

# **Assured Security by Design: A Systems Approach for a More Dangerous World**

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# Why?

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- **Increasing Threat**
  - Numbers
  - Resources
  - Knowledge
  - Consequences
- **Increasing Cost of Traditional Security**
  - Modifications
  - Response Force
  - Effect on Operations



# Future State of Security

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- **Principles of Cost Effective Risk Management for Increasing and Evolving Threats**
  - **Intrinsic** Physical Security
    - Built into overall system design (early and ongoing)
  - **Integrated** Physical Security
    - Optimized with other system functions (Operations, Safety, Cyber)
  - **Dynamic** Physical Security
    - System can adapt based on State Before, During, After Attack
  - **Integrated Risk Management**
    - **Includes Threat and Consequence** as Well as Vulnerability
      - Detect Adversary Gathering Resources
      - Mitigate Consequences
    - **Uncertainty Risk Analysis** (URA) for Risk Evaluation
      - New Tools
        - Adversary has a choice
        - State of Knowledge for Defender regarding Scenarios Adversary will Select



# Intrinsic Physical Security

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- **Mission Critical Systems must be designed to operate in an Adversarial environment**
  - During all design phases for facilities, infrastructures, and missions
  - Security is a high level requirement of the total system
- **Built into the System (physical, information, operations) Design**
  - Operations designed to reduce Insider Threat
- Continued throughout the ongoing operational and sustainment phases
- Complements extrinsic physical security, i.e. protection systems
  - **Detection**
    - Includes Extended Detection beyond Protected Area
  - **Delay**
    - Sufficient Delay at Correct Layer
      - Delay Deep Inside Facility can be used by Adversary
    - Active Denial Systems
  - **Response**
    - Minimize Number of Responders Onsite



# Integrated Physical Security

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- Comprehensive Risk management through integrated design and analysis requirements across domains
- Integrated physical security optimized with other system functions:
  - **Safety**
    - Resolve conflicting requirements
    - Seek synergy, e.g., Common means for Mitigating Consequences
  - **Operations**
    - Resolve conflicting requirements
    - Address the Insider Threat
      - Seek synergy: If security requirements are onerous, people will bypass those requirements to get their jobs done, thus creating opportunities for insiders.
  - **Cyber Security**
    - Physical Security aspects of Cyber Security
    - Cyber Security aspects of Physical Security
  - **Material Control and Accounting** (if required)
    - Ensure material to be counted *is* counted
  - **International Safeguards** (if required)
    - Optimize Containment and Surveillance for IAEA Safeguards



# Dynamic Physical Security

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- **System can adapt based on state:**
  - **Before** the Attack
    - Proactive Readiness
      - Configure Facility and Security based on Current Threat Information
      - Interface with Intelligence Sources
        - National Regional, Local
  - **During** the Attack
    - Active Denial
    - Last Resort Options
      - Based on Weapons Strong Link-Weak Link Concept
      - Render Target “Inert” If Adversary Success Imminent
        - Security provides “Strong Links”
        - Last Resort options are “Weak Links”
  - **After** the Attack - Reduce Consequences
    - Contingency Plans to Mitigate Consequences
      - Integrated with Safety Mitigation Measures



# Expand Solution Space from Vulnerability to Risk

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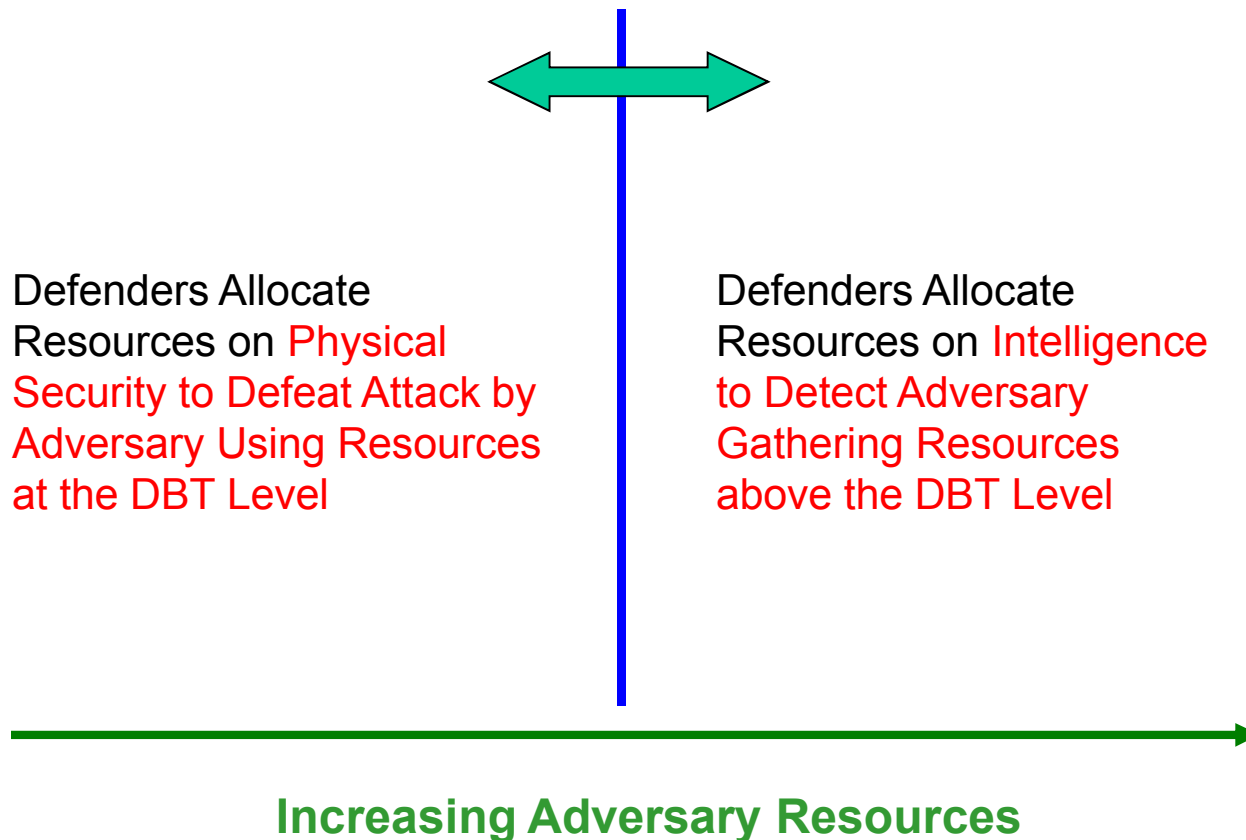
- **Risk** a function of:
  - **Threat**
  - **Vulnerability**
  - **Consequence**
- **Current** practice:
  - Evaluate Vulnerability to Design Basis Threat
  - Focus on Physical Security from the Protected Area inwards
    - Fort Mentality
- Expand to **Address Threat**
  - Detect Gathering of Resources
    - Adversary gathering of Attributes: numbers, equipment, weapons
    - Adversary gathering of Information: reconnaissance, internet, insider
- Expand to **Address Consequence**
  - Multiple Consequences
    - Adversary Desired Consequences may differ from Defender Consequences of Concern
  - Mitigation of Consequences



# Use of Defender Resources

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Design Basis Threat





# Design and Evaluation for Security and Safety

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- **Design** Criteria
  - Design Basis Accidents (DBA) for Safety
  - Design Basis Threats (DBT) for Security
- **Risk** Evaluation
  - **Probabilistic Risk Analysis (PRA) for Safety: Existing Tools**
    - Initiating events beyond the DBA
    - Subtle events within the DBA but missed
    - Uncertainty is Aleatory (random)
      - Probability for Measure of Uncertainty
  - **Uncertainty Risk Analysis (URA) for Security: New Tools**
    - Threat scenarios beyond the DBT
    - Subtle scenarios within the DBT but missed
    - Uncertainty is highly Epistemic (state of knowledge)
      - Belief/Plausibility for measure of Uncertainty
        - Includes Probability as a special case



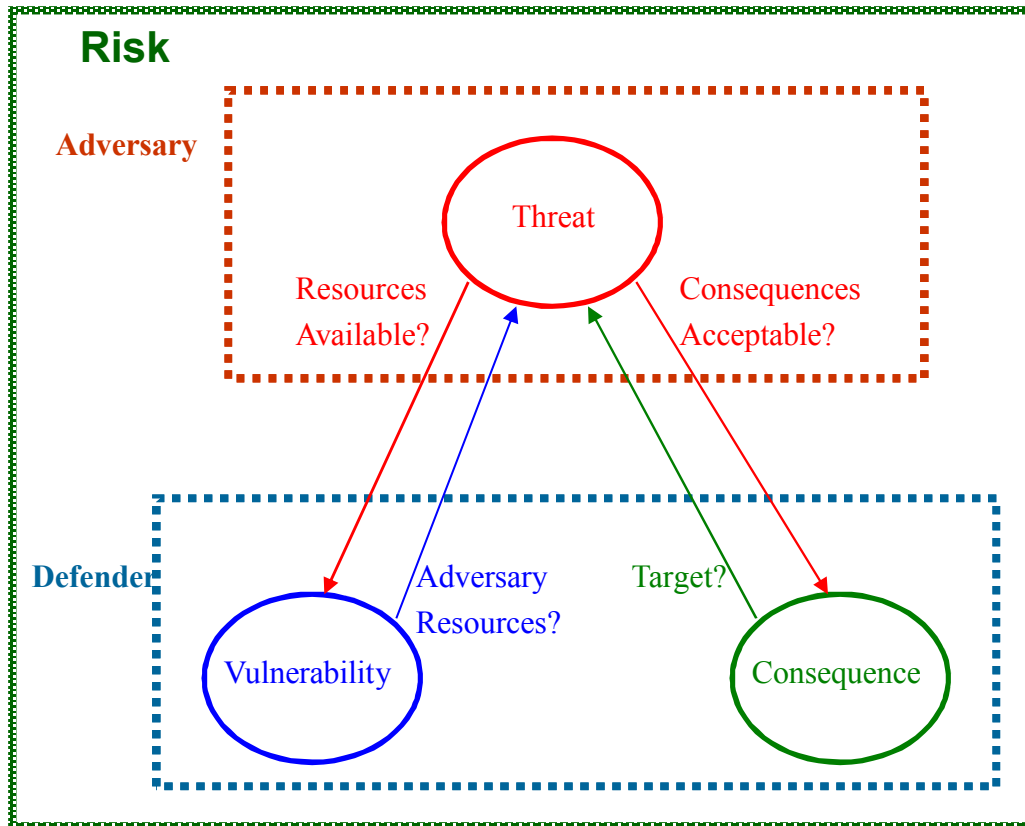
# Risk Analysis

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- **For Both Safety and Security**
  - Risk = Initiating Event x System Response x Consequence
- **Initiating Event**
  - “Dumb”, Random event for Safety
  - Malevolent, Intentional event for Security
    - Adversary has a Choice, Not Random
    - Defender does not know Adversary Choice: Epistemic Uncertainty
- **Uncertainty Risk Analysis (URA) for Security**
  - **New Tools**
    - Adversary/Defender Model and Grammar
    - Plausible Threat Envelope
    - Linguistic Evaluation with Belief/Plausibility

# Uncertainty Risk Analysis for Security: New Tools

## The Concept: Adversary Defender Interaction Model



## The Software Tool: Linguistic Reasoning with Uncertainty

- Fuzzy Sets
- Approximate Reasoning
- Belief/Plausibility

