

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

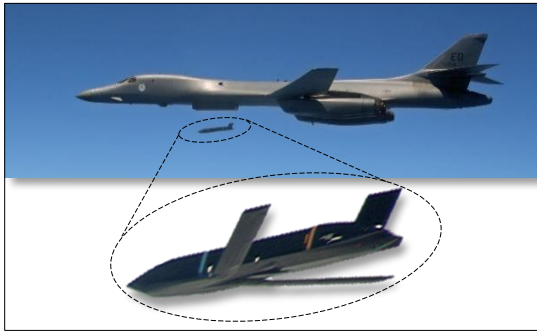
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Recent accomplishments



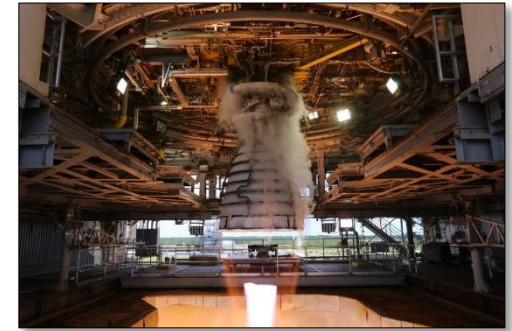
Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM)

Met threshold requirements for Early Operational Capability on the B-1 bomber



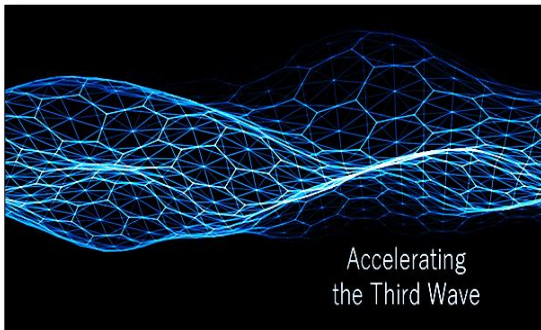
Electronics Resurgence Initiative (ERI)

Reinventing microelectronics by investing \$1.5 billion toward partnerships between government, industry, and academia



Experimental Space Plane (XSP)

Unprecedented 10 firings of the AR-22 rocket engine in 10 days for routine and affordable access to space



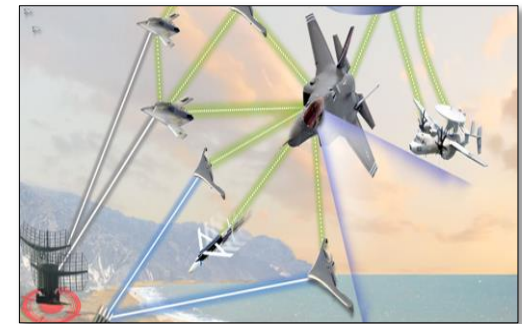
AI Next Campaign

Announcement to invest more than \$2 billion in next-generation AI and new capabilities for the DoD



Hand Proprioception and Touch Interfaces (HAPTIX)

Sensory feedback and proprioception for prosthetics resulting in the ability to identify objects without looking



Assault Breaker II

Partner with the Services to provide a warfighting construct capable of prevailing in highly contested environments



DARPA Artificial Intelligence Strategy



Three waves of artificial intelligence R&D

1960s - 1980s

DESCRIBE

*Handcrafted
knowledge*

1990s - now

RECOGNIZE

*Machine
learning*

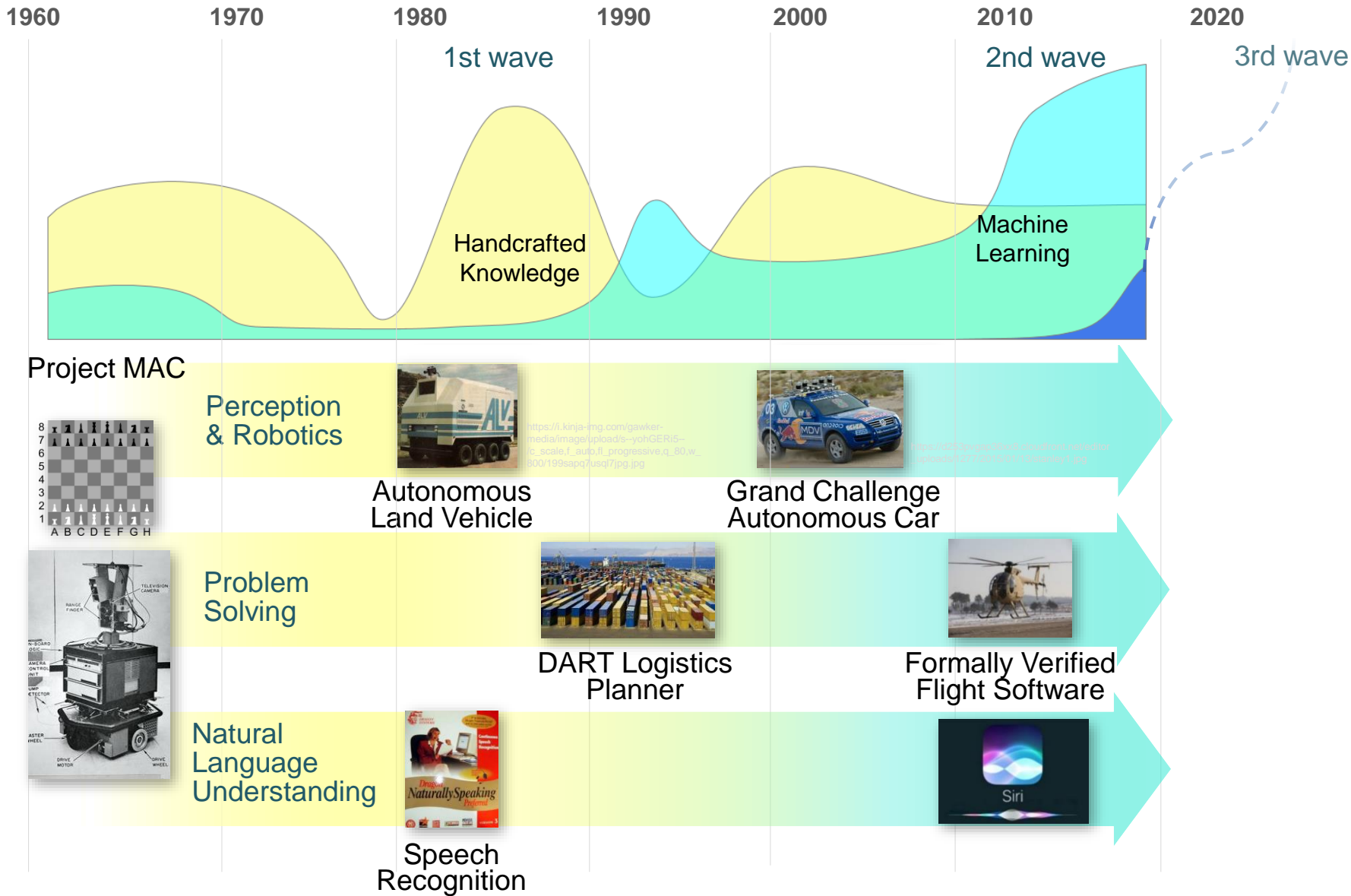
Emerging

EXPLAIN

*Contextual
reasoning*



A deep history of funding advances in AI





AI investment strategy

Computers as Tools



Computers as Partners



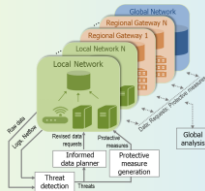
Collaborative operations in denied areas



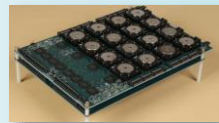
Adaptive autonomous ISR



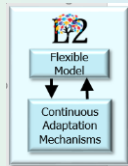
Assurance for machine learning-enabled systems



Cyber hunting at scale



Neuro-morphic processor



Biologically inspired lifelong learning machines



Explainable AI

This is a Russian tank, it has a rounded front fender.

Common-sense reasoning

- Theory of other minds (motivations of actors)
- Causal reasoning from naïve qualitative physics
- Representation and use of world knowledge

Theoretical foundations of machine learning

- Adversarial issues
- Performance and robustness characteristics
- Game theoretic aspects of autonomous systems

Application of AI to complex DoD problems

- Certification and accreditation of software
- Faster and more accurate security clearance
- Brain control of prosthetic limbs



Future funding directions

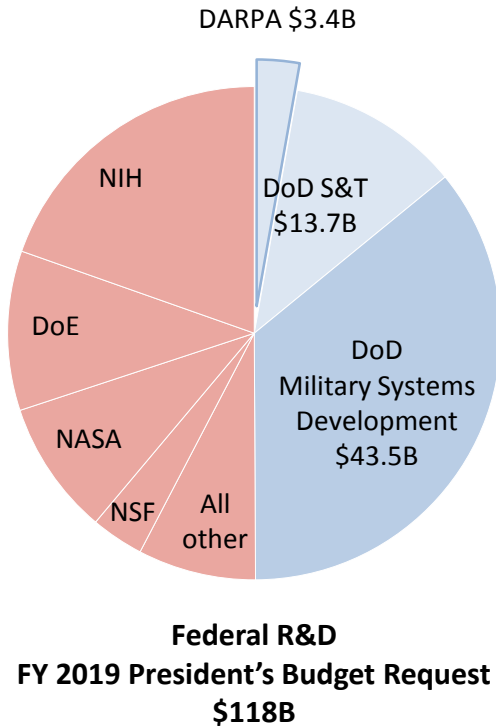
- Major programs
 - Multiple Broad Agency Announcements of new starts over the next 12 months
 - Advance the state of the art in: common sense reasoning, theoretical foundations, adversarial AI, reduction in data requirements for machine learning
- Funding pool for rapid execution of focused study efforts
 - Fund multiple, high-risk/high-payoff proof-of-concept study efforts
 - From proposal to award in less than three months
 - Quantify risks to accelerate new program starts
- Inspire research community to tackle challenging problems
 - Security clearance in a week
 - Software system accreditation in a day
 - Chip design 10x faster with fewer people
 - Spinal cord break bridging
- Focus on creating third wave advances in the state of the art
 - 2019 AI Colloquium to share knowledge and build research communities



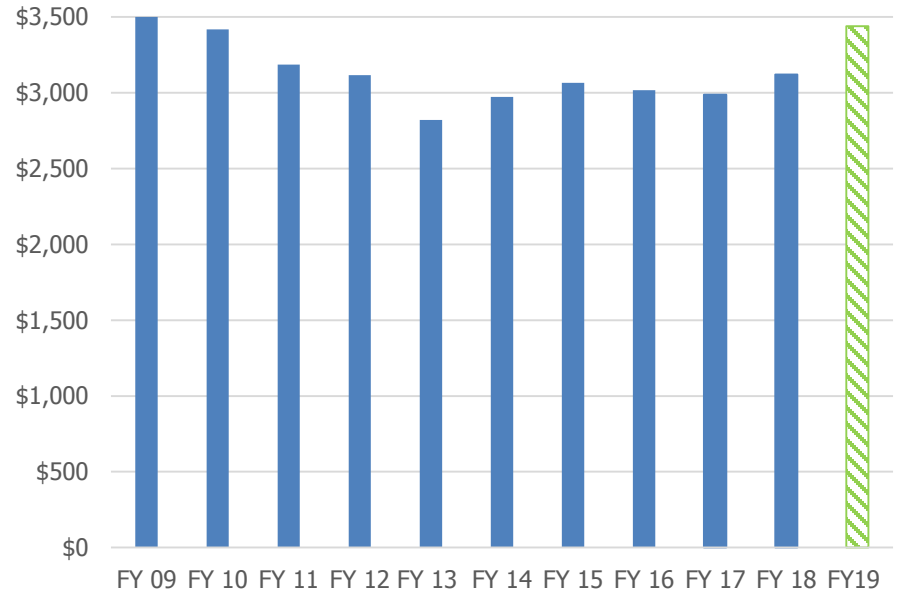
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DARPA Budget



DARPA Budget (constant FY19 \$)



92%
of funding to
projects

67%
to industry

17%
to universities

25%
of total DoD
S&T funding