

CSBA also conducted a study on EMS spectrum dominance that proposed over the years electromagnetic warfare has shifted in phases, and the current one is “low-to-no power” EMS warfare.⁴⁸ IPCs and photonic phased arrays are capable of providing these “low-to-no-power” sensors that enable new operational concepts. The study also pushes investment in networked, agile, multifunctional, small and affordable, and adaptive or cognitive technologies.⁴⁹ All of these features can be enabled by IPCs alone or paired with a photonic phased array as the underlying technology. Subsequently shown in Figure 3, emerging technologies will drive new operational concepts that potentially require significant changes in force structure by more integration of currently separate but parallel organizations that will resist. There is no room for resistance to adapt or lack of preparedness; the future undoubtedly holds multiple revolutionary changes. Focusing on technologies with the potential to produce a paradigm shift and also have strategic value can accelerate disruptive effects on the character of war. Integrating and removing duplicate efforts provides the efficacy to find these technologies.

The path towards securing EMS superiority for the US requires significant investment in linking experts across academia, government, and industry. Holley suggests that transformative military technological advancement relies heavily on knowing and partnering with industry.⁵⁰ Take it one step further and add academia. While there are already numerous methods the AF and DoD are linked to industry and academia, it seems overly complicated and duplicative.⁵¹ Similarly, removing duplicative efforts between the services is also necessary. Not only would it reduce cost, but it also provides a more holistic approach to field more networked, agile, multifunction capabilities essential to future EMS warfare operations. RF Photonics is on a path to disrupt future EMS operations and enable JADO and underlying ABMS inter-service MDO; the sooner *action* is taken to collaborate, increase awareness, invest, define new operational

concepts, and employ them, the more significant edge the AF and DoD will have in the EMS. “What is revolutionary is not the *speed* with which the change takes place, but rather the *magnitude* of the change itself” (emphasis added).⁵² The preparedness of a nation’s ability to maintain a competitive advantage and assert itself rests in its technological base and the understanding of the strategic value it brings.



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