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**Applications for Three Research Use Cases in Model Centric Engineering  
using ModelCenter and MBSE Pak**

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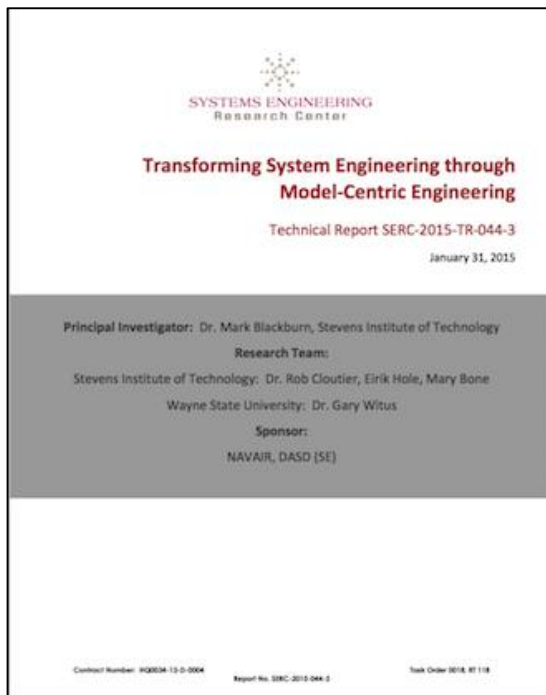
- Historical perspective and resources
- Context for research use cases
- Use cases:
  1. Developing Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization (MDAO) workflows for Key Performance Parameter (KPPs) examples at system level
  2. ModelCenter integrated with a Graphical Concept of Operation (CONOPS) example using Unity gaming engine at the mission level
  3. ModelCenter and MBSE Pak, with MagicDraw SysML to formalize the concept of an Assessment Flow Diagram, which is part of a recent PhD Decision framework and process

# Historical Perspectives and Resources

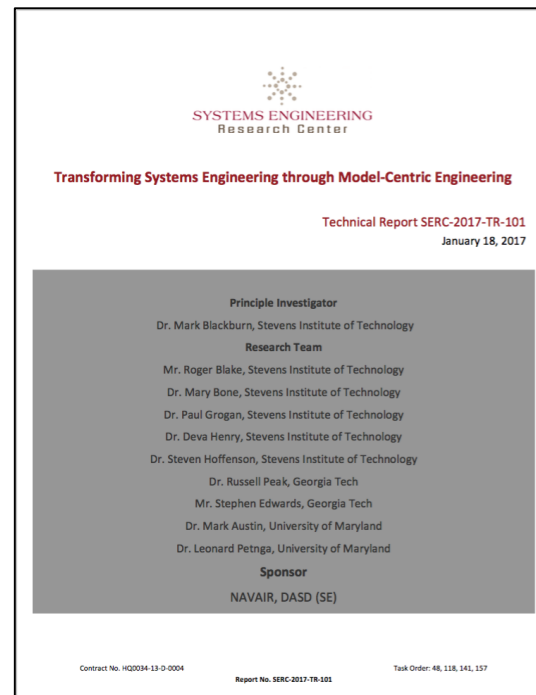
## • Resources

- Technical reports link: <http://www.sercuarc.org/researcher-profile/mark-blackburn/>
- Comprehensive briefing: <http://www.sercuarc.org/publications-papers/presentation-systems-engineering-transformation-through-model-centric-engineering-past-why-present-what-and-future-how/>

### NAVAIR: RT-141 Phase I Summary



### NAVAIR: RT-157 Phase II – SET Initiated



### ARDEC: RT-168 Synergistic



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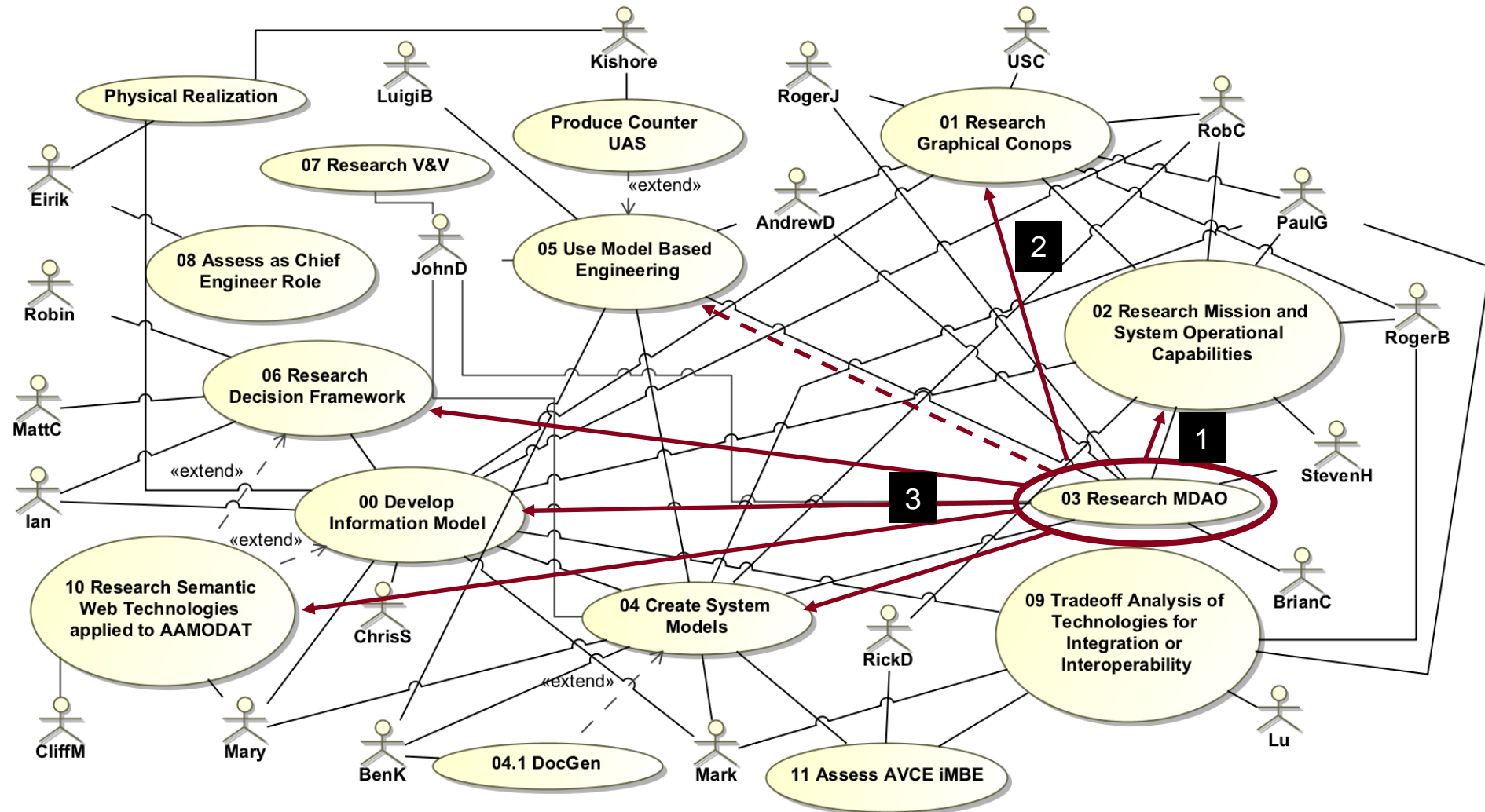
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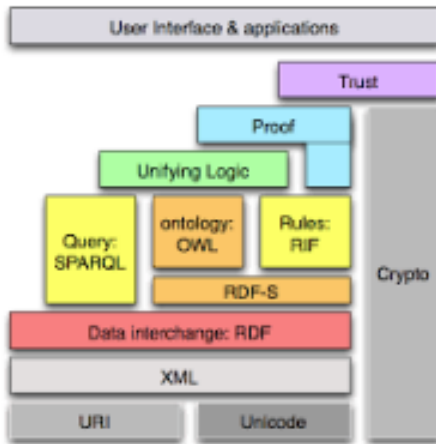
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# RT-168 Use Case Perspective and Team



# Research Thrusts

## Semantic Web Technologies



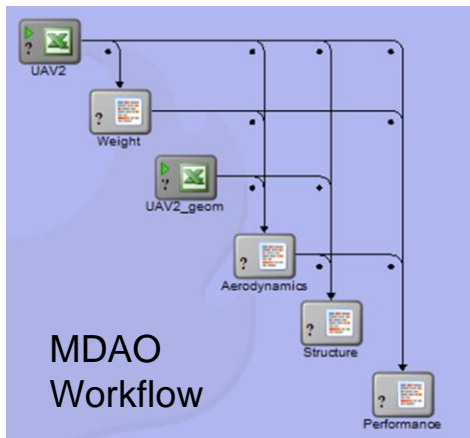
Enforces **Modeling Methods**

Underlying technologies for reasoning about completeness and consistency **Across Domains** in modeling tool agnostic way

Digital System Model:  
Single Source of Truth  
(*Authoritative Source of Truth*)

Provides optimization analysis **Across Domains** to support KPP and alternatives trades at mission, system, & subsystem levels

## Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization (MDAO)

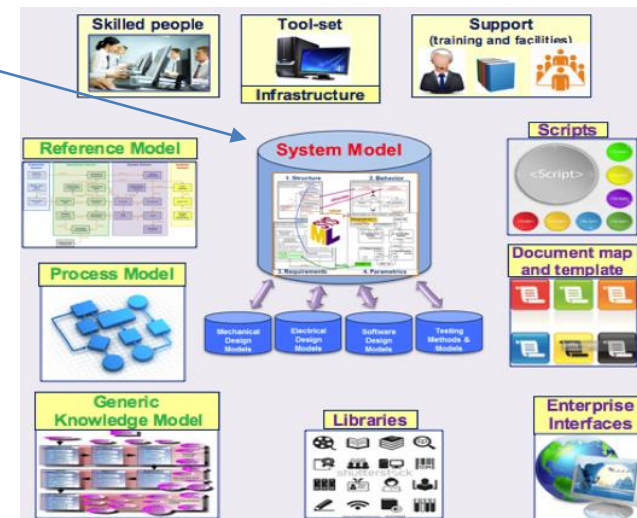


## Modeling Methodologies



Guides proper usage to ensure **Model Integrity** (trust in model results) for decision making

## Integrated Modeling Environment







# Key Performance Parameter (KPP)

- Performance attributes of a system considered critical to the development of an effective military capability.
- Example:
  - Predator shall have an endurance of 40 hours
  - Possibly with other constraint:
    - And carry 340kg of multiple payloads including video cameras, laser designators, communications
  - Meet some availability and cost objectives







## Use Case #1:

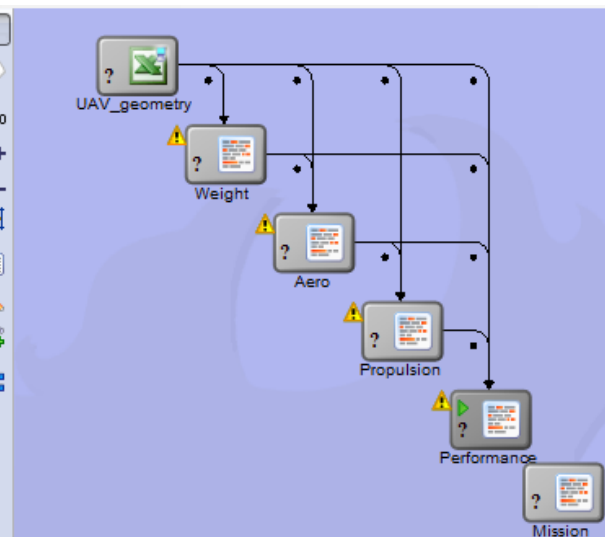
Developing Multidisciplinary Design, Analysis and Optimization (MDAO) workflows for Key Performance Parameter (KPPs) examples at system level

Steven Hoffenson & Brian Chell

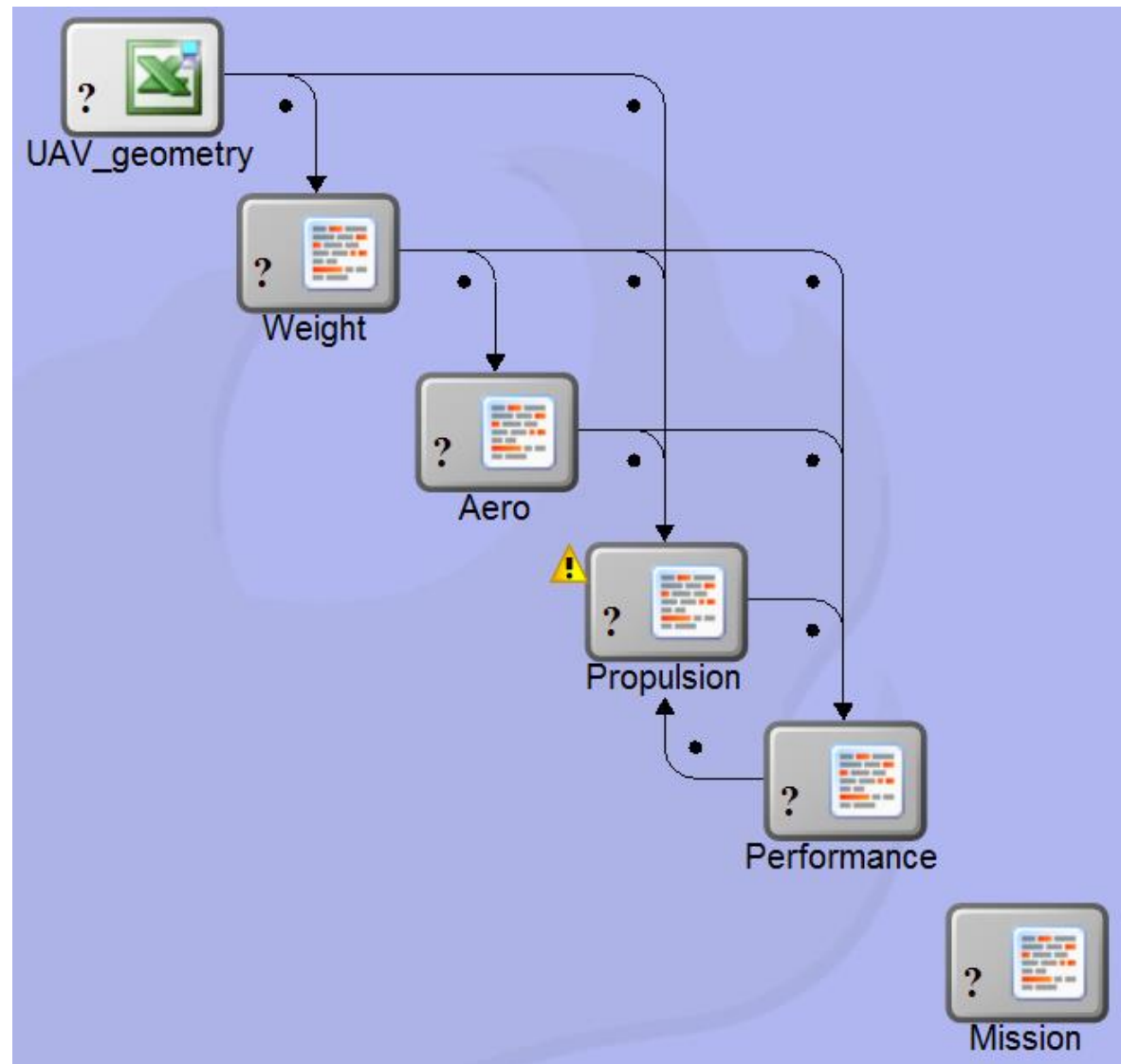
- Developed MDAO workflow for example of KPP (range) using UAV Weight, Aero, Propulsion, Performance, which links back to system model to illustrate method:
  - Defining sequence of workflows (scenarios)
  - Identifying a set of inputs and outputs (parameters)
  - Define a Design of Experiments (DoE) and use analyses such as sensitivity analysis and visualizations to understand the key parameter to scope
  - Use Optimization using solvers with key parameters and define different (key objective functions – on outputs) to determine set of solutions (results often provided as a table of possible solutions)
  - Use visualizations to understand relationships of different solutions
  - Concept applicable at mission, system and subsystems

Component Tree

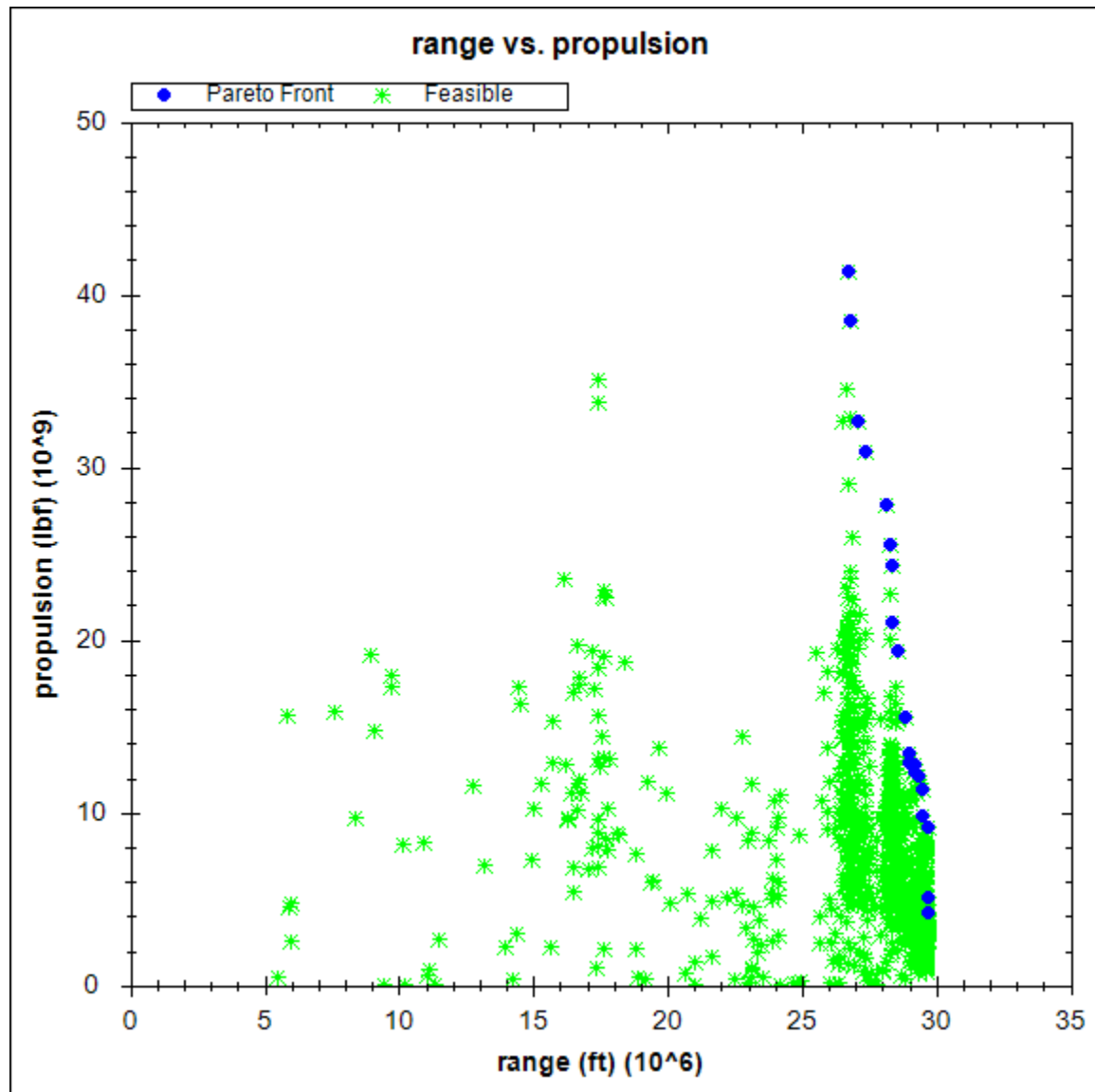
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takeoffGrossWeight	50000
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structureWeight	380
subsystemWeight	120
fuelWeight	500
payloadWeight	0
stallSpeed	120
maxSpeed	350
designFlightSpeed	300
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wingArea	500
totalPayload	0
Weight	
Aero	
Propulsion	
thrustCoefficient	0.995
propulsion	31500
flightVelocity	700



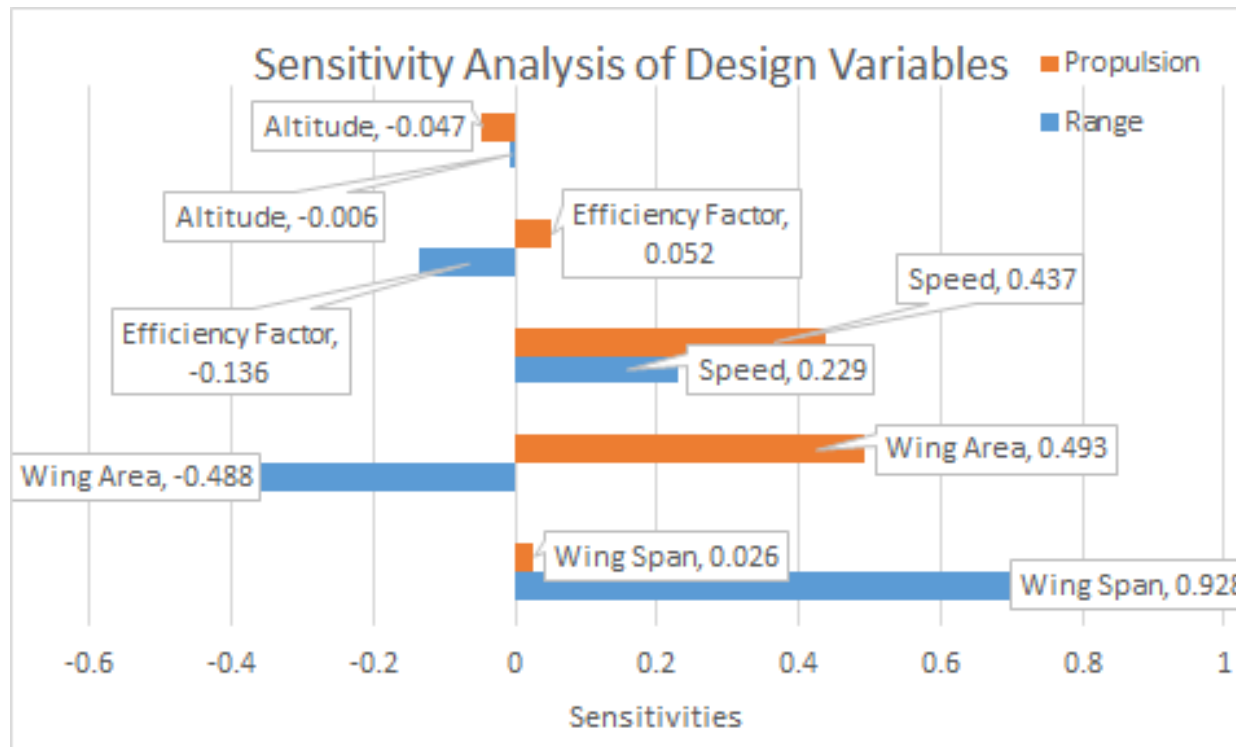
- Fixed-wing UAV model
- Equation-based
- Currently links 5 equation-based models
  - Geometry
  - Weight
  - Aerodynamics
  - Propulsion
  - Performance
- Later work
  - Used more advanced, simulation-based models
  - Add mission capabilities



- Bi-objective optimization using NSGA-II algorithm:
  - Maximize range
  - Maximize propulsion
- 5 design variables
  - Wing area (ft<sup>2</sup>)
  - Wing span (ft)
  - Altitude (ft)
  - Speed (knots)
  - Efficiency factor
- Pareto frontier shows trade-off between range and propulsion
  - How much range would you have to give up to increase the propulsion by some amount?



# Sensitivity of Objectives to Design Variables



- Wing area is the variable that exhibits the clearest trade-off
- Wing span has the largest effect on range, but does not present a trade-off between these objectives



# Other Models Examples using Workflow in ModelCenter

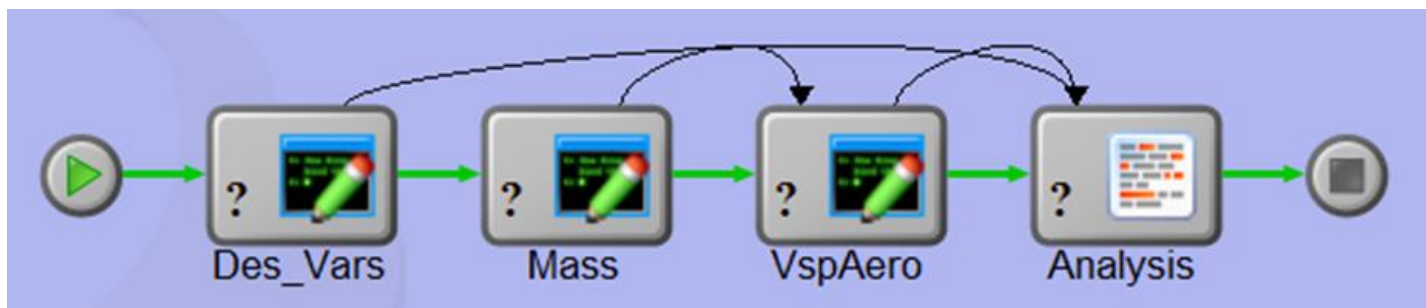
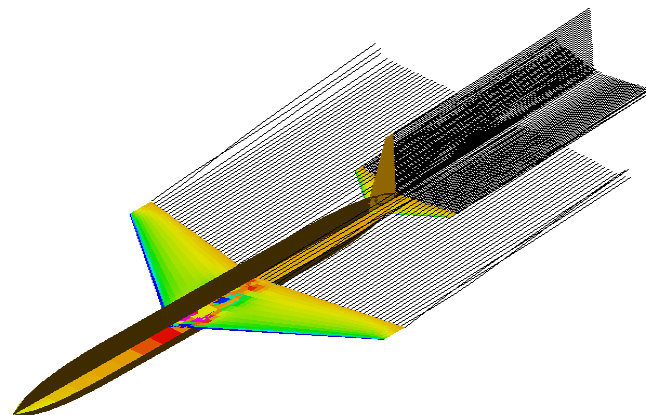
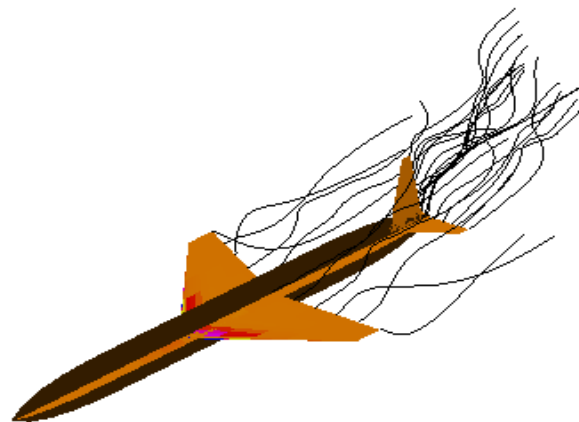
- UAV Geometry

- Easy to change



- Simulation-based Model

- OpenVSP geometry and VSPAero CFD tool wrapped into ModelCenter
  - Adjusts geometry and flight conditions for MDAO
  - About 1 minute per run



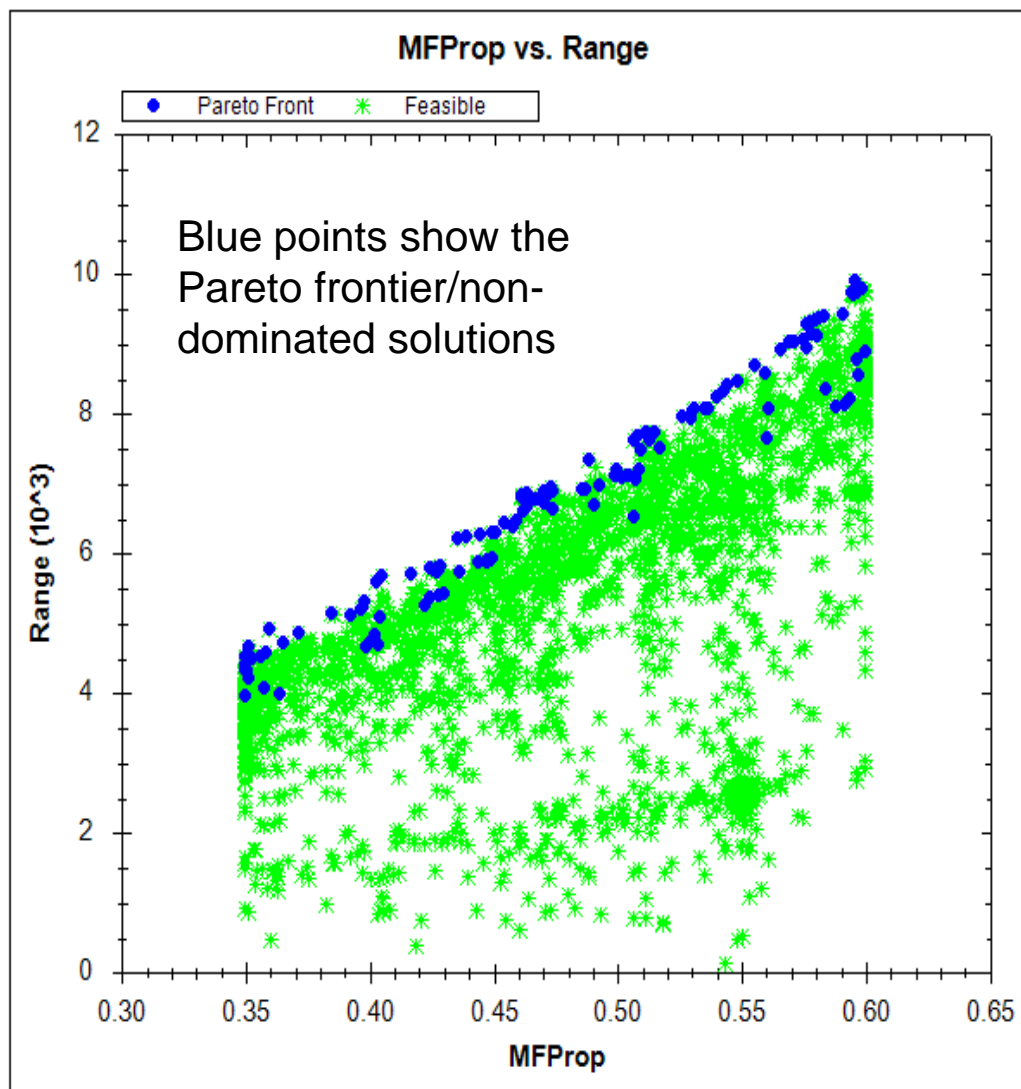


- Tri-objective optimization using Darwin algorithm:

- Maximize range
- Maximize endurance
- Minimize fuel mass fraction
- ~2600 runs in ~2 days

- 9 design variables

- Fuel mass fraction
- Wing span
- Average wing chord
- Tail span
- Average tail chord
- Tail Y-rotation
- Wing X-location
- Airspeed
- Angle of Attack



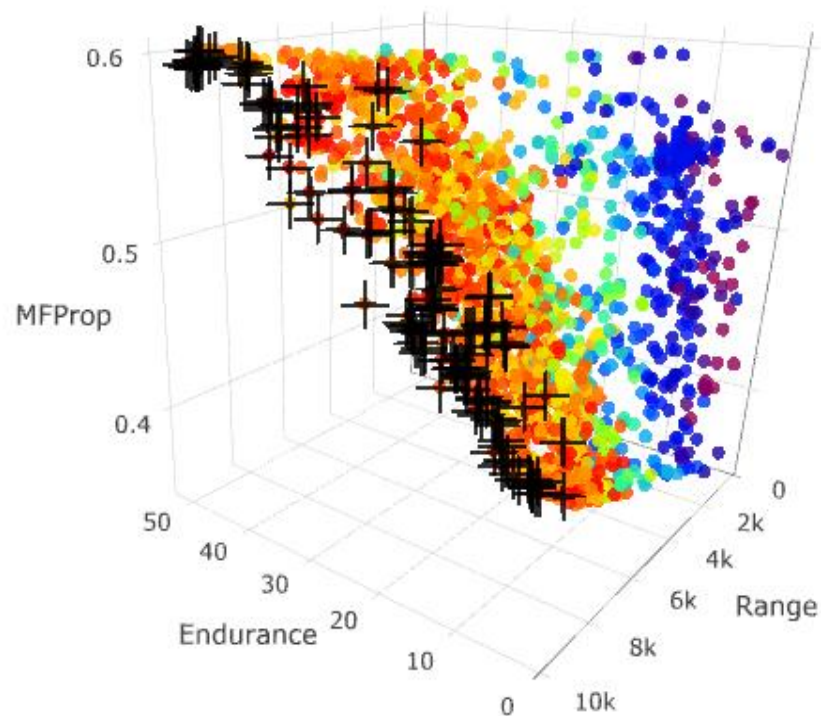
Range (mi) vs. Fuel Mass Fraction





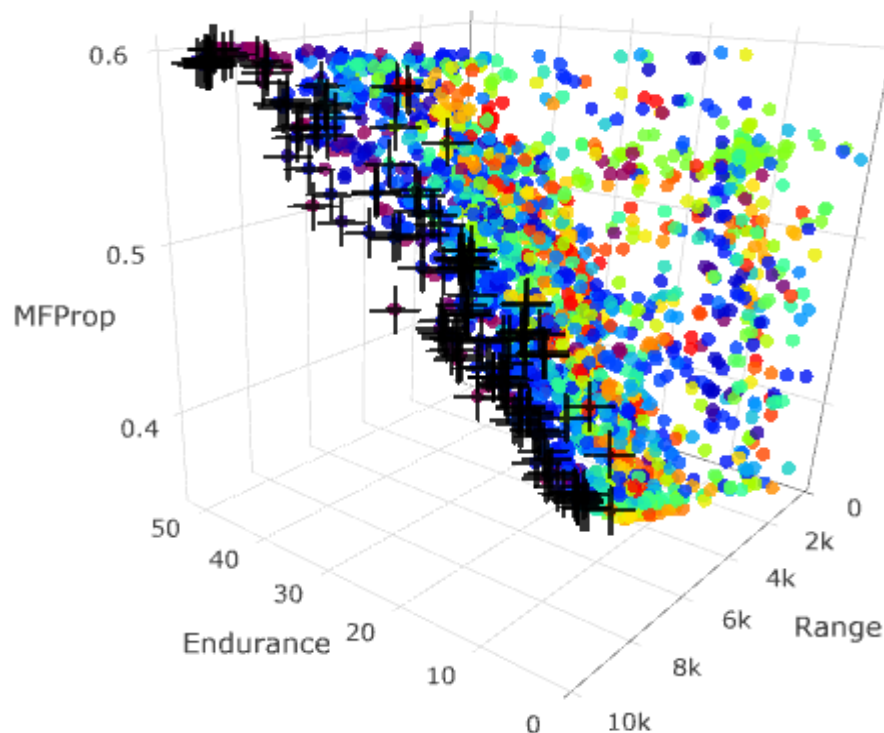
# Optimization Visualizations

MFProp vs. Range vs. Endurance



Colors Represent Angle of Attack

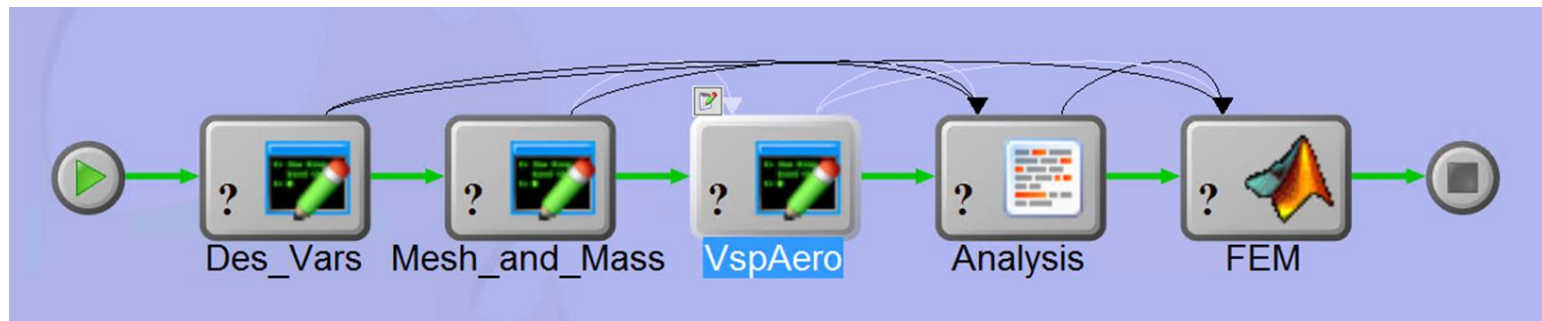
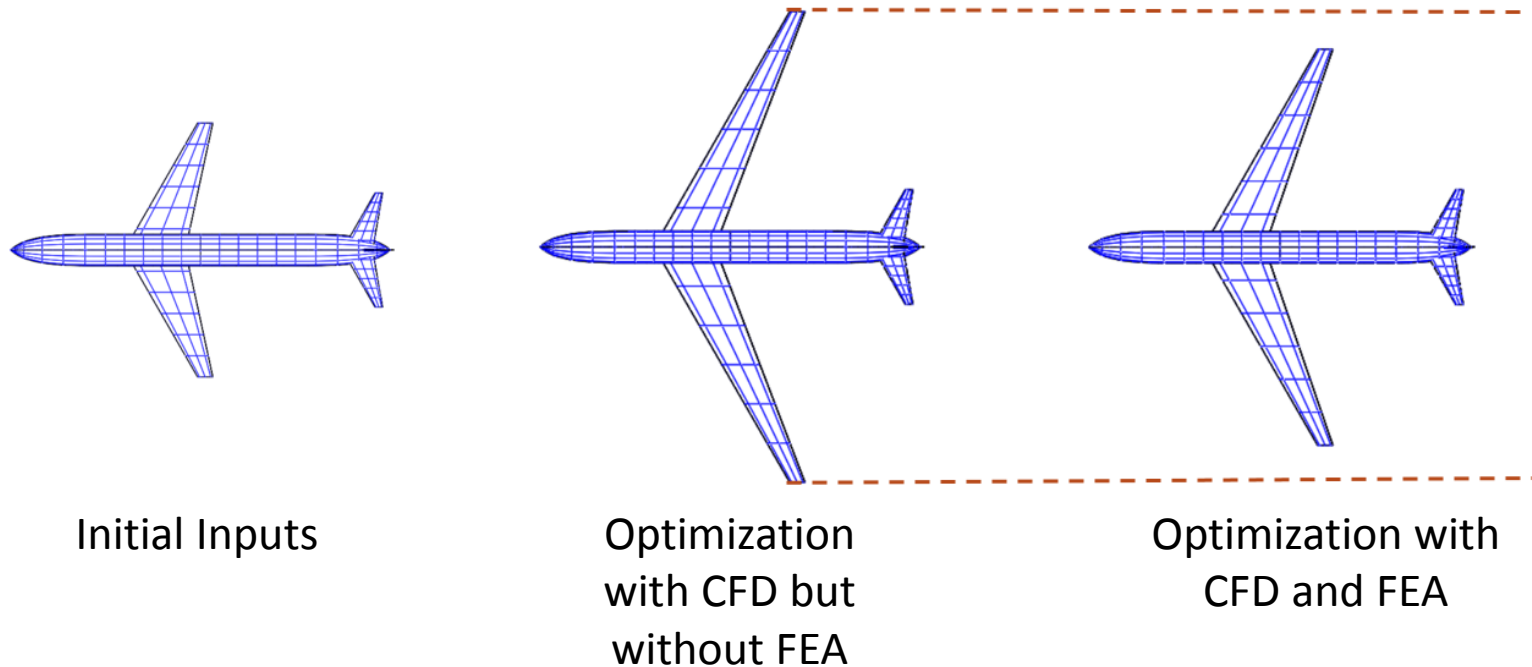
MFProp vs. Range vs. Endurance



Colors Represent Mach # (airspeed)

# Update of Fixed-Wing Model to Include CFD and FEA

- Update: Finite Element Analysis constrains wing





## Use Case #2:

ModelCenter Integrated with a Graphical Concept of Operation (CONOPS) example using Unity gaming engine at the mission level

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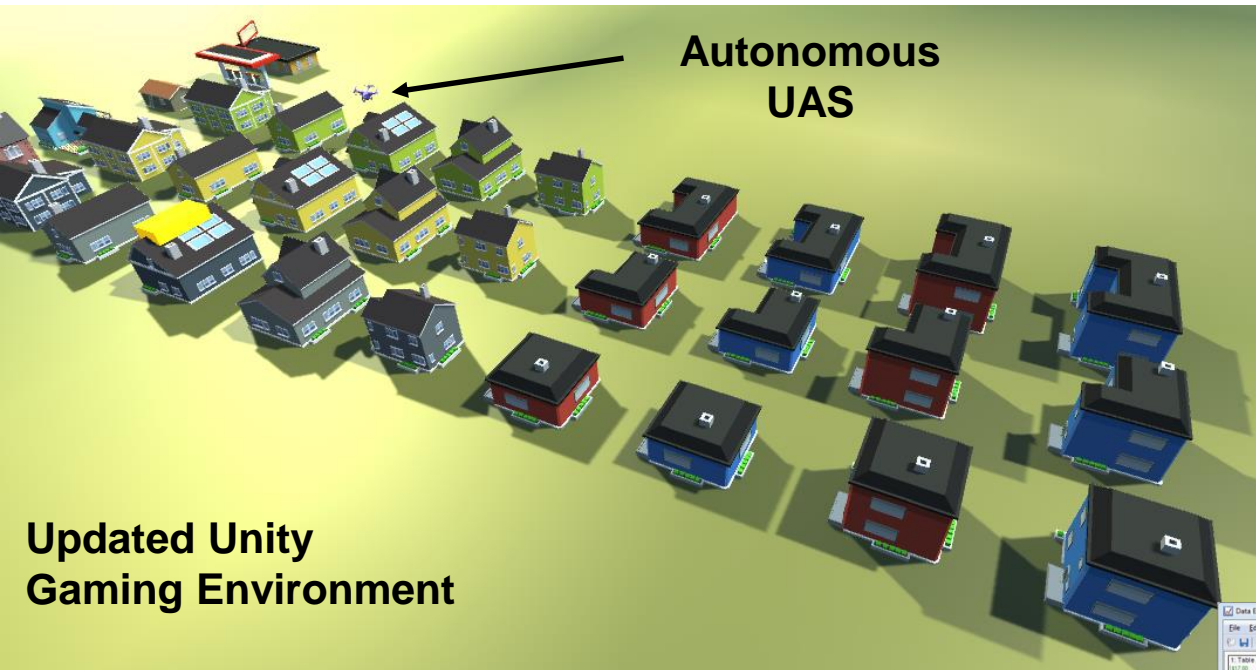
# Use Case #2 - Base Capability: Graphical CONOPS with Unity Gaming Engine

## RT-168: Graphical CONOPS

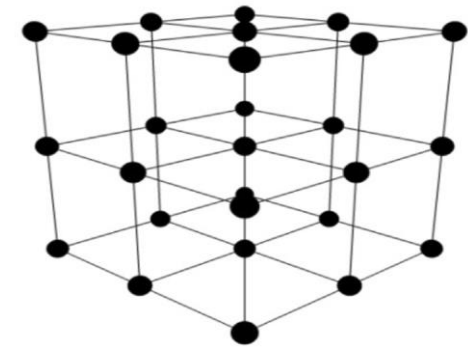




# Use Case #2: Integration of Graphical CONOPS Simulation with MDAO tools

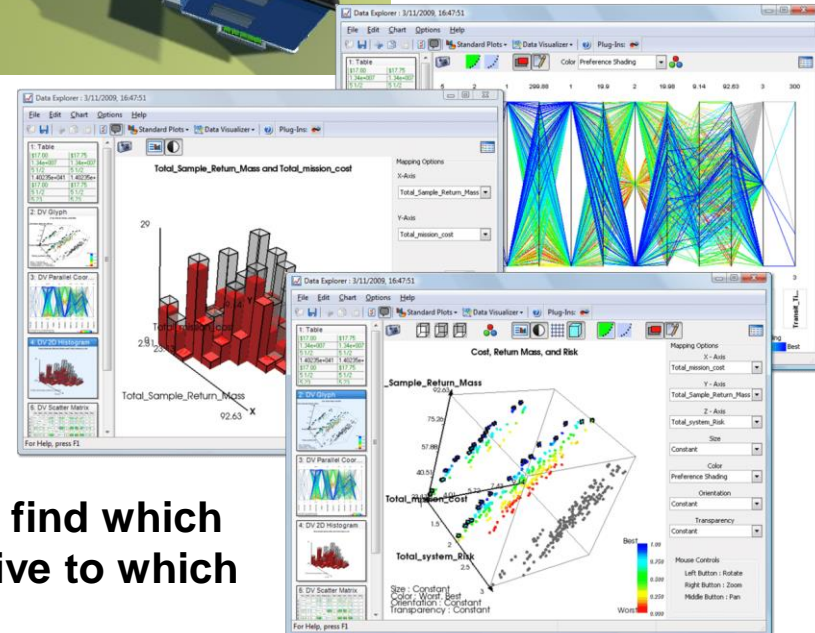


1000s of runs to cover  
Design of Experiments  
vs. 10s that could be run  
manually



Updated Unity  
Gaming Environment

Headless (no humans in loop)  
ModelCenter Workflow  
Wraps Unity Gaming Software



Sensitivity Analysis – to find which  
outputs are most sensitive to which  
input variables

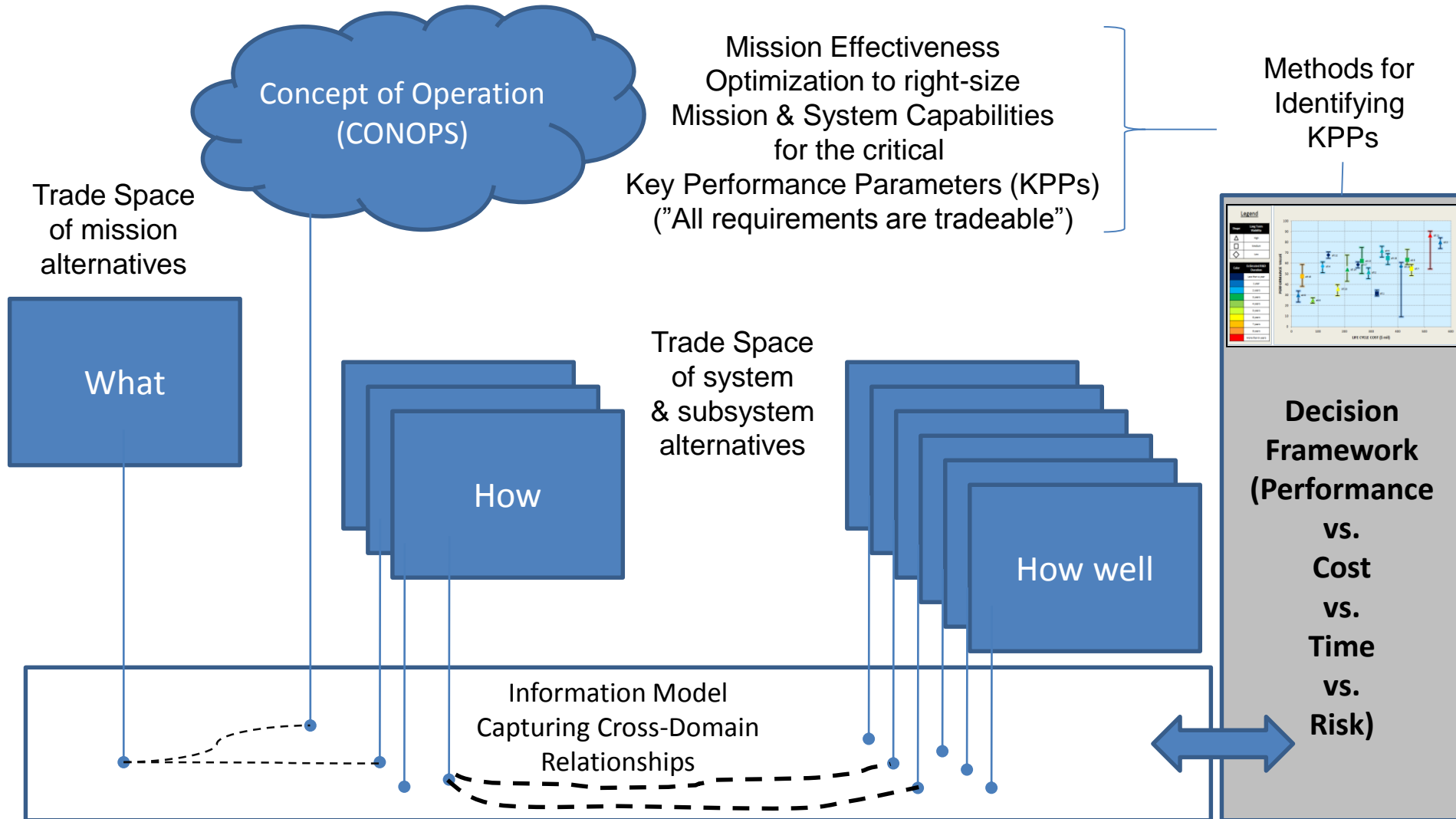


### Use Case #3:

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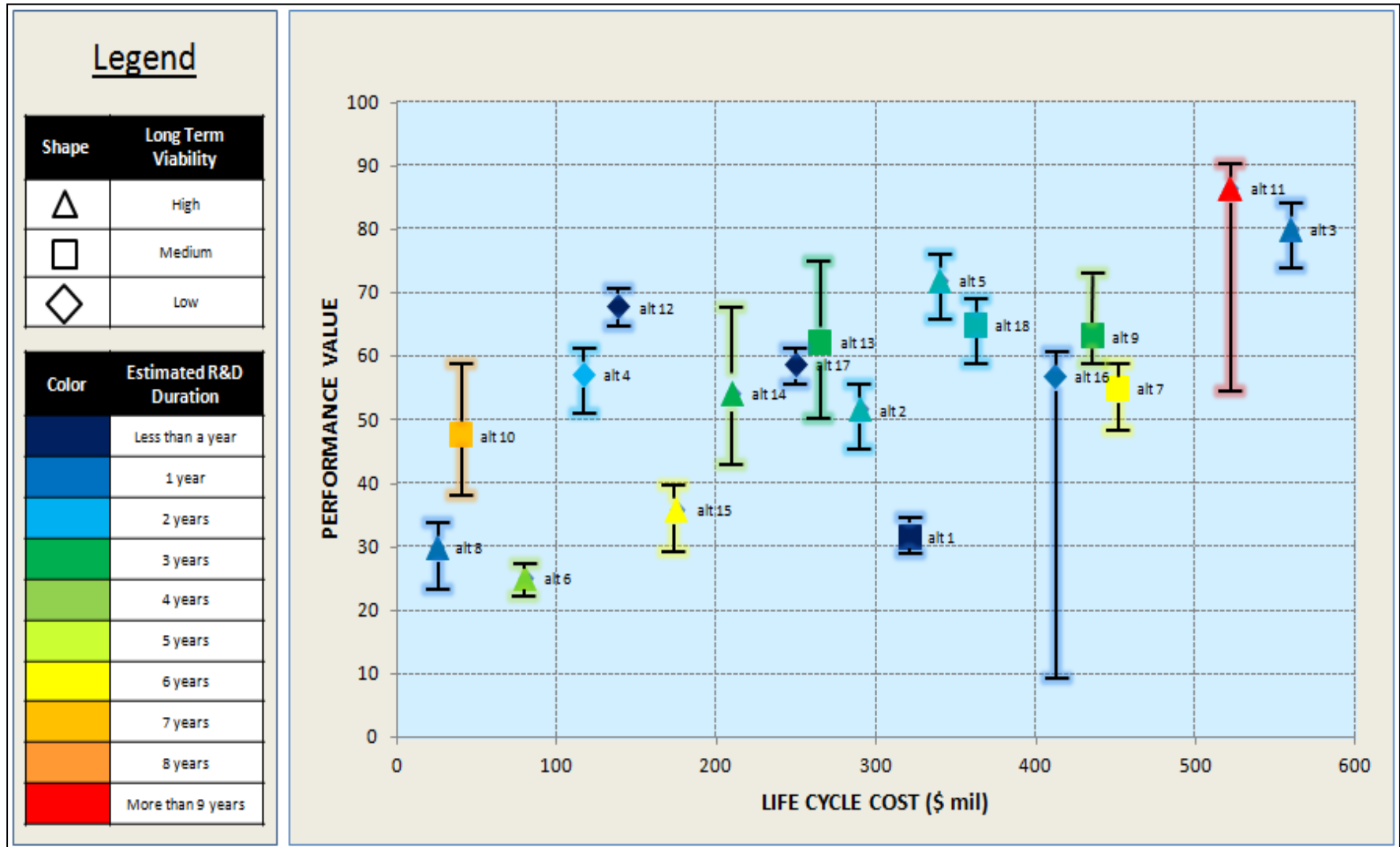
# Perspectives on Characterizing Challenges of Research Space



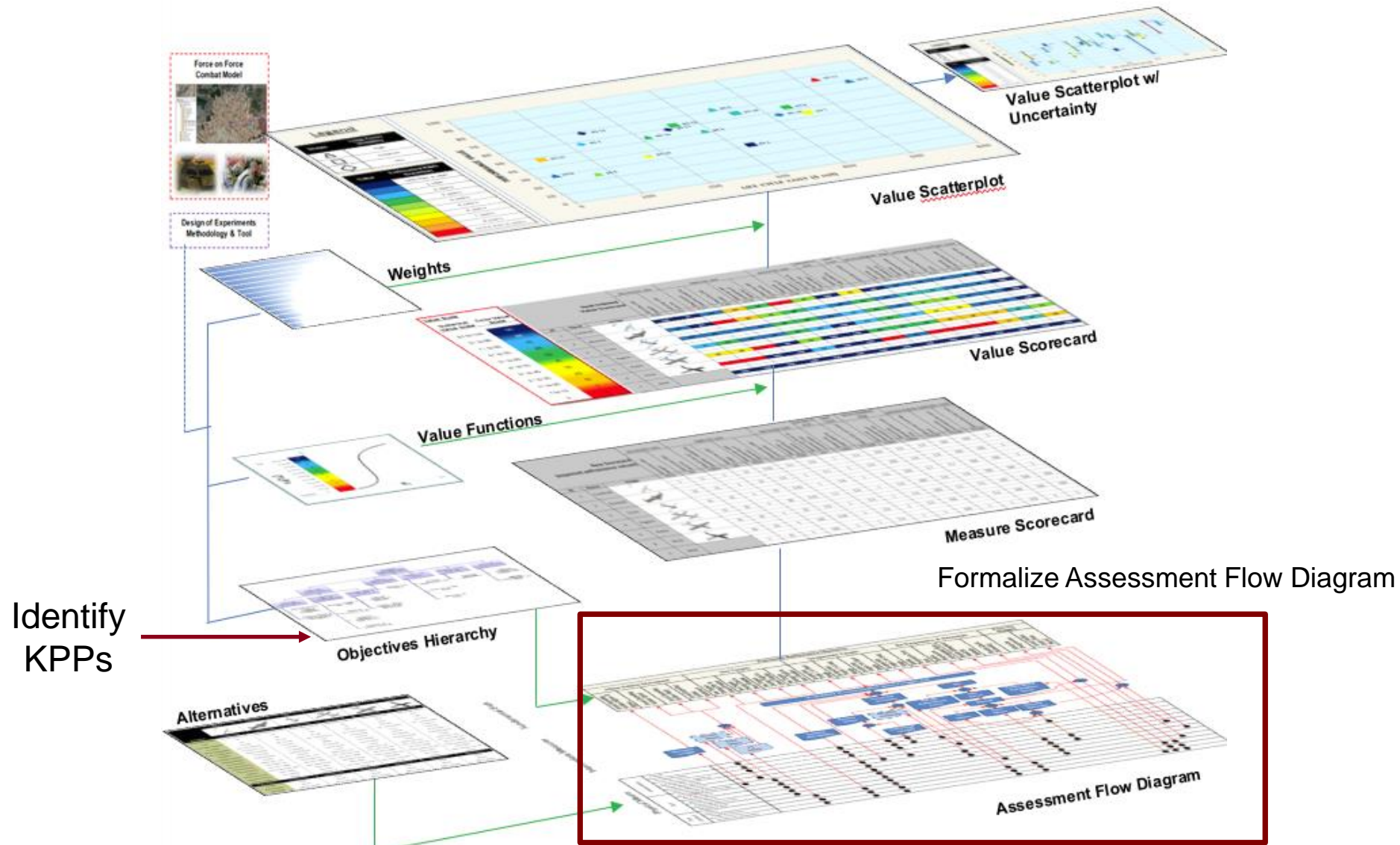
Reasoning about completeness and consistency of information across domains



# Visualizing Alternatives – Value Scatterplot with Assessing Impact of Uncertainty\*



# Decision Support Model Construct

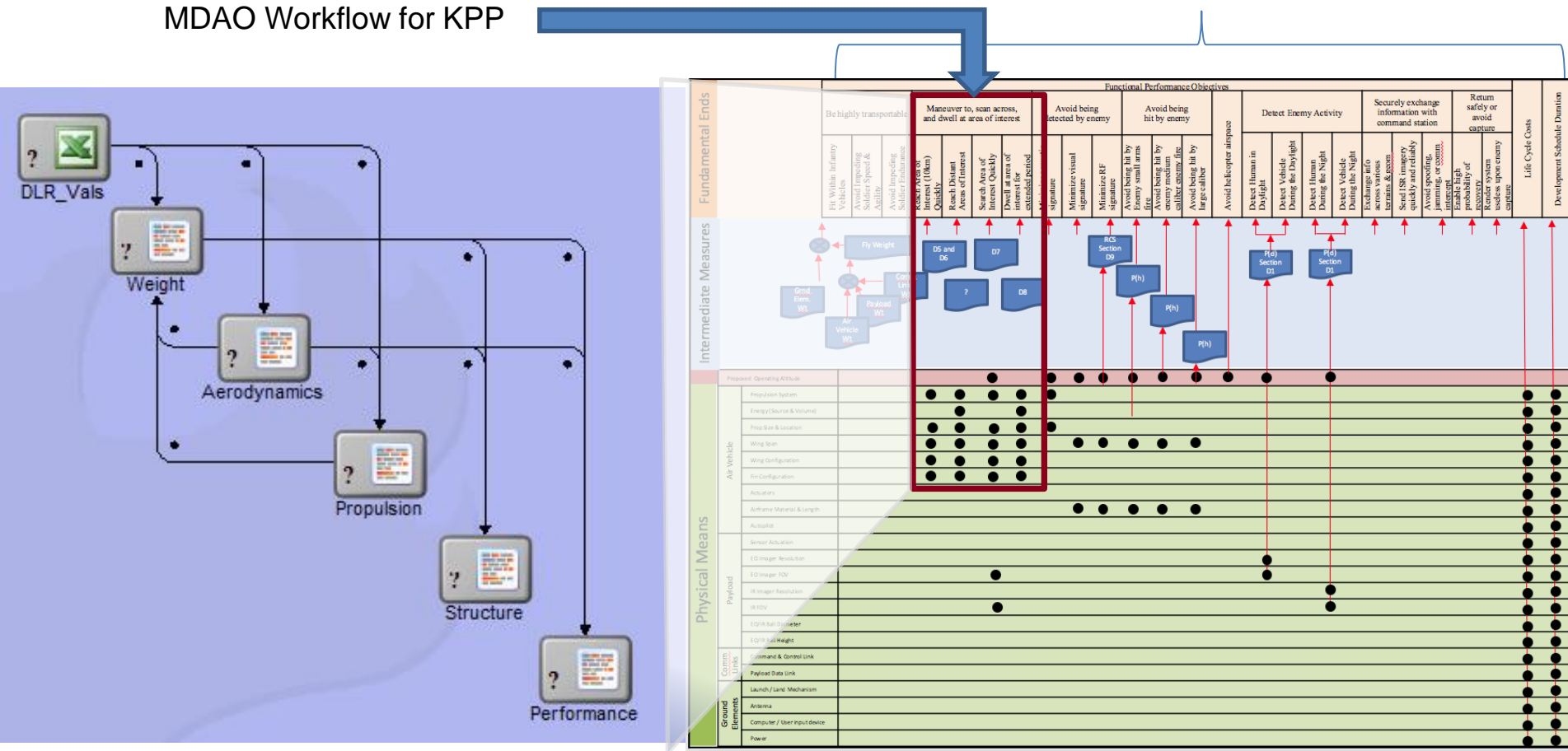


# Formalize Assessment Flow Diagram of Decision Framework using ModelCenter/MBSE Pak

- Can MDAO represent Assessment Flow Diagram?
- Does AFD characterize needed MDAO workflows?

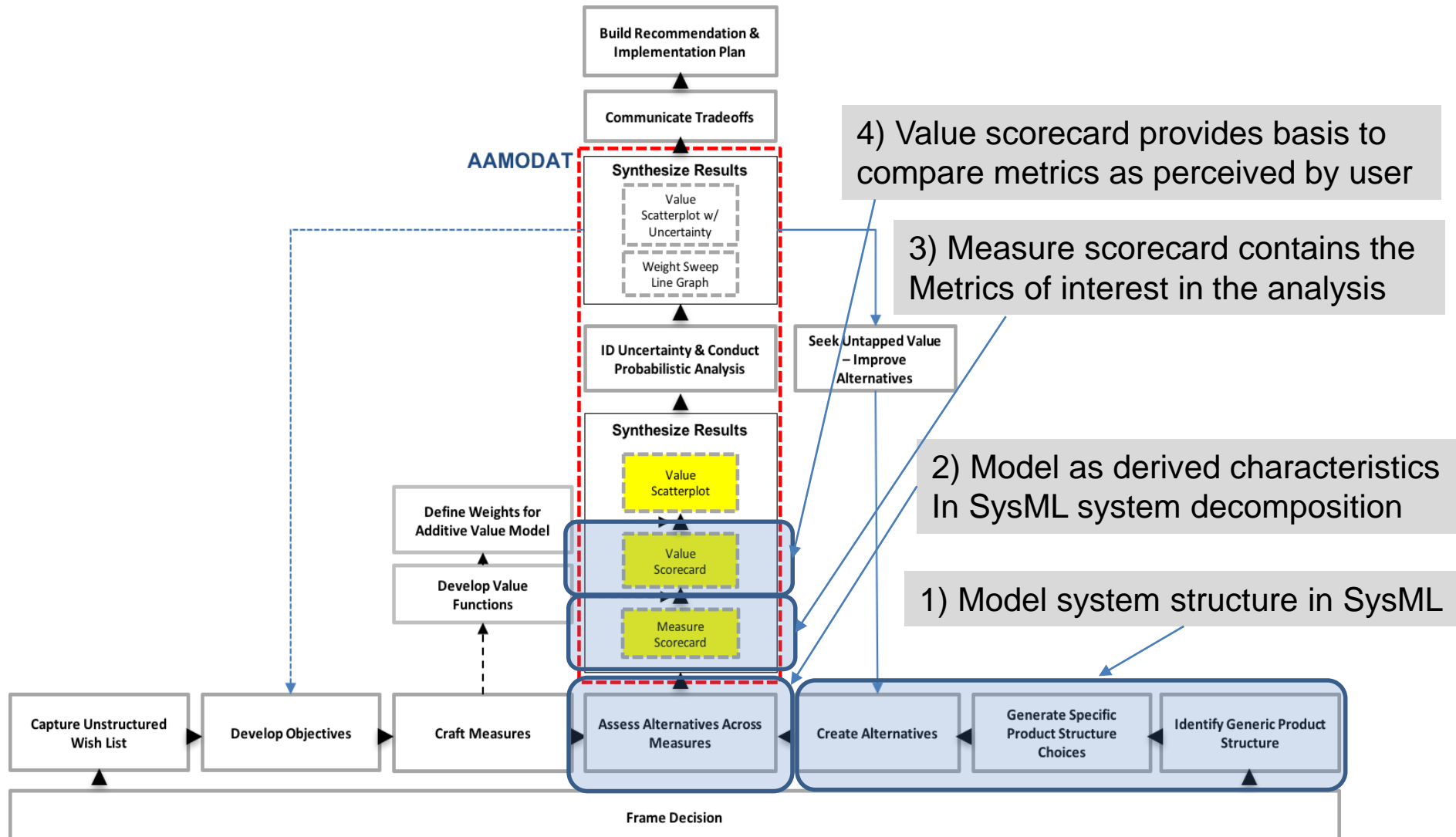
Key Performance Function  
(Key Performance Parameter [KPP])

MDAO Workflow for KPP



- Describe the decision support model (DSM) conceptually
- Example of DSM in context of a surveillance drone
- Show how example can be mapped to a SysML model
- Demonstrate different ways to use SysML model with MBSE Pak

# Steps to Formalize Decision Support Model Construct using SysML and ModelCenter



# Decision Support Tool uses Spreadsheet Data to Indicate Structure, Characteristics, and Alternatives

Decision Support Tool  
developed with integrated worksheets

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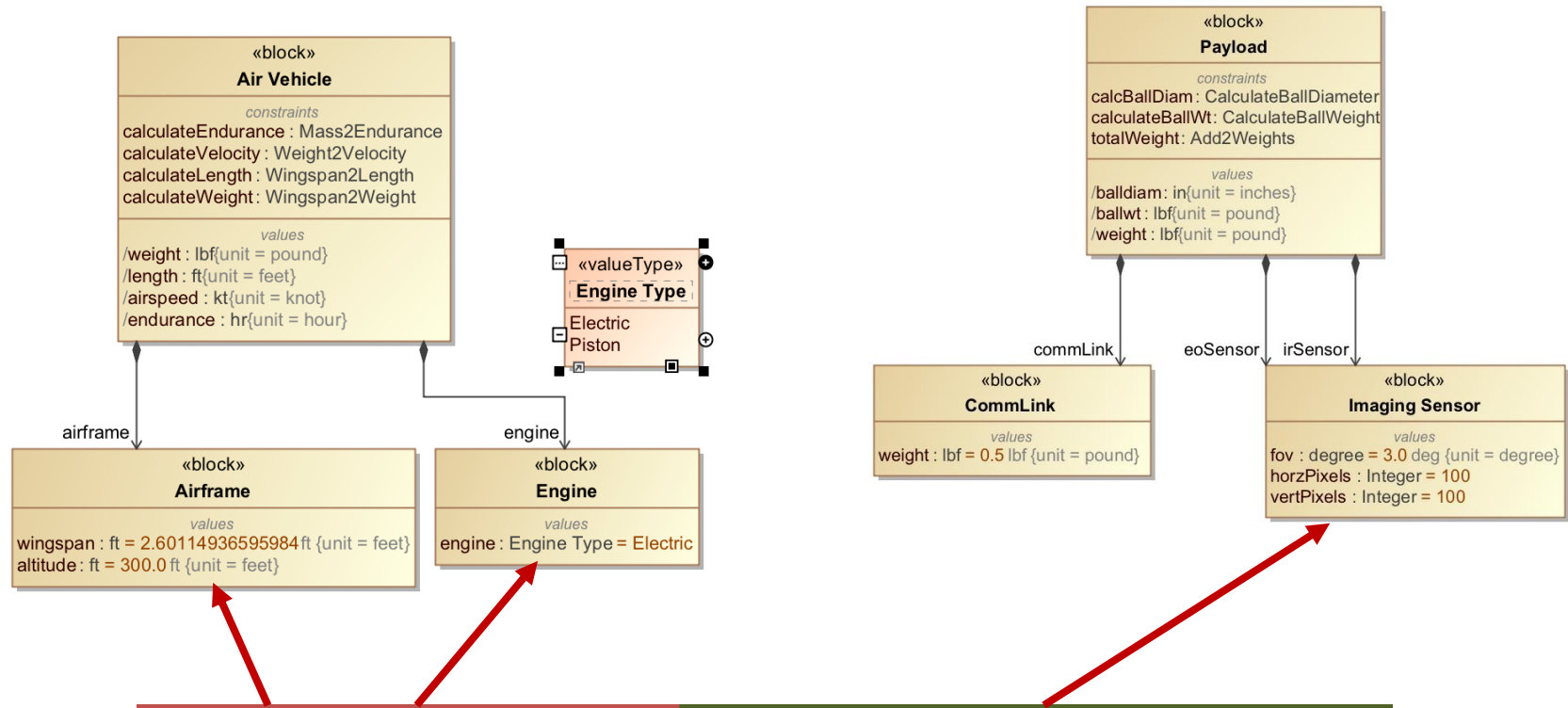
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1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
6	ID#	Short name	Sensor Group	Wingspan	Engine Type	Operating Altitude (ft.)	EO Imager Pixels Horizontal	EO Imager Pixels Vertical	EO FOV	IR Pixels Horizontal	IR Pixels Vertical	IR FOV
7	1	E span 2.6 alt 300 sensor grp 1	1	2.6	E	300	100	100	3	100	100	3
8	2	E span 5 alt 300 sensor grp 2	2	5.0	E	300	120	100	3	100	100	3
9	3	E span 5 alt 300 sensor grp 3	3	5.0	E	300	120	100	3	100	100	3
10	4	E span 6.8 alt 300 sensor grp 4	4	6.8	E	300	120	120	3	120	120	3
11	5	E span 7.5 alt 300 sensor grp 5	5	7.5	E	300	240	240	4	240	240	3
12	6	E span 8.1 alt 300 sensor grp 6	6	8.1	E	300	360	360	5	240	240	4
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27	21	E span 7 alt 500 sensor grp 5	5	7.0	E	500	240	240	4	240	240	3

- Organization maps to a logical decomposition of UAS system into air vehicle and payload subsystems
- First columns correspond to attributes of alternatives
- Attributes correspond to design choices, characteristics derive from those choices
- Rows correspond to alternative designs (instances)

Armament Analytics Multiple Objective Decision Analysis  
(AAMODAT)  
(Excel-based Spreadsheet Instrument)



# UAS System Decomposes into Air Vehicle and Payload Subsystems



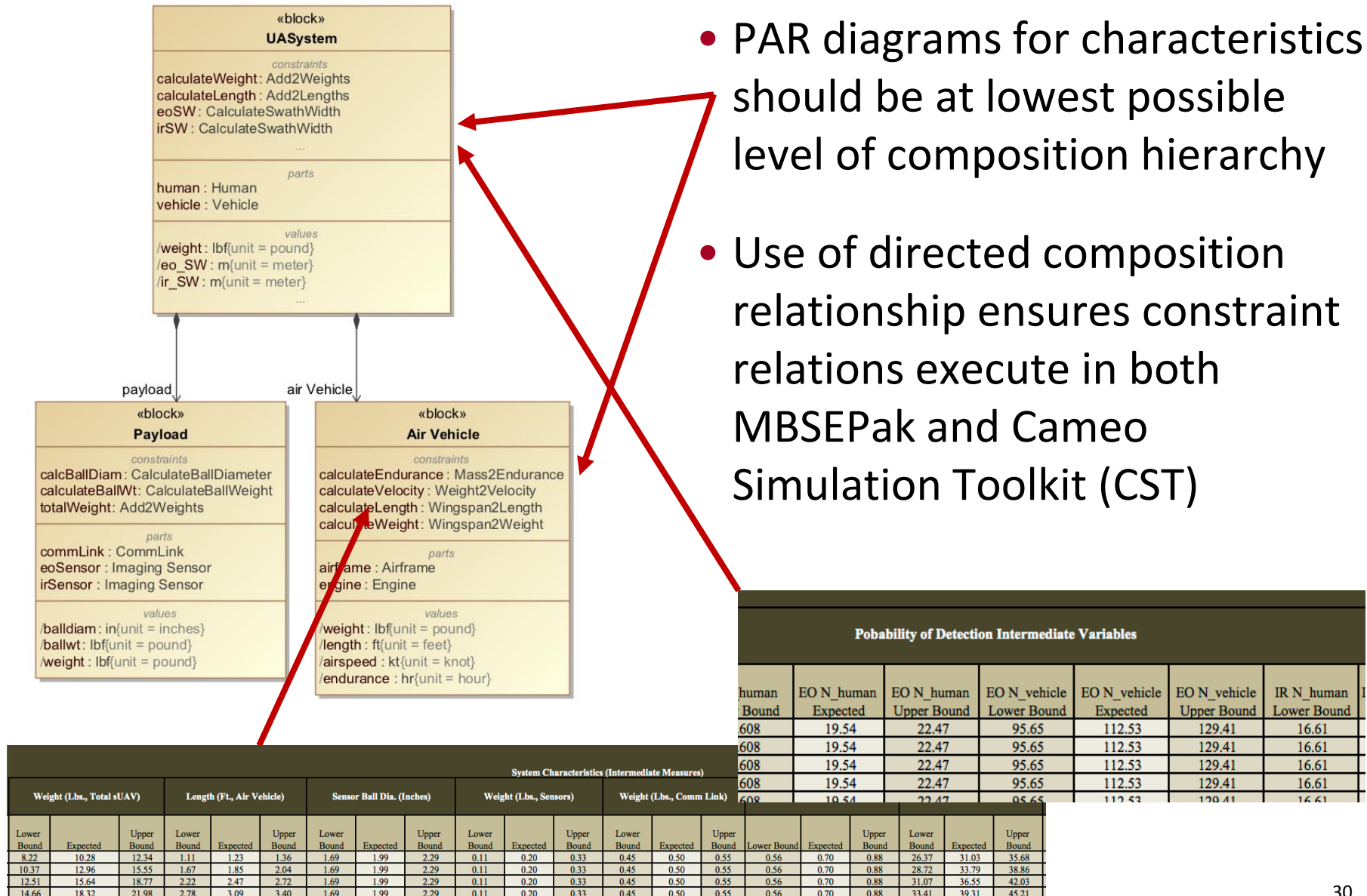
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Armament Analytics Multiple Objective Decision Analysis (AAMODAT)  
 (Current implementation in Excel-based Spreadsheet Instrument)

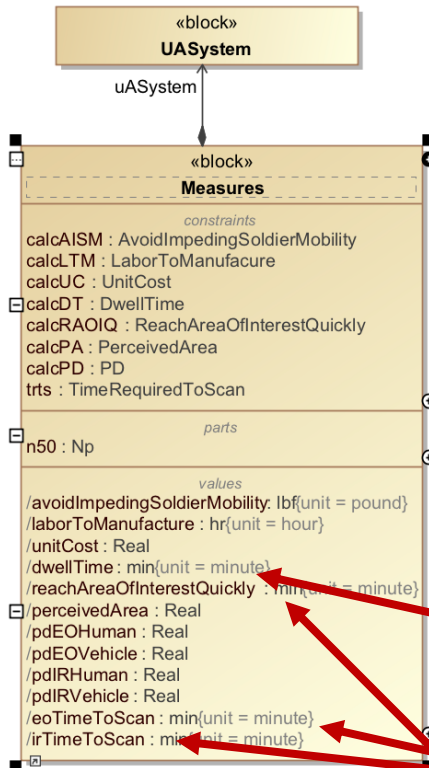


# UAS System Characteristics Depend on Attributes and Characteristics of Subsystems

- PAR diagrams for characteristics should be at lowest possible level of composition hierarchy
- Use of directed composition relationship ensures constraint relations execute in both MBSE Pak and Cameo Simulation Toolkit (CST)



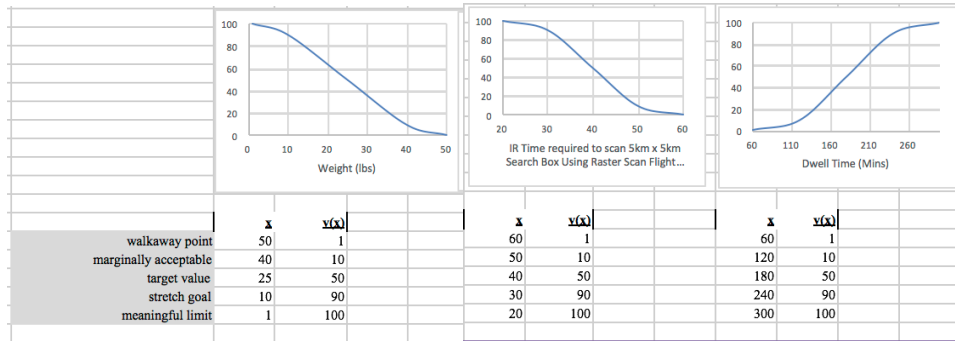
# Measures are the Performance Metrics



- Measures are calculated from design variables attributes and characteristics of UA System and its parts
- Measures can be represented by ranges or distributions of values

1.2.1 Reach Area of Interest Quickly				1.2.2 Search Area of Interest Quickly				1.2.3 Dwell at area of interest for extended period			
Time required to fly 10km (Mins)				EO Time required to scan 5km x 5km Search Box Using Raster Scan Flight Pattern at proposed operating altitude				EO Time required to scan 5km x 5km Search Box Using Raster Scan Flight Pattern at proposed			
more detail to follow				Assumes linear flight pattern				Assumes linear flight pattern			
Lower Bound	Expected	Upper Bound	Rationale	Lower Bound	Expected	Upper Bound	Rationale	Lower Bound	Expected	Upper Bound	Rationale
9.08	10.44	12.28		5342.003	5451.02	5560.043		5342.003	5451.02	5560.043	
8.34	9.59	11.28		4905.584	5005.70	5105.812		4905.584	5005.70	5105.812	
7.71	8.86	10.43		4535.087	4627.64	4720.192		4535.087	4627.64	4720.192	
7.17	8.24	9.70		4216.624	4302.68	4388.731		4216.624	4302.68	4388.731	
6.70	7.70	9.06		3939.952	4020.36	4100.767		3939.952	4020.36	4100.767	

# Value Functions are Monotonic Functions of Measures

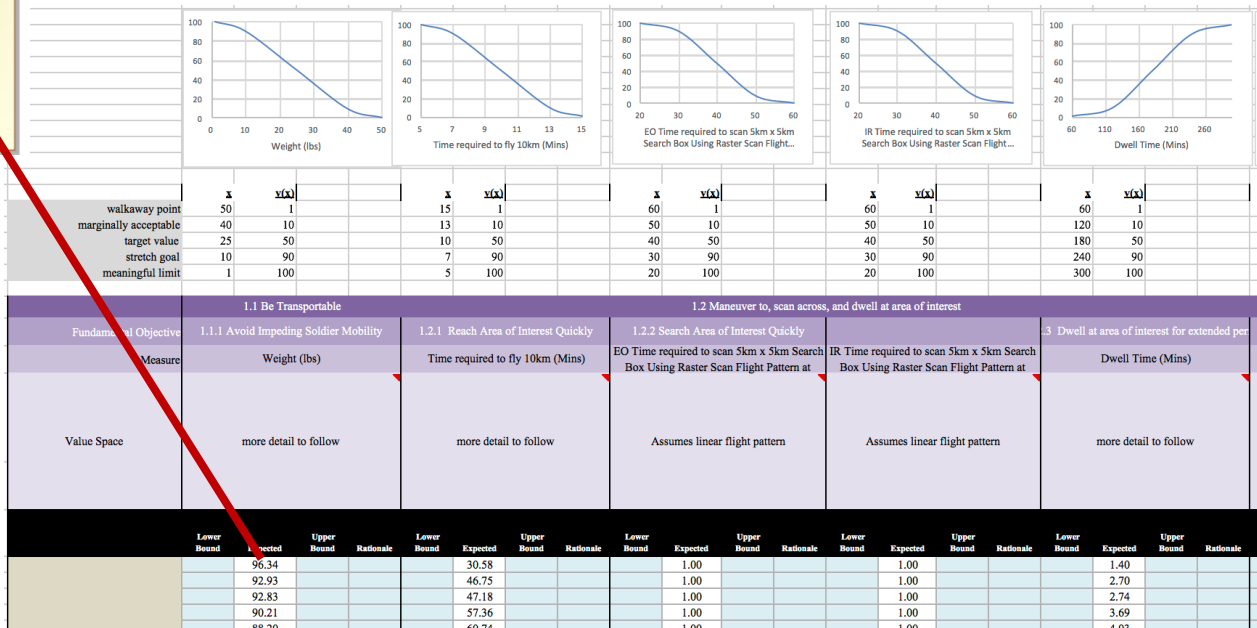
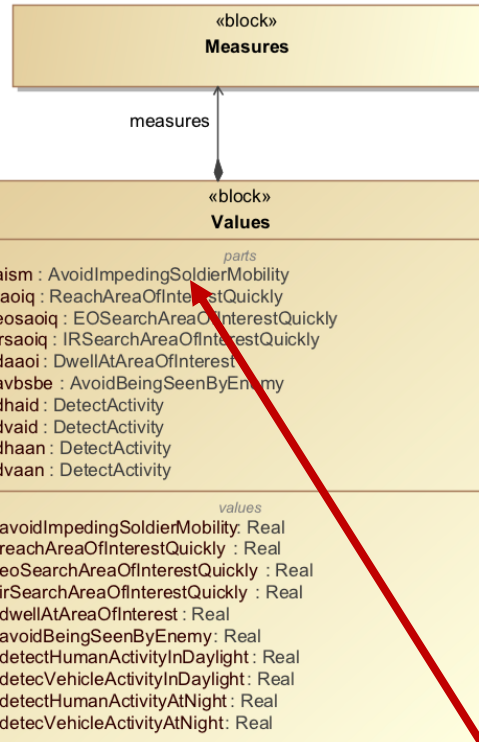


- Value functions characterize the utility of a calculated measure to one or more groups of stakeholders
- In UAS demo problem, values of the metrics correspond to:
  - Walkaway point (value = 1)
  - Marginally acceptable (10)
  - Target (50)
  - Stretch goal (90)
  - Meaningful limit (100)
- Value function implemented as linear interpolation

«constraint»	
«Script»	
ValueFunction	
parameters	
«AnalysisVariable»	measure{direction = input}
«AnalysisVariable»	value : Real{direction = output}
«AnalysisVariable»	WalkAwayMeasure : Real{direction = input}
«AnalysisVariable»	MarginalMeasure : Real{direction = input}
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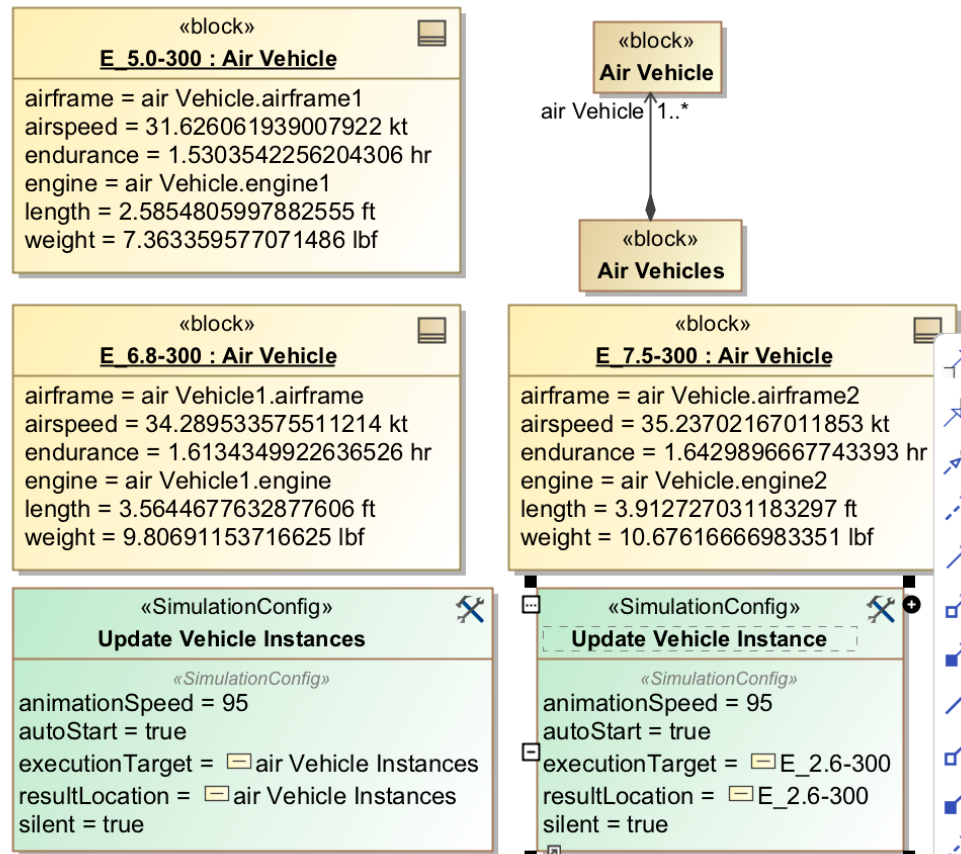
# Values Normalize Measures to be Comparable

- Value weightings reflect importance of measures to stakeholders
- Different sets of weightings can reflect concerns of different stakeholders
- Uncertainty in measures and different value weights result in values having a range



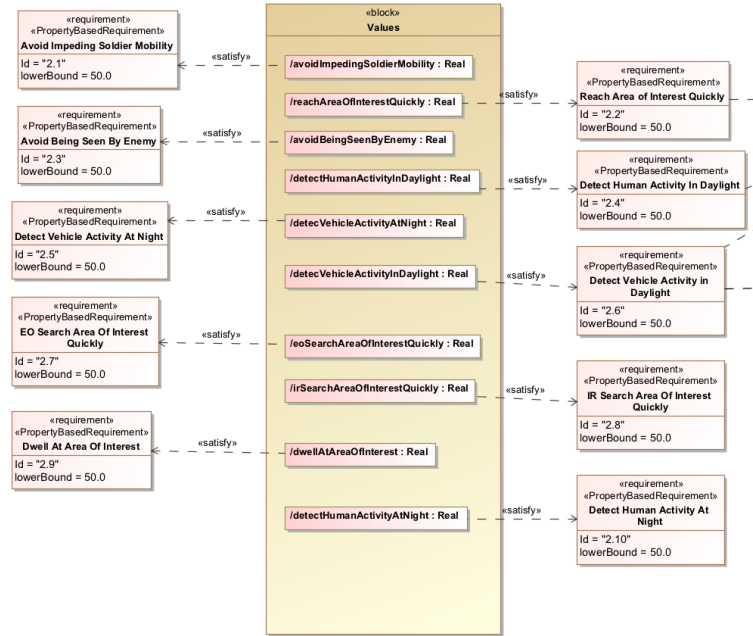
# Creating Instances in Magic Draw

- PAR diagrams and constraints are not evaluated during creation of an instance
- Lists of a block type are used to update and save sets of instances





# Model Bounds on Values as Requirements



## Cameo Simulation Toolkit

Name	Value
Values {avoidImpedingSoldierMobility ...}	Values@2a29f00e
/avoidBeingSeenByEnemy : Real	97.4508
/avoidImpedingSoldierMobility : Real	95.7570
/detectHumanActivityAtNight : Real	100.0000
/detectHumanActivityInDaylight : Real	100.0000
/detecVehicleActivityAtNight : Real	100.0000
/detecVehicleActivityInDaylight : Real	100.0000
/dwellAtAreaOfInterest : Real	1.3961
/eoSearchAreaOfInterestQuickly : Real	1.0000
/irSearchAreaOfInterestQuickly : Real	1.0000
/reachAreaOfInterestQuickly : Real	30.5752

## MBSEpak from within MagicDraw

The screenshot shows the Phoenix Integration MBSE Analyzer interface. The table displays the following data:

Property	Units	Original	New	Margin
avoidBeingSeenByEnemy	Real	0.0	97.4508486056732	✓ 47.451 Real
avoidImpedingSoldierMobility	Real	0.0	95.7570114039709	✓ 45.757 Real
detectHumanActivityAtNight	Real	0.0	99.9999999999933	✓ 50.000 Real
detectHumanActivityInDaylight	Real	0.0	99.9999999999933	✓ 50.000 Real
detecVehicleActivityAtNight	Real	0.0	100.0	✓ 50.000 Real
detecVehicleActivityInDaylight	Real	0.0	100.0	✓ 50.000 Real
dwellAtAreaOfInterest	Real	0.0	1.39613811661762	✗ 48.604 Real
eoSearchAreaOfInterestQuickly	Real	0.0	1.0	✗ 49.000 Real
irSearchAreaOfInterestQuickly	Real	0.0	1.0	✗ 49.000 Real
reachAreaOfInterestQuickly	Real	0.0	30.5751510595	✗ 19.425 Real

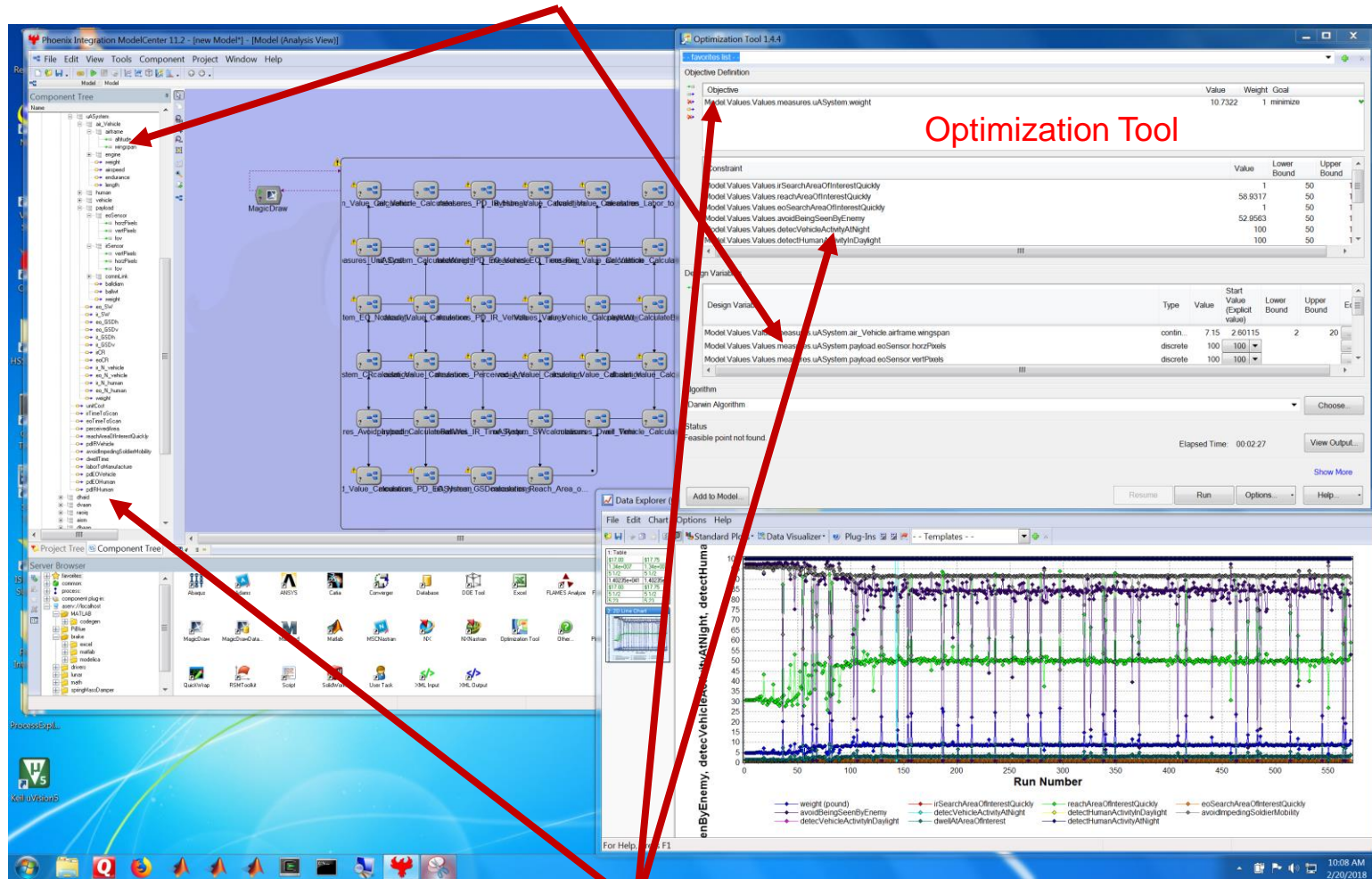
## MBSEpak from within Model Center

The screenshot shows the MagicDraw Plugin interface. The table displays the following data:

Property	Units	Original	New	Margin
avoidBeingSeenByEnemy	Real	0.0	97.45084860...	✓ 47.451 Real
avoidImpedingSoldierMobility	Real	0.0	95.75701149...	✓ 45.757 Real
detectHumanActivityAtNight	Real	0.0	99.99999999...	✓ 50.000 Real
detectHumanActivityInDaylight	Real	0.0	99.99999999...	✓ 50.000 Real
detecVehicleActivityAtNight	Real	0.0	100.0	✓ 50.000 Real
detecVehicleActivityInDaylight	Real	0.0	100.0	✓ 50.000 Real
dwellAtAreaOfInterest	Real	0.0	1.396138116...	✗ 48.604 Real
eoSearchAreaOfInterestQuickly	Real	0.0	1.0	✗ 49.000 Real
irSearchAreaOfInterestQuickly	Real	0.0	1.0	✗ 49.000 Real
reachAreaOfInterestQuickly	Real	0.0	30.5751510595	✗ 19.425 Real

# Analysis Model of UAS in Model Center: Workflow Can be a Constraint in SysML

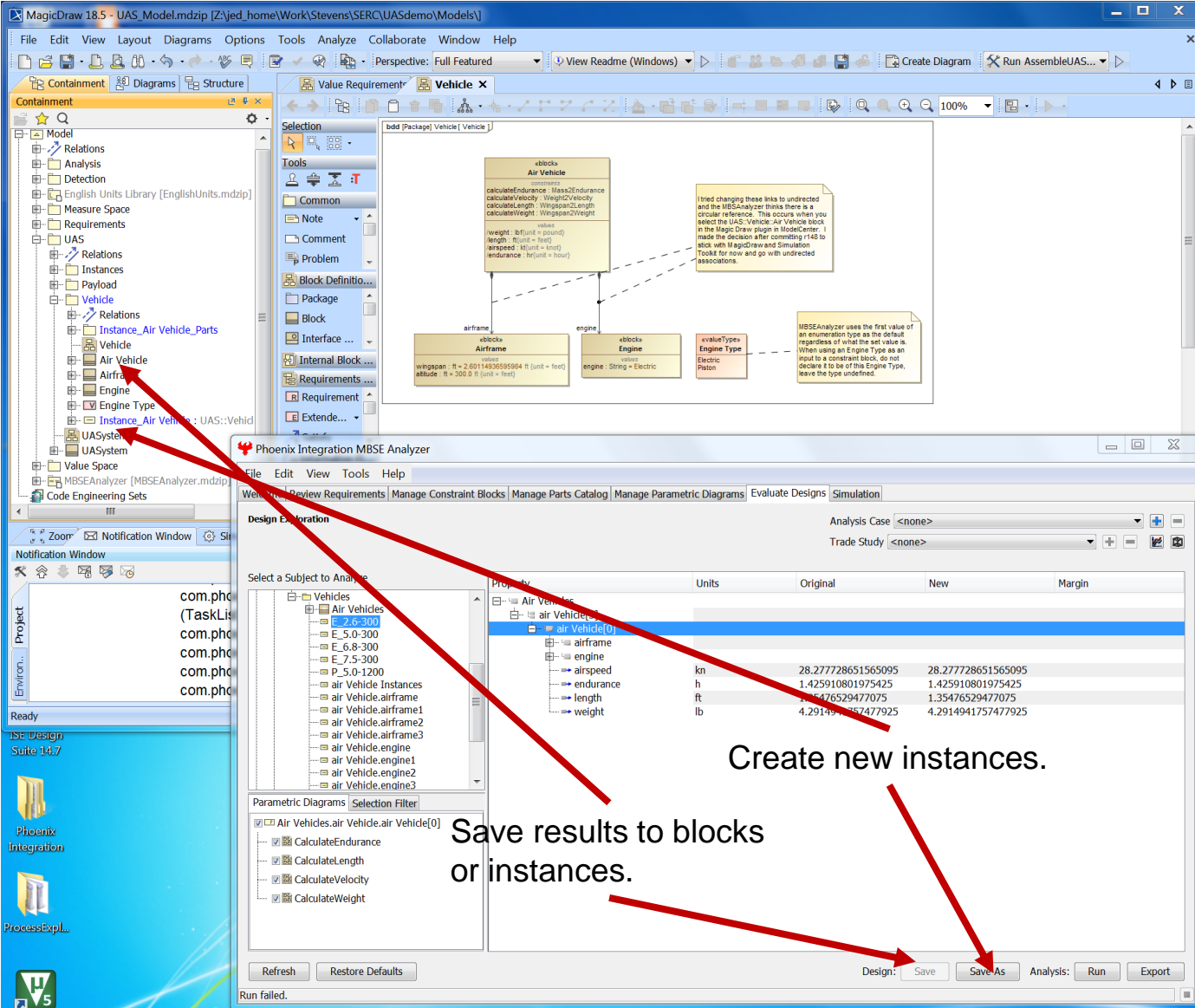
Independent Variables (are Design Variables)



Dependent Variables -- Values (are Constraints/Objectives)



# MBSEPAk Used to Perform Trade-Studies & Save Results to Model



The image shows two overlapping software windows. The top window is MagicDraw 18.5, displaying a model structure on the left and a diagram of an 'Air Vehicle' block in the center. The bottom window is the Phoenix Integration MBSE Analyzer, showing a 'Design Exploration' tab with a table of results.

**MagicDraw 18.5 Model Structure:**

- Model
  - Relations
  - Analysis
  - Detection
  - English Units Library [EnglishUnits.mdzip]
  - Measure Space
  - Requirements
  - UAS
    - Relations
    - Instances
    - Payload
    - Vehicle
      - Relations
      - Instance\_Air\_Vehicle\_Parts
      - Vehicle
        - Air Vehicle
        - Airframe
        - Engine
        - Engine Type
        - Instance\_Air\_Vehicle : UAS::Vehicle
  - UASystem
  - Value Space
  - MBSEAnalyzer [MBSEAnalyzer.mdzip]
  - Code Engineering Sets

**Phoenix Integration MBSE Analyzer - Design Exploration:**

Property	Units	Original	New	Margin
airframe				
engine				
airspeed	kn	28.277728651565095	28.277728651565095	
endurance	h	1.425910801975425	1.425910801975425	
length	ft	1.35476529477075	1.35476529477075	
weight	lb	4.2914941757477925	4.2914941757477925	

**Annotations:**

- Red arrows point from the 'Air Vehicle' block in MagicDraw to the 'Air Vehicle' entry in the Phoenix Integration MBSE Analyzer table.
- Red arrows point from the 'Save' and 'Save As' buttons in the Phoenix Integration MBSE Analyzer to the text 'Create new instances.'
- Red arrows point from the 'Save' and 'Save As' buttons in the Phoenix Integration MBSE Analyzer to the text 'Save results to blocks or instances.'

- Use case #1 shows method for using ModelCenter to create and MDAO workflows for assessing Key Performance Parameters at system-level
- Use case #2 shows method for integrating ModelCenter with Graphical CONOPS to do analysis of alternatives at mission-level
- Use case #3 shows approach to formalize a Decision Framework process in SysML with the MBSE Pak to transform into workflows for ModelCenter
  - Lessons-learned: It is important to use appropriate method to model in SysML in order to get best results from MBSE Pak transformation into ModelCenter