



SHOULD YOU RELY ON THAT AI?



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No One Should Rely on Artificial Intelligence

Software safety is hard to achieve, even for systems that don't use Al Al is used to manage dynamism, complexity, and uncertainty

There's no reason to believe that Al makes the safety problem easier





Rely on the System, not on System Components

Al is a system component

Don't rely on AI; try to build a system you can rely on

Requires that systems be architected to include:

Effective safeguards and harm mitigation,

Monitoring and testing throughout the full life cycle, and

Human accountability





Eternal Vigiliance is the Price of Liberty

Al can learn over time; data sets grow and change rapidly
No point in time where we can safely turn off monitoring and surveillance
Full lifecycle monitoring and testing is a fundamental requirement
This is a big data problem, not a pass/fail testing problem





The System Includes People, Organizations, and Missions

Al systems make decisions that affect people

Poor Al systems risks:

Malpractice

Unfairness

Diminishing agency

Rejection by humans





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Challenges of Certifying Adaptive Dynamic Computing Environments

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Motivating Example: DDG 1000







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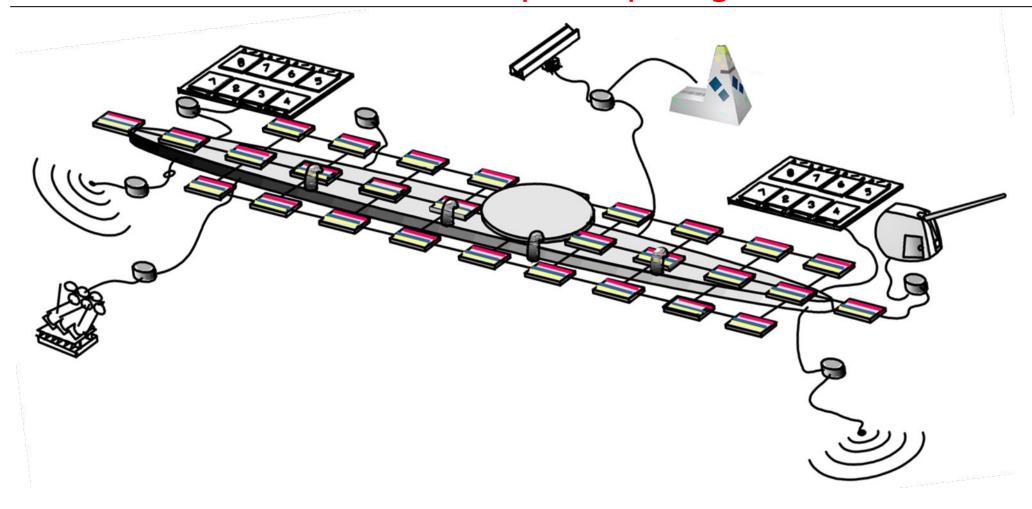


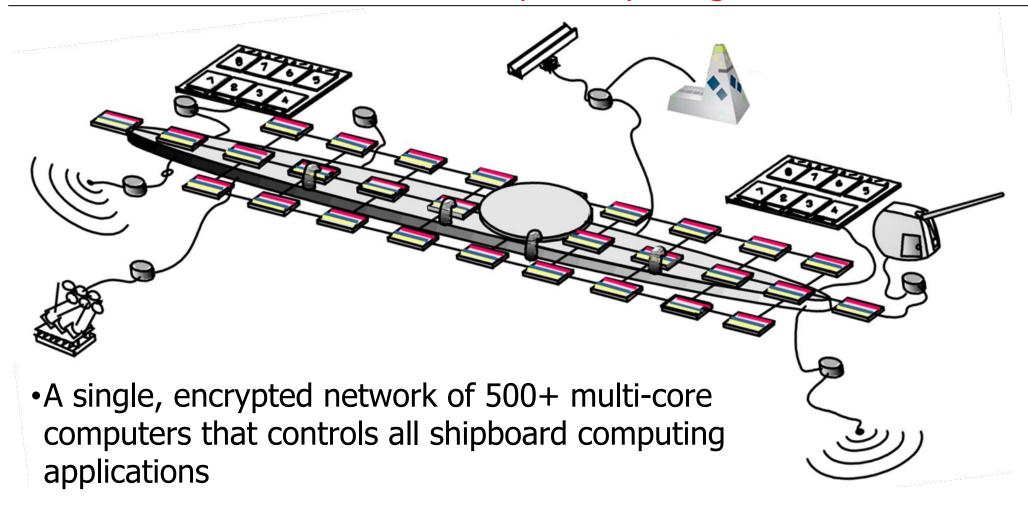
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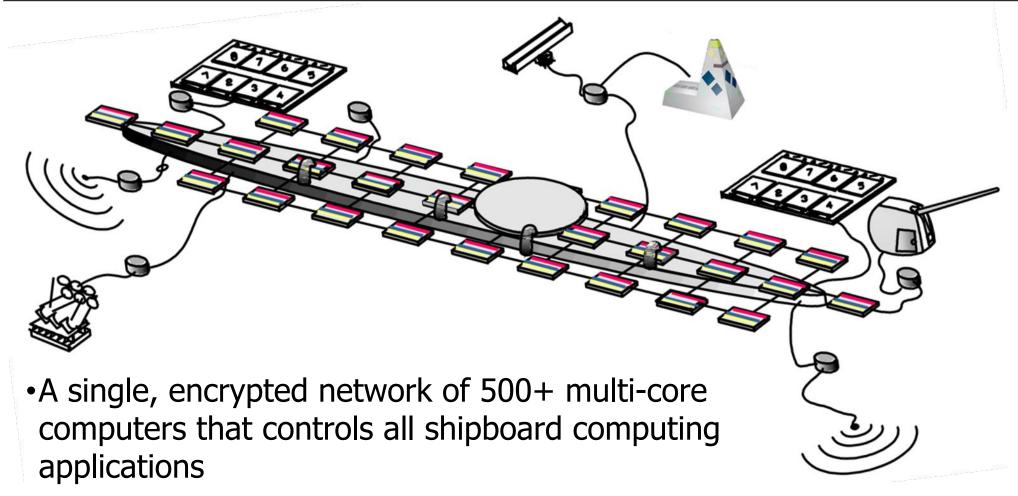
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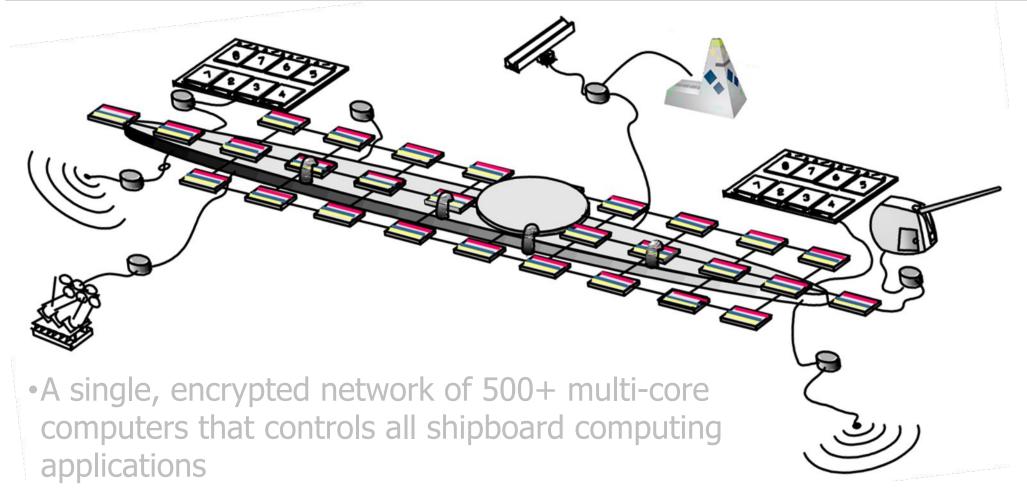
"Captain James Kirk Takes Command of the Navy's New \$4 Billion Destroyer"





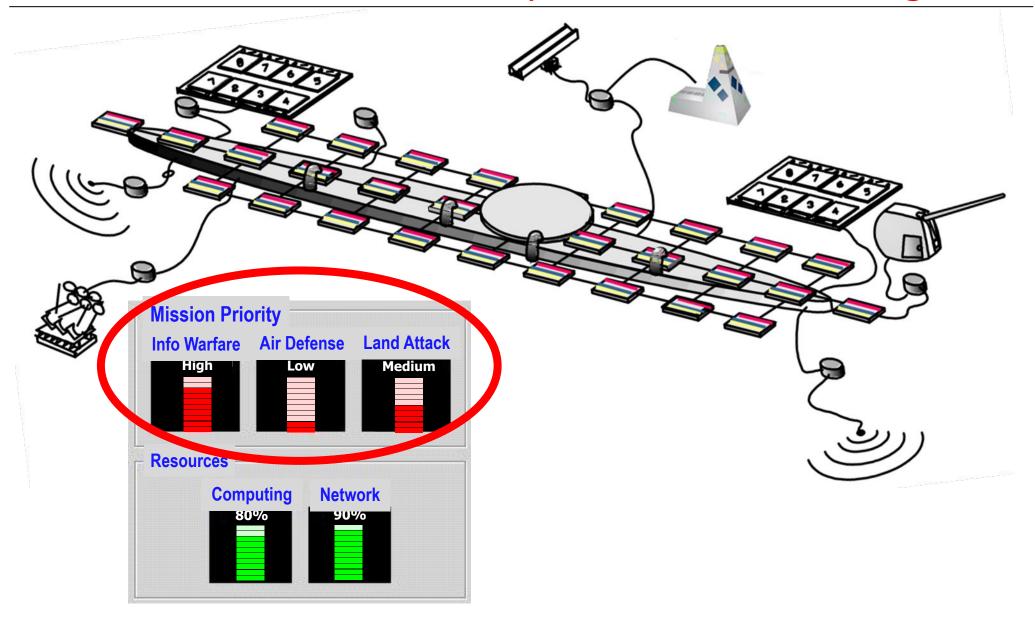


 e.g., ranging from the ship's lights & machinery control to its radars, weapon systems, & crew entertainment



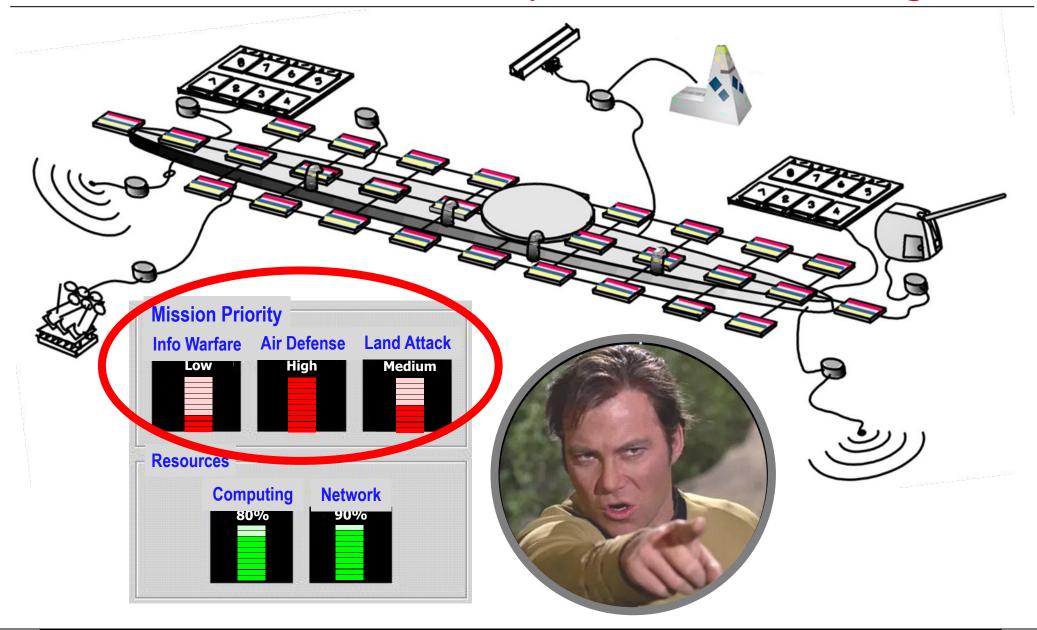
•The TSCE's high degree of automation enables the ship to run more effectively & efficiently & dramatically reduces manning requirements

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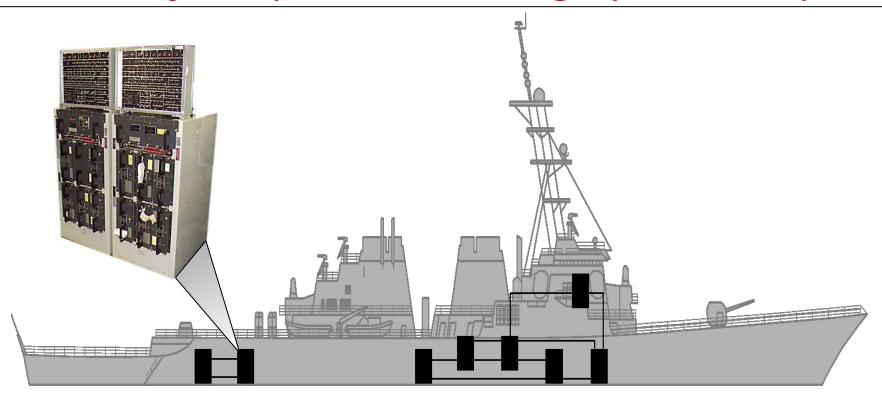


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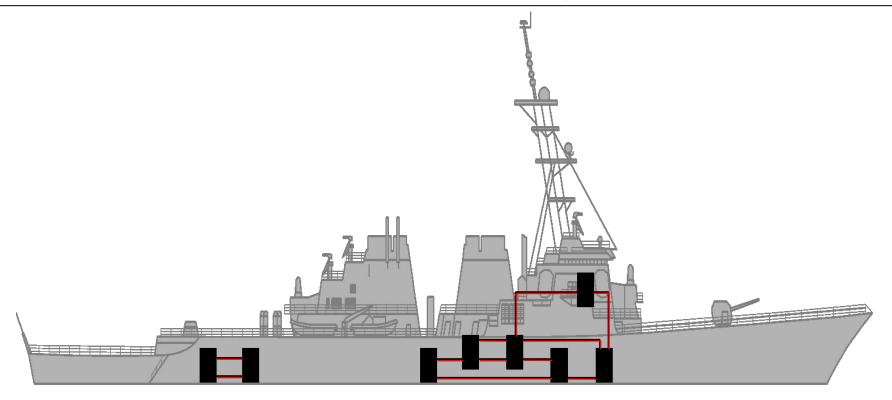
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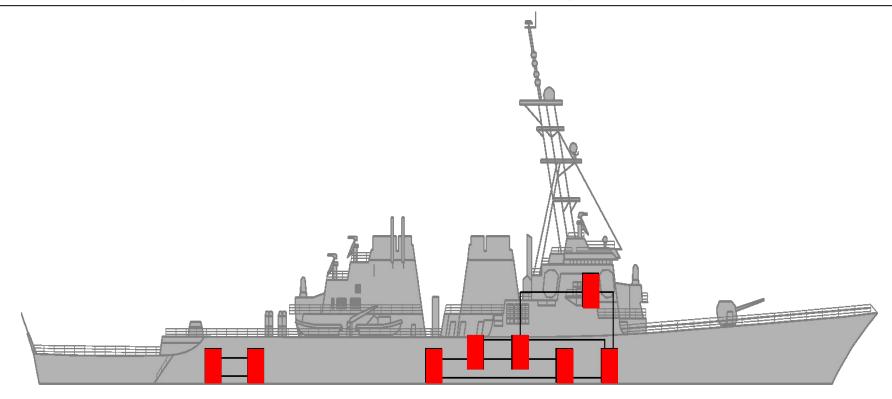
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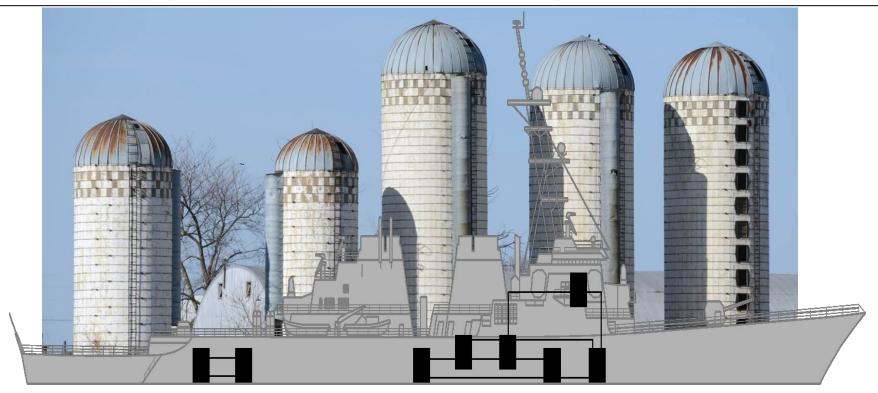
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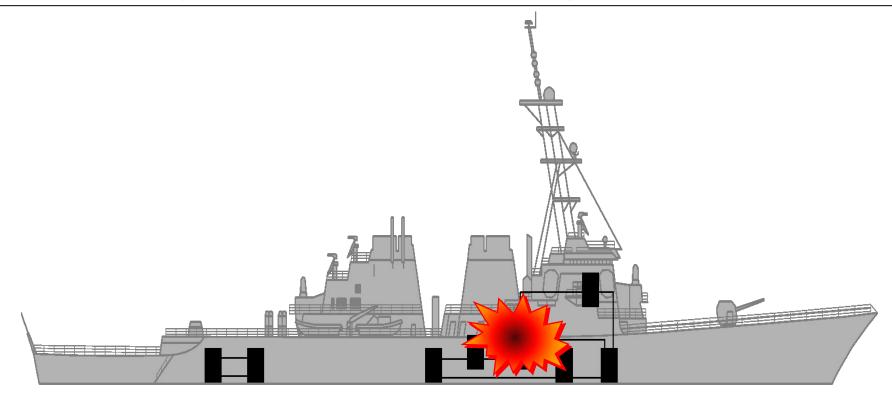
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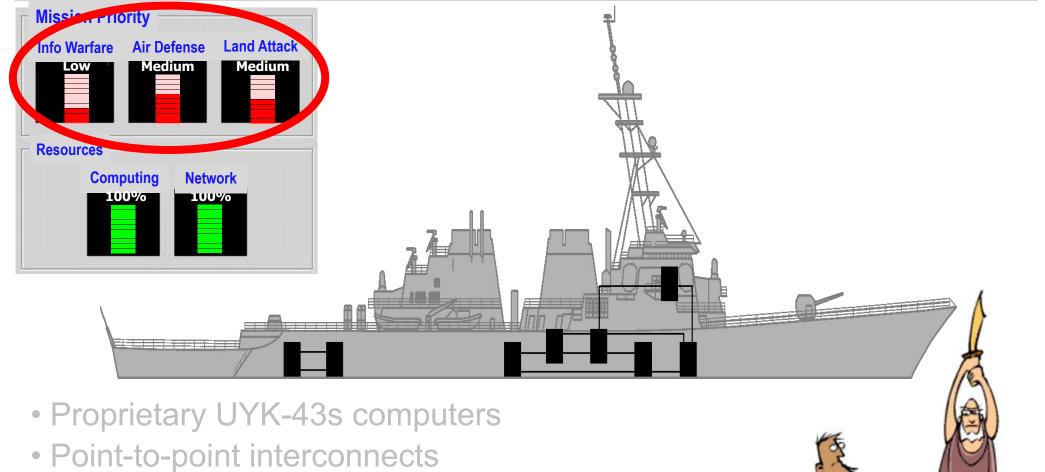
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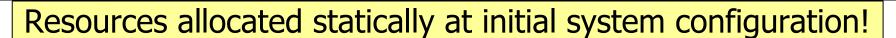
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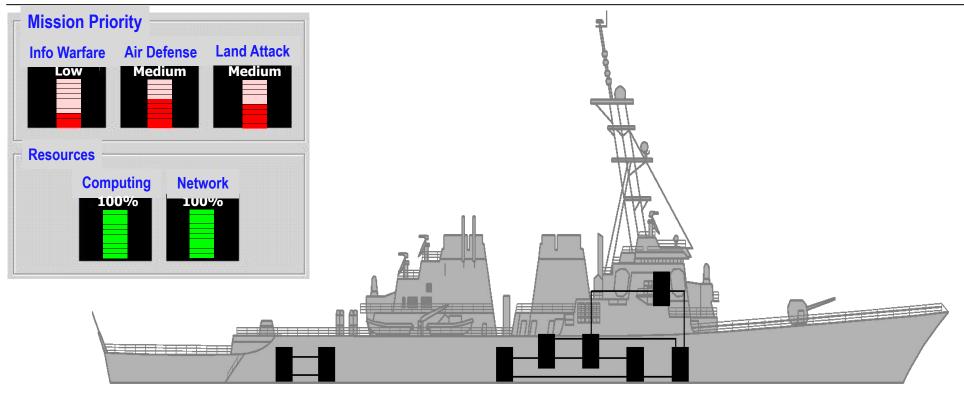


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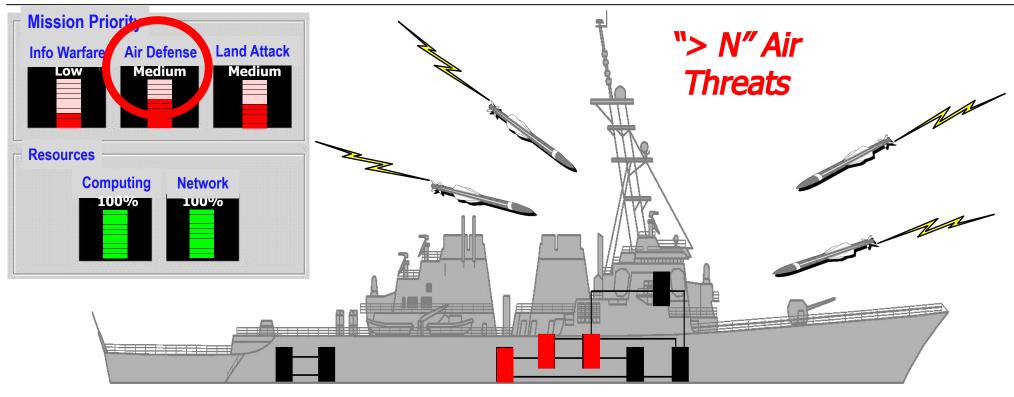
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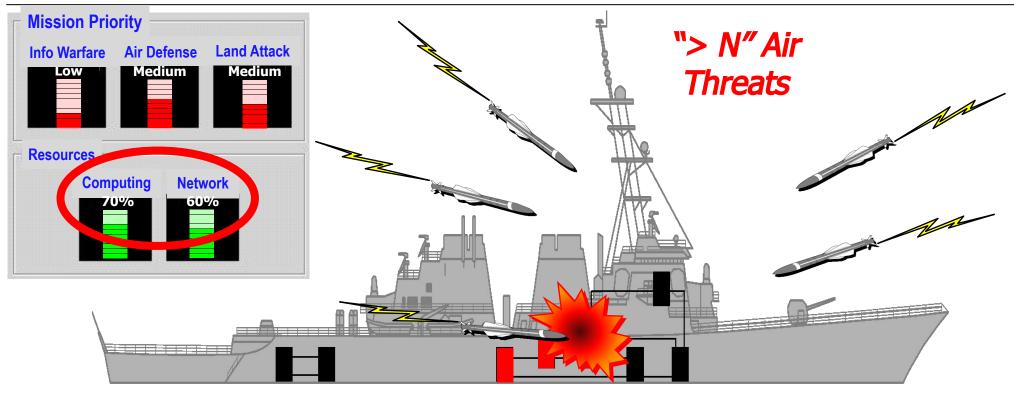
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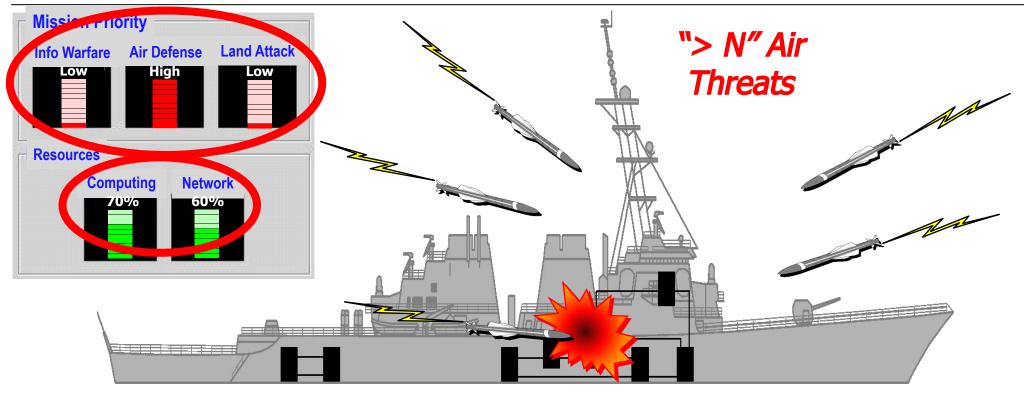
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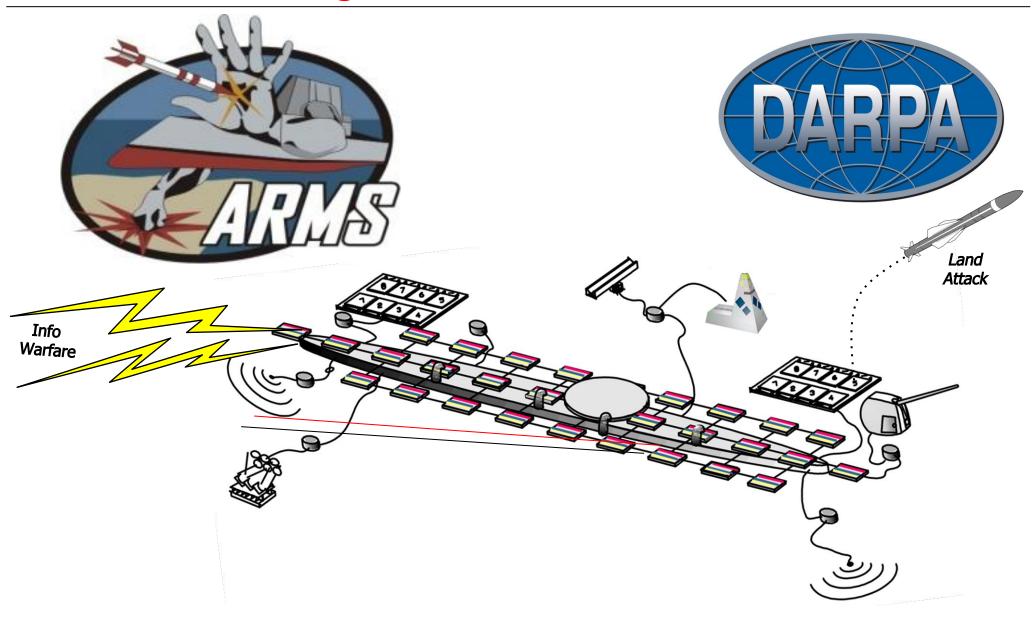




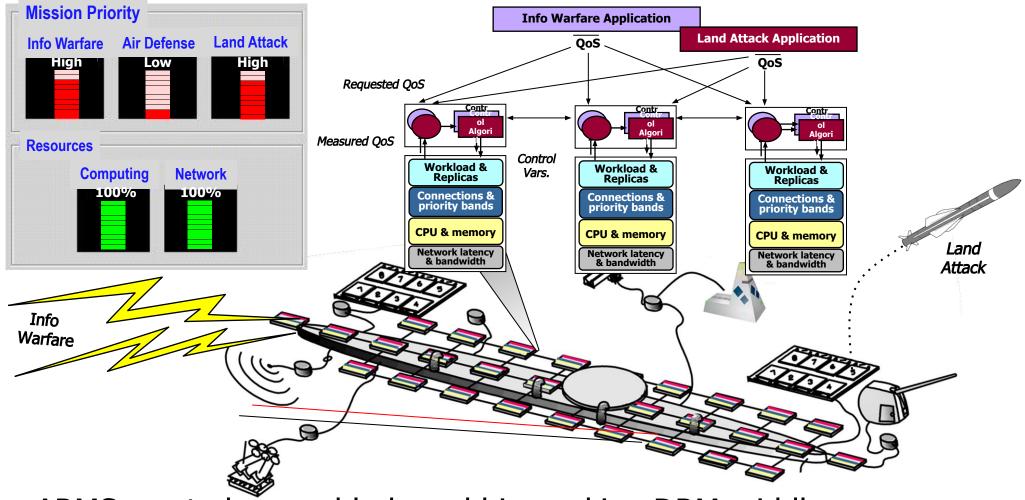
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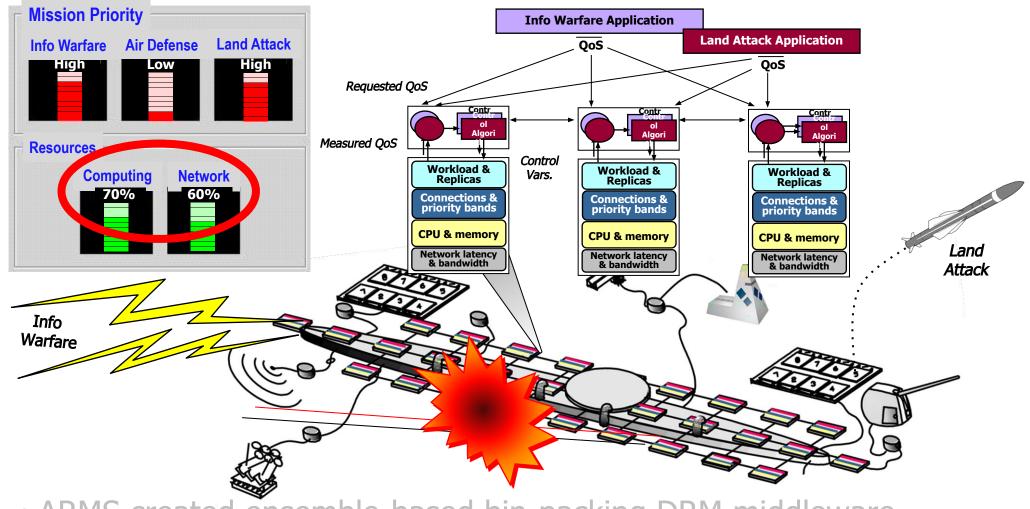
Dynamic resource management (DRM) can help both these scenarios



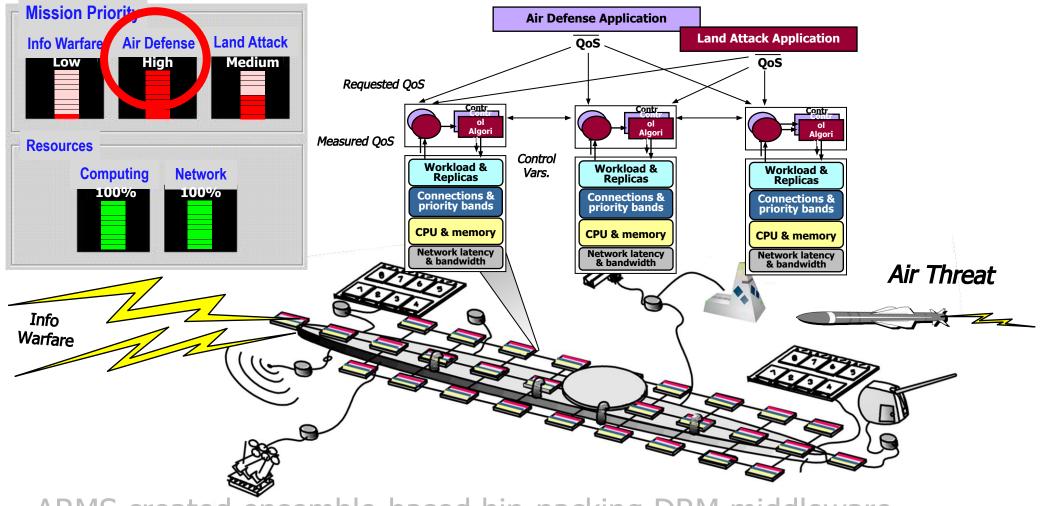
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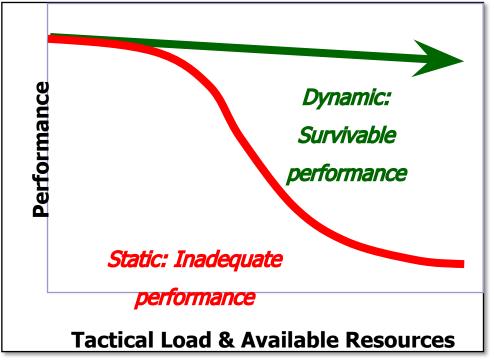


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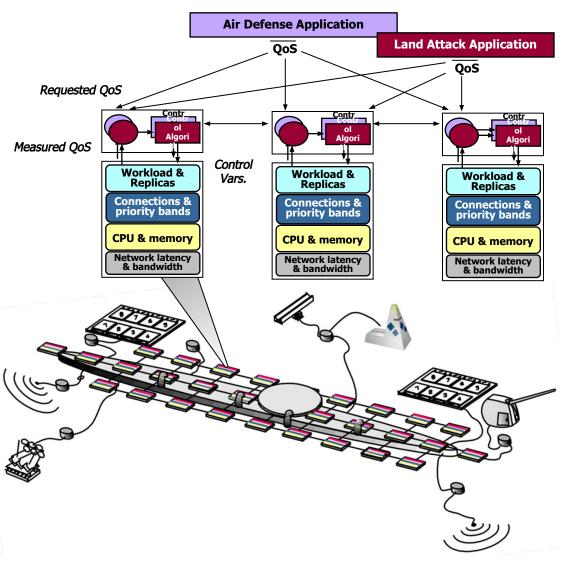
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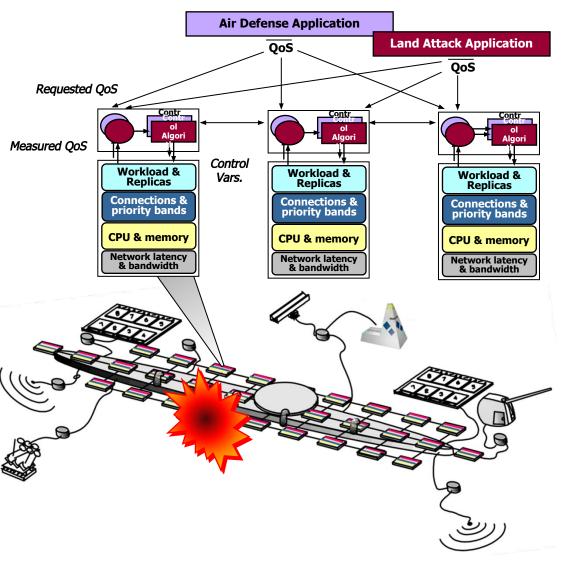
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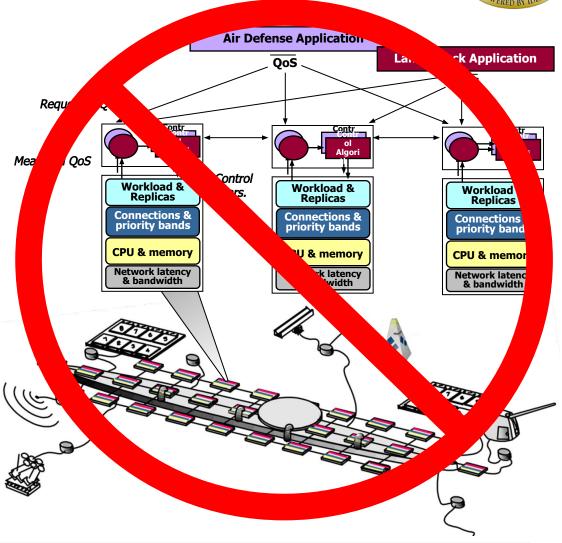
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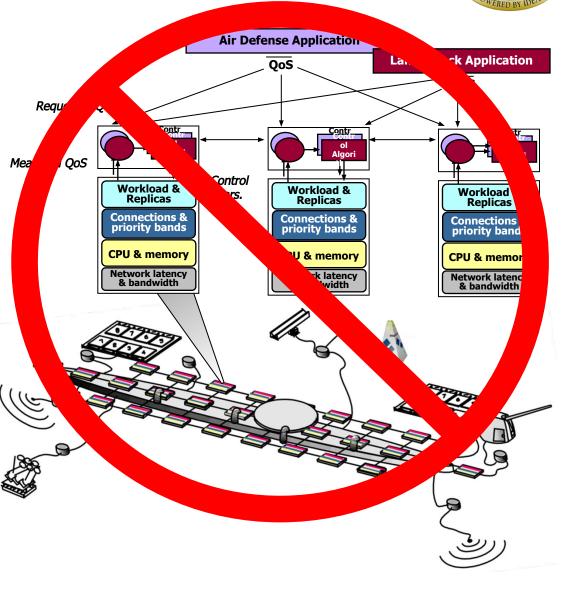
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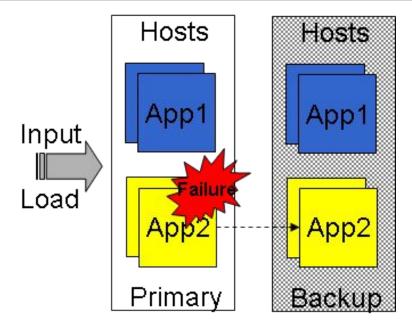


"We can't certify that DDG-1000 doesn't move into unstable, incorrect, or unsafe operating configurations during system operations"

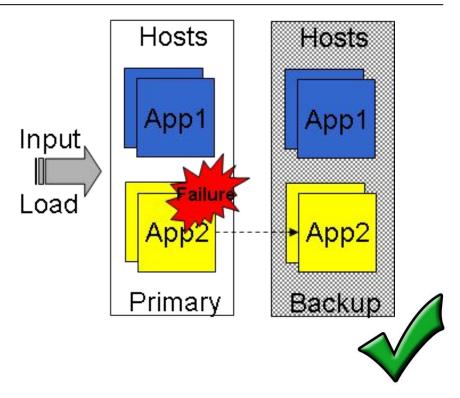




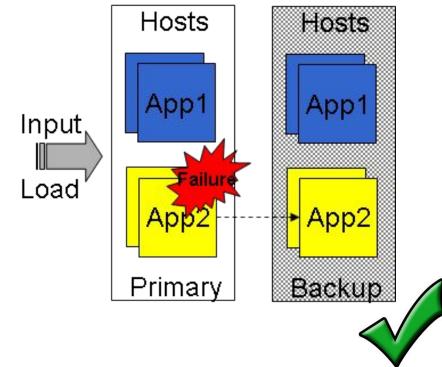
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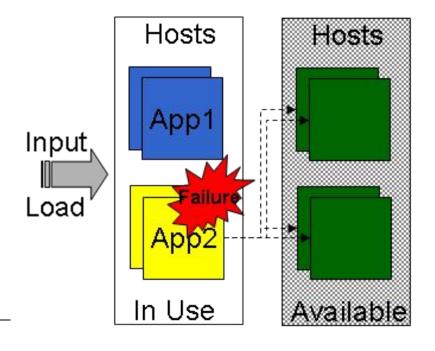


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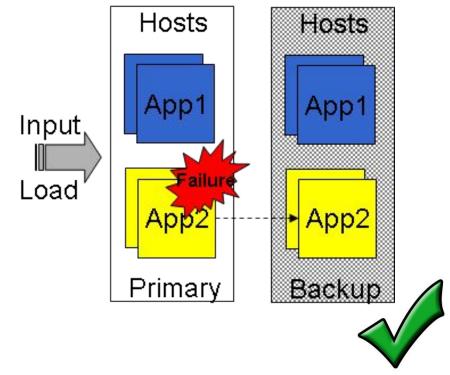
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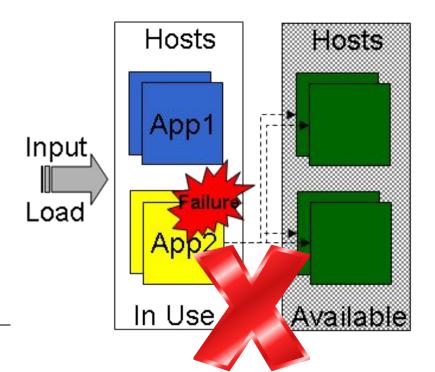




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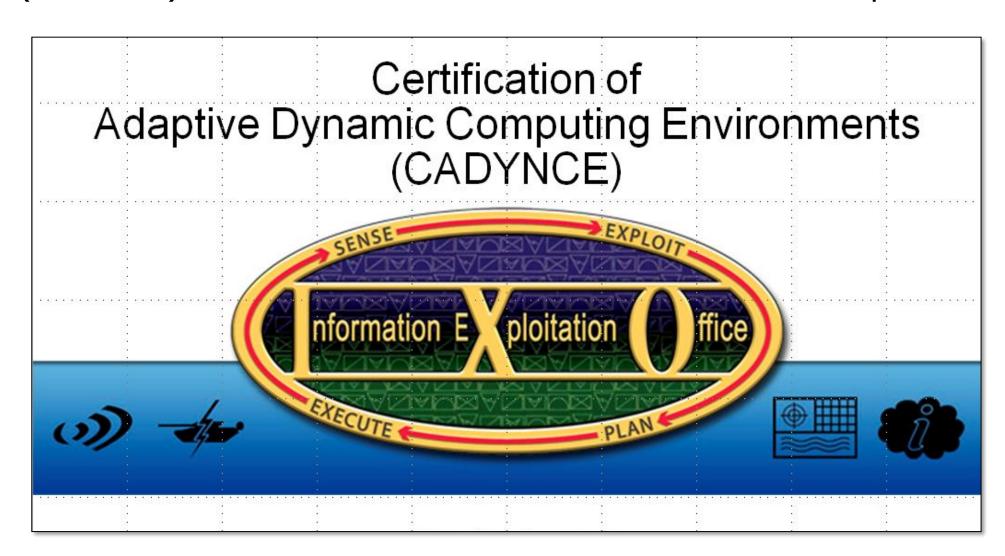




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- However, DRM techniques can't currently be deployed in mission-/safety-critical DoD combat systems because they are not certifiable

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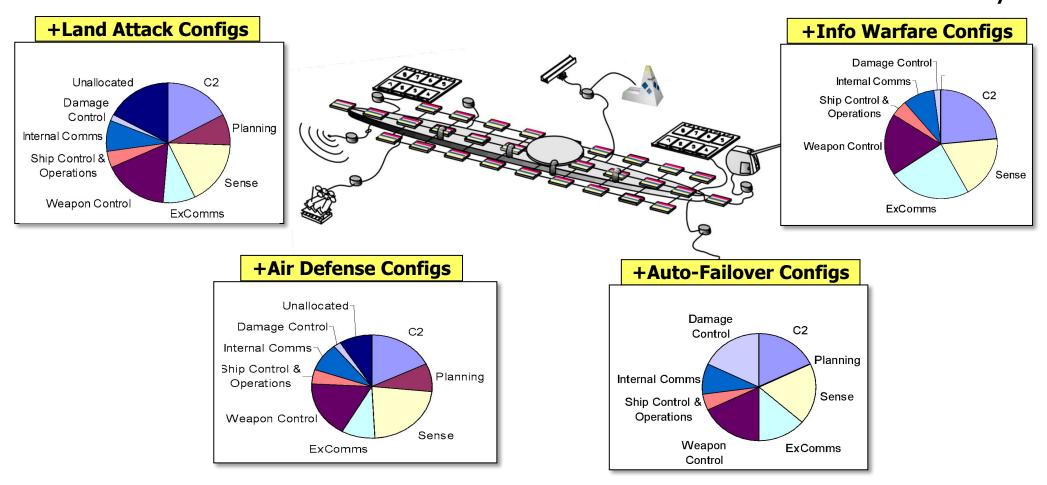
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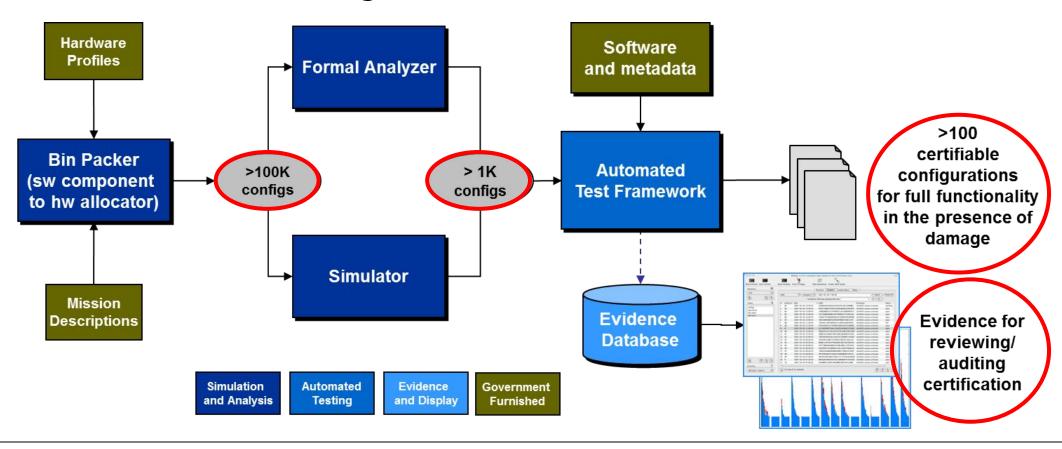
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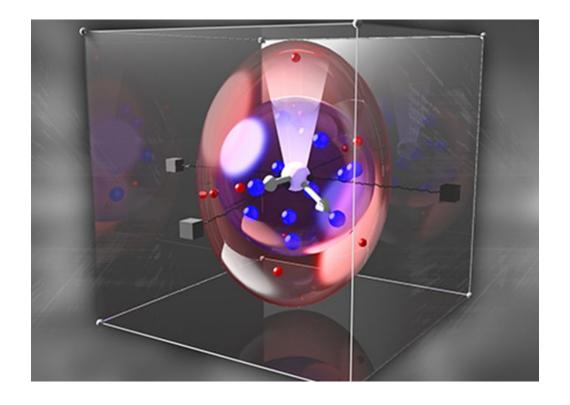
Environments Increasingly Static Increasingly Dynamic Configuration Management Configuration Management At runtime select At runtime select from At runtime generate new **Continuous adaptation** configurations based on from a few manually many automatically through fine-grained generated generated, analyzed, conditions that affect monitoring of resources pre-certified tested, & pre-certified current configuration & applications configurations configurations **CADYNCE** focused on enabling No technical approach enabled certification of 100's of configurations certification of more dynamic that can be selected at runtime configuration management approaches

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Availability of 100's of certified configurations demo'd benefits of DRM behavior, while maintaining the assurance of certification, but more R&D is needed

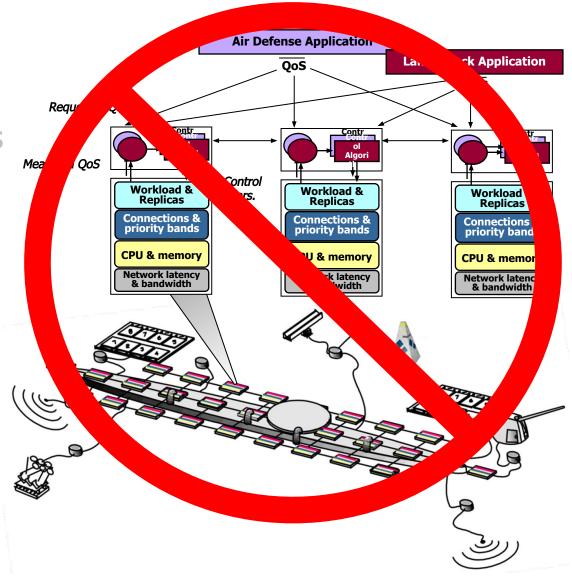
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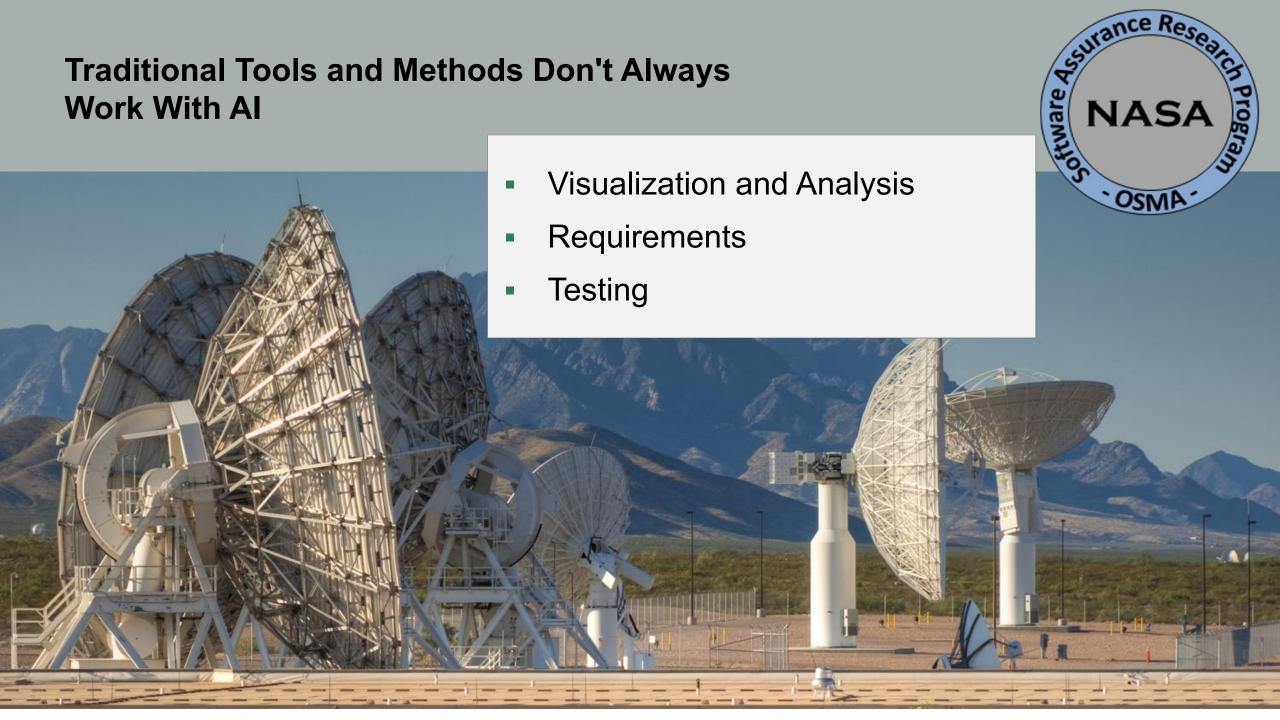


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AI-BASED SYSTEMS NEED BETTER ENGINEERING TOOLS

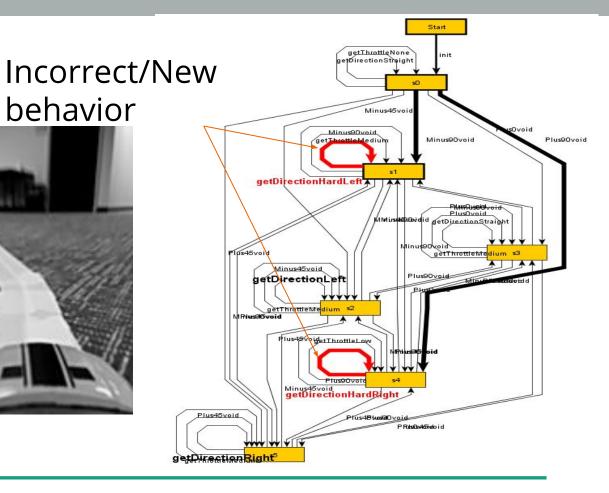




Visualization and Analysis of Learned Behavior









Requirements and Testing of AI and Autonomous Behavior





Testing and Protecting Al-Based Image Recognition Systems



Rotation degrees





Ocean







Ocean Cruiser





Rotation

Al-Based Systems Need Better Engineering Tools and Methods

- That provide visibility into neural networks
- That allow us to model and simulate requirements
- That allow us to generate test cases and identify oddities in system behavior
 - During testing and runtime





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AI Systems as Organizations Jeffrey W. Herrmann

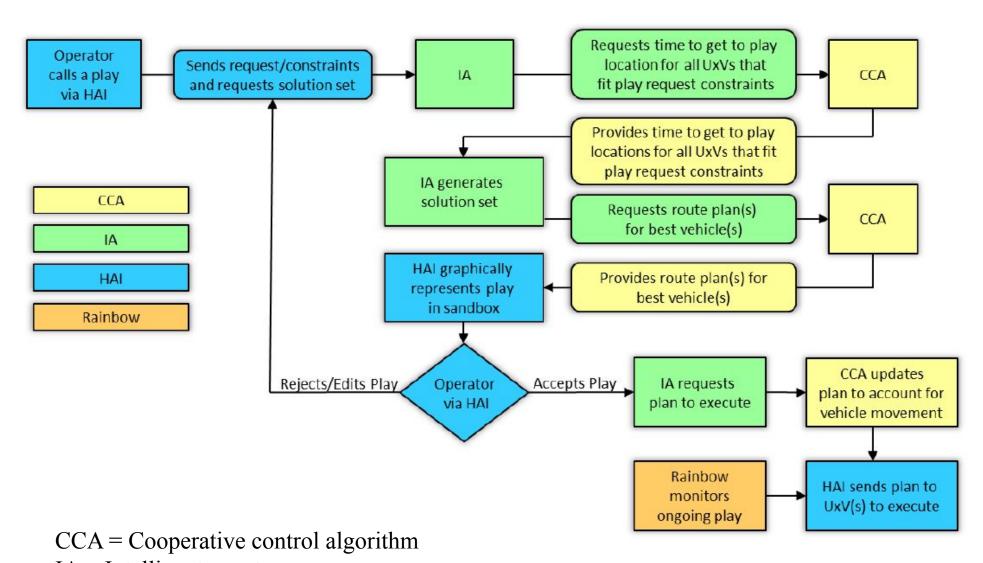
- 1. Overview
- 2. Case study: IMPACT (Behymer et al., 2017)
- 3. Implications

Behymer, Kyle, Clayton Rothwell, Heath Ruff, Michael Patzek, Gloria Calhoun, Mark Draper, Scott Douglass, Derek Kingston, and Doug Lange. *Initial Evaluation of the Intelligent Multi-UxV Planner with Adaptive Collaborative/Control Technologies (IMPACT)*. Infoscitex Corp. Beavercreek, Ohio, 2017. AFRL report number: AFRL-RH-WP-TR-2017-0011

The IMPACT user interface (Behymer et al., 2017)



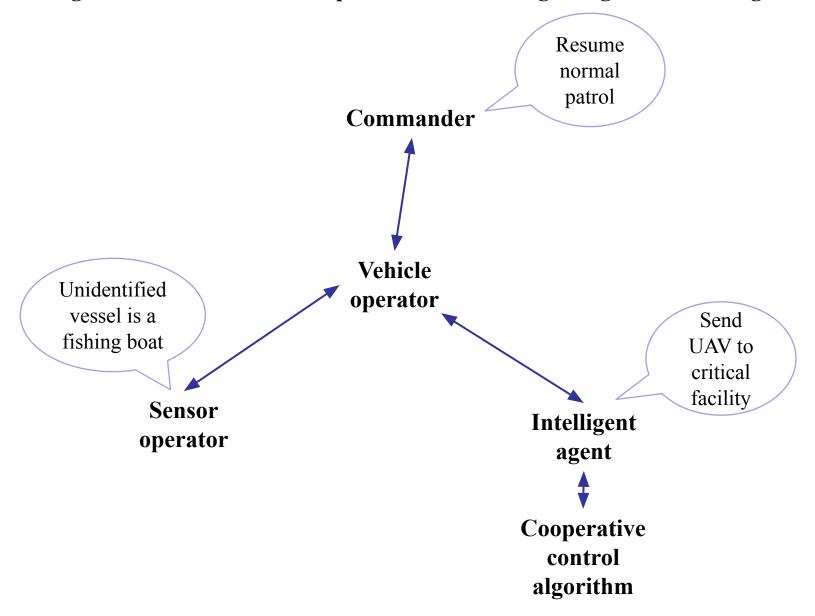
Play calling flowchart (Behymer et al., 2017)



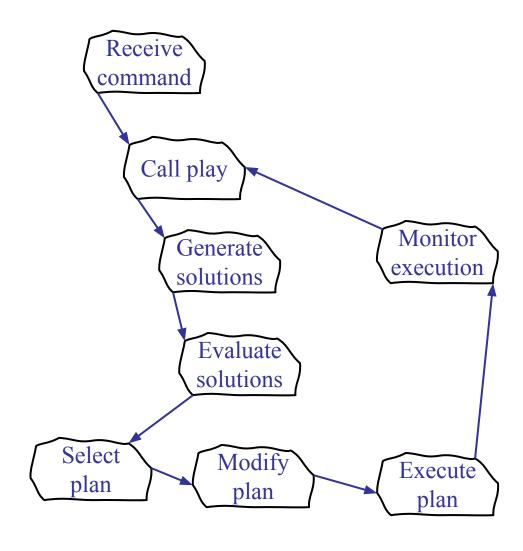
IA = Intelligent agent

HAI = Human-autonomy interface

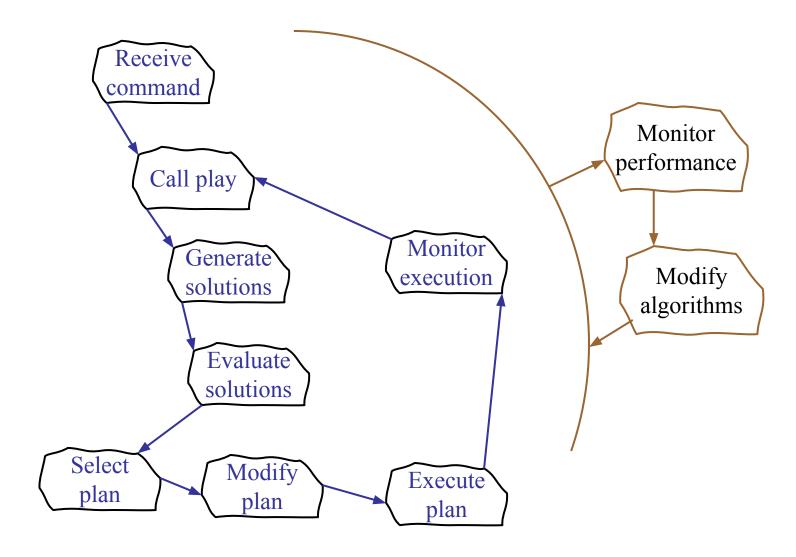
The organization included three personnel, an intelligent agent, and an algorithm.



This conceptual model describes the key activities in the decision-making system.



What additional activities are needed to control system performance?



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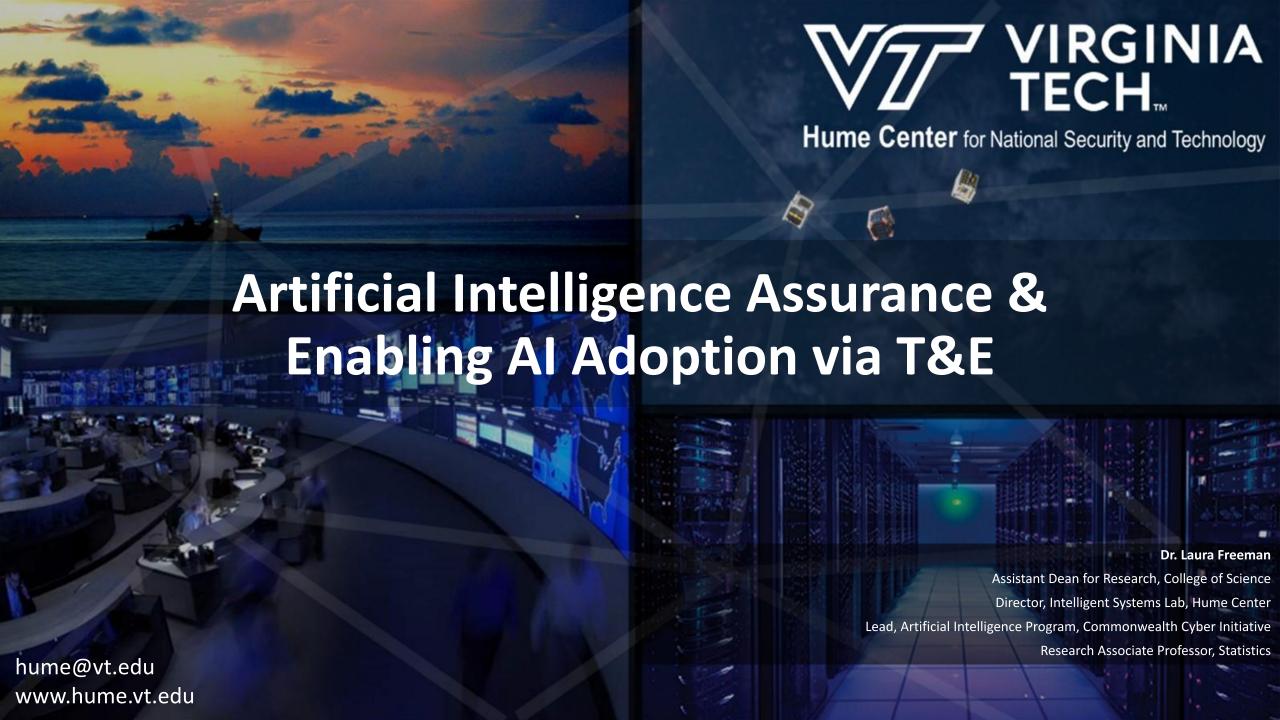
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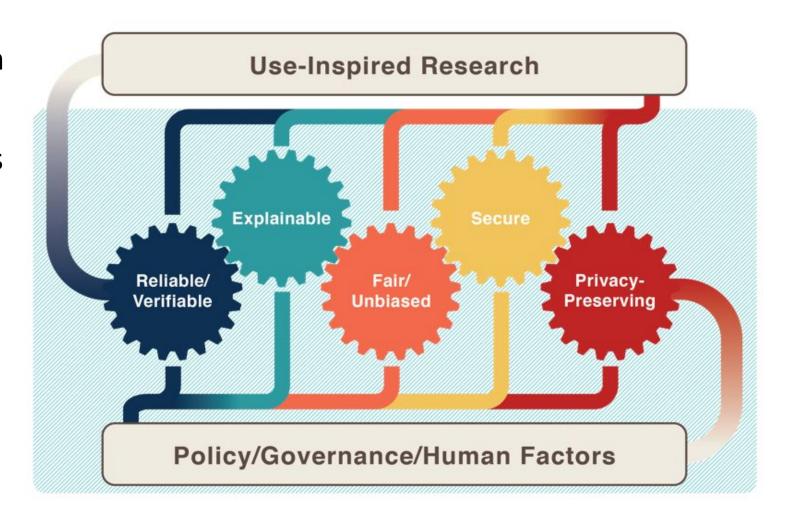
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What is Al Assurance? An evolving definition.



- Al Assurance provides the necessary information to enable Al adoption into mission critical systems.
- The level of confidence that a system leveraging AI algorithms functions only as intended and is free of vulnerabilities throughout the life cycle of the system. This level of confidence stems from all the planned and *systematic* activities implemented within the algorithm and system development that provide confidence that a product or service will fulfill requirements for performance.



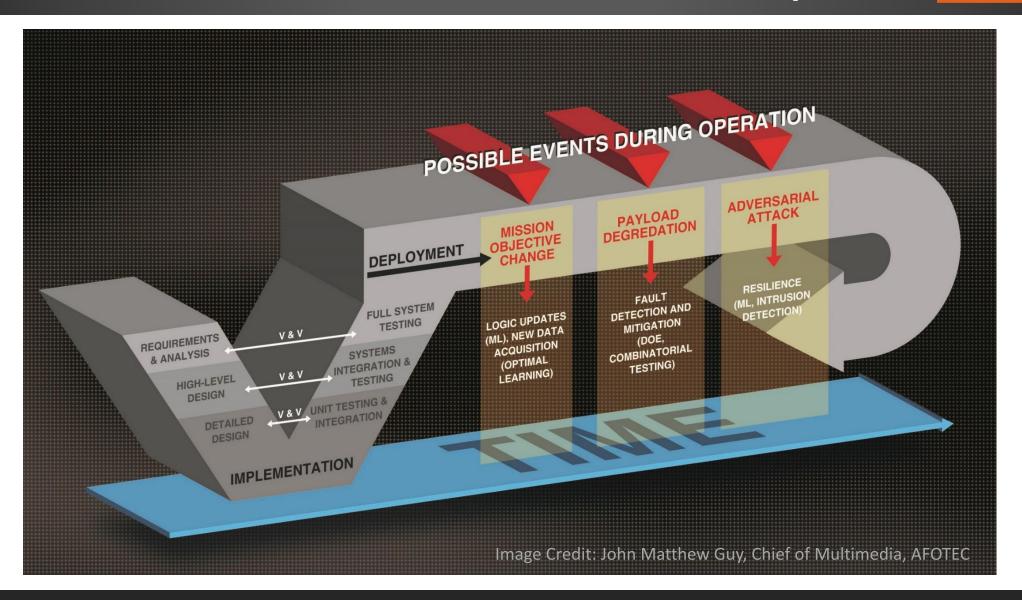
We need a framework for AI Assurance



- Lots of Data Types
 - Image, Video, Geospatial, Network Traffic, Time Series, etc.
 - Labeled, unlabeled
- Lots of Analysis / Prediction Goals
 - Detect, Classify, Track, Forecast, Optimize, Visualize
- Lots of Algorithm Types
 - Supervised labeled records with known output variable and algorithm learns how to predict the output variable
 - Unsupervised no labels are provided and algorithm makes inferences from input data
 - Bagging model development in parallel followed by some aggregation (typically averaging)
 - Boosting sequential model development
 - Stacking parallel model development and combines with a trained meta-model
- What makes a good algorithm depends on:
 - Problem that we are trying to address
 - Type of data
 - Available data (amount, balance, quality, etc.)
 - System complexity
 - Integration with the system (to include the humans)

Test and Evaluation: Framework and Feedback Loop

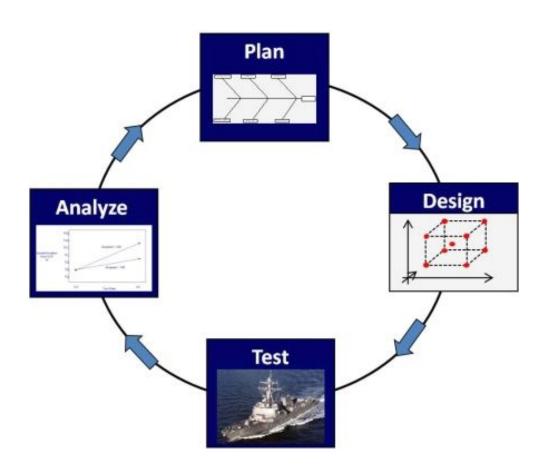




Test and Evaluation Process



- 1. Describe mission, systems, functions
- 2. Determine what questions must be answered
- 3. Derive evaluation, performance measures, metrics
- 4. Determine factors and levels for testing
- 5. Define testing scenarios and experiments
- 6. Conduct experiments
- 7. Analyze data
- 8. Feedback into future test planning



Research Challenges in Al Assurance



- Problem 1: Defining Operating Envelopes for Artificial Intelligence
- Problem 2: Understanding Models Robustness for Available Data
- Problem 3: "Optimizing" Complex Configurations for Machine Learning Models
- Problem 4: Developing Comprehensive Metrics for AI Assurance to Include AI integration with Human Teams
- Problem 5: Characterizing AI Capabilities in Complex Systems

Defining Operating Envelopes: Motivating Problem

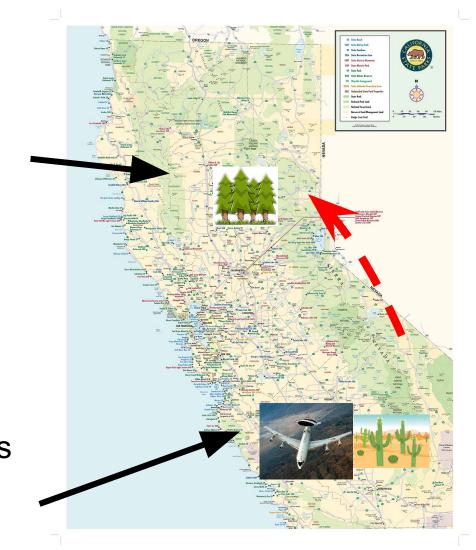


Questions

- How can we ensure that a model continues to perform as expected after it is deployed?
- Can we detect a drop in performance and react to it?
- Can we anticipate a drop in performance and prevent it?
- How can we certify a model with quantifiable, reliable guarantees of expected performance?
- How can we accomplish all this efficiently?

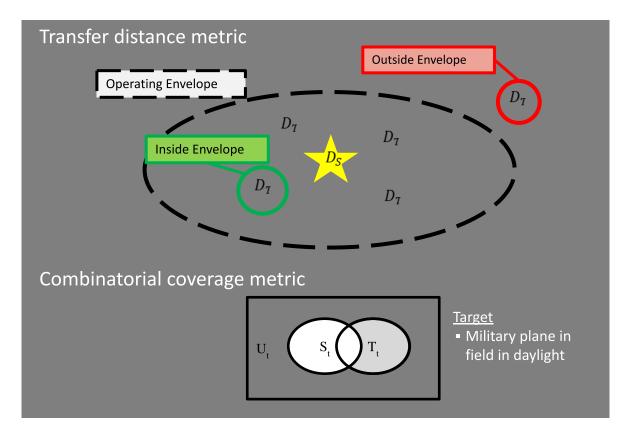
Mission to detect in Northern California

Trained to detect planes in Southern California



New Approaches to Defining Operating Envelopes











Define operating envelopes of models allows us to

- Measure distance between source and target data distributions
- Use metadata to measure proportion of target data covered by source data
- Smartly select training, validation, and test splits

Plan for incorporating operating envelopes into an efficient, automated process to ensure certification

- 1. Search model zoo for model with sufficient predicted performance based on metrics
- Create ensemble of models from model zoo with sufficient predicted performance
- 3. Fine-tune model with more target data
- 4. Identify unlabeled data to collect based on metrics
- 5. Identify labeled data to collect based on metrics

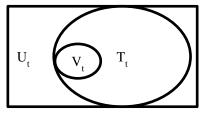
Set Difference Combinatorial Coverage Metrics



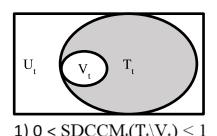
- 1. Test how well the model performs in contexts it should have learned
 - Prefer SDCCM(Validation \ Test) score close to 0
 - Best when SDCCM(Test \ Validation) also low
 - Suggests representative of same population
 - Avoid confusion in testing contexts might not generalize well

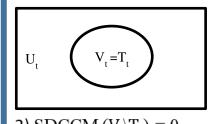
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- $SDCCM_t(T_t \backslash V_t) = \frac{|T_t \backslash V_t|}{|T_t|}$

- 2. Test how well the model generalizes to contexts it hasn't seen
 - Prefer SDCCM(Test \ Validation) close to 1

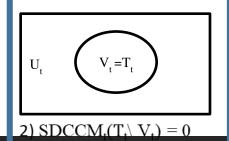


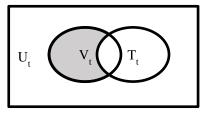
1) $SDCCM_t(V_t \backslash T_t) = 0$



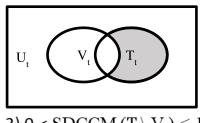


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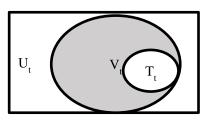




3) $0 < \text{SDCCM}_t(V_t \backslash T_t) \le 1$



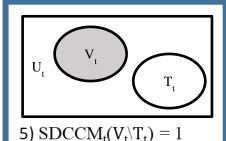
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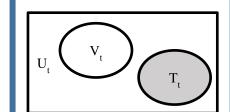


4) $0 < \text{SDCCM}_t(V_t \backslash T_t) \leq 1$









5) SDCCM_{*}(T_{*}\ V_*) = 1





Q & A

