



# Reducing Design Rework using Set-based Design in a Model Centric Environment

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# Problem

- Engineering design issues are a major concern for the DOD and most Industries
- Engineering design issues lead to reworking the design
- Rework can take up a significant amount of total design time
- The severity depends on where it is found during the product development life-cycle









### What is the Nature of Design Rework?



Figure 1: Information flow diagram and DSM (adopted from Cho and Eppinger, 2001)



Figure 2: System Dynamics Model (adopted from Taylor and Ford, 2006)



Figure 4: Arena Model (adopted from Yang et al., 2014)



Figure 3: Network Model (adopted from Braha and Bar-Yam, 2007)



Figure 5: GERT (adopted from Nelson et al., 2016)

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# **Information Exchange**



#### Rework caused by information uncertainty/ambiguity



## Complexity



#### Rework caused by misalignment of activities and organizational structure



# Point Based Design (PBD)

- Susceptible to the same causes of rework as sequential and concurrent design
- Converging too early to a point design
- Overly constraining the design



#### Rework occurs because decisions are made with uncertain information



# Propose reducing Rework using Set-Based Design

- System and subsystem solutions are defined as sets
- Subsystems are explored in parallel to systems solutions
- Sets are narrowed while improving the level of abstraction and analysis
- Imposes minimal constraints
- Decisions are delayed until adequate information is available
  Dynamic





# What is the current state of SBD Procedural Models?

- What are the strengths and limitations to these approaches and models?
- How is knowledge developed, captured, and reused to cause convergence of sets
- What Digital Engineering (DE) tools were recommended/used to enable SBD?



Figure 1: Partial Rolls-Royce Lean Product Development Model (modified from Al-Ashaab et al., 2013)



## **Future Work**

- Opportunity to solidify guidance on how to implement SBD
  - How to narrow sets while improving level of abstraction and level of analysis
  - How to define and reason about sets
  - How to capture and reuse knowledge
  - Illustrated industrial application
- Opportunity to improve the connection of SBD to SE technical processes
- Opportunity to implement SBD in a DE Environment
  - What tools are best suited for knowledge development, capturing and reuse
  - How can model centric engineering and rapid-prototyping be utilized to accelerate learning
  - Application of integrated multi-fidelity models to include multi-physics models



## Questions





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