

## **PAB's Biases**

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## **Background and biases**

- Education
  - Bachelor in Aerospace Engineering
  - M.S. Aeronautics & Astronautics
  - ESD PhD student
- Way that people approach and think about problems
  - Discipline focused (e.g. aerodynamics, structure, etc.)
  - Holistic view and macro system thinking are often omitted in the "traditional" aerospace engineering world
  - Shift with the ESD system thinking type of approach
- Hard problems
  - Systems with humans
  - Systems that are "complex" (often due to the misunderstanding of the link between the structure and the behavior of the system)
  - NP hard problems (solvability limitations)
  - Stochastic nature of phenomena

## **Background and biases**

- Expertise that are honored and respected
  - Data analysis and modeling
  - Quantitative methods
  - Intellectual rigor

- Designs that are considered good and elegant
  - Complex and convoluted (engineer view)
    vs. Simple (artist view)
  - What's elegant for the designer may not be elegant for the user ! (e.g. Hub and Spoke System)
  - A good design is (or should be):
    - Flexible, Robust, Safe, Durable, Sustainable, Reliable, etc.