

NDIA Conference: “Design Innovation to Improve DoD Acquisition”

User Executive Plenary Session:

Ready To Design A Warship?

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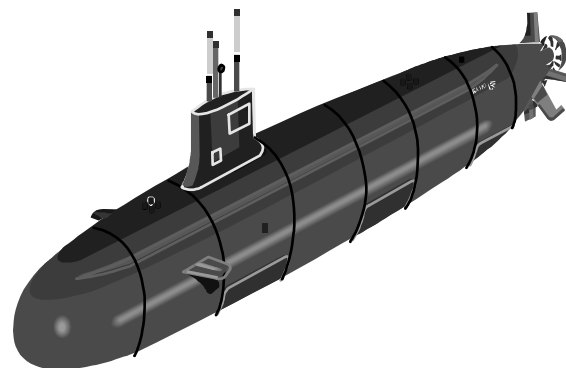
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Nature of the Product – A Warship



- A “system of systems”: Operate in battle force with older and newer ships
- Very low quantities, high unit cost, long lives
- Extremely complex product: millions of piece parts
- No prototypes, first ship(s) must be fully operational
- Government develops combat/weapons/communications systems
- Government ultimately assumes responsibility for meeting requirements
- Lack of commercial shipbuilding industrial base to build upon
- Intense Congressional oversight

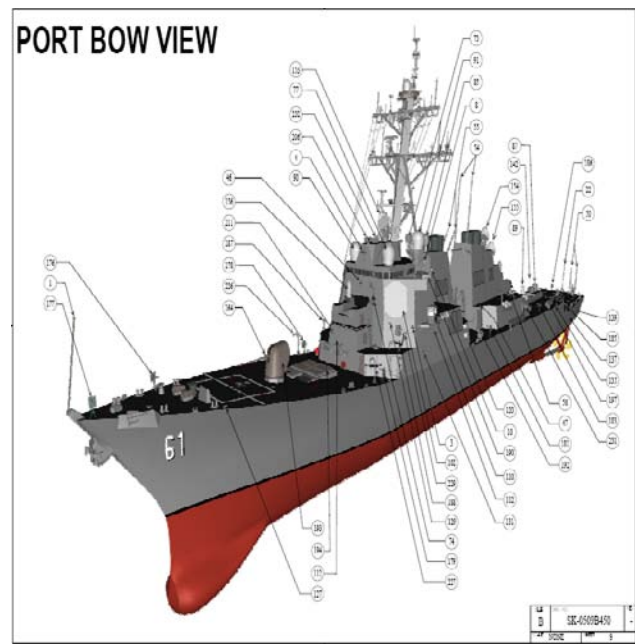
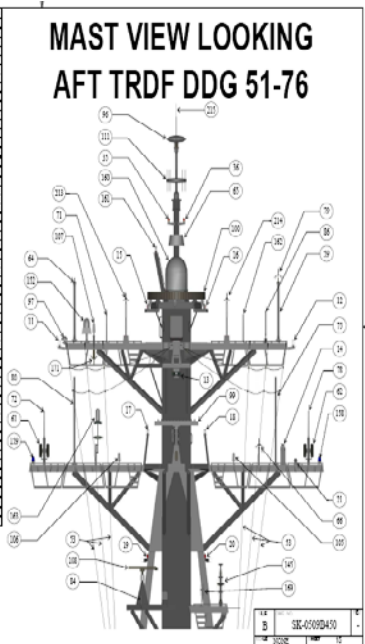


RF Integration Challenges

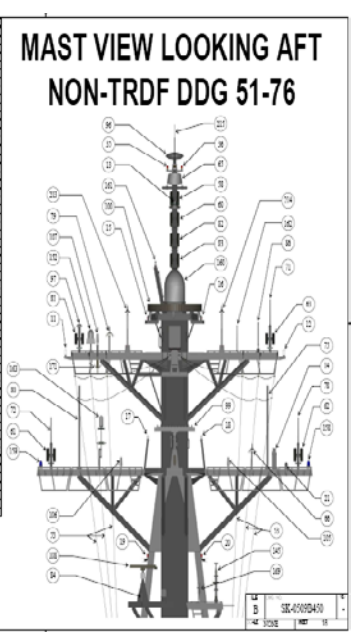


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Numerous antennas competing for limited space and coverage result in a complex electromagnetic environment (EME), presenting a challenge for effective topside integration and maintaining the topside baseline.



AV Integration Challenges



- **Dynamic Interfaces between ship and aircraft**





Examples of Effective Designs Using Physics-Based Modeling

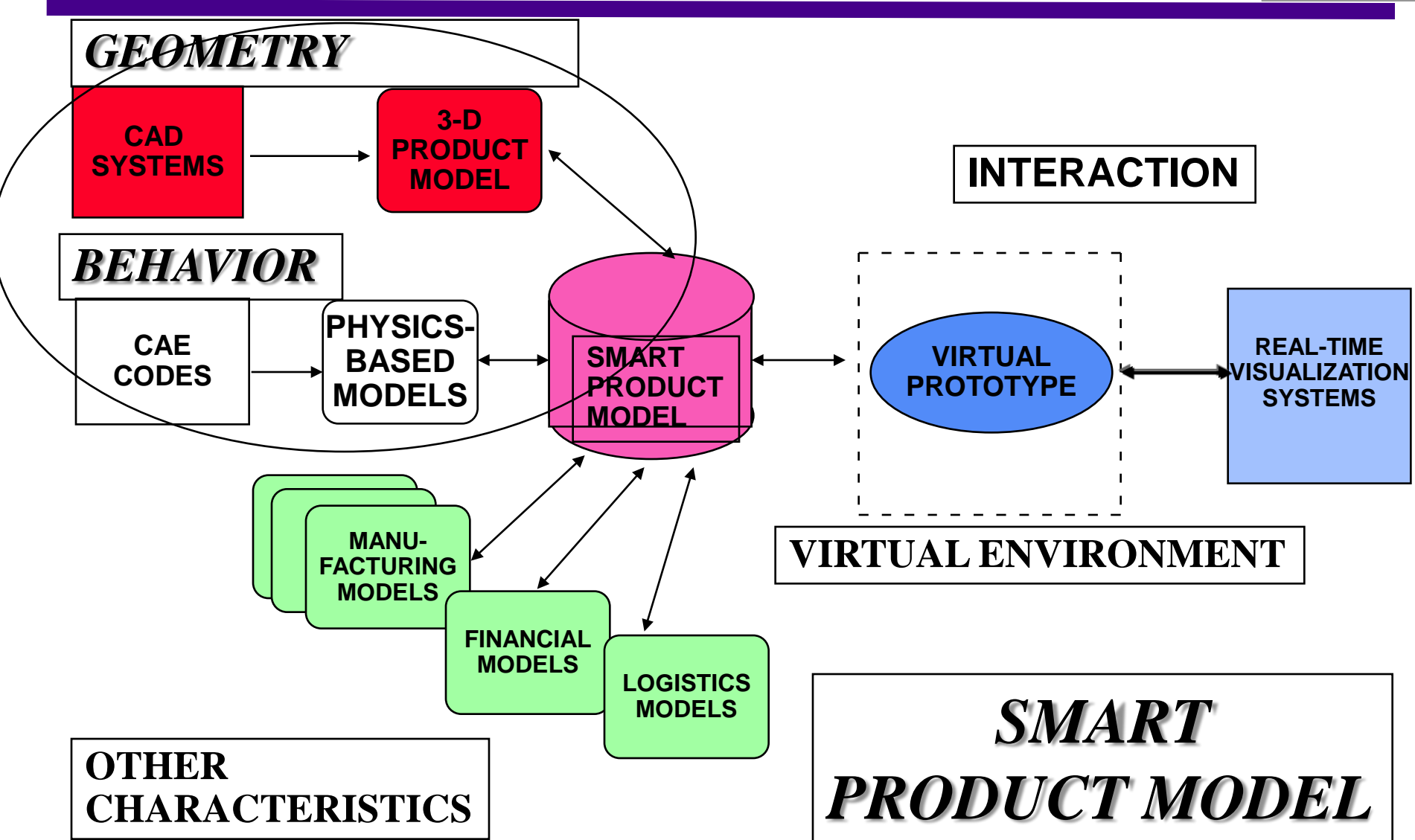


- **Improved “Seakeeping Performance” Hull Form for DDG 51 Class Ships**
- **Active Fin Roll Stabilization System for Increased Operational Envelopes of Helos on FFG 7 Class Ships**
- **Reduced Radar Cross-Section Signatures of Surface Combatants**
- **Reduced signature of ship/submarine propellers/propulsors**
- **Expanded Safe Operating Envelopes of submerged submarines**

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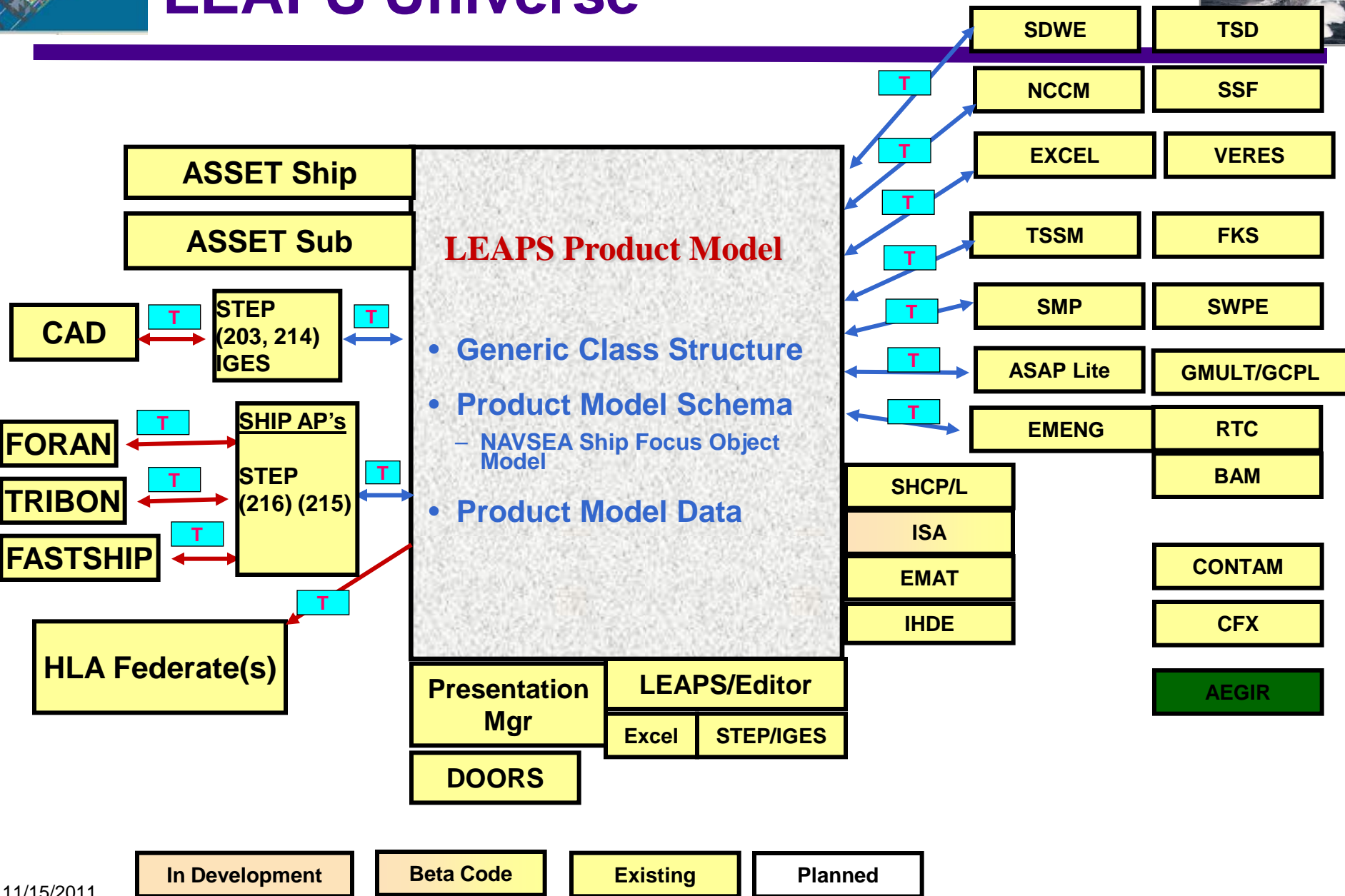


- ***First amphibious ship designed to specific survivability and vulnerability requirements:***
 - greatly reduced signatures,
 - hardened structure,
 - improved separation/redundancy,
 - significantly enhanced self defense systems, and
 - cooperative engagement capability.
- ***First surface ship designed for a 40-year service-life***





LEAPS Universe





Integrated Tools: “We Shape Our Tools And Our Tools Shape Us”



- Accelerate use of physics-based models by design engineers in early design
- Achieve an Integrated Design Environment (IDE) for early stage design
- Implement a design analysis product model - LEAPS (Leading Edge Architecture for Prototyping Systems)
- Integrate Design, Production and Support
- Capitalize on 3-D Product Model Technology

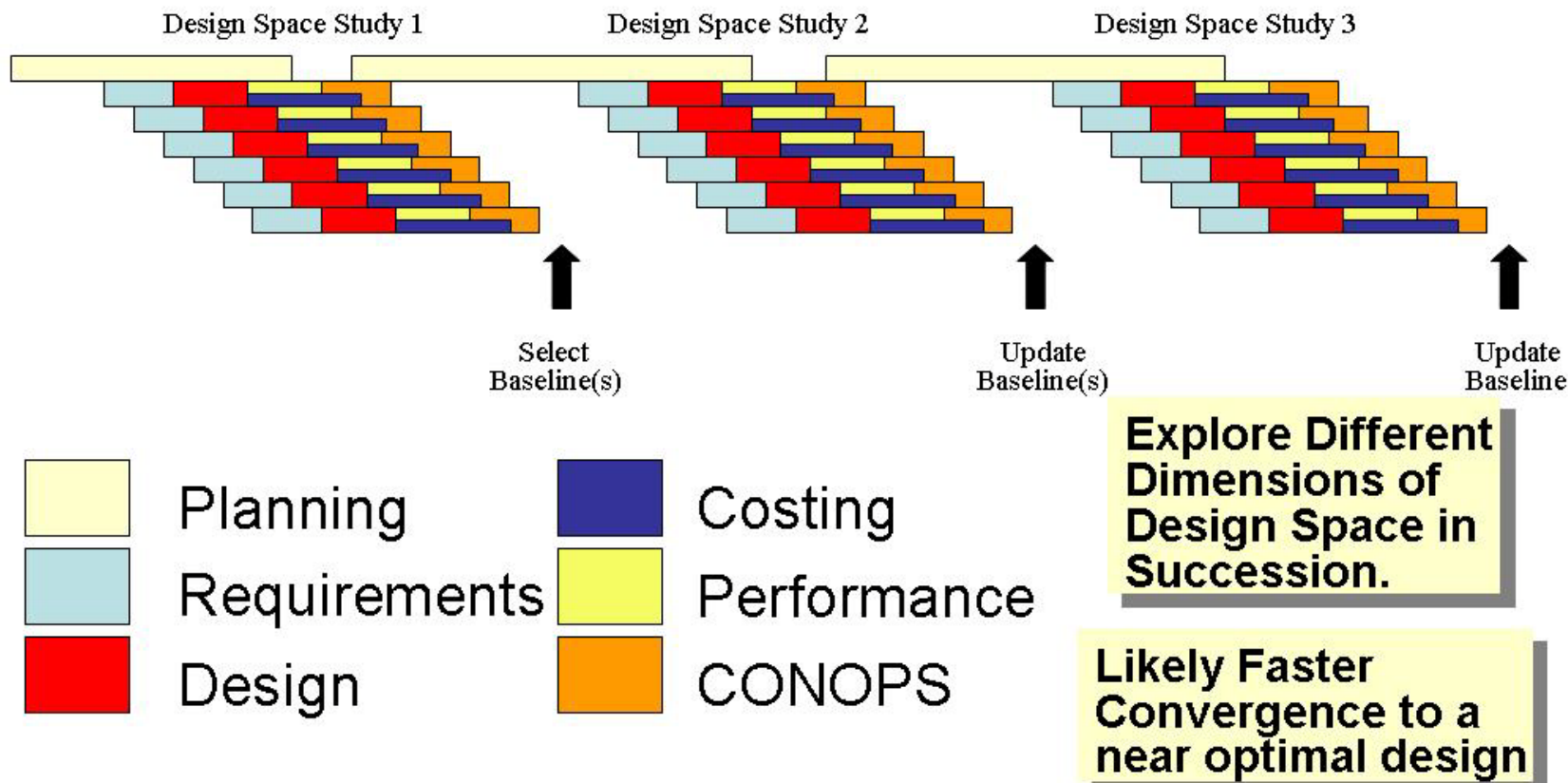
Structure IDE to Design-Build Process



Process Improvements: Set-Based Design



“Concurrent - Serial Process”





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