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AIR AND SPACE FORCE PERSPECTIVE ON CJADC2



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The Operational Capabilities the DAF Needs to Succeed Against the Pacing Challenge



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All the Operational Imperatives depend upon CJADC2 – several are major providers



Framing the CJADC2 Challenge

- CJADC2 is fundamentally an operational concept for a warfighting function
 - Speed of decision
 - Adaptability (Joint and Coalition)
 - Resilience
- Operational concept must inform requirements for technical capability, but technology development cannot wait for "final" concept
- Development of CJADC2 will occur in different ways and at different paces across all stakeholders (CCMDs, Services, Allies & Partners)... and will never stop evolving

- Manage scope and scale
- Use a federated approach
- Implement to tangible problems and scale (no stovepiped one-offs...)



Framing the CJADC2 Challenge

Manage scope and scale:

- Today's hierarchical structure provides great efficiency and speed but limits options and is brittle
- Dynamically manage depth and span of control

A federated approach is required:

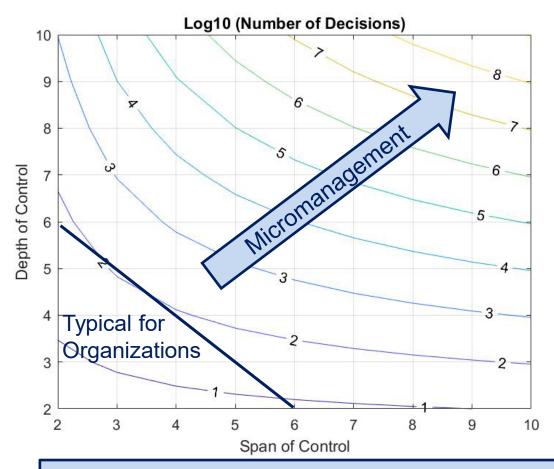
- Begin with known, well-defined problems (e.g. Service-specific battle management function)
- Implement but avoid stovepipes
- Maintain clean interfaces and use global standards when practical but adapt when not

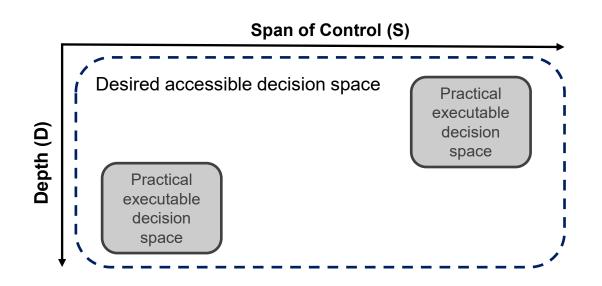
Scale and continuously evolve over time

- Immediate need for C2 tools to make the joint fight fast, adaptable, and resilient
- Evolve the architecture to make C2 itself fast, adaptable, resilient



Maximizing speed, adaptability, and resilience while minimizing complexity





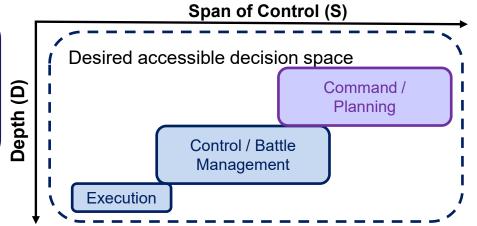
Challenge: How to provide the greatest range of options while managing complexity of decision making (for humans and AI)?



Maximizing options and resiliency while minimizing complexity

Objectives:

- Speed
- Adaptability
- ∘ Resilience



Traditional hierarchical construct minimizes complexity enabling Speed ...

Span of Control (S) Every decision done jointly at highest echelon

Depth (D) Control / Battle Management Execution Solution: Dynamical control assignment of control to address contingences (Adaptability) and mitigate losses (Resilience)

Desired accessible decision space

Span of Control (S)

Command /

Planning

... But Adaptability and Resilience need to access the entire decision space



Example: Air Battle Management

BASELINE

Lane 1

Lane 2





ABM 1

ABM 2

ABM 2 exclusively focused on Blue and Red Operational Picture for Lane 2

SPEED

CONTINGENCY 1: Lane 2 Saturated

Lane 1

Lane 2

DDG







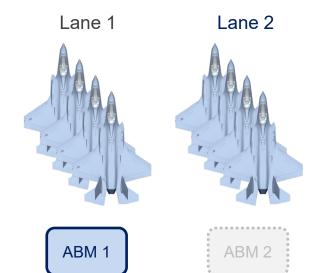
contracts, and deconflicts airspace

Surface Action Group

ABM 2 identifies DDG capable of supporting Lane 2; shares operating pictures, coordinates target

ADAPTABILITY

CONTINGENCY 2: ABM 2 attrits



ABM 1 picks up ABM 2's operating pictures and Lane 2's fight

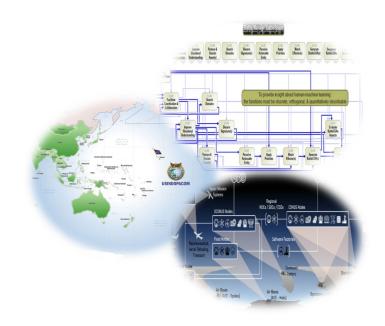
RESILIENCY



How we are doing this: One Team, One Fight

The Joint Force:
Develop the Operating Concept
and Force Design





ABMS CFT:

Systematically design the C2BM operational approach and workflow



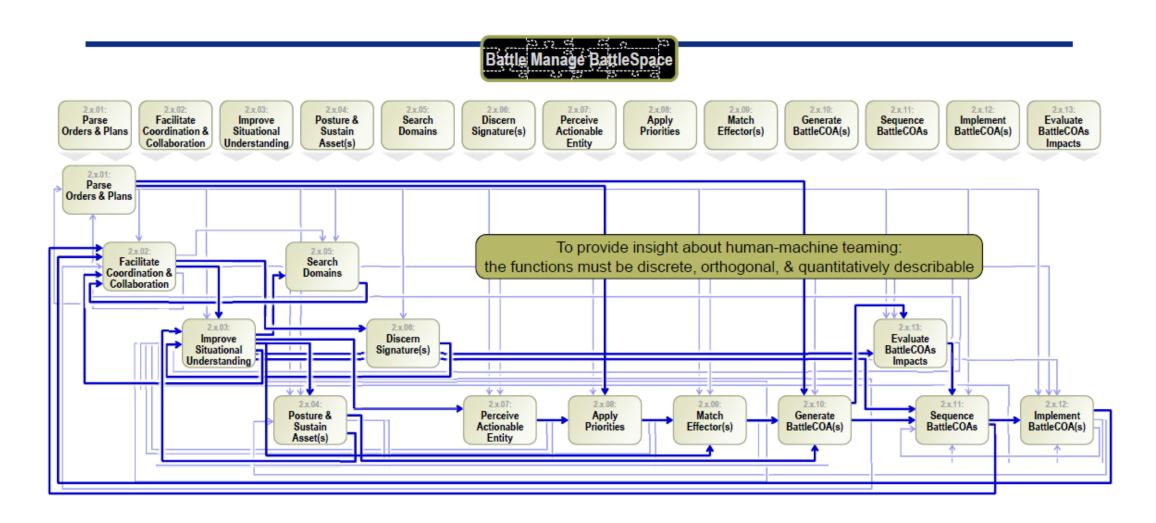
PEO C3BM:

Develop, deploy, and sustain the DAF Battle Network technical architecture



How we are doing this:

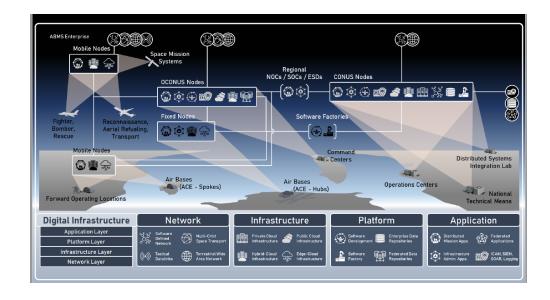
Model-Base System Engineering to capture C2BM workflow





How we are doing this: Software Tools and Connectivity

ABMS Digital Infrastructure, Edge Connect, Cloud-Based C2

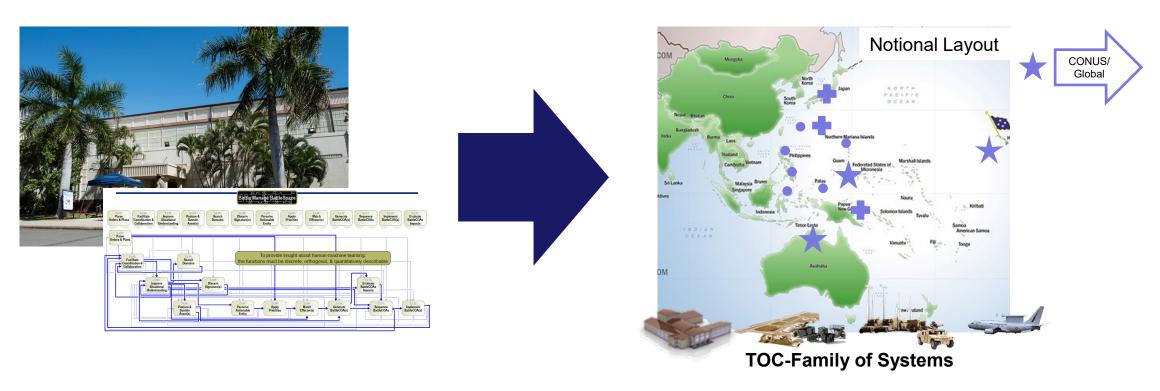


Space Data Transport





Next: Make C2 Fast, Adaptable, Resilient

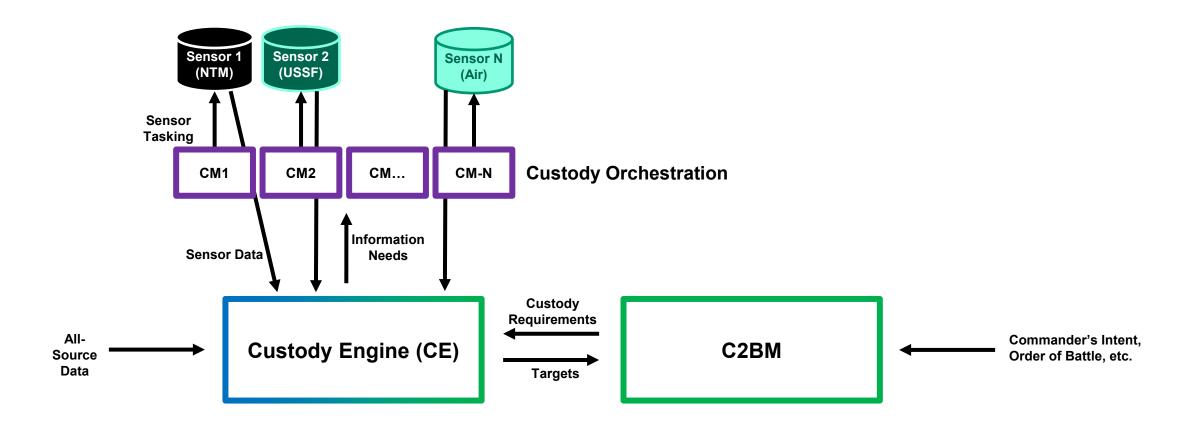


Phase 1: Create the workflows, tools, and data availability to make operations fast, adaptable, and resilient

Phase 2: Create the doctrine, digital architectures, and connectivity to make C2 itself fast, adaptable, and resilient



The Role of Long-Range Fires



Custody requirements and architecture are being managed by the Joint Longrange kill chain Organization (JLO)



What we need from industry

- Participation in programs
- Software engineering best practices: leverage of open, federated systems, microservices
- Adoption of the MBSE C2BM framework
- Expertise in distributed, resilient "cloud"
- Opportunities for data management approaches to help address doctrinal challenges ("Data Logistics")
- Outreach and bridging to commercial Industry4.0 market
- Novel business model ideas