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**Systems Engineering Transformation through
Model Centric Engineering**

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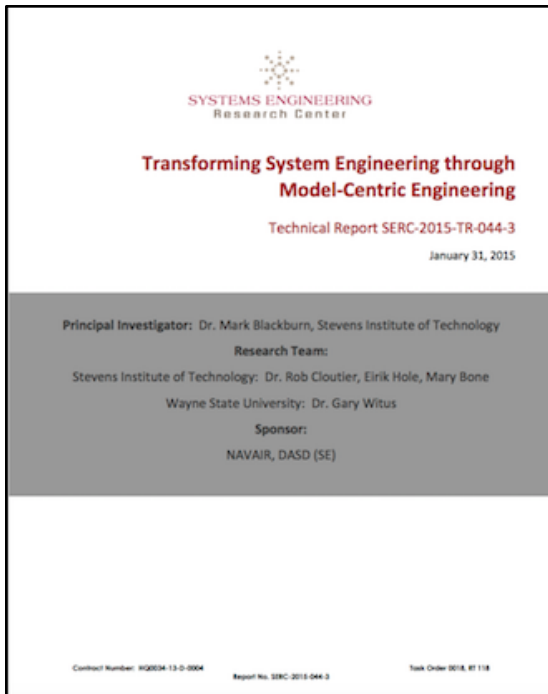
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- Historical perspective and resources
- Perspectives and status RT-170 - NAVAIR
 - Systems Engineering Transformation (SET) Framework for a new operational paradigm between government and industry
 - Surrogate pilot experiment(s) for Executing the SET Framework that provides an experimentation environment for our research
- Perspectives and status RT-168 – ARDEC
 - Sponsor’s vision for integrated Model-Based Engineering (iMBE) environment
 - Research uses cases and a few examples of deliverables and demonstrations

• 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/>

NAVAIR: RT-141 Phase I Summary

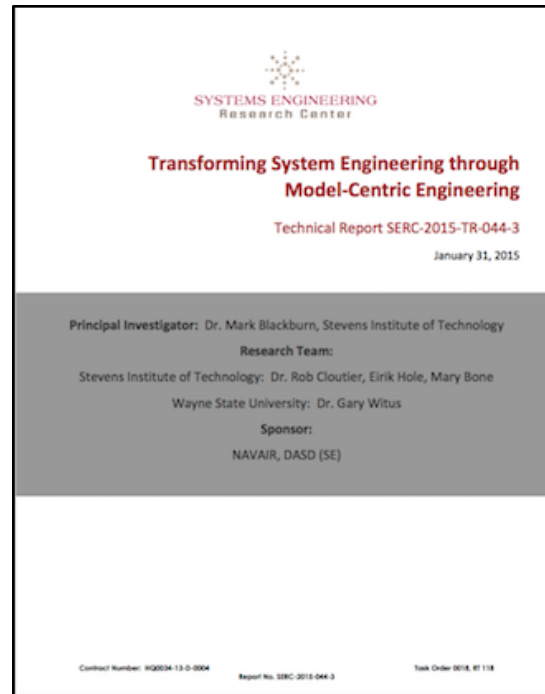




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NAVAIR: RT-157 Phase II – SET Initiated

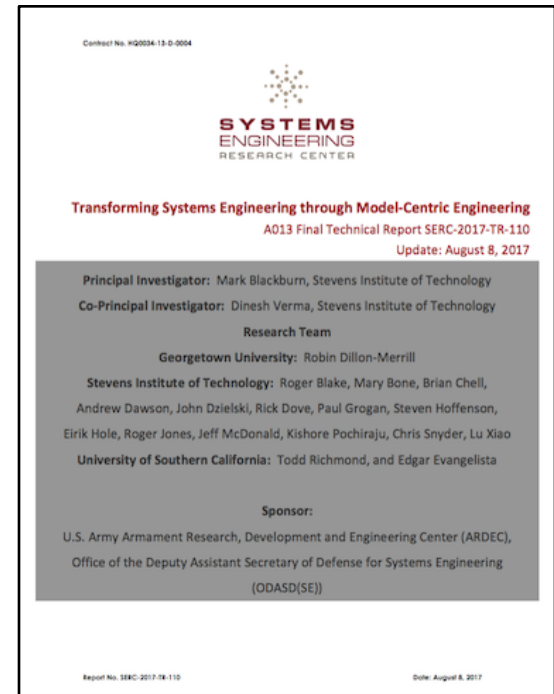



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Research Tasks and Collaborator Network

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RT-176

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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**

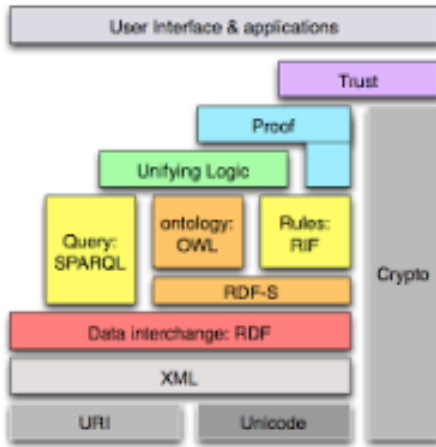
NAVAIR Executive Leadership Response:

- 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

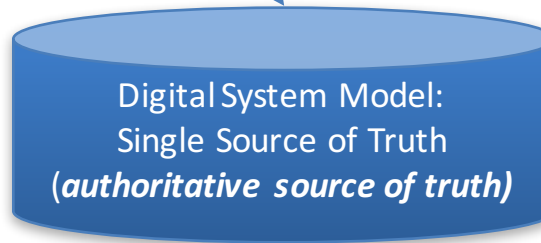
Current Research Trusts Investigated in Evolving Pilots

Semantic Web Technologies

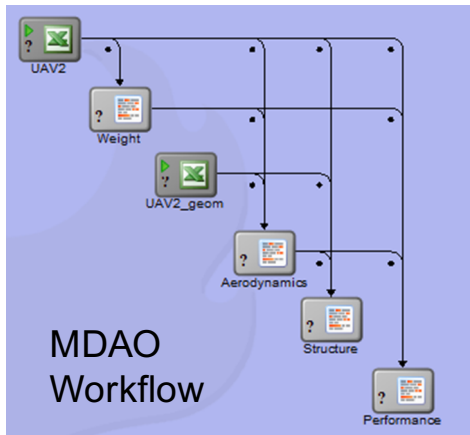


Enforces **Modeling Methods**

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



Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization MDAO



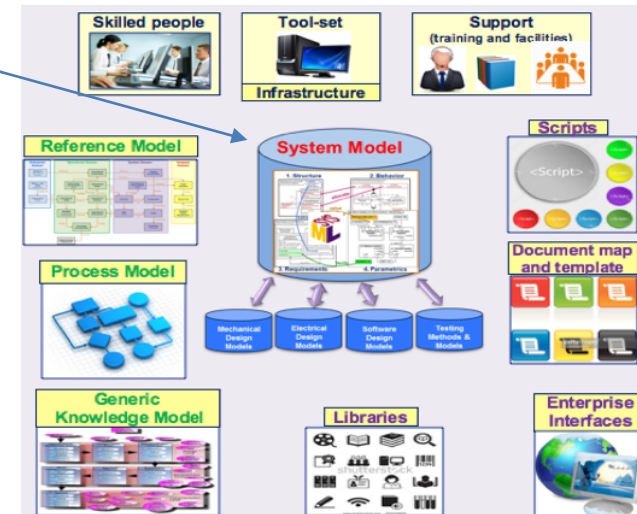
Provides optimization analysis **Across Domains** to support KPP and alternatives trades at mission, system, & subsystem levels

Modeling Methodologies



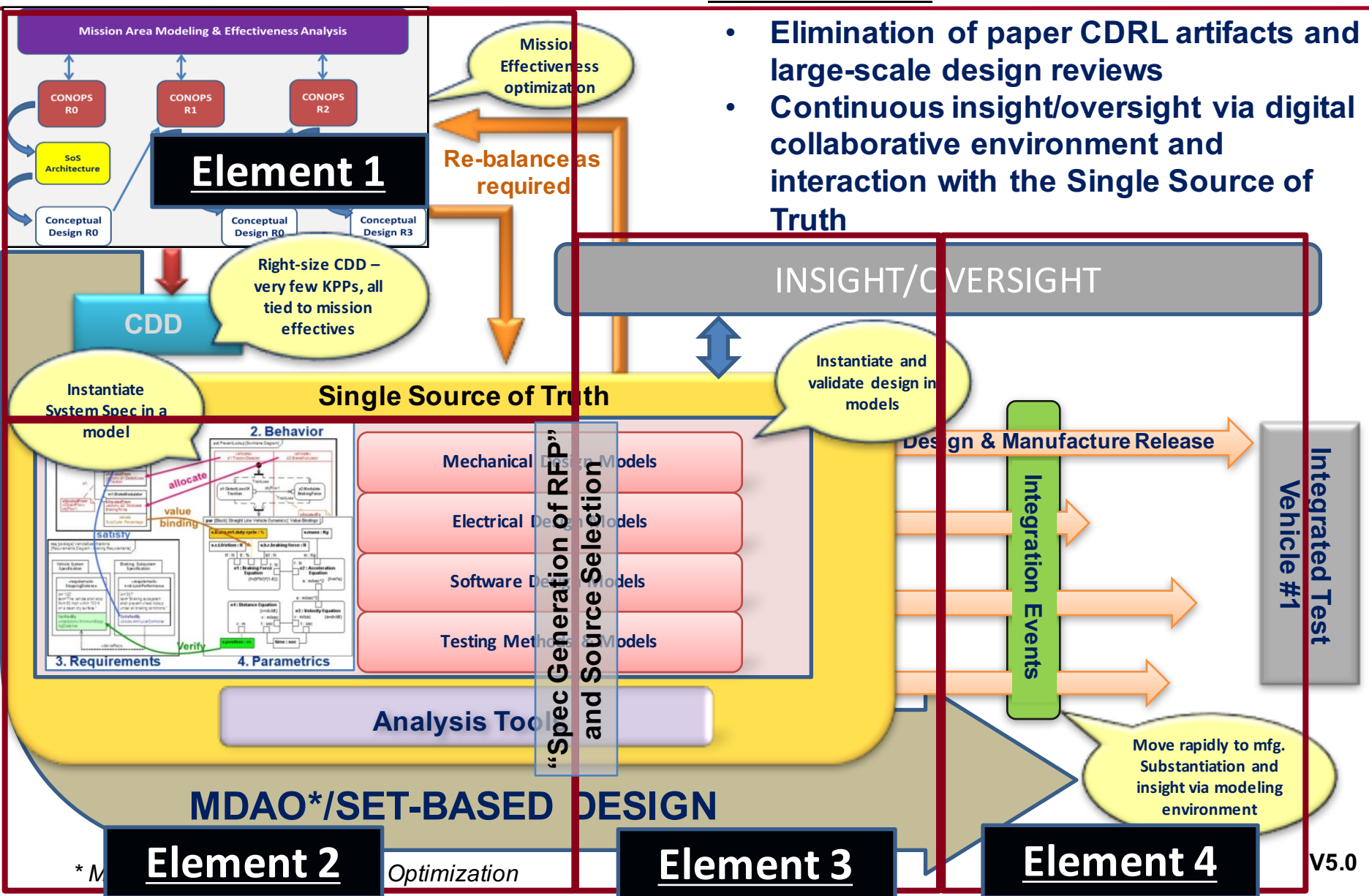
Guides proper usage to ensure **Model Integrity** (trust in model results) for decision making

Integrated Modeling Environment



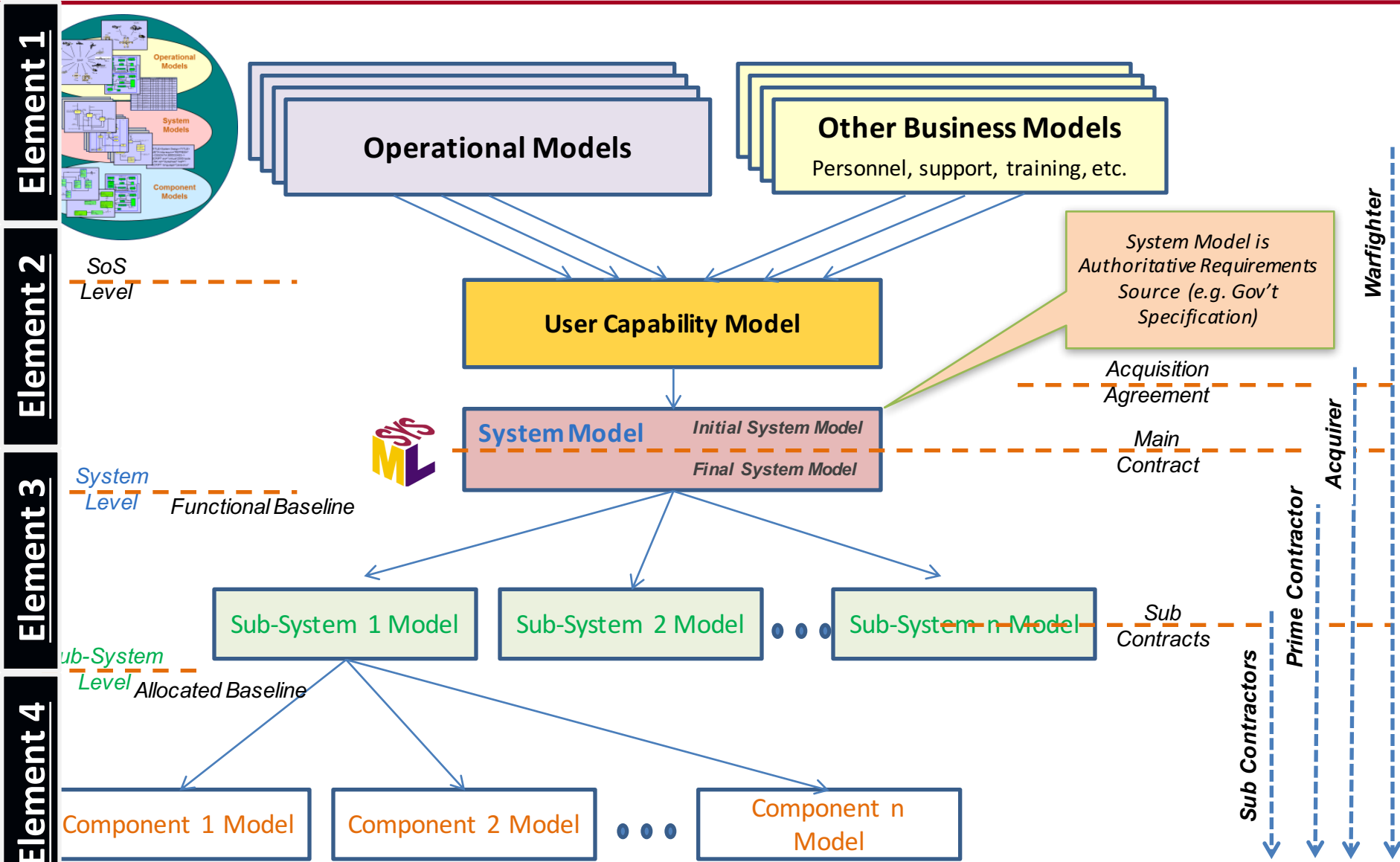
Surrogate Pilot focus is on Execution of SET Framework

- 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



- 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

Formalizing the Use of Models... Creating a Digital Thread...

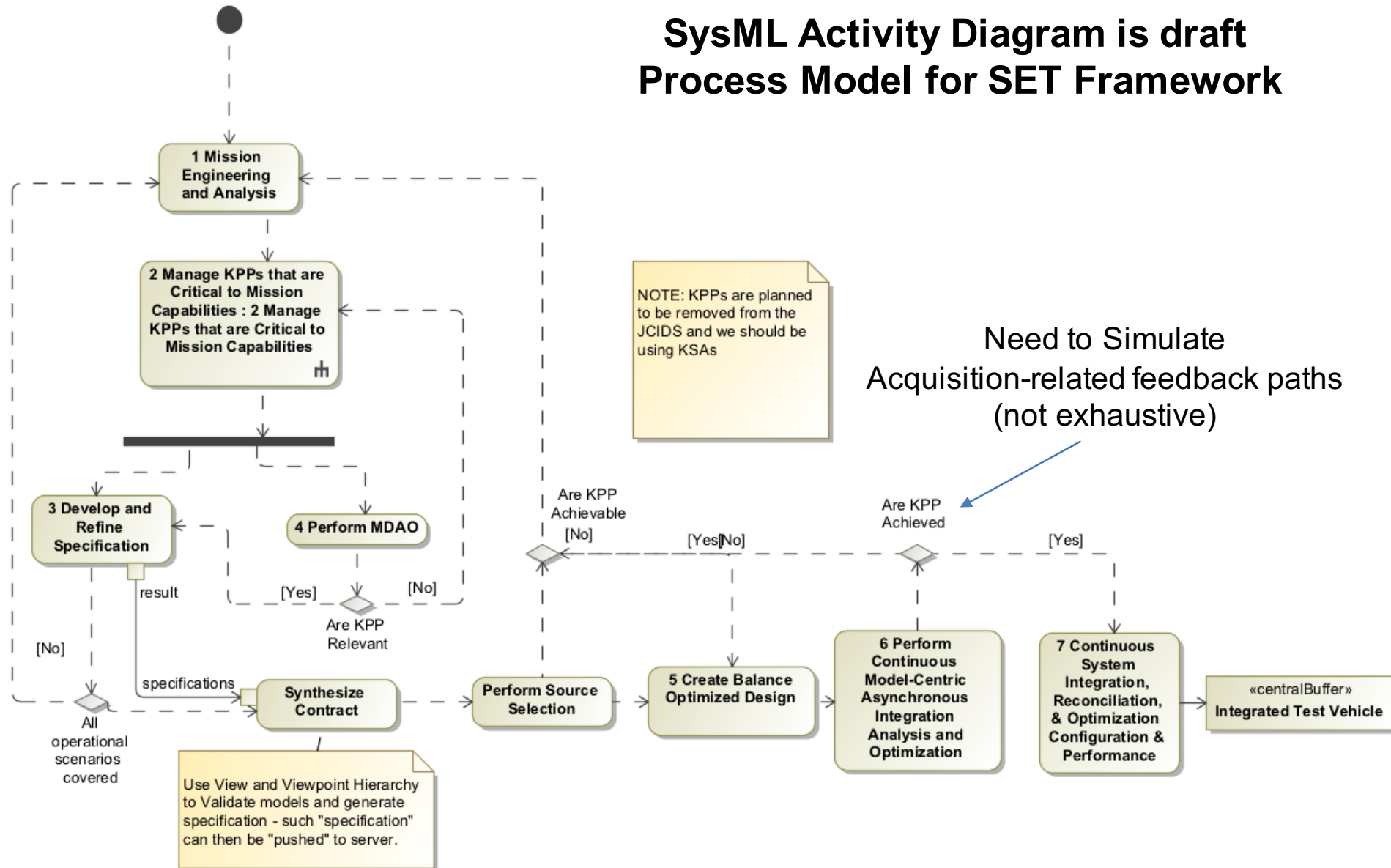


Example of Surrogate Questions (not exhaustive)

- 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)**
 - 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”
 - Objective measures for evaluating evolving design maturity, with the reduction of risk
 - 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)

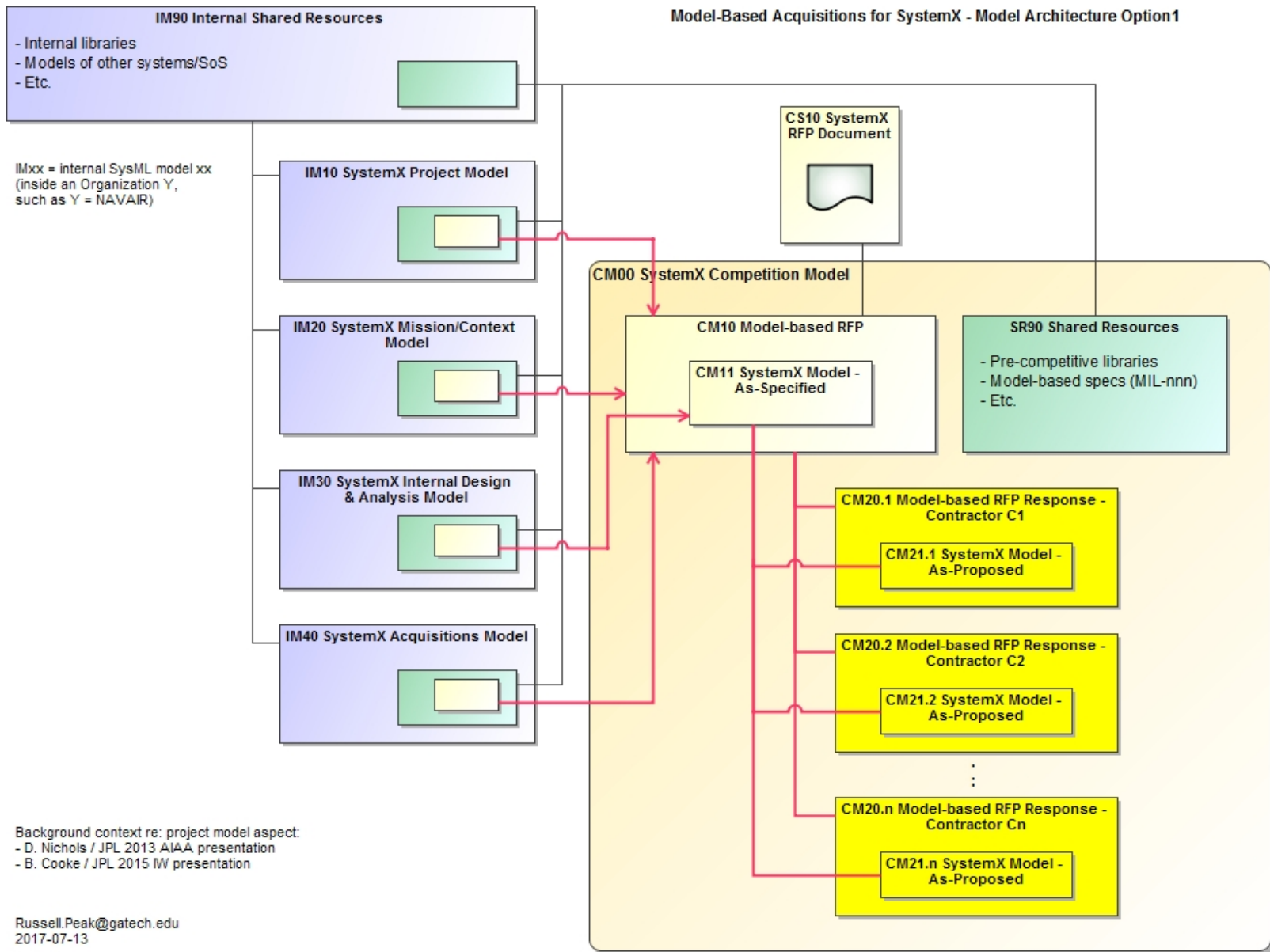
Formalize and Refine SET Framework

SysML Activity Diagram is draft Process Model for SET Framework

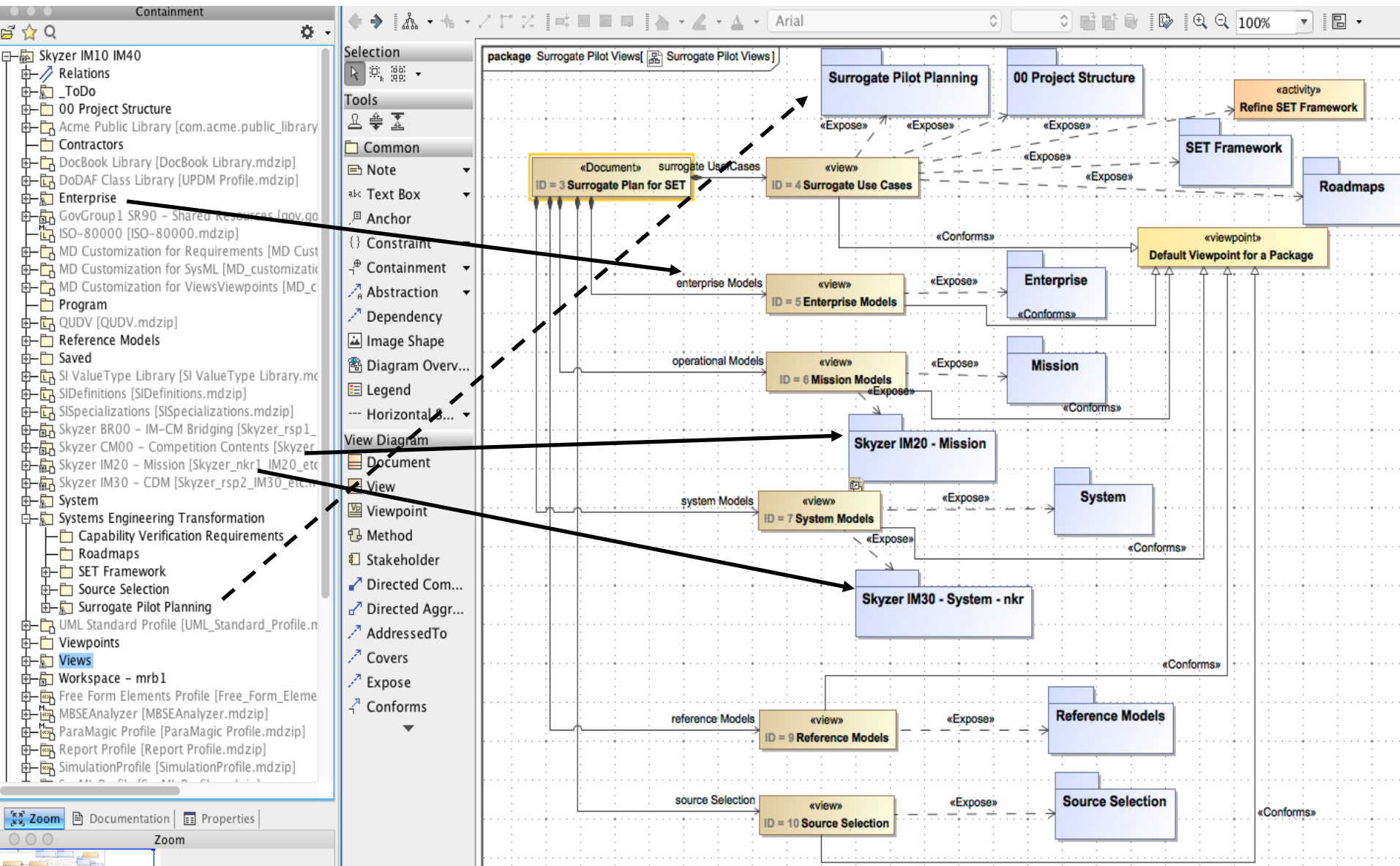




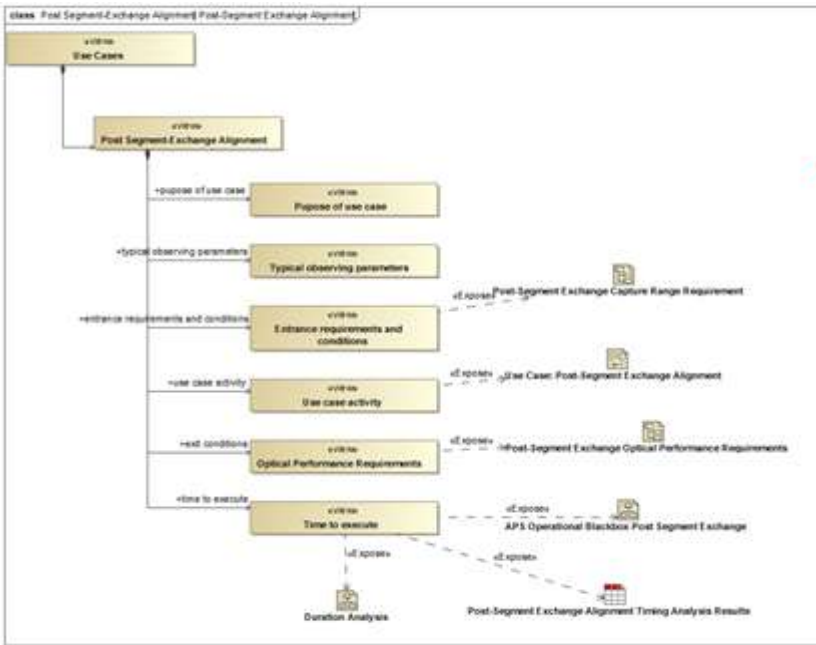
Methods for Partitioning of Work and Modularization of Models



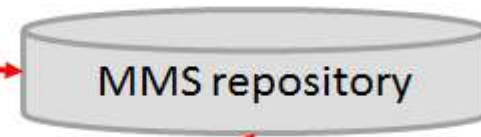
Using OpenMBEE Model Development Kit/DocGen for Generating Specification from Modularized Model



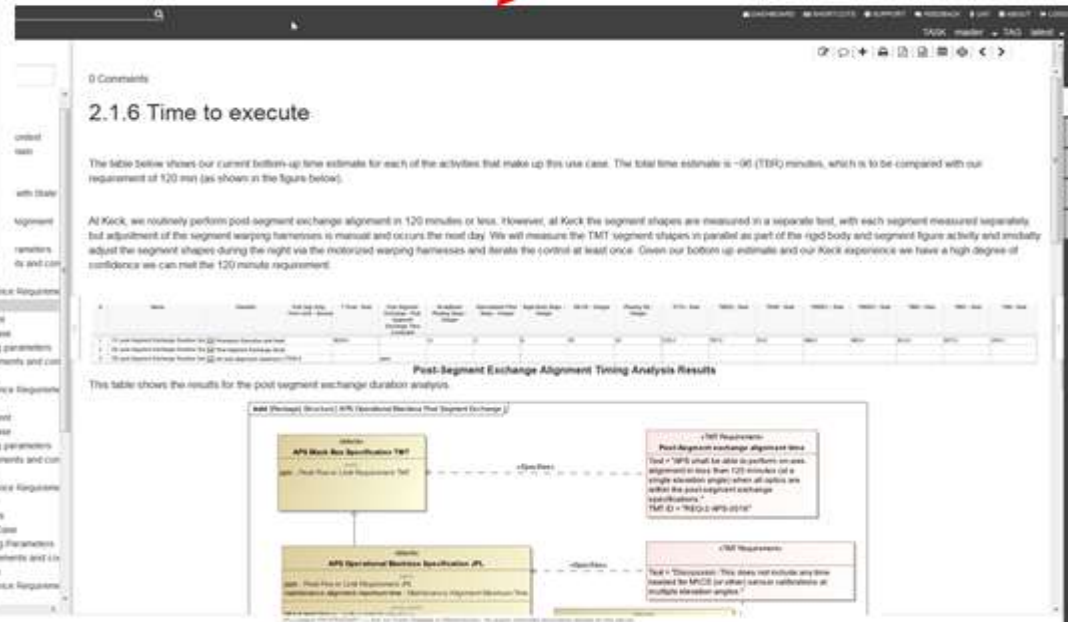
Model Development Kit/DocGen View and Viewpoint Hierarchy



Model Management System



View Editor



The screenshot shows the View Editor interface. The main content area displays a document with the following text:

2.1.6 Time to execute

The table below shows our current bottom-up time estimate for each of the activities that make up this use case. The total time estimate is ~90 (TEDF minutes), which is to be compared with our requirement of 120 min (as shown in the figure below).

All Kock, we routinely perform post-segment exchange alignment in 120 minutes or less. However, at Kock the segment shapes are measured in a separate test, with each segment measured separately, but adjustment of the segment warping harnesses is manual and occurs the next day. We will measure the TMT segment shapes in parallel as part of the rigid body and segment figure activity and manually adjust the segment shapes during the night via the motorized warping harnesses and iterate the control at least once. Given our bottom up estimate and our Kock experience we have a high degree of confidence we can meet the 120 minute requirement.

This table shows the results for the post segment exchange duration analysis.

Post-Segment Exchange Alignment Timing Analysis Results

The diagram below shows the results for the post segment exchange duration analysis. It includes a flowchart with boxes for 'APS Work Box Specification TMT', 'APS Work Box Specification APS', and 'TMT Requirements'. The flowchart shows dependencies between these elements.

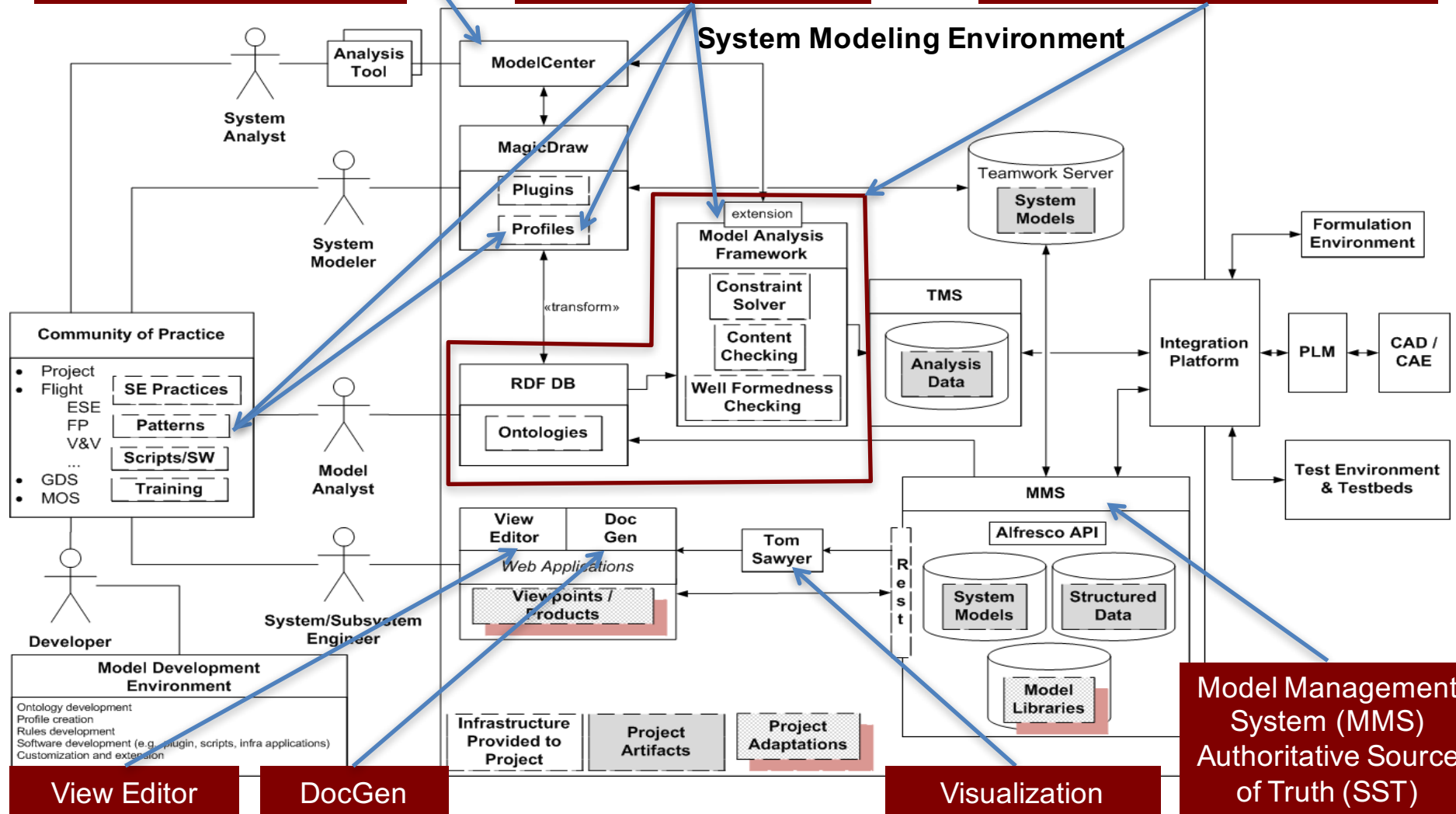
Visualization in View Editor

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

Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis, and Optimization (MDAO) platform

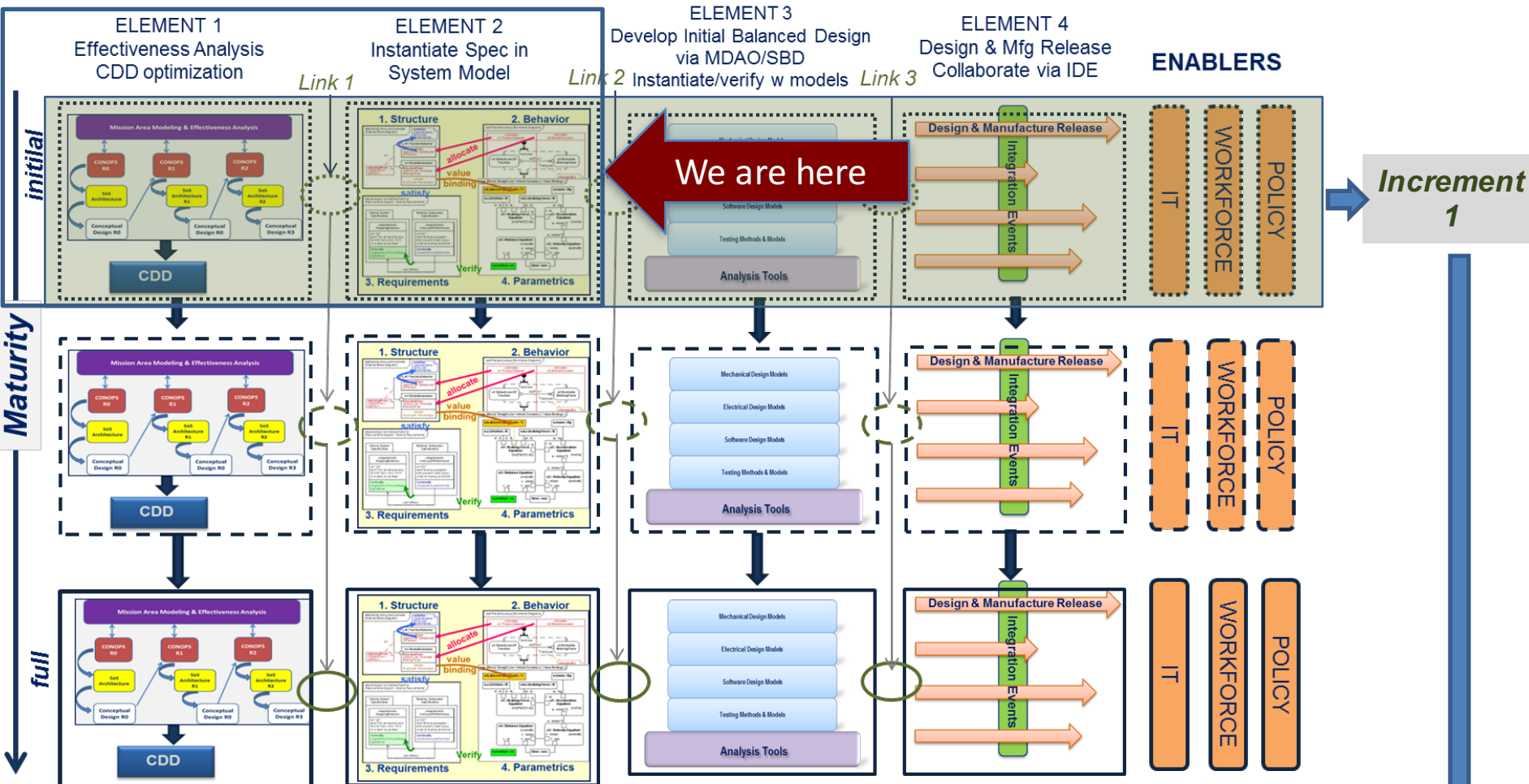
SE Modeling Patterns formalized as Ontologies

Semantic Web Technologies support Continuous Checks and Model Measures

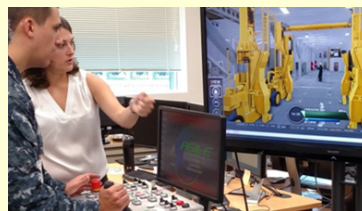
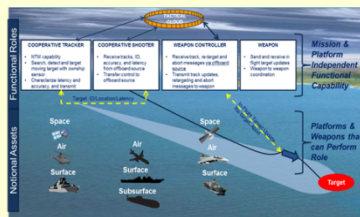


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Where Are We: Increment 1 and Elements 1 & 2

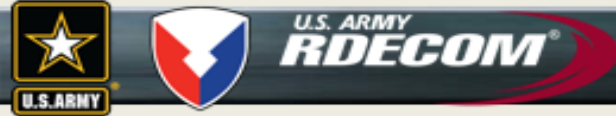


PILOTS



Our Research Efforts are Synergistic With Our ARDEC Sponsor and Other Collaborators

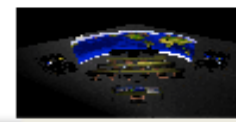
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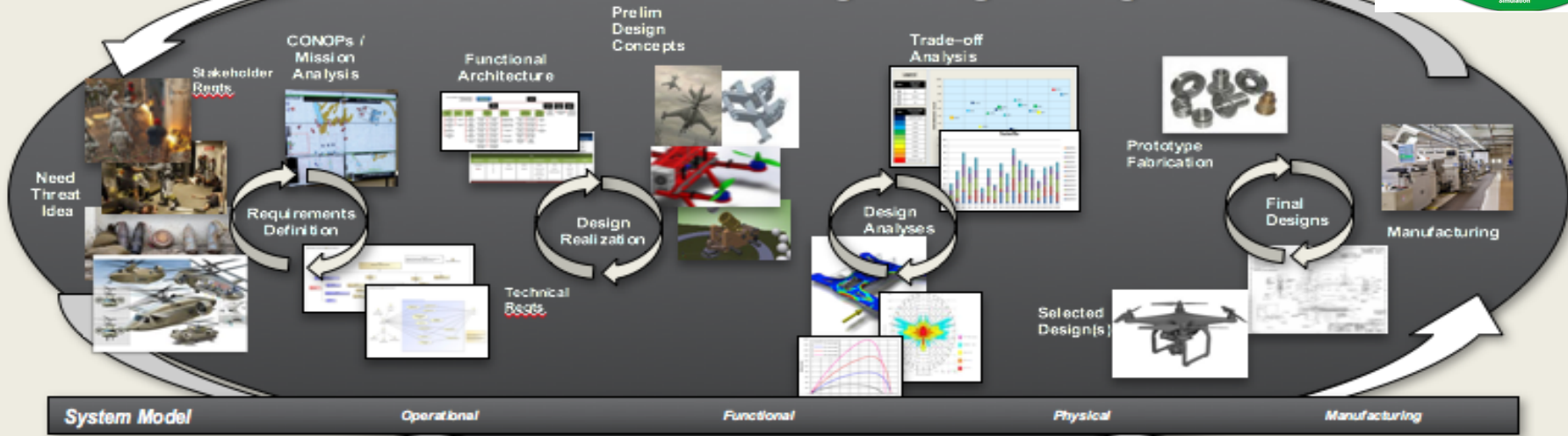
Reconfigurable, multiple application, computer-aided visualization and integration collaboratory



Physical Space

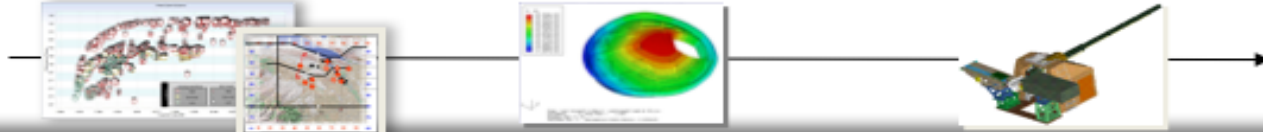


Transformation to Digital Engineering

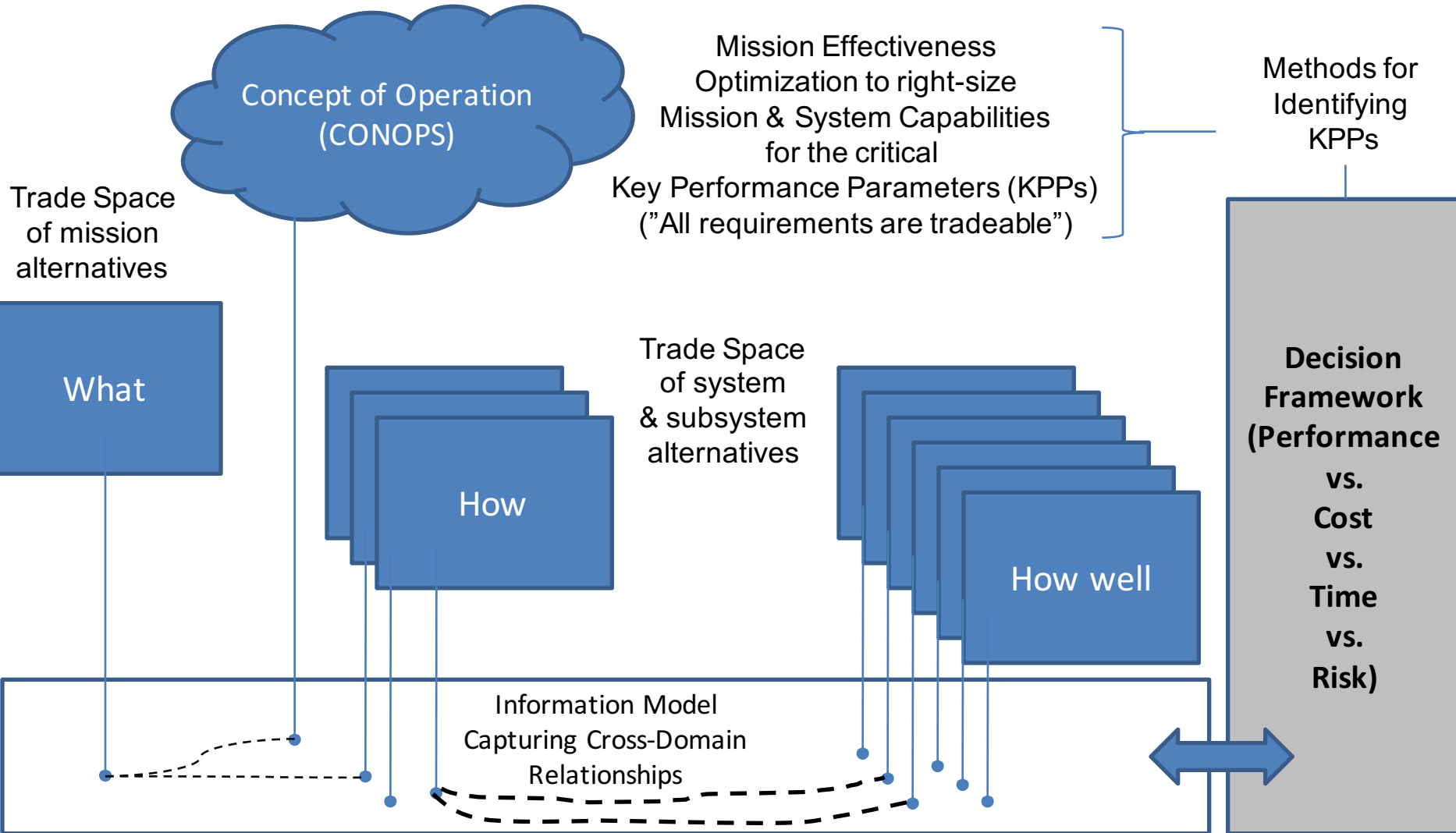


VIRTUAL

An integrated model-based engineering environment to address highly complex and integrated solutions



Perspectives on Characterizing Challenges of Research Space



Reasoning about completeness and consistency of information across domains



Key Performance Parameter (KPP)

- Performance attributes of a system considered critical to the development of an effective military capability.
- Example:
 - Predator shall have an endurance of 40 hours
 - Possibly with other constraint:
 - And carry 340kg of multiple payloads including video cameras, laser designators, communications
 - Meet some availability and cost objectives



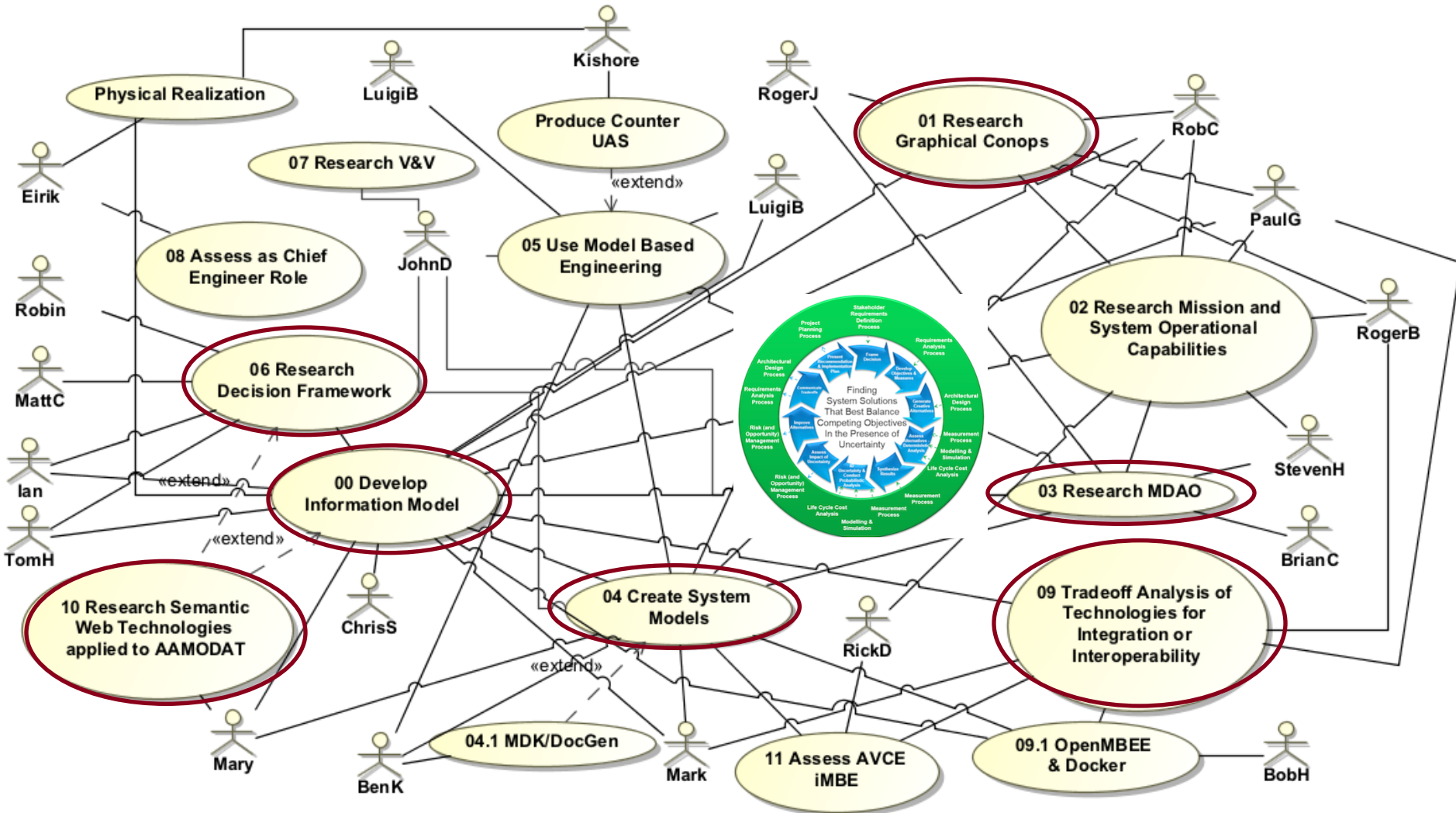


Example: Cross Domain Relationships Needed for System Trades, Analysis and Design

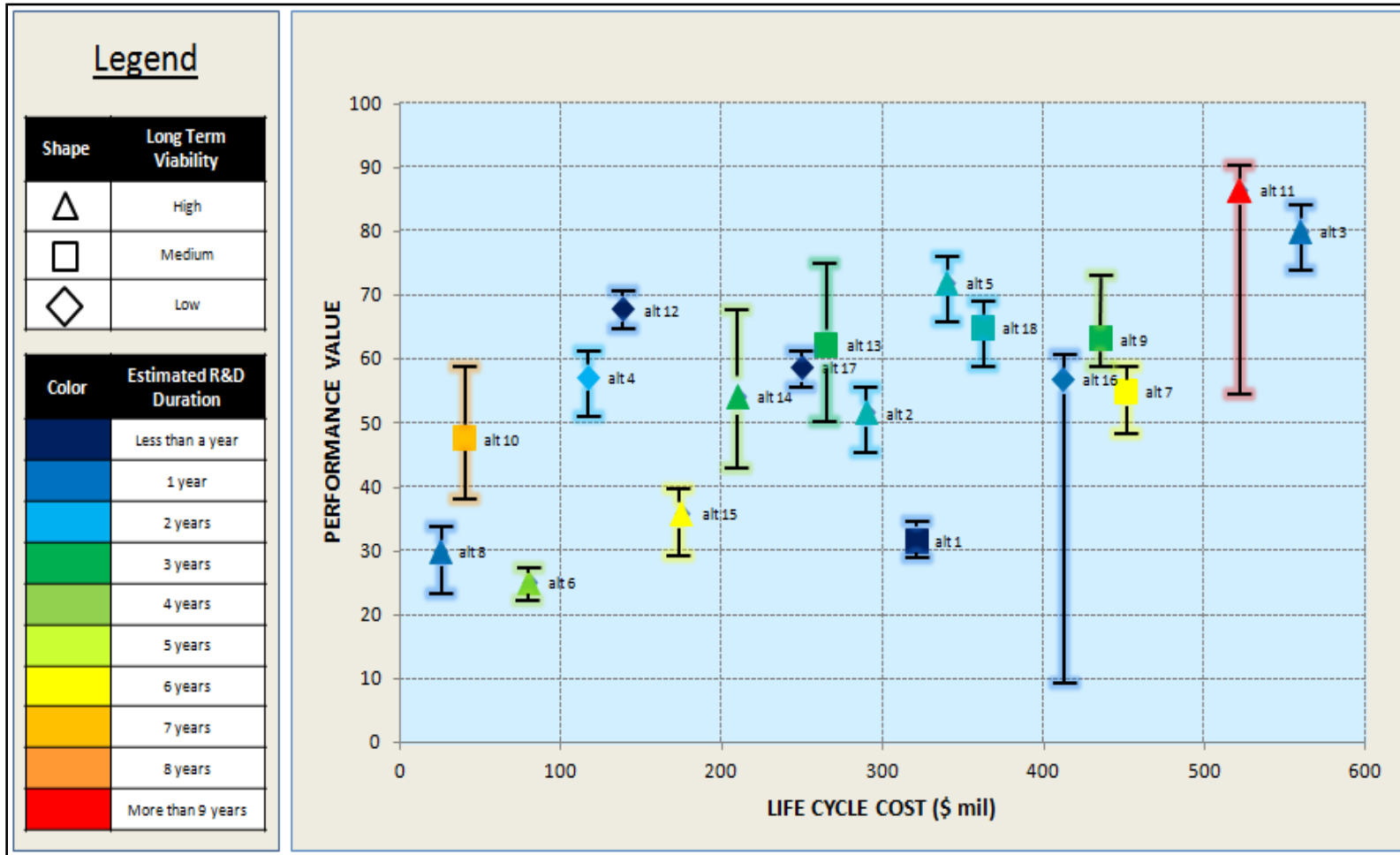
- Scenario Refueling UAV
- Valve – Cross-domain **Object**
- Mechanical **Domain**
 - Valve connects to Pipe
- Electrical **Domain**
 - Switch opens/closes Value
 - Maybe software
- Operator **Domain**
 - Pilot remotely send message to control value
- Communication **Domain**
 - Message sent through network
- Fire control **Domain**
 - Independent detection to shut off valve
- Safety **Domain**



RT-168 Use Case Perspective and Team

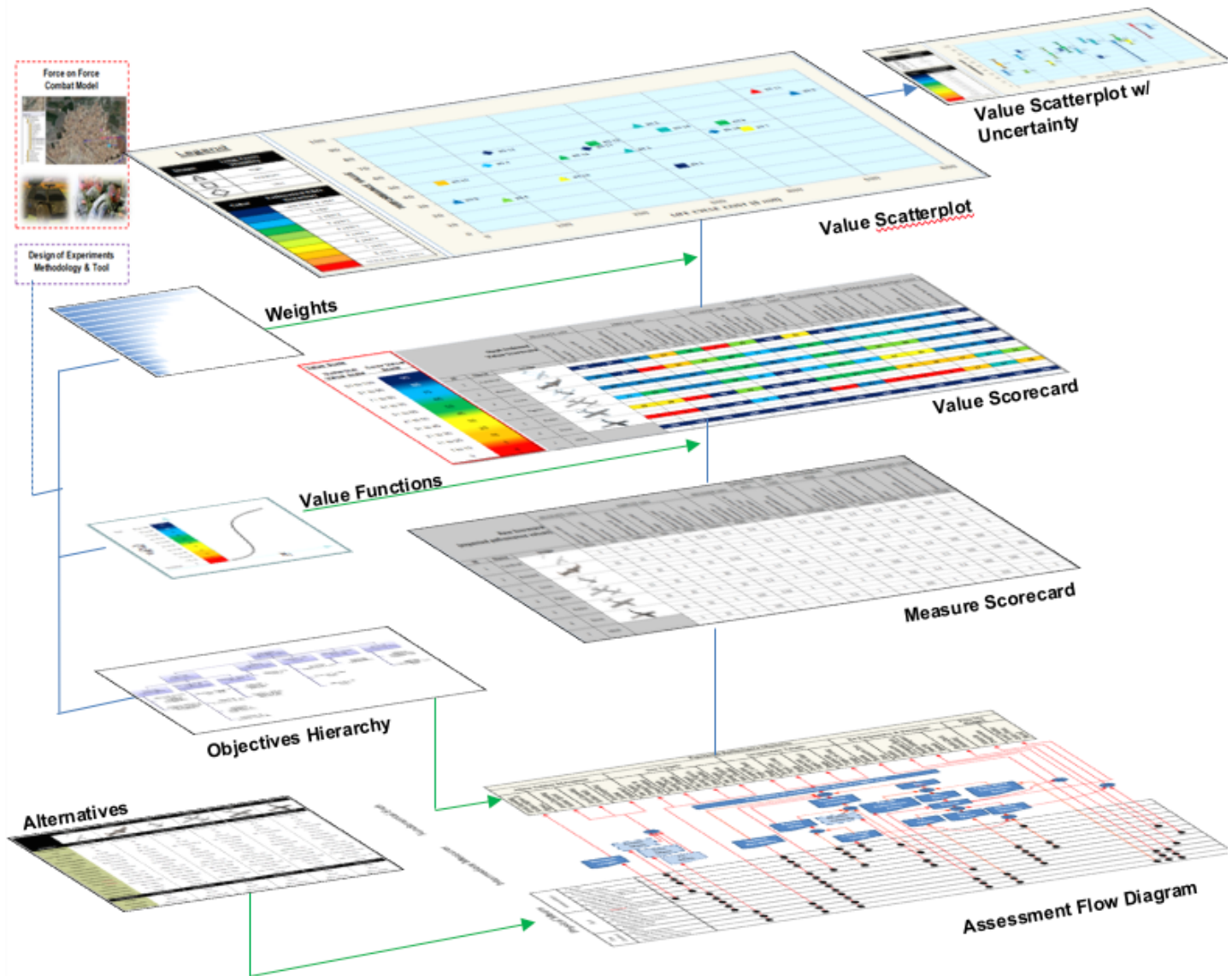


Decision Framework – Value Scatterplot of Trades with Assessing Impact of Uncertainty*



*Cilli, M. Seeking Improved Defense Product Development Success Rates Through Innovations to Trade-Off Analysis Methods, Dissertation, Stevens Institute of Technology, Nov. 2015.

Decision Support Model Construct



Understanding Analysis Workflows and Methods for any Configured Workflows

Notional Example

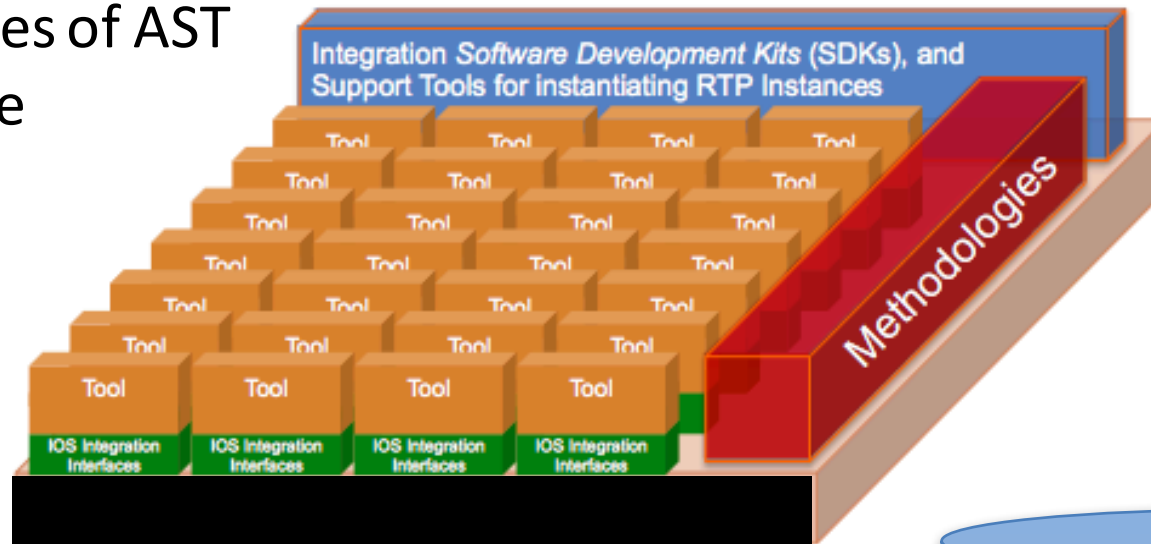
Prodas → CFD Muzzle Analysis

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TOOLS	Prodas	CASRED	CFD Muzzle Analysis	Terminal/ Systems Effects	IWARS	System/ Operational Effects	External Ballistics Effects
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CASRED		CASRED			X		
CFD Muzzle Analysis			CFD Muzzle Analysis			X	
Terminal/ Systems Effects		X		Terminal/ Systems Effects			X
IWARS			X		IWARS		
System/ Operational Effects		X				System/ Operational Effects	
External Ballistics Effects			X	X	X		External Ballistics Effects
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CASRED ← Terminal/Systems Effects

Methodologies are Critical Because Commercial Tools are Method Agnostic

Cross-domain methodologies ensure tool usage produces complete and consistent information compliant with ontologies of AST to ensure model integrity



Tailoring, Instantiation and Deployment from End-User Scenarios and Integration Needs

Digital System Model:
Authoritative Source of Truth
(AST)

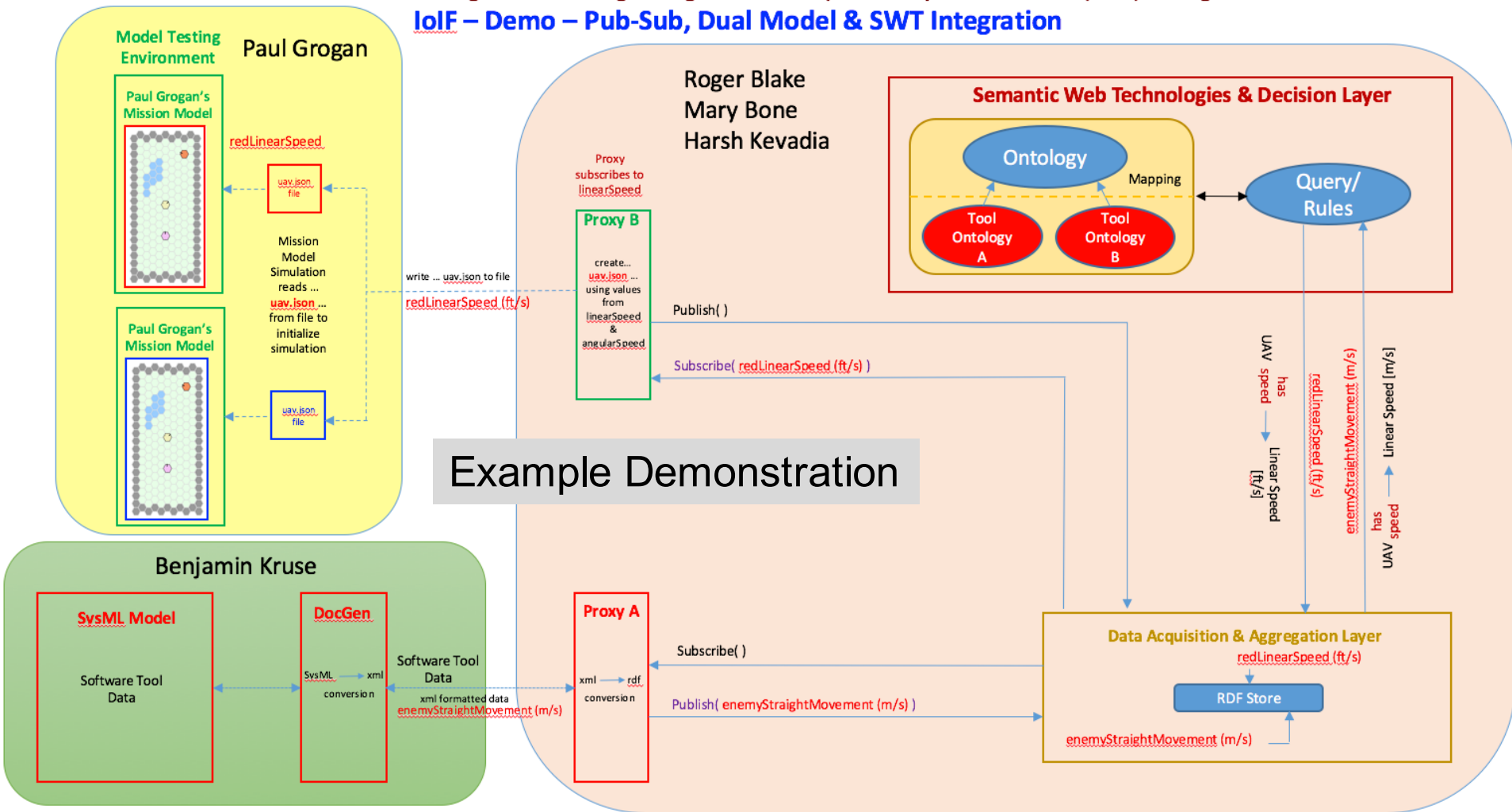




IoIF Uses SWT for Interoperability Among “Any” Type of MCE Capability

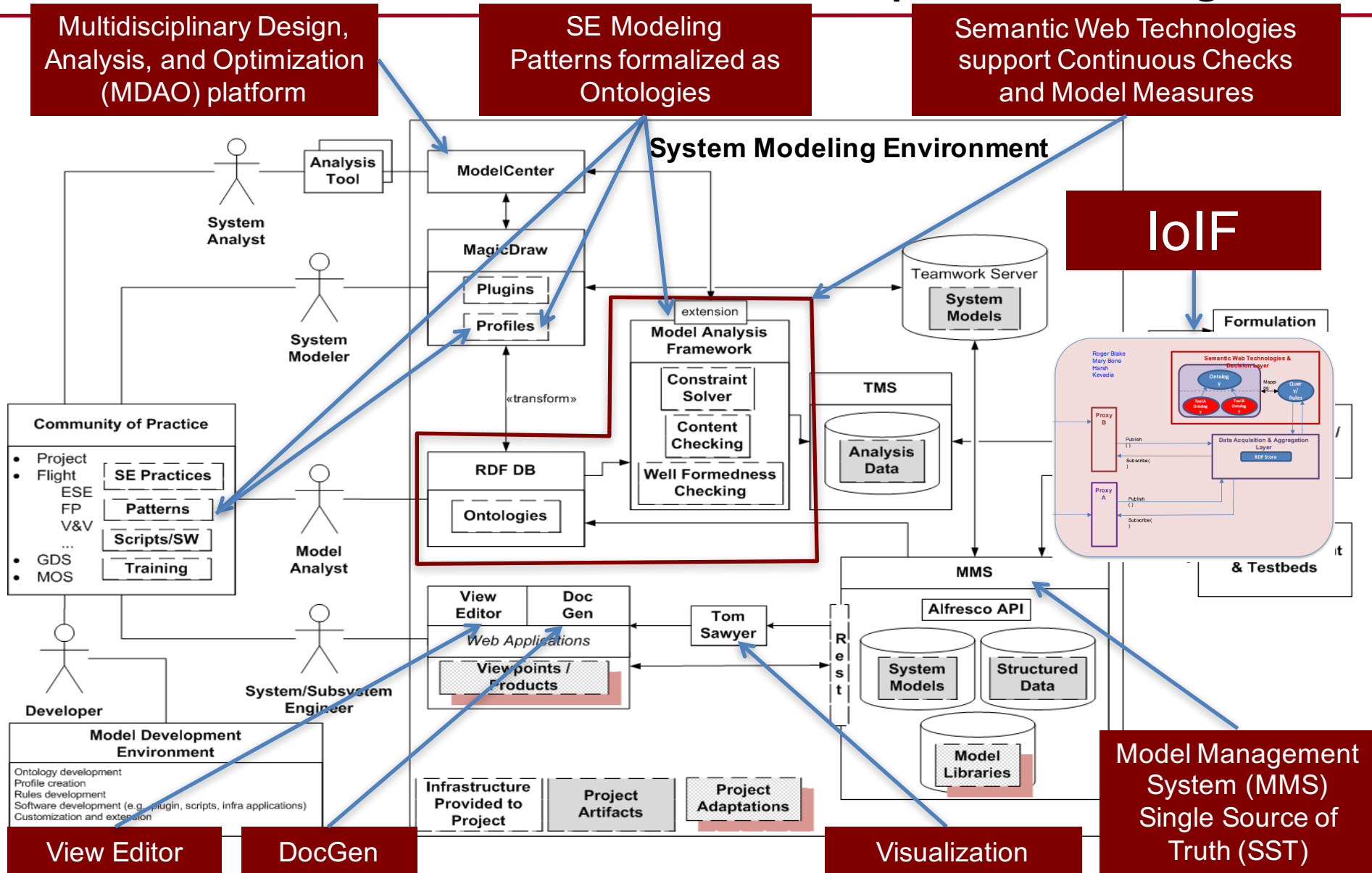
RT168 – High Level Integrating and Interoperability Framework (IoIF) Design

IoIF – Demo – Pub-Sub, Dual Model & SWT Integration



IoIF: Integration and Interoperability Framework
SWT: Semantic Web Technology

Planned CONCEPT for Integrating Technologies into OpenMBEE through IoIF



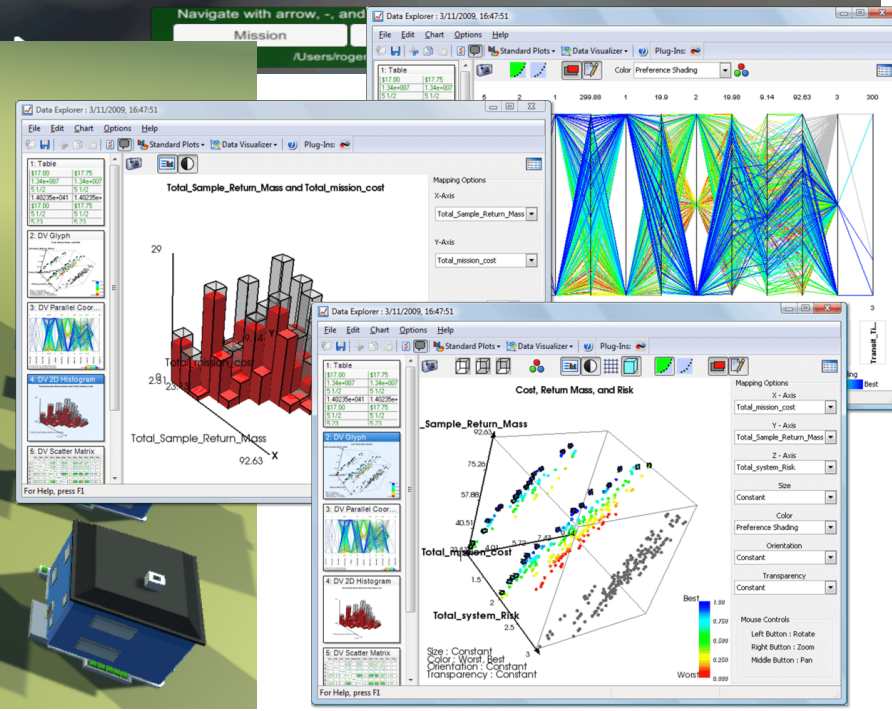
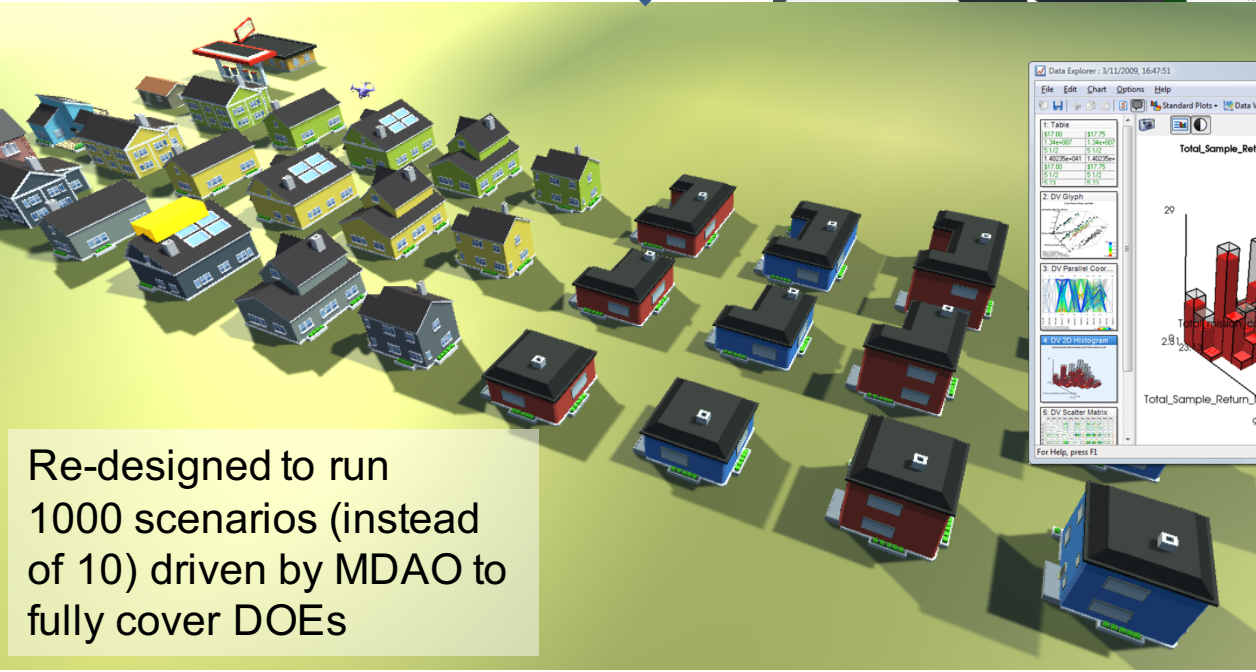
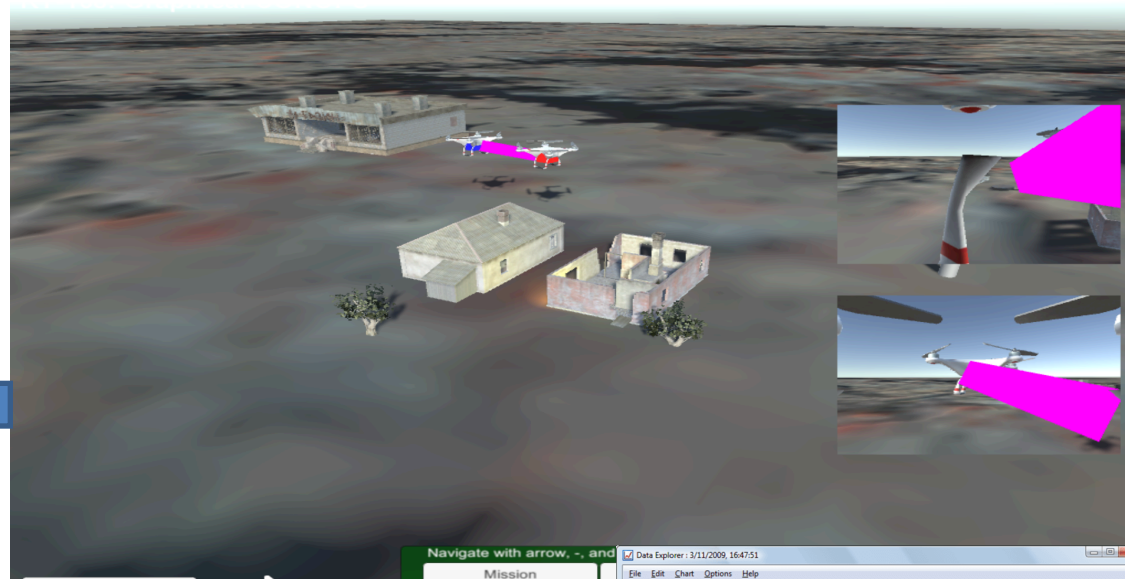
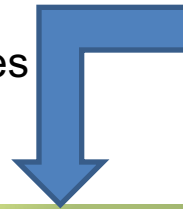
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Explore Integration of Graphical CONOPS Simulation with MDAO tools

Fully interactive simulation of a blue UAS on a mission to located a treasure with an intelligent (AI) red UAS counterparty disrupting mission

MDAO Methods

- Design of Experiments (DOE)
- Sensitivity Analysis
- Optimize desired objectives



Re-designed to run 1000 scenarios (instead of 10) driven by MDAO to fully cover DOEs

- SERC Collaborator: Georgia Tech, Georgetown, Naval Postgraduate School, Univ. of Maryland, Univ. of Massachusetts, Univ. of Southern Cal., Wayne State
- 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
- NASA/JPL
- OpenMBEE Collaborator Group
— <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/openmbee/>

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 - Links to technical reports: <http://www.sercuarc.org/researcher-profile/mark-blackburn/>
 - Overview briefing of both projects from SERC Sponsor Review 2016: http://www.sercuarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/05B_SSRR-2016_RT157_Blackburn_v2.pdf
 - Historical perspective with a long briefing: <http://www.sercuarc.org/publications-papers/presentation-systems-engineering-transformation-through-model-centric-engineering-past-why-present-what-and-future-how/>



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