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System of Systems engineering

According to Maier (1998)¹, main system-of-systems's characteristics are:

- ▶ Operational independence of its constituents
- ▶ Managerial independence of its constituents

Following from these characteristics, Maier advocated for several architecture principles:

- ▶ Stable intermediate form²
- ▶ Policy triage²
- ▶ Leverage the interface
- ▶ Ensuring cooperation

¹Mark W. Maier. "Architecting principles for systems-of-systems". In: *Systems Engineering* 1.4 (1998), pp. 267–284. ISSN: 1520-6858. DOI: 10.1002/(SICI)1520-6858(1998)1:4<267::AID-SYS3>3.0.CO;2-D. URL: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/%28SICI%291520-6858%281998%291%3A4%3C267%3A%3AAID-SYS3%3E3.0.CO%3B2-D> (visited on 05/27/2019).

²Eberhardt Rechtin. *Systems Architecting: Creating and Building Complex Systems*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J: Prentice Hall, 1990. 352 pp. ISBN: 978-0-13-880345-2.

Evolutionary development

At least, constituent independence precludes any guarantee upon their availability in the SoS

Design of the SoS evolves too:

- ▶ Project phasing anticipates forthcoming evolution
- ▶ New requirements or context changes may arise
- ▶ Arising technologies provide new opportunities in the context of long-lived SoS

Motivates stable intermediate form principle

- ▶ Between evolution, the SoS must be capable of operating and fulfilling user purpose

In this talk: operating and fulfilling user purpose during evolution too

Outline

- 1 Use case
- 2 Modeling the architecture
- 3 Designing a reconfiguration
- 4 Conclusion

Based on French emergency services (simplified)

Departmental Fire and Rescue Service (SDIS): dept 35

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Territorial autonomous entity:
- operation center (CODIS)
- local resources: fire fighters, vehicules, boats

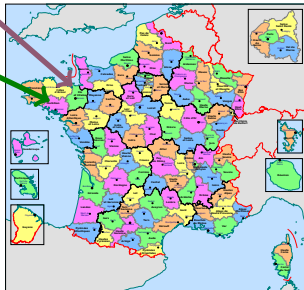
Hospital

Autonomous entity:
- emergency room
- ambulances
- medical emergency service (SAMU)

General Directorate for Civil Security and Crisis Management (DGSCGC)

Min.-of-interior-level entity:

- crisis management
- nationwide resources: helicopters, planes



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Scenario

When a call for emergency service is received:

- ▶ The territorially competent Departmental Fire and Rescue Service (SDIS) charges its Operation Center (CODIS) to conduct the operation
- ▶ CODIS gives directly orders to SDIS's resources, who execute the operation, and CODIS receives resources' reports

On escalation, the operation is reorganized to deal with increased severity:

- ▶ Resources from other SDIS, from DGSCGC or from hospital may join the operation
- ▶ A group leader may be designated to conduct the operation
- ▶ DGSCGC's crisis management may be take over the operation

Scenario

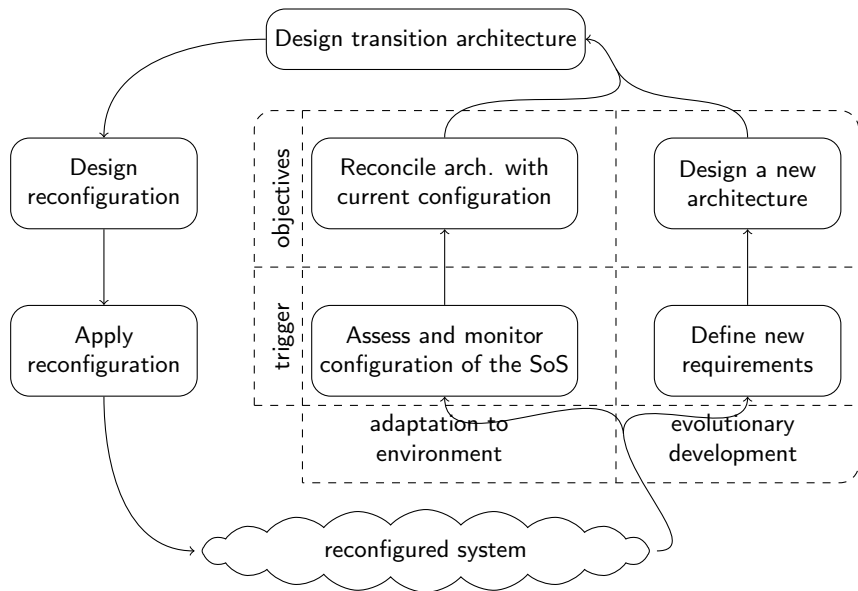
In this talk: the operation is seen as the SoS

- ▶ We assume a flood

Evolution occurs when the flood appears to be more serious than initially thought

- ▶ In this talk: deploy a group leader to conduct operation
- ▶ Beyond the talk, in our complete case study: then deploy additional resources from other organizations

Overall reconfiguration process

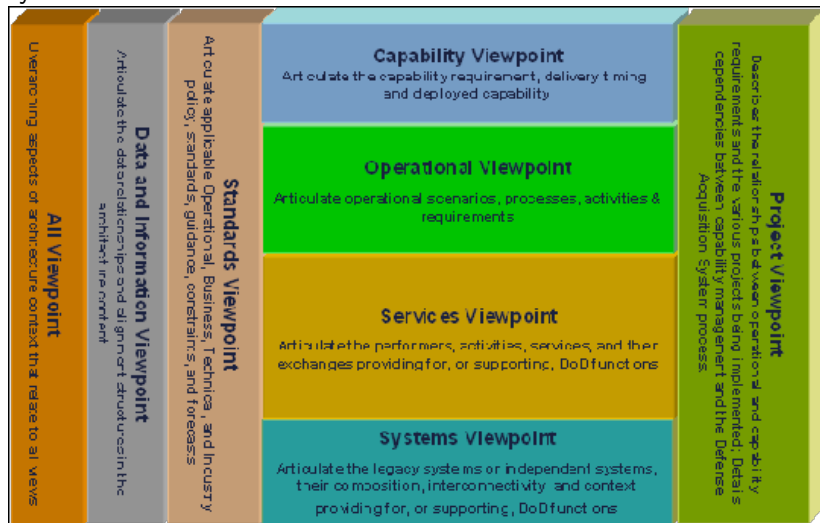


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Overview of DoDAF

DoDAF is a comprehensive architecture framework for system of systems



UPDM

UPDM is a comprehensive metamodel for DoDAF (and MODAF)

UPDM is a profile importing and extending SysML and SoaML

- ▶ Reuse diagrams and notations
- ▶ Extend and specialize concepts

SysML overview:

- ▶ The system is decomposed as a tree of blocks
- ▶ Blocks interact through connectors binding ports
- ▶ Item flow specifies what is conveyed by a connector
- ▶ Allocation links elements from various representations of the system

Modeling the system of systems

When considering system of systems, some issues arise

- ▶ Heterogeneity due to independent engineering and management of constituents
- ▶ Boundary identification of the system
- ▶ Versatility of constituents due to independent management and operation
- ▶ Architecture dynamicity due to adaptation to actual environment and to evolving requirements

Modeling configurations with reconfiguration in mind

To deal with versatility and dynamicity, two levels of modeling

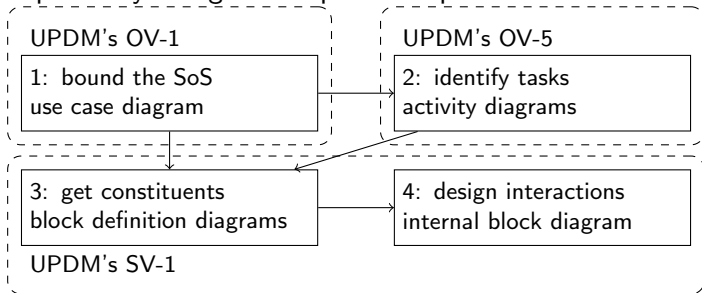
- ▶ Rules governing the architecture independently of any operation
 - ▶ Describe organization, doctrine, concept of operations
 - ▶ Maybe instantiated to concrete architecture
- ▶ Concrete architecture for each specific operation
 - ▶ Describe actual resources involved in operation and their effective organization

In this talk, we focus on the concrete architecture

- ▶ We model rules at the operation-independent architecture using of architectural patterns
- ▶ For instance, “layered architecture” style can be used to model hierarchical communication discipline

Modeling configurations with reconfiguration in mind

A process yielding to an operation-specific concrete architecture³



- ▶ OV-1: High-level operational concept
- ▶ OV-5: Activities and their relationships
- ▶ SV-1: Systems and their interfaces

³Franck Petitdemange, Isabelle Borne, and Jérémy Buisson. "Modeling System of Systems configurations". In: *2018 13th Annual Conference on System of Systems Engineering (SoSE)*. 2018 13th Annual Conference on System of Systems Engineering (SoSE). June 2018, pp. 392–399. DOI: 10.1109/SYSOSE.2018.8428737.

Illustration: OV-1

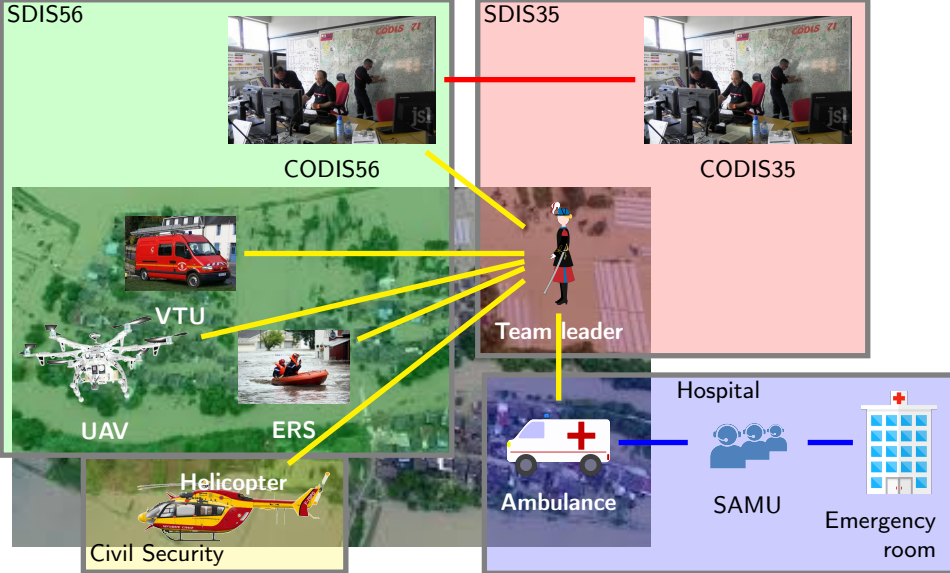


Illustration: OV-1

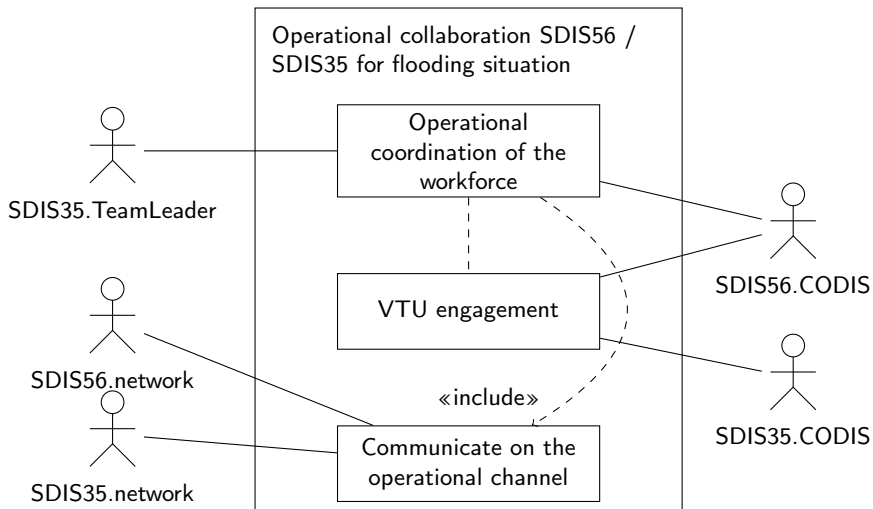


Illustration: OV-5

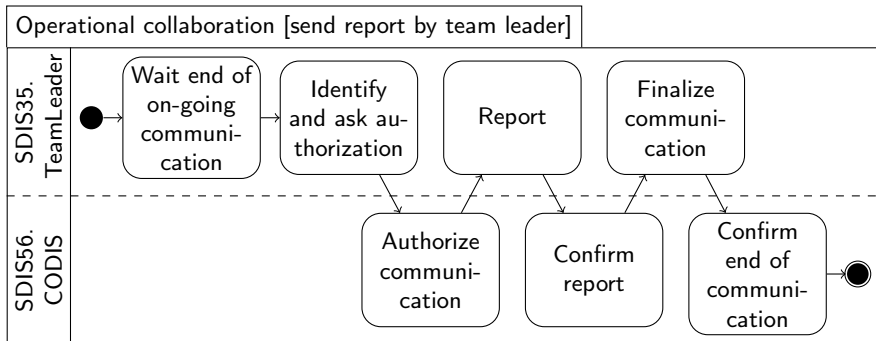
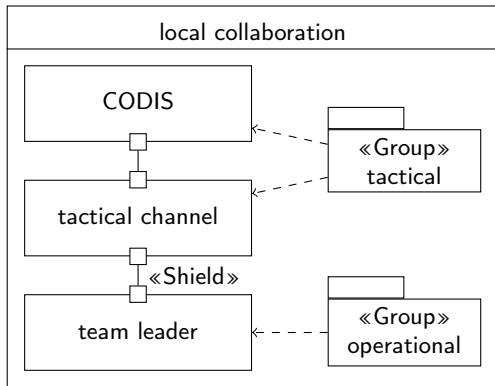


Illustration: SV-1



Architectural primitives⁴ are used to model organizational rules

- Layer pattern models hierarchical command chain discipline

⁴Uwe Zdun and Paris Avgeriou. "A catalog of architectural primitives for modeling architectural patterns". In: *Information and Software Technology* 50.9 (Aug. 1, 2008), pp. 1003–1034. ISSN: 0950-5849. DOI: 10.1016/j.infsof.2007.09.003. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0950584907001073> (visited on 09/21/2019).

Summary

While DoDAF is a comprehensive framework, the architecture is aimed to be a set of communication artifacts

- ▶ Views are selected to fit to purpose

Towards reconfiguration, we need:

- ▶ A model that is representative of the actual deployed system of systems

Motivates targeting SV-1

- ▶ Description of actual constituent systems and their interactions

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Dynamic reconfiguration

Modifying a system while it is being operated

- ▶ Architectural changes include adding/removing constituents/connectors

Not only changing the architecture

- ▶ Doing it right!
 - ▶ Assuming that there are units of treatment that must be considered as a whole
 - ▶ Call it transaction or whatsoever
 - ▶ Such units of treatment must occur at either the initial architecture or at the new architecture
 - ▶ But do not start with one architecture and complete with another one

Quiescence

A traditional approach in software systems: quiescence⁵

- ▶ Enforce that affected constituents do not communicate through connectors that are going to be removed

Assume constituents can be active or passive

- ▶ In passive state, the constituent does not initiate any new unit of treatment

Make affected constituents passive, as well as constituents that may request these affected constituents

⁵ Jeff Kramer and Jeff Magee. "The Evolving Philosophers Problem: Dynamic Change Management". In: *IEEE Trans. Softw. Eng.* 16.11 (Nov. 1990), pp. 1293–1306. ISSN: 0098-5589. DOI: 10.1109/32.60317. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/32.60317> (visited on 08/16/2019).

In the SoS context

Quiescence is not necessarily well-suited to systems of systems

- ▶ Operational and managerial independence vs forcing constituent to passive state
- ▶ Still may be relevant for constituents under the control of the SoS

Alternative approaches have been proposed, in the context of software systems⁶

- ▶ Forcibly migrate internal state
- ▶ Allow several concurrent version
- ▶ Wait until inactivity, i.e., quiescence

⁶Gísli Hjálmtýsson and Robert Gray. "Dynamic C++ Classes: A Lightweight Mechanism to Update Code in a Running Program". In: *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on USENIX Annual Technical Conference*. ATEC '98. event-place: New Orleans, Louisiana. Berkeley, CA, USA: USENIX Association, 1998, pp. 6–6. URL: <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1268256.1268262> (visited on 08/16/2019).

Preparation and cleanup as reconfiguration

Preparation and clean up phases of a reconfiguration

- ▶ Sometimes as simple as suspending/resuming (parts of) the application
- ▶ Sometimes instantiating monitors, managers, and alike
- ▶ Sometimes instantiating additional service providers

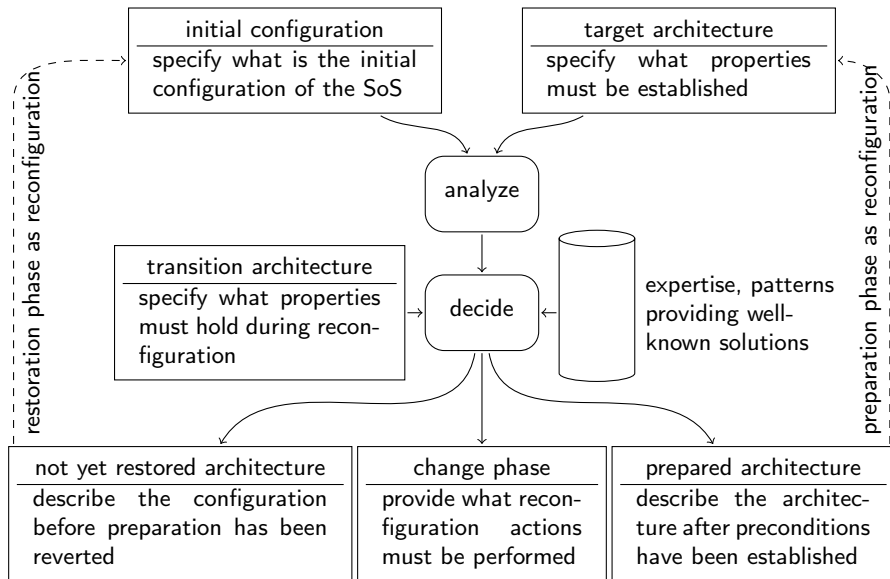
Preparation and clean up phases shall be reconfigurations as well

- ▶ Reconfiguration may be compound
- ▶ Possibly, each subreconfiguration relies on different mechanisms at various locations in the analysis framework⁷

Need for coarser approaches, i.e., patterns of recurring solutions

⁷[Franck Petitdemange](#). “Développement évolutif de systèmes de systèmes avec une approche par patron de reconfiguration dynamique”. [PhD thesis](#). Vannes: Université de Bretagne Sud, Dec. 3, 2018.

Engineering process to design a reconfiguration



Reconfiguration pattern

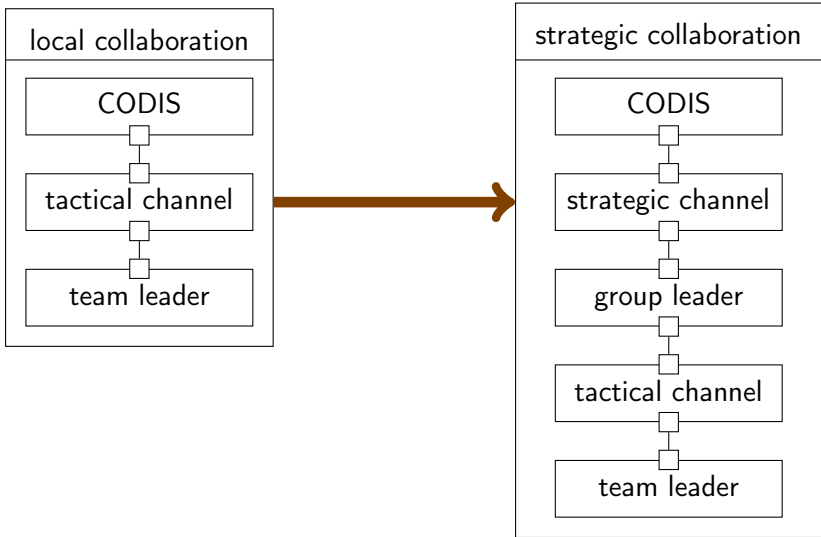
Document well-known solutions to reconfiguration design⁸⁹

- ▶ Context section
 - ▶ Refers to relevant architectural patterns or styles
 - ▶ Describes governance constraints and expectations about constituents
- ▶ Problem section
 - ▶ States structural and behavioral (in)variants, including those of the reconfigured system
- ▶ Solution section
 - ▶ Specify operations, noticeably those expected to be provided by involved constituents
 - ▶ Specify transiently needed constituents

⁸Franck Petitdemange, Isabelle Borne, and Jérémy Buisson. "Approach Based Patterns for System-of-Systems Reconfiguration". In: *2015 IEEE/ACM 3rd International Workshop on Software Engineering for Systems-of-Systems*. 2015 IEEE/ACM 3rd International Workshop on Software Engineering for Systems-of-Systems. May 2015, pp. 19–22. DOI: 10.1109/SESoS.2015.11.

⁹Franck Petitdemange, Jérémy Buisson, and Isabelle Borne. "Une approche orientée patron pour la reconfiguration de système de systèmes". In: *Techniques et sciences informatiques* 35.6 (Dec. 30, 2016), pp. 665–674. ISSN: 07524072. DOI: 10.3166/tsi.35.665-674. URL: <https://tsi.revuesonline.com/article.jsp?articleId=37918> (visited on 08/19/2019).

Illustration



Candidate pattern

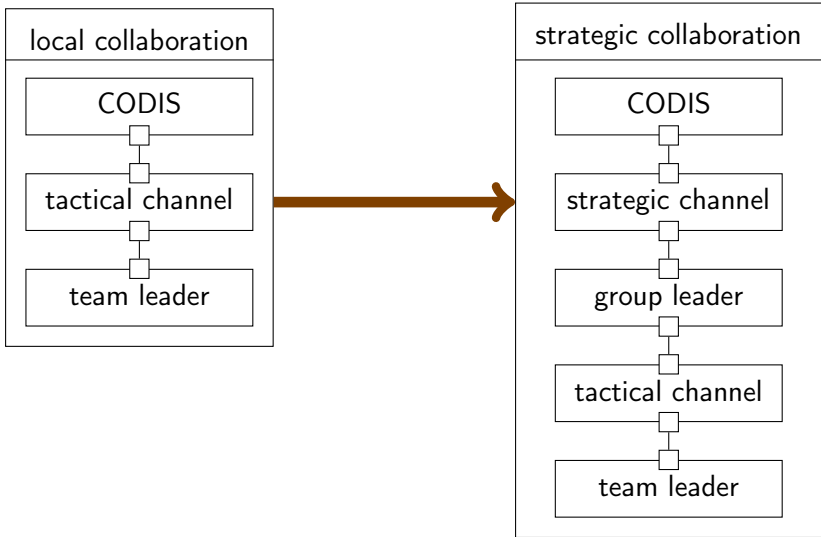
Co-evolution of shared state across initial and final architecture constituents¹⁰

When a C2 constituent orchestrates actions of (many) other constituents, and this C2 need to be replaced

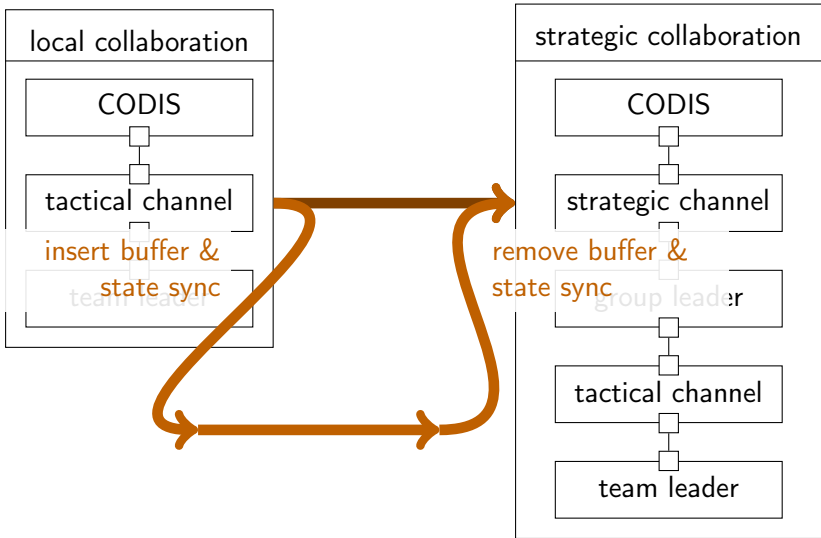
- ▶ Avoid blackout while constituents are reconnected to the new C2
- ▶ Instead: make the two C2 coexist and collaborate
 - ▶ Preparation
 - ▶ Integrate the new C2 at the beginning of reconfiguration
 - ▶ Deploy facility to synchronize internal state of the two C2
 - ▶ Reconfiguration
 - ▶ Progressive reconnection of constituents to the new C2
 - ▶ Cleanup
 - ▶ Dismiss the old C2 and state synchronization facility when all the constituents have been reconnected to the new C2

¹⁰Franck Petitdemange, Isabelle Borne, and Jérémy Buisson. "Assisting the Evolutionary Development of SoS with Reconfiguration Patterns". In: *Proceedings of the 10th European Conference on Software Architecture Workshops*. ECSAW '16. event-place: Copenhagen, Denmark. New York, NY, USA: ACM, 2016, 9:1–9:7. ISBN: 978-1-4503-4781-5. DOI: 10.1145/2993412.3004845. URL: <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/2993412.3004845> (visited on 10/18/2019).

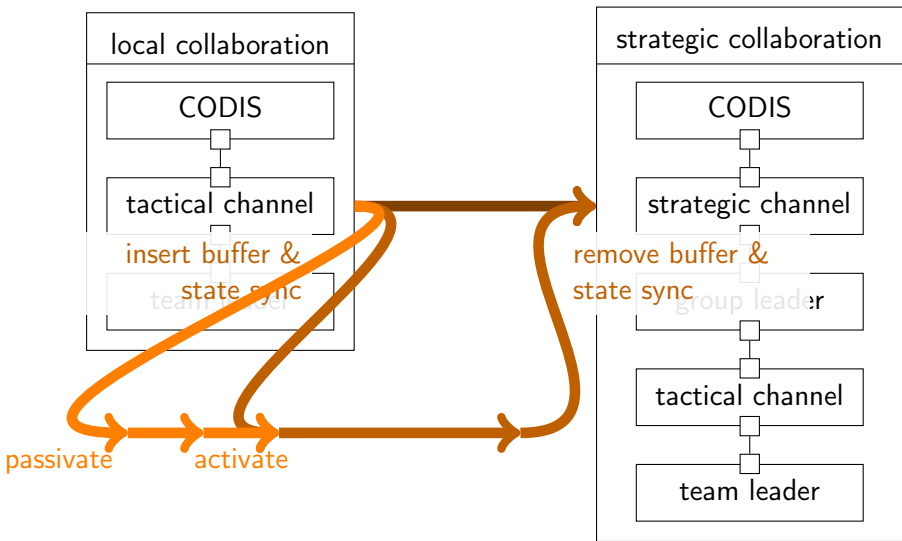
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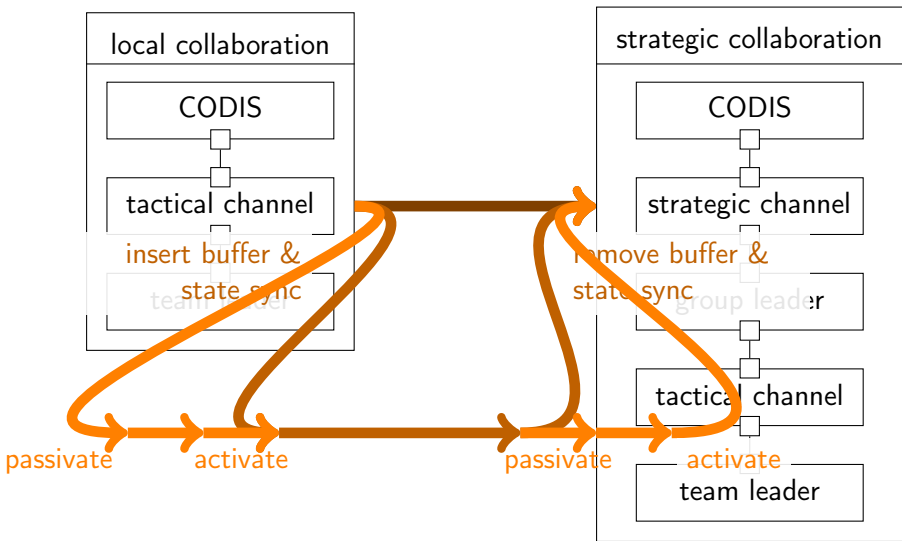
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Summary

Reconfiguration is compound: preparation, desired change and cleanup

- ▶ Considering each step a reconfiguration, the global reconfiguration is decomposed top-down
- ▶ Until simple enough reconfiguration step, that needs not be further decomposed

Reconfiguration patterns help finding suitable decomposition

- ▶ Well-known solutions, with well-known properties, for well-known problems

Designing a reconfiguration turns out to be: finding suitable intermediate architectures

- ▶ Issuing reconfiguration operations is known to be automatable

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Conclusion

Evolutionary development arise need for SoS reconfiguration

Two aspects have to be dealt with:

- ▶ Model the architecture: a process yielding to DoDAF's SV-1
- ▶ Design the reconfiguration

Issues that need further work:

- ▶ Transition architecture: how do the architect specify the reconfiguration?
 - ▶ More than just initial and final architectures
 - ▶ Requirement relaxation, temporal modality
- ▶ Further experimentation and validation