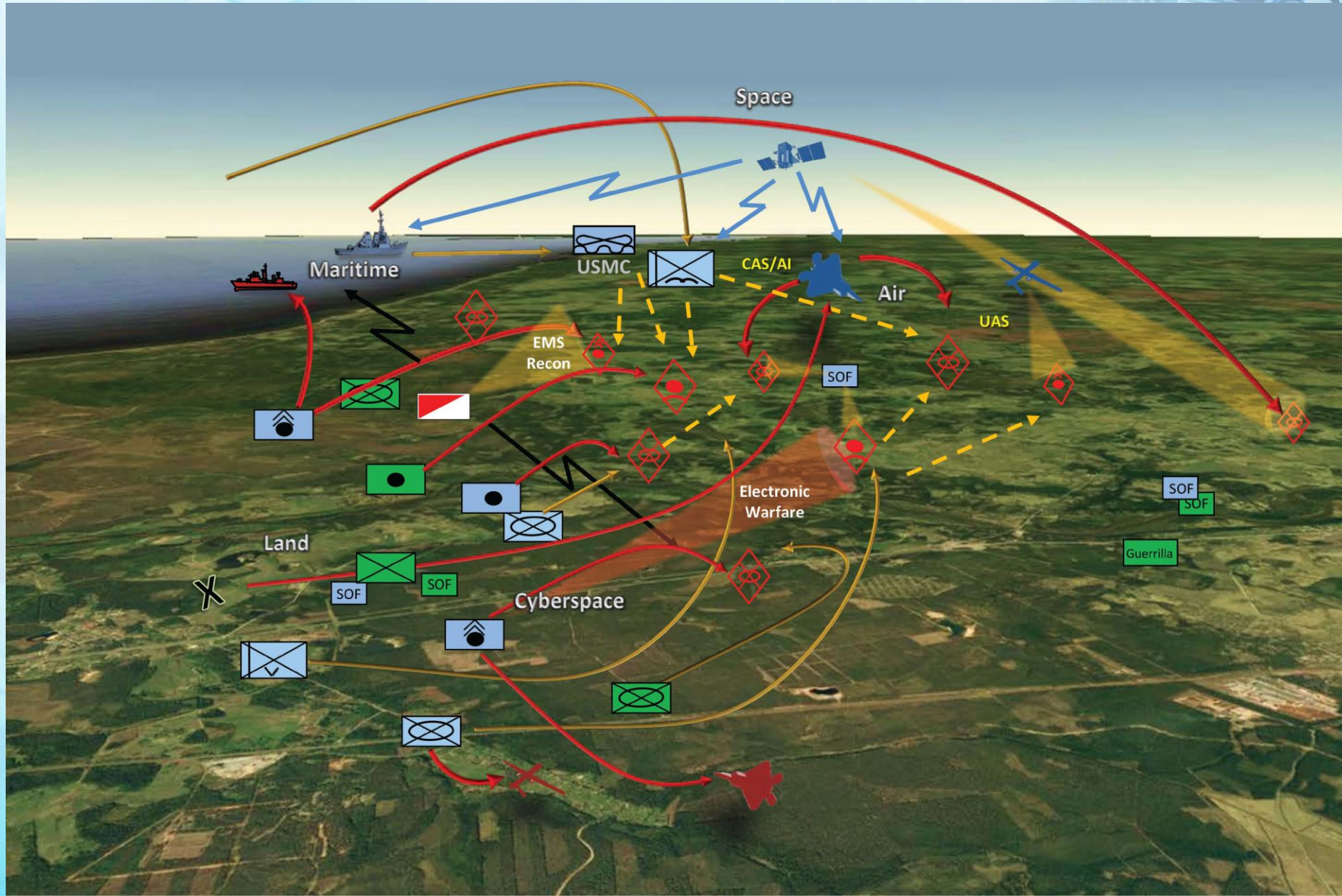




# Developing Cyber Capabilities as an integral part of Command and Control

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# The Multi-Domain Battlespace





# Technology Evolution

- **Space and cyber.** There are no lessons learned documents, no historic battles to study, no precedent for how warfare in these domains might play out .
- **Artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning, autonomy, and robotics.** Military operations enabled by these technologies, may unfold so quickly that effective responses require taking humans out of the decision cycle.
- **A new generation of high tech weapons.** These new weapons will dramatically increase the speed, range, and destructive power of conventional weapons beyond anything previously imaginable.
- **The unknown x-factor.** Secret technologies developed by friend and foe alike will likely appear for the first time during the next major war

Doing smart things  
(Innovation)

Doing things smarter  
(efficiency and agility)

Wider risk surface  
(safety and security)

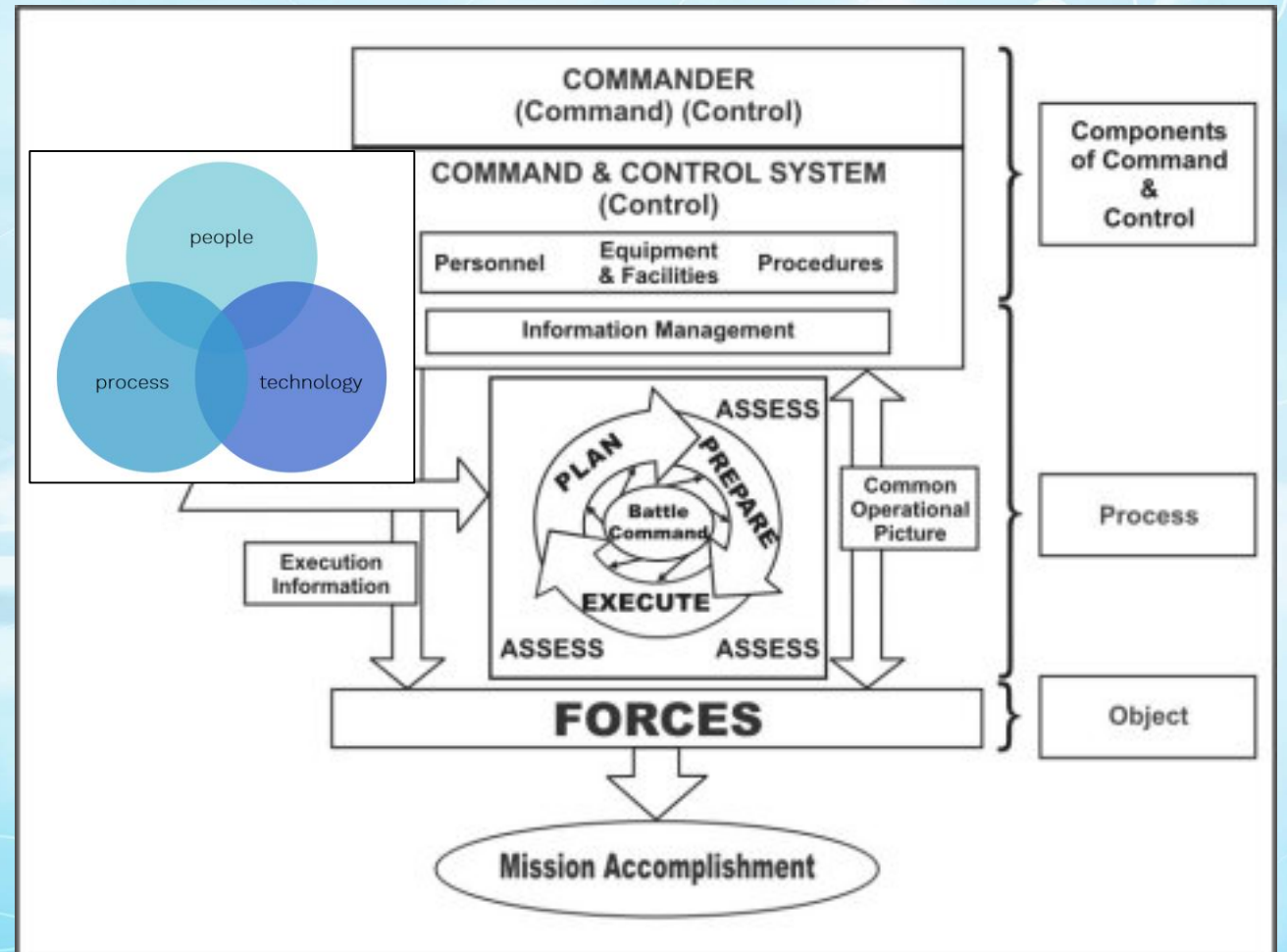


*“The study of warfare has always heavily relied upon scrutinizing past battles to discern the lessons of those as yet unfought.”*

# Command and Control Capability

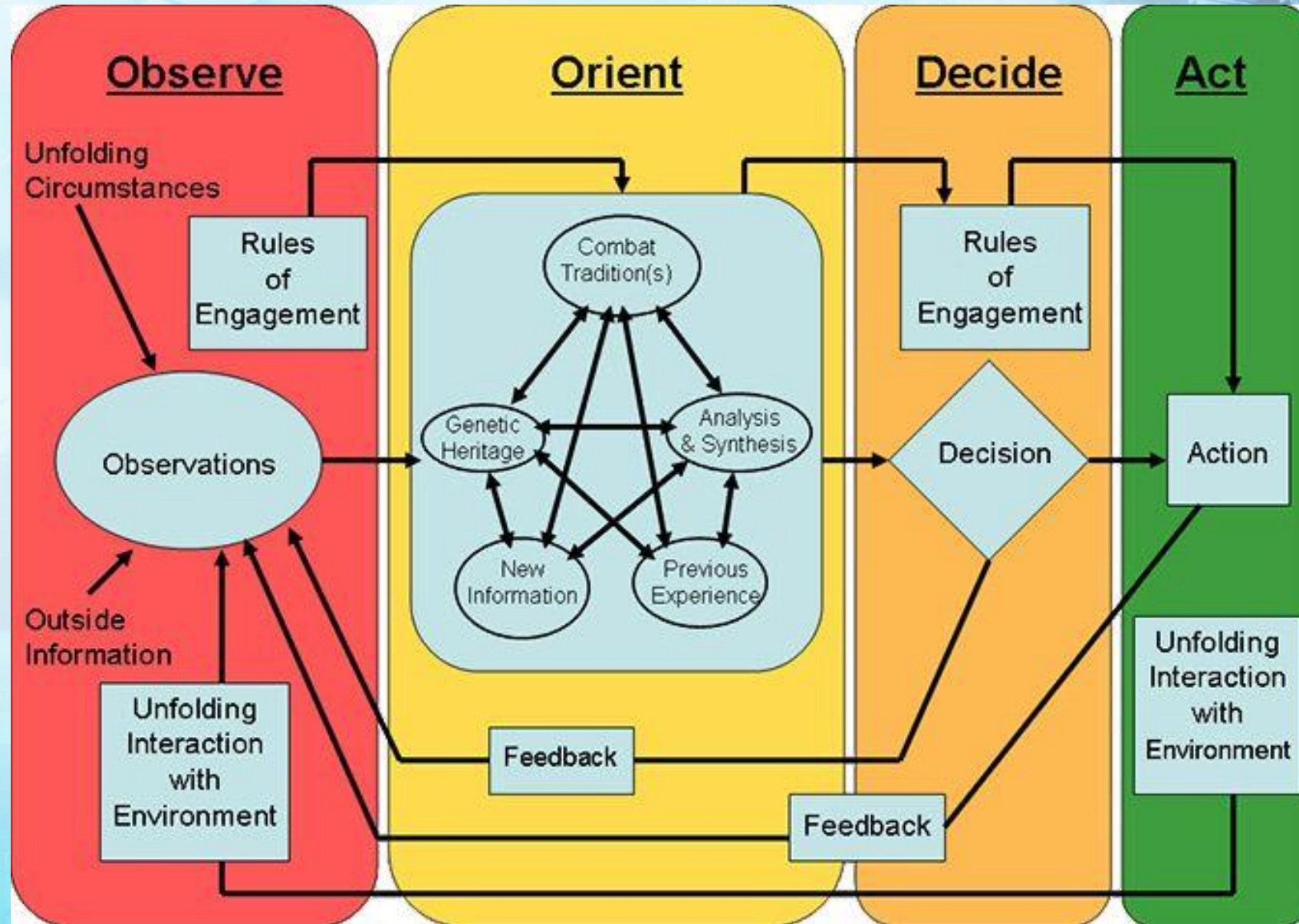
The exercise of authority and direction by a properly designated commander over assigned and attached forces in the accomplishment of a mission.

- The ability to **Plan**
- The ability to **Task**
- The ability to **Coordinate**
- The ability to **Control**

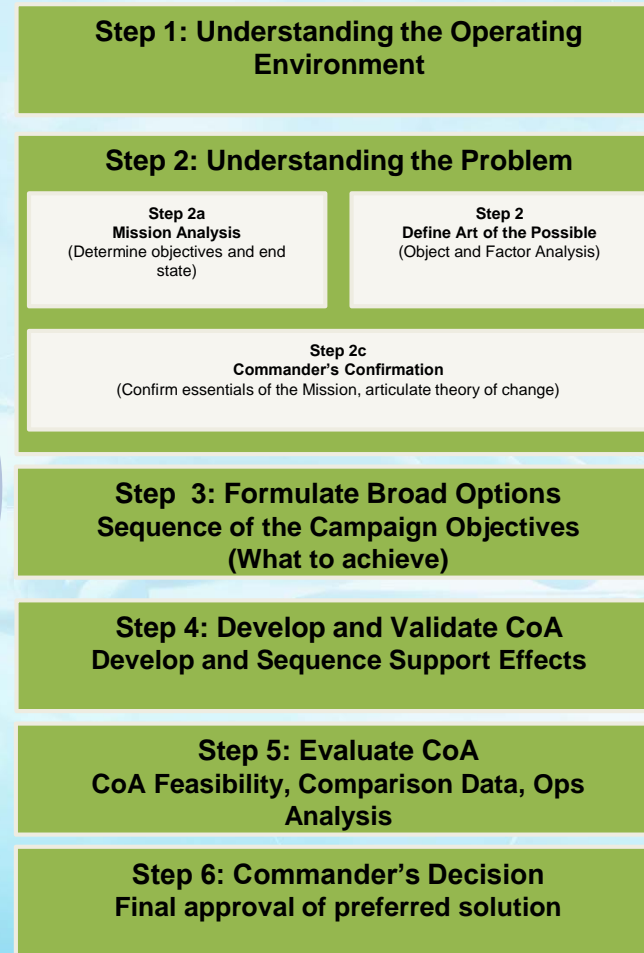
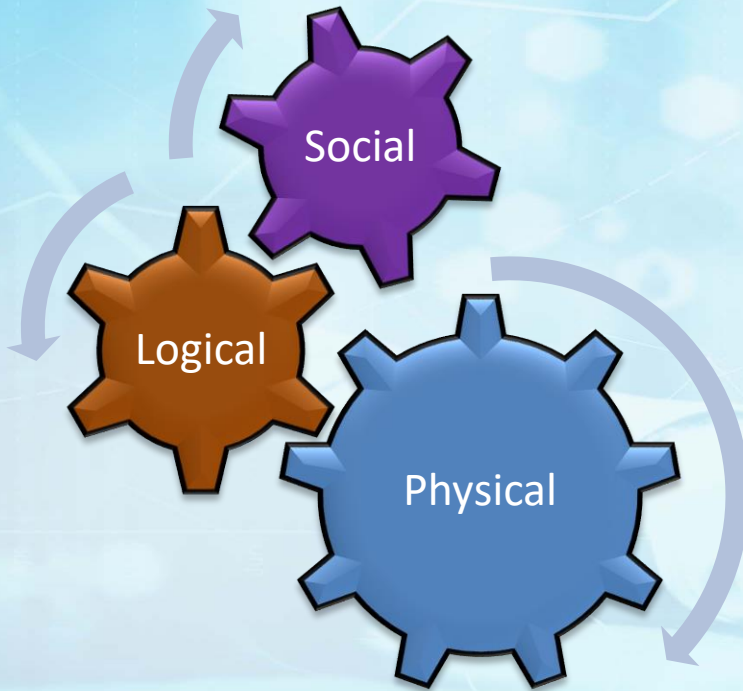




# Commander's Decision Making Loop



# The Cyberspace: What are the Considerations?

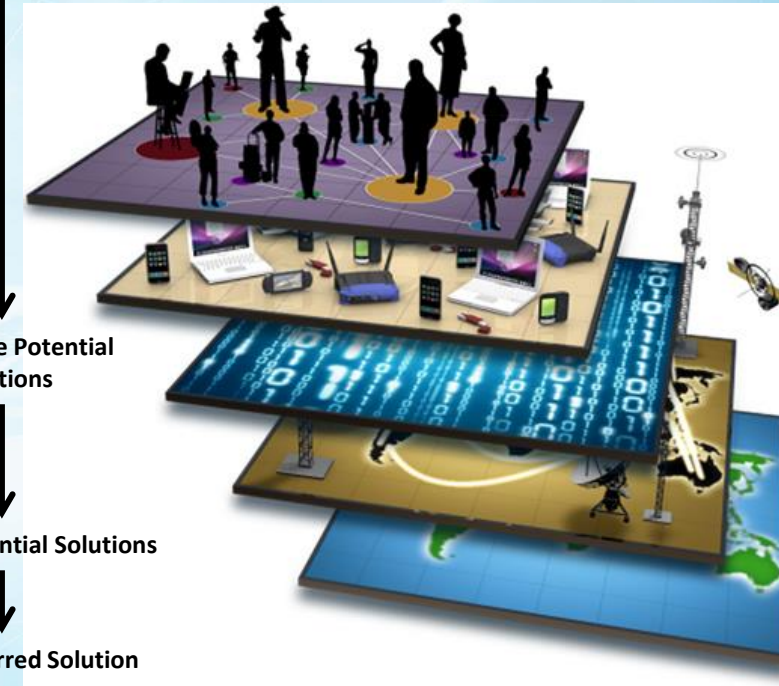


Develop Commander's Intent

Determine Potential Solutions

Evaluate Potential Solutions

Select Preferred Solution



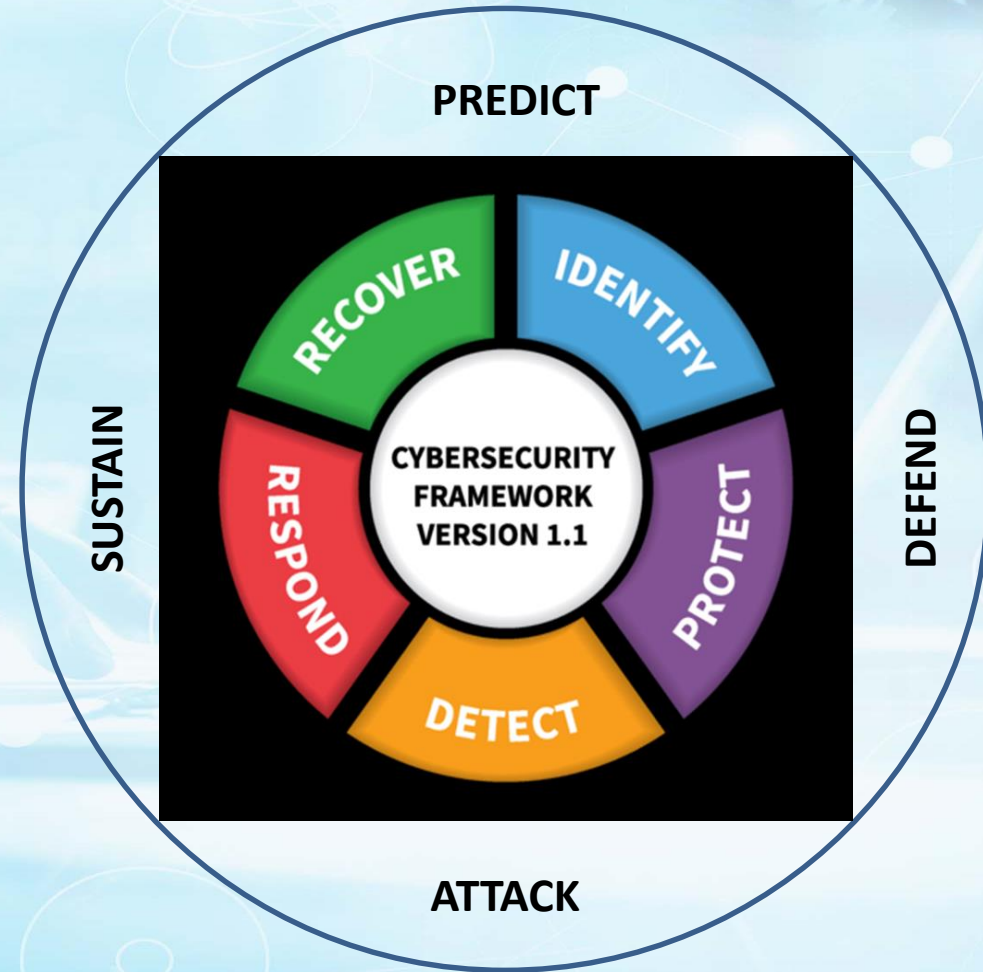


# Capability Development Framework



# Capability Requirements: Function?

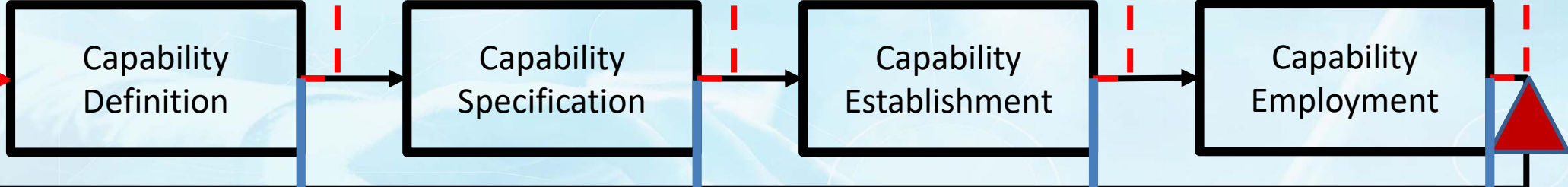
- **Predict:** What could possibly happen?
- **Attack:** Launch the Offensive
- **Defend:** Resist possible offensive against own forces:
  - Identify: Know Info Assets
  - Protect: Against any possible Attack
  - Detect: Any possible Intrusion
  - Respond: Against Intrusion
  - Recover: In the Case Intrusion occurred
- **Sustain:** Maintain superiority throughout the Mission



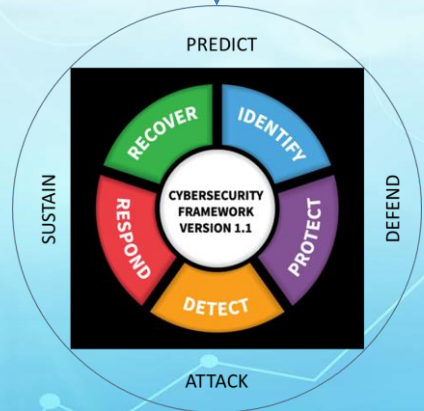


# Milestones

Strategic Guidelines



VALIDATION:  
CD & E



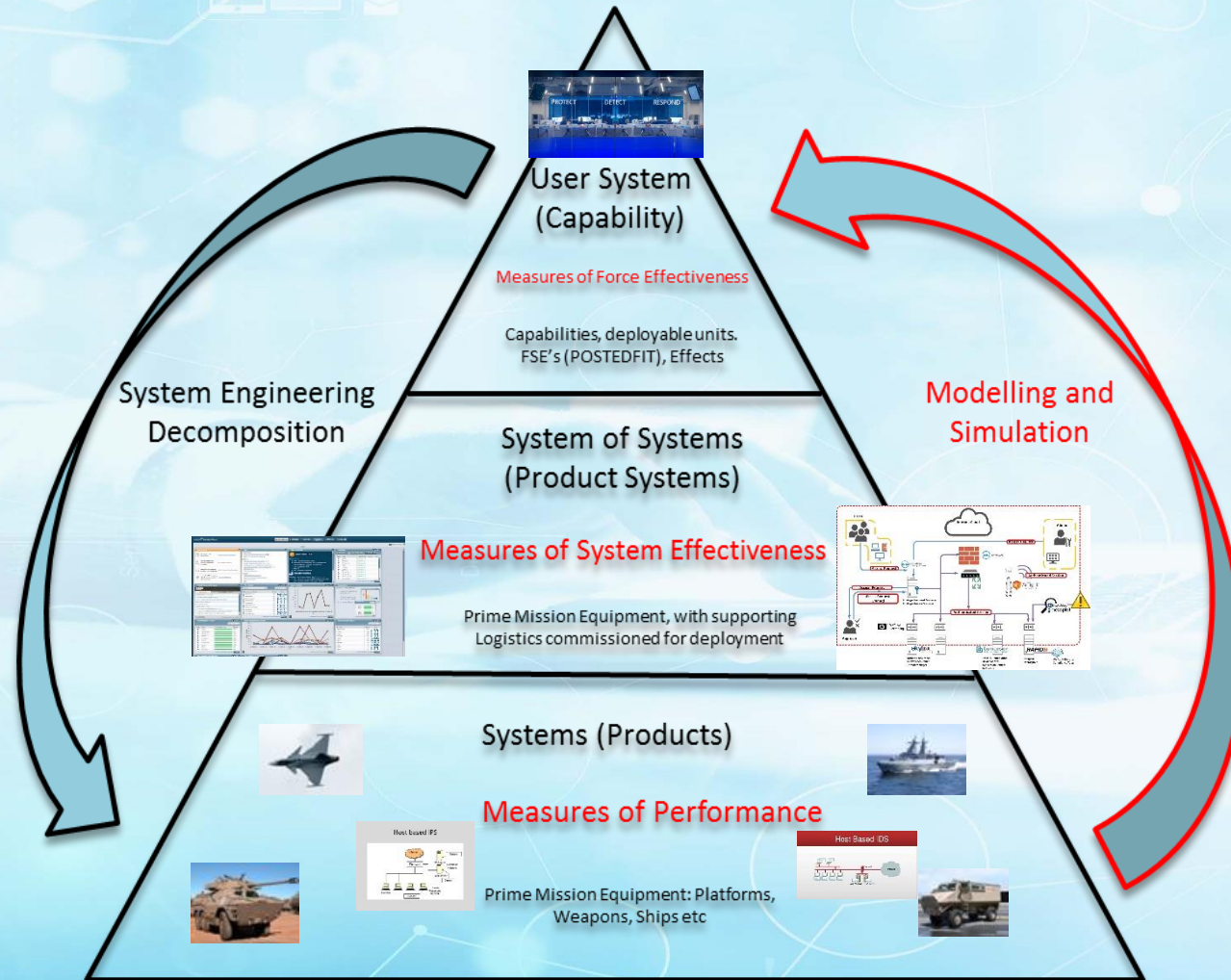
VERIFICATION:  
OT & E

READY CYBER CAPABILITIES

DEPLOYED CYBER CAPABILITIES



# Modelling and Simulation: Validate and Verify





# CD and E Results: Modern Headquarters Structure

- 1: Personnel
- 2: Intelligence
- 3: Operations and training
- 4: Logistics
- 5: Contingency Planning
- 6: Signals operations
- 7: Force Development
- 8: Chaplaincy
- 9: Cyber Operations



# Conclusion

- The cyberspace forms an integral part of the commander's operating environment.
- This forces commanders to consider factors in the cyberspace for analysis as part of planning and execution of operations.
- The NIST cybersecurity framework has been demonstrated as one of the ways to guide analysis of the cyberspace,
- The ability to control the cyberspace could be advantageous to the commander's ability to successfully conduct operations.
- If not well considered, it could be exploited by the opposing force at the detriment of own forces.
- Cybersecurity specialists and the team should form an integral part of the commander's staff compliment.
- Cyberspace offensive operations, as and when required must be sanctioned by the highest command authority available, and must be carefully assessed for military benefit, before implemented. This remains a Command function.



# QUESTIONS

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# Lines of Development (POSTEDFIT)

SYSTEM ELEMENTS	DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS
<b>P-Personnel</b>	Develop a creative, talent-focused strategy to recruit, assess, select, develop, manage, and retain the cyber warrior in an era of persistent competition for talent.
<b>O-Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transform current structures to leverage/optimize/enable evolving Cyberspace Domain that is an enabler for all warfighting domains.</li> <li>• Establish clear C2 construct to facilitate the wise execution of full spectrum operations in, through, and from cyberspace</li> </ul>
<b>S- Support</b>	Determine support required to sustain Cyber operations in theatre and over protracted periods
<b>T-Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyberspace training must be dynamic and adaptive in support of the operational environment.</li> <li>• Cyberspace operations training must be integrated into all Professional Military Education Schools at all levels</li> </ul>
<b>E-Equipment</b>	Facilitate the design of operational and technical architectures that enable defensive (“see ourselves”) and offensive (“see our enemy”) ops
<b>D-Doctrine</b>	Define Cyberspace Operations as related to EMSO, EW, IO, NETOPS, Knowledge and Information Management, among others); develop construct for cyber-related operations
<b>F-Facilities</b>	Build facilities that are located in locations which enable responsiveness to Geographic Combatant Command requirements while simultaneously supporting global integration of cyberspace operations
<b>I-Intelligence</b>	
<b>T-Technology</b>	Leverage technology, 24/7 cyberspace-related centers, labs, and simulation centers to create an inspiring 21st Century home station training architecture that integrates cyber into a live, virtual, and constructive environment





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