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Research Motivation

- DoD *Digital Engineering Strategy* (2018)
- Need to effectively train the acquisition workforce to meet challenges of digital transformation



Base Year

- Need exploration
- Initial architecture
- Case study identification
- Advisory Board Established
- Sponsor Relationships Established
- Lessons Learned Captured

Option Year 1

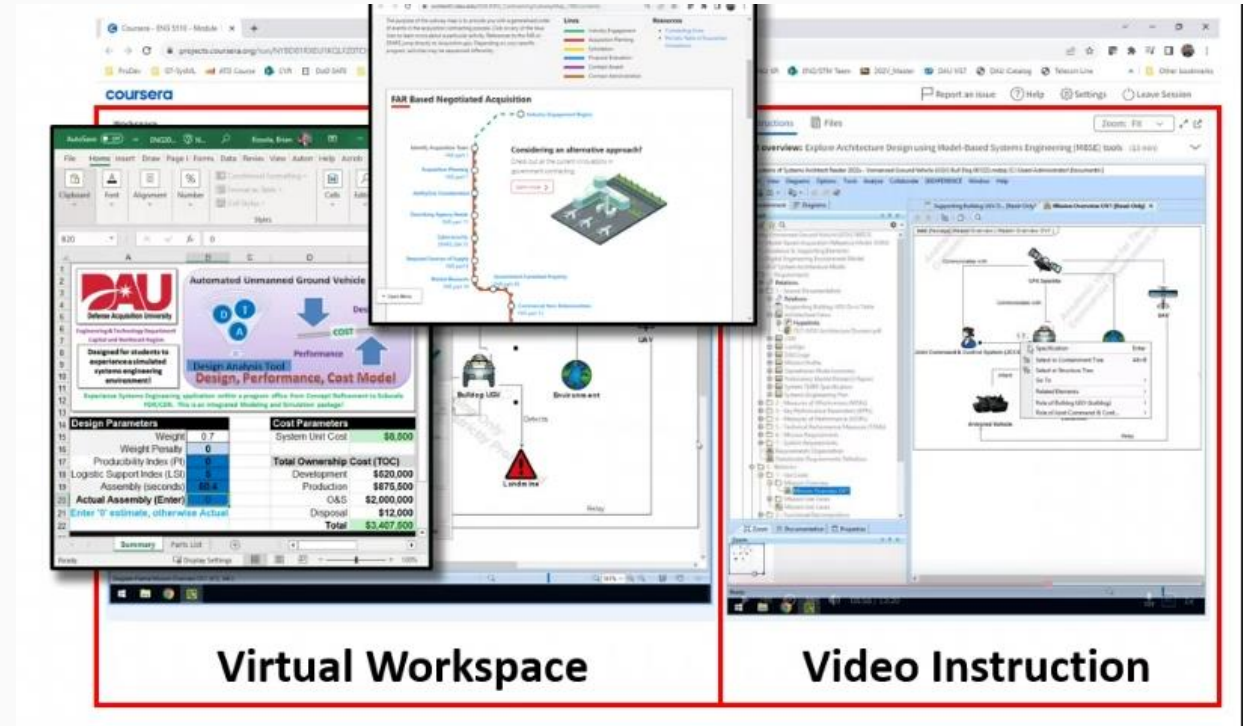
- Refined Architecture
- Draft “almanac” (Jupyter)
- Case Study Refinement
 - Bulldog / Firebird / Firedog
- Digital Systems Engineering Plan (dSEP)
- Mission Engineering and DE
- Digital Environment
- Simulation Training Environment Digital Engineering (STEDE)

Current Year Taskings

- Support for DAU Credentials
 - Digital Engineering (DE)
 - Secure Cyber-Resilient Engineering (SCRE)
- Coordination with DAU Credentials
 - Systems Engineering (SE)
 - Mission Engineering (ME)
- Development of a Digital Twin

DAU Credentials: Digital Engineering

- 6 courses
 - SysML
 - MBSE
 - DE Environment
 - DE Technical Processes
 - DE Management Processes
 - Capstone



Virtual Workspace

Video Instruction

DAU Credentials: SCORE

Cyber Resilience Techniques, approaches, and Patterns

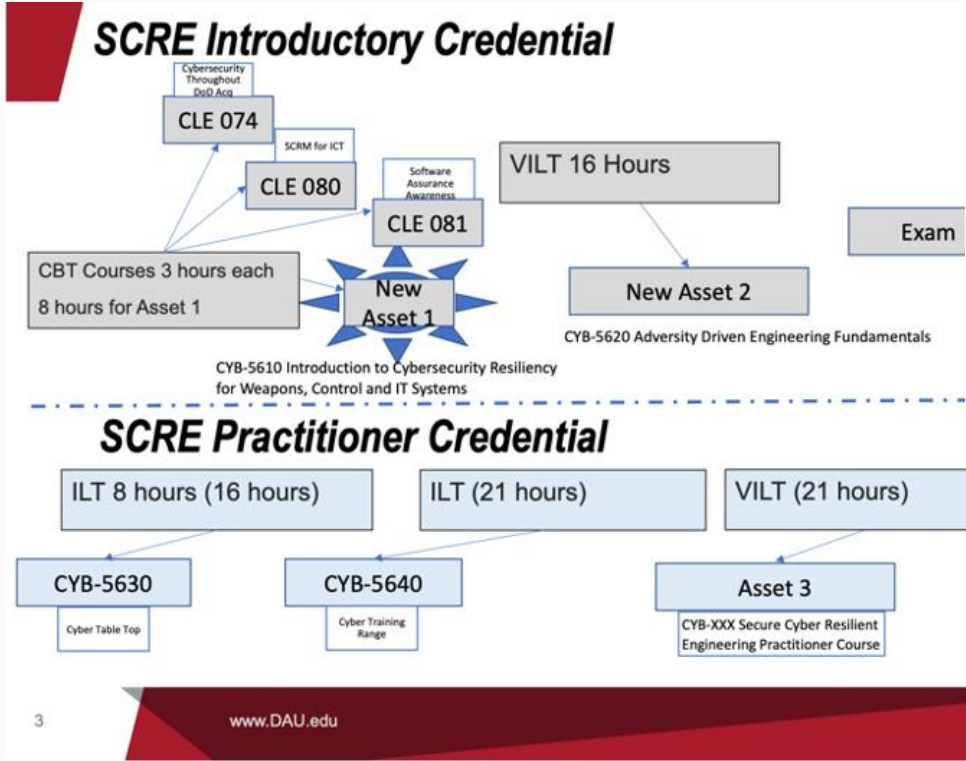


FIGURE 1: CYBER RESILIENCY TECHNIQUES AND IMPLEMENTATION APPROACHES

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Mode / Pattern	Description	Attack Model Countered
Trusted Kernel or Guard	Creates a small control system within the CPS that independently monitors and/or manages all resource access.	Escalation, interruption attacks
Isolation	Creates an isolated runtime environment (sandbox) for the critical asset that is resistant against attacks.	Escalation, interruption attacks
Redundancy	Replicates the functionality of the critical asset in order to create multiple paths for high availability and fault tolerance in the case of individual function failures.	Attacks that disable individual instances of critical assets and functionality
Diversification	Produces functionally equivalent variations of binaries running in software critical assets. This is an enhancement of the redundancy countermeasure.	Coordinated attacks, zero-day attacks effective in identical binary copies of the critical assets
Physically Nonclonable Function	Secures the integrity and privacy of the messages in the system using a Physical Unclonable Function (PUF) that is hard to predict and duplicate.	Attacks that hijack the communication channels such as man-in-the-middle attacks
Obfuscation	Obscures the real meaning of data/signals/flows by making them difficult for an attacker to understand. It can use random sources of noise from the environment of the critical assets to increase the entropy.	Attacks that require knowledge of the inner workings of the system, its functions, and its mission
Parameter Assurance	Compares input data to a table of values in the system to check for large, unexpected deviations.	Attacks that manipulate data files or messages that are sent to the system
Data Consistency Checking	Verifies the source of a parameter change.	Attacks that use operator specific data entry
Limiting Circuits	Limits resource use (power, memory) to prevent overload.	Power System Attack

Resilience Modes and Detection Patterns (UVA, Siemens, SIT)

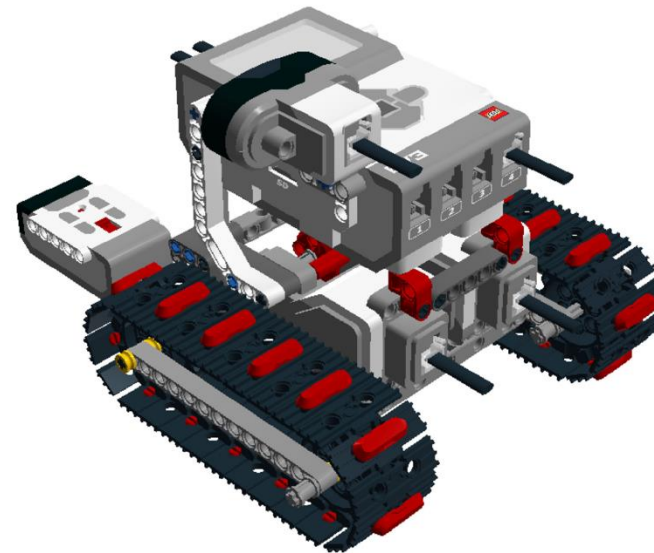


Development of a “Digital Twin”: Bulldog

- DAU-created system for training (ENG 202) using traditional artifacts
- UGV – architected and designed in courses
- Implemented with Lego Mindstorms

Preferred Platform by criteria area:

Preliminary Results	Tracked Vehicle	Wheeled Vehicle	Hover Vehicle
Route Flexibility	X (e.g. off-road)		X (e.g. water, mud, ice)
Mobility		X	
Traction on Slopes	X		
Road Speed		X	X (e.g. water, mud, ice)
Logistics		X	
O&S Costs		X	
Payload Weight	X		
Maneuverability			
Transportability		X (e.g. tc	



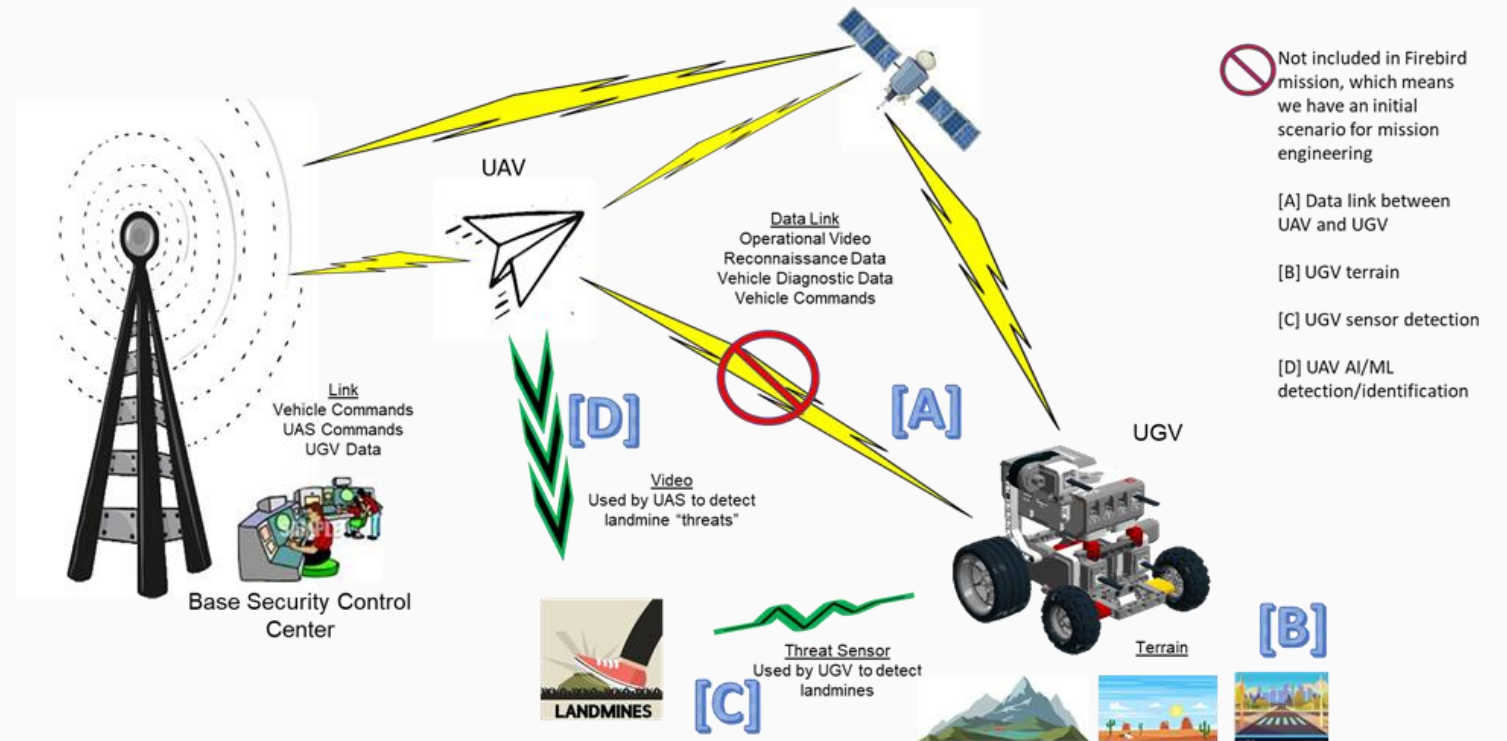
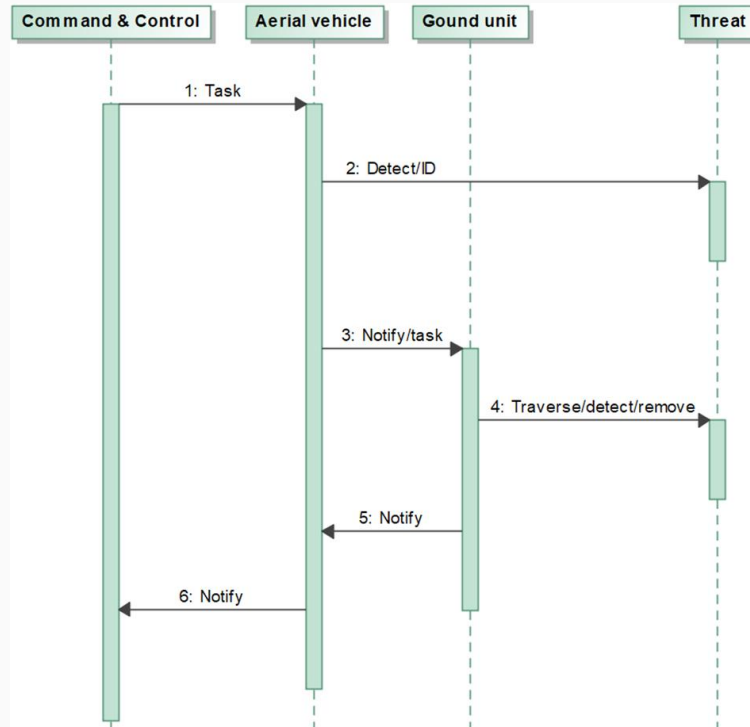
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BULL DOG UNMANNED GROUND VEHICLE
(UGV) SYSTEM – ACAT II
SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PLAN
VERSION 3.5



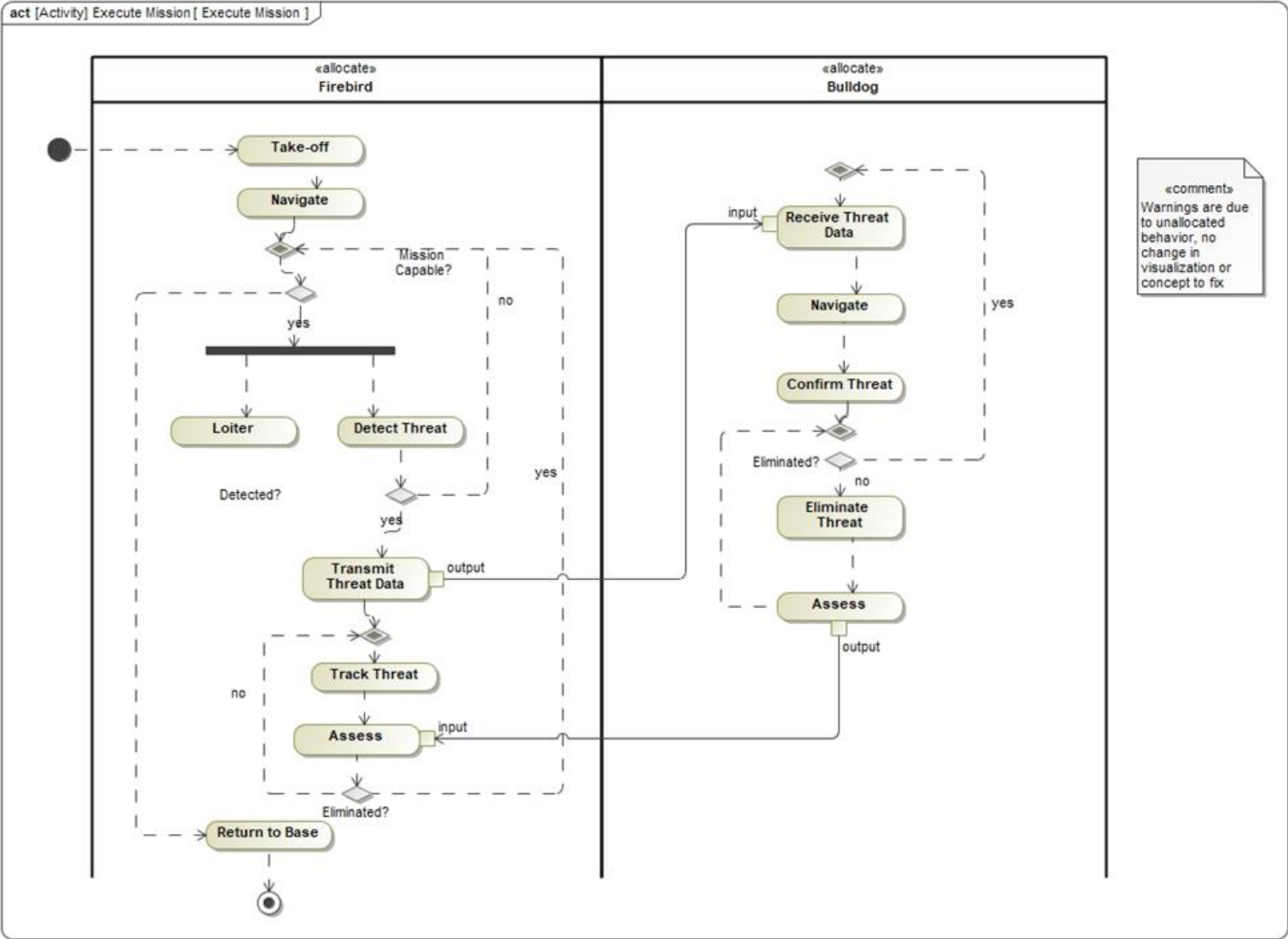
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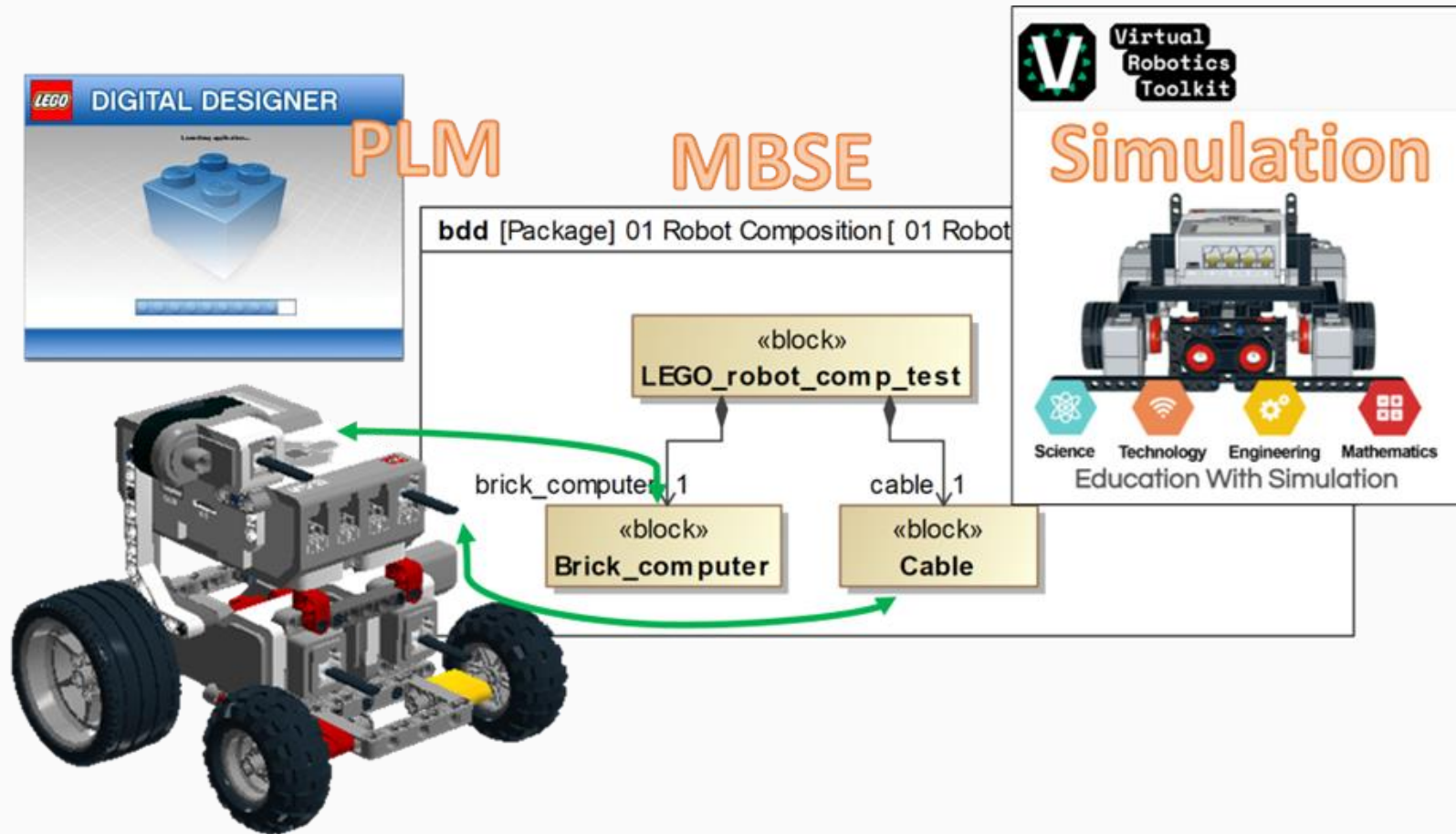
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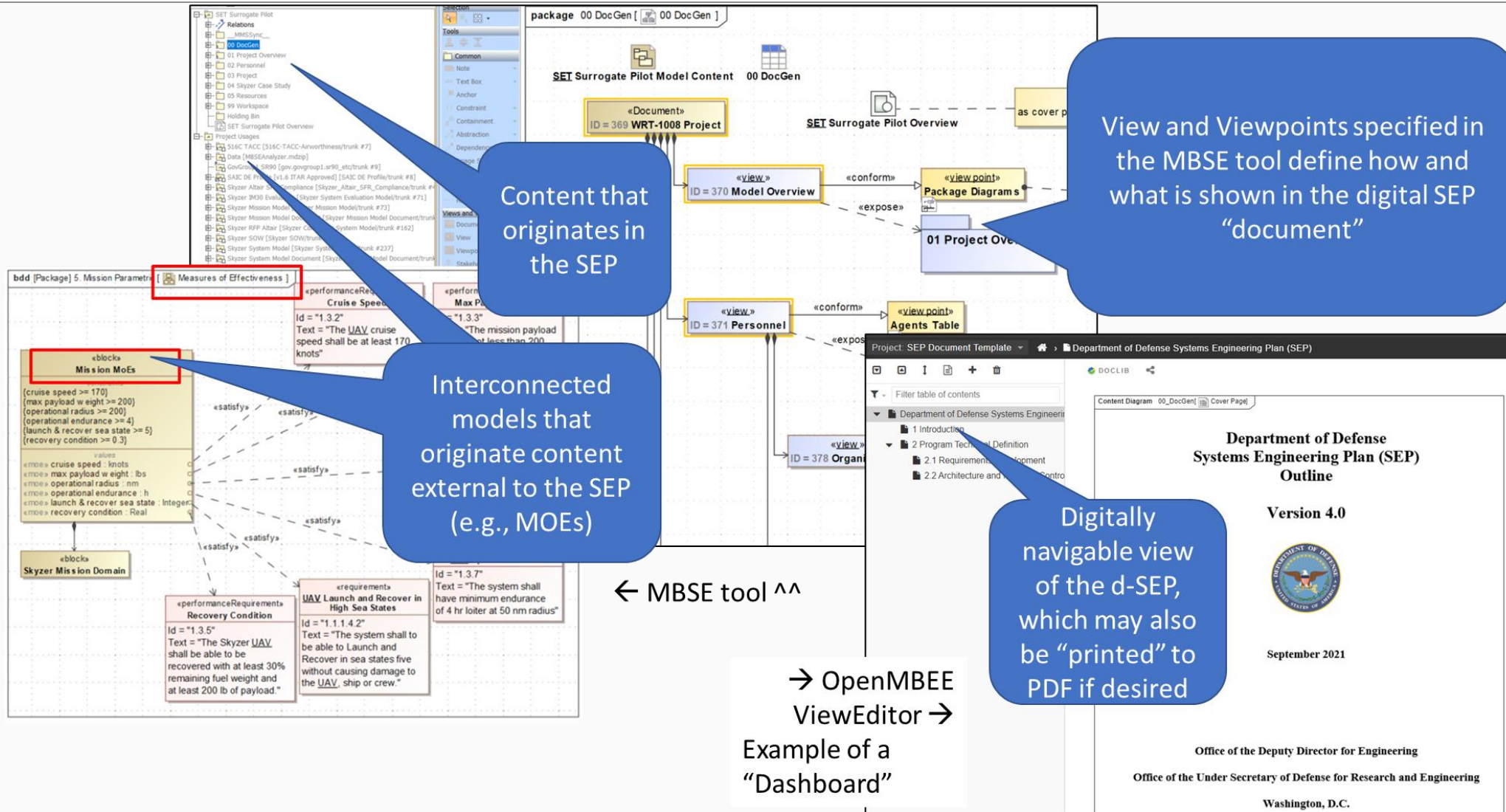
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Artifacts: Digital SEP



Future Directions

- Completion of SysML and MBSE Courses
- Development/Pilot of DE Environment Course
- Delivery of SCRE courses
- Delivery of Bulldog

Thank you

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