

AFOTEC Technology Challenges

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• AFOTEC Mission...Background

- Technology challenges
 - 5th Gen system of systems terrain
 - Model and Simulation
 - Cybersecurity testing
- Closing Thoughts & Discussion









Test and Evaluate New Capabilities in Operationally Realistic Environments to Inform Warfighters and Influence **National Resource Decisions**





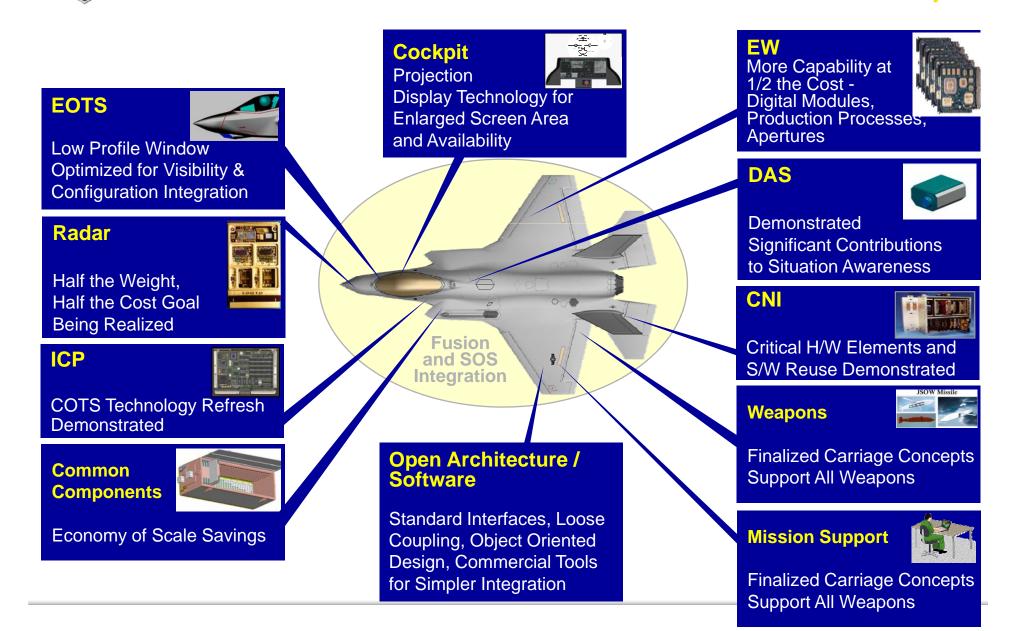
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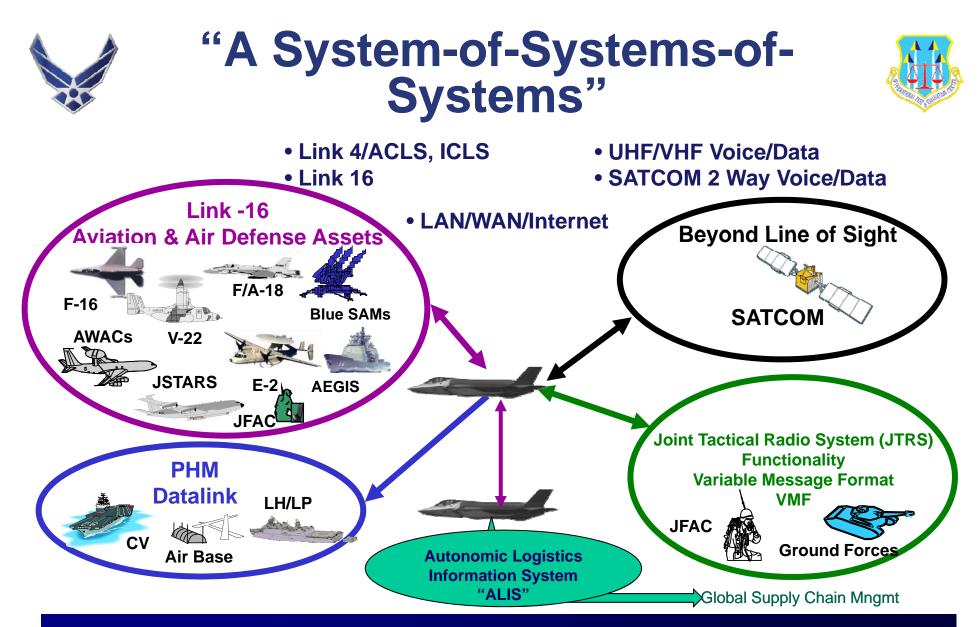












94 Information Exchange Requirements to Ensure Interoperability Across US and Coalition Forces







- Where do you draw the test boundaries on a SoS weapons system?
 - Fifth-generation platforms are redefining classical boundaries as systems evolve from cooperative...to integrated...to *interdependent*
- How do you appropriately measure "suitability", "effectiveness" and "Mission Capability" in a Systemof-System weapons platform?
 - If the autonomic Logistics Information System is compromised can the F-35 be Suitable and Mission Capable in the operational environment?

Open-air testing constraints

- GPS jamming restrictions
- Full system employment constraints due to adversary exploitation concerns







- Raptors & Lightnings have voracious appetites; they chew through the adversary with volume & velocity...
 - Very difficult to generate the threat density and complexity to meet 5th-gen operational test requirements
 - Advanced SAMs, advanced adversary aircraft, and Digital Radio-Frequency Memory (DRFM) Jamming
- Creating a complex, threat-dense environment is key to an effective 5th-gen IOT&E and for accurately quantifying operational risk
 - Limits to what can be accomplished in the air
- How do we crack this nut???







Creating an advanced modeling & simulation environment

- There are tough challenges posed by 5th gen M&S:
 - Creating the virtual battlespace and how the stealthy air vehicle dynamically interacts within it
 - Accurately modeling advanced threats
 - Inserting blue forces into the virtual battlespace

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- Complex task to define "cyber boundaries"
 - Must take a system-of-systems approach
 - Information assurance & Risk Management good for IA but what about Mission Assurance?
- Cyber warriors are "HD/LD" assets
 - Can't grow them fast enough to meet demand signal
 - Need to grow weapons and platform experts and space expertise
 - Need to educate everyone in this area
- AFOTEC is reaching out for assistance:
 - <u>To the Total Force for assistance</u>
 - <u>To AFRL-</u>-bringing a "STEM" analytical approach to security
 - To AF Test Center to partner on assessment teams
 - Taking advantage of intern programs







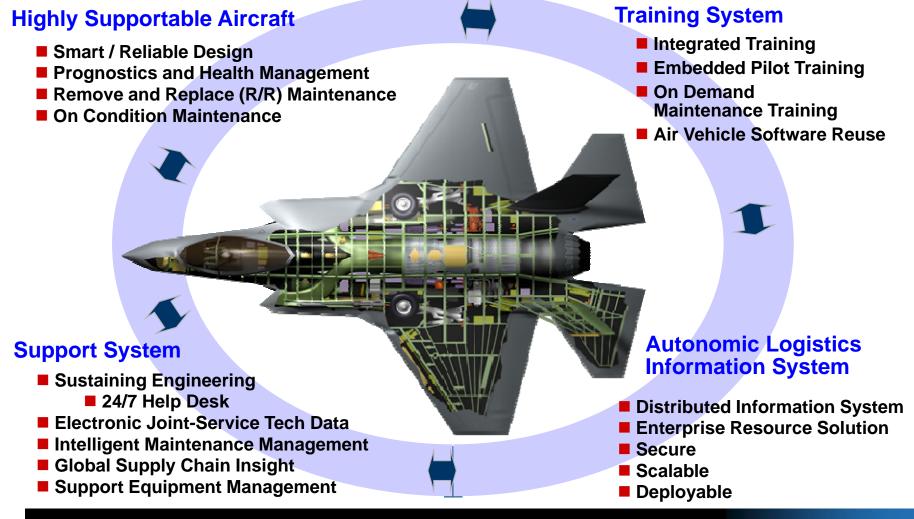




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