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## **Annex N – CDT REVIEW AND PATH FORWARD**

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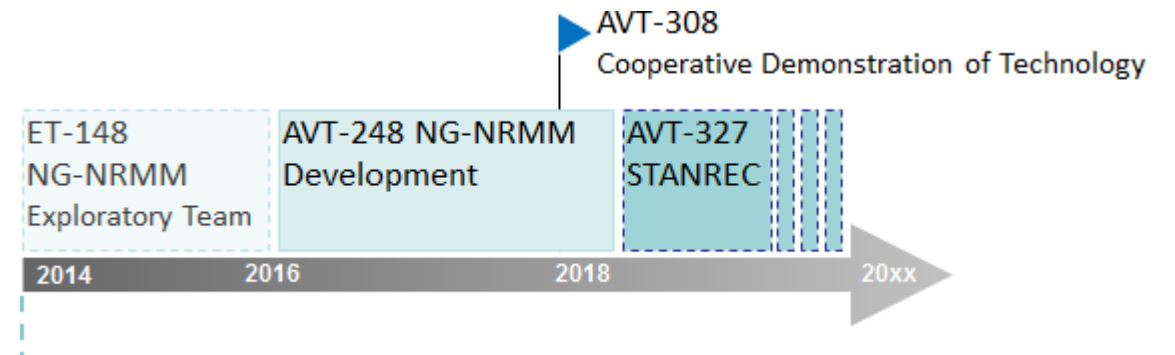
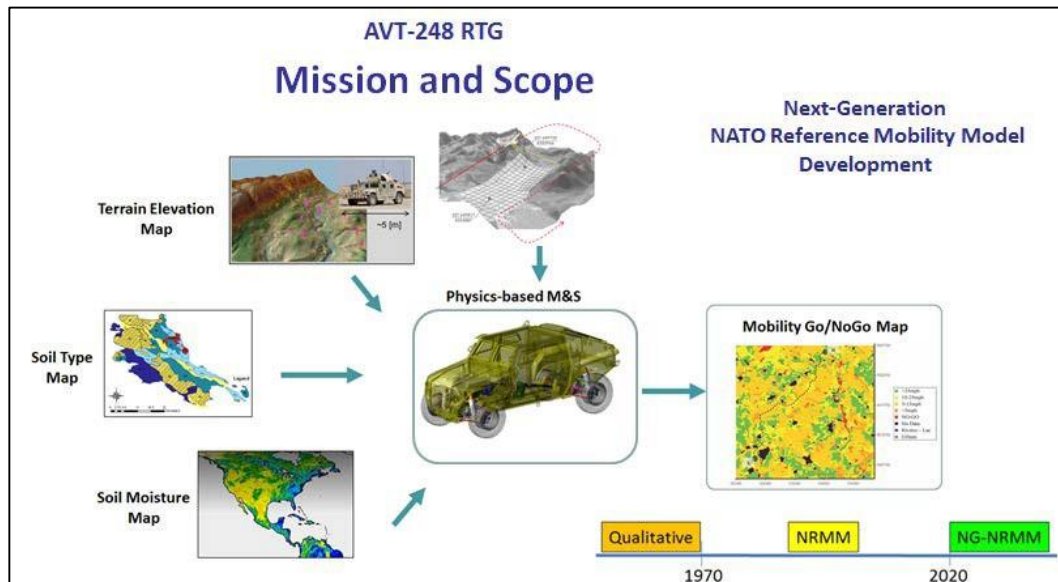
# CDT Review and Path Forward

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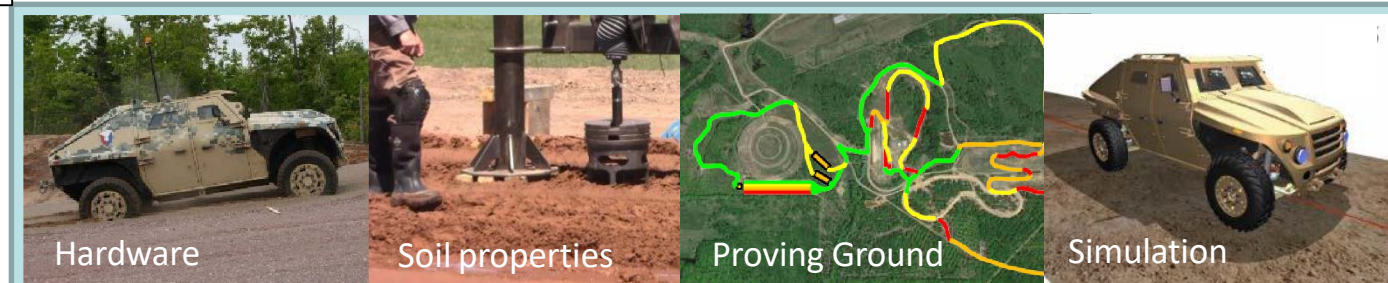
# AVT-248 Task Group and CDT

From basic research in **2014** to showcasing of technology in **2018**



## CDT 2018 NG-NRMM

- ✓ Impact on **early stage vehicle designs** as well as **operational decision making**
- ✓ Increased **operational interoperability** and **safety** by predictive mission planning



# Physical Demonstration Plan

- **Vehicle Introduction (Why FED-A?)**
- **Vehicle Data Set**
  - General Physical Data
  - Ricardo Data Set
  - ATEC Test Report
- **Terrain Data Set**
  - Terrestrial LIDAR
  - High Resolution Aerial Imagery
  - Laboratory & In Situ Soil Strength Measurements
- **Vehicle Behavior Data Set**
  - As Tested Configuration
  - Data Acquisition / Instrumentation
  - 3D Model Calibration (General Automotive Tests)
  - Soft Soil Behavior Prediction (Sand Grade & Draw Bar)
  - Mobility Traverse (Speed Made Good Estimation)

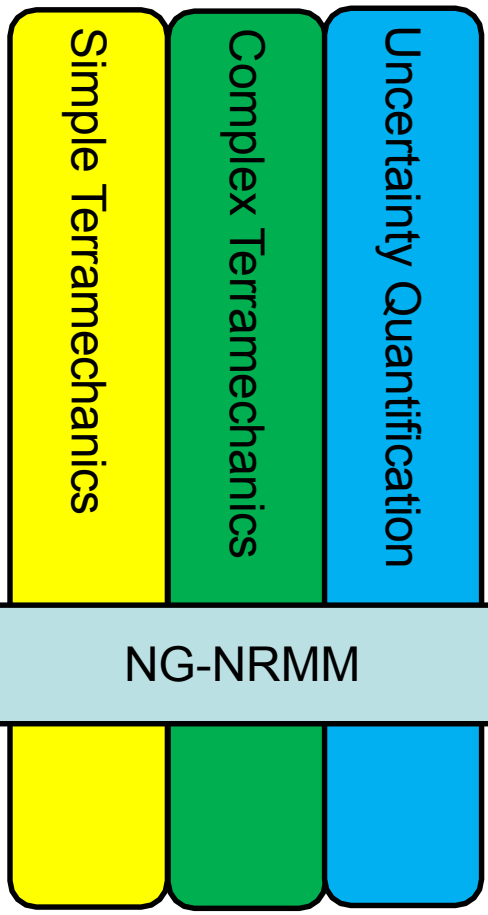
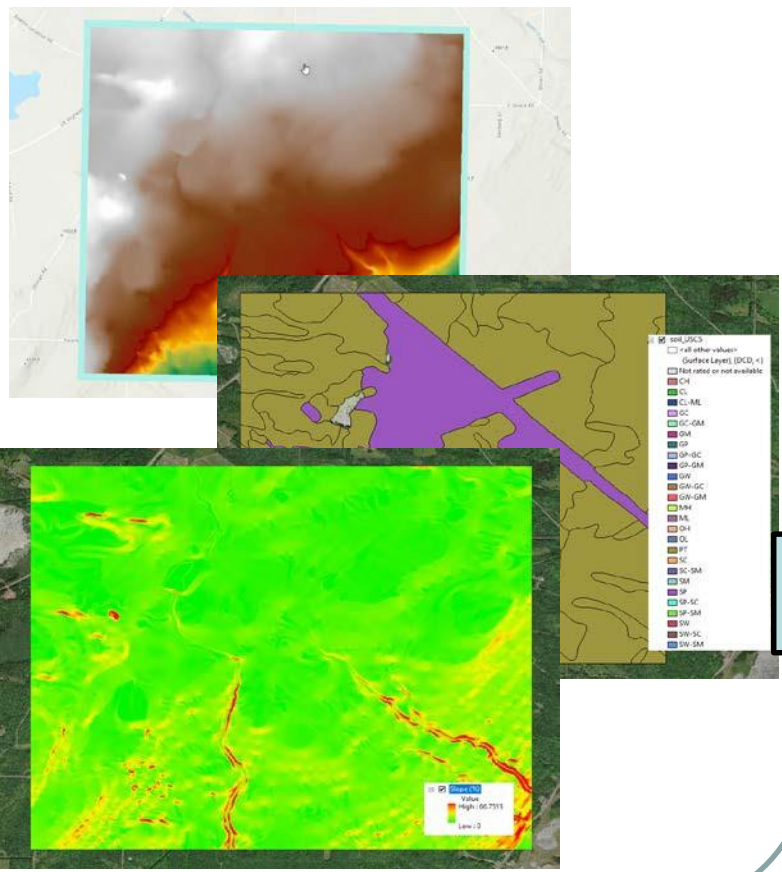


Fuel Efficiency Demonstrator (Alpha)



# NG-NRMM – Analytical Component to Planning

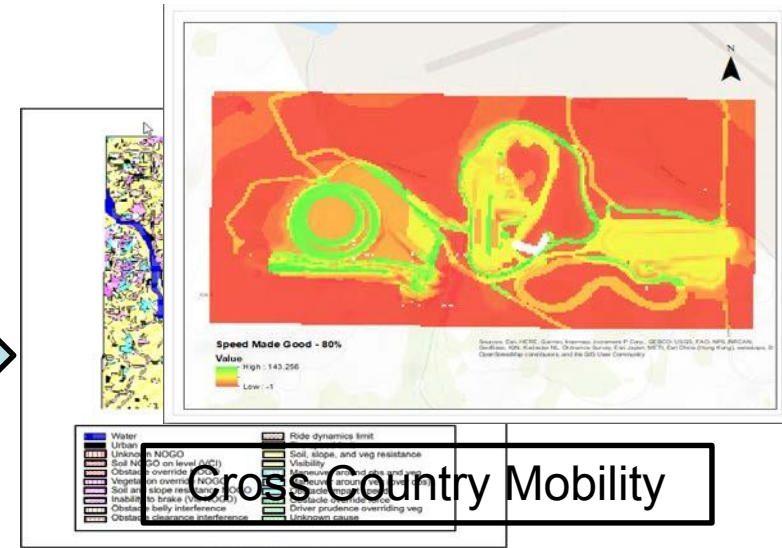
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## Military Decision Making Process

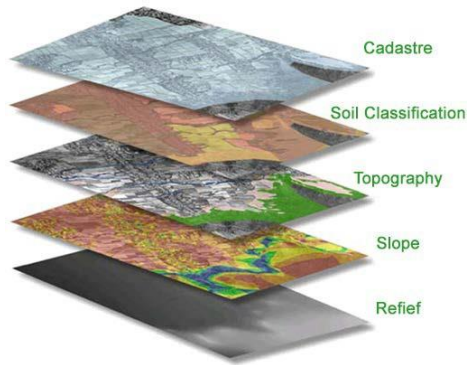
### Intelligence Preparation of the Operational Environment

### Terrain Analysis



Cross Country Mobility

# NG-NRMM TA-1 Workflow



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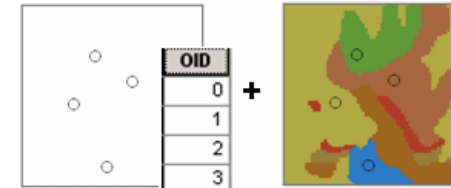
GIS Tools / Stds



... and Makes Them Directly Usable and Accessible

Geodatabase

GDB Schema / Tools



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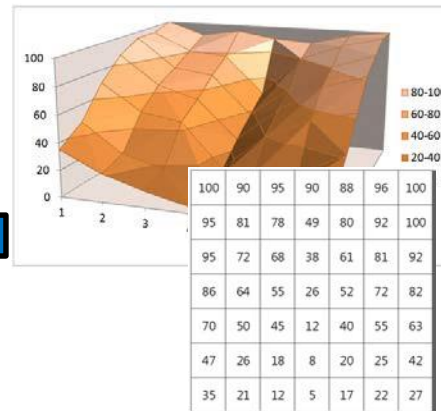
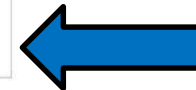
NG-NRMM Terrain

(x, y, z, parameters 1...n)



Raster Dataset in MBD Model

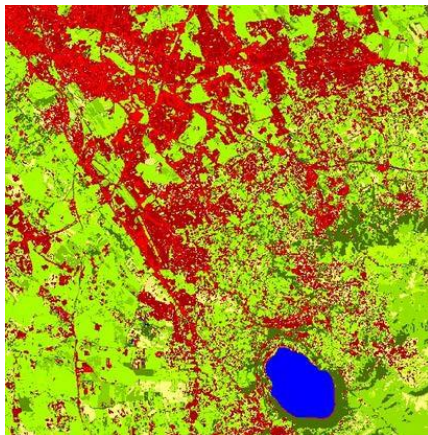
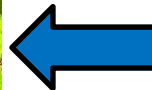
Raster Output



(x, y, z, t, parameters 1...n)

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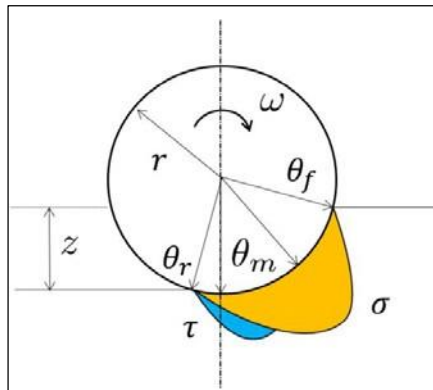
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Geodatabase / Map Product



# Terramechanics Numerical Models

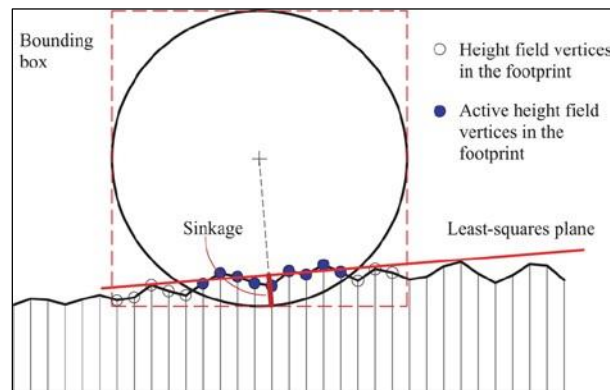


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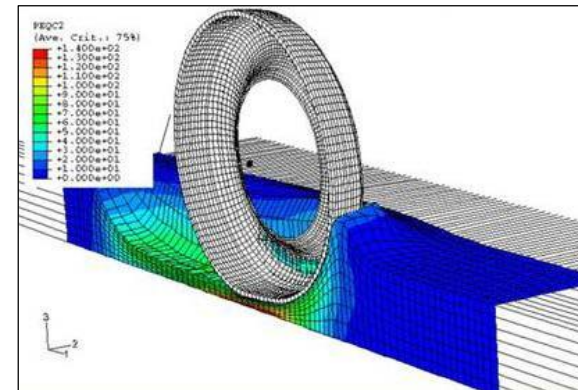


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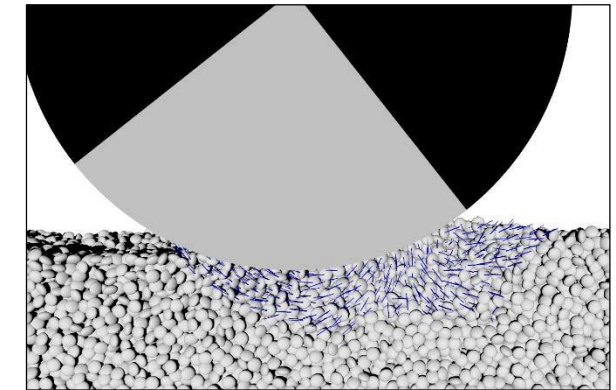


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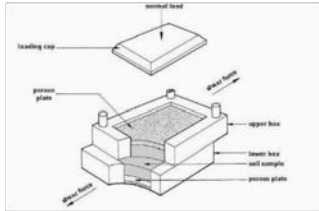
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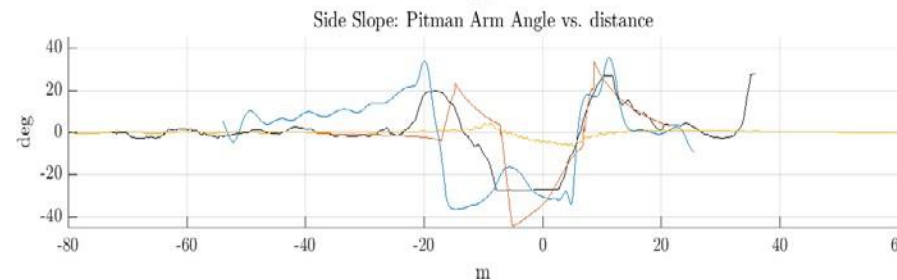
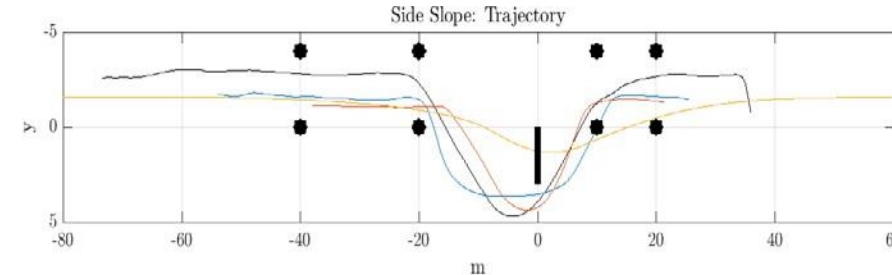
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# Terramechanics Results



NATO  
AMSP-06



**Benchmark Models Validated**



**Vision for Future  
Automated Data Capture and  
Development**

**Correlated Test and  
Modeling Standards with  
Foundational Database**

# Complex Terramechanics

**Definition:** NG-NRMM CT models are those that given any **3D soil loading condition** by a vehicle surface can accurately predict the **3D reaction forces** on the vehicle surface and the **3D soil flow/deformation** including permanent deformation.

Rut depth/width/shape

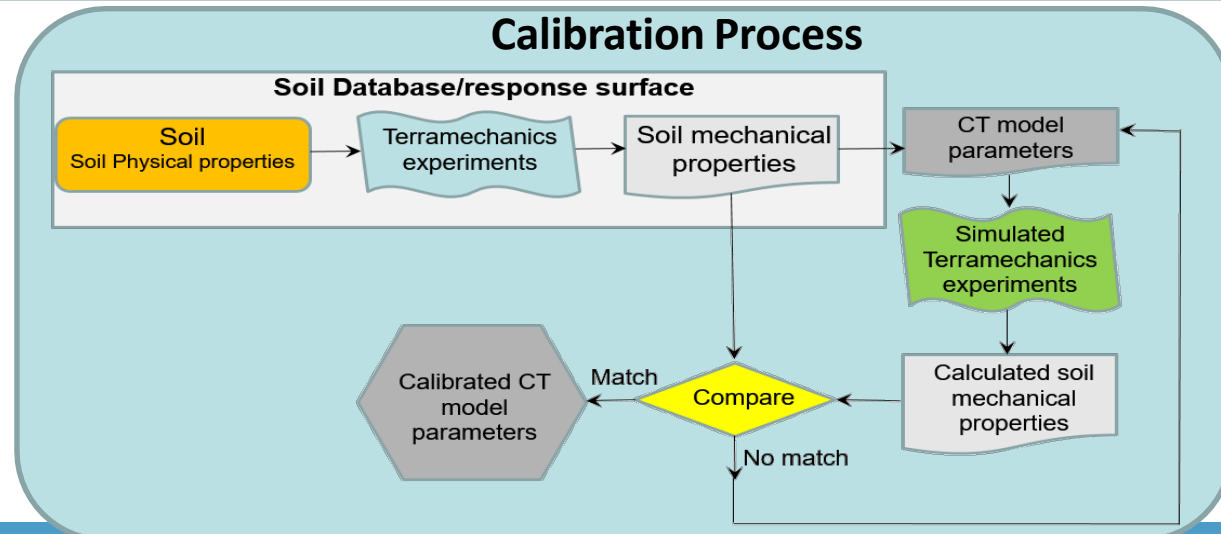
Rut side wall height

Soil bulldozing

Soil separation/reattachment



### Terramechanics Experiments for Model Calibration



# Complex Terramechanics Path Forward

- Validate of the CT soil models for all soil types.
- Develop a database of calibrated CT soil models, including effects of moisture and temperature.
- Fundamental research of micro-scale soil models.
- Investigate/develop a soil classification system designed for vehicle mobility applications.
- Develop terramechanics experiment to measure soil damping, viscosity, and dilation.
- Improve the parallel scalability of the CT models.
- Develop models for:
  - Multi-layer terrains.
  - Water covered soft soil terrains.
  - Heterogeneous terrain.
  - Vegetation.
  - Urban obstacles.
- Validation/calibration of high-fidelity finite Element tire – DEM soil models.

# NATO Reference Mobility Model (NRMM)

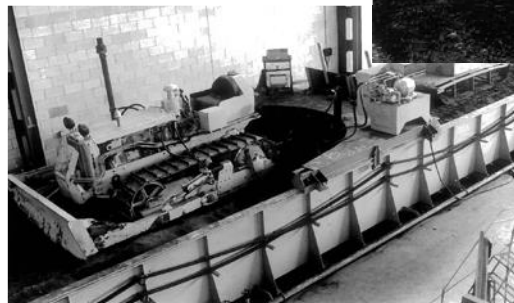
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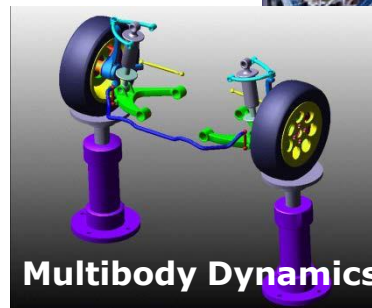
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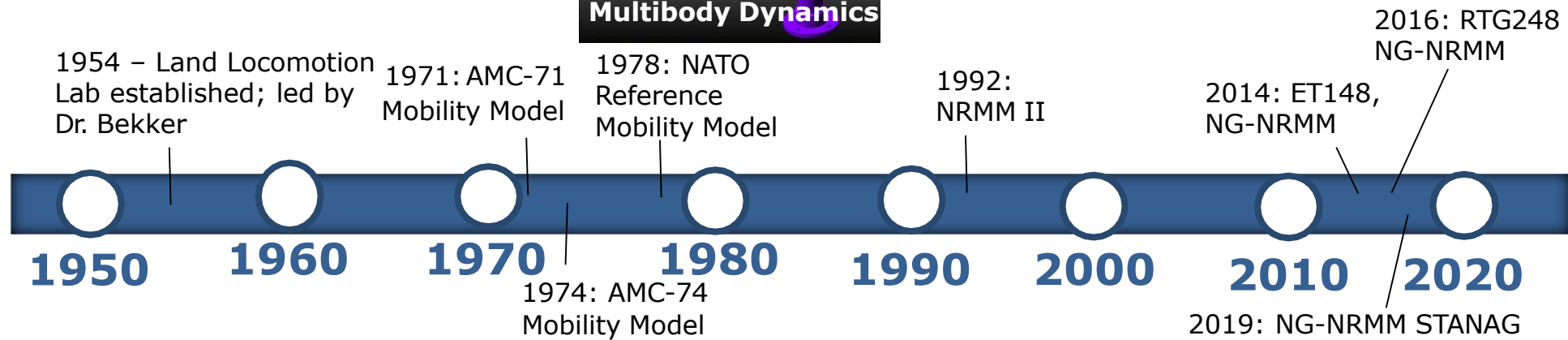
Autonomous Systems



Land Locomotion



Multibody Dynamics



# What NRMM Can't Do

- Methodology **not** physics-based – relies on empirical, in-situ soil measurements
- Does **not** consider turning performance and lateral vehicle dynamics
- Does **not** support 3D models
- Does **not** extrapolate to contemporary vehicle designs and technologies
- Does **not** benefit from advances in simulation and computational capabilities
- Does **not** cover uncertainty, intelligent vehicles or data sets for urban areas
- Does **not** predict mobility for systems dissimilar to past systems (weight, power, suspension system, etc.)

## NATO S&T Organization Applied Vehicle Technology Panel

- Project proposed at Copenhagen PBM April 2014
- Exploratory Team (ET-148) lasted from April 2014 - Dec. 2015
- Research Task Group (AVT-248) running from Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2018
- 70 members & participants from 15 nations

## Goals

- Develop and demonstrate NG-NRMM process & technologies
- Incorporate NG-NRMM as a NATO Standard
- Conduct Verification and Validation benchmarking studies
- Demonstrate technology through a CDT

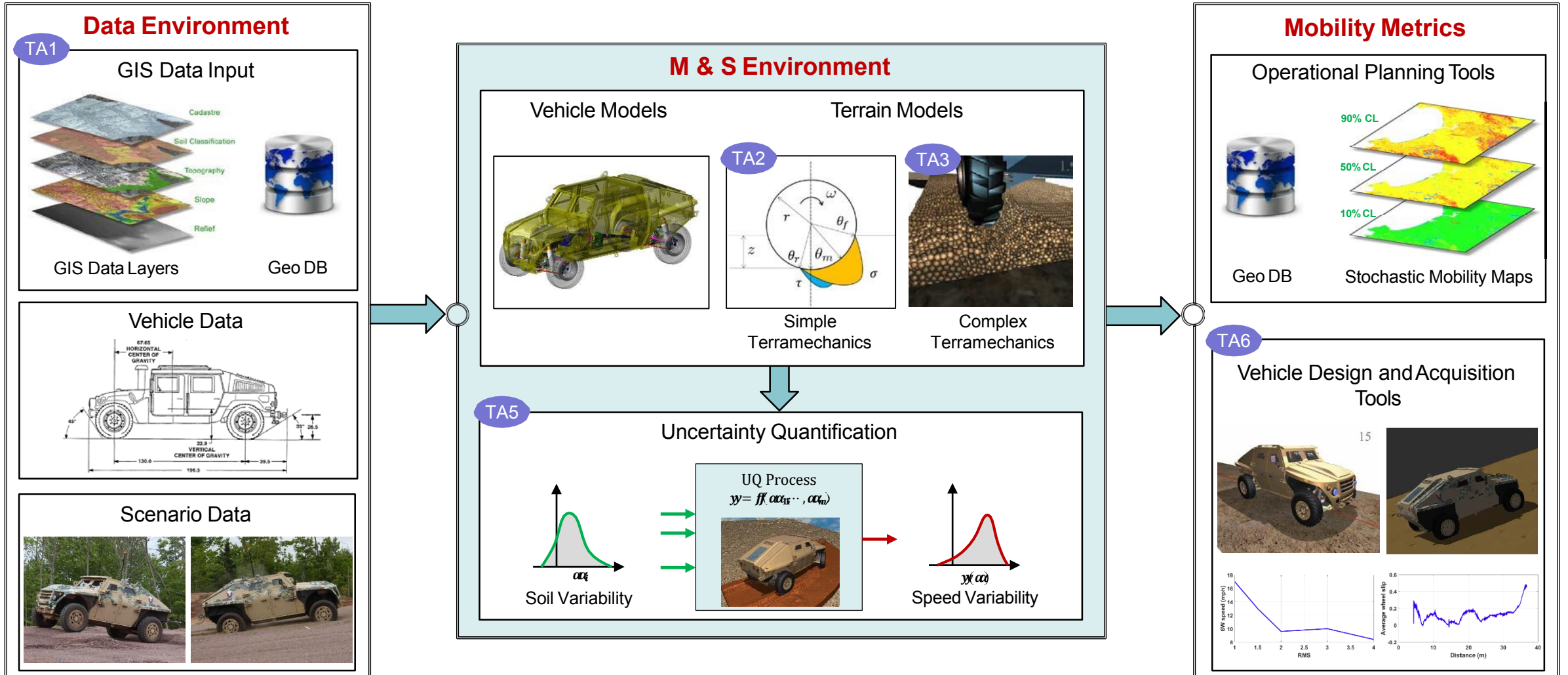
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- Panel Member Sponsor: Dr. D. Gorsich



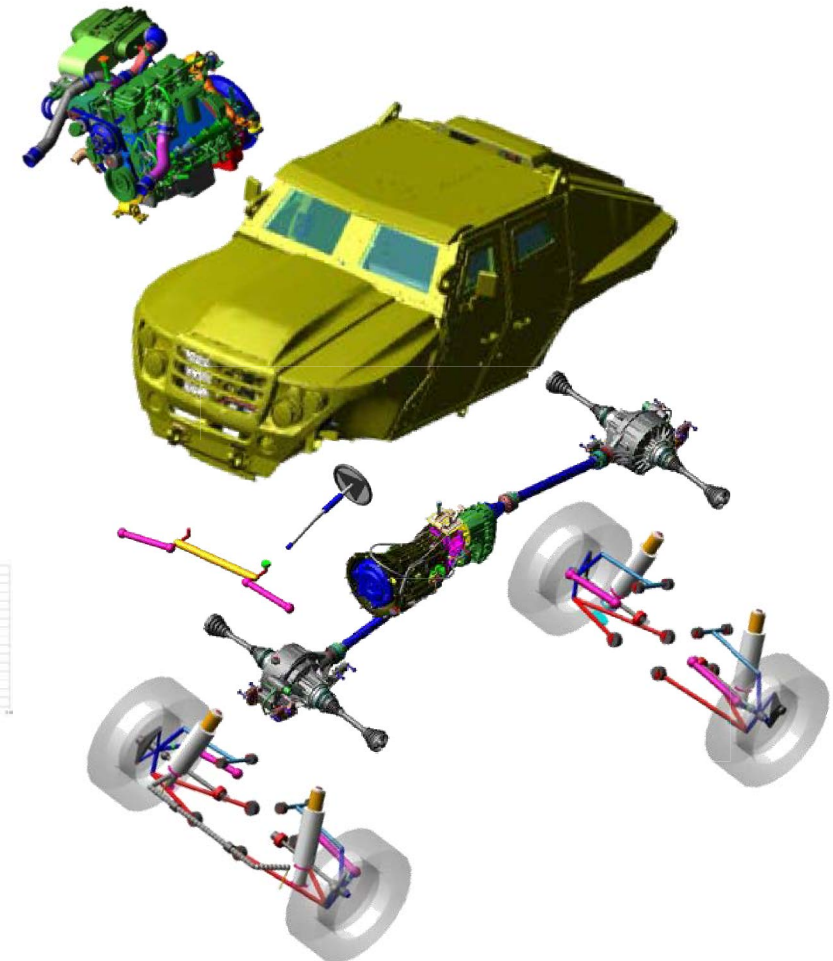
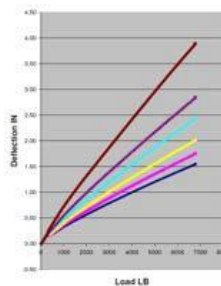
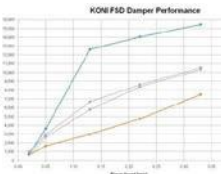
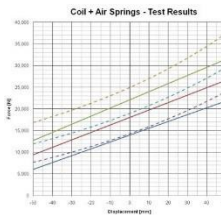
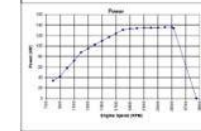
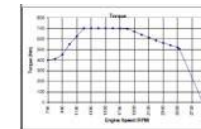
AVT-248 on Estonia Field Trip

# NG-NRMM Architecture



# Vehicle Modeling

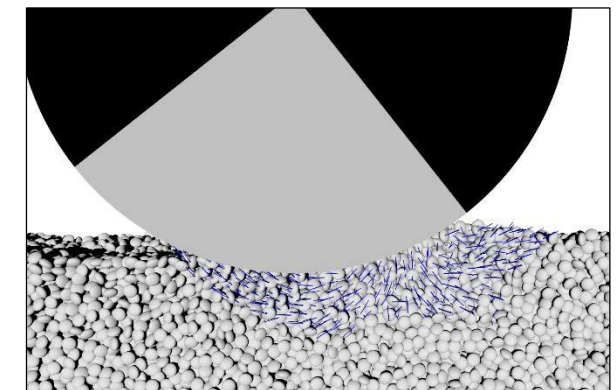
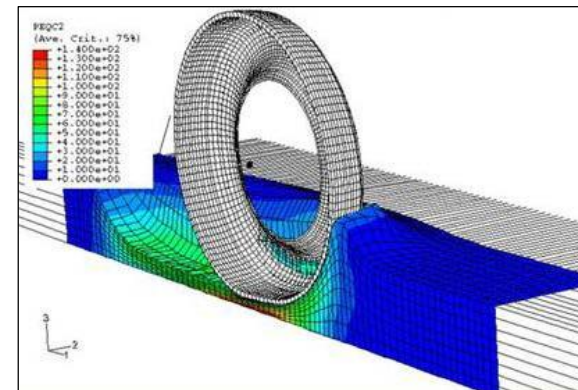
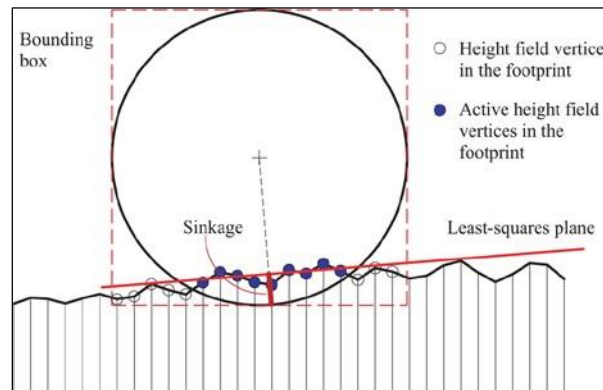
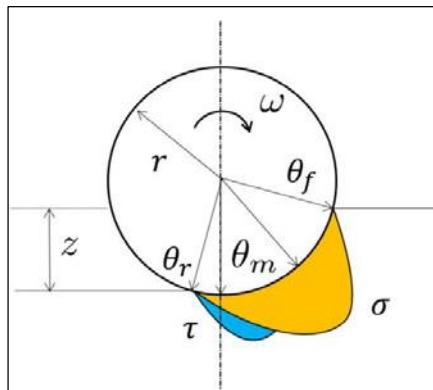
- **Vehicle system**
  - 3D multibody system
- **Suspension Systems**
  - Independent Multilink Suspension with Bushings, Coils and Air Springs
  - Mechanical or Hydraulic Roll Stabilizer Technology
- **Steering Systems**
  - Rack and Pinion or Parallelogram Steering
  - Multi Axle Steer and Steer by Wire Systems
- **Engine/Powertrain**
  - Throttle Dependent Torque and Fuel Maps
- **Tires**
  - Fiala, Pacejka, Ftire, Swift, etc.



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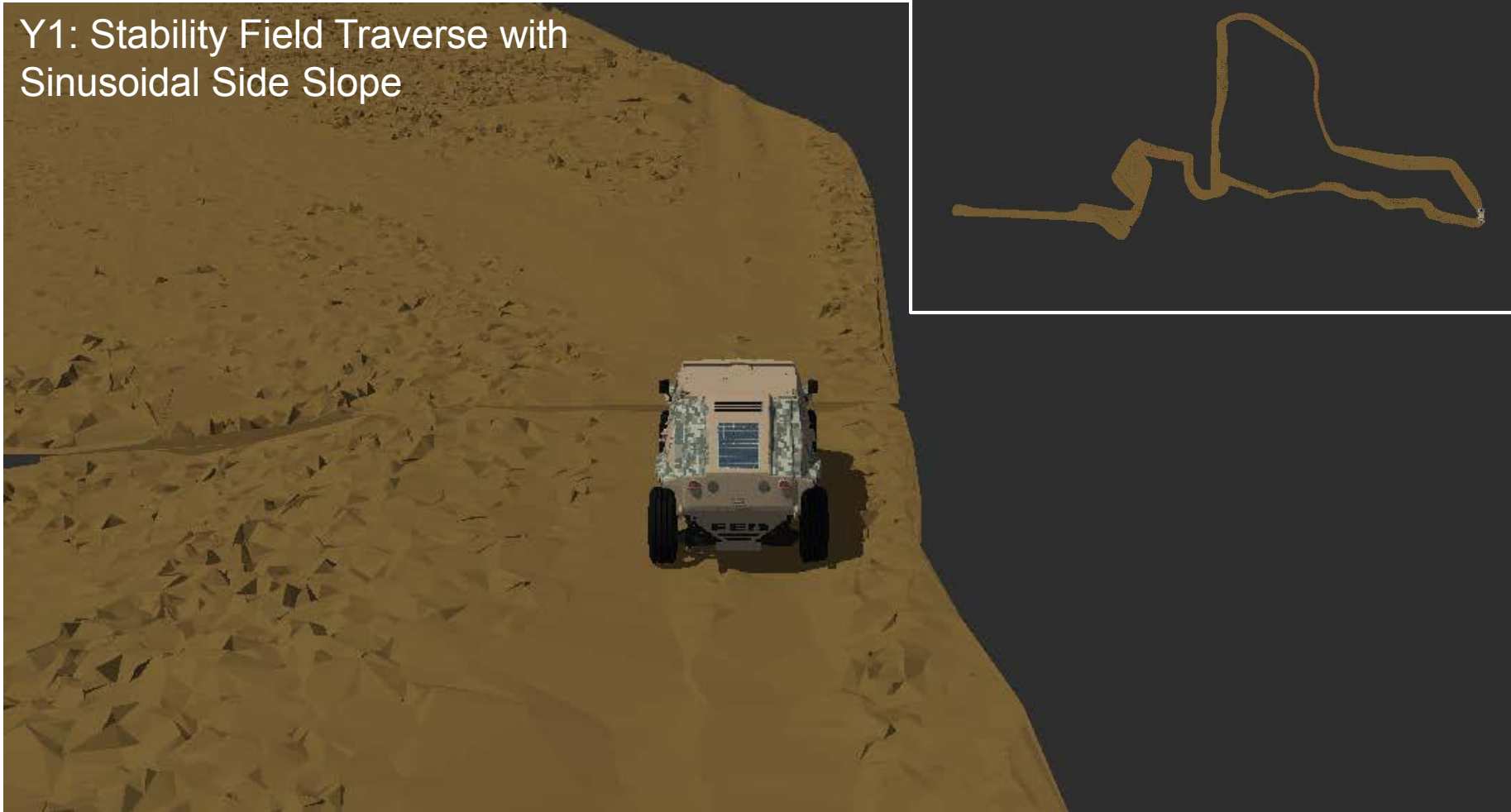
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# Mobility Traverse – Complete Path

Y1: Stability Field Traverse with  
Sinusoidal Side Slope



Traverse Loop Summary			
	Method		
	NG-		
<b>AVG. Speed</b>	<b>NRMM</b>	<b>TEST</b>	<b>NRMM</b>
(m/s)	7.4	7	11.5
(Km/hr)	26.6	25.3	41.4
(Miles/hr)	16.5	15.7	25.7

Section	Description	Speed Variance (%)	
		NRMM	NG-NRMM
B1	RMS 1.0 with Exit onto Gravel Pad	14.0	23.4
B2	Up Slope on Gravel Pad with Down Slope through 2NS Sand Grade	31.3	1.9
B3	Construction Site Road to Gravel Access Road & Loop 2, Rink Field Traverse with setup for OEF	18.6	-1.4
B5	Gravel Road to Stability Side Trail, Sinusoidal Side Slope with Setup for Moisture Dependent Area	54.4	49.0
Y1	Stability Field Traverse with Sinusoidal Side Slope, Loop 2 with Panic Stop	26.9	-5.4
Y2	Loop 2 with Rink Field Traverse & Setup for Wadi	38.8	5.0
Y3	Wadi	264.9	-20.2
Y4	Rink Field Traverse with Setup For Coarse Grain Pit	85.9	32.8
Y5	Sinusoidal Coarse Grain Pit	97.2	4.7
Y6	Rink Field Traverse with Loop 2 & Access Road to VDA 2 Field Traverse & Setup for Fine Grain Soil Pit	38.5	-8.8
Y7	Fine Grain Soil Pit - Up slope into pit then 90 degree turn in pit with accelerated exit	142.2	3.8
Y8	Construction Site Road to Side Slope, Obstacle avoidance on Side Slope, then RMS 2.0	88.0	-10.1

- Average “Speed-Made-Good” across the complete Traverse Loop
- Of note, NG-NRMM tended to over predict S-M-G by 10%, while NRMM over predicted by 60%

### NRMM

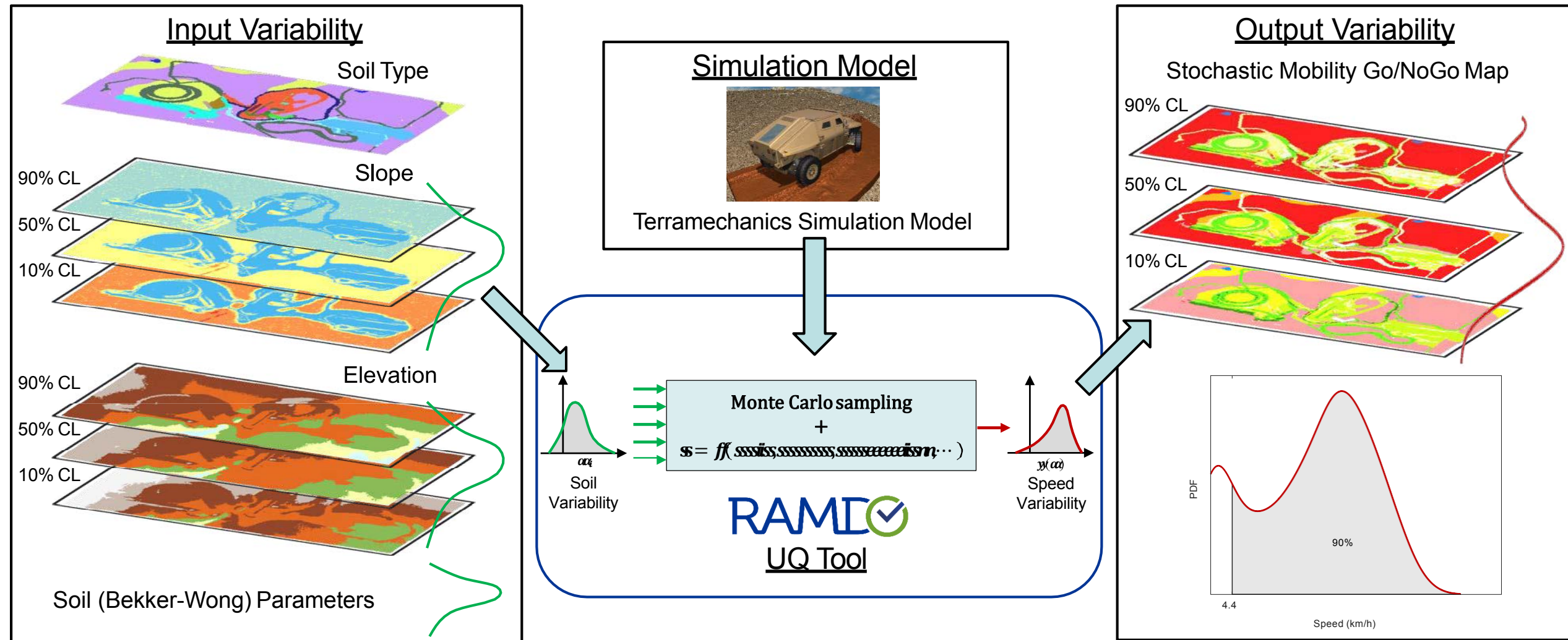
- Consistently over predicts Speed-Made-Good for ALL segments
- Over predictions range from 14.0% to 264.9%
- Average VALUE of over prediction error is 75.1%

### NG-NRMM

- Both over and under predicts S-M-G.
- Over predictions range from 1.9% to 49.0%
- Under predictions range from -1.4% to -20.2%
- Average VALUE 6.2%

- **Modern methods, NG-NRMM, are available that can significantly improve our ability to make mobility predictions and assessments. These hold the promise of improving prediction errors by an order of magnitude**
- **There are simplified NG-NRMM solutions, running real time or better, that can replace NRMM for use in operational planning, training, and field deployment**
- **There are High Fidelity solutions which are suitable for research and development work at the technology and procurement level.**
- **Statistics and confidence maps should be implemented**
- **There has been significant progress in NG-NRMM development, but investment is needed to make NG-NRMM the new standard.**
  - Invest in the generation of NEW and correlation of exiting data
  - Invest in Uncertainty Quantification
  - Invest in simple and complex terramechanics research
  - Support and promote the development of a NATO Stanag

# Uncertainty Quantification Process



# Path Planning on Stochastic Maps

90% Route



50% Route



10% Route



Deterministic Route



# Conclusions Verification and Validation

- **3D Physics Based Simulations is Capable of Predicting Paved Surface Automotive Tests**

- Straight Line Acceleration ✓
- Low Speed and High Speed Cornering ✓
- Double Lane Change ✓
- 60% Grade ✓
- Ride Quality ✓
  - 2.5G Half Round Speed
  - 6 Watt Absorbed Power
    - Symmetric
    - Asymmetric
- Go/No-Go ✓
  - V-Ditch
  - Step Incline

- **3D Physics Based Simulations is Capable of Performing Soft Soil Simulations**

- **Validation Possible on Certain Soils**

- Drawbar Pull
  - Fine Grain Dry and Wet (ST and CT ✓)
  - Coarse Grain Dry ✗
- Variable Sand Slope Grade (CT)
  - Does not reach 100% slip
- Investigations into Coarse Grain Dry Drawbar Pull Test Performance based on Wheel Torque and Motion Resistance is Inconclusive.

# Conclusions Verification and Validation

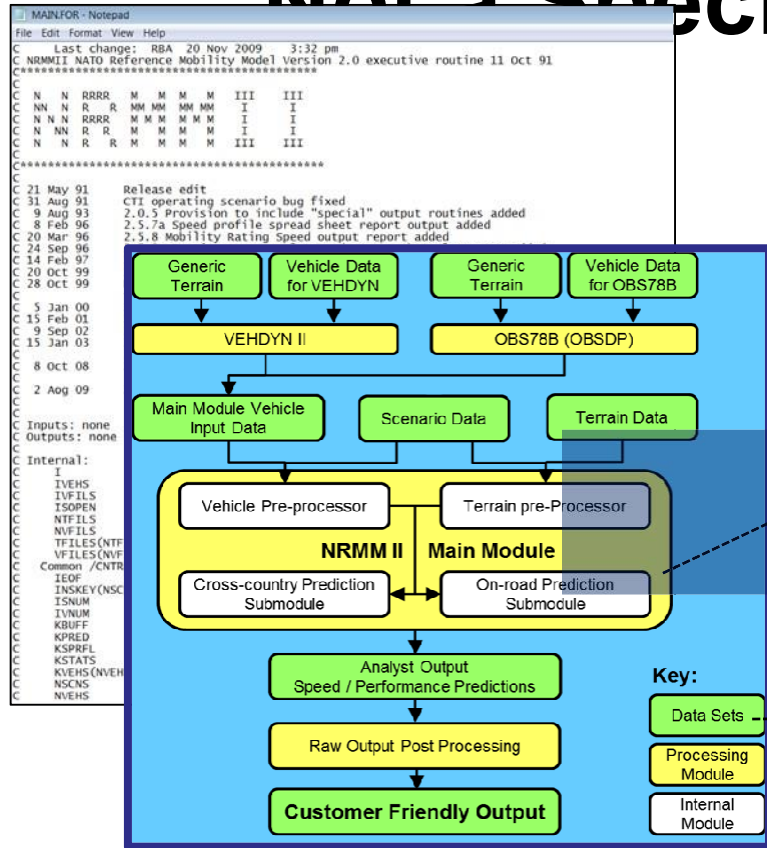
## Notes:

- It is well known that ST is challenged on sloped terrain. However, in the case of the CDT events, Coarse Grained Sand has proven to be difficult to predict accurate Drawbar Pull as well as Variable Sand Slope Grade.
- Complex Terramechanics was able predict Variable Sand Slope, however based on the Drawbar Pull Results a higher slope seems possible.
- Rut depth measures are disturbed by flowing sand. Few developers are currently tracking multi-pass effects.

Insert VSSG Pictures, of Test  
Simulation.



# NG-NRMM Will Be Standards Not a Specific Computer Code



## Next Generation NATO Reference Mobility Modeling Standards

GIS Based Input and Output

Mobility Metrics:

Speed Made Good  
GO/NOGO  
Fuel Economy

Terramechanics Models & Db  
Uncertainty Quantification  
Autonomous Vehicles

Legacy Terrain Files and  
Updated Terrain Data Format

V&V Maturity Scale and Benchmarks

Existing Standards (AVT, ITOPS, GIS, etc )

# NG NRMM STANREC Conclusions

- **AMSP-06 is an enduring artifact and development path for NATO nations mobility modelling methods, benchmarks and source databases that should be applied to physics based simulations of all operational land and amphibious mobility among the alliance.**
- **The initial release will occur in November 2018**
- **A new RTG, AVT327 will manage initial support**
- **An enduring forum and change process should be established for codifying future changes to NG-NRMM standards**

# Thrust Area 7 - Summary

1. **How to identify the capability of any given implementation of NG-NRMM?**
  - Configuration Control method of Layers and Levels proposed
2. **Who will use NG-NRMM and what for?**
  - Group feedback stresses the fact it should not be assumed that all implementations of NG-NRMM will have the same aspirational end state
  - Divergent requirements and use cases will impact having a single solution
  - Simple NG-NRMM has the greatest potential for exploitation
  - There is still a case for a common, minimum NATO capability
3. **What are the perceived capability gaps and challenges?**
  - Gaps and challenges not just about terrain and soil data.....
    - E.g. obtaining and storing vehicle data, how to utilise NRMM2 legacy terrain files, bulldozing, water terrain ingress/egress
  - Different tools and approaches are likely to be required for novel solutions (e.g. walking vehicles) and small UGVs

# Thrust Area 7 – Way Forward

## 1. Decision required whether STANREC to adopt Layers and Levels method

- If adopted, work required to refine Layers, define Levels
- If not adopted, alternative required

## 2. Review and refine NG-NRMM (Key New) Requirements and STANREC based on AVT248 findings and lessons

- E.g. prioritise gaps and challenges
- E.g. decision required whether modelling novel solutions (e.g. walking vehicles) and small UGVs should be held to the same requirement
- E.g. ensure requirement for Diagnostic Data included in STANREC

## With Appreciation

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