

# Office of Naval Research Special Missions Science & Technology Areas of Interest



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### **Our Mission**

The Office of Naval Research invests in innovative science and technology (S&T) that ensures our warfighters have the technological edge.

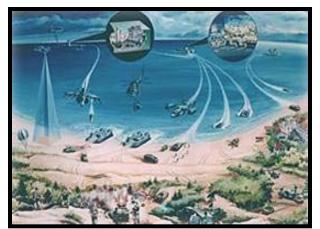


**ONR Mission** — "to plan, foster, and encourage scientific research in recognition of its paramount importance to future Naval power and national security." — Public Law 588 of 1946

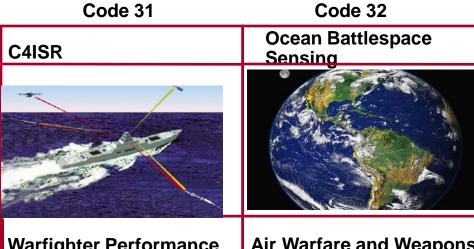


## **ONR S&T Departments**

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Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism



**Sea Warfare and Weapons** 



**Warfighter Performance** 



**Air Warfare and Weapons** 



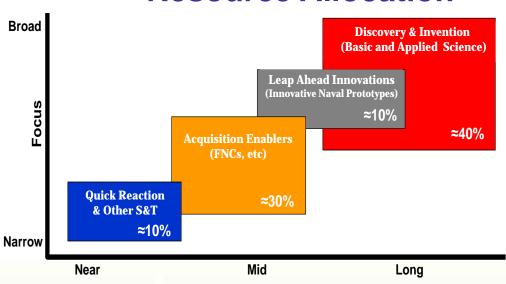
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## Naval S&T Strategic Plan



#### **Resource Allocation**



#### **Focus Areas**

- Power and Energy
- Operational Environments
- Maritime Domain Awareness
- Asymmetric & Irregular Warfare
- Information Superiority and Communication
- Power Projection
- Assure Access and Hold at Risk
  - **Distributed Operations**

- Naval Warfighter
  Performance
- Survivability and Self-Defense
- Platform Mobility
- Fleet/Force Sustainment
  - **Total Ownership Cost**



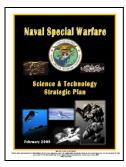
**Science & Technology Requirements** 

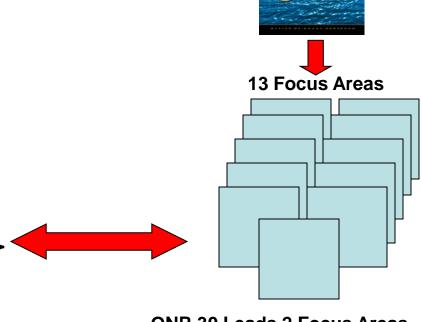
**Process "Top Down"** 











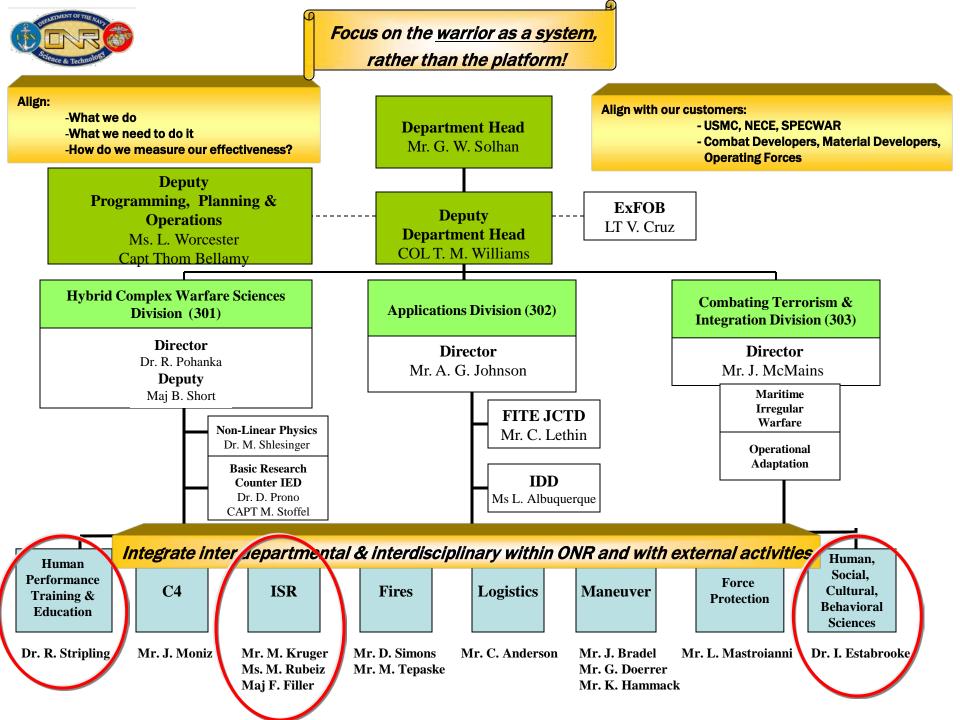
**ONR 30 Leads 2 Focus Areas** 



Asymmetric Irregular Warfare (AIW)

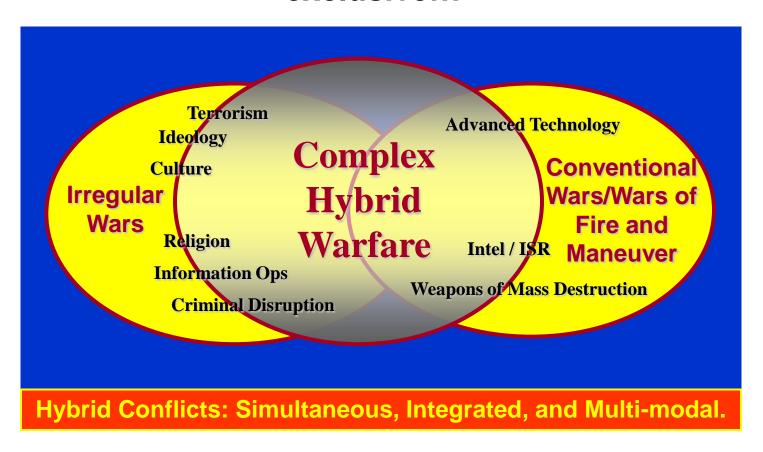


Distributed Operations (DO)



## **Changing Character of Conflict:**

# Irregular and Traditional warfare are not mutually exclusive...



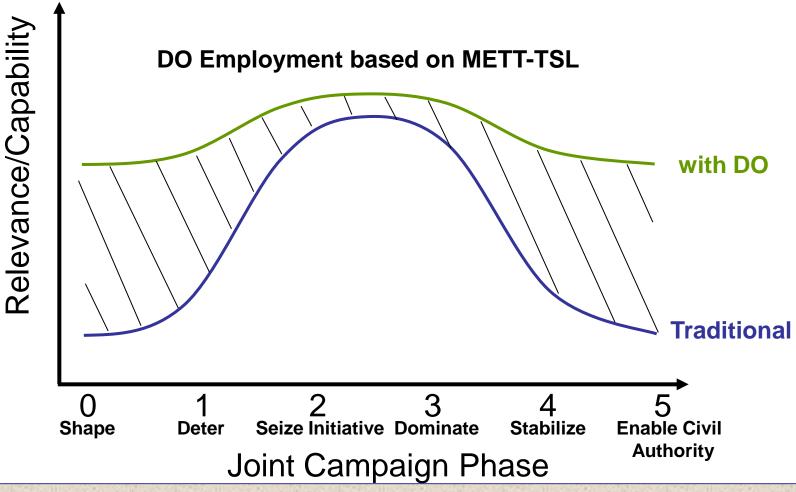
Source: Patterns, Trends, Future Conflicts, & Force Implications, SVG Brief, Presented by: Col. Zotti

## Traditional Warfare vs. Irregular Warfare

<u>IW Definition</u>: A violent struggle among state and non-state actors for legitimacy and influence over the relevant populations. IW favors indirect and asymmetric approaches, though it may employ the full range of military and other capabilities, in order to erode an adversary's power, influence, and will. – IW JOC

|    | Traditional Warfare   | Irregular Warfare   |  |
|----|---|---|--|
| 1  | The center of gravity is often the adversary's <i>military</i> forces and political leadership                            | The center of gravity is usually the indigenous population  |  |
| 2  | Influencing the <i>physical terrain</i> is key.   | Influencing the social & cultural terrain is key  |  |
| 3  | Conducted by <i>regular forces</i> of <i>nation states</i> that are<br>separate and distinct from the civilian population | Often conducted by <i>irregular forces</i> of <i>state or non-state networks</i> that are <i>embedded</i> (not distinct) from the civilian population |  |
| 4  | Focused kinetic effects Physical  | Distributed non-kinetic effects Psychological   |  |
| 5  | <b>Symmetrical</b> – less opportunity to adapt forces and material  | Asymmetrical – more opportunity to adapt forces and material  |  |
| 6  | Focus on the <i>kinetic destruction</i> of the adversaries warfighting material from <i>stand-off</i> distances           | Focus on the <b>non-kinetic influence</b> of local and regional populations requiring <b>face-to-face</b> interaction.                                |  |
| 7  | Tactical competence is critical   | Cultural and tactical competence is critical  |  |
| 8  | Organizational cohesion maintained through training, leadership, and sense of <i>nationalism</i>                          | Organizational cohesion maintained through <i>ideology</i>  |  |
| 9  | Threat forces and relationships easily templated  | Threat forces and relationships difficult to template   |  |
| 10 | d i M e (Diplomatic, Information, Military, & Economic with emphasis on the Military)                                     | DIm E – High interagency (Emphasis on Diplomatic,<br>Information, and Economic)   |  |
| 11 | Metrics of success are easily defined   | Metrics of success are not easily defined   |  |
| 12 | Technology provides direct and proven advantage   | Technology still proving its ability to dominate Irregular opponents  |  |

# DO Relevance of General Purpose Forces in Joint Operations

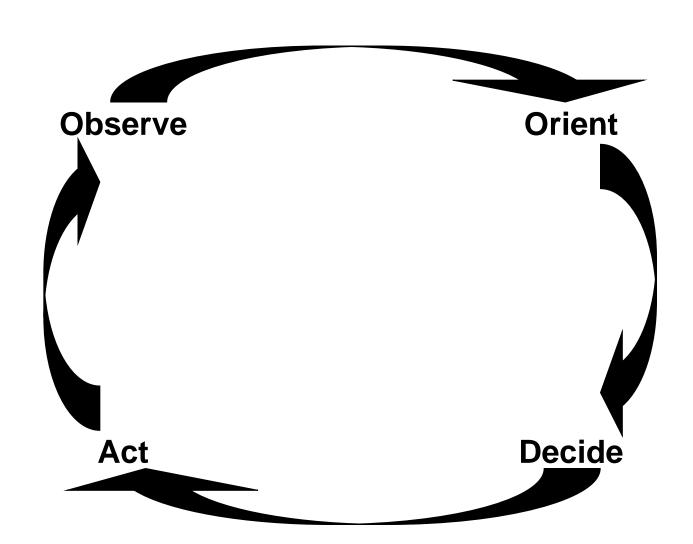


"Armies do not win wars by means of a few bodies of super-soldiers but by the quality of their standard units"

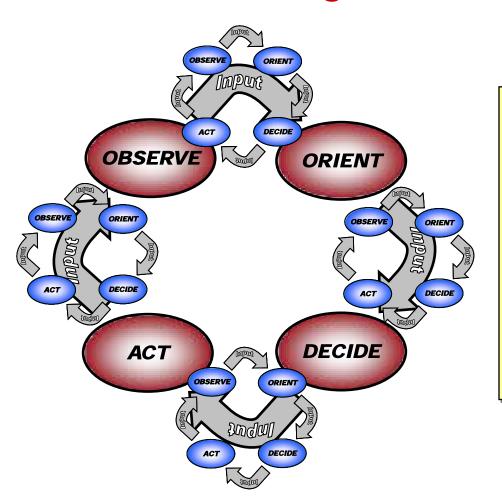
Field Marshall Sir William Slim

## **Decision Cycle for High Tempo and Adaptability**

Allowing warfighters to adapt faster and more effectively by enabling a more rapid decision/action tempo.



# Forewarning and the OODA Loop



#### <u>Decision Cycle (or OODA Loop)</u> <u>Dominance</u>

Temporal + Qualitative + Capacity advantage allows multiple correct and relevant decision to be made before the enemy can complete a single cycle.

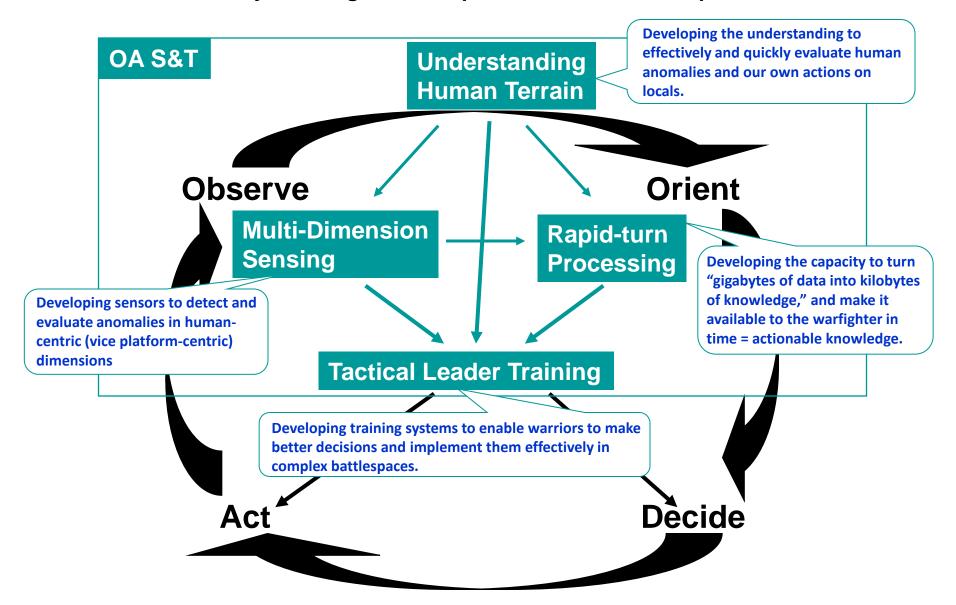
The threat decision cycle is disrupted and overwhelmed.

Ultimately the threat decision cycle is manipulated and shaped.

"Dominate the enemy's OODA Loop"

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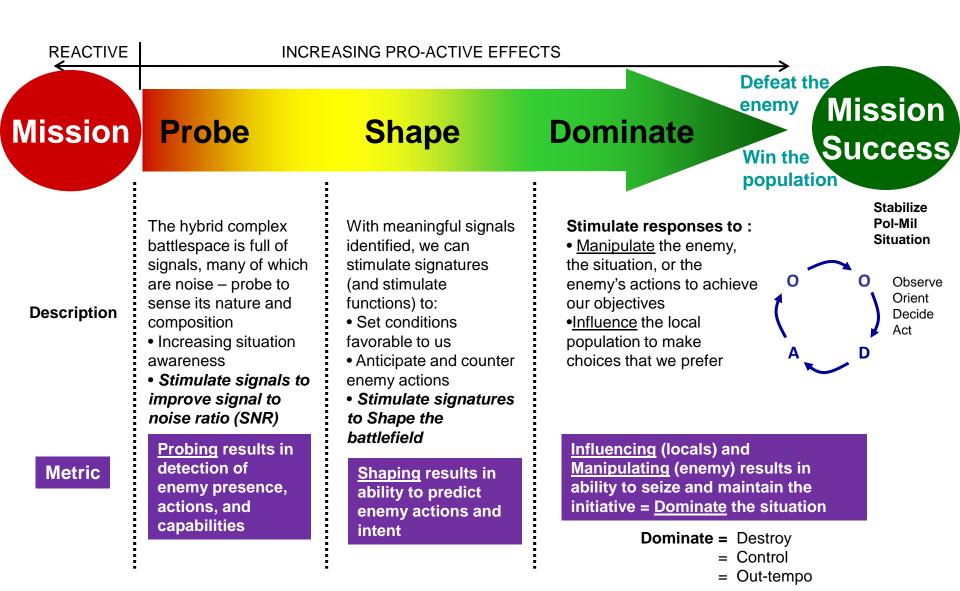


# **Operational Adaptation**

- Environment
  - Volatile
  - Uncertain
  - Complex
  - Ambiguous
- Pro-active vs. reactive
- Active vs. passive
- Offensive vs. defensive
- Forecasting vs. Templating
- Tempo vs. BDA (destruction)
- Knowledge vs. data
- Intel drives operations

- Forewarning provides the opportunity to increase the effectiveness of decisions made and to maximize the time available to make these decisions.
- Existing US Military technologies and processes are extremely effective when faced with a conventional opponent who cooperates by engaging in traditional forms of warfare and is easy to template.
- ➤ Today's evolving irregular threats are exceptionally difficult to template and will require a significant shift in technology and process foci in order to regain our accustomed advantage in the decision cycle competition.

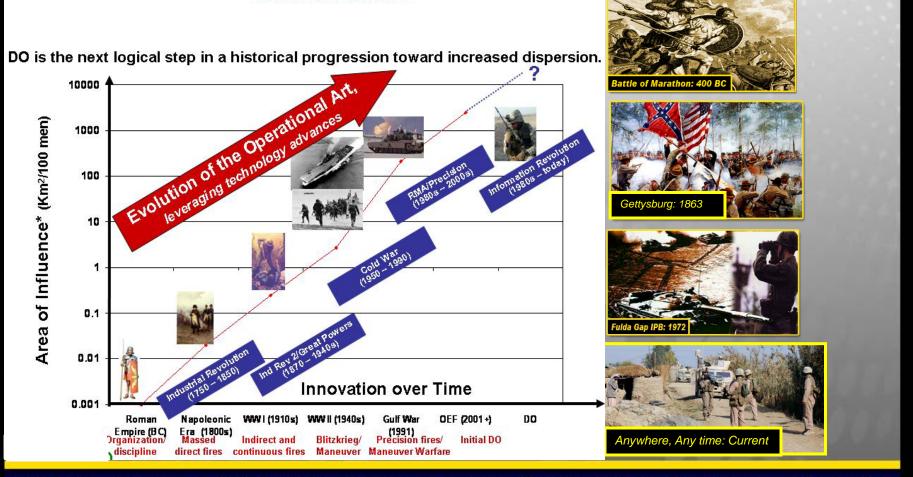
# **OA Concept/Objectives**





# HISTORICAL CONTEXT Operational Adaptation Is Not A New Concept

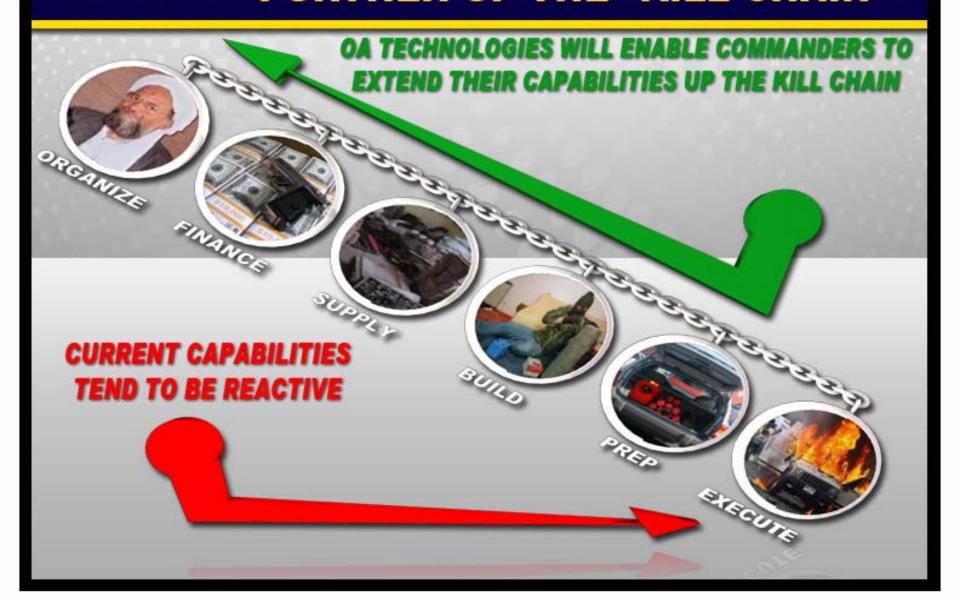
#### Distribution Evolution



Overcoming The Challenges Of Today's Modern, Hybrid **Battlespace And Staying Two Steps Ahead** 



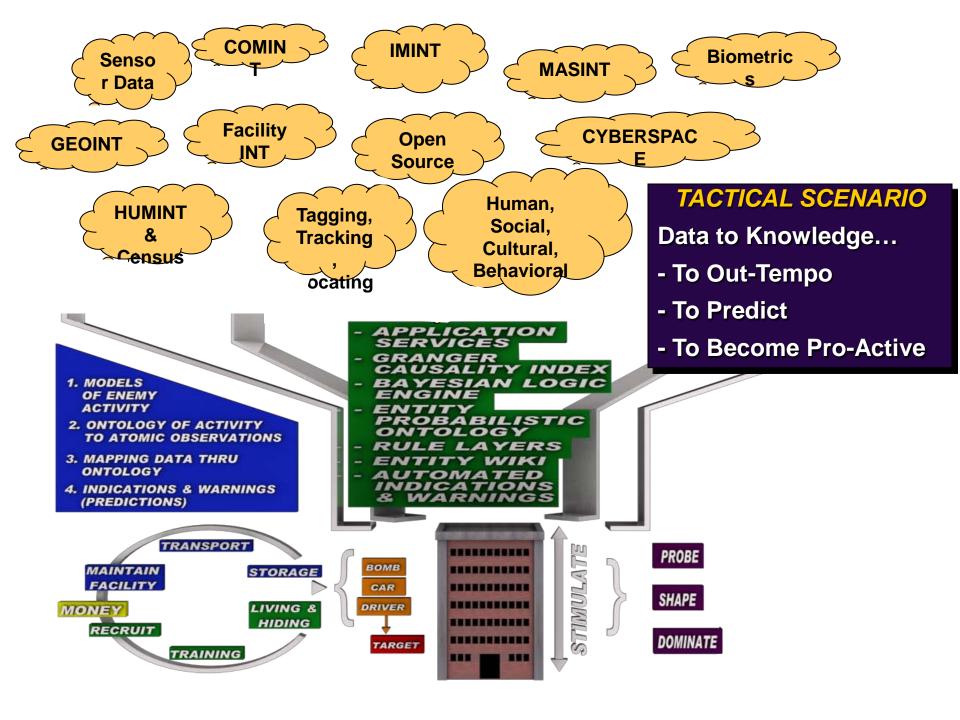
# INTERDICT ENEMY ACTIVITIES FURTHER UP THE "KILL CHAIN"





# ONR TACTICAL SCENARIO





# TACTICAL SCENARIO

#### Stimulate/Probe, Shape, and Dominate Opportunities

#### ... Moving to the left of the attack

- Announce investigations in foreign banking and financing
- Announce intensive UAS search (with new sensor capable for detecting explosive materials)
- Announce and conduct high intensity searches of local storage facilities for explosives, detonating devices
- Utilize Facility INT capabilities to determine sudden structure changes and or building demographics
- Utilize TTL capability to determine if outsiders from known enemy provinces are present
- Utilize long range biometrics to identify known terrorists
- Conduct Computer Network Exploitation to look for email, blogs, chat rooms etc...that are referencing a future attack IOT identify, map, and track terrorist networks and terrorist activity
- Set up road blocks around probable targets



# Human Performance, Training, and Education (HPT&E)

#### **Vision**

Expeditionary Warfighters that are physically, mentally, emotionally, and cognitively ready to deploy anywhere in the world on short notice, to serve within their team, or take on leadership roles as needed, and to complete their mission efficiently and effectively under any extremes of condition.

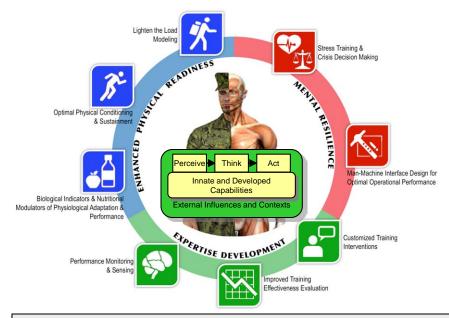
#### Mission

Pursue and maintain an integrated S&T portfolio that focuses on technologies and methods for

- attaining optimal strength, endurance, agility, and resilience, and sustaining these attributes throughout deployment
- becoming impervious to heat, cold, elevation, fatigue, and stress,
- being optimally trained and prepared for any mission, and
- being able to adapt to any situation.

#### **Objectives**

- (1) Deliver strategies that optimize physical performance and resilience in Expeditionary Warfighters (EWs) deployed to austere environments of all types for extended periods of time.
- (2) Improve the cognitive agility, flexibility, and capacity of EWs by making them mentally tough, resilient to stress, and well adapted to chaotic, irregular environments
- (3) Develop advanced training technologies and methods that enable rapid skill acquisition and development to the expert level in both individual and team tactics, techniques, and procedures for conventional and asymmetric warfare.



#### **Key Research / Technology Investment Areas**

(1)Enhanced Physical Readiness

- (a) Optimal physical conditioning and sustainment
- (b) Biological indicators and nutritional modulators of physiological adaptation and performance
- (c) Lighten the Load Modeling
- (2) Mental resilience and cognitive agility
  - (a) Stress training and crisis decision making
  - (b) Man-Machine Interface design for optimal operational performance
- (3)Expertise development
  - (a) Performance monitoring and sensing
  - (b) Customized training interventions
  - (c) Improved training effectiveness evaluation



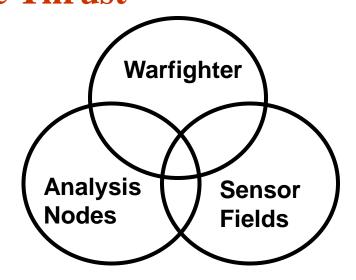
# Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Thrust

#### **Vision**

Enhance situational awareness and understanding to enable real time tactical decision making for Distributed Operations and provide proactive and predictive capabilities for Asymmetric and Irregular Warfare.

#### **Objectives**

- Develop new sensors to address sensor data collection and networking gaps by developing higher information content advanced sensors, urban structure sensors, sensors that can establish identity (biometrics) and tactical sensors that can maintain surveillance over wide areas. Enable the warfighter to detect and track entities of interest.
- Develop a capability to maintain awareness of all available sensors and the mission relevance of their capabilities. Develop tools that allow the warfighter to expose enemy structure, determine intent and leverage cultural intelligence. Develop decision aids that allow the warfighter to understand how to disrupt, influence and stimulate human networks and their behavior (cognitive IO).
- Address capability gaps associated with the tactical processing of sensor data in order to enable indications and warnings. Address capability gaps associated with the translation of information to actionable intelligence, the ISR to C2 interface and ISR in direct support to C2.



#### **Key Research/Technology Investment Areas**

- •Persistent Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
  - Agile sensors and signal processing
  - Networked sensor fields
- Knowledge Generation
  - Application services
  - •Knowledge management and distribution
- •ISR to Command and Control
  - •Warfighter as a Sensor
  - Automated indications and warnings and knowledge subscription



# Human, Social, Cultural & Behavioral Modeling

#### **Vision**

Mastery of the social, cultural and cognitive factors that optimize the warfighter's ability to influence human behavior in the full range of military operations.

#### **Mission**

Integrated portfolio to study influence of cultural, social and cognitive factors on human behavior, develop data collection methods, build computational models, and validate operationally applicable tools.

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#### **Objective**

- (1) Advance the state of the art in social science theory to apply to Naval missions and challenges.
- (2) Develop methods and tools to enable sociocultural data collection and generation for a range of mission and environmental conditions.
- (3) Provide analysis methods and computational models to support course of action decisions and operational planning.
- (4) Produce training and education tools and materials to support cross cultural interaction in support of Naval missions.

#### **Key Research and Technology Investment Areas**

- (1) Theory and Understanding
- (2) Date Generation
  - (a) Methods to collect socio-cultural data in new and austere environments
  - (b) Methods and tools to generate data
- (3) Analytics and Modeling
  - (a) Analysis techniques and tools to support decision makers
  - (b) Computational Models that incorporate sociocultural data and knowledge
- (4) Socio-Cultural Training & Education
  - (a) Methods and materials to support cross-cultural T&E
  - (b) Tools for training generalizable cross-cultural skills
  - (c) Methods and tools to improve warfighter adaptability in cross cultural



## IED Detector Dog (IDD) 2.0

(Quick Reaction)



#### IDD 2.0 is not new experimentation

- Provides "replacement" IDDs
- Re-focuses efforts on highest standards and protocols
  - Selection, conditioning, training
  - Handler Selection
  - Certification
- Re-introduces quality assurance from IDD SMEs
- Lead: ONR Code-30
- MCWL in support, MOU in place

#### Key Objectives for IDD 2.0

- OEF focus
- Homemade Explosives
  - Imprinted for a range of specific threat HME
  - Imprinted on components to support cache searches
- IDD stamina for OEF
- Handler selection and training focused on unique IDD parameters
- Quality assurance at all levels

#### Process for IDD 2.0

- Update protocols (interim), OEF focus
- Train dogs and handlers
- Track progress, evaluate performance
- Collect and assess user satisfaction
- Final protocol change recommendations to PP&O

#### MCOTEA IDD assessment in AFG

- MARCENT request 222001Z Apr 10
- Report due 31 Jul 2010

# **QUESTIONS**