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Economic Benefits of Vertical Alignment

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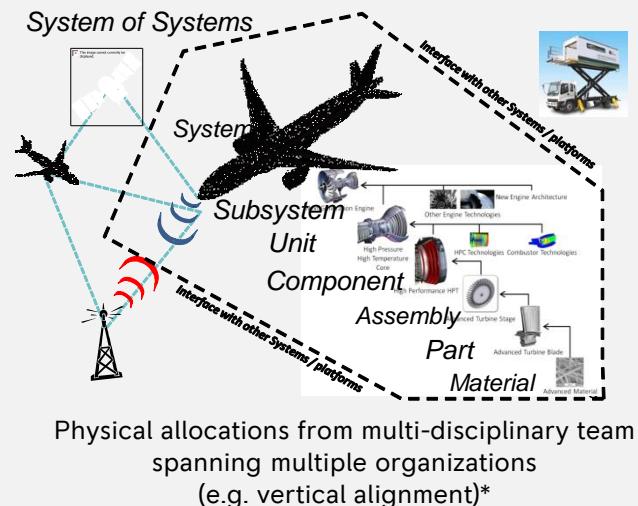
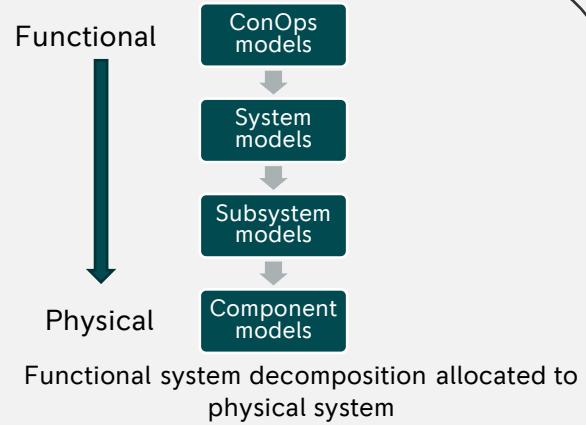
“Good teams become great ones, when the members trust each other enough to surrender the ‘me’ for the ‘we’.”

Phil Jackson

Agenda

- 01 Perceived benefits; defining the problem
- 02 Contributions to inefficiencies; team dynamics
- 03 Case study introduction; real world situation
- 04 COSYSMO estimates; prediction validation
- 05 Actual benefits; continuous improvement
- 06 Overall delta; federated vs integrated teams
- 07 Future work; horizontal alignment
- 08 Summary

Context for presentation



Source:

* Jimenez, French.

"SE_CoS_for_G135_Face_to_Face_Meeting." AIAA Aerospace Systems Integration Working Group, PowerPoint Presentation, January 2012

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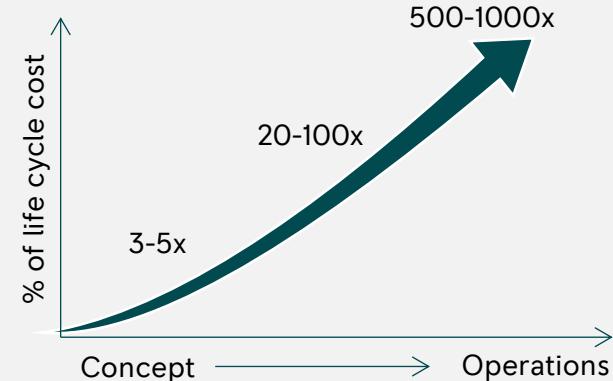
Costs Increase Across a Full Life Cycle

Program costs can be reduced by:

- Making early decisions with good information and analysis
- Removing errors early in the life cycle
- Quickly managing impacts downstream to conceptual changes
- Representation from all skillsets in early life cycle phases

Program costs will be increased through:

- Hasty conceptual commitments without stakeholder buy-in through concurrent design
- Insufficient planning for incremental improvement (plan for requirements to evolve)
- Unaccounted uncertainties due to long development periods

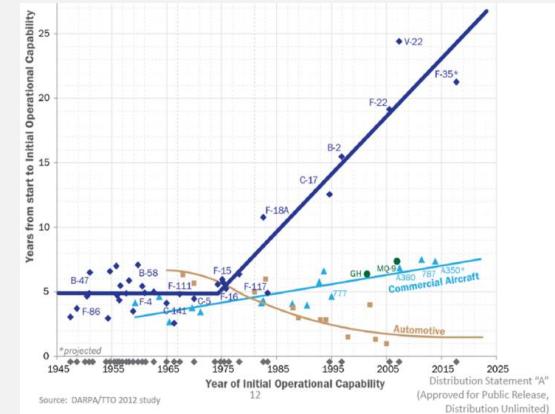


The time value of money is demonstrated by the increase in the amount of late life cycle dollars to fix problems; a dollar's value decreases the later a defect is found

Programs are becoming less efficient

Defense Aerospace Trends are Unsustainable

- New Program Introduction (NPI) to Initial Operating Capacity (IOC) time duration increases program schedule
- Program schedule increases directly impact program costs
- Defense aerospace programs need to implement costly mitigations to late life cycle defects
- Need to address early phases of a programs life cycle to establish architecture capable of incremental change across multiple skillsets
- Multiple skillsets found within multi-disciplinary team spanning multiple organizations



“Hockey stick chart” showing unsustainable military aerospace costs¹

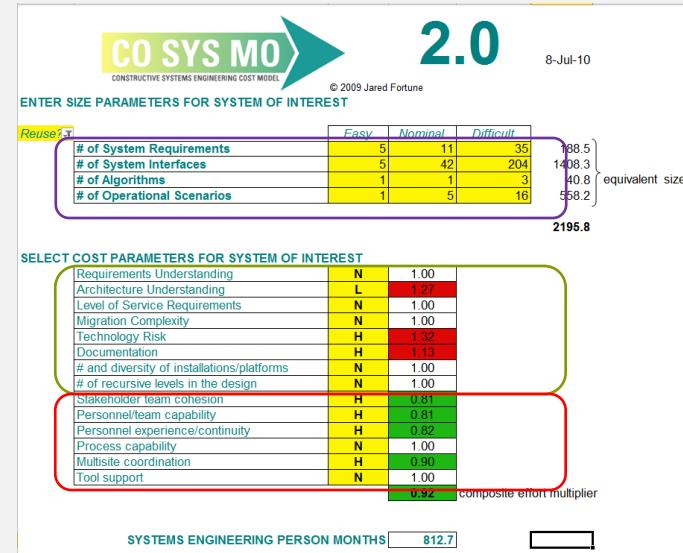
Program efficiency possible through systems engineering team effectiveness

Team Dynamics Contribute to Inefficiencies

COSYSMO addresses first four phases of a programs life cycle by estimating systems engineering scope through two categories of parameters

1. Size drivers → additive & incremental
2. Effort multipliers → multiplicative and system-wide
 - 8 of 14 multipliers require team understanding
 - 6 of 14 multipliers are team dynamics
 - Directly impact program cost parameters as effort multipliers

Assessing systems engineering effectiveness shows direct correlation to program cost overruns¹



COSYSMO model estimates amount of systems engineering effort needed²

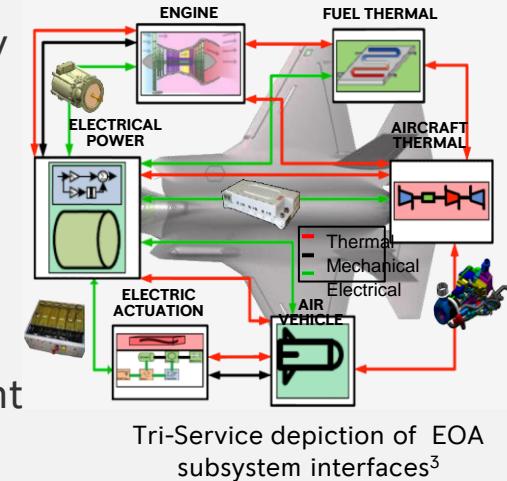
Case Study Introduction

Prediction that conventional ‘cut & try’ approaches add cost & delays

New design process required for identification and down-select of promising alternative architectures for increased aircraft complexity found in Energy Optimized Aircraft (EOA)

Process shall account for EOA attributes¹:

- Revolutionary capabilities / architectures
- Multi-level modeling and simulation (M&S)
- Collaborative working environment
- Concurrent efforts on advanced component and subsystem development
- Must account for “entire” energy picture²
- Flexibility to support emerging capabilities²
- Vehicle level system assessment and optimization requires complex highly integrated models²
- Open design space for supporting technologies and architectures
- Full system architecture exploration requires significant resources

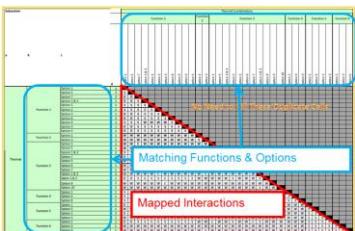


Sources:

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2. Wolff, M.; “Tip-to-Tail” Energy/Engine/Power/Thermal MS&A; AFRL; 2010
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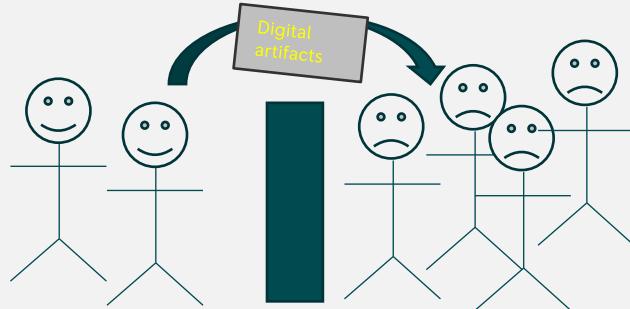
Case Study Estimates

Estimated ~5x
benefit
through team
changes only



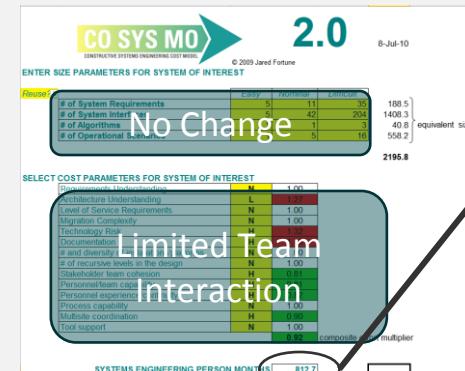
Correlation matrix sample*

Traditional 'cut & try' approach



"Throw it over the wall"

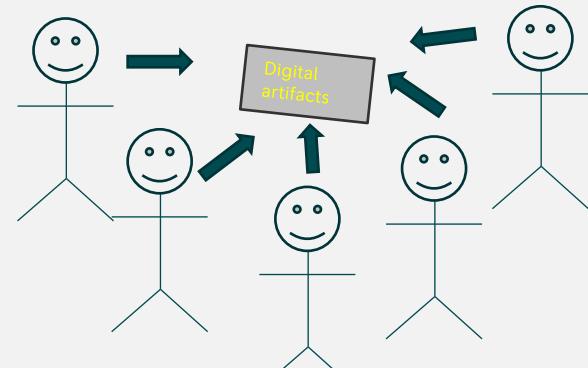
- Federated subsystems
- Organizational silo's
- Discipline silo's
- Limited horizontal cross-talk
- Limited vertical visibility
- IP Restricted
- Incremental arch development



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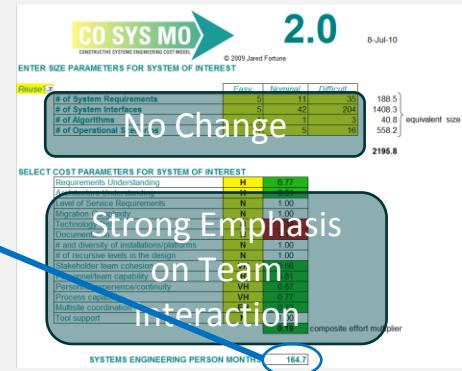
Two types of team approaches

Vertically aligned 'IPT' approach



"Collaborative Discussion"

- Multiple correlations matrices
- Co-located teams
- No IP barriers – team wins
- Better first time
- Multi-organizational team
- Multi-disciplinary team
- Concurrent team approach



Source: One of 14 linked correlation matrices described in AIAA 2013-0882

Case Study Results – Concept Phase Only

Results confirm estimates and show ~5x cost savings ratio through vertical alignment

| | Cost per model (\$M) | # of models needed using Cut & Try Approach | # of models needed using Integrated team Approach |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Conceptual models | 1.4 | 9 | 2 [†] |
| Detailed models | 2.9 | 3 | 1 |
| NPW (\$M) | | -21.4 | -4.3 |
| FW (\$M)** | | -29.3 | -5.9 |

Case study baseline:

- Limited to architecture development in Concept Phase
- Assumed no future iterations needed
- Assumed no forecasted interest rate changes
- FW estimates limited to today's architecture modeling expenditures

Significant performance improvement:

- Team achieved >100% improvement over baseline aircraft
- USAF expected ~40% improvement
- Two independent teams achieved similar results with differing costs

[†]Provided 2 conceptual level models, of which the second built off the first with cost equal to 1 conceptual model

^{*}Used 10 year DoD life cycle from NPI to EIC per USC SAE560¹

^{**}Used 3.2% interest rate per Deloitte forecast²

Product validation through vertical & horizontal alignment

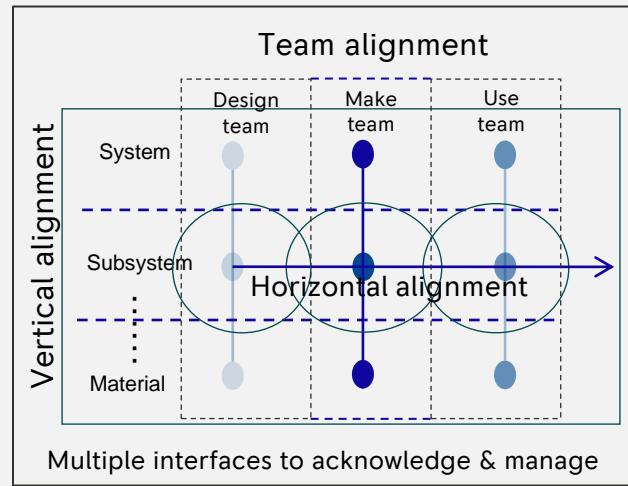
Future Work – Horizontal Alignment

Horizontal alignment spans:

- Conceptual phase
- Design phase
- Development phase
- Production / test phase
- Operations phase
- Disposal phase

Team alignment needed to realize:

- System digital twin
- System digital threads
- Prognostic capability
- Understand impacts of uncertainties
- Aid ability to make good decisions
- Maintain engineered product validation

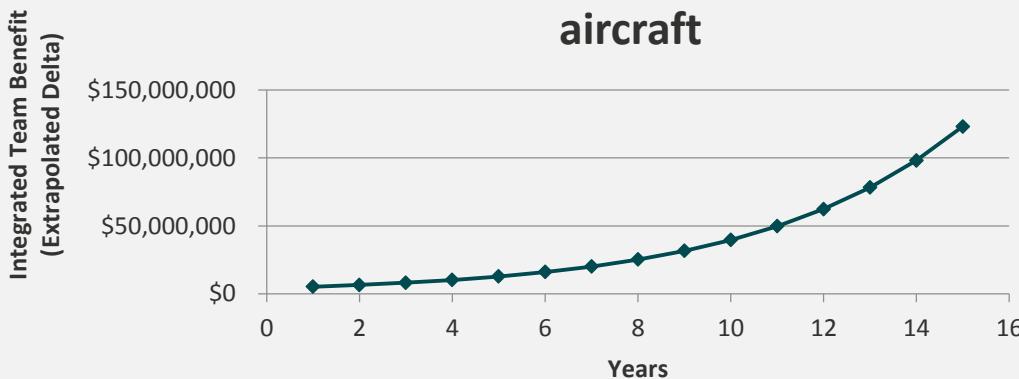


**Better concept
phase
teamwork
saves ~17% off
total cost for a
single aircraft**

Aircraft Extrapolation – Integrated vs federated

- A little upfront investment in improving teamwork goes a long way
- More pre-work = less rework

**Extrapolation of initial integrated team
(Concept phase) with federated teams
(Design thru Ops phases) for a single
aircraft**



- Projected economic benefits of extending the vertical alignment IPT approach to horizontal alignment across the entire life cycle can yield substantial economic benefits.
- Substantial cost savings are possible not by diluting the requirements but by “simple” team dynamics.
- By adopting the IPT approach in the concept phase can yield a ~17% (\$123M) cost savings for a single aircraft (\$132B for fleet)
- By adopting the IPT approach in the concept, design, development, and test phases can yield a ~47% (\$560M) cost savings for a single aircraft (\$604B for fleet)

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Future State – Extended Depiction

A work in progress – future state depicted

Horizontal alignment with vertical alignment across the life cycle



BoP – Bill of Process

BOS – Base Operations Services - Bill of Service

CAD – computer-aided design

CAE – Computer-aided engineering

CAT – Computer assisted translation - Computer Aided Testing

EKM – Enterprise knowledge management

OSC – Operational Safety Case - Operational State Changes

POI – Point of Interest - Product Operational Instruction

REQ – Requirements

WI – Work Instruction

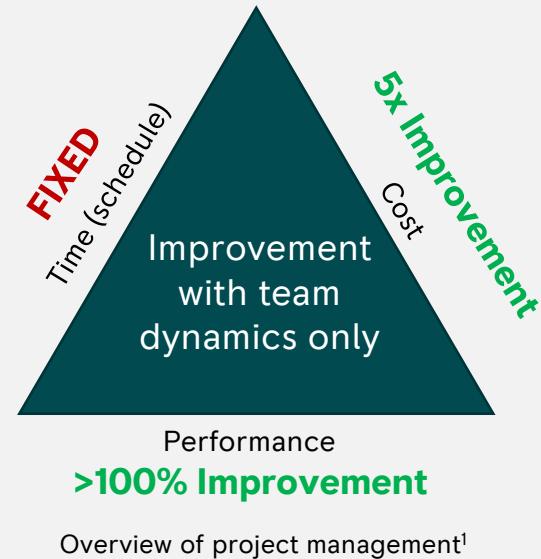
Note: Limited life cycle artifacts shown for brevity & clarity

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Cost & performance improvement achievable through team dynamics

Summary

- Defects are not like wine; they don't get better with age
- Programs are becoming less efficient
- Program efficiency through systems engineering team effectiveness
- Conventional 'cut & try' approaches add cost & delays
- COSYSMO estimates for 5x benefit through team changes only were validated
- Results show ~5x cost savings ratio through vertical alignment
- Better concept phase teamwork saves 6% off total cost
- Future work can show product validation through vertical & horizontal alignment
- Horizontal alignment is vertical alignment across the life cycle



Overview of project management¹

Adapted from Kerzner, H.; Project Management; 8 th Ed; 2003



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Vertical Alignment Process¹

3 Distinct Phases

1. Functional decomposition
2. Technology selection
3. Architecture composition

Technology / architecture transition

