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C2-Simulation Interoperability in NATO

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To strengthen the Alliance through connecting forces, by the end of 2014, the NCI Agency Team:

Optimises NATO mission success and be recognised as the trusted enabler of information superiority and enterprise excellence;

Uses best practice to develop, deliver, connect and protect capabilities in partnership with other NATO entities, nations and industry;

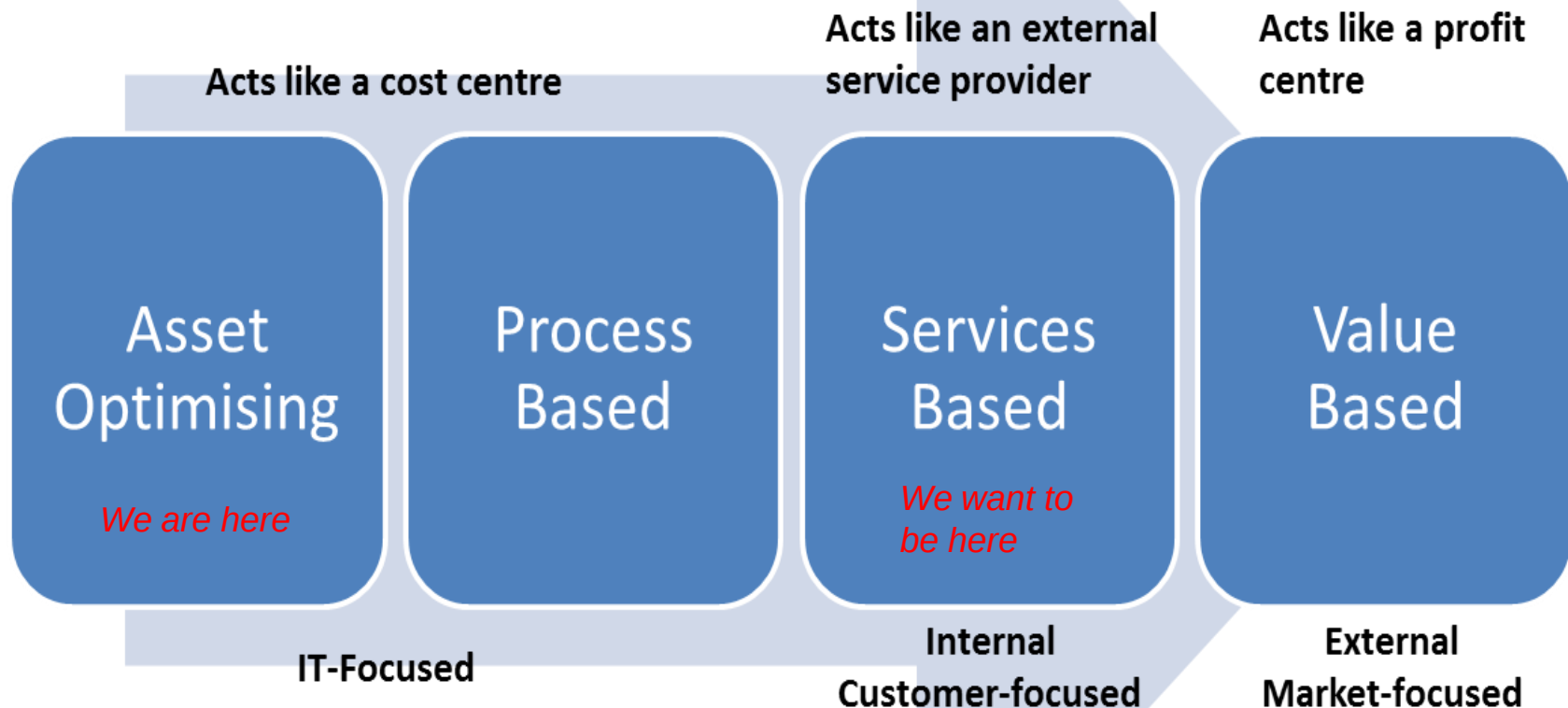
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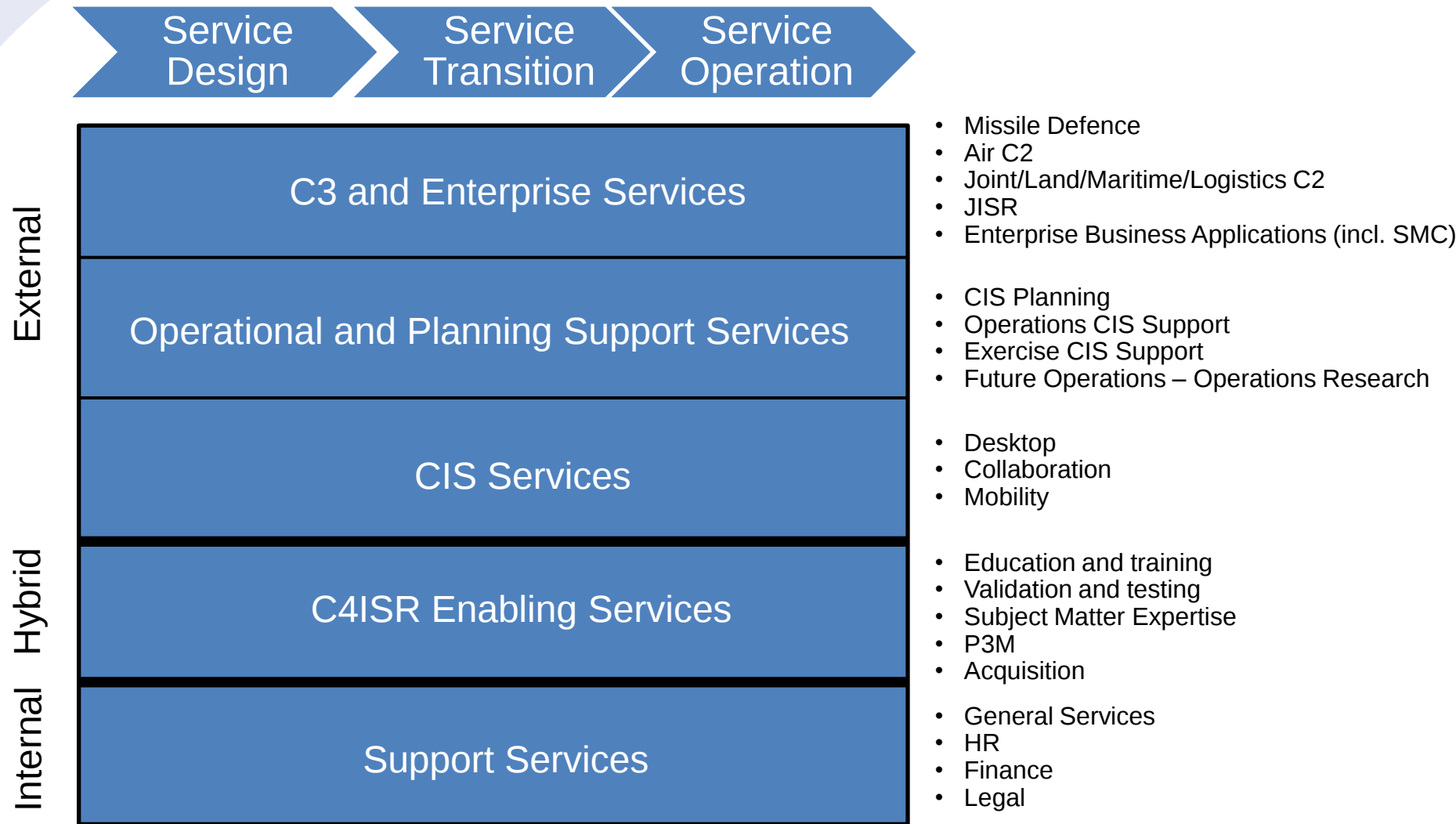
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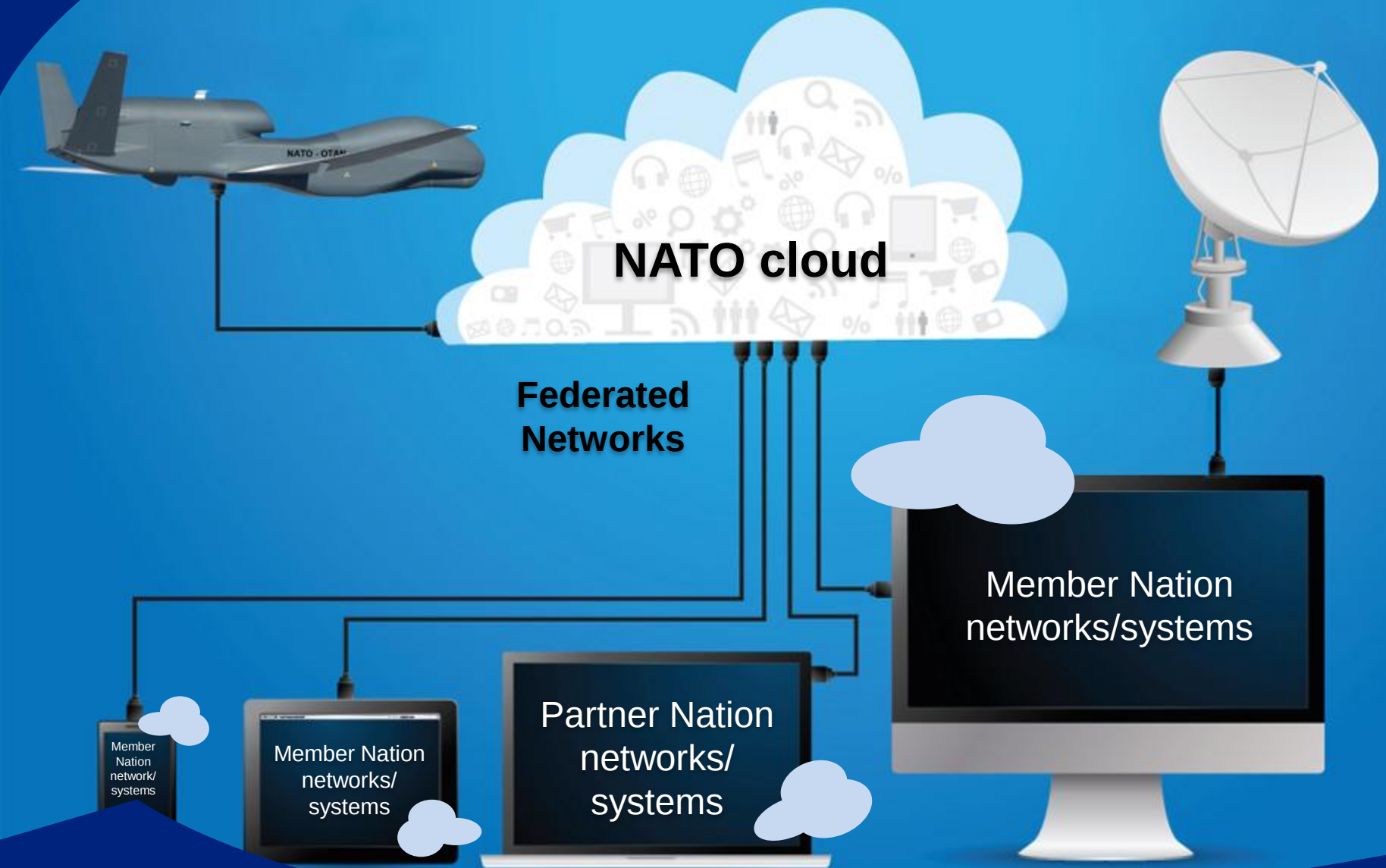
The Journey to a Services-Based Organisation



Service Lines



Future vision ?



C2-Simulation Interoperability – Why?

- Integrate simulations as new C2 capabilities for
 - Planning
 - Training
 - Mission Rehearsal
- Exploit simulations for
 - C2 Concept Development and Experimentation
 - C2 Testing

C2-Simulation Interoperability – How?

- Leverage/merge existing standards (e.g., JC3IEDM, MIP-DEM, HLA)
- Harmonise/merge standards: (MSDL, C-BML)
- Develop additional standards (SINEX, DSEEP Overlay)
- Engage C2 and Simulation standards development organisations (MIP, SISO, NMSG)
- Engage operational user community

C2-Simulation Interoperability – Who?

NATO Modelling & Simulation Group

2006-09	MSG-048 – Coalition Battle Management Language (C-BML)
2010	MSG-079 – C-BML Workshop
2010-14	MSG-085 – Standardisation for C2-Simulation Interoperability
2013	MSG-119 – C2-Simulation Interoperability Workshop

Simulation Interoperability Standards Organisation

C-BML Product Development Group

MSDL Product Development Group

...and many national R&D groups/activities

Current State and Way Ahead

- C-BML has been assessed as useful and applicable for the exchange of orders and reports between C2 and simulation systems
- Expected benefits include increased effectiveness and efficiency of exercises, planning, and operational decision support
- A draft C-BML standard exists, as do prototype implementations of C-BML capabilities in operational C2 systems, simulations, and exchange mechanisms
- Development and implementations of additional C2-Sim interoperability related standards are underway

C2-Simulation Interoperability in NATO

- General NCI Agency “Areas Of Interest”
 - Testing
 - C2 Decision Support
 - Training and Exercise Support
- Specific “Use Cases”
 - Coalition Interoperability Assurance and Validation
 - (Joint) Operational Planning
 - Exercise Control Services

C-BML Opportunities in NATO

- NATO is all about interoperability, based on common vocabulary and common language
- JC3IEDM $\approx$ vocabulary, C-BML $\approx$ language
- Each enables interoperability, but at different levels
- C-BML
 - Is *one* of the enablers of information sharing, not the only one!
 - Enables leveraging of NATO's investments in MIP for enhanced interoperability
 - Fits within the SOA based NATO C3 Classification Taxonomy

State Of The Art: Some Improvement



2010:

[“Adopting joint”: interoperability through convergence. – Free ...](#)

C4ISR Command Control Communications Computers Intelligence Surveillance and and user interface software released in 1985 to run on top of **MS-DOS**.

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2013:

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