

# National Cyber Range



**Distributed Testing with the NCR**  
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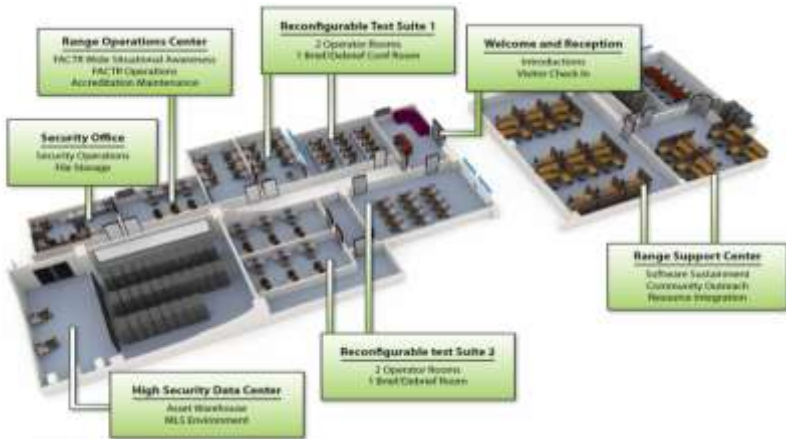
- Who are we?
  - National Cyber Range is a cyber testing and cyber training asset (facility, tools, trained staff) operated by Lockheed Martin for the Test Resource Management Center (TRMC)
  - The NCR facility is located in Orlando, Florida and is accessible remotely via the Joint IO Range (JMETC connection in process)



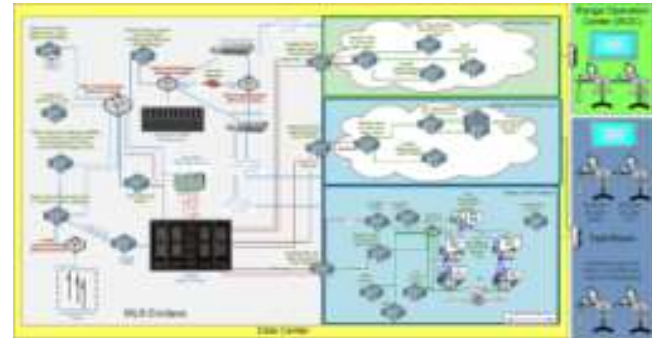
# What is the NCR?



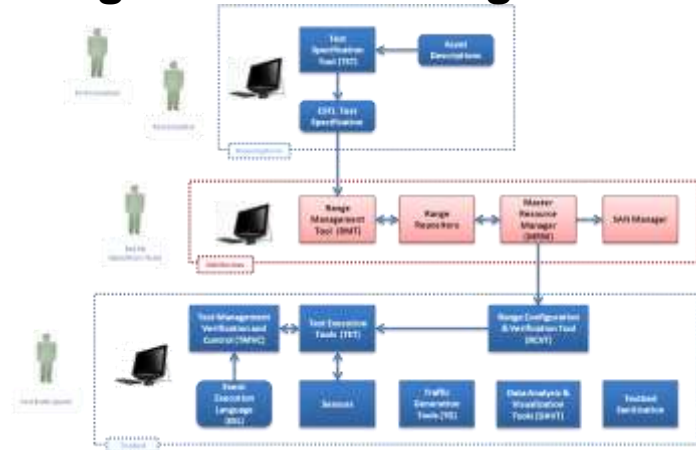
## Computing Assets/Facility



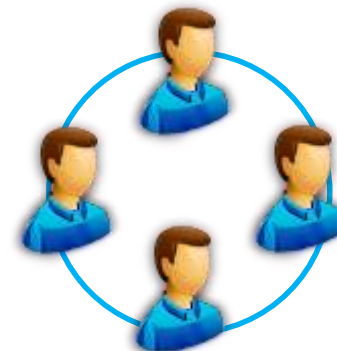
## Encapsulation Architecture & Operational Procedures



## Integrated SW Testing Toolsuite

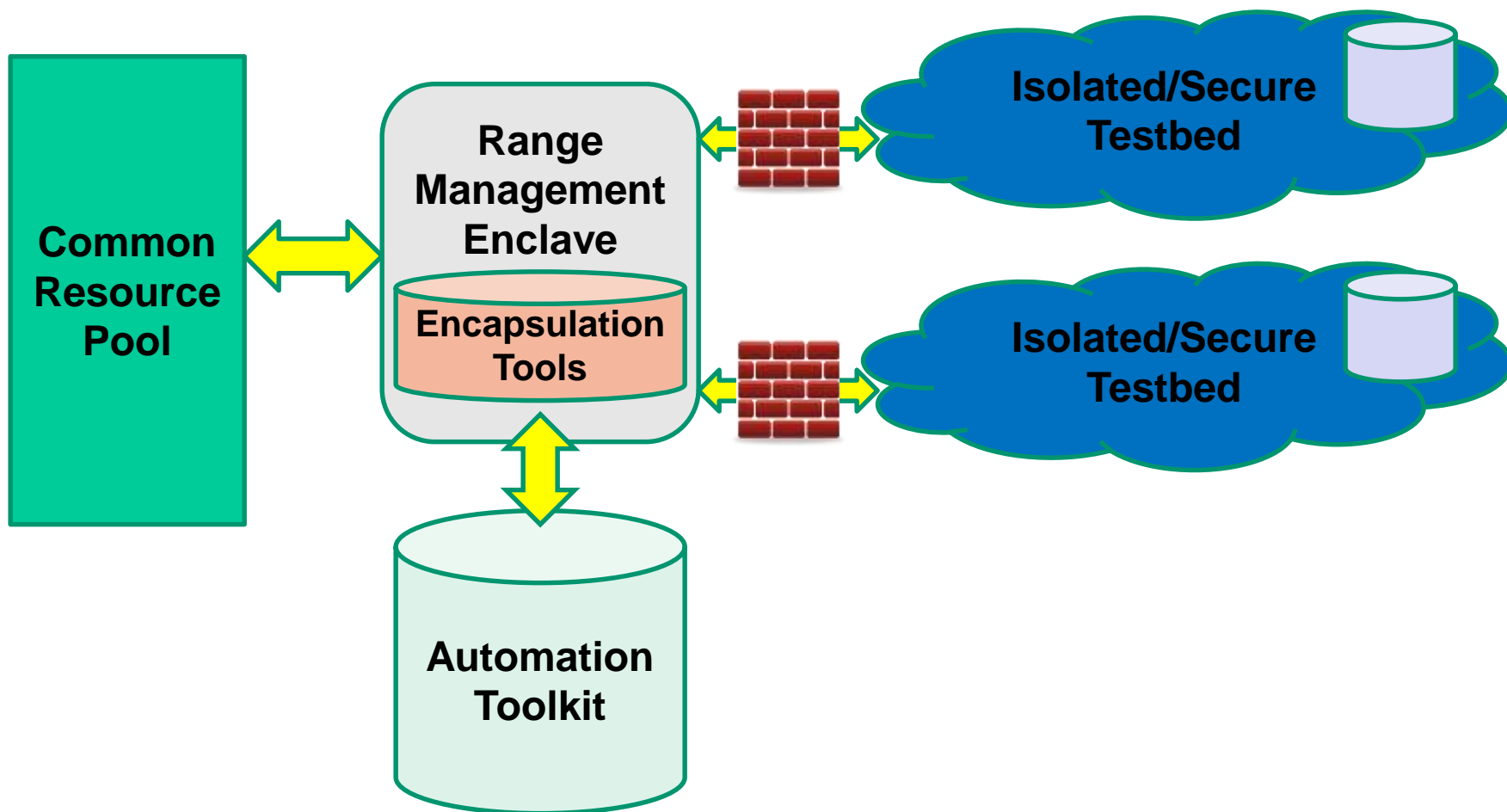


## Cyber Test Team





# Reconfigurable Range Concept



Partitions a common pool of resources into multiple independent testbeds



# NCR Key Capabilities



- **Multiple concurrent tests at varying classification levels** are supported using a Multiple Independent Levels of Security (MILS) architecture
  - Currently support up to 4 events at varying classification concurrently
- **Rapid emulation** of complex, operationally representative network environments
  - Can scale up to ~50K high-fidelity virtual nodes
  - Red/Blue/Gray support, including specialized systems (e.g., weapon systems)
- **Automation** provides significant efficiencies that enable more frequent and more accurate events
  - Reduces timelines from weeks or months to hours or days
  - Minimizes human error and allows for greater repeatability
- **Sanitization** to restore all exposed systems to a known, clean state
  - Allows assets to be reused even when they are exposed to the most malicious and sophisticated uncharacterized code
- **Supports a diverse user base** by accommodating a wide variety of event types (R&D, OT&E, information assurance, compliance, malware analysis, etc.) and communities (testing, training, research, etc.)



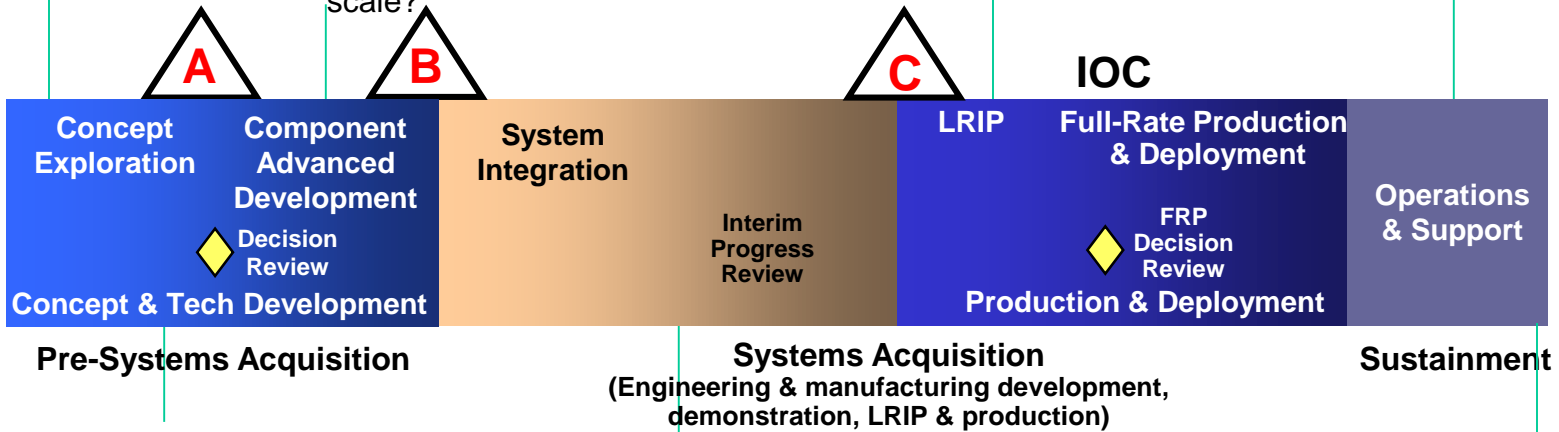
# How Does NCR Fit Into the System Life Cycle?

Large-scale simulation to evaluate proposed cyber defensive and offensive concepts of operation

What is the behavior of my defensive cyber architecture at scale?

What is the mission effectiveness of my cyber weapon in different cyber environments?

Mission rehearsal in a realistic operational environment



Which one of these three cyber technologies best fills the requirements gaps?

How resilient is my system to failures /cyber attacks on external systems?

How can I use live malware to safely/securely generate realistic cyber mission effects for my training exercise?



# Why Distributed Testing with NCR



- Provides a cyber testing environment to leverage from your site (without the investment of building and maintaining)
- Leverage the library of existing emulations and capabilities
  - Red/Gray/Blue Models
- Utilize live malware
- Enable remote red team
- Leverage large scale complex emulations
- Operate from your home base



# Example 1 - Meridian

- **Use Case:** NCR provides the test environment and you run the test from your home location
- **Meridian:**
  - NCR Built and validated environment specified by the customer
  - Customer also did an independent verification
  - Customer loaded the system under test onto the environment
  - Customer conducted the test from their location
  - NCR packaged the resulting data and sent to the customer
  - Test Reconstitution



Remote Test Personnel

JIOR or JMETC



NCR provided test environment





# Example 2 - Volley

- **Use Case:** Extend your own test environment and run at your home station
- **Volley:**
  - NCR provided diverse set of potential target platforms
  - Customer provided environment and System Under Test (SUT)
  - Customer conducted the test remotely
  - NCR provided traffic generation and instrumentation



Remote Test Personnel

NCR provided test environment

Customer Provided test environment



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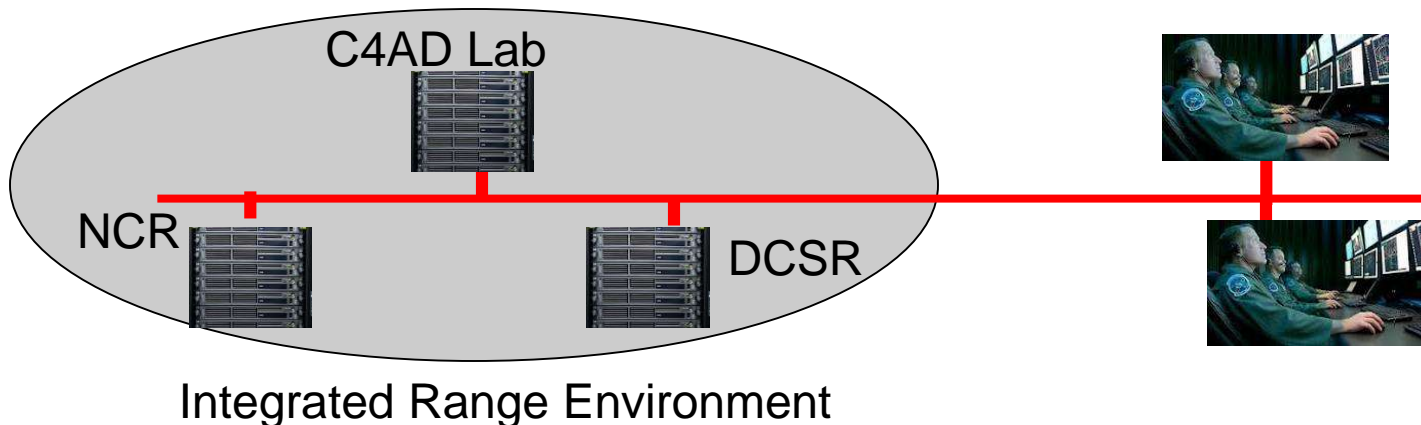




# Example 3- ECRE

- Use Case : Enterprise Cyber Range Environment connecting live systems with emulation to produce a complex event environment
- ECRE:
  - Connected instantiations of production system (i.e. GCCS-M,...) with emulated environments
  - Remote red team
  - Remote test and training execution
  - Connection with other range

Remote Red Teams & Users





# Example 4 – Cyber Flag



- **Use Case** : Complex Red (including OPFOR), blue and gray environment integrating kinetic assets
- **Cyber Flag NCR Content:**
  - Red network emulated environment
  - Shared gray emulated environment
  - Wireless network integration
  - Integration of kinetic assets
  - Over 40 logical ranges

Integration with 10+ other content providers



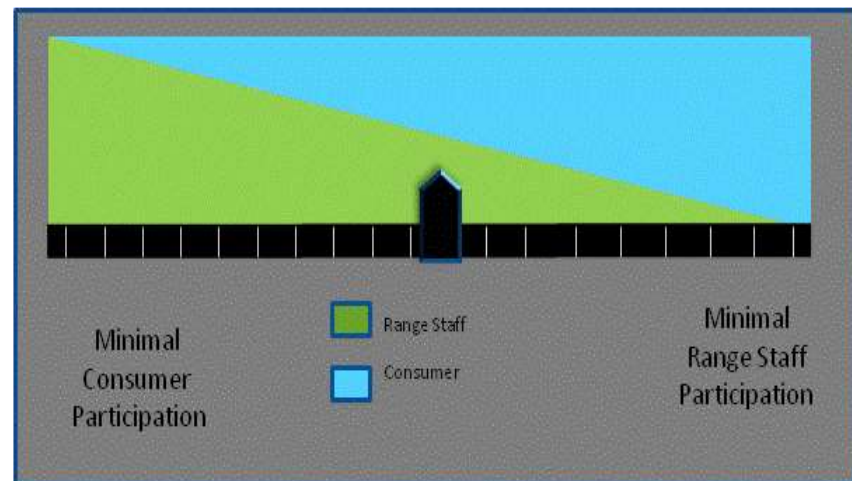
Hundreds of blue and OPFOR participants

Large Scale Distributed Range Environment

# NCR Services & Capabilities



- Technical planning for cyber test and training events
- Cyber SME support
- Red, blue, and gray space resources
- LVC assets
- Tools for automated event planning
- Data visualization
- Secure facility space for ~200 on-site event participants
- Repository of tools and assets
- Persistent training environments
- Simultaneous operation at multiple security levels
- Reach back to previous events
- Secure and partitioned test beds: complete isolation protects data and test results
- Sanitization of all assets



Services from range from providing a testbed to full end-to-end testing



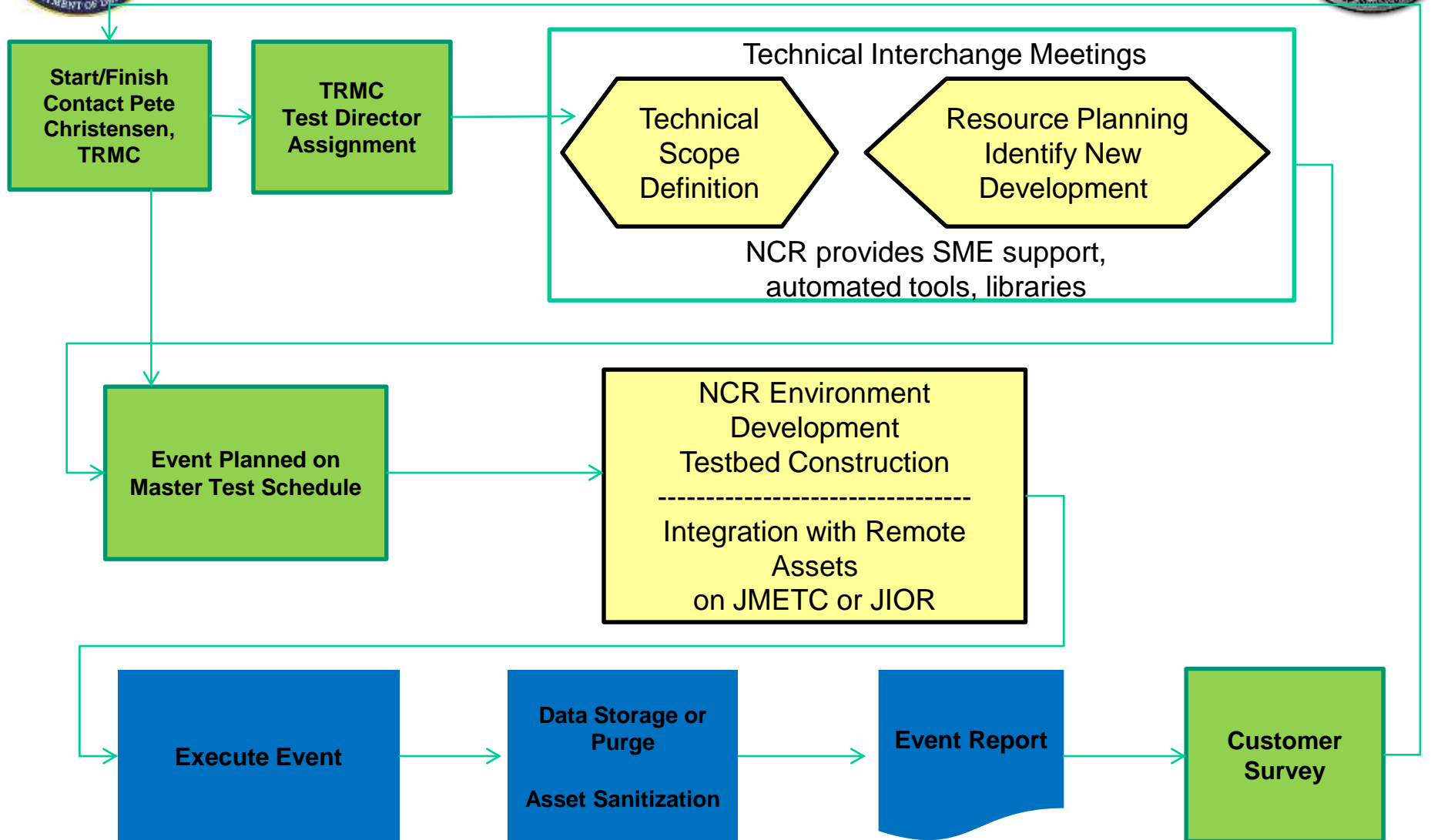
# 2014 Range Schedule



	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	
<b>July</b> 88%	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	
	Triton	CYAMS	CYAMS	CYAMS	
<b>August</b> 100%	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	
	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	
	CYAMS	Cyber Flag 15-1	Cyber Flag 15-1	Cyber Flag 15-1	
<b>September</b> 100%	1-Sep	8-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep
	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3	ECRE-C2IS-3
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<b>October</b> 100%	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	
	ECRE-C2IS-3	Vigilant Shield	Vigilant Shield	Vigilant Shield	
	Cyber Flag 15-1	Cyber Flag 15-1	Cyber Flag 15-1	Cyber Flag 15-1	
<b>November</b> 88%	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	
	Vigilant Shield	P-8A Placeholder	P-8A Placeholder	P-8A Placeholder	
	Cyber Flag 15-1	Sanitization	NSS (Revised Date)	NSS	
<b>December</b> 75%	1-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec
	P-8A Placeholder	Range Security Upgrades	Range Security Upgrades	<b>Range Maintenance: Power &amp; HVAC</b>	
	NSS				



# How To Use the NCR





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