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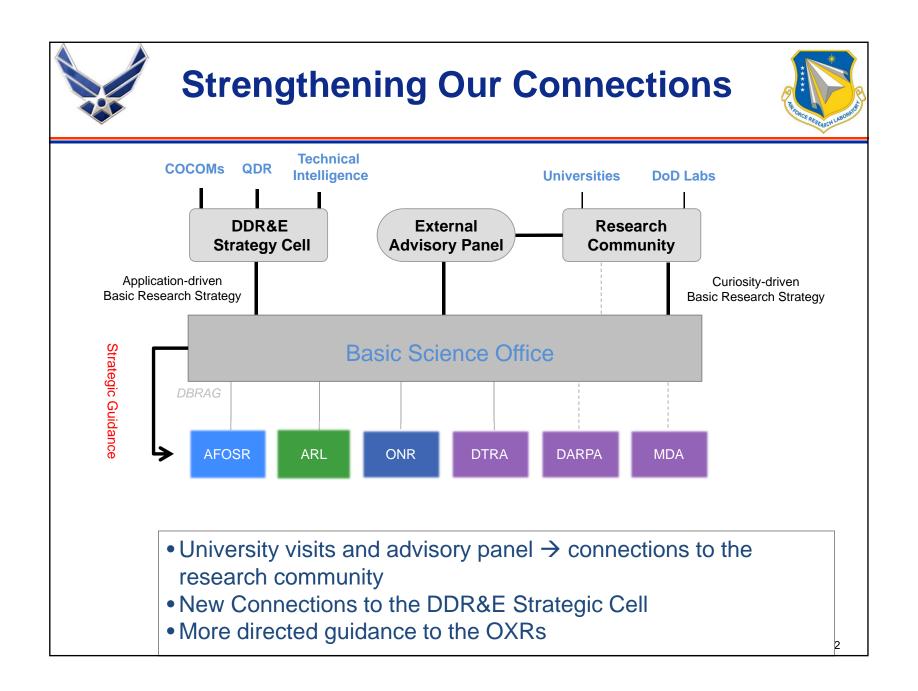


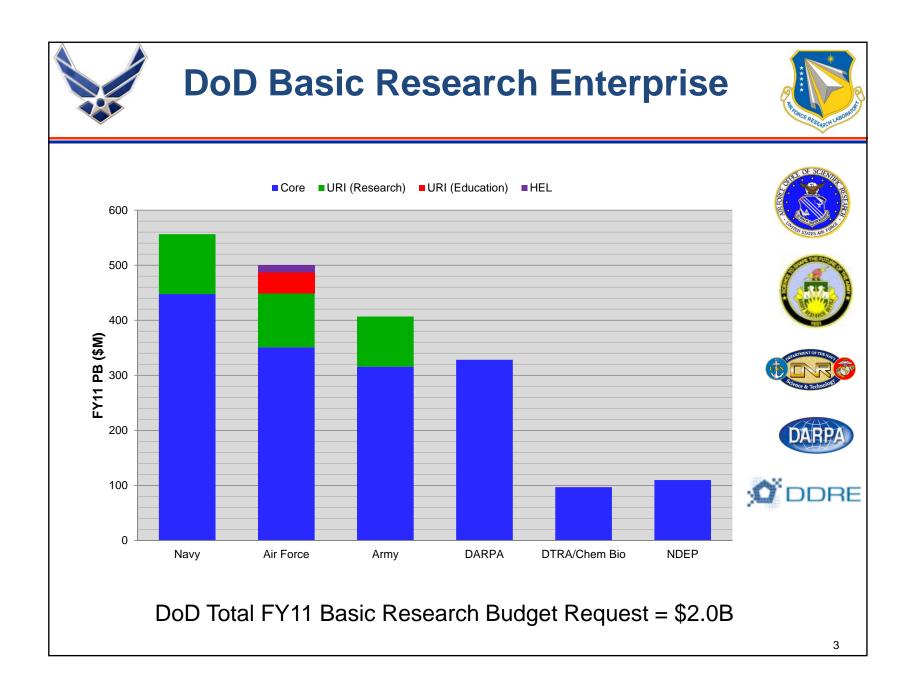
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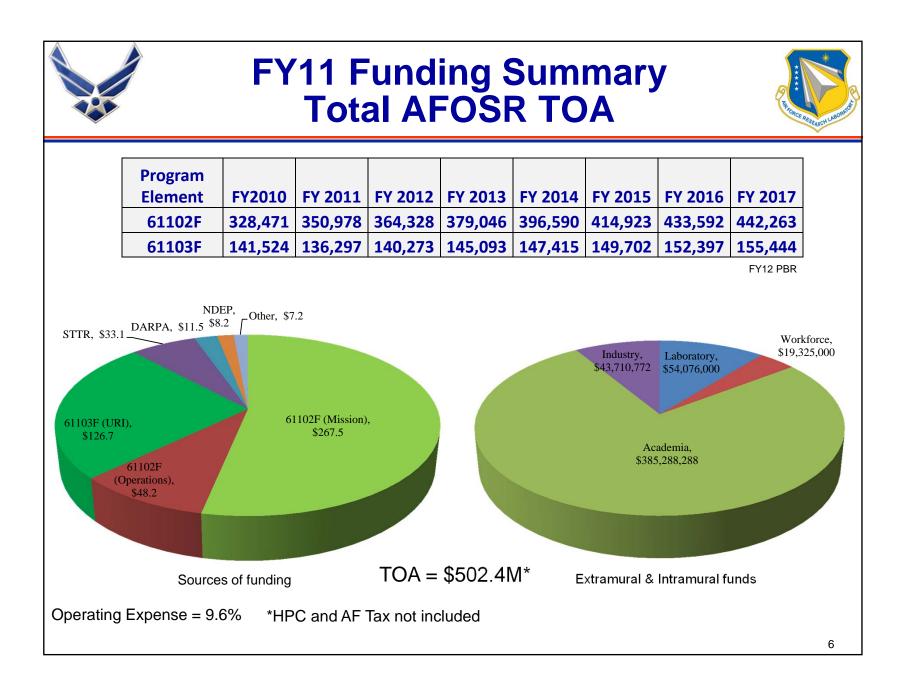






The Air Force's Corporate Research and Development Laboratory







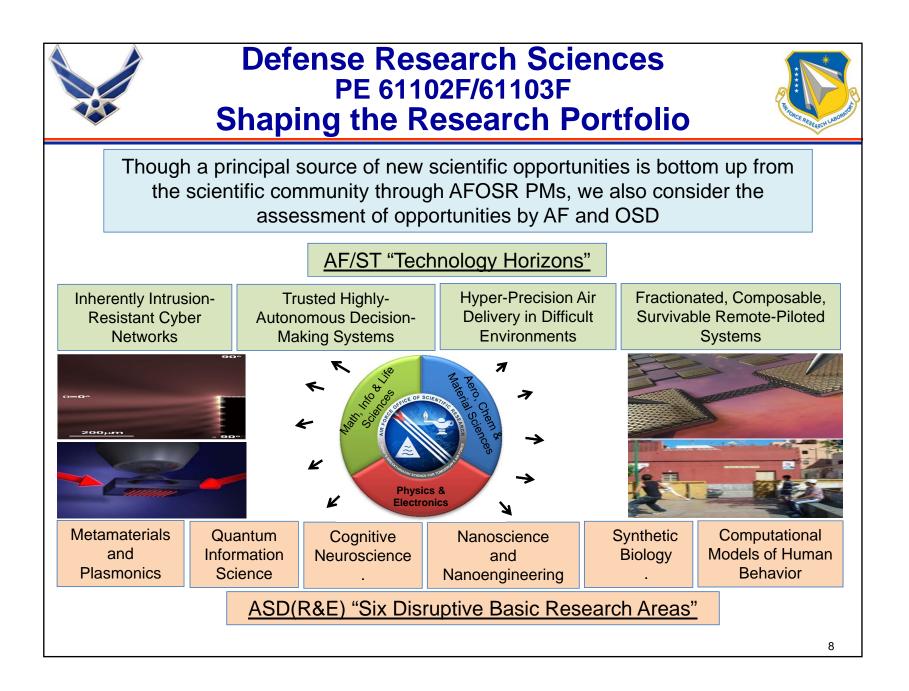
Defense Research Sciences PE 61102F/61103F Shaping the Research Portfolio



Goals for AFOSR to strengthen the Air Force basic research program as defined in AF S&T Strategic Plan:

- **Provide scientific leadership** for the AF basic research enterprise
- Attract the Nation's/World's best S&Es to contribute to and lead AF/DoD research
- Ensure the coherence and balance of the AF basic research portfolio
- Foster connections between AFRL researchers and the National/International basic research community
- Maximize the discovery potential of the defense research business environment

Focus on the Future AF with the ultimate goal to make Today's AF and Tomorrow's AF Obsolete!

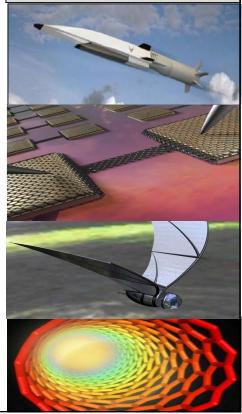




Trends in AFOSR Emphasis in PE61102F and PE 61103F

- Advanced Mathematics
- Hypersonics (Turbulence Control)
- Complex, Multi-Functional Materials
- High-Temperature Superconductivity
- Info Assurance and Network Sciences
- Micro Air Vehicles (Autonomy, Adaptive Aero)
- Interfacial Sciences (Thermal Sciences)
- Counter-Directed Energy Weapons
- Robust Decision-Making, Info Fusion
- Socio-Cultural Modeling, Minerva
- Quantum Information Sciences
- Space Situational Awareness
- fs-Laser Material Interactions
- Artificial Intelligence

OSD Priorities BLUE = Tech Horizons Grand Challenges GREEN = Both



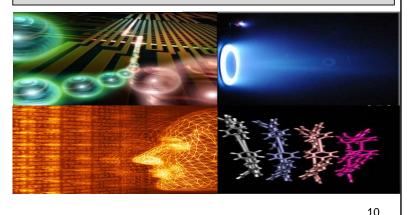
PE61102F/PE61103F FY 11 Budget Increases; Invest in AF "Technology Horizons" Research Areas

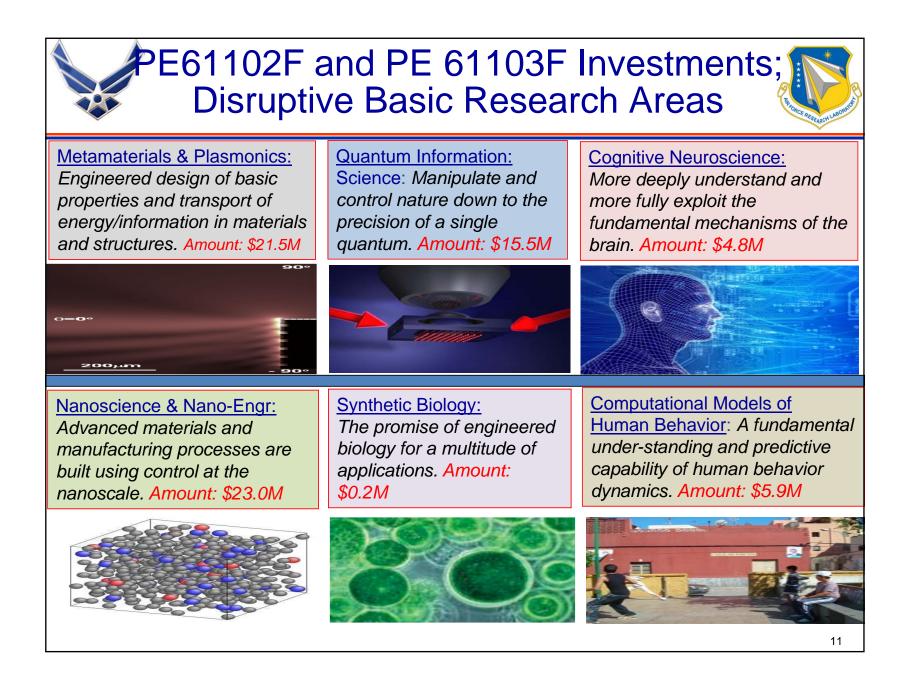


- <u>SecDef Topic Enhancements</u>
 - Information Assurance
 - Interacting Complex Networks
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Socio-Cultural Modeling
- <u>Materials and Processes Far from</u>
 <u>Equilibrium</u>
 - Physics and Chemistry of Surfaces in Highly Stressed Environments
 - Small Molecule Activation
 - Extreme Optics
- Transformational Computing
 - Neural Computing
 - Bio-Inspired Distributed Control Sys.
 - Beyond Moore's Law Electronics
 - Multiscale Modeling

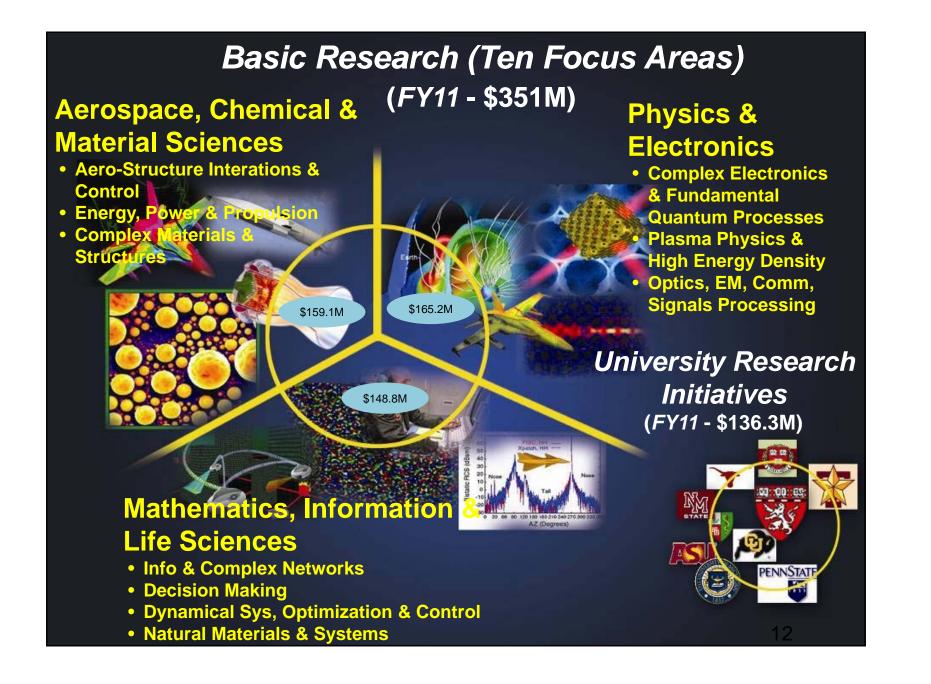
Tech Horizons Grand Challenges

- 1. Inherently Intrusion-Resistant Cyber Networks
- 2. Trusted Highly-Autonomous Decision-Making Systems
- 3. Fractionated, Composable, Survivable Remote-Piloted Systems
- 4. Hyper-Precision Air Delivery in Difficult Environments





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Aero-Structure Interactions and Control



• **Objective:** Characterization, modeling, and exploitation of interactions between unsteady aerodynamic flow fields and dynamic air vehicle structures.

• Critical Subjects Include:

- Turbulence and laminar-turbulent transition
- Flow control
- Unsteady aerodynamics
- Structural dynamics
- Aero elasticity
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Autonomous Systems
 - High-Temperature Materials
 - Structural Modeling and Simulations
 - High Speed Turbines
 - Advanced Aerodynamic Configurations



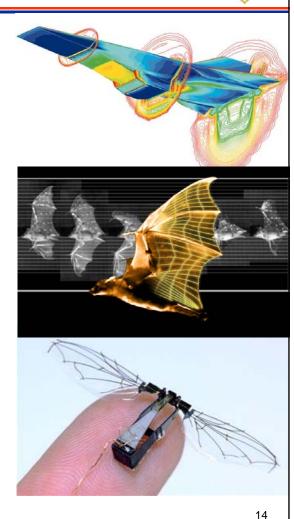
30 kW Inductively Coupled Plasma Facility for High Temperature Material Testing

FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
34.4	34.9	35.4	36.7	37.9	39.2	40.5



Aero Structure Interactions and Control

- Hypersonics Research: Model-free simulations of >Mach 3 shock/turbulent boundary layer interactions provide physical insight for development of reduced order models.
- **Bio-Inspired MAVs:** Characterize aeromechanics and scalability of bat flight. Engineered maneuverable micro flight vehicles may incorporate of flexible wing membranes as lifting surfaces.
- Micro-Robotic Fly: Research to understand how wing design can impact performance for an insect-size, flappingwing vehicle for monitoring & exploration.





Energy, Power, and Propulsion



• **Objective:** Focus on the production, storage, and efficient utilization of energy.

Critical Subjects Include:

- Novel energetic materials
- Combustion research
- Thermal science
- Novel propulsion methods
- Catalysis chemistry
- New ways in which energy can be produced/collected/stored/utilized
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Alternative Fuels
 - Spacecraft Propulsion
 - Energy Storage
 - Thermal Management Components
 - Hydrocarbon Boost Engine



Blue light (465 nm) is used to convert CO_2 to alcohols with a substituted pyradine catalyst and a p-GaP electrode.

FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
45.5	46.0	46.6	47.5	49.3	49.5	50.2

Energy, Power, and Propulsion

- Ionic Liquid Propellants: Ionic liquids are non-volatile, non-toxic, high density material system that can be tailored to alter properties. High-performance and reliable ignition enabling use as bipropellants.
- Photoelectrochemical Conversion of Carbon Dioxide to Alcohols: Blue light (465 nm) is used to convert CO₂ to alcohols with a substituted pyradine catalyst and a p-GaP electrode.
- Miniaturized Electric Propulsion: Developed thruster that operated off a microwave generator. It improves satellite endurance, maneuverability, fabrication and testing of a space flight ready microwave thrusters



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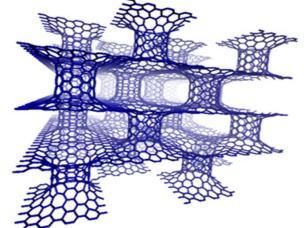
Complex Materials and Structures



 Objective: Future materials and structures that incorporate hierarchical design and functionality from the nanoscale through the mesoscale to effect functionality and/or performance characteristics to enhance the mission versatility of future air and space systems.

Critical Subjects Include:

- Materials with tunable properties
- Adaptive morphing structures
- Active materials with on-demand shape and phase change
- Reconfigurable structures
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Nanomaterials
 - Directed Energy Protection
 - Light Weight Multi-functional Materials
 - Health Monitoring and Prognosis



3D Pillared CNT/Graphene Nano Structure

FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
58.1	58.6	59.2	61.6	62.7	63.9	64.7

Complex Materials and Structures

- Self-Healing Structures: AFOSR led research has demonstrated the ability to engineer high efficiency self-healing polymeric composites. One result would be more durable & longer-lasting aircraft structures.
- Morphing Aircraft Structures: Establish "morphing" aerospace structures capable of altering their shape, functionality and mechanical properties for real-time conditions.
- Nanotube Artificial Muscles: Carbon nanotube artificial muscles can provide a hundred times the force generation capability of natural muscles and twice the rate capability.



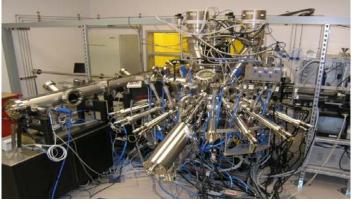
Complex Electronics and Fundamental Quantum Processes



 Objective: Pursue breakthroughs in information processing, secure communication, multi-modal sensing, computer memory, high speed communication and computing through exploration and understand of complex engineered materials and devices.

• Critical Subjects Include:

- Non-linear Optical Materials
- **Optoelectronics and Nanophotonics**
- Ultracold Atoms & Molecules
- Metamaterials & Graphene
- **Dielectric and Magnetic Materials**
- High Energy, Semiconductor and Ultrafast Lasers
- High temperature Superconductors
- Quantum Dots and Wells
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Chip-scale Atomic Clocks
 - Laser Communications
 - Quantum Key Distribution
 - High Temperature Electronics
 - Signal Identification and Recognition

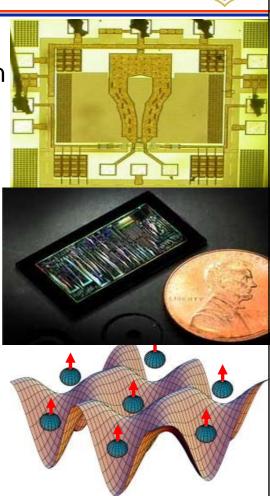


Atomic-Layer Molecular Beam Epitaxy System

	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
nition	63.8	64.9	66.1	67.2	68.7	70.9	72.1

Complex Electronics and Fundamental Quantum Processes

- Plasmonic Circuits: New designs for passive components (inductor & resonator) in communication circuits and highperformance oscillators and tunable multispectral terahertz detector arrays.
- Silicon Photonics: Combining low-cost silicon chips with tiny lasers to send bits of data using light rather than pulses of electricity.
- Ultracold Molecules: Investigation of quantum computers or high-speed computers (>100 GHz clock speeds), which will improve crypto-analysis, microwave electronics and material sciences.





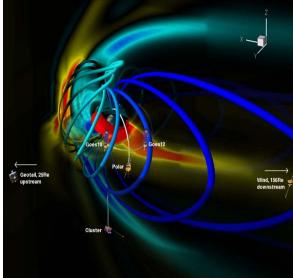
Plasmas and High Energy Density Nonequilibrium Processes



• **Objective:** Pursue understanding of fundamental plasma, non-linear electromagnetic phenomena, and the non-linear response of materials to high electric and magnetic fields.

• Critical Subjects Include:

- Space weather
- Plasma discharges & non-equilibrium chemistry/thermo
- Plasma control of boundary layers in turbulent flow
- RF propagation and RF-plasma interaction
- High power beam-driven microwave devices
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Advanced RF Apertures
 - Directed Energy Effects
 - Radiation Hardened Electronics
 - High Power Microwaves
 - Orbital Environment Characterization

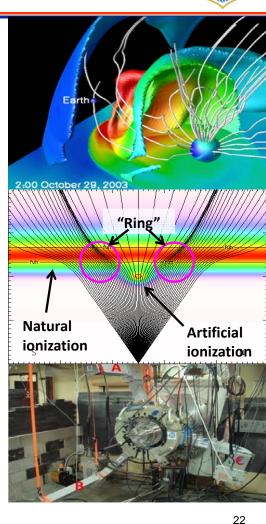


The simulated heliosphere during the Halloween storms.

FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
14.0	14.3	15.5	17.8	19.2	21.7	22.6

Plasma Physics & High Energy Density Non-Equilibrium Processes

- Space Weather: Important progress toward space weather forecast capability. Enables early warning to protect space assets. Minimize radio communications disruptions because of the effects on the ionosphere.
- Artificial Ionization Layers: The effect of energy input into ionosphere is researched at HAARP ionospheric heater in Alaska. The HF radiation to heat the ionosphere generated artificial layers.
- Relativistic Magnetron: To develop more compact magnetrons that operate at higher power and higher frequencies and those could be used to jam and defeat enemy electronics.



Optics, Electromagnetics, Communication, & Signal Processing

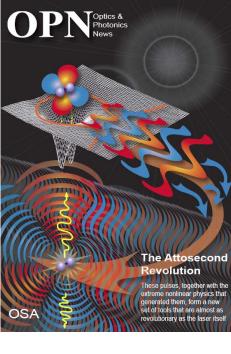


 Objective: Pursue understanding of complex electro-magnetic and electrooptical signals impacting space object imaging, secure reliable communication, ondemand sensing modalities, distributed multilayered sensing, automatic target recognition, and navigation.

Critical Subjects Include:

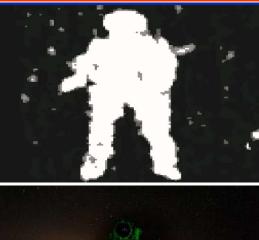
- Adaptive Optics and Optical Imaging
- Laser Phenomenology
- Precision Navigation and Timing
- Sophisticated mathematics and algorithm development for extracting information from complex and/or sparse signals
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Secure RF Links
 - Semiconductor Lasers
 - Dynamic Spectrum Access
 - Integrated Sensing and Processing
 - Cold Atom Inertial Navigation System

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	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
	29.7	30.8	31.9	33.1	35.2	36.5	37.1



Optics, Electromagnetics, Communication & Signal Processing

- Ghost Imaging: A new phenomenon where the imaging system does not receive any light directly from the object, but rather from the illumination source
- Aero-Optics: Discovered relationship between spatial and temporal frequencies of distorted wavefront for a laser propagating through turbulent, variableindex flows.
- Satellite Ground Observation: Extraction of resolved images from fusion of optical images to aid in identification of objects in orbit.







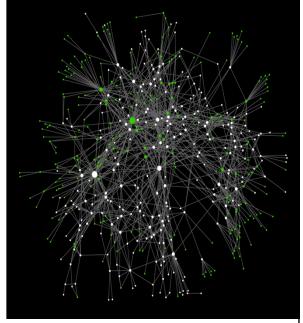
Information and Complex Networks

 Objective: Reliable and secure exchange of information and predictable operation of networks and systems.

• Critical Subjects Include:

- System and network performance prediction, design and analysis
- Predict and manage network failure comprehensively
- Information operations and security
- Integration of models of computation and cognition for the specification and design of complex human-machine systems
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Agile Networks
 - Quantum Computing
 - Complex Adaptive Systems
 - Virtual Machine Architecture
 - Information Fusion and Understanding

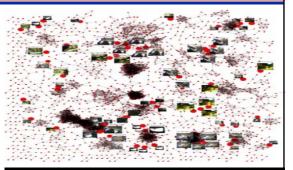
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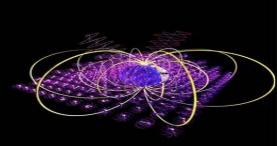


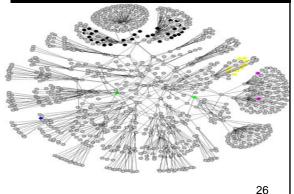


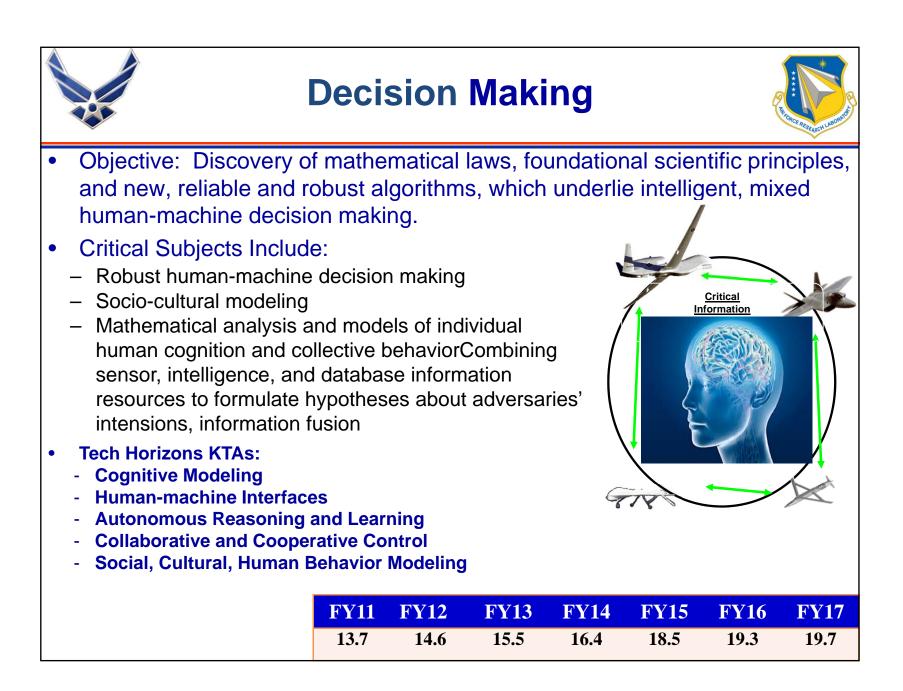
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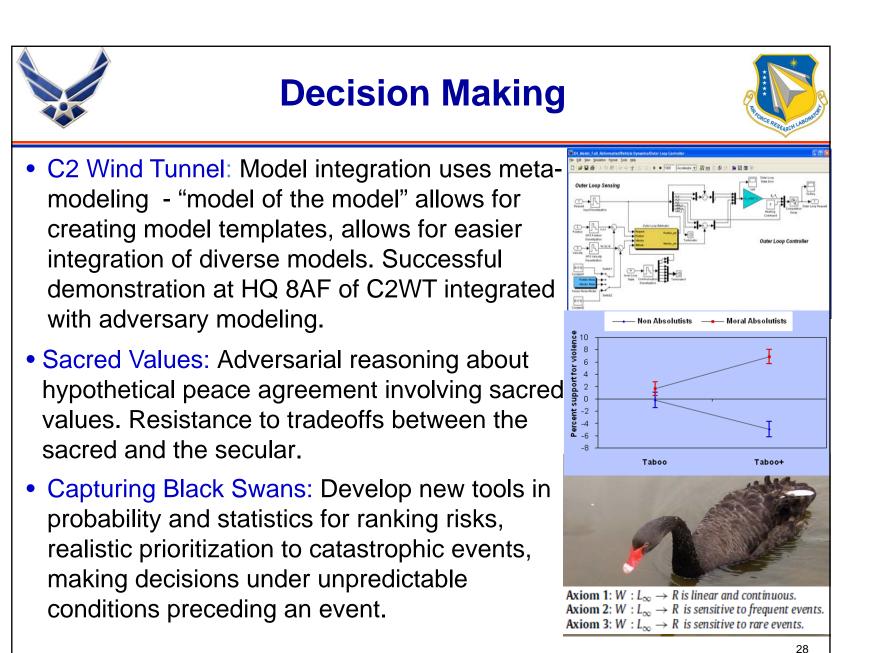
- Dynamic Information System Verification: Develop new mathematical algorithms for real time measurement, risk analysis, and statistical verification of large systems.
- Enable New Information Architectures : Develop mathematical measurement and estimation strategies to enable next generation of quantum network and computing semiconductors.
- Guarantee Mission Critical Information Transaction: Mathematical guarantees of performance for protocol, policy, and security using new coding, management, and online analysis methods.













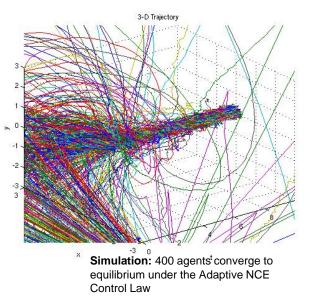
Dynamical Systems, Optimization, and Control



• **Objective:** To provide advances in in the science of autonomy including adaptive control for coordinating heterogeneous autonomous or semi-autonomous aerospace vehicles in uncertain, information rich, dynamically changing, adversarial, and networked environments.

Critical Subjects Include:

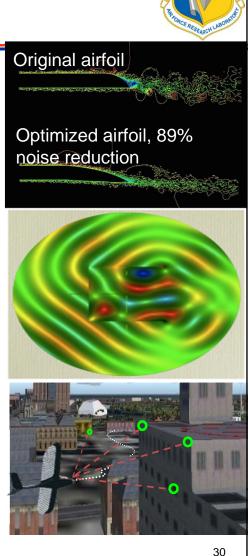
- Embedded optimization
- Dynamical systems theory
- Reliable scalable algorithms
- Computational and discrete mathematics
- Management of the effects of uncertainties
- Robust adaptive control of complex systems
- Tech Horizons KTAs:
 - Massive Analytics
 - Resilient Autonomy
 - Complex System Dynamics
 - Autonomous Mission Planning
 - Coupled Multi-Physics Simulations

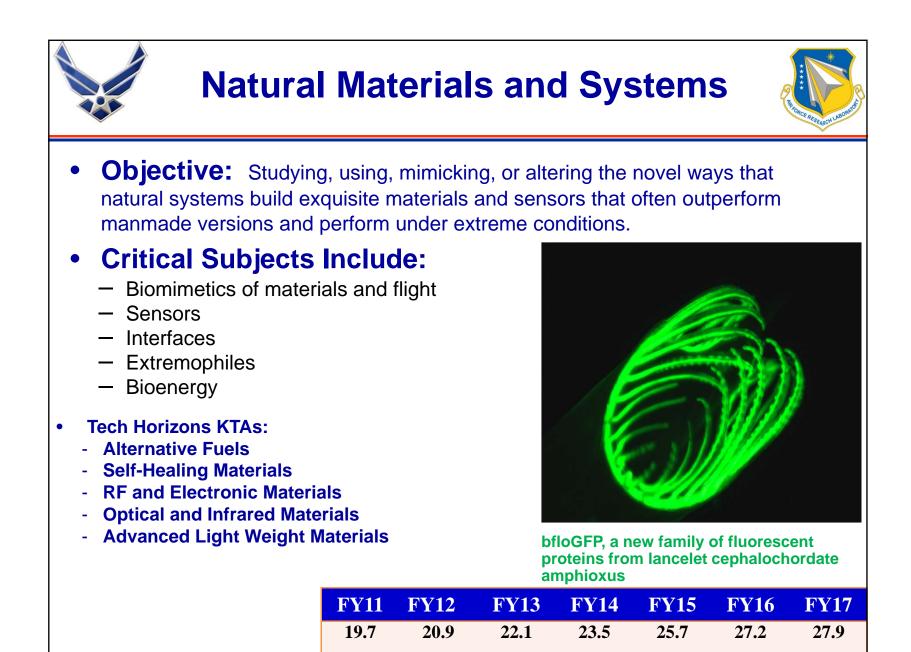


FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
37.2	39.7	42.0	44.6	47.4	50.3	52.2

Dynamical Systems, Optimization, and Control

- Meta Algorithms for Engineering Design: Developed the MADS(Mesh Adaptive Direct Search) algorithm for solving challenging non-smooth optimization problems with 37% reduction in solution times.
- Reduced Order Modeling for Wave Problems: The potential for significant reductions in the required computational effort to solve the data-dome problem for general problems by using a reduced basis technique.
- Vision-Based Control: Developing visionbased guidance, navigation, and control algorithms for micro air vehicles (MAVs) to operate autonomously in urban environments.







Natural Materials and Systems



- Spider Silk Research: Researchers have been created artificial spider silk that is stronger, flexible, and biodegradable. Silk has unusual mechanical & optical properties for thin film devices or to improve body armor.
- Biofuels Research: Investigating ways to produce large quantities of hydrogen gas using photosynthetic microbes, commonly known as algae and cyanobacteria.
- Artificial Photosynthesis: Discovered new method to split and store hydrogen and oxygen using solar energy. New method is cheap, efficient and easy to manufacture.





Innovation's Stealth Utility, Basic Research



Joint Precision Air Drop System

- Warfighter Capability
 - Using GPS and electro-mechanical steering actuators allows cargo bundles dropped from cargo planes to steer themselves to drop zones
 - JPADS able to airdrop up to 60,000 pounds of cargo

• Enabling S&T

- AFOSR worked winds calculations, the on-board computational algorithms, and the GPS-guided controlled parafoil technologies
- Natick provided system integration



In 1999, AFOSR joined with the U.S. Army to leverage efforts to improve precision air delivery capability and provided program funding.

Transition path



Other DoD organizations frequent transition partners



Innovation's Stealth Utility, **Basic Research**



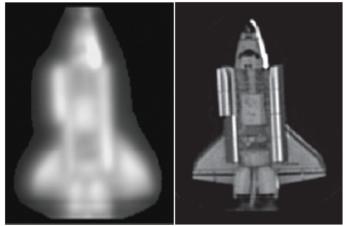
Image Enhancement for Space Situational Awareness

Warfighter Capability

- Iterative image restoration algorithm estimates and removes atmospheric and system blurring from one or more frames of blurred imaged data to produce a single high-resolution picture.

Enabling S&T ۲

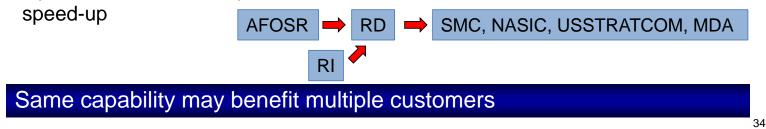
- Physically Constrained Iterative Deconvolution extracts most relevant information from multiple images by removing atmospheric and system blurring to produce a single high-resolution image.
- Optimized source code produced 30X speed-up



Raw data collected using an AMOS telescope

Physically Constrained Iterative De-convolution (PCID) Image







Innovation's Stealth Utility, Basic Research



Noise Attenuation (Achieved 50 dB Attenuation Goal of DTO HS-33)

Warfighter Capability

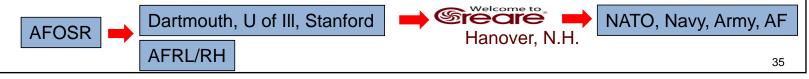
- Protect flight line operators and warfighters from noise induced hearing loss, fatigue and decrease errors associated with fatigue due to noise and vibrations.

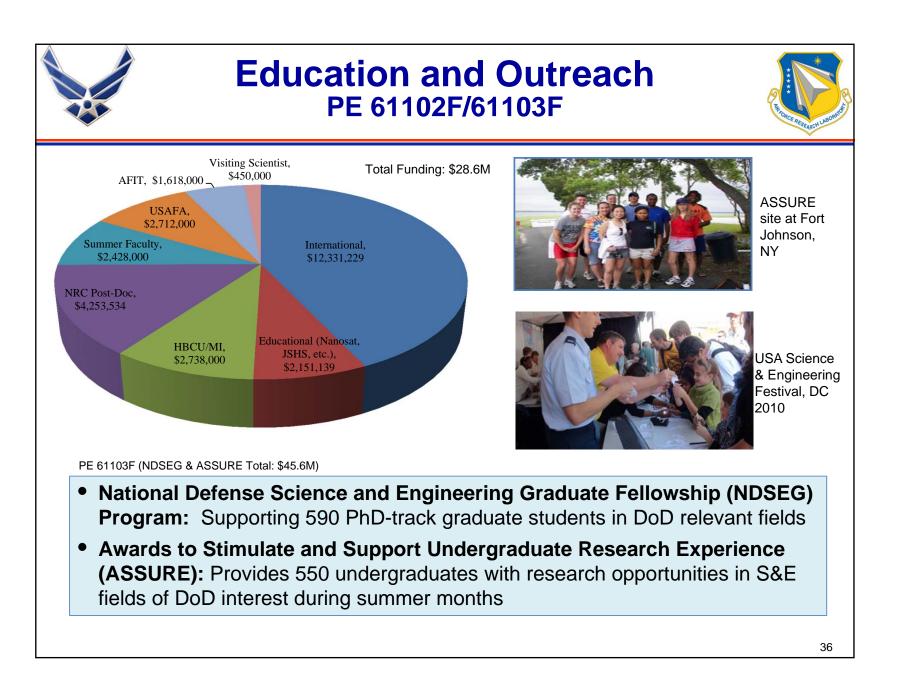
Enabling S&T

 Developed head and neck simulator that enabled attenuation of noise levels without exposure to human subjects. Coordinated STTR, 6.1, 6.2 efforts



- Developed a physiologically realistic, instrumented human head simulator
- Measured and model dynamics of middle ear transduction
- Developed new techniques for noise cancellation (active and passive)
- Instrumented Head Simulator enabled acoustic tests without risk to human listeners







AFOSR Supports University Individual Investigators



Goals

- Provide revolutionary scientific breakthroughs to maintain military air, space, and information superiority
- Build collaborations between AFRL and universities
- General Submission Process
 - Researchers submit white papers to AFOSR program managers
 - Promising white papers lead to request for full proposals
 - Proposals merit reviewed for excellence and relevance
 - Individual grants awarded for up to 5-years in duration
- Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) open at all times to innovative ideas http://www.afosr.af.mil



Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)

- Achieve significant scientific advances
 - Capture attention of top researchers
 - Build on results of individual-researcher grants
 - Encourage multidisciplinary collaboration
- Up to \$1.5M/yr for five years
- Typically 8-10 research topics per Service
 - Occasional joint topics
 - One or two awards per topic
- Currently there are 61 AFOSR MURI Projects (FY05-09)
 - 10 new projects in FY10

AFOSR Supports Tomorrow's S&Es



- -Recognizes outstanding young researcher
- -5-year awards \$200K/year
- Young Investigator Program (YIP)
- -Develops long-term relationships with junior PIs
- -127 awards since FY07; 43 awards planned in FY11



- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) Program
- -Supporting 590 PhD-track graduate students in DoD relevant fields
- Awards to Stimulate and Support Undergraduate Research Experience (ASSURE)
- Provides 550 undergraduates with research opportunities in S&E fields of DoD interest during summer months

AFOSR Supports Tomorrow's S&Es

- NRC Resident Research Associates (Post-Doc Program)
- Offers postdoctoral and senior S&E opportunities to perform research at sponsoring TDs (50 Associates in the program)
- Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP)
- Offers fellowships to faculty and students to conduct research at AFRL in the summer (96 Faculty & 22 Grad Students)
- Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)
- Provides specialized research equipment to U.S. universities
- 48 awarded in FY10, median award \$200K
- Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program
- Provides up to \$850,000 for early-stage R&D directly to small companies working cooperatively with research institutions
- FY10 : 112 Phase I & 41 Phase II projects ; \$40.2M total funds

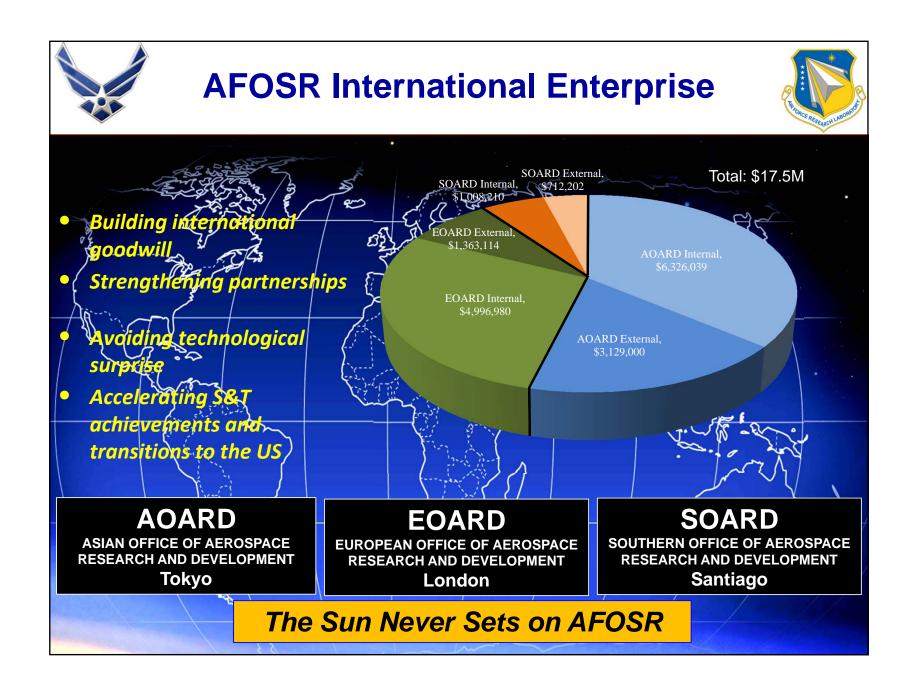
National Security Science and Engineering Faculty Fellowships

- DDR&E program, managed by AFOSR
- Objectives





- Excellent unclassified basic research on topics of interest to DoD
- Long-term relationships with outstanding faculty and students
- Familiarity with DoD missions, technologies, and challenges
- Cadre of technical experts for DoD advisory groups
- Award Information (Eleven awards in FY10)
 - Single-investigator awards up to \$850K/yr for up to 5 years
 - Open to faculty at US doctoral degree-granting institutions
 - US citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply
- Application process (more info at <u>http://nsseff.ida.org/</u>)
 - Letter of intent to nominate from home institution
 - Formal nomination letter and white paper
 - Full proposal and oral presentation (by invitation only)



International Research Achievements



• Agent-Based Computing in Distributed Adversarial Planning: Czech Tech Univ (EOARD) A decision-making process through which an agent constructs a sequence of actions (possibly consisting of a single action only) leading to the desirable goal state of the world in an adversarial

situation.

• Biomimetic Silicon Nanostructure: National Taiwan University, (AOARD)

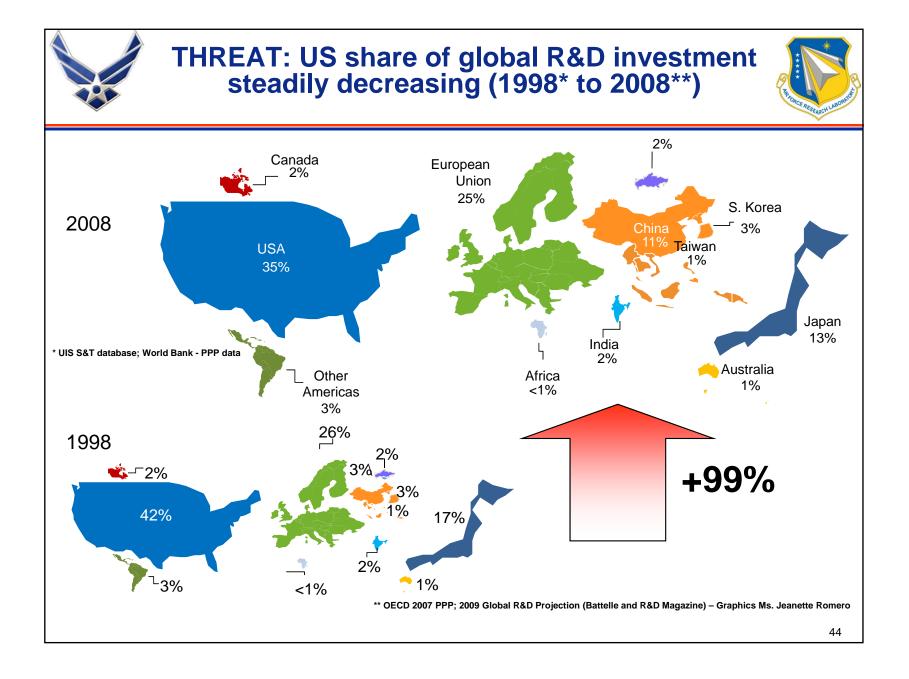
Created nanostructure (nanotip) surfaces which mimic moth eye and surpass its function in antireflection in that they absorb almost all incident light.

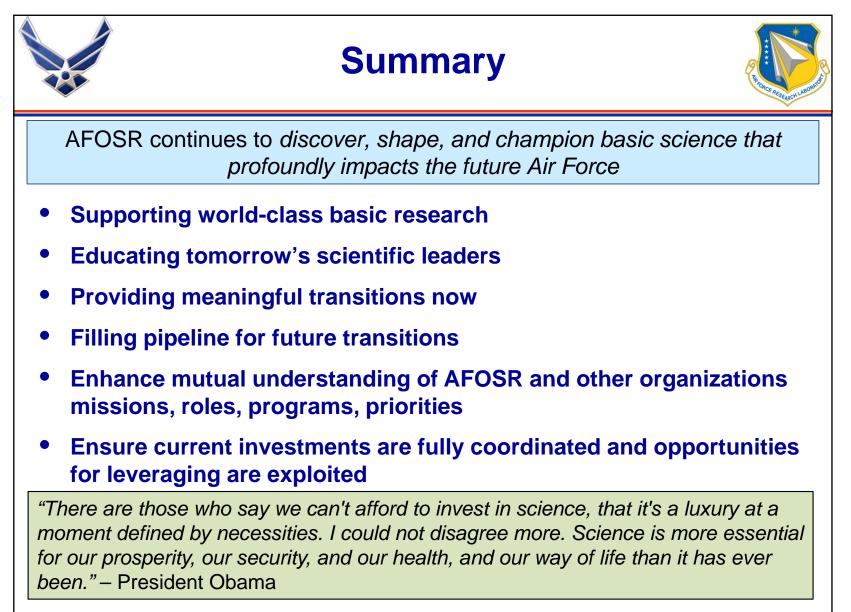
• Laser-Induced Air Breakdown in Hypersonic Flow: Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil (SOARD)

Experimental study of hypersonic flow. Gearing up collaboration with Australian hypersonic project HIFIRE .



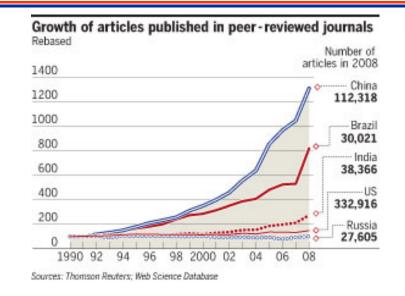
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China's Growth in S&T





China's "awe-inspiring" growth had put it in second place to the US – and if it continues on its trajectory it will be the largest producer of scientific knowledge by 2020. - Jonathan Adams, Thomson Reuters



- China has experienced the strongest growth in scientific research over the past three decades of any country
- China, India & Russia research strengths tend to be in the physical sciences, chemistry and engineering
- Brazil strength in life sciences, agriculture and environmental research, especially in biofuels research

