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Mission Architecture: The Key To Successful Pre-milestone A Systems Engineering

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Problem Statement

Many acquisition programs are deemed operationally ineffective. One primary cause for this is a lack of early mission analysis, resulting in:

- Poor operational assessment pre-MDD
 - Solution does not address the right problem
 - Poor understanding of the reason for the capability gap
 - Solutions do not address the capability gaps which solve a mission need
 - Systems developed where other solutions are more feasible
- Gaps in mission capabilities not addressed
 - Focuses on the wrong mission tasks
 - Fixes tasks that are not broken, and neglects some that are
 - Inadvertently creates new mission capability gaps
- Materiel solution to non-materiel problems
 - Attempts to fix policy or doctrine gaps with materiel solutions
 - Drives complex solutions to simple problems

Mission Architecture Addresses These Issues

Mission Architecture: A Problem Solution

Mission Architecture informs acquisition decision makers through an understanding and focus on the “**mission needs**”. This results in:

- Strong operational effectiveness
 - Addresses the right problem
 - Provides good understanding of the cause of capability gap
 - Develops the systems that are needed to fill the capability gap
 - Addresses capability gaps that solve a mission need
- Gaps in mission capabilities addressed
 - Addresses mission gaps at the appropriate tasks
 - Clean integration with existing capabilities
- Materiel solutions to materiel problems
 - Facilitates proper conclusions in the DOT_LPF Study

**Mission Architecting
Is The First Step In The Architecting Process**

Levels Of Architecture



Understand the Force

- How Services and Units structured
- How Services interact
- What is the command structure



Understand the Job

- Identify mission capabilities/needs
- Capture how operations are executed
- Understand the mission flow
- Identify mission interactions
- Identify mission nodes/relationships
- Identify information exchanges

Mission architecture feeds the system of systems architecture

System of systems architecture is evaluated against the mission architecture



Understand SoS Interactions

- Identify SoS capabilities and needs
- Capture SoS interaction
- Understand the system flow within the SoS
- Identify system nodes/interactions/relationships within the SoS
- Identify message exchange

System of systems architecture feeds the system architecture

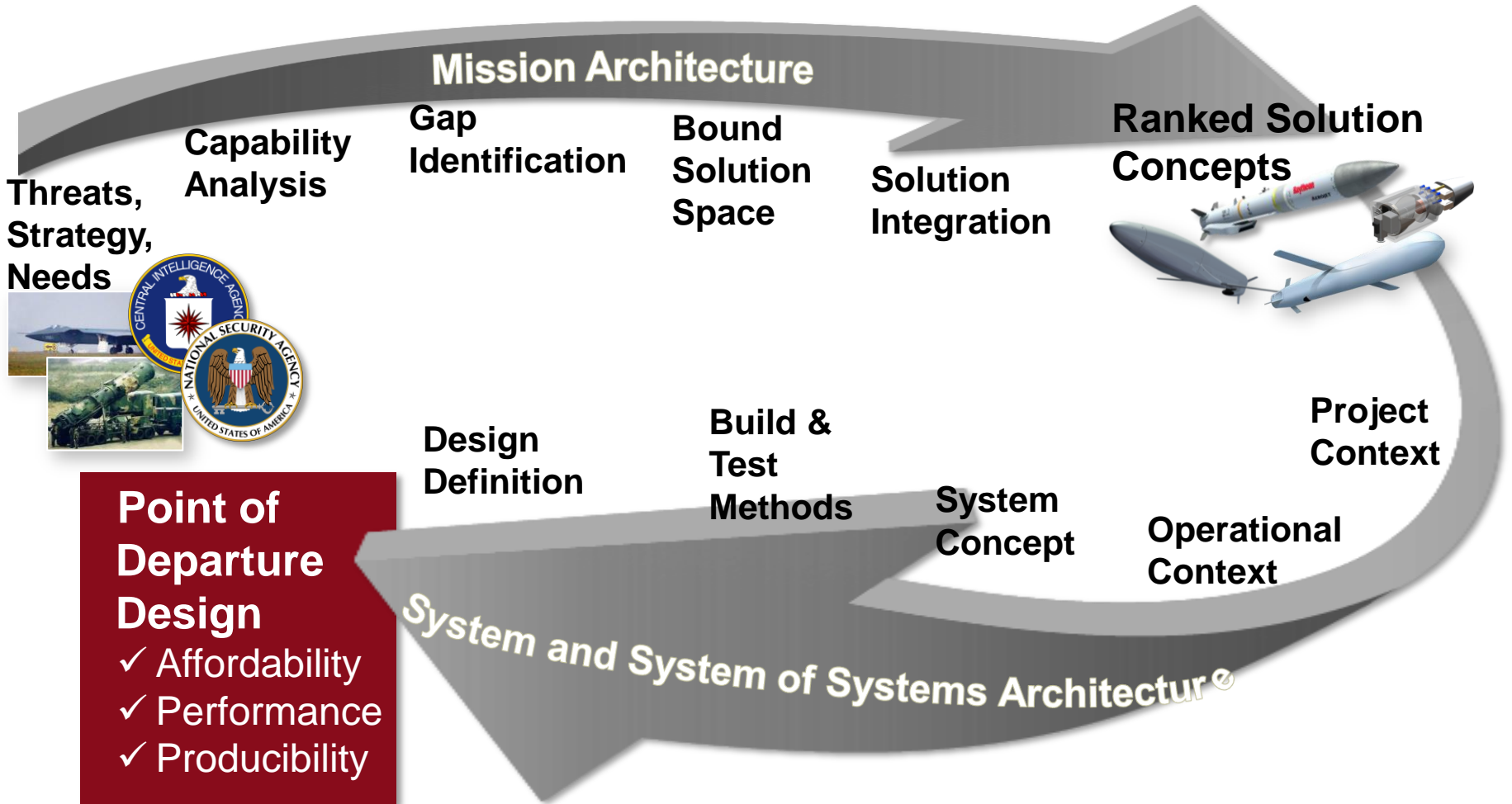
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Understand the System

- Identify the system capabilities/gaps
- Capture how the components interact
- Understand the internal system flow

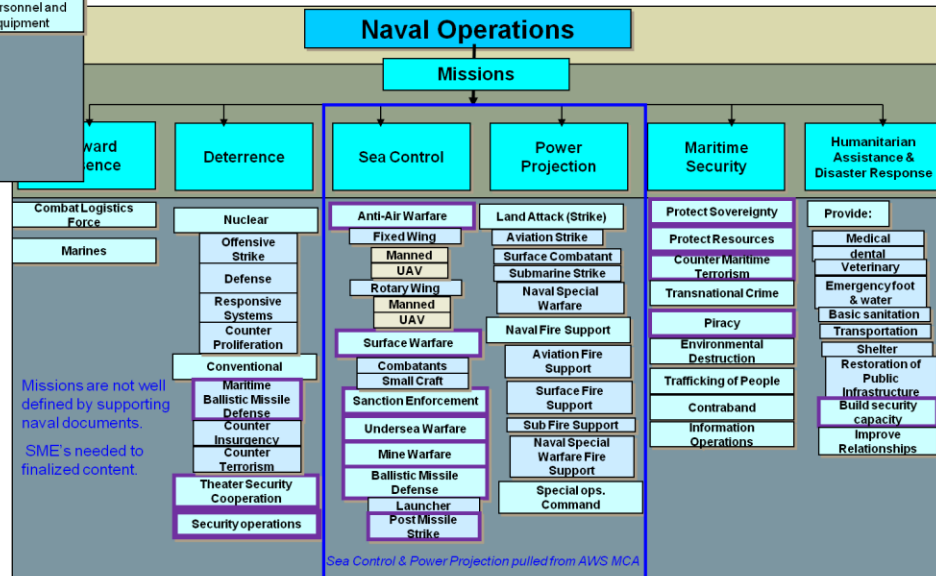
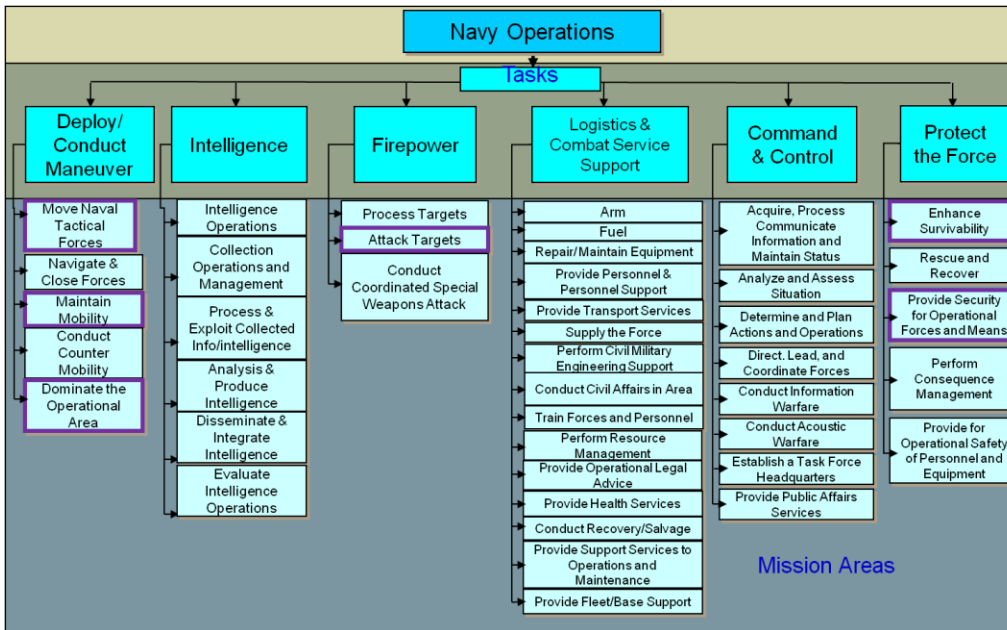
Where Mission Architecture Fits



Mission Architecture Supports Early Acquisition

Mission Summary – A Navy Example

- A single mission area touches multiple tasks and operations
- Broad system capability is the goal



Understanding the tasks and operations is essential

- Ensures and robust system design
- Ensures capability across the Range of Military Operations

Mission Summary Provides Focus On What Is Being Done

Threat Definition – Swarming Boats Example

Increasing CSM Effectiveness

Pirates

- **Craft:** Anything. Range from small speedboats, to fast patrol craft, to larger stolen ships
- **Weapons:** Crew served weapons, small arms and RPGs
- **Tactics:** Conceal with fishing boats, Mothership two / escort, Swarm to board
- **Goal:** To board and capture vessels

Scenario A Country

- **Craft:** Fast Attack Craft, patrol craft, etc
- **Weapons:** Guided missiles, torpedoes, unguided rockets, naval guns, small arms and RPGs, naval mines
- **Tactics:** Harass to de-sensitize, swarm with weapons and suicide boats (not suicide driver)
- **Goal:** Further political goals through an international incident

Scenario B Country

- **Craft:** Fast Attack Craft, patrol craft, etc
- **Weapons:** Guided missiles, torpedoes, unguided rockets, naval guns
- **Tactics:** Loiter and harass. Individual small scale attacks with potential for larger scale attacks
- **Goal:** Project power relatively close to shore

Scenario C Country

- **Craft:** Fast Attack Craft, I
- **Weapons:** Guided missile
- **Tactics:** High speed ingress
- **Goal:** Project power offshore, protect perceived sovereignty

Carry long range weapons, more armored ships. Navy will not use Counter Swarming Missiles (CSM) to engage

Threat Defined by:

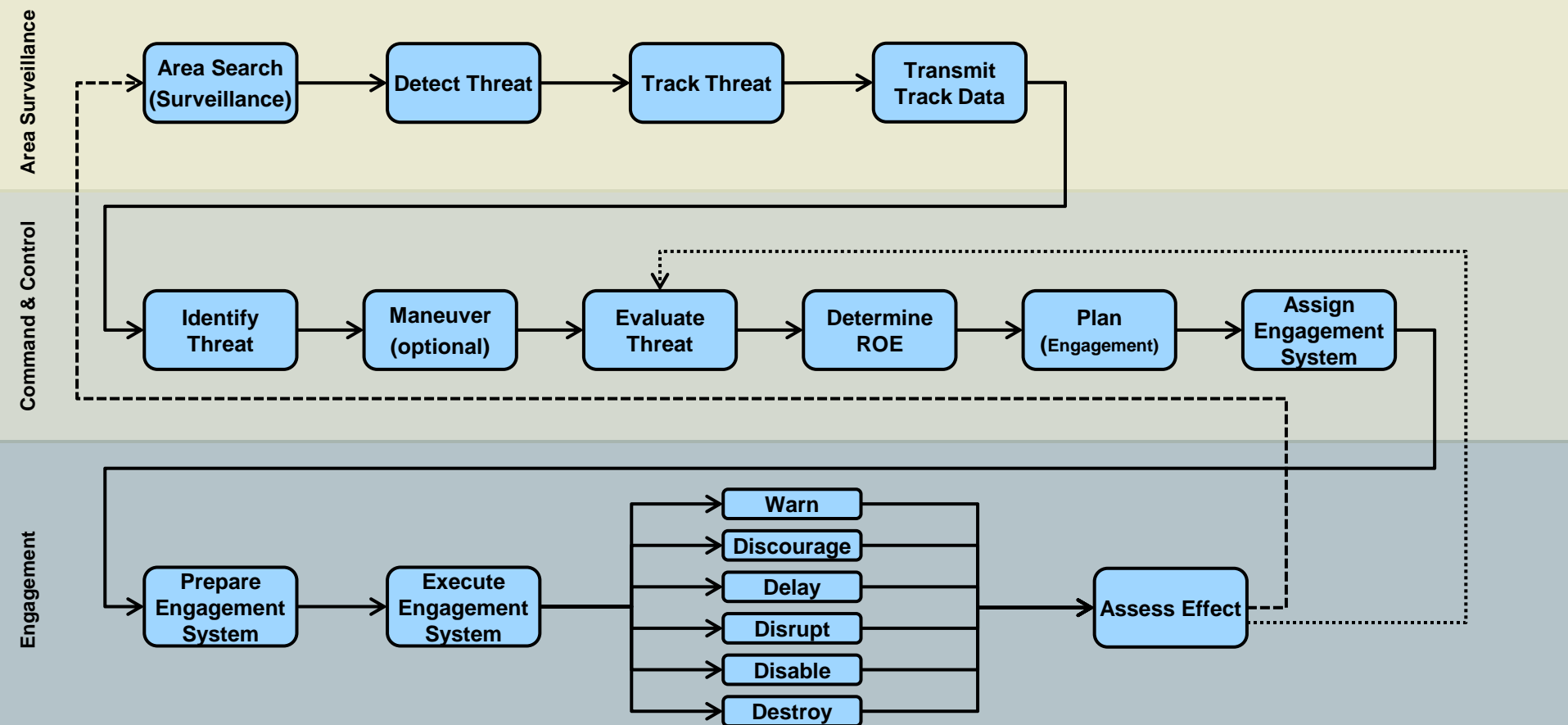
- Class (country vs group)
- Objective/ Motive
- Weaponry
- Probability of Occurrence
- Level of Danger

Pirates and the Scenario A Country are Primary CSM Targets. Most Scenario B and C Countries Carry Longer Ranged Weapons

Provides the need and foundation of requirements

Threat Definition Provides Focus on Why

Functional Flow– Navy Ship Defense Example

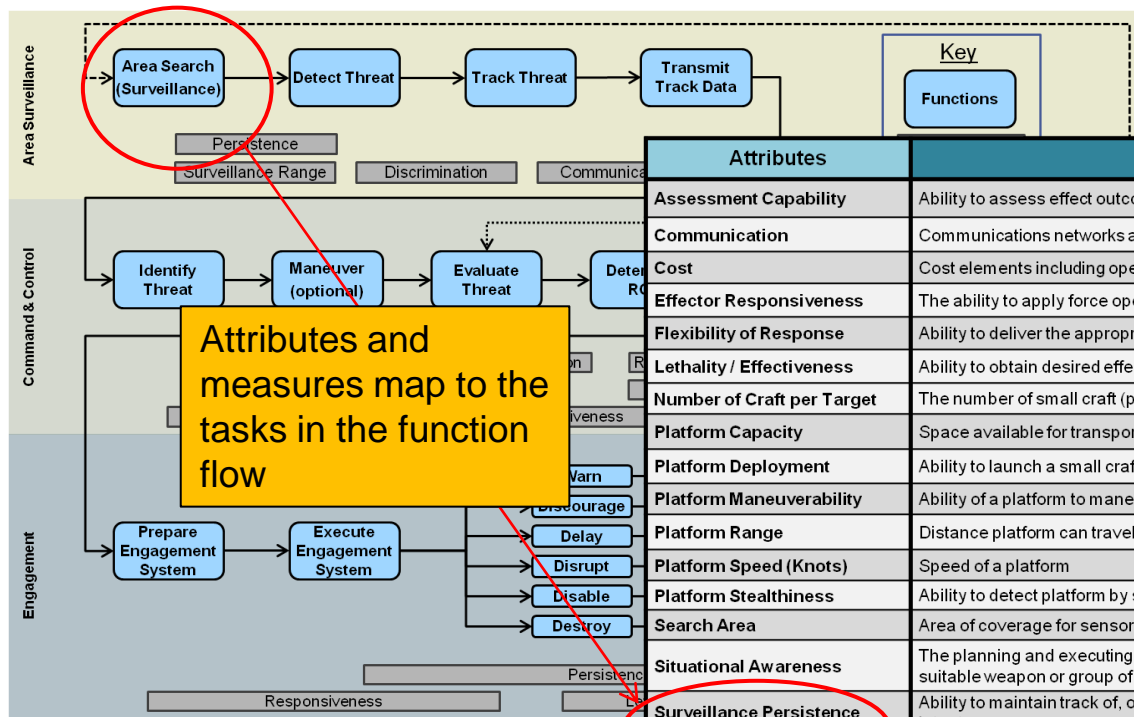


- Breaks down the steps in the execution of the mission
- Foundation of capability analysis and mission modeling/simulations

Functional Flow Provides Focus On How It Is Done

Attributes and Measures

An Attribute is a Characteristic that is Graded by a Measure

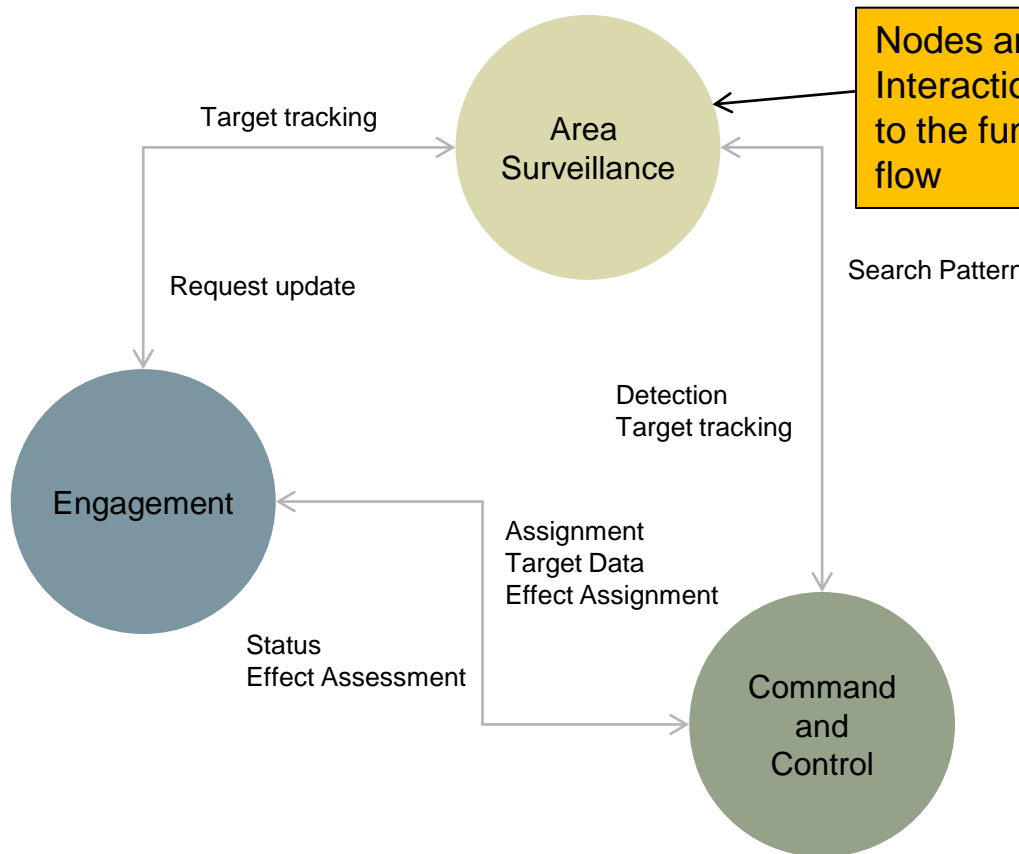


Attributes	Definitions
Assessment Capability	Ability to assess effect outcome, possibly in the form of Battle Damage Indicate (BDI) or Assessment (BDA).
Communication	Communications networks and information services that enable joint and multinational warfighting capabilities.
Cost	Cost elements including operating, procurement, and maintenance
Effector Responsiveness	The ability to apply force operationally and tactically through all domains of the battlespace at will.
Flexibility of Response	Ability to deliver the appropriate response (warn, discourage, delay, disrupt, destroy, neutralize)
Lethality / Effectiveness	Ability to obtain desired effects.
Number of Craft per Target	The number of small craft (platforms) required to engage a target
Platform Capacity	Space available for transporting personnel and cargo
Platform Deployment	Ability to launch a small craft from a larger ship
Platform Maneuverability	Ability of a platform to maneuver in narrow waterways and shallow waters
Platform Range	Distance platform can travel from logistics support elements
Platform Speed (Knots)	Speed of a platform
Platform Stealthiness	Ability to detect platform by sight and / or sound, as well as ability to operate at night
Search Area	Area of coverage for sensor
Situational Awareness	The planning and executing of fire in conjunction with other combat units so that targets are adequately covered by a suitable weapon or group of weapons without endangering other combat units.
Surveillance Persistence	Ability to maintain track of, or otherwise pursue, moving targets continuously and indefinitely to meet the Commander's intent.
Surveillance Range	Size of Battle Space Awareness radius, i.e. distance at which threat can be detected.
Target ID / Weapon Target ID	The capability to provide target descriptions, target locations, assign target-weapon pairing and specify methods of fire – Flexibility and accuracy. <i>{Derived from Joint Fires ICD Dec 2005}</i>
Transfer Personnel	Ability to transfer personnel and cargo from one craft to another.
Weapon Range	Range at which available onboard or offboard weapons are effective.

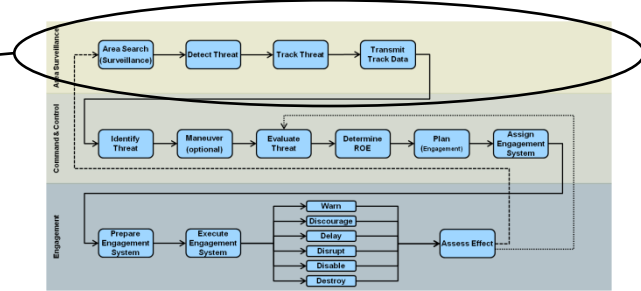
Attributes and measures provide the method for evaluating the capability

Attributes And Measures Provides Focus On How Well It Is Done

Nodes and Interactions– Navy Ship Defense Example



Nodes and Interactions map to the function flow

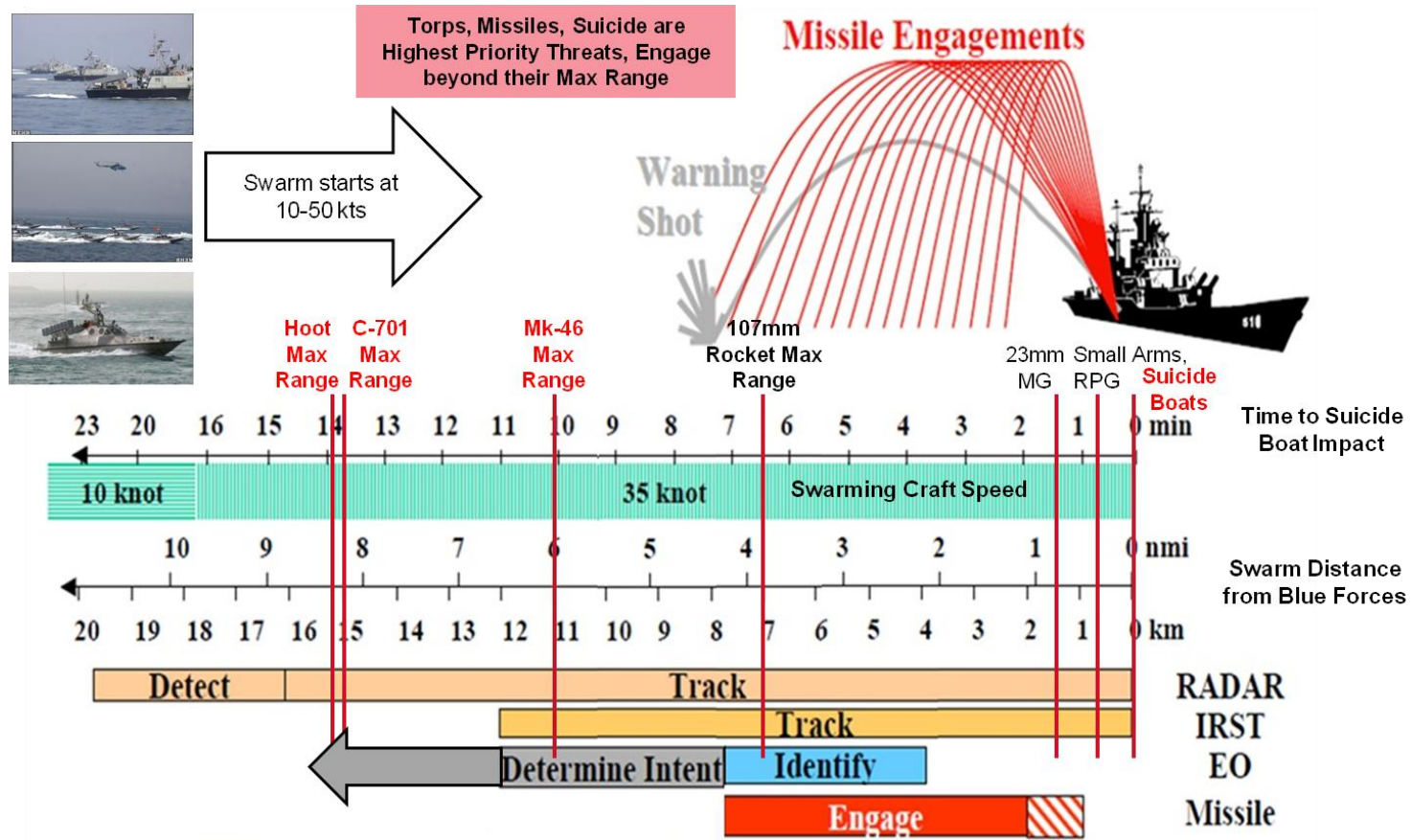


- Identifies functional nodes
- Identifies interactions between nodes
- Provides understanding of change impacts

Nodes are the elements responsible for execution of the mission

Nodes and Interactions Provides Focus Who Is Doing What

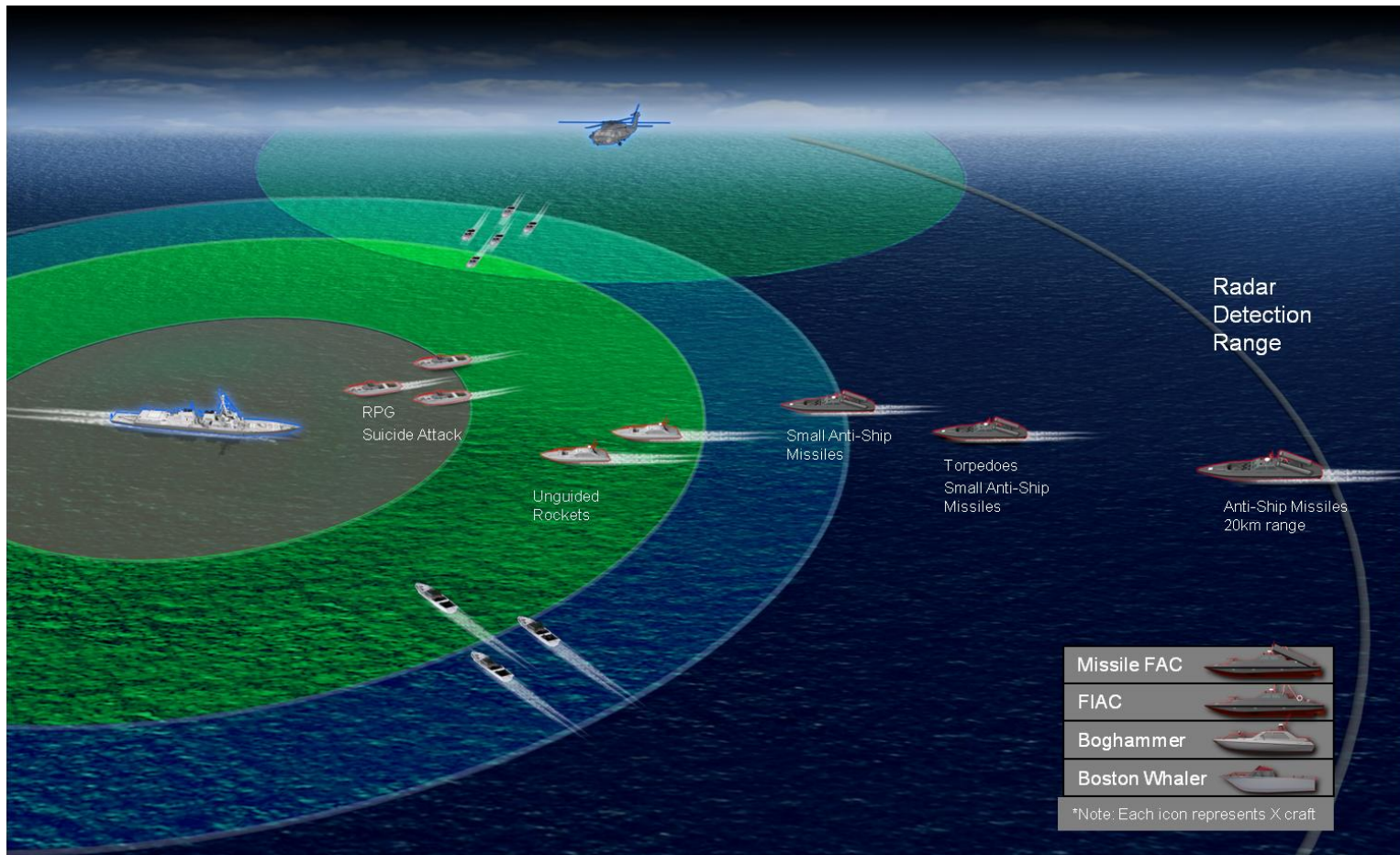
Timelines - Swarming Boats Example



Mission timelines are based on the threat and required reaction

Timelines Provide Focus On The Urgency

Graphical Overview – Swarming Boats Example



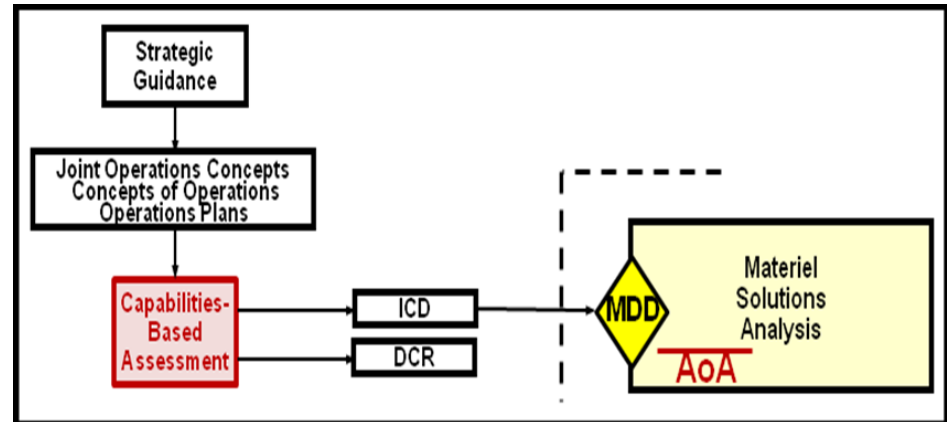
Provides A top level understanding of the mission and problem

Graphical Overview Provides The Vision

Support of Early Acquisition

Mission architectures provide:

- User needs
 - Mission
 - Tasks
 - Threats
 - Flow
- Mission solution analysis
 - Attributes and measures for evaluation
 - Bounds of the solution space
 - Interactions
- Vision
 - Graphical representation
 - Urgency



Supports JCIDS in the development of:

- Initial Capability Document (ICD)
- DOT_LPF Change Request (DCR)
- Materiel Development Decision

Mission Architectures Provide The Foundation

Summary

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- Informs acquisition decision makers
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 - Addresses material gaps with material solutions

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Questions?