Good Order at Sea; Revisiting the Imperative

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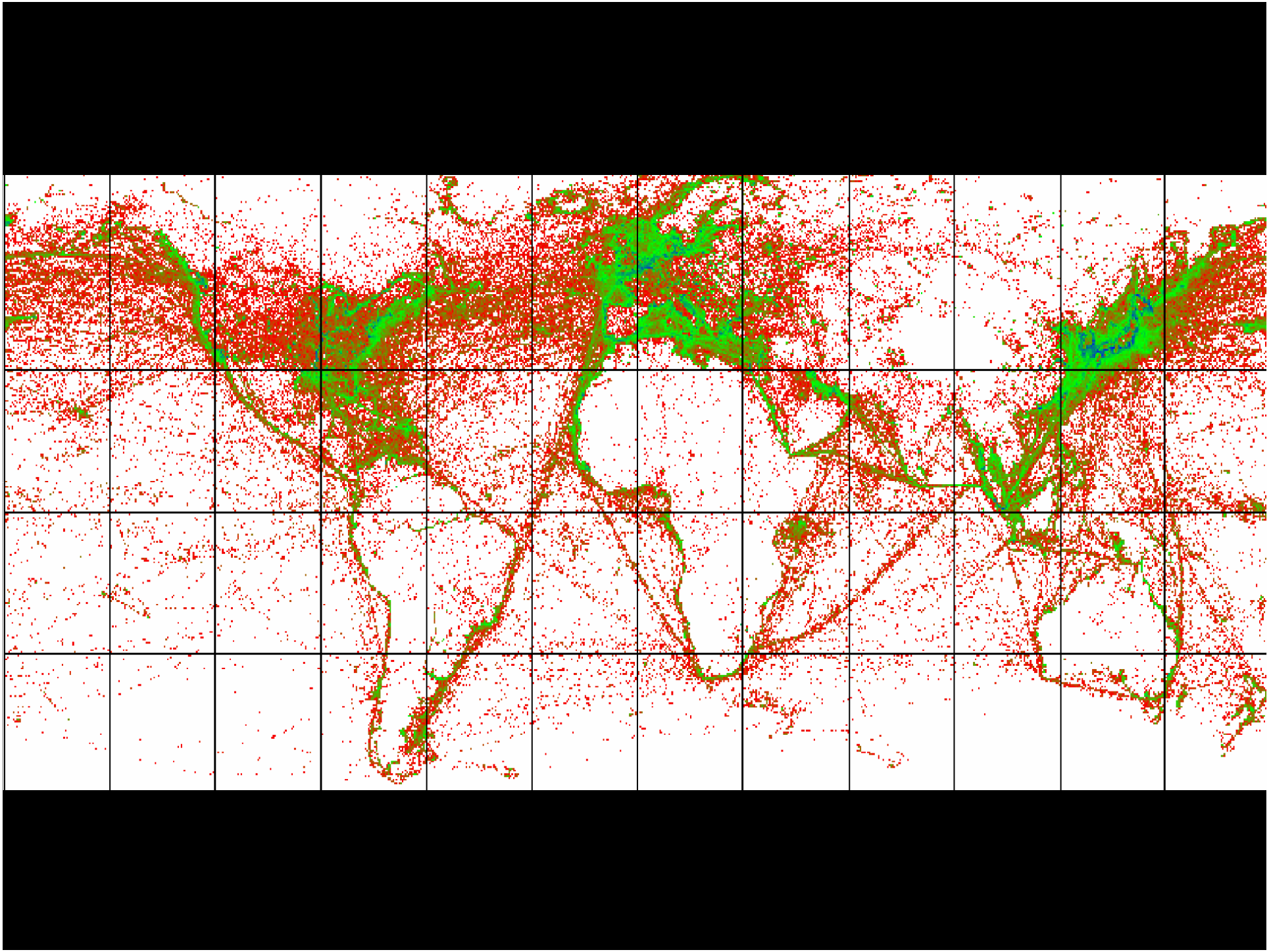


Threats to the System

- **Inherent weaknesses**
- **Catastrophic events**
- **Inter-state war**
- **Attack by hostile forces**
- **Disorder ashore and at sea**

Complexity !

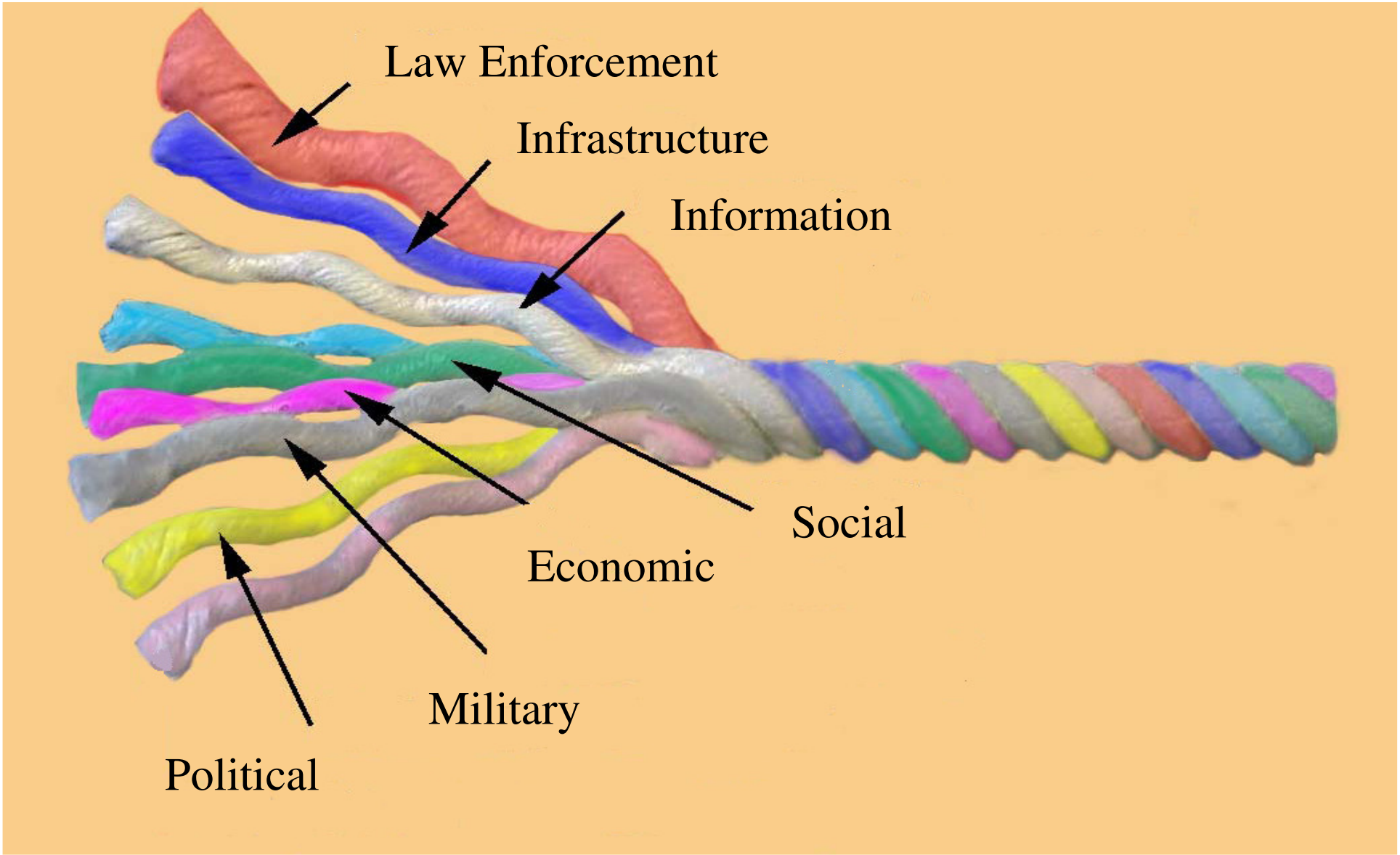
The Threat of Sea-based Crime

- **Globalised damage**
- **The Unity of The Ocean**
  - **The unity of the Ocean is the simple physical fact underlying the dominant value of sea-power in the modern globe-wide world (Mackinder, 1914)**

The Threat of Sea-based Crime

- **National responses not enough**
- **Holistic ones necessary**

NATO's Comprehensive Approach: The Twisted Rope



Crime at Sea: Solutions and Challenges

- **Prosecution of Perpetrators**
- **…And of financiers and sponsors**
- **Security Sector Reform ?**

But how serious actually is ‘bad order at sea ?

- **The Individual Level**
- **The Threat to the State**
  - **Narco states**
  - **Illegitimacy**
  - **Opportunity costs**
- **The Threat to the System**
- **Scale ?**

Enforcement Problems

- **Enormous rewards**
- **Resources and the sea space.**
- **Multi-modal formats**
- **Legal constraints**

Enforcement Problems

- **Differing priorities**
- **Diversity**
- **Vested Interests**

Maritime Security: Maintaining Good Order at Sea

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The Naval/CG Contribution:

- **Intelligence -Surveillance and MDA**
- **Assets and the capacity to intercept**
- **Organisation**
- **Capacity-building**

The Naval/CG Contribution: Requirements and Choices

- **Assisting Prosecution Intelligence**
- **The long haul**
- **Holistic Integration – part of the overall maintenance of good order at sea**
- **Choosing priorities**

Operational Environment:

- Few Regional Security Structures
- Drug / Human Trafficking / Illegal Weapons / Piracy
- Weak Governance in Some Countries
- Energy Security at Risk
- Balkans
- Iran

Specific Challenges:

- Rapid Crisis Response (HA/DR)
- Maritime Safety and Security
- BMD
- EEZ Enforcement

Conclusions

- **No silver bullet or universal solutrion.**
- **Naval containment so a combination of responses**
- **Solving this problem will help solve others.**