



# Advanced Undersea Warfare Systems

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*SEA-17B has developed an Advanced Undersea Warfare System that enables control of the future Undersea Battlespace using superior weapons, sensors, AND communications.*

- Flexible
- Scalable
- Tailorable





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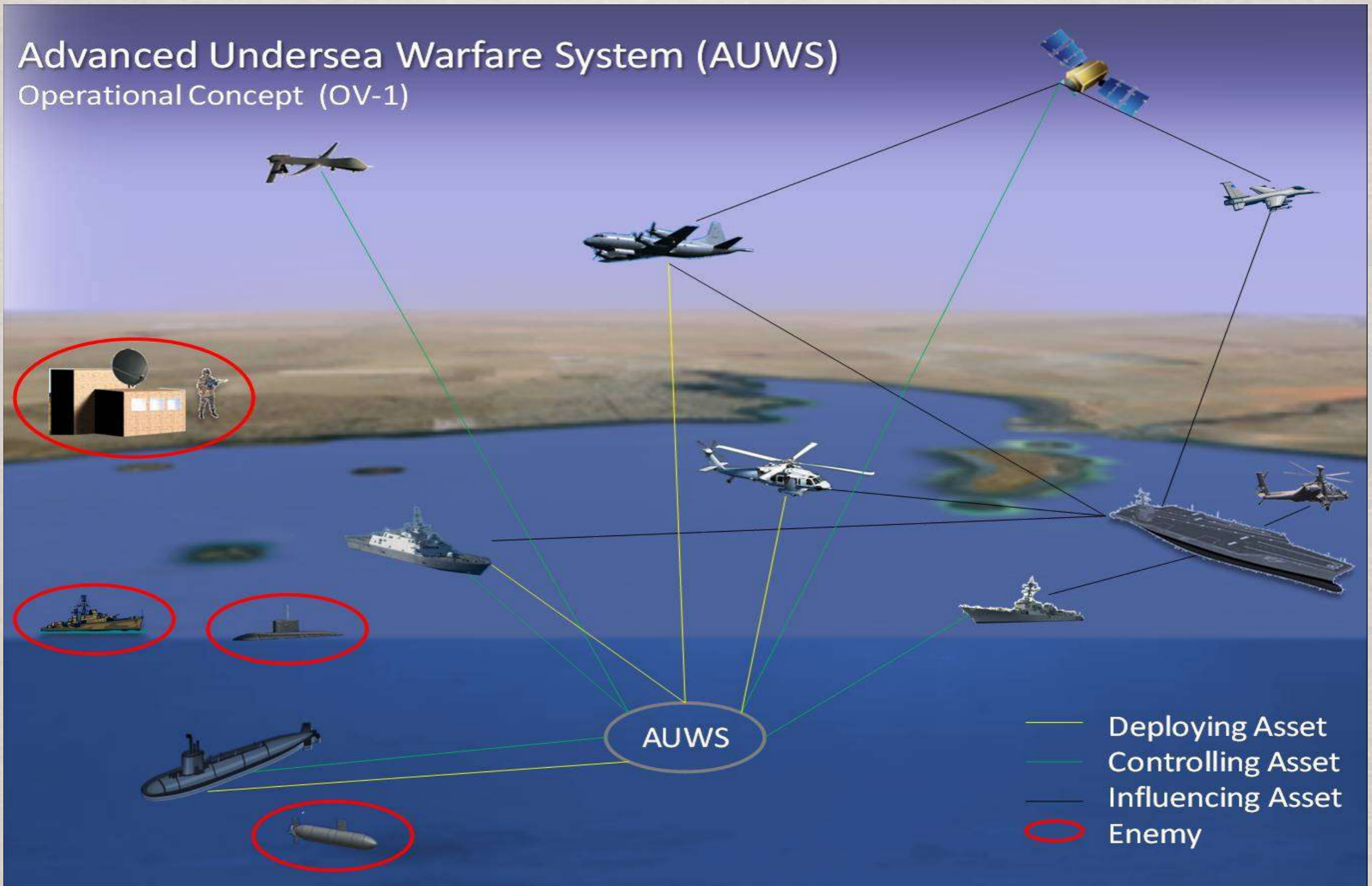
# Section 1

Tasking  
Methodology





## Advanced Undersea Warfare System (AUWS) Operational Concept (OV-1)

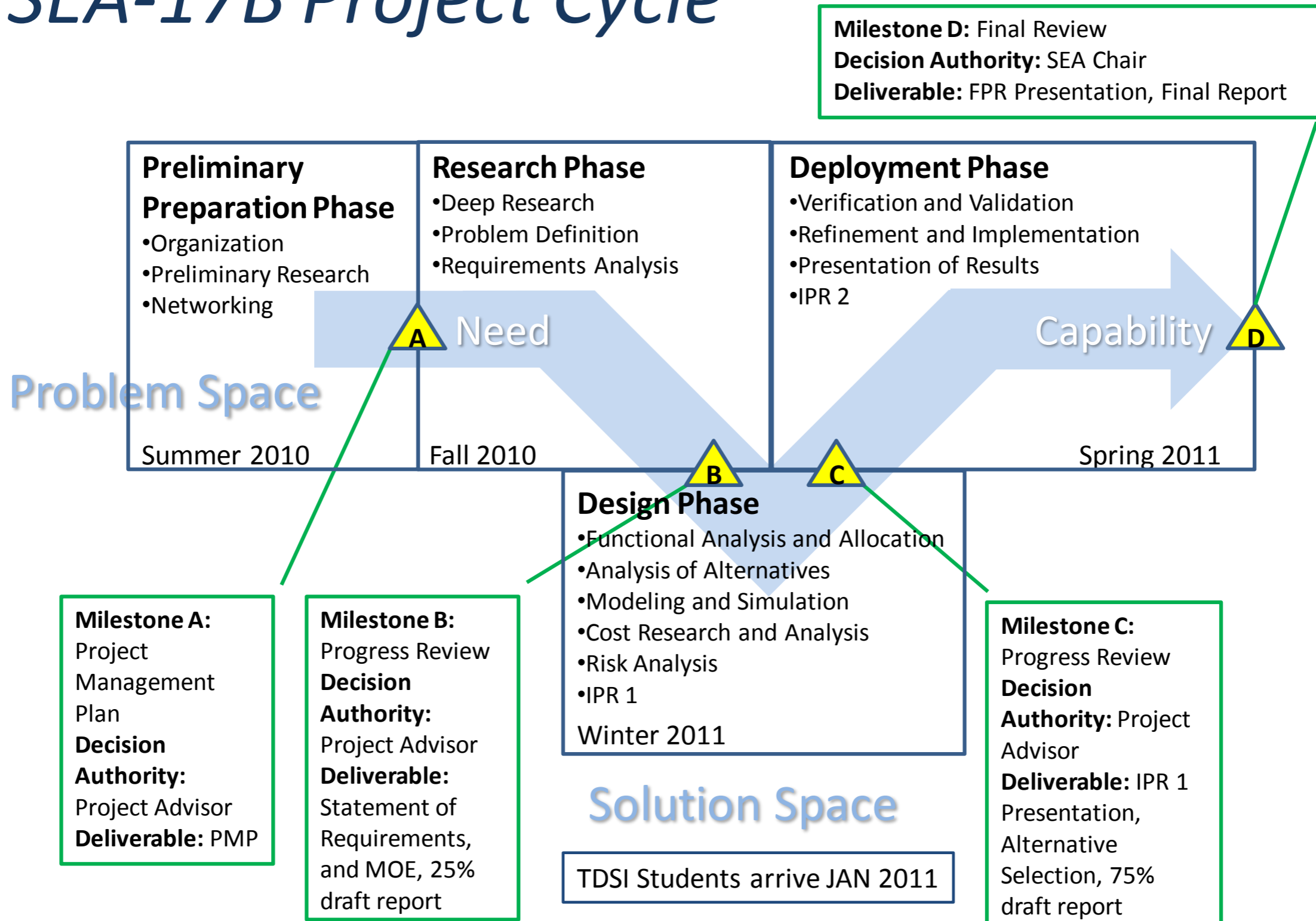






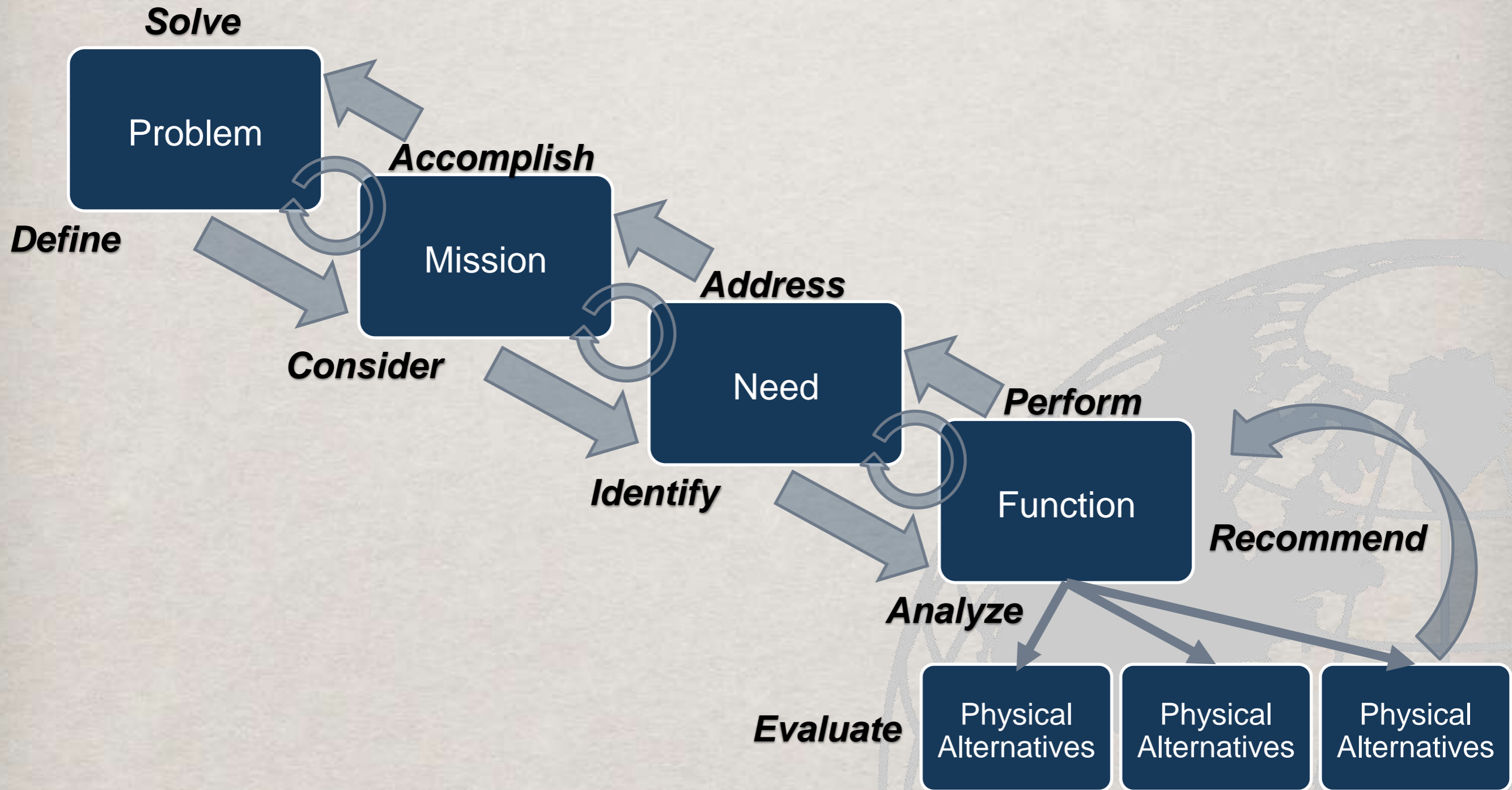
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## SEA-17B Project Cycle





# Systems Engineering Process





# Section 2

Problem Statement

Stakeholder Analysis

CONOP

Needs Analysis





# Problem Statement

Over the next twenty years the capacity and capability of USW platforms will not meet operational demands in non-permissive areas. Furthermore, the emergence of near-peer competitor navies, the distributed nature of the asymmetric maritime threat, and the development of autonomous undersea threats present a unique challenge that current platform-centric solutions are not ideally designed to confront.

*Control the undersea battlespace with weapons and sensing superiority!*





# A Visual Representation

## Future of USW in the Littorals

(if we maintain status quo)

US NAVY

### CAPABILITY & CAPACITY

- SHIPS
- AIRCRAFT
- SUBMARINES
- MINES
- DEPLOYED SENSORS

ASYMMETRIC (mines, diesel submarines,...)

CROSSOVER POINT

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

NEAR-PEER COMPETITOR

THREAT

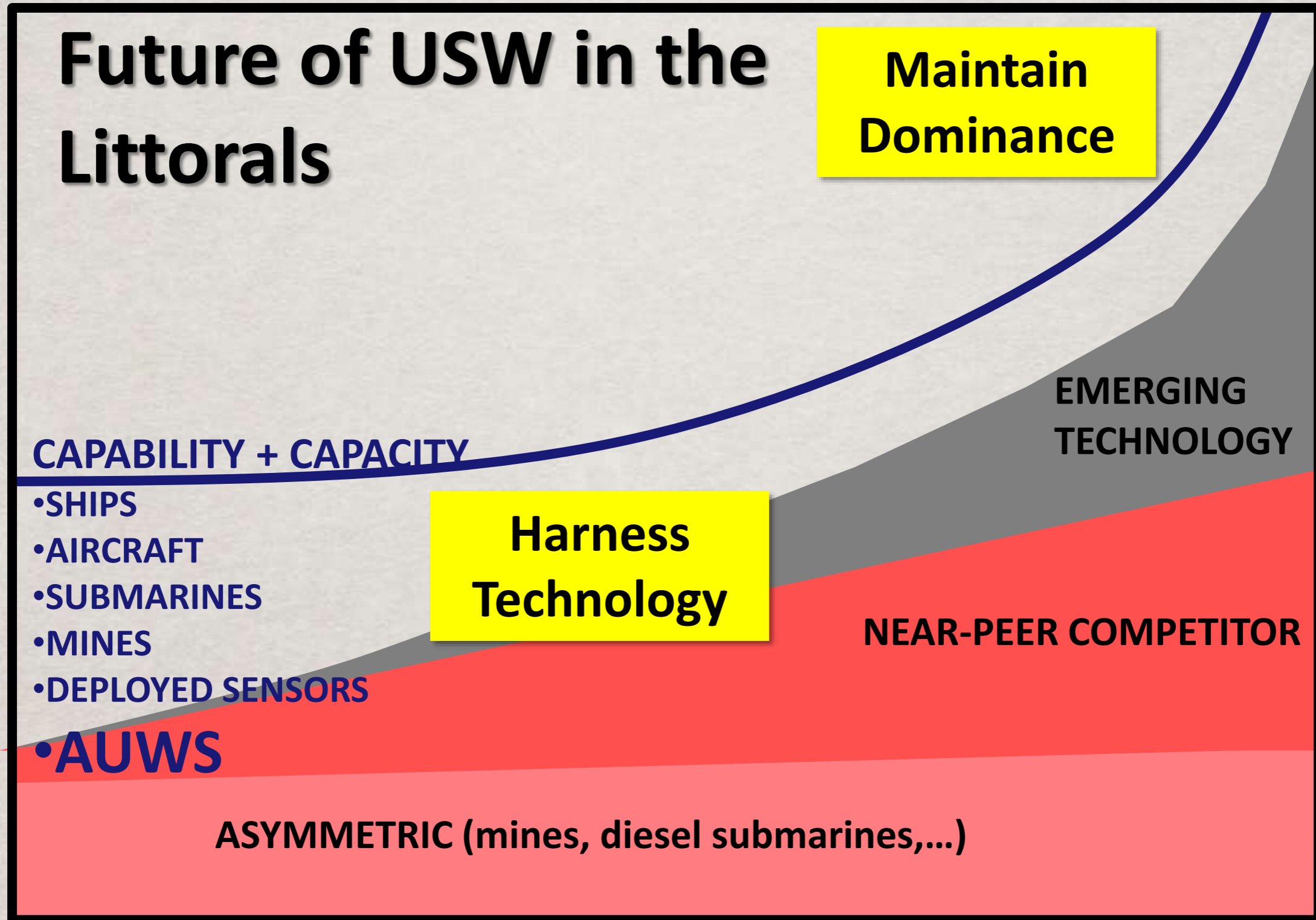
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# Closing the Capability Gap

## Future of USW in the Littorals

US NAVY



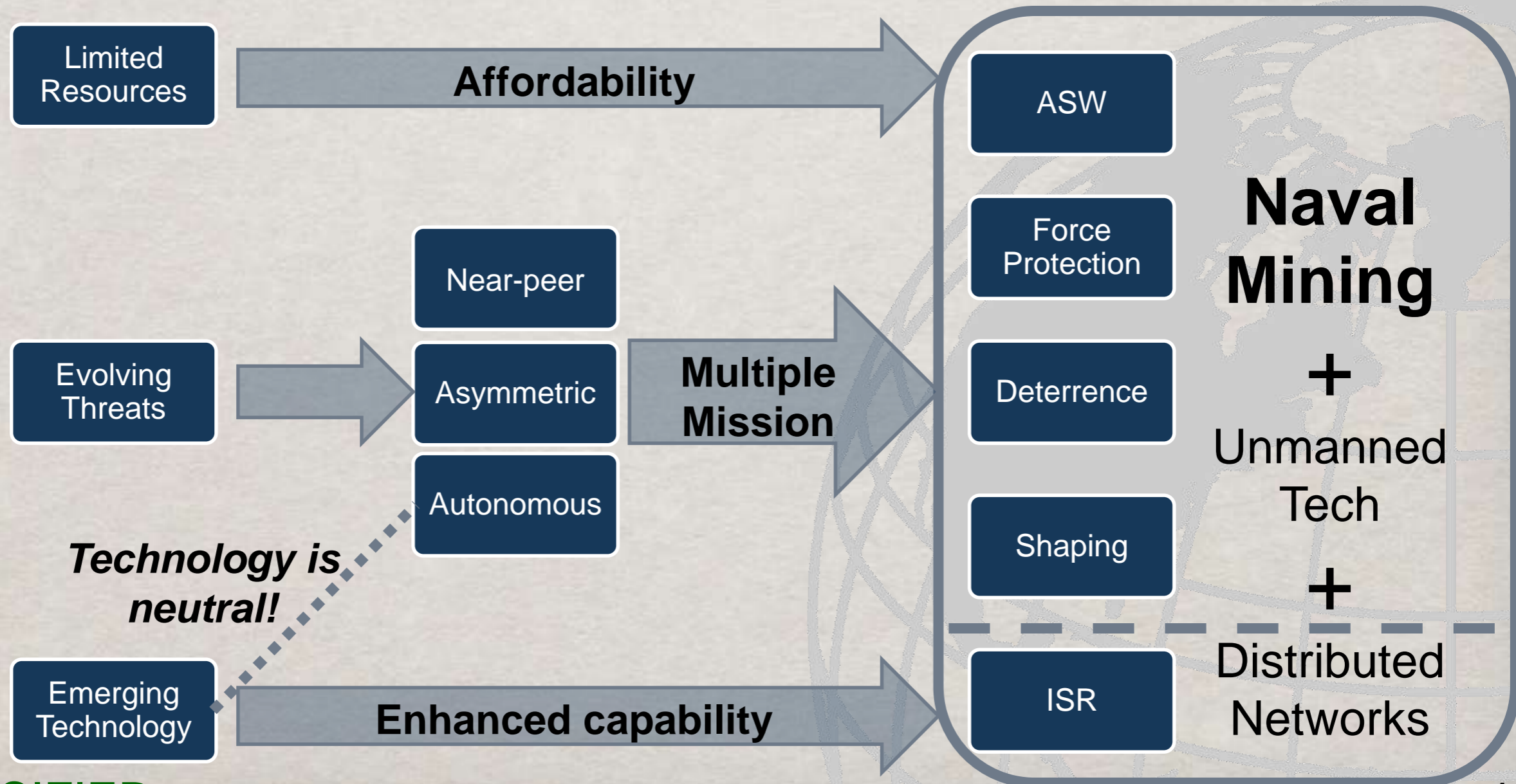
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# Considering Mission Areas

Limited resources, evolving threats, and emerging technologies all suggest leveraging the benefits of Mine Warfare in the undersea environment.

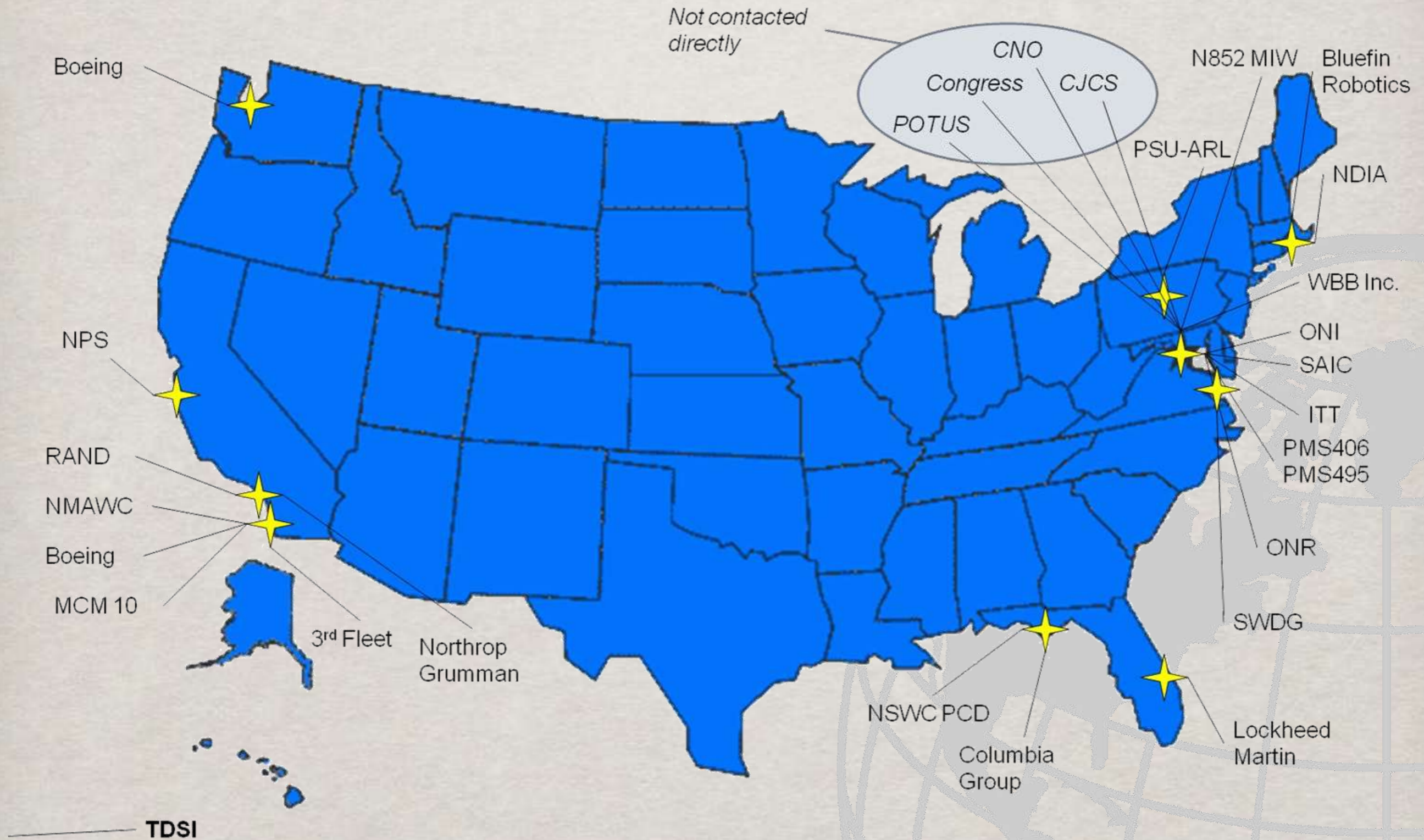


*Technology is neutral!*





# Stakeholder Analysis







# Stakeholder Matrix

		<b>Decision Makers</b>	<b>Integrators</b>	<b>Implementers</b>
<b>Internal</b>	<b>Operational</b>	POTUS, SECDEF, SECNAV, CNO	COCOMs, CSG, ESG	CO, Wardroom, Crew
	<b>Industrial</b>	CEO	Engineers	Technicians
	<b>Acquisitions</b>	POTUS, Congress	DOD Acq	SUPPO/SK
	<b>RDT&amp;E</b>	PEO	LSE	SME
<b>External</b>	<b>US</b>	Taxpayers		
	<b>Friendly</b>	Concerned Global Citizens and Governments		
	<b>Neutral</b>	Concerned Global Citizens and Governments		
	<b>Hostile</b>	Affected Population and Government		



# Concept of Operations







# Needs Analysis





# Section 3

Functional Analysis  
Alternative Generation  
Design of Experiments







# Functional Analysis – I/O

## Controllable:

- Power Consumption
- Operator Inputs
- System Parameters
- Mission Data
- Training Methodology
- Peer System Input

## Intended:

- Threat Classification
- Threat Prioritized
- Mobilization of Kinetic Subsystem
- Automated Engagement of Threat
- Threat Elimination
- Sensor Data
- Communication with Command and Control
- BDA



## Uncontrollable:

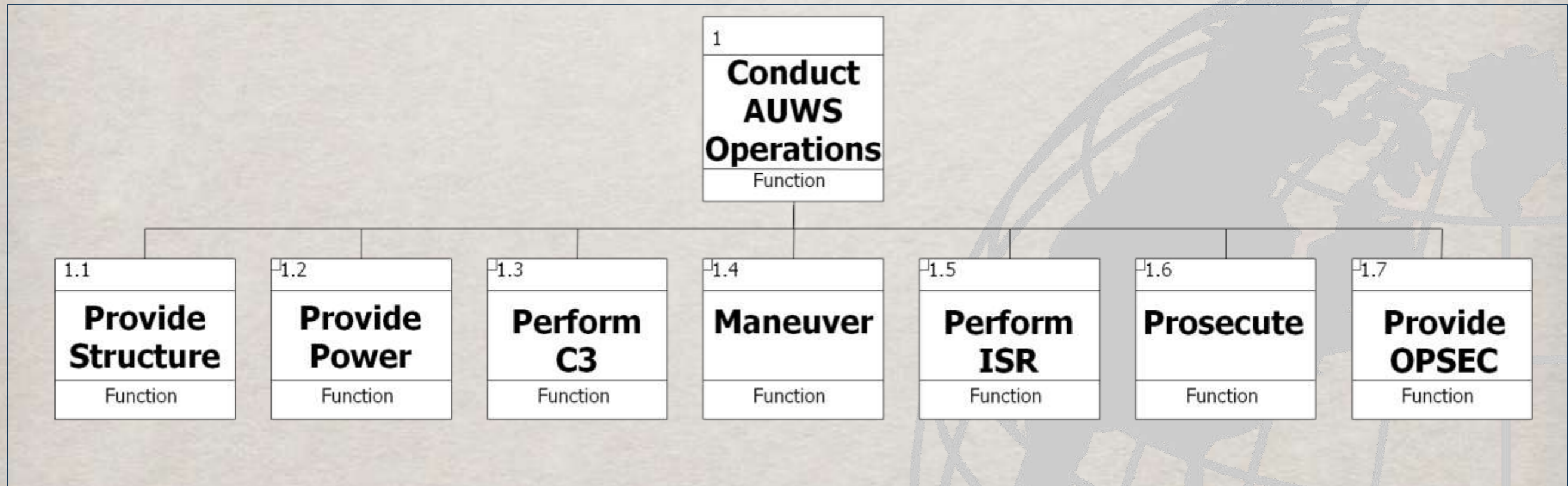
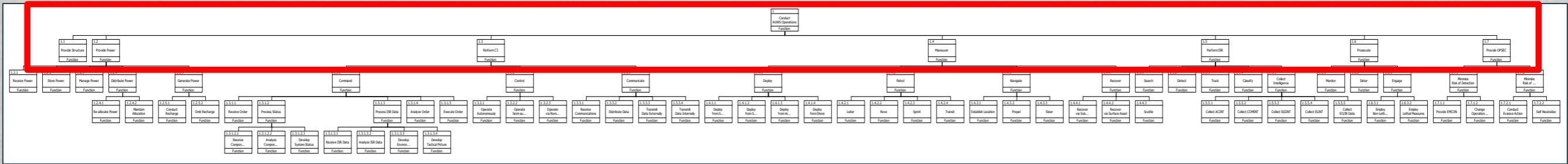
- Contact Signature
- Unknown Threat Tactics
- Weather
- Environmental

## By-Products:

- Unintended Casualties
- “Stray” Signals
- Impact to Ecosystem



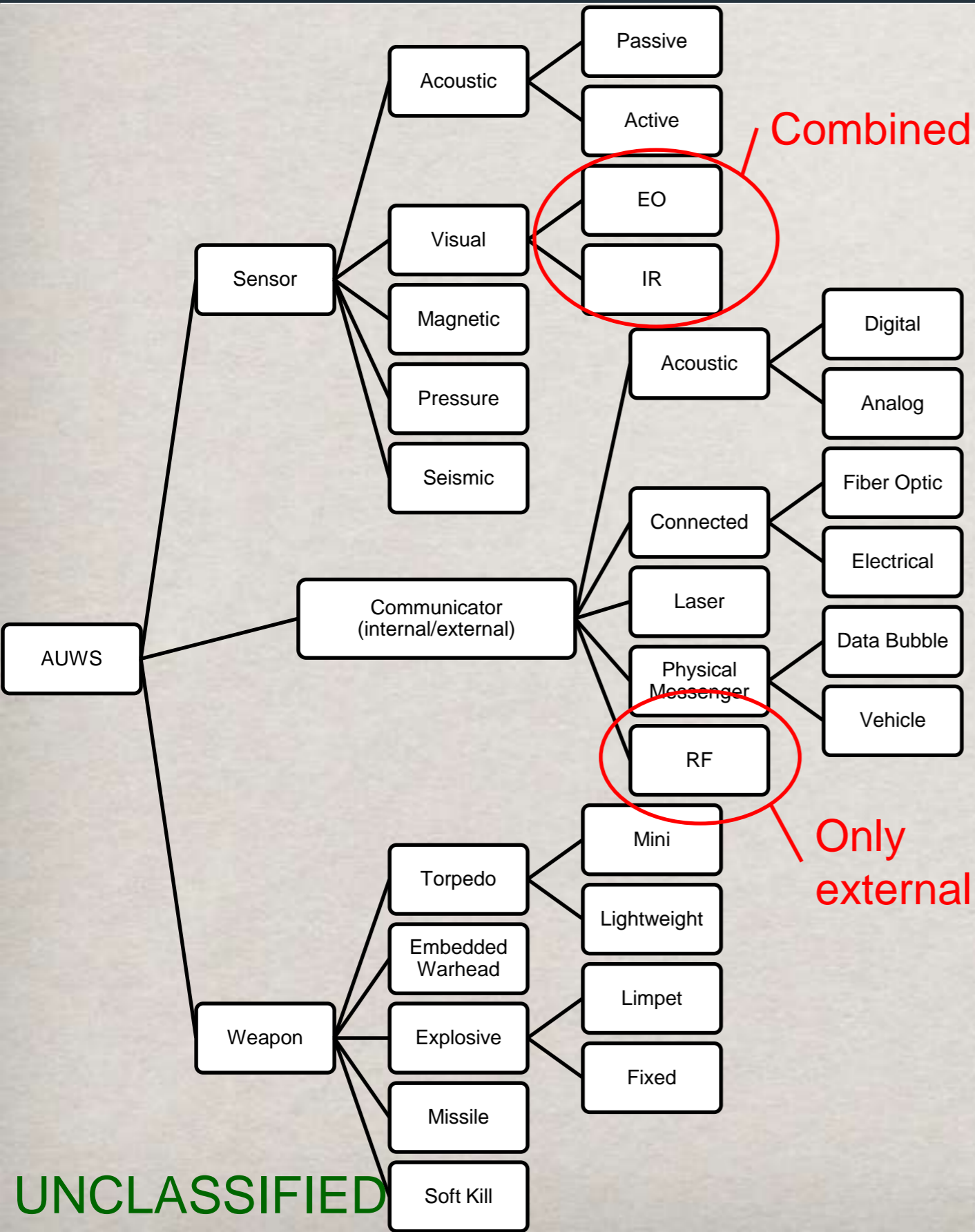
# Functional Analysis - Decomp







# Alternative Generation

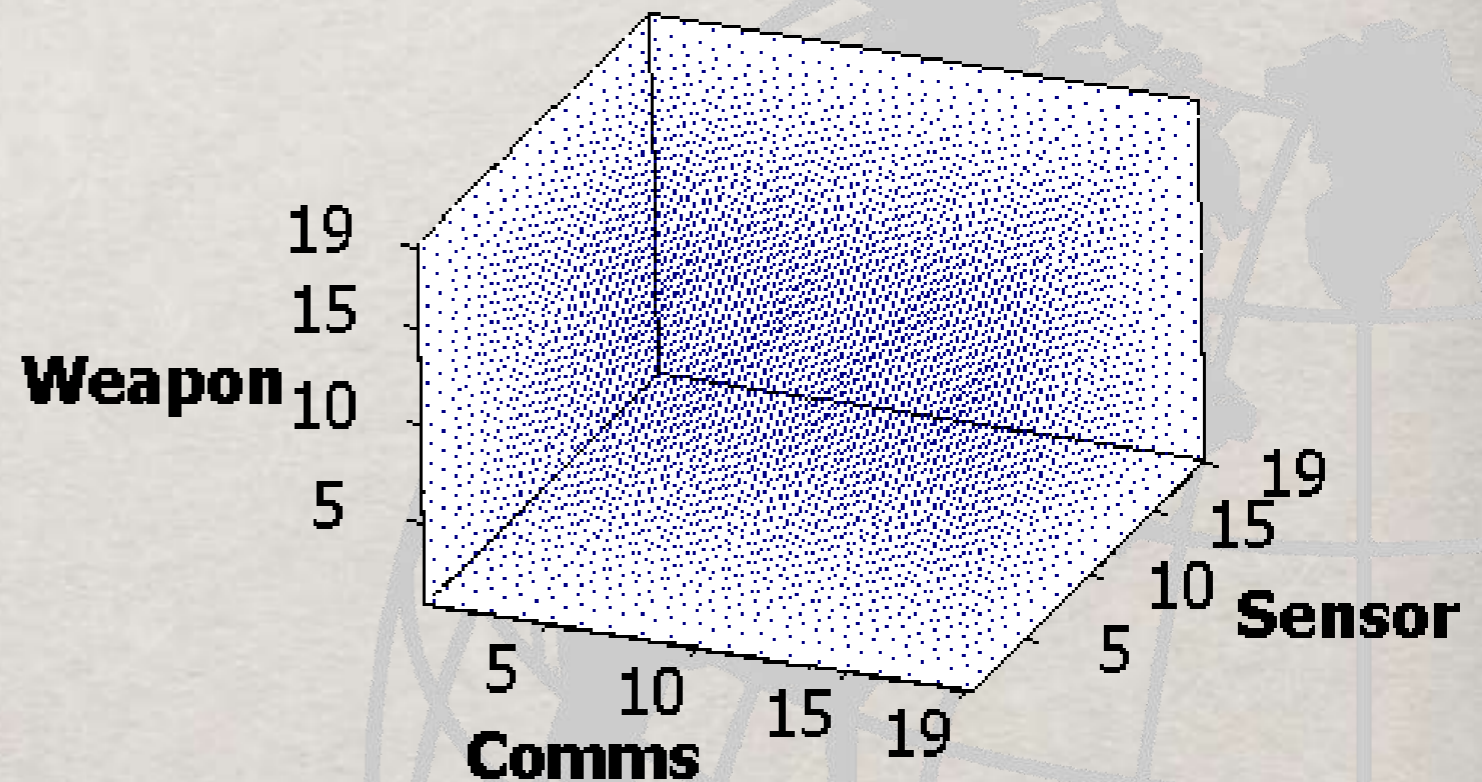


- 3 elements, 7-8 variants
  - Over 1 billion possibilities
- Eliminated infeasible, least promising variants
  - Warfare Innovation Workshop
  - 33,000 possibilities
- Made operational assumptions
  - 48 possibilities
- Work groups
  - 7 preliminary concepts
- Scoring and Screening
  - 4 concepts selected



# Design of Experiments

- Used as a validation tool
  - Goal: adequately cover the design space
- Critical elements (Factors)
  - Weapons, sensors, and communicators
- Levels
  - Large/small
  - Centralized/distributed
  - Smart/dumb
  - Mobile/stationary
  - Combined/separate
- *Led to a change from Swarm to LD-UUV*





# Section 4

Design Concept Overview

V-CAP

LD-UUV

Glider

Squid





# V-CAP Diagram

Hunter Unit



Killer Unit



**Twin torpedo-shaped autonomous UUVs**

**Power**

High-capacity Battery supplemented with wave-motion recharge unit

**Mobility**

Hybrid Electric/OTTO fuel propulsor

**Communications**

LOS RF, Iridium, and Acoustic modem (internal)

**Sensors**

Acoustic and EO sensors  
Deployable distributed sensor nodes

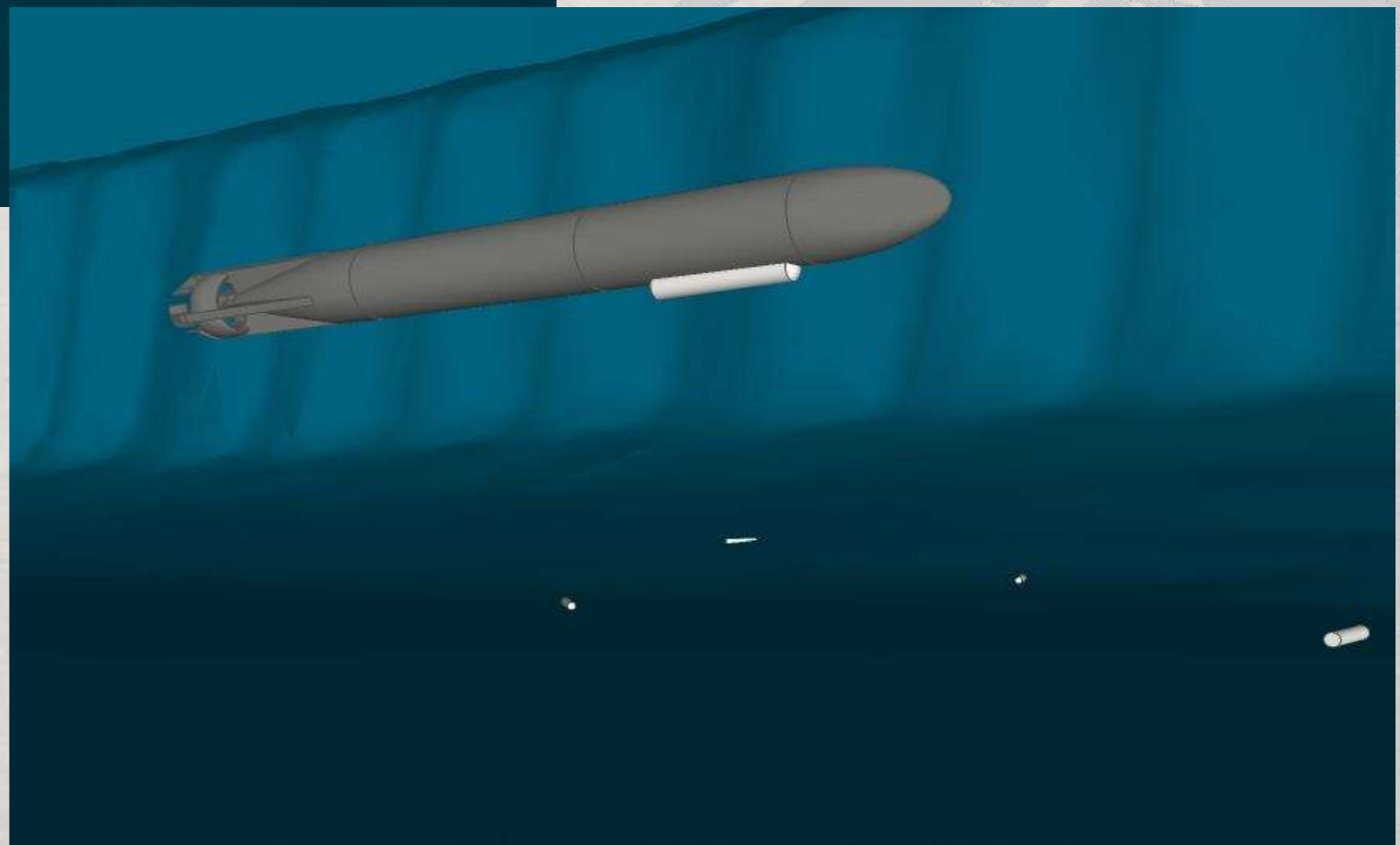
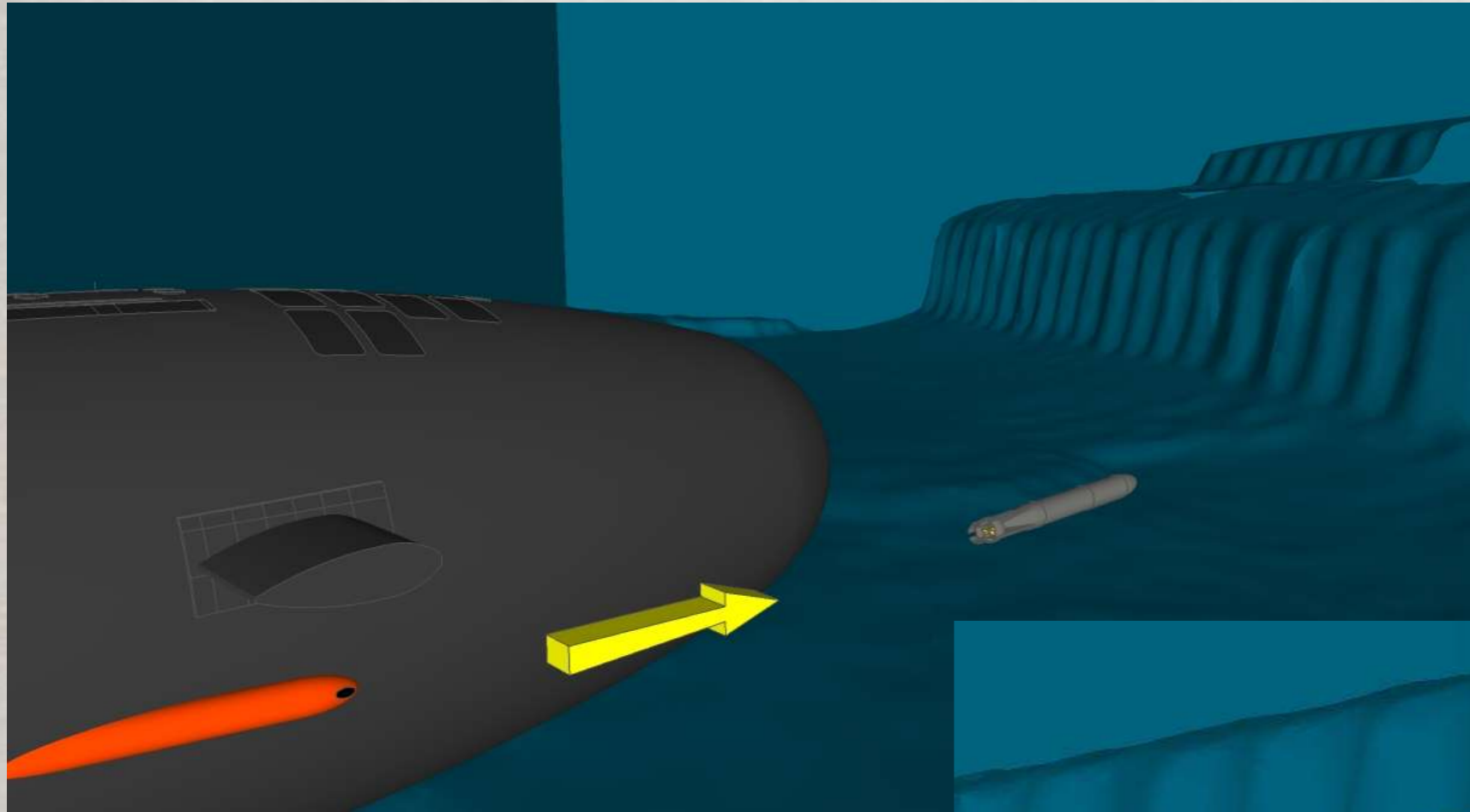
**Armament**

2x mini-torpedoes per Killer unit



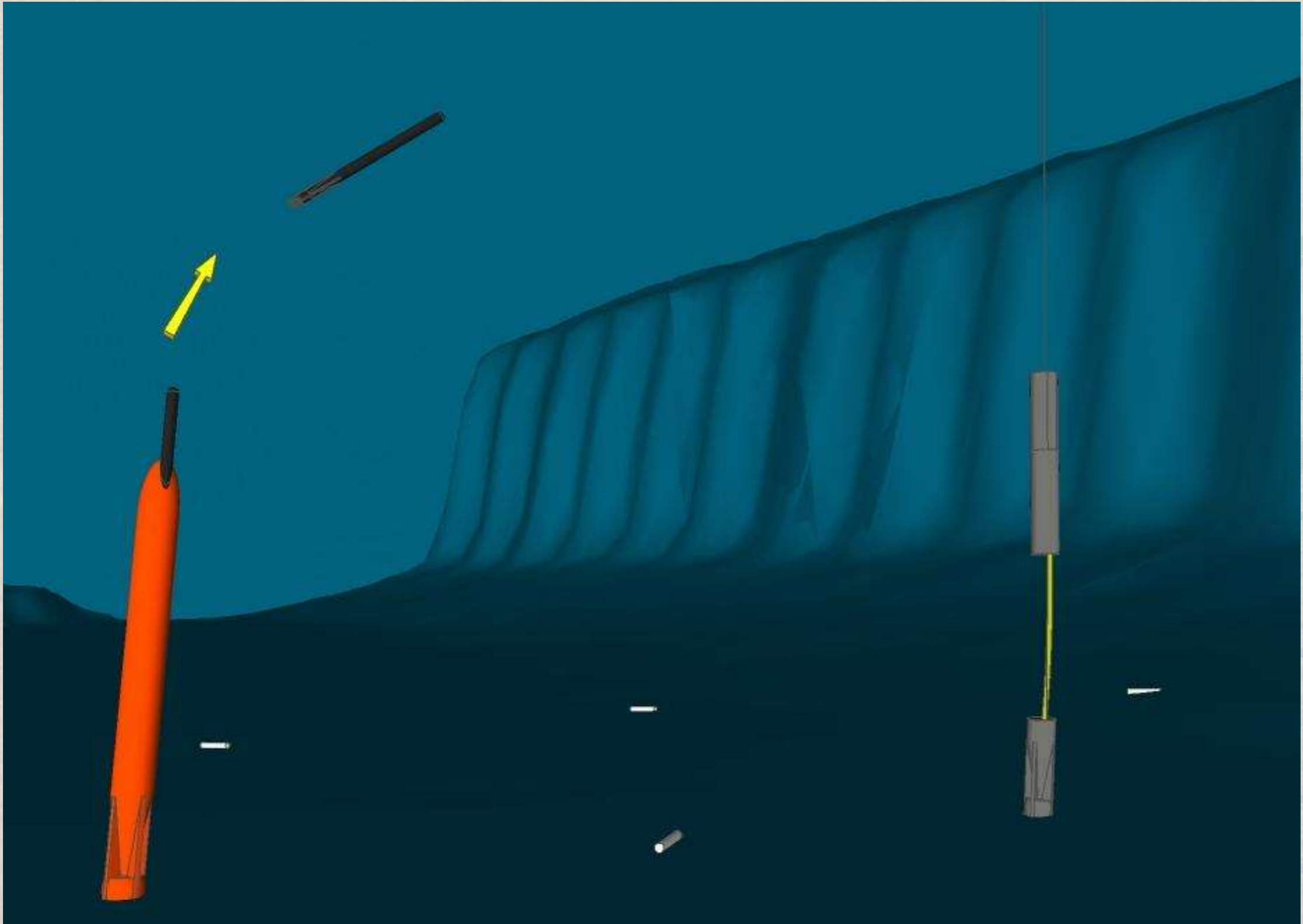


# V-CAP Deployment





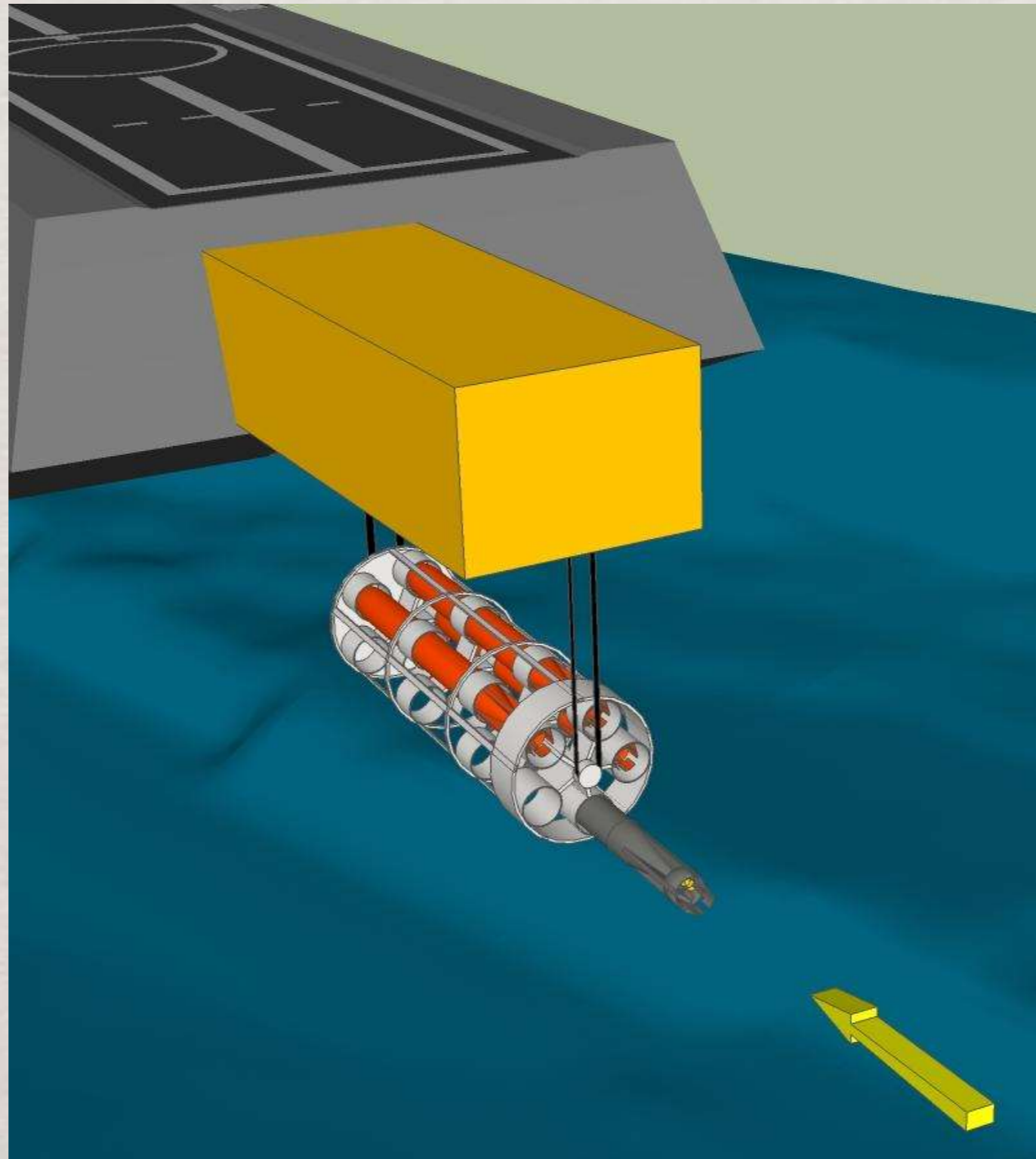
# V-CAP Employment







# V-CAP Recovery





# Large Diameter UUV Diagram

**Large Diameter autonomous undersea payload delivery and engagement UUV**



## **Power**

High-capacity Battery

## **Mobility**

Electric-drive propulsor

## **Communications**

LOS RF, Iridium, and Acoustic modem (internal)

## **Sensors**

Acoustic and EO sensors

Deployable distributed paired sensor nodes

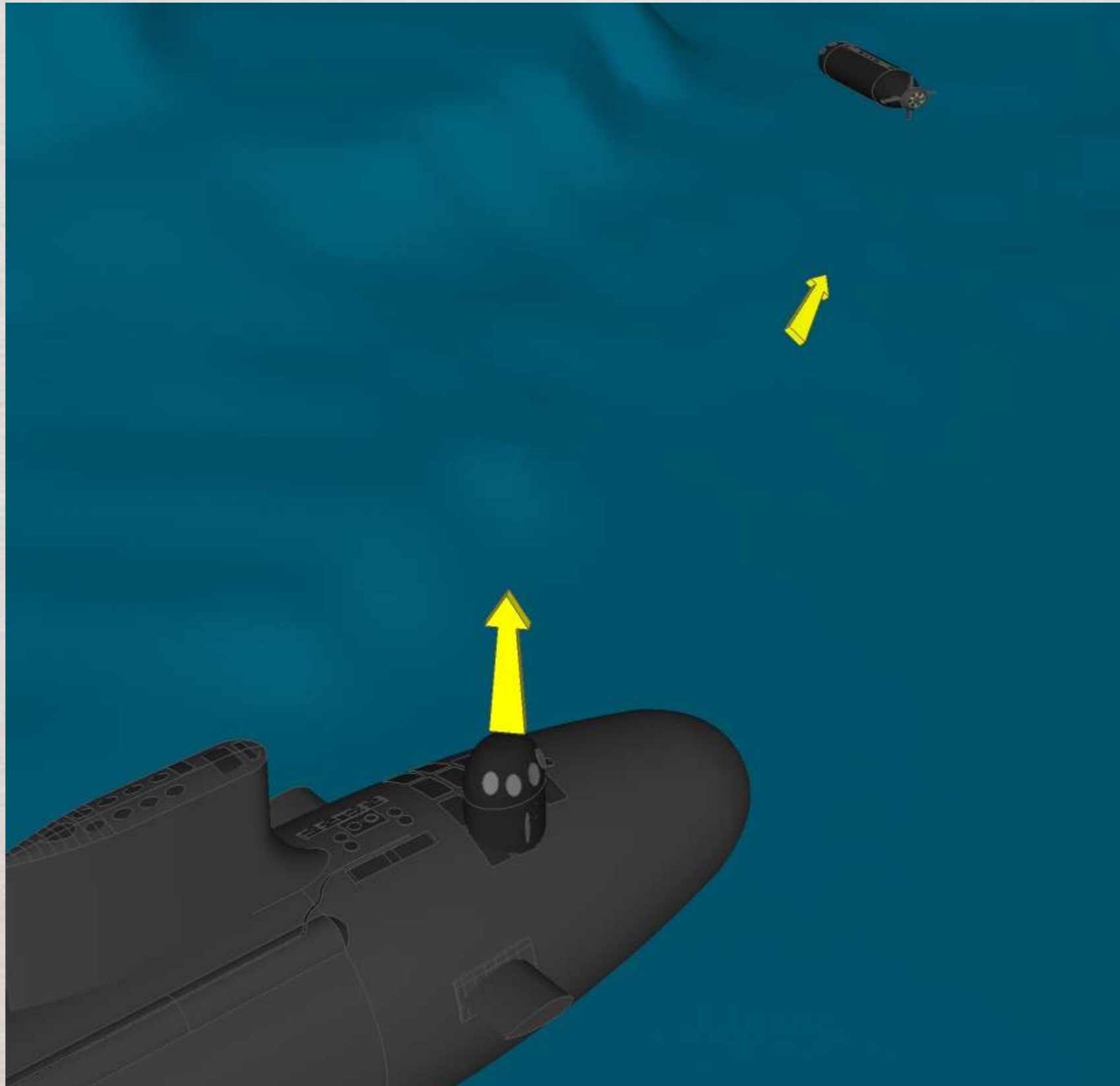
## **Armament**

4x lightweight torpedoes



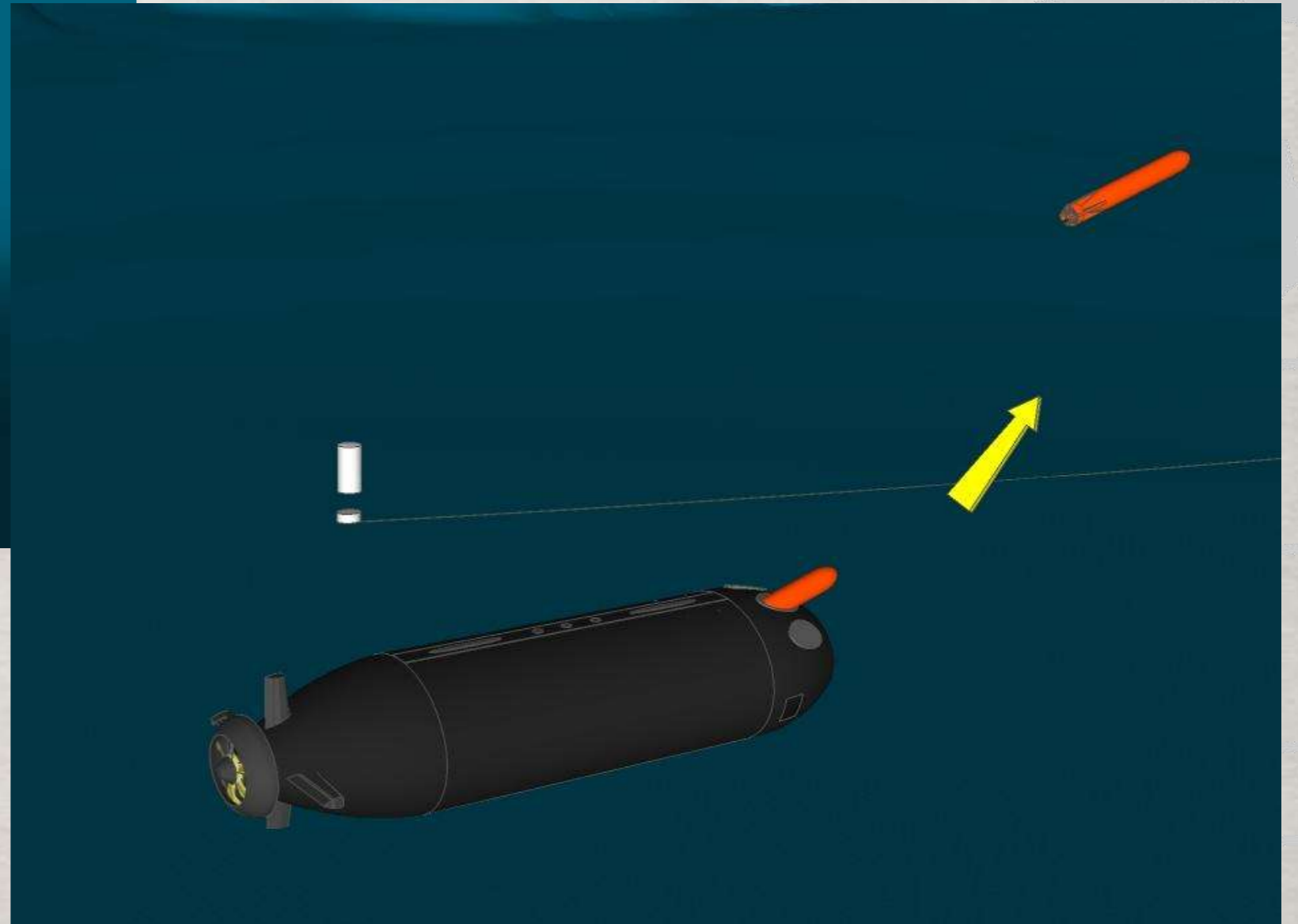
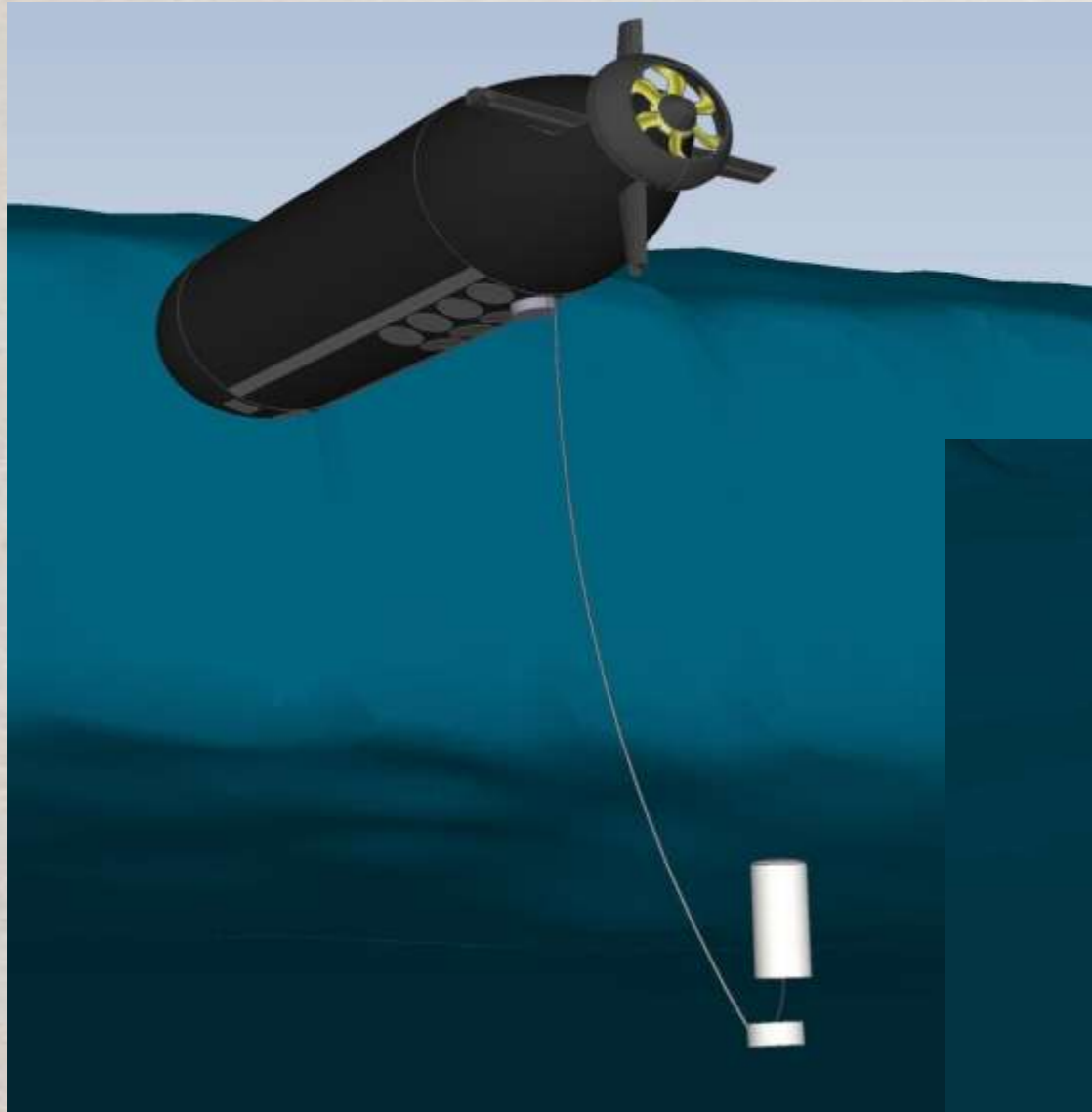


# LD-UUV Deployment

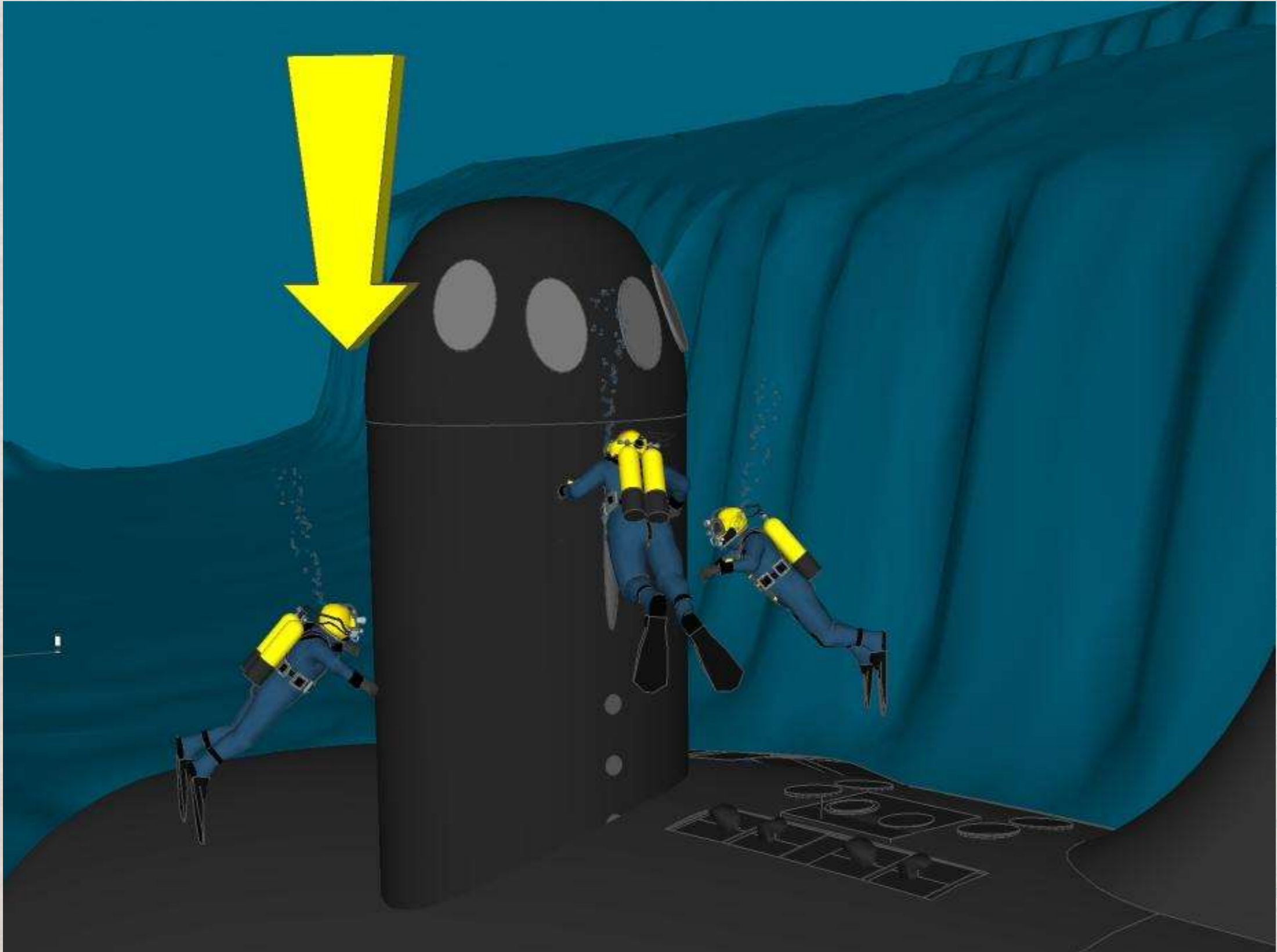




# LD-UUV Employment

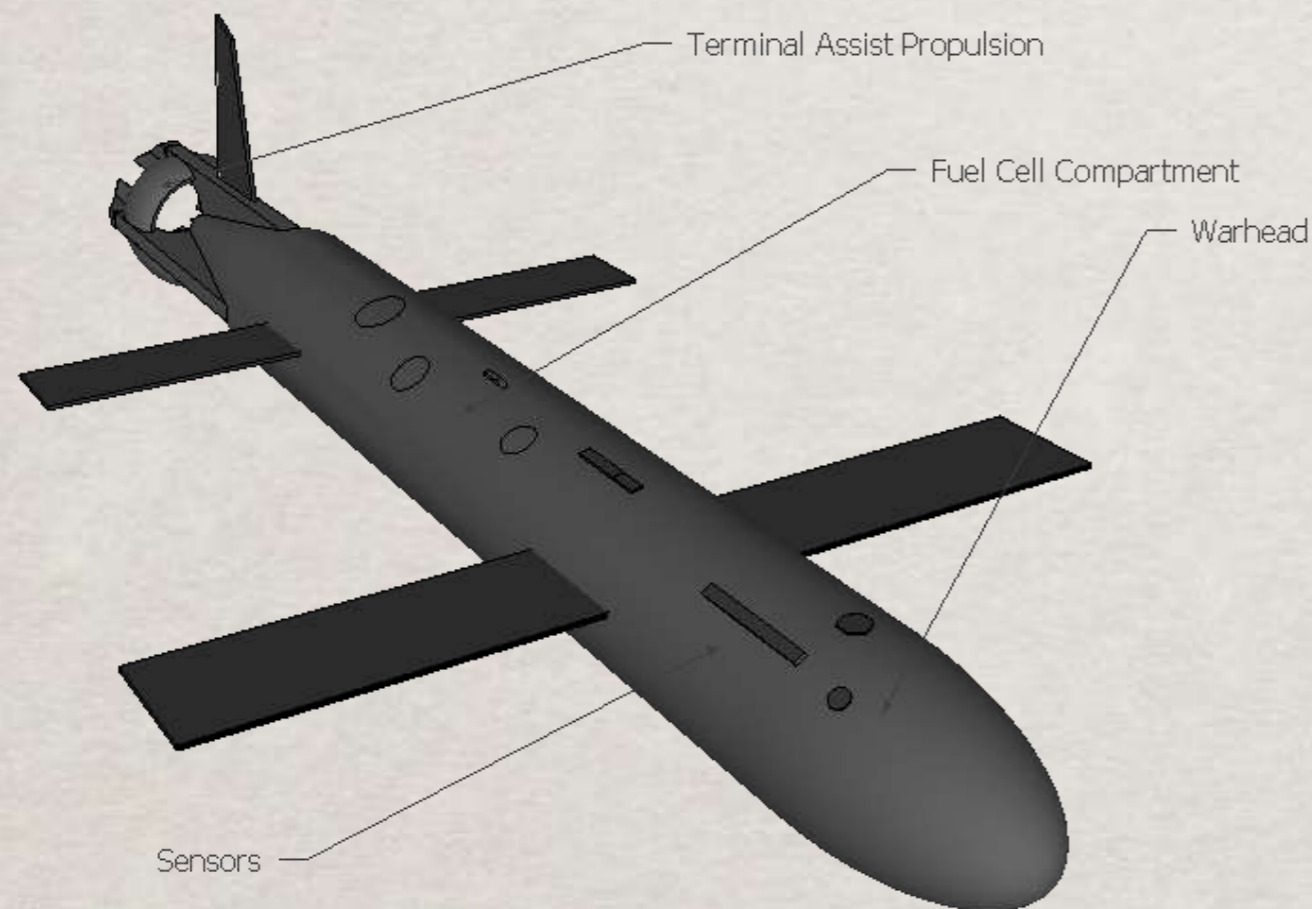








# Glider Diagram



## Networked Autonomous high-endurance UUVs

### Power

Fuel cell with supplemental solar cell recharge

### Mobility

Adjustable ballast and control surfaces with OTTO-fueled terminal homing propulsor drive

### Communications

LOS RF, Iridium, and acoustic modem (internal)

### Sensors

Passive sonar

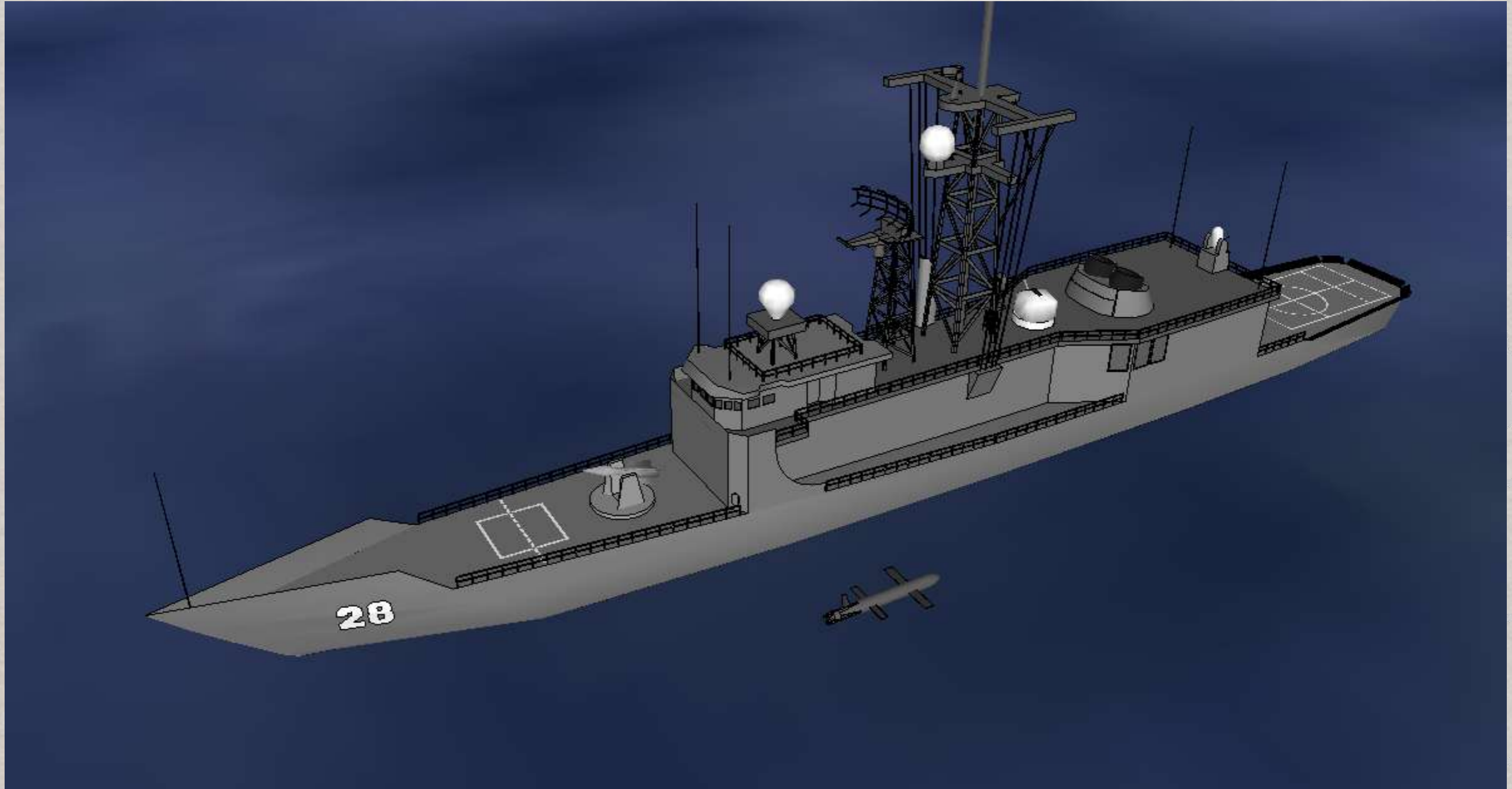
### Armament

10 kg HE shaped charge





# Glider Deployment





# Glider Employment







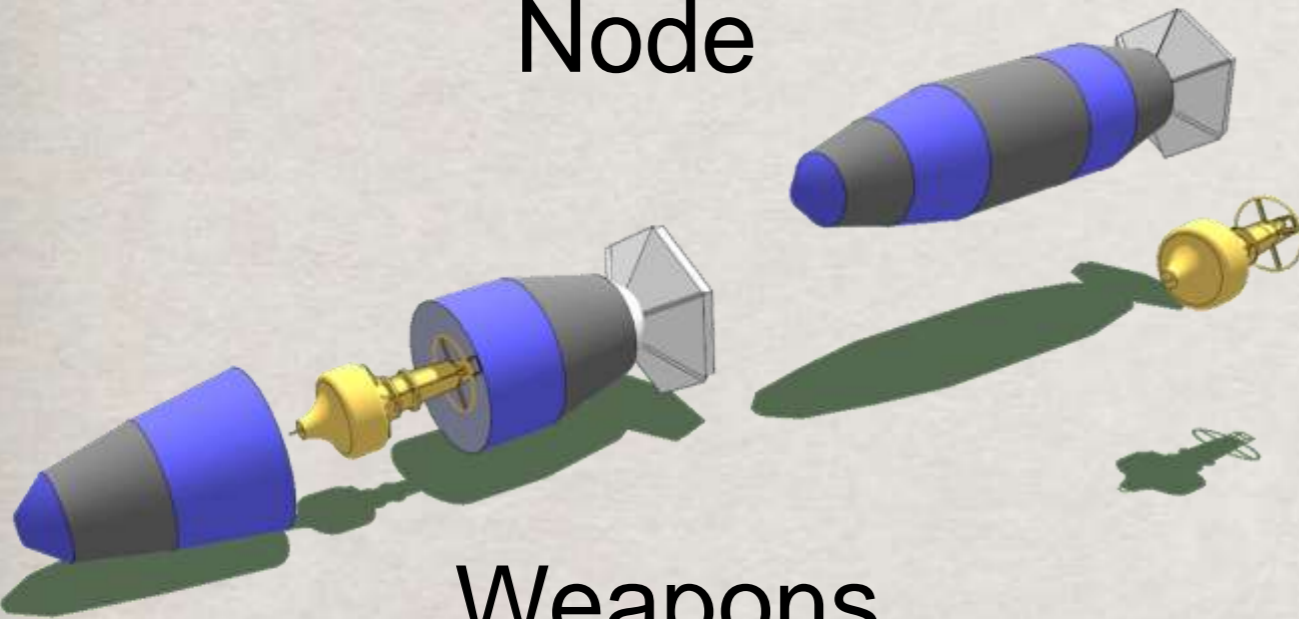
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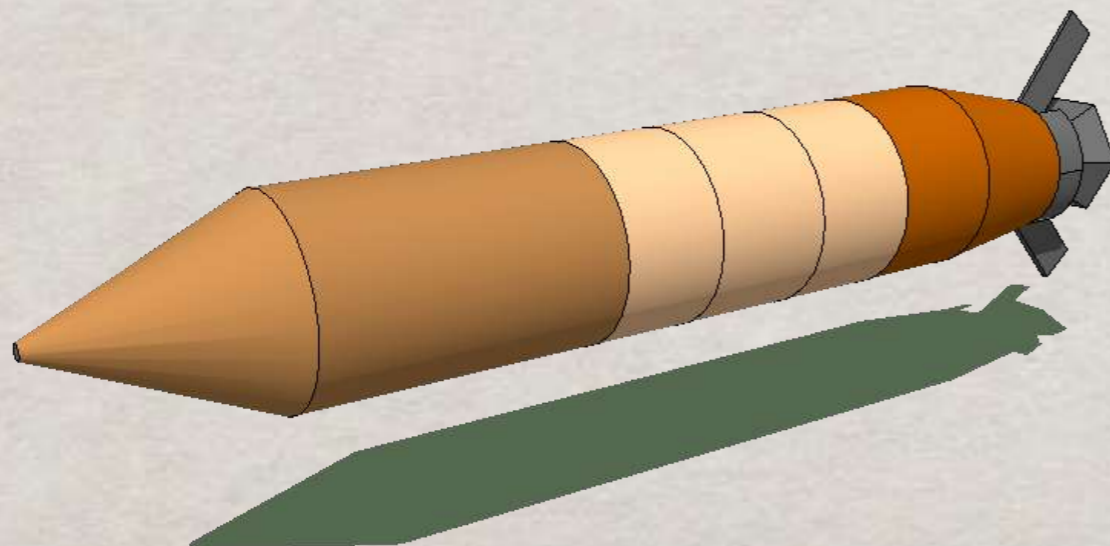


# Squid Diagram

Comms  
Node



Weapons  
Nodes



**Distributed network of stationary weapons and comms nodes, each with onboard sensors**

**Power**

Non-rechargeable batteries

**Mobility**

N/A

**Communications**

LOS RF and Iridium (external) and acoustic modem (internal)

**Sensors**

Passive sonar mounted to Weapons and Comms nodes

**Armament**

Multiple 1 kg HE sub-munitions



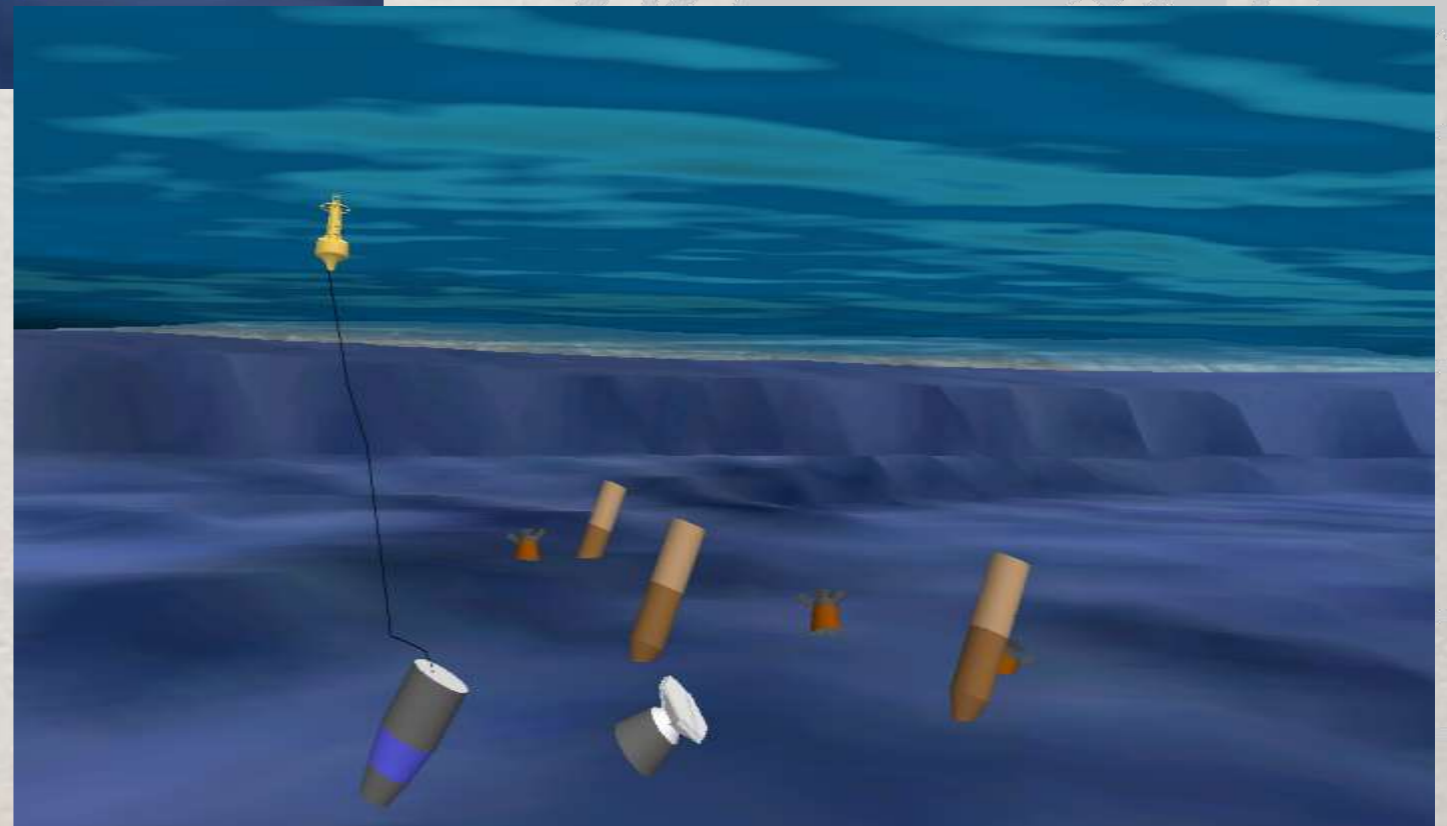
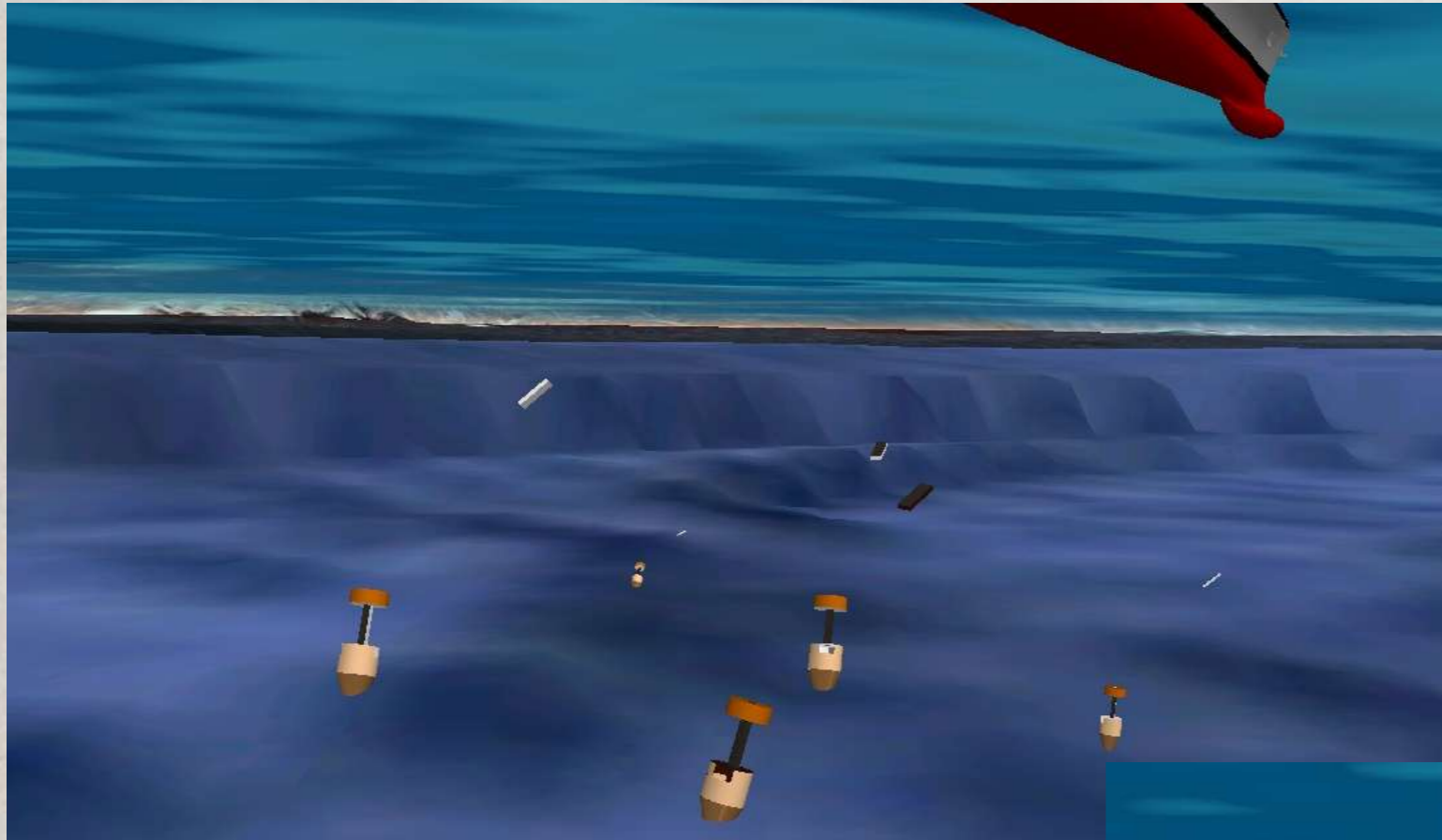


# Squid Deployment





# Squid Employment







# Squid Recovery

High Volume  
of Units



No Internal  
Propulsion



Recovery not  
Feasible

- Expendable design
- Disarm and Self-neutralize on command or via timer

# Section 5

Analysis of Alternatives

Performance

Cost

Risk

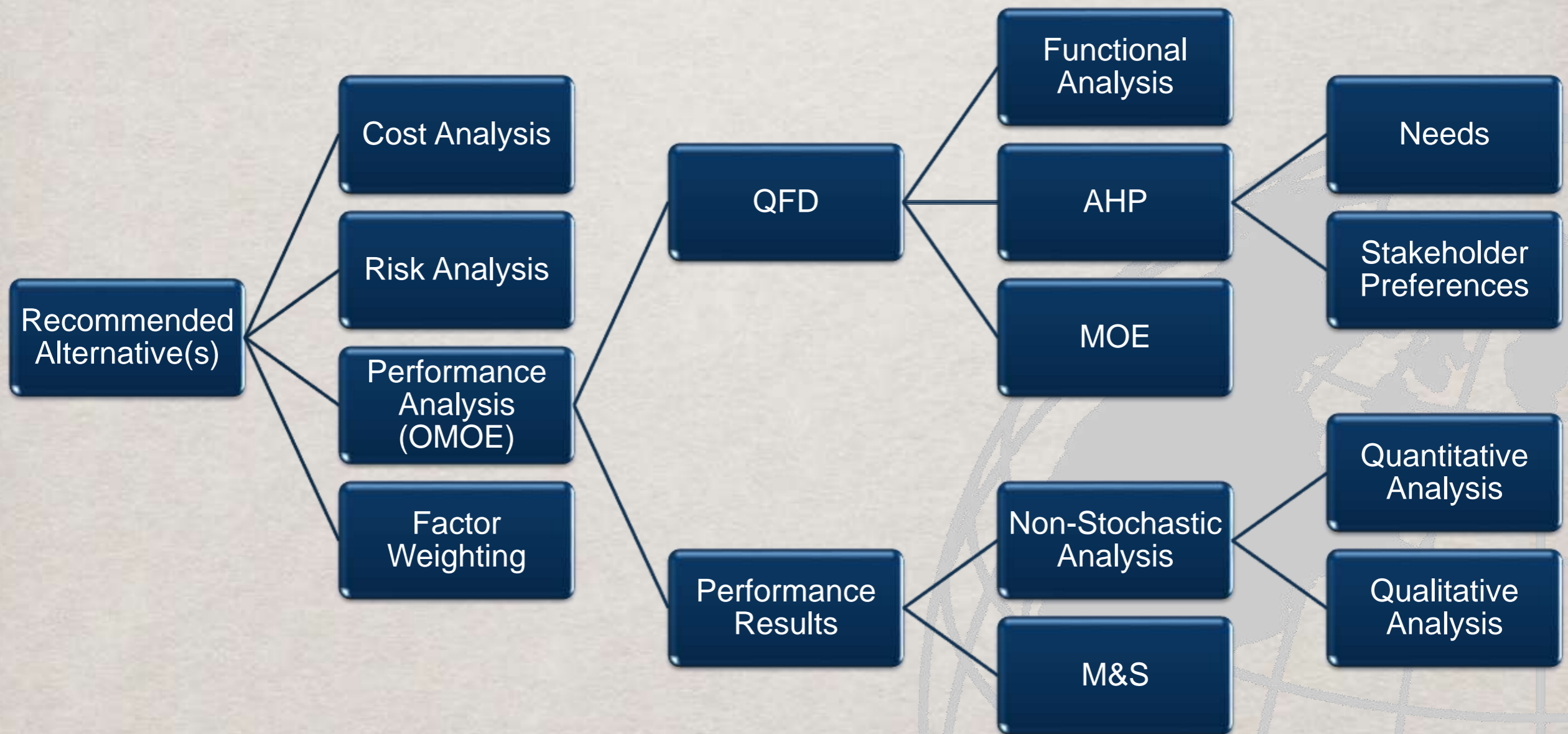






# AoA Methodology

**TRACEABILITY**





# Non-Stochastic Analyses

- MOE: Capability to Operate for a Minimum of 30 Days

Concept	Endurance in Days
V-CAP	123
LD-UUV	126
<b>GLIDER</b>	<b>987</b>
SQUID	16

- MOE: Capability for Deployment from Current and Future Platforms

Concept	Capability Score (1-3)
<b>V-CAP</b>	<b>2.5</b>
LD-UUV	1.5
GLIDER	1.0
SQUID	1.0

- MOE: Capability for Recovery by Current and Future Platforms

Concept	Capability Score (0-3)
<b>V-CAP</b>	<b>3.0</b>
LD-UUV	1.5
GLIDER	2.0
SQUID	0.0

- MOE: Capability to Avoid Detection

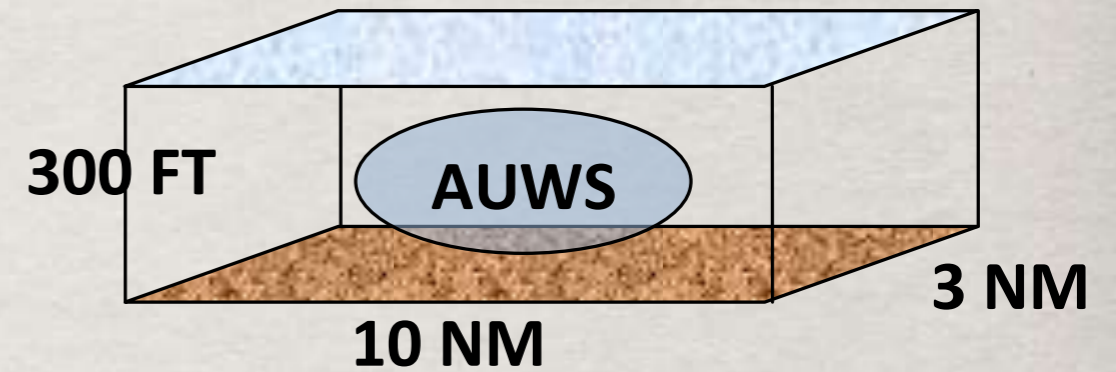
Concept	Capability Score (0-1)
<b>V-CAP</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>LD-UUV</b>	<b>1.0</b>
GLIDER	0.25
SQUID	0.5



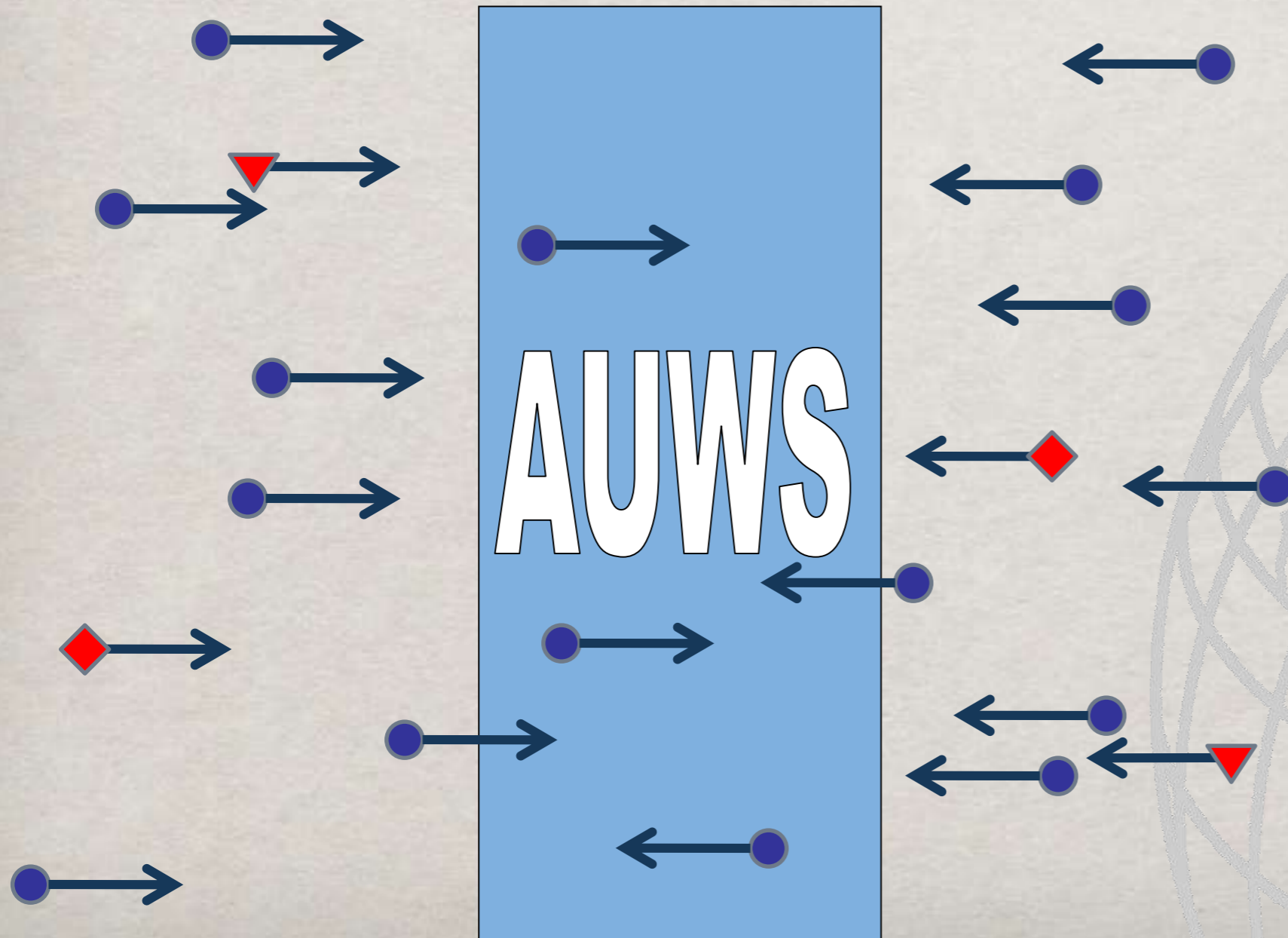


# Model Scenario

- Neutral/Friendly Surface Vessel
- ◆ Threat Surface Vessel
- ▼ Enemy Submarine



## OPERATING AREA



### Environmental Characteristics

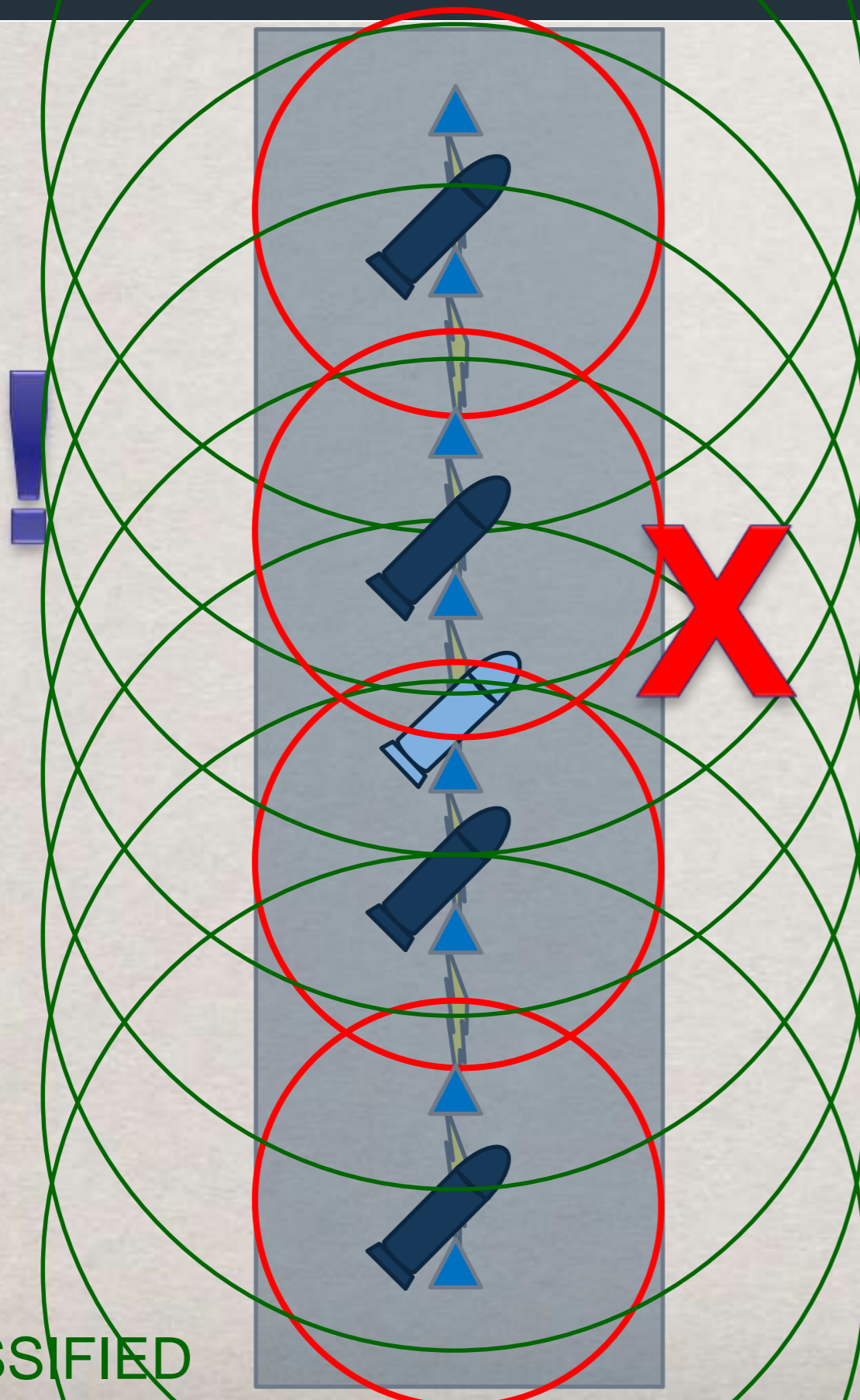
Sea State: 2-3  
Winds: <30kts  
Currents: <5kts  
Depth: 300 ft  
Bottom Type: Mud, Sand

### Traffic Characteristics

Vessel Type: Various (merchants, tugs, fishing boats, small and large naval ships, and submarines)  
Average Speed: 15 kts  
Arrival Rate: 7 ships/hr  
Threat Frequency: 5%  
Position: Uniformly Distributed on Long Axis  
Ambient Noise: Heavy Traffic in Shallow Water



# V-CAP Model



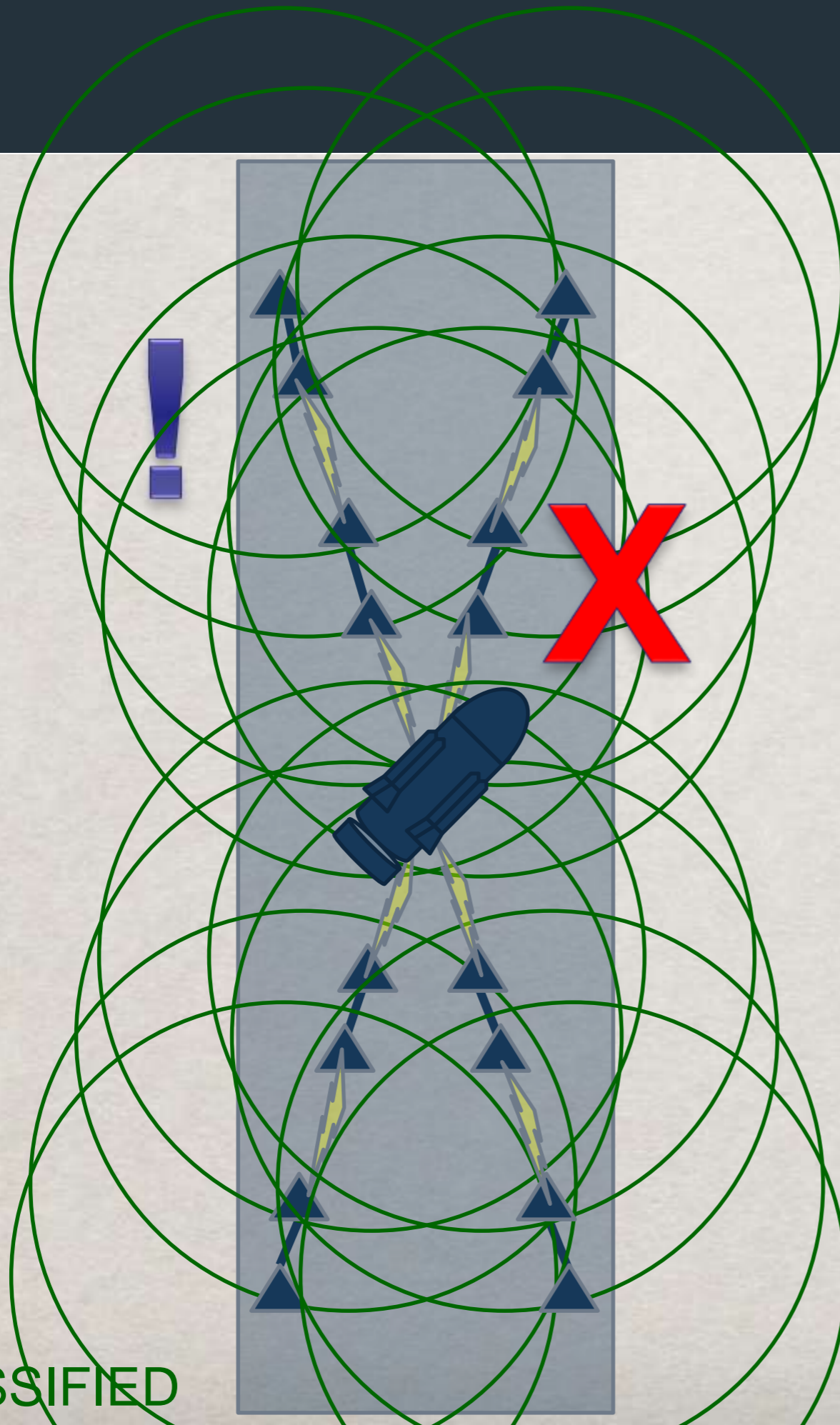
4 Killers with 2 CRAW torpedoes each, 1 Hunter with 8 sensor nodes

- Sensor Range: 2.7 nm
- Comms Range: 1.6 nm
- Kill Range: 3000 yds
- Hunter serves as gateway
- Sensor Nodes report all contacts and relay all messages





# LD-UUV Model



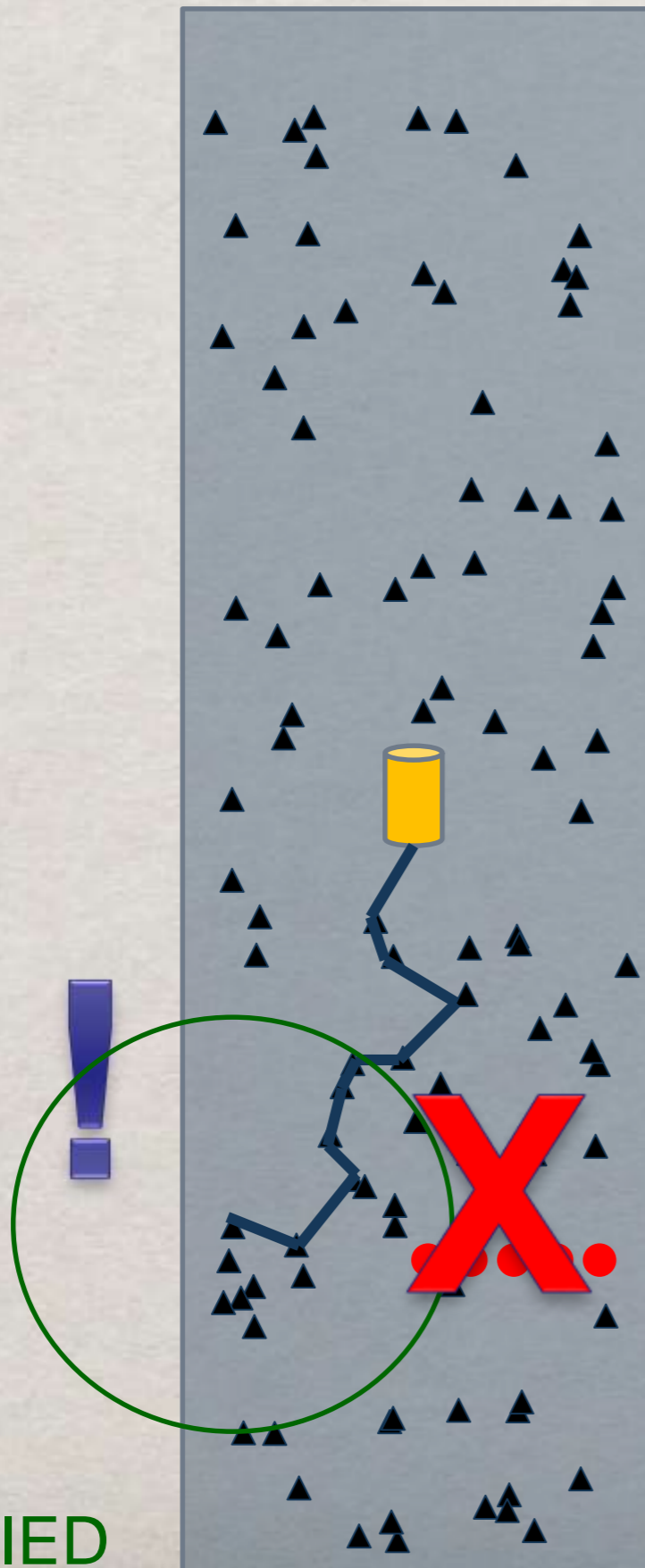
1 LD-UUV, 16 sensor nodes, 4 Mk-50 torpedoes

- Sensor Range: 2.0 nm
- Comms Range: 1.2 nm
- Kill Range: > 10 nm
- Cable: 1000 yds (8 pairs)
- At least 2 nodes required for classification
- Nodes “decide” which contacts to report (group based)
- UUV serves as gateway

## 17 Gliders

- Sensor Range: 2.7 nm
- Comms Range: 1.6 nm
- Speed: 2 kts
- Lateral Intercept Range: 0.55 nm (from Approaching Target Model)
- Coordinated Barrier Search (1.43 nm segments)
- Middle Gliders primarily for comms relay
- Gliders “decide” which contacts to report
- Gliders surface for external communications





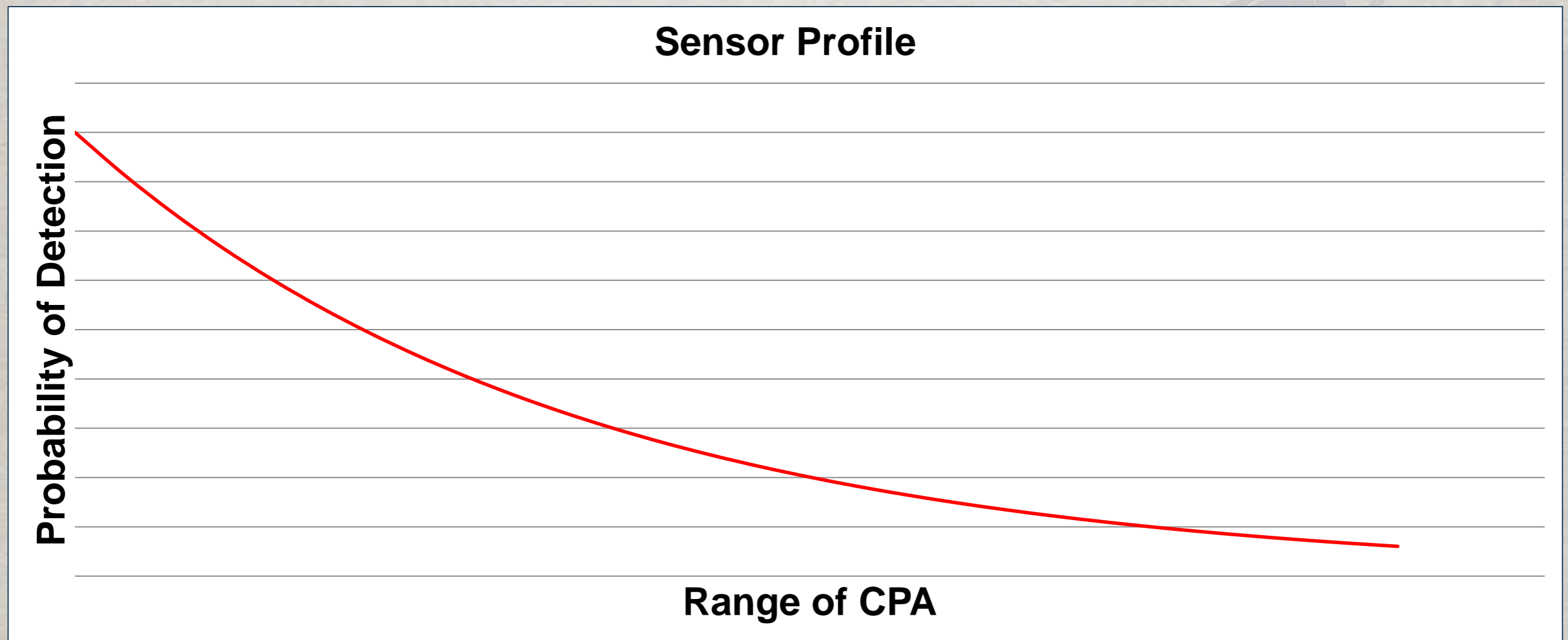
130 sensor/weapon nodes, 1 communications gateway

- Sensor Range: 1.35 nm
- Comms Range: 0.8 nm
- Kill Range: 50 yds
- Squid nodes randomly placed (e.g. artillery, air drop)
- Nodes must have path to gateway to be “in network”
- Must be in network to report contacts and engage threats
- 126 nodes in network on avg.
- Each node determines shortest path to Gateway
- Nodes report all contacts and relay all messages



# M&S Results

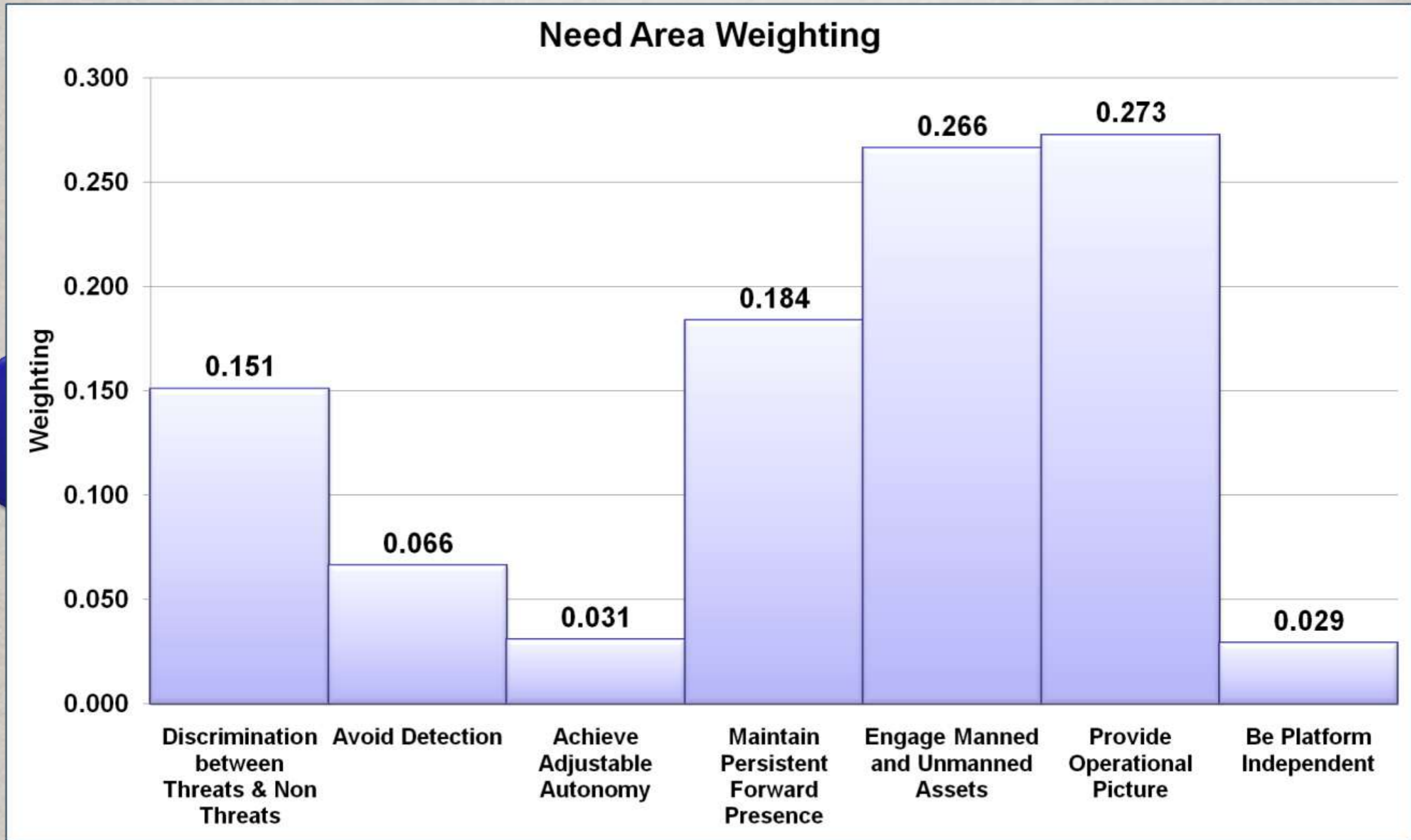
	Avg TTC (min)	$P_d$	$P_k$
<b>Glider</b>	13.3-15.0	0.74-0.75	0.16-0.22
<b>LD-UUV</b>	2.9-3.1	0.80-0.81	0.33-0.43
<b>Squid</b>	3.5-3.7	0.97-0.99	0.07-0.09
<b>V-CAP</b>	4.5-4.7	0.80-0.82	0.54-0.65





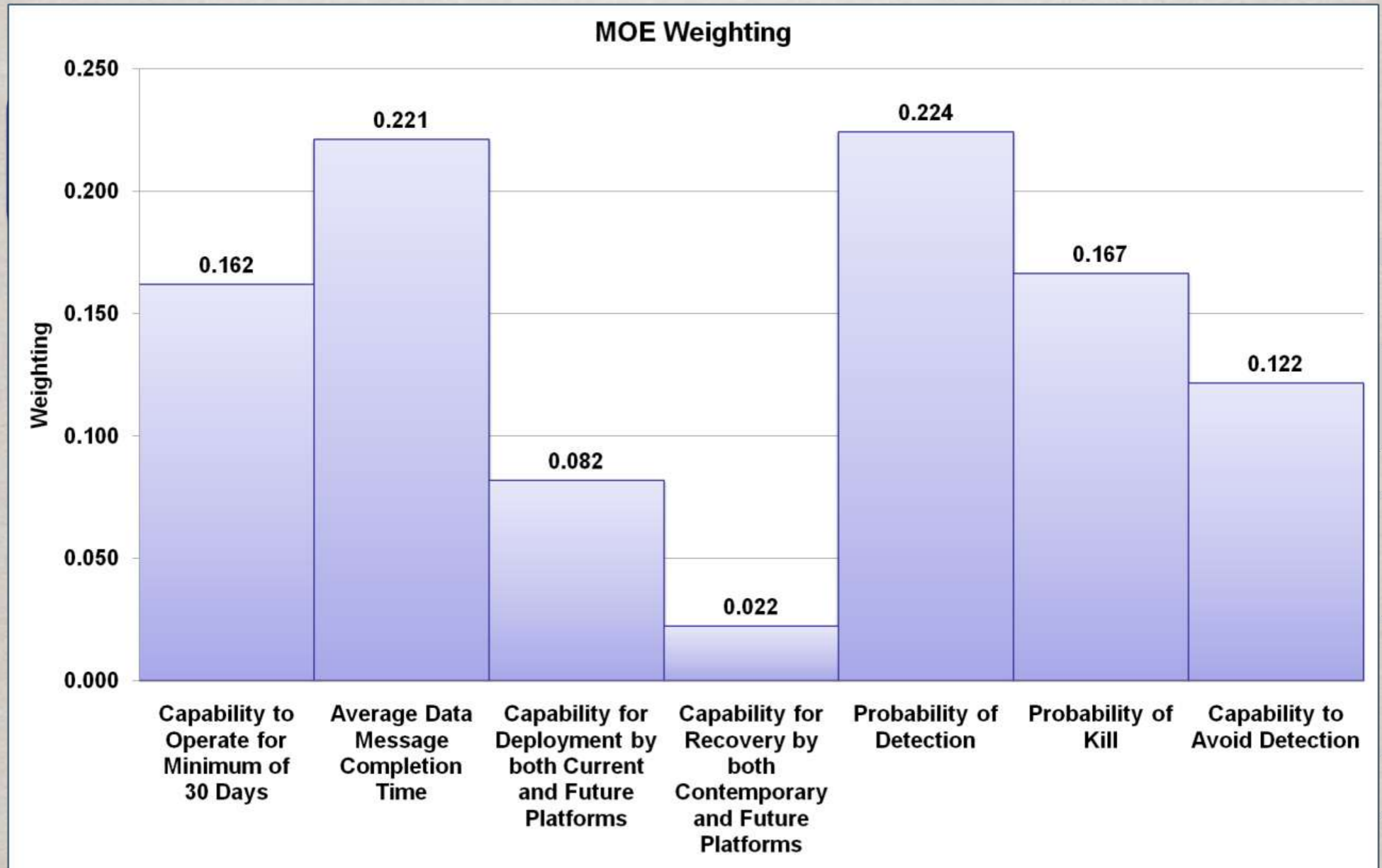


# Analytic Hierarchy Process





# Quality Functional Deployment





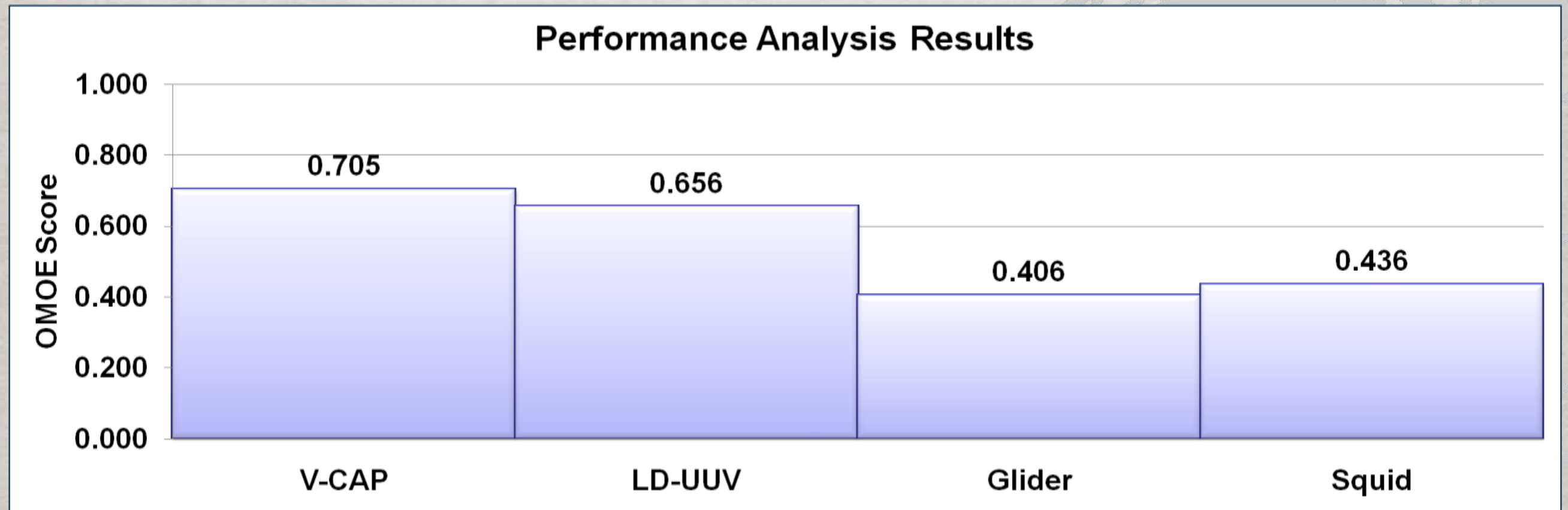
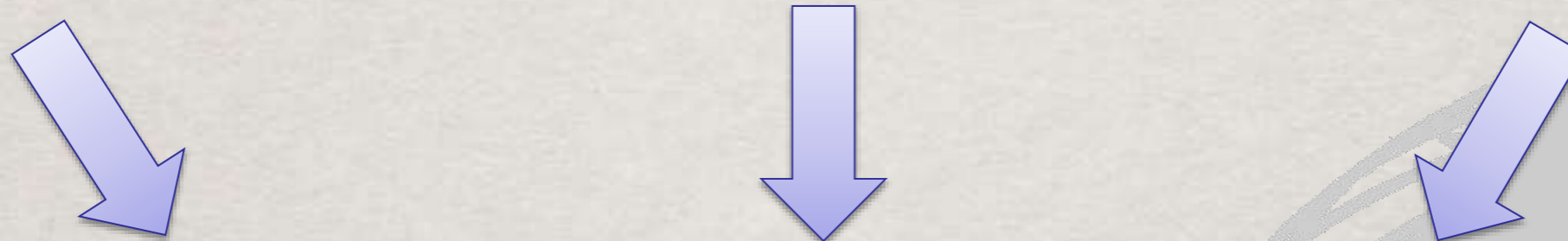


# Performance Analysis Results

Non-Stochastic  
Analysis

**QFD MOE  
Weighting**

M&S





# Cost Analysis Results

## 20-yr Rough Cost Estimate

- **RDT&E Costs** - excluded
- **Production Costs**
  - Based on Component Costs
- **O&S Costs**
  - Consumables – Fuel, Warheads, Replacements
  - Personnel (excluded)
- **Disposal Costs** - excluded

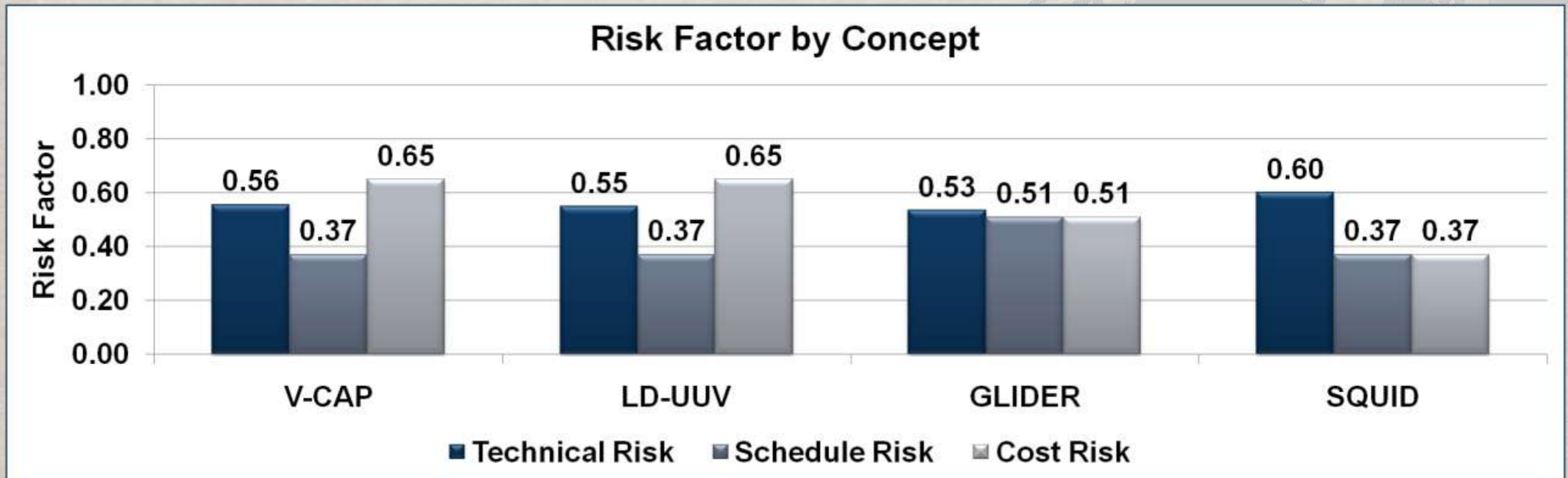
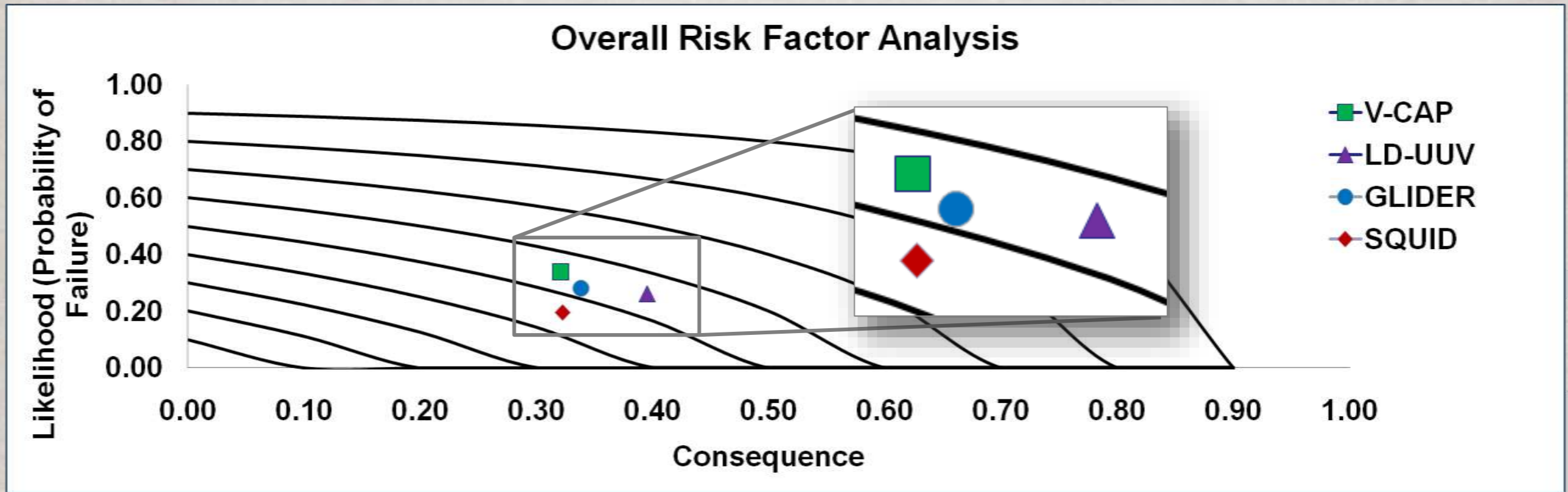
Alternative	Cost (FY2011\$M)
V-CAP	359
LD-UUV	690
<i>GLIDER</i>	75
SQUID	2418

**V-CAP:** Good balance  
**LD-UUV:** High per-unit cost  
**GLIDER:** Low procurement & consumable cost  
**SQUID:** High cost due to large number of expendables





# Risk Analysis Results





# AoA Results

Factor  
Weighting

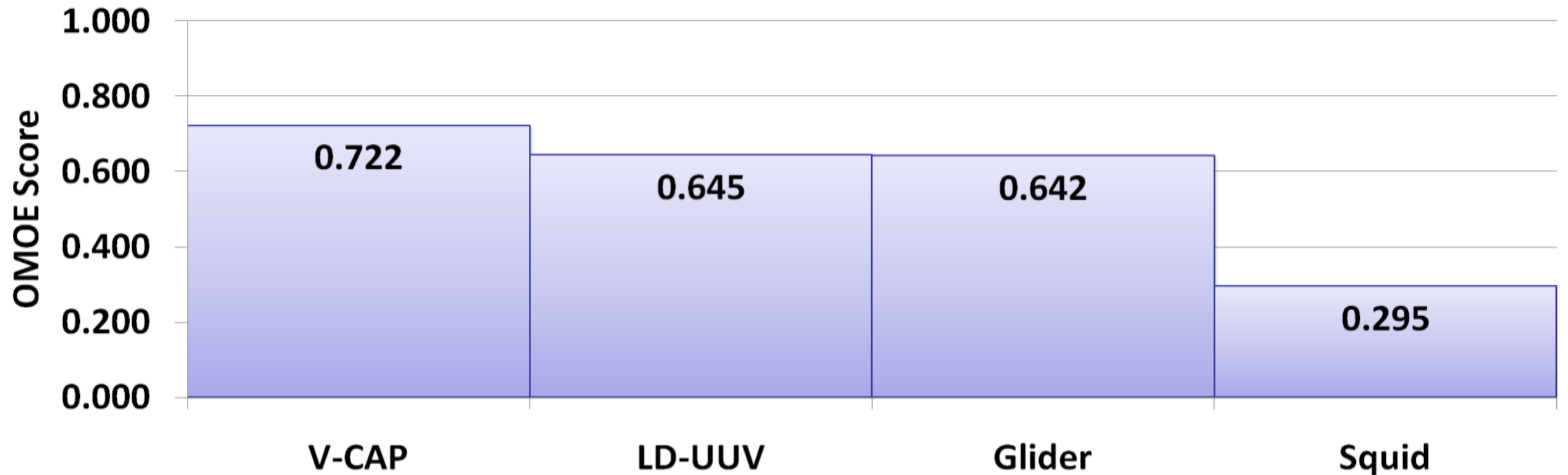
**OMOE  
Results**

**Cost  
Results**

**Risk  
Results**



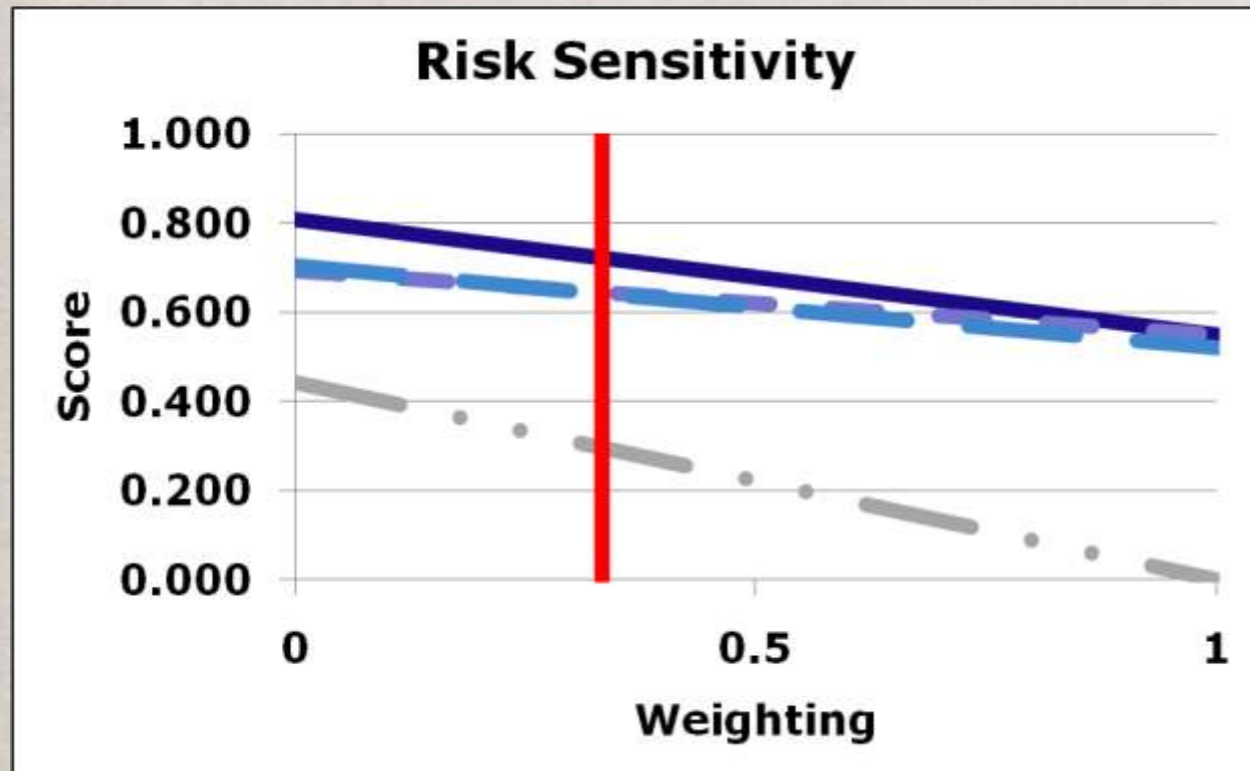
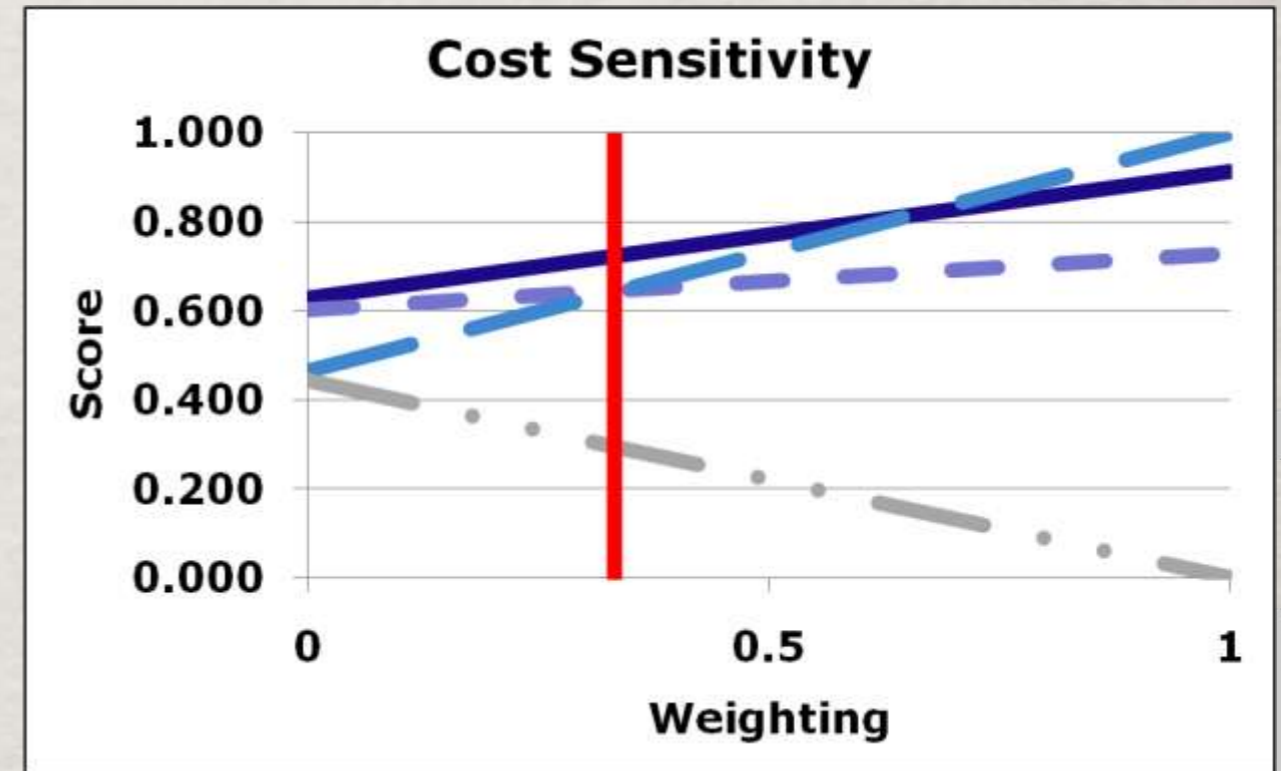
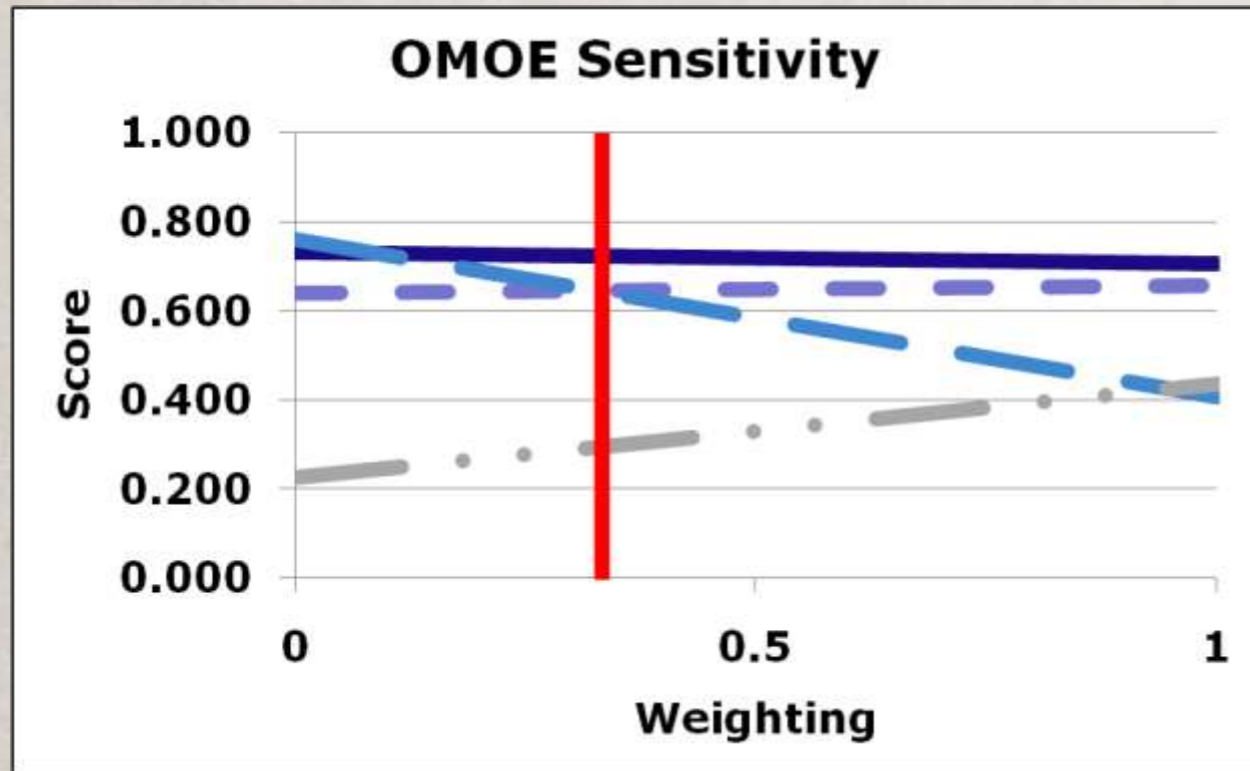
**AoA Results (Equal Weighting)**

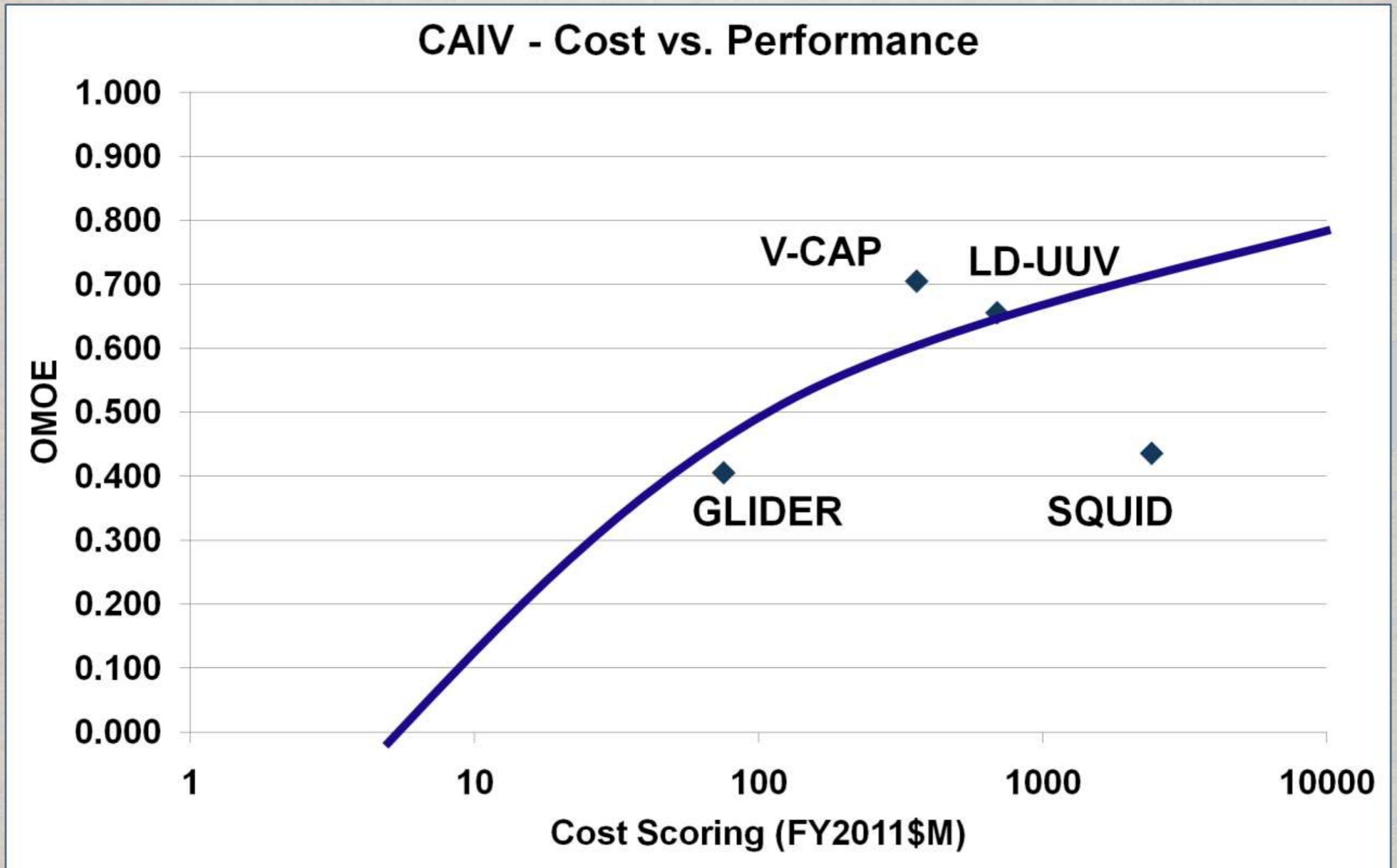






# AoA Sensitivity









# Status Quo Alternative

- Options for the given scenario
  - ~~• Mines~~
  - ~~• Surface Combatants~~
  - Submarines
- Superior performance
- Cost is debatable
  - Assume AUWS provides no LCC savings!
- Operational risk is unacceptable
  - \$2B strategic asset and hundreds of lives at risk
  - Even one SSN is “overkill”
- AUWS can be scaled to balance risk with performance





# Section 6

Concept Recommendations

Primary: V-CAP

Secondary: LD-UUV

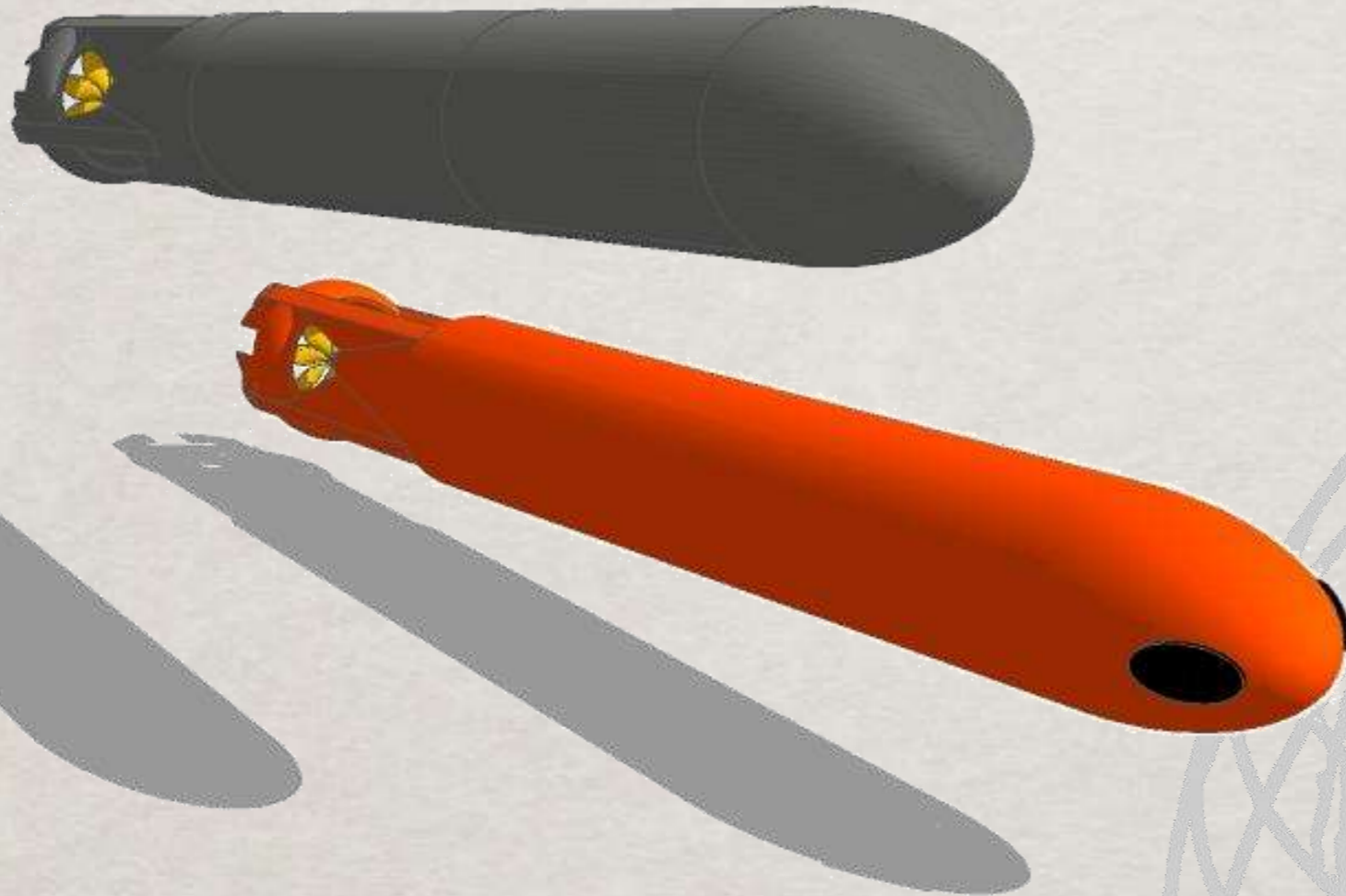
Hybrid







# Primary Concept: V-CAP



## Pros:

- Best  $P_k$
- Good  $P_d$
- Ease of Deployment & Recovery
- Follow-on Salvo
- Cost

## Cons:

- Slower Comms
- Shorter Endurance



# Secondary Concept: LD-UUV



## Pros:

- Rapid Comms
- Better Endurance

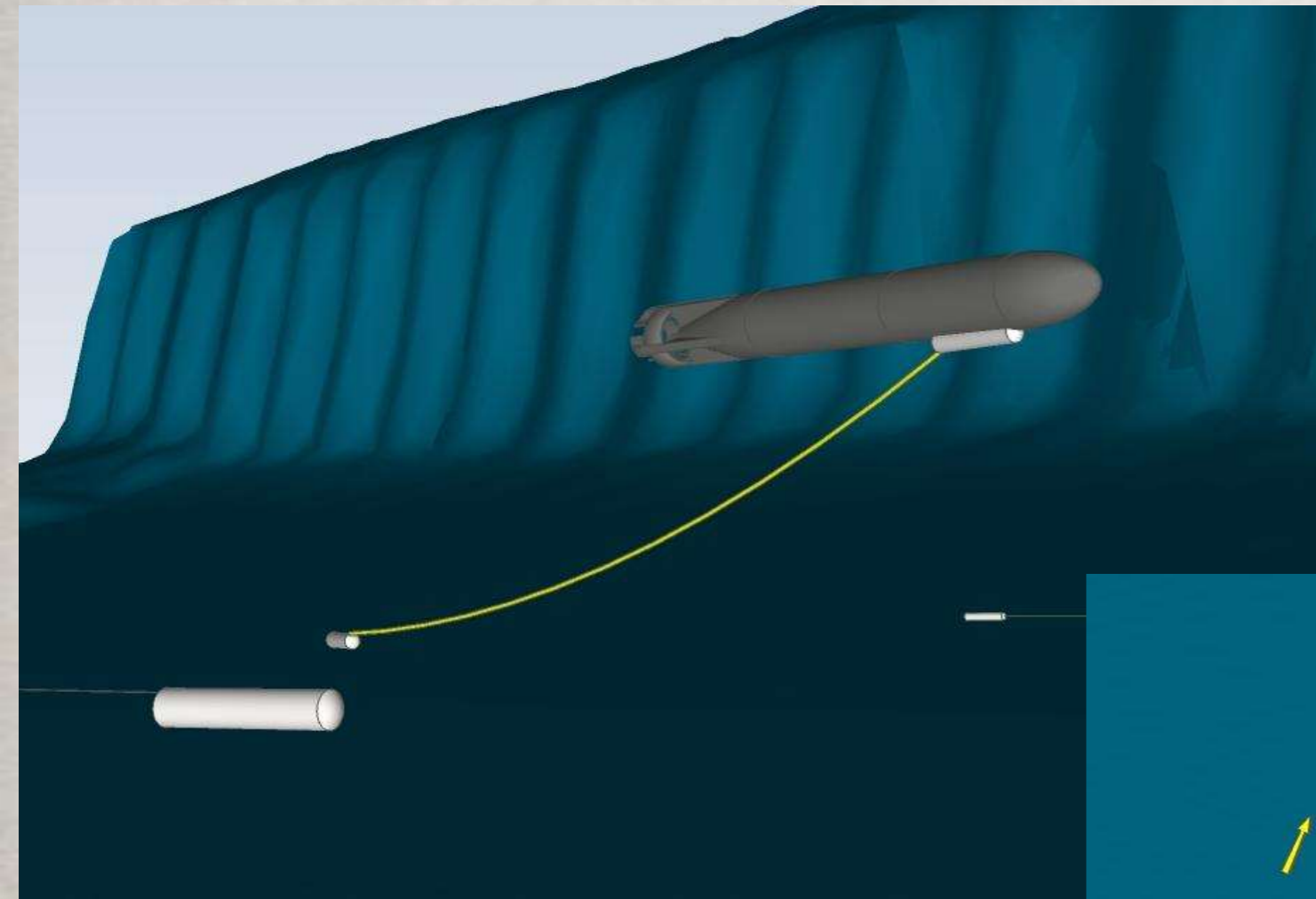
## Cons:

- Limited Deployability
- Limited Recoverability
- Limited Salvo
- Cost





# Hybrid Recommendation



- Double Deployment
  - Improved  $P_d$ ,  $P_k$
- LD-UUV Paired Nodes
  - Improved Comms

# Section 7

Project Insights

Project Recommendations







## Flexibility

- Network Integration
- Platform Integration
- Command & Control

## Scalability

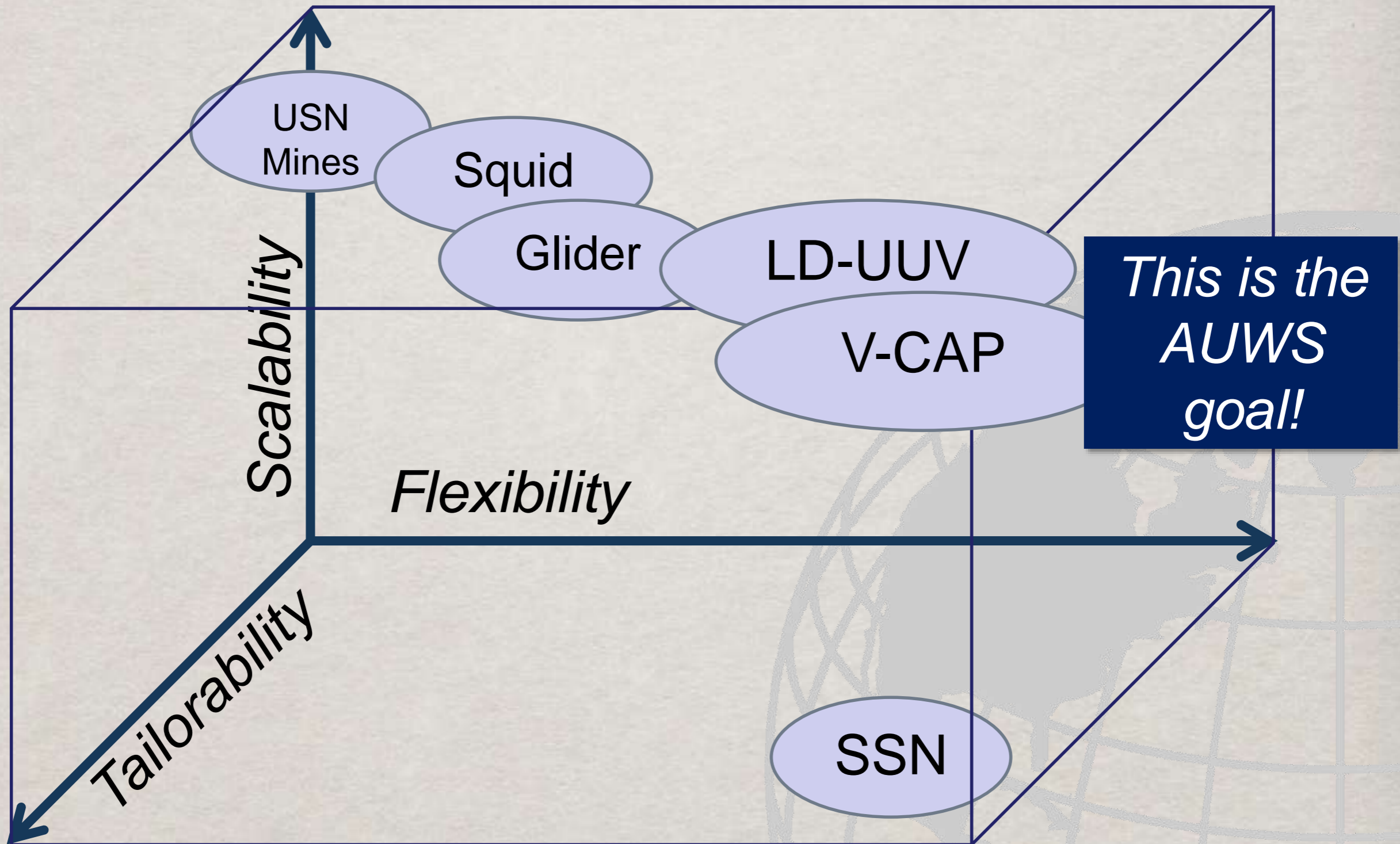
- Balance required w/ Cost & Performance
- Trade-off w/ Flexibility (Deployment size of units)
- Unlike Current Systems

## Tailorability

- Mission-reconfigurable modular design
- Optimal redundancy (heterogeneous vs. homogenous)
- Separation & distribution yield tactical advantage



# AUWS Tradespace







# Recommendations

- Near Term (FYDP 2012-2016)

- Continue detailed analysis of superior AUWS concepts
- Review and update doctrine (ROE, tactics, training, etc.)
- Use this analysis to help ONR define Science and Technology Gap
- ONR assigns Future Naval Capabilities Manager for AUWS concepts R&D
- Get prototypes (*of any kind*) in the hands of sailors!

- Mid Term (FYDP 2016-2020)

- Develop Initial Capability Document based on this analysis
- Initiate AUWS Program of Record based on current best assessment of capability gap
- Do not wait for technology to advance to optimal levels

- Far Term (FYDP 2020 →)

- Maintain a goal of achieving AUWS full operational capability by 2030



# Section 8

## Closing Remarks







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The undersea battlespace of the future is a complex, dynamic environment that cannot be divided neatly along platform or community lines.

**Advanced Undersea Warfare Systems are just one element of a comprehensive, unified approach to maintaining and enhancing USW dominance in the future.**



