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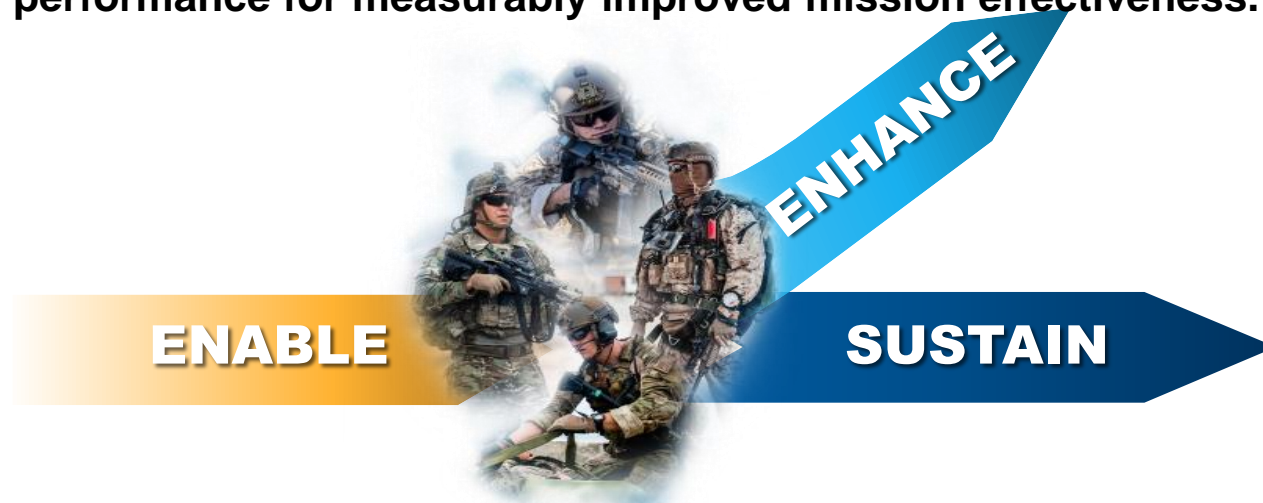
Dr. Mike LaFiandra – Protection, Sustainment and Warfighter Performance



Vision and Mission

VISION

Develop and deliver technologies to enable, sustain, enhance, and quantify human performance for measurably improved mission effectiveness.



MISSION

Enhance mission effectiveness through:

- Integrated simulations for mission training, experimentation
- Human-machine designs for mission effectiveness
- Assessment of operator effectiveness
- Protecting operators through battlespace stressors
- Mastering the political, military, economic, social, infrastructure, and information systems (PMESII) battle space



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Service Demand Signals






<p><u>DoD</u></p> <p>2018 National Defense Strategy</p> <p>Close Combat Lethality Task Force</p>	<p>Military readiness = more lethal force</p> <p>Performance optimization; sustained mission readiness in extreme environments</p> <p>Optimize the physical preparedness of personnel</p> <p>Prepare squad through realistic training in immersive high-stress environment</p>
<p><u>Army</u></p> <p>The Army Vision</p> <p>The Army Strategy</p> <p>U.S Army Modernization Strategy</p> <p>The Army People Strategy</p>	<p>Smart, thoughtful, innovative leaders → new talent mgt-based personnel system</p> <p>Soldier lethality spanning shooting, moving, communicating, protecting, sustaining</p> <p>Next Generation Combat Vehicle: Human and non-human teams at new levels</p> <p>Rapid expansion of synthetic training environments, simulations capabilities</p>
<p><u>Navy</u></p> <p>A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority</p> <p>Naval R&D: A Framework for Accelerating to the Navy and Marine Corps After Next</p>	<p>Augmented Warfighter Priority: Enhance decision-making and Human-Machine teaming</p> <p>Science-based practices to support leader development, better decision making</p> <p>Scalable Lethality: Enable directed energy (low cost, high precision standoff strike)</p>
<p><u>Air Force</u></p> <p>Air Force Future Operating Concept</p> <p>The Science and Technology 2030 Initiative</p>	<p>Human-Machine Interface: Right information + right person + right time = right decision</p> <p>Agile innovative airmen in performance optimized teams for multi domain operations</p> <p>Rapid effective decision making</p>



Human Systems Col Taxonomy



Sub-Areas	Thrusts	
Personalized Assessment, Education, and Training	Personnel Selection and Assignment	
	Training Design, Assessment, and Readiness Monitoring	
	Advanced Learning Technologies	
System Interfaces and Cognitive Processes	Understanding Human/Cognitive Processing	
	Human-Machine Interaction and Aiding	
	System Level Interfaces and Teaming	
Protection, Sustainment, and Warfighter Performance	Sensing, Monitoring, and Assessment	
	Enhancement Technologies and Techniques	



Mutual Col-to-Col Research Interests



Biomedical Col

- Autonomous medical evacuation
- Biomedical modeling and simulation
- Predictors of mental health and medical attrition
- Modernization of biotechnology data and analytics infrastructure

Biotechnology Col

- Human Machine Teaming (HMT)

CWMD

- Dark web concerns
- Social network analysis
- Counter-terrorism research

Autonomy

- Human-Machine Teaming (HMT)
- Verification and Validation (V&V)
- Trust

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- Human Decision Making

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- Bioeffects

Cyber

- Cyber selection and training
- Cyber situational awareness

Biomedical, Sensors, CWMD
Wearable physiological monitors



Industry Engagement



Independent Research & Development Technology Interchange Meetings IR&D TIMs Upcoming in June 2020

- Co-hosted by HS/Biomedical/Biotech Cols
- This engagement has broad goals to increase awareness, stimulate collaboration, and seek alignment between industry's IR&D innovation investments and DoD's high-priority science and technology needs and corresponding acquisition sustainment roadmaps.
- Participants: DTRA, DARPA, Army, Navy, Air Force, USMC, others
- <https://defenseinnovationmarketplace.dtic.mil/technology-interchange-meetings/>

ADL iFest - August 30, 2021 - September 1, 2021

I/ITSEC – December 2021

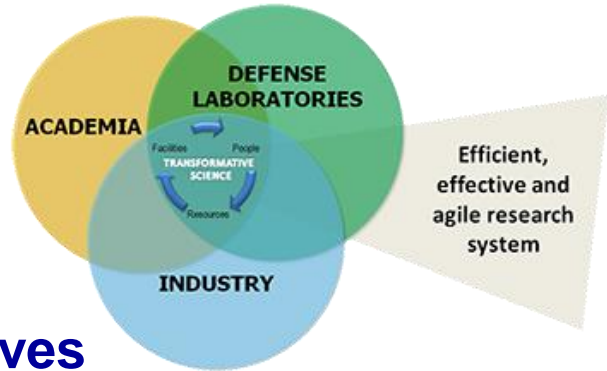


Academic Collaborations



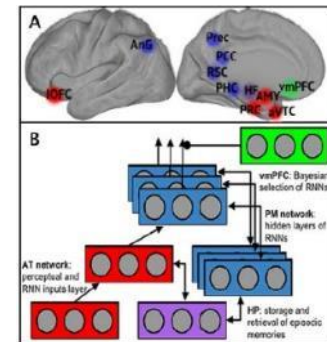
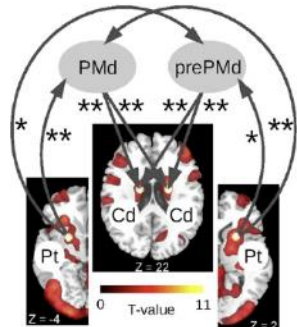
Centers of Excellence

- Human-Machine Teaming at Carnegie Mellon
- Biotechnology at Northwestern
- Directed Energy Bioeffects Institute (DEBI)
- TUFTS– Center for Applied Brain and Cognitive Sciences



Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives

- Active Perception and Knowledge Exploitation in Navigation and Spatial Awareness
- Neural Circuits Underlying Symbolic Processing in Primate Cortex and Basal Ganglia
- A Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Approach to Understanding Event Representation and Episodic Memory



ARL Open Campus

ARL's Open Campus is a collaborative endeavor, with the goal of building a science and technology ecosystem that will encourage groundbreaking advances in basic and applied research areas of relevance to the Army. Through the Open Campus framework, ARL scientists and engineers (S&Es) will work collaboratively and side-by-side with visiting scientists in ARL's facilities, and as visiting researchers at collaborators' institutions.

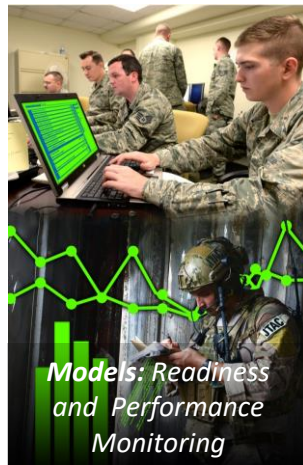
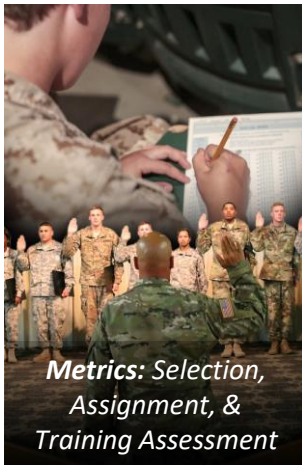
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Personalized Assessment, Education, and Training

Right Person, Right Job, Right Skills

VISION

A readiness ecosystem that ensures the right person has the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be mission ready for the 21st century operating environment



OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Train-as-we-fight opportunities with Live Virtual Constructive (LVC) environments for current and future systems
- Learning environments tailored to training objectives
- Advanced learning technologies that facilitate personalization and deliberate practice at the point-of-need
- Technological advances that enable new training paradigms
- Individualized, proficiency-based assessments of training effectiveness and operational performance
- Talent management functions personalized through big data

ENDURING CHALLENGES:

- Increased technological parity with adversaries
- Inadequate ranges for training advance weapon system capabilities (e.g., 5th gen aircraft, residential encroachment)
- Live training potentially reveals capabilities to adversaries
- Dynamic, evolving operational environments and adversaries
- Requirements outpace opportunities and resources to train
- Ineffectiveness of one-size-fits-all, Industrial Age training
- Sparse data for manpower, education, and training decisions
- Limited capacity to leverage personnel diversity



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PAE&T Taxonomy



1.1 Personnel Selection and Assignment

1.1.1: Individualized Measures of Aptitude

1.1.2: Career-Long Outcome Measures (area to further explore)

1.1.3: Predictive Models for Performance and Retention

1.2 Training Design, Assessment, and Readiness Monitoring

1.2.1: Data and Learning Sciences

1.2.2: Cognitive and Performance Modeling

1.2.3: Innovative Training Design and Methodologies

1.3 Advanced Learning Technologies

1.3.1: VR/AR/MR and Integrated Simulations

1.3.2: Intelligent Tutoring Systems

TECH/CAPABILITY GAPS:

- Developing and integrating predictor measures that have individualized precision
- Developing or improving measures of operational performance and behavior that could inform decisions about career trajectory and future assignments
- Integrating currently stove-piped predictive models that are based on more than just group probabilities
- Warehousing and using (big) proficiency-based performance measures to inform training and operational decisions
- Adapting learning sciences to military contexts
- Conducting training and assessment in human-machine teams
- Developing and employing models, agents, and algorithms as synthetic training entities and for real-time readiness monitoring
- Securely integrating LVC environments
- Assessing virtual, augmented, and mixed reality technologies for training
- Creating software instructors for personalized training interventions





1.0 PAE&T Success Stories

Advancing the State-of-the-Art in Distributed Learning Through Public Outreach



Federal E-Learning Science & Technology



Challenge: During pandemic restrictions, many DoD components needed a forum for interagency, industry, and academic sharing of distributed learning technologies, best practices, policies, and programs.

Accomplishments:

- Successful transition of annual iFEST conference from in-person to virtual format.
- Created an interactive conference portal and event agenda featuring senior executives, thought leaders, and project managers.
- Registration for the virtual 2020 event surpassed in-person participation in 2019 by 25%, and content also increased by 25%.
- Virtual event access remains open through end of 2020.



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PAE&T Success Stories



Connected, Device-Assisted Learning, Anytime Anywhere



Challenge: Use emerging technologies to improve access to training, increase knowledge retention, and allow training data analytics: *Personalized eBooks for Learning (PeBL)*.

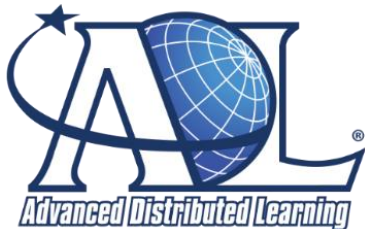
Accomplishments:

- Developed ePub3 standard and PeBL eBook reader which improves learner engagement through enhanced content personalization and new forms of interactivity.
- Instrumented with the Experience API (xAPI) to standardize learner data collection, sharing, and analytics.
- Upcoming deployment of PeBL enhanced version of Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication-7 *Learning*, to ~180K Marines. Expected in early FY21.



1.0 PAE&T Success Stories

DoD-Wide Interoperability for Education and Training Systems

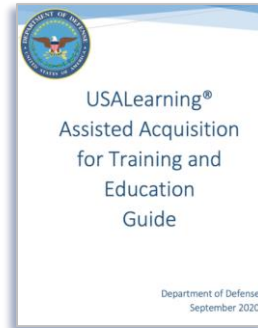


Challenge: Connect disparate, siloed education and training systems into an interoperable ecosystem that leverages enterprise data analytics to improve readiness and reduce costs.

Accomplishments:

- *Total Learning Architecture* “reference implementation” is now being demonstrated in collaborations with DHA, NAWCTSD, NETC, AETC, TRADOC, PEOSTRI, DAU, NPS, DCSA/CDSE, and others.
- Multiple commercial interoperability standards established for learner data collection and sharing.
- Prototype tools and technologies developed to facilitate the adoption and deployment of the next generation of education and training products.
- Streamlined DevSecOps pipeline to expedite integration and testing of learning technologies and products.

Education and Training Acquisition Reform



Challenge: Improve how DoD buys and maintains digital learning software and services.

Accomplishments:

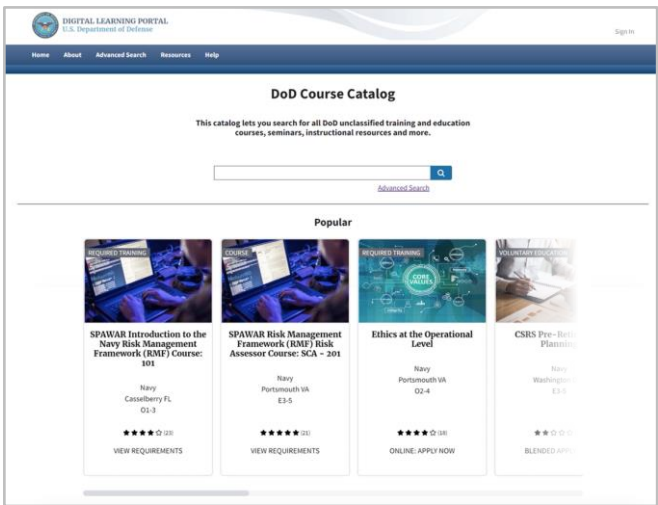
- Part of CMO-led *Enterprise Digital Learning Modernization* reform effort, approved in July 2018.
- Acquisition focus includes eliminating redundancies, maximizing shared services, and streamlining procurement of education/training products and services across the DoD.
- OPM’s USA Learning providing “Assisted Acquisition” portal to leverage DoD buying power through procurement services.
- USA Learning DoD Assisted Acquisition guide developed and targeted for September release/distribution.



1.0 PAE&T Upcoming Products



Enterprise Digital Learning Modernization (EDLM) Reform Effort

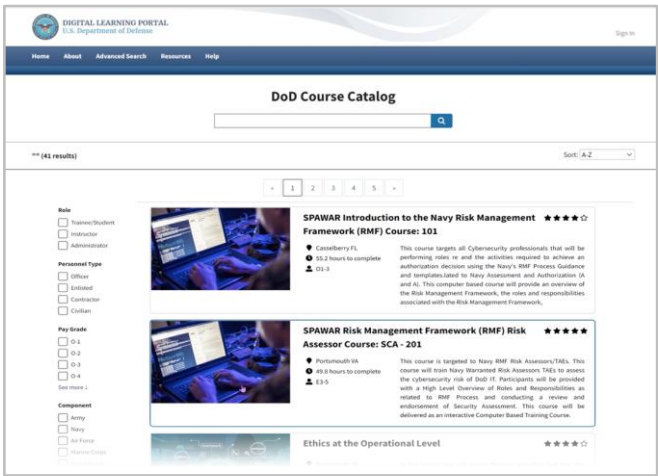


Enterprise Course Catalog

Portals federate local course catalog data from different DoD components into a single defense-wide directory with semantic search capabilities.

DoD users will be able to experience one seamless interface to discover all DoD course information instead of going to multiple locations.

- Aggregates tens-of-thousands of DoD course listings
- Uses commercial standards (IEEE P2881) to harmonize how courses are described (better support of big data, AI/ML, and analytics)
- Makes all DoD course catalogs interoperable & reduces duplications
- Anticipate developmental testing in FY21; anticipate Initial Operational Capability in FY22



Enterprise Learner Record Repository

A federated data fabric of learner data that relies on commercial standards and APIs to expose traditionally stove piped learner data across the DoD enterprise.

Maintains ownership and stewardship of the data with existing owners.

- Expose education/training outcome data in an interoperable, career-long system
- A federated solution to look at learner records from across the DoD
- Learning data pulled from existing, authoritative sources
- Currently working on R&D; anticipate early testing in FY21

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Systems Interfaces & Cognitive Processes

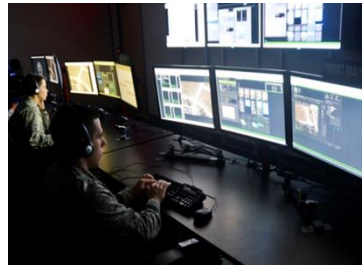
Effective, Natural Human-Machine Teaming

VISION

Warfighters teamed with agents and machines through intuitive, individualized, and adaptive interactions that enhance mission effectiveness.



Multi-Domain Operations



Manned-Unmanned Teaming



Team Performance Assessment



Quantified Warrior

OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Enhance warfighter effectiveness by coupling humans & intelligent machines to maximize performance in the fog of war
- Real-time measurement, assessment and prediction of warfighter performance & functional state
- Adaptive human-machine interfaces for optimized weapon system and warfighter performance in contested environments
- Rapid, intuitive decision aiding & course of action analyses
- Manage perceptual abilities to exploit information throughput
- Field demonstrations in applied environments

ENDURING CHALLENGES/NEEDS:

- Mission effectiveness metrics & baselining
- Workflow models for teams
- Robust cognitive models & architectures for autonomous agents
- Multisensory adaptive interfaces that enhance, not interfere
- Robust, reliable natural language interfaces
- Dynamic calibration of system transparency to need
- Contextually aware dynamic decision support
- Tools for individual & team functional state assessment (Sensors & Algorithms)
- Identification of biomarkers for operator performance
- Coordination methods for teams of multi-adaptive systems.
- Interfaces that adapt to individual differences



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SICP Taxonomy



2.1 Understanding Human/Cognitive Processing [WITHIN HUMAN]

- 2.1.1: Perception (Unitary and Multi-sensory)
- 2.1.2: Dynamic Operator Functional State Assessment
- 2.1.3: Cog Neuroscience/Performance Augmentation

2.2 Human-Machine Interaction and Aiding [HUMAN-MACHINE]

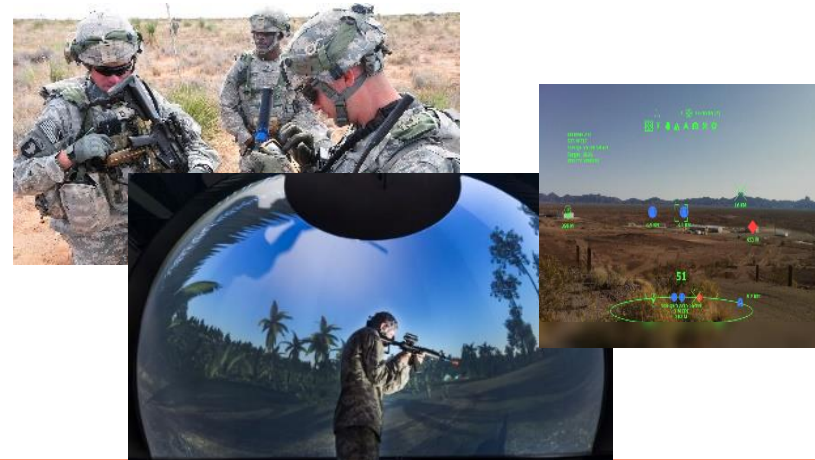
- 2.2.1: Advanced Interface Methods (Adaptive, Multi-modal)
- 2.2.2: Intelligent Decision Aiding/Support
- 2.2.3: Dynamic/Adaptive Task Allocation and Authority Transfer
- 2.2.4: Trust Calibration & Transparency

2.3 System Level Interfaces & Teaming [HUMAN-SYSTEM]

- 2.3.1: System Analyses and HSI (Organization)
- 2.3.2: Team Processes, Performance, & Metrics (Shared SA;Cohesion)
- 2.3.3: Data Analytics/ Socio-Cultural Analytics/ Exploitation Tools
- 2.3.4: System Interface Design and Application

TECH/CAPABILITY GAPS:

- Perception research– especially in areas of multi-sensory modeling/exploitation
- Design guidelines for reliable, real-time assessment of operator functional state
- Joint cognitive H-A decision making
- Baselining for envisioned capabilities
- Foundational research on distributed H-H-A teaming affordances
- Team performance metrics development



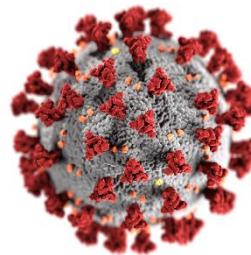


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SICP Success Stories



MASTR-E Collaborating on COTS sensor-based study to advance COVID-19 early predictors and human performance research



Challenge: CCDC SC MASTR-E Program will lead a symptomology and physiology data collection in active duty military cohort to support model development and testing of susceptibility to illness predictive algorithms.

Technical Approach: This tri-service (CCDC SC, NHRC, AFRL) and academia team, will support U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's (MRDC's) Military Infectious Disease and Military Operational Medicine Research Program, by teaming with 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (LI) to monitor up to 1000 Soldiers for a period of 1 year to understand how physiological, cognitive, and behavioral data can lead to understanding this susceptibility.

Impact:

- This approach will enable short term targeted testing of the most vulnerable, maintain unit readiness and support long term idea of a predictive algorithm evaluation that enable screening and triage for unit members while maintaining the end objective of optimizing the human weapon system.



Development and Evaluation of In-Cockpit Cursor Control for Display Interaction: *RHINO POINTING*



Challenge

- 5th/6th-Gen aircraft will have Large Area Display touch screen
 - Use violates HOTAS philosophy for fighter aircraft ops
 - Precision suffers in dynamic conditions (e.g., vibration)
- Eye tracking (ET) technology not currently suitable for cockpit use



Solution

- **Rhino Pointing (RP):** Team (AFRL, TPS, U of Iowa) developed in-cockpit prototype head-slaved cursor system

Approach

- In-house lab development/evaluation prior to in-flight testing
- AFRL/OPL integrated system
- 7 TPS pilots flew total of 14 sorties comparing RP, ET, and Touch



Results

- Each method judged to have military utility; complementary
- Operator-recommended future interface combining strengths of each
- Arango Memorial Award winner for Society of Experimental Test Pilots paper



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SICP Success Stories



Operator focus on Space C2 Joint Emergent Operational Need (JEON)



Challenge:

Space operators need interfaces to integrate data related to space threats to promote SA/

Tech Approach:

Developed 2 apps aimed at situation analysis and “at-a-glance” overview centered on: Impact, likelihood, and urgency of emerging threats.

The 711th has transitioned multiple technologies related to space C2. Most recently, RH lead one of the lines-of-effort (LOE) for the AFRL/RV-lead Space C2 Joint Emergent Operational Need (JEON). This LOE entailed establishing an overarching human-system interface (HSI) for the collection of applications* used by the new National Space Defense Center (NSDC). This HSI was developed in 3 segments related to Awareness, Action and Overview

Accomplishment/Impact:

Transitioned to National Space Defense Center in July 2020



Innovations in Distributed Experimentation During COVID

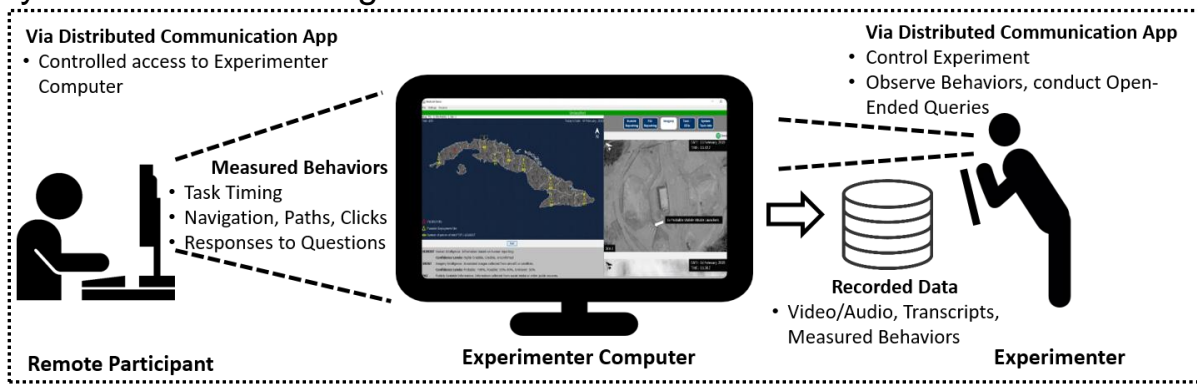


Challenge

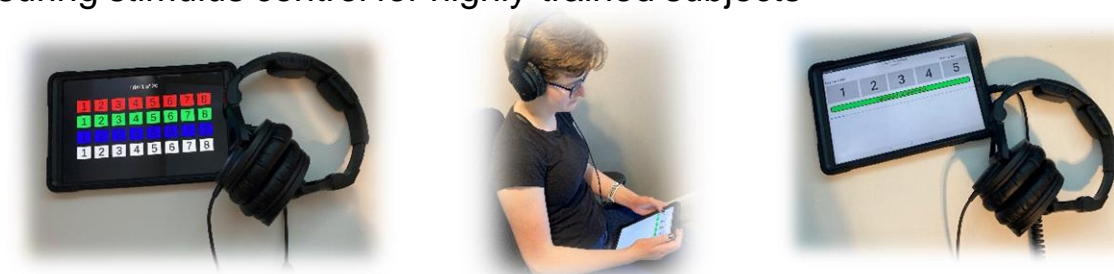
- COVID-19 stay-home order put abrupt halt on in-house research activities
 - Direct study oversight and use of specialized equipment/facilities no longer feasible
 - Requirement to conduct research that informs adaptive interface development remained
 - However, variable research constraints necessitated multiple remote testing capabilities

Approach

- 1) Utilize contemporary meeting/video collaboration apps (e.g., Zoom) to collect unclassified research data on analytics of sense-making



- 2) Develop new research kit on portable platform (Android tablet) for communication and perception research, ensuring stimulus control for highly-trained subjects





2.0 SICP Thrusts and Focus Areas

Army
Navy
AF
Other

<i>Understanding Human/Cognitive Processing [WITHIN HUMAN]</i>	FYDP						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
2.1.1 Perception (unitary and Multi-Sensory)							
Multisensory Perception and Multimodal Displays							
2.1.2 Dynamic operator functional state assessment							
Cognitive Performance Optimization							
Adaptive Soldier Architecture							
A&A Campaign Zero Sum Moves Human Analysis Methodology for CEMA							
Continuous Multi-faceted Soldier Characterization for Adaptive Technology (Human Variability)							
Multiscale Modeling							
2.1.3 Cog Neuroscience/Performance augmentation							
Applied Adaptive Aiding							
Monitoring, Predicting and Optimizing Battlespace Awareness							
Soldier Focused Neurotechnologies							



2.0 SICP Thrusts and Focus Areas

Army Navy AF Other

Human-Machine Interaction and Aiding [HUMAN-MACHINE]	FYDP						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
2.2.1 Advanced Interface Methods							
Visual Interactive Exploratory Data Analysis (VIEDA)	AF						
Human Interaction with Adaptive Automation (HIAA)	AF						
Human-Robot Interaction	Army						
Brain-Computer Interaction	Army						
Autonomy, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics	Navy						
Explainable Intelligence Underlying Efficient Integration of Cognitive-assist Agents	Army						
Enhanced Tactical Communications	AF						
Visualization of Fused Info	AF						
Human Language Technology	AF						
2.2.2 Intelligent Decision aiding/support							
Novel Human-Intelligent Agent Interactions	Army						
Understanding Sociocultural Behavior	Army						
Mine Counter Measures Task Force Planning	Navy						
Human-agent Interactions for Intelligent Squad Weapons	Army						
ISR Analyst Performance	AF						
2.2.3 Dynamic/adaptive task allocation and Authority Transfer							
Decision Authority Delegation (DAD)	Navy						
2.2.4 Trust calibration & transparency							
Human Insight and Trust (HIT)	AF						



2.0 SICP Thrusts and Focus Areas

		FYDP						
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
System Level Interfaces & Teaming [HUMAN-SYSTEM]								
2.3.1 System analyses and HSI								
Early Human Systems Integration		Army						
Human Factors and Organizational Design		Navy						
2.3.2 Team processes, performance, and metrics								
NGCV Human-intelligent Agent Performance Assessment Tools		Army						
Crew Capability Enhancement		Army						
Coordination-promoting agents for maximizing team performance		Other						
2.3.3 Data analytics/exploitation tools								
Information Environment Assessment Nexus		Navy						
2.3.4 System Interface Design and Application								
Vigilant Spirit - Multi Role Control Station (VS-MRCS)		AF						
Cross-Domain unmanned Systems (C-D UxS)		Navy						
Operational Planning Tool		Navy						
Manned and Unmanned Common Planning Picture		Navy						
Modernizing Terrain Generation for USMC M&S		Navy						
Soldier Performance in Sociotechnical Environments		Army						
Adaptive Teamwork with Layered Airman-Machine Interfaces and Systems (ATLAS)		AF						
Mission Planning & Debrief		AF						
BATMAN III		AF						

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Protection, Sustainment, and Warfighter Performance

Ensuring Warfighter Safety and Survivability

VISION

Enable superiority of Warfighters by understanding and overcoming operational stressors, and providing protection from threats in their environment.



Nutrition and Sustainment



Exoskeletons for Physical Augmentation



Wearable sensor technology



Protection and performance optimization

OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ubiquitous and unobtrusive real-world, real-time performance assessment will provide information on warfighter readiness
- Optimizing Warfighter performance by understanding the impact of individual differences
- Enhanced technologies for optimization of warfighter load resulting in reduction in metabolic cost and increase in operational performance
- Optimized nutrition to modulate and enhance health and performance

ENDURING CHALLENGES:

- Real-world, real-time performance assessment relies on large amounts of data and advanced algorithms that have not yet been developed.
- Differences in the ways individuals respond to stress require individualized models that account for human variability in order to optimize performance.
- Warfighters are exposed to combinatorial stressors that complicate study outcomes related to stress-induced health and performance decrements
- Transitioning from correlative biological measures to causative performance outcomes



3.0 PSWP Taxonomy

3.1 Sensing, Monitoring, and Assessment

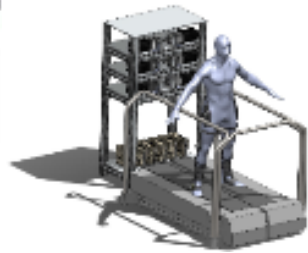
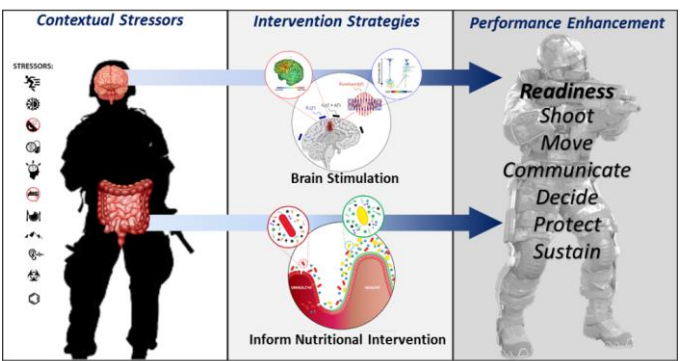
- 3.1.1: Sensing and Monitoring
- 3.1.2: Assessment

3.2 Enhancement Technologies and Techniques

- 3.2.1: Training Enhancements
- 3.2.2: Physical Augmentation
- 3.2.3: Molecular Interventions & Treatments

TECH/CAPABILITY GAPS:

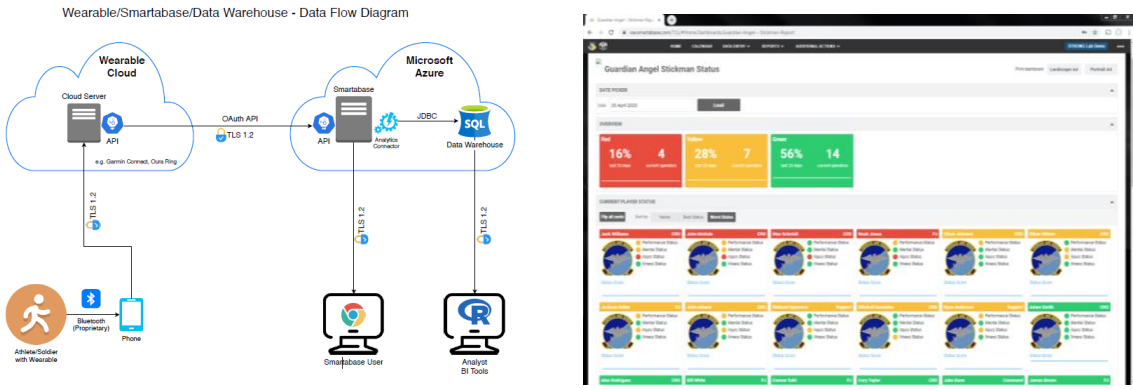
- Sensor technology and the data collection/analysis infrastructure that is needed in order to collection real-time real world performance data, and make that data useful, are lacking.
- Algorithms that account for the influence of human variability on warfighter performance need to be developed.
- Understanding the who, what, when, and how concerning the application of materiel and non-material enhancement interventions (e.g. neurostimulation)
- Understanding of how the gut microbiome responds to exposures (military stressors, nutrient intake), impacts of these responses on nutrition status and performance, and whether nutrition interventions could modulate this axis to optimize warfighter performance is lacking





3.0 PSWP Success Stories

Authority to Operate Certification for Human Performance Data Management System



Challenge: The challenge of this effort between ONR and the Air Force Research Laboratory was to investigate the development, implementation and utility of a Human Performance Management Platform (HPMP) for both data collection and analytics to support measurement, assessments, and tracking of human performance metrics at select military pilot sites. The next step was to then demonstrate enabling capability as a prevention based countermeasure, both of which were accomplished.

S&T Accomplishments:

- ONR and Air Force Research Labs project deployment of HPMP to Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare, and Air Force sites.
- These activities informed USSOCOM’s decision to move forward with this HPMP solution across the SOF-Enterprise
- USSOCOM obtained Authority to Operate (ATO) certification Jun 20 for Smartabase HPMP to support the Preservation of the Force and Family (POTFF) program



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PSWP Success Stories



DoD Sleep Meeting



ONR led a key DoD meeting on sleep research with the goals of

- 1) establishing awareness of ongoing DoD funded research focused on sleep and its role in Human Performance**
- 2) improving alignment amongst the services**
- 3) providing opportunities for collaboration.**

The two-day event brought together over 100 researchers, stakeholders, and operators with the common interest of optimizing the health, readiness, and performance of the Joint Force.

It also showcased outstanding basic, applied, and advanced technology development sleep research through 34 briefs from 20 groups which included DoD labs, academia, and industry where researchers presented their work.

Retired and active duty operators representing the Army, Navy, Air Force Special Forces also shared their operational experience and the effect sleep has played in their jobs and on their lives.

Results: Several prominent and emerging areas of focus were identified in DoD sleep research, such as scheduling & modeling, sleep assessment, and biomarkers of sleep debt/fatigue. This was coupled with existing roadblocks and challenges hindering interagency collaboration (e.g. overwhelming administrative burden). A path forward is currently under development and there will be an overview document on DoD sleep requirements, notable papers, and an overview slide deck of the DoD funded research efforts.



3.0 PSWP Success Stories

Integrated Cockpit Sensing (ICS)



This effort was established to allow real-time pilot alerting to physiological issues in flight while collecting and storing sensor data for root cause analysis. The program was also to address gaps in flight-compatible component sensor technologies and reduce false alarm rate through data fusion. The challenge was high-TRL sensor component integration with common data storage platform and standalone pilot alerting capabilities to enhance pilot decision making given any unexplained physiological events in flight.

S&T Accomplishments:

- Completed benchtop testing, static aircraft seat evaluations, dynamic physiological sensor evaluations, upper pressure garment evaluations, centrifuge evaluations and lastly, hanging harness evaluations.
- The Lockheed Martin, In-Cockpit Physiological Monitoring program utilized pilot mounted physiological sensors, feeding pilot health messages via their Open Mission Systems to enable cockpit integrated cautions and warnings. The close-out demonstration postponed due to travel restrictions during the COVID pandemic.
- Conducted 77th Fighter Squadron Flight Test over 8 weeks at Shaw and Nellis AFB, collecting 77 hours of in-flight data by outfitting F-16 pilots with sensors to monitor cabin pressure during training missions. Goal was to determine if depressurization was the cause of physiologic symptoms while also testing device efficacy. The sensors recorded the partial pressure of oxygen, percentage of oxygen delivered, ambient pressure, cabin pressure, and acceleration during flight. One pilot reported physiological symptoms of dizziness and air hunger; after following standard operating procedures he was able to complete his flight. The potential physiological episode did not align with abnormal data, enabling multiple causal factors to be ruled out while highlighting that additional research and development is needed in the exploration of the root cause of physiological episodes.



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PSWP Thrusts and Focus Areas

- Army
- Navy
- AF
- Joint

3.1 Sensing, Monitoring, and Assessment

FYDP						
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
3.1.1 Sense and Monitor						
MASTR – E Optimizing Human Weapon System						
Human Performance Monitoring and Augmentation						
Body-worn Wireless Neurophysiological Monitoring Network / OMNI						
Performance Evaluation of Newly Available Sleep Assessment Devices						
Hypoxia Alert and Mitigation System						
Physiological Beacon						
Fatigue Optimized Cognition Under Stress (FOCUS)						
On-Board Oxygen Generating Systems (OBOGS)						
Integrated Cockpit Sensing						
3.1.2 Assessment						
Measuring & Advancing Soldier Tactical Readiness & Effectiveness (MASTR-E) Pilot						
Fitness and Body Composition as Predictors of Musculoskeletal Injury Risk						
Human System Design Guidance for Head-Borne Systems						
Dynamic Marksmanship Characterization: Novice vs. Expert						
MASTR-E Program (SUPRA, TSMA, Field, Prediction)						
Human Digital Twin (HDT)						
Physical and Cognitive Overburden of Small Team Performance						
Human Performance in Dismounted Operations						
Incapacitation Prediction for Readiness in Expeditionary Domains						
Airman Data Analysis and Performance Tracking System						
Human Performance Assessment and Recommendations for Training and Operations						



3.0 PSWP Thrusts and Focus Areas

Army Navy AF Joint

3.2 Enhancement Technologies and Techniques	FYDP						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
3.2.1 Training Enhancements							
Adaptive Training Protocols (ATP)							
FitForce Planner (FFP)							
Strengthening Health & Improving Emotional Defenses (SHIELD)							
Just-in-Time Multi-Mission Airman							
3.2.2 Physical Augmentation							
Naval Noise Induced Hearing Loss							
Exoskeletons:							
Advancement of Exoskeletons for Movement & Maneuver and Sustainment							
Determination of Lower Extremity Joint Actuation Requirements							
Research for Advanced Soldier-PA System Interaction							
Technology for Human Interactions							
Lightweight Atmospheric Dive Suit (LADS)							
3.2.3 Molecular Interventions & Treatments							
MASTRE- Recovery Probiotic Field Experimentation							
➤ Leverage Biotechnology COI Optimizing Warfighter Health & Performance subgroup gut microbiome, performance nutrition, and nutritional factors supporting immune function, muscle recovery work							
PHITE: Precision High Intensity Training through Epigenetics							



Backup



Human Systems Col Taxonomy Evolution



Sub-Areas	Former	Current 2020 Thrusts
Personalized Assessment, Education, and Training	Personnel Selection and Assignment	Personnel Selection and Assignment
	First Principles for Training Design	Training Design, Assessment, and Readiness Monitoring
		Advanced Learning Technologies
System Interfaces and Cognitive Processes	Human Information Interpretation & Influence	Understanding Human/Cognitive Processing
	Intelligent, Adaptive Aiding	Human-Machine Interaction and Aiding
	Human-Machine Teaming	System Level Interfaces and Teaming
Protection, Sustainment, and Warfighter Performance	Critical Stressor Mitigation Strategies	Sensing, Monitoring, and Assessment
	Understanding and Quantifying the Effects of Critical Stressors	Enhancement Technologies and Techniques
		Bioeffects