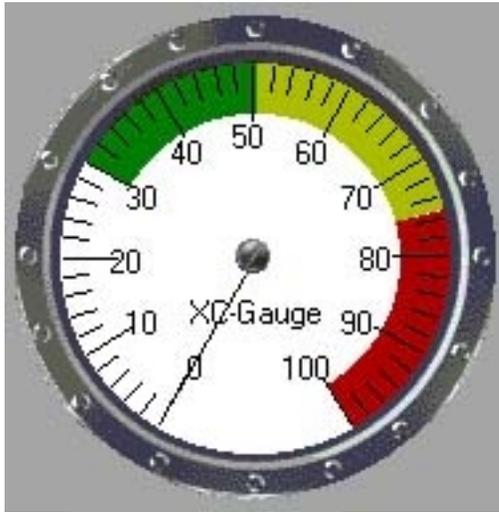


Dynamic Assembly for System Adaptability, Dependability and Assurance (DASADA)

The
software
revolution
requires
dynamic
gauges



But

gauges
made it
happen

And an
ability to
dynamically
update and
use models



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Problem

**“Software glitches leave Navy Smart Ship dead in the water”
(GCN July 13, 1998)**

**“Glitch in combat systems software knocks out weapons capability”
(The Virginian-Pilot, July 8, 1998)**

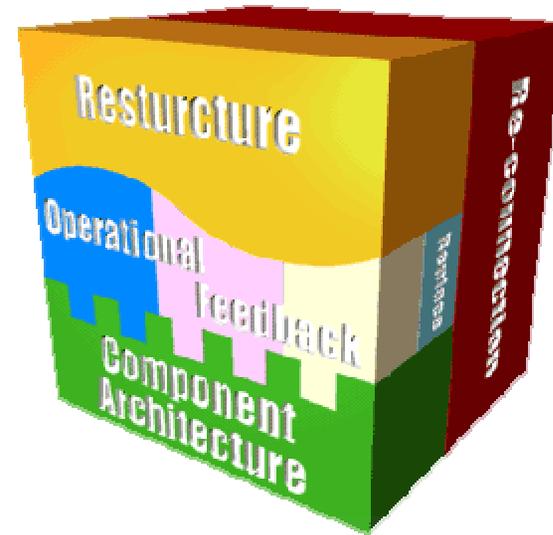
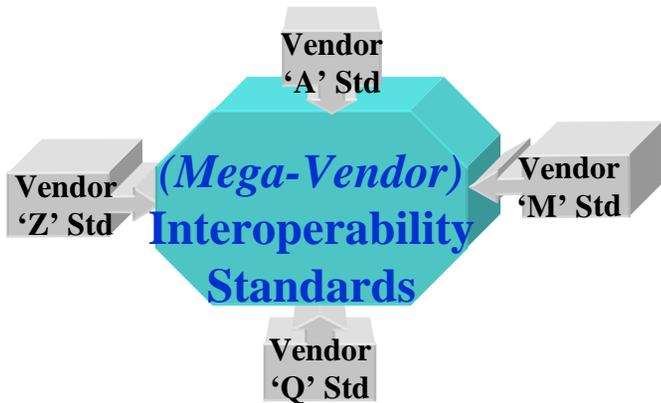


**We can't completely model today's complex systems.
Therefore, we can't: Understand them; Predict them;
Control them; Automatically compose or adapt them.**

Why DASADA

Industry hasn't done it,
DoD needs it

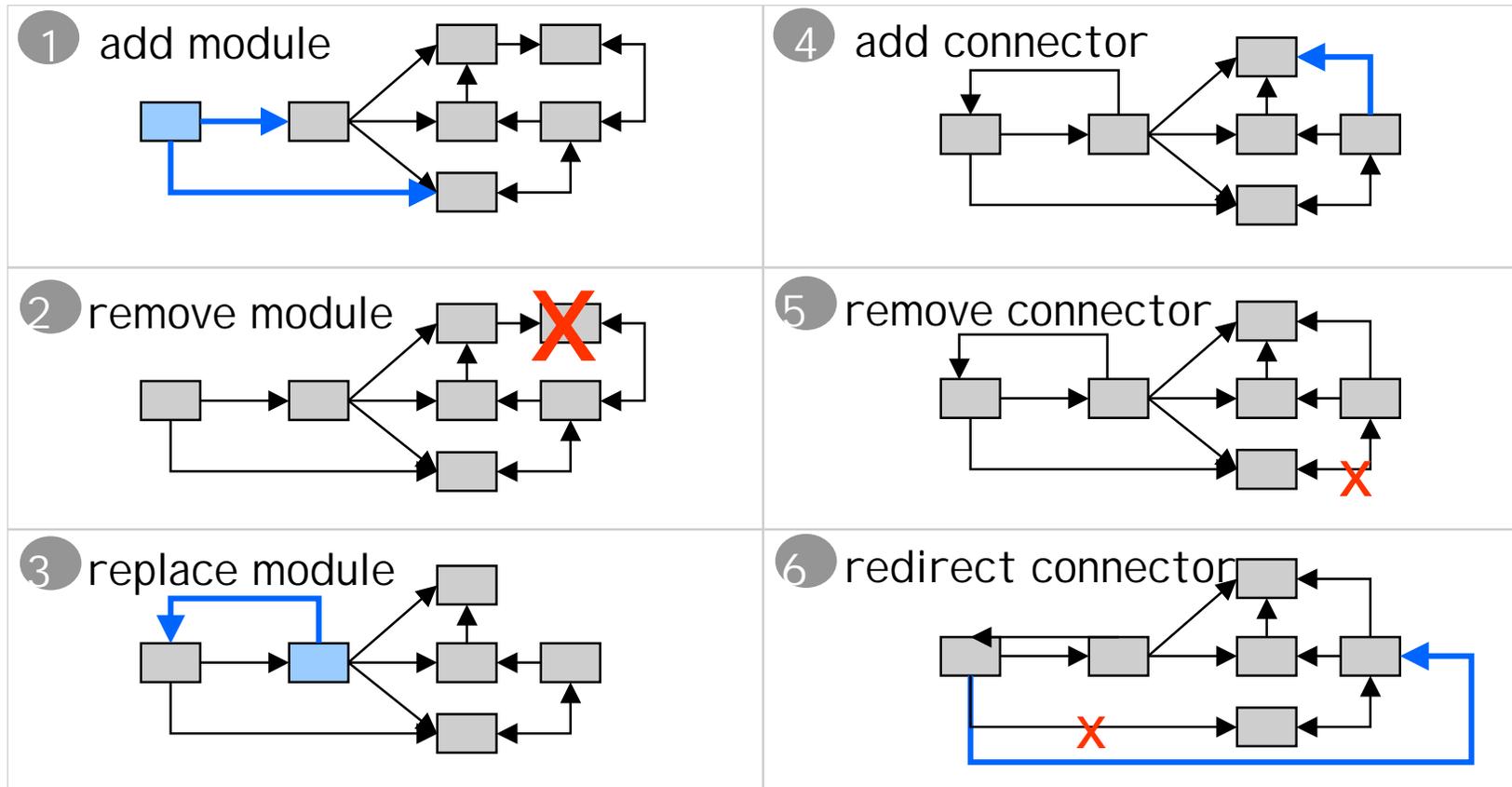
Software Fix(s), re-connector(s),
glue and gauges



Predictable composition is key to reduced cycle time

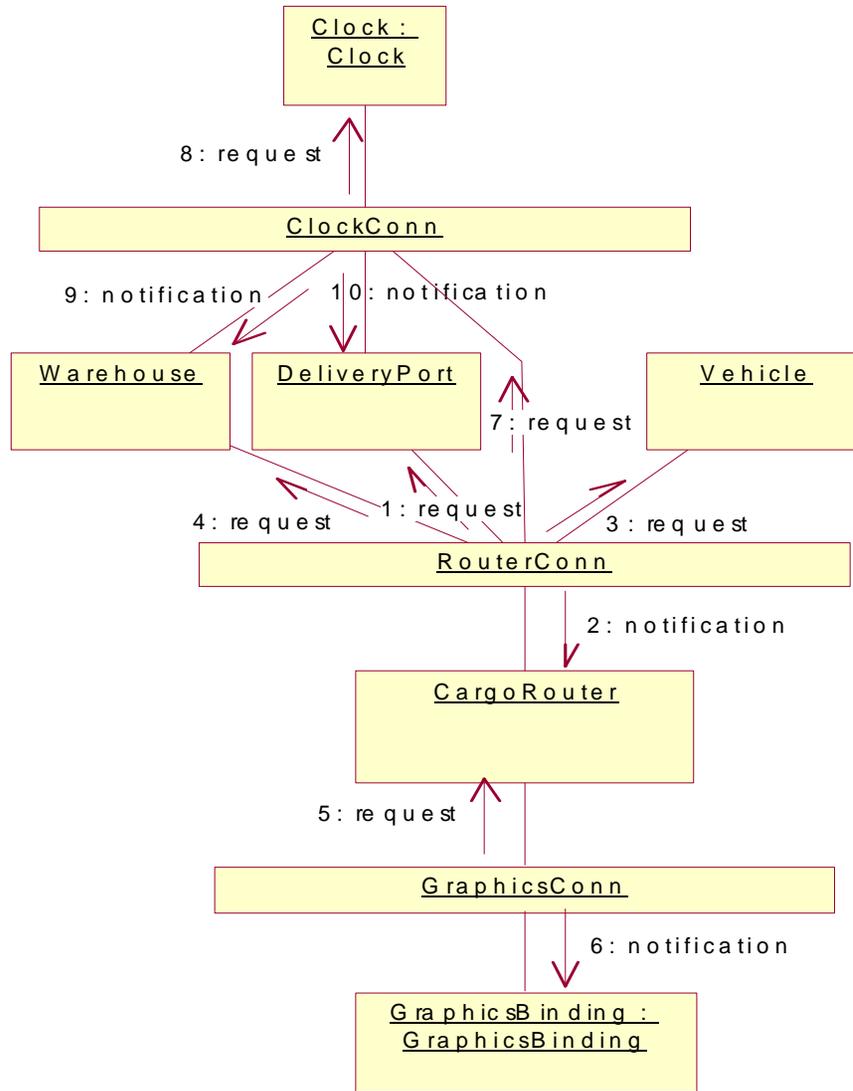
- Dynamically assemble, reconfigure, and evolve systems
- Easily introduce new components to add functionality
- Adaptively and dynamically scale systems
- Continuously upgrade components

Transformation Based Architecture



Assess suitability before, during, and after architecture transformations

Software Architecture



Component

Structure

Environment

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Gauges



Gauges Are Central

Gauges assess suitability before, during, and after software architecture transformations.

Continual Coordination

- Architecture Conformance
- Composability Wrapper



Continual Design

- Functional Similarity
- Content Similarity



Example:
Constraint-based
Gauge

Continual Validation

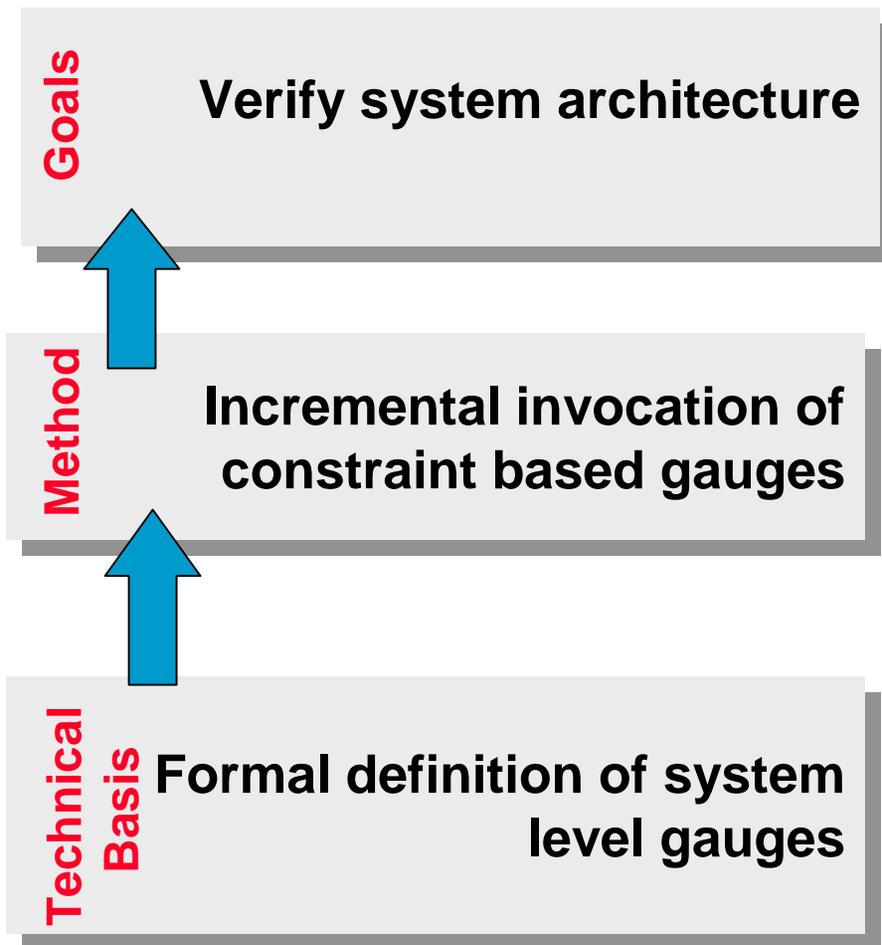


Evolution and Integration
Command Center

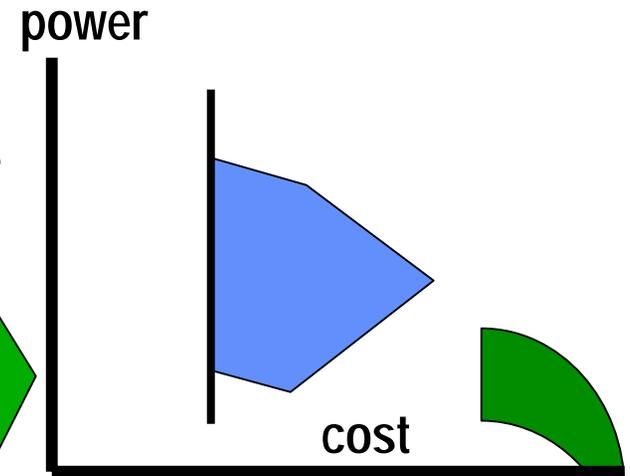
- Runtime Event Monitoring
- Connectivity Gauges

Automatic, dynamic (re)configuration is a key element of the DASADA software vision.

Constraint Gauges

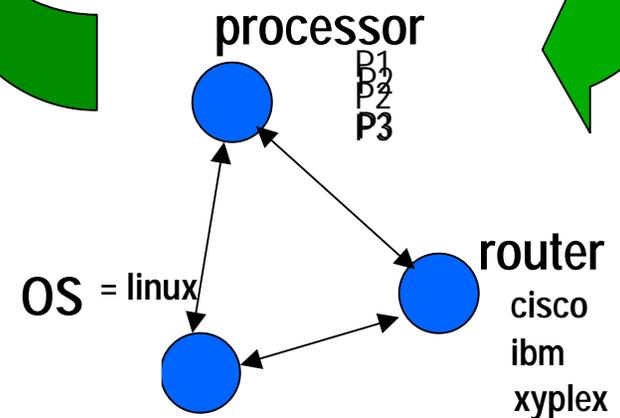


Continuous Design Space



OS=linux \Leftrightarrow C > x
 C > x \Leftrightarrow Processor={P2,P3}

Discrete Design Space



Connectivity Gauges

Goals

- Determine runtime component
- Determine how connections were made

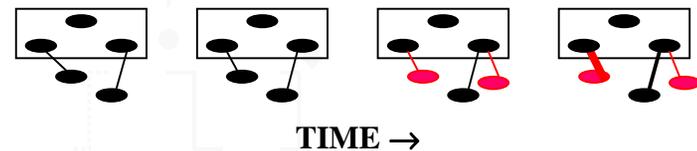
Method

- Insert gauges at a variety of probe points
- Monitor creation and change of component bindings
- Monitor flow of requests

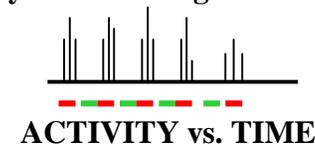
Technical Basis

- Ubiquitously insert runtime gauges into component-based applications

Determining actual runtime configurations & usage.



Monitoring interaction patterns to determine “windows of opportunity” for reconfiguration.



Detecting “dead code” that increases code footprint, may harbor viruses, and complicates evolution & testing. The gauge may provide the following advice:

“The MathPak library is bound to your application, but has not been used for 3 months by any user of your application. The library may represent dead code. Library size is 5MB. The library was bound to your application by the gLinker tool on 12/13/99 using the file myMake.”

Gauge Infrastructure: Evolution and Integration Command Center

Goal

- Enable “go/no-go” decision for re-configuration tasks
- Monitor “live” evolution of systems

Method

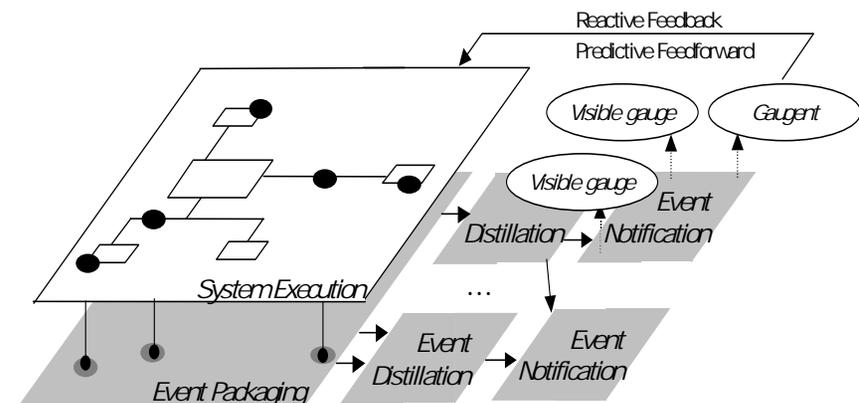
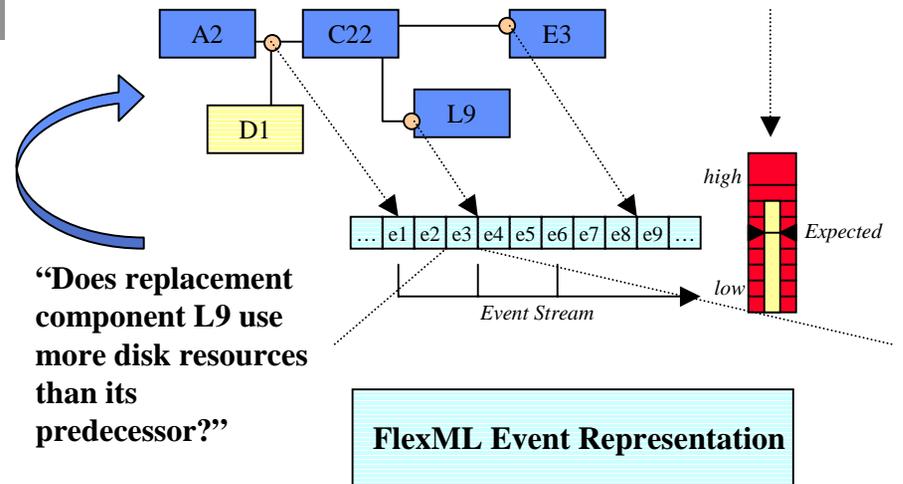
- Rapid hypothesis testing
- FlexML event description
- Dynamic probing of components

Technical Basis

- Architectural models show how to develop testing regiment

“monitor average server HTTP response time as the new database back-end engine is brought on-line”

Insert probes based on Architectural Model
Generate gauges

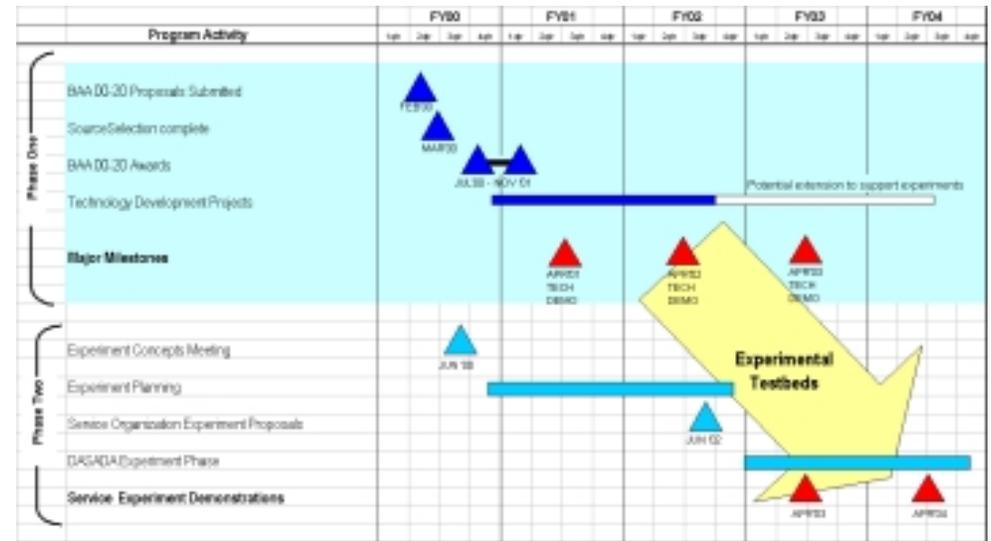


DASADA Phase 2: New Opportunities: Transition Technology to Experiments

GUARANTEE CRITICAL PROPERTIES

REDUCE TIME TO INTEGRATE

INCREASE ASSURANCE EFFICIENCY



Phase 2 Plans

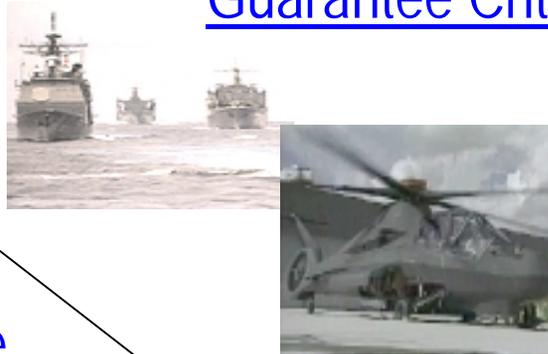
- (Partially) funded planning efforts in FY01-02 (estimate \$25K/year)
- Experiments conducted in FY03-04 (estimate 2-3 @ \$5,000K each)
- Requires application by DoD organization

Looking for programs with:

- Real problems
- Ability to evaluate the impact of the technology(ies)
- Interest and commitment of the Service organization and contractor(s)

Example Problems for Technology Transition to Experiments

Guarantee Critical Properties



Architectural assessment guarantees critical properties

Reduce Time To Integrate



Models of architecture and behavior reduce integration time/cost.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Increase Assurance Efficiency



Update models and axioms based on operational experience

Action Items

- Watch our progress – at ISO WWW site.
- Think about becoming active in planning an experiment – info at ISO WWW site
- Contact us (jsalasin@darpa.mil)