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Model Centric Engineering Enabling a New Operational Paradigm for Acquisition

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Outline

- Historical perspective and resources
- Systems Engineering Transformation (SET) Framework for a new operational paradigm between government and industry
- Surrogate pilot experiment(s) for ***Executing*** the SET Framework
  - Research emphasis
  - Methodology for modularizing models
  - Integrated Modeling Environment and approach to demonstrate Authoritative Source of Truth
  - "Specification generation" from models

NAVAIR is Interested in Sharing Concept and Getting Feedback

Historical Perspectives and Resources

- Resources
  - Technical reports link: http://www.sercuarc.org/researcher-profile/mark-blackburn/
  - Comprehensive briefing: http://www.sercuarc.org/publications-papers/presentation-systems-engineering-transformation-through-model-centric-engineering-past-why-present-what-and-future-how/

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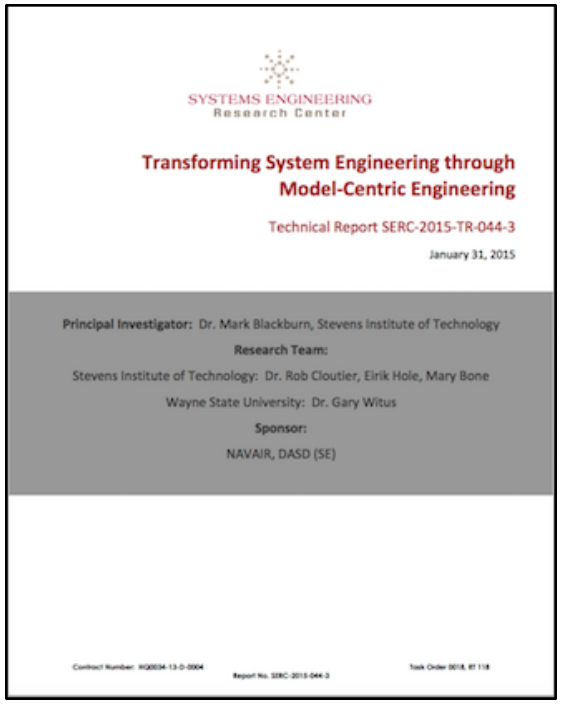
Phase I Summary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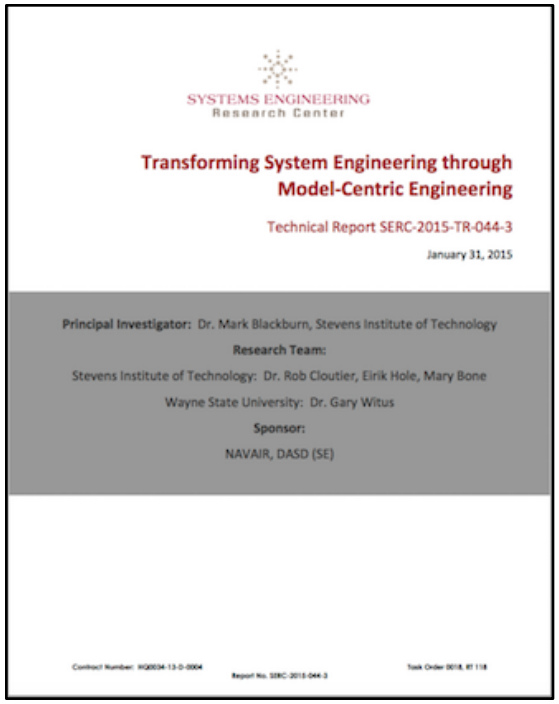
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Research Phase I: Model Based System Engineering (MBSE) versus Model-Centric Engineering (MCE)

- Over 30 organizational discussions "**tell us about most advanced and 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
- **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
- SERC Research Supports **Digital Engineering** (DE) Thrust by DoD:
  - —***An integrated digital approach that uses authoritative sources of systems' data and models as a continuum across disciplines to support lifecycle activities from concept through disposal***

Phase II: Systems Engineering Transformation Initiated at NAVAIR

- Organizations (with a few exceptions) were unwilling to share quantitative data, however
- 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

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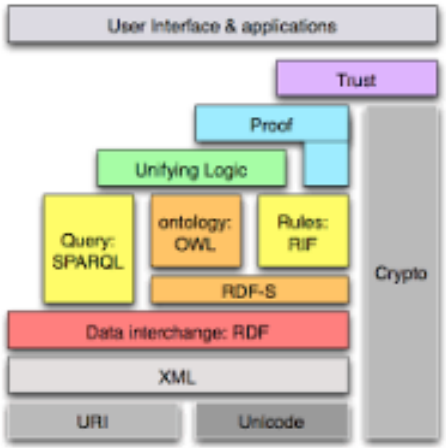
Current Research Trusts Investigated in Evolving Pilots

Semantic Web Technologies



Enforces **Modeling Methods**

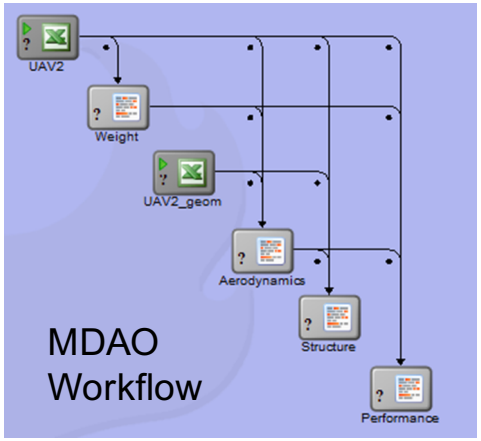
Underlying technologies for reasoning about completeness and consistency **Across Domains** in modeling tool agnostic way

Modeling Methodologies

Guides proper usage to ensure **Model Integrity** (trust in model results) for decision making

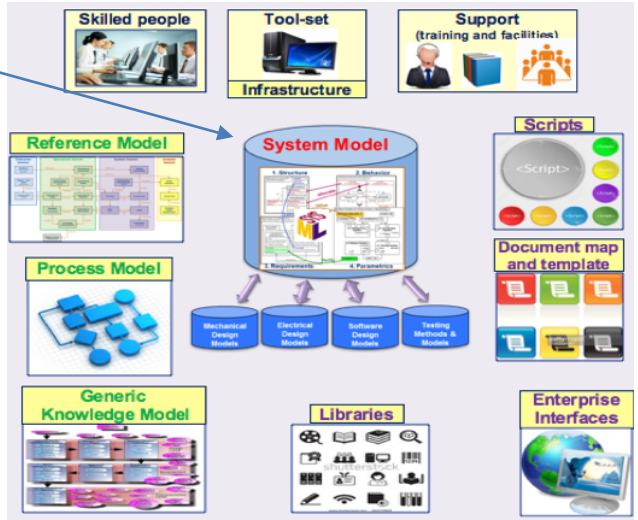
Digital System Model:
Single Source of Truth
(*authoritative source of truth*)

Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization MDAO



Provides optimization analysis **Across Domains** to support KPP and alternatives trades at mission, system, & subsystem levels

Integrated Modeling Environment



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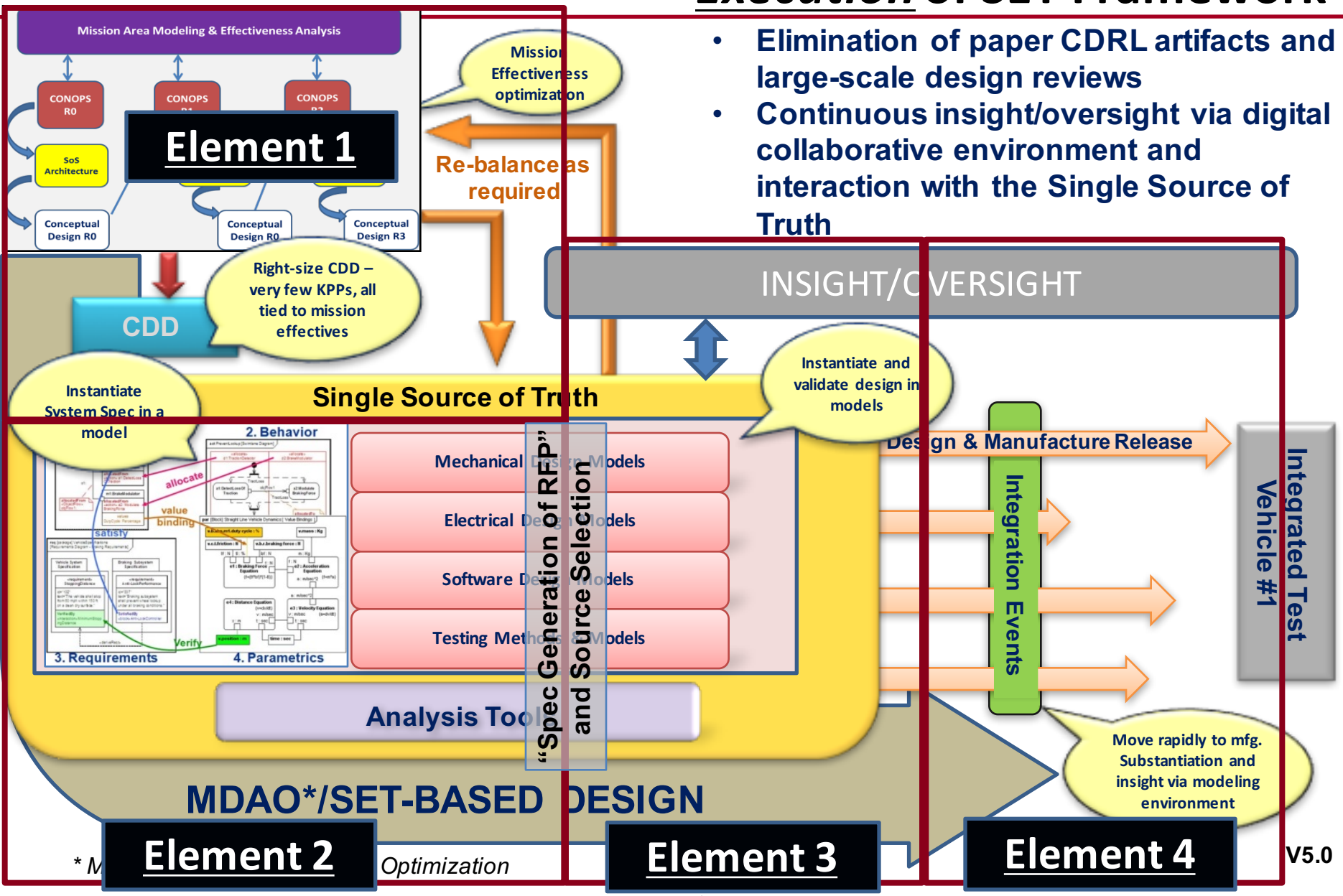
Surrogate Pilot focus is on *Execution* of SET Framework

- Elimination of paper CDRL artifacts and large-scale design reviews
- Continuous insight/oversight via digital collaborative environment and interaction with the Single Source of Truth



Surrogate Pilot Overview

- Mission: Collaboration between Government and Industry in Model-based Acquisition under SET Framework
- Goal: Execute SET Framework to Assess, Refine, and Understand a New Paradigm for Collaboration in Authoritative Source of Truth (AST)
- Objectives (non exhaustive):
  - Formalize experiment to answer questions about executing SET framework using Surrogate Contractor (SC)
  - "Government team" creates mission, system (& other) models, "generates specification/RFP," & provides acquisition models to SC as Government Furnished Information (GFI)
  - SC refines GFI reflects corrections/innovations with physical allocation views with multi-physics-based Initial Balanced Design
  - Simulate continuous virtual reviews and derive new objective measures for assessing maturing design in AST
  - Demonstrate visualizations for real-time collaboration in AST
  - Demonstrate and document methods applied
  - Investigate challenging areas and research topics in series of pilots

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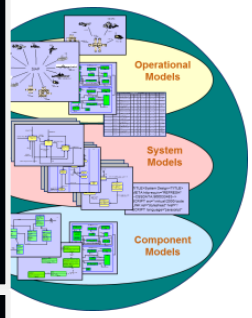
Formalizing the Use of Models…
Creating a Digital Thread…

Element 1

Element 2

Element 3

Element 4



Operational Models

Other Business Models
Personnel, support, training, etc.

SoS Level

User Capability Model

System Model is Authoritative Requirements Source (e.g. Gov't Specification)

Warfighter

Acquisition Agreement

Acquirer

System Model — Initial System Model / Final System Model

Main Contract

System Level — Functional Baseline

Sub-System 1 Model | Sub-System 2 Model | … | Sub-System n Model

Sub Contracts

Prime Contractor

Sub-System Level — Allocated Baseline

Sub Contractors

Component 1 Model | Component 2 Model | … | Component n Model

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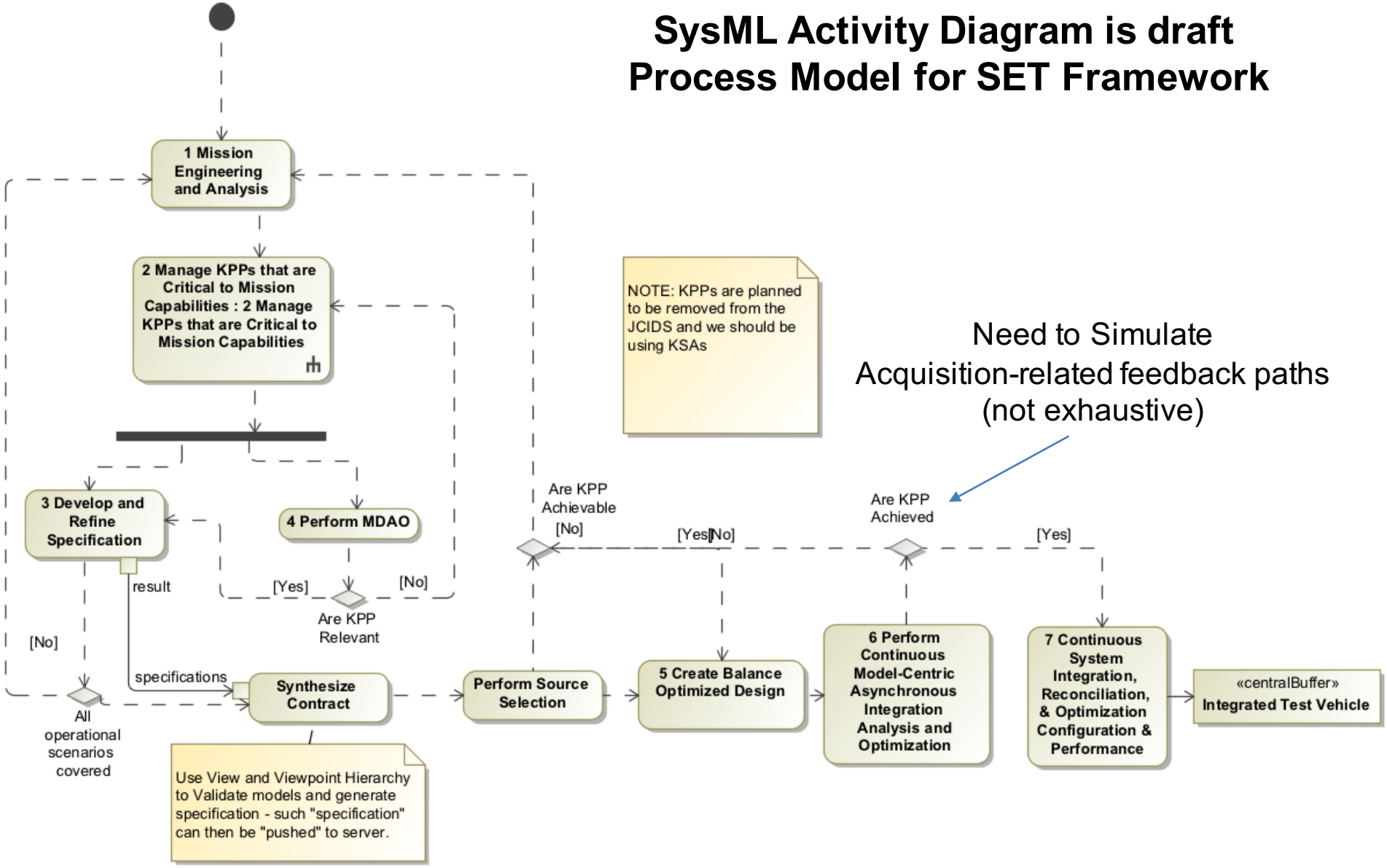
Example of Surrogate Questions (not exhaustive)

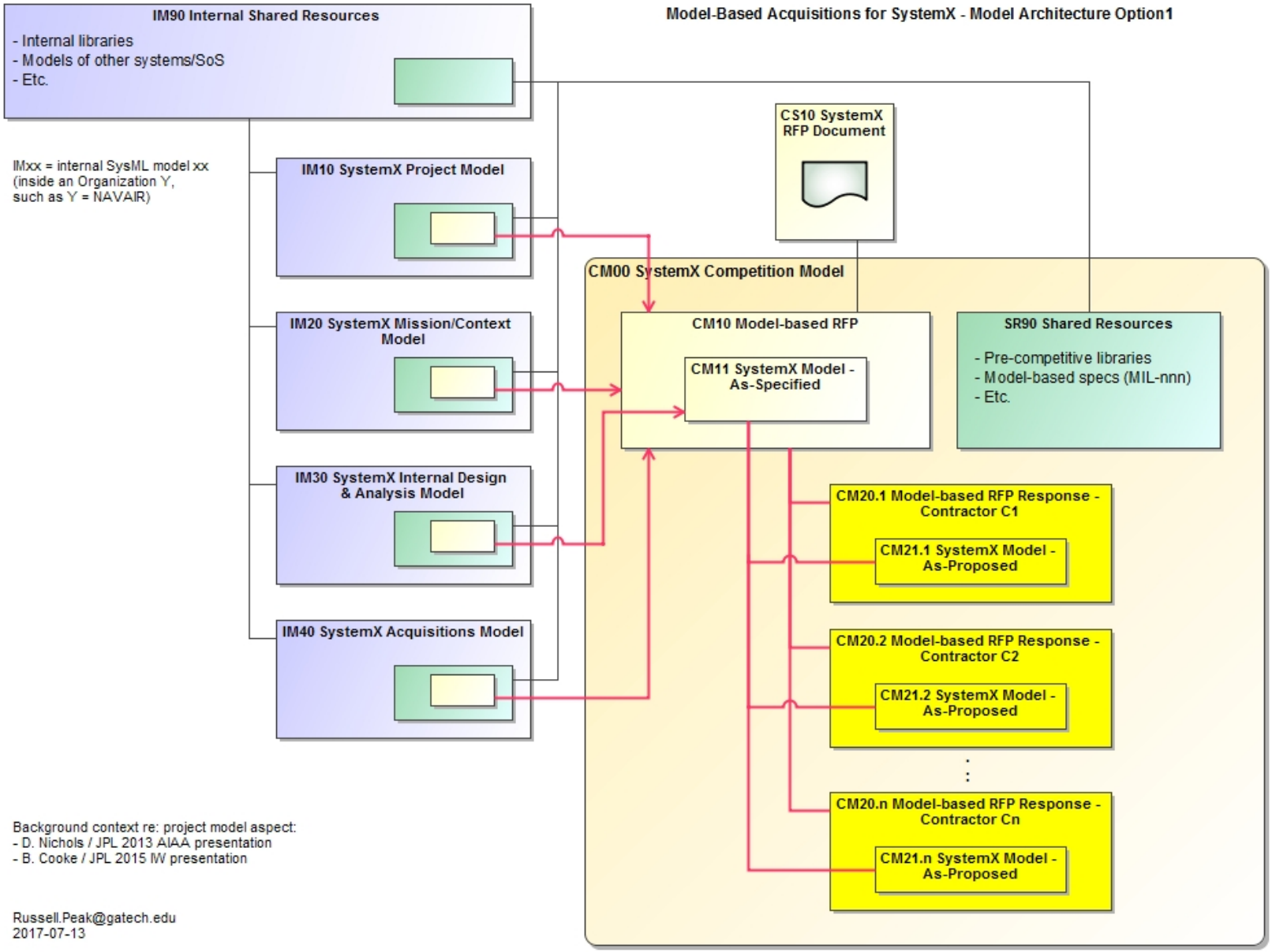
- Learning about new operational paradigm between government and industry in the **Execution** the SET Framework (NOT an air vehicle design)
- We are concerned with interactions (non-exhaustive):
  - Simulating prior to contract award (now)
  - Formalization of a "specification" for "Request for Proposal (RFP)" and methods for providing models to contractor
  - Simulating "Execution" of Oversight / Insight in AST per SET Framework for real-time collaboration in heterogeneous environments
  - **Simulating feedback back to mission engineering caused by specified objectives for unachievable Key Performance Parameters (KPP)**
  - Objective measures for evaluating evolving design maturity, with the reduction of risk
  - Simulating approach for "faults in specification/model" detected after contract award
  - Simulating source selection – desirably as a dynamic simulations and V&V
  - Working with contracts/legal to get agreement on what a "specification" would be
  - Methods for modularizing model used to "generate specification"
  - How will we use the Systems Engineering Technical Review (SETR) guide and checklist that NAVAIR uses? And, how will we make recommendations for its evolution
  - Use of Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization (MDAO) at mission, systems, and subsystems (by surrogate contractor)

Formalize and Refine SET Framework

SysML Activity Diagram is draft Process Model for SET Framework



Methods for Partitioning of Work and Modularization of Models



Background context re: project model aspect:
- D. Nichols / JPL 2013 AIAA presentation
- B. Cooke / JPL 2015 IW presentation

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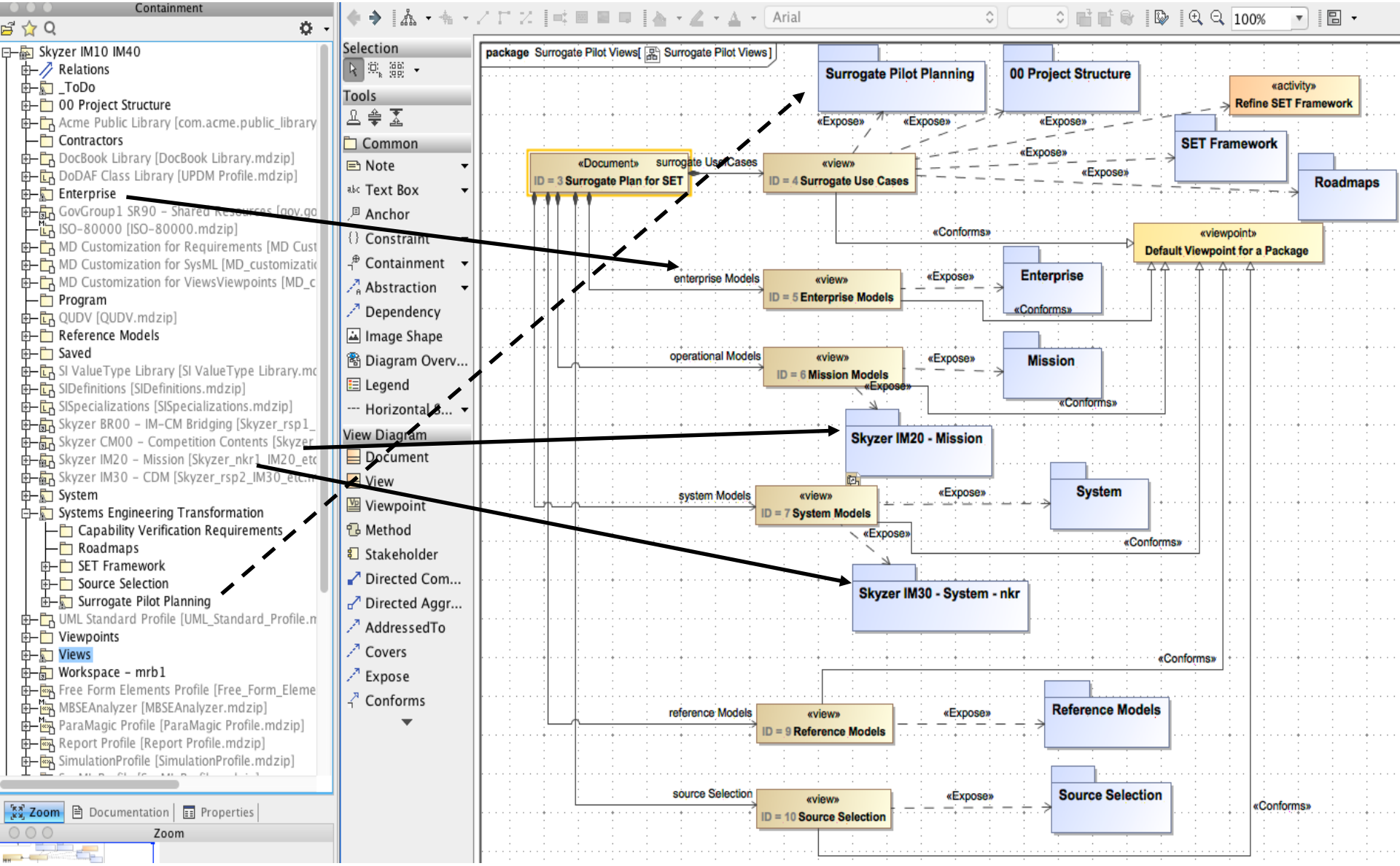
Using OpenMBEE Model Development Kit/DocGen for Generating Specification from Modularized Model



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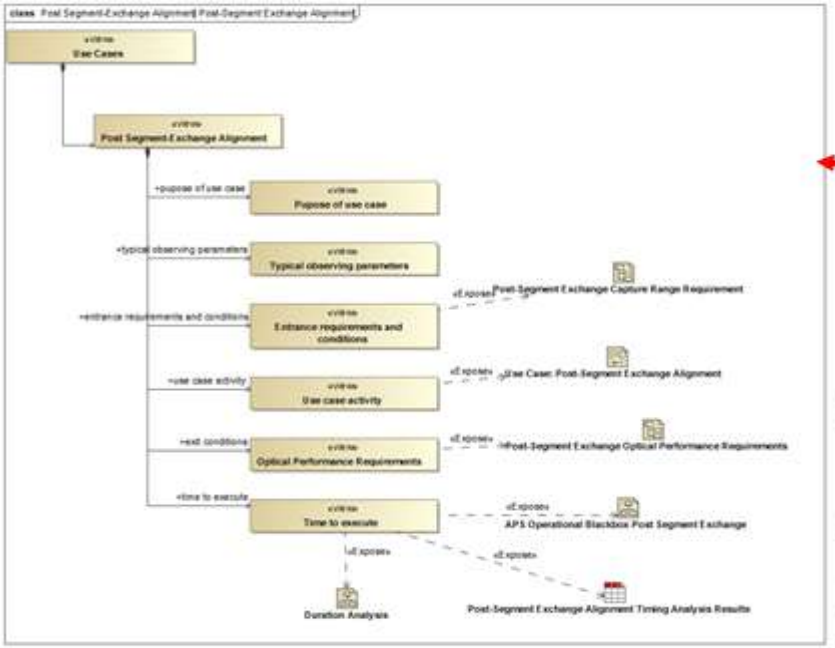
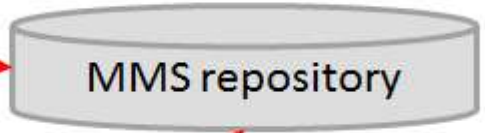
Open Model Based Engineering Environment (OpenMBEE)

Model Development Kit/DocGen
View and Viewpoint Hierarchy



Model Management System



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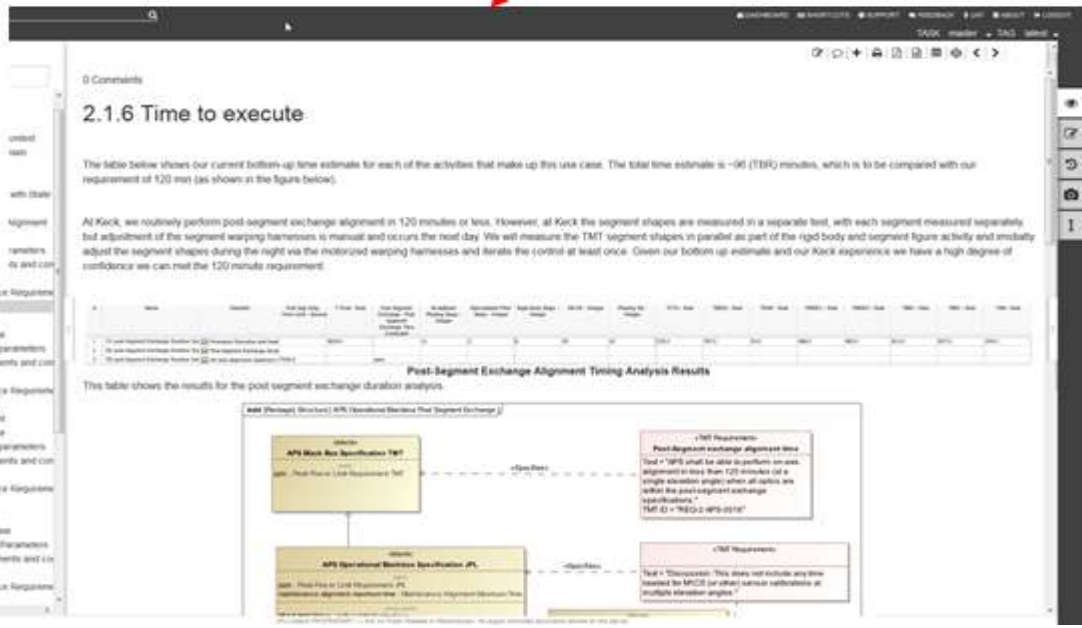

Visualization in
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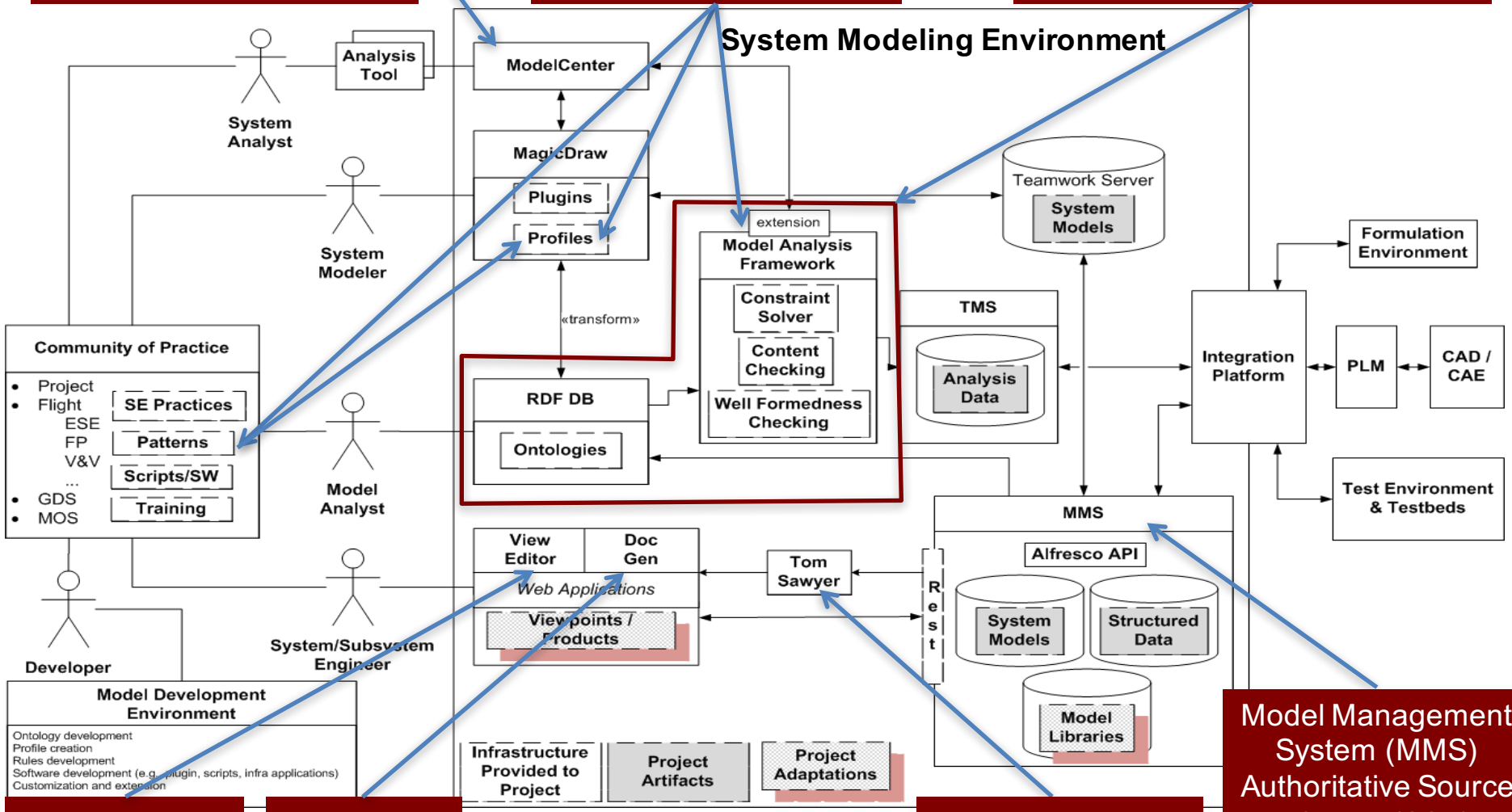
Surrogate Pilot Using OpenMBEE as Basis for Demonstrating Authoritative Source of Truth

Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis, and Optimization (MDAO) platform

SE Modeling Patterns formalized as Ontologies

Semantic Web Technologies support Continuous Checks and Model Measures



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DocGen

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Model Management System (MMS) Authoritative Source of Truth (SST)

*An Integrated Model Centric Engineering (IMCE) Reference Architecture for a Model Based Engineering Environment (MBEE), NASA/JPL, Sept, 2014.

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Where Are We: Increment 1 and Elements 1 & 2

ELEMENT 1
Effectiveness Analysis
CDD optimization

ELEMENT 2
Instantiate Spec in
System Model

ELEMENT 3
Develop Initial Balanced Design
via MDAO/SBD
Instantiate/verify w models

ELEMENT 4
Design & Mfg Release
Collaborate via IDE

ENABLERS

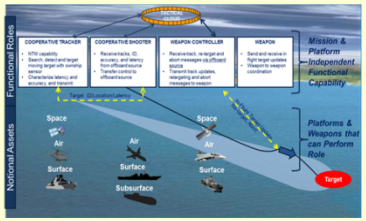
Link 1 Link 2 Link 3

We are here

Maturity: initial → full

Increment 1

PILOTS



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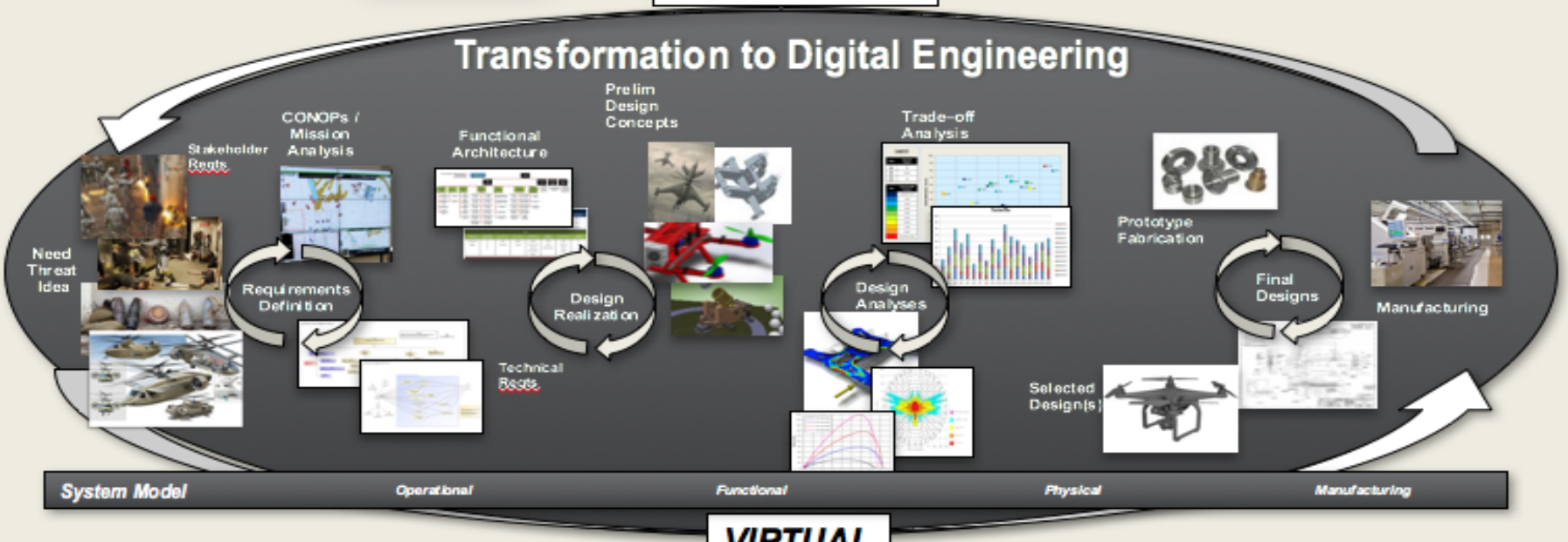
Reconfigurable, multiple application, computer-aided visualization and integration *collaboratory*



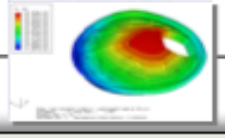
Physical Space

Transformation to Digital Engineering



VIRTUAL

An integrated model-based engineering environment to address highly complex and integrated solutions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- Digital Engineering Working Group
- Airspace Industry Association: CONOPS for Industry/Government Collaborative Framework
- Semantic Technologies for Systems Engineering Foundation
- NDIA Working Group – Using Digital Engineering for Competitive Down Select
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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