Driving Technological Surprise:

An Enduring Mission in a Changing World

Dr. Steven H. Walker

Deputy Director

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency



In case you thought
DARPA might scale back its far-out R&D ambitions
in light of impending defense budget cuts,
be advised:

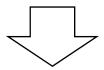
the DoD's blue-sky researchers fear no fiscal cliff

(in fact, it has likely already developed a self-assembling hypersonic vehicle that will automatically scramjet the agency to safety should any cliff, fiscal or otherwise, be autonomously detected).



Create and prevent strategic surprise

Anticipate, explore, and achieve
the concepts and technology on which
the Nation's future deterrent and defense capabilities depend

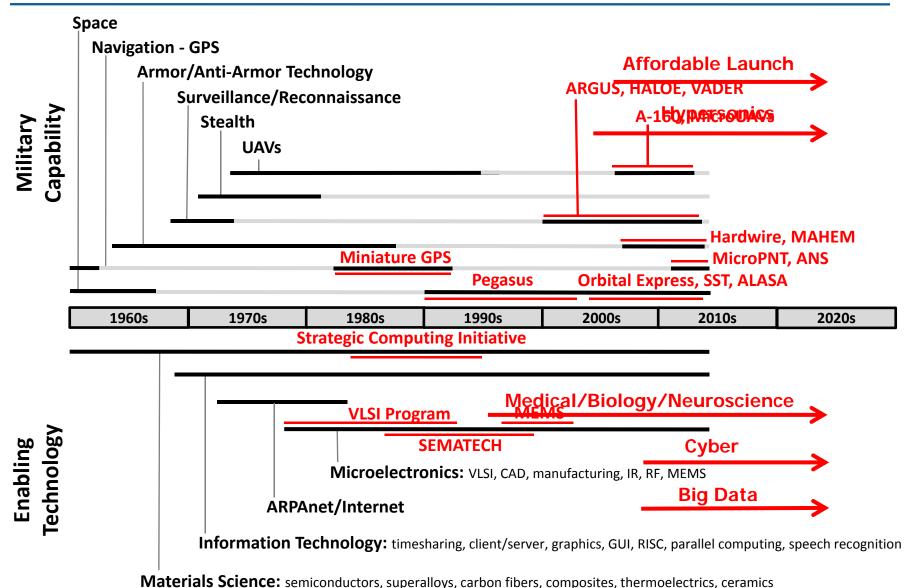


Three objectives:

Demonstrate breakthrough capabilities for national security
Catalyze a differentiated, highly capable U.S. technology base
Keep DARPA robust and vibrant



55 Years of Technological Surprise





- 210 government employees
 - 95 technical program managers
- \$2.8B in FY2012
- 250 programs across 5 technology offices
- 2000 contracts and other agreements
 - Defense contractors large and small
 - Commercial companies large and small
 - Universities
 - DoD and other labs



DARPA Organizational Chart

Director Arati Prabhakar





Deputy Director Steven Walker



Dale C. Waters



Charles T. Wolf



Mari Maeda



Geoffrey S.F. Ling



Nils R. Sandell



Stefanie Tompkins

DEFENSE SCIENCES



Daniel M. Kaufman



Norman A. Whitaker

INFORMATION INNOVATION

ADAPTIVE EXECUTION



Robert P. Colwell



David Shaver

MICROSYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY



Bradford C. Tousley



Pamela Melroy

TACTICAL TECHNOLOGY

STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY



Breakthrough National Security Capabilities

Today's Context

- Complex and unpredictable national security challenges
 - Actors: nation states, groups, individuals
 - Threats: kinetic, EW, cyber, nuclear, chemical, biological
- Constrained budgets to meet the Nation's security needs

Key Approaches

- Game-changing new systems technologies
- Layered, multi-technology warfighting concepts
- Adaptable systems and solutions
- Innovation to invert the cost equation



Cyber defense

Today's patch-and-pray approach:

- Attacker has to find one flaw, defender has to find them all
- Perimeter defense hard outside, soft inside
- Monoculture amplifies vulnerability



Future cybersecurity

- Formally provable, deeply integrated security properties
- Software randomized "under the hood" but consistent user interface
- Testable software properties and auditable supply chains

Cyber offense

Today's cyber tool development

- Artisan approach
- One-off without reliable or measurable effects
- Extraordinary authority required for use



Future tactical cyber warfare

- Integral to warfare an alternative and augmentation to kinetics
- Automated, real time, scalable
- Predictable effects and BDA
- Rules of engagement with graduated authorities: 19-year-old to POTUS



Phoenix Program

- Cooperatively harvest and reuse valuable components from retired satellites in GEO
- Assemble on-orbit with satlets for new GEO satellites
- Lower cost and upgrade capability
- Opens the door for non-traditional space suppliers
- Encourages a responsible international ecosystem for spacecraft servicing



The Phoenix program is an unclassified program. DARPA is following the U.S. National Space Policy guidance to expand international cooperation in GEO.



Differentiated U.S. Technology Base

Today's Context

- Virtuous cycle between defense needs and commercial opportunities
- Broad and deep globalization
 - Design, production, supply chains
 - R&D, education and training

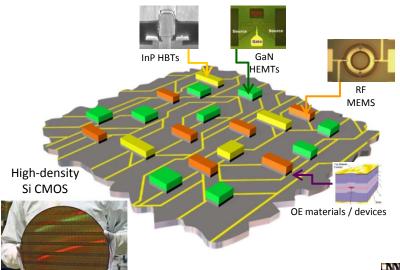
Key Approaches

- Exploit and transcend commercially available technologies
- Catalyze new national technology capabilities
 - Explore technology possibilities from fertile research areas
 - Build radical technology infrastructure and communities
 - Demonstrate new capabilities

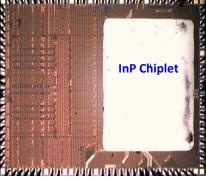


Heterogeneous Integration for Military Electronics

Diverse Accessible Heterogeneous Integration (DAHI) – Chiplet Integration



- Billions of transistors possible in commercial processes
- Thousands of boutique, military specific transistors integrated at the wafer scale



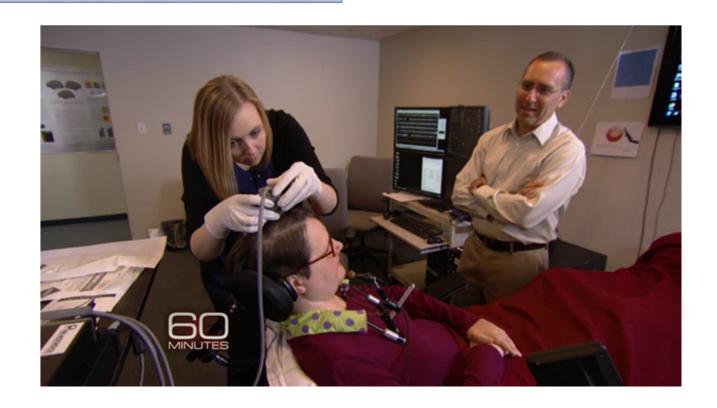
World record mixed InP and silicon DAC

Ex: InP Bicmos 13 bit signal generation at 1.33 GHz BW

- 12 dB better than InP only
- 30 dB better than Silicon



Revolutionizing Prosthetics: sophisticated prosthetic arms and direct brain control to take restoration of function to a new level





Societal Implications of New Technologies

- Leading edge of technology uncovers new societal questions
 - Ethical
 - Legal
 - Safety and security
 - Policy
- Two jobs for DARPA:
 - Explore new high-potential technology areas even in uncomfortable territory
 AND
 - Raise societal questions and engage others
- We work rigorously within the law and regulations
- For new areas, seek to engage experts with diverse viewpoints
- Technology solutions can sometimes be part of the answer



Keep DARPA Robust and Vibrant

Stellar program managers

Technology leaders

Adventurous spirit

Conviction and drive to change the world

Technical leadership

Hire and empower PMs

Define and manage portfolio

Effective support functions

Missionfocused productive environment

Legislated authorities

Active engagement

Broad, diverse technology community

Services and agencies

DARPA Culture

Drive for off-scale impact

Risk taking

Honor in public service



Driving Technological Surprise: DARPA's Mission in a Changing World



Driving Technological Surprise: DARPA's Mission in a Changing World



April 2013



Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

The estimated cost of report or study for the Department of Defense is approximately \$29,000 for the 2013 Fiscal Year. This includes \$0 in expenses and \$29,000 in DoD labor.

Generated on 2013Apr04 RefID: \$6 IEEB88

APPROVED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE; DISTRIBUTION IS UNLIMITED

Released to public 24 April 2013

www.darpa.mil



Thank you