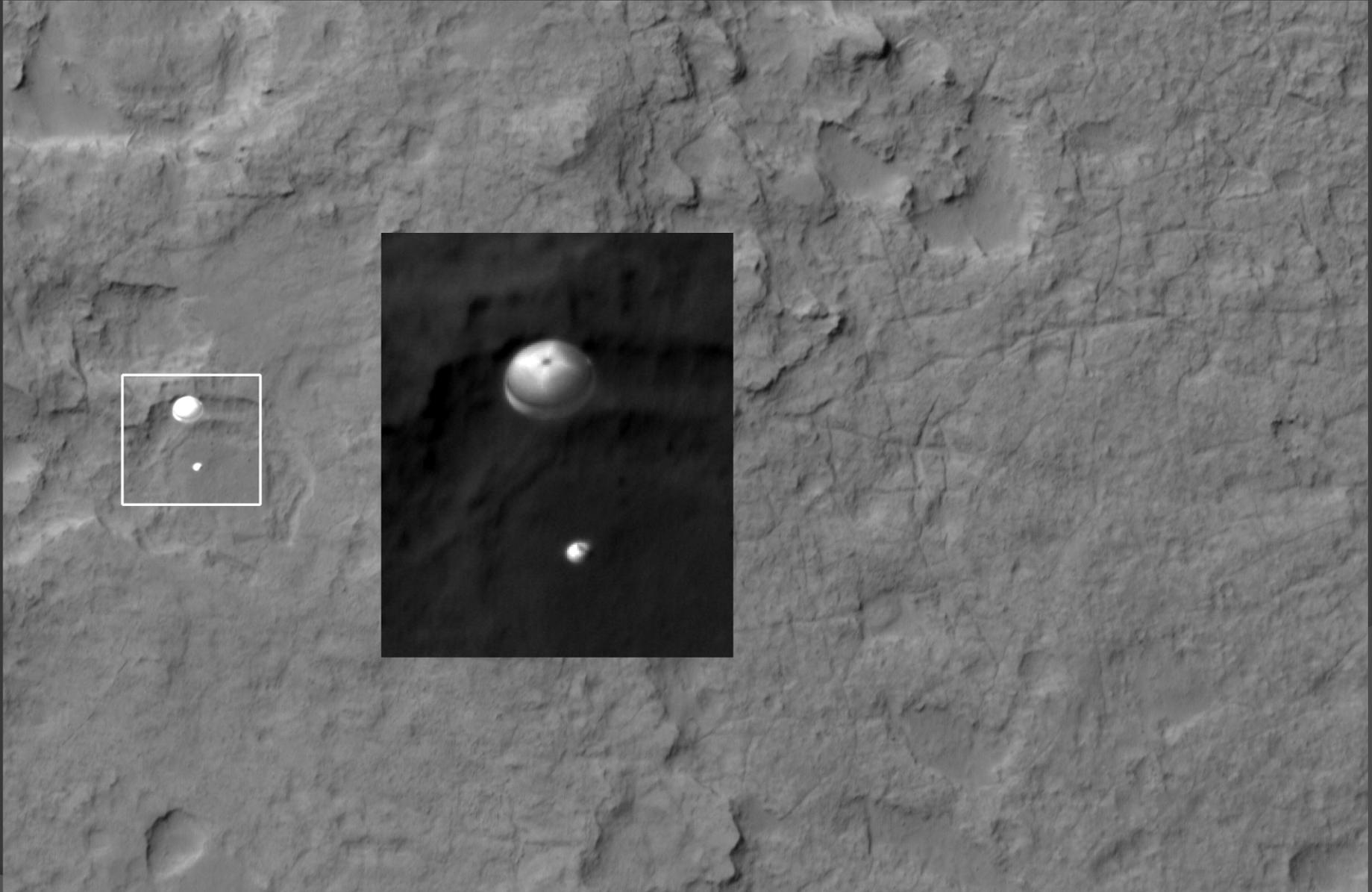


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**INCOSE SPACE SYSTEMS  
CHALLENGE TEAM AND  
JPL MBSE**

# Congratulations to Mars Science Lab!



# Outline

- MBSE Basics
- Challenge Team Efforts
- MBSE Adoption at JPL
- Future Challenges

Systems Engineering and Models

# SE AND MBSE

# Driving Idea: Systems Engineering Specifications

- ⦿ Systems Engineers in the Space Domain produce information
  - Functions
    - Describing the Problem
    - Trades
    - System Functional and Behavioral Design
    - Specifying System Components and Integrations
    - VnV
    - Deployment and Fielding
    - Operational Support
  - Products
    - Analysis (Simulation, Tests, etc)
    - Reports on Analysis
    - Plans
    - Design Descriptions
    - Interface Descriptions
    - Requirements

# Role of Languages in MBSE Enterprise

- ◎ SysML (Systems Modeling Language)
  - Unifying the Qualitative and Quantitative
  - Descriptive Information
  - *Designed to serve as System Specification*
  - “Machineable”
    - Compatible with a variety of execution and analysis strategies
- ◎ Authoritative Source of information

# An Example Systems Engineering Scenario

- Determining science target coverage and power requirements with navigation and behavior analysis simulation tools
  - Satellite Toolkit, Matlab/Simulink
- Challenges
  - How do you extract all the rich detail from these simulations into System Specification?
    - DOORS? Documents/Slides/Spreadsheets?
  - How do you assert mutual consistency between models?
    - Meetings? Emails?
- Need an equally rich mechanism for expressing the system design
  - Human readable
  - Machine readable

MBSE for Space Systems

**INCOSE SPACE SYSTEMS  
CHALLENGE TEAM**

# INCOSE Space Systems Challenge Team

- ◎ 5 years of MBSE Investigations and Demos
  - Objectives
  - Successes
  - Challenges

# INCOSE Space Systems Challenge Team

- ◎ Produce a Space Systems example of MBSE
  - real-world
  - Sharable
    - INCOSE is an International Organization
- ◎ Broad Team
  - NASA, CSA
  - Industry
  - Academia (MIT, GIT)

# Timeline of Activity

- Y1: MIT/GaTech Student FireSat Example
- Y2-4: SysML model of FireSat
  - Space Analysis Library using SMAD (Space Mission Analysis and Design textbook, Wertz and Larson)
  - Basic Model of FireSat
  - Solar Panel Trade
  - Satellite Toolkit Integration
- Y5->: CubeSat: An Architecture Framework and Method for Space Systems MBSE

# FireSat MIT/GaTech Collaboration

- ◎ Build an integrated model of FireSat
  - SubSystems in Matlab, STK, Excel
  - Integrated with Phoenix Model Center
  - Student Teams Mentored by Industry Experts from INCOSE SSWG
- ◎ Successes
  - executable trade model for FireSat
- ◎ Challenges
  - Difficult to build
  - SubSystem models were difficult to integrate
  - No architecture of the model integration or key parameters
  - Difficult to Audit for completeness correctness

# FireSat SysML Model

- ◎ Build SysML model of FireSat
  - Learn SysML
  - Describe FireSat using SysML
  - Compare Model Description against typical document representation
- ◎ Successes
  - Models of descriptions from book
  - Model views corresponding to documents
- ◎ Challenges
  - Technique of modeling and applying the methodology
  - Table representations
  - Model Analysis
  - Document Production

# SysML Space Analysis Library

- ◎ Build SysML Space Analysis Library
  - Build Library of analysis from SMAD
  - Build approach to VnV for Library
- ◎ Successes
  - Libraries for many analysis types
  - Useful testing approach
- ◎ Challenges
  - Deep subject – much could not be captured
  - Executability (significantly improved since)
  - Units and Dimensions (significantly improved since)
  - Presentation of equations

# FireSat Solar Panel Trade

- ⦿ Use Library to replicate Solar Panel Sizing Trade
  - FireSat Model and Library-> executable trade
- ⦿ Successes
  - Successfully built executable trade
  - Hard-linked to requirements
  - Powerful view of driving systems properties
- ⦿ Challenges
  - Executability (improving since)
    - Debugging
    - Scaling

# FireSat Integrated Modeling

- ⦿ Integrate FireSat SysML Model with Satellite ToolKit
  - Exchange Orbit Scenario properties
- ⦿ Successes
  - Basic Exchange of Parameters
  - Direct comparison of MBSE in SysML and STK
  - Explicit link between models and requirements
- ⦿ Challenges
  - Integration
    - Complicated
    - Difficult to Scale

# CubeSat: Framework and Method

- ◎ Build a Modeling Framework and Method for CubeSats
  - CubeSat Domain-Specific Terms
  - SE Framework for Modeling CubeSat Missions, Spacecraft, and Ground Systems
  - Example Application using RAX Mission
- ◎ Successes
  - First version of Framework
  - Early version of multiple executable demos
- ◎ Challenges
  - Resources
  - Executability
  - Integration

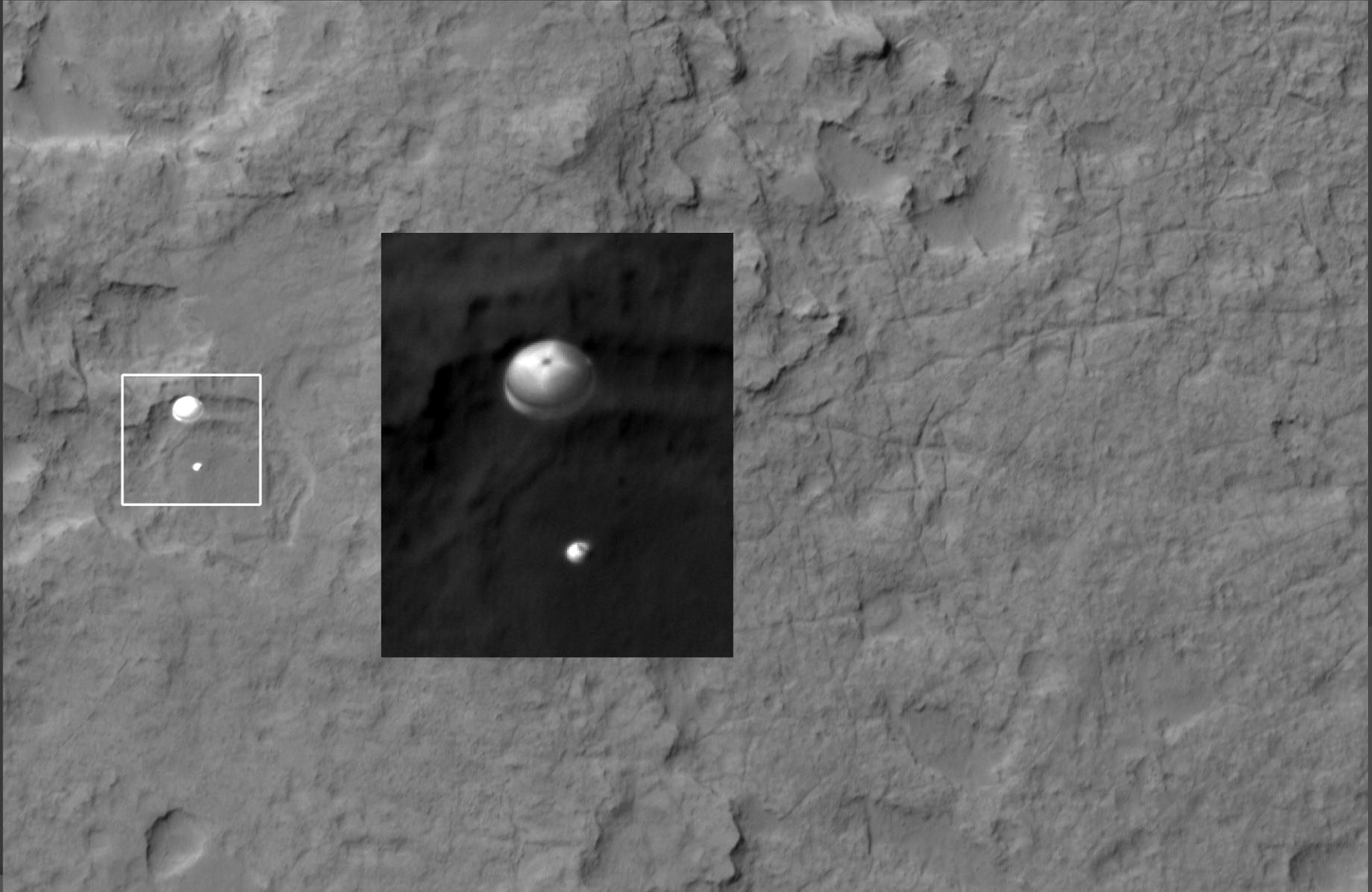
# Consensus of Team

- ◎ Modeling with SysML
  - Everything was hard at first
  - Methodology is critical to a model that hangs together
  - SysML simplified construction of basic things like functions and properties
  - SysML tastes like early CAD apps
  - Libraries of model analysis were effective in making solar panel trade
  - Integration with STK
- ◎ Document Comparison
  - Model unified properties between views
  - Simplified understanding of the System
  - The common SysML language improved communication between teams and simplified collaboration
  - Automated reports allowed for more time to focus on engineering

Practitioners and Community

**MBSE AT JPL**

# Modeling is critical to Land on Mars



# JPL has Sophisticated Modeling Already

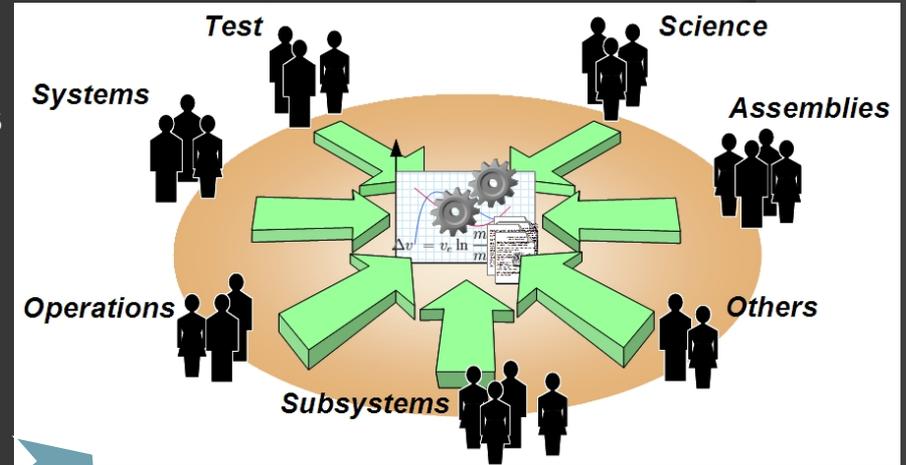
- Entry Descent and Landing dynamics models
- Solar System navigation
- Spacecraft Autonomy
- Detailed physics
- And many more...

# Effects of Challenge Team and JPL MBSE Adoption

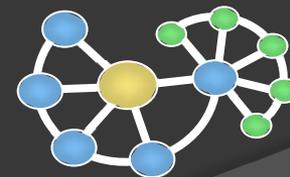
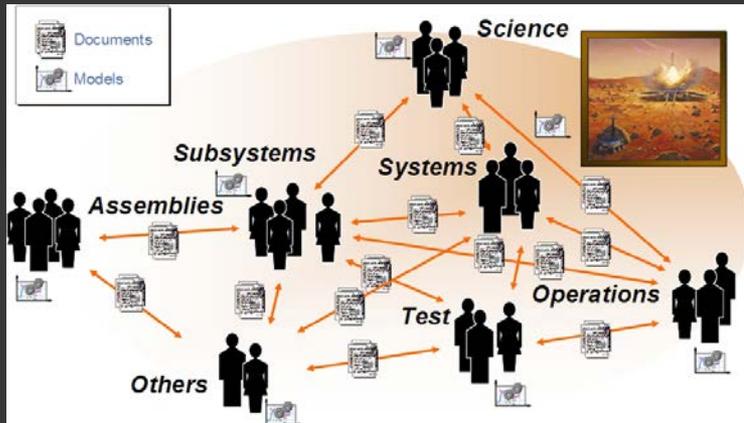
- Enabled Grass-Roots Effort
- Early Examples
- Experience
- Experimentation

# An Integrated Model-Centric Engineering Vision at JPL

**Mission:** To advance from our current document-centric engineering practices to one in which structural, behavioral, physics and simulation-based models representing the technical designs are integrated and evolve throughout the life-cycle, supporting trade studies, design verification and system V&V



**Future:** Reusable model-driven with integration & simulation capability



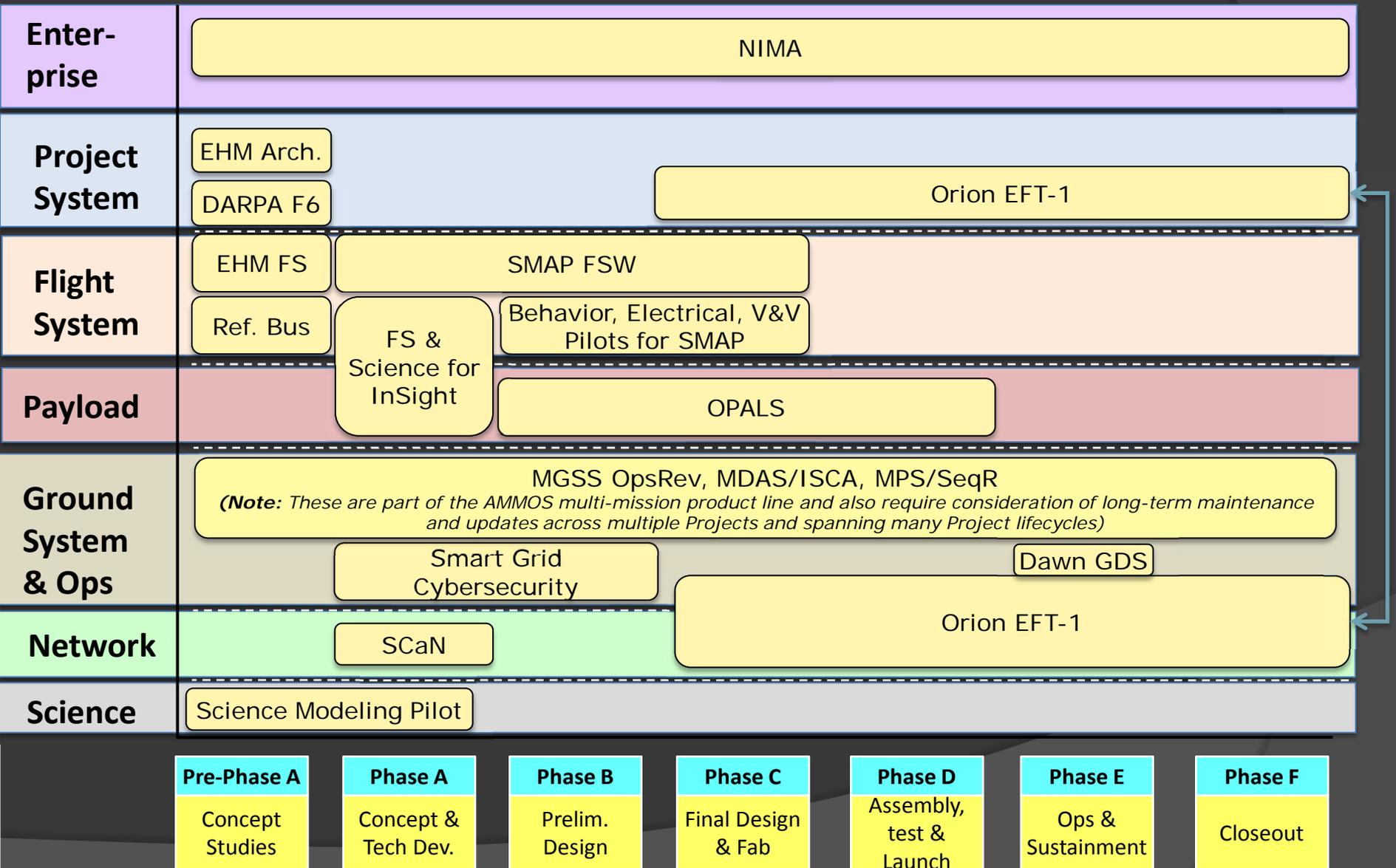
**Today:** Document driven & standalone models

# Modeling Early Adopters

- Open Community of Modeling at JPL
- Forum for Innovation
- Driver for Culture Change
- Enabling Engineers that were motivated to improve their practices

# JPL Modeling Landscape

## By System Type and Lifecycle Phase



# Topics of SE Models

- ⦿ Problem Statements
  - Scenarios
  - Usecases
- ⦿ As-is or current system architectures
- ⦿ Alternatives
  - Architectural choices
  - Component variations
- ⦿ Detailed designs of systems

# Topics of SE Models

- Technical Parameters
  - Mass, Power etc
- System Structure
  - Physical Composition
  - Logical relationships
- System Behavior
  - Functions, Activities
  - Processes
  - States
- Timelines of Interaction
  - Messages
  - Values over time

# Model Based Products

- Systems Engineers make Documents
- Generating document from models
  - Consistent
  - comprehensive
  - Low overhead
  - Verifiable
- Generate Formatted Data
  - Executable XML formats, code, scripts
- The Models are always the authoritative source

# Integrated Analysis

- ⦿ Models as data source
  - Simulation
  - Model Checking (mutual consistency, correctness, completeness)
  - Analytic Analysis
- ⦿ Transformations project model into view compatible with analysis tools
  - QVTo (Query View Transform Operational)
- ⦿ Automated reports on Analysis
  - Model Views

# Benefits Observed at JPL

- ⦿ Systems Engineers spend more time Systems Engineering
- ⦿ Models Architected for Reuse
- ⦿ Rich Variety of Analyses
- ⦿ Improved Communication
  
- ⦿ *Still need to train people to do good systems engineering – with or without models*

# Needs: Enterprise-level Engineering Modeling

- Large-Scale System Model Production
- Scalable Integration
- Model Management
- Complex Interactive Analysis
- Knowledge Harvesting

MBSE Driven Engineering Enterprise

**STEPS TOWARD  
REALIZATION**

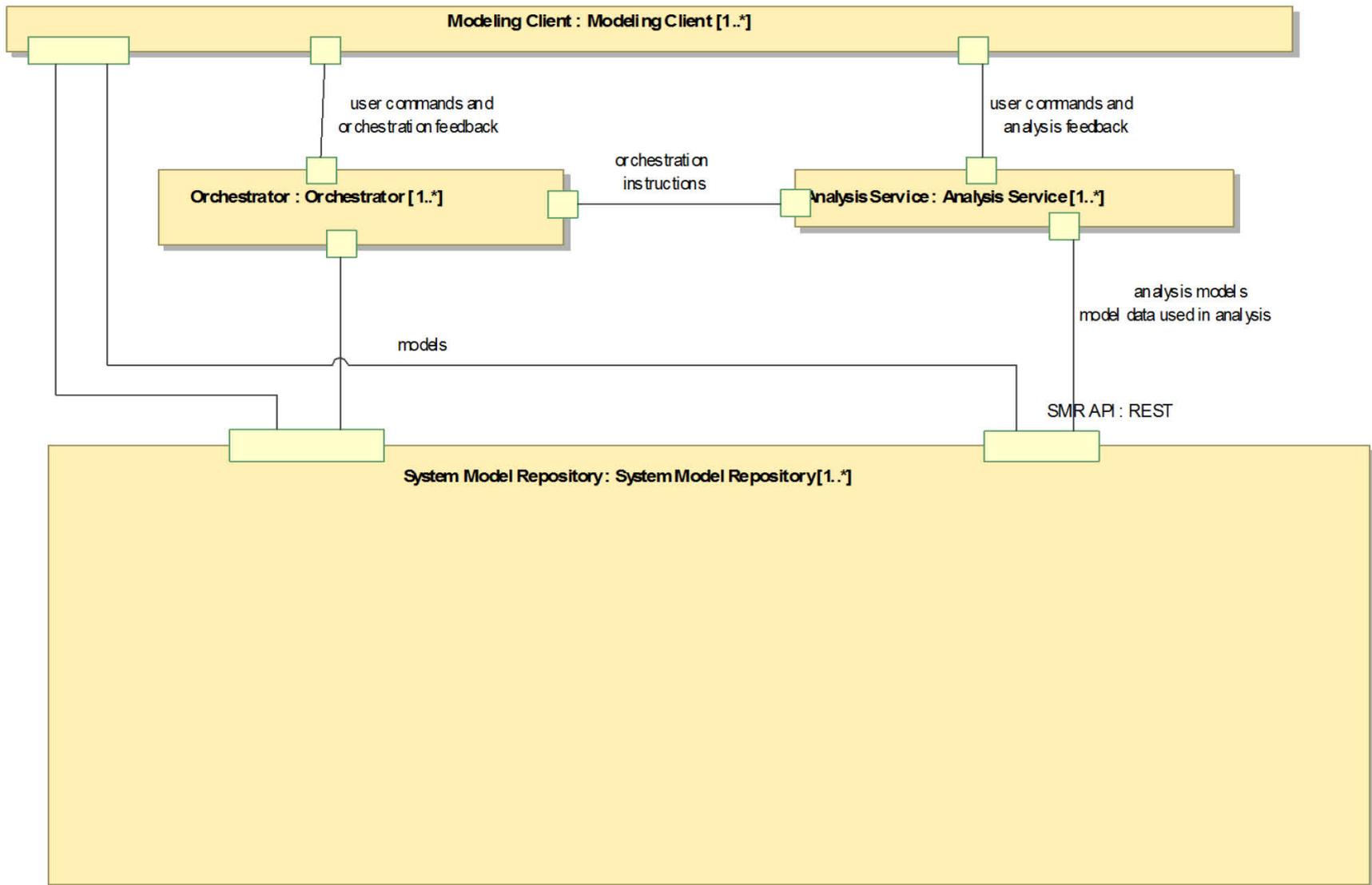
# Enterprise Level Modeling

- ① Teams and Processes
- ① Model Products
- ① MBEE: Model Based Engineering Environment

# Scenario Revisited

- ① Model System in SysML
- ① Generate analyzable products for STK and Matlab
- ① Publish results into SysML model
- ① Generate documents and reports for design, requirements, validation
  - Establish a clear set of views of the specification needed to realize the results of the analysis

# Model Based Engineering Environment



# Model Based Organization

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**MBEE Development and Support Team**

**Model Architecture and Analysis Team**

**System Modeling Team**

**MBEE Development Environment**

IDE

Continuous Integration

**Model Based Engineering Environment**

Report Client

SysML Editor

Analytic Modeling Client

Modeling Client [1..\*]

models

user commands and orchestration feedback

user commands and analysis feedback

Orchestrator [1..\*]

orchestration instructions

Analysis Service [1..\*]

process models

analysis models  
model data used in analysis

SMR API : REST

models

System Model Repository [1..\*]

: REST

Model Repository

Document and Report Data

Triple Store

Models

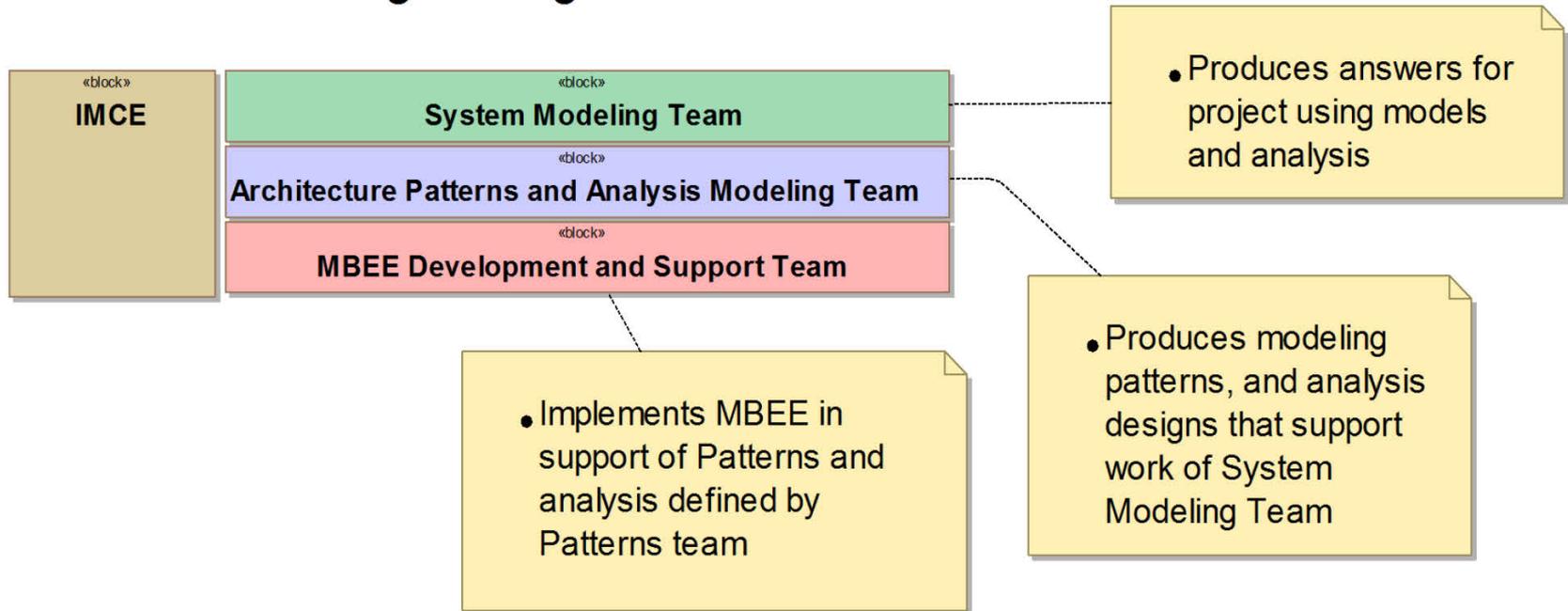
IMCE Definitions



# Teams

## 3 Key Areas to Consider

- Modeling and Analysis for the Project
- Modeling Architecture Patterns and Design
- Model Based Engineering Environment

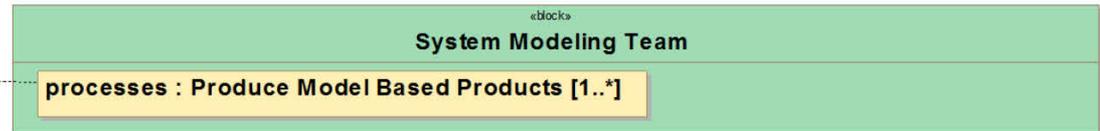


# Teams and Processes

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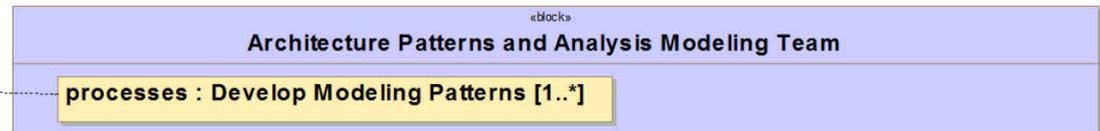
Processes for:

- Deliver System Architecture, Models, Analysis and Reports



Processes for:

- Deliver Solutions for Modeling Problems



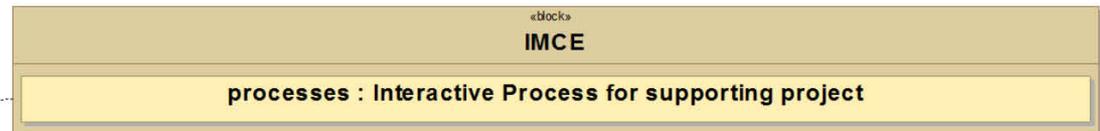
Processes for:

- Development
- Test
- release of MBEE



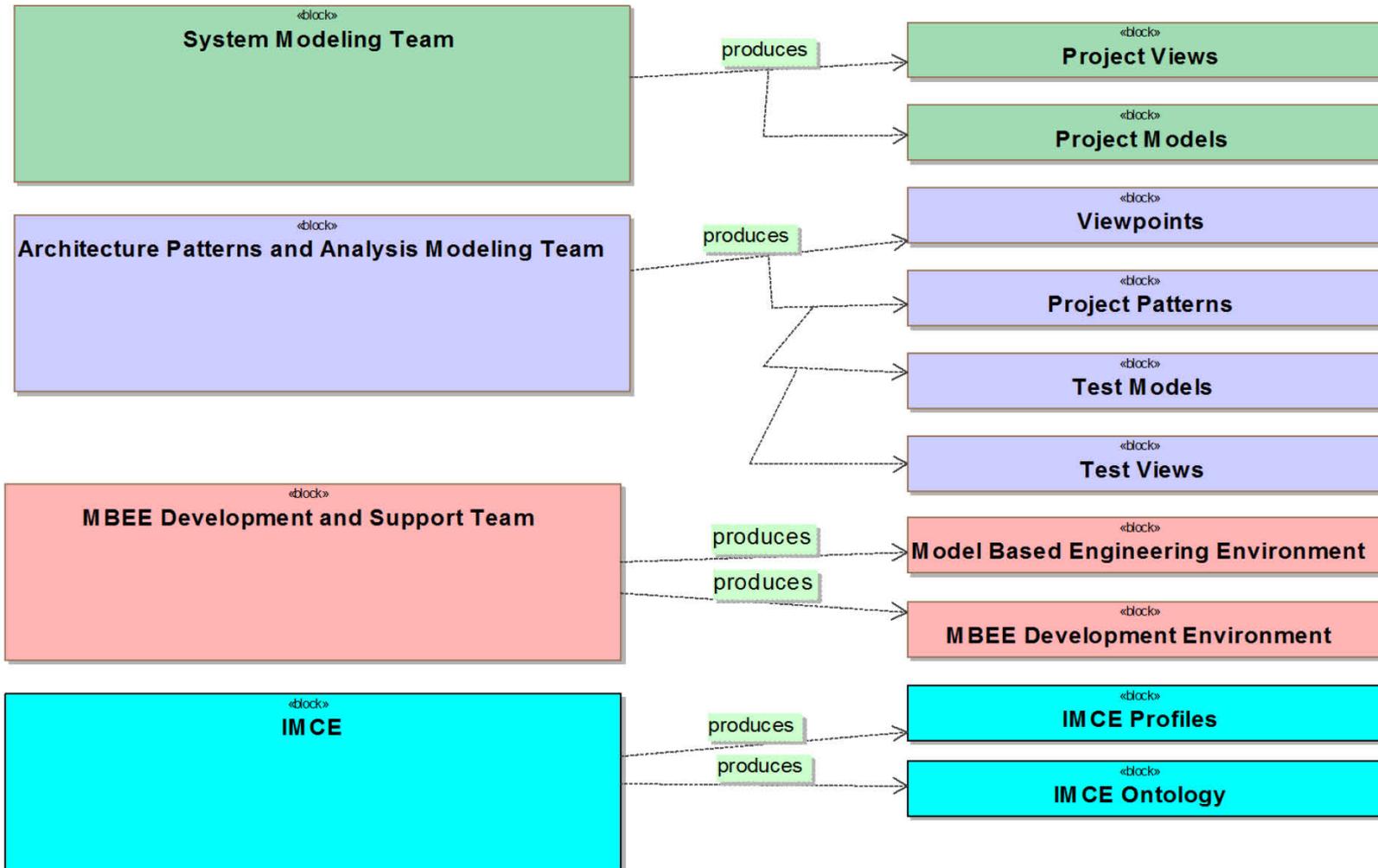
Processes for:

- Training for Applying IMCE products
- Adding IMCE artifacts for project needs
- Allowing for project specific extensions



# Teams and Products

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# What Enterprise MBSE Enables

- ◎ Reliable Information
  - Mutually Consistent Models
  - Authoritative Source
- ◎ Rich Heterogeneous Analysis
- ◎ Multi-disciplinary Collaboration

# MBSE and Culture Change

- ◎ Still about doing excellent Systems Engineering
- ◎ Social and collaborative approaches
  - Bring down barriers
  - Enable engineers to succeed
  - Enable management recognition