

# SEI Research Program

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A DoD federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) at Carnegie Mellon University founded in 1984

Only DoD R&D center focused on software and cybersecurity

CERT Program started in 1988, as a result of the Morris Internet Worm



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# SEI and CMU

Within CMU, we resemble a “school” or “college” in the org chart

- Such as: Computer Science, Engineering, Fine Arts, Humanities/Social Science (Dietrich), Business (Tepper), Science (Mellon), Public Policy and Information Science (Heinz)
- Our ~600 employees are CMU staff members
  - Some hold additional academic titles (researcher, adjunct faculty)



# “The DoD is in the software business”

Software provides for the capabilities and flexibility needed to sustain DoD strategic advantage.



***“The B-52 lived and died on the quality of its sheet metal. Today our aircraft will live or die on the quality of our software.” —Air Force General***

Quotes: “Delivering Military Software Affordably,” *Defense AT&L*, March-April 2013

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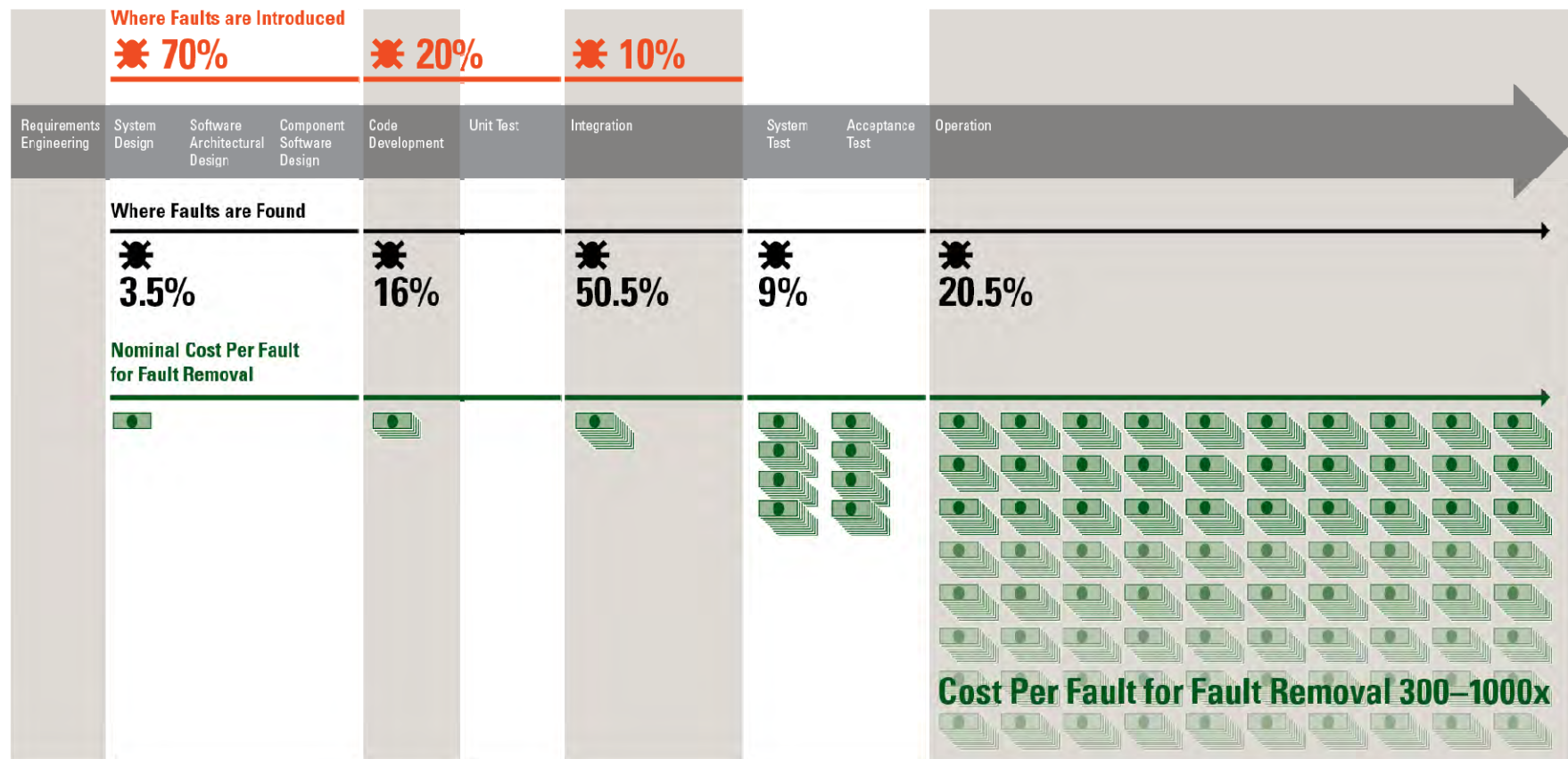
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# DoD Concern: Software Complexity & Costs

Finding faults early or avoiding them can produce major savings.

## Software Development Lifecycle

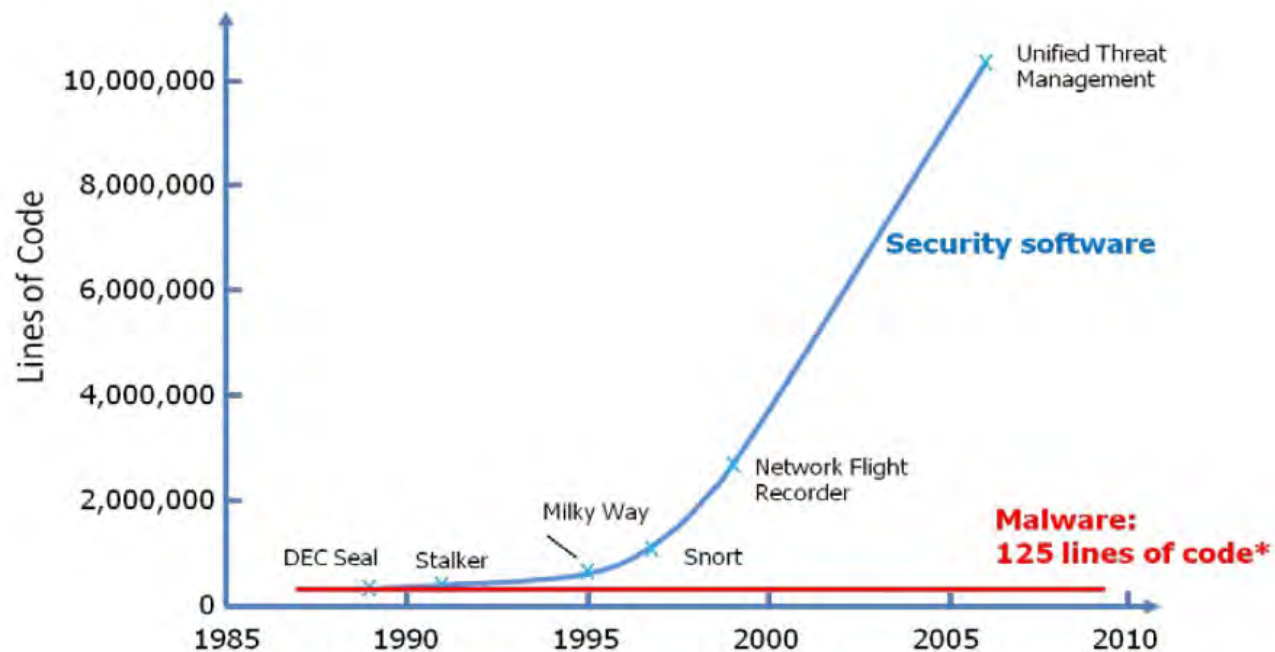


Sources: *Critical Code*; NIST, NASA, INCOSE, and Aircraft Industry Studies



# DoD Concern: Cybersecurity and Risk

Software complexity, interconnectedness, and a global supply chain contribute to risks associated with cybersecurity.



**Defense becomes more and more complex, yet still outmatched by offense**

\*DARPA Brief to DSB, May 2011

\* Malware lines of code averaged over 9,000 samples

Source: DSB, *Resilient Military Systems and the Advanced Cyber Threat*



# DoD Concern: Workforce Development

A surge in hiring cyber workforce calls for skills to understand cyber threats, write secure code, and analyze network traffic for intrusions and software for vulnerabilities.

Managers and acquisition professionals must likewise understand these concerns.



Source: <http://www.arcyber.army.mil/g1.html>



# The Technical Landscape

Growing ability to program things that were once fixed-function  
sensor networks, FPGAs, SDR, SDN, NFV,  
smart grid, IoT, autonomous operations, etc...

Systems of [networked] systems and components  
cloud, apps, virtualization, MapReduce/Spark  
increased complexity of distributed s/w systems

Software development environments and methods  
rich data sets, “big data,” and machine learning  
a need for validation and accreditation

***Greater capabilities bring greater complexity and assurance concerns***





# Motivation: Capabilities with Confidence

Software provides a growing percentage of functionality...  
and is the building material for cybersecurity

Software capabilities are assembled from components  
often from unknown sources and with little validation

- At least 75% of organizations rely on open-source software, and it is not immune from seemingly simple problems; neither is closed source

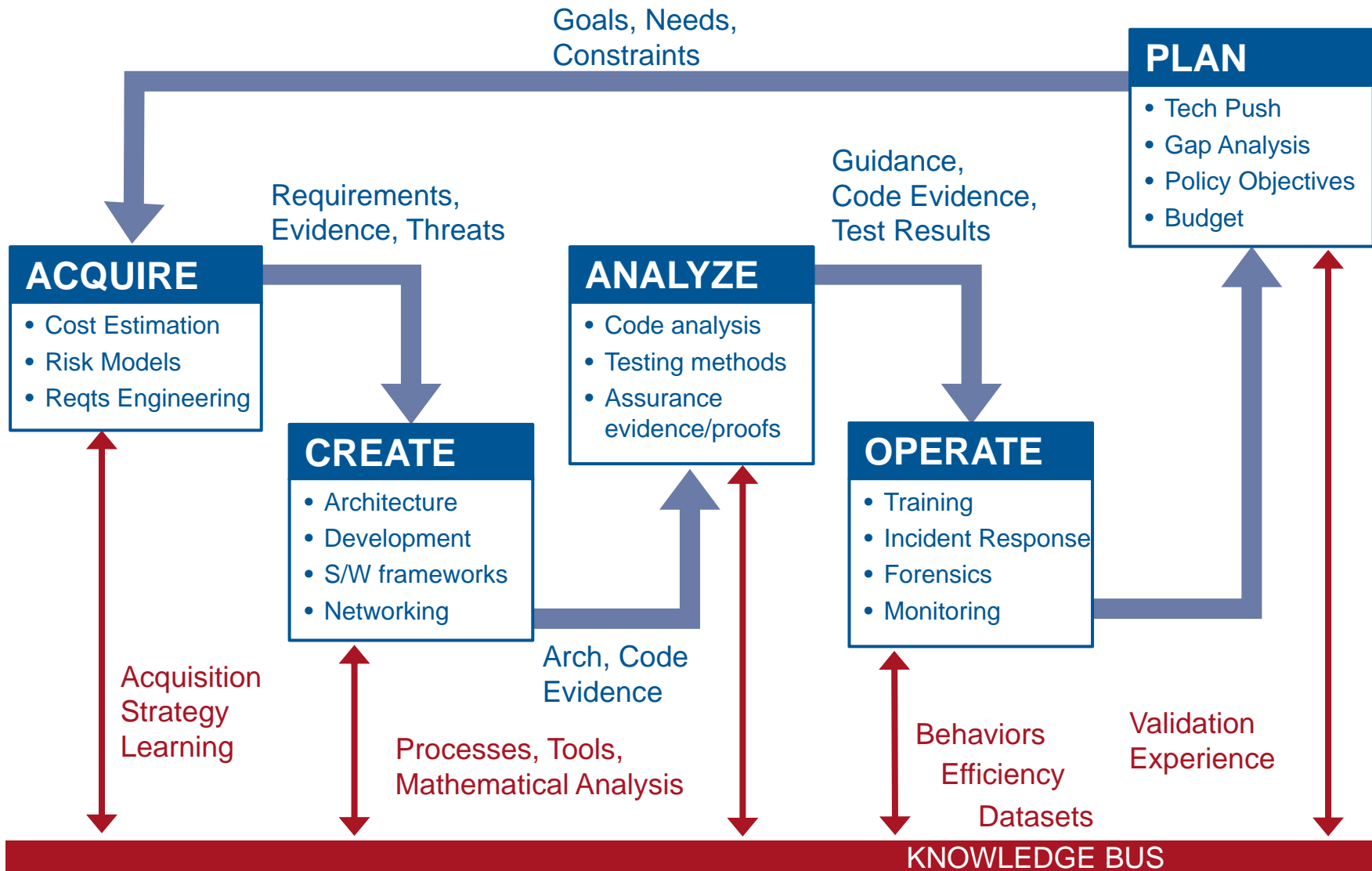
Composing [even simple] software components leads to complexity  
that is difficult to reason about and secure

- IoT will likely increase the challenges
- different expertise, use cases, security needs, privacy issues

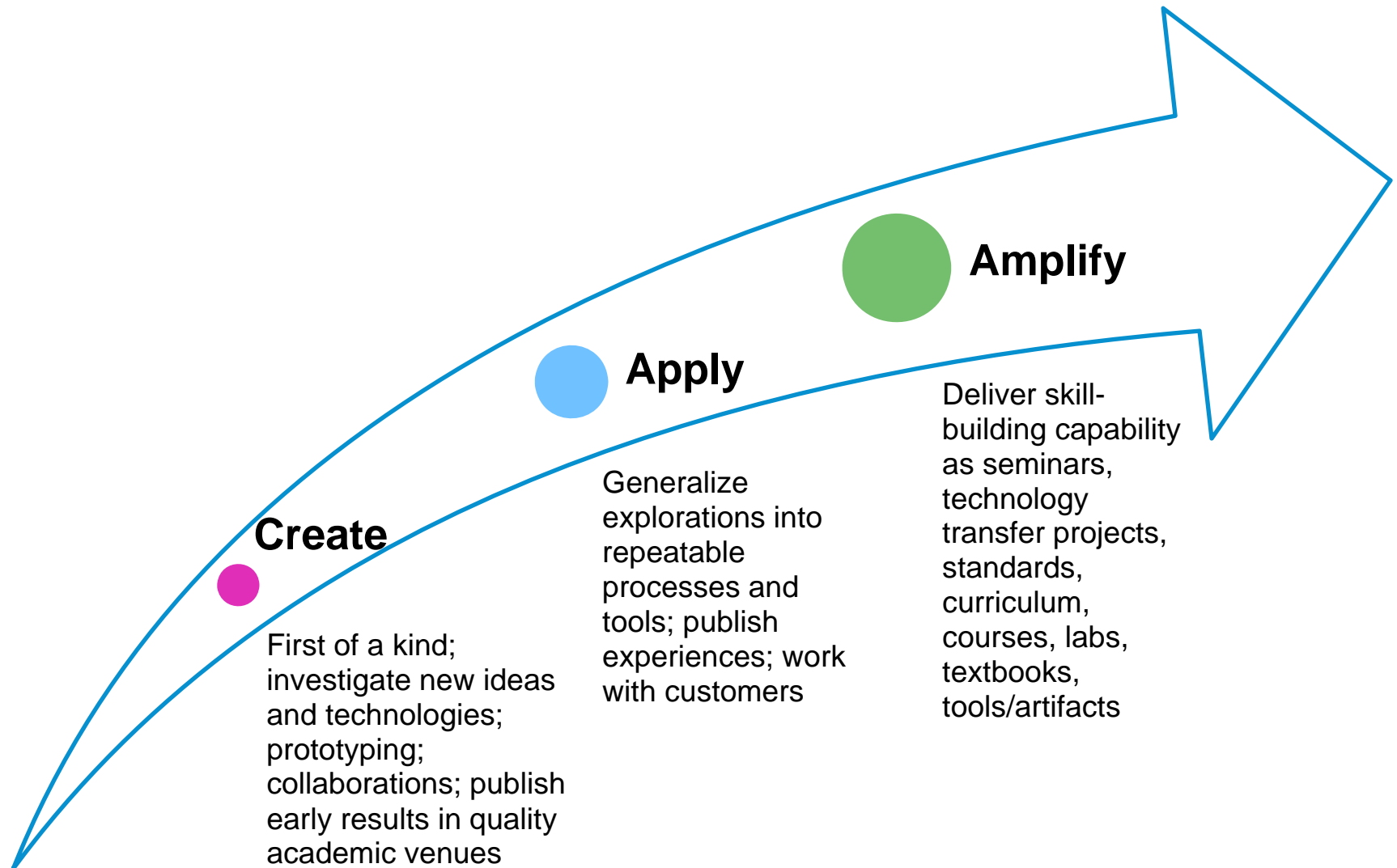
How to buy, make, operate, and improve software systems  
*... with unprecedented levels of assurance and confidence?*



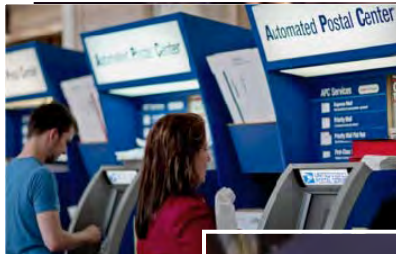
# Technical Strategic Framework



# Notional Technology Maturation Pipeline



# R&D Work at SEI



Line funded projects (“line” and “LENS”)

- LENS = Line-funded Exploratory New Starts
- One- and two-year projects, with collaborators

Project work (with individual “customers”)

- PWP (Project Work Plans) for work with government agencies
- Collaborative agreements for work with industry organizations

As a DoD FFRDC, we are subject to ‘ceiling’ (called “STE”)

- Applies to our entire DoD-supported work



# Technical Focus Area 1 (TF1): Lifecycle Assurance



Acquisition lifecycle

Software development and validation

Operations, security, remediation, etc.

Policy and risk management

Human factors and performance

- Statistical modeling of cost estimation
- Model-based engineering
- Model checking
- Technical debt analysis
- Vulnerability discovery
- Malware analysis



# Technical Focus Area 2 (TF2): “PED to the Edge”



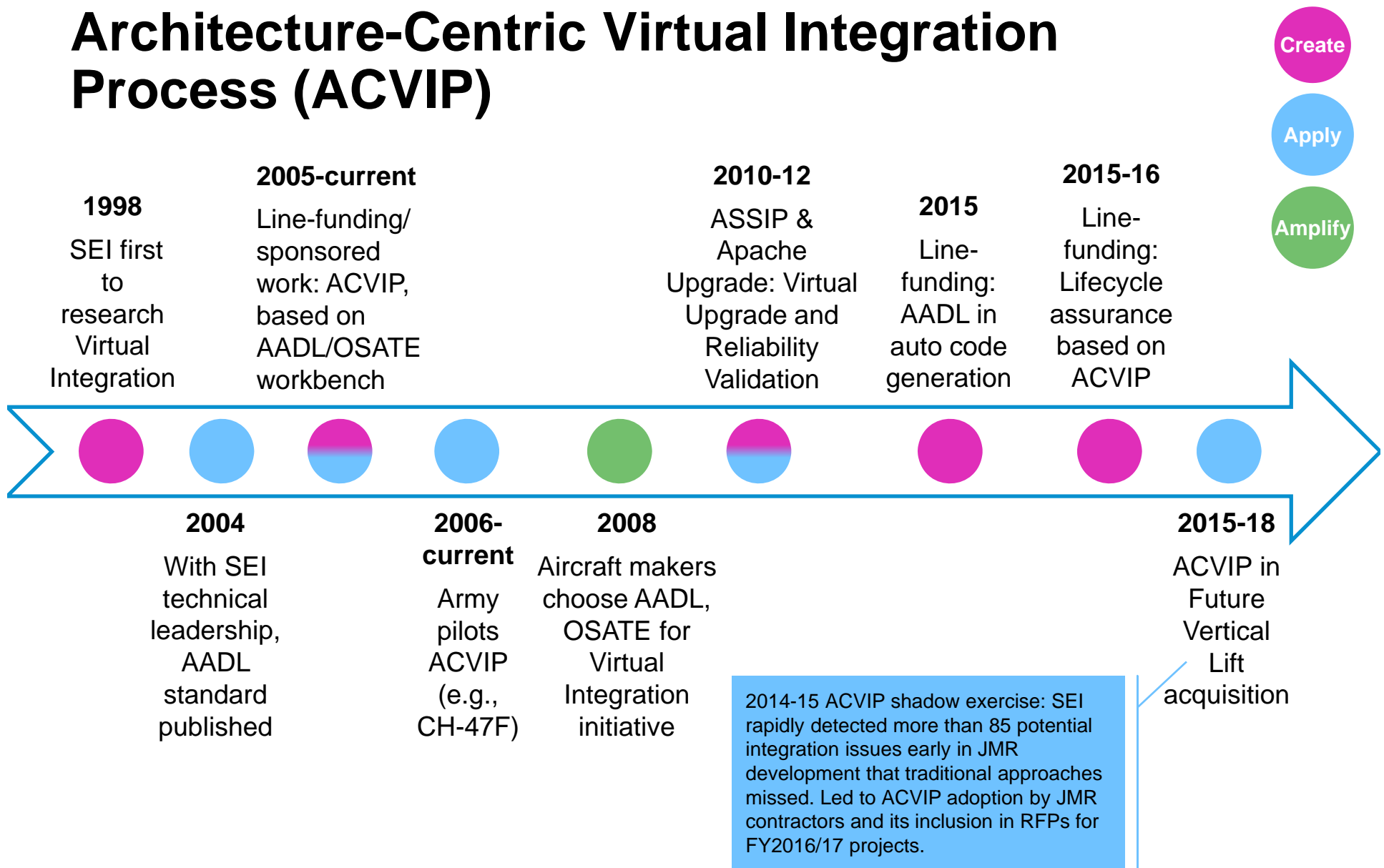
Production, Exploitation,  
Distribution of  
Information, including  
challenged environments

(using results from TF1)

- Frameworks for software development and analysis
- Networking and protocols
- Edge components – data analysis, power, security
- Algorithms, ML, “big data” systems



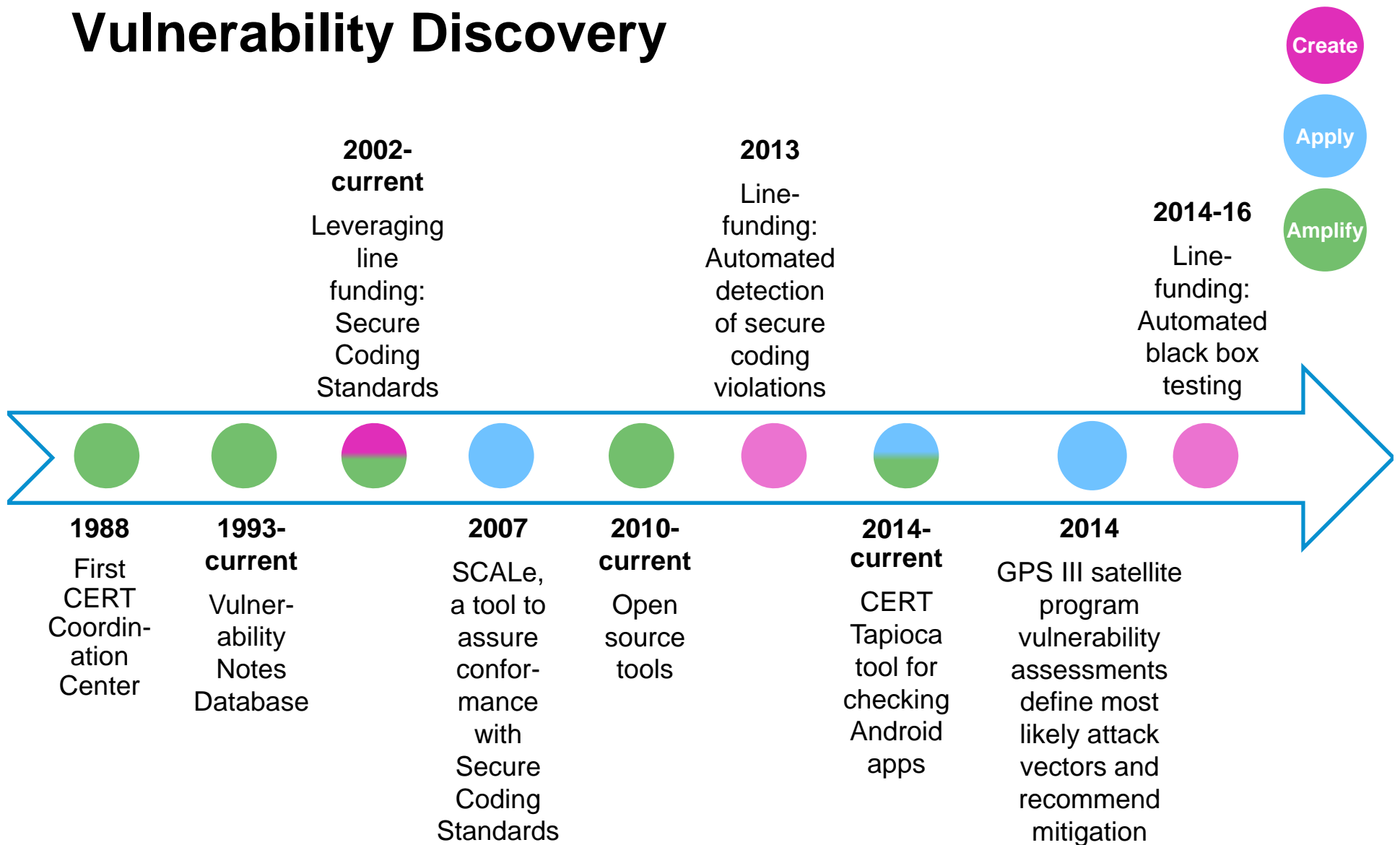
# Architecture-Centric Virtual Integration Process (ACVIP)



AADL= Architecture Analysis & Design Language; OSATE = Open Source AADL Tool Environment

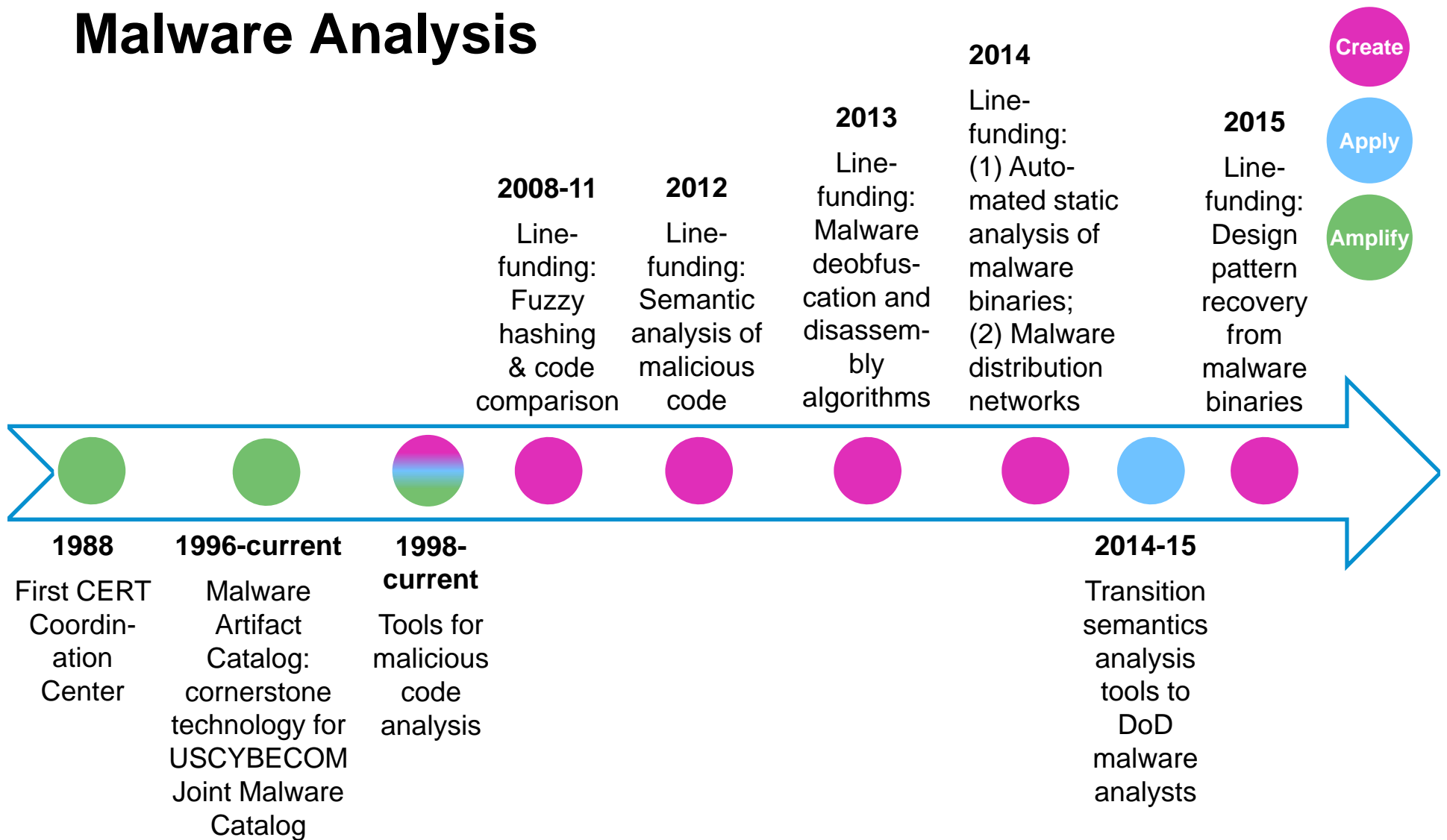


# Vulnerability Discovery





# Malware Analysis



# Quantitative Approach to Acquisition Lifecycle

Create

Apply

Amplify

**2012-current**

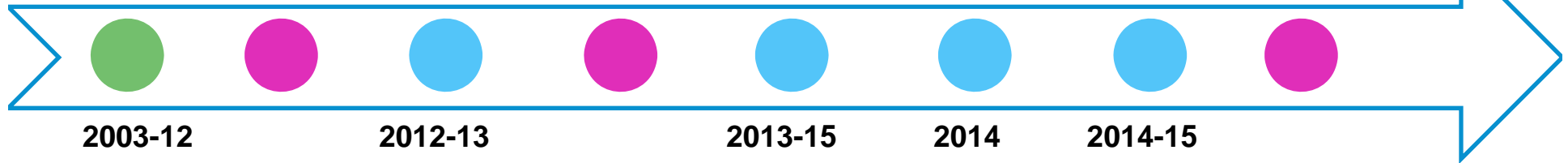
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QUELCE—  
reducing  
uncertainty in  
early lifecycle  
software cost  
estimation

**2013-14**

Line-funding:  
Investment  
model for  
software  
sustainment

**2015-16**

Line-funding:  
Improving  
software  
sustainability  
through  
technical  
debt  
management



**2003-12**

Line-funding  
and ASSIP  
pilots of SEI  
architecture  
methods

**2012-13**

F-22: SEI-led  
“should cost”  
analysis of  
software  
modernization

**2013-15**

JMS: Early  
insight on  
verification  
issues

**2014**

QUELCE  
workshop  
with a live  
MDAP

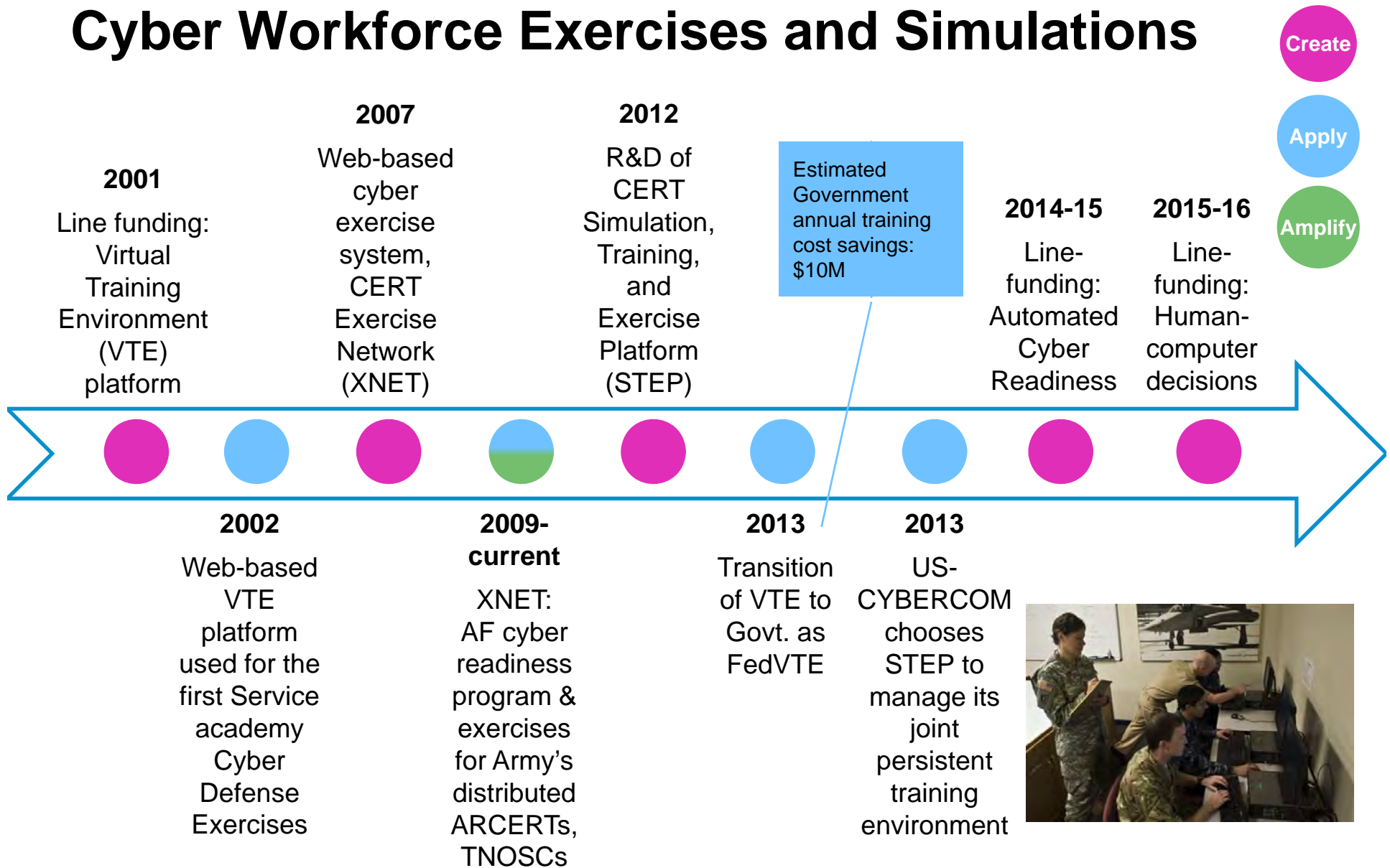
**2014-15**

Initial work  
with NAVAIR  
toward  
adopting  
investment  
model for  
sustainment

QUELCE = Quantifying Uncertainty in Early Life-Cycle Cost Estimation; JMS = Joint Space Operations Center (JSpOC) Mission System  
MDAP = Major Defense Acquisition Program; COE = Common Operating Environment



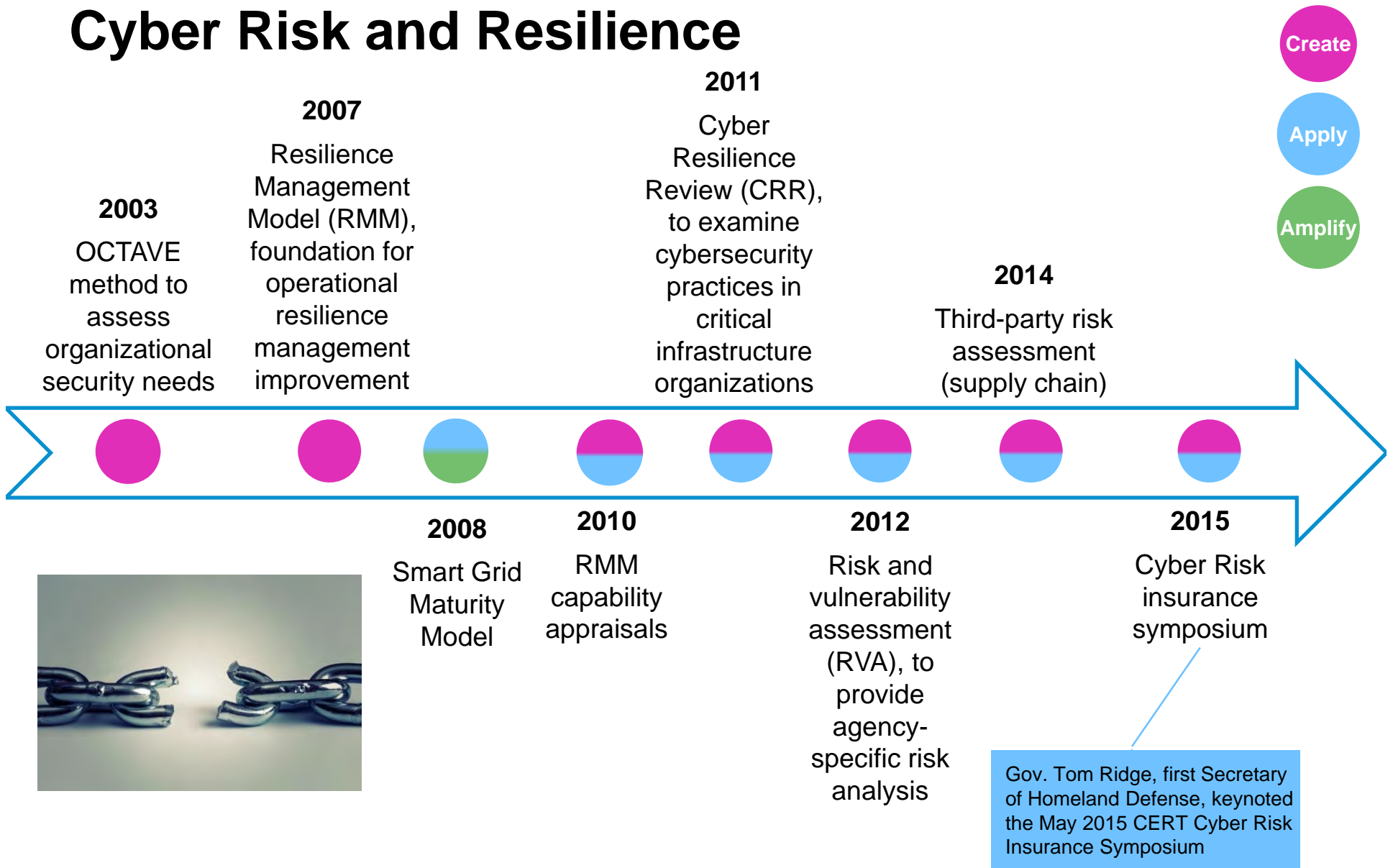
# Cyber Workforce Exercises and Simulations



ARCERT = Army Computer Emergency Response Team; TNOSC = Theater Network Operations and Security Center



# Cyber Risk and Resilience



OCTAVE is the Operationally Critical Threat, Asset, and Vulnerability Evaluation method



# Summary: SEI Highlights



Pausch Bridge and The Gates Center at CMU

One of DoD's only two R&D  
FFRDCs (at CMU and MIT)

600+ Staff in DC, Pittsburgh,  
and Los Angeles

A primary focus on software  
engineering and cybersecurity

Affiliation with Carnegie Mellon  
University, a globally recognized  
research university and #1 in  
computer science

Extensive databases and access

Ability to work with industry,  
government, and academia

From work intended for  
academic publication to  
sensitive government programs



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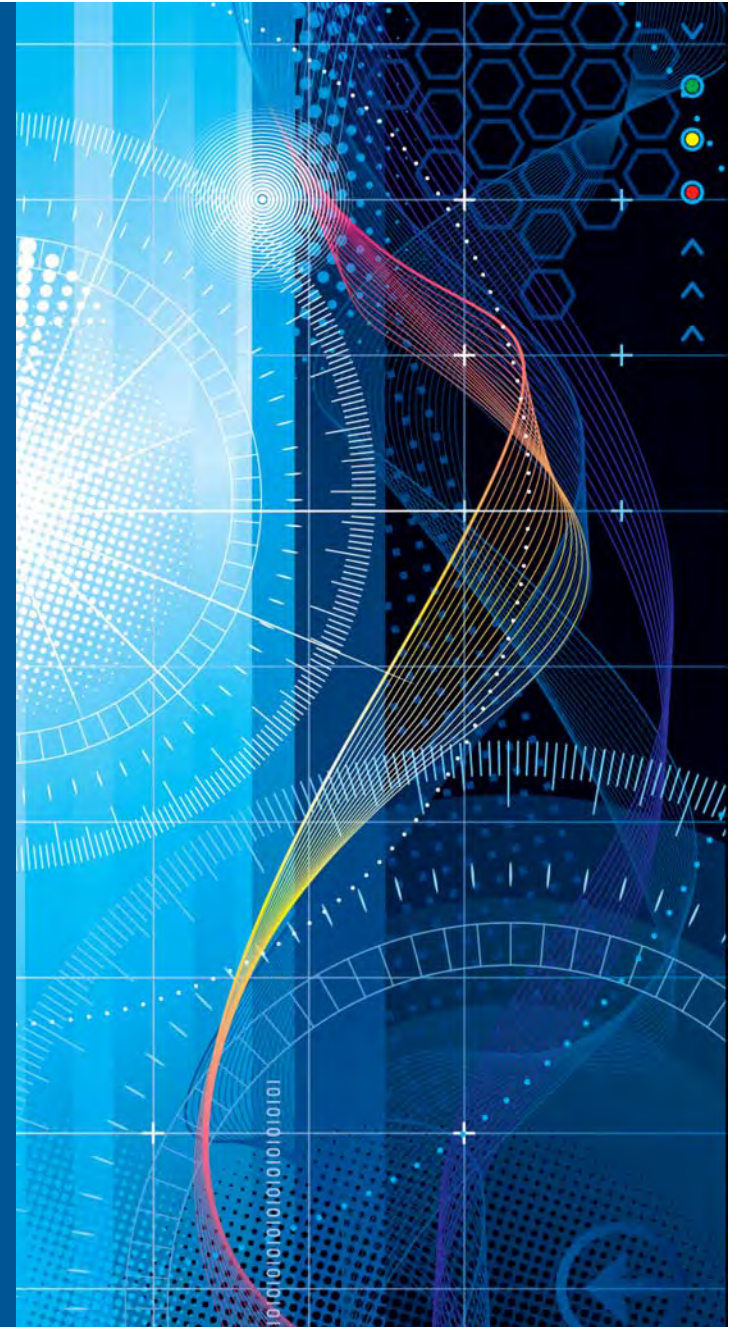
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# Extra





# Risk and Vulnerability Assessment



8 areas of assessment

- Network mapping
- Vulnerability scan
- Penetration test
- Phishing assessment
- Wireless assessment
- Web application assessment
- Operating system security assessment
- Database assessment



# Cyber Flag Exercises



*Cyber Flag-15 demonstrated the first transition of STEP tier I and tier II operational responsibilities to a transition partner*

CERT has facilitated Cyber Flag FY12-FY15

Exercise network powered by the SEI-developed Simulation, Training, and Exercise Platform (STEP)

FY15 Cyber Flag incorporate 700+ distributed participants in environment composed of 7,000+ virtual machines and 200+ hardware appliances



# F-22 Modernization Program



## Issue

The Air Force Aeronautical Systems Center wishes to understand software development in the F-22 modernization program

## Action

SEI performed a should-cost analysis of the program's software acquisition

## Result

Program Office negotiated a 15% reduction—\$32 million—in cost and schedule improvements, as well as a reduction in defects and an improvement in productivity



# Semantics Analysis Tools



Line-funded research in semantic analysis of malicious code, initiated in FY2012

In FY2014-15, transition automated object oriented analysis and API call behavior identification tools to DoD malware analysts

- Tools operate at 2 orders of magnitude faster than manual analysis



# Our Value Proposition



Giving open/unbiased support for the Nation's defense

Maintaining technical expertise in our core competencies across the acquisition and software lifecycles

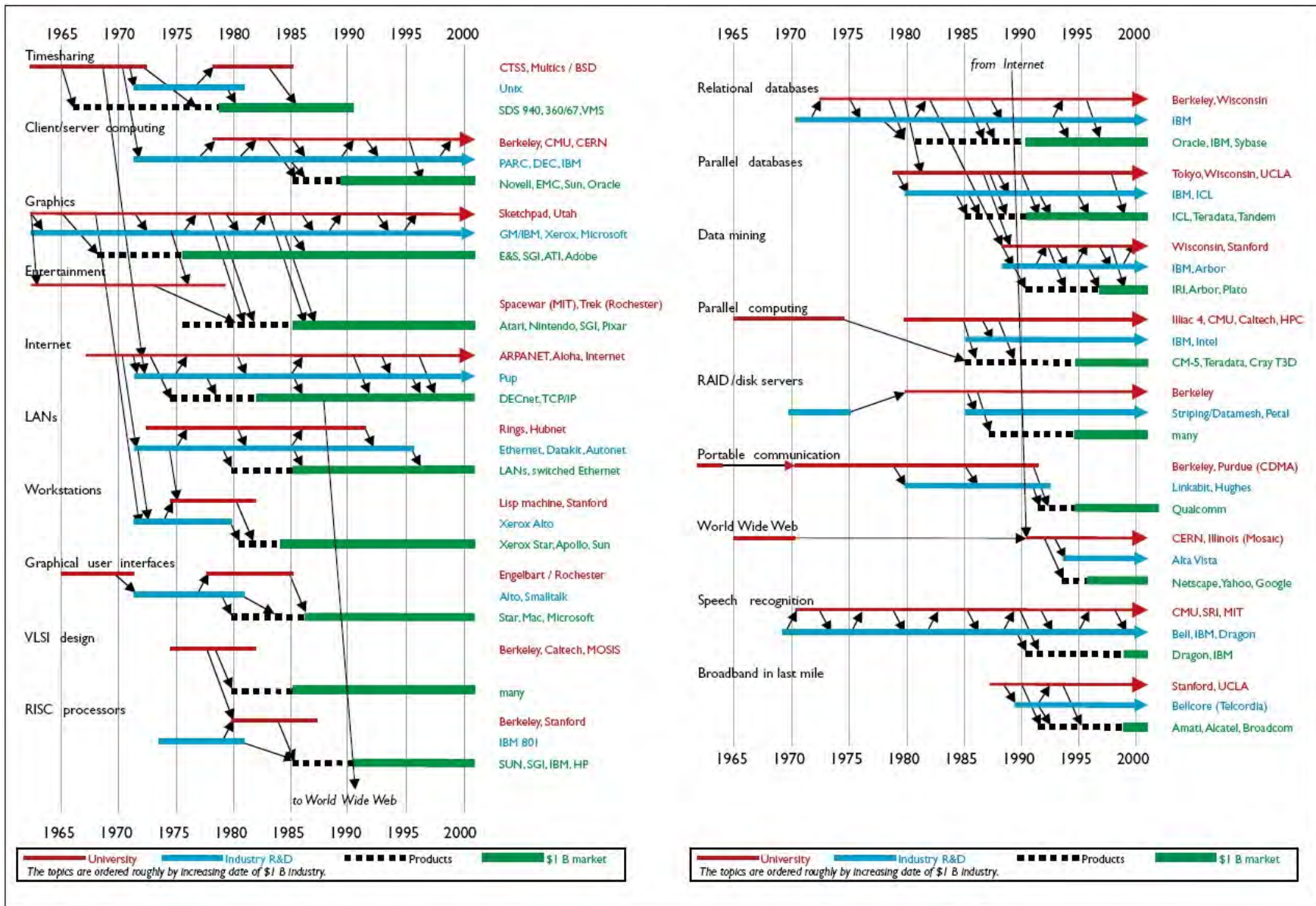
Catalyzing innovation found across industry, academia, and government

Promoting technology transfer to industry

Developing non-competitive relationships with industry

Establishing long-term software/cyber technology awareness





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# CH-47F Health Monitoring System Upgrade VI

**Issue:** Contractor could not assess integration risk early (before integration).

**Action:** In shadow project, used virtual integration, which identified 20 major issues.

**Result:** Adjusted CDR Schedule to remediate / avoid failure

- Prevented 12 month delay in a 2-year project
- Current practice would not have identified the issues until 3 months before delivery.

**Current practice:** design a system, build components, put the components together, and test to find problems.

**Virtual integration:** Use design and architectural modeling to make sure the components work together and then build components to conform to the model.

# Android App Testing



CERT Tapioca is a man-in-the-middle (MITM) proxy that operates on networks rather than applications

Checks for applications that fail to validate SSL certificate chains

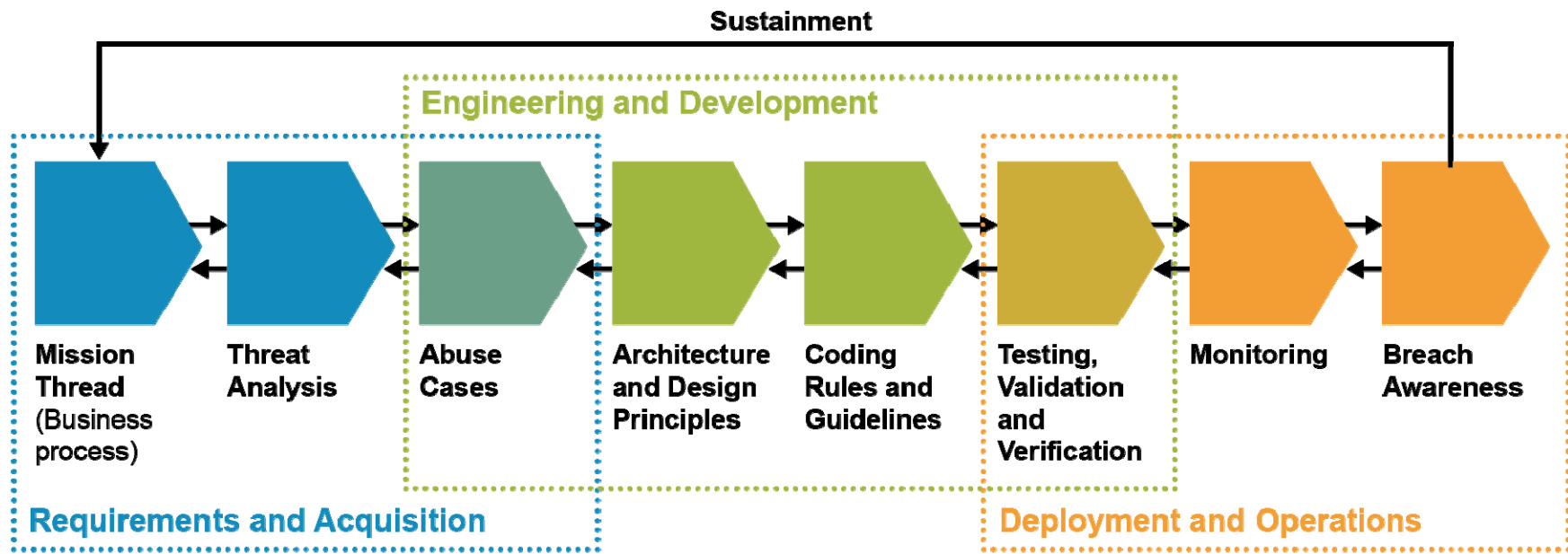
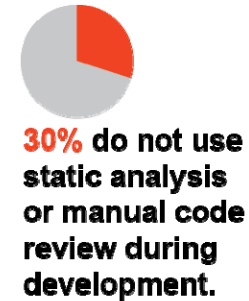
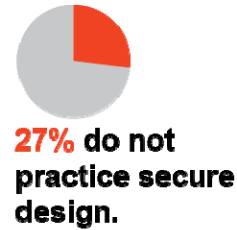
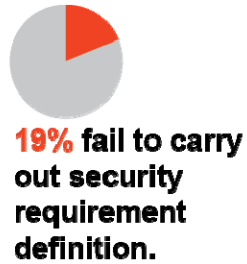
Applied to wide-scale testing of Android apps

*Tapioca has tested more than 1 million Android apps and identified more than 23,000 certificate-related vulnerabilities*





# Lifecycle View



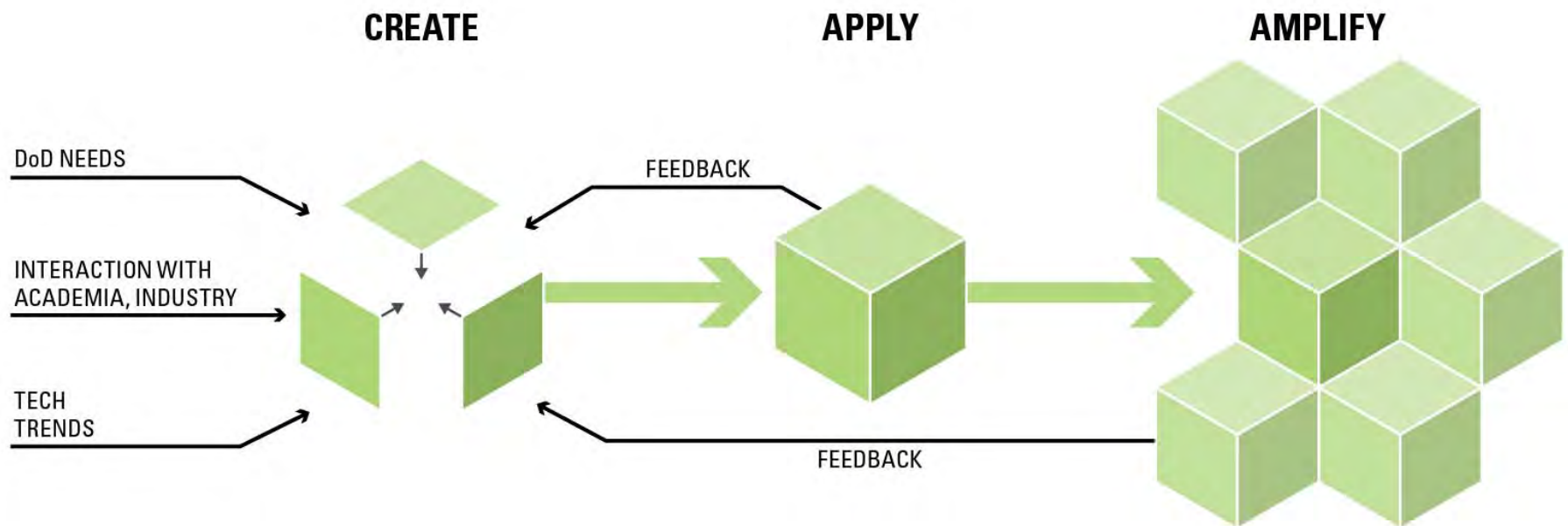
Source: Forrester Consulting, "State of Application Security," January 2011



# SEI: Execution Strategy

Deliver across a spectrum from R&D, to prototyping, to adoption by DoD and the Defense Industrial Base

Provide technologies and practices that improve performance across the lifecycle of acquisition through sustainment



# Summary

Software delivers the capabilities DoD needs to accomplish its mission goals.

SEI R&D aims to minimize risks associated with software requires attention across the acquisition and software development lifecycles.

Informed by DoD's needs and the technology landscape, SEI is pursuing research falling into two technical areas (TF1/TF2).

