Leveraging Virtualization Technology for Command and Control Systems Training

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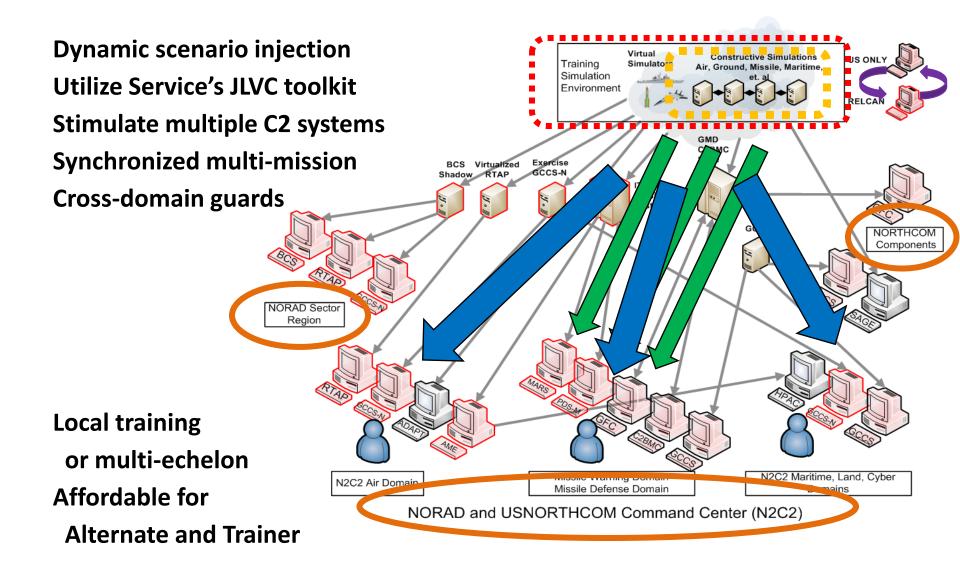
C2 System Training Challenges for NORAD and USNORTHCOM Missions

- Unique C2 systems and simulation models
 - Expensive scenario development
- Isolated internal system simulations
 - Single mission stimulus
 - Limited participants
- Crews memorized the limited set of scenarios
 - Resulted in "negative training"

NORAD Bi-National mission: To conduct aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning in the defense of North America.

USNORTHCOM mission: Partner to conduct homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation to defend and secure the United States and its interests.

NORAD and USNORTHCOM Training C2 System Objectives



Initial Focus: Air Warning Training

Original work plan was revectored

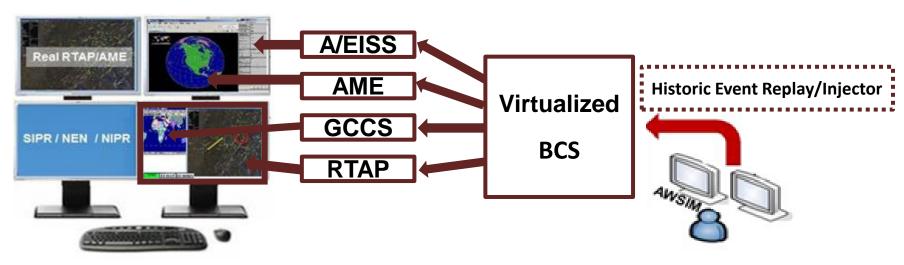
- Leadership changed prioritization of primary C2 system to a new Remote
 Tactical Air Picture (RTAP) No documentation; not feasible to emulate
- Command introduced a new Air Event Information Sharing Service (A/EISS)
- Stopped adaptation work on existing Air Warfare Simulation (AWSIM) to directly stimulate the old primary system, Air Mission Evolution (AME)

Way-ahead – Virtualized training system

- Rather than emulating individual feeds into four local C2 systems, stepped back one level to common source, Battle Control System (BCS)
- Virtualization of BCS and our C2 systems provided cost-effective replication with authentic processing, messages, and displays
- End result is an end-to-end air string representing inputs from military, FAA, and NAVCAN sensors through the NORAD sectors' BCS processing with outputs merged into Headquarter's systems

Air Warning C2 System Training

- AWSIM modified to model North America AOR (primarily FAA civilian aviation)
- AWSIM Model Operator dynamically stimulating virtualized BCS
- Authentic BCS processing with outputs to virtualized NORAD C2 systems
- Warfighter trains at operational workstation added thin client hardware
- Adding a historic event capture and replay capability

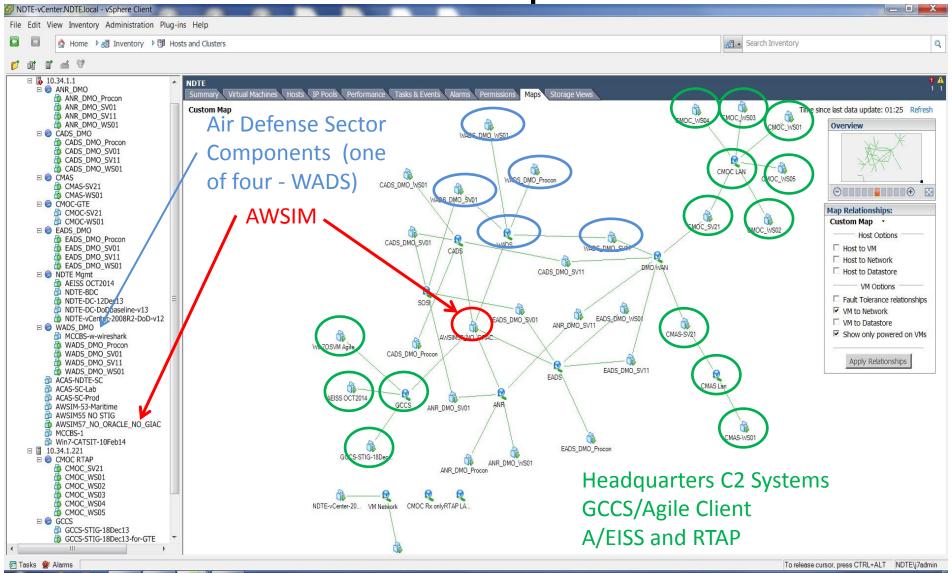


Virtualization Benefits

- View of training systems have same "Look/Touch/Feel" as operational systems
- Authentic processing and message content
- Inherits many Cyber Security and Information Assurance characteristics – simplified approval for Authority to Operate
- Virtual machines are "files"
 - Small footprint AWSIM, four NORAD Sectors' BCS components and HQ C2 systems hosted on two virtualization servers
 - Easily restored back to initial state
 - Select files for software upgrades, mixing versions or "reverting" back
- Cost-effective
 - Replicated for Qualification Trainer, Alternate
 Operations Center and Cyber Range

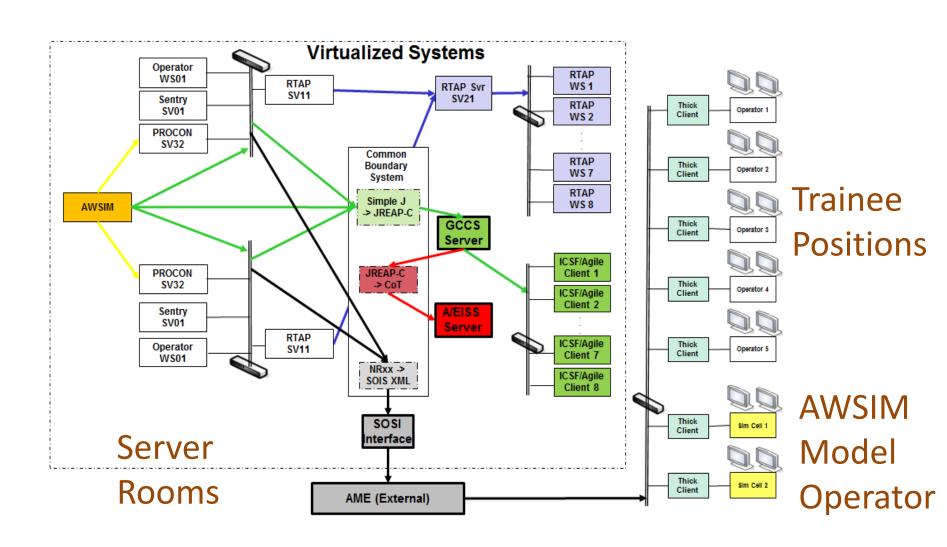
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Virtual Air WarningTraining Systems vCenter Map View

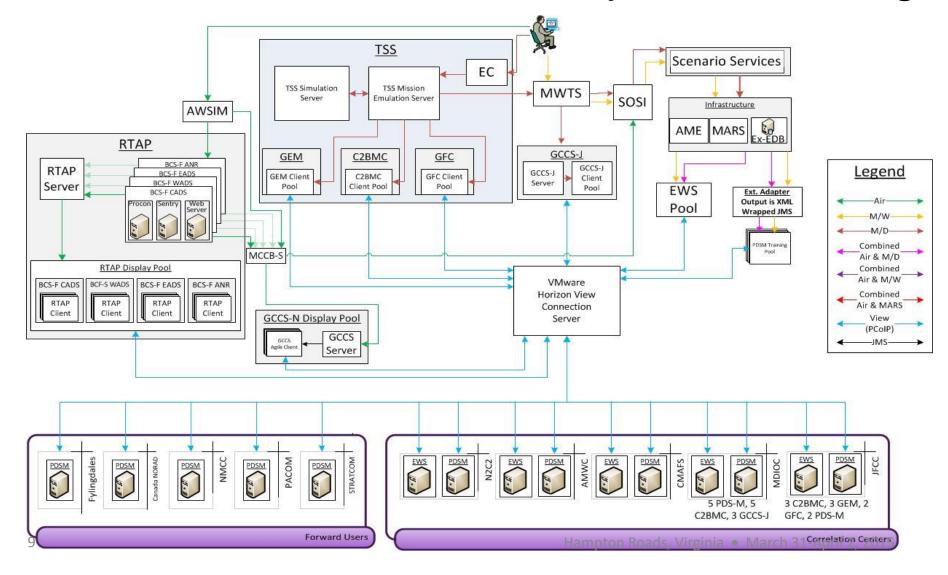


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Air Warning C2 Training System Deployment



Next: Virtualized/Distributed/Integrated Air and Missile Event C2 System Training



Summary

Leveraged virtualization technology to enhance NORAD and USNORTHCOM C2 system training objectives

- Dynamic scenario injection
- Utilizes Service's JLVC toolkit AWSIM
- Stimulates multiple C2 systems with authentic processing, messages, and displays
- Initially deployed for local training, but scalable for distributed multi-echelon events
- Affordably replicated in Alternate Command Center and Qualification Trainer
- Expanding capabilities for synchronized air and missile event multi-mission training