

# Model-Based Systems Engineering for Future Digital Flight Lines

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### THE FLIGHT LINE IS THE CENTER OF GRAVITY

PARTNERSHIPS ENABLING SUCCESS



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### Sustainment Challenges

- Operating and Support Costs (O&S) are the largest component of the DoD budget
- ~80% of the O&S costs are "baked in" by the time a system enters manufacturing
- Our DoD customer must balance between industry and organic solutions
- Current processes lack agility and speed for today's challenges





## Digital Engineering Drives MBSE Expansion



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### Sustainment Meets the Model Based Enterprise

Service Lifecycle Management is enabled by tools, standards, and open architecture data exchange







### Implementing the Digital Thread StarDrive Projects Explore New Process Throughout the Program Lifecycle





### Model Based Sustainment Key Pillars

Logistics Support Analysis (LSA) & Connection to R&M	<ul> <li>Logistics Support Analysis is the structured approach to analyze, optimize, and balance of the sustainment elements to ensure the sustainment solution will deliver the targeted availability at the optimum Operating and Support costs.</li> </ul>	
Technical Data Presentation	<ul> <li>Leverage Upstream Content in the Digital Thread for Fused Delivery via Multiple Pathways</li> </ul>	Ţ
Visualization	<ul> <li>Influence Design, Train, Maintain, Assess, and Improve our platforms using Visualization, Augmented/Virtual Reality— with connections to Gaming Technology</li> </ul>	
Digital Flight Line Feedback	<ul> <li>Bi-Directional Feed Back</li> <li>Digital Twin Genealogy (As-Mx)</li> <li>Action Request (AR's) / Discrepancy Reports (DR's)</li> <li>Achievement of Inherent Reliabilities</li> <li>AI/ML/Analytics Overlay to Assess/Mature Performance</li> </ul>	



S-Series OAGI Standards Master Data Management





### Chuckie





### **CHUCKIE: As Maintained Digital Twin Use Case Objectives**

Define a real-world test article for As Maintained digital thread/digital twin and expand 3DX operating envelope to flight line and back







### Current MBSE Lines of Actions MBSE Strategies and Aspirations





### Our Opportunities Are Rich, Our Time is "Now" MBSE Strategies and Aspirations-Design for Sustainment

#### **Opportunity Areas for Exploration**

- DHM/PHM Reference Architecture
- Tool exploration/implementation/integration:
  - o DSI
    - eXpress [CAMEO/ATML aware]
  - o Siemens
    - PHM MADe
  - National Instruments
    - Veristand/Teststand

#### **Objectives:**

MBSE for

"The Platform"

Design for Sustainment

- Connect Design/Test to OEM/SIL/HITL/TPS/Tech
   Data in Common MBSE Framework
- MBSE to Auto-generation of TPS with Flightline Feedback Loop via Digital Twin





#### TestStand





### Our Opportunities Are Rich, Our Time is "Now" MBSE Strategies and Aspirations—Sustainment Solutions





### Our Opportunities Are Rich, Our Time is "Now" MBSE Strategies and Aspirations—The Flightline





## Flightline: Then

#### Technicians:

- Large Mobilized Labor Pool That Tended to Have Basic Mechanical Awareness
- Training:
  - Up to a year of training across "A", "B", and "C" schools
- Tools:
  - Prolific Availability of Common Tools
  - Forward Deployed Machine Tools
- Technical Data:
  - Standard Structural Repair Manuals
  - Broad Range of Technical Data Available
- Maintenance Plans:
  - Focused on Hours: 30-60-90-120

### **Digital Is Years Away**







## Flightline: Today

#### Technicians

- Are Digitally Literate On Mobile
- Visual Learners
- Expects Speed In All Processes
- May Not Have Basic Mechanical Awareness

#### • Training:

- Focused on Basics
- Advanced Technical Schools less Prevalent
- Leadership Focus on Advancement
- Tools:
  - Common Tools Standardized
  - Many Repairs Require Special Items
  - Reduced Forward Tooling Footprint
- Tech Data

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- Structural Repair Manuals Often Not Procured
- Data Dispersed Across Multiple IT Systems
- Maintenance Plans More Complex:
  - Time/Condition/OML Signature
  - Specialized Dispositions Often Required





# MBSE for the Flightline: Digitally Enabled Technician



Model Based Technical Data Presentation Fused with Assistive/Additive Layers



**Digitally Enhanced Flightline Mx/Supply Technicians** 







Digital Damage Assessment IFDIS/IFDP Digital FSR



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### Bring MBSE to the Flightline Now



- Leverage Relevant Industry 4.0 Trends
  - MBSE + Solution Trains + Servitization + AI/ML/Analytics
- Extend MBSE Architectures to
  - Digital Data Acquisition
  - Test Automation
  - Technical Data Presentation and Information Fusion
    - Authoritative/Additive/Context
    - AR/VR

Call To Action: Establish MBSE Architectures and Frameworks That Include Mx/Supply Personnel as Key Enablers To Enhance Flightline Performance

### "Hardware in the loop, Pilot in the loop, Flightline Techs in the loop"







