



The Human in Defense Systems

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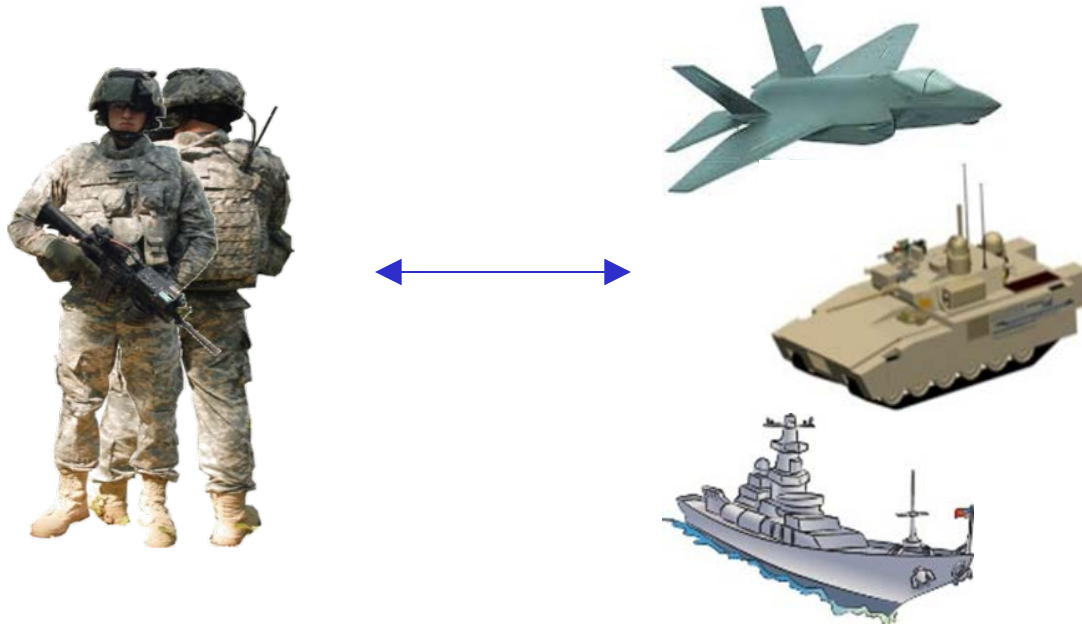
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Outline

- **Challenges and Opportunities**
- **Human-Centric Acquisition**
- **Connections Between the ASD(R&E) Communities of Interest**
- **Guiding Vision: Man-Machine Interfaces**
- **Developing a Systems Engineering “Language”**





Challenges and Opportunities



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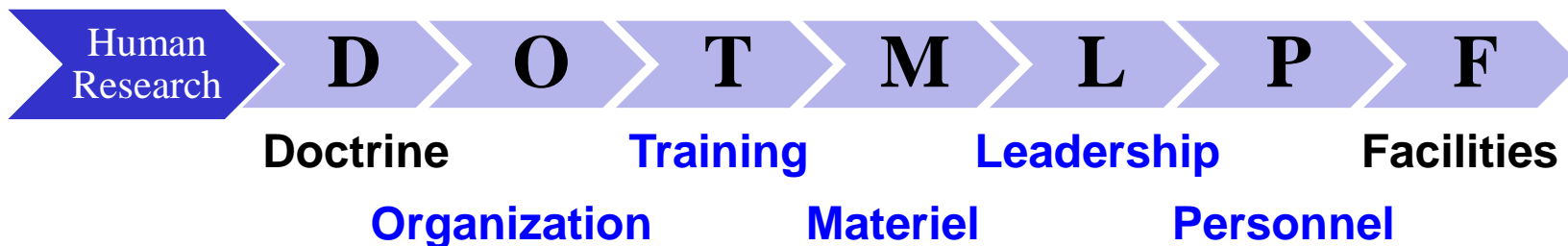


- **Challenges:**

- Reducing the cost of defense systems throughout their life cycle
- Research in human systems does not always transition into Programs of Record (PoR)

- **Opportunities:**

- Human systems research significantly impacts the DOTMLPF spectrum





Challenges and Opportunities



- **The DoD and Industry are working together to:**
 - **Eliminate bad human-systems integration**
 - **Develop tactics, techniques, and procedures to optimize human performance**





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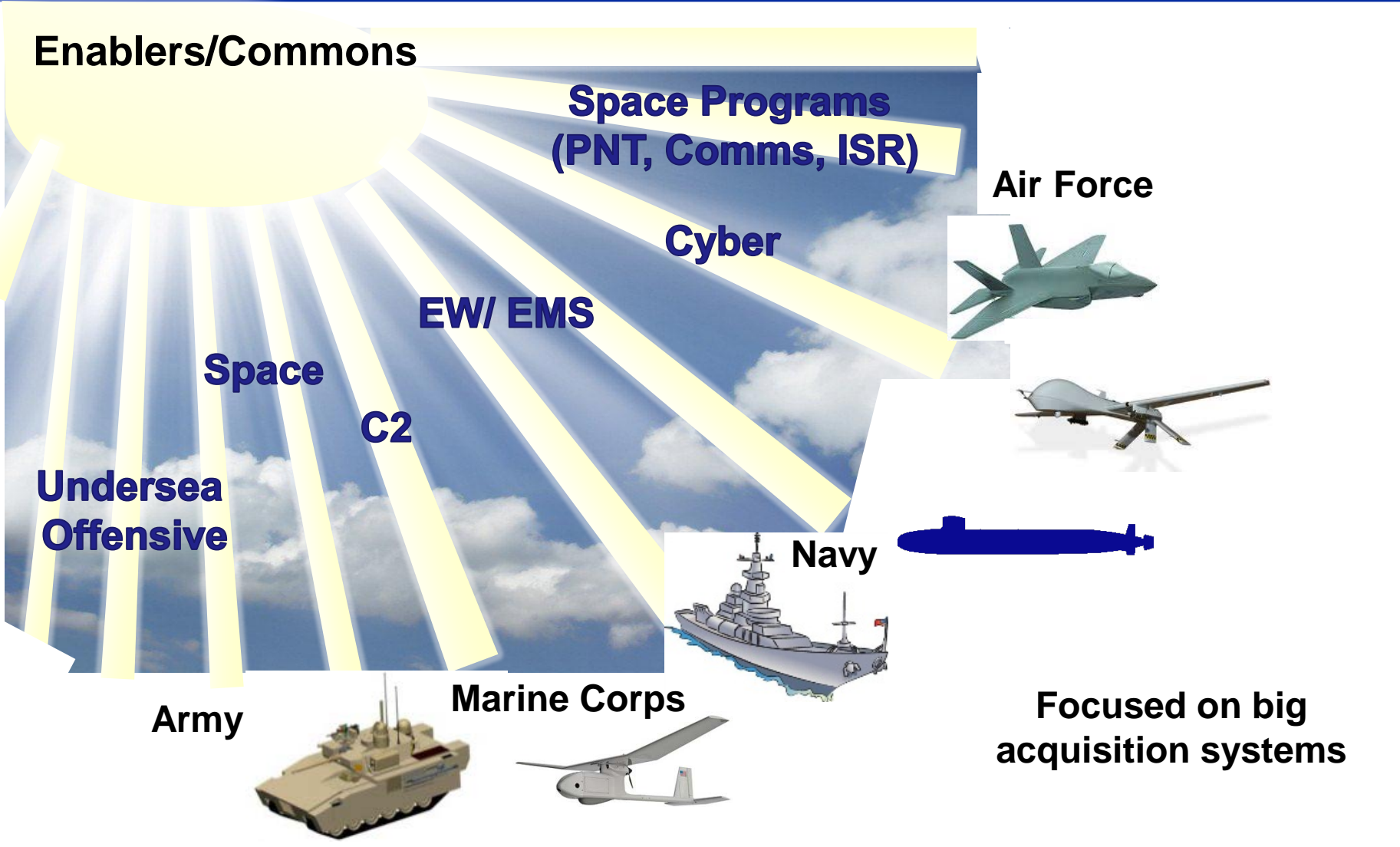
- **Request Industry to further participate by:**
 - **Mirroring the DoD placement of the human at the center of the Acquisition Process**
 - **Encouraging human systems researchers to think of the Programs of Record as their “customer”**



Human-Centric Acquisition



DoD S&T Focus Has Traditionally Been System Centered



A car is not this....



...it is this!



Mostly materiel with [human](#) interface

Soldier system is not this...



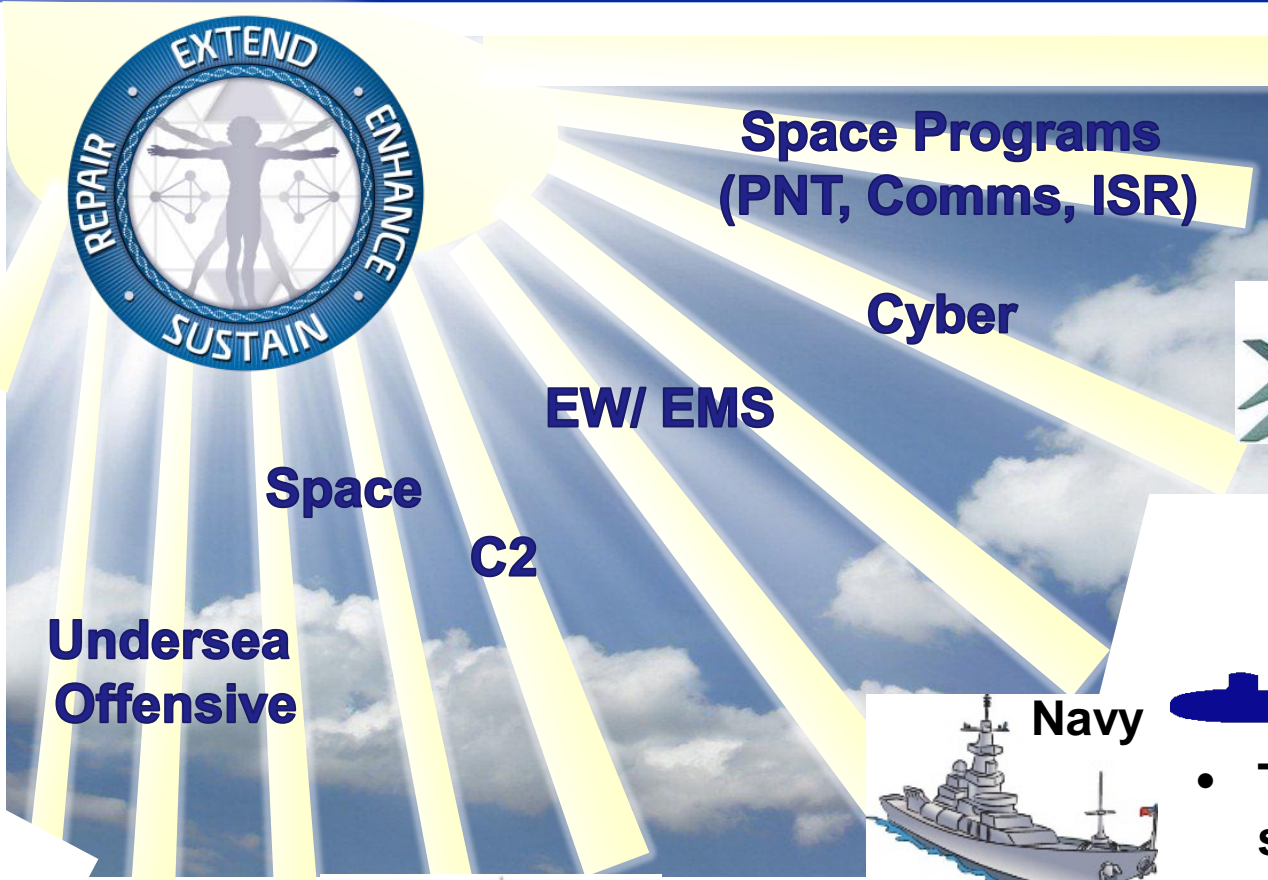
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Human-Centered Acquisition



Air Force



Navy



Marine Corps



Army



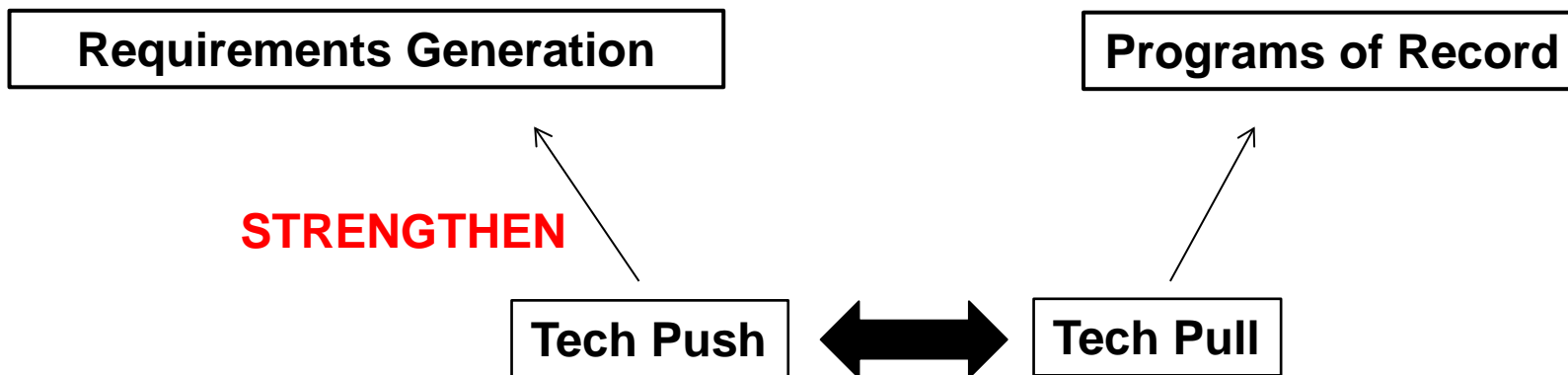
- The human is the starting point for system design
- Expands upon the capabilities of the Warfighter



S&T Insertion into the Acquisition Process



Interactions with the Requirements writers within the Joint Staff and Components will bring human systems considerations into the planning cycle

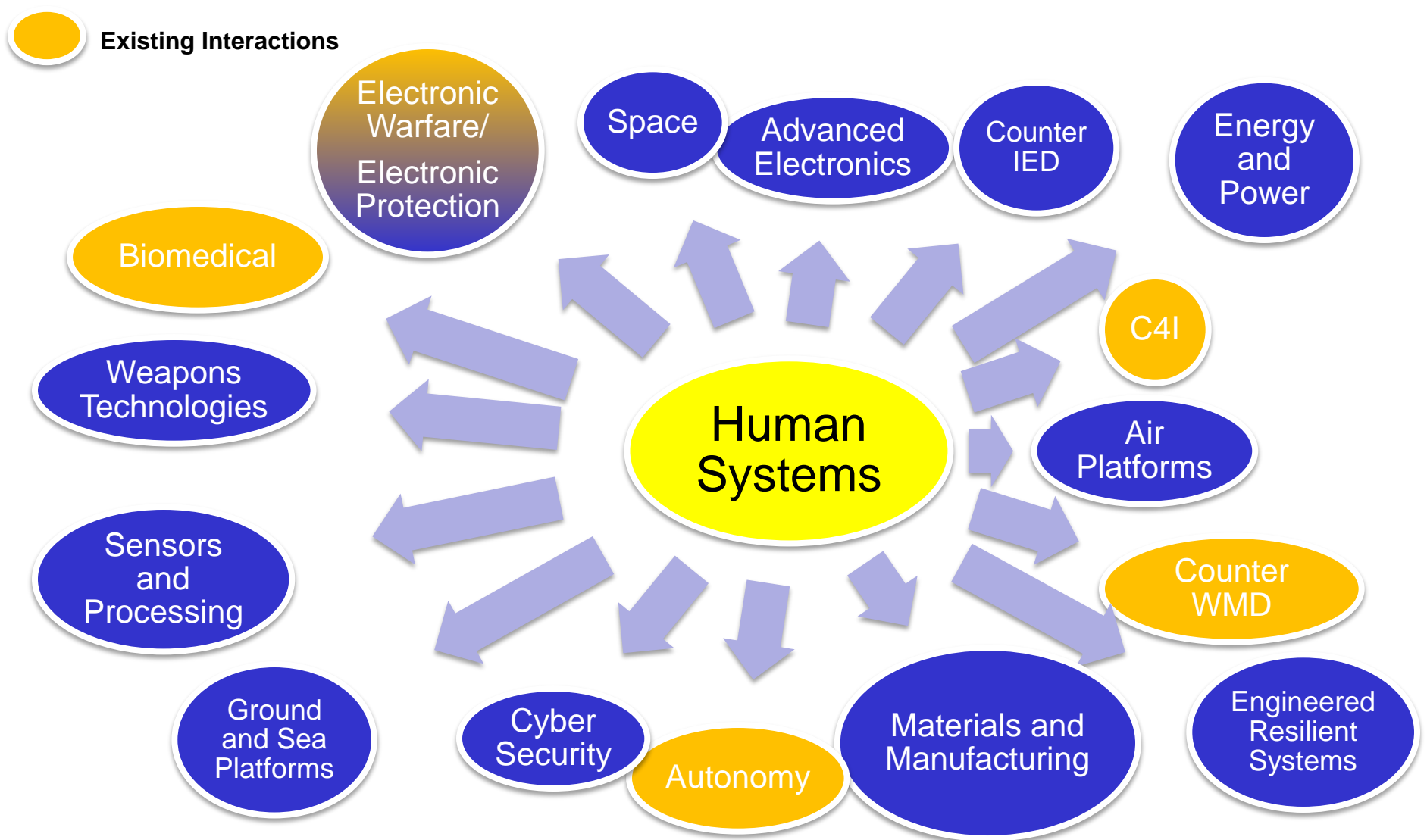




Connections Between the ASD(R&E) Communities of Interest



Interactions with Human Systems Col





Joint Human Systems IR&D Technical Interchange June 2013



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Online Virtual Interchange



DefenseInnovationMarketplace.mil

HS COI Selection



Evaluation Criteria

- Link to technology gap
- Tech insertion opportunity
- Risk level
- Meets requirement?
- Innovation

Submissions Evaluated by Col
Subarea Leads, Service Reps and
SMEs

Results

19 companies
selected to brief 43
projects

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Selection

Tech Interchange

Nov 12

Mar 13

May 13

24-28 Jun 13

Dec 13



Joint Human Systems IR&D Technical Interchange June 2013



- **All 19 companies provided follow-on opportunities**
 - Meetings, site visits, data exchanges
 - Key organizations at OSD and Services are engaged
 - Working CRADAs, MOAs, and research proposals
- **Industry feedback**
 - “Marketplace very helpful to get the “Big Picture” of the Human Systems Col”
 - “Tri-Service approach very effective and efficient”
 - “Senior level insight helped provide context to Fedbizopps data”
 - “Left the Technical Interchange knowing someone in DoD was interested in their projects”
- **DoD Next Steps**
 - Track actions and status outcomes of projects
 - Committed to using process



Changing the Emphasis of DoD Data Analytics

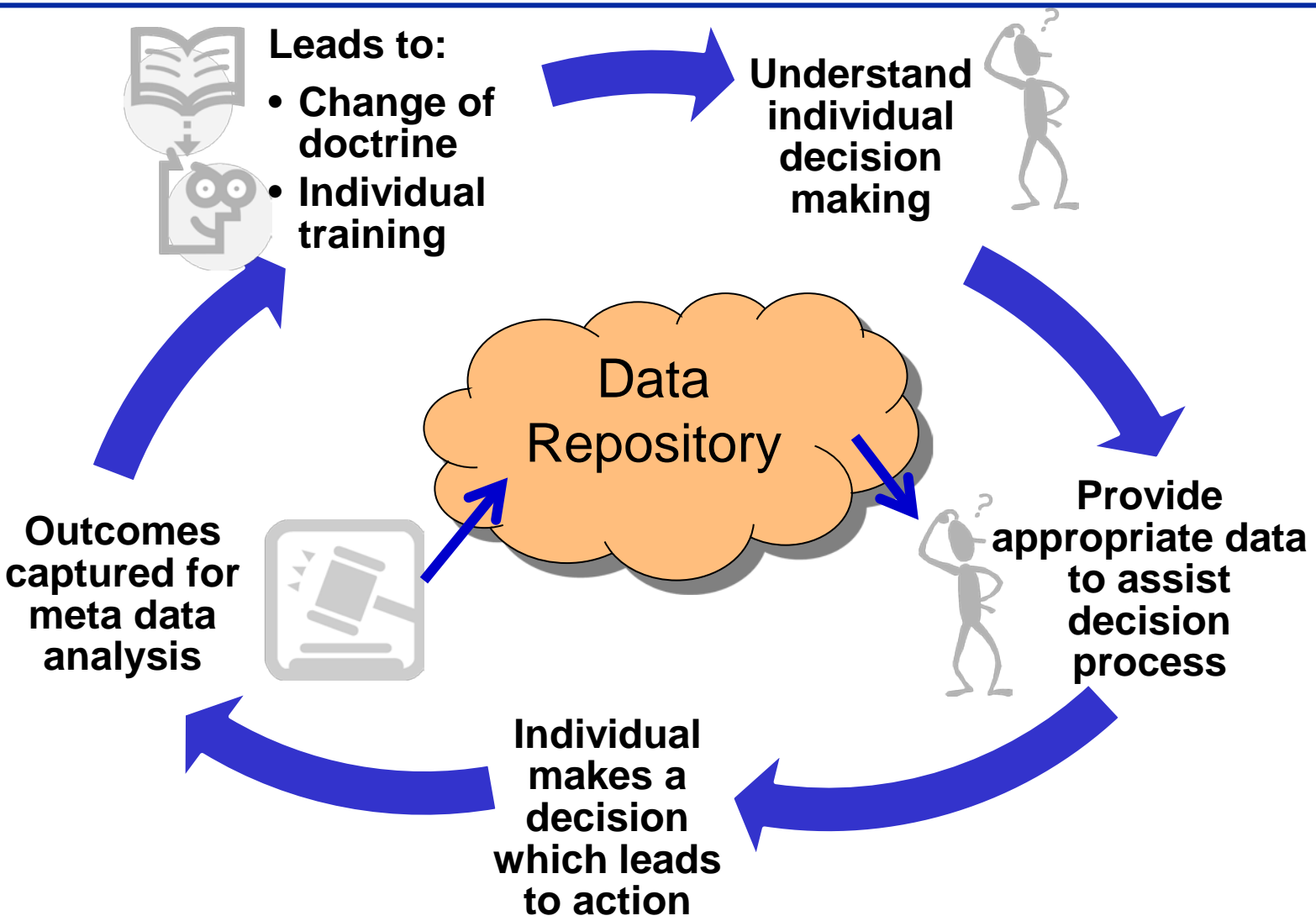


- **Interacting with data analytics researchers to focus part of their research on decision making**
- **DoD is hosting a Technical Interchange Workshop to better understand how decision scientists, computer scientists, and visual display experts need to interact to optimize decision support tools**
- **Systems Integration Laboratories (SILs) will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of data analytics toolsets in human decision-making scenarios**

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Vision for Decision Support





Guiding Vision: Man-Machine Interfaces



Guiding Vision: Natural Human-Technology Interactions



These soldiers will move through this building...without speaking a word



Need to replicate this for human-technology interactions



More interactive and faster responding “hybrid human-machine teams”



Converge Multiple Domains: Natural Human-Technology Interactions

HUMAN | **MACHINE**

Computational Modeling
Simulate human information processing

Knowledge Systems
Store/search for information

Neuroscience
Brain's operating principles



Context Inference
Reason about a situation

Evolutionary Biology / Social Psychology
Cognitive and Behavioral operating principles

Computer Vision
Lays groundwork for reasoning about a situation



Developing a Systems Engineering “Language”



Army's Soldier System Engineering Architecture (SSEA)



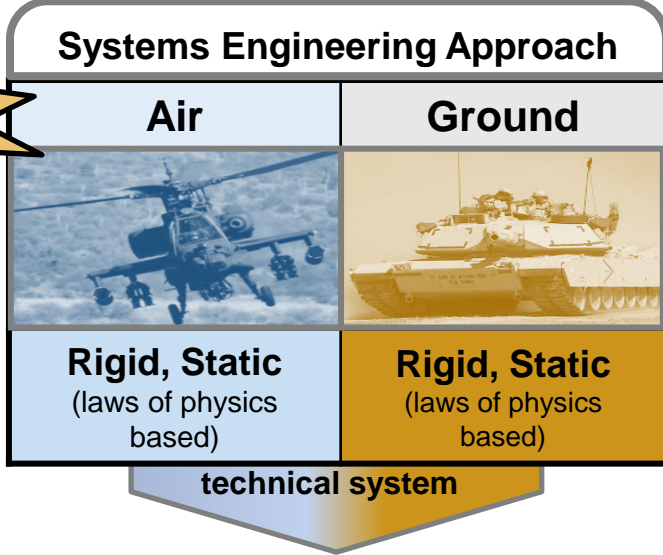
Set-based design:

- A design method that requires a shift in how one thinks about and manages design
- Allows more of the design effort to proceed concurrently and defers detailed specifications until tradeoffs are more fully understood



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**Applying
MilStd.881
Construct**



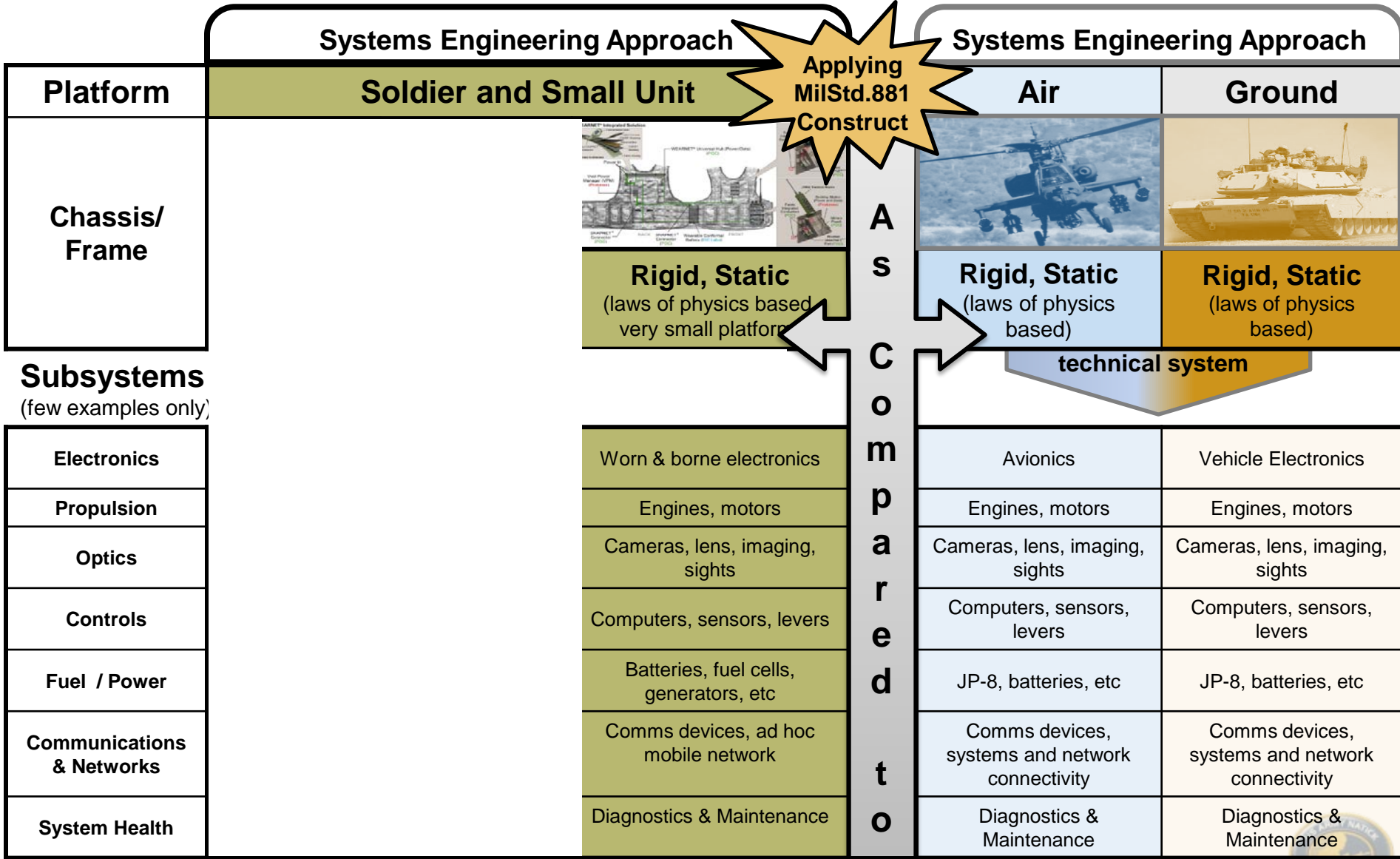
Platform
Chassis/ Frame

Subsystems
(few examples only)

Electronics
Propulsion
Optics
Controls
Fuel / Power
Communications & Networks
System Health

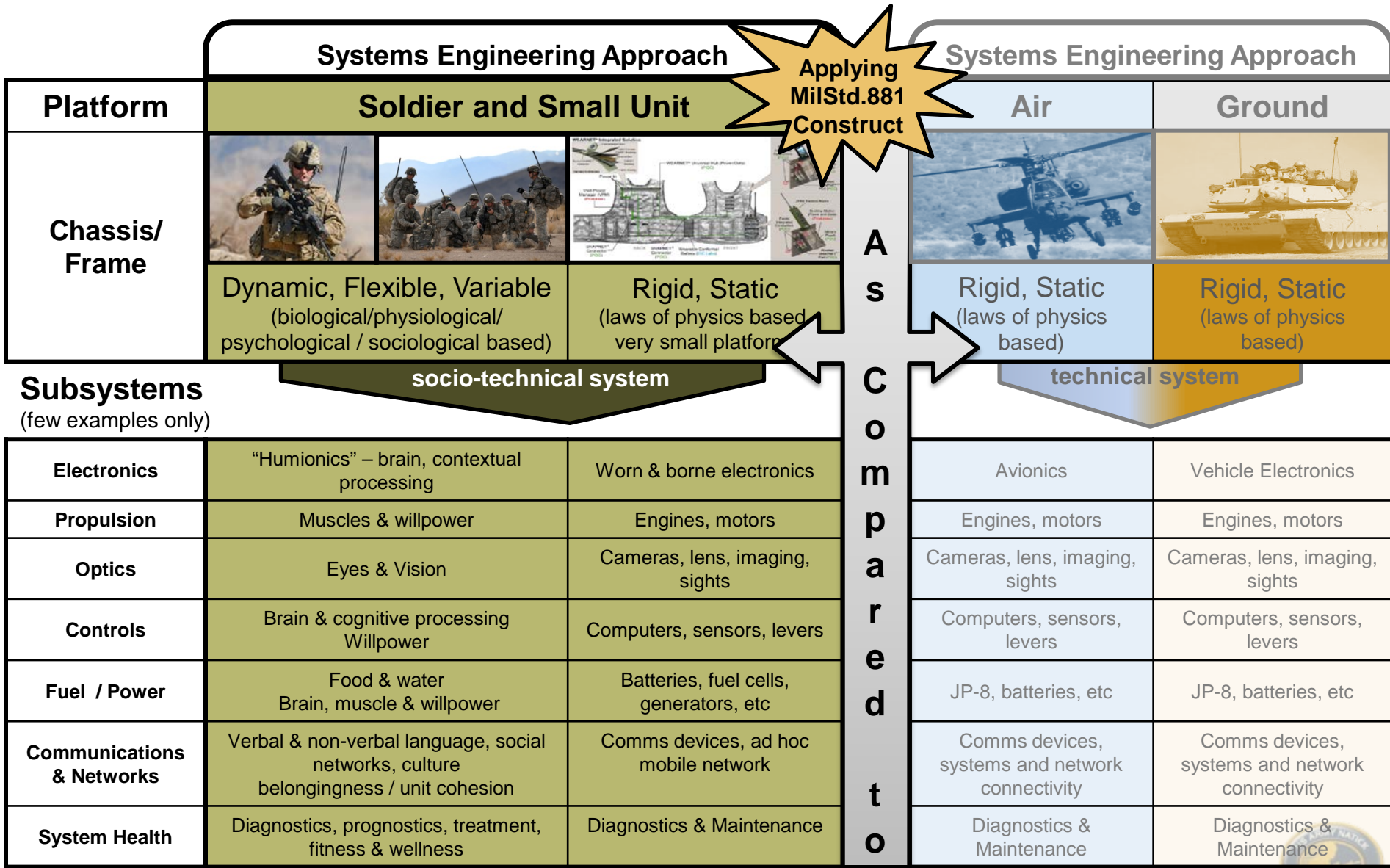
Avionics	Vehicle Electronics
Engines, motors	Engines, motors
Cameras, lens, imaging, sights	Cameras, lens, imaging, sights
Computers, sensors, levers	Computers, sensors, levers
JP-8, batteries, etc	JP-8, batteries, etc
Comms devices, systems and network connectivity	Comms devices, systems and network connectivity
Diagnostics & Maintenance	Diagnostics & Maintenance

System Engineering the Army's "Soldier System"



Soldier and Small Unit Systems Illustration of the Challenge

(in comparison to other Weapons Platforms)



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Soldier/Small Unit: The Army's ONLY biologically-based weapons system platform



Summary



- **Human systems research provides opportunities to bend the cost curve of DoD acquisition**
- **DoD is emphasizing the connection between the human and the technology**
- **DoD is sponsoring several workshops to build upon the “Guiding Visions”**