

THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER



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Agenda

- The Case for Integrated Analysis
- What is TRACER?
- Example TRACER Analyses
- The Way Ahead





Why Early Tradeoff Analysis?



Traditional Alternatives Analysis Approach

- Evaluates limited number of alternatives
- Stovepipes reduce incentives to share insights across domains
- Takes lots of time and resources to evaluate each alternative
- Does not facilitate finding optimal solutions



Integrated Alternatives Analysis Approach

- Exposes the entire tradespace
- Integration enables insights to be gained through the synergy of the domains
- Greatly reduces the time and resources for comprehensive evaluation
- Embedded analytical tools facilitate finding optimum solutions



What is TRACER?

- TRACER facilitates the application of systems engineering to acquisition analysis
- TRACER implements a holistic investment analysis approach in an analytical framework that:
 - simultaneously addresses multiple evaluation disciplines including warfighting effectiveness, performance, and cost
 - can be applied at different levels in the resource analysis environment: strategic, operational/tactical, and acquisition
 - aims to explore the widest possible solution space, informing the alternatives analysis with cost tradeoffs
- TRACER enables analysts and decision makers to do Cost As an Independent Variable (CAIV) analyses
- TRACER methodology uses modeling and simulation to reduce the time, resources, and risk associated with investment decisions





Example: JTRS Tradeoff Analysis



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Multi-dimensional Tradespace

To maximize decision tradespace, optimize both within and across dimensions



Multi-dimensional Optimization Problem

To maximize decision tradespace, optimize both within and across dimensions



Operational Example: Air-to-Air Campaign



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Air-to-air Campaign Analysis

- Requirement: Blue fighter fleet must defeat an optimal assault from a mix of 792 Red aircraft, allowing *no more than 1,100 tons of bombs dropped* by "leakers," with 80% confidence that there are *no more than 45 Blue losses*.
- Current fighter fails: 1,200 tons dropped, 56 Blue losses
- Approach 1: Improve airframe and propulsion (at cost of \$12B)
 - Result? Success! 1,067 tons dropped, 42 losses

But, how else might the requirement be met?

- Approach 2: Improve radar (cost and outcome are functions of improvement)
- Approach 3: Improve missile (cost and outcome are functions of improvement)



Air-to-air Campaign Analysis Framework



SLAACM = Stochastic Air Campaign Model



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Air-to-air Analysis Design of Experiments (DOE)

- Choose 492 randomly distributed values for Power-Aperture ratio and SSPK ratio
- P-A ratio values range between 1.0 and 5.0
- SSPK ratio (improvement over current performance level) values range between 1.0 and 1.537

TRACER Analysis

- Run all 492 cases and graph results
- Measure outcomes in blue losses and bombs dropped, and total modification/acquisition costs
- Identify best solution among the feasible outcomes





Air-to-air DOE Results



Result: Most cost-effective to improve missile!





What's Next?

- Tailor framework to assess systems engineering disciplines
 - Develop parametric cost and effectiveness relationships for each discipline
 - Use TRACER analysis approach to provide insights into the costs and effectiveness of combinations





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