

Ocean Battlespace Sensing Department

Enabling Revolutionary Naval Expeditionary Warfare Capabilities



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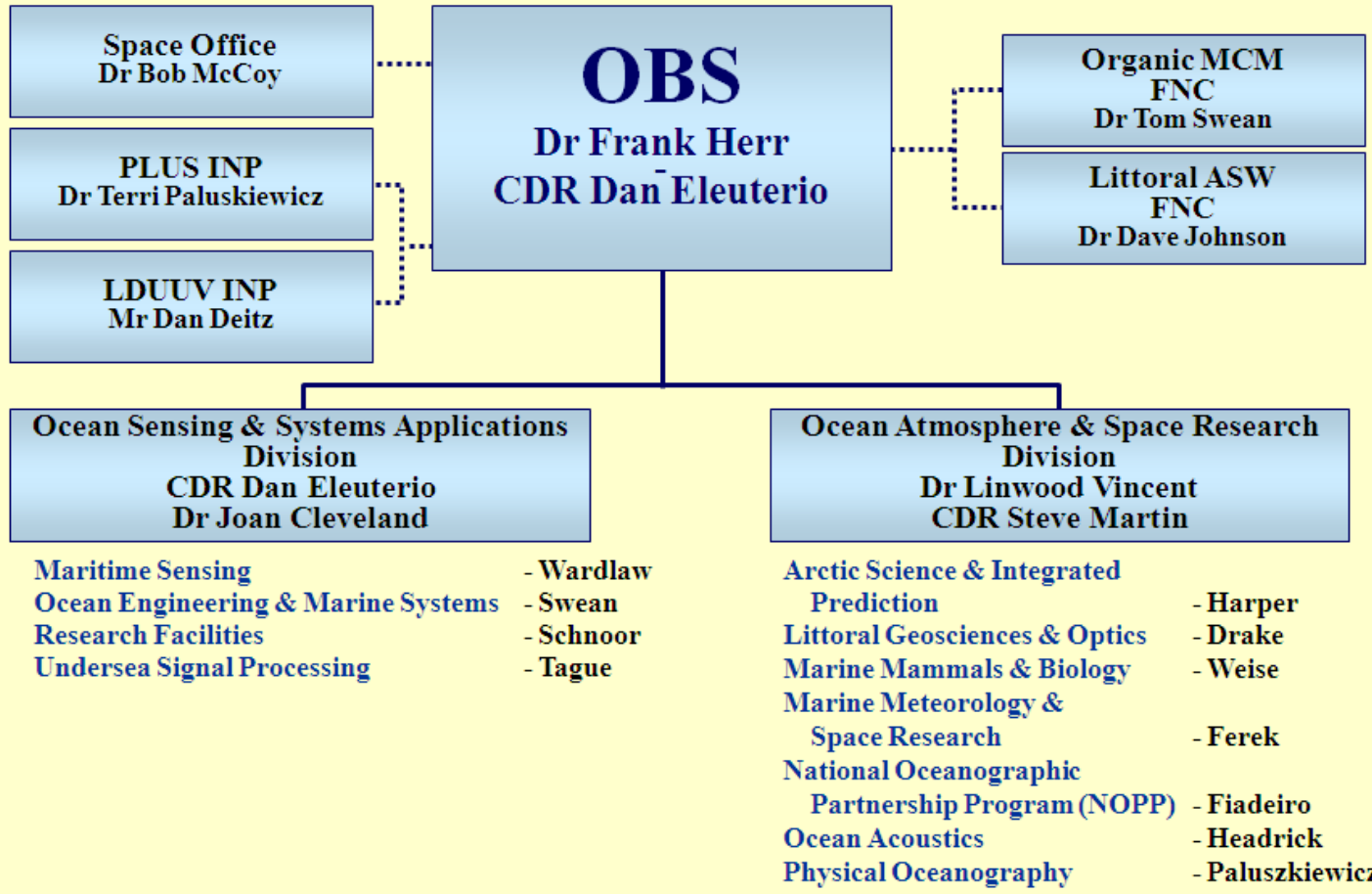
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Naval S&T Focus Areas

Assure Access to the
Maritime Battlespace

Autonomy and
Unmanned Systems

Expeditionary and
Irregular Warfare

Information
Dominance

Platform Design and
Survivability

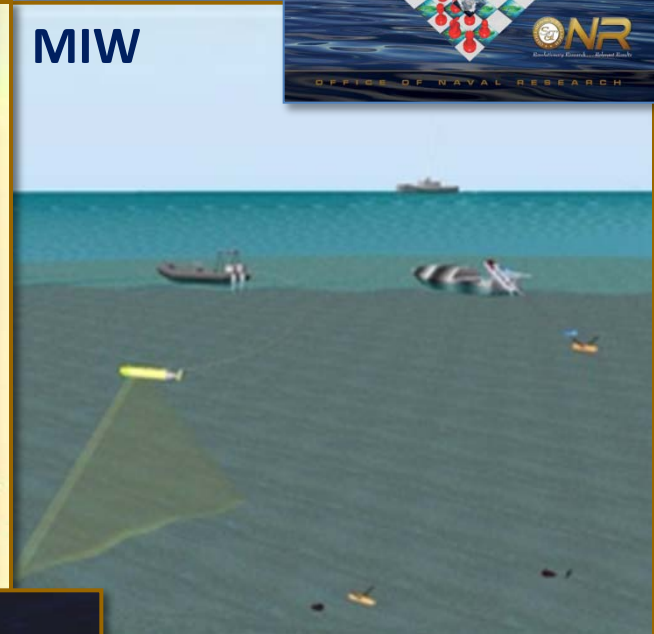
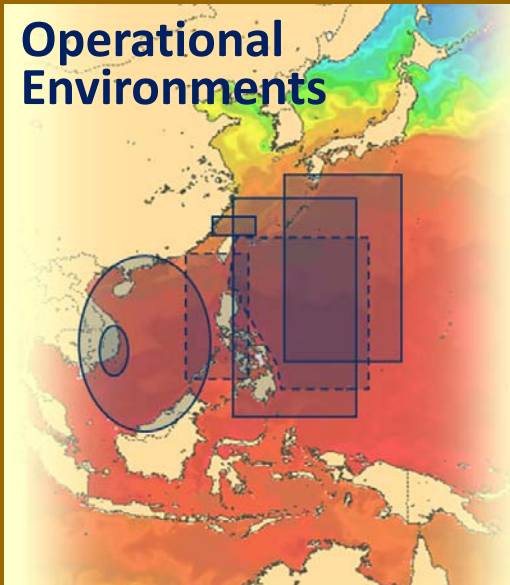
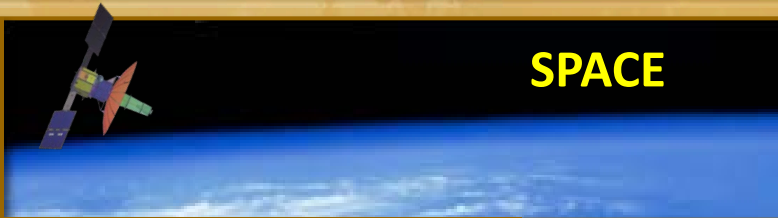
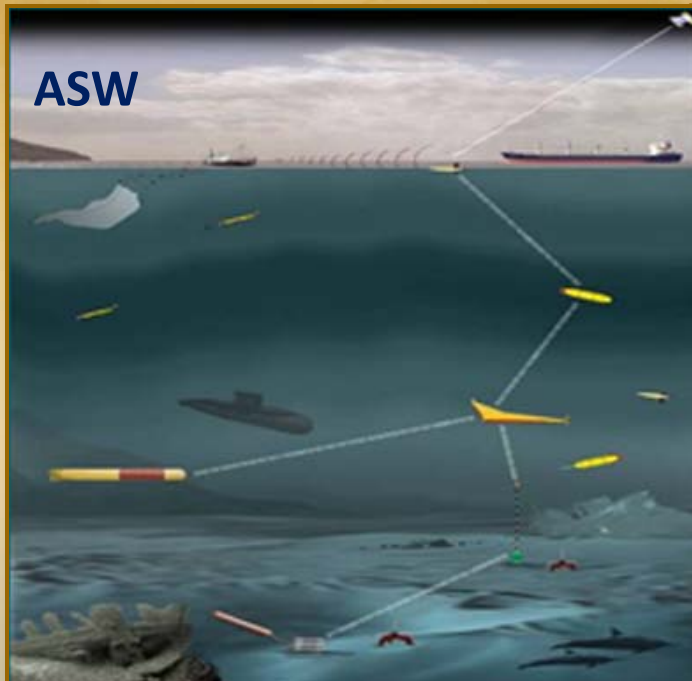
Power and Energy

Power Projection and
Integrated Defense

Total Ownership Cost

Warfighter
Performance

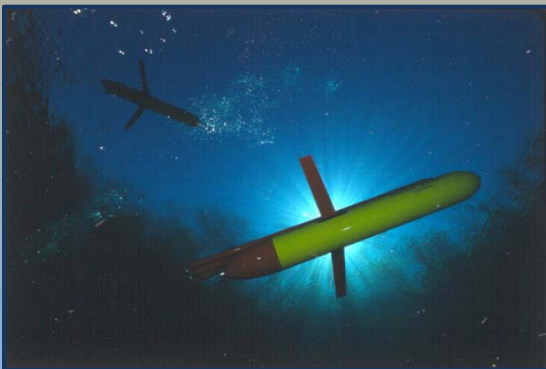
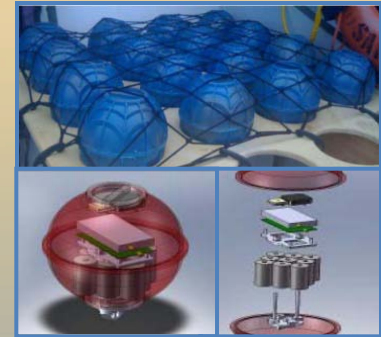
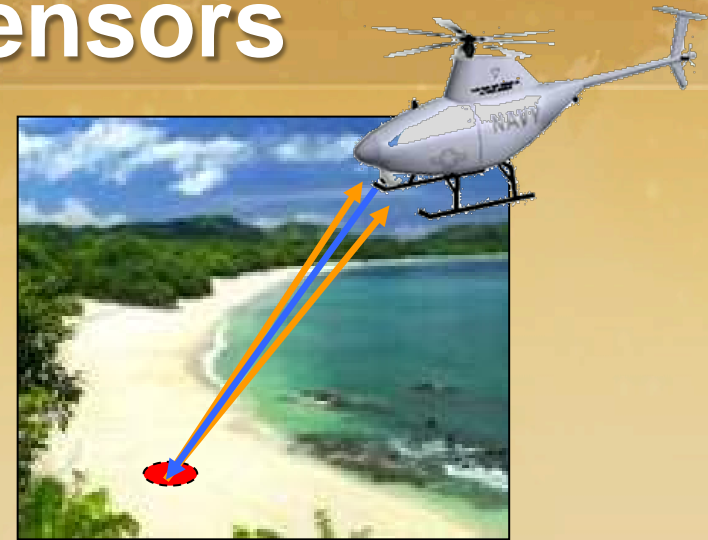
Areas of Responsibility



Strategic Precepts

- Future Fleet ship and aircraft assets will continue to decline in number
- Personnel costs will drive efforts to reduce the number of operators for any given mission
- Acquisition dollars will be scarce – close coordination with the Fleet and acquisition authorities is essential to transition
- Networked, platform agnostic, autonomous distributed sensors and effectors will play an increasingly important role in naval operations

Overarching Theme Autonomous Sensors



TacSat-4 Mission Overview



Low-HEO Orbit
2+ Hour Dwell

C2 Link

UHF Bent-pipe (285 - 415 MHz)

Comms on the Move
Legacy (5 kHz/25 kHz), Networked,
Wideband (5 MHz)

Friendly Force Tracking

Data Exfiltration



NRL's Blossom Point
Ground Station,
Maryland

2000-4000 NM
Diameter FOV

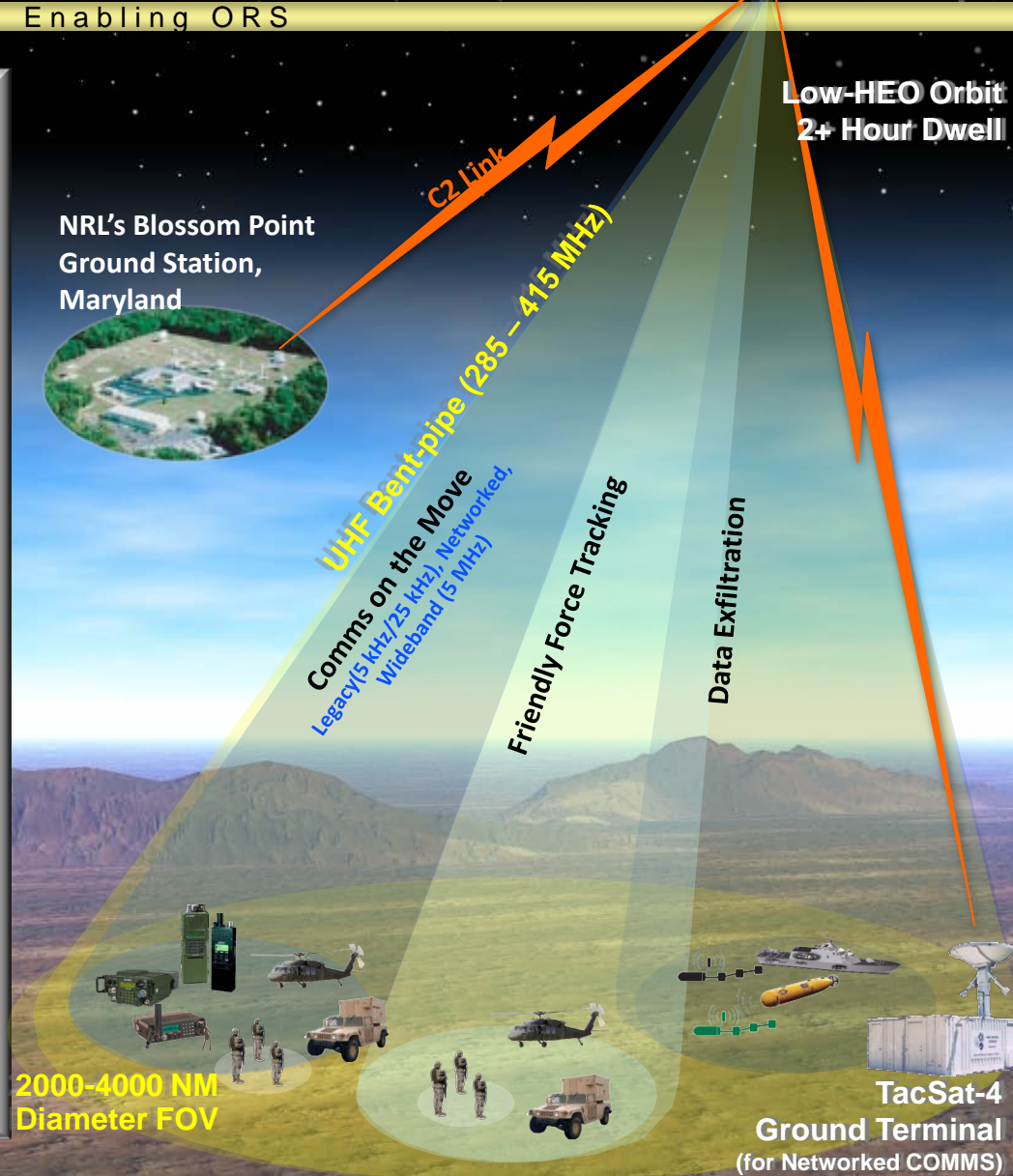
TacSat-4
Ground Terminal
(for Networked COMMS)

Augment National SATCOM with:

- 10 Legacy UHF Channels
- COMMS-on-the-Move without User Antenna Pointing
- Networked COMMS on SIPRNET
- A Single MUOS-like Wideband Channel for Early Testing
- UHF Blue Force Tracking (BFT), now "Friendly Force Tracking" (FFT), Collection in Underserved Areas
- Data Exfiltration from Unattended Ground and Maritime Sensors

Enable ORS Long Dwell Missions and Augment National Coverage with a Unique HEO Orbit

Support EMI Location Programs

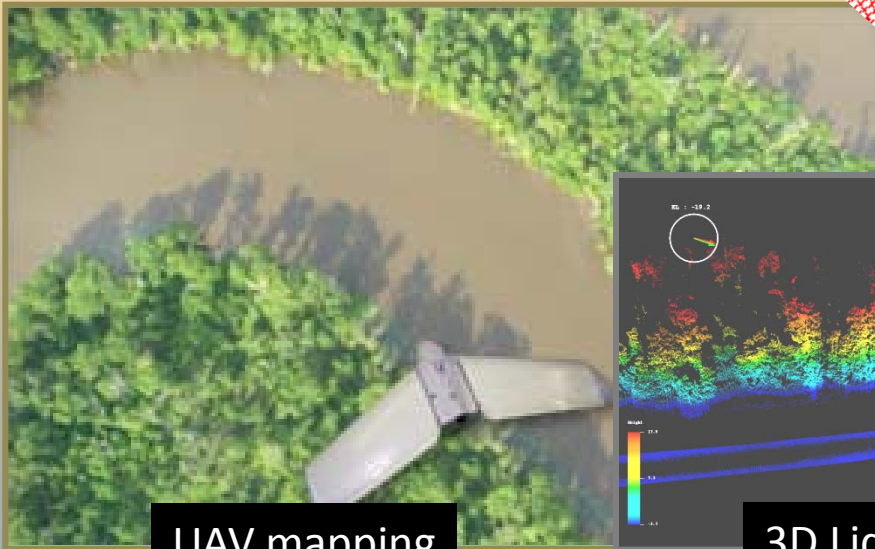


Riverine Reconnaissance

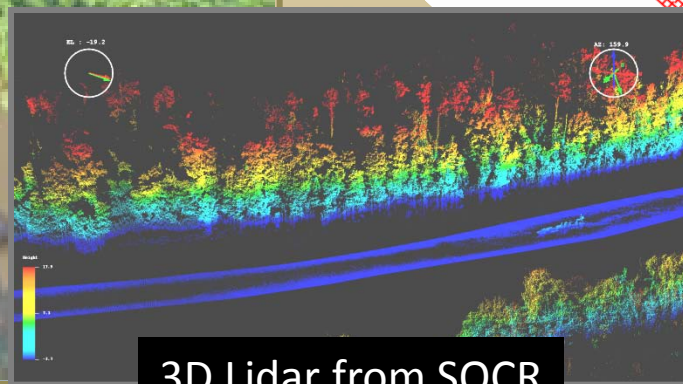
Assure access: riverine environments change rapidly – many locations not amenable to remote sensing

Uncertainty reduces optempo and greatly increases risk

Must counter water and land threats simultaneously

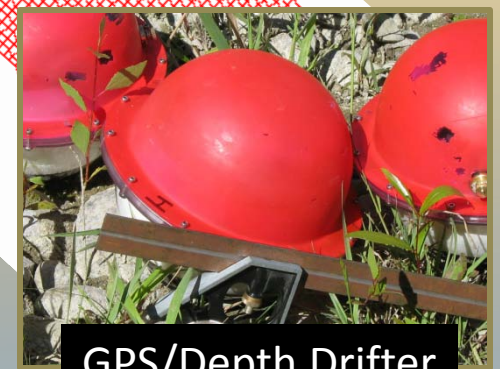


UAV mapping



3D Lidar from SOCR

River depths from remote sensing



GPS/Depth Drifter

Riverine reconn exploits satellite, UxV and in situ observations of river characteristics to provide predictive models for tactical decisions

XMET

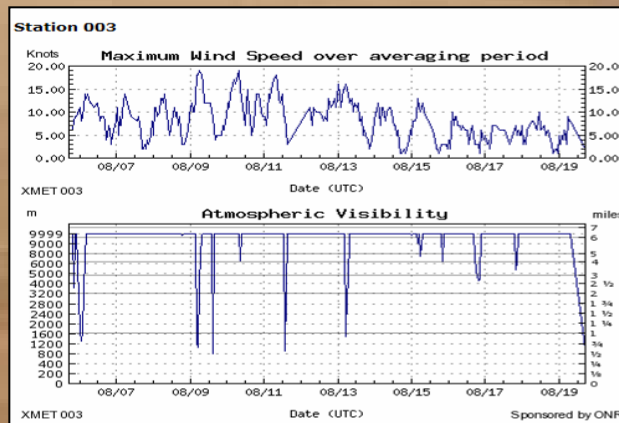
Expeditionary Meteorological Sensor

- A cooperative effort between the U.S. Office of Naval Research and U.S. Marine Corps to develop and test a rapidly-deployable, proof-of-concept meteorological sensor system to autonomously sense and report weather and visibility conditions at remote locations
- Provides situational awareness of rapid weather changes which impact local operations

XMet Sensor
Al Asad Air Base, Iraq
6/30/2008

Capabilities:

- Wind speed/direction
- Visibility
- Air temperature
- Relative humidity and dew point
- Barometric pressure (QNH/PA/DA)
- Global communications using SATCOMs
- Hourly weathergram transmitted via email
- Web interface to data and mapping of near real-time conditions
- Solar powered for unattended operation
- Based upon technology used in ocean buoys
- Low Cost



Data collection for validating and improving forecast models



Basic and Applied Research for Building the Navy's Environmental Prediction System

(The world's largest operational, integrated environmental prediction system)

WESTPAC Basic Environmental Research

Observations, Discoveries, Inventions

Develop/Improve 25+ Operational Prediction System Components

ONR Field Studies*

Impacts on Western Pacific Typhoon Predictability

Quantifying, Predicting, Exploiting Uncertainty

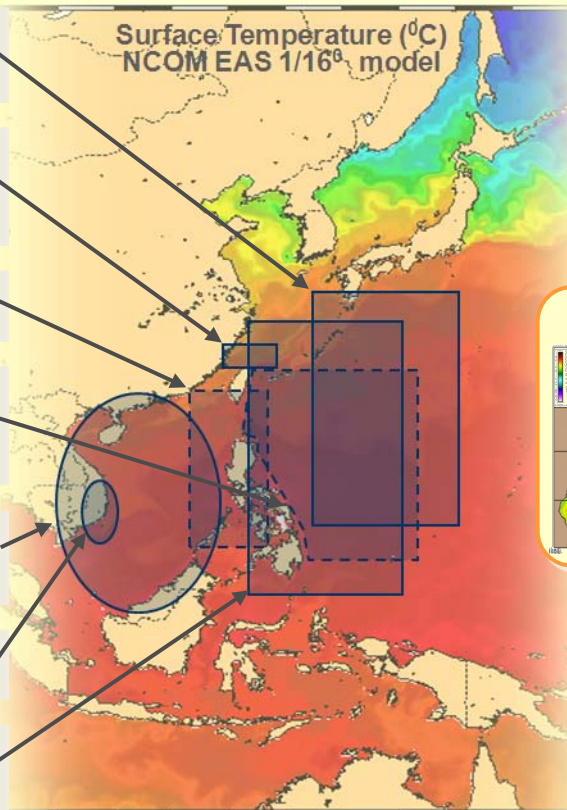
Internal Waves in Straits Experiment

Origins of the Kuroshiro and Mindanao Currents

Vietnamese Shelf and South China Sea Variability

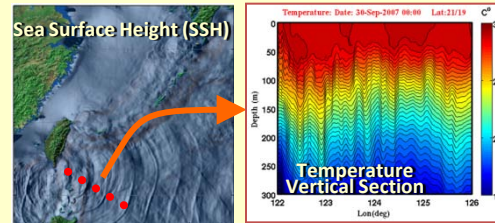
Remote Sensing of Deltas

Typhoon Impacts on the Western Pacific Ocean

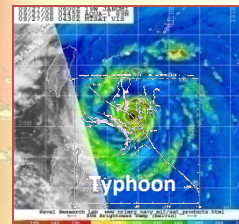
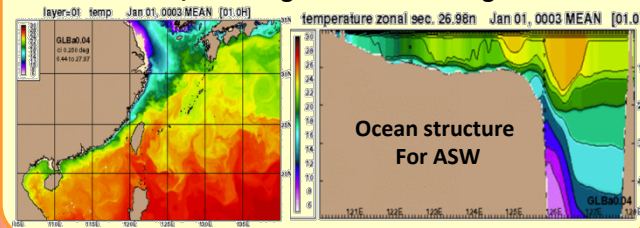


ONR Model Development

Internal Waves = Propagation Variability



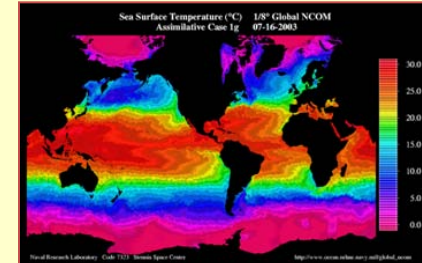
HYCOM 1/25th Degree Tide Resolving Model



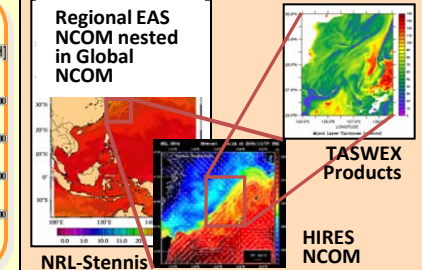
New technology



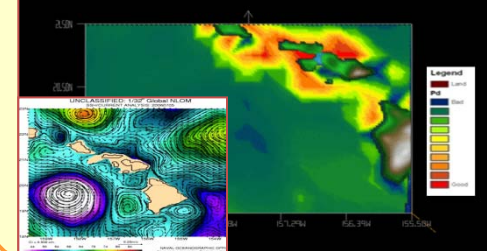
CNMOC Transitioned Predictions



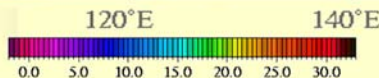
TASWEX-04 Nesting in East Asian Seas NCOM



Probability of Submarine Detection



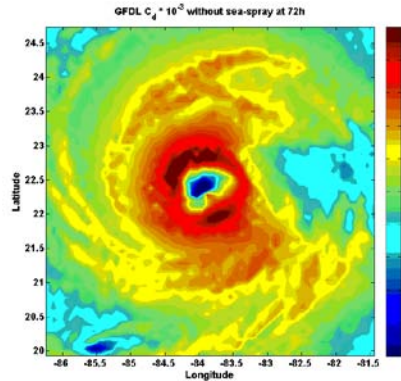
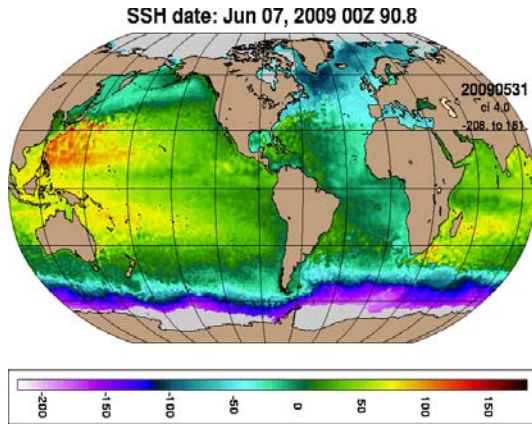
* Ongoing FY11



Navy R&D focus on OCONUS areas of special operational interest and for specific Warfare missions

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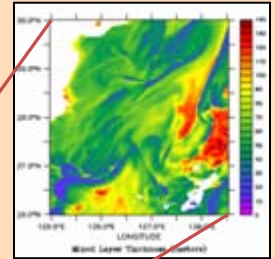
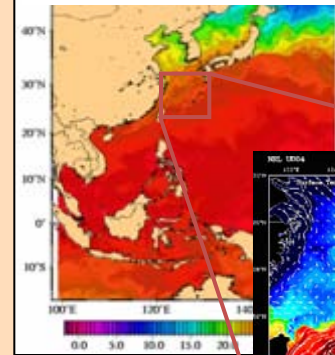
Ocean and Atmosphere Models and Prediction Systems



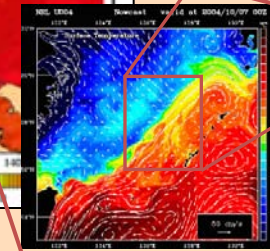
High-resolution Regional and Coastal Prediction Systems

TASWEX-04 Nesting in East Asian Seas NRL Coastal Ocean Model (NCOM)

Regional EAS NCOM nested in Global NCOM



TASWEX Products



Hires NCOM

NRL-Stennis

ONR S&T: Develop/Improve 25+ Operational Prediction System Components

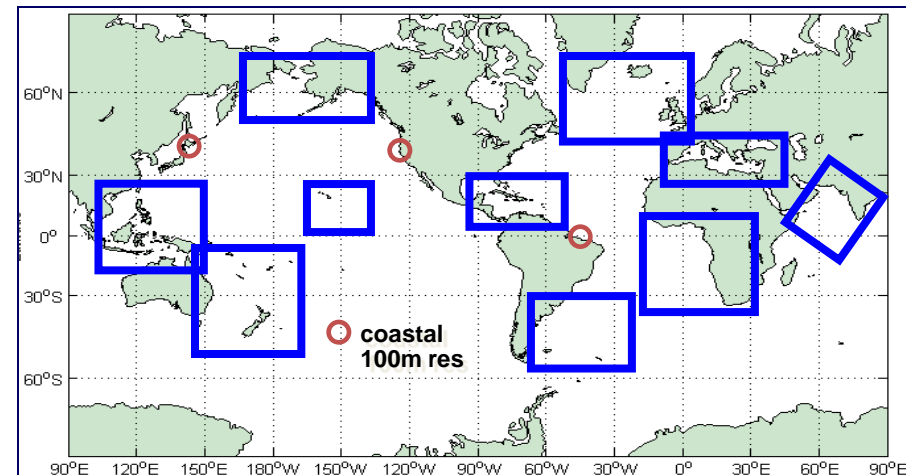
Research: Process studies,
Theory, Model Development:

- Ocean
 - Currents, Circulation
 - Waves, Surf
 - Mixing
 - Ice
 - Sediment Transport
 - Acoustics, Optics
- Atmosphere
 - Global, Mesoscale
 - Tropical Cyclones
 - Dust, Visibility
 - EM/EO Propagation
- Observation Systems
- Advanced Data Assimilation

Operations:

- Global ocean models
 - SWAFS
 - NLOM
 - GNCOM
 - GHYCOM
- Regional ocean models
 - RNCOM
 - COAMPS
- Coastal ocean models
- WW3 (Waves)
- Sea Ice
- Atmosphere models
 - COAMPS
 - NAVGEM

Relocatable anywhere within the global system

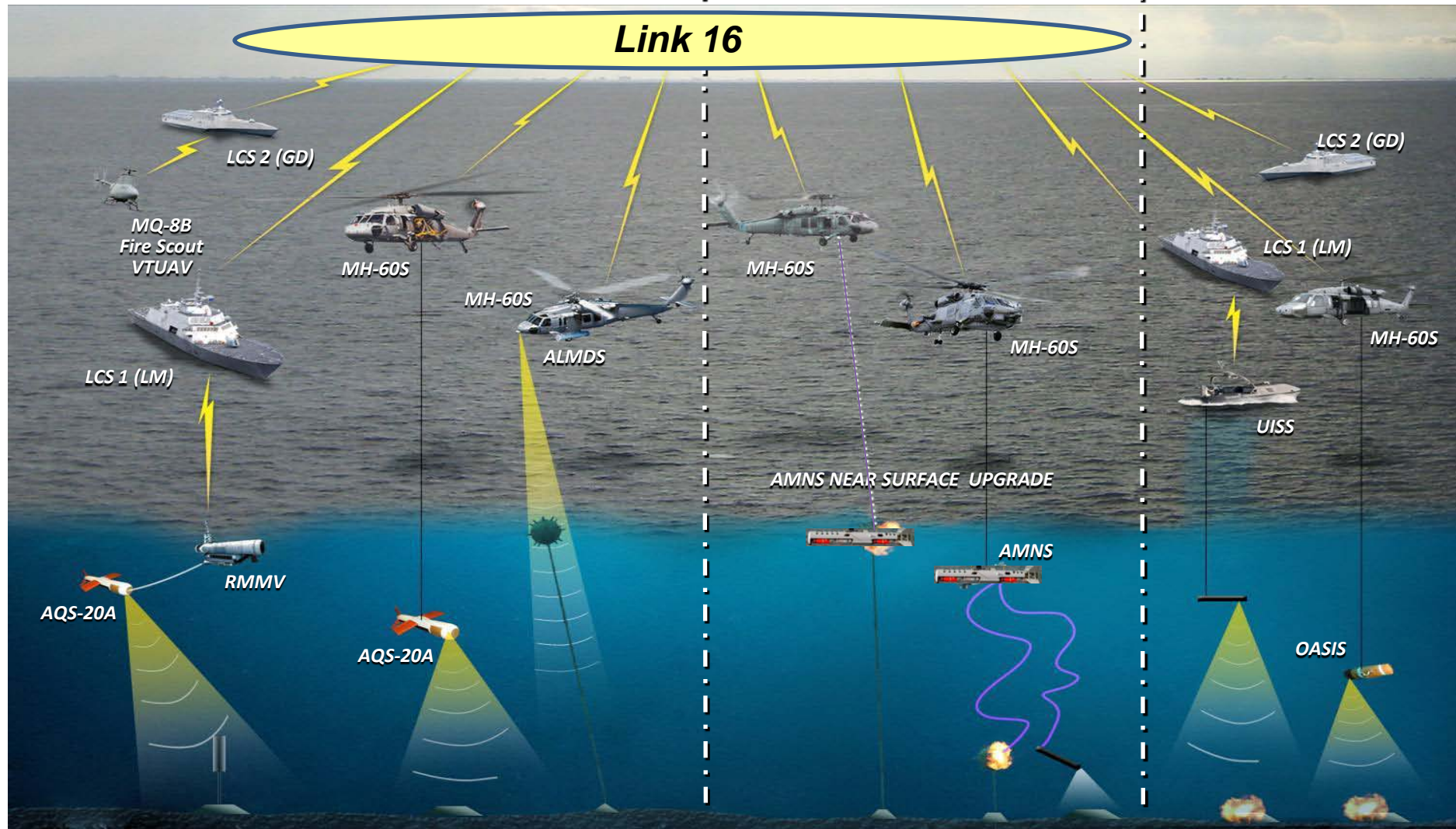


LCS Mine Countermeasures Concept

Detect, Classify & Identify

Engage (Neutralize)

Engage (Sweep)



OASIS: Organic Airborne and Surface Influence Sweep / **AMNS:** Airborne Mine Neutralization System
RMMV: Remote Multi Mission Vehicle / **UISS:** Unmanned Influence Sweep System / **ALMDS:** Airborne Laser Mine Detection System



Future Naval Capabilities

Advanced LCS MCM Mission Package

Airborne Mine Neutralization System (AMNS) Improvements

Compact Modular Sensor Suite (CMSS) for Detection & Classification of Surface/Near-Surface Drifting Mines



New Start – FY12

Surface/Near-Surface Drifting Mine Neutralization Capability for AMNS

New Start – FY13

Ultra Light Structures

Unmanned Systems Common Control (SUMMIT)



New Start – FY12/13

Automated Mission Module

Mine Drift Tactical Decision Aid Automated Mission Planning

MCM Sensor Data Fusion

New Start – FY13



Single Sortie Detect-to-Engage (DTE) Payload for USV

UUV Buried Mine Sensor (LFBB) Long Range LFBB Sonar





FY12 FNC: Compact Modular Sensor/ Processing Suite (CMSS)

CMSS

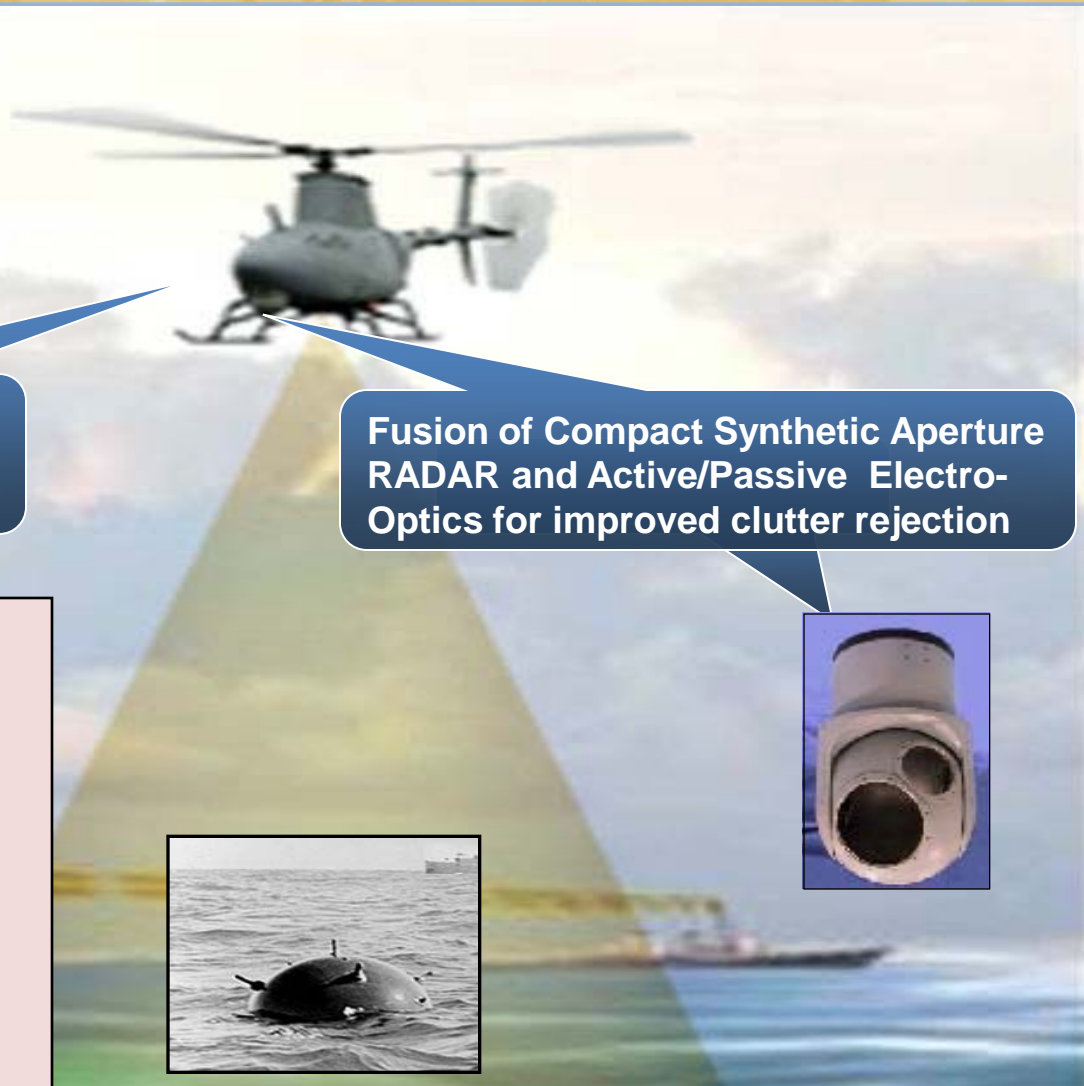
- Small Multi-mode Sensor Package
- Real-time Detection/Classification
- Surface and Near-Surface Mines
- Drifting/Oscillating (Moving) Mines

Real-time processing eliminates requirement for off-board classification

Fusion of Compact Synthetic Aperture RADAR and Active/Passive Electro-Optics for improved clutter rejection

Opportunities for Industry (FY12):

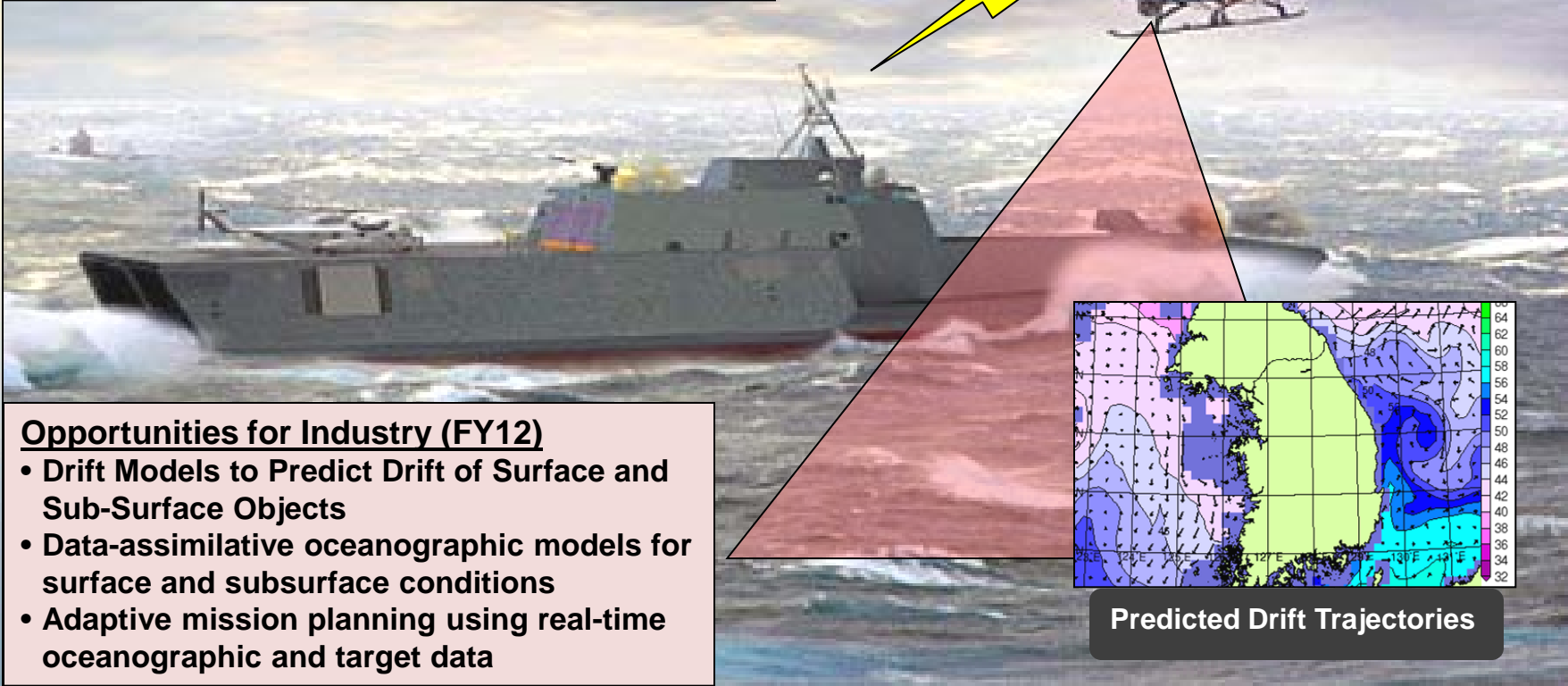
- Sensor System with Multiple Sensing Modalities (Active/Passive Electro-Optic, Synthetic Aperture RADAR)
- Real-Time Onboard Target Classification
- Advanced Target Recognition Algorithms
- Real-time In-Situ Characterization of the Environment (waves, currents)



FY12 FNC: Mine Drift Prediction Tactical Decision Aid (TDA)

The Mine Drift Prediction TDA

- Drift trajectories using real-time data
- Plan optimal deployment of MCM assets
- Generate maneuver plan for surface combatants
- Infer locations of mine deployment



Opportunities for Industry (FY12)

- Drift Models to Predict Drift of Surface and Sub-Surface Objects
- Data-assimilative oceanographic models for surface and subsurface conditions
- Adaptive mission planning using real-time oceanographic and target data

FY13 FNC: Single Sortie MCM

Detect-to-Engage Payload

Full Detect-to-Engage

- Mine Reconnaissance
- Mine Identification
- Mine Neutralization

Opportunities for Industry (FY13):

- Concepts & solutions for USV-based launch and recovery of UUVs
- Architecture & infrastructure for USV-aircraft & USV-UUV cooperation and supervised autonomy
- Concepts & solutions for automated battle damage assessment of mine neutralization

OTH Communications

Mine Neutralization
Capability & Automated
Battle Damage Assessment

Automated UUV
launch & recovery

USV-UUV communications
and coordination

FY13 FNC: MCM Payload Automation



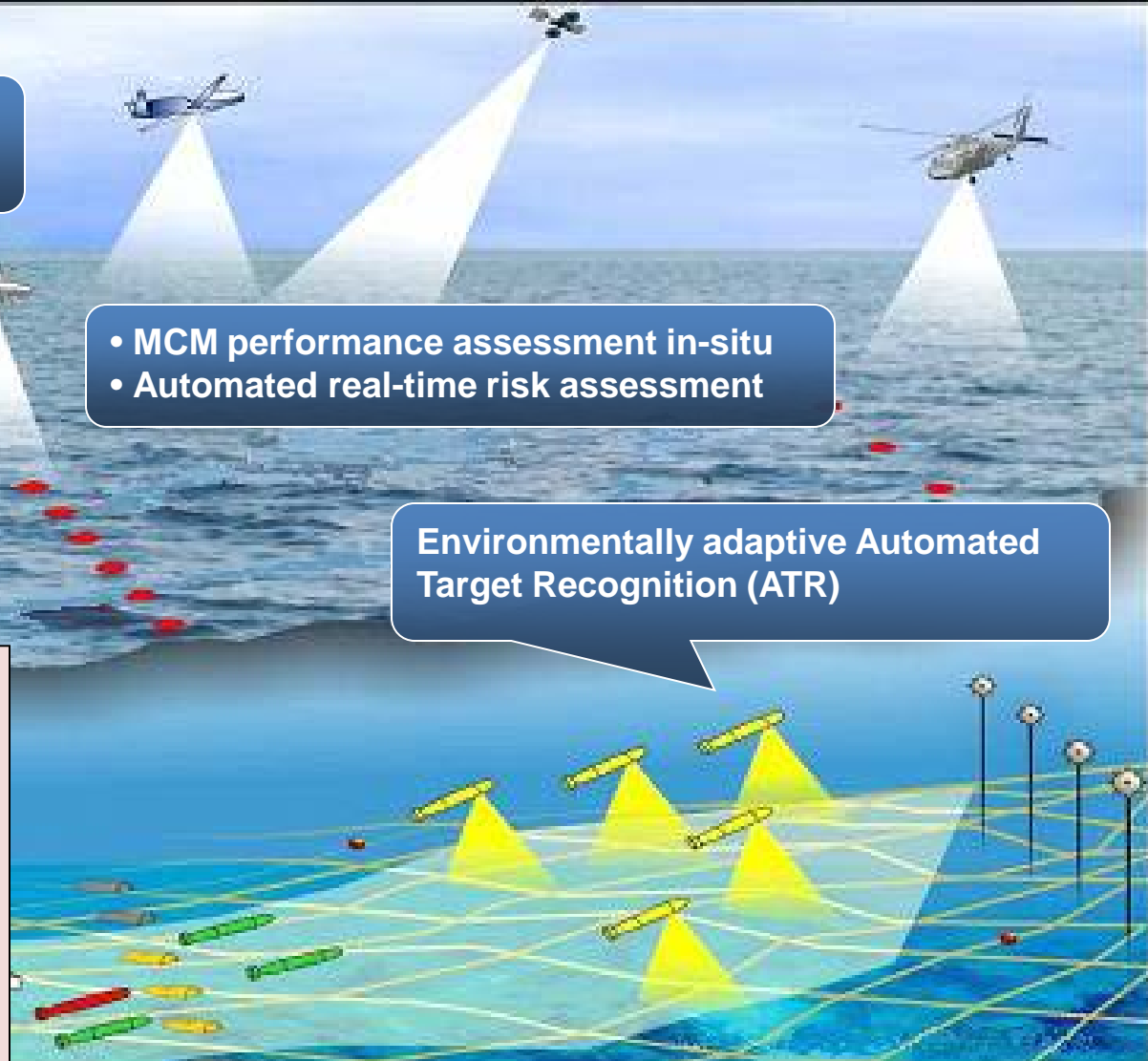
In-stride planning/re-planning based on real-time data

- MCM performance assessment in-situ
- Automated real-time risk assessment

Environmentally adaptive Automated Target Recognition (ATR)

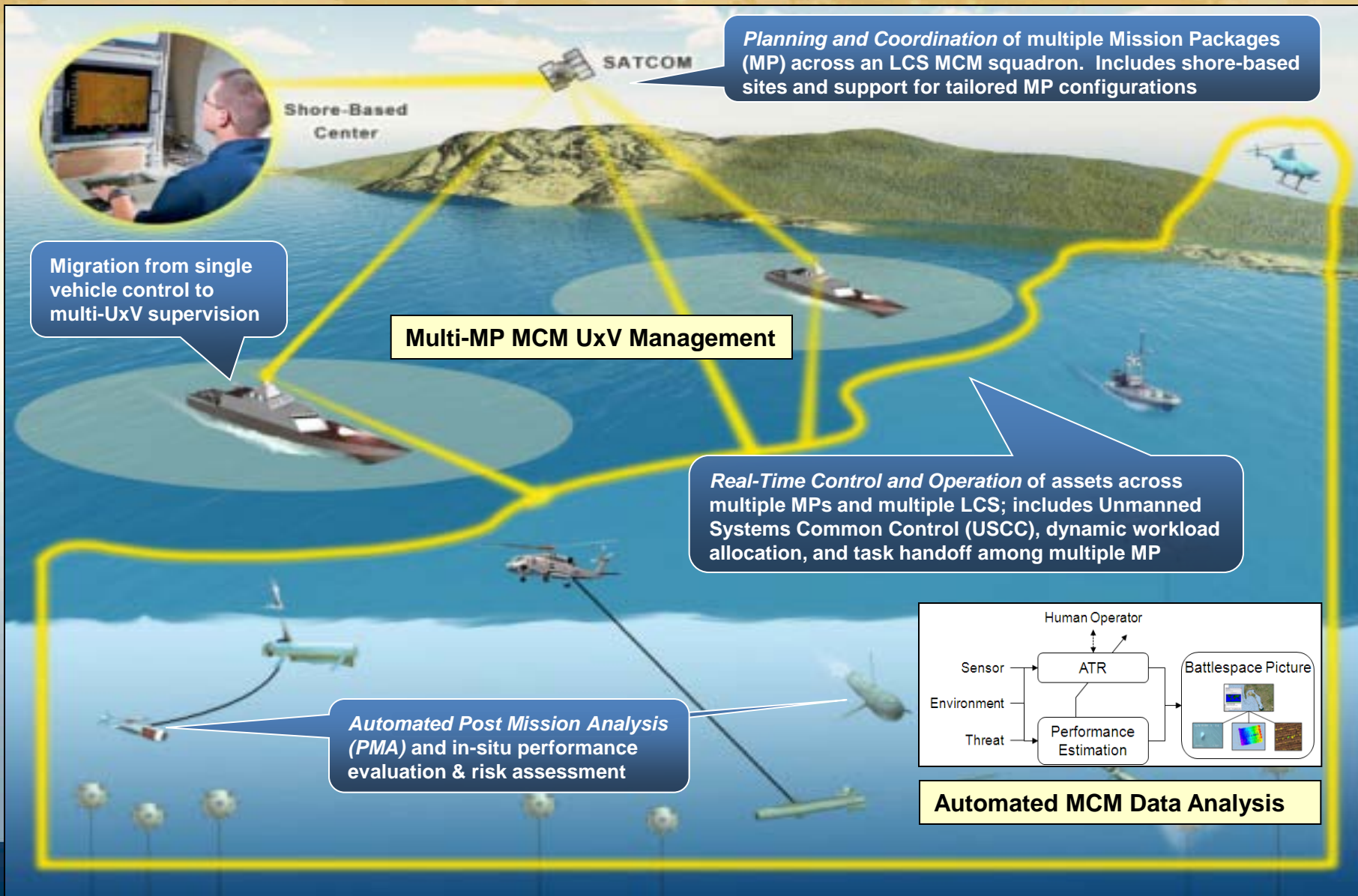
Opportunities for Industry (FY13)

- Algorithms & software development for environmentally adaptive automatic target recognition (ATR)
- Algorithms & software for system performance estimation
- Algorithms & software for MCM risk-based planning and in-stride re-planning



Multi Mission Package MCM Automation

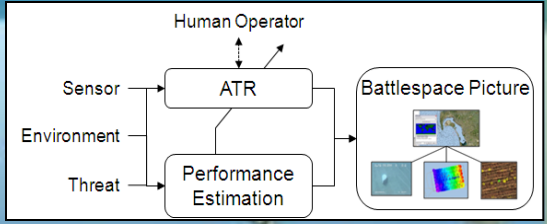
“The MCM MP must support squadron-level operations”



Planning and Coordination of multiple Mission Packages (MP) across an LCS MCM squadron. Includes shore-based sites and support for tailored MP configurations

Migration from single vehicle control to multi-UxV supervision

Real-Time Control and Operation of assets across multiple MPs and multiple LCS; includes Unmanned Systems Common Control (USCC), dynamic workload allocation, and task handoff among multiple MP



Automated MCM Data Analysis

Large Diameter Unmanned Undersea Vehicle

Naval Strategic Priority

Product Description:

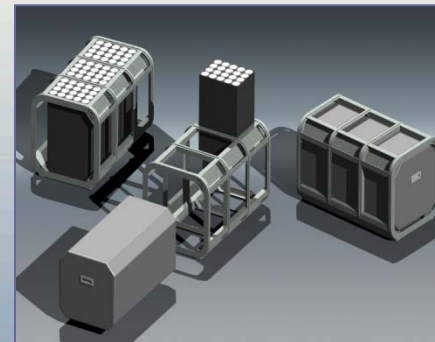
- Reliable Long Endurance UUV capable of 60+ days of operation in the Littorals.
- Program will develop the needed Autonomy, Energy, and Core UUV systems to operate in complex ocean environment near harbors, shore, and high surface traffic locations

Key Program Goals

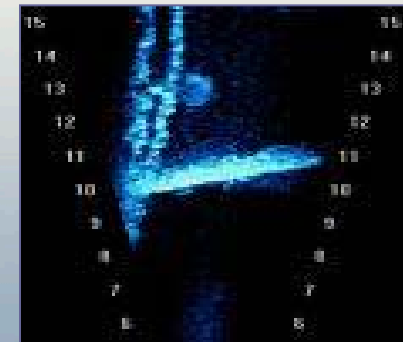
- Double Current UUV Energy Density
- Autonomous in the Littorals:
- Open Architecture
- Open Ocean/Over the Horizon Operations

Opportunities for Industry:

- Power and Energy technologies
- Autonomy in the Littorals
- Endurance and Reliability technologies



**Open Architecture
Modular Payloads**



**Autonomous
Operation**

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