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# Scope



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# Scope



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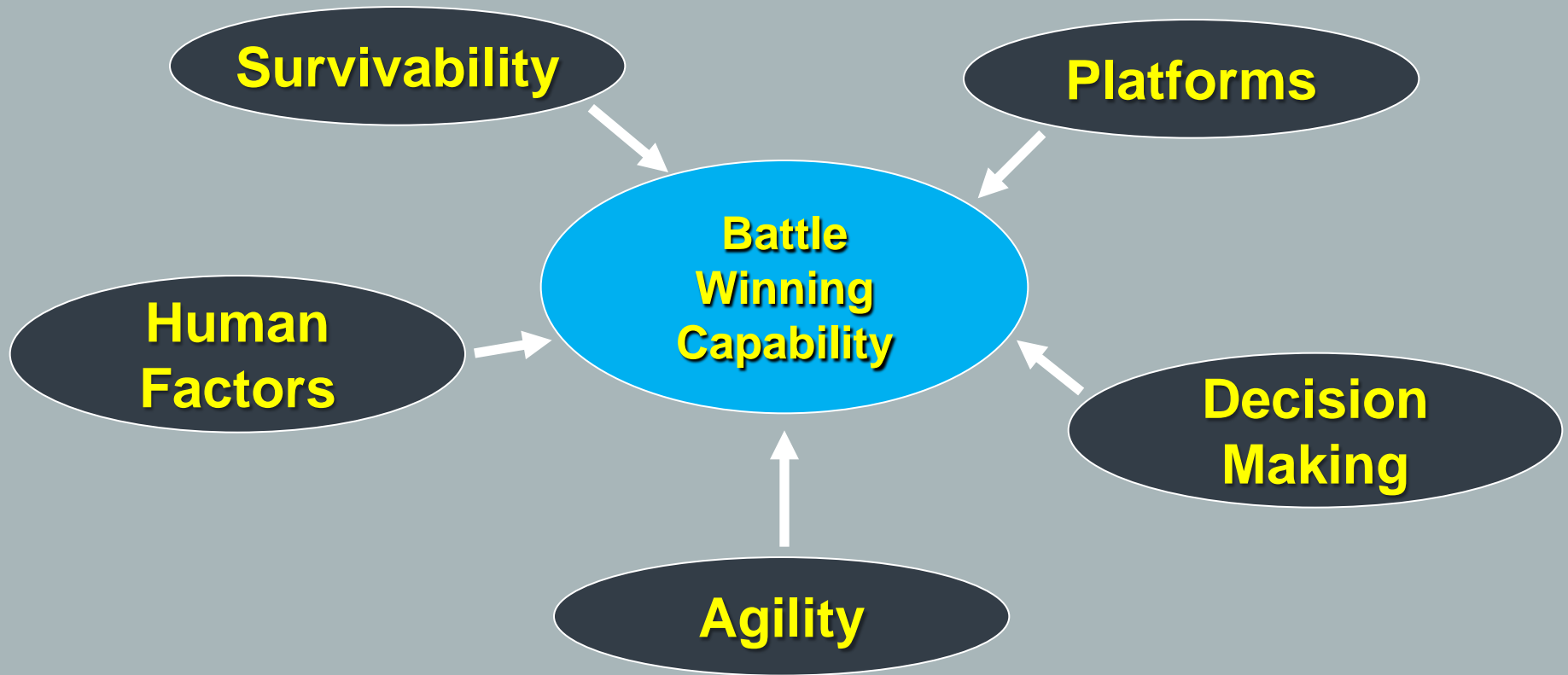
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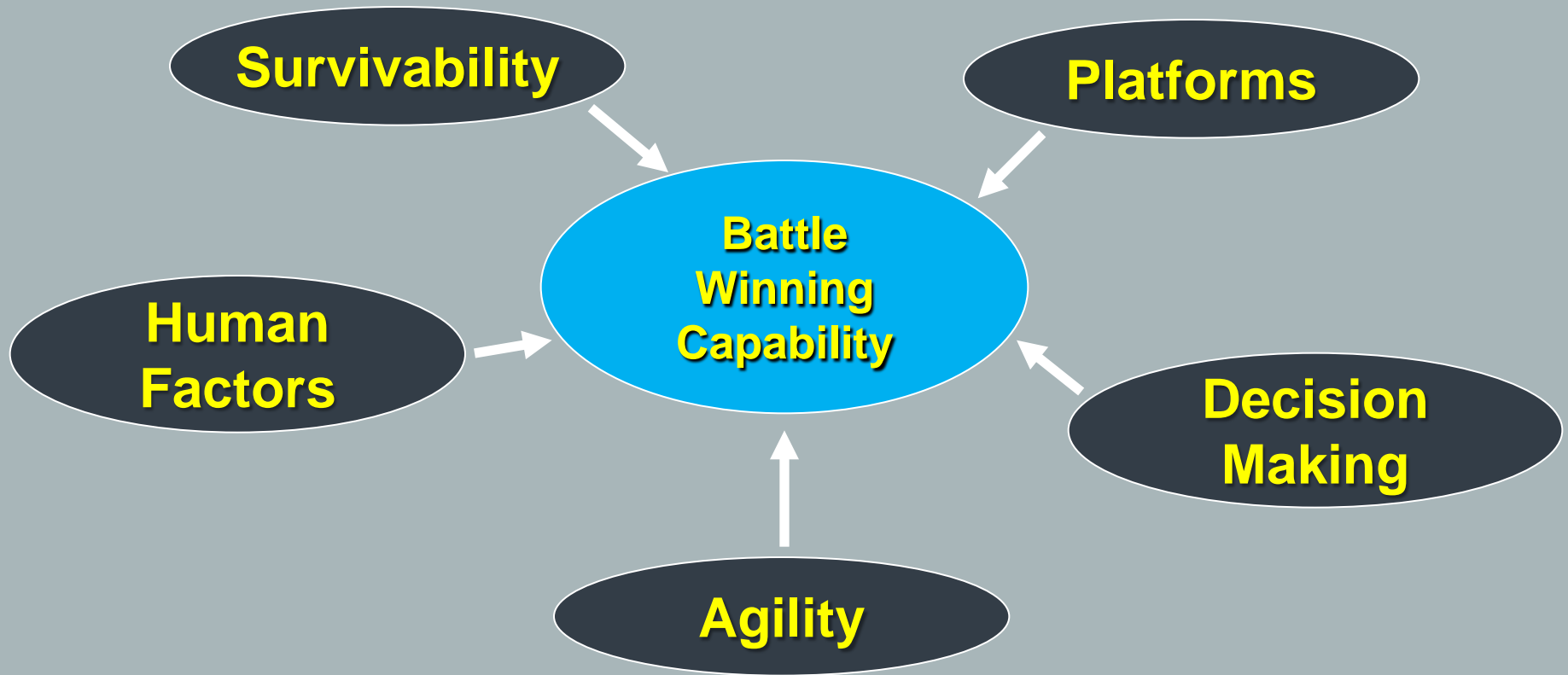


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# S+ T Thrusts



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# Technology

Signal processing

Radar

Human factors

Material & Structures

**Battle  
Winning  
Technology**

Aerodynamics

EO/IR

Acoustics

Propulsion

Pyrotechnics

Networks

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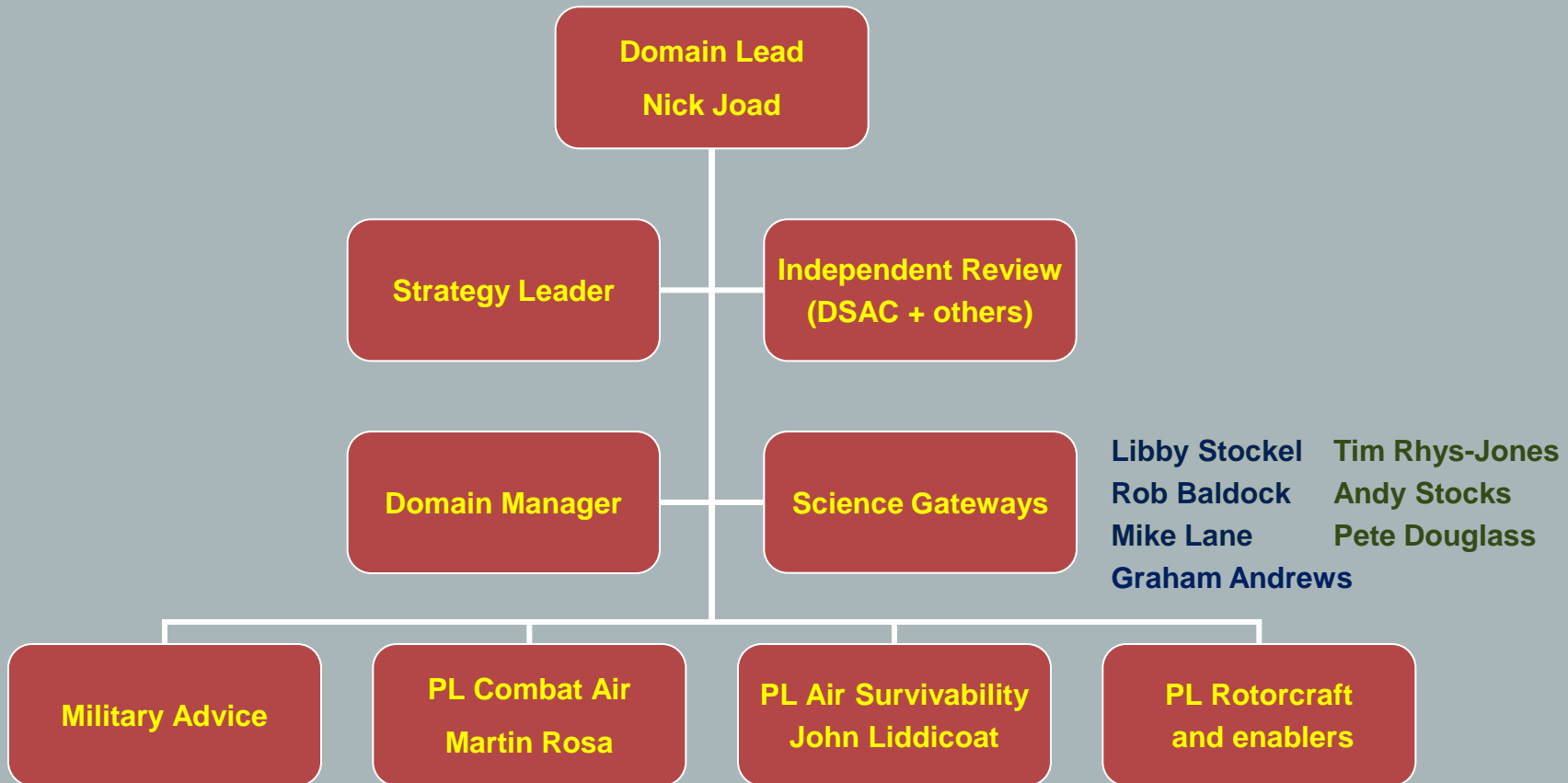
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# Programme Office



## Advice Team

# Contracting Mechanisms

- Contractors
- CDE
- DSTL
- Contract Bulletins [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk)
- MOD web site [www.science.mod.uk](http://www.science.mod.uk)



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# Research Examples

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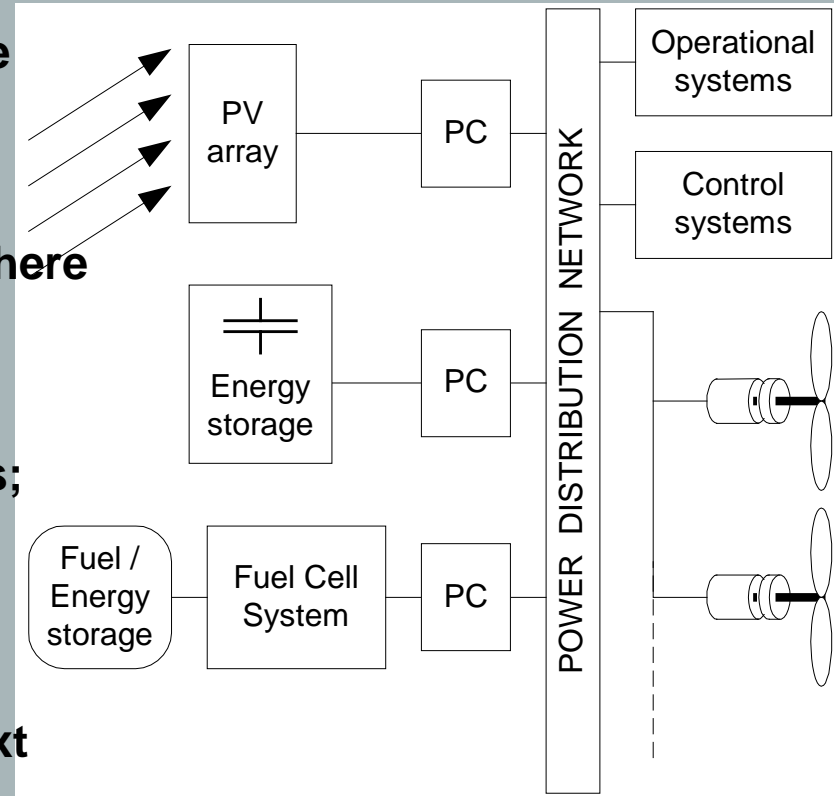
## Very Long Duration Propulsion (*Rolls-Royce, Sheffield University, Nottingham University*)

Endurance of chemical-fuelled aircraft propulsion systems limited. Investigate power & propulsion systems giving an endurance of a week.

Propose an 'all-electric' architecture where sources of power are not mechanically coupled to the propulsion system.

Combines Photovoltaic wing coverings; high efficiency electrically driven propellers; fuel cell and battery power sources.

Successful simulations completed. Next stage is design and demonstration of elements of the architecture.

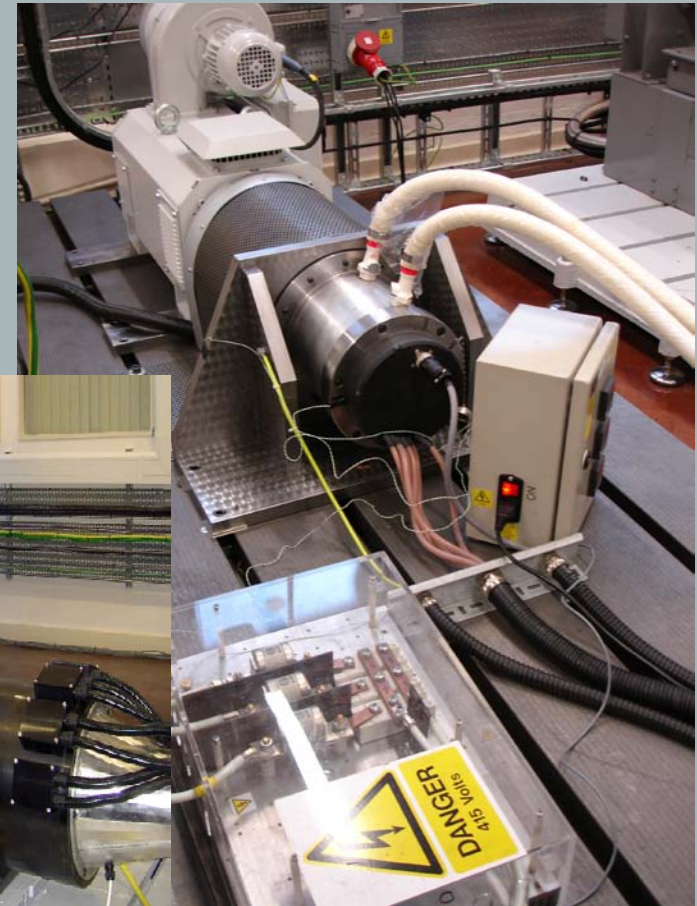




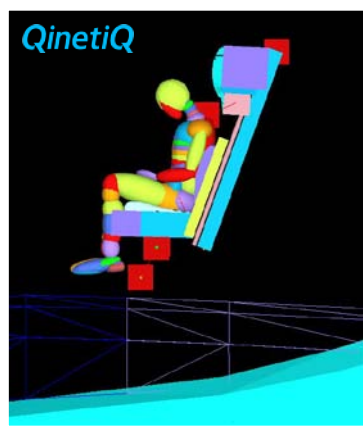
## UAV Power Management Test Facility (Rolls-Royce / Manchester University)

Fully kitted-out, flexible electrical test facility with ability to integrate multiple electrical loads and power sources. Could be used to enhance the performance of future UAVs.

Can examine high speed response of electrical networks and the introduction of elements to enable the implementation of intelligent control, re-configurability and fault management.



# Aircrew Protection & Survival



Identifying strategies to reduce the risk of ejection injuries through the use of computer simulation

Solutions to reduce aircrew injury risk during emergency while maintaining aircrew capability



Identifying solutions to improve to provide enhanced aircrew crash impact protection



Understanding the impact of Laser Eye Protection on aircrew vision



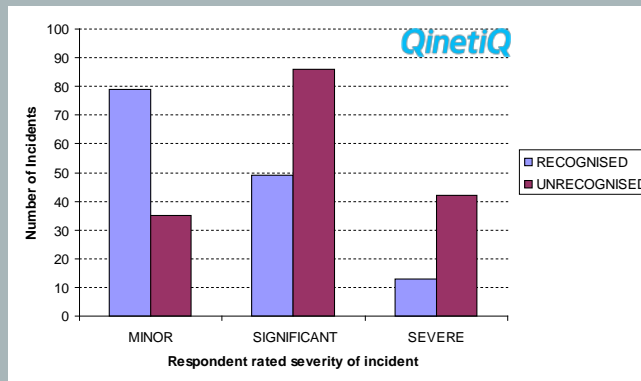
Defining head protection requirements for aircrew, in collaboration with US Army research laboratories

# Aircrew Protection & Survival



**Strategies and equipment to maintain optimum aircrew performance**

**Understanding the effects of hypoxia on vision at 10,000ft for RW high altitude operations**



**Strategies to minimise injuries in aircrew due to equipment & tasks**



**Providing innovative noise protection solutions to meet legislation requirements**

**Identifying targeted strategies to reduce the number of accidents & incidents attributable to disorientation in flight**

# Improved Air Decision Making



*“Delivery of coordinated and timely effects through improved air decision making”*

## Requirements

Current Operations feedback  
Future Tactical Mission Integration  
Coherent cross-domain capability



## Demonstration

### Mission Enabling Technologies

#### TIARA Flight Trials – Dec 09



“Fast Jet MMS networked using both Link-16 and VMF, enabling co-ordinated ops with RW via on-board data link gateway – a UK first”



## International Research Collaboration

### MOD-AFRL Strike Warrior II

#### Joint Synthetic Environment Trials



“AFRL – Agile Command  
plus  
MOD – Agile Mission”

USAF operators and AFRL technologies and integrated in UK trial



## Exploitation

### OMPS – Julius Chinook

#### DAMM CCD



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# CDE Projects

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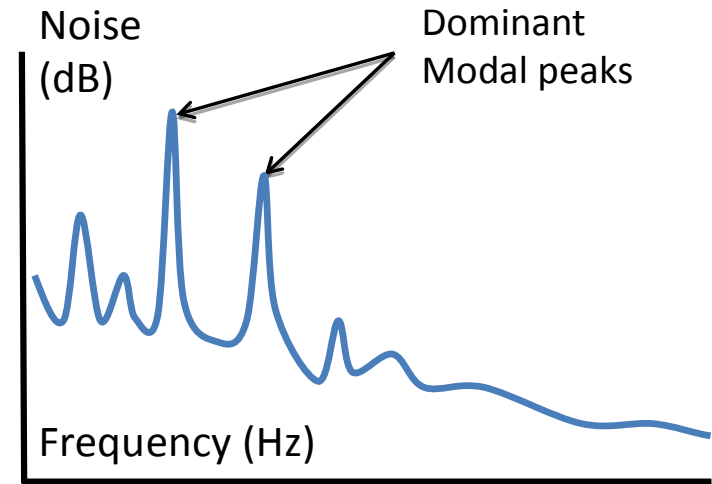
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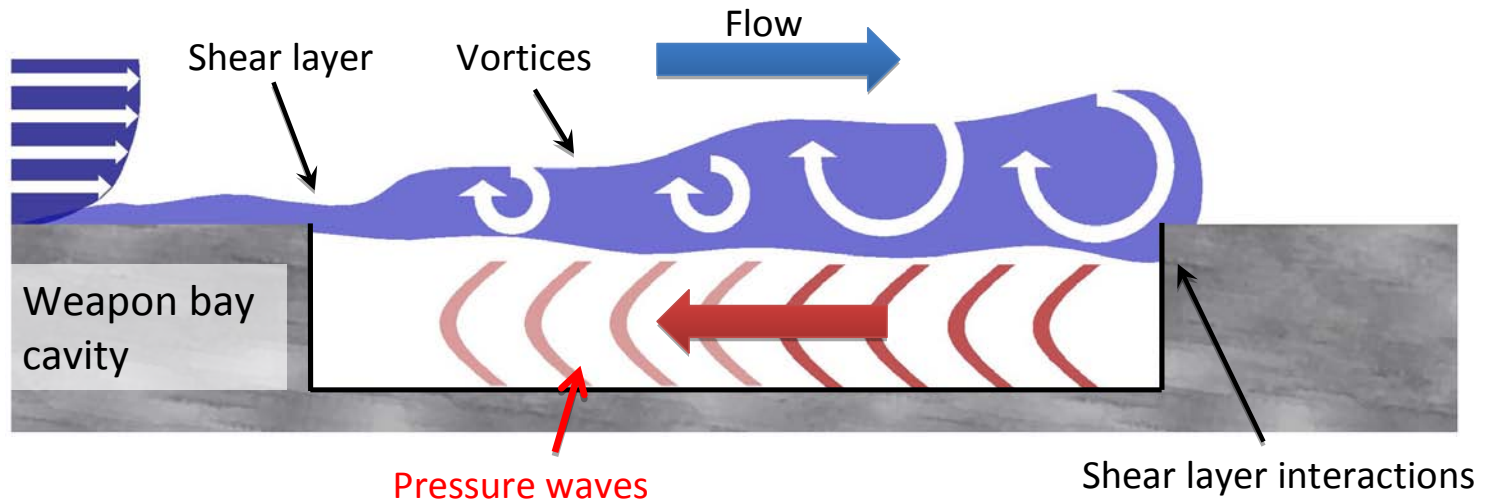
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# Weapon Bay Noise Attenuation

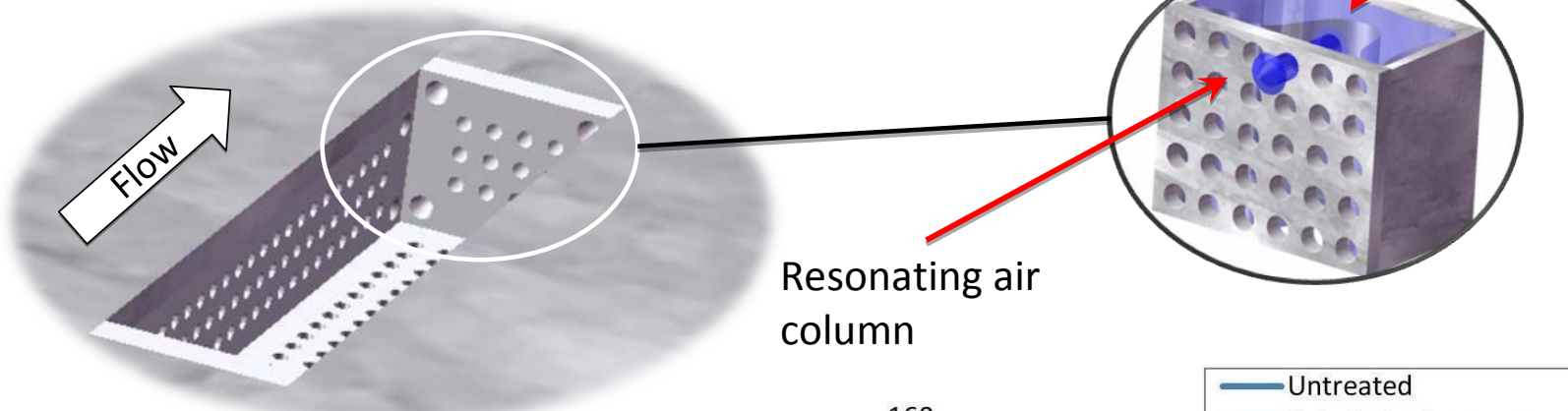
- Stores and component damage
- Noise levels up to 175dB
- Strong modal peaks
- Transonic & supersonic regimes



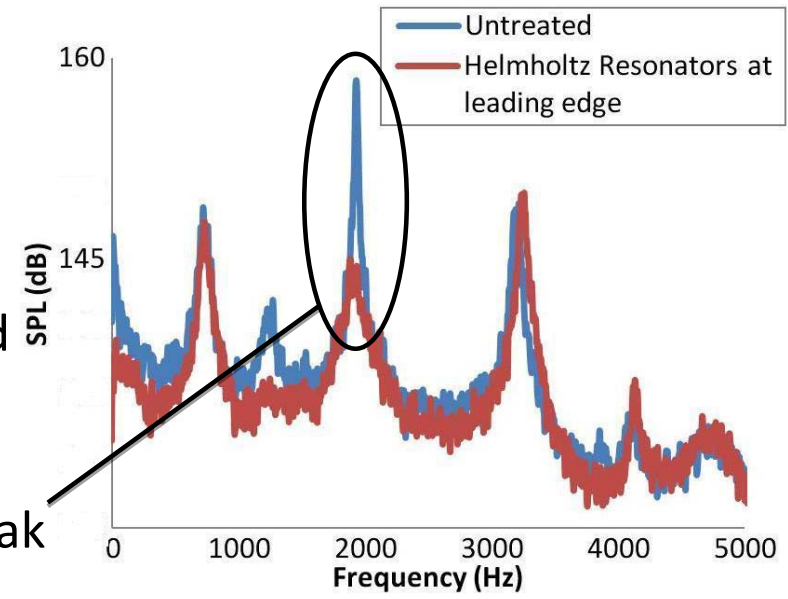
Cavity noise spectra



**Project aim:** *To utilise Helmholtz resonators for noise reduction*

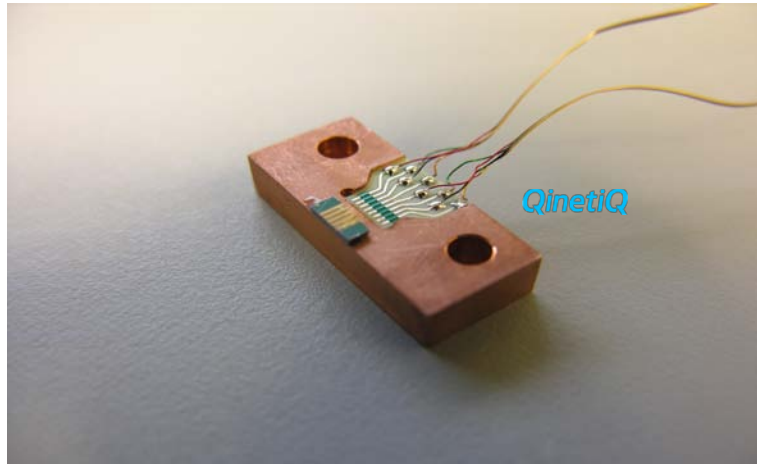


- Tuned to modal frequency
- Fully passive method
- No airframe drag increase expected
- Successful initial tests at Mach 0.9
- 14dB reduction in largest modal peak



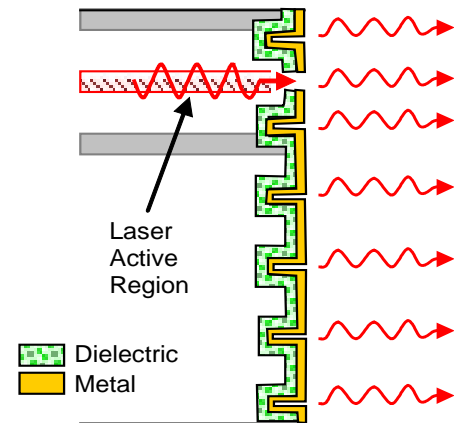
## CDE Project to Demonstrate Plasmonic Laser Source

**Aim: Develop novel semiconductor laser sources to enable compact, cost effective directed infrared countermeasures systems.**



**Compact semiconductor lasers emitting in the 3-5 $\mu$ m range emerging from laboratory**

**QinetiQ**



**Metallic structures on the emitting facet reduce large beam divergence of these lasers. Reduces the requirement for expensive and large optics.**

**QinetiQ**

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# Hostile Hit Indication – Live Firings, Bisley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 10



- Trials are assessing the feasibility of using vibration data to detect airframe hits
- Airframe sections instrumented with accelerometers
- Target areas marked up



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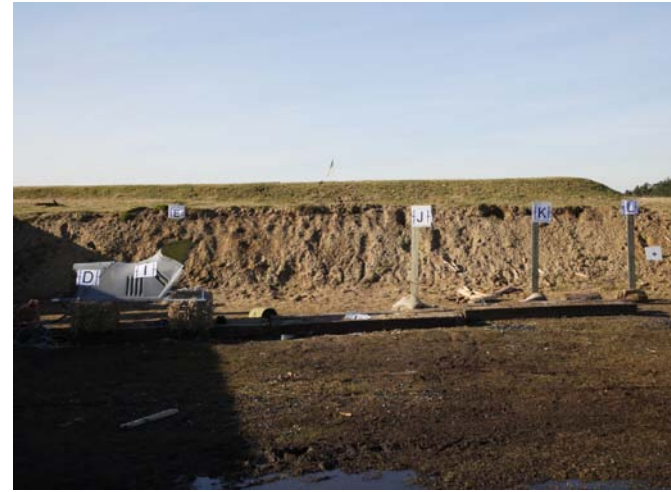
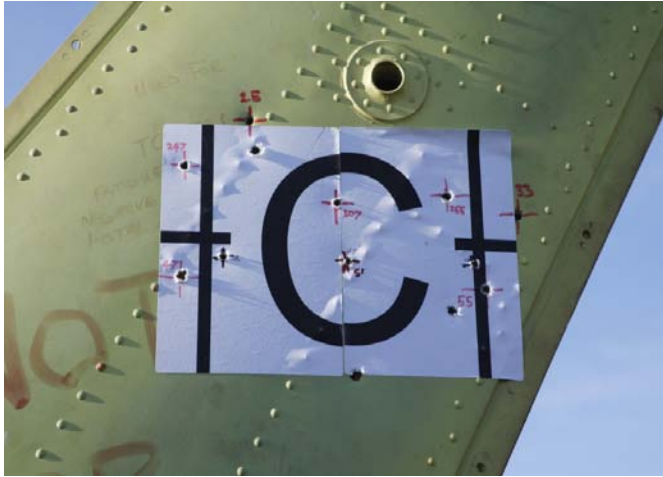
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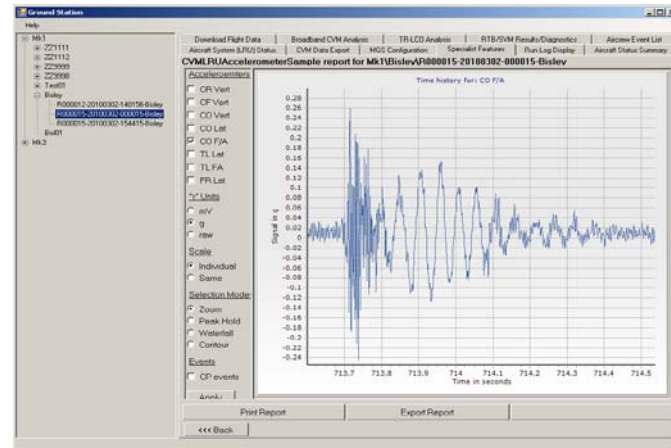
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# Preliminary Results



- Direct hits *and* near misses can be detected
- The raw data will be mixed with aircraft operational vibration data during post-processing
- Next step: Can solution resolve shooter direction?



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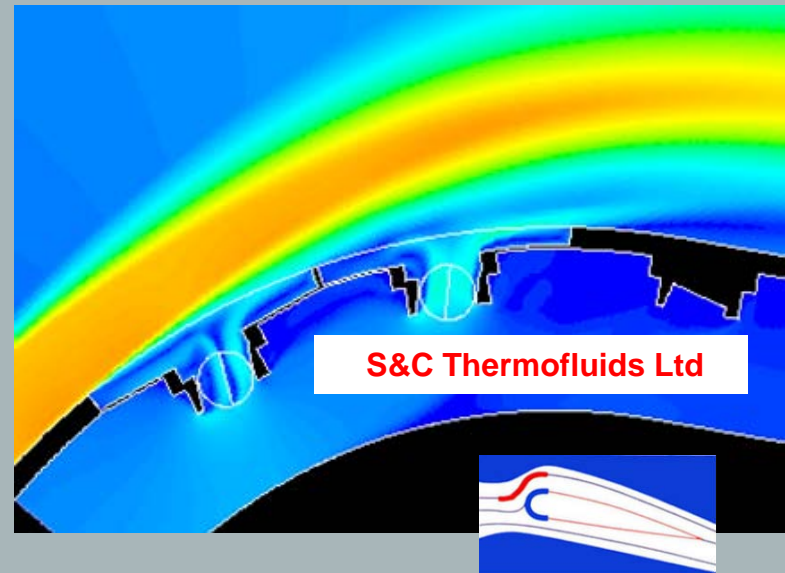
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# Gas Turbine Thrust Efficiency

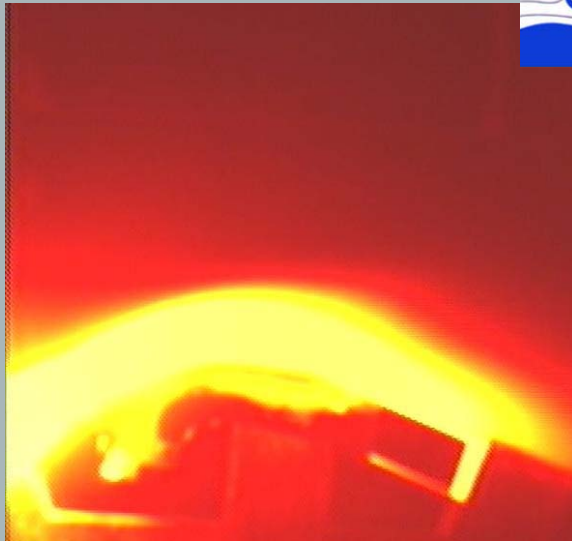
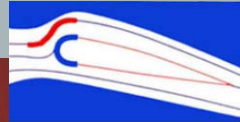
- S&C Thermofluids
- Flow control to enhance mixing and thrust efficiency.
- SME 10-50.
- Medium value
- Medium risk
- High payback
- Good exploitation potential



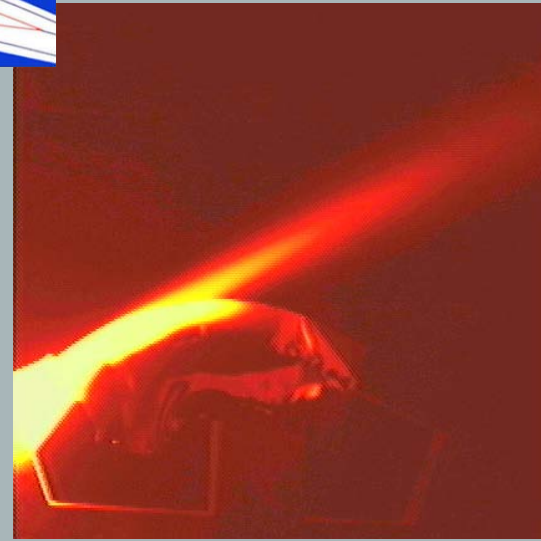
2D CFD model with 2 valves open

# Gas Turbine Thrust Efficiency

S&C Thermofluids Ltd



Valve chambers closed



Valve chambers open

IR image of exhaust flow over Coanda surface

# Bid Hints

**Reasonable  
GFX  
demands**

**Give  
tangible  
deliverables**

**Identify sub-  
contractor  
relationship**

**Implications  
to exploitation  
route**

**Identify  
the  
innovation**

**One step  
at a time**

**Clearly  
identify IPR  
ownership**



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# Questions?

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