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### Air Force Research Laboratory

Directed Energy Directorate
AFRL/DE

Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

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# "VICTORY SMILES UPON THOSE WHO ANTICIPATE THE CHANGES IN THE CHARACTER OF WAR" Guilio Douhet











A paradigm shift in weapon system technology for the 21st Century.



### **Our Mission**

- *To support* user needs for DEW applications and to address mission area deficiencies
- *To exploit* the relevance of Directed Energy technology to Air Force and DoD needs
- *To foster* user awareness of the potential of Directed Energy for Air Force and DoD applications
- *To avoid* technological surprise
- *To explore* DE technology avenues that offer high payoff to directed energy capabilities and applications

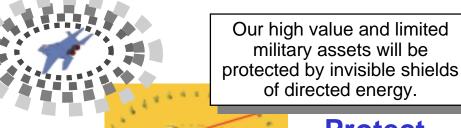
To do what has never been done before!



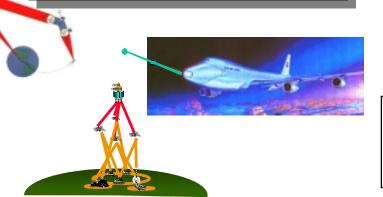
Our Vision of the Future: Directed Energy will Dominate the Battlespace of the 21st Century

### **Strike**

We will strike deep in the enemy's territory at the speed of light, with little or no collateral damage or loss of life, crippling his ability to wage aggression.



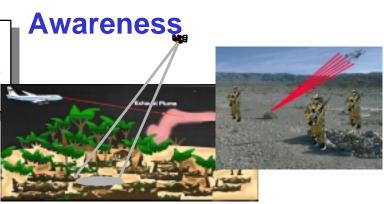
**Protect** 



### **Graduated Deterrence**

We will provide our warfighters with weapons that provide a wide range of graduated force for every military contingency.

Our battleflield awareness will be greatly enhanced with directed energy tools capable of detection and identification





Security & safety in isolated canyons



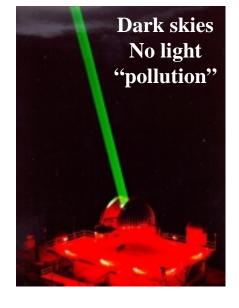
Access to 50,000 acres for testing





**Kirtland AFB** 

Unique & ideally suited for the nation's directed energy technology development





International airport & metro area





### Directed Energy Directorate Remote Sites



- •Maui, HI (leased land)
  - •Relay Mirror Experiment Facility
  - •Maui High Performance Computer Center
  - •Maui Space Surveillance Complex

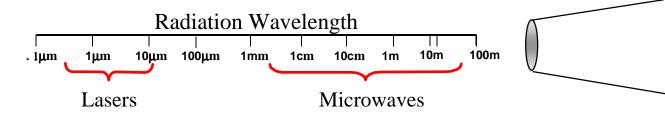


- North Oscura Peak, NM
  - Telescope site at White Sands Missile Range
  - Supports Space Imaging R&D (ABL Technology)

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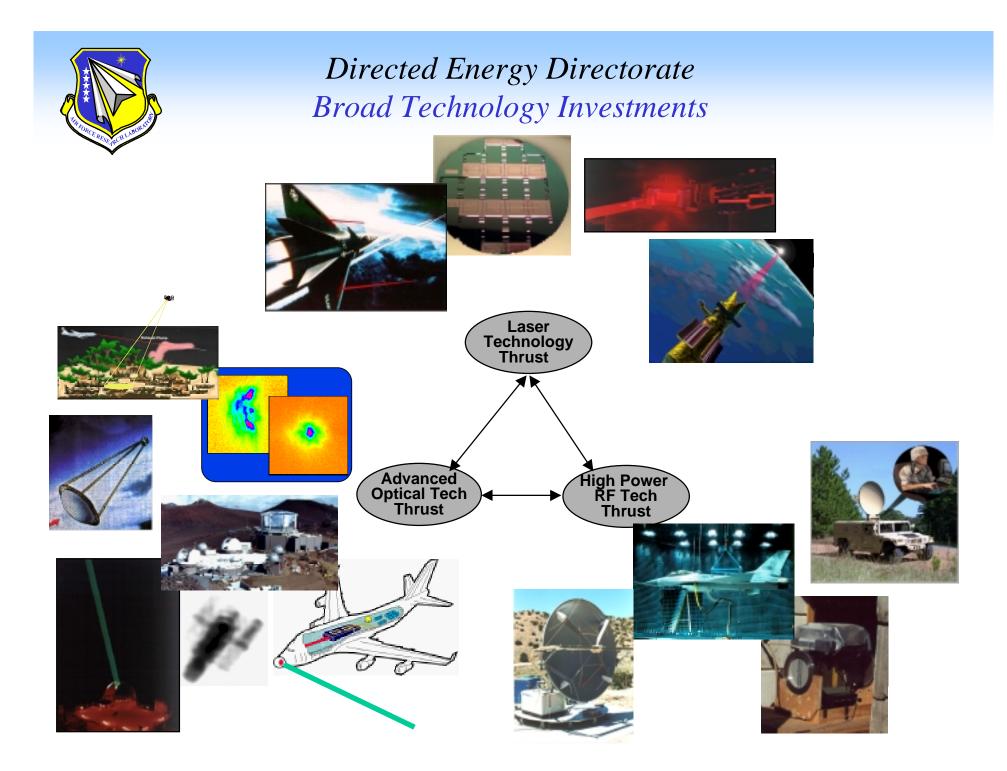
### Synergistic, Complementary and Capable



High Energy Lasers	High Power Microwave s
Small spot: surgical attack	Flood target area: multiple simultaneous targets
Affects targets from outside: structural destruction	Affects components inside: electronic disruption
Weather sensitive: clouds, dust, molecular absorption	Weather insensitive: sees through clouds and dust.
Modest apertures: glass mirrors, coatings	Big apertures: metal antennas, ground planes

### But on the other hand,... they both

- Travel at the <u>speed of light</u> to the target
- Capable of graduated effects from deny, disrupt, degrade, and destroy.
- Minimum collateral damage





Airborne Laser

**Technology Program** 

**High Power Laser Program** 



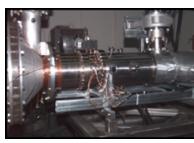


**Remote Sensing** 

High **Efficiency Electric** Laser **Program** 

### Directed Energy Directorate





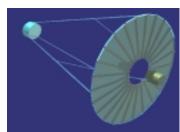
**HPM Sources Program** 







**HPM Pulsed Power Program** 



**Large Optics** 



**HPM Applications Program** 



**HPM Effects Program** 





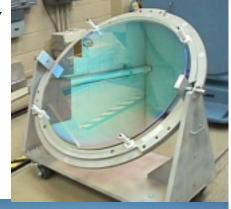
#### Mission

Develop, integrate and transition science & technology for Directed Energy to include high power microwaves, lasers, adaptive optics, imaging and its effects

to assure the preeminence of US in air & space

#### **Major Technology Programs**

Ground Based Laser Space Awareness
Airborne Laser HPM Applications
High Power Lasers HPM Effects
Multi-Wavelength Laser
Electric Lasers HPM Pulsed Power
HPM Sources
Large Optics Remote Sensing





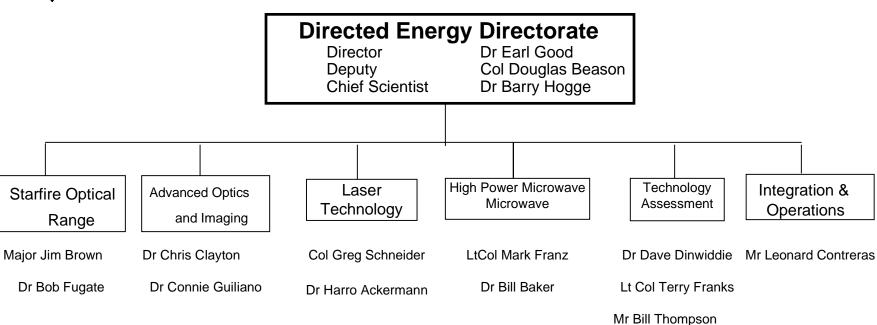


#### AFRL/DE - factoids

- •952 people (Civ, Mil, Contr)
- •\$109M FY00 budget
- •4,325 acres
- •757,000 sf of space
- Located throughout Kirtland
- •Sites at Maui & WSMR



### Air Force Research Laboratory Directed Energy Directorate





# Directed Energy Directorate Major Kirtland Facilities Lasers, Optics, Imaging







**Advanced Laser Facility** 













### **Major Facilities - High Power Microwave**





**High Energy Microwave Laboratory** 





Plasma Research Laboratory



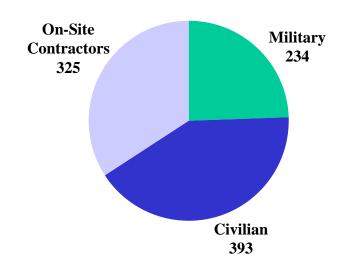


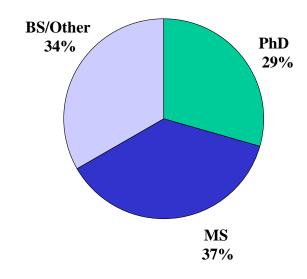


**Electromagnetic Energy/RF Effects Laboratory** 



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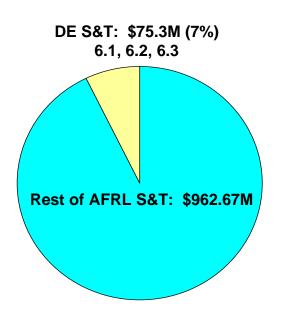


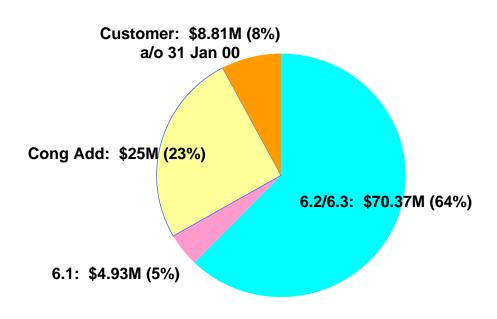
Assigned Personnel 952

**Government S&E Education Levels** 



### Directed Energy Directorate FY00 AFRL PB Resources





AFRL TOTAL S&T: \$1,037.98M Directed Energy Total: \$109.11M



### Directed Energy Directorate Potential Areas for Collaboration

- Electric Lasers
- Beam Control
- Large, Lightweight Optics
- Optical Coatings

- High Power RF Sources
- High Power RF Antennae
- Atmospheric Compensation
- Remote Sensing

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