# Virtual Systems Integration Laboratory

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The **Virtual Systems Integration Lab** (VSIL) is an integrated simulation platform for the development, modification, and prototyping of vehicle systems and components. VSIL was developed by Cybernet and the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC). VSIL leverages commercial virtual-design technology pioneered in the automotive industry to simulate Army vehicles and perform rapid trade-off analysis for soldier safety and operational effectiveness. VSIL tests subsystems in new designs and is easily maintained because it reuses existing components and subsystems. VSIL includes the **Virtual Systems Editor** (ViSE) tool for configuring, executing, controlling, and monitoring simulations.

### Using VSIL, users can:

- · Consolidate simulation tools currently in use
- Reduce the time, cost and resources needed for developing a new system
- Design and work with virtual models
- · Enhance vehicle performance and soldier safety
- Reduce cost and improve efficiency in the hardware design process
- Enable tradeoff analysis for cost and performance evaluation early in the design process
- Reduce demand for costly prototypes, resulting in lower non-recoverable costs
- Collaborate under the design environment for multi-designer input and analysis

# VSIL deployments support analysis, allocation and tradeoff evaluation for:

- · Improved soldier survivability/protection
- Life cycle management
- Vetronics (Data Control and Data Distribution, Computing and Knowledge Resources, Controls and Displays, Power Management and Distribution)
- · Intelligent Agents (human/machine)
- Workload Allocation (human/machine)
- Physical Allocation (power, weight, volume, thermal, and other environmental metrics)
- Planning and Preparation
- Logistic planning

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VSIL leverages the latest modeling and simulation techniques from both the military and automotive industries to create a virtual simulation platform for military Constant Bun Iools vehicle systems design. Govt. Point of Contact: TARDEC, U.S. Army RDECOM AMSRD-TAR-R (MS 264) Warren, MI 48937-5000 586-574-5188 586-574-5008 (fax) **Development Timetable:** 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 SBIR Proof of Feasibility Completion of Core Modeling Architecture **VSIL Significance:** Completion of Core Tools VSIL is required to improve soldier protection Enhanced Productivity Tool Development · Rapid changes in tactics by asymetric threats require rapid Baseline Bradlev vehicle changes in order to keep pace Simulation Development First Baseline Bradley Current modification methods are too slow to meet this need Model Demonstration Interoperability Expansion & Tool Enhancements VSIL enables rapid trade-off analysis of vehicle components Model Library Expansion VSIL enables information reuse between vehicle programs Full Deployment VSIL is required to cost-effectively test vehicle Continuous Improvement & Community Support changes before field deployment **Future Developments:** 

- Additional simulation data translation modules
- Expanded model library for baseline Stryker, Bradley, and MRAP vehicle simulations
- Automated data and trend analysis
- Deployment of VSIL in a new vehicle system development

VSIL is required to reduce vehicle development costs

## **Benefits:**

- Improves warfighter safety and effectiveness by developing better, safer vehicles
- Promotes reliability of vehicle systems through enhanced virtual testing
- Ensures maintainability by reusing existing, tested subsystems in new designs

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