

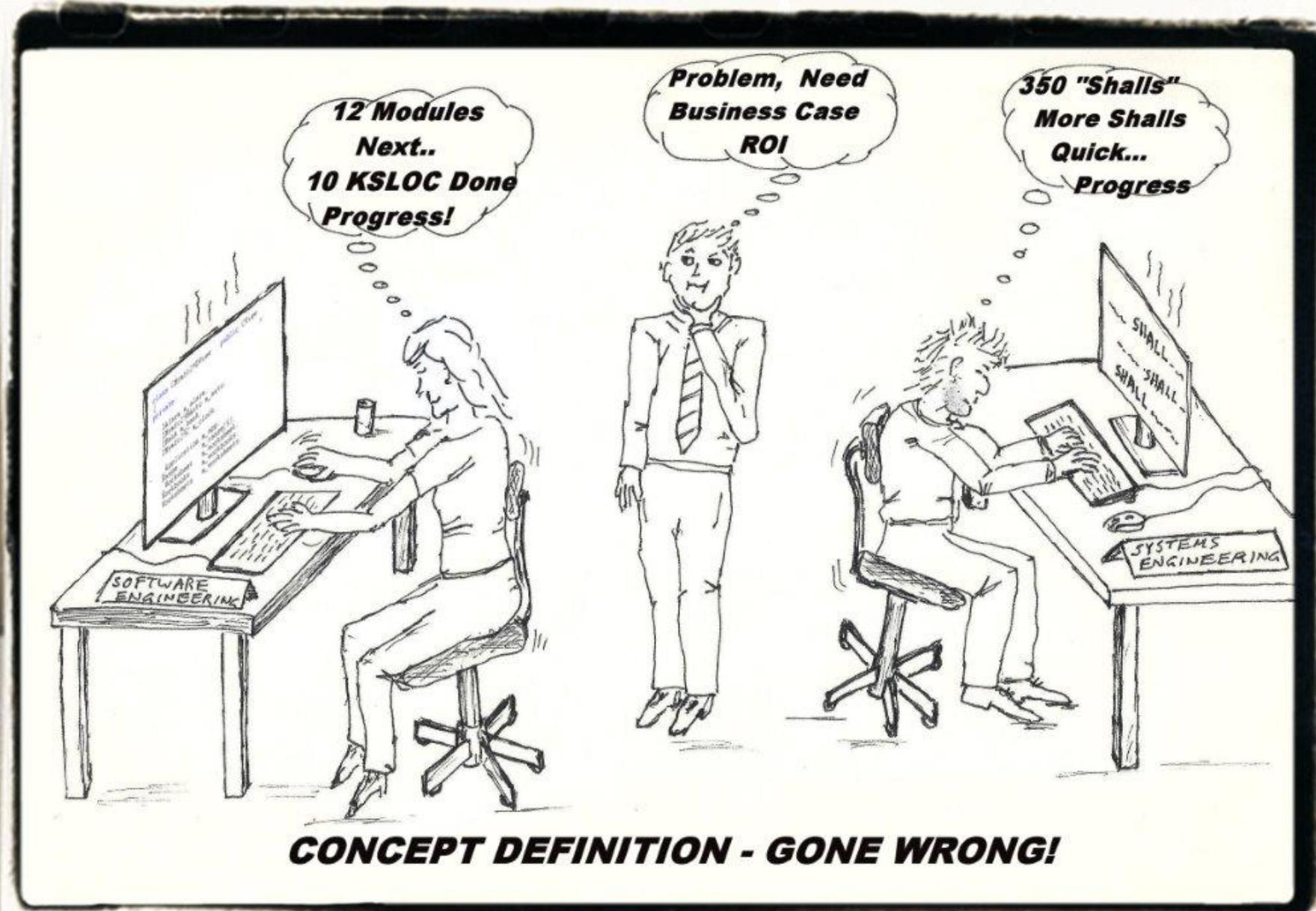


A Framework for Harmonizing Systems Engineering and Off-The-Shelf Procurement Processes

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Motivation



Topics

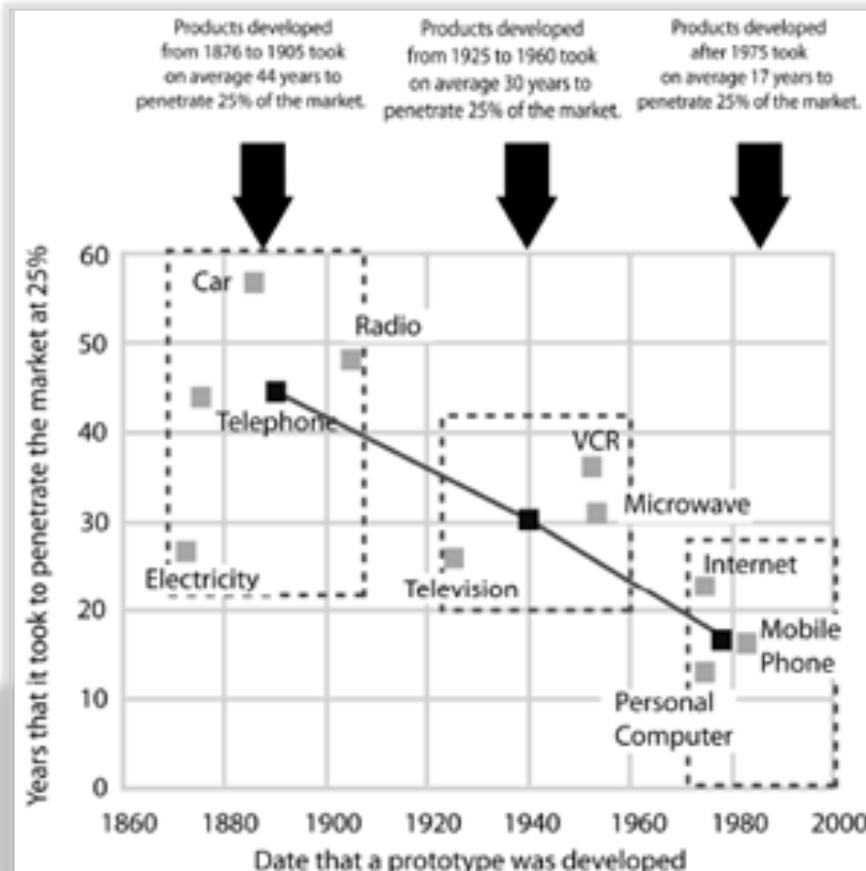


- The Burning Platform
- Off-The-Shelf: Achieving Lower Risk?
- Framework for Harmonizing Systems Engineering and Off-the-Shelf (OTS)
 - Case Study:
Royal Australian Navy Air Warfare Destroyer
 - Strategy
 - Process / Framework
 - Results
- Conclusions
- Questions



The Burning Platform

- Competitive Advantage
 - Reducing Time for Market Penetration of New Technologies
- Avoiding Program Failure
 - Minimize Risk
- Is Off-The-Shelf (OTS) the Answer?



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Reducing Technology Market Penetration Times

Off-The-Shelf: Achieving Lower Risk?

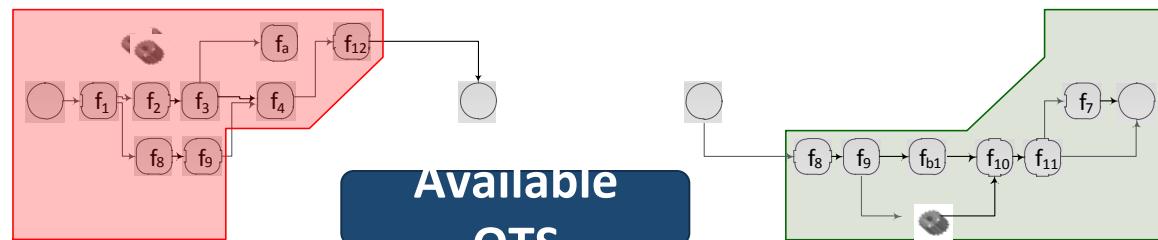
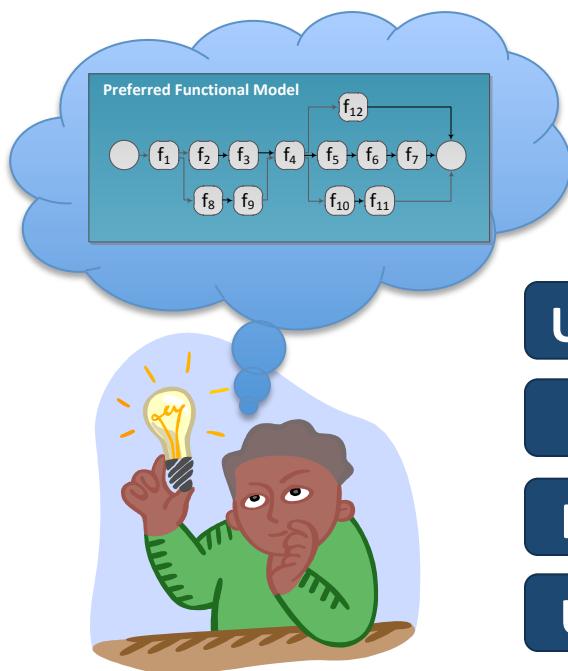
- Fallacy 1: “OTS Means High Technical Readiness Level”
- *Not Necessarily*



OTS May not be Intended for Required Environment

Off-The-Shelf: Achieving Lower Risk?

- Fallacy 2: “OTS Results in Low/No Development Risk”
- *Not Necessarily*



Unwanted Functions

Missing Functions

Interface Risks

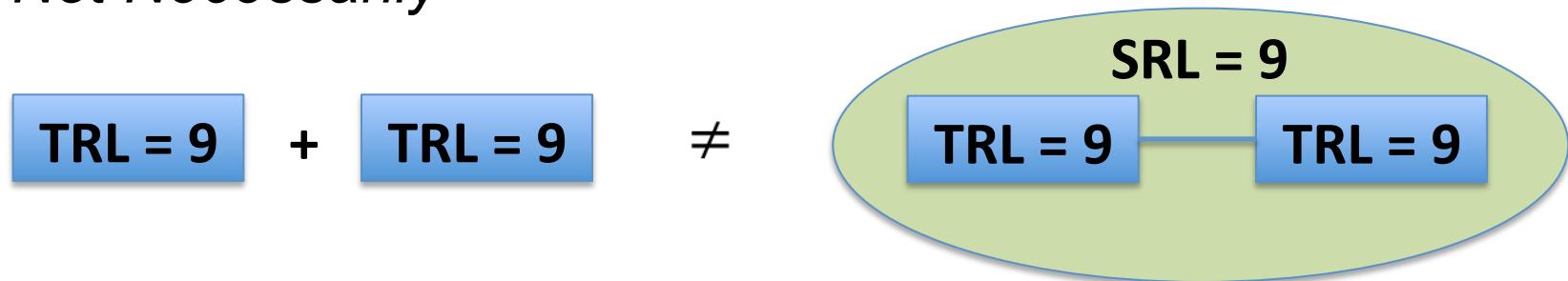
Duplicate Functions

Unwanted Coupling

OTS Constrains Functional Behaviors

Off-The-Shelf: Achieving Lower Risk?

- Fallacy 3: “*Systems of OTS Components are Low Risk*”
- *Not Necessarily*



- TRL not necessarily preserved in the Intended Environment
- SRL is not the MIN, AVG, or MAX of component TRL



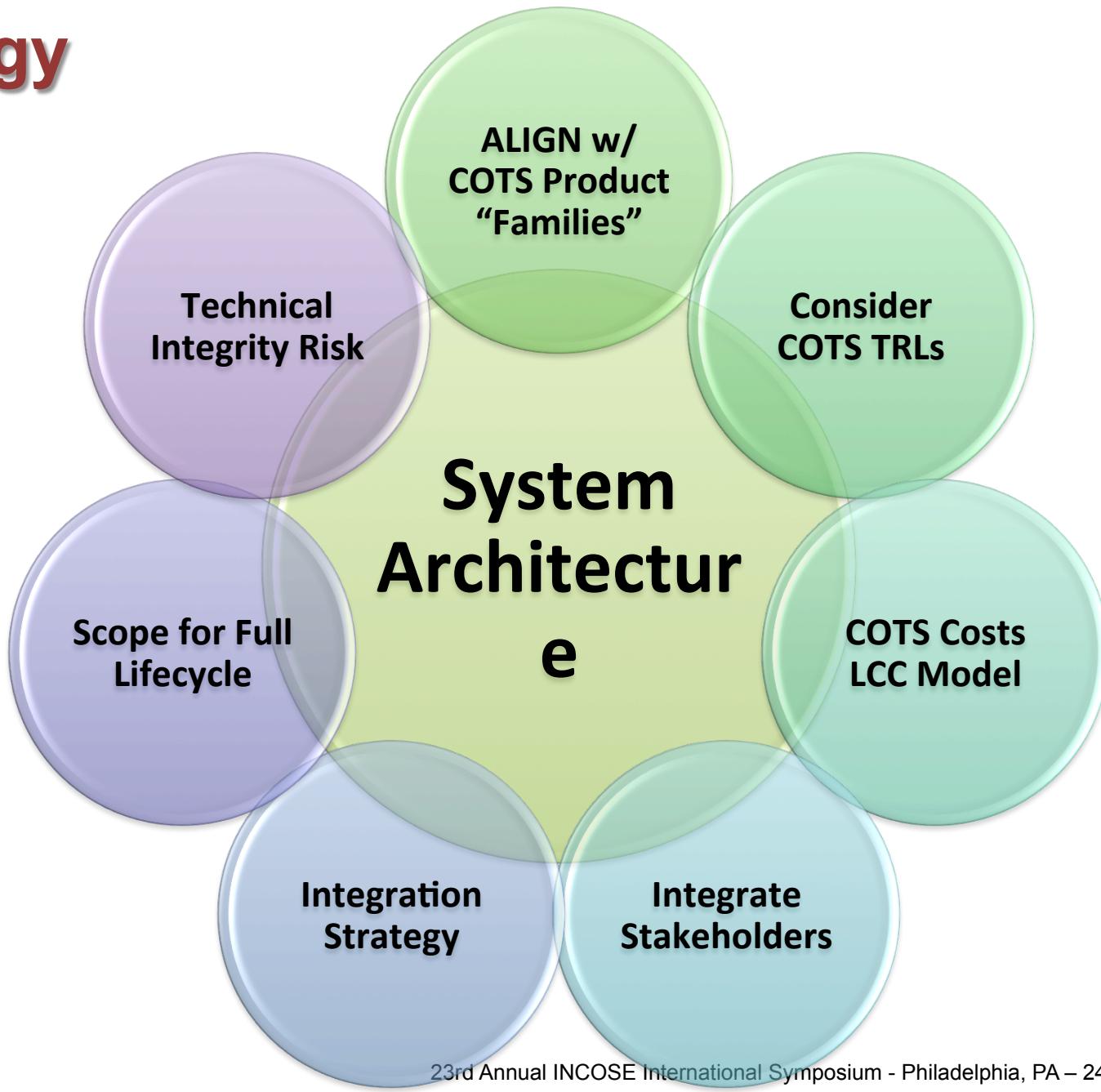
Case Study: Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD)

- The RAN AWD Program will deliver a new major surface combatant to the RAN within an aggressive timeframe
- OTS Approach to achieve risk profile & delivery timeframe
- 2 Years for Concept Definition
- 8 Years to...
 - Select Equipment & Complete the Design
 - Build Integration and Training Facilities
 - Build the Shipyard
 - Build the Lead Ship
 - Integrate the System
 - Verify installed Performance



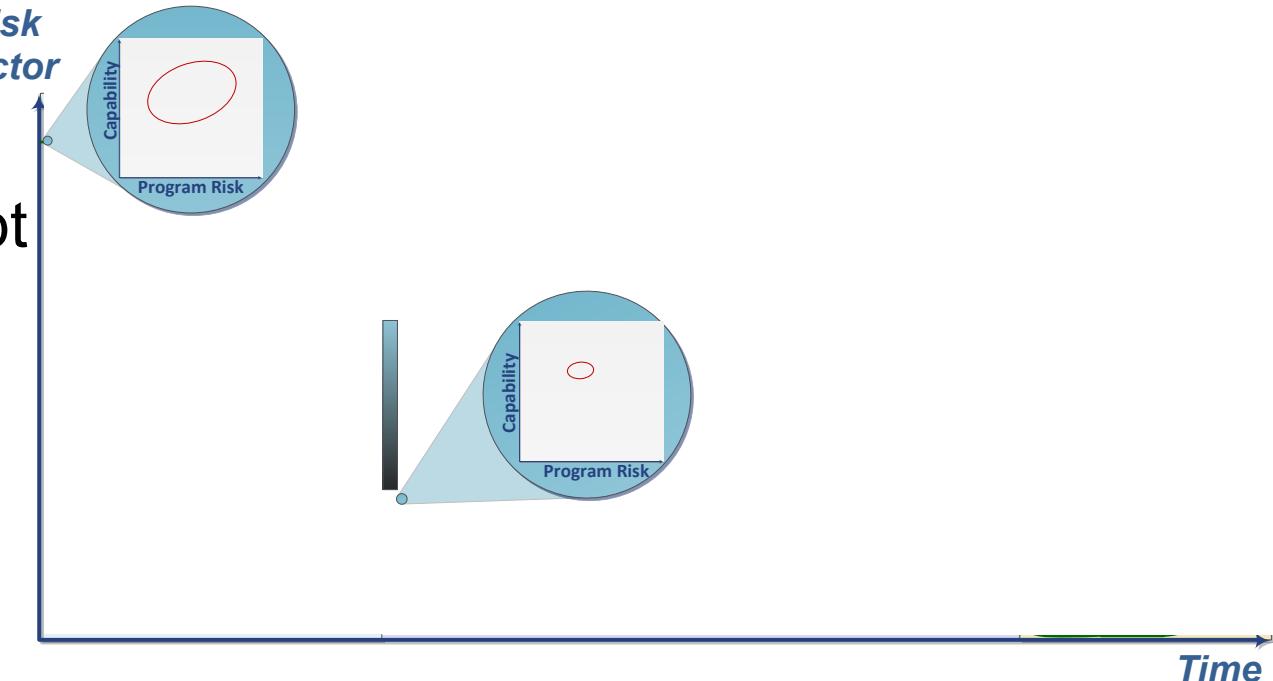
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RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Strategy



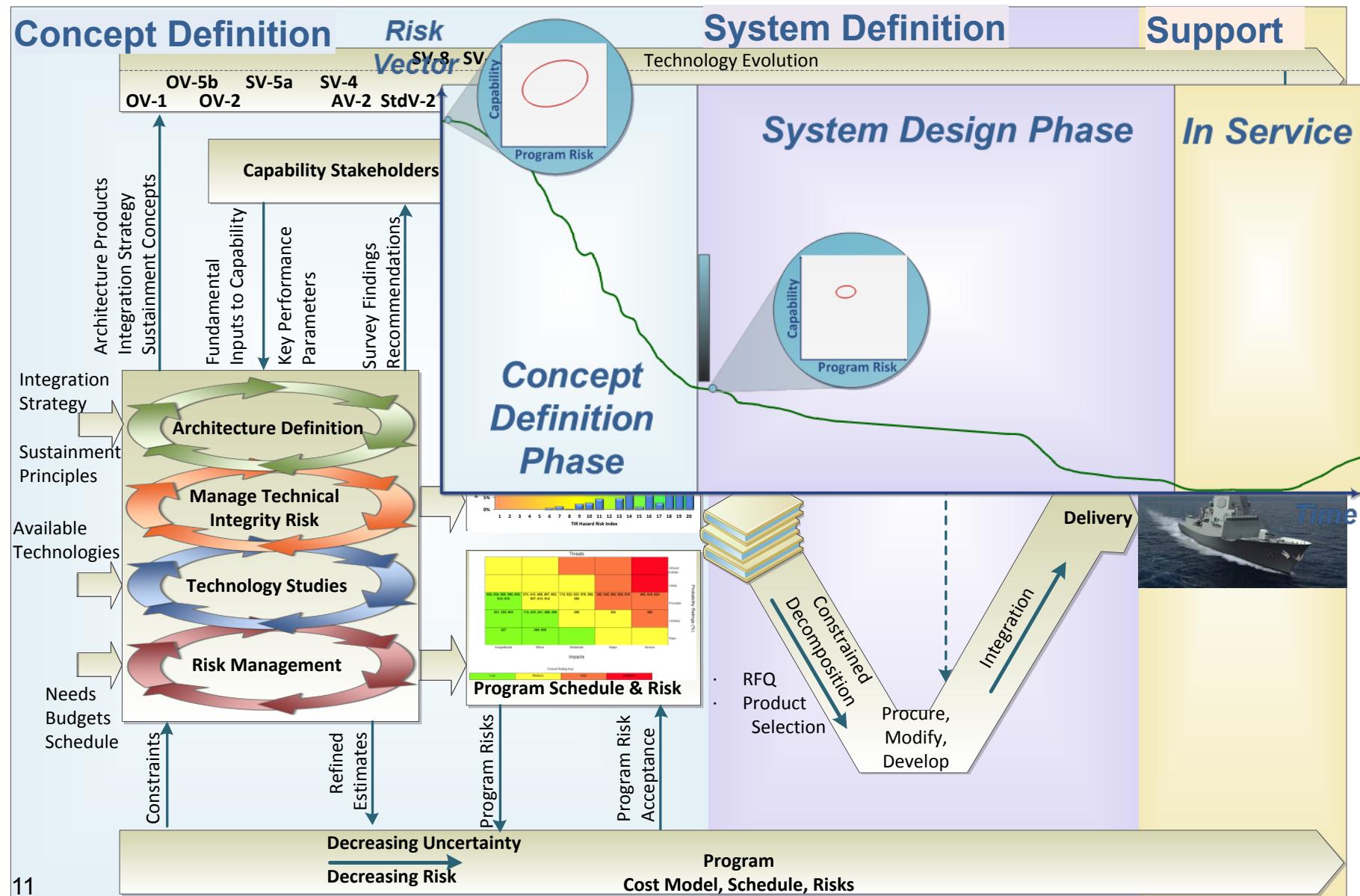
RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Strategy

- Maximize Value Added in Concept Definition Phase
- Aggressively Pursue Risk Reduction
 - Consider all Risk Contributors Concurrently
 - Collaborate with Key Stakeholders

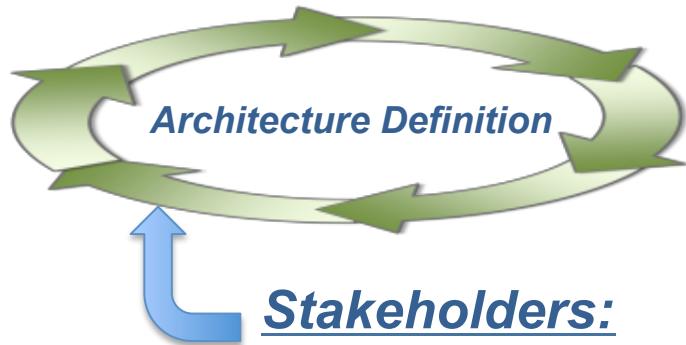


Aggressively Pursue Risk Mitigation during Concept Definition
– Consider the Complete “Risk Vector”

RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Summary



RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Architecture Definition



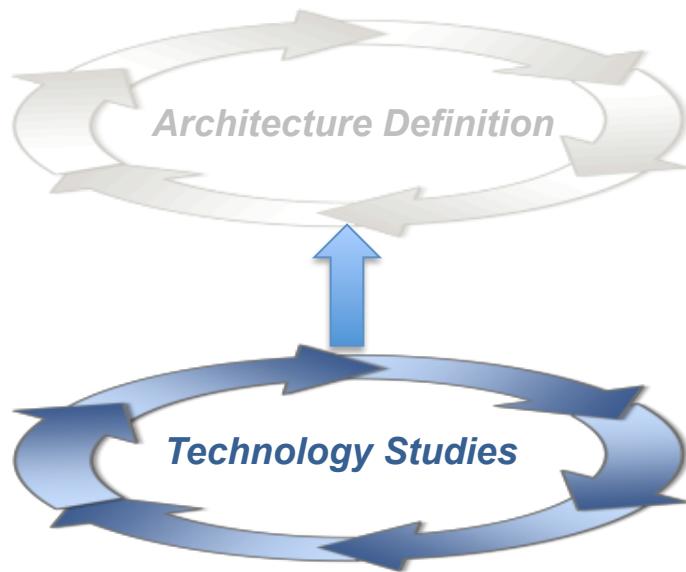
Stakeholders:

- *Capability*
- *Regulatory*
- *Integration*
- *Technologists*

- Define Reference Architecture
- Cognizant of OTS Solution Classes
- Cognizant of Technology Readiness
- Align with Integration Strategy
- Align with Certification Strategy
- Consider Evolution Paths
- Simplify Complexity

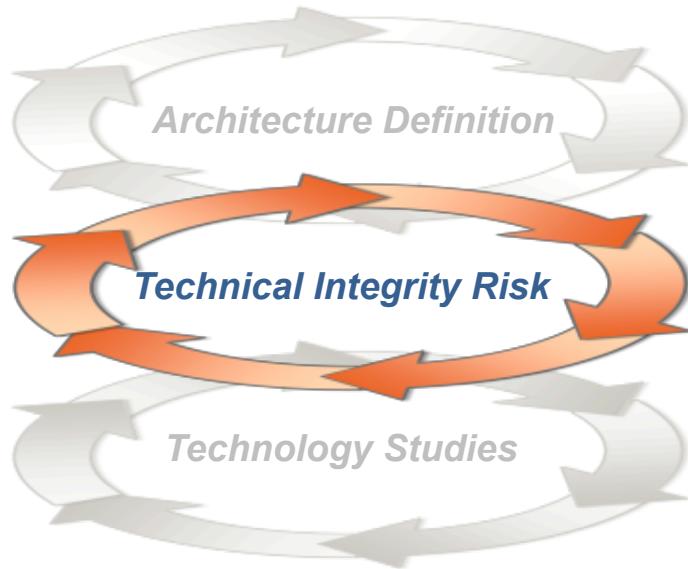
**Definition of a Suitable Architecture Essential
Hide Complexity to Support Decisions**

RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Technology Studies



- Trade Studies
- Understand Available COTS
- Understand Technology Roadmaps
- Validate TRL
- Validate Cost Budgets

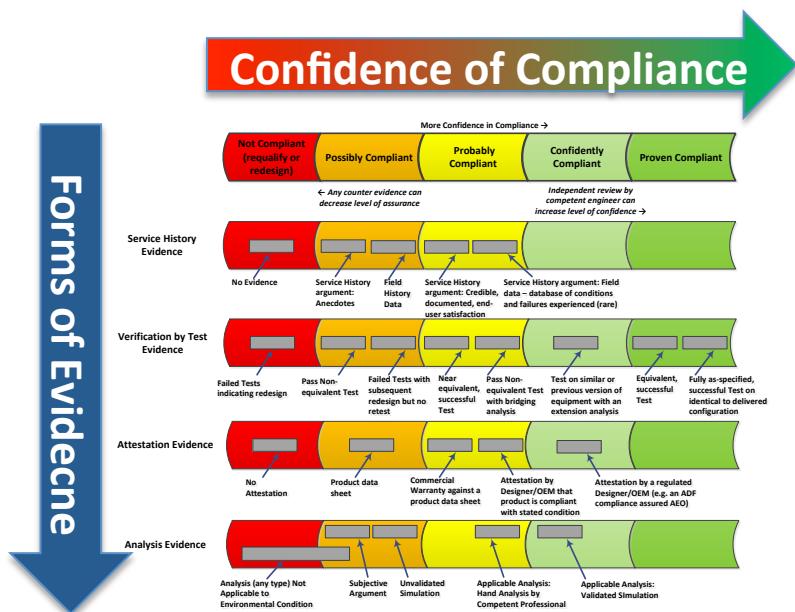
RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Technical Integrity Risk



- Assess Risk to:
 - Mission, Environment, Safety
- Quantify and Mitigate Intolerable Risks
 - Iterate Architecture
 - Iterate Technologies
- Gain Stakeholder Buy-In

RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Technical Integrity Risk

- But there is a Problem
 - Off the Shelf comes with less objective compliance evidence
 - Establish a Scheme to assess compliance risk and uncertainty



- Assess Risk to Mission, Environment and Safety

Likelihood	Hazard Consequence			
	Catastrophic	Critical	Major	Minor
Frequent	1	3	7	13
Probable	2	5	9	16
Occasional	4	6	11	18
Remote	8	10	14	19
Improbable	12	15	17	20
Not Credible	Not Credible			
Key	Extreme	High	Med	Low

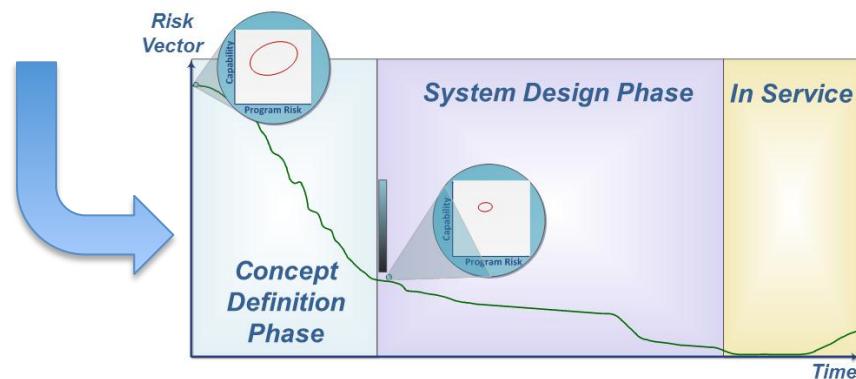
- Service History
- Attestation Evidence
- Analysis Evidence
- Test Evidence

- And Quantize

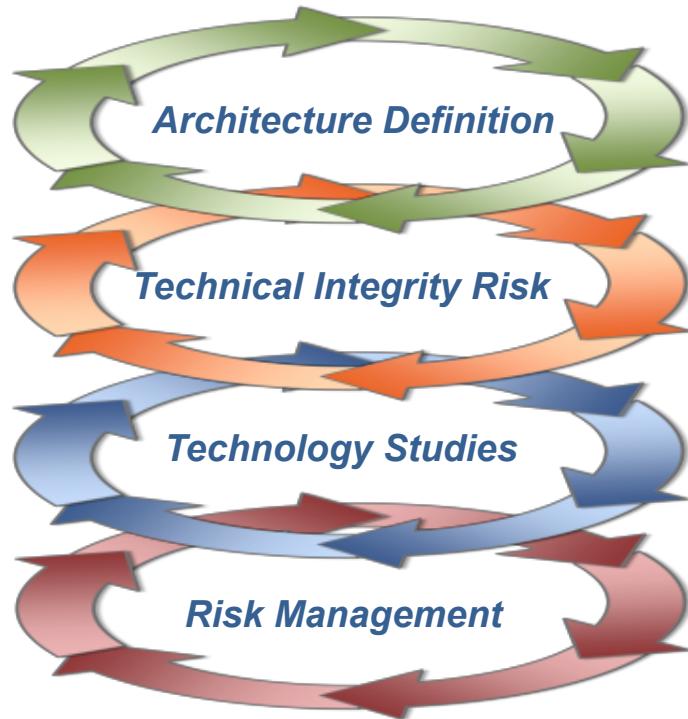
RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Program Risk Management



- Assess / Mitigate Risk
 - Cost, Schedule, Technical
- Aggressively Mitigate Overall Risk
- Manage risk at the Aggregate Level

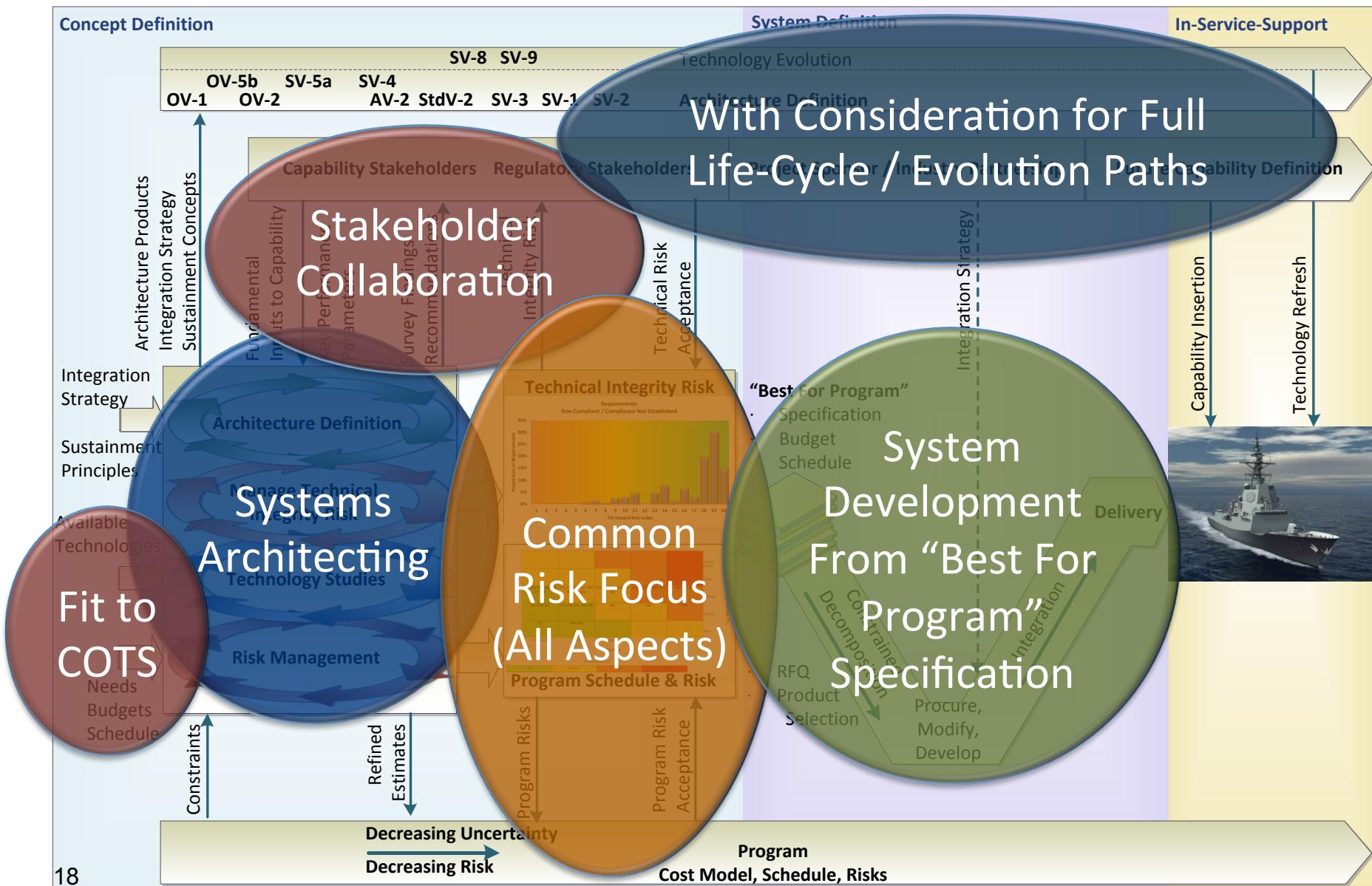


RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Output of Concept Definition



- Reference Architecture Defined
- Architecture Aligned to OTS Classes
- Technology Risks Factored in
- In-Tolerable Risks Mitigated
- Budget Allocations Validated
- Overall Risk has been Minimized

RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Process – Summary



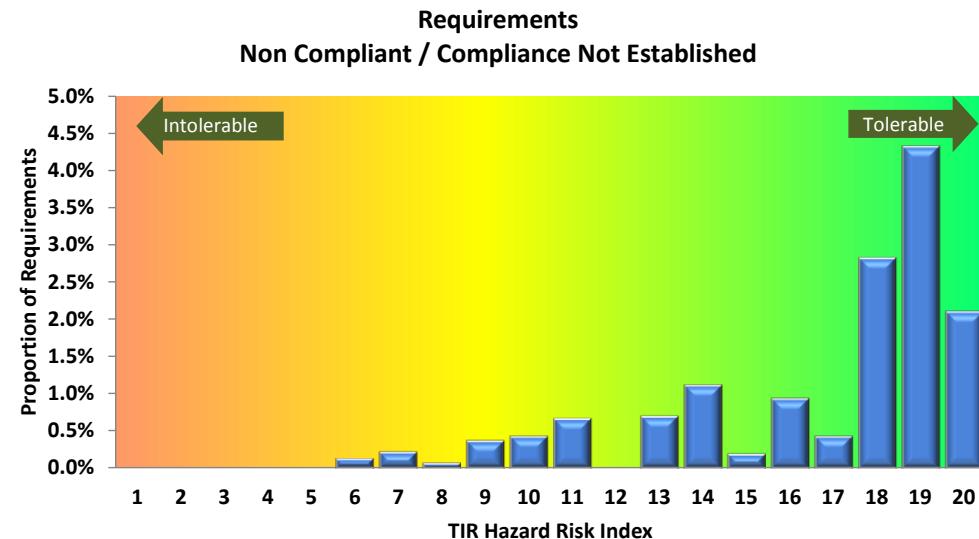
RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Combat System Results



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RAN AWD Off-The-Shelf Procurement Combat System Results

- Reference Architecture Stable for 6 years
- Major Equipment Procured
- Integration on plan
- Operational Software Complete / Baselined
- Combat System Program on schedule/cost
- No intolerable Technical Integrity Risks



COTS / MOTS Approach Has Worked

Conclusions

- Off-The-Shelf Can Result in Lower Risk – but...
 - Tailor the Process to this Strategy
- Maximize Benefit in Concept Definition Phase
 - Align the Architecture with OTS Classes and Integration Strategy
 - Architect to Hide Complexity – Support Value Decisions
 - Early Collaboration with Stakeholders
 - Concurrently Perform Technology Trades
 - Concurrently Validate Budget Allocations
 - Architect for Future System Evolution
 - Capture the Reference Architecture
 - **BALANCE** the Solution rather than **OPTIMIZE** few Parameters

**Employ System Architecting EARLY, Seek a BALANCED Solution
Aggressively Mitigate the Overall Risk Vector in the Concept Definition Phase**



Questions?

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Acronyms

- AWD Air Warfare Destroyer
- CAIV Cost as an Independent Variable
- COTS Commercial Off The Shelf
- MOTS Military Off The Shelf
- OTS Off The Shelf (generalization for COTS and MOTS)
- RAN Royal Australian Navy
- SRL System Readiness Level
- TRL Technology Readiness Level