

Fuzing at Dahlgren



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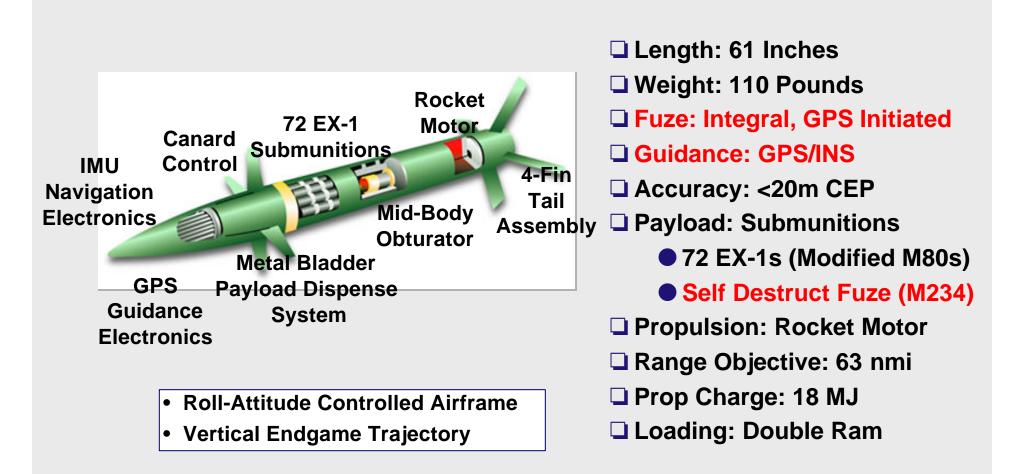




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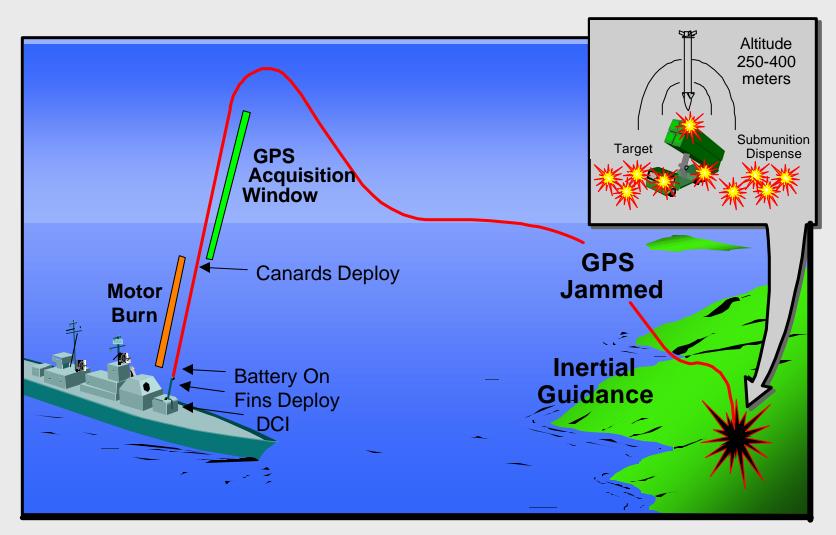


ERGM System Description



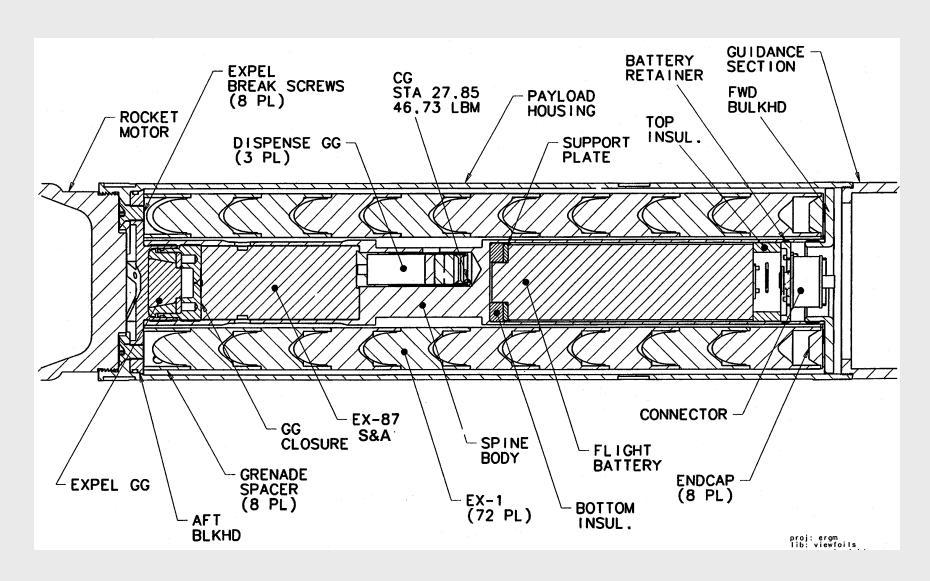


ERGM Mission Profile





ERGM Payload Section





ERGM Fuzing Status

EX-87 Mod 1 S&A:

- Completed Design Validation Tests (DVT)
- Successfully Fired 3 in Canister Projectiles
- Successful Fired in Dynamic Dispense Air Drop Test (DD-1)
- Lessons Learned from DVT have been Incorporated

□ Near Term Testing:

- S&A Qualification (July 01)
- Piston Actuator Component Qualification (June 01)
- Dynamic Dispense Gun Fire (May 01)
- □ M234 E1 Self-Destruct Fuze:



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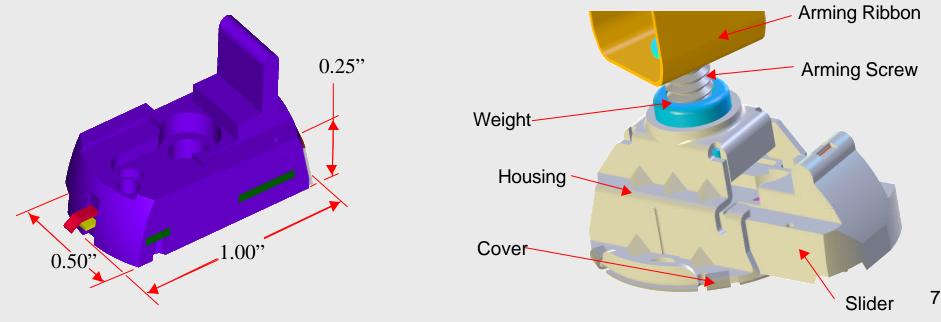
□ M234 E1 Self-Destruct Fuze:

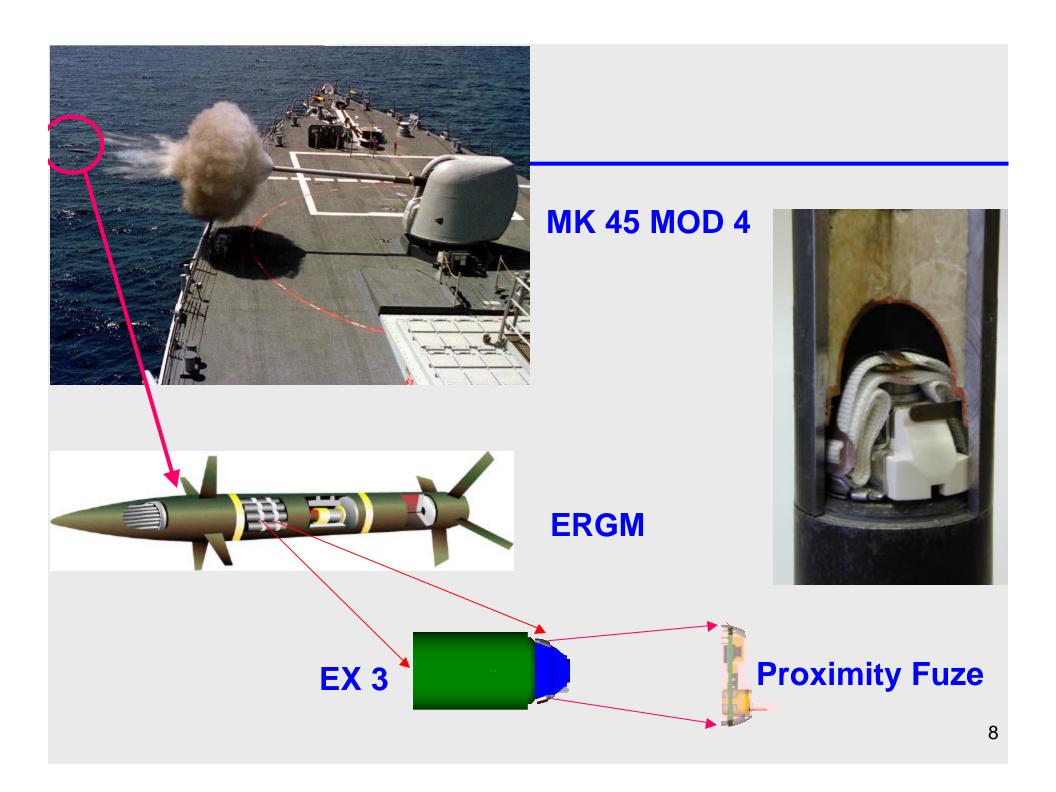
- DD-1 Test (YPG, 18 Aug 00)
 - Slight Over-Test Condition (Expel/Dispense Altitude Too Low)
 - 13 Primary Mode Failures (82% Successfully Armed)
 - 0 ERGM Shunt Removal Failures (100% Successfully Armed)
 - 14 Spiral Flag Failures (81% Successfully Armed)
- Additional Improvements Incorporated for Dynamic Dispense Gunfire Test (DD-2) Scheduled for early May '01



M80 PIP Objective

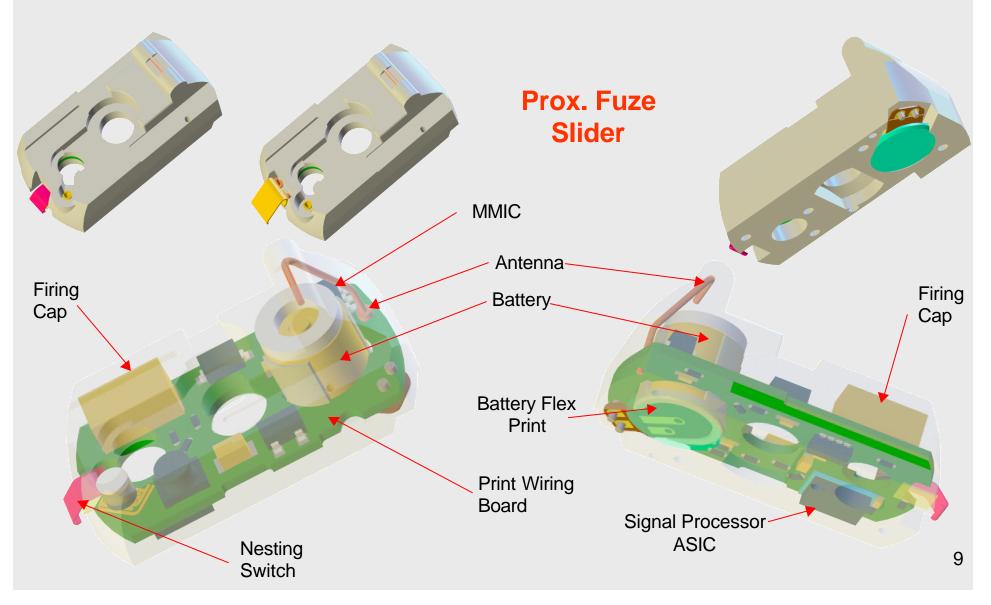
- To package the electronics and mechanical components of the Proximity Fuze in the shape and size of the current M234 SD Slider for the M80 Submunition for ERGM
 - One-for-One replacement of current Slider





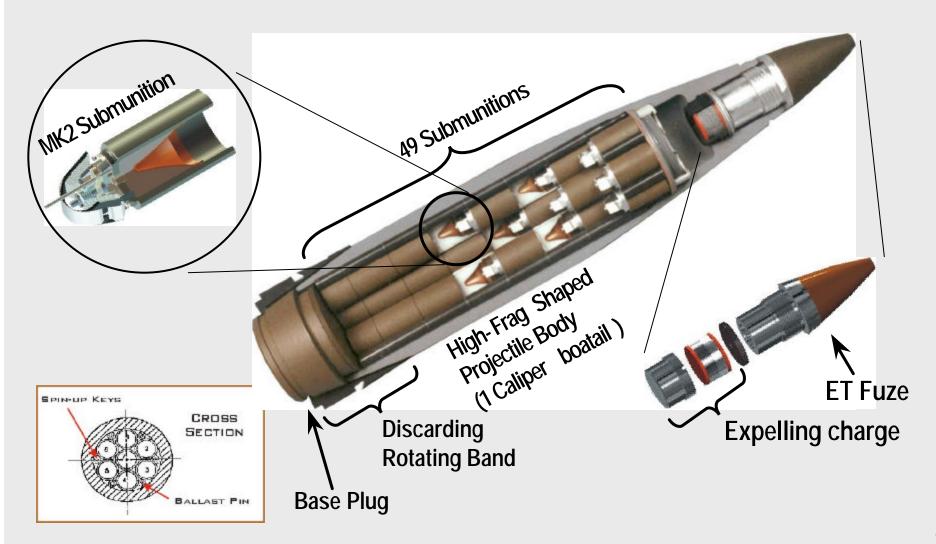


Major Component Layout





Navy 5" Cargo Projectile





M80 Grenade Fuze, M223 Safety Modification

Design challenge:

- Add a safety feature to the grenade for the 5" cargo round
- Minimal cost and ASAP we're already in production: 700,000 fuzes made
- Requirements driven from WSESRB letter (objective) & PEO "acceptance of risk" (threshold)



Resolution Efforts (Grenades already purchased)

Numerous add-on and redesign fixes were sketched and analyzed, then down selected a number of add-on fixes

Slow Cook-off Simulated Magazine Set-up

Shrink Tubing





Program has invested over \$1.5M to date to resolve issue



Dayron Dual Mode Clip

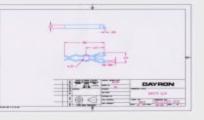




Thermocoupled Grenades



Engineering Concept



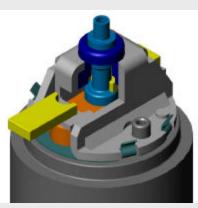
Metal spin clip line of designs stopped by WSESRB letter 12



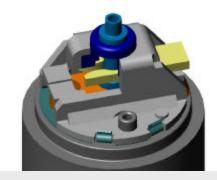
Resolution Efforts Downselect

Dual Meltable Spin Locks

1st tests show both significantly improve safety Single Meltable Spin Lock



Solutions will meet 95% of the WSESRB concerns. May still leave 1 armed grenade plus 2 w/o an extra lock post cook-off





- Reliability testing and final downselect in May 01
- Cargo Program review at end of month. May change design course & require a 100% solution





MK 432 ELECTRONIC TIME FUZE A New Fuze for the US Navy





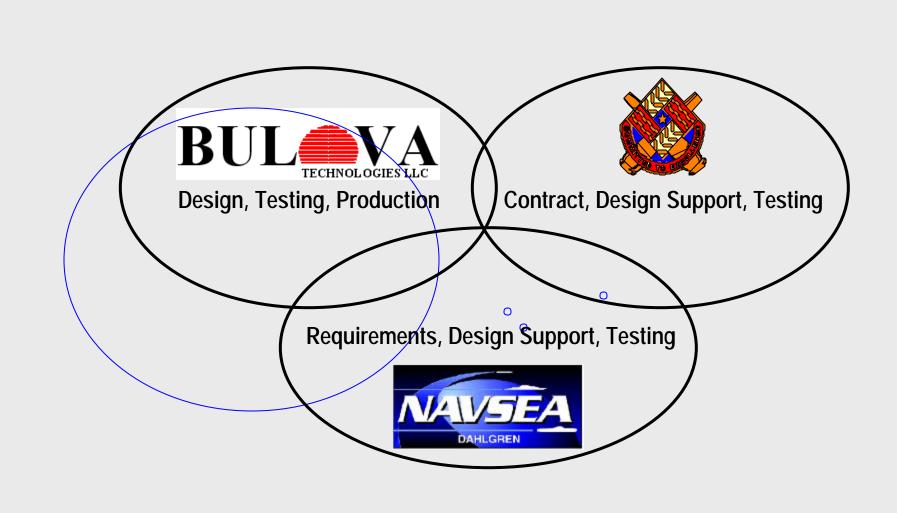


Mobility and Firepower for America's Army





Team Approach





Navalization of the M762A1

Inductive Set Compatibility Battery Activation Targets Remove PD back-up EEE improvements IM



Qualification

Completed in 9 months:

- 400 fuzes delivered
- Successful gun firings
- **Qualification Completed Summer 2001**
- Production Scheduled to begin July 2001
- □ 14,600 Fuzes Delivered October 2001



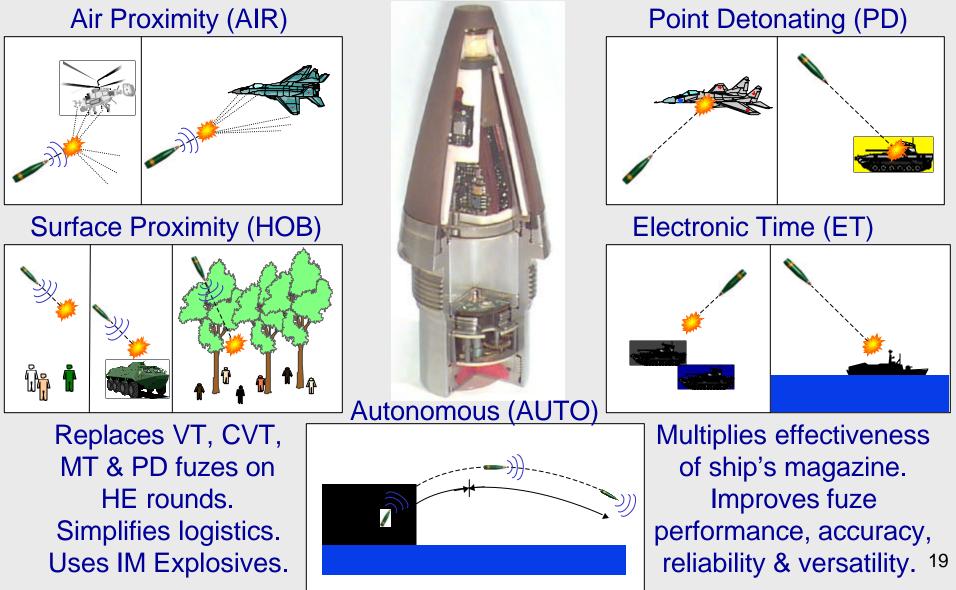
Multi-function Fuze







MFF Operational Modes





MFF LRIP

□ IPT: NSWC Dahlgren, NSWC Crane & ATK

- Performance Specification
- Production at Alliant Precision Fuze Company, L.L.C in Janesville, WI
- □ LRIP ~9500 fuzes in 3 lots
- Options for another 6000 to 12000
- Pre-First Article performance
 - Twice as sensitive as MK 418 VT-RF fuze against the same air target
 - E&MD performance & production issues resolved



MFF Schedule

- New Program Schedule Approved
- Updating the ORD and TEMP
- TECHEVAL 3rd Qtr FY01
- OPEVAL 4th Qtr FY01
- Milestone III Decision 1st Qtr FY02
- LRIP 1st Lot delivered 2nd Qtr FY02
- IOC 1st HE-MF rounds delivered 2rd Qtr FY02
- □ FOT&E for 5in/62 Gun Qualification in FY02





MK 419 TECHEVAL

San Clemente Island, SHOBA, 3rd Qtr FY01
 USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)
 57 MK 419 Test rounds, 90 rounds total
 Part of First Article
 Test HOB, PD, ET, AUTO(HOB) performance over land and water

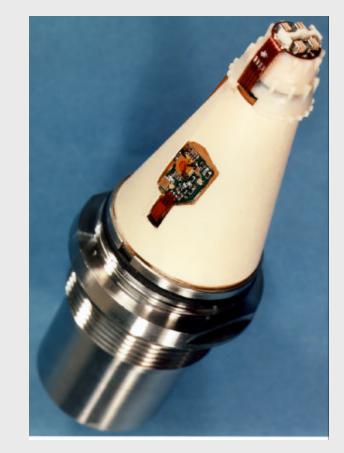


MK 419 OPEVAL

 San Clemente Island, SHOBA, 4th Qtr FY01
 USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)
 170 MK 419 Test rounds, 200+ rounds total
 Test AIR, HOB, PD, ET, AUTO(HOB), AUTO(AIR) performance over land and water
 Towed RF air target



MFF Cost Reduction RF System



MMIC Receiver

- Plastic encapsulation vs. ceramic pkg
- Adjust frequency to reduce tuning effort
- Align with optimum antenna and transmitter frequencies
- MMIC Transmitter
 - Plastic encapsulation
 - Frequency tweak if required
- Antenna
 - Improve dielectric material properties to enhance producibility
 - Decrease raw material cost



MFF Cost Reduction Battery

Use MOFA battery with minimal modification
 – Failed to meet performance requirements

European battery conference held to identify potential battery sources



Technical Objectives

- Develop an alternative Low Cost Guidance Electronics Unit (LCGEU) for the EX171 Extended Range Guided Munition (ERGM)
 - design as a form, fit, & function replacement for existing ERGM GEU
 - identify & select performance trades versus affordability
 - demonstrate performance via a series of guided flight tests







Technical Objectives (Contd)

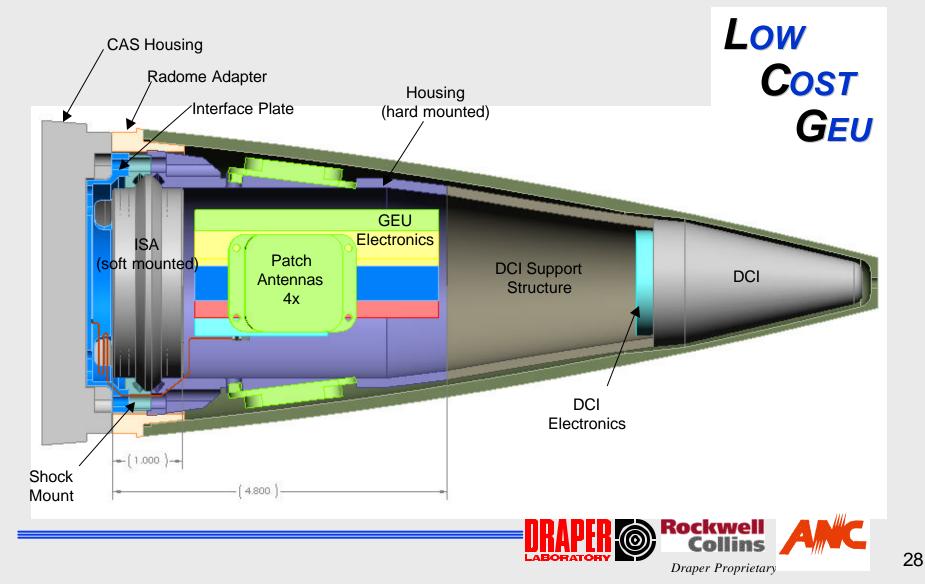
Prepare for transition to future EMD phase

- Work closely with Rockwell / Collins (EMD prime) to develop cost as independent variable in LCGEU design
- Deliver complete HW/ SW documentation package
- Identify future production cost reduction opportunities





Baseline Mechanical Design





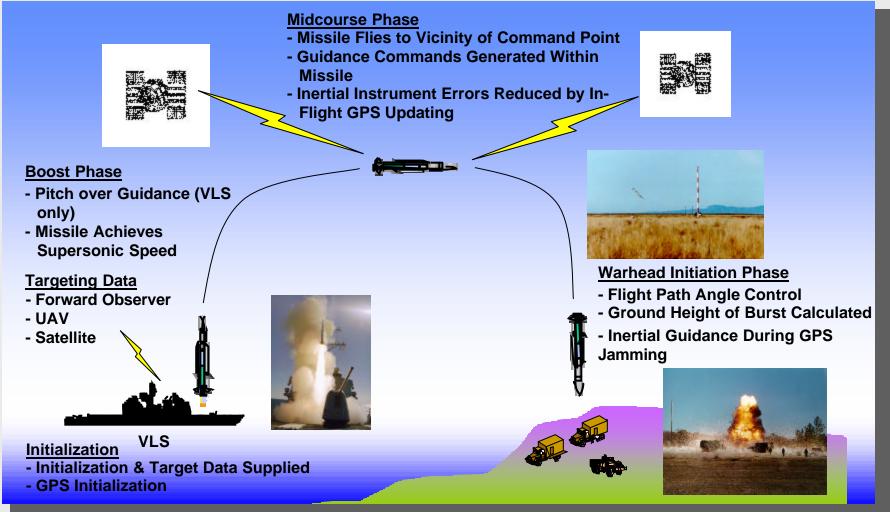
Standard Missile - 4 Height of Burst Fuze

Integrated Product Team (IPT) Assembled to Select a Height of Burst (HOB) Sensor and Incorporate as Primary Fuze for LASM





Mission Overview





HOB Sensor Selection

Identify Candidate Sensors

- Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)
- Previous Trade Studies
- Recommendations from Team Members
- 18 Sensors from 12 Vendors Identified
- Sensors Fell into 3 Classes: Radio Frequency, Electro-Optical, Mechanical
- **Down-select to Set of Sensors Meeting Minimum Requirements**

Used Quality Functional Deployment Matrix for Comprehensive Comparison of Down-selected Sensors

- Evaluation Criteria Split Between Cost and Performance
- Relative Weights of Evaluation Criteria Determined by Team Consensus
- Scores Awarded Each Sensor Determined by Team Consensus



HOB Sensor

Gen III - LASM Configuration

- Near IR Pulsed Diode Laser
- Low Cost, Rugged, Low Power, Array Logic, Microprocessor w/ EEPROM flash Memory, Serial Communication, Continuous Altitude readout, Obscurant Algorithms

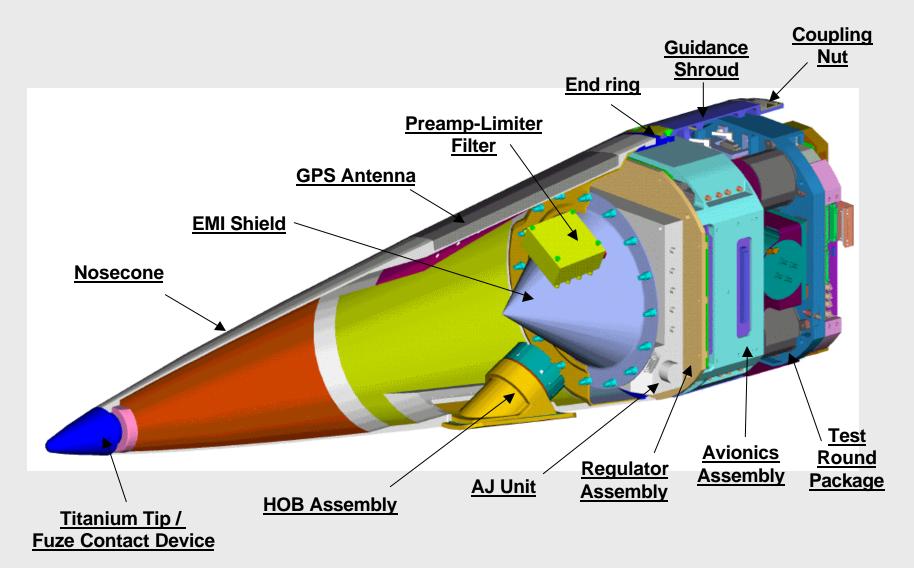
Gen III - Performance

- Cost Effective
- Will Meet Missile Environments
- Meets Clear Air Requirements
- Will Not Pre-trigger on Obscurant
- Will Distinguish Hard Targets from Obscurants
 - Degradation of Performance in Obscurants TBD
- Mechanically and Electrically Interface with GS
- Adaptive Configuration for Future Growth





GUIDANCE SECTION ASSEMBLY





Summary

Requirements Defined

- EO Sensor Characterized and Risks Identified With Mitigation Plans
- Preliminary Mechanical Design for HOB Main Assembly Complete
- Analysis and Test Performed



Future Efforts – Course Corrected Fuzes

Trajectory error management

- 1-D Corrections: drag chutes, drag fins, etc. to reduce range dispersion
- 2-D Corrections: canards, pulse dots, etc. to reduce range dispersion and cross-track deflection
- Must not violate NATO standard fuze envelope during pre-flight
 - Ensures minimal impact on round handling equipment and procedures
 - MIL-STD-333B envelope selected
- Range increase not required
- Fielding by FY10



Future Efforts – Low Cost Projectile Fuze Alternatives

Reduce Fuze Re-procurement Costs

- Buy Fuzes with Army
 - Navalized MOFA
- Buy Components with Army
 - Common S&A, battery, detonators
- New Fuze
 - Low Cost Air Warfare Fuze
- New Requirements



Issue #1: Batteries

- In the last few years, DOD has lost significant manufacturing and design ability to make batteries for gun fired munitions
 - Reduction in the last 10-15 years
 - Govt battery R&D personnel: approx 90% loss
 - Contractor companies: from 15 to 3
- □ The government has not maintained the expertise
- The contractors can not maintain the expertise
- No fundamental R&D conducted in the last 10 years in liquid reserve technology
- Applied chemical engineering has been conducted in a limited way on select programs with very limited success
 - Based on 15-20 year old technology



Impact to Navy Programs

JMPSIB-IPT

- Dahlgren is the Navy's lead on the Joint Service IPT
- □ MK 419 MFF Battery
 - MK 44 Lead-chemistry battery unproducible within USA
 - No direct replacement
 - Lithium replacement program did not meet requirements
 - Investigating two European batteries
 - Lithium Chemistry
 - Lead Chemistry



EP, ATK, KDI have no success or limited experience in the cutting edge of power sources technology

- Major concern to ERGM program for both submunition programs
 - M234 SDF
 - EX 433 Prox Fuze



Objectives

- Current Navy Projectile Battery Requirements
 - ERGM
 - 2 System batteries (1 thermal reserve, 1 liquid reserve)
 - 72 Submunition batteries
 - MK 419 MFF
 - MK 418/MK 417 VT-RF
 - MK 404 VT-IR
 - EX 432 ET

- Future Naval Gun launched projectiles requiring a power source
 - GPS Rounds
 - Best Buy GPS, 100nmi
 - Badger GPS, Hypersonic projectile
 - MRO Mission Responsive Ordnance
 - AGS munitions



Issue #2: Submunitions

"On April 24, five children playing with colorful unexploded submunitions were reported killed, and two injured, near Doganovic in southern Kosovo." -Steve Goose, program director of Human Rights Watch's arms division as reported in the Washington Post, Saturday, June 19, 1999; Page A19

> "PRISTINA, Kosovo, May 22 -- One boy was killed and two other children were seriously wounded by a cluster bomb on Sunday..." -Carlotta Gall; published on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 in the New York Times

"Submunition weapons employment in Southwest Asia and Kosovo, and major theater war modeling, have revealed a significant unexploded ordnance (UXO) concern."

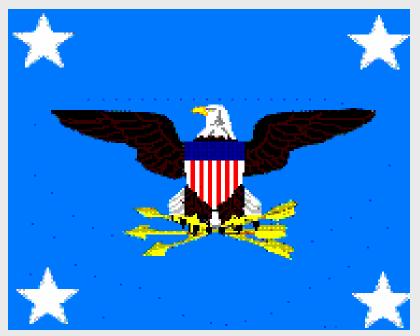
-William Cohen, former U.S. Secretary of Defense in a memorandum dated 10 January, 2001





SecDef Memorandum

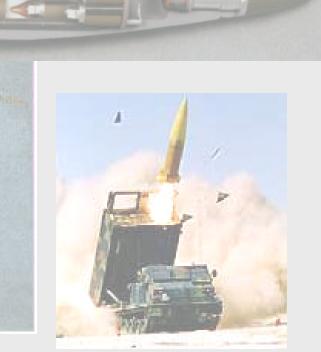
- "It is the policy of the DoD to reduce overall UXO...
- "...the desire is to field future submunitions with a 99% or higher functioning rate."
- Submunition functioning rates may be lower under operational conditions..."
- "Services may retain 'legacy' submunitions..."
- "Waivers to this policy...shall require approval by the JROC."





Navy Programs Affected

ERGM Cargo MRO MLRS (Marine Corps)





What's Next?

Community Consensus on meaning of memorandum

- "function"
- "rates may be lower under operational conditions"
- "waivers"
- Safe UXO vs. "function"
- Evaluate Alternatives
 - Technology Investments redundancy, miniaturization, reduced safety
 - Unitary Warheads need valid lethality models to make comparisons