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# Trade Space Analytics: Enabling The Future of Systems Engineering



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# **Current Approach to Managing Complexity**

- MIL-STD-499A systems engineering process as employed today
  - Un-modeled and undesired interactions lead to emergent behaviors during integration
  - Resulting architectures are single point designs
  - Conventional V&V techniques not scalable to highly complex or adaptable systems
- Re-Designs become economically expensive and time consuming
  - Point solutions not easily adaptable
  - Not feasible to consider large number of configurations

Design of complex defense systems must be revolutionized



## **Digital Systems Model (DSM) Approach**

- Models are used as a means of information exchange
- Component model library (CML) is required, for systems-level design to become feasible
  - CML contains models for an entire system, stretching across multiple design domains
  - CML requires a governance process to assure V&V of the models



Component model library from DARPA AVM program

- Domain ontologies can be used for CML to drive consistency in the way terms are defined
- Models must extend from the requirements through the factory

Domain ontologies are critical to Digital Systems Model

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#### **DSM Approach**

- Virtually design, manufacture, and verify complex defense systems
  - Multi-fidelity models
  - Increase adaptability of design process
- One of the goals is to enhance design space exploration
  - Consider wider variety of designs to achieve the design requirements



Trade Space for the entire product development process

#### **Design Space Refinement Technique**



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### **Trade Space Automation**

- Objective:
  - Automating the process of extracting the functional decomposition and relationships of a system from a domain ontology, and importing that information to a design space
- Key challenges:
  - Storing functional decomposition and relationships (incompatibilities) of a system within an ontology
  - Development of a process to extract the necessary information from the ontology
    - No built-in feature within ontological development software to accomplish this
    - Information must be reformatted for use in a design space

Governance and curation of models is required



#### **DSM End-to-End Process**



#### **DSM-based Trade Space is SE**



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### **Future of DSM Trade Spaces**

- What needs to be developed?
  - Domain ontologies
  - Uniform trade space environment
- Obstacles
  - Cultural resistance
  - Lack of uniform model descriptions
  - Development of domain ontologies is time intensive
- What is the path forward?

# **Questions?**

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