# DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE SENSING AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR TASKS FOR SYSTEM-OF-SYSTEMS ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT IN THE AGRO-SEED NURTURING INDUSTRY

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# Background

System of Systems (SoSs) traditionally consists of **interconnected nonmetric constituent systems entities**. Therefore, creating a framework for the management of SoSs can be a daunting task without any form of procedural sensing and measurement strategies aimed at quantifying the management effort. The management effort required across the chain of tasks and activities of the constituent systems entities is referred to as **System of Systems Engineering Management (SoSEM)**.

#### Purpose

The primary objective of this study was to establish a **metric system for quantifying, through algorithmic sensing and metrication, the minimum management effort** required by a SoSs overseeing entity to competitively manage the complex network of systems that forms the heterogenous SoSs cluster.

### **Discussion & Conclusion**

The agro-seed nurturing (grain) industry was presented as a **case study**, where Grain South Africa (GSA) served as centric system along with 34 other heterogeneous constituent systems. The study objective was achieved by **architecting a holistic, integrated** framework that depicts the **SoSs network** and developing a metric system via the **Hybrid Structure Interaction Matrix (HSIM) comparative model** to identify, sense and measure the overall quantitative evaluation of the SoSEM **towards industry competitiveness**. Instead of trying to improve overall management competitiveness through trial-and-error approaches, the study identified a **framework to identify, sense and measure the overall competitiveness** the most. For the GSA case study, it was realized that the **effective minimum management score** required for the attainment of competitiveness in the holistic management of the grain industry is **0.534067**.



