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Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing for Department of Air Force

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At a Glance



- The Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) is **the primary scientific research and development center** for the Department of the Air Force.
- AFRL Headquarters is located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Created in October **1997** through the consolidation of four former Air Force laboratories and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR).
- As one lab, AFRL will now seamlessly support the Science & Technology needs of two services: the **Air Force** and the **Space Force**.
- **Workforce:** **~11,200** employees (military, government civilians and contract positions)
- AFRL develops affordable warfighting technologies and delivers innovative solutions that **keep the fight unfair**.
- **Budget:** AFRL is executing **~\$5 billion** in RDT&E funding (FY21).
- **Locations** in **10** States: California, Florida, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.
- International Sites in **3** Countries: The United Kingdom, Japan, and Chile.
- **History:** **100+** years of critical research efforts.



Locations



Rapid, Non-Traditional Capability Development



The newest member of the AFRL family



*Los Angeles, CA

Dayton DigitalWERX
*Dayton, OH



Washington, D.C.



Las Vegas, NV



Austin, TX

Innovation Hubs

Technology
Commercial Focus



Concepts
Airmen Focus



Capability
Transition Focus



Commander's Intent and Priorities

**ACCELERATING
2030 STRATEGY
IMPLEMENTATION**



**ONE
AFRL
supporting
TWO SERVICES**



**BUILDING
THE BEST
AFRL
TEAM**



Investment Categories



6.1

Basic Research

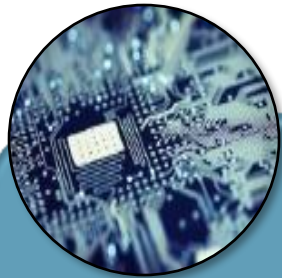
Science Knowledge

Greater knowledge or understanding fundamental aspects

Observable facts

Without specific applications toward processes or products

New Science



6.2

Applied Research

Technologies

Applying knowledge or understanding to determine the means by which a recognized and specific need may be met

Science to Application



6.3

Advanced Technology Development

Capability Concepts

The development and integration of hardware for field experiments and tests

From Application to Capability



Non S&T

Other AF Funds Executed

Operational Development / Experimentation

- Research, Development, Test and Evaluation
- Strategic Development Planning Experimentation
- Small Business Innovation Research Program
- Air Force Surgeon General

Experimentation

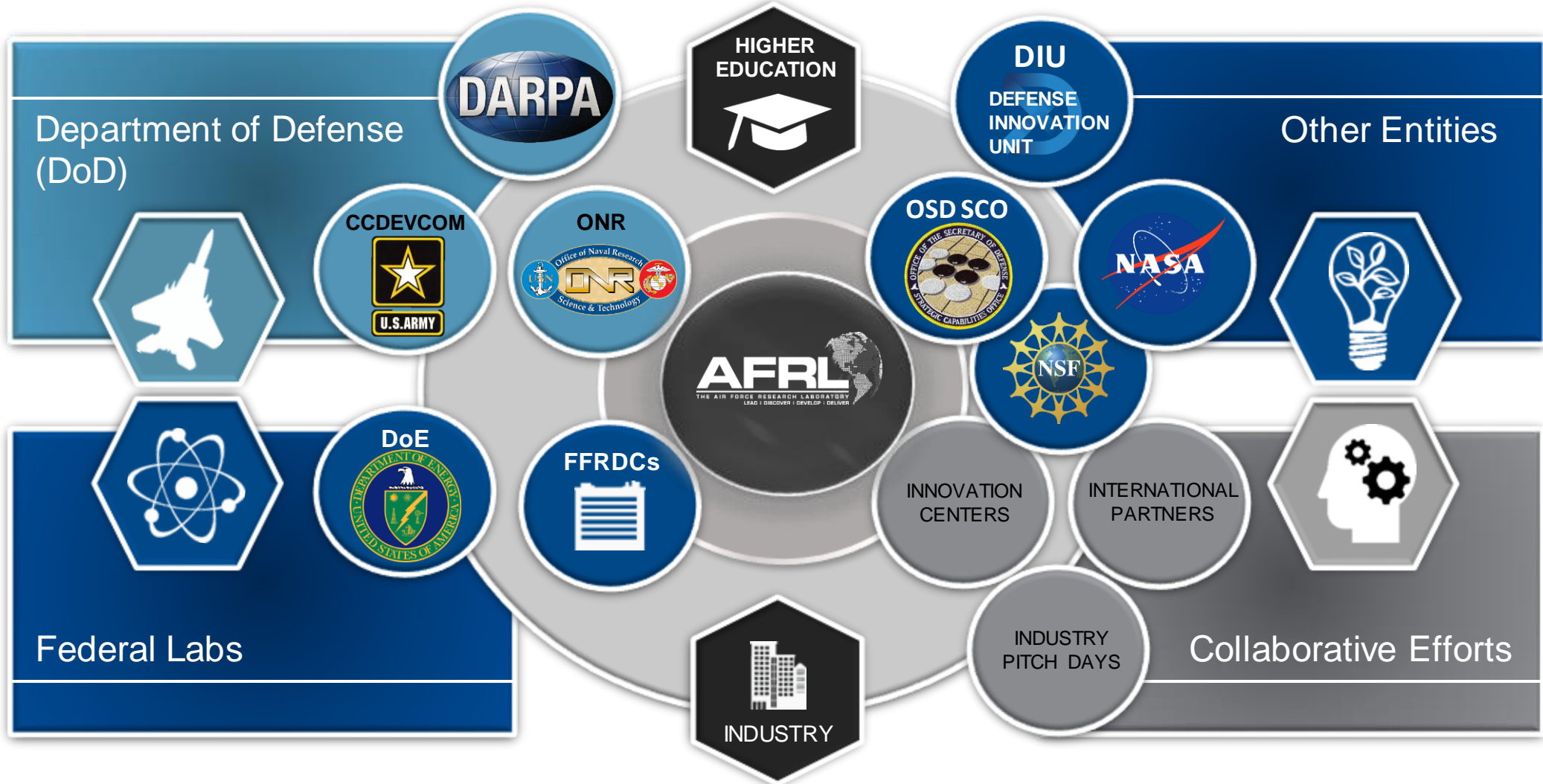
Science & Technology (S&T) Planning

A GUIDED, PROCESS-DRIVEN EFFORT



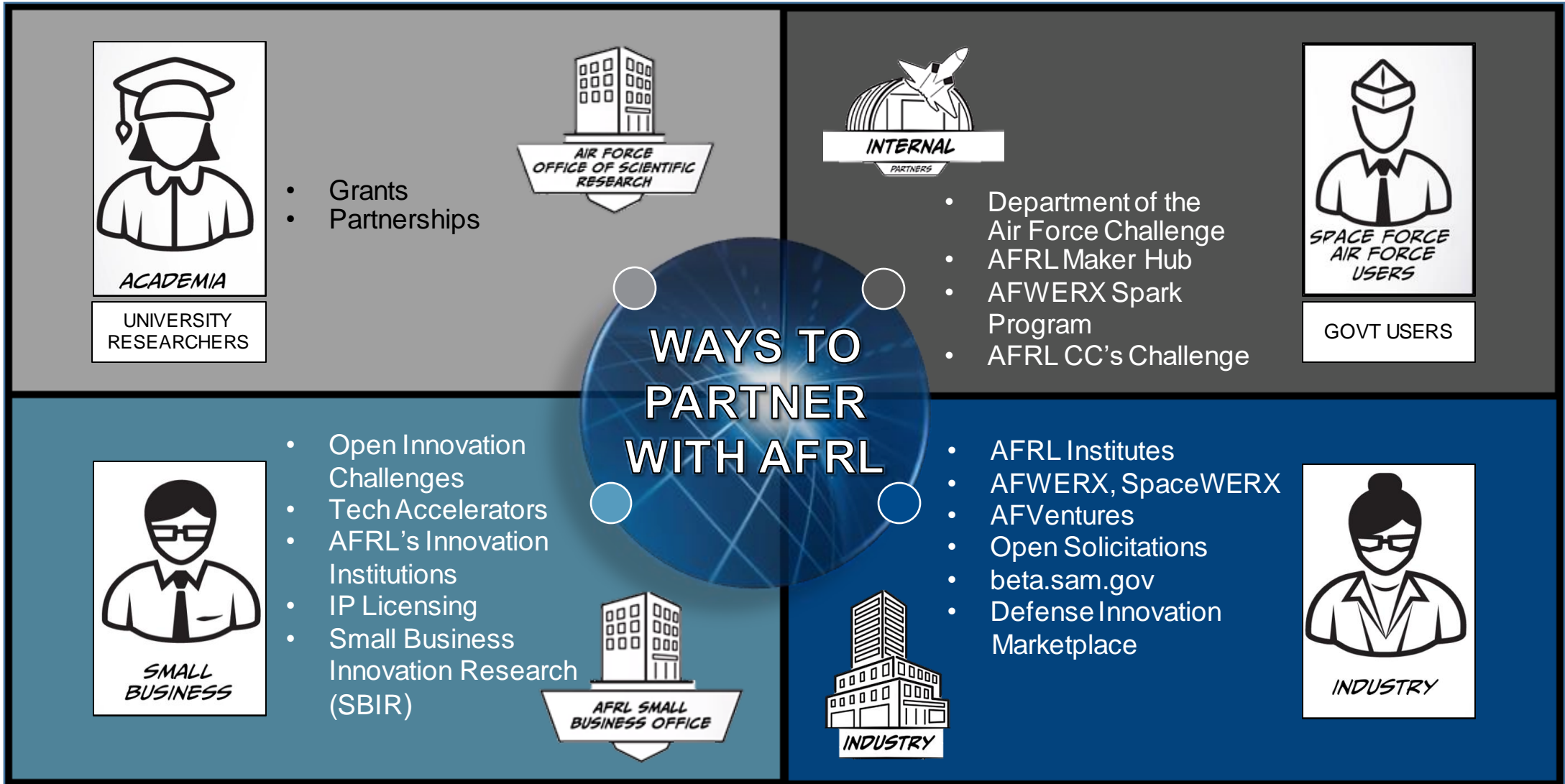
Rigorously Vetted – Department of the Air Force Level Investments

Science & Technology (S&T) Ecosystem







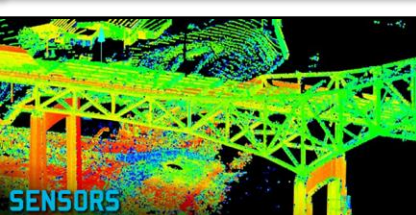





Partnering with AFRL

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Core Technical Competencies (CTC)

AEROSPACE SYSTEMS	Aerospace Vehicles, Control, Power & Thermal Management, High Speed Systems, Rocket Propulsion, Turbine Engines	 <p>AEROSPACE SYSTEMS</p>	 <p>DIRECTED ENERGY</p>	Laser Systems, Weapons Modeling, Simulation & Analysis, High Power Electromagnetics (HPEM), Directed Energy and Electro Optics for Space Superiority	DIRECTED ENERGY
HUMAN PERFORMANCE	Training, Adaptive Warfighter Interfaces, Bioeffects, Bioengineering, Aerospace & Operational Medicine	 <p>HUMAN PERFORMANCE</p>	 <p>SPACE VEHICLES</p>	Advanced Space Resilience Technologies, Space Communication & Navigation Technologies, Space Awareness and Command & Control, Space Environment	SPACE VEHICLES
MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING	Structural Materials, Functional Materials, Manufacturing Technology, Support of Operations	 <p>MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING</p>	 <p>INFORMATION</p>	Processing & Exploitation, Connectivity & Dissemination, Autonomy, Command & Control and Decision Support, Cyber Science and Technology	INFORMATION
SENSORS	Radio Frequency (RF) Sensing, Electro Optical (EO) Sensing, Spectrum Warfare, Trusted & Resilient Mission Systems, Multi-domain Sensing Autonomy, Enabling Sensor Devices & Components	 <p>SENSORS</p>	 <p>MUNITIONS</p>	Munitions Airframe, Guidance, Navigation & Control, Terminal Seeker Sciences, Modeling & Simulation Evaluation Sciences, Ordnance Sciences	MUNITIONS
EXPERIMENTATION	Capability & Technology Prototyping	 <p>SDPE</p>	 <p>AFOSR</p>	Engineering & Information Sciences, Physical & Biological Sciences	BASIC RESEARCH

Biotechnology Interests

Biomanufacturing uses living organisms such as bacteria, yeast, and algae to make new products or replacements for current products that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly than current processes.

By harnessing the power of biology, bioindustrial manufacturing can make myriad products that Americans use every day

<h3>Enhanced military systems</h3>	
 <p>Biocement</p>	 <p>Rare earth mining and reclamation</p>
<h3>Optimized warfighter health and performance</h3>  <p>Protein powder, red blood cells, bone grafts</p>	<h3>Materials from bio building blocks</h3> <p>Genomatica hits huge milestone World's 1st ton of renewable nylon intermediate</p>  <p>Spider silk, Nylon, composites, filters, tires</p>



The Biomanufacturing Executive Order 14081

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Executive Order on Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy



► BRIEFING ROOM



► PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/15/2022-20167/advancing-biotechnology-and-biomanufacturing-innovation-for-a-sustainable-safe-and-secure-american>



Policy Framework of the EO for the Bioeconomy

Whole of Government Approach

To foster innovation and commercialization in health, climate change, energy, food security, agriculture, supply chain resilience, and national and economic security.

Central Principles

Equity, ethics, safety, and security.

Policy Objectives

Enable access in a manner that benefits all Americans and the global community and that maintains United States technological leadership and economic competitiveness.

The economic activity derived from biotechnology and biomanufacturing is “the bioeconomy.”



How the EO will impact acquisition

Procuring agencies will establish a biobased procurement program

Program must be established by 12 Sept 23

Required training on biobased product purchasing

Within 2 years all appropriate staff shall complete biobased product purchasing training

Procuring agencies shall strive to increase biobased procurement by 2025

Procuring agencies will be required to report annually biobased product procurement

- (i) the number and dollar value of contracts entered into during the previous fiscal year that include the direct procurement of biobased products;
- (ii) the number of service and construction (including renovations) contracts entered into during the previous fiscal year that include language on the use of biobased products; and
- (iii) the types and dollar values of biobased products actually used by contractors in carrying out service and construction (including renovations) contracts during the previous fiscal year. “



DoD Biomanufacturing Investments

The DoD announces \$1.2 B in new investments in biomanufacturing:

\$1 B in bioindustrial domestic manufacturing infrastructure to **catalyze the establishment of a domestic bioindustrial manufacturing base** accessible to U.S. innovators.

Incentivize private- and public-sector partners to expand manufacturing capacity for products important to both commercial and defense supply chains.

Additional \$200 million to support enhancements to biosecurity and cybersecurity postures at these facilities.

DoD invested over \$270 M for a Resilient Supply Chain program:

Turn research into products more quickly.

Support the advanced development of bio-based materials for defense supply chains, such as fuels, fire-resistant composites, polymers and resins, and protective materials.

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3157504/new-biotechnology-executive-order-will-advance-dod-biotechnology-initiatives-fo/>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/14/fact-sheet-the-united-states-announces-new-investments-and-resources-to-advance-president-bidens-national-biotechnology-and-biomanufacturing-initiative/>

DoD relevant on-going biomanufacturing projects

On-site production of fuels, lubricants, & critical materials

Real-time monitoring of warfighter & troop physiology and performance

Tunable paint and coatings for signature management

Growable concrete, infrastructure, and dust mitigation for sustained in-field operations

Enhanced materiel for operations in CB contested environments

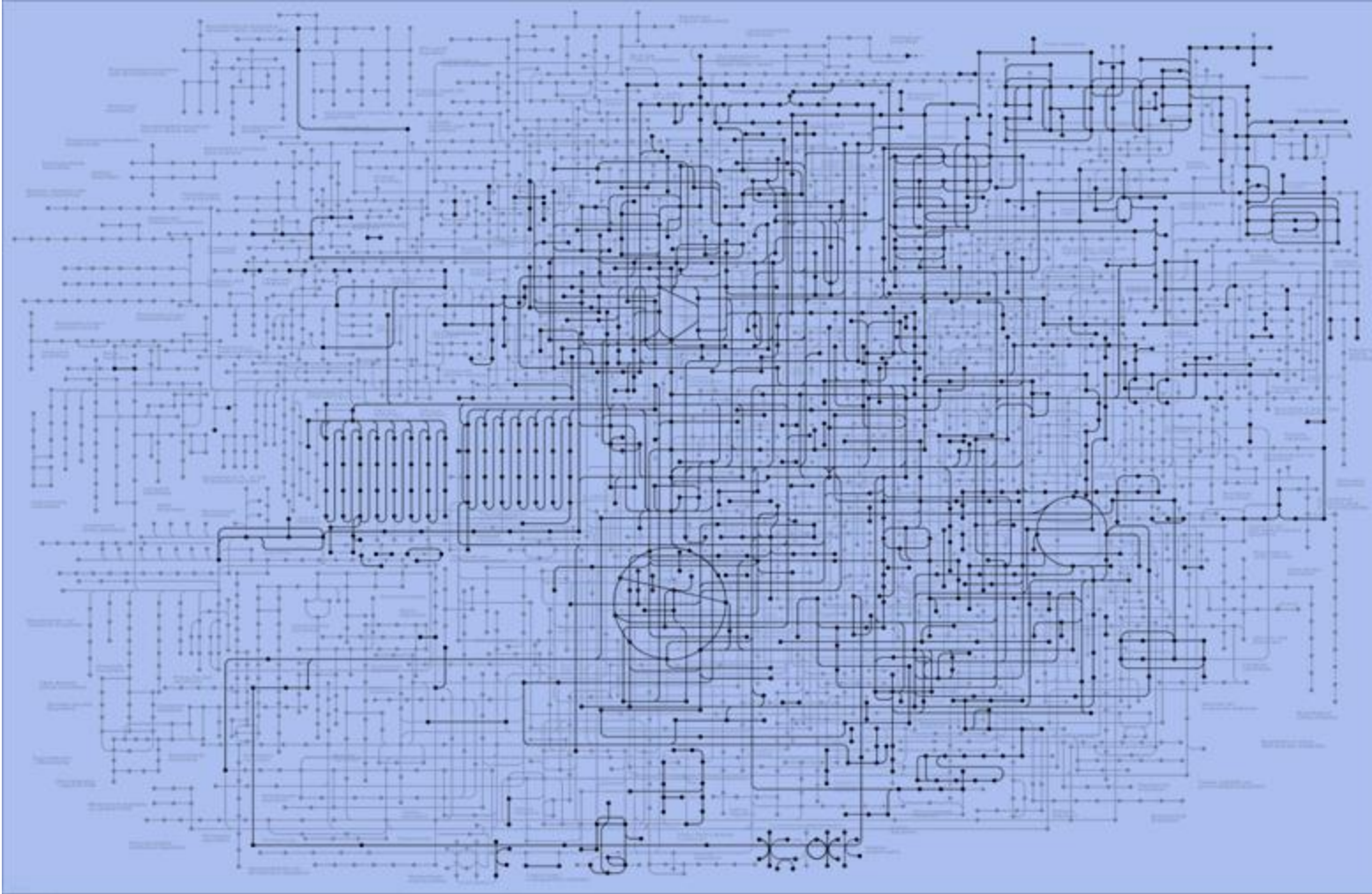
Persistent marine sensors targeting UUVs

Rapid production of replacement tissues for injured warfighters





How can biology can produce materials of interest



Metabolic map of E. coli K-12 MG1655

https://www.kegg.jp/kegg-bin/show_pathway?eco01100

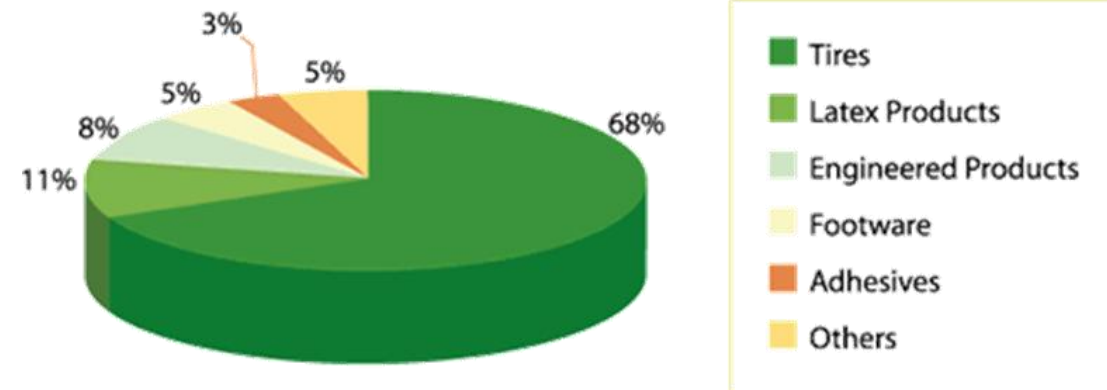
Domestic natural rubber production



Extracting natural rubber from dandelion roots



Natural Rubber Market



Producing ethylene from CO₂

LanzaTech produces ethylene from CO₂ in a continuous process



Breakthrough discovery to replace the barrel with synthetic biology, addressing one of the largest carbon emitters in the chemical industry

<https://www.bioplasticsmagazine.com/en/news/meldungen/20221011-Lanza.php>

Key Metrics

3 Commercial Plants Operating

>250,000 tons of CO₂ avoided

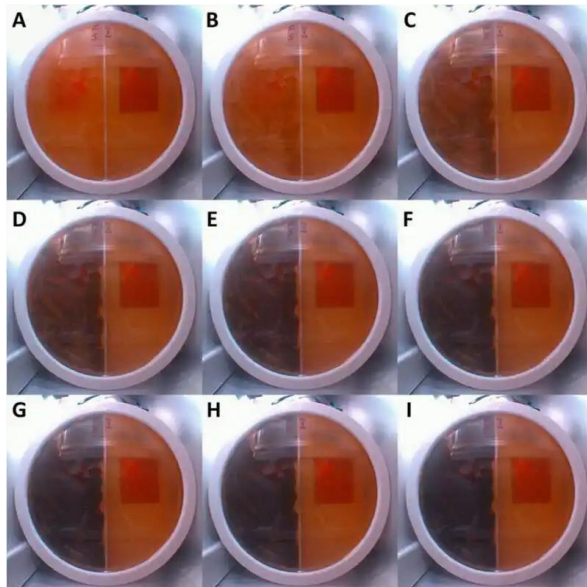
>500 chemical pathways designed

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Biomanufacturing applications for space

Growth of the Radiotrophic Fungus *Cladosporium sphaerospermum* aboard the International Space Station and Effects of Ionizing Radiation

- www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.16.205534v7.full.pdf
- Growth studied over a period of 26 days aboard ISS
- Data indicated the fungus could be used as a radiation shield.



DARPA B-SURE
Biomanufacturing in space

Transitioning synthetic biology products to military applications

- “Low hanging fruit”
 - Avoid “safety of flight” applications
 - Very tight product specifications
 - Reluctance by QPL managers to try new chemistry
 - Expensive qualification process
 - Check the DLA Strategic Materials List
 - <https://www.dla.mil/HQ/Acquisition/StrategicMaterials/Materials/>
 - Ex. Natural rubber, energetic materials, rare earth metals
 - Freon replacement program example
- Enduring material challenges – where traditional material science has struggled
 - Light-weight flexible ballistic armor, batteries (smaller, more efficient), high temperature dielectric heat transfer fluids, thermal management
- Project calls through BioMADE
 - Gov agencies can fund project calls to address material needs
 - Allows access to military needs and ability to discuss possible solutions with the customers.



Source: https://www.army.mil/article/239415/utility_helicopter_uh_60m



Source: <https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2017/05/28/army-chief-milley-says-army-developed-new-bullet-defeat-level-iv-body-armor/>



- Standards, specifications, and Data Item Descriptions (DIDs) can be found online
 - ASSIST Quick Search — <https://quicksearch.dla.mil>**
- MIL-STD-#### is a military standard
 - Dictates requirements, process, and/or techniques
 - Able to be enforced contractually.
- MIL-PRF-#### is a performance specification
 - For a material to be added to the qualified products list, it must meet performance criteria.
 - Cannot exclude a material based chemical composition, only performance
- MIL-HDK-#### is a military handbook. Usually they are inactive standards.
 - Cannot be required contractually.
- DIDs give guidance on exactly what information needs to be included in contractor reports.
 - Ex. Contract may require the contractor to have a Corrosion Control Plan. The DID will detail what must be included in that document.

Quick Search **ASSIST** 

Data updated: 27 Feb 2019. [Document Details](#)

Document ID: MIL-STD-1568 Scroll down to access document images

Overview

Title: Materials and Processes for Corrosion Prevention and Control in Aerospace Weapons Systems

Scope: This standard establishes the requirements for materials, processes and techniques, and identifies the tasks required to implement an effective corrosion prevention and control program throughout the conceptual, validation, development, production, and sustainment phases of the aerospace weapons systems life cycle. Applicable systems include fixed wing aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, space vehicles, rotorcraft, missile systems, air delivered guided munitions, and all related ground support equipment. Meeting or exceeding the requirements of this standard, as well as applicable program-specific technical documentation, will facilitate an optimum balance between acquisition and sustainment costs for DoD aerospace weapons systems, and ultimately enhance system reliability, supportability, and safety. Authority to exceed or amend the requirements in this standard requires permission from the Cognizant Engineering Authority (CEA).

Status: Active **Document Date:** 31-AUG-2015
Next Review Due: 29-AUG-2020

FSC/Area: MFFP **Doc Category:** Military Standard -Design Criteria Standard

Responsibilities

Lead Standardization Activity: MR Army Research Laboratory, Weapons and Materials Research Directorate

Preparing Activity: AS Naval Air Systems Command

Coordination: Full

Army Custodian: MI Aviation & Missile Command

Navy Custodian: AS Naval Air Systems Command

Air Force Custodian: 20 Air Force Research Laboratory

Changes to military standards or handbooks issued after August 1, 2003 are incorporated in the modified document.

Revision History

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	Revision B Notice 2 - Cancellation	A	18-JUL-1996	1	34.9 KB
	Revision B Change Notice 1	A	12-OCT-1994	15	613.8 KB
	Revision B	A	28-FEB-1989	26	1659.4 KB
	Revision A	A	24-OCT-1979	25	1210.7 KB

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Need to find a material or product SME?

METRIC
 MIL-PRF-5606J
 5 March 2018
 SUPERSEDING
 MIL-PRF-5606H
 w/Amendment 3
 7 September 2006

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION

HYDRAULIC FLUID, PETROLEUM BASE; AIRCRAFT, MISSILE, AND ORDNANCE

Inactive for new design after 29 March 1996. For new designs, use MIL-PRF-87257 or MIL-PRF-83282.

This specification is approved for use by all Departments and Agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. SCOPE

1.1 **Scope.** This specification describes the characteristics and provides the requirements for a petroleum base hydraulic fluid for use in the -54 °C to +135 °C temperature range (see 6.1). This fluid is identified by military symbol OHA and NATO Code No. H-515 (see 6.7).

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 **General.** The documents listed in this section are specified in sections 3 and 4 of this specification. This section does not include documents cited in other sections of this specification or recommended for additional information or as examples. While every effort has been made to ensure the completeness of this list, document users are cautioned that they must meet all specified requirements of documents cited in sections 3 and 4 of this specification, whether or not they are listed.

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CONCLUDING MATERIAL

Custodians:
 Army – AT
 Navy – AS
 Air Force – 68

Review activities:
 Army – AR, MI, SM
 Navy – OS, SA, SH
 Air Force – 20
 DLA – GS
 DTRA - DS

Preparing activity:
 Air Force – 68
 (Project 9150-2018-004)

NOTE: The activities listed above were interested in this document as of the date of this document. Since organizations and responsibilities can change, you should verify the currency of the information using the ASSIST Online database at <https://assist.dla.mil>.

Distribution A online source for screen captures:

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TABLE I. *Properties of petroleum base stock*

Property	Limits	ASTM
Pour point, °C (max)	-60	D97, D5949*
Flash point, °C (min)	82	D93
Acid number, mg KOH/g (max)	0.10	D664
Color, ASTM Standard (max)	No. 1	D1500
Relative density @ 15.6/15.6 °C	Report	D1298, D4052*

With formulated products, the specification can require specific properties for the base stock. Examples include

- Color
- Toxicity
- Compatibility with other materials or drop in replacements
- Performance indicators
- Storage stability

Final formulation can have detailed requirements.

Example requirements

- Operational temperature range
- Relevant mechanic properties
 - Bulk modulus, viscosity, sheer stability...
- Chemical compatibility with relevant materials
 - Rubber swell, corrosion prevention...
- Performance indicators
 - Lubricity, heat capacity, dielectric strength...
- “Gold standard” tests for properties
 - What data your customer will expect to see

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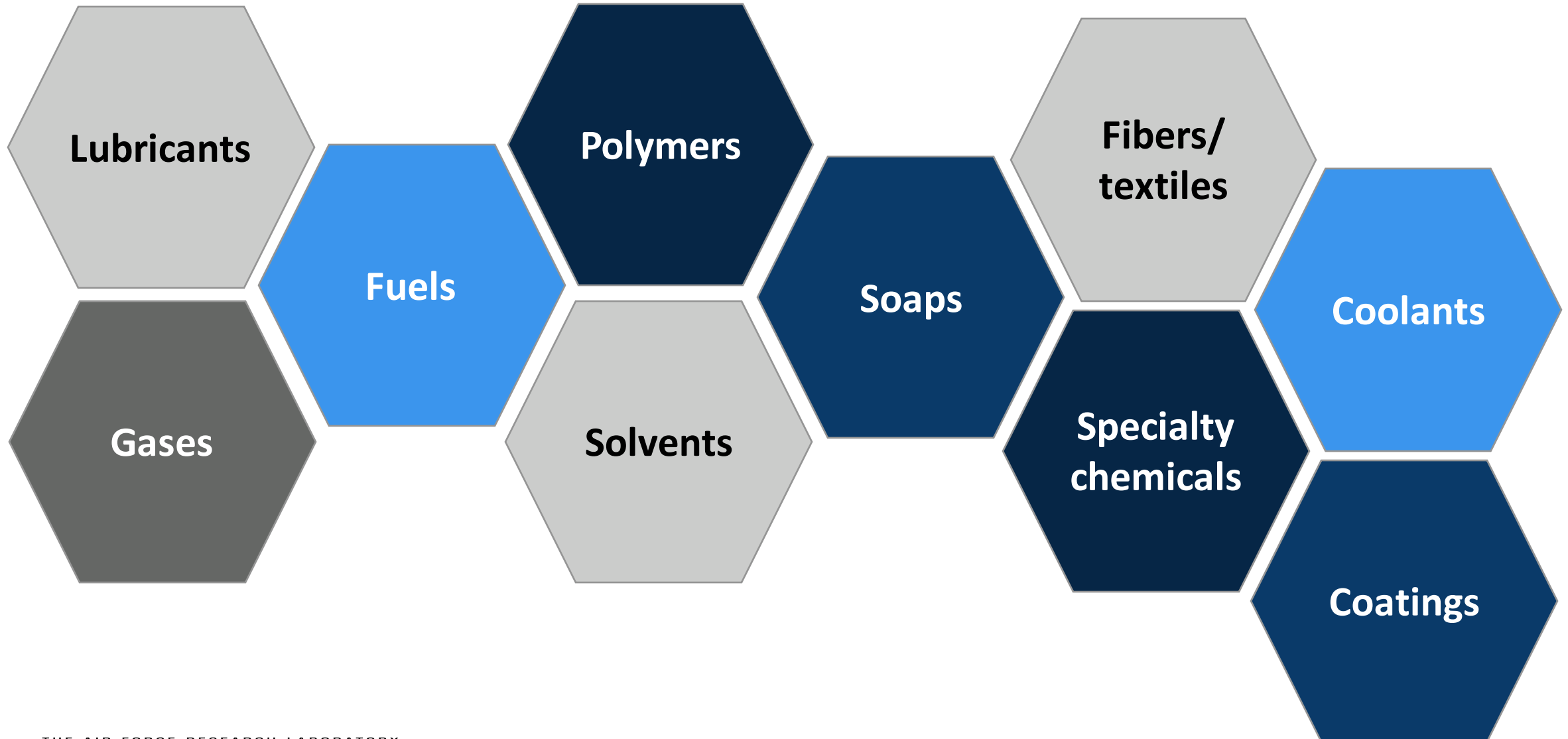
Recommended reading on ASSIST

- DSP-CS-21 The Air Force Fuel Conversion Program
 - Case study to switch from JP-8 to Jet A
- MIL-STD-1568 Materials and Processes for Corrosion Prevention and Control in Aerospace Weapons Systems
 - Example of what I envision for a future biomanufacturing best practices standard
 - Lists relevant material specifications for aerospace
- Examples of various material/product specs
 - MIL-PRF-32287 Packing, preformed, petroleum hydraulic fluid resistant
 - MIL-PRF-32295B Cleaner non-aqueous, low-VOC, HAP-free
 - MIL-PRF-81733D Sealing and coating compound, corrosion inhibitive
 - MIL-PRF-7179B Finishes, coatings, and sealants, for the protection of aerospace weapons systems and support equipment
 - MIL-STD-186 Protective Finishing for Army Missile Weapon Systems

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What is possible to produce with biomanufacturing? More than you think



Without DAF Materials & Manufacturing

Rare Earth Magnets

We wouldn't have high-end RF systems



Composites

We wouldn't have lighter weight, higher performance systems (airframes & satellites)



Specialty Coatings

We wouldn't have survivable weapon systems in contested environments



Cost-imposing M&M becomes the “magic” that enables delivery of transformational and disruptive technology



Vision

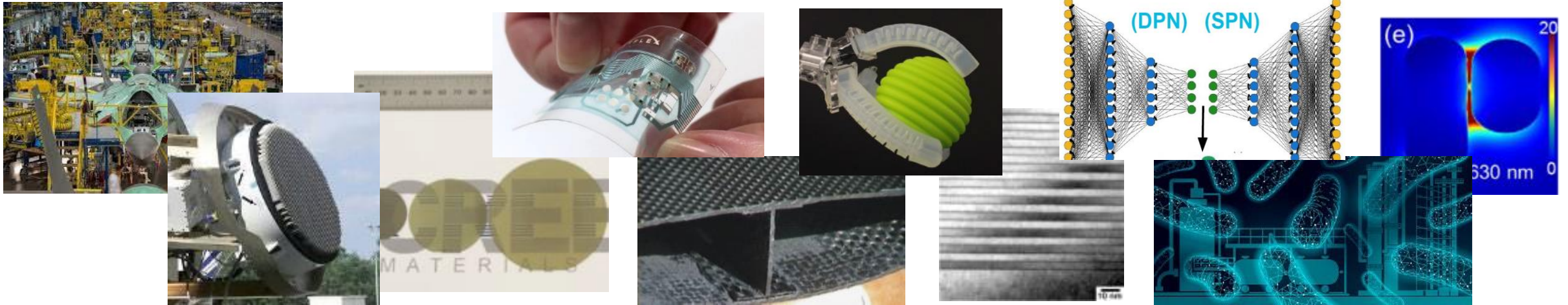
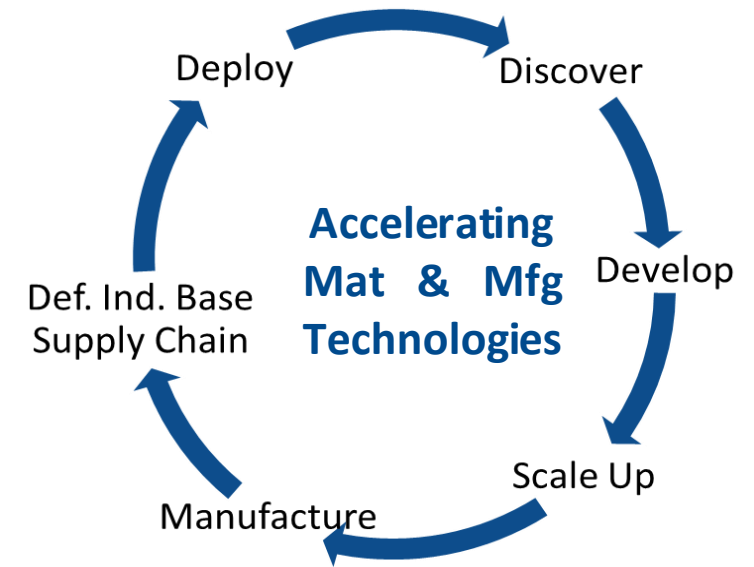
***Invent the Stuff
that Makes the
Future***

Wright Patterson AFB, OH

600 \$M Total Resources (FY20)
430 Gov. Staff (393 civ/30 mil), 50% PhD
500+ FTE On-site Staff, 50% PhD
400 k sqft, 9 Bldgs (55% Labs)

Mission: Accelerate the availability of advanced and cost-imposing materials & manufacturing technologies for the Airman and Guardian by driving the state of the possible and uniting the community

*World-Class In-House Expertise, Program Leadership,
Community Creation, Trusted Technical Support to Ops*



Cost-Imposing Technological Superiority Begins with Advanced Materials & Manufacturing

Competencies of the Biological Materials Team

From the bench....

...to biotechnology-based solutions

Pre-Synbio ARAP

Molecular biology and Microbiomes

Materials characterization

Biotic/abiotic interfaces

Biosensing

Current Competencies

Biomaterials and Synthetic Biology

Bioprospecting and Bio-curation

Modeling and Bioinformatics

Biomaterials Characterization and Processing

HTP screening / functionalization

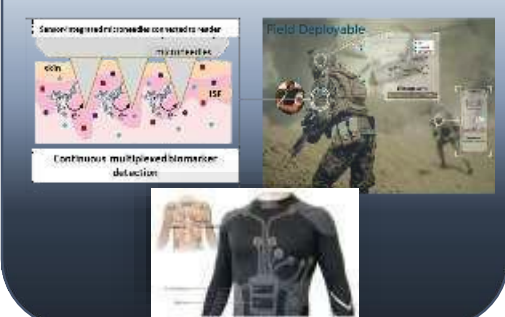
Programmable, self-assembled ordered materials'

Application Areas

Agile Infrastructure and Logistics



Airman Performance



Advanced Materials



Supply Chain



Biological Materials and Processing

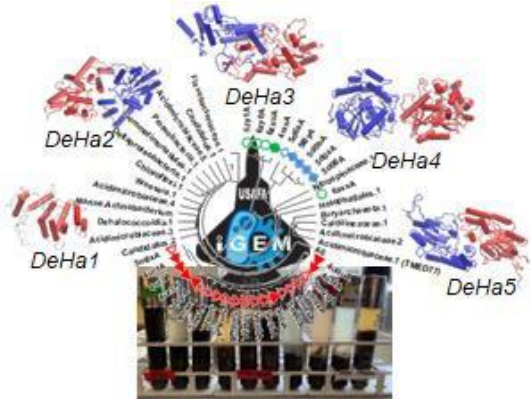
Apply biotechnology to accelerate materials development, protect Department of the Air Force assets from the environment, and address critical supply chain gaps for future capabilities.



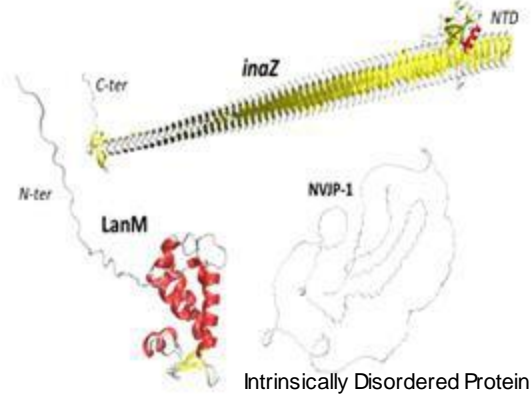
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Technical Thrusts

- **Bio-directed synthesis for capabilities and resilient manufacturing**
 - Programmable, self-assembled templates for ordered materials; Energetic and catalytic materials
 - Bioprospecting of microbiomes for discovery, material synthesis, and structural materials
- **Bioprocessing to harness resources**
 - High throughput screening and functionalization of materials
 - Engineering pathways for process optimization
 - Characterization of material properties per mil spec
- **Materials for warfighting systems interfaces**
 - Characterization and prediction of biomaterial-material interactions for integration of sensing elements for applications in airman performance and environmental monitoring



Bioprospecting for function and biotech workforce development



De novo modeling of protein structures



Characterization and processing of biopolymers

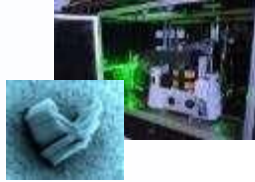


In-field bioremediation of materials



Autonomous Research Systems (ARES)

- 1st-ever Robot Researcher for carbon nanotube synthesis using artificial intelligence and automation
- Capable of conducting experiments, analyzing results and deciding which experiments to do next



Coatings, Corrosion, and Erosion Lab (CCEL)

- Whirling arm rain erosion—"Gold Standard" for ASTM testing
- Supersonic rain erosion-- propels 0.5-2 mm raindrops to Mach 2.3
- Hot Erosion --hot environmental particles impact targets > 1200°C
- Unbiased, neutral ISO 17025 facility available with CRADA



Laser Hardened Materials Evaluation Laboratory (LHMEL)

- High-temp characterization of mat'ls exposed to laser sources
- Nation's largest Continuous Wave (CW) CO2 Infrared (IR) Laser



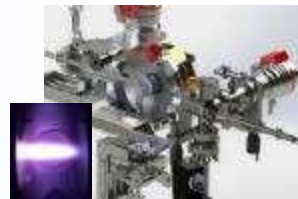
Microbe-Materials Interaction Lab

- Supports growth and analysis of microbial (fungal, bacterial) cultures and biofilms capable of material degradation
- Only BioSafety Level-2 (BSL-2) lab in AFRL



High Throughput, Multifunctional Epitaxial Growth System

- One-of-a-kind deposition system to create extremely high-quality electronic materials for agile and high power RF/microwave systems



Materials Characterization Facility

- NanoCT 50 nm spatial resolution -1st in US academic/gov't setting
- 8 electron microscopes, 6 x-ray scattering systems, 3 surface sci
- 3D reconstruction, analytics, data, etc.



Large Volume Robotic Characterization System (LEROY)

- Unique robotic system for macro-to-mesoscale 3D characterization of microstructure, chemistry, and crystalline texture



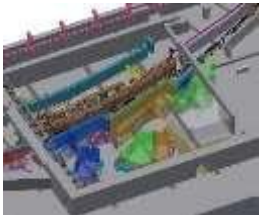
High Bay Materials Processing Facility

- Improved aerospace materials processing
- Computer controlled extrusion



In-operando Scattering Facilities (NSLSII, CHESS)

- World-unique equipment for use at synchrotron beam lines, providing real-time, measurements during testing
- Advanced Photon Source (APS), Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS)
- Tri-Service & Industrial Co-Development
- RAMS – highT complex load frame, texture, residual strain
- Polymer & Composite Additive – printers in beam



Special Test and Research (STAR) Lab

- One-of-a-kind facility to provide the US government with independent capability for specialty material development, evaluation, and failure analysis



50+ Unique Facilities, 30+ CRDAs, 80+ Int. Agreements, 20+ EPAs, Minority Leaders COE, 5+ Interagency Agreements



QUESTIONS?



BUDGET

\$4.9 Billion

\$2.6B – Core
\$2.3B - Customer

Employees

	Civilian	Military
S&Es	3,611	570
Total	5,038	1,222

6,260

S&E Ed Level

- 18% BS
- 47% MS
- 35% PhD

5 Major CONUS Locations
4 OCONUS Locations
Many Smaller Research Locations

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

- AFRL HQ
- 711 Human Performance Wing
- Sensors
- Aerospace Systems
- Materials and Manufacturing

Rome Research Information

Arlington, VA

Office of Scientific Research

AFRL OCONUS

- Santiago, Chile
- London, UK
- Tokyo, Japan
- Maui Research Site, HI

Kirtland AFB, NM

- Space Vehicles
- Directed Energy

Eglin AFB, FL

Munitions

RESPONSIVE **RELEVANT** **REVOLUTIONARY**

Now Mid Far

15-20%
(\$375-\$500M/yr)

40-45%
(\$1,000-\$1,125M/yr)

35-40%
(\$875-\$1,000M/yr)



About BioMADE

BioMADE launched in 2020 and is an independent non-profit, public-private partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense. In partnership with our members, we are securing America's future through biomanufacturing innovation, education, and collaboration by:

- › Propelling new biotechnology products from the laboratory to the commercial market
- › Creating a more robust and resilient supply chain and helping the U.S. become more self-sufficient
- › Ensuring that the workforce of the future is prepared and ready to fill new jobs
- › Bringing together a range of member organizations to bridge the gap between lab-scale research and at-scale manufacturing





Investment is needed to Accelerate Bioeconomy Commercialization

Strong Early Investment for U.S. Bioeconomy Industry Startups

NSF pegged total university life science research and development spending at **\$40.9B** ([NSF](#))

Over **\$26B** of venture funding went into US-based biotech companies in 2020 ([Synbiobeta](#))

The U.S. government provides at least **\$220 million annually** towards synthetic biology R&D ([DoD, 2015](#))

PUBLIC INVESTMENT

U.S. Investment Is Needed to Accelerate Bioeconomy Commercialization

Early-stage biotech companies received only 26% of private funding raised by all biotech companies in 2018. A handful of late-stage companies received most of that funding ([Synbiobeta](#))

China to build 5-10 biomanufacturing parks to scale their industrial biotech sector, increase bioagriculture output to **\$156B**, and have sustainable bio-based products account for 1/4 of chemical production ([USCC, 2019](#))

Of the 498 university-licensed biotech startups surveyed through 2017, **~90% never operated as public companies and did not report revenues** ([Godfrey et.al. N.Biotech 2020](#))

Insufficient U.S. government investment (**\$10.4B**) in biotech creates **economic security liability** as China increases investment (**\$14.4B**) ([Forbes, 2020](#))

CORPORATE INVESTMENT

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U.S. Investments that Enabled Bioeconomy Startups

- 3 Bioenergy Research Centers (DoE)
- SynBERC (NSF)
- Somatic Cell Genome Editing (NIH)
- Cell Manufacturing (NSF)
- Center for Biorenewable Chemicals (NSF)
- Increased Venture Capital
- Living Foundries (DARPA)
- URoL - Syn Cell (NSF)
- Agile Biofoundry (DoE)

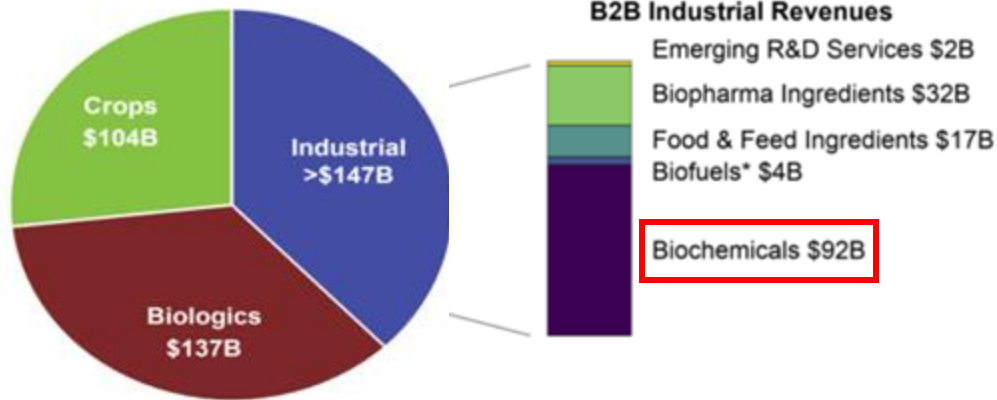
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U.S. and Foreign Biotech Commercialization Efforts

- BioMADE (USA)
- Pilots4U (EU)
- Shared Pilot Facilities (EU)
- Biotechnology Innovation Platforms (CN)
- National Biologics Manufacturing Centre (UK)
- Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (UK)
- BioFabUSA (USA)
- NIIMBL (NIST)
- Institute of Synthetic Biology (CN)

The domestic bioeconomy is growing

Estimated 2017 U.S. Biotechnology Revenues:
At Least \$388 Billion, or 2% of GDP
(Sources: Bioeconomy Capital, Agilent)



U.S. Strategic Bioeconomy Assets:

- **United States attracts talented international students** who study and work for our university labs.
- **Powerful basic research programs** that support the early research that generates start ups.
- **50% of patents filed by U.S. life science researchers are judged to have commercial potential.**
- Incredible potential for **massive cultivable biomass feedstocks.**

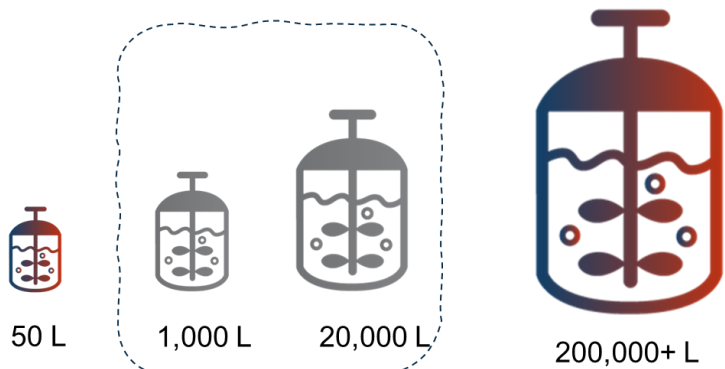
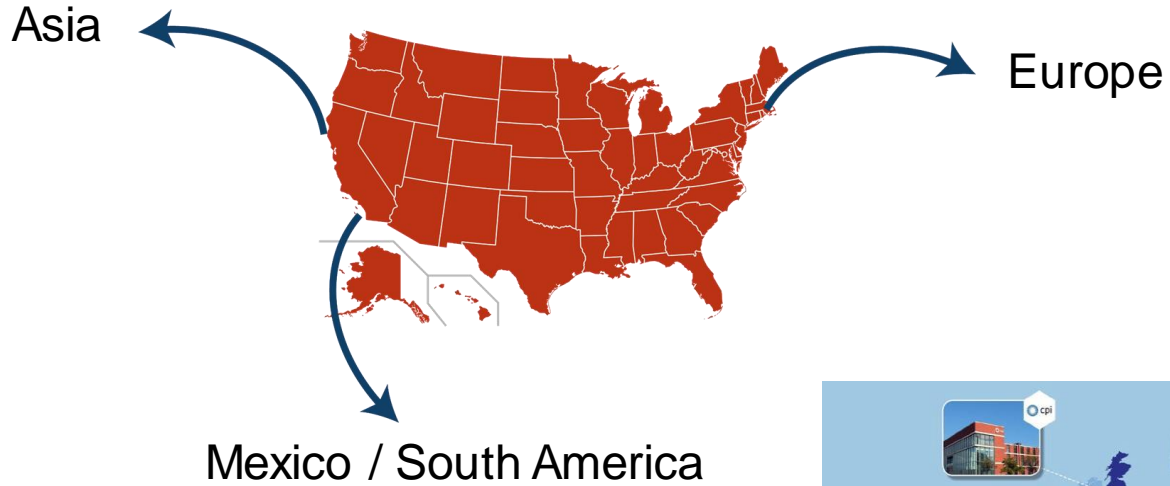
U.S. Bioeconomy is robust and growing:

U.S. Bioeconomy
is **sustainably diversified** between crops, biologics, and industrial biotechnology

- **1.7 Million Jobs** provided by USDA BioPreferred Products in 2016.
- **\$388B (>2% GDP) of US-biotech revenue** in 2017.
 - for reference, 2017 worldwide revenues for semiconductors was ~\$400B.
- \$14B across 74 deals for total biotech IPOs in 2020.
- \$26B of Venture Capital Funding for US-biotech Companies in 2020.
- 2,562 Biotechnology Firms across the United States in 2016.

American IP going overseas for scale-up

Lack of domestic scale-up facilities forces U.S. innovators to look elsewhere to scale or manufacture their biotechnology innovations



Lab scale <i>Abundant</i>	Pilot Scale <i>Scarce</i>	Commercial scale <i>Present for current bioproduct</i>
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An Existing Network of Pilot Facilities in Europe