

# ***Headquarters U.S. Air Force***

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## **AF Science and Technology Overview**



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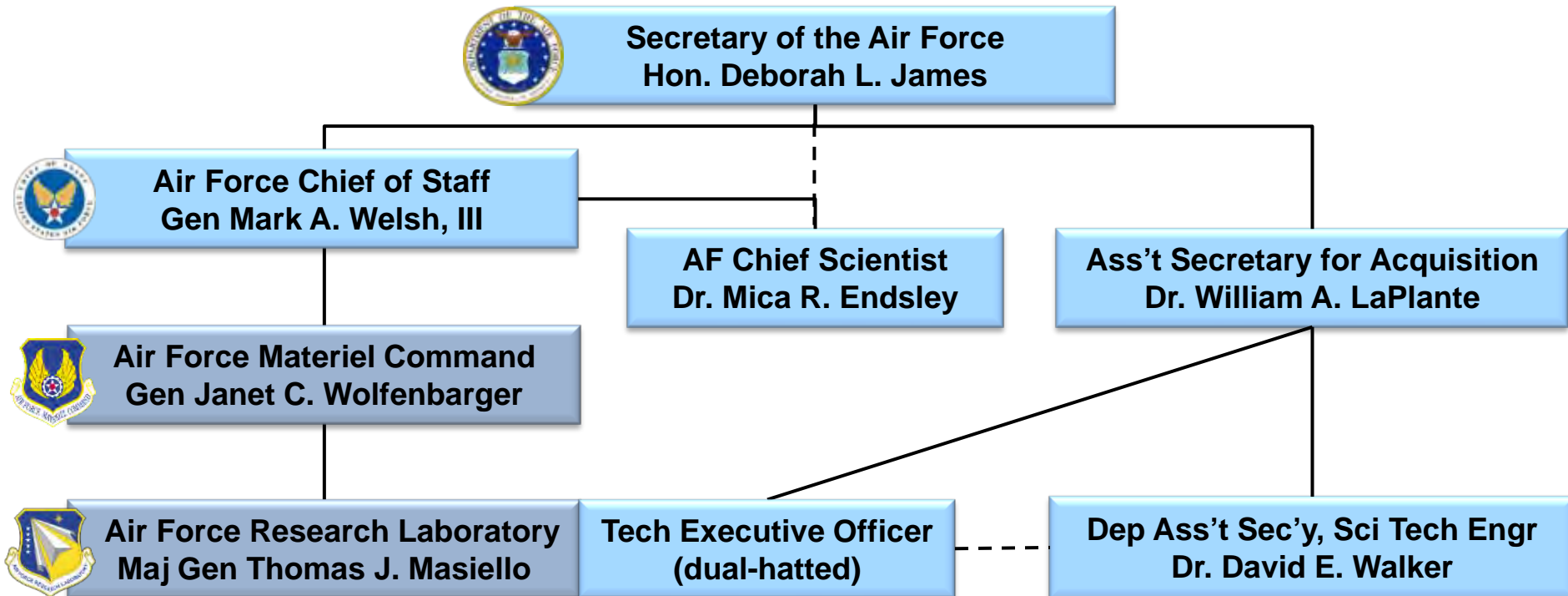
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# Air Force S&T Organization



- AFRL/CC under AFMC, dual-hatted as Technology Executive Officer to SAE
- SAF/AQR provides S&T guidance and oversight for SAE
- AF Chief Scientist under the CSAF advises SECAF and CSAF
- Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) reviews research quality and advises SECAF and CSAF on topics of interest



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# ***What We Do – Core Missions***

- **Air and space superiority, cyber assurance**
  - Air superiority foundational to joint operations & American way of war
  - Domains likely to be most contested in future
- **Intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR)**
  - Maximizing battlespace awareness
  - ~60 RPA patrols, ~1,200 hrs full-motion video per day
- **Rapid global mobility**
  - 1M+ airlift & tanker sorties in support of Mideast ops
  - One airlift sortie every two minutes, 24/7/365
  - 97% aeromedical evacuation survival rate
- **Global strike**
  - Hold any target on planet at risk
  - Two-thirds of America's nuclear triad
- **Command & control**
  - Integrates them all



***Global Vigilance, Global Reach, Global Power for the Joint Team***

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# DoD and AF S&T Priorities

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## SECDEF S&T Priorities

- **Autonomy**
- **Human Systems**
- **EW/EP**
- **Counter A2/AD Capabilities**
- **Low-cost, Small Footprint Ops**
- **Engineered Resilient Systems**
- **Cyber S&T**
- **Data-to-Decisions**
- **Tailored and Adaptive Capabilities**
- **Integrated Partnership Capabilities**
- **Counter WMD**

## SECAF S&T Priorities

- **Develop autonomous systems and human performance augmentation**
- **Enable long-range precision strike**
- **Improve sustainment, affordability, and availability of legacy systems**
- **Reduce energy dependency**
- **Reduce cyber vulnerabilities while emphasizing mission assurance**
- **Robust SA to enhance decision-makers' understanding -- ISR & PED**
- **Support needs of nuclear enterprise**



# Technology Focus Areas

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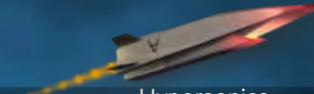
## Next Gen Aerospace Systems



Air Vehicles



Turbine Engines



Hypersonics



Unmanned Systems

## Weapons



Directed Energy



High Speed Strike



High Velocity Penetrating Munitions



Flexible Weapons



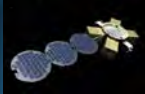
## Space and Nuclear Deterrence



Space Access



Novel Payloads/ Platforms



SSA



Advanced Experiments



## Intelligence, Surveillance, & Reconnaissance (ISR)



Advanced Sensors



Human-Centered ISR



Synchronized Operations

## Command & Control, Cyber, Communications (C<sup>4</sup>)



Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination



Cyber



Space Communications

## Affordability & Sustainment



Manufacturing Technology



Sustainment



Energy/Fuels

## Electronic Warfare / Electronic Protection (EW/EP)



EW Plus



Distributed EW



Infrared countermeasures

## Human Performance



Autonomy



Aerospace Physiology & Toxicology



Training & Decision Making Tech

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# Major International S&T Engagements

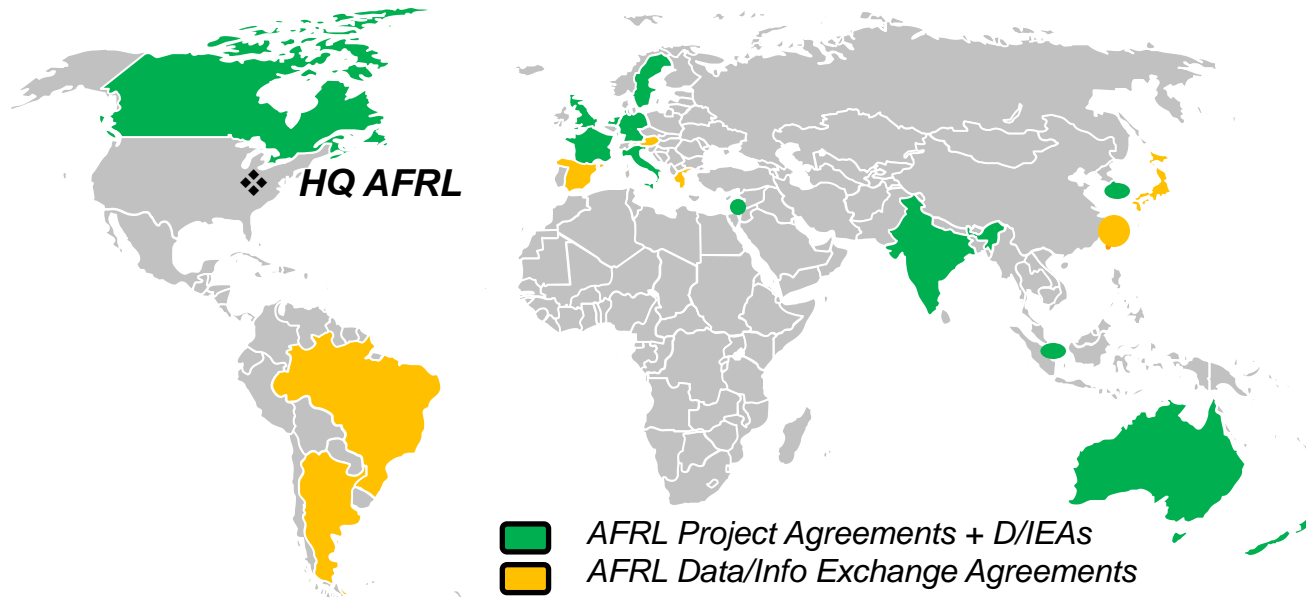
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## Top Multilateral S&T Forums

- NATO Science and Technology Organization
- The Technical Cooperation Program (TTCP)
- Five Powers Air SNR

## Key Bilateral S&T Engagements

- Great Britain
- Australia
- Japan
- Canada
- Germany
- Singapore
- Korea
- Taiwan
- India
- Brazil



AFRL currently leveraging \$300M+ in foreign partner resources



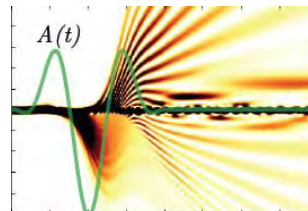


# Projects with Spain

## Top 5 Active Grants (\$436K) in FY15 as of April 2015



Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Prof V. Theofilis  
*Hydrodynamic and aeroacoustic instabilities on elliptic cone in high super-sonic and hypersonic flow*

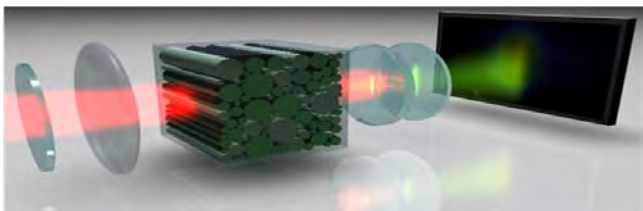


Universidad Del Pais Vasco - Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea  
Prof. A. Rubio  
*Science & Emerging Technology of 2D Atomic Layered Materials and Devices*

Real Academia de Ciencias y Artes De Barcelona  
Prof S. Gladysz  
*Imaging through Turbulence*

Universidad Politecnica de Cataluna, Prof. C. Masoller  
*Semiconductor laser complex dynamics: optical neurons to optical rogue*

ICFO-the Institute of Photonic Sciences, Prof. M. Ebrahim-Zadeh  
*Compact, High-power, Agile Laser Source for Mid-Infrared Science*



*Semiconductor lasers (such as current modulation for optical communication purposes) rely on their dynamical response.*

*Generation of tunable coherent radiation in the mid-infrared and THz spectrum based on optical parametric oscillators in combination with difference frequency generation in new nonlinear materials.*







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# Current USAF-Spain Agreements

## Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Activities

- 17 Active Grants with AFOSR and 10 Universities/Institutes in Spain

## Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Projects

- Photonic Enhancements to the Science & Technology in EW Systems
  - Navy Research Lab, USAF Research Lab and DAS Photonics (Spain)
  - Increase Spectrum Agility to EW and SIGINT Systems
  - Enable countermeasures while threat systems are in still acquisition mode
  - Broader surface & airborne spatial/spectral mission options

## Master Agreements

- Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program (ESEP)
  - Signed: February 2007, Expires February 2027
- Master Data Exchange Agreement for the Mutual Development of Weapons Systems
  - Signed: June 1980, no expiration
- Sonseca Seismic Monitoring MOU (Program MOU)
  - Signed: January 1996, no expiration

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# *Proposed Areas of Cooperation*

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- **AFRL Space Vehicles Directorate (AFRL/RV)**
  - **GEO Observations with Latitudinal Diversity**
  - **Micro-Gravity, Two Phase Flow Research**
- **AFRL Directed Energy Directorate (AFRL/RD)**
  - **Non-linear Optics**
- **AFRL Human Effectiveness Directorate (AFRL/RH)**
  - **Cognitive Science**
  - **Cognitive Modeling and Human Behavior Representation**
  - **Autonomy**
  - **Pilot inflight Psychophysiological Assessment**
  - **Hex-chrome Lifetime Exposure Monitoring**

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- **AFRL Human Effectiveness Directorate (AFRL/RH) cont.**
  - **Aircraft Oxygen System Containment Assessment**
  - **High Fidelity Biodynamic Spinal Injury Modeling for Aircraft Ejection**
  - **Speech and Language Technologies**
  - **Live Virtual and Constructive Training**
  - **Nanotechnology**
- **AFRL Information Directorate (AFRL/RI)**
  - **High Performance Computing**



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# *Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program (ESEP) Update*

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- **Capt Rachel Kolesnikov-Lindsey (2012-2014)**
  - Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate (AFRL/RX)
  - ESEP Participant at INTA (National Institute for Aerospace Technology) Research area focus: DIANA UAS Target Aircraft, MILANO Strategic ISR UAS, Fabrication Process
  - Interviewed by a Spanish Radio Station
  - HUGE success
- **Capt Kevin O'Neill (2015-2017)**
  - Air Mobility Analyst/Chief Scientist, AMC/A9 Analyses, Assessments & Lessons Learned
  - ESEP Participant to work at Área de planificación y control de la Subdirección, Tecnología e Innovación in Madrid
  - Currently at Defense Language Institute in Washington, DC
  - Departs for Spain summer 2015 for a two year tour

***The USAF welcomes engineers and scientists from Spain to participate in the ESEP in the US!***

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# Summary

- Air Force S&T is balanced between meeting warfighter current needs and discovering/developing new game-changing technologies
- International cooperation with our trusted partners accelerates S&T results, leverages resources, and facilitates interoperability.

*Maintaining our technological advantage is vital to ensuring freedom of access and action in air, space and cyberspace*