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

Agenda



# 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

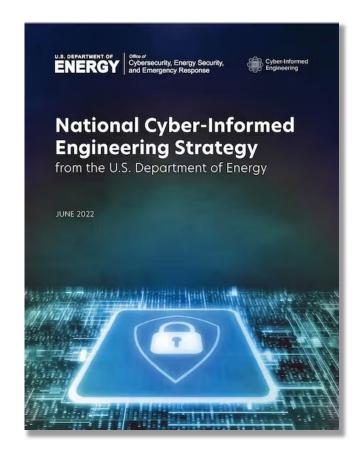






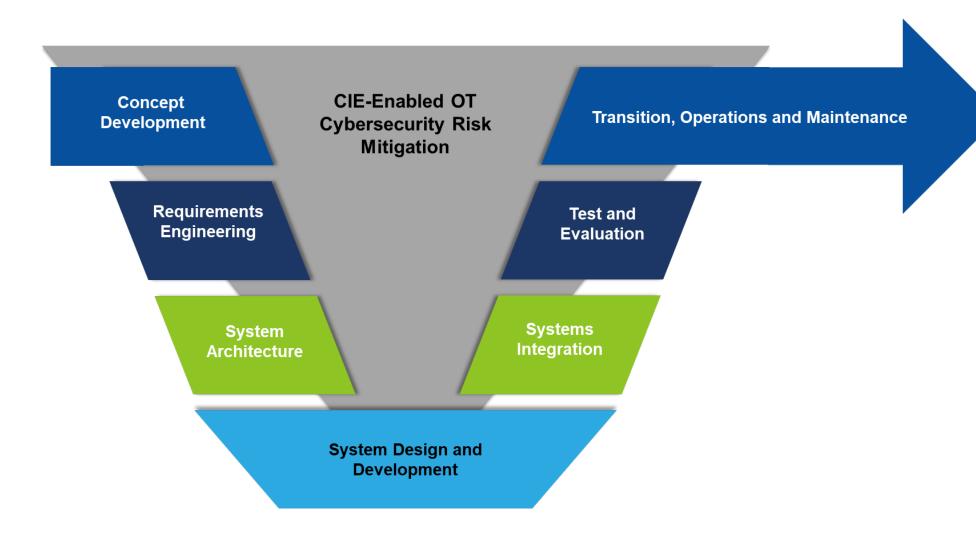
#### What is Cyber-Informed Engineering?

- 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.



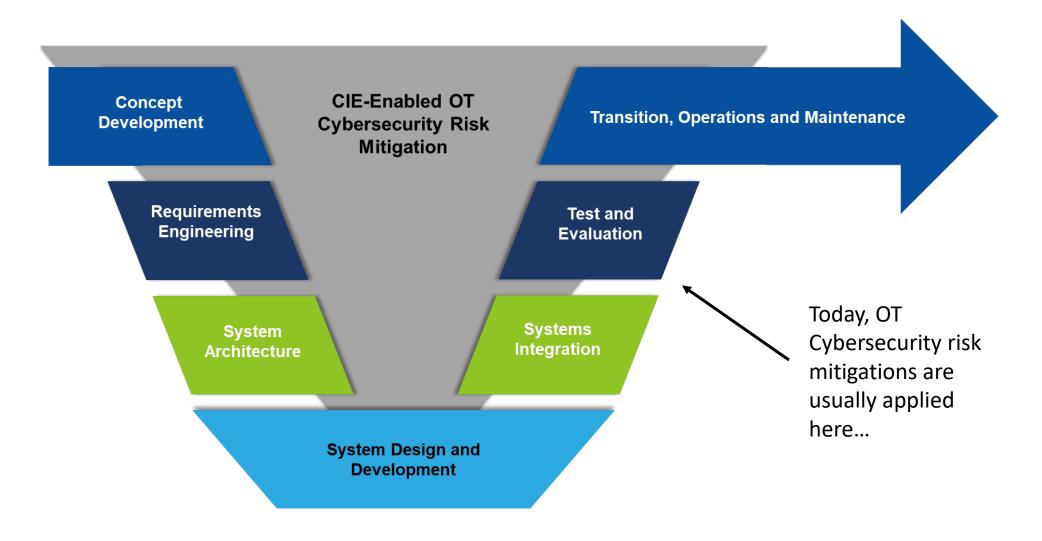


#### **CIE in Systems Engineering**





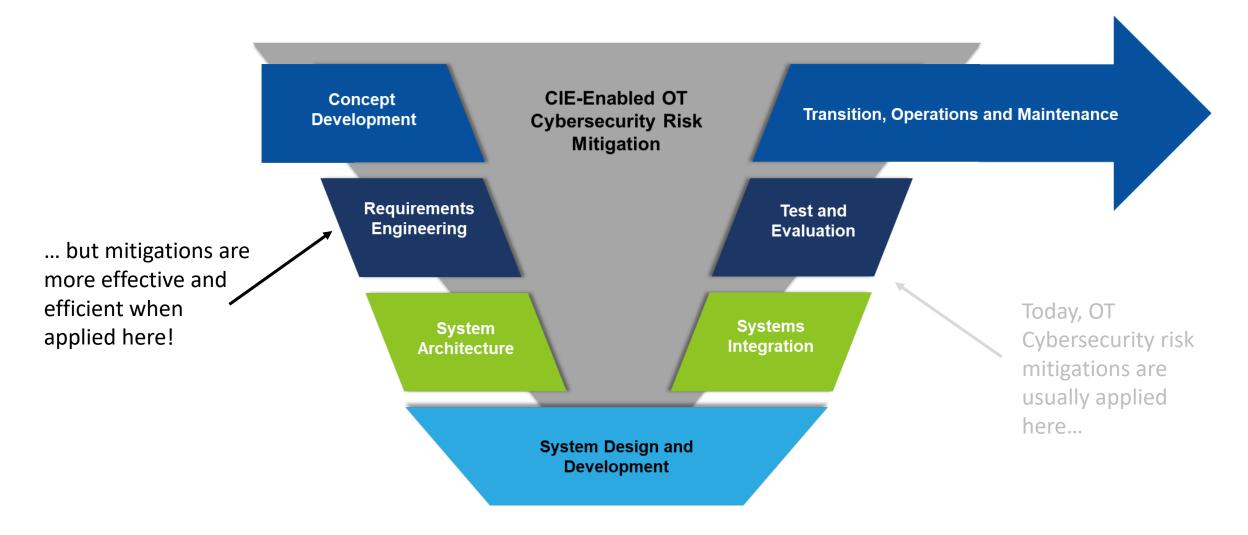
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#### **Principles of CIE**

#### **Design and Operations**

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

#### **Organizational**

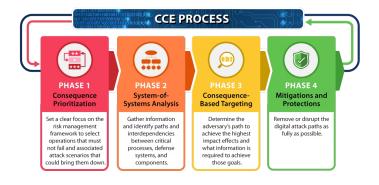
Interdependency Evaluation
Digital Asset Awareness
Cyber-secure Supply Chain Controls
Planned Resilience
Engineering Information Control
Security Culture

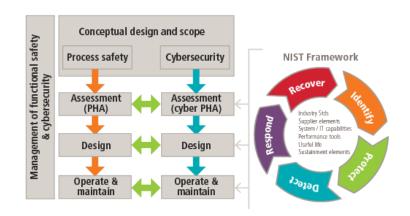




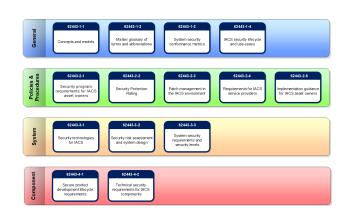




















- Managing risks inherent from using digital technology in a world with adversaries is the why
- CIE is the what
  - Principles distilled from trends in years of work
- CCE is a how
  - Based on and developed by many of the same people as CIE





# Implications for Design and Operation



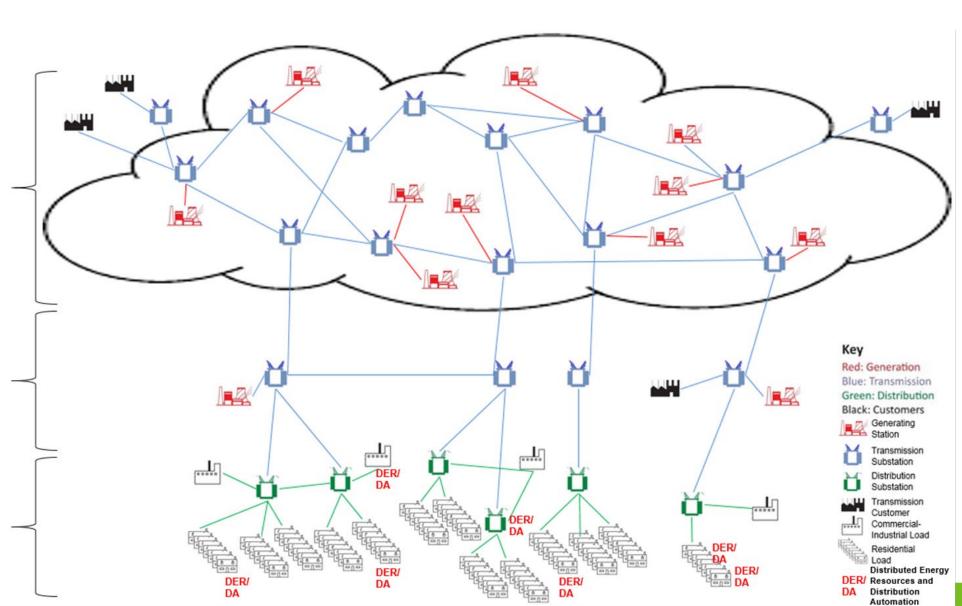


#### **Increasing Grid Complexity**

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

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

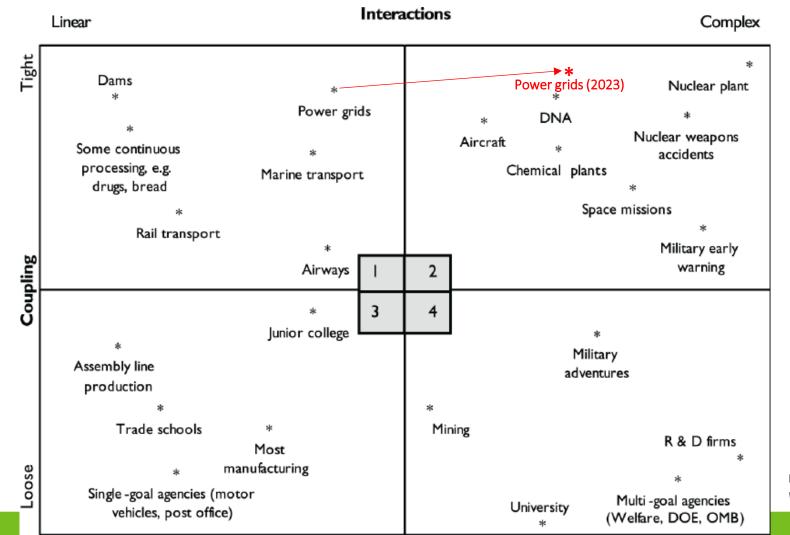
Distribution: radially connected load and DERs







## Digitization Increases Interaction and Coupling

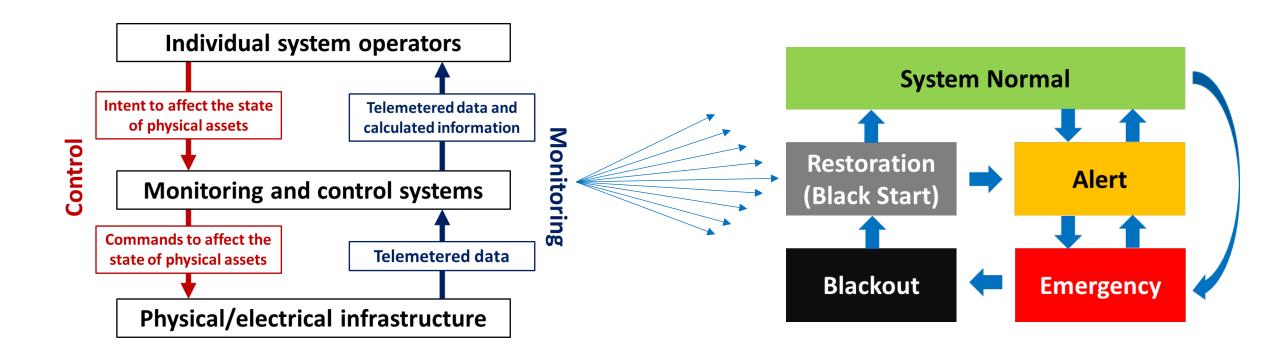


Perrow, C. Normal Accidents: Living with High-Risk Technologies. 1984.





#### Humans and Machines Operate a Dynamic Grid







#### **Functional Roles**

Compliance Standards Reliability **Enforcement** Standards and Development Compliance Compliance Assurance Standards Functions Enforcement Reliability Assurer Developer Authority Transmission Operating Planning Reliability Service Reliability Reliability Transmission Planning Service Provider Coordinator Coordinator Reliability Service **Functions** Interchange Balancing Interchange Balancing Coordinator Authority

Market Operations Market Operator

Planning and Operating Functions Transmission Ownership Transmission Owner

Operations Generator Operator

Generator

Transmission
Operations
Transmission
Operator

Planning Transmission Planner

**Transmission** 

Resource Planning Resource Planner

Generator Ownership Generator Owner Load Serving Load-Serving Entity Purchasing-Selling Purchasing-Selling Entity

Distribution Distribution Provider

NERC. Functional Model Technical Document. 2018



## Moving Forward







#### **CIE Education WG**

Monthly, since Feb. 2023
Chair: Marc Sachs, Auburn University

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

#### **Cyber-Informed Engineering COP**

Since Jan. 2023 Quarterly

#### 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**

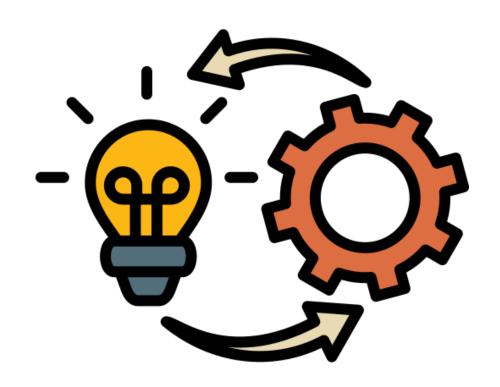
Starting Sept. 2023

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





#### Save the Date!

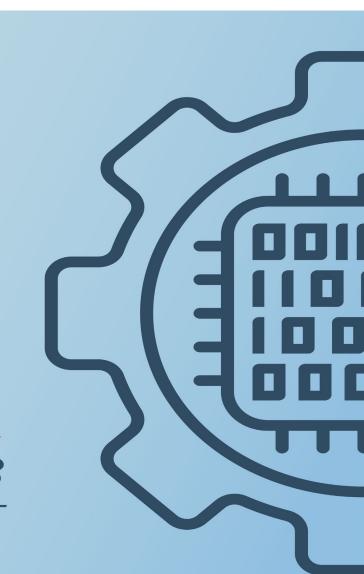
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# Practitioner's Workshop

Save the Date

**Sept. 6, 2023** 11am - 5pm ET





## Questions?

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