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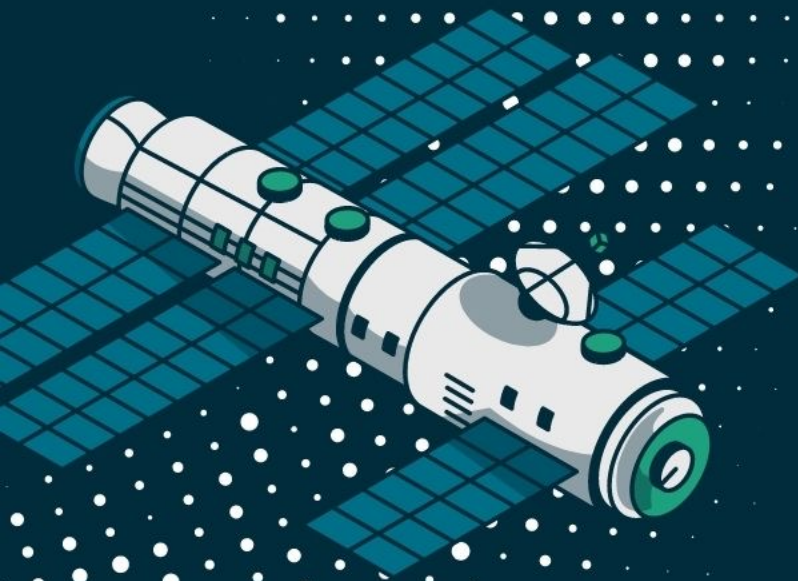
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"The Next Giant Leap: Building Cyber Resilience for the Global Space Industry"

This theme will explore the critical importance of cybersecurity in the rapidly advancing commercial space sector. Drawing parallels between the monumental technological advances that propelled humanity to the moon in the late 1960s and the current state of the space industry, this conference aims to shed light on the profound changes we are experiencing and the urgent need for cyber resilience in the space domain.



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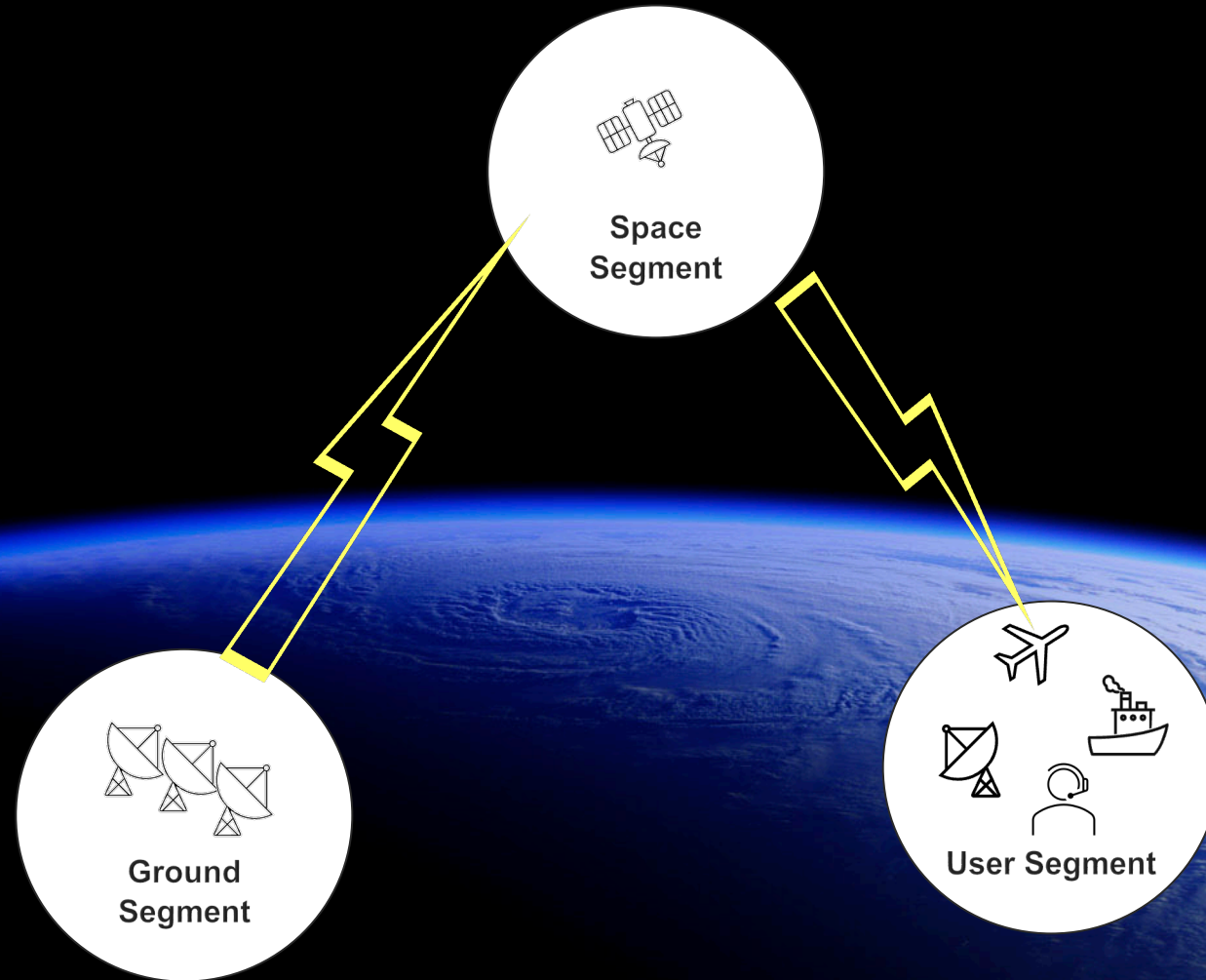
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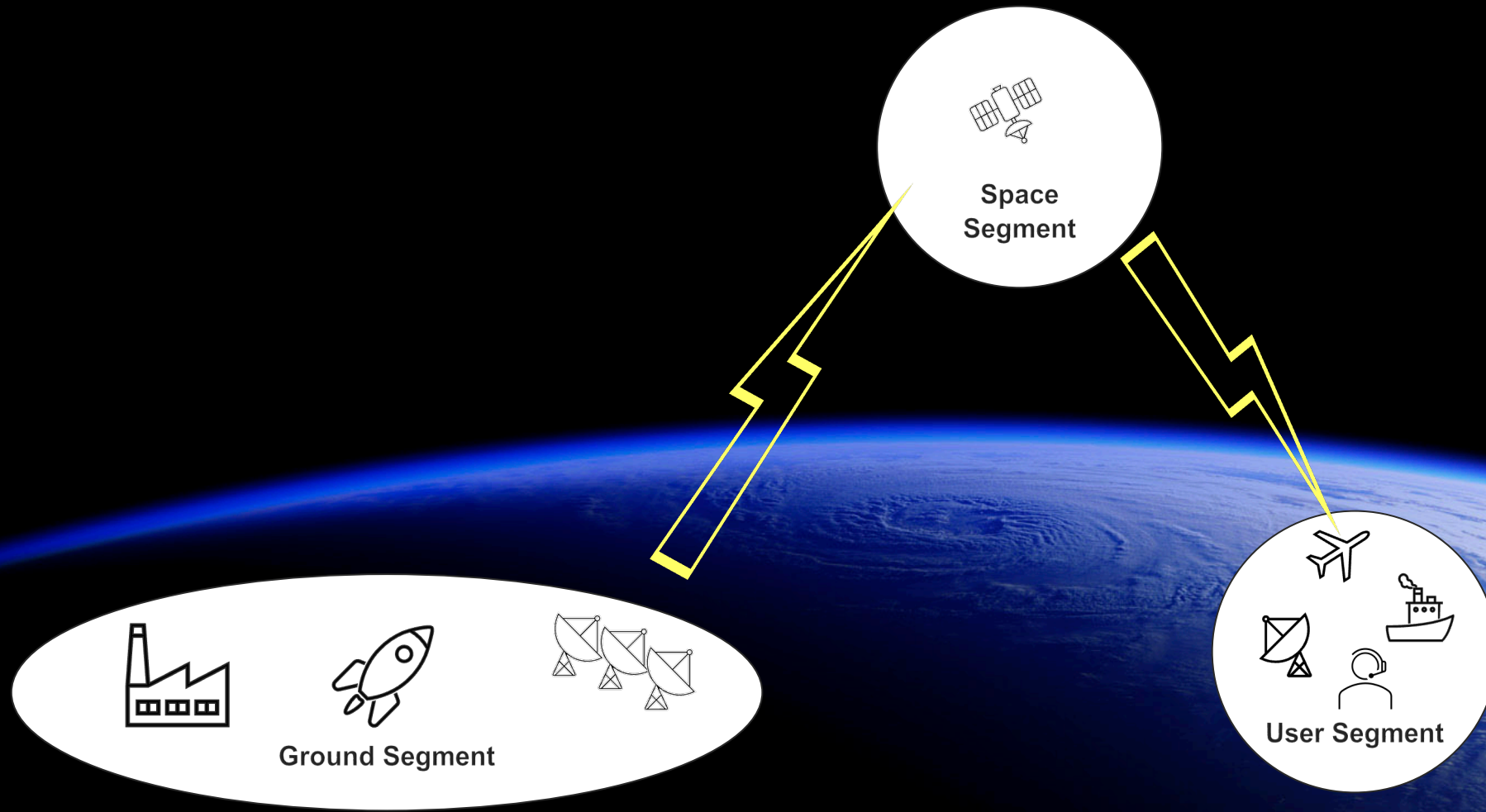
THE GLOBAL SPACE ECOSYSTEM

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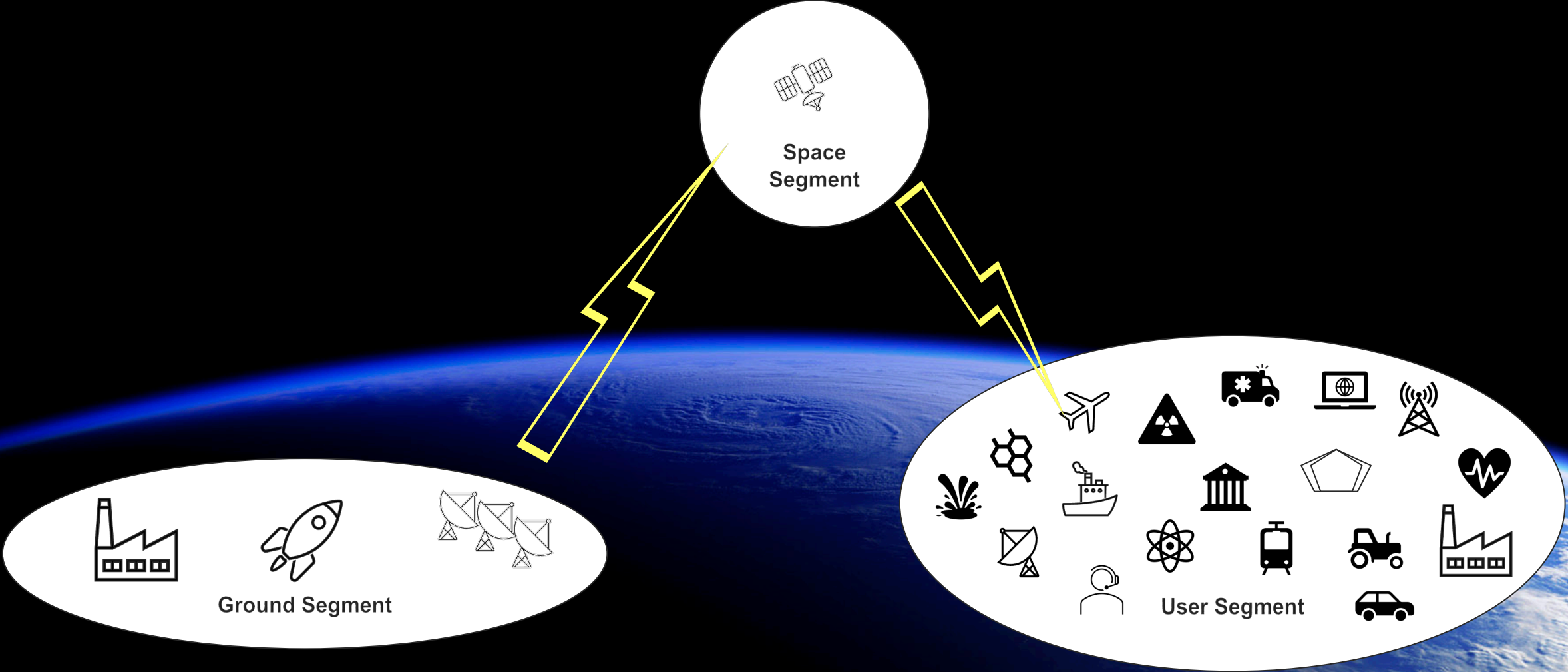
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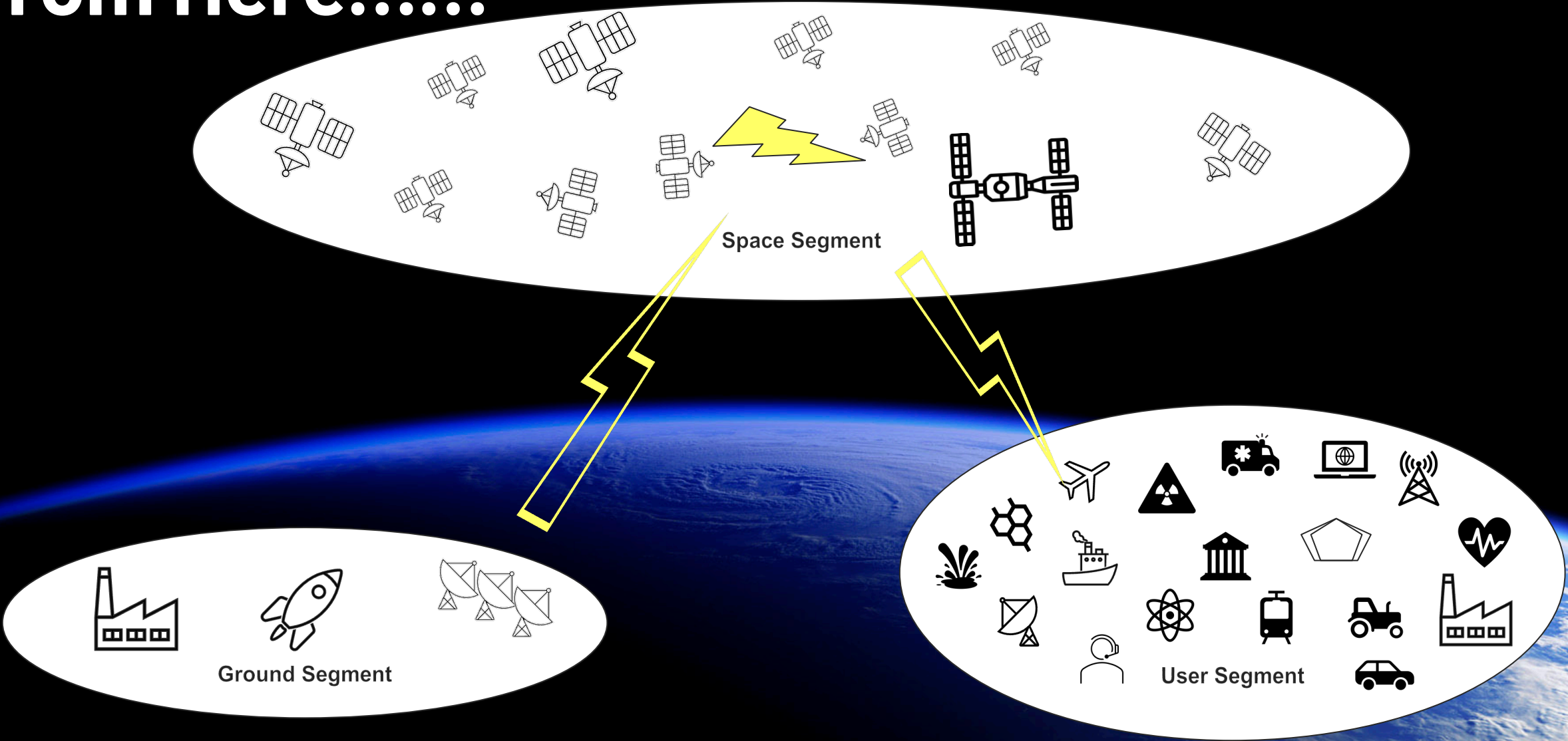
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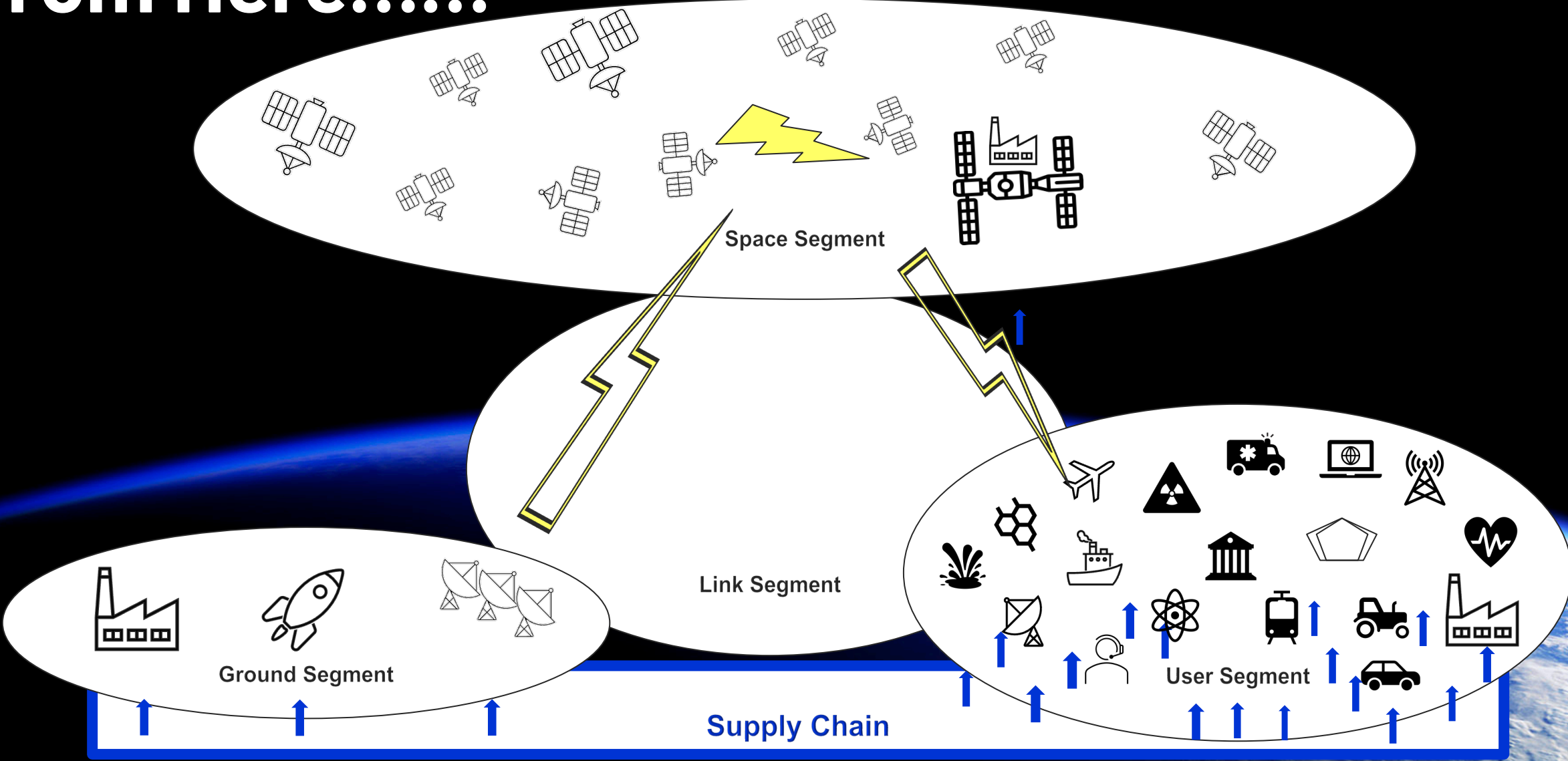
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BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE



Beginning with the End in Mind

Cyber Resilience: Key Concepts

Cybersecurity is a triad!

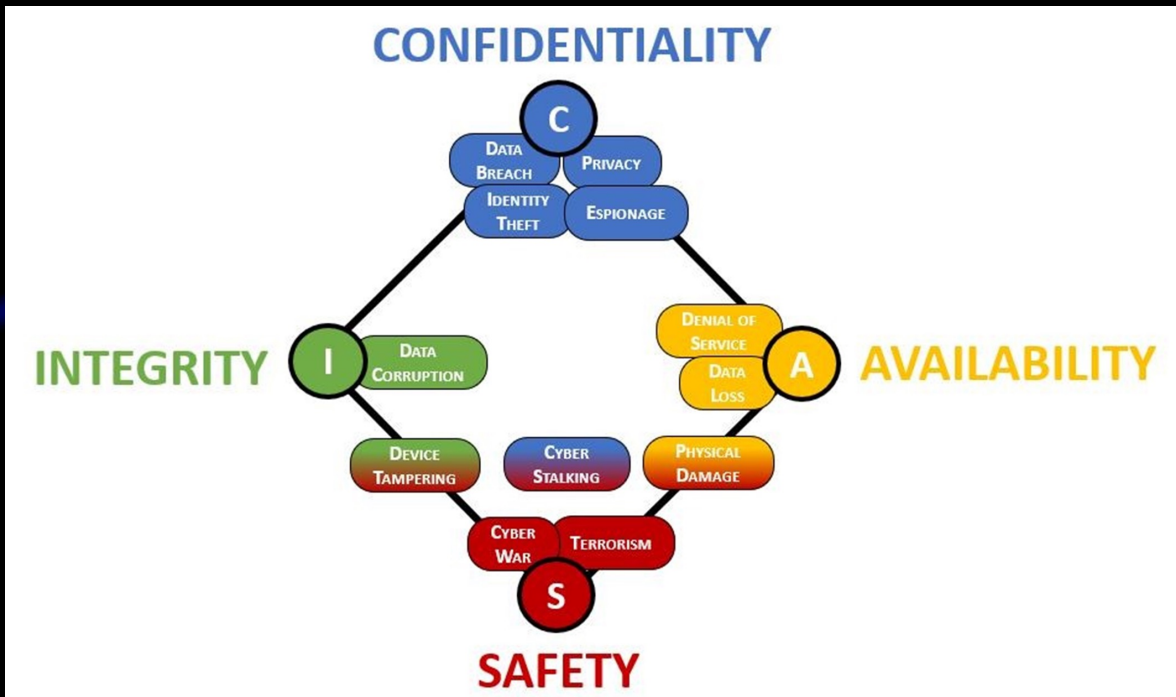
- Sensitive data protection is not the only driving consideration
- Critical elements require integrity and availability protections by definition
- Loss of integrity and/or availability may impact safety

Resilience engineering is concerned with critical systems

Cyber Resilience is an ability to:

- **Anticipate** – maintain a state of informed preparedness
- **Withstand** – continue essential functions despite
- **Recover** – continue essential functions during and after
- **Adapt** – modify functions and/or capabilities in response to predicted changes

...to adverse conditions, stresses, attacks, or compromises on systems that use or are enabled by cyber resources.



Cyber Resilience for and In Space

Anticipate – maintain a state of informed preparedness

- While the majority of this threat intelligence will be collected on the ground, space-based sensors and even contextual telemetry are needed

Withstand – continue essential functions despite

- We need incident response exercises and simulations that inform playbooks to enable speedy *appropriate* responses
- Everything incident response related must include elements we've likely not included before – supply chain, maintenance/factories, launch segment, hosted payloads

Recover – continue essential functions during and after

- Requires *extremely granular and current* inventory and configuration data for all critical components *and dependencies*

Adapt – modify functions and/or capabilities in response to predicted changes

- Must be built to be adaptable

Building Cyber Resilience

Have a blueprint before building...anything

- A core set of cybersecurity functions must be baselined for critical IT and OT
- Build with the end in mind - resilience

Apply zero trust principles to all critical elements

- Everywhere, always, and that includes the components we launch and the actors in each environment (even Dr. Hedrick and her lunar rover)

Leverage technology

- Digital twins are superior for modeling and simulating resilience in unfavorable conditions
- Apply AI/ML for threat hunting and incident response planning, to characterize and predict behavior, and identify and optimize responses

Let us not reinvent the wheel in space

- (That TT&C subsystem sure looks like a wireless access point)

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PRINCIPAL SPACE SYSTEMS SECURITY ARCHITECT



Space Systems Designation as Critical Infrastructure Sector

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Commercial Protection Before, During and After a Cyber Incident

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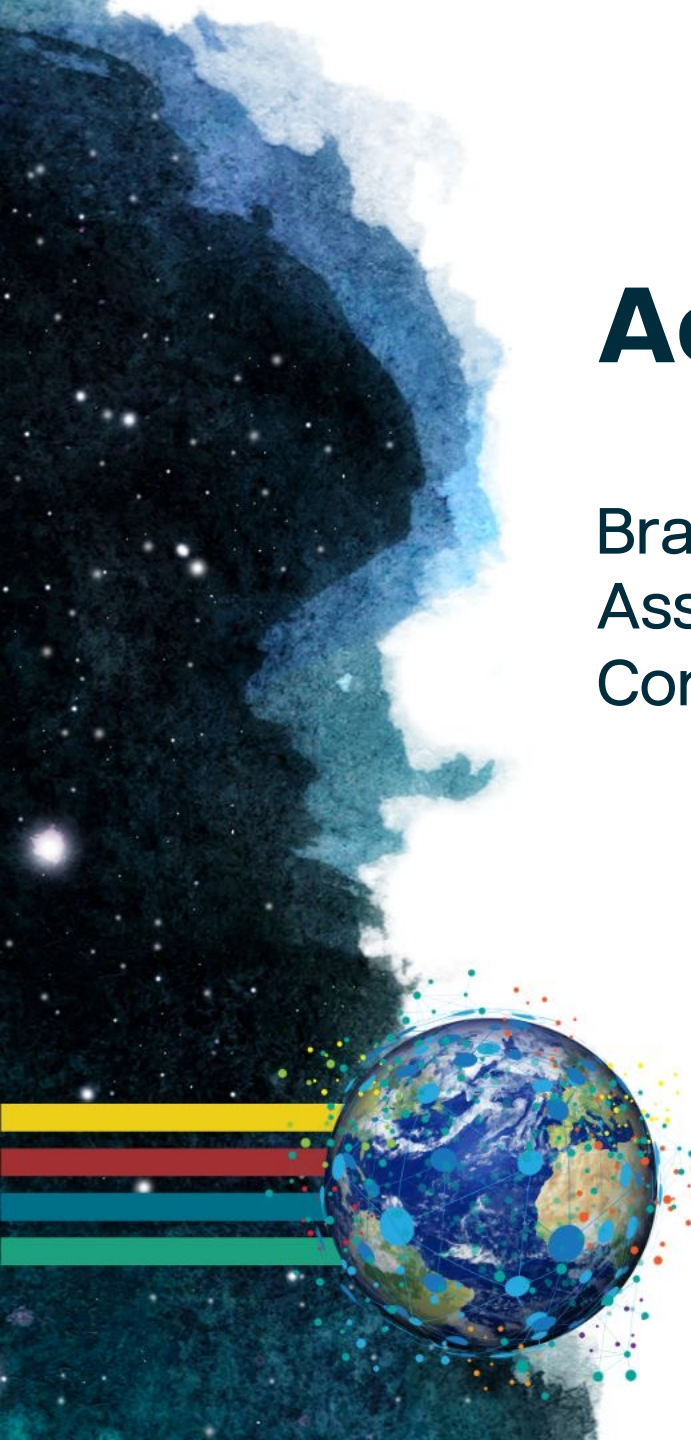
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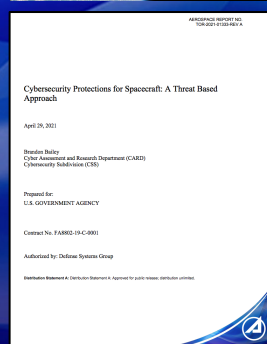
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Papers:

- [Defending Spacecraft in the Cyber Domain](#)
- [Establishing Space Cybersecurity Policy, Standards, & Risk Management Practices](#)
- [Cybersecurity Protections for Spacecraft: A Threat Based Approach](#)
- [Protecting Space Systems from Cyber Attack](#)

Presentations:

- [DEF CON 2020: Exploiting Spacecraft](#)
- [DEF CON 2021: Unboxing the Spacecraft Software BlackBox Hunting for Vulnerabilities](#)
- [DEF CON 2022: Hunting for Spacecraft Zero Days using Digital Twins](#)

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Space Attack Research & Tactic Analysis (SPARTA) – Launched Oct 2022

Filling the TTP Gap for Space

- Cybersecurity matrices are industry-standard tools and approaches for commercial and government users to navigate rapidly evolving cyber threats and vulnerabilities and outpace cyber threats
 - They provide a critical knowledge base of adversary behaviors
 - Framework for adversarial actions across the attack lifecycle with applicable countermeasures
- Current cybersecurity matrices (including [MITRE ATT&CK](#)) are limited to ground systems which lead to a gap for space industry
- Aerospace’s SPARTA is the first-of-its-kind body of knowledge on cybersecurity protections for spacecraft and space systems, filling a critical vulnerability gap exists for the U.S. space enterprise



Space Attack Research & Tactic Analysis (SPARTA)

show sub-techniques hide sub-techniques

| Reconnaissance 9 techniques | Resource Development 4 techniques | Initial Access 12 techniques | Execution 15 techniques | Persistence 4 techniques | Defense Evasion 6 techniques | Lateral Movement 4 techniques | Exfiltration 9 techniques | Impact 6 techniques |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gather Spacecraft Design Information (3) | Acquire Infrastructure (3) | Compromise Supply Chain (3) | Replay (2) | Memory Compromise (0) | Disable Fault Management (0) | Hosted Payload (0) | Replay (0) | Deception (or Misdirection) (0) |
| Gather Spacecraft Descriptors (3) | Compromise Infrastructure (3) | Compromise Software Defined Radio (0) | Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Geofencing (0) | Backdoor (2) | Prevent Downlink (3) | Exploit Lack of Bus Segregation (0) | Side-Channel Attack (5) | Disruption (0) |
| Gather Spacecraft Communications Information (2) | Obtain Capabilities (2) | Crosslink via Compromised Neighbor (0) | Modify Authentication Process (0) | Ground System Presence (0) | Modify On-Board Values (12) | Constellation Hopping via Crosslink (0) | Eavesdropping (2) | Denial (0) |
| Gather Launch Information (1) | Stage Capabilities (2) | Secondary/Backup Communication Channel (2) | Compromise Boot Memory (0) | Replace Cryptographic Keys (0) | Masquerading (0) | Visiting Vehicle Interface(s) (0) | Out-of-Band Communications Link (0) | Degradation (0) |
| Eavesdropping (3) | | Rendezvous & Proximity Operations (3) | Exploit Hardware/Firmware Corruption (2) | | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe Mode (0) | | | |
| | | Compromise Hosted Payload (0) | Disable/Bypass Security (0) | | | | | |

SPARTA provides unclassified information to space professionals about how spacecraft may be compromised/impacted via cyber or traditional counterspace mean



SPARTA Use Cases – Impact Across Community & Lifecycle

USG, Commercial Space, International, Collaborations, etc.

- Policy Makers – bridging the gap between policy and implementation guidance (e.g., SPD-5)
- Acquisition Professionals - tailor threat informed / risk-based requirements
- Standards development organizations (e.g., CCSDS, IEEE P3349)
- Space system developers (e.g., JAXA, NASA, etc.)
- Defensive Cyber Operations (e.g., USSF)
- Threat intelligence reporting / tracking of TTPs (e.g., Space ISAC Watch Center)
- Assessments / Table-Tops (e.g., MRAP-C, ATO)
- Education / Training - raises the bar on common space-cyber knowledge

SPARTA will crowdsource info from space enterprise researchers and threat intel via sparta@aero.org

SPARTA is a key tool to help Allies, Partners, USG and Commercial adopt a common and consistent cybersecurity posture

Deeper Dive on Use Cases at https://sparta.aerospace.org/resources/SPARTA_Overview_InDepth_Nov22.pdf

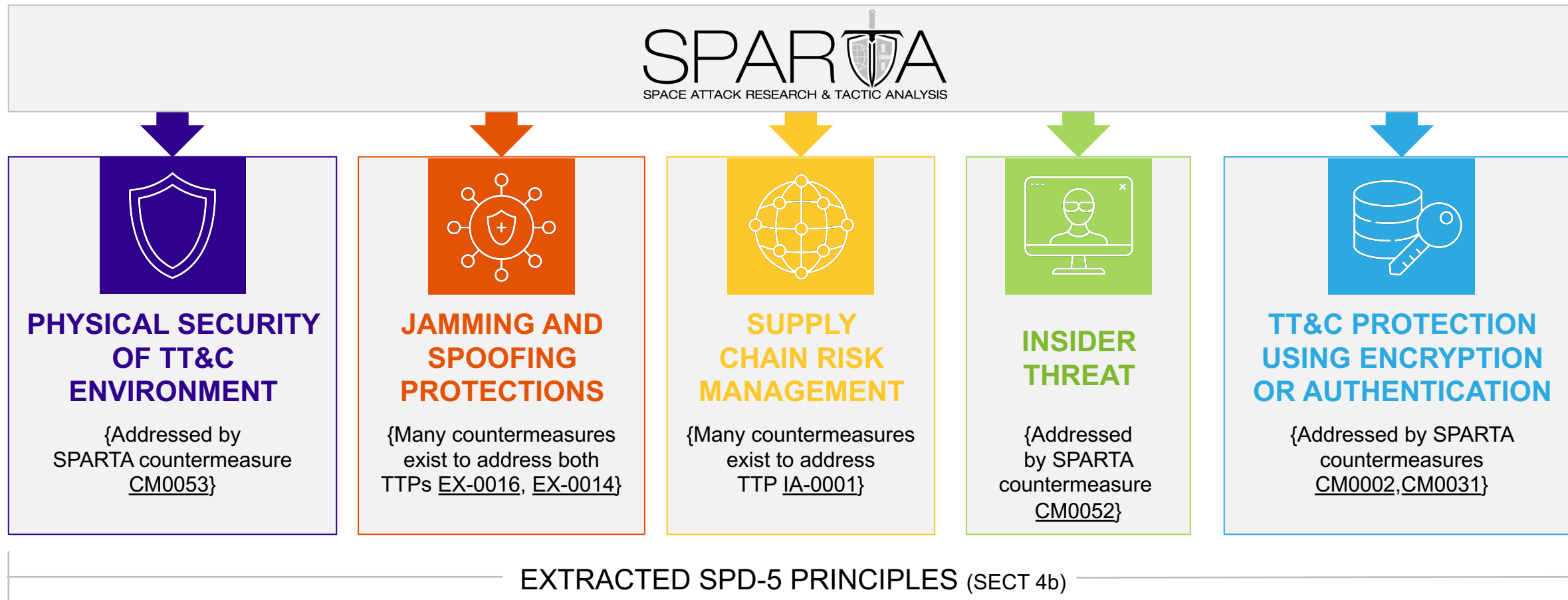


Example: SPD-5 and SPARTA Relationship

Bridging the Technical Gap Between Policy and Implementation

SPD-5 PROVIDES SOME GENERIC SECURITY GUIDANCE FOR SPACE SYSTEMS

Implementation details on these principles – SPARTA provides guidance on SPD-5 principles and beyond



Aerospace is working with Space ISAC to deliver space cyber best practice / implementation guidance using SPARTA



1 Year Highlights – Many Updates!!!



New Features Since Launch

- Keep an eye on <https://sparta.aerospace.org/resources/updates-current>
 - *All updates are posted and maintained*
- *~25% increase in the number of TTP {V1.0 TTPs=169 to V1.4 TTPs=213}*
- *~25% increase in the number of countermeasures {V1.0 CMs=69 to V1.4 CMs=87}*
- Blog Area Established - <https://medium.com/the-aerospace-corporation/space-cyber/home>
- Mapping to Standards
 - *ISO 27001 mapping* - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/iso>
 - *D3FEND Mapping* - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/d3fend/techniques>
 - *NIST 800-53 revision 5* - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/references>
- References Added to the TTPs based on CyberInFlight database
- Tools
 - *JSON Creator* - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/json-creator>
 - *Attack chain tools* – *manually click or use JSON creator*
 - Navigator - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/navigator>
 - Countermeasure Mapper - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/mapper>
 - *Control Mapper* - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/references/mapper>
 - *Notional Risk Scores* - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/notional-risk-scores>

Mapping to Standards



NIST References

The following references have been used in SPARTA Countermeasures and/or Defense-in-Depth Space Threats. While this is not a full list of the relevant NIST controls, these are the ones our subject matter experts found most relevant.

| ID | Name | Description | SPARTA Countermeasures | ISO 27001 |
|------|-----------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| AC-1 | Policy and Procedures | a. Develop, document, and disseminate to [Assignment: organization-defined personnel or roles]: 1. [Selection (one or more): organization-level; mission/business process-level; system-level] access control policy that: (a) Addresses purpose, scope, roles, responsibilities, management commitment, coordination among organizational entities, and compliance; and (b) Is consistent with applicable laws, executive orders, directives, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines; and 2. Procedures to facilitate the implementation of the access control policy and the associated access controls; b. Designate an [Assignment: organization-defined official] to manage compliance; regulatory, audit practices published by NIST and/or ISO. | CM0005 | 5.2 5.3 7.5.1 7.5.2 7.5.3 A.5.1 A.5.2 A.5.4 A.5.15 |

[View ISO 27001 Requirements](#) | [View ISO 27001 Controls](#)

| ID | Name | SPARTA Countermeasures | NIST Rev 5 |
|-------|---|--|---|
| A.5 | Organizational controls | None | None |
| A.5.1 | Policies for information security | CM0005 CM0022 CM0024 CM0026 CM0027 CM0028 CM0004 | AC-1 AT-1 AU-1 CA-1 CM-1 CP-1 IA-1 IR-1 MA-1 MP-1 PE-1 PL-1 PM-1 PS-1 RA-1 SA-1 SC-1 SI-1 SR-1 |
| A.5.2 | Information security roles and responsibilities | CM0005 CM0020 CM0022 CM0041 CM0052 CM0054 CM0074 CM0075 CM0076 CM0079 CM0081 CM0087 CM0070 CM0006 CM0042 CM0044 CM0043 CM0045 CM0048 CM0001 CM0009 CM0024 CM0025 CM0026 CM0027 CM0028 CM0030 CM0031 CM0050 CM0004 CM0010 CM0011 CM0012 CM0013 CM0015 CM0017 CM0018 CM0019 CM0023 CM0039 CM0046 CM0047 CM0055 CM0035 CM0053 CM0056 CM0051 CM0037 CM0038 CM0057 CM0021 | AC-1 AT-1 AU-1 CA-1 CM-1 CM-9 CP-1 CP-2 IA-1 IR-1 MA-1 MP-1 PE-1 PL-1 PM-1 PM-2 PM-10 PM-29 PS-1 PS-7 PS-9 RA-1 SA-1 SA-3 SA-9 SC-1 SI-1 SR-1 |
| A.5.3 | Segregation of duties | None | AC-5 |
| A.5.4 | Management responsibilities | CM0005 CM0024 CM0025 CM0026 CM0027 CM0028 CM0041 CM0004 CM0010 CM0012 CM0013 CM0015 CM0021 CM0048 CM0022 | AC-1 AT-1 AU-1 CA-1 CM-1 CP-1 IA-1 IR-1 MA-1 MP-1 PE-1 PL-1 |

D3FEND Techniques

MITRE published Detection, Denial, and Disruption Framework Empowering Network Defense ([D3FEND](#)) in 2021 and defines D3FEND as a "knowledge graph of cybersecurity countermeasure techniques." Like SPARTA, D3FEND discusses cyber countermeasures which are actions that need to be taken to increase cyber defense. D3FEND's goal is not to prescribe the exact implementation for a countermeasure, but rather, to provide a lexicon and framework for defensive techniques. Similar to other frameworks (i.e., [ATT&CK](#), [SPARTA](#), etc.), the D3FEND Matrix contains a definition of the countermeasure, how it works, considerations when using the countermeasure, and information about relevant types of digital artifacts.

D3FEND provides its own reference that depicts which countermeasures will help mitigate against various ATT&CK elements. Similarly, SPARTA wanted to provide a translation/mapping of D3FEND techniques and artifacts to the relevant SPARTA countermeasures. This should enable users of SPARTA to bridge the gap between countermeasures / courses of actions (COAs). Currently SPARTA's countermeasures provide varying levels of abstraction on details. Mapping SPARTA countermeasures to [NIST 800-53](#), [ISO 27001](#), and now [D3FEND](#) gives the SPARTA users additional context and data to improve cyber defenses on space systems.

| ID | Name | Description |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| D3-AI | Asset Inventory | Asset inventorying identifies and records the organization's assets and enriches each inventory item with knowledge about their vulnerabilities. |
| D3-CI | Configuration Inventory | Configuration inventory identifies and records the configuration of software and hardware and their components throughout the organization. |
| D3-DI | Data Inventory | Data inventorying identifies and records the schemas, formats, volumes, and locations of data stored and used on the organization's architecture. |
| D3-SWI | Software Inventory | Software inventorying identifies and records the software items in the organization's architecture. |
| D3-AVE | Asset Vulnerability Enumeration | Asset vulnerability enumeration enriches inventory items with knowledge identifying their vulnerabilities. |
| D3-NNI | Network Node Inventory | Network node inventorying identifies and records all the network nodes (hosts, routers, switches, firewalls, etc.) in the organization's architecture. |
| D3-HCI | Hardware Component | Hardware component inventorying identifies and records the hardware items in the organization's architecture. |



International Collaboration

CyberInflight

- Expanding the reference section with CyberInflight's space security attacks database
 - Working with them to map TTPs to increase the real-world examples of the TTPs in use by threat actors
- Inclusion of their database deployed in July 2023 – v1.3.2
 - <https://sparta.aerospace.org/resources/updates/v1.3.2>
- Since Oct 2022, received input from SPARTA from many government and commercial entities
 - Including inputs from several international partners

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Website Updates

- Updated TTP references using CyberInflight's Market Intelligence Team's space attack database
- Created Tools link to house Navigator and CM Mapper
- Fixed Navigator to work with other versions of SPARTA, but now all previously created JSON files are now obsolete
- Added 'Needed Countermeasures' to Navigator
- Updated Contributors list

Techniques

New Techniques

Modified Techniques

- REC-0001: Gather Spacecraft Design Information
- REC-0002: Gather Spacecraft Descriptors
- REC-0003: Gather Spacecraft Communications Information
- REC-0004: Gather Launch Information
- REC-0008: Gather Supply Chain Information
- REC-0009: Gather Mission Information
- RD-0002: Compromise Infrastructure
- EX-0005: Exploit Hardware/Firmware Corruption
- EX-0013: Flooding
- EX-0014: Spoofing
- EXF-0007: Compromised Ground System
- EXF-0010: Payload Communication Channel
- IMP-0002: Disruption
- IMP-0003: Denial
- IMP-0004: Degradation
- IMP-0005: Destruction
- IMP-0006: Theft

Sub-Techniques

New Sub-Techniques

Modified Sub-Techniques

- REC-0003.01: Communications Equipment
- REC-0003.03: Mission-Specific Channel Scanning
- REC-0005.04: Active Scanning (RF/Optical)
- REC-0008.04: Business Relationships
- RD-0001.02: Commercial Ground Station Services
- EX-0013.02: Erroneous Input
- EX-0016.02: Downlink Jamming
- EXF-0003.02: Downlink Intercept



SPARTA JSON Creator

The SPARTA JSON Creator is a tool for creating JSON objects to be used in the various SPARTA mapping tools; Navigator, CM Mapper, and Control Mapper. The user can easily copy/paste SPARTA TTPs, SPARTA Countermeasures, NIST 800-53 Rev 5 IDs, or ISO 27001 IDs into the top text area and convert the data into a specific SPARTA tool format. This JSON can then be downloaded and imported into the tool for editing and creating visuals. The expected format of the controls **MUST** match the format within the Countermeasure section of SPARTA (**NIST, ISO**) . For example, NIST control must match control family-control number(enhancement number) with no leading zeros. This would look like AC-2(1) and not AC-02(1) or AC-02(01).

Navigator CM Mapper Control Mapper (NIST) Control Mapper (ISO 27001)

Building Spacecraft Attack Chains using Attack Chains / Attack Flow != Cyber Kill Chain



- Attack Chains help demonstrate exactly what an attacker is doing at every step of the way - in a simple and easy to understand visual story
 - This is not Cyber Kill Chain which are stages comprising a cyberattack, geared towards “breaking” any phase of the “kill chain” which stop an attacker



- Attack Chains using ATT&CK and or SPARTA are **more than a sequence** of attack tactics
 - Knowledge base that correlates environment-specific (IT, OT/ICS, Cloud, Space) cybersecurity information along a hierarchy of TTP, and other knowledge (detections, mitigations, countermeasures, etc.)
- Ex: building the attack chains in [Navigator](#) helps derive [countermeasures](#) | [mapper](#)

| Data | Spacecraft Software | Single Board Computer | IDS/IPS | Cryptography | Comms Link | Ground | Prevention |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TEMPEST | Development Environment Security | Secure boot | Cloaking Safe-mode | COMSEC | TRANSEC | Ground-based Countermeasures | Protect Sensitive Information |
| Shared Resource Leakage | Disable Physical Ports | Disable Physical Ports | On-board Intrusion Detection & Prevention | Crypto Key Management | | Monitor Critical Telemetry Points | Security Testing Results |
| Machine Learning Data Integrity | Software Version Numbers | Segmentation | Robust Fault Management | Authentication | | Protect Authenticators | Threat Intelligence Program |
| On-board Message Encryption | Vulnerability Scanning | Backdoor Commands | Secure Mode | Relay Protection | | Physical Security Controls | Threat modeling |
| | Software Bill of Materials | Error Detection and Correcting Memory | Fault Injection Redundancy | Traffic Flow Analysis Defense | | Data Backup | Criticality Analysis |
| | Dependency Confusion | Resilient Position, Navigation, and Timing | Model-based System Verification | | | Anti-counterfeit Hardware | Supplier Review |
| | Software Source Control | Target Resistant Body | Smart Contracts | | | Original Component Manufacturer | |
| | DWE List | Power Randomization | Reinforcement Learning | | | ASIC/FPGA Manufacturing | Tamper Protection |
| | Coding Standard | Power Consumption Obfuscation | | | | User Training | Insider Threat Protection |
| | Dynamic Analysis | Secret Shares | | | | Two-Person Rule | Distributed Constellations |
| | Static Analysis | Increase Clock Cycles/Timing | | | | Proifored Constellations | Diversified Architectures |
| | Software Digital Signature | Dual Layer Protection | | | | Space Domain Awareness | |
| | Configuration Management | OSAM Dual Authorization | | | | | |
| | Session Termination | Communication Physical Medium | | | | | |
| | Least Privilege | Protocol Update / Refactoring | | | | | |
| | Long Duration Testing | | | | | | |
| | Operating System | | | | | | |

| Initial Access 12 techniques | Execution 18 techniques | Persistence 5 techniques | Defense Evade 11 techniques |
|---|---|--|--|
| Compromise Supply Chain (1) Software Supply Chain Hardware Supply Chain | Replay (2) Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Spoofing (3) Modify Authentication Process (3) Compromise Boot Memory (3) | Command Packets (1) Bus Traffic Backdoor (2) Ground System Presence (3) Replace Cryptographic Keys (3) Valid Credentials (2) | Disable Fault Management (3) Prevent Downlink (2) Jam Link S Inhibit Spa Vehicle Co Rejected O Command Command Telemetry (2) Cryptograp Received C System Clo GPS Ephem Watchdog Poison AU |
| Compromise Software Defined Radio (3) Crosslink via Compromised Neighbor (3) | Ground Station Receiver Compromise Emanations Docked Vehicle / OSAM Proximity Grappling | Design Flaws Malicious Use of Hardware Commands | Modify On-Board Values (12) Cryptograp |
| Secondary/Backup Communication Channel (2) Receiver | Exploit Hardware/Firmware Corruption (2) Disable/Bypass Encryption (3) Trigger Single Event Upset (3) | Malicious Commanding via Valid GS Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | Command Command Telemetry (2) Cryptograp |
| Rendezvous & Proximity Operations (2) Proximity Grappling | Time Synchronized Execution (2) | Absolute Time Sequences Relative Time Sequences Flight Software Operating System Ransomware Wiper Malware Rootkit Bookkit | System Clo GPS Ephem Watchdog Poison AU |
| Compromise Hosted Payload (1) | Exploit Code Flaws (1) | Malicious Code (1) | Masquerading (3) Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) Modify Whitelist (2) Rootkit (2) Bookkit (2) |
| Compromise Ground System (2) | Compromise On-Orbit Update Malicious Commanding via Valid GS Rogue Ground Station Rogue Spacecraft ASAT/Counterspace Weapon Mission Collaborator (academia, international, etc.) Vendor User Segment | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |
| Rogue External Entity (3) | Rogue Spacecraft ASAT/Counterspace Weapon Mission Collaborator (academia, international, etc.) Vendor User Segment | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |
| Trusted Relationship (1) | Vendor User Segment | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |
| Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (3) | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |
| Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (1) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (1) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (1) | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |
| | | Modify On-Board Values (12) | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |
| | | Registers Internal Routing Tables Memory Write/Loads App/Subscriber Tables Scheduling Algorithm Science/Payload Data Propulsion Subsystem Attitude Determination & Control Subsystem Electrical Power Subsystem Command & Data Handling Subsystem Watchdog Timer (WDT) System Clock Poison A/M/L Training Data | Debris Field Space Wea Trigger Pre |



Building Spacecraft Attack Chains



Blast from the Past

- Replay Attack from DefCon 2020
- Memory Injection Attack DefCon 2022

New Attacks

- Supply Chain Attack – Time bomb that executes command sequence 30 secs after boot
- Reaction Wheel Attack – Sending commands from rogue ground station due to no auth/encryption

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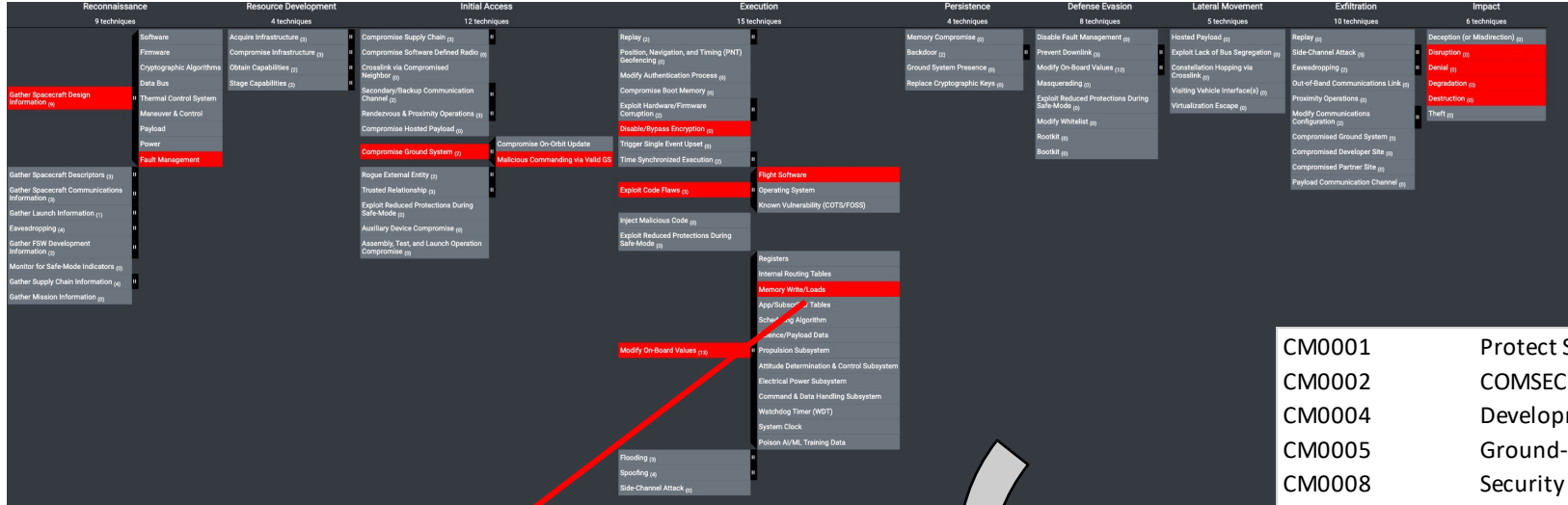
- ESA OPS-SAT Attack

Theoretical Attack Chain in Backup

- PCspooF

- [Hacking Spacecraft using Space Attack Research & Tactic Analysis | Video](#) (April 2023)
 - Updated version presented at [DEF CON 31](#)

Mapping Attack Chain to Countermeasures



Many of these countermeasures likely not feasible for mission that are already launched

Modify On-Board Values: Memory Write/Loads

Threat actors may utilize the target spacecraft's ability for direct memory access to carry out desired effect on the target spacecraft. Spacecrafts often have the ability to take direct loads or singular commands to read/write to/from memory directly, spacecrafts that contain the ability to input data directly into memory provides a multitude of potential attack scenarios for a threat actor. Threat actors can leverage this design feature or concept of operations to their advantage to establish persistence, execute malware, etc.

Other Subtechniques of Modify On-Board Values (13)

ID: EX-0012.03
 Sub-technique of: EX-0072
 Related Aerospace Threat IDs: SVT-2, SVT-18, SV-38-9
 Related MITRE ATTACK TTPs: No related MITRE ATTACK TTPs
 Tactic: Execution
 Created: 2022/10/19
 Last Modified: 2022/12/08

| ID | Name | Description | NIST Revs |
|--------|---|---|--|
| CM0009 | Process White Listing | Simple process ID whitelisting on the firmware level could impede attackers from instigating unnecessary processes which could impact the spacecraft | CM-11, CM-7(5), PL-8, PL-1(1), IS-10(5) |
| CM0032 | On-board Intrusion Detection & Prevention | Utilize on-board intrusion detection/prevention system that monitors the mission critical components or systems and audit/logs actions. The IDS/IPS should have the capability to respond to threats (initial access, execution, persistence, evasion, exfiltration, etc.) and it should address signature-based attacks along with dynamic never-before seen attacks using machine learning/adaptive technologies. The IDS/IPS must integrate with traditional fault management to provide a holistic approach to faults on-board the spacecraft. Spacecraft should select and execute safe countermeasures against cyber-attacks. These countermeasures are a ready supply of options to triage against the specific types of attack and mission priorities. Minimally, the response should ensure vehicle safety and continued operations. Ideally, the goal is to trap the threat, convince the threat that it is successful, and trace and track the attacker - with or without ground support. This would support successful attribution and evolving countermeasures to mitigate the threat in the future. "Safe countermeasures" are those that are compatible with the system's fault management system to avoid unintended effects or fratricide on the system. | AU-14, AU-2, AU-3, AU-9(1), AU-4, AU-4(1), AU-5, AU-5(2), AU-5(5), AU-4(1), AU-4(6), AU-8, AU-9, AU-9(2), AU-9(3), CA-7(6), CM-11(2), CP-10, CP-10(4), IR-4, IR-4(1), IR-4(2), IR-4(14), IR-4(5), IR-8, IR-8(1), PL-8, PL-8(1), RA-10, RA-3(4), SA-8(21), SA-8(22), SA-8(23), SC-14(2), SC-32(1), SC-3, SC-3(3), SC-7(10), SC-7(9), SI-10(6), SI-16, SI-17, SI-8, SI-8(8), SI-4, SI-4(1), SI-4(10), SI-4(11), SI-4(13), SI-4(16), SI-4(17), SI-4(2), SI-4(23), SI-4(24), SI-4(25), SI-4(4), SI-4(5), SI-4, SI-7(17), SI-7(6) |
| CM0042 | Robust Fault Management | Ensure fault management system cannot be used against the spacecraft. Examples include: safe mode with crypto bypass, orbit correction maneuvers, affecting integrity of telemetry to cause action from ground, or some sort of proximity operation to cause spacecraft to go into safe mode. Understanding the sailing procedures and ensuring they do not put the spacecraft in a more vulnerable state is key to building a resilient spacecraft. | CP-2, CP-4(5), PL-8, PL-8(1), SA-3, SA-3(6), SA-8, SA-8(13), SA-8(24), SA-8(3), SA-8(4), SC-16(2), SC-24, SC-5, SC-13, SI-17 |
| CM0044 | Cybersafe Mode | Provide the capability to enter the spacecraft into a configuration-controlled and integrity-protected state representing a known, operational cyber-safe state (e.g., cyber-safe mode). Spacecraft should enter a cyber-safe mode when conditions that threaten the platform are detected. Cyber-safe mode is an operating mode of a spacecraft during which all nonessential systems are shut down and the spacecraft is placed in a known good state using validated software and configuration settings. Within cyber-safe mode, authentication and encryption should still be enabled. The spacecraft should be capable of reconstructing firmware and software functions to pre-attack levels to allow for the recovery of functional capabilities. This can be performed by self-healing, or the healing can be aided from the ground. However, the spacecraft needs to have the capability to return, based on equipment still available after a cyber-attack. The goal is for the spacecraft to resume full mission operations. If not possible, a reduced level of mission capability should be achieved. Cyber-safe mode software/configuration should be stored onboard the spacecraft in memory with hardware-based controls and should not be modifiable. | CP-10, CP-10(4), CP-12, CP-2, CP-2(5), IR-4, IR-4(12), IR-4(3), PL-8, PL-8(1), SA-3, SA-8, SA-8(10), SA-8(12), SA-8(13), SA-8(21), SA-8(23), SA-8(24), SA-8(3), SA-8(4), SC-16(2), SC-24, SC-5, SI-11, SI-17, SI-7(17) |

SPARTA has direct mapping from TTP to Countermeasures

- CM0001 Protect Sensitive Information
- CM0002 COMSEC
- CM0004 Development Environment Security
- CM0005 Ground-based Countermeasures
- CM0008 Security Testing Results
- CM0010 Update Software
- CM0011 Vulnerability Scanning
- CM0012 Software Bill of Materials
- CM0013 Dependency Confusion
- CM0014 Secure boot
- CM0015 Software Source Control
- CM0016 CWE List
- CM0017 Coding Standard
- CM0018 Dynamic Analysis
- CM0019 Static Analysis
- CM0020 Threat modeling
- CM0021 Software Digital Signature
- CM0023 Configuration Management
- CM0025 Supplier Review
- CM0026 Original Component Manufacturer
- CM0029 TRANSEC
- CM0030 Crypto Key Management
- CM0031 Authentication
- CM0032 On-board Intrusion Detection & Prevention
- CM0033 Relay Protection
- CM0034 Monitor Critical Telemetry Points
- CM0035 Protect Authenticators
- CM0039 Least Privilege
- CM0040 Shared Resource Leakage
- CM0042 Robust Fault Management
- CM0043 Backdoor Commands
- CM0044 Cyber-safe Mode
- CM0047 Operating System Security
- CM0052 Insider Threat Protection
- CM0053 Physical Security Controls
- CM0054 Two-Person Rule
- CM0055 Secure Command Mode(s)
- CM0069 Process White Listing
- CM0070 Alternate Communications Paths

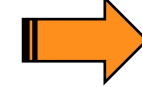


Combining the 4 Attack Chains

SPARTA Navigator – Extracting Countermeasures / NIST Controls

| ID | Name | Description | References | Aerospace | Related MITR | Related ISF | Countermeasures | NIST Rev 5 C | Requirements |
|------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| REC-0001 | Gather Spa Threat act | See sch SV-AC-3, SV-11592, T15 | 20002, T20 | CM0001, CI-AC-3(11) | At The Program shall do | | | | |
| REC-0001.1 | Software Threat act | See sch SV-AC-3, SV-11592, T1592, T001 | CM0001, CI-AC-3(11) | At The Program shall do | | | | | |

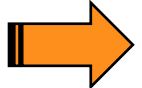
| Reconnaissance | Resource Development | Initial Access | Execution | Persistence | Defense Evasion | Lateral Movement | Exfiltration | Impact |
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| 9 techniques | 5 techniques | 12 techniques | 18 techniques | 5 techniques | 11 techniques | 7 techniques | 10 techniques | 6 techniques |
| Software | Acquire Infrastructure (1) | Mission-Operated Ground System | Compromise Supply Chain (2) | Software Supply Chain | Hardware Supply Chain | Replay (2) | Side-Channel Attack (2) | Eavesdropping (2) |



| Data | Spacecraft Software | Single Board Computer | IDS/IPS | Cryptography | Comms Link | Ground | Prevention |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TEMPEST | Development Environment Security | Secure boot | Cloaking Safe-mode | COMSEC | TRANSEC | Ground-based Countermeasures | Protect Sensitive Information |
| Shared Resource Leakage | Software Version Numbers | Disable Physical Ports | On-board Intrusion Detection & Prevention | Crypto Key Management | | Monitor Critical Telemetry Points | Security Testing Results |

Countermeasures NIST 800-53 Sample “Shalls”

| Category | ID | Name | Description | Source | NIST Rev5 Controls | Requirements | Deployment | Aerospace |
|------------|--------|-----------------|--|--------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| None | CM0000 | Countermeasures | This technique is a result of... | None | | | | |
| Prevention | CM0001 | Protect Ser | Organizations should look AC-3(11), AC-4(23), AC-4... | | | | | |
| Prevention | CM0008 | Security Te | As penetration testing and AC-3(11), CA-8, CM-4, CP... | | | | | |





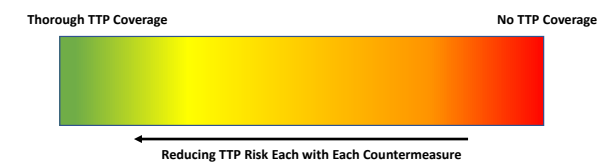
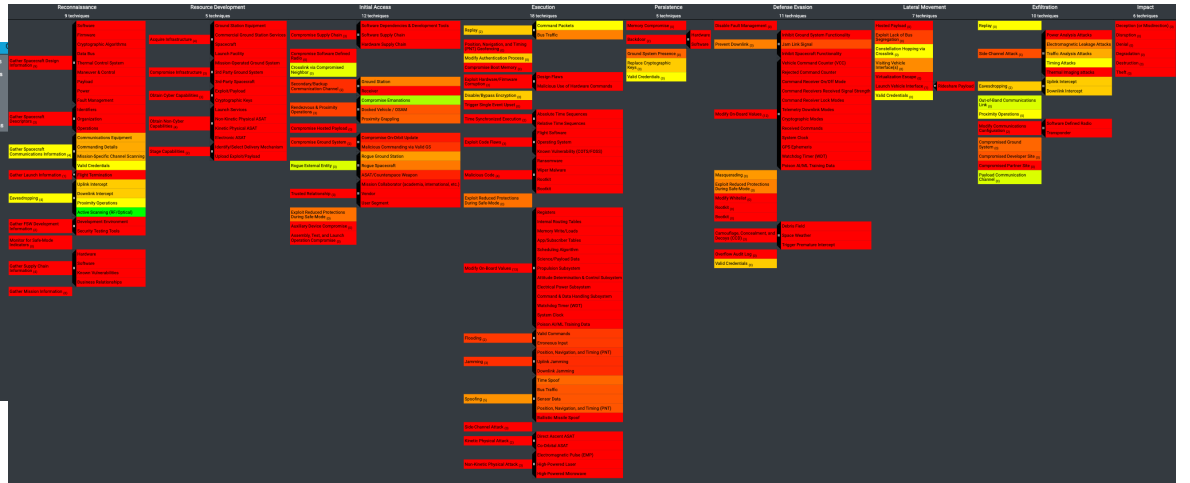
SPARTA Countermeasure Mapper / Defensive Gap Analyzer

<https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/mapper>

- Attack chains built in SPARTA's navigator can help identify countermeasures against the TTPs used in the attack
 - Many users do not know TTPs, they only know the countermeasures they have implemented (or plan to)...
- The SPARTA capability enables a graphical mechanism to select and deselect countermeasures from SPARTA's defense-in-depth view, as the starting point, to drive TTP mitigation & security planning
 - It can export the data into Excel which provides tabs for coverage and gaps from a TTP perspective, including NIST controls
- Below depicts the TTPs that have some mitigation when only applying COMSEC/TRANSEC/TEMPEST
 - Green/Yellow/Orange indicates some level of coverage where Red indicates no coverage of the TTP

| Percent Coverage | ID | Name | Description | References | Aerospace | Related MI | Countermeasures | Additional | NIST Rev 5 | Requirements |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| 50.00% | REC-0003 | Gather Spacecraft Communication | Threat actors may | https://cro | SV-CF-3 | T1592, T15 | CM0002, CI | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 33.33% | REC-0003.01 | Communications Equipment | Threat actors may | https://cro | SV-CF-3, SV | T1592, T15 | CM0029 | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 33.33% | REC-0003.02 | Commanding Details | Threat actors may | https://cro | SV-CF-3, SV | T1592, T15 | CM0029 | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 33.33% | REC-0003.03 | Mission-Specific Channel Scanning | Threat actors may | Derived fro | SV-CF-3, SV | T1592 | CM0029 | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 50.00% | REC-0003.04 | Valid Credentials | Threat actors may | https://att | SV-AC-3, SV | T1586, T15 | CM0002, CI | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 50.00% | REC-0005 | Eavesdropping | Threat actors may | Sec and sch | SV-AC-7, SV | T1040, T08 | CM0002, CI | CM0036, CI | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |
| 40.00% | REC-0005.01 | Uplink Intercept | Threat actors may | capture the | SV-AC-7, SV | T1040, T08 | CM0002, CI | CM0036, CI | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |
| 40.00% | REC-0005.02 | Downlink Intercept | Threat actors may | Kaspersky's | SV-AC-7, SV | T1040, T08 | CM0002, CI | CM0036, CI | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |
| 50.00% | REC-0005.03 | Proximity Operations | Threat actors may | https://spa | SV-AC-5, SV | T1040, T08 | CM0002, CI | CM0036, CI | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |
| 100.00% | REC-0005.04 | Active Scanning (RF/Optical) | Threat actors may | Derived fro | SV-AC-7, SV | T1595 | CM0002, CM0029 | | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |
| 54.55% | IA-0003 | Crosslink via Compromised Neigh | Threat actors may | compromis | SV-AC-1, SV | AV-1, SV-IT | CM0002, CI | CM0032, CI | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |
| 9.09% | IA-0004 | Secondary/Backup Communicatio | Threat actors may | compromis | SV-MA-7 | | CM0033 | CM0005, CI | PM-16, PM | The Program sh |
| 25.00% | IA-0004.01 | Ground Station | Threat actors may | Waller J. M | SV-MA-7 | | CM0033 | CM0005, CI | CP-2, CP-2 | (The Program sh |
| 12.50% | IA-0005 | Rendezvous & Proximity Operatio | Threat actors may | https://spa | SV-AC-5 | | CM0002, CI | CM0037, CI | CP-13, CP-2 | The spacecraft s |
| 66.67% | IA-0005.01 | Compromise Emanations | Threat actors in close proxim | SV-AC-5, SV | CF-2 | | CM0002, CI | CM0085 | CP-13, PE-1 | See threat ID SV |
| 16.67% | IA-0005.02 | Docked Vehicle / OSAM | Threat actors may | https://spa | SV-AC-5, SV | AC-6, SV-CF | CM0002, CI | CM0032, CI | CP-13, CP-2 | The spacecraft s |
| 18.18% | IA-0005.03 | Proximity Grappling | Threat actors may | https://spa | SV-AC-5, SV | CF-2 | CM0002, CI | CM0037, CI | CP-13, CP-2 | The spacecraft s |
| 4.35% | IA-0007 | Compromise Ground System | Threat actors may | 2011 Repo | SV-AC-1, SV | IT-5, SV-MA | CM0033 | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 4.55% | IA-0007.01 | Compromise On-Orbit Update | Threat actors may | Ferrazzani, | SV-AC-1, SV | T1195, T11 | CM0033 | CM0001, CI | AC-3(11), AI | The Program sh |
| 10.00% | IA-0007.02 | Malicious Commanding via Valid C | Threat actors may | 2011 Repo | SV-AC-1, SV | T1078 | CM0033 | CM0005, CI | AC-14, AC-3 | The spacecraft s |
| 57.14% | IA-0008 | Rogue External Entity | Threat actors may | https://spa | SV-AC-1, SV | T1133 | CM0002, CI | CM0032, CI | AC-17, AC-1 | The spacecraft s |

Excel Output





SPARTA Control Mapper

The SPARTA control mapper enables the user to select individual NIST controls and enhancements or ISO 27001 requirements/controls using graphical user interface. This feature is particularly useful when chaining together many controls to build a security architecture for the spacecraft. Before selecting any control, all the techniques/sub-techniques will appear in red but as the user selects control(s), the techniques/sub-techniques turn green indicating some level of coverage and risk reduction. It is important to understand that a single control has little impact on a TTP within SPARTA. Because these controls are more granular than SPARTA countermeasures in general, it will take a multitude of controls to fully mitigate a TTP. The functionality of the control mapper leverages the relationship between SPARTA countermeasures and controls that have been published under the countermeasure section of SPARTA. When done selecting the controls, the user can export the TTP graphic but more importantly the user can export the data to Excel. The Excel workbook will report the selected controls, the TTPs covered as well as the gaps in TTP coverage in respective tabs of the workbook. From a security engineering perspective, this will ensure system designers can better understand where their gaps and potential risk resides. In contrast to the SPARTA countermeasures, there are many more controls from a NIST or ISO perspective. Therefore, users can leverage the [JSON creator tool](#) to create their own custom overlays of controls vice manually selecting from the graphical interface.

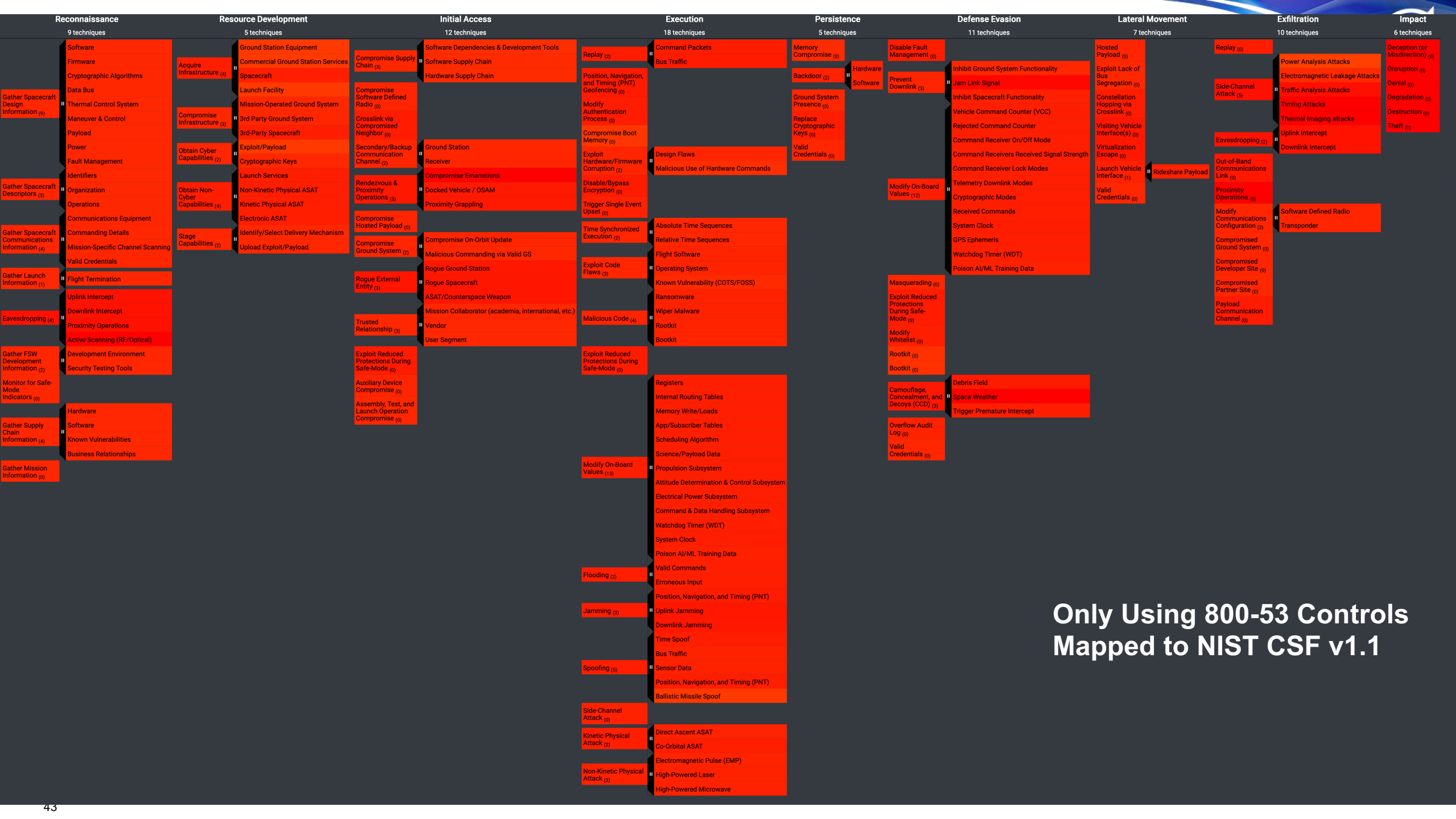
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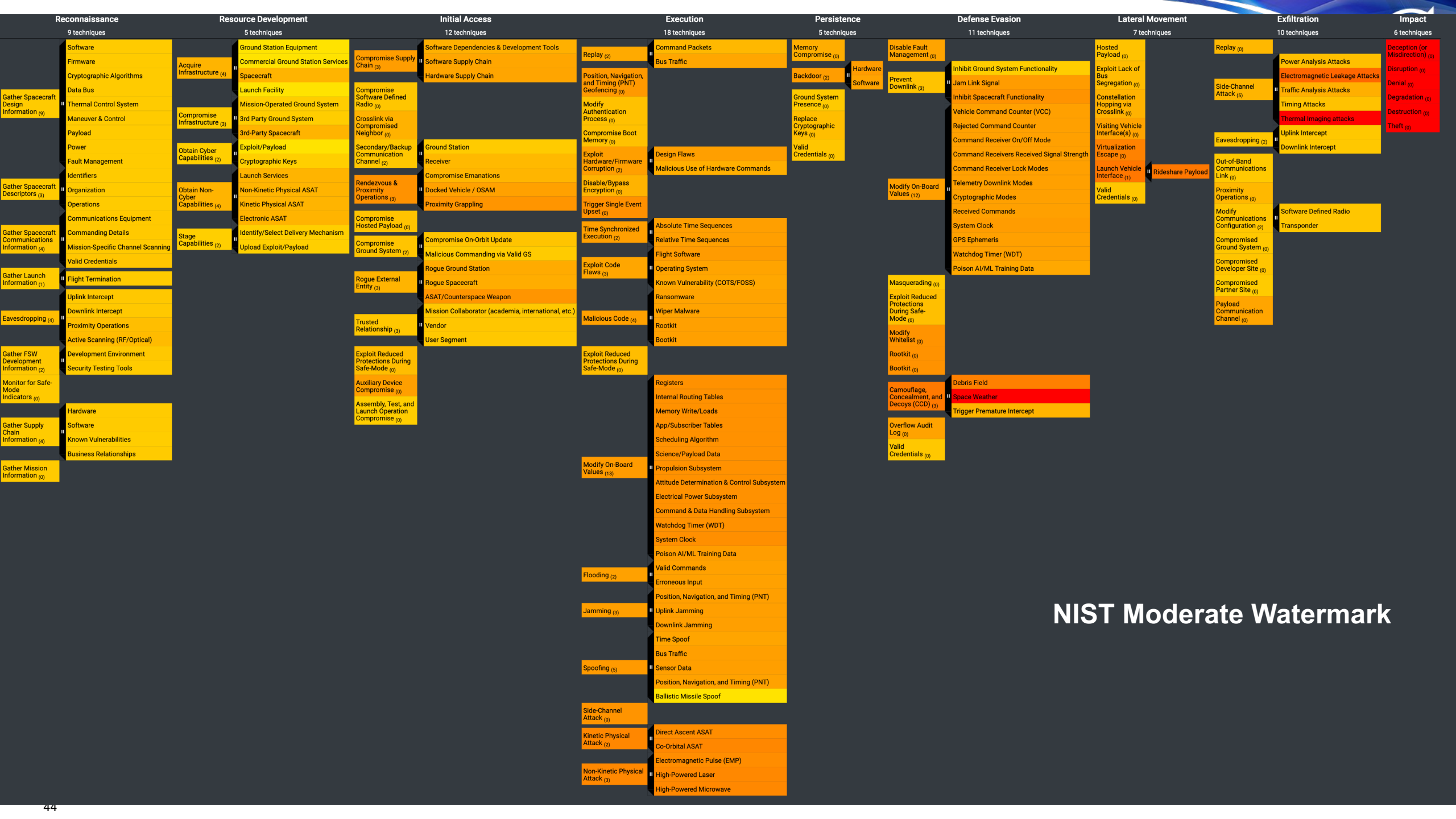
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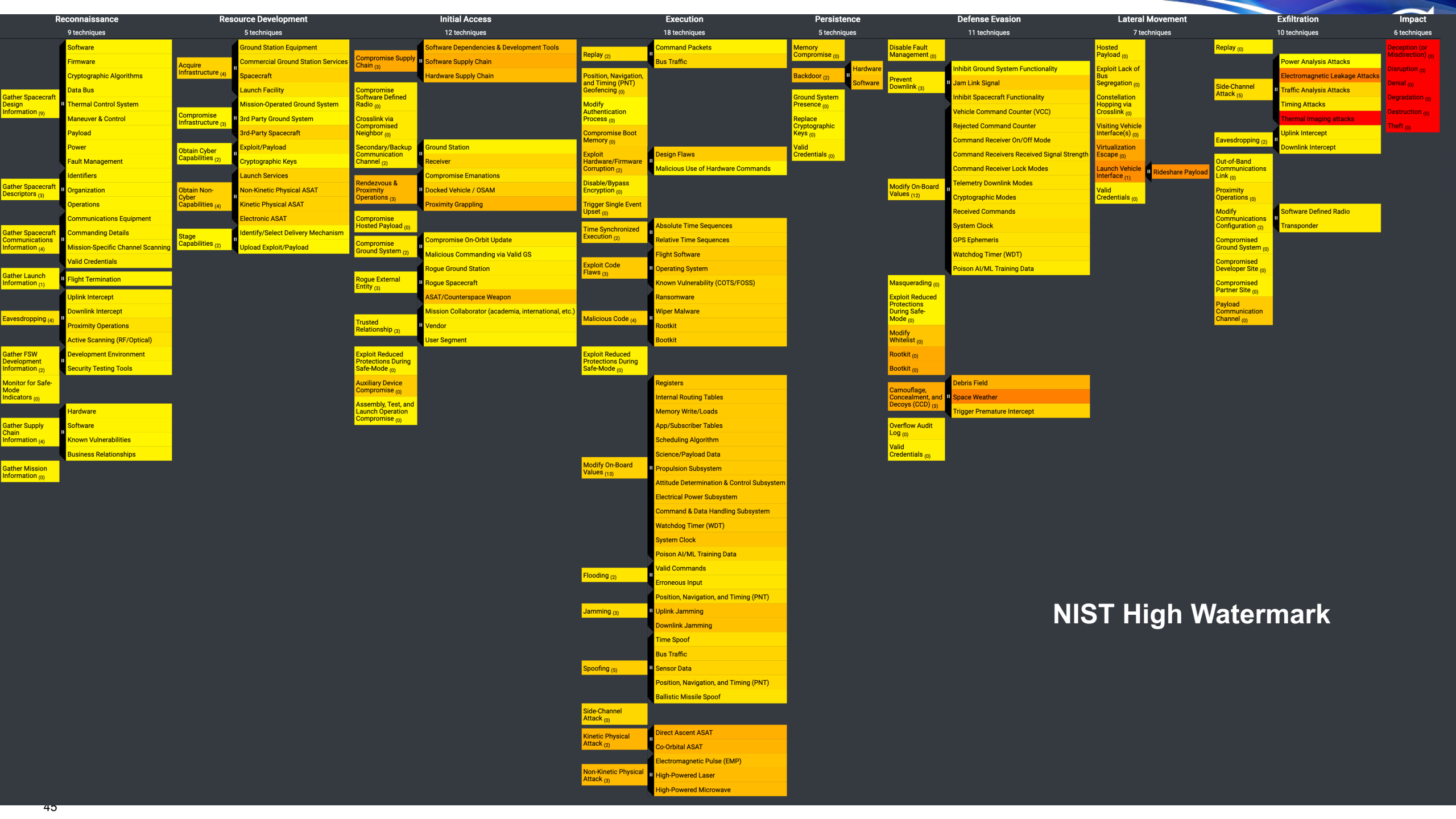
Control Mapper is Good for Comparing NIST 800-53 Control Baselines and their TTP Mitigation



Only Using 800-53 Controls Mapped to NIST CSF v1.1



NIST Moderate Watermark



| Reconnaissance | | Resource Development | | Initial Access | | Execution | | Persistence | | Defense Evasion | | Lateral Movement | | Exfiltration | | Impact | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Gather Spacecraft Design Information (9) | Software | Acquire Infrastructure (4) | Ground Station Equipment | Compromise Supply Chain (3) | Software Dependencies & Development Tools | Replay (2) | Command Packets | Memory Compromise (0) | Hardware | Disable Fault Management (0) | Inhibit Ground System Functionality | Hosted Payload (0) | Replay (0) | Power Analysis Attacks | Deception (or Misdirection) (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Firmware | | Commercial Ground Station Services | | Software Supply Chain | Bus Traffic | Backdoor (2) | | | Prevent Downlink (3) | | | | | | Exploit Lack of Bus Segregation (0) | Power Analysis Attacks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cryptographic Algorithms | | Spacecraft | | Hardware Supply Chain | Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Geofencing (0) | Software | | | Jam Link Signal | | | | | | Constellation Hopping via Crosslink (0) | | Side-Channel Attack (5) | Electromagnetic Leakage Attacks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Data Bus | | Launch Facility | | Compromise Software Defined Radio (0) | Modify Authentication Process (0) | | | | Inhibit Spacecraft Functionality | | | | | | | | | | Visiting Vehicle Interface(s) (0) | Timing Attacks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Thermal Control System | | Mission-Operated Ground System | | Crosslink via Compromised Neighbor (0) | Compromise Boot Memory (0) | | | | Vehicle Command Counter (VCC) | | | | | | | | | | | | Virtualization Escape (0) | Thermal Imaging attacks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Maneuver & Control | | 3rd Party Ground System | | Secondary/Backup Communication Channel (2) | Exploit Hardware/Firmware Corruption (2) | | | | Rejected Command Counter | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Launch Vehicle Interface (1) | Uplink Intercept | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payload | | 3rd-Party Spacecraft | | Rendezvous & Proximity Operations (3) | Trigger Single Event Upset (0) | | | | Command Receiver On/Off Mode | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Valid Credentials (0) | Downlink Intercept | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Power | | Obtain Cyber Capabilities (2) | | Launch Services | Time Synchronized Execution (2) | | | | Command Receivers Received Signal Strength | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Masquerading (0) | Out-of-Band Communications Link (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fault Management | | Exploit/Payload | | Kinetic Physical ASAT | Absolute Time Sequences | | | | Command Receiver Lock Modes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (0) | Proximity Operations (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Identifiers | | Obtain Non-Cyber Capabilities (4) | | Non-Kinetic Physical ASAT | DoCKed Vehicle / OSAM | | | | Malicious Use of Hardware Commands | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Modify On-Board Values (12) | Telemetry Downlink Modes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operations | | Kinetic Physical ASAT | | Proximity Grappling | | | | Cryptographic Modes | Rideshare Payload | | Software Defined Radio | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communications Equipment | Electronic ASAT | Compromise Hosted Payload (0) | Relative Time Sequences | Received Commands | Valid Credentials (0) | Modify Communications Configuration (2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commanding Details | Stage Capabilities (2) | Identify/Select Delivery Mechanism | Compromise On-Orbit Update | Malicious Commanding via Valid GS | | | Exploit Code Flaws (3) | System Clock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Valid Credentials | | Upload Exploit/Payload | Compromise Ground System (2) | Flight Software | GPS Ephemeris | Compromised Ground System (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gather Launch Information (1) | Flight Termination | Rogue External Entity (3) | Rogue Spacecraft | ASAT/Counterspace Weapon | | | | | | Malicious Code (4) | | Watchdog Timer (WDT) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Uplink Intercept | Mission Collaborator (academia, international, etc.) | | | Ransomware | Operating System | Poison AI/ML Training Data | Compromised Developer Site (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eavesdropping (4) | Downlink Intercept | Trusted Relationship (3) | Vendor | User Segment | | | | | | | | | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (0) | Poison AI/ML Training Data | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Proximity Operations | ASAT/Counterspace Weapon | | | Ransomware | Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | Payload Communication Channel (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gather FSW Development Information (2) | Active Scanning (RF/Optical) | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (0) | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Registers | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Development Environment | ASAT/Counterspace Weapon | | Ransomware | Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monitor for Safe-Mode Indicators (0) | Security Testing Tools | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | | | | | Internal Routing Tables | | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Hardware | ASAT/Counterspace Weapon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ransomware | Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gather Supply Chain Information (4) | Software | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | Memory Write/Loads | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Known Vulnerabilities | ASAT/Counterspace Weapon | | | | | | | Ransomware | Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gather Mission Information (0) | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | | | App/Subscriber Tables | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | | ASAT/Counterspace Weapon | | | Ransomware | Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gather Mission Information (0) | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | | | | | | Scheduling Algorithm | | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | | | Science/Payload Data | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | Electrical Power Subsystem | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | Erroneous Input | | | | | | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) | | | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | Uplink Jamming | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | Co-Orbital ASAT | | | | | | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | High-Powered Laser | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Business Relationships | Auxiliary Device Compromise (0) | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (0) | User Segment | High-Powered Microwave | Ransomware | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Aerospace Recommend NIST Profile

Note: TOR in Development to drive CNSS Space Overlay Update



Notional Risk Scores

- Builds on previous work published in Aerospace Report [TOR-2021-01333-REV A](#) which details a generic threat model and risk assessment approach that considers a high-level view of adversary capabilities and ranks them into tiers.
- TTPs potential impact, resulting in a [NOTIONAL risk determination](#) which can be represented in a standard [5x5 risk matrix](#).
- Three notional risk values are now provided for TTPs, sorted by system/mission criticality as follows:
 - *HIGH Criticality System (critical infrastructure, military, intelligence, or similar)*
 - *MEDIUM Criticality System (civil, science/weather, commercial, or similar)*
 - *LOW Criticality System (academic, research, or similar)*
- Ranging from 1-25, each of these three distinct values can be placed on the [risk matrix 5x5](#), and will be presented on TTP pages
 - *Notional Risk (H | M | L): HighRisk# | MediumRisk# | LowRisk#*

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Prevent Downlink: Jam Link Signal

Threat actors may overwhelm/jam the downlink signal to prevent transmitted telemetry signals from reaching their destination without severe modification/interference, effectively leaving ground controllers unaware of vehicle activity during this time. Telemetry is the only method in which ground controllers can monitor the health and stability of the spacecraft while in orbit. By disabling this downlink, threat actors may be able to stop mitigations from taking place.

Other Subtechniques of Prevent Downlink (3)

ID: DE-0002.02
 Sub-technique of: DE-0002
Notional Risk (H | M | L): 25 | 24 | 21
 Related Aerospace Threat IDs: SVXV-1
 Related MITRE ATT&CK TTPs: T1464
 Related ESA SPACE-SHIELD TTPs: T2052 | T2052.001 | T2049
 Tactic: Defense Evasion
 Created: 2022/10/19
 Last Modified: 2023/04/22

Countermeasures

| ID | Name | Description | NIST Rev5 | D3FEND | ISO 27001 |
|--------|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| CM0074 | Distributed Constellations | A distributed system uses a number of nodes, working together, to perform the same mission or functions as a single node. In a distributed constellation, the end user is not dependent on any single satellite but rather uses multiple satellites to derive a capability. A distributed constellation can complicate an adversary's counterspace planning by presenting a larger number of targets that must be successfully attacked to achieve the same effects as targeting just one or two satellites in a less-distributed architecture. GPS is an example of a distributed constellation because the functioning of the system is not dependent on any single satellite or ground station; a user can use any four satellites within view to get a time and position fix.* *https://csis-website-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/publication/210225_Harrison_Defense_Space.pdf?N2KWelzCz3hE3AaUUpSGMprDtBIBSQG | CP-10(6) CP-11 CP-13 CP-2 CP-2(2) CP-2(3) CP-2(4) CP-2(5) CP-2(6) PE-21 | D3-AI D3-NNI D3-SYSTEM D3-DEM D3-SVCDM D3-SYSVA | 7.5.1 7.5.2 7.5.3 A.5.2 A.5.29 A.8.1 A.8.6 A.5.29 A.5.29 |

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| SPARTA TTP | Notional Risk (HIGH Criticality Systems) | Notional Risk (MEDIUM Criticality Systems) | Notional Risk (LOW Criticality Systems) |
|---|--|--|---|
| DE-0002.02 - Jam Link Signal | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0001 - Replay | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0001.01 - Command Packets | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0005 - Exploit Hardware/Firmware Corruption | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0005.02 - Malicious Use of Hardware Commands | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0009.01 - Flight Software | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0009.03 - Known Vulnerability (COTS/FOSS) | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0013 - Flooding | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0013.01 - Valid Commands | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0013.02 - Erroneous Input | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0014 - Spoofing | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0014.01 - Time Spoof | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0014.02 - Bus Traffic | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| EX-0014.04 - Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) | 25 | 24 | 21 |



Space Attack Research & Tactic Analysis (SPARTA)

show sub-techniques hide sub-techniques

| Reconnaissance 9 techniques | Resource Development 5 techniques | Initial Access 12 techniques | Execution 18 techniques | Persistence 5 techniques | Defense Evasion 11 techniques | Lateral Movement 7 techniques | Exfiltration 10 techniques | Impact 6 techniques |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Gather Spacecraft Design Information (1) | Acquire Infrastructure (4) | Compromise Supply Chain (2) | Replay (2) | Memory Compromise (2) | Disable Fault Management (1) | Hosted Payload (2) | Replay (1) | Deception (or Misdirection) (2) |
| Gather Spacecraft Descriptors (1) | Compromise Infrastructure (1) | Compromise Software Defined Radio (1) | Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Geofencing (2) | Backdoor (2) | Prevent Downlink (1) | Exploit Lack of Bus Segregation (2) | Side-Channel Attack (2) | Disruption (2) |
| Gather Spacecraft Communications Information (4) | Obtain Cyber Capabilities (2) | Crosslink via Compromised Neighbor (1) | Modify Authentication Process (1) | Ground System Presence (2) | Modify On-Board Values (12) | Constellation Hopping via Crosslink (2) | Eavesdropping (2) | Denial (2) |
| Gather Launch Information (1) | Obtain Non-Cyber Capabilities (4) | Secondary/Backup Communication Channel (2) | Compromise Boot Memory (1) | Replace Cryptographic Keys (2) | Masking (2) | Visiting Vehicle Interface(s) (1) | Out-of-Band Communications Link (2) | Degradation (2) |
| Eavesdropping (2) | Stage Capabilities (2) | Rendezvous & Proximity Operations (2) | Exploit Hardware/Firmware Corruption (2) | Valid Credentials (2) | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (2) | Virtualization Escape (2) | Proximity Operations (2) | Destruction (2) |
| Gather FSW Development Information (2) | | Compromise Hosted Payload (1) | Disable/Bypass Encryption (2) | | Modify Whitelist (2) | Launch Vehicle Interface (1) | Modify Communications Configuration (2) | Theft (2) |
| Monitor for Safe-Mode Indicators (2) | | Compromise Ground System (2) | Trigger Single Event Upset (2) | | Rootkit (2) | Valid Credentials (2) | Compromised Ground System (2) | |
| Gather Supply Chain Information (4) | | Rogue External Entity (2) | Time Synchronized Execution (2) | | Rootkit (2) | | Compromised Developer Site (2) | |
| Gather Mission Information (2) | | Trusted Relationship (2) | Exploit Code Flaws (2) | | Camouflage, Concealment, and Deceits (CCD) (2) | | Compromised Partner Site (2) | |
| | | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (2) | Malicious Code (2) | | Overflow Audit Log (2) | | Payload Communication Channel (2) | |
| | | Auxiliary Device Compromise (2) | Exploit Reduced Protections During Safe-Mode (2) | | Valid Credentials (2) | | | |
| | | Assembly, Test, and Launch Operation Compromise (2) | Modify On-Board Values (12) | | | | | |
| | | | Flooding (2) | | | | | |
| | | | Jamming (2) | | | | | |
| | | | Spoofing (2) | | | | | |
| | | | Side-Channel Attack (1) | | | | | |
| | | | Kinetic Physical Attack (2) | | | | | |
| | | | Non-Kinetic Physical Attack (1) | | | | | |

Sample Media Links:

- <https://cyberscoop.com/space-satellite-cybersecurity-sparta/>
- <https://www.darkreading.com/ics-ot/space-race-defenses-satellite-cyberattacks>
- <https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/daily-podcast/1715/notes> & <https://thecyberwire.com/newsletters/signals-and-space/6/21>

Overview Briefings:

- [Hacking Spacecraft using Space Attack Research & Tactic Analysis \(April 2023\)](#)
- [In-depth Overview - Space Attack Research & Tactic Analysis \(November 2022\)](#)

Key SPARTA Links:

- Getting Started with SPARTA: <https://sparta.aerospace.org/resources/getting-started> | <https://sparta.aerospace.org/resources/>
- Understanding Space-Cyber TTPs with the SPARTA Matrix: <https://aerospace.org/article/understanding-space-cyber-threats-sparta-matrix>
- Leveraging the SPARTA Matrix: <https://aerospace.org/article/leveraging-sparta-matrix>
- Use Case w/ PCspooF:
 - <https://aerospacecorp.medium.com/sparta-cyber-security-for-space-missions-4876f789e41c>
 - <https://medium.com/the-aerospace-corporation/a-look-into-sparta-countermeasures-358e2fcd43ed>
- FAQ: <https://sparta.aerospace.org/resources/faq>
- Matrix: <https://sparta.aerospace.org>
- Navigator: <https://sparta.aerospace.org/navigator> | Countermeasure Mapper: <https://sparta.aerospace.org/countermeasures/mapper>
- Related Work: <https://sparta.aerospace.org/related-work/did-space> with ties into [TOR 2021-01333 REV A](#)



Other Aerospace Papers and Resources

Many Were Input into SPARTA

- Indiana University Space Cybersecurity Digital Badge - <https://kelley.iu.edu/programs/executive-education/programs-for-individuals/digital-badges/cybersecurity-foundations.html>
- DefCON Presentations:
 - [DEF CON 2020: Exploiting Spacecraft](#)
 - [DEF CON 2021: Unboxing the Spacecraft Software BlackBox Hunting for Vulnerabilities](#)
 - [DEF CON 2022: Hunting for Spacecraft Zero Days using Digital Twins](#)
- Papers/Articles:
 - 2019: [Defending Spacecraft in the Cyber Domain](#)
 - 2020: [Establishing Space Cybersecurity Policy, Standards, & Risk Management Practices](#)
 - 2021: [Cybersecurity Protections for Spacecraft: A Threat Based Approach](#)
 - 2021: [The Value of Space](#)
 - 2022: [Protecting Space Systems from Cyber Attack](#)
- July 2022 Congressional Testimony:
 - Video: <https://science.house.gov/hearings?ID=996438A6-A93E-4469-8618-C1B59BC5A964>
 - Written Testimony: <https://republicans-science.house.gov/cache/files/2/9/29fff6d3-0176-48bd-9c04-00390b826aed/A8F54300A11D55BEA5AF2CE305C015BA.2022-07-28-bailey-testimony.pdf>

SPD-5 Presentation

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Space Policy Directive 5 ISAC Task Force

Paper and Path Ahead



Space Policy Directive 5 (SPD-5) states, “the United States considers unfettered freedom to operate in space vital to advancing the security, economic prosperity, and scientific knowledge of the Nation...Therefore, it is essential to protect space systems from cyber incidents in order to prevent disruptions to their ability to provide reliable and efficient contributions to the operations of the Nation’s critical infrastructure.”

SPD-5 also defines “Space System” as “a combination of systems, to include ground systems, sensor networks, and one or more space vehicles, that provides a space-based service.”

It also describes how “space system owners and operators should collaborate to promote the development of best practices, to the extent permitted by applicable law. They should also share threat, warning, and incident information within the space industry, using venues such as ISAC to the greatest extent possible, consistent with applicable law.”

Space systems and their supporting infrastructure, including software, should be developed and operated using risk-based, cybersecurity-informed engineering

- Space systems should be developed to continuously monitor, anticipate, and adapt to mitigate evolving malicious cyber activities that could manipulate, deny, degrade, disrupt, destroy, surveil, or eavesdrop on space system operations.
- Space system configurations should be resourced and actively managed to achieve and maintain an effective and resilient cyber survivability posture throughout the space
- Space system owners and operators should develop and implement cybersecurity plans for their space systems that incorporate capabilities to ensure operators or automated control center systems can retain or recover positive control of space vehicles



Space ISAC Members have led several initiatives to review, implement, and provide suggestions for SPD-5

- Performed a survey across membership base on standards being used
- The Aerospace Corporation published a [quick look at SPD-5](#) in October 2020 and later, in 2021, Members of the Space ISAC also [published implementation suggestions](#) for SPD- 5 in a published white paper.
- Originally, Space ISAC put together a working group to discuss and develop implementation guidance for SPD-5.
 - While there was no formal deliverable produced by that working group, the need for best practice publication persists and the responsibility falls within the newly formed SPD-5 Task Force
- First draft of initial deliverable from SPD-5 Task Force has been published and sent to White House Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD) – discussed on subsequent slides

- Address key elements of the space ecosystem such as launch, manufacturing, and crewed vehicles
- Account for the full cyber threat landscape as it relates to the space threat environment across legacy and new developments
- Account for emerging space capabilities such as lunar permanence or cislunar-and-beyond missions
- Acknowledge the gap in space-specific best practices that enable space protection concepts and does not offer a perspective regarding the lack of space-qualified cybersecurity and security-enabled technologies
 - Simply following industry best practices, as the policy states, implies there are well established cyber best practices for the space industry
- Have any enforcement elements
- Acknowledge lack of space-qualified cybersecurity technologies {low TRL}
- Address intersection of safety and security needs which would provide valuable context to the protection principles, which could be accomplished by a companion set of threat informed cybersecurity best practices to aid practitioners with the implementation of The Directive.

- Recommended that Space ISAC constructs best practices using the following organization. Supply chain considerations span all elements of the lifecycle and segments of a space system.

- This concept translates to providing best practices on design and development of the ground, space, link, and user segments

- Using threat and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) to drive best practice development should ensure the best practices are motivated by necessity and not compliance with a regulation or standard that typically trails the threat landscape. { ATT&CK and SPARTA can help here }

- Must address verification and validation of security implementations. Not a checklist exercise!! Must have demonstratable evidence

| | Space System Lifecycle | Space System Segment | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------------|------|-------|------|
| | | Ground | Link | Space | User |
| Supply Chain | Acquisition | x | x | x | x |
| | Design | x | x | x | x |
| | Prelaunch/Manufacturing/Development | x | x | x | x |
| | Launch | x | x | x | x |
| | Orbit/Operations/On Orbit Servicing Assembly Manufacturing (OSAM) (Includes updates/dev/on-orbit servicing) | x | x | x | x |
| | Decommission | x | | x | x |

- A summary graphic was created to articulate the current state of cybersecurity best practices and standards across the lifecycle

- Space ISAC community to define the top 5-10 threats with a focus on mitigation techniques as the first step for the SPD-5 Task Force

- Translating the thousands of pages of existing guidance using threats and TTPs as the catalyst into manageable guidance, which will greatly benefit the space industry

| Space System Lifecycle | Space System Segment | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Ground | Link | Space | User |
| Acquisition | Blue | Green | Green | Blue |
| Design/Development | Blue | Green | Green | Yellow |
| Prelaunch/Manufacturing/Development | Blue | Blue | Blue | Blue |
| Launch | Blue | Green | Yellow | Yellow |
| Orbit/Operations/OSAM (Includes updates, dev, on-orbit servicing) | Yellow | Green | Green | Blue |
| Decommission | Blue | Blue | Yellow | Blue |

Blue – generic cyber best practices that could be useful to space environment but tailoring, translation, extraction needed into a separate product

Yellow – general applicability to space systems but more tailoring to space is needed for cybersecurity

Green – direct applicability to space systems

- Breaking the problem down into increments across the lifecycle and segment ensures the problem is more manageable vice treating as a monolithic cyber black box.
 - Leverage community to ensure best practices are realistic

- Update initial ONCD deliverable based on feedback
- Increase participation in SPD-5 Task Force – Come Join Us!!!
- Establish top 5-10 threats/TTPs to drive countermeasures / best practices development
 - Must consider legacy vs new development, enforcement, cost, etc.
 - Iterate, rinse, repeat – will need to continue until all phases, segments are covered adequately
- Want to turn this graphic to be greener over time!
 - Generic guidance must be tailored with space considerations
 - Threats/TTP and risk driven

| Space System Lifecycle | Space System Segment | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Ground | Link | Space | User |
| Acquisition | Blue | Green | Green | Blue |
| Design/Development | Blue | Green | Green | Yellow |
| Prelaunch/Manufacturing/Development | Blue | Blue | Blue | Blue |
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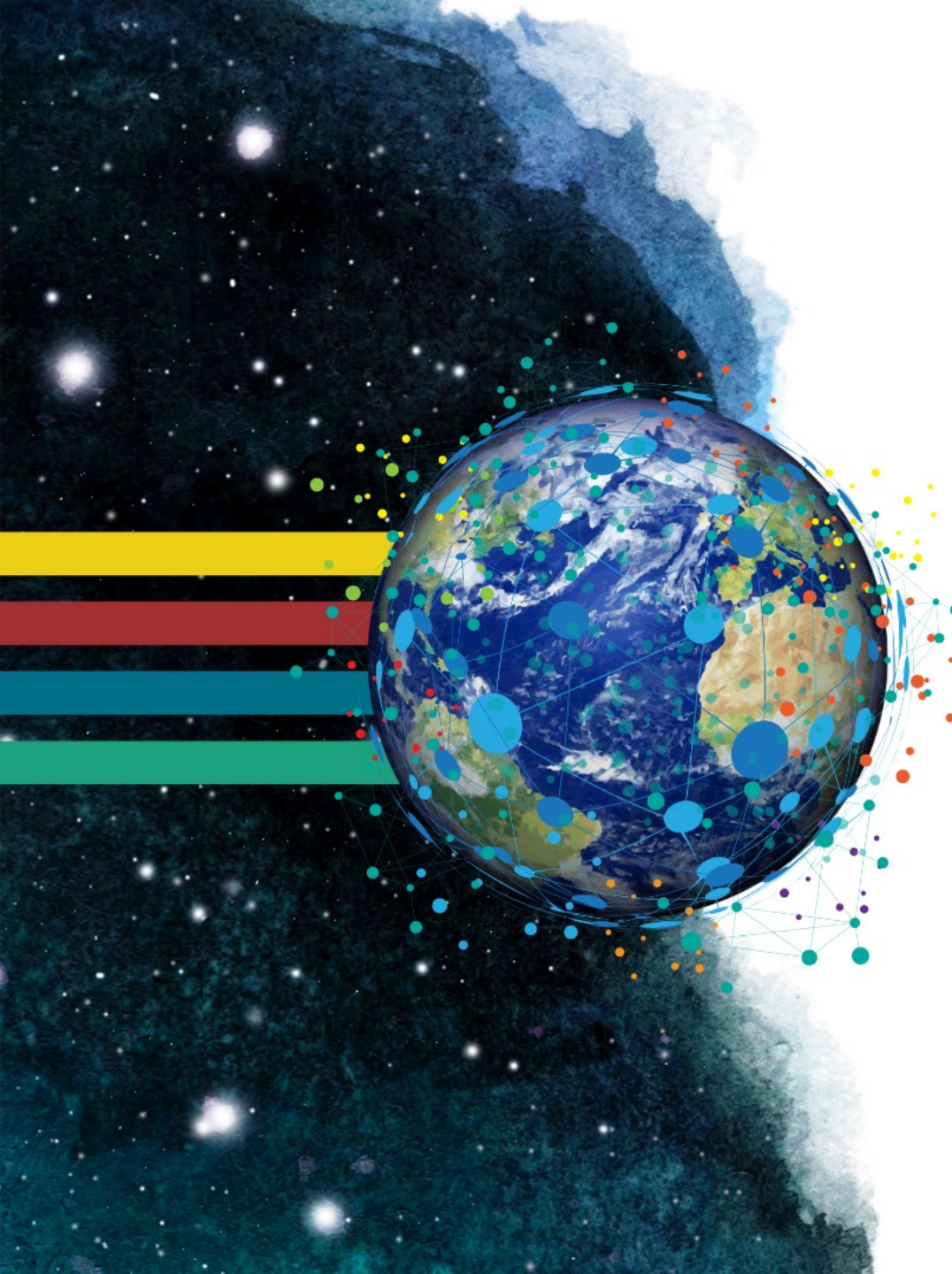
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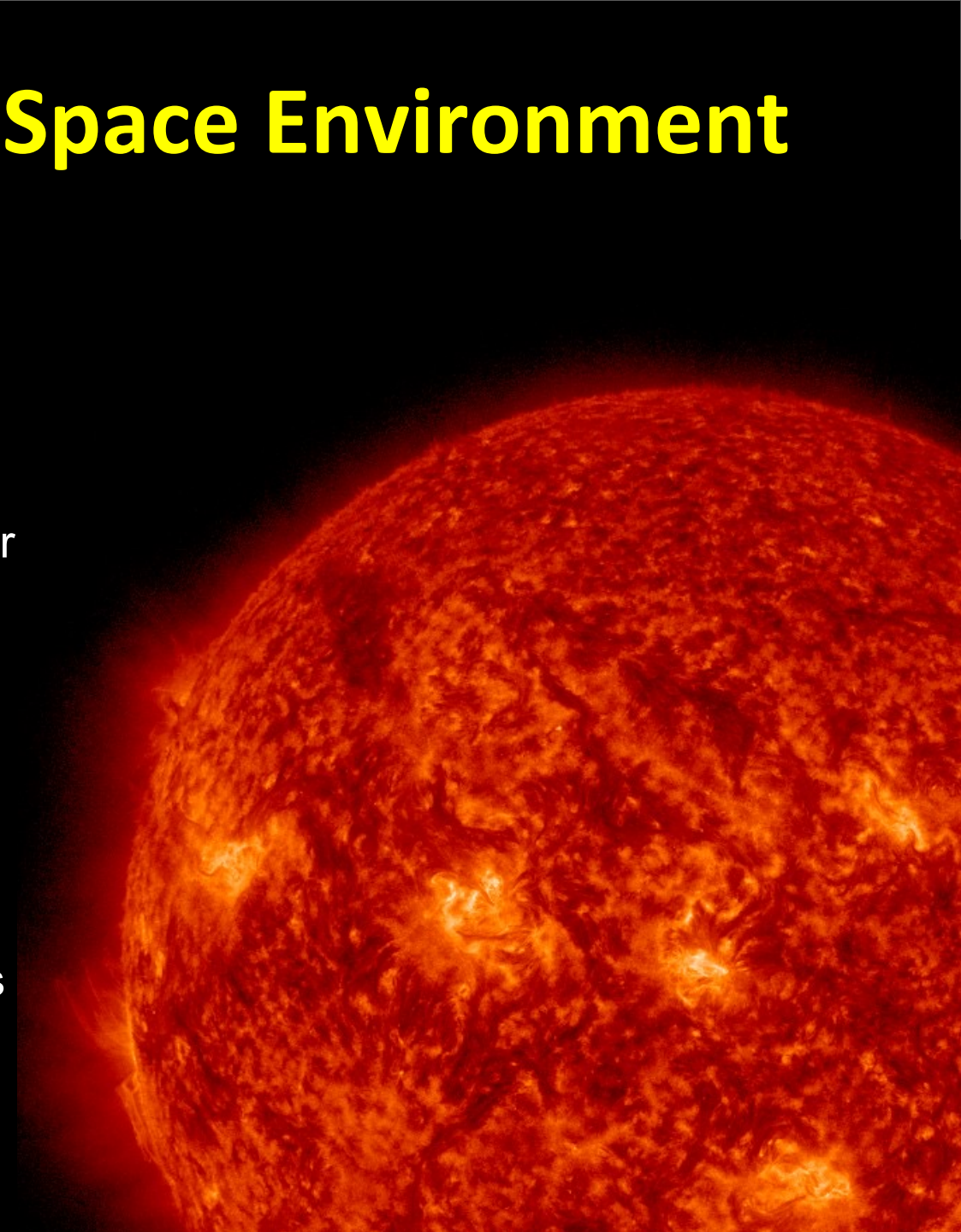
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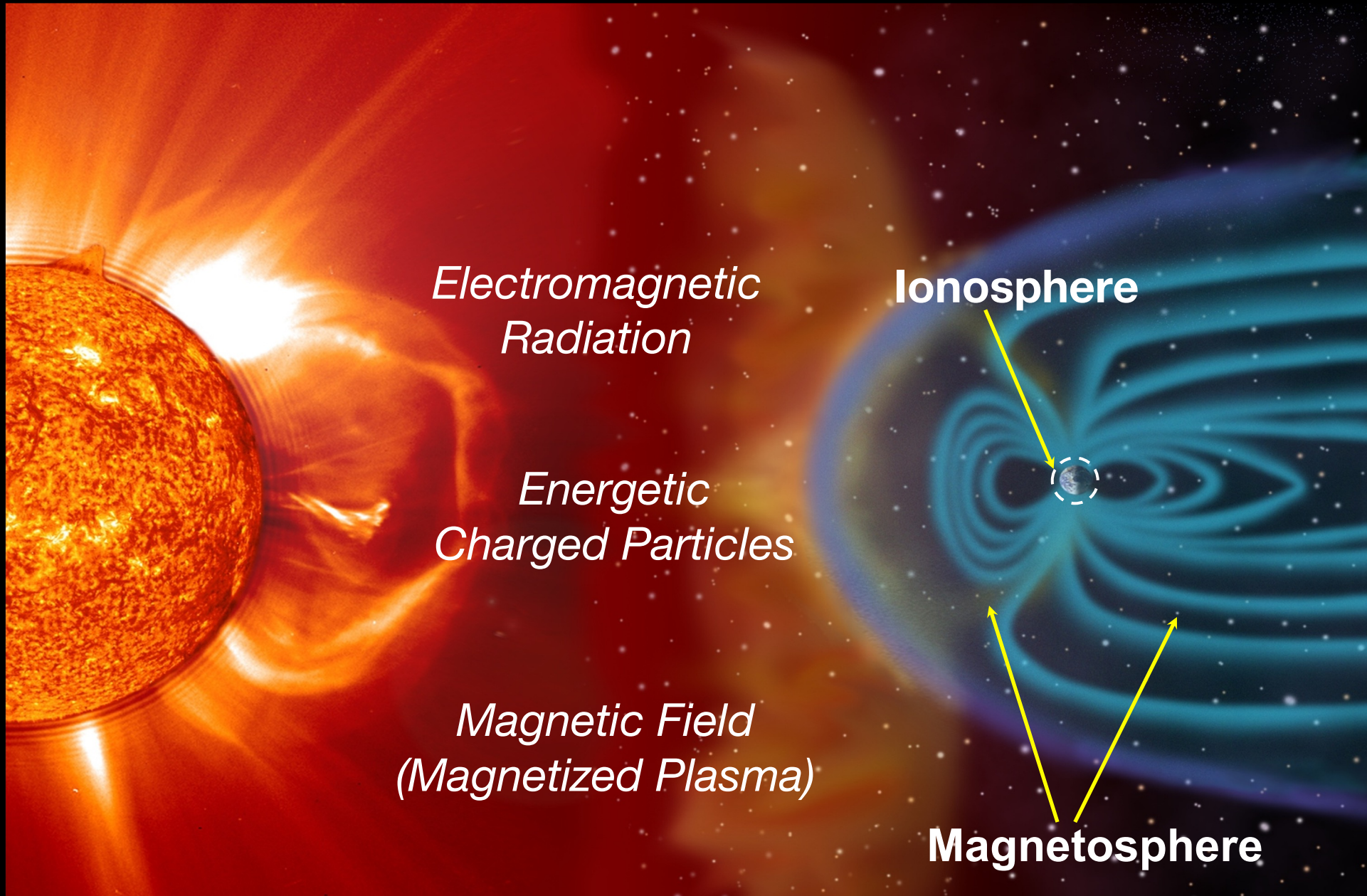
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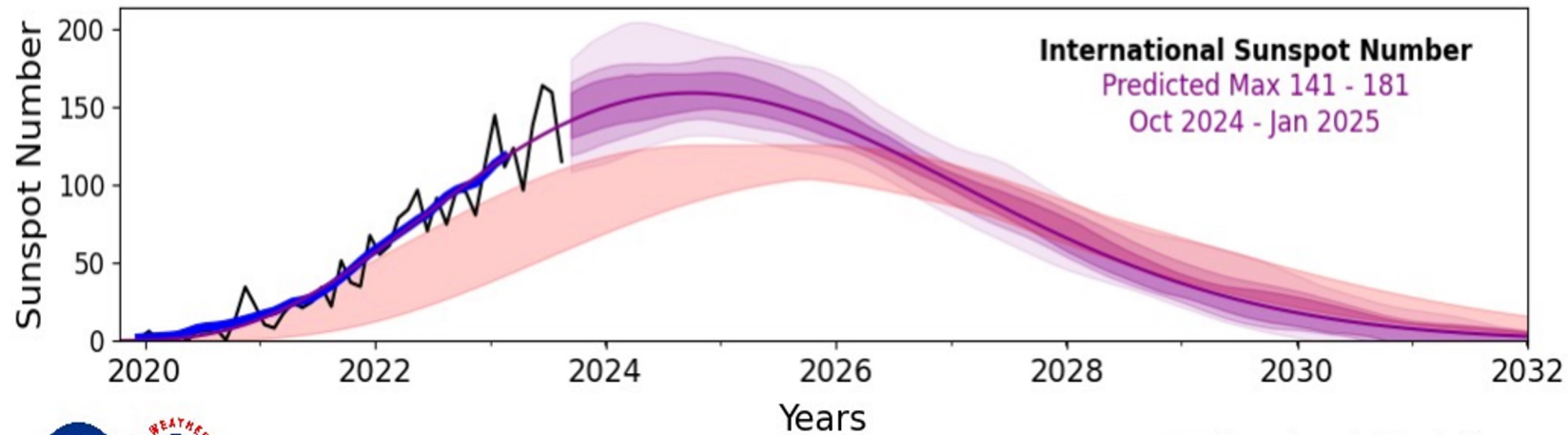
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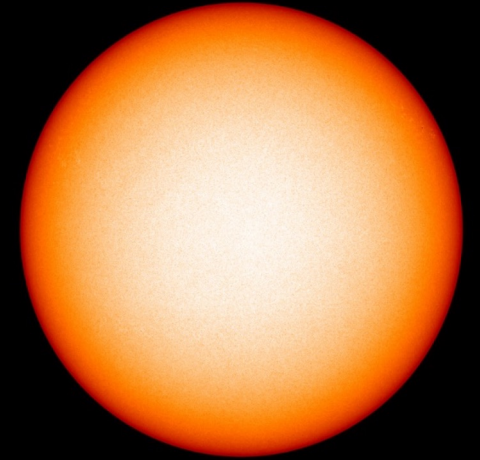
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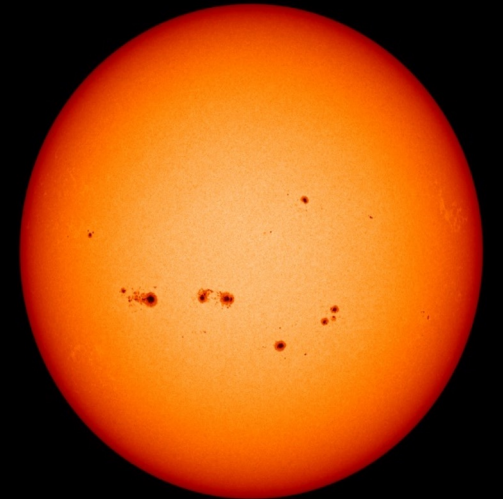
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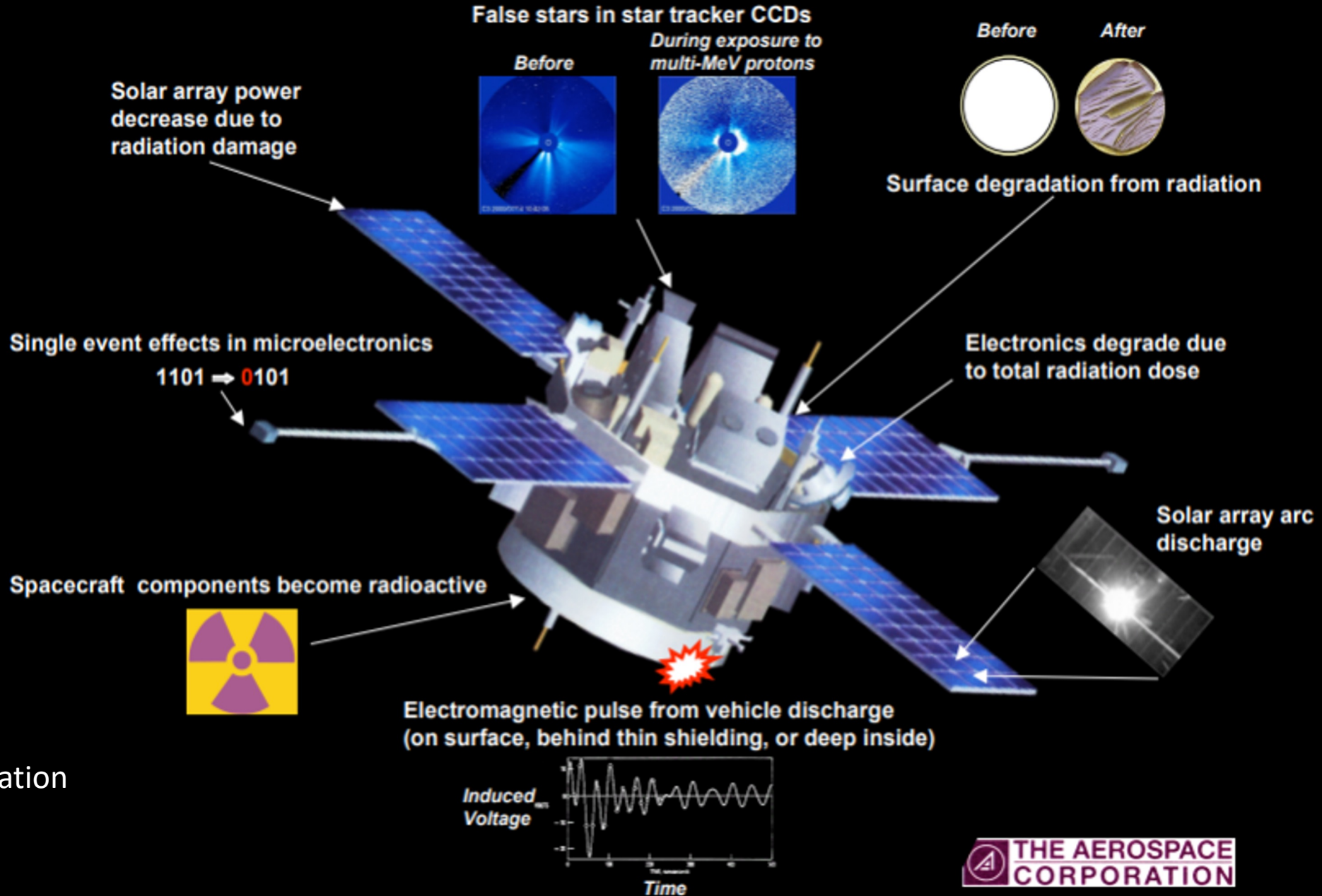
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Space Weather Prediction Testbed
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- Monthly observations
- Smoothed monthly observations
- 2019 NOAA/NASA/ISES Panel Prediction (range)
- Experimental Prediction
- 25% quartile
- 50% quartile
- 75% quartile

Space weather impacts on Satellites



The Sun: Jammer, Spoofer, Data Denier



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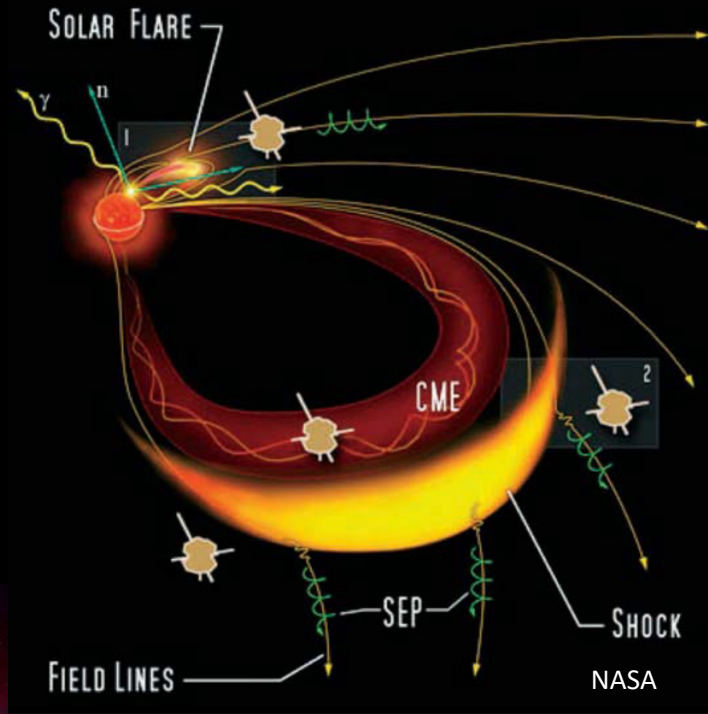
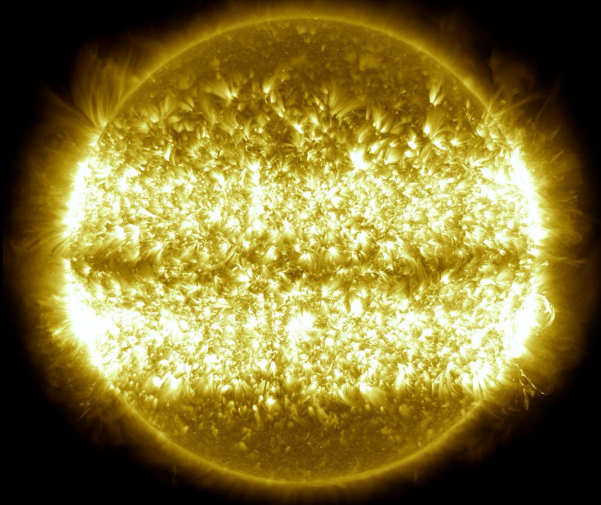
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The Sun: Magnetically Active Star

10 Years of Solar Active Regions from SDO



- **Mostly well-behaved local star**
- **Periodically bristles with:**
 - Sunspots/Magnetic Active Regions
 - Flares
 - Solar Energetic Particles
 - Coronal Mass Ejecta
- **The results: Space Weather**
 - Radio/Comms/GNSS Challenges
 - Radiations Storms
 - **Geomagnetic Storms**
 - Beautiful Aurora
 - R/S/G scales 1-5

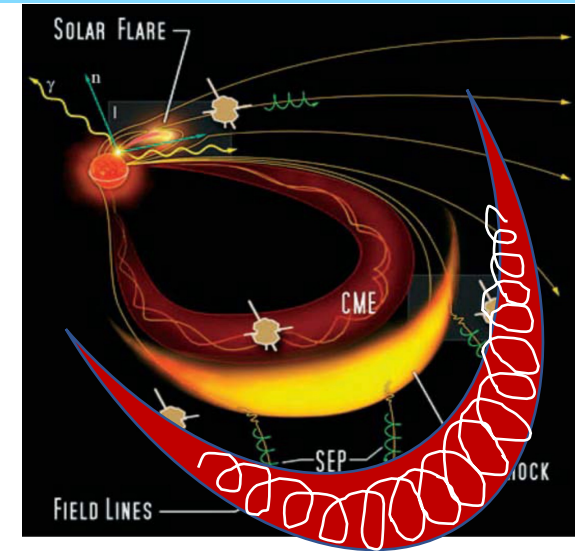
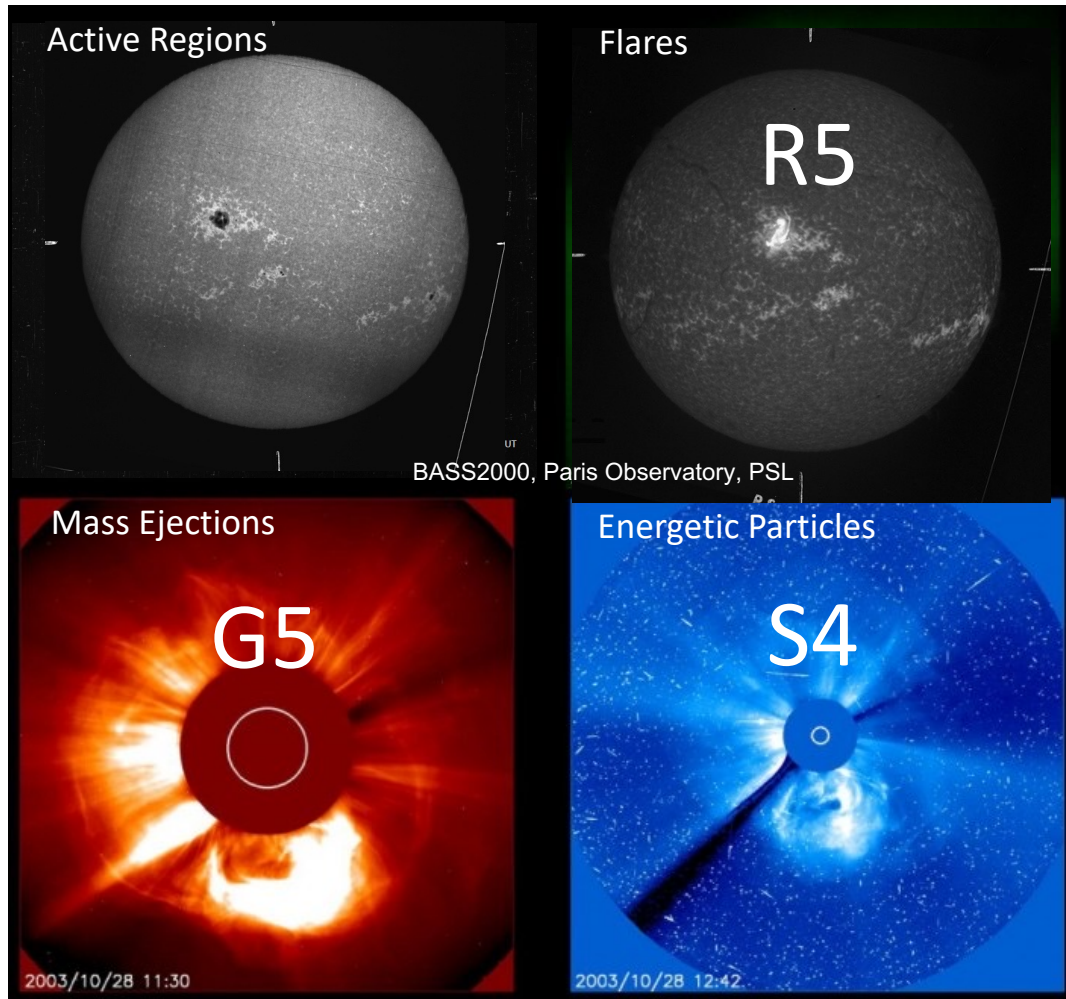
Credit NASA SDO



Credit NASA ISS

Sun: Jammer, Spoofer, Data Denier

August 4 1972

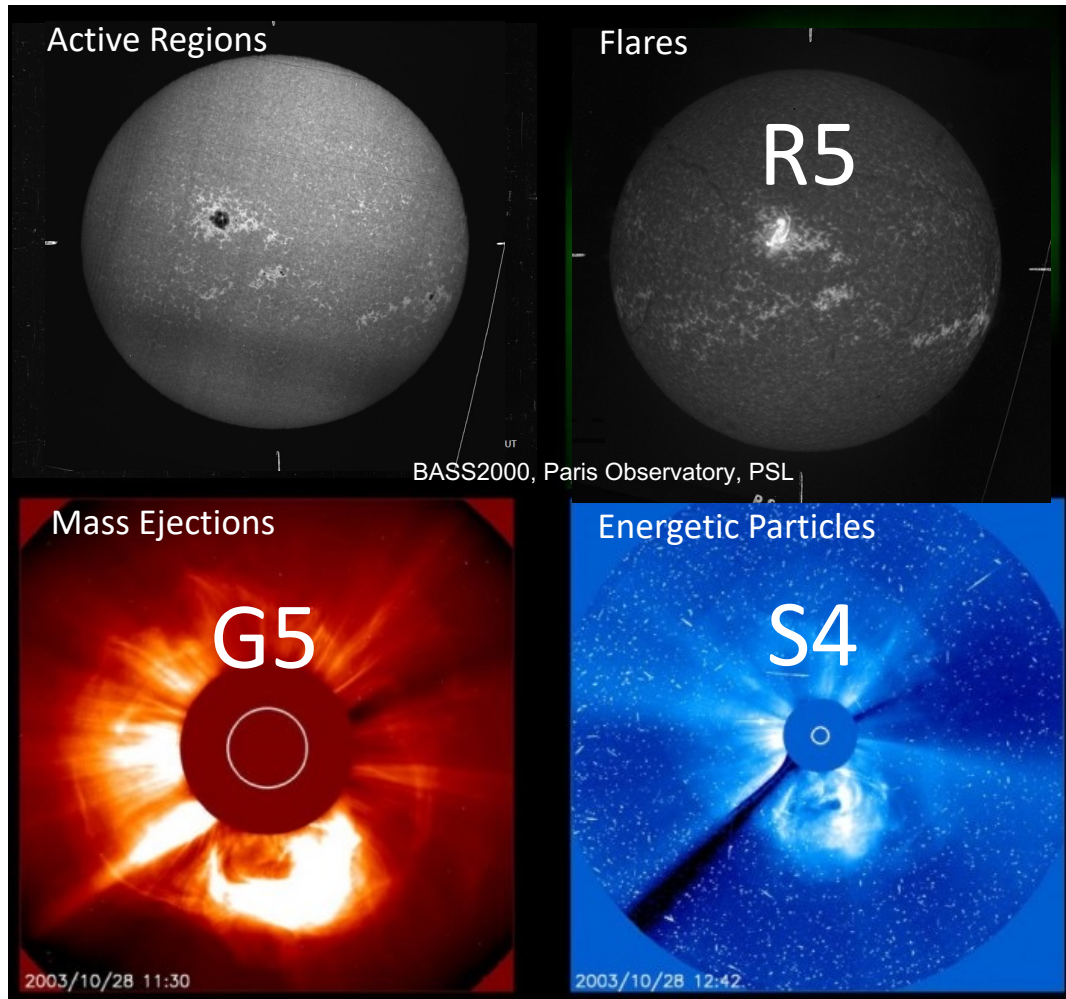


- **Multiple flares and ejecta from “delta” sunspot**
 - Flare saturated new Navy solar detectors
 - Radio burst 100 x background @1 GHz
 - HF frequency communications not possible
 - VLF frequency comms greatly disturbed
- **Fast Interacting Ejecta**
- **Extreme Solar Energetic Particle (SEP) event**
 - Particles trapped between converging shocks
 - Space based detectors & solar panels swamped

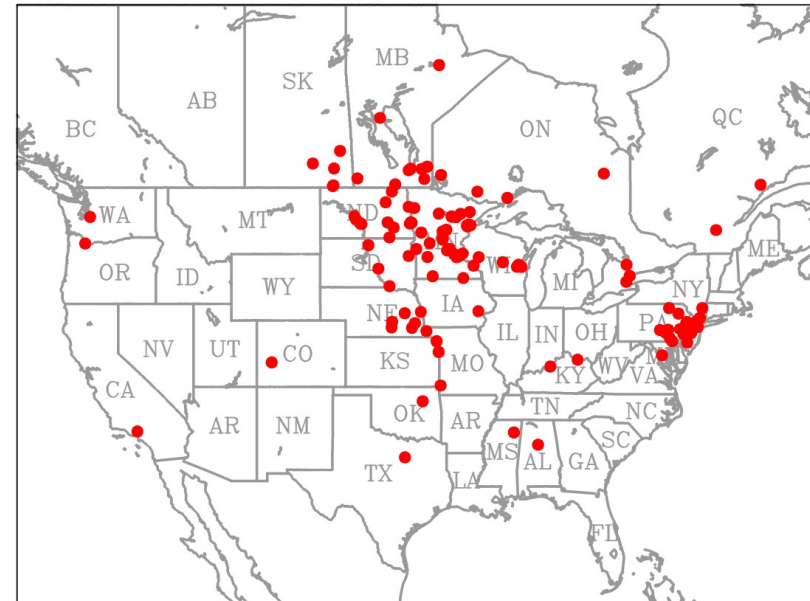
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August 4 1972

- Early ejecta cleared path for following ejecta
 - Subsequent interacting ejecta
 - ~2300 km/s speeds (fastest recorded)
 - ~ Mach 10
- Extraordinary compression of geomagnetic field
 - Excited Currents Particles, E&M Waves



(b) August 1972 power-grid anomalies



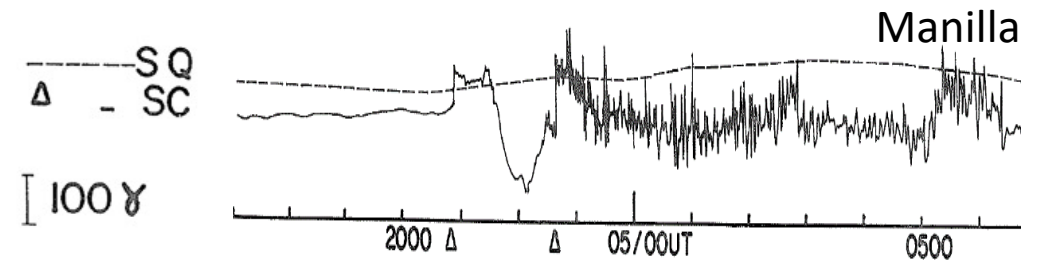
Long distance comm lines failed

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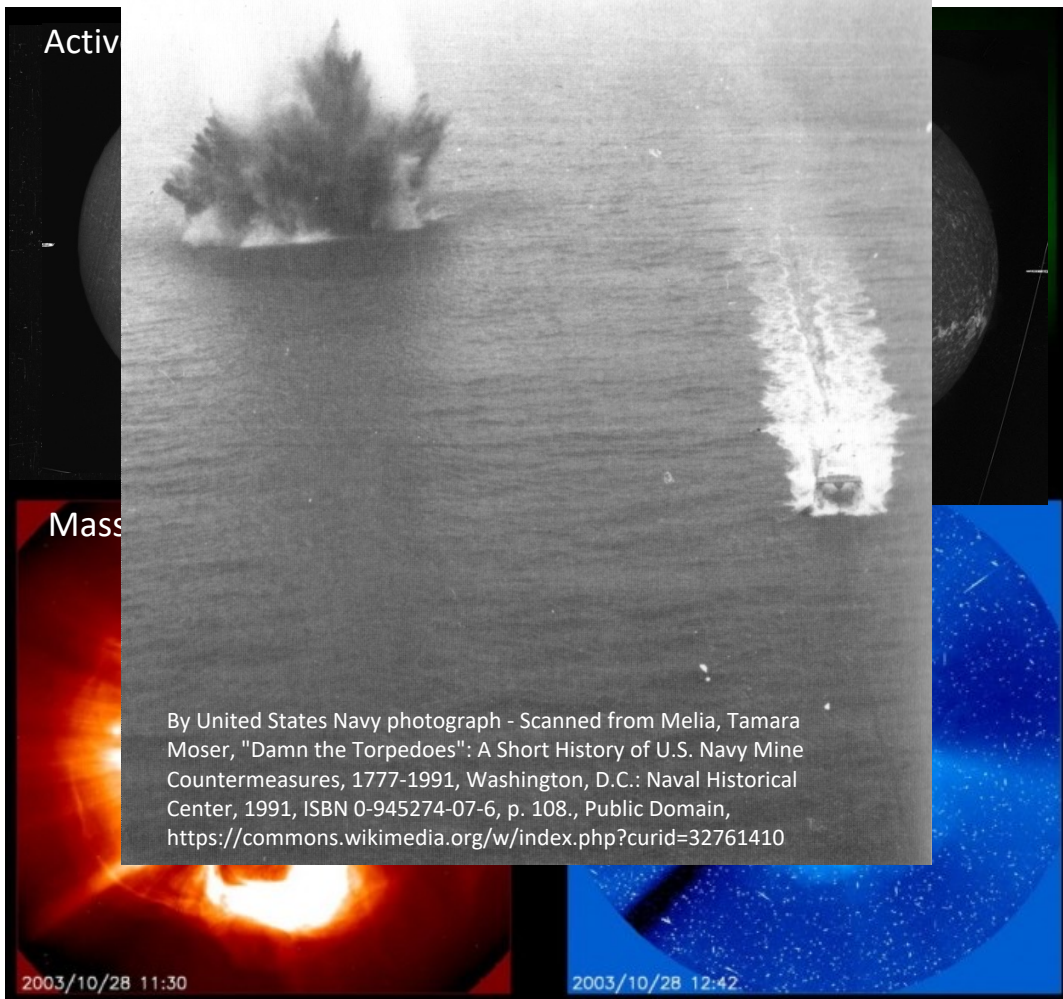
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“... the Haiphong Destructor (mine) Field was actually swept by a solar magnetic storm in August of 1972.” Hartmann & Truver (1991)



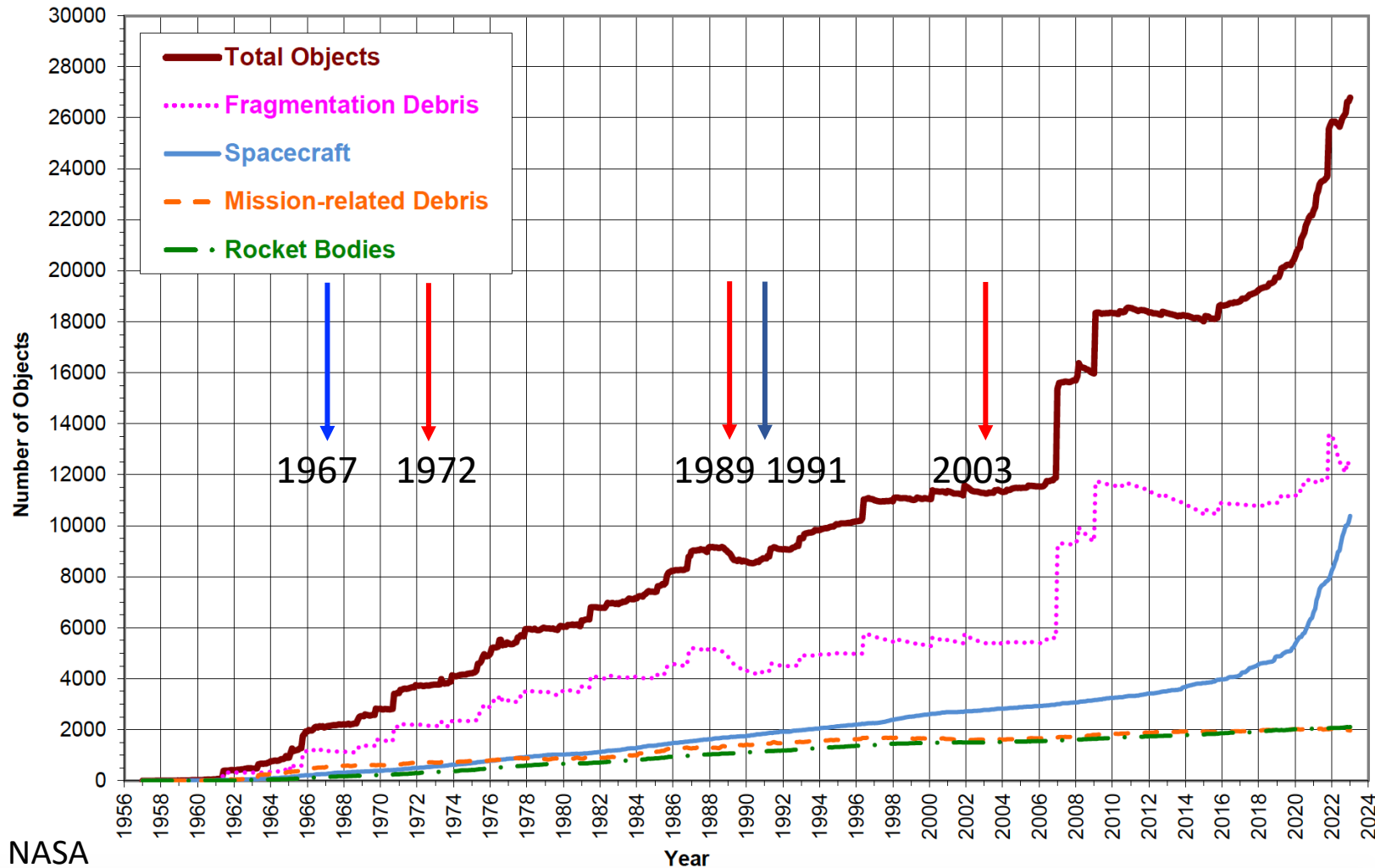
“..a series of extremely strong solar flares caused a fluctuation of the magnetic fields, in and around, Southeast Asia. The resulting chain of events caused the **premature detonation of over 4,000 magnetically sensitive DSTs (Destructor mines)**” Gonzales, <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/21974-a>



Today if the Sun Goes REALLY Rogue: What Gives Me Pause?

Objects Including Debris

Monthly Number of Objects in Earth Orbit by Object Type

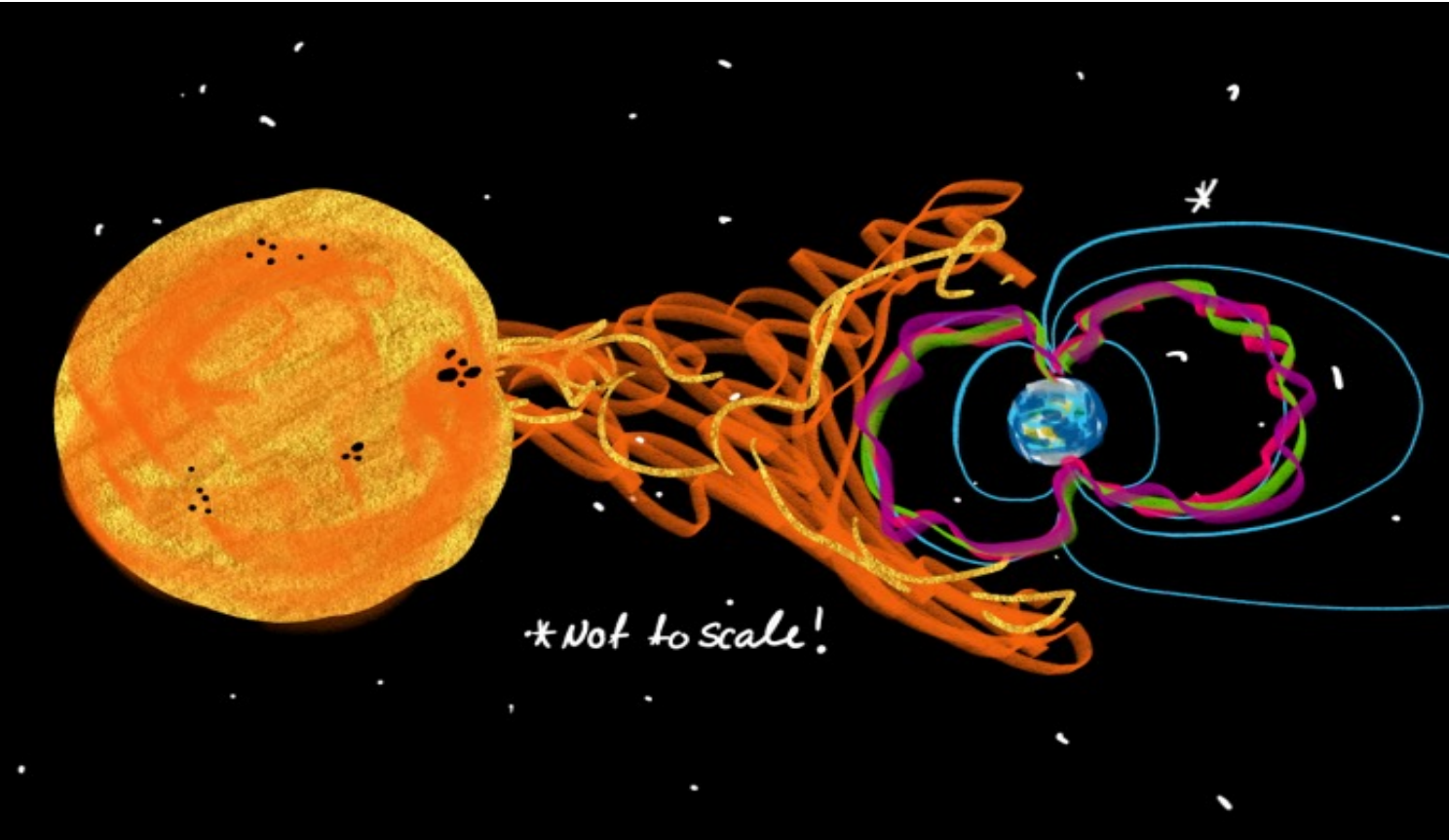


NASA

Spacecraft Orbiting Earth

- Vast majority in Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
- Arrows
 - Publicly known events where catalog had to be 'reassembled' due to Space Weather event
- Monitored by USAF/USSF as Catalog of Resident Space Objects
 - Position & Track
- Growing debris field
- Spacecraft # increase in late 2000's due to satellite constellations
- 20 years since last widely acknowledged catalog event

The Sun: Jammer, Spoofer, Data Denier



Graphic created for August 1972 event
Courtesy Australian Broadcasting Corp, Used with Permission

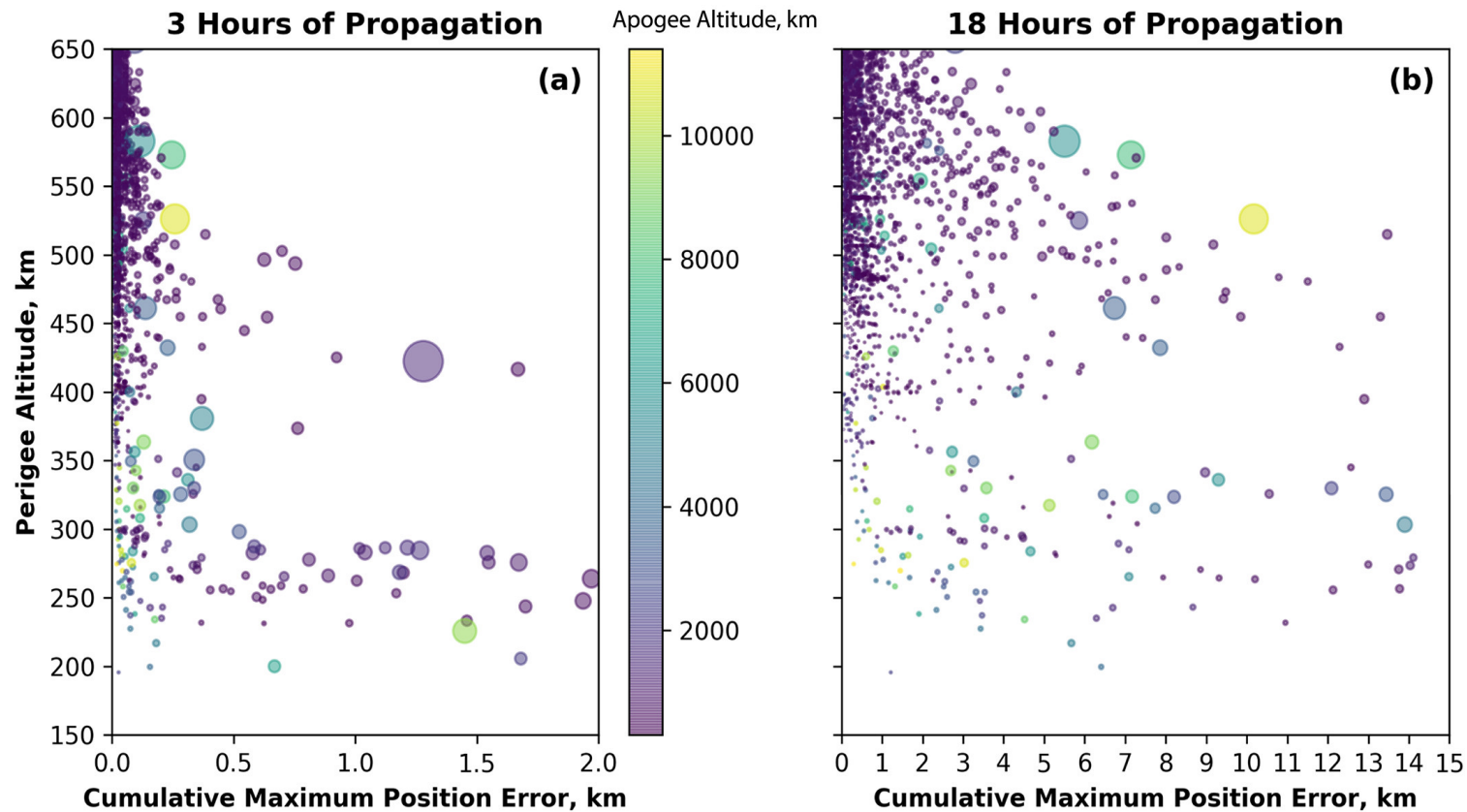
**What is the Sun capable of
in today's electronically
reliant world?**

How much notice?

**Could adversaries take
advantage of
data denial, jamming,
satellite tracking issues?**



Congested LEO/Space Catalog Transition



Satellites big and small

Position errors in the 10's km range
for **moderate** space weather

**Limited operator experience with
big solar events**

**Anything Reliant on Global
Navigation Spacecraft System:**

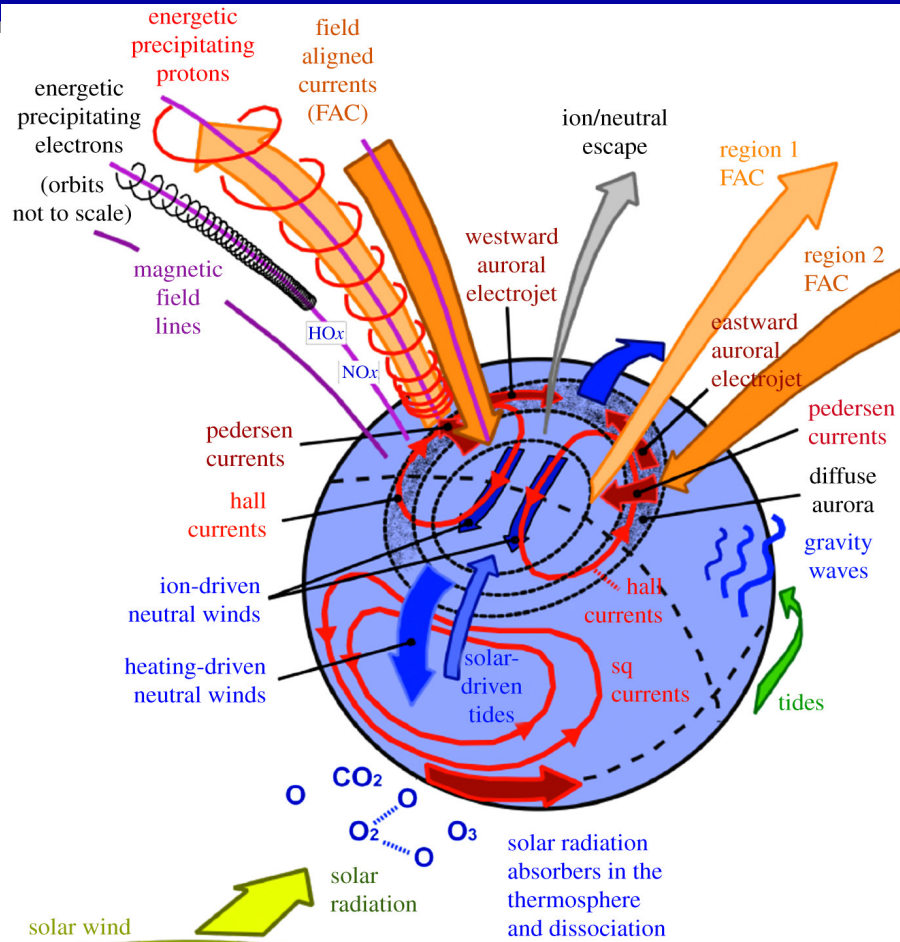
Trains, Planes, Automobiles,
Ships, Drones Can 'Lose Lock'

Why we need to improve Space Weather Forecasting



Space ISAC
John Noto
10/17/23

Why do we care?



Interaction of the magnetosphere with the Ionosphere and Thermosphere, and the solar wind. From [Sarris, 2019]

Ionospheric effects

- Communicate
 - HF propagation issues
 - Sat-Comm VHF-S band
- Navigate
 - L-band GPS and PNT disruption (scintillation)
- Surveillance
 - OTH Radar

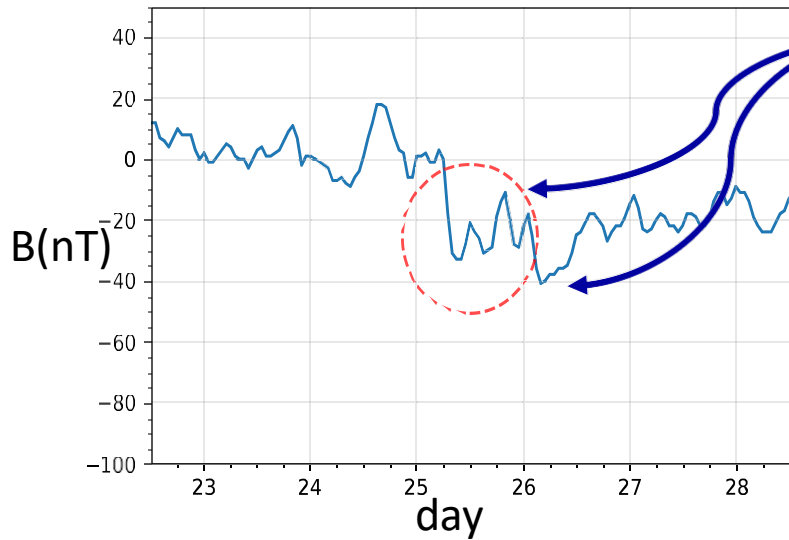
Neutral Atmosphere effects

- Space Traffic Management
 - Orbital Maneuvers
 - Collision avoidance
 - Catalog Maintenance

Small Storm, Big Effects

Disturbance -Storm
Time (DST)

January 2021

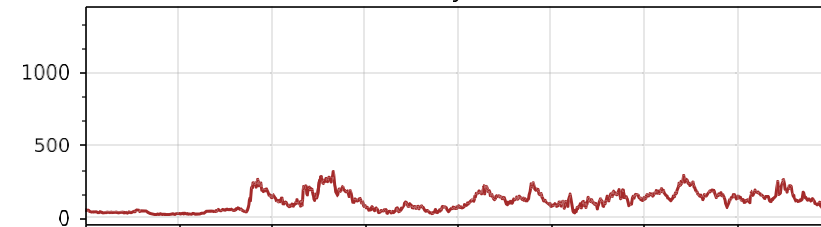


Solar wind energy transferred to the magnetosphere

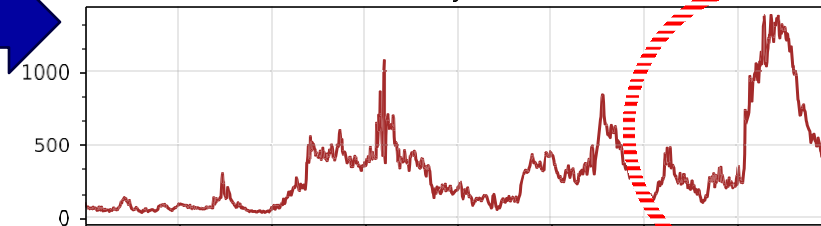
AE represents enhanced B from ionospheric current in and below the auroral zone

Auroral Electrojet (AE)
Index

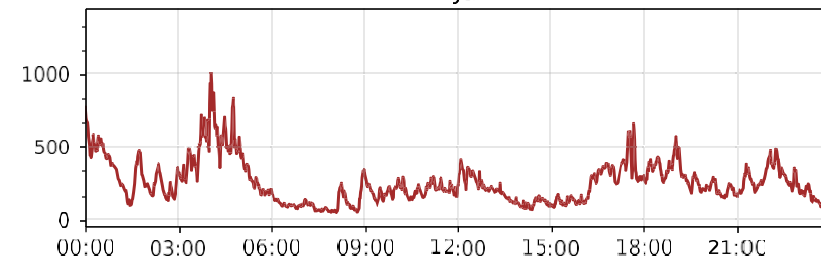
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26 Jan.



heating

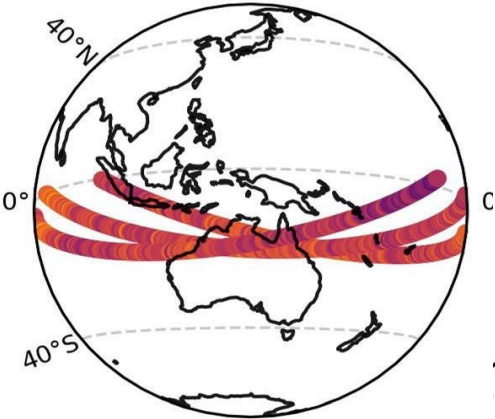
moderate ($-50 \text{ nT} > \text{minimum of Dst} > -100 \text{ nT}$),
intense ($-100 \text{ nT} > \text{minimum Dst} > -250 \text{ nT}$) or
super-storm (minimum of Dst $< -250 \text{ nT}$).

Observed changes in density

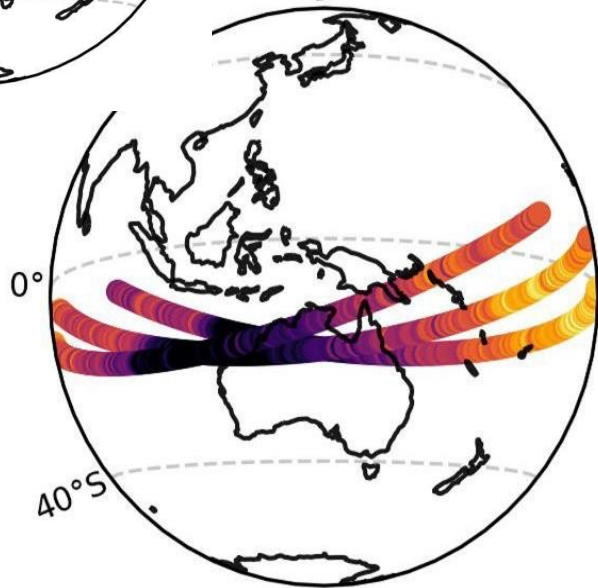
Neutral Composition

Time = 00:00-05:20 UT 2021

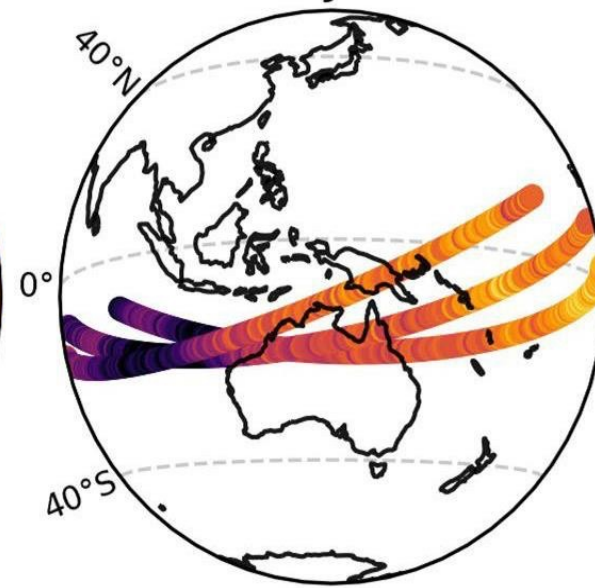
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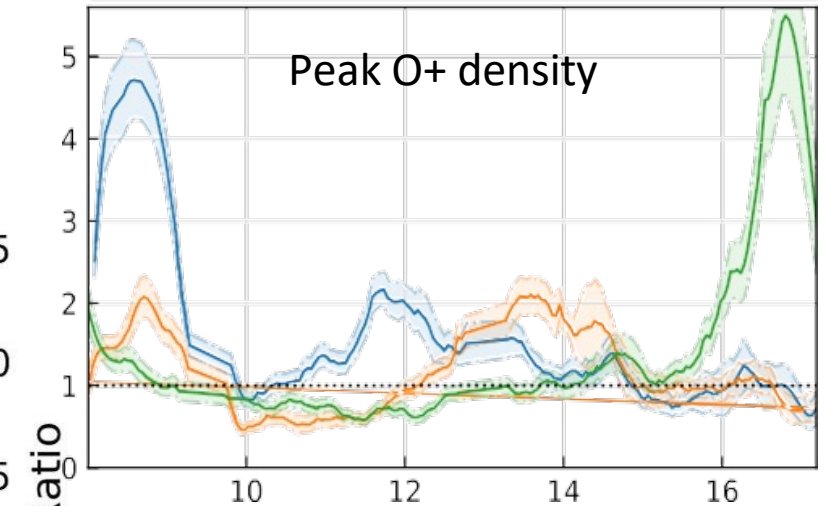


27 Jan.



Ratio of 26 Jan. to 25 Jan.

— 00:20-02:00 UT — 02:00-03:20 UT — 03:20-05:20 UT



The NmF₂ ratio of 26 January to 25 January at 223 km as a function of solar local time for ICON's first three daytime passes.

The problem!

Management

- Space traffic growing exponentially, with no sign of slowing down
- Space Force tracks over 29,000 objects in Low Earth Orbit, in an increasingly crowded environment
- Satellite orbits are affected by space weather via changes in atmospheric drag

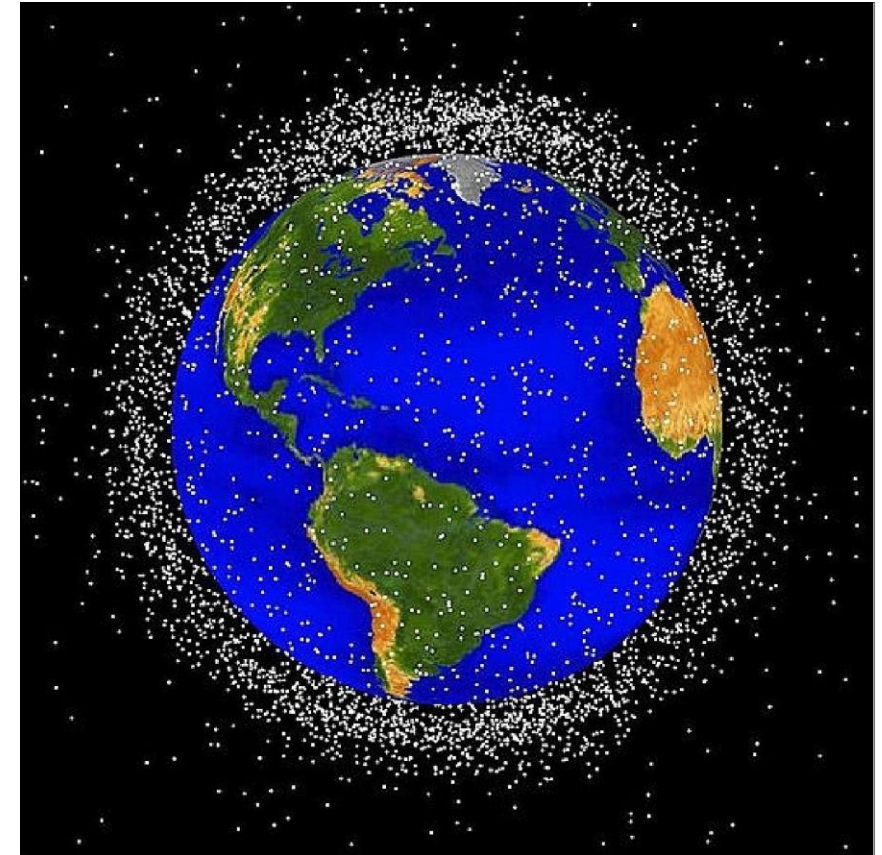
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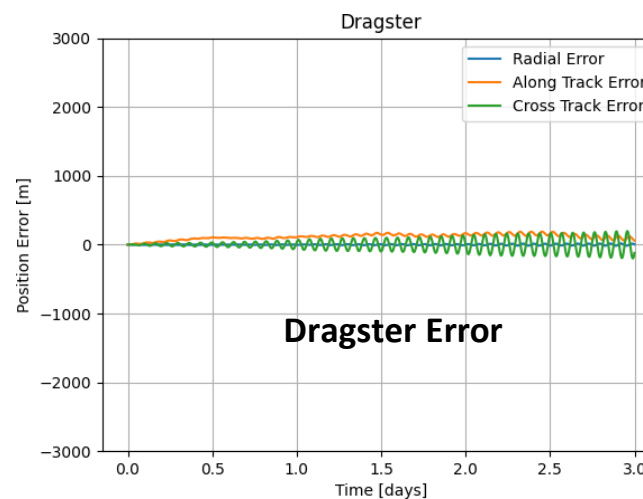
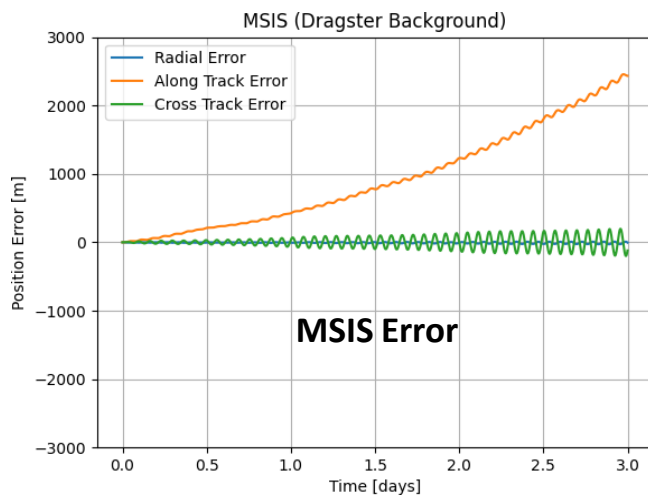
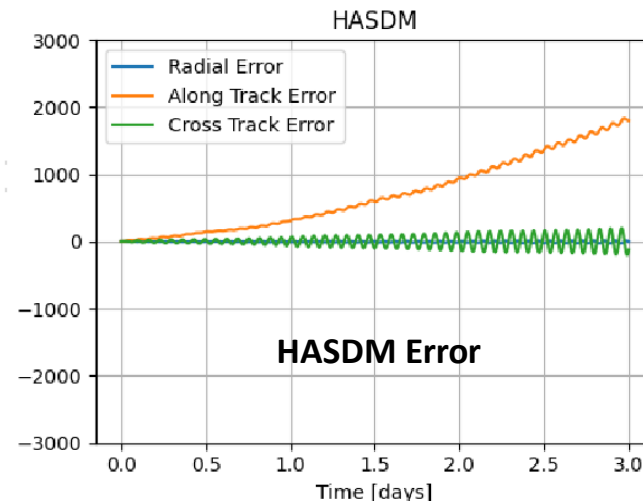
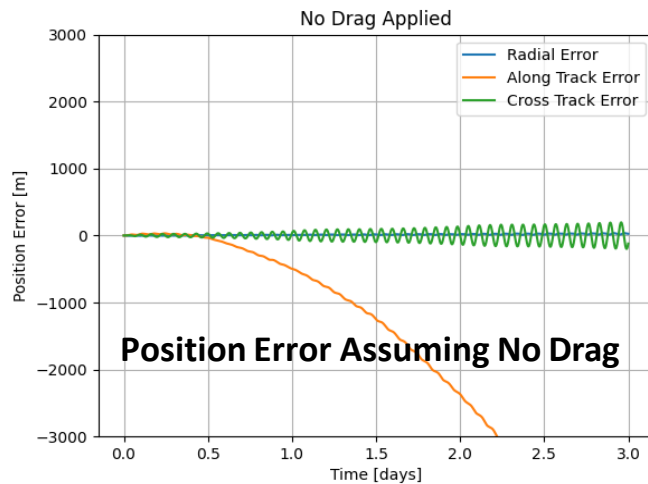
- Equipment
- **Environment**
- Enemy/Adversary

Using physics based and assimilative models we can provide better forecasting for both the neutral and ionized parts of the atmosphere!

But we need more data!



Improvements in satellite drag prediction

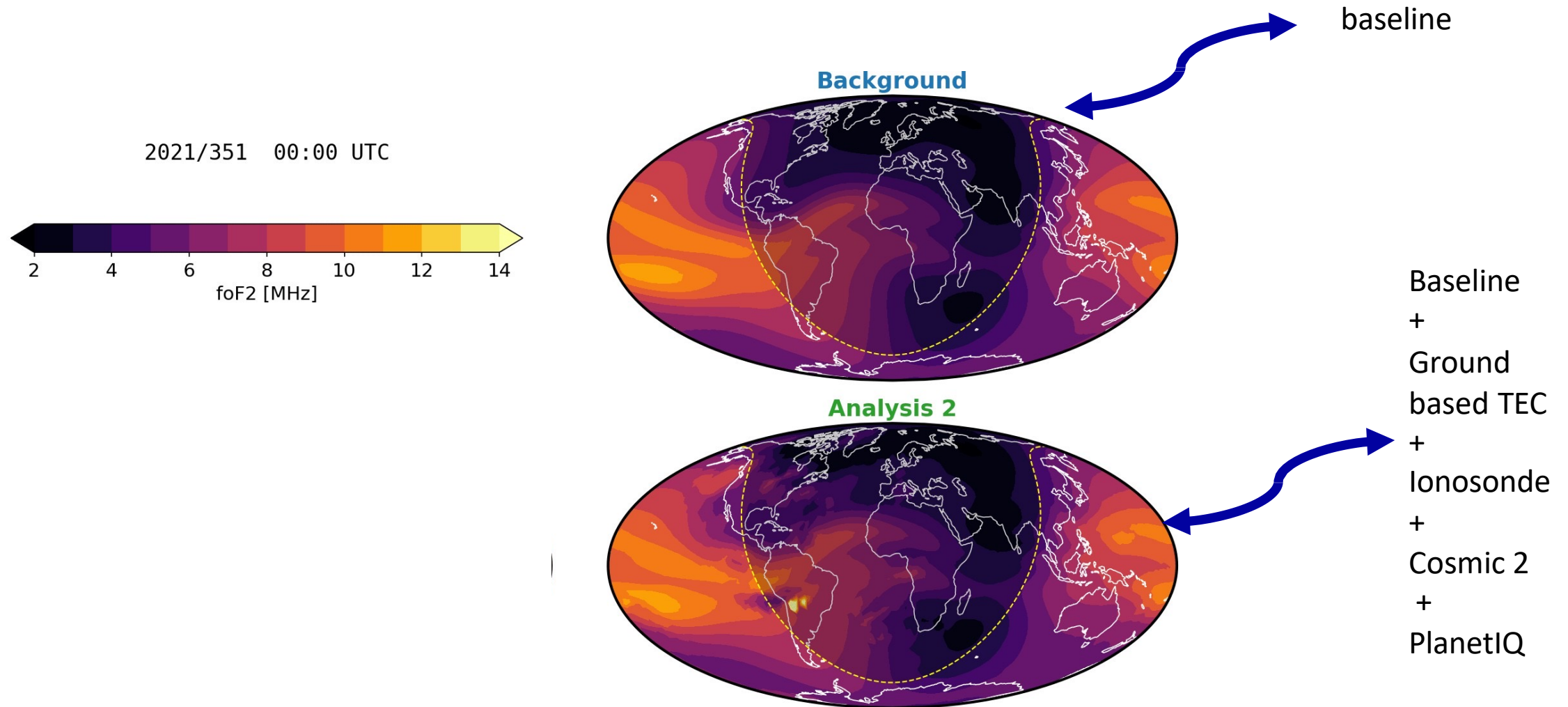


Validation Satellite: Swarm-A (450 km)

Ensemble Kalman filter provides more precise predictions of orbital dynamics than other models.

The smaller error would reduce collision uncertainties and the number of false alarms.

Improvements in Ionosphere prediction



A better result validated by ground based ionosondes

Evolvable Cislunar Space Ecosystem: Sharing Data Across Systems of Systems

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Cislunar Ecosystem

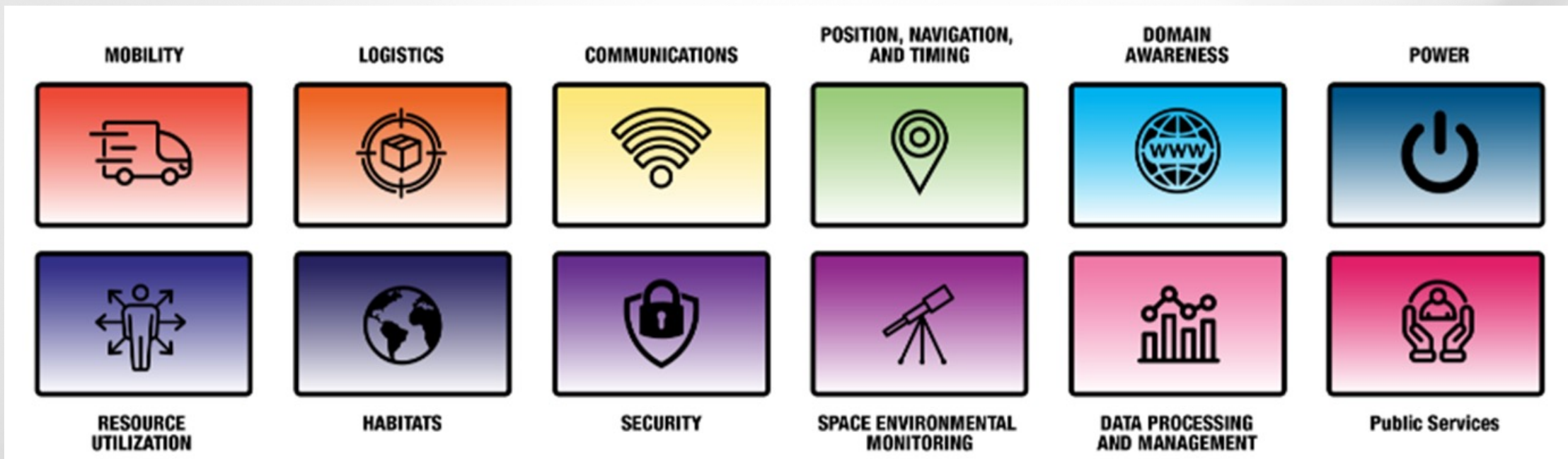
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Space Enterprise Evolution
Civil Systems Group*

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ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE CISLUNAR ECOSYSTEM

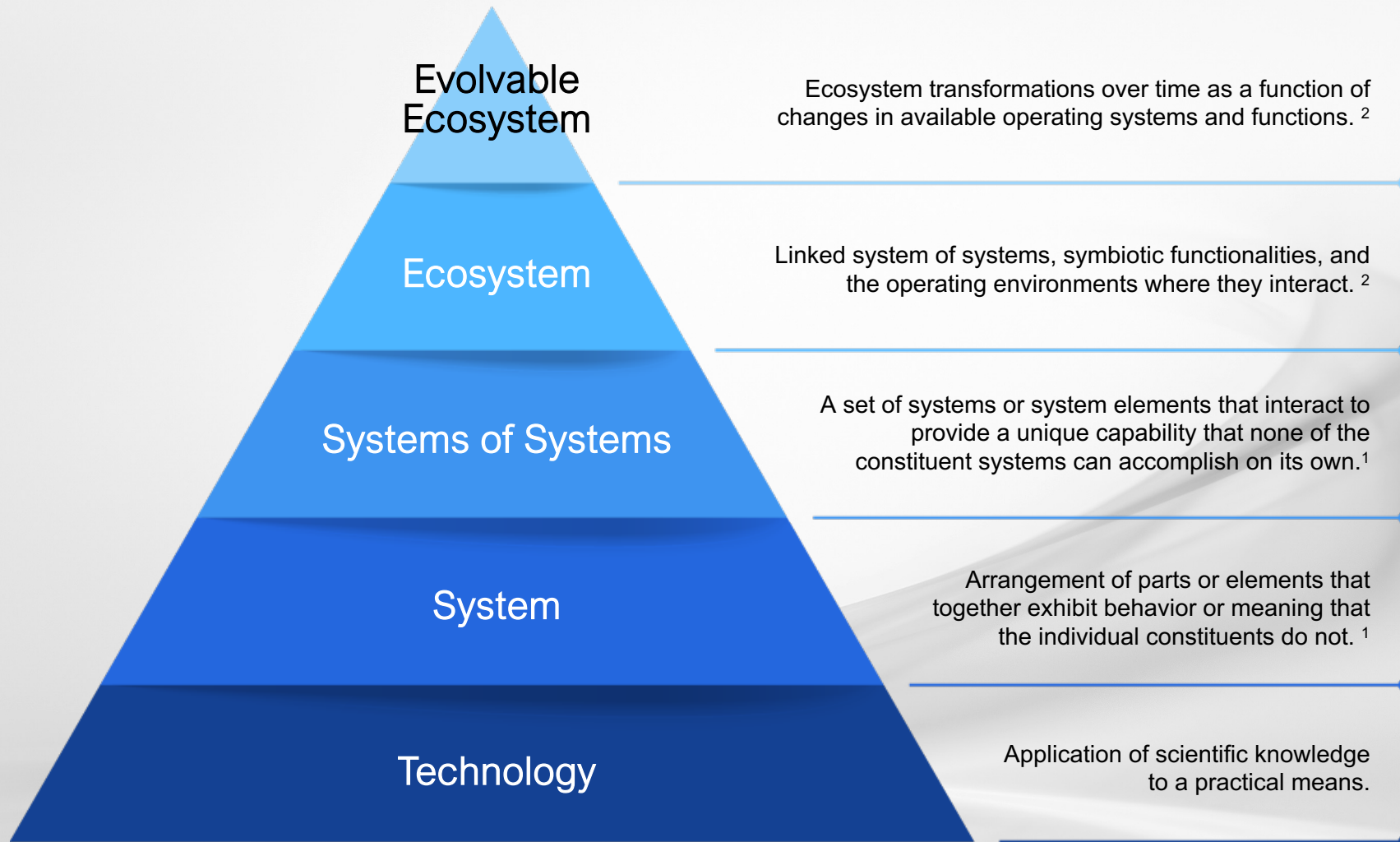
Enterprise integration across 12 layers of infrastructure

- *Extend human economic activity into deep space by establishing a permanent human presence on the Moon, and, in cooperation with private industry and international partners, develop infrastructure and services that will enable science-driven exploration, space resource utilization, and human missions to Mars. - [National-Space-Policy.pdf](#)*



ENABLING SPACE ENTERPRISE EVOLUTION

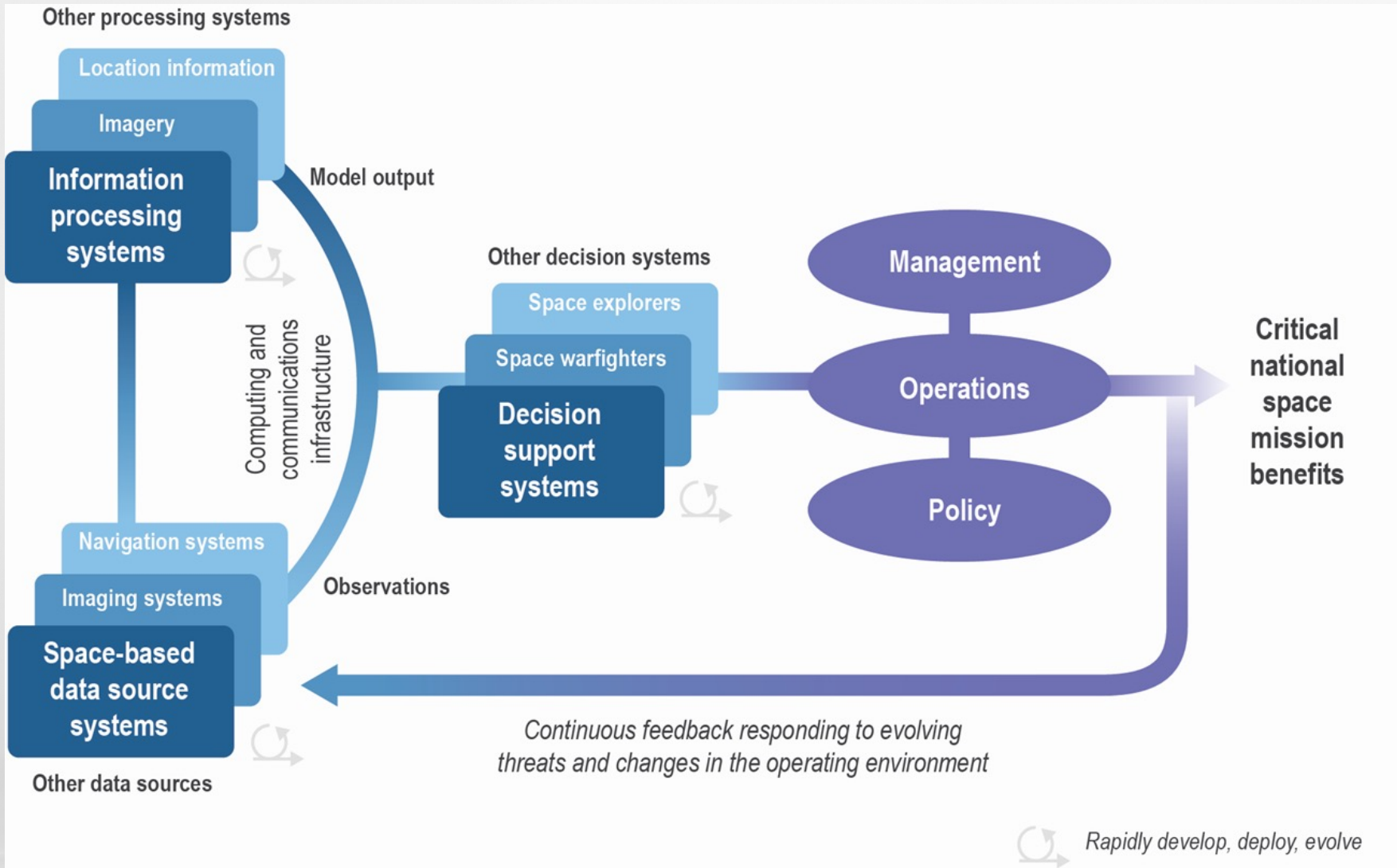
Fit together >> Interoperate together >> Evolve together



1. INCOSE:
[https://sebokwiki.org/wiki/Systems_of_Systems_\(SoS\)](https://sebokwiki.org/wiki/Systems_of_Systems_(SoS))
2. Birk/Guidi definition

ACHIEVING SPACE ENTERPRISE INTEGRATION

Across Owners/Operations of Space, Ground, and Decision Support Systems





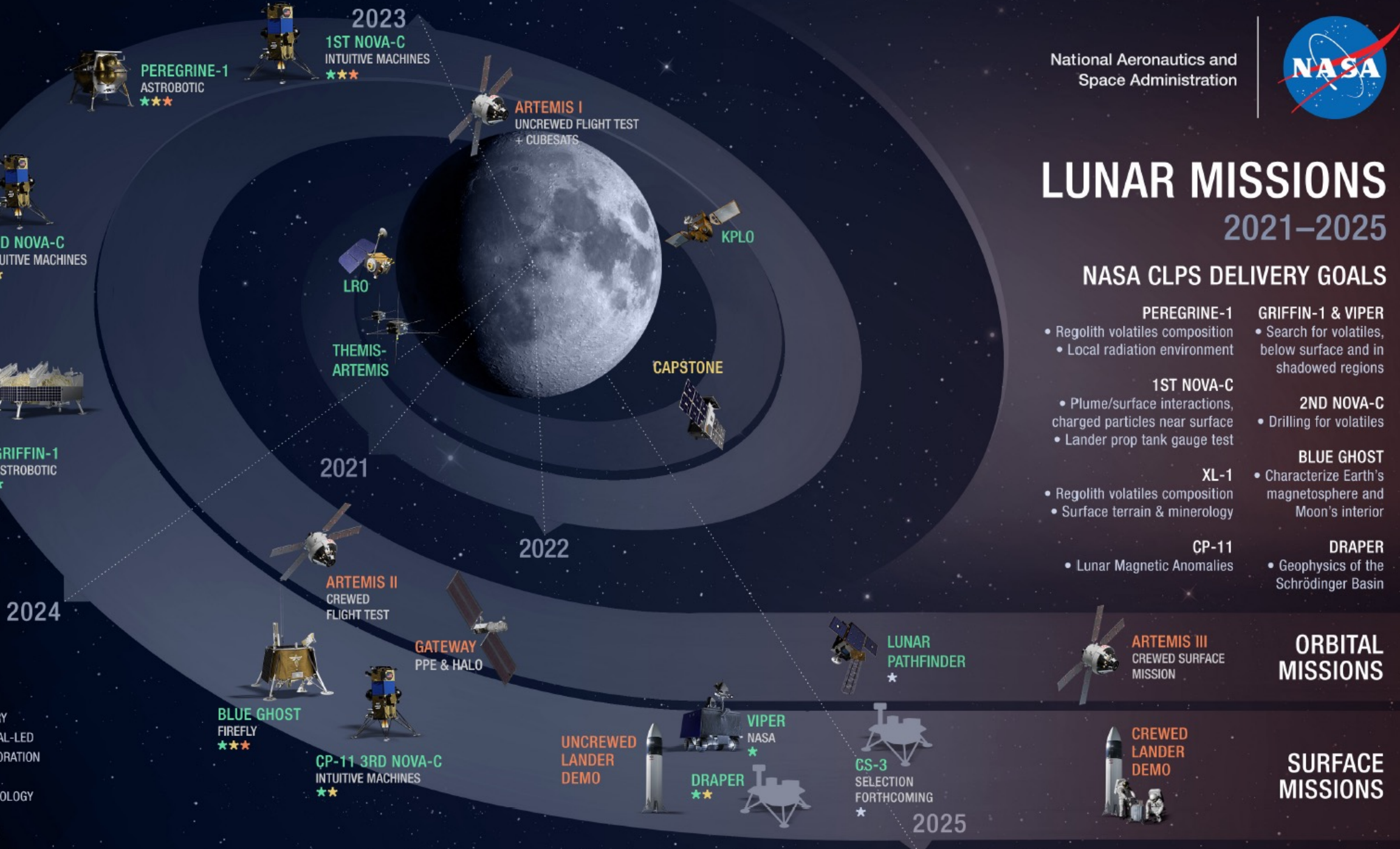
LUNAR MISSIONS

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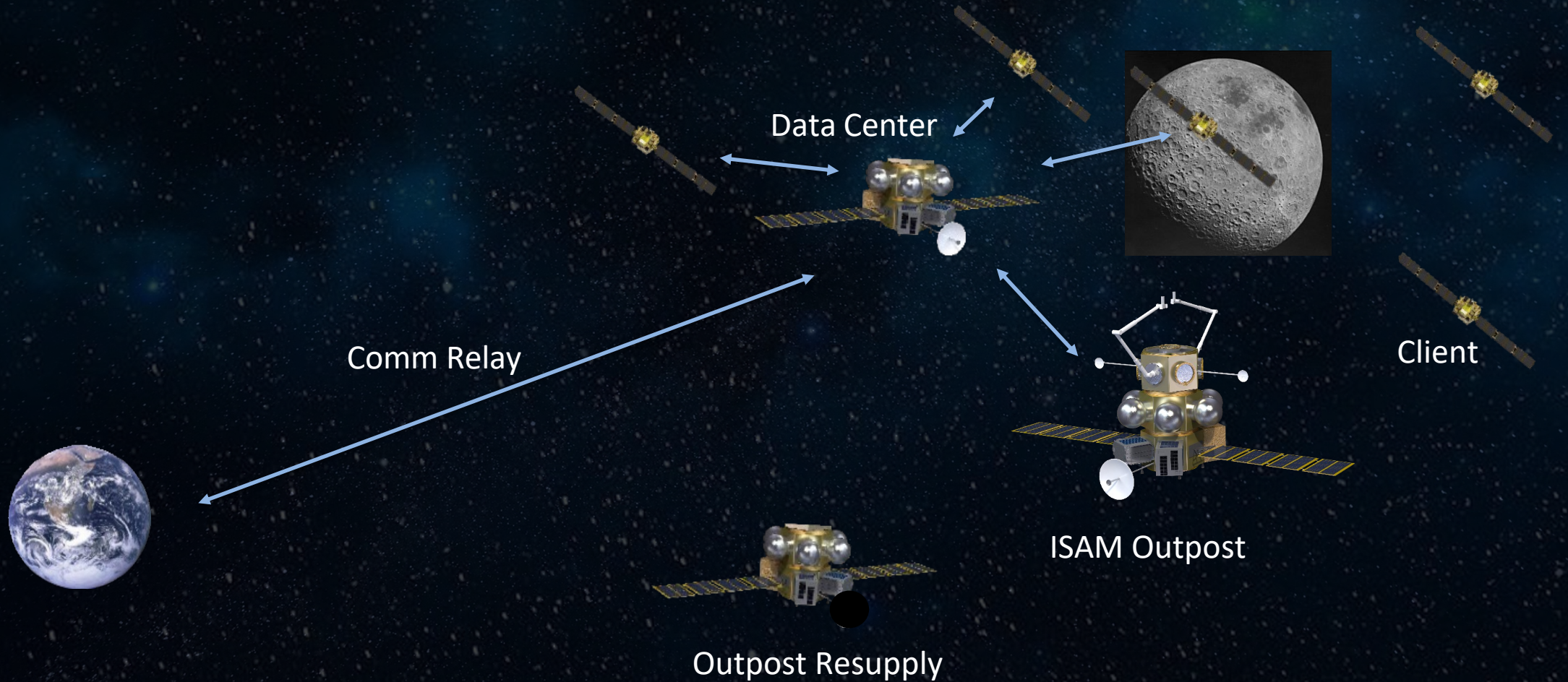
NASA CLPS DELIVERY GOALS

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| <p>PEREGRINE-1 ASTROBOTIC ★★★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regolith volatiles composition • Local radiation environment | <p>GRIFFIN-1 & VIPER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for volatiles, below surface and in shadowed regions |
| <p>1ST NOVA-C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plume/surface interactions, charged particles near surface • Lander prop tank gauge test | <p>2ND NOVA-C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling for volatiles |
| <p>XL-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regolith volatiles composition • Surface terrain & mineralogy | <p>BLUE GHOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterize Earth's magnetosphere and Moon's interior |
| <p>CP-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunar Magnetic Anomalies | <p>DRAPER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geophysics of the Schrödinger Basin |

- KEY**
- ★ CLPS DELIVERY
 - 🌐 INTERNATIONAL-LED
 - 👤 HUMAN EXPLORATION
 - 🟢 SCIENCE
 - 🟡 SPACE TECHNOLOGY



QuantumNet provides data and mobility infrastructure





Consortium for Space Mobility and ISAM Capabilities (COSMIC)

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CONSORTIUM FOR SPACE MOBILITY
AND ISAM CAPABILITIES

Overview Briefing

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October 2023



- The **Consortium for Space Mobility and ISAM Capabilities (COSMIC)** is a nationwide coalition that will invigorate a domestic in-space servicing, assembly, and manufacturing (ISAM) capability.
- COSMIC will:
 - **Mobilize, advance, and leverage** community expertise spanning **users and providers** across federal agencies, industry, and academia.
 - Accelerate **wide-spread adoption** of ISAM capabilities as an integrated segment of the space enterprise architecture.
 - Steer the future of ISAM as a coordinated and collaborated effort for space mission lifecycles to **enhance mission capability, reduce costs, and increase operational efficiency** due to **enhanced longevity, utility, and resilience.**

What is ISAM?

In-Space Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing

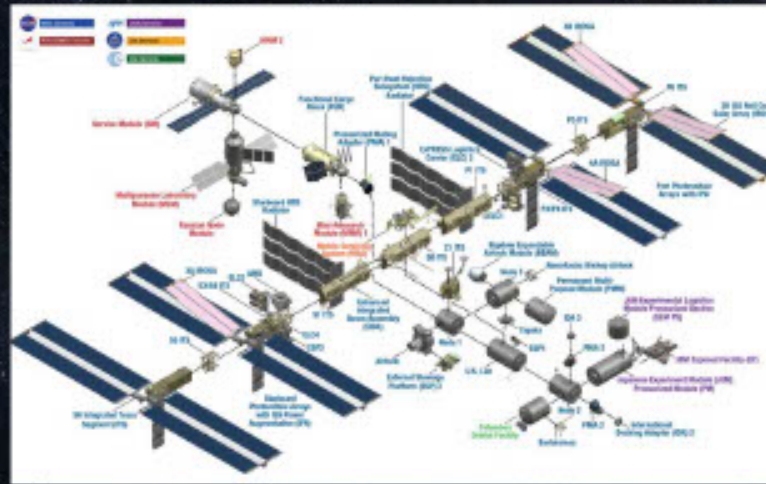
SERVICING

- Design of modular, serviceable, upgradeable, and evolvable systems



ASSEMBLY

- Assembly of simple to complex space systems



MANUFACTURING

- Manufacturing in space using Earth- and locally-sourced materials



ISAM National Strategy and Implementation Plan



FOSTER AN ECOSYSTEM TO LEVERAGE ISAM CAPABILITIES

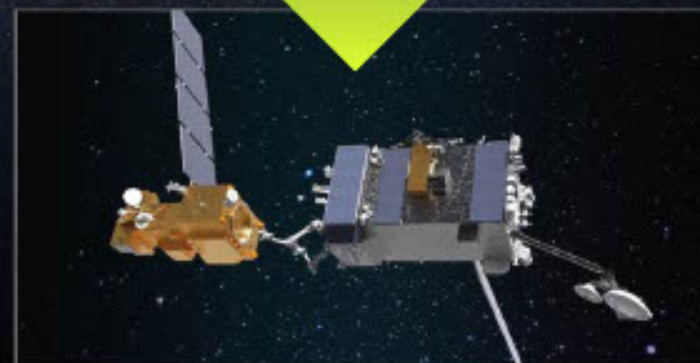
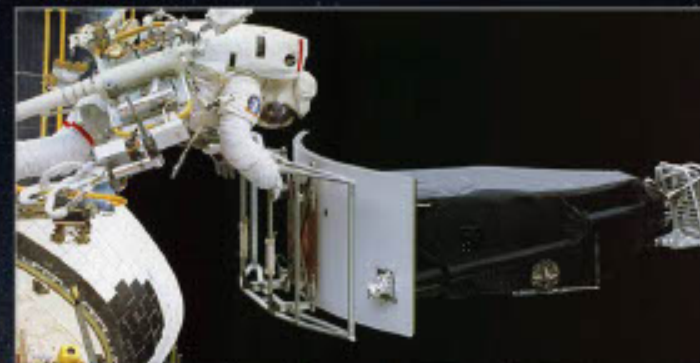
- Support and stimulate USG, academic, and commercial ISAM capability development
- Consistent with US Space Priorities Framework (Dec 2021)

BENEFITS

- Promote a sustainable space environment
- Improve scientific output of spacecraft and payloads
- Create robust, sustainable, and enduring in-space infrastructure
- Expand performance, availability, resilience, and lifetime of space systems

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Advance ISAM research & development
2. Prioritize expanding scalable ISAM infrastructure
3. Accelerate the emerging ISAM commercial industry
4. Promote international collaboration and cooperation
5. Prioritize environmental sustainability
6. Inspire a diverse future space workforce



COSMIC: A Nationwide Alliance for ISAM



VISION

Create a nationwide alliance that enables the U.S. space community to provide global leadership in ISAM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Making ISAM a routine part of space architectures and mission lifecycles.



CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

Develop, mature, and demonstrate ISAM technologies that enable and enhance mission utility.



ECOSYSTEM ECONOMICS

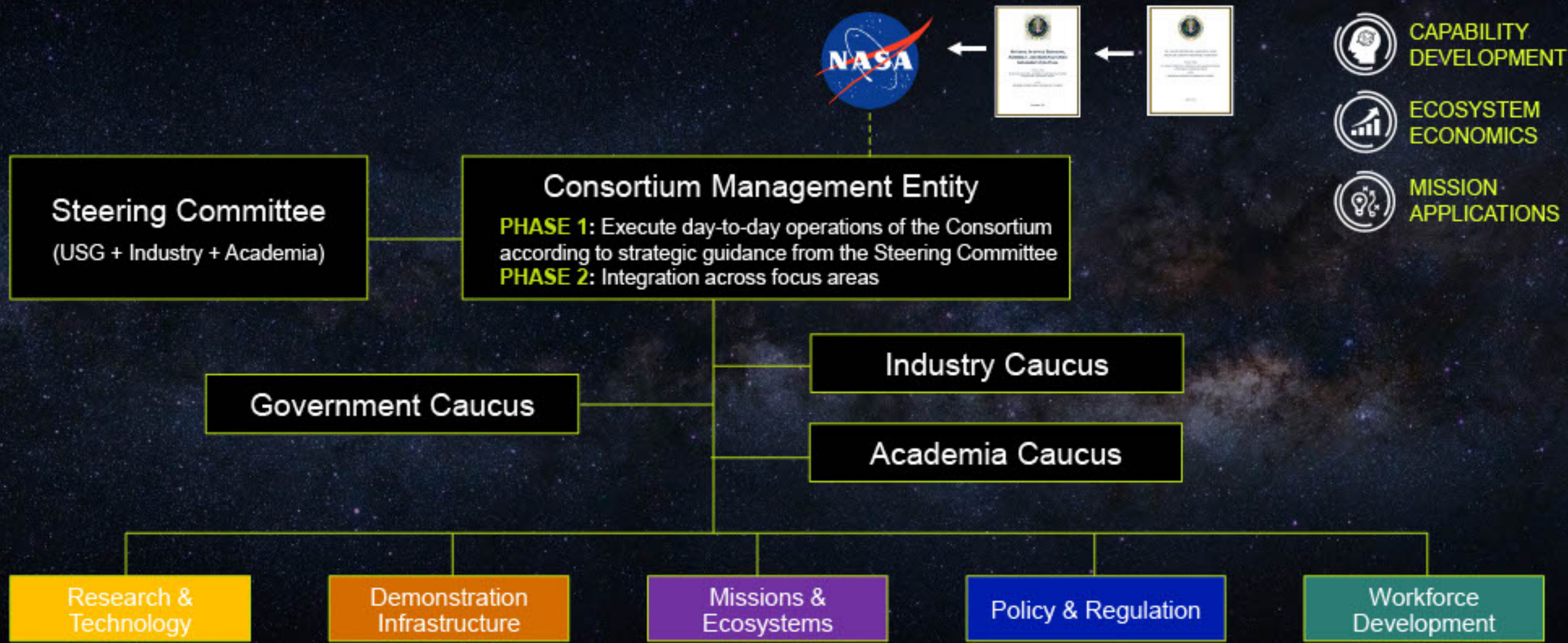
Promote U.S. leadership in ISAM technologies and capabilities that change the business model away from single-use space assets.



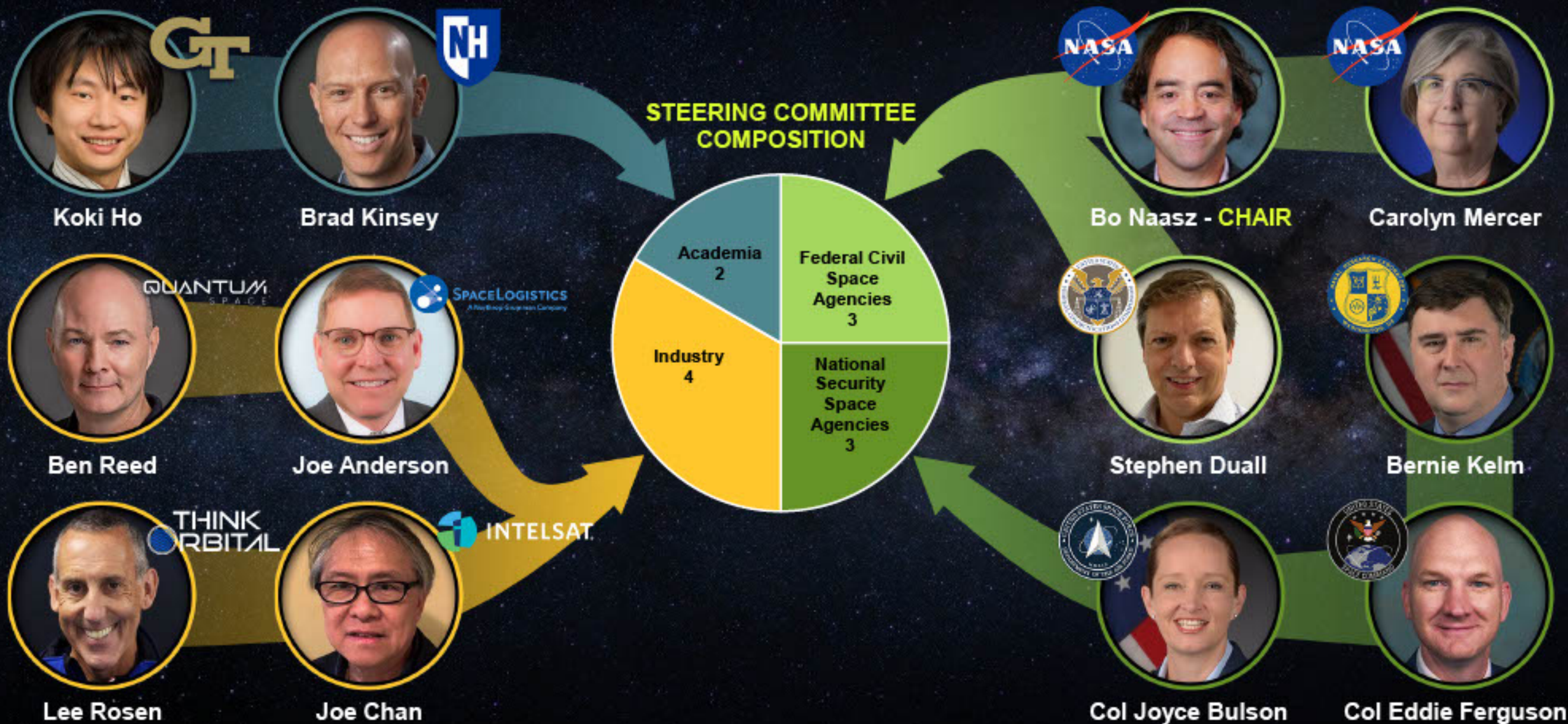
MISSION APPLICATIONS

Encourage and guide missions to use ISAM capabilities as part of commercial and government program lifecycles.

COSMIC Organization



Steering Committee – Inaugural Membership



Consortium Definition



COSMIC IS

- A forum for collaboration and knowledge sharing
- A consortium designed to produce useful products

- A U.S. consortium
- Sponsored by NASA

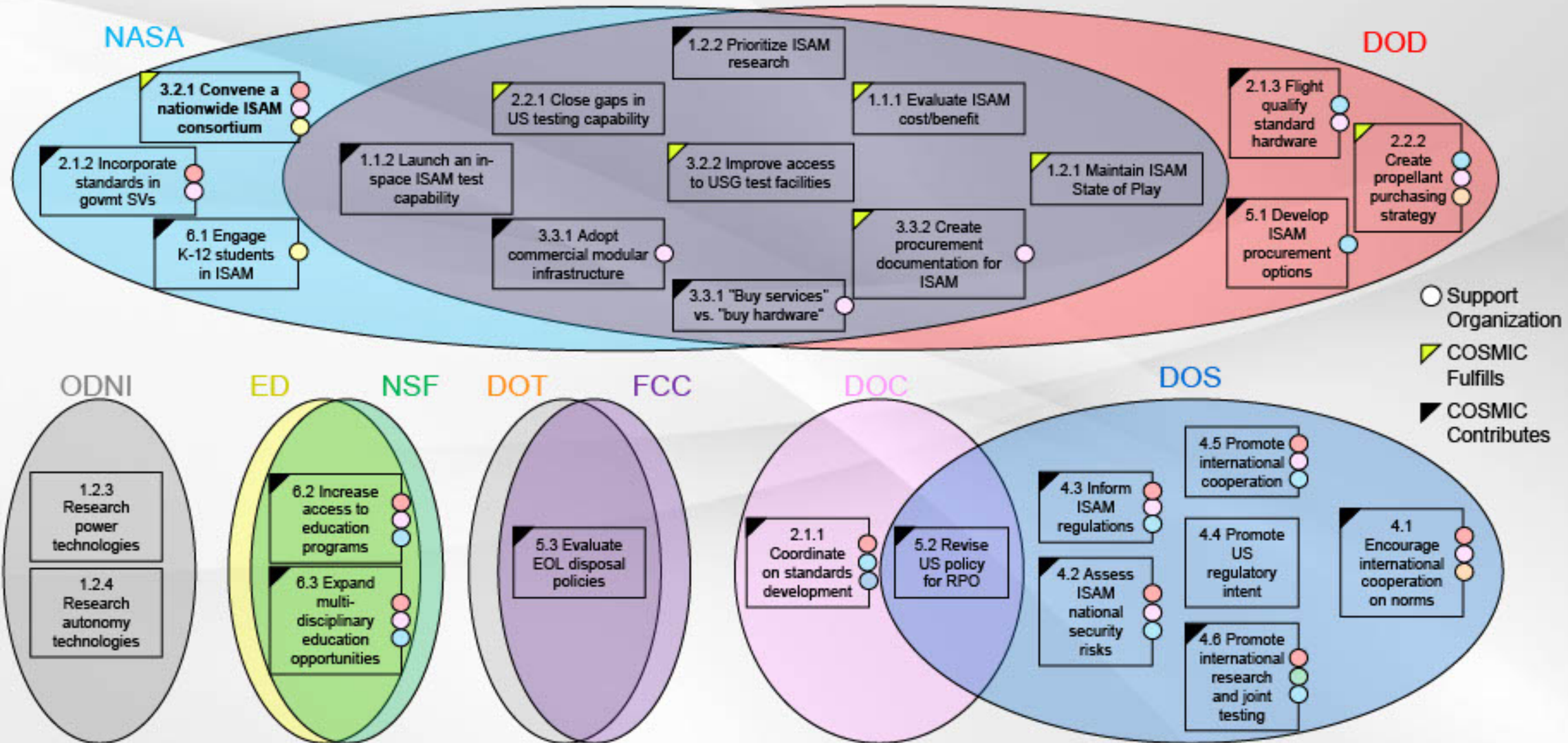
COSMIC IS NOT

- A funding body
- A solicitation vehicle
- A standards body
- A lobbying organization
- An international consortium
- Led by NASA

COSMIC Coordination



COSMIC's Proposed Role in the National ISAM Implementation Plan





KICKOFF MEETING

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COSMIC Responds to the National Need



Tasking

Plan

This OSAM consortium should focus on developing technologies **needed by the commercial space industry** (as a **potential user**, not just as a provider).

- ✓ Commercial mission models and business infusion are represented in the "Missions and Ecosystems" focus area.
- ✓ Industry members are a critical part of the Steering Committee.

To this end, the OSAM consortium should consider **co-funding partners from the commercial space industry**.

- ✓ Government, industry, and academic members fund their own participation.

In establishing this consortium, STMD should **convene a nationwide alliance** of government departments and agencies, universities, nonprofit research institutions, NASA centers and mission directorates, and commercial companies, to include space start-up community and under-represented companies (i.e. small and minority-owned businesses).

- ✓ COSMIC is built as a nationwide alliance that includes a broad cross-section of the U.S. space community.
- ✓ Enhances the role of universities and innovative startups in early stage R&D for ISAM applications.

STMD should ensure these partners have a **vested interest in the nation's leadership in OSAM** as an enabling technology and as a vehicle for **workforce development**.

- ✓ Participation in COSMIC opens up opportunities for industry and government collaboration, partnerships, and tech transfer.
- ✓ University participation enables and enhances the ISAM-savvy workforce of the future.

This OSAM consortium should **collaborate where there may be possible synergies** and to avoid unnecessarily overlapping or duplicative federal efforts.

- ✓ Identified potential USG partners based on existing interests, expressed via membership in the OSAM National Initiative, ISAM Interagency Working Group, and other community forums.

COSMIC and CONFERS: Invigorating the Community



PURPOSE

“Making ISAM a routine part of space mission lifecycles”

- Facilitate collaborative relationships between U.S. government departments and agencies, universities, commercial companies, and nonprofit research institutions
- Create products that address National ISAM Implementation Plan actions, such as
 - A repository of available ISAM capabilities and facilities
 - Assessment of missions enabled or enhanced by ISAM R&D

“Servicing empowering a robust space economy”

- Developing industry-led standards that contribute to a sustainable, safe, and diverse space economy
- Engaging with global governmental legislative and regulatory bodies on policies and oversight of satellite servicing activities

MEMBERSHIP

US-ONLY MEMBERSHIP

- Nationwide consortium to advance U.S. leadership in ISAM
- Members must have a vested interest in the nation's leadership in ISAM

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Industry-led initiative where industry members vote
- Government members (including USG and international) are observers only

FUNDING

NO MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Management entity funded by NASA to support whole-of-nation needs
- Members fund their own participation

100% FUNDED BY MEMBER DUES

- Management entity funded by membership dues
- Initial seed funding from DARPA starting in 2017
- Now a stand-alone not-for-profit trade group
- Members fund their own participation



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Charting the Path to Prosperity: Navigating the Future of the Space Economy

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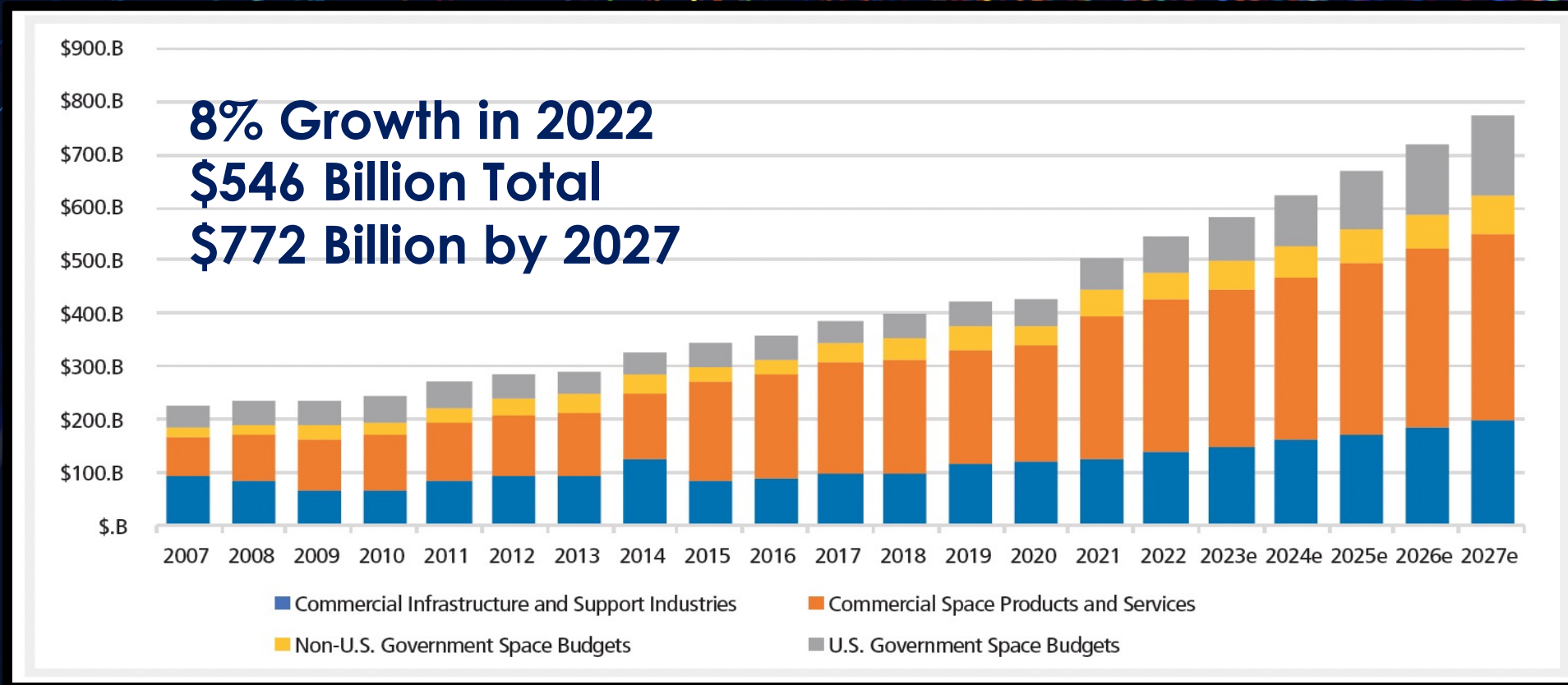


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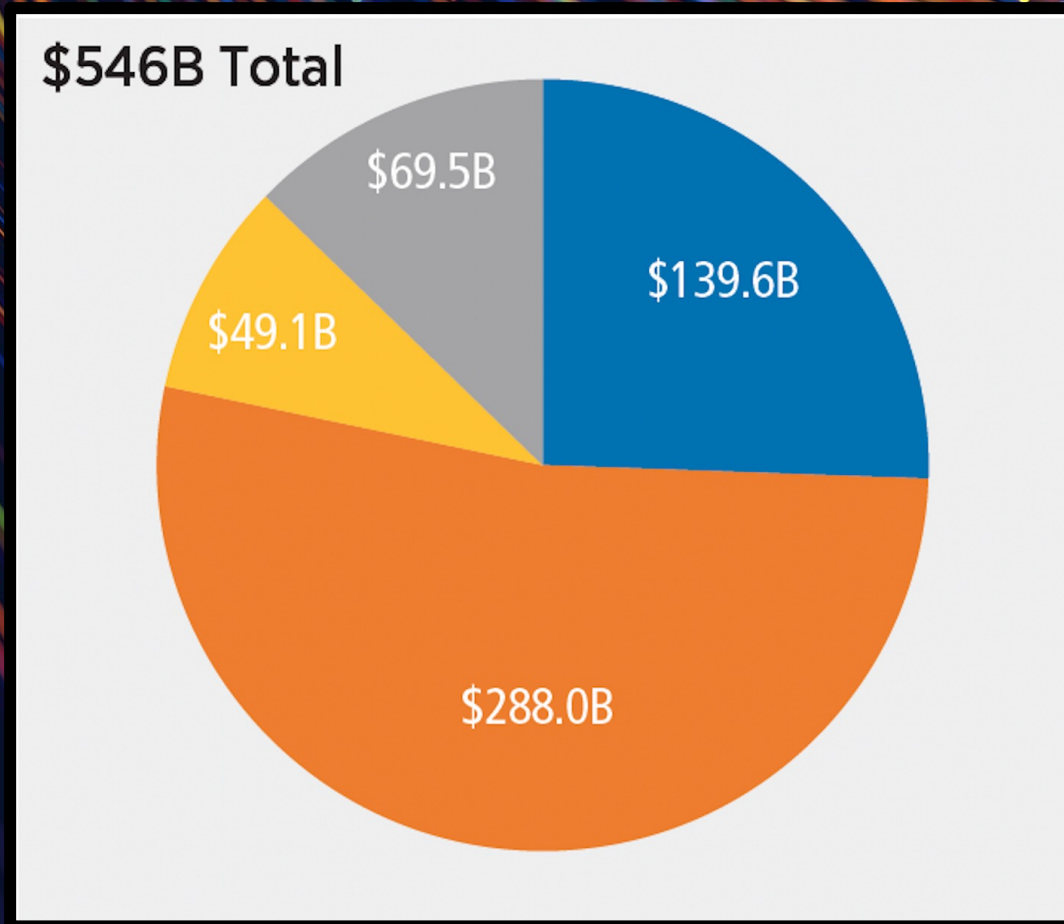
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Global Space Forecast, 2022-2027



Four Key Sectors

- Commercial Infrastructure and Support
- Commercial Space Products and Services
- U.S. Government Space
- Non-U.S. Government

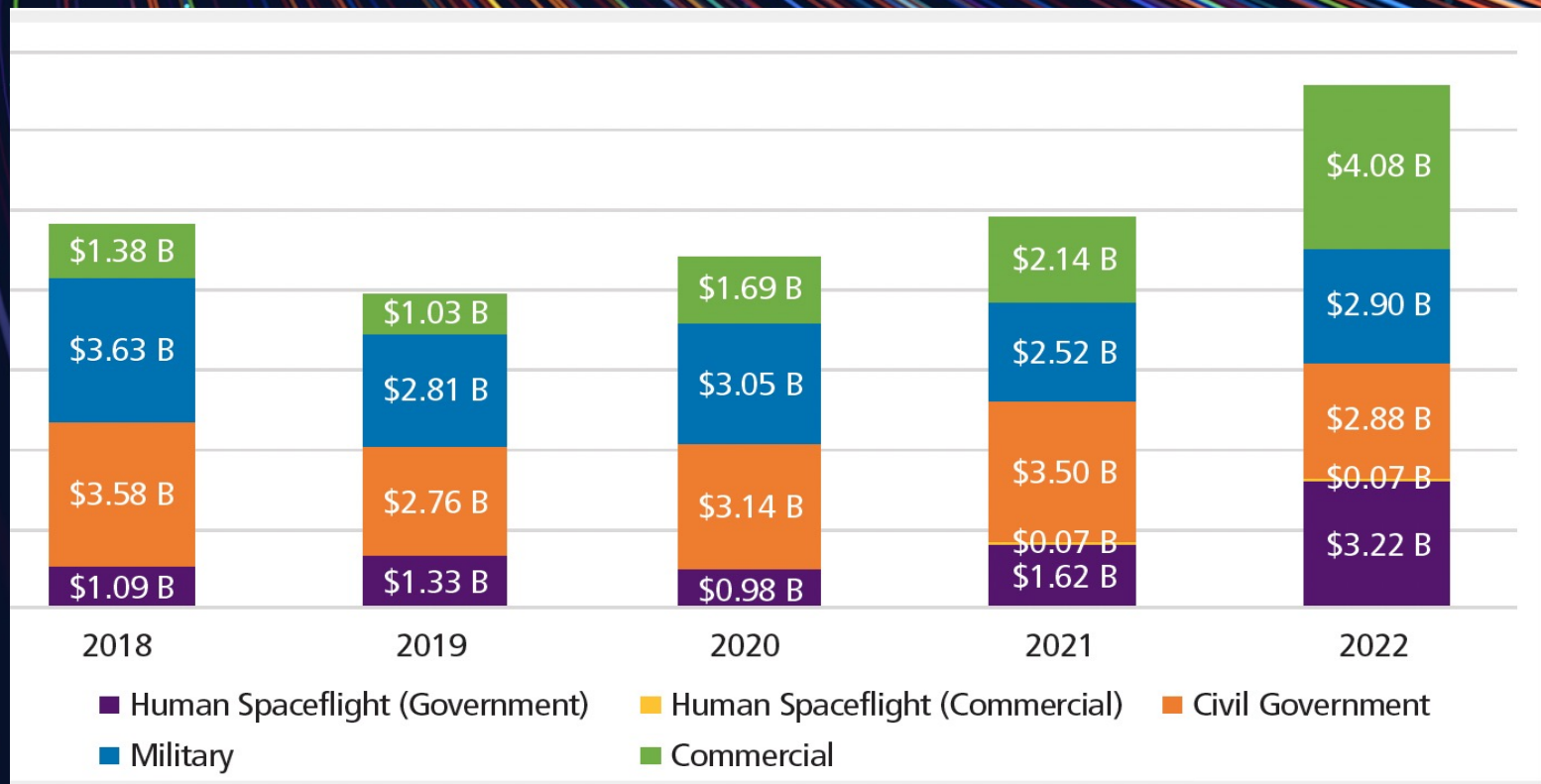


Sectors Now Showing Strong Growth

- Satellite Communication
- Earth Observation
- Launch Services

Future Sectors

- AI and Big Data
- New Space Stations
- Cislunar



Top Government Space Spending

| Nation/Agency | Spending (USD) | 2021-22 Change (USD) | 2021-22 Change (national currency) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| United States | \$69.5B | 13.6% | 13.6% |
| China | \$16.1B | 0.7% | 4.5% |
| ESA* | \$5.4B | 11.6% | 0.1% |
| Russia | \$3.7B | 19.7% | 10.5% |
| Japan | \$3.1B | 11.8% | 7.8% |
| European Union | \$2.3B | 21.4% | 11.0% |
| India | \$1.3B | 20.6% | 15.6% |

- \$119B in 2022
- \$52B in Global Defense
- \$26B U.S. non-military spending



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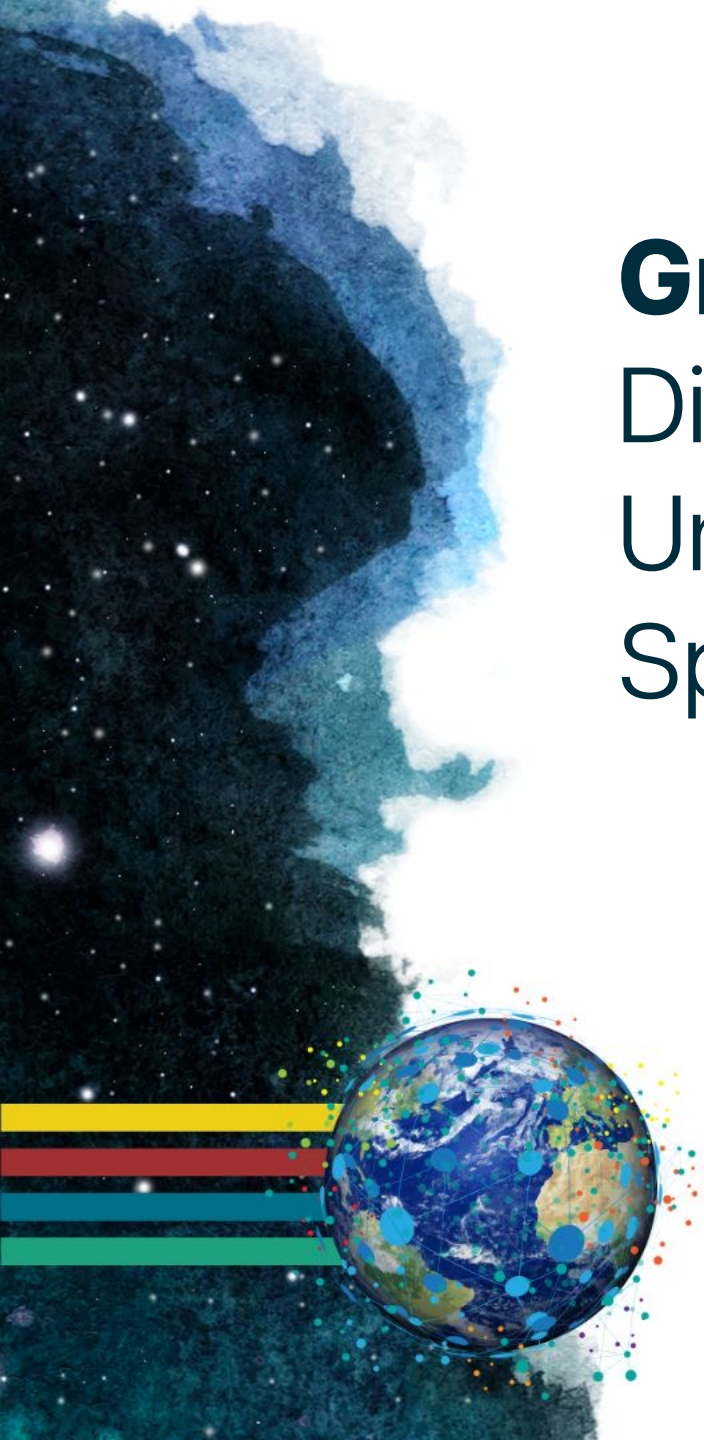
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Space ISAC Interview with the Fellows

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Lydia Siramdane, Cyber Systems Engineer, Peraton

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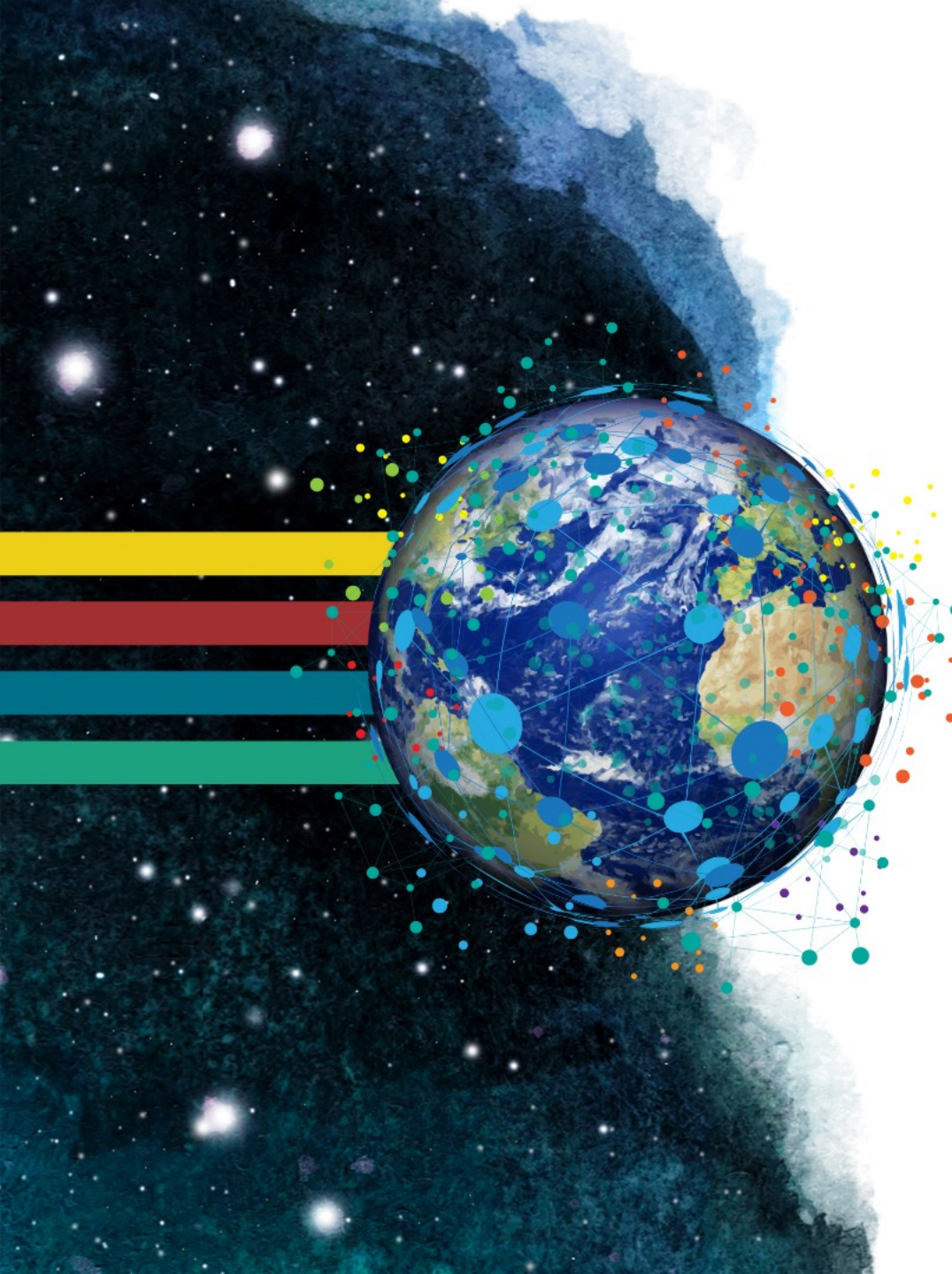


Erin Miller

Executive Director, Space ISAC

Erin boasts a decade of experience fostering high-impact tech collaborations across government, industry, and academia for national security and warfighter support. She currently leads as Executive Director of the Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC), the key security information hub for the public and private space sector. Erin's career revolves around non-profit leadership, including her role as Managing Director at the Center for Technology, Research and Commercialization (C-TRAC).

Her achievements include establishing AFCyberWorx, the Air Force's first cyber design studio, and Catalyst Accelerator, a pioneering space-focused accelerator in collaboration with the Air Force Research Laboratory and AFWERX. Erin received the Woman of Influence award in 2020 and the Mayor's Young Leader (MYL) of the Year Award for Technology in 2018, along with the Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce Award for Young Female Leader. Her expertise spans intellectual property, technology transfer, export control/ITAR, secure facilities, and rapid prototyping collaborations.



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