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# **Seabasing Logistics**



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# Overview

*Seabasing Logistics*

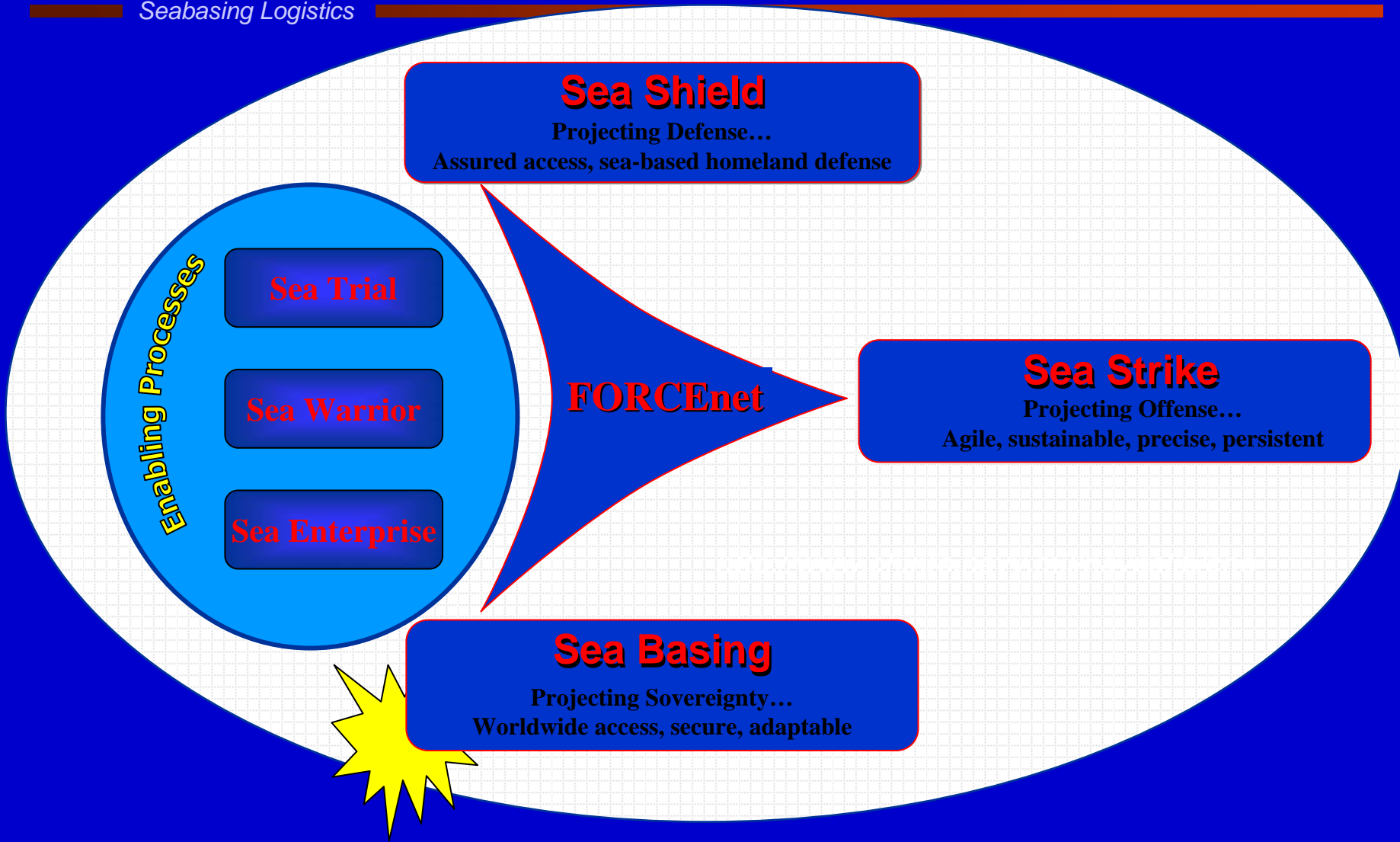
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- Seabasing Background
- Seabasing Overview
- **Logistics challenges**
- Summary



# Sea Power 21

Seabasing Logistics



## Sea Shield

Projecting Defense...  
Assured access, sea-based homeland defense

Enabling Processes

Sea Trial

Sea Warrior

Sea Enterprise

FORCEnet

## Sea Strike

Projecting Offense...  
Agile, sustainable, precise, persistent

## Sea Basing

Projecting Sovereignty...  
Worldwide access, secure, adaptable



# Seabasing Foundation

Seabasing Logistics

**A joint  
capability**

- Defense Science Board Study

*“...Seabasing will be a critical future **joint military capability** for the United States.”* AUG 2003

- National Defense Strategy

*“DOD is changing... placing more emphasis on the ability to surge quickly to trouble spots across the globe, and **making U.S. forces more agile and expeditionary**. The new challenge is to project joint power more rapidly to confront unexpected threats.”* SECDEF 17 FEB 2005

- QDR

- Naval Transformation Roadmap

*“We are developing **joint sea bases** that will allow our forces to **strike from floating platforms close to the action**, instead of being dependent on land bases far from the fight.”* President George W. Bush 2005 USNA Commencement Address



# Seabasing Principles

Seabasing Logistics

- Use the sea as maneuver space
- Provide joint forcible entry capability
- Provide scalable, responsive joint power projection
- **Sustain joint operations**
- Leverage forward presence
- Create uncertainty for adversaries

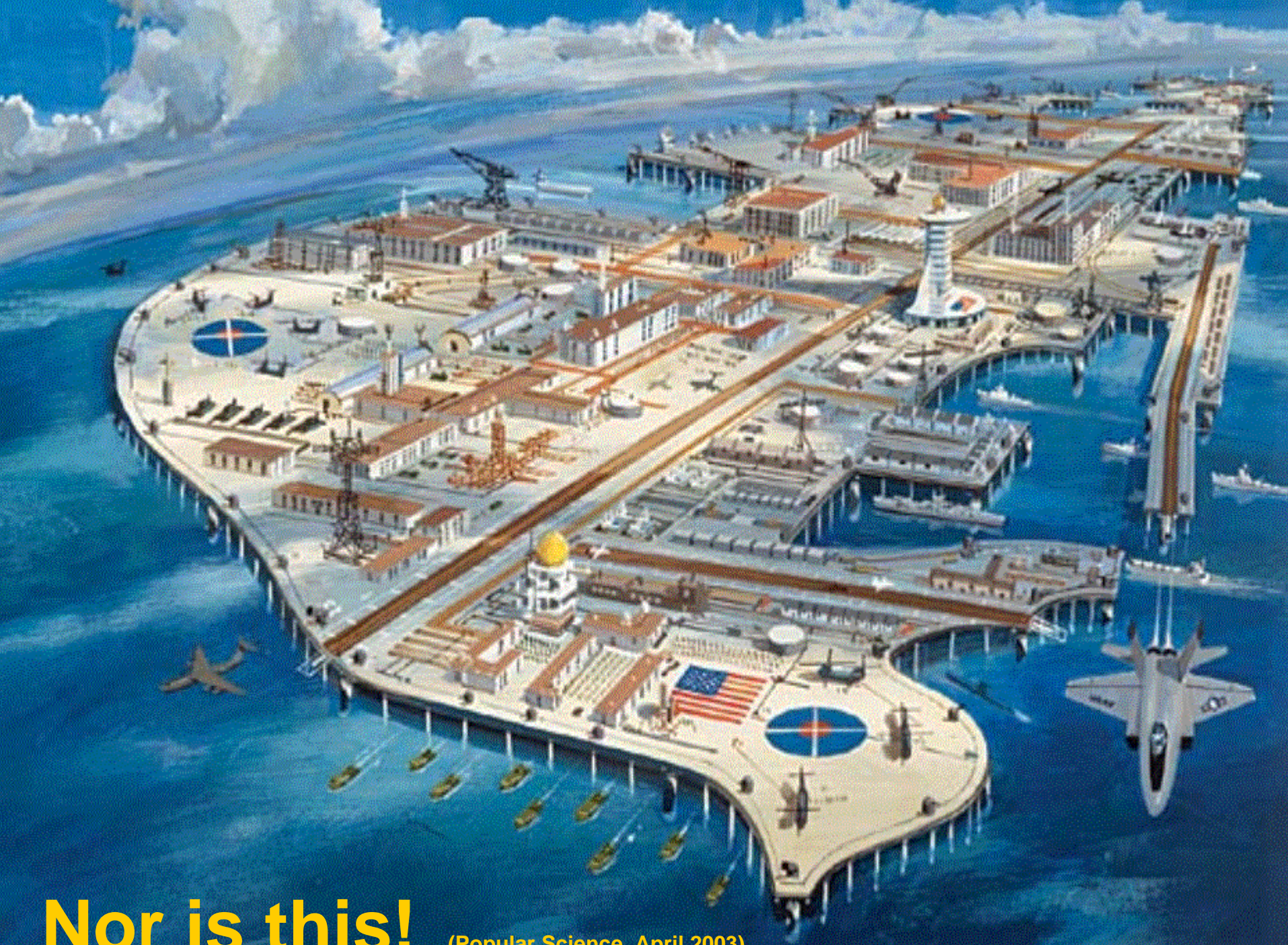
*Speed, access,  
persistence*

*...From the sea*



**This is not  
Seabasing!**





**Nor is this!**

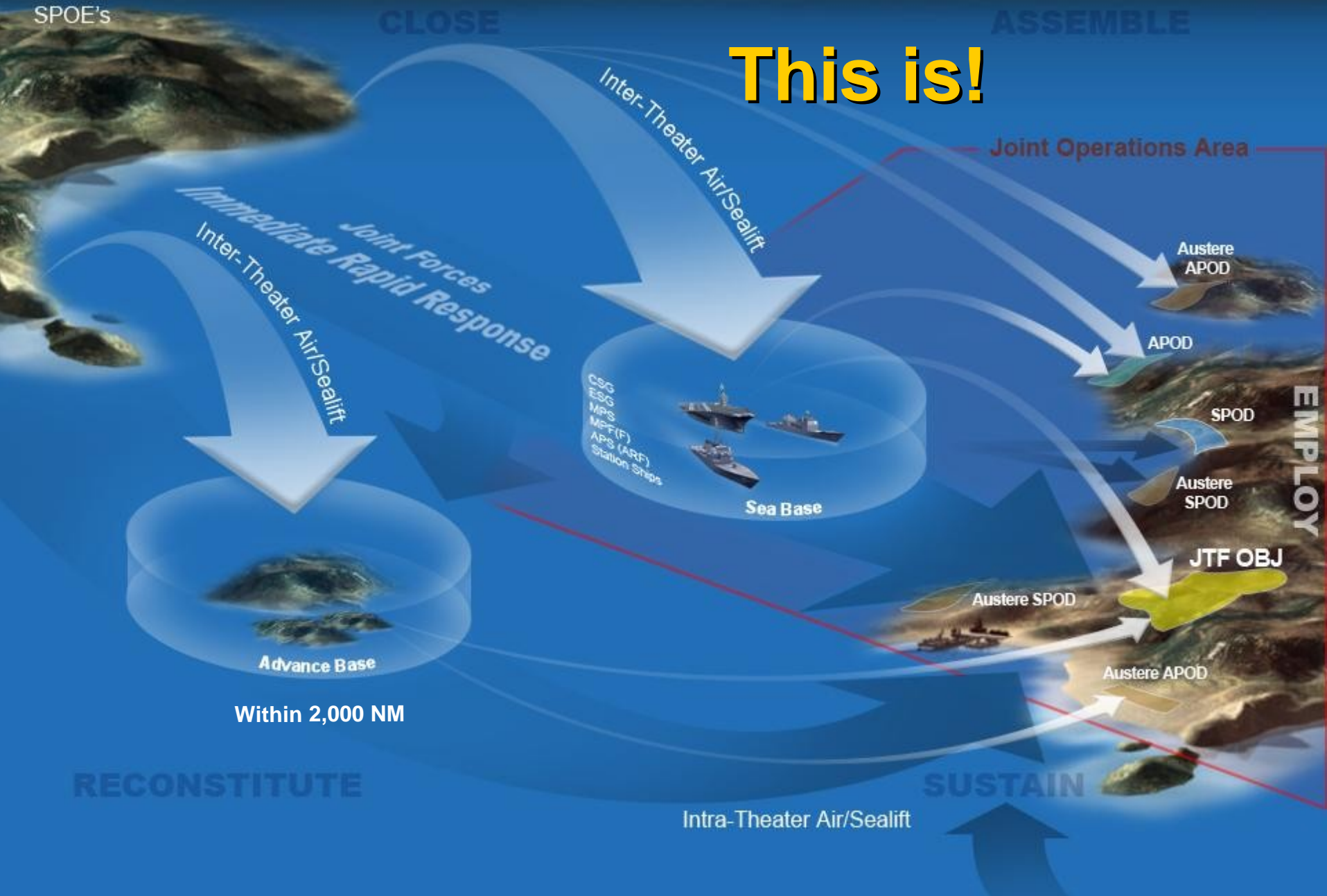
(Popular Science, April 2003)



# Seabasing Overarching view

CONUS  
APOE's  
SPOE's

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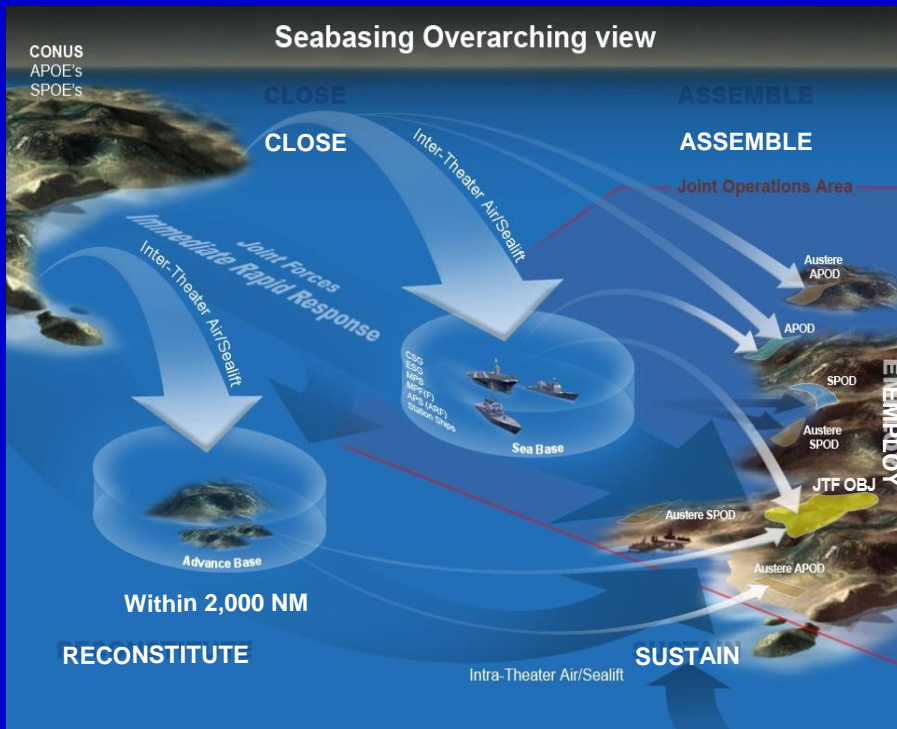






# Seabasing Overview

Seabasing Logistics



**Close** Within 10-14 days of execution order

**Assemble** Joint capabilities within 24-72 hours of arrival

**Employ** At least one brigade over-the-horizon AND within one period of darkness (8-10 hrs)

**Sustain** **At least two joint brigades** with selected joint maint and level III medical support

**Reconstitute** Reemploy one brigade operating ashore within 10-14 days

*Framing the range of capabilities*



# A New Capability Emerges

Seabasing Logistics

**Sea State 4  
operations**

## MPS: 2004

- Shore Based Operations
- 18 knot SOA
- Prepo USMC MEB Equipment
- Secure Port Offload or via LOTS
- Assembly in Port
- Iron Mountain ashore
- Sustainment flows Via Port
- Part of Common User Pool
- Dense Stowage
- Last-in / First-out

## MPF(F): 2020

- Sea Based Operations
- 20-24 knot SOA
- Prepo USMC MEB Equipment
- No need for a port or HNS
- **At-Sea Arrival and Assembly**
- **≥20 DOS at Sea Base**
- **Sustained from the Sea Base**
- Remains at Sea Base or in JOA
- **Combat Configured**
- Tailored Logistics packages



# MPF(F) Hybrid Squadron

## Platform List

Seabasing Logistics

**2 LHA(R)  
& 1 LHD**



- Selectively off-loadable
- Combat allowance +  $\geq 5$  DOS
- Aviation Class IX (non F/W)
- Quick reaction

**3 TAKEs**



- Selectively off-loadable
- Large volume break-bulk
- $\geq 15$  DOS between 3 ships
- Carry FBE ordnance

**3 LMSRs**



- Carry: RFI and selectively off-loadable
- Initial combat load for forces carried
- Selected commodities DOS (tbd)
- Carry Class IX for shops

**3 MLPs**



- Mobile Landing Platform
- Connects LMSRs, troops and LCACs

**2 MPS(L)**



- Container RO-RO
- Dense packed
- Primary source of SOA material
- Carry FBE material

**SOA**

**ACE fixed wing aircraft location is not on MPF(F) ships – either on an ESG or ashore**





# 2015 Baseline MEB Organization

Seabasing Logistics

14,484 personnel & 1,886 major pieces of equipment







**Command Element** (769 CE pers)

## Reinforced Infantry Regiment

- 3 Inf Bn 
- 2 Tank Co 
- 2 LAR Co 
- 2 AA Co 
- 3 Arty Btry 
- 1 EFSS Btry 
- 1 HIMARS Btry 
- 2 Cbt Engr Co 

(5,585 pers)

## Composite Marine Aircraft Group

- 3 JSF Sqdn 
- 1 EA Sqdn 
- 1 HMLA Sqdn 
- 1.25 CH-53 Sqdn 
- 4 VMM Sqdn 
- 1 KC-130 Sqdn 

(5,660 pers)

## Brigade Service Support Group

- DS Co ACE (FW) 
- DS Co ACE (RW) 
- 3 Inf Bn DS Co 
- Mech Unit DS Co 
- Arty Unit DS Co 
- GS Bn 

(2,470 pers)

Major Items of Equipment	MEB
EFV	106
LAV	54
M1A1	30
LW155	18
EFSS	6
HIMARS	6
JTRS	215
HMMWV	799
ITV	33
MTVR	335
LVS	134
UH-1Y	9
AH-1Z	18
JSF	30
EA-6B	5
KC-130	12
MV-22	48
CH-53E	20
UAV	8
PERSONNEL*	14,484



# Developing Joint Concepts

Seabasing Logistics

- Seabasing Joint Integrated Concept (JIC)
- Joint distribution pipeline
- Joint Logistics JIC
- Joint theater logistics management

*Opportunities to integrate efforts*

## Non-Navy programs

Austere Access HSS (AAHSS)  
Theater Support Vessel (TSV)  
Army Strategic Flotilla (ASF)  
Heavy Lift VTOL (HLVTOL)  
DLA Deployable Distribution Depot

## Navy programs

Rapid Strategic Lift Ship (RSLs)  
High Speed Vessel  
MPF(F)  
CH-53X  
T-AKE

## Joint programs

Combine?  
JHSV  
Complement?  
Complement?  
Integrate?

***Seabase enablers with in service relevance***

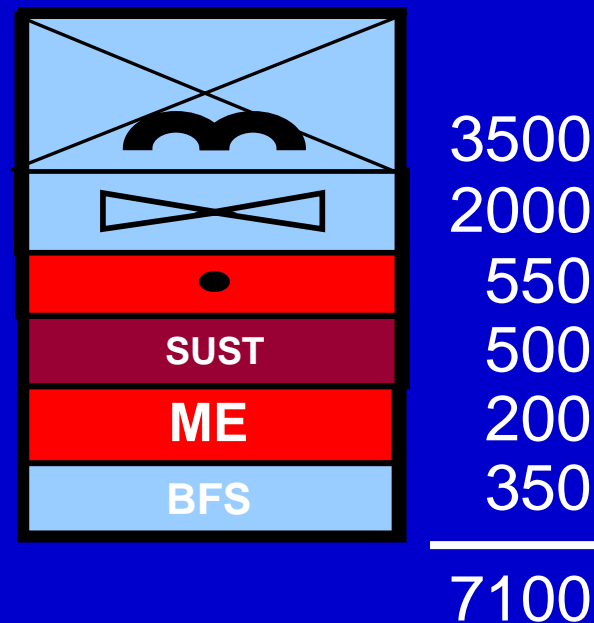


# Notional Army application

## Brigade centered building blocks

Seabasing Logistics

- X  Infantry BCT ~3500 pers
- X  Airborne/Air Assault BCT ~ 3500 pers
- X  Stryker BCT ~3900 pers
- X  Heavy BCT ~3800 pers
- X  Aviation Expeditionary Brigade ~2500-2700 pers
- X  Fires BDE ~1100 pers
- X  SUST Sustainment BDE ~1000 pers
- X  ME Maneuver Enhancement BDE ~600 pers
- X  BFS Battlefield Surveillance BDE ~1000 pers



Volume appears achievable, "devil's in the details"





# Army Perspective

Seabasing Logistics

**Conceptual support,  
but issues remain to  
be addressed**

## *Can the Navy's seabase accommodate...*

- Lift heavy forces from sea platforms
- Accommodate complex RSOI
- Address anti-access littoral threats (MCM, missiles)
- Provide force protection when JSB must approach the shore
- Provide supporting fires to shore forces
- Joint logistics common operating picture
- C<sup>2</sup> for Joint Force Land Component Commander

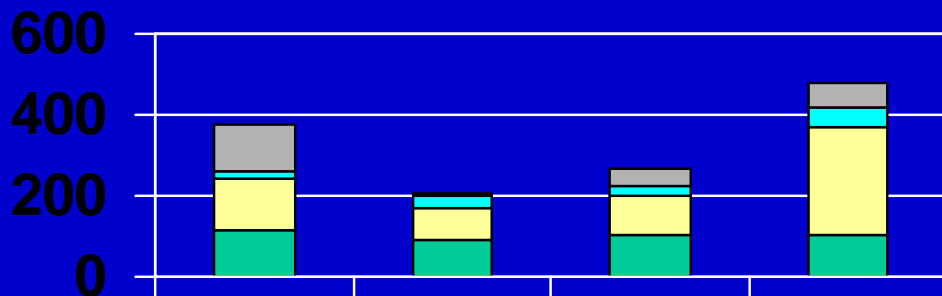
***...From the sea***



# Supporting Two Brigades Ashore

Seabasing Logistics

## Short Tons / Day Consumed



CL V

Dry (Non CL V)

Bulk POL

Water

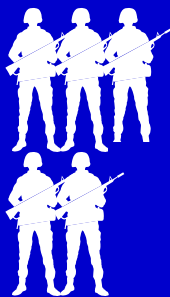
**200-500 ST  
daily flow per  
brigade**

2015  
SBME

Lt  
BDE

Styker  
BDE

Heavy  
BDE



~ 1,000

*Two Brigade consumption:*

- 1 T-AO every 40-80 days
- 1 T-AFS every 20-40 days



# Logistics Enabling Capabilities

Seabasing Logistics

Log C<sup>2</sup>

## Interface & Transfer Capabilities

- Skin-to-Skin Transfers
- At-Sea Container Transfer
- Heavy Unrep
- Integrated Landing Platform
- Networked connectivity

## Intra-Ship Capabilities

- Modular Packaging Designs
- Selective Offload
- Improved Internal Cargo Handling
- Total Asset Visibility

*Capabilities required to provide interface between connectors to facilitate the transfer of containers, quadcons, pallets, personnel, ordnance, and equipment.*

### ***Without them ...***

- ***Limited to current methods of resupply***
- ***Unable to meet throughput requirements***





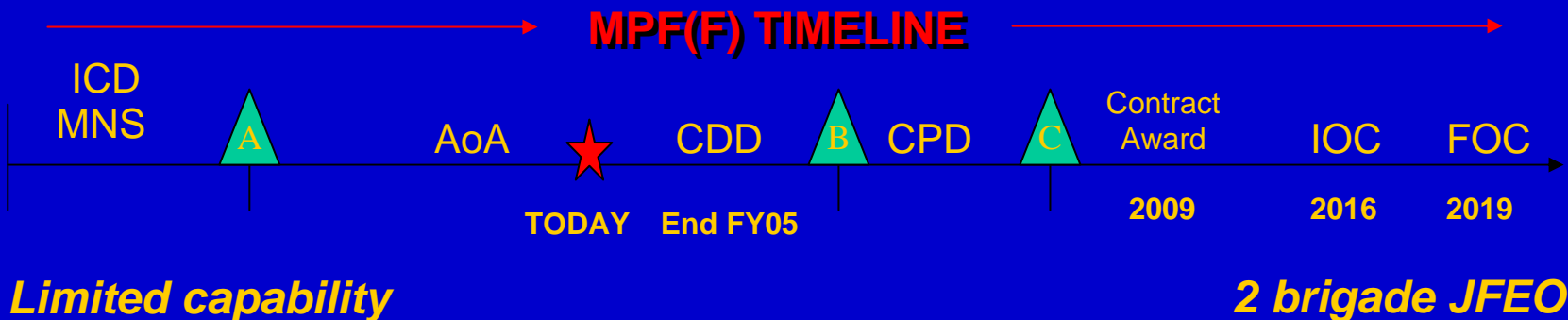


# Seabasing Capability Timeline

Seabasing Logistics



- Today:
  - Project MEU ashore with 15 days sustainment
  - Project and sustain SOF support
  - Support major humanitarian operations
- Future: Project an entire MEB ashore
  - Continuously support 2 joint brigades ashore





# Summary

Seabasing Logistics

- A strong concept with joint support
- Approved Joint Integrating Concept
- Capabilities must be refined
- Jointness needs to be matured
- Logistics CONOPS must support warfighting requirements
- Capabilities will mature as new technology/platforms mature
- Opportunities abound as capability development continues



*Work in  
progress*



# Questions?



# Moving Heavy Loads At Sea

## Seabasing Logistics

- Future Sea Bases will require four separable at-sea cargo transfer processes
  - Selective cargo movement within ships
  - At-sea transfer from vessels to lighters inside well decks
  - At-sea transfer to and from lighters alongside Sea Base ships
  - At-sea transfer from black hull commercial vessels to Sea Base ships
- For heavy loads, these processes differ
- Stabilized cranes, together with means to stabilize ships, offer limited technological options for at-sea cargo transfer

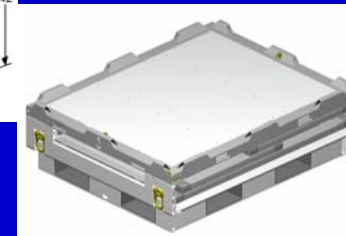
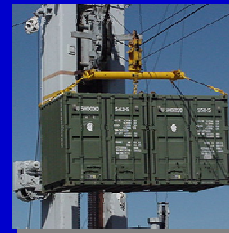




# CLF Advanced Development

*Seabasing Logistics*

- Improved Underway Replenishment
- Shipboard Material Handling
- Standardized Containerization
- Asset Visibility & Planning



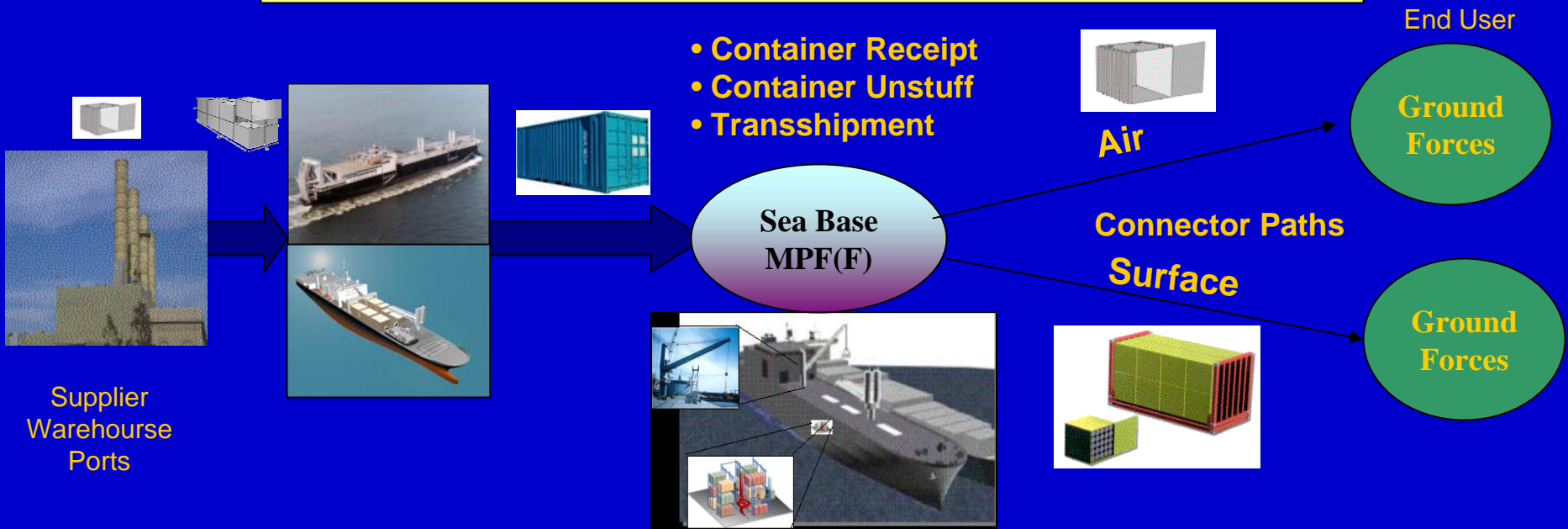
Naval Logistics Integration with USMC



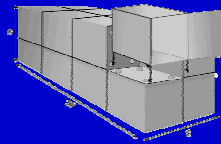
# Common Intermodal Packaging

Seabasing Logistics

**We need to improve the handling and reduce retrograde, waste, and storage requirements as sustainment moves through the supply chain.**



**Standardizing the packaging through the transportation system**

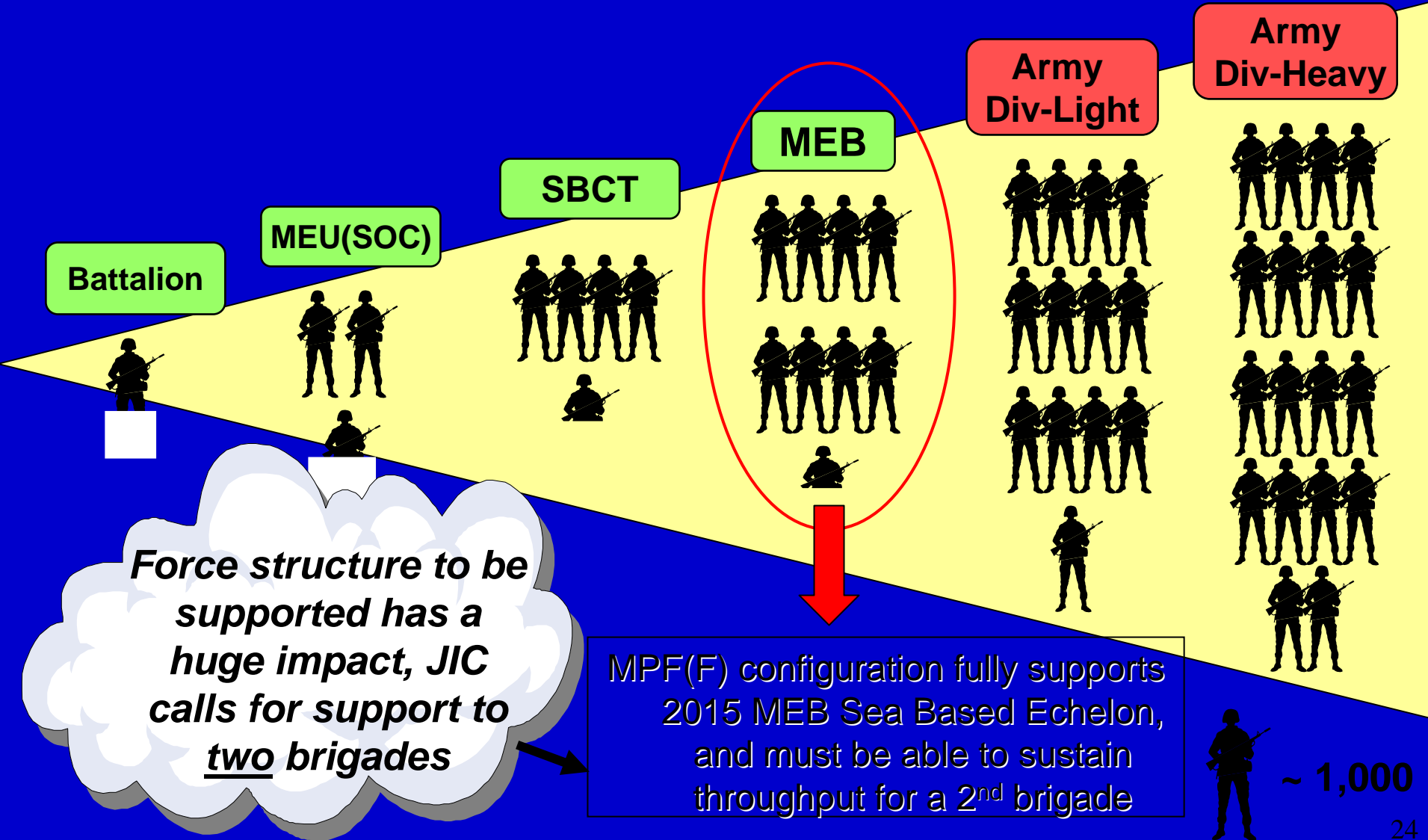




# Sizing the Sea Base -- Jointly

*(What capacity is required?)*

Seabasing Logistics





# Seabased Forcible Entry Requires

Seabasing Logistics

- All functions performed on the Sea Base
  - Moving forces, materiel, and weapons from an advanced base (or CONUS) to the Sea Base
  - At sea reception, staging, onward movement and integration
  - Getting the force to the objective and sustaining it
  - Sea, air and land platforms working in concert to project power to the objective
  - Defense suppression
- A **joint system** extending across interoperable platforms, netted together and sustained **from the sea**

*It's much more than logistics – it's operations*





# MPF (F)

## Operational implications

Seabasing Logistics

### Key Mission Capabilities

- Close the Force
  - Assembly at sea/enroute
- ATF Interoperability
  - At-sea interface
  - RW platform
  - UNREP capable
  - Selective offload
  - C4I
- Sustainment
- Medical
- Joint C2
- Maintenance

### Sea Based Logistics

- Cargo transshipment capability
  - Logistics Throughput Node
  - AB to Sea Base Shuttle Ship
- Personnel & aviation basing
- Open ocean air and surface craft interface
- Selective Offload of Cargo
- Total Asset Visibility
  - Intransit Visibility
- At-Sea Container Handling
  - Internal & External
- At-sea Cargo Warehousing



# Experimentation

Seabasing Logistics

At sea transfer to/from lighters



Rolling stock transfer to smaller vessels



Standardized packaging



Del Mar 05  
Seabasing Experimentation

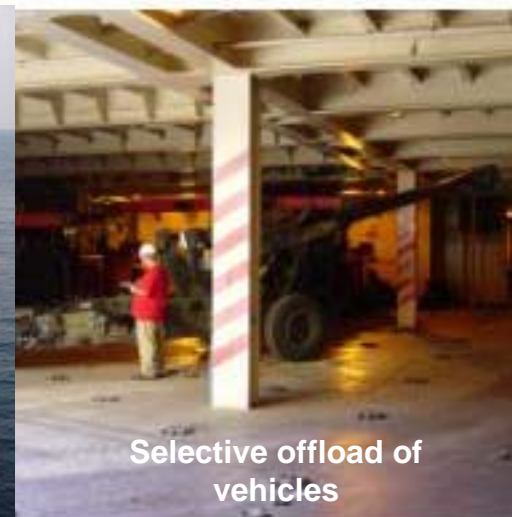
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Skin-to-skin transfer



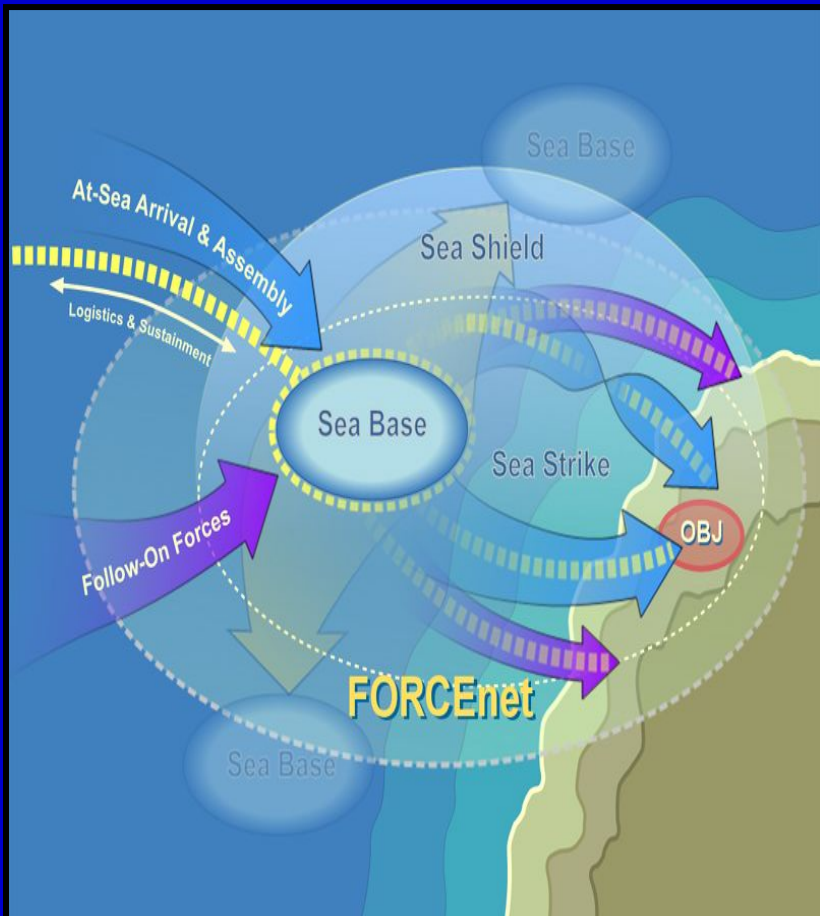
Selective offload of vehicles





# Measures of Performance

## Seabasing Logistics



### Capacity

How much joint force capability can be supported.

### Rate

How fast can things be accomplished to support joint force capability over a given time under standard sets of conditions.

**Infrastructure** What physical requirements and facilities are needed to support and sustain the joint force capability.

**Interoperability** To what degree can we seamlessly integrate/support joint force capability.

**Survivability** To what degree can we protect joint force capabilities.

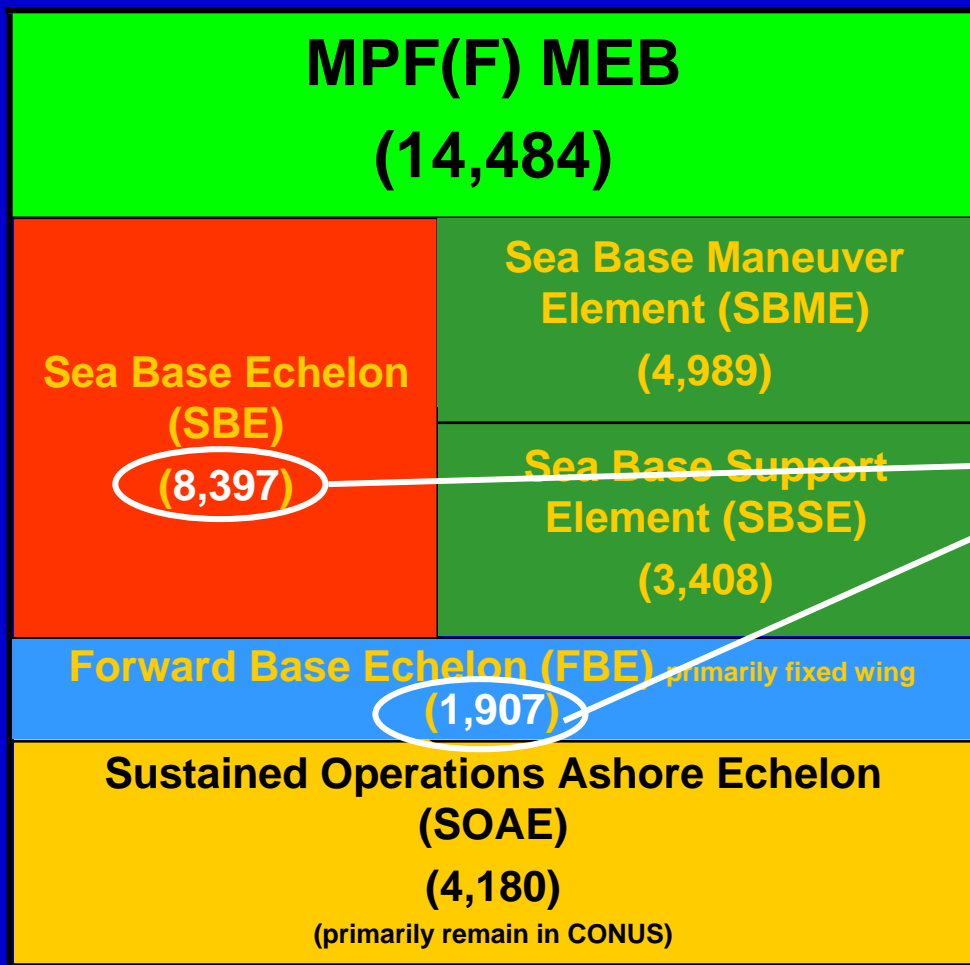
**Accessibility** How easily can we operate within the physical constraints presented by terrain, hydrography, weather, depth of operations, and threat.

*Framing the measures of effectiveness*



# Projected MEB Flow

Seabasing Logistics



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Essential personnel who have to deploy within the 14-day window are from the SBE and FBE only.

Arrival of the SOAE could occur outside of the 14 days and not necessarily go to the Sea Base.

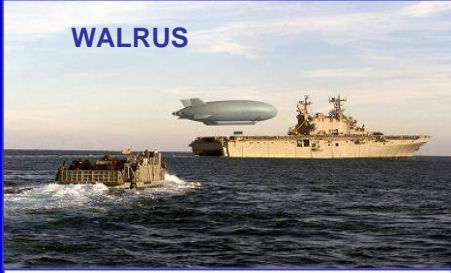




# Future Surface Connector Concepts

## Seabasing Logistics

**Developing capabilities**



**WALRUS**

Speed - 76 KT  
Range - 5,607-10,000 NM  
Avg Payload - 238 ST



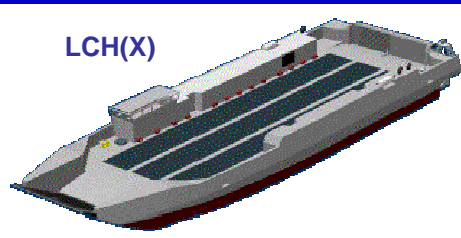
**High Speed Sealift**

Speed - 38 KT  
Range - 6,000 NM  
Payload - 8,000 ST  
158,000 SQ FT



**LCAC(X)**

Speed - KT  
Range - NM  
Payload - ST



**LCH(X)**

Speed - 30 KT  
Range - 200-300 NM  
Payload - 2200 ST



**Rapid Strategic Lift Ship**

Speed - 36 KT  
Range - 8,000 NM  
Payload - 5,000 ST  
131,000 SQ FT



**JHSV**

Speed - KT  
Range - NM  
Payload - ST  
SQ FT



**Articulated Tug Barge**

Speed - 15 KT  
Range - 12,000 NM  
Payload - 13,000 ST, 750 TEUs  
175,000 SQ FT  
30-55,000 bbls



# Future Air Connector Concepts

## Seabasing Logistics

**Heliplane or  
Carter Copter**

**Speed - 365 KT  
Range - 800 NM  
Payload - 22 ST  
150 PAX**



**AMC-X**

**Speed - 480 KT  
Range - 1-3000 NM  
Payload - 30-40 tons  
tbd PAX**

**KC-130J**

**Speed - 375 KT  
Range - 3000 NM  
Combat Radius - 1000 NM  
Payload - 21 tons  
128 pax**

**UH-1Y**

**Speed - 140 KT  
Range - 300 NM  
Combat Radius - 1000 NM  
Payload - 2 tons  
12 pax**

**MV-22**

**Speed - 275 KT int. load  
- 110 KT ext. load  
Combat Radius - 240 NM  
Payload - 10 tons  
24 pax**

**Seaplane**

**Speed - 325 KT  
Range - 2000 NM  
Payload - 30 tons  
180 PAX**

**Quad-Tilt Rotor**

**Speed - 280 KT  
Range - 2000 NM  
Payload - 20 tons  
67 PAX**

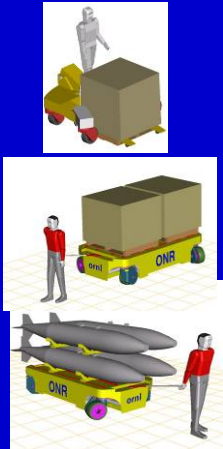
**CH-53X**

**Speed -150 KT int. load  
- 110 KT ext. load  
Range - >540 NM  
Combat Radius - >200 NM  
Payload - >16 tons  
55 pax**

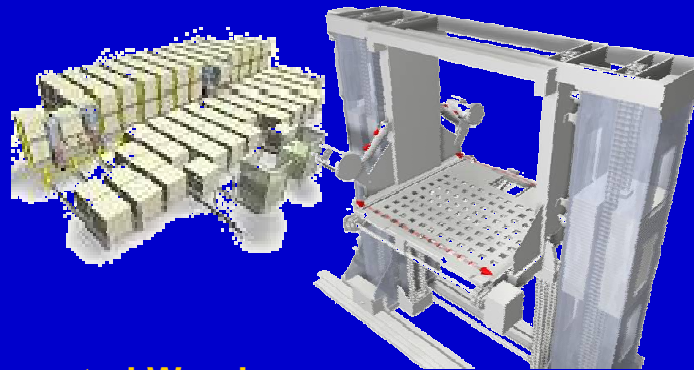


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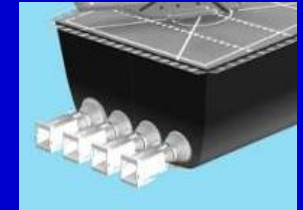
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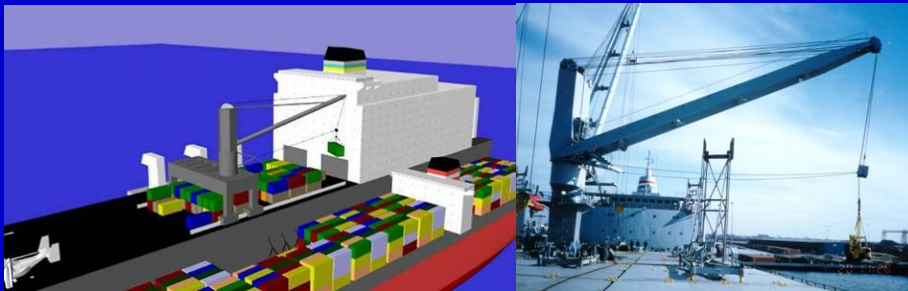
Compact / Agile Material Mover



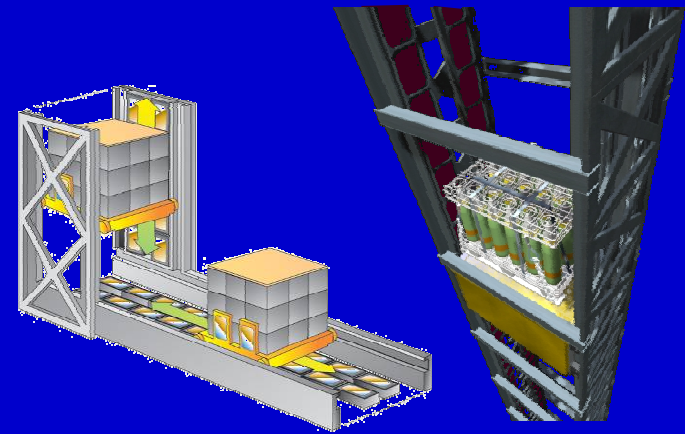
Automated Warehouse



38MW Axial Flow Waterjet



Large Vessel Interface  
Lift-On / Lift-Off (LVI LO/LO)



High Rate Vertical/Horizontal Material Movement