



Integration of Model-Based Systems Engineering and Programmatic Analysis Tools

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Introduction



- NASA's Systems Engineering Handbook identifies three objectives or project management
 - Managing people
 - Managing technical elements
 - Managing cost and Schedule
- Programmatic analysts depend on technical documentation
 - Technical data drives programmatic cost and schedule models
- Use of Model-based System Engineering (MBSE) tools is a growing trend
 - Access data through computer model rather than paper document
- Purpose is to demonstrate the integration of MBSE and programmatic analysis tools





What is MBSE?



- Use of computer models to capture system architecture and requirements
- A shared system so that all can share one authoritative source of truth
- Not one model, but a set of models representing different aspects
 - Requirements
 - Structure
 - Behavior
 - Parametrics
- Several vendors provide MBSE toolkits
 - Dassault Systems Cameo
 - IBM Rhapsody
 - Sparx Systems Enterprise Architect
 - Vitech GENESYS













MBSE Integration with Other Models



- The vision is for MBSE to connect with other discipline models
- Allows for trade studies and optimization
- Programmatic tools seem to be overlooked
 - "The concept of cost estimation has still not fully arrived in the MBSE world"
- Some progress
 - 2012 Bayer et al. at JPL embedded NICM parametrics in Cameo
 - SEER and PRICE have interfaces with some MBSE tools
 - Most MBSE tools interface with MS Excel
 - A few tools have interfaces with MS Project and Primavera





Three Methods for Integration



- Imbed programmatic capability in MBSE tool
 - Enter parametric equations into MBSE tool
 - Use MBSE simulation capability to perform analysis
- Pass data from MBSE tool to programmatic tool
 - Model to Text (M2T) approach
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- MBSE Tool Imbed M2M Programmatic Analysis Tool M2T Text File
- M2M and M2T facilitated by standard modeling language
 - Universal Modeling Language (UML) or extension Systems Modeling Language (SysML)
- Demonstrate these three approaches
 - Vitech's GENESYS interface with NICM and JACS
 - These examples are very simple



Embedding Programmatics in MBSE



- Mass
- Power
- Embed parametric equation from NICM
 - Entered as a "constraint" in GENESYS
 - Can also embed schedule estimating relationship
- Could allow you to fix cost and optimize mass and power







M2T Interface between MBSE and NICM







M2M Interface between MBSE and JACS







MBSE is the Future



- Not sure where NASA is on the technology adoption curve
- NASA has an active MBSE community
 - Active at all Centers and JPL
- Broader adoption of MBSE is inevitable
- MBSE integration with programmatic analysis tools will be more sophisticated
 - We need to be prepared

