What’s the “right” requirement?

Capability-Based Assessments enable us to determine requirements necessary to accomplish USMC missions defined by SECDEF, COCOMs...

...but the answer is unaffordable...

Top-level Guidance (Defense Planning Scenarios, OPLANs, etc.)

USMC Senior Leadership Guidance (Which scenarios? CONOPs? Risk?)

...and combat ops indicate the “true” requirement to exceed even that unaffordable requirement determined by analysis.

WAR

Operating Forces

“True” Requirement?
Why an alternate equipping model?

- Reduce costs
- Increase readiness
- Maintain operational flexibility

*Most ready when the Nation is least ready...*
Current State

Growth of IW & theater-specific equipment

Pre-OIF USMC equipment posture

Reducing current readiness & jeopardizing future capabilities - to respond “across the ROMO”
METT-T Tailored/Scaled

Equipped for a Core mission set & Scaled for ?? Op Concept

Augmented/Re-equipped for ops at one “point” on the ROMO

In a specific clime & place

Core T/E (constrained) + METT-T T/E (Additive & Adaptable)
Issues

- Training?
- Readiness reporting?
- Accountability?

**Strategic Decisions**
- Core missions?
- Other missions? Capacity?