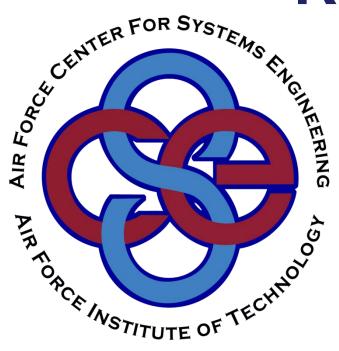




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SE "Research"



Statements on SE Research by INCOSE



- Systems engineering is an integrative discipline which, like other engineering specialties, needs vibrant research
- INCOSE advocates the articulation of programs in basic and applied research in Systems Engineering
- INCOSE supports strongly doctoral level research in Systems Engineering

System Science Working Group

System Science is the enabling theoretical foundations and scientific underpinnings of systems engineering that contribute to better understanding of systems engineering practice, particularly of complex systems and large-scale enterprises

Conference on Systems Engineering Research (CSER)



5th Annual Conference on Systems Engineering Research



AFIT SE Research





All SE graduate programs require a capstone project

- Group projects provide integrated design team experience
 - Thesis for Masters (12 credits, 3 qtrs)
 - Capstone Design Project for IDE (9 credits, 3 qtrs)
 - Capstone for Certificate (4 credits, 1 qtr)
- Individual Dissertation for Ph.D. students

AFIT solicits research grants just like civilian institutions

- Resident military student tuition is paid for, but ...
- Civilian faculty are on academic year appointments (10 months), and ...
- AFIT is not budgeted for research related travel, supplies, and equipment
- We are cheap, but we are not free!

Funding for the SE group has been growing

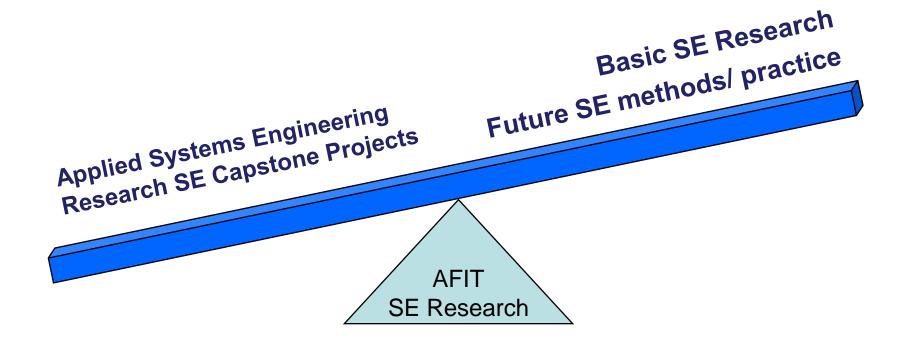
- Over \$600K in 2008
- Has allowed us to bring faculty from other programs onto SE projects



Balance Application of SE Practicewith Basic SE Research







Last year, the balance clearly tipped towards the applied research side

- Only one PhD student (our first) in dissertation research
- Sponsors of MS student research tend to focus more on application



Balance Application of SE Practice with Basic SE Research





Applied Systems Engineering Research SE Capstone Projects

SE Basic Research Future SE methods/ practice

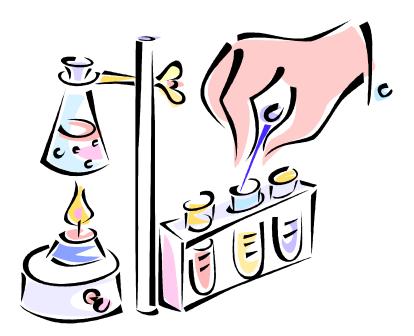


This year, the balance has been tipped towards more basic research

- More PhD students in dissertation research
- Greater effort to "shape" MS topics to address more fundamental questions







BASIC RESEARCH



Challenge Who funds Basic SE Research?



National Science Foundation

- Funds System Science, but typically not Systems Engineering

AFOSR

- Responsible for oversight and management of the Air Force program in basic research (6.1)
- Orchestrates the research program with universities, industry, other government organizations, and the AF Research Lab (AFRL) technical directorates
- AFOSR funding traditional science areas
 - Aerospace and Materials Sciences
 - Physics and Electronics
 - Mathematics, Information and Life Sciences

SE University Affiliated Research Center (UARC)

- New initiative, funded by OSD, NSA
- Award will be announced Oct 08 Stevens Institute leading a large multiuniversity team
- AFIT will participate in the UARC with the Stevens-led team
- We invite the AF CSE advisory council to help identify SE basic research funding sources



AFIT Basic Research Threads





A Sample of SE Basic Research at AFIT

- SE process improvements
 - Modeling and evaluation of architectures
 - Modeling cognitive processes within the DoD Architecture Framework
- System of Systems/ Network Centric Systems Analysis
 - Graph Theory of Network Centric Operations
 - Interoperability Measurement
- Integrated Health Monitoring
 - Reliability models to support life cycle system design
- Human Systems Integration (HSI) Design
 - Graph theoretic analysis for HSI evaluation and design
- Modularity in design vs. performance





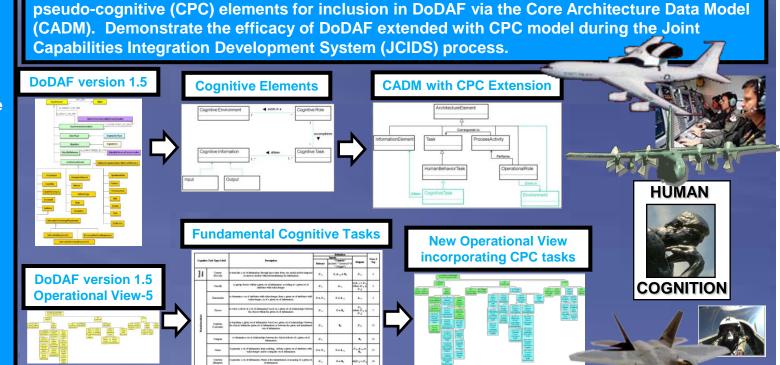
AIR FORCE CENTER FOR SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Architecting Cognition within the Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF)

Research Sponsor: AFRL/RH, Wright-Patterson AFB
Maj David O'Malley Major Jonathan Zall



Problem: The design of complex. socio-technical systems requires that critical aspects of the whole integrated system be specifically defined upfront so that the implemented solution addresses human system integration (HSI) facets as well as technical system integration facets. **HSI** factors and constraints are not incorporated in the **US Military** acquisitions process until late in the process resulting in unnecessary risk incurred, cost overruns, and mission shortfalls.



Method: Define the cognitive aspect of Human Factors and develop a model of cognitive and

Results:

- Standardized means for incorporating elements of human cognitions (Environments, Roles, Tasks, Inputs and Outputs)
- Accurate solution trade space constraints with traceable manpower, personnel, and training requirements
- · Decreased cost, risk, and mission shortfalls of final solution
- Provide foothold for all other elements of HSI within the JCIDS process

Introduction
Literature Review & Analysis
Interoperability Measurement Method
Application
Conclusion

UNIQUE & SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION

This research presents an inaugural general method of quantitatively measuring the collaborative and confrontational interoperability of a heterogeneous set of systems

The method:

- 1. Accepts all system types (e.g., coalitions, technology, organizations, cultures, etc.)
- 2. Accepts all interoperability types (e.g., enterprise, joint, semantic, technical, etc.)
- 3. Describes interoperability in the context of an operational process
- 4. Provides for higher precision of measurement
- 5. Introduces confrontational interoperability and relates it to operational effectiveness
- 6. Accommodates all types of interoperability characteristics
- 7. Capitalizes upon existing architecture data

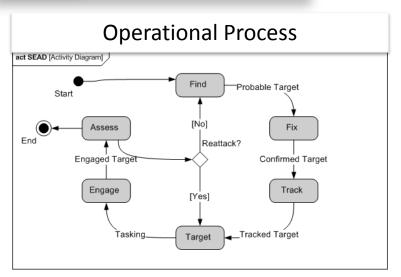
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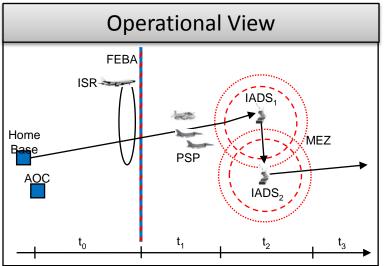
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Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses

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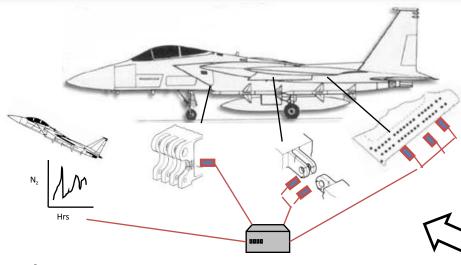
$S = \{S_B, S_R\} = \{\{HB, ISR, AOC, PSP\}, \{IADS_1, IADS_2\}\}$ $X = \begin{cases} 27 \text{ characters representing} \\ \text{joint operational function hierarchy} \end{cases}$ $C = \{0,1\}$ $O = \{O_B, O_R\} = \begin{cases} \text{Percent of enemy air defenses destroyed,} \\ \text{Percent of enemy air defenses protected} \end{cases}$

Interoperability Model*

Interoperability Measurement

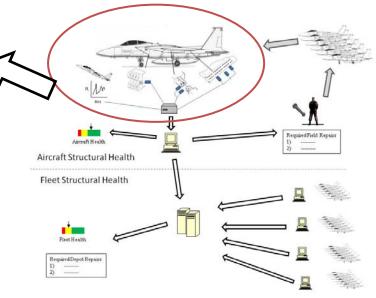
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	HB	0	1/9	1/9	1/9	² / ₂₇	2/27
	ISR	1/9	0	5/ ₂₇	8/ ₂₇	2/9	2/9
M =	AOC	1/9	1/9	0	4/27	² / ₂₇	² / ₂₇
	PSP	1/9	1/9	1/9	0	7/27	7/27
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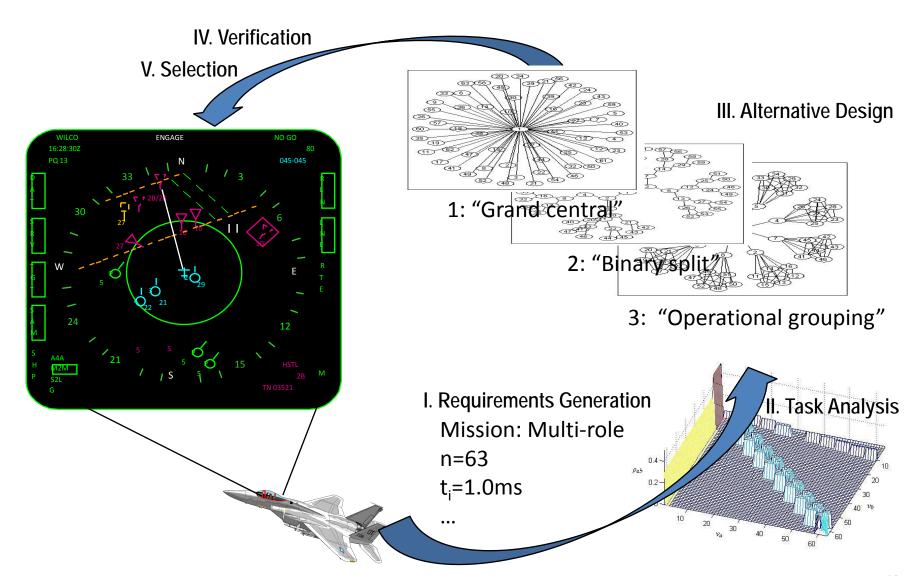
INTEGRATED STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING



Research Question

- How can the capability of a Structural Health Monitoring system be estimated over the remaining life of a legacy aircraft?
 - Critical to maintaining a SHM system after installation
 - Provides information for SHM system design trade-offs
 - Provides information for Cost-benefit analysis
 - More SHM maintenance = Less cost savings
 - Method must relate to current practice for practical acceptance











APPLIED RESEARCH



AFIT Applied Research Threads



A Sample of Applied SE Research at AFIT

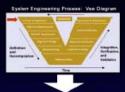
- Rapid Response to Urgent Warfighter Needs
- Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental Projects
 - Cooperative small air vehicle surveillance concepts
- Early SE Application for Technology and Capability Planning
 - Analysis of functional autonomy
 - Process modeling and risk analysis for decision making
- Architecture Modeling for Concept Evaluation
 - Evaluating military worth using architecture based discrete event simulations
- Spacecraft Dynamics and Control Testbed



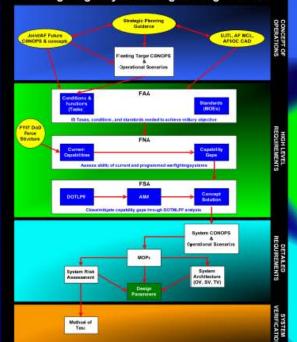
AIR FORCE CENTER FOR SYSTEMS ENGINEERING Systems Engineering Analysis For Transition of Fleeting Target Demonstrator



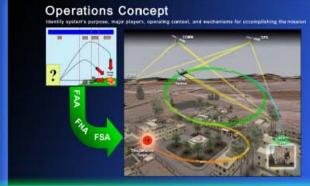
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Fleeting Target Systems Engineering Process



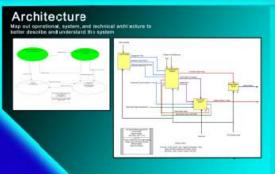


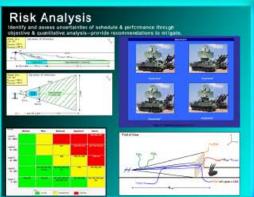












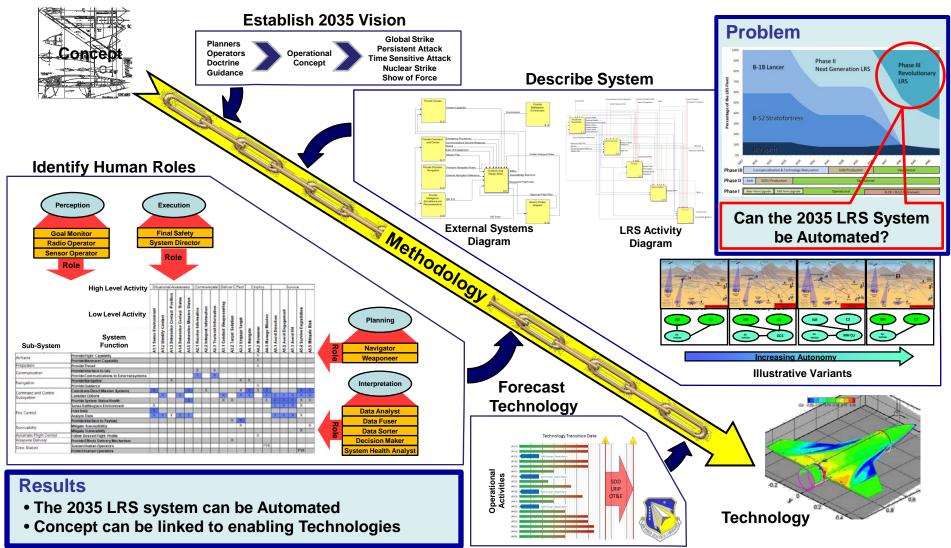


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An Analysis of Functional Autonomy









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Creating a Discrete Event Simulation to Determine the Military Worth of Developing an Electronic Warfare Battle Manager Function within an Airborne Electronic Attack System of Systems Architecture



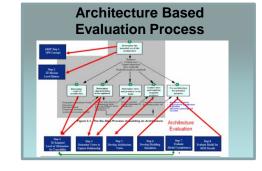


Results							
Measures of Effectiveness	No EWBM	EWBM					
Wicasards of Effective ress	Baseline	No Decision Authority	Limited Decision Authority	Full Decision Authority			
M1 Minutes to reassign AEA Assets		•	0	•			
M2 Percent reduction in of SAM detection rate due to jamming		0	0				
M3 Percent of strike aircraft Pd by Pop-up SAMs on route			0				
M4 Percent of strike aircraft Pd by known SAMs on route		0	0				
M5 Percent of strike package attritions due to enemy air defenses							
M6 Percent of strike packages whose mission is degraded by enemy air defenses		0	0	0			
Statistically significant improvement							
 No statistically significant improvement or degradation 							
Statistically significant degradation							

Problem Statement

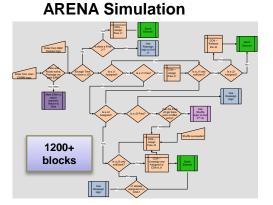
How can the AEA SoS architecture be used to evaluated the military worth of an Electronic Warfare Battle Management (EWBM)?



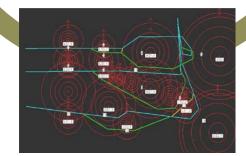


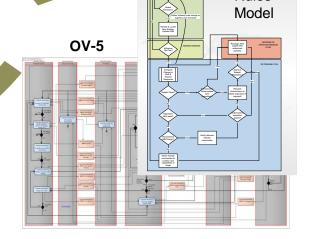
AEA SoS Architecture

Rules



Falcon View Mission Plan



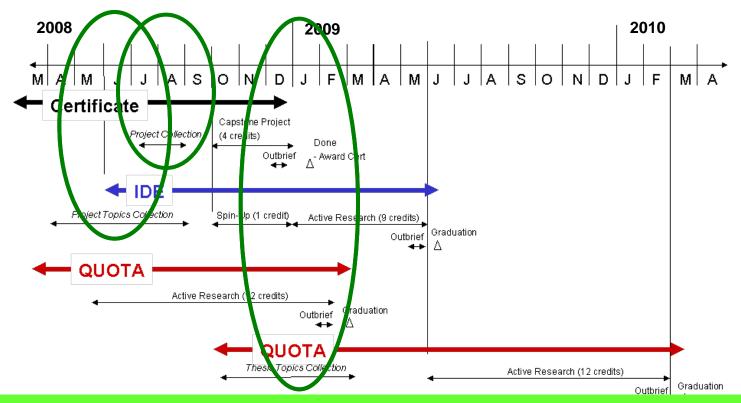




Challenge: Finding the best projects



 We invite the committee to sponsor relevant projects for our SE students



Target Times for new projects: May-August (Certificate and IDE), Nov-Feb (Quota)



Conclusion



- AFIT is focusing more effort on Basic SE Research
 - Interoperability
 - Reliability and Integrated Health Monitoring
 - Design for Human Systems Integration
- SE Research should include <u>applied</u> research activities in SE process improvement
 - Early Enterprise and System Architecture and evaluation
 - Executable Architectures
 - Network Centric Operations modeling (graph theory, CPNs)

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QUESTIONS?





Backups



Research Definitions





Basic Research Basic research is systematic study directed toward greater knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications towards processes or products in mind. It includes all scientific study and experimentation directed toward increasing fundamental knowledge and understanding in those fields of the physical, engineering, environmental, and life sciences related to long-term national security needs. It is farsighted high payoff research that provides the basis for technological progress. ...

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