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Operational Energy Program



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DON Operational Energy Goals



1. **Extend operational reach of current and future weapons systems through more effective use of energy**
2. **Reduce energy consumption and external energy logistics requirements to forward deployed strike groups**
3. **Increased energy resilience of forward bases, supply depots, and cooperative security locations – Get more energy to the warfighter**
4. **Increase the effective use, conversion, storage, distribution, and control of energy to enable integration of future weapons and sensors onto platforms**
5. **Foster and guide an energy culture in our sailors and marines through policy, training and education**



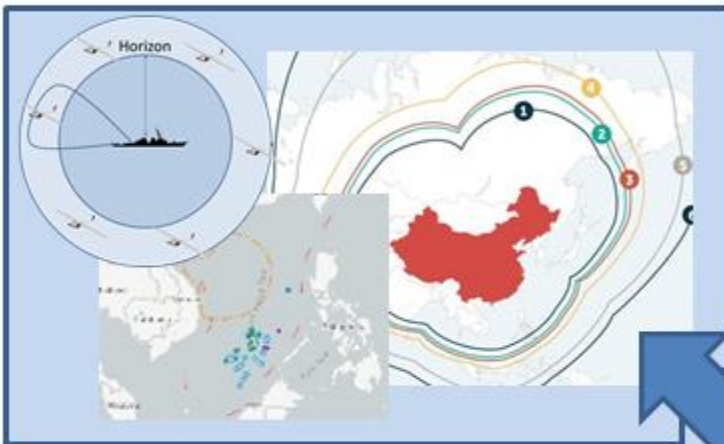
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Weapons Systems and Platforms of the Future



Extended Ranges



Persistence

Strike



Comms



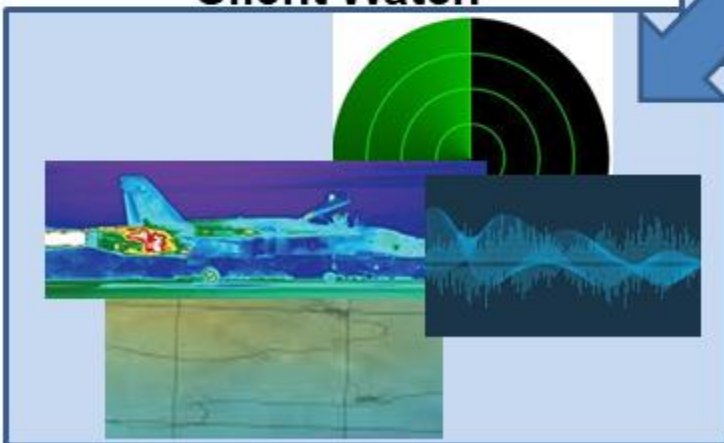
ISR



Hydrogen & Fuel Cells



Reduced Signature & Silent Watch



Unmanned Swarm



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Hybrid Tiger™ Multi-Day Endurance of a Group 2 UAS



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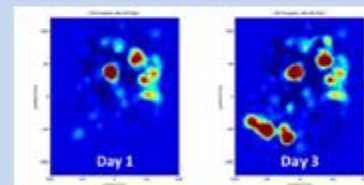
Solar Wings

+



Hydrogen Fuel Cell

+



Soaring Algorithms

Hydrogen Powered ISR with 2+ days of endurance

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Gaps to getting Hydrogen on Ship (Enabling Ship based UxV H2 Swarm)



Design Tools

- Gas dispersion modeling
- Gas leakage modeling
- Design Criteria Manual for hydrogen generation, storage distribution and utilization
- Material selection for marine operating environment

System Specifications and resulting qualification testing

- Standardized UxV Fuel Cell System designs and specification
- Standardized Composite Over Wrap Pressure Vessel (COPV) designs and qualification
- Refueling and Support Package (RASP) electrolyzer for hydrogen generation
- Hydrogen and Hydrogen Fire sensors/detectors specifications, marinization and qualification

Technical Manuals/ Operation Procedures / Training

- Update SWBS 550 / NSTM 550 (Industrial gasses)
- Update SWBS 550 / NSTM 555 (firefighting)
- Damage Control training and qualification
- Hydrogen system operator and maintainer training and qualification

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Deployment and Testing Options



Interagency Demonstration

- Details: Collaboration between DOE, NOAA, NASA, Coast Guard, ONR, NRL Monterey, University of Hawaii to generate hydrogen and fill weather balloons from a research vessel.
- Pros: Immediate need. Meets enduring needs for weather research and replaces Helium. Specialized research ships with fewer missions than military ships. Shows capability to Navy.
- Cons: Will still need Naval wartime hardening and Navy safety certification



Gray Hull

- Details: Deploy H₂ for balloons and fuel cell UAVs for ISR network in GPS denied environment
- Pros: Responds to emerging need to have organic communication network on ships and pushes Navy to certify use of hydrogen on board ships for tactical vehicles.
- Cons: Navy path for hydrogen fuel certification onboard ships not yet established.

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