
Developing a Human Performance Model Based Systems Engineering System Architecture (MBSE-SA) for Defense Applications

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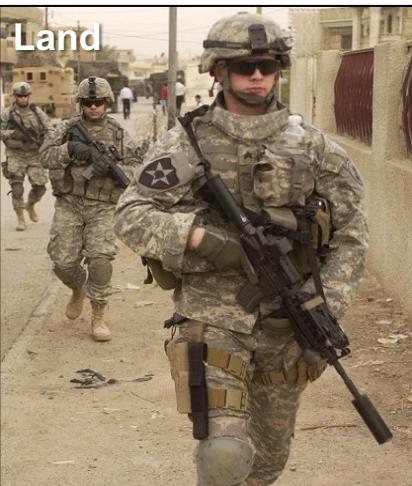
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Monitoring Operators in Stressing Conditions



High consequence for poor performance, both physically and cognitively

Enabling Mission Success Through Human Performance

Requires warfighter data

Physiological Data

- Physical
- Cognitive
- Social-Emotional
- Health



Task Outcome Data

- Doctrinal success criteria
- Subjective success assessment
- Objective success assessment

Human Performance Model



Individualized and team analytics



Human performance relationships

Task Performance Model



Requires Relationship Models

Providing actionable information for performance decisions

Task selection



Team selection



Performance prediction



Skill assessment



Readiness assessment



Training requirements



Tactical mission decision making

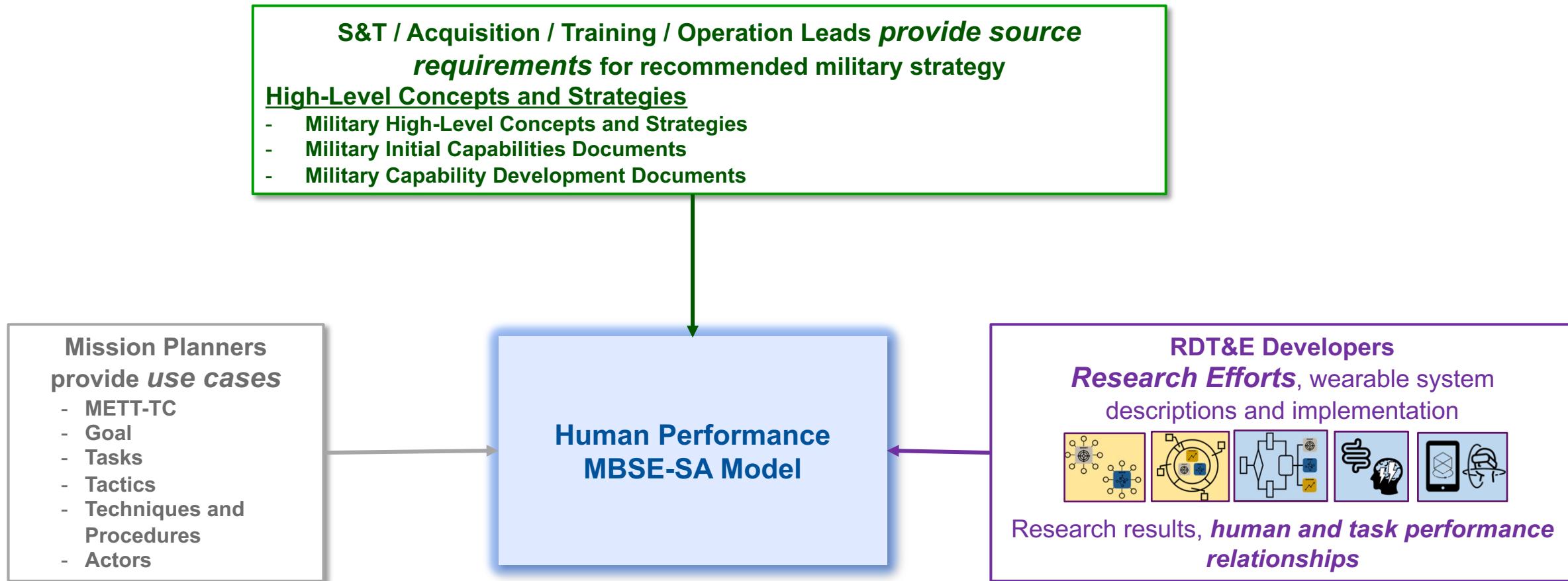


Performance enhancement



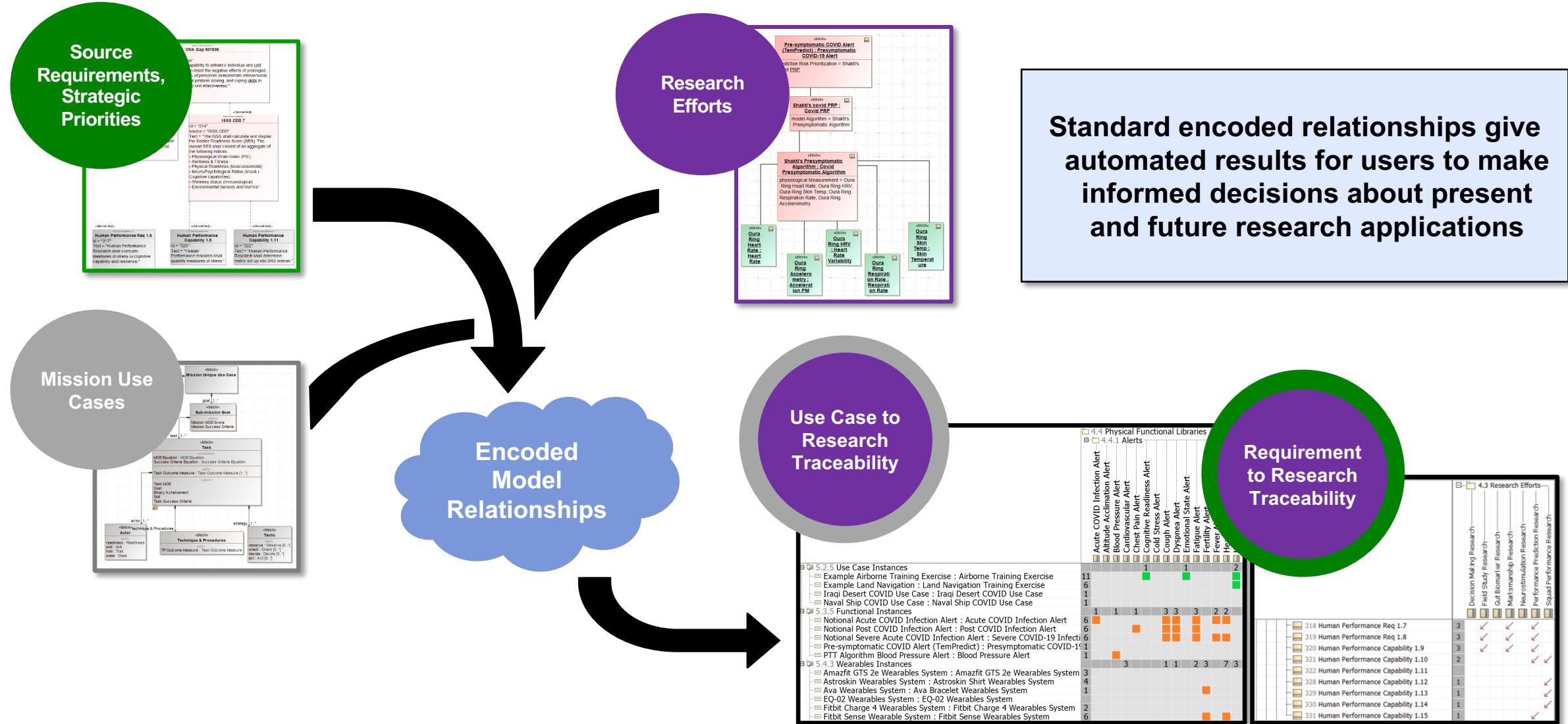
Increasing mission success through improved human performance requires validated models that relate measurable human characteristics, task outcomes, and recommended actions

Strategy for Improving Human Performance



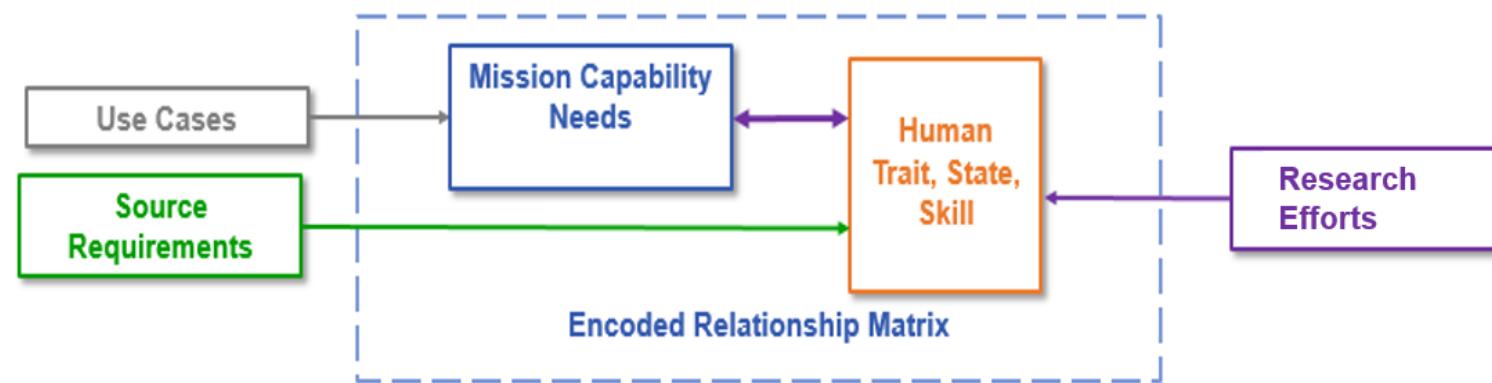
Human Performance MBSE-SA model, together with the INCOSE 2021 Wearables model, can find human performance research gaps and suggest wearable systems to use for research into that gap area

Human Performance MBSE-System Architecture Framework



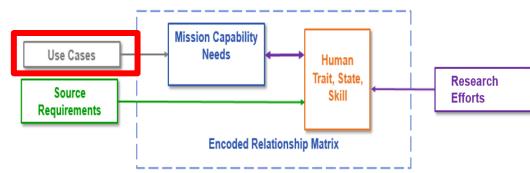
Encoded Relationships of the Human Performance MBSE-SA

- Relationships provide traceability among research efforts, source requirements, and use cases
 - Identify research and capability gaps
 - Minimize research redundancy by detecting areas for collaboration
 - Understand human performance needs of the DoD & how to quantify human TSS
- Relationship Options
 - DIRECT: Trace research directly to requirements or use cases
 - INDIRECT: Trace source requirements and use case capability needs via human performance structures and functions (TSS) to the research focused on the TSS



Indirect encoded relationships allow for development of solution agnostic human performance requirements where multiple research efforts can address needs

Use Case Relationship Example



- Focus on capturing highly leveraged “scenarios” (aka capability requirements); use cases will be built from libraries as needed.

Use Cases

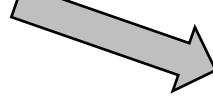


Airborne Operations



Airfield Seizure

“require...”



Mission Capability Need



Heavy Load

Human Trait/State/Skills

Power & Endurance

Heat stress

Musculoskeletal
Fatigue

Cognitive fatigue

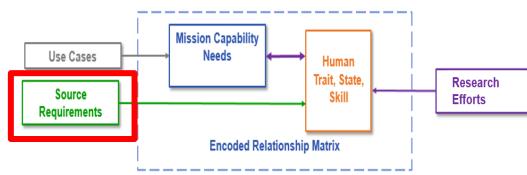
Stress
Responsiveness

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Encoded Relationship Matrix



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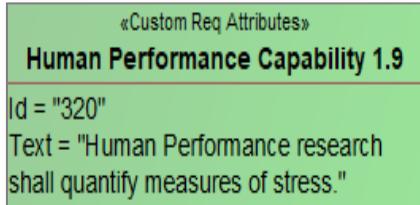


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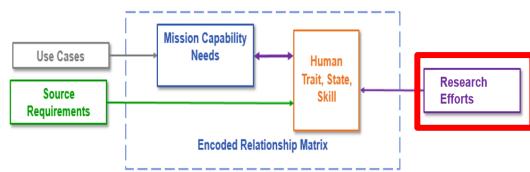
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Use Cases



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Custom Req Attributes	
Human Performance Capability 1.9	
Id = "320"	
Text = "Human Performance research shall quantify measures of stress."	

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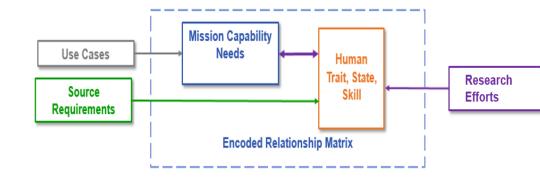
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Research Efforts

	Field study endurance research
	Marksmanship research
	Performance prediction research
	MSI research
	Cognitive fatigue research
	Performance readiness metric research
	Performance prediction research

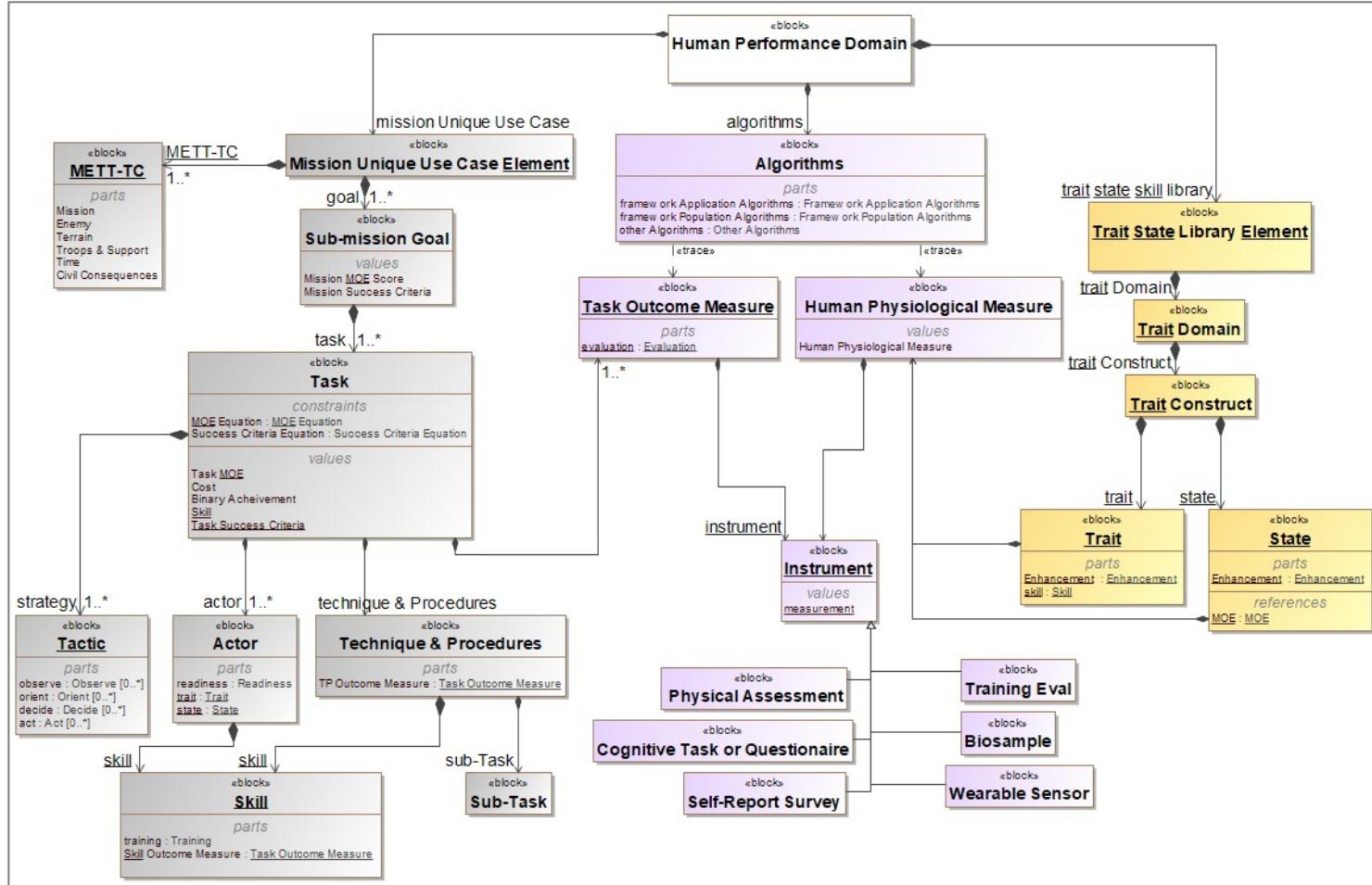
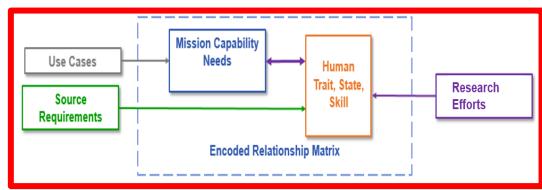


Overview of Human Performance MBSE-SA Methodology



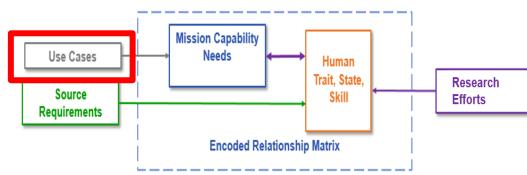
1. Create a conceptual architecture to identify and relate use case, **human system**, and **solution architecture elements**
2. Create model libraries containing specific use cases, TSS, and research efforts from military mission planner and RDT&E developer inputs
3. Capture military strategic source requirements
4. Create relationship models between the following:
 - Source requirements and research efforts via the needed human TSS
 - Use case elements and research efforts via the needed human TSS to accomplish the mission
5. Generate analysis products that compare required TSS to ongoing research focusing on those areas

1. Conceptual Systems Architecture Framework

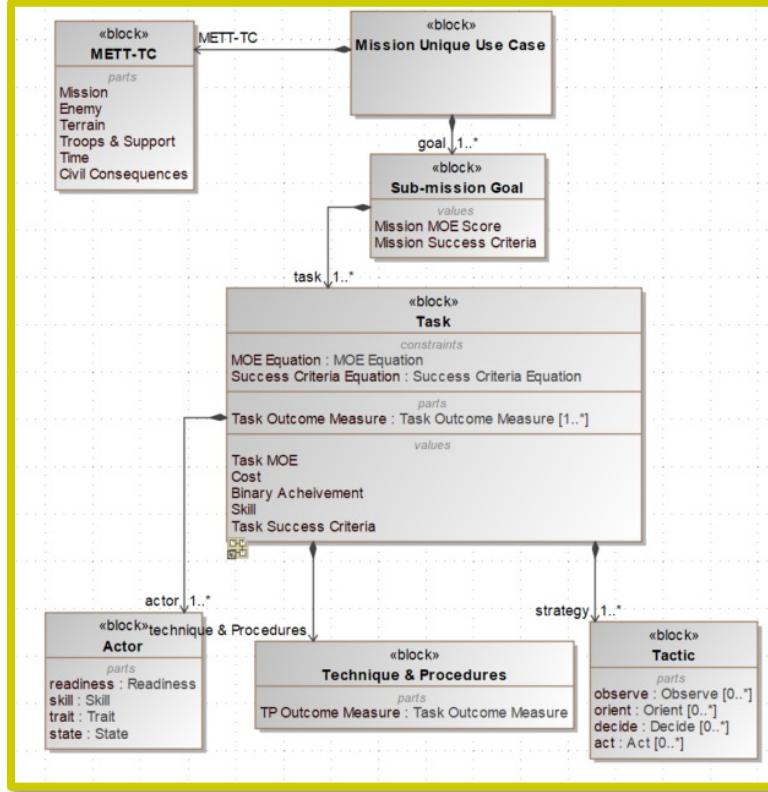


Enables straightforward integration of new capabilities
and supports automatic propagation of characteristics and requirements among branches

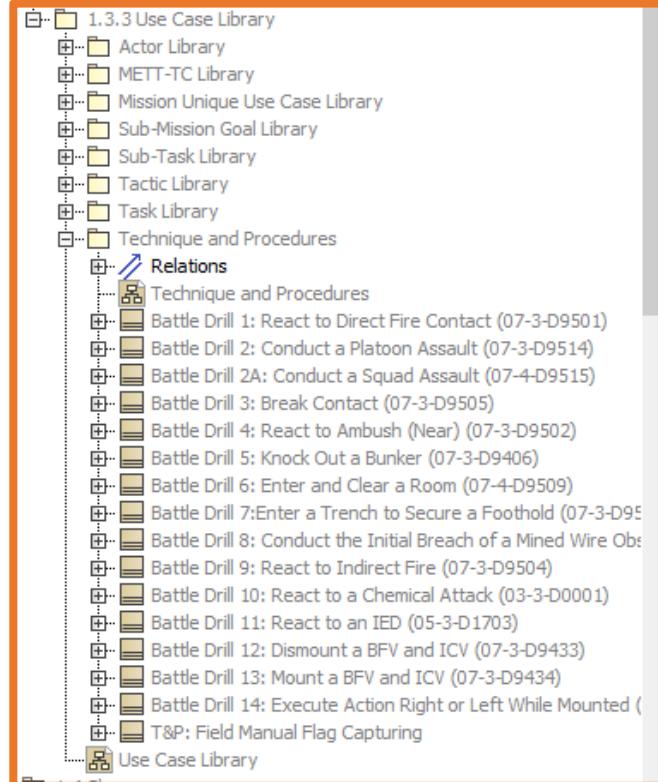
Use Case Architecture Definition



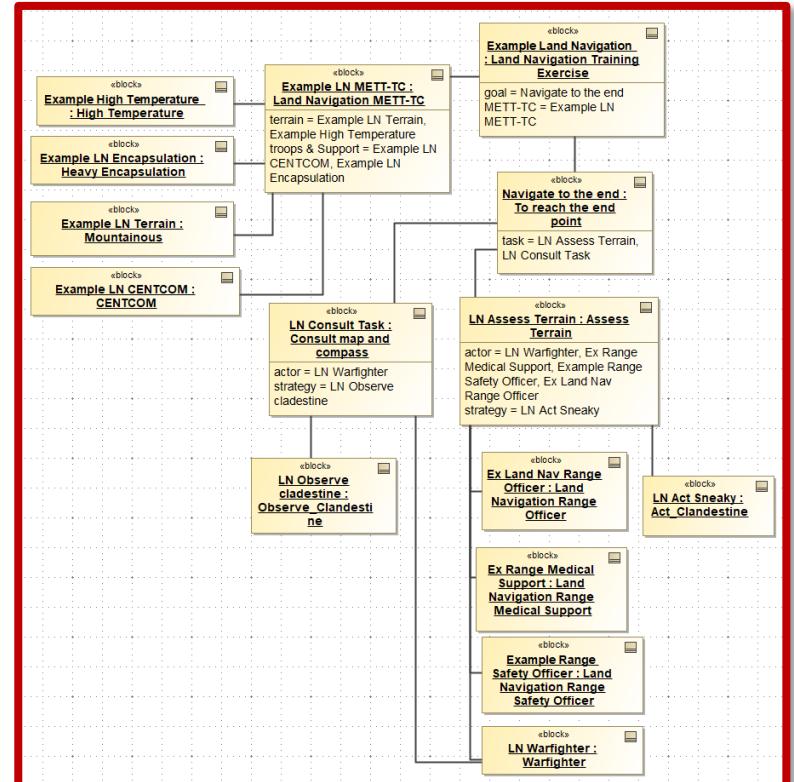
Conceptual Architecture



Use Case Library



Use Case Instance



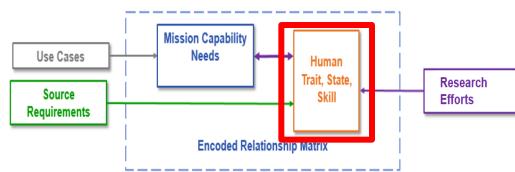
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Specific

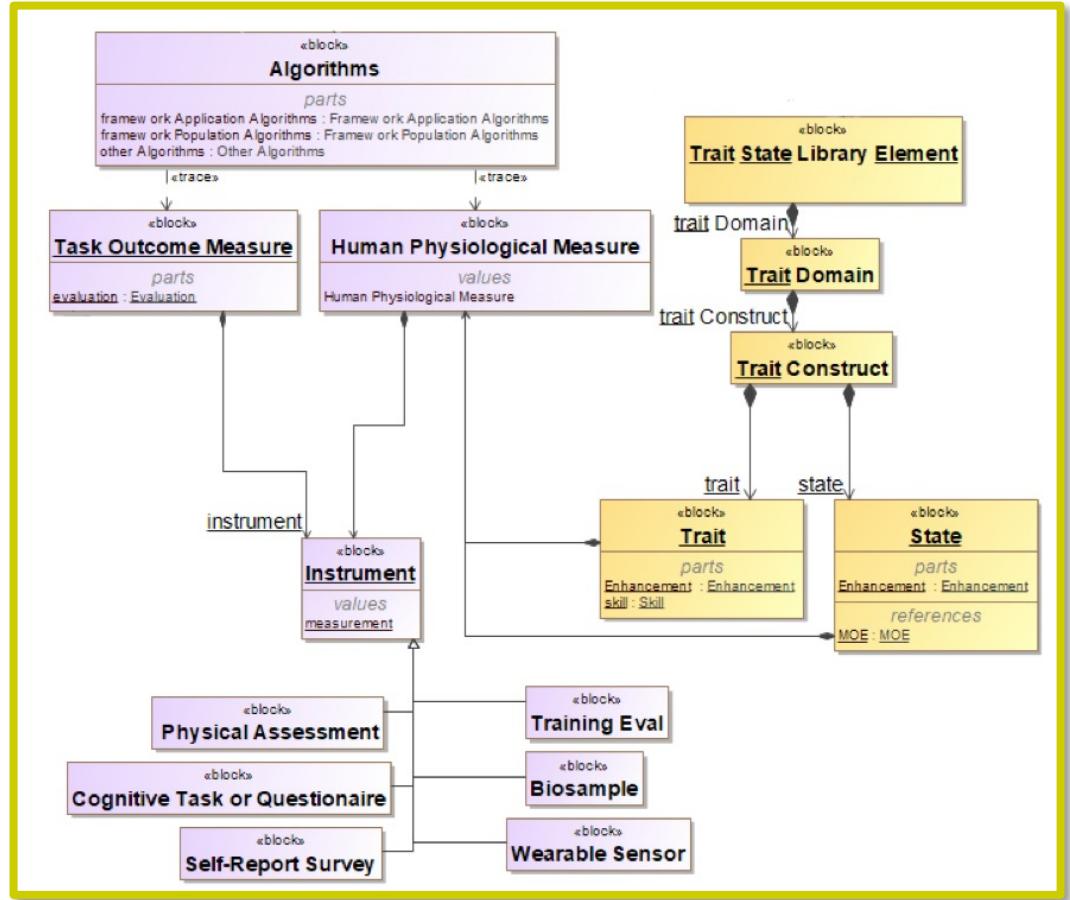
Model libraries serve as a database built upon the conceptual framework abstractions, allowing for a reusable common foundation to assess the compatibility and capabilities of real-world systems



2b. Model Libraries: Human Traits, States, and Skills

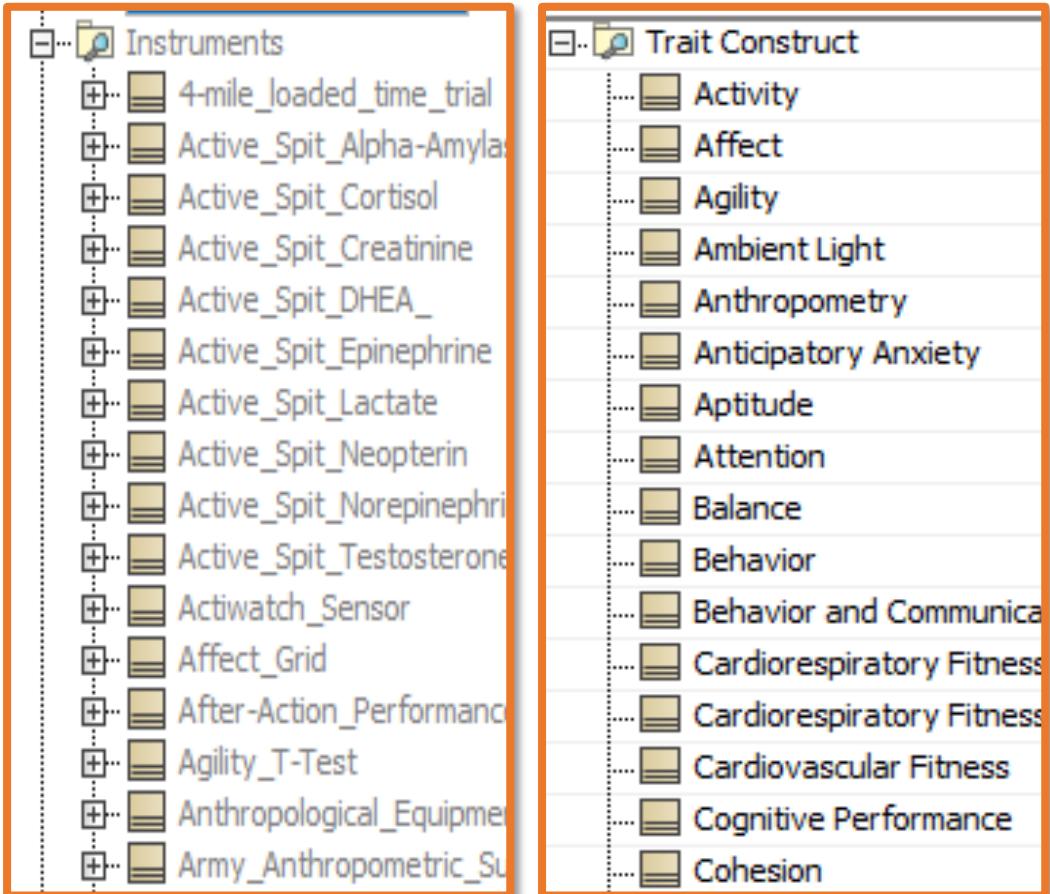


Conceptual Architecture



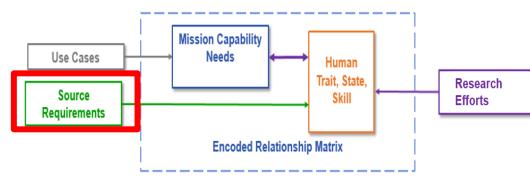
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Human (TSS) and Solution Library (examples)



Specific

3. Source Requirement Architecture



S&T / Acquisition / Training / Operation Leads provide source requirements

- Military High-Level Concepts and Strategies
- Military Initial Capabilities Documents
- Military Capability Development Documents

Legend

What Trait Constructs Requirements Need



Human Trait, State, Skill Library

Gap 501026
Id = "290"
source = "FY Gaps"
Text = "The Army lacks the capability to enhance individual and unit readiness/resilience in order to resist the negative effects of prolonged exposure to stress so that 80% of personnel demonstrate interpersonal adaptive thinking, interpersonal problem solving, and coping skills in order to maintain individual and unit effectiveness."

CDD 1

CDD 7
Id = "314"
source = "CDD"
Text = "The Army shall calculate and display the Soldier Readiness Score (SRS) consisting of the following indices:

- Physiological Strain Index (PSI)
- Fitness
- Wellness Status (Immunological)

"

Captured directly from source documentation

Derived research targets

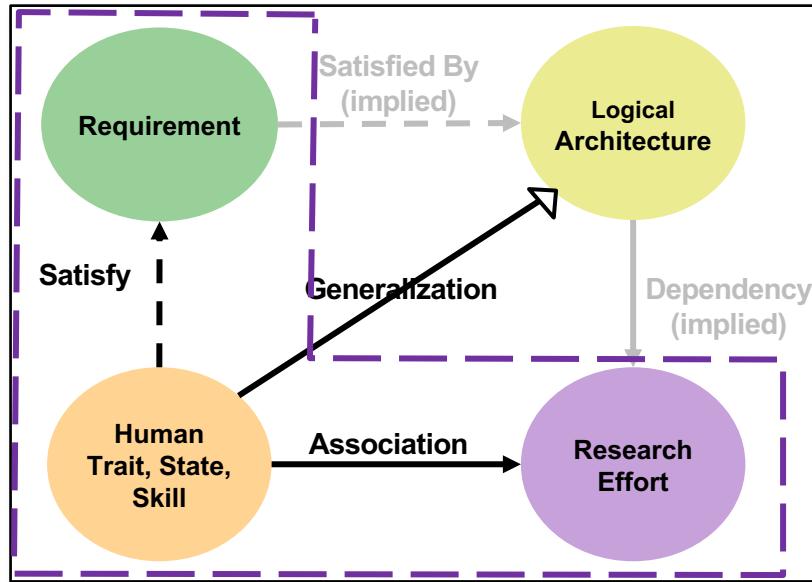
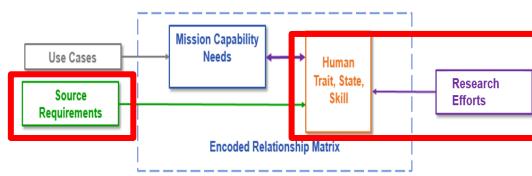
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Human Performance 1.9
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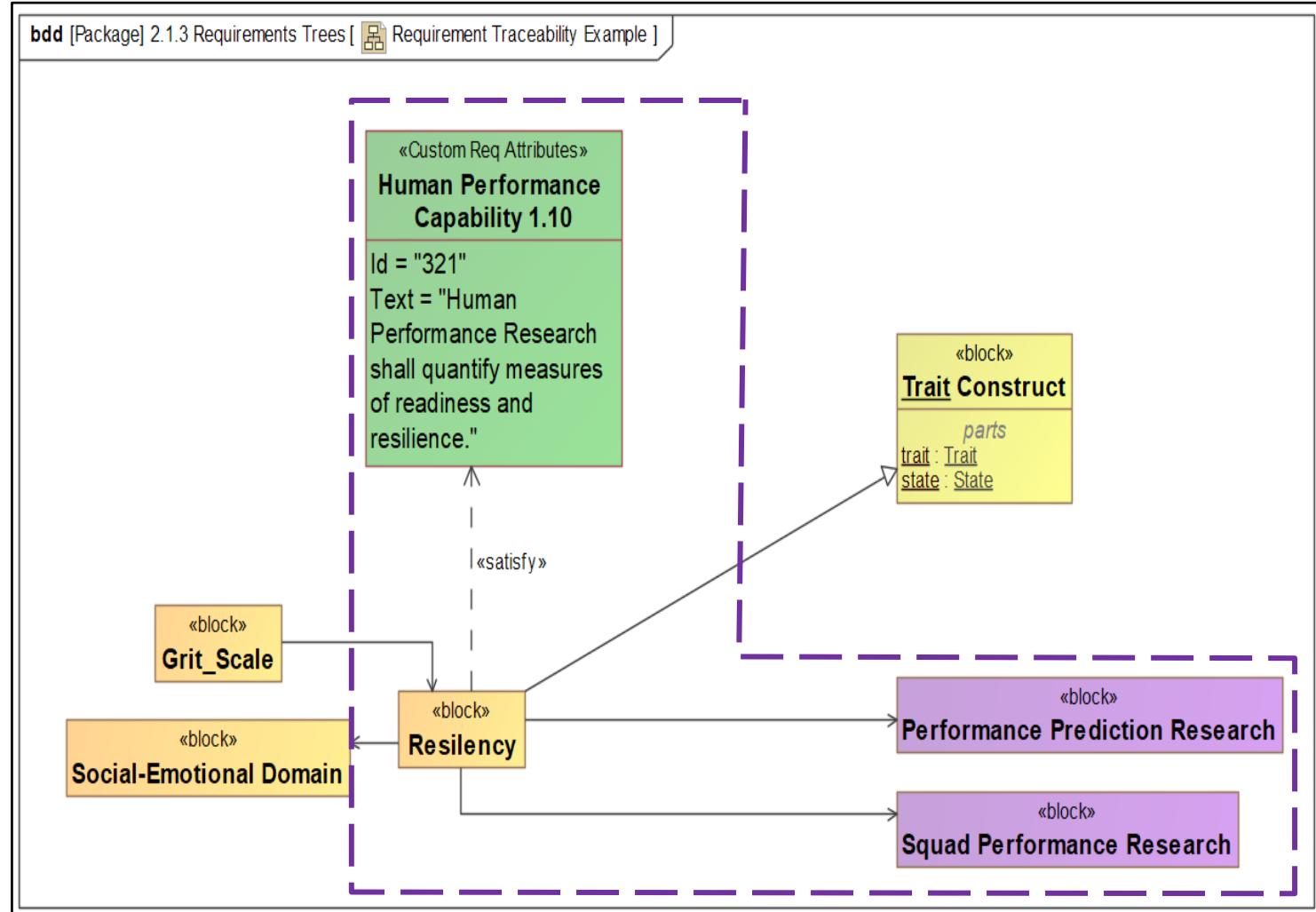
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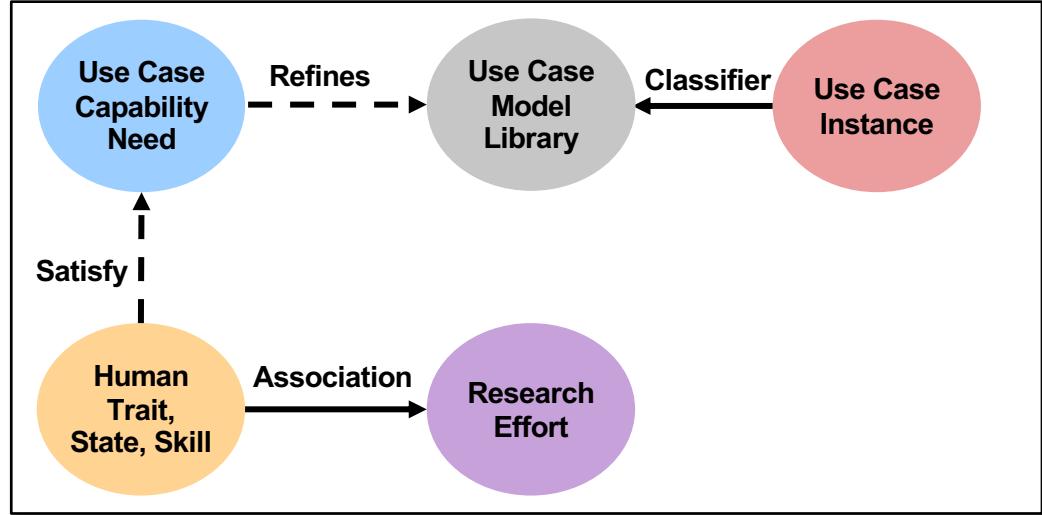
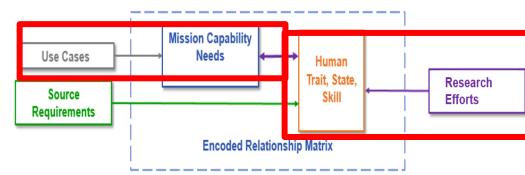
4a. Source Requirement to Research Effort Relationship Model and Analysis



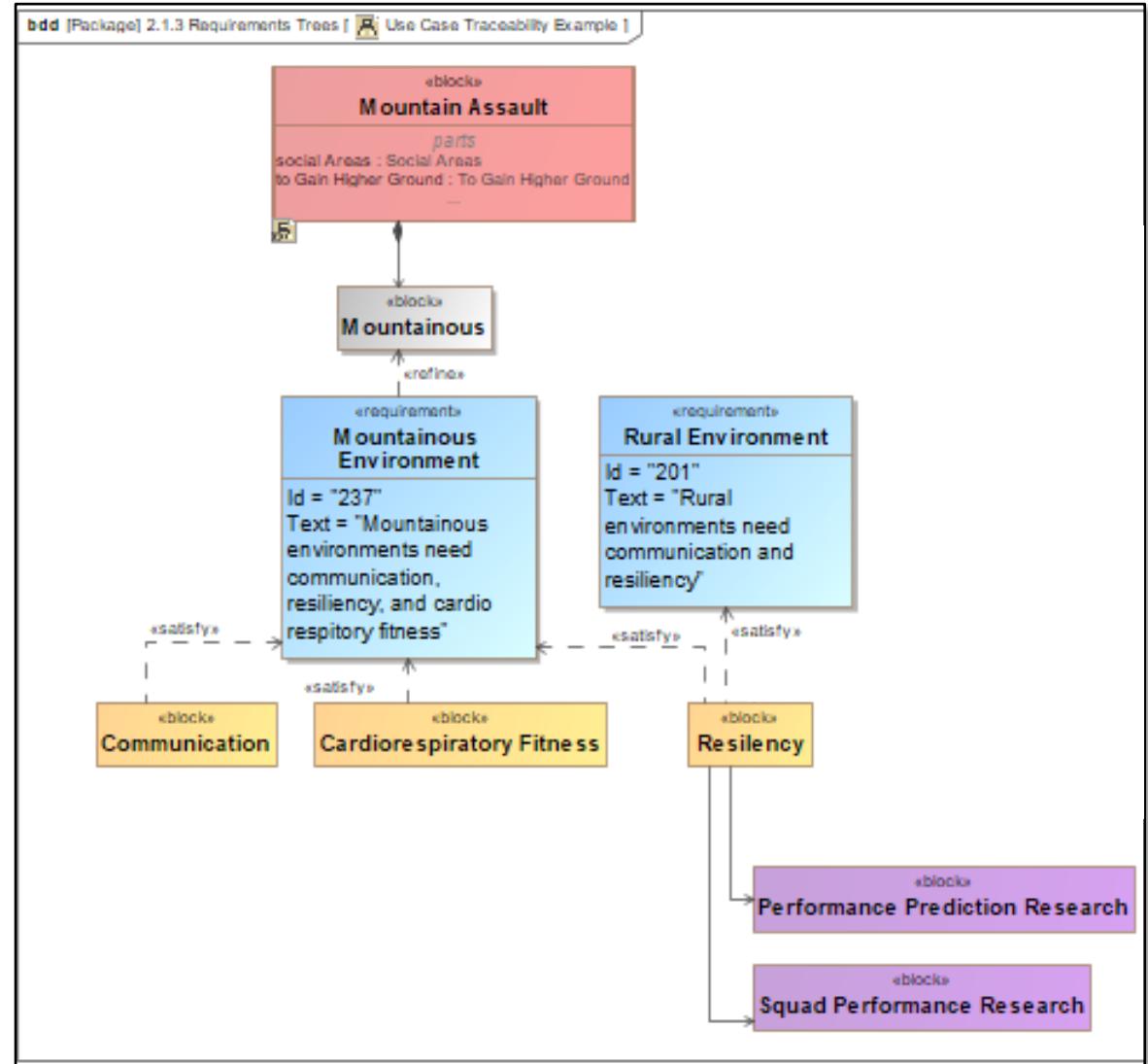
- Ingested requirements are linked to the architecture
- Research addresses architecture needs
- Indirect traceability through the architecture enables gap identification in research or requirement set



4b. Use Case to Research Relationship Model and Analysis



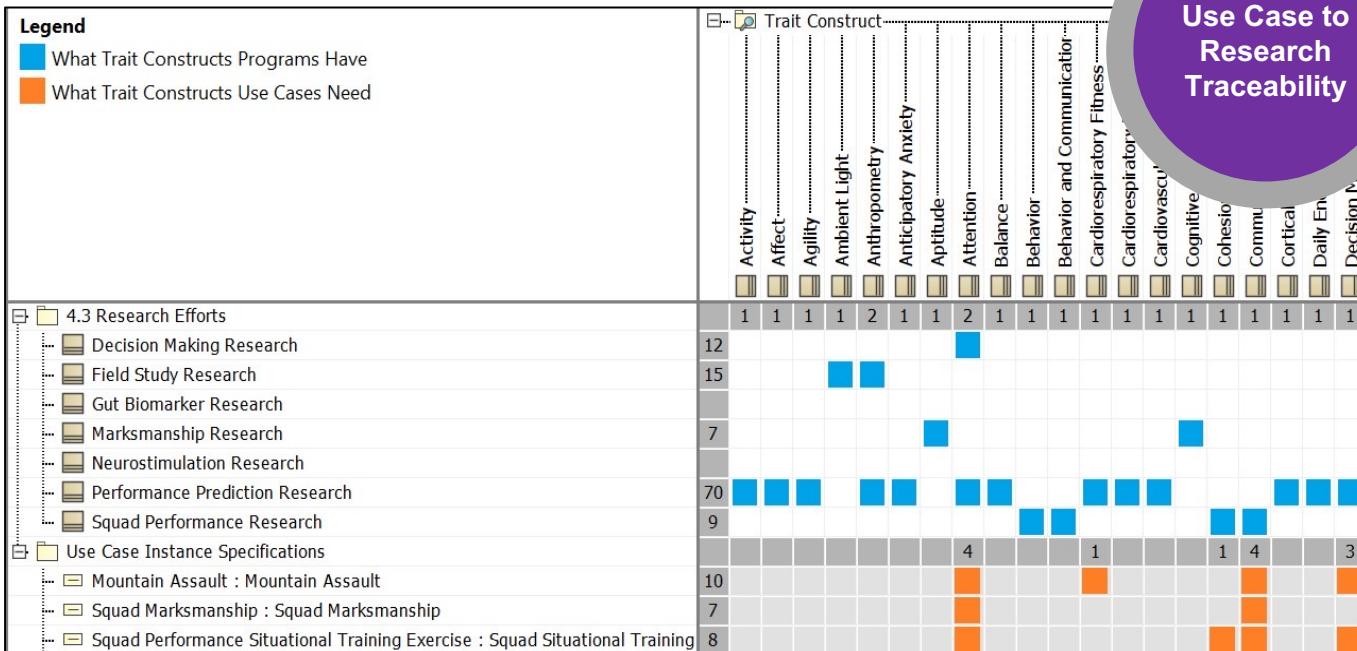
- Unique use case instances are built from library elements
- For every library element, we write capability needs requirements that are satisfied by the physical solution architecture
- Indirect modeling relationships allow for generating multiple unique use case instances that exploit the same library elements and associated requirements.



5. Model Outputs: Assess Research Portfolio and Perform Gap Analysis



- Research descriptions and results populate the libraries and use cases capability needs relationships
- Provides traceability of research to mission needs and requirements
- Gaps can be prioritized based on mission needs



Use Case to Research Traceability

Legend

- Program to Capability Need (Pink)
- Program to Trait Construct (Blue)

4.3 Research Efforts

- Decision Making Research
- Field Study Research
- Gut Biomarker Research
- Marksmanship Research
- Neurostimulation Research
- Performance Prediction Research
- Squad Performance Research

Human Trait, State, Skill

- 320 Human Performance Capability 1.9
- 321 Human Performance Capability 1.10
- 322 Human Performance Capability 1.11
- 328 Human Performance Capability 1.12
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- 331 Human Performance Capability 1.15

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Requirement to Research Traceability

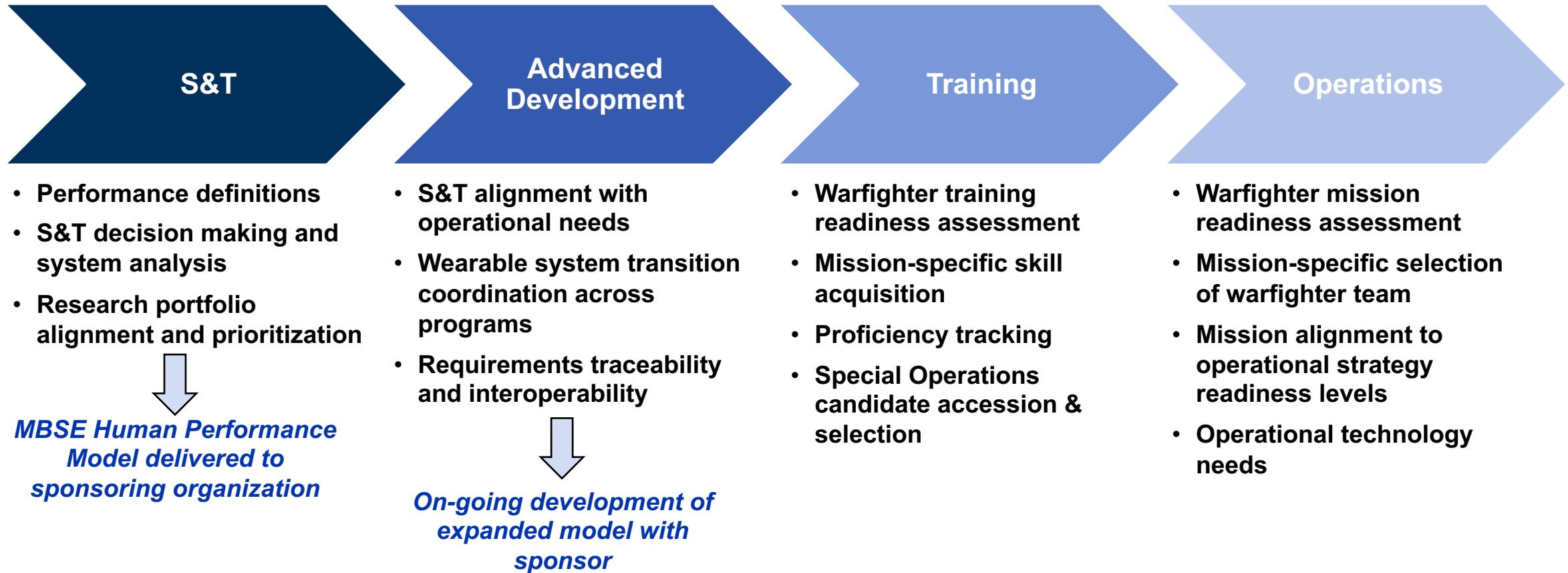
No number indicates a gap in research for a requirement

Blue identifies human TSS being researched via specific efforts

Orange identifies human TSS needed for a given mission use case

Model analysis can identify research gaps in areas of mission need

Applying and Operationalizing the Framework



Human Performance MBSE-SA Framework is the foundation on which stakeholder applications can be built



Future Work Opportunities

- Seek stakeholder buy-in to the MBSE approach across human health and performance communities of interest
- Expand MBSE models for transition to broader usage
 - Improve tool usability for easier ingest of stakeholder information
 - Host model to expand access across stakeholder and technology development communities
 - Define access management, configuration management, scope, IP protection, and data security
- Populate models via stakeholder input to capture requirements, use cases, concepts of employment, and solution architectures
- Develop and extend framework applications to meet the needs of the advanced development, training, and operational communities



Summary

- The Human Performance MBSA-SA Framework is the reusable foundation on which stakeholder applications can be built to streamline programs and reduce costs
- Human Performance MBSE-SA successfully addresses the military's human performance framework and knowledge repository needs by:
 - Automatic traceability from end user explicit and derived needs to research objectives and results
 - Identification of highest priority capability needs for research focus
 - Identification of whether critical gaps are being overlooked or only partially addressed
 - Tracking and traceability across research efforts
- Across the DoD, the MBSE-SA can be applied to improve training, procurements, and command decisions
- This model, together with the INCOSE 2021 Wearables model, can find human performance research gaps and suggest wearable systems to use for research into that gap area
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