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# Weapons and Combat Systems Division

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# Weapons and Combat Systems Division

**Vision:** To be at the forefront of the application of science and technology to tactical warfighting systems and operations.

**Mission:** Delivering a capability edge to the tactical war fighter.

## Strategy:

- Focus on the Tactical Engagement
  - Warfighter (Human Systems Integration)
  - Tactical Systems
  - Complex Future Warfighting Environment
    - Current and Future Threat
    - Complex EM Environment
  - Understand ADF tactical capability against future threats in a complex contested environment.
- Focus on Future Weapons and Combat/Mission System Technology

# Weapons and Combat Systems Division (WCSD)



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Modelling and Simulation</li> <li>• Weapons Modelling and Analysis</li> <li>• Combat Systems Effectiveness and Analysis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EO Sensors and Processing</li> <li>• RF Sensors and Processing</li> <li>• Guided System Technologies and Evaluation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Systems Integration</li> <li>• Information Processing and Human Sciences</li> <li>• Information Architectures and Networking</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S&amp;T Program coordination</li> <li>• Divisional Operations</li> <li>• Work Health Safety, Security, Facilities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Weapons Technologies</li> <li>• Weapons Effects and Protection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explosives and Pyrotechnics</li> <li>• Weapons Propulsion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of Threat Systems</li> <li>• Developing S&amp;T capability to deliver on Intelligence requirements</li> <li>• Support ADF platforms and personnel</li> </ul> |
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# WCSD Major Science and Technology Capabilities

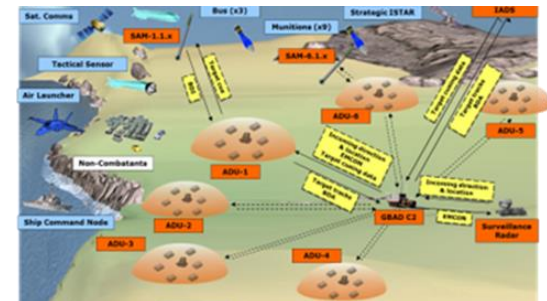
**Combat and Mission Systems:** Develops combat and mission systems for maritime and airborne platforms, and the tactical networking between air, sea and land platforms.

## Weapons and Combat Systems

**Assessment:** Assess individual weapon system performance and end-to-end tactical system effectiveness.

## Weapons Guidance Technology:

Undertakes research, development and analysis of the guidance systems of modern weapons.



# WCSD Major Science and Technology Capabilities

## Energetic Materials and

**Systems:** Research into the an understanding of energetic materials and systems: explosives, pyrotechnics, propulsion systems.



## Land Weapons Systems and

**Effects:** Supports all aspects of ADF unguided weapons and the effects that weapons have on platforms and personnel.



# WCSD Programs

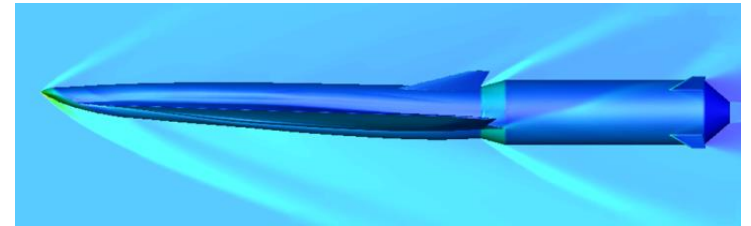
**Weapons Systems Technical Intelligence**

**Shape and Sustain the ADF Capability**

**Succeed in Complex Contested Environments**

**Emerging Weapons Technology**

**Counter Improvised Explosive Devices**



# Partnership Objectives

- **Foster support for open systems approaches to the development and acquisition of tactical systems**
- **Systems approach to the problem of countering Improvised Explosive Devices (Defence + National Sec Applications)**
- **Protection of people and structures against explosive events**
- **Centre of Expertise in Energetic Materials (CEEM) - World class centre of national significance**
- **Human Systems Integration**
- **Advanced Modelling and Simulation technologies**
- **Sustainment of current weapons (safety and life of type)**
- **Future Weapon Systems**

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# One World Modelling and Simulation Architectures

Weapons and Combat Systems Assessment

Presented by: Mr Lloyd Damp

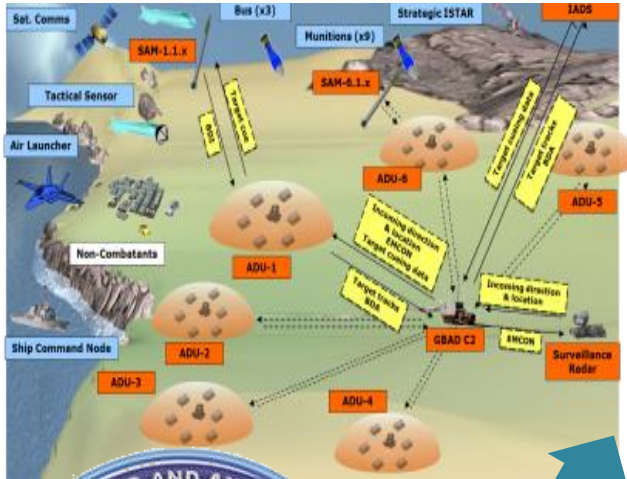
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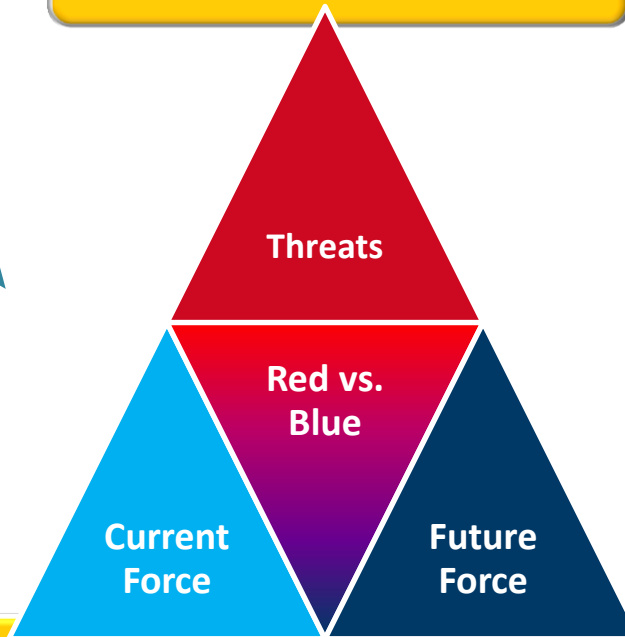
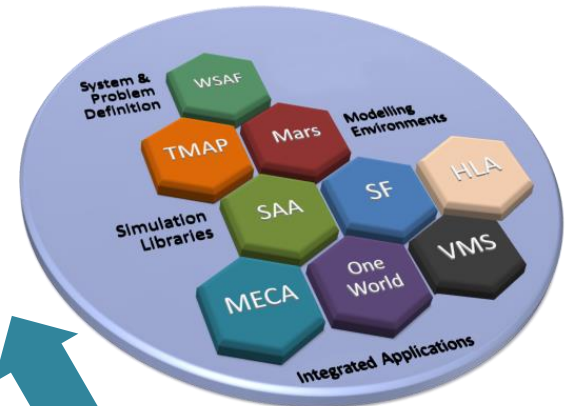
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# Weapons and Combat Systems Assessment MSTC



Combat Systems Effectiveness Analysis



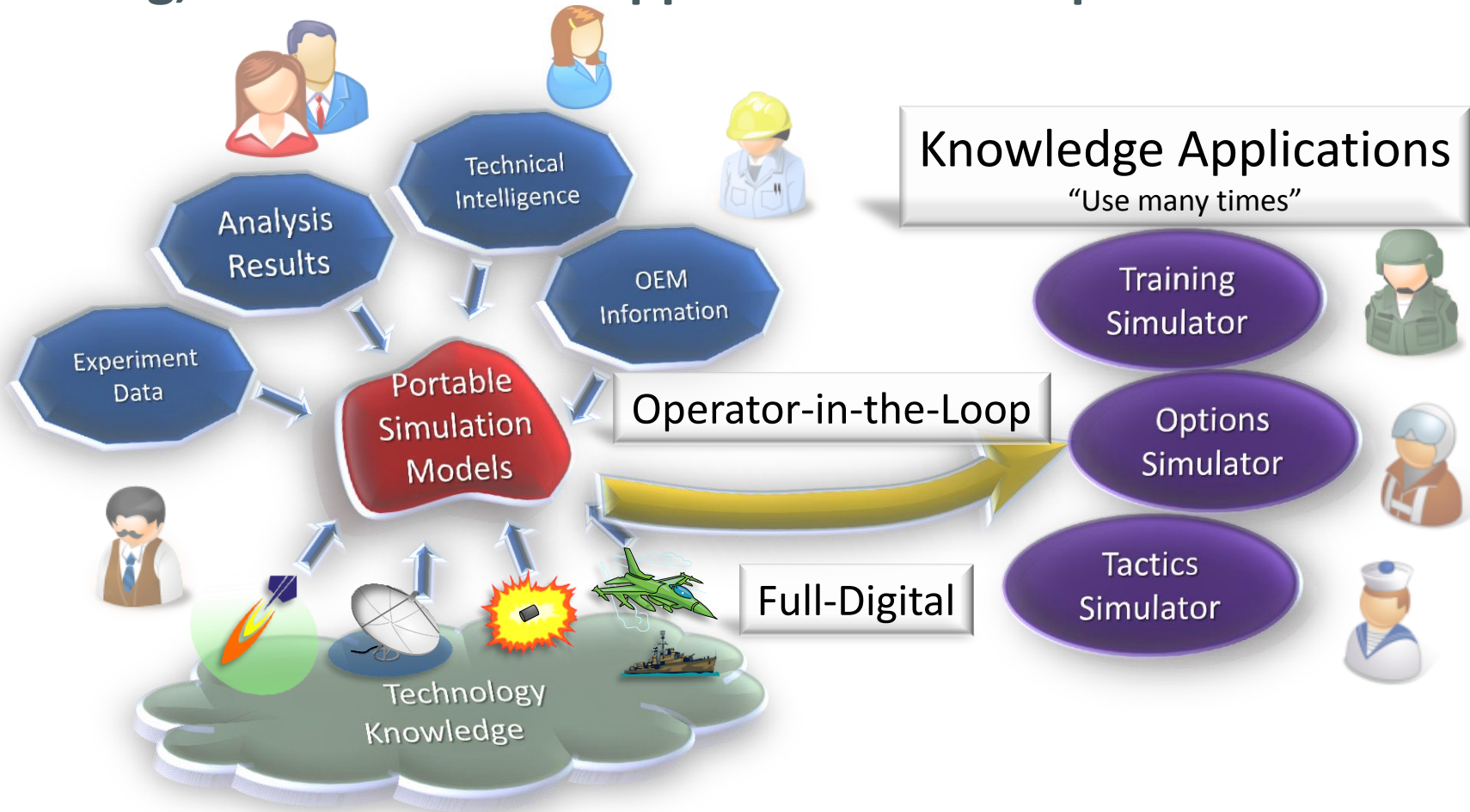
Weapons Modelling and Analysis

Advanced Modelling and Simulation



# Modelling, Simulation and Application Philosophies

Knowledge Capture & Integration  
"Capture once"



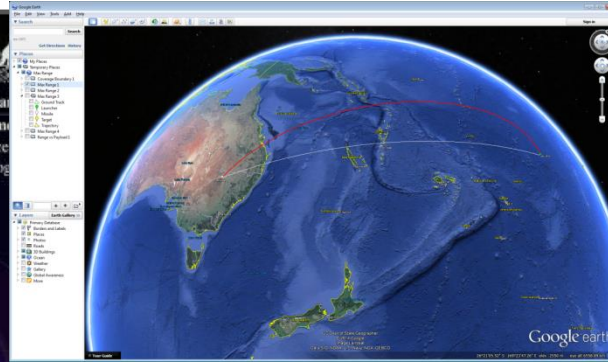
*Opportunities exist to partner to ensure knowledge portability through the definition of interfaces and standards*

# Full-Digital Simulations

# BMAT

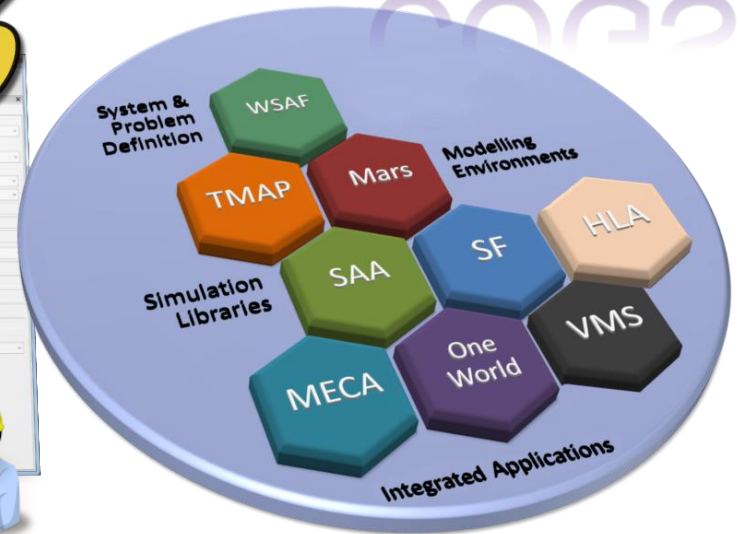
Ballistic Missile Analysis Tool

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# MECA6



*Opportunities exist to partner in the creation of models architectures and applications*



# Operator-In-The-Loop Simulations

- High fidelity hardware, simulated environments and customisable scenarios
- Integrate and test new algorithms, equipment or services
- Optimise Operator-Machine effectiveness
- Ability to integrate into any stage of the engagement chain



*Opportunities exist to partner together on Operator-In-the-Loop simulation environment development*

# Come Partner With WCSA Branch!

Modelling and simulation  
language & standards

Verification and validation  
of models

Simulation and Analytical  
Frameworks

Long-term partnerships for  
framework design,  
implementation and  
evolution

High-efficiency data  
repositories for  
experimental data

## You + DSTO

Design of Experiments  
applied to Simulation

High fidelity system  
models

Model-Based Systems  
Engineering to support  
system analysis

*Our Partnering can develop the best outcome for You and Defence!*

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# Combat and Mission Systems Partnering Opportunities

Combat and Mission Systems

Presented by: Dr Shane Canney

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# Combat and Mission Systems Branch - Overview

To become the tactical systems integration S&T focal point for enhancing ADF warfighting capability



## Combat and Mission Systems MSTC

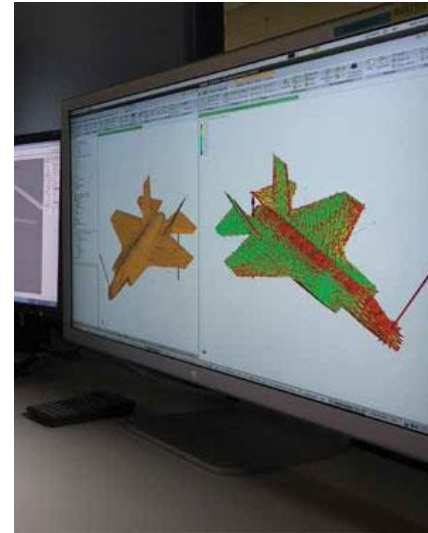
Electronic Systems Integration STC

Information Processing and Human Systems STC

Information Architectures and Networking STC

# Partnership Opportunities – Electronic Systems Integration

**Electromagnetic Environmental Effects (E3)** considers the compatibility of a military platform with its external electromagnetic environment. This includes lightning, telecommunications and radars, (inter-system compatibility) and between the electronic systems on-board the platform (intra-system compatibility).



*Collaboration opportunities exist in E3 computational modelling/analysis and the development of novel test/measurement methodologies.*



# Partnership Opportunities – Information Processing and Human Systems

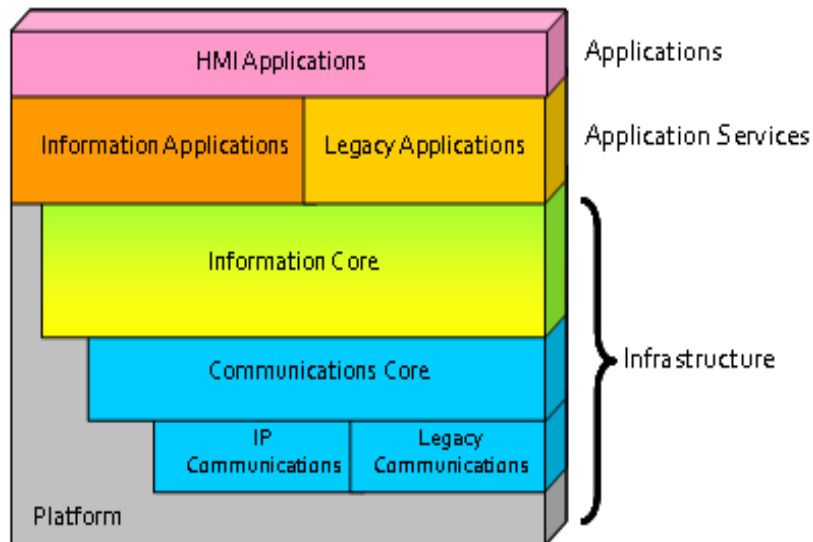
DSTO undertakes research **to underpin operator decision making** in tactical situation assessment, threat evaluation, effect and weapon assignment and resource management. User-centred design techniques are employed to improve warfighting through effective **design of interfaces and the physical environment**.



*Collaboration opportunities exist in the development and implementation of concepts and tools to aid warfighter decision-making and in user-centred design, in particular advanced display concepts.*

# Partnership Opportunities – Information Architectures and Networking

DSTO conducts world-leading research on **emerging information architectures and networking technologies** for next generation combat and mission systems.



*Consider joining our team of international partners working towards the shared goal of seamless information exchange throughout the tactical battlespace and the wider Defence enterprise.*

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# Weapons Guidance Technologies Partnership Opportunities

Weapons Guidance Technology

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# Weapons Guidance Technology Branch

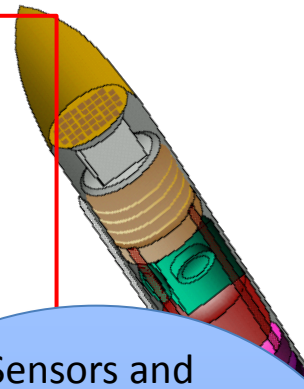
*To provide clear and identifiable support to the ADF capability advantage through detailed knowledge of the development and application of weapons guidance.*

## Weapons Analysis

- Seeker and autopilot characterisation
- Guidance performance evaluation
- Target and countermeasure response
- HWIL, captive-carry and live trials

## Advanced Capabilities

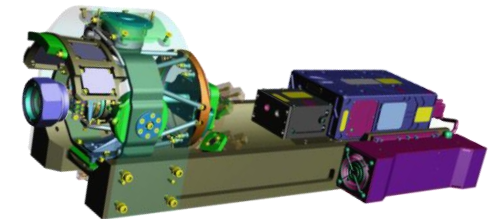
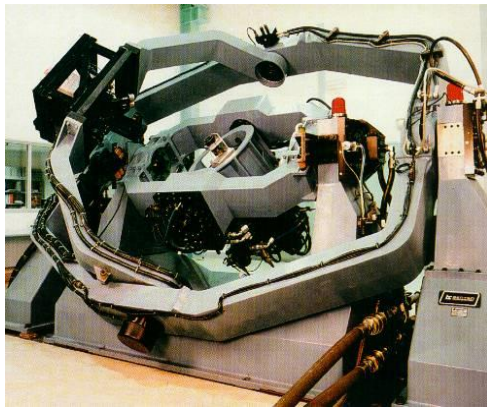
- Millimetre wave
- Ladar Seeker
- Autonomous navigation in GPS denied environments
- Adaptive control
- Seeker augmentation through hardware and software development



EO Sensors and Processing

Guided Systems Technologies and Evaluation

RF Sensors and Processing



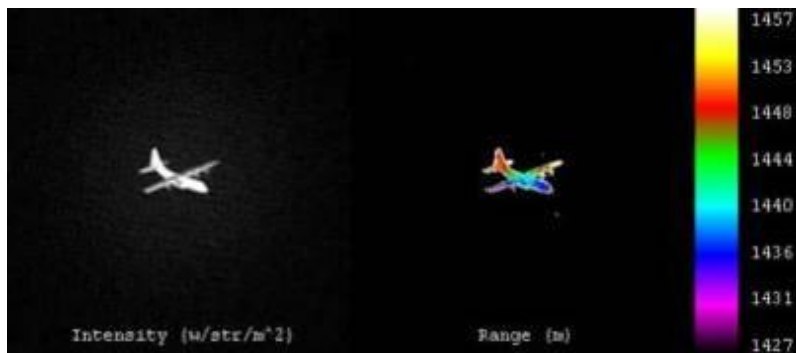
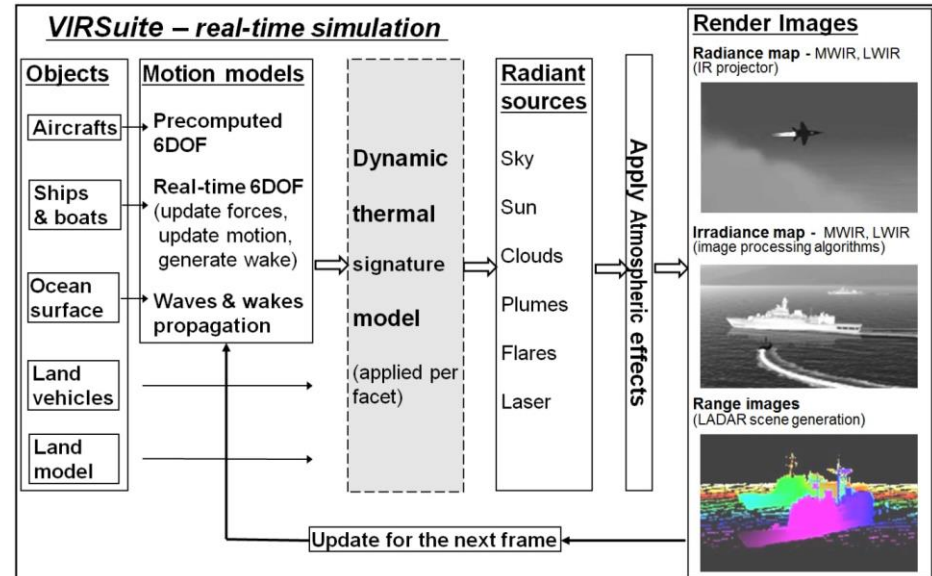
## Performance Prediction

- Digital models based on system/subsystem analysis
- Real-time hardware-acceleration
- Accurate signal processing implementation



# VIRSuite Simulation Capability

- Real-time physics-based
- Infra-red and visible imagery
  - aircraft, ships, land vehicles
  - terrain model
  - sky, sun clouds
  - plumes, flares
  - active radiant sources
  - atmospheric effects
  - sea properties
  - dynamic models



## Applications

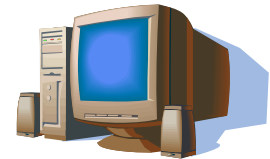
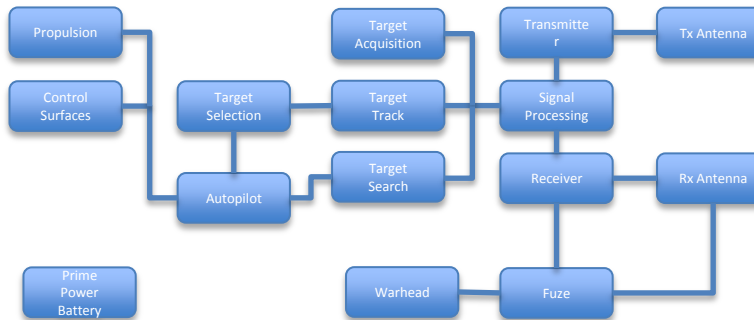
- Hardware in the loop systems
- Training simulators
- Trials reconstruction
- Tactical development

*Partnership opportunities exist in further development of the VIRSuite capability and implementation in applications for ADF and Allies' use.*

# CHIMERA Weapons Emulation

- **Requirement – prediction of weapon performance in unspecified environments**
  - Targets - multiple with accurate dynamic signatures
  - Electronic Warfare – advanced jamming techniques
  - Clutter – dynamic in any environment
- Hardware accelerated real-time models
- Collaborative activity with US and UK government agencies and contractors

Phased Array Antenna	Anti RGPO	SupetHet Rx	Chaff Rejection
Parabolic Antenna	ADC	Solid State Tx	Target Selection
Spiral Antenna	DAC	TWT Tx	Guidance Laws
IFM Rx	CV Rx	Range Gate Tracker	Aero-dynamics



Re-usable Blocks → System/Subsystem Model → Hardware Integration

*Partnership opportunities will exist in sub-system model development and implementation in hardware-in-the-loop digital models.*

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# Graduated Force – An Opportunity

Land Weapons Systems Effects

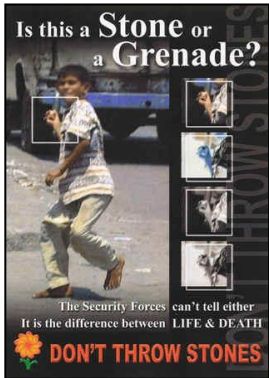
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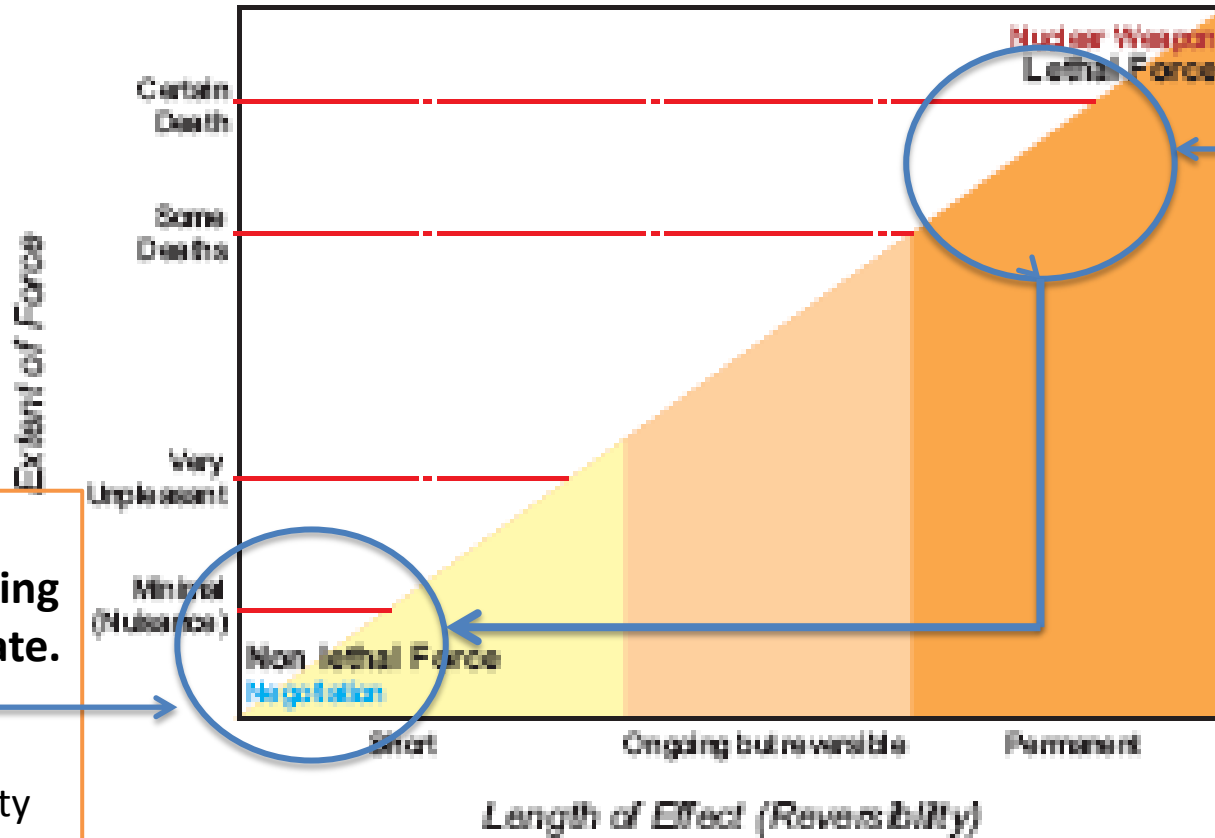
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# Graduated Force in the context of the Modern Military- The Problem Space



**Where we are increasingly being forced to operate.**

- Problematic
- Constrained
- Little Capability
- Lack of training



**Where we have traditionally operated.**

- Training
- Capability
- Doctrine



## Graduated Force - Working in the Problem Space – “Non Lethal” Force

- US DoD Definition - Weapons, devices and munitions that are explicitly designed and primarily employed to incapacitate targeted personnel or materiel immediately, while minimising fatalities, permanent injury to personnel, and undesired damage to property in the target area or environment. Non-lethal weapons are intended to have reversible effects on personnel and materiel.”

**No guarantees – its all about the intent!**

# Exemplar "Non lethal" Technology Options

OPTICAL



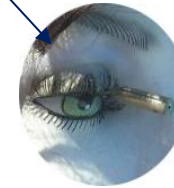
ACOUSTIC



CHEMICAL



ELECTRICAL



✓ Today's Opportunity

KINETIC



# Kinetic Energy Based Systems

## Traditional and most widely employed

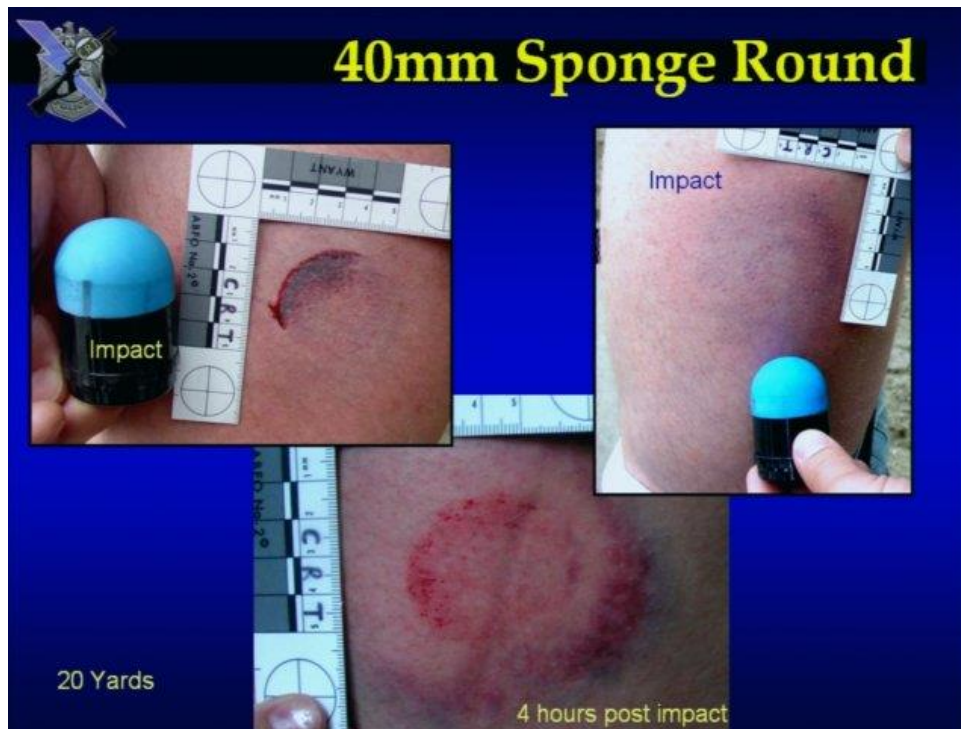
- Where we are now.
  - Current traditional Non Lethal capabilities based around ballistic weapon systems have performance limitations primarily because the NL projectile is fired with one fixed launch velocity from the weapon.
  - Therefore this limits the effectiveness and safety over the entire engagement ranges that may be encountered in operations i.e. at longer ranges ineffective – at short range increased danger.

# Kinetic Energy Based Systems

Why adjusting the launch velocity can be critical.

*Increasing kinetic energy = Increasing risk*

✓ Acceptable Injury – short time + reversible



× Unacceptable Injury -  
Long term serious consequences



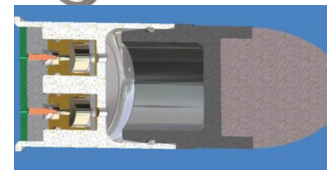
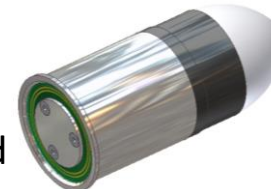
# The Opportunity!

## Managed Lethality Grenade Launcher System (MLGLS)

- DSTO has designed, developed and **patented** a novel “Non Lethal/Lethal” weapon concept known as the Managed Lethality Grenade Launcher System (MLGLS).
- The MLGLS has the unique capacity to fire 40mm NL projectiles, at **variable launch velocities**, by an integrated system based on a laser range finder, Fire Control Unit and Specialised Modular Cartridge with an impact attenuating projectile.
- In Non Lethal applications this allows the system to deliver the **optimal kinetic energy** to the target for each specific engagement range, hence achieving the best on target effects whilst also minimising the risk of injury to the target.
- System components will fit to extant 40mm weapon systems without affecting their existing capabilities (hence capability adding).



Weapon Platform



Modular Cartridge and Impact Attenuating Projectile



Fire Control Unit



Laser Range finder

## Bottomline -current status

- Needs Industry Champion - Risk = \$Reward

### Current Status of the MLGLS

- The MLGLS is at prototype TRL 7, is patent pending and has been trialled both domestically and internationally with positive reviews.



Lt General Tryon & Colonel Tafolla examine the MLGLS

North American Technology  
Demonstration- Joint Non Lethal  
Weapons Directorate and NATO

### Commercial Opportunity for MLGLS

- The global market for non-lethal weapons is estimated at US\$1.146B and growing as a compounded annual growth rate of 5.42% pa. The US, Europe and Asia are expected to spend an estimated \$US4.3B between 2014-18 on non-lethal weaponry.
- COME and SEE us at the Weapons and Combat Systems Division Stand.

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# Energetic Materials Partnering Opportunities

Energetic Materials and Systems

Presented by: Dr Gregory Freebairn

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# Energetic Materials & Systems Branch

## *Explosives and Pyrotechnics*

Military Explosives and  
Explosive Ordnance

Pyrotechnics and  
Countermeasures

Home-Made Explosives –  
CIED and National Security

## *Weapons Propulsion*

Gun and Rocket Propellants  
Missile and Gun Propulsion  
Systems

Propulsion System Safety and  
Sustainability

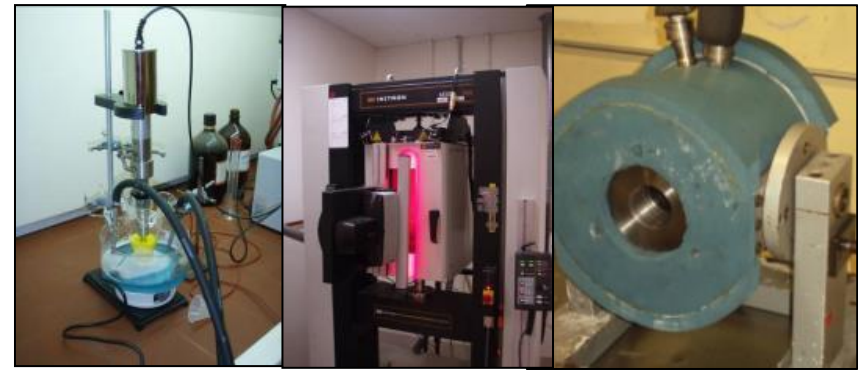
Propulsion System Test and  
Evaluation

*Explosives Ordnance Management Team*





Formulation Development and Synthesis



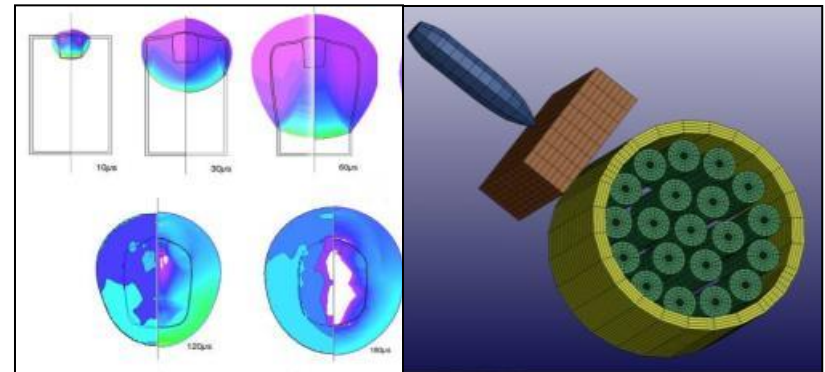
Analysis and Characterisation

# Unique National EO Facilities

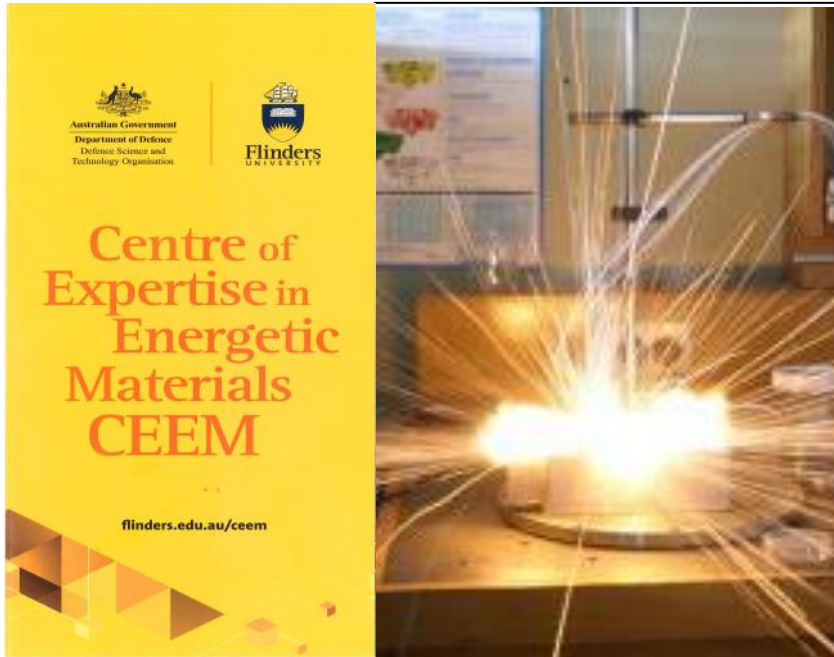
Instrumentation, Testing and Evaluation



Modelling and Simulation



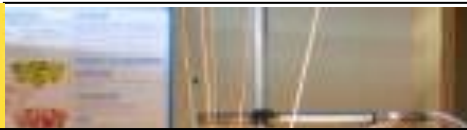
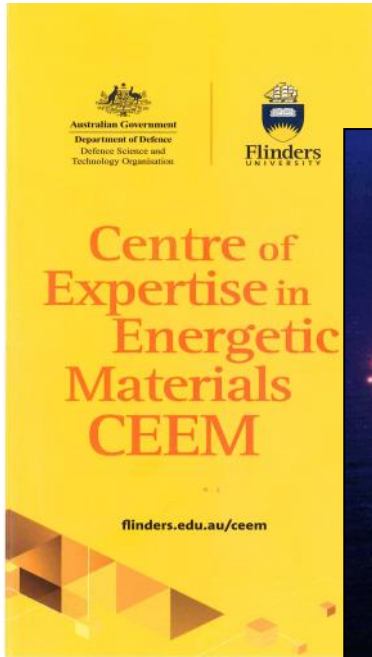
# Partnership Opportunities



Centre for Expertise in Energetic Materials



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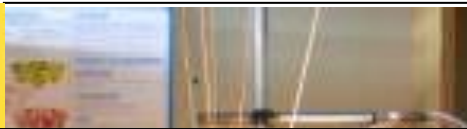
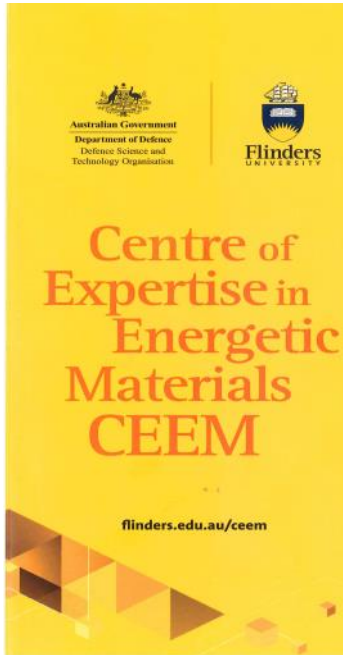


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IR Countermeasures



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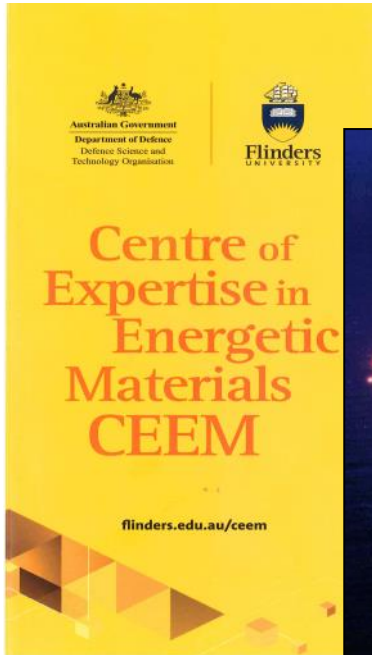
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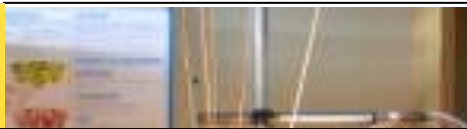
Gun Propulsion



# Partnership Opportunities



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Rocket Propulsion



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**We would welcome opportunities to  
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