



# MBSE Opportunities and Challenges for Systems of Systems:

**An Australian Research and Practice Perspective** 

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## **Current MBSE Adoption**





#### MBSE has been adopted in major defence projects in Australia

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# **New SoSE Initiatives**



- Integrated Operational Concept Document (IOCD) initiative to ensure projects are developed with an integrated framework:
  - Project portfolio management; and
  - Across projects dependency.
- Enterprise Modelling Royal Australian Navy
  - MBSE in organizational modelling and design; and
  - Model-based change impact analysis from the enterprise model through to engineered system models.



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### **Recent MBSE research**



- Model-based system acquisition (DSIC, DSTO, FNC)
- Model-based technical risk assessment (DSTO, ACPL)
- Model-based return on investment (UniSA, DSTO)





## **MBSE Opportunities and Challenges** for Systems of Systems (1)



- MBSoSE has a low TRL, need to promote adoption through:
  - Stakeholder persuasion with well-supported arguments, Rol, case studies, etc;
  - Attention to non-modelling aspects: collective training, policies, processes, guidance, tool infrastructure etc; and
  - Organizational support and incentives for SE to operate in a Systems of System engineering environment.
- Diverse and conflicting stakeholder imperatives, address through:
  - Stakeholder knowledge model;
  - Success criteria for SOS and their constituent systems; and
  - Mechanisms to trace impact of CS and SoSE changes on success criteria and individual stakeholder imperatives.



**MBSE Opportunities and Challenges** for Systems of Systems (2)



- MBSE models are largely static and descriptive, how can they be made dynamic and executable to cope with emergent behavior of SOS?
- Numerous tools and modelling approaches employed across constituent systems (Projects select tool environment), and need:
  - Model interoperability:
  - Standardized model interfaces between tools;
  - Standardised metamodels;
  - Compliable executable models; and
  - Model sustainability and obsolesce management.



MBSE Opportunities and Challenges for Systems of Systems (3)



# Change management:

- Compatible knowledge management of evolving constituent systems; and
- SoSE tools need to alert SoS team to critical CS changes and indicate impact on performance, 'ilities, SoS capability, risk, individual stakeholders.
- SOS modelling effort need to address:
  - Affordability
  - stopping criteria

## These address some of the SoS Pain Points





#### Complexity, Perspectives, Interdependencies, Dynamics

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