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Systems Engineering Transformation through Model Centric Engineering

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Feasibility Study Objectives

Problem statement (Phase I):

It takes too long to bring large-scale air vehicle systems from concept to operation

Primary question:

Is it **Technically Feasible** to have a **Radical Transformation** through Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) and achieve a **25 percent reduction** in the **time** to develop large-scale air vehicle system (using computer/digital models)?

Corollary:

How do we know that models/simulations used to assess **Performance** have the needed **Integrity** to ensure predictions are accurate (i.e., that we can trust the models)?

Sponsor's Vision at Kickoff Meeting: Cross-Domain, Multi-Physics, Models Integration

Continuous refinement of models through cross-domain & multidisciplinary analysis supporting virtual V&V from CONOPS to manufacturing (and training systems)

Integrated Environment to Produce Digital System Model:
Single Source of Technical Truth

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Model Based System Engineering (MBSE) versus Model-Centric Engineering (MCE)

- Over 30 organizational discussions "most holistic approach…":
  - Model-Based Engineering (MBE), Integrated Model-Centric Engineering, Interactive Model-Centric Systems Engineering (IMCSE), Model-Driven Development, Model-Driven Engineering (MDE), and even Model-Based Enterprise, which brings in more focus on manufacturability
  - Digital Thread envisions frameworks that merges physics-based models generated by (cross)discipline engineers during detailed design process with MBSE's conceptual and top-level architectural models, resulting in a single authoritative representation of the system [West, Pyster, INCOSE 2015]
- **MCE** characterizes the goal of integrating different model types with simulations, surrogates, systems and components at different levels of abstraction and fidelity across discipline throughout the lifecycle with manufacturability constraints
- We could have used the words **Digital Engineering**, which we do

Scope of Data Collection for Task 1 Traced to Evidence (not exhaustive)

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	Instances where discussed (not exhaustive)												Characteristics						From Kickoff Briefing					
Discussion Topics (not exhaustive)	NASA/JPL	A	B	C	Altair	GE	Sandia	DARPA META (VB)	DARPA META (BAE)	Model Center	Automotive	CREATE	Performance	Integrity	Affordability	Risk	Methodology	Single Source of Tech Truth	Prioritization & Tradeoff Analysis	Concept Engineering	Architecture & Design Analysis	Design & Test Reuse & Synthesis	Active System Characterization	Human-System Integration
Modeling CONOPS	x															x	x	x	x	x			x	
Modeling Patterns	x								x					x		x	x	x		x	x	x		
Multi-Physics Modeling and Simulation		x	x	x	x			x	x		x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x	
Multi-Discpline/Domain Analysis and Optimization	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	
Mission-to-System-level Simulation Integration	x	x	x													x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Affordability Analysis			x				x						x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	
Quantification of Margins			x				x						x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	
Requirement Generation (from Models)	x		x					x									x	x	x		x	x		
Tool agnostic digital representation	x	x			x				x								x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Model measures (thru formal checks)	x		x			x		x	x							x	x	x			x	x		
Modeling and Sim for Manufacturability			x			x		x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Process Automation (workflows)	x				x				x	x							x	x			x			
Iterative/Agile use of MCE	x	x	x							x							x				x	x		
High Performance Computing	x	x	x		x		x	x			x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x		x	
Platform-based and Surrogates	x	x	x								x									x	x	x	x	
3D Environments and Visualization	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x					x	x		x	x	x
Immersive Environments		x	x								x									x			x	x
Domain-specific modeling languages	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x			x			x	x	x		
Set-based design		x				x							x	x	x	x			x	x	x			
Model validation/qualification/trust							x					x		x		x	x		x		x	x		
Modeling Environment and Infrastructure	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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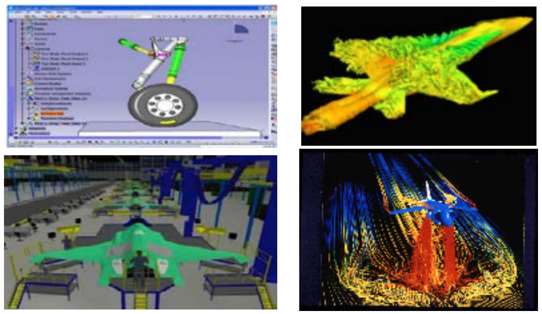
Conceptual Reference Model: Integrated Environment for Iterative Tradespace Analysis of Problem and Design Space

Appropriate Views for Stakeholders



Rich Modeling Interfaces

"Web" Interface integrated with Rich Visualizations

Multidiscipline Design, Analysis and Optimization (MDAO)

Computer Augmentation & Training

Continuous Workflow Orchestration

DocGen

Secure Plugin

Single Source of Technical Truth:
Tool Agnostic, Semantically Precise Cross Domain Integration & Interoperability enabled by HPC

PLM

Performance	Integrity	Cost & Schedule	"Illities"	Knowledge	…	Systems, Surrogates & Platforms

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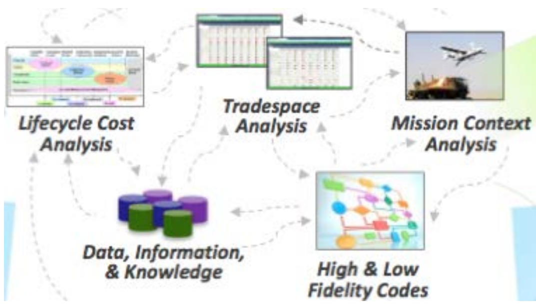
SE Transformation Phase II (Q4 2015)

“Doing Everything with Models – 25% Reduction in Cycle-time”

1) Model Cross-Domain Integration

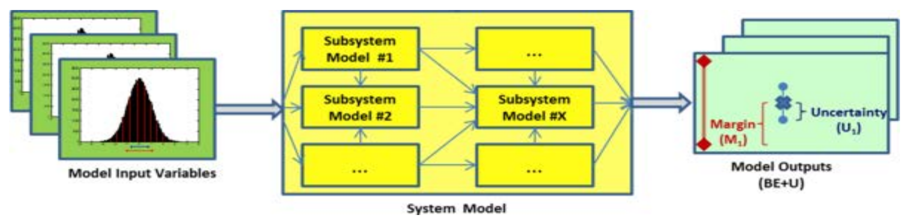
Targeted discussions with Government, Industry & Academia on developing and operating in modeling framework enabling cross-domain model integration & Single Source of Technical Truth (SSTT) methodology

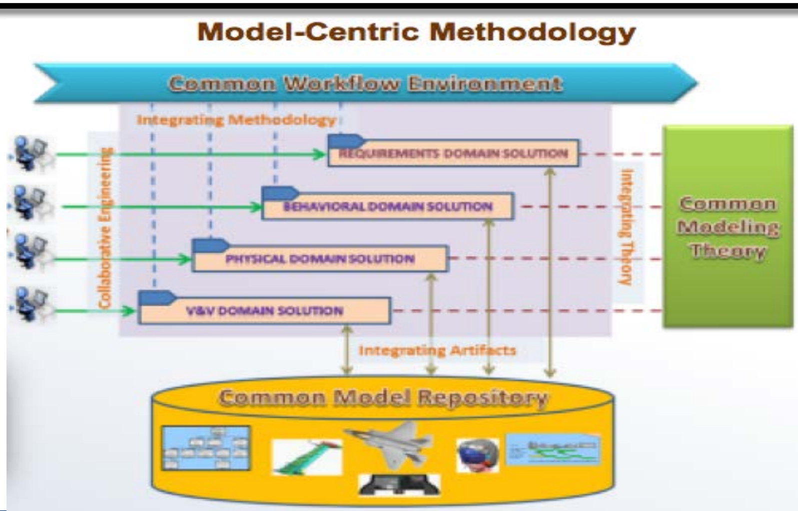


2) Model Integrity

Define Methodologies for Model Integrity and Uncertainty Quantification:

- Provide trust in model-based predictions, with Quantification of Margins & Uncertainties
- Framework for integrating risk and understanding uncertainty in the data

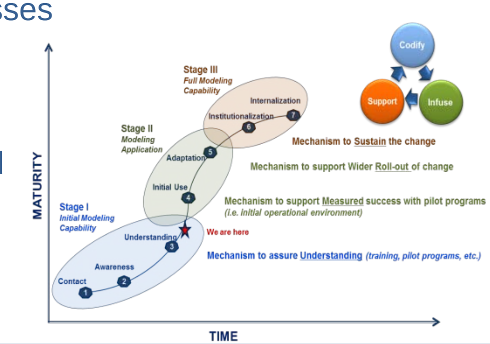




3) Modeling Methodology Implementation at NAVAIR

Develop a roadmap to rollout capabilities addressing all five perspectives in parallel:

1. Technologies and infrastructure for SSTT
2. Methodologies and processes
3. People, competencies and SSTT interfaces
4. Operational & contractual paradigms for transformed interactions with industry
5. Governance



4) SE Transformation Roadmap

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Bottom Line

- Organizations (with a few exceptions) were unwilling to share quantitative data
- Qualitative data in the aggregate suggests that MCE technologies and methods are advancing and adoption is accelerating

NAVAIR Executive Leadership Response:

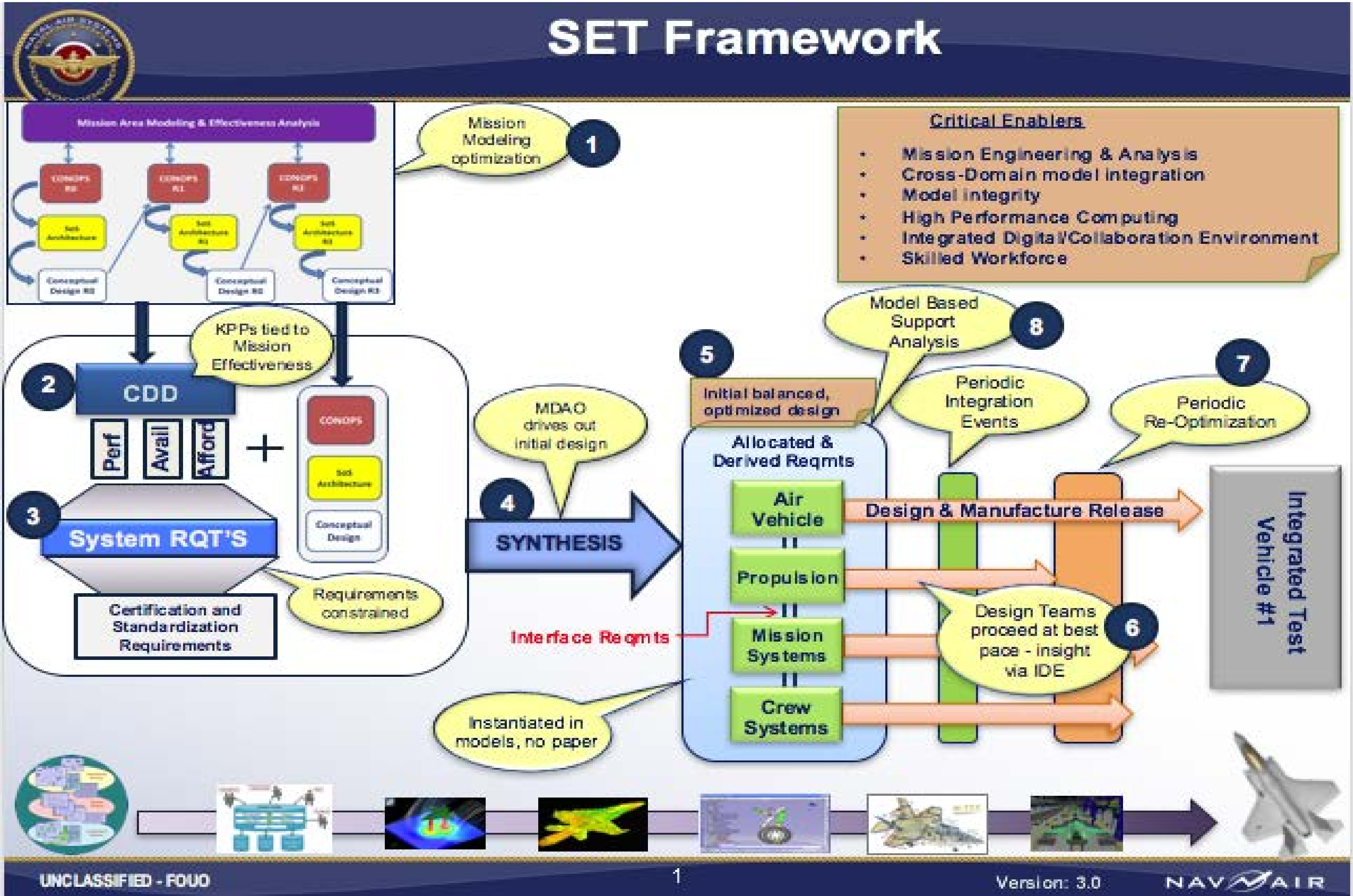
- NAVAIR must move quickly to keep pace with other organizations that have adopted MCE
- NAVAIR must transform in order to perform effective oversight of primes that are using modern modeling methods for system development

March 2016: Change of Command has Accelerated the Systems Engineering Transformation and Broadened the Scope

Model-Centric Engineering Can Enable New Types of Coordination

- In a "Digital Engineering" environment, government and industry need to work in a different way

Framework for New Operational Paradigm Between Government and Industry



RT-157/170 Perspectives (NAVAIR)

Tracing the Campaign and Mission Analysis to System Capabilities of Evolving Platforms

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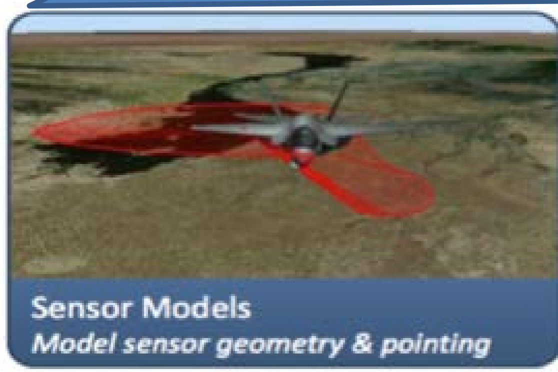
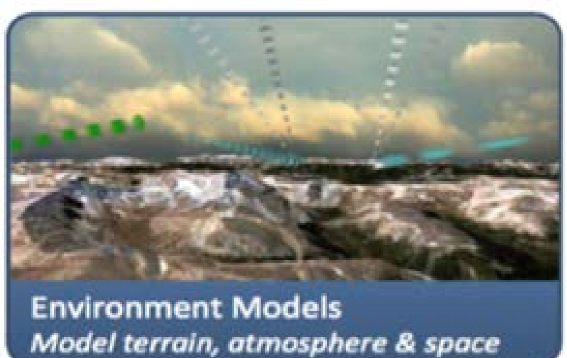
Dynamic CONOPS Integrated with Mission Simulations to Better Understand Needed System Capabilities

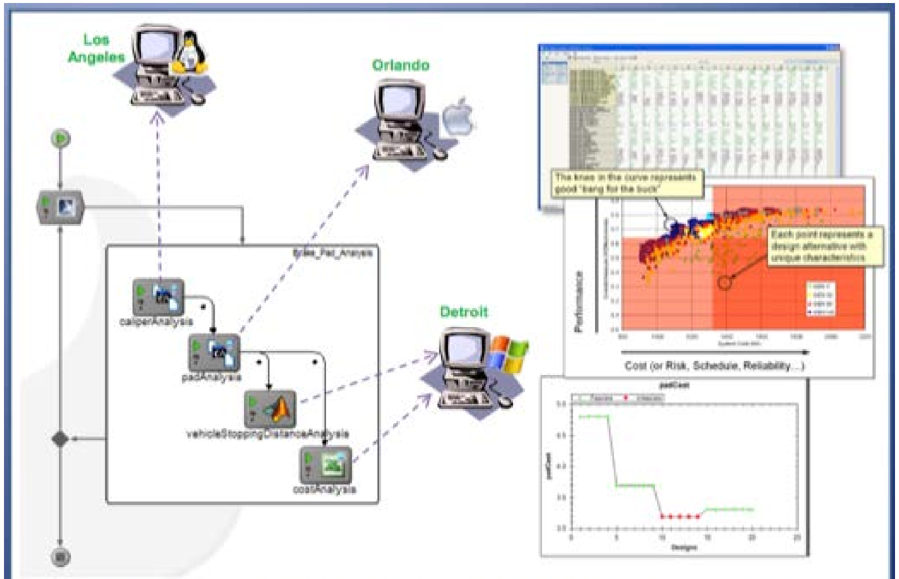
Simulated-based
Study Views Method
Structures and Formalizes the JCIDS* Concepts prior to DoDAF Modeling





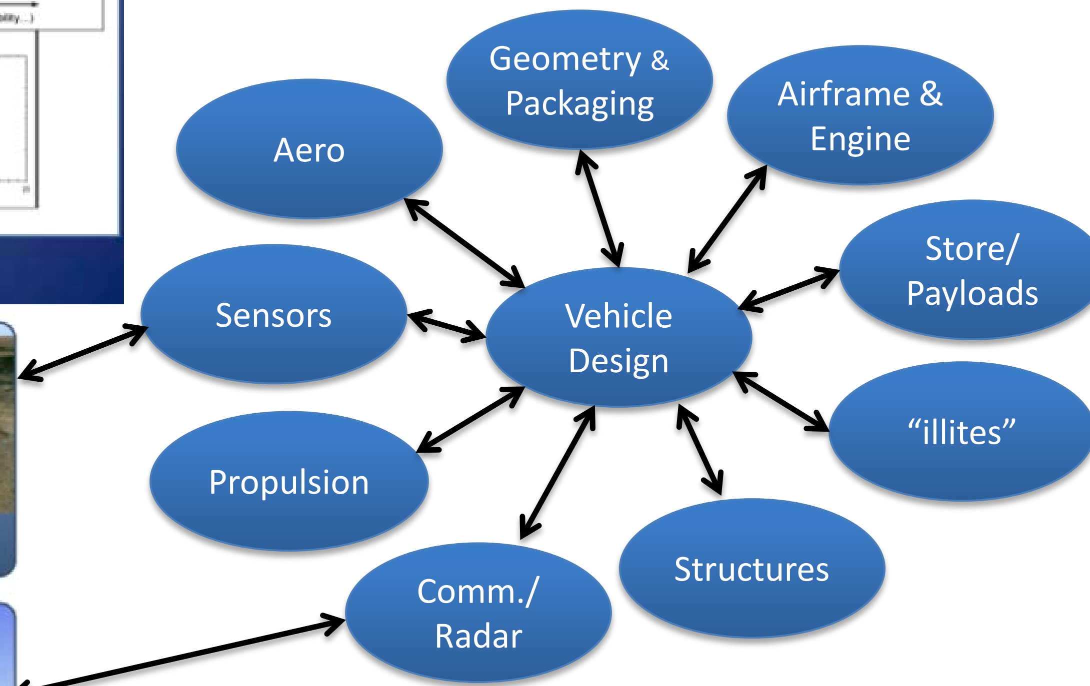
*Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS)

Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization Supports Tradespace Analysis Across Disciplines

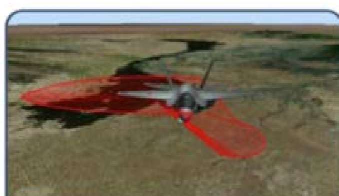


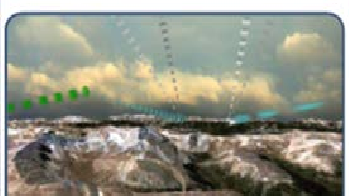
Multidisciplinary Distributed Analysis, Optimization, Design Space Exploration

MDAO Implements Workflow with Solvers to Evaluate Trades Systematically Driven by Design of Experiment




Vehicle Motion Models
Model vehicle position and attitude

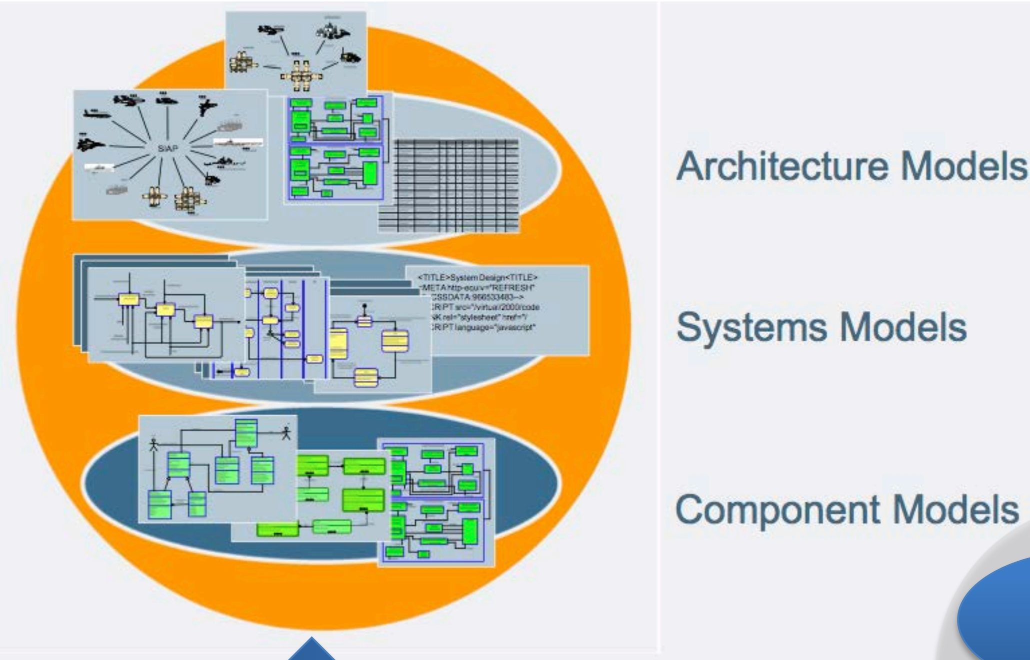

Sensor Models
Model sensor geometry & pointing


Environment Models
Model terrain, atmosphere & space

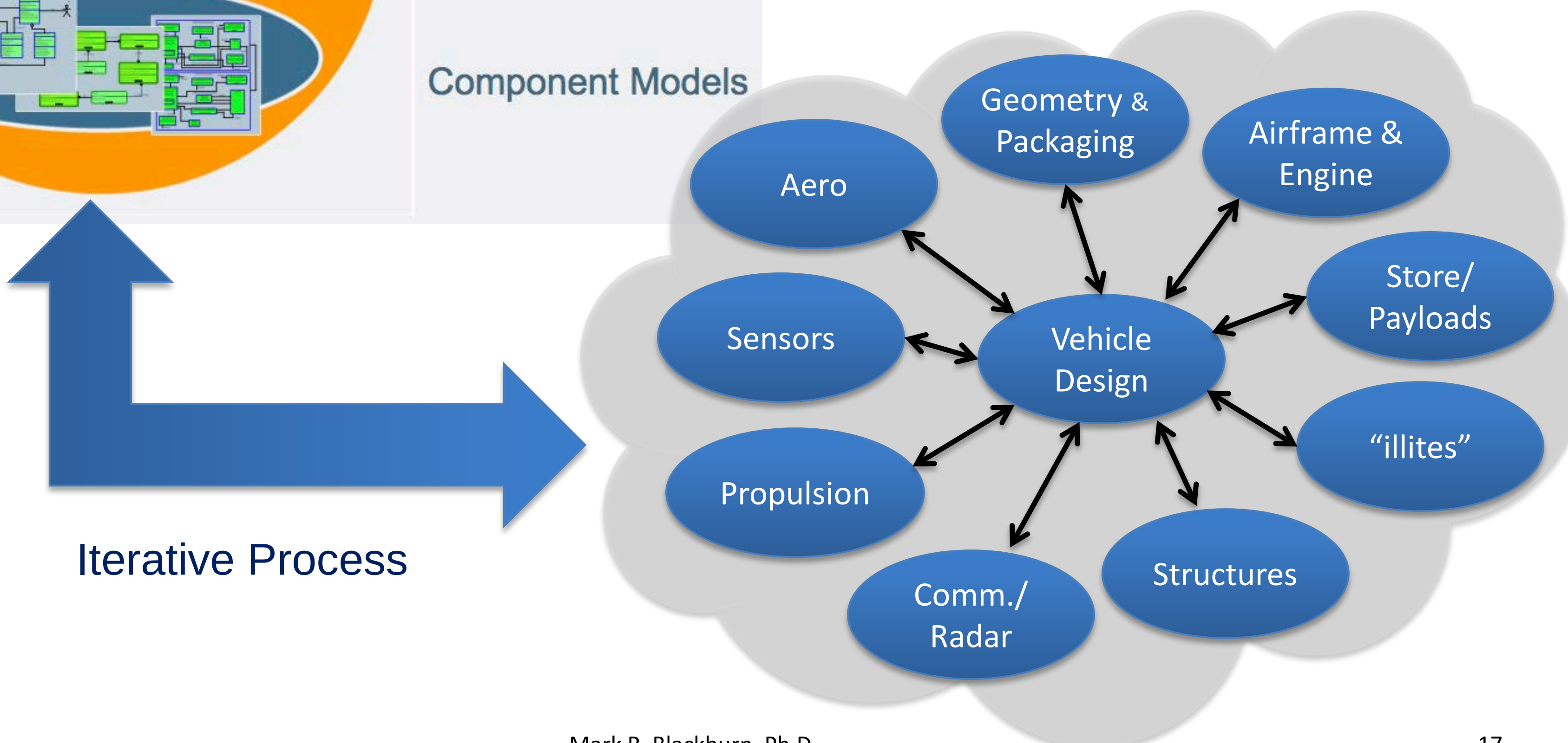

Comms & Radar Models
Model RF propagation & interference

Detailed Design from Associated Disciplines and Competencies

Need to Better Integrate Multiple Levels of System Models with Discipline-Specific Designs



Architectural, System and Component Models Define the Cross-Domain Integration and Bring in Detailed Behaviors



Methodologies are Critical Because Commercial Tools are Method Agnostic

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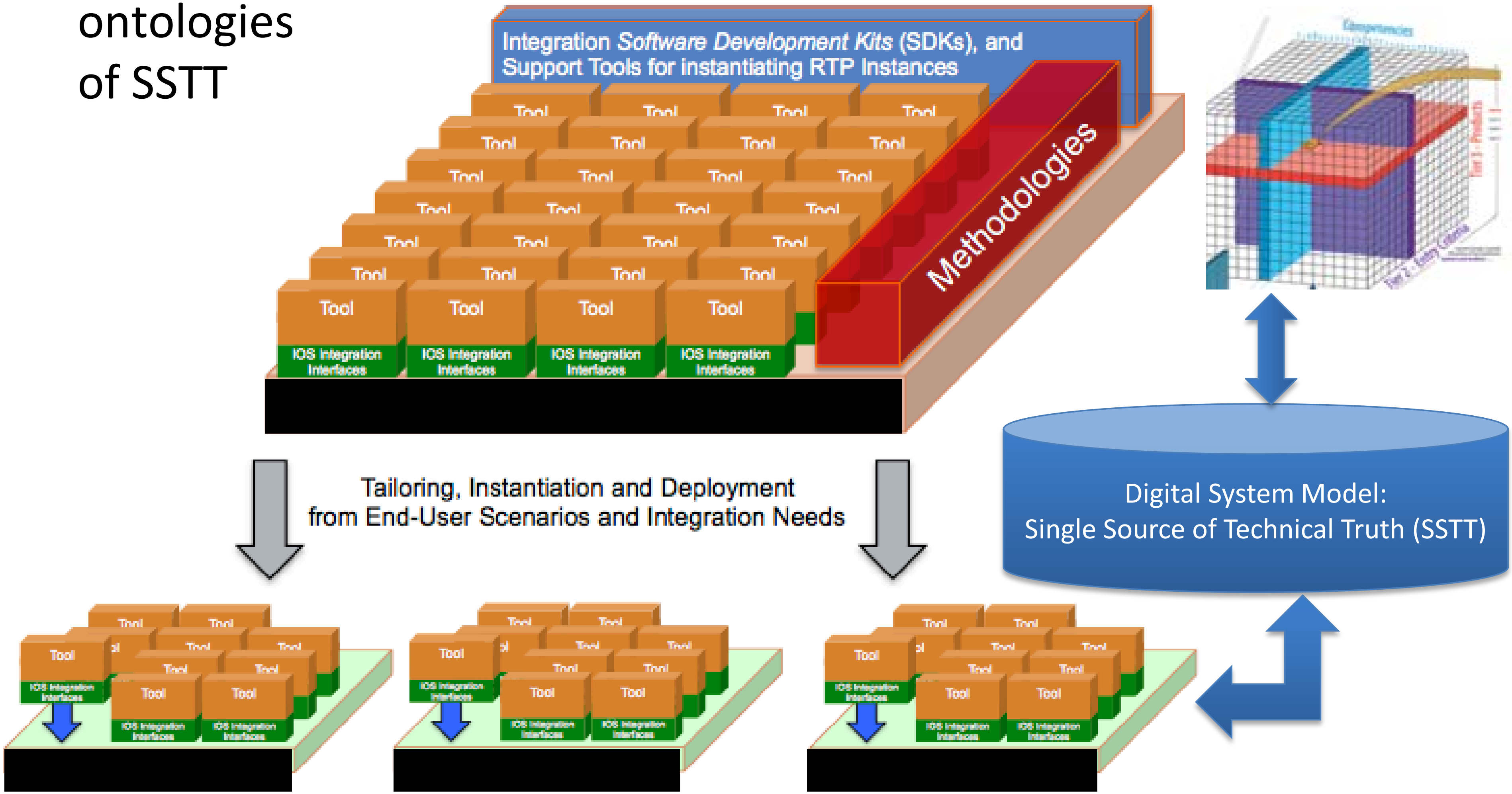
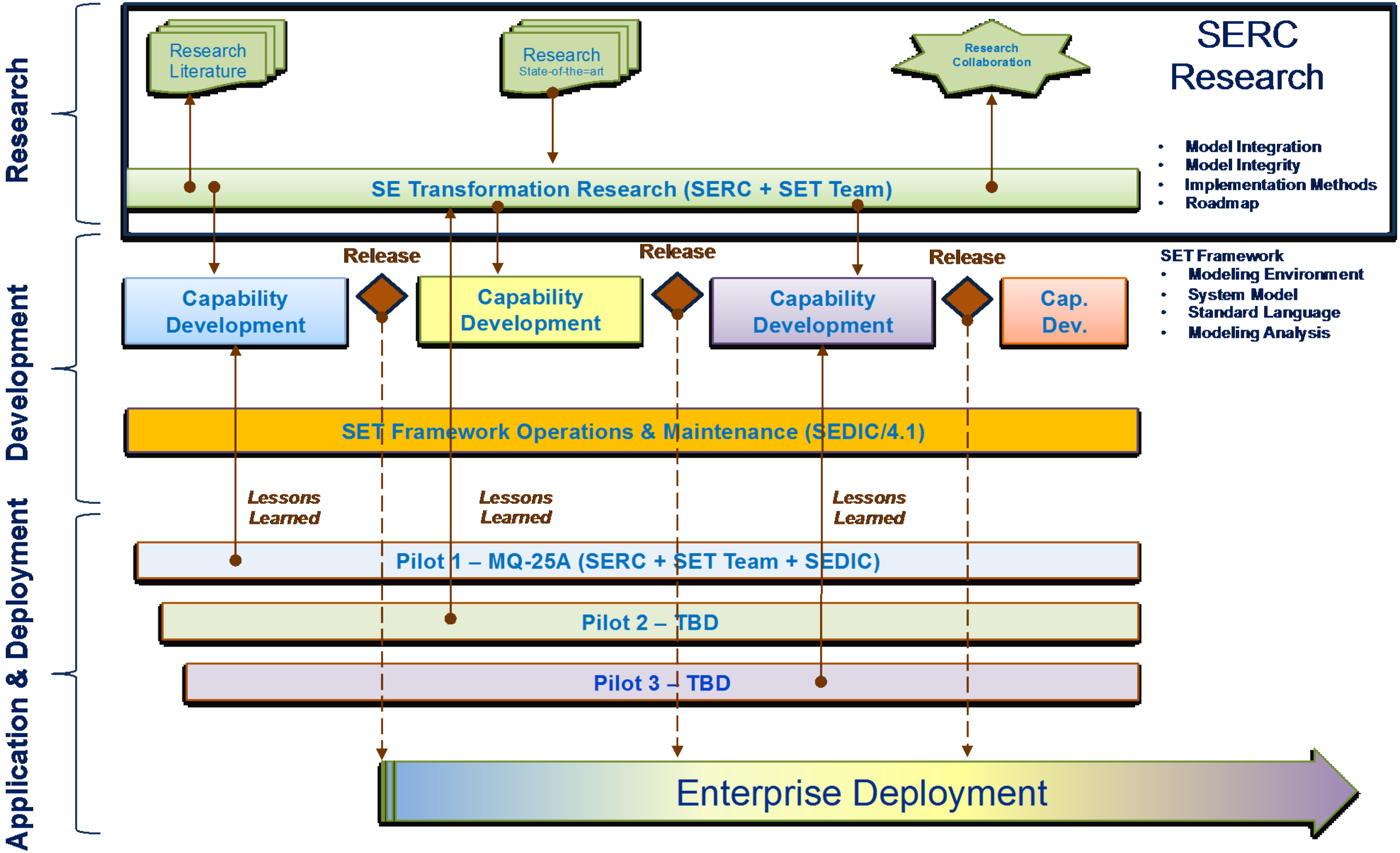
Cross-domain **methodologies** ensure tool usage produces complete and consistent information compliant with ontologies of SSTT



Organizations are Modeling and Simulating Manufacturing Before Tooling

- Set-based delays design selection and increasingly factors in manufacturability

SE Transformation "Role-out" Strategy



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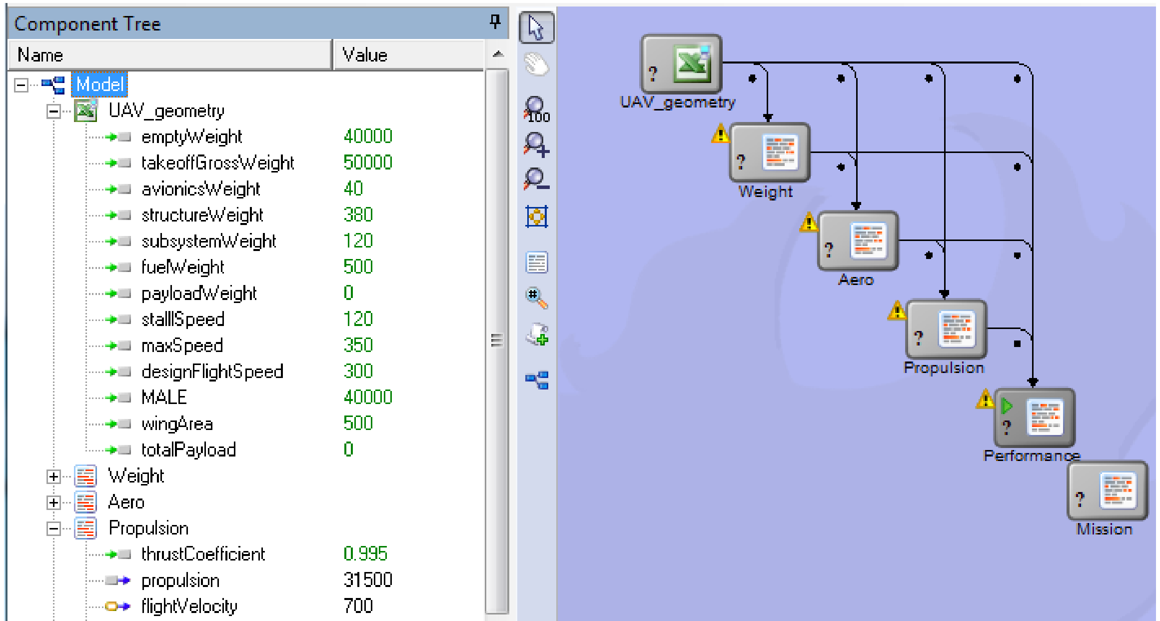
Status Against Framework Research (1/3) – Contracting through Digital Engineering

- Developing surrogate UAV to demonstrate how models represent requirement at logical and functional levels
  - Concept can be part of a SOW and RFP for new contractual vehicle based on Digital Engineering for competitive down select (NDIA involved in this effort)
  - Illustrate links from system models to MDAO and other types of models
  - Illustrating what needs to be modeled beyond DoDAF focused on net-ready views
- UAV example started by Stevens, now being extended by new team collaborator Georgia Tech
- Developing models of methods and processes to illustrate linkage between mission, system, reference and MDAO, etc. model

Status Against Framework Research (2/3) – MDAO Example Relevant to UAV

- Developed MDAO workflow for example of KPP (range) using UAV Weight, Aero, Propulsion, Performance, which links back to system model to illustrate method:
  - Defining sequence of workflows (scenarios)
  - Identifying a set of inputs and outputs (parameters)
  - Define a Design of Experiments (DoE) and use analyses such as sensitivity analysis and visualizations to understand the key parameter to scope
  - Use Optimization using solvers with key parameters and define different (key objective functions – on outputs) to determine set of solutions (results often provided as a table of possible solutions)
  - Use visualizations to understand relationships of different solutions
  - Concept applicable at mission, system and subsystems



Status Against Framework Research (3/3) – Model Integrity

- Steven's PhD candidate Col. Timothy West (advisor Mark Blackburn) runs wind tunnels at Arnold Engineering Development Complex

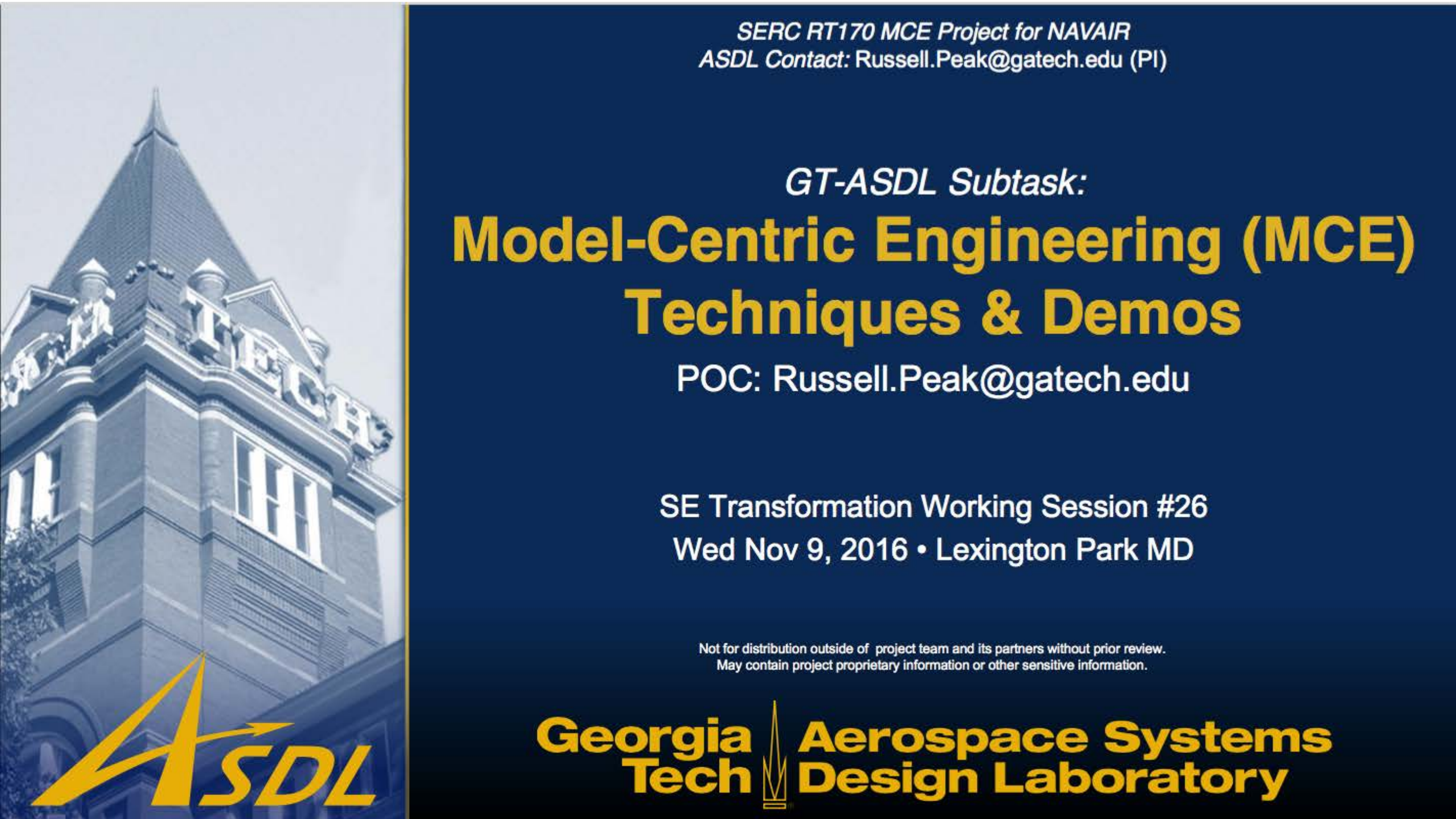
- Research involves a proposed methodology to use Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) DAKOTA Toolkit with DoD Computational Research and Engineering Acquisition Tools and Environments (CREATE) Air Vehicle (AV) family of computational tools (e.g., CFD, FEA), in order to develop an optimized wind tunnel campaign for two different aerodynamic shapes to assess the process

Aeropropulsion
F136 in J2

Aerodynamics
B-52 in 16T

Hypersonics
HTV at Tunnel 9

RT-170 Task - Mission Engineering and Analysis using MDAO Methods



RT-157/170 – Support Tasks Related to Model Integration and Single Source of Truth

Semantic-driven Modeling and Reasoning for Systems Engineering Transformation

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RT-168 Perspectives
(US Army - ARDEC)

Systems Engineering Transformation through Model-Centric Engineering (MCE)

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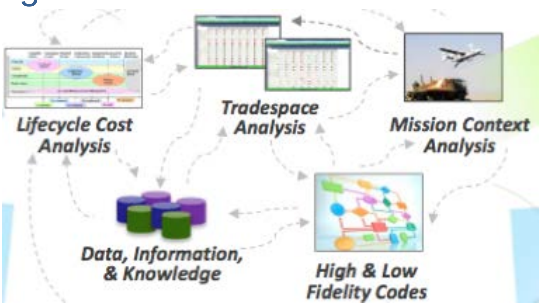
1) MCE Framework

Modeling framework enabling mission/system problem and design-space, multi-model and cross-domain model integration with enabling methodologies



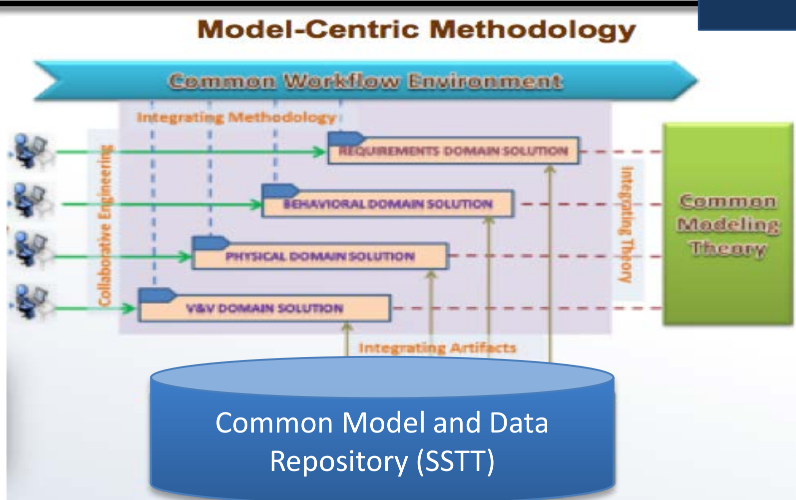
2) Formalization of Information Model for ARDEC-relevant Domains

Support capturing and sharing of data and information as a conceptual System Model (or Digital System Model), or “Single Source of Technical Truth”:

- Domain information models can be informed by Army and ARDEC Taxonomy
- Ensure the domains are evolvable to address continual evolution in technologies

Digital System Model:
Single Source of Technical Truth (SSTT)

4) Challenge Areas



3) Modeling Methodology Implementation at ARDEC

Develop a roadmap to rollout capabilities addressing all five perspectives in parallel:

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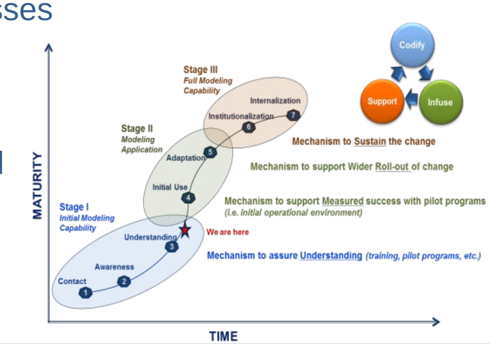
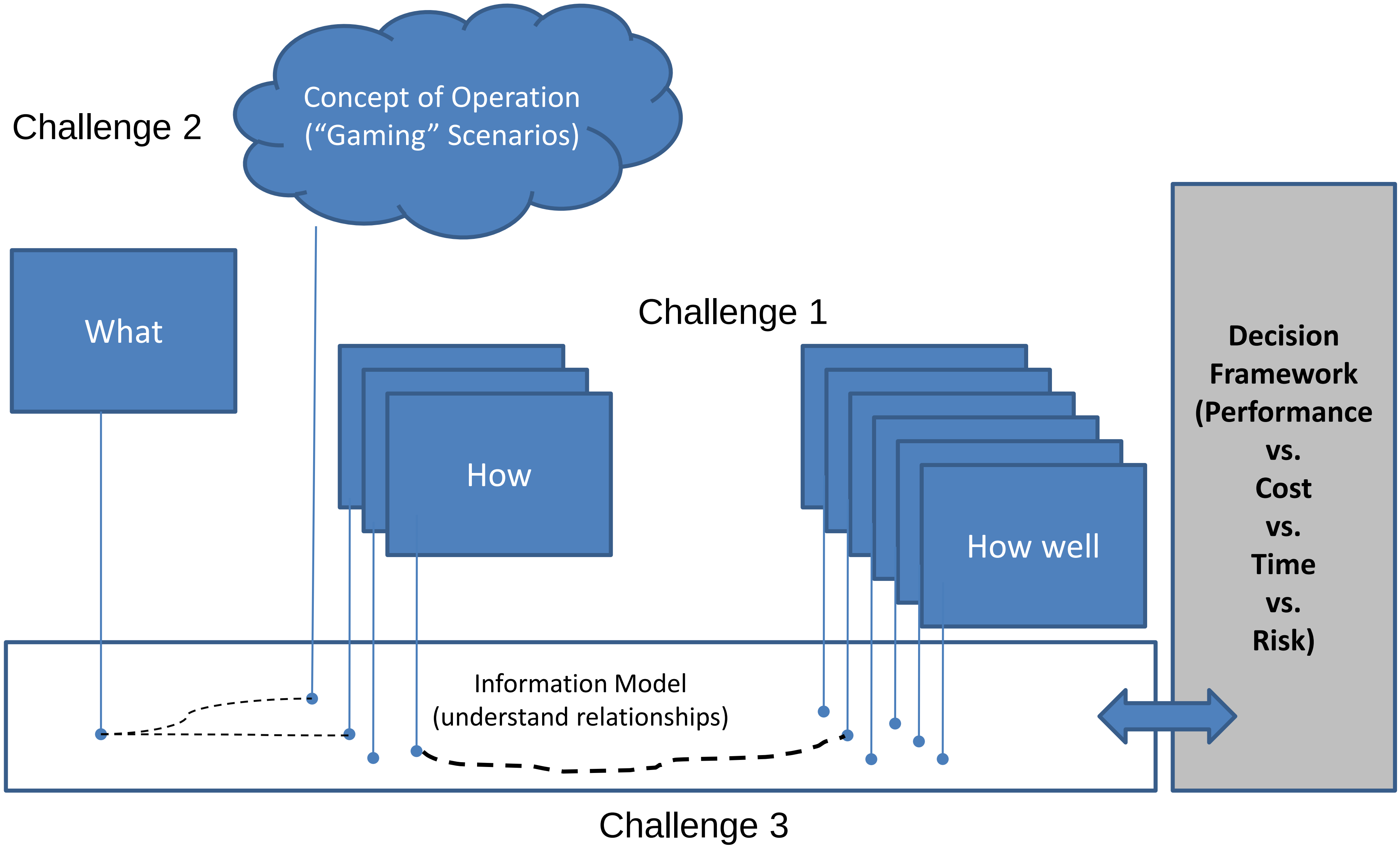


5) SE Transformation Roadmap

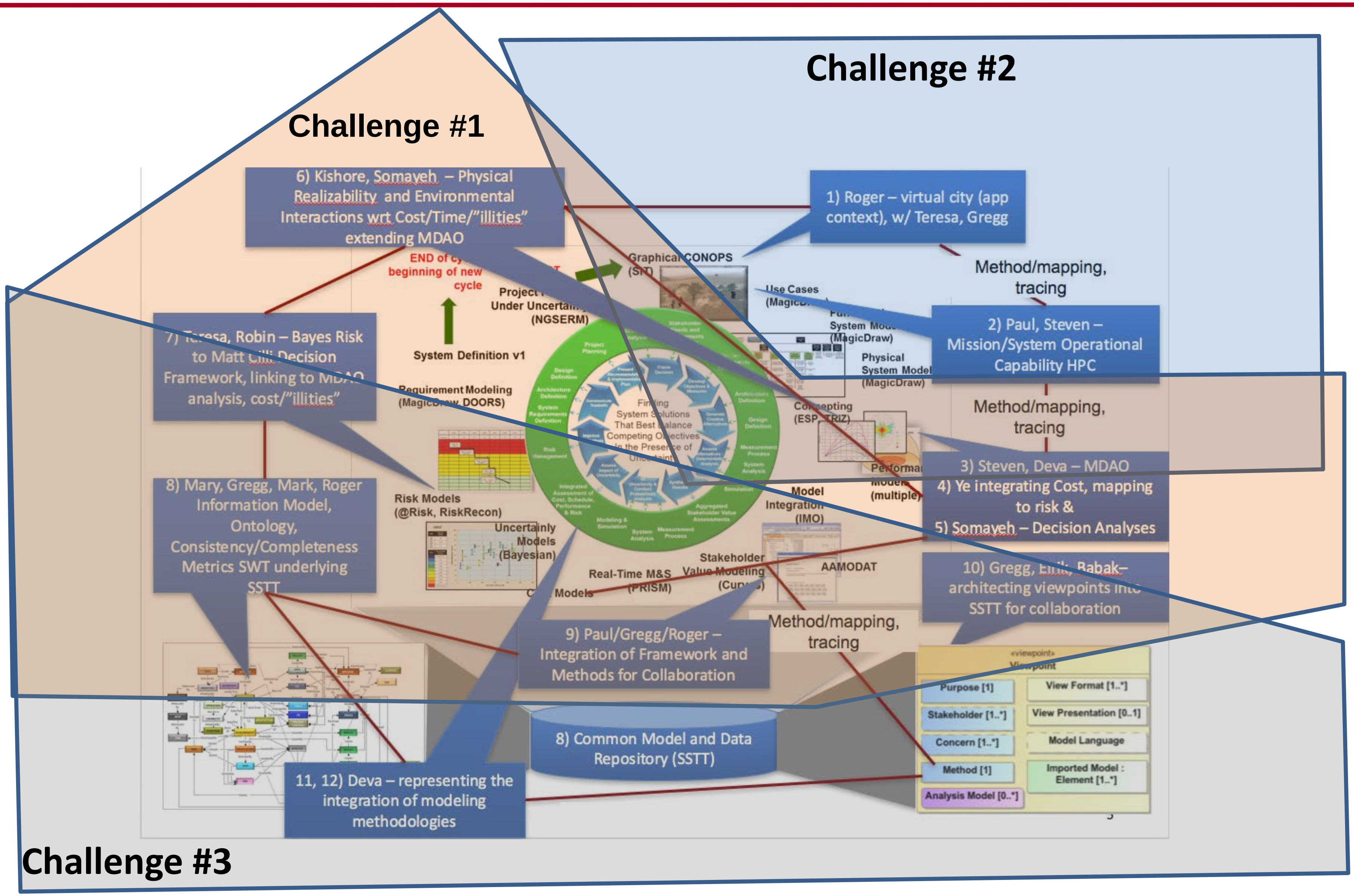
Challenge Areas

- Case study – "Counter UAS"
- Challenge #1 – Development of Dynamic Modeling (system-level)
  - System + Performance + CAD (physics)
  - Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization (MDAO)
- Challenge #2 – Concept Generation Capabilities (mission-level)
  - Operational scenarios (graphical CONOPS), mission trades (MDAO)
  - Gaming, how to model early concepts, map to system (e.g., Challenge #1)
- Challenge #3 – Information Model/Big Data
  - Single Source of Truth (SST) (linking of cross domain ontologies)

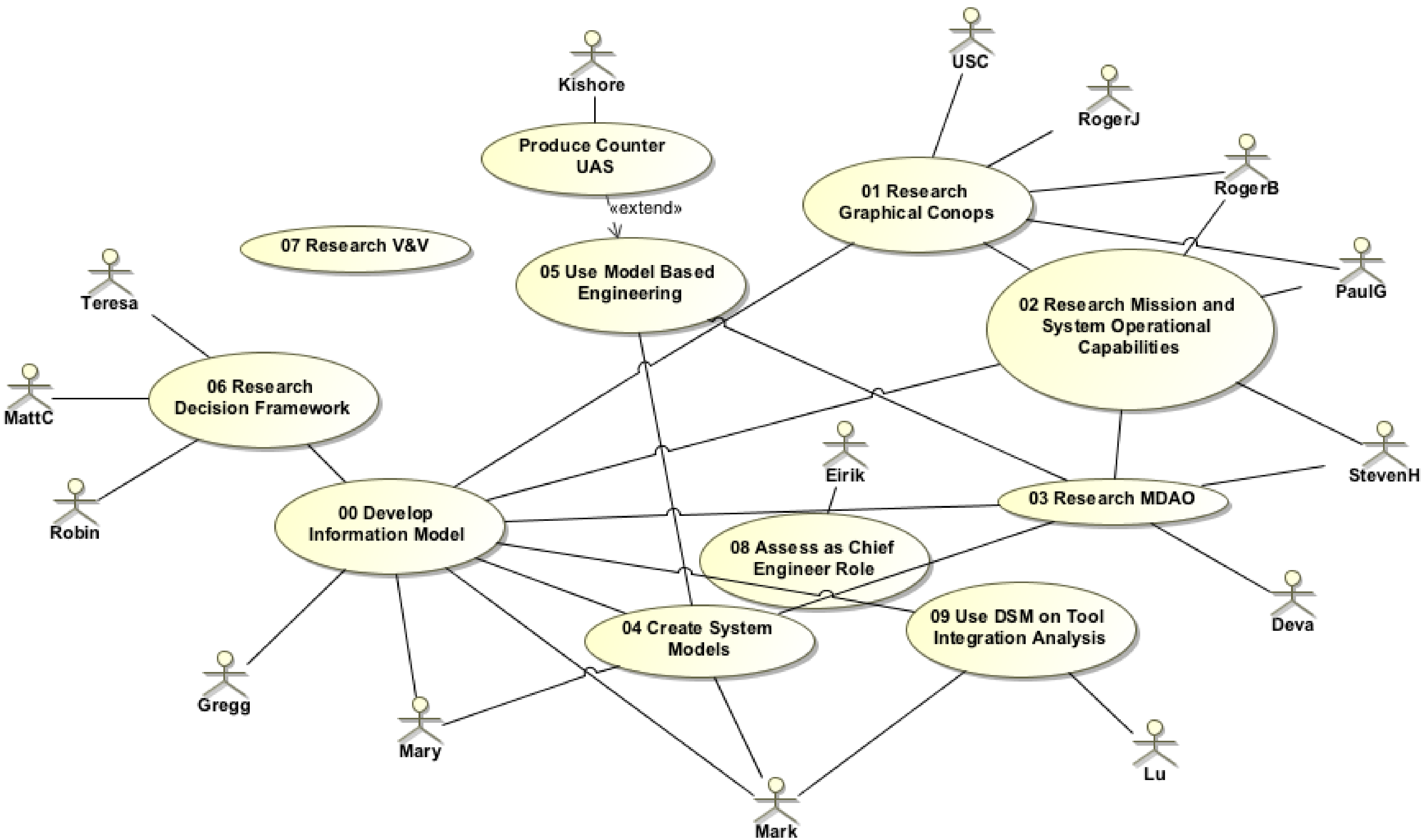
Traditional Systems Engineering with Perspective on Challenge Areas



Subtasks Overlay On Digital Thread with Relationship to Challenge Areas



Use Case Refinement of Subtasks



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Conclusions and Impacts

- NAVAIR is evolving a framework for a new collaborative operational paradigm with industry for **Systems Engineering Transformation**
  - Conducting meetings with industry to “validate” concept and solicit recommendations for improvement and evolution
  - Pilot planning and workforce development initiated
  - New contracting model/approach needed
  - New criteria for assessing “maturity” vice “milestones”
- Policy – can the current policy still work?
- Collaboration:
  - US Army ARDEC targeting their needs for MCE in collaboration with NAVAIR
  - New Naval Postgraduate School collaboration in process
- Government and Industry Forum on MCE
- Digital Engineering Strategy Initiative (coordinated through DASD)
- Airspace Industry Association: CONOPS for Industry/Government Collaborative Framework
- NDIA Working Group– Using Digital Engineering for Competitive Down Select

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- We have had over 40 discussions with organizations from Industry, Government, and Academia, and we want to thank all of those stakeholders (over 200 people), including some from industry that will remain anonymous in recognition of our need to comply with proprietary and confidentiality agreements associated with Task 1.
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Thank You

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Backup
RT-48/118/141 Perspectives

Four Tasks to Assess Technical Feasibility of *"Doing Everything with Models" (Everything Digital)*

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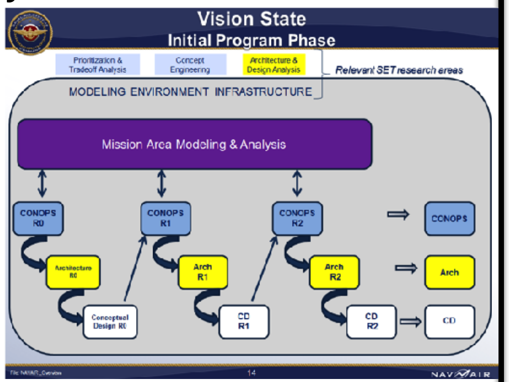
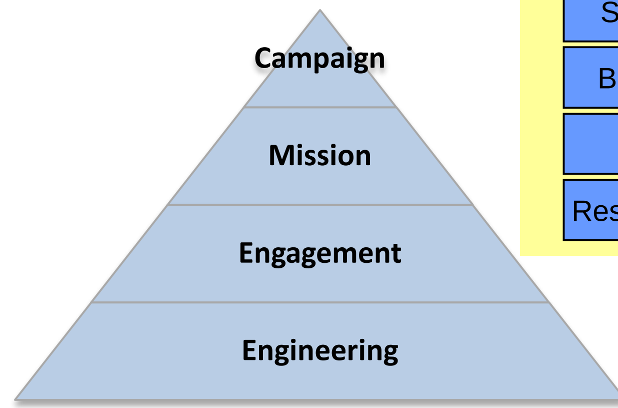
1) Global scan and classification of holistic state-of-the-art MBSE

- Use discussion framework to survey government, industry and academia
- Quantify, link and trace realized modeling capabilities to Vision (task 3)

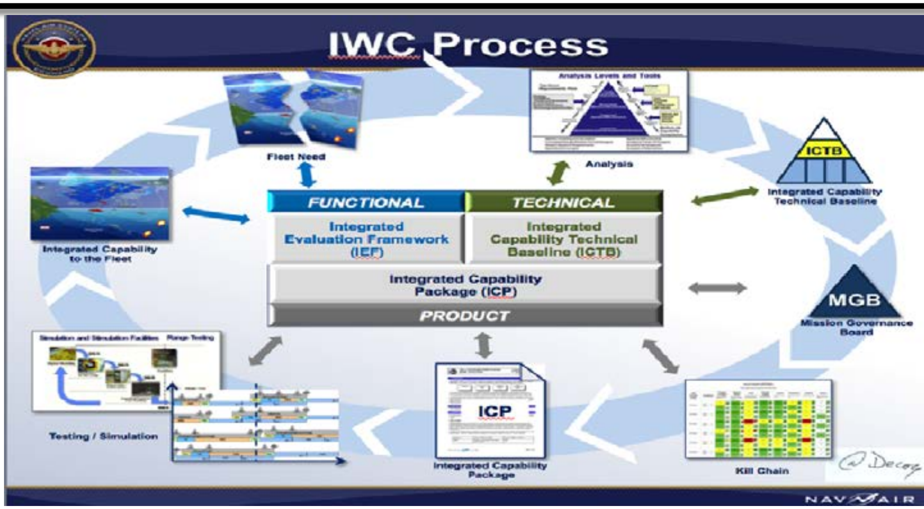


2) Develop Common Lexicon for Model Levels, Types, Uses, and Representations

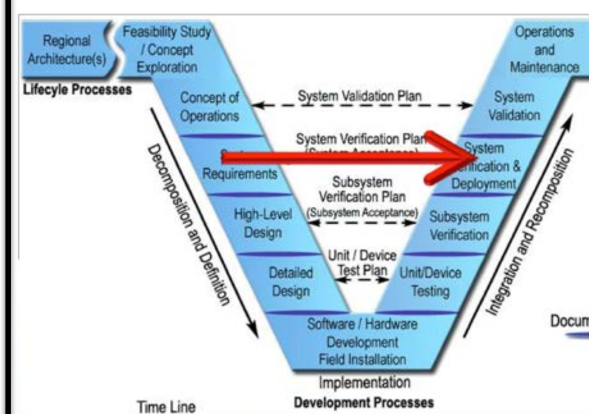


Model Types

- Structure/Interfaces
- Behavior (functions)
- Concurrency
- Resources/Environment



3) Model the Vision of Everything Done with Models and Relate to "As Is" process



Address two classes of risk:

- Airworthiness and Safety
- Program Execution

4) Fully integrate model-driven Risk Management and Decision Making

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Task 1: Industry, Government and Academia Visits and Discussions

- We had open-ended discussions

  Tell us about the most advanced and holistic approach to model-centric engineering you use or seen used

- Did not single out specific companies
- Spectrum of information was very broad
- There really is no good way to make a comparison
- We have a report that summarizes the aggregate of what we heard

RT-48/118/141 Summary

- Over 30 discussions and 21 onsite with Industry, Government and Academia, with follow-ups – our summary is not exhaustive
- Developed common lexicon of over 700 terms for model levels, types, uses, and representations, with many contributors
- Models are becoming more **dynamic and integrated across domains**, as opposed to static and isolated, enabled by HPC, **semantic precision**, and **visual analytics**
- Several strategies have been developed and applied for **quantification of model confidence**, enabled by HPC
- Answer to Sponsor: It is technically feasible to radically transform systems engineering at NAVAIR through MCSE; however, the evidence does not show conclusively that it will produce a 25% reduction in acquisition cycle time.

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Acronyms

CDD	Capability Description Document
CONOPS	Concept of Operations
CDR	Critical Design Review
CDRL	Contract Data Requirements List
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Project Agency
DASD	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
DoD	Department of Defense
DoE	Design of Experiments
FEA	Finite Element Analysis
HPC	High Performance Computing
IMCE	Integrated Model-Centric Engineering
IMCSE	Interactive Model-centric Systems Engineering
IoT	Internet of Things
JCIDS	Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System
KPP	Key Performance Parameter
MBSE	Model-based System Engineering
MBE	Model-Based Engineering
MCE	Model-Centric Engineering
MCSE	Model-Centric System Engineering
MDAO	Multidisciplinary Design Analysis and Optimization
MDE	Model-Driven Engineering
NAVAIR	Naval Air Systems Command
OV	Operational View
P&FQ	Performance and Flight Quality
PDR	Preliminary Design Review
PLM	Product Lifecycle Management
RT	Research Task
SLOC	Software Lines Of Code
SE	Systems Engineering
SET	Systems Engineering Transformation
SERC	System Engineering Research Center
SETR	Systems Engineering Technical Review
SFR	System Functional Review
SRR	System Requirements Review
SoS	System of Systems
SOW	Statement of Work
SSTT	Single Source of Technical Truth
SV	System View
UAV	Unmanned Air Vehicle
V&V	Verification and Validation

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