



(U) Stand-off Neutralization of Improvised Threats Or Lowering the Boom at Arm's Length

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S2D2 – Same "Stuff", Different Day



- Improvised threats haven't gone anywhere
 - Continue to evolve
 - Cheap, easy & effective
 - -Hard to detect & defeat
 - They're IMPROVISED!

Improvised threats continue to put lives and materiel in jeopardy.



So, what are our options?





"And the Categories are..."

Detect	Neutralize	Mitigate	"S" words	Famous Navel Battles	Potent Potables
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"I'll take 'Neutralize' for \$12,000, Trebek!"



Detection has proven extremely difficult; mitigation is too late.



What do you mean by "Neutralize"?



- Prevent from functioning as intended, e.g.
 - -Render safe
 - -Render inert
 - Disrupt, "break up"
 - "Burn out"
 - -Jam or suppress
 - Pre-detonate
 - Deflagrate
 - -Cause to go low-order
 - -Other...



"Neutralization" can be very context- and mission-dependent.



Oh, is that all you want?



- Want to neutralize devices & components
 - From a "safe" distance
 - Safely, reliably and verifiably
 - Covered, obscured or concealed
 - -W/o knowing where or what they are
 - -With no collateral damage







We want a safe, reliable, stand-off neutralization capability.



Well, how hard can that be?



- You almost never
 - Have access to threat
 - -Know
 - Where it is
 - How it's put together
 - What's in "the box"
- Even if you do,
 - Proximity increases risk
 - May be covered/obscured
 - Generally no two are identical
 - No "quality control"

Even knowing the threat doesn't guarantee you can defeat it.





Key topics related to neutralization...



- Looking to neutralize...
 - –UAS and UGS
 - VBIED, PBIED – HME





- Novel neutralization techniques
 - Directed Energy
 - -UAS-borne
 - -Biological, Chemical
 - Non-kinetic
 - "Magic"





We're looking to expand our current neutralization capability.



To Summarize, in Summary...



- What we told you
 - Improvised threats are still a major concern
 - -We'd like to be able to neutralize them
 - "Neutralize" is very context/scenario dependent
 - It's a hard problem (what with physics and all that)
- What we're telling you
 - -We have capability; we want more (and "better")!
 - Open to and interested in novel techniques
 - -We need help from you (information, technology)

We have to continue to improve our capability esp. as threats evolve



Any Questions?





"I love it when a plan comes together."





