



# ***ARMY ROBOTICS TECHNOLOGY*** ***Evolution of Autonomy***

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## *Motivations for High Levels of Autonomy in Military systems*

**If realized correctly:**

- **Increased survivability**
- **Increased span of control (one on many)**
- **Reduced communication data rate**
- **Reduced supervisory workload**
- **New operational flexibility (stay behind or die in place missions)**

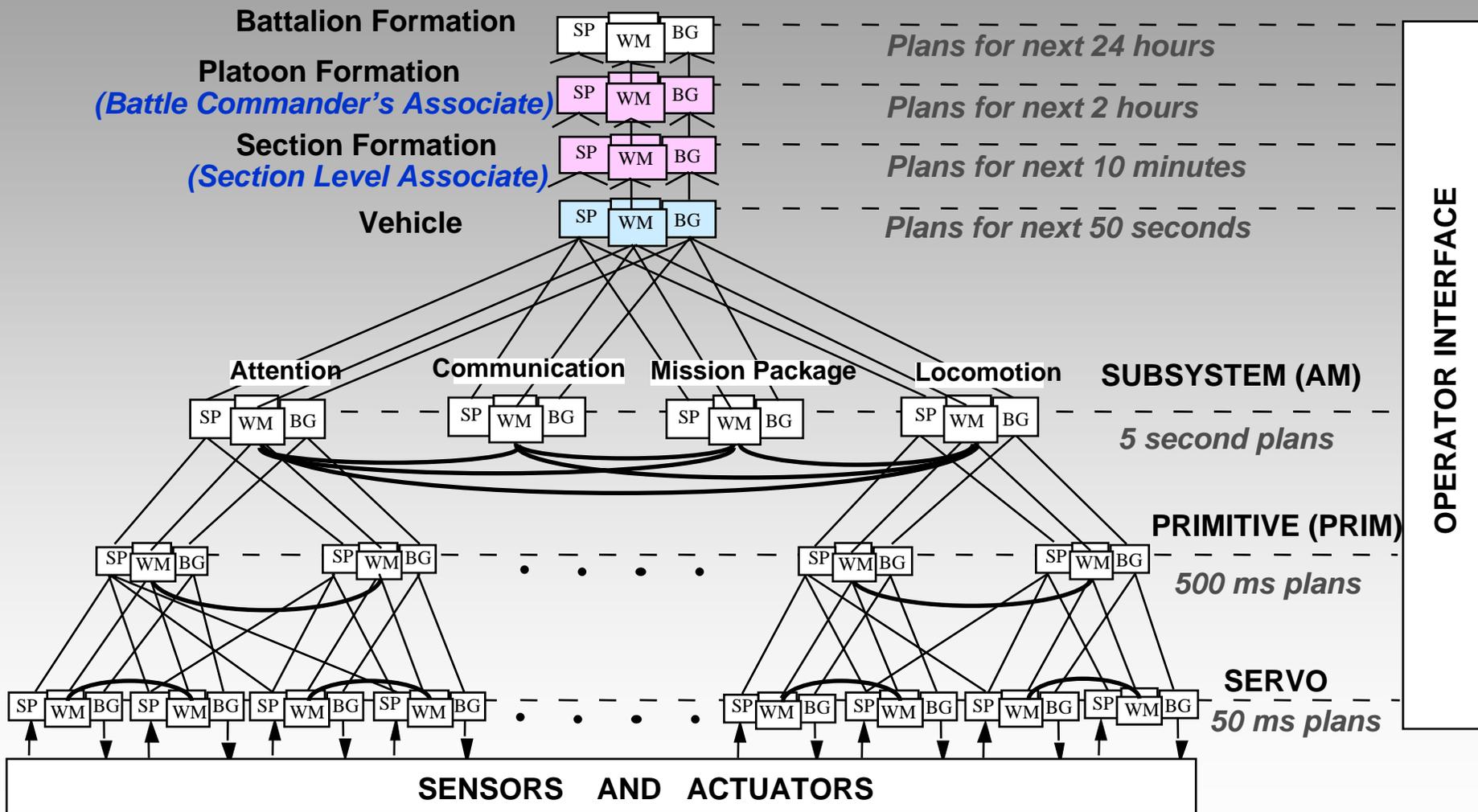


## *Autonomy must be considered in the context of:*

- **Mission scenario**
  - Domain complexity
  - Problem structure
    - A priori knowledge of:
      - Terrain
      - Disposition of forces
      - Nav references
    - Type of mission
    - Mission complexity
    - Uniqueness
    - Consequences of success – failure
    - Countermeasures
- **System capability**
- **Alternatives**



# DEMO III 4-D/RCS REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE





# Autonomous Mobility Technology Maturity Assessment

## Preliminary Insights



Location	Complete runs	Total Runs	% Complete
FTIG	156	181	86.2
Tooele	168	177	94.9
U-FTIG	264	288	91.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>91.0</b>



XUV Autonomous Operation						
	Distance (km)			Time (hr)		
Location	Total	Autonomous	% Autonomous	Total	Autonomous	% Autonomous
FTIG	203.4	188.1	92.5	39.6	33.1	<b>83.5</b>
Tooele	203.8	199.3	97.8	34.3	31.9	<b>92.9</b>
U-FTIG	152.7	149.1	97.6	25.6	22.8	<b>89.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>559.9</b>	<b>536.5</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>88.2</b>

Operator Interventions Required During Autonomous Operation					
Course	Freq	Mean distance between interventions (km)	Mean time between Interventions (Minutes)	Mean intervention duration (Minutes)	Mean intervention distance (m)
FTIG	173	1.2	13.7	2.3	88.4
Tooele	48	4.2	42.9	3.0	93.2
U-FTIG	106	1.4	14.5	1.6	34.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>2.2.</b>	<b>71.5</b>

# U.S. Army RDE Command

Robotics Technology Roadmap  
Presentation to  
RDECOM Board of Directors



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## **RDE Command Robotics IPT Mission/Task**

**Develop an innovative, affordable, and integrated portfolio of robotics technology (air, ground, unattended sensors, ...) programs and demonstrations that will:**

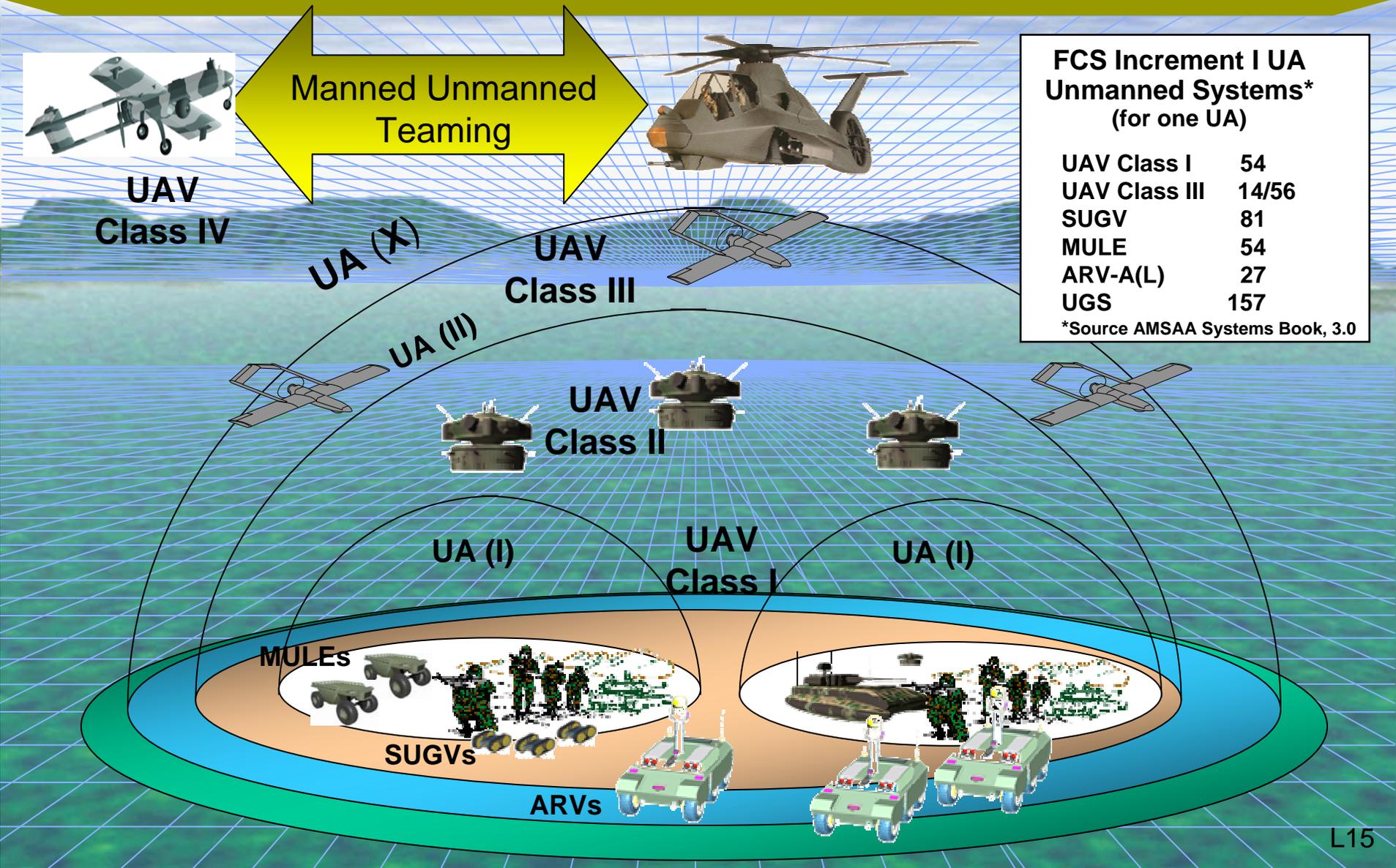
- **Assess and guide the execution, integration, and transition of robotics programs and transition of robotics related and feeder technology programs.**
- **Support development of robotic ground systems, air systems, control systems for Current, Stryker and Future Forces.**
- **Leverage national and international technical expertise.**
- **Develop gap-filler programs.**

**MEMBERS: AMRDEC, ARDEC, ARL/ARO, CERDEC, TARDEC, NSC, PEO-STRI, ATEC, DOE, NGIC/MSIC, TRADOC, RDECOM/SOSI**



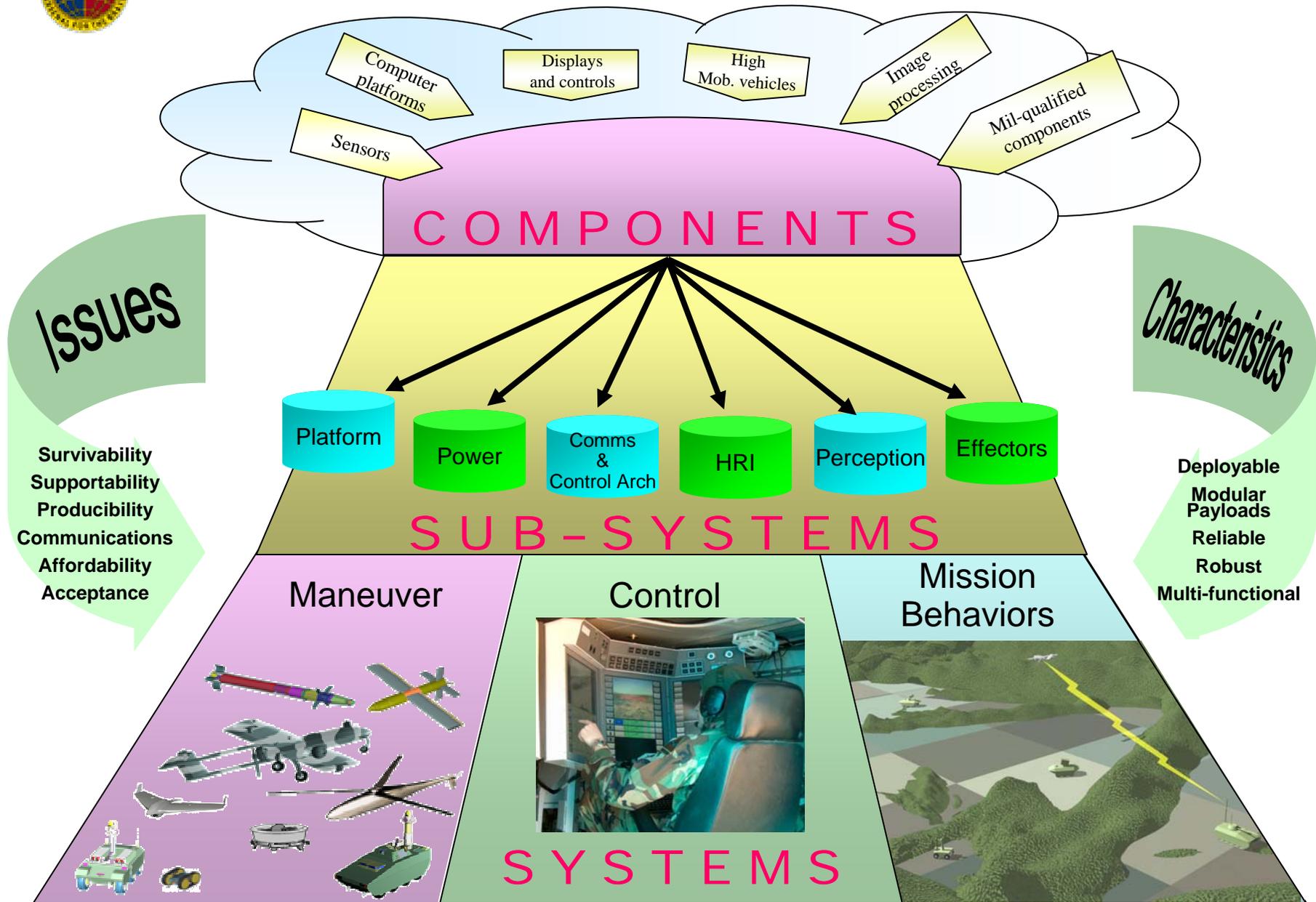
# Robotics & Transformation

## Unmanned Systems Seamlessly Integrated into the Future Force





# Robotics Systems of Systems Integration





# ***Robotics IPT***

## ***Accomplishments/Way Ahead***

### **Accomplishments (FY03)**

- **Stood-up IPT**
  - Improved coordination/cooperation among IPT organizations
    - Relevant STOs & ATDs identified
    - Integrated TRADOC roadmap efforts into ONE Robotics Roadmap
- Briefed draft Roadmap to RDECOM BOD, WTC, and CG AMC
- Met with LSI/LTI to develop strategy for synchronizing objectives/deliverables with OF
- SOSI International tapped to serve as agent to integrate international activities
- Briefed JFCOM futures cell (Alpha Team)
- ARL Robotics Project Office added task order to Robotics CTA addressing OFW robotics functionality

### **Way Ahead (FY04)**

- Develop Robotics Roadmap Investment Strategy
- Identify maximum leverage transition opportunities key to OFW
- Formalize transition plans, identify deliverables, integrate in Robotics Roadmap
- Examine existing programs with regard to their impact upon Future Force
- Examine key systems issues, e.g., architectures, interfaces, scalability, & integration
- Examine resources available
- Evaluate new and existing STO's and ATD's in light of above factors
- Develop Roadmap implementation strategy for review and action by BOD