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# **COSYSMO Calibration and Next Steps**

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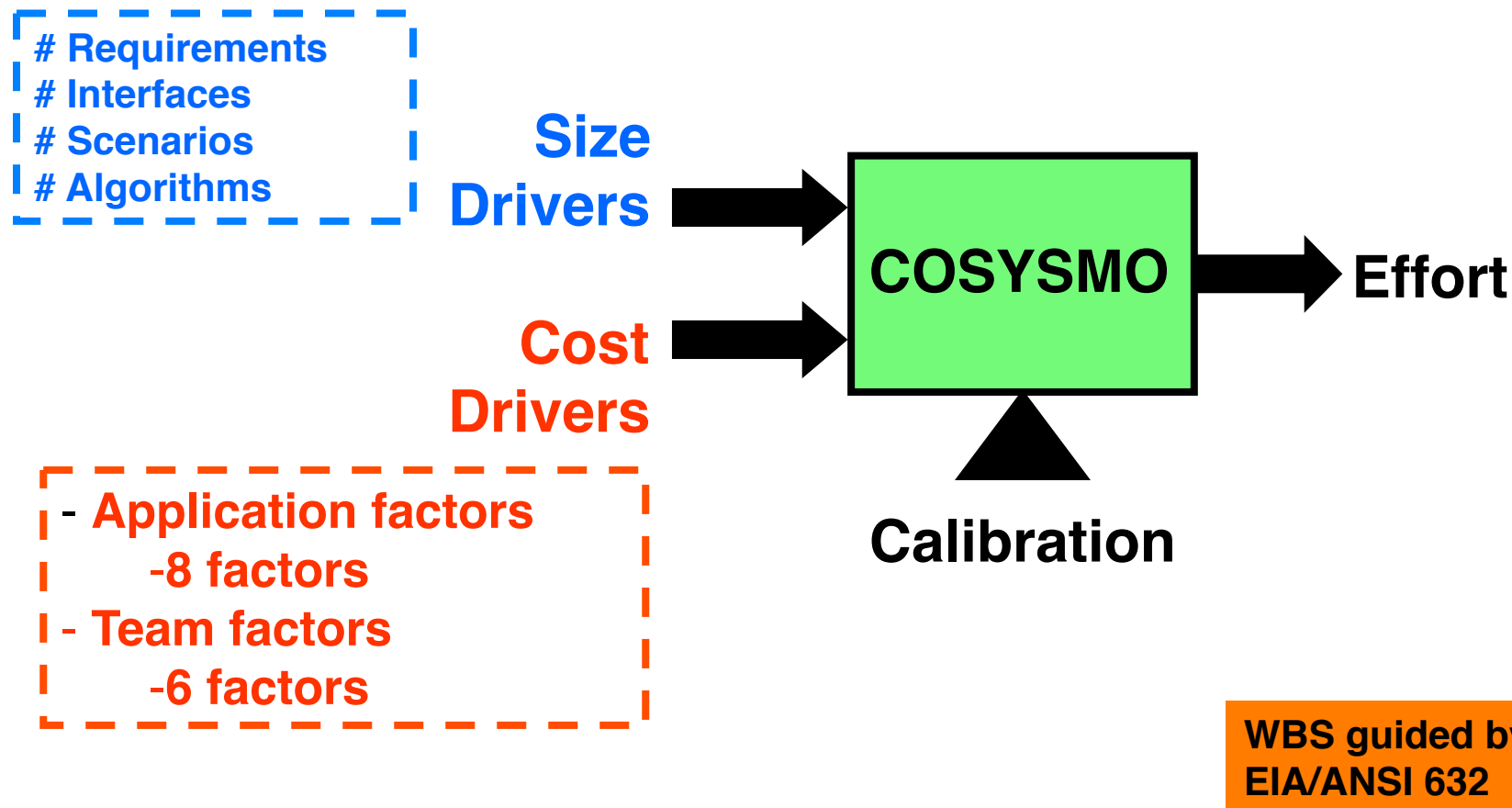
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# COSYSMO Model



How much systems engineering effort is needed on projects?

# COSYSMO Cost Drivers (14)

## UNDERSTANDING FACTORS

- Requirements understanding
- Architecture understanding
- Stakeholder team cohesion
- Personnel experience/continuity

## COMPLEXITY FACTORS

- **Level of service requirements**
  - *Used in RMS calibration*
- **Technology Risk**
  - *Evaluated by RMS but not used*
- # of Recursive Levels in the Design
- Documentation Match to Life Cycle Needs

## OPERATIONS FACTORS

- # and Diversity of Installations/Platforms
- Migration complexity

## PEOPLE FACTORS

- Personnel/team capability
- Process capability

## ENVIRONMENT FACTORS

- Multisite coordination
- Tool support

**Raytheon Missile Systems (RMS) calibration only used  
Level of Service Requirements  
(second largest Effort Multiplier Ratio)**

# Academic COSYSMO Calibration Sources

Raytheon	<i>Intelligence &amp; Information Systems (Garland, TX)</i>
Northrop Grumman	<i>Mission Systems (Redondo Beach, CA)</i>
Lockheed Martin	<i>Transportation &amp; Security Solutions (Rockville, MD)</i> <i>Integrated Systems &amp; Solutions (Valley Forge, PA)</i> <i>Systems Integration (Owego, NY)</i> <i>Aeronautics (Marietta, GA)</i> <i>Maritime Systems &amp; Sensors (Manassas, VA; Baltimore, MD; Syracuse, NY)</i>
General Dynamics	<i>Maritime Digital Systems/AIS (Pittsfield, MA)</i> <i>Surveillance &amp; Reconnaissance Systems/AIS (Bloomington, MN)</i>
BAE Systems	<i>National Security Solutions/ISS (San Diego, CA)</i> <i>Information &amp; Electronic Warfare Systems (Nashua, NH)</i>
SAIC	<i>Army Transformation (Orlando, FL)</i> <i>Integrated Data Solutions &amp; Analysis (McLean, VA)</i>

# COSYSMO Cost Estimating Relationship

$$PM_{NS} = A \cdot \left( \sum_k (w_{e,k} \Phi_{e,k} + w_{n,k} \Phi_{n,k} + w_{d,k} \Phi_{d,k}) \right)^E \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{14} EM_j$$

Where:

**PM<sub>NS</sub>** = effort in Person Months (Nominal Schedule)

**A** = calibration constant derived from historical project data

**k** = {REQ, IF, ALG, SCN}

$w_x$  = weight for “easy”, “nominal”, or “difficult” size driver

$\Phi_x$  = quantity of “k” size driver

**E** = represents diseconomy of scale

**EM** = effort multiplier for the  $j_{th}$  cost driver. The geometric product results in an overall effort adjustment factor to the nominal effort

**Cost Drivers ( $\prod_{j=1}^{14} EM_j$ ) affect only the A coefficient, not E**  
**Difficult form to calibrate**

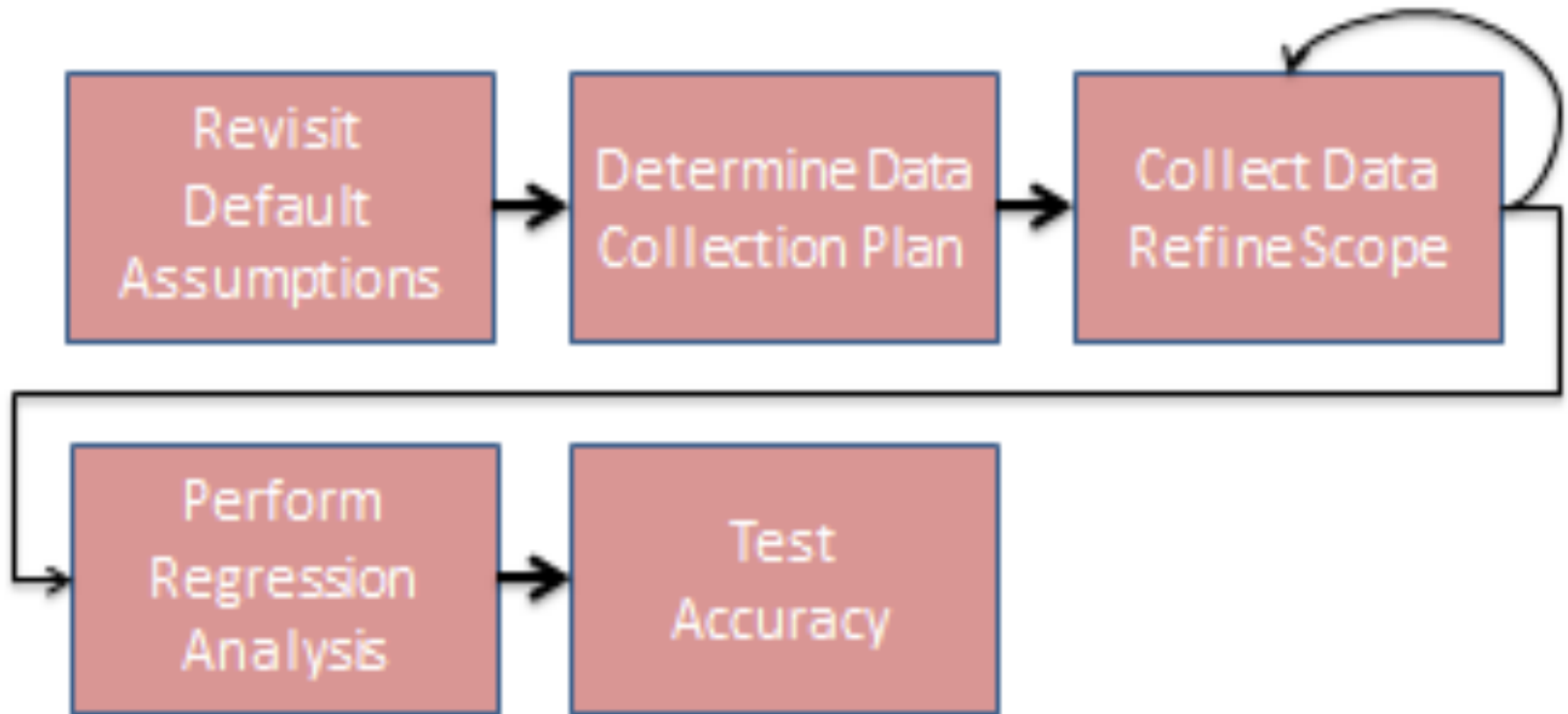
# RMS Calibration of COSYSMO

- Valerdi moved to Tucson to teach at the University of Arizona
  - Fall, 2011
  - Christopherson suggested local calibration of COSYSMO as a work project
- Goal was to calibrate local values for A and E that matched actual costs of RMS programs
  - Had to re-write the equation so that the cost drivers could be used to calibrate both A and E parameters
    - Cost drivers scale the size drivers in new equation
  - Standard learning curve format ( $a \cdot x^e$ ) where  $x$  = eShalls scaled by cost drivers
    - Simple linear regression methodology (in logarithms) solves for both A and E

$$PM_{NS} = A \cdot \left( \left( \sum_k w_e \Phi_e + w_n \Phi_n + w_d \Phi_d \right) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{14} EM_j \right)^E$$

**COSYSMO equation re-written in standard learning curve format**

# 5-Step Calibration Process





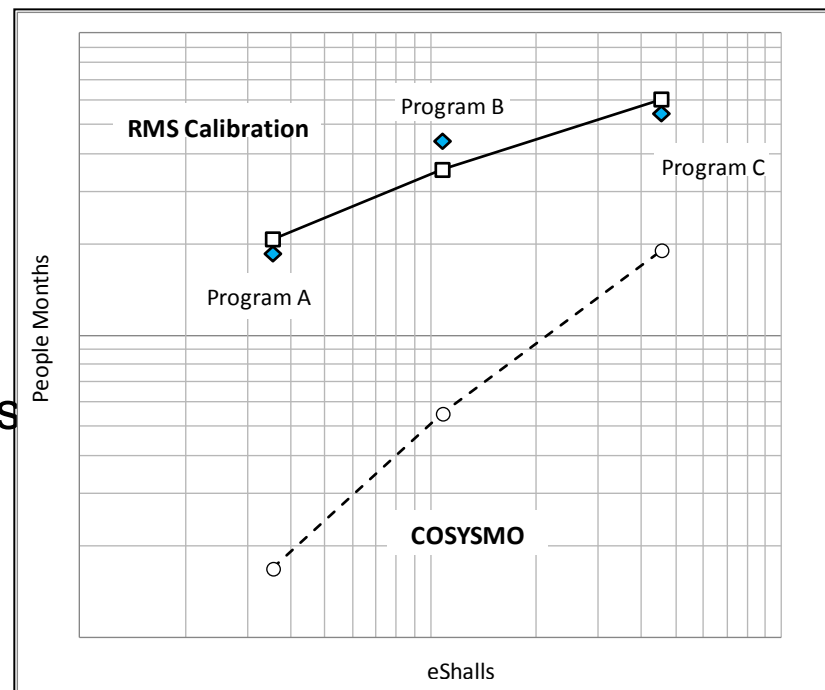
# Project Methodology

- Data collection
  - Initial pilot test developed given very short time constraint
    - Only used the requirements size driver representing the left side of the Vee
      - Initial pilot provided proof of concept (Dec 2011)
  - Added remaining size drivers and cost drivers in early 2012
    - Down sized to just one cost driver (Level of Service Requirements)
      - Coupling of Key Performance Parameters (KPPs) was significant for RMS
  - Added systems test hours representing right side of the Vee as final iteration
    - Test and Evaluation of requirements
- Used weighting factors from academic COSYSMO
  - Delphi method deemed as best information source on the topic
    - Used Bayesian calibrated weights for both size drivers and cost drivers
      - Valerdi (2005) Dissertation Table 54 for size drivers and Table 55 for cost drivers

**Three iterations of 5-Step Calibration Process**

# Results

- A and E calibrated for RMS actuals
  - Significantly different than COSYSMO
  - $R^2 = 89\%$  for small sample size
- COSYSMO did not include any missile programs
  - RMS SE definition includes Specialty Disciplines (e.g., Cost Engineering, Risk Mgmt) and other processes
- RMS' methodology appears fairly consistent across programs
  - Flatter slope than COSYSMO
- Reduced version accurately predicts systems engineering effort
  - Not all cost drivers are necessary when homogenous programs exist



**Project successfully demonstrates local calibration**

# On-Going Work

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- RMS currently developing new Productivity Metric for Systems Engineering using the calibrated model
  - Past metric used only requirements as Systems Engineering tasks
  - New method measures how hours are spent using all COSYSMO size drivers
    - Requirements, Interfaces, Scenarios, and Algorithms
    - Actual hours are then compared to locally calibrated model estimate
      - Includes the one cost driver (Level of Service Requirements)
- Right side of the Vee (Test and Evaluation) work with Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems (IDS)
  - Adjust size and cost drivers to accommodate T&E considerations
  - Develop new size and cost drivers that are relevant to T&E
  - Propose a systems engineering effort allocation for T&E tasks
  - Incorporate reuse considerations related to T&E

# Summary

- COSYSMO local calibration methodology demonstrated
  - Equation was re-written as a learning curve
    - Solved for local costs at RMS using simple linear regression methodology
  - New equation allows cost drivers to influence both A and E parameters
    - Still contains the “spirit” of the cost drivers
      - Cost drivers scale the size drivers in new equation
- On-going work includes the following:
  - Systems Engineering productivity metric project
    - Uses four size drivers and one cost driver to represent SE work
  - IDS project focusing on right side of Vee
    - Test and Evaluation

**COSYSMO can be calibrated for local business methodology**