Numerical Scenario Evaluation

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- Task Objective: Verify the software architecture (the top-level software design) will meet all of the software performance requirements, e.g.
 - CPU loading
 - Bus loading
 - Message throughput
 - Uplink and downlink throughput
 - Storage
 - Timing
 - Command processing
- Approach: Generate realistic quantitative scenarios
 - Scenarios generated with events and physical models of internal processes
 - Calculation of resource usage/performance



- Motivated by desire to address performancerelated requirements
 - Many IV&V methods do not handle performance requirements very well, which typically involve meeting performance goals. i.e. actual vs. budgeted performance
- Directly triggered by requirement to perform MAVEN architecture assessment task
 - Evaluation of architecture assessment led to focus on performance requirements, which led to this approach



Analysis Process Flow





- This is the step for which the tool is used (the darker blocks on flow diagram)
- Approach is to capture, numerically vs. time, all resource requirements
- Total all requirements to come up with a plot vs. time of the total resource consumption
- Approach depends on detailed data of resource utilization by every consumer of the resource





Input tables VBA: maketimeline VBA: UpdateChart



Resource Usage in Critical Maneuver: Building the Model Identify Resources

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Complex Resource Usage: Building a Plant Model

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Complex Resource Usage: Evaluating Results (lots of code later)





Objective: Evaluate MOI reboot timeline (time-limited sideswap/reboot/initialization during critical flight phase) Approach: Step by Step boot/initialization model with multiple path and semaphores including such variations as memory bank failures and variable instrument warm-up times.

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Requires non-timeline post-run analysis



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Did it work? <

Accurate results depend upon careful modeling

Tables as framework for input parameters Use of scratchpad worksheets Why Excel/VBA? VBA is clearly adequate for the purpose Self-documenting via comments Rich and flexible post-processing including statistical analysis Model size (at an absurd 16,384 elements) Limitations? Slightly annoying VBA /Excel integration NOT a simulation – feedback cannot be modeled



- Monte Carlo
 - This is the key remaining future capability, and in my mind the capability that enables broader usage and highly meaningful results
 - Necessary due to syncing (i.e. fine alignment/overlap of utilizations)
- Time Series Simulation and Feedback
 - Requires model evaluation sorting
 - Logic regarding state propagation and time sampling/integration periods.



Conclusions

- Numerical Scenario Analysis supported and validated design features for MAVEN
 - Bus utilization and C&DH data flow
 - Science data buffer sizing
 - Partial view of boot timeline
- Developed a general and flexible scenario evaluation tool
 - Numerical performance analysis
 - Integrated graphical and data analysis
 - Integrated scenario setup using Excel capabilities.