



Plenary Session: MTO and the Outside World

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Microsystems for a Changing Battlespace

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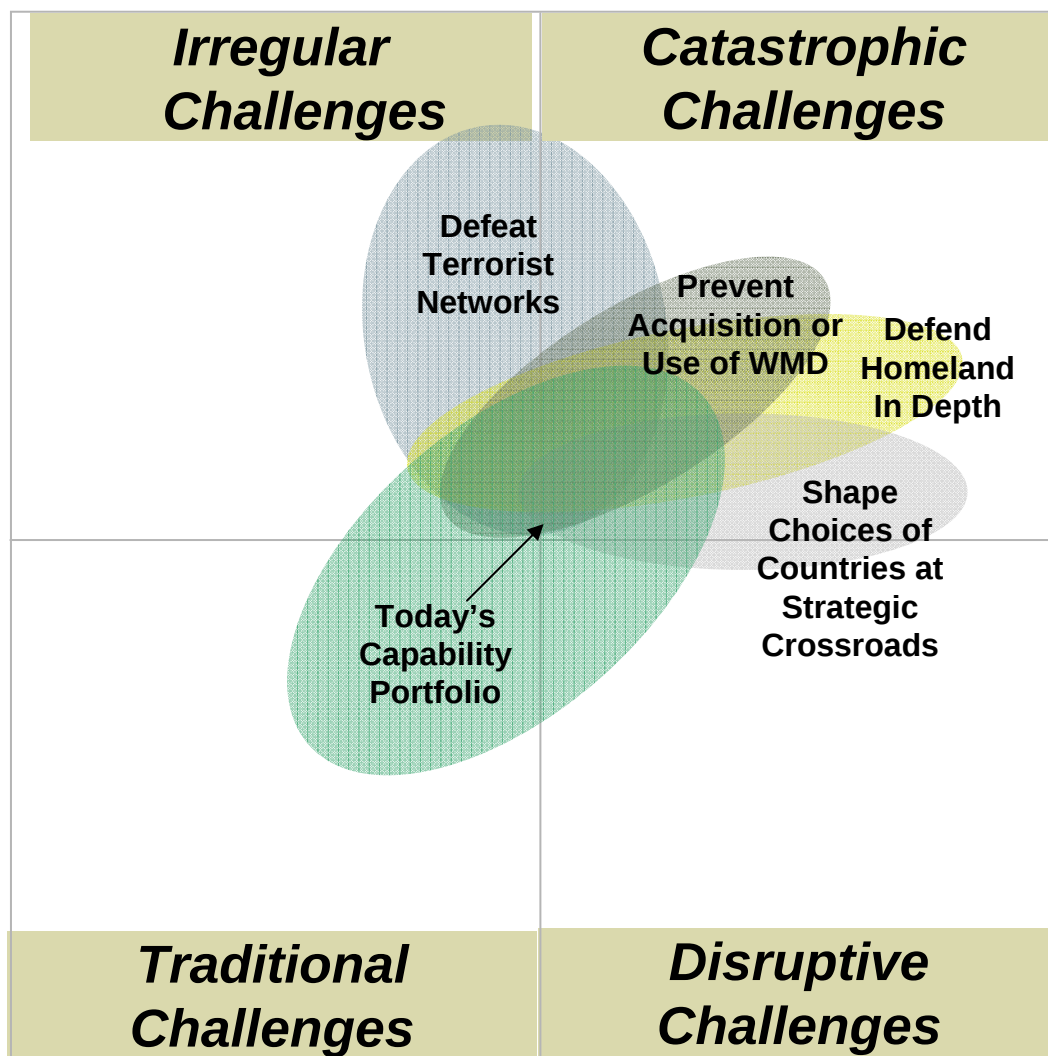
Challenges From Multiple Fronts: Rapidly Evolving and Diverse Threats

Asymmetric

- Unpredictable
- Rapidly evolving and highly adaptable
- Decentralized C2
- Highly effective low-tech threats
- Indiscriminant targeting – civilians, military, infrastructure

Near-peer

- Focused defense strategy
- Rapidly growing military capabilities
- Centralized C2
- Rapid evolution in advanced technologies
- Focused targets – military, infrastructure



U.S. strategy must encompass terrorist networks to near-peer competitors

Challenge: Low Cost Asymmetric Disruptors

- Denial of service, disruption, deception, destruction
 - Information Operations (only takes a laptop and an internet connection)
- Degradation of GPS, communications, radar systems
 - Low cost rf jammers (digital and rf COTS electronics widely available)
- Increased instability, highly unpredictable, rapid evolution
 - SAMs, RPGs, IEDs (wide availability of low cost electronics and munitions)
- Disruption, deception, destruction of satellite operation
 - Nano-satellites
 - Laser dazzler
- Surreptitious surveillance, unpredictable destruction
 - Small & Mini-UAVs (growing UAV proliferation)

Asymmetric disruptors enabled by low cost COTS

Challenge: Near-Peer Disruptors Advancing Rapidly

- Harder to detect & counter: shortens our kill chain
 - Highly Mobile Theater Ballistic Missiles
 - Increasing sophistication of Camouflage, Concealment, and Deception
 - Lower Observable Cruise Missiles
 - Weaponized UAVs
- Deny US surveillance & access to their territory
 - Hard Deeply Buried Facilities
 - High Energy Lasers
- Achieve precision nav, global comm, 24/7 surveillance
 - Nav, Comm, Imaging Satellites
 - Expanding community for space access

Adversaries have national strategy with focused R&D

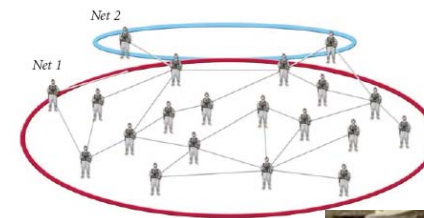
Challenge: Asymmetric Threat Undermining U.S. R&D Prowess

- System reverse engineering
 - Enables compressed development cycle for our adversaries
 - Dramatically reduces cost of weapon system development
- Technology transfer
 - “Through any and all means necessary” activity to counter US economic and engineering advantage
- Multiple conflicts lead to increased opportunity for adversary
 - Battlefield loss of critical technology & information
 - Export

Adversaries clone our weapon systems to reduce R&D cost

Challenge: Information Assurance in a Highly Information Dependent and Networked World

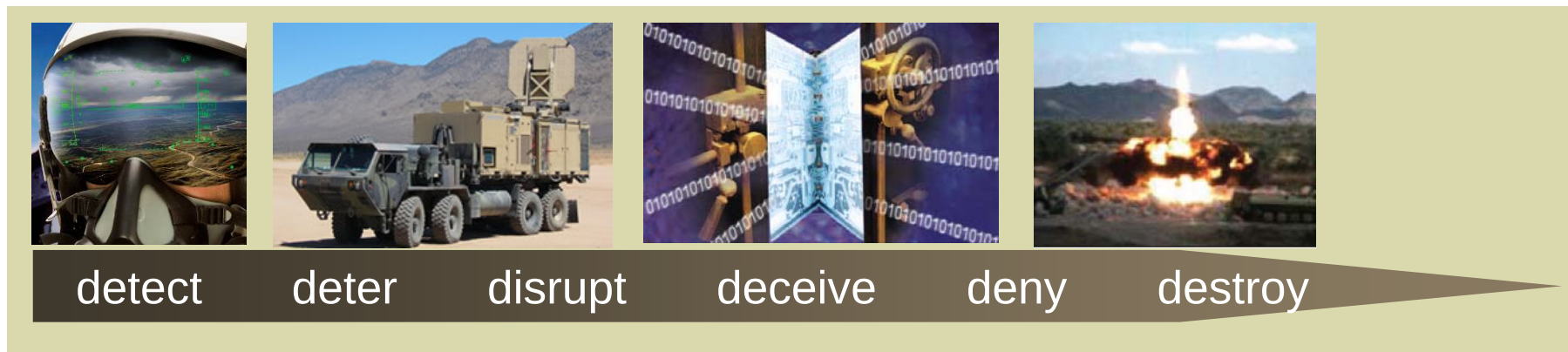
- Asymmetric strategies exploit our weaknesses:
 - Highly information dependent
 - Technology dependent
 - Large investment in space & air-power
 - GPS-dependent
- Trends:
 - Increased net-centricity & info sharing
 - Net-enabled weapon systems
 - Service-Oriented Architectures (SOA)
 - Tech adoption before vulnerabilities are understood
 - Virtual machines, SOA, VOIP
 - Untrustworthy supply chain
 - Off-sourcing of COTS hardware, software, firmware



How do we protect our information in an info-sharing world?

Challenge: Cross Domain Dominance

- Cross domain dominance: Ability to span entire spectrum of effects to *detect, deter, disrupt, deceive, deny, destroy*



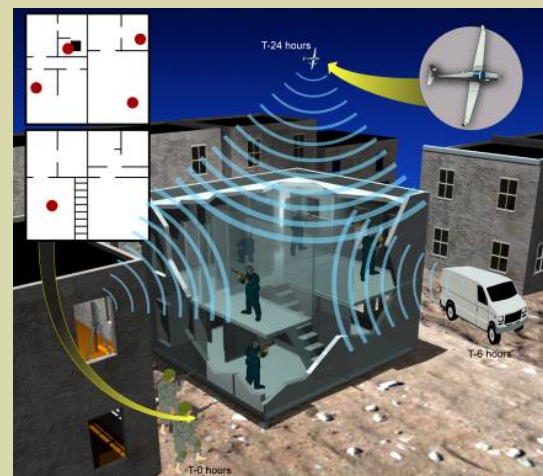
- Maximize knowledge of information on “object”
 - Leverage multi-functionality, multi-frequency, multi-spectral, multi-INT
- Rapidly link discoveries
 - Extracting Knowledge from information from data
- Ensure information assurance and anti-tamper

“Problems cannot be solved by thinking within the framework in which the problems were created” – Albert Einstein

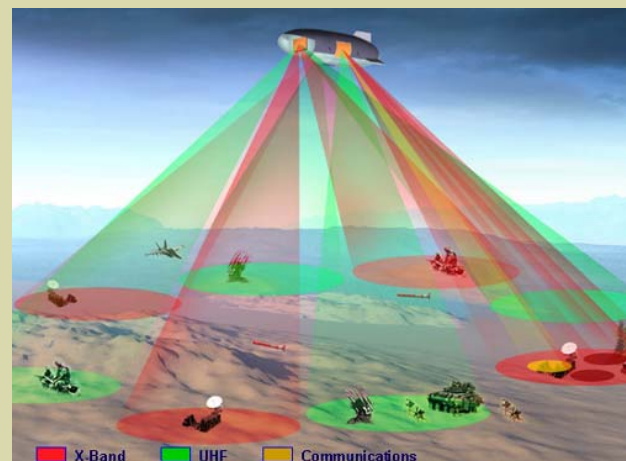
Challenge: Respond to Threat Evolution with Multifunction RF Systems

■ Evolution towards

- Multi-functional systems
- Multi-frequency
- Multi-mode
- Multi-static
- Low cost, light weight
- Integrated structure
- Soft programmable



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DARPA Integrated Structure is Sensor (ISIS) Program

Sensing

Challenge: Tactical High Power Lasers and Beam Controllers

■ Current laser systems:

- Utilize gimbals
- Mounted in turrets

■ **Problem:** Turret creates drag & turbulence

- Reduces mission duration
- Limits platform speed
- Degrades beam



Paradigm Shift:

- APPLE fiber laser beam steering
 - Electronically steered
 - Conformal mount
 - Modular & scalable architecture



Significant reduction in size, weight, and power



Airborne tactical laser

Applications:

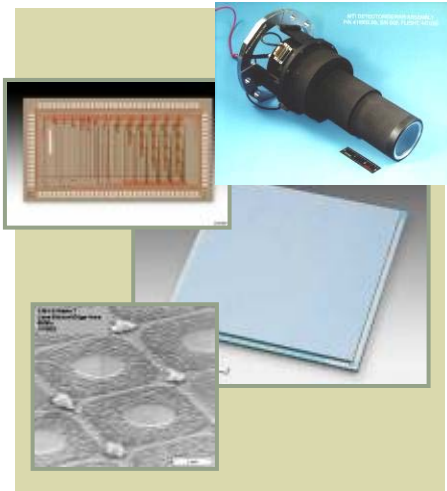
- High energy laser
- Laser communications
- Search & track

Effects

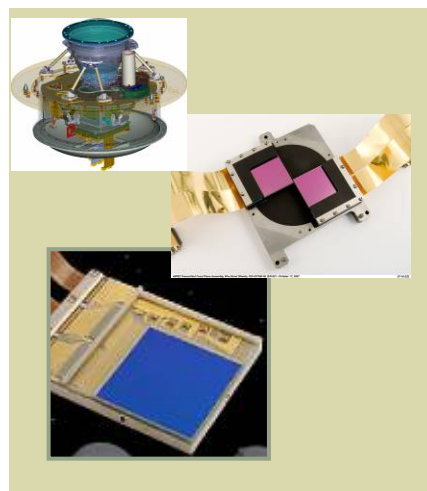
Challenge: Maintaining the Edge in EO Sensing through 3rd Gen Technology

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Si PIN



Large Format IR



Advanced Uncooled



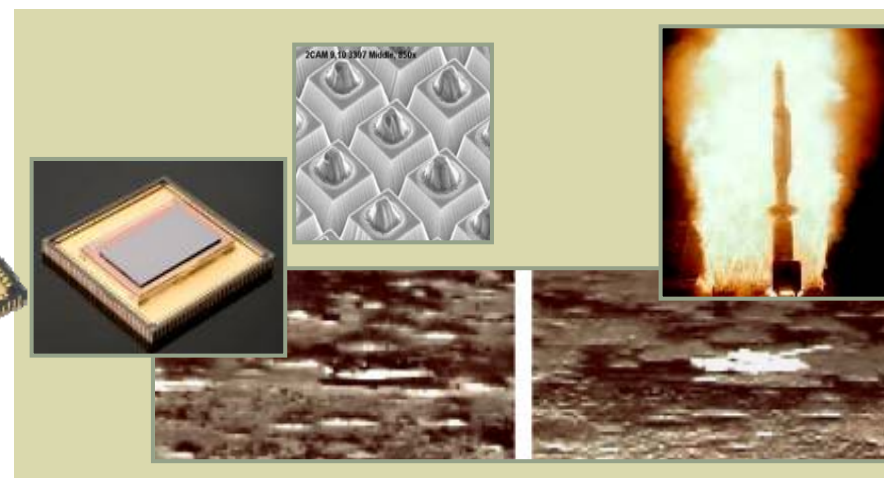
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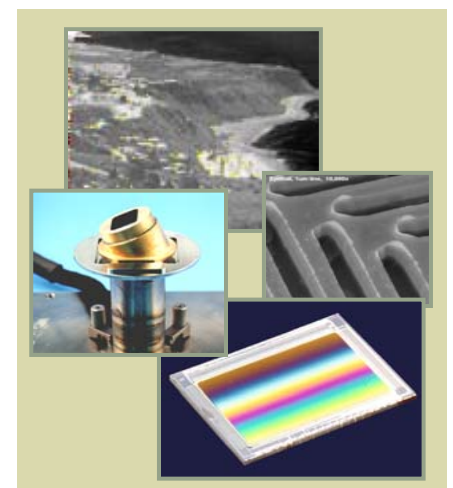
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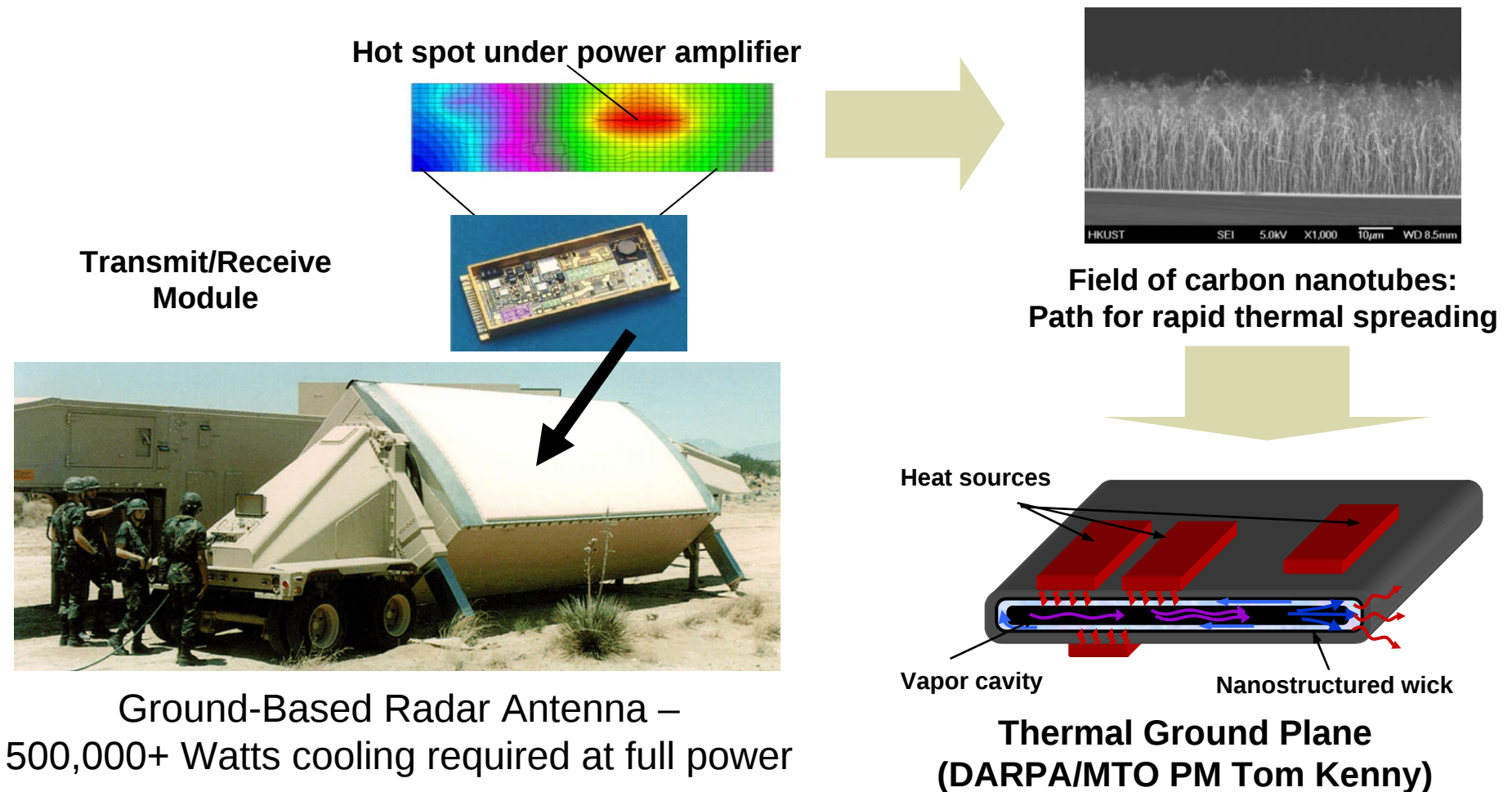
Dual Band



**Polarimetry/
Hyperspectral**



Challenge: Thermal Management of High Power Electronic Systems



**Engineered nanomaterials enable cooler electronics =
higher reliability and higher performance**

Challenge: Maintaining Dominance of the Electromagnetic Spectrum

NEXT: DARPA/MTO
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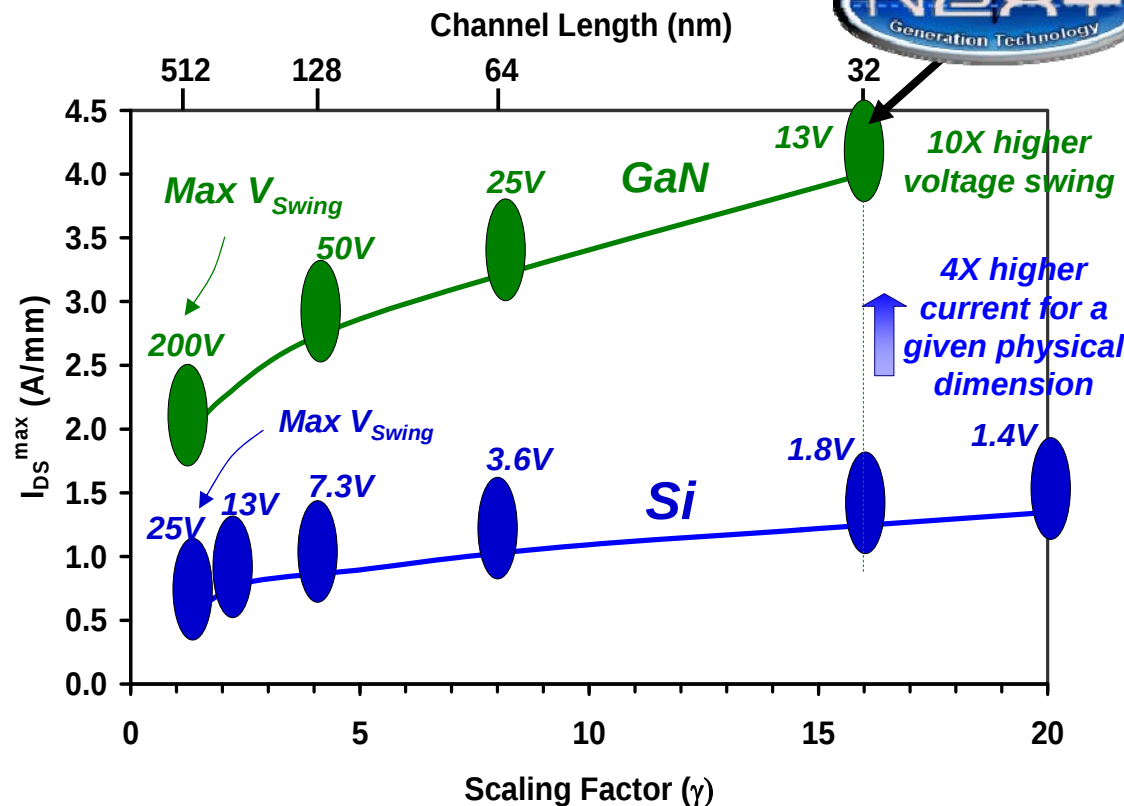


Program Objectives

- Develop a high performance nitride transistor for high speed RF, analog, and mixed signal electronics
 - I_{DS} levels 4X better than SOA Si
 - Voltage swings 10X more than Si
 - Enhancement mode operation
- Enable high integration level
 - High yield transistor process
 - Uniform
 - Reliable

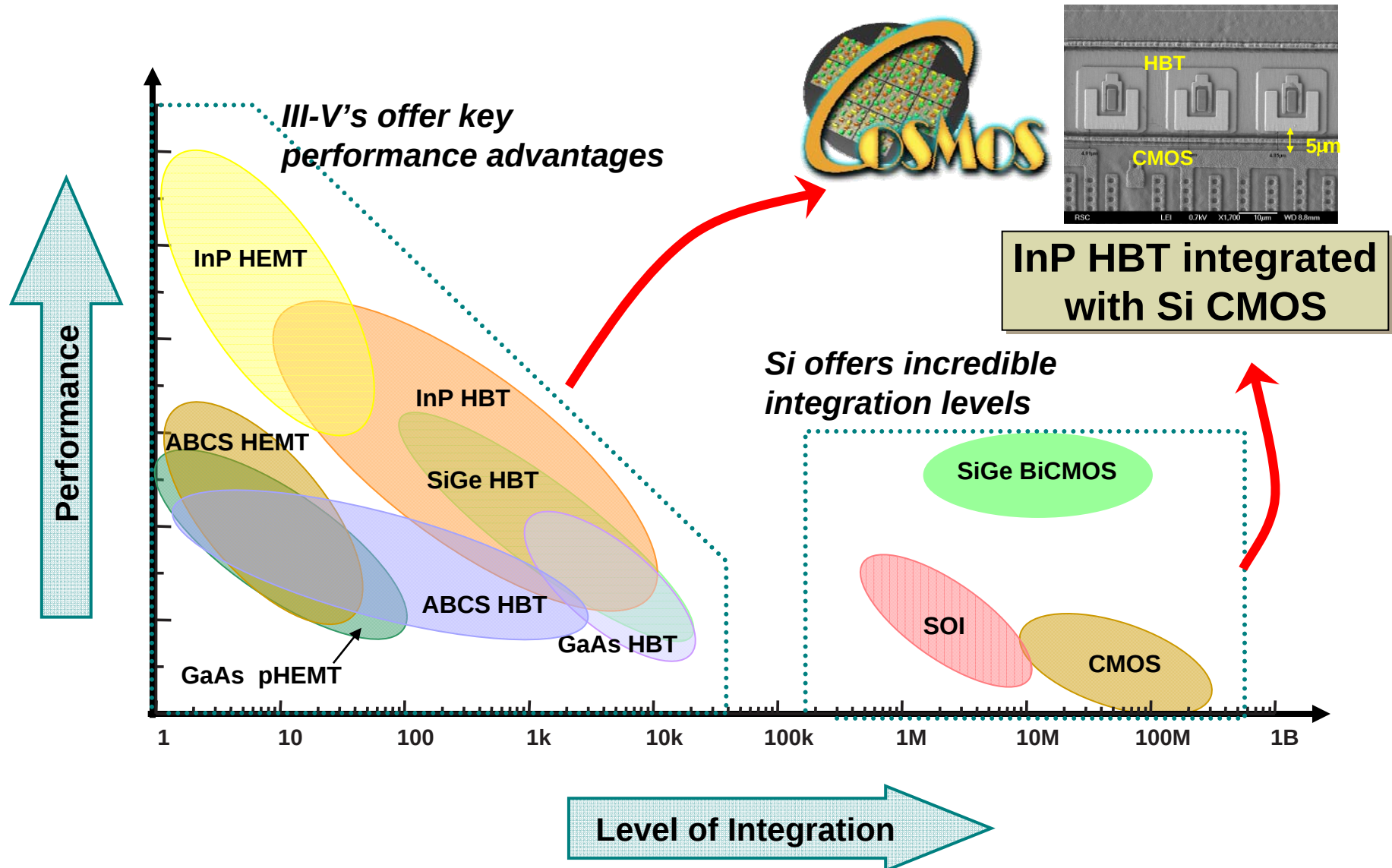
Impact

- High dynamic range mixed-signal electronics
 - Would enable wideband power DACs with >100X increase in output power
 - Also enables 25 dB improvement in mixer IP3
- Enables complex E/D logic circuits
 - Ultra-low gate delay



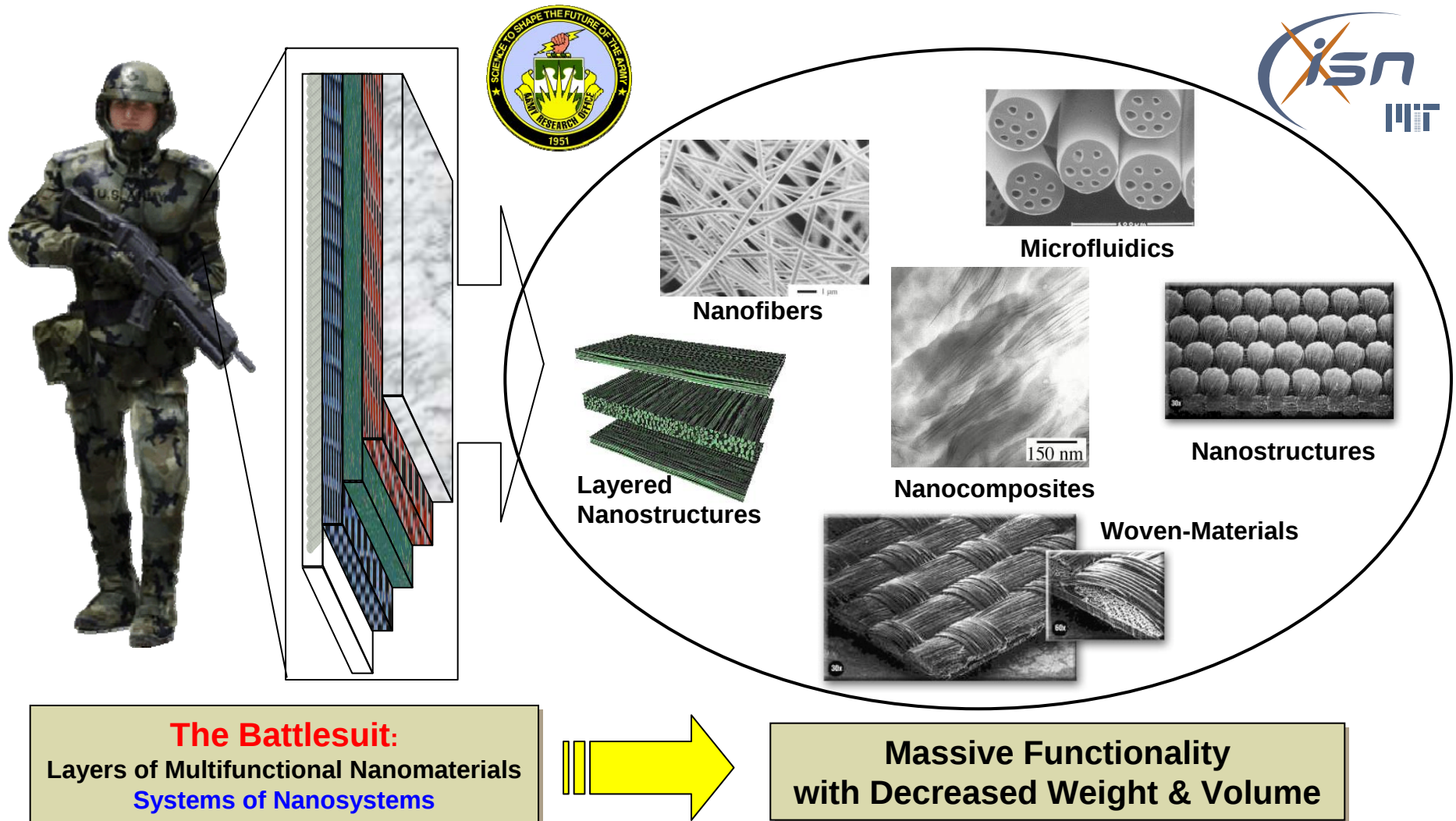
High frequency, high dynamic range, solid state technology opens new EM opportunities

Challenge: Discriminating Circuit Performance at an Acceptable Cost Point



Challenge: Soldier Battlesuit for CBNRE Protection and Networked Connectivity

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Nanotechnology advances ripe for integrated solution.

Additional Microsystems Challenges

Sensing

- Room temperature broadband EO sensing
- Chip-scale hyper-spectral sensing
- Multi-domain imaging
- Linear, efficient, broadband RF
- Sensors for stand-off biometrics
- Efficiency

Processing

- Heat dissipation and management
- Latency and communication
- Complexity and parallelism in circuit design
- Analog to digital conversion
- Trusted ICs
- Exploiting entangled systems

Communication

- Spectral efficiency
- Reduced latency
- mm-wave communications

Actuation

- Universal MEMS packaging
- Ultra-stable, lower power timing devices
- Robust, efficient actuation

Energize

- Efficient, high power lasers
- Smart power management
- High energy density storage
- Efficiency, efficiency, efficiency

Summary

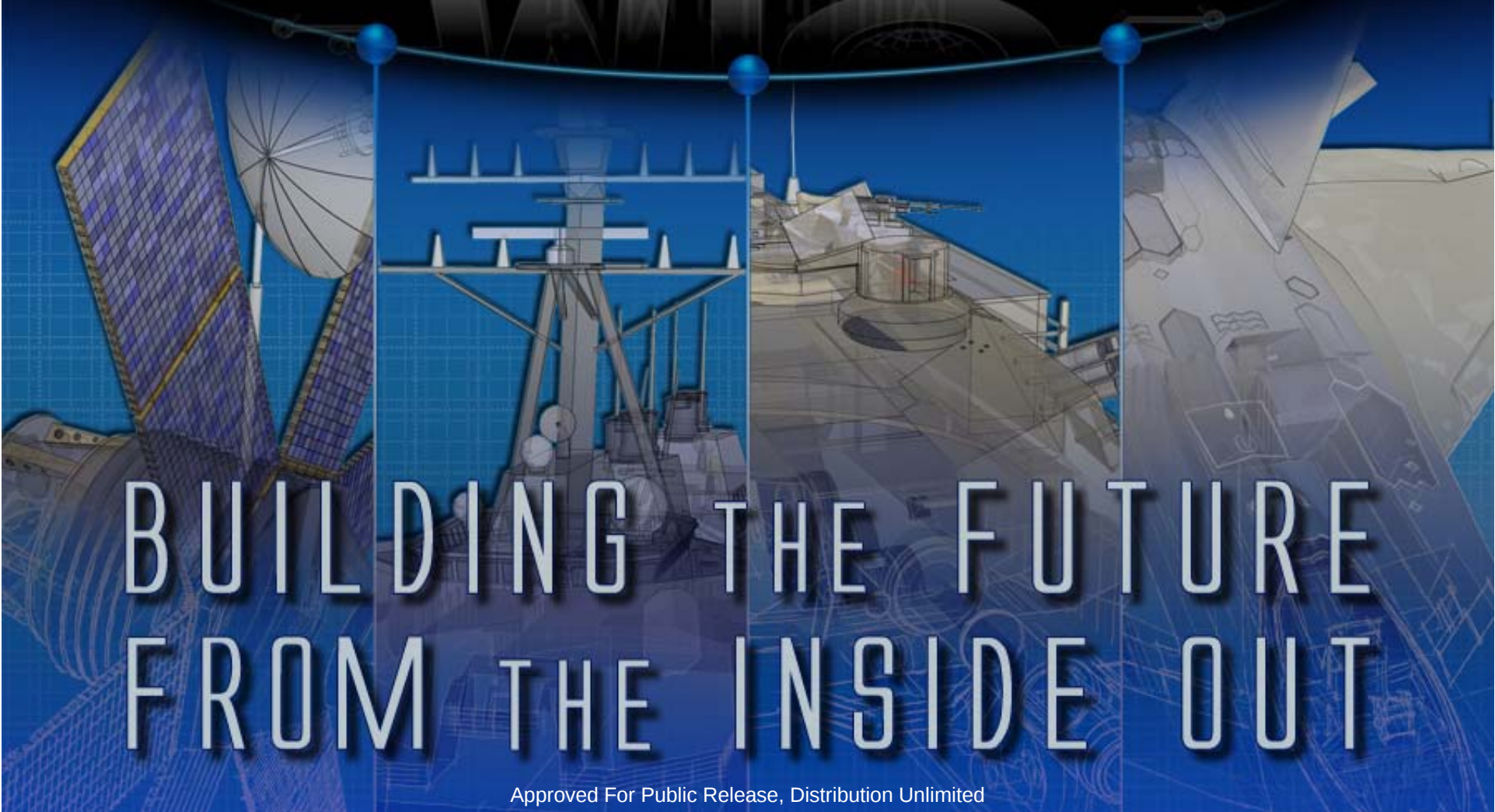
- The rapidly changing world and battlespace makes the delivery of rapid, innovative solutions more critical than ever for the DoD.
- Microsystems remain at the core of new system concepts and new capabilities for the warfighter.
- A strong DARPA, industry, university, and government partnership is critical to continue to deliver timely solutions to the warfighter.

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The background of the poster is a collage of various technological and infrastructure elements. On the left, there's a large satellite dish and a solar panel array. In the center, a ship's mast with various antennas and sensors is visible. On the right, there's a large, complex structure that looks like a space station or a large industrial facility. The entire background is in shades of blue and white, with a grid pattern overlaid.

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