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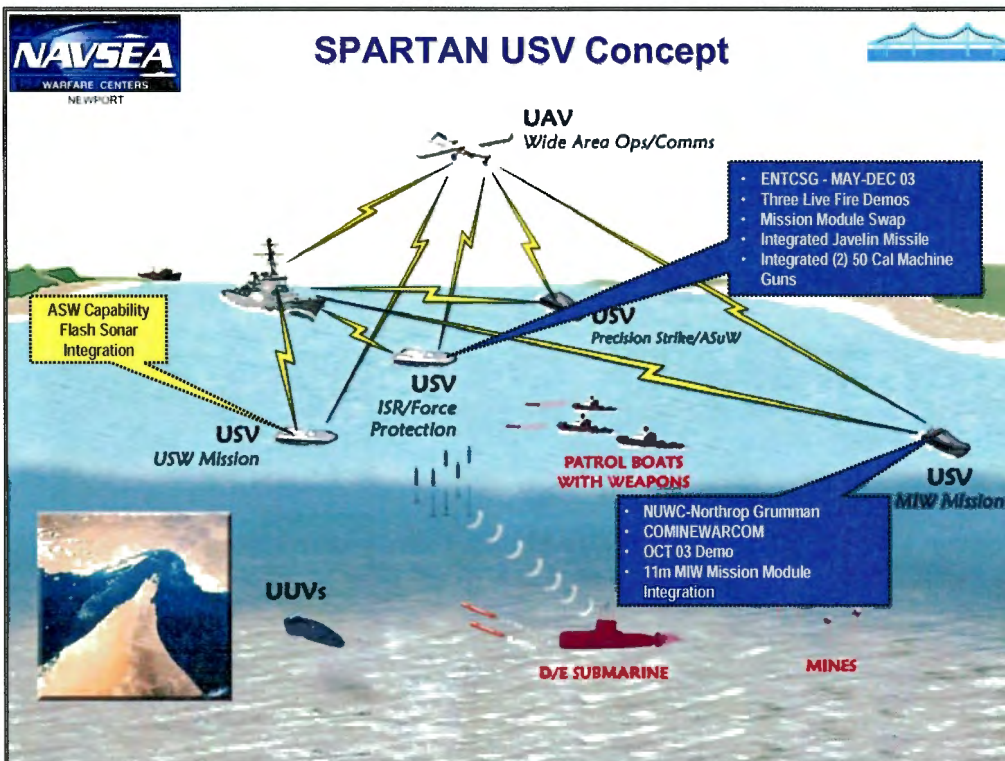
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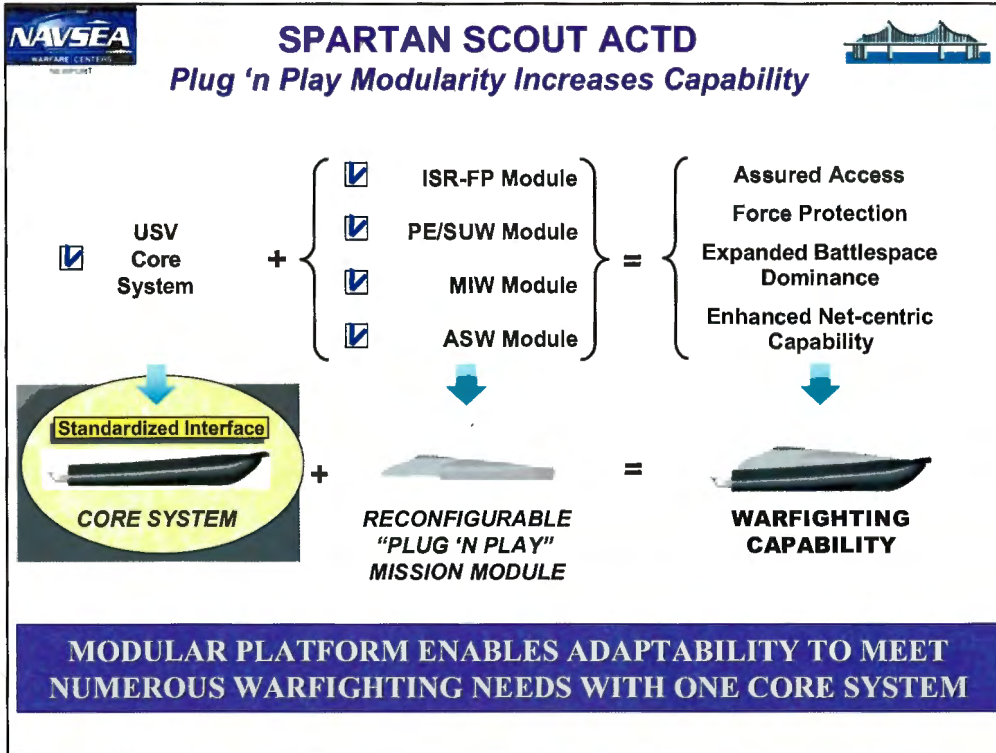
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SPARTAN USV Accomplishments

- ❑ Initial Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) Concept – 2001
- ❑ Fleet Battle Experiment Participation - 2001
- ❑ Established Joint Service/Multi-National OSD ACTD – 2002
- ❑ USS Enterprise Carrier Strike Group Deployment - 2003
- ❑ Completed three USV Force Protection "Live Fire" Tests – 2004/05
- ❑ Selected as Littoral Combat Ship ASW Mission Package - 2004
- ❑ Demonstrated Mine Warfare Capability - 2005
- ❑ Demonstrated Multiple USV Command and Control – 2005
- ❑ Coordinated "Live Fire" demonstrations with USN Weapon System Explosive Safety Review Board (WSESRB)
- ❑ Final Military Utility Assessment (MUA) for IRS/FP in early January 2006





- ❑ Selected as Littoral Combat Ship ASW Mission Package - 2004
- ❑ Exercise Torpedo Launch – 2005
- ❑ Demonstrated ASW Dipping Sonar capability with sensors from multiple vendors – 2004/05
- ❑ Demonstrated Mine Warfare Capability - 2005
- ❑ Demonstrated Multiple USV Command and Control – 2005
- ❑ Part of Shipboard Protection System CONOPS



Multi-Vehicle Command and Control



ASW Dipping Sonar (HELTRAS & FLASH)



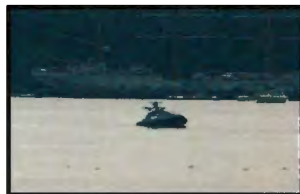
MIW Towed Sonar (AQS-24 & Sweep)



Weapon, Countermeasure and UUV Surrogate



- ❑ Recent Successful Demonstrations are the building blocks for
 - Harbor Defense/Port Security
 - ISR/FP USV with Force Protection Demonstrations
 - Provides a means to show presence, deter, counter or engage asymmetric threats
 - Provides Electro-Optical and Infrared (EO/IR) capability for daylight, night and low visibility operations
 - Provides safe stand-off distance to perform surveillance, allows time to mobilize additional response(s) as necessary
 - Other applications are available such as Chemical, Biological and Radiological Detection
 - Potential for Integration with Automatic Identification System (AIS)
 - Escort Missions
 - Alleviates the need for manned Port Escort from USCG
 - U.S. Submarine Base Groton Demonstration
 - Provides visual presence at safe stand-off ranges



USV HLS Applications (Continued)



- Maritime Interdiction/Drug Operations
 - EO/IR Surveillance
 - Enterprise CSG Deployment
 - Boarding Team distance support
 - Hailing capability/Verbal exchanges
 - ECSG and USCG demonstrations
- Multiple Vehicle Unmanned Demonstration
 - Demonstrated the first step in addressing small boat threats with multiple ISR and FP USVs
 - Provides a method to test multiple autonomous vehicles
 - Demonstrated control from secondary remote site



Basic Equipment and Sensors



☑ Equipment Arch



☑ Electronic Enclosures



☑ Operator Workstation





Summary



- Modular interfaces for Mission Module developers with additional concepts**
- Accomplishments of the SPARTAN ACTD and other USV development efforts have proven the technology**
- USVs have demonstrated applicability for HLS applications**
 - ISR with EO/IR sensors with FP add deterrence and engagement capabilities
 - Harbor Defense/Port Security Protection
 - Escort Missions
 - Maritime Interdiction and Drug Operation support can be accomplished at safe stand-off ranges