



# Cyberspace Operations

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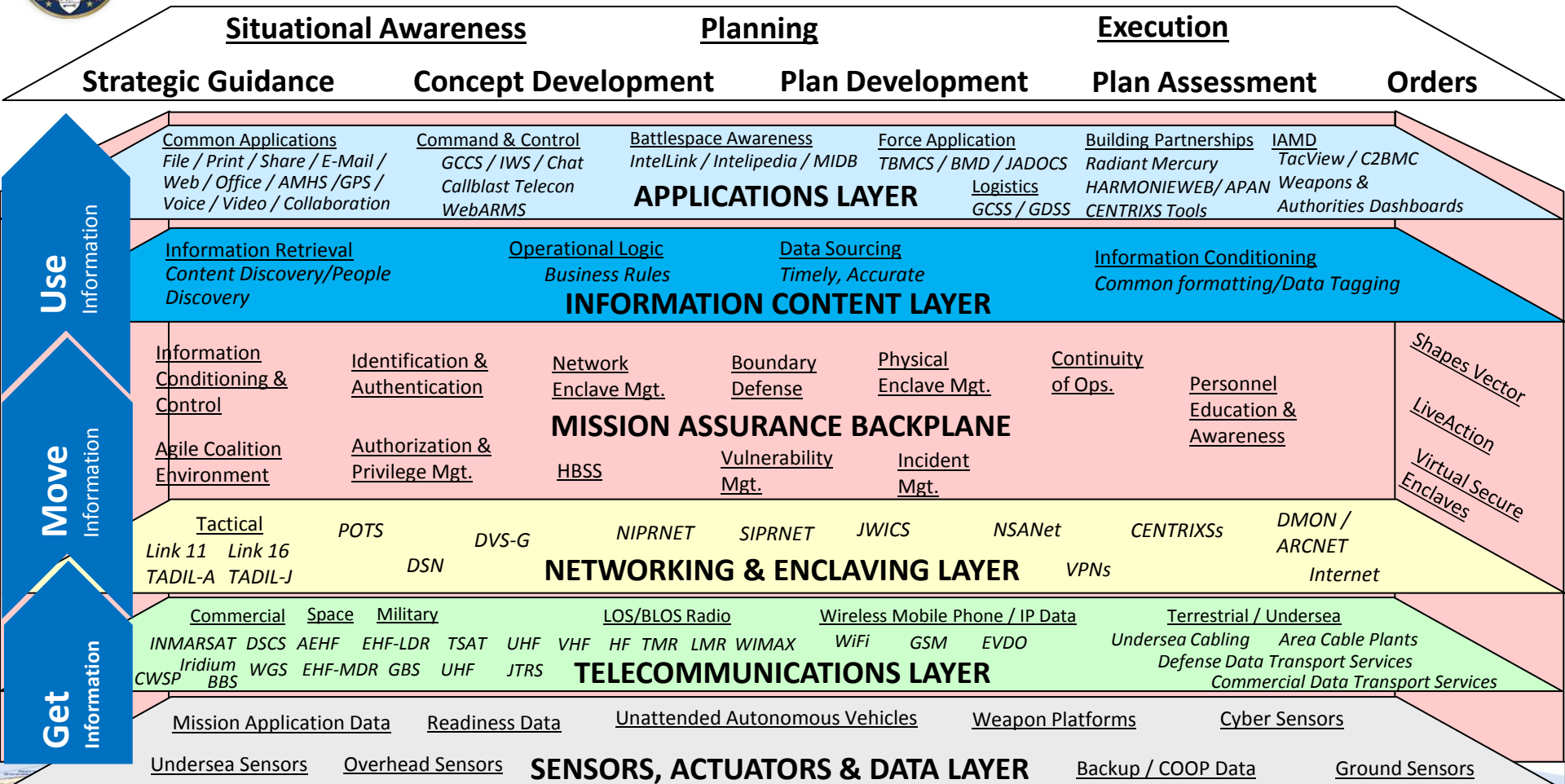
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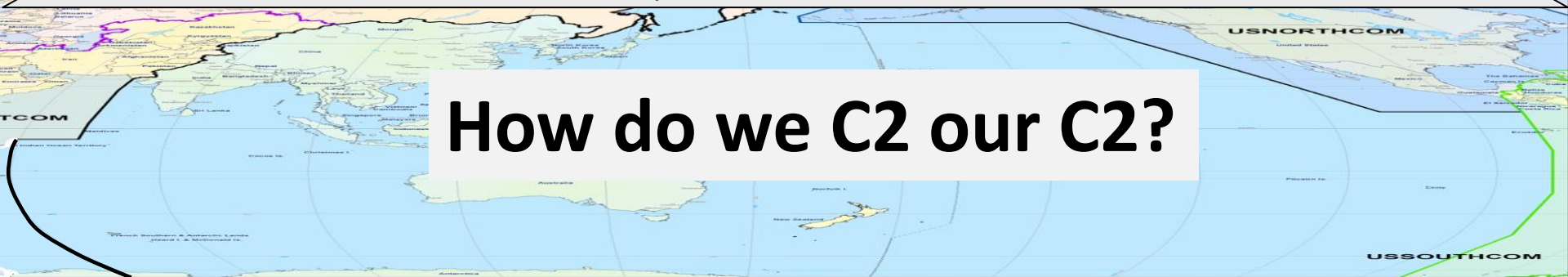
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# Operational C2 Architecture



How do we C2 our C2?





# USCYBERCOM Mission and Operations

**USCYBERCOM Mission:** *USCYBERCOM plans, coordinates, integrates, synchronizes and conducts activities to: **direct the operations and defense of specified Department of Defense information networks** and; prepare to, and when directed, **conduct full spectrum military cyberspace operations** in order to enable actions in all domains, ensure US/Allied freedom of action in cyberspace and deny the same to our adversaries.*

**Defend the Nation  
Against Strategic  
Cyber Attack**

**Operate and Defend  
DoD Information  
Networks (DoDIN)**

**Combatant Command  
Support**

**National Mission  
Teams**

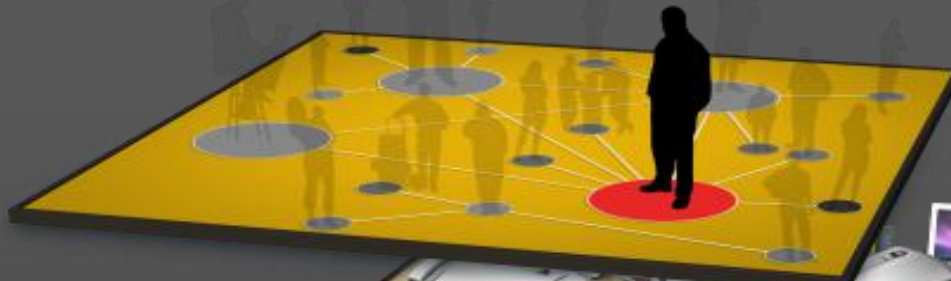
**DISA/Services  
Cyber Protection  
Teams**

**Combat Mission  
Teams**



# The Three Layers of Cyberspace

## People



## Cyber-Persona Layer

- Digital representation of an entity in cyberspace



## Logical Network Layer

- Abstract from Physical Network



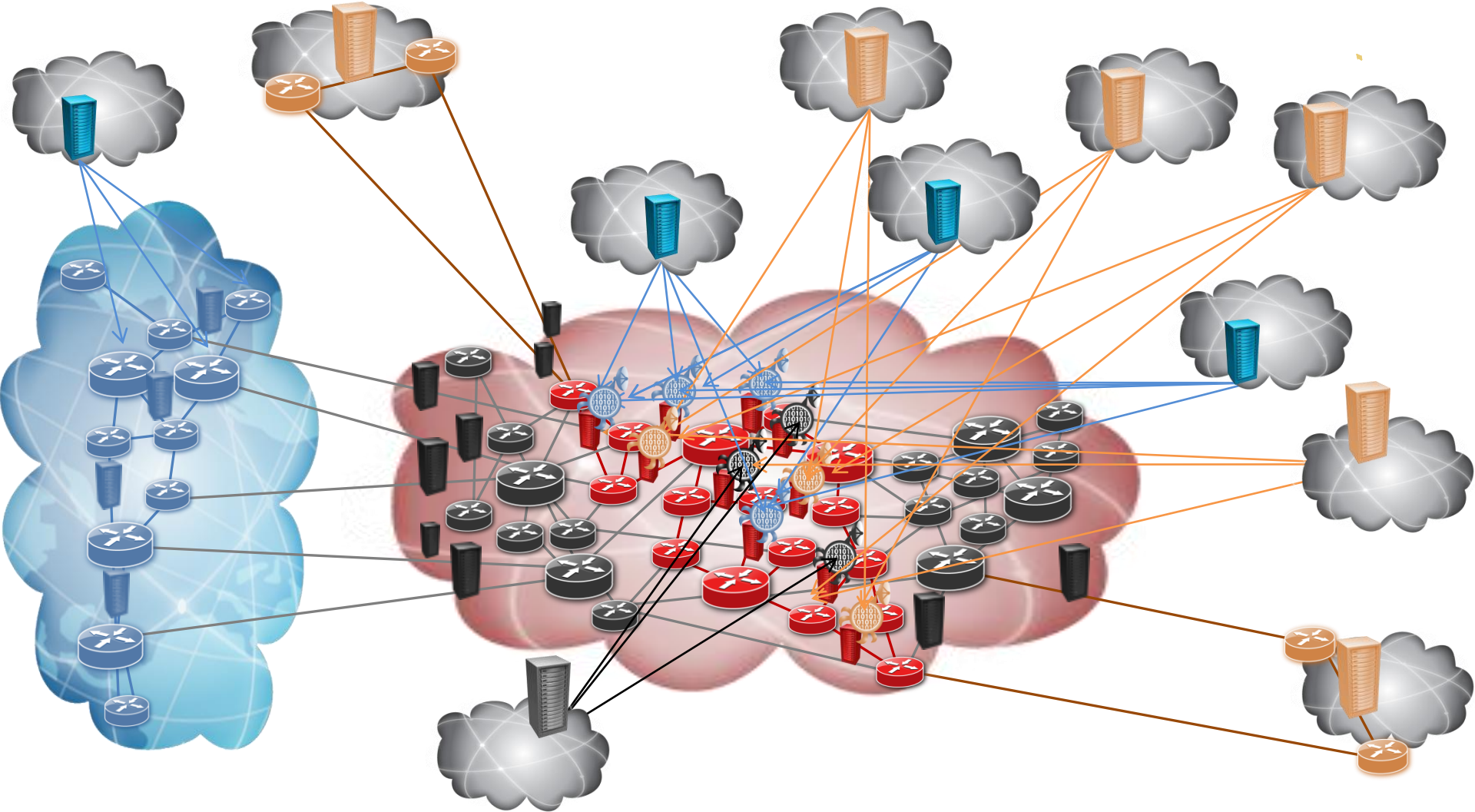
## Physical Network Layer







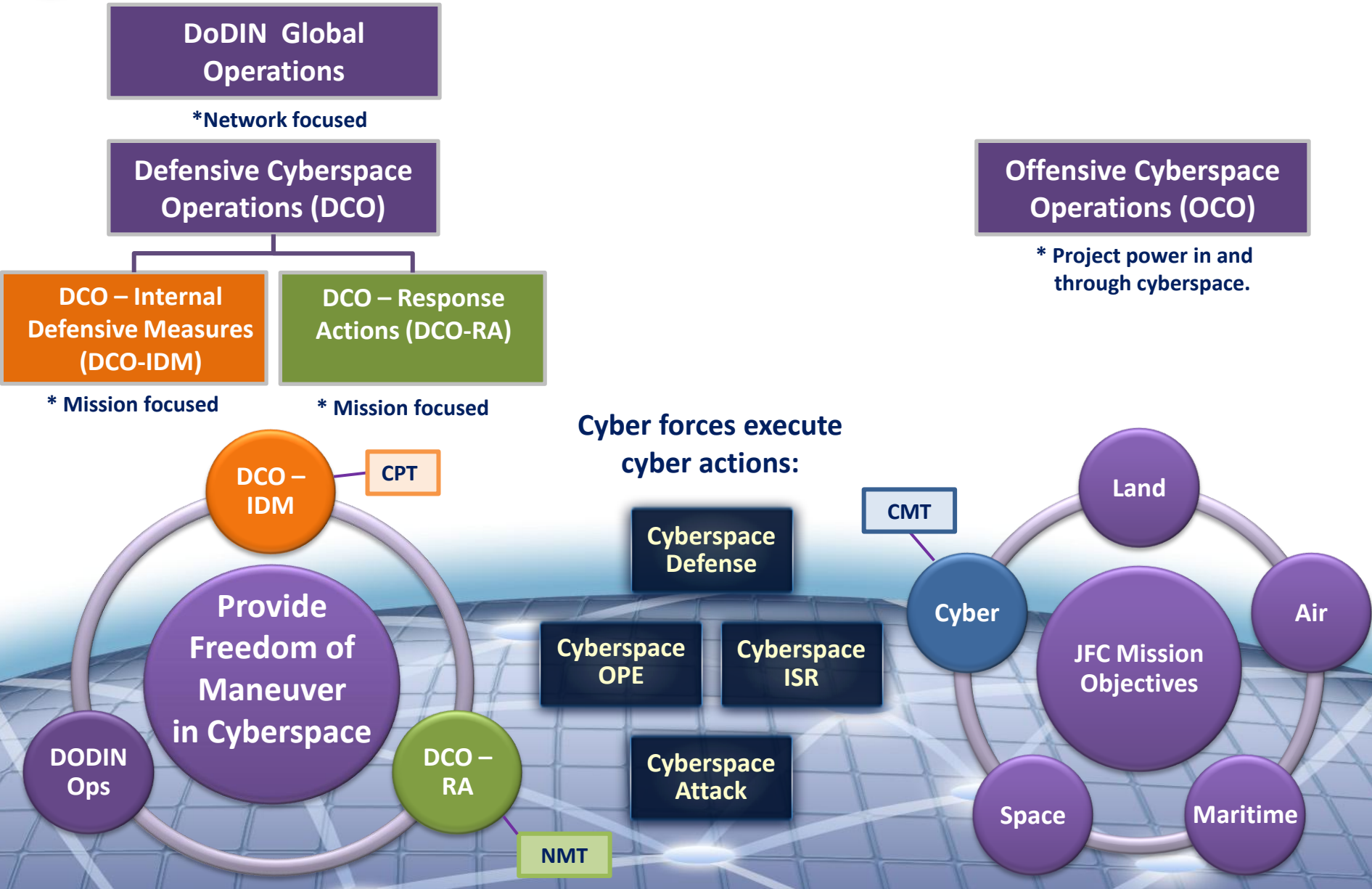
# Cyber Terrain





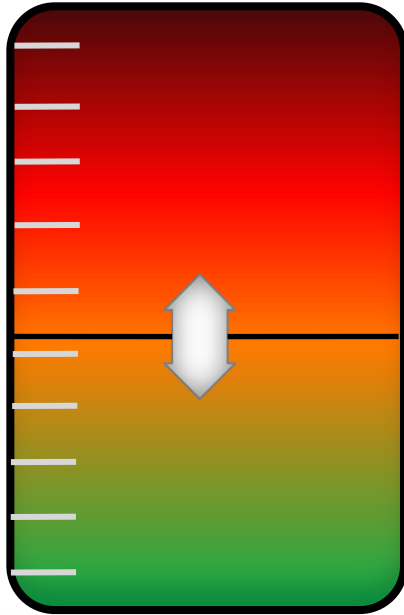
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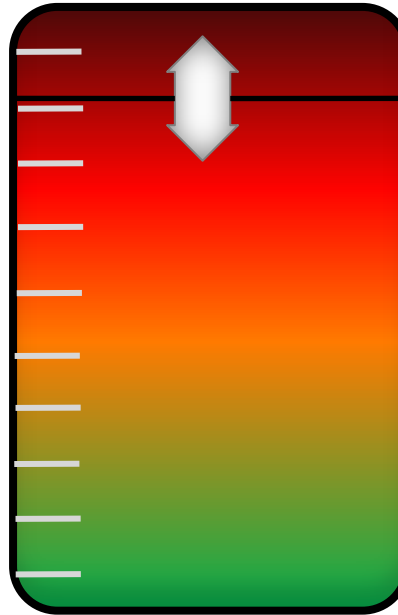
# Preserve Friendly Freedom of Maneuver in Cyberspace



**DoD Information Networks Global Operations (DoDIN Global Ops)**

LIMITS

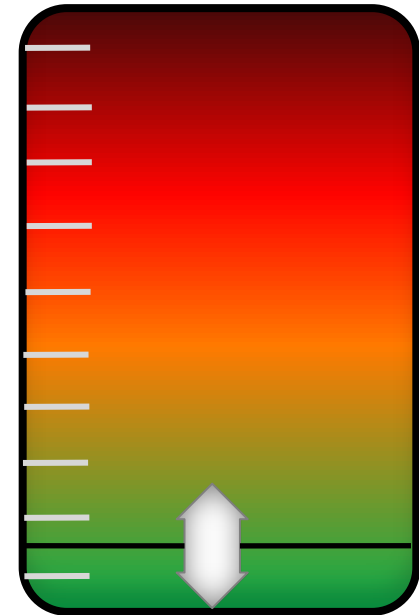
- Network performance



**Defensive Cyberspace Operations – Internal Defensive Measures (DCO-IDM)**

LIMITS

- Identify Key Cyber Terrain
- Link vulnerabilities to threat
- Capability and capacity
- Authorities



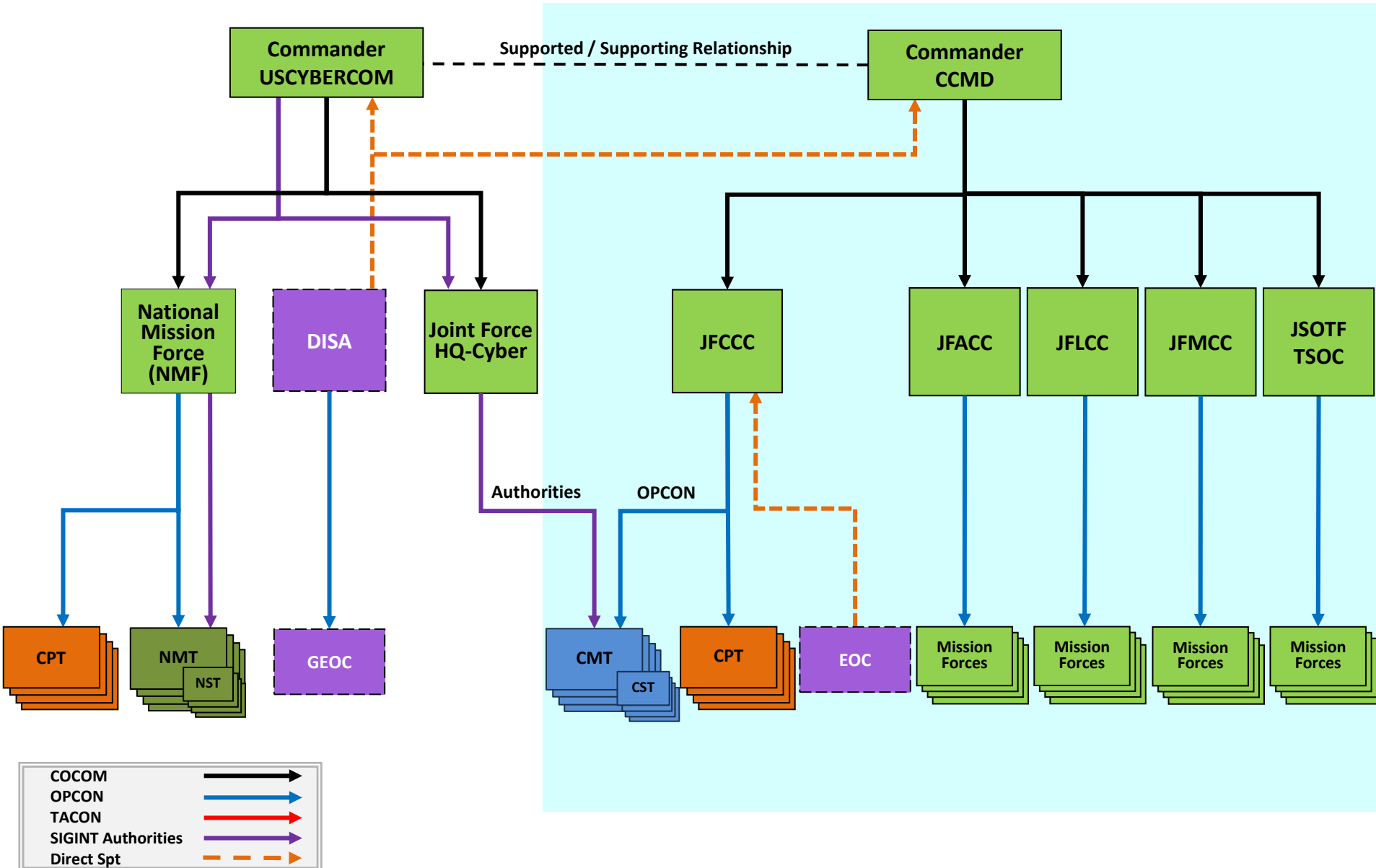
**Defensive Cyberspace Operations – Response Actions (DCO-RA)**

LIMITS

- Policy
  - Rules of Engagement
  - Authority
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- Intelligence
  - Access
  - Capability



# An Option for Cyber C2







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# Analytic Framework for Responding to Cyber Attack Against the U.S.

## Characterize Attack

1. Target
2. Severity/Impact
3. Attacker (Attribution)
4. Attack Vector
5. Advanced Warning

Determine  
Appropriate  
Response

### Constraints/Restraints:

- SROE
- Intel/Access/Capability
- Proportionality
- Escalation
- Precedence
- Deconfliction
- Intel/Ops Gain-Loss

## Response Spectrum

Level 0 – Absorb the Blows

Level 1 – Deny Objectives  
• Cyber Response

Level 2 – Deny Objectives and  
Impose Costs  
• Low visibility  
• Cyber/Physical Response  
• Proportional,  
non-escalatory

Level 3 – Deny Objectives,  
Impose Costs, and  
Deter Future Attacks  
• High Visibility  
• High Cost Imposing

INCREASED SEVERITY

- *Time (+target/severity) drives requirement for pre-approved, pre-planned actions.*
- *Response execution by agency with capability and capacity, then align authorities.*