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Get With The Programme – Achieving Coherence Through Capability Systems Engineering

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**Programme Definition is too
important to be left up to
programme managers...**



Overview

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- Conclusions & Next Steps



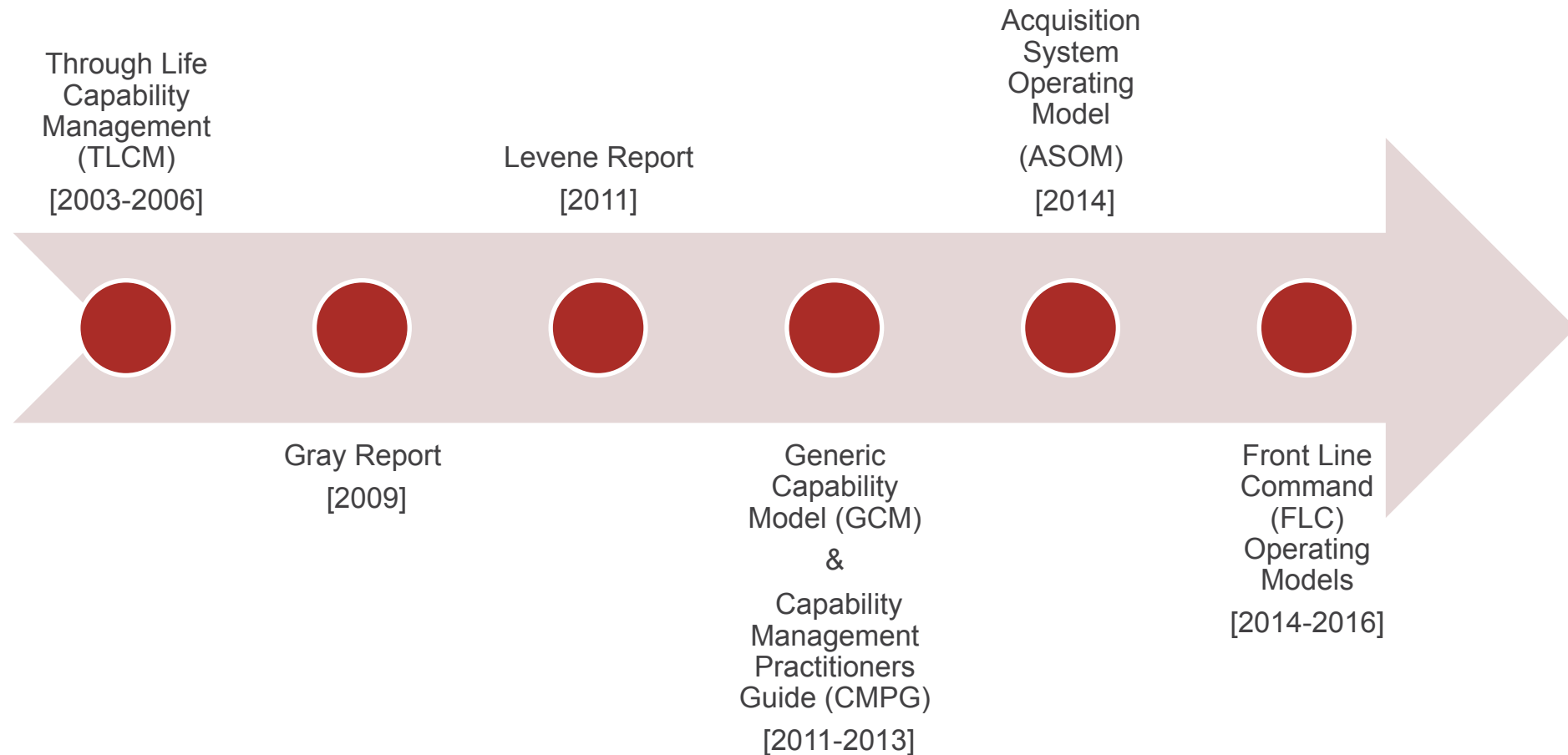
The UK Acquisition Landscape

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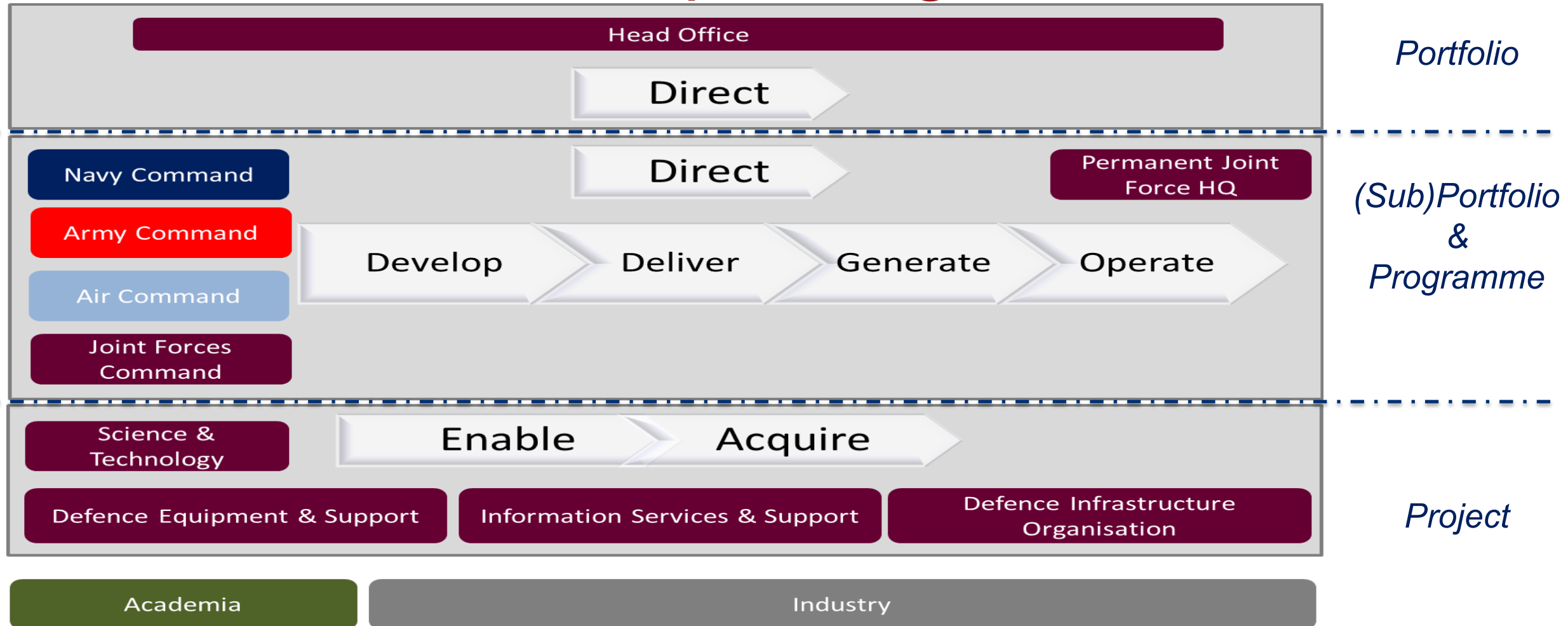
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Evolution of the Current Operating Model





The UK Defence Operating Model





What is a Programme Anyway?



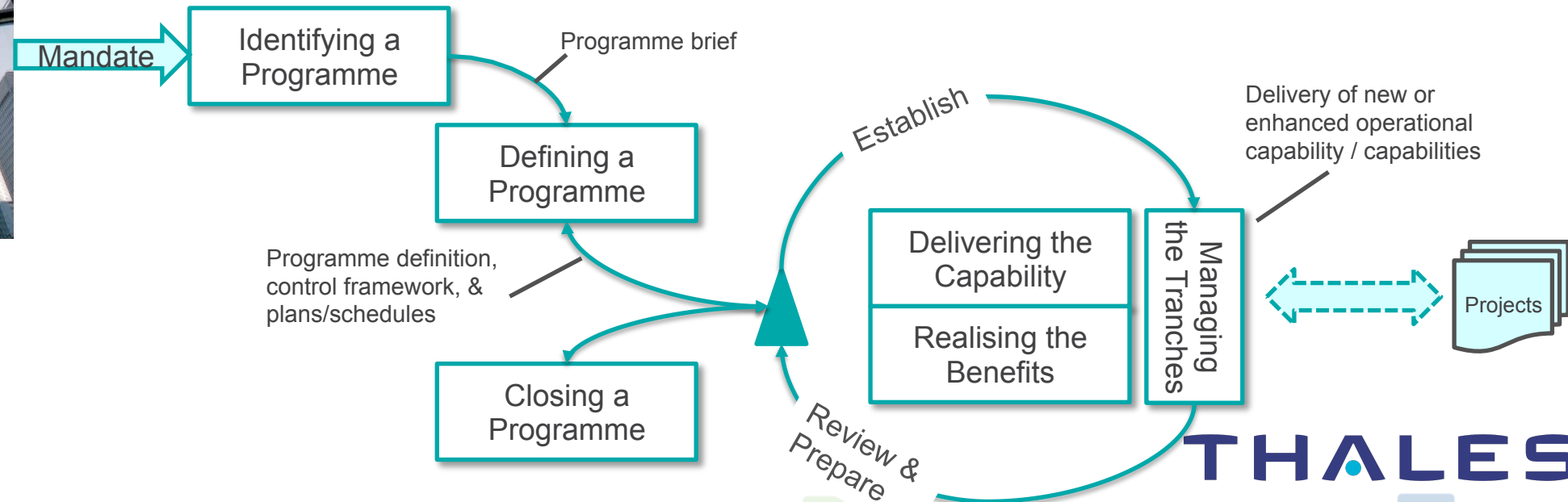
Programmes Deliver Capabilities



MSP describes change management programme best practice

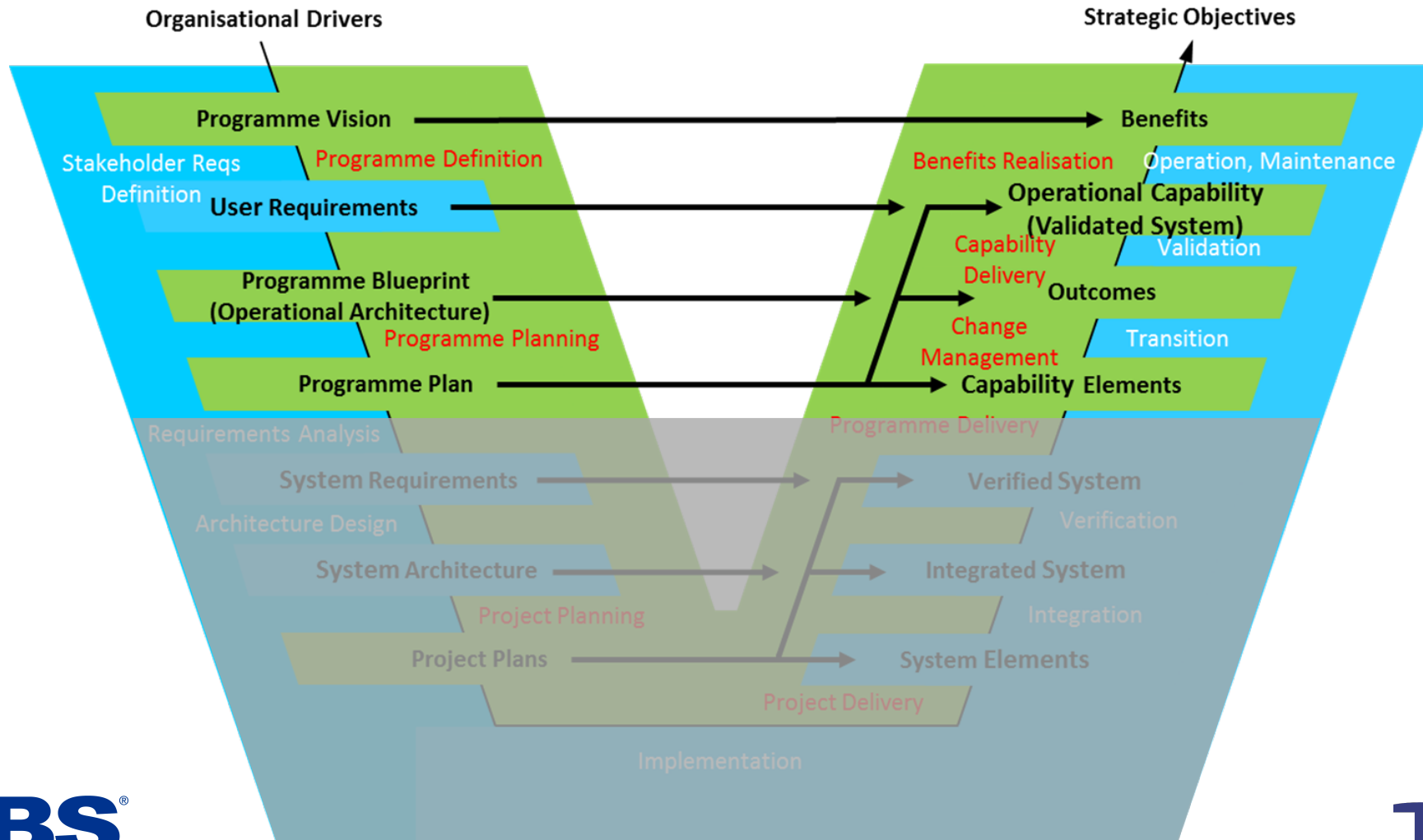
- Focussed on business transformation and governance
- Provides a set of generic processes and tools
- Strongly encouraged for UK Government change programmes

Based upon a “Transformational Flow”:





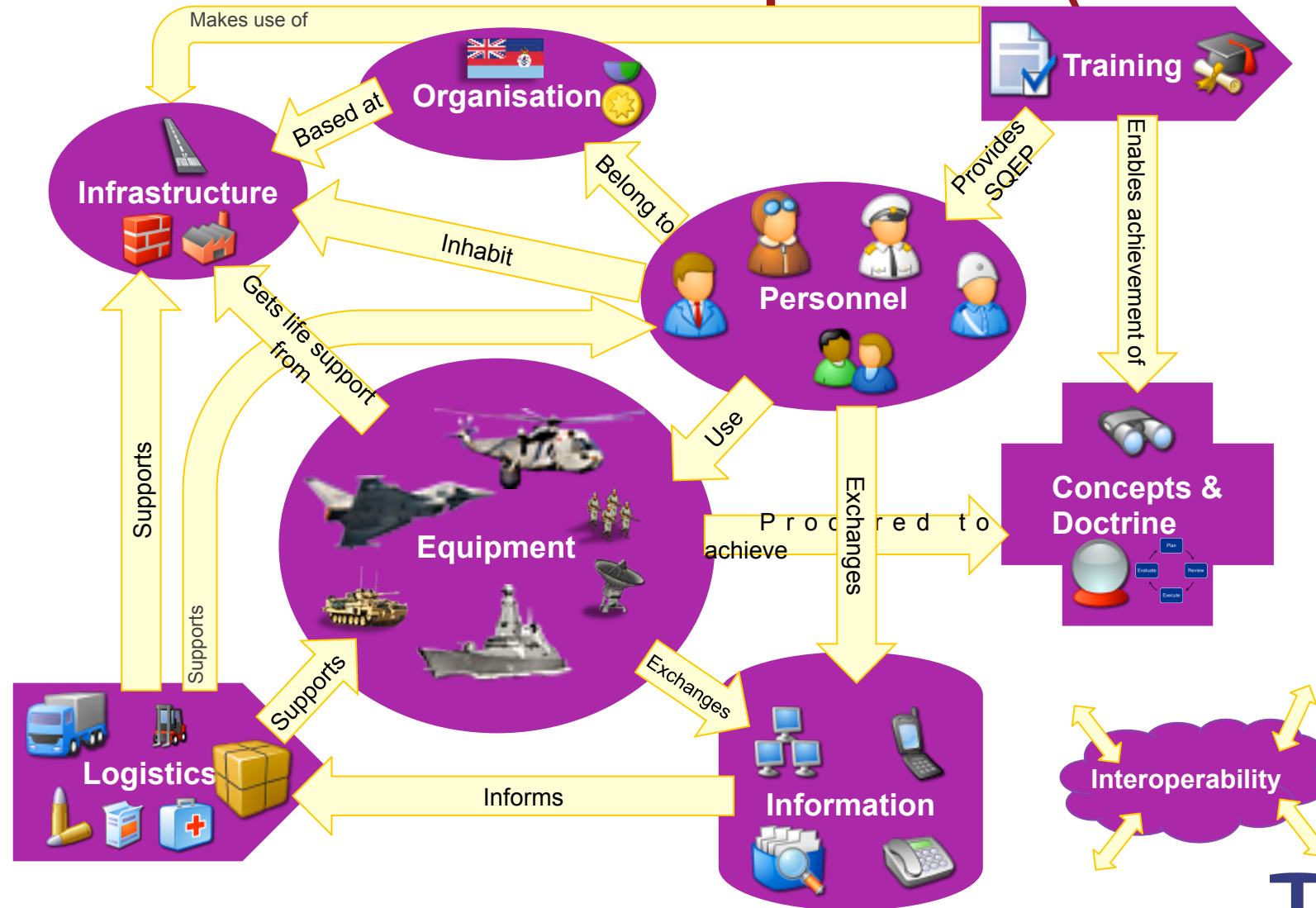
Combined SE-PM “Vee” Diagram





Defence Lines of Development

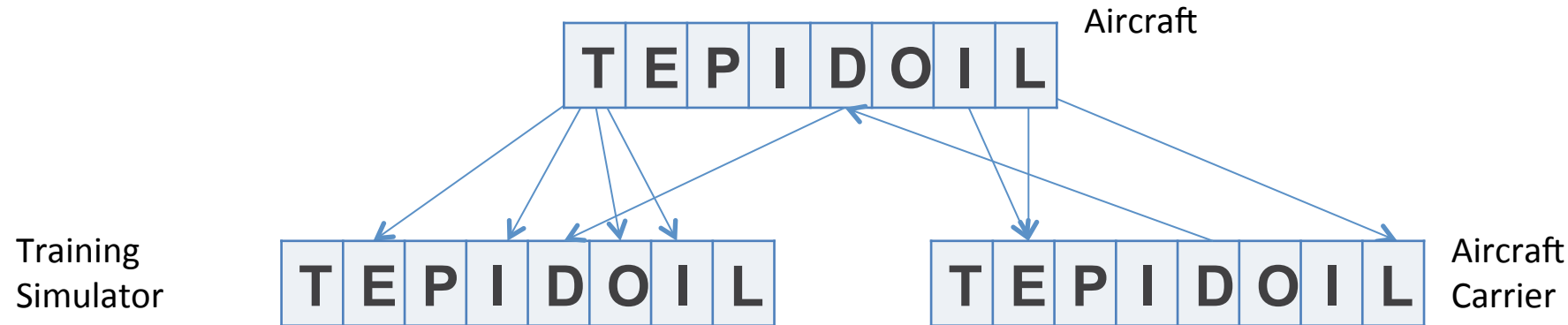
Defence Lines of Development (DLODs)





DLOD Dependencies

- Needs in one DLOD are often satisfied by solutions in another DLOD.
 - For example, an Aircraft Carrier provides a surrogate for other DLODs, and a Training need is realised through a combination of DLODs.

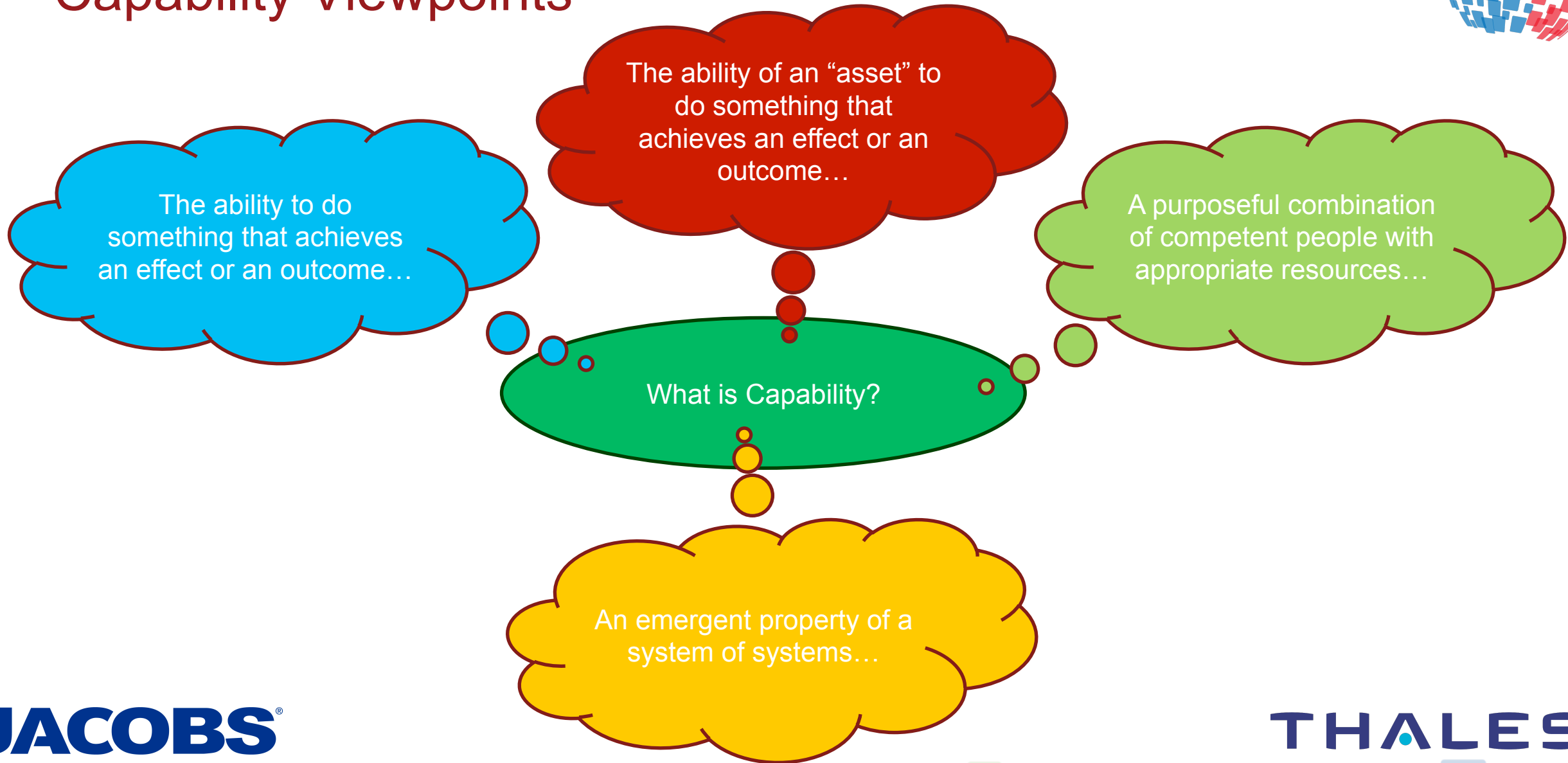


- Any top-down allocation across DLODs at the option generation stage must be capable of being revisited as the solution matures and the dependencies (both within and external to the capability) are better understood.



Perspectives on Capability

Capability Viewpoints

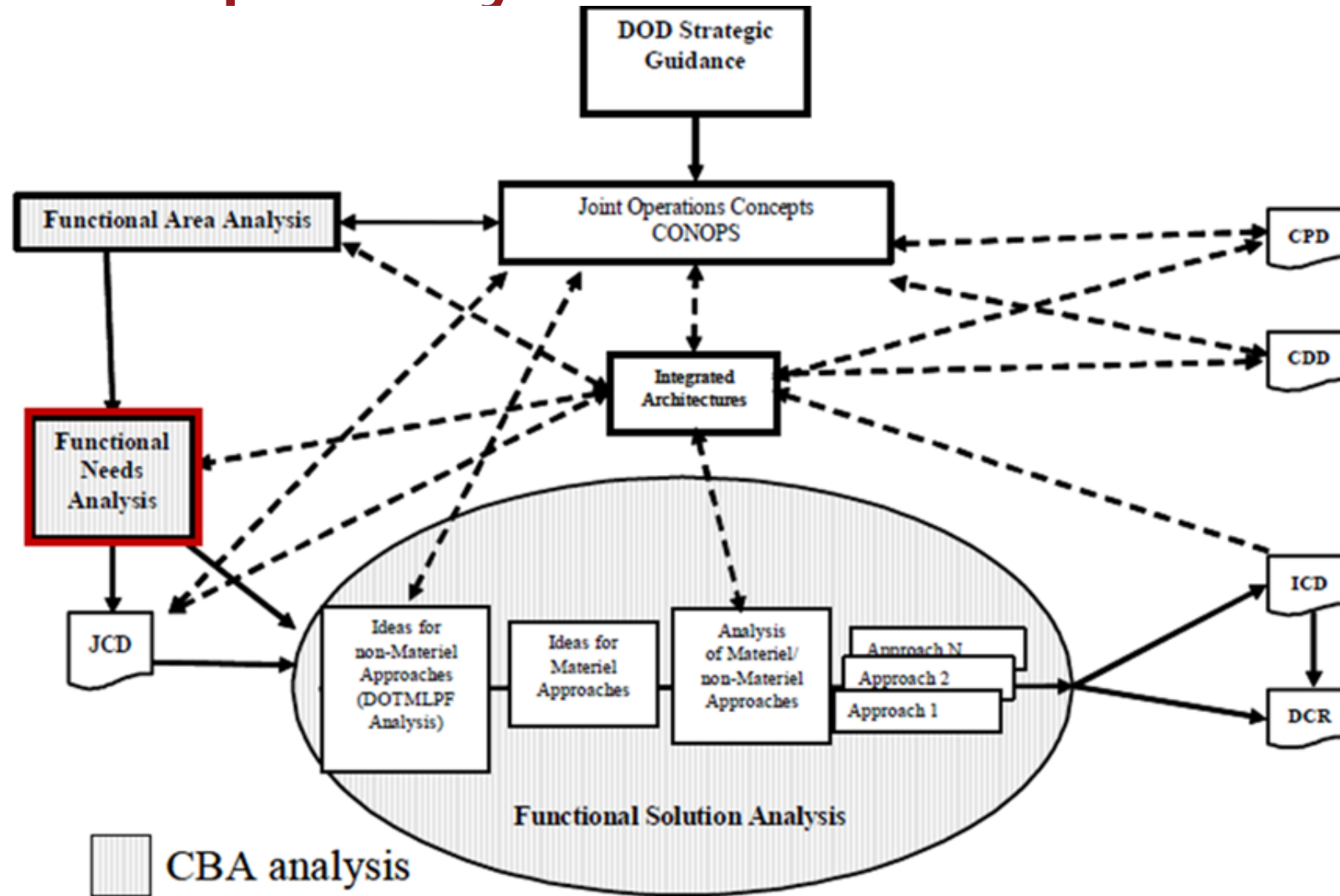


Capability Integration – A Global Problem



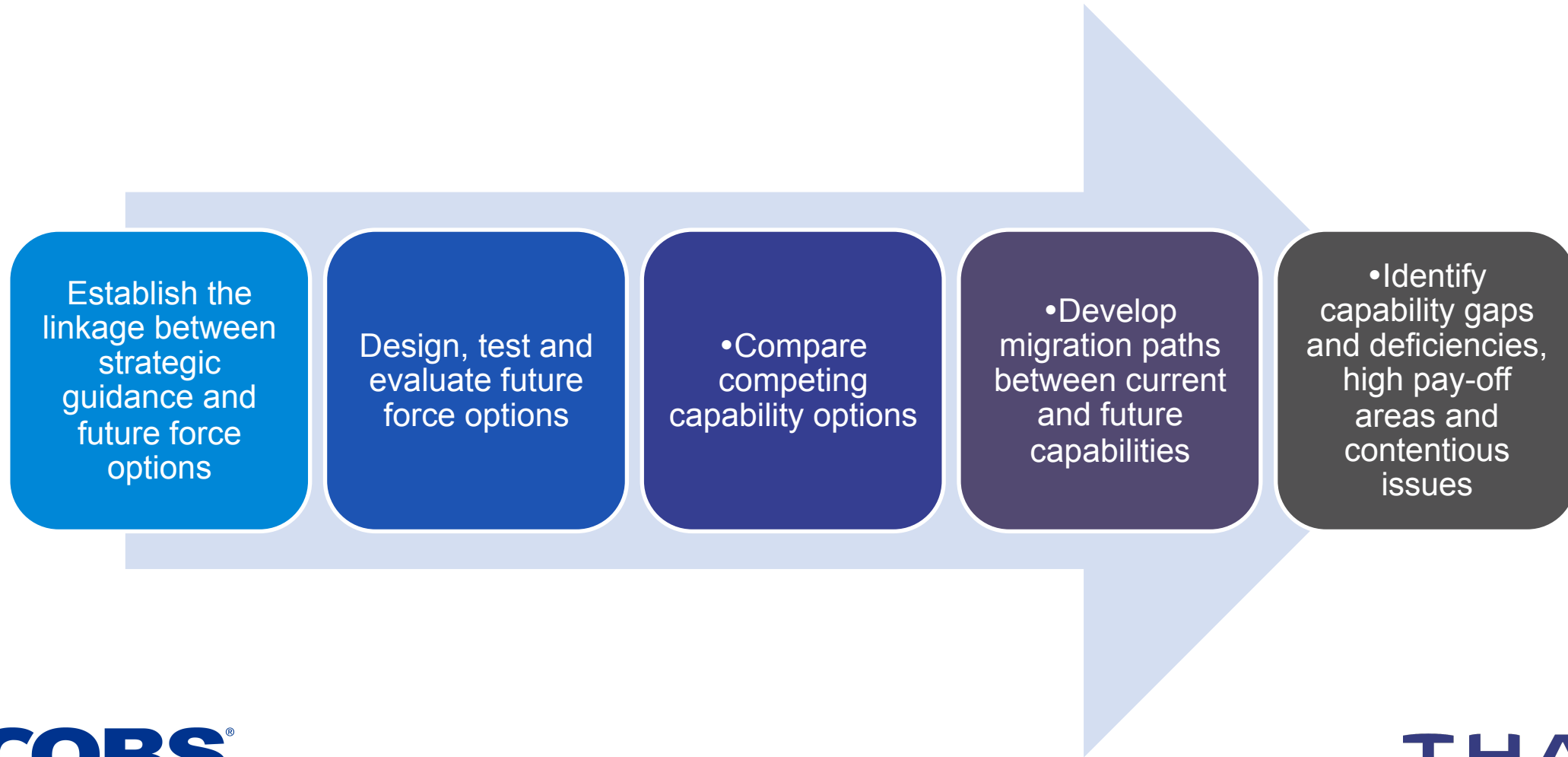
- US – JCIDS approach
- Australia – CODAS approach
- RAND Corporation FAR-Ness method

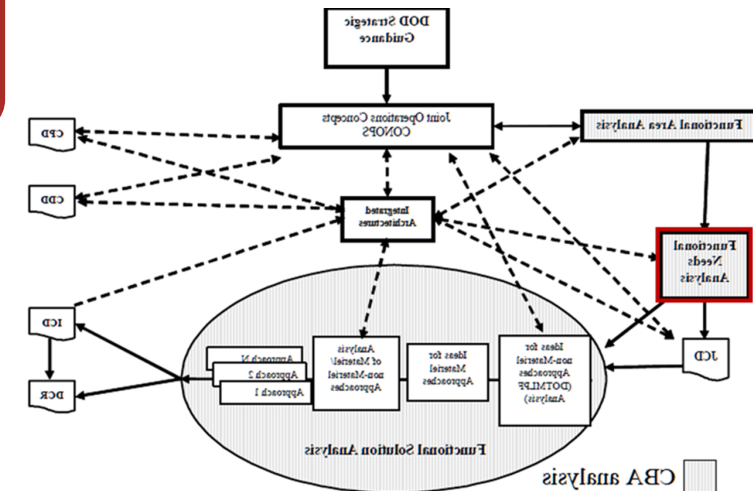
JCIDS Capability Assessment



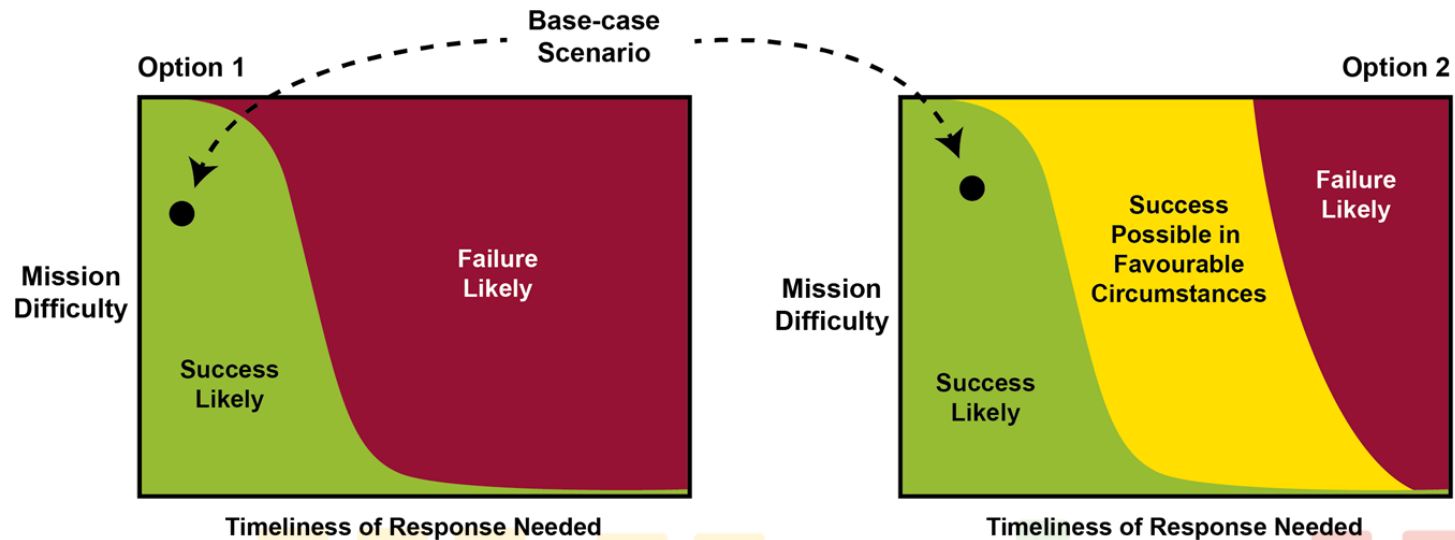
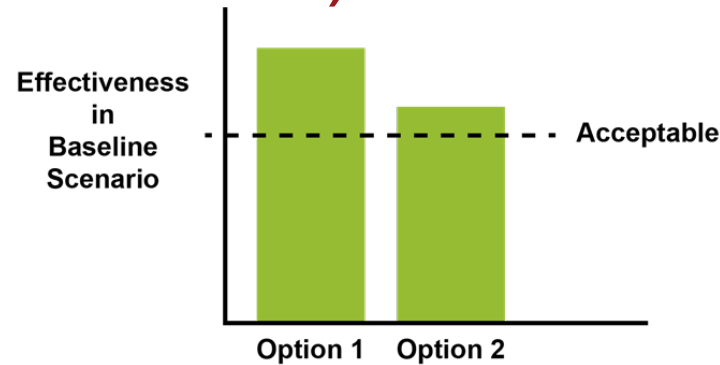
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Capability Option Development & Analysis System (CODAS) – Australian Army



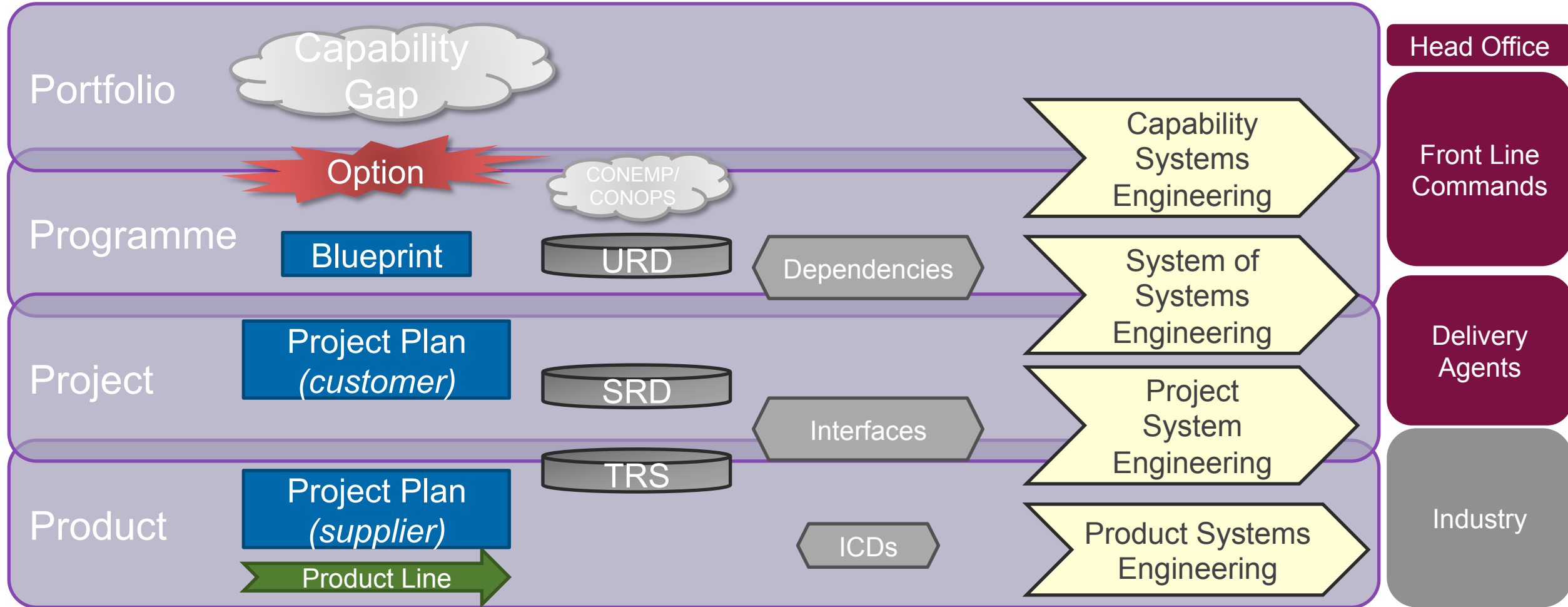


RAND Corporation: FAR-Ness method (Flexibility, Agility, Robustness)





Mind the Gap – Where Does the System Start?



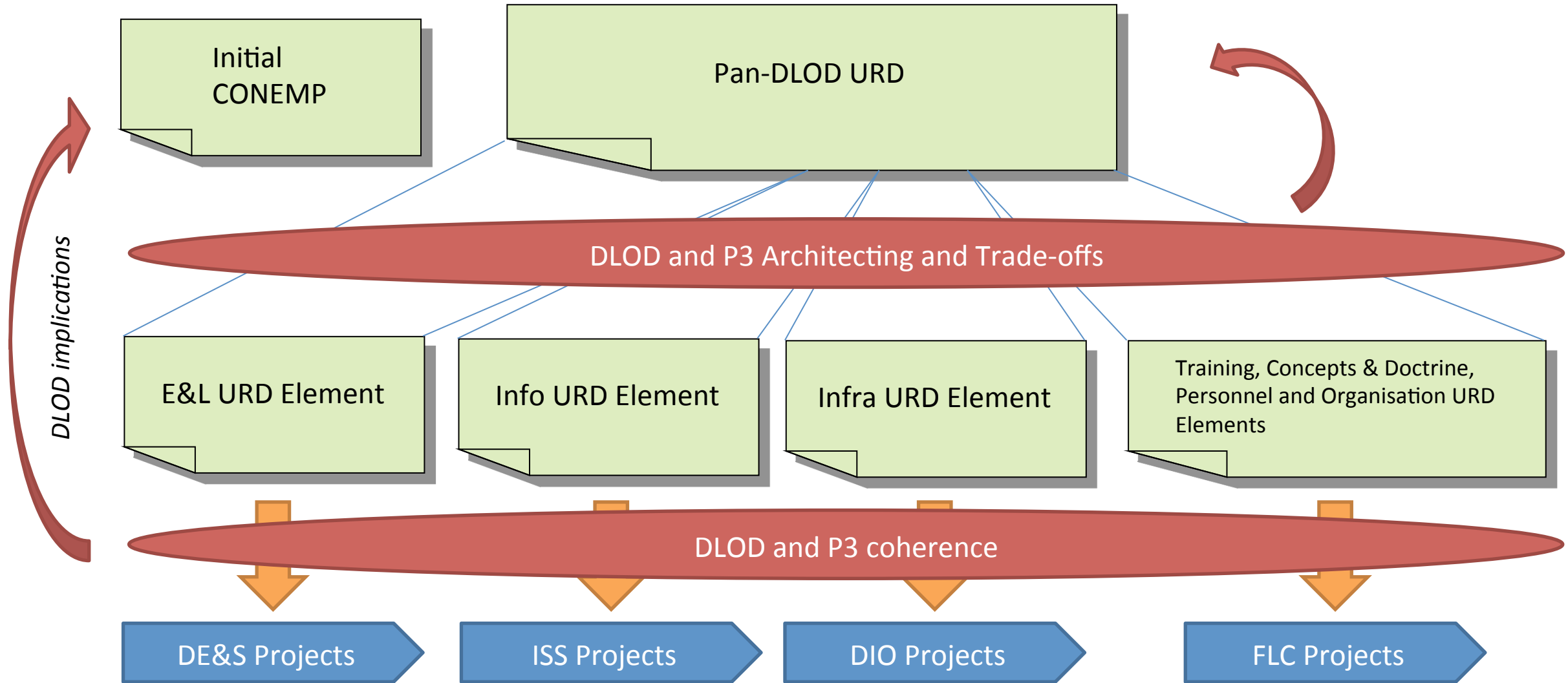


Using DLODs to inform the Programme Blueprint for a Capability



The Problem

- Develop a process to:
 - Identify an optimal combination of viable DLOD changes that will collectively enable the achievement of the programme objectives and fill the capability gap.
 - In doing so, ensure that the DLOD requirements and dependencies will be identified and defined for the programme so that they can be managed, monitored and controlled throughout programme delivery.

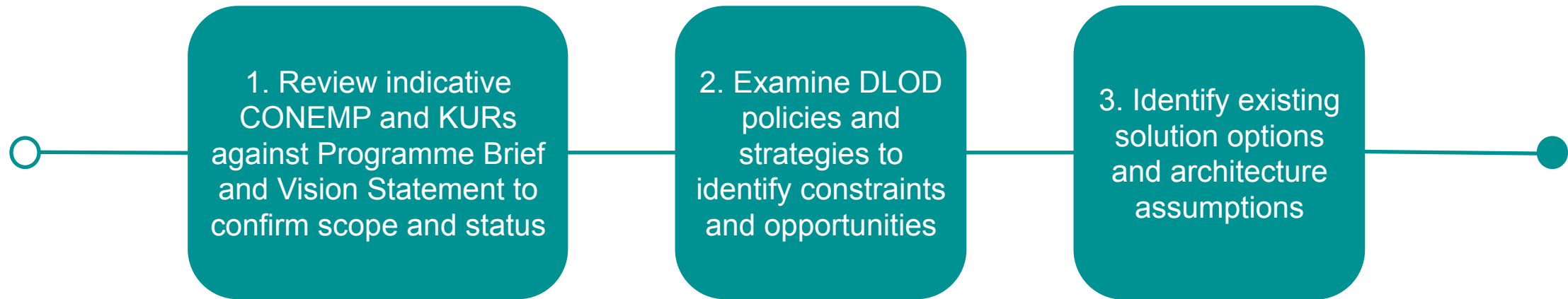




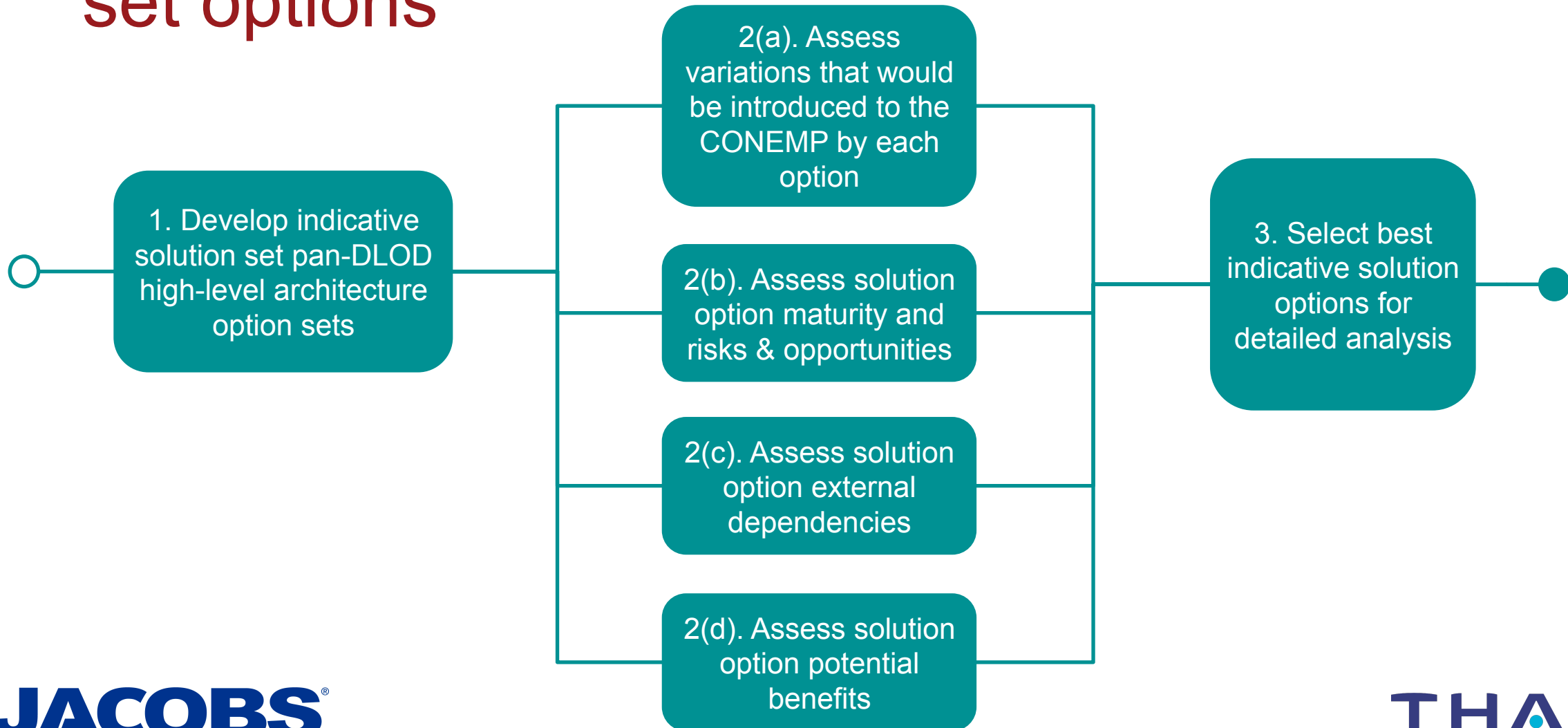
3 Stage Approach to Programme Definition



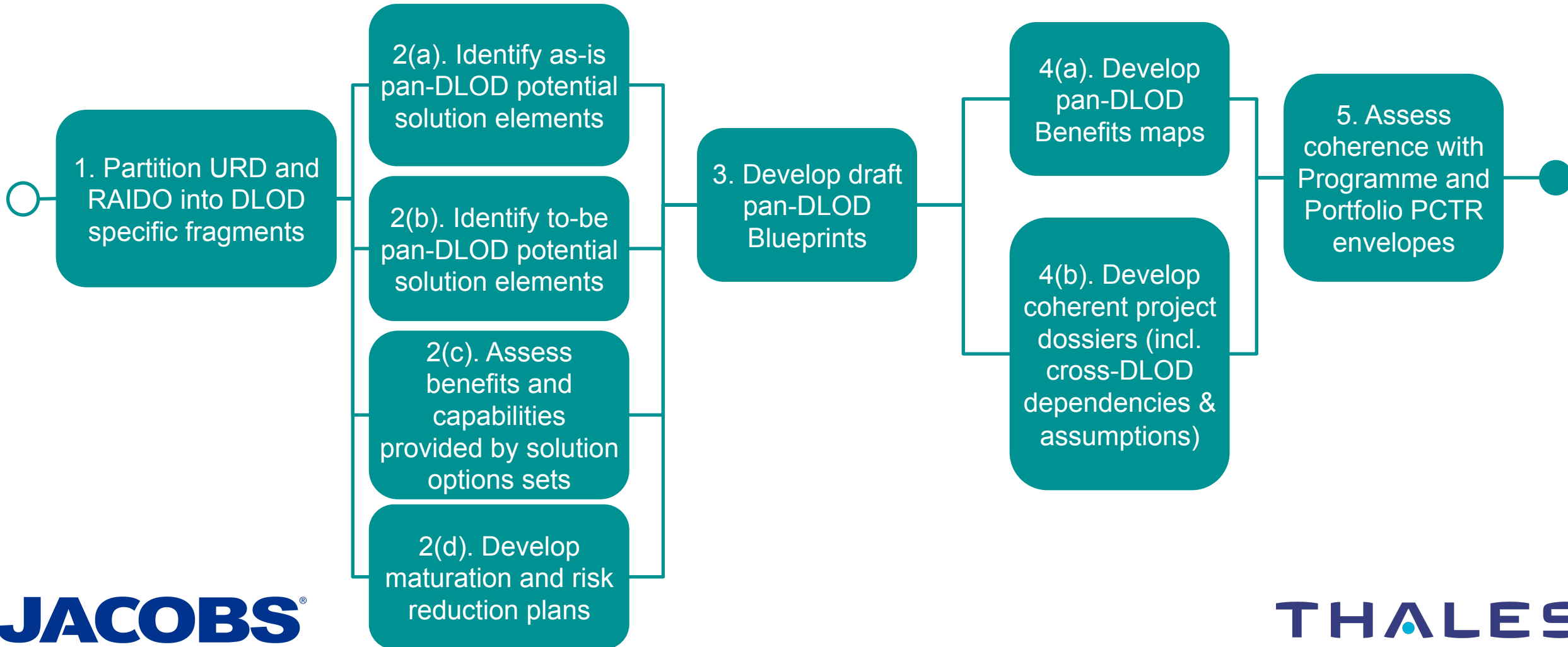
Stage 1 - Identify Scope, Constraints and Existing Assumptions



Stage 2 - Develop outline pan-DLOD solution set options



Stage 3 - Develop Detailed pan-DLOD Indicative Solution Sets and assess P3 Coherence





Conclusions & Next Steps



Conclusions

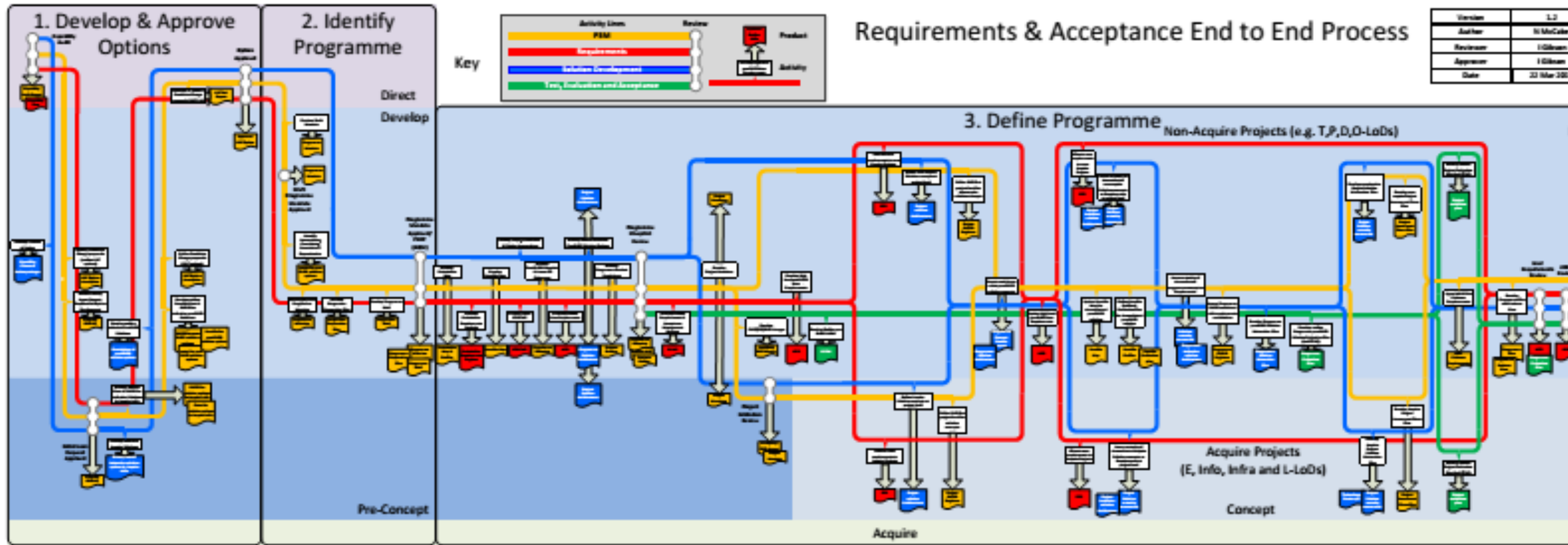
- Systems Engineering principles need to be applied at the earliest opportunity.
- This is not for the faint-hearted, as it typically involves embracing uncertainty and keeping multiple competing options in play until the programme starts to properly take shape.
- Programme Managers will benefit from being familiar with Systems Thinking
- Don't assume that project management approaches can be scaled up to run programmes as “big projects”.
- Capability Systems Engineering enables wider policies, initiatives and interdependencies to be implemented in programmes (avoiding “silos”).



Next Steps

- Ongoing work in Army HQ employing these techniques.
- Embodiment of this method into the rewrite of the UK MOD Acquisition System Guidance, as part of the “Tube Map”.

Acquisition Requirements & Acceptance Tube Map





Thank you

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