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AF Science and Technology Game Changing Investments



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AF S&T Vision



Create compelling
air, space, and cyber
capabilities for
precise and reliable
Global Vigilance,
Reach and Power for
our Nation



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Air Force S&T Strategy



- Summarizes S&T vision, tenets and priorities
- Signed by SECAF and CSAF, Dec 2010
- To be updated in 2012 to reflect FY13 PB

AF S&T Program Priorities

1. Support the current fight while advancing breakthrough S&T
- ➡ 2. Execute a balanced, integrated S&T Program
3. Retain / shape the critical competencies
4. Address the highest priority capability needs of the Air Force



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Air Force S&T Strategy

Priority #2: Execute Balanced, Integrated Prgm

Increase emphasis in S&T that will:

- Improve sustainment, affordability and availability of legacy weapon systems
- Reduce cyber vulnerabilities while emphasizing mission assurance
- Support nuclear enterprise
- Deliver autonomous systems and human performance augmentation technologies envisioned in *Technology Horizons*
- Provide robust situation awareness by improving ISR capabilities and data processing, exploitation and dissemination (PED)
- Enable long-range precision strike
- Reduce energy dependency

Where Air Force would put additional S&T funding



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S&T Program Tenets

- Prepare for an Uncertain Future and ***Investigate Game-Changers*** to Shape the Art-of-the Possible into Military Capabilities
- Create Technology Options that Address Urgent Warfighter Needs and Provide New AF Service Core Function Capabilities in Support of the Joint Mission
- Maintain In-House Expertise to Support the Acquisition and Operational Communities and Modernize and Improve the Sustainability of Unique Research Facilities and Infrastructure
- Develop Future Air Force Leaders with an Appreciation for the Value of Technology as a Force-Multiplier
- Remain Vigilant Over and Leverage Global S&T Developments and Emerging Capabilities

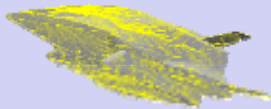


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Anti-Access/Area Denial (A2/AD) – Key Game Changers



Hypersonic Cruise Missile Demo



Hypersonic Tech



Supersonic Small Turbine

HIGH-SPEED



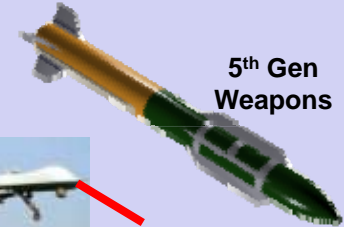
CHAMP JCTD



HPM



Laser Technologies



5th Gen Weapons

WEAPONS



Adaptive Engine



F-35 Thermal Mgt

ENERGY EFFICIENT PLATFORMS



EW Plus

EW System of Systems

ELECTRONIC WARFARE



SCOTI Cyber



PCPAD-X



Advanced ISR



Comm & C2



Passive ISR Contested Environ

C4ISR

AUTONOMY

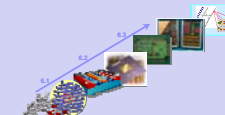


Autonomy



ANGELS

Ground SSA



Rad-Hard Electronics

SPACE

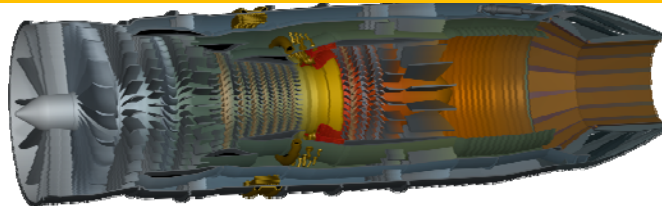


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Adaptive Engine Technology Development (AETD)

Adaptive Engine Technologies Enable Reduction in USAF Energy Burden and Costs while Increasing Capability

25% Fuel Efficiency Improvement



Increased Strike Radius

Fewer Tanker Sorties

Increased Thermal Margins

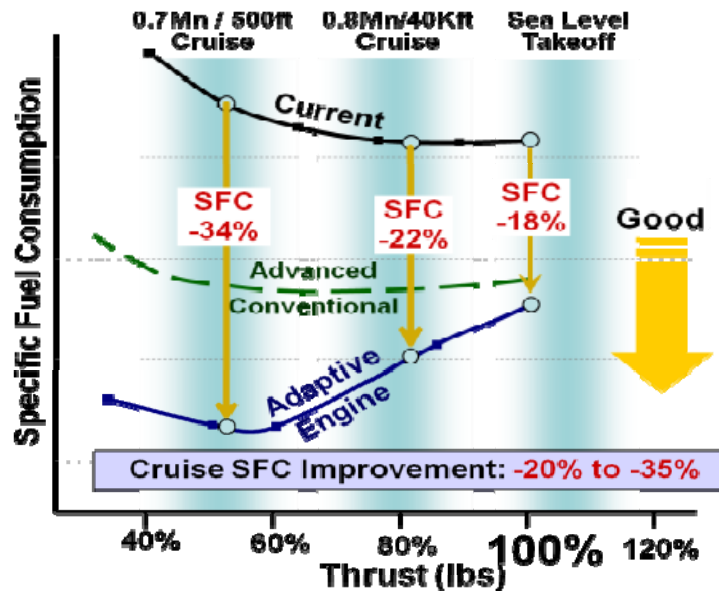
Increased Power Margins

Assured Energy Superiority

Energy Horizons

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Energy S&T Vision
2011-2026

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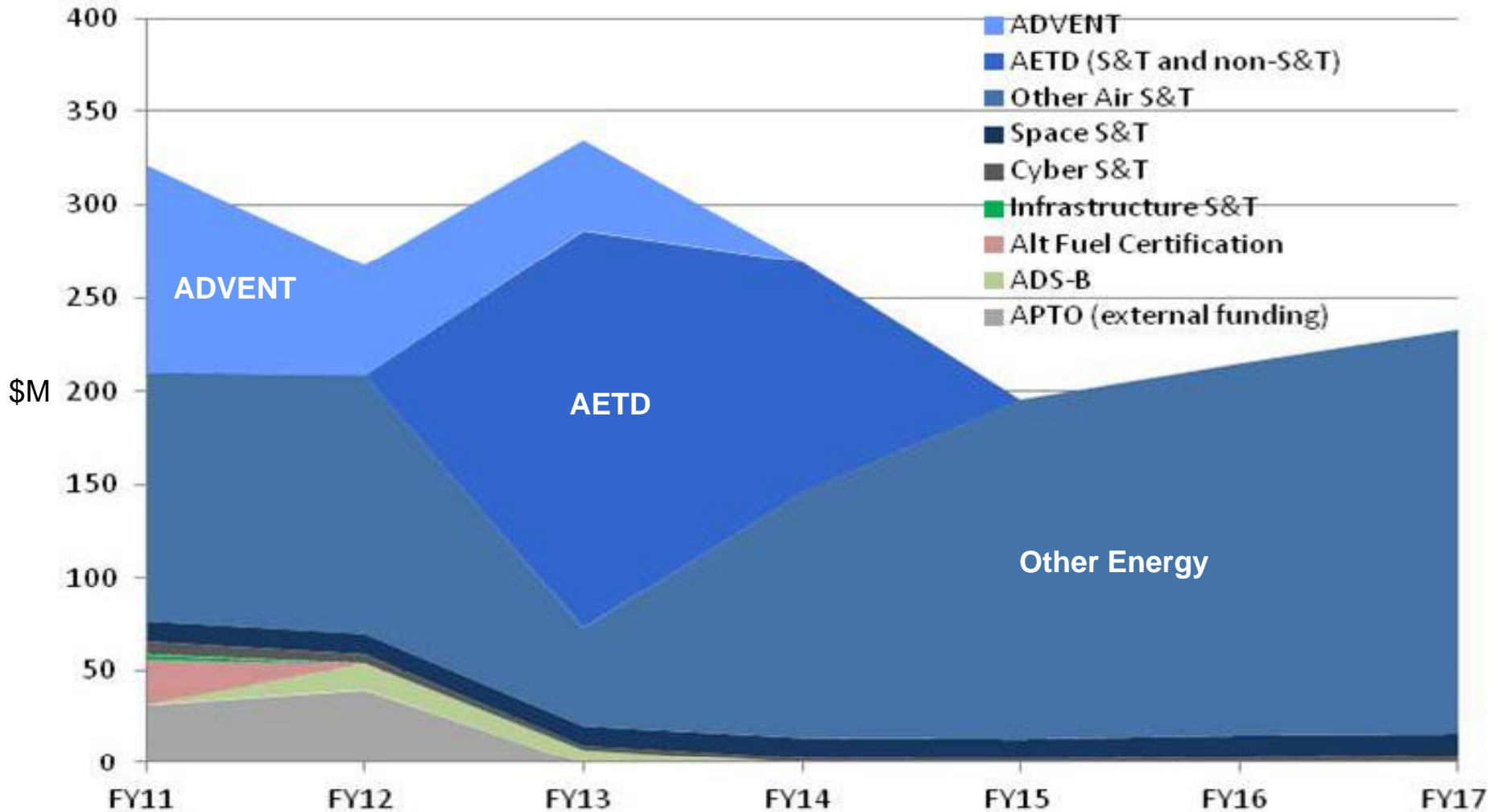


Efficient Engines Providing Increased Capability Across Multiple Mission Areas



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AF Energy RDT&E in FY13 PB Funding





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High Speed Technology

High Speed Air Vehicle and Propulsion Technologies Enable Long Range at High Speed with Effective Payload

*High Speed
Small Supersonic Turbine
Rocket-Boost Scramjet
Turbine-Based Combined
Cycle*

*Variable Warhead
Effects*

Long Range



*Aircraft Systems
Internal bombers
Internal/External
fighters*

Precision Strike

*Net-Enabled
In-Flight
Targetable*

*Large Ground
Area Coverage*

Rapid, Responsive Strike in Anti-Access/Access Denied (A2/AD) Environments



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Electronic Warfare

Full Spectrum Electronic Warfare Enables Access with Increased Survivability

EW M&S

DE M&S

All Source Threats Database

Cyber M&S



***Rapidly Fieldable Countermeasures,
High Impact Effect***

Enable US Operations in Anti-Access/Access Denied (A2/AD) Environments



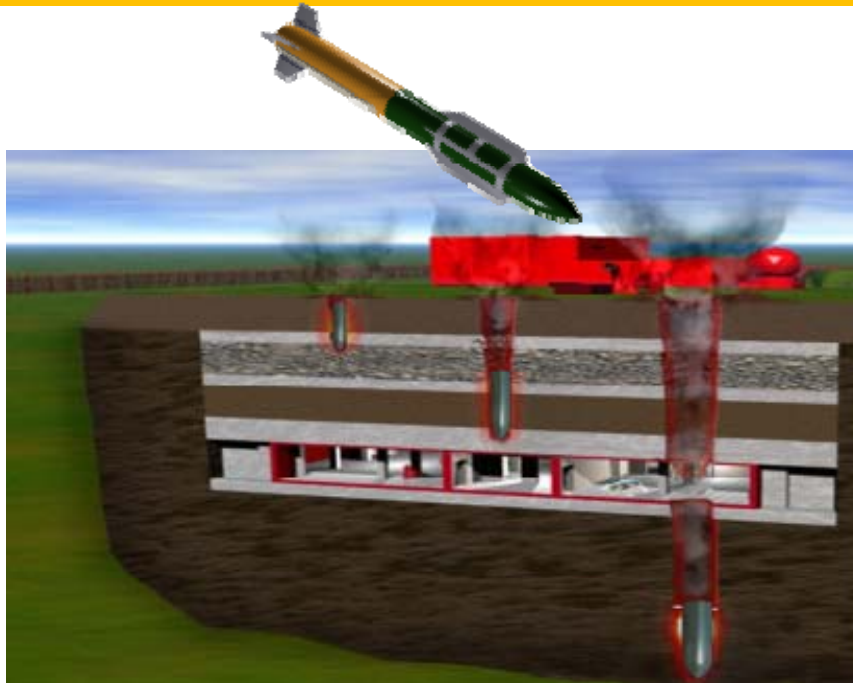
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Fifth Generation Weapons

Advanced Kinetic Weapons Create Lethal Effects Across the Full-Spectrum of Warfare

Increased Weapons Loadout

Large Magazine



Small Weapons

Selectable Effects

Advanced PNT

Reduced Collateral Damage

Kinetic Options for USAF Fifth Generation Platforms



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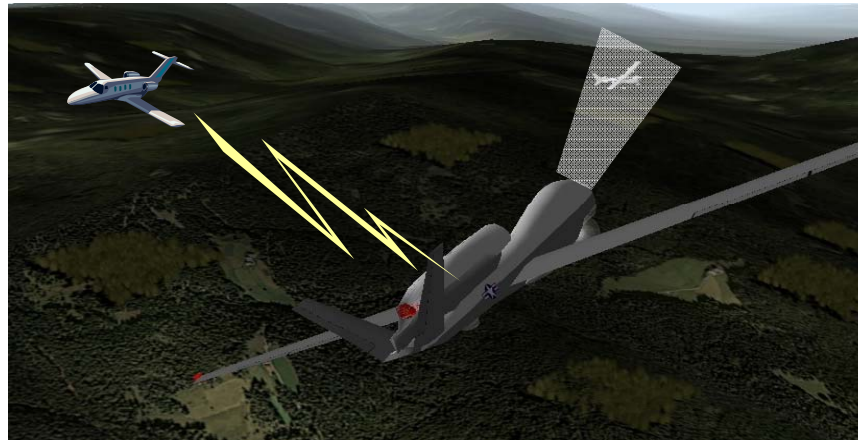
Autonomy

Advances in Autonomy Enable Time-Domain Operational Advantages Over Adversaries at Lower Cost

Collaborative Control Mixed Manned & Unmanned All Unmanned

Supervisory Control and Decentralized Decision - Making with Limited Comm

Advanced Visualization



Decision-Aiding Tools

Trust in Automation

Analyst Augmentation Tools

Autonomous Systems Reduces Friendly Exposure in A2/AD Environments



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C4ISR

Advanced C4ISR Enables USAF Decision Superiority Across Air, Space and Cyber Domains

Defensive Cyber

Cyber Vision

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Offensive Cyber



Advanced ISR



*Enhance
Processing,
Exploitation, and
Dissemination*



Comm and C2

Trusted Comm

Mission Assurance

C4ISR Technology Enabling Mission Assurance in A2/AD Environments



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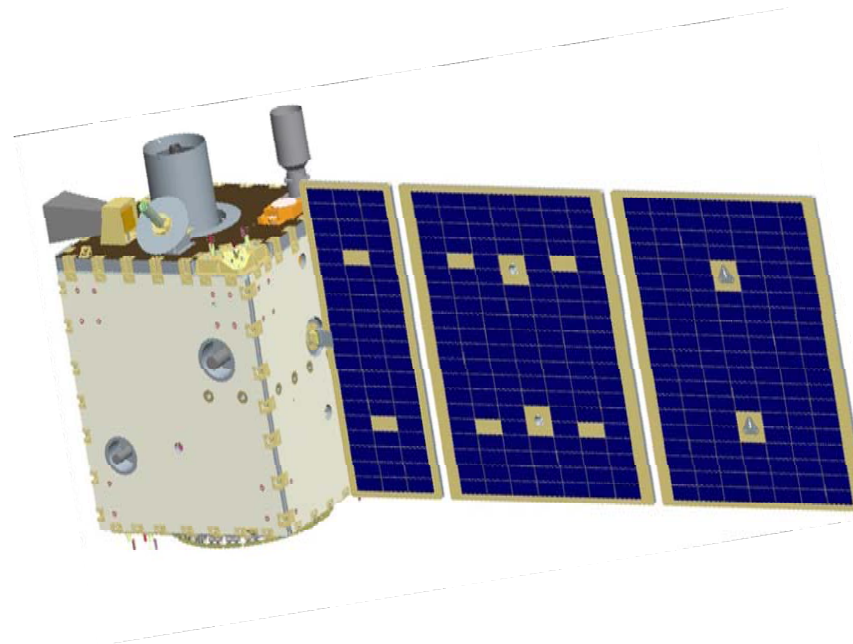
Space

Space Technology Supports the Full Range of Military Operations

Space-Based SSA

*ID, Characterization,
Health, and
Attribution of Space
Objects*

*Radiation
Hardened
Electronics*



Ground-Based Optical SSA

*Ensure Accurate
Navigation and
Communications*

*Geosynchronous
Autonomous
Proximity
Operations and
Characterization*

Space Tech Provides Capabilities to Operate in Hazardous Natural/Man-Made Environments



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STEM Workforce

Our most important game-changer

- **Commissioned National Research Council Study to examine Air Force STEM workforce - Fall 2010**
- **VCSAF established STEM Advisory Council, chaired by 3-star**
- **Published *Bright Horizons* - STEM Workforce Strategic Roadmap - Signed by SECAF/CSAF - Mar 2011**
 - **Directed establishment of Air Force STEM Outreach Coordination Office (AFSOCO)**
- **AFSOCO established - Sep 2011**

“Strategic management of Airmen is the cornerstone of our future, and STEM Airmen will play an ever-increasing role in our success.”

Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force





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Summary

- Air Force Depends on the S&T Program to discover, develop, and demonstrate high-payoff technologies across all domains – *Tech Push*
- S&T Program Priorities, Program Tenets, and Processes aligned to turn science and knowledge into militarily relevant capabilities – *Tech Pull*
- AF S&T fared well in last budget round, now must deliver technology options to the warfighter in the near, mid, and far-term
- *AF Game-changing investments are a critical component of technology options the warfighter may need in the future*



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