



# U.S. ARMY COMBAT CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMAND – ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY

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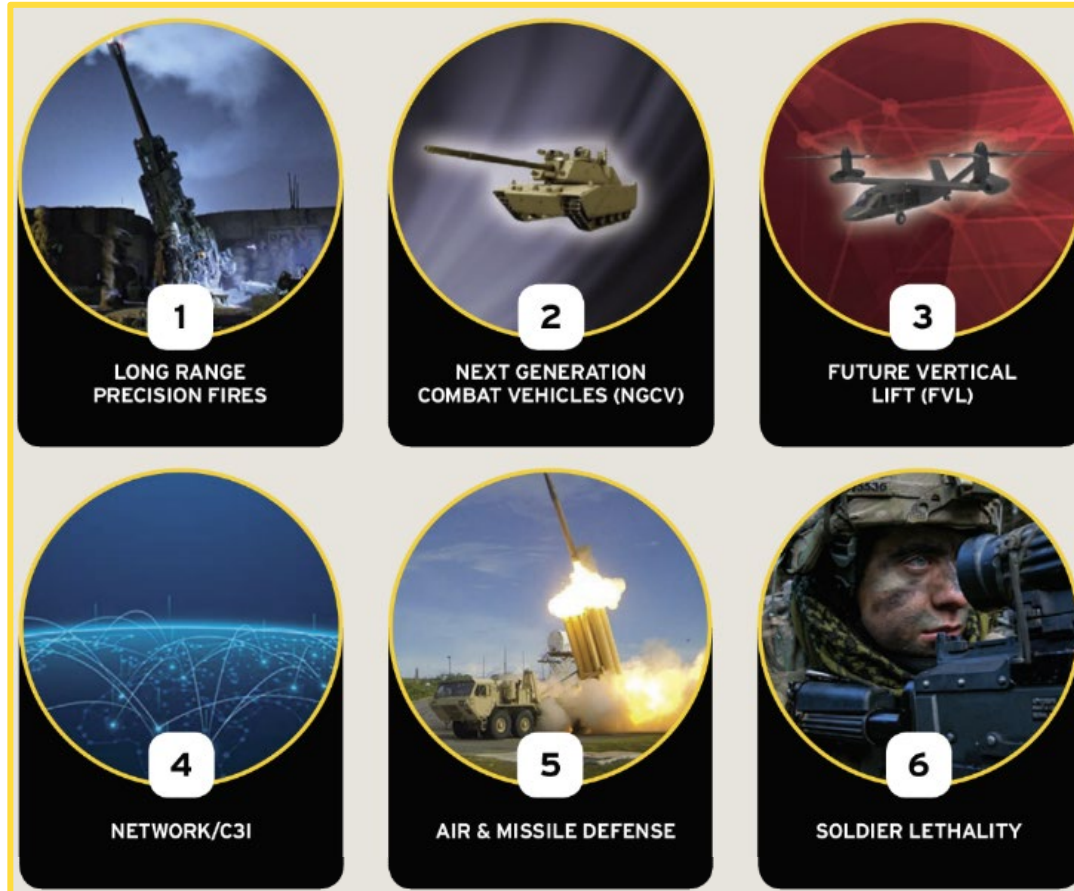


# U.S. ARMY MODERNIZATION PRIORITIES



“ This is not about success of any one organization or individual. It is about delivering concepts and capabilities that ensure our Soldiers and formations have over-match on a future battlefield. We must stay focused on output. ”  
 - Gen. Mike Murray, CG AFC

**DEVCOM ARL provides the underpinning scientific knowledge that enables transforming capabilities within and across the AMPs**



# AFC STRUCTURE



LTG James M. Richardson  
Commanding General (A)



LTG Thomas H. Todd, III  
Deputy CG (A)



LTG D. Scott McKean  
Director



MG Miles Brown  
CG



BG Anthony McQueen  
CG



## FUTURES & CONCEPTS CENTER

FCC PROVIDES THE  
INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATION  
AND DISCIPLINED APPROACH  
TO DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND  
FIELD THE FUTURE ARMY



## COMBAT CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

CCDC PROVIDES THE  
RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND  
ANALYTICAL EXPERTISE TO  
DELIVER CAPABILITIES THAT  
ENABLE THE ARMY



## MEDICAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

FROM ILLNESS TO INJURY,  
MRDC PROVIDES RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT TO  
ADDRESS ARMY MEDICAL  
REQUIREMENTS





# ARMY FUTURES COMMAND

# WHERE WE ARE GOING

# WHO WE ARE

## FROM PRIVATES TO PHDs



**WE ARE**  
SOLDIERS  
CIVILIANS  
SCIENTISTS  
ENGINEERS  
DOCTORS  
CODERS

DATA SCIENTISTS/  
ARCHITECTS

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

**26,000 PEOPLE**

26 STATES

11 COUNTRIES

5 CONTINENTS



**Project Convergence**  
(Joint '21, Multi-national '22)

**Soldier Centered Design model**

**2035 AimPoint Force Concept Development**

**Assured Position, Navigation,  
and Timing enhancement**

**9 Research Priority Areas**

**Transition Multi-Domain Operations to Doctrine**

**Synthetic Training for improved  
Combat Readiness**

**Army Analytical Analysis and  
Unified Experimentation**

**Hypersonic Technology and  
Mid-Range Fires Capability**

**Quantum Technologies, Robotics,  
Autonomous, and AI**

**Army Cloud Migration and MADE**

**Team Ignite and Future Studies Program**

**Talent Management and STEM recruiting**

## OUR TEAMS



### CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAMS

8 CFTs ALIGNED AGAINST THE 6 MODERNIZATION PRIORITIES - DELIVERING 31 SIGNATURE SYSTEMS



### COMBAT SYSTEMS DIRECTORATE

CSD IS THE FOCAL POINT IN AFC FOR INTEGRATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION WITH ASA(ALT) AND THE 12 PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICES



### ARMY APPLICATIONS LAB

ACCELERATES THE DISCOVERY, EVALUATION, & TRANSITION OF DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR AFC



### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INTEGRATION CENTER

LEADS, INTEGRATES, & SYNCHRONIZES THE ARMY'S AI STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



### ARMY SOFTWARE FACTORY

INCREASES THE ARMY'S DIGITAL PROFICIENCIES WHILE LEVERAGING AGILE DEVSECOPS PRACTICES AND CLOUD TECHNOLOGIES TO BUILD ORGANIC SOFTWARE



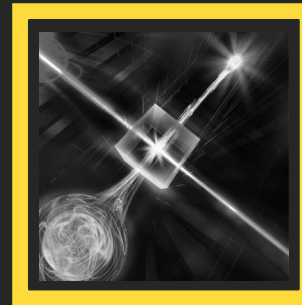
# What DEVCOM does

## TECHNOLOGY INSERTION



*Deliver in support  
of today's  
Signature Efforts*

## TRANSFORMATIONAL



Shape the future with  
experimental  
*Integrated Capabilities*

## FOUNDATIONAL



Answer Scientific  
*questions* for the future

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## S&T Investment Areas

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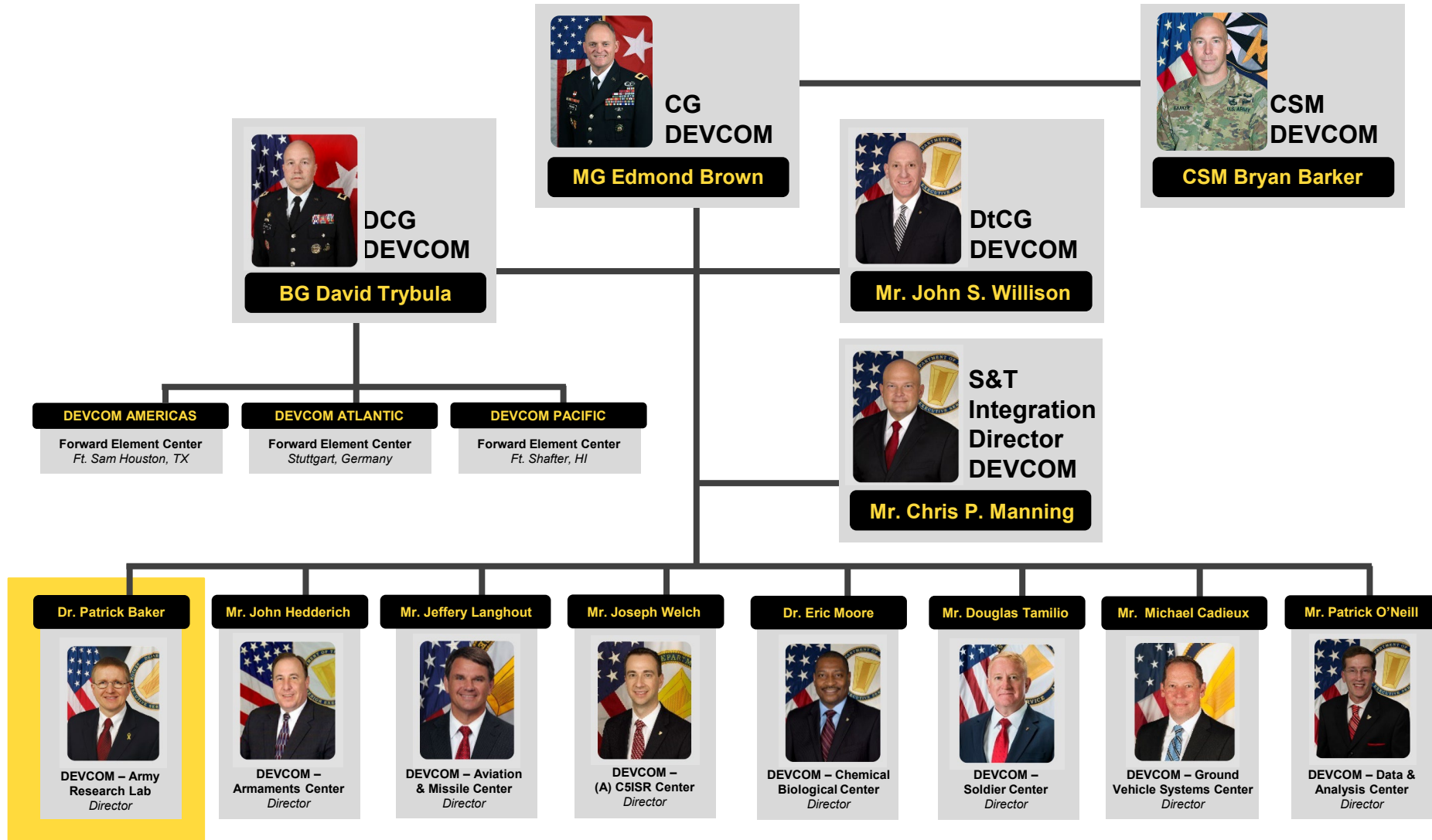
DESIGN THINKING and COMPETENCY COHORTS  
are key in HOW we do it





# DEVCOM ORGANIZATION

## U.S. ARMY FUTURES COMMAND COMBAT CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

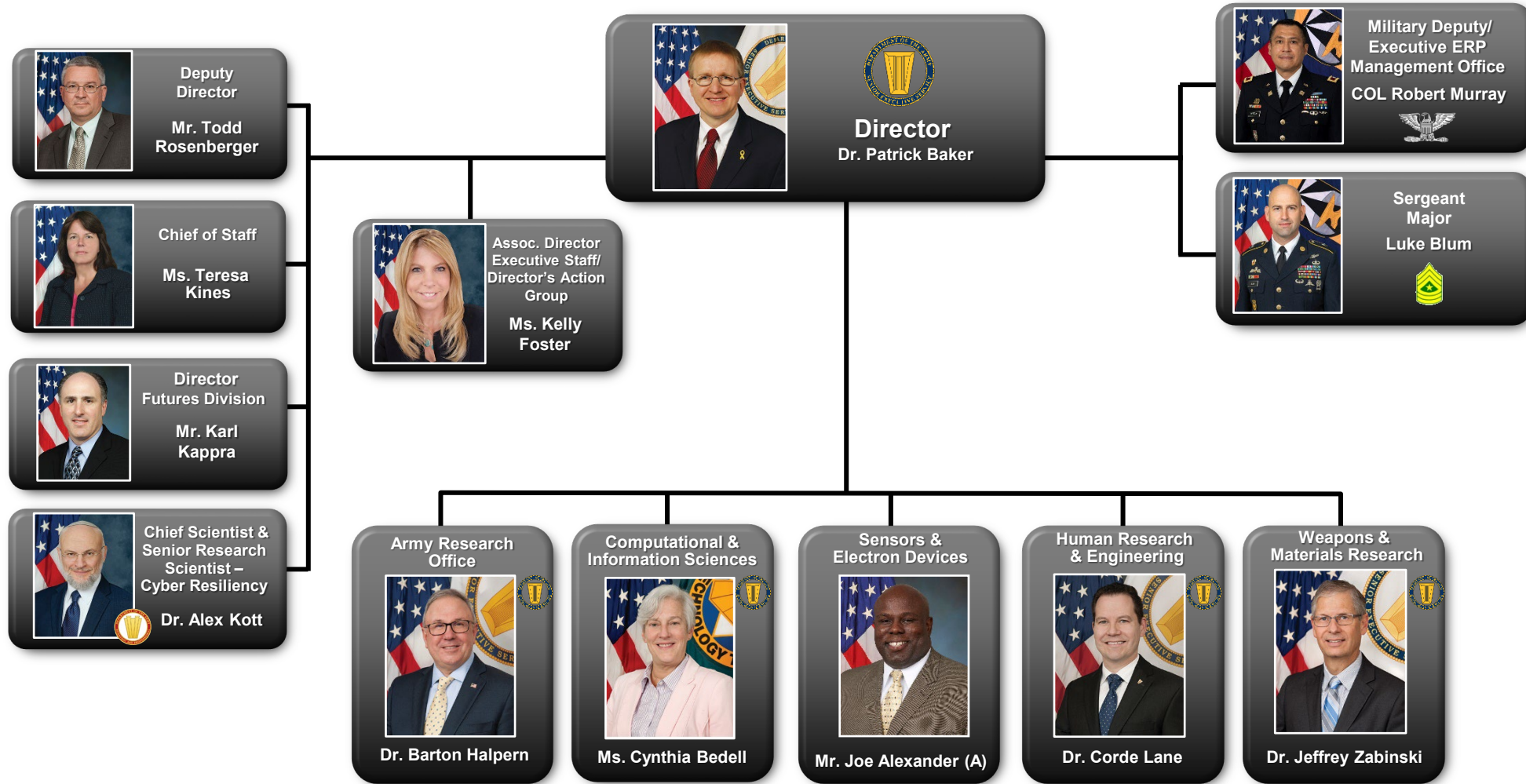


### PREEMINENT LEADERS IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING



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# WHO WE ARE





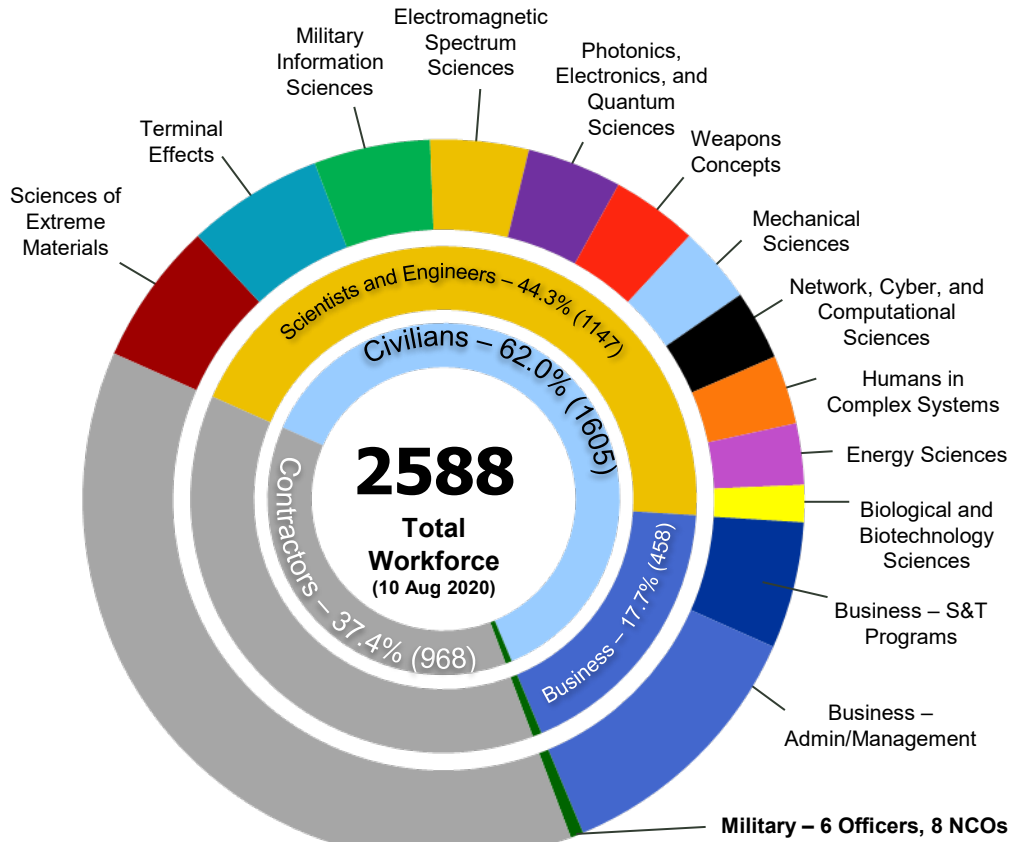


# WHO WE ARE: ARL'S PEOPLE AND FACILITIES

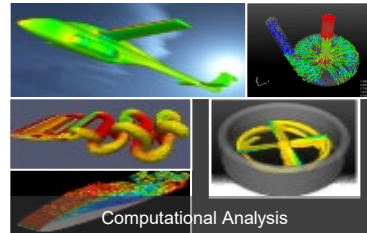
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## People – Diverse Elite Talent



## Facilities – Unique Technical Infrastructure



Computational Analysis



Hover Cage



Network Science Research Laboratory



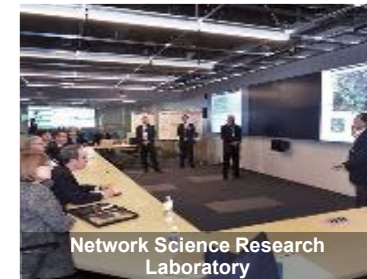
Information for Mixed Squads (INFORMS) Laboratory



Mechanical Sciences Research Laboratory



Cold Spray Laboratory



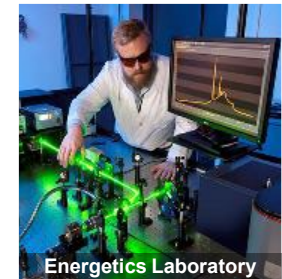
Network Science Research Laboratory



Specialty Electronic Materials and Sensors Cleanroom



Next Generation Squad Weapons Development



Energetics Laboratory



Rodman Materials Research Laboratory



ARL Center for Advanced Polymer Processing (ACAPP) Infrastructure



Synthesis



Transonic Experimental Facility



Quantum Network Laboratory



Zahl Physical Sciences Laboratory



Additive Manufacturing Science Center

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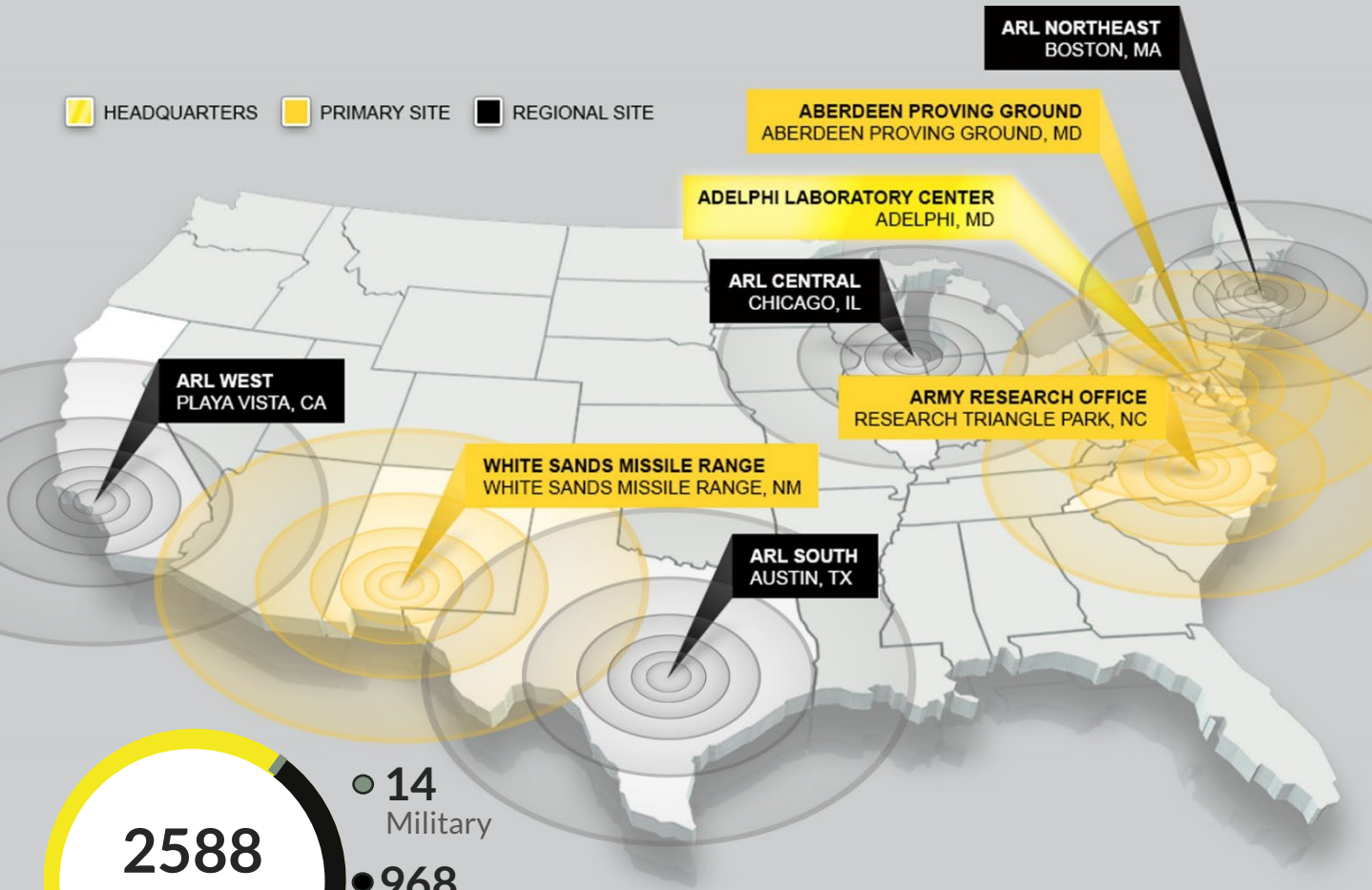


# ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY

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HEADQUARTERS PRIMARY SITE REGIONAL SITE



## PRIMARY SITES



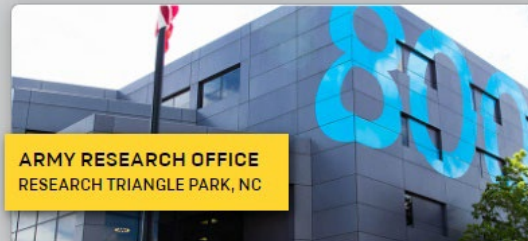
ADELPHI LABORATORY CENTER  
ADELPHI, MD



WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE  
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NM



ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD



ARMY RESEARCH OFFICE  
RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC

## REGIONAL SITES



ARL NORTHEAST  
BOSTON, MA



ARL SOUTH  
AUSTIN, TX



ARL CENTRAL  
CHICAGO, IL



ARL WEST  
PLAYA VISTA, CA

**Mission: Operationalize Science for Transformational Overmatch**

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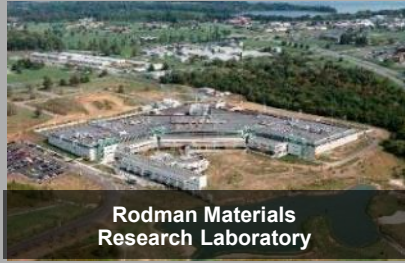




# ARL ARMY-UNIQUE EXPERIMENTAL FACILITIES



## Aberdeen Proving Ground



Rodman Materials Research Laboratory



- Human Variability and Behavior
- Human Capability Enhancement
- Integration of Humans and Systems
- Materials and Manufacturing Science
- Soldier and Vehicle Protection
- Battlefield Injury Mechanisms
- Assessment and Analysis Methodologies
- Enhanced Lethality Concepts
- Energy and Propulsion
- Platform Mechanics
- Vehicle Intelligence
- Computational Modeling of Complex Systems
- Real-Time Scalable Data Analytics



ARL Center for Advanced Polymer Processing (ACAPP) Infrastructure



Cold Spray Laboratory



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Transonic Experimental Facility



Additive Manufacturing Science Center

## Adelphi Laboratory Center



Zahl Physical Sciences Laboratory



Network Science Research Laboratory

- Biotechnology
- Power and Energy
- Electronics
- Photonics
- Cyber Threat Detection and Analysis
- Autonomous Sensing
- Atmospheric Modeling
- Text and Video Analytics
- Sensor and Information Fusion
- Multimodal Sensing and Processing



Energetics Laboratory

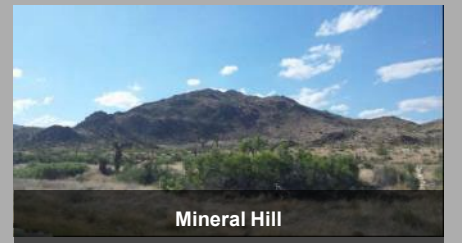


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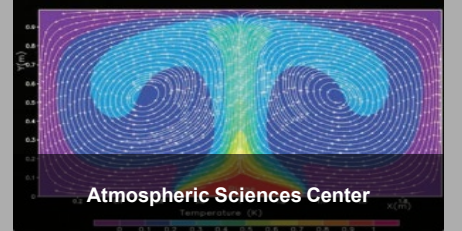


Quantum Network Laboratory

## White Sands Missile Range



Mineral Hill



Atmospheric Sciences Center

- Weapons Systems
- Communications & Networks
- Battlespace weather & environmental effects
- Computational science and engineering

## Graces Quarters



Robotics Research Collaboration Campus



**A National asset in robotics research:**  
A 700 Acre collaborative research campus supporting robotics, AI, autonomy, and teaming research for multi-domain operations across land, air, sea, and cyber





# WHAT WE DO





# ARL ORGANIZATION ALIGNED BY COMPETENCY



<p>Army Research Office</p>  <p>Dr. Barton Halpern</p>	<p>Computational &amp; Information Sciences</p>  <p>Ms. Cynthia Bedell</p>	<p>Sensors &amp; Electron Devices</p>  <p>Mr. Joseph Alexander (A)</p>	<p>Human Research &amp; Engineering</p>  <p>Dr. Corde Lane</p>	<p>Weapons &amp; Materials Research</p>  <p>Dr. Jeffrey Zabinski</p>
 <p>Extramural portfolios aligned to competencies</p>	<p>Network Science &amp; Computational Sciences (NS&amp;CS)</p> <p>Military Information Sciences (MIS)</p>	<p>Competencies</p> <p>Photonics, Electronics &amp; Quantum Sciences (PE&amp;QS)</p> <p>Electromagnetic Spectrum Sciences (EMSS)</p> <p>Energy Sciences (ES)</p>	<p>Humans in Complex Systems (HCxS)</p> <p>Biological and Biotechnology Sciences (BBS)</p>	<p>Weapons Sciences (WS)</p> <p>Sciences of Extreme Materials (SEM)</p> <p>Terminal Effects (TE)</p> <p>Mechanical Sciences (MS)</p>
<p>ALL</p>	<p>AI for Maneuver and Mobility (AIMM)</p> <p>Versatile Tactical Power and Propulsion (VICTOR)</p>	<p>ERPs</p> <p>Foundational Research for EW in Multi-Domain Operations (FREEDOM)</p> <p>Quantum Info. Sciences - Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (QIS-PNT)</p>	<p>Human-Autonomy Teaming (HAT)</p> <p>Transformational Synthetic Biology for Military Environ. (TRANSFORME)</p>	<p>Long Range Distributed &amp; Collaborative Engagements (LRDCE)</p> <p>Emerging Overmatch Technologies (EOT)</p> <p>Physics of Soldier Protection to Defeat Evolving Threats (PSP)</p> <p>Science of Additive Manufacturing for Modular Munitions (SAMB)</p>



# ARL COMPETENCIES



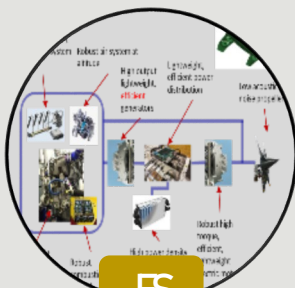
**BBS**

Biological and  
Biotechnology  
Sciences



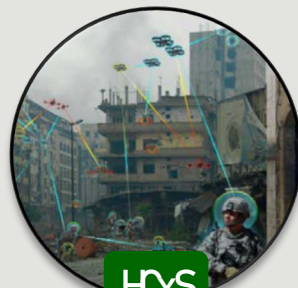
**EMSS**

Electromagnetic  
Spectrum Sciences



**ES**

Energy Sciences



**HCS**

Humans in  
Complex Systems



**MS**

Mechanical  
Sciences



**MS**

Military Information  
Sciences

**Competencies are the source of all technical work to ensure *transformational* **overmatch****



**NS&CS**

Network, Cyber, and  
Computational Sciences



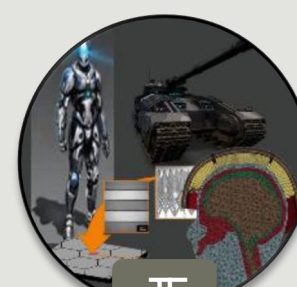
**PE&QS**

Photonics,  
Electronics, and  
Quantum Sciences



**SEM**

Sciences of  
Extreme Materials



**TE**

Terminal Effects



**WS**

Weapons Sciences

**Theory**



**Academic  
Outreach**



**Modeling**



**Experiment**



**Analysis**





# ARL COMPETENCIES – FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH (1/2)

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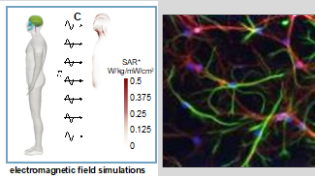
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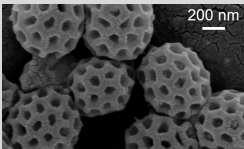
BBS

## Biological and Biotechnology Sciences

- Advanced bio-effects research



- Foundational synthetic biology, controlled biological synthesis & assembly for materials and sensor platforms



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EMSS

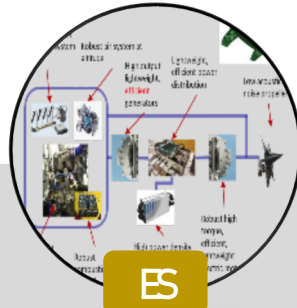
## Electromagnetic Spectrum Sciences



- Low-SWaP antenna designs to enhance robustness to GPS jamming
- Next generation RF semiconductor technology for the Army



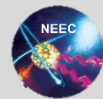
- Investigating emerging technologies to enable electronic warfare (EW) applications



ES

## Energy Sciences

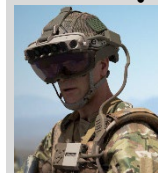
- Safe, flexible, damage tolerant, battery technology for Soldier power
- Materials to enable high capacity fast recharge batteries
- Laser protection materials
- Energy supply beyond fossil fuels
- Advanced technologies for wireless power and converting heat into electricity
- Compact light weight electrical power conversion for platform electrification
- Thermal Control



HCS

## Humans in Complex Systems

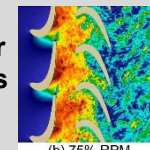
- Improving man-machine team awareness through sensing and integrating Soldier cognition in real-time
- Methods to rapidly reconfigure man-machine teams to meet evolving mission demands
- Soldier-guided machine learning capabilities to out-adapt and out-perform adversaries



MS

## Mechanical Sciences

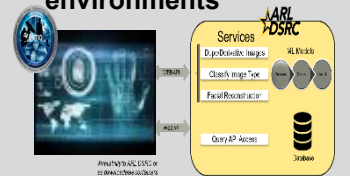
- Improving UAS agility through advanced actuation, design, and controls
- Data driven approaches for fault detection in vertical lift drive systems; lightweight hybrid gear drives research
- Large-scale modeling of fluid structure interactions to accelerate turbine power developments



MS

## Military Information Sciences

- Information representations and machine learning methods for autonomous decision support
- Algorithms for Internet of Things (IoT) phenomena and intelligent systems maneuver in tactical environments
- Information processing infrastructure for actionable intelligence



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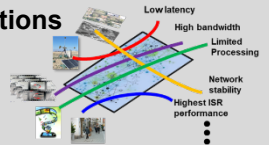


# ARL COMPETENCIES – FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH (2/2)



## Network, Cyber, and Computational Sciences

- Distributed, resilient, secure, networking, and resource-adaptive decentralized computing for multi-domain operations



- Methods to protect information in highly mobile, wireless tactical environments

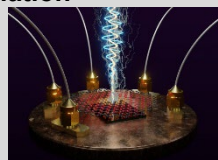


- Physics-Informed Machine Learning for Complex Phenomena

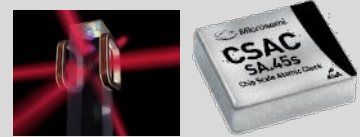


## Photonics, Electronics, and Quantum Sciences

- Improved thermal imaging with highly sensitive sensors to microwave radiation



- Novel capabilities needed to yield more accurate, low-SWaP clocks for long holdover in GPS-denied environments



- Sensing to counter adversary camouflage, concealment and deception operations

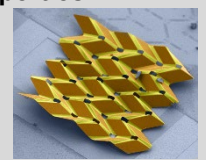


## Sciences of Extreme Materials

- Discover novel building-block materials for disruptive protection



- Design and create new multi-functional and adaptive materials with tunable and extraordinary properties

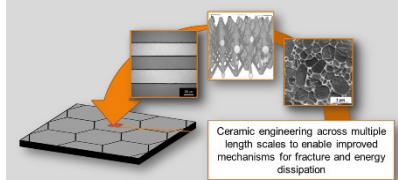


- Explore interactions between materials and intense energy fields (magnetic, electric, pressure, etc.)

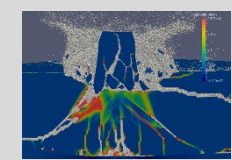


## Terminal Effects

- New armor mechanisms to defeat advanced projectiles



- Experimental and modeling tools that enable armor design and optimization.

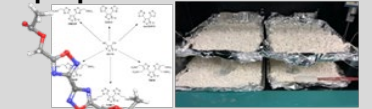


- Advancement of weapon-target interactions to improve munitions effectiveness and efficiency



## Weapons Sciences

- Disruptive energetic materials for explosives and propellants



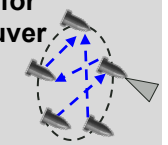
- Novel gun & rocket propulsion tech for improved weapon range and speed



- Aerial systems flight/control/navigation



- Flight and guidance tech for weapon maneuver and assured, collaborative delivery







# ARMY PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS



## Quantum

Optimized information transfer, sensing, and communication with unparalleled security.

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3

## Artificial Intelligence

Increasing speed and agility in which we respond to emerging threats.

## Autonomy

Maneuverability and off-road mobility of platforms.

4

## Hypersonic Flight

Aerodynamics, materials, and processes.

1

Research focus areas hypothesized to yield game-changing opportunities

## Synthetic Biology

Reactive and responsive skins/spectrally selective materials/antimateriel properties.

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## RF Electronic Materials

Taking advantage of optical and thermal properties of diamond materials for directed energy.

9

## Material by Design

Protection overmatch against future threats.

6

## Science of Additive Manufacturing

For next generation munitions for increased range and lethality.

8

## Disruptive Energetics

Greater than 2x energetic energy over smaller footprints.

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# HOW WE TEAM





# DEVCOM-ARL PARTNERING & COLLABORATION MECHANISMS

Partnering with Industry, Academia, Army Users, and Government Partners to work on Army relevant problems



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## Researcher-to-Researcher

- Single Investigator Program
- Multi-Disciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)
- Collaborative Research Alliances (CRAs)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions Program (HBCU/MI)
- Educational Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
- Cooperative Agreement (CAs)
- Other Government Agencies (MOUs, MOAs)

## Researcher-to-Soldier

- Ignite – Science shaping Concepts, Experimentation / Wargaming / Focus Excursions
- Greening and Warfighter Focus/engagement
- FAST Program (Field Assist Science and Technology Advisors) across the world
- Catalyst Pathfinder
- 75th Innovation Command – Tech Scouting

## Researcher-to-Business

- University Affiliated Research Centers (UARC)
- Collaborative Technology Alliances
- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)
- Army xTech Prize Competition Program
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs)
- Patent License Agreements
- Test Service Agreements
- Software Release Agreements
- DoD and Army Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) Programs

**DEVCOM Strategic Partnerships Offices** provide expert support to create **Tailored Teams**

- right relationship for right problem/opportunity - to accelerate from science, technology, and concepts to **Overmatch** at the **Speed of Relevance**

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