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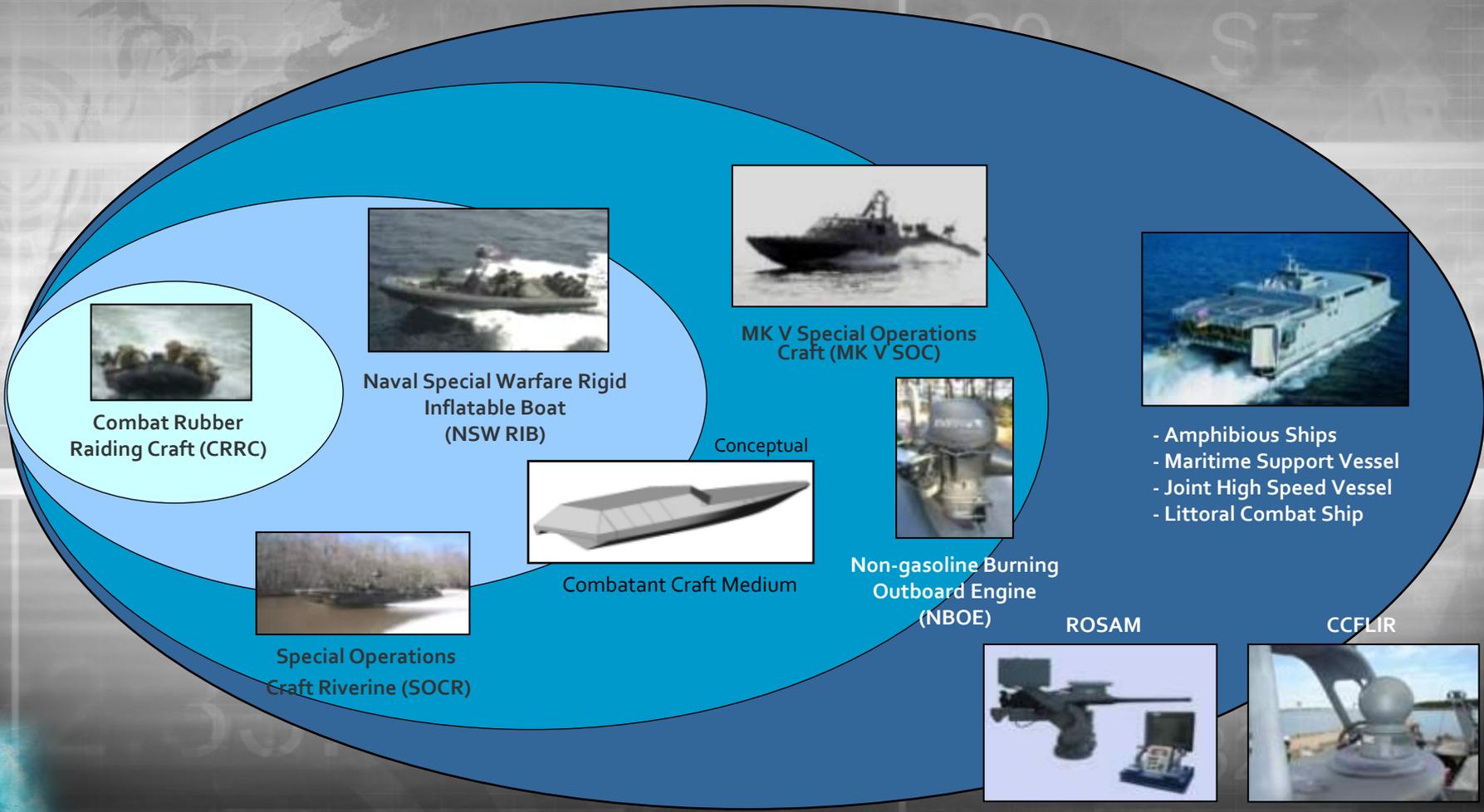
Deputy Program Manager-Combatant Craft

Advanced Surface Craft Power Systems

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Surface Mobility Systems



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Technology Areas of Interest

- Advanced Surface Craft Power Systems
- Lightweight, Submersible, Multi-Fuel Outboard Engine



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Advanced Surface Craft Power Systems

- **Current Status:**
 - SOF combatant craft require advanced power systems that provide significantly better power/weight ratios (e.g., maximum hp/lb) at top speed and significantly better fuel efficiency (e.g., (lb/hp-h)) at the most efficient speed (cruise speed).
 - Current craft engines have a power/weight ratio of approximately 0.38 hp/lb at maximum speed and a specific fuel consumption of 0.35 lb/hp-h at cruise speed.



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Advanced Surface Craft Power Systems

- Where We Want to Be:
 - Power/weight ratio of 1.0 hp/lb and/or a fuel efficiency of 0.1 lb/hp-h at cruise speed.
 - 2000 hours between overhauls
 - Burn High Sulfur Fuel.



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Lightweight, Submersible Multi-Fuel Outboard Engine

- **Current Status:**
 - **Combat swimmers currently use lightweight, submersible 30 hp Improved Military Amphibious Reconnaissance System (IMARS) gasoline outboard engines.**
 - **The IMARS is projected to become obsolete due to parts unavailability**
 - **DOD has directed the phase out of gasoline fueled engines from all shipboard operations to improve shipboard safety and simplify logistics**
 - **Currently fielded 55 hp multi-fuel engine weighs 250 lbs**



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Lightweight, Submersible Multi-Fuel Outboard Engine

- **Where We Want to Be:**
 - SOF has a requirement for a 30 hp multi-fuel engine that will:
 - Operate on JP5, JP8, kerosene, and as an emergency fuel, marine diesel.
 - Weigh no more than 150 lbs.
 - Fit through a 30-inch diameter circular hatch.
 - Be capable of being submerged to a minimum depth of 66 feet seawater for a period of 18 hours, then brought to the surface and started within 10 minutes.



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