

Effects-Based Course of Action Analysis & Comparison



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Agenda



- **Anticipatory Environments Technical Area**
- **Technology Limitations**
- **Required Capabilities**
- **Questions**



Anticipatory Environments



Interactive environment to enhance the decision makers ability to anticipate, shape and dominate the future battlespace

- Where high-fidelity models (red / gray / blue) are dynamically produced and updated
- Where many candidate courses of action (COAs) are automatically produced and continuously evaluated
- Where simulations are conjoined with live operations for dynamic situational assessment

To enable

- Better understanding of the mission space - past, present & future
- A capability to 'get inside' an adversary's decision loop to anticipate behaviors and events
- Generation of plan(s) / options that will "virtually checkmate" the adversary

Can I anticipate their next move? How can I use this anticipation to my strategic advantage?



Technology Limitations



- **Models of red / gray / blue are static and low fidelity**
- **COA development is predominantly a manual process**
- **Dynamic COA analysis is manpower intensive (blue / red teaming)**
- **Automated COA analysis technology**
 - Static, adversary is pre-scripted
 - Attrition based, force-on-force
 - Utilized to study scenarios well in advance of operations
- **Tracking engagement results with objectives is difficult**
- **Current technologies can not support real-time dynamic capabilities**
 - Adversaries act / react / adapt too quickly
 - Need an “always on” capability



Required Capabilities



Capability to...

- **Model individuals / groups (red, gray, blue) with high fidelity**
- **Model & simulate effects**
- **Automatically generate candidate COAs**
- **Automatically grade / evaluate COAs against objectives**
- **Support multiple parallel COA analysis**
- **Continuously assess engagement results vs. predictions**
- **Measure & manage uncertainty**

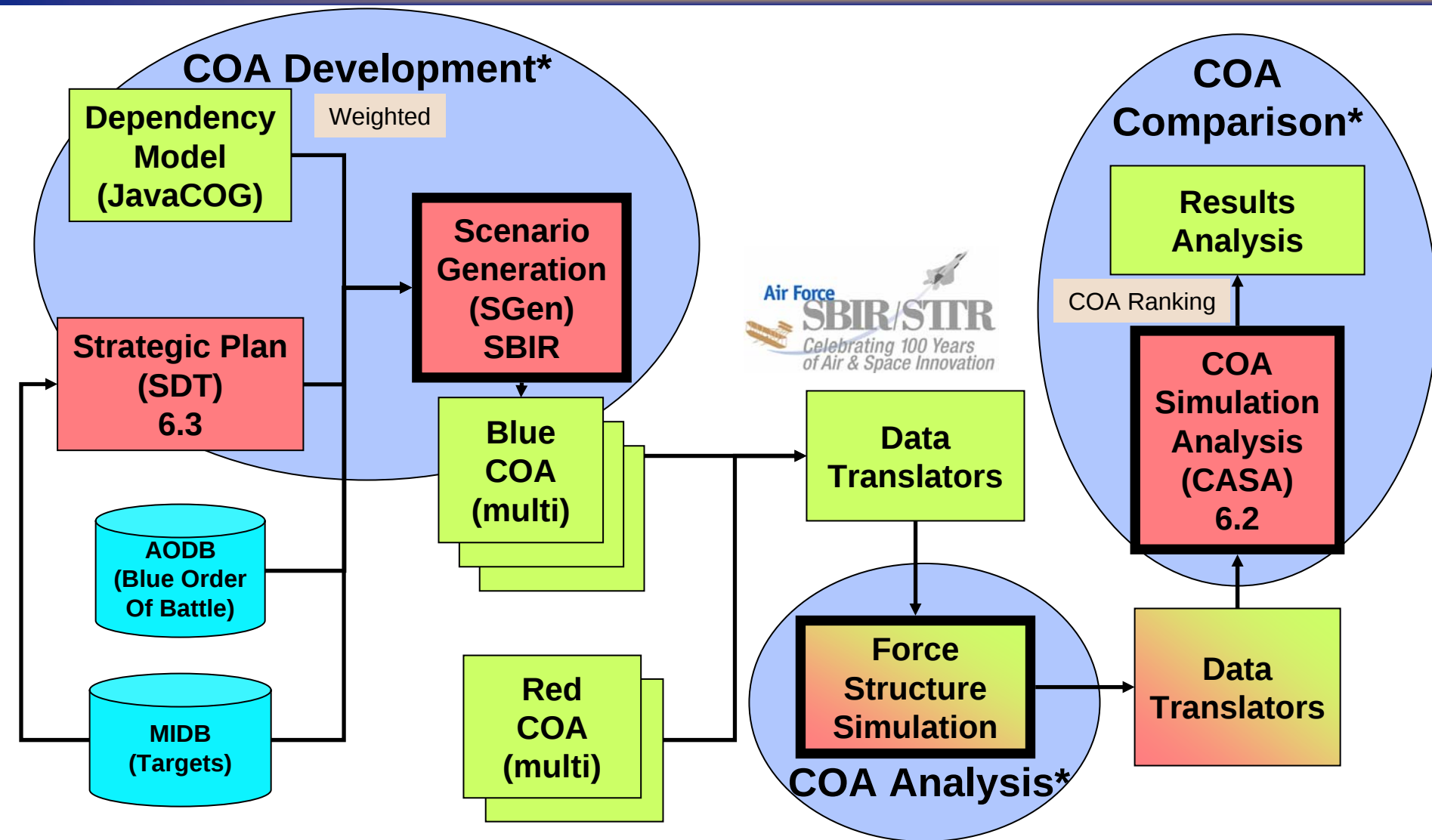
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Reference Documents

- **Air Force Capability-Based Planning FY08 C2 Functional Needs Analysis Report**
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- **USAF SAB Report “PBA to Improve Military Effectiveness”**



Anticipatory Environment Demo (COA Development, Analysis & Comparison)



*JP 3-30, C2 for Joint Air Operations

Legacy Databases

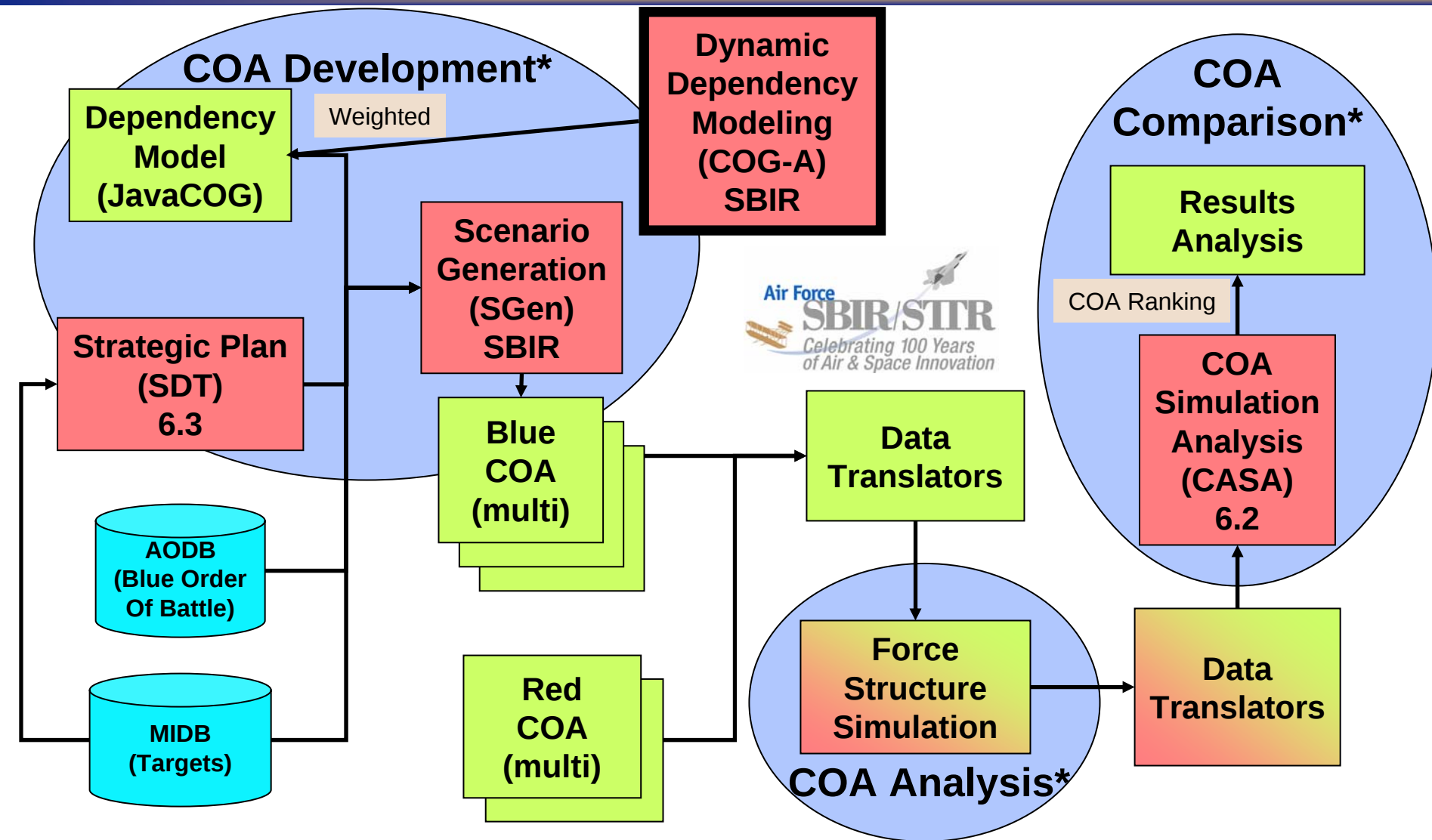
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Dynamic Dependency Modeling



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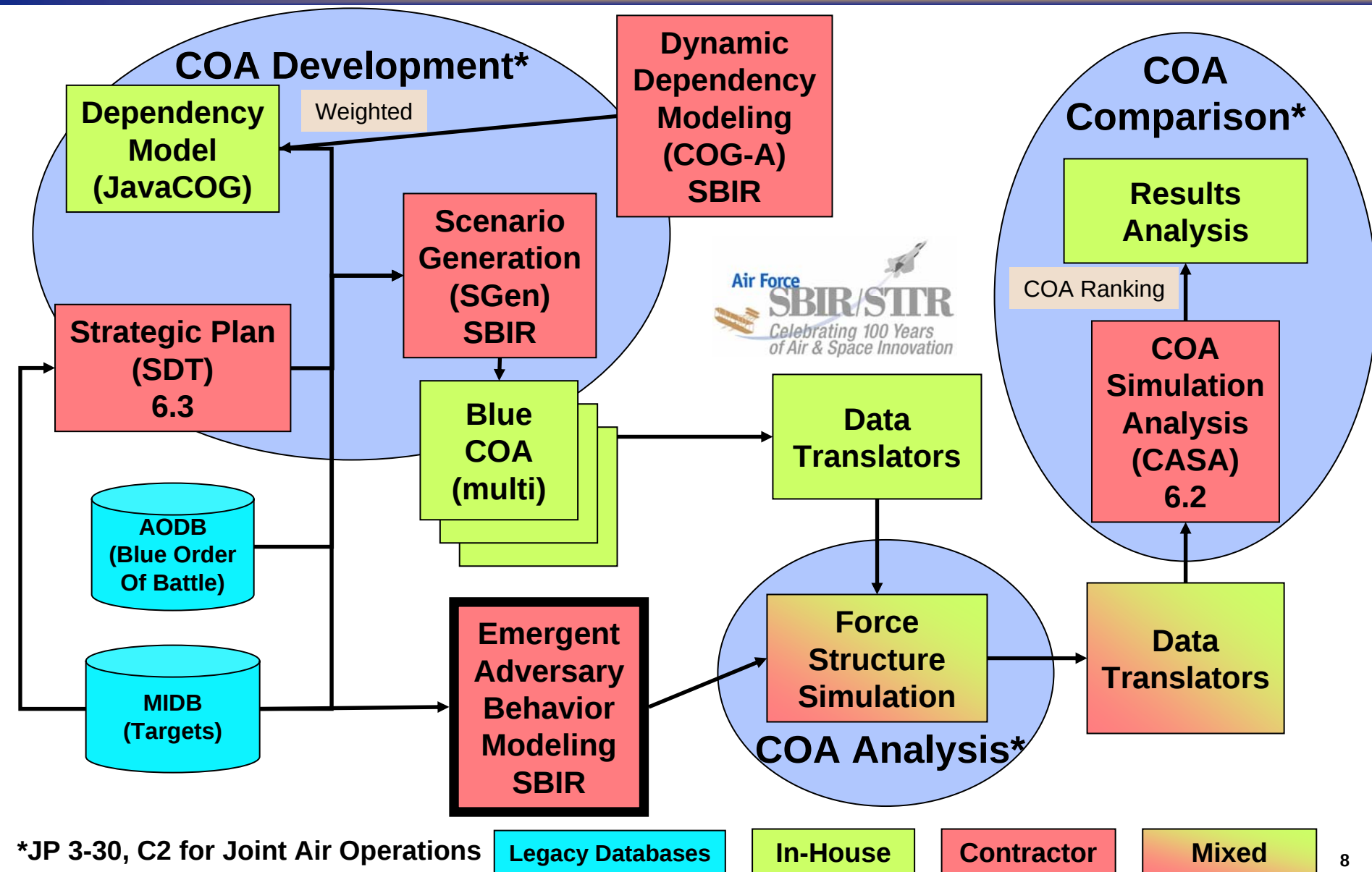
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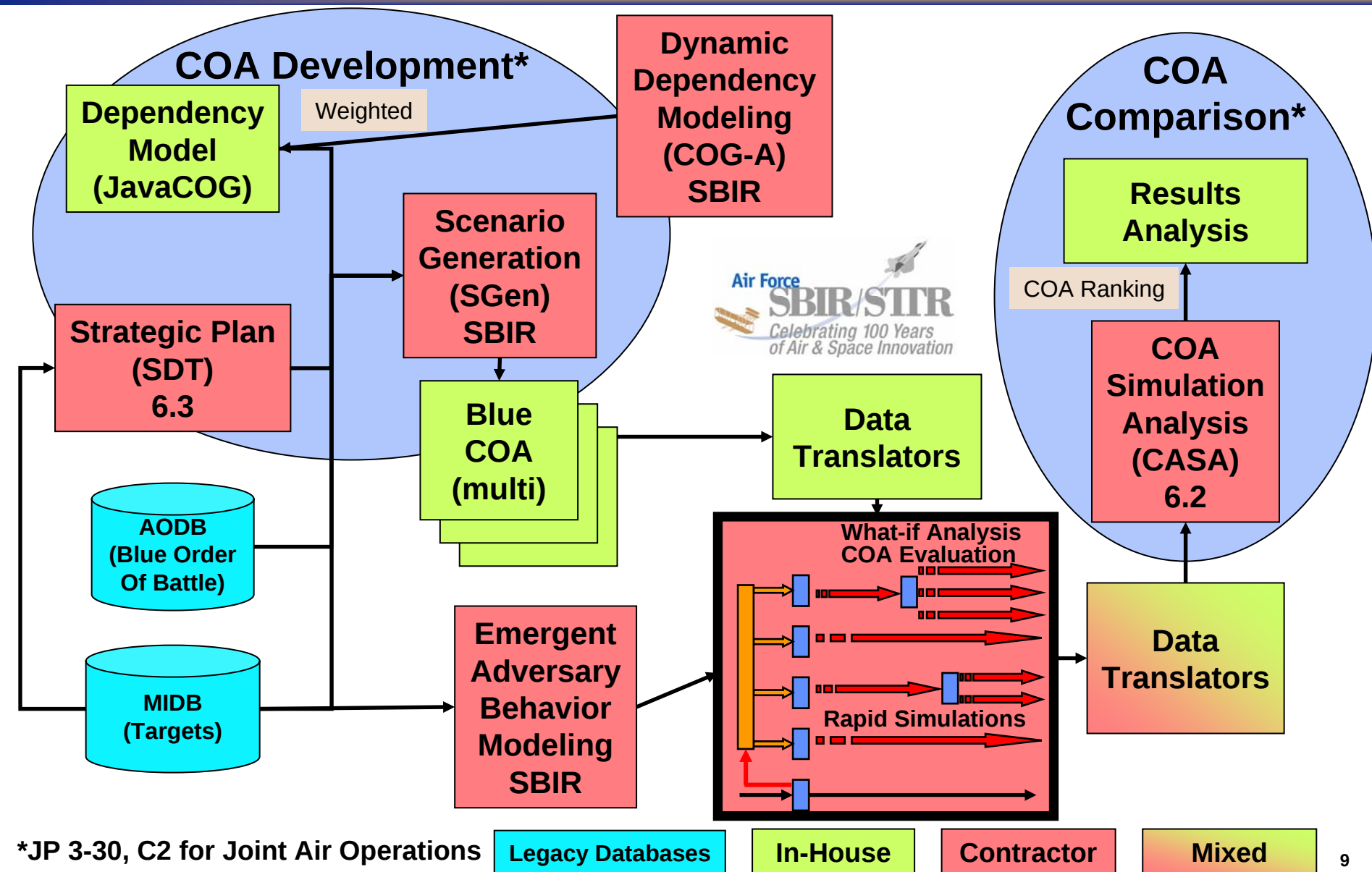


Emergent Adversary Behavior Modeling





HPC Framework for Real-Time Parallel COA Analysis





Accomplishments



- **Force structure simulation – first COA analysis capability to simulate direct, indirect, complex, cascading, and recovery events**
- **Automated scenario generation capability – COAs produced in minutes / hours vs. days**
- **COA comparison demonstration – comparisons produced in seconds vs. hours**
- **Automated COA / enemy COA analysis – initial demonstration of dynamic COA analysis incorporating unscripted adversary actions**
- **Publications: published 9 technical papers, 4 additional abstracts in consideration**
- **Briefs and demonstrations: USJFCOM, USSTRATCOM, AFC2ISRC, OSD Office of Net Assessment, AFAMS**



Anticipatory Environment Demonstration



Capability to...

- Model individuals / groups (red, gray, blue) with high fidelity
- **Model & simulate effects**
- **Semi-automatically generate candidate COAs**
- **Automatically grade / evaluate COAs against objectives**
- Support multiple parallel COA analysis
- Continuously assess engagement results vs. predictions
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