MBSE Experiences at LM-SSC



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Trends in Modern Systems

- Increased system breadth and complexity
- Emergence of Systems of Systems
- Increased attention to cyber security and system resilience
- Blurred line between hardware and software
- Customers focused on Affordability, Flexibility and Adaptability



System Complexity Increasing with Budgets Decreasing

Systems Engineering Process



Plus . . .

- Operate System
- Support / Maintain System
- Dispose System
- Risk Management

- Peer Review
- Decision Analysis
- Failure Review

What is Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)?

- "Model-based systems engineering (MBSE) is the formalized application of modeling 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."
 - INCOSE SE Vision 2020 (INCOSE-TP-2004-004-02), Sept 2007



MBSE is SE! . . . Using a model

Stakeholder Needs & Requirements

- State Machine modeling allows analysis on separate components that must act together into an executable dynamic scenario
- Provides "stop-motion" analysis so that commands, telemetry, and sensor states can be simultaneously examined at moments in time



Graphical Modeling Approaches Improve Quality & Enhance Communication

Design & Analysis

- Increased Fidelity and Consistency of information for analysis
 - System model key to integrated data from different aspects of design into a system level analysis (STK, Simulink, Rhapsody)
- Ability to explore different system designs against mission profiles
 - Repeatable analyses to evaluate alternatives against TPM's
- Foundational to use of trade space optimization tools
 - Analysis of Alternatives and Design of Experiments possible extending tools used to integrate the analyses (Phoenix ModelCenter Optimization Pak has DoE capability)





Verification & Validation

- Experience implementing a modified version of UTP
 - Value as a structured method for defining test and as input to test planning process
 - Especially useful for verification at system level (maybe less for component test)
- Platform for Test Planning Conversations
 - Cross-function discussions around test events
 - Definition for test support equipment
 - Integrate test with integration defining AI&T flow



Integration

- System Structure based version for assembly sequence
- Model-based traceability for behavior and structure for integration and test (system configuration)
- Basis for linkage between detail design disciplines (mechanical, electrical, software, etc.) for manufacture/assembly and systems/software



But what about MBSE for ...?

- Failure Review and ADR
 - Capture of System Design for use in ADR
 - Potentially valuable, but . . .
 - Issues with visualization, compartmentalization (especially for shared payloads), maintenance in operations, etc.
- Mission Operations
 - Leverage of System Design for On-Orbit Handbook
 - Maintenance for evolution of system in ops (degraded performance, consumables, etc.)
- Risk Management
 - Integration as meta data in System Model
 - Reporting and visualization via modeling tool are relatively weak
 - Maintenance of information from another mechanism more ideal
- Others





Challenges to Opportunities for MBSE

Tools

- SysML Implementations
- Configuration Management (especially when digitally integrated)
- Integration with other Disciplines
 - Modeling?
 - Data Sets and Interoperability
- Communication
 - Customer
 - End-User
 - Inside Program
- Usability
- Model Organization & Management
 - Package Structure
 - One Model? Two? More?
 - Reference & Reuse

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