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# Infrastructure Projects are Failing More Often

- **Project scope**

- Defined objectives and scope clarity

- **Schedule Delay**

- Correlated with cost overrun
- Adjustments made due to uncontrollable circumstances

- **Cost Overrun**

- Material expense increase over time
- Delayed approval requests
- Scope creep
- Labor hires with necessary skill level

## How Big Projects Performed

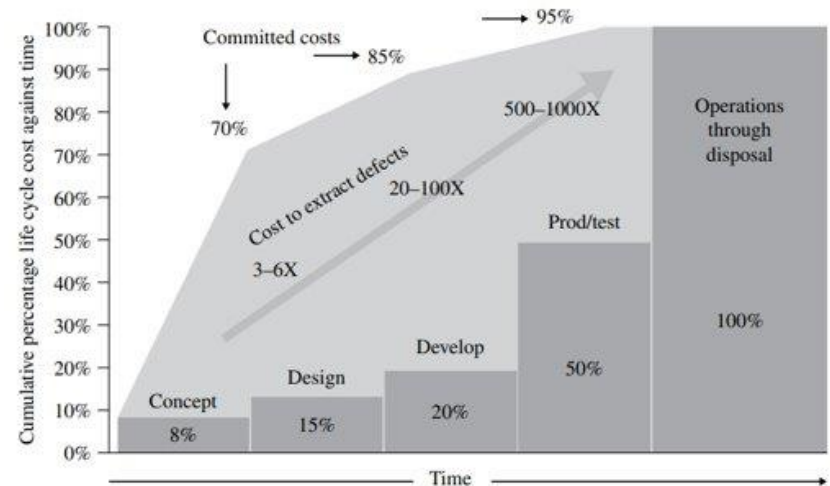
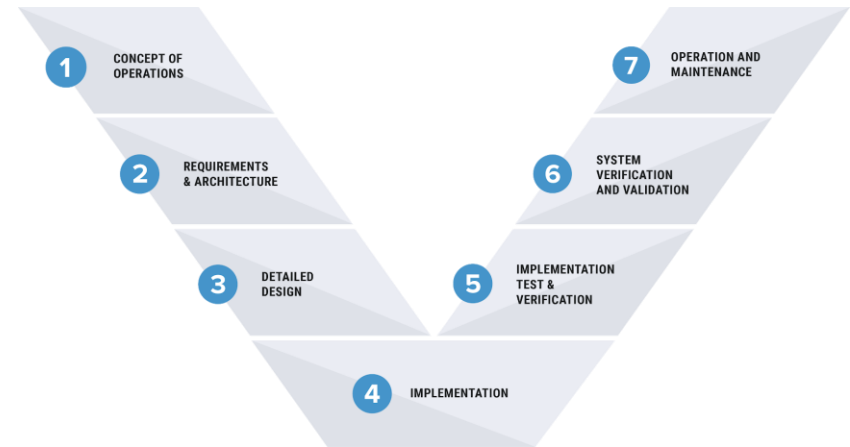
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| Project type          | Mean cost overrun (%) | Projects (A) with $\geq 50\%$ overruns (%) | Mean overruns of A projects (%) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Nuclear storage       | 238                   | 48   | 427                             |
| Olympic Games         | 157                   | 76   | 200                             |
| Nuclear power         | 120                   | 55   | 204                             |
| Hydroelectric dams    | 75                    | 37   | 186                             |
| IT                    | 73                    | 18   | 447                             |
| Nonhydroelectric dams | 71                    | 33   | 202                             |
| Buildings             | 62                    | 39   | 206                             |
| Aerospace             | 60                    | 42   | 119                             |
| Defence               | 53                    | 21   | 253                             |
| Bus rapid transit     | 40                    | 43   | 69                              |
| Rail                  | 39                    | 28   | 116                             |
| Airports              | 39                    | 43   | 88                              |
| Tunnels               | 37                    | 28   | 103                             |
| Oil and gas           | 34                    | 19   | 121                             |
| Ports                 | 32                    | 17   | 183                             |
| Hospitals, health     | 29                    | 13   | 167                             |
| Mining                | 27                    | 17   | 129                             |
| Bridges               | 26                    | 21   | 107                             |
| Water                 | 20                    | 13   | 124                             |
| Fossil thermal power  | 16                    | 14   | 109                             |
| Roads                 | 16                    | 11   | 102                             |

|            |            | Severity of Harm (Impact) |            |          |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|
|            |            | Low (L)                   | Medium (M) | High (H) |
| Likelihood | High (H)   | 3                         | 4          | 5        |
|            | Medium (M) | 2                         | 3          | 4        |
|            | Low (L)    | 1                         | 2          | 3        |

# Systems Engineering

- Application of systems thinking to **complex** engineering projects
- **Holistic**, encompassing approach to analyzing a problem and how the constituent parts interrelate
- **Interdisciplinary**, structured process



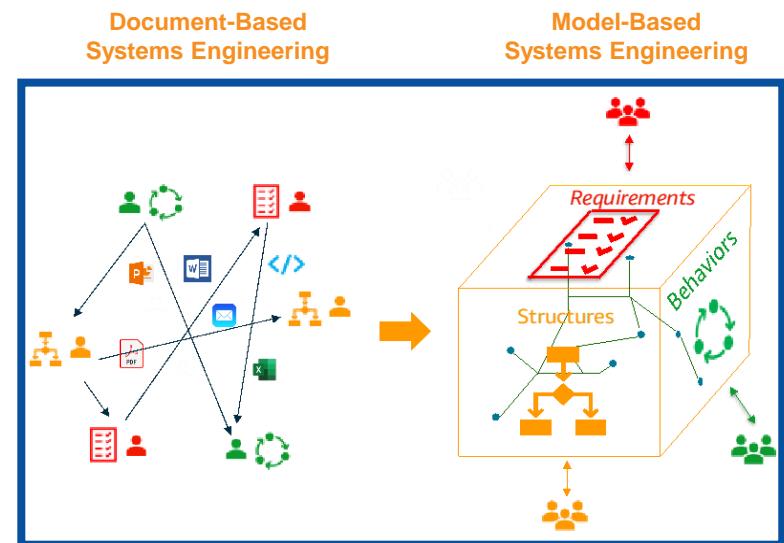
# The Need for Digital Engineering Transformation in Systems Engineering

- Microsoft Word, PDFs, Spreadsheets, Paper Documents, Visio Diagrams, Legacy Systems, etc. dominate the design process
- Software tools and teams are **disparate** and **siloed**
- Changes are manually intensive, difficult to assess impacts
- None of this is “wrong”, but it is tedious, costly, and induces significant delay



# Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

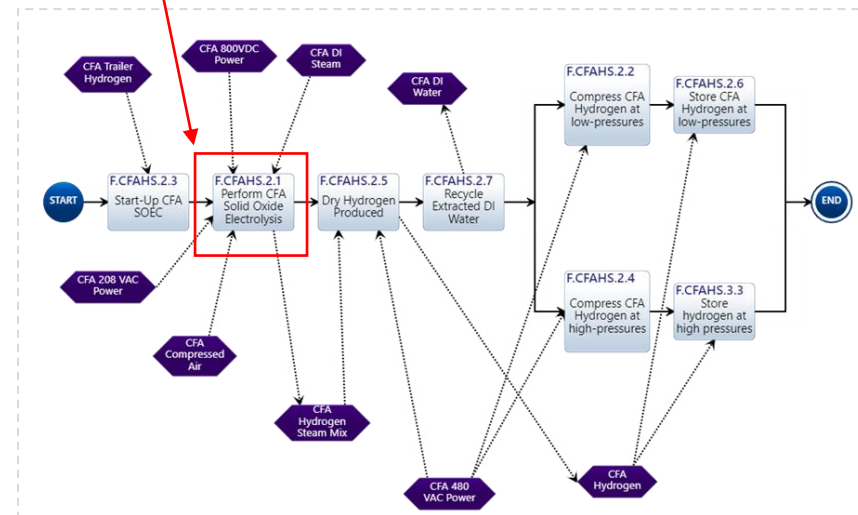
- **MBSE:** shift from document-based, static approaches to use of LML/SysML models and databases as means of information exchange
- Transforms typical systems artifact documents to **data objects**
- Models and data form an integral part of the technical baseline, not just visual depictions
- Ensures the **right** thing is built the **first** time



Source: Amazon Web Services

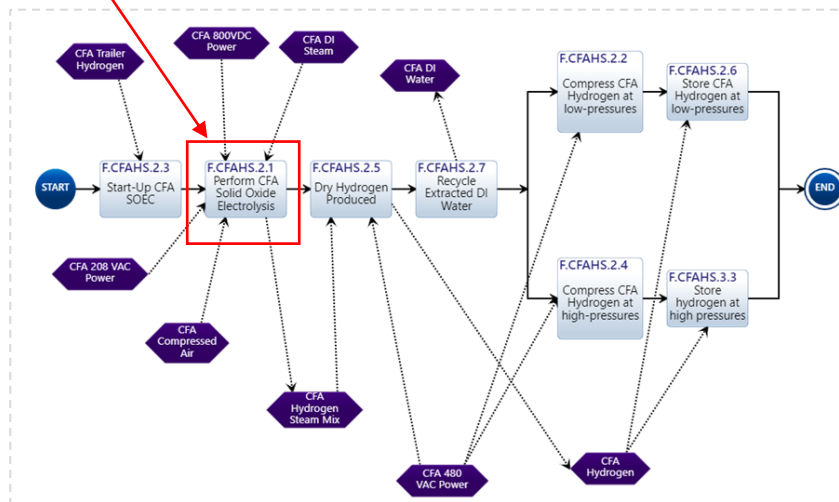
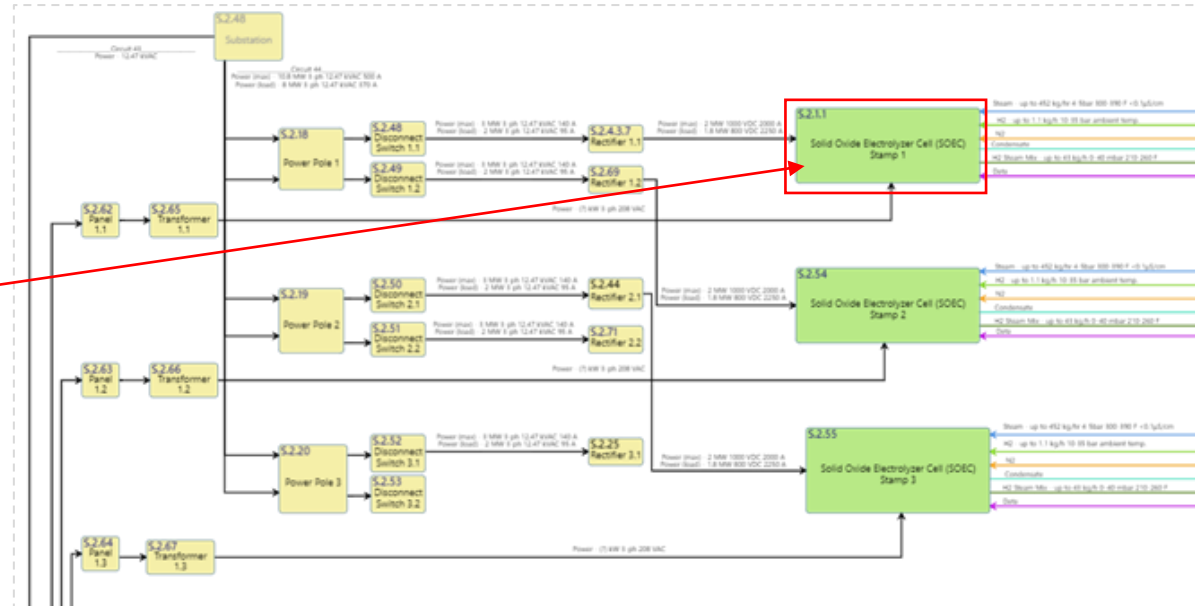


# MBSE at INL – Requirements & Functional Analysis

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# MBSE at INL – Systems Architecture & Analysis

| Relationship Type                          | performed by | S.2.1.1 Solid Oxide Electrolyzer C... | S.2.1.2 Low-Pressure Compressor | S.2.1.4 N2 Liquid Storage Tank | S.2.1.5 H2 Trailer | S.2.1.15.1 Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (S... | S.2.4.3.1 Rectifier 1.1 | S.2.4.3.3 Combined Heat | S.2.1.11 |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| F.CFAHS.1 CFA Hydrogen System (CFAHS...    |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2 Produce Hydrogen at CFA          |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.1 Perform CFA Solid Oxide Ele... |              | X                                     |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.2 Compress CFA Hydrogen at l...  |              |                                       | X                               |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.3 Start-Up CFA SOEC              |              |                                       |                                 | X                              |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.4 Compress CFA Hydrogen at ...   |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.5 Dry Hydrogen Produced          |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.6 Store CFA Hydrogen at low-p... |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.2.7 Recycle Extracted DI Water     |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.3 Use Hydrogen at CFA              |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  | X                       |                         |          |
| F.CFAHS.3.1 Produce Electricity            |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         | X        |
| F.CFAHS.3.2 Flare Hydrogen                 |              |                                       |                                 |                                |                    |  |                         |                         | X        |



# MBSE at INL – Traceability Analysis

## Requirements

## Functions

## Assets

| Number        | Name                                      | Description  | traced to Number | traced to Name                          | performed by Number | performed by Name                            |
|---------------|---|--|------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| R.3.2.1.1     | CFA Hydrogen System (CFAHS) Demonstration | The CFA location of the IES Complex shall demonstrate a commercial scale hydrogen system.  | F.CFAHS.1        | CFA Hydrogen System (CFAHS) Operation   | S.2.1               | CFA Hydrogen System (CFAHS)                  |
| R.3.2.1.1.1   | CFA Hydrogen Production (CFAHS-P)         | The CFAHS system shall produce hydrogen.   | F.CFAHS.2        | Produce Hydrogen at CFA                 | S.2.1.14            | CFA Hydrogen Production System (CFAHS-P)     |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.1 | CFA Hydrogen Production Method            | The CFAHS shall produce hydrogen using solid oxide electrolyzer cells (SOEC).  | F.CFAHS.2.1      | Perform CFA Solid Oxide Electrolysis    | S.2.1.1             | Solid Oxide Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) Stamp 1 |
|               |   |  |                  |   | S.2.54              | Solid Oxide Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) Stamp 2 |
|               |   |  |                  |   | S.2.55              | Solid Oxide Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) Stamp 3 |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.2 | CFA External Hydrogen                     | The CFAHS shall have access to fresh hydrogen besides the one produced in site to be used during SOEC startup, shutdown, and idle modes. | F.CFAHS.2.3      | Start-Up CFA SOEC                       | S.2.1.5             | H2 Trailer                                   |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.3 | CFA SOEC Nitrogen Purging                 | The CFAHS shall have access to nitrogen for SOEC purge.  | F.CFAHS.6        | Purge CFA SOEC                          | S.2.1.4             | N2 Liquid Storage Tank                       |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.4 | CFA Hydrogen Drying                       | The CFAHS shall dry the hydrogen produced.   | F.CFAHS.2.5      | Dry Hydrogen Produced                   | S.2.34              | Chiller                                      |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.5 | CFA Hydrogen Low-Pressure Compression     | The CFAHS shall compress the hydrogen produced at low-pressure.  | F.CFAHS.2.2      | Compress CFA Hydrogen at low-pressures  | S.2.1.2             | Low-Pressure Compressor                      |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.6 | CFA Hydrogen Low-Pressure Storage         | The CFAHS shall store the low-pressure post-processed hydrogen.  | F.CFAHS.2.6      | Store CFA Hydrogen at low-pressures     | S.2.35              | Low-Pressure Storage                         |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.7 | CFA Hydrogen High-Pressure Compression    | The CFAHS shall compress the hydrogen produced at high-pressure.   | F.CFAHS.2.4      | Compress CFA Hydrogen at high-pressures | S.2.16              | High-Pressure Compressor                     |
| R.3.2.1.1.1.8 | CFA Hydrogen High-Pressure Storage        | The CFAHS shall store the high-pressure post-processed hydrogen.   | F.CFAHS.3.3      | Store hydrogen at high pressures        | S.2.17              | High-Pressure Storage                        |
| R.3.2.1.1.2   | CFA Hydrogen Usage (CFAHS-U)              | The CFAHS system shall use the produced hydrogen.  | F.CFAHS.3        | Use Hydrogen at CFA                     | S.2.1.15            | CFA Hydrogen Usage System (CFAHS-U)          |
| R.3.2.1.1.2.1 | CFA Fuel Cell                             | The CFAHS shall use produced hydrogen to fuel a fuel cell.   | F.CFAHS.3.1      | Produce Electricity                     | S.2.1.15.1          | Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC)                 |

# MBSE at INL – Functional Analysis

Metadata Attributes Relationships

Pinned

decomposed by Children

decomposes Parents 1

F.CFAHS.2 Produce Hydrogen at CFA

generated by Characteristic

generates Input/Output

incurs Cost 1 Add

C.1.2 SOEC Operational Cost X

performed by Asset 3

S.2.1.1 Solid Oxide Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) Stamp 1

S.2.54 Solid Oxide Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) Stamp 2

S.2.55 Solid Oxide Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) Stamp 3

received by Characteristic

receives Input/Output

traced from Statement 1 Add

R.3.2.1.1.1.1 CFA Hydrogen Production Method X

Metadata Attributes Relationships

Number

F.CFAHS.2.1

Name

Perform CFA Solid Oxide Electrolysis

Description

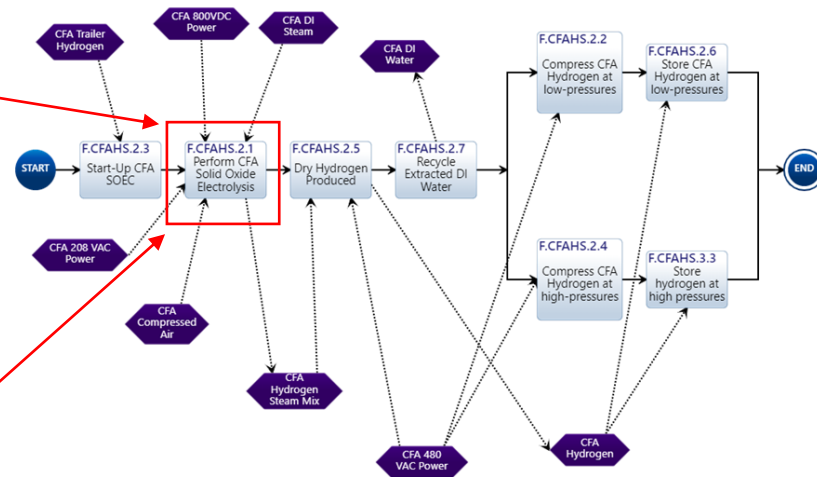
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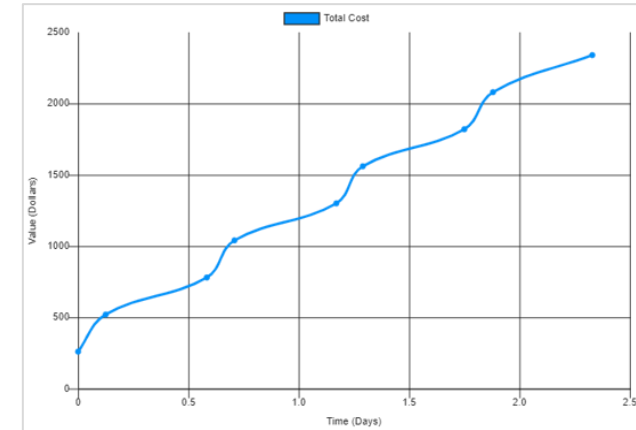
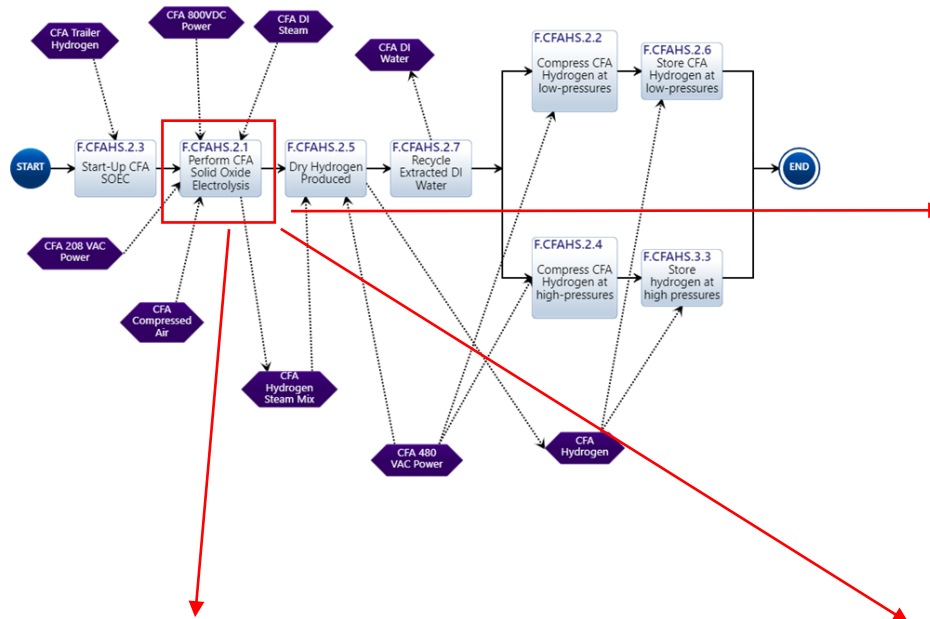
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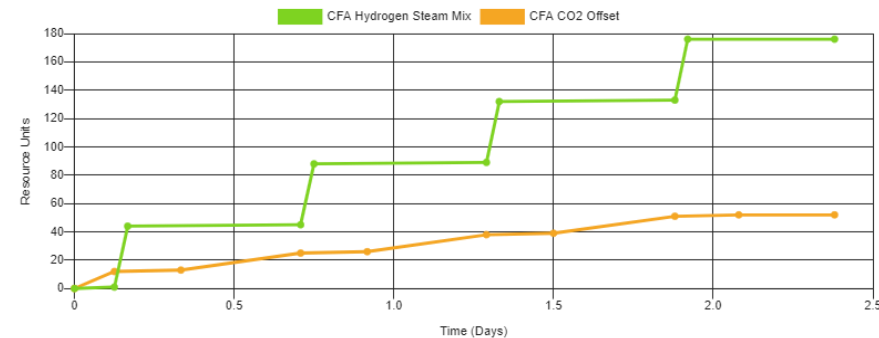
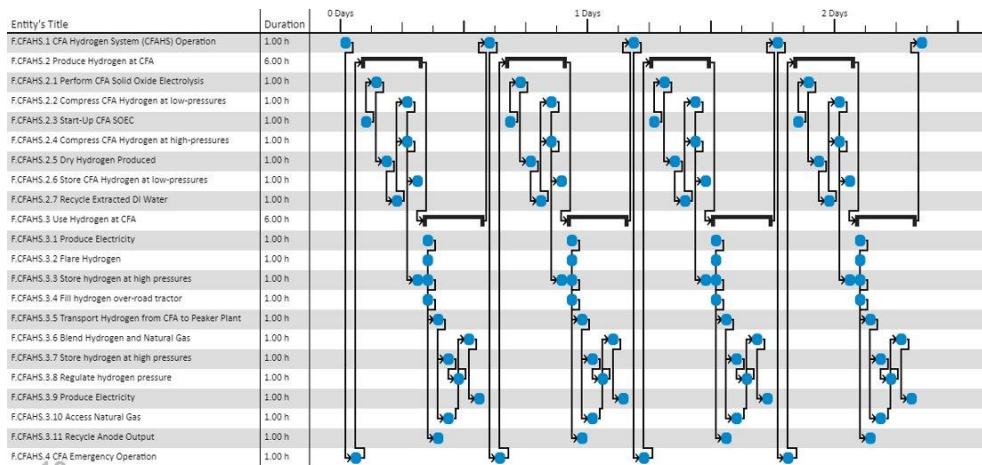
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182 Total Cost

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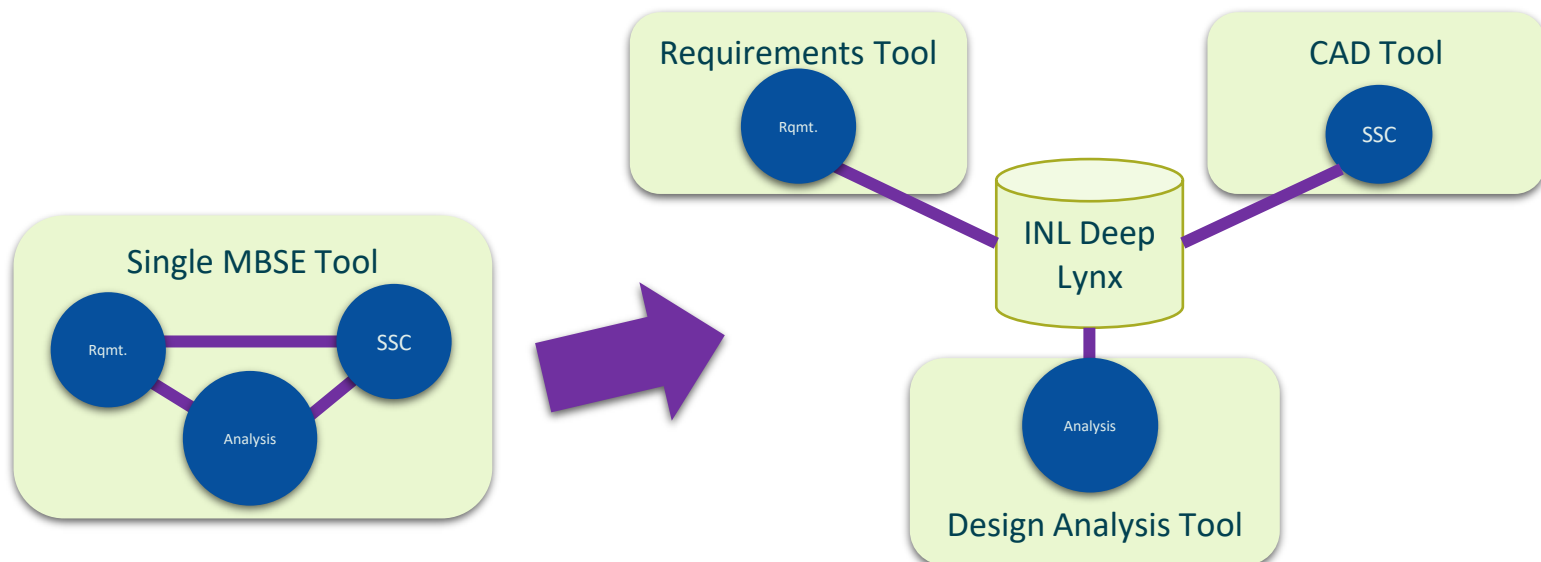


# Further Digital Transformation

- MBSE tools have some **shortcomings** in the infrastructure domain / use case, especially in nuclear energy
  - New, never been used before tools and processes
  - Insufficient configuration management
  - No physics/multi-physics simulation & analysis or 3D geometric design
  - Nuclear is beholden to documentation being the “source of truth”
  - Manual linking & relationships
- We need to augment MBSE with **Data-Driven Systems Engineering**

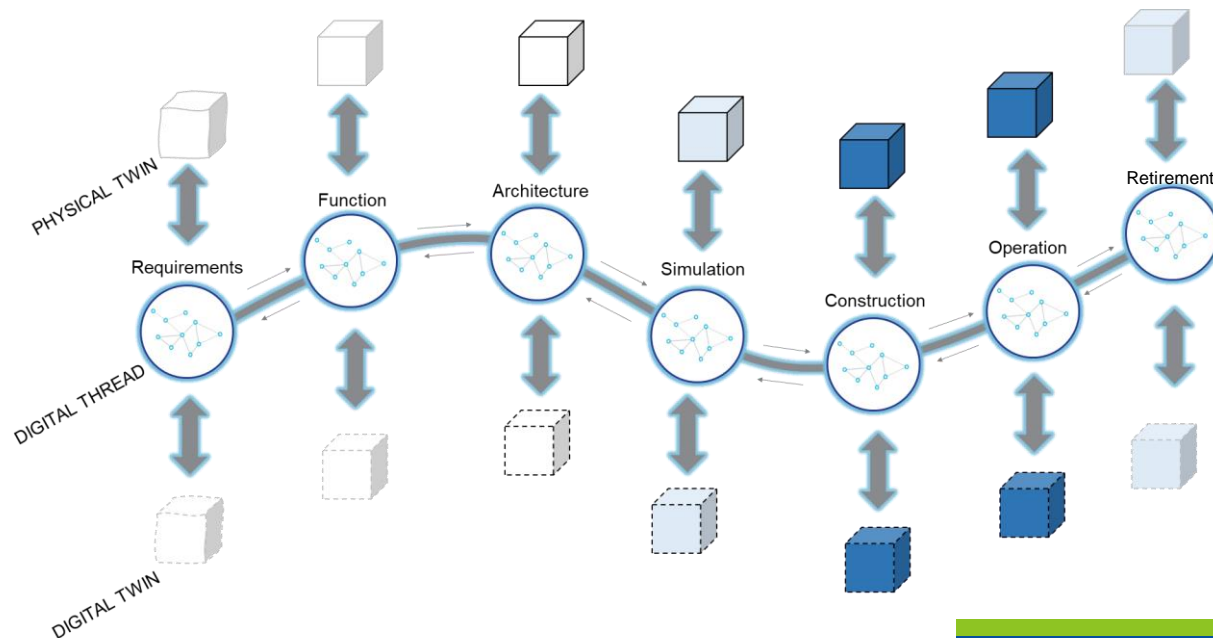
# Data-Driven Systems Engineering

- Basic Premise: Use purpose-built, data-driven tools to generate the **right design data** with the least interference with legacy practices
- **Automate data connection** on the backend using custom software adapters and database APIs to accomplish the function of model-based systems engineering
- **Store data** in single repository under a common ontology



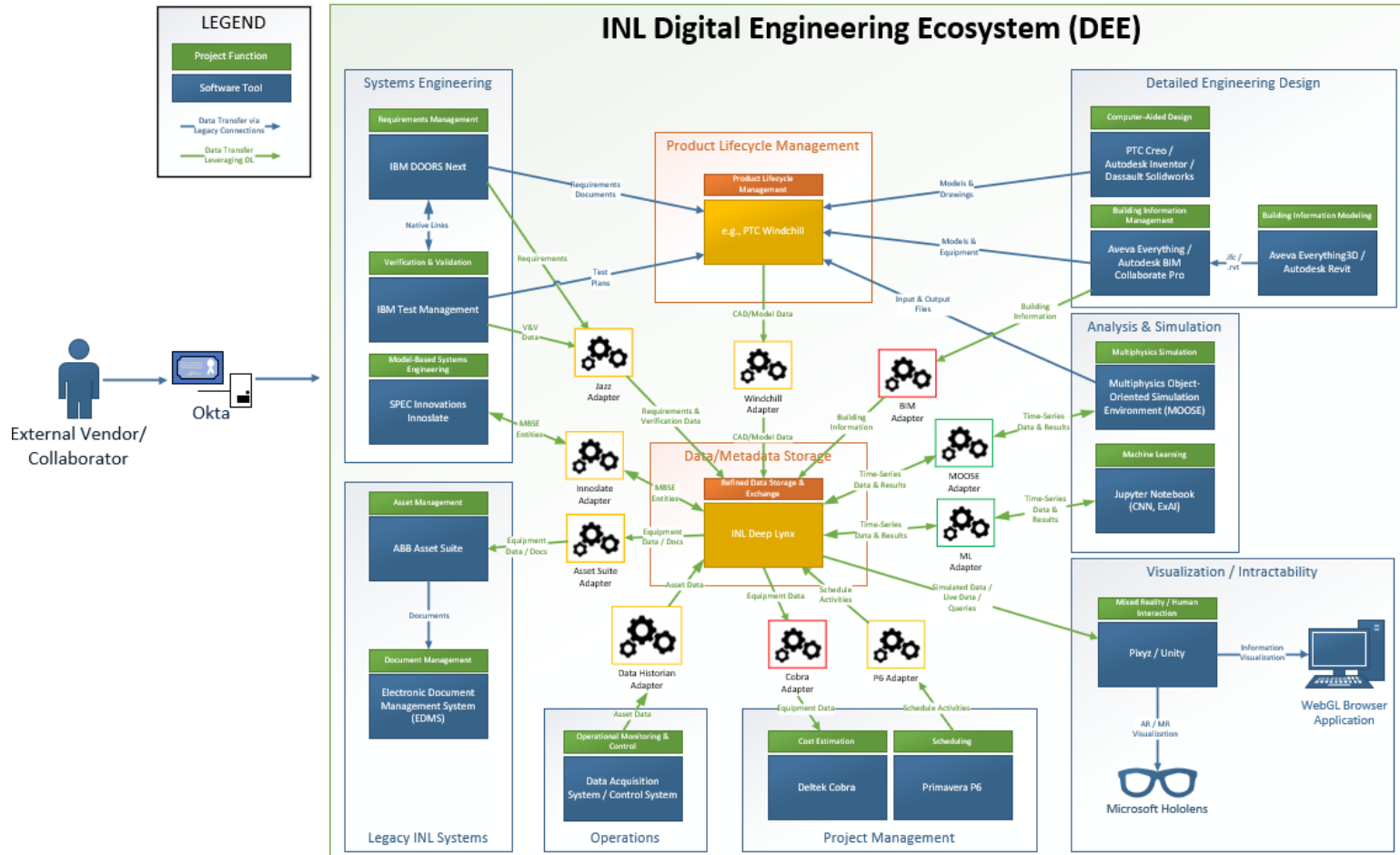
# Digital Threads

- **Interconnected** software data exchange used to enable digital engineering and digital twinning systems.
- **Connects** MBSE model to digital definitions created later in the development process
- Maintains system **integrity** across lifecycle.

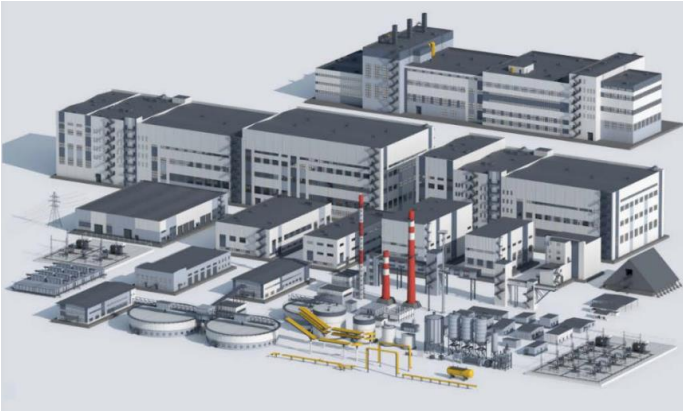




# Developing the Digital Thread



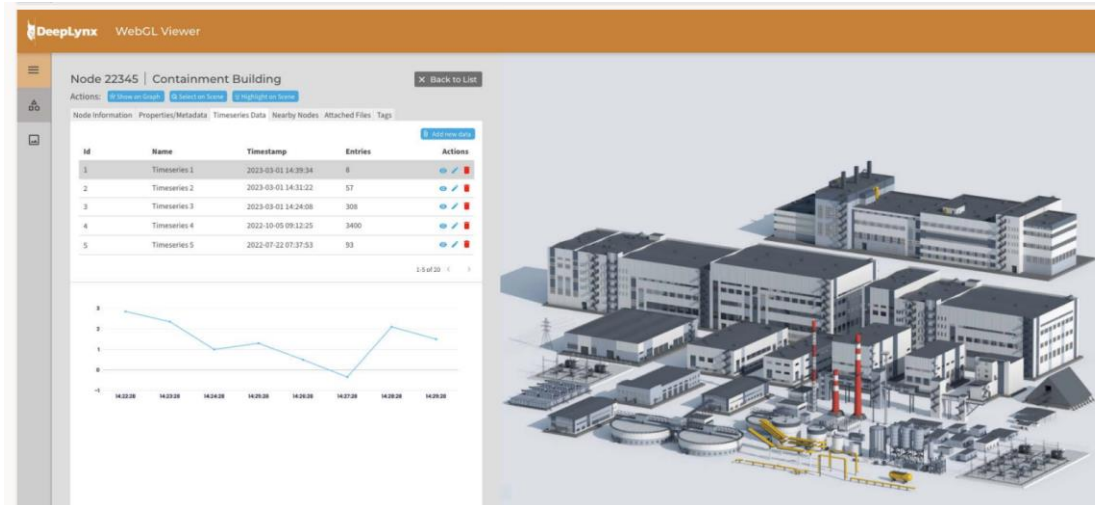
# Democratization and Visualization



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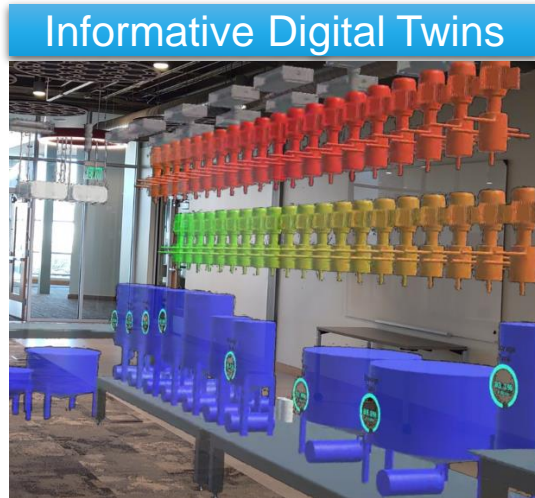
MR Visualization



Information Visualization

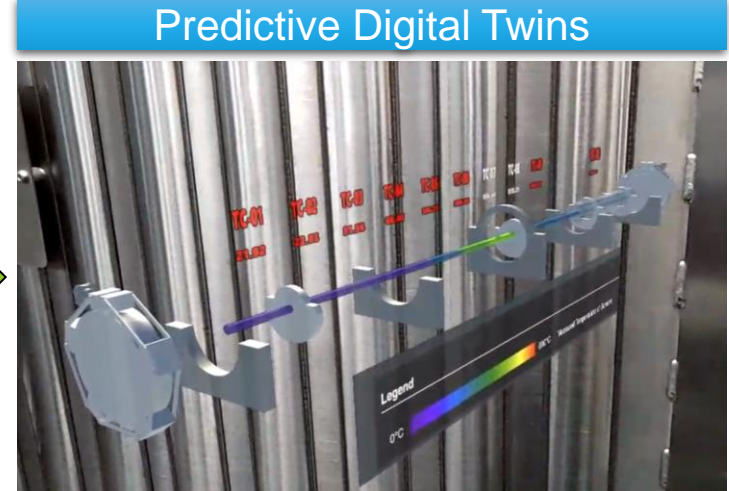
# Future Roadmap

Next



Displaying real temperature values recorded by operating sensors on a 3D model using mixed reality

Then



Overlaying predicted temperature values from a machine learning algorithm on a digital representation of an operating asset using mixed reality

# Digital Engineering Conference

April 25 & 26 | Idaho Falls

