

# Digital Mission Architecture

## Architecture-Based Decision Making for Mission Engineering and Integration

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# Our Mission



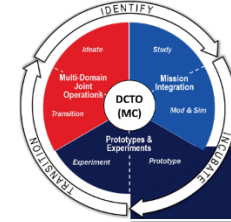
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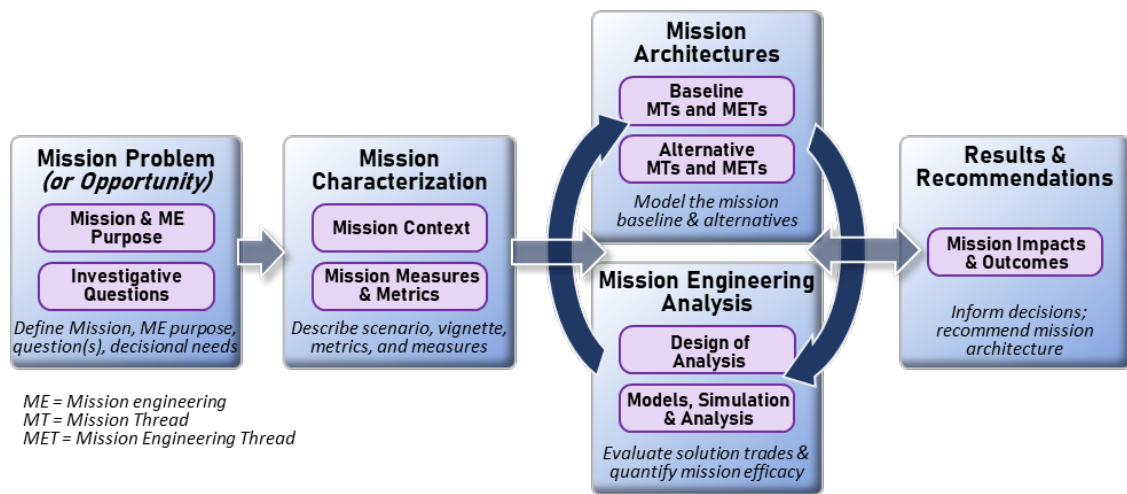
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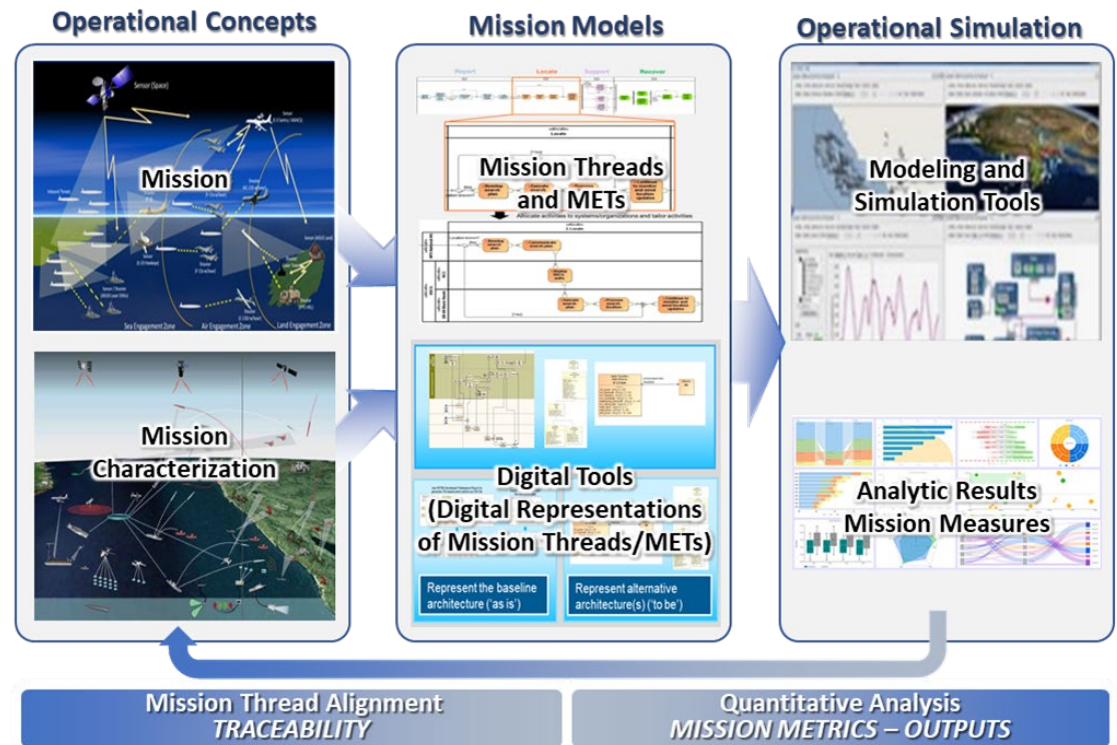
# What is Mission Engineering?

Not just modeling and simulation

The goal is to engineer missions



Model kill chains / webs and use advanced analysis methods to transition future capabilities





# Why Digital Mission Architecture?

Disciplined approach to analyze capability gaps in a mission-relevant context

Model-based representation of doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, facilities, and policy dependencies

Descriptive visualization of advanced technology capabilities in a mission context

Systematic understanding of model pedigree, information gaps, and related confidence levels

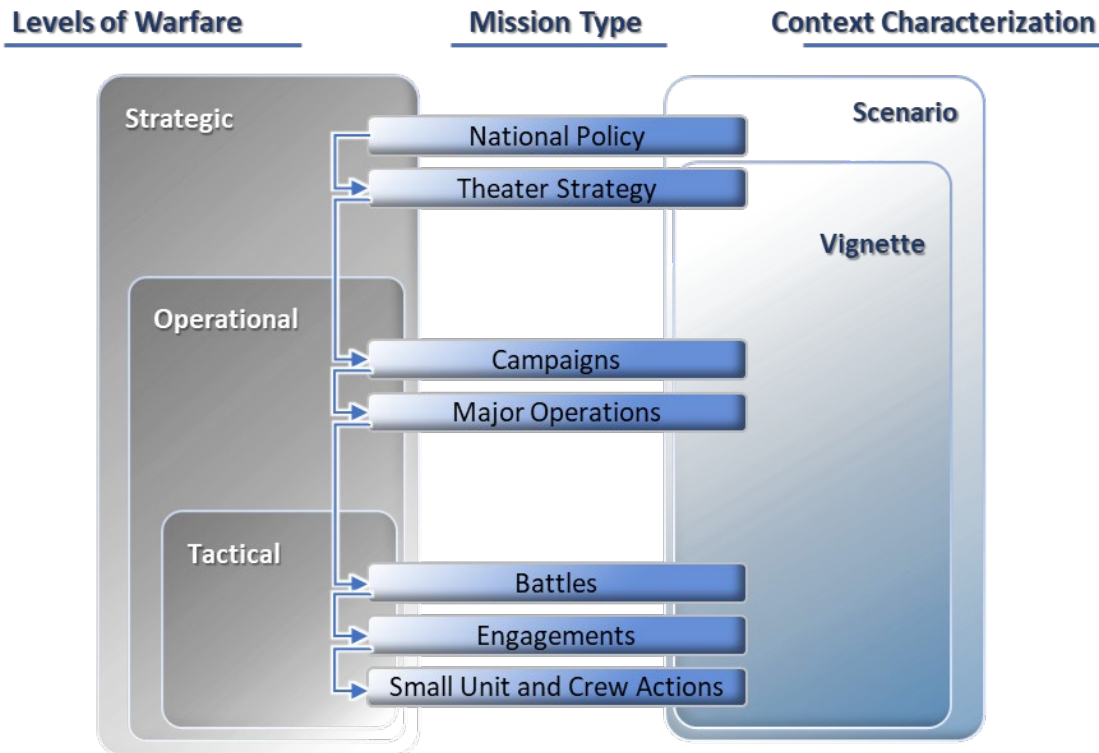
Repository for mission data and related measures

Backbone for federation/integration across various functional communities (e.g. test and evaluation, sustainment)

Inform key Defense policy and capability investment decisions



# Mission Characterization



**Scenario:** Part of an overall campaign, comprising multiple operations, each with its own set of missions and objectives

**Provides:**

- Conflict timeframe (near, mid, far)
- Geo-political set-up
- Strategic mission objectives
- Mission area definitions (i.e., groupings of similar campaign operations)

**Example authoritative sources:**

- **Defense Planning Scenarios (DPS)**
- **Joint Force Operating Scenarios (JFOS)**
- **Why use:**
  - Standardizes future theater threat laydown and conflict for DoD planning
  - Provides top-level MOSS
  - Common starting point for mission engineering activities and leadership decisions

**Vignette:** Subset of a scenario to focus the scope, details, and tactical objectives to address the needs of the mission problem or opportunity

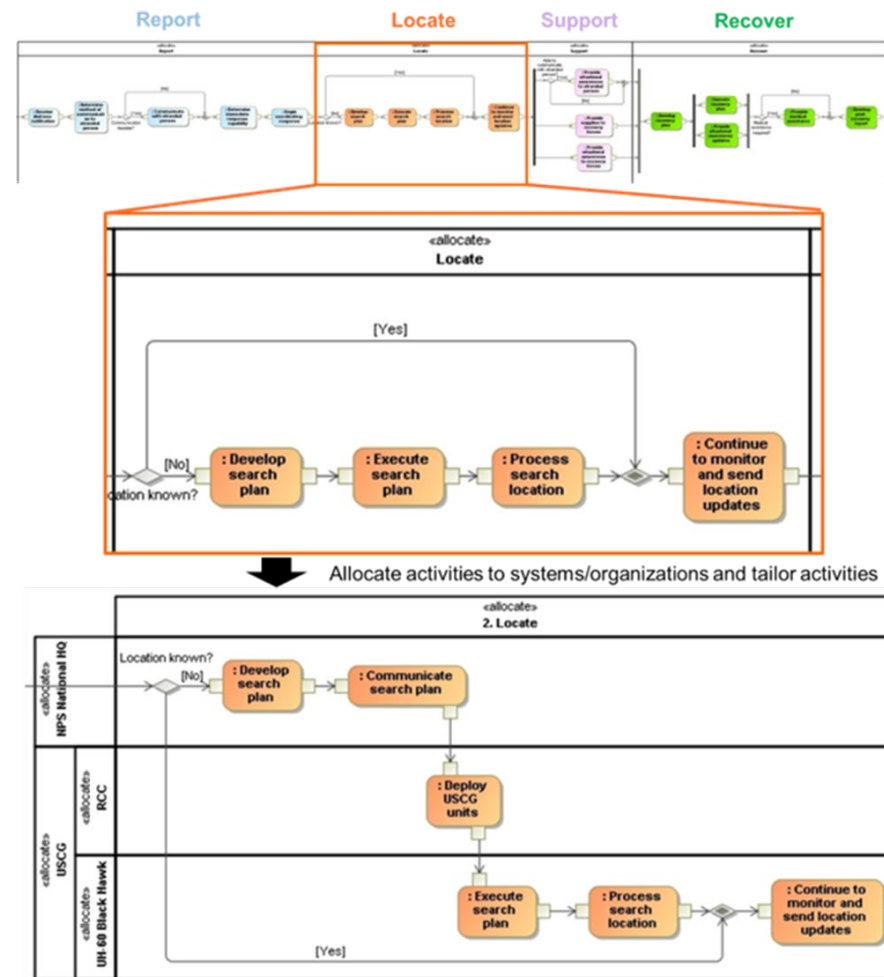
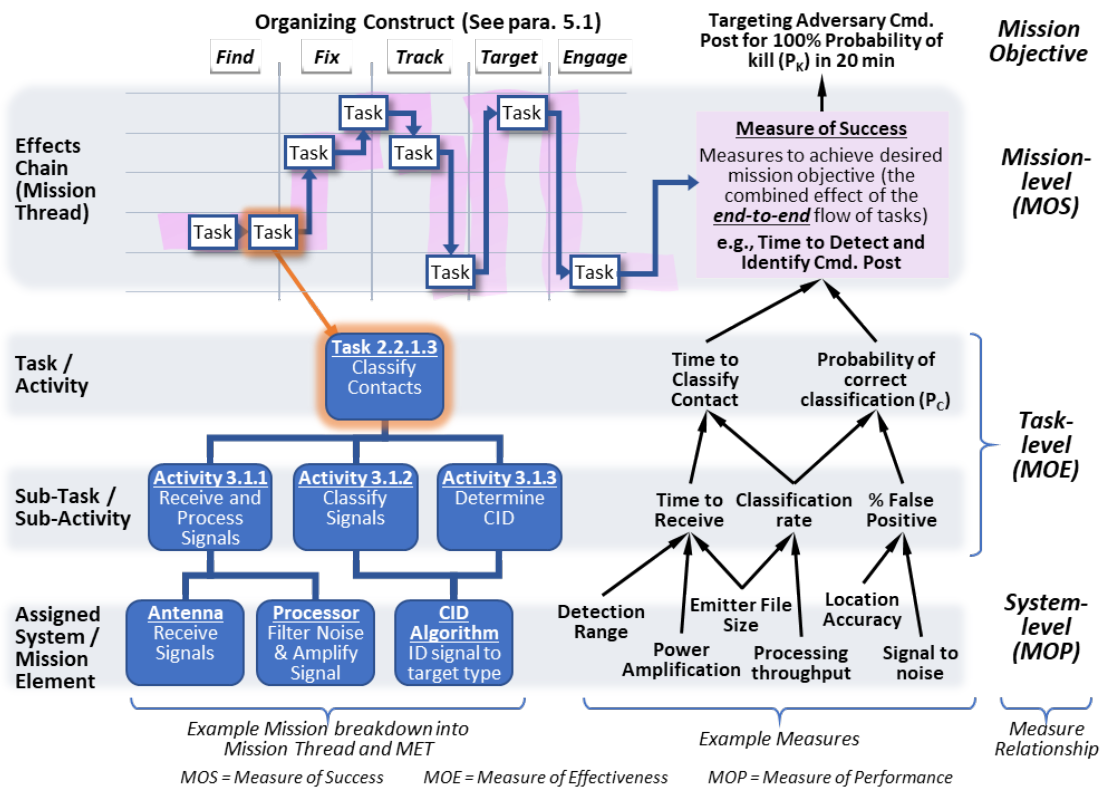
- Setting, objective(s), commander's intent
- Baseline forces, threats / intel, and order of battle
- Details of blue, green, and red CONOPS;
- Rules of engagement and operational tasks
- Clutter (e.g., neutral forces), contested, etc.
- Vignette measures (i.e., MOEs)
- Refining assumptions and conditions

**Many vignettes can be derived from a single scenario**

*MOS = Measure of Success    MOE = Measure of Effectiveness    CONOPS = Concept of Operations*



# Mission Architecture Development





# Mission Integration Across the Defense Enterprise








# Fiscal Year 2024 Digital Mission Architecture Integration Guidance

- Establish a federated DoD catalog of digital mission architectures
- Stand up a Digital Mission Architecture Collaboration Group and exercise integration through practical use cases
- Develop a style guide that supports the Mission Engineering Guide and evaluate the application of the Unified Architecture Framework (UAF)



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MEMORANDUM FOR MISSION ENGINEERING EXECUTIVE STEERING COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Enabling Digital Mission Architecture Integration Across the Department of Defense  
During Fiscal Year 2024


The integration of digital mission engineering architectures facilitates distributed engineering of mission sets and promotes collaboration through sharing of authoritative models. Beyond data sharing, integration distributes the workload across the enterprise, accelerates development, and enables learning across organizations. A deliberate and structured effort to prevent duplication across the Department will enable the Military Departments and Services to focus on capability development aligned to DoD mission architectures and related analyses.

Through FY24, the Mission Integration team within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Mission Capabilities will work with the Joint Staff and relevant Military Department and Service stakeholders to establish a federated DoD catalog of digital mission architectures and associated points of contact. Access to this repository will prevent rework and enable knowledge sharing across the Department.

During the first quarter of FY24, the Director of Mission Integration (D, MI) will stand up a Digital Mission Architecture Collaboration Group that will work under the auspices of the Mission Engineering Working Group. During FY24, the group will develop a strategic engagement plan to work with various stakeholders, identify and address integration obstacles, and develop integrated and threat-informed mission architectures. The group will support [REDACTED] studies to enable the Rapid Defense Experimentation Reserve (RDER) as initial use cases. The group will deliver bi-annual updates to the Mission Engineering Executive Steering Council.

Lastly, through FY24, the Mission Integration Office will evaluate how the Unified Architecture Framework (UAF) could conform to the style of mission threads described in the Mission Engineering Guide v2.0 (MEG2.0). The UAF specification supports all aspects of the Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF) and provides built-in mission engineering elements and relationships.

This memorandum will be revisited no later than September 30, 2024 and further guidance will be released, based on feedback and lessons learned.

  
 Elmer L. Roman, SES  
 Director, Mission Integration



# Mission Architecture Style Guide

## Prior Efforts



Reviewed existing **style guides** used by various organization for different applications

Participated in **collaborative** Digital Engineering / Model-Based Systems Engineering **workshops and events** to understand requirements and synergies

## Status



**Draft guidance** to facilitate uniform development and presentation of model-based mission architectures across the Department

Unclassified examples of mission architectures of **Operation Desert Storm, Task Force Normandy historical example** using System Modeling Language (SysML)/Unified Architecture Framework (UAF)

## Way Forward



**Document recommendations** to facilitate model and data exchange between stakeholders

**Continue development** to capture measures, represent behaviors

**Coordinate draft guidance** across Department

**Publish** the Mission Architecture Style Guide



# Mission Architectures in the Unified Architecture Framework®

UAF	Motivation Mv	Taxonomy Tx	Structure Sr	Connectivity Cn	Processes Pr	States St	Sequences Sq	Information If	Parameters Pm	Constraints Ct	Roadmap Rm	Traceability Tr	
Architecture Management Am	Architecture Principles Am-Mv	Architecture Extensions Am-Tx	Architecture Views Am-Sr	Architectural References Am-Cn	Architecture Development Method Am-Pr	-	-	Dictionary Am-If	Architecture Parameters Am-Pm	Architecture Constraints Am-Ct	Architecture Roadmap Am-Rm	Architecture Traceability Am-Tr	
Summary & Overview Sm-Ov													
Strategic St	Strategic Motivation St-Mv	Strategic Taxonomy St-Tx	Strategic Structure St-Sr	Strategic Connectivity St-Cn	Strategic Processes St-Pr	Strategic States St-St	-	Strategic Information St-If	MOE's Environment and MOP's Elements and Risks Rk-Pm	Strategic Constraints St-Ct	Strategic Roadmaps: Deployment, Phasing St-Rm-D, -P	Strategic Traceability St-Tr	
Operational Op	Operational Motivation Op-Mv	Operational Taxonomy Op-Tx	Operational Structure Op-Sr	Operational Connectivity Op-Cn	Operational Processes Op-Pr	Operational States Op-St	Operational Sequences Op-Sq	Operational Information Op-If		Operational Constraints Op-Ct	Operational Roadmaps Op-Rm	Operational Traceability Op-Tr	
Services Sv	Services Motivation Sv-Mv	Services Taxonomy Sv-Tx	Services Structure Sv-Sr	Services Connectivity Sv-Cn	Services Processes Sv-Pr	Services States Sv-St	Services Sequences Sv-Sq	Services Information Sv-If		Services Constraints Sv-Ct	Services Roadmaps Sv-Rm	Services Traceability Sv-Tr	
Personnel Ps	Personnel Motivation Ps-Mv	Personnel Taxonomy Ps-Tx	Personnel Structure Ps-Sr	Personnel Connectivity Ps-Cn	Personnel Processes Ps-Pr	Personnel States Ps-St	Personnel Sequences Ps-Sq	Personnel Information Ps-If		Personnel Constraints Ps-Ct	Personnel Roadmaps Ps-Rm	Personnel Traceability Ps-Tr	
Resources Rs	Resources Motivation Rs-Mv	Resources Taxonomy Rs-Tx	Resources Structure Rs-Sr	Resources Connectivity Rs-Cn	Resources Processes Rs-Pr	Resources States Rs-St	Resources Sequences Rs-Sq	Resources Information Rs-If		Resources Constraints Rs-Ct	Resources Roadmaps: Evolution, Forecast Rs-Rm-E, -F	Resources Traceability Rs-Tr	
Security Sc	Security Motivation Sc-Mv	Security Taxonomy Sc-Tx	Security Structure Sc-Sr	Security Connectivity Sc-Cn	Security Processes Sc-Pr	-	-	Security Information Sc-If		Security Constraints Sc-Ct	Security Roadmaps Sc-Rm	Security Traceability Sc-Tr	
Projects Pj	Projects Motivation Pj-Mv	Projects Taxonomy Pj-Tx	Projects Structure Pj-Sr	Projects Connectivity Pj-Cn	Projects Processes Pj-Pr	-	-	Projects Information Pj-If		Projects Constraints Pj-Ct	Projects Roadmaps Pj-Rm	Projects Traceability Pj-Tr	
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Actual Resources Ar	-	-	Actual Resources Structure, Ar-Sr	Actual Resources Connectivity, Ar-Cn	Simulation			-		-	Parametric Execution/Evaluation	-	-

**Capabilities & Threats**

**Mission Threads**

**Mission Engineering Threads**

**Roadmaps**

**Services**

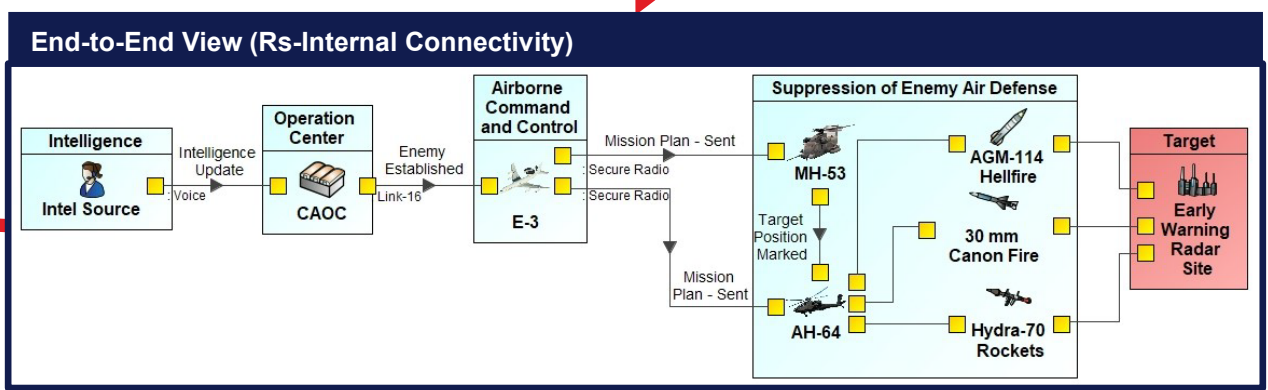
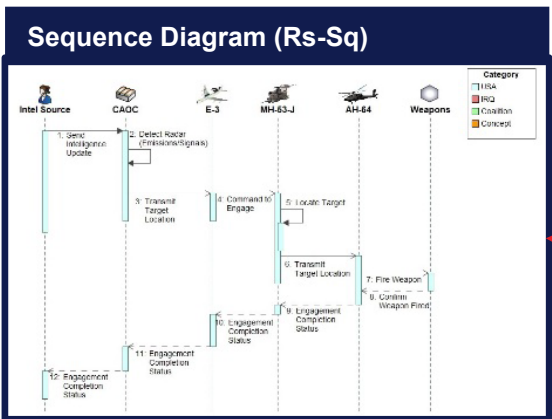
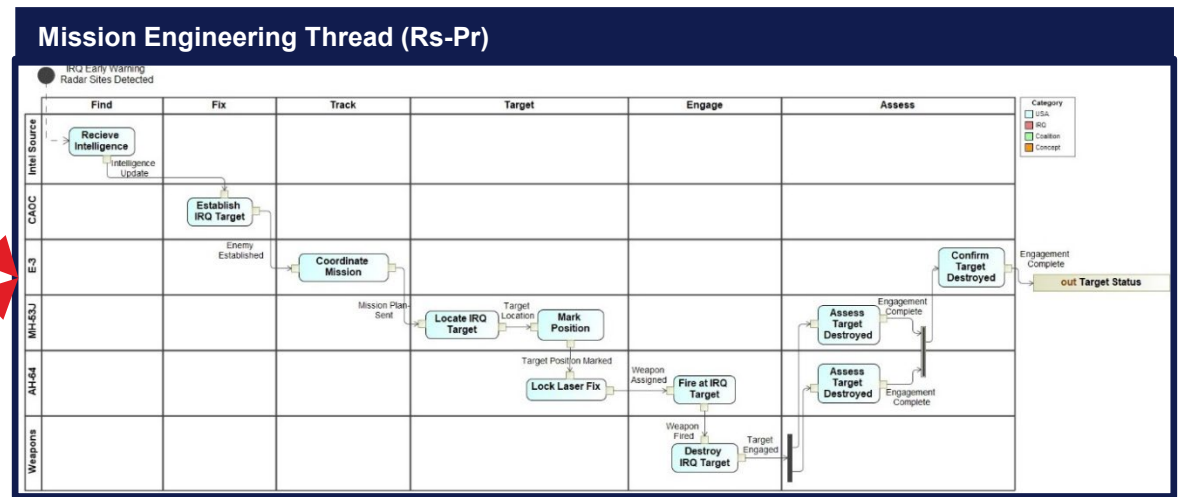
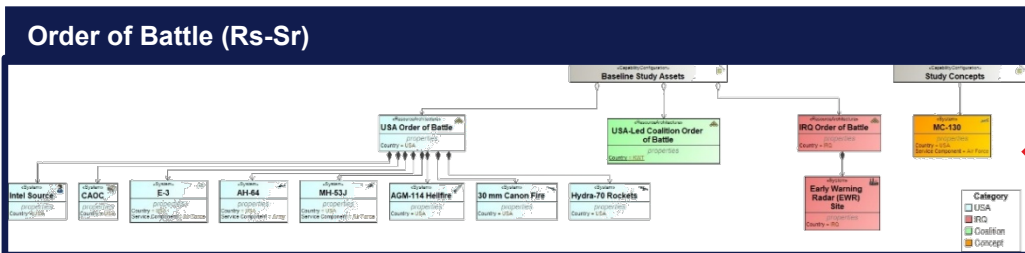
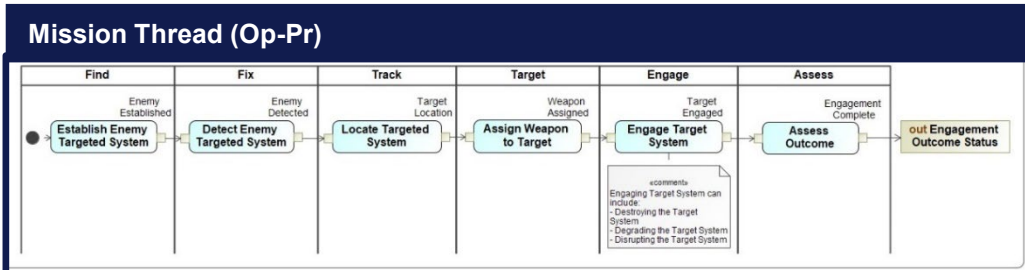
**Personnel**

**Security**

**Projects**

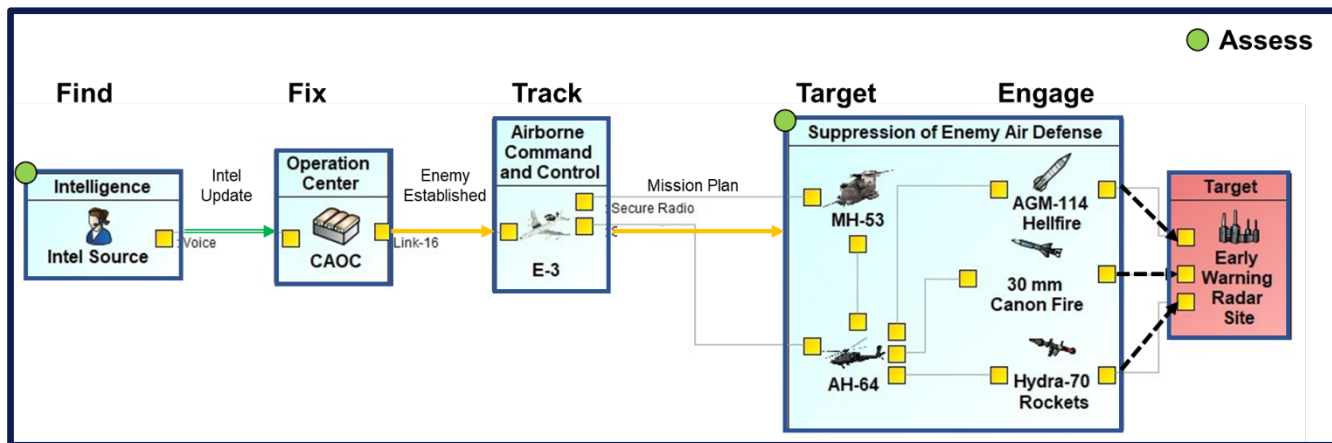


# Operation Desert Storm Historical Example



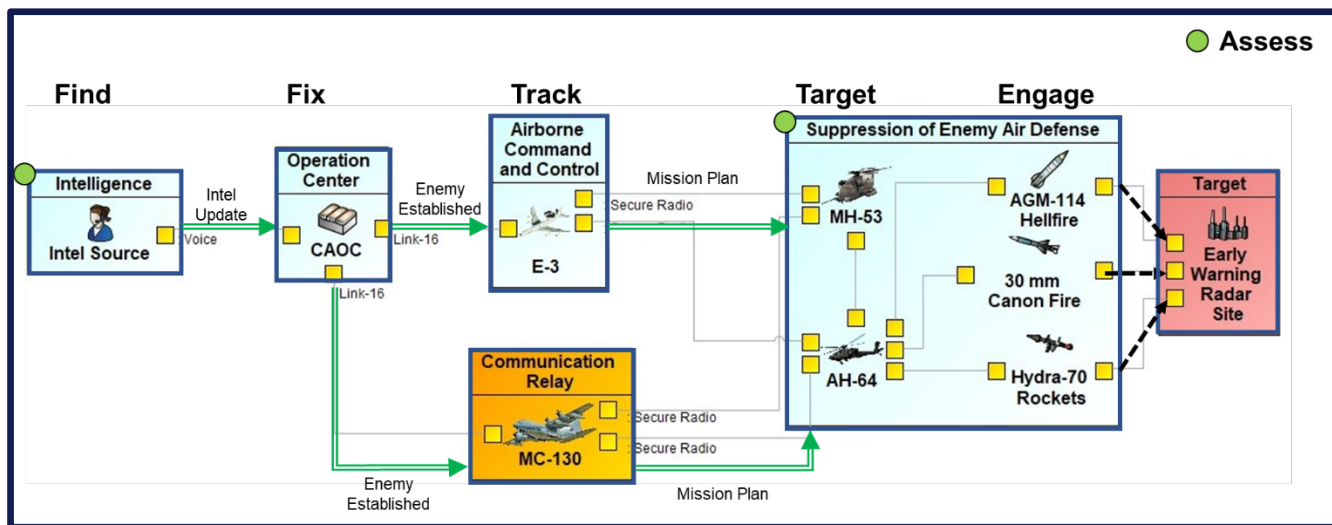


# Baseline vs. Alternative Mission Engineering Threads



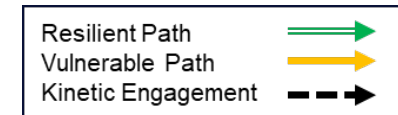
**Baseline**

The **Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC)** identified key enemy targets using multiple sources of intelligence. After planning, all **airborne assets**, under the guise of day-to-day training operations, initiated the Task Force Normandy mission. The **E-3 Sentry** provided long-range radar coverage, airspace management, and communication links with multiple assets. The **MH-53 Pave Lows** led the **AH-64 Apaches**, under the cover of darkness, to their targets inside Iraqi airspace. The **Pave Lows** illuminated the targets and the **Apaches** prosecuted them. Upon mission completion, assets returned to friendly airspace and the **Sentry** relayed status back to the **CAOC**.



**Alternative**

Using information from an intelligence source, the **CAOC** notifies both the **E-3 Sentry** and the **MC-130W Combat Spear**. This enables the **Sentry** and the **Combat Spear** to provide an additional communications path between the CAOC and the helicopters. This redundancy provides a fail-safe in case the Sentry lose connectivity.





# Mission Architecture Style Guide Contents

## Mission Engineering Architecture Development

- Order of Battle (OOB)
- Mission Threads (MT)
- Mission Engineering Threads (MET)
- End-to-End Views (E2E)
- Sequence Diagrams (SEQ)
- *Measures*
- *Conditions*
- *Behaviors*

## Results and Recommendations

- *Mission Architecture Analysis*
- Presentations of Architecture to Leadership

## Sources

- Classification Guidance
- References
  - Pedigree
  - Confidence Levels

## Best Practices

- Modularity



# Summary

- Digital mission architectures are a foundational element of advanced technology development, evaluation and transition
- Model-based mission threads support constructive modeling and simulation, mission engineering studies, and analysis
- Mission Integration leading effort across Department to integrate model-based mission architectures from authoritative sources



# Resources



## Training

- [CLE 084 Models, Simulations, and Digital Engineering](#)
- [CLE 066 Systems Engineering for Systems of Systems](#)
- [CLE 069 Technology Transfer](#)
- [ETM 1020 Mission and Systems Thinking Fundamentals](#)
- [ETM 1030 Requirements Definition and Analysis Fundamentals](#)
- [ETM 1040 Technical Management Fundamentals](#)
- [MITRE Modular Open Systems Engineering \(MOOSE\)](#)



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