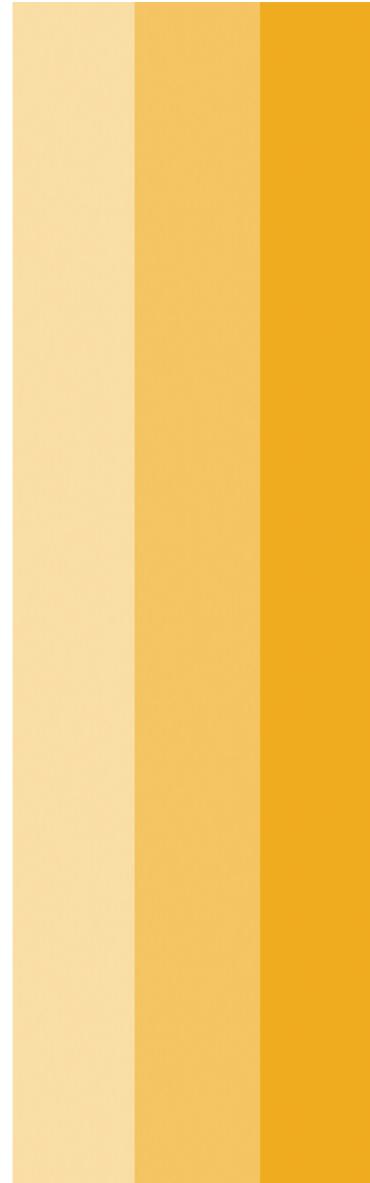


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# Pennsylvania State University is...

- 97,000+ students across 24 campuses
- 2017 Research Budget = \$863M
  - Federally Funded = \$524.3
- The Applied Research Lab is the largest research unit



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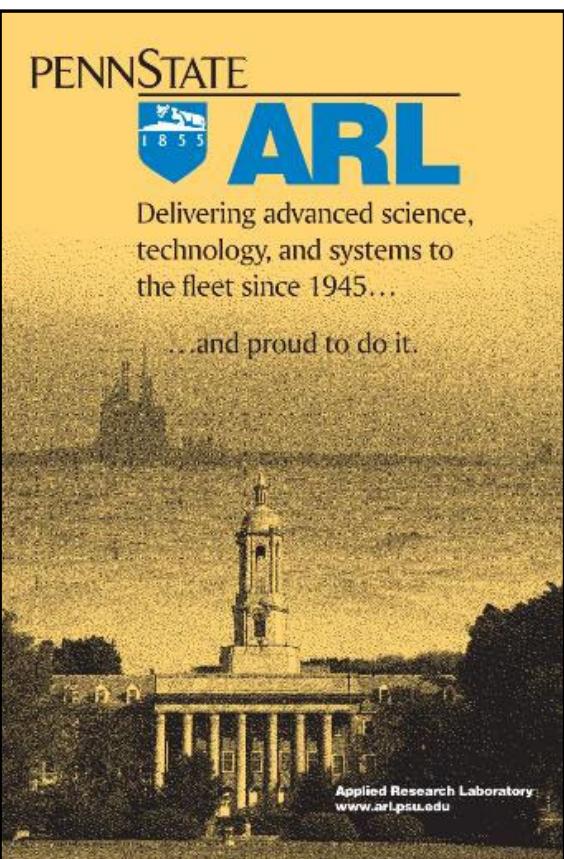
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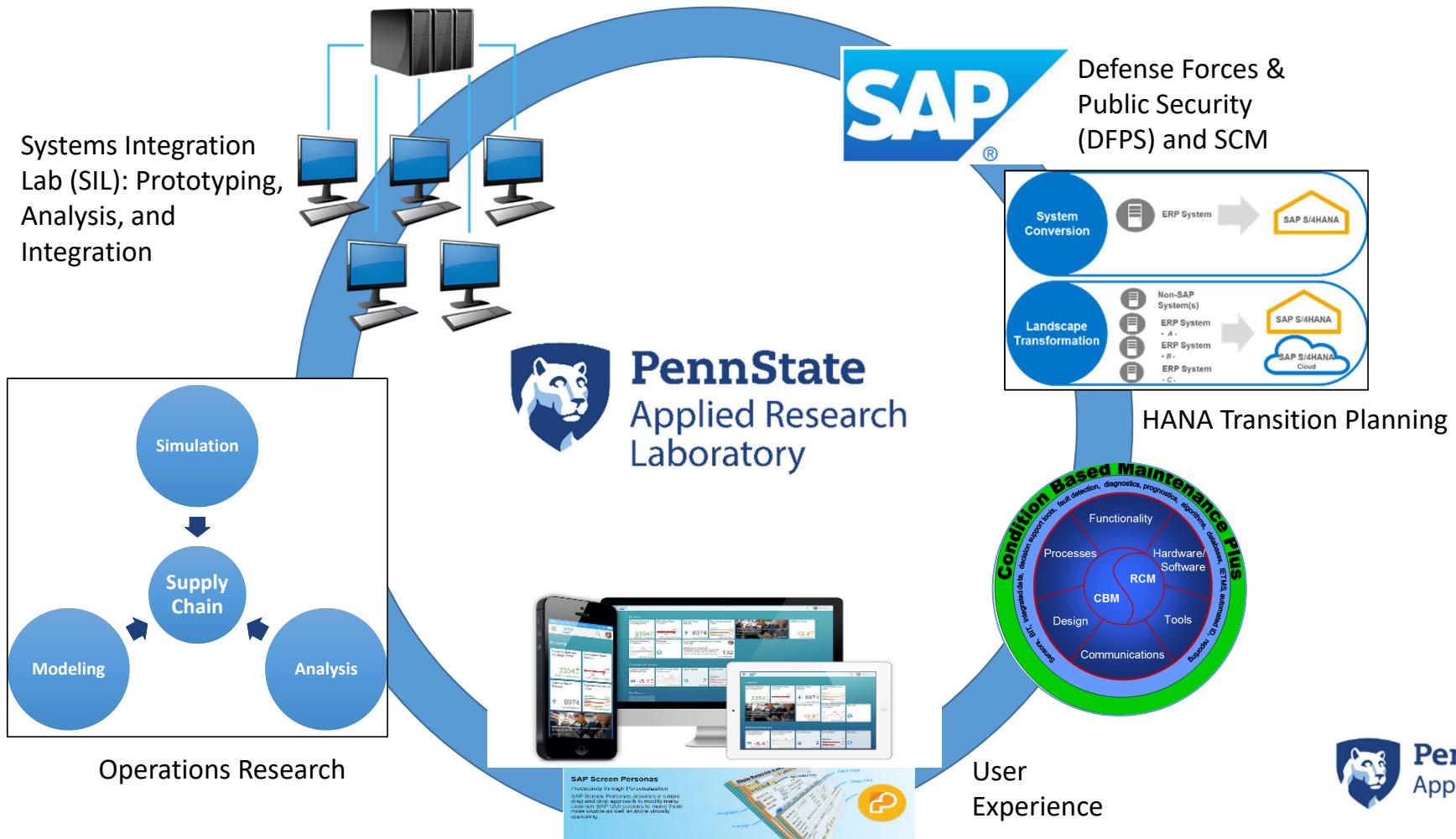
# ARL supports DoD as a designated trusted agent.



- Established in 1945 by the Navy post WW II
- Largest interdisciplinary research unit at Penn State ~1200 faculty/engineers, staff, students
- Designated an University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) by DoD in 1996
- Technology areas
  - Undersea Weapons
  - Undersea Vehicles / UUV's
  - Hydrodynamics and Structures
  - Acoustics & Quieting
  - Comms and Information
  - Power and Energy
  - Navigation
  - Materials / Manufacturing / Logistics**
- ARL "maintains a special long-term strategic relationship with Navy/DoD for technology development and engineering applications."

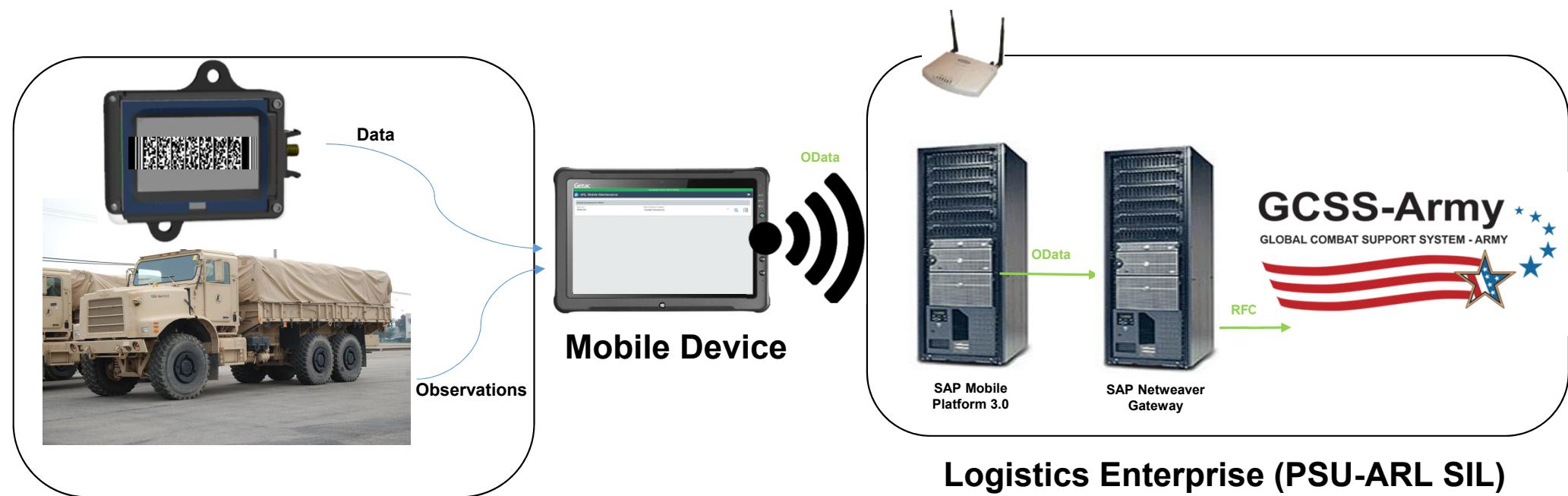
*Developing our future workforce*

# Enterprise Systems research spans multiple areas for DoD



# Mobility tools improve user experience and save time.

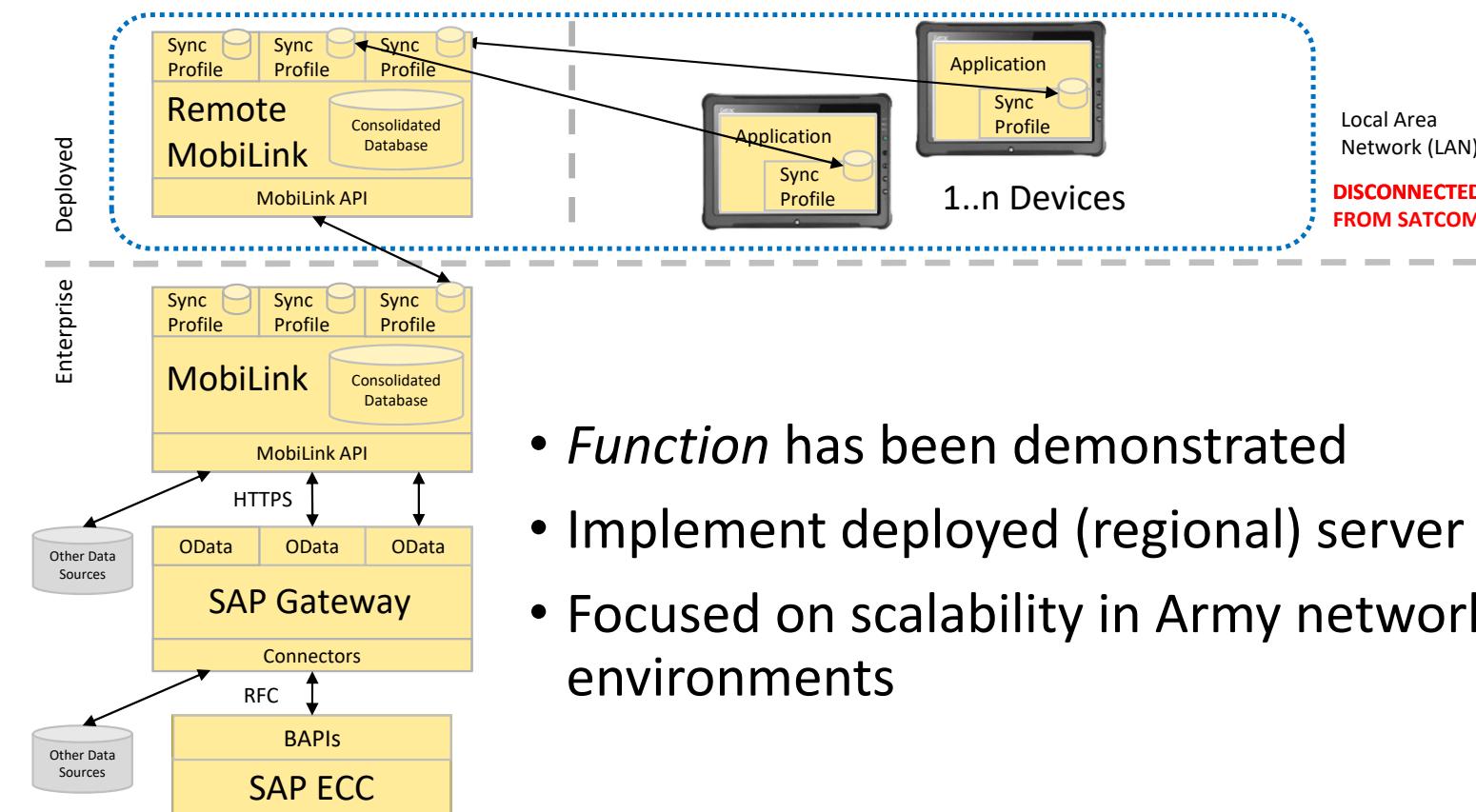
Demonstrate disconnected operations in support of digital logbook.



On/At Platform



## Next: Analyze performance in representative network.



- *Function* has been demonstrated
- Implement deployed (regional) server
- Focused on scalability in Army network/SATCOM environments

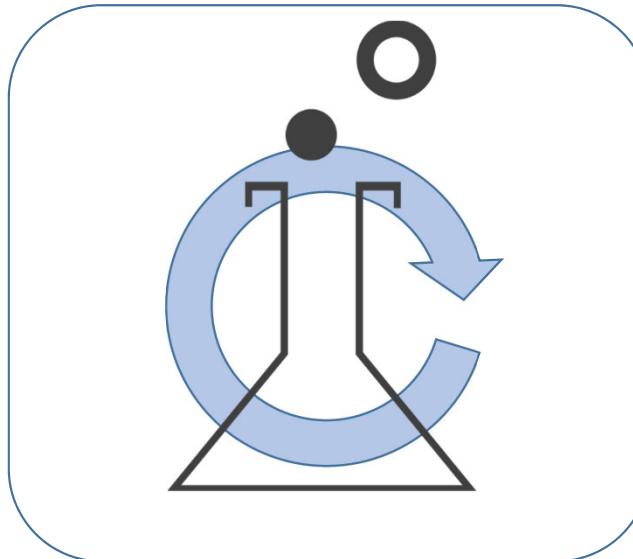
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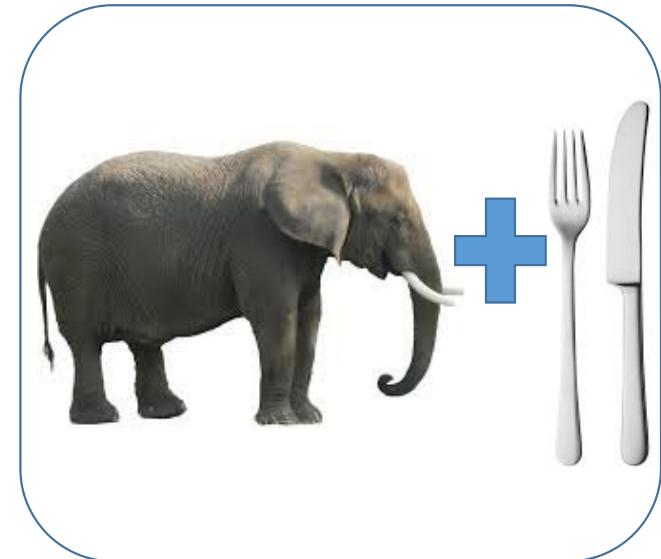
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**Facilitate** collaborative,  
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**Learn** with rapid  
prototyping and feedback



**Focus** on one bite at a  
time to achieve scale



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