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# The Role of the Operator and System Engineer in the Force Modernization Environment

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### **Purpose**

- Present one person's perspective of the advantages of the operator-system engineer "team" in today's force modernization environment
- Illustrate some analytic approaches to consider in addressing your operational and systems engineering issues
- Illustrate some data framing concepts to consider in your future systems engineering work
- Find you <u>one good idea</u> that helps your own corporate "operator-system engineer" teams solve problems

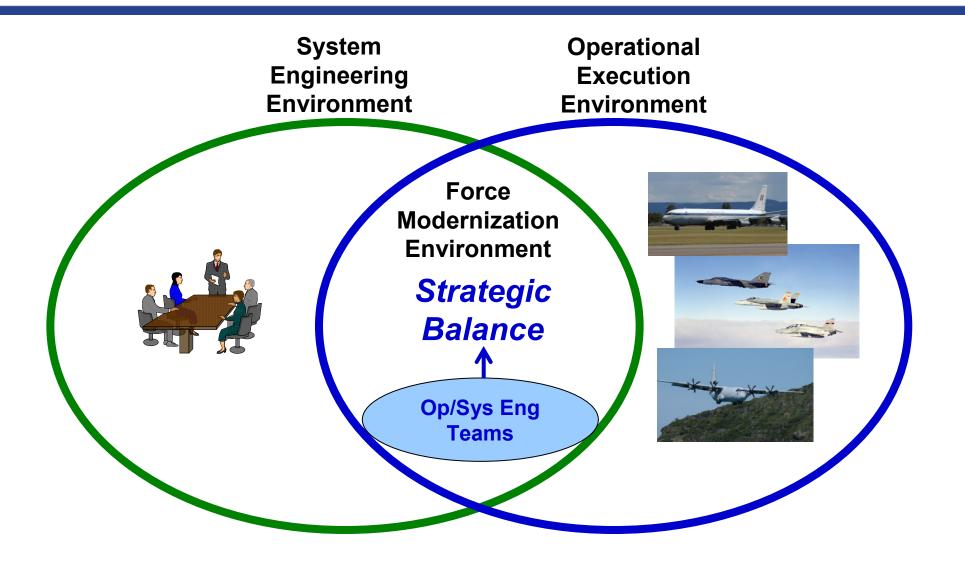


# **PM's Are Under Acquisition Assault**

- Brief the link between national need and operator need
- Demonstrate the correlation between the design's focus and the user's priorities
- Show adjustments in operational concepts which have allowed cost containment and a reduction in complexity
- Show the relationship between high LCC drivers and critical needs
- Identify to oversight authority the areas of trade zones which are available to reduce cost and risk yet still fulfill service needs in capability



### **The Basic Team-Based Solution**





### **Fundamental Op/Sys Eng Team Triad**

#### **System**

An interacting combination of elements to accomplish a defined objective. These include hardware, software, firmware, people, information, techniques, facilities, services, and other support elements.

#### **Operator**

A person who is "well-trained and well-motivated" with respect to the operation of a particular system

 Has a set of reasonably well specified goals with respect to operation and performance of a system

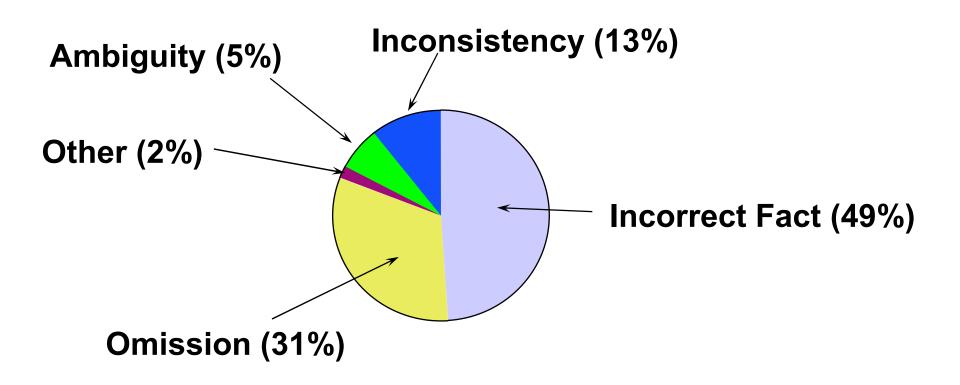
 Has a set of reasonably well-defined activities with respect to system operation and maintenance

### **Systems Engineer**

A person "well-trained and well motivated" in interdisciplinary approaches to enable the realization of successful systems.

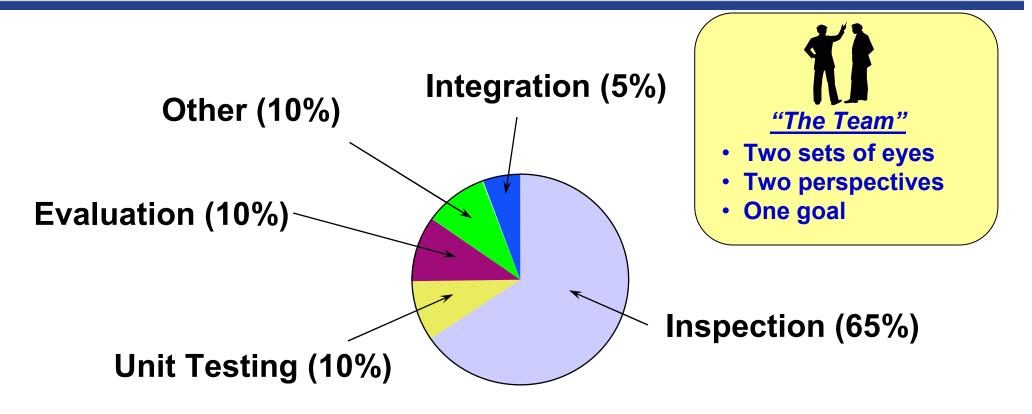
- Selectively uses a logical, systematic set of processes to accomplish Systems Engineering tasks.
- Assesses the arrangement of elements and subsystems and the allocation of functions to meet system requirements

### **Where Errors Come From**



"Evaluation of a Software Requirements Document by Analysis of Change Data" by Basili, V. and Weiss, D. Fifth IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering 1981, Washington D.C.

## **How Errors Are Detected**

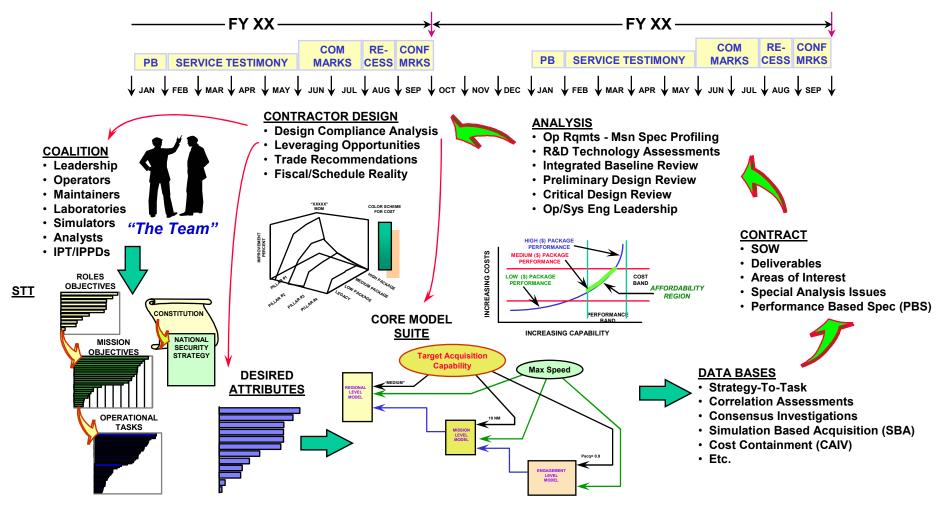


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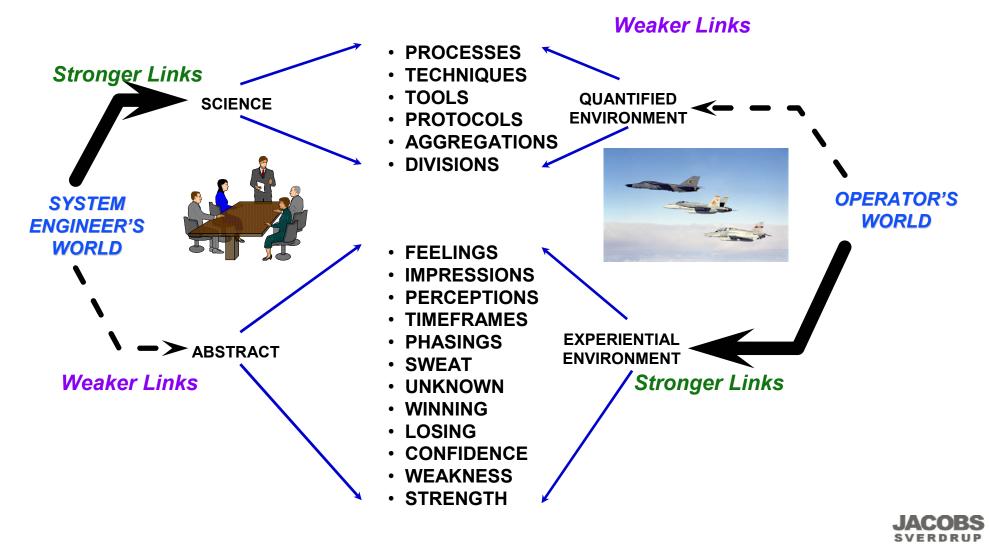


# **Op/Sys Eng Team Battlespace**

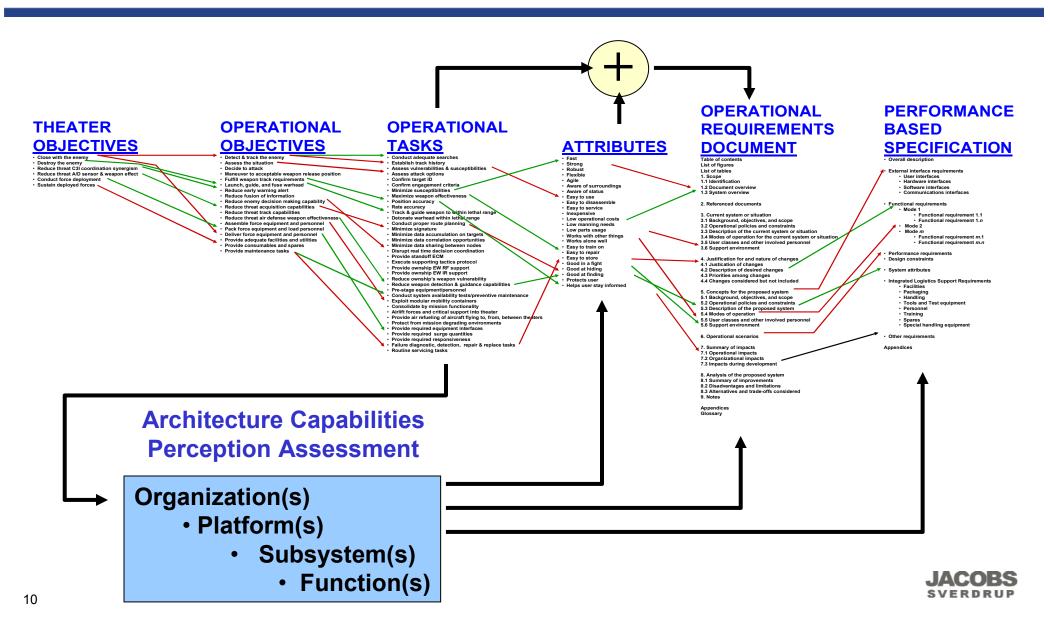
Requirements/acquisition strategy package updated prior to each Budget Review cycle



# **Synergistic Traits of the Team**



# **The Team Detects Critical Linkages**



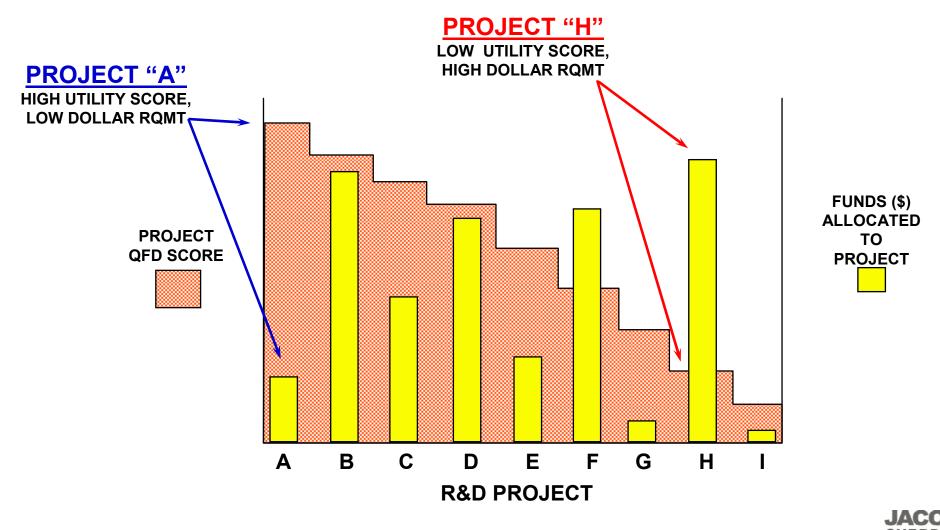
# **Operator-System Engineer Product Line**

The foundation for formulating answers to questions often starts with discovering the fundamental requirement priorities of the operators

The Operator-System Engineer Team must show where dollars can be saved,...or, where dollars are to be spent, they will have the most impact



# The Team Finds R&D Cost Effectiveness



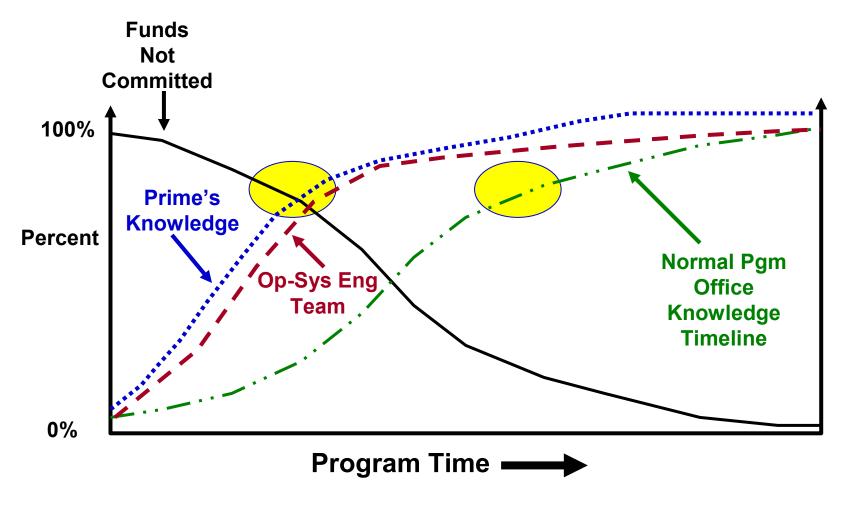
### **Force Modernization CONOPS**

The idea is to devise a way to visualize and integrate into your decision process all the tangible and intangible ideas, concepts and facts that influence your reasoning process. You do this <u>first</u>,... to give yourself the most comprehensive understanding possible (for knowledge is power), and <u>secondly</u>,... to frame and articulate your solutions and decisions in such a logical manner that you are able to persuade both your colleagues and oversight authorities that your path is the right path.



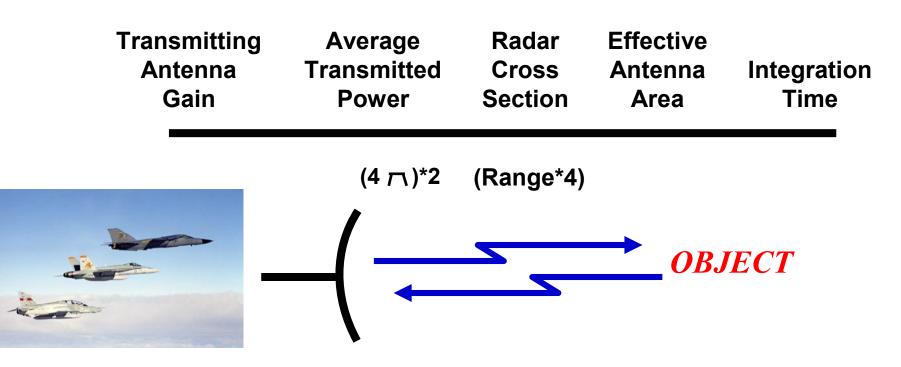
# The Race for Knowledge

Everyone on a program gets total enlightenment,...the question is will it be before or after your money is committed?



# Aggressive Op/Sys Eng Interplay is Key

#### Simplified <u>Radar Range Equation</u>





# **Modernization Knowledge State Options**

- They don't know what they don't know (Unknown Unknowns)
- They know they don't know something (Known Unknowns)
- They don't understand all they know (constrained awareness)
- They understand what they know



### "Unknown Unknowns" State

- Serenity
- Acceptance
- Contentment
- Comfortable routine

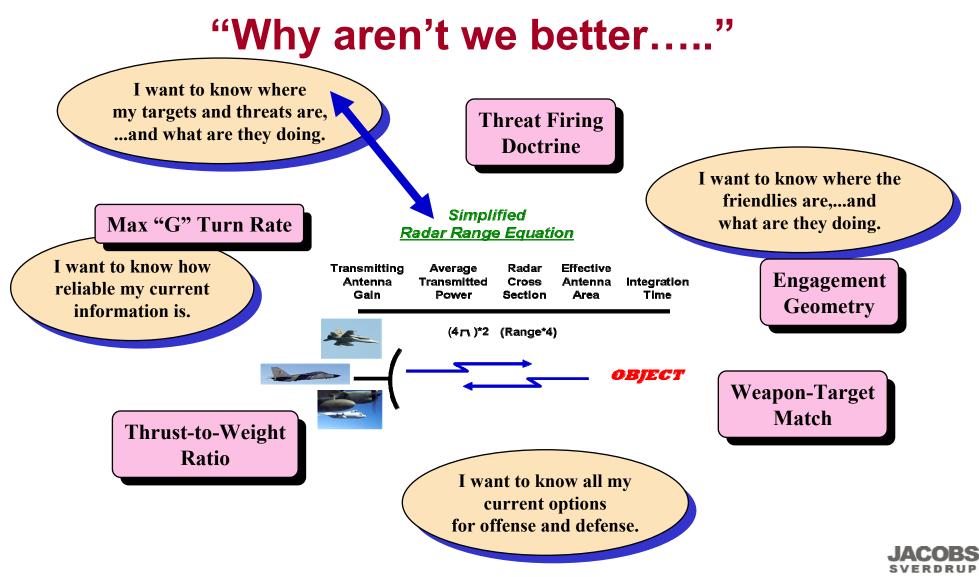
Strategic planner's nightmare

Acquisition manager's nightmare

- Low accountability regardless of personal traits
- High levels of "reactiveness" to problems



# "Known Unknowns" State



### "Constrained Awareness" State

#### **MANUFACTURER**

"We have the solution to your getting better..."

#### **Radar Improvement Functions**

•\$20,000	<ul> <li>Constant false alarm rate (CFAR) detector</li> </ul>	
•\$16,000	<ul> <li>Active guidance</li> </ul>	
•\$7,000	<ul> <li>Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)</li> </ul>	
•\$4,000	<ul> <li>Linear frequency modulation</li> </ul>	
•\$1,500	<ul> <li>Digital automatic gain control (DAGC)</li> </ul>	
•\$28,000	•Angle tracking	
•\$8,000	Pulse compression	
•\$1,800	•Mainlobe clutter	
•\$3,000	•Amplitude weighting	
•\$9,000	•Blanking	
•\$5,000	•Automatic gain control	
•\$7,000	•Multi-look capability 🗧 🕺	
•\$19,000	•Doppler beam sharpening (DBS)	
•\$7,000	•Beam steering	
•\$4,000	<ul> <li>Mainlobe clutter</li> <li>Amplitude weighting</li> <li>Blanking</li> <li>Automatic gain control</li> <li>Multi-look capability</li> <li>Doppler beam sharpening (DBS)</li> <li>Beam steering</li> <li>Interferometry</li> <li>Lowpass filter</li> <li>Injection locking</li> <li>Illumination tapering</li> <li>Electronic scanning</li> <li>Ensemble detection</li> <li>Coherent on receive</li> <li>Envelope detector</li> </ul>	
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•\$28,000	•Coherent on receive	
•\$8,000	•Envelope detector	
•\$1,800	•Clutter referenced MTI	
•\$3,000	<ul> <li>Ground moving targets (GMT)</li> </ul>	
•\$6,000	•Pulse delay ranging	
•\$3,000	•Clutter canceller	



### "Understand" State – Level 1

		JBSYSTEM JNCTIONS	Mission	Mission -	Mission 2	Mission .	Mission 2	Mission C	Mission -	Mission	Mission o	Mission -	Mission -	Mission -	Mission -	Mission _	Mission _	Mission 16
	Consta	nt false alarm rate (CFAR) detecto		4.30	3.00	7.40	2.90	3.60	4.90	3.20	3.30	1.70	2.50	4.00	2.70	3.20	3.20	2.50
Active guidance			9.10	28.70	13.60	26.40	4.30	25.50	23.30	26.40	12.50	27.30	12.50	14.70	29.40	24.70	16.40	25.30
Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)			) 2.40	6.30	4.50	2.40	3.00	4.30	4.70	6.10	5.70	3.20	5.80	5,5	8.90	3.80	4.60	2.20
		Linear frequency modulation	1 4.80	18.40	5.40	16.50	5.90	13.40	9.50	16.40	3.70	16.30	5.70	9.40	16.20	8.50	8.80	9.40
Digital automatic gain control (DAGC)			) 3.90	3.80	2.60	3.80	3.00	2.90	4.60	7.50	5.30	4.30	4.50	3.60	4.30	2.60	3.20	1.90
_		Angle tracking	<b>j</b> 7.80	26.50	6.30	24.60	2.40	23.50	16.70	24.90	15.30	19.90	12.60	15.80	15.50	16.40	7.70	22.30
_		Pulse compression	n 7.30	8.30	7.30	9.80	2.00	8.90	7.40	8.80	3.50	8.50	7.10	5.40	8.80	7.80	8.40	9.90
_		Mainlobe clutte	r 4.90	27.50	16.90	9.00	8.50	23.10	19.50	27.80	15.30	27.00	8.90	16.90	13.30	24.30	16.90	24.60
- 3	041	Amplitude weighting	5.40	7.80	2.40	8.40	3.00	8.90	8.30	8.30	3.70	7.90	9.40	7.60	9.60	8.40	7.70	8.20
- 3	- 83-83041	Blanking	3.60	8.80	3.50	114.80	5.40	17.30	7.30	11.40	6.70	14.60	6.40	7.60	16.70	9.50	5.20	14.80
_ :	ŝ	Automatic gain contro		10.40	3.60	13.30	6.90	8.50	2.40	10.50	7.40	9.90	9.90	8.60	9.90	3.50	7.50	6.40
		Multi-look capability		28.90	18.40	27.40	7.90	24.80	14.70	25.70	17.50	27.80	12.10	18.40	16.70	17.30	12.40	27.10
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radar	nu	Beam steering		25.50	13.90	24.30	4.90	25.40	16.80	27.40	7.80	18.30	6.70	18.40	26.70	8.90	18.40	23.50
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- SNE	Ca	Lowpass filte		13.40	8.90	16.30	8.40	12.70	7.70	12.80	4.50	8.40	4.50	8.90	9.40	6.90	6.30	9.30
- io	Sol	Injection locking		19.40	6.50	18.40	5.30	16.90	13.60	18.90	6.40	12.90	7.40	12.90	18.40	13.60	7.50	17.50
AIRBORNE	s catalog card number 593)	Illumination tapering	/	7.60	9.90	4.20	2.40	7.00	4.70	6.70	1.50	7.30	4.90	6.80	7.30	4.80	7.50	9.60
		Electronic scanning		29.10	16.20	28.50	2.10	27.50	19.30	29.20	19.40	28.70	11.90	16.20	26.20	22.80	13.20	25.60
L TO	ires (pg	Ensemble detection	, 1 3.00	12.80	6.20	11.50	7.40	5.90	4.70	11.90	4.40	5.60	8.40	8.40	6.70	5.30	4.20	5.50
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	50	Clutter referenced MT		26.30	5.30	22.10	3.30	13.90	15.30	9.50	13.40	28.50	11.50	8.70	15.20	19.90	7.90	17.30
RO rg	m	Ground moving targets (GMT		7.30	4.50	7.10	4.30	6.20	7.50	7.30	2.40	8.90	5.80	4.30	4.30	4.60	3.50	6.60
- LU C		Pulse delay ranging		8.30	4.20	10.10	1.00	13.90	5.60	8.10	2.30	9.60	4.50	5.70	7.60	8.70	6.20	13.30
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Cell Score = Subsystem Mission Contribution



### "Understand" State – Level 2

10 - <20 = Yellow

20 - <30 = Red

	SUBSYSTEM FUNCTIONS	Mission _	Mission 2	Mission 3	Mission .	Mission 2	Mission S	Mission -	Mission .	Mission o	Mission -	Mission 2	Mission 15	io,				
Co	nstant false alarm rate (CFAR) detector	3.70	4.30	3.00	7.40	2.90	3.60	4.90	3.20	3.30	1.70	2.50	4.00	2.70	3.20	3.20	2.50	
	Active guidance	9.10	28.70	13.60	26.40	4.30	25.50	23.30	26.40	12.50	27.30	12.50	14.70	29.40	24.70	16.40	25.30	
Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)		2.40	6.30	4.50	2.40	3.00	4.30	4.70	6.10	5.70	3.20	5.80	5,5	8.90	3.80	4.60	2.20	
	Linear frequency modulation	4.80	18.40	5.40	16.50	5.90	13.40	9.50	16.40	3.70	16.30	5.70	9.40	16.20	8.50	8.80	9.40	
Digital automatic gain control (DAGC)		3.90	3.80	2.60	3.80	3.00	2.90	4.60	7.50	5.30	4.30	4.50	3.60	4.30	2.60	3.20	1.90	
	Angle tracking	7.80	26.50	6.30	24.60	2.40	23.50	16.70	24.90	15.30	19.90	12.60	15.80	15.50	16.40	7.70	22.30	
	Pulse compression	7.30	8.30	7.30	9.80	2.00	8.90	7.40	8.80	3.50	8.50	7.10	5.40	8.80	7.80	8.40	9.90	
	Mainlobe clutter	4.90	27.50	16.90	9.00	8.50	23.10	19.50	27.80	15.30	27.00	8.90	16.90	13.30	24.30	16.90	24.60	
83-83041	Amplitude weighting	5.40	7.80	2.40	8.40	3.00	8.90	8.30	8.30	3.70	7.90	9.40	7.60	9.60	8.40	7.70	8.20	
	Blanking	3.60	8.80	3.50	114.80	5.40	17.30	7.30	11.40	6.70	14.60	6.40	7.60	16.70	9.50	5.20	14.80	
83	Automatic gain control	3,8	10.40	3.60	13.30	6.90	8.50	2.40	10.50	7.40	9.90	9.90	8.60	9.90	3.50	7.50	6.40	
83	Multi-look capability	9.30	28.90	18.40	27.40	7.90	24.80	14.70	25.70	17.50	27.80	12.10	18.40	16.70	17.30	12.40	27.10	
- <u>-</u>	Doppler beam sharpening (DBS)	3.20	6.40	6.10	5.30	3.00	6.60	6.30	8.30	2.90	7.60	8.70	7.40	6.30	6.20	3.90	5.30	
AR hbe	Beam steering	4.30	25.50	13.90	24.30	4.90	25.40	16.80	27.40	7.80	18.30	6.70	18.40	26.70	8.90	18.40	23.50	
RADAR d number	Interferometry	3.40	16.40	2.80	18.90	4.60	14.50	8.50	17.90	4.20	13.50	7.80	8.50	13.90	9.60	6.30	9.90	
Υp	Lowpass filter	3.20	13.40	8.90	16.30	8.40	12.70	7.70	12.80	4.50	8.40	4.50	8.90	9.40	6.90	6.30	9.30	
NE car	Injection locking	4.10	19.40	6.50	18.40	5.30	16.90	13.60	18.90	6.40	12.90	7.40	12.90	18.40	13.60	7.50	17.50	
AIRBORNE R catalog card	Illumination tapering	3.50	7.60	9.90	4.20	2.40	7.00	4.70	6.70	1.50	7.30	4.90	6.80	7.30	4.80	7.50	9.60	
() (BC	Electronic scanning	5.20	29.10	16.20	28.50	2.10	27.50	19.30	29.20	19.40	28.70	11.90	16.20	26.20	22.80	13.20	25.60	
Ensemble detection		3.00	12.80	6.20	11.50	7.40	5.90	4.70	11.90	4.40	5.60	8.40	8.40	6.70	5.30	4.20	5.50	
			22.10	15.30	19.60	3,3	24.40	15.30	17.50	8.90	17.40	7.30	13.90	16.60	15.60	13.90	19.30	
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	Clutter referenced MTI	5.80	26.30	5.30	22.10	3.30	13.90	15.30	9.50	13.40	28.50	11.50	8.70	15.20	19.90	7.90	17.30	
$Q \rightarrow Q$ Ground moving targets (GMT)		5.80	7.30	4.50	7.10	4.30	6.20	7.50	7.30	2.40	8.90	5.80	4.30	4.30	4.60	3.50	6.60	
	Pulse delay ranging	5.40	8.30	4.20	10.10	1.00	13.90	5.60	8.10	2.30	9.60	4.50	5.70	7.60	8.70	6.20	13.30	
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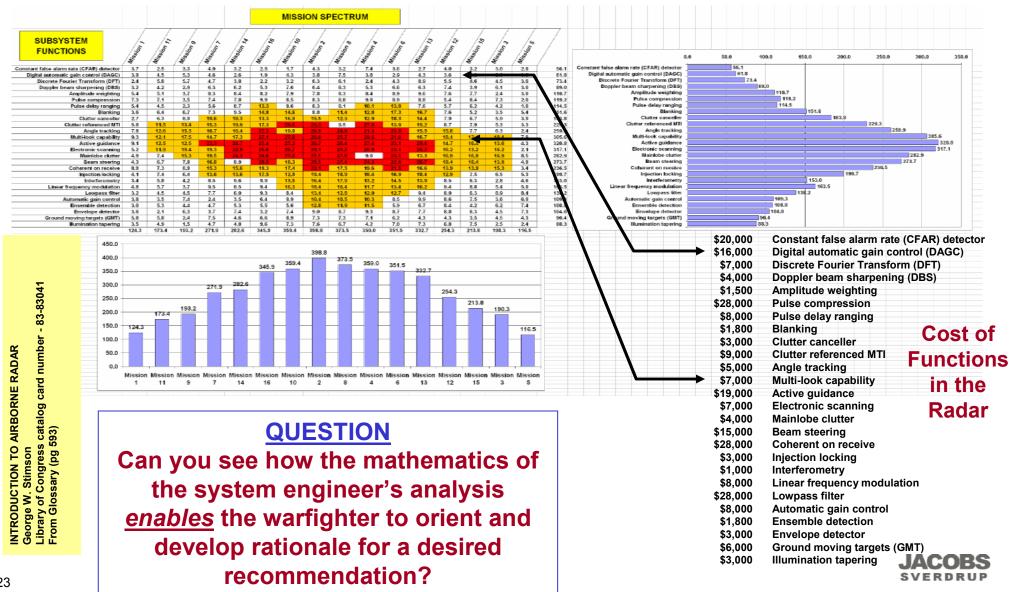
Contribution

#### **MISSION SPECTRUM** Mission 17 Mission 74 Mission 16 Mission 13 Mission 22 Mission 15 Mission 9 Mission 6 Mission 3 Mission 5 Mission 7 Mission > 2 Mission 2 Mission 8 Mission 4 SUBSYSTEM Mission 7 **FUNCTIONS** Constant false alarm rate (CFAR) detector 3.7 2.5 3.3 4.9 3.2 2.5 1.7 4.3 3.2 7.4 3.6 2.7 4.0 3.2 3.0 2.9 56.1 Digital automatic gain control (DAGC) 3.9 4.5 4.6 2.6 1.9 4.3 3.8 7.5 3.8 2.9 4.3 3.6 3.2 3.0 61.8 5.3 2.6 Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) 2.4 5.8 5.7 4.7 3.8 2.2 3.2 6.3 6.1 2.4 4.3 8.9 5.5 4.6 4.5 3.0 73.4 Doppler beam sharpening (DBS) 3.2 4.2 2.9 6.3 6.2 5.3 7.6 6.4 8.3 5.3 6.6 6.3 7.4 3.9 6.1 3.0 89.0 Amplitude weighting 5.4 5.1 3.7 8.3 8.4 8.2 7.9 7.8 8.3 8.4 8.9 9.6 7.6 7.7 2.4 3.0 110.7 Pulse compression 7.3 7.1 3.5 7.4 7.8 9.9 8.5 8.3 8.8 9.8 8.9 8.8 5.4 8.4 7.3 2.0 119.2 Pulse delay ranging 5.4 4.5 2.3 5.6 8.7 13.3 9.6 8.3 8.1 10.1 13.9 7.6 5.7 6.2 4.2 1.0 114.5 Blanking 6.7 7.3 9.5 14.8 8.8 12.8 17.3 7.6 151.6 3.6 6.4 14.6 11.4 16.7 5.2 3.5 5.4 Clutter canceller 2.7 8.9 13.3 16.9 15.5 12.3 12.9 18.3 14.4 7.9 5.9 3.9 183.8 - 83-83041 6.3 19.6 18.3 6.7 17.3 13.9 8.7 Clutter referenced MTI 5.8 19.9 9.5 15.2 11.5 13.4 15.3 28.5 26.3 26.5 27.5 7.9 5.3 3.3 229.3 Angle tracking 7.8 12.6 16.7 16.4 19.9 15.5 15.8 7.7 6.3 2.4 259.9 15.3 24. 29.5 21.9 28.9 Multi-look capability 9.3 12.1 17.5 14.7 17.3 25. 16.7 18.4 12.4 18.4 7.9 305.6 9.1 12.5 12.5 27.4 27.3 28.7 27.4 14.7 16.4 13.6 4.3 24.7 29.4 320.8 Active guidance Electronic scanning 11.9 19.4 19.3 22.8 25.6 29.1 29.2 28.9 23.1 26.2 16.2 13.2 16.2 2.1 317.1 5.2 card number 24.6 27.0 27.5 9.0 13.3 16.9 Mainlobe clutter 4.9 7.4 15.3 19.5 24 3 23.1 16.9 16.9 8.5 282.9 INTRODUCTION TO AIRBORNE RADAR George W. Stimson Library of Congress catalog card numb From Glossary (pg 593) 8.9 18.3 273.7 Beam steering 4.3 6.7 7.8 16.8 18.4 18.4 13.9 4.9 24.3 22.1 17.5 16.6 19.3 17.4 19.6 21.5 Coherent on receive 8.9 7.3 8.9 15.3 15.6 13.9 13.9 15.3 3.4 236.5 Injection locking 4.1 7.4 13.6 13.6 17.5 12.9 19.4 18.9 18.4 16.9 18.4 12.9 199.7 6.4 7.5 6.5 5.3 Interferometry 4.2 8.5 9.6 9.9 13.5 16.4 17.9 13.2 14.5 13.9 8.5 2.8 4.6 153.0 3.4 5.8 6.3 Linear frequency modulation 18.4 13.4 9.4 5.4 4.8 5.7 9.5 8.5 9.4 16.3 16.4 11.7 16.2 8.8 5.9 163.5 3.7 9.3 138.2 Lowpass filter 3.2 4.5 4.5 7.7 6.9 8.4 13.4 12.8 12.9 12.7 9.4 8.9 6.3 8.9 8.4 Automatic gain control 3,8 3.5 7.4 2.4 3.5 6.4 9.9 10.4 10.5 10.3 8.5 9.9 8.6 7.5 3.6 6.9 109.3 Ensemble detection 3.0 5.3 4.4 4.7 5.3 5.5 5.6 12.8 11.9 11.5 5.9 6.7 8.4 4.2 7.4 108.8 6.2 Envelope detector 2.1 3.7 7.4 3.2 7.4 9.0 8.7 9.3 8.7 7.7 8.8 6.3 4.5 7.3 104.0 3.6 6.3 Ground moving targets (GMT) 5.8 4.6 7.3 4.3 4.3 3.5 4.5 4.3 90.4 5.8 2.4 7.5 6.6 8.9 7.3 7.1 6.2 Illumination tapering 3.5 4.9 1.5 4.7 4.8 9.6 7.3 7.6 6.7 4.2 7.0 7.3 6.8 7.5 2.5 2.4 88.3 124.3 173.4 193.2 271.9 282.6 345.9 359.4 398.8 373.5 359.0 351.5 332.7 254.3 213.8 190.3 116.5 <10 = WhiteSubsystem Mission

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# **Decision Quality "Understanding"**

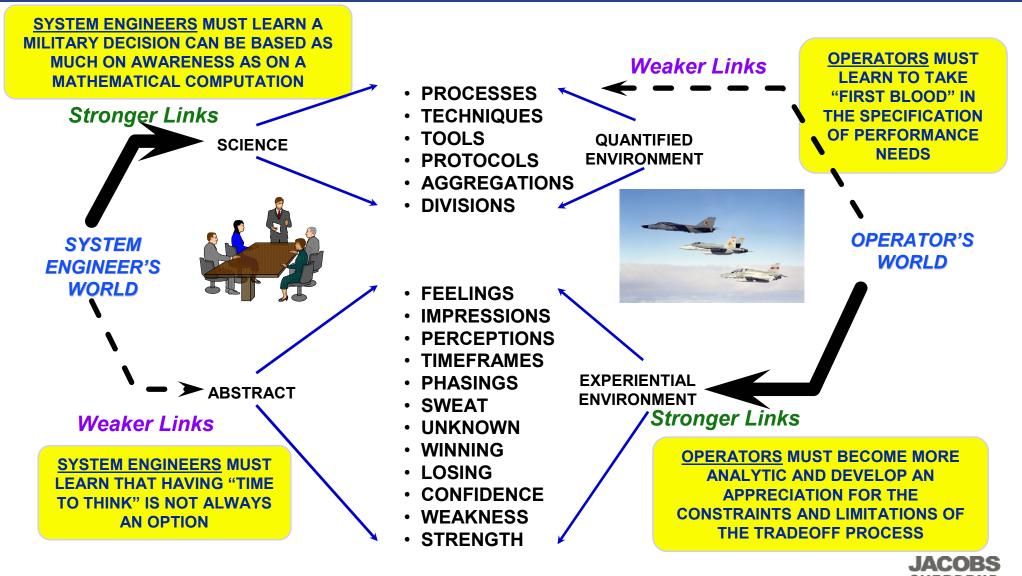


# **Op/Sys Eng Team Lessons Learned**

- Team mates must be <u>equally adept and authorized</u> to both persuade and compromise on major issues
- A <u>learning curve</u> period of time is always necessary to preclude forming a hasty fundamental relationship architecture
- <u>Accountability</u> speeds up <u>exposure</u> of the issues and assessment process
- <u>Decisions</u> will always be made with <u>some concerns</u> <u>still unresolved</u>



### **Modernization Teams - Path Ahead**



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# **Summary**

- Manage coalition expectations with facts
- Focus on the whole,...not just familiar parts
- Identify detailed components and functionality
- Recognize restrictions, caveats, assumptions
- Recognize the nature of conflicting truths
- Perform subject matter analysis & decomposition
- Identify metrics and range of value zones
- Discriminate between activity,...and actual progress
- Discriminate between pgm milestones & sys eng criteria
- Hunt down and destroy ambiguity

