



# Collaborative Engineering in a Large Geographically Distributed Organization

Session: Digital System Integration (DSI) Across a Full Lifecycle

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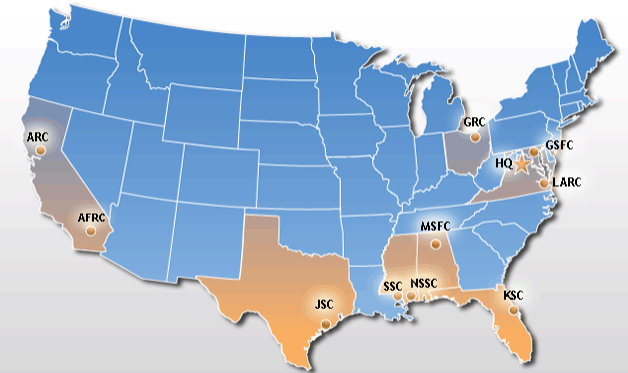
- Many organizations are geographically distributed
  - Nationally
    - Government Agencies
    - Corporations
  - Internationally
    - Multinational ventures
    - Corporations
- Even small businesses often support customers located in different geographical locations
- Engineering projects are distributed across many locations

## Boeing Corporate Presence

From <http://www.boeing.com/company/general-info/>



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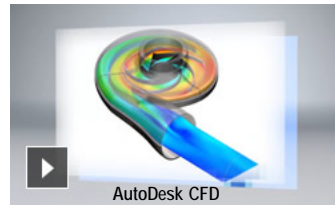
# Integrating Geographically Dispersed Engineering Projects

- Engineering work packages are often based on discipline expertise at different locations

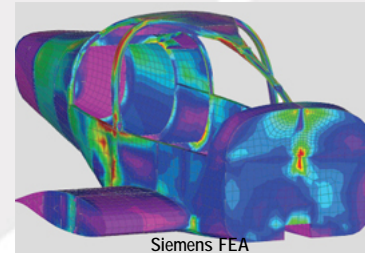
- Avionics
- Communications
- Environment
- Fluids
- Materials
- Operations
- Propulsion
- Software
- Structures
- Test
- Vehicle Management

- System Models provide the medium to

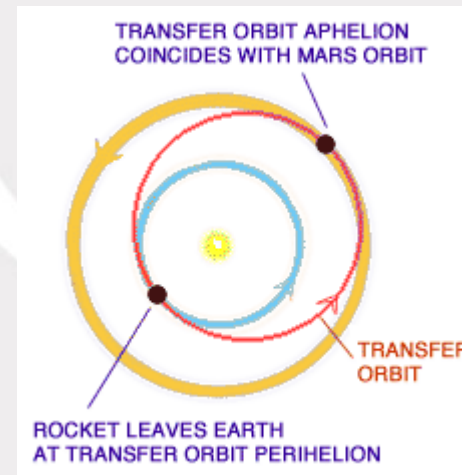
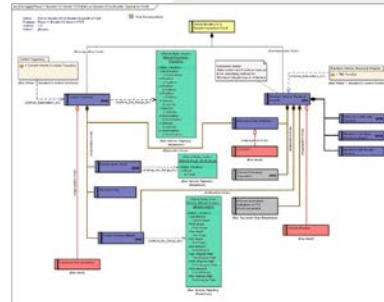
- Allocate system functions and Integrate discipline designs
- Engineer the system at the system level



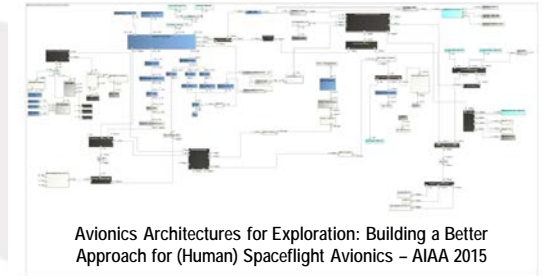
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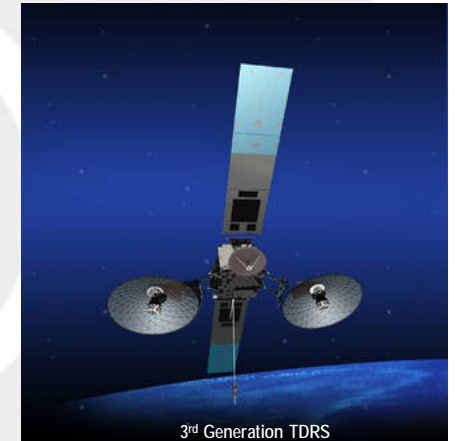
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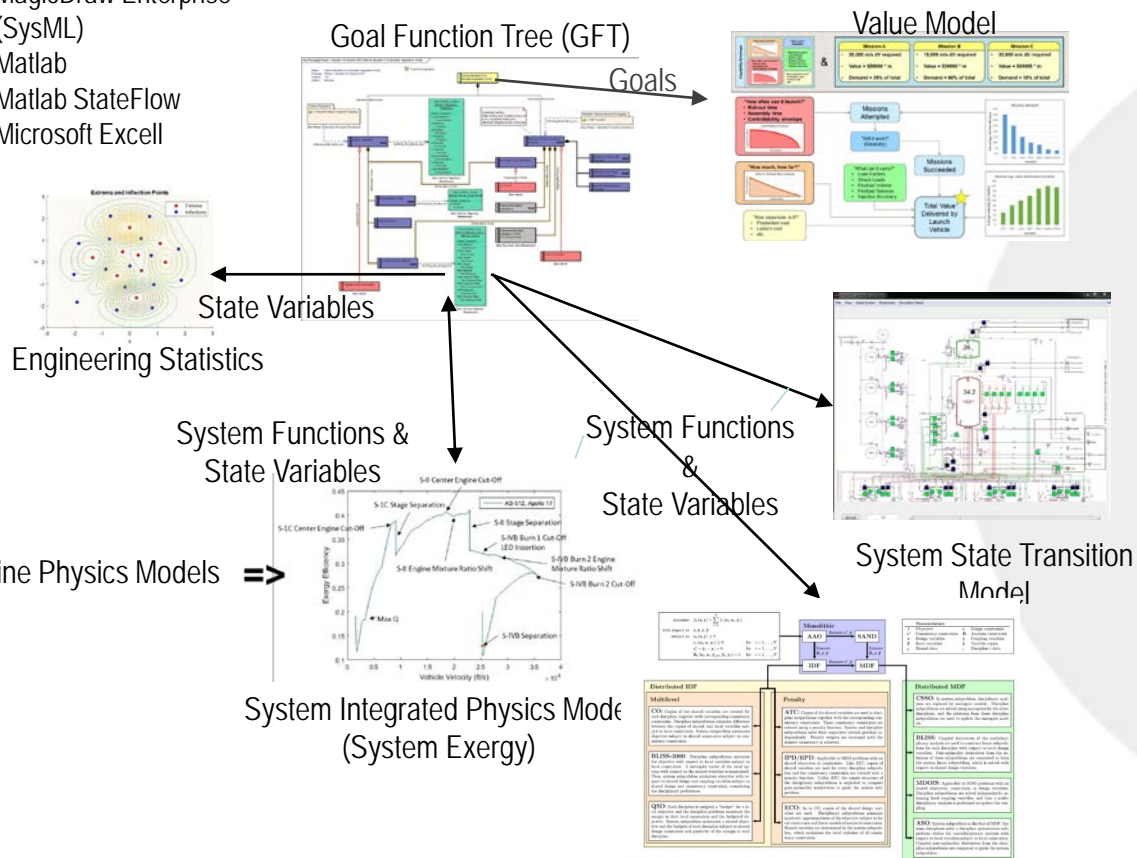


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# System Understanding

- System Models Contain an Understanding of the System

- MagicDraw Enterprise (SysML)
- Matlab
- Matlab StateFlow
- Microsoft Excell



Martins, J. R. R. A., Lamb, A. B., "Multidisciplinary Design Optimization: A Survey of Architectures", AIAA Journal, Vol. 51, No. 9, September 2013, pp 2049 - 2075

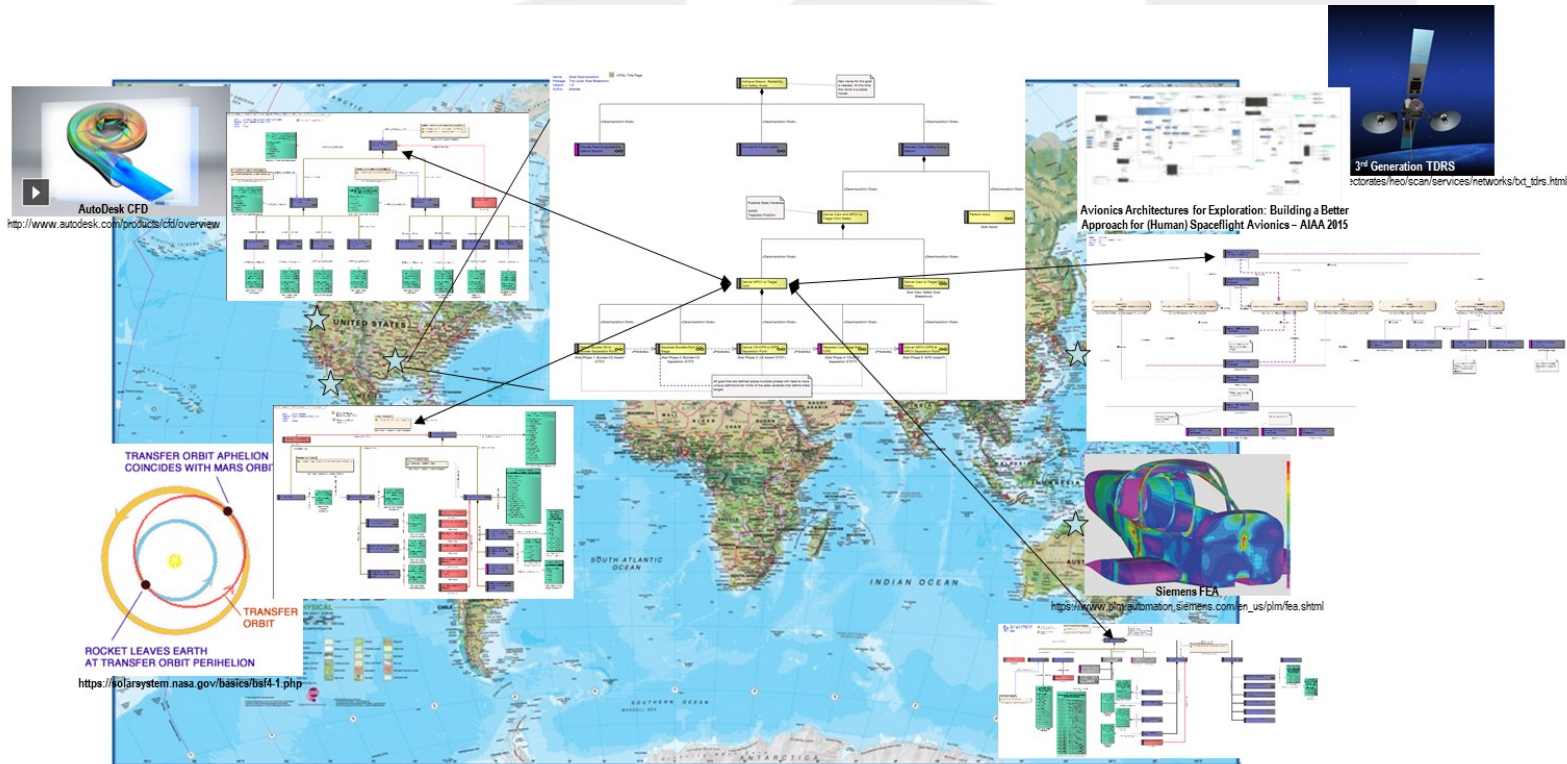
Multidisciplinary Design Optimization (MDO)

- Allow systems engineers to:
  - Define system functions based on the system state variables
  - Understand stakeholders expectations on system value (i.e., capabilities)
  - Integrate discipline engineering models into a system level physics based model (e.g., system exergy)
  - Design and Analyze system responses and behaviors at the System level



# System Modeling

- Modeling at the system level enable collaborative engineering across discipline locations
  - Each location can work on their portion of the system within the defined system constraints
    - Goal Function Tree provides the integrating structure for the development and operational support
      - » System Goals provide overall system integration objectives
      - » System functions provide system development and support allocation across geographic locations
      - » System state variables provide context for geographically dispersed activities
        - Disciplines own state variables and ranges
        - Systems Engineering owns the interaction of state variables which leads to constraints on ranges



# System Modeling

- Modeling at the system level enable collaborative engineering across discipline locations
  - Each location has a different value understanding of the system which can create system integration issues
    - Can be discipline based
    - Can be corporately based
    - Can be geographical region or national based
    - System value models provide a medium to incorporate these values into a common understanding
      - » Differences can be recognized and managed
      - » Possible path to a normative system value representation (research topic)

