

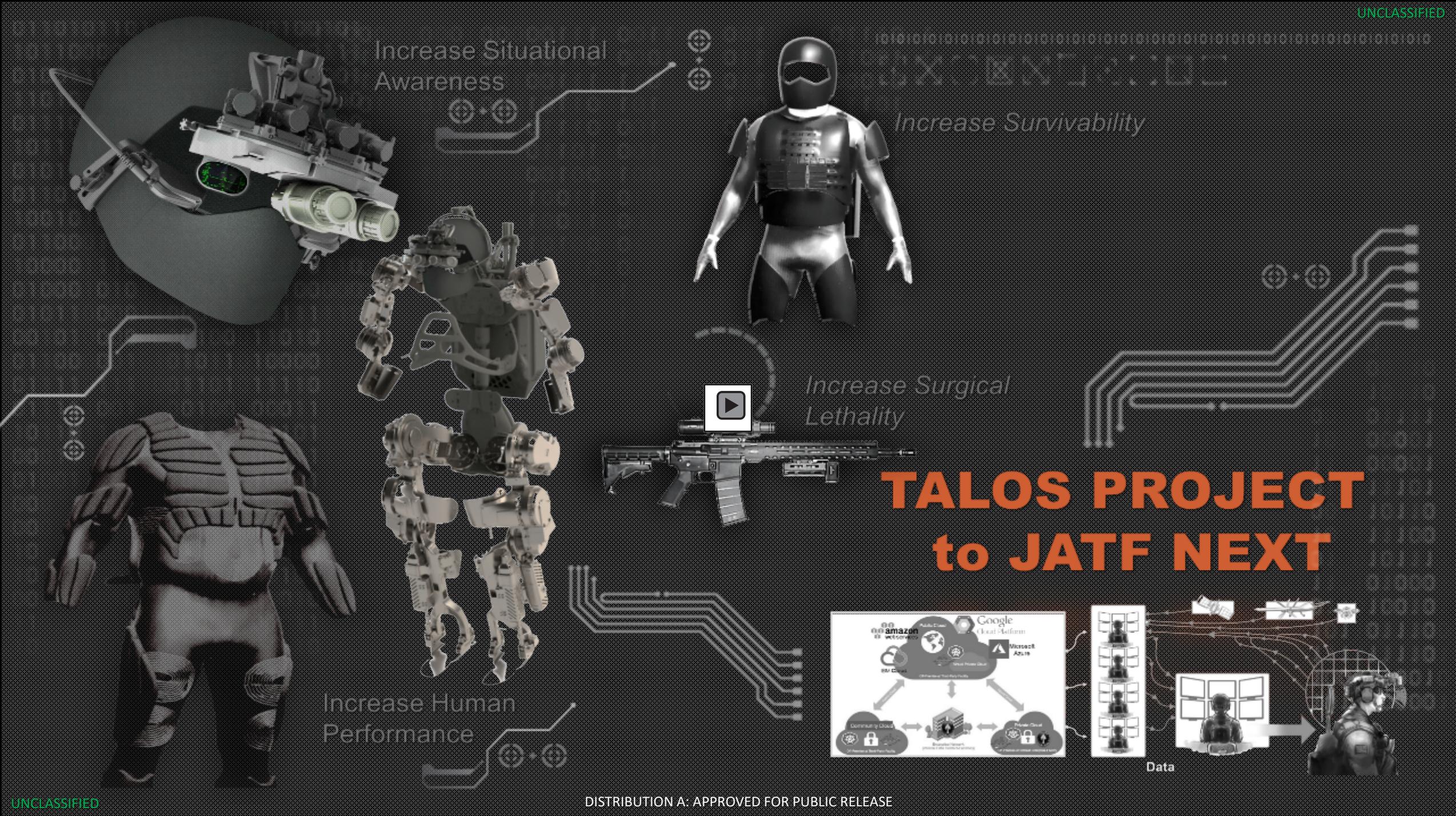
Increase Situational Awareness

Increase Survivability

Increase Surgical Lethality

Increase Human Performance

# TALOS PROJECT to JATF NEXT



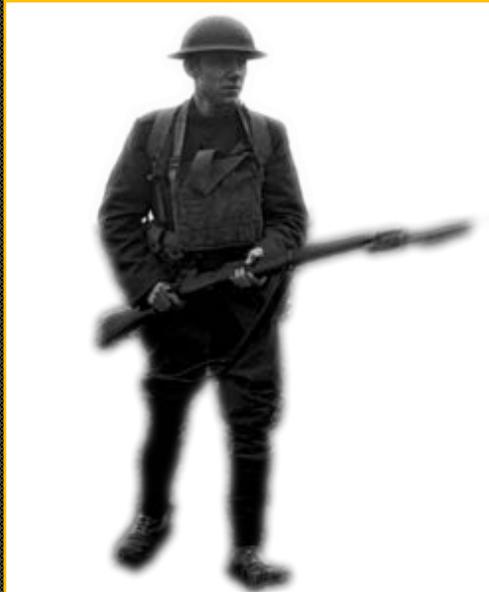


# Where Did We Start?



*Individual Equipment Evolution...What has Changed?*

**WWI**



**MACVSOG VIETNAM**



**OEF / OIF**



**FUTURE**



# TALOS

Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit

## Organizational Priorities

## Original TALOS Functional Area



Mobility & Agility



Power & Energy



Computing



Command, Control,  
Communications &  
Intelligence



Human Factors



Operator Interface



Offensive Systems



Survivability



**TALOS: Protecting the Operator at his most vulnerable moment**

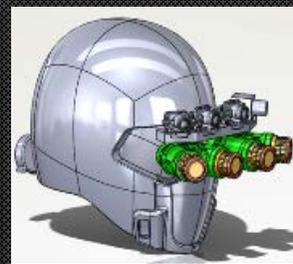
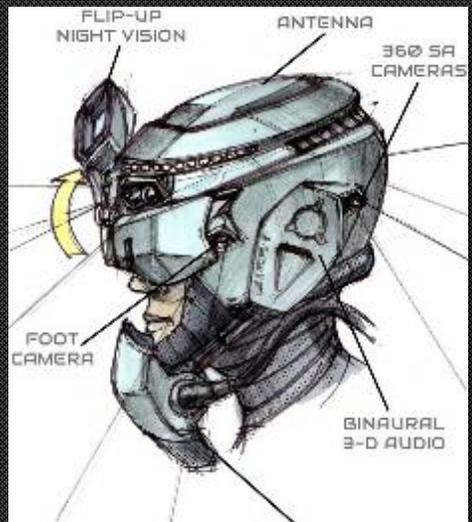
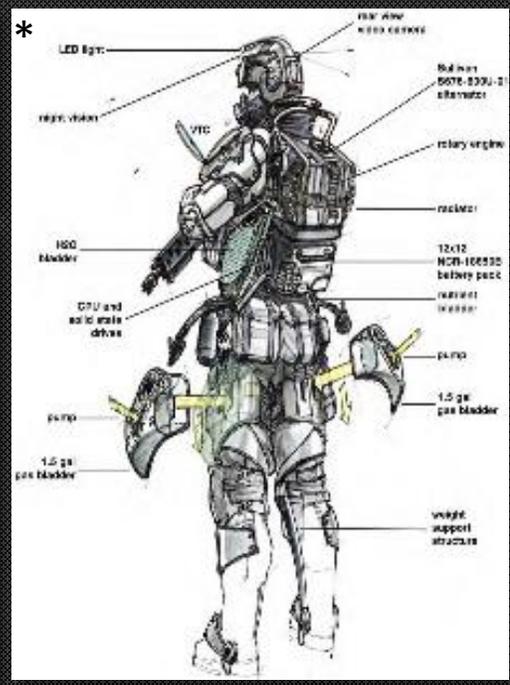
**Combat Suit Development:** Research, assessment, test and development of emerging / disruptive technologies; integrator of multiple sub-systems and tactical components.

**Accelerate Tech Development / Transitions:** Over-the-horizon technology focus; equipping SOF to win in a complex, uncertain future.

**Pioneer Innovative Processes:** Rapid prototyping, prize challenges, streamlined acquisition; leveraging novel acquisition and development methods.

**Persistent Collaboration:** Maintaining extended network, continuous end-user engagement; forging new relationships with Academia, Industry, and Government.

# Pioneered SOCOM Prototyping



# Persistent Collaboration and Innovative Processes

## Government, Academia, Industry

### SOFWERX Emerges

SOCOM blanket  
Cooperative Research  
and Development  
Agreement (CRADA)



Fostered small  
business growth  
Small Business  
Innovation Research



Prize  
Challenges

Pioneered  
Commercial Solutions  
Opening enabling  
more rapid and  
tailored acquisition

# TALOS Combat Suit Tenets

**Survivability:** Comprehensive and improved ballistic protection.

Develop an exoskeleton that supports near unconstrained movement and provides a load bearing structure.

**Human Performance:** Develop an independently powered actuated suit integrated with biomedical monitoring and thermoregulation to extend human performance thresholds.

**Situation Awareness:** Develop a visual augmentation, multidimensional display of fused sensors and an integrated array of intelligence and operational data.

**Surgical Lethality:** Shorten the time to target engagement and create options for novel weapons integration.

# TALOS System Life-Cycle

## 2013

- State-of-the-art Market Research
- Non-traditional Partnering
- Ideation
- Team Building

## 2014



## 2015

- Use Case derivation (CONOP)
- Explored the Design Spaces
- Modeling and Simulation
- Architectural Designing
- Iterative Prototyping



## 2016

- Design and Build Sub-System Components
- Configuration Management
- Preliminary and Critical Design Reviews
- Test and Evaluation



## 2017

## 2018



## 2019

- System Integration
- Demonstrated prototypes



# ARMOR

## Research Objectives:

- Increased Ballistic Threat Protection
- Reduced Size/Weight
- Novel Armor Design

SPEAR



MK5



Alt Material\*



2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018



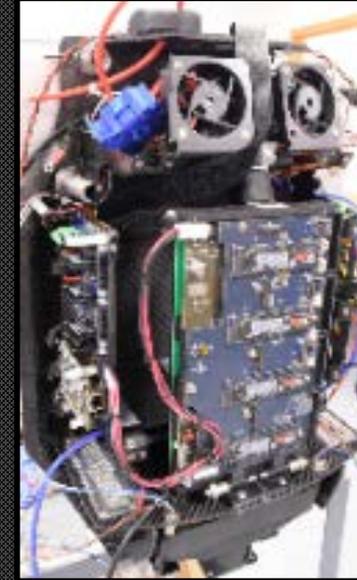
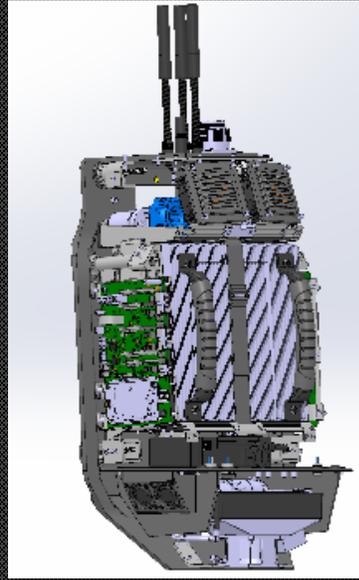


# POWER

## Research Objectives:

- Improve Battery Technologies
- Lithium Polymer
- Solid Oxide Fuel Cell
- Hybrid Engines

## Power Enclosure



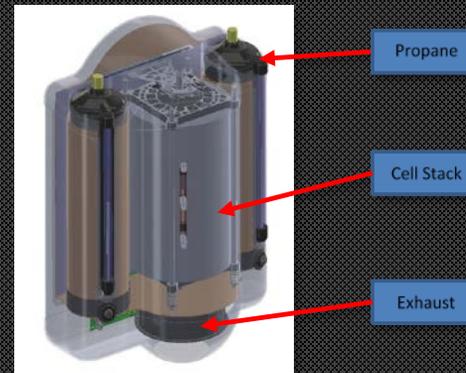
## Ballistic Power Plate



## Hybrid Engines



## Solid Oxide Fuel Cells





# BASELAYER

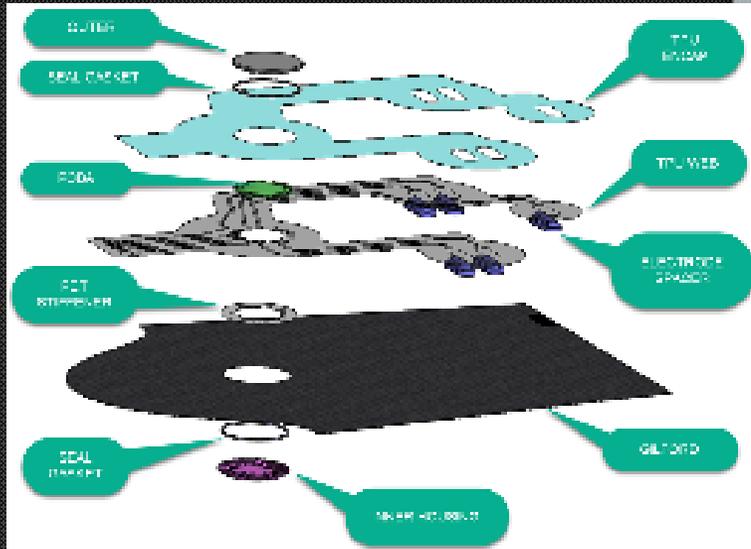
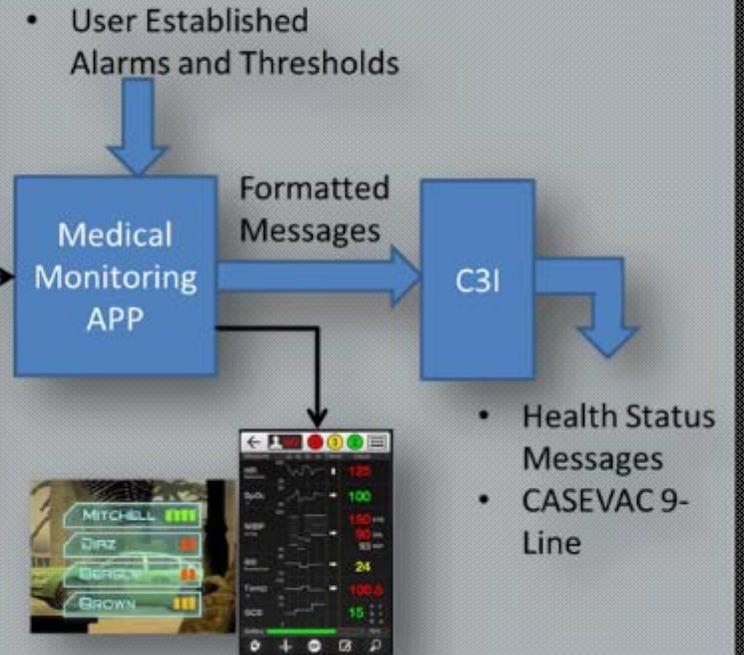
## Research Objectives:

- Physiological Status Monitoring
- Active Thermal Management
- EMG Technology
- Novel Textiles

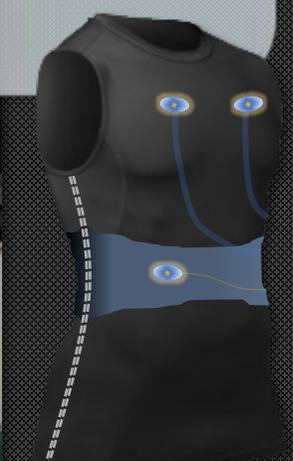
## Concept Development



- Electrocardiogram (ECG)
- Blood O<sub>2</sub> Saturation (SpO<sub>2</sub>/PPG)
- Blood Pressure (BP)
- Heart Rate (HR)
- Respiratory Rate
- Acceleration
- Core Temperature



GUI for Operator, Team, Medic



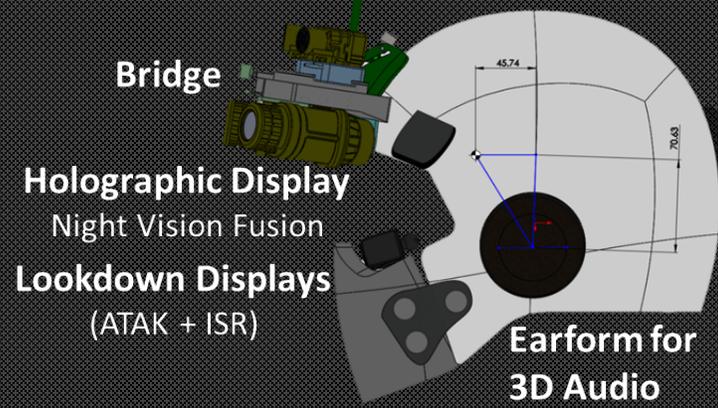


# HELMET

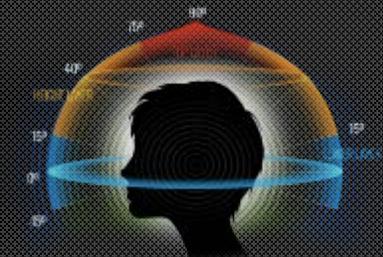
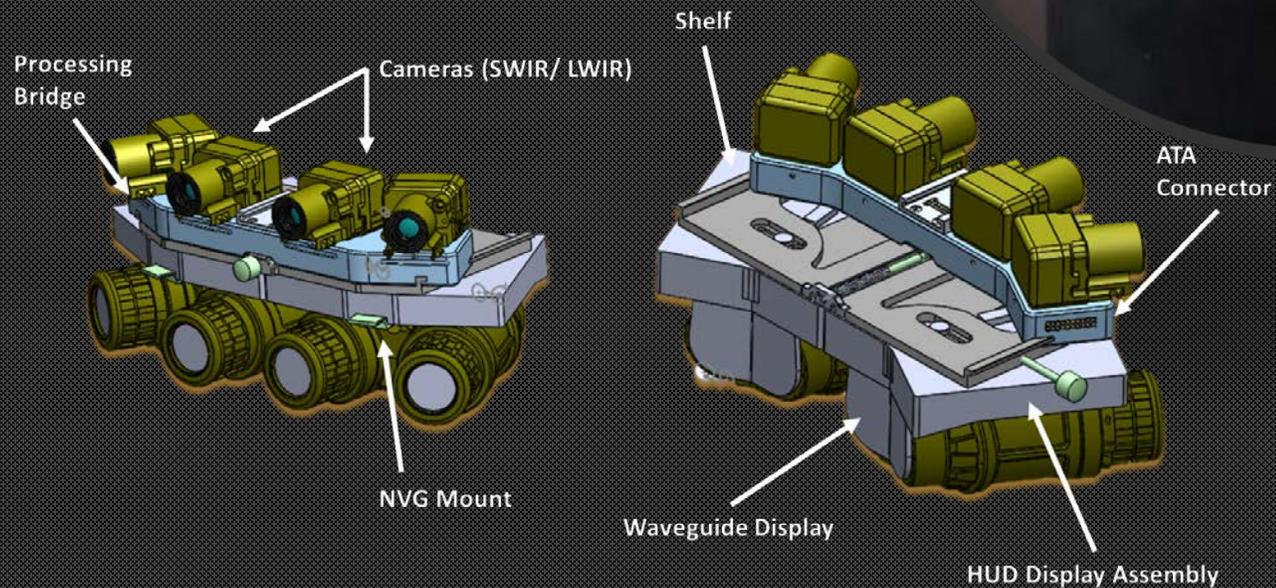
## Research Objectives:

- Target Acquisition
- Digital Vision Displays
- Augmented Reality
- 3D Audio

## Swappable IR/Vis Imagers



## Visual Augmentation System Assembly



### 3d Audio (Ambient and RF)

# SOCOM Embedded Computing Environment (SEMONE)



## C4I

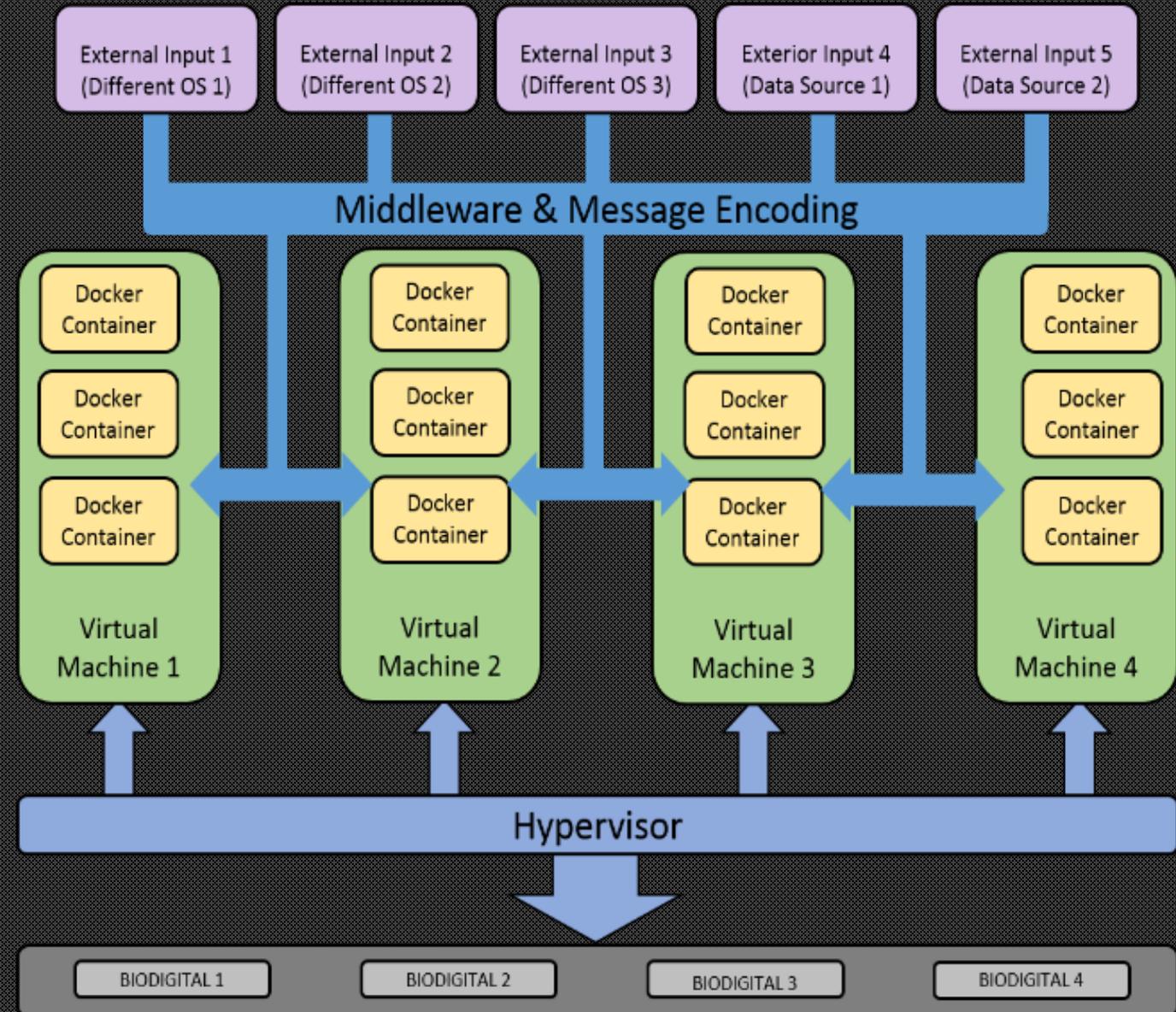
Research Objectives:

- Software Integration
- Computing Hardware
- Networking hardware



## Design Principles

**Survivable**  
**Adaptable**  
**Open**





# EXOSKELETON

Research Objectives:

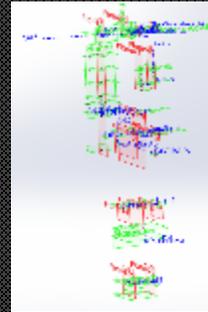
- **Modeling and Simulations**
- Actuation
- Structures
- Sensors & Control

## Modeling and Simulation

### Exoskeleton Kinematics



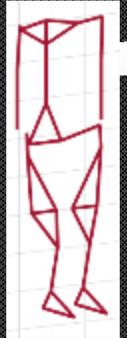
Analyze kinematic effects



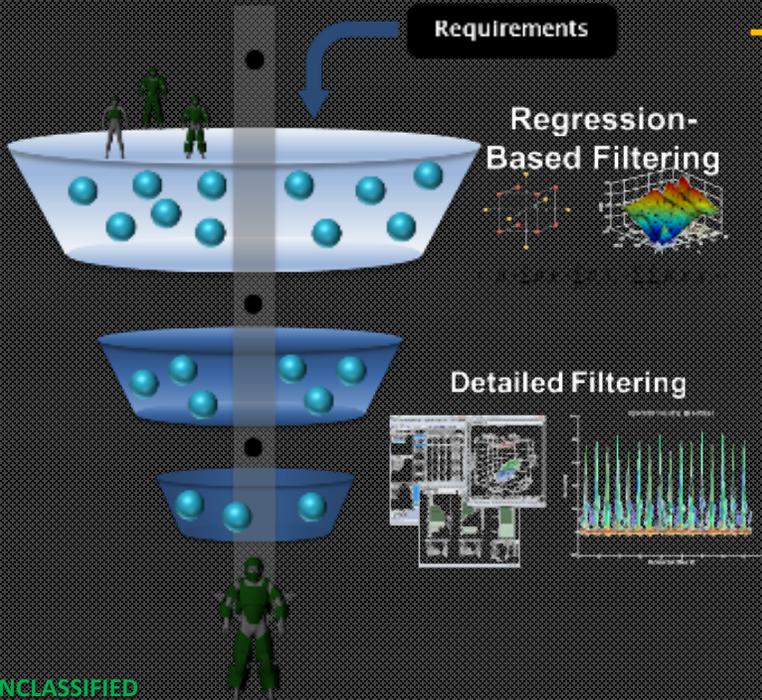
Extract joint centers and axes rotations



Overlay model onto 3D scan



Create Kinematic model

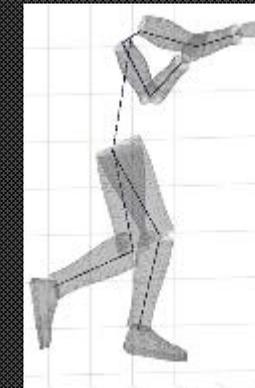


### Human Motion Analysis

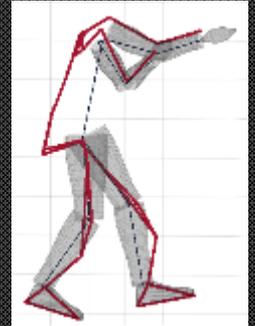
Walking  
Running  
Step up/down



Capture human motion data



Translate human motion data into model



Align human motion model with kinematic model



# EXOSKELETON

Research Objectives:

- Modeling and Simulations
- **Actuation**
- **Structures**
- **Sensors & Control**

## Early Prototypes



## Load Carriage Designs

Government Led System of Systems Integration



Single Vendor (SBIR)



## Lightweight Augmentation Design

Single Vendor (SBIR)



# MK5 System of Systems Integration

**POWER ENCLOSURE**



**COMPUTING**



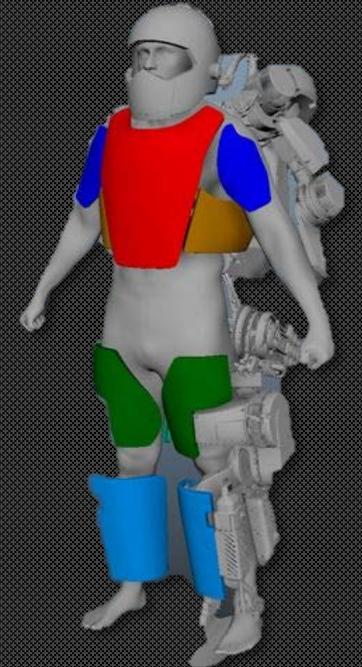
**HELMET**



**EXOSKELETON**



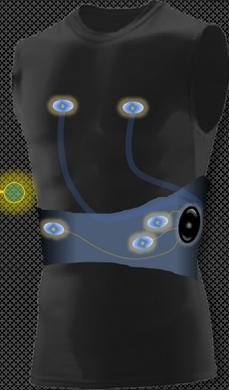
**ARMOR**



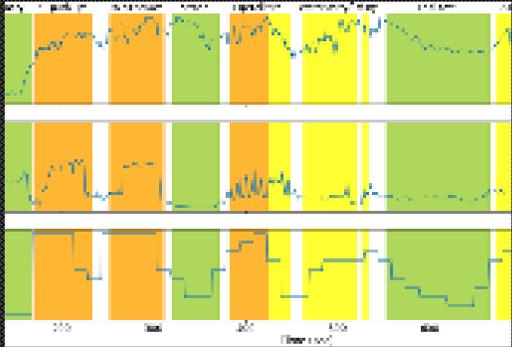
**Thermal Management BASELAYER**



**BioMedical Monitoring**



# Integrated TALOS Prototype

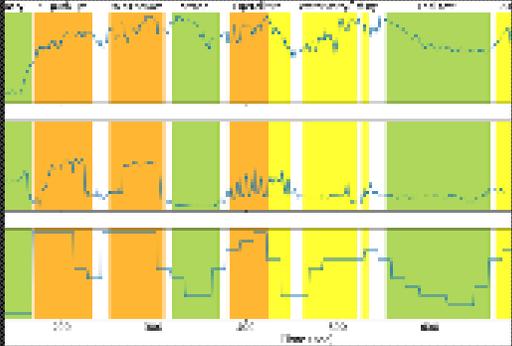


**OPERATIONAL  
STRESS INDEX**

**BIOMEDICAL  
MONITORING  
SHIRT**



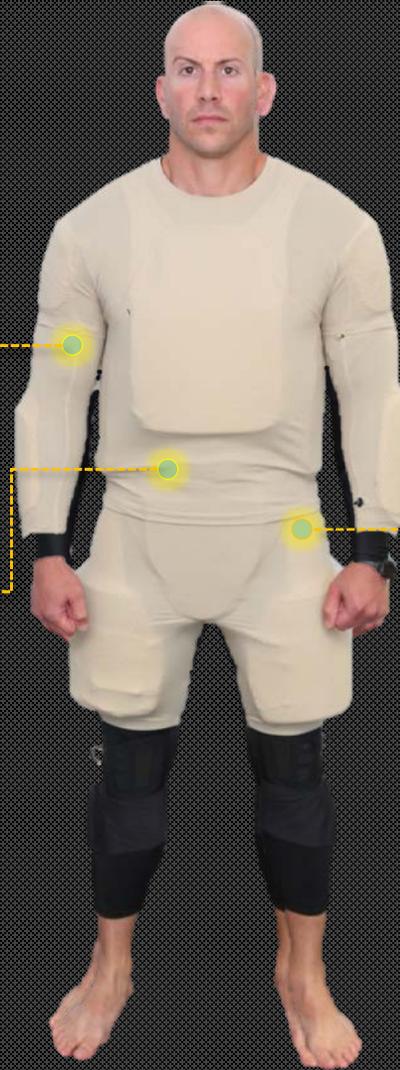
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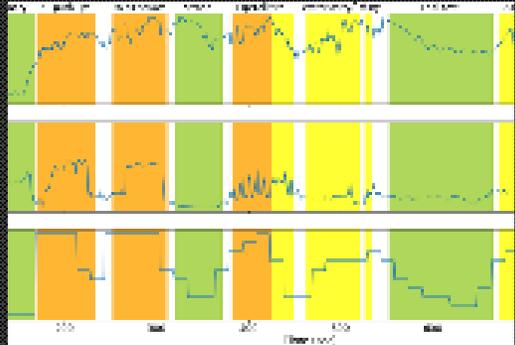
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SHIRT**

**LIGHTWEIGHT  
POLYETHYLENE  
ARMOR**



# Integrated TALOS Prototype



**METABOLIC COST  
REDUCTION SYSTEM  
(PNEUMATIC KNEES  
AND ANKLES)**

**BIOMEDICAL  
MONITORING  
SHIRT**

**OPERATIONAL  
STRESS INDEX**

**3D AUDIO**



**LOOKDOWN  
DISPLAYS**

**SHOT DETECTION  
GARMENT**

**BALLISTIC  
BATTERY  
PLATE**

**LIGHTWEIGHT  
POLYETHYLENE  
ARMOR**

**SMALL ARMS  
STABILIZATION**



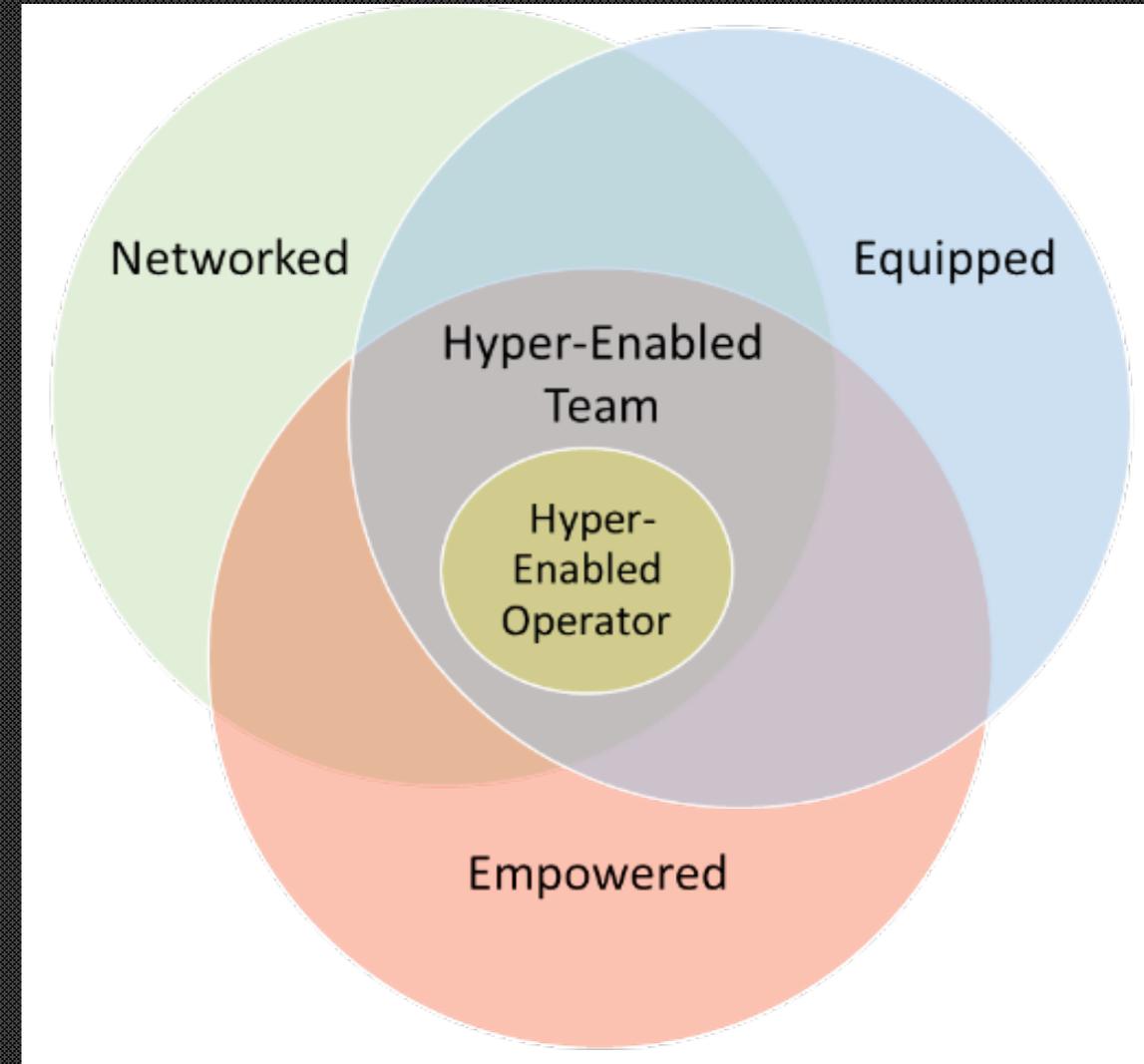
# Future Operating Environment

## Multi-Domain Environment

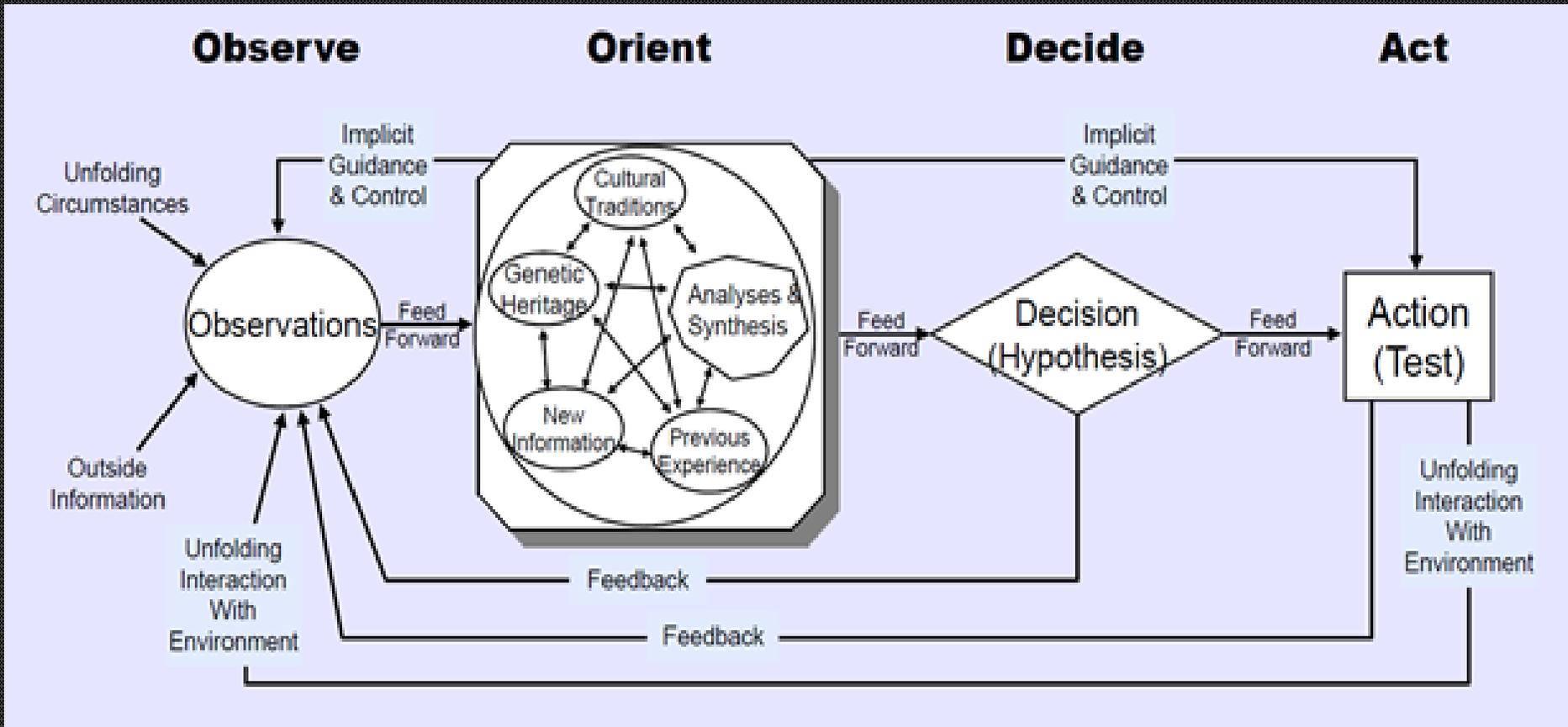
- Physical (air, land, sea, space)
- Virtual (cyberspace)
- Cognitive (influence minds)

The democratization of emerging technologies provide our competitors with the means to predict and act faster than we do.

The Hyper-Enabled Team must quickly and effectively use information to predict and act while leveraging the decentralized flexibility of the SOF professional.



# Enhancing Cognition (OODA Loop)



**Cognitive Overmatch:**  
The ability to dominate the situation by making informed decisions faster than the opponent.

**Data**

**Information**

**Knowledge**

**Judgment**

We must leverage technologies to asymptotically drive the OODA Loop to zero.

# Hyper-Enabling the Operator

**HEO  
Technology  
Enablers at  
the Edge**



**DATA ASSETS / SENSORS**



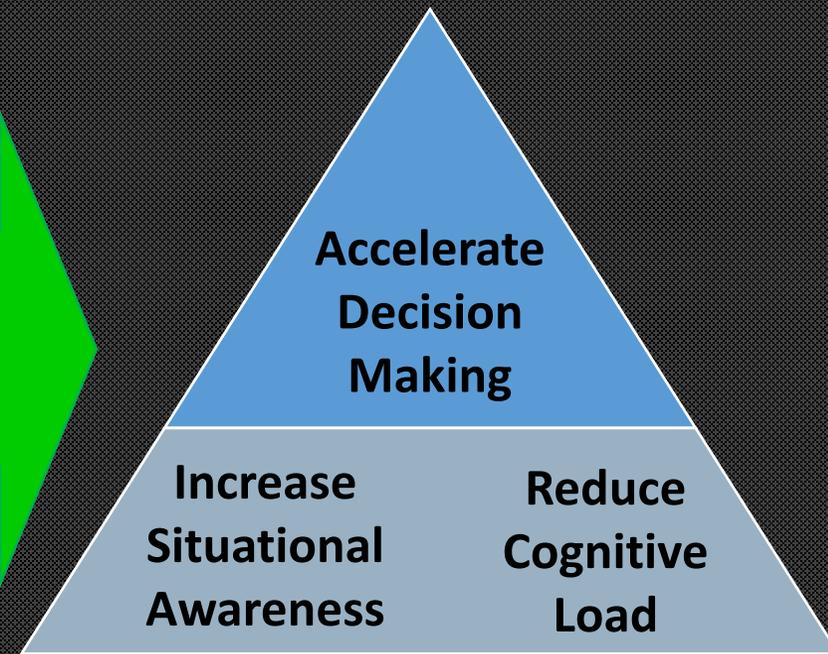
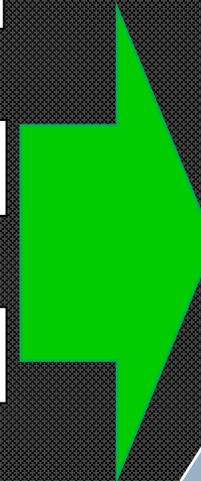
**COMMUNICATIONS**



**COMPUTING**



**HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE**



**Enhance Cognition**

**Technical  
Infrastructure  
Foundation**

**Data Management  
Analytics**

**Hybrid Cloud  
Strategy**

**Communications  
Network Architecture**

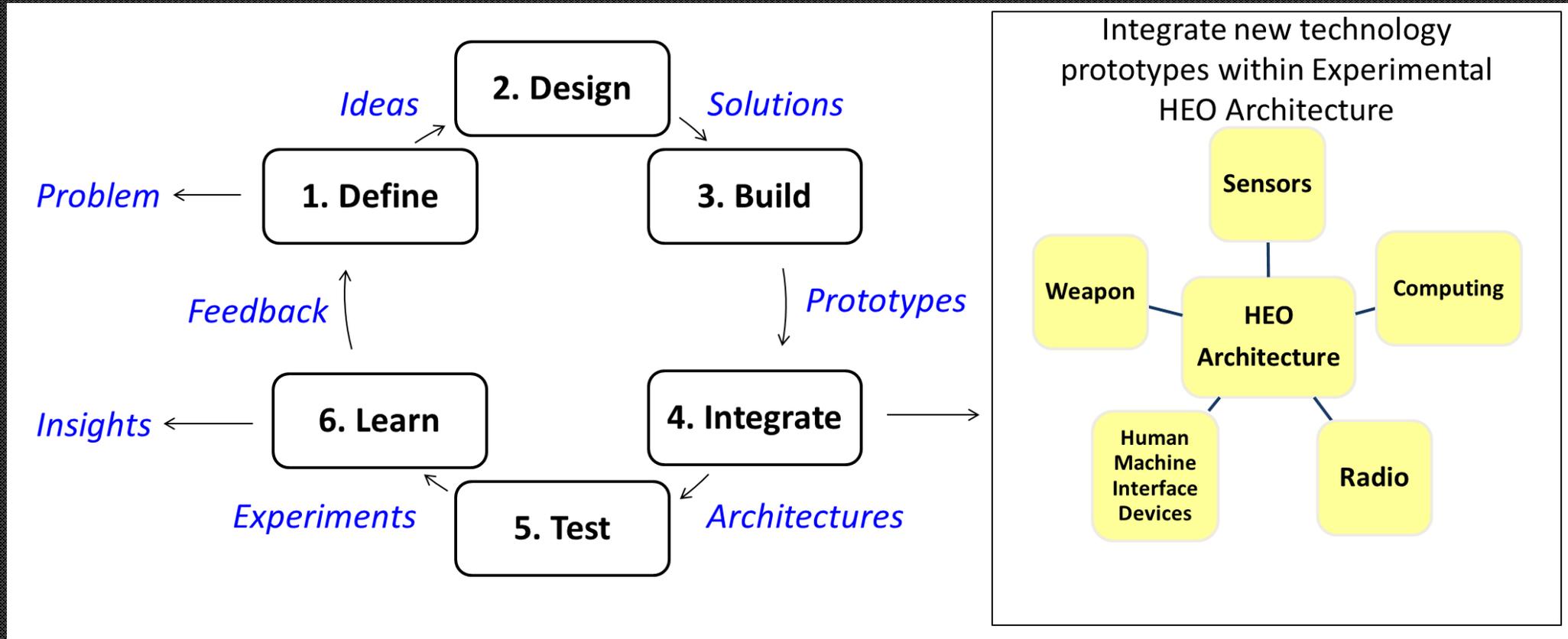
**Culture**

**Decision-Quality Data  
Drive Decisions**

**Warfighter Teamed with  
Technologists and Data Scientists**

# Learning Culture

*Transformational innovations do not start with solutions; they begin with a clear understanding of a problem*



**Define Problems → Rapidly Prototype → Learn → Accelerate SOF Innovation**