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Summary: The Pentagon intends to field a vast network of AI-powered technology, drones and autonomous systems within the next two years to counter threats from China and other adversaries. Kathleen Hicks, the deputy secretary of defense, provided new details in a speech Wednesday about the department's plans to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to produce an array of thousands of air-, land- and sea-based artificial-intelligence systems that are intended to be "small, smart, cheap." Related: U.S. Weapons Industry Unprepared for a China Conflict, Report Says and Military Briefing: Ukraine War Exposes 'Hard Reality' of West's Weapons Capacity and Interest Costs Will Grow the Fastest Over the Next 30 Years

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