#### Military Research at Universities An Introduction

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### What are we talking about?

- 1.1-1.5 mill. people work in the armament research sector
- 100 120 bill. USD for Research & Development per year, of which 25 bill. USD go to the "public sector" (Germany: 5-7 bill. € per year)
- 90% of expenditure in developed countries; 2/3
  USA and Russia
- 61% of all US research projects serve military purposes (dual use)

Source: Partly SIPRI Report (2008/09), BICC Report (2010/11)

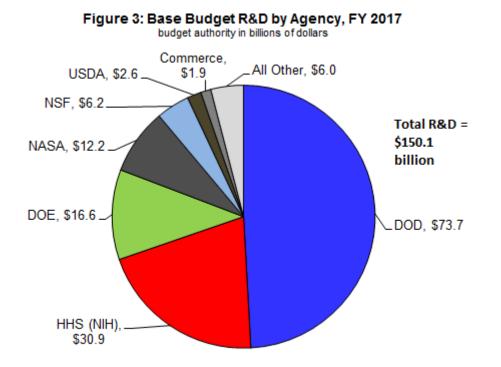
# Where is armament research conducted?

- a) Industry research
- b) Research areas and universities associated with the military
- c) Governmental research labatories
- d) Public institutions

Basic characteristics of research:

- Pure military research with spin-off
- Dual use research (civil-military ambivalence)
- Security research

# R&D (basic, applied, development) funding in the USA



Source: OMB R&D data, agency budget justifications, and other agency documents and data. R&D includes conduct of R&D and R&D facilities. © 2016 AAAS

## Pentagon Funding in USA

(source: NSF Report 2016)

- DoD supports most engineering research at universities:
  - Electrical Engineering 72%
  - Mechanical Engineering 75%
  - Metallurgy and Materials Science 35%
  - Math and Computer Science 15%
- totals about \$4 billion (12% of all universitysponsored R & D)
  - i.e. Johns Hopkins University (\$511 million), Pennsylvania State University (\$172 million), Georgia Institute of Technology (\$99 million), Utah State University (\$62 million), University of Hawaii (\$54 million) Washington (\$58 million), and MIT (\$53 million)

## European Military Research

- Security Research since 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme
- EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2020)
  - "Secure Societies" programme: 1.7 billion Euro
    - Terrorism, crime, border, cyber, ...
- EU Preparatory action on Defence research
  - 2017-2019: 80 million Euro
  - Leading to: European Defence Research Programme (EDRP) of at least 3,5 billion EURO for 2021-2027

## Military Research in Germany

- Defense Ministry 2014+2015:
  - 300 contracts worth 125 million Euro
    - Universities: 55 contracts worth 13.9 million Euro
- "Science for civil security 2012-2017"
  - about 600 million Euro of EU funds
- 9 universities with Bundeswehr professors and 2 Bundeswehr Universities (HH, Munich)
- Pentagon funded research
  - 22 universities received more than 10 million USD since 2010 (among others at TU Ilmenau)

Source: Kleine Anfrage, Die LINKE KA 18/7977; SZ+NDR Geheimer Krieg

#### Thank you for listening!

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