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## **Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference and Exhibition**

*"Dual Role of Robotic Technologies - Public and Private Sector"*

**Miami, FL**

**16 - 18 March 2010**

Agenda

### **Wednesday, March 17, 2010**

#### **Keynote Speaker**

- Mr. Chris Scolese, Associate NASA Administrator

#### **Dual Use Combat Developers Panel:**

- Brig Gen Dave Howe, Air Combat Command, A7
- Col Mark LaViolette, USMC, Capabilities and Acquisition Division (CAD), Joint Staff, J-8

### **Thursday, March 18, 2010**

#### **Joint Ground Robots Enterprise Overview**

- Dr. Jim Overholt, Director, Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise

#### **Dual Use Science & Technology Panel**

- Mr. John Miller, Director, Army Research Laboratory
- Mr. George Solhan, Deputy Chief of Naval Research for Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism; and Director, Marine Corps Science & Technology

#### **Dual Purpose Industry Panel**

- Mr. Ken Stratton, Senior Technical Steward, Caterpillar Corporation

#### **Dual Use Material Developers Panel**

- BGen Michael Brogan, Commander MARCORSSYSCOM and Mr. Michael Asada, DPEO GCS
- CDR Aaron S. Peters, Deputy, Program Manager EOD



2010

# GROUND ROBOTICS CAPABILITIES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Dual Role of Robotic Technologies-  
Public and Private Sector

► This year's conference will highlight robotic "dual-use" technologies originating from defense laboratories, NASA, the medical and automotive industries. In attendance will be leaders, designers and operators from a variety of robotic activities. This conference will provide a great opportunity to learn hard lessons the easy way!

MARCH 16-18 2010

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

4:00 pm-6:30 pm REGISTRATION OPENS

5:00 pm-6:30 pm NETWORKING RECEPTION



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

7:00 am-8:00 am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - IN EXHIBIT HALL

8:00 am WELCOME

▶MG Barry Bates, USA (Ret), VP, Operations NDIA

▶Jose Gonzalez, OUSD (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics), Deputy Director, Land Warfare & Munitions

8:05 am ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

▶VADM Joe Dyer, USN, (Ret) & Robotics Division Chair

8:10 am-9:00 am KEYNOTE

▶Hon. Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator

9:00 am-10:00 am DUAL USE COMBAT DEVELOPERS PANEL  
Chair: Hon. Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator

▶TBD, Navy

▶Mr. Don Sando, Director, Capabilities & Integration of Maneuver Center of Excellence, US Army Training & Doctrine Command

▶BGen Lee Miller, Director, Capabilities Development Directorate, Marine Corps Combat Development Command

▶Brig Gen David Howe, Director, Installations & Missions Support, Air Combat Command

▶BGen Glenn Walters, Deputy Director for Resources & Acquisition, J-8

10:00 am-10:30 am BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

10:30 am-11:00 am WARFIGHTER PRESENTATION

▶MG Keith Walker, Director, Future Force Directorate, US Army Training & Doctrine Command

11:00 am-12:00 pm WARFIGHTER PANEL

Chair: LtCol David Thompson, PM, Robotics Systems Joint Program Office

▶"Soldiers from the Future Force Directorate", Ft. Bliss, TX

12:00 pm-12:45 pm JOINT GROUND ROBOTICS ENTERPRISE REVIEW

▶Dr. Jim Overholt, Director, Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise

12:45 pm-2:00 pm LUNCH & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

**ROBOT ROUND UP ON THE GREEN!** - LOCATED IN EXHIBIT HALL

2:00 pm-3:00 pm COMPETITIONS - BATTLE-PROVEN ROBOTS

### WHY ATTEND?

See first hand the innovative ideas springing up and hear directly from leaders in all communities on what capability gaps they feel still exist. It is an opportunity to capture new ideas, techniques and procedures.

ROBOT ROUND UP ON THE GREEN! -CONT.

- 3:15 pm-4:00 pm DEMONSTRATIONS - ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ROBOTS  
4:15 pm-5:00 pm COMPETITION AWARDS  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm RECEPTION IN EXHIBIT HALL Sponsored by: **iRobot**

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

- 8:00 am OPENING REMARKS  
▶VADM Joe Dyer, USN, (Ret) & Robotics Division Chair
- 8:05 am-8:35 am GUEST SPEAKER  
▶TBD
- 8:35 am-9:35 am DUAL USE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PANEL  
▶Mr. Wendell Banks, Director, Plans & Program, Air Force Research Laboratory  
▶Dr. Grace Bochenek, Director, Tank Automotive Research, Development, & Engineering Center, US Army Training & Doctrine Command  
▶Mr. John Miller, Director, Army Research Laboratory  
▶Mr. George Solhan, Deputy Chief of Naval Research for Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism; and Director, Marine Corps Science & Technology  
▶TBD, Navy
- 9:35 am-10:05 am BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
- 10:05 am-11:05 am DUAL PURPOSE INDUSTRY PANEL  
▶Dr. J.D. Crouch II, President, Technology Solutions Group, QinetiQ North America  
▶Dr. Hugh Herr, PhD, MIT Media Lab  
▶Mr. Colin Angle, Co- Founder, Chairman & CEO, iRobot Corp.  
▶Dr. Barbara Lindauer, Business Development, General Dynamics Robotic Systems  
▶Ken Stratton, Sr. Technical Steward, Caterpillar Corp.
- 11:05 am-11:35 am KEYNOTE  
TBD
- 11:35 am-12:35 pm DUAL USE MATERIAL DEVELOPERS PANEL  
▶Mr. Victor Gavin, Executive Director, Program Executive Office, Littoral & Mine Warfare  
▶BGen Michael Brogan, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command  
▶BG David Ogg, Program Executive Officer, Ground Combat Systems
- 12:35 pm-1:00 pm WRAP-UP  
▶Dr. Jim Overholt, Director, Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise
- 1:00 pm BOX LUNCH-PICK UP IN EXHIBIT HALL
- 1:30 pm CONFERENCE ADJOURNED

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

OPERATIONAL -  
Tactical Users  
Requirements Generators  
Concepts Developers  
Trainers  
Logisticians

TECHNOLOGY-  
Government Laboratories, industry and academia focused on unmanned ground systems.

Developers of peripheral technologies (power, controllers, manipulators, tools, sensors, miniaturization, etc.).

Those interested in transferring military robotic technology to commercial markets.



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QINETIQ NORTH AMERICA	402
HDT ENGINEERED TECHNOLOGIES	202
IROBOT CORPORATION	302
L-3 COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WEST	416
MEDC - DEFENSE CONTRACT COORDINATION CENTER	215
NAVY EOD TECHNOLOGY DIVISION	207
OSHKOSH DEFENSE	408
RE2, INC.	108
RECONROBOTICS INC	507
ROBOTIC RESEARCH, LLC	414
STRATOM, INC.	213
TORC TECHNOLOGIES	104
VECNA TECHNOLOGIES	412

WHY EXHIBIT?

This conference brings together government laboratories, industry and academia focused on unmanned ground systems, peripheral technologies, concept developers, logisticians and more for the advancement of the Ground Robotics industry. The U.S. Government is spending \$1.7 billion on ground-based military robots from now to 2012 and 1/3 of ground combat vehicles will be unmanned by 2015.

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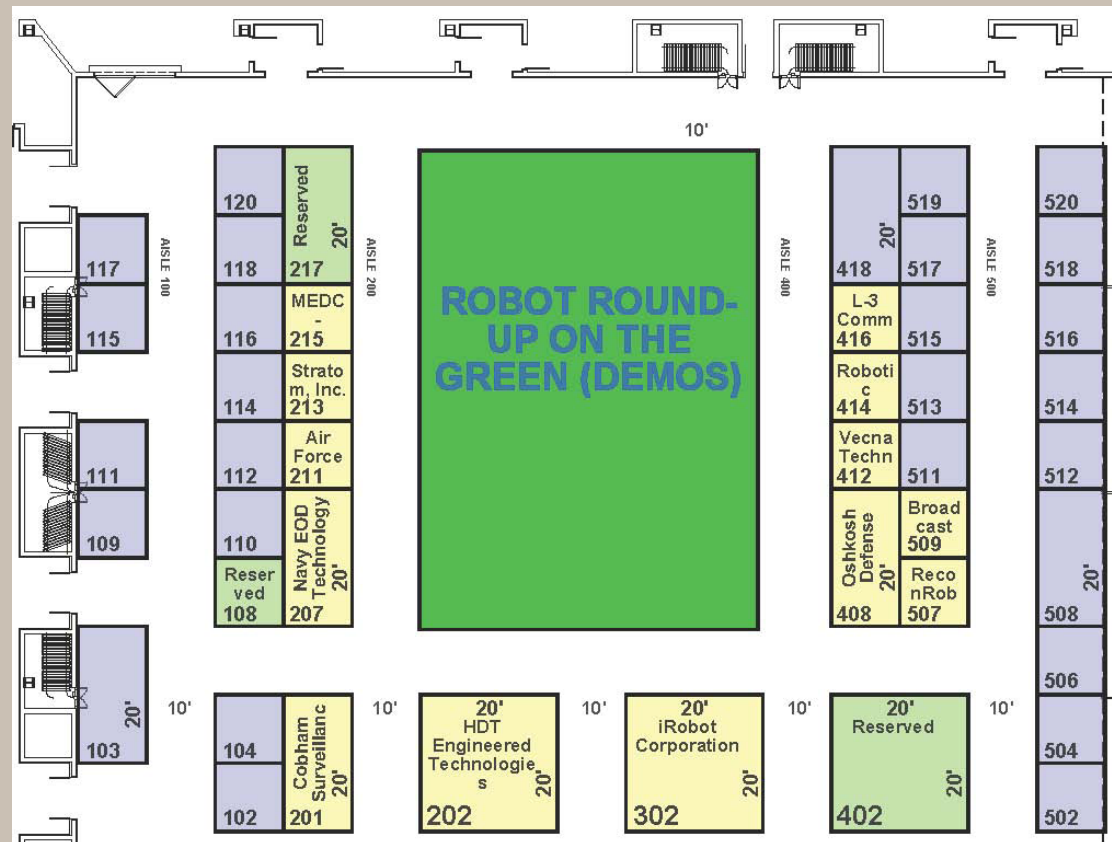
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- O. Other

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# Dual Use Material Developers Panel

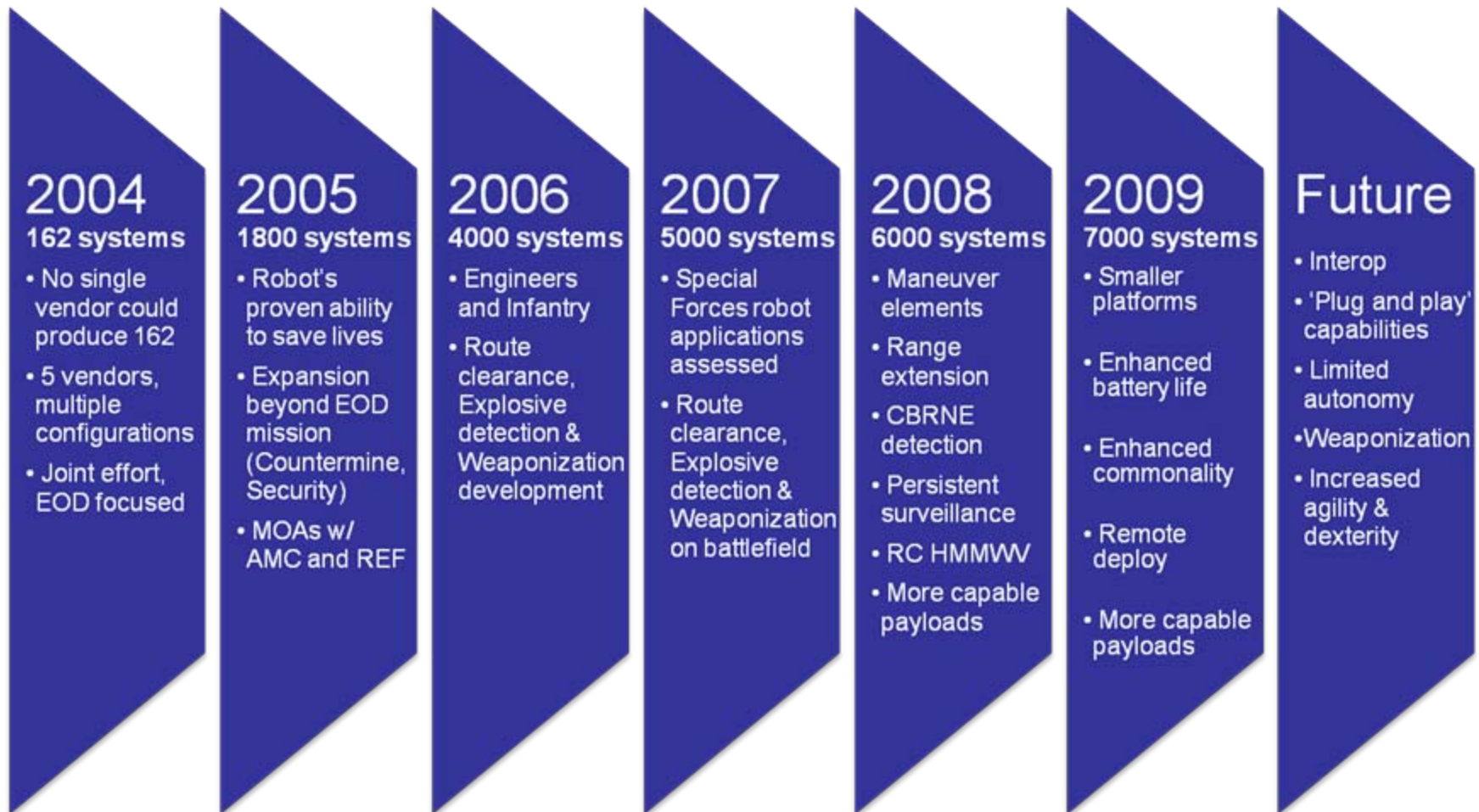


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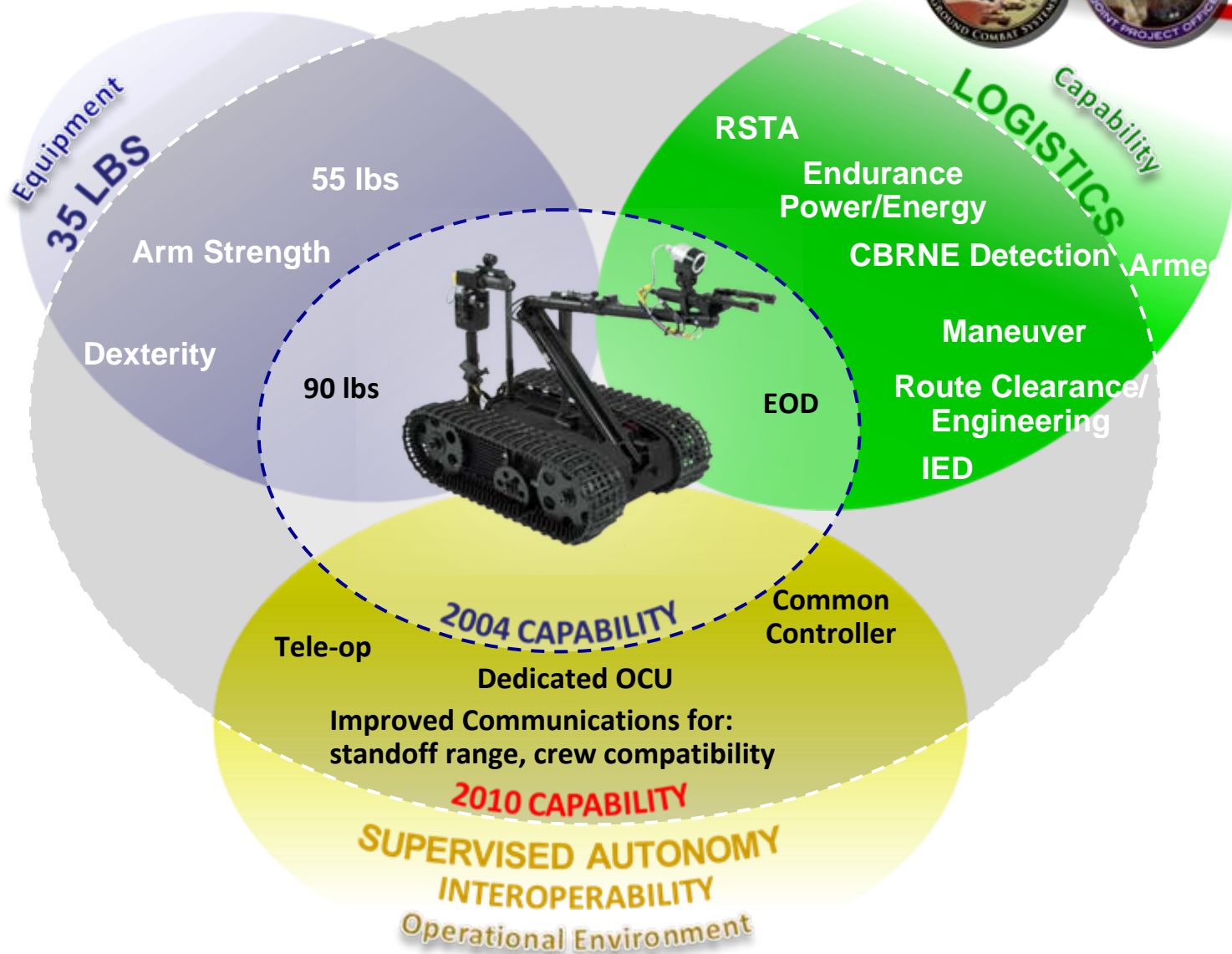
# Evolution of Ground Robotics in War



Sustainment, Modernization, Interoperability and Modularity



# Robotic Modernization



**Enhancing Warfighter Capabilities**

# Joint Robotic Repair and Fielding JRRF



## BACKGROUND

- The Joint Robotics Repair and Fielding (JRRF) Activity established in mid 2004.
- Provides maintenance, supply and training for all Joint Service Non Standard Equipment Robotics.

## MISSION

- Provide in-Theater Support for Joint Service Theater Provided Equipment (TPE) Ground Robots.
- Single “one-stop-shop” for fielding, sustainment, training, assessment and total asset accountability for all robotic systems in theater.

## SUPPORT

- Current JRRF operations
- Embedded repair teams to remote units
- Pre-deployment support capability at Combined Training Centers
- 13 JRRF detachments world wide



**Training, Sustainment, Assessment, and Accountability**





# RS JPO Systems

- Based primarily on ONS / JUONS requirements
- Commercial-off-the-shelf / modified-off-the-shelf
  - Commercial radios
  - Commercial components
  - Non MIL-STD
  - Obsolescence
  - Configuration control
- Procured under ‘Rapid Acquisition’
  - REF and JIEDDO lead
- Provide immediate capabilities
  - 70 to 80% solutions



# Dual Use Technologies

- **Obstacle detection & avoidance**
  - Military: pedestrians, terrain and man-made obstacles
  - Civilian: automobile safety technologies – active cruise control
- **Autonomous navigation**
  - Military: resupply, dynamic path planning
  - Civilian: automobile safety technologies – active cruise control
- **Increased communication range**
  - Military: increased standoff
  - Civilian: command post (DHS/1<sup>st</sup> Responders), wireless networks
- **Multi robot control**
  - Military: one controller/many robots, manning levels
  - Civilian: warehousing
- **Interoperability**
  - Military: agile mission response
  - Civilian: USB ports, iPhone
- **Improved battery technologies / fuel cells**
  - Military: longer life, reduced soldier load
  - Civilian: fossil fuel dependence

# *Headquarters Air Combat Command*

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## *AF Engineer Robotic Requirements*



**BGen Dave Howe  
ACC/A7  
17 Mar 10**

**This Briefing is:  
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# *Overview*

- **Kudos to our Airmen...they're "all in" the current fight**
- **AF EOD robotics program**
- **New AF Emergency Management robotics initiative**
- **Number 1 AF Priority for robotics...airfield damage repair**
- **Closing remarks/summary**





# ***Our Airmen are (still) Engaged in the Current Fight***

- **AF transporters, contracting specialists, services teams and security forces are all on the ground supporting the current war effort**
  - **Convoying critical commodities, ensuring our troops are fed and routes and bases are secured**
- **Our Engineers are supporting Joint tasks...RED HORSE; building roads, repairing bridges and critical infrastructure...EOD; defeating the IED threat; working to deny the enemy resources to create IEDs...finding and destroying weapons caches, working as weapons intelligence team members to use forensics to identify bomb makers**



**Airmen are members of the Joint team...”we’re all in”**



# HD-1/HD-1 AF Variant

## Requirement

Requirement driven by feedback and lessons learned from deployed EOD techs. Procure and field a robot with the capability of increased operating distance, increased handling capability and ability to operate in current ECM environment.

Additional requirements include: ability to deliver current fielded specialized EOD tools (PAN, J-ROD, Powerhawk) as well as new EOD tool under development, e.g., Multi-shot IED Disrupter System (MIDS).



HD-1 (top pixs); HD-1 AF Variant (bottom pixs)

## HD-1/HD-1 AF Variant Capabilities

Weights approximately 220 pounds; not a MTRS. HD-1 robot initially fielded FY06/FY07 time-frame; improvements driven by operators. HD-1 AF Variant incorporates emerging radio technology; extends stand-off range; increased handling capability; extended operating time (enhanced battery); ability to reach below ground, rotating torso, presets, and ability to operate in electronic countermeasures (ECM) environment. Initial operator evaluation conducted Sep 09...final production configuration expected to be available mid-2010.

## HD-1/HD-1 AF Variant Posturing

All HD-1 robots will be upgraded in FY2010/2011.

Planned posture: HD-1 AF Variant at each unit as base support robot (55) and postured on UTC 4F9X1 (88).



# ***Expanding the use of Robotics (New AF Initiative)***

- **The Emergency Management career field, in conjunction with other CE AFSs, is pursuing an initiative to integrate CBRN/TIC/TIM detection sensors/collectors on Unmanned Ground Robotics as an installation capability to mitigate CBRN/TIC/TIM incidents in support of the Incident Commander during in-garrison/deployed incidents.**
- **The proposed approach is a common robotic platform with plug & play sensor/collector payloads to meet this requirement.**



# *Airfield Damage Repair*

## *The Challenge*



- **Must repair 90'x5000' Minimum Operating Strip (MOS) plus access routes**
  - **Multiple small craters (8-10' diameter)**
  - **Multiple UXO environment**
  - **Minimum time-on-repair**





# ***ADR Timeline/Desired Effects***

- **Focus on PACOM base recovery after attack scenario**
- **Provide a faster, graphically linked assessment of the airfield surface damage**
  - **Minimum Airfield Operating Surface (MAOS), runways, taxiways, and ramps**
  - **ID, measure and locate 100s of craters and locate UXOs**
  - **Identify candidate MAOS for each aircraft type within 0.5 hours**
- **Clear UXO/repair MAOS within 4-6 hours after attack and 3.5 hours after MAOS selection & UXO clearing**
  - **100 small craters on runway & 100 on the MAOS**
  - **Support all assigned aircraft (fighters and heavies)**
  - **Improve quality/durability of repairs to extend lifespan of repairs**



# Airfield Damage Repair (ADR)

- 1) Assess Runway Damage & Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)
- 2) Determine Minimum Airfield Operating Surface



- 3) Identify, Render Safe, Remove Up to 100 UXOs on Access Surfaces

- 4) Repair Up to 100 Craters on Runway and Up to 100 on Access Surfaces

**Return Runway to Operational State for All Aircraft/4-6 Hrs**




# ***Closing Remarks/Summary***

- **Our Airmen continue to support the current fight**
- **We (AF) will continue to look for opportunities in other AF functions to expand the use of robotics to perform dangerous and dirty missions...robotics can be a force multiplier**
- **We must continue to leverage emerging robotic technologies and successes in industry and other government agencies as we plan for future contingencies**



This section features two images. The top image shows a large, red and white robotic platform being hoisted by cables against a reddish, hazy background. The bottom image shows a tan, four-wheeled robotic vehicle with a sensor dome on top, set against a reddish, rocky terrain.

**Large-Scale Robotics Technologies supporting Maneuver Forces**

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**Autonomous Mobility and Dexterous Manipulation for Man-Portable Systems**

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**Micro-Autonomous System Technologies breeding a new class of Soldier assets**

**Providing the Soldier with superior situational awareness**





# Robotics is a Dual-Use Technology



- **Military convoys**
- **Automated highways**



- **Reconnaissance in buildings**
- **Search & rescue in confined space**

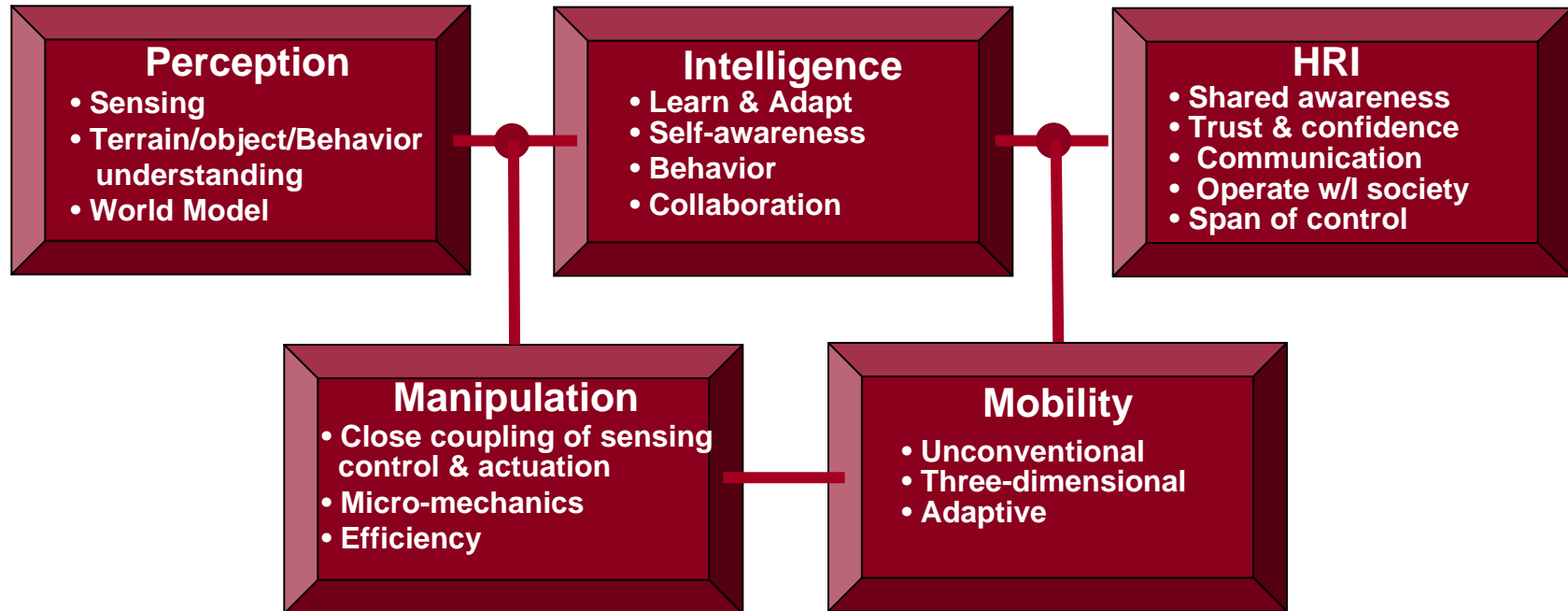
- **Automating Rear-area logistics bases**
- **Flexible automation of factories**



- **EOD robots**
- **Robots for first responders**



**Key technologies required to achieve our vision are:**



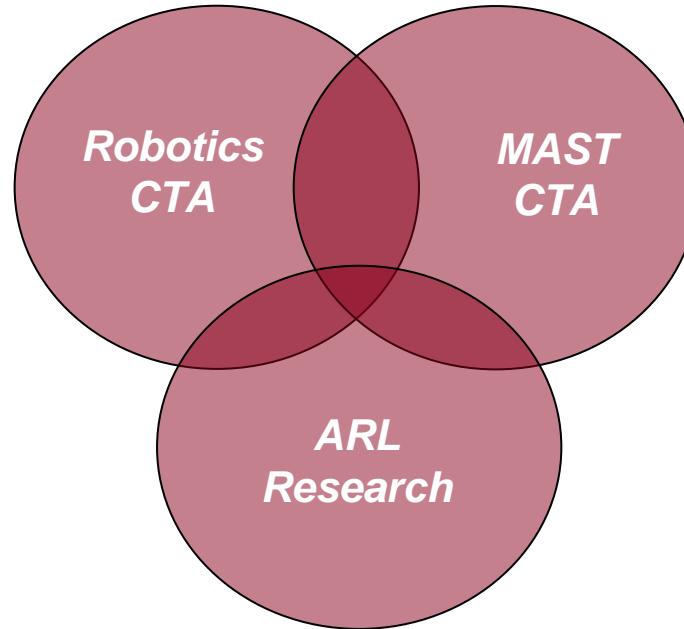
***These will be supplemented by a number of supporting technologies with wider applicability***

- Micro-electronics
- Power/Energy sources/storage/transmission, propulsion
- Image understanding/ATR
- Network Communication
- Materials & Structures
- Cognitive science, Psychology, Biology



## ARL sponsors wide-ranging collaborative research

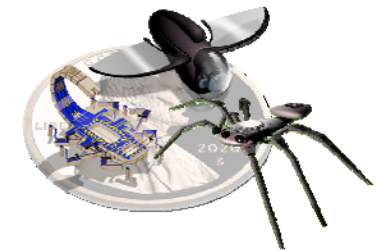
- Perception
- Intelligence
- Human-Robot Interaction
- Dexterous manipulation & unique mobility



- Microsystem mechanics
- Microelectronics
- Processing for autonomous operation
- Integration
- Power



- Army Research Office
- Computer & Information Sciences Dir.
- Human Research and Engineering Dir.
- Sensors and Electronic Device Dir.
- Vehicle Technology Dir.





# ***Joint Capabilities Development and Acquisition***

***2010 Ground Robotics Capabilities  
Conference & Exhibition***

***“Dual Use Combat Developers Panel”***

**Col Mark D. LaViolette, USMC  
Capabilities and Acquisition Division (CAD)  
Joint Staff, J-8**

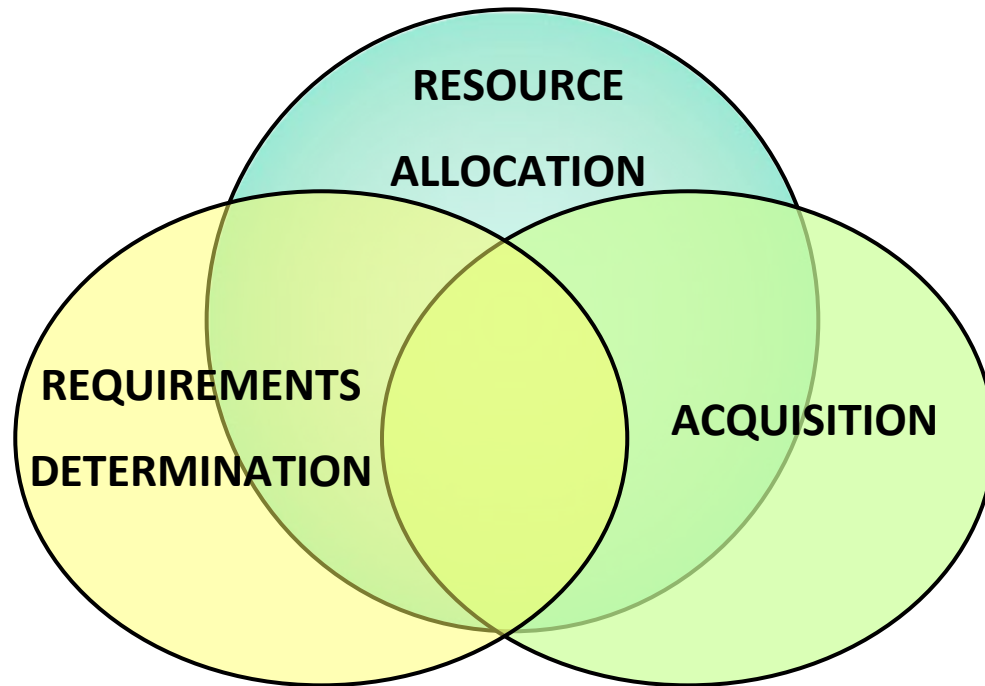


# ***Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF)***



- **Balancing Act:**
  - Requirements, Resources, Acquisition
- **Big “A” vs. Little “A”**
  - Standard acquisition process slow but effective
  - Rapid Acquisition (e.g, JUONS) when appropriate
  - Other avenues: JCTD
- **Resource Constrained Environment**

# *Joint Staff J8 Mission*



- Requirement Determination - Planning, studies, analysis, assessments
- Resource Allocation - Programming/Budgeting
- Acquisition Execution - Deliver the required capabilities

***Assist in Delivering the Right Mix of Capabilities  
for the Joint Force Commanders***

# Challenge of Rapid Acquisition



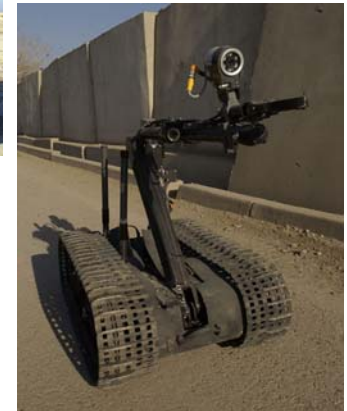
- ★ Future Focused
- ★ Very Structured Process
- ★ Evolved Requirements
- ★ Analysis of Alternatives
- ★ Lengthy Development
- ★ High Visibility on Program
- ★ Large Investment

**Big A**

little

**a**

- 🕒 **Now focused**
- 🕒 **More *ad hoc* process**
- 🕒 **Broad requirement**
- 🕒 **Quick assessment of alternatives**
- 🕒 **Limited development**
- 🕒 **High visibility on results**
- 🕒 **Limited investment**
- 🕒 **Very Limited Feedback**
- 🕒 **Transition to Program of Record**



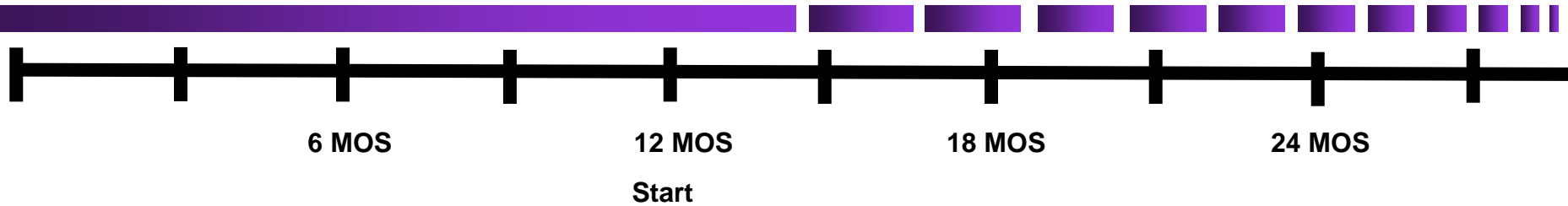
# JUON Robots

- **10 Total CENTCOM JUONs**
  - C-IED related
  - **3 Active / 7 Fielded**
  - Additional robots included in surge requirements
- **Enhancements:**
  - Deployment systems from vehicles
  - Detachable toolkits
  - Long-range antennas
  - Video capture





# New & Accelerated JCTD Process



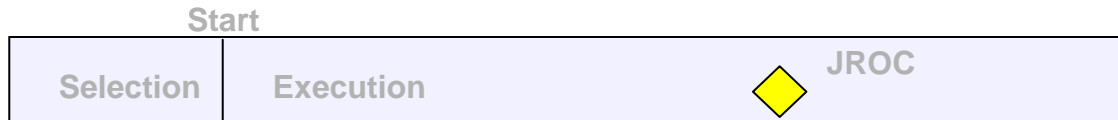
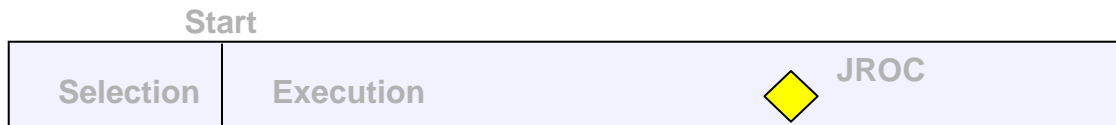
## Candidate Decision Board

- Executable (Tech Readiness Lvl (TRL) 5-7)
- Addresses valid need
- OSD / DDR&E Chair
- JS / J8 DDR – CO-Chair

## Program Review Board:

- Transfer to Program Of Record (POR); or
- Deliver residuals satisfying need; or
- Terminate
- Forward to JROC for validation

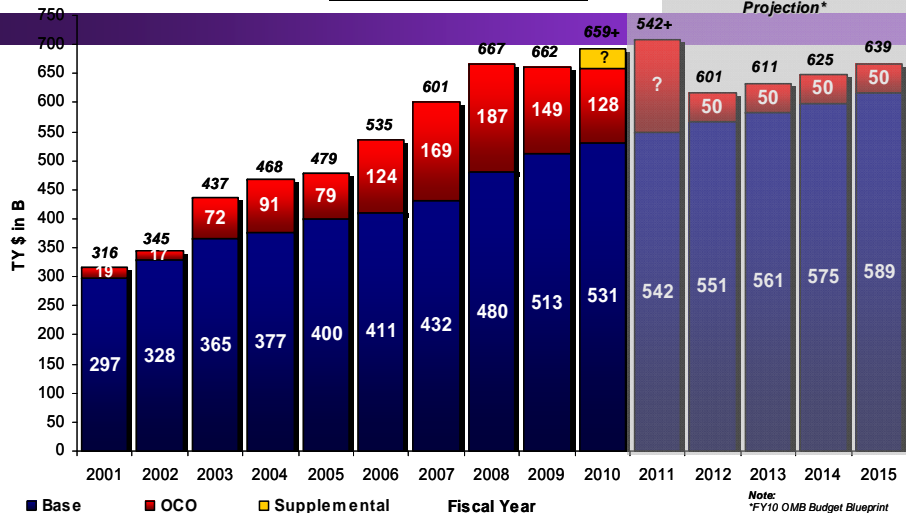
◆ Quarterly Program Review Boards



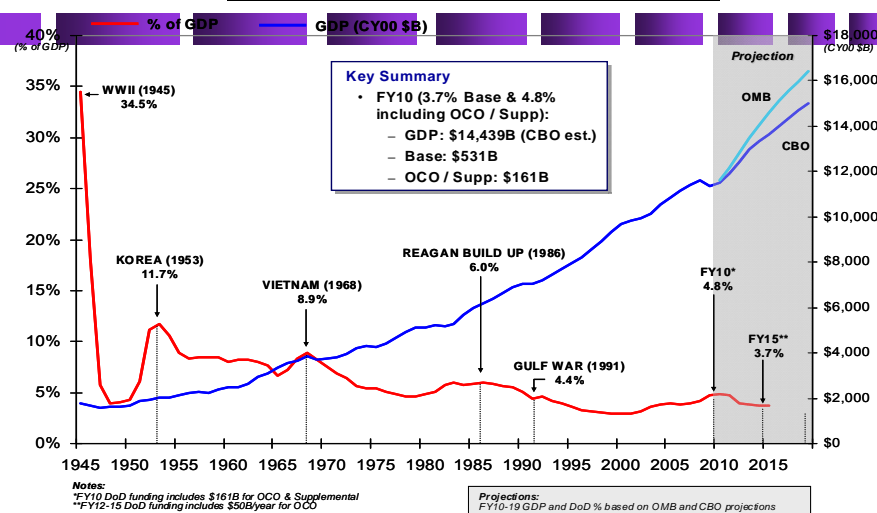
**Joint Capability Technology Demonstrations (JCTD)  
Quarterly Starts / Transfer to POR as appropriate**

# Downward Budget Pressures

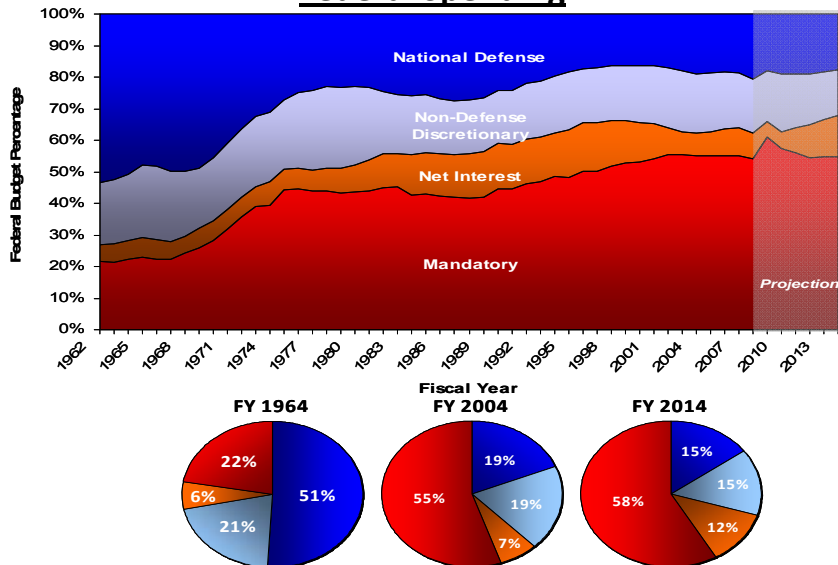
## Defense Funding



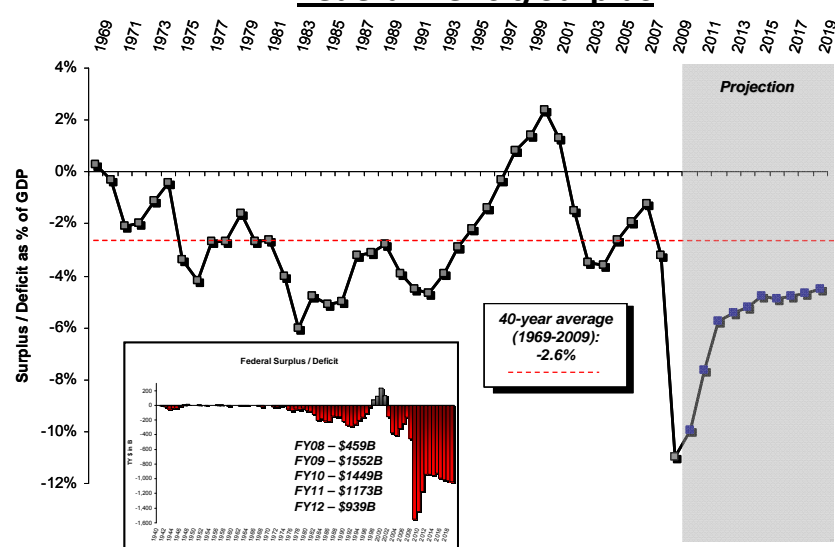
## Defense as a Percentage of GDP



## Federal Spending



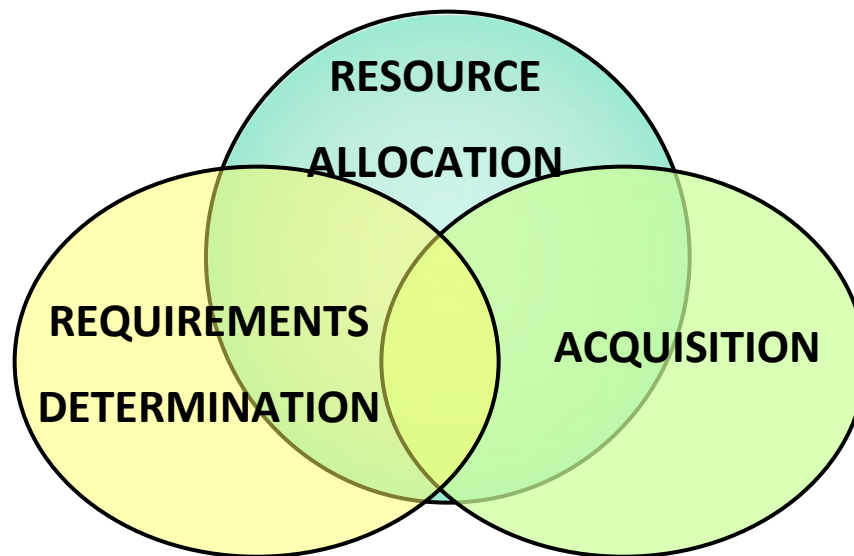
## Federal Deficit/Surplus



**Mounting deficits, interest payments & entitlement spending will result in downward pressure to defense budgets**

# Conclusion

- J-8 committed to fielding right mix of Joint capabilities
- Use rapid acquisition process when appropriate
- Balancing priorities is critical



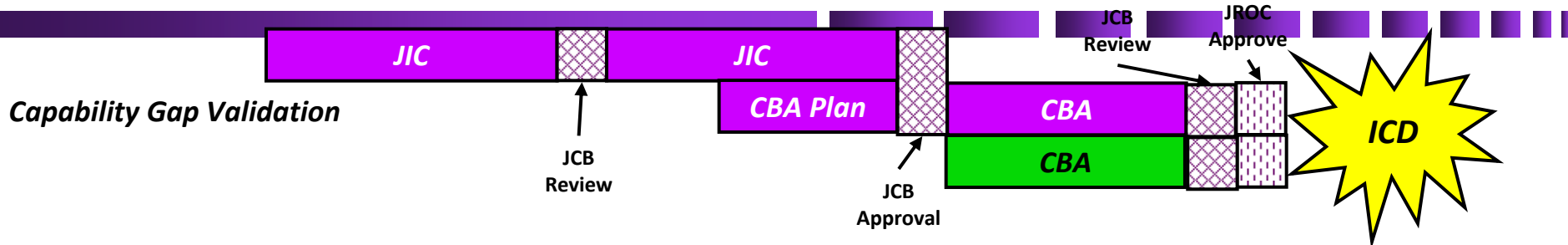




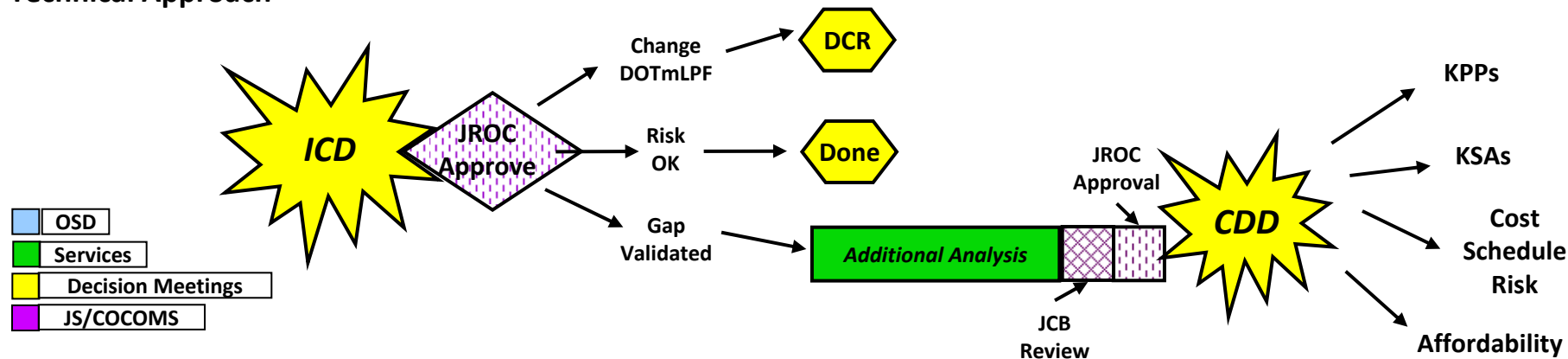


# ***BACKUP SLIDES***

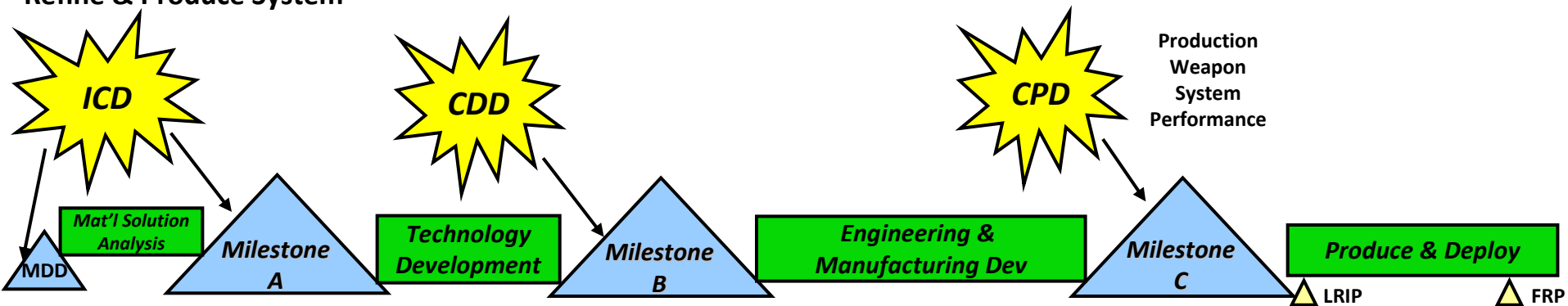
# Capability Based Assessment and Acquisition Processes



## Technical Approach

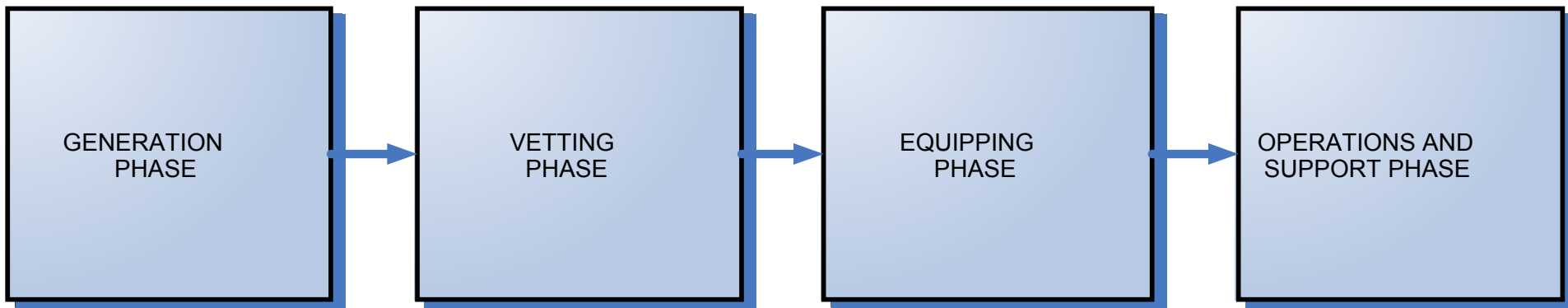


## Refine & Produce System



# Rapid Fielding Framework

## JUON Process Consists of Four Phases:



*Force Commander Identifies Urgent Need*

*Combatant Staff determines the most suitable process*

*COCOM CoS certifies and submits to Joint Staff (DJ-8 RMD)*

*J-8 RMD Receives and verifies that JUON meets submission criteria*

*JUON is reviewed and routed*

*Solutions are identified*

*JRAC determines a resourcing Strategy.*

*Interim Sponsor creates a Simplified Acquisition Plan*

*Procures and deliver solution to the Warfighter*

*Provide Progress Reports On Performance, Cost, and Schedule*

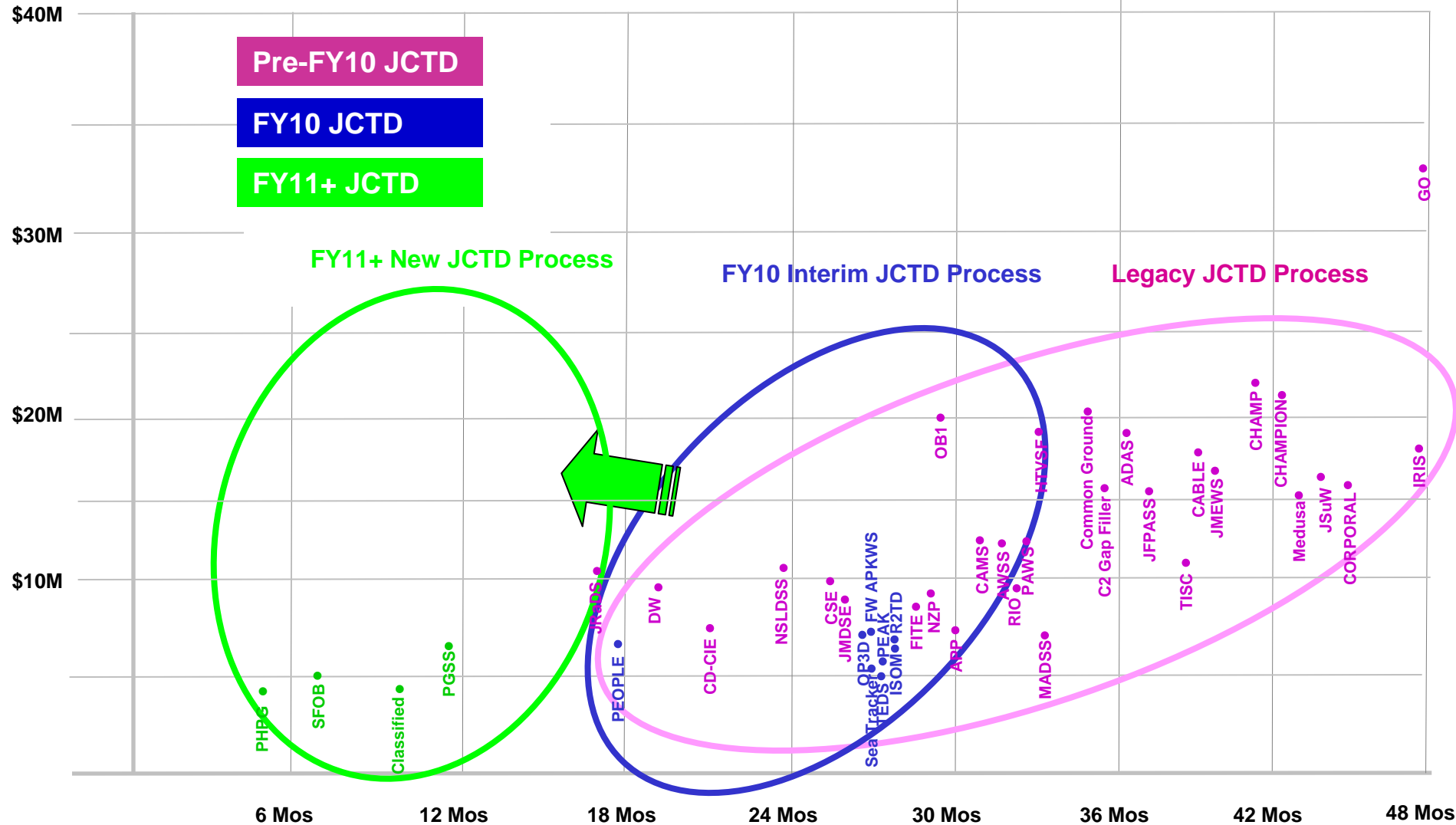
*Interim Sponsor sustains solution and monitors performance for twenty- four months*

*Interim Sponsor, COCOM, and FCB prepare Capability Review to Address final disposition of fielded system.*

**SPEED IS LIFE**

# JCTD Historical Perspective

## All JCTDs: 2006 – Present, DDR&E Funding







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# **Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise State of the Enterprise**

**Dr. Jim Overholt  
17 March 2010**



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# Congressional Language



## CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTION

Department of Defense Appropriation Bill, 1990

**“....The Committee reluctantly concludes that the only way to produce a more focused and cost-effective robotics program is to delete funds for all the separate projects and consolidate them under OSD policy and program direction .....**

**....The Committee also is concerned that many of the robotics programs are proceeding without definite requirements from those organizations which would employ such capabilities in combat.....**

**....The Committee expects that OSD will decide both the funding and technology priorities for these efforts....”**



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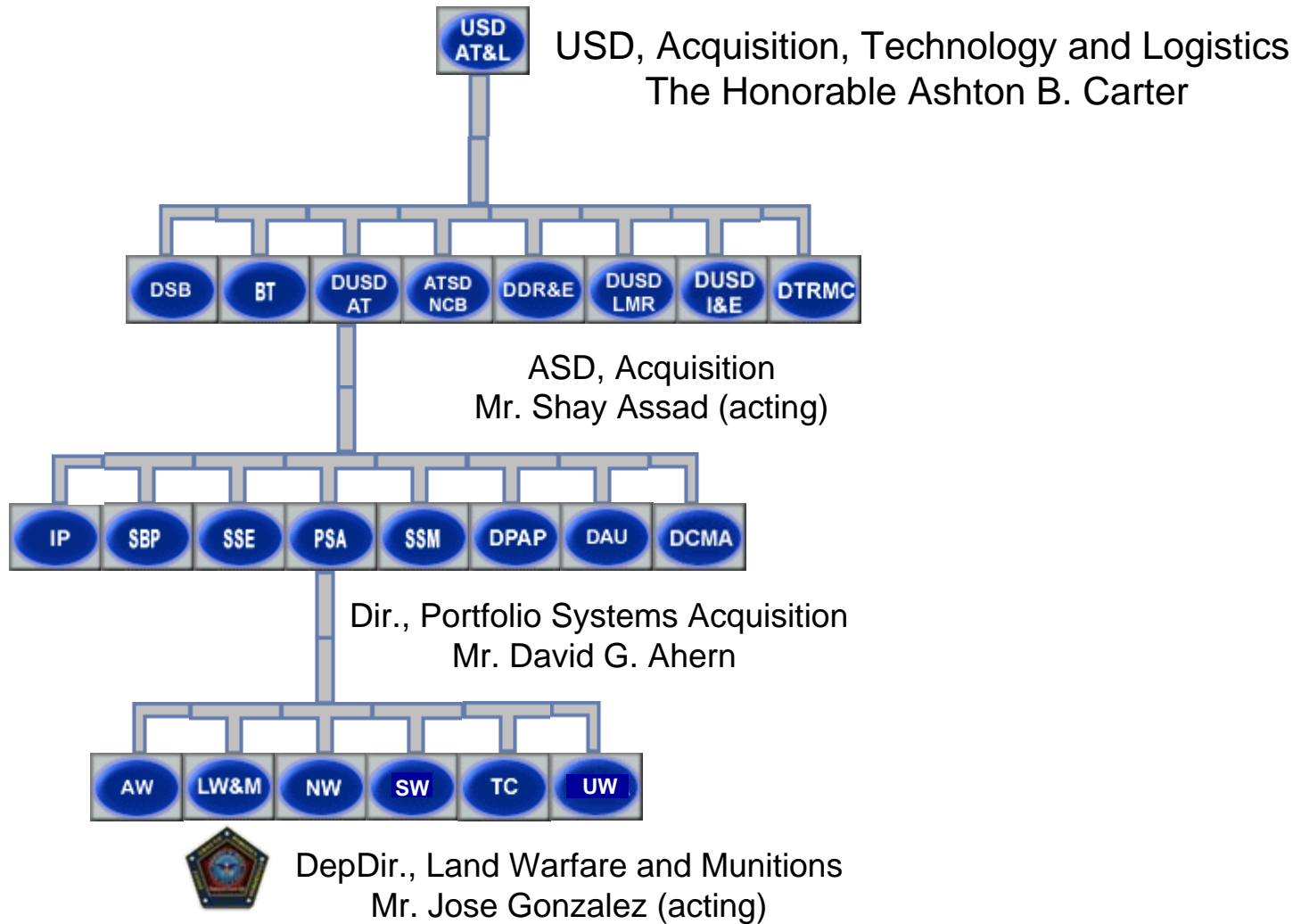


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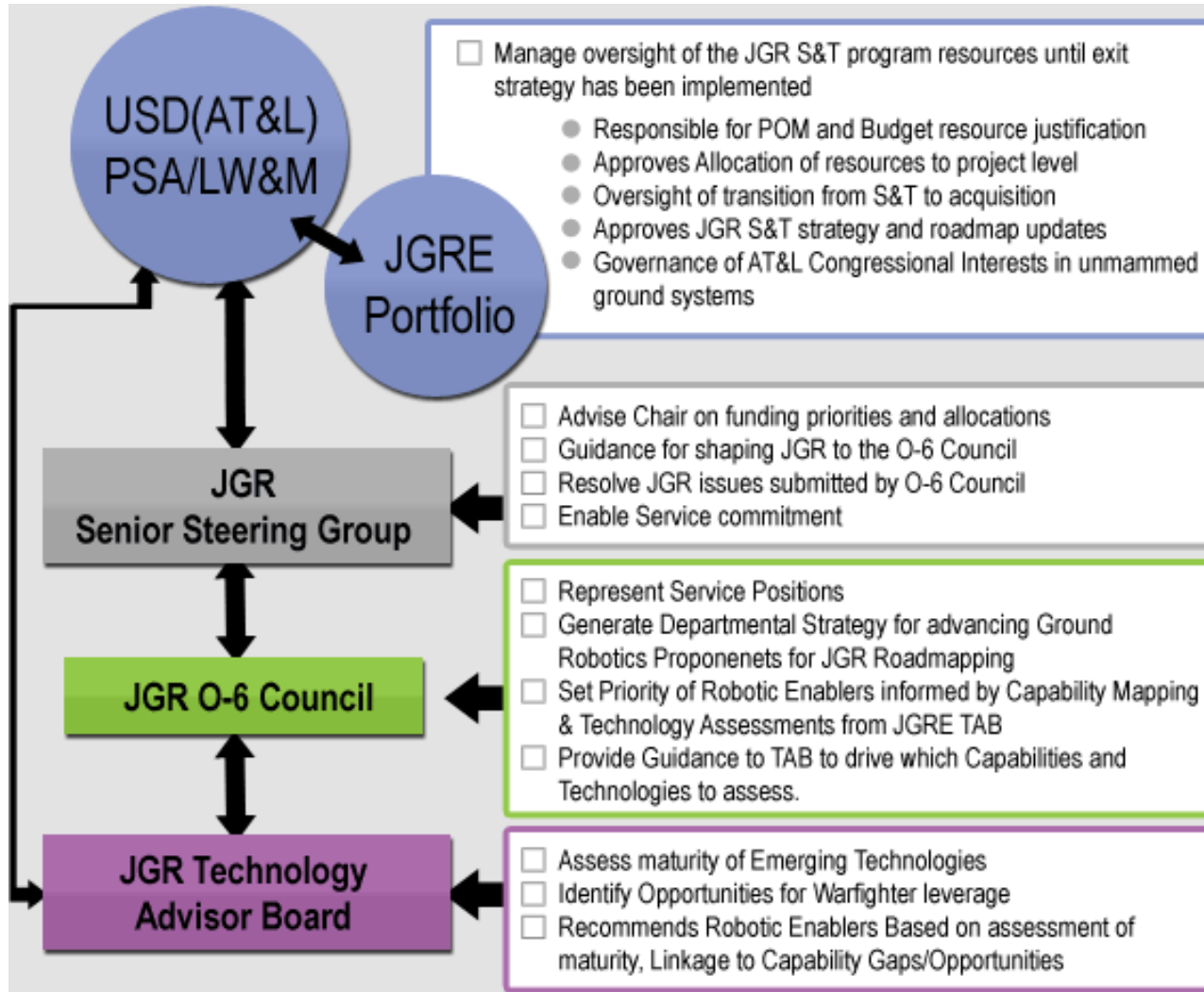


# LW&M Placement in DoD





# Enterprise Governance





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Van Chapman (USMC/MCCDC) CD

CAPT Barry Coceano (Navy/OPNAV N85) CD

Paul Milcetic (Navy/EOD) MD

COL David Crow (Air Force/ACC) CD

Al Nease (Air Force/AFRL) MD

CDR Chris Nash (J8)

James Heusman (DTRA)

Dr. Jim Overholt, Dir, JGRE (Chair)





# OTA Terms & Conditions

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- Period of Performance 7 years
- OTA Price Ceiling \$175M
- Phase I authorized: Participation in TAB Process
- Phase I locally authorized to \$5M: Research & Development based on funding allocation
- Phase II authorized an additional \$170M

# Joint Ground Robotics Consortium

## 12 March - 199 Members



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T. Cable	M. Bruch
W. English	Lt. Hobson
B. McBride	G. Hudas

## Force Application

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B. McBride	M. Bruch
P. Rowe	B. Skibba
K. Kirkpatrick	R. Wade

## Protection

K. Massey	J. Bradel
D. Theobold	B. Brezina
P. Koon	B. Skibba
T. Cable	R. Wade

## Logistics

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# Success Stories USMC



- Enhanced Company Operations, Limited Objective Experiment 3.2
  - Main Objective: Evaluate the utility of a UGV in:
    - Supply distribution for small units operating beyond the capability of mutual support
    - Casualty evacuation for small units operating beyond the capability of mutual support
      - The technologies provided through the JGRE allowed the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab to conduct a live-force experiment which met the Main Objective
  - Results: Concept of Operations developed for UGV's has merit
    - Further experimentation and refinement before transition
  - Recommendation: Expand on unmanned re-supply experimentation
    - Continue with higher MAGTF level experimentation
    - Refinement on the ConOps for future experimentation informed by the results of ECO LOE-3.3

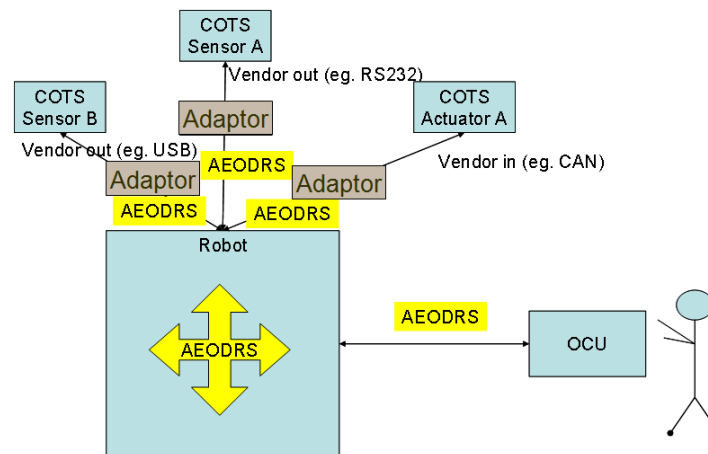




# Success Stories NAVY



- Advanced EOD Robot System (AEODRS)
  - Scheduled for MS B 4QFY10
  - Matured Modular Manipulators and End Effectors
  - Matured Hybrid Power and Energy Systems for Robots
  - Tracking 50 technologies/efforts that may be leveraged by AEODRS
  - Completed Common System Architecture Roadmap
  - Established preliminary optimal definition of EOD robot family



AEODRS will have an extensible, open architecture which prescribes relevant interfaces and is configuration controlled by the Government.



# Success Stories ARMY



- Computer Assisted Robotic Manipulator (CARMAN)
  - Provide increased precision of manipulator control and increased ease of operation
    - 30% reduction in the time required to manipulate the robotic arm;
    - 70% reduction in the number of inadvertent contacts of the manipulator arm
- Computer Assisted Tele-Operation (CATO)
  - Improves the tele-operated mobility of Unmanned Ground Vehicles through an improved interface
    - 20% reduction in straight line error (i.e. swerving);
    - 30% reduction in the number of inadvertent contacts while navigating



**Due to the successful demonstration, these technologies are being inserted into existing platforms, in coordination with the NSWC EOD Technology Division.**



# Success Stories

## ARMY/Air Force



- Joint Architecture for Unmanned Systems- SAE AS5684, JAUS Interface Definition Language
  - Mobility Service Set – Complete, balloted and passed
  - Manipulator Service Set – Draft complete and balloted once – in revision
  - Environment Sensing Service Set – Draft complete and balloted once – in revision
  - Mission Execution Service Set – Complete, balloted and passed
  - All service sets have been drafted and balloted. They are in revision and will be presented to the committees for final approval. Final approved versions expected by the end of Q3 – 2010.



# Success Stories Air Force



- Autonomous Range Clearance
  - Successful demonstration of autonomous range clearance tasks and preliminary data have led the US Army to allocate funds for procurement of autonomous range clearance systems assuming successful results from Range Clearance Cash Prize Competition (R2C2)
  - R2C2 planning is ongoing to support competition in Aug/Sep 2011







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# Robotic Range Clearance Competition Goal

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- Advance the state of the art in robotics thru range clearance technologies
- \$2 Million in cash prizes
- G3/5/7 releasing an IDIQ



# Why Range Clearance?

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- Currently there are millions of acres encumbered with spent training rounds and munitions debris
- The competition will help provide a safer, more timely, and more cost effective way to return the land to productive use



# Robotic Range Clearance Competition (R2C2) Events

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- Kick-off Meeting was held 22 October
- Industry Day was held 10 December
- Letter of Intent
  - Posted 26 February via [www.roboticrangeclearance.com](http://www.roboticrangeclearance.com)
  - Due date of 3 May
- Competition Rules
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# R2C2 Future Events

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- Pilot run beginning of August 2010
- Open competitor test runs at Camp Guernsey
  - 1 August 2010-1 November 2010
  - 1 May 2011-1 July 2011
- In Progress Reviews (IPRs) at competitor sites  
1-19 November 2010
- Final Competition scheduled Summer 2011
  - Will be held at Camp Guernsey in Guernsey, WY





# Prize Scope

- **Unmanned** vegetation clearance (\$250K)
- **Unmanned** geophysical mapping (\$250K)
- **Unmanned** surface debris clearance (\$250K)
- **Unmanned** sub-surface UXO clearance (\$250K)
- **End Goal: Range Area Cleared of UXO (\$1M) using Unmanned Technologies**

**Focus is on increasing safety and operational effectiveness via robotics automation as well as reduce time and cost**



# Why Compete?



- OSD is offering prize money for the system that is most advanced and scores the highest
- Army Corps of Engineers in conjunction with the Army G3/5/7 will be releasing an IDIQ contract
  - Procure Services for Robotic Range Clearance
  - Participation in the competition will give competitors an opportunity to show the government success of their systems
  - Data collected for the competition can be used as test data to demonstrate capabilities for the IDIQ



# Summary

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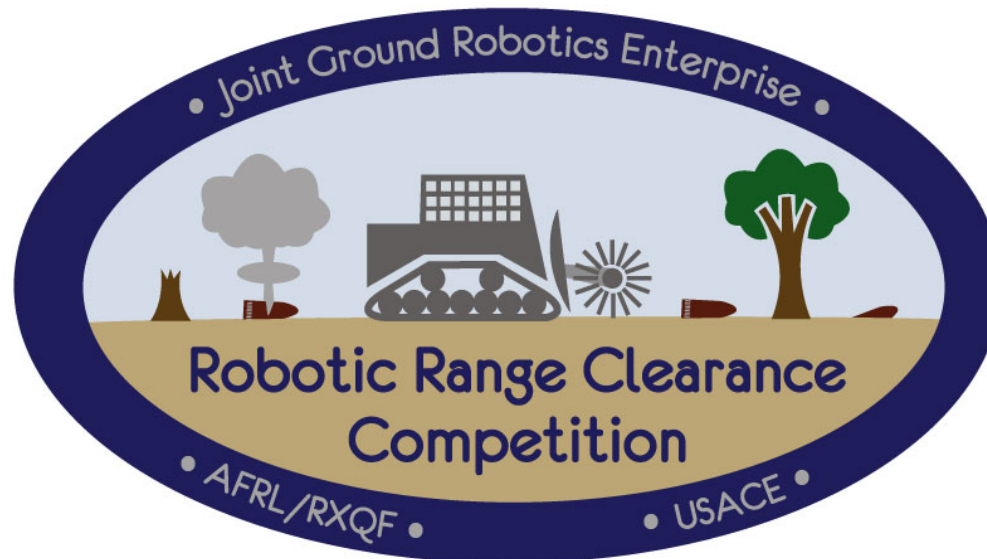


- DoD is looking for the Robotics Range Clearance Competition to:
  - Advance the state of the art in robotics range clearance technologies
  - Foster opportunity for COTS procurement for Robotic Range Clearance
  - Provide the best balance of efficiency and innovation in robotic technology development
- Hope we see you at the Competition!



# R2C2 Questions

- Please stop by the AFRL booth (211) or fill out a questions form on the [roboticrangeclearance.com](http://roboticrangeclearance.com) site





# PEO LMW

Presentation to:

## 2010 GROUND ROBOTICS CAPABILITIES CONFERENCE



Victor S. Gavin, Executive Director

18 March 2010



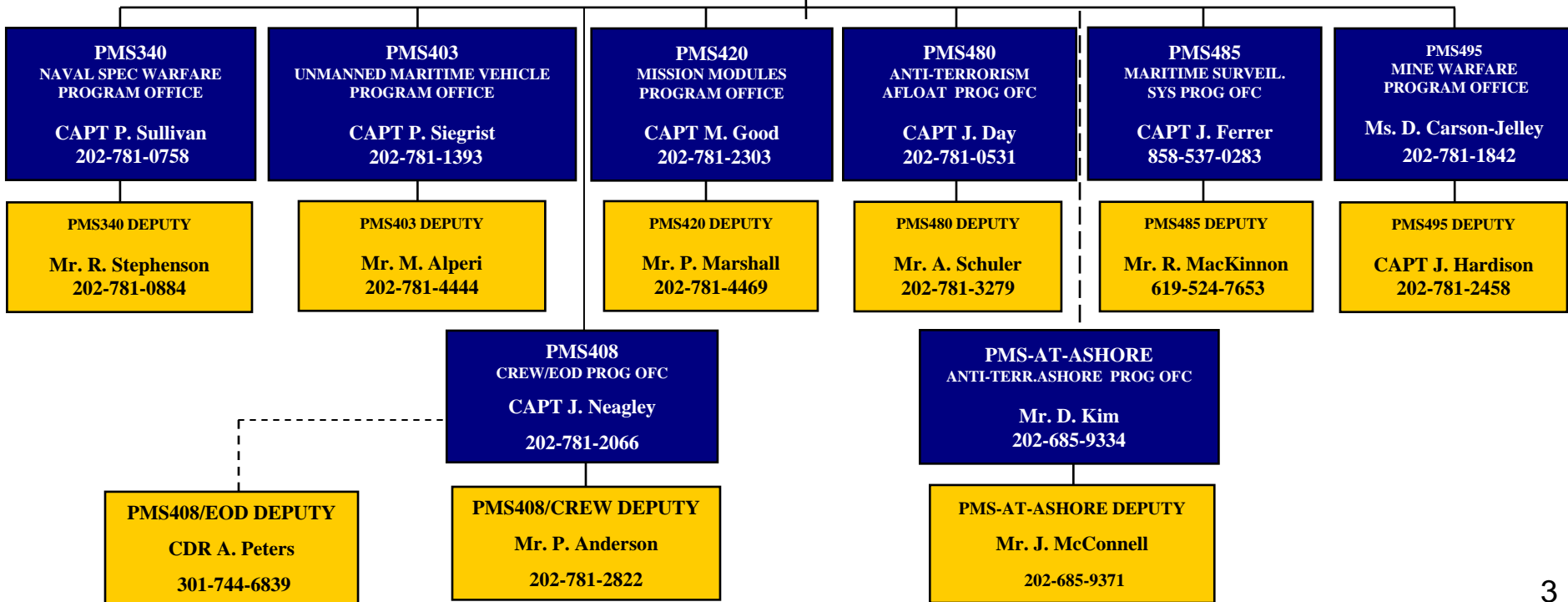
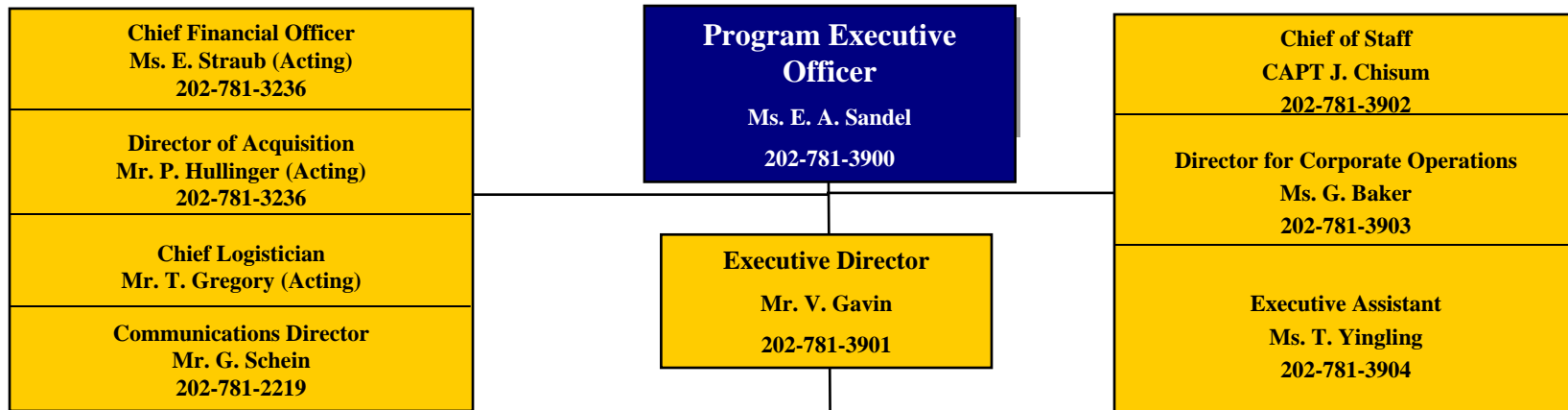


# Role of PEO Littoral & Mine Warfare

- ◆ Originally established in 1992 as PEO Mine Warfare (PEO MIW)  

- ◆ Realigned as *PEO Littoral and Mine Warfare (PEO LMW)* **OCT 2002** assigning increased responsibility for Undersea and Littoral Warfare programs
- ◆ PEO LMW designs, delivers and maintains the systems, equipment and weapons needed by the warfighter to dominate the littoral battlespace and provide the *Warfighter Assured Access!*  

- ◆ PEO LMW is comprised of 165 civilians and 35 military supplemented by Field Activities and other personnel responsible for the *development, acquisition, and life-cycle support of more than 220 systems.*

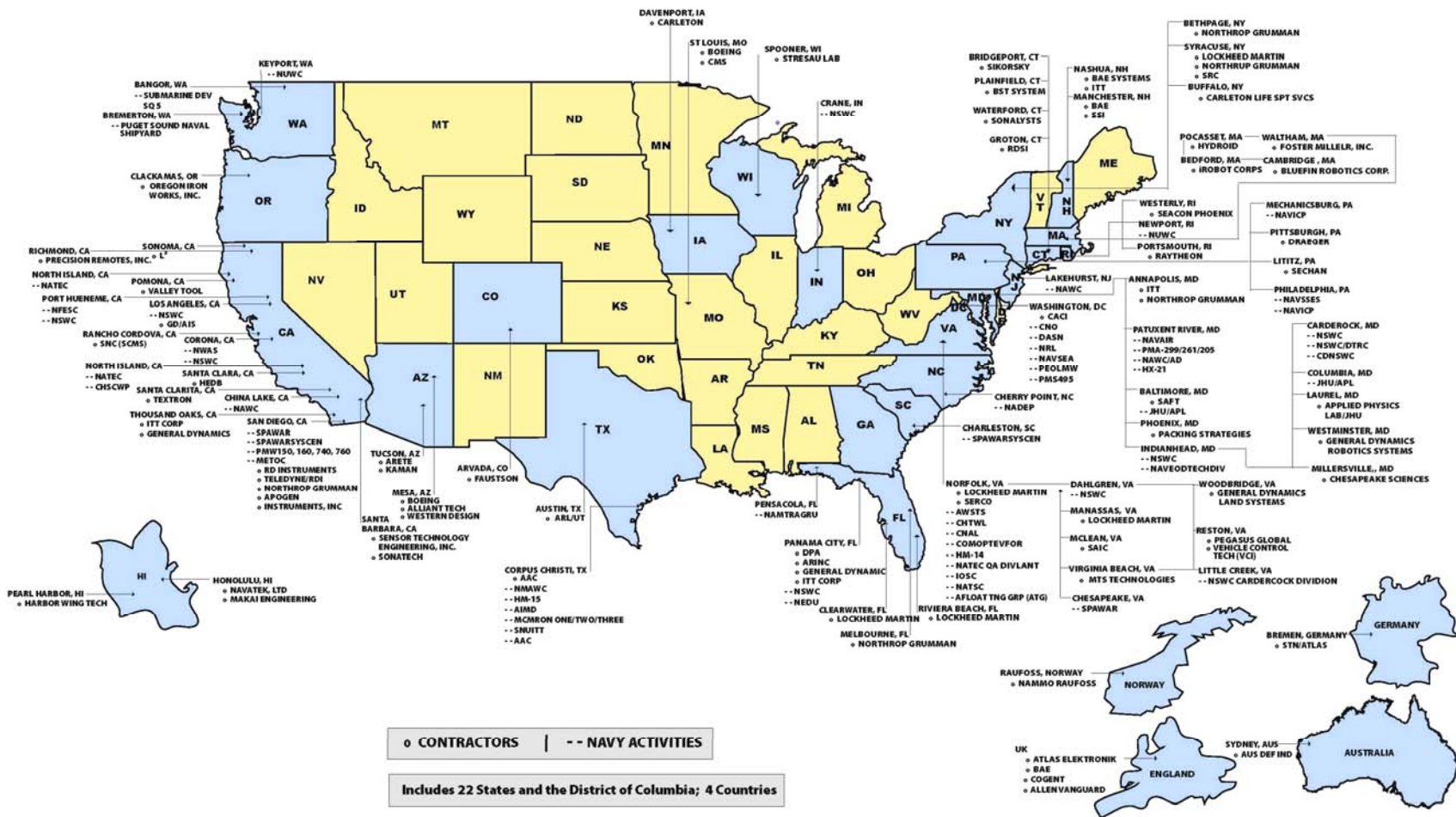


# Program Executive Officer Littoral and Mine Warfare





# PEO LMW Industrial & Government Partners





# MK 1 & MK 2 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) ROBOTS

## ■ Mission

- Complement/augment the EOD technician when performing reconnaissance, render safe, and disposal during EOD missions
- Indoor/outdoor
- Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

## ■ Characteristics

- Easily transportable and quick set-up
- Indoor operation - stairs, doorways
- Outdoor operation - slopes, mud, high grass, rubble
- 2 hr endurance
- Range - 800m (wireless), 200m (tethered)
- Interoperable with EOD tools

## ■ Full Life-Cycle Support for both configurations

## ■ Systems fielded:

- 1,868 MK 1 & MK 2 EOD Robots



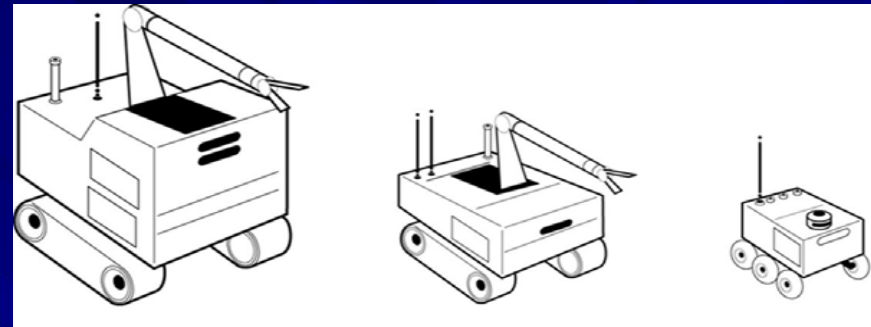




# ADVANCED EOD ROBOTIC SYSTEM (AEODRS)

- **Family of robotic systems composed of three variants:**

- **Dismounted Operations**
- **Tactical Operations**
- **Base/Infrastructure Operations**



- **Family is characterized by the interoperability of its subsystems via Government-controlled logical, electrical, and physical interfaces and the commonality of its Operator Control Unit (OCU)**
- **Family is also characterized by the interchangeability of its initial subsystems with future subsystems that can be procured using full and open competition**
- **DoD Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA) Policy**
- **Draft Capability Development Document (CDD) in review / approval process**
- **Milestone B planned for September 2010**



# AEODRS SELECTED PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS

- **Dismounted Operations**
  - **Back-packable, 35 lbs including backpack**
  - **100 meter range**
  - **Low Degree-of-Freedom manipulator, 5 lbs lift at full extension**
  - **Able to travel through 18 inch culvert**
- **Tactical Operations**
  - **Vehicle two-man transportable for short distances – no greater than 164 lbs**
  - **1000 meter range**
  - **Dual Arm Manipulator – Lift 44 lbs at full extension, 110 lbs close-up**
- **Base/Infrastructure Operations**
  - **System weight – 750 lbs**
  - **1200 meter range**
  - **Dual Arm Manipulator – Lift 75 lbs at full extension, 300 lbs close-up**
- **Autonomy**
  - **Point and Click navigation with obstacle detection and obstacle avoidance**
  - **Automatic end effector changeout**
  - **Point and Click end effector positioning**





# SUMMARY

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- **AEODRS is the fourth generation of military EOD robots**
- **AEODRS is being developed as a family of systems using a modular open systems approach**
- **The up-front focus on subsystem interoperability and interchangeability will enable faster acquisition with demonstrated technology, provide continued access to state-of-the-art technologies, and prevent being locked into a proprietary system**



# PMS 408 (EOD) POCs for Joint Service EOD Robotics

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# **Robotics for Space Exploration Today and Tomorrow**

**Chris Scolese**

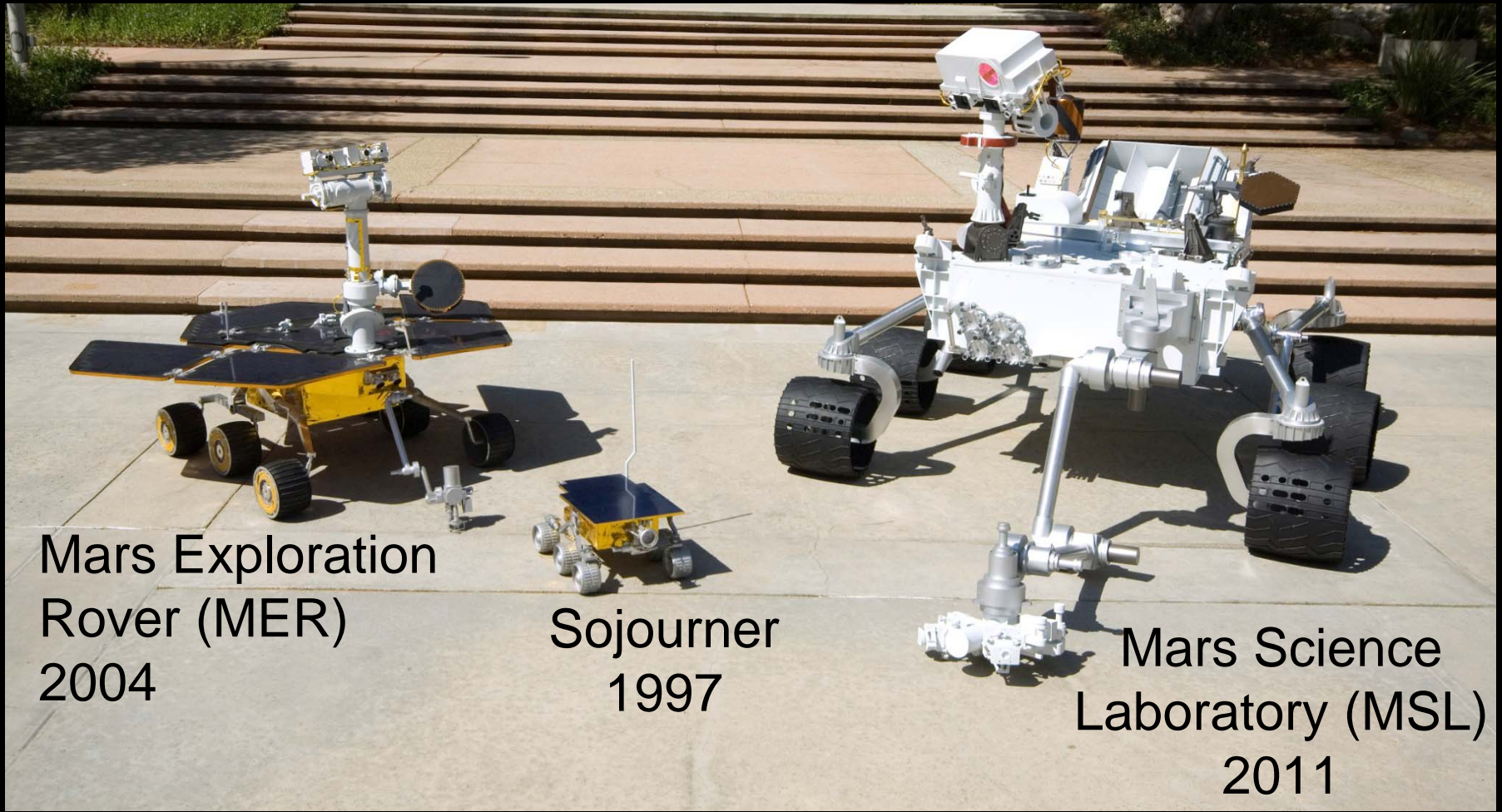
**NASA Associate Administrator**

**March 17, 2010**

# The Goal and The Problem

- Explore planetary surfaces with robotic vehicles
  - Understand the environment
  - Search for signatures of life
  - Prepare for eventual human exploration
- Time delays range from minutes to hours
- Many unknowns
  - Atmospheric conditions
  - Surface conditions
  - Winds
  - Location of hazards

# Past, Present and Future Rovers



Mars Exploration  
Rover (MER)  
2004

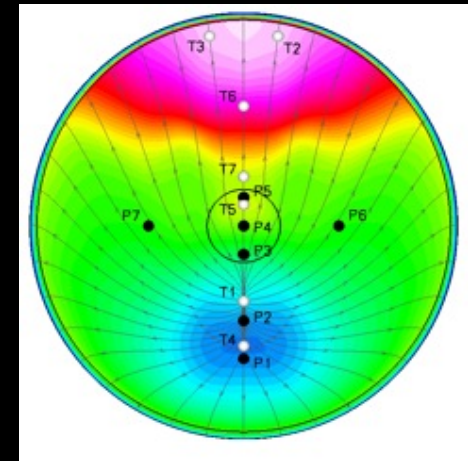
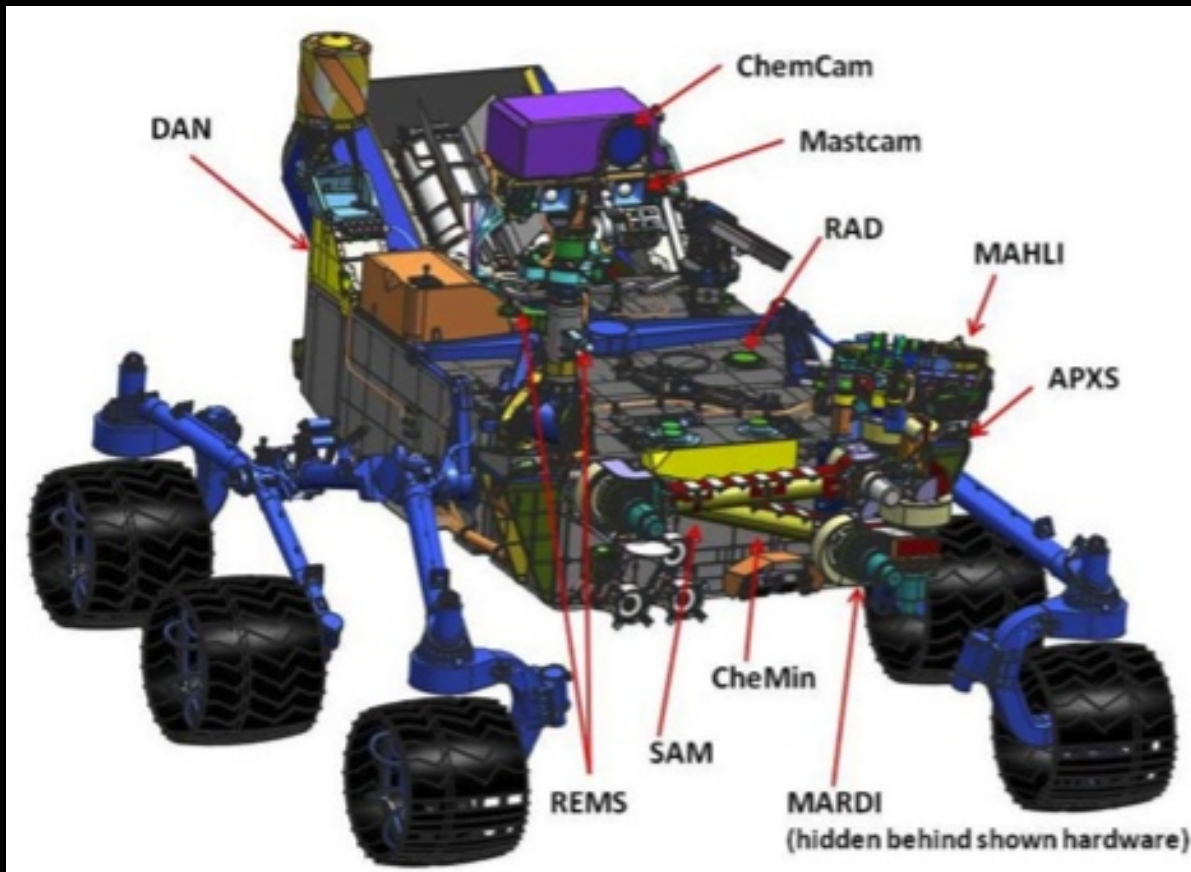
Sojourner  
1997

Mars Science  
Laboratory (MSL)  
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(Photo: NASA/JPL/Thomas "Dutch" Slager)



# Mars Science Laboratory (MSL)



Predicted heat flux during EDL

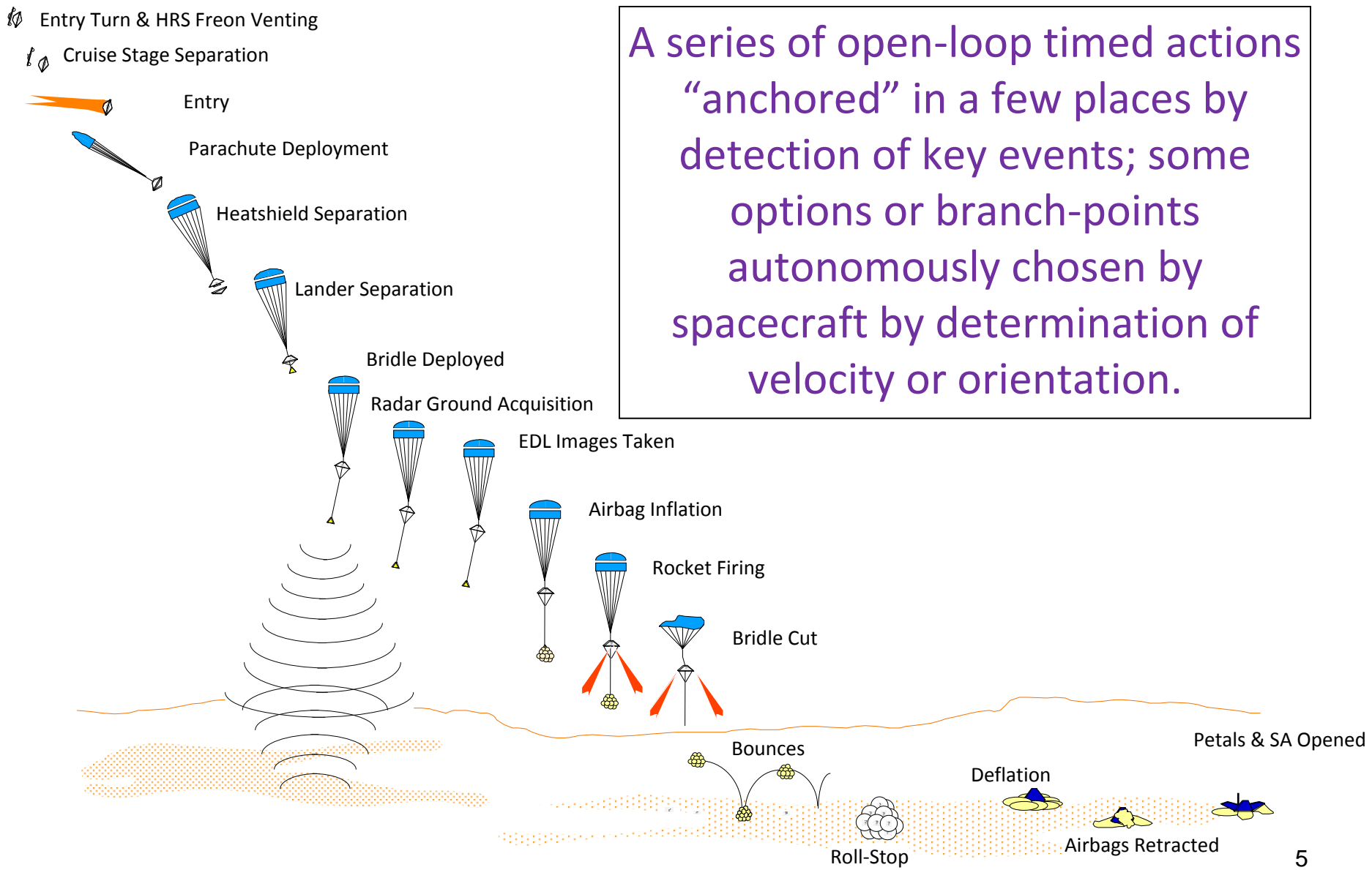


Mars Descent Imager (MARDI)

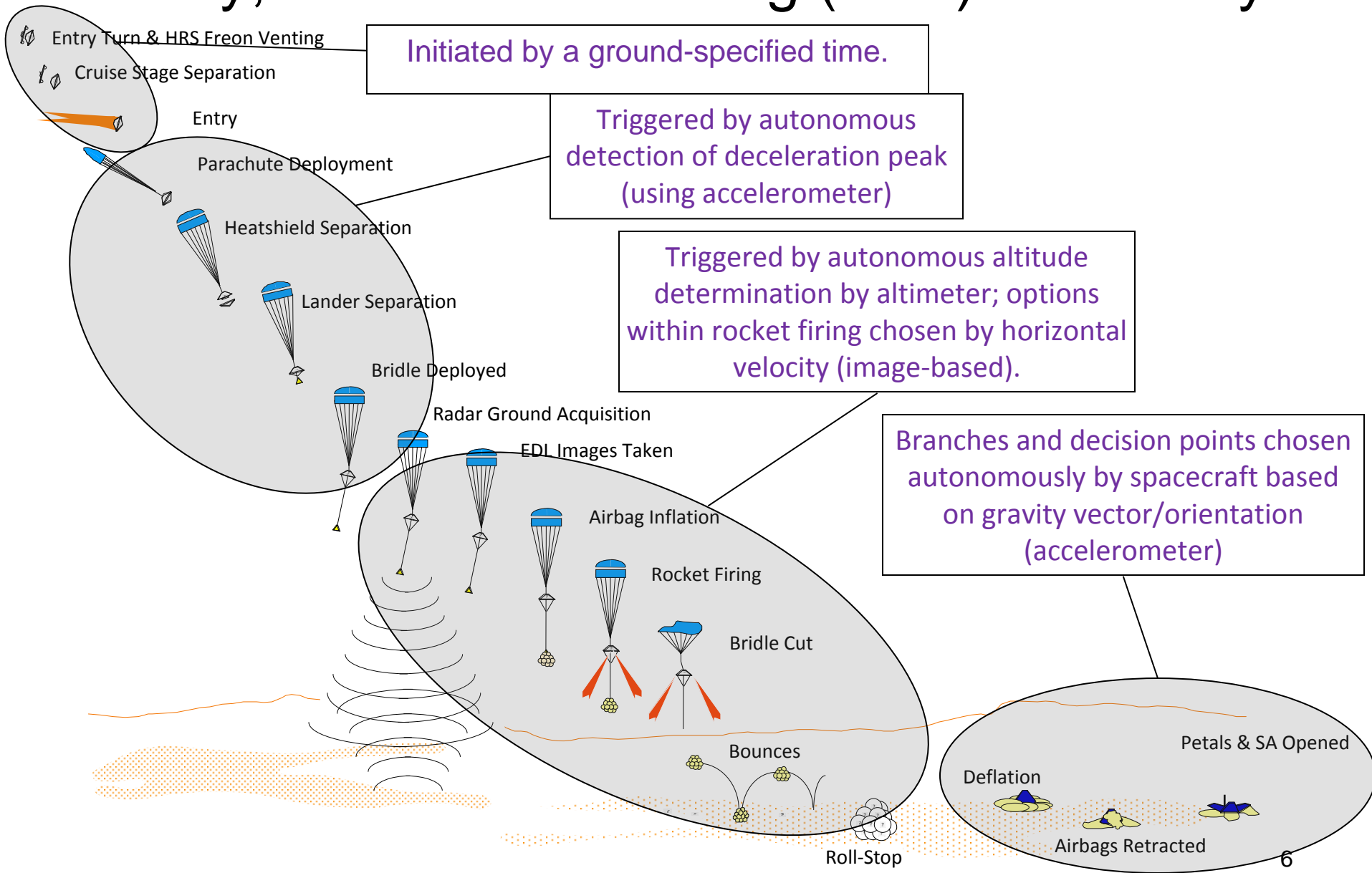


# Mars Exploration Rovers (MER) Entry, Descent & Landing (EDL) Autonomy

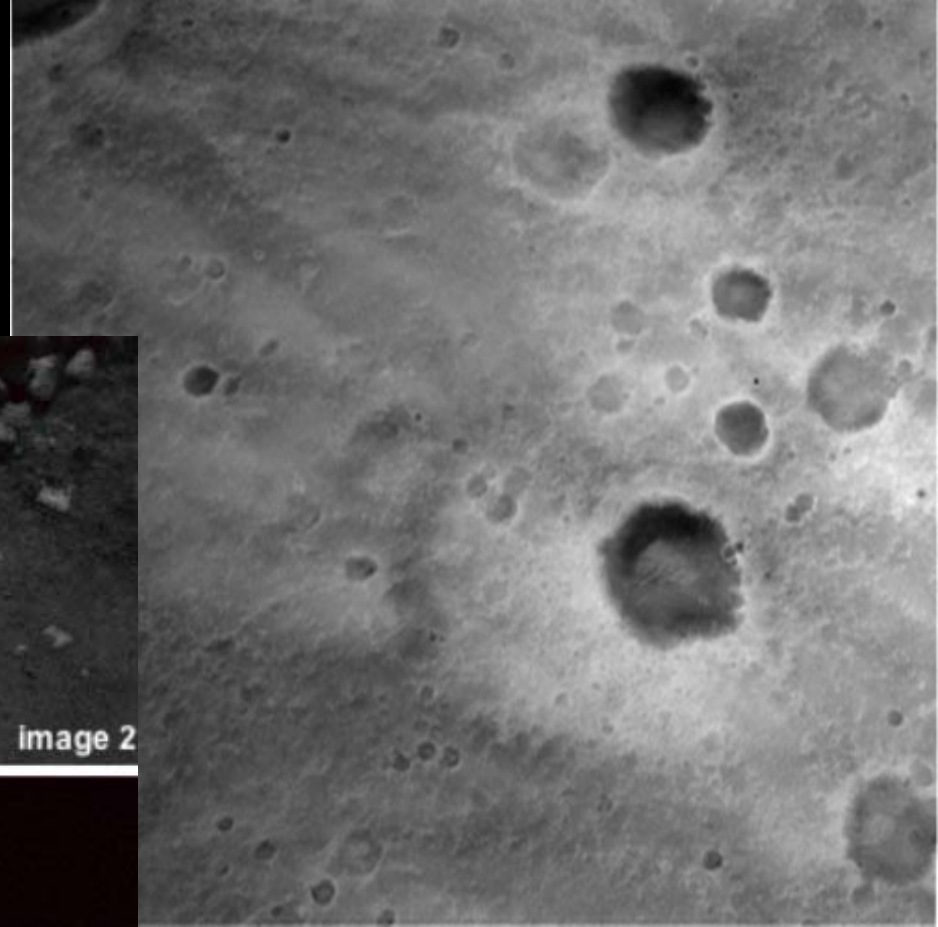
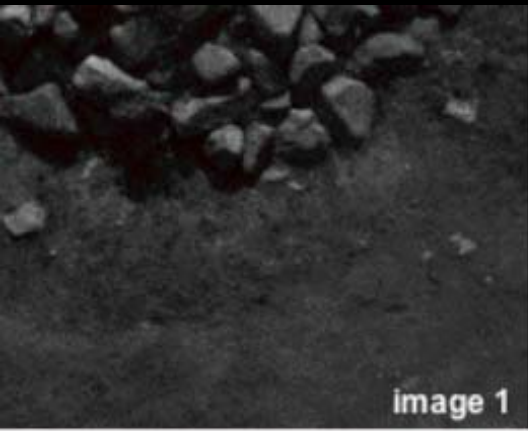
A series of open-loop timed actions “anchored” in a few places by detection of key events; some options or branch-points autonomously chosen by spacecraft by determination of velocity or orientation.



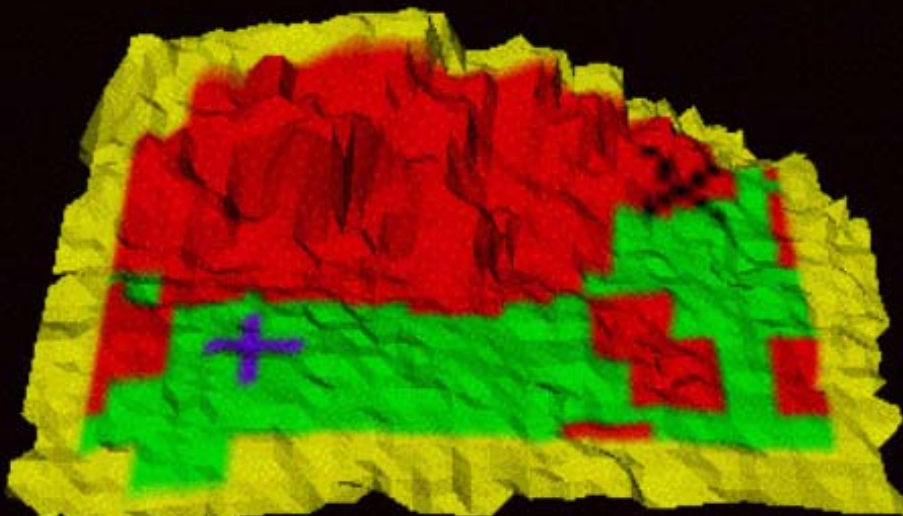
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# MER Entry, Descent, & Landing



Descent image motion  
estimation subsystem  
(DIMES)

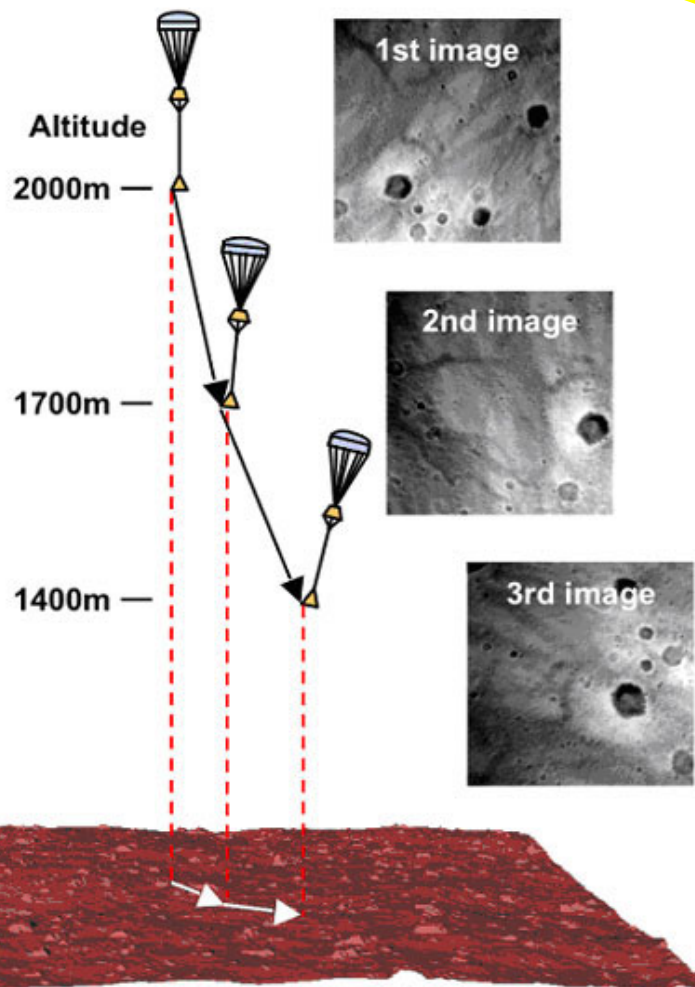


Safe landing map on terrain

# MER Entry, Descent, and Landing 1

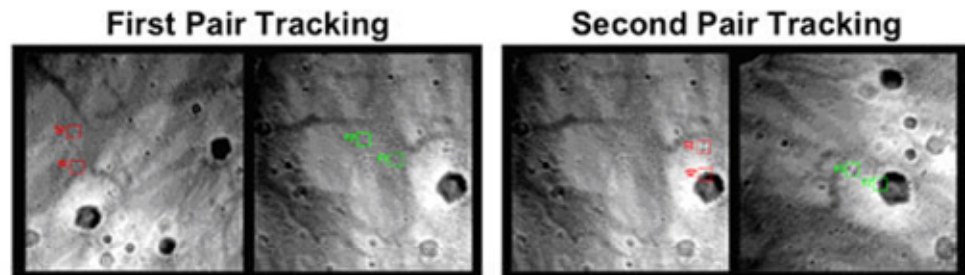
Entire EDL system is autonomous.

## SCENARIO



Descent image motion estimation subsystem (DIMES)

## RESULT



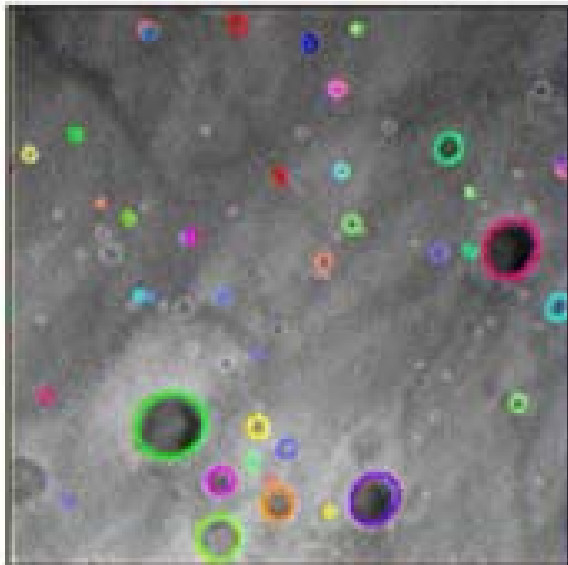
MER-A/Spirit, Gusev Crater, January 4th, 2004

# MER Entry, Descent, and Landing 2

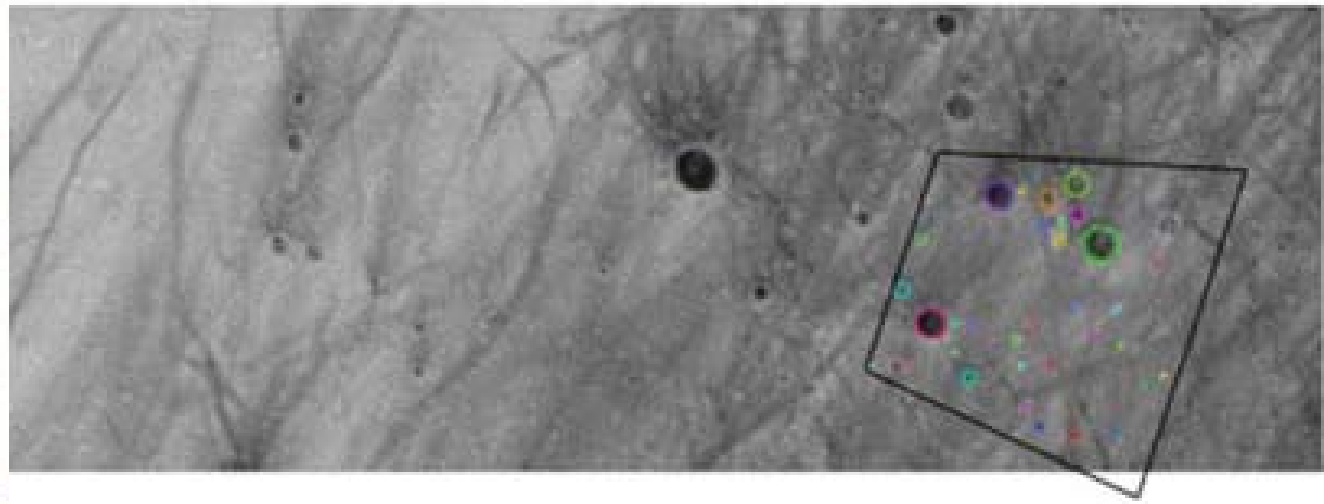
Descent image motion estimation subsystem (DIMES)



DIMES Descent Image



MOC Orbital Image





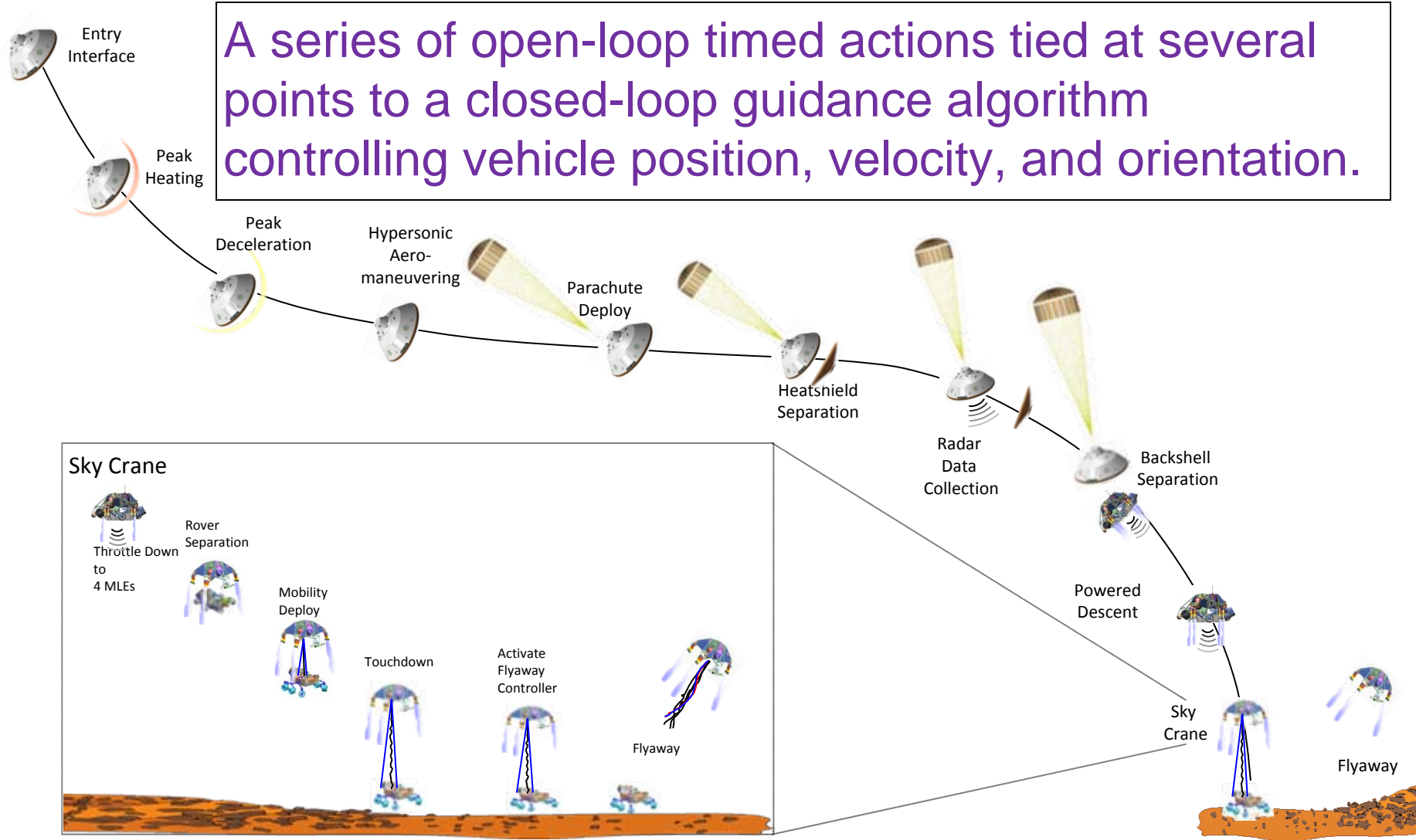
# Phoenix on the Chute





# Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Entry, Descent & Landing (EDL) Autonomy

A series of open-loop timed actions tied at several points to a closed-loop guidance algorithm controlling vehicle position, velocity, and orientation.

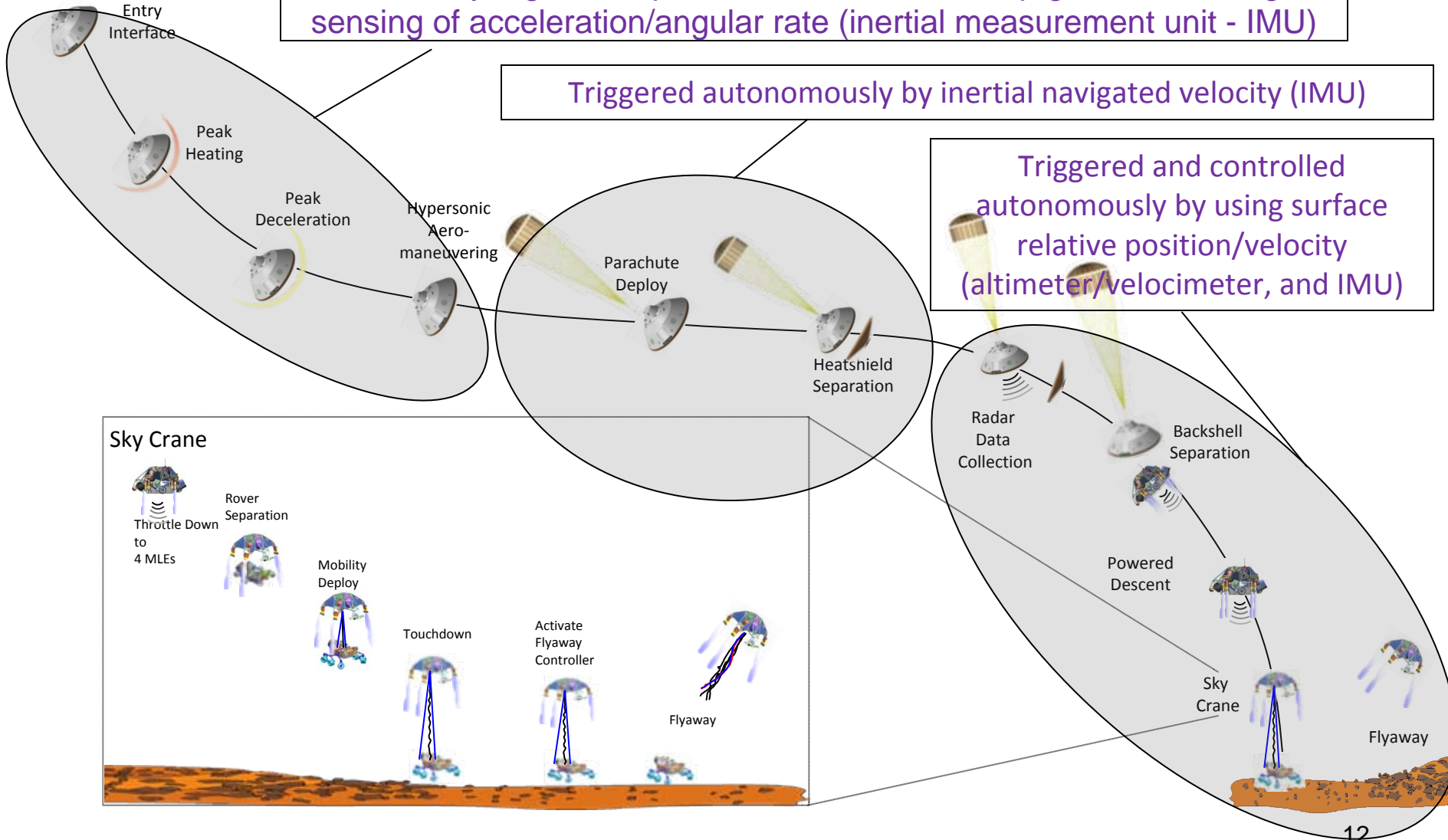


# Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Entry, Descent & Landing (EDL) Autonomy

Initiated by a ground-specified time. Closed-loop guidance through sensing of acceleration/angular rate (inertial measurement unit - IMU)

Triggered autonomously by inertial navigated velocity (IMU)

Triggered and controlled autonomously by using surface relative position/velocity (altimeter/velocimeter, and IMU)



# MER Entry, Descent & Landing



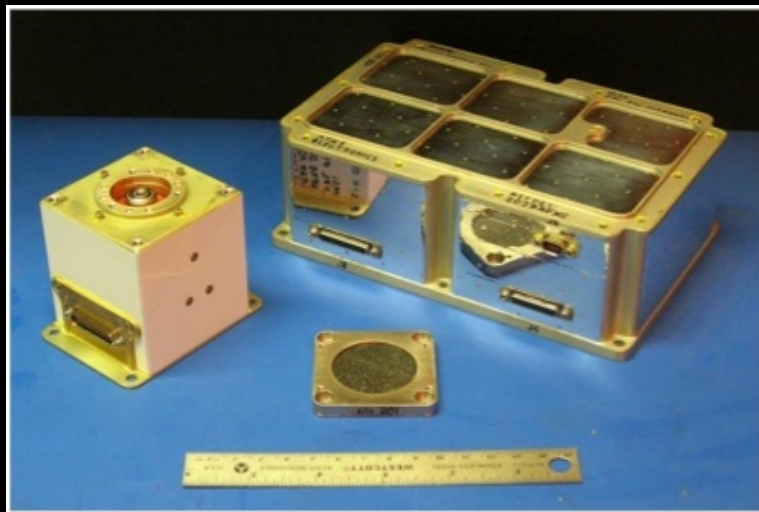
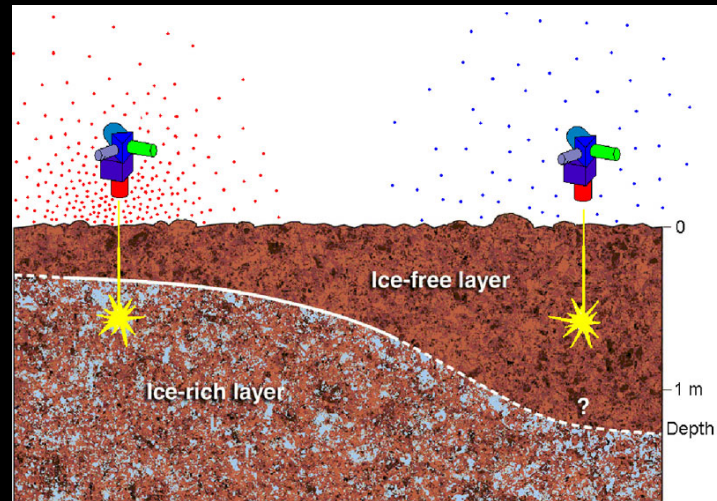
# MSL Entry, Descent & Landing

Mars Science Laboratory

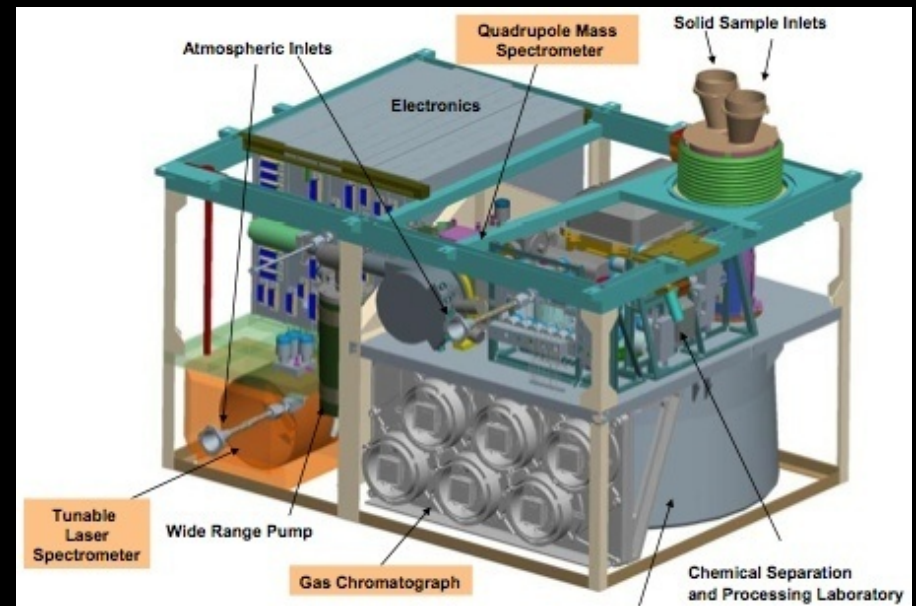


# MSL Ground Robotic Science

## Dynamic Albedo of Neutrons (DAN)

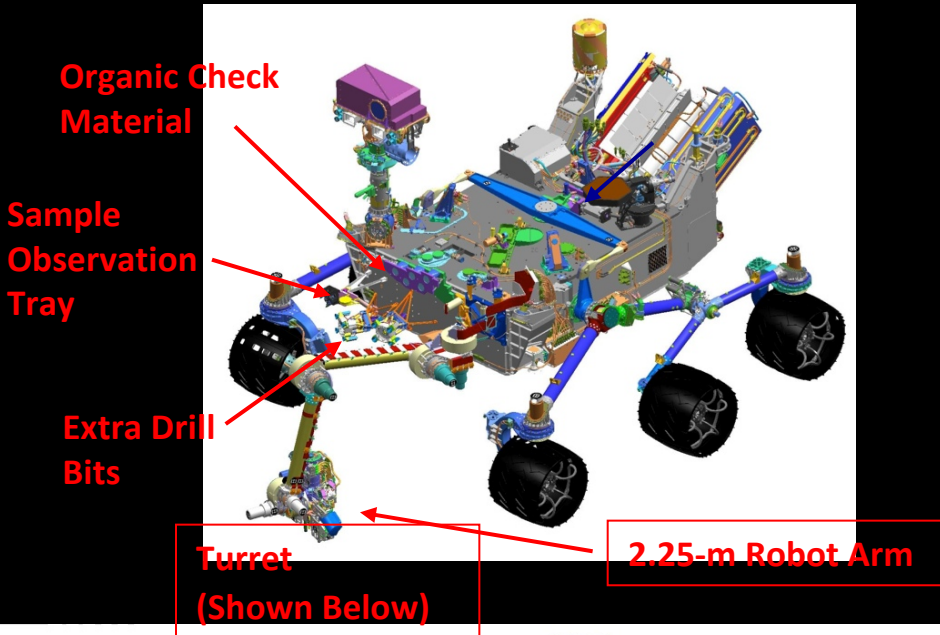


Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS)



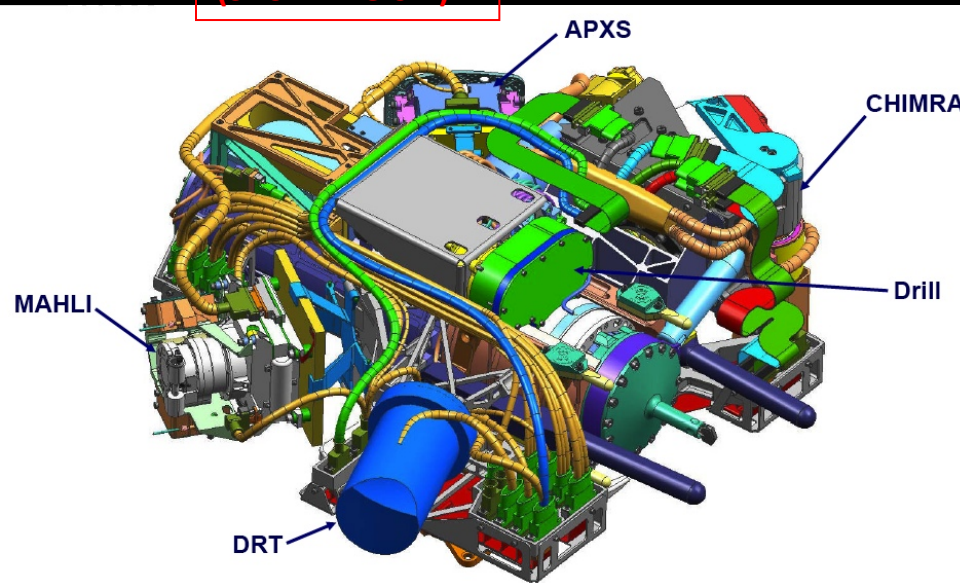
Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM)

# Sample Acquisition, Processing, and Handling



## MSL's sampling system can:

- Clean rock surfaces with a brush
- Place and hold the instruments on the arm (APXS and MAHLI)
- Acquire samples of rock or soil with a powdering drill or scoop
- Sieve the samples and deliver them to SAM, CheMin, or a tray for observation
- Exchange spare drill bits





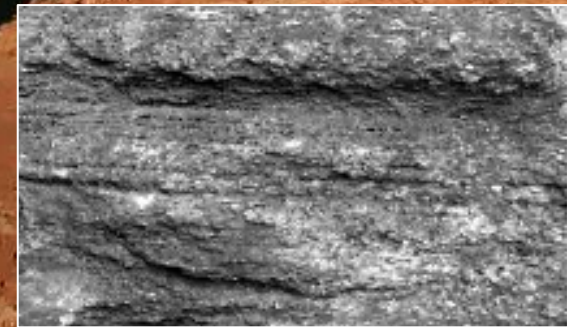
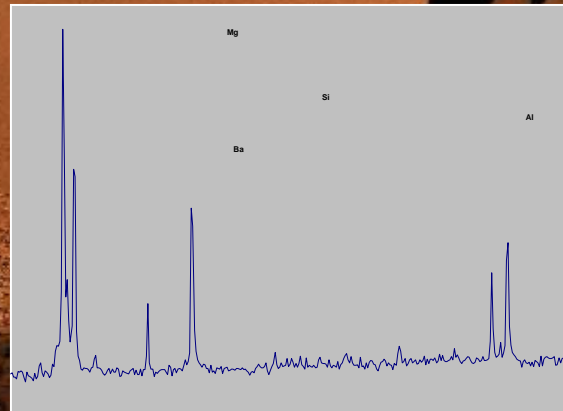
# ChemCam is a Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) Instrument with Remote Macroscopic Imaging (RMI) capability.

Principal Investigator: Roger C. Wiens  
Los Alamos National Laboratory

Deputy Principal Investigator: Sylvestre Maurice  
Centre d'Etude Spatiale des Rayonnements (CESR)

ChemCAM Mast Unit  
(France)

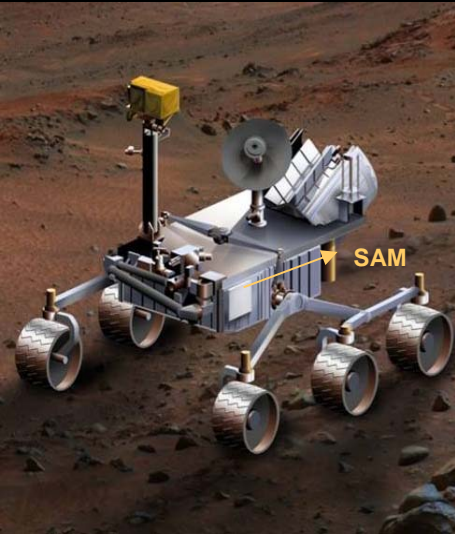
ChemCAM Body Unit  
(inside rover body)  
Los Alamos National Lab



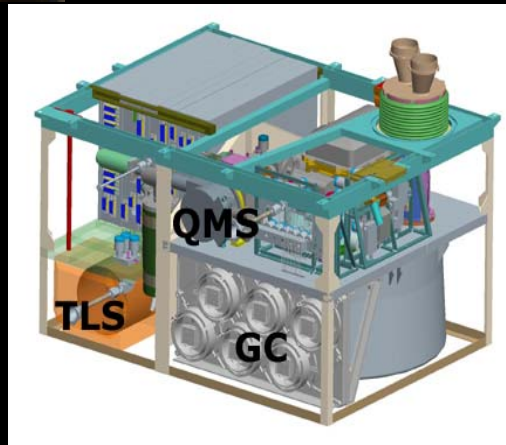
# Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) gas chromatograph can detect organic compounds

## Gas Chromatograph (GC)

The GC columns can separate out individual gases from a complex mixture into molecular components for Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer and stand alone GC-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis. A wide range of organic compounds including some of those relevant to life (amino acids, nucleobases, carboxylic acids, amines) can be detected by GC-MS.



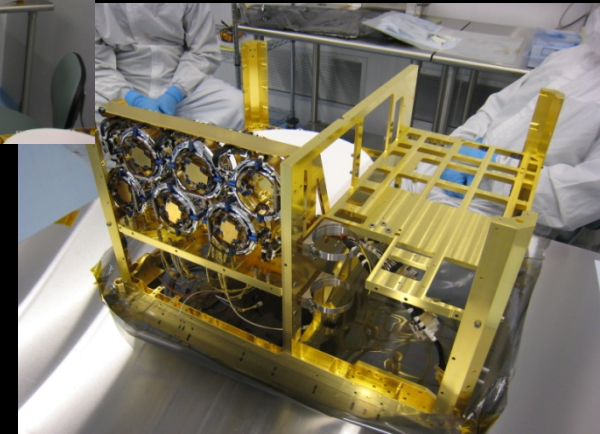
Location of SAM on Mars Science Laboratory rover



SAM configuration



SAM engineers holding GC

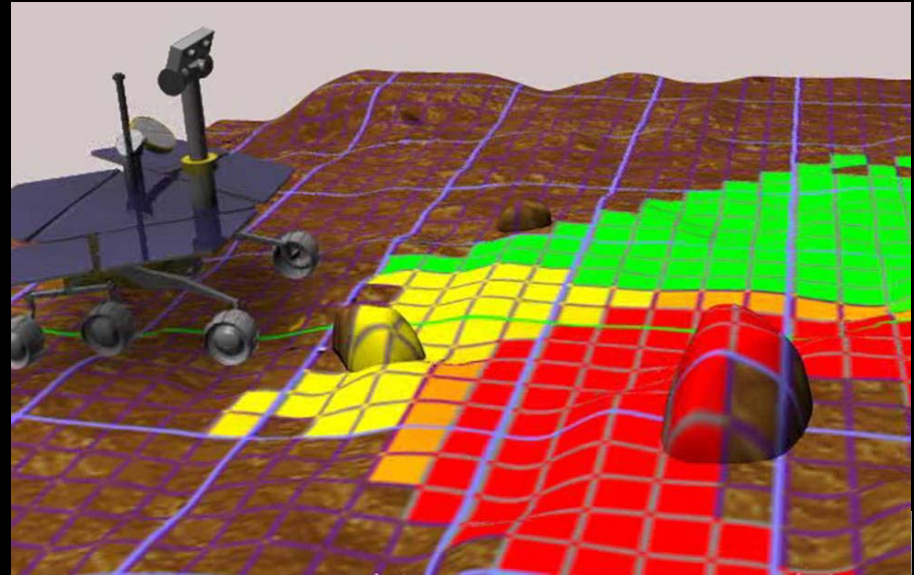


GC integrated onto SAM flight hardware

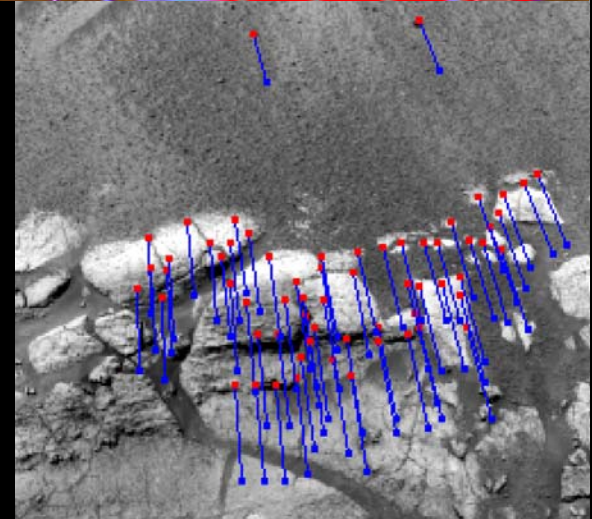


# MER Driving Autonomy

- Terrain assessment (predictive hazard detection)
- Path selection
- Visual pose update (visual odometry)

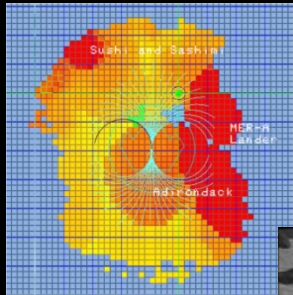


GESTALT  
Navigation



Visual Odometry

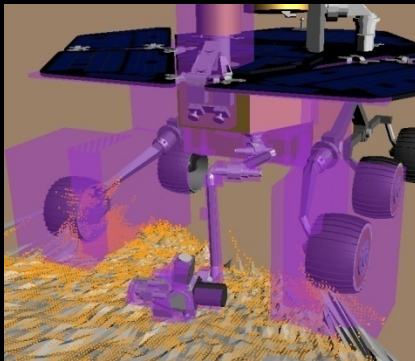
# Autonomous Rover Surface Operations



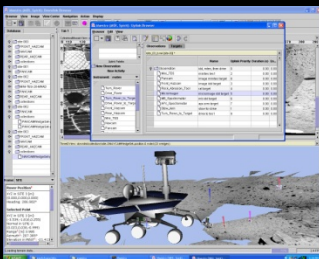
Actual map built from MER Spirit imagery



Visual Odometry



Simulation of autonomous instrument placement

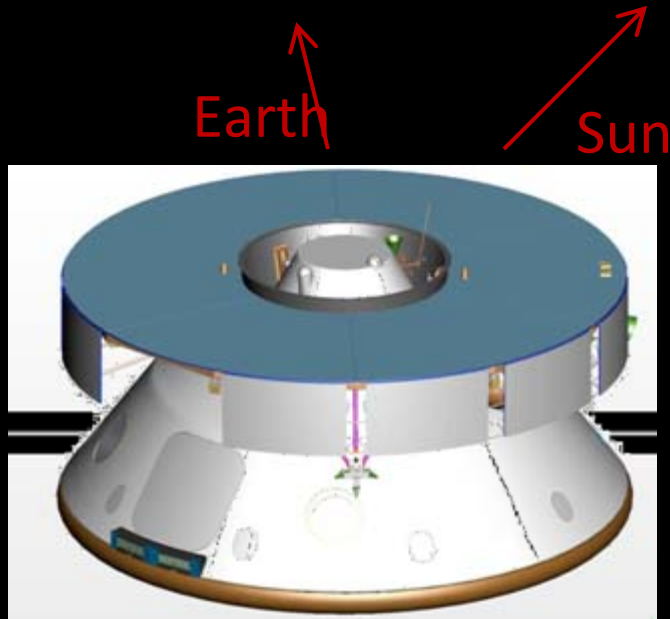


Remote Science Operations

Key capabilities that provide autonomous operation of rovers millions of miles away

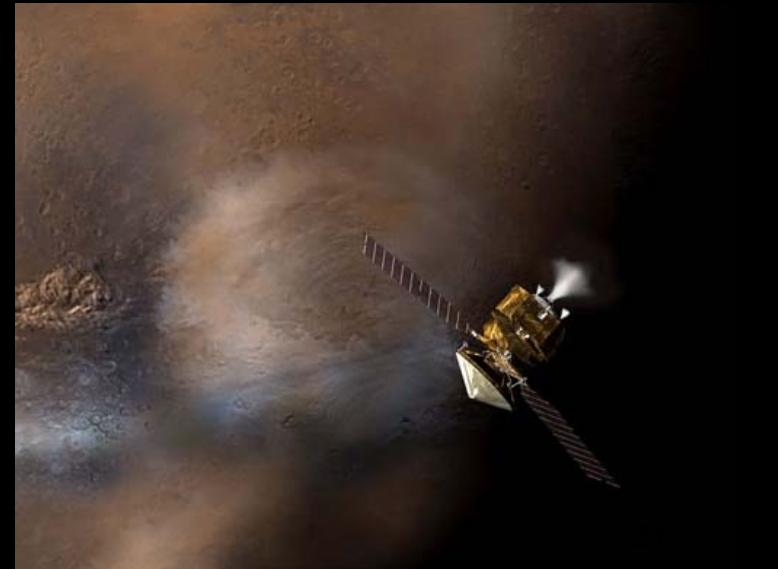
- Autonomous rover navigation
- Autonomous driving capability using stereo images for hazard detection and avoidance. The onboard software performs traversability analysis on 3-D range data to predict vehicle safety at all nearby locations; robust to partial sensor data and imprecise position estimation
- Visual odometry
- Capability to autonomously measure the progress of the rover traverse by imaging the surrounding area and comparing the successive images to provide an independent odometry from what is measured by the rotation of wheels to account for wheel slippage
- Instrument placement
- Capability to autonomously traverse ~10 meters towards a rock designated by scientists and orienting the rover such that an instrument can be placed on the rock with ~1 cm accuracy. The onboard software uses visual tracking of the designated rock and autonomously drives the rover towards the rock while avoiding hazards and computes a feasible rover orientation so that its manipulator can place the instrument on the rock.
- Remote science operations
- Provides downlink data visualization, science activity planning, merging of science plans from multiple scientists and develops plans for autonomous science operations by the rover and its science instruments

# General Spacecraft Autonomy and Fault Protection



- The spacecraft independently monitors its state and acts to maintain critical resources and capabilities:
  - Attitude (e.g. knowledge with respect to sun or stars, control based on available actuators)
  - Power (e.g. solar cell orientation to sun, power states)
  - Thermal (e.g. body orientation to sun, state of heaters, power states)
  - Communications (e.g. antenna orientation to Earth, configuration of radios)

- Onboard systems generally execute sequences of timed activities to control the spacecraft.
- Activities may include critical events like propulsive maneuvers with state monitors and decision-making. For example:
  - Inertial measurement of accumulated Delta-V
  - Monitoring for failed hardware and trigger of autonomous recovery.



# Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

Environmentally  
Non-Disturbing  
Under-ice Robotic  
Antarctic Explorer  
(ENDURANCE)





# Possible future submersible seeking liquid water on Europa or Enceladus



# Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism S&T Department

Code 30

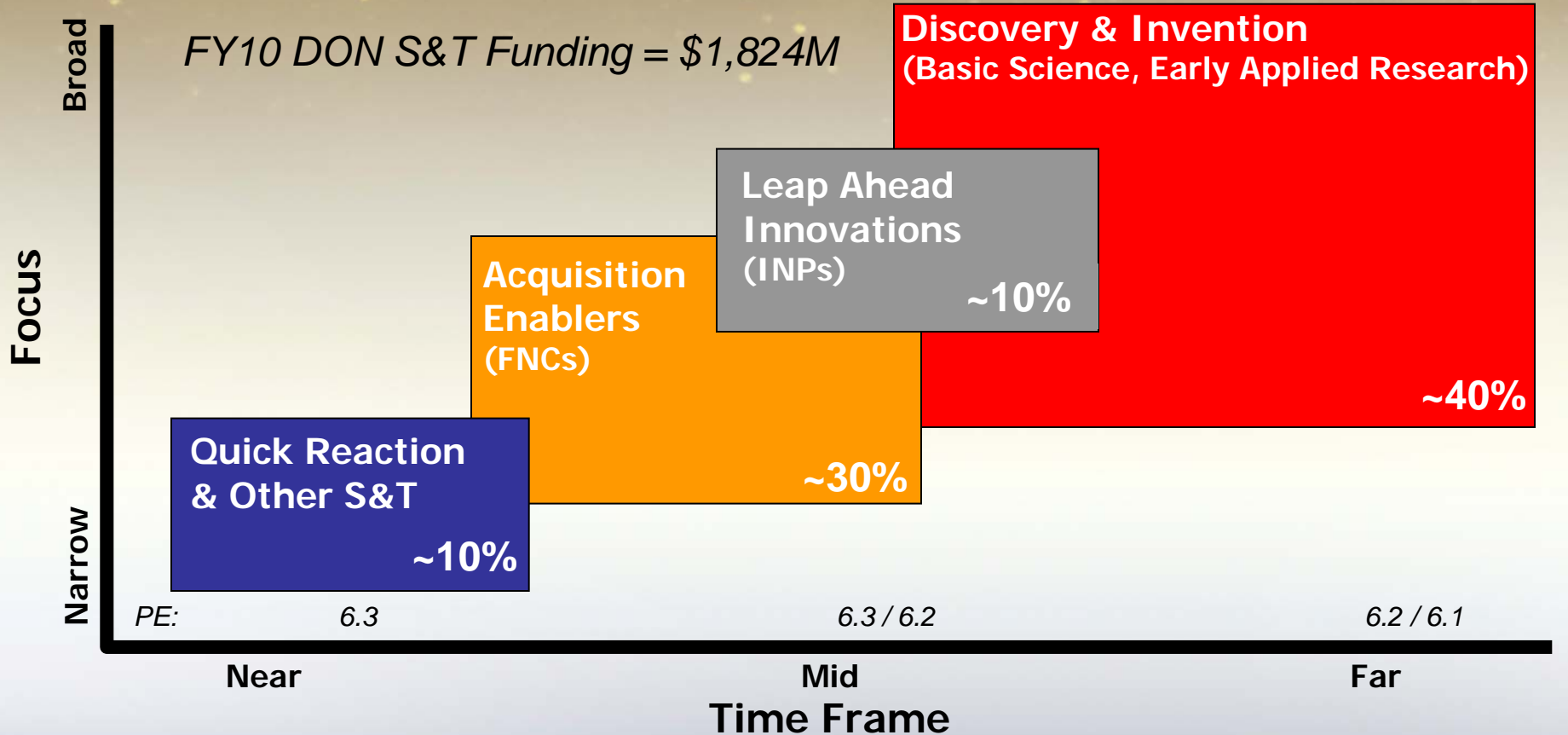


OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH

## Ground Robotics Capability Conference and Exhibit

Mr. George Solhan  
Office of Naval Research  
Code 30  
18 March 2010

# S&T Focused on Naval Needs



## Quick Reaction (10%)

- Tech Solutions
- Experimentation
- MC S&T (MCWL, JNLW, etc.)

## Acquisition Enablers (36%)

- Future Naval Capabilities
- Warfighter Protection
- Capable Manpower
- LO/CLO

## Leap-Ahead Innovations (12%)

- Innovative Naval Prototypes
- NSPs
- Swampworks

## Discovery & Invention (42%)

- Basic & Early Applied Research
- National Naval Responsibilities
- Education Outreach HBCU/MI



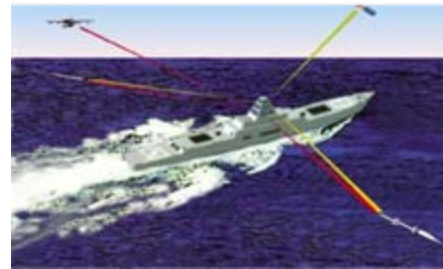
## Code 30



**Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism**

## Code 31

### C4ISR



## Code 32

### Ocean Battlespace Sensing



### Sea Warfare and Weapons



## Code 33

### Warfighter Performance



## Code 34

### Air Warfare and Weapons



## Code 35

# ONR 30 Organization



## Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare and Combating Terrorism S&T

Human, Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Sciences (HSCB)

**Hybrid Complex Warfare Sciences Division (301)**

**Applications Division (302)**

**Combating Terrorism & Integration Division (303)**

Basic Research Counter IED

FITE JCTD

Maritime Irregular Warfare

Operational Adaptation + HSCB

### FY2011 R2 Activity Areas & ONR Code 30 Thrust Areas

HPT&E* Thrust	C4 Thrust	ISR Thrust	Fires Thrust	Logistics Thrust	Maneuver Thrust	Force Protection Thrust
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### ONR Code 30 Technology Investment Areas – Focused Thrust Level S&T Investments

- ✓ Enhanced Physical Readiness
- ✓ Mental Resilience & Cognitive Agility
- ✓ Expertise Development

- ✓ Network Centric Warfare -Interoperability
- ✓ Over-The-Horizon Comms & Gateways
- ✓ Small Unit Technologies

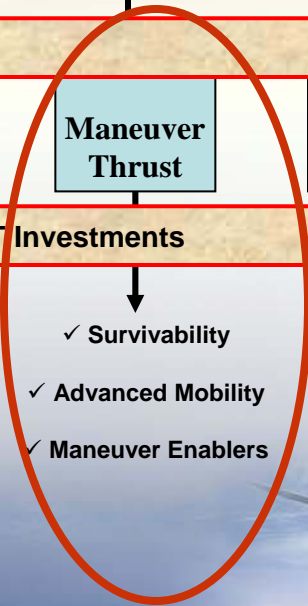
- ✓ Persistent ISR
- ✓ Knowledge Generation
- ✓ ISR - C2 (Actionable Intelligence)
- ✓ Biometrics
- ✓ Tag, Track & Locate

- ✓ Targeting & Engagement
- ✓ Advanced Ammo
- ✓ Advanced Weapons

- ✓ Asset Visibility
- ✓ Logistics Transport
- ✓ Operational Self-Sufficiency
- ✓ Maintenance Reduction
- ✓ Infrastructure

- ✓ Survivability
- ✓ Advanced Mobility
- ✓ Maneuver Enablers

- ✓ Detection
- ✓ Neutralization
- ✓ Mitigation





## Current state of technology:

Navigation behaviors employing GPS based Route Network Definition Files (RNDF) and costly, multi-modal sensor suites

- Simple behaviors employing rule-based system
- Rule-based systems are not robust enough for complex environments when encountering uncertainty, imprecision, contradiction, and incompleteness
- Typical sensor suite and CPU cost often exceed \$250K, bulky, power hungry
  - ❖ Limited environmental context and understanding outside of a pre-planned, structured environment
  - ❖ Sensor suite and CPU alone render capability un-affordable

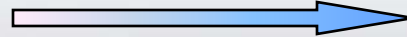
## S&T challenges:

1. **Affordable Logic/Software**
2. **Affordable Sensor Suites**
3. **Advanced Autonomy Algorithms**
4. Small unit mobility/maneuverability in extremely complex terrain
5. Dense power and energy devices/sources
6. Fuel independence/energy self-sufficiency for extended ranges

DARPA Urban Challenge

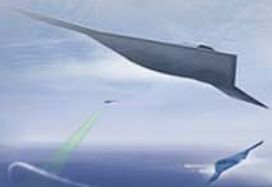
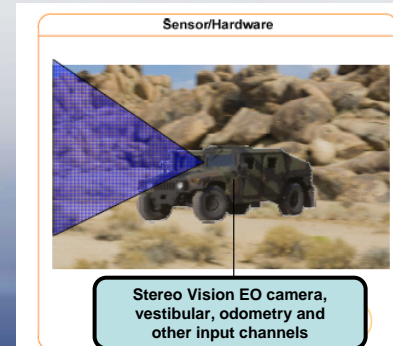


3 Multi-planar Laser Rangefinders (LIDAR)  
4 Single-Plane LIDAR  
2 IEEE 1394 cameras



Future Tactical System in Unstructured Environments

Advanced perception system and algorithms to reduce number of sensors and to allow operations in unstructured environments



# Remote Control Versus Autonomy



## Remote Control

Operator continuously, visually controls the platform via tether or radio. UMS takes no initiative.



## Tele-operation

Operator, using video or other sensor input either directly controls the platform or assigns incremental goals via tether or radio. In this mode, the UMS may take limited initiative in reaching the assigned incremental goals.



## Semi-autonomous

Operator and the UMS cooperatively plan and conduct a mission but still requires varying degrees of Human-Machine Interface



## Fully autonomous

A mode of operation wherein the UMS is expected to accomplish its mission, within a defined scope, without human intervention. Note that a team of UMSs may be fully autonomous while the individual team members may not be due to the needs to coordinate during the execution of team missions.

NIST Special Publication 1011  
Autonomy Levels for Unmanned Systems (ALFUS) Framework  
Volume I: Terminology  
Version 1.1  
September 2004

## Environmental Complexity

Solution ratios on:

- Terrain variation
- Object frequency, density, intent
- Weather
- Mobility constraints
- Communication dependencies

## Machine Intelligence Level

Ability to:

- Reason, Plan, Predict
- Learn from experience, instructions, etc., and adapt to new situations
- Understand the battlespace
- High-level interactions with humans

## Mission Complexity

- Subtasks, decision
- Organization, collaboration
- Performance
- Situation awareness, knowledge requirements

## Human Interaction

- Type of interactions
- Type of operators/users (e.g., workload, skill levels, etc.)
- Frequency, duration, robot initiated interactions



# ONR 30 Unmanned Ground Systems Areas of Interest

## Affordable Sensor Suites and Advanced Perception System

Move away from costly multi-modal sensors suites to low-cost vision based sensors

- a. Leverage existing machine vision work performed by DARPA and JPL (LAGR Program)
- b. Distributed computing networks to process “at-the-sensor” utilizing FPA, DSP, GPU and reduce the computational burden on the CPU
- c. More capable and robust texture analysis algorithms (segmentation, texture, signature)
- d. Reasoning algorithms to discriminate between objects and apply context to a near-field spatial scene (rock-bush, puddle-hole, door-window)

## Advanced Autonomy Algorithms

Move from point-to-point navigation to autonomous behaviors not reliant on GPS

- a. Near-field Tactical Path Planner utilizing a Raster World Model including relative and absolute localization (SLAM)
- b. Far-field Advanced Path Planner to include platform master state information and environmental traversability
- c. Dynamically generated high-level situation awareness model incorporating information not organic to the vehicle such as threat areas, road and terrain connectivity and traversability, and real-time events and intelligence (Ford Sync System™)
- d. Advanced autonomy behaviors which integrate bottom-up perception and top-down reasoning to execute doctrinally correct tasks with no human intervention

# ONR Unmanned Systems POC's

- ONR 30: (Bradel)
  - *Genetic Programming/Auto-Code Generation*
  - *Advanced Perception Algorithms for Vision-Based Sensors*
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- ONR 33: (Brizzolara)
  - *Intelligent Autonomy for USSV*
  - *Developing Autonomy for USVs by Using Virtual Environments*
- ONR 34: (McKenna)
  - *Human-Centric Autonomy*
  - *Natural-language Dialogue with Autonomous Systems*
  - *Human Tracking and Activity Recognition*
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# Questions?



# Back-Up Slide



# Man versus Machine



Level	Observe	Orient	Decide	Act
8	The computer is responsible for gathering and filtering data without displaying any information to the human.	The computer overlays predictions with analysis and interprets data for a result that is not displayed to the human.	The computer performs the final ranking task, and does not display the result to the human.	The computer executes the decision and does not allow any human interaction.
7	The computer is responsible for gathering and filtering data without displaying any information to the human. Though, a "program status indicator" is displayed.	The computer overlays predictions with analysis and interprets data for a result which is only displayed to the human if result fits programmed context (context dependant summaries).	The computer performs the final ranking task and displays a reduced set of ranked options without displaying "why" the decision was made to the human.	The computer executes the decision and only informs the human if required by context. The human is given override ability after execution when physically possible.
6	The computer is responsible for gathering, filtering, and prioritizing information displayed to the human.	The computer overlays predictions with analysis and interprets the data. The human is shown all results for potential override.	The computer performs the ranking task and displays a reduced set of ranked options while displaying "why" the decision was made to the human.	The computer executes the decision, informs the human, and allows for override ability after execution when physically possible. In the event of a contingency, the human can independently execute the decision.
5	The computer is responsible for gathering and displaying unprioritized information to the human. The computer filters out the unhighlighted data displayed to the human.	The computer overlays predictions with analysis and interprets data. The human is the backup for interpreting data.	The computer performs the ranking task. All results, including "why" the decision was made, are displayed to the human.	The computer allows the human a context-dependant time-to-veto before executing the decision. In the event of a contingency, the human can independently execute the decision.
4	The computer is responsible for gathering and displaying unfiltered, unprioritized information to the human. The computer highlights the relevant non-prioritized information displayed to the human.	The computer is the prime source for analyzing data and making predictions as a trusted calculator. The human is the prime source for interpreting data.	Both the human and the computer perform the ranking task, the results from the computer are considered prime.	The computer allows the human a pre-programmed time-to-veto before executing the decision. In the event of a contingency, the human can independently execute the decision.
3	The computer is responsible for gathering and displaying unfiltered, unhighlighted, and unprioritized information to the human. The human is responsible for filtering and prioritizing the data, with computer backup.	The computer is the prime source for analyzing data and making predictions with human checks of the calculations. The human is the only source for interpreting data.	Both the human and the computer perform the ranking task, the results from the human are considered prime.	The computer executes the decision after human grants authority-to-proceed. In the event of a contingency, the human can independently execute the decision.
2	The human is the prime source for gathering, filtering, and prioritizing data, with computer backup.	The human is the prime source for analyzing data and making predictions, with computer verification when needed. The human is the only source for interpreting data.	The human is the only source for performing the ranking task, but the computer can be used as a tool for assistance.	The human is the prime source for executing the decision, with computer backup for contingencies (e.g. deconditioned humans).
1	The human is the only source for gathering, filtering, and prioritizing data.	The human is the only source for analyzing data, making predictions, and interpreting data.	The human is the only source for performing the ranking task.	The human is the only source for executing the decision.

**NASA FLOOAT (Function-specific Level of Autonomy and Automation Tool)**



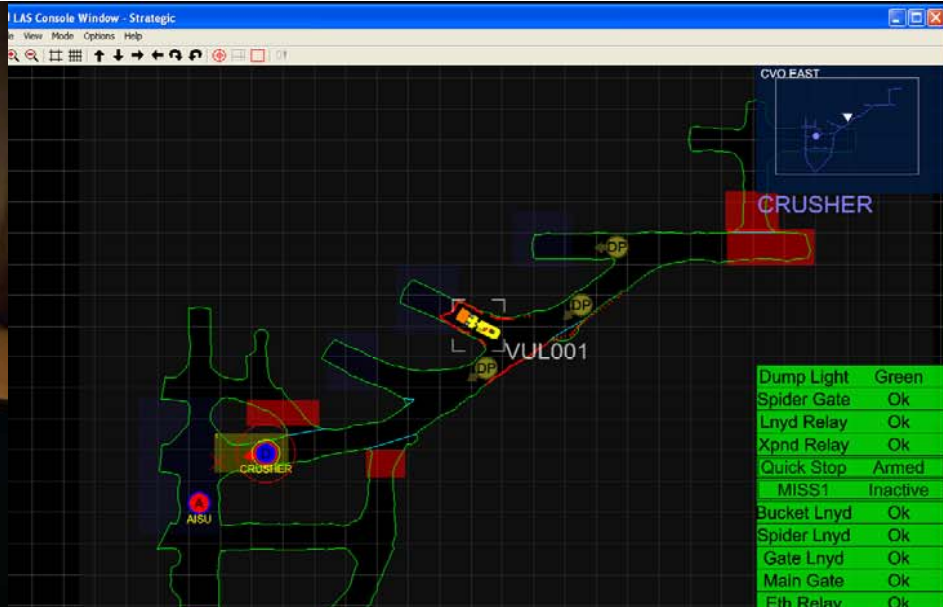
# Mining Automation



Mining safely. Mining more. Mining right.



# Mining's Production Robots



Mines  
Cat  
Sandvik



## Automation Benefits:

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Improved Safety

Fewer resources

Less machine damage

Higher utilization



# Mining's Production Robots

## Komatsu



**Freeport**

**Rio Tinto / CRC Mining**

**Cat D10T**

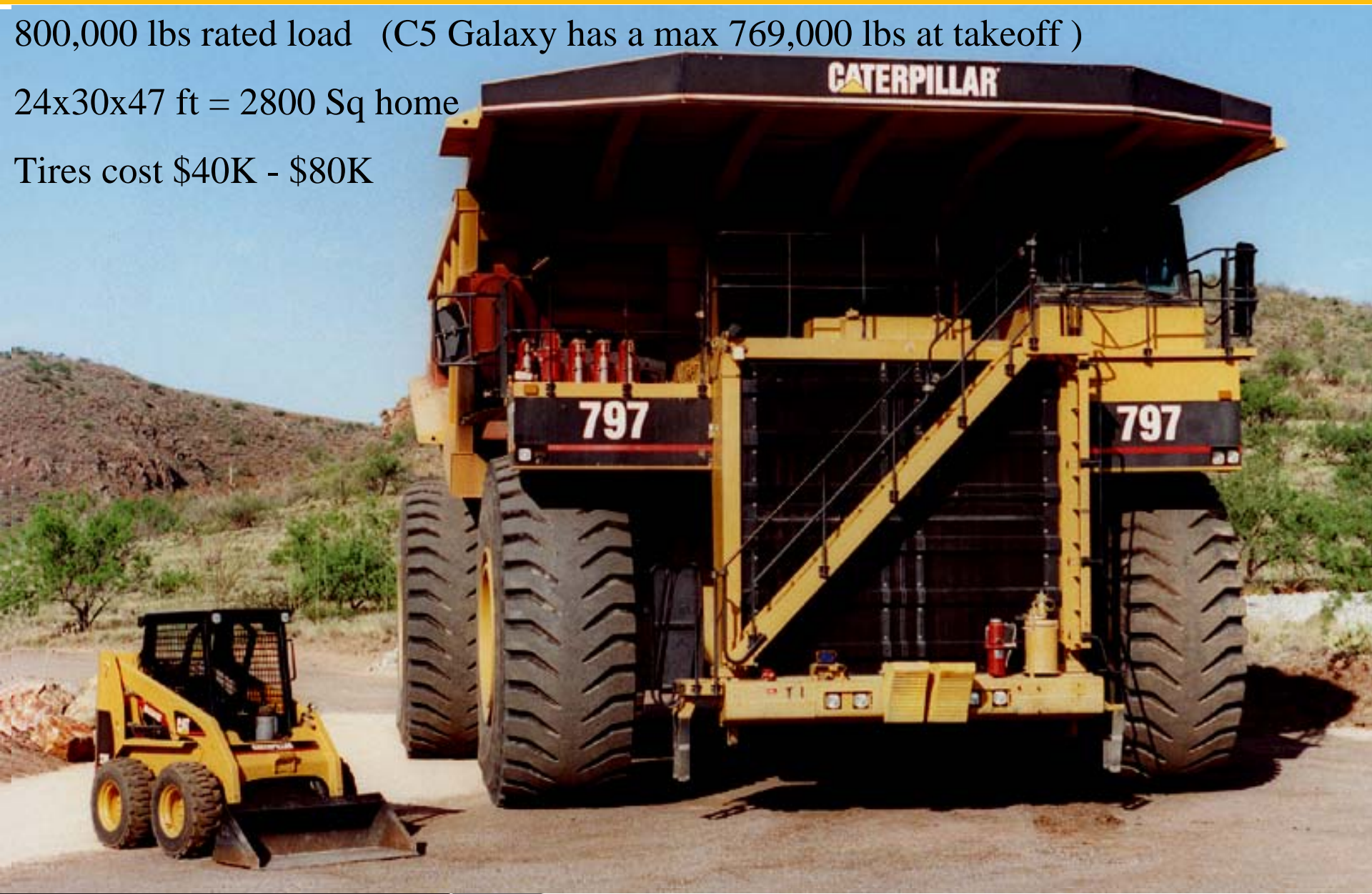


# Caterpillar's Robots in Development

800,000 lbs rated load (C5 Galaxy has a max 769,000 lbs at takeoff)

24x30x47 ft = 2800 Sq home

Tires cost \$40K - \$80K



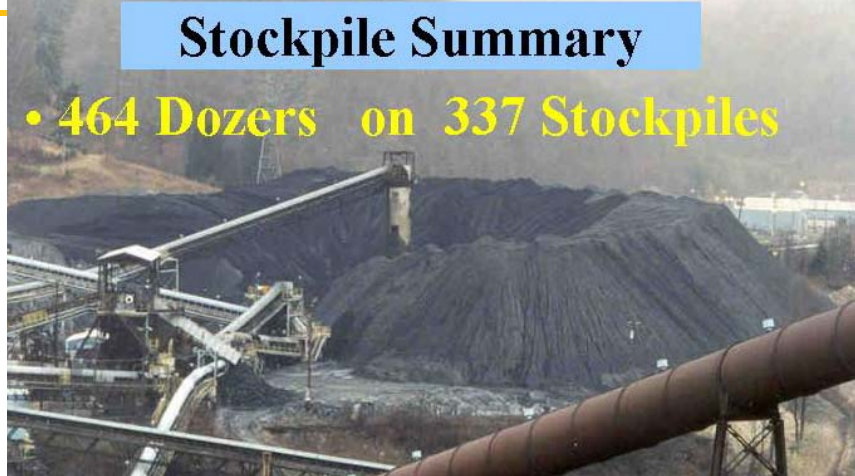
# Drivers for Automation

- Safety
- Lack of people / Location
  - Australian outback
  - 12,000 foot elevation
  - Canadian tar sands
- Utilization & Efficiency Gain
  - In a 24 hour operation, 15 – 16 hours of run time is the norm.
  - > 20% efficiency gain demonstrated in some cases

**NIOSH: 1 Fatality per Year**

## Stockpile Summary

**• 464 Dozers on 337 Stockpiles**





# Future Vision

- Robots will certainly be the workhorse that drives future mining and allows the developing world to enjoy our standard of living.
- “FCS” like connectivity will provide transparency into the construction/mining operation to allow site level optimization – largely based on the consistency provided by automated machines & systems.
- Autonomous systems will work more efficiently with less environmental impact.
  - Up to 40% fuel savings per unit work
  - Increased utilization & productivity
  - Improved safety

# Challenges

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## Product:

- In general our customers are not risk takers on technology
- Conditions are harsh > Mil Spec in many cases
- Reliability targets are high > 10X military
- Cost targets are low

## Technical:

- Reliable Communications
- Reliable / consistent object detection (small rocks)
- Robust positioning in GPS shaded areas