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Agenda

- Why, What, and How
- Implications for Design and Operation
- Moving Forward

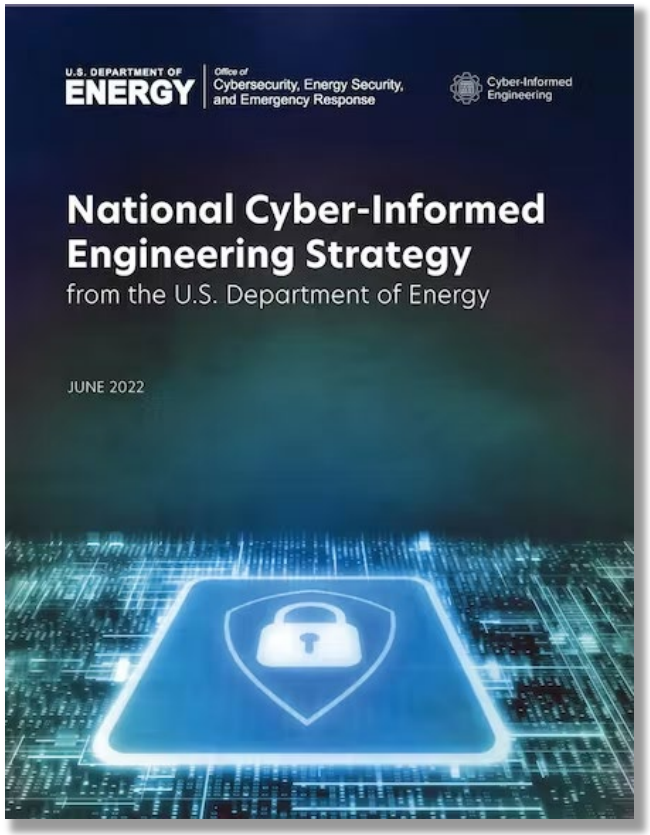
Why, What, and How

Why Cyber-Informed Engineering?

- Consistent observation that **engineers and technical staff** are **not aware** of how cyber threats affect digital designs and operations
- Need to ensure that **inherent risks of digital technology** (which manifest through failure, error, malign disruption, or compromise) are considered and mitigated in the **earliest possible stages** of the design lifecycle

What is Cyber-Informed Engineering?

- CIE uses **design decisions** and **engineering controls** to eliminate or mitigate avenues for cyber-enabled attack.
- CIE offers the **opportunity to "engineer out" cyber risk** throughout the design and operation lifecycle, rather than add cybersecurity controls after the fact.
- Focused on **engineers and technicians**, CIE provides a framework for cyber education, awareness, and accountability.
- CIE aims to engender a **culture of security** aligned with the existing industry safety culture.



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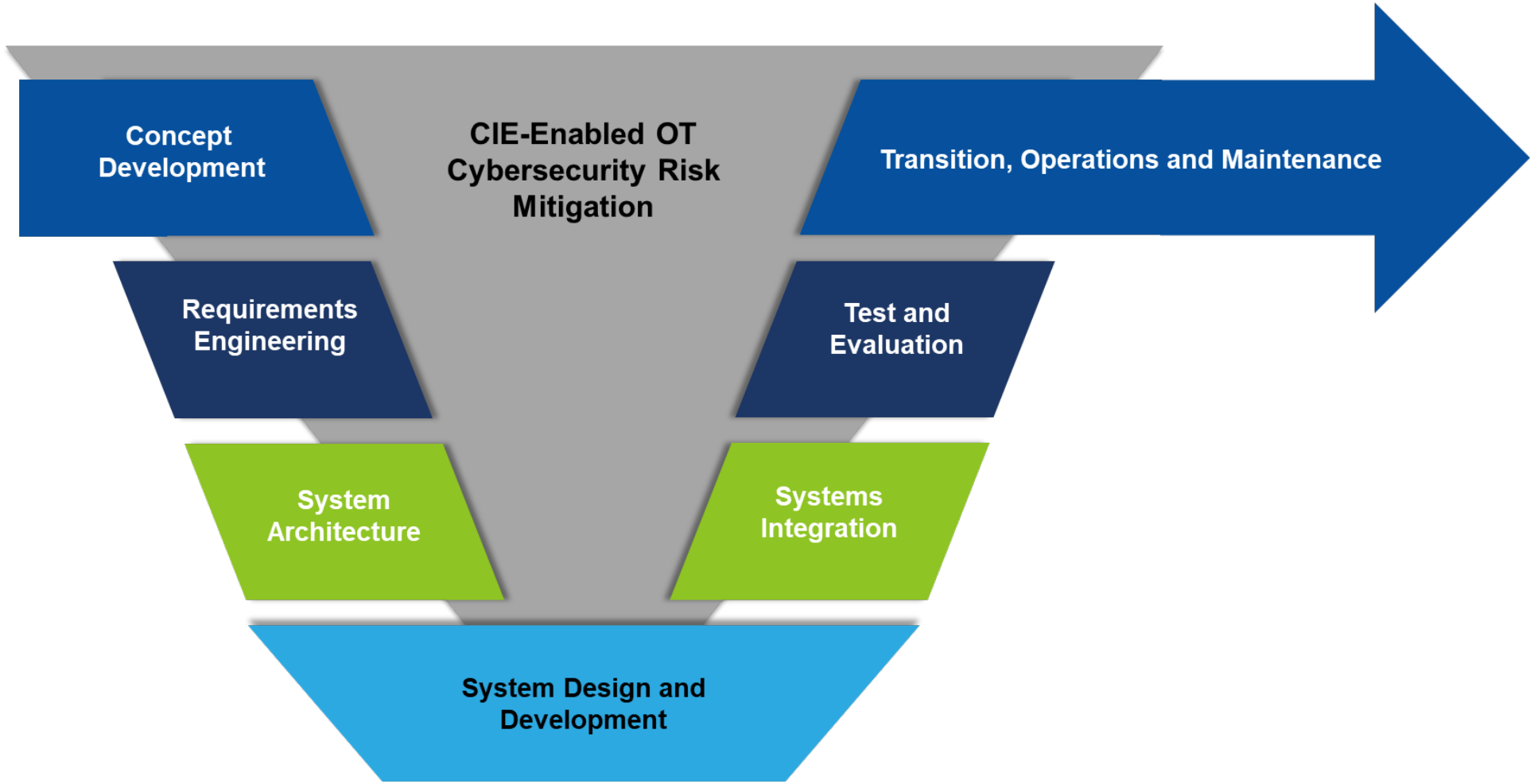

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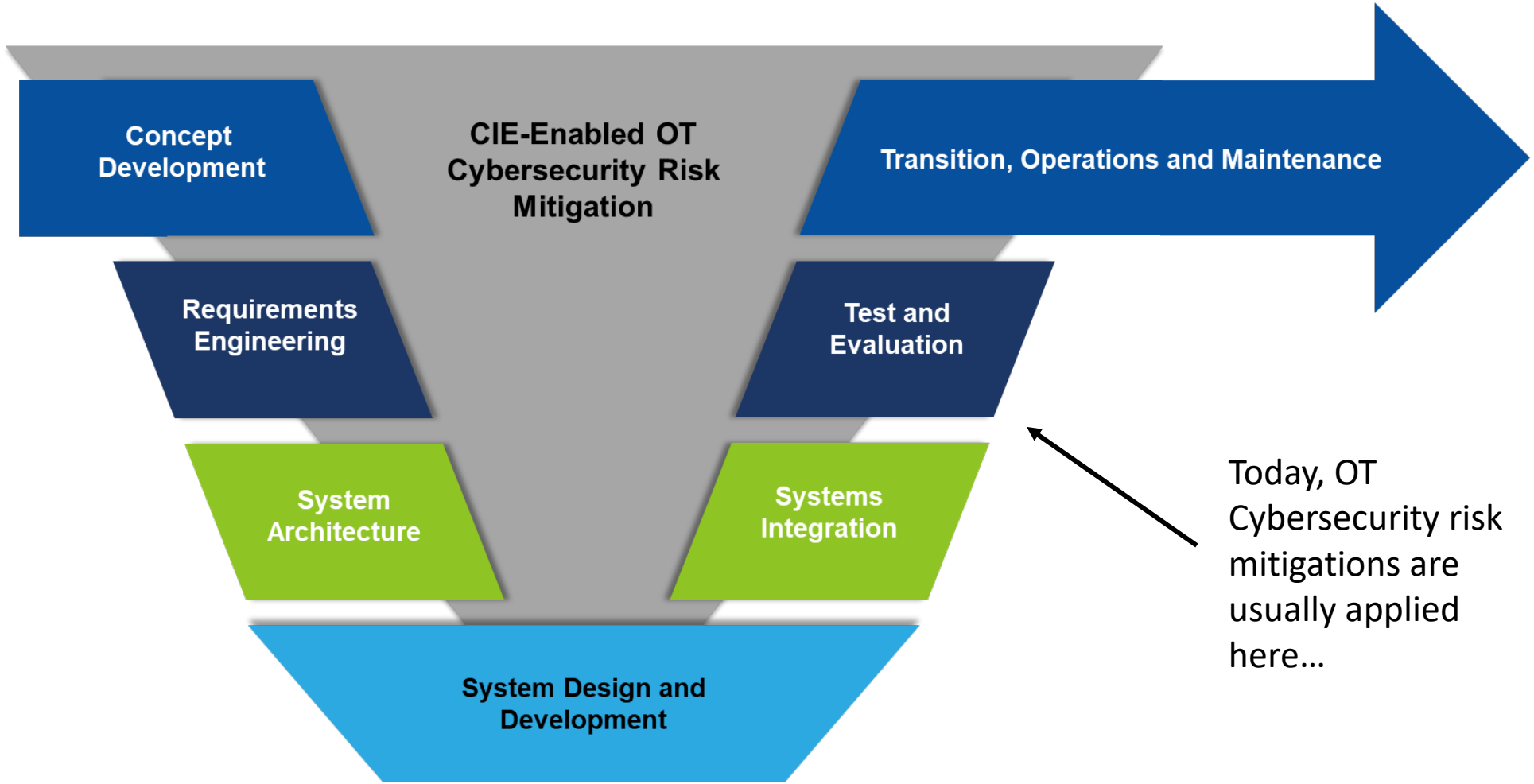

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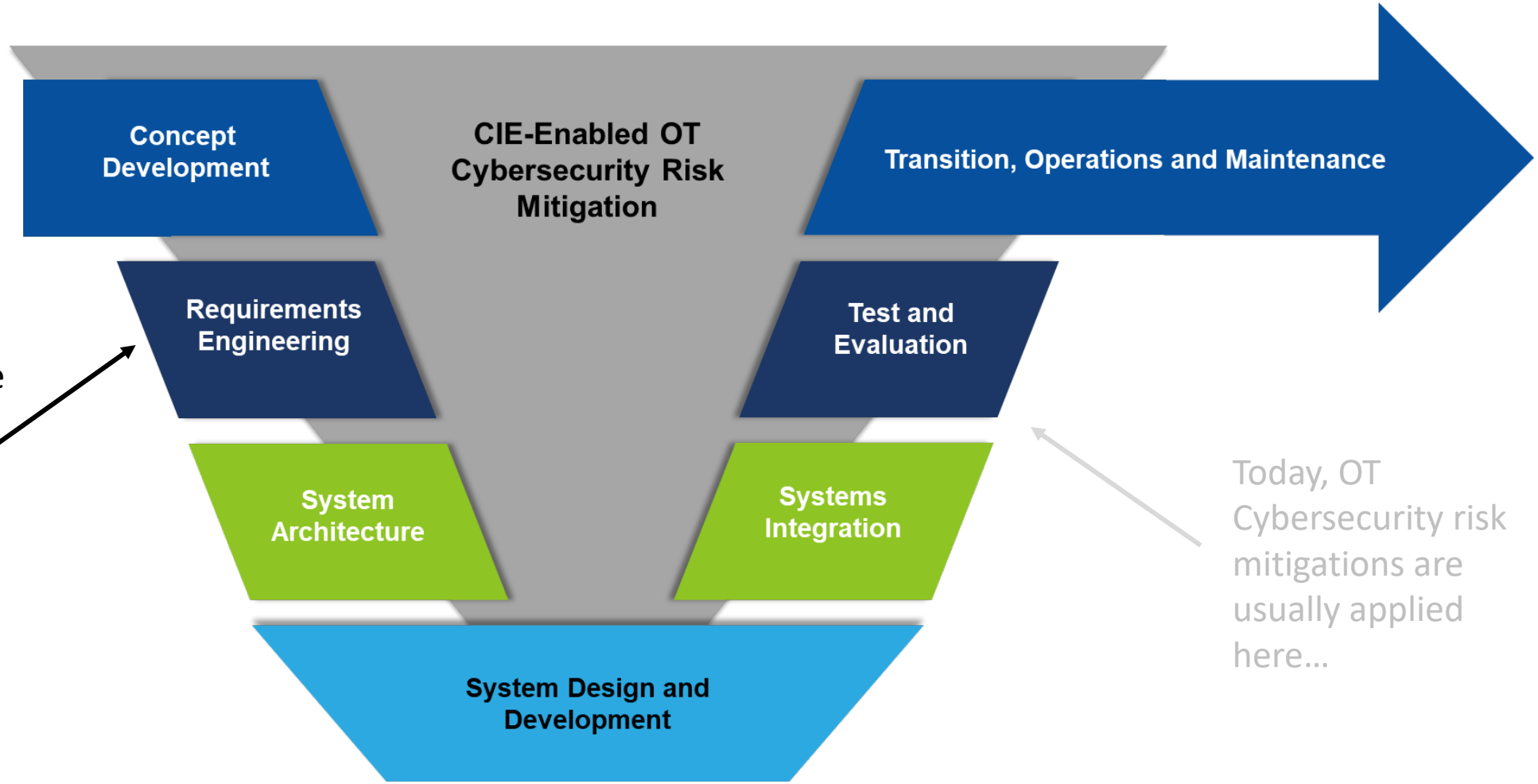

… but mitigations are more effective and efficient when applied here!

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Principles of CIE

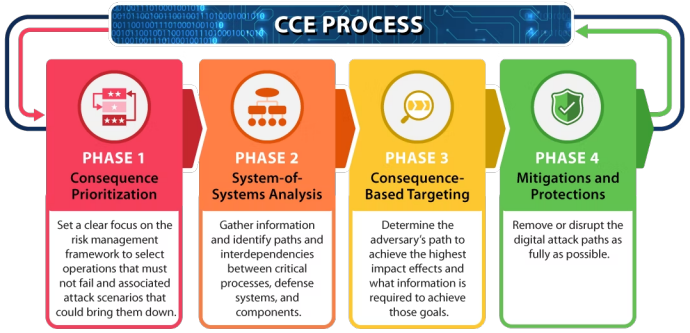
Design and Operations

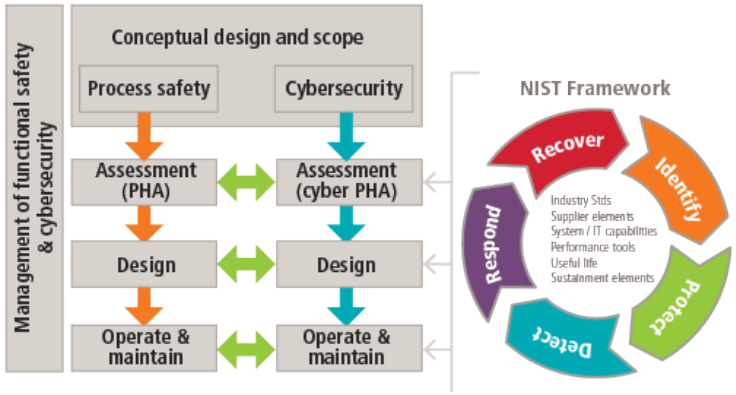
Consequence-focused Design
Engineered Controls
Secure Information Architecture
Design Simplification
Resilient Layered Defenses
Active Defense

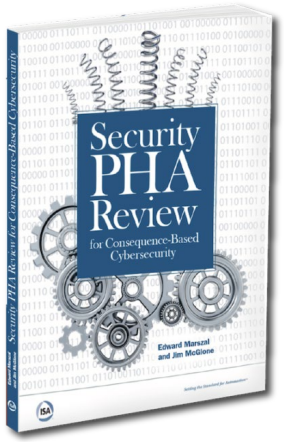
Organizational

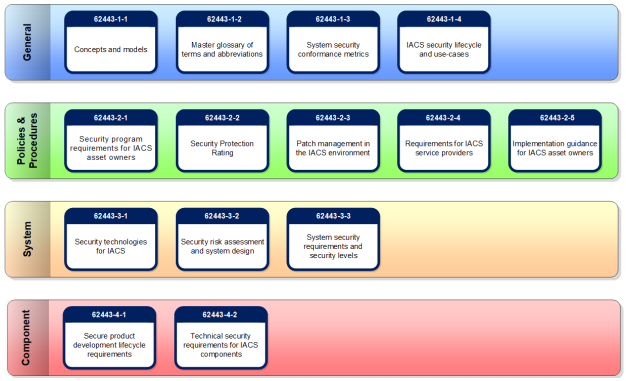
Interdependency Evaluation
Digital Asset Awareness
Cyber-secure Supply Chain Controls
Planned Resilience
Engineering Information Control
Security Culture

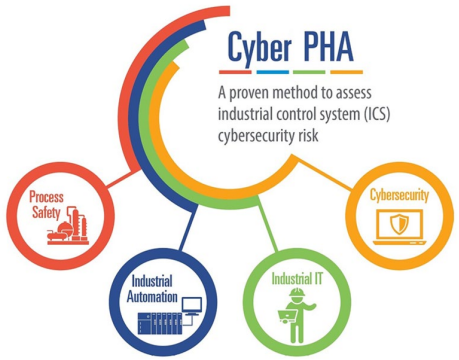
How do *YOU* CIE?











Remember the Why!

- Managing risks inherent from using digital technology in a world with adversaries is *the* **why**
- CIE is *the* **what**
  - Principles distilled from trends in years of work
- CCE is *a* **how**
  - Based on and developed by many of the same people as CIE

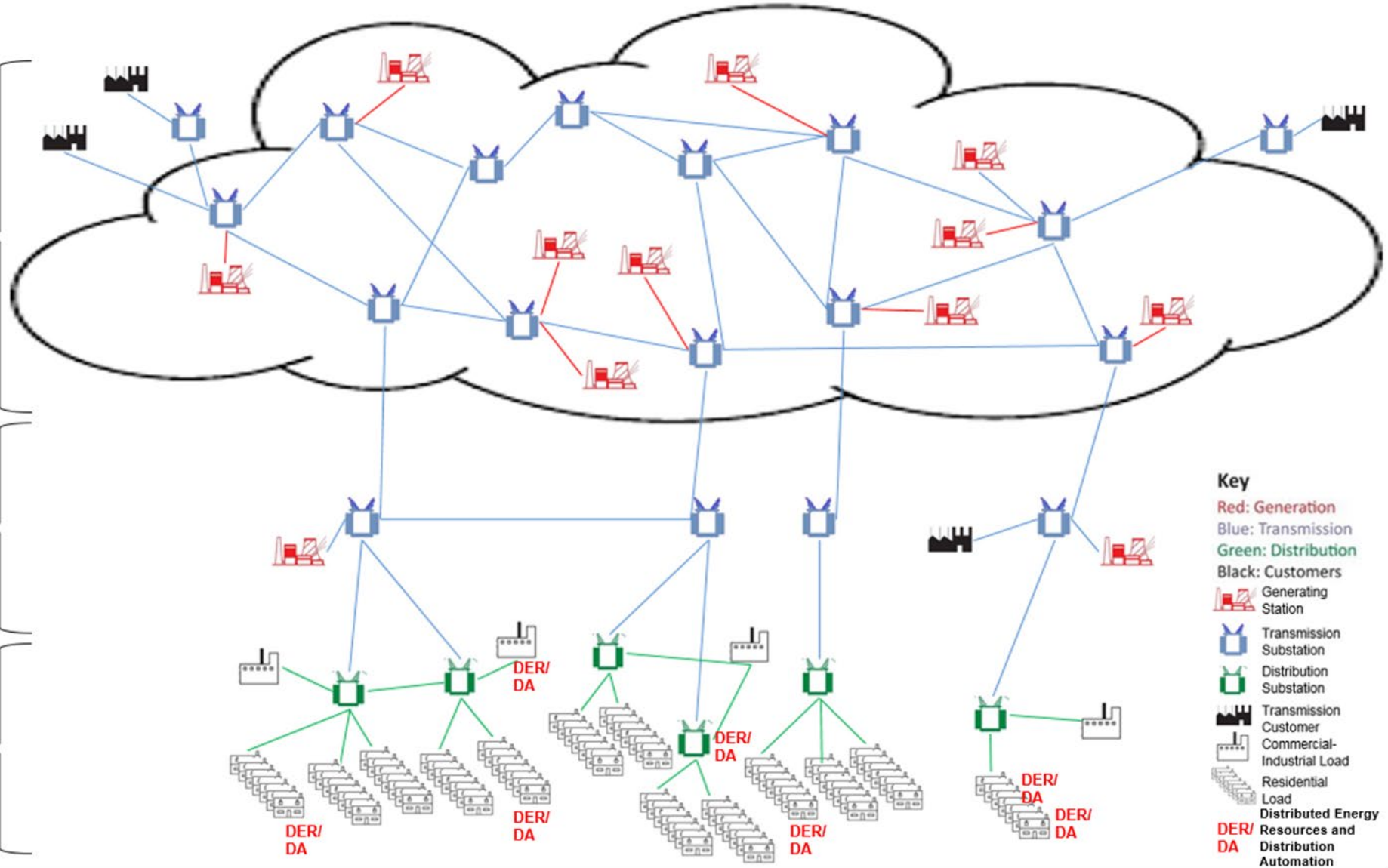
Implications for Design and Operation

Increasing Grid Complexity

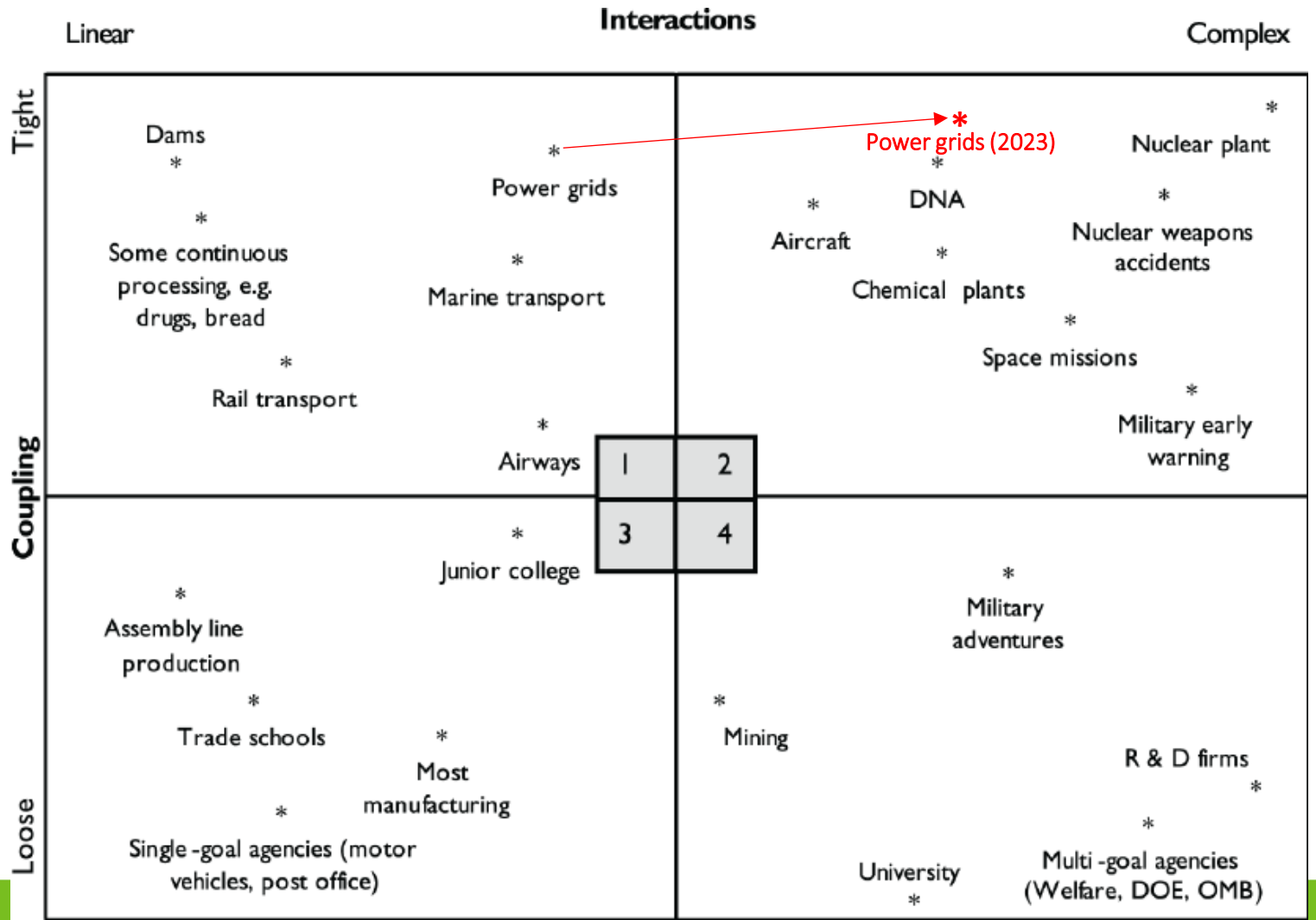
Bulk Electric System (BES): densely interconnected, highly reliable, redundant, NERC-regulated

Subtransmission: series-parallel paths from the BES to the lowest-voltage substations

Distribution: radially connected load and DERs



Digitization Increases Interaction and Coupling



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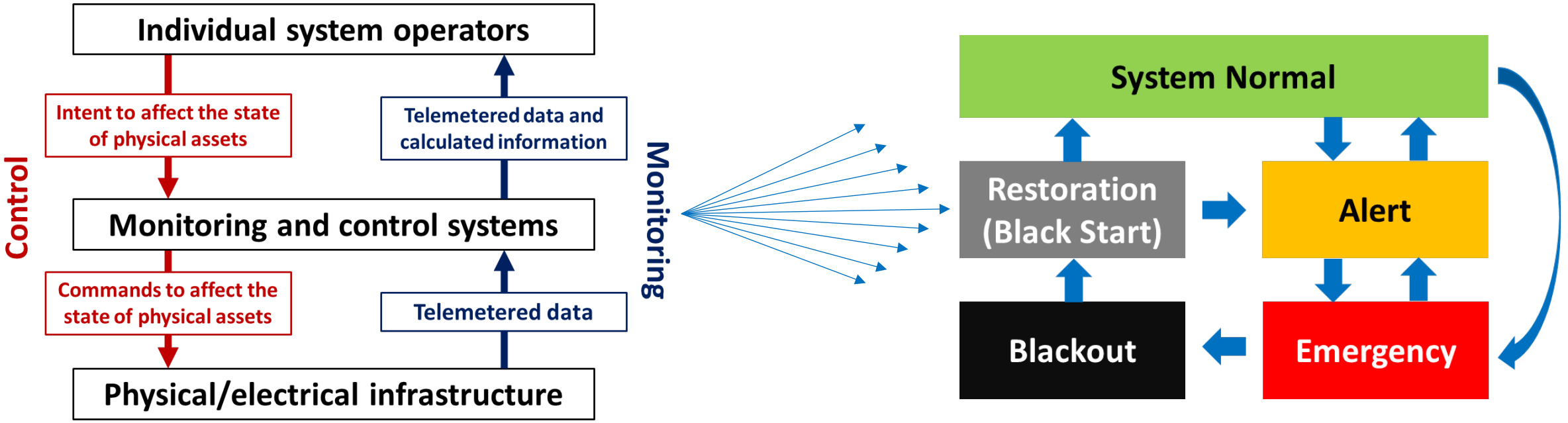
Humans and Machines Operate a Dynamic Grid



Functional Roles

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Moving Forward

Working Groups

Cyber-Informed Engineering COP

Since Jan. 2023

Quarterly

CIE Education WG

Monthly, since Feb. 2023

Chair: Marc Sachs, Auburn University

Develop curricula and materials that integrate CIE principles into engineering degree programs

CIE Development & Tools WG

Monthly, since Feb. 2023

Chair: Ginger Wright, Idaho National Lab

Develop CIE implementation guidance and an open-source library of resources

CIE Standards WG

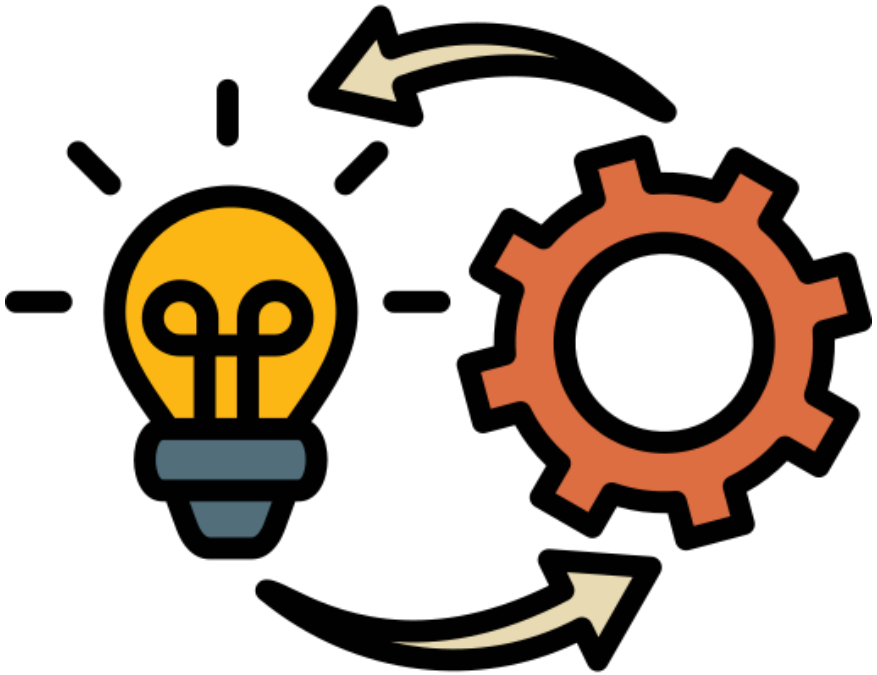
Starting Sept. 2023

Chair: Maurice Martin, National Renewable Energy Lab

Support integration of CIE into engineering and cybersecurity standards

Implementation Guide

- Guidance to help an organization **assess their application of CIE principles** in whatever framework or standards they follow
- Organized as a **series of questions** across the systems engineering lifecycle phases, for each principle
- Public release planned for **this fall**



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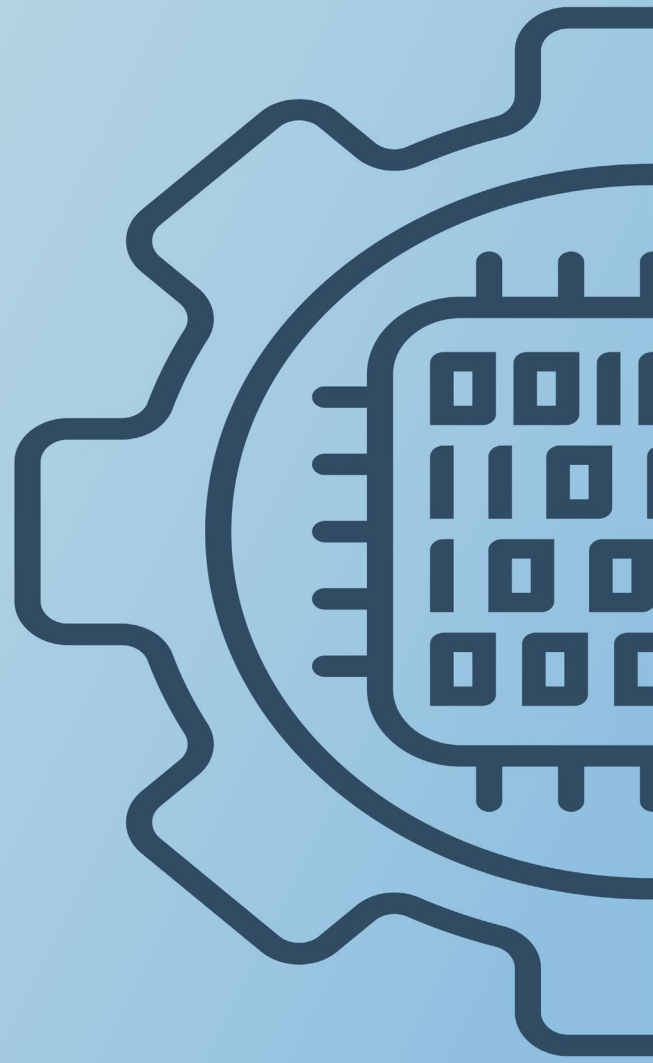

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Questions?

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