



# Updates on Activities in PWI 8475 CAL/TAF PAS, & PWI 8477 V&V TR and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of ISO/SAE 21434

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# Speaker Introduction

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- Member and co-convener of ISO/SAE Joint-Working-Group
- Previous chair of ISO/SAE 21434 (TARA)
- Chair, SAE Vehicle Cybersecurity Systems Engineering Committee
- Eaton Functional Excellence, Cybersecurity & Functional Safety lead

# Today's Discussion

## Ongoing joint activities

*Enhance existing concepts, introduce new concept, additional guidance*

## Timing

*Release of specification and technical report*

## ISO/SAE 21434

*Current activities as a precursor to version 2*

## A G E N D A

### ISO/SAE PWI 8475 CAL/TAF

- *History/motivation*
- *Current state & open items*
- *Timing*

### ISO/SAE PWI 8477 V&V

- *History/motivation*
- *Current state & open items*
- *Timing*

### ISO/SAE 21434 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

- *Current state*
- *Timing*

ISO/SAE PWI 8475 project

*Cybersecurity Assurance Level (CAL)*  
&  
Targeted Attack Feasibility (TAF)

# Cybersecurity Assurance Level

## *Concept origin & motivation*

### *History*

- ***Concept development started in 2017***
- ***Initial version released as annex in 21434 in 2021***

### *Motivation*

- ***Introduced to scale process rigor according to criticality in supply chain***
- ***Desire to leverage other static risk factors in CAL determination***
- ***Desire to expand application to all applicable 21434 requirements***
- ***Ensure consistent application to facilitate efficient communications and provide justifiable confidence***

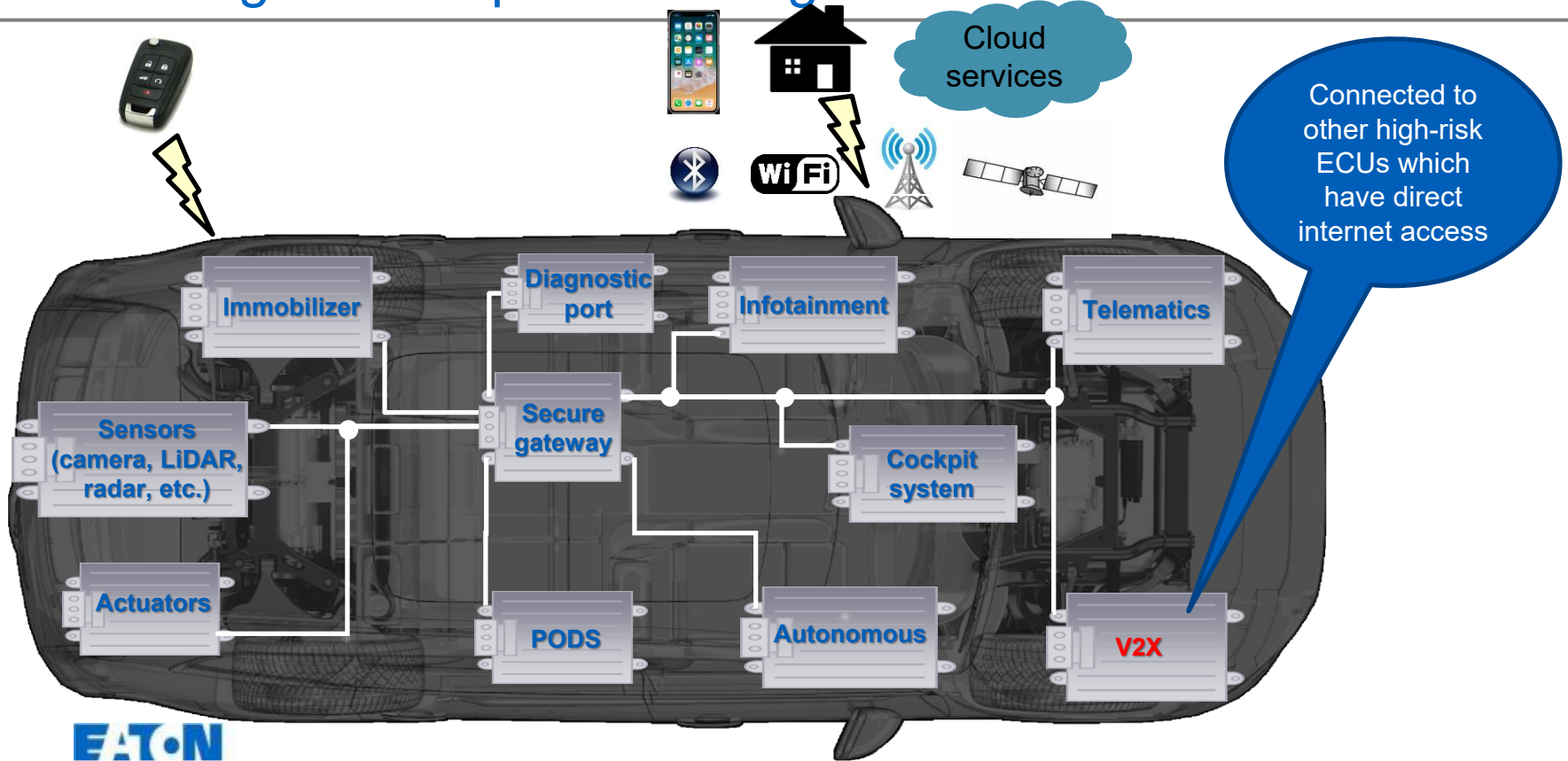
# Current state of CAL development



- CAL determination
  - Early in as possible - when all required inputs are available
    - ❖ Before activities that use CAL
  - Uses same parameters as defined in 21434
  - Optionally can include other static factors (with justification)
    - ❖ Architectural considerations
      - Depth, accessibility, exposure, degree of separation, operational environment, etc.
      - Examples on subsequent slides

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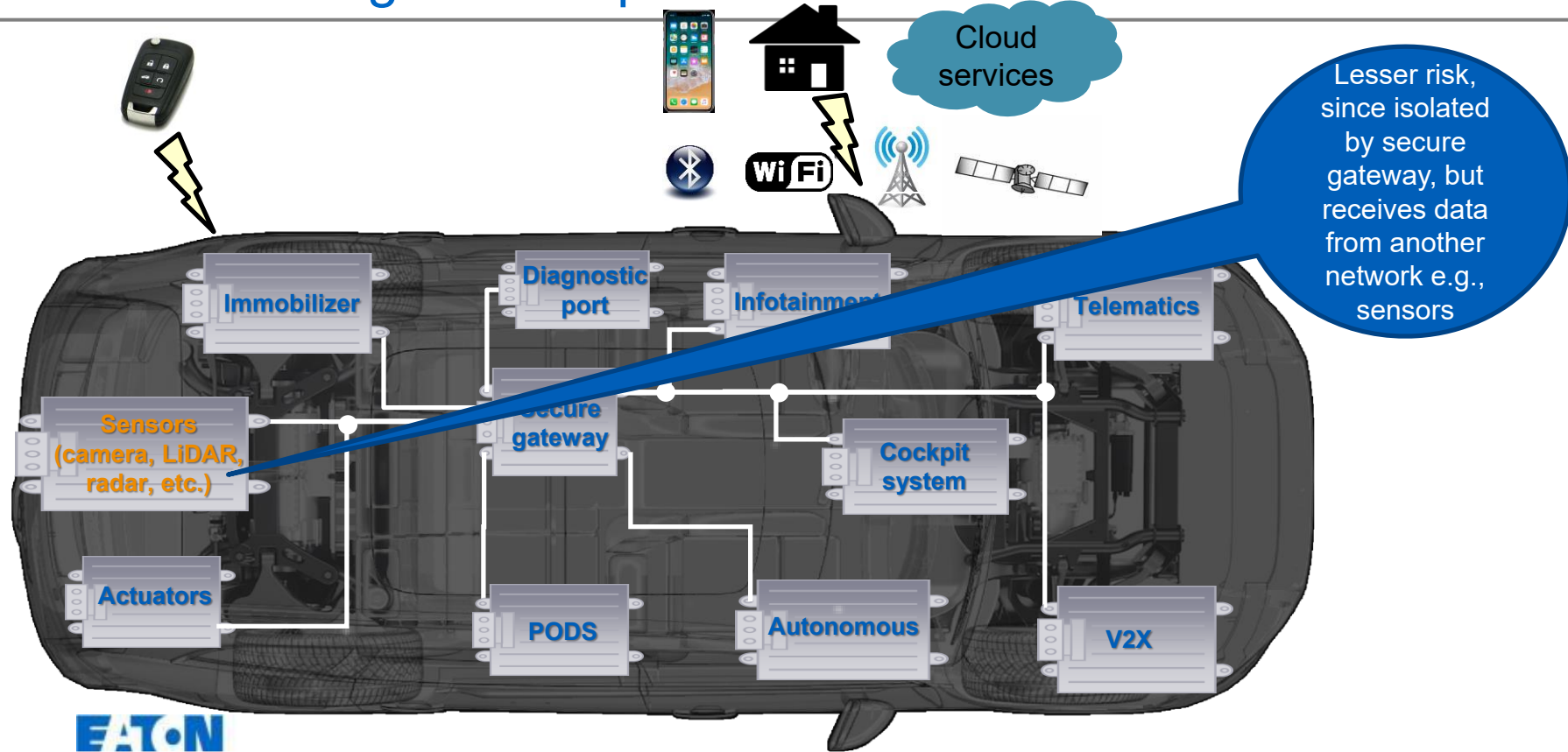
- Low degree of separation: highest static risk





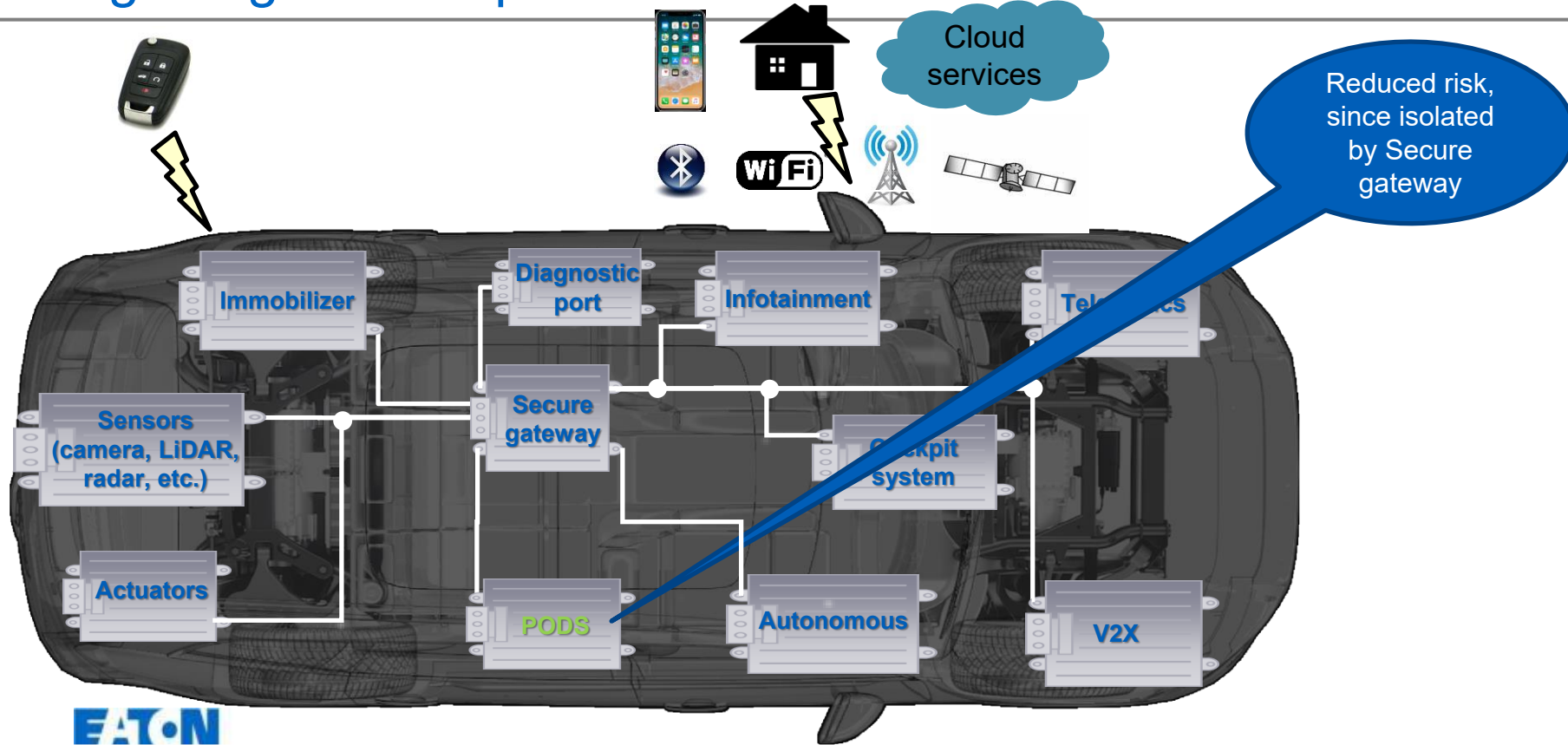
# Immobilizer

- Additional degree of separation: reduced static risk



# PODS

- High degree of separation: lowest static risk



# Current state of CAL development



- Higher CAL ⇔ requires additional assurance measures / effort
- Expanding and clarifying applicability by clause/requirements of 21434
  - Applicable to the following
    - ❖ Some requirements in clause 9
    - ❖ Clause 10
    - ❖ Clause 11
  - Not applicable to the following
    - ❖ Clause 5
    - ❖ Clause 6 (except for independence of assessment)
    - ❖ TARA in clause 9
    - ❖ Clauses 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15

# Current state of CAL development



- Providing simple definitions of CAL levels and application
  - Now only 3-levels (CAL1 [basic], CAL2 [intermediate], CAL3 [advanced])
    - ❖ Tables to provide examples of how to apply i.e., activities/rigor per CAL
      - Can always do more than the specified CAL
  - Help ensure consistency in interpretation, while providing flexibility
- CAL is an attribute of a CS goal
  - Intended to be stable; required updates to be done via change mgt.
- No discussion of
  - Application in an out-of-context situation
  - Usage for off-the-shelf components

# CAL open items

- Examples of deriving test cases based on CAL
- How isolation can impact CAL assignment

# PWI 8475 CAL/TAF group members



- ISO/SAE PWI 8475 CAL-TAF member countries
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Canada
  - China
  - France
  - Germany
  - Israel
  - Italy
  - Japan
  - Republic of Korea
  - Romania
  - Sweden
  - United Kingdom
  - United States (SAE)

# ISO/SAE PWI 8475 project

## Cybersecurity Assurance Level (CAL) & *Targeted Attack Feasibility (TAF)*

# Targeted Attack Feasibility

## *Concept origin & motivation*

### *History*

- *Concept introduced during 21434 development*
- *Postponed due to inadequate development time*

### *Motivation*

- *As a result of the TARA, the risk treatment decision for certain threats will be to 'reduce the risk'*
  - ✓ *How do you specify the required strength of counter-measures?*
  - ✓ *How do you know if the counter-measure strength is 'sufficient'?*
- *Communicate required strength of countermeasures in supply chain*



# What is TAF?

- Based on attack feasibility (AF) as defined in 21434
  - 'Attribute of an attack path describing the ease of successfully carrying out the corresponding set of actions'
- Current attack feasibility
  - Attack feasibility, considering current counter-measures, but before risk treatment
    - ❖ A factor to be considered when deciding risk treatment
- Targeted attack feasibility (TAF)
  - The target level of attack feasibility after implementation of countermeasures used to reduce residual risk to acceptable level
    - ❖ TAF and impact determine residual risk

# TAF selection

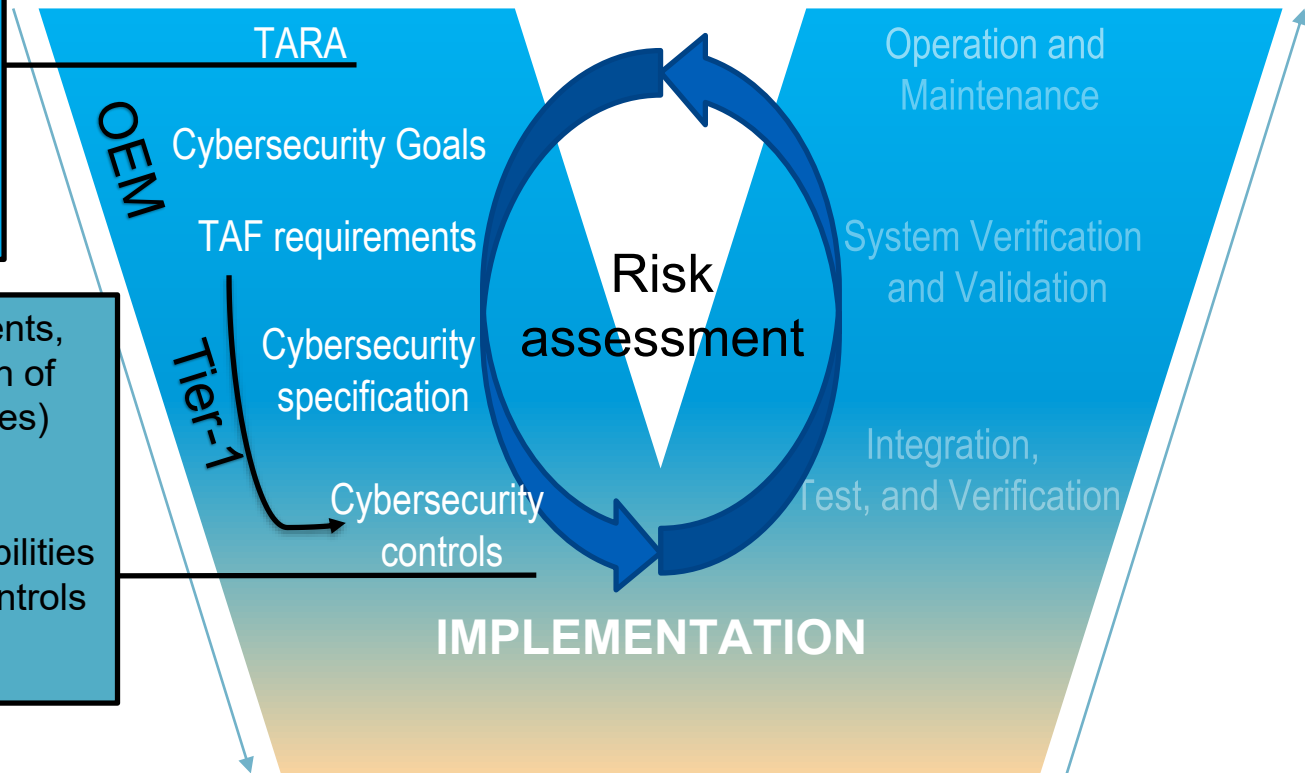
- The intent is to lower current attack feasibility
  - Selection of method to mitigate the risk could also reduce impact
  - Target level is communicated with supplier
    - ❖ TAF 1 (medium AF), TAF 2 (low AF), TAF3 (very low AF)
      - Illustrated below, where “C” is current, and “T” is targeted attack feasibility

<b>Attack Feasibility Rating</b>	<b>High</b>				C
	<b>Medium</b>				
	<b>Low</b>				
	<b>Very low</b>				T
		<b>Negligible</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Severe</b>
<b>Risk Value</b>		<b>Impact Rating</b>			

# Potential application of TAF during design phase

- “TARA”=> output risk value, relative to threat/damage scenario (impact and attack feasibility)
- Derive CS goals and associated TAF
- Determines how to layer the protections (DiD)

- Refine & verify CS requirements, architecture, design: selection of controls (considering interfaces)
- Allocation of requirements to architectural elements
- Identify and manage vulnerabilities
- Selection of cybersecurity controls due to TAF (strength, depth)



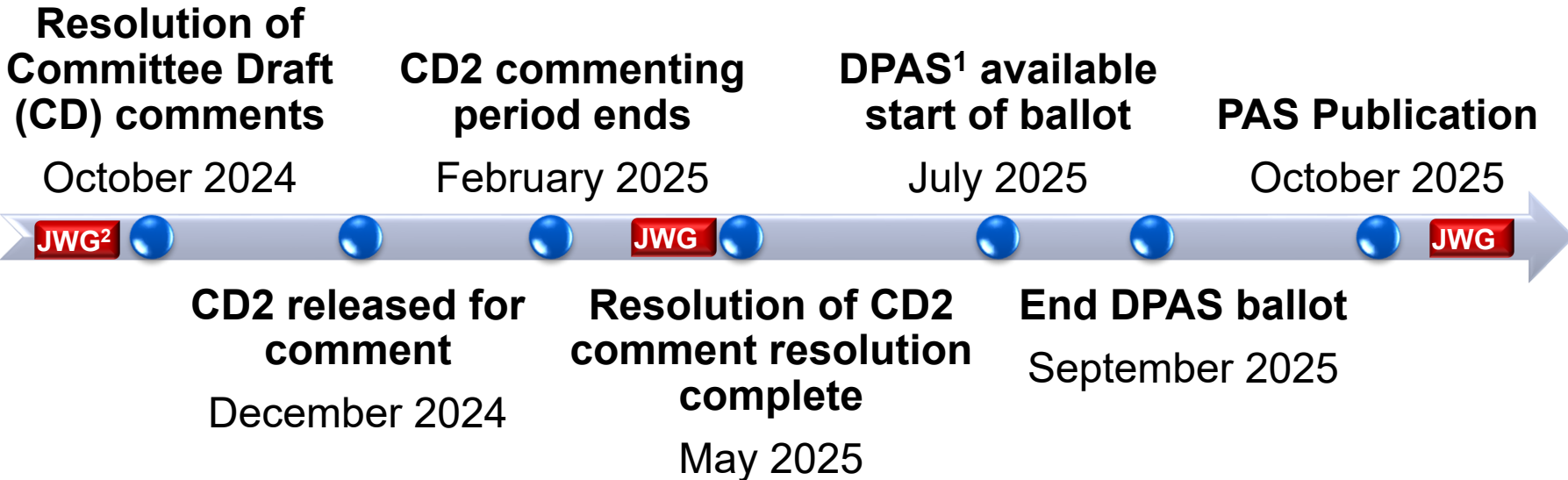
# Current state of TAF development

- Will be included as an informational concept in an annex
- Agreed upon TAF concept principles
  - TAF determined for each threat scenario necessitating ‘reduction’ of risk
  - Used to determine controls (technical, perhaps procedural)
  - Can be used to describe strength of controls
  - For distributed development
    - ❖ Can be applied in an out-of-context situation
  - Inputs to TAF determination
    - ❖ Attack feasibility and corresponding attack path
    - ❖ Further supporting info

# TAF open items

- TAF concept may be renamed e.g. “Required Attack Feasibility (“RAF”), Necessary Attack Feasibility (“NAF”)
- Improvement in examples of TAF usage

# ISO/SAE PWI 8475 CAL/TAF timeline



Expect a Q4 release in 2025



<sup>1</sup> Draft Publicly Available Specification (DPAS)  
<sup>2</sup> ISO/SAE Joint Working Group (JWG)

# ISO/SAE PWI 8477 V&V

# Technical Report - Verification and Validation

## *Concept origin & motivation*

### *History*

- ***Some content originally in annex of earlier draft of 21434***
- ***Removed from 21434 before publication due to lack of content***

### *Motivation*

- ***Provide clarity on verification and validation and their relationship***
- ***Describe verification activities relative the 21434 requirements***
- ***Describe validation activities relative to cybersecurity goals, claims, etc.***
- ***Provide strategic guidance on V&V activities***
- ***Publish as a Technical Report (TR)***



# Current state of V&V TR development



- Topics-current state
  - Defining verification and validation
  - Confirmation that CS requirements are adequate
  - Confirmation that implementation satisfies the CS requirements
  - Confirmation that assumptions hold true
  - Relationship between V&V and CS requirements, risk, activities
  - Example V&V methods
  - Discussion of pros/cons of various types of testing
  - Application to off-the-shelf, reused & out-of-context components

# ISO/SAE PWI 8477 V&V TR timeline



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<sup>1</sup>Draft Technical Report (DTR)

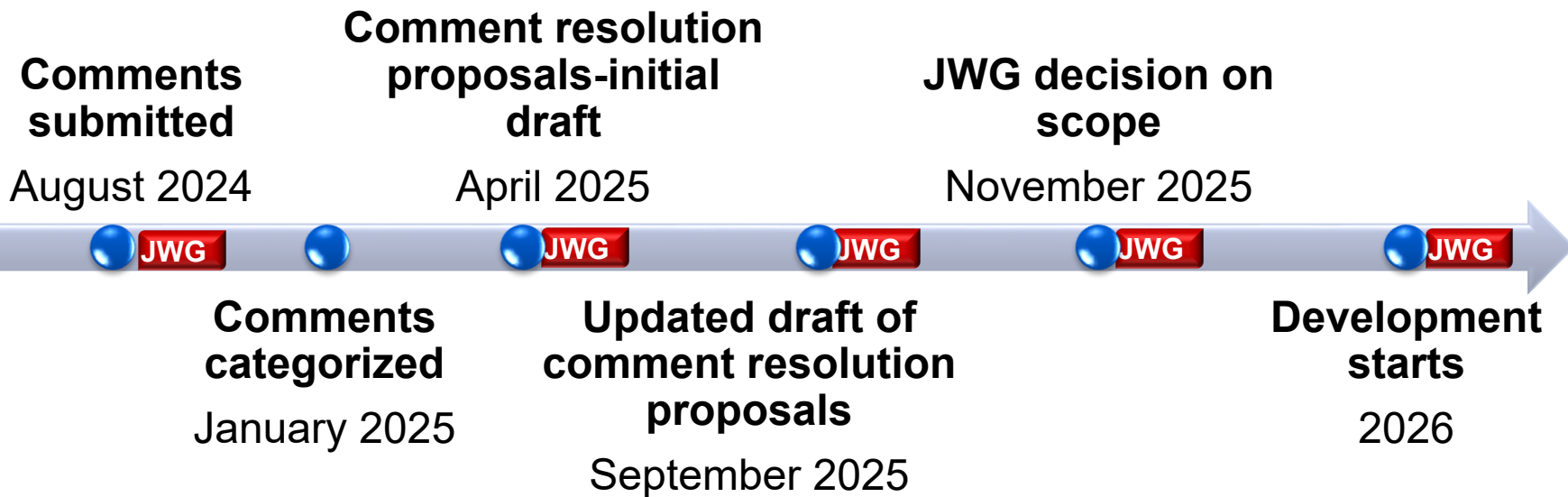
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- Collected feedback from industry in 2024
- Content from current CAL, TAF and V&V projects will be leveraged
- Topics and concepts discussed during current projects as input
- Work delayed due to current projects (CAL/TAF, V&V)

# ISO/SAE 21434 v2 timeline



Expect start of development 2026 (3+ years)



# Questions?

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