



# **Optimal Design of Computer Simulation Experiments for Engineering and Architecting Systems-of-Systems Using a Main-Effects-Plus-Two-Factor-Interactions Model**

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  - General approach of custom design
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  - System allocation optimization
  
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# Design of Experiments (DOE)

## What and Why

### ▪ **Definitions**

- A DOE is a structured approach to designing and analyzing experiments in which purposeful changes are made to multiple input variables (or factors) to efficiently investigate the effects on an output variable (or response).
- “A DOE is the specific collection of trials run to support a proposed model.” [Donnelly, 2010]

➤ **ALL DESIGNS ARE MODEL DEPENDENT!**

### ▪ **Why**

- “There is not a single area of science and engineering that has not successfully employed statistically designed experiments.”  
[D.C. Montgomery, 2012, p. 22]
- In the last twenty years, DOE has found interesting applicability in complex industrial and military AoA that require complex computer simulations, e.g. Monte Carlo simulations.



# Design of Experiments (DOE)

## A Brief History (1 of 3)

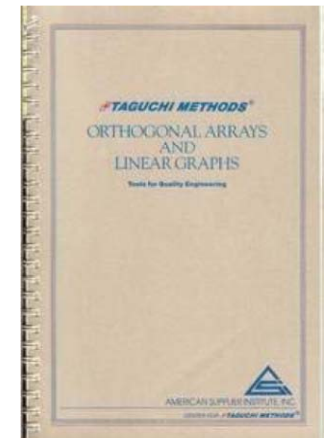
- **Classical approach, 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> centuries**
  - Vary one factor at a time
- **Foundation of DOE principles: R.A. Fisher, 1920s**
  - Full factorial designs
  - Fractional factorial designs (FFDs)
    - 👉 Reduced number of runs, e.g.,  $2^{k-p}$  FFDs
    - 👎 Confounding of main effects and interactions, i.e., biased estimates
  - Statistical analysis, ANOVA

# Design of Experiments (DOE)


## A Brief History (2 of 3)

### ▪ Taguchi Method, 1950s

- “...*Robust Design* to develop industrial processes and products whose performance is minimally sensitive to factors causing variability at the lowest possible cost” [American Supply Institute]
- Small set of designs for engineers and quality professionals allowing hand calculation
  - 18 orthogonal arrays (OA)
  - Limited set of interaction matrices and linear graphs
  - Estimation of main effects by averaging appropriate response data
- 💣 Focus on main effects with underlying presupposition that interaction effects can be neglected
- 💣 Omission of statistical analysis







# Design of Experiments (DOE) A Brief History (3 of 3)

- **Optimal design of experiments (ODOE)**
  - Mathematical approach proposed by Kiefer and Wolfowitz [1959]
    - DOE based on specific objective criteria rather than orthogonality
    - Does not preclude OA designs
  - Recent growth in popularity
    - Custom design approach provides flexible method to design experiments that fit specific circumstance
    - Several general-purpose statistical packages, e.g. JMP,...
- **Computer simulation experiments**
  - “Brute-force computation cannot be used to explore large-scale simulation experiments.” [Vieira Jr. *et al.*, 2011]
  - New methods being developed to more efficiently design and analyze them
    - Nearly Orthogonal Latin Hypercubes (NOLH)



# Orthogonal Array Experiment (OAE) Huynh Conjectures\*

\* T.V Huynh, “Orthogonal array experiment in systems engineering and architecting,” *Systems Engineering*, 14(2), 2011, pp. 208-222.

- **Huynh's definition of OAE**

- Synonymous with Standard Taguchi Method (STM)
- Involves three main steps

1. Selection and reduction of Taguchi OA

2. Run experiments

3. Use of arithmetic averages of the responses for determining the effect of a factor level (STM)

- **Huynh conjectures**

- “Application of OAEs to solve a class of engineering optimization problems encountered in systems engineering architecting”

- “Optimum product or design results from the best or the optimum level for each factor”



# The Huynh Conjectures Are False

## ▪ **Impossibility theorem**

The Huynh conjectures cannot provide meaningful results for systems and SoS engineering and architecting problems.

## ➤ **Proof**

**Given:** “A *system* is a combination of interacting elements organized to achieve one or more stated purposes. A *system-of-systems* is a system whose elements are themselves systems.” [Haskins, 2011: 364]

**Consequence:** The appropriate modeling of interactions and their effects must be accounted for in the engineering and architecting of systems and SoS.

**Implication:** The Huynh conjectures are not applicable to the engineering and architecting of systems and SoS. **QED**

“Generally, when an interaction is large, the corresponding effects have little practical meaning.” Montgomery [2012, p. 186]





## **Main-Effects-Plus-Two-Factor-Interaction (MEPTFI) Model**

**“Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.”**

Einstein



# Regression Model

## Two-Factor Interaction Effects (1 of 2)

- **Pareto/sparsity-of-effects principle**

- Most real-world systems are driven by a few main effects and most high-order interactions are negligible.

- **MEPTFI surrogate model**

$$Y_u = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{ju} x_{ju} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \sum_{l=j+1}^k \beta_{ju,lu} x_{ju} x_{lu} + \varepsilon_u$$


- $Y_u$ : response for the  $u^{\text{th}}$  run
- $k$  factors ( $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$ )
- $x_{ju}$ : level-setting of factor  $X_j$  for the  $u^{\text{th}}$  run using coded design variables
- $\beta_0$ : overall mean
- $\beta_{ju}$ : main effect for factor  $X_j$  at the level-setting of the  $u^{\text{th}}$  run; specified as deviation from the overall mean
- $\beta_{ju,lu}$ : two-factor interaction effect between factors  $X_j$  and  $X_l$  at the level settings of the  $u^{\text{th}}$  run
- $\varepsilon_u$ : error term.



# Regression Model

## Two-Factor Interaction Effects (2 of 2)

- **Number of degrees of freedom (d.f.)**
  - Overall mean: 1 d.f.
  - Each factor  $X_i$ :  $(n_i - 1)$  d.f., where  $n_i$  be the number of levels.
  - Each two-factor interaction  $X_i * X_j$ :  $(n_i - 1) \times (n_j - 1)$  d.f.
- **Determining # distinct simulation runs**
  - Unsaturated designs:  $n > \#$  d.f.
  - Larger  $n \Rightarrow$  higher confidence in estimates of main and interaction effects
  - Interactions significantly increase the number of required simulation runs!



# Regression Model Matrix Form

- **Model/Design matrix**

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

- $Y$ :  $n \times 1$  vector of the responses of the  $n$  simulation runs
  - $\beta$ :  $p \times 1$  vector of the  $p$  unknown parameters of interest
  - $\varepsilon$ :  $n \times 1$  vector of the errors for the  $n$  simulation runs
  - $X$ : model matrix.  $n \times p$  matrix consisting of an  $n$ -vector of 1s and the  $n \times (p - 1)$  design matrix  $D$ .
  - Each column of  $D$  corresponds to a factor or interaction with entries that specify the level settings. Each row specifies a design point with settings for the corresponding simulation run.
- Abstract representation of a general linear model (multiple linear regression model)
- Suitable model for DOE ranging from elementary main-effects models to factorial designs with high-order interactions



# Ordinary Least-Squares Regression (OLSR)

- OLSR estimator of vector of unknown model coefficients

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$$

- Variance-covariance matrix of estimator

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}$$

- Fitted regression model

$$\hat{Y} = X'\hat{\beta}$$

- ☞ **Applicability: i.i.d. residual errors with  $N(0, \sigma^2)$**

– Else use Generalized Linear Models [Montgomery, 2012, p. 645)

**“DOE should allow DOT&E to make statements of the confidence levels we have in the results of the testing.”**

[DOT&E, 24 November 2009]





## **Custom/Optimal Design of Experimental Computer Simulations for SBA Problem**

**“Building experimental designs unique to the situation at hand is  
wonderful and profound in its importance.”**

J. Stuart Hunter, JMP Discovery Summit, September 2012

# Custom/Optimal Design Using JMP

## General Approach

- All designs are model dependent

1. Define response and factors
  - Main factors, interactions, and power terms
  - Specify “Necessary” or “If Possible”
2. Define model
4. Specify # of runs
  - Based on # d.f. & desired CL
  - Time/cost/capability constraints
5. Specify optimality criterion
  - *D*-optimal designs most appropriate for screening experiments
6. Make design
7. Check/Evaluate design
8. Run experiments or simulations
8. Perform statistical analysis
9. Determine optimal solution

### DOE - Custom Design

**Custom Design**

Factors

Add Factor Remove Add N Factors 1

Name	Role	Changes	Values
PBS	Categorical	Easy	L1 L2 L3 L4
Fin	Categorical	Easy	L1 L2 L3 L4
C4ISR	Categorical	Easy	L1 L2 L3 L4
F/Fx	Categorical	Easy	L1 L2

Model

Main Effects Interactions RSM Cross Powers Remove Term

Name	Estimability
Intercept	Necessary
PBS	Necessary
Fin	Necessary
C4ISR	Necessary
F/Fx	Necessary
PBS*Fin	Necessary

Design Generation

Group runs into random blocks of size 2

Number of Replicate Runs: 0

Number of Runs:

Minimum	20
Default	24
User Specific	24

Make Design

**Model Specification**

Select Columns

PBS  
Fin  
C4ISR  
F/Fx  
Ps

Pick Role Variables

Y Ps  
optional

Weight optional numeric  
Freq optional numeric  
By optional

Personality: Standard Least Squares  
Emphasis: Effect Screening

Help Run  
Recall Keep dialog open  
Remove

Construct Model Effects

Add Cross Nest Macros

Degree 2

Attributes Transform  
No Intercept

PBS  
Fin  
C4ISR  
F/Fx  
PBS\*Fin

# Small Boat Attack Problem Revisited\*

## Custom/Optimal Design

Design						
Run	PBS	Fin	C4ISR	F/Fx		Ps
1	L4	L3	L2	L1		0.39
2	L1	L4	L4	L1		0.71
3	L1	L1	L1	L1		0.53
4	L2	L2	L3	L1		0.76
5	L4	L1	L2	L2		0.26
6	L1	L2	L1	L2		0.61
7	L3	L3	L1	L2		0.69
8	L2	L4	L2	L1		0.82
9	L2	L4	L1	L2		0.81
10	L1	L1	L3	L2		0.54
11	L1	L4	L1	L2		0.71
12	L2	L3	L2	L1		0.61
13	L4	L4	L2	L1		0.68
14	L3	L2	L1	L2		0.8
15	L2	L1	L4	L2		0.62
16	L1	L3	L2	L1		0.59
17	L3	L4	L4	L1		0.77
18	L1	L3	L3	L2		0.58
19	L2	L1	L1	L1		0.63
20	L4	L2	L2	L2		0.63
21	L4	L2	L3	L1		0.64
22	L3	L4	L2	L2		0.76
23	L2	L2	L4	L2		0.77
24	L3	L1	L2	L2		0.7

\* *Huynh et al. [2007]*

- **Custom design construct**
  - 4 factors\*: *PBS*, *Fin*, *C4ISR*, and *F/Fx*
  - 1 two-factor interaction: *PBS*×*Fin*
  - *D*-optimality
  - Constructed with *JMP Custom Designer*
  
- **Efficient model-based design**
  - Only 24 runs for determining factors and active interactions

# Design Evaluation

## Diagnostics for Assessing Design

Alias Matrix											
Effect	PBS*Fin 1	PBS*Fin 2	PBS*Fin 3	PBS*Fin 4	PBS*Fin 5	PBS*Fin 6	PBS*Fin 7	PBS*Fin 8	PBS*Fin 9	PBS*C4ISR 1	
Intercept											
PBS 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.01
PBS 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.074
PBS 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.11
Fin 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.3
Fin 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.048
Fin 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.028
C4ISR 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.08
C4ISR 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.589
C4ISR 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.14
F/Fx	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.24
PBS*Fin 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.12
PBS*Fin 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.148
PBS*Fin 3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.01
PBS*Fin 4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.1
PBS*Fin 5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.08
PBS*Fin 6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.083
PBS*Fin 7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-0.34
PBS*Fin 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-0.03
PBS*Fin 9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.080

Parameter	VIF
Intercept	1.727
PBS 1	2.211
PBS 2	1.112
PBS 3	1.638
Fin 1	1.176
Fin 2	1.475
Fin 3	1.513
C4ISR 1	2
C4ISR 2	2.667
C4ISR 3	2.333
F/Fx	1.5
PBS*Fin 1	1.297
PBS*Fin 2	1.099
PBS*Fin 3	1.257
PBS*Fin 4	1.349
PBS*Fin 5	1.089
PBS*Fin 6	1.697
PBS*Fin 7	1.362
PBS*Fin 8	1.357
PBS*Fin 9	2.143

Design Diagnostics	
D Optimal Design	
D Efficiency	82.56108
G Efficiency	63.24555
A Efficiency	62.5
Average Variance of Prediction	1.333333
Design Creation Time (seconds)	0

- **Alias matrix**
  - No confounding of main effects and active two-factor interactions
- **Variance inflation factors (VIF)**
  - Relative to the orthogonal coding
  - VIF < 5: no collinearity problem
- **D-efficiency**
  - Orthogonal design: 100%
  - 80%: nearly orthogonal

### Evaluation of Design

- **Very good design**
  - Desirable aliasing properties
  - Nearly orthogonal
  - Small number of runs



# Statistical Analysis of Data

## JMP Fit Model Platform

**Model Specification**

Select Columns: PBS, Fin, C4ISR, F/Fx, Ps, Desirability

Pick Role Variables: Y: Ps (optional), Weight: optional.numeric, Freq: optional.numeric, By: optional

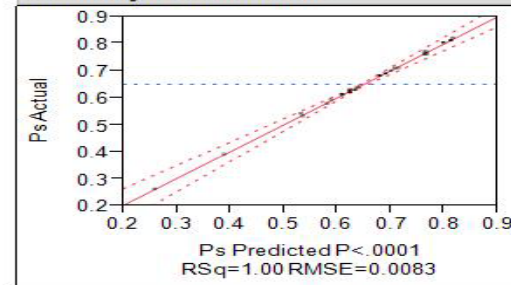
Personality: Standard Least Squares, Emphasis: Effect Screening

Buttons: Help, Run, Recall, Remove, Keep dialog open

Construct Model Effects: Add, Cross, Nest, Macros, Degree: 2, Attributes, Transform, No Intercept

Model Effects: PBS, Fin, C4ISR, F/Fx, PBS\*Fin

Actual by Predicted Plot



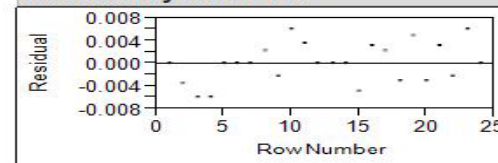
Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Model	19	0.40161875	0.021138	305.1476	<.0001*
Error	4	0.00027708	0.000069		
C. Total	23	0.40189583			

Effect Tests

Source	Nparm	DF	Sum of Squares	F Ratio	Prob > F
PBS	3	3	0.13317112	640.8234	<.0001*
Fin	3	3	0.15271885	734.8877	<.0001*
C4ISR	3	3	0.00001667	0.0802	0.9674
F/Fx	1	1	0.00005625	0.8120	0.4185
PBS*Fin	9	9	0.05657607	90.7486	0.0003*

Residual by Row Plot



## Fitted MEPTFI Model

Response Ps

Parameter Estimates

Term	Estimate	Std Error	t Ratio	Prob> t
Intercept	0.6364844	0.002232	285.12	<.0001*
PBS[L1]	-0.025391	0.003544	-7.16	0.0020*
PBS[L2]	0.0667969	0.003139	21.28	<.0001*
PBS[L3]	0.1042969	0.003766	27.69	<.0001*
Fin[L1]	-0.105339	0.003252	-32.39	<.0001*
Fin[L2]	0.0675781	0.003766	17.94	<.0001*
Fin[L3]	-0.067786	0.00362	-18.73	<.0001*
C4ISR[L1]	-0.001667	0.004495	-0.37	0.7296
C4ISR[L2]	-2.6e-17	0.004495	-0.00	1.0000
C4ISR[L3]	-4.73e-17	0.004495	-0.00	1.0000
F/Fx[L1]	0.001875	0.002081	0.90	0.4185
PBS[L1]*Fin[L1]	0.0300781	0.005315	5.66	0.0048*
PBS[L1]*Fin[L2]	-0.06513	0.006337	-10.28	0.0005*
PBS[L1]*Fin[L3]	0.0416927	0.005818	7.17	0.0020*
PBS[L2]*Fin[L1]	0.0270573	0.006001	4.51	0.0107*
PBS[L2]*Fin[L2]	-0.006693	0.005629	-1.19	0.3002
PBS[L2]*Fin[L3]	-0.02737	0.006422	-4.26	0.0130*
PBS[L3]*Fin[L1]	0.0664323	0.007102	9.35	0.0007*
PBS[L3]*Fin[L2]	-0.004818	0.006179	-0.78	0.4791
PBS[L3]*Fin[L3]	0.0205469	0.007461	2.75	0.0512

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## Analysis of Analysis

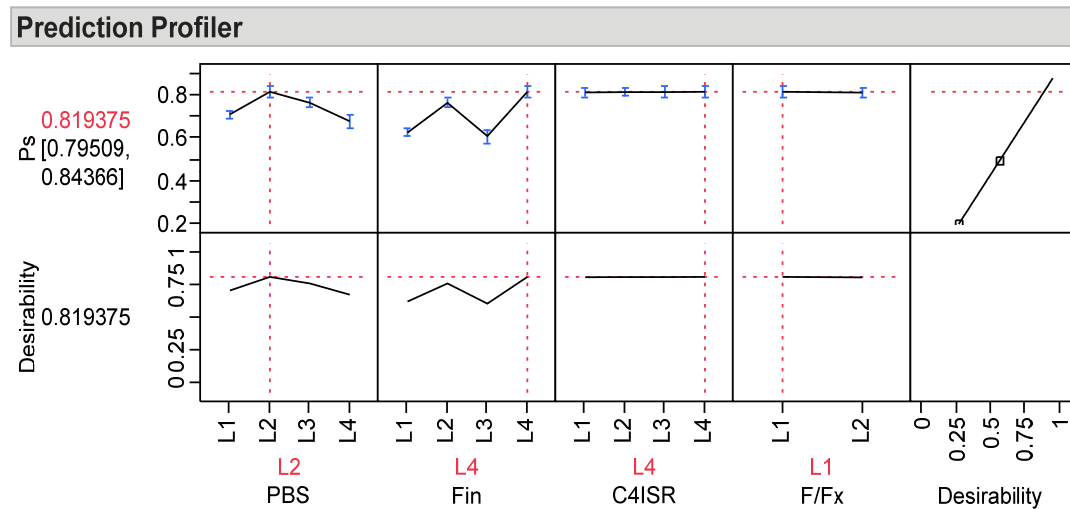
- MEPTFI model has excellent predictive capability
- *PBS, Fin, PBS×Fin* statistically significant, i.e.  $p < 0.05$
- Residual error plot:  $i.i.d. N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow$  OLSE applicable



# System Allocation Optimization

## ■ JMP Prediction Profiler

-Determines factor settings that maximize  $P_S$  based on fitted MEPTFI model



- ☞ The “optimal effective” solution differs from the main effects plots of Huynh *et al.* [2007]
- ☞ ODOE “optimal effective” SBA SoS architecture confirmed using several independent approaches



# CAIV Analysis

## 🔥 Classical optimal solutions are point solutions

- Limited value, precisely wrong
- Does not take advantage of the full information provided by the simulation experiments

## ➤ Solution: CAIV and/or efficient frontier (EF)

- EF and nearby solutions: small set of viable alternatives for rational decision
- Sound decision based on informative cost-effectiveness comparisons
- Supports set-based design (SBD) [Singer *et al.*, 2009]

**Crystal Ball Report - OptQuest**

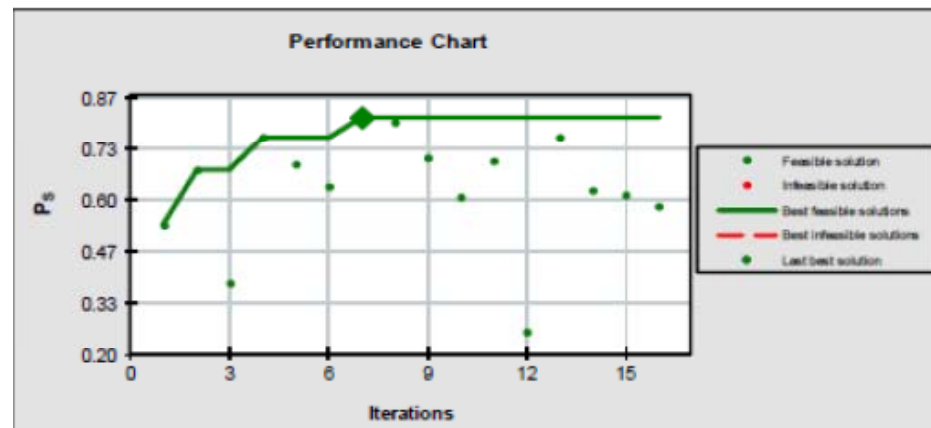
Run preferences:  
 Deterministic optimization (without simulation)

Crystal Ball data:

Objectives	1
Requirements	0
Constraints	4
Linear	4
Decision variables	14
Forecasts	1
** Frozen items **	6

**OptQuest Results**

Summary:  
 After 18 solutions were evaluated in 0 seconds,  
 the Mean of PS: was improved from 0.538 to 0.818, a change of 52.16%



<b>Objective</b>	Maximize the Mean of PS:	<b>Best Solution:</b>	0.818	Cell: C27
<b>Constraints</b>		<b>Left Side:</b>		<b>Right Side:</b>
1	PBS(L1) + PBS(L2) + PBS(L3) + PBS(L4)=1	1.00		1.00
2	Fin(1) + Fin(2) + Fin(3) + Fin(4)=1	1.00		1.00
3	C4ISR(1) + C4ISR(2) + C4ISR(3) + C4ISR(4)=1	1.00		1.00
4	FFx(1) + FFx(2)=1	1.00		1.00

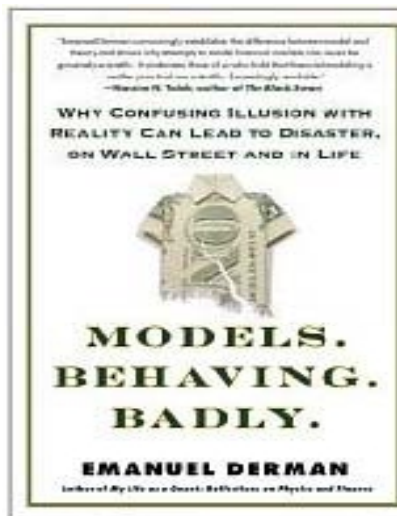


## Some Concluding Thoughts (1 of 2)

- ✗ **DOE has undergone profound changes in the last 15 years**
  - Significant advances in computing capability and algorithms
  - ODOE: flexible method to design experiments that custom fit circumstances
  - Proven benefits of nearly orthogonal designs with more desirable aliasing
- ✗ **MEPTFI model has excellent predictive capability for SoS architecting**
  - Realistic but simple model of interactions between system elements
- ✗ **ODOE is well suited for SoS architecting**
  - *D*-optimal design excellent for evaluating main effects and interactions
    - Efficient, reduced number of simulations
    - Simple aliasing
    - Design analysis provides valuable insight
    - Statistical analysis generates metamodel; captures behavior of SoS
  - Implemented in commercial statistical packages
    - JMP Pro, Minitab Pro,...
    - JMP Pro includes true optimization capability
    - Metamodel useful for realistic AoA

## Some Concluding Thoughts (2 of 2)

- ✘ The application of orthogonal array experiments (OAE) to systems engineering and architecting problems is a significant mistake
- Systems and SoS  $\Rightarrow$  active interactions  $\Rightarrow$  underlying OAE assumptions outside domain of applicability  $\Rightarrow$  potential for highly misleading results
- Failure to correct significant mistakes in published works causes harm to both discipline and stakeholders



### Excerpt of 'The Modelers' Hippocratic Oath

*I will not give the people who use my models false comfort about their accuracy.*

*I will make the assumptions and oversights explicit to all who use them.*

*I understand that my work may have enormous effects on society and the economy, many beyond my apprehension.*





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