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Total Defense, The Advent of Naval AI and
Why You Should Hold Your Horses

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Operations Perspective: Naval AI and the Principles of War

Principle of War (UK Examples)

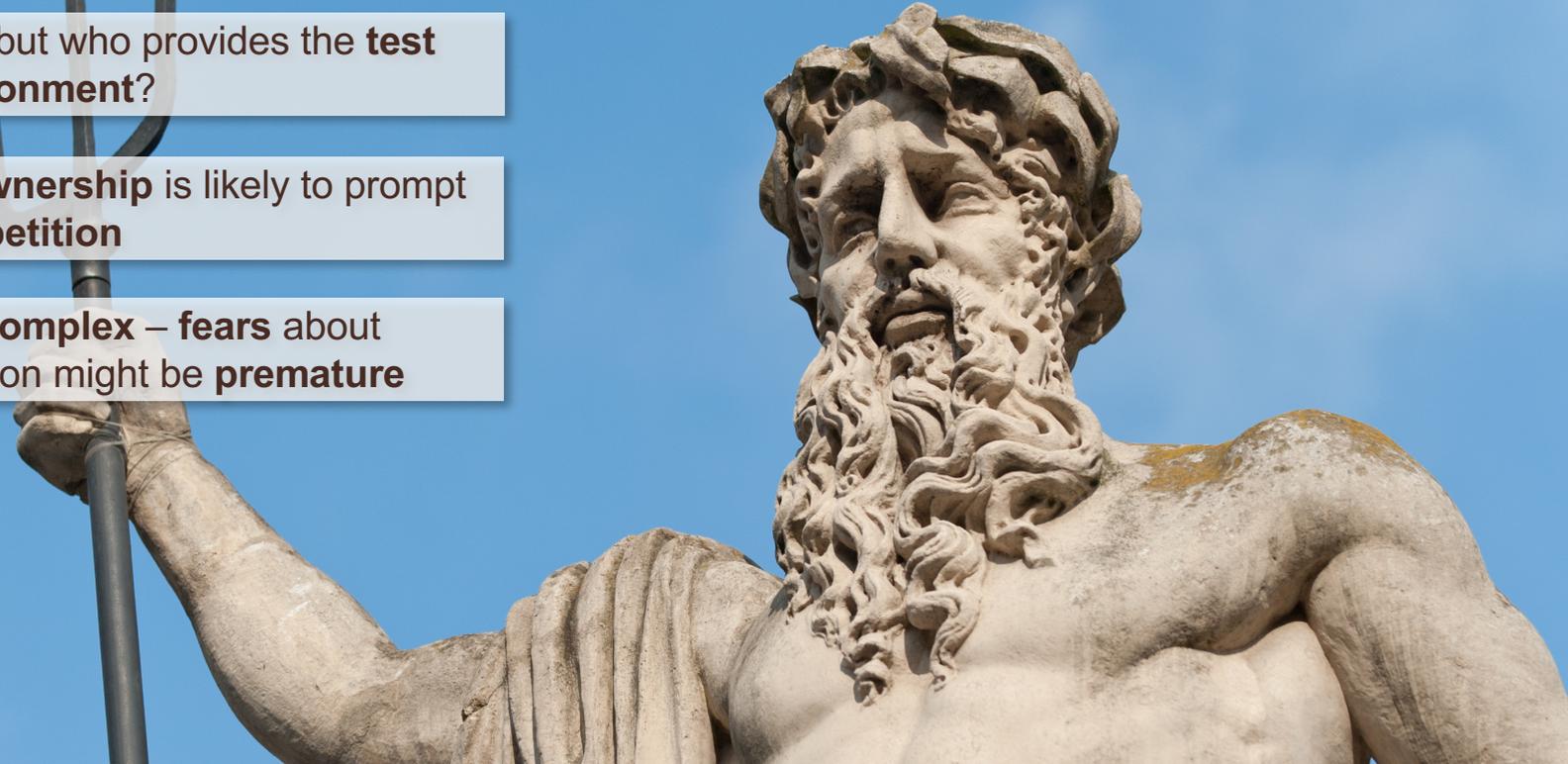
- **Selection and maintenance of the aim** is regarded as the master principle of war
- **Maintenance of morale** enables a positive state of mind
- **Surprise** is the consequence of confusion induced by (...) introducing the unexpected
- **Economy of effort** is judiciously exploiting manpower, material and time

AI Contributions

- AI can support decision-making, but do operators the fact that **AI makes mistakes by design**?
- What if AI empowers an **adversary's stamina**?
- AI may set its **own degree of freedom**
- Trust vs daring or norm-compliance vs. deviation
- AI-empowered **auctioning systems** might set the pace – but who can/will follow?

Cultural-Organizational Perspective: Naval AI and Change

- Edge AI can empower true autonomy and adapt front-end/back-end processes – but is the naval community **ready for change**?
- Seeing is believing – but who provides the **test and validation environment**?
- The quest for **data ownership** is likely to prompt **organizational competition**
- Defense/Naval AI is **complex** – **fears** about accelerated proliferation might be **premature**



Industrial Perspective: The Need for Genuine Defense/Naval AI

- **Defense AI is not available off-the-shelf**
- The **LSI question** is back – and more challenging than in “NEC times”
- **Funding** for defense AI is an issue as **PE/VC** are **soaking up** all the money
- Talent competition will be fierce and might prompt the need for a **defense AI talent pool**
- **Geostrategic competition** for AI is likely to redraw corporate **supply/value chains**

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