

# Roll Control Guided Mortar (RCGM)

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# Overview

- The Roll Control Guided Mortar leverages GD-OTS' patented Roll Control Fixed Canards (RCFC) and SAASM GPS to provide a low cost guidance solution to standard issue mortar warheads
- GD-OTS' Guided Mortars Initiatives
  - 81mm RCGM – Demonstrated on UK L41 mortar, available for M821 and other variants
  - 120mm RCGM - Available for XM395/M934
  - 81mm Air Dropped Mortar - for UAS and other air delivery platforms



81mm and 120mm RCGM



81mm Air Drop Mortar

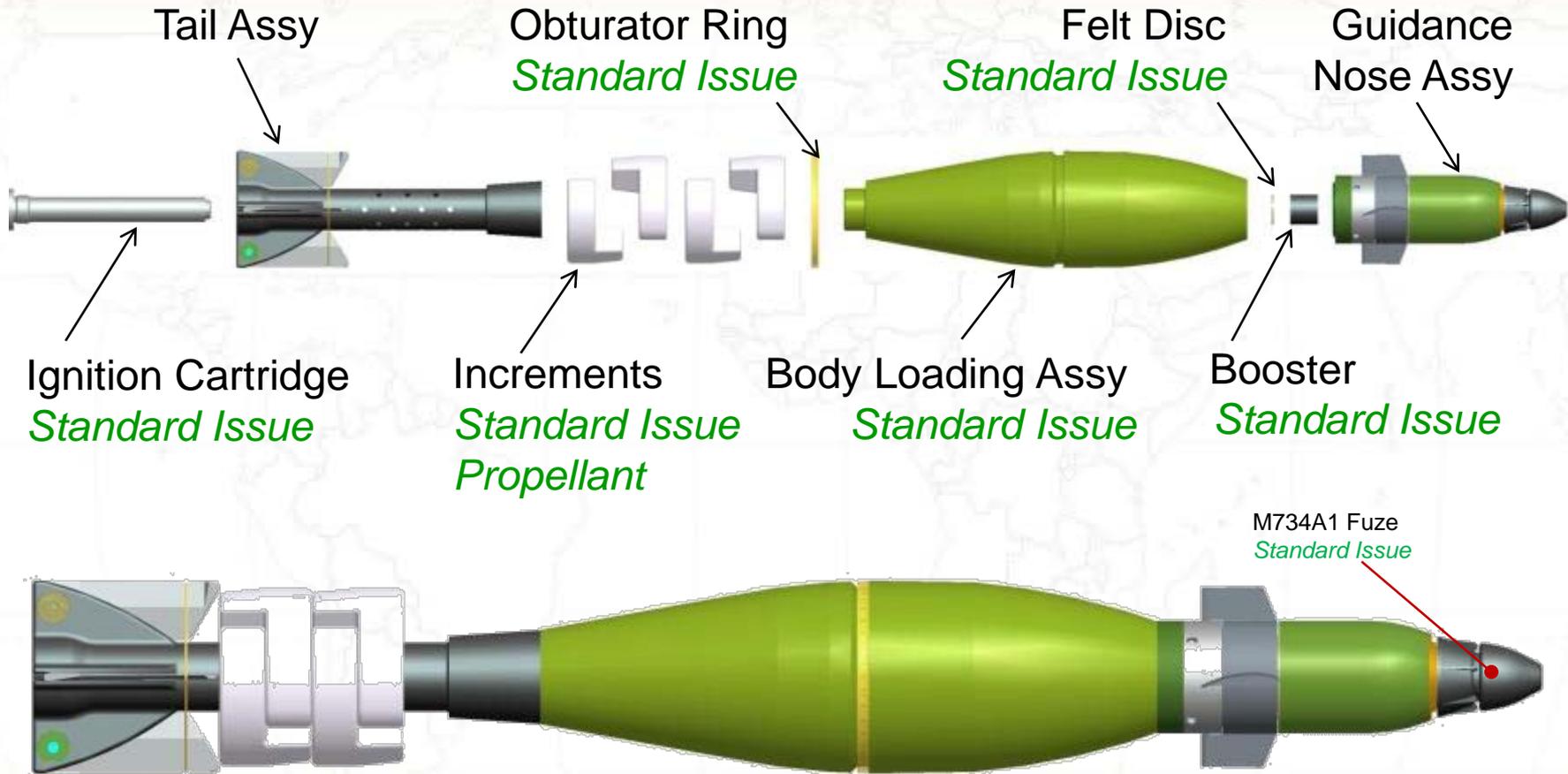


# Design Approach

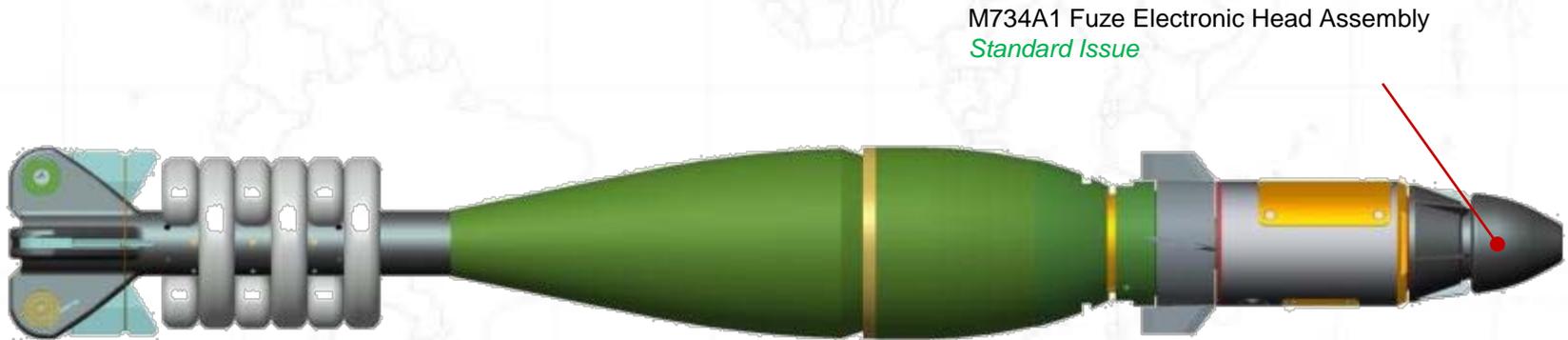
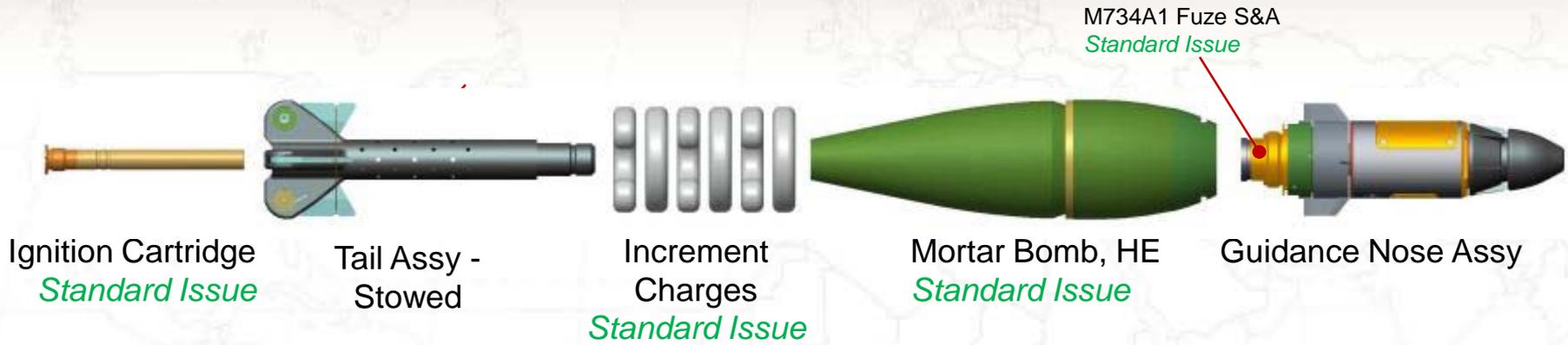
- Warhead – Standard Issue
- M734A1 fuze – Standard Issue
  - No changes to fuze modes
  - No changes to Safe and Arm
  - No changes to Ignition Train
- Guidance, Navigation and Control
  - Simple Design: 2 boards, batteries, antenna and RCFC control module
  - Low Power System
  - Autopilot software
- Patented Roll Control Fixed Canards
  - Significantly cheaper than Control Actuation Systems
  - Roll Brake
  - Simple design, very few moving parts
  - Provides control authority to meet accuracy requirements
- Modified Tail
  - Super Caliber Folding Fins
  - Compatible with Existing Propulsion System



# 120mm RCGM Hardware Overview



# 81mm RCGM Hardware Overview

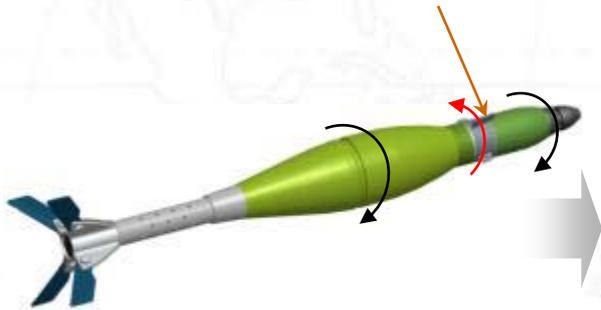


UK L41 Mortar Variant Shown



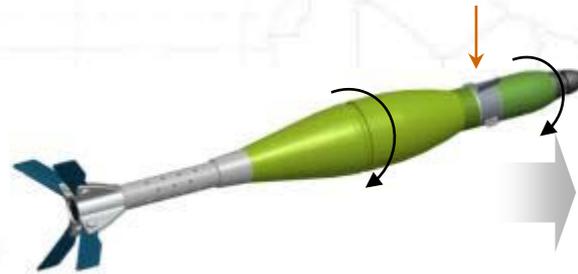
# Roll Control Fixed Canards (RCFC) Concept of Operations

*Strakes counter-rotate control module at lower frequency than mortar*

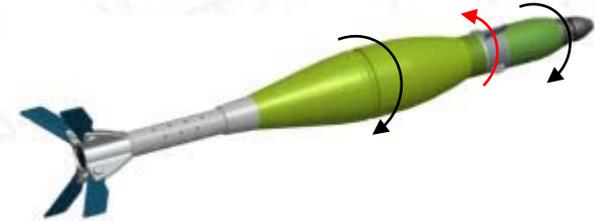


- 1** During flight, entire mortar spins resulting in a neutral guidance mode

*Roll Brake locks control module in position during control maneuver*



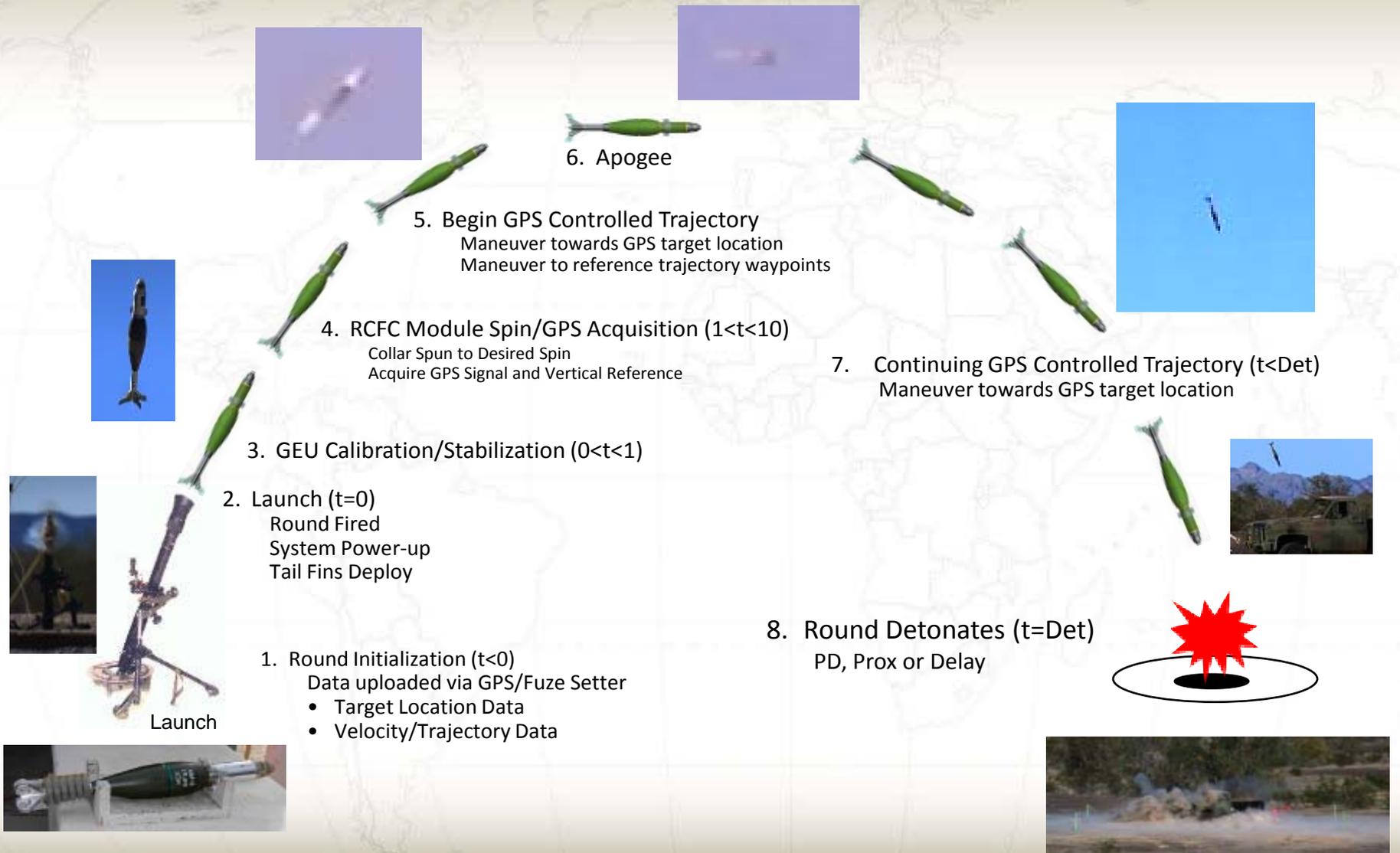
- 2** Control Maneuver; Roll Brake modulated to de-spin collar and orient canards to steer mortar



- 3** After desired flight correction, the Roll Brake re-establishes prescribed collar spin resulting in a neutral guidance mode.



# RCGM Flight Operations



# 81mm RCGM Guide to Target Tests at YPG Round Setting using EPIAFS System/Direct Connect

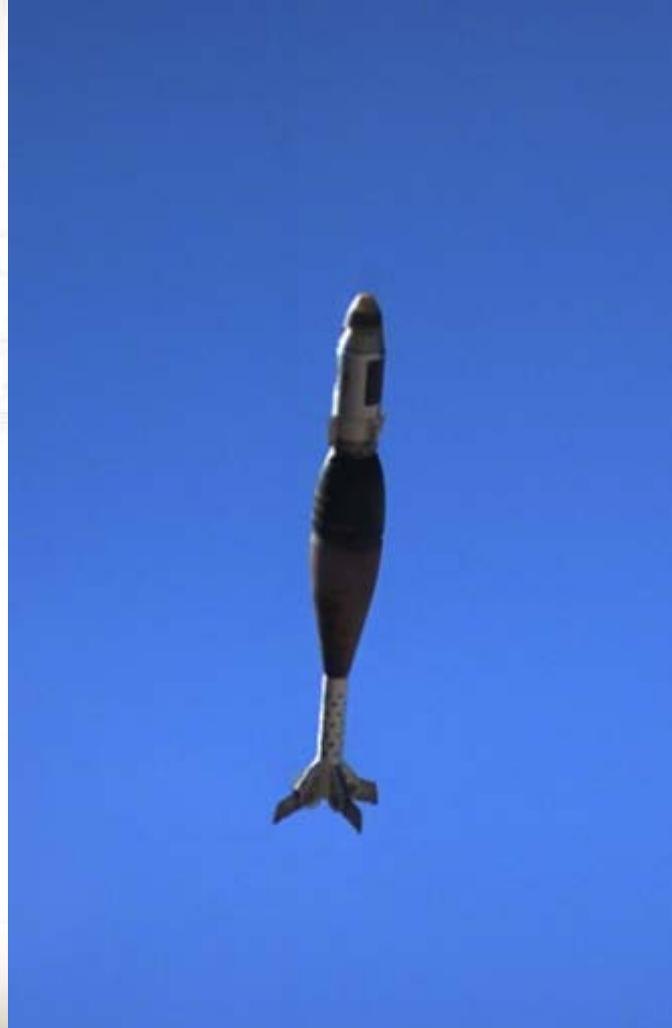


# 81mm RCGM Guide to Target Tests at YPG Propulsion System and Mortar Release Device Installation



# 81mm RCGM Guide to Target Tests at YPG

## Muzzle Exit and Fin Deployment



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## Target Impact at 3,700m – Point Detonation (Impact)



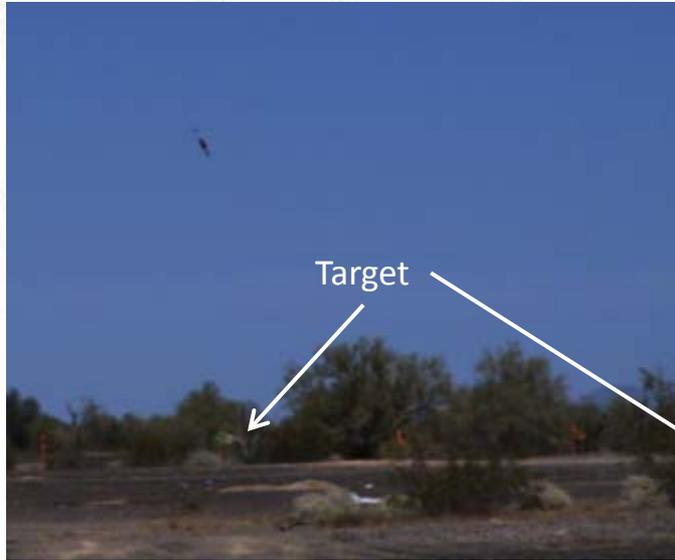
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## Target Impact at 980m – Time Delay



# 120mm RCGM Guide to Target Tests at YPG

## Target Impact at 5,000m – Proximity Mode



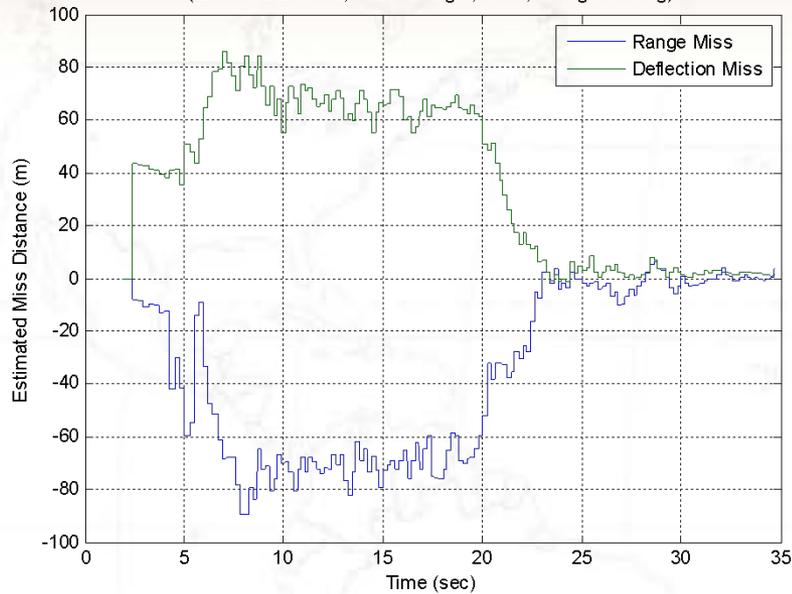
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## Target Impact at 980m – Point Detonation (Impact)

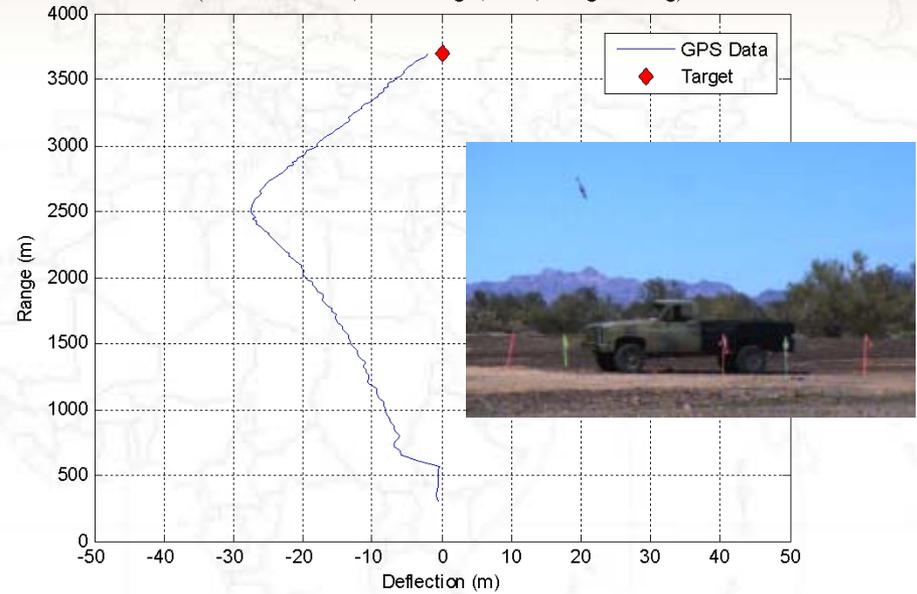


# RCGM Guide to Target Performance

81mm RCGM TDP Round Verification YPG GP-13A Flight Test Results  
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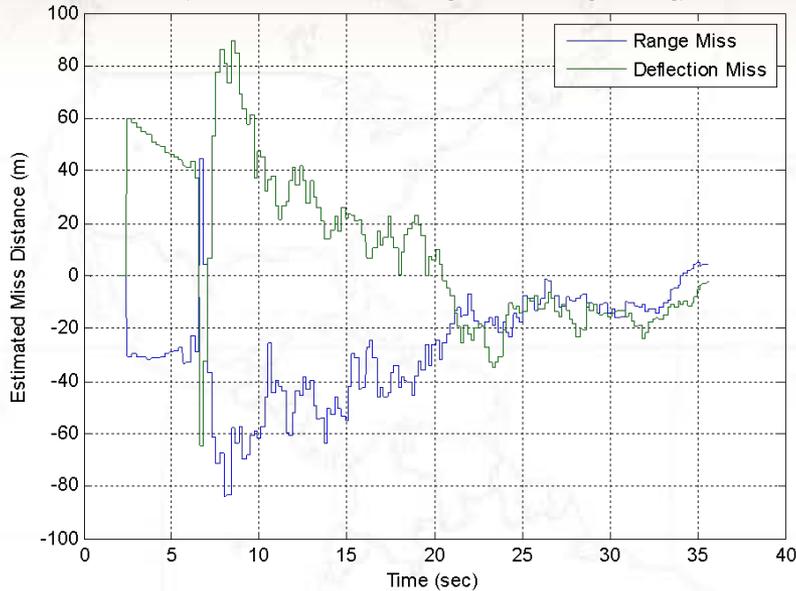


- Round successfully guided to within ~1.6m of the target, correcting for ~70m range miss and ~60m deflection miss.
- Point Detonation (Impact)

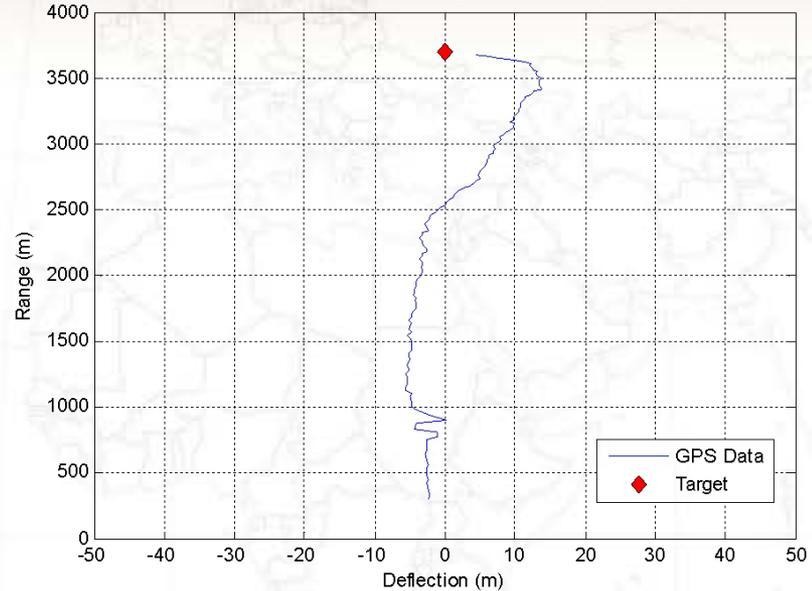


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- Round successfully guided to within ~5.2m of the target, correcting for ~40m range miss and ~15m deflection miss.
- Time Delay Detonation



# Summary

- GD-OTS's RCGM has been successfully demonstrated on both 81mm and 120mm Mortar platforms
  - Demonstrated end-to-end Guidance, Navigation and Control
  - Demonstrated Accuracy – Less than 10m median miss distance for both systems
  - Demonstrated Ignition Train
  - Demonstrated Performance across limited Environmental Tests\*
    - Temperature Cycling, Vibration and Drop Tests
- RCGM provides our soldiers mobile precision capability (mounted and dismounted).
- GPS target coordinates can be loaded on weapon in seconds using existing Portable Fuze Setter
  - Coordinates can be relayed by forward positioned recon unit or UAVs
- Similar operation as standard mortar including mortar tube and propulsion system
- One Shot – One Kill capability

\*: conducted on 120mm RCGM



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