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Topics



- **Critical Questions for System Security Engineers**
- **Cyber Table Top (CTT)**
- **Cyber Risk Assessment (CRA)**
- **Cyber Attack Surface Enumeration (CASE)**
- **Cyber Risk Assessment to Mission (CRAM)**
- **Cyber Risk Assessment Nodal-based GUI (CRANG)**



Critical Questions

DESIGN/TEST/DELIVER

- How can I measure the cyber risk relative to all of the traditional safety of flight risks and mission risks?
- How and when can I prioritize a cyber risk vs. other risks during my program execution?
- How can I build in resilience against cyber attacks?
- How do I plan developmental and operational cyber tests?

EXPERIMENT/TRAIN/FIGHT

- How do I explain the weapon system adversarial cyber risk to an operator/maintainer/logistician?
- How do I provide an operator a way to detect when a weapon system is subject to a “cyber attack”?
- What is an acceptable level of operational cyber risk?
- What Techniques, Tactics and Procedures (TTPs) can an operator/maintainer/logistician execute to manage cyber risk to an acceptable level?



Cyber Table Top (CTT)



• What is a CTT?

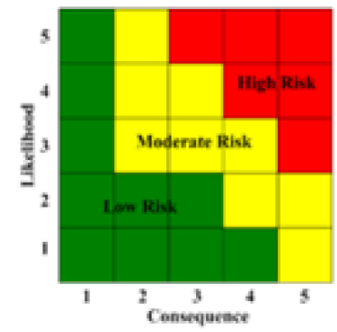
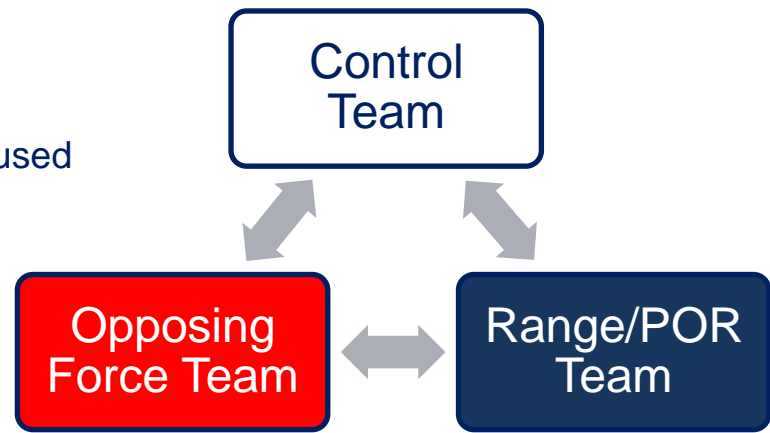
- A low technology, low cost, intellectually intensive exercise to introduce and explore the effects of cyber offensive operations on the capability of a system, SoS or FoS to execute a mission

• Why is it used?

- Help identify, size and scope the cybersecurity test effort
- Identify potential threat vectors, risks associated with threat vectors, potential threats from boundaries
- Particularly useful for complicated SoS interactions
 - Can help prioritize where CRA efforts should be focused

• What does it produce?

- Initial categorization of family of threats into 3 categories
 - Threats that must be tested against
 - Threats the require detailed analysis
 - Threats that will not be tested due to low risk or easy work around
- Cybersecurity risk matrices
- Recommendation for next actionable steps to increase resiliency to cybersecurity attacks



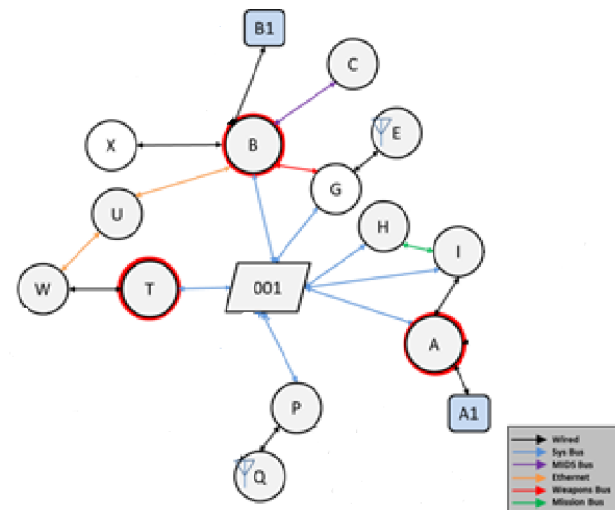


Cyber Risk Assessment (CRA)



• What is a CRA?

- A systems engineering cyber attack tree based decomposition of a weapon system
 - Identify all entry points into the system
 - Identify target list (key components & functions that adversary would want to affect)
 - Create weighted attack paths from entry points to targets

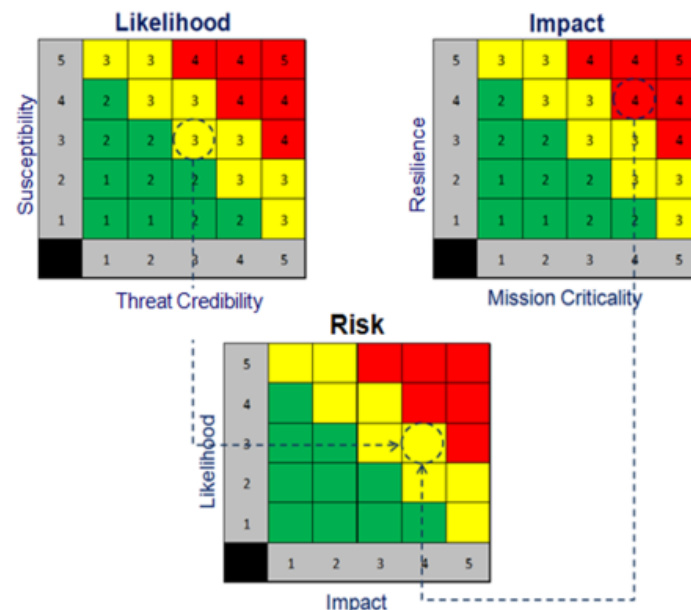


• Why is it used?

- Identify: potential threat vectors, risks associated with threat vectors, potential threats from boundary systems
- Scope what vectors need to be validated via testing

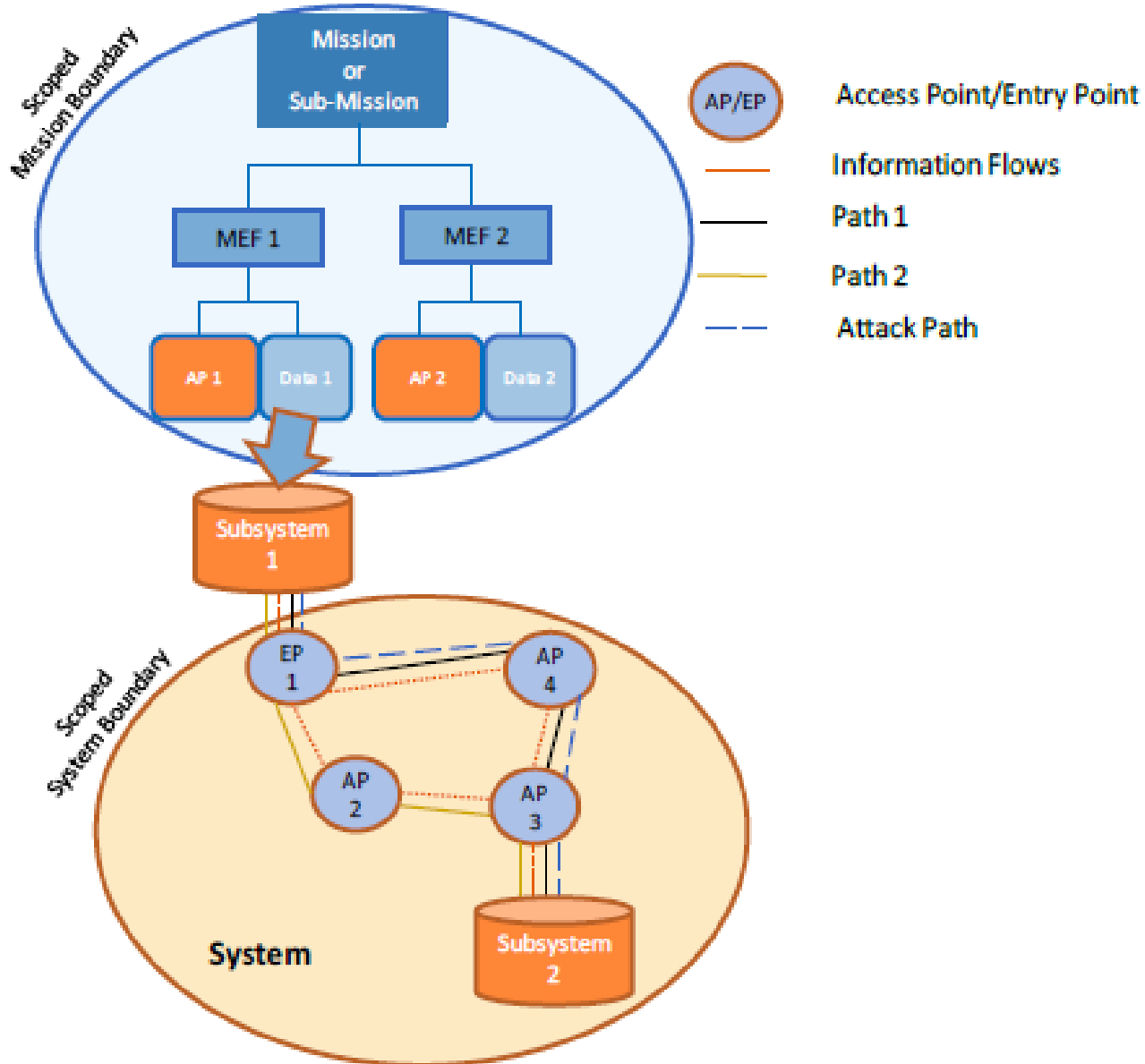
• What does it produce?

- CRA Report
 - Cybersecurity risk matrices





Mission and System Boundaries

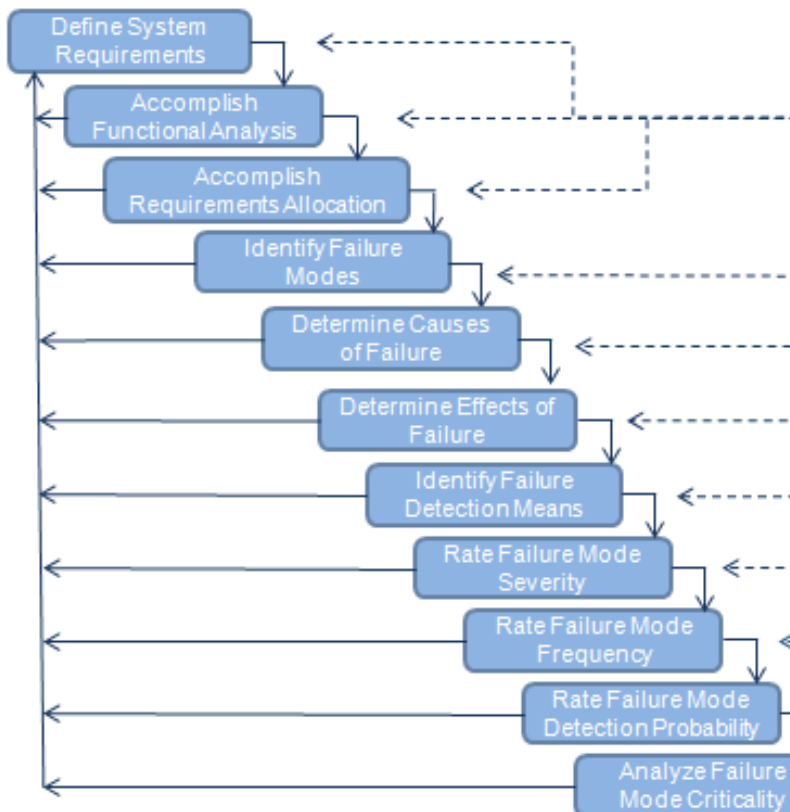




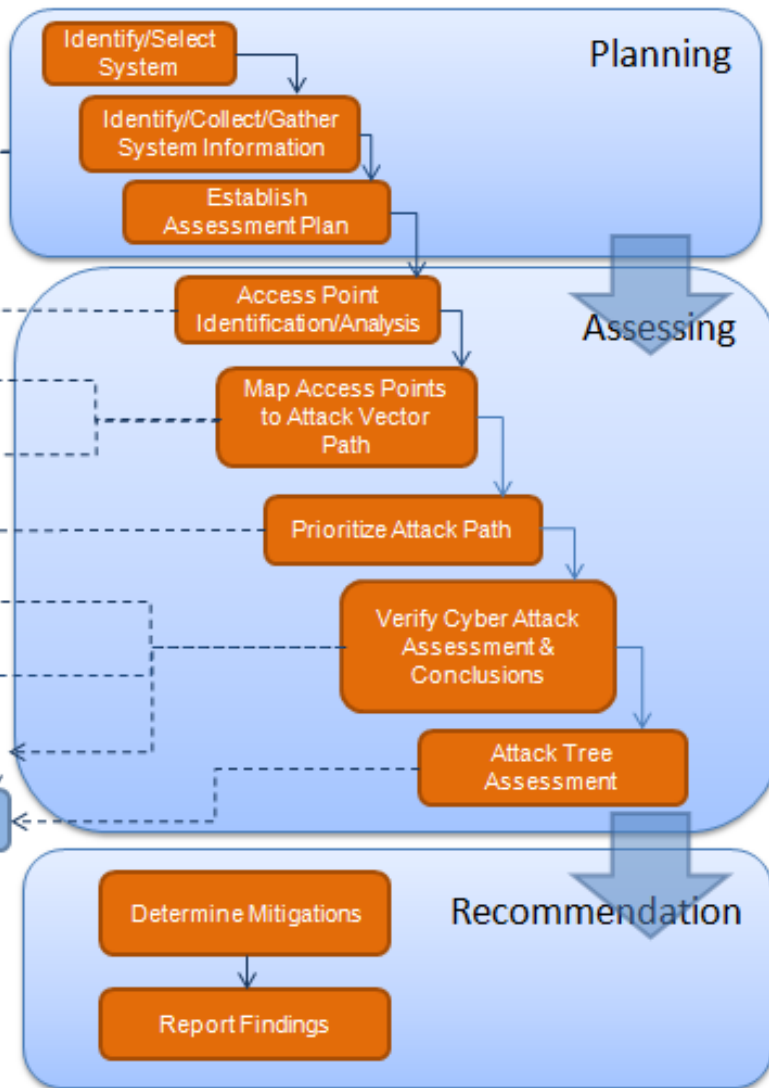
Comparison of FMECA & CRA

Traditional FMECA

Cyber Risk Assessment



Feedback Loop





CRA Information Requirements

Information requirements fall into three categories: information about the mission, information about the system, and nature of the threat (cyber intelligence reporting or applied threat actor capability model).

Information about the mission

- Mission(s) supported, mission-essential functions (MEFs), operational objectives
- CONOPS/CONEMPS for the System
- Interviews with operators, logisticians, and maintainers
- Cyber Table Top (CTT) Operational Scenarios/Mission Threads, and Results

Information about the system

- DoD Architecture Framework (DoDAF) Views
 - *OV-1 High-Level Operational Concept Graphic*
 - *OV-3 Operational Information Exchange (Resource Flow) Matrix*
 - *OV-4 Operational Relationships Chart*
 - *OV-5 Operational Activity Model*
 - *SV-5a Operational Activity to Systems Function System and Mission Criticality Assessment Output*
- System data (interfaces, architecture, utilization, environment, contexts, etc.)
- Existing security policies and procedures
- Acquisition lifecycle status and Systems Engineering Technical Review (SETR) event point, along with the body of documentation used to support the events
- Cyberspace threat information (initial assessment based on the system's doctrinal and mission utility)
- Program Protection Plan (PPP)
- TSN Criticality Assessment, if available
- Supply-chain information , if available

- RMF Assessment and Authorization (A&A) or legacy Certification and Accreditation (C&A) information from the Enterprise Mission Assurance Support Service (eMASS) and other sources
- Defense in Depth Architecture Diagrams
- Block wiring diagrams (H/W, functional, etc.)
- System interface documentation (Interface Control Document (ICD) Interface Requirements Document (IRD), Configuration Definition Document(s) etc.)
- H/W and Software (S/W) information
- H/W and S/W configurations
- Technical or maintenance documentation
- Information collected/processed/stored by system and sensors during mission (example: EO images from EO sensor, IR images from IR sensor)
- Traditional FMECA and Mission Essential Subsystem Matrix (MESM) information or results

Nature of the threat

- Capstone Threat Assessment (CTA), System Threat Assessment Report (STAR) or Validated Online Lifecycle Threat (VOLT) (future replacement for STAR)
- Critical Intelligence Parameters (CIPs)



CRA Key Roles

- **CRA Leader** – (typically the Program Office Chief Engineer): The CRA Lead must work with the system owners and stakeholders to understand the program acquisition strategy, identify the purpose for the assessment, and develop the communications strategy. During the assessment process, they are responsible for the planning, scheduling, execution, and oversight of all assessment activities.
- **System Architecture Lead** (typically the Program Office System Security Engineer): A full understanding of the system architecture is required to properly perform the risk assessment. In order to support this understanding, the System Architecture Lead will identify and assist with the collection of required source information, technical data, and system information. They will characterize the systems, subsystems, and/or components and will assist the team in the development of system models that have not been provided.
- **Cyber Warfare Lead** (Highly trained/experienced hacker): The Cyber Warfare Lead contributes to the assessment by characterizing the missions, assisting in the development of mission models and decomposition of the MEFs, and identifying or validating the data and information types used or created by the mission. Additional tasks include mapping the access points to the MEFs; evaluating the network, known weaknesses, and access points; and determining vulnerabilities that formulate attack scenarios and objectives.
- **Threat Information Lead** (Cyber Intelligence Analyst): The Threat Information Lead analyzes cyber threat characteristics and Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP) in order to characterize the threats to the mission and system. They prioritize the threats and determine the threat scope. Summarized adversarial cyber-attack capabilities are analyzed and decomposed from an adversarial perspective, and threat-related inputs and conclusions for the final report are generated.
- **Knowledge Manager**: The Knowledge Manager will administer the collection, storage, and distribution of data to support the CRA, along with the management of Requests for Information (RFIs), ensuring the data requirements are addressed and information is accessible at the identified storage locations. The Knowledge Manager will assist the team in executing the communications strategy and completing output products, such as the CRA Report.
- **Supporting Team**: These skillsets may include experts in areas such as RMF, Test and Evaluation (T&E), Maintenance, Logistics, administrative, financial, legal, and contracts.



DSB Cyber Threat Model



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Tier VI organizations employ full-spectrum techniques, including humans (e.g., spies engaged in bribery and blackmail) and close-access means (physical or electronic) to gain system penetration, and have the resources to conduct many operations concurrently

Tier V actors are able to insert malicious software or modified hardware into computer and network systems at various points during their lifecycle for later exploit (e.g., a “cyber time bomb”).

Tier IV is characterized by larger, well-organized teams, either state or criminal. Tiers V and VI encompass actors who can go beyond malicious software inserted through Internet access, and instead, create vulnerabilities in otherwise well-protected systems.

Tier III and IV actors employ a broad range of software capabilities to penetrate cyber systems and effect exploits through Internet access. A major distinction between Tiers III and IV is scale

Tier II Actors have some ability to develop their own malicious code and their actions may be characterized by pursuit of specific objectives such as the theft of business or financial data. Low-tier actors can employ some very sophisticated tools and techniques developed and exposed by others.

Tier I practitioners, using malicious code developed by others, are commonly referred to as “script kiddies” and are driven as much by the desire to brag about their success in executing an “attack” as they are to cause specific damage.



Cyber Risk Assessment (CRA) Scoring



Susceptibility

- Availability of Details (includes protocols/standards / ubiquity of software)
- Supply Chain Exposure
- Accessibility/Reachability
- Usage Window/Frequency of Use
- Security Controls
- Hygiene

		Likelihood				
Susceptibility	5	3	3	4	4	5
	4	2	3	3	4	4
	3	2	2	3	3	4
	2	1	2	2	3	3
	1	1	1	2	2	3
		1	2	3	4	5

Threat Credibility (formerly "Threat Means")

- Primary
 - Adversary's Capabilities
 - Adversary's Attraction

		Risk				
Likelihood	5					
	4					
	3					
	2					
	1					
		1	2	3	4	5

Impact

		Impact				
Resilience	5	3	3	4	4	5
	4	2	3	3	4	4
	3	2	2	3	3	4
	2	1	2	2	3	3
	1	1	1	2	2	3
		1	2	3	4	5

Resilience

- Non-Persistence
- Redundancy (incl. Backup/Restore)
- Heterogeneity
- Distributive Allocation

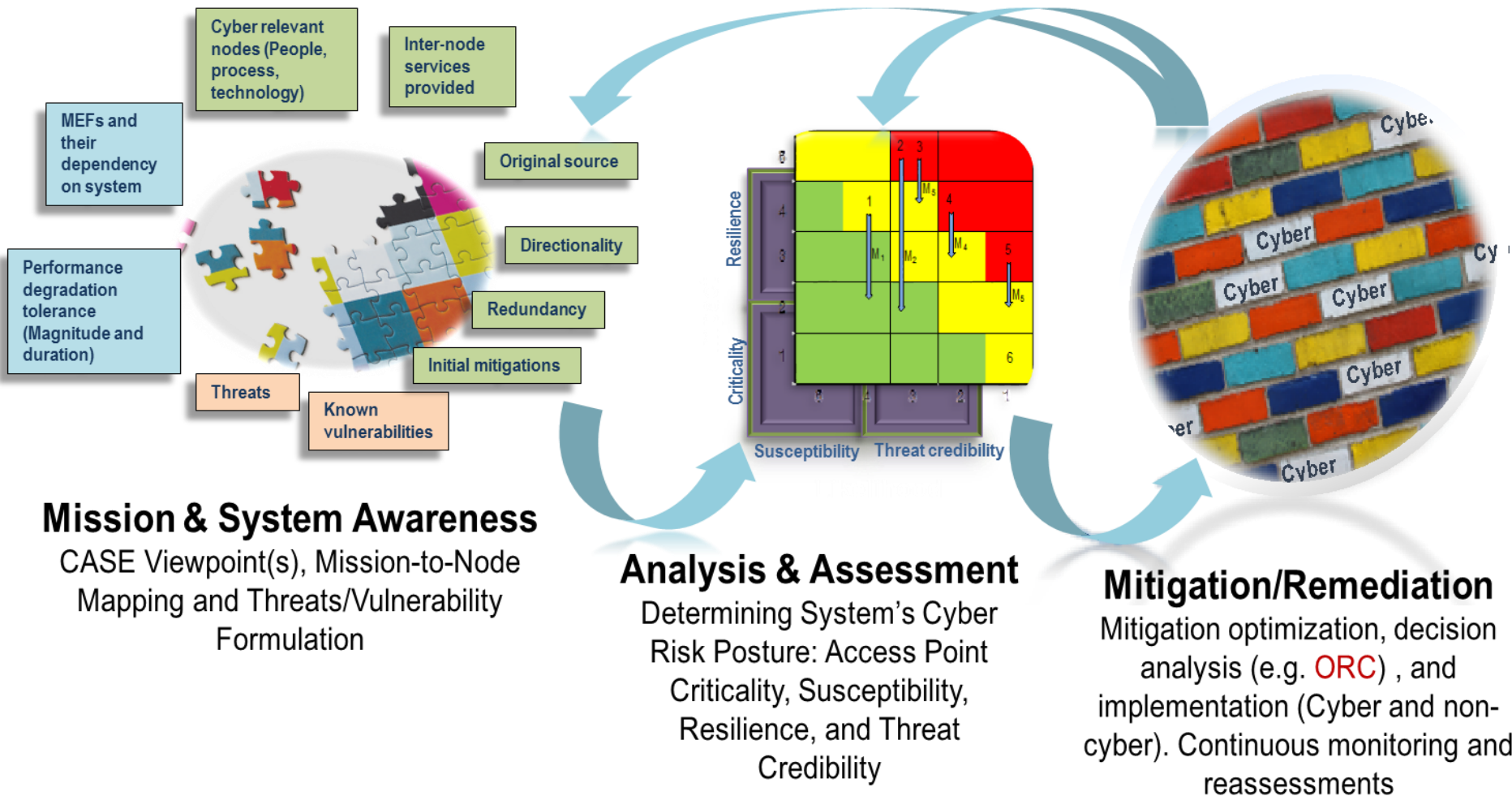
Mission Criticality

- MSN -> Sys -> Comp -> Data/...
- Necessity/Dependency within the context of Mission Essential Function (MEF)
 - Each for C, I and A assessment of mission system asset (scoped)
- Criticality of MEF within context of Mission (scoped)
 - Mission criticality answers the question: "How vital to mission success is the data, information, service being attacked?"

This last matrix ends in a
Cyber Risk product



Cyber Risk Management Fundamentals



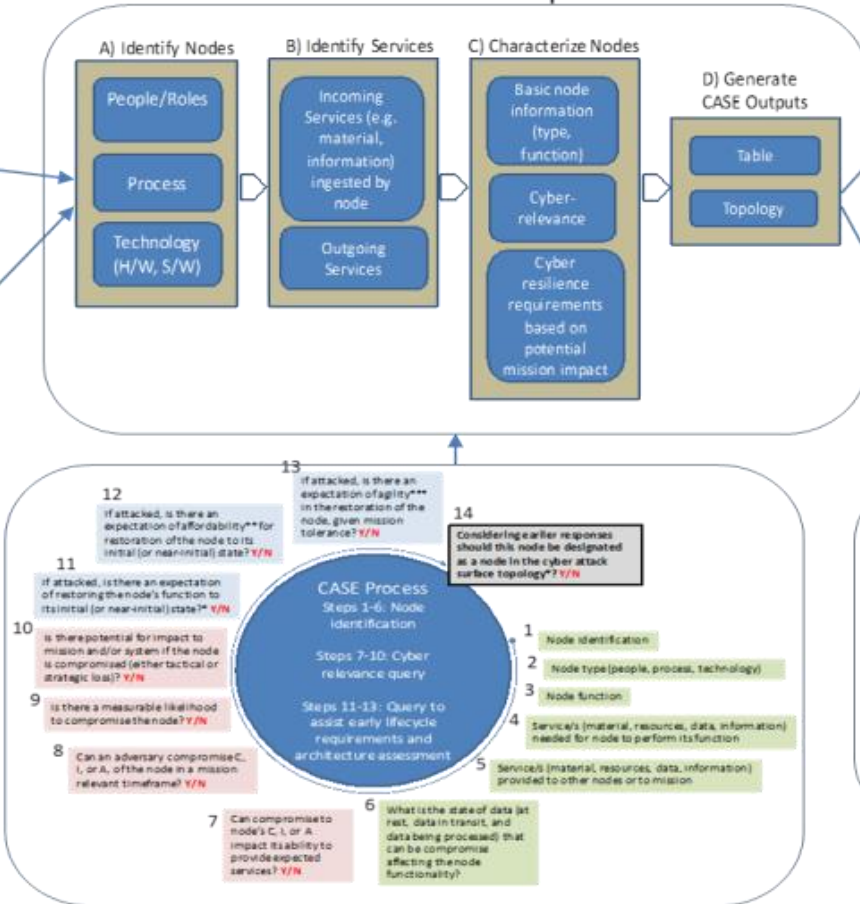
CASE Framework

Scope & Information Gathering
Collecting System and Mission Information for CASE Scoping

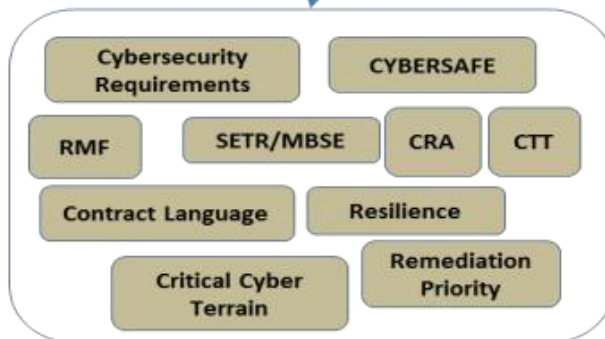
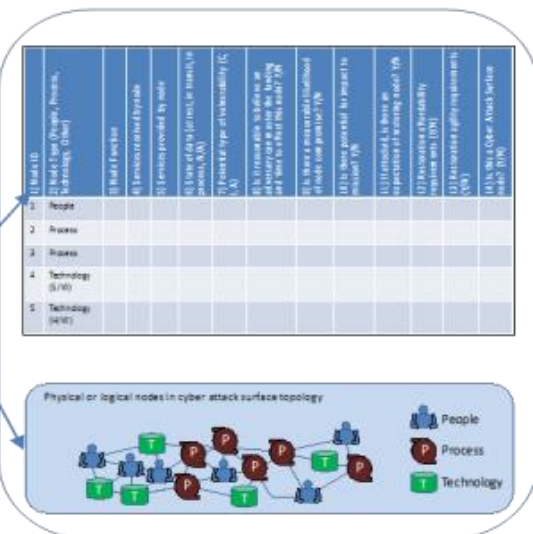


Cyberspace Relevance
Incrementally defining/capturing the characterization of each nodes

Attack Surface Enumeration Process
Main Function - Categorize nodes and its relationships



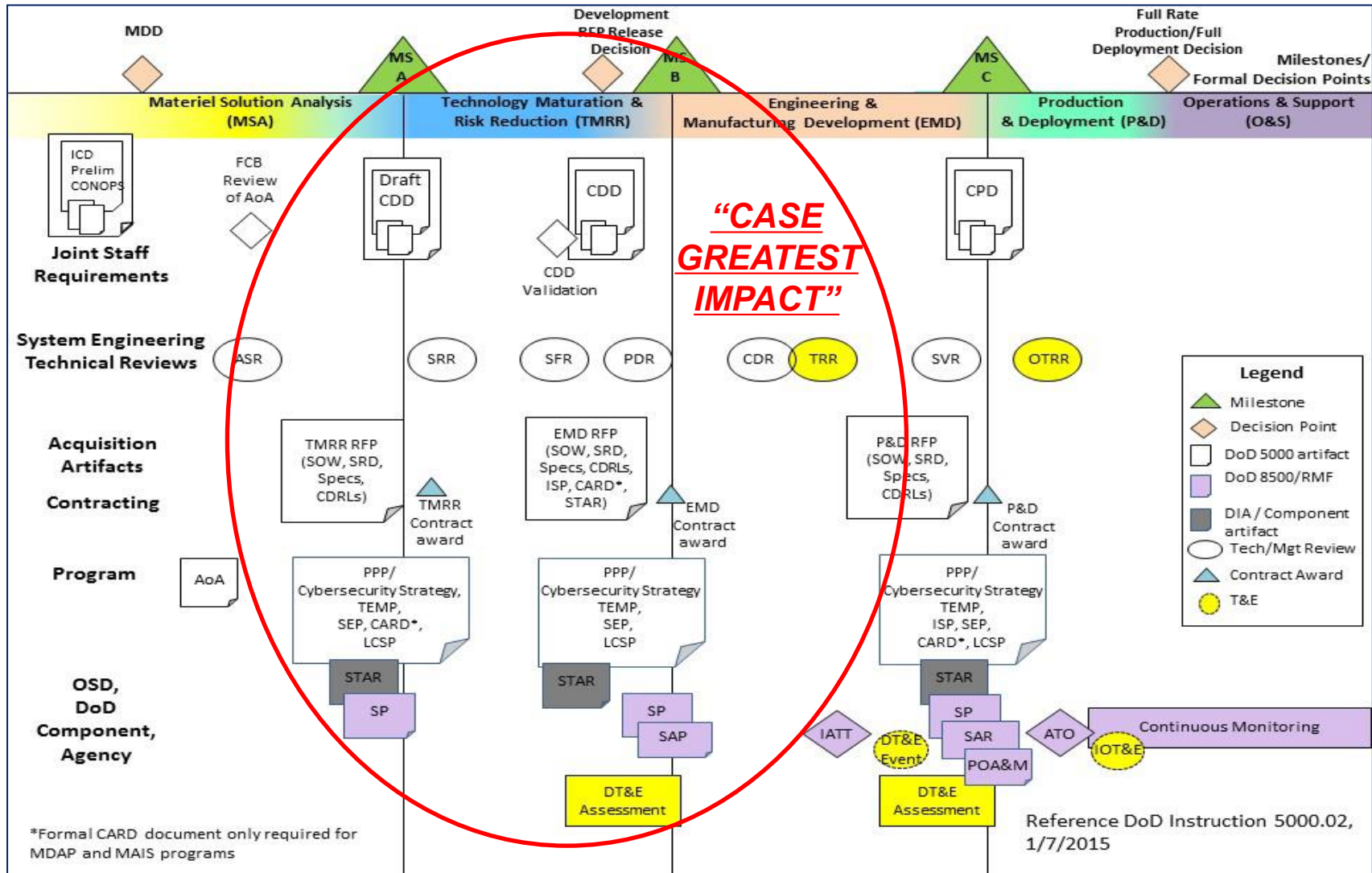
CASE Presentation - Data & Graph



CASE Support Role
Inputs to other analyses and decisions



Cyber Attack Surface Enumeration (CASE)





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A Cyber Resilient Design

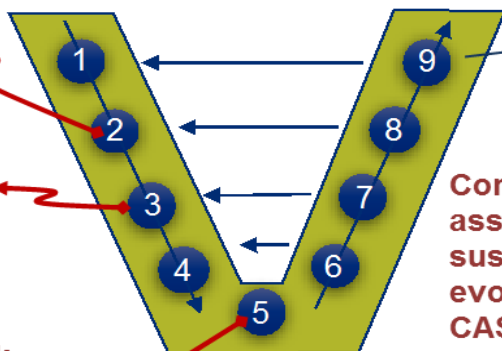
Developmental Systems

Early cyber risk assessment at concept level mitigations (based on CASE Viewpoint-1)

Intermediate cyber risk assessment at system architecture level mitigations (based on CASE Viewpoint-2)

Detailed cyber risk assessment and detailed integrated design level mitigations (based on CASE Viewpoint-3)

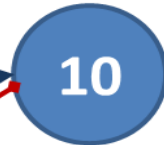
Systems Engineering "V"



Continuous risk assessment during sustainment and evolution (based on CASE Viewpoint-4)

Legacy Systems

Sustainment (operation and maintenance) and evolution (changes and upgrades) phase of an fielded system



CASE informs cybersecurity and resilience decisions within the design process at each step of the system engineering approach

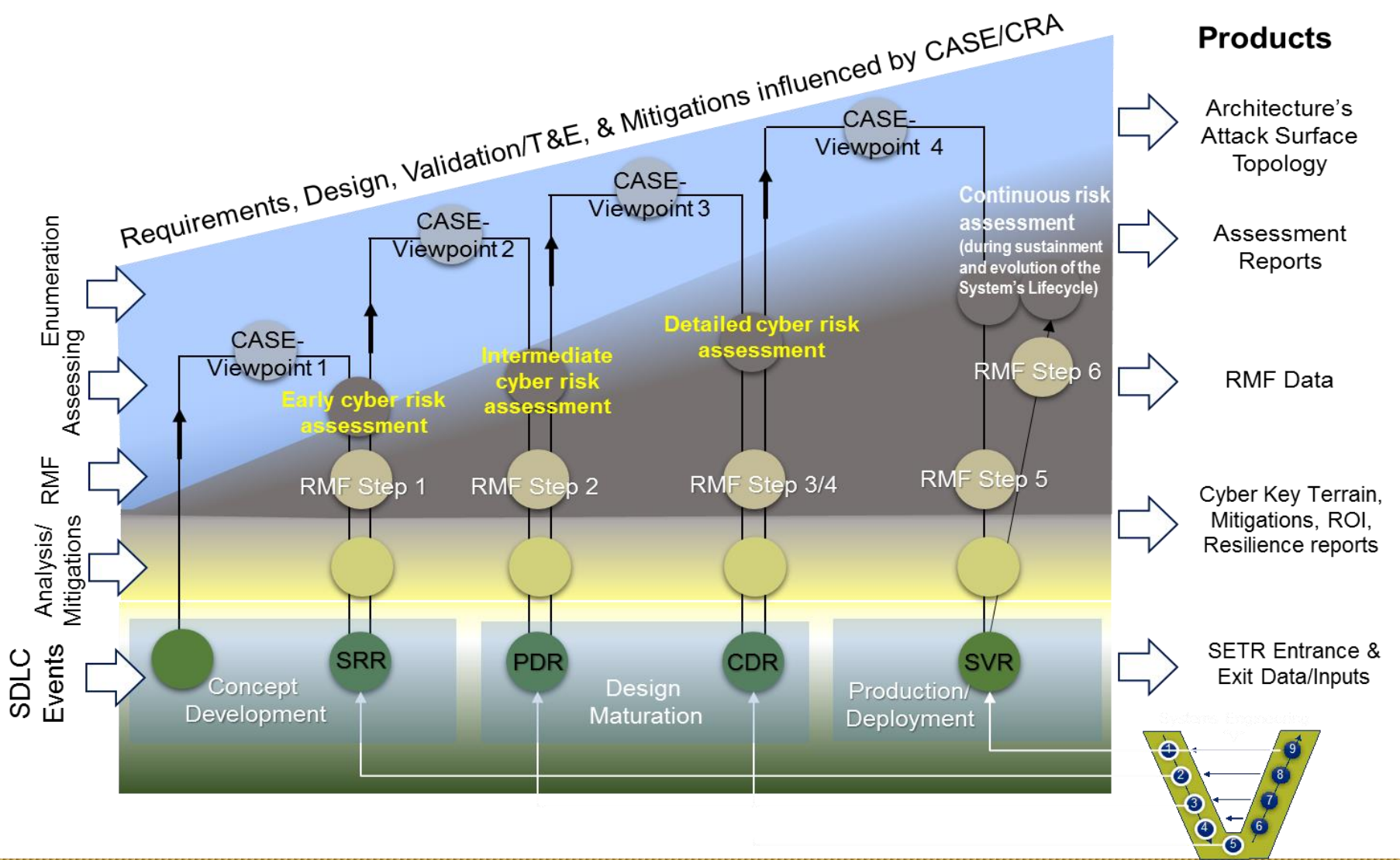
CASE enables post-design cyber assessment and mitigations



Cyber Attack Surface Enumeration (CASE)

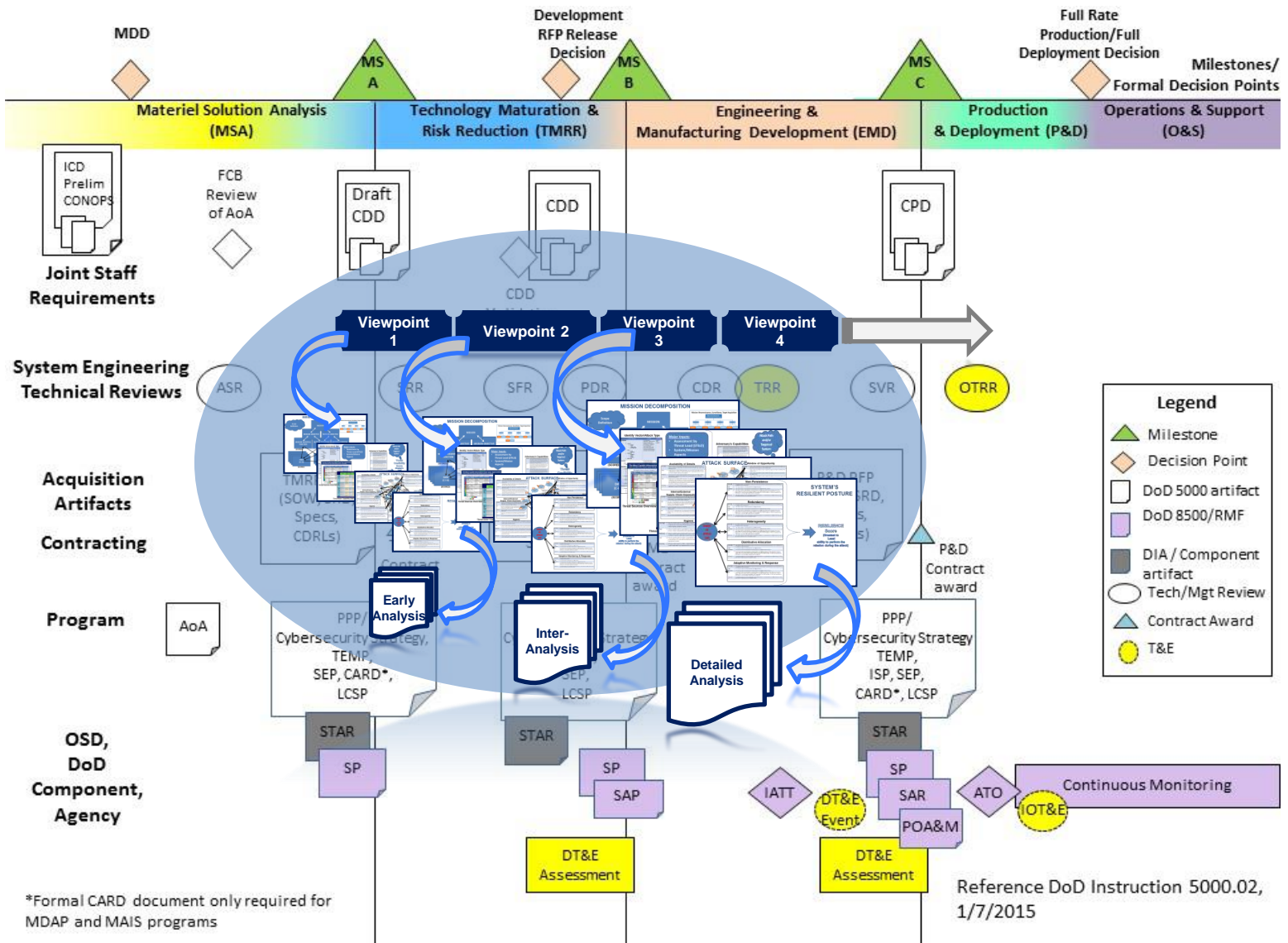


Integrated Risk Management Processes





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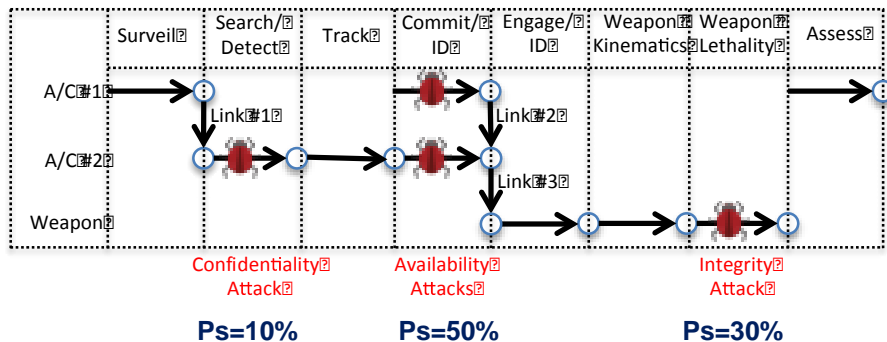
Cyber Risk Assessment to Mission (CRAM)



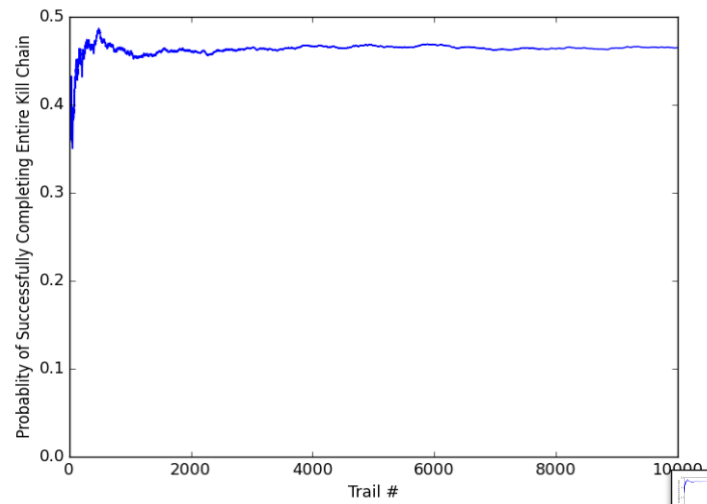
Kill Chain analyses are currently used/accepted to assess Navy mission threat effectiveness

- **Assessed by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)**
- **Supported by Warfare Analysis Methods**
 - *Deterministic*
 - *Stochastic Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method, providing a tool for the warfare analyst to incorporate cyber-attack effects from CRAs to quantify the MOEs and MOPs.*
- **Cyber attacks can be introduced at any point in the kill-chain**
 - *Choice of cyber attacks depends on phase of Warfare (Shaping, Deterring, Seizing Initiative, Dominating, Stabilizing, Enabling Civil Authority)*
- **Probability of a Cyber attack = Likelihood score from a CRA**
 - *Adversarial Capability and Intent*
 - *Warfare System Susceptibility*

Notional Kill-Chain



Monte-Carlo Result

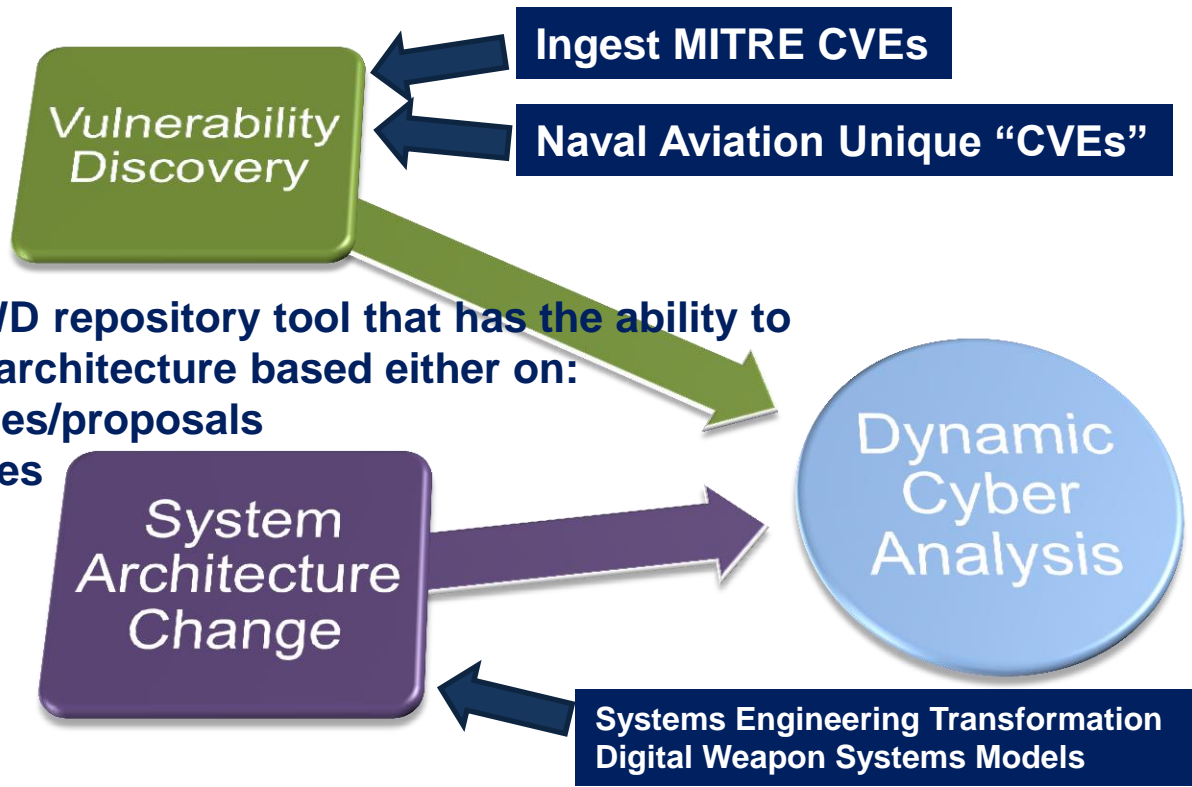




Cyber Risk Assessment Nodal-based GUI (CRANG)



CRANG



VISION

- Create a common NAVAIR/CWD repository tool that has the ability to dynamically assess systems architecture based either on:
 - new configuration changes/proposals
 - newly found vulnerabilities

GOALS

- Easy to use platform for PMA's to deliver system architecture to the CWD
- Provide NAVAIR with same-day analysis of all recorded systems or "systems of systems" in response to newly found New-Day vulnerabilities
- Repository capable of providing immediate vulnerability assessments of configuration changes to software or hardware



Summary



- **Adversarial threat-driven Cyber Table Top (CTT) and Cyber Risk Assessment (CRA) methods developed**
- **CASE developed as a tool for early incorporation into the Systems Engineering and Acquisition processes**
- **CRAM method to assess risk via kill-chain analysis**
- **CRANG provides a vulnerability repository for weapon systems**



QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION