

# What is Digital Engineering at NASA?



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*"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory."  
(W. Edwards - Deming Institute, 2019)*



# Why Digitally Transform NASA?



**ENDURING**  
**BOLD**  
**MISSION...**

REACH  
NEW  
HEIGHTS

BENEFIT  
ALL  
HUMANKIND

REVEAL  
THE  
UNKNOWN



**...NOW IN A CHANGING WORLD**

- Increasingly bold & complex missions
- Increasingly partnered
- Increasingly fast
- Increasingly affordable
- Increasingly transparent
- Increasingly inclusive





# NASA's DT Strategic Framework



**3** FUTURE STATE GOALS

**4** TRANSFORMATION TARGETS

**5** DIGITAL LEVERS

**6** TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATIONS

**7<sup>+</sup>** MISSION OUTCOMES



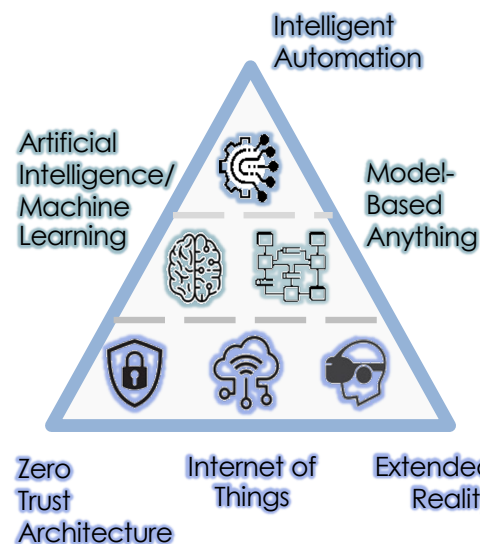
Establish Interoperable **Architectures**

Transform Critical **Processes**

Maximize the Impact of our **Data**

Adopt Common **Tools**

Strengthen Inclusive<sup>3</sup> **Teaming**

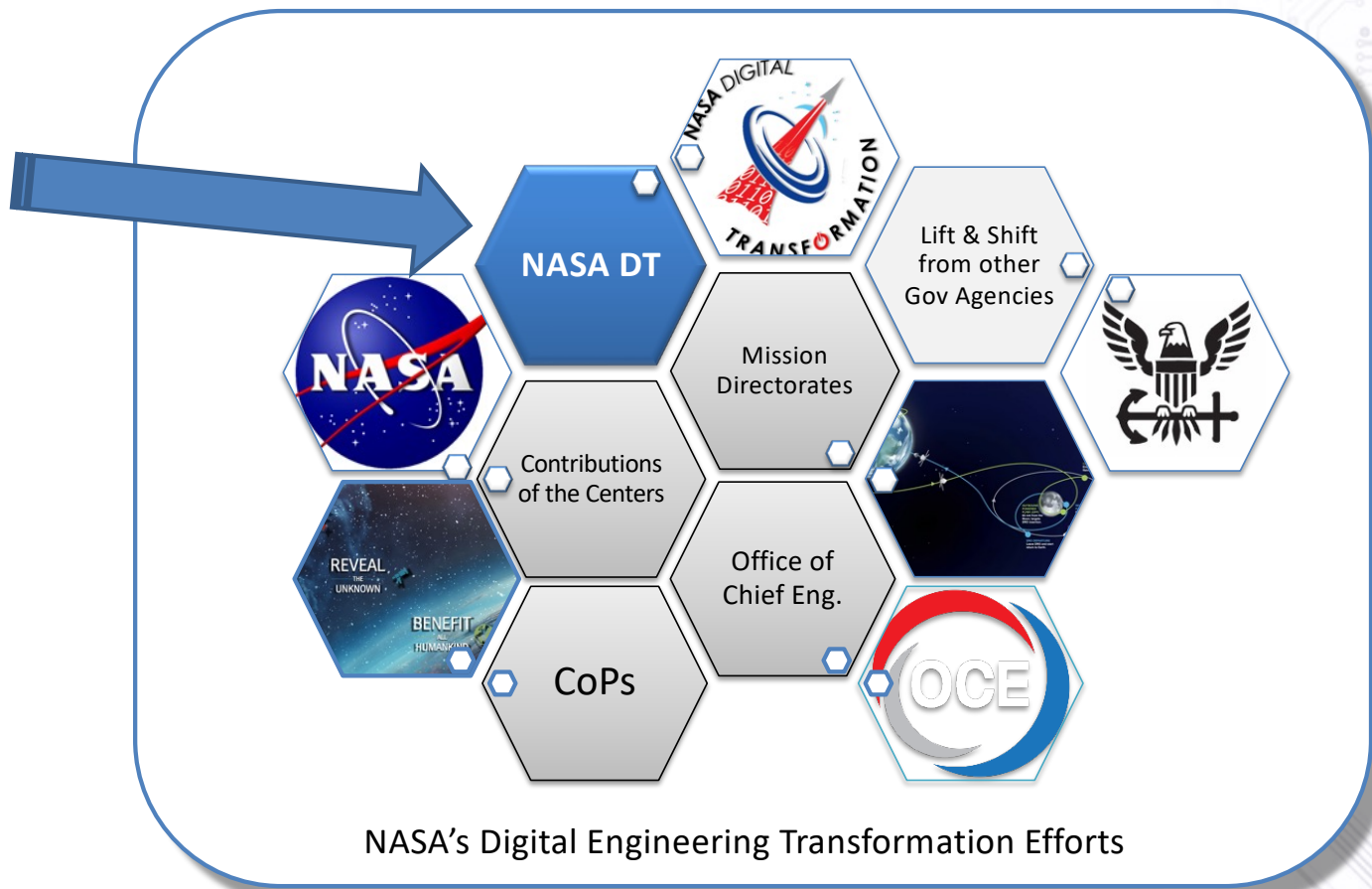


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**One Future NASA**

# Transformation of Engineering – It Takes a Village



# Digital Engineering Transformation will be different for everyone



*"Always remember that you are absolutely unique; just like everyone else." – Margaret Mead*

If your Company / Org was born:

Each of these paths will be different...

In the last 5-8 years

You were "born digital"



Your processes are efficient & serial only when necessary. Therefore:

- Corporate information can be found in databases, data aggregators and data lakes
- Processes **create/access** information via federated sources of truth and can follow the data thread via tools which use industry standards for interoperability and data threads.

8-15 years ago

Software



Your processes can be serial, because you learned from your predecessors, but you have moments of efficiency. Therefore:

- Your processes are serial/parallel hybrid
- Corporate information can be found in electronic documents, databases, html pages, SharePoint lists
- Processes allow the **exchange** information via links to information/data

More than ~15 years ago

iPhone - 2007

HTML 5 – 2008

Together they culturally changed how we interact with information



Your processes are largely serial, because they are effectively the same as they were when you were founded or have changed very little since then.

Therefore:

- Your processes are serial
- Corporate information is largely locked in electronic (or paper) documents still
- Processes require people to **send/received** information via electronic documents via email, share drives, & PLMs



For the Old Timers Organizations Who were born  
More than 15 years ago

# So where do we start?!?

NASA didn't invent digital engineering "sliced bread", but I'm  
going to tell you how we're slicing ours.

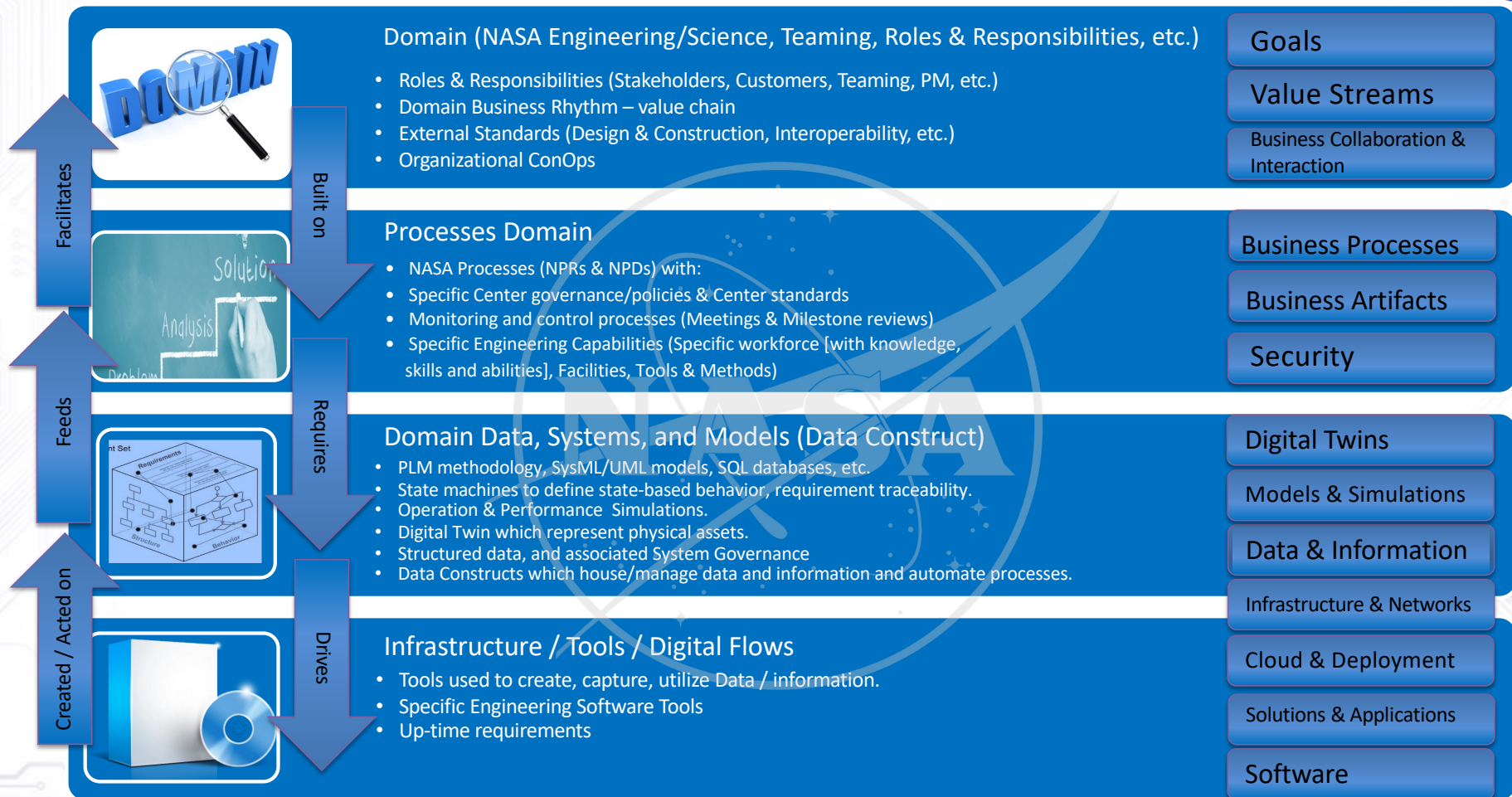
**Transforming 65 Years of Engineering Legacy**

# The “4-Layer Cake” Analysis for Identification of Digital Transformation Opportunities

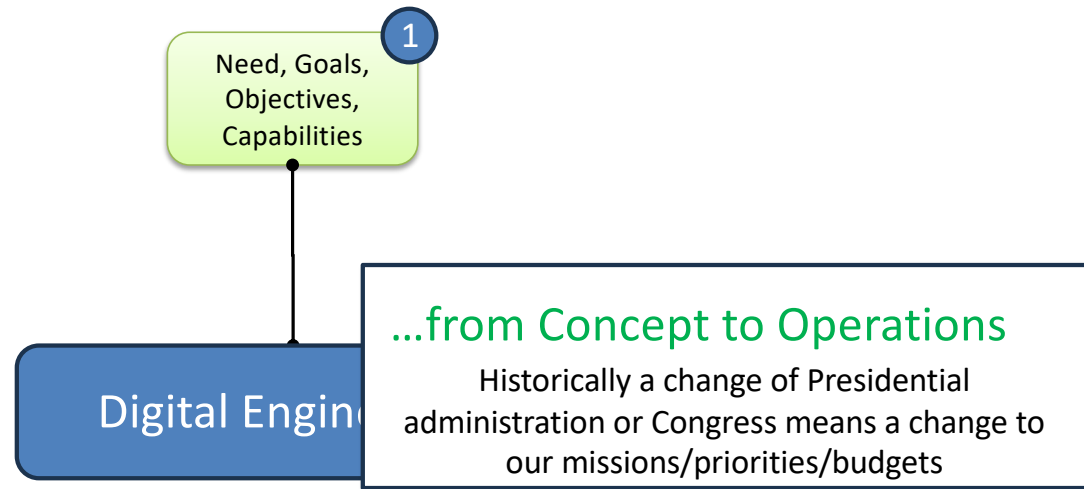


Developed by the Office of Chief Engineer’s Digital Engineering Leadership Team

## Architectural Elements



# What is Digital Engineering at NASA



Improve how the Agency Engineering Domain operates over the entire NASA lifecycle by effectively managing complexity, reducing cost and schedule, and improving product integrity via the integration of processes, digital tools, and techniques along with seamless flow of information throughout the engineering system development life-cycle (concept development, design, testing and validation, manufacturing and operations).

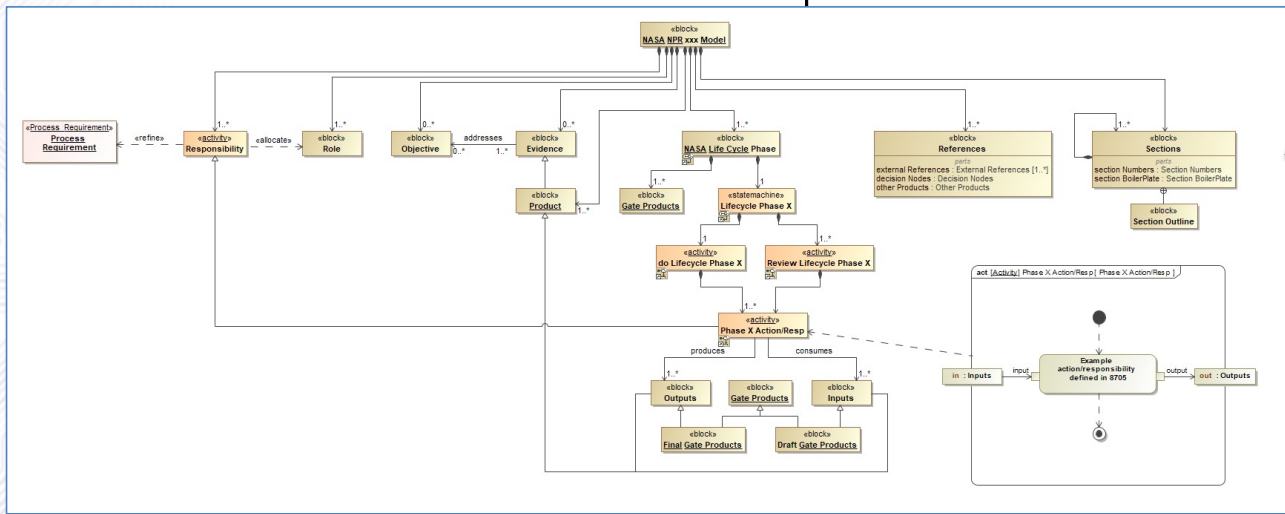
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1  
Need, Goals,  
Objectives,  
Capabilities

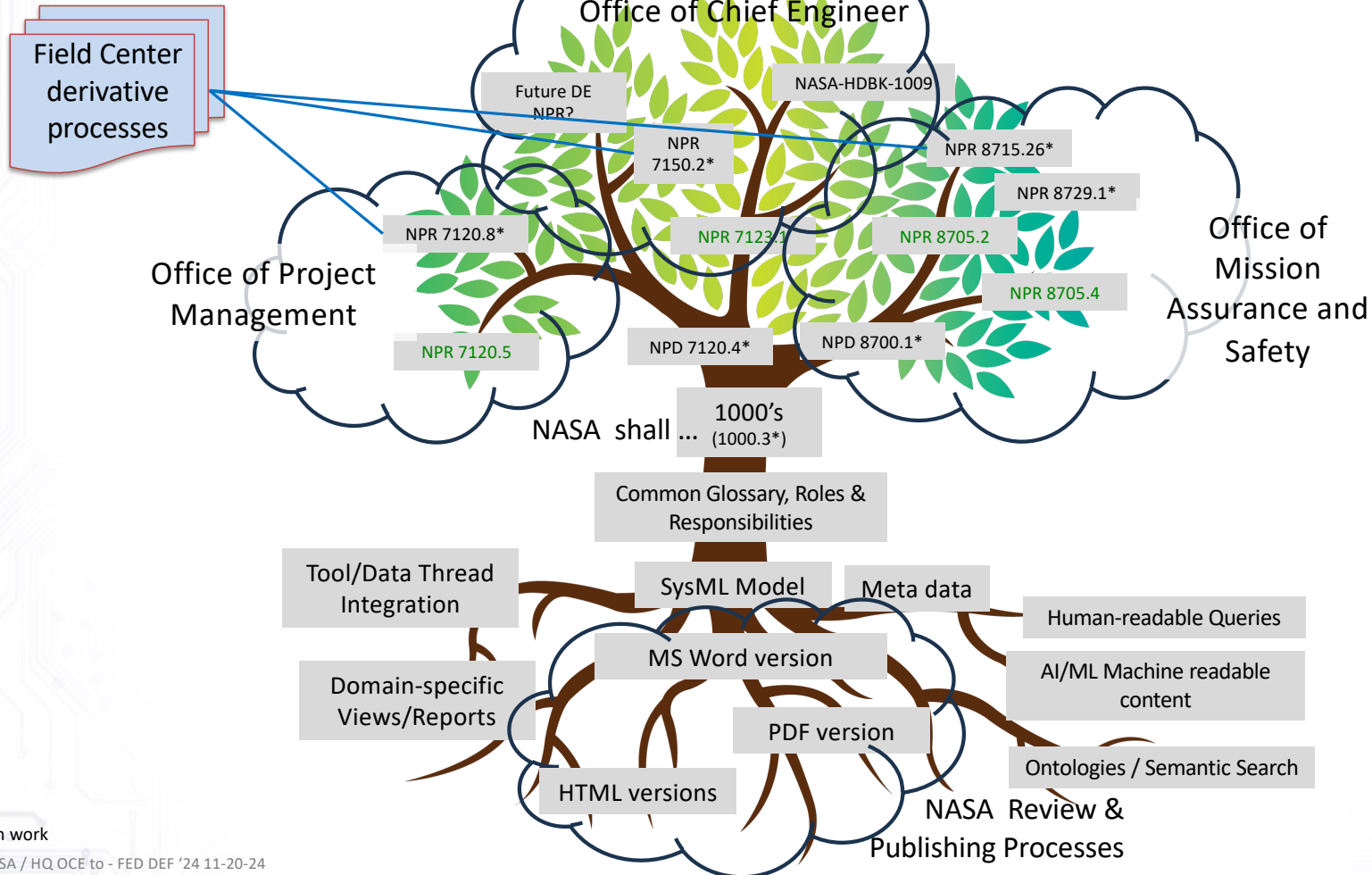
2  
Processes

Data-centric optimization  
of NPD 7120.4, NPR  
7123.1, 7120.5/.8, 8705





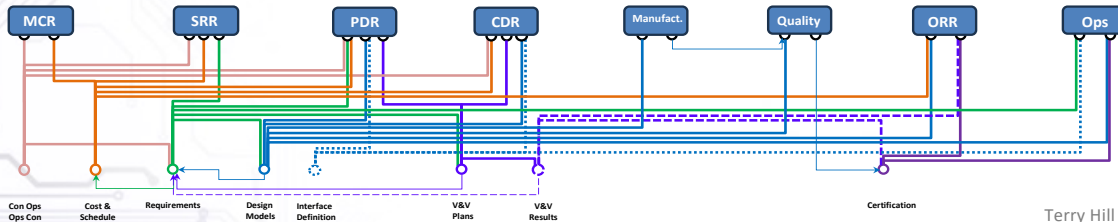
# Linked Modes, Common Elements, & Artifacts



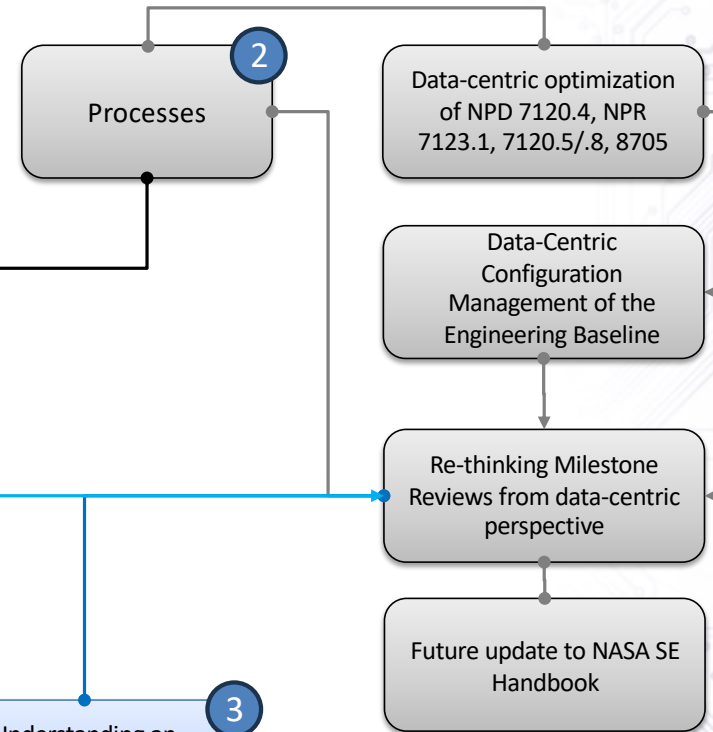
\* Modeling in work

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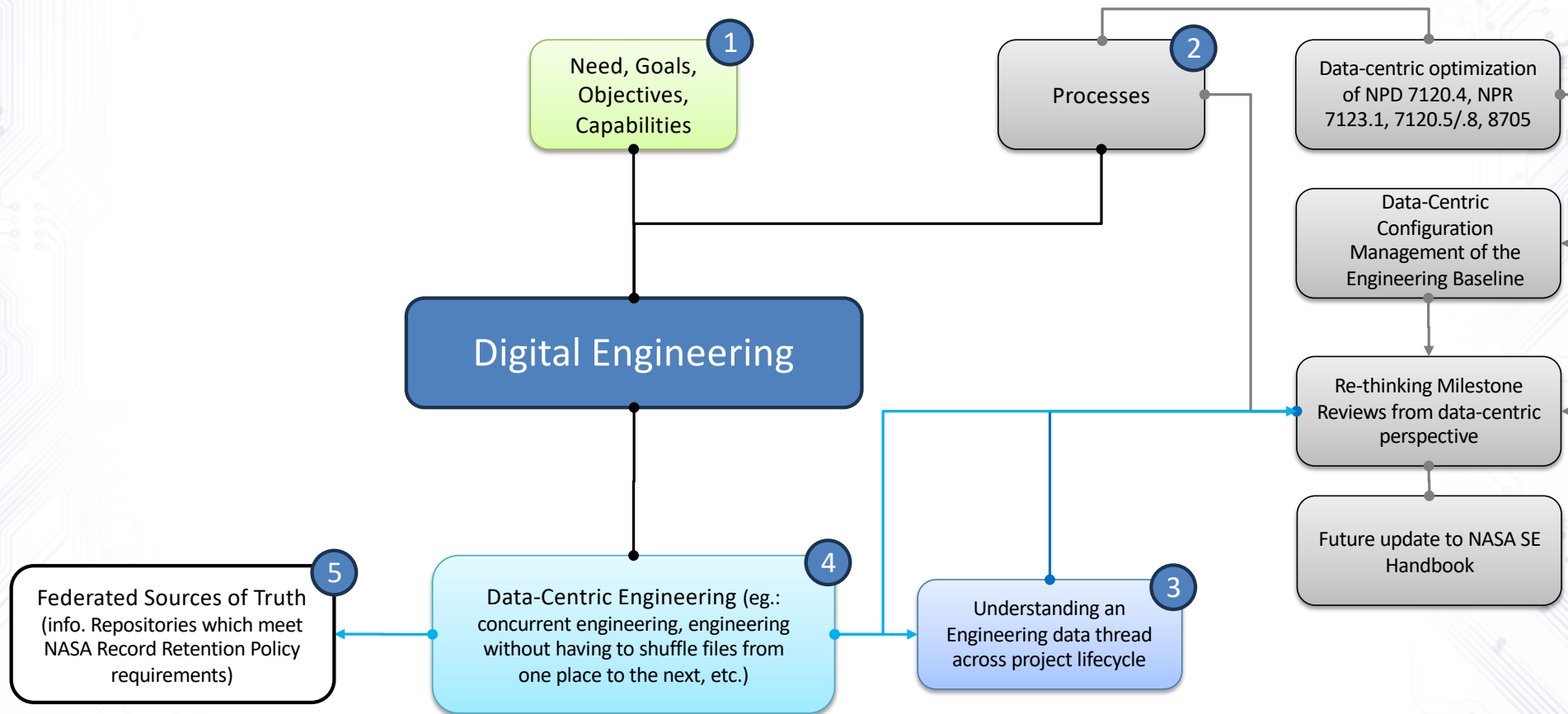
4 Data-Centric Engineering (eg.: concurrent engineering, engineering without having to shuffle files from one place to the next, etc.)

3 Understanding an Engineering data thread across project lifecycle

## Data Thread Layers

Data/model Pedigree	• relation to design/testing CM
Configuration management	• Baseline release • Working version
Information	• Text • Meta data
Parameter	• alpha • numeric

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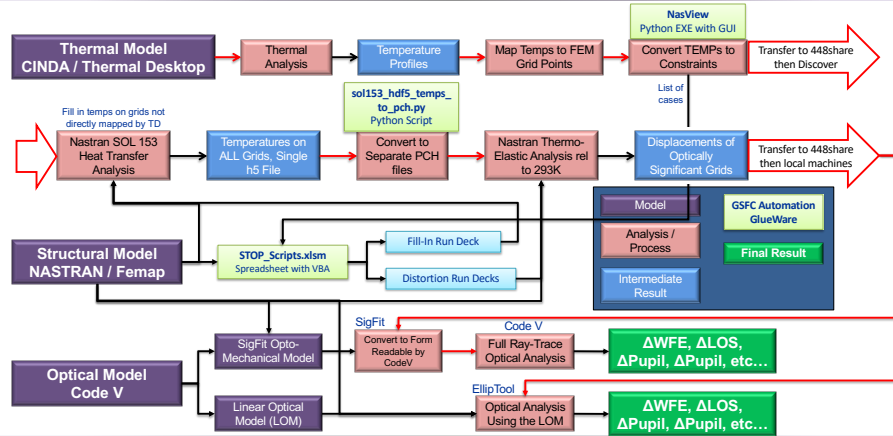


GSFC

## Roman STOP Production Run Process (M. Akkerman)



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6  
Toolchains  
(learning how, sharing Lessons Learned)

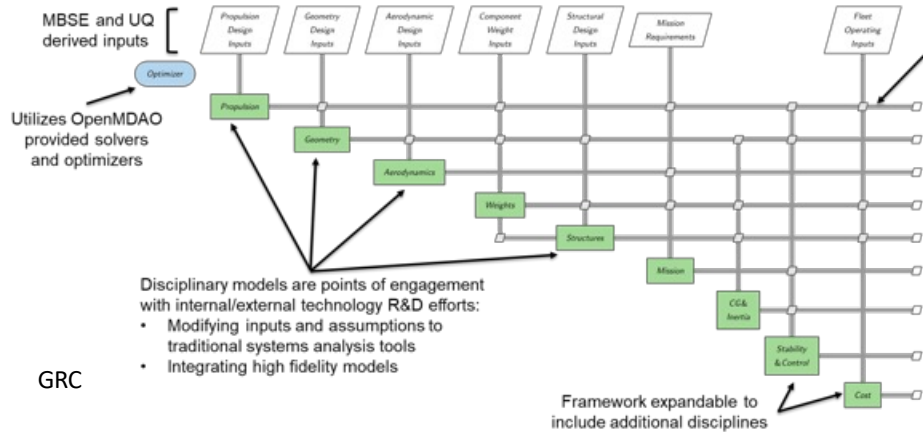
5  
Federated Sources of Truth  
(info. Repositories which meet NASA Record Retention Policy requirements)

Data-centric optimization of NPD 7120.4, NPR 7123.1, 7120.5/.8, 8705

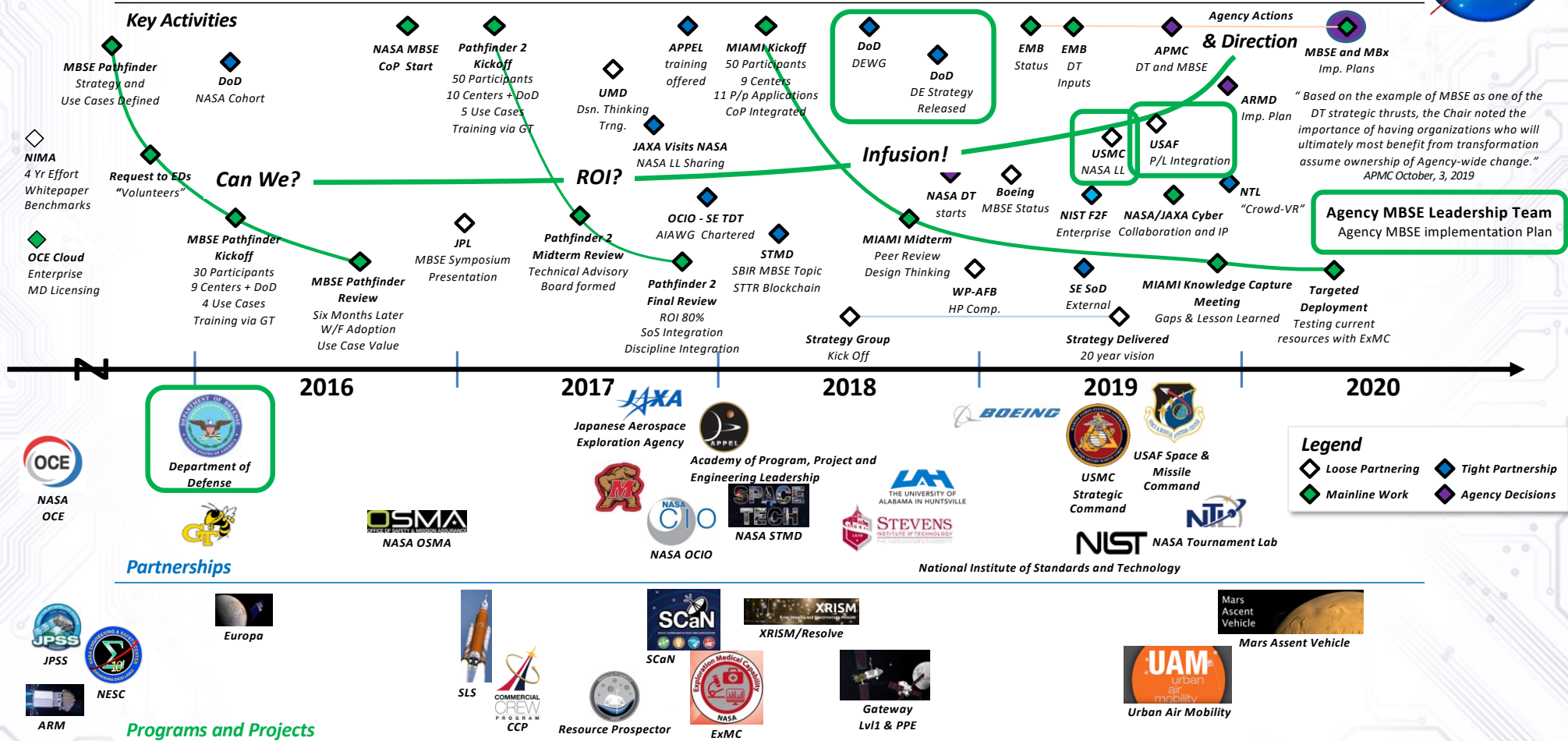
Data-Centric Configuration Management of the Engineering Baseline

Re-thinking Milestone Review from data-centric perspective

Update to NASA SE handbook



# MBSE Infusion at NASA





# Systems Engineering/MBSE Accomplishments as part of NASA Digital Engineering Efforts

Utilizing workforce volunteer time

## FY20

- Feb. '20 - MBSE Leadership Team (MLT) established by the Engineering Management Board per action from APMC
- NASA released its NASA-HDBK-1004 NASA Digital Engineering Acquisition Framework Handbook and includes contractual language for statements of work and provided information referencing topics such as Data Requirements Descriptions, model-based data definition, collaboration, architecture, interoperability standards, and general guidance for model-based product/data acquisition requirements.
- CY19 Office of Chief Engineering piloted MagicDraw (SysML modeling tool) with Teamwork Cloud (model management)

## FY21

- Continued to build MLT with reps. from most centers
- Piloted the INCOSE MBSE Capability assessment to determine usefulness to NASA
- Initiated the MBSE/SysML (Systems Engineering Modeling Language) Orion Digital Twin to address insight concerns by Orion Chief Eng.

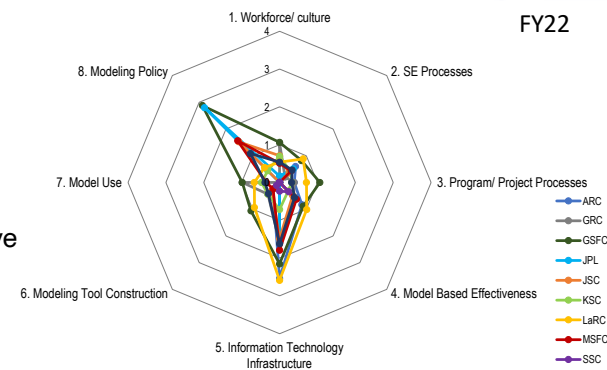
## FY22

- Incorporated the MLT into the larger NASA Digital Engineering (DE) Agency team.
- Performed initial high-rez MBSE Capability assessment & collected center priorities and vanguard examples.
- NASA Released NASA-HBK-1009 MBSE Modeling Handbook
- APPEL offered 4 of the 5-tiered MBSE Course from beginner to expert via requirements from MLT
- Completed the MBSE/SysML Orion Digital Twin
- Initiated the modeling of NPR 7123, 7120.5/8 & 8705 in SysML to assess changes from a data-centric perspective
- Benchmarked 6 large industry partners in how they performed internal MBSE training.
- Began meeting monthly with the NRO MBSE team to share information.
- Using Systems Engineering principals, created the “Four Layered Cake” process to identify opportunities for investment for digital transformation given limited resources.

FY21

Model-Based Capability Categories	NASA									
	Average	ARC	GRC	GSFC	JPL	JSC	KSC	LaRC	MSFC	SSC
1. Workforce/ culture	0.5	0.1	1.0	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0
2. SE Processes	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.0
3. Program/ Project Processes	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0
4. Model Based Effectiveness	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.3
5. Information Technology Infrastructure	1.6	2.5	1.6	2.2	1.5	1.5	0.7	2.6	1.8	0.2
6. Modeling Tool Construction	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.1
7. Model Use	0.4	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.0
8. Modeling Policy	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.9	2.8	1.5	0.4	0.6	1.6	0.0

FY22



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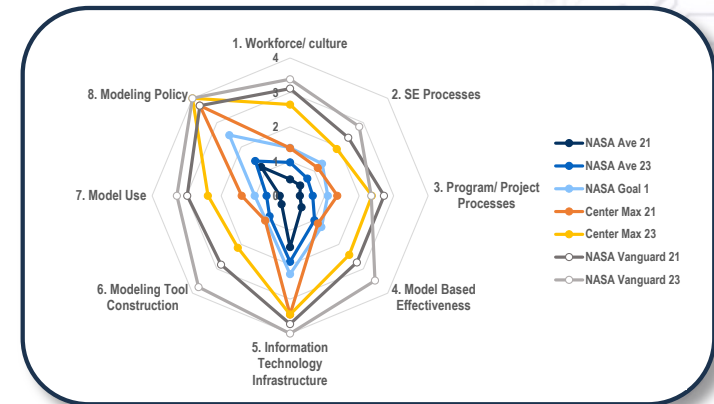
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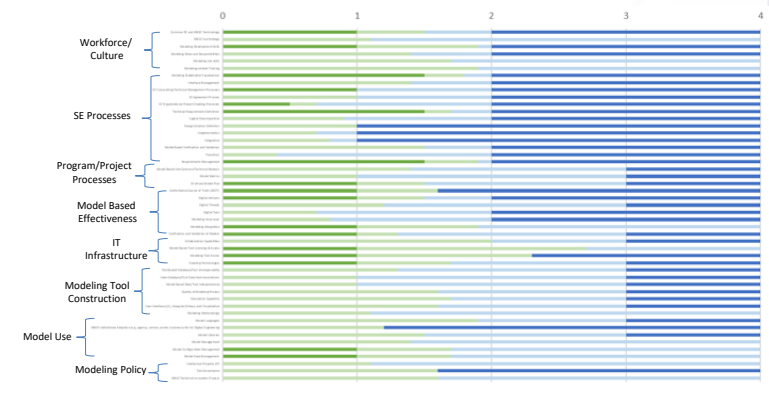
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## FY23

- Used standard SE approach to define what DE means for NASA: NGO's to Capabilities
- Aggressive engagement with DoD, DoE, Intelligence and FAA on DE and SE topics
- Modeling & Data-centric analysis of NPR 7123, 7120.5/8 & 8705
- Agency benchmarking of toolchain capabilities concluded (included SE toolchains)
- RFI to Industry released which requested input from Industry as to how they want work, collaborated, and exchange info with NASA (Systems Engineering included)
- Added focus area of Interoperability / data exchange standards for engineering data thread which will create the backbone of digital SE.
- Tier 5 MBSE Training requirements defined and provided to APPEL – see backup chart
- Performed second high-rez MBSE Capability Assessment across the Agency. Used the INCOSE MBSE Assessment tool to create Agency / Center development plan
- MLT's INCOSE International Symposium paper on Orion MBSE Digital Twin won Best Paper in Model/Simulation category



Growth of MBSE Capability seen in FY23 Assessment scoring.



Agency vs Center MBSE Capability Development Plan

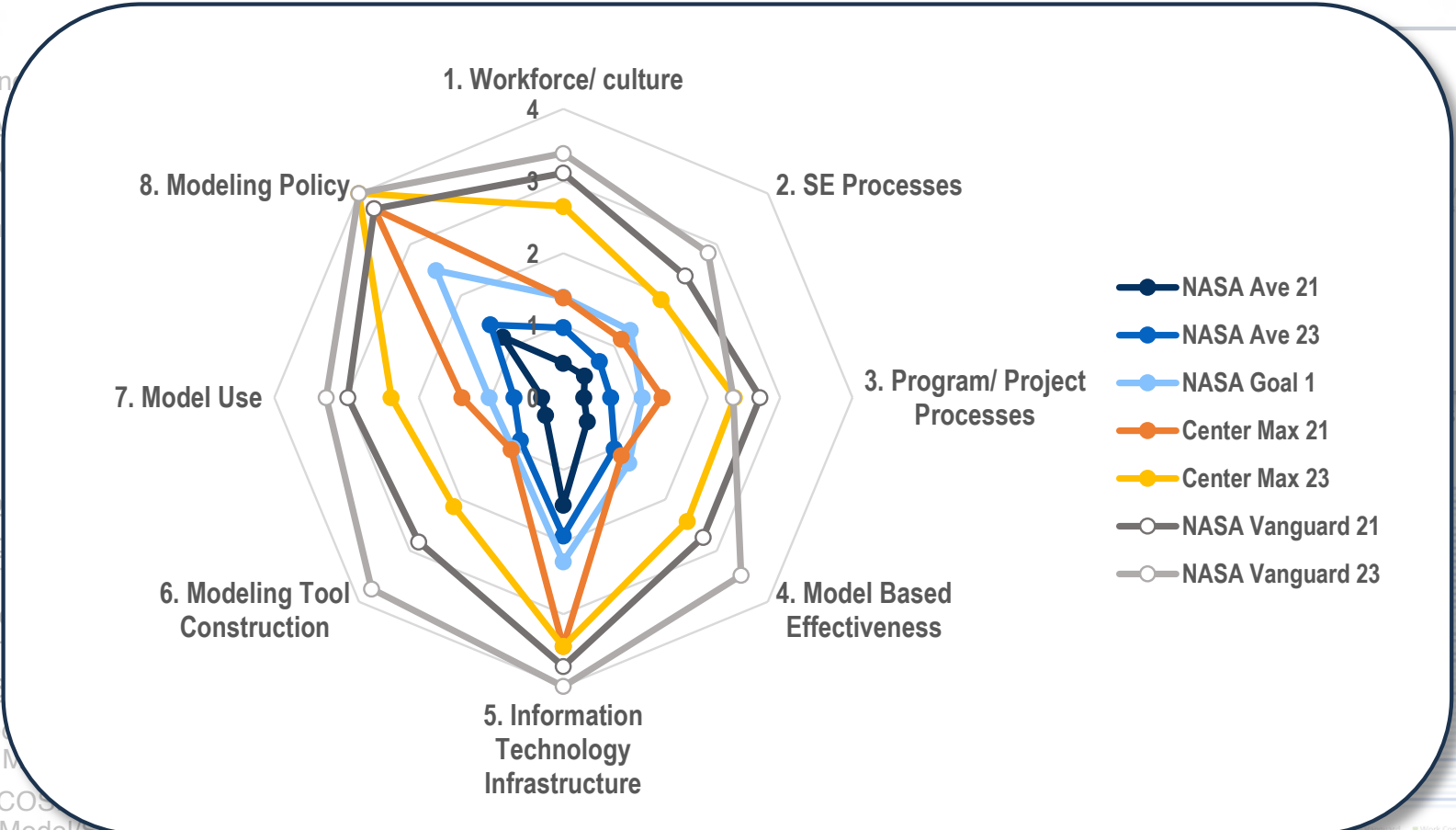
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- Tier 5 ME
- Performe INCOSE M
- MLT's INCOSE Paper in Model/Sim



- NASA Ave 21
- NASA Ave 23
- NASA Goal 1
- Center Max 21
- Center Max 23
- NASA Vanguard 21
- NASA Vanguard 23

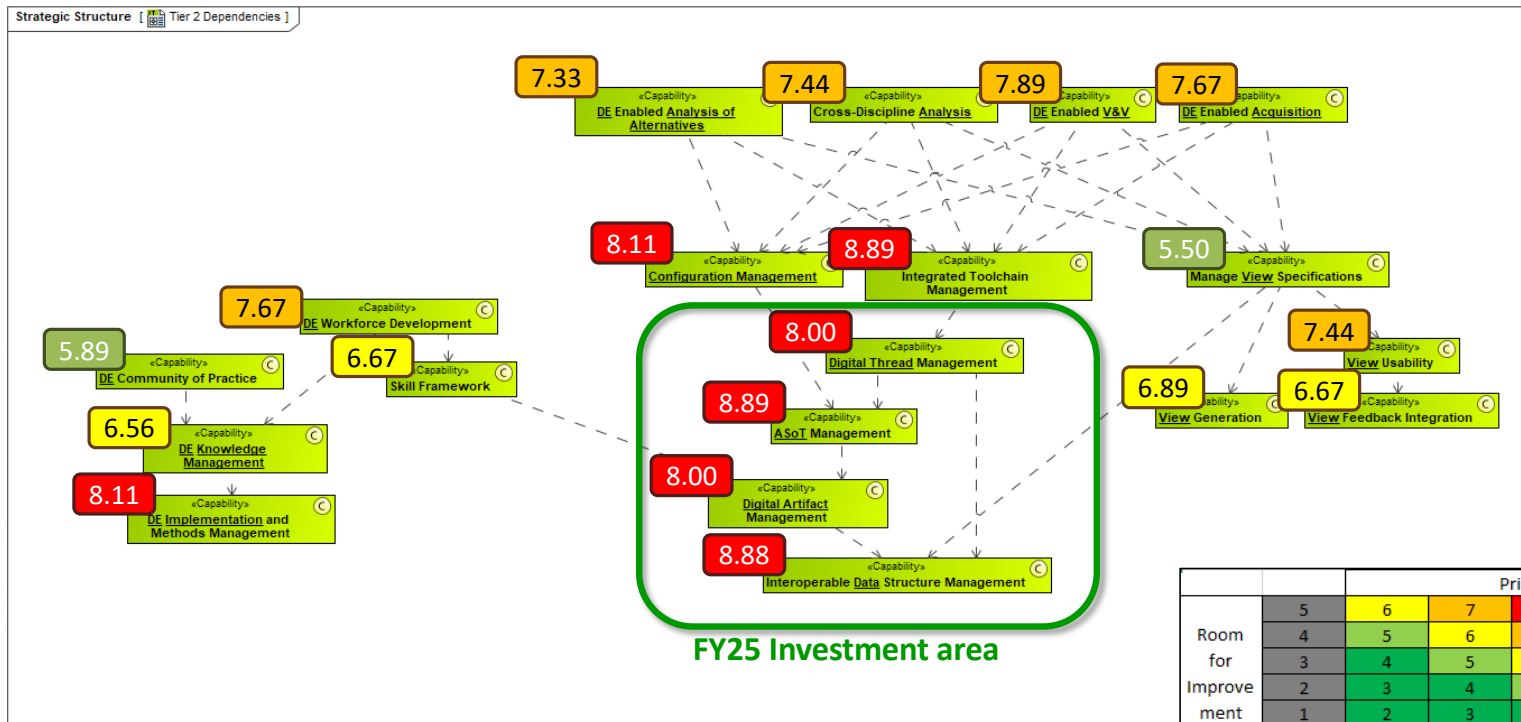
assessment scoring.





# DE Capability Ranking

DE Center Reps were asked to rank current opinion on DE Capability importance to use as a measure of effectiveness of the tool, but also to get first prioritization ranking for use in FY25 planning



		Priority Score					
		5	6	7	8	9	10
Room for Improve ment	4	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3	4	5	6	7	8	8
	2	3	4	5	6	7	7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
	0	1	2	3	4	5	5
		Impact					



MBSE Is Now Mainstream in NASA

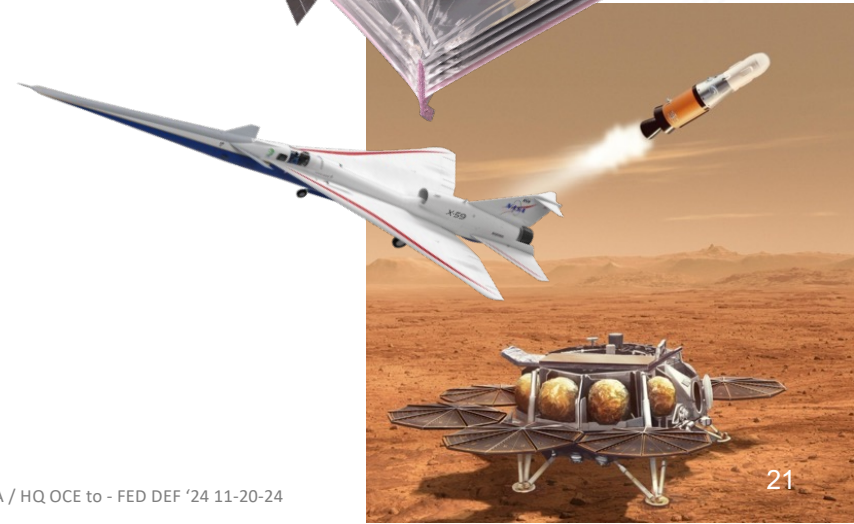
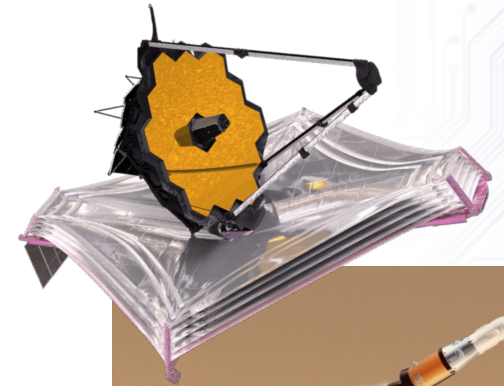
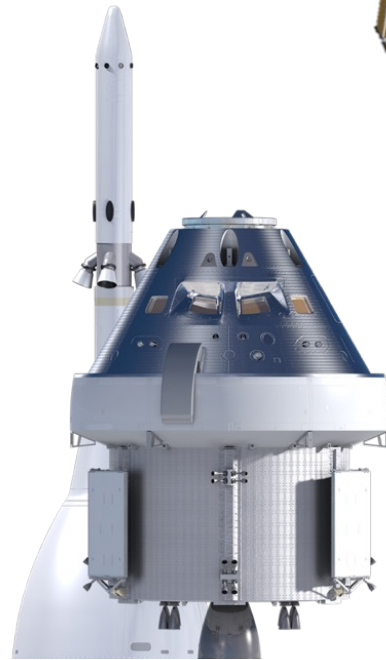
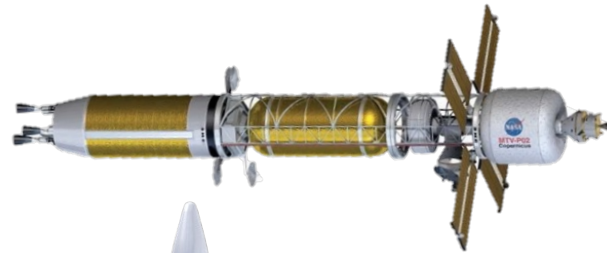
# MBSE / SYSML USAGE WITH ARTEMIS CAMPAIGN



Missions

to Campaigns

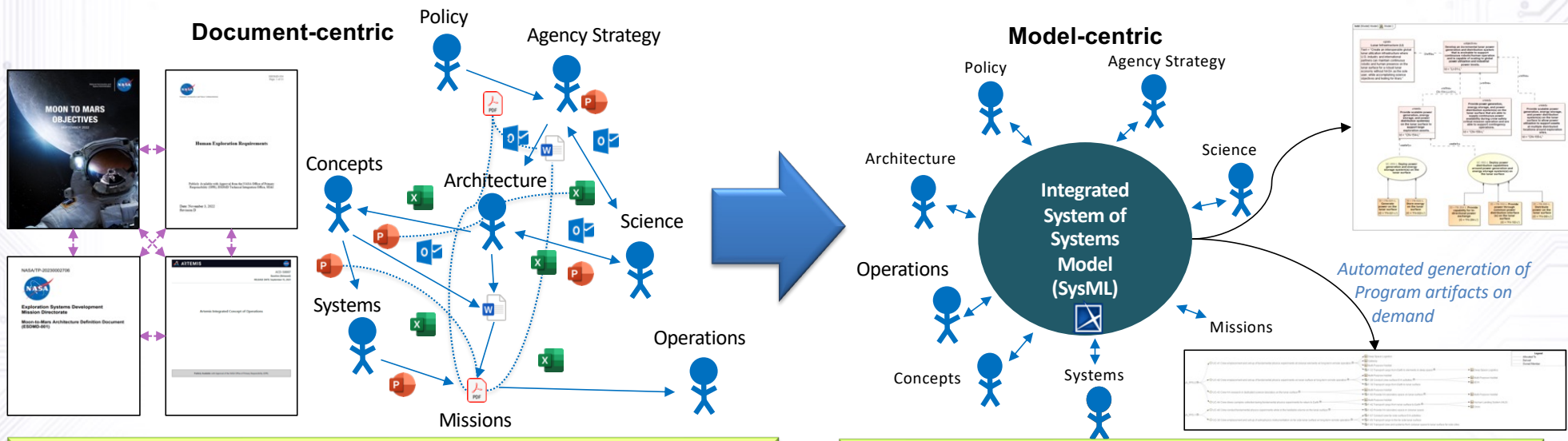
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# Document-centric to Model-centric Architecture Data Management



- Many documents that describe the M2M architecture and associated data are managed by different teams
- Info in these docs all relate to each other, but aren't directly connected in any way or updated in sync
- Causes discrepancies, redundancies, gaps in info

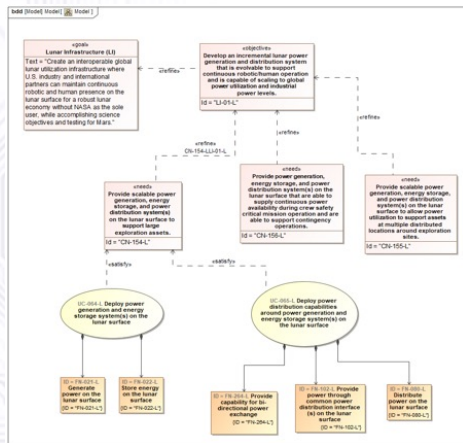
- Importing data into a model allows for
- Traceability
  - Gap analysis
  - Propagated updates of data
  - Consistency
  - Reduces human error and overall risk
  - Allows for easy exportability and shareability

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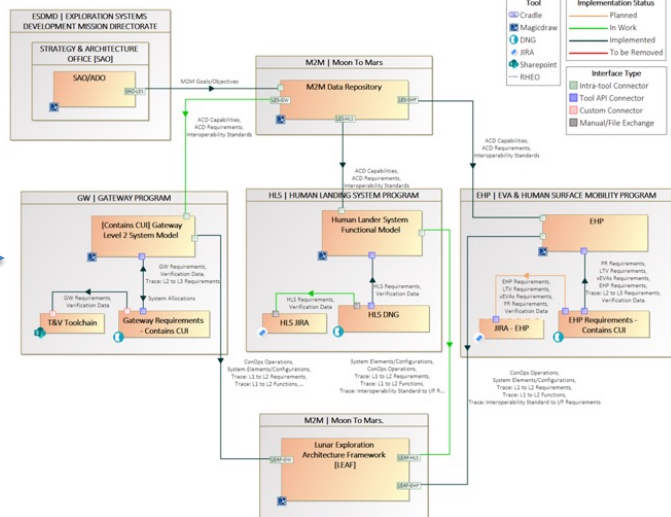
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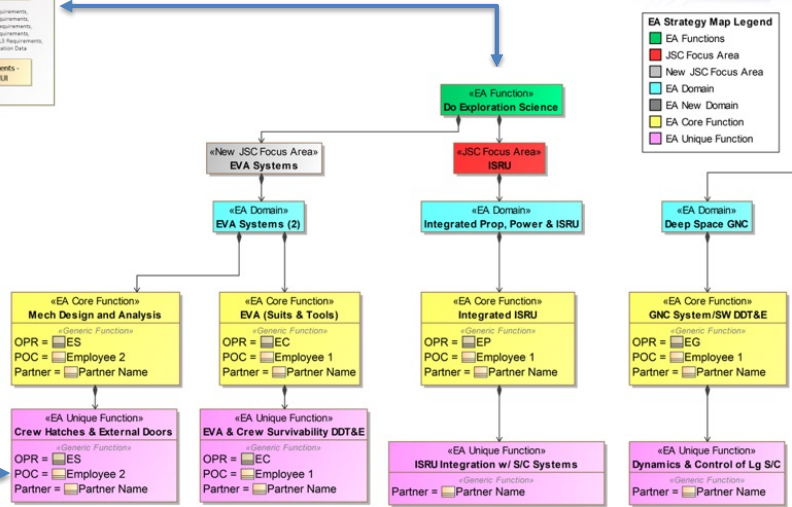
# Missions



# to Campaigns



# to Capabilities

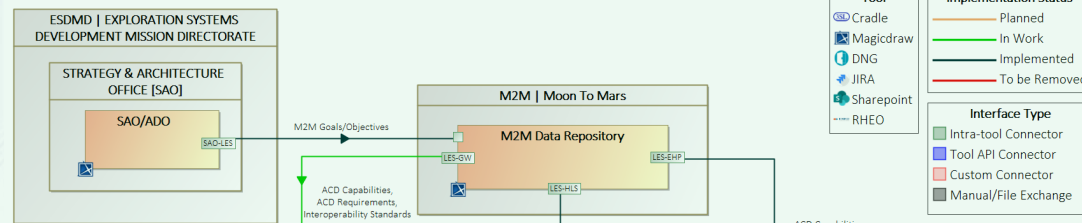


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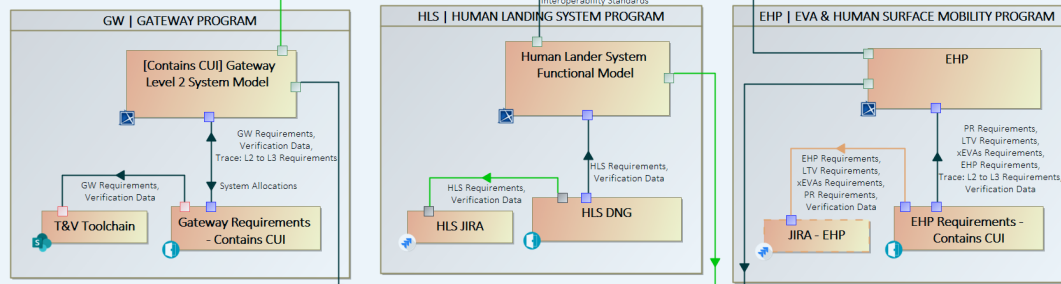
# Campaign System of Systems Model Federation



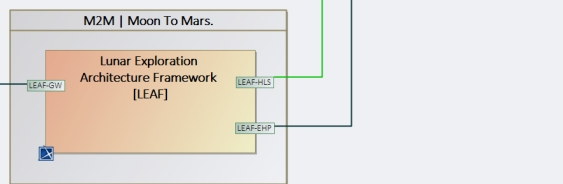
## ARCHITECTURE DATA & COMMON DATA LIBRARY



## SYSTEM MODELS



## INTEGRATED MODEL



The Model Federation Architecture enables integration across the system of systems.

- **Architecture Data & Common Data Library:** Enterprise Data Library including level 1 requirements baseline, design reference mission definition, and capability architecture
- **System Models:** System description model for systems in the architecture. This includes system requirements, functional, and structural architecture
- **Integrated Model:** Artemis campaign model leveraged to support integrated product development. Allows for both isolation & integration of system information

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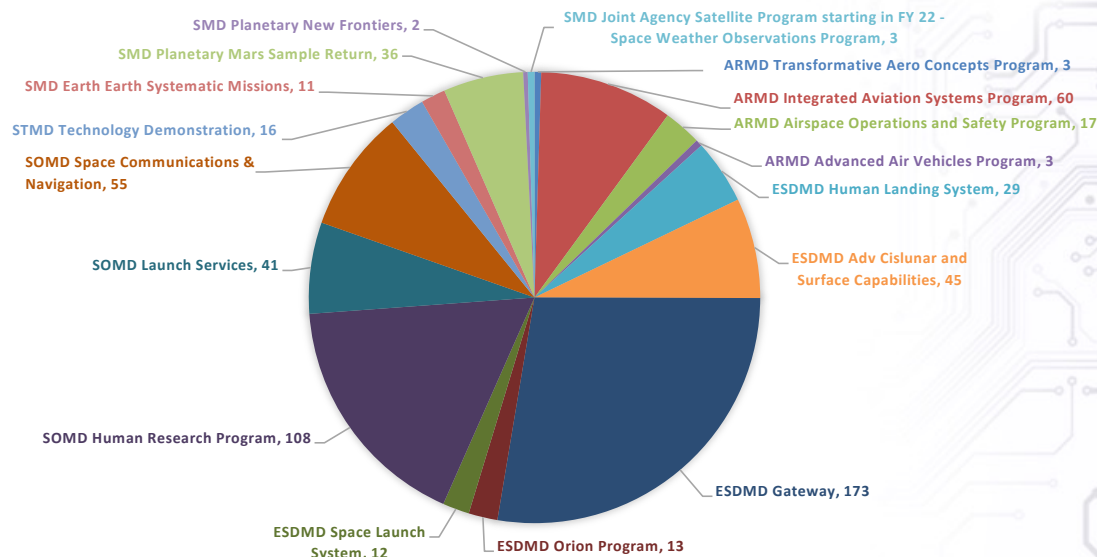


# OCE Agency-level MagicDraw license server and Teamwork Cloud (model management)

## Number of Models & Users by Mission Directorate and Program (at end of FY23)

- With support from NASA's Office of Chief Engineer since FY15, MBSE methodologies /SysML modeling are used across five mission directorates on most all of the large programs and projects.
- Used by almost 700 unique users from across all Centers in FY23.
- Over 1.4k models created and managed on the OCE Teamwork Cloud

UNIQUE USERS BY PROGRAM



Program	User Count
ARMD Transformative Aero Concepts Program	3
ARMD Integrated Aviation Systems Program	60
ARMD Airspace Operations and Safety Program	17
ARMD Advanced Air Vehicles Program	3
ESDMD Human Landing System	29
ESDMD Adv Cislunar and Surface Capabilities	45
ESDMD Gateway	173
ESDMD Orion Program	13
ESDMD Space Launch System	12
SOMD Human Research Program	108
SOMD Launch Services	41
SOMD Space Communications & Navigation	55
STMD Technology Demonstration	16
SMD Earth Earth Systematic Missions	11
SMD Planetary Mars Sample Return	36
SMD Planetary New Frontiers	2
SMD Joint Agency Satellite Program starting in FY 22 - Space Weather Observations Program	3
Unknown	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>692</b>

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# Phased Integration Demonstration of Commonly Used Engineering Tools

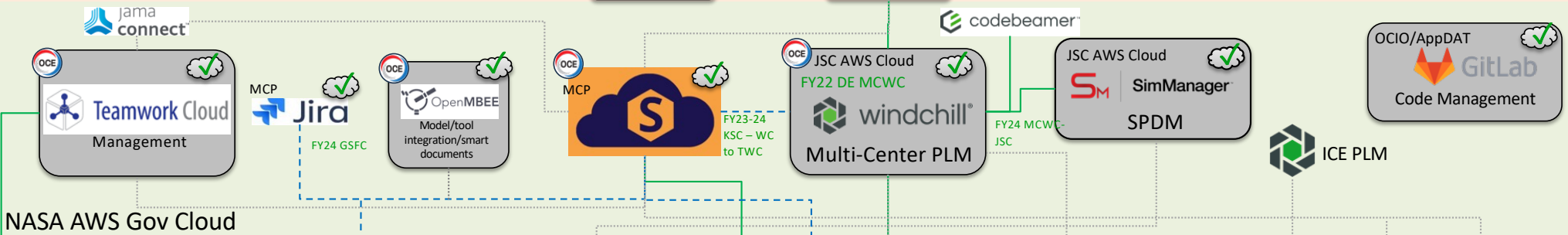
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External Partners

External

OCIO Authentication / Identity Management Layer



NASA AWS Gov Cloud



- - - Data Broker Connection
- Point-to-Point Connector
- ..... (Proposed) Connections

On-Prem Servers



Personal Workstations



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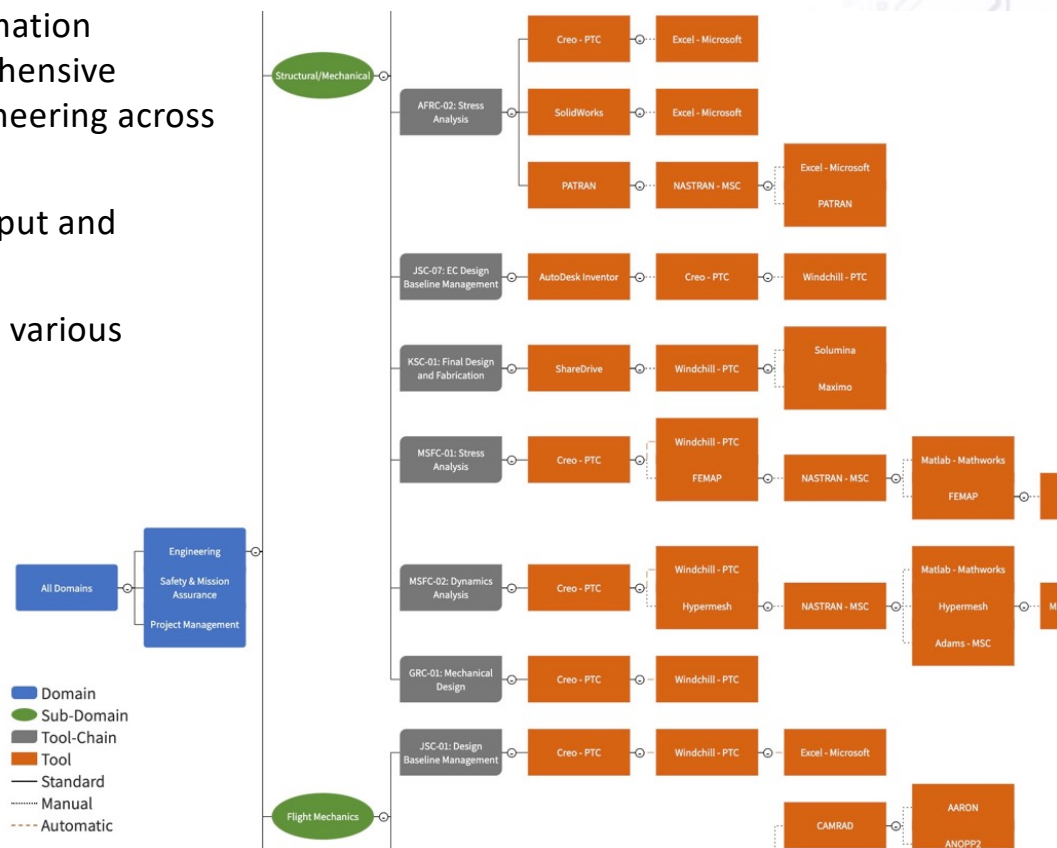


# DE Toolchain Dashboard

- Work performed by Stratada Inc.

As part of NASA's Integrated Digital Engineering Transformation initiative, NASA Engineering Directorates needs a comprehensive understanding of all software applications in use for engineering across all of NASA, and the workflows they support.

- A collaborative application enabling stakeholders to input and maintain the tools and tool chain information
- A method to interactively visualize the data to support various needs including:
  - Understanding the current tool usage
  - Prioritizing tools and tool workflows for upgrade
  - Identifying opportunities to eliminate redundant tools
  - Finding ways to make data flows more efficient
  - Supporting future tool selection for new processes



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Built in MS PowerApp (for user input) with an interactive Power BI Dashboard

# Data Broker Survey



**In Place** means the capability is included in the construct.  
**Limited** means that the ecosystem is vendor specific.  
**Promising** means that capability is under development.

Capability/ST D.	Syndeia v3.5 SP2	Open MDAO	Open PDM	SBE Vision	WSTAT	DAKOTA	CATTENS (GSFC)	Violet Labs
OSLC (Partial)								
Connectivity via REST API								
Dynamic Queries								
Security (OAuth 2.0, SAML 2.0, SSO)								
Cloud Services								
Visualizations								
Digital Thread								
SDK Adapter (Python, C#, Java)								

= In Place = Activity = Promising = Limited Capabilities = Without Capability

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Engineering Tool Types	Syndeia v3.5	Open MDAO	OpenPDM	SBE Vision	WSTAT	Dakota	CATTENS GSFC	Violet Labs
<b>MBSE (Teamwork Cloud, Rhapsody, etc.)</b>								
<b>Product Life Cycle Mgmt. (PLM)</b>								
<b>Requirements (DOORS, JAMA, etc.)</b>								
<b>Application Life Cycle Mgmt. (ALM)</b>								
<b>Analysis/Simulation</b>								
<b>CAD/DTM</b>								
<b>Test (AI&amp;T)</b>								
<b>Database (AsOT)</b>								

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# Model-Based Design, Manufacturing & Inspection Capabilities at a Glance

## Stoplight Chart



Center	PLM	MBD/ PDM CM	MBD ICD	MBD Design	MBD Review	MBD Analysis	MBD Mfg.	MBD Fab Inspection	MBD Ops & Maint.	MBD Guidance
GRC	★ ↑	★	★	★ ↑	★ ↑	●	N/A	N/A		★ ↑
GSFC	● ↑	★	●	★ ↑	●	●	★	●	●	●
KSC	★ ↑	●	● ↑	★ ↑	● ↑	● ↑	★ ↑	● ↑	● ↑	● ↑
JPL	● ↑	●	●	★ ↑	●	●	★ ↑	★ ↑		★ ↑
LaRC	●	●	● ↑	★ ↑	● ↑	★ ↑	● ↑	★ ↑		★ ↑
JSC	●	●	★ ↑	★ ↑	★ ↑	★ ↑	★ ↑	● ↑		★ ↑
MSFC	●	●	●	★ ↑	● ↑	● ↑	● ↑	● ↑	●	●
SSC	●	●	●	● ↑	★	●	● ↑	● ↑		●
ARC	● ↑	★ ↑	●	● ↑	● ↑	●	★ ↑	★ ↑	● ↑	●
AFRC	● ↑	● ↑	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Added since  
FY23 Assessment

Indicates progress  
since FY23

Added since  
FY23 Assessment

● = In Place    ↑ = Activity    ↑ = Plan    ★ = Promising    ● = Limited Capabilities    ● = Without Capability

*In Place does not mean all activity utilizes the capability.*

DE = Digital Engineering  
MB = Model-Based  
MBD = Model-Based Definition

ICD = Interface Control Document  
CM = Configuration Management  
PLM = Product Lifecycle Management



# Connecting Tool 'How To' Articles

- Altium (ECAD PLM) to Windchill (Project PLM) Connection

As part of NASA's digital Engineering tool chain discovery effort, when tools are successfully connected, the DE team is documenting how it is done and will make those instructions available to anyone within NASA.

The first was in connecting the Altium (ECAD) system with the Windchill (Project PLM) system, such that now ECAD, MCAD, and any desired Project artifact can now be associated and baselined in one location for a project.

<https://nasa.sharepoint.com/sites/MBEng/SitePages/Integration-of-Altium-Enterprise-to-Windchill.aspx>

More are on the way ...

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# DE Training

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## NASA's Introduction to Digital Engineering

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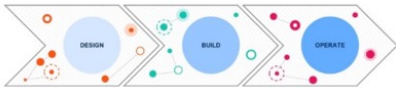
**What is Digital Engineering?**

Digital Engineering (DE) is the embracing of new technology and tools that better connect systems and data over the entire lifecycle of a program or project, revolutionizing the way NASA engineers do their jobs.

It is an integrated digital approach that uses authoritative sources of system data and models as a continuum across disciplines to support lifecycle activities from concept through disposal

It completely digitizes and transforms the engineering lifecycle, leveraging data, models, and simulations to design, engineer, build, operate and maintain complex missions and projects.

Traditionally, NASA's engineering processes were inherently serial and produced siloed data, and often not meeting the requirements of an authoritative source of truth. Disparate data leads to inefficiencies, inconsistencies, and challenges in maintaining information throughout a project.



Traditional engineering process

## NASA's Digital Engineering Program Overview

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**NASA's Digital Engineering Program Overview**

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NASA's Digital Engineering program is improving how the Agency Engineering Domain operates over the entire NASA lifecycle through the coordinated efforts of six data-centric focus areas.

This course was developed for all NASA Civil Servants and was created by the Digital Academy, a catalyst project within the agency's Digital Transformation initiative.

Click on the first lesson below—or the "Start Course" button above—when you're ready to begin.

- Introduction
- Model-Based Systems Engineering
- Interdisciplinary Digital Engineering
- Design for Manufacturing & Inspection
- Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) Systems
- Integrated Testbeds - Data Threads
- Check Your Understanding
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# DE Training

## Procured Self-Directed (Percipio)

- In FY24 the NASA DE Leadership Team made available almost **1000 online learning items (digital engineering training modules and digital books)**
  - Aligned with the NASA definition of digital engineering mapping of desired skill capabilities
  - Via COTS training platform
- Content area Managers identify and curate digital engineering resources from Agency training courses, other government learning providers, and private sector off-the-shelf courses and training videos
- Collecting these resources in one location provides a helpful entry point for personnel learning basic skills as well as those with more DE experience who need support to understand a particular tool or practice.
- In FY24 (10/1/23 - 8/8/24) **1,378 NASA learners** have accessed **581 unique learning items** of the 1000 aligned with the NASA definition of digital engineering mapping of desired skill capabilities **2,870 times**.

### NASA ENGINEERING LEARNING TRENDS

2,871

Unique Learners

14,782

Unique Titles Accessed

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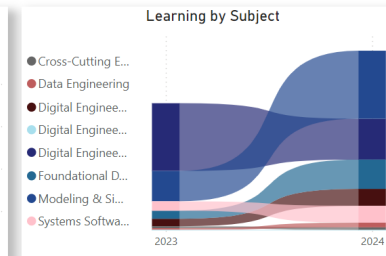
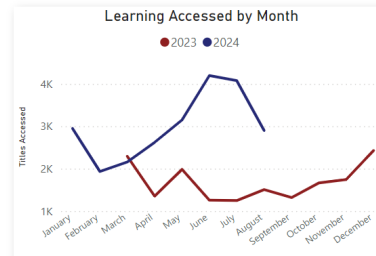
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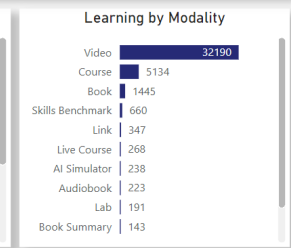
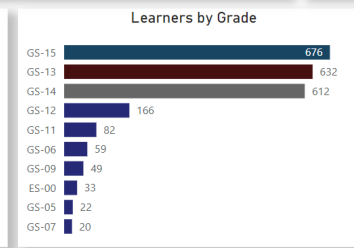
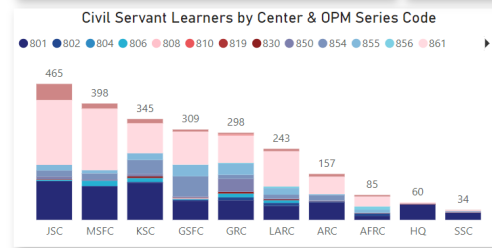
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Over 1000 on-line DE Training modules, ebooks, videos, etc.: [NASA Digital Engineering](#)



# DE RFI to Industry Summary

**RFI 1:** Approach to RFPs, proposals, and contracts per traditional, or model-based acquisitions. If your preferred or recommended approach is via a model-based approaches, please provide:

- Objective measures as to the value and/or return on investment or increased capabilities the approach provides over the traditional,
- Past, sharable, examples of success stories and associated models/metamodels in native formats if applicable
- Past government customers (POCs) who can attest to the benefit and would be willing to share their perspective and lessons learned with NASA

**RFI 2:** Approach for future contractual engineering, quality, and safety data/informational deliverables, model assurance and assurance requirements to provide insight and inform critical decisions to support certification, operations support, operational anomalies, program, architecture, or mission integrations when elements, products, or services may be provided by numerous industry partners.

**RFI 3:** Approach to NASA/industry partner collaborative environments, collaborative engineering/integration/simulation/ digital twin environments. Please indicate the nature of engagement and/or lifecycle phases of a program/project you would typically value collaborating/integrating designs with NASA.

**RFI 4:** Approach to integration of engineering toolchain to form digital thread(s) from concept to operations. Recommendations on appropriate/recommended interfaces between models, systems, etc. when providing contract required data/information and/or collaboration with NASA.

**RFI 5:** Recommended commercial off-the-shelf solution(s) (COTS) for integration of your toolchain(s) with pros and cons.

**RFI 6:** Recommended industry data interoperability standards (or non-baselined "needed" standards) per engineering subdomain (e.g. ReqIF for requirement management software) and why.

**RFI 7:** Recommendations of what you would like to see common/consistent across the US government when it comes to digital engineering, procurement/acquisitions supporting engineering deliverables, and safety.

## Summary:

- 42 Responses – 27 met minimum expectations
- 1 company responded via SysML models
- 4-5 considered very informative



# DE RFI to Industry Summary

**RFI 1:** Approach to RFP proposals and contracts not traditional model-based

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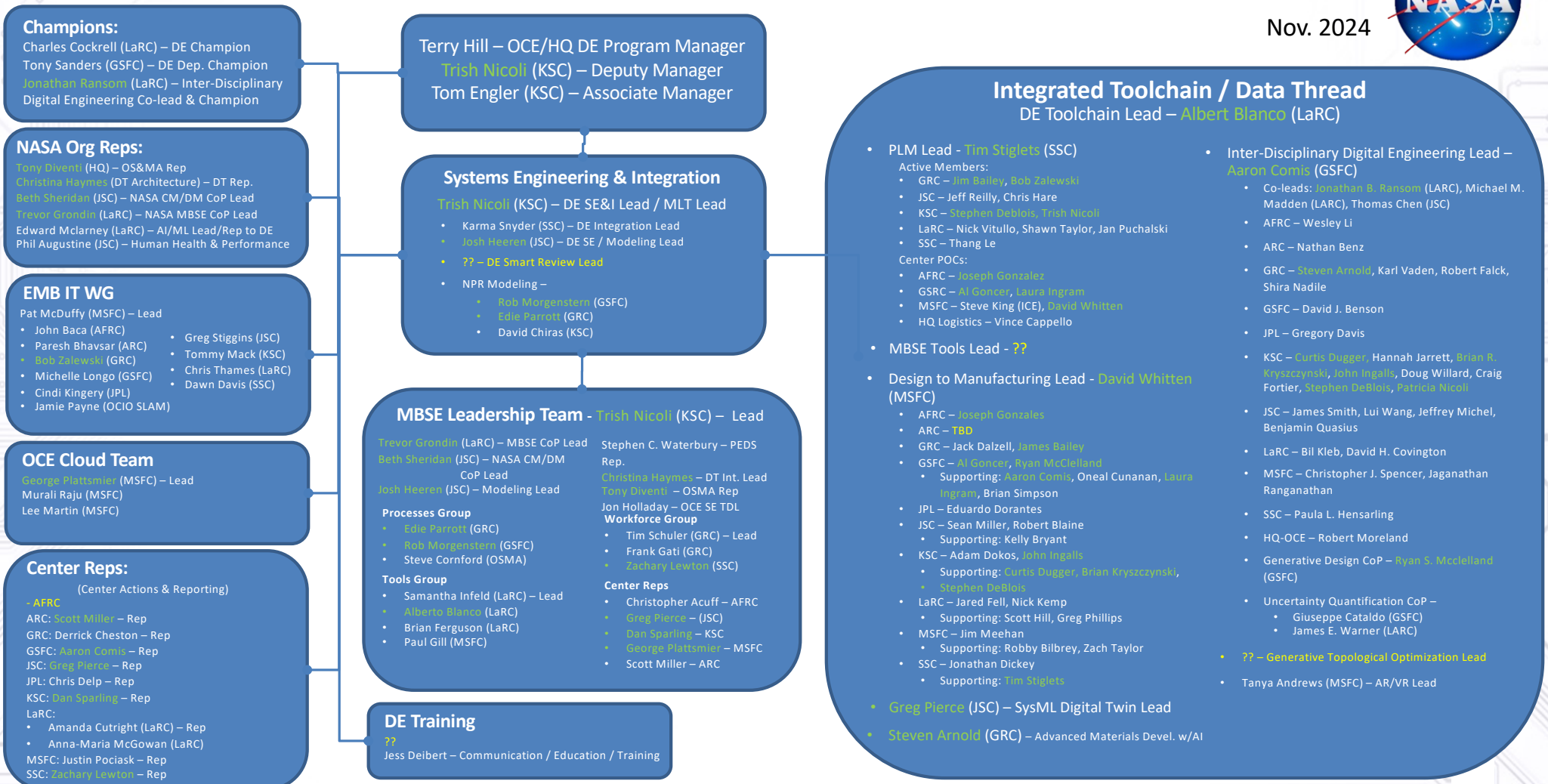
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- Majority indicate MB Acquisition saves time and increases quality of all aspects of the process.
- Significant experience with integration of tools, forming the digital thread, and needed interoperability protocol standards.
- DoD, and industry in turn, are emphasizing the use of MOSA (Modular Open Systems Approach) and it is required by United States law Title 10 U.S.C. 4401(b), states all major defense acquisition programs (MDAP) are to be designed and developed using a MOSA (<https://www.dsp.dla.mil/Programs/MOSA/>):
  - Employs a modular design that uses modular system interfaces between major systems, major system components and modular systems;
  - Is subjected to verification to ensure that relevant modular system interfaces comply with widely supported and consensus-based standards; or are delivered pursuant to the requirements established in FY21 National Defense Authorization Act Section 804 (a)(2)(B)
- Toolchain: proposed COTS digital backbone solutions with bidirectional interoperability, extensibility and cross-project connectivity (including non-engineering needs), and with diverse vendor toolset (avoid vendor lock) for robust and customizable COTS toolchain
- Gov. should:
  - Establish standardized digital engineering frameworks and guidelines that can be adopted across government agencies.
  - Develop a unified procurement framework for government projects that integrates digital engineering principles.
  - Promote cross-agency collaboration and information sharing to facilitate the adoption of common digital engineering standards and procurement practices.

# FY25 NASA Integrated Digital Engineering Transformation Team

Nov. 2024



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