What are the prerequisites to effectively using MBSE?

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Agenda

- What are the most common barriers and enablers to using MBSE?
- Which are the hardest to overcome, and conversely the most persuasive to those reluctant to implement?
- Are, and if so how, are the other MBSE domains (e.g., behavior, architecture/structure, verification and validation) incorporated during the requirements stage?



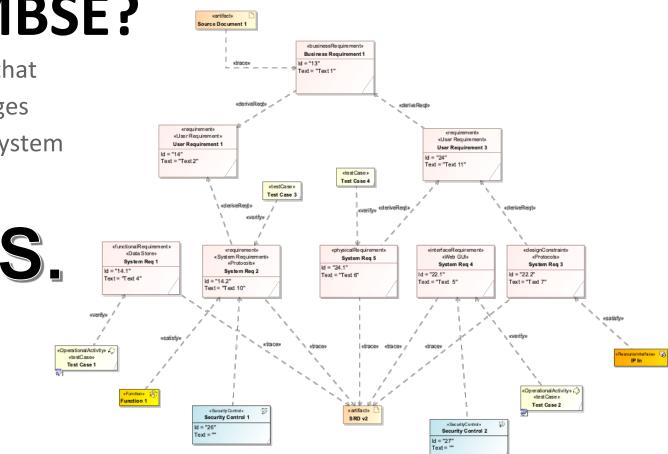


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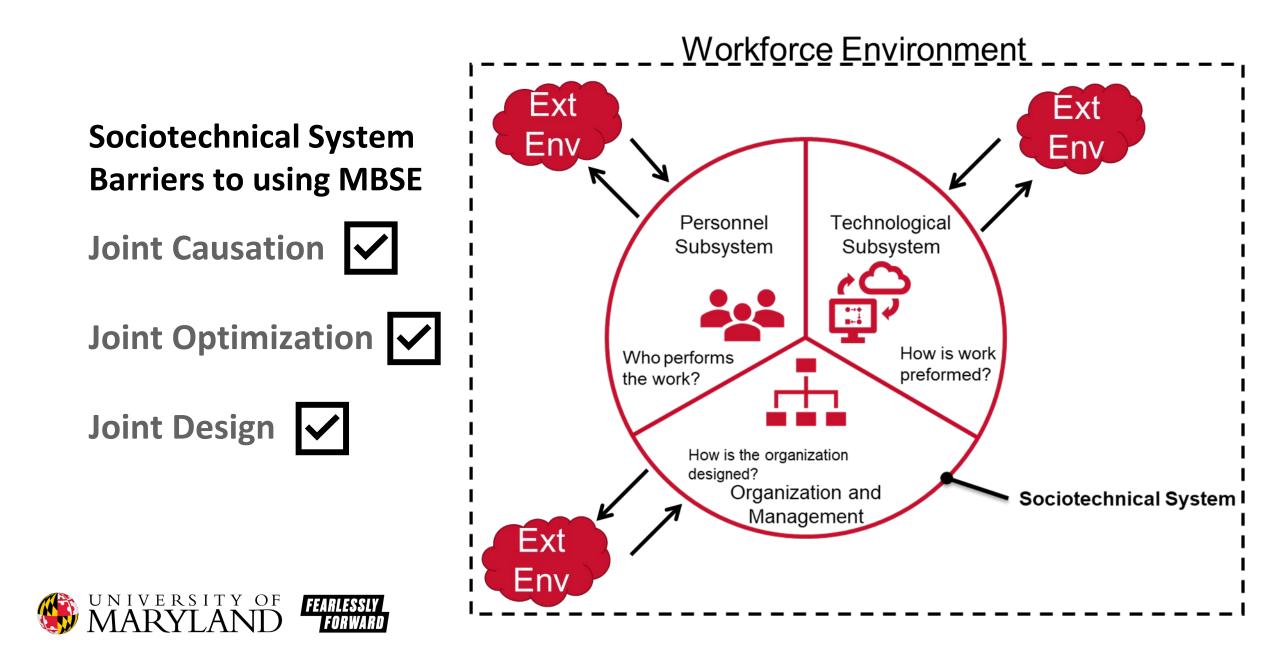
- The system shall provide a search facility that will allow full-text searching of all web pages that the user is permitted to access. The system must support the following searches:
 - find all words specified
 - find any word specified
 - find the exact phrase
 - Boolean search

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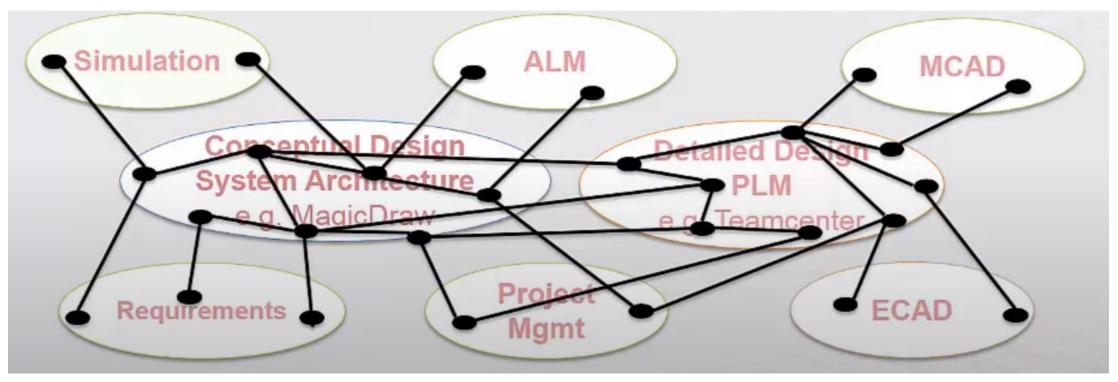


Which are the hardest to overcome, and conversely the most persuasive to those reluctant to implement?

- Any efforts that do not redesign the work system
 - Personnel: Training is easy and cost effective. Just do it!
 - Technology: Each release of COTS tools are more capable and aligning better with standards
 - Policy: Do not make mountains of mole hills!
- Any efforts that do not embrace using computational systems in the process
 - Personnel: Do not force a change on the workforce and then not let it take advantage of efficient technology
 - Technology: Do you burn \$100 bills to stay warm?
 - Policy: Again, you own it, so change it!



But wait! There's more...



Links must span multiple tools, often multiple vendors, that may utilize multiple standards. Technology is the easy challenge to solve, but it is still not trivial.

Figure from: Zwemer, D., "Connecting SysML with PLM/ALM, CAD, Simulation, Requirements, and Project Management Tools", Intercax LLC, May 2011. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9Xkc4RoaN0



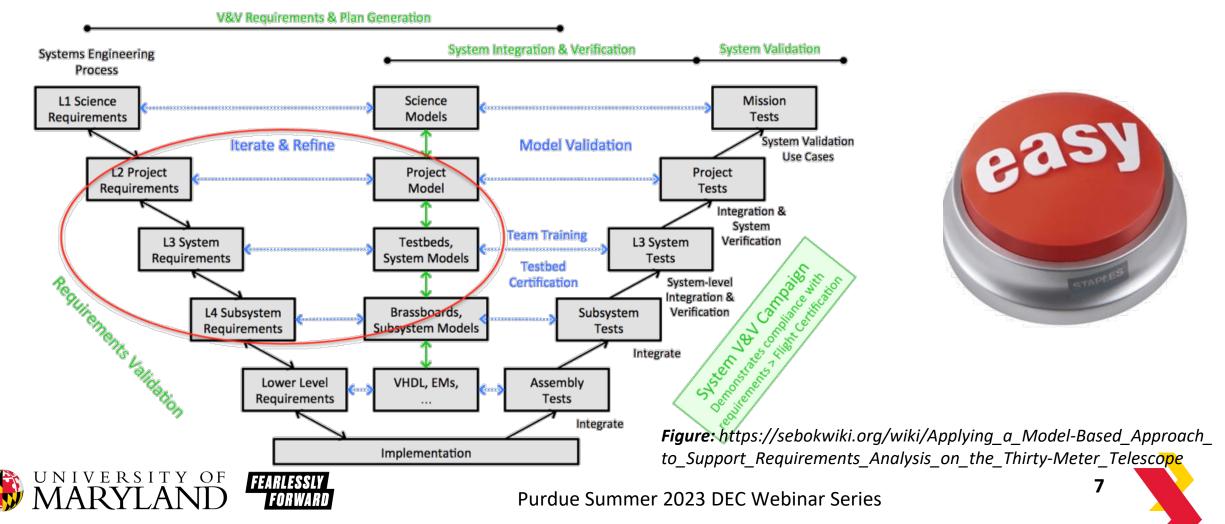


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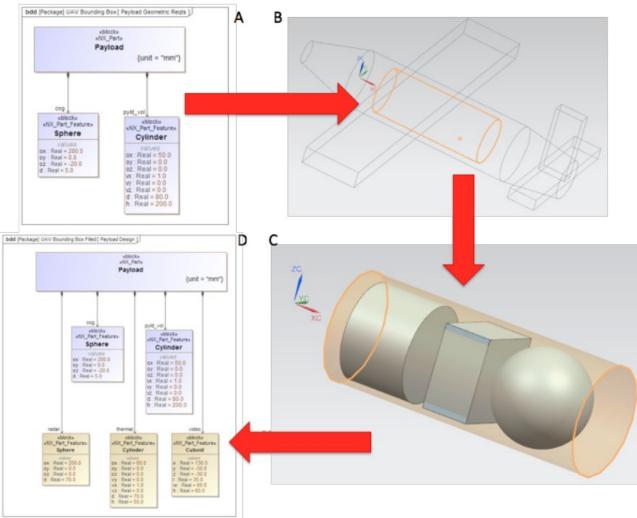


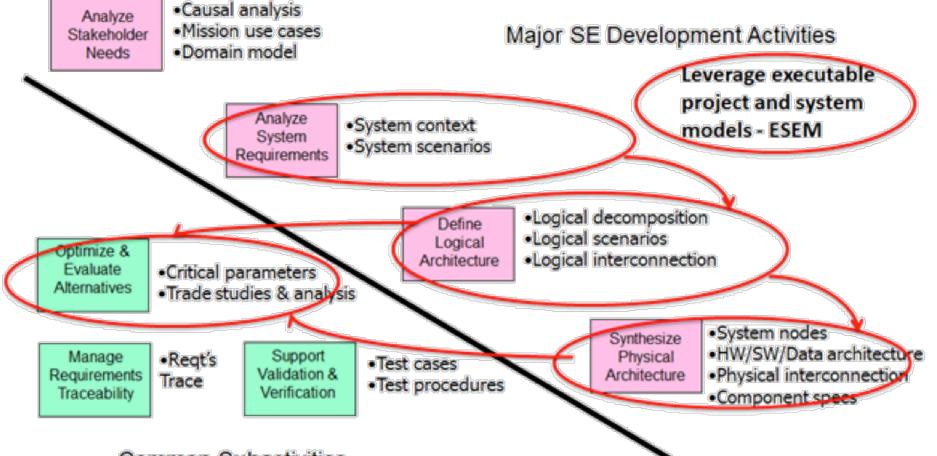
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Object Oriented Systems Engineering Method (OOSEM)



Common Subactivities

FEARLESSLY

FORWARD

Friedenthal, S., Moore, A., & Steiner, R. (2015). A practical guide to SysML : the systems modeling language (Third edit, p. xxiii, 606 pages). Figure: https://sebokwiki.org/wiki/Applying a Model-Based Approach to Support Requirements Analysis on the Thirty-Meter Telescope UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

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In Closing,

What are the prerequisites to effectively using MBSE?

Jointly understanding the needs of your people, technology, and policies. Do not go blindly into deploying MBSE as only a technology project.

Thank you!

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