

FRANCO-BRITISH DEFENCE

COOPERATION:

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT?

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SOME EXPERIENCES

SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS

SOME EXPLANATIONS

SOME CONCLUSIONS



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Entente cordiale 1904

1914-18

Treaty of Versailles 1919

1940

St Malo 1998

“Defence Treaty” 2010

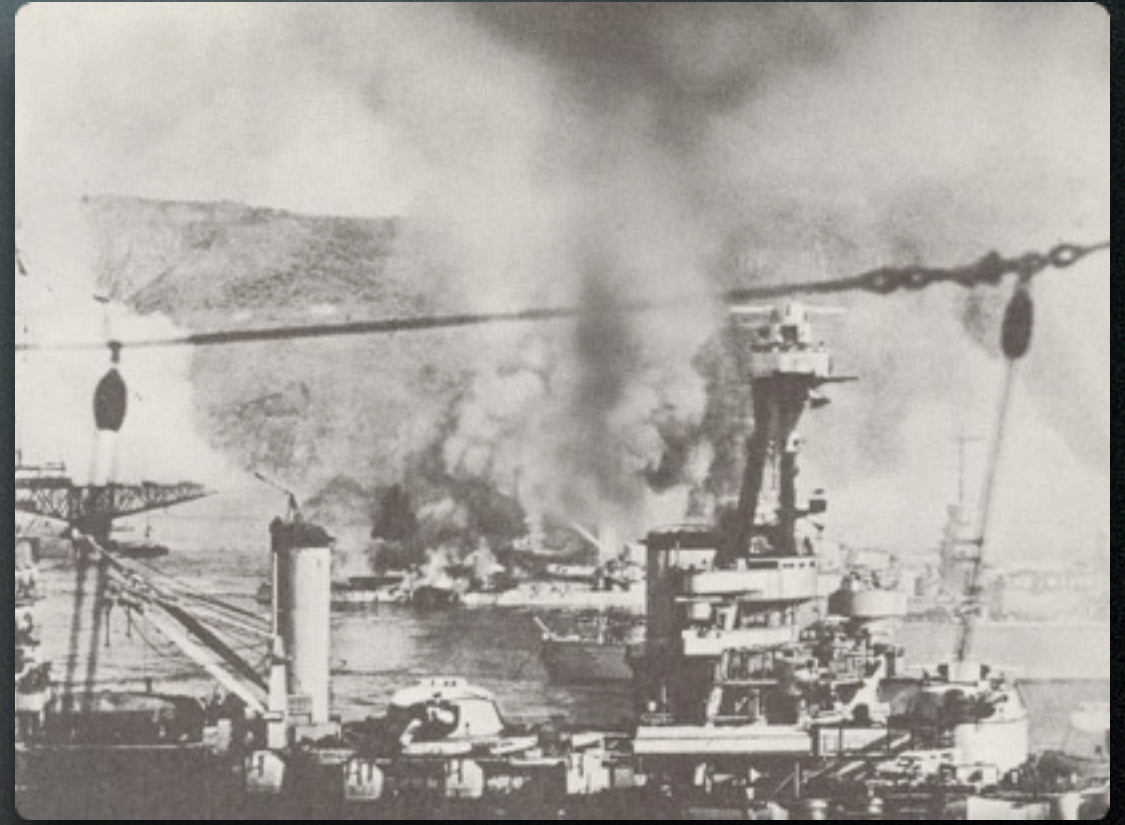
THE SAME, ONLY
DIFFERENT

SMALL THINGS ARE
THE SAME

BIG THINGS ARE
DIFFERENT



NATURAL PARTNERS?



TROUBLED HISTORY

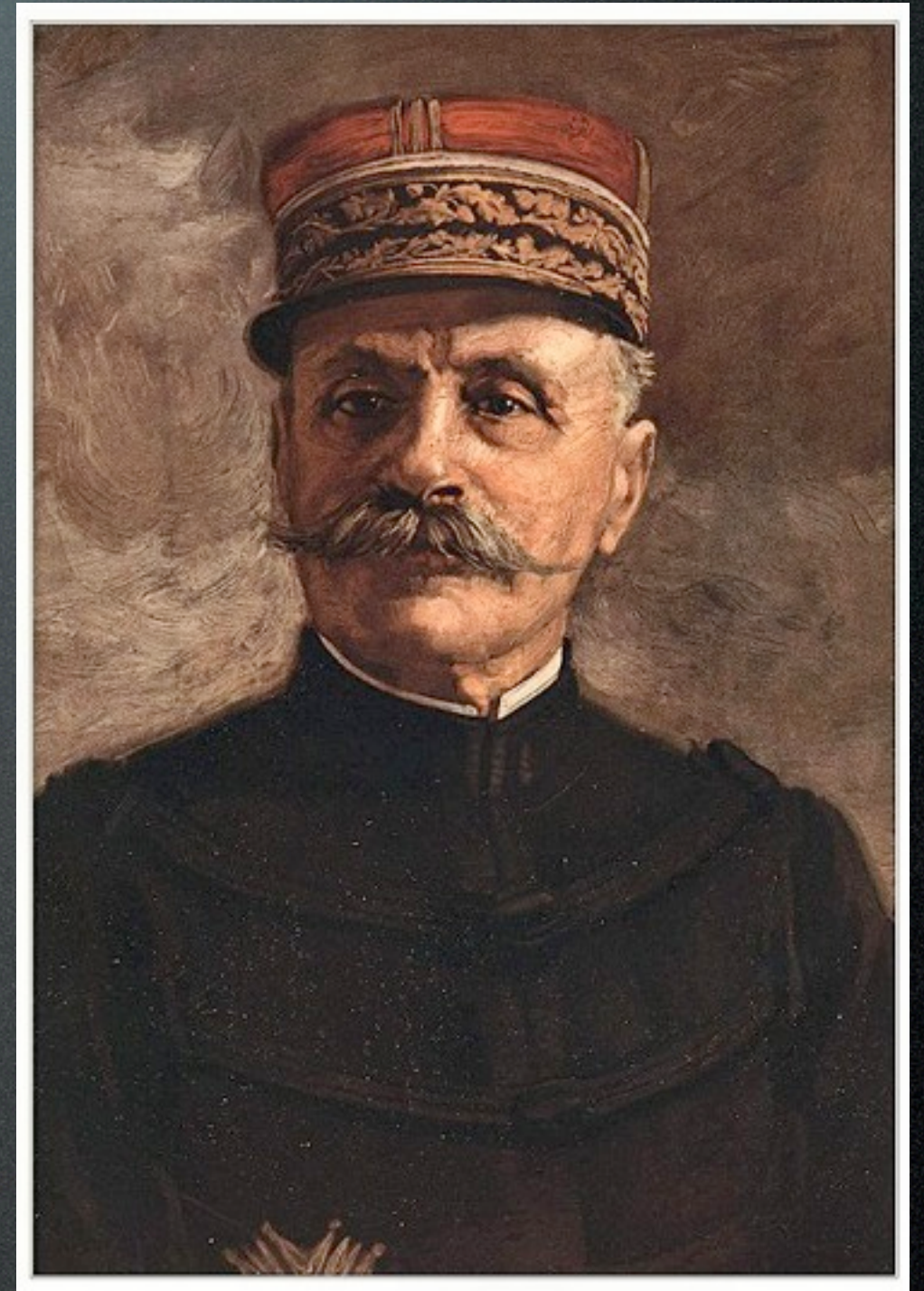
DIFFERENT TRADITIONS



DIFFERENT ARMIES

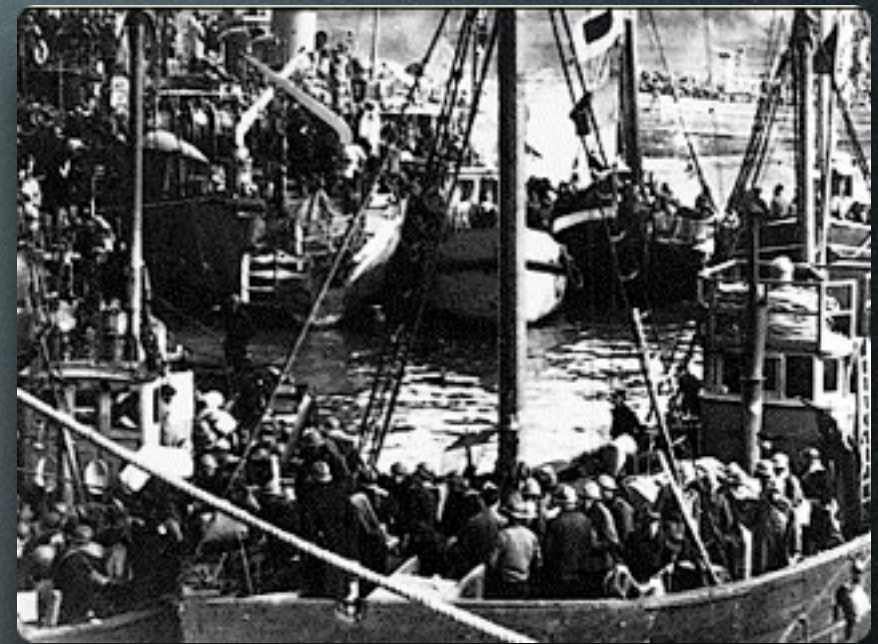


DIFFERENT COMMANDERS





DIFFERENT REACTIONS

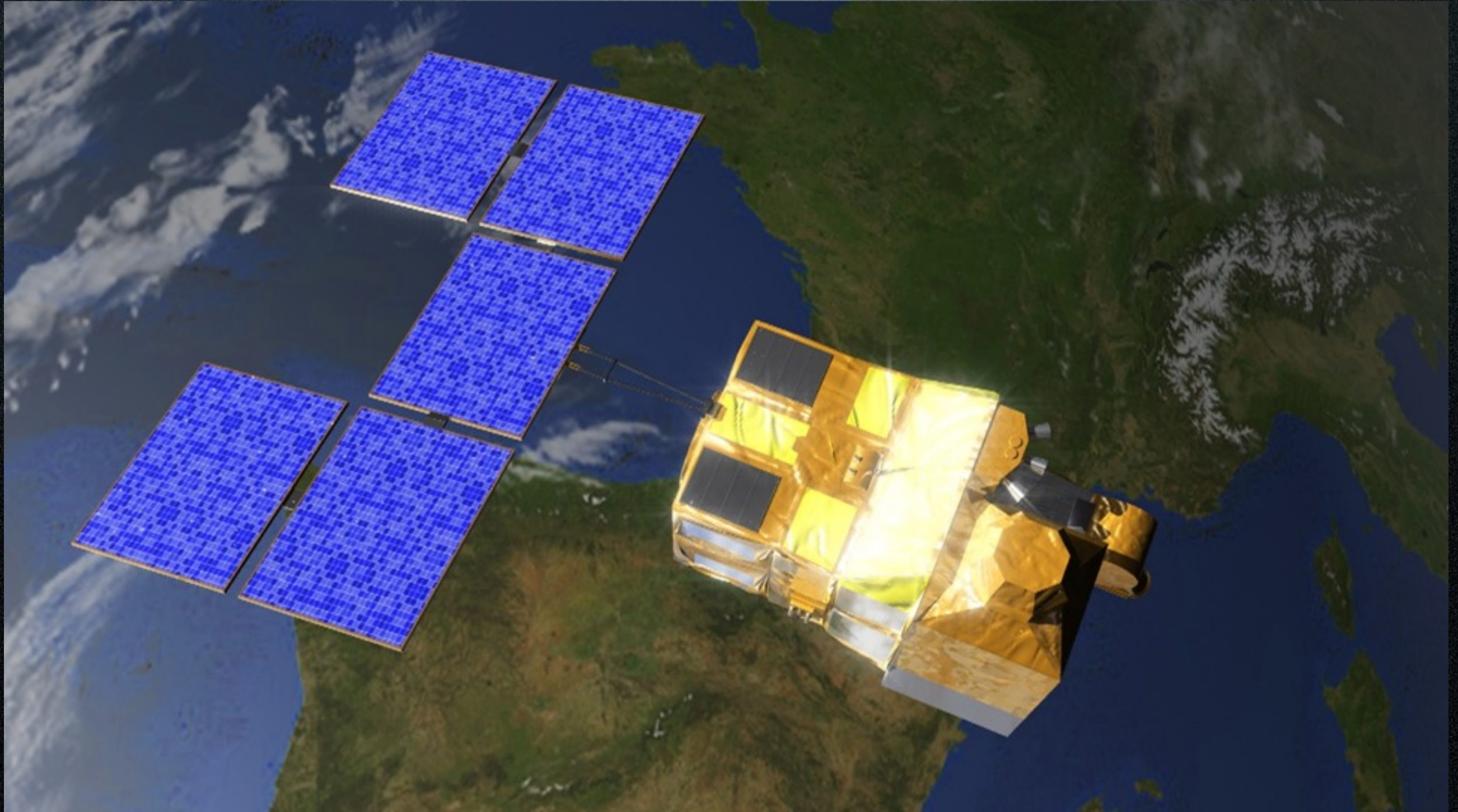


**“Wars Are Not Won By
Evacuations” - Churchill**



THE PROBLEM





Tactical ✓

Operational ?

Strategic ✗

Same tactics, different strategy

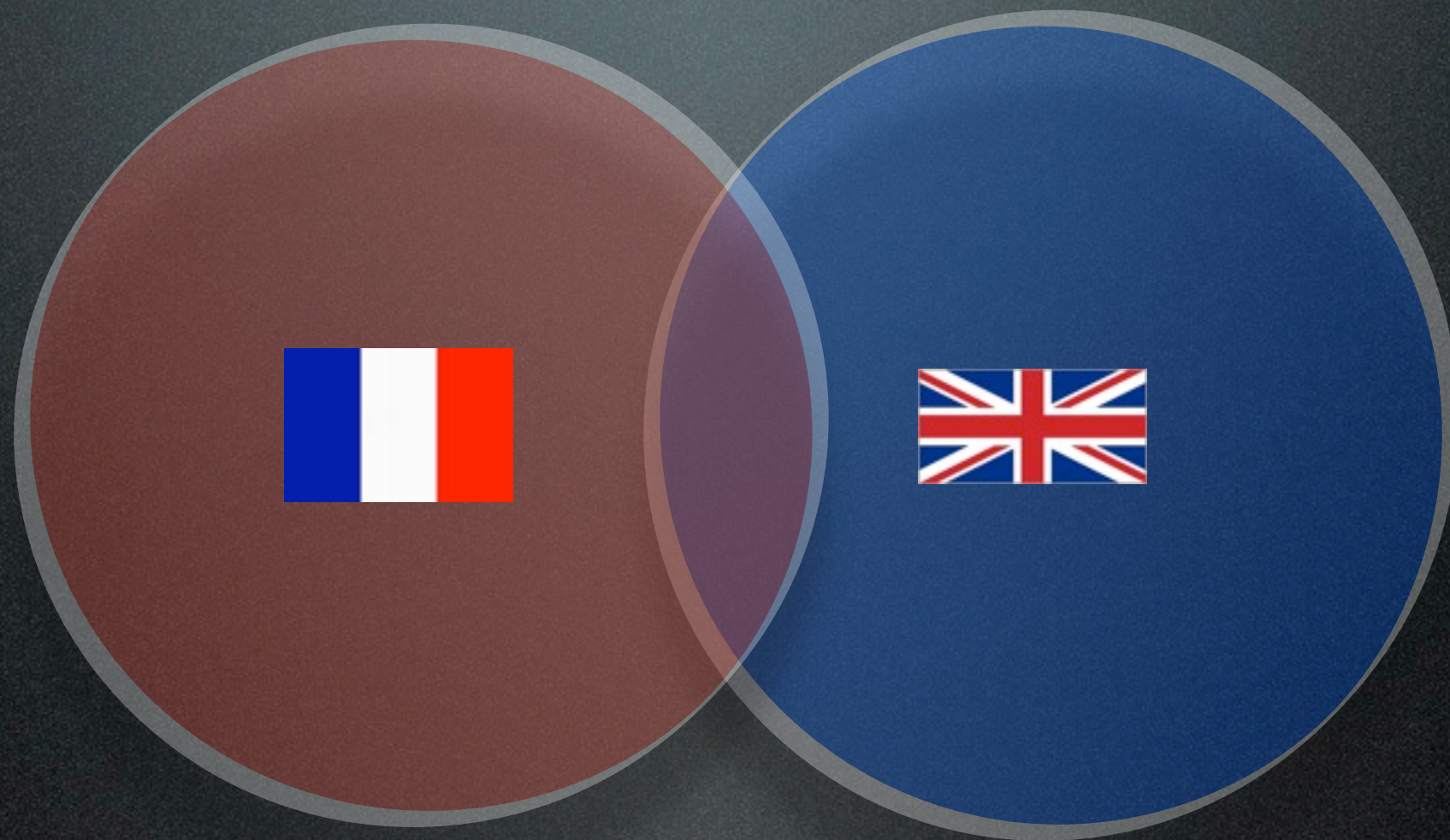
UNPROFOR Bosnia

European Defence

EU Operations in Africa

Nuclear Weapons

Overlapping



Not coinciding



Et alors....?