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IS SCA ALLIGNED?

Bussiness approach to Software Defined Radio
development.

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INTRODUCTION

“...if you can't measure *it* you can't control *it*, and if you can't control *it* you can't manage *it*”

Never truer than when it means IT

IT Governance & Software Radio Problems

Technology language & complexity

The inability to define value delivered by IT

INTRODUCTION

'IT service delivery problems' is one of the main risk in the companies



Source: IT Governance Global Status Report

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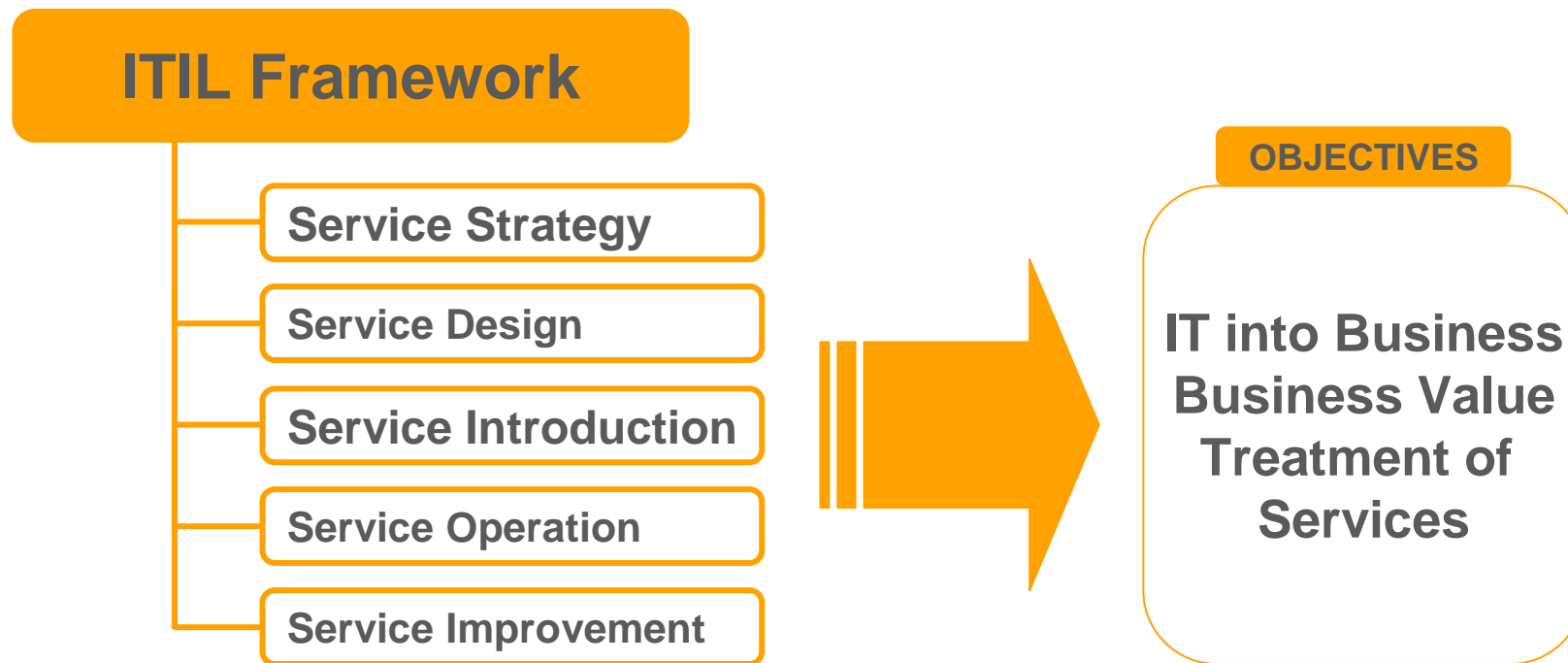
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ITIL Governance Framework

“Somewhere today, a project is failing”



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ITIL Governance Framework



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CobIT: Controlling IT Governance

CobIT

Control Objectives for Information & related Technology

Good practices across a domain and process framework

Strongly focused more on control, less on execution

Bridge the gaps between business risks & control needs

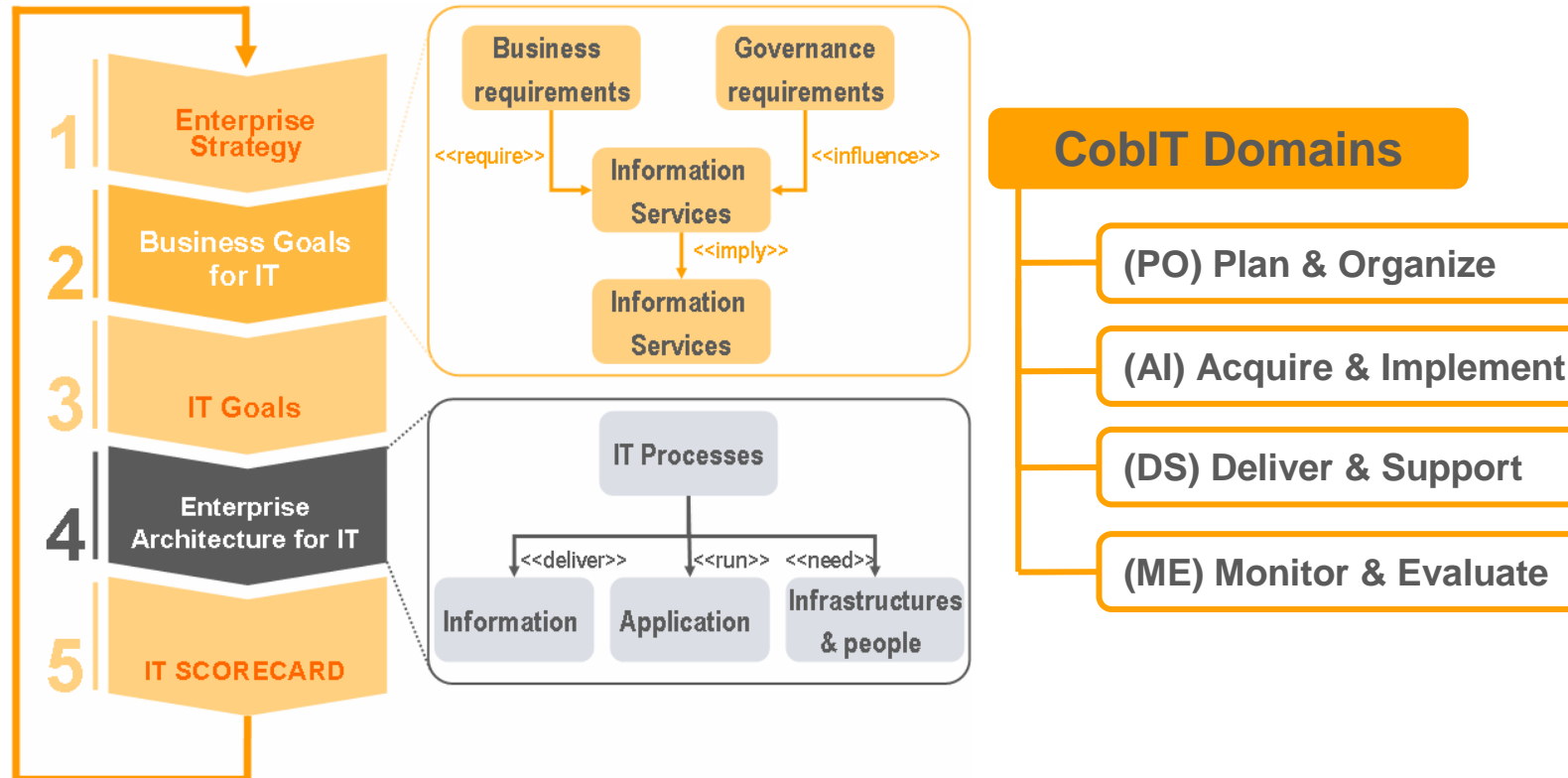
CobIT Mechanisms

Internal control system to manage business requirements

Ensure diligence by all individuals involved in mngt

Enable development of policies and good practice for IT

CobIT: Controlling IT Governance



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Getting the best of both worlds

Implementation guidance

Awareness of the business purpose of best practices

Supporting decision making on which practices to use

Tailoring to suit specific organizations' requirements

**ITIL and CobiT will be mapped through
its core components,
corresponding each other in a high degree**

Getting the best of both worlds

ITIL	CobIT
Service Desk	DS8 Assist and Advise costumers DS7 Educate and train users
Incident Management	DS10 Manage Problems and Incidents
Problem Management	DS10 Manage Problems and Incidents
Configuration Management	DS9 Manage Configuration
Change Management	AI6 Manage Changes AI3 Acquire and Maintain Technology
Release Management	AI6 Manage Changes DS9 Manage Configuration
Service Level Agreement	DS1 Define and Mange service levels M3 Obtain independent assurance
Financial Management	DS6 Identify and Allocate cost M2 Monitor the processes
Capacity Management	DS3 Manage Performance and Capacity
Continuity Management	DS4 Ensure continuous service AI6 Manage Changes
Availability Management	DS3 Manage performance and capacity AI2 Acquire and maintain Applications

Mapping ITIL & CobIT

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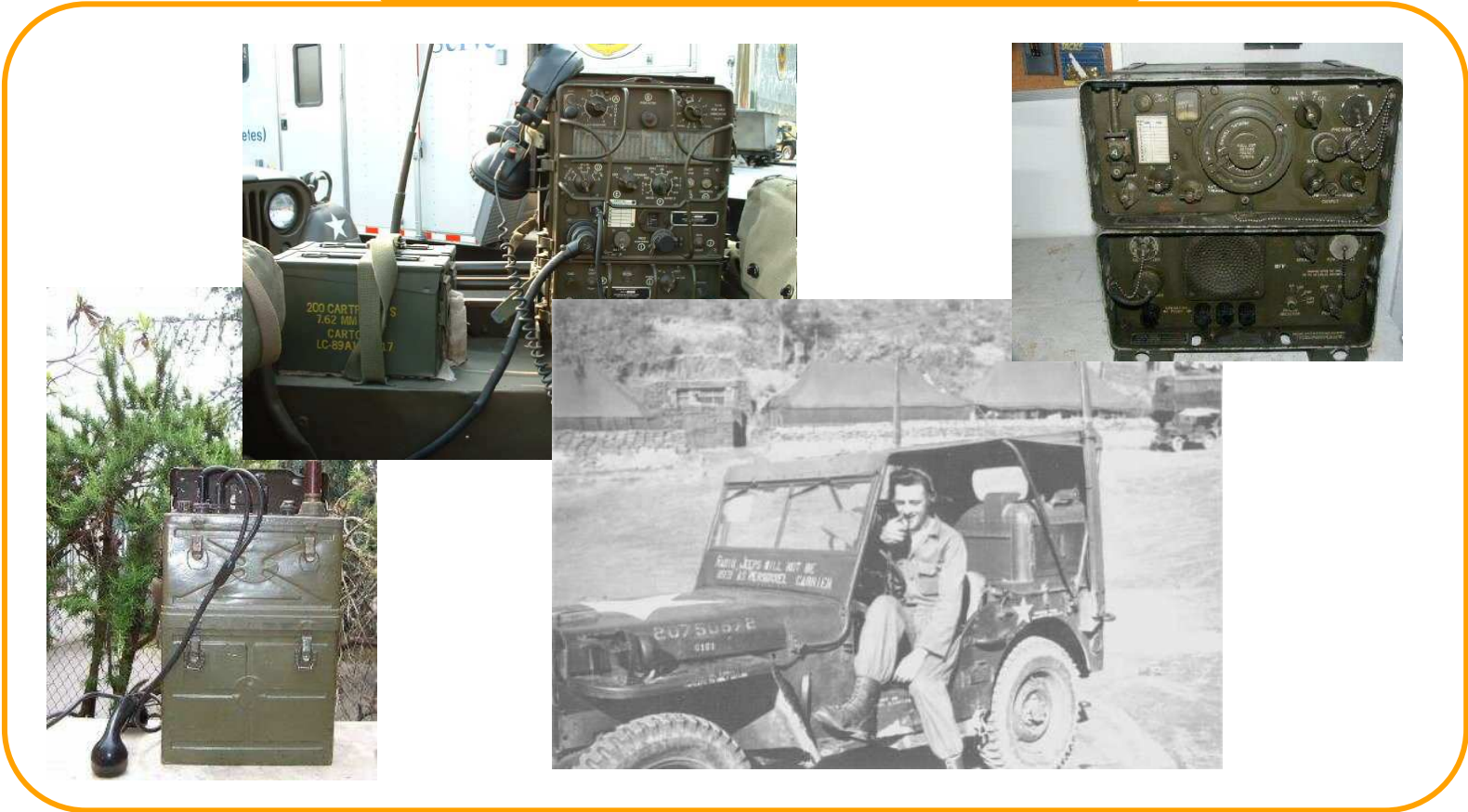
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Facing the problem

NEW GENERATION RADIOS



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Facing the problem

Technical point of view

During Software Defined Radio business definition
(operational modes, physical restrictions, etc.)
there are unrealistic expectations of Service Level.

VS

Business point of view

It's hard to have commitments on SDR Service Levels
How the SDR dev handle on controlling its expenses

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ITIL in a Radio Environment

One of the most important problems that SDR development has to deal with is how to clearly specify the service level that the system will provide



“The radio will interconnect with different kind of networks (ISR, NIRIS, POS, MIP Database Instance), providing capability to interoperate with different kind of data (GMTI and imagery, air tracks, emitter detections and identifications, Blue Force data)”

ITIL in a Radio Environment

Service Transition

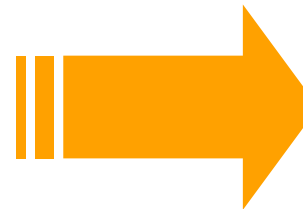
Radio starting up & deployment

Managing the catalog of hardware and software components (FPGA, DSP, licenses, computers, radios, etc.) your organization has

Service Operation

Day by day of released Radios

Definition of a service desk to gather the problems appeared in a radio or waveform



Improving Radio lifecycle

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Measuring how good the radios are defined

Define a framework to measure how good (or bad) the service is delivered (depending the Level defined)
Key Performance Indicators and Key Goals Indicators have to be defined over the SDR development lifecycle

Business Level

Both indicators will be related to the strategy required by the company to develop its services

KGI: Achieve successful interconnectivity within all the networks

KPI: Number of failures the radio has trying to connect to a different network

Measuring how good the radios are defined

IT / Tactic Level

required IT mechanisms to implement the strategy defined previously

KGI: Use SOA to achieve the interconnectivity among all the networks

KPI: Delay in seconds measured from the transmission of a message and the reception of it

SDR Development Level

SDR implementation decisions that was taken to achieve the goals defined in the Strategy Level

KGI: Use XML as a language for exchanging data through the different networks

KPI: Number of times the networks is collapsed due to overhead prompted by the use of XML

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Link the Business KGI with SDR Development KPI

Present the value of the IT decisions taken in a development phase to the business board

Tactic / IT, and Business strategies can be refined, based on SDR Development

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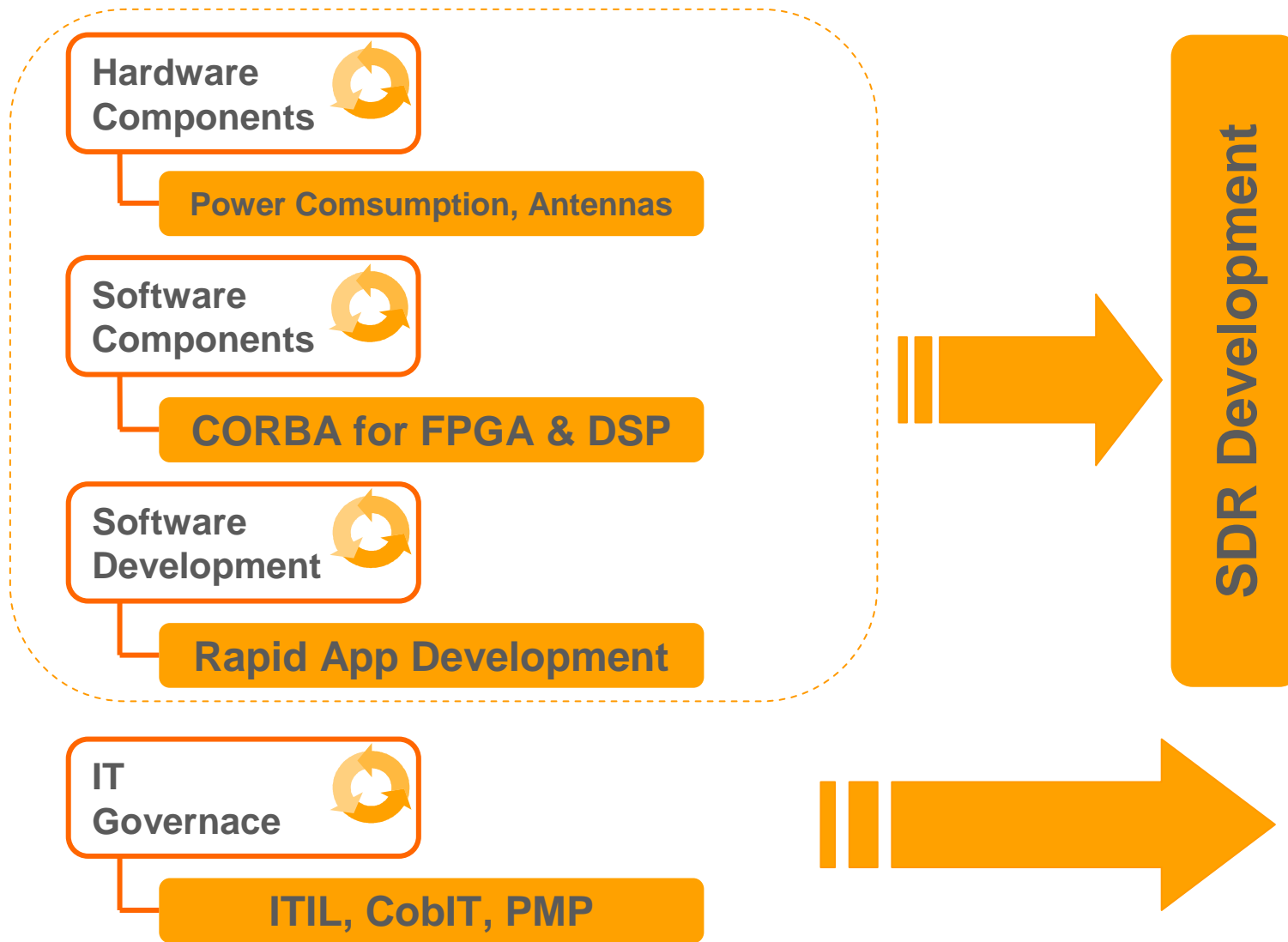
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Still too few companies that have been successfully implemented, in their management models, best practices and govern in IT & Business Levels

SDR Governance

Increasing number of companies that are in process of implementation best practices on IT Governance

Link the performance in the IT processes with the decisions that have been taken in a Business Strategy Level

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