

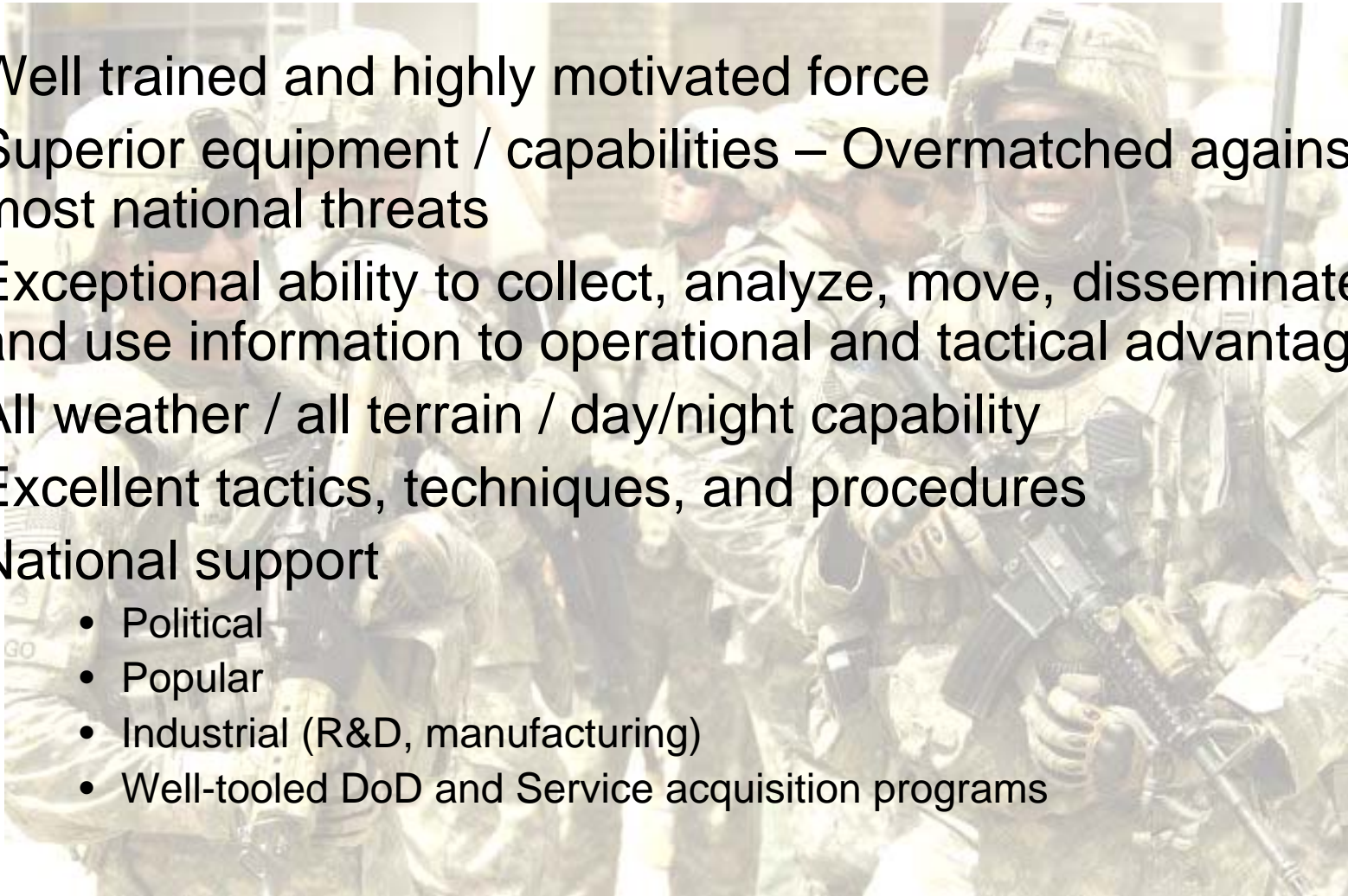


How Technology Has Changed Today's Warfight

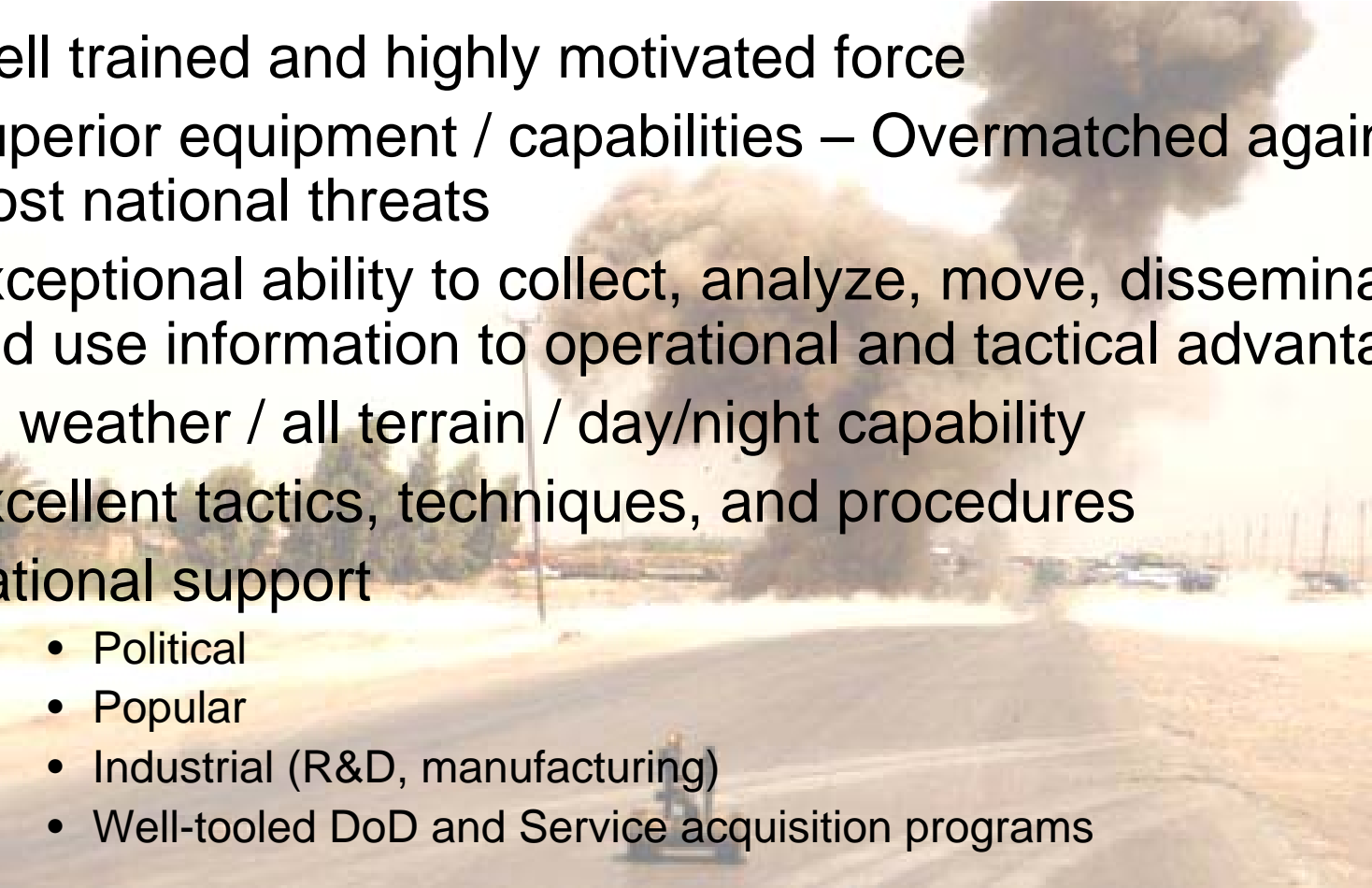
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If nothing has changed, why are we having so much difficulty in our current operations?



Marty's Opinion

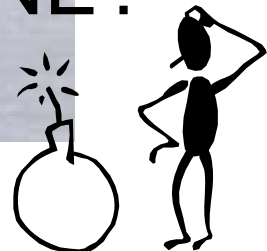
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and ...

Shinny Toys / Big Bets

- Rallied behind the gee-wiz projects
 - [create your own list]
- Focused on WMD
 - In particular, CBRN with
 - RN as the emphasis
- Not necessarily bad ... if you're going after a 'national-level' threat
- Also, what happened to the "E" in CBRNE?



Irregular

Catastrophic

Traditional

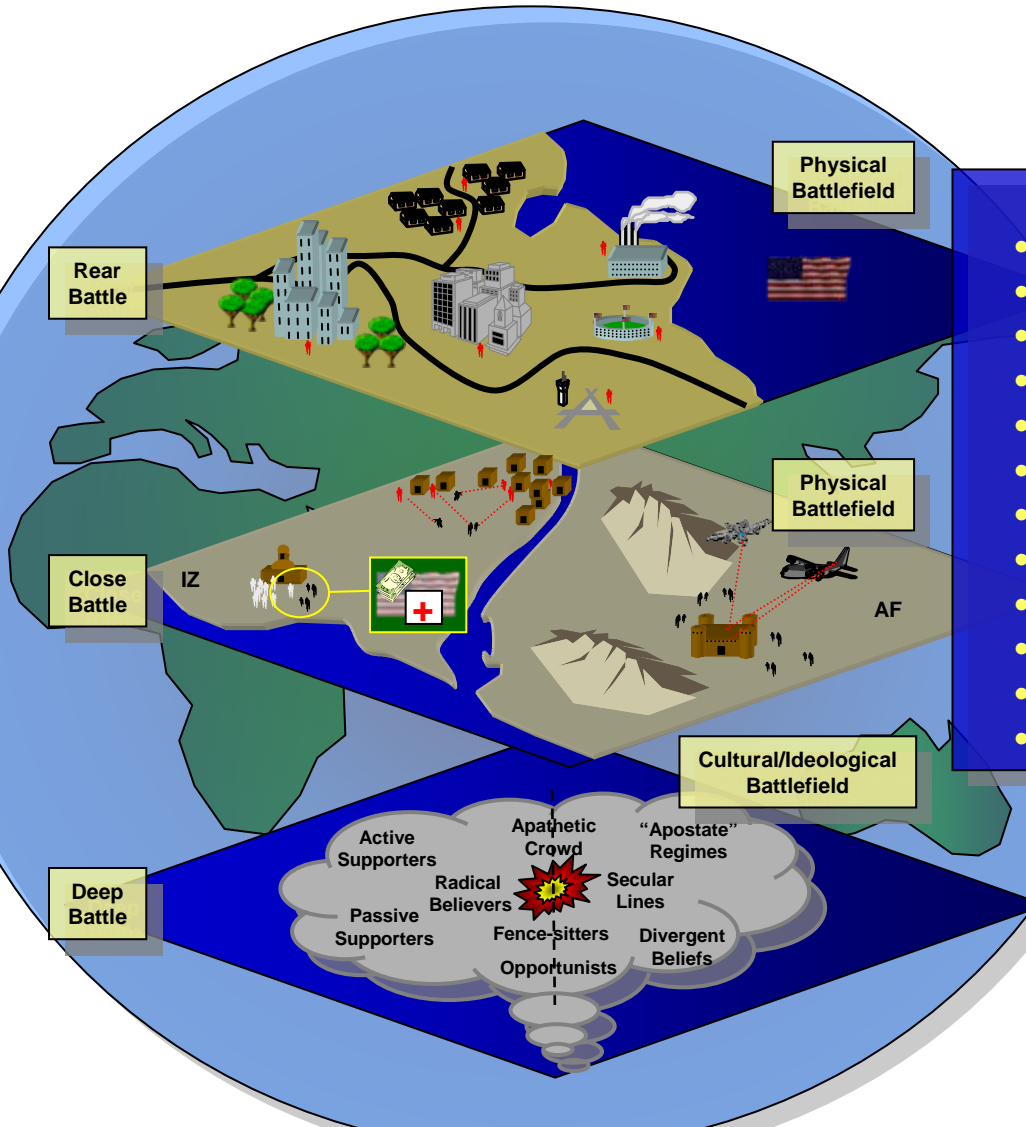
Disruptive

Yesterday's Battlefield...3GW



- Bi-polar... state-on-state
- Force-on-force engagement
- Grounded in Rules of War
- Linear & structured ... defined battle lines
- Isolated...contained
- Identifiable & understood enemy
- Tangible & recognizable infrastructures
- Parallel tech & numerical capabilities
- Observable I&W

Today's Battlespace...4GW

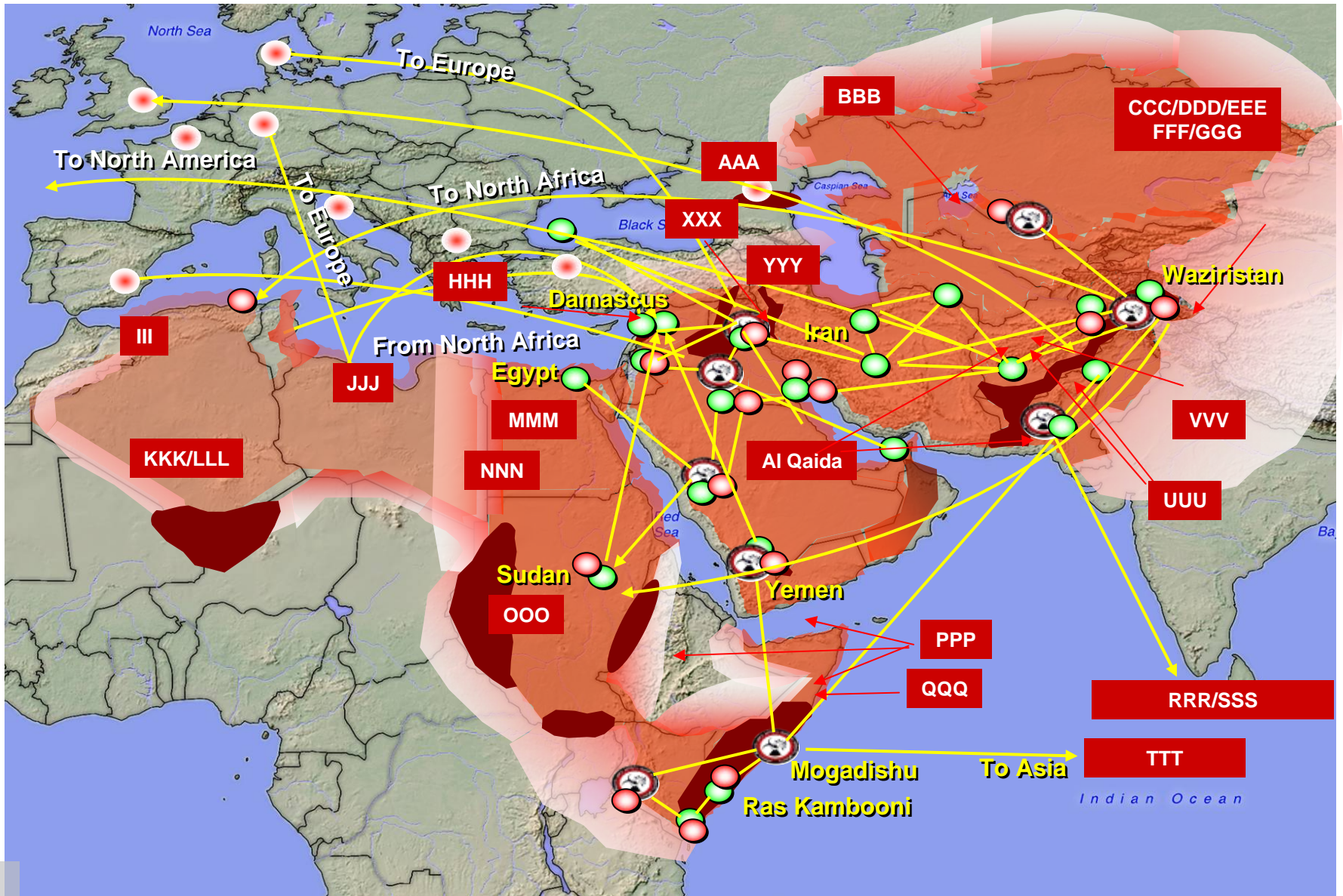


- Global vs. regional threat
- No longer state-on-state
- Various & variable "polarities"
- Politically and spiritually charged
- Clash of values / ideology
- Multi-dimensional...noncontiguous
- No geospatial boundaries
- No clear battle lines
- Multi-lateral
- Extensive cause & effect relationships
- Global connection thru mass media
- Information overload

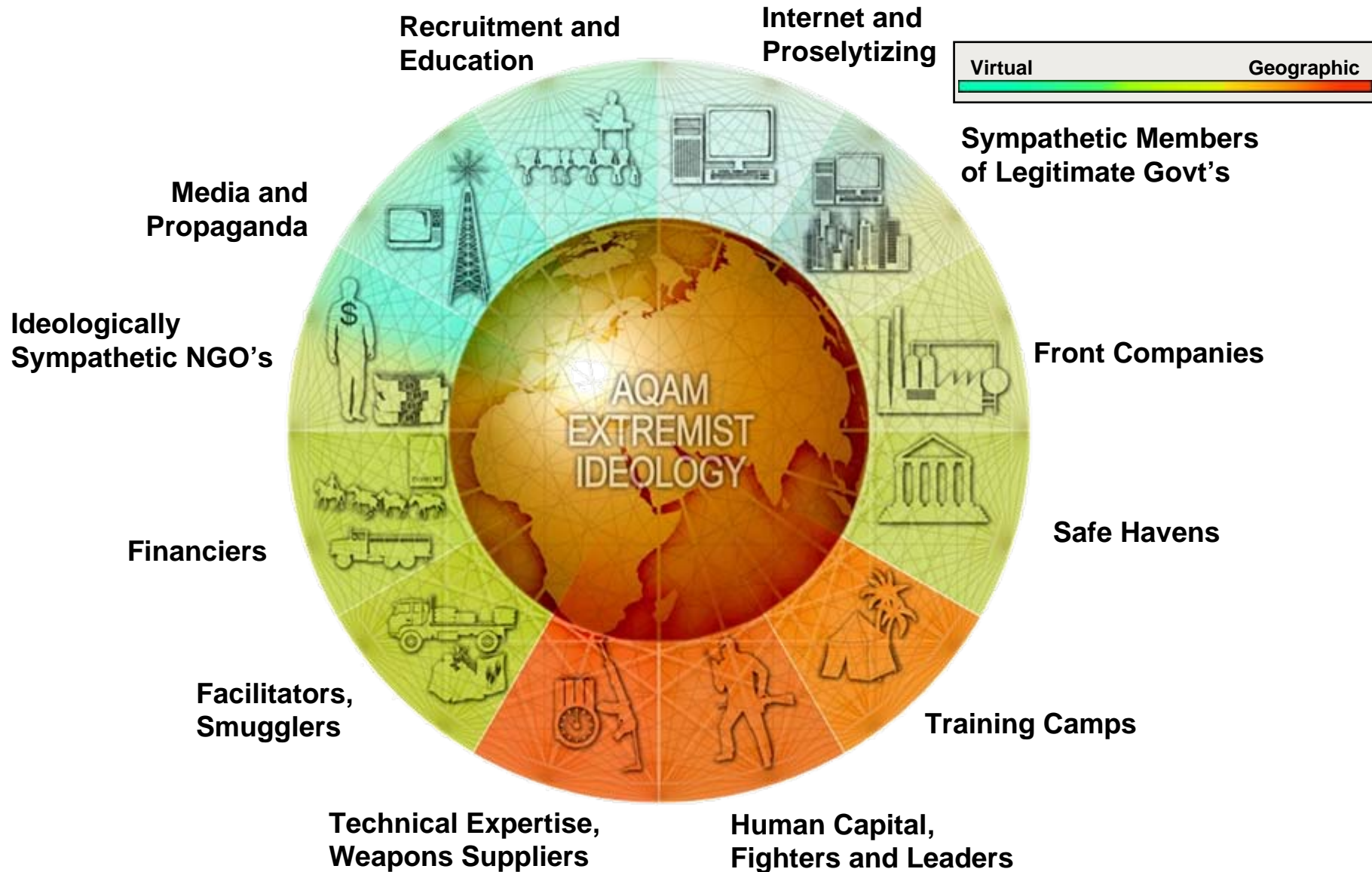
Speed
Stealth
Precision
Mass Effects
Information Sharing
Persistence
Identity Dominance

Puts more and different people and organizations at risk

Al Qa'ida and Associated Movements (AQAM)



AQAM: A Threat in All Realms



Technology Changes the Battlespace

- Boundless in any direction
- Time is generally irrelevant
- Weather factors much less into our operations; but it still does
- Information measured in terabytes and growing; but what to do with all this info
- Our forces are offered the greatest level of protection; but it comes at a price:
 - Speed, mobility, endurance, sustainability
 - Ability to influence the populace
- And technology can be obviated ...

Disruptive Technology

Disruptive – an adjective of Disrupt

Disrupt:

1 a: to break apart : **rupture**

b: to throw into disorder <**agitators trying to *disrupt* the meeting**>

2: to interrupt the normal course or unity of

[Merriam-Webster]

Technology

1 a: the practical application of knowledge especially in a particular area : **engineering** **2** <**medical *technology***>

b: a capability given by the practical application of knowledge <**a car's fuel-saving *technology***>

2: a manner of accomplishing a task especially using **technical** processes, methods, or knowledge <**new *technologies* for information storage**>

3: the specialized aspects of a particular field of endeavor <**educational *technology***>

[Merriam-Webster]

Warfighter Translation

Strategic:

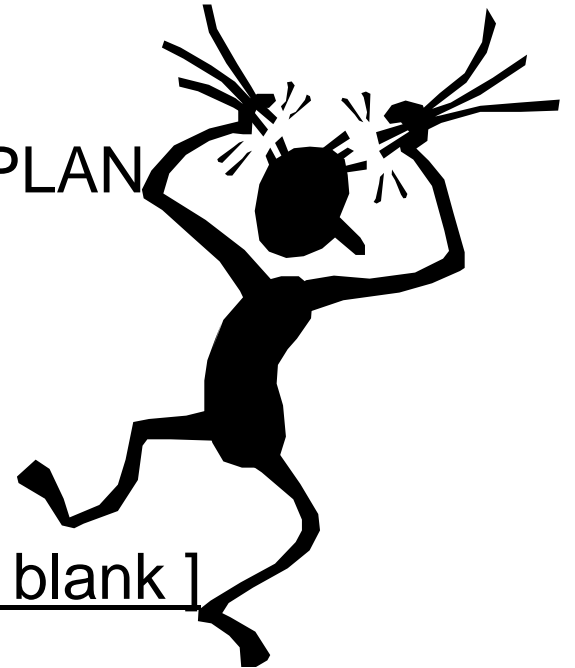
- The assessment is flawed
- Planning assumptions are no longer valid

Operational:

- Current CONOPS / TTP won't work
- Call in the Planners and scrub the OPLAN
- Issue a FRAGO

Tactical:

- They did WHAT???!!!
- Quick, I need more / better [fill in the blank]



Two Sides of Disruptive Technology

(RED disrupting BLUE – BLUE countering RED)

- **RED (current 'fight')**

- Generally low tech
- Easily assembled from common parts
- Streamlined acquisition and fielding strategy
- Only has to work once to achieve its effect
- If 'it' fails, move to another strategy – not bound by legacy systems approach
- Generally well resourced

- **BLUE**

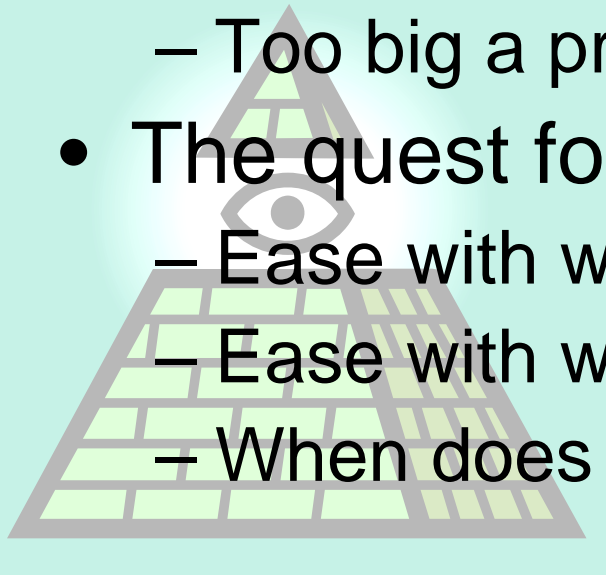
- High tech
- Complex multi-function systems
- Lengthy acquisition process
- Must work every time against all threats
- Failure is not an option, but if it does we first attempt to 'improve' the legacy system
- Resource limited

Audience Participation Event



But Sometimes BLUE 'Disrupts' BLUE

- Unintended consequences
 - Complexity may lead to non-use
 - Not interoperable
 - Sending the 80pct solution
 - Too big a problem; too many vendors
- The quest for all-seeing; all-knowing
 - Ease with which we can collect data
 - Ease with which we can move data
 - When does more just become more?



Top Five 'Disruptive' Challenges

- Identifying the “combatant”
- Detection of explosive material or assembled explosive devices at tactically significant distances
- Creating ISR persistence in immature environments with less resources
- Making sense of the data we obtain, and feeding only what is needed to the tactical edge
- True sharing of information across the entire battlespace, independent of existing infrastructure

Any target, Any place, Any time, Any environment, Any sensor, Any Shooter, Any warfighter



Lunchtime!

Charter

Conduct ***discovery, research, analysis***, and ***sponsor development*** of new and emerging technologies which have the ***potential to provide material solutions*** to Headquarters and Component validated Joint needs.

Review USCENTCOM and Component ***plans, operations***, programs, policies and activities for areas where technology will improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Integrate across USCENTCOM headquarters and Component staffs for transformational, integrating, and experimentation activities.

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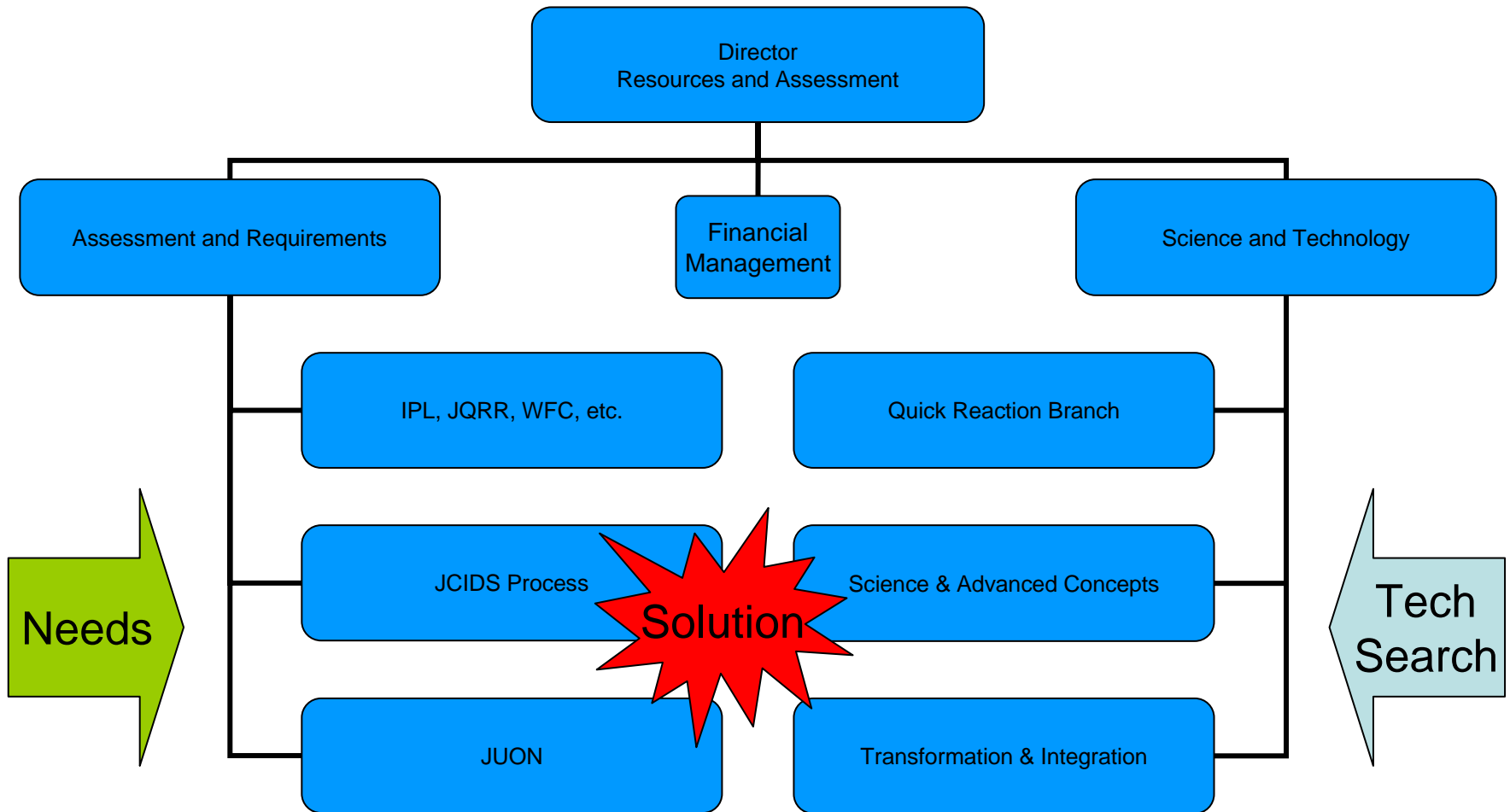
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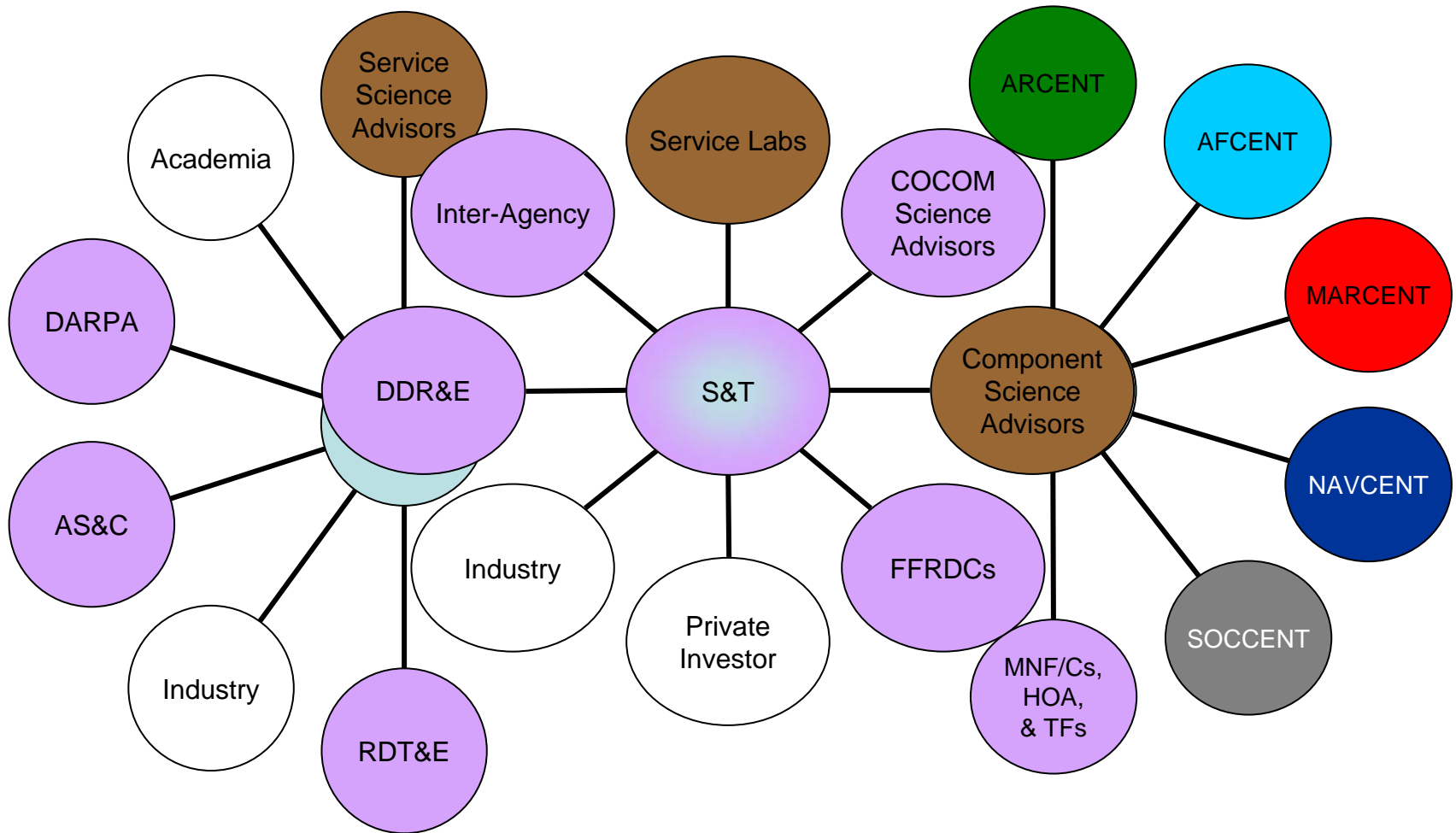
Integrating Concepts / Experimentation
Scharringhausen

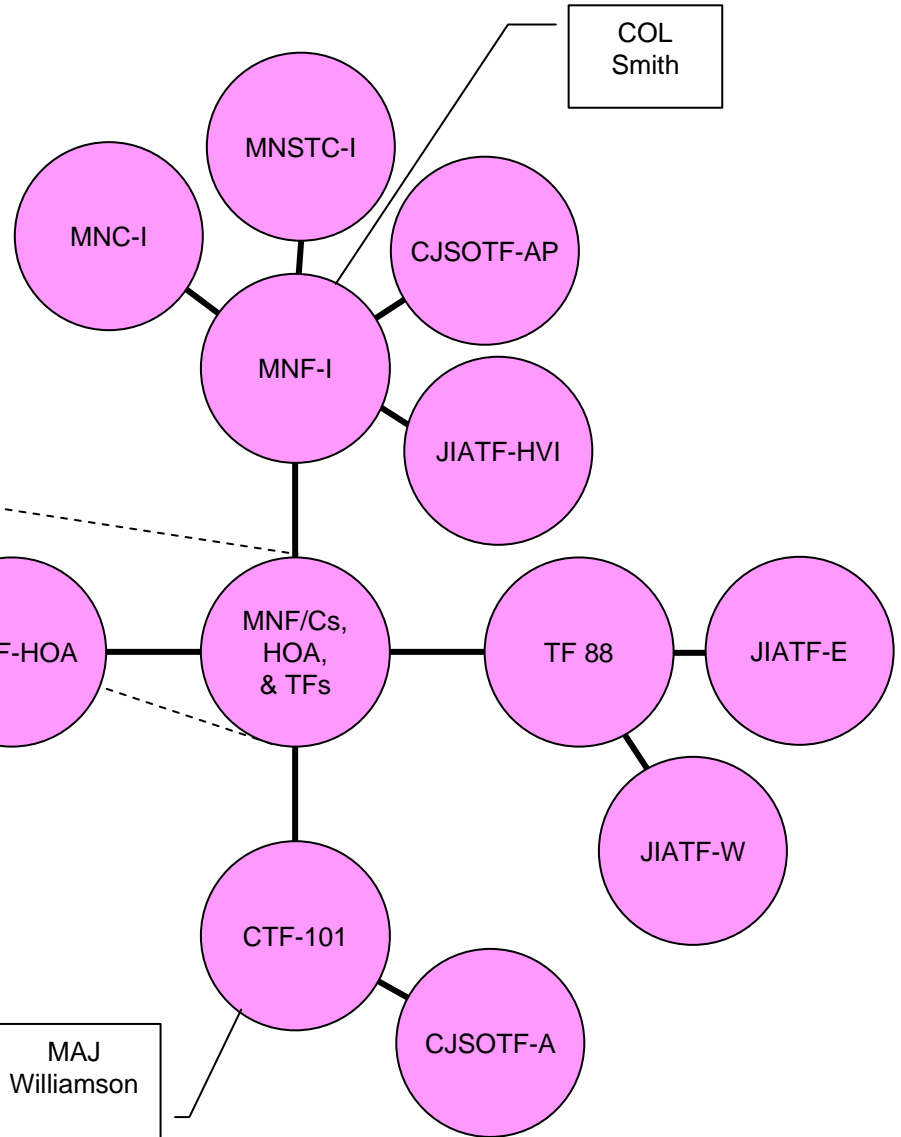
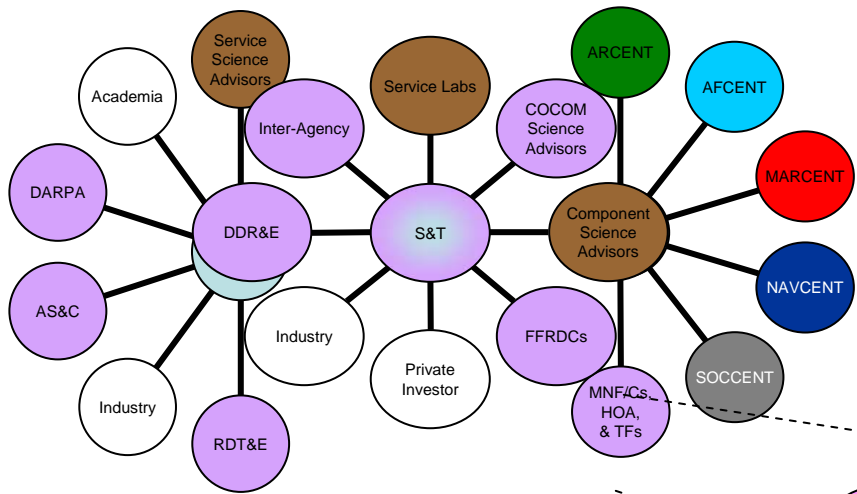
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[From the Technology Perspective]



How we connect





CENTCOM Major Focus Areas

- Expand stability, self governance, development and security in Iraq
- Set conditions for security and strengthen governance in Afghanistan
- Degrade violent extremist networks, operations, and sanctuaries with defeating al-Qaeda the priority
- Counter the proliferation of WMD
- Strengthen relationships and influence organizations and states to contribute to regional stability and the free flow of global commerce
- Posture the force to build and sustain joint and combined warfighting capabilities and readiness

U.S. Central Command Focus

- We focus on the **JOINT** solution that has the potential to satisfy a **JOINT validated** need
- Separate from the many technology needs of our customer(s) those technology needs which:
 - *Do not have a readily available solution*
 - For high-impact needs there is *insufficient activity pursuing a solution*
- Seek out game-changing technologies which our customer(s) don't know they need

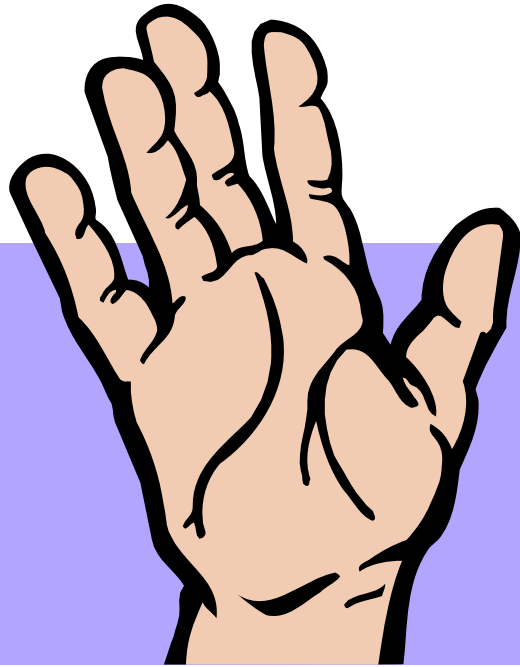
Some technology areas we “pursue”:

- Detection of CBRNE at tactically significant distances; with emphasis on the “E”
- Pre-shot counter-sniper, counter-mortar, counter-RPG technologies; with emphasis on automated systems
- Technologies which enable the transfer of information more securely, more quickly, to a wider set of users, to include the warfighter when it makes sense, with less bandwidth and dedicated support resources, e.g.:
 - Multi-level Security over single architectures
 - Bandwidth compression / reduction techniques
 - Data reduction [data=>info=>knowledge=>understanding=>wisdom]
- Through automation, remote action, new and novel techniques, technologies which reduce risk and / or stress on the force and / or improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our action(s)
- Technologies which allow for greater persistence over the battlespace with fewer platforms; employing improved sensor technology providing greater fidelity of information

Common thematic areas of concern

(not in priority order)

- Detect / Defeat:
 - IED initiators / initiator systems
 - Buried / concealed IEDs
 - Production and assembly of IEDs
- HME production standoff detection
- Culvert access denial / alerting
- Persistence in surveillance
- Biometrics
 - Identity dominance
 - Force protection / access
- Non-lethal vehicle / vessel stop
- Reduce stress on the force:
 - Force Protection requirements
 - Increased automation
- Anti-swarm lethal / non-lethal
- More efficient / effective / timely training
- Predictive analysis techniques
- Voice to text technologies
- C4ISR systems:
 - Info sharing between system
 - Multi-level security
 - Cross domain solutions
 - Faster ... Better sorting / retrieval
 - On the move w/ GIG access to tactical edge
 - SATCOM, WiFi, WiMax, etc.
- Tagging, Tracking, and Locating (TTL)
- Lightweight “x” with greater “y”
- More power per unit of weight
- Scalable effects – non-lethal to lethal
 - Directed Energy
 - Kinetics
- True SA for Blue ... Fused Red
- Sustaining the force – reduced size, weight, amount, and retrograde
- Holding all targets at risk
- Any sensor ... any shooter; the Soldier as a sensor; any adversary ... any battlespace ... anytime



Raise your Hand