



# RRAPDS

***A Joint AMCOM-AMRDEC & TACOM-ARDEC  
Science and Technology Objective (STO)***



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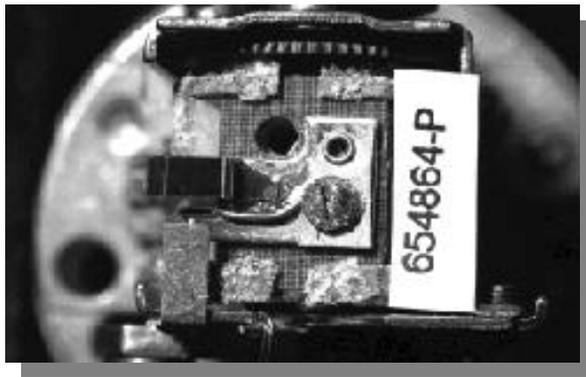
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# Health Monitoring Issues

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Army cannot remotely monitor condition of missiles/munitions. Lack of condition/health data has already proven to be very costly.



## TOW

- Over \$40M of TOW 2A Bosnia returns being restricted to training use only.
- Over \$21M expended to determine condition of 70,000 TOW Desert Storm returns.



## Conventional Ammo

- Continuous field monitoring will provide accurate history of what conditions ammo has been subjected to. For example:
- 2.75" Rockets – Monitor Temperature and Shock
  - Propellant – Temperature and Humidity
  - Tank Ammo – Temperature and Humidity
  - Mortars – Temperature, Humidity, and Shock



## PATRIOT

Moisture degradation in Patriot radome adhesives results in potential rework of 5000 Patriot Missiles (\$25,000 per msl).

**Current Missile and Ammo Surveillance is Reactive Instead of Proactive.**

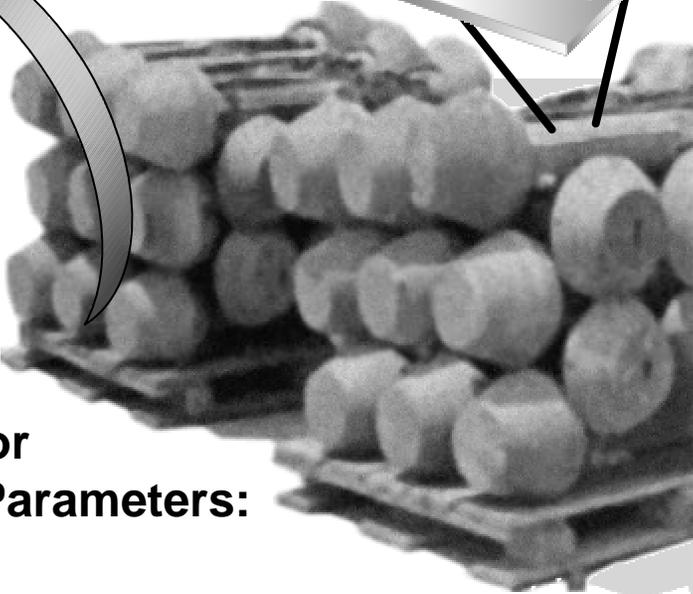
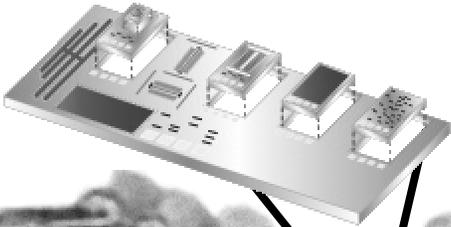
# What is RRAPDS?

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3-Year Army Science and Technology Objective

- Focus On:
- MEMS Sensors
  - Prognostics (i.e., Predict Failures)
  - Low Cost
  - Miniaturization
  - Extremely Low Power



Wireless Interrogator



Monitor Environmental Parameters:

Temperature

Chemical

Humidity

Vibration

STRAIN

Shock

STRESS

Others

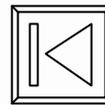
# RRAPDS Overview

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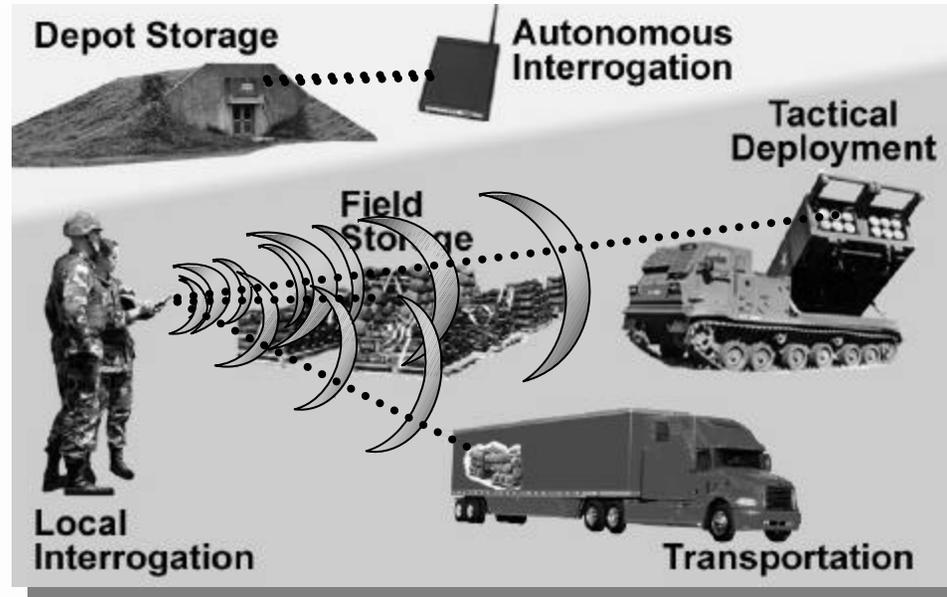
Solution: Autonomous, Low Cost Health Monitoring

## WARFIGHTER Needs



## TECHNOLOGY Required

- Integrated System to Monitor a Weapon's Health/Condition
- Advanced Prognostics/Diagnostics
- Real-Time Situational Awareness to Anticipate and Accurately Plan Maintenance Requirements
- Low Cost
- Transparent to the Warfighter



- MEMS-Based Sensors and Microchip Technology for Minimum Size and Power Consumption
- Intelligent Power Management for Long Periods of Maintenance-Free Operation

- Prognostics through Artificial Intelligence-Based Decision Tools and Failure Models

# RRAPDS Target Capabilities

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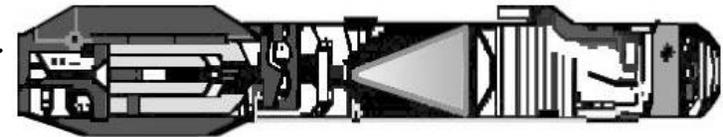
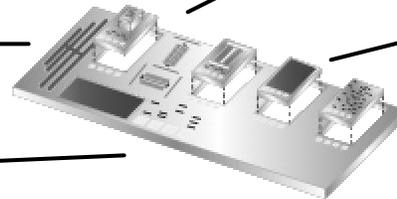


Internal Tube Mounted

OR

Embedded

Temperature  
Humidity  
Shock  
Vibration  
Chemical  
Others



Examples:

- Embedded Inside Propellant
- Distributed Temperature Sensors
- Embedded in Composite Materials
- Other Embedded Sensors

## RRAPDS Target Capabilities

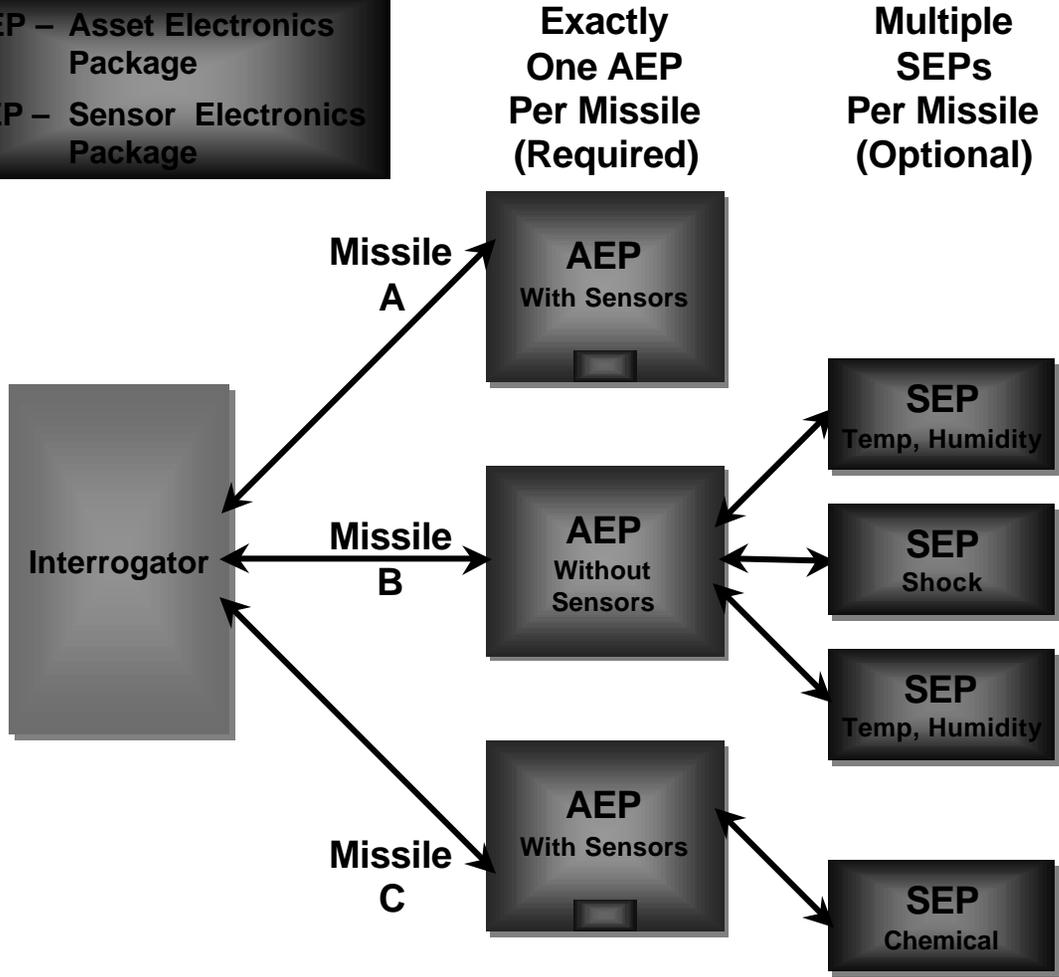
- Small Volume (<3 cu. in.)
- Fits Small, Tube-Launch Missiles (5.8 in. dia.)
- 10-Year Operating Life w/no Battery Replacement
- Maintenance Free
- Fixed or Mobile Wireless Interrogation
- Autonomous Data Collection w/Intelligent Sampling Scheme
- Stores 2 Years of Data
- Multiple Sensors Capability
- Low Cost (Target \$25/Unit)
- Ultra-Reliable
- Extreme Environments
  - -54 to +68 °C
  - 0 to 100% RH
  - Up to 50g Shock

# RRAPDS Modular Concept

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AEP – Asset Electronics Package  
SEP – Sensor Electronics Package



- Interrogator “Discovers” AEPs
- Does Not Need AEP ID in Advance
- AEPs May Include Sensors
- SEPs Are Transparent to Interrogator
- SEP Adds Additional Sensors
- SEP Variants Developed with Different Combinations of Sensors as Needed
- AEP Programmed with SEP IDs
- Interrogator Designed to Read Any Number and Type of Sensors

# RRAPDS Modular Communication Scheme

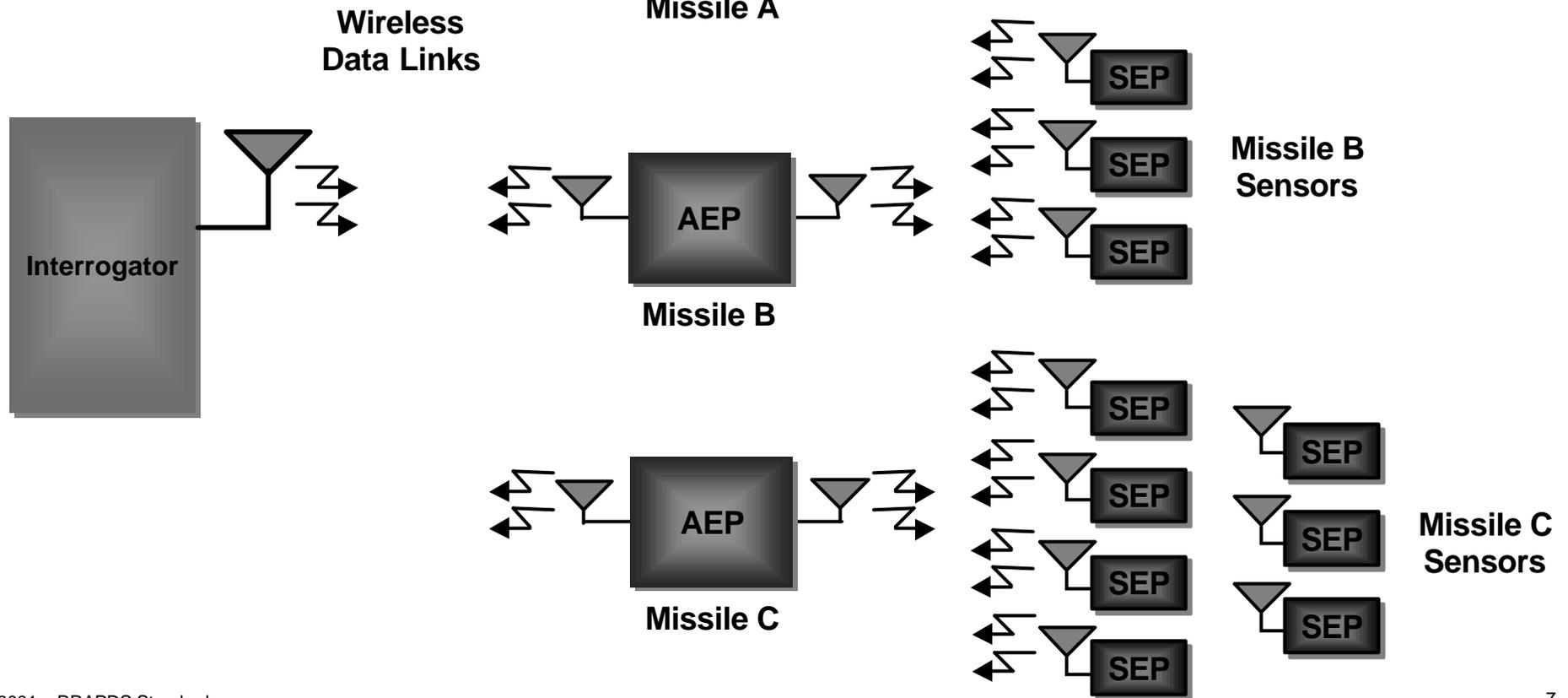
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AEP – Asset Electronics Package  
SEP – Sensor Electronics Package

Exactly  
One AEP Per Missile  
(Required)

Multiple SEPs  
Per Missile  
(Optional)















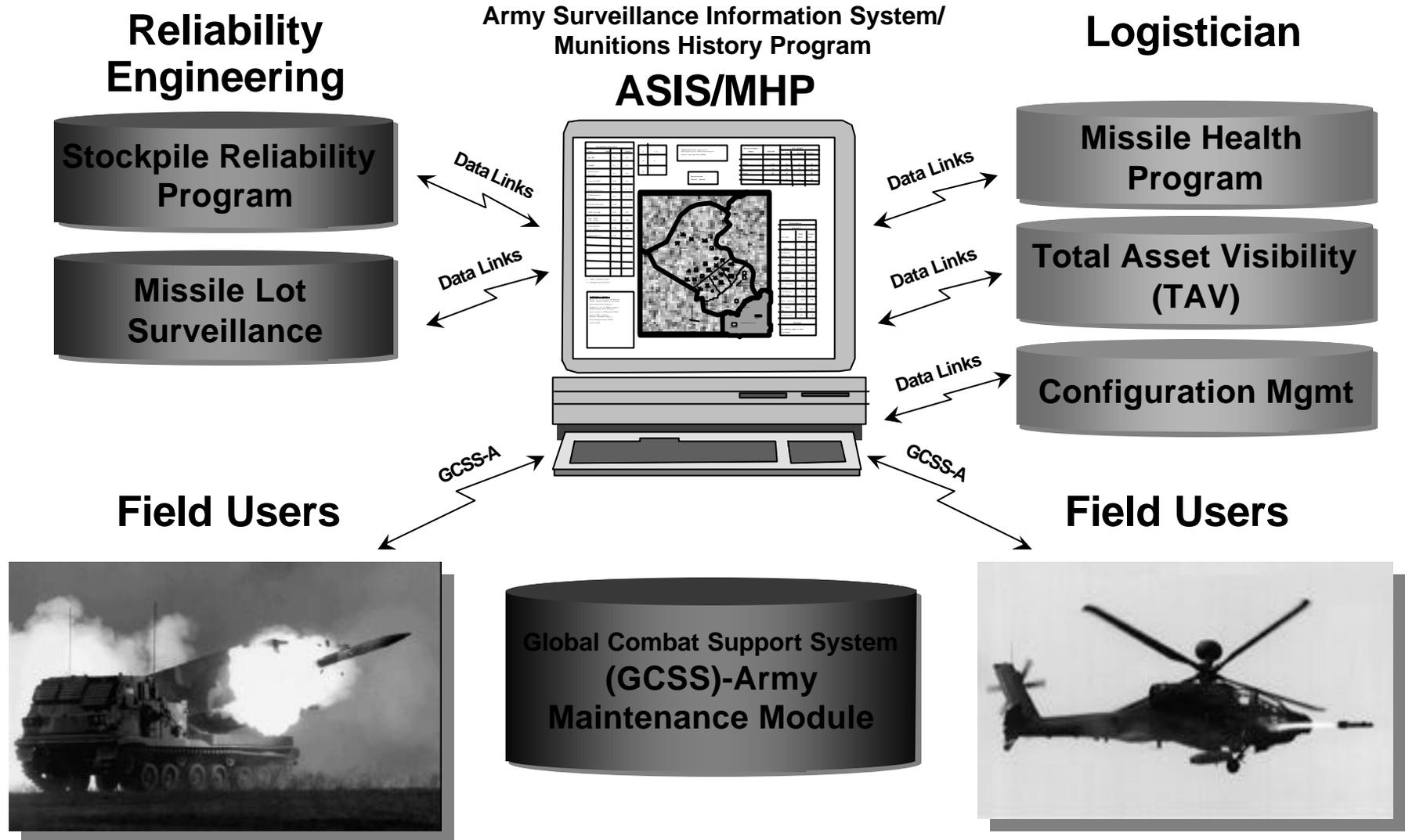






# RRAPDS User Applications

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# **Ammunition Surveillance Information System Munitions History Program (ASIS MHP)**

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**ASIS MHP Will Collect Munition Serviceability Data and Couple Advanced Query Capabilities with Worldwide Internet Data Access to Provide Inspectors, Engineers and Command Personnel Information Necessary to Facilitate Operational Efficiency, Tactical Readiness Decision Making and Engineering Assessment**

## **ASIS MHP will:**

- **Replace the Numerous Current Standalone Systems**
- **Provide Automation Capabilities that Eliminate Redundant Data Entry and Errors**
- **Standardize the Inspection Business Process**
- **Enhance Inspector Efficiency**

**ASIS MHP is a Tool That Collects and Maintains the Ammunition Inspection, Test and Visual Observations which Determine the Ammunition Condition and Issue Status**

## **There are 3 Primary Customers:**

- **HQ/Engineering Center – Facilitates Enhanced Analysis Through Integration of Lot Inspection History Data and Ammo Stockpile Reliability Program Test Results**
- **Command Level – Enables Strategic Decision-Making Through True Asset Condition Visibility**
- **Operation Level - Improves Asset Condition Data Input Accuracy and Efficiency**

**ASIS MHP is a DAC Surv Mod Team Effort Featuring the Collective Talents of Advanced Systems Concept Office (ASCO) Log R&D Activity, AMCOM, Automated Test Systems Team, Fire Support Armament Center at Picatinny, HQ, OSC and Defense Ammunition Center QASAS Surveillance Mod Team Members**

# RRAPDS Technology Emphases

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- **Characterize Critical Materials**
  - **Model Failure in PEMs, Solder Joints, Propellants and Adhesives**
- **Prognostics Algorithms**
- **Advanced Manufacturing/Packaging Technologies**
- **MEMS Sensors**
- **Advanced Communication Hardware/Protocols**
- **Advanced Dynamic Power Management Scheme**
- **Apply Technology**
  - **Near-Term Technology Transfer and Application to PATRIOT (GEM and PAC-3)**

# RRAPDS Technology Partners

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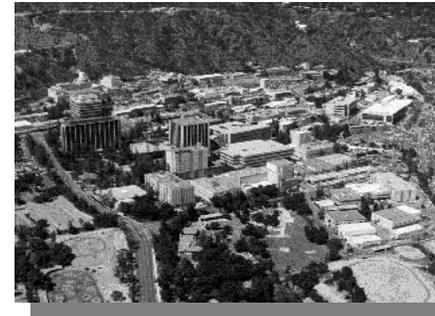
## DOE Sandia National Labs

- MEMS Sensors
- MEMS Reliability
- Failure Modeling (PEMS, Solder Joint, Propellants)
- TCG XIV



## Pacific Northwest National Lab

- Sensor Integration
- Prototype Development
- Communication Protocols



## NASA Jet Propulsion Lab

- Technology Assessment
- RRAPDS System Integration
- Demo Planning



## NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

- Adv System Design
- Sensor Development
- Leverage Shuttle and X-33 Health Mgmt Initiatives
- AMCOM-MSFC MOU

- AMRDEC - Electronics, Software, Sensors and Communications
- DARPA Phase II SBIR (Canopus) - MEMS Sensors on a Multi-Chip Module

- TACOM-ARDEC/USADALA – Two Phase I SBIRs Low Cost Means to Wirelessly Determine Temperature Inside an Object (e.g. propellant)
- MEMs IPT

- MANTECH/PMTEC Project
- RTTC (Redstone Arsenal) – PATRIOT Environmental Testbed
- Pursuing Technical Collaboration MOU with the Navy ATOS

# RRAPDS Critical Materials Characterization

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DOD/DOE MOU - TCG for  
Predictive Materials Aging and Reliability

## Objective

*Address Common Concerns Between the DoD and DOE Driven by Aging Stockpiles*

## Tasks

- Determine the Reliability of Solder Joints as a Function of Environment, Joint Geometry and Alloy Composition
- Develop a Fundamental Understanding of Chemistry Driving Materials Degradation in Plastic Encapsulated Microcircuits (PEMs)
- Develop Methodologies for Understanding Aging Processes in Energetic Materials
- Develop Fracture Mechanics-Based Models Describing Failure in Adhesives

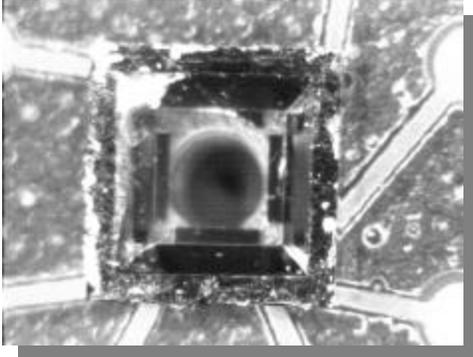


- DOE/DOD MOU Project with Sandia National Laboratory Initiated in 1996 under TCG XIV
- Long-Term Objective is to Develop Computational Models That Will Predict Critical Component Failures

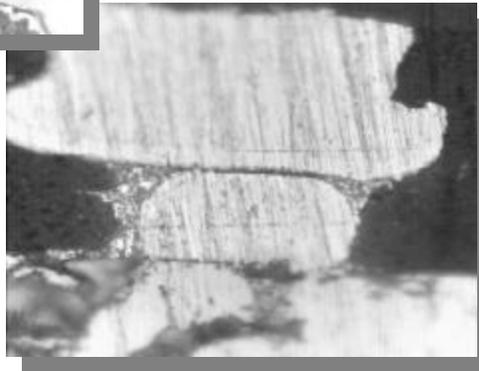
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## Advanced Manufacturing Techniques

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**Packaged  
Hygrometrix  
Test Die**



**Working with the Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing Center (PMTEC) to Develop Manufacturing Processes for Low-Power and Low-Cost RRAPDS Microsensor Suites**

### Objectives

- **Develop a Low-Cost Microsensor Packaging Using Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) Devices**
- **Develop Standardizable Processes for Integrating Packaged and Unpackaged MEMS**
- **Investigate Robustness and Survivability**

### Accomplishments

- **Developed Environmental Monitoring System Using COTS Devices from Analog Devices and Hygrometrix**
- **Designed Chip Carrier Packages for Hygrometrix Die. These Will be Integrated with Standard Surface Mount Packages and Electronics on FR4 PWBs**
- **Developed Chip Carrier Process and Packages for Hygrometrix Die**

# RRAPDS Applications

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## **PAC-2 GEM+**

- **Upgrade PAC-2 Missiles with Guidance Enhancements**
  - Initial Production Quantities Beginning in FY01
  - Production through FY09 for a Total of 1437 Missiles
  - Modifying SBIR Design to Qualify and Install in FY01

## **PAC-3**

- **New Air Defense Missile Technology**
  - Initial Production Quantities Beginning in FY01
  - Production through FY11 for a Total of 1052 Missiles
  - SBIR and DARPA Prototypes Potential Candidates for Application

## **Other Potential Applications:**

- **TOW Fire and Forget**
- **Conventional Munitions** – e.g. Tank Ammo, Mortars, 2.75" Rockets, Propellant
- **THAAD**
- **GBI**

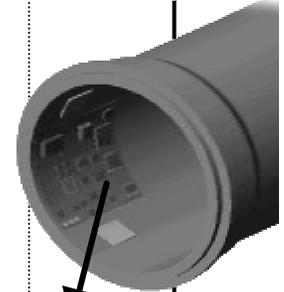
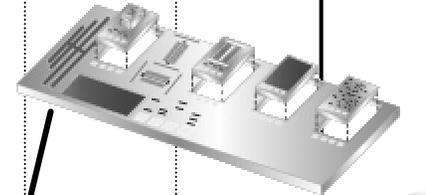
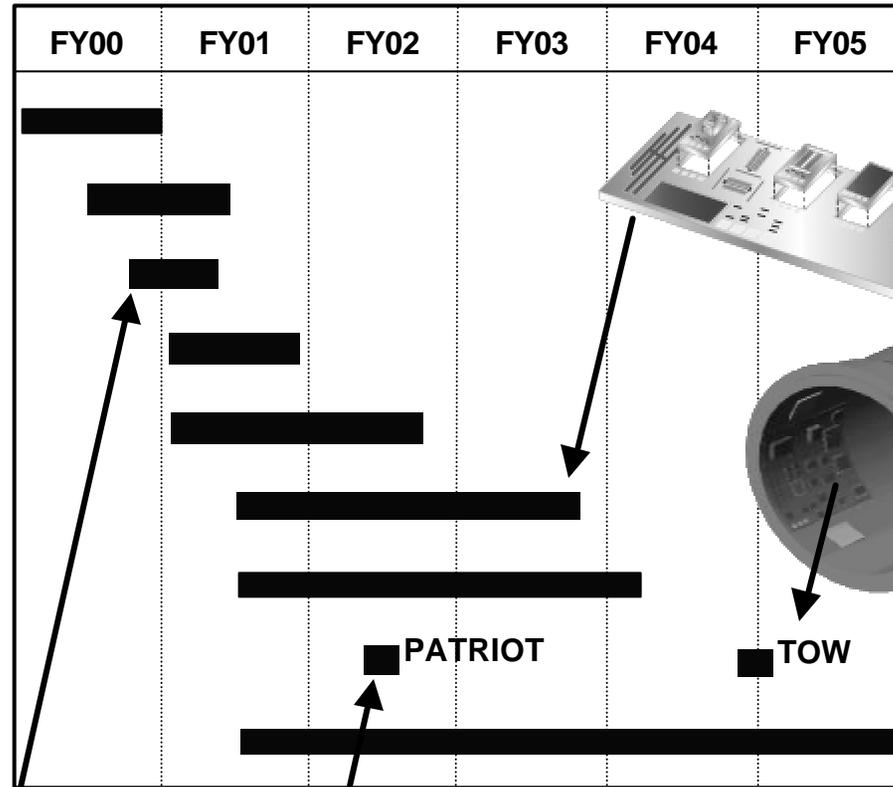


# RRAPDS Schedule

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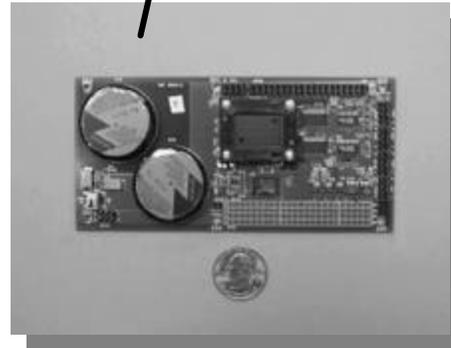


- Sensor/Component Selection
- Sensor Integration
- Initial Prototype Fabrication
- Initial Prototype Test & Evaluation
- Database Interfacing
- Advanced System Development
- Field Testing
- Tech Transfer to PMs
- Model Development & Incorporation



PATRIOT

TOW



# RRAPDS Benefits

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- **Identify Individual Missile/Munition Condition**
- **Sustainment of Legacy Systems for the Objective Force**
  - **Reduced Logistics Tail**
  - **Increased Confidence in Basic Load – Enhanced Readiness**
  - **Reduced Transportation Cost of “Poor Health” Assets**
- **Enhance Approved Systems for the Objective Force**
  - **Mission Ultra-Reliability & Improve Readiness**
  - **Lighter, More Lethal Load**
  - **O&S Cost Savings by Eliminating Recertification Requirements**
- **Support Stockpile Reliability Programs**

**I Know That My Missiles/Munitions  
Will Work When Needed!**

# RRAPDS Status

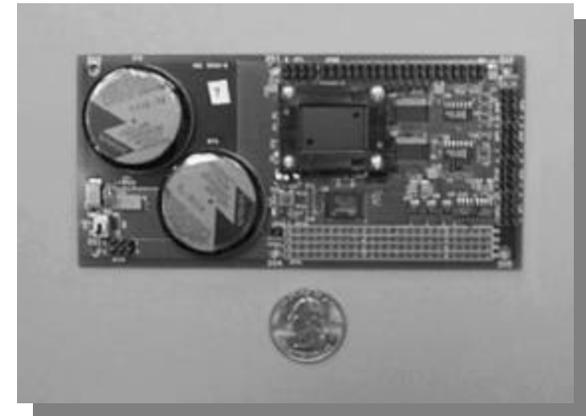
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- **Prototype Devices Fabricated and Tested**
- **Handheld Interrogator Prototype Complete**
- **Integration with ASIS/MHP Established**
- **Initial Communication Protocol/Command Set Defined**
- **Manufacturing/Packaging Effort in Progress**
- **Integrated MEMS Sensors Being Developed**
- **Prognostics Models in Early Development**



Prototype Devices



# RRAPDS Summary

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- **Advanced Health Monitoring Needed for Missiles and Munitions**
- **Low-Cost, Autonomous Health Monitoring System Solution**
- **RRAPDS Initial Prototypes Developed**
- **PM Applications in Progress;  
More on the Horizon**
- **Supports Missile Stockpile Reliability Program**
- **Reduced O&S Costs and Reduced Logistics Tail**
- **Lighter, More Lethal Load for FCS**



**RRAPDS Assures the Warfighter High Reliability  
Missiles and Munitions When Needed**