



# Modeling and Simulation for Army Sustainment: Depot Loading

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# DISCRETE-EVENT SIMULATION

## What is discrete-event simulation?

- Software engine which keeps track of a system timeline and events occurring along the timeline.
- Method to use computing power to handle complex situations – situations where using equations alone break down and can no longer adequately assess.

## History

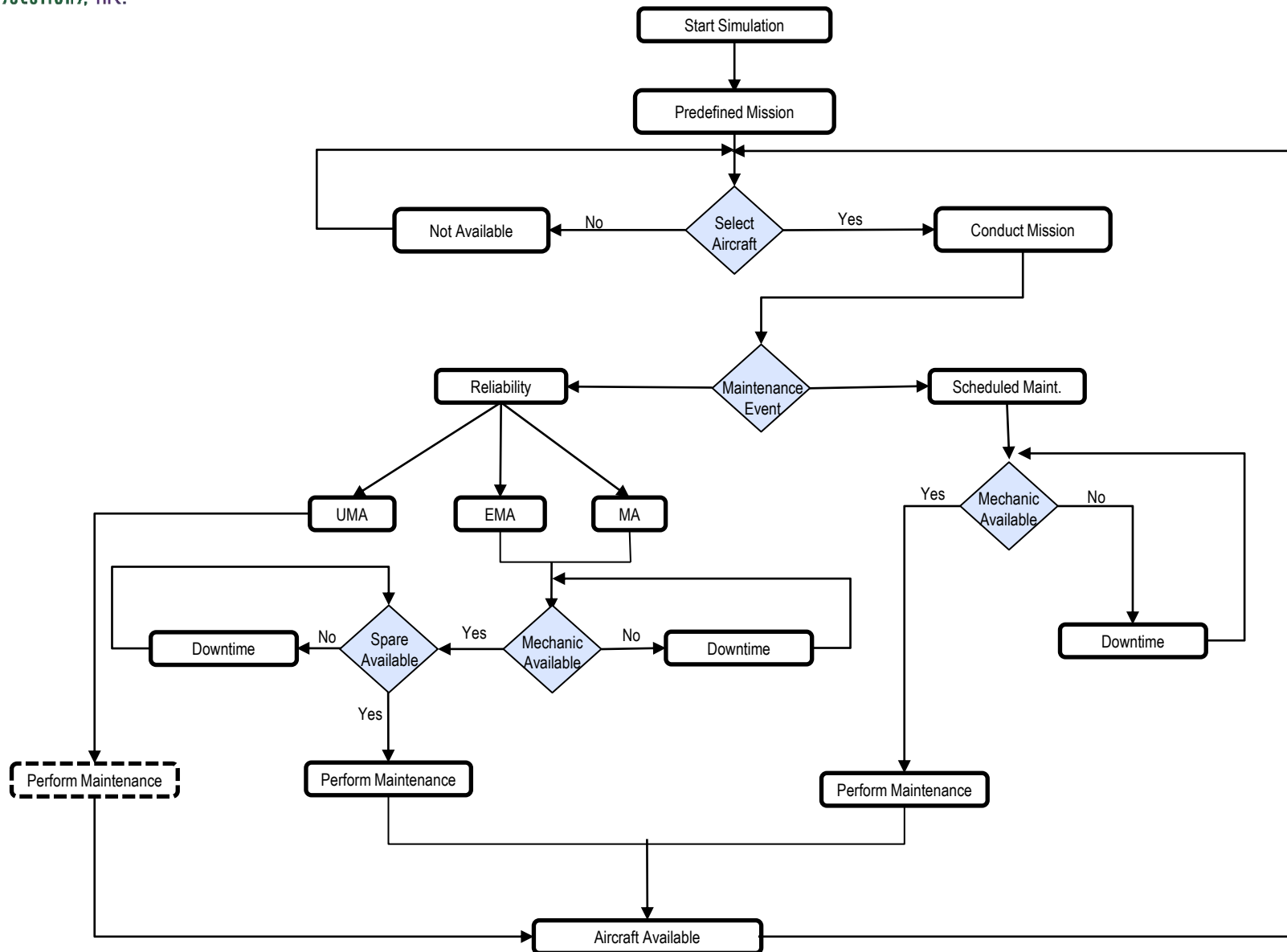
- Discrete-event simulation was invented in 1946 by physicists trying to understand the behavior of neutrons.
- By the 1970's, discrete-event simulation was widely used by tech giants and government agencies such as IBM and the Naval Air Missile Test Center.
- Discrete-event simulation is not new!

## Today

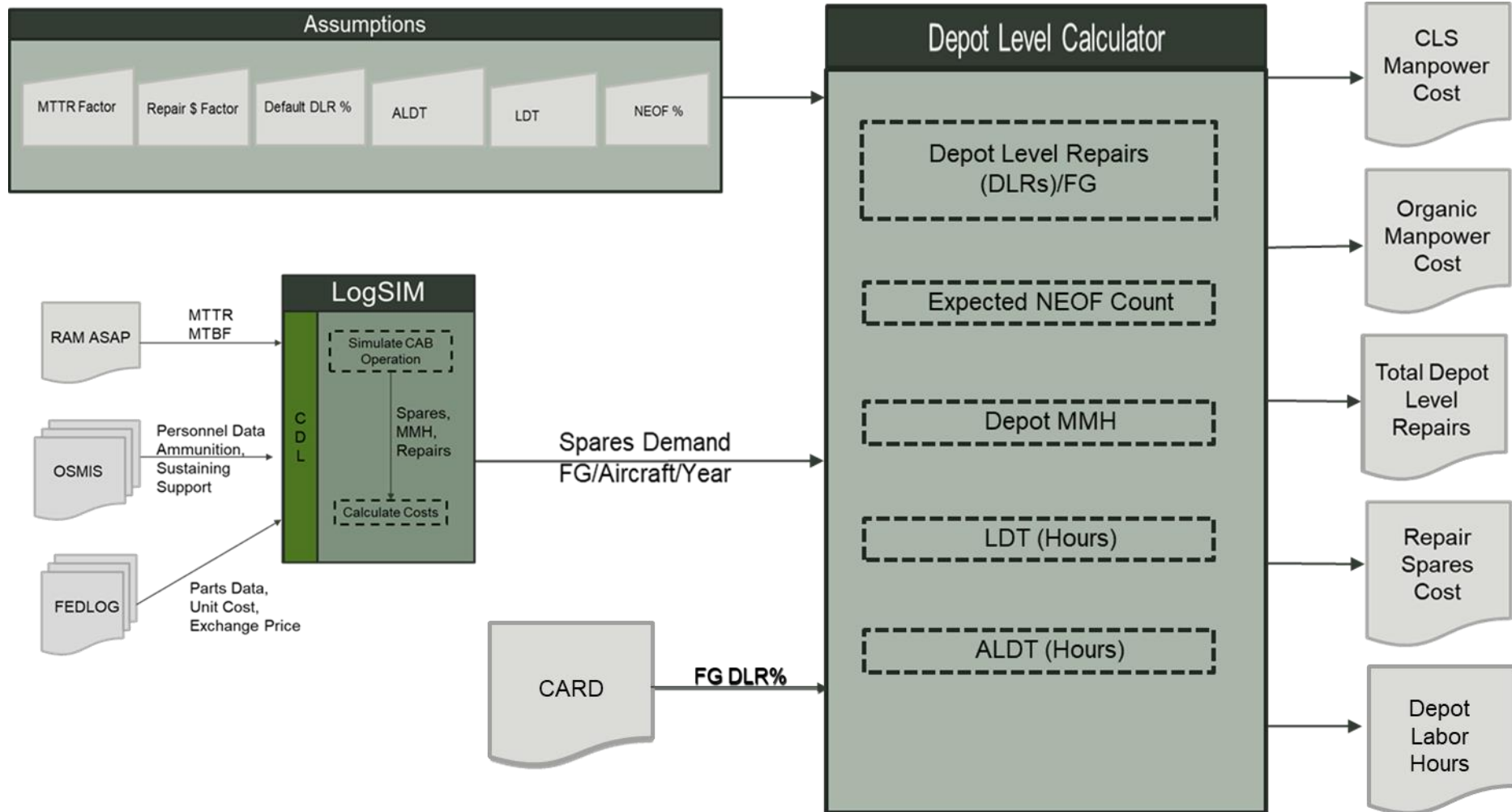
- What's new is simulating Army Aviation operations to analyze, learn, and pinpoint the variables which drive sustainment – both availability and affordability.
- What's new is creating a feedback loop showing how aircraft design decisions made today will impact sustainment 10-20-50 years down the road when these new aircraft are flying and being supported.

Discrete-event simulation is a trusted method to analyze extremely complex problems

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# OPERATIONAL MODEL TO MAINTENANCE MODEL



## **Operational Model**

- **> 500 Aircraft**
  - 25-year lifecycle per aircraft
  - Scheduled maintenance based on historical aircraft
- **45-year simulation based on OMS/MP (~ 400K hours)**
  - Complete Fielding schedule and demil
- **Mission Scenarios – OMS/MP**
  - 24 Aircraft per Unit
- **Each aircraft records ~10K flight hours**
  - Over 5 million total flight hours are generated across the entire fleet
- **Endless number of maintainers and spares quantity available**

## **Depot Maintenance Model**

- **50 Years of Depot Operations**
  - Generating over 4 million hours of Depot Man Hours
- **Includes On Condition Maintenance, Overhauls, Resets, and NEOF operations**

## DEPOT LEVEL FUNCTIONAL GROUP REPAIR PERCENTAGES

- **Fielding Ramp-up**

- Reset depot maintenance events will not occur until after the aircraft operates in Multi-Domain Operation (MDO) OPTEMPO
- Depot Maintenance Probabilities IOC for all FG:
  - OCM ~ 90%
  - RESET ~ 0%
  - OVERHAUL ~ 5%
  - NEOF ~ 5%

- **Depot Overhaul Maintenance Probabilities for years IOC + 4**

Sub-System	Overhaul %	NEOF %	OCM %	Reset %
Sub-Sytem 1	80%	5%	10%	0%
Sub-Sytem 2	30%	5%	60%	0%
Sub-Sytem 3	95%	5%	0%	0%
Sub-Sytem 4	95%	5%	0%	0%

- **Depot Reset Probabilities for years IOC + 9**

Sub-System	Overhaul %	NEOF %	OCM %	Reset %
Sub-Sytem 1	80%	5%	10%	3%
Sub-Sytem 2	30%	5%	2%	60%
Sub-Sytem 3	0%	5%	0%	93%

- **All FGs which do not have supporting RESET and Overhaul probabilities from Depot 1 have a NEOF rate of 5% and an OCM rate of 95%.**

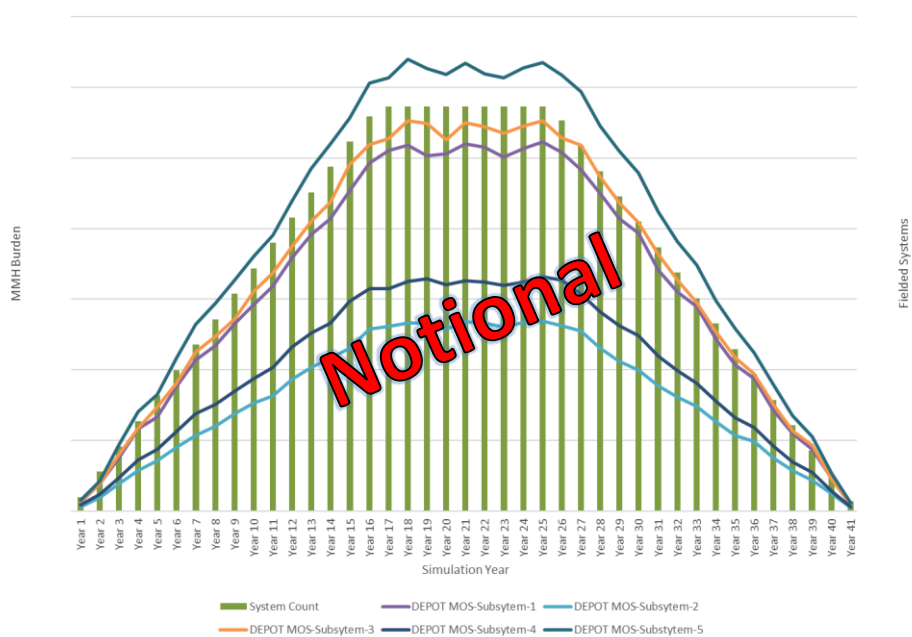
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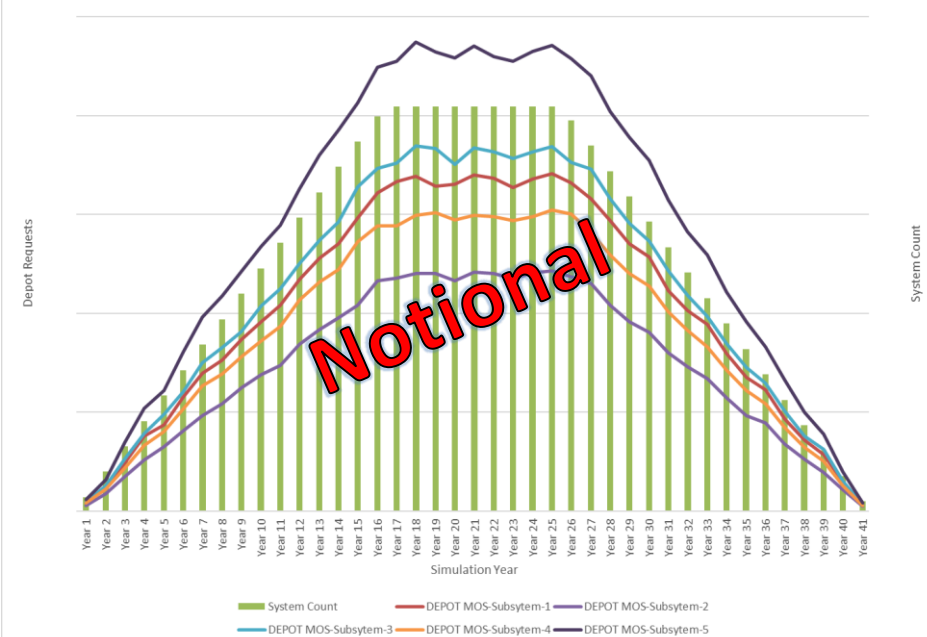
**~30% of the fleet-wide Depot demand is generated during the span where the aircraft is fully fielded**

# DEPOT DEMAND PER YEAR

Yearly MMH Burden vs. # of Systems Fielded



Depot Yearly Requests Per FG vs. # of Systems Fielded



- Each graph represents the depot burden per year for each of the Top 5 FGs based on the number of fielded systems over the lifecycle of the fleet
- One Functional Group creates the largest depot burden for spare parts and MMH
  - 55% of all come from one FG's failures that require a spare are sent to the depot



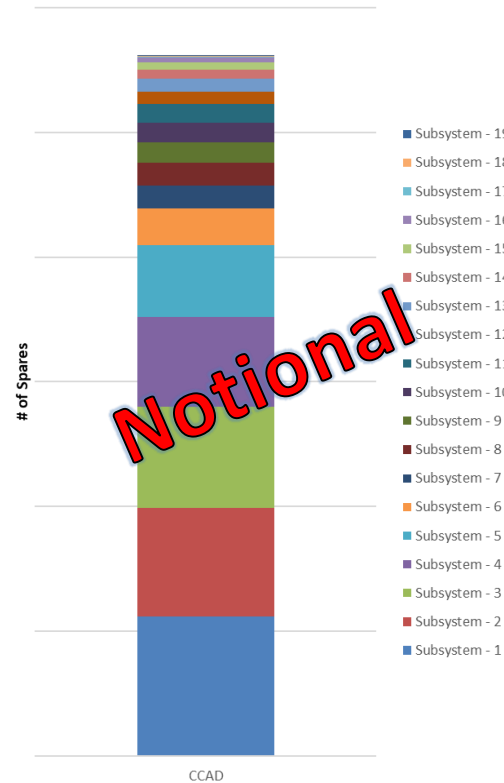
# MAINTENANCE MAN HOURS DEMAND

Average Annual Depot Service Time

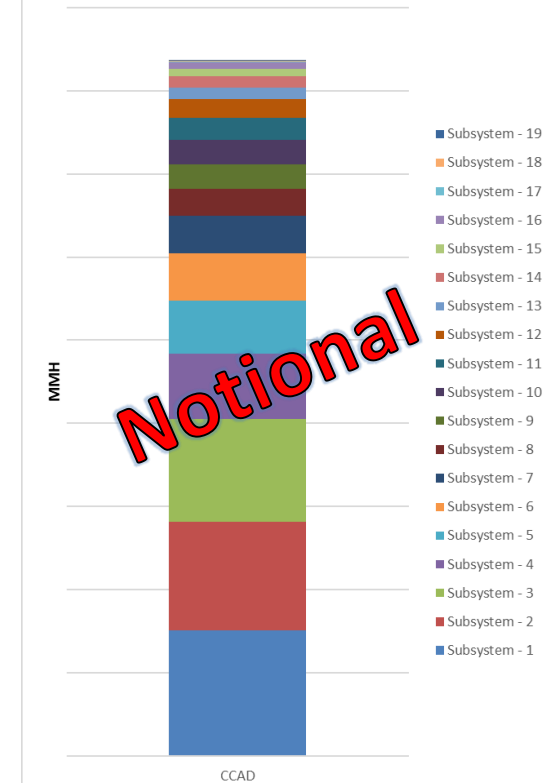


Depot Locations	Number of Functional Groups
Depot 1	17
Depot 2	2

Total FG Spares Demand

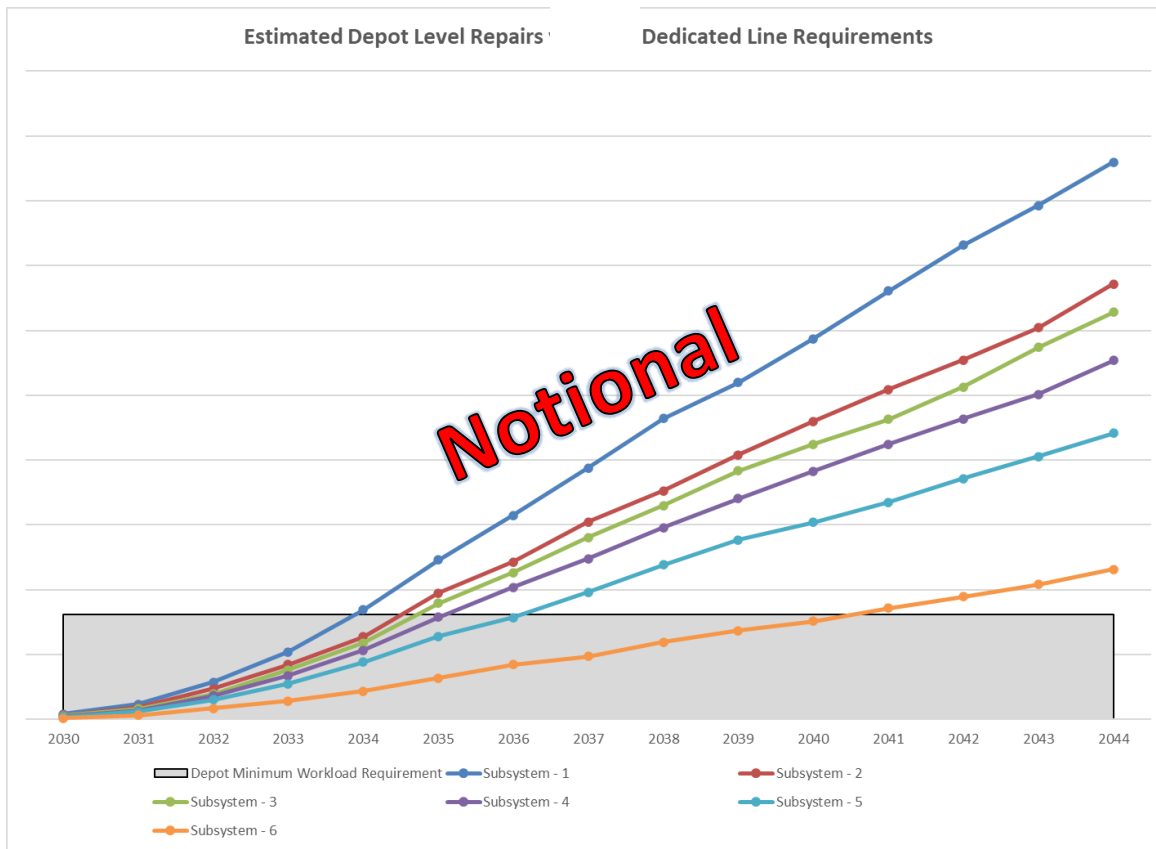


Total FG MMH Demand



- SME defined which depot location each FG (for UH-60M/CH-47F) is sent to for repair
- Electronic subsystems are sent to Depot 2
  - Remaining FG's sent to Depot 1
- Greater than 250k depot level spares and 4 million depot MMH expected at Depot 1 over the lifecycle of the fleet

# DEPOT MINIMUM WORKLOAD



- **Number of spares required to meet minimum depot workload requirement ~ 324 depot level spares/year**
  - Assumption based on minimum depot workload for a historical system
- **Some Functional Groups do not meet minimum depot workload during lifecycle of aircraft**
- **One Functional Group reaches the minimum depot level spares at Year 3 and sustains that workload for 37 years**

## SUMMARY AND QUESTIONS

- **By leveraging Army data and practices the LogLab has been effective in influencing the design of Army Aviation products with sustainment in mind**
- **The Logistics Engineering Laboratory has used this Depot Analysis to inform multiple documents during the design phase of the Army Acquisition process**
  - Core Logistics Analysis (CLA/CDA)
  - Business Case Analysis (BCA)
  - Data Rights Strategies
  - IP Evaluation
- **Questions?**
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