



# Engineered Resilient Systems Large Scale Tradespace Capabilities

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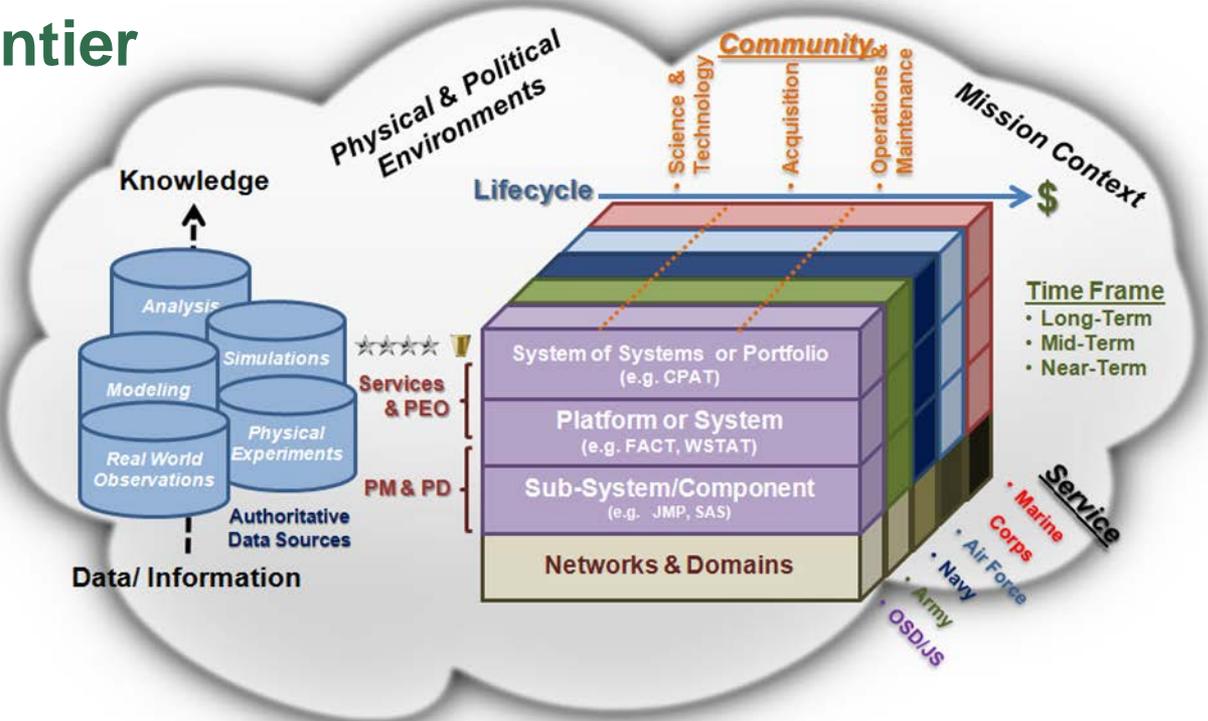


# What is a "Tradespace"?

- ...the space spanned by completely enumerated design variables – it is the potential solution space
- ...the set of program and system parameters, attributes, and characteristics required to satisfy performance standards

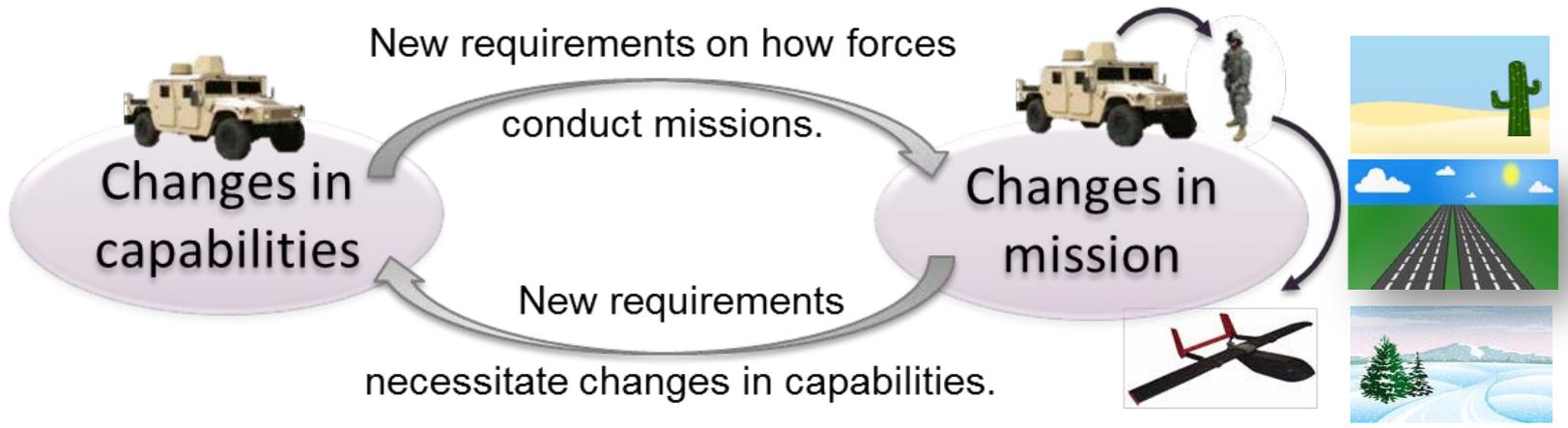
The enumeration of a large tradespace helps prevent designers from committing to limited point designs and allows them to recognize better design solutions

## ERS Tradespace Frontier (A DoD Perspective)





# Analytical Constructs for Resiliency Evaluation



## "A Resilient System..."

- is trusted and effective in a wide range of contexts,

### Operational Context

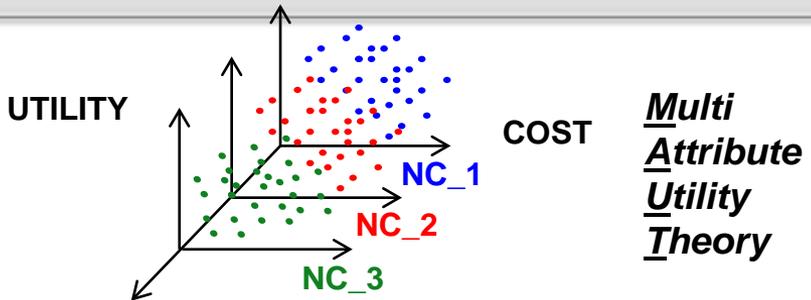
- How do we compare system design concepts in the face of competing or expected changes in requirements?

- is easily adapted to many others through reconfiguration or replacement, and

### Change Flexibility

- How do we evaluate the impact for various system designs if a key component must be replaced?

- has predictable degradation of function."



~ Holland, ERS Overview Dec 2013



# The "Big Picture" Process

## Operational Requirements

Stakeholder expectation statements.

### MOEs

"Operational" measures of success related to the achievement of the mission or operational objective.

### KPPs

A critical subset of the performance parameters representing the most critical capabilities and characteristics.

### Architecture

High-level architecture definition for system designs.

### M&S

To refine and identify individual system performance needs.

### Performance

### MOPs

Measures that characterize physical or functional attributes relating to the system operation

### M&S

To refine and identify what attributes are needed to characterize a system design and evaluate its MOEs, MOPs, KPPs, etc.

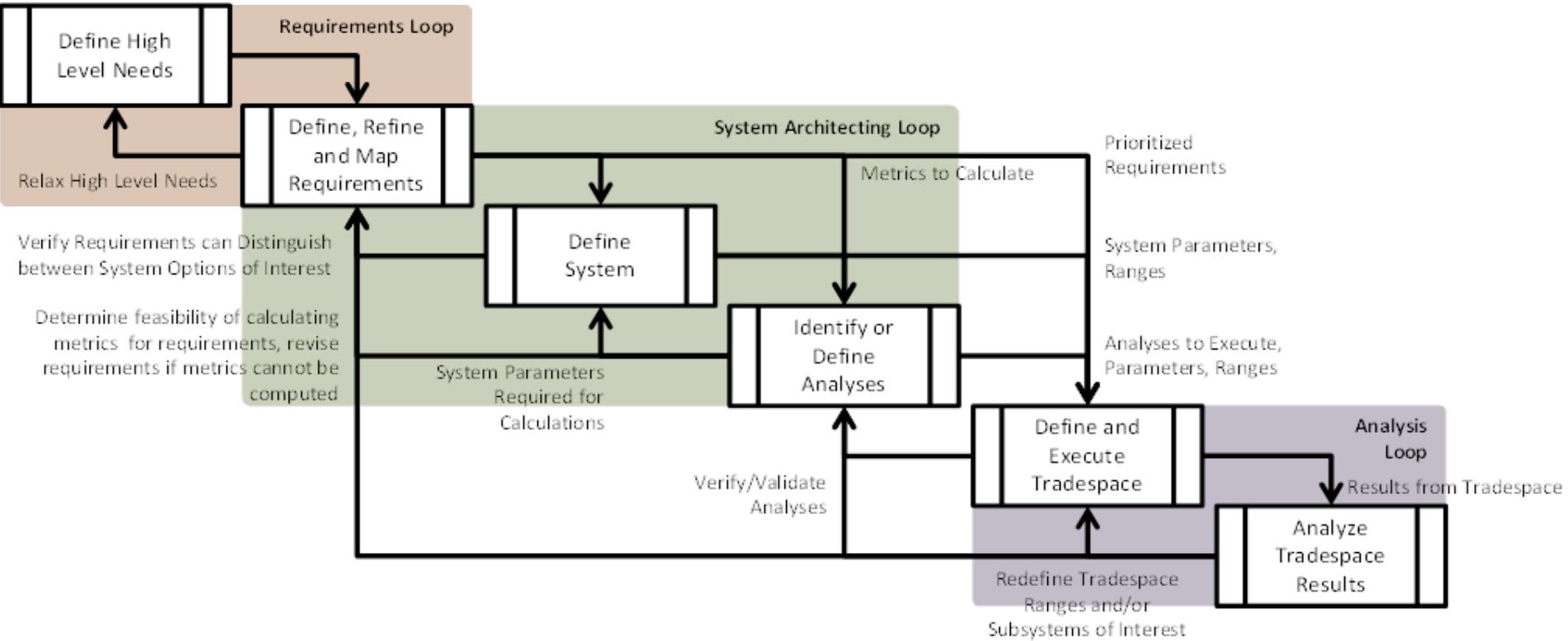
### System Design Variables

Attributes expressed as value properties that describe specific system design alternatives.



# Networked Workflow through a Design Space Environment

## Generalized Systems Engineering Workflow showing the set of all Systems Engineering Use Cases



A use case has a specific path through the networked workflow. Driving the tool development with the generalized workflow helps ensure we can meet the requirements of *future* use cases.



# Process Steps

- **Define** 

Users describe the needs, the analyses to assess whether or not the needs are met, and the system(s) being designed to satisfy those needs

- **Execute** 

Users set conditions for and manage/monitor the execution of the integrated engineering models

- **Analyze** 

Users assess the information generated by the execution of the models to improve their mental models of the problem and the system of interest

## MBSE

Model Based Systems Engineering

## MDAO

Multidisciplinary Design Analysis and Optimization

## MCDM

Multi Criteria Decision Making



# Web-enabled Collaborative Tradestudies



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL localhost:27380/ers/#/landing. The interface includes a top navigation bar with icons for Home (ERS), Define, Execute, and Analyze, and a user profile icon for 'dbrowne'. The main header features a large graphic of a ship and the text 'ERS ENGINEERED RESILIENT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRADESPACE'. Below this are three panels:

- DEFINE**: Define your system of interest through authoring SysML Block Definition and Parametric Diagrams. Populate your database of system options with off-the-shelf and notional parts. Set your system KPPs and KSAs as requirements. Compare solutions and measure against requirements.
- EXECUTE**: Execute trade studies using set distributions, sampling available system options or defining Designs of Experiment. Visualize and explore the results of your trade study and DoE executions using box & whiskers, probability graphs, scatterplot matrices, and coordinated interactive views. Compare solutions and measure against requirements.
- ANALYZE**: Analyze a configuration using the Point Solution Sandbox or Sensitivity Analysis. Visualize and explore the results of your trade study and DoE executions using box & whiskers, probability graphs, scatterplot matrices, and coordinated interactive views. Compare solutions and measure against requirements.

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# Software Architecture

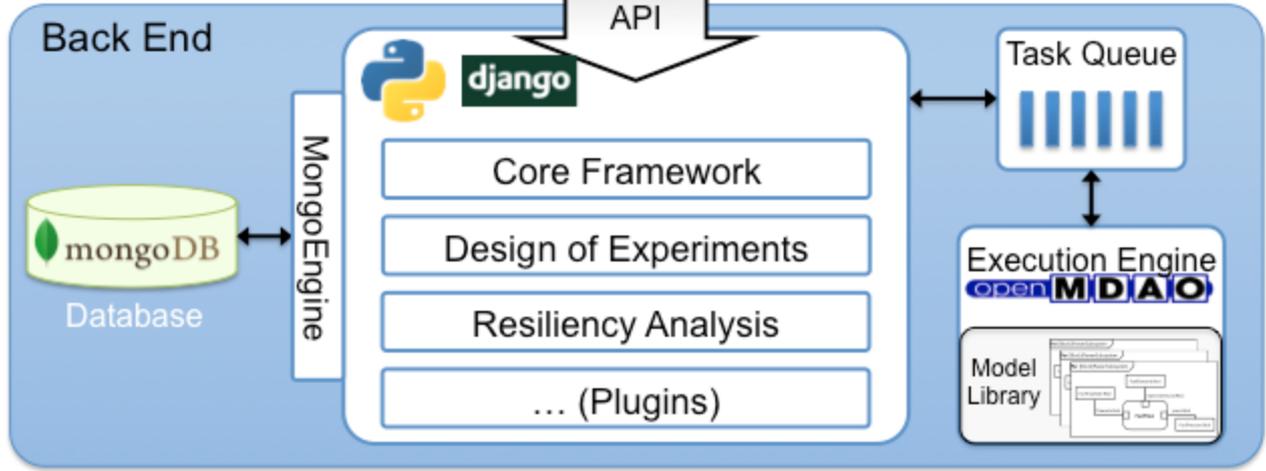
- **Front End**

- Composed from a collection of Angular Modules and Javascript libraries



- **Backend**

- Composed from Django apps and other python libraries
- Using OpenMDAO to orchestrate the execution of linked constraints



**Modular approach to progressively layer in analysis capabilities and help to make code testable by focusing modules on a particular task**



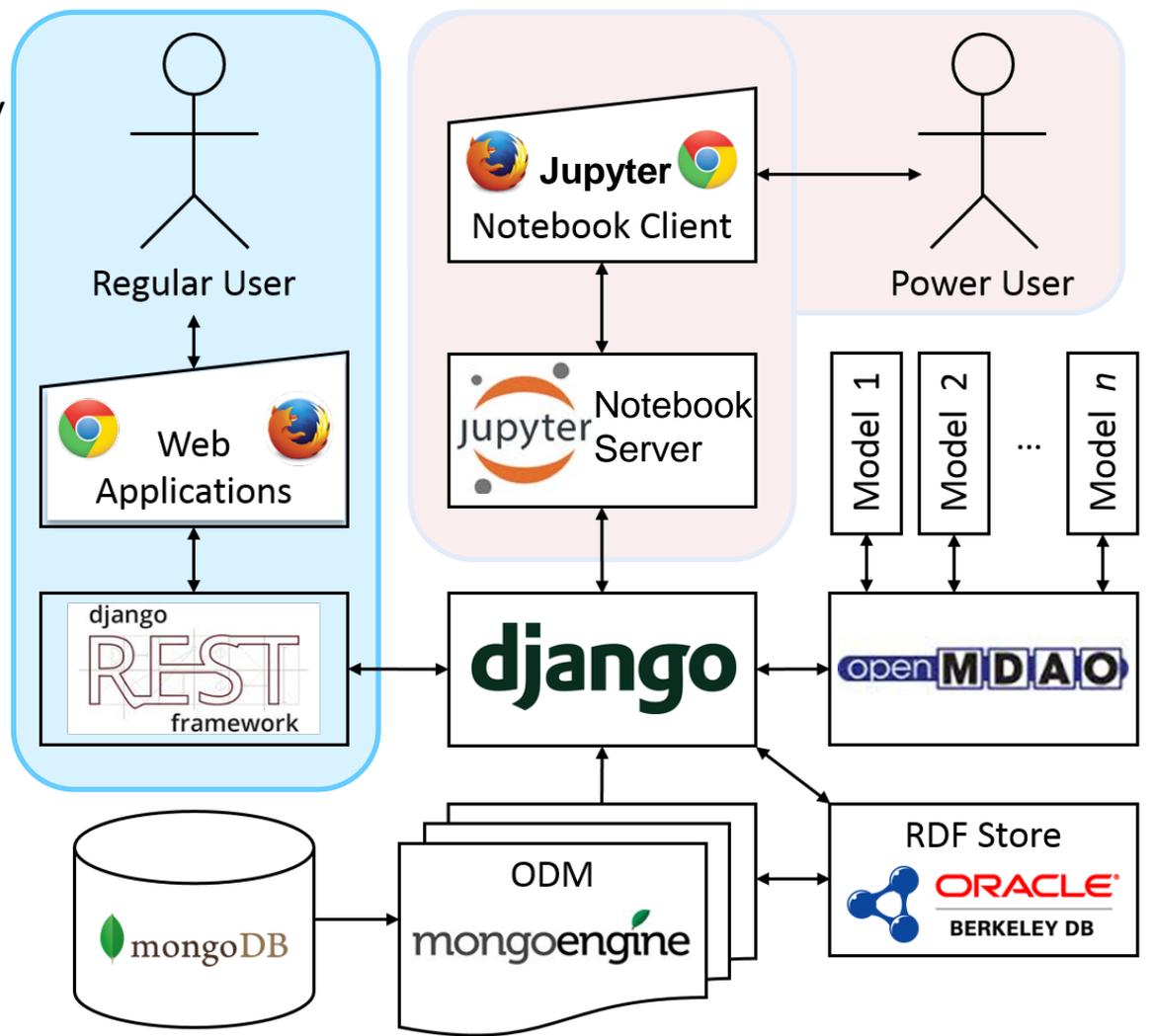
# Support Two Disparate Users

## Power Users

- Are experts that frequently do not need a GUI to quickly build a model
- Can interact directly with the data through scripting environment (Jupyter notebooks)

## Regular Users

- Are typically consuming views of the data (e.g., SysML diagrams, tradespace analysis visualizations)
- Can interact via views customized for the type of actions needed





# Collaborative SysML in the Browser



Tradespace

127.0.0.1:27380/ers/#/define/sysml

ERS Define Execute Analyze

Views Geometry Manage

Project Tree

- Tandem Helicopter Project
  - Environment
  - Helicopter
    - MaxClimbSpeed
    - ServiceCeiling
    - RotorAnalysis
    - PowerRequiredAtAltitude
    - PowerRequiredAtSeaLevel
    - FerryRange
    - Analysis\_1
    - Requirements

SysML View

This view allows you to manipulate your nodes using SysML.

bdd[block]Tandem Helicopter Project

**Block Definition Diagram of a CH-47 Helicopter**

par [block]FerryRange

**PARAmetric Diagram** showing how system attributes map to performance requirements; direct tie to Modeling and Simulation

act [analysis]N2 Diagram

**ACTivity Diagram** showing Constraints automatically linked together to create an analysis environment that evaluates system performance

req [Package]Requirements

**REQUIREMENTS Diagram** showing lower level derivations



# For the "Power User": Jupyter\* Notebook Interface

- *Jupyter\* Notebooks* allow user through the browser to directly execute python code on the back end
- Example declaratively builds up a simple model of a **Car**
- The *Car* has value properties and includes a *Engine* as a part property

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook browser window titled 'Car Tutorial'. The address bar shows the URL '127.0.0.1:27388/notebooks/notebooks/Car%20Tutorial.ipynb'. The notebook interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Help) and a toolbar with icons for file operations and execution. The notebook content consists of several code cells:

```

In [2]: Car = Block(name='Car', description='A four wheeled vehicle').save()

Assign value properties (attributes) to Car

In [3]: Car.weight = Attribute(low=0, units='lbm')
Car.cost = Attribute(low='0 USD')

Add a part property, e.g. Engine

In [4]: Car.Engine = Block()

Add a description to Engine

In [5]: Car.Engine.description = 'The prime mover for a vehicle'

Add Engine properties

In [6]: Car.Engine.weight = Attribute(low='0 lbm', default='550 lbm')

Save the Car and Engine Blocks

In [7]: Car.save()
Car.Engine.save()

Out[7]: <Block: <Block id=55667e6ce138230f66a63627 name=Engine>>
  
```

\*formerly iPython Notebook



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- **Tandem helicopter** example shows how SysML block are created
- Tradespace can be executed directly

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled "Tandem Helicopter" with the following content:

### Create Blocks

To capture the Tandem Helicopter Project physical architecture.

```
In [3]: with ActiveUser(user=users[3]):
        CH47 = Node(name="Tandem Helicopter Project").save()

        Environment = Block(name='Environment', parent=CH47).save()
        Helicopter = Block(name='Helicopter', parent=CH47).save()
        Rotor = Helicopter.Rotor = Block()
        Engine = Helicopter.Engine = Block()
        Rotor.save()
        Engine.save()

# Environment Parameters
Environment.altitude = Attribute(default=0.0, low=0.0, high=6000.0, description='Altitude at which helicopter must fly', units='m')
Environment.rho_at_sl = Attribute(default=1.225, low=1.145, high=1.422, description='Air density at sea level', units='kg/m**3')

# Helicopter Design Parameters
Helicopter.oew = Attribute(default=10185.0, low=5000.0, high=15000.0, description='Operating Empty Weight', units='kg')
Helicopter.fuel = Attribute(default=3037.0, low=0.0, high=5000.0, description='Fuel Weight', units='kg')
Helicopter.pay = Attribute(default=0.0, low=0.0, high=12900.0, description='Payload Weight', units='kg')
```

### Discover Constraints from OpenMDAO Components

```
In [1]: constraints = discover_components(module=heli_components, parent=CH47)
```

### Link executable parametric constraints to physical blocks

Used to link the constraints together into a larger executable model.

```
In [6]: from cerebral.models.relationship import Bind
        RotorAnalysis.oew.add_link('Bind', Helicopter.oew)
        RotorAnalysis.fuel.add_link('Bind', Helicopter.fuel)
        RotorAnalysis.pay.add_link('Bind', Helicopter.pay)
        RotorAnalysis.rotor_diameter.add_link('Bind', Rotor.rotor_diameter)
```

### Make Requirements

```
In [10]: scenario = Requirement(parent=CH47, description="Set of requirements for Tandem Helicopter", name="Requirements").save()

        req_ceiling = QuantifiedRequirement(attribute=EndPoint(ref=Helicopter, path='ceiling'), threshold=2000, objective=3050, name='Ser')
        req_ferry = QuantifiedRequirement(attribute=EndPoint(ref=Helicopter, path='ferry_range'), threshold=900, objective=1200, name='Fe')
        req_range = QuantifiedRequirement(attribute=EndPoint(ref=Helicopter, path='op_range'), threshold=500, objective=850, name='Operat')
```

### Run a tradespace

```
In [8]: parameters = [dsm.value_properties[attr] for attr in ['base_power', 'rotor_speed']]

        tradespace = dsm.run(parameters=parameters, num_samples=100, async=False, name='Base Power and Rotor Speed')
        df = tradespace.to_dataframe()
        df[0:5].T
```

Out[8]:

	0	1	2	3	4
Node558daabbe1382302f1e0525f.ferry_range	1.408788e+03	1446.240485	1.243443e+03	1.399511e+03	1.188773e+03
Node558daabbe1382302f1e0526d.u_climb	1.208884e+03	5.328574	1.176121e+03	1.131615e+03	9.438546e+02
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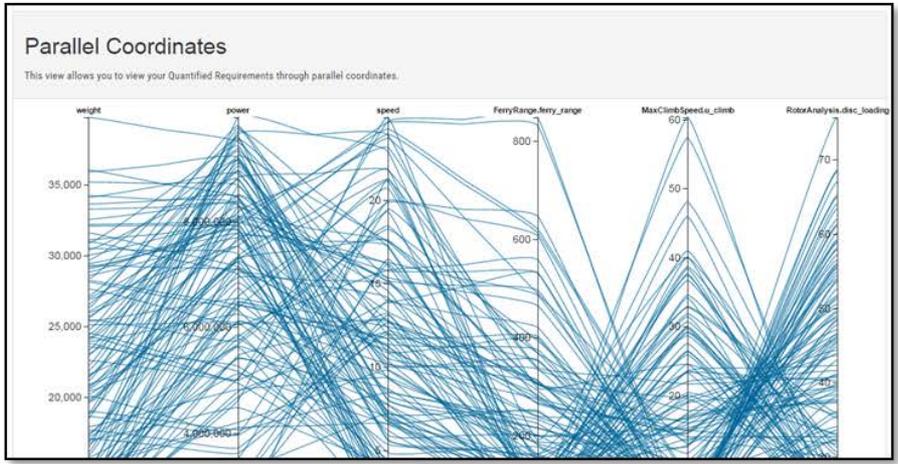


# Tradespace Execution and Visualization

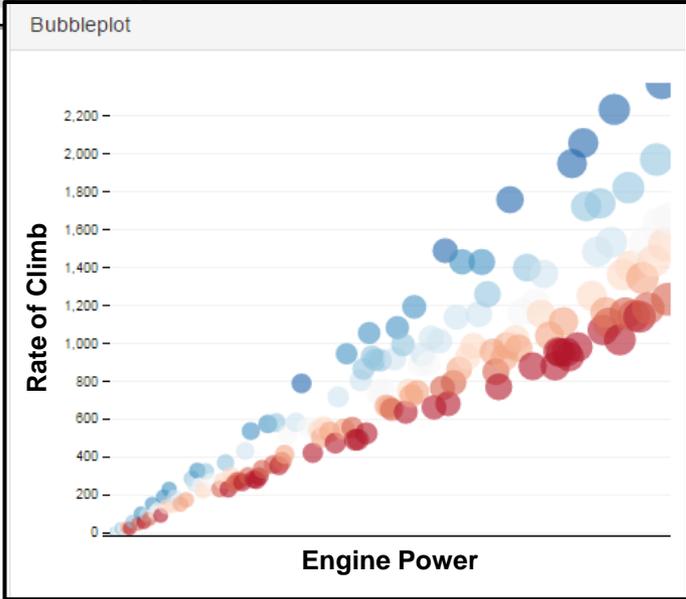
A tradespace can be generated by varying the independent parameters in the analysis



The results from a tradespace can then be evaluated using an interactive visualization (in this case a *brushable* parallel coordinates plot)



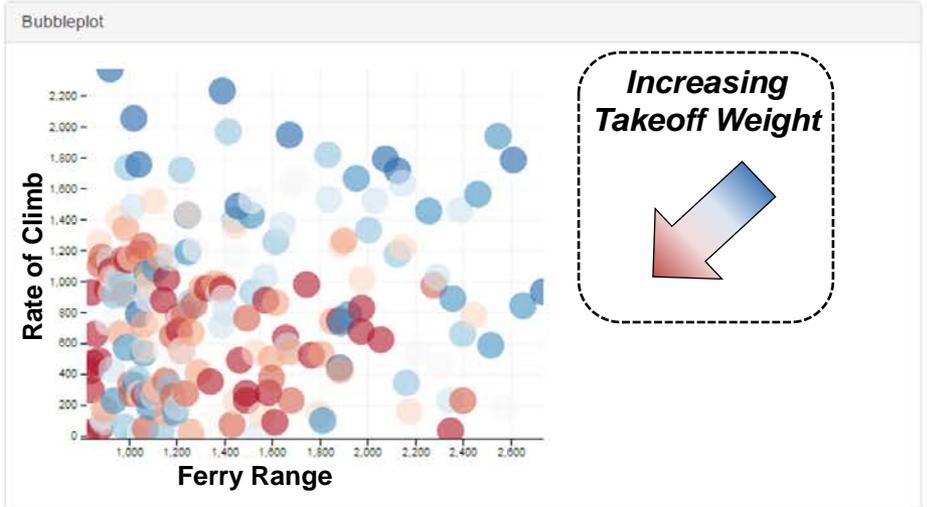
Scatter/Bubble plots can be used to show multidimensional trades



**Increasing Payload**



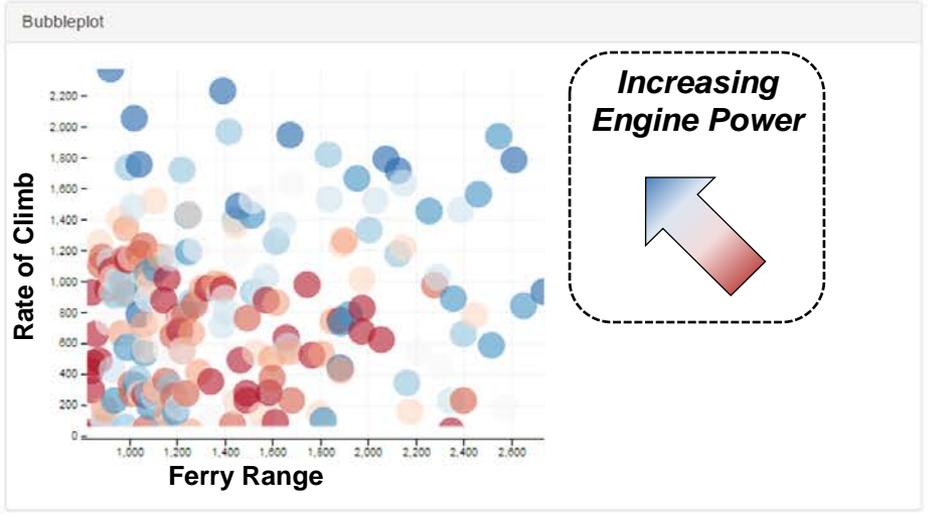
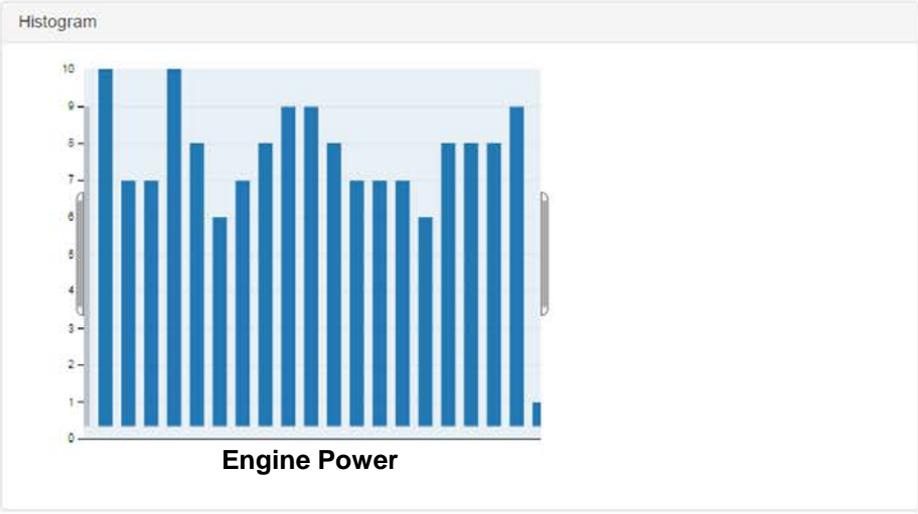
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- Note that as **Takeoff Weight** is increased, a tradeoff emerges between **Rate of Climb** and **Ferry Range**



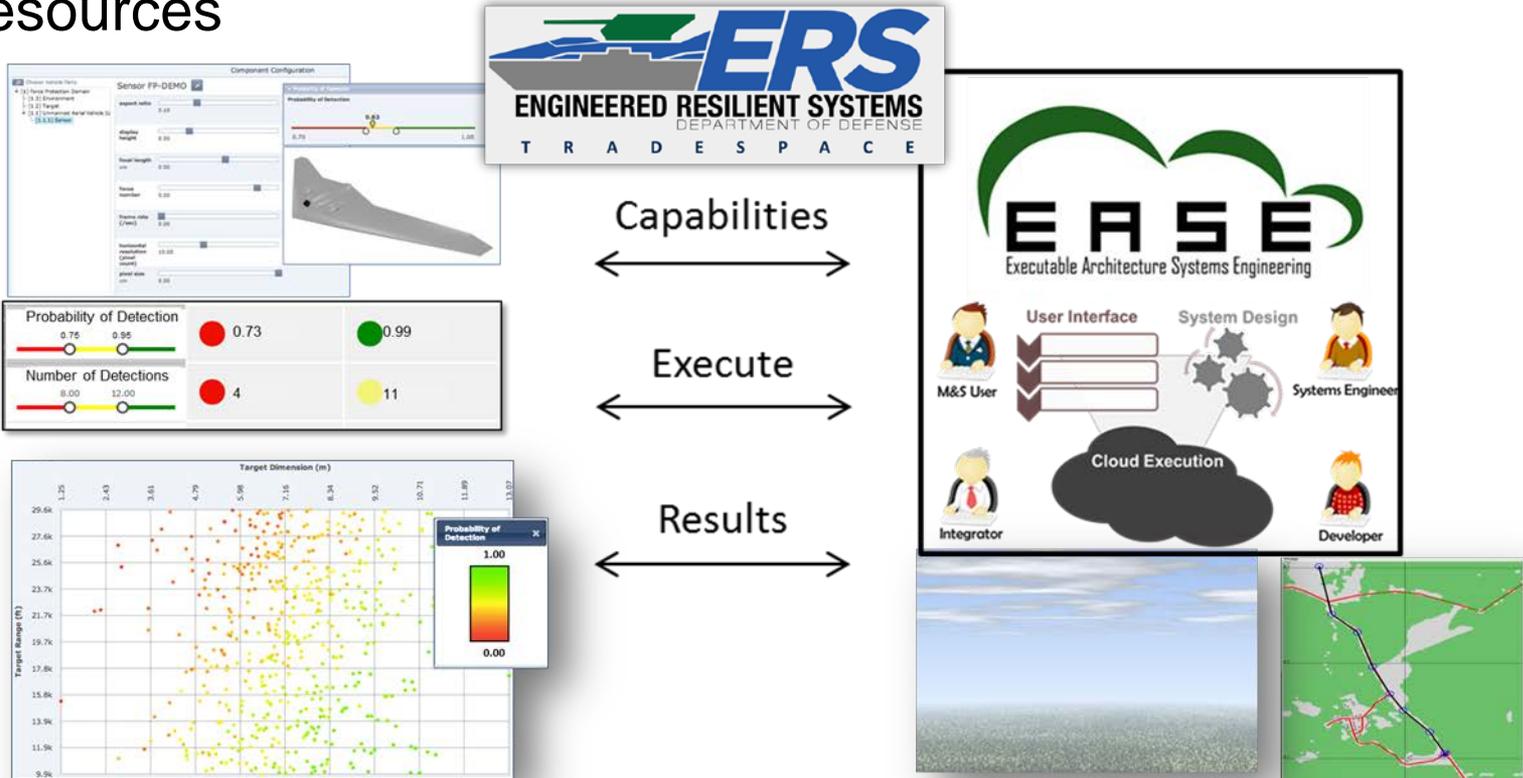
# Dynamic Analysis



- Able to select regions of interest within a tradespace
- Note that as **Engine Power** is increased, a tradeoff emerges between **Rate of Climb** and **Ferry Range**

# Interfacing Tradestudies with Simulation Operational Scenarios

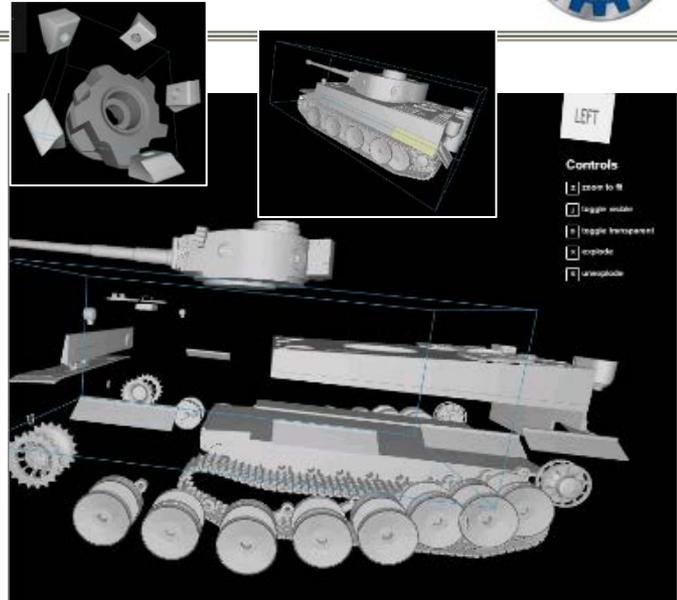
- **Executable Architecture Systems Engineering (EASE)**
  - Links analytical, experimental and training objectives with Modeling and Simulation
  - Explore **operational aspects** of the analytical questions in simulation
- ERS effort develops interface between MBSE/Tradestudies and Army Research Lab investment in executable, cloud-computing resources





# Next Steps

- Extend a limited “**CAD in the browser**” capability
- Integration with **High Performance Computing** assets at DoD HPC Centers
- Application to **DoD acquisition programs**



<http://itl.erd.c.usace.army.mil/featurecenter>



## *Parting Thoughts...*

- **Tradespace exploration supports DoD leadership by helping identify the impacts of decisions across a system's acquisition lifecycle**
- **Critical program decisions are often made based on the outcomes of trades defined by multiple types and quantities of data and information**
- **Tradespace exploration for ERS is grounded on big data and information analyzed and presented in a holistic view**
- **Trades data and information must present the perspectives of multiple decision makers across numerous time steps**
- **ERS tradespace exploration is using a process to identify requirements and attributes that define appropriate trades**



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