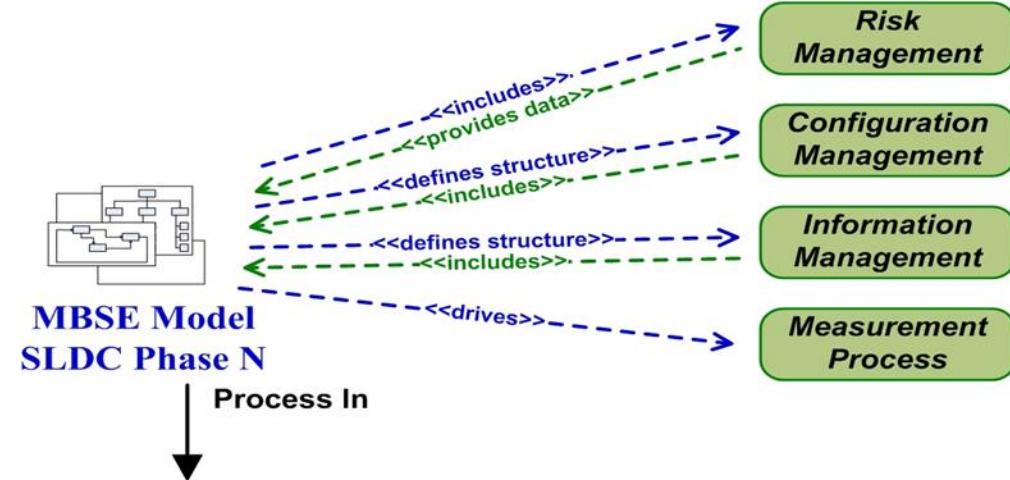
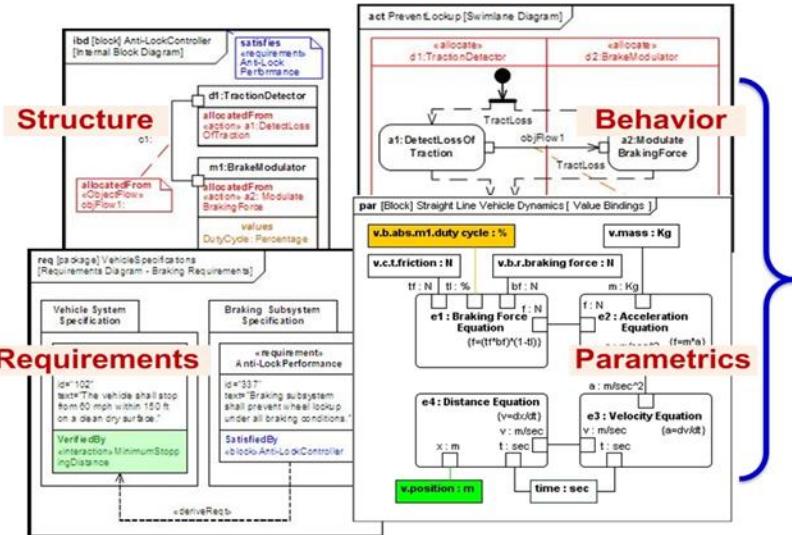


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WHY MBSE? - FINDINGS FROM MY STUDY

My Value Study Process

- Literature Review
 - 67 case studies justified by claiming benefits of:
 - (67) 8 countries, 10 defense, 33 space, 5 non-defense, 6 commercial
 - 21 case studies justified with quantified results of:
 - (21) 4 countries, 12 defense, 5 space, 4 commercial, 6 used MBSE to develop complex weapon systems
- Standards Review
 - IEEE, ISO, ANSI/EIA, INCOSE, DOD, DOE, NASA
- Expert Elicitation
 - 33 SME's, 12 MGR's
- Pilot Projects
 - Small, Large, Shadowed Actual, Integral to SE Effort

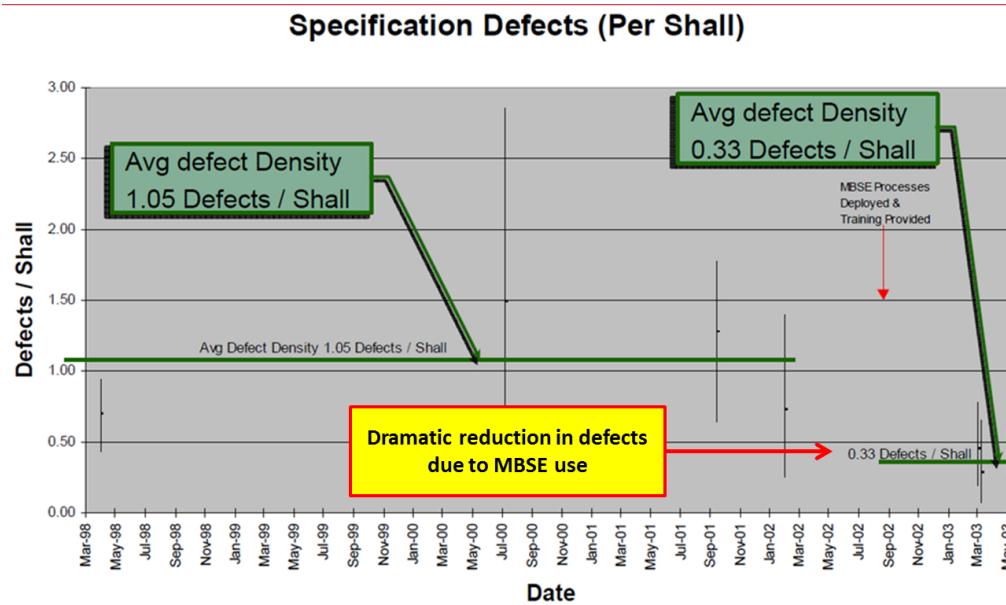
My Value Study Key Findings

- Primary Advantages:
 - Finding defects and preventing rework
 - Cost and schedule improvement – due to defect prevention
- Secondary Advantages:
 - Completeness, consistency, and improved communications
 - Contributes to test and evaluation, V&V, concept exploration, design reuse and systems margin analyses
- Standards have coalesced around the IEEE/ISO 15288
- Heavily dependent upon acceptance and support
- Must be integral to SE effort

MBSE Avoids Rework

System f0 Phase		Success Probability [probOfSuccess]	Failure Probability [1 - probOfSuccess]
No change to design	Baseline	0.6	0.4
Without MBSE	Update 1	0.73	0.27
With MBSE	Update 2	0.93	0.07
From 73 % chance of success to 93 % chance of success			

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68% Reduction in Specification Defects since MBSE Practices Introduced

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MBSE Avoids Rework

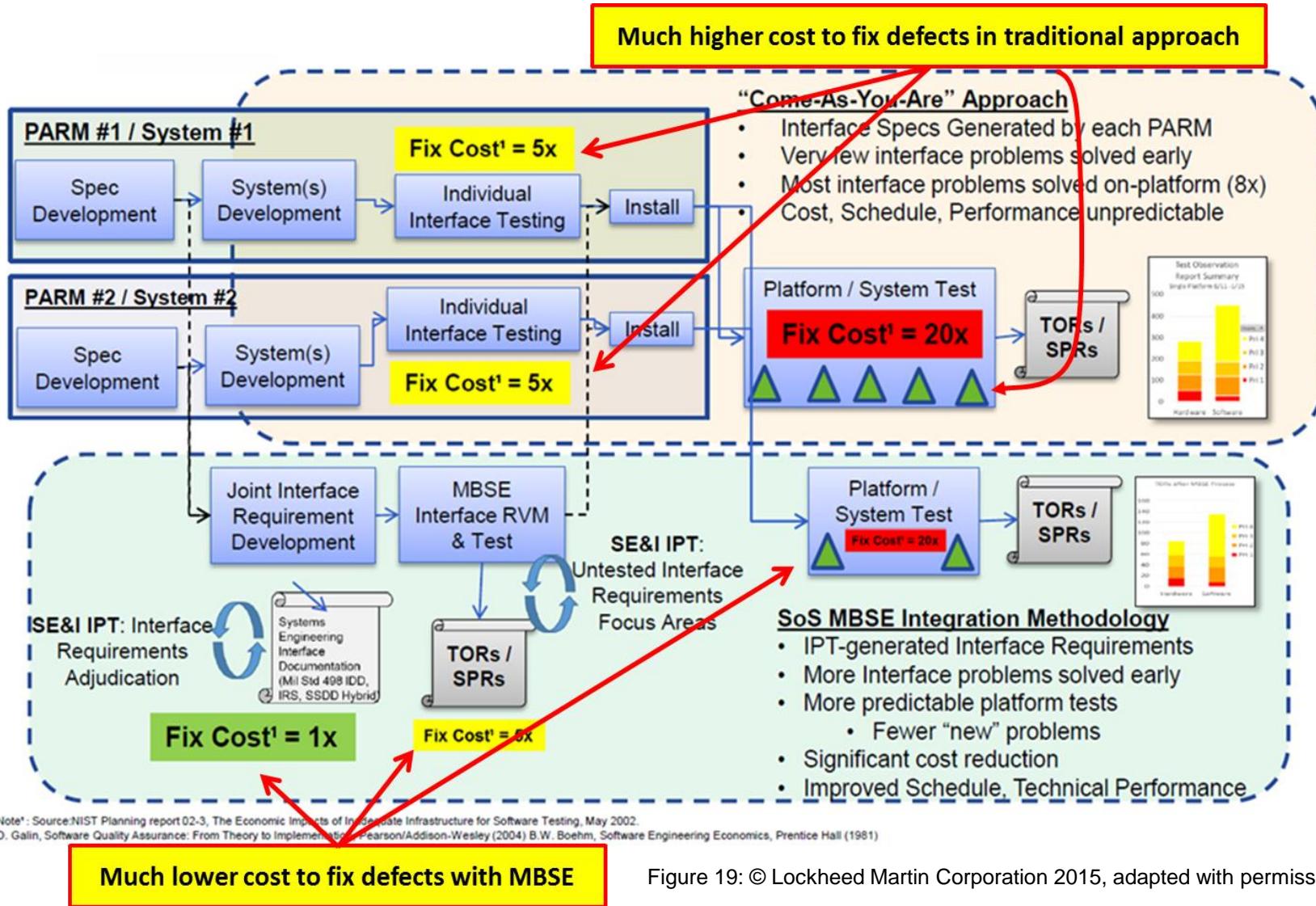


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MBSE Provides Significant Advantage

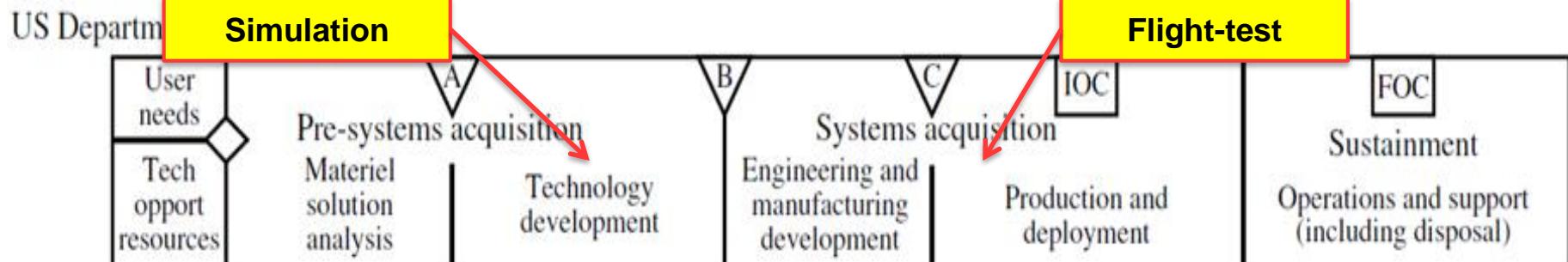
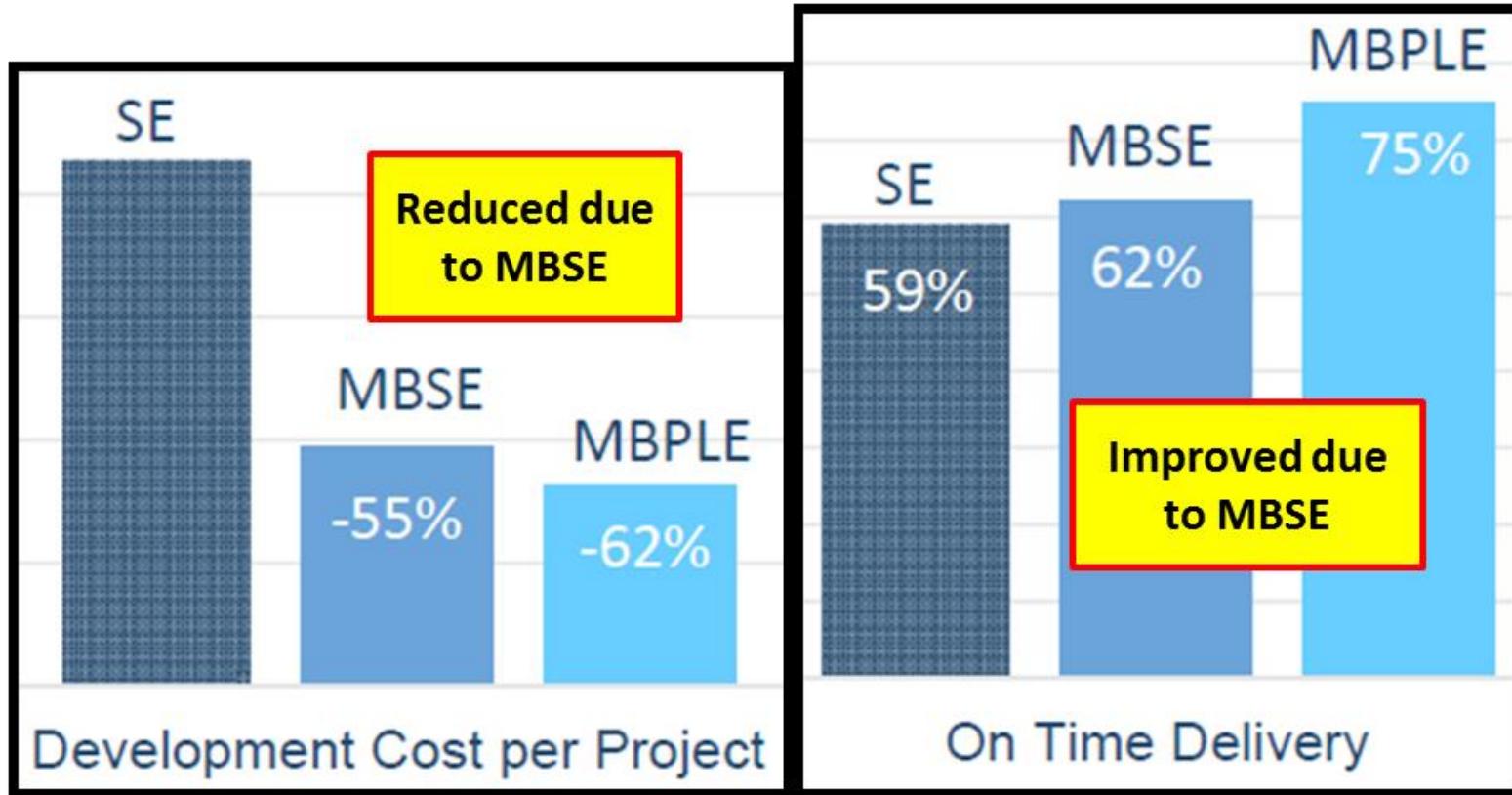


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MBSE Provides Significant Advantage



MBSE is an extension of Systems Engineering,
And model-based product line engineering is an extension of MBSE

SE Improves Engineering Efficiency

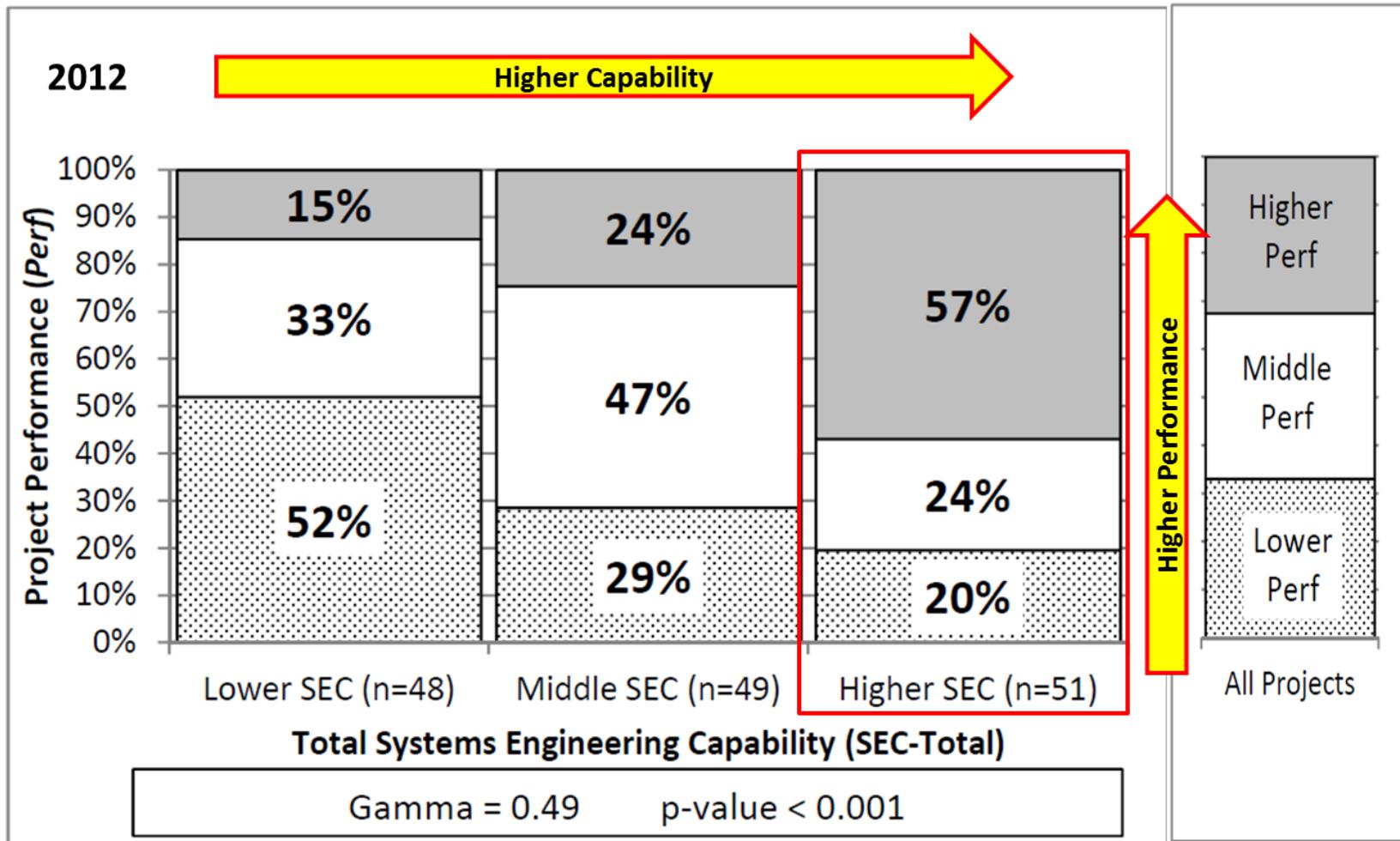


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MBSE Prevents Defects and Rework

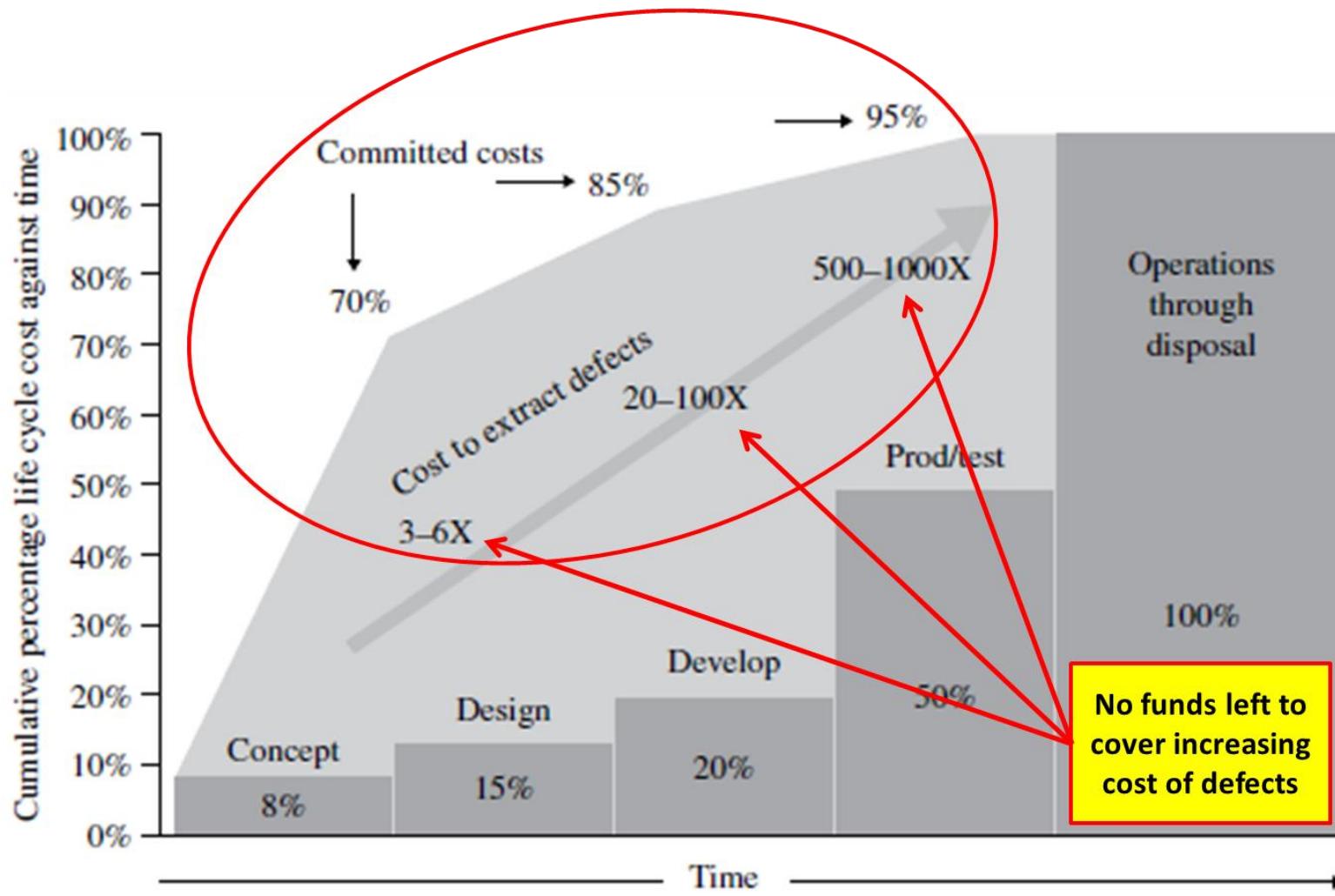


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SEs Need to Drive Engineering Processes

Overall Development Time (weeks)

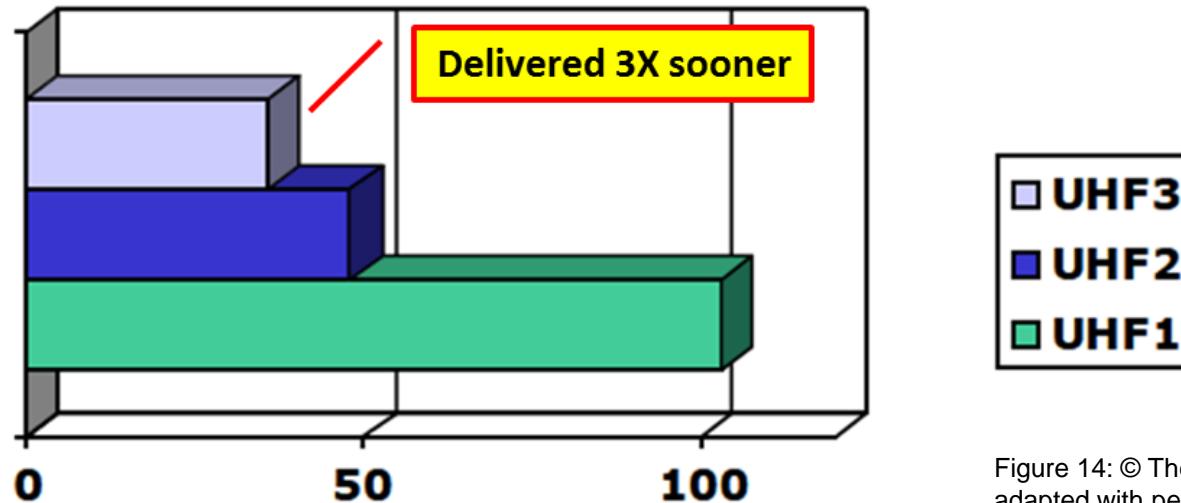
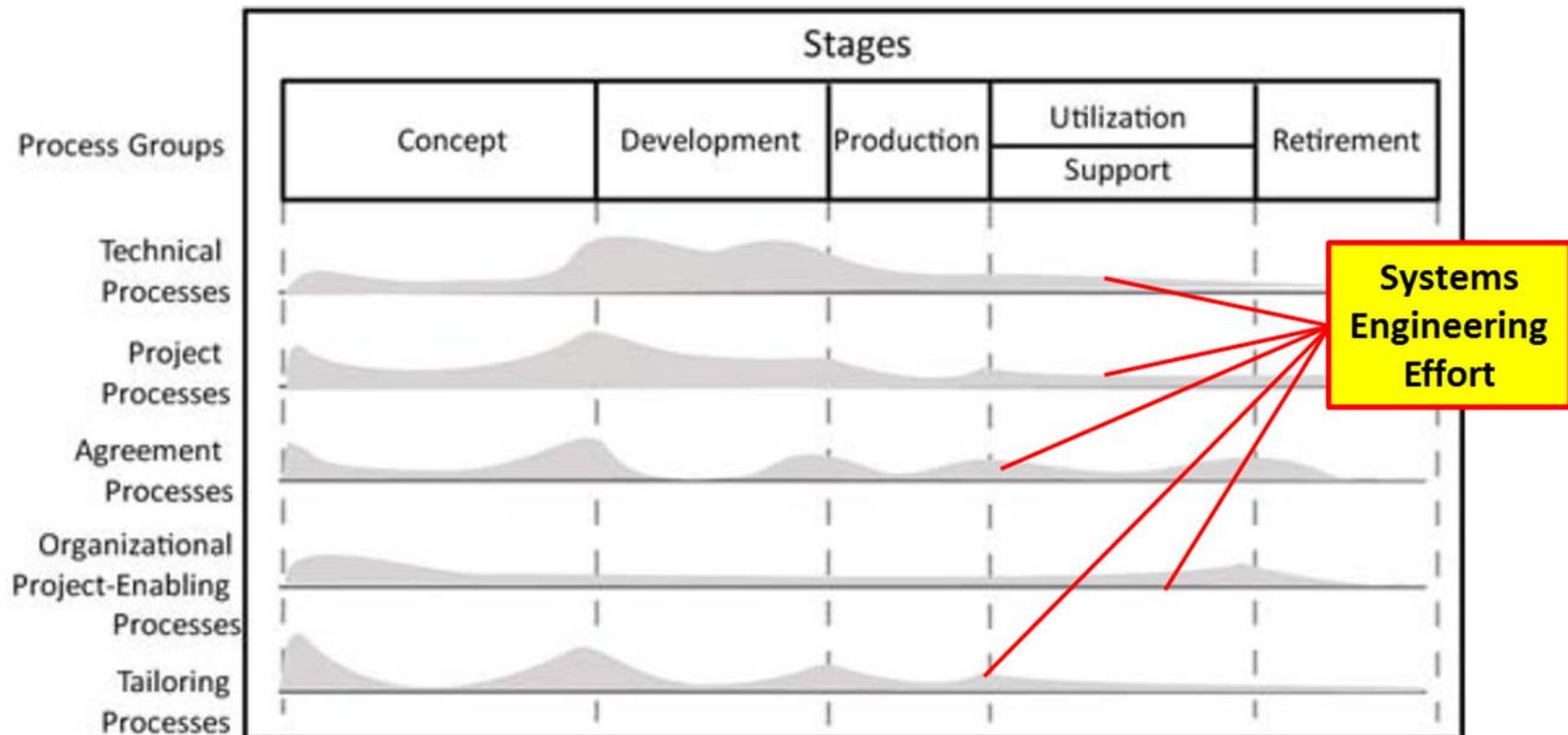


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- To effect delivery, SEs must drive their processes
 - First change the model, then change the system
 - High access to systems management, who pays attention

Skilled SEs are Needed to Drive Engineering Processes



- Delivery times are not effected by data entry clerks
- Systems Engineers must be well trained engineers
 - MBSE employs new techniques, tools, and processes

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The data shows an optimal SE staffing at 12-17% of total

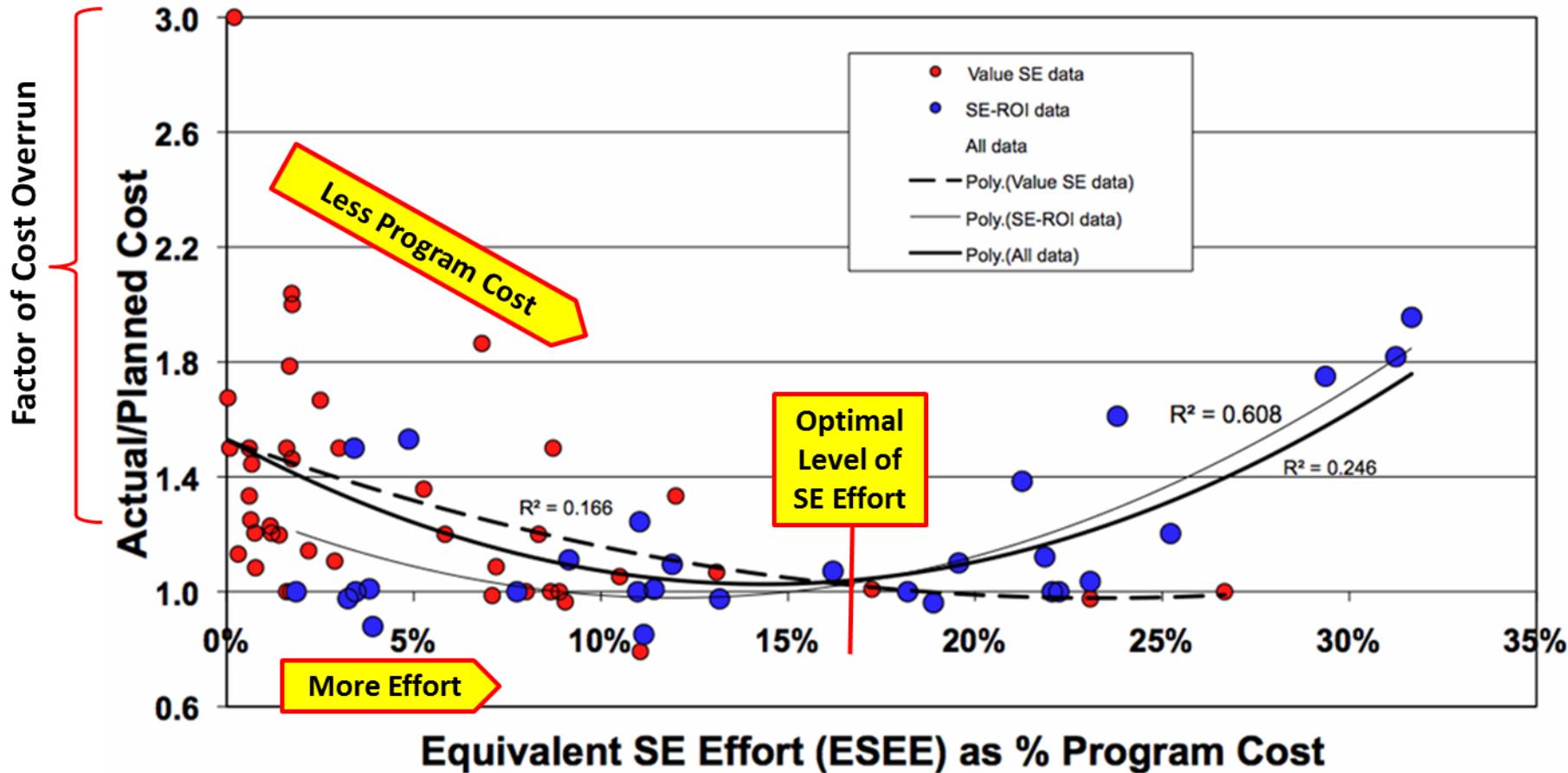


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Adding MBSE to the SE Foundation?

- Good SE = Good Program Performance
- Good SE → begets → Good MBSE
- Good MBSE = Good program Performance
- The model becomes the center of information
 - For Communication – across team and across program
 - For Technical Process Performance
 - For Technical Management Processes

The Keys to effectiveness

- From our Systematic Literature Review of the industry, the following findings were reported as keys for effectiveness:
 - Engage Systems Engineers as engineering process leaders
 - Diligently perform defined (iterative) SE processes
 - Plan for Systems Engineering effort to be highest early in the project
 - Plan for an optimal SE staffing is up to 12-17% of total program staffing

Engage System Engineers as technical leaders of these processes

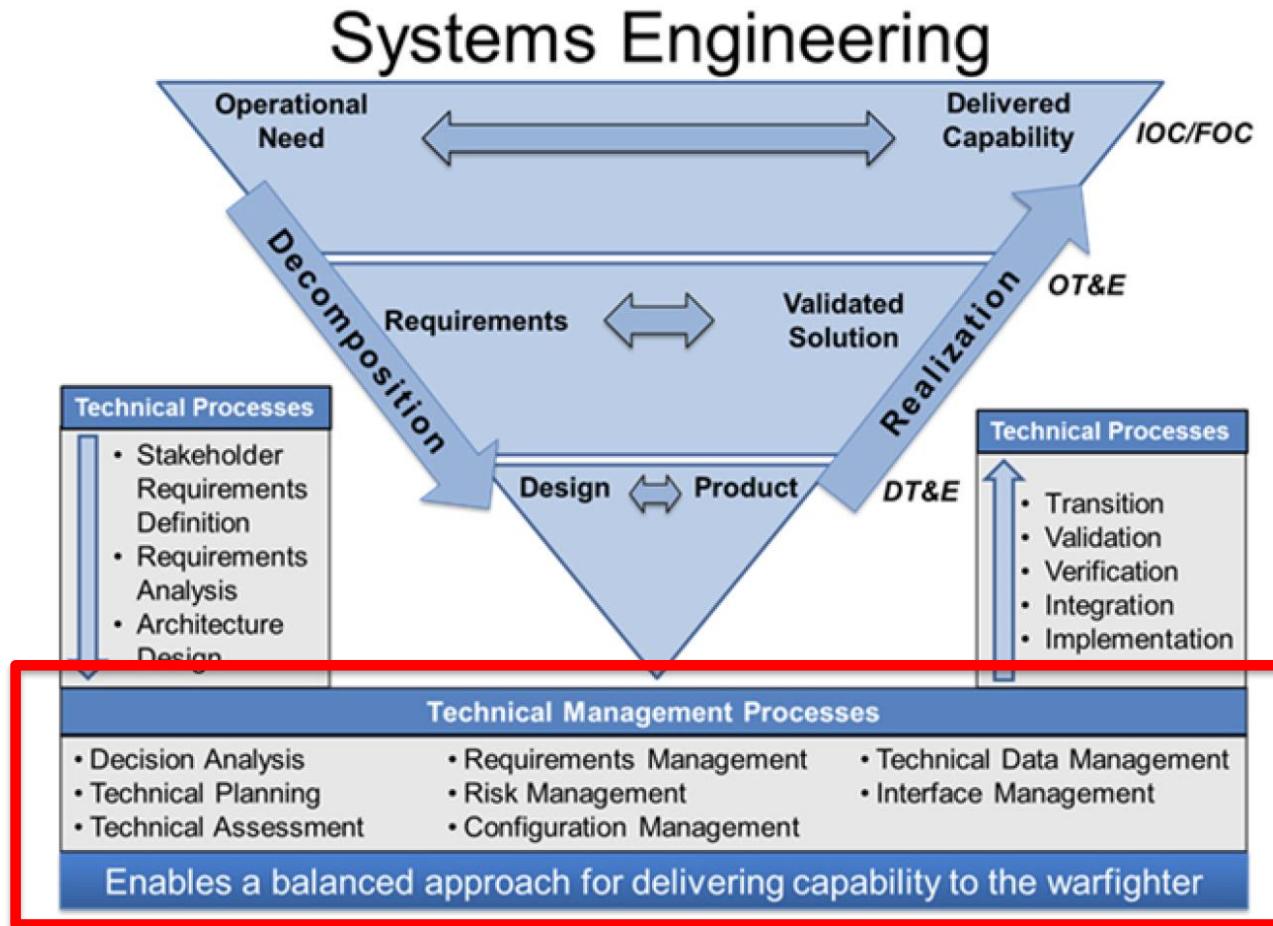


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Systems Engineers Need Support

- **Systems Engineers as Technical Leaders**
 - They have the view of the entire system
 - They have the view of change impact
 - They have the understanding of requirements
 - They are responsible for risk, analysis, assessments, configuration, and interfaces

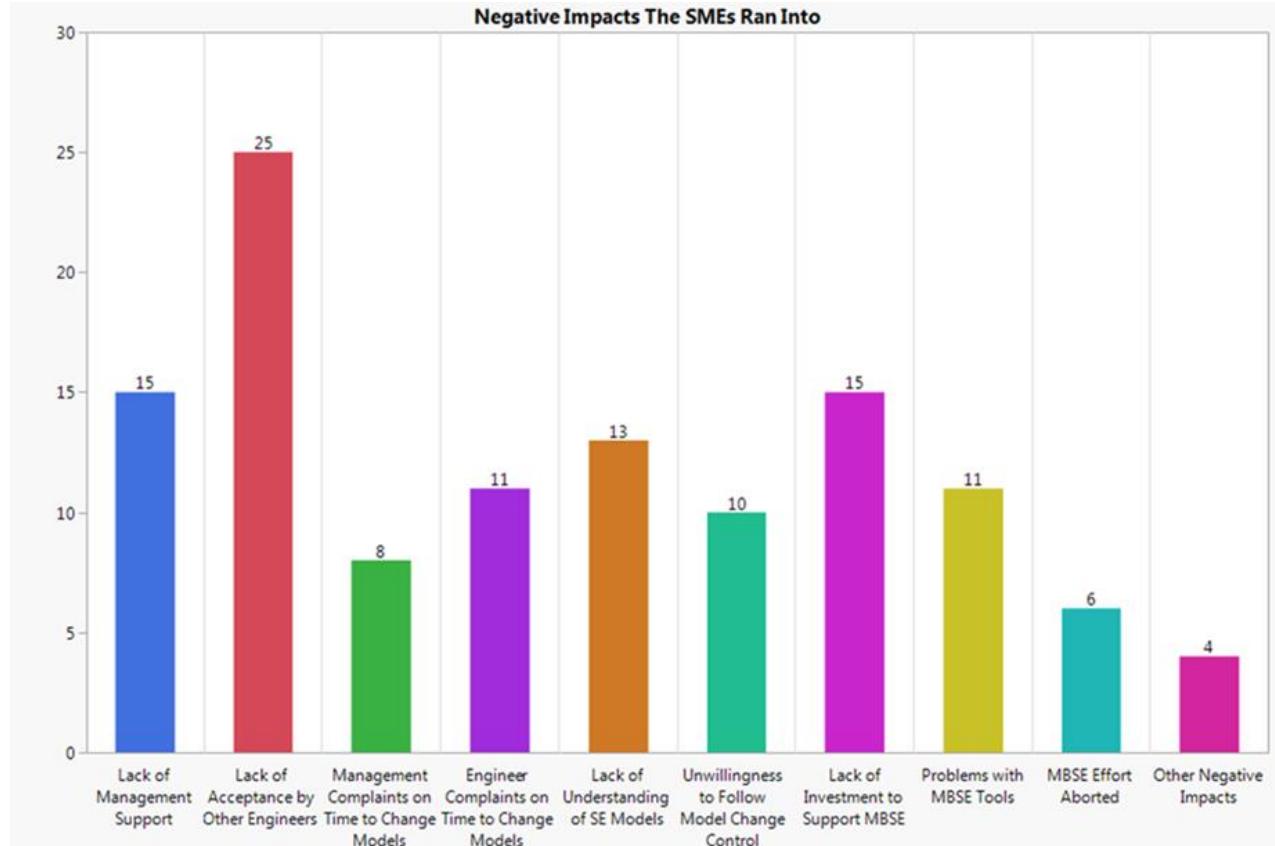


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Key Processes – Iterate through feedback

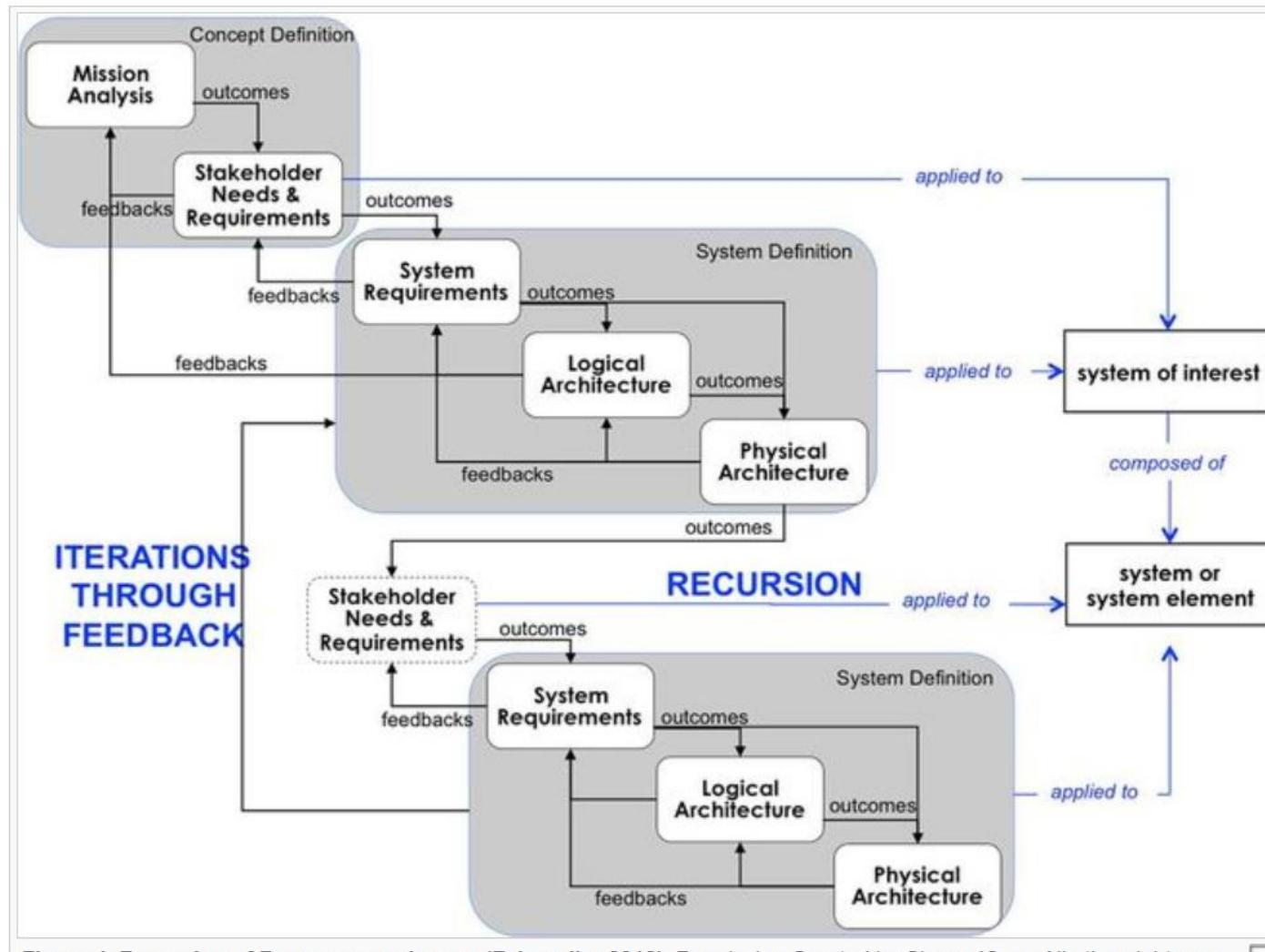


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SE Effort is highest early in project

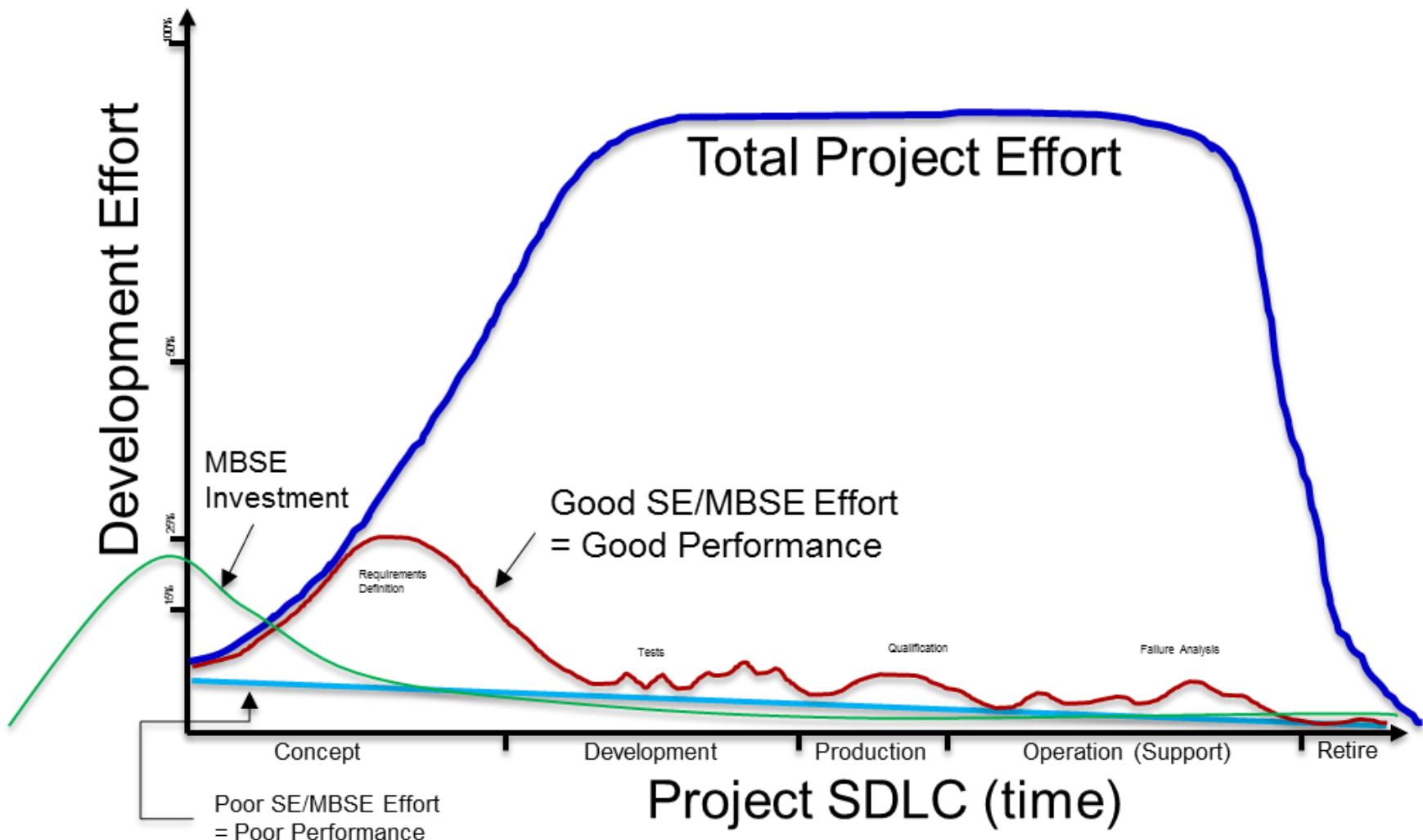


Figure 25

Prerequisites

- Well documented SE processes that spans the SDLC
- Trained systems engineers
- Access to training in the SE processes at SNL
- Defined processes for model management throughout the SDLC
- Invest in full scale MBSE tools

Commitments

- Initiate modeling with appropriate staffing levels at the beginning of a program
- Configuration manage the model “change the model first, then the design”
- Provide continuous resources to maintain the models throughout the SDLC
- Provide MBSE resources and models to support qualification
- Provide appropriate computing infrastructure throughout SDLC

Orion - Human Space Flight

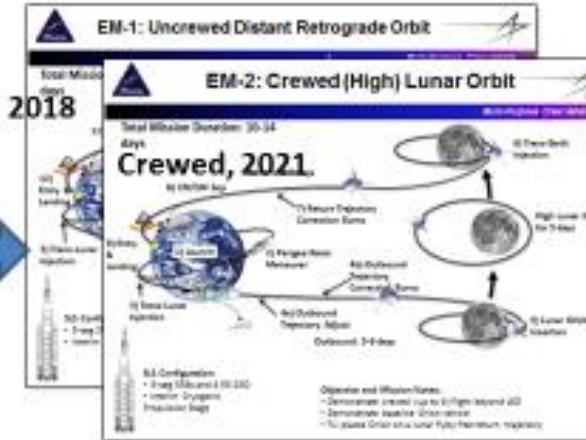
“Orion was designed from inception to fly multiple, deep-space missions. The spacecraft is an incredibly robust, technically advanced vehicle capable of safely transporting humans to asteroids, Lagrange Points and other deep space destinations that will put us on an affordable and sustainable path to Mars.”

Lockheed Martin Space Systems

Denver, CO
100% system reliability required
Model-centric customer (NASA)
Core MBSE Team



- NASA's human space exploration vehicle (CEV / Orion / MPCV)
- LM is prime contractor (2006 award)
- First orbital test flight Dec 4th, 2014
- Uncrewed test to DRO Lunar orbit (2018)
- First Crewed flight, Lunar orbit, 2021



Europa Exploration Mission

“This effort entails a highly complex integration of extensive modifications and numerous subsystems which must seamlessly interface with each other in order to meet the NASA ‘no fail’ mission.”

JPL

Pasadena, CA
Model-driven
customer
(NASA)
100% digital
design and
documentation



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