Protection and Hazard Mitigation – Vision of the Future

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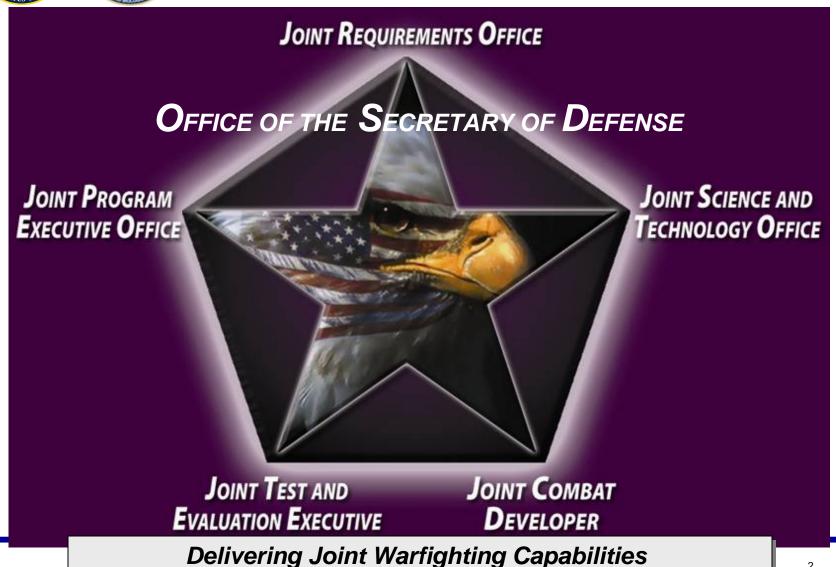
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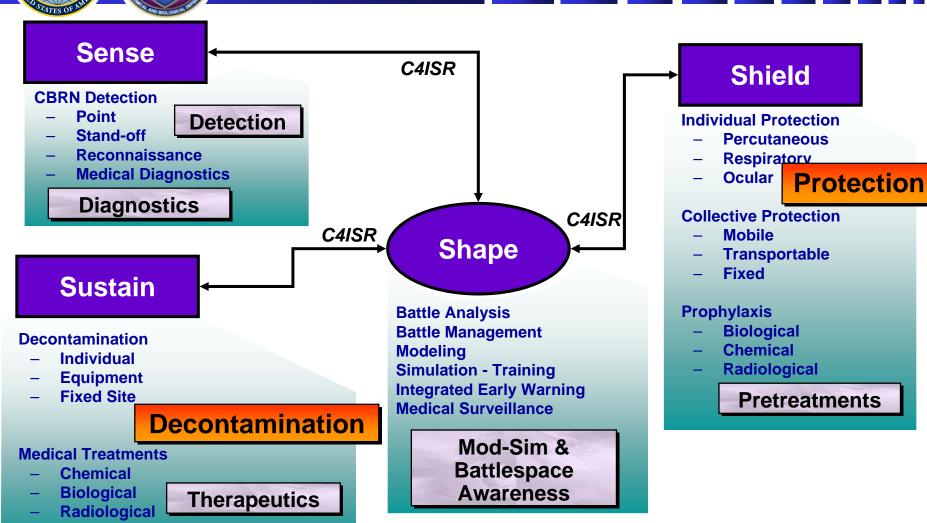


CB Defense Program Organization





CBRN Doctrinal Elements





OSD Guidance

- Identify and exploit revolutionary, rather than evolutionary, technologies
- Invest in approaches to counter emerging threats that hold the potential for revolutionary capabilities
- Seek out and take advantage of advancements in information management, nanotechnology, bioengineering, multifunctional materials, and human performance studies
- Exploit nanotechnology and microsystems to achieve the capability to embed detectors into major defense acquisition program systems

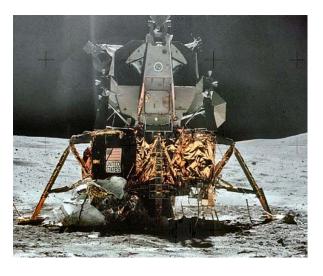
Excerpt from Program Strategy Guidance, March 2006

... seek out revolutionary technologies!





What is Revolutionary?



\$135 Billion¹ Apollo program makes 6 landings on the moon over a 3-year period and stimulates development of many spin-off technologies including integrated circuits and fuel cells. Journey has not been repeated in over 34 years.

1. Adjusted to 2006 dollars

Automatic rifle designed by Mikhail Kalashnikov and introduced in 1947 is revered for its simplicity and reliability. Produced worldwide and used by 55 national armies, it has become a cultural icon.



Fantastic, yet radically simple



The Low-Burden Imperative

Like Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), future threat use of CB weapons will likely be immediate, intense, and local. Thus, to have its greatest impact, protective and hazard mitigation measures must be constantly available. This necessitates low-burden equipment.



Sources of Burden:

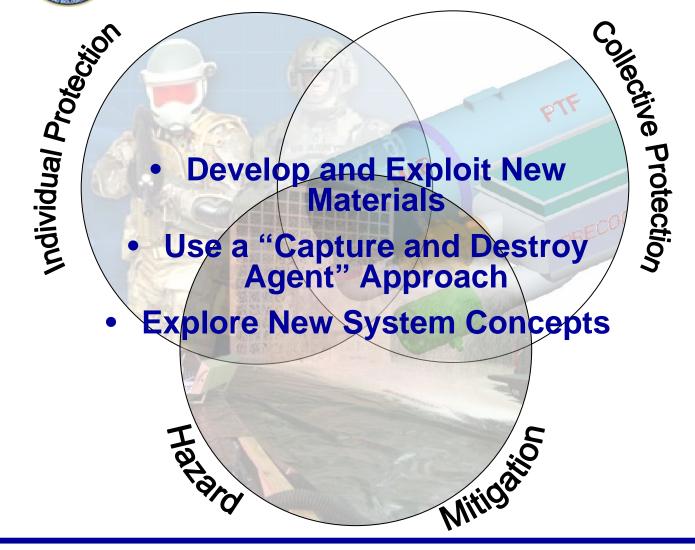
- Physiological
- Cognitive
- Logistical
- Operational







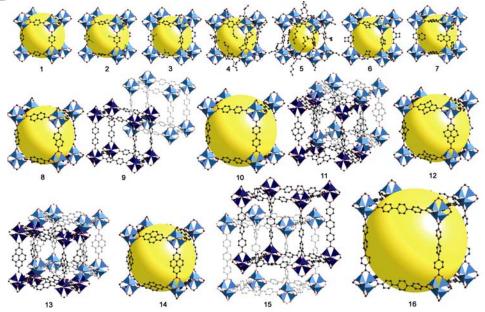
Unifying Threads





New Materials





Reticular Chemistry

- Synthetic open cell 3D structure
- Tailor-ability by size and functionality

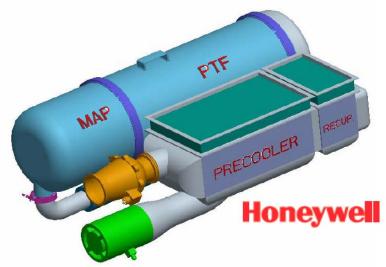
Nano-Fibers

- High efficiency, low drag
- Overcoming robustness and scalability issues
- Tailor-ability





Capture and Destroy Agent 1 (Reactive Filtration)

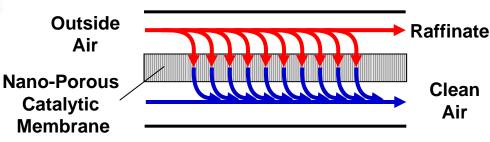


CATOX Air Purification

- Developed technology
- Non-traditional for CB
- Broad spectrum
- Post treatment of products

Catalytic Membrane

- Selective and reactive
- Lower temperature
- Single-step



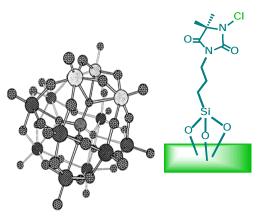


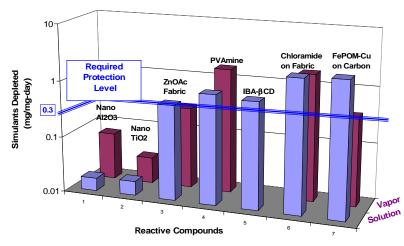


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Capture and Destroy Agent 2 (Self-Detoxifying Materials & Surfaces)





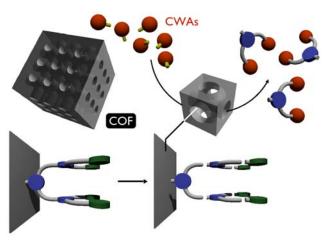


- Various approaches with some success, but
 - Slow kinetics
 - Transport limitations
 - Environmental stability issues
- Other approaches
 - Fast adsorption with slow selfdetoxification
 - Combination with other treatments





Capture and Destroy Agent 3 (Smart Materials)



- - Respond
 - Signal

Sense

Beyond
Open
Reticular
Geometries



UCLA





System Concepts (e.g. ColPro)



10E 10 10E 11 10E 12 10E 13 1.3E 47 Minimum at square.

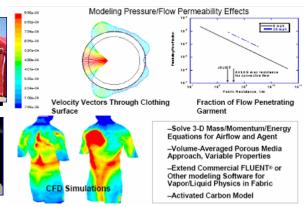
- Increase affordability and reduce logistical burn
- Assess notional technologies critical to alternative approach
- Conceptual assessments:
 - Hazard reduction vs. complete protection
 - Scalable protection
 - Nascent vapor/aerosol release mitigation
 - Internal release mitigation
 - Non-overpressure solutions
 - Rapid ingress/egress
 - Network enabled solutions

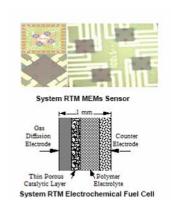


Enablers: Improved Test Methods

- Relevant
- Repeatable
- Real-Time

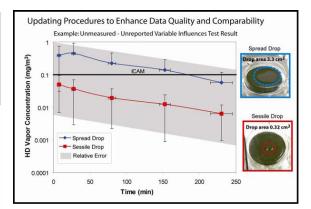








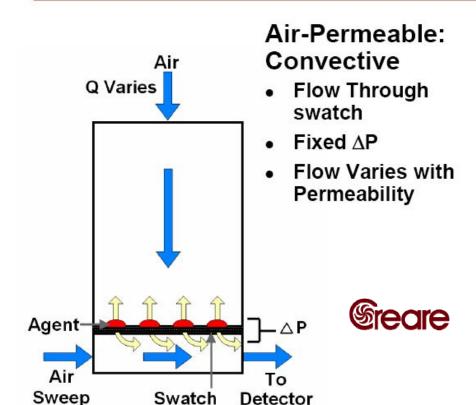






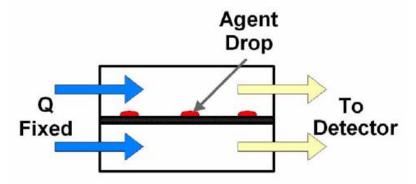
Example - Swatch Testing

Current AVLAG Cell Operation



Air-Impermeable: Dual Flow

- Flow Bypasses swatch
- Fixed Flow Rate

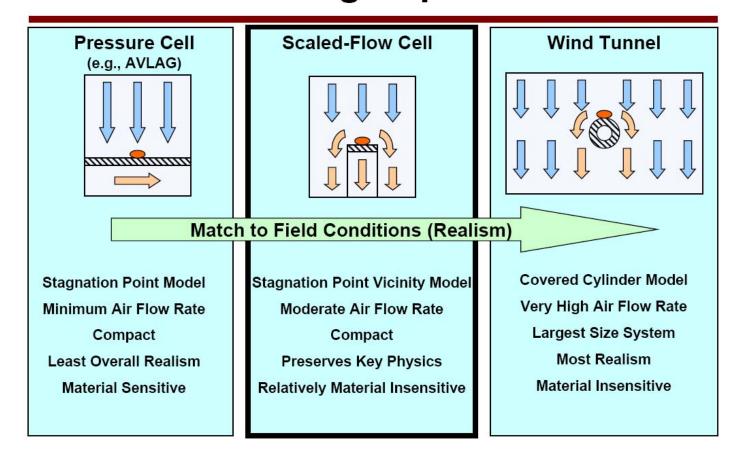




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Cell Design Spectrum



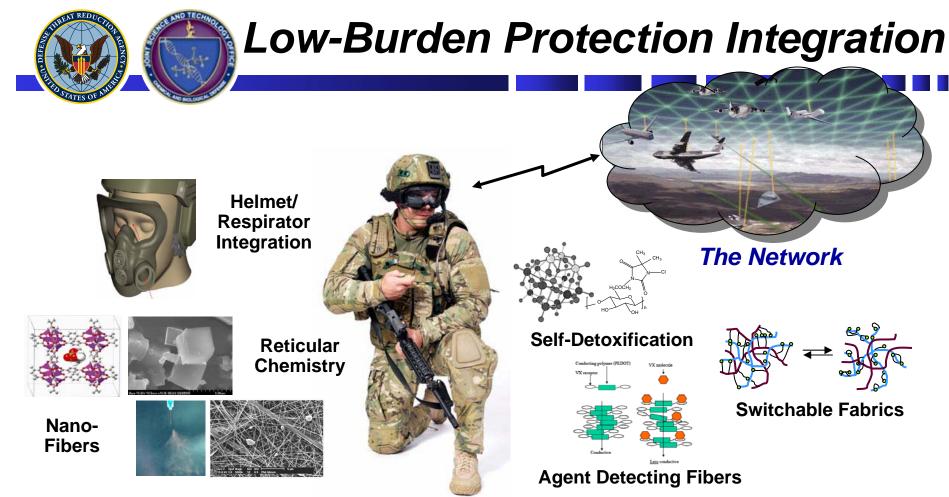




Low-Burden Protection Integration

- Lemma 1: Integration of the CB ensemble with the warfighter's ensemble will substantially increase mission performance
- Lemma 2: An ensemble optimized for low physiological burden can meet CB performance needs



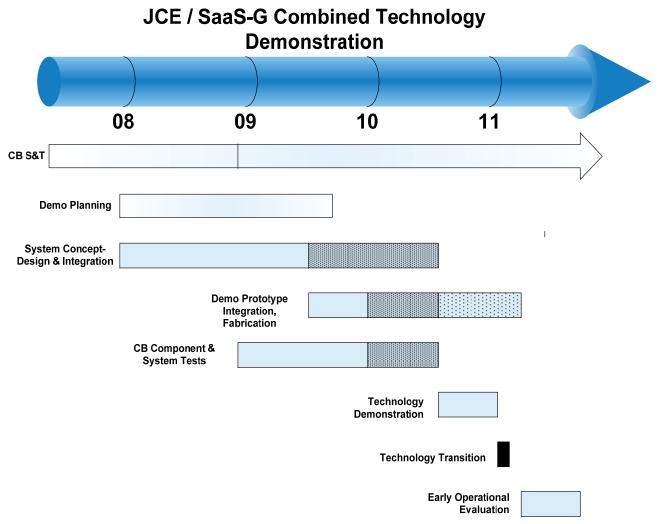


SaaS-G Leader Concept

Demonstrate an integrated concept in FY2010; use thermal burden as an independent variable



Demonstration Timeline







Support the Warfighter



- Responding to validated Joint Service needs
- Accessing best-in-class performers within and outside DoD
- Closely linked with Joint Program Managers to transition technologies to the warfighter

Delivering Best Technology to the Warfighter!



Questions?