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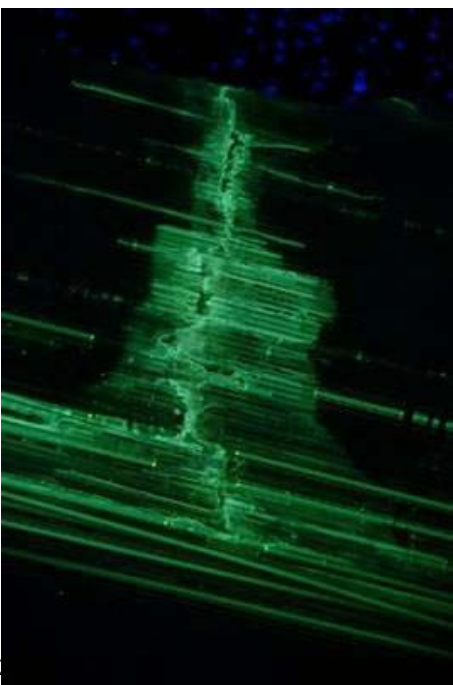
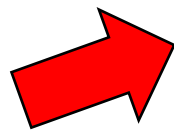
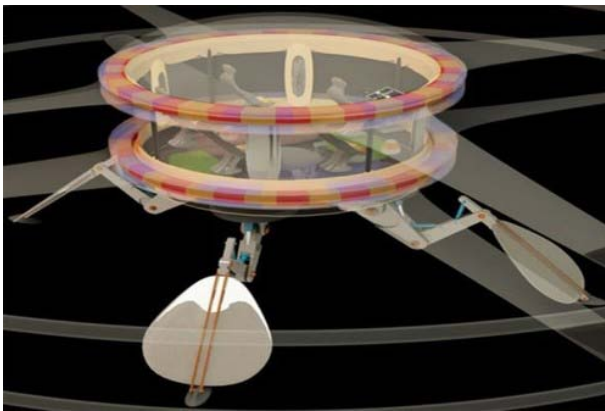
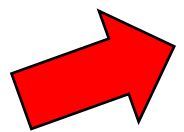
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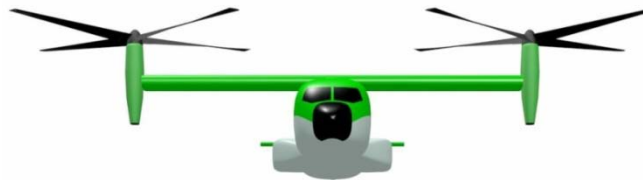
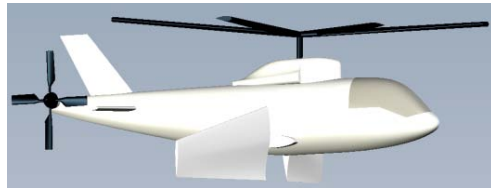
How to Think About Future Tactical Vertical Lift



- **Current Initiatives / Programs**
- **The Aviation Science and Technology Challenge**
- **OSD Future Vertical Lift**
- **Transition to the Future**

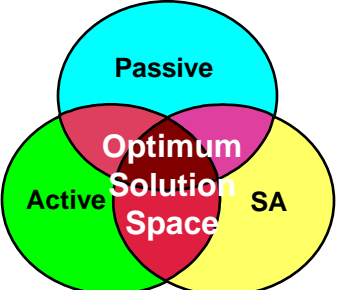


- US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) Aviation Operations Capability Based Assessment (CBA)
- USAACE Joint Multi-Role (JMR) Aircraft Analysis Study
- DARPA/Army Study on the Future of VTOL Aviation
- OSD Future Vertical Lift Initiative
- Army Aviation JMR Demonstrator Program

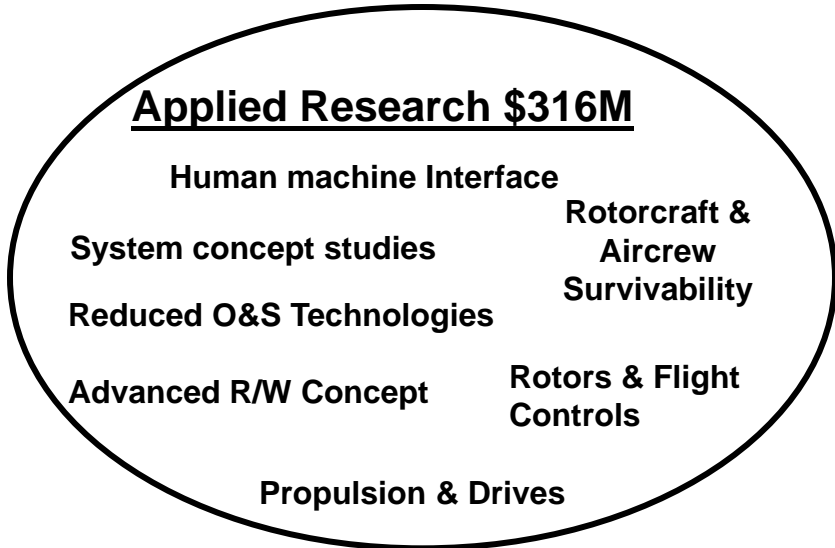


- Operations and Support
- CBM
 - Rotor Durability

Advanced Technology Demonstration Efforts \$550M



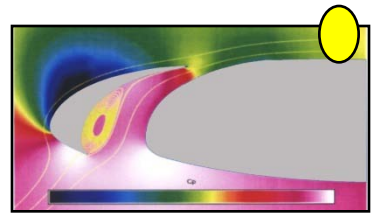
- Aircraft Survivability Equipment
- Aircraft & Crew Protection



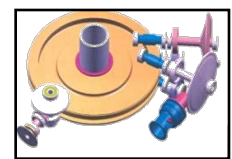
Aviation Weapons Integration



- Unmanned Systems
- Unmanned-Manned Teaming/Autonomy
 - Airspace Control

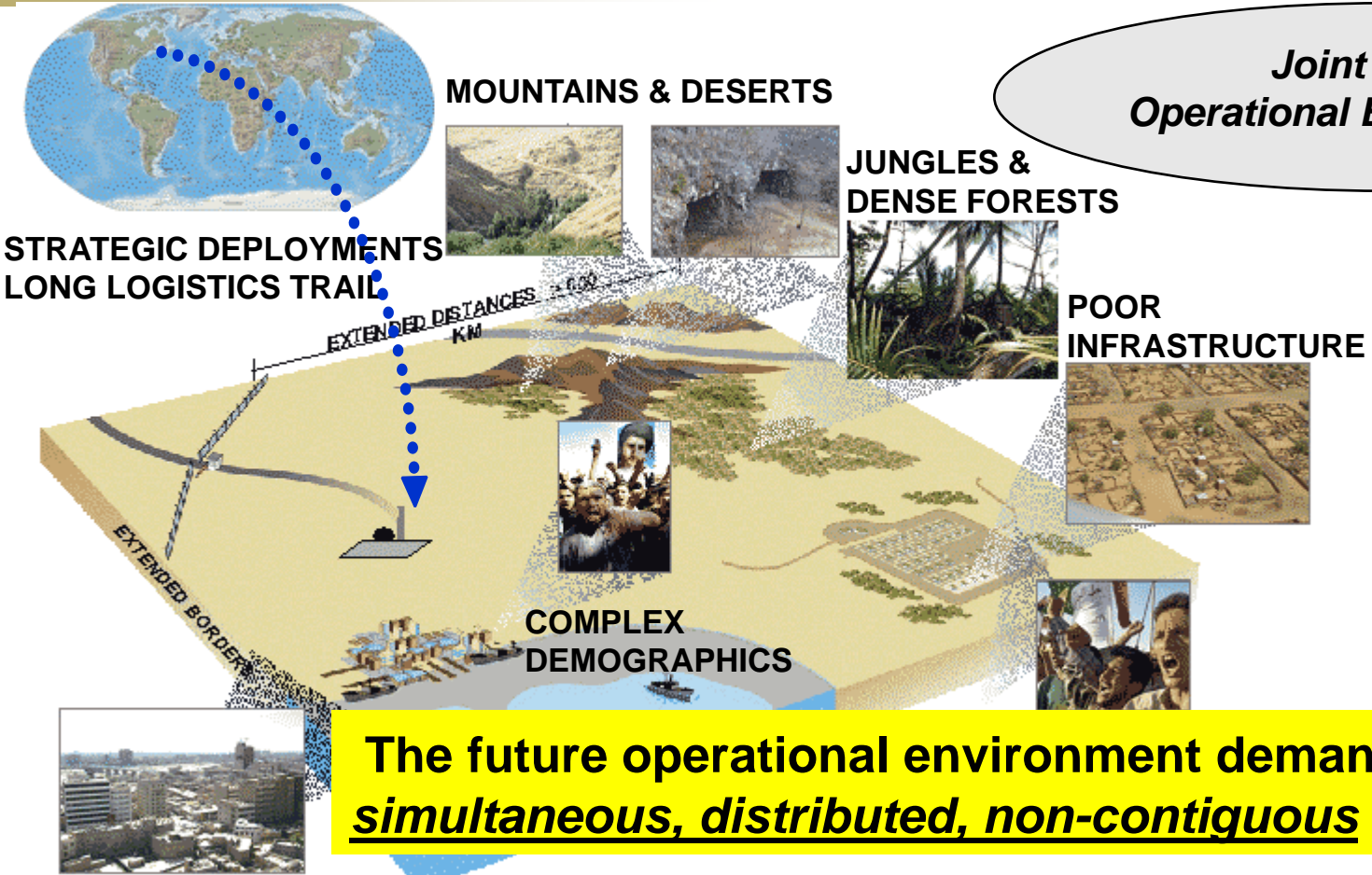


- Rotors & Flight Control:**
- Adaptive Vehicle Management
 - Optimal Speed Rotor
 - Reconfigurable Rotors
 - High Performance R/W Designs



- Propulsion & Drives Technologies**
- Transmissions
 - Engines

Joint Future Operational Environment



CITIES

Increased reliance on force projection by Aviation



- “Army Aviation is the service's most requested asset around the globe, some units are spending as much time on deployments as they do at home.” General James D. Thurman
- “I want vertical lift aircraft that fly faster, go farther and carry more stuff” Colonel Clay Hutmacher, Commander 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment *Note: The 160th SOAR has been engaged continuously in combat operations since September 2001.*

Commanding General's Intent

- We need an affordable and effective integrated pilotage system across the fleet, to enhance full spectrum operations, especially in degraded visual environments.
- It is paramount that all Aviation S&T efforts are focused, integrated, and synchronized. We must quit piecemealing component technologies and develop an integrated effort which considers all facets necessary to fielding a capability



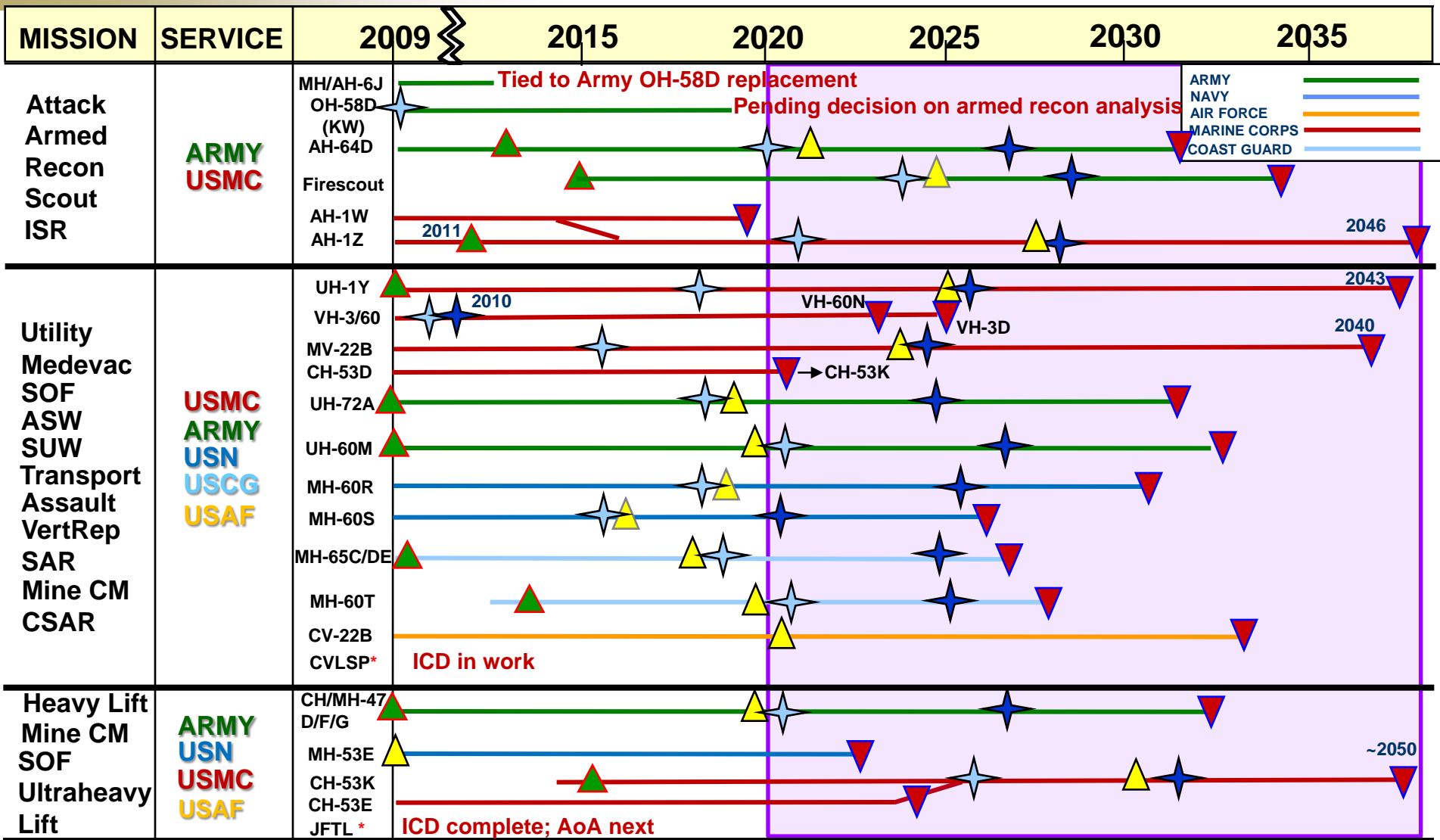
Commanding General's Intent

- The biggest impediment for rapid insertion of technology into our aircraft is the platform specific, proprietary architectures that require us to develop, test and field unique solutions for incorporation of technology improvements.
- Aviation platforms, must perform these tasks to standard, worldwide, in conditions ranging from standard sea level to high/hot (6k Pressure Altitude / 95 Deg F) across the full spectrum of environmental conditions.
- The utility and cargo fleet should carry their combat loads up to a 424 km unrefueled radius with 30 minutes station time; while, attack and reconnaissance aircraft should meet the 424 km unrefueled radius with 120 minutes station time.



The S&T Challenge

Future Aviation Decision Points



Initial Operational Capability
 Estimated Half-life
 Estimated End of Useful Life

DP 1: SLEP or New Start Technology Development
 DP 2: New Start EMD

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 * Not Program of Record



2009 National Defense Authorization Act

The Congressional Rotorcraft Caucus is concerned about the **lack of a strategic plan for vertical lift aircraft** in the US



SECDEF Memorandum

I have directed OSD to lead the development of a CBA to **outline an approach to future development of vertical lift aircraft** for all Services



OSD Future Vertical Lift ESG

Rotorcraft Survivability Study
AUG '09

Capabilities Based Assessment
NOV '09

S&T Plan
JUN '10

Strategic Plan
JUL '10

VLC Board of Directors

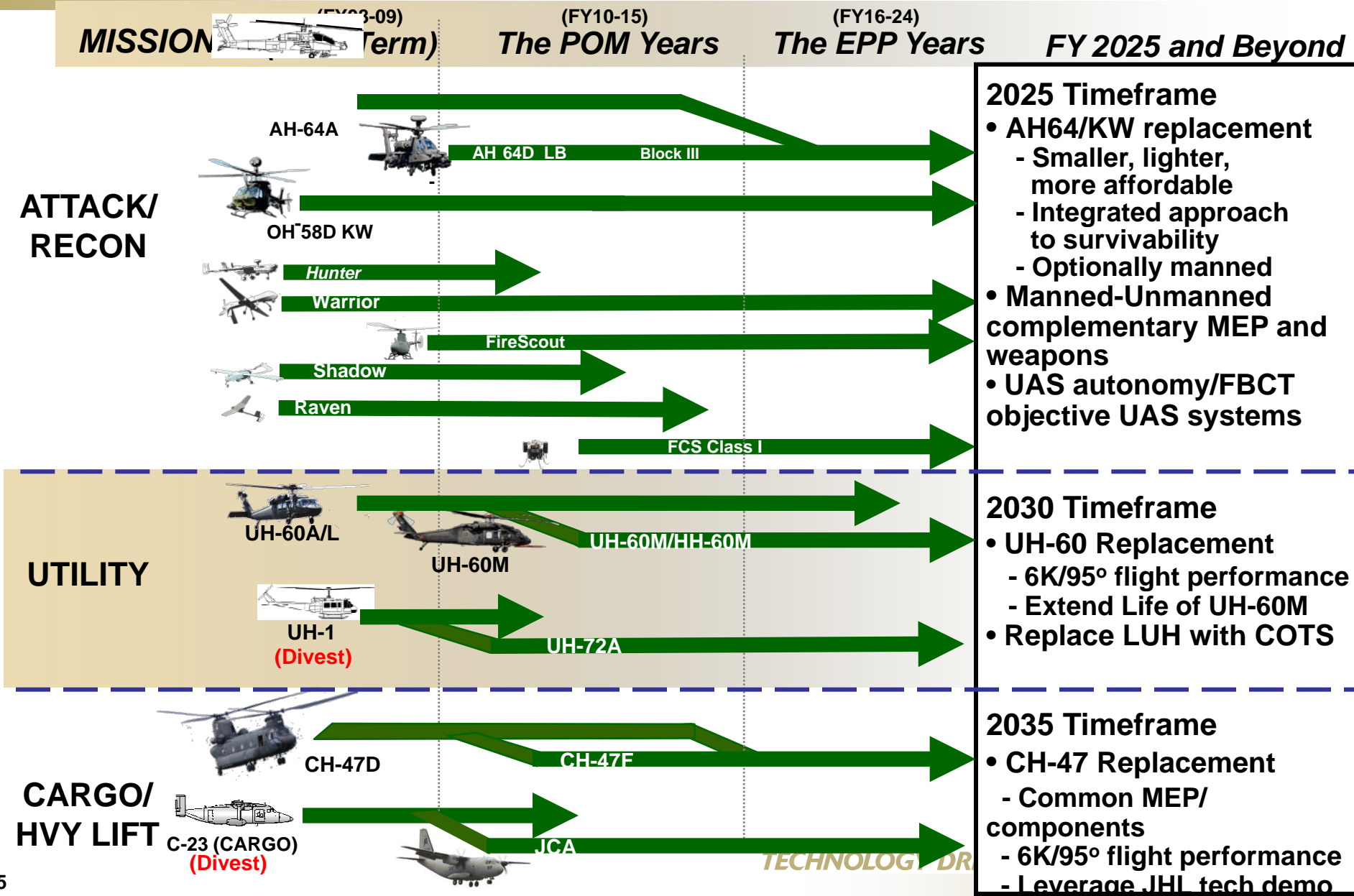
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Daniel Schrage, Georgia Tech	Academic/Nonprofit
M.E. Rhett Flater, AHS International	AHS
Fred Dickens, Rolls-Royce Corporation	Engine
Scott Rettig, AgustaWestland NA	Large Contractor
Stephen Mundt, EADS North America	Large Contractor
Robert Wood, Northrop Grumman	Large Contractor
Nick Lappos, Bell Helicopter	Large OEMs
Eric Streich, The Boeing Company	Large OEMs
Dan Spoor, Lockheed Martin	Large OEMs
Mark Miller, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	Large OEMs
Rudolph Ostovich, Parker Ostovich +Associates	NT Contractor
Doug Baldwin, Baldwin Technology Company	NT Contractor
John Piasecki, Piasecki Aircraft Corporation	Small VTOL R&D
Ed Fortunato, Honeywell	Supplier
Kip Freeman, Goodrich Corporation	Supplier

THE ARMY RESPONSE

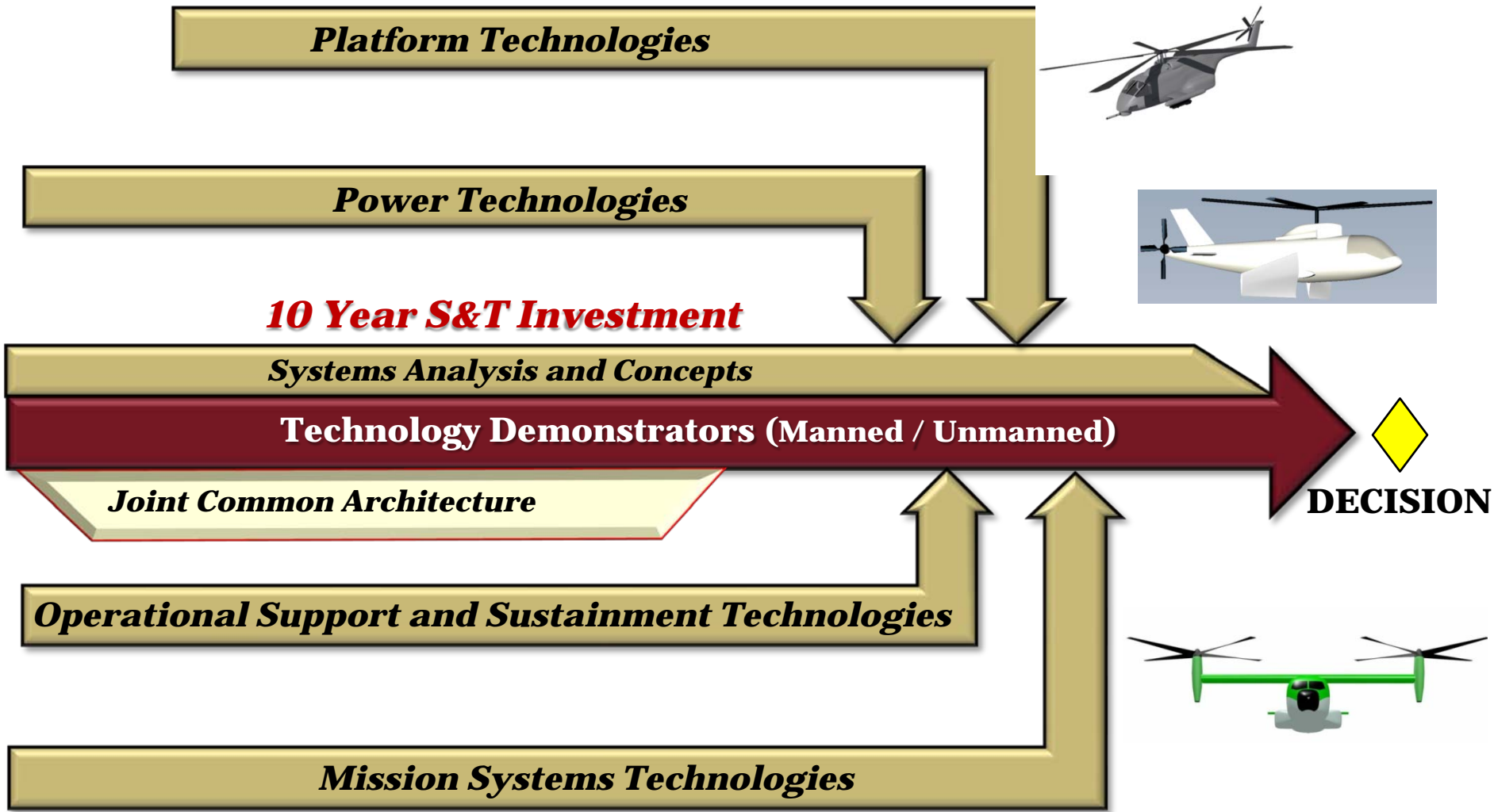
Joint Multi-Role

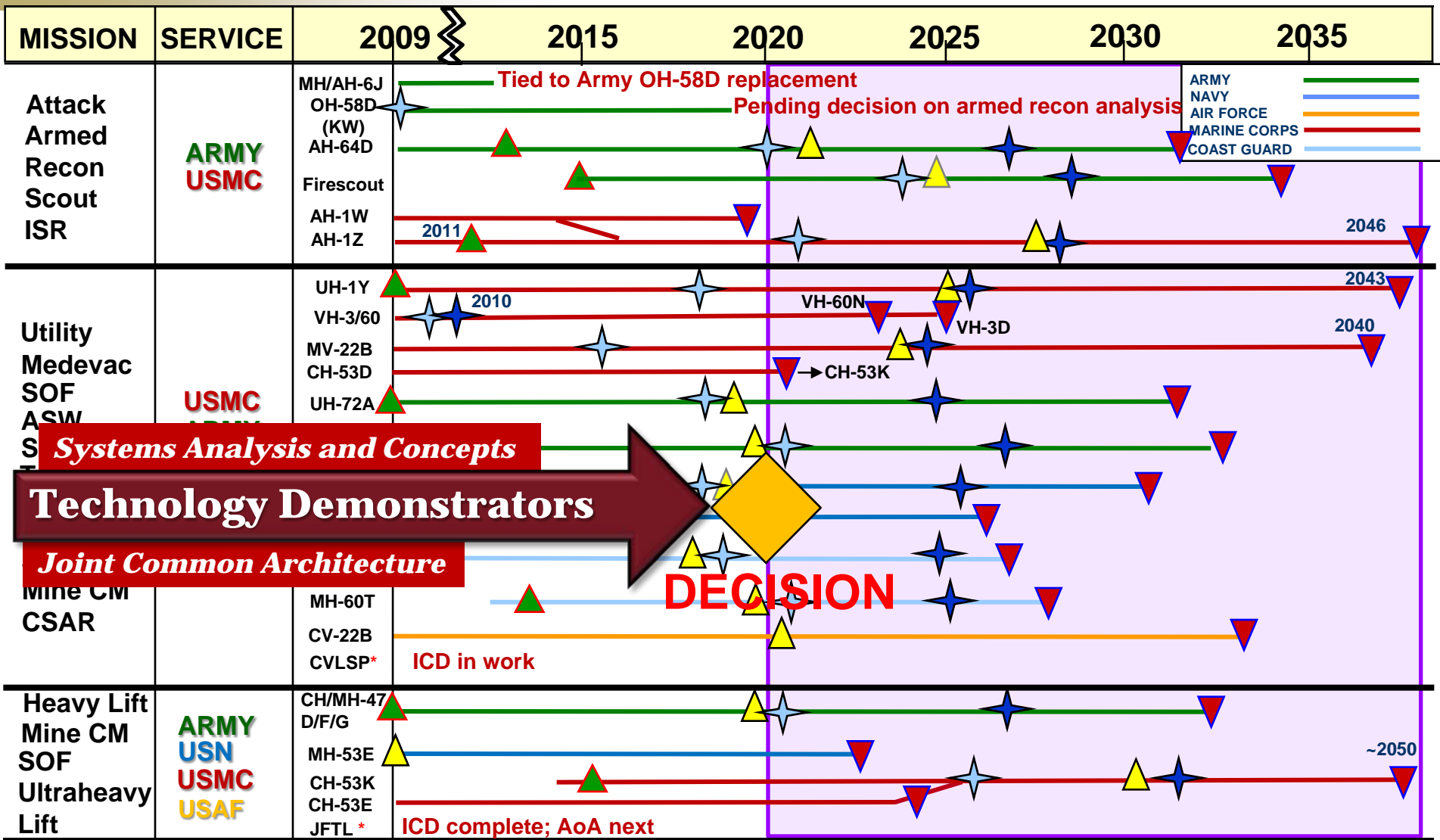


Future Roadmap



FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
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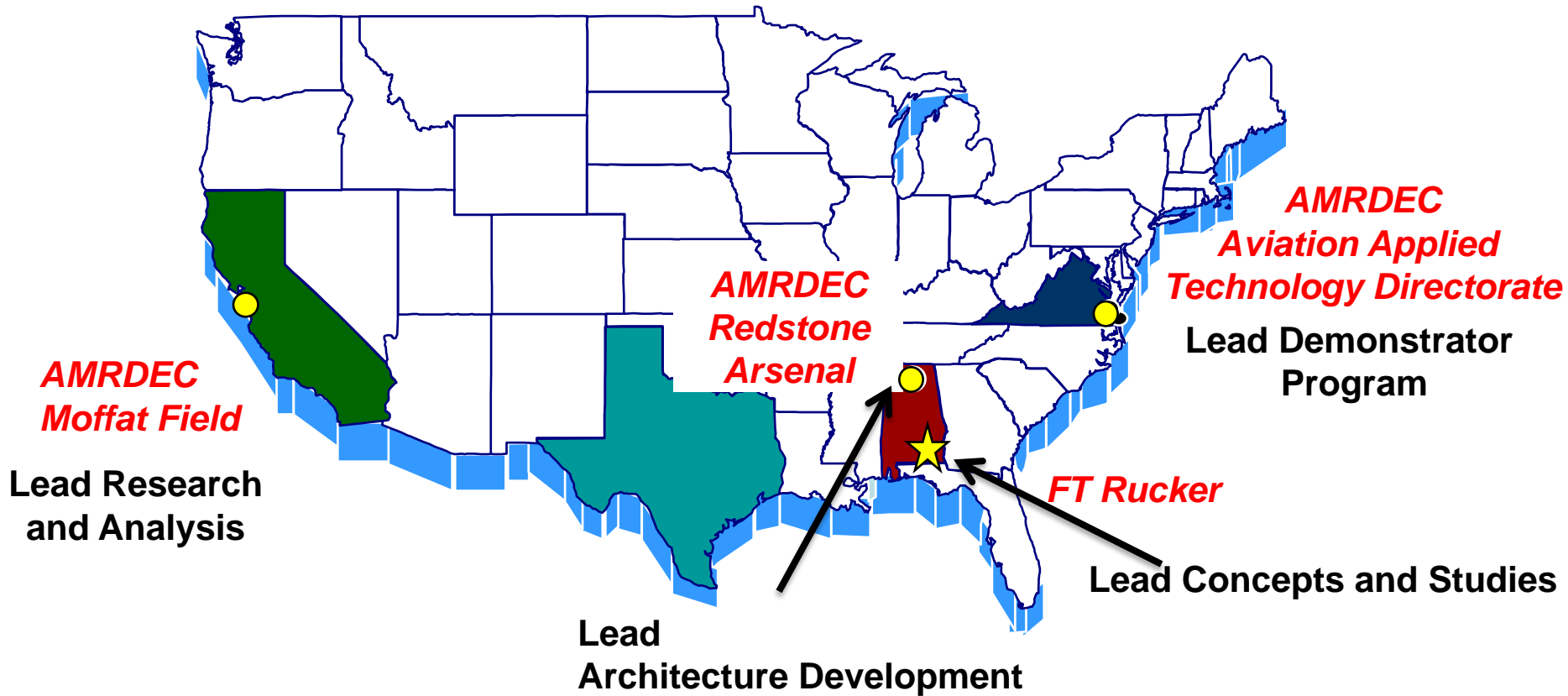


Systems Analysis and Concepts

Technology Demonstrators

Joint Common Architecture

DECISION

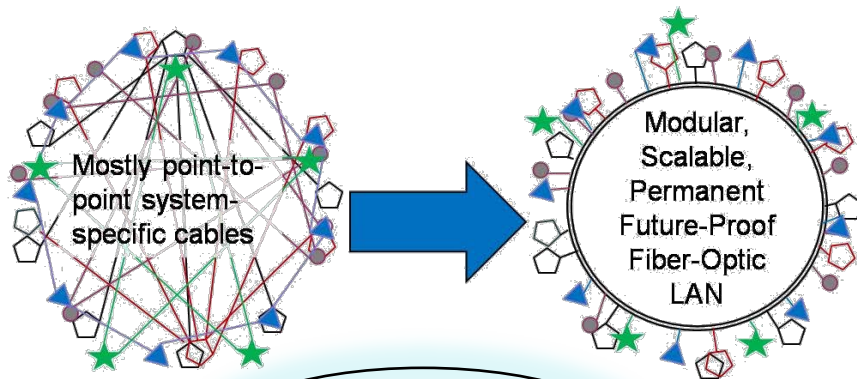


AMRDEC Aviation Integration Facility



Full Authority Control

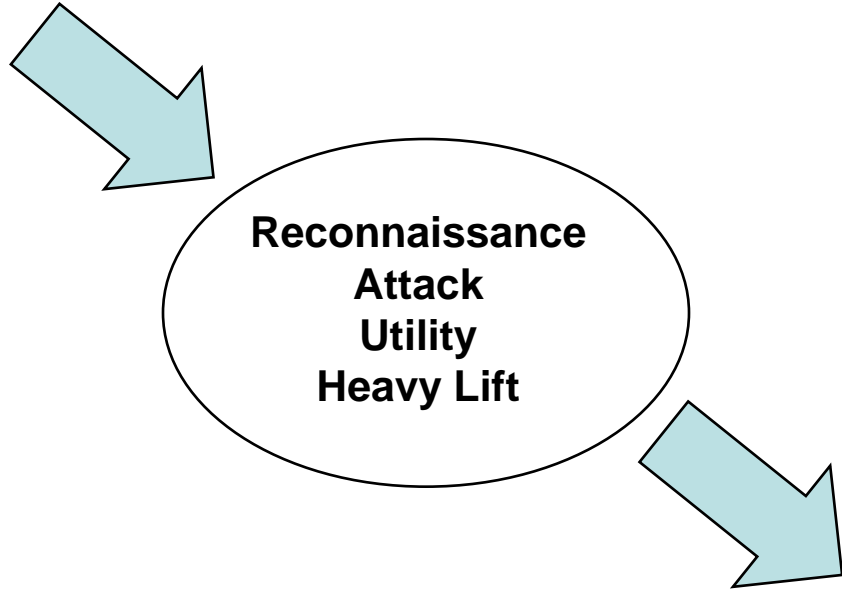
Joint Common Open Architecture



**Reconfigurable
Fiber Network**

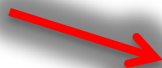
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CURRENT FLEET



JMR

Airframe Growth 6000/95F / Mission Profile



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424 Km / 120 Minutes Station Time

6K 95°

200+ Knot Cruise



CAN WE SUCCEED?



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