



# Next Generation Jammer (NGJ) Overview

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**The Next Generation Jammer (NGJ) system is critical to Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) and vital for Naval and Joint force power projection.**

**The capabilities that the NGJ brings to the host platform (EA-18G), Carrier Airwing and Joint forces are needed today and need to be able to outpace the threat in the future.**

**AEA provides sanctuary by degrading red kill chain, allowing blue kill chain to accomplish the mission.**



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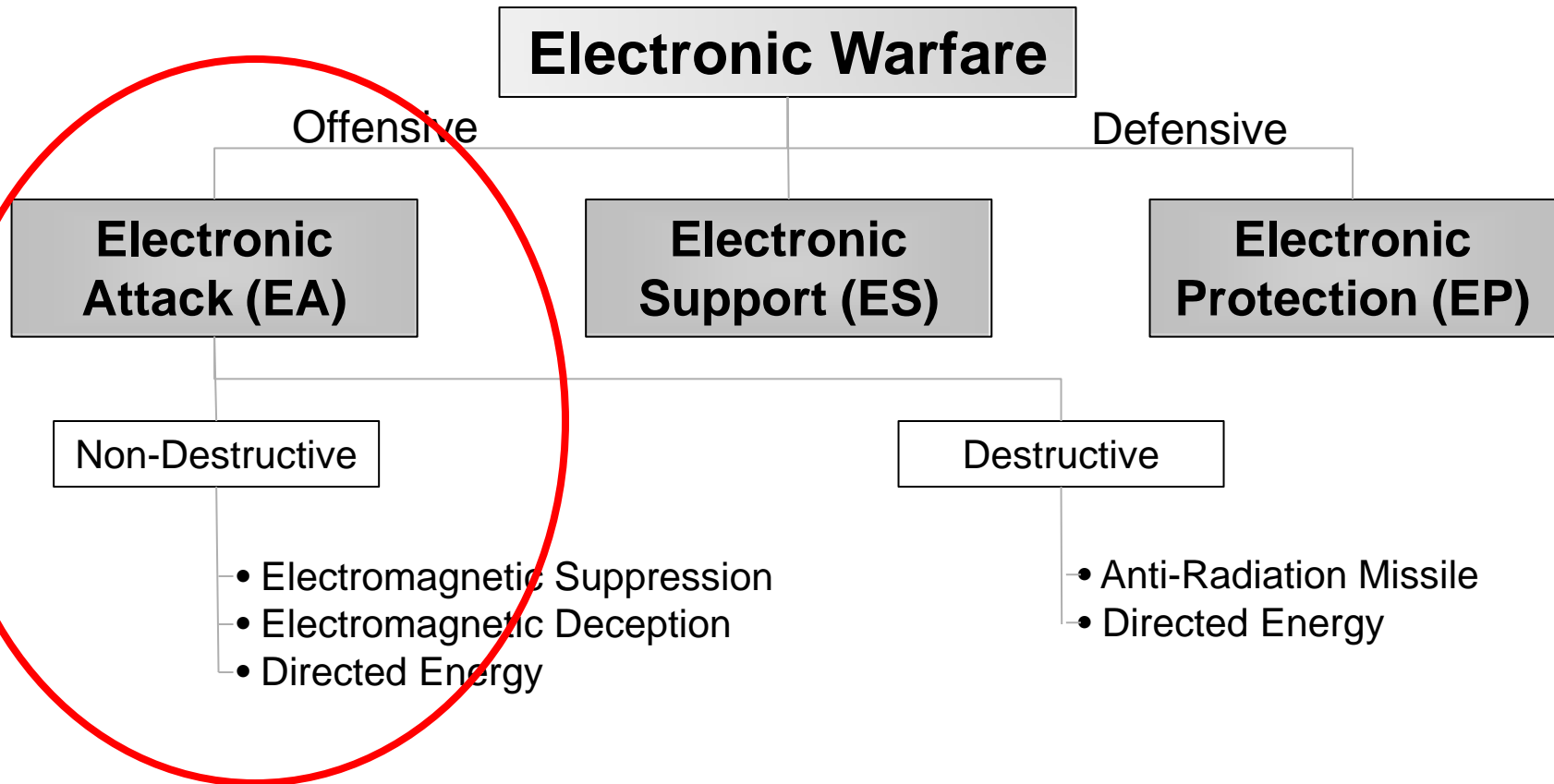
# JP 3-51 Joint EW



**Physical Destruction.** “Precision strike” is an increasingly important aspect of physical destruction actions in Joint operations. EW is an important part of precision strike. Frequency management and deconfliction must account for frequencies used by various types of precision strike weapons.



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# AEA Jamming Required Capability

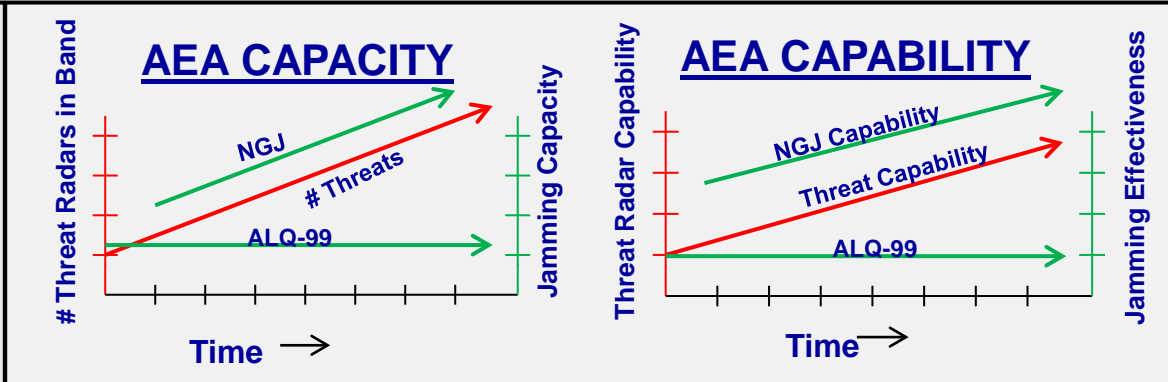


Threat Issues Driving Change	Potential Responses
Longer Standoff Range Long Range Missiles	Higher EIRP
Increased Density	Increased # of Assignments
Digital-based radar processing	Digital-based waveform modulations
Coherent/Low Probability of Intercept Radars	Coherent Features Wideband Spectrum
Sidelobe blanking/cancelling	Polarization control
Irregular Warfare EM Fratricide	Increased # of Assignments Cleaner Spectral Output
Rapid Technological Advances	Open Architecture

## Tactical Drivers

- Rapid increase of modern threats
- Critical threats are in NGJ range
- NGJ is DoD's only TACAIR jammer
- IOC est. 2021

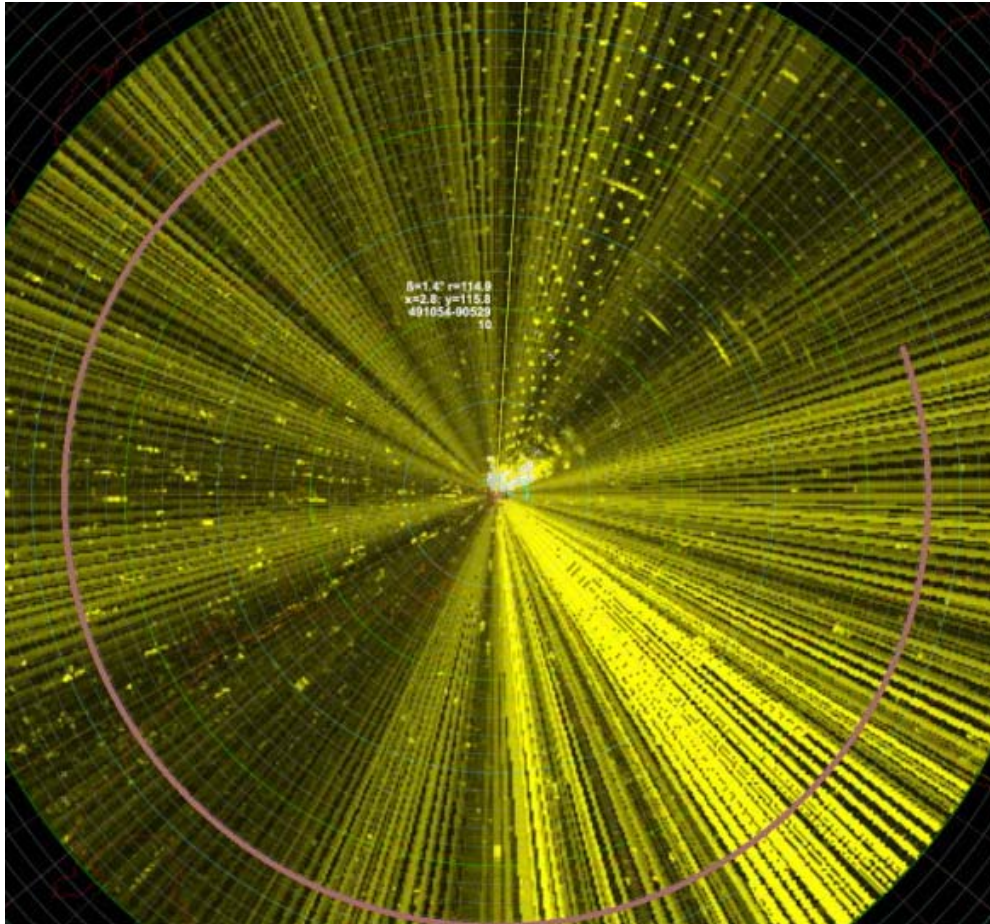
**NGJ is Threat Driven**





# AEA Objectives

## Disrupt, Deny, and Deceive, Confuse

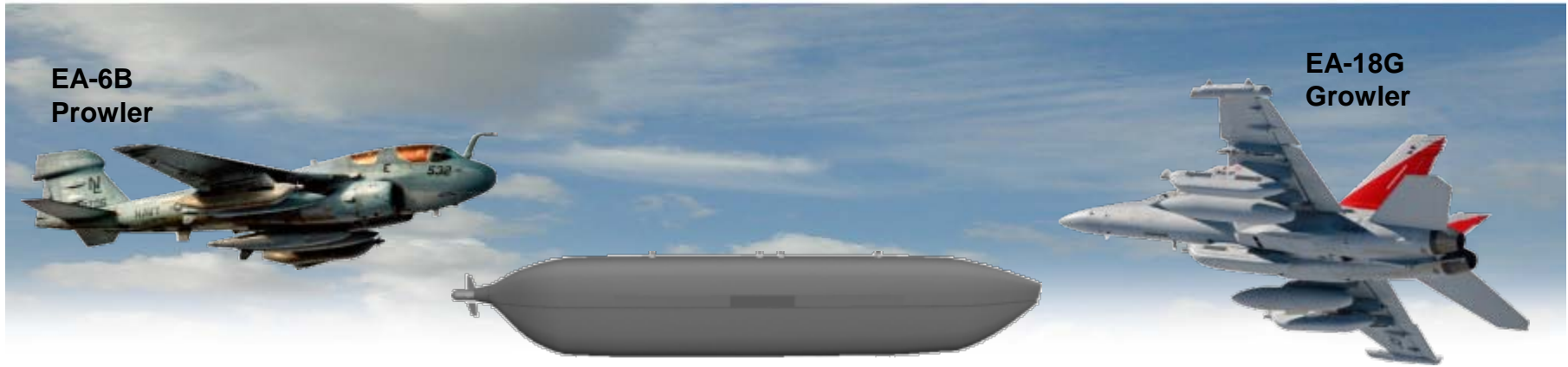


### Precision

- Freq Range
- Coherent
- Pointing Accuracy
- Techniques
- EIRP
- Time
- Polarization



# ALQ-99 Tactical Jamming System (TJS)



## **Designed in 1969 and fielded by the Navy in 1971**

- Antenna mechanical steering limitation
- Aging pod with degraded availability, vendor issues & excessive RF fratricide
- EA-18G under-wing aerodynamic environment tougher than EA-6B
- ALQ-99 test equipment is also reaching obsolescence





# EA-6B Prowler Transitions to EA-18G Growler



**1971 - 2019**



**2010 - 2035...**

**Turnover in progress**



# Program Description



- **NGJ is a Tactical Jamming System (TJS)**
- **Replaces aging ALQ-99 TJS on the EA-18G**
  - EA-18G's primary offensive airborne electronic attack system
- **2021 IOC for critical Mid-band capability**
- **Service: DoN**
- **Threshold Platform: EA-18G**
- **Entered 25 month Technology Maturation and Risk Reduction Phase on 17 Jan 2014 with contract award to Raytheon**
- **ACAT Level: ID**
- **MDA: USD (AT&L)**
- **CAE: ASN (RDA)**
- **PEO: RADM Gaddis**
- **PM: CAPT Bailey**

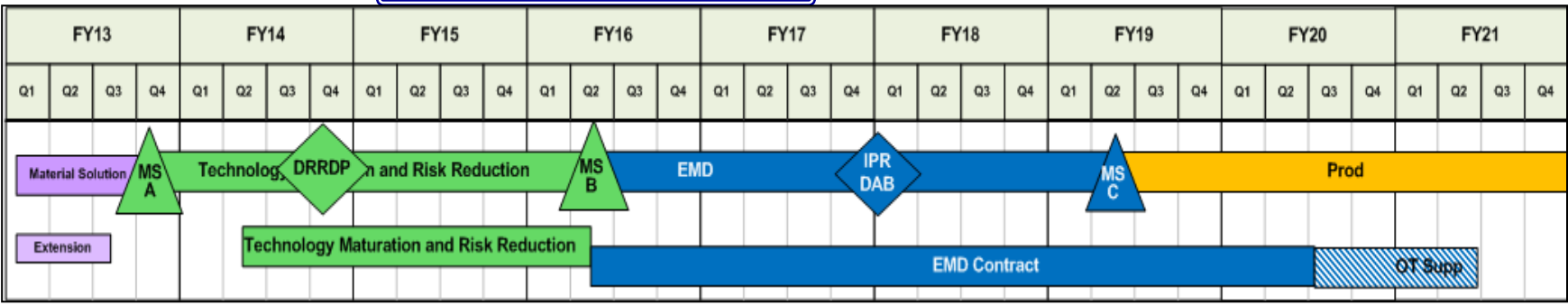


# Development Strategy

## Increment 1 Mid-band



<b>Technology Maturation Studies</b>	<b>Technology Maturation (TM)</b> Completed 4/13	<b>Technology Maturation and Risk Reduction (TMRR)</b> Awarded 7/13 & 1/14	<b>Engineering Manufacturing and Development (EMD)</b>	<b>Production &amp; Deployment</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsystem level maturation of key technologies                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prototyping &amp; Maturation of Subsystems</li> <li>Design and documentation of a system level Concept Demonstrator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System level prototyping &amp; test                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concept Demonstrator (TRLs)</li> <li>Lab and contractor flight testing</li> </ul> </li> <li>System level design through PDR                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Requirements Review, System Functional Review, Preliminary Design Review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System level design through CDR</li> <li>System level testing</li> <li>Aircraft Integration</li> <li>Test installed system performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LRIP 1 – Mix of OT and IOC assets</li> <li>LRIP 2, 3 &amp; FRP – FOC Assets</li> </ul>





# NGJ Mission Areas



## Stand-Off

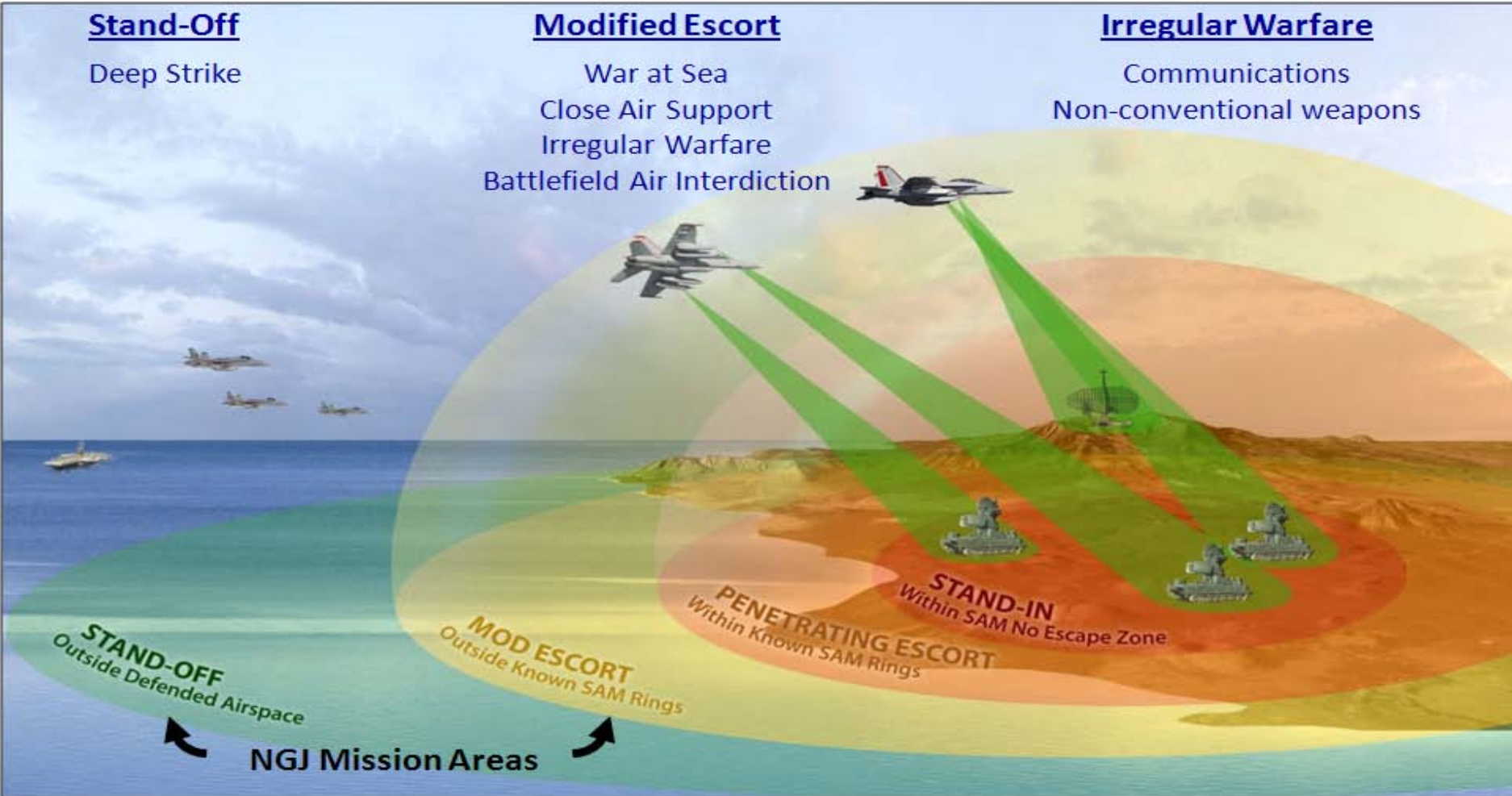
Deep Strike

## Modified Escort

War at Sea  
Close Air Support  
Irregular Warfare  
Battlefield Air Interdiction

## Irregular Warfare

Communications  
Non-conventional weapons





# Requirements

## NGJ Draft CDD



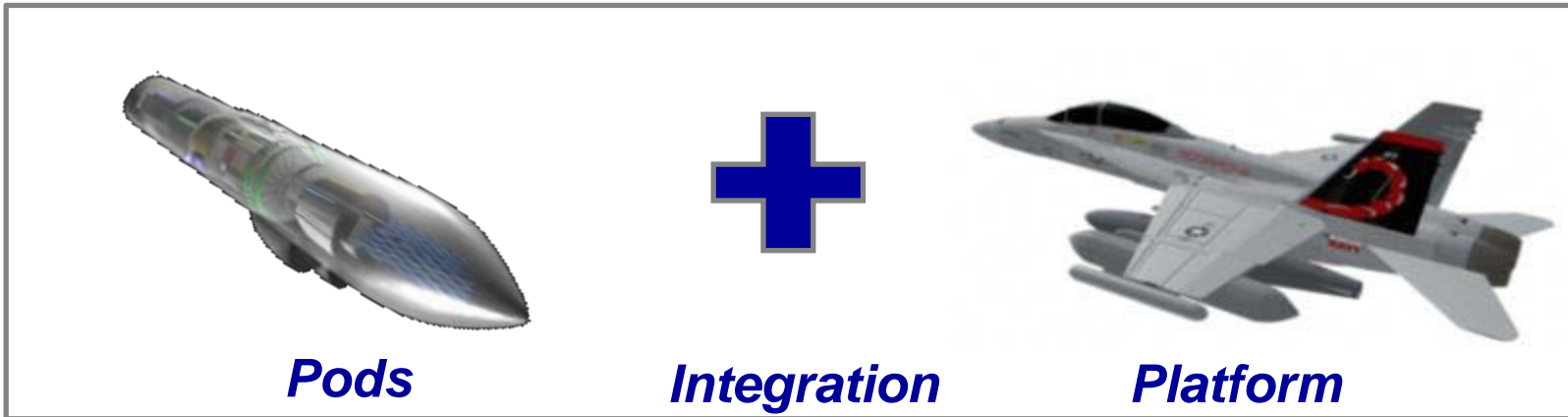
- **Key Performance Parameters (KPPs)**
  - Frequency Coverage
  - Effective Isotropic Radiated Power
  - Material Availability
  - Operational Availability
  - *Other Mandatory KPPs assumed by the host aircraft*
    - » *Survivability, Force Protection, Net-Ready and Manpower*
- **Key System Attributes (KSAs)**
  - 4 Warfighting KSAs:
    - » Number of Assignments
    - » Jamming Techniques
    - » Spatial Coverage
    - » System Weight
  - 3 Sustainment KSAs
    - » Material Reliability
    - » Ownership Cost
    - » System Training



**NGJ requirements threat driven**



# NGJ is a System

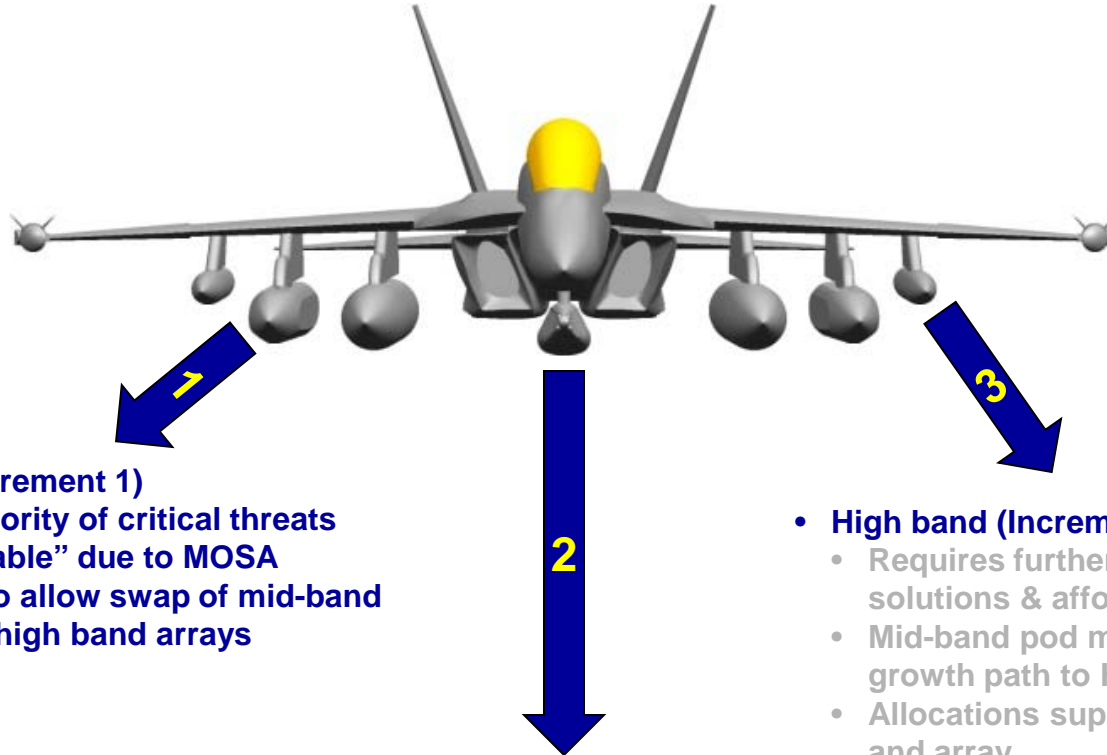


- **Comprehensive Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) Platform**
  - Pods – 2 pods / ship set for Inc 1 (Govt. preferred system concept)
  - Platform – EA-18G
  - Integration
    - » Hardware – Boeing
    - » Software – Government SSA – Advanced Weapons Lab (AWL)
  - Inventory objective: 138 pod sets

**NGJ is a systems approach to providing AEA capability**



# NGJ Incremental Approach



- **Mid-band (Increment 1)**
  - Covers majority of critical threats
  - “Missionizable” due to MOSA
  - Designed to allow swap of mid-band and future high band arrays

- **Low band (Increment 2)**
  - Current LBT minimizes risk of Inc 2 deferral
  - LBT still in production – last delivery in 2015
  - LBT currently planned to fly with Mid-band (Increment 1)
  - LBT upgrade could be an ECP

- **High band (Increment 3)**
  - Requires further study of alternative solutions & affordability
  - Mid-band pod missionization provides growth path to High-Band array
  - Allocations support a future High-Band pod and array

**Focus is Mid-band IOC and affordability alternatives**



# Technology Maturation and Risk Reduction Phase Deliverables



- **Increment 1 (Mid-Band) Design to PDR**
  - Establish Functional (SFR) and Allocated (PDR) baselines
    - » Robust PDR with all subcontractors participating
    - » Substantiate allocations for Size, Weight, & Power
  - Affordability emphasized in Opportunity management process
- **System Level Prototyping and Test**
  - Complete technology risk reduction efforts
  - Demonstrate CTEs in relevant environment (TRL 6 at MS B)
- **Platform Integration**
  - Synchronize Pod development and Platform integration efforts
    - » Parallel efforts underway with Platform OEM (Boeing) and Advance Weapons Lab (AWL-China Lake)
  - Established Interface Control Working Group (ICWG)

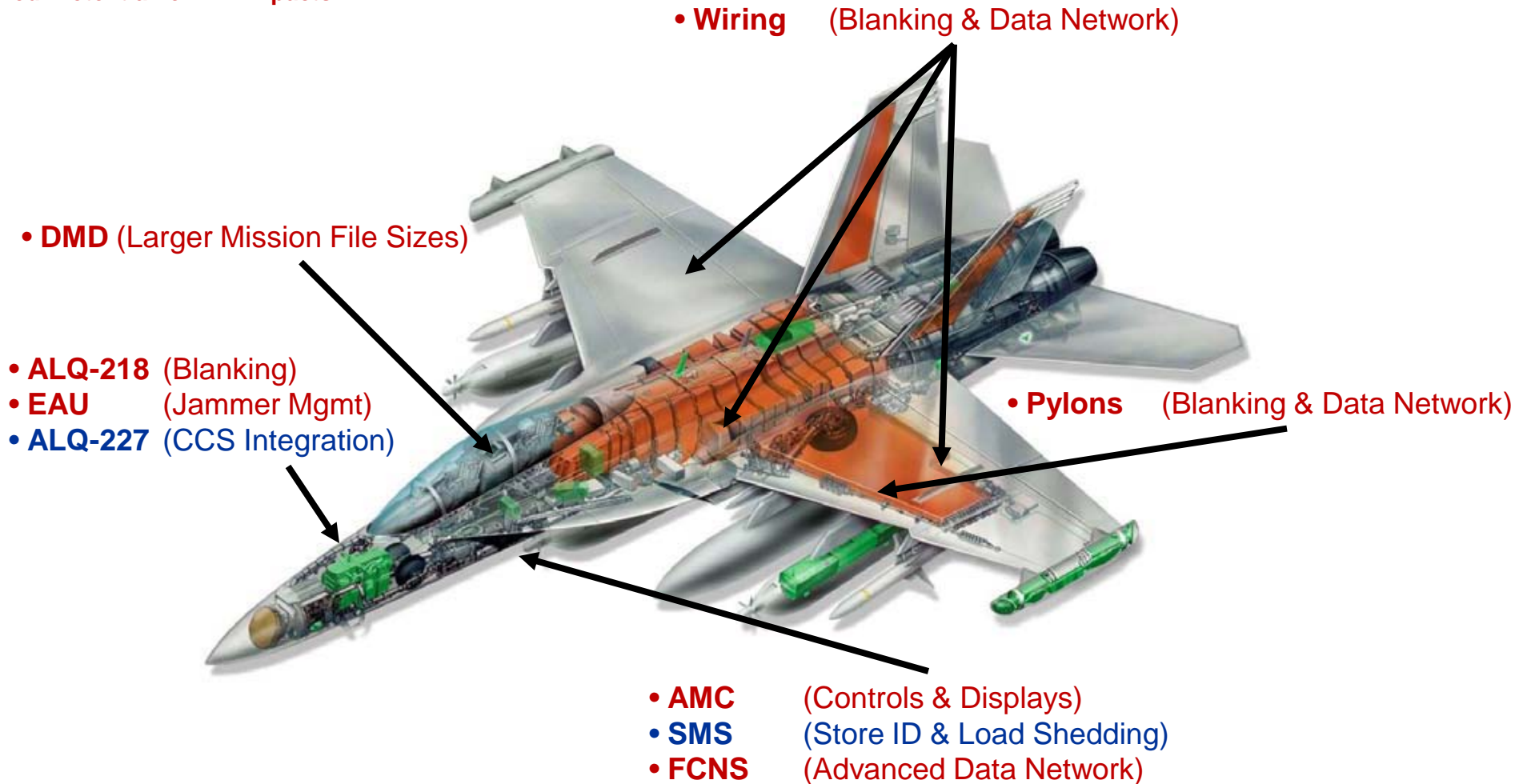




# NGJ Potential Integration Impacts



**Blue:** Expected Software Impacts Only  
**Red:** Potential for HW Impacts





# Using NGJ's New Rhombic Shaped Electrons





# Summary



- **AEA is a critical requirement for precision strike**
- **NGJ will replace the ALQ-99 as the leading AEA component**
- **NGJ will be a more precise weapon system than the ALQ-99 and will be better suited to defeat and pace the threat**



# Questions

