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# Modeling & Simulation and (in) Development Planning



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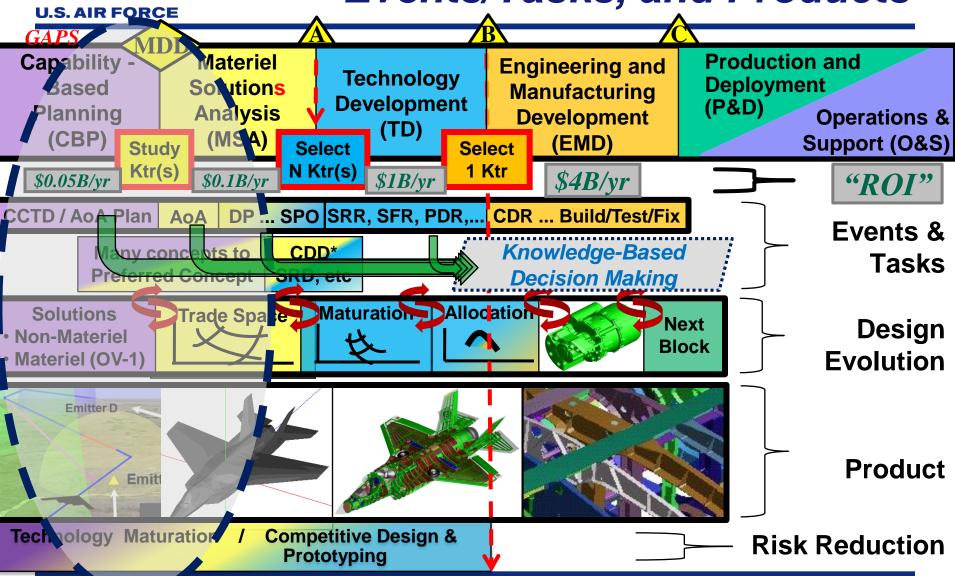


# Perspective: DP is Shifting the Paradigm

- MDD (and Concept Decision before that) widely viewed as opportunity to decide "What are we going to acquire?"
- MDD is really an investment decision "Do we need to acquire anything to address this capability need?"
  - An acceptable answer is "Not now; pursue S&T investment(s) and revisit the need in a few years."
  - Another acceptable answer is "More (or different utilization) of what we currently have."
- AoA Report provides information to ask "What could we realistically afford to think about acquiring?"
- Sponsor with materiel support develops COAs and proceeds to MS A with focus on "What do we want to start down the path to acquire?"
- DP ensures sufficient concept/solution work prior to MDD, AoA, & MS A M&S and Early SE form the analytical and technical foundation of DP

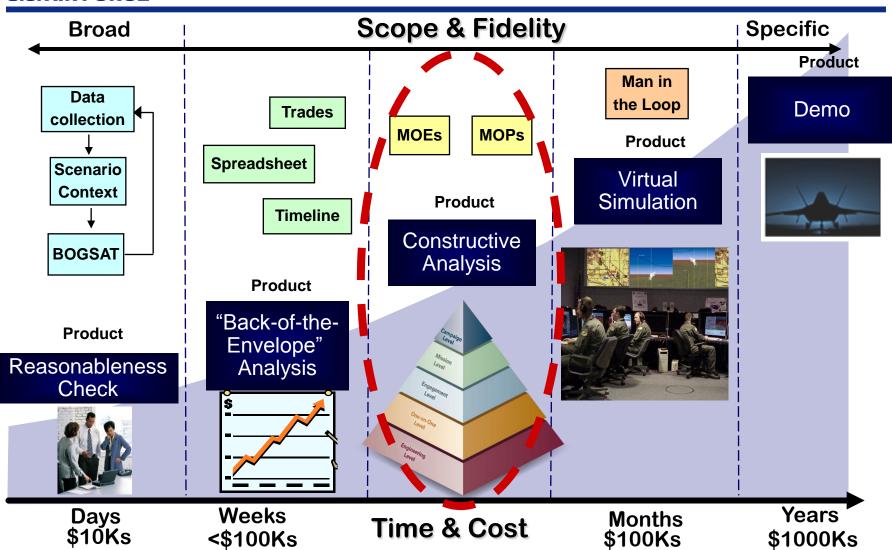


# Acquisition Milestones, Phases, Events/Tasks, and Products





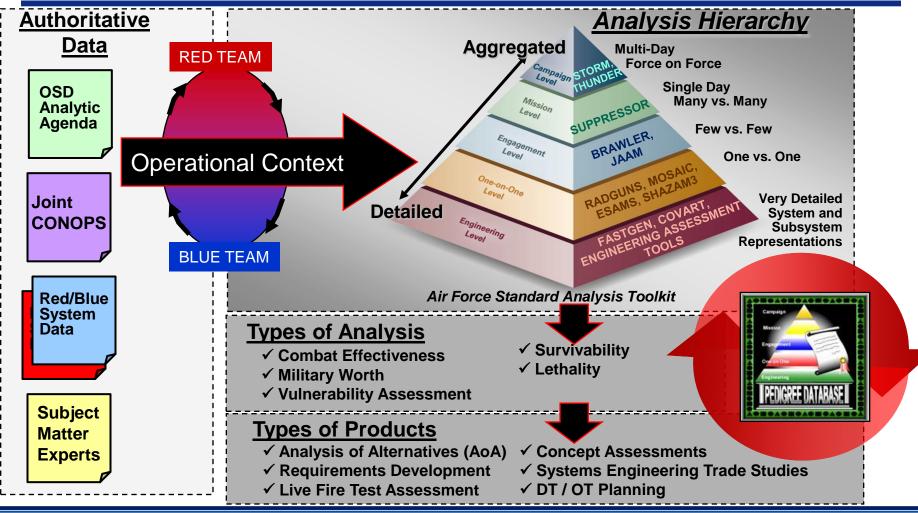
### Levels of Analysis





#### System Effectiveness Analysis Process

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End-to-End Assessment of System Effectiveness in a Total Force Context



# M&S Contributions to DP

1 Of 2

#### Trade Space Exploration

- Provide analytical support to JCIDS and CBP processes
  - Effectiveness estimates: one-on-one or one-on-many solutions
  - Feasibility studies: concept exploration, technical evaluation
  - Effectiveness/supportability studies: design evaluation and risk reduction of technical options
  - Mission Area Assessments

#### Concept Development, Refinement, and Analysis

- Support acquisition decision processes through MSA Phase
  - AoA activities primarily support Effectiveness Analysis Working Group (EAWG) and Threat Working Group (TWG) principals
  - Consider options of business processes/models
  - Costing (program and life cycle)



# M&S Contributions to DP 2 of 2

#### General

- Support technology demonstration / transition activities to evaluate concepts
- Evaluate opportunities for integration with other systems, SoS characterization, environment representation
- Live / Virtual / Constructive environments augment and mature early engineering assessments

System-of-Systems Analyses Throughout the Life Cycle -Investment Strategy, Portfolio Analysis,
Roadmap Development, and more

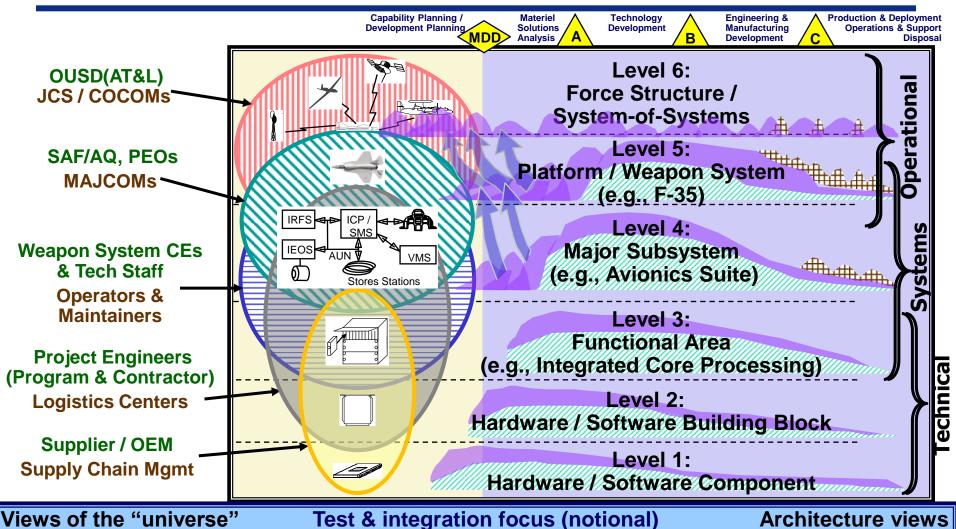


## SE and SoSE Perspectives

Acquisition, Operations, Integration, Architecture

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M&S / Experimentation

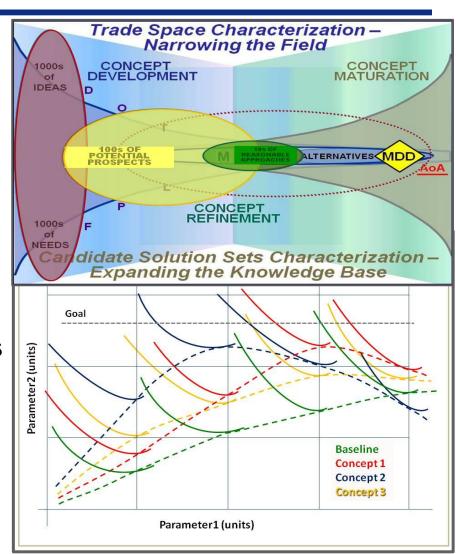
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# What Models & Tools Can Bring to Development Planning

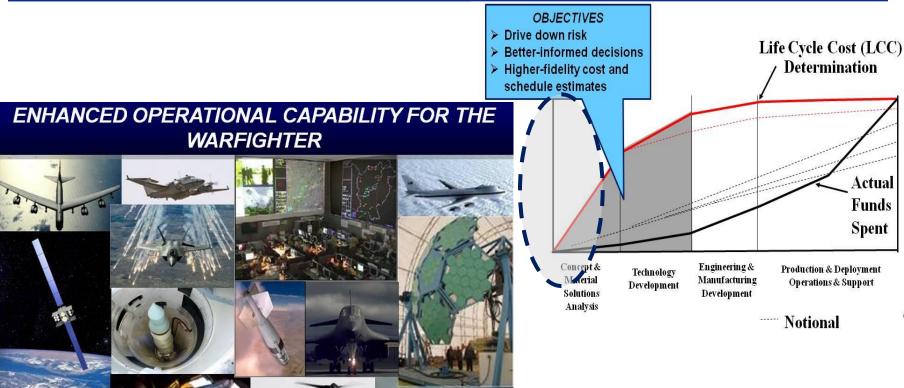
- First-order discriminators to support early trade space exploration
  - Efficient filtering of ideas identifies those that may warrant further study

- Improved ability to select appropriate analytic environments
  - Sensitivity analyses to find the inflection points ("knees in the curves") are more significant than domain-specific analyses that establish design details





### Why It's Important

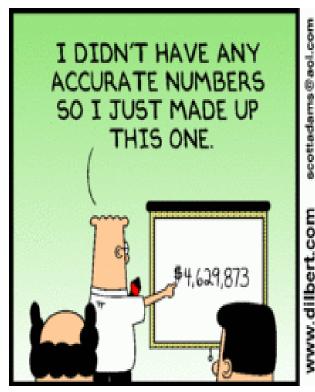


M&S and DP provide the technical and analytical basis to inform preacquisition investment decisions and start high-confidence programs



### Be Careful What You Ask For ...

#### **Development Planning, Pre-WSARA...**



STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT MANY COST MODELS DON'T PRODUCE NUMBERS THAT ARE ANY MORE ACCURATE OR ANY MORE USEFUL THAN NUMBERS YOU JUST MAKE UP ...

