

# USING MBSE TO INTEGRATE ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE COURSES CURRICULUM



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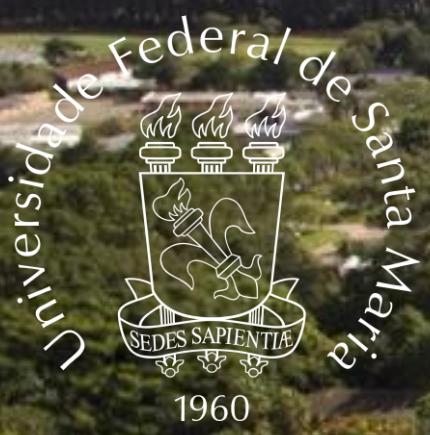


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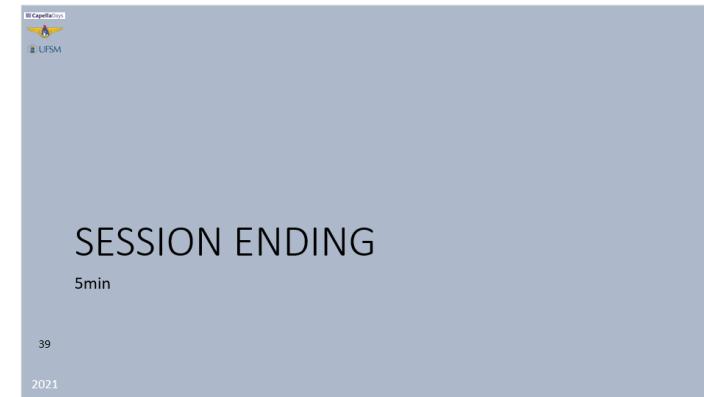
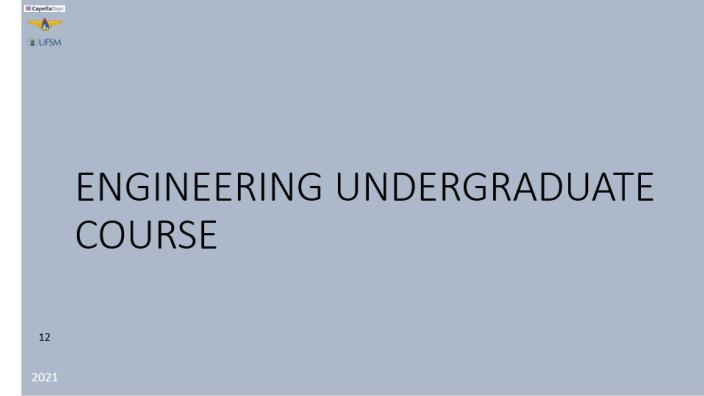
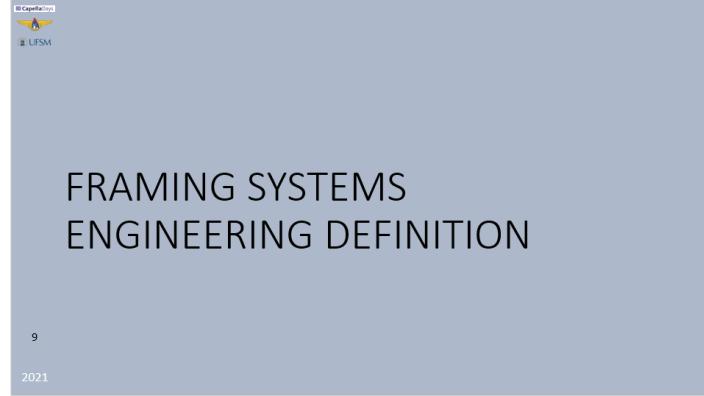


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# FRAMING SYSTEMS ENGINEERING DEFINITION

# WHAT IS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING?

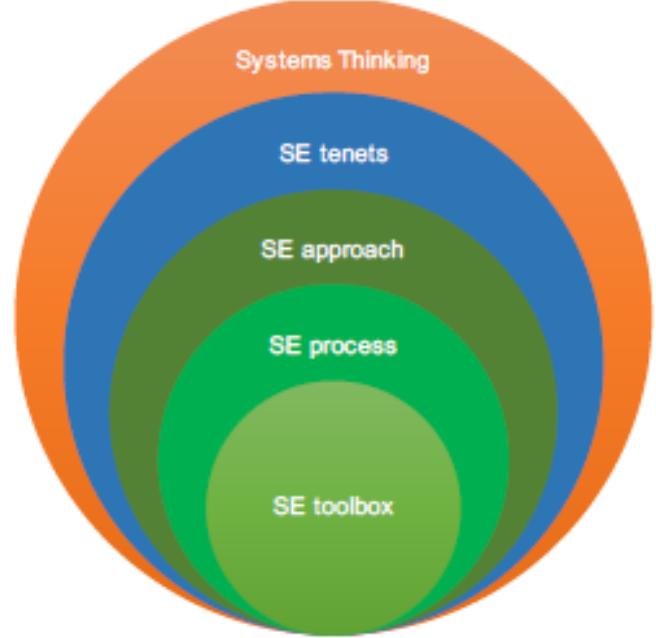
**“Systems Engineering is a TRANSDISCIPLINARY approach and means, based on systems principles and concepts, to enable the successful realization, use and retirement of engineered systems.**

It focuses on

- establishing stakeholders' **purpose and success criteria**, and defining actual or anticipated customer needs and required functionality early in the development cycle,
- establishing an **appropriate lifecycle model** and process approach considering the levels of complexity, uncertainty and change
- documenting and **modelling requirements** and **solution architecture** for each phase of the endeavour
- proceeding with **design synthesis and system validation**
- while considering the **complete problem** and **all necessary enabling systems and services**.

Systems Engineering provides facilitation, guidance and leadership to integrate all the disciplines and specialty groups into a team effort forming an appropriately structured development process that proceeds from concept to production to operation, evolution and eventual disposal.

Systems Engineering considers both the business and the technical needs of all customers with the goal of providing a quality solution that meets the needs of users and other stakeholders and is fit for the intended purpose in real-world operation, and avoids or minimizes adverse unintended consequences.



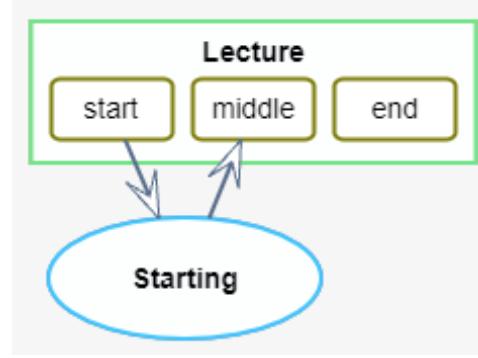
[Systems Engineering Principles | NASA](#)

[Principles of Systems Thinking - SEBoK \(sebokwiki.org\)](#)

Envisioning Systems Engineering as a Transdisciplinary Venture  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual INCOSE International Symposium - 2018

A fresh look at Systems Engineering – what is it, how should it work?  
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# MBSE



**“Model-based systems engineering (MBSE) is a systems engineering that focuses on creating and exploiting domain models as the primary means of information exchange between engineers, rather than on document-based information exchange.”**

“the formalized application of modelling to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification and validation activities beginning in the conceptual design phase and continuing throughout development and later life cycle phases. MBSE is part of a long-term trend **toward model-centric approaches** adopted by other engineering disciplines, including mechanical, electrical and software. In particular, MBSE is expected to **replace the document-centric** approach that has been practiced by systems engineers in the past and to influence the future practice of systems engineering by being fully integrated into the definition of systems engineering processes.”

# ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

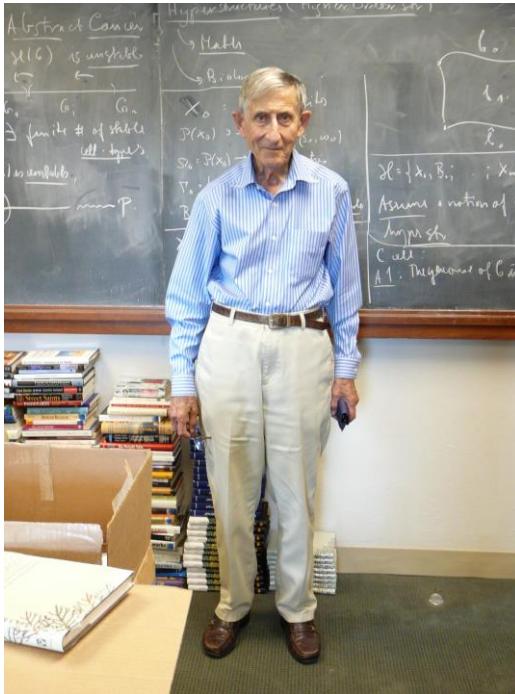
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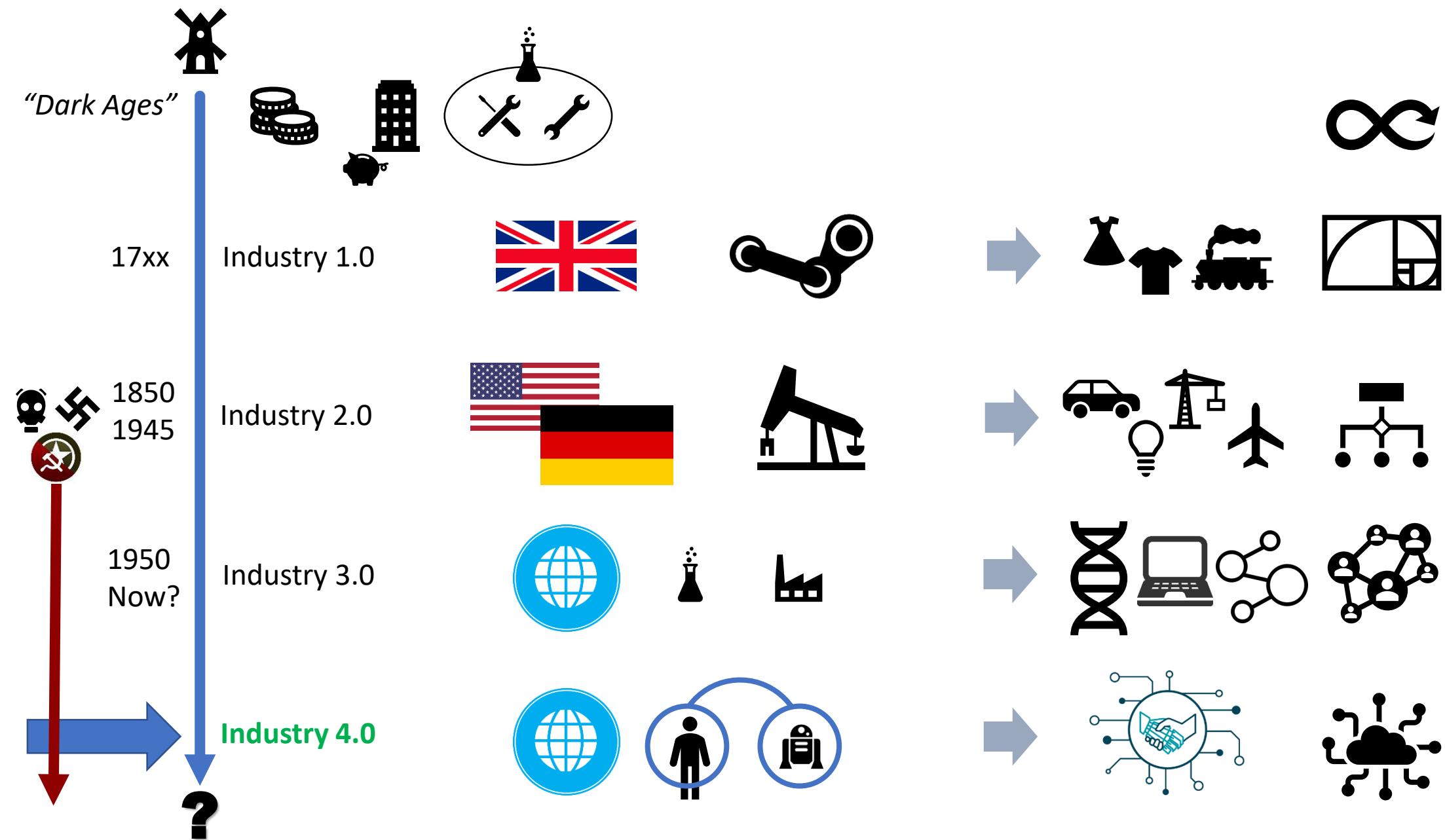
# TO ENGINEERING

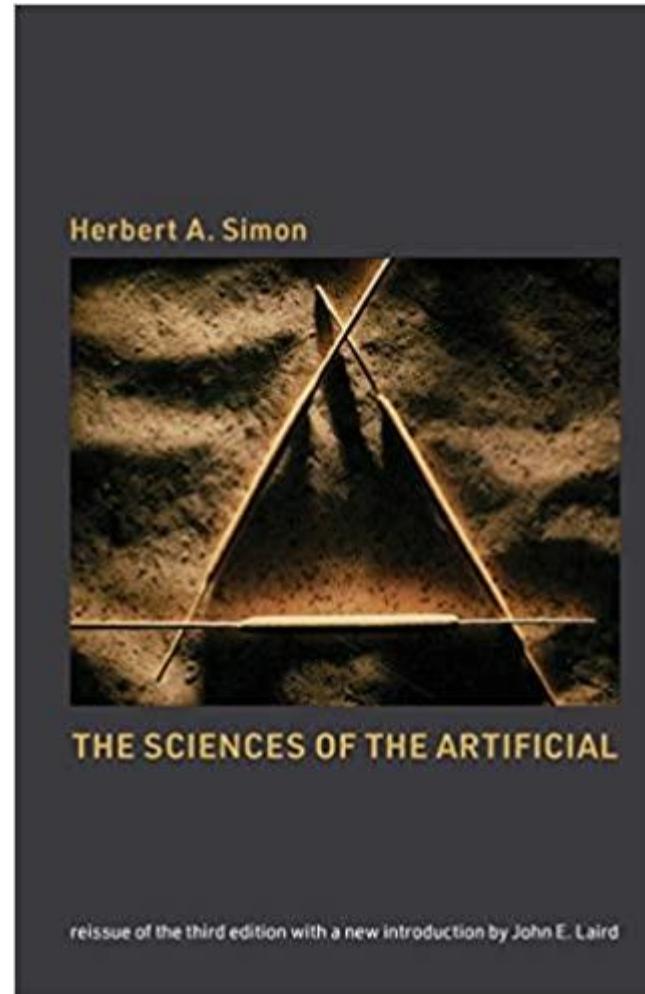
- In **Disturbing the Universe** (Sloan Foundation, 1981), Freeman Dyson wrote:



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*"I particularly enjoyed being immersed in the ethos of engineering, which is very different from the ethos of science. A good scientist is a person with original ideas. **A good engineer is a person who makes a design that works with as few original ideas as possible.** There are no prima donnas in engineering."*





[The Sciences of the Artificial, Reissue of the Third Edition with a New Introduction by John Laird | Amazon.com.br](#)

Creating the Artificial Historically and traditionally, it has been the task of the science disciplines to teach about natural things: how they are and how they work.

**It has been the task of engineering schools to teach about artificial things: how to make artifacts that have desired properties and how to design.**

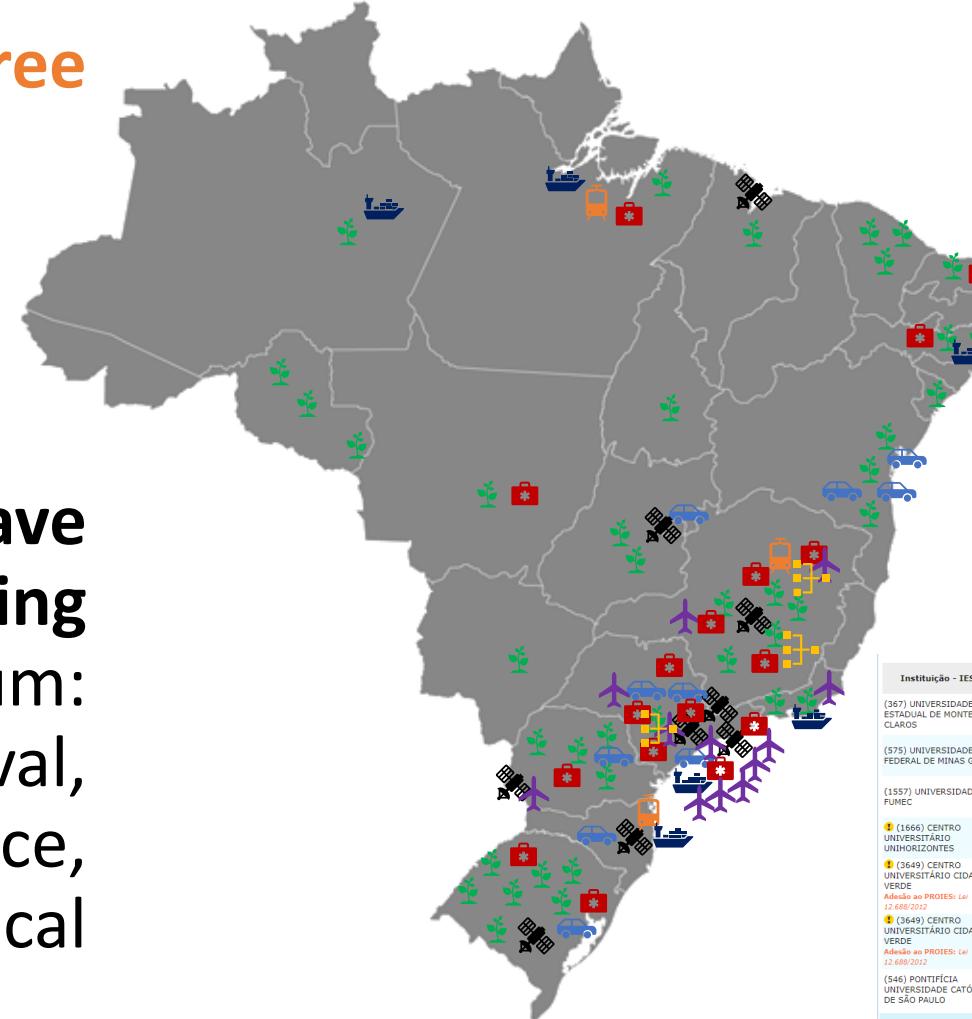
Engineers are not the only professional designers. Everyone designs who devises courses of action aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones. The intellectual activity that produces material artifacts is no different fundamentally from the one that prescribes remedies for a sick patient or the one that devises a new sales plan for a company or a social welfare policy for a state. Design, so construed, is the core of all professional training; it is the principal mark that distinguishes the professions from the sciences. Schools of engineering, as well as schools of architecture, business, education, law, and medicine, are all centrally concerned with the process of design.

**In view of the key role of design in professional activity, it is ironic that in this century the natural sciences almost drove the sciences of the artificial from professional school curricula, a development that peaked about two or three decades after the Second World War. Engineering schools gradually became schools of physics and mathematics; medical schools became schools of biological science; business schools became schools of finite mathematics. The use of adjectives like "applied" concealed, but did not change, the fact.**

It simply meant that in the professional schools those topics were selected from mathematics and the natural sciences for emphasis which were thought to be most nearly relevant to professional practice. It did not mean that design continued to be taught, as distinguished from analysis

# BRAZILIAN COURSES PANORAMA

- Currently there are **three** **““Systems Engineering””** Graduation Courses.
- Courses that **might have Systems Engineering** curriculum: Aeronautics, Automobile, Agricultural, Biomedical and Railway



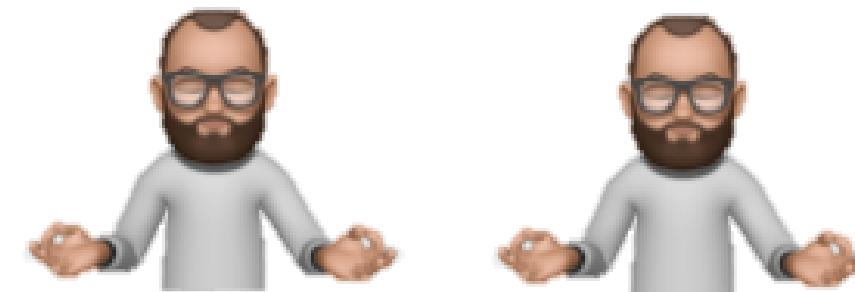
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Cursos e instituições - Ministério da Educação (mec.gov.br)

# FROM THIS CONTEXT RESEARCH

- There are a lot of so called “Systems Engineering”.
- .... but the majority are not Systems Engineering... they lecture about engineered systems



# BEFORE GOING INTO THE EXPERIENCES...

- A disclaimer about our stakeholders:
  - Highly **hard skilled** students.
  - **Competitive** groups.
  - Shared time with {really harder} ^mol hard-disciplines.
  - Ages: **16-26**.
  - We have students from a **myriad of backgrounds and cultures** (Brazil is quite big).

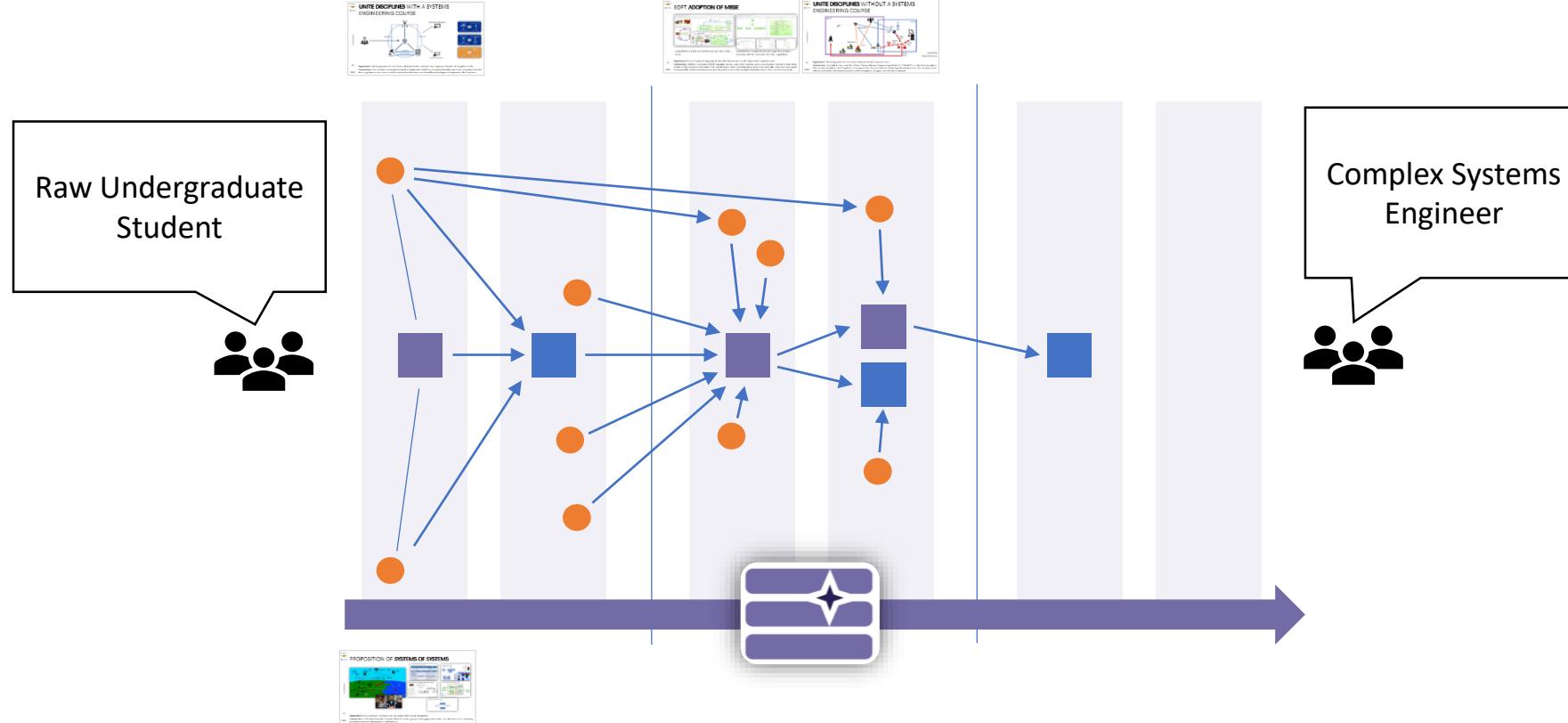
# ITA EXPERIENCES

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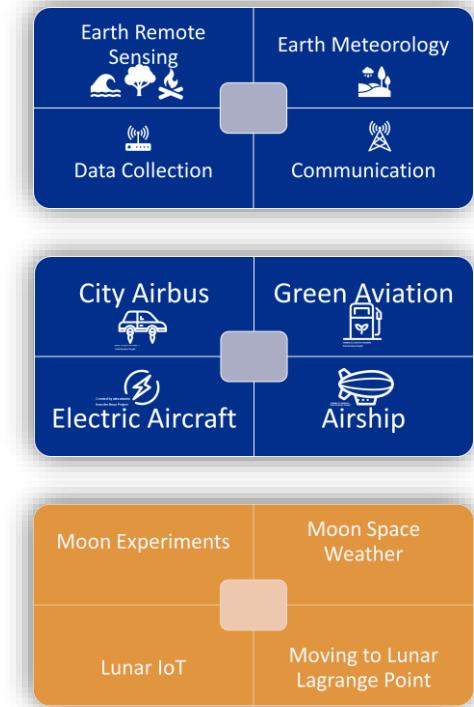
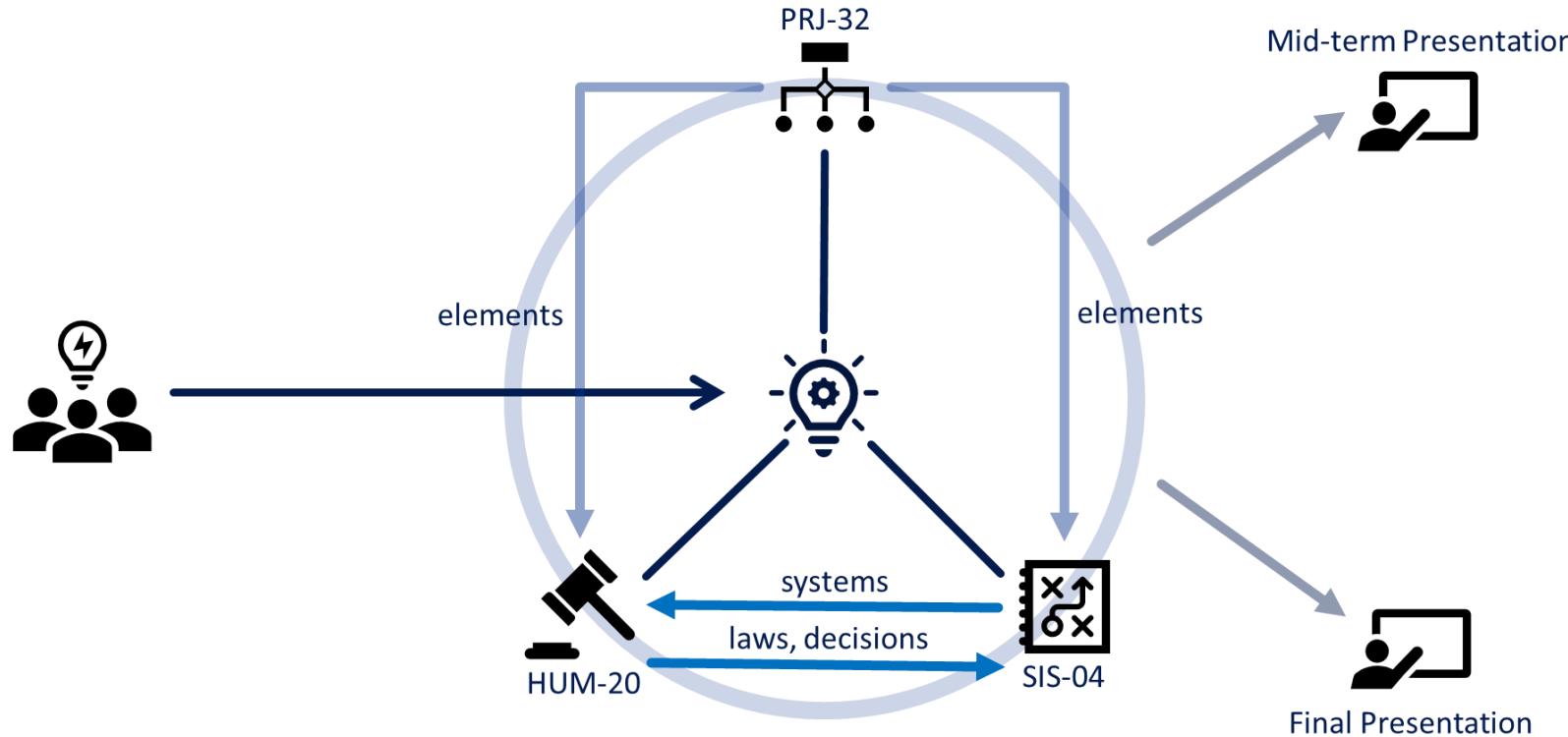
# CORE PROBLEM/PROJECT ALONG THE YEARS

ITA EXPERIENCES



# UNITE DISCIPLINES WITH A SYSTEMS ENGINEERING COURSE

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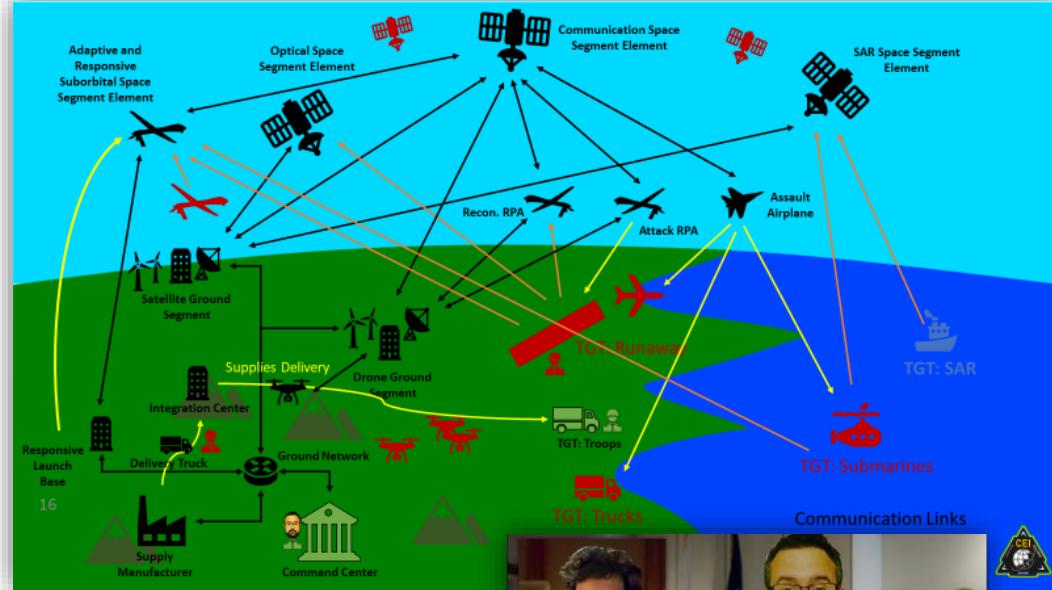
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**Hypothesis:** The Integration of curriculum will promote the systemic view (improved by the SE discipline itself)

**Conclusions:** The students understood that the Stakeholder's-NGO to functional architecture were constrained by the laws, regulations, and so on; and the physical architecture used feasible technologies to implement the functions.

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# PROPOSITION OF SYSTEMS OF SYSTEMS



STAKEHOLDER, MERITS AND NGO						
REF	TYPE	STK	ROLE			STK NEEDS
			NEG	FUNC	POLITICAL	
INT	MIS	CC		X		Proteger o país
FUNC	Operator			X		Operar o Recon RPA
EXT	TGT	Opponente		X		Ataques Externos e Reconhecimento

**MISSION NEEDS**

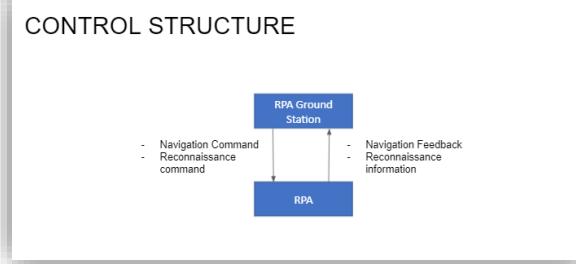
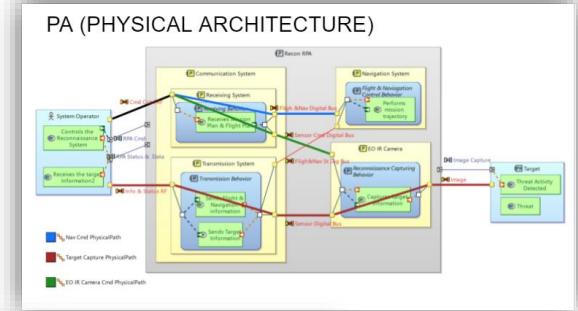
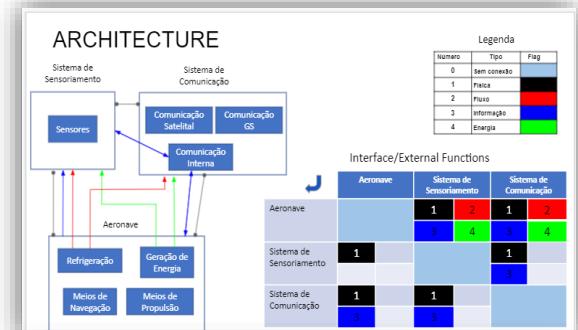
O Recon RPA precisa coletar dados e informações que permitem ao Comando Central reconhecer os alvos detectados pelo sistema de vigilância.

**GOALS**

- 1 Coletar dados e informações dos alvos.
- 2 Enviar os dados e informações coletados dos alvos para o Comando Central.

**OBJECTIVE**

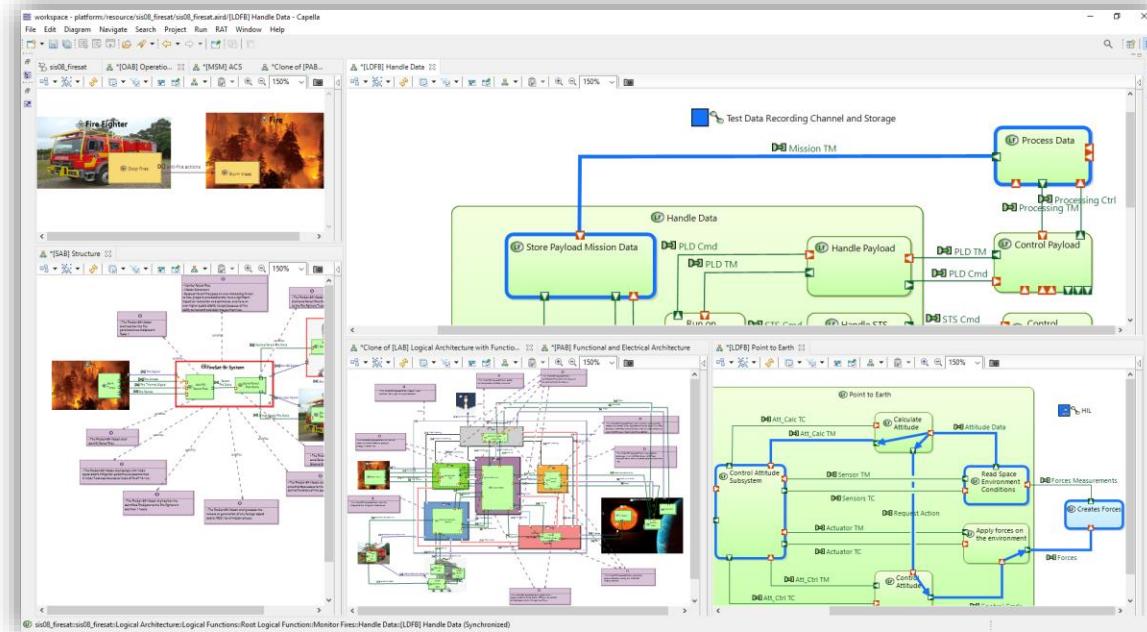
- 1.1 Se deslocar até a área de reconhecimento em TBD horas.
- 1.2 Ser capaz de reconhecer aeronaves, embarcações, viaturas terrestres e pessoas no solo.
- 2.1 Estar equipado com os meios de comunicação adequados para usufruir da infraestrutura satelital de comunicação.
- 2.2 Prover as capacidades para enviar os dados e informações coletados para o CC online, quase em tempo real.



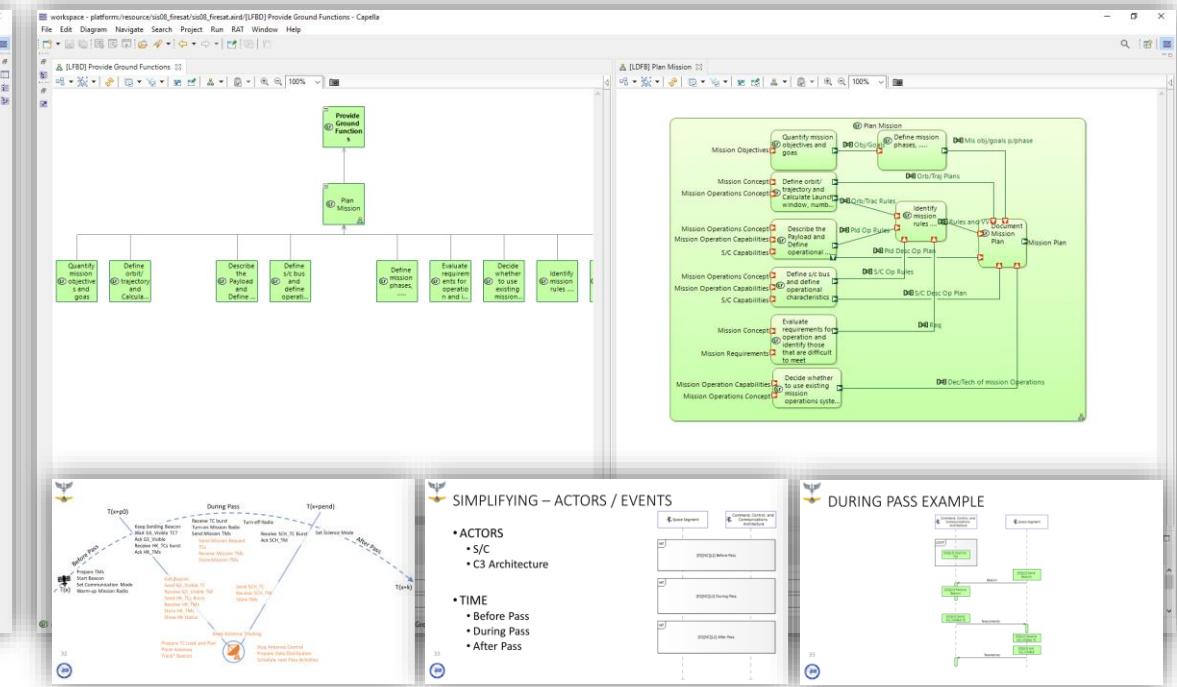
**Hypothesis:** Use a Systems of Systems to understand the overall complexity

**Conclusions:** Understanding the scenario allowed to the groups interrogate each other for interfaces and searching possible hazards to the proposed architecture.

# SOFT ADOPTION OF MBSE



Using MBSE to point out AIVV Procedures, add xGSEs, so on.



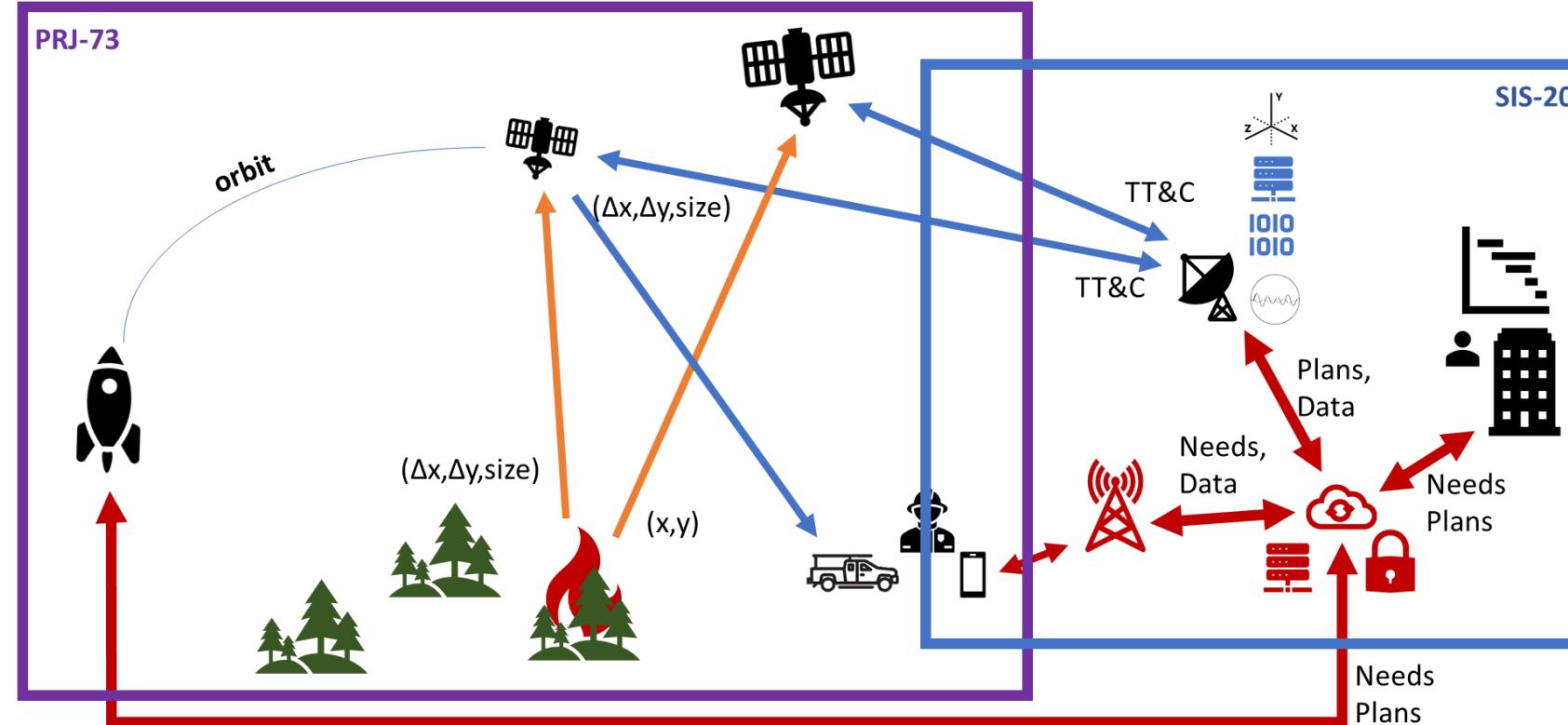
Using MBSE to distribute Ground Segment Functions and plan with the Scenarios, the Pass Capabilities.

**Hypothesis:** Use of a systemic language to describe the systems would improve the systemic view

**Conclusions:** Without a previous MBSE (Capella) course, even only working upon a pre-created model, it took some weeks to the students understand the model views. After understanding, they were naturally using and even pointing some possible tool/model improvements, they also use it to the discipline activities (even when was not required).

# UNITE DISCIPLINES WITHOUT A SYSTEMS ENGINEERING COURSE

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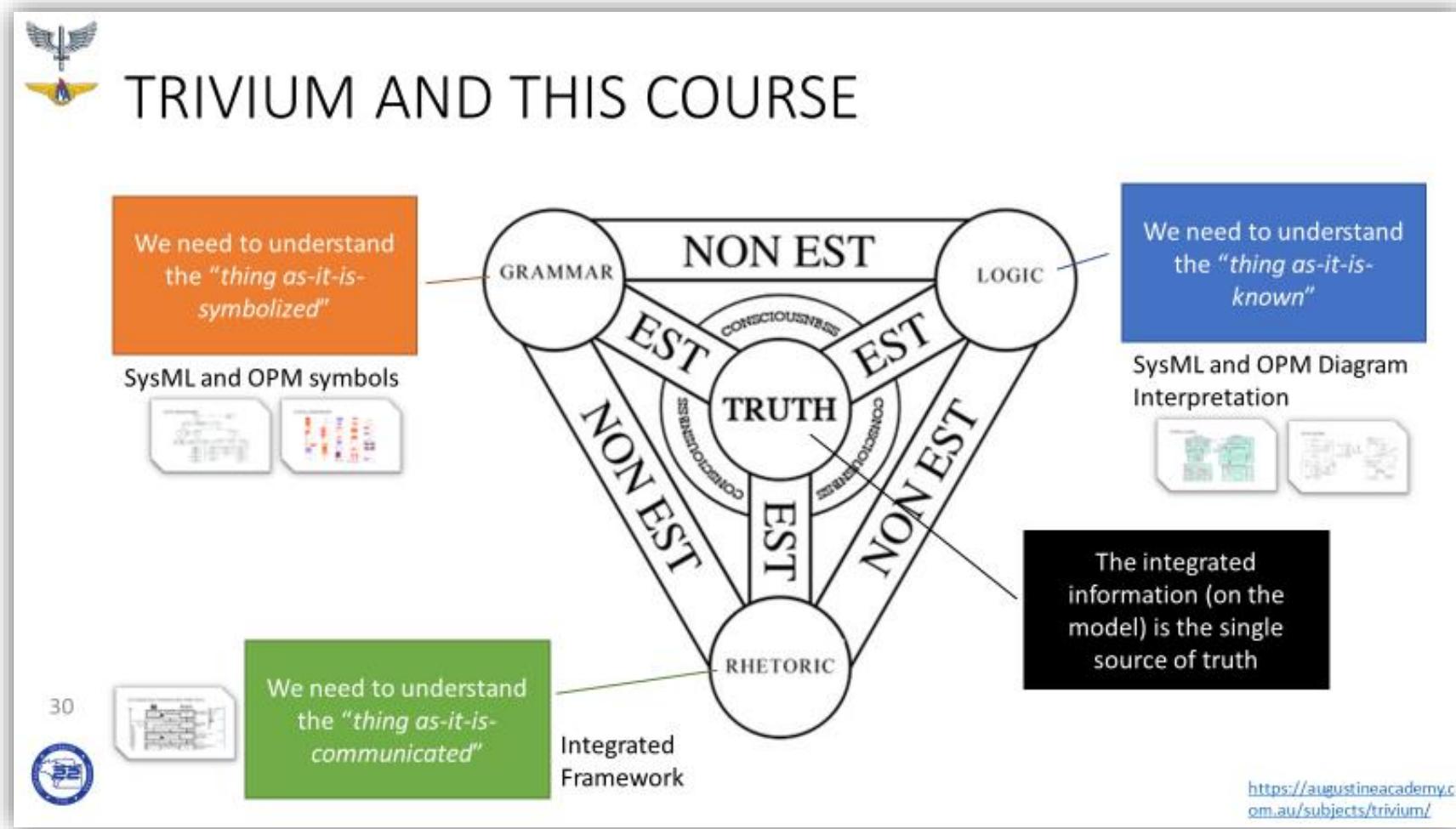
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**Hypothesis:** The Integration of curriculum will promote the systemic view.

**Conclusions:** Actually it was used the Wertz "Space Mission Engineering Method" ("SE-Like") on the first discipline. The second discipline used Capella to decompose the Ground Systems (only Logical Architecture). The students were able to understand the interconnection of the disciplines, budgets, and decisions impacts.

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# LECTURING MBSE AS A LANGUAGE (ON GOING)



**Hypothesis:** Learn MBSE as the lower Liberal Arts (Grammar/Logic/Rhetoric) will improve learning speed

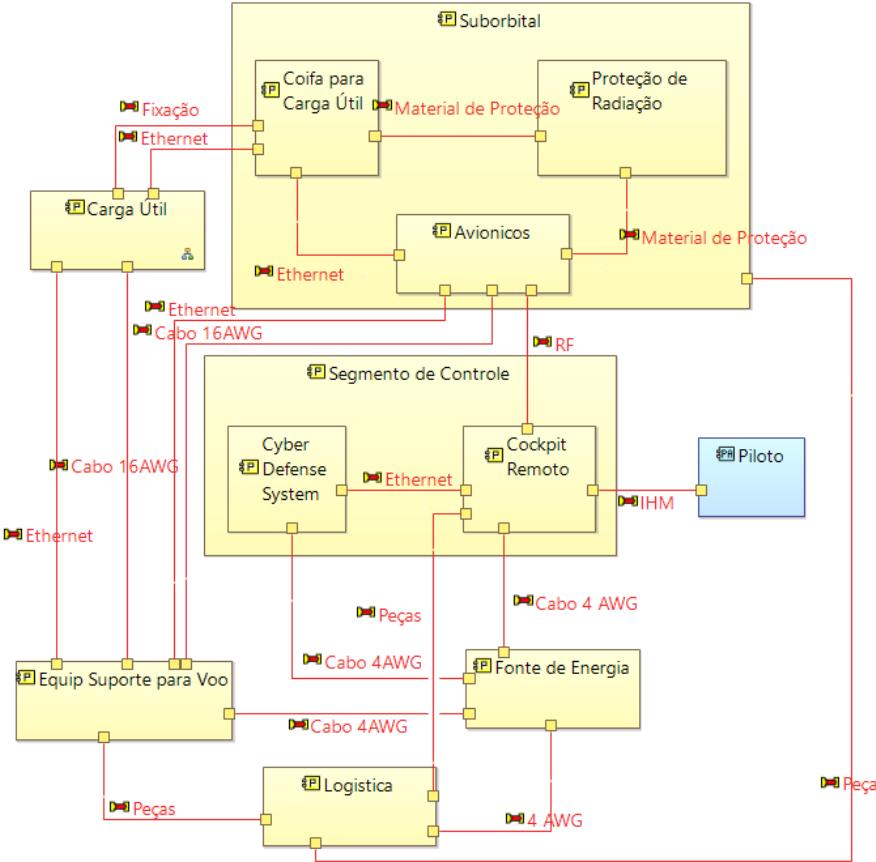
**Conclusions:** on going

(c) Constraints

- Finishing to collect data to publish.

# USING MBSE TO CO-ENGINEERING (ON GOING)

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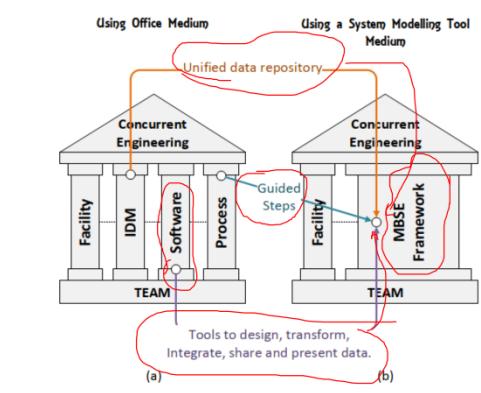
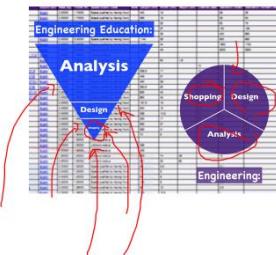


SARP Matrix (11 categories, 11 rows):

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1 Logística / suportabilidade	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2 Software Embarrado	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 Verificação e Validação	?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 Trajetória	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5 AIT	X	X	X	?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6 IHM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7 energia / suportabilidade	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8 aviação / radiação ionizantes / efeitos eletromagnéticos	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9 "support" / enabling systems	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10 Segurança Cibernética	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

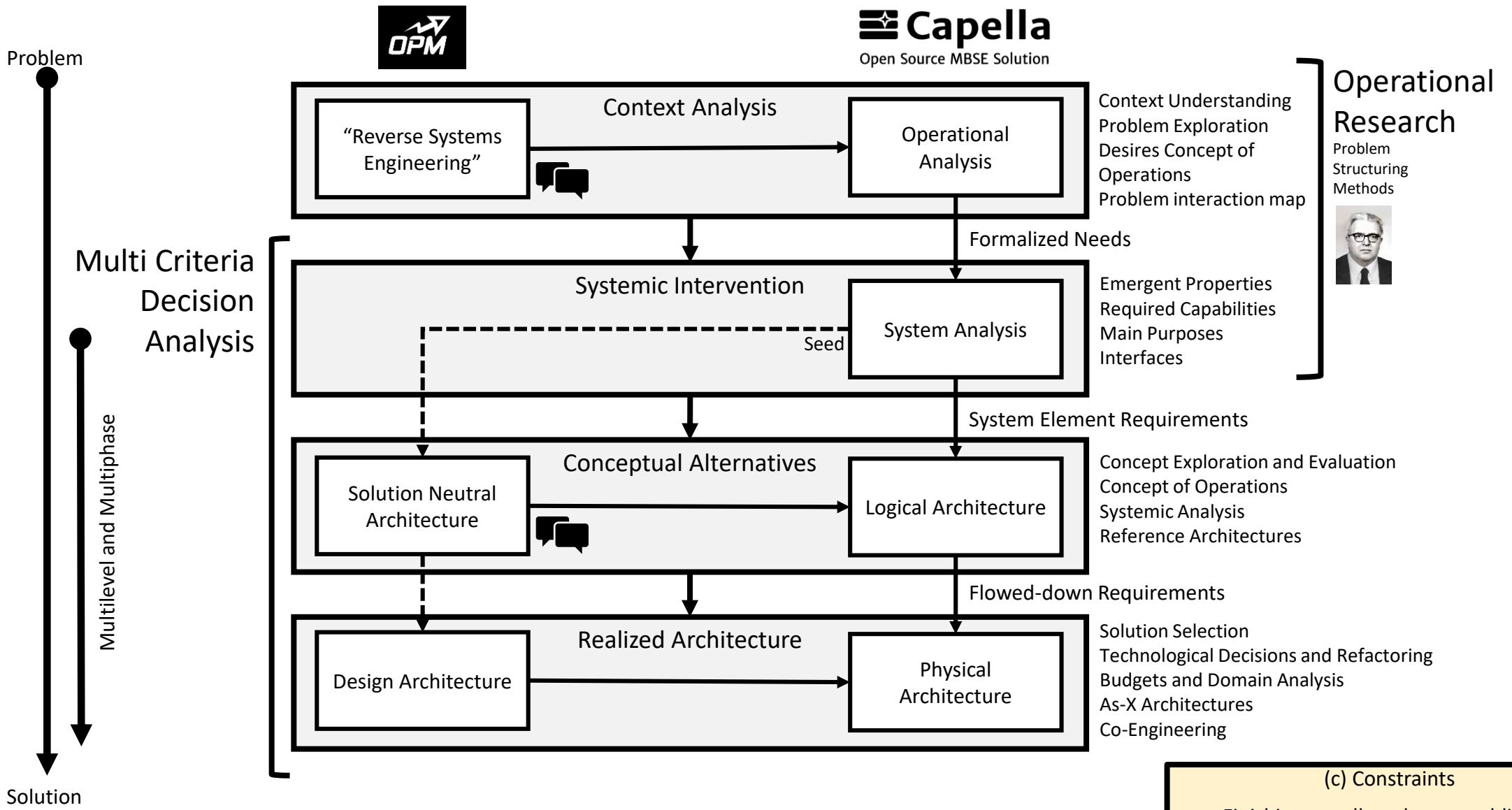
## ACTIONS

- Shop**
  - It has equal importance than Design
- Integrate**
  - Repositories of modelled-mapped SS/ Equip/ Components
- Deliver**
  - Sets of viable solutions that might fit into the mission.



# IN TERMS OF SE RESEARCH: MMMF

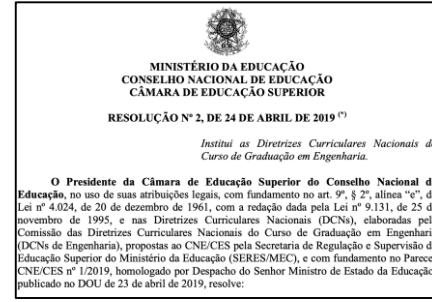
(MULTI-METHODOLOGY MBSE FRAMEWORK)



# UFSM EXPERIENCES

# SOME CONTEXT...

- New National curriculum guidelines for Engineering education (DCNs)
- Objectives: “to meet future demands on **more and better engineers**”
- Main Characteristics: Competency-based learning (tech/pers./interpersonal skills), **focus on practice**, **active learning**, **interdisciplinarity**, and greater flexibility in the curriculum constitution



Art. 3º O perfil do egresso do curso de graduação em Engenharia deve compreender, entre outras, as seguintes características:

I – ter visão holística e humanista, ser crítico, reflexivo, criativo, cooperativo e ético e com forte formação técnica;

II – estar apto a pesquisar, desenvolver, adaptar e utilizar novas tecnologias, com atuação inovadora e empreendedora;

III – ser capaz de reconhecer as necessidades dos usuários, formular e analisar e resolver, de forma criativa, os problemas de Engenharia;

IV – adotar perspectivas multidisciplinares e transdisciplinares em sua prática;

V – considerar os aspectos globais, políticos, econômicos, sociais, ambientais, culturais e de segurança e saúde no trabalho;

VI – atuar com isenção e comprometido com a responsabilidade social e com o desenvolvimento sustentável.

To have Holistic thinking

To be able to identify stakeholders needs

To adopt multi/trans-disciplinary approaches

# SOME (MORE) CONTEXT...

- CDIO – Conceive Design Implement and Operate
- International Initiative, proposes an Educational framework focused on CDIO real-world systems
- Based on the principle that **system lifecycle development is the context for engineering education**, in which technical knowledge and other skills (personal/interpersonal) are taught, practiced and learned.
- CDIO Syllabus: skills for undergraduate engineering education. Disciplinary fundamentals, personal, interpersonal and system development skills
- CDIO Standards: principles to implement CDIO in an engineering programme



UFMS's CDIO application approved on Oct/2020



## CDIO Standards 3.0

Standard 1: The Context

Standard 2: Learning Outcomes

Standard 3: Integrated Curriculum

Standard 4: Introduction to Engineering

Standard 5: Design-Implement Experiences

Standard 6: Engineering Learning Workspaces

Standard 7: Integrated Learning Experiences

## CDIO Syllabus 2.0

+ 1 DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE AND REASONING

- 2 PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

– 2.1 ANALYTIC REASONING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

+ 2.1.1 Problem Identification and Formulation

+ 2.1.2 Modeling

+ 2.1.3 Estimation and Qualitative Analysis

+ 2.1.4 Analysis with Uncertainty

+ 2.1.5 Solution and Recommendation

+ 2.2 EXPERIMENTATION, INVESTIGATION AND KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY

– 2.3 SYSTEM THINKING

+ 2.3.1 Thinking Holistically

+ 2.3.2 Emergence and Interactions in Systems

+ 2.3.3 Prioritization and Focus

+ 2.3.4 Trade-offs, Judgment and Balance in Resolution

of Faculty Competence

of Faculty Teaching Competence

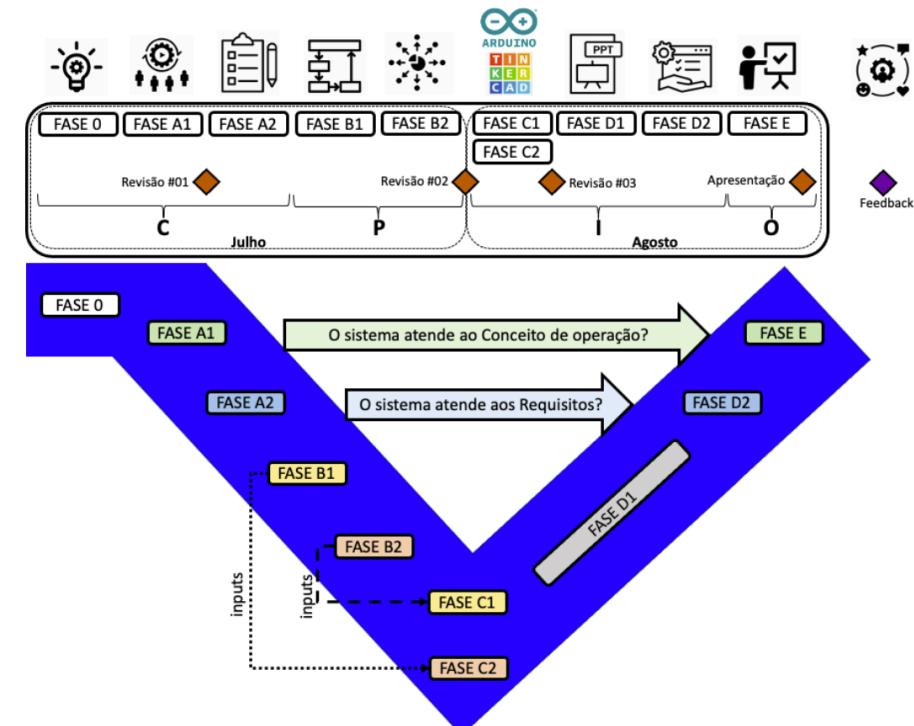
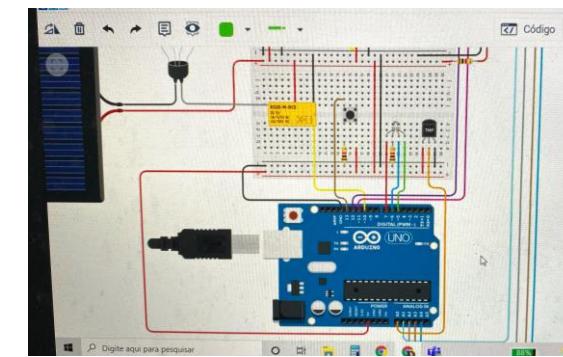
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# UFSM CURRENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPELLA

- Program Courses
  - Introduction to Aerospace Engineering

- Interdisciplinary Project
- SE basic concepts
- Prepares freshman for CDIO and SE
- Project-based Learning (simulated CanSat)



# UFSC CURRENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPELLA

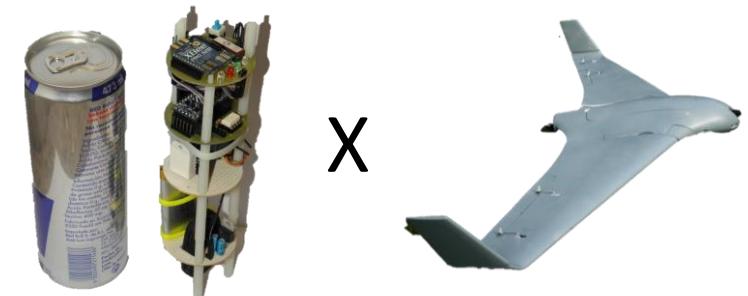
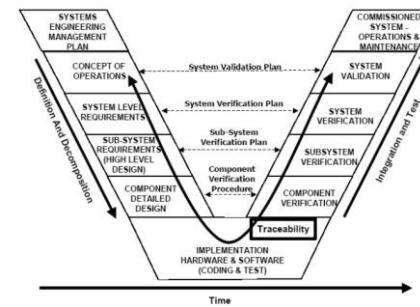
- Program Courses
  - Fundamentals of Systems Engineering

- Project Based Learning
- SE and MBSE concepts (theory)

- Outcomes:



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Capella Modelling (practice)

Capella learning through students course (CDIO)

# UFSC CURRENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPELLA

- Program Courses

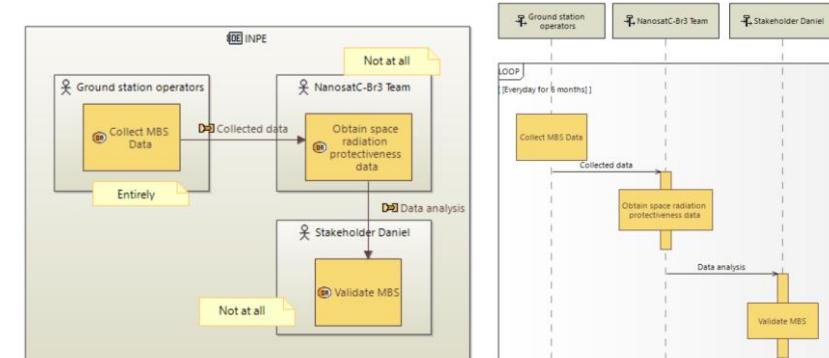
- Space Systems Concept Design 

Space System concepts



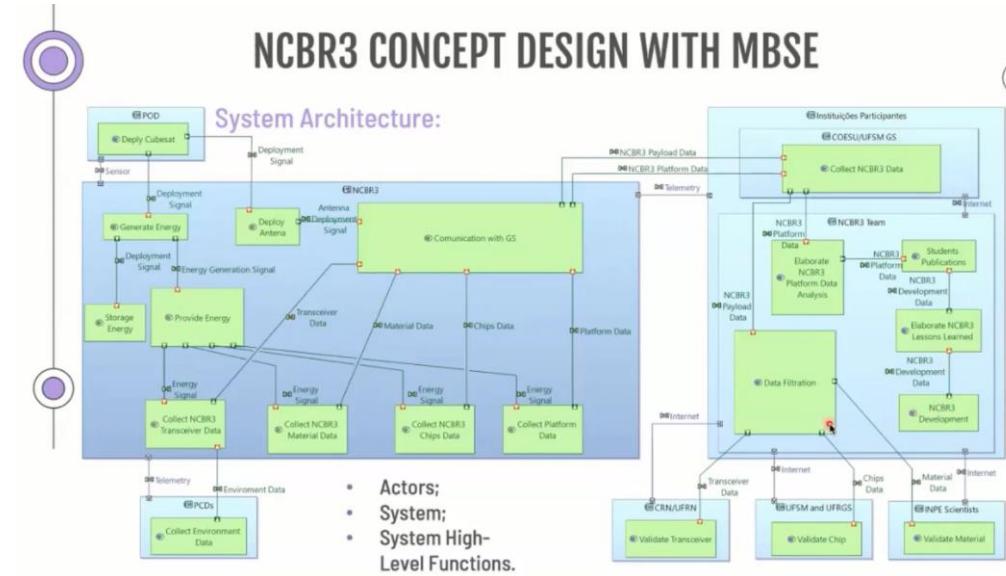
- Project Based Learning
- Some SE concepts and tools (not the focus)
- Capella as a design tool for Course Project
- Modelling is self-taught (by senior undergrads)

CubeSat Concept Design



# UFSC CURRENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPELLA

- Nanossatellite Project
  - NanoSatC-BR3 3U CubeSat
- INPE and UFSC cooperation Program
- Beginning the transition to model-centric
- Defining Mission and preparing for MDR (2022)
- Modelling made by Aerospace engineering undergrads

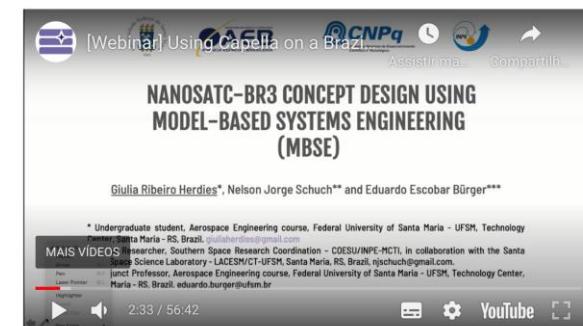


## Using Capella on a Brazilian Nanosat Project

Posted on Tuesday, 01 June 2021 in [News](#)

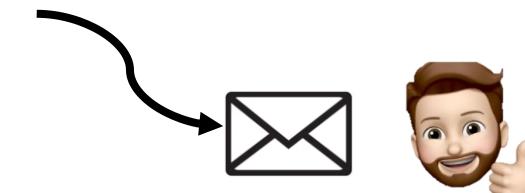
Thursday, June 10, 2021, Obeo organized a Capella Webinar.

This webinar has ended, but feel free to watch the recording.



# UFSC CURRENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPELLA

- CDIO Projects
  - MBSE Course (pt-br)
- To promote SE and MBSE for Brazilian Engineering Programs
- Theory and Practice Course for absolute beginners
- Intermediate Course in progress..
- Open to receive needs by Capella Community/industry for new CDIO Projects



- Intro. to Systems Engineering
- Intro. to MBSE and Arcadia method
- Capella Modelling Practical Exercises

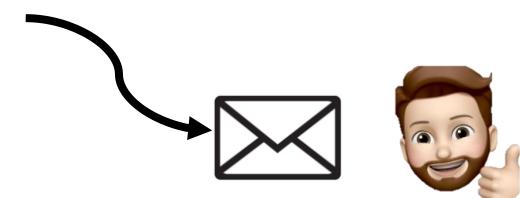
- CDIO Projects = 4 Program Courses (4 Semesters)
- Teams of 2~5 students
- Focus on Practical Problems

# UFMS CURRENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPELLA

- Final Course Thesis
  - MBSE x production line (MBPLE)

Thesis = 2 Semesters Projects  
Research or development Projects  
Usually 1 student

- Research objective: How MBSE may support product-line improvements?
- Using a real industry (mechanical engineering) case as use case application
- Thesis presentation scheduled for middle February 2022 (open access)
- (also) Open to receive needs by Capella Community/industry for new Thesis Projects



# SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND COMPLEXITY RESEARCH GROUP

UFSM EXPERIENCES



## (c) Constraints

- Interdisciplinary
- Interinstitutional
- Integrate SE Researchers in different Projects
- To Promote SE in Brazilian Academic field



## Research Lines

- Complexity
- Systems Engineering / MBSE
- Concurrent Engineering
- Industry 4.0
- Engineering Teaching Methodologies
- Nanosatellites
- Defense and Security Systems

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# FINAL THOUGHTS

- The courses have been using **several approaches**.
  - ITA and UFSM has experimented some.
- Each College/University have its own DNA and **must** use its own approaches



# FINAL THOUGHTS

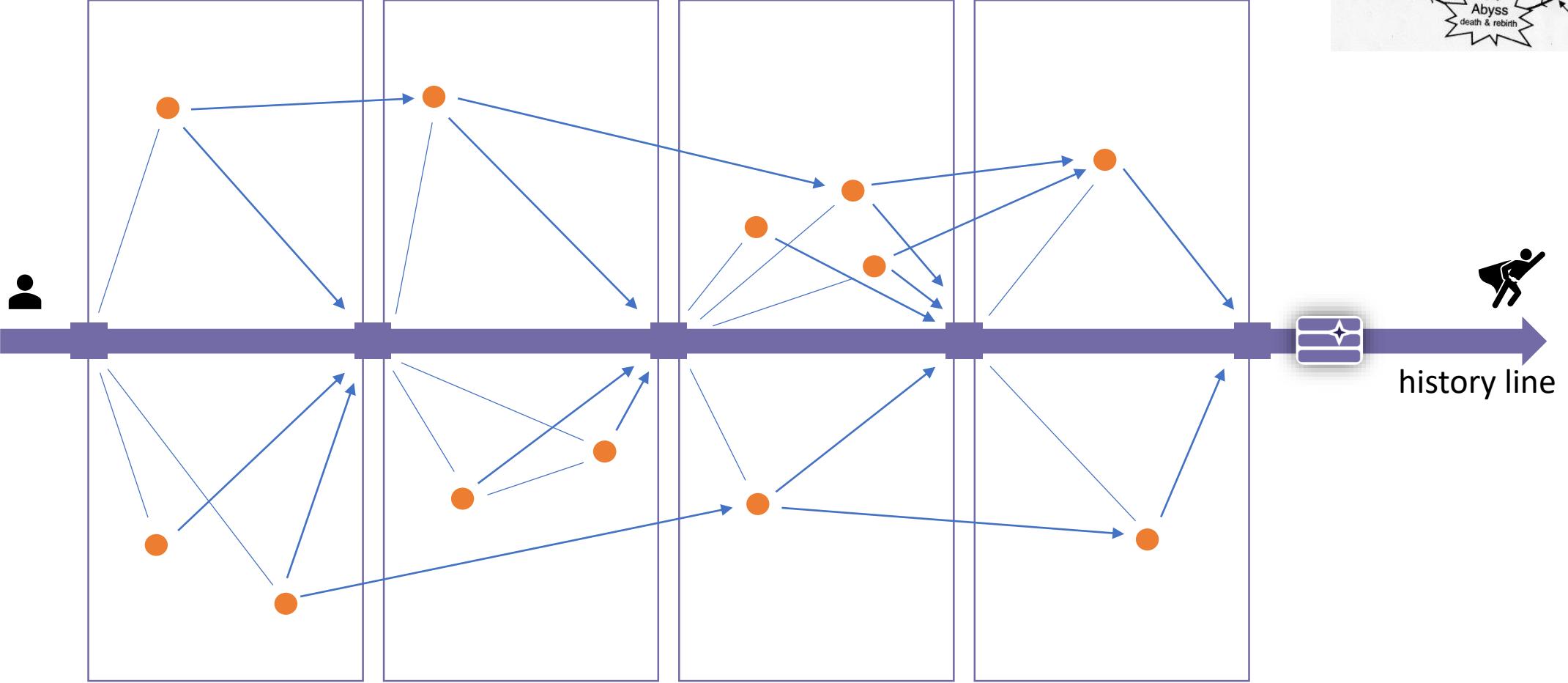
- A couple take-outs from the courses experiences
  - Add systems \*\* disciplines
    - Add **Soft Operational Research and/or Systems Engineering**
    - Add **Systems Thinking**
  - **Project/problem**-based learning
  - Adopt a **Transversal Project**
  - Use **CDIO** (or similar approach) and integrate the curriculum
  - “Legacy SE” or MBSE
  - Consider the selection from **tenet->tools**
  - **Gamification**
  - SE Laboratory (**check the University of Michigan Initiative**)

# FINAL THOUGHTS

- There is a **HUGE gap on Brazilian education** regarding the systemic competences.
- The new reality requires those **skills**.
  - We are making an **easy to follow steps** to educators.
  - We are, linguistically, adapting **Arcadia/Capella** to Portuguese.
    - *(INCOSE/Portuguese Speaking Capella Community is invited to contribute)*
    - **Capella should be translatable to several languages!!!! 😊**
- You are all invited to **visit our labs** (at ITA and at UFSM)
  - We can  guarantee a lot of good stories, laughs, MBSE, CE, and coffee.

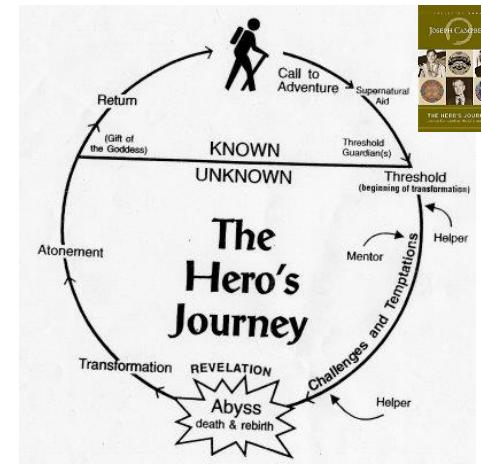
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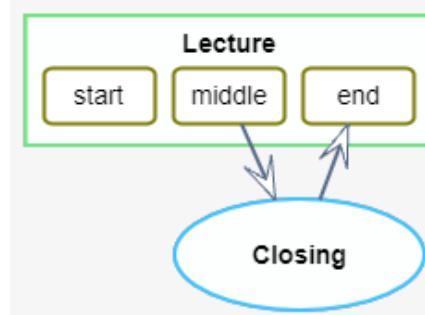
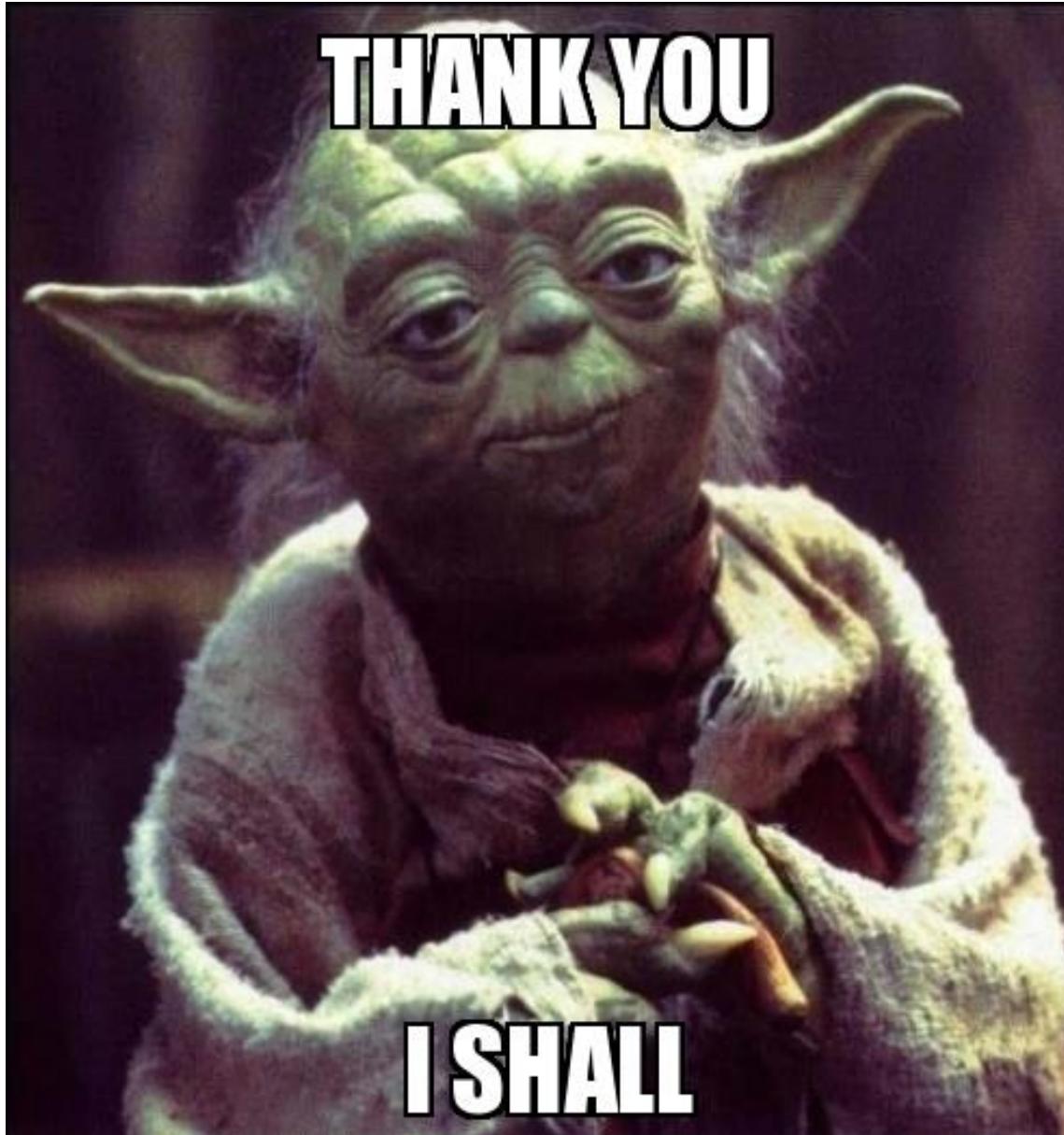
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## Questions & (maybe) Answers



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