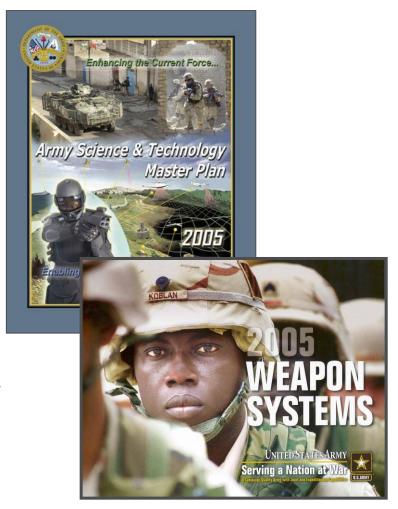


# Army Science & Technology

NDIA
Next Generation Capabilities:
Army Basic Research

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# **Overview**

## Basic Research Overview

# Army Basic Research Program Components

- Single Investigator Program
- Paradigm Shifting Capability Centers/University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs)
- University Research Initiatives
- In-House Research
- University Centers for Enduring Needs/Army Centers of Excellence
- Collaborative Technology Alliances

# New Initiatives

- Network Science
- International Technology Alliance (ITA)
- Army Educational Outreach



# Capabilities for a Joint and Expeditionary Army

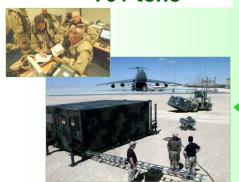
## **Current Force**



~100 lb. load



70+ tons



< 10 mph

# Enabling the Future Force

Science and Technology—

develop and mature

technology to enable

transformational capabilities

for the Future Modular Force

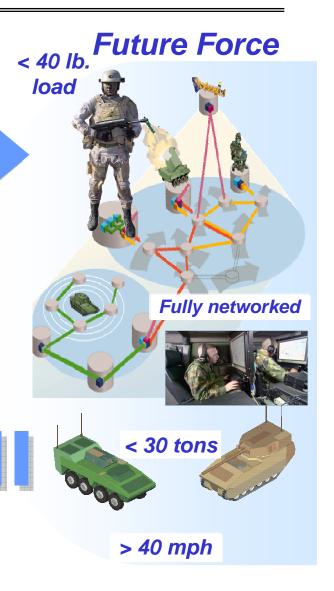
while seeking opportunities

to accelerate technology

directly into the Current

Modular Force

Enhancing the Current Force





# Army Enduring Need for Basic Research - Maintain Land Warfare Technological Superiority -

- Sponsor Army-unique areas of research (e.g., penetration mechanics, insensitive energetic materials, pulse power, etc.)
- Focus/tailor research and innovations in other areas to suit Army needs (e.g., compact power for the <u>soldier</u>, smart materials for <u>rotorcraft</u>, new materials for Soldier protection, high density <u>tactical</u> networks)

## • Purpose:

- Take advantage of new discoveries and mature knowledge to support Army future capabilities
- Enable breakthrough capabilities
- Exploit technological opportunities
- Interpret and tailor progress for Army benefit





# Basic Research

#### **University Single Investor Program**

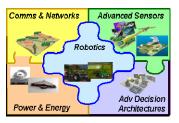
- Solid State Physics
- Structural Mechanics
- Electro-magnetics
- · Materials Science
- Innovative Countermine



#### University Research Initiative (Devolved)

- DURIP

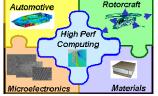
High Collaborative Technology **Alliances** Centers for **Enduring** University Needs Research Scientific Initiatives **Understanding** Paradigm Shifting **Army Unique Capabilities** Laboratory Centers/UARCS Research Single Investigator Program From Understanding to Technology



#### Collaborative Technology Alliances

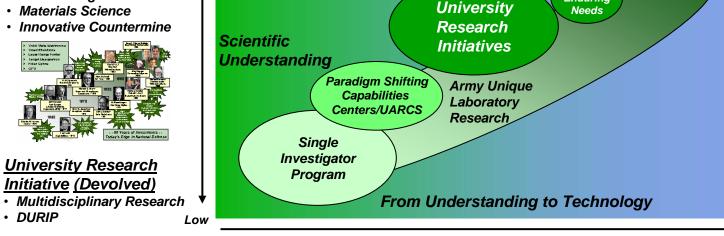
- · Comms & Networks
- Robotics
- · Advanced Sensors
- Power & Energy
- · Advanced Decision Arch
- · Micro-Autonomous Systems & Technologies
- Network & Info Science ITA



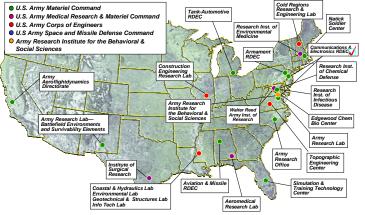


#### **University Centers** for Enduring Needs

- Microelectronics Center
- Vertical Lift Center of Excellence
- Materials Center
- Automotive Research Center
- High Perf Computing
- HBCU/MIs with Battle Labs



#### In- House Research





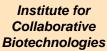




Institute for Soldier **Nanotechnologies** 

#### Paradigm Shifting Capabilities Centers/ UARCs





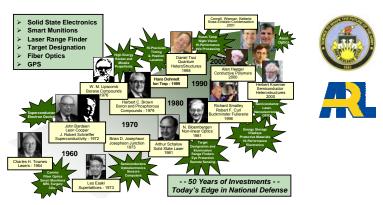


Institute for Creative **Technologies** 

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# Single Investigator Program



#### Exploit the innovation and flexibility of academia

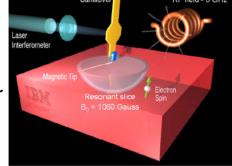
# Single Investigator Program

Discoveries and innovations often have

unforeseen, widespread impact

#### Single Electron Spin Detected

Ultra-high sensitivity coupling the magnetic resonance of atomic spins to the mechanical resonance of an Atomic Force Microsopy cantilever



- Potential applications to
- Quantum computing
- · Chem/bio defense
- Rapid exploitation of novel science opportunities world-wide
- 45 states and DC
- >200 institutions
- Graduate students supported:
  - ~1400
- ~ 900 university grants, \$80k/yr grant



# Paradigm Shifting Capability Centers/ University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs)



Electromechanics & Hypervelocity Physics



Soldier Survivability



*Immersive* **Environments** 



**Biotechnology** 

High intensity focus on emerging opportunities

#### Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies

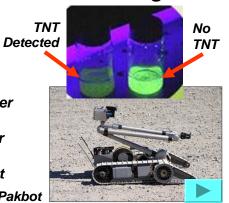
#### Objective:

Remote IED Detection

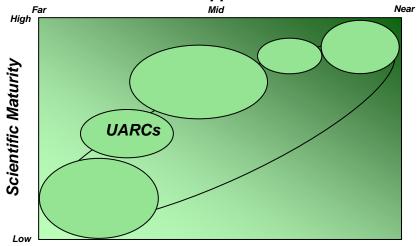
#### Approach:

Amplifying Fluorescent Polymer (AFP) developed by MIT ISN Associate Director Tim Swager normally glows green, but quenches when TNT is present

Fido/Pakbot

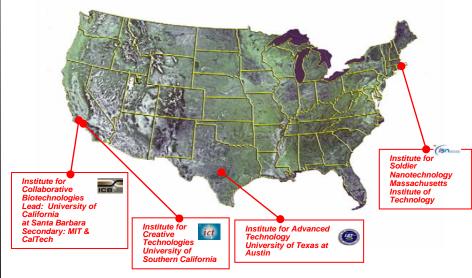


#### Transition to Applied Research



Leveraging breakthrough research for revolutionary capabilities

University Affiliated Research Centers



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# Paradigm Shifting Capability Centers/ University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs)

# Creating a Virtual Human

- Incorporate dynamics of human thought process, communication and response
  - Speech recognition
  - Natural language processing
  - Dialogue management
  - Cognition
  - Perception
  - Emotions
  - Animation
  - Cultural attributes

#### Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies



Grand Challenge:
Develop realistic human performance models



# Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)

- DDR&E provides oversight
- Collaboration with Army laboratories



Development of scaleable control architecture and algorithms suitable for operation of multiple aerial vehicles in dynamic environments

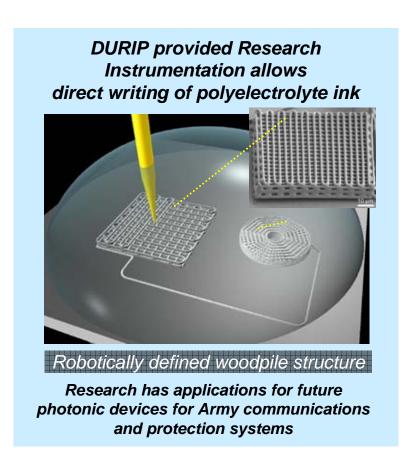
- Examples of MURI Topics of high relevance to the Army
  - Cross-Disciplinary Approach to the Modeling, Analysis, and Control of Wireless **Communication Networks** 
    - Develop analytical models and tools to describe, analyze, predict, and control the behavior of mobile ad hoc networks (MANETS)
    - · Enhance the ability to analyze, design and predict performance of MANETS in a variety of challenging environments
  - Material Engineering of Lattice-Mismatched Semiconductor Systems
    - Establish the science base and infrastructure needed to commercialize lattice-mismatched electronics
    - Provide system designers with options to enable major performance gains in highspeed data processing, improved target detection/recognition, and improved battlefield communications

Multi-disciplinary research to enable Army transformation

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# Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)

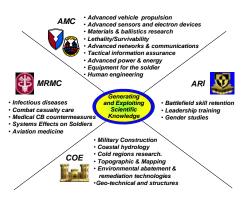


- Competitive grants awarded for the acquisition of research instrumentation
- Emphasis on instrumentation vital to the discovery of new science and the advancement of Army transformational technologies
- Allows researchers to take immediate advantage of fast paced instrumentation innovation

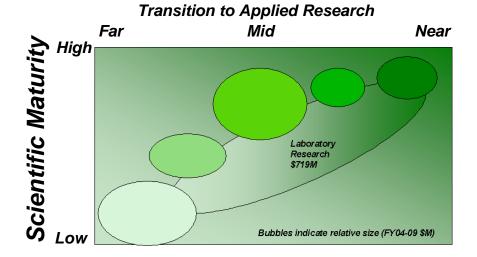
In one year, 210 professors and 920 post-docs and graduate students at top Universities in the U.S. perform research using Army sponsored DURIP equipment



# Army Laboratory In-house Research Army-Unique Facilities and Expertise



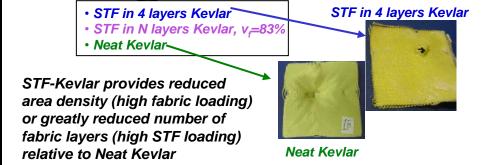
#### Insure against technological surprise



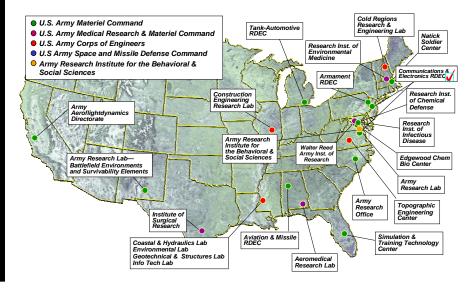
Discover & mature fundamental knowledge underlying Army applications

## "Liquid Armor" Concept

Objective: Provide a compact, flexible armor material

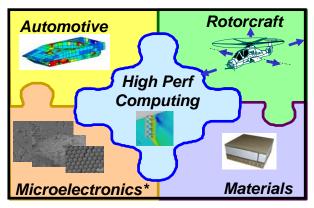


## U.S. Army Laboratories





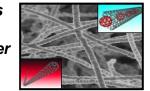
# University Centers for Enduring Needs



\* Ends in FY07

Objective of this materials research is to protect, conceal, and provide lightweight sustainment for the soldier and equipment.

- Indestructibility Integrated selfprotection capabilities from weapons, puncture, and blunt trauma
- Undetectable by contact search or standard detection devices (metal detectors, radars, etc.).

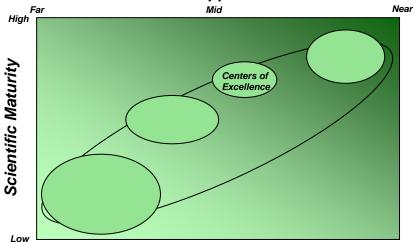


Carbon Nanotube Armor



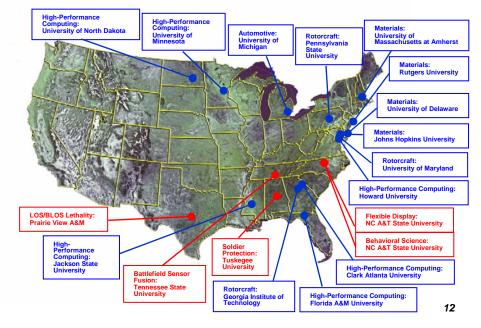
Adaptive Intelligent Laminates

#### Transition to Applied Research



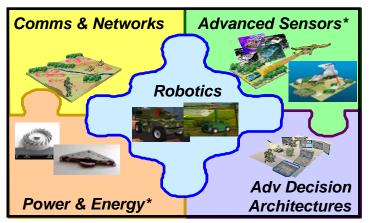
Advance the state-of-the-art for enduring Army needs

#### **University Centers For Enduring Needs**





# Collaborative Technology Alliances



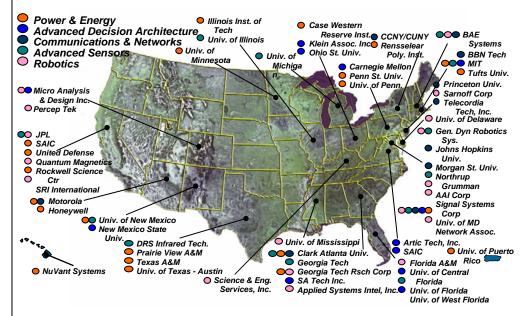
\* Transitions to Micro Autonomous Systems & Tech CTA in FY07

# Transition to Applied Research Mid Near High CTAs Low Access to world-class expertise & equipment

#### Micro Autonomous Systems and Technologies

Vision: Autonomous networked ensembles of multifunctional microsystems for enhanced battlefield situational awareness for the Soldier Technical Challenges:

- · Sensing, processing, communication, navigation & control
- · Materials, devices, integration, & packaging
- Microbionic ambulation & aeromechanics
- Miniature power & energy
- · Mobile, Distributed Sentience
- Platform Integration





# New Initiatives

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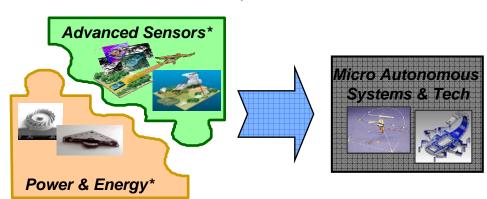


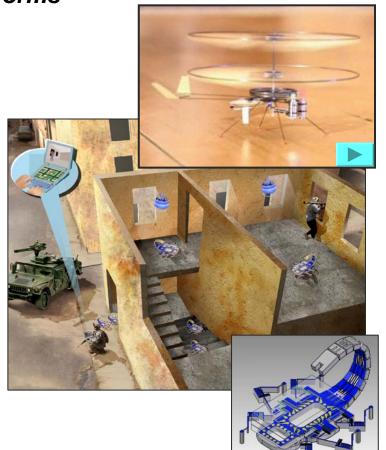
# Collaborative Technology Alliances

Industry Led Partnerships with Major Universities and the Army

Micro Autonomous Systems & Technologies (MAST) CTA: Targeted refocusing of Advanced Sensors and Power & Energy CTAs on enabling technologies for next-generation robotic platforms

- Payload power generation and management for palm-sized platforms
  - Small size limits mission objective & duration
- Power generation for mobile palm-sized platform
  - Small size limits means for generating mobility
- Bio-inspired and bio-mimetic sensing for navigation & control
  - Small size requires simple sensors for navigation & control
- · Computational sensing
  - Extracting information efficiently from data more important than improving sensor performance (e.g., dynamic range, resolution, frame rate)



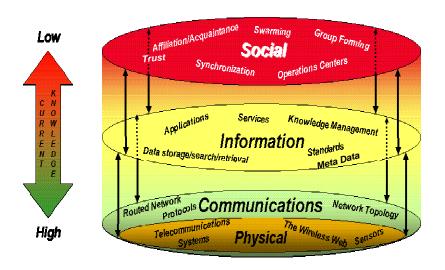




# FY06 Initiatives Network Science

 Develop mobile ad-hoc networks (MANET) through an integrated research program in Network Science, including cognitive and social domains, comms, mathematical models, biomimetics, ecosystems, sensors, power and coalitions

Command and Control Collaborate and Connect



#### **Project Provides:**

- Mathematical models of network behavior to predict performance with network size, complexity and environment
- Optimized human performance in network-enabled warfare
- Networking within ecosystems
- Molecular networking of proteins in cells

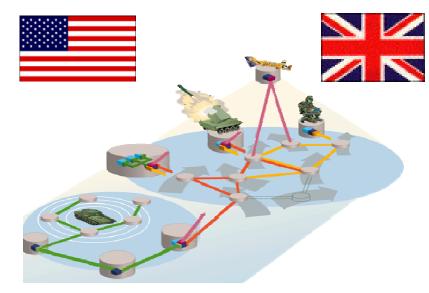
## Pacing Technologies:

- Statistical-based and analytic models for understanding MANET performance
- Cognitive and social models of individual and unit behavior in information-rich MANET environments
- Mathematical models of ecosystems as networks
- HPC exploitation of Interactomics

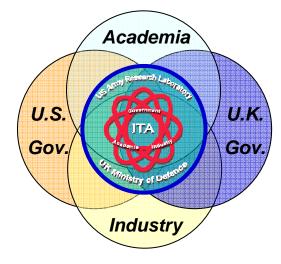


# **Network & Information Sciences ITA**

Jointly established research consortium formed from US and UK industrial and academic members for the purpose of conducting research to develop underpinning technology applicable to network centric warfare and to enhance US and UK capability to conduct coalition warfare

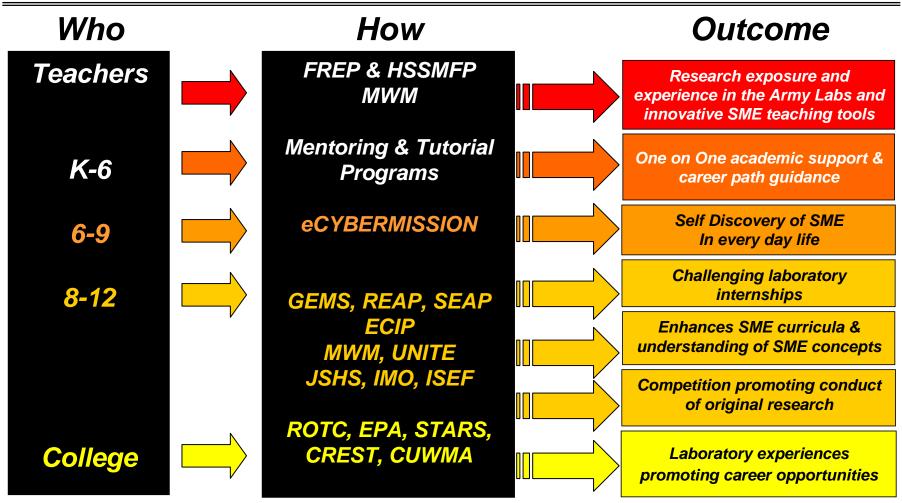


- Bi-lateral UK MOD—US Army collaboration
- Integrated US/UK industrial/academic consortium
- 5-10 year program starting in Spring 2006
- Builds on success of UK Defence Technology
   Centres and US Collaborative Technology Alliances





# Army Educational Outreach Program



Army S&T is committed to identifying, growing, and developing future generations of the Army's Scientist & Engineering workforce



# Summary

- Focused on accelerating the pace of Army Transformation to the Future Force while seeking opportunities to enhance the capabilities Current Modular Force
- Exploits innovation through partnerships between Army labs, academia and industry
- Seeks to strike balance between Army unique in-house research and extramural research at various levels of maturity
- Continues to push the boundaries initiatives in Network Science, Army Educational Outreach and Micro Autonomous Systems and Technologies





# **Transformational Army Science & Technology**

— Charting the future of S&T for the Soldier

