

Overcoming the Government-Industry Collaboration Obstacles

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The Future of System Development

Rapidly Evolving Threats

Technology is democratized

OpenStack

AWS

Raspberry
Pi

BitBucket

Github

ArduPilot

OpenSource
Hardware

OpenRobotics

Near-peer and insurgent adversaries rapidly adapt tools and tactics



The Future of System Development

Unsustainable Processes

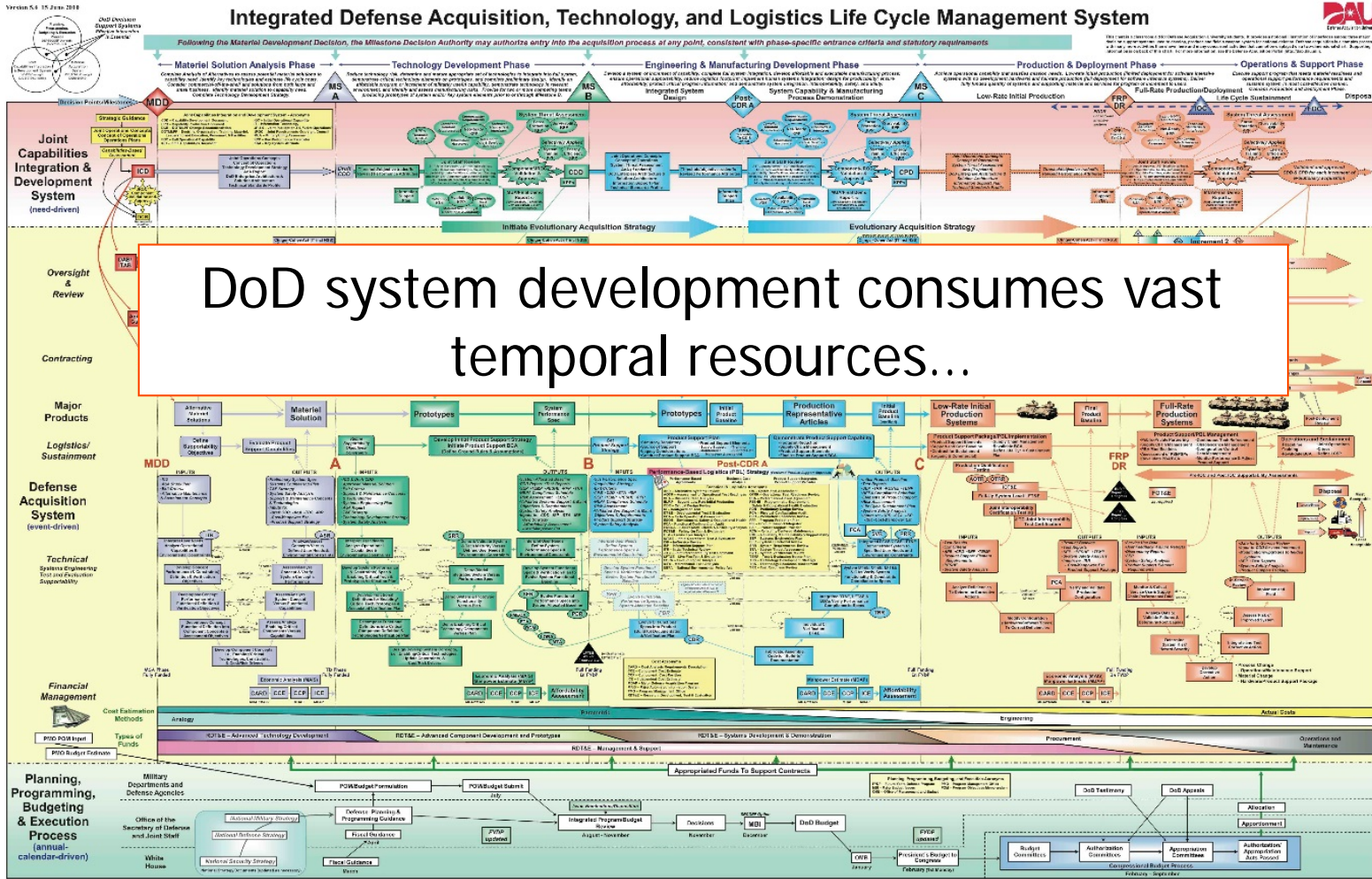


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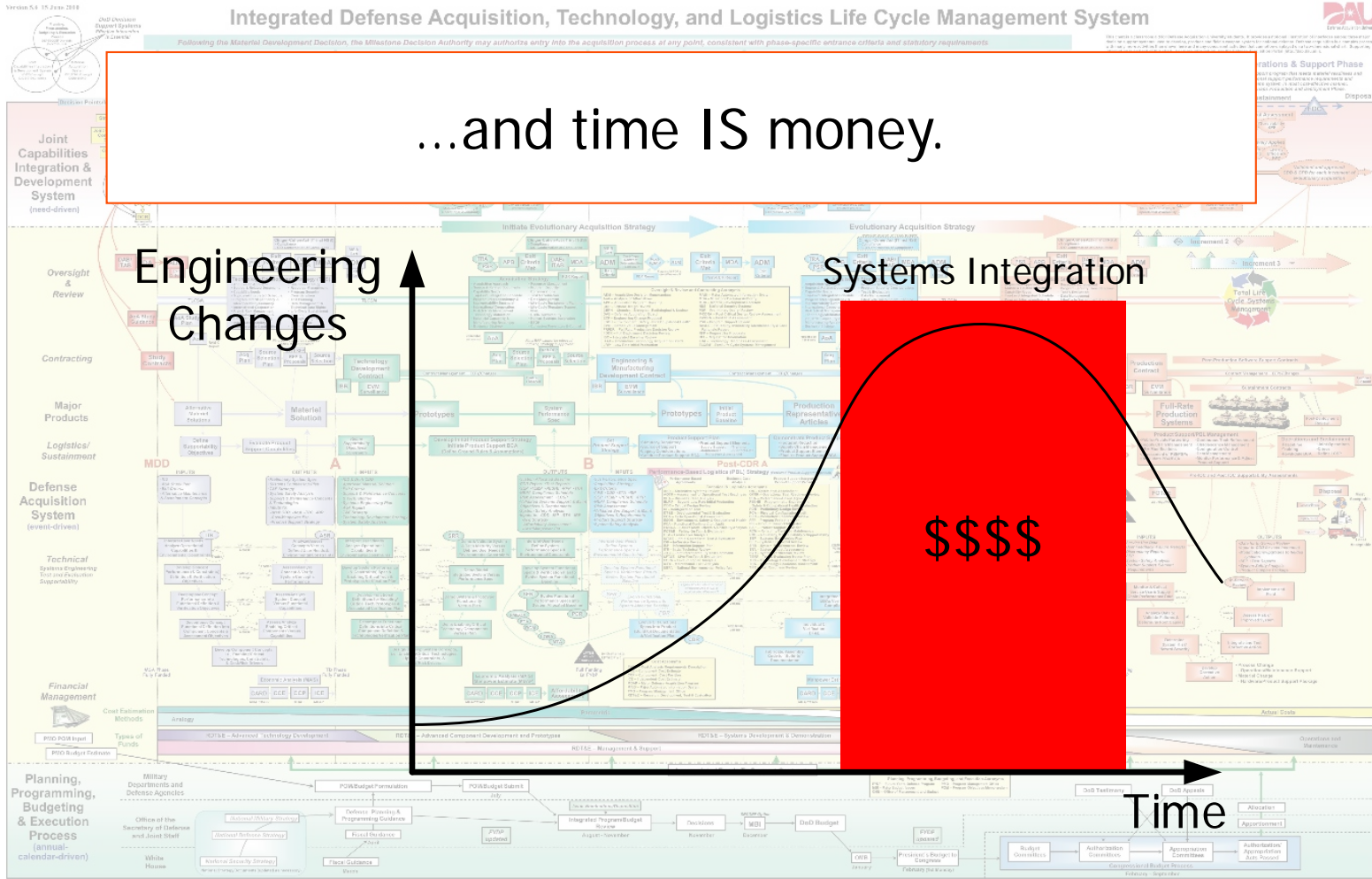


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The Future of System Development

Developing, testing, and deploying engineered resilient systems will require **collaboration** across the DoD community

Technological Hurdles

Security

Scalability

Flexibility

Policy Hurdles

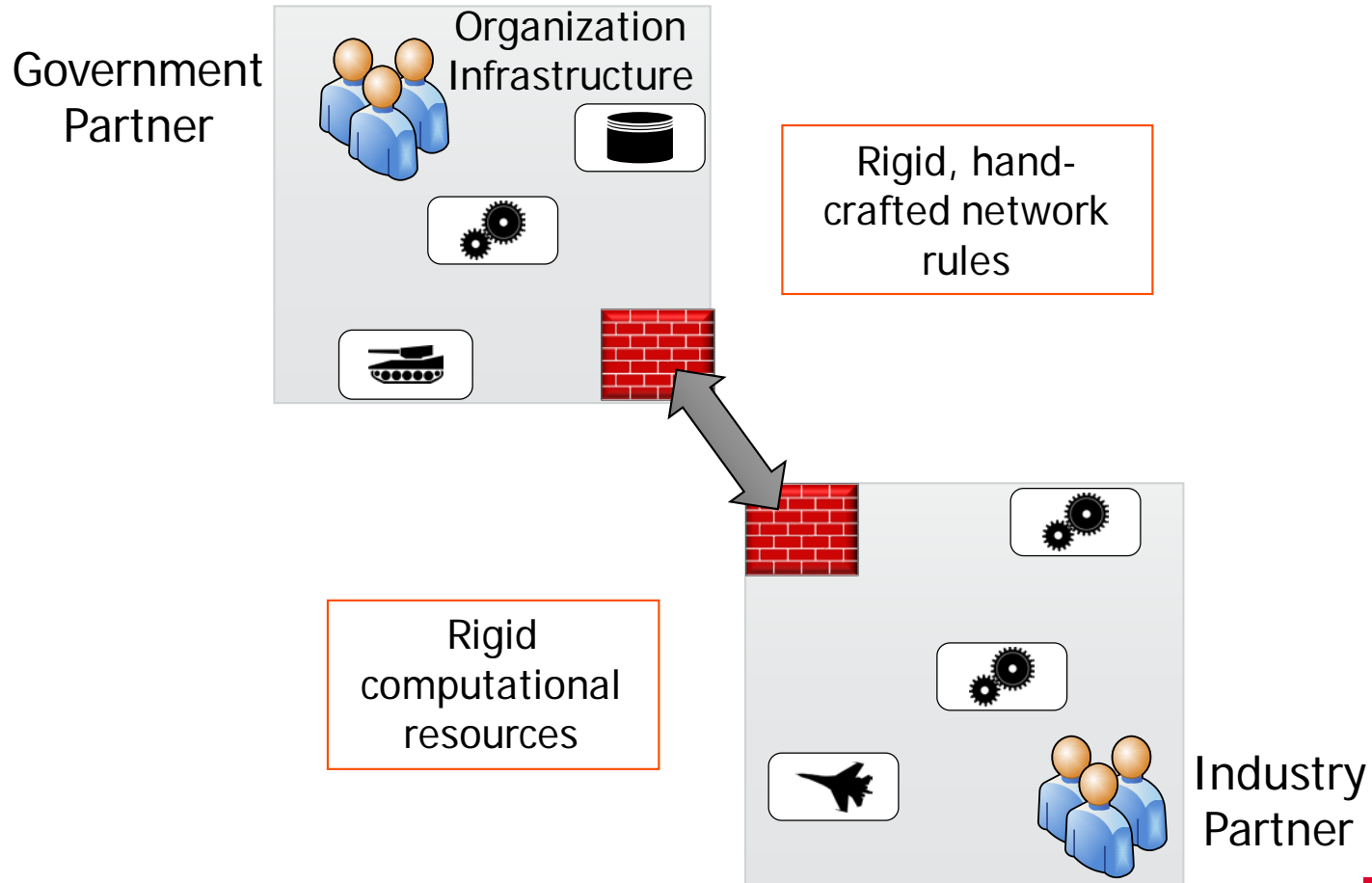
Security

Legal

Business

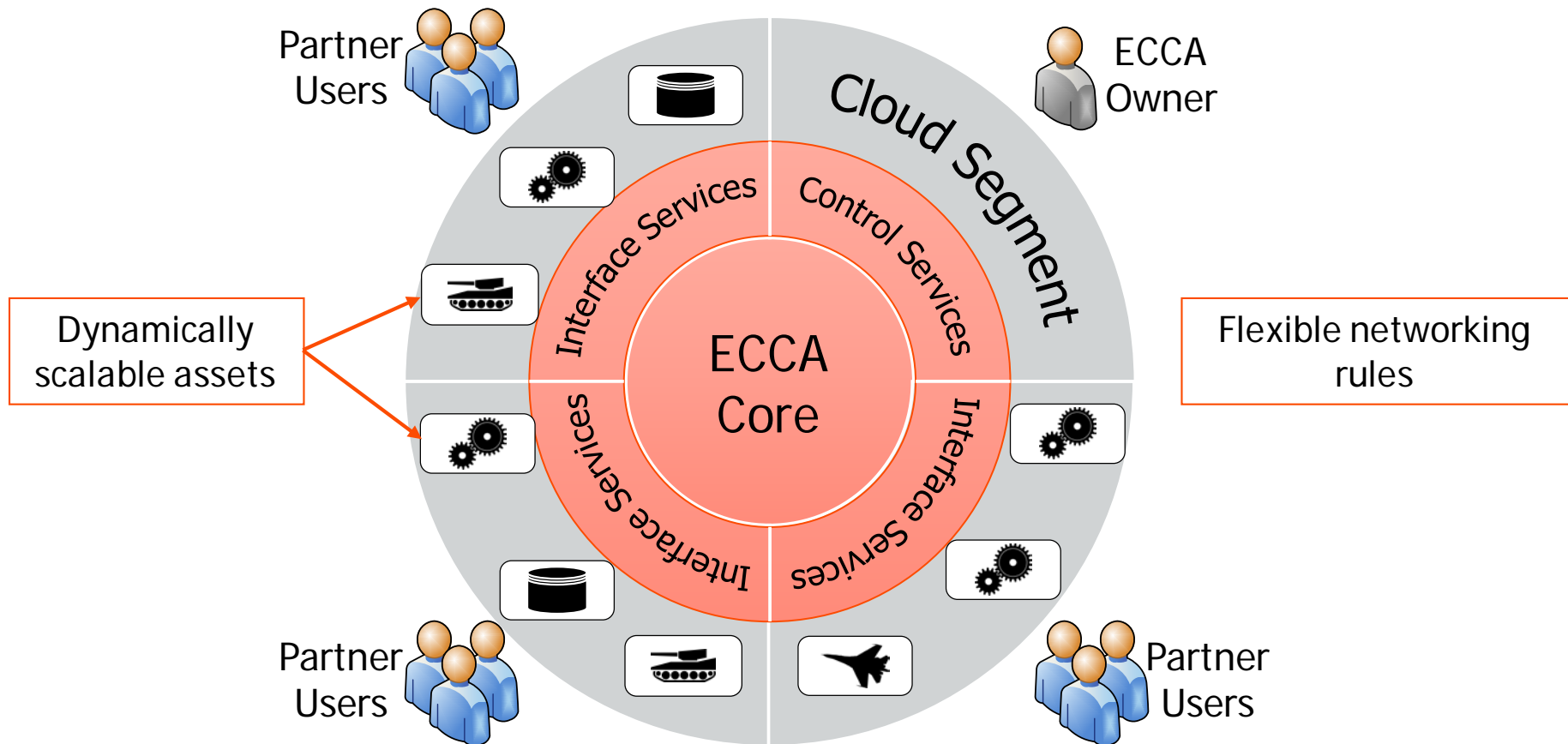
Collaboration Challenges

Partner collaboration is ad-hoc
Multiple IT and security organizations involved



ERS Cloud Computing Architecture (ECCA)

ECCA provides a **collaborative analysis environment** for industrial, academic, and government partners



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Benefits and Risks

What we want...

Controlled access to M&S capabilities

“Programmable” analysis applications

Rapid capability sharing with DoD customers

Discovery of strategic partners

What we need to worry about...

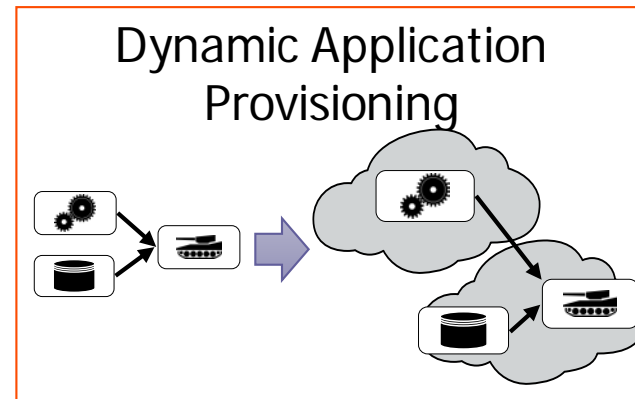
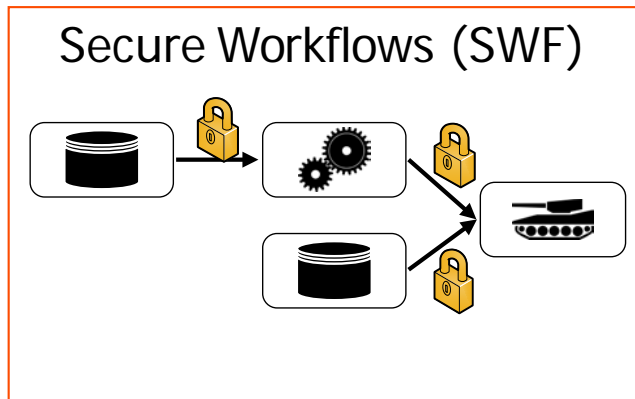
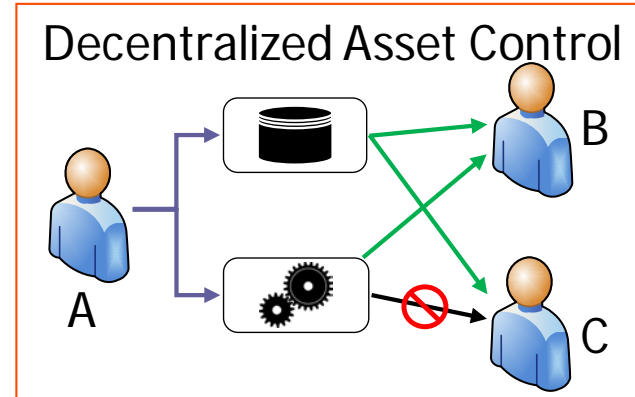
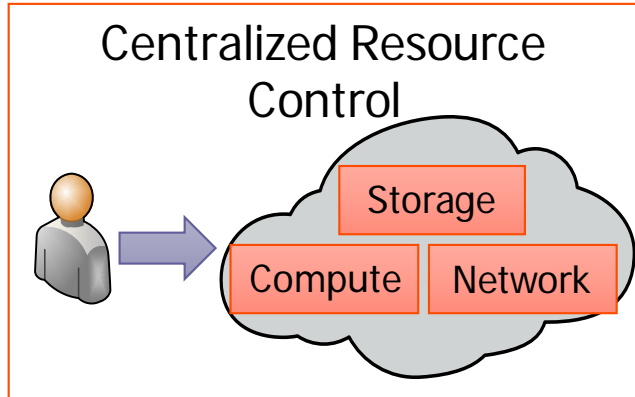
Standard network security risks

IP Leakage, Side channel exfiltration

Malicious assets

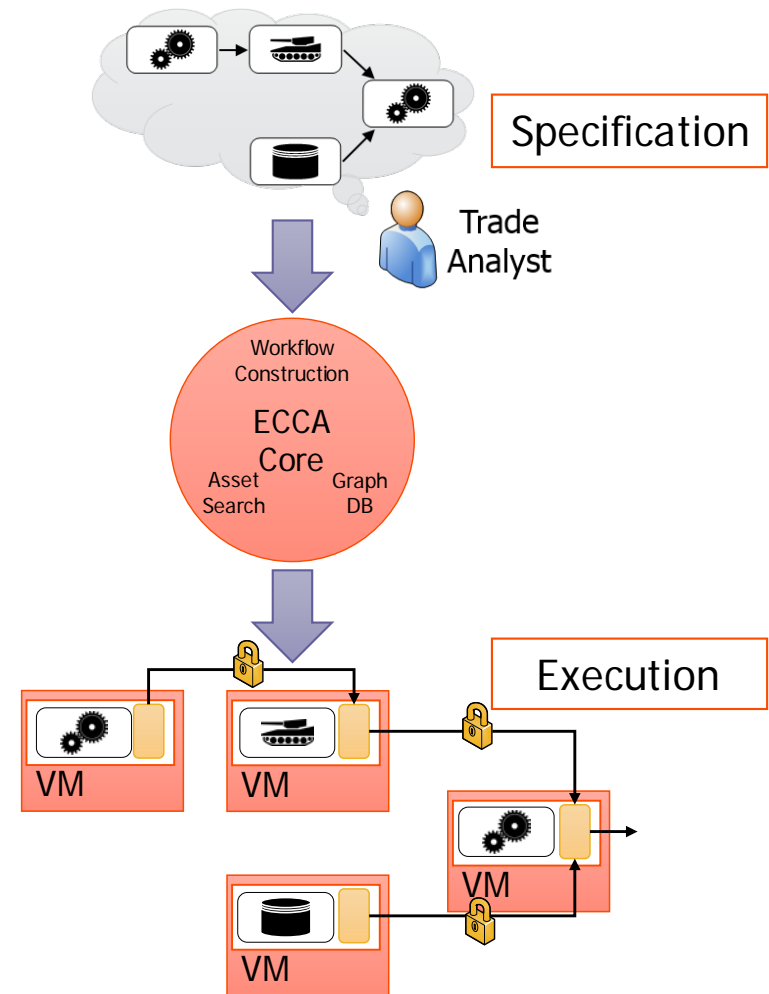
Cloud computing resource overrun

ECCA High Level Concepts



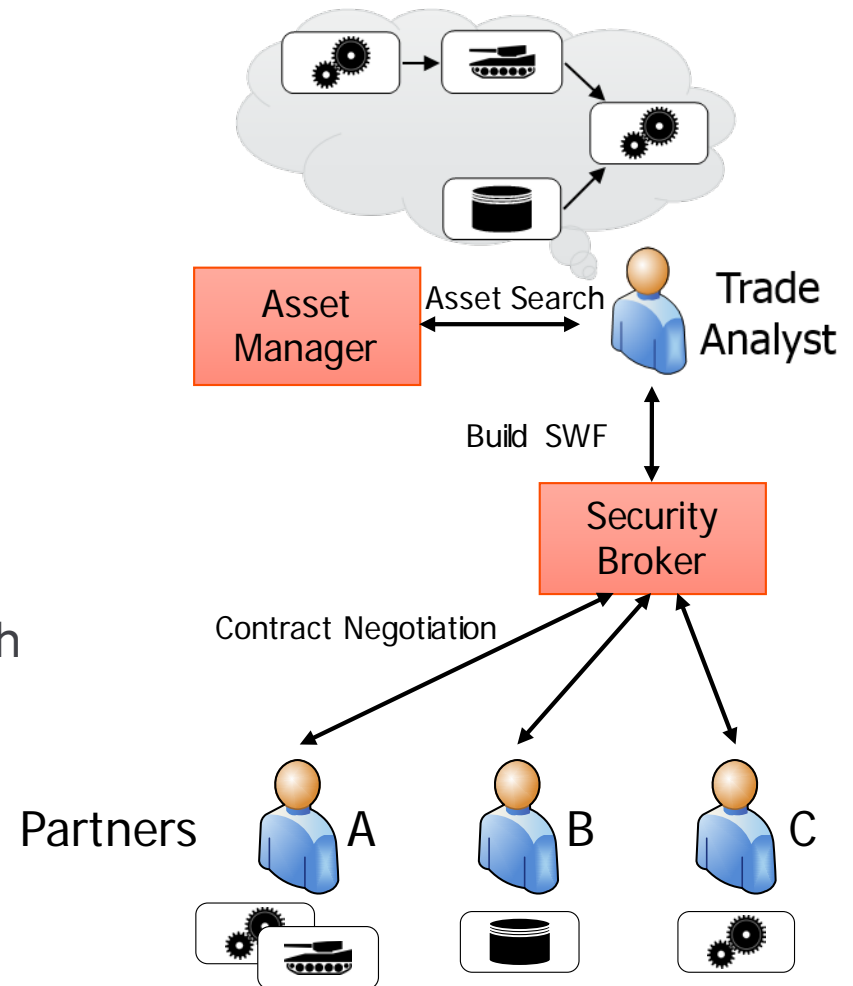
ECCA IP Protection Strategy

- Encryption **at-rest** and **in-motion**
- Partners **locally control access** to their M&S assets
- Leverage recent cloud computing advances to enable:
 - **Isolation** of runtime assets
 - **Automatic generation** of secure software defined networks



Secure Workflows

- AoA applications involve multiple organizations and their assets
 - Interactions must be **agreed upon** by the entities involved
- The **Secure Workflow (SWF)** is:
 - A model of an authorized analysis application...
 - ...where assets are attached with limits set by Asset Owners (e.g. call limit, timing)



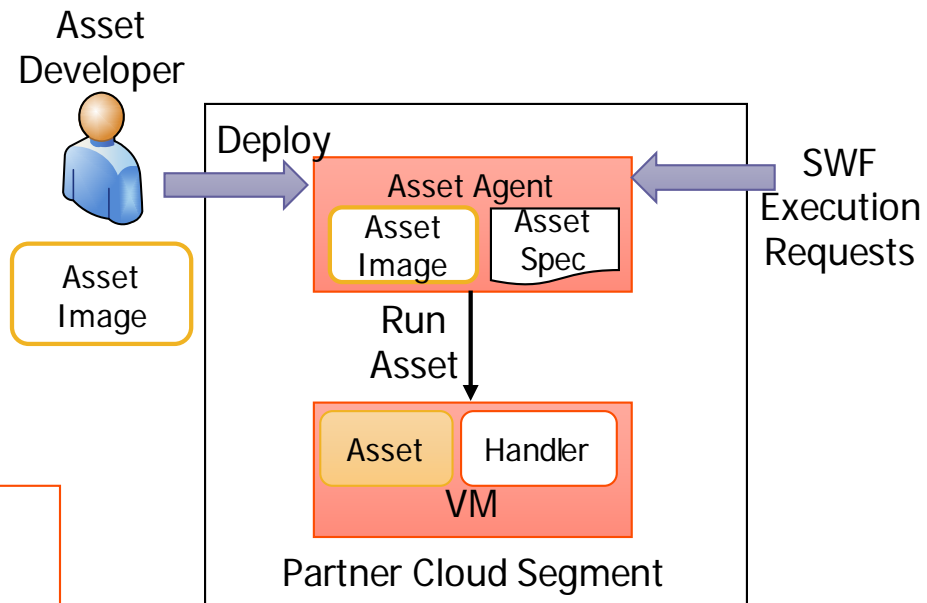
ECCA Asset Management

- Challenges:
 - Assets are **heterogeneous**
 - Assets could be **malicious**
 - ...but still need **collaboration**
- ECCA Solution: Asset Agents

Maintain asset
containers

Publish asset
meta-data

Isolate with
automatically
generated handlers



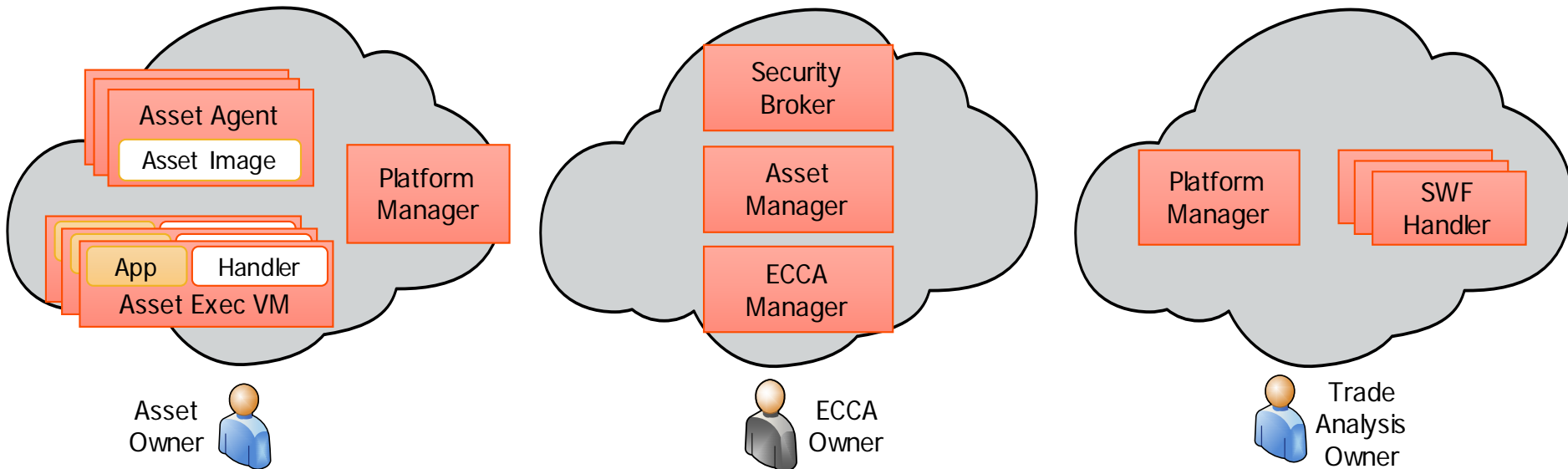
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Distributed, Micro-service Architecture

Partner Services

Core Services

Partner Services



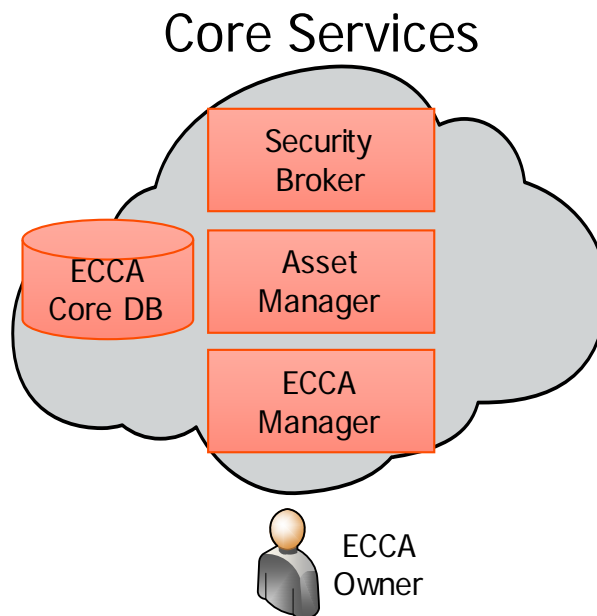
ECCA services manage cloud segment federation

ECCA Design

Core Services

Security Broker

- Manages allowed ECCA entities in graph DB
- Orchestrates the SWF execution



Asset Manager

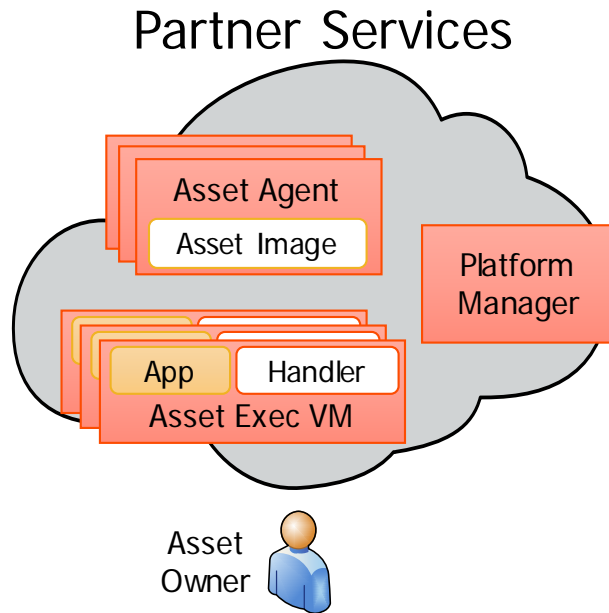
- Facilitates asset meta-data searches in the ECCA Core DB

ECCA Manager

- Controls allowed Partner organizations
- Controls resources available for AoA applications

ECCA Design

Partner Services: Asset Management



Platform Manager

- Interfaces to ECCA
- Enables peering among other Partner cloud segments
- Enables Asset publishing

Asset Agent

- Maintains a Partner asset within their cloud segment

Asset Execution Infrastructure

- Virtual Machine(s) execute Asset App
- Handler service isolates Asset App
- Supervisor manages Asset Apps based on SWF constraints

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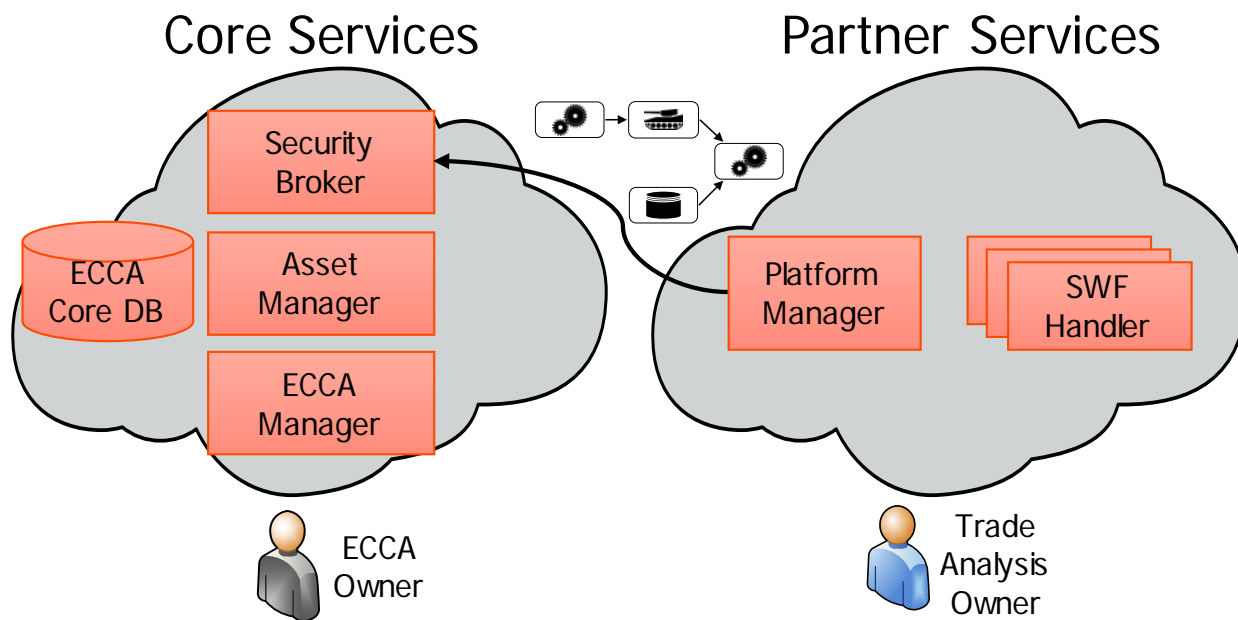
Partner Services: SWF Management

Platform Manager

- Maintains SWF with the Security Broker

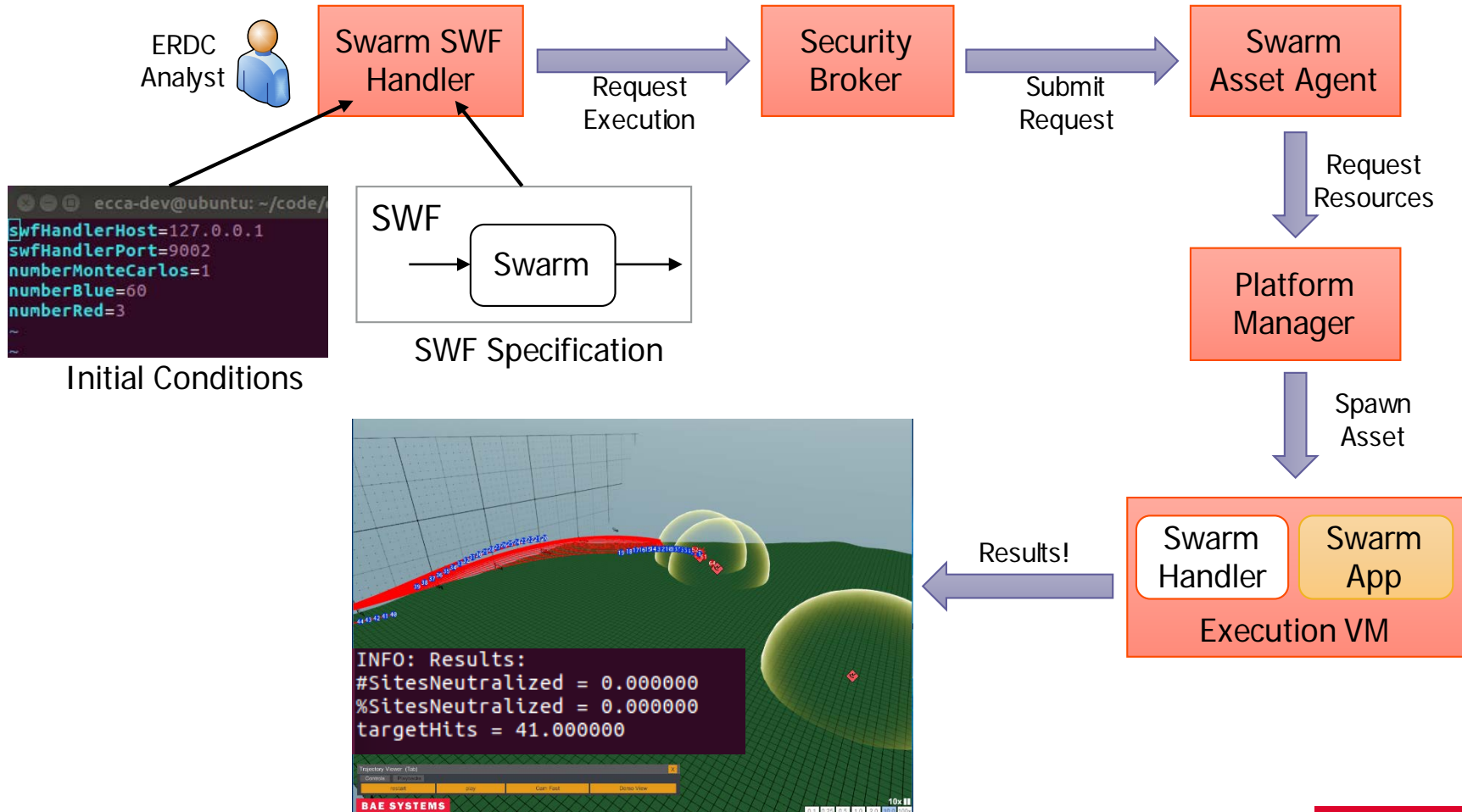
SWF Handler

- Enable construction of SWF from deployed assets within ECCA
- Submit initial data and received SWF results



ECCA Program Status

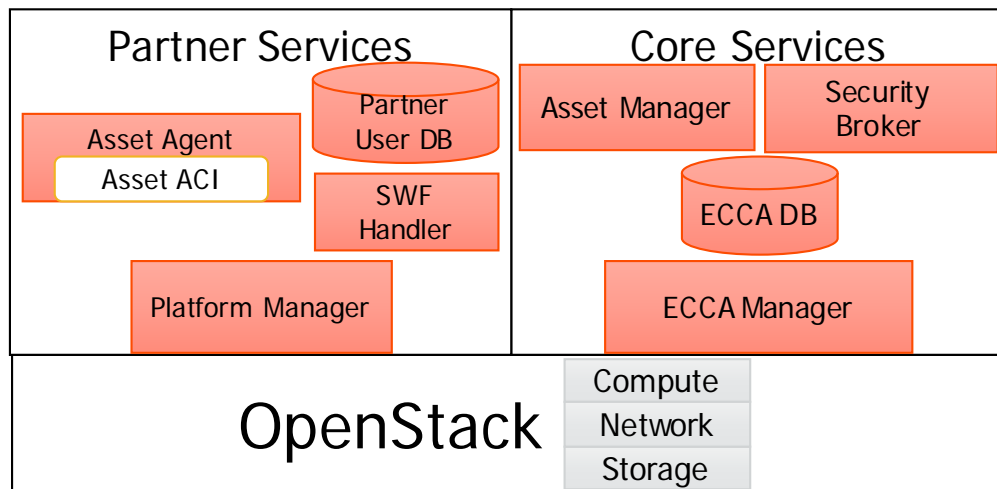
ECCA lab prototype is live...



ECCA Program Status

...more work remains to go to prime time!

Integration and test on OpenStack:



Further R&D:

Cross Cloud Peering Mechanisms

Commercial Tool Integration

"ERS Language"

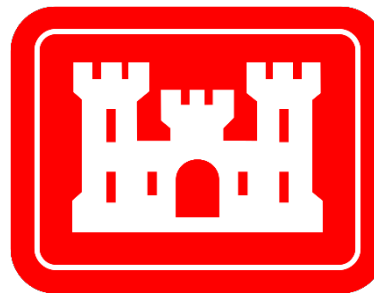
Asset Reputation and Trust

Conclusion

- Dynamic threats call for **rapid** DoD system design, test, and evaluation processes.
- ECCA is the first step to **facilitate secure collaboration** among DoD partners.
- This collaborative environment will provide tools for decision makers and engineers to **develop, assess, and (re)engineer** resilient systems.

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