DARPA’s Mission

Breakthrough Technologies and Capabilities for National Security

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**Microelectronics:** VLSI, CAD, manufacturing, IR, RF, MEMS

**ARPAnet/Internet**

**Information Technology:** timesharing, client/server, graphics, GUI, RISC, speech recognition

**Materials Science:** semiconductors, superalloys, carbon fibers, composites, thermoelectrics, ceramics

DARPA’s role: Pivotal early investments that change what’s possible
Major Factors Shaping DARPA Investments Today

- Wide range of threats to the nation:
  - Enemy states, non-state actors, shifting networks, WMT
- Peer competitions on land (Europe), at sea (Asia), and in the EM and space domains
- Continuous and persistent counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations world-wide
- Powerful, globally available technologies set a fast pace
Foundations

Understanding complexity, composable systems, advanced materials and electronics, trusted hardware and software, human-machine symbiosis, 3rd wave artificial intelligence, data and social science, new computing, and engineered biology

Increasing the pace of developing technologies and capabilities for the U.S. and allied warfighter

Multi-varied threats to the nation

Defend the homeland

Cyber deterrence
Bio threat detection and mitigation
Defense against WMT
Countering hypersonic weapons

Peer competitor confrontations in Europe and Asia

Deter and prevail against high-end adversary

Adaptive lethality for air, land & sea
Control of the EM spectrum
Long range effects
Robust space

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Effectively prosecute stabilization efforts

Gray warfare experimentation
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3D city-scale operations
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Rapid Attack Detection Isolation & Characterization System (RADI CS)
Enable black start recovery of the U.S. power grid within 7 days after a cyber attack
Ubiquitous mobile sensor network

Areas of interest from automated intel, cueing sensor network

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Identified threats

Command and control and analytics at scale

**SI GMA+**

Persistent, early detection system for the spectrum of CBRNE WMD/WMT threats at city-to-region scales

*CBRNE: Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives*
Advanced Plant Technologies

Safe Genes

Control of Gene Editing

Countermeasures and Prophylaxis

Genetic Remediation
Select Small UAS Programs

Aerial Dragnet

*Persistent wide-area surveillance of multiple small UASs in complex terrain*

- Early I&W of UAS threats in urban environments before in line of sight
- Signal processing algorithms for NLOS detect, track, classify

Offensive Swarm-Enabled Tactics (OFFSET)

*Develop a swarm system architecture to advance swarm tactics*

- Generate / assess 100+ swarm & counter-swarm tactics in game-based settings
- Demonstrate real-time interactions with swarm sizes w/over the air tactics <1 min
Aircrew Labor In-Cockpit Automation System (ALIAS)

*Drop-in system to automate aircraft operation*

Removable kit that would promote the addition of high levels of automation into existing aircraft, enabling operation with reduced onboard crew

- Support execution of an entire mission from takeoff to landing even in the face of contingency events
- A platform for integrating additional automation or autonomy capabilities

Collaborative Operations in Denied Environment (CODE)

*Cooperative autonomy algorithms*

- Navigate, find, track, ID, & engage targets under established rules of engagement
- Recruit other CODE-equipped UASs from nearby friendly forces to augment their own capabilities
- Adapt to dynamic situations such as attrition of friendly forces or the emergence of unanticipated threats
Select Information Programs

Media Forensics (MediFor)

*Enhance and scale indicators of digital, physical or semantic manipulation in images and video to enable automatic assessment of their integrity*

Robust Automatic Transcription of Speech (RATS)

*Finding Intel Streams in noisy/distorted Channels across the Spectrum*

- Improving DoD capability to find and make use of intercept data in Arabic, Farsi, Dari, Pashto and Urdu
- Funded by Rapid Reaction Technology Office for operations in theater

Integrity Reasoning

- Digital Integrity: Are the pixels/representations inconsistent?
- Physical Integrity: Are the laws of physics violated?
- Semantic Integrity: Is a hypothesis about a visual asset disputable?

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Moore’s Law faces an inflection point, where transistor cost stops going down and electronics stop improving as quickly (ISAT)

Slower innovation benefits China’s plan to supplant U.S. leadership (PCAST)

China has:
- Announced $150 billion in semiconductor investments, in 2015
- Begun constructing 26 new 300mm semiconductor foundries
- Launched 1,300 fabless startups
- Formed joint ventures with AMD, ARM, IBM, Intel, GlobalFoundries, and Qualcomm that require IP sharing
The Electronics Resurgence Initiative (ERI)

**Strategy**

- **Specialize**
  - Reduce the complexity in leveraging specialized hardware

- **Decentralize**
  - Make foreign investments an expensive albatross for manufacturing low-end commodities

- **Align**
  - Provide a pipeline of commercially-leveraged electronics for the DoD

2025 - 2030: National Electronics Capability

- Design
- Architectures
- Materials

JUMP + Traditional Programs

The DARPA Spectrum Collaboration Challenge (SC2) is the first-of-its-kind collaborative machine-learning competition to overcome scarcity in the radio frequency (RF) spectrum. Today, spectrum is managed by dividing it into rigid, exclusively licensed bands. This human-driven process is not adaptive to the dynamics of supply and demand, and thus cannot exploit the full potential capacity of the spectrum. In SC2, competitors will reimagine a new, more efficient wireless paradigm in which radio networks autonomously collaborate to dynamically determine how the spectrum should be used moment to moment.

SC2 Championship Event September 2019.
Discover innovative solutions to map, navigate, and search the diverse subterranean operating environment without and better than humans.

DARPA Subterranean (SubT) Challenge
**Transitions**

**Net Defense**

Detects network infiltration via scalable mathematics to ID anomalous behavior
- Transition of tools and techniques to CYBERCOM and Army Cyber Protection Teams. MOA in place with CYBERCOM

**Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM)**

LRASM Deployment Office (LDO) formed in Feb 2014 to address urgent need for Offensive Anti-surface Warfare (OASuW) capability in the Pacific Theater
- Early operational capability (EOC) in 2018

**Revolutionizing Prosthetics**

Recent transition of the “LUKE Arm”, a replacement arm for veteran amputees, with near-natural control and capability
- Received FDA clearance (May 2014)
- Transfer Agreement with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (Dec 2016)
- First two LUKE arms prescribed by VA (Jun 2017)

**Arrays at Commercial Timescales (ACT)**

Digitally-interconnected building blocks for large, complex antenna arrays; enables rapid development and upgrades for communications, signals intelligence, radar, and electronic warfare systems
- MOAs in place for transition to Navy, Air Force, and Army programs
D60 Symposium

Date: 5-7 Sep, 2018
Location: Gaylord National Harbor, Oxon Hill, MD
Goals: Strengthen and expand DARPA’s innovation
Inform key stakeholders about DARPA’s vision
Learn from DARPA’s achievements past and present

PLENARY SESSIONS
• BioNext
• Deter Cyber Attack
• Electronics Resurgence
• Enterprise Disruption
• Mosaic Warfare
• Preventing Weapons of Mass Terror (WMT)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
• Alternative Computing
• Autonomy & Robotics
• Power Behind the AI Surge
• The Future of Space
• Trajectory of Neurotech
• Understanding the Evolving Urban Threat
• DARPA & Academia
• DARPA at the Tactical Edge
• DARPA Grand Challenges
• Why it Matters: New Spin on Spintronics
• X-Planes: Past, Present and Future

SPEAKERS INCLUDING
• Vint Cerf
• Vijay Kumar
• Manuela Veloso
• Pradeep Khosla
• Steve Wax
• Jim Hendler
• Tony Tether
• Brian Nosek
• Yolanda Gil
• Albert Fert

EXHIBITS AND DEMOS
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• Tactical Technology Office
• Information Innovation Office
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• Defense Sciences Office
• Biological Technologies Office
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