

DoD Cyber Technologies and Opportunities

ACSAC National Cybersecurity Research Directions Panel

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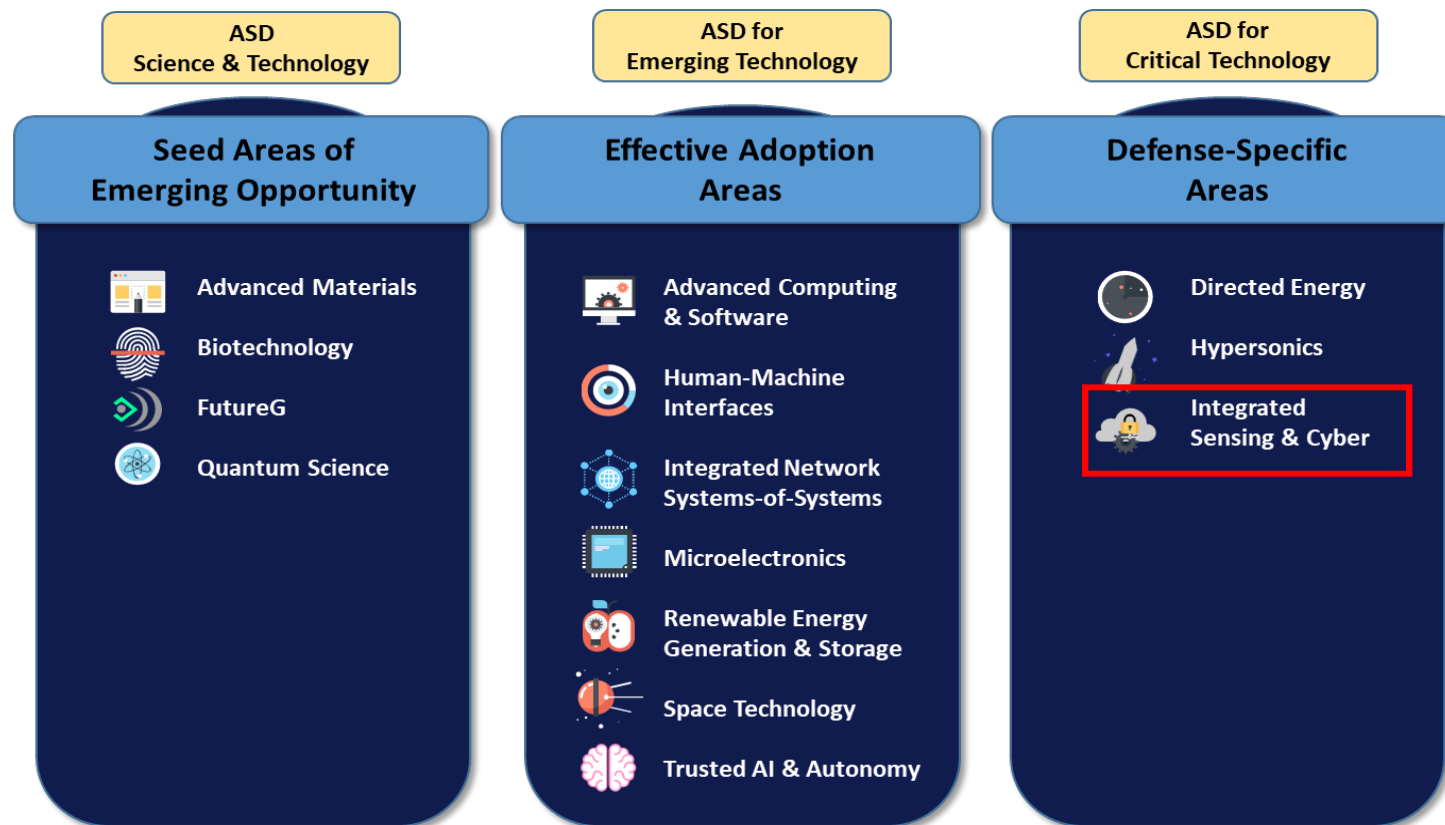
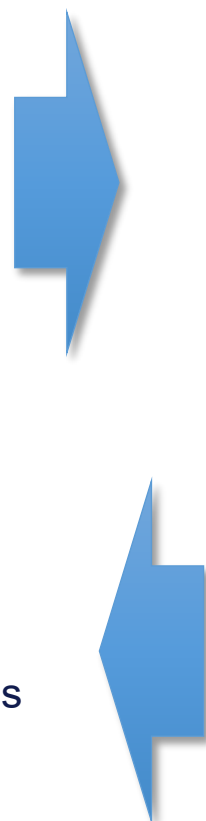
DoD Capability and Technology Demand Signals

Defense-Wide Capabilities/Technology

- National Defense Authorization Act
- National Security Strategy
- National Defense Strategy
- SECDEF Memos
- USD(R&E) Direction
 - 14 Critical Technology Areas

Integrated Sensing and Cyber

- National Cyber Strategy
- DoD Cyber Strategy
- CYBERCOM Command Challenges
- Section 1510 Non-Kinetic Force Development Plan





IS&C Strategic Vision

- Vision

- Integration of platforms, sensors, and effects at the speed and scale of relevance
- Sense, understand, react, and shape operations in the information environment (OIE) encountered by the joint force in highly contested environments

- Cyber - Major Focus Areas

- Protect and innovate
- See the battlespace
- Support rapid decision making
- Operations in the information environment



Global Trends on Cyber S&T

Major Themes

TIMELINES SHRINKING

COMPLEXITY INCREASING

LANDSCAPES RAPIDLY CHANGING

DOMAINS CONVERGING

Consequences (for both defense and offense)

- ***Humans cannot fight at cyber speed without the right tools***
- Interactive ops are obsolete
- Takes us further away from establishing and maintaining trust in our systems
- Adds uncertainty, exacerbates security
- Untrustworthy ecosystem (supply chain)
- Constantly redefining battleground via new C4ISR technologies (e.g. 5G/6G, SDN, IoT, Autonomous Platforms, etc.).
→ New vulnerabilities surface all the time
- A tactical platform's attack surface extends out through all its apertures
- Multi-domain stovepipes must end, need to use cyber to shape and deter conflict

Effect on S&T Strategy

- Emphasize mission assurance through trust and resilience over "monitor and react"
- Use autonomy to extend reach of workforce
- Emphasize importance of trustworthy, automated tools and educated workforce
- "Lone hacker" → "Experts with elite tools"
- Manage complexity in blue systems
- Proactively analyze emerging technologies
- Continue to invest in broadly applicable tools to be able to rapidly adapt to new technologies and nation state adversaries
- Study multi-domain interfaces, find 1+1>2
- Integration of SA / data streams, C2 for all-domain Information Operations (IO)

DoD Cyber S&T is the crucial enabler that ties together all-domain warfighting



Potential S&T Directions

- Tightly-coupled, mutually learning human-machine teams for cyber defense/offense
- Scalable formal methods and resilient architectures, modularity and composability
- Maneuver the cyber attack surface, orchestration of multiple simultaneous functions
- ML/AI for greater automation in cyber problems (tools-centric, human-assisted)
Especially useful in expanding the “range of practicality” on Cyber’s many undecidable problems
 - Program analysis, reverse engineering, and vulnerability discovery
 - Design and characterization of cyber effects
 - Characterizing attack-defense cycles
- Designed-in simplicity and minimalism: SW, FW, protocols, and architecture
 - Stretch goal: every line of code in memory should be contributing to the mission
- Self-aware and self-correcting SW, FW, and protocols
- Roles of next-gen computing and communications technologies in cyber operations (6G, new microelectronics architectures, autonomous platforms and complex sensors, brain-machine/brain-brain communications, etc.)
- Broad spectrum of coordinated cyber obfuscation and deception technologies
- Ubiquitous sensors feeding integrated Cyber-EW-Kinetic operations
- Seamlessly leverage all-domains in operations to create digital effects (esp. Cyber-EW)

Helps us deal with:

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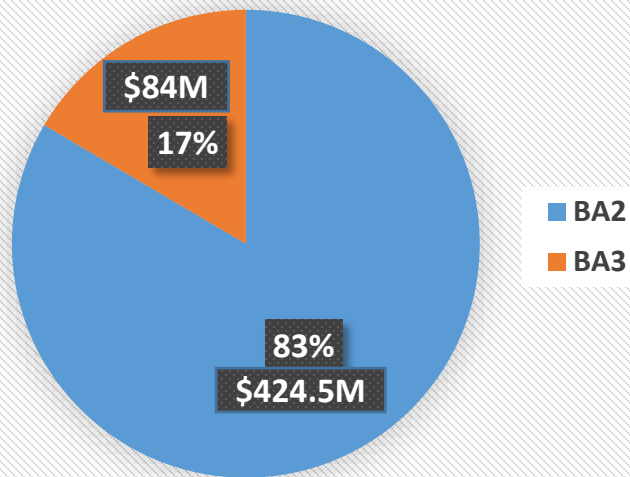
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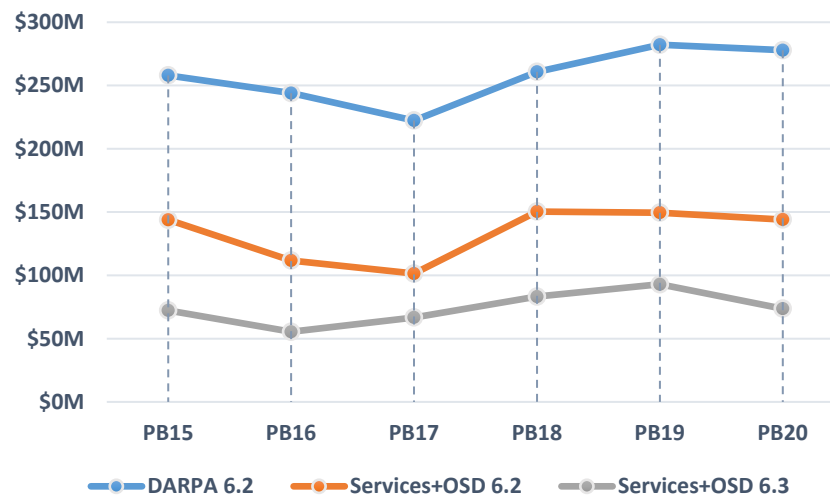


Typical (Past) Cyber Budget and Performer Base

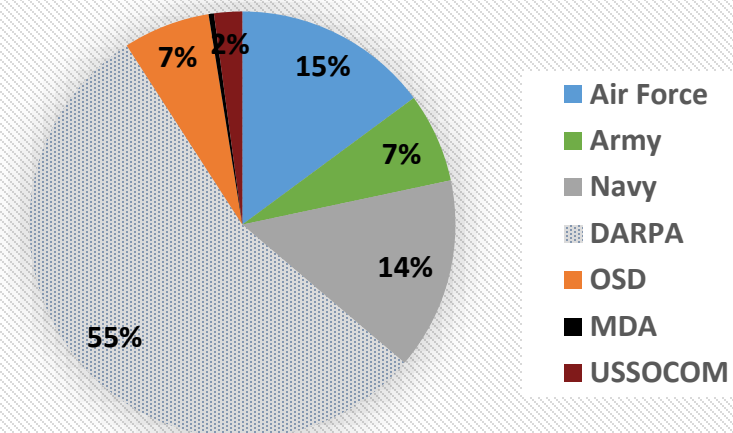
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**HISTORICAL TRENDS
(IN THEN-YEAR DOLLARS)**



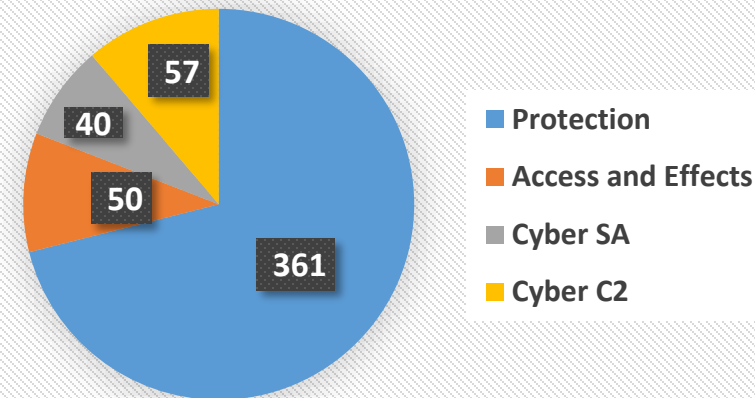
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PERFORMERS FOR DOD CYBER S&T

- Services & Agencies S&T Labs: AFRL, NRL, Warfare/Systems Centers, NSA/R, CCDC, MDA
- DOE Labs, FFRDCs, & UARCs
- Academia
- Industry Players
 - Defense Industrial Base
 - Non-traditional
 - Small Companies with Key Expertise & Products
- About 80% Extramural

PB20: BY TIER 1 TAXONOMY AREA





Industry Engagement: DoD SBIR/STTR Process and Components



USD(R&E) Technology Vision for an Era of Competition

Succeed through Teamwork: Maximize our asymmetric advantages by partnering with the larger innovation ecosystem, from industry to universities and to laboratories, allies and partners.

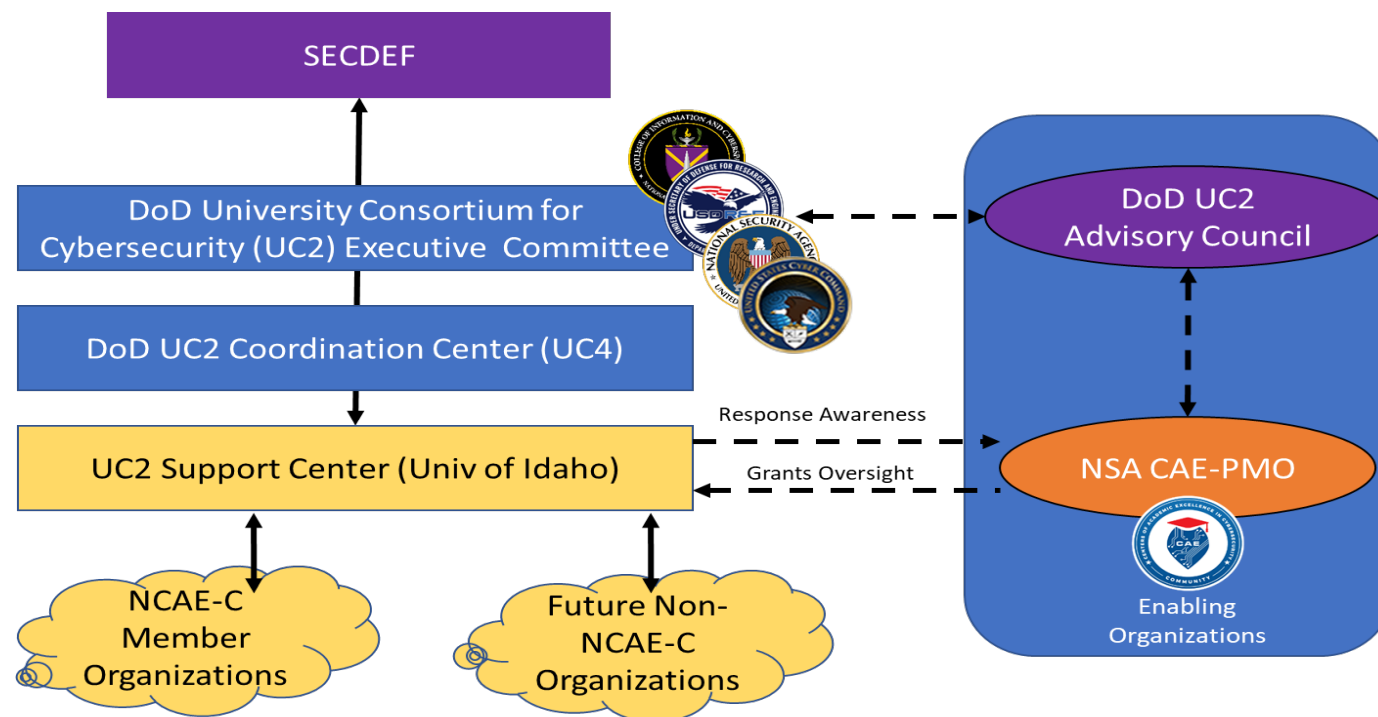


DoD University Consortium for Cybersecurity (UC2)

<https://cic.ndu.edu/UC2/Work-With-Us/>

Mission: Establish a consortium of universities to assist the Secretary of Defense on cybersecurity matters

- **Advise the Secretary on the needs of academic institutions** related to cybersecurity and research conducted on behalf of the Department
- **Serve as focal point for closer collaboration between academia and the Department of Defense (DoD)** on cybersecurity matters
- **Provide SECDEF timely access to the expertise of the institutions** of the consortia on matters relating to cybersecurity
- **Align support efforts of consortia members** in support of DoD



Accomplishments

- Three RFIs released covering 5 priority DoD topics
- 24 responses from academia // 8 invited presentations
- Webcast and follow-up matchmaking discussions



Work with DoD - Helpful Websites

- Defense SBIR/STTR Innovation Portal (DSIP) - <https://www.dodsbirsttr.mil/submissions>
- DoD SBIR/STTR - <https://rt.cto.mil/rtl-small-business-resources/sbir-sttr/>
- Federally Funded Research and Development Centers - <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/ffrdclist/>
- Minerva Research Institute - <https://minerva.defense.gov/>
- National Security Innovation Network (NSIN) - <https://www.nsin.mil/>
- System for Award Management (SAM) registration - www.sam.gov

- Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) facility and personnel clearance procedures and requirements - <https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/ctp/fc/>
- Export Control - https://www.pmdotc.state.gov/ddtc_public
- Invention Reporting - www.iedison.gov
- Technical Reporting - <https://discover.dtic.mil/submit-documents/>
- Defense Contract Audit Agency - <https://www.dcaa.mil/Guidance/Audit-Process-Overview/>
- Procurement Technical Assistance Centers - <https://www.aptac-us.org/>



Backup