



The Weapons Technologies Community of Interest (CoI)

April 2016

**Weapons Technologies CoI Lead
Michael Zoltoski
U.S. Army Research Laboratory
michael.j.zoltoski.civ@mail.mil**



Communities of Interest



~\$12B for all COIs covering 6.2 and 6.3 S&T



Weapons Technologies *Initial Comments*



- Portfolio Value - ~\$1.1 to \$1.2B
 - Kinetic/Non-Kinetic Effects - \$0.7B/0.4B
- Common themes emerge across components
 - Smaller, lower mass weapons (carriage-constrained)
 - Higher speed and maneuvering capability with reduced signature
 - Denied environments (A2/AD)
 - Extended stand-off / range
 - Denied Distributed-Collaborative-Cooperative (D2C2) engagements (manned/unmanned)
 - Directed energy combined with kinetic effects offers leap ahead
 - Affordable and sustainable - cost-trade favorable



Structure and Scope

Purpose – Conduct R&D to Provide Leap Ahead Tactical and Strategic Offense and Defensive Weapons for Air, Land and Sea Combat

Ordnance

- Performance in extreme environments
- Scalable and lethal effects
- Asymmetric effects

Guidance, Navigation & Control and Data Links (GN&C and DL)

- Weapon position, navigation & timing (PNT)
- Networked precision
- High speed guidance

RF Weapons (RFW)

- Compact HPM systems (improved SWaP)
- Optimized wave forms for target effects
- Improve source efficiency

Undersea Weapons

- Torpedo technologies, e.g., warheads, sensors, propulsion, signal processing
- Torpedo countermeasures
- Supercavitating weapon technology

Propulsion

- ICBM/GBSD booster technology
- Tactical missiles and gun-launched projectiles
- Capacity (reduced size/weight/hazards/cost)

High Energy Lasers (HEL)

- High-power/high-energy laser sources
- Improve laser output power and beam quality
- Mature component technologies – beam control, power, thermal & field demonstrations

Non-Lethal Weapons (NLW)

- Active Denial Technology (smaller, lighter, lower cost)
- Vehicle/vessels stopping at distance
- Characterize trades (effects/risks/system reqs)

Integrated Weapon Demonstrators (GWD)

- S&T prototyping/transition
- Integrated demonstrations – full ensemble of weapons system technologies needed to achieve effects
- **Hypersonics (reported in Air Platforms COI)**

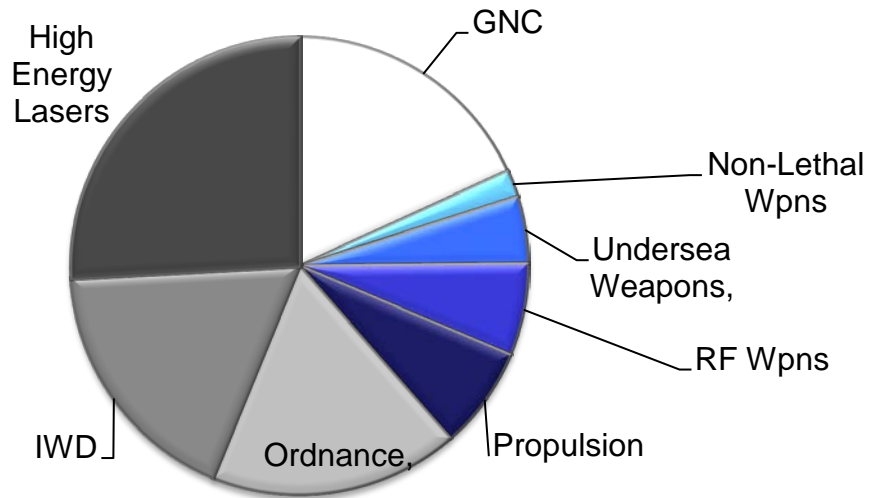


DoD PB16 FY 2016 Weapons Technologies COI

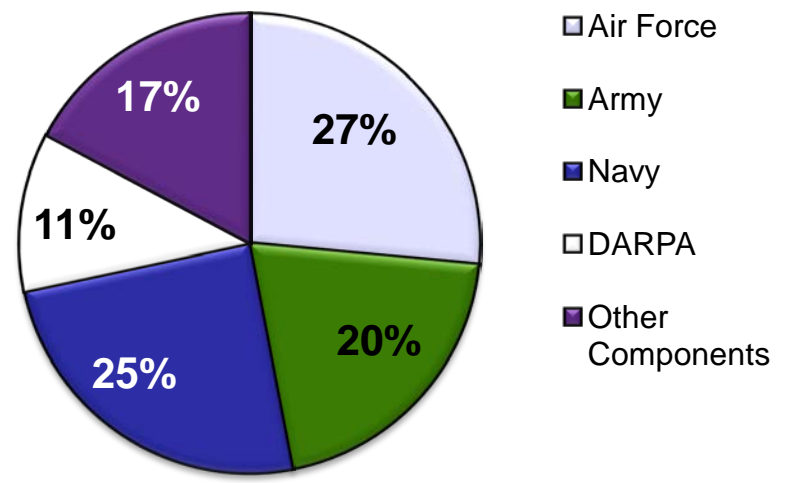


COI Sub-Areas

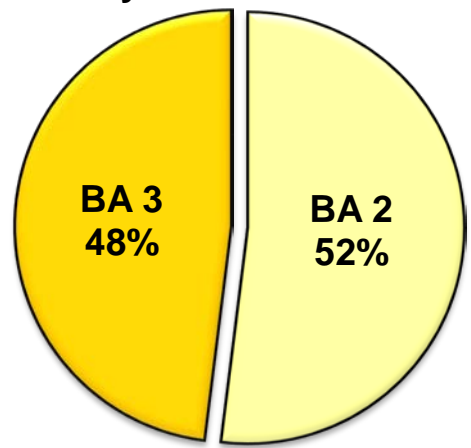
Total = \$1,162M



Component Investment

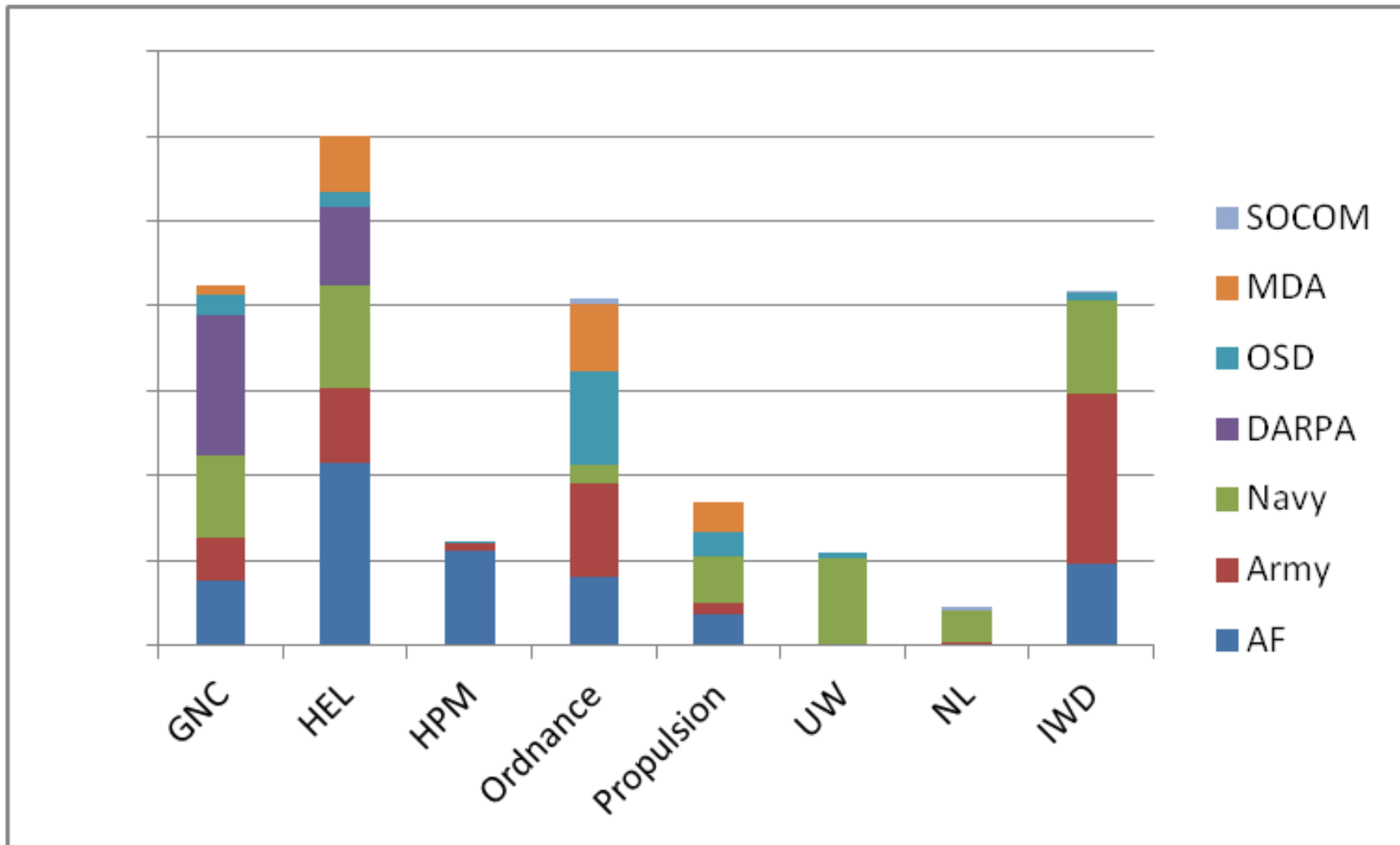


Budget Activity





DoD PBR16 Weapons Technologies COI

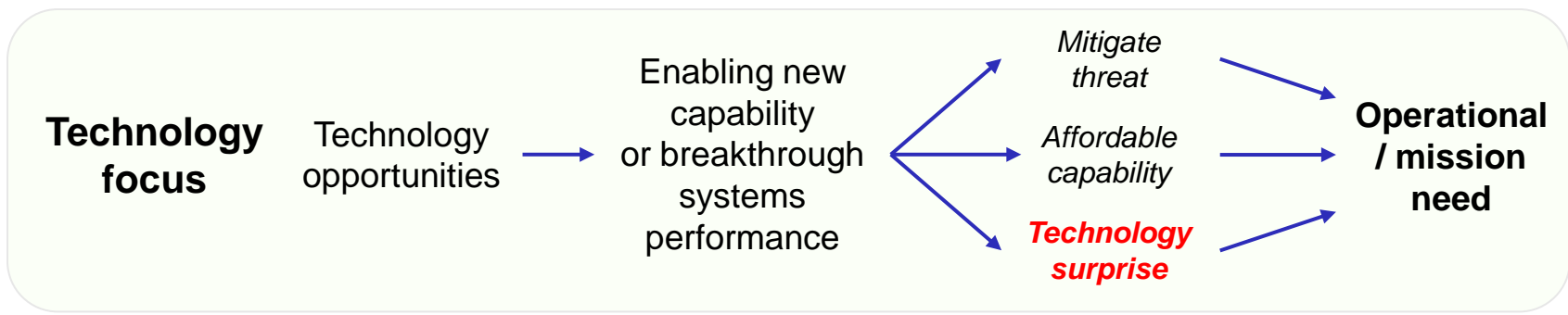
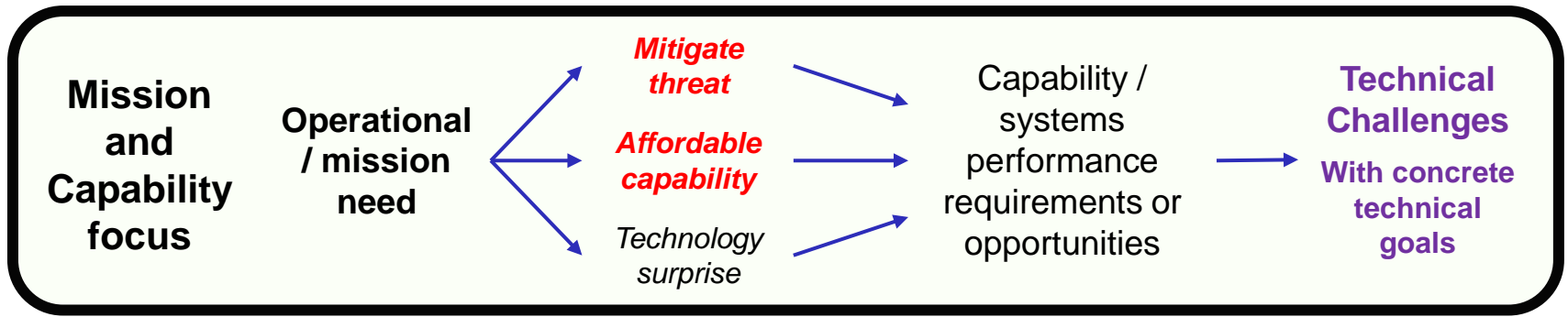




Roadmap - Technical goal linked to operational/mission need



- **COIs roadmaps should describe the impact of S&T investments in terms of:**
 - Mitigate new and emerging capabilities
 - Affordably enable new or extended capabilities in existing military systems
 - Develop technology surprise through science and engineering
 - Outline major operational or capability needs, or systems performance requirements
 - Describe where we are and where we need to be





Weapons Technologies *Strategic Vision*



Current Capabilities Deficient

Standoff Assured Delivery + Desired Effects

Dominant Future Capabilities

Mission Space & Examples

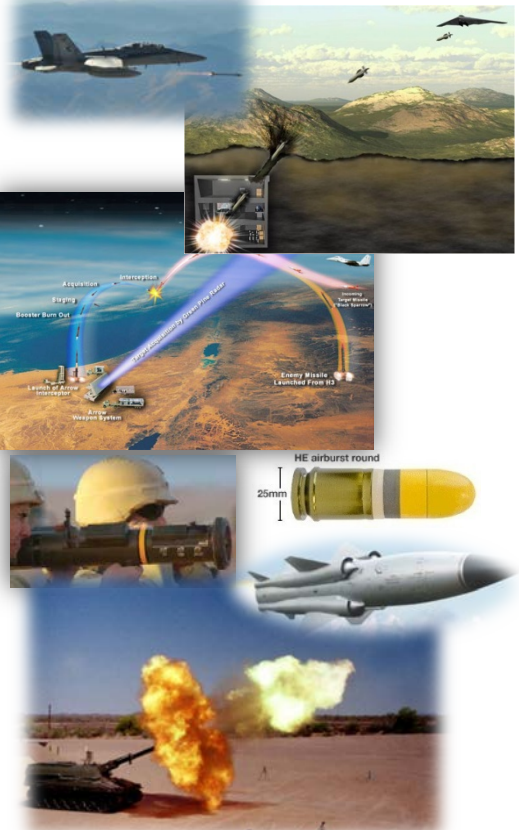
Active defenses against

- Aircraft
- Tactical and Strategic Missiles
- Rockets, artillery, mortars
- Torpedoes
- UAV/UGV/USV/swarms

Attack

- Area targets
- Point targets
- Mobile Targets - Land/Sea/Undersea/Air
- New threats – swarms, UAV/UGV/USV
- Networks/Systems of Systems

Kinetic and Non-Kinetic / Lethal and Non-Lethal effects



Goal: Gain back overmatch and offset - affordably



Weapons Enabling Technologies



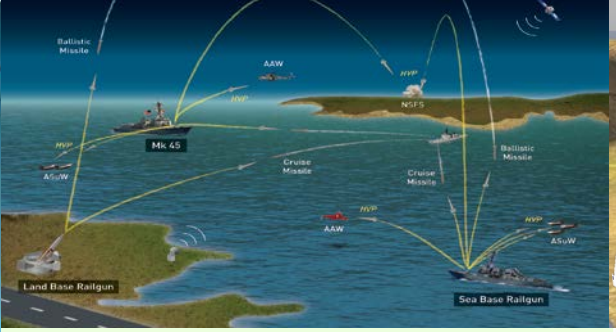
Near Term (2020) Mid Term (2030) Far Term (2040)

High Speed, Highly Maneuverable, Extended Range Weapons with Selectable Output



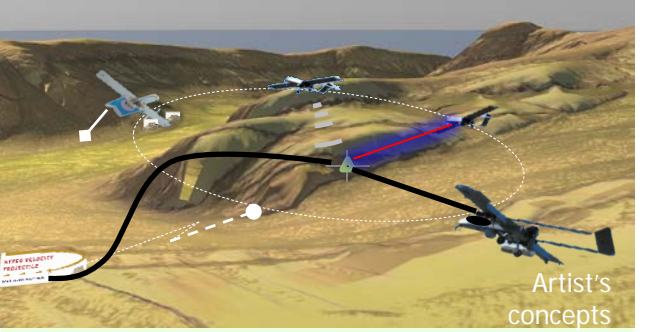
- Omnisonic Flight and Navigation
- Adaptive Control and Estimation Techniques
- Higher Energy within IM Constraints for propulsion and effects

Integrated Kinetic and Non-Kinetic Effects



- Integrated System-of-Systems Techniques w/ predictive effects
- DE devices/systems to enable denial, disruption and destruction
- Hypervelocity (Rail gun) launchers

Integrated Kinetic and Non-Kinetics Weapons in a Denied Distributed Collaborative Cooperative (DC2) Environment



- Extreme energy materials with energy coupling
- Increased energy DE devices
- Coordinated swarms with autonomous behaviors
- Switchable Non-lethal to lethal effects



Weapons S&T Value

S&T core competencies support RDT&E and life cycle

Legacy	Rapid Acquisition	Planned Acquisition	Future Acquisition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small , Medium Large Caliber Ammo • Javelin, Hellfire, TOW • Mortar/Artillery • GPB (500/1000/2000) • SDB • Demolition • MK-48; MK54 • Harpoon • Evolved Sea Sparrow • SM-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOP Tech Demo & QRC • FLM-MK-82 • APMI • EOD Shaped Charge • XM395 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard Target Munition • LRASM • AIM9x • JAGM • 25mm XM25 • Anti-Torpedo Torpedo • MK48 Sonar Upgrade • MK50 Conversion • SM-6 • Heated and Mobile Munitions Employing Rockets (HAMMER) / Agent Defeat Penetrator (ADP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Speed Strike Weapon • SMART Ammo • Long Range Precision Fires • Hyper Velocity Projectile (HVP) • Railgun • GBU-X/AGM-X • Next Gen Land Attack Weapon • Next Gen Surface Weapons • MSDM, SSW, SACM

Weapons S&T addressing diversity and pace of change in threat targets - sheer numbers, area denial, mobility, soft- / hard-kill challenges, & cost-trades



Ordnance Strategic Vision



Current Capabilities Deficient



Dominant Future Capabilities



- **Performance in Extreme Environments**
 - Survivable
 - Insensitive Munitions Hazards
- **Scalable and Lethal Effects**
 - Enhanced Performance for Limited Volumes
 - Multi-effects / multi-mission
 - Prescribed and Tailored Effects
 - Distributed, Collaborative and Collective Effects
- **Asymmetric and Cross-Domain**
 - Kinetic Effects on Hypersonic Platforms
 - Disruptive Energetics
 - Access Denial



Goal: Ordnance S&T for Affordable, Mitigating, and Surprise Weapon Capabilities



Ordnance Sub-Area Grand Challenge Areas



Ordnance sub-Area

- **Performance in Extreme Environments:** (*delivery and target interaction*)
Reliably function under severe conditions: temperature, vibration, and acceleration loading. Ensure Insensitive Munitions and fuze reliability.
- **Scalable and Lethal Effects:** Affordable reduced size, increased carry capacity and carriage distance of delivery platforms, and multi-effect technologies that secure the capability of reduced-size delivery platforms. Provide affordable target prosecution.
 - **Enhanced Performance for Limited Volumes**
 - **Multi-effects / multi-mission**
 - **Prescribed and Tailored Effects**
 - **Distributed, Collaborative and Collective Effects**
- **Asymmetric and Cross-Domain Effects:** Provide ordnance capabilities to enable surprise weapons; Ensure robust/daunting output, functionally defeat targets, and KE effects with DTRA to deny all CBRNE and WMD.
 - **Kinetic Effects on Hypersonic Platforms**
 - **Disruptive Energetics**
 - **Access Denial**
 - **Asymmetric Solutions**



Capability Deficiency/Gap Focused Technical Challenges – Ordnance



		<i>Deficiency / Gap</i>							
Grand Challenge Area	Gaps and Shortfalls	A2AD / LR Precision Strike	C-UAS / Subsonic Cruise Missiles	Counter Air-Air	Long Range Precision Fires	Area Attack Air Interdiction	Counter HDBT	Anti-Surface Warfare (ASuW)	Strategic Deterrent (ICBM/ SLBM)
1	Survivable / Environment	Temperature Shock		Shock	Temperature	IM	Loads IM		
2, 3	Reduced Size /Longer range	Smaller	25% less than SOTA	Smaller	50% less than SOTA at equal lethality	Form Fit	Smaller More Capable		
2, 3	Volume Constraints				50% of legacy length	Lethal Radius	Weapon Carrier		
2	Collaborative Mission	2+ blast-frag						Multi-Strike	
2	Multi-Effects / Mission Flexibility	Many modes HOB,Contact		Hit to Kill Close Miss		Many modes HOB Contact			
1	Reliable & Stable at Long-Term	Thermal cycling. Aging		Thermal cycling. Aging		< 1% non-function			

1 – Extreme Environments, 2 – Scalable and Lethal, 3 - Asymmetric



Performance in Extreme Environments – Challenge Area 1

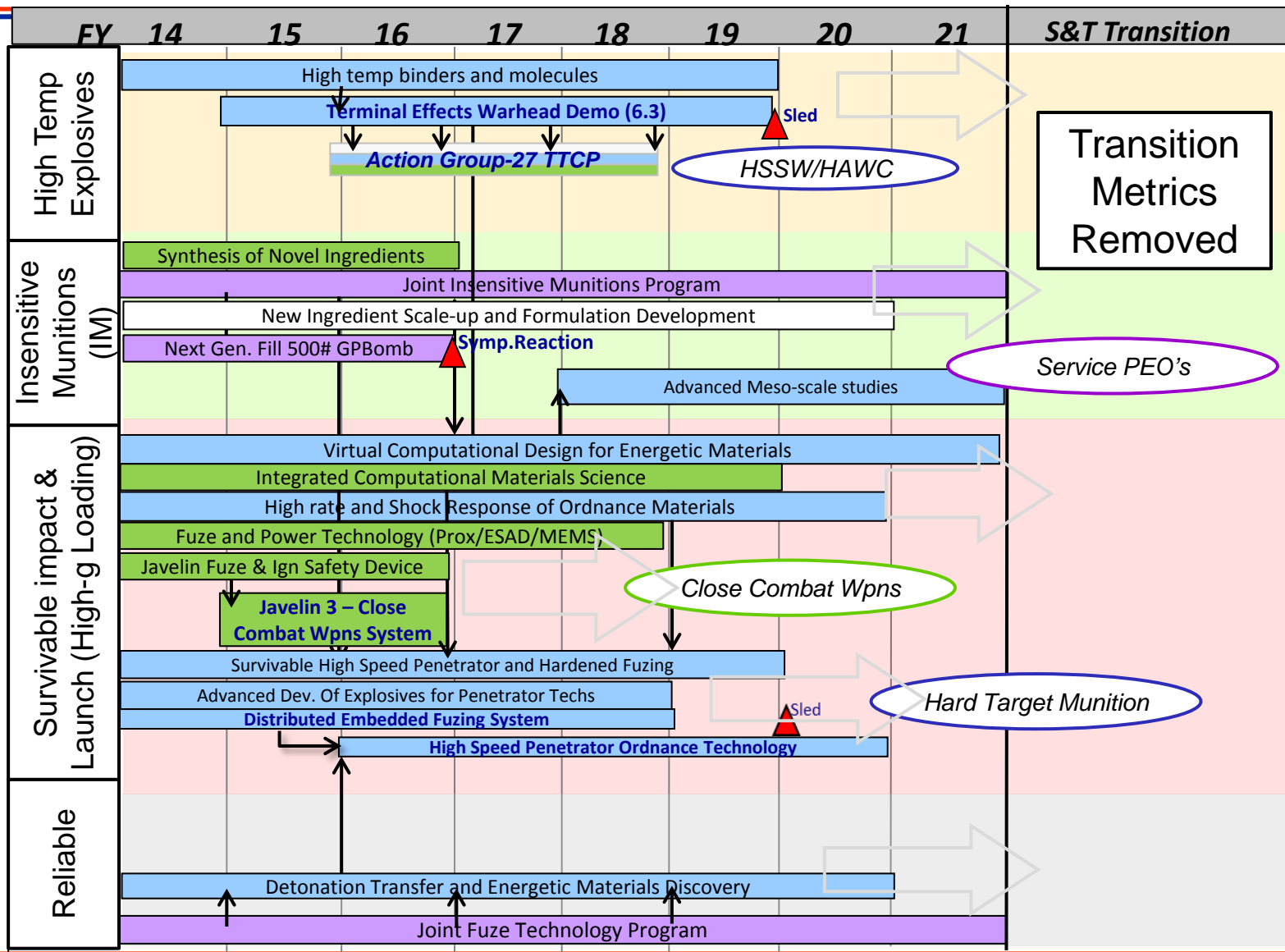


Technologies

High Temperature Explosives and Binders	Insensitive Munitions Hazards	High-G Loading	Reliability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High temp energetic crystals• High temp binders• Maintain blast and/or brisance capability• Affordable and available sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 Hazards, Levels 3-5 reaction response required• Insensitive crystals and binder systems• Frag mitigation and passive protection• Venting without mass /volume increases• Improved M&S for sub-detonative response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to several ten's of thousands g boosted penetrators• Survivable explosives and fuzing• Defeat high strength concrete and advanced targets• System launch; gun and rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SECDEF Policy on Cluster Munitions requiring <1% UXO• High fidelity M&S of initiation systems and energetic response• Long-term stable materials



Performance in Extreme Environments Roadmap



Transition Metrics Removed

Service PEO's

Close Combat Wpns

Hard Target Munition

- OSD
- DARPA
- NAVY
- USAF
- ARMY
- MDA

6.2
6.3

Transition



Directed Energy (HEL and RFW) Strategic Vision



Technology Development

Power + SWAP + Efficiency + Effectiveness

Technology



HELMD



CHAMP



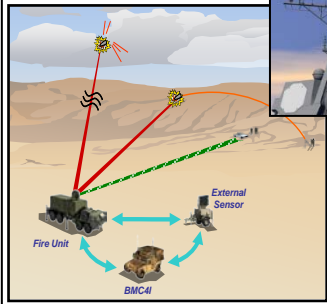
LaWS



ADS

- **High Energy Lasers**
 - Higher energy, efficient laser sources
 - Advanced beam control with higher throughput and atmospheric compensation
 - Reduced system size and weight
- **Higher Power RF Weapons**
 - Pulsed power sources with high-peak power waveforms and high pulse repetition
 - Compact, efficient micro /millimeter-wave sources with pulse repetition rates
 - Improved antennas
 - Reduced system size and weight

- *Affordable—Low Cost Per Kill*
- *Depth of Magazine*
- *Low collateral damage*
- *Precision Application of Energy at the Speed of Light*
- *Graduated Response for Non-Lethal Effects*



Goal: New Class of Weapon



High Energy Lasers

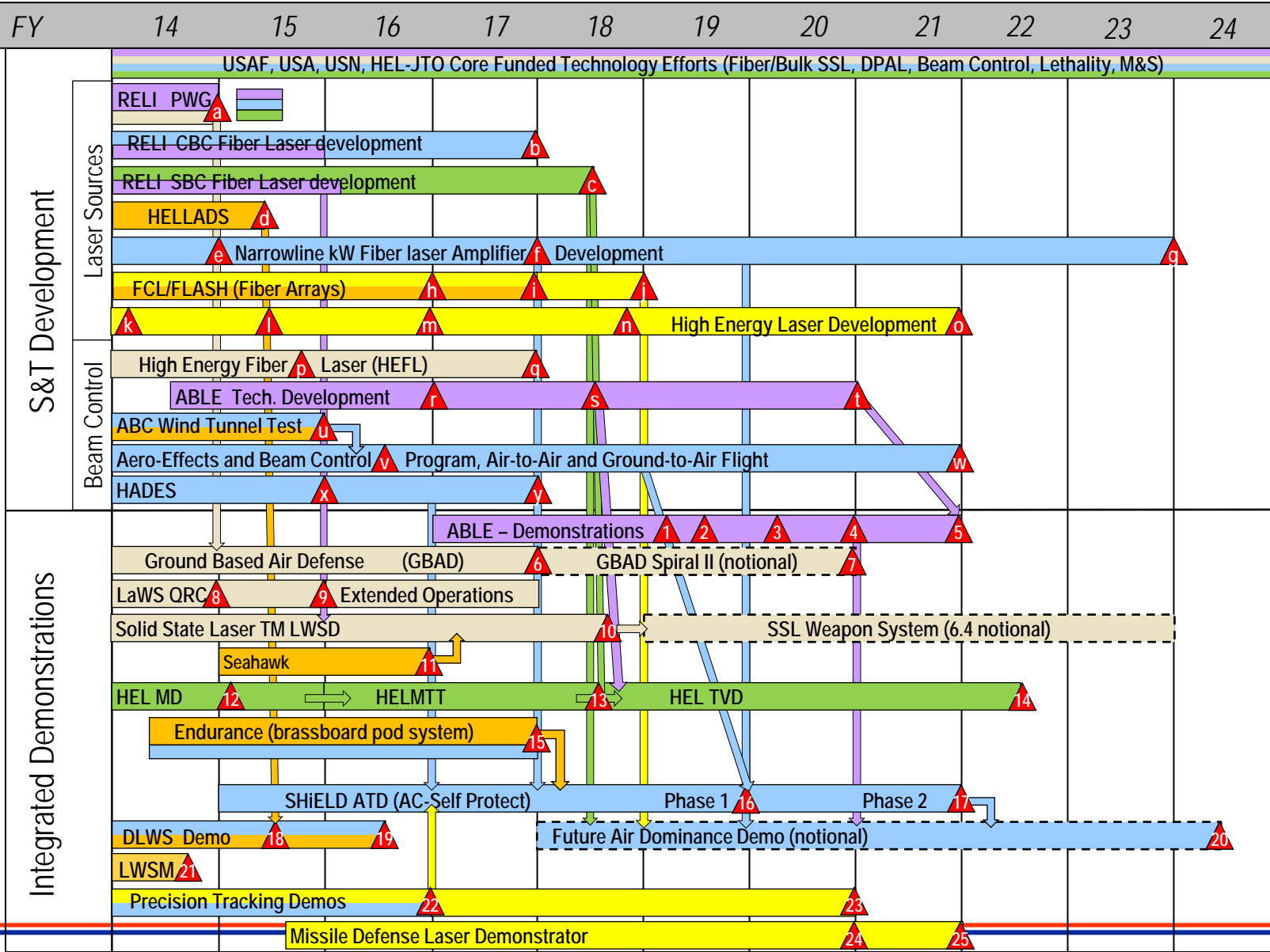
Mission Area Capability

Technical Challenges

	Counter UAS	Aircraft Defense against EO-IR AAM	Aircraft Defense against MANPADS	Aircraft Defense against SAM	Counter RAM	Airborne Boost Phase BMD	Counter Cruise Missile	Vehicle/Vessel Stopping
Effective Power	Small kW	Small kW	Small kW	Med kW	Med kW	Large kW	Large kW	Small kW at short range
Disrupt Destroy	Disrupt Destroy				Tech available – need to demo in field	Need times more power	Need 2times more power kW	Completely range dependent
System SWAP	Light Tactical Vehicles	Pod-sized; Large Aircraft	Large Aircraft	Pod-sized; Large Aircraft	Ground Tactical & Combat	SWAP decrease by ~5x	Pod-sized; Large Aircraft	Large Aircraft/Ship/Ground Based
Beam Propagation	Short range	Short/mid range	Short range	Atmosphere challenging	Short/mid range	Range challenging	Range	Atmosphere challenging
Acquisition, Tracking, Pointing	mrad	mrad	mrad	mrad	mrad	Long range - decrease ~order of magnitude	mrad	mrad
Target Effects	Need full spectrum data base for all targets							



DoD HEL S&T Roadmap



▲ - Knowledge Point

HEL-JTO
DARPA
NAVY
USAF
ARMY
MDA

As of 07 Jan 2016

HEL-JTO - 15 Oct 2015
 DARPA - 16 Nov 2015
 NAVY - 28 Dec 2015
 USAF - 6 Jan 2016
 ARMY - 19 Nov 2015
 MDA - no update



Integrated Weapon Demonstrators Strategic Vision



Current Capabilities Deficient

Standoff Assured Delivery + Desired Effects

Dominant Future Capabilities

Mission Space & Examples

- **Defensive/Counter-**
 - IADS
 - RAM, UAS
 - Tactical and Strategic Missiles
 - Torpedoes
- **Offensive/Attack**
 - Area Effects
 - Mobile Targets
 - Air-Air
 - Hardened Targets
 - Weaponized UAVs
 - ASW, ASuW



Goal: Gain back overmatch and offset - affordably



Integrated Weapon Demonstrators Technical Challenges



Kinetic Effects

Guns

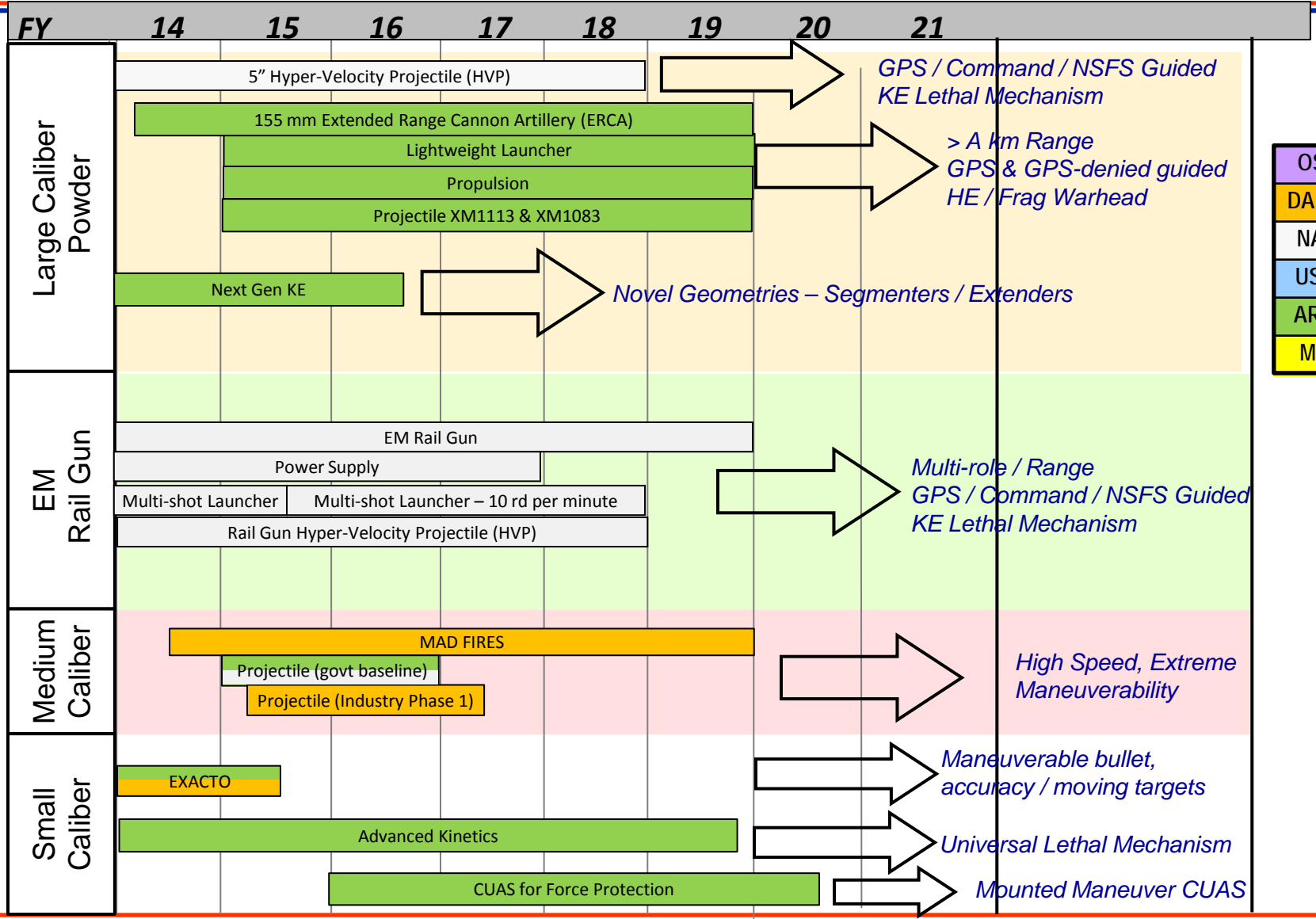
- Higher energy (velocity, mass)
- Maneuverability
- High-repetition rate of fire
- Materials (extend life, higher strength)
- Thermal loads and management
- Power generation, storage, and conversion
- End-to-end high fidelity models
 - Interior, aero, and structural dynamics to handle complex flows and loads

Missiles

- Range
- Speed
- Maneuverability
- Volume constraints (launcher / effector)
- Lower cost multi-mode seekers
- Loiter, data links
- End-to-end high fidelity models
 - Aero and structural dynamics to handle complex flows and loads



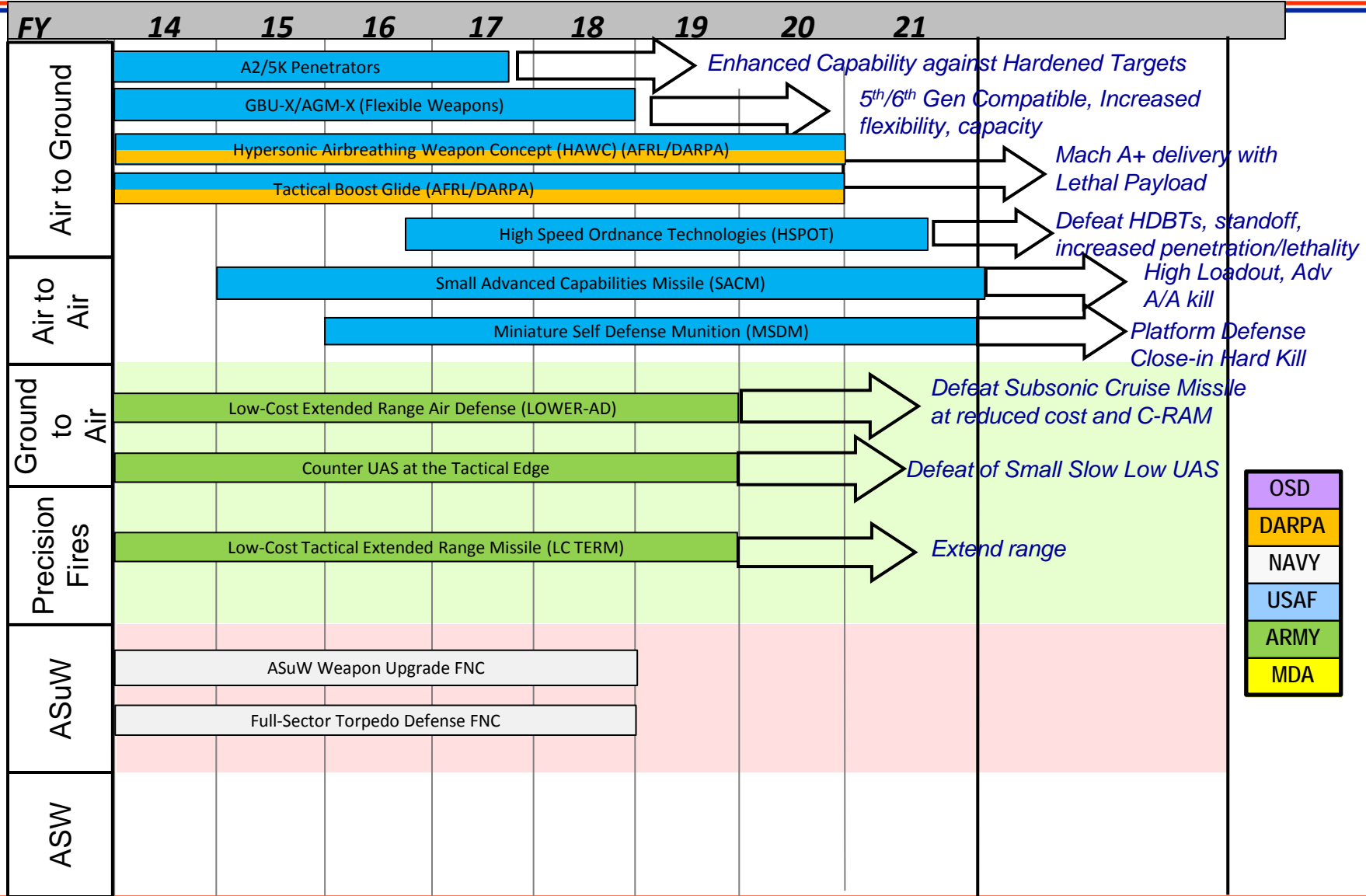
Integrated Weapon Demonstrators Guns



OSD
DARPA
NAVY
USAF
ARMY
MDA



Integrated Weapon Demonstrators Missiles & Undersea Weapons



OSD
DARPA
NAVY
USAF
ARMY
MDA



Focus Going Forward

- Weapon Technologies that Provide Offset Capability
 - » High speed, highly maneuverability, low signature
 - » Some level of autonomy through manned/unmanned teaming
 - » Machine learning navigation

Engagement Opportunities with Industry

- Army Open Campus
- Component BAAs (Army, AF, Navy, DARPA)
- Weapons Technology IRAD and Innovation Review (Spring 2017)
- Attend Industry IRAD Reviews



Weapons Technologies *Initial Comments*



- **Portfolio Value - ~\$1.1 to \$1.2B**
 - Kinetic/Non-Kinetic Effects - \$0.7B/0.4B
- **Common themes emerge across components**
 - Smaller, lower mass weapons (carriage-constrained)
 - Higher speed and maneuvering capability with reduced signature
 - Denied environments (A2/AD)
 - Extended stand-off / range
 - Denied Distributed-Collaborative-Cooperative (D2C2) engagements (manned/unmanned)
 - Directed energy combined with kinetic effects offers leap ahead
 - Affordable and sustainable - cost-trade favorable



Questions