



**DoD Space S&T  
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# DoD Space S&T Strategy



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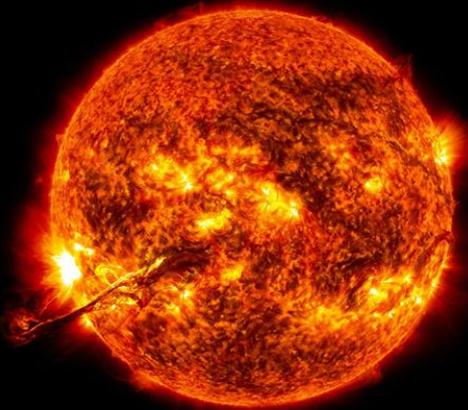


Photo: Coronal mass ejection as recorded by NASA, August 31, 2014

- Report to Congress – updated 2015
- Guides the development of the space-unique technologies that are essential to maintain existing U.S. conventional and asymmetric military advantages enabled by space systems at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels
- Looks across the entire DoD Space S&T Enterprise
- Prepared with the assistance of the DoD Space S&T Community of Interest



# Space is no longer uncontested



## Space Threats

Threat
RF Jamming
Low power laser dazzling
High Power Laser Kill
LEO ASAT
GEO ASAT
On-Orbit Jammers
Co-orbital kinetic ASAT
Adversary attachment
Cyber attack
Space nuclear detonation

## Capabilities needed to deliver the Threats

Capability
Ground surveillance networks
World-wide ground SSA coverage
Precision Tracking capability

- In last 5 years, potential adversary threat capability has sharply increased.
- National Space Policy (2010): We will protect our Space Capability from adversary hostile actions.



# Space S&T COI Portfolio Overview



- **COI Description**

- The goal of the Space COI is to 1) Facilitate collaboration and leveraging of complementary investments of the space S&T efforts across the community in support of the intent of the nation's Space interests; and 2) Identify gaps, establish and maintain a set of S&T roadmaps to guide Space Community research program investments, perform portfolio assessments, and provide future resource recommendations to leadership

- **COI Purpose**

- The Space S&T COI is a forum for sharing new ideas, technical directions and technology opportunities, jointly planning programs, measuring technical progress, and exchanging advances in space S&T

- **Portfolio Focus**

- DoD S&T investments in space-unique technologies that are essential to maintain and advance existing U.S. conventional and asymmetric military advantages enabled by space systems at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels

**COI Taxonomy**

Technology Sub-Area 1  
**Satellite Communications**

Technology Sub-Area 2  
**Missile Warning, Missile Defense, Kill Assessment and Attack Assessment**

Technology Sub-Area 3  
**Positioning, Navigation and Timing**

Technology Sub-Area 4  
**Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance**

Technology Sub-Area 5  
**Space Situational Awareness**

Technology Sub-Area 6  
**Space Access**

Technology Sub-Area 7  
**Space and Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring**

Technology Sub-Area 8  
**Command and Control; and Satellite Operations**

Technology Sub-Area 9  
**Space Enablers**

Technology Sub-Area 10  
**Space Control and Space Resilience**



# Space COI Sub-Areas

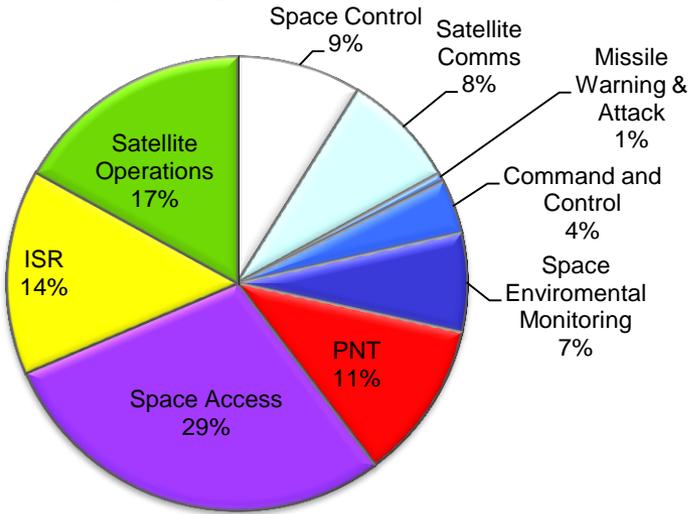
<p><b>Satellite Communications</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce SWaP-C and improve thermal management</li> <li>• Develop V/W band RF and laser comms</li> </ul>	<p><b>Missile Warning, Missile Defense, and Attack Assessment</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve sensors for whole-Earth staring</li> <li>• Improve data fusion algorithms</li> </ul>	<p><b>Positioning, Navigation and Timing</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve anti-jam capability</li> <li>• Improve atomic clocks</li> <li>• Enhance orbital navigation technology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase persistence of ISR</li> <li>• Improve data compression</li> <li>• Integrate space, air and ground based ISR</li> </ul>	<p><b>Space Situational Awareness</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve space object detection and monitoring of potential threats</li> </ul>
<p><b>Space Access</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce cost and time cycle</li> <li>• Higher performance on-orbit propulsion</li> <li>• Enable fully reusable launch systems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Space and Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve awareness of Earth/Sun environment</li> <li>• Enable real-time threat warning due to weather</li> <li>• Enable marine Meteorology and ocean conditions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Command and Control; and Satellite Operations</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase autonomy to reduce manning</li> <li>• Space robotic capabilities for servicing/repair</li> </ul>	<p><b>Space Enablers</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardized and miniature components and interfaces</li> <li>• Carbon-based nanotechnology</li> <li>• Ultra-high efficiency power systems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Space Control and Space Resilience</b></p> <p><u>Technical Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-board adaptive planning</li> <li>• Local area imaging sensors</li> <li>• Laser survivability</li> </ul>



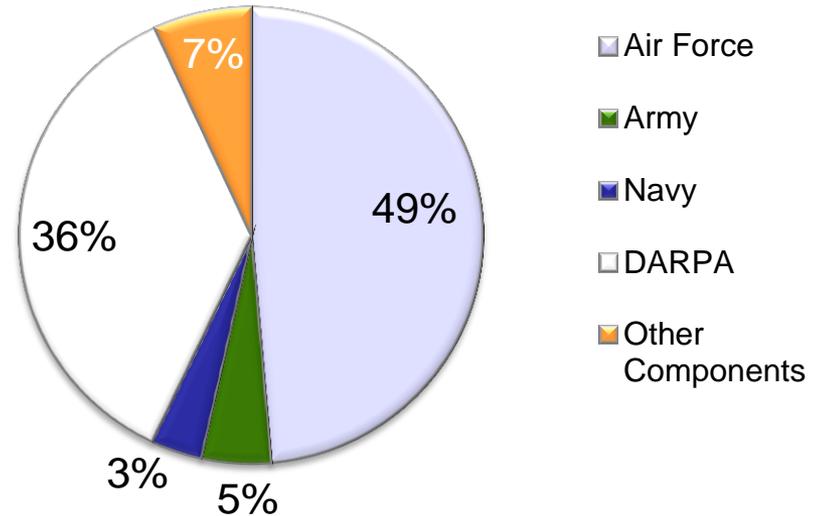
# Space S&T COI Investment and Performers



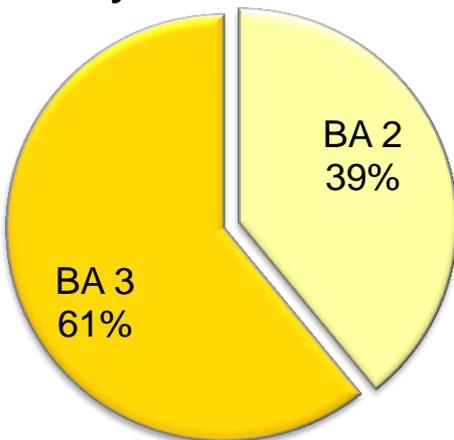
## COI Sub-Areas PB16



## Component Investment



## Budget Activity



## Intramural vs. Extramural split:

- Army - 6.2 47/53; 6.3 38/62
- Navy - 6.2 60/40; 6.3 40/60
- Air Force - 6.2 48/52; 6.3 20/80

## Major Performers:

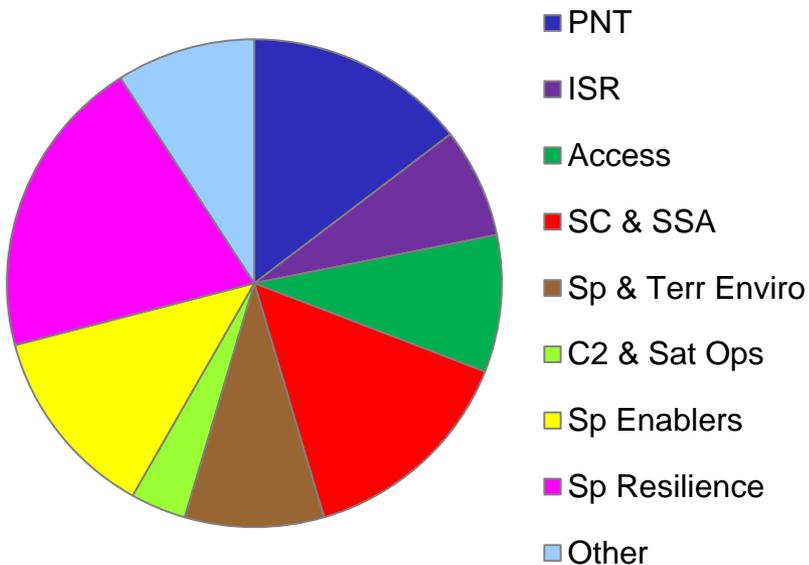
- Aerojet-Rocketdyne, APL, BAE Systems, Ball Aerospace, Boeing, Dynetics, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, MIT-LL, Northrop Grumman, NRL, Orbital/ATK, Raytheon, Sandia National Laboratory, Teledyne Brown



# SBIR Investment FY15 Phase I and II Awards

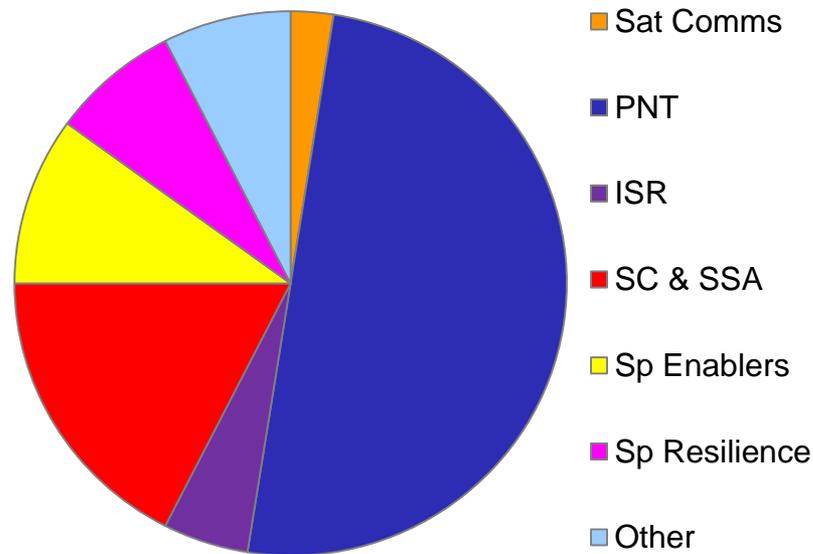


## FY15 Phase I



55 Awards

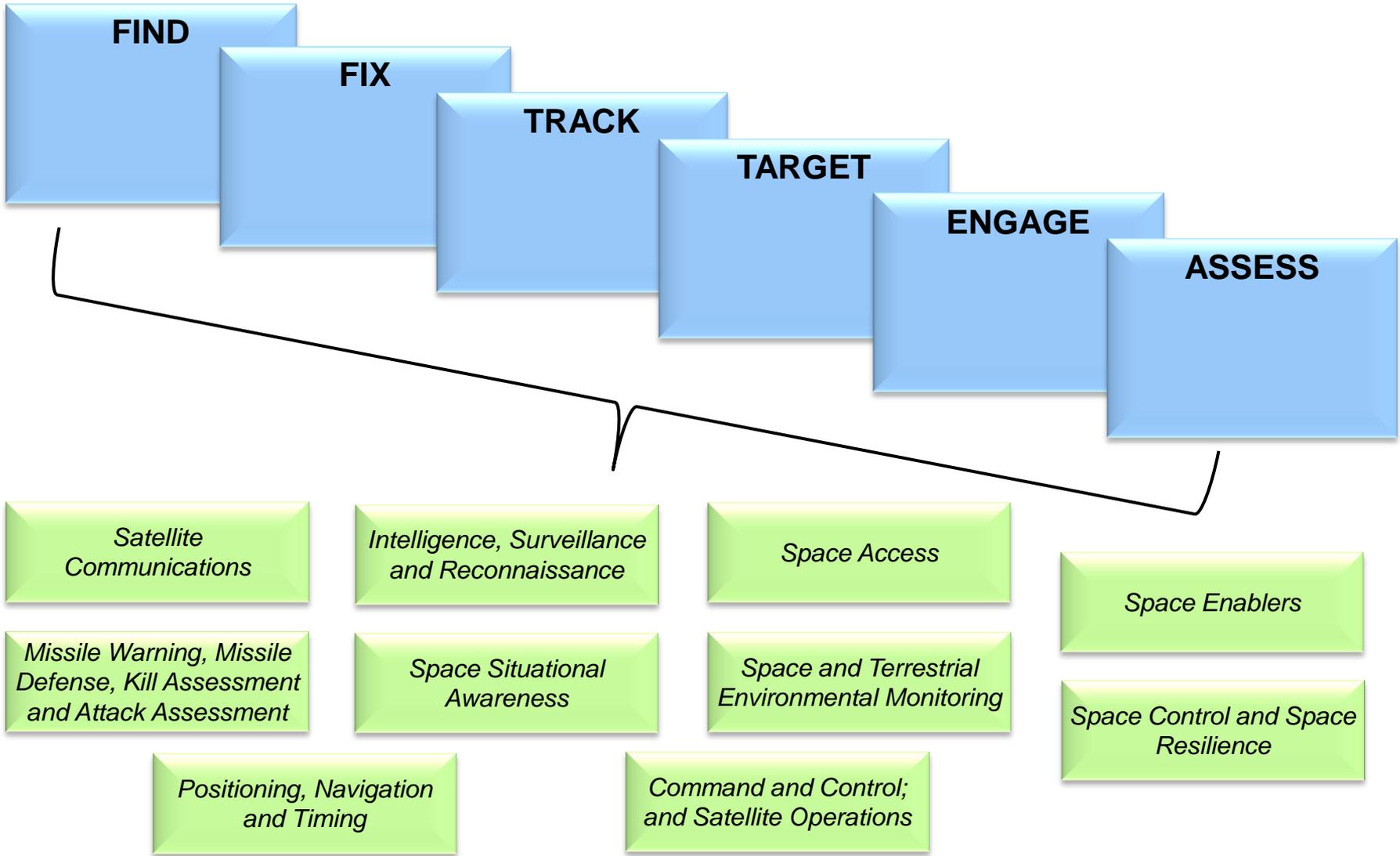
## FY15 Phase II



40 Awards



# Space COI Relationship to Kill Chain





# Gaps



- **Understanding Allied Investments**
  - NATO countries
  - Long-term Allies & partners
  - Other cooperating nations
- **Understanding Investments of Potential Rivals**
  - Intent, Doctrine, ROEs & TTPs
  - Technical performance of systems
- **Understanding Benefits and Risks of Employing Commercial Systems**
  - Security, availability, responsiveness
  - Cost, limitations
- **On-Orbit Servicing & Repair**
  - What's next?
- **Trade-off: Cost v Schedule v Lifetime**
  - 10+ year on-orbit lifetime = high first cost but long replenishment schedule
  - Other paradigm – short life = low initial cost but short replenishment schedule
  - Which paradigm is the future?



# Current Challenges Driving Space S&T Investments



- **Cost-effective manufacturing and acquisition of spacecraft**
  - Very few spacecraft (~3/year)
  - Highly specialized payloads required
- **Lower launch cost**
  - Reducing overall launch cost and cycle time
- **Adding protection and resiliency to our current space fleet**
  - Avoiding expensive block upgrades
- **Low data rate comms to dispersed units**
- **Cost-effective sustainment of existing constellations**
- **Improve ability to remotely measure sea-surface height and ocean surface vector winds to support navy oceanographic models**
- **Expanding LEO beyond experimentation to Warfighter capability**
- **Cyberspace awareness – threats and mitigation**
- **Smart leveraging and use of Commercial Space**
  - Can we match the Commercial Industry speed of business?



# Risks for Space S&T



- **Investing ahead of others and converse**
  - Many nations now acquiring space-based capabilities including development of indigenous capabilities
  - Commercial systems offering ISR services
  - Cubesats are good – low cost test platforms and capabilities
  - Cubesats are bad – low cost enable many to test & develop space capabilities that were cost prohibitive in the past
  - Protecting existing operational satellites
- **International collaboration**
  - US space S&T collaboration with international partners continues to increase
- **Classifications**
  - US space S&T conducted at multiple security levels
- **No affordable responsive launch options exist today**



# S&T Opportunities



- Exploiting expanding commercial space
- Ever growing and lucrative commercial satcom and ISR markets (GEO, MEO, and LEO)

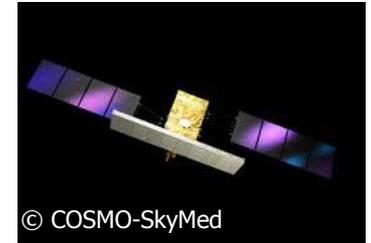
- Digital Global Systems
- TerraSAR-X
- COSMO-SkyMed



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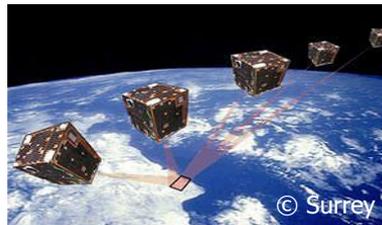
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- Wealthy visionaries are investing in space tourism and transportation
- Commercial startups and international entrants are expanding micro and small sat capabilities

- Future large “micro” & “small sat” constellations
  - SpaceX
  - OneWeb
  - Planet Labs
  - SPIRE
  - Black Sky
  - Skybox



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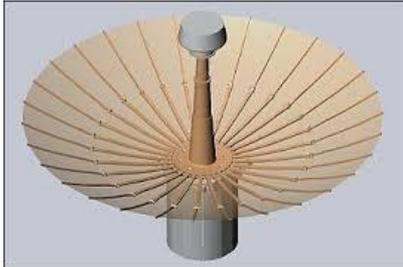
- NASA investments are buoying new entrants for orbital and suborbital markets



# Army Space S&T Themes



Deployable Antennas



*Reliable, High Gain, CubeSat Compatible*

Software Defined Radios



*Low Size, Weight and Power, High Capacity, Flexible*

Encryption



*High Throughput*

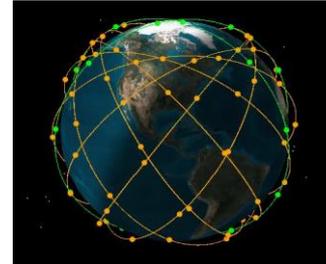
Communication For Forward Forces

Imagery



*IR, Low Light, MSI*

Constellation Management

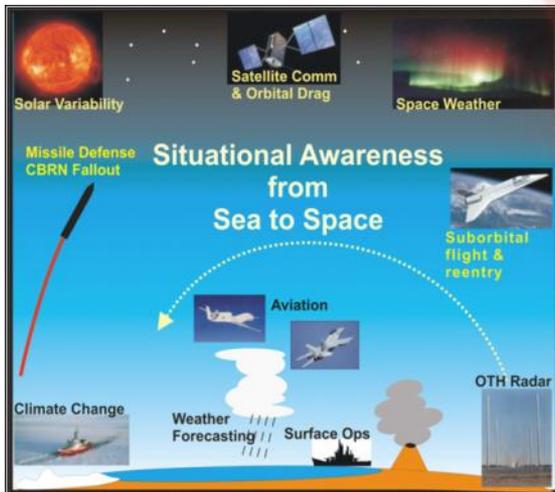


*Highly automated, common architecture, optimized planning and tasking*

**Innovative, Affordable Space Technologies Support Future Battlefield Dominance**



# Navy Space S&T Themes - Research



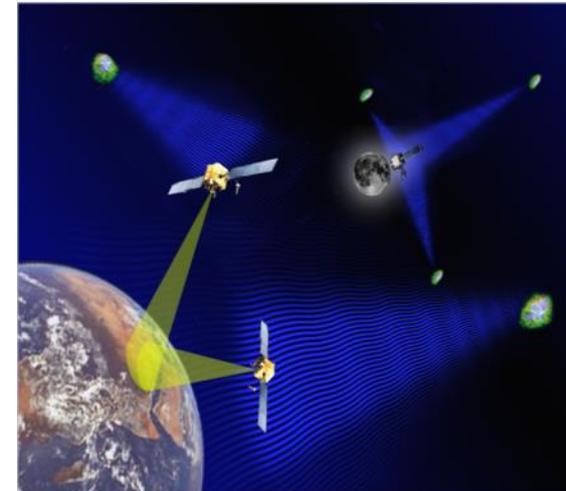
## Geospace

Observe and forecast, for enhanced situational awareness



## Heliospace

Develop improved sensors, specification, monitoring and prediction tools for operational impacts and real-time threat warning



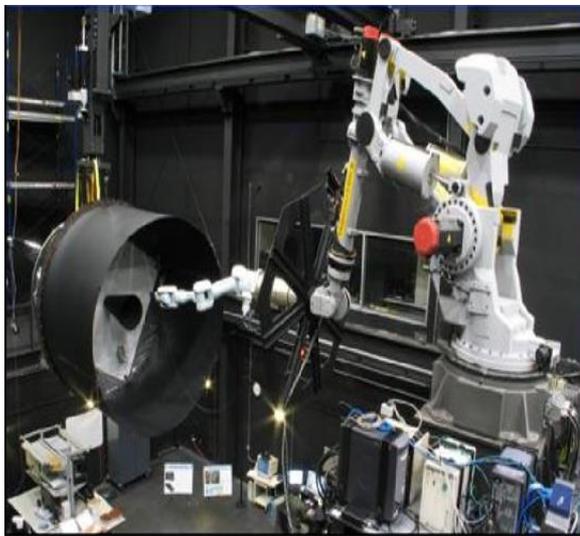
## High Energy Space

Measure, simulate and model natural and artificial radiation and rad/nuke signatures, for detection and remediation

**Experimentally-led sensing R&D integrated across three environmental areas that underpin, connect, and inform successful operations, with metrics to increase TRL from 0-1 to 2 and to identify transition potential**



# Navy Space S&T Themes - Technology



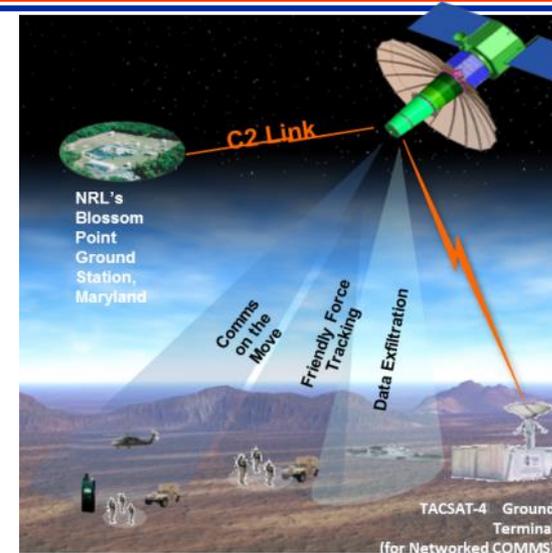
## Advanced Spacecraft Technologies

Sub-systems, for new and prototype building-blocks; propulsion & control, towards precision maneuvering while minimizing fuel; materials resiliency characterization



## Payloads & Sensing

Next-generation, to improve monitoring for threats



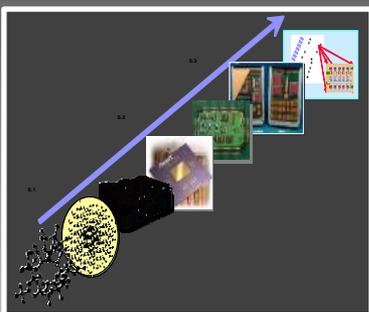
## Connectivity

High-bandwidth, space-based, for disadvantaged users

**Spacecraft R&D in three strategic areas that lead to the fielding of systems that perform functions critically important to operations, with metrics to increase TRL from 1-2 to 3 and to develop transition pathways**

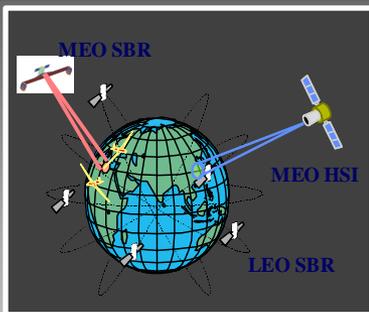


# Air Force Space S&T Themes



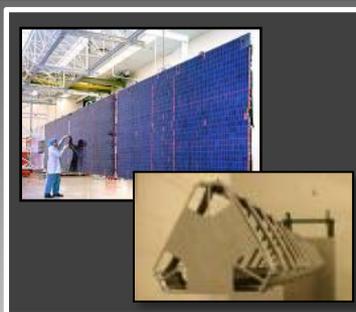
**Space Electronics**

- Space electronics physics to understand failure modes and improve reliability
- New space processors, solid-state amplifiers for GPS/Comm, A-D converters, memory



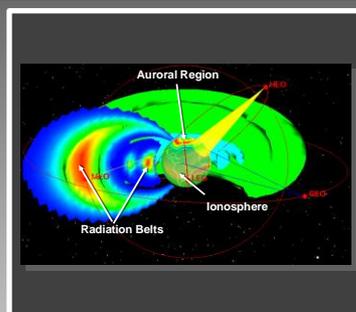
**Space Remote Sensing**

- Exploitation of collected photons (temporal, spectral, polarimetric)
- New sensors and components for missile warning
- Detectors, algorithms, optics
- Nuclear explosion monitoring



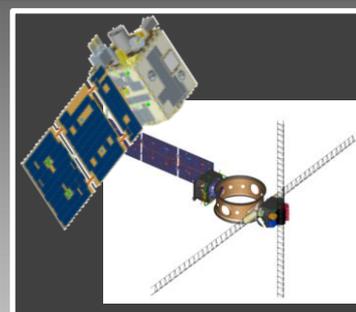
**Space Platform & Ops Tech**

- New technology to support AF-specific missions
- Solar arrays with 8X lower volume
- High-capacity thermal control
- Guidance, navigation
- Autonomous systems



**Space Environment Impacts & Mitigation**

- Models for spacecraft shielding and lifetime
- Anomaly resolution
- Astrodynamics for collision avoidance
- Reentry environment
- Space plasma physics & chemistry



**Space Flight Experiments**

- Space system & payload development
- Integration, test, & flight
- Modeling & simulation
- Space system engineering



# Air Force Space S&T Snapshot



## Near Term

## Mid Term

## Far Term

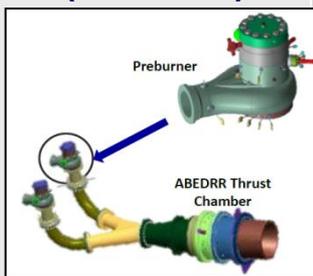
- **SSA:** Local GEO SSA using ANGELS. Proving close object detection using Ground SSA
- **JSpOC:** ARCADE Testbed accelerating 10 new Apps
- **Protection:** Space testing of new tech-insert options.
- **Launch:** Combustion modeling tools to Industry; Preburners transitioned to NASA Adv Booster Program (ABDERR)

- **SSA:** ARCADE testbed integrated with JICSpOC for Battlespace management (BMC2)
- **Comm:** Increase frequency trade-space into the W/V band
- **GPS:** All-digital, High-power GPS payloads increases anti-jam
- **Missile Warning:** Detect difficult theater missiles under clouds
- **Launch:** Ox-rich Staged Combustion engine technology

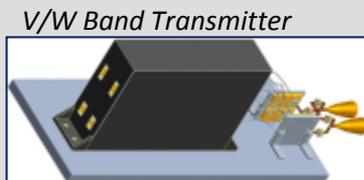
- **SSA:** Resolved ISAL imaging of GEO satellites using ground telescopes
- **GPS:** Cold Atom (Quantum) Inertial Navigation and clocks
- **ISR:** Networked tactical sensing between Space & Air domains
- **Launch:** Low cost, manufacturable rocket engines



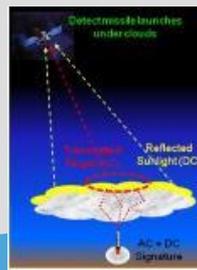
ARCADE Testbed



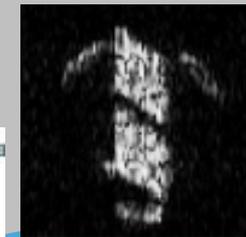
Hydrocarbon Boost pre-burners



V/W Band Transmitter



Cold Atom Inertial Nav



ISAL GEO image (Simulated)

- WGS and Commercial Comm
- JMS Increment 3
- Commercial Launch options

- Protected Nuclear Comm (NC3)
- GPS III SV 9+
- RD-180 replacement option

- BMC2 JICSpOC
- Air-Space integration



# DARPA S&T Theme GEO Servicing

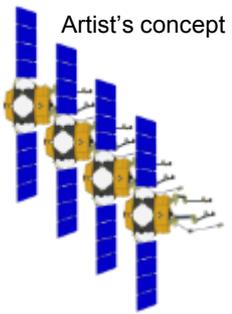


SERVICING



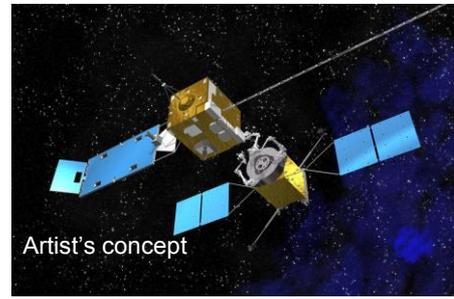
Artist's concept

First robotic capability in GEO



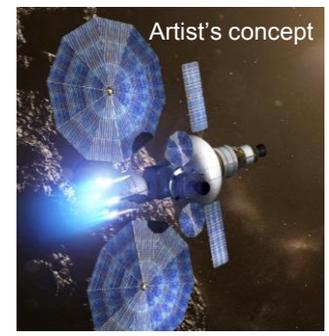
Artist's concept

Commercial providers expand coverage



Artist's concept

Automated, scheduled refueling



Artist's concept

LEO-to-GEO space tug

Technology development and investment

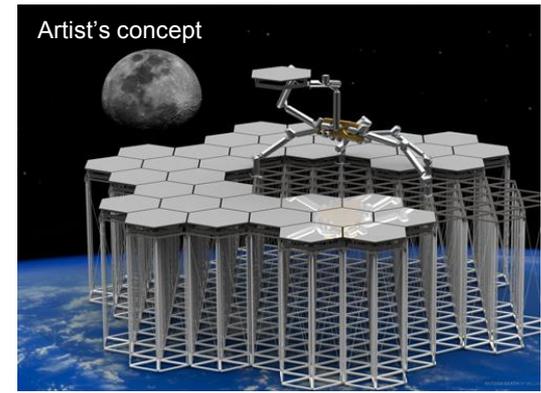
NEW ARCHITECTURES

- On-orbit replaceable units
  - Modular spacecraft



- Reduced redundancy
- Lightly fueled at launch
- Assembly experiments

Large apertures, structures and bases



Space robotics = national-level growth potential



# Overarching Space S&T COI Subarea Roadmap



## Space S&T Subareas

### - Satellite Communications

### - Missile Defense and Attack Assessment

### - Positioning, Navigation and Timing

### - Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance

### - Space Control and Space Situational Awareness

### - Space Access

### - Space and Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring

### - Command and Control & Satellite Operations

### - Space Enablers

	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24-27
		Comms for Disadvantaged Platforms & Users			UHF / Ka band comms			V/W and Ka-Band Comms		
			6			6		6		
		Post Intercept Assessment Capability	OPIR Enterprise Tasking Capability							
	6	6	6	6						
		Improved/New MD Applications		Improved Future Space Sensors						
				Next Gen GPS Space User Equipment			Space Systems			
					6					
		On-Demand EO Imagery	Improve Utilization of Space Assets				Comprehensive Knowledge of Man-made Orbital Objects			Increase Persistence
			7	6			6			6
		Environmental Monitoring Technologies		Ground-based Optical Systems			Fully Integrated Space-, Air-, and Ground-based			
			7		8	9				
		Operational Spacecraft Systems	Threat I&W Software Technologies		EELV Space Access					
			6			6				
		Space Environment Sensors and Earth-to-Sun Understanding	Ionospheric Prediction for Sensor Optimization and Performance		Entrepreneurial Space Access					
		6		5						
		Space Environment Prediction for Spacecraft and Terrestrial Impacts								
						Robotic Capabilities				
				6		8			7	
		Structural Components	Efficient On-orbit Maneuvering and Life Extension					Autonomous Systems		
								Thermal Management		
			6	6	5			5	7	6
					Power and Innovation Management			Modeling and Simulation	Space Electronics	

Maturity  
 TRL 8/9   TRL 6/7   TRL <6   Unfunded



# Army Future Space S&T Trends and Opportunities



- The Space Operational Environment will become increasingly complex over time (both in capacity and capability). Friendly, Coalition, and Threat forces will vie for Space capabilities and seek to deny others
- The future Army Operational Environment (Asymmetric warfare, Mega Cities, non-state operators, etc.) will be increasingly more dependent on tactical Space capabilities in multiple Mission Areas.



# Navy Future Space Trends/ S&T Opportunities



- Multi-scale whole-atmosphere prediction of ionospheric effects, emphasis on Arctic and Tropical regions
- Terrestrial gamma-ray flashes observation base and background events modeling
- Characterize celestial pulsar sources for space-based GPS-stressed timing and navigation
- Investigate x-ray space-based communications
- Specification and prediction of geospace, heliospace, and high energy environmental effects for improved HF propagation, geolocation, SATCOM, orbital analysis, geomagnetic ULF resonance, and rad/nuke maritime detection and interdiction
- Imaging of GEO satellites from earth
- Cooperative, automatic space robotic capabilities
- Low-mass and novel active technologies for spacecraft propulsion systems
- Space sensor and analysis tools integrating on-orbit observations with modeling for improved SSA
- Lightweight articulation and sensing integrated space robotics architectures
- Spacecraft propulsion and control capabilities for precision maneuvering while minimizing fuel
- Low Earth Orbit radiation environment characterization payloads



# Air Force Future Space S&T Trends



- **Space Comm:**
  - S&T to reduce risk on LEO constellation technology to support Air Dominance
  - Alternatives needed to AFSCN TT&C
- **Launch detection**
  - Near-term AFSPC/SMC focus is on low-cost disaggregation approaches.
  - Long-term DoD focus is on tactical missiles. AFRL Hyper-temporal is a major contribution, but gaps still exist.
- **PNT**
  - Resiliency needed for GPS space and control segments
  - PNT user equipment
- **SSA**
  - Leveraging commercial observations (ground and space) crucial to improve persistence
  - Key challenges are data trust, fusion, and interoperability with AF operational systems
  - Space-based, GEO focused SSA
- **Space Access**
  - On orbit propulsion
- **Space C2 & Ops**
  - Leverage commercial systems.
- **Pervasives**
  - Protection and Resilience technology
  - S&T approaches to accelerate spacecraft manufacturing



# DARPA Future Space S&T Trends



- **Launch:**
  - Flexible, affordable access
    - Affordable, routine and reliable access to space
    - Aircraft-like space access to lower cost and increase capabilities
- **Satellite:**
  - Changing the paradigm of satellite operations
    - New satellite architectures for speed and robustness
    - GEO space robotics to repair and assemble very large satellites that could not be launched
- **Space Domain Awareness (SDA):**
  - Real-time space domain awareness
    - Real-time detection and tracking versus catalog maintenance and days to weeks of forensics