





A View of Simulation Conceptual Modeling



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Performs *scientific inquiry* to discover or revise facts and theories of phenomena, followed by transformation of these discoveries into physical representations

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IDEEAS Analysis Process





Operationally Relevant? Achievable? Comparable? Measurable? Document.





"The conceptual model is a simulation developer's way of translating modeling requirements into a detailed design framework, from which the software, hardware, networks, and systems/equipment that will make up the simulation can be built, modified, or assembled."

> from SIW Paper 00F-SIW-019, "Simulation Conceptual Model Development Issues and Implications for Reuse of Simulation Components" by Dr. Dale Pace





Conceptual Model

"A statement of the content and internal representations which are the user's and developer's combined concept of the model. It includes logic and algorithms and explicitly recognizes assumptions and limitations."

Reference: "A Glossary of Modeling and Simulation Terms for Distributed Interactive Simulation (DIS)," August, 1995 Conceptual Model of the Mission Space (CMMS)

 Conceptual Model of Mission Space (CMMS) "First abstractions of the real world that serve as a frame of reference for simulation development by capturing the basic information about important entities involved in any mission and their key actions and interactions. They are simulationneutral views of those entities, actions, and interactions occurring in the real world."







Simulation Conceptual Model: The Bridge Between Developer and User

From: Conceptual Model Development and Validation RPG Special Topic 15 September 2006







Note: Legacy simulation conceptual models focus on (2) Mission Space

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Steps in Conceptual Development





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- Conceptual Model Portion Identification
- Principal Simulation Developer POCs
- Requirements and Purpose
- Overview
- General Assumptions
- Identification of Possible States, Tasks, Actions, and Behaviors, Relationships and Interactions, Events, and Parameters and Factors for Entities and Processes being described
- Identification of Algorithms
- Simulation Development Plans
- Summary and Synopsis

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- I hope the following facilitates discussion on the application of conceptual modeling.
- These slides represent some "real-life" examples of our view in our application of conceptual modeling.
- Comments between the audience is encouraged.
- Non-attribution.





The three simple questions asked by Chris Burns to our team at the beginning of each effort:

"What are we modeling?"

"What is the purpose of the conceptual model?"

"Who is the target audience?"

Chris Burns is the lead computer scientist for IDEEAS – an engagement level constructive simulation





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- The type of model created is driven by what you are modeling
 - More information is required when complex specifics are involved
 - Software models are not sufficiently able to convey engineering details that are not directly related to the software design.
- Our Team uses:

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- System Architecture Conceptual Models
 - Domain description, components, and the communication flow
 - Purpose: Define the components involved and their intercommunication
 - Audience: Integrators, Network Engineers, Developers, Users
- Physics/Engineering Conceptual Models
 - Inputs, outputs, algorithms
 - Purpose: Defines the mathematical representation of a system, including the inputs, algorithms, and outputs
 - Audience: Physicists, Engineers to Software Developers
- Software Conceptual Models
 - Software centric design representation of the system
 - Purpose: Representation of the system from a software centric view, to convey operation, assumptions, and limitations
 - Audience: Software Developers to Physicists, Engineers







Radar Modeling for Analysis Utilizing IDEEAS

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Presenting the process of radar modeling for analysis by utilizing the Interactive Distributed Engineering Evaluation and Analysis Simulation (IDEEAS). RADAR -> RAdio Detection and Ranging

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Basic Principle of Radar



Image derived from "Introduction to Radar Systems" by M. I. Skolnik.

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Radar Flow Chart in IDEEAS









Beam Scanning





Mechanical Scanning Radar with rotating antenna panel

Phased Array Radar with fixed antenna panel where beams are moved electronically in any direction within a scanning limit





- Line of Sight from radar to target required within scanning limit of radar.
- Clutter can be minimized by only scanning the area above the horizon.
- Moving target in the heavily cluttered region can be detected by employing Doppler shift method.



- Radar Cross Section (RCS) is the property of a scattering object that represents the magnitude of the echo signal returned to the radar by the target
- Unit of RCS is m² or dBsm
- Even though its unit is m², the RCS may or may not correlate with the physical size or effective area of the object

Target Radar Cross Section

Measured RCS pattern of a B-26 bomber at 10-cm wavelength. (from "Introduction to Radar Systems" by Merrill I. Skolnik)

Measured RCS of a one-fifteenth scale model Boeing 737 commercial jetliner at 10 GHz and vertical polarization. (from "Introduction to Radar Systems" by Merrill I. Skolnik)

Signal to Noise Calculation

Noise Signal Level

 $P_n = \frac{kT_o N_F}{kT_o N_F}$

- P_n = Radar System noise power
- k = Boltzmann's constant
- $T_o =$ System reference noise temperature (°K)
- N_F = Receiver noise figure
- τ = Radar pulse width

Antenna Beam and Gain Pattern

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Example of 3-D Antenna Pattern (from "Radar Handbook" edited by Merrill I. Skolnik)

Antenna Gain Pattern

Antenna gain representation within IDEEAS (note pattern characteristic is configurable through input)

Signal Power

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$$\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{s}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{T}} \boldsymbol{G}^{2} \lambda^{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{(4\pi)^{3} \boldsymbol{L} \boldsymbol{R}^{4}}$$

- P_T = Peak Power transmitted
- G = Antenna gain in direction of target
- λ = Wavelength
- σ = Radar Cross Section of target
- L = Radar system and propagation losses
- R = Range to target

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- Dwell The time on target, and time it takes to scan the antenna beam over a beamwidth or some fraction of a beamwidth
- **Duty Cycle A measure of the fraction of the time a radar is transmitting**
- Number of pulses during dwell time = Dwell×PRF → Integration Gain

Signal to Noise Ratio

$$SNR = \frac{P_{pk} G_t N_{pulses} \tau_{pw} \sigma G_r \lambda^2}{(4\pi)^3 k T_o N_F L R^4}$$

Radar Range Equation

$$R = \sqrt[4]{\frac{P_{pk} G_t N_{pulses} \tau_{pw} \sigma G_r \lambda^2}{(4\pi)^3 k T_o N_F L(SNR)}}$$

Energy content of long-duration, low-power pulse will be comparable to that of the short-duration, high-power pulse

 $\tau_1 \ll \tau_2$ and $P_1 \gg P_2$

Image from Radar Pulse Compression by Chris Allen, June 17, 2004.

Pulse Compression

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Signal Bandwidth (SBW) = c/(2.0*range resolution)

Compressed Pulsewidth = 1/SBW

- Pulse Compression (PC) = Pulse Compression Gain
 - = Pulse Compression Ratio
 - = Pulsewidth * SBW
- Number of Pulses (NP) = Integration Gain = integer(dwell*PRF)
- **Processing Gain = 10.0*log(PC*NP)**

$$SNR = \frac{P_{pk} G_t N_{pulses} \tau_{comp} G_{pc} \sigma G_r \lambda^2}{(4\pi)^3 k T_o N_F L R^4}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} {\sf G}_{\sf pc} & = {\sf Pulse \ compression \ Gain} \\ {\sf N}_{\sf pulses} & = {\sf Number \ of \ pulses \ or \ integration \ gain} \\ {\sf \tau}_{\sf comp} & = {\sf Compressed \ pulse \ width} \end{array}$$

ELEVATION VIEW SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE SURFACE ILLUMINATED BY THE RADAR PULSE

PLAN VIEW SHOWING THE ILLUMINATED CLUTTER PATCH (OR RESOLUTION CELL) CONSISTING OF INDIVIDUAL, INDEPENDENT SCATTERERS.

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Ground Clutter Signal Level

GROUND RETURN WITHIN TARGET RANGE GATE (P_c)

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RADAR RECEIVED POWER FROM TERRAIN CELL (P_c)

$$P_{c} = \sum_{i} P_{c_{i}} \qquad P_{c_{i}} = \frac{P_{T} G_{i}^{2} \lambda^{2} \sigma_{i}}{(4 \pi)^{3} L_{i} R_{i}^{4}}$$

Clutter to Noise Ratio

$$CNR = G_{INT} \left(\frac{P_c}{P_n} \right)$$

Two successive sweeps, (a) and (b), of MTI radar. When (b) is subtracted from (a), the result is (c) and echoes from stationary targets are canceled, leaving only moving targets (Image from "Introduction to Radar Systems" by Merrill I. Skolnik).

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Moving Target Indicator (MTI)

Signal to Interference Ratio

$$SNR = G_{INT} \left(\frac{P_s}{P_n}\right)$$
$$CNR = G_{INT} \left(\frac{P_c}{P_n}\right)$$
$$SIR = \frac{SNR}{(1 + CNR)}$$

 $G_{INT} = Integration Gain$ $P_s = Target Signal Power$ $P_n = Radar System noise Power$ $P_c = Clutter Signal Power$

Small change in viewing aspect of a radar target such as aircraft or ship can result in a major change in RCS.

The popular method for representing the fluctuation of targets are the four statistical models described by Peter Swerling.

For example, Swerling III model is used for calculating probability of detection.

Swerling III -> APPLICABLE TO

- SMALL, RIGID, STREAMLINED AIRCRAFT
- TARGETS CONSISTING OF ONE DOMINANT SCATTERER WITH MANY SMALLER SCATTERERS

WHERE: T → DETECTION THRESHOLD AND SIR → SIGNAL TO INTERFERENCE RATIO

Measurement of Error, ΔR , ΔEL and ΔAZ

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 $\delta_{R} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{2\frac{S}{N}}}$ C = speed of light $\tau = \text{(compressed) pulse width}$ S/N = signal to noise ratio

 $\delta_{\theta} = \frac{\Theta_{3dB}}{\sqrt{2\frac{S}{N}}} \qquad \Theta_{3dB} = \text{beam width at 3dB half power} \\ S/N = \text{signal to noise ratio}$

Measurement of Error ∆EL and ∆AZ Interferometer Base Radar

$$\delta_{\theta} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi D \sqrt{\frac{S}{N}}}$$

 λ = Wavelength D = Distance between antennas S/N = signal to noise ratio

Random Sample in Modeling Radar Detection

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*The rejection method of generating random numbers drawn from particular distribution by rejecting those that fall outside the geometrical limits of the specific distribution.

- Kalman filter is an estimation technique that utilizes measurement information to predict the best estimate of the true state at each measurement point.

- It is a recursive procedure which processes one measurement at a time until all measurements have been processed.

- This "best" estimate is a mix of predicted state estimate and a measured state estimate.

Extended Kalman Filter

- Generally Kalman Filter estimation techniques require that there is a mathematically linear relationship between the system states and measurement.

- When Kalman filter is applied to a nonlinear estimation problem, such as the calculation for IPP and LPP, as applied to radar tracking of ballistic projectiles, it is called **Extended Kalman Filter**.

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Continuous-Discrete, Extended Kalman Filter Computation Sequence that is used for IPP and LPP can be summarized in the next page where:

- x_o → Initial condition, or the initial location estimate and the initial velocity estimate obtained from the radar tracking algorithm
- [P]_o → Initial value of state error covariance
- f(x) → System equation which is nonlinear system differential equations for ballistic projectiles motion (speed and acceleration in x, y and z direction)
- $[F]_k \rightarrow [\partial f/\partial x] =$ System differential equations \rightarrow System Matrix
- $[\Phi]_k \rightarrow [I]_k + \Delta t[F]_k = Transition Matrix$
- $h(x) \rightarrow$ Measurement equation which is measurement position of ballistic projectiles.
- $[H]_k \rightarrow [\partial h/\partial x] = Measurement matrix$
- $[Q]_k \rightarrow$ Uncertainty in the predicted state estimate (the same for all measurement intervals)
- [R]_k → Measurement error covariance in spherical coordinates which needs to be transformed into equivalent covariance in rectangular coordinates for use in the Kalman filter
- $[P]_k \rightarrow Predict error covariance$
- [K]_k → Kalman Gains

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Extended Kalman Filter Computation Sequence

STEP	DESCRIPTION	EQUATIONS	FLOW
0	Initial Conditions	$\hat{\underline{x}}_{o}; [P]_{o}$	\downarrow
1	Inputs at each iteration	$[Q]_k; [R]_k$	↓ ←←9
2	Predict state (example uses Euler integration)	$\underline{\widetilde{x}}_{k} = \underline{\widetilde{x}}_{k-1} + \underline{f}(\underline{\widetilde{x}}_{k-1})\Delta t$	↓
3	Compute system matrix	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{f}(\underline{x})}{\partial \underline{x}} \end{bmatrix}_{\underline{x} = \hat{\underline{x}}_{k}}$	→
4	Compute measurement matrix	$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{H} \end{bmatrix}_{\boldsymbol{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \underline{\boldsymbol{h}}(\underline{\boldsymbol{x}})}{\partial \underline{\boldsymbol{x}}} \end{bmatrix}_{\underline{\boldsymbol{x}} = \underline{\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}}_{\boldsymbol{k}}}$	→
5	Compute error covariance transition matrix	$[\Phi]_{k} = [I] + \Delta t [F]_{k}$	↓
6	Predict error covariance	$\left[\widetilde{P}\right]_{k} = \left[\Phi\right]_{k} \left[P\right]_{k-1} \left[\Phi\right]_{k}^{T} + \left[Q\right]_{k}$	\downarrow
7	Compute Kalman Gains	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{\mathbf{P}} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{\mathbf{P}} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}}^{T} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{k}}^{T} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$	\downarrow
8	Correct error covariance using gains	$[P]_{k} = [[I] - [K]_{k} [H]_{k}] \widetilde{P}_{k}$	↓
9	Correct state estimate using current measurement and Kalman gains	$\underline{\hat{x}}_{k} = \underline{\widetilde{x}}_{k} + [K]_{k} (\underline{z}_{k} - \underline{h}(\underline{\widetilde{x}}_{k}))$	$\downarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow 1$

Radar Flow Chart in IDEEAS

Description:

Conceptual software design document for our radar model.

CR Created: <this single CR that lead to the creation of the model > CRs Related: <this is a list, to be constantly amended, for all CRs after the initial creation that touched this particular model in any way> **Class Diagram**

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Sequence Diagram

DMSO - RPG Simone Youngblood's Brief DoDAF

- Our team uses three "types" of Conceptual Models to communicate in a iterative, recursive manner from the "developer to user".
- In preparing for this brief, I found few people with a common definition of conceptual modeling; however, everyone possessed a common understanding of tailoring products and processes in order to achieve effective communication.