



# 21st Century Deterrence in the Space Warfighting Domain: Not Your Father's Century, Deterrence or Domain

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# Summary

- Deterrence in space for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century can't be:
  - Nuclear deterrence that keeps superpowers from engaging each other, nor
  - Ad-hoc conventional deterrence that fails to keep perhaps thousands of smaller conflicts from erupting across the globe (even among nuclear countries)
- Deterrence in space for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century must be:
  - National/multi-national, multi-discipline/multi-domain
  - Diplomacy, information, military, economic (DIME)

# Introduction: New Century; New Deterrence; New Domain

- The century isn't exactly new, but it is very young
- Post-Cold War deterrence isn't really new either, but it too is very young
- But a warfighting space domain is brand new and requires a new look at deterrence

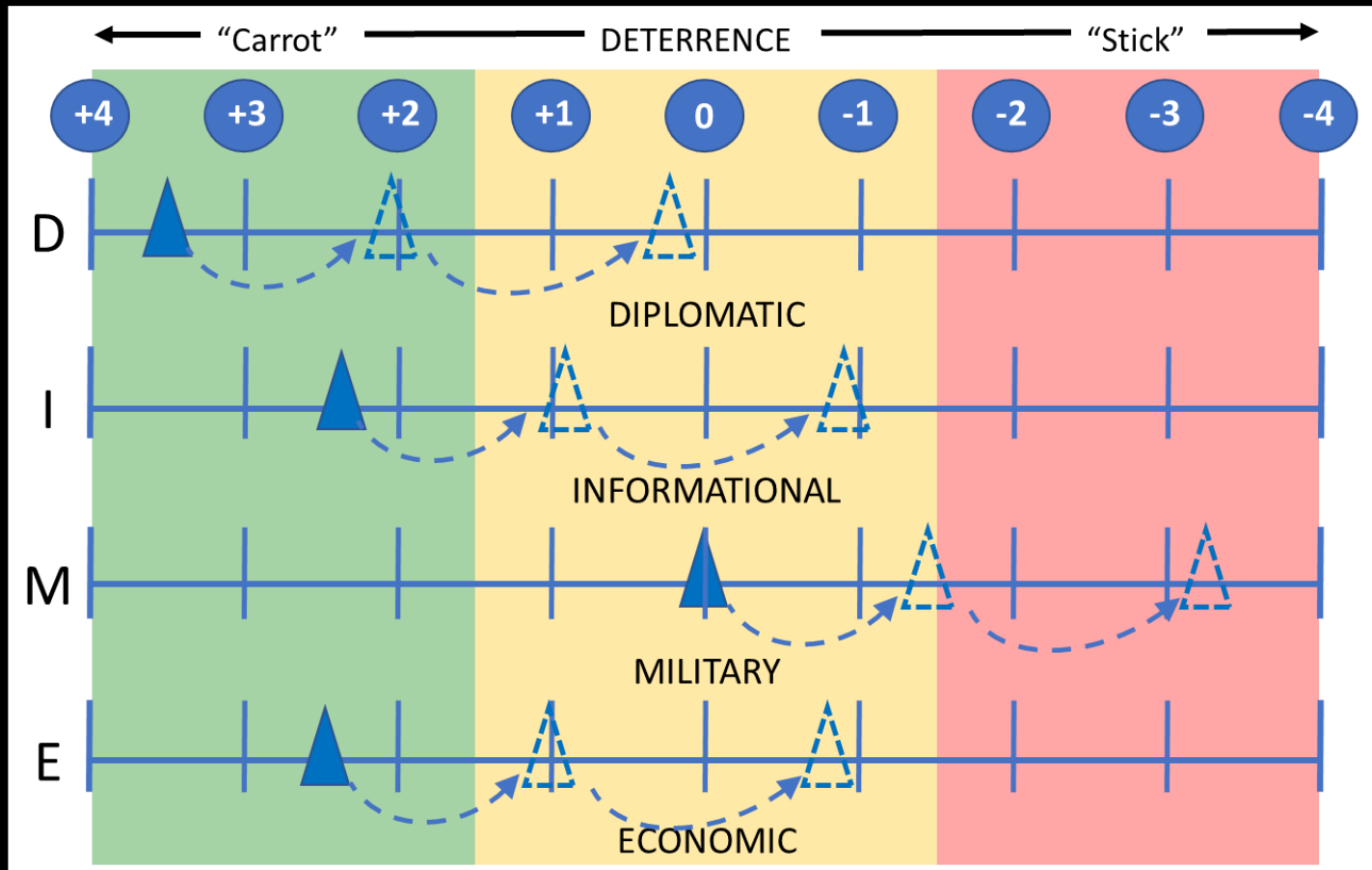
# Part 1: New Century



21<sup>st</sup> Century flips Clausewitz's statement that "war is politics by other means" to "war prevention is deterrence by all means"

# New Century: Power = DIME

- “Carrots and sticks” deterrence across DIME

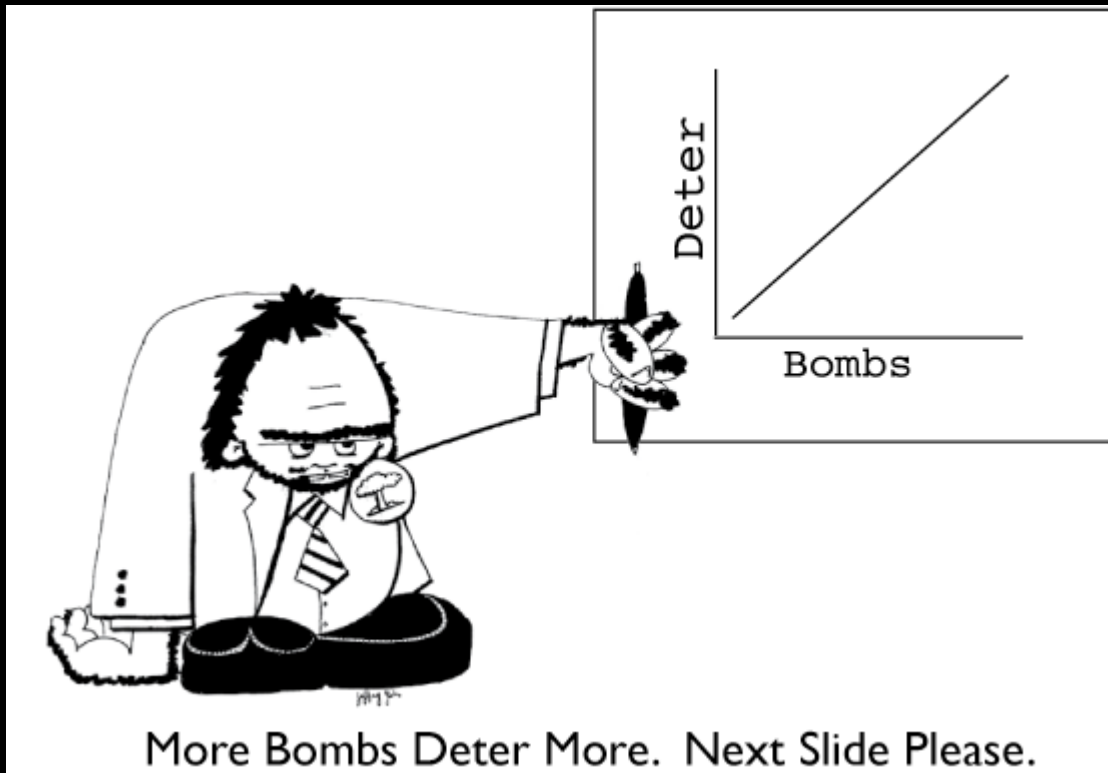


# New Century: Not the Cold War

- “Three Cs” for deterrence across DIME
  - Capable
  - Communicated
  - Credible
- A fourth “C” for effective deterrence in the space warfighting domain
  - Conditioned

**20<sup>th</sup> Century Power = Nuclear stockpile**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Century Power = DIME instruments of national power**

## Part 2: New Deterrence



Multidomain Flexible Deterrence — focused flexible deterrent options (FDOs) and flexible response options (FROs)

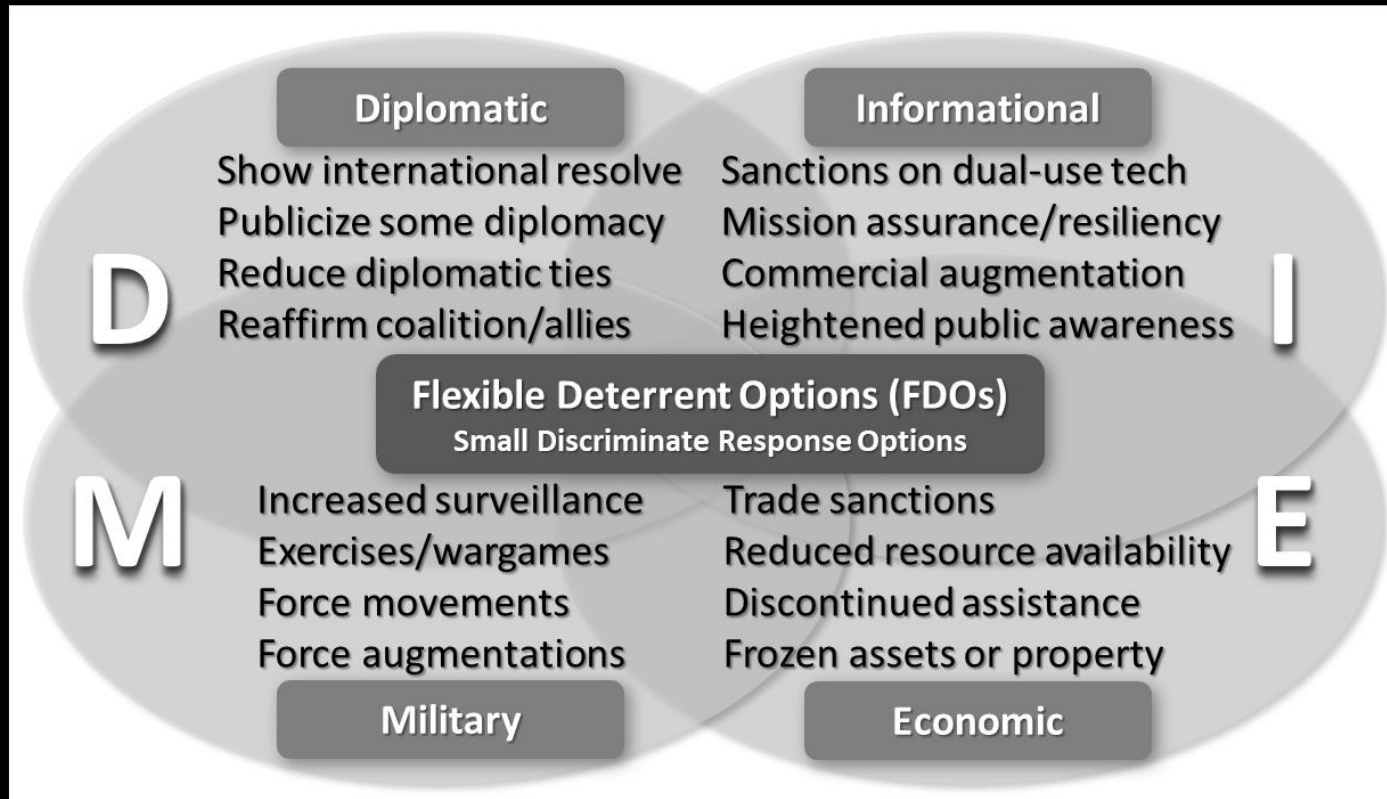
# New Deterrence: Multi- . . .

- Multi-national, multi-discipline, and multi-domain
- Operational environments “encompass the physical areas of the air, land, maritime, and space domains; the information environment (including cyberspace); the electromagnetic spectrum; and other factors”



# New Deterrence: Flexible

- A range of flexible deterrent options (FDOs) and flexible response options (FROs) that are coordinated with a total multi-national response



# New Deterrence: Assured Space

## Capabilities

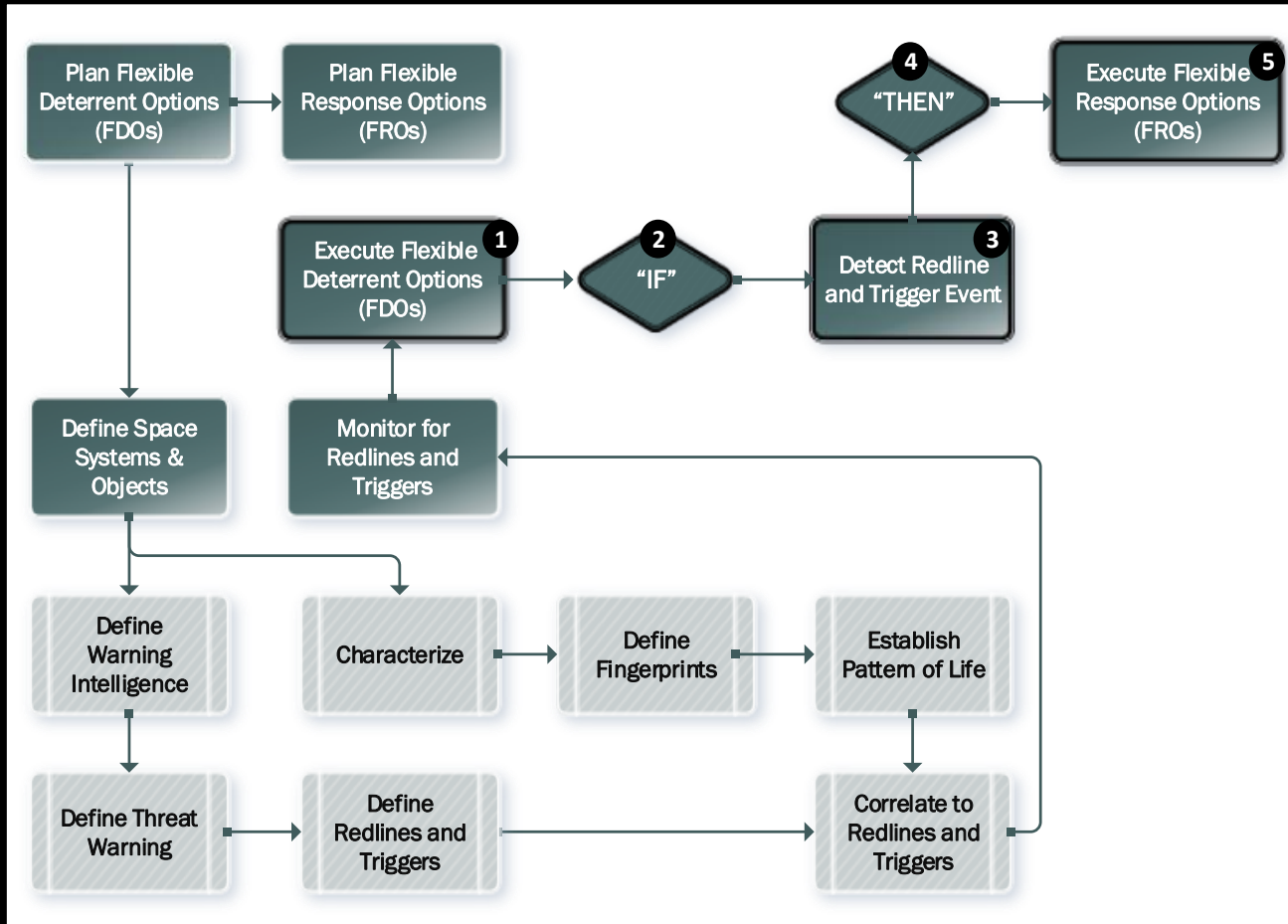
- SATCOM
- Launch
- SSA
- ISR
- RFI
- PNT
- OOS

## Mission Assurance

- Defense
- Reconstitution
- Resilience
  - Disaggregation
  - Distribution
  - Diversification
  - Protection
  - Proliferation
  - Deception
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# New Deterrence: FDOs → FROs

- Planning FDOs → FROs for the space domain



# New Domain: Space Warfighting

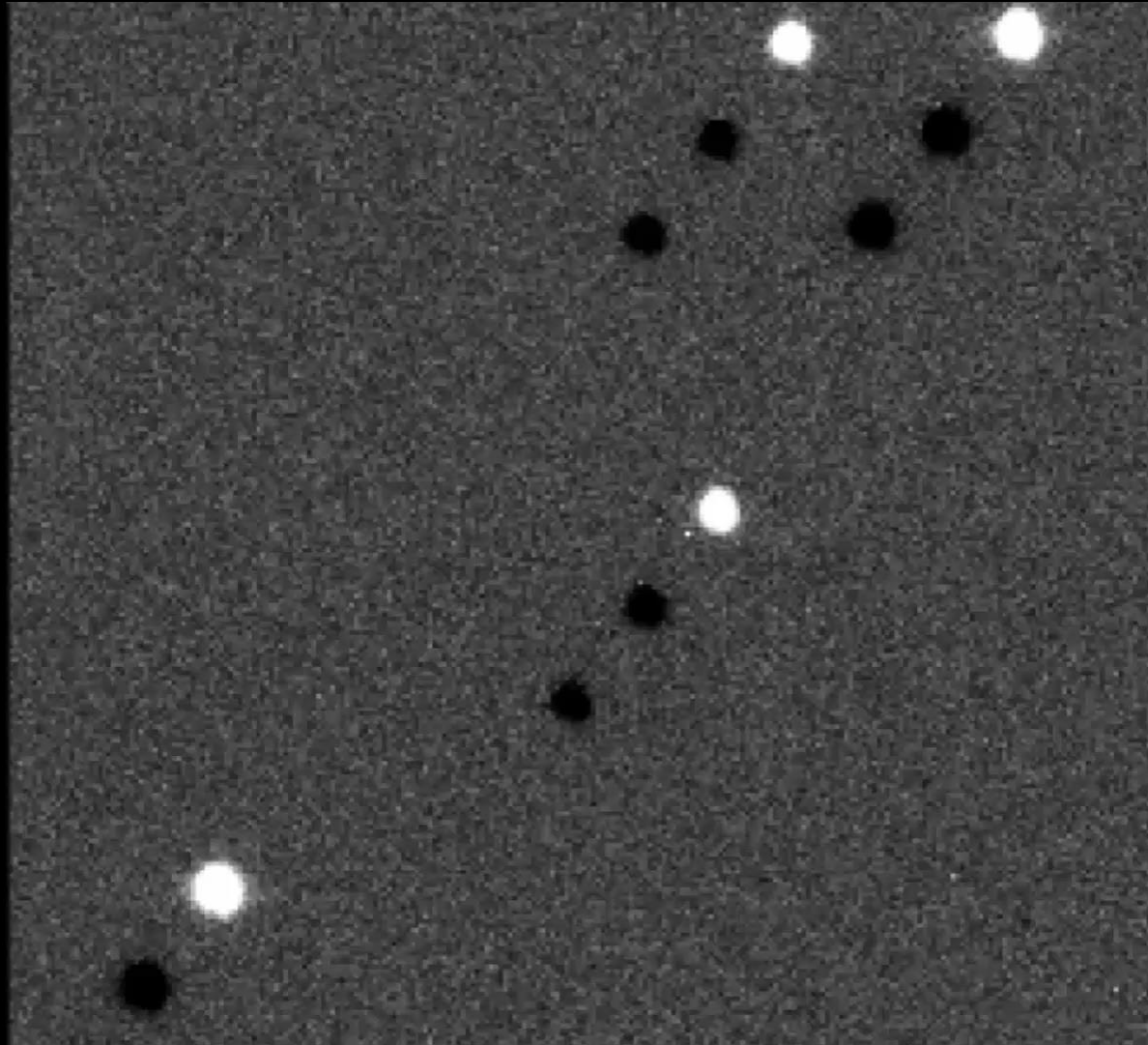
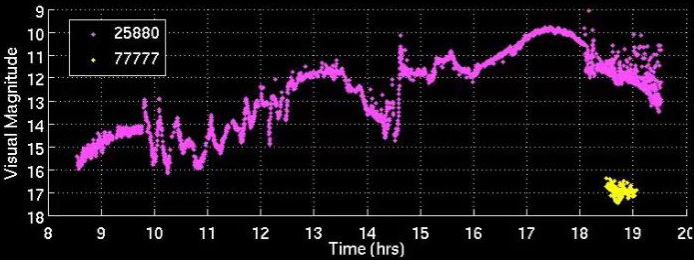
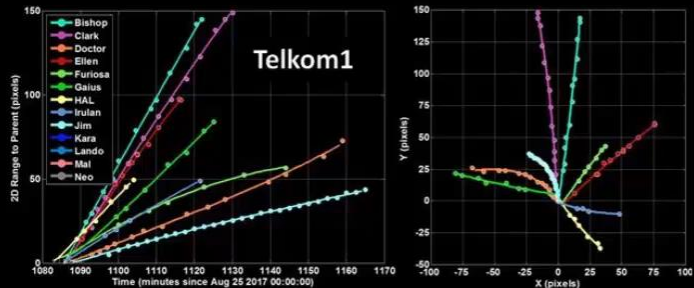
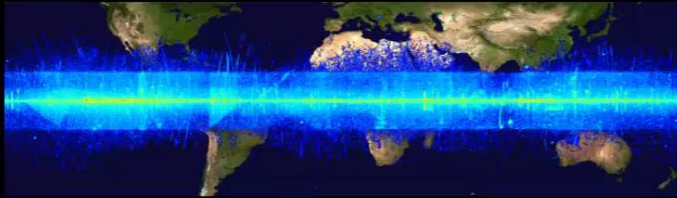
- “Three Cs” for the space domain
  - Congested
  - Contested
  - Competitive
- A fourth “C” when deterrence fails for space-faring nations in a terrestrial conflict
  - Combative

# New Domain: Four Challenges

- 1) Develop and publish appropriate space deterrence and warfighting policy and strategy
- 2) Define and codify space deterrence and warfighting requirements
- 3) Develop, acquire and deliver space deterrence and warfighting systems
- 4) Execute (by conditioned leaders) deterrence to dissuade conflict in space with communicated (known) and credible space warfighting capabilities

**Recall the classic quote from Dr. Strangelove, “The whole point of a Doomsday Machine is lost, if you keep it a secret!”**

# Application and Discussion



# Conclusion: Road Ahead

- 1) Develop comprehensive multi-national, multi-discipline and multi-domain DIME deterrence
- 2) Exercise and wargame deterrence across all levels of DIME to identify deterrence capability, communication and credibility gaps
- 3) Propose and develop near-, mid-, and long-term solutions for deterrence gaps (across #1)
- 4) Rinse and Repeat!

**Deterrence is multi-national/multi-domain DIME FDOs → FROs  
in the space warfighting domain**



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# BACKUP

# Space Deterrence: Start to Finish

