Cyber Risk in the Financial Sector

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How cyber events can affect financial stability

Shocks

Cyber events; malicious events are cyberattacks

Vulnerabilities

Firm Level

Cyber events become cyber incidents

<u>Vulnerability</u>: weak controls, defenses, and recovery ability of firms

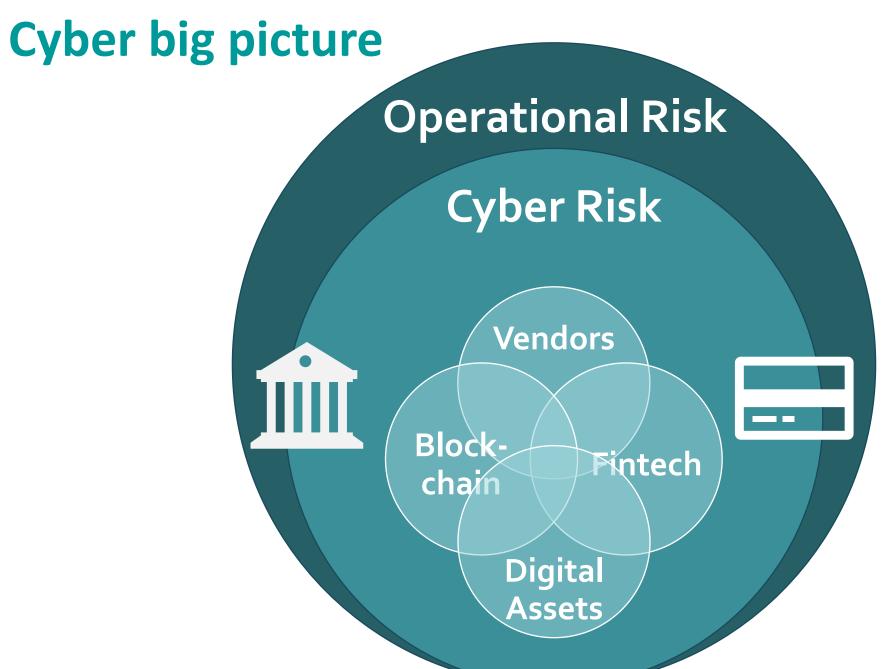
System Level

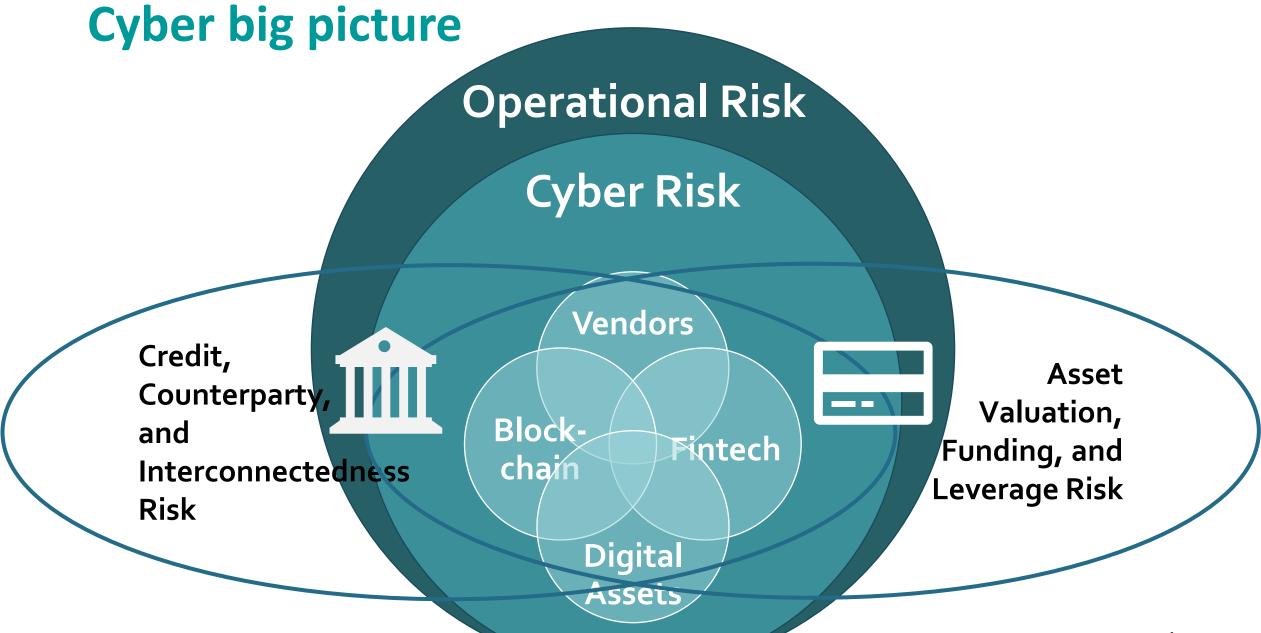
Cyber incident becomes systemic

Vulnerability: digital interdependencies, lack of substitutes for critical services, role of confidence

Implications

Systemic cyber incidents can affect financial stability





Some recent initiatives

Mitigate vulnerabilities through supervision

Expanding resources and capabilities

Notification Rule for Banking Orgs and Bank Service Providers

Collaborate across the official sector

Response playbook and communications G₇, FSB, and other international exercises and collaboration

Monitor vulnerabilities to financial system stability

Cyber risk in *Financial Stability Report* and assessment

Cyber risk research

Expand understanding of cyber risk measurement

FRB Rich-Board-MIT collaboration

Data and metrics for measuring cyber risk