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Scalable Technology for Adaptive Response
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Purpose:

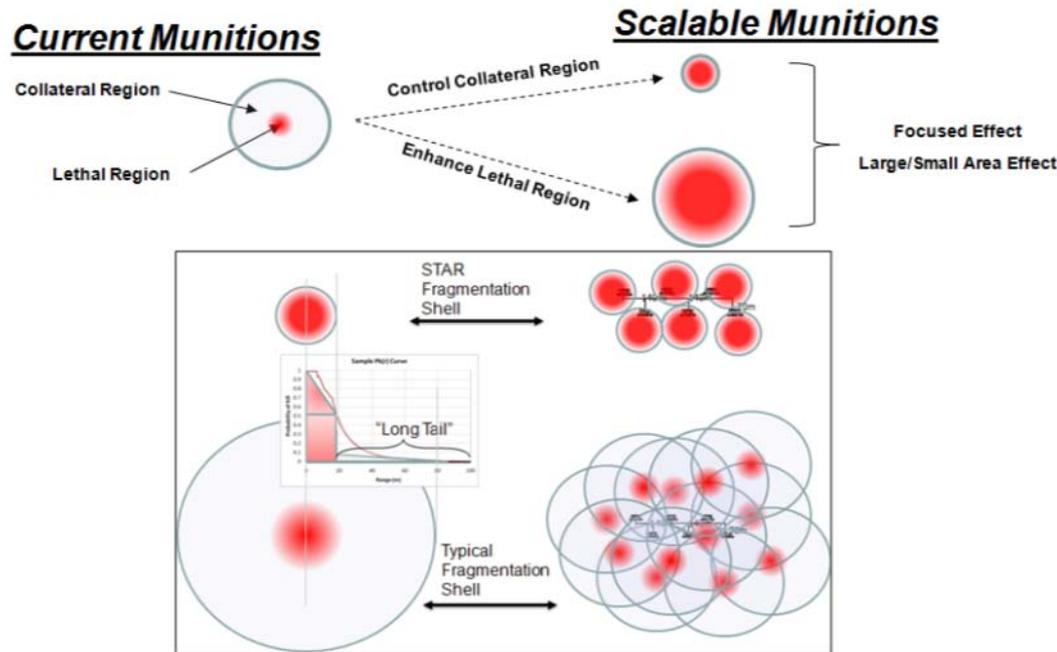
Provide capability for selectable, scalable & adaptive lethal effects against platforms and personnel while limiting collateral damage.

Approach:

Develop & integrate component technologies to increase lethality and (simultaneously) control collateral damage.

Demonstrate technologies in fully integrated munitions of varied size and application.

- 250mm GMLRS**
- 105mm/155mm Cannon Artillery**
- 30mm x 173mm Medium Cannon Caliber**

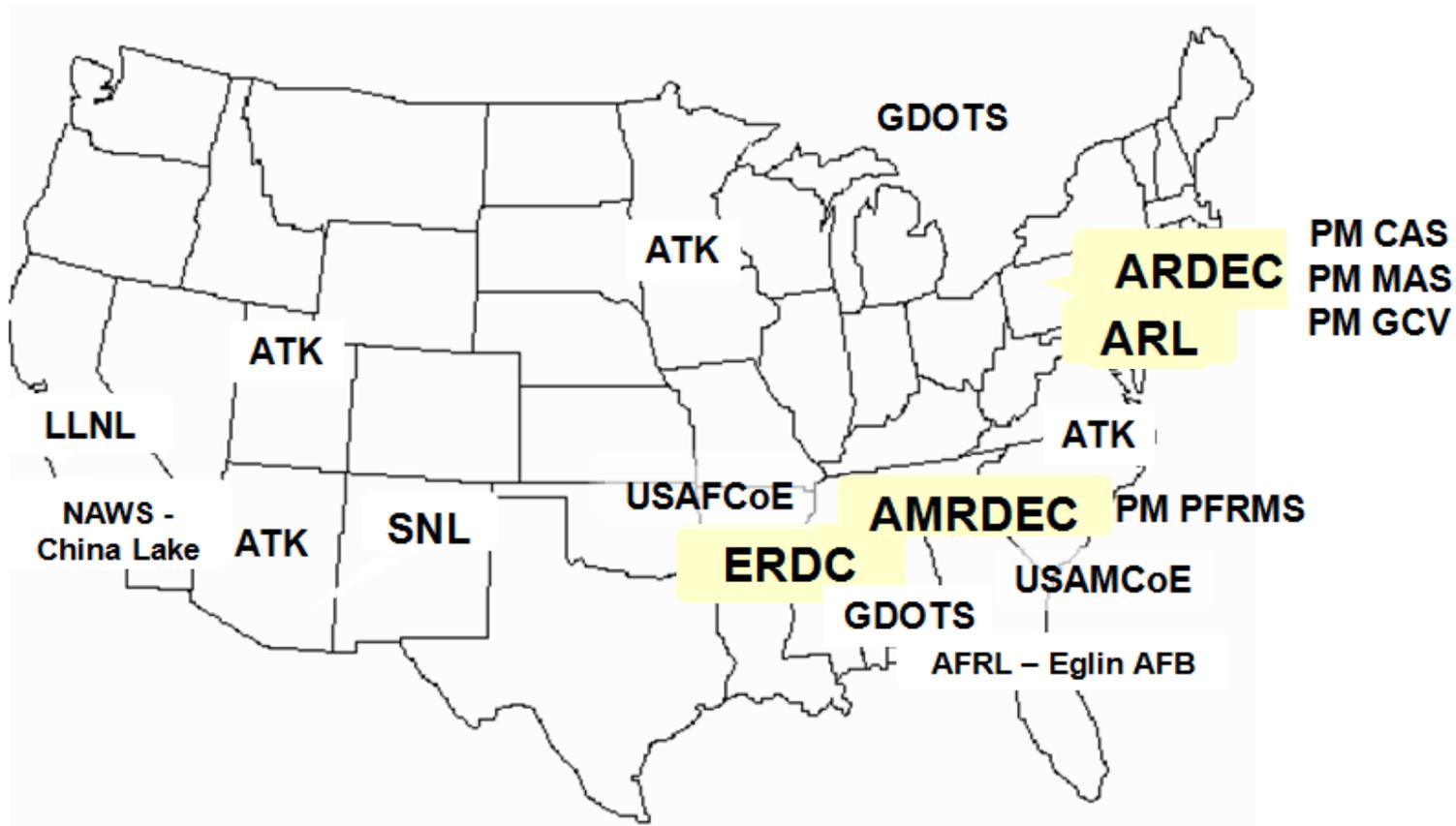


Provides Increased Effectiveness with Reduced Logistics

Technology Transitions:

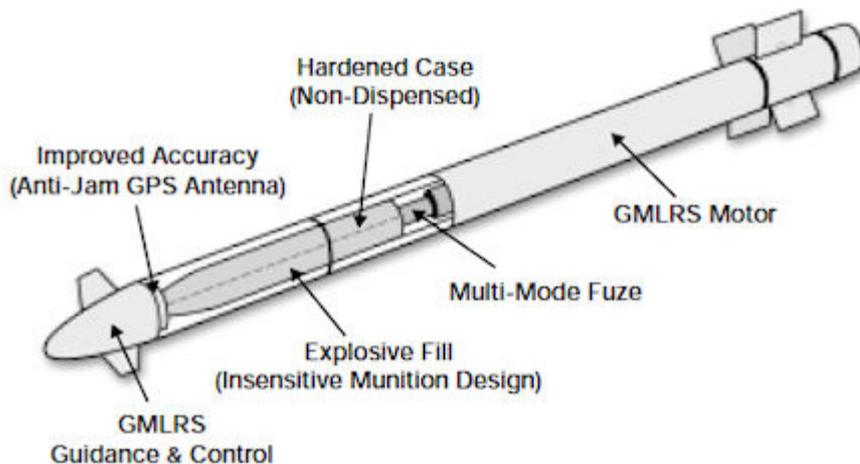
- PEO AMMO (PM CAS, PM MAS) – Artillery and Medium Caliber**
- PEO M&S (PM PFRMS) – GMLRS Unitary Alternative Warhead**
- PEO GCS (PM GCV) – Medium Cannon Caliber**

Integrated Product Team



Army Selectable Yield Unitary Warhead (ASYU) - GMLRS

- Unitary Warhead for GMLRS
- Scalable Multi-Mode Main Fill Explosive
“Deflagrate-to-Detonate”



- Integrated Flight Demos @ WSMR – August 2012 (PM PFRMS)

Full Scale Arena Testing- ASYU (250mm)

Detonation



Mixed Mode



Deflagration



Sled Track Testing- ASYU (250mm)

- Sled Track Test Target Defeat and Warhead Survivability
 - China Lake NAWC & Holloman AFB
- Sled Track Test Main Fill Explosive Survivability August 2012
- Integrated Flight Demos @ WSMR – August 2012 (PM PFRMS)

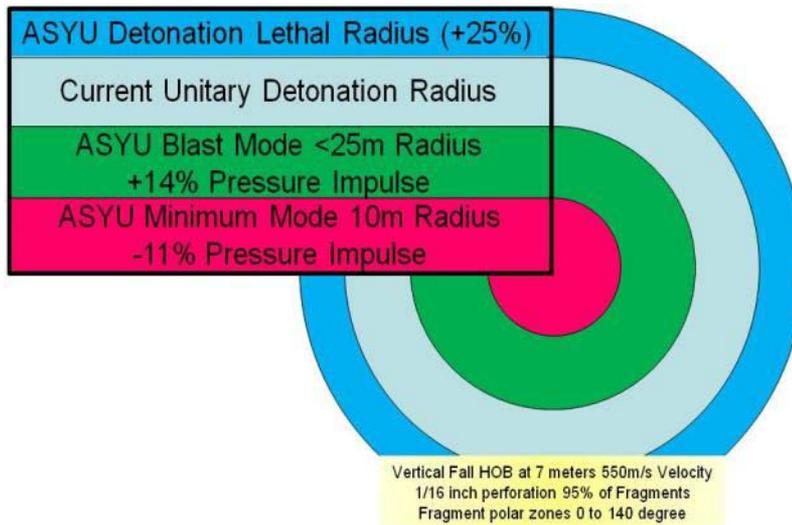




Army Selectable Yield Unitary Warhead (ASYU)



- *Better Fragmentation Radius*
- *Beamspray Fragment Weight Doubled*
- *Perforation Capability Tripled*
- *More Explosive Payload Than Today*
- *Minimum (Urban) Mode Without UXO*



ASYU
Mode Selection With Better Than Today's Lethality
Don't Give Up Anything



Lethal Against 99% of MOUT/RUS Targets

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105mm/155mm Cannon Artillery



Adaptive & Scalable Effects

Adaptive Effects Optimize Lethality

Scalable Lethality Controls Collateral Damage



Technologies Scale Up to Larger Calibers (i.e. 155mm) and Down to Smaller Calibers in Some Cases



Fuze & Power

- Advanced Proximity
- Guidance/Navigation Control
- Dual Output Electronic S&A Device
- EPIAFS Compatible Setter
- Thermal Battery

Unitary Warhead

- Selectable/Scalable Lethality
- Preformed/Adaptive Fragmentation
- Liners/Composites

Advanced Energetics

- Combined Effects/Multi-mode IM HE
- Dual Purpose Energetics/Rocket Assist

Advanced Propulsion

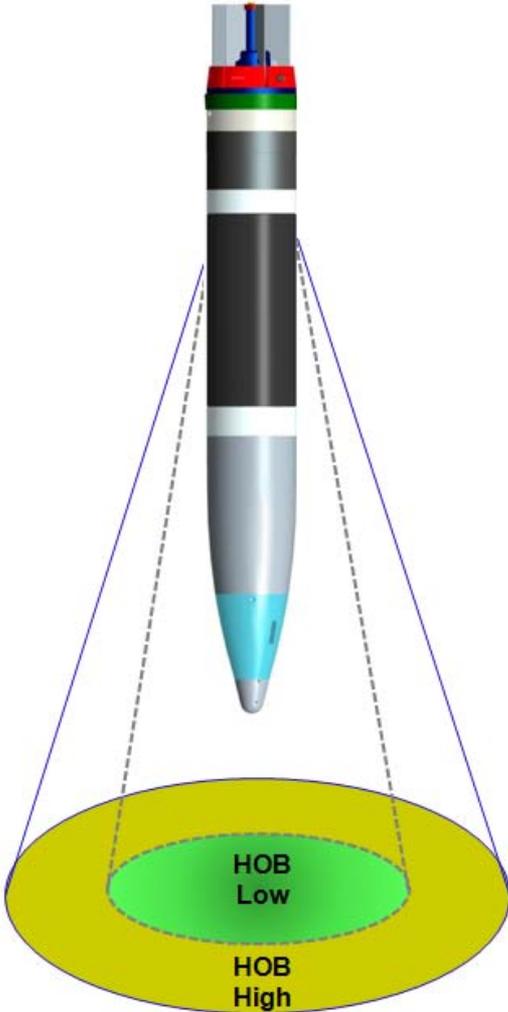
- Coated Propellant
- Ballistic Efficiency/Flat Temp Profile
- Increase MV/Range
- Cooler Flame Temp
- Deterrent Migration/Shelf Life/Cost

Demonstration Requirements

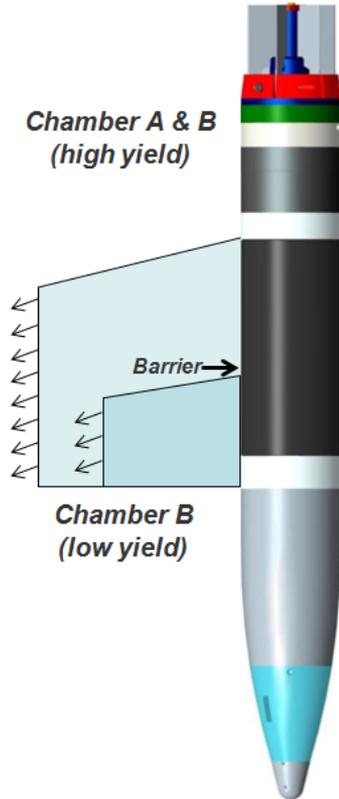
- Precision 105 CDD

Four Concepts Developed & Demonstrated

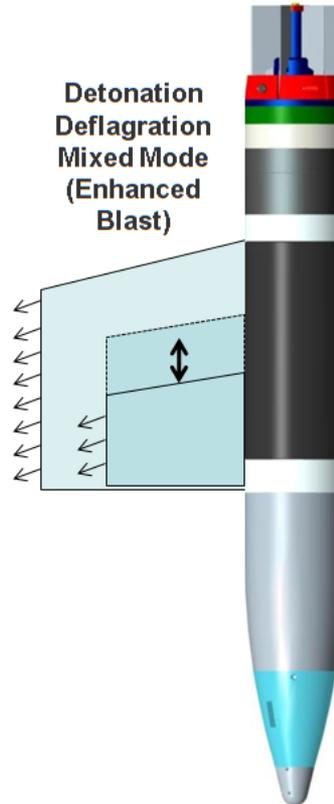
Composite
Pre-Formed Fragment



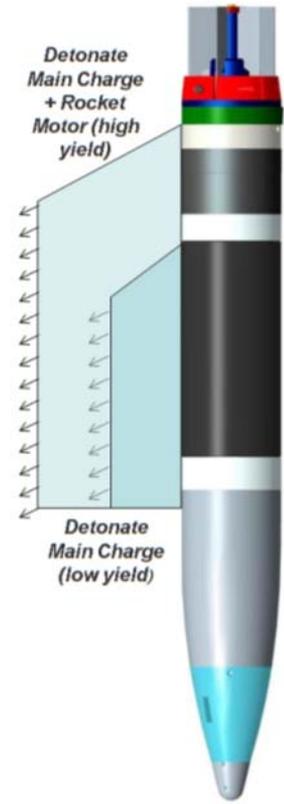
Compartmentalized



Deflagrate-to-Detonate

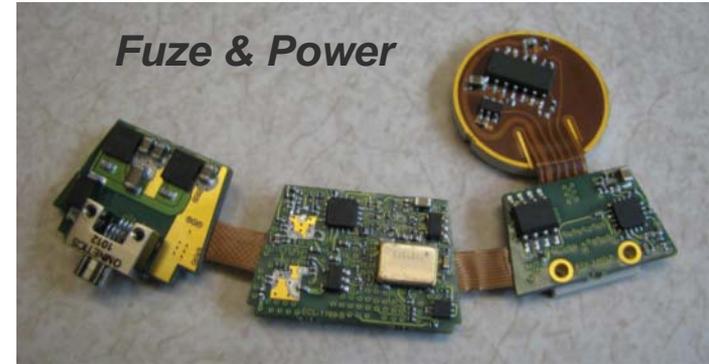


Dual Purpose
Energetic



**Controlled
Fragmentation
Liners & Sleeves**

**Selectable
Mechanisms**



Concurrent Efforts for Integrated Systems

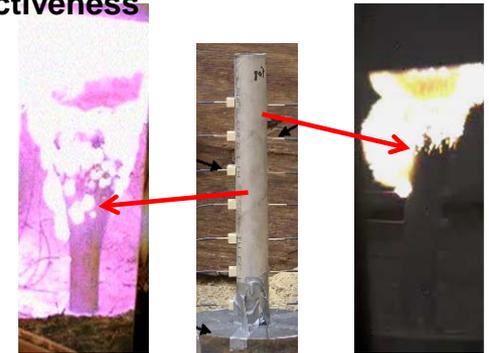
- Modeling & Simulation
- Virtual Integration
- Fragmentation Arena Tests
- Warhead Lethality/Collateral Damage Analysis/Effectiveness
 - IM
 - Interior Ballistics
 - Structural Survivability
 - Aeroballistics
 - Integration
 - Demonstration

Propulsion



Design Variable	Requirement	Achieved
Muzzle Velocity	500 m/s	525+ m/s
Max Operating Pressure	<53000 psi	36000 psi

Explosives



Velocity = 5.4 km/s

Velocity = 1.7 km/s



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Gun Tests

ARDEC Soft Catch Rail Gun



- Strength of Design
- Charge Establishment
- Ballistic Flight Tests
- Live Initiator Flight Tests
- Live Demonstrations

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* Fired from Facility Mount with M20 105mm Tube (M119 Howitzer Tube)

30mm x 173mm Medium Cannon Caliber

Improved Lethality & Effectiveness in Complex environments against targets in the open and behind cover & urban structures/walls.

Projectile Body

Hardened 4340 steel with modified chemistry to enhance toughness

PAX50 Explosive

Siliconized, RDX-based "Combined Effects Explosive" (CEX)



Base Fuze

- Three-Mode Fuze
 - Point Det'n (PD)
 - Point Det'n w/Delay (PDD)
 - Air Burst (AB)
- MEMS S&A
- Compact Electronics
- Magnetic & Piezoelectric Setback Generators

Tungsten Nosecone

Pre-formed tungsten pellets fragments in tungsten alloy matrix

Ceramic Windscreen

Near net-shaped ceramic

Tailored Progressivity Propellant

- Nitrochemie ECL (Extruded Composite Low-Vulnerability) Propellant
- Coated Propellants

➤ **MK44 Chain Gun**

DEMONSTRATIONS:

1. Air Burst
2. PD against double reinforced concrete (DRC) wall
3. PDD against Adobe
4. PDD against Framed Wall Construction
5. PDD & AB against a Commercial Passenger Vehicle



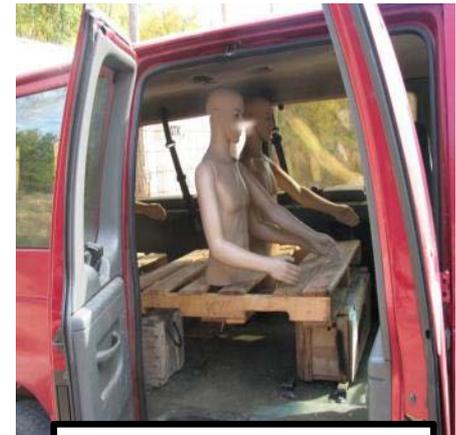
DRC



Adobe



Framed Wall Construction



Passenger Van

**30mm x 173mm
Medium Cannon Caliber**



STAR 30mm
Air Burst
27 July 2011



30mm x 173mm Medium Cannon Caliber



1 Shot PD, Entry Side, DRC



1 Shot PD, Exit Side, DRC

30mm x 173mm Medium Cannon Caliber



1st Shot PD, Exit Side, Concrete Block Wall



2nd Shot PD, Entry Side, Concrete Block Wall



2 Shots PD, Entry Side, Adobe



1 Shot PD, Entry Side, Hole in Adobe

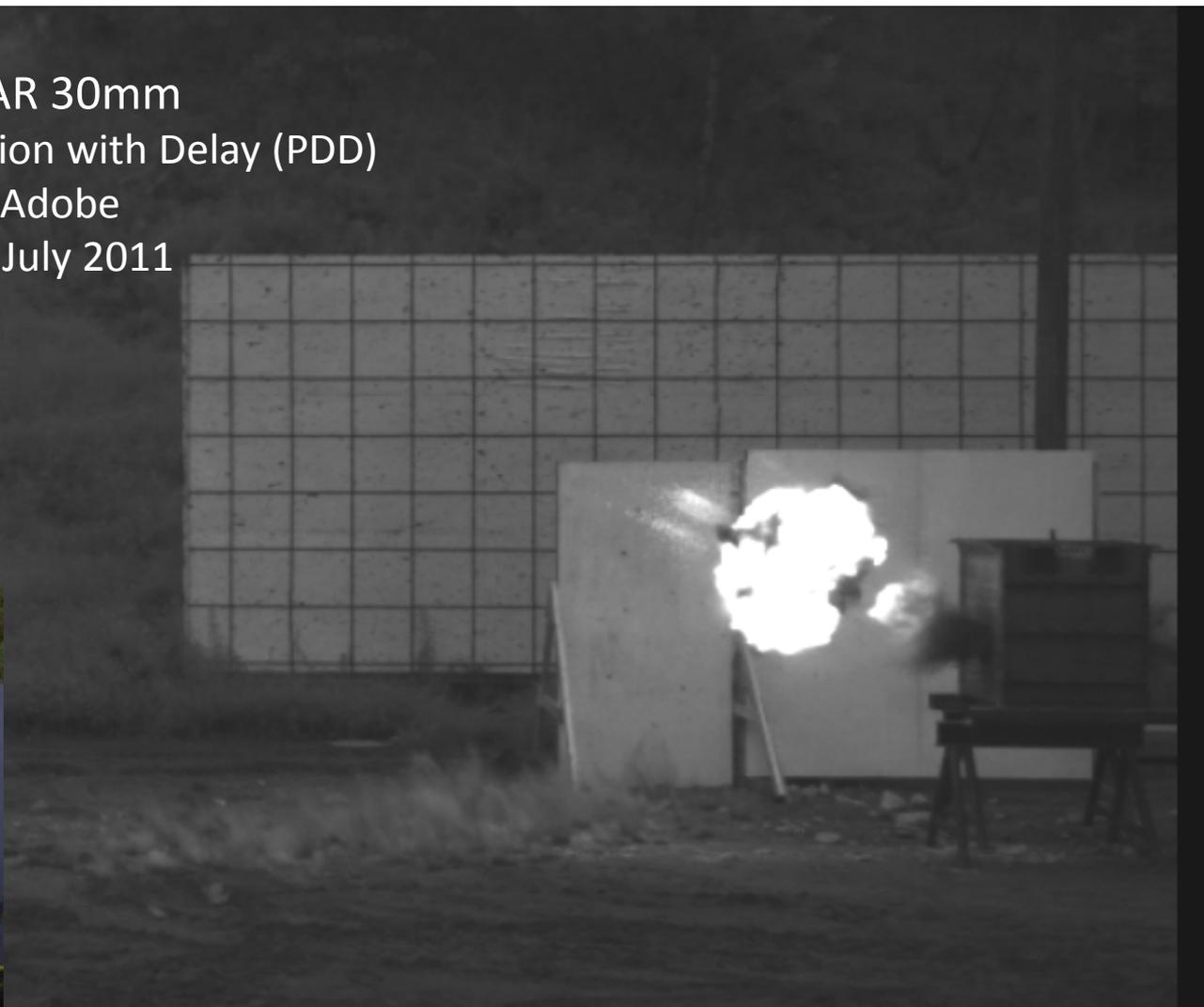
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30mm x 173mm Medium Cannon Caliber



STAR 30mm
Point Detonation with Delay (PDD)
Adobe
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**30mm x 173mm
Medium Cannon Caliber**

STAR 30mm
Point Detonation with Delay (PDD)
Framed Wall Construction
5 October 2011



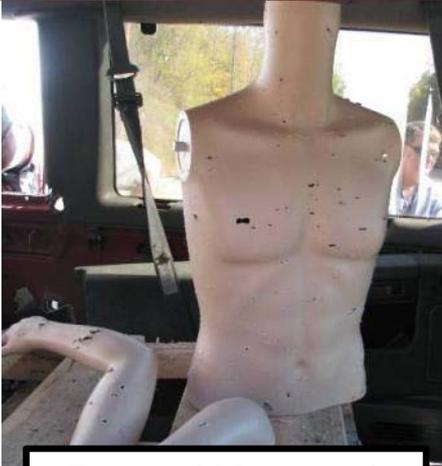
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PDD –Blast and Fragment Effects



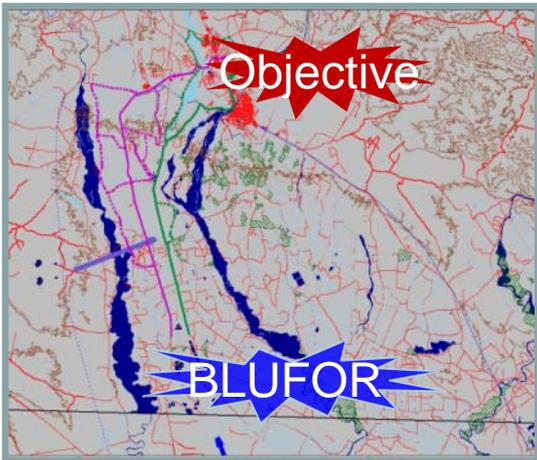
Fragged Mannequin



Fragment Pattern on Van Roof



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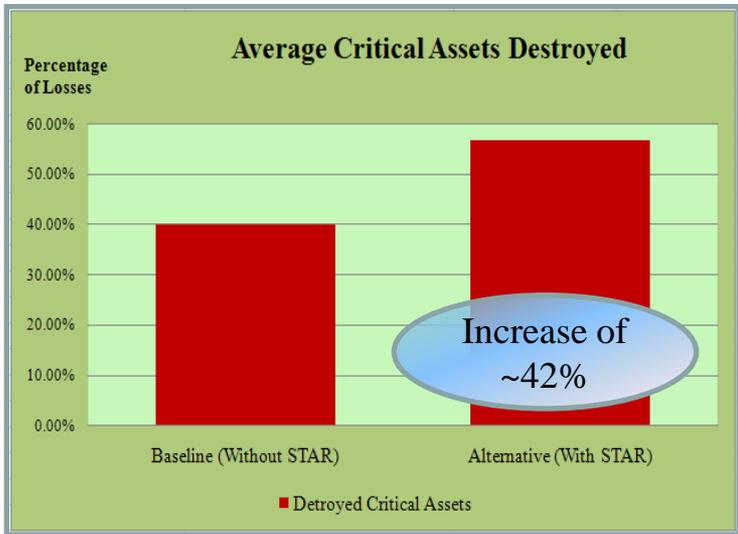


- **Force Level Effectiveness Analysis**
- **RDECOM Modeling Architecture for Technology, Research, and Experimentation (MATREX)**

- **Application to CAMEX**

85% Fewer Individual Combatant Losses
 17% Fewer Aircraft Losses
 6% Fewer Ground Platform Losses

154% More OPFOR Individual Combatant Losses
 34% More OPFOR Ground Platform Losses
 30% More OPFOR Air Defense Losses



- Scalable Lethality Enabled Engagement of Targets in Collateral Damage Sensitive Sites
 - Attacks on otherwise protected targets forced relocation of critical OPFOR assets and prevented OPFOR from returning fire
- Destruction of OPFOR Air Defense Systems Enabled BLUFOR Aircraft to Participate in Battle and Identify & Engage Targets

Scalable Lethality Benefits the Entire Force

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Conclusion



- ***Scalable Effects Technologies Demonstrated in Integrated Munition Systems for Medium Cannon Caliber, Cannon Artillery and Rocket Artillery to Improve Warfighter Effectiveness***
- ***Collaborative Effort included ARDEC, AMRDEC, ARL & ERDC (Army), NAWS-CL (Navy) & AFRL-EAFB (Air Force) and many Industry participants***
- ***Technologies, Government and Industry are Ready for EMD***



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