



# Advanced Light Armament for Combat Vehicles

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# *ALACV A/B Warhead*

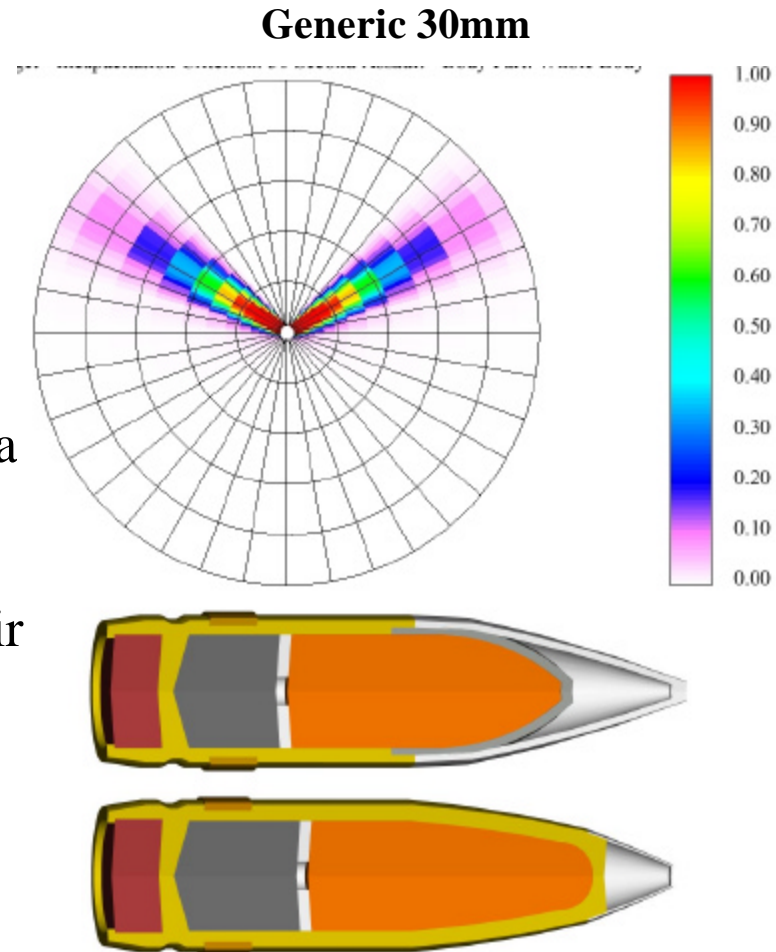
## *Baseline Design*



# STO Objectives - Exit Criteria

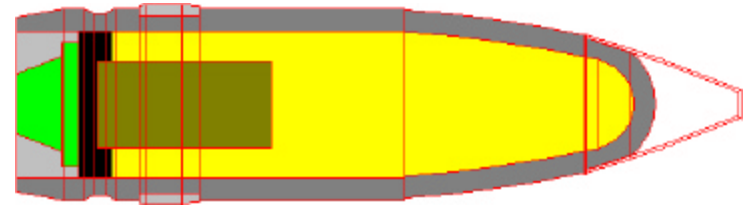
## Air Bursting Munitions

- Develop and demonstrate air bursting capability in a 40mm cannon system
  - Exit Criteria:
    - Achieve a 400% increase in lethal area over a baseline 30mm HEI/PD (PGU-13B) round
    - Air Burst within  $\pm 5$  meters of its set air burst point
    - Improve shape of lethal area over current "bat-winged" fragmentation plots



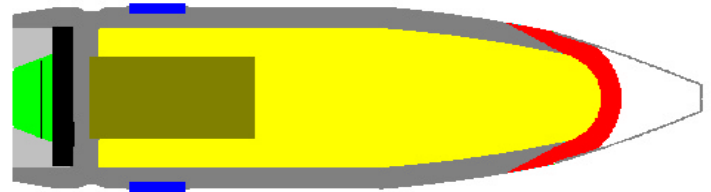
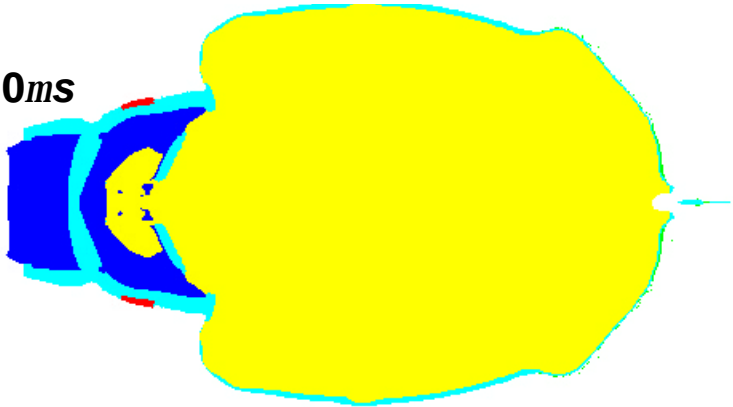
# ALACV A/B Warheads

$t=0ms$



Gen 2 – Reduced Fuze Volume

$t=30ms$



Gen 3 – Preformed Fragments

**Downselected Baseline  
(Gen 1)**

Provides forward Anti-Personnel and Anti-Materiel  
fragments (vehicle sensors, UAVs)

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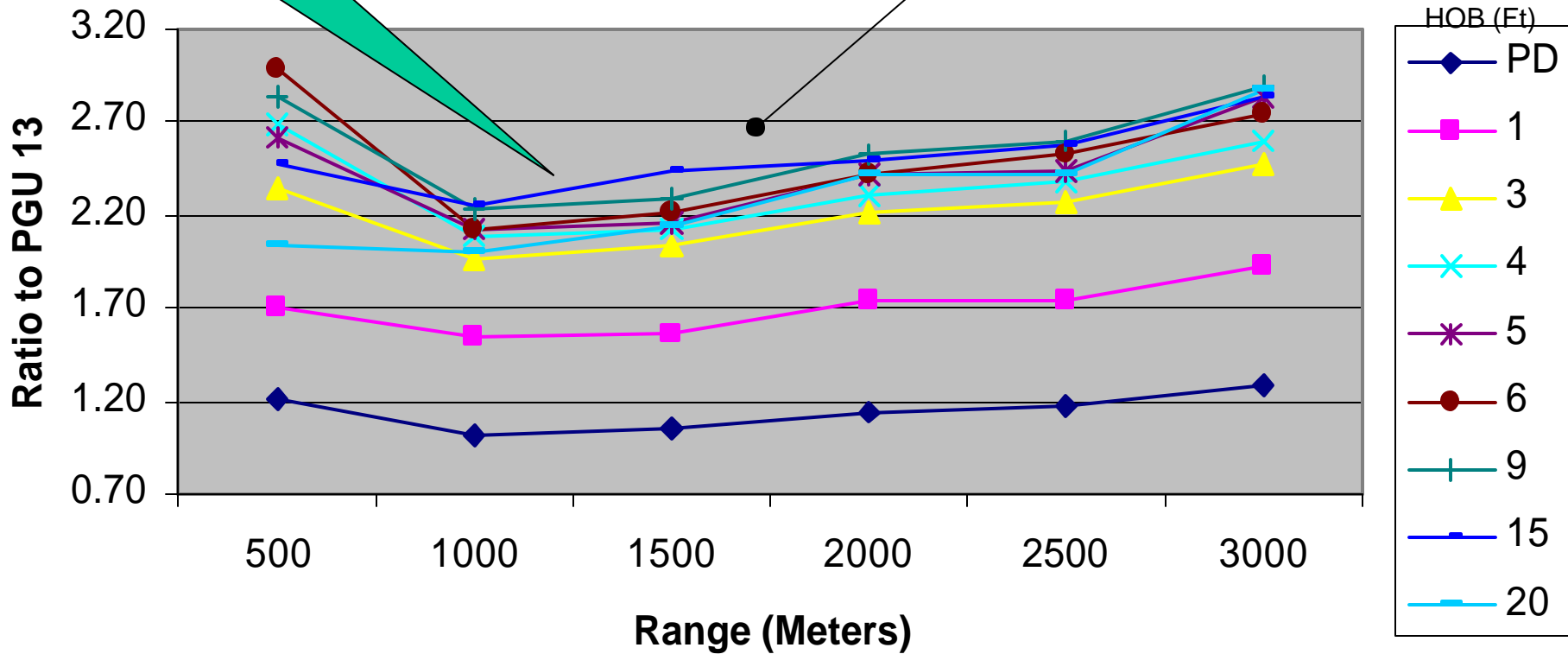
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# Baseline Design

2.5 of 4.0  
Goal

**Normalized Lethal Areas  
Prone- 30 Sec Assault**

Low HOB  
sensitivity 3 to  
20ft



# AMSAA Results

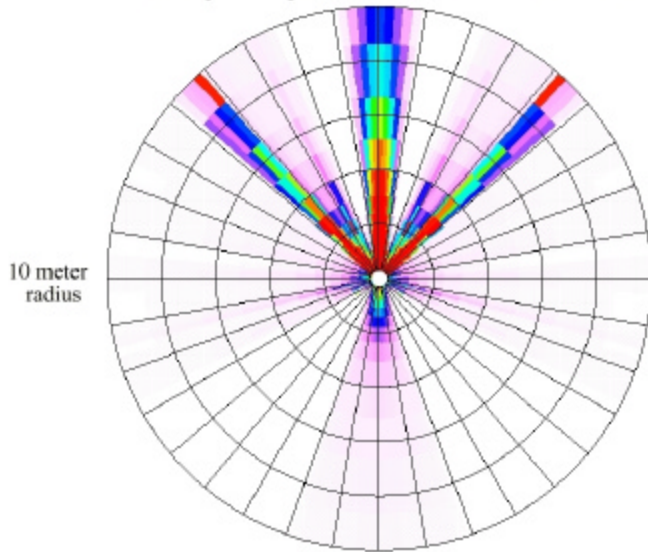
## 30mm PGU 13 and ALACV Baseline

### PROBABILITY OF INCAPACITATION GIVEN A BURST

Round C

Range: 1000 m Burst Height: 0.00 ft

Prone Target - Incapacitation Criterion: 30 Second Assault



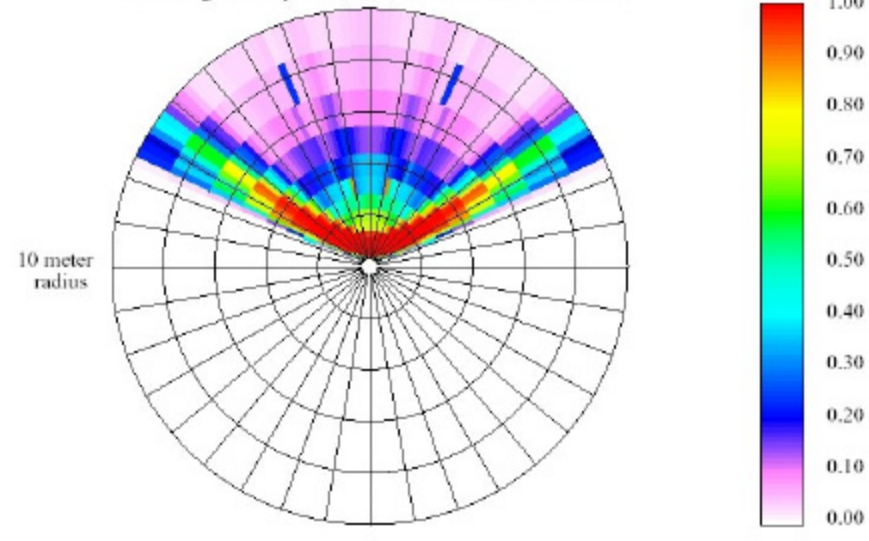
PGU-13

### PROBABILITY OF INCAPACITATION GIVEN A BURST

Round D

Range: 1000 m Burst Height: 4.00 ft

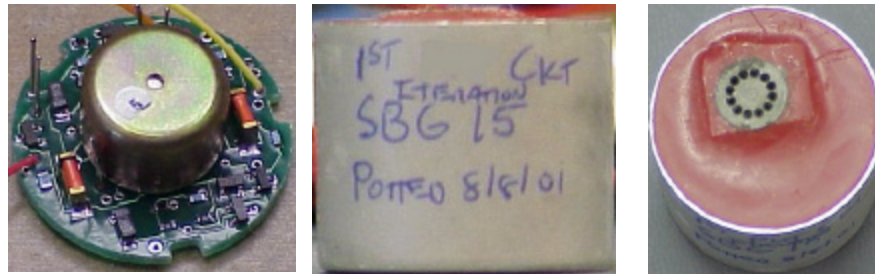
Prone Target - Incapacitation Criterion: 30 Second Assault



ALACV Baseline  
With rear fuze

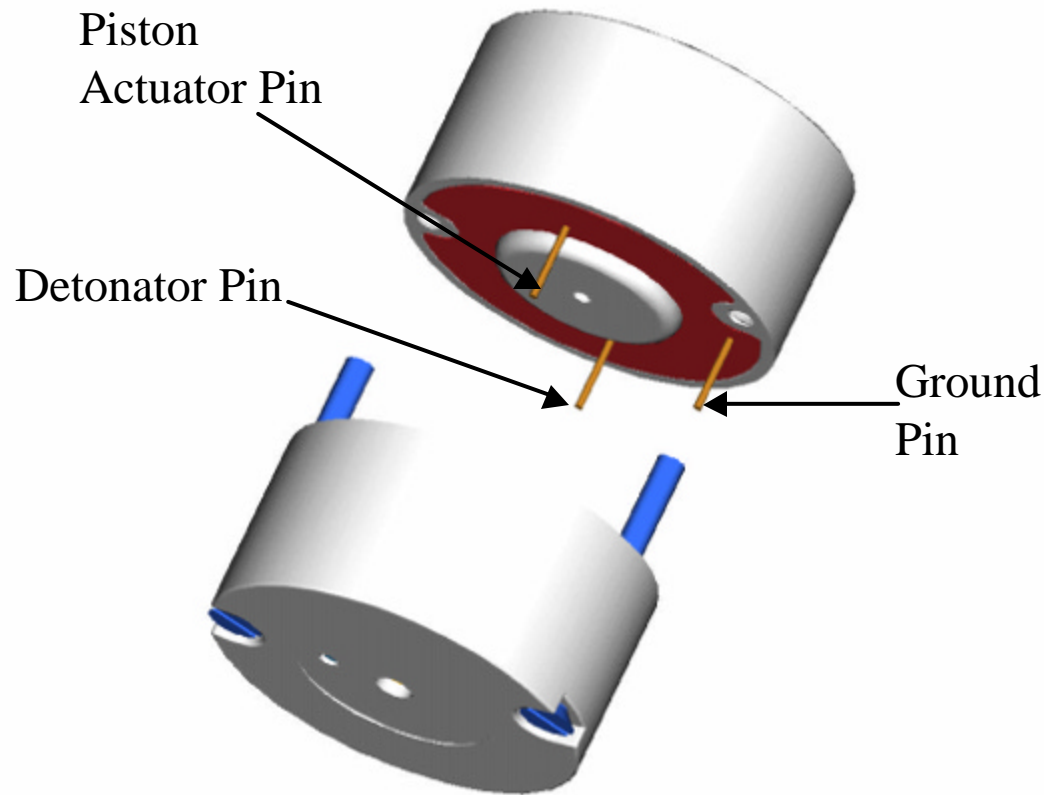
# *Demo Fuze Electronics*

- First prototype units have been fabricated
  - Currently undergoing laboratory testing
  - 5 units will be subjected to 100,000 g's in ARDEC 2 in. airgun
    - Testing for stability of components when subjected to high g shock
    - 1 unit tested to 96,000g's – circuit functioned!



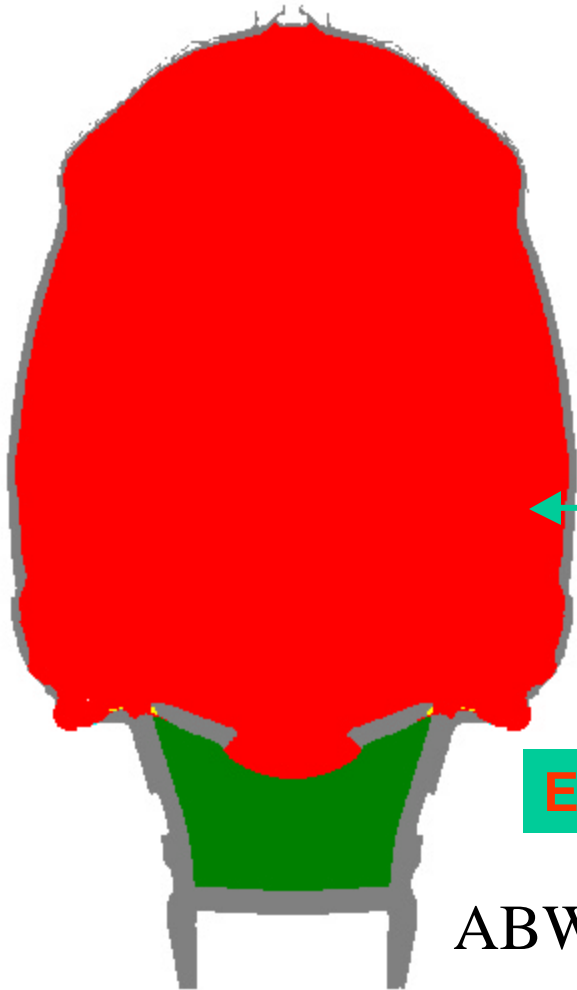
- Preliminary design for alternate timing circuit complete
  - Components being ordered
  - Will breadboard and lab test

# *ALACV Demo Fuze Electronic and Mechanical Subassemblies*



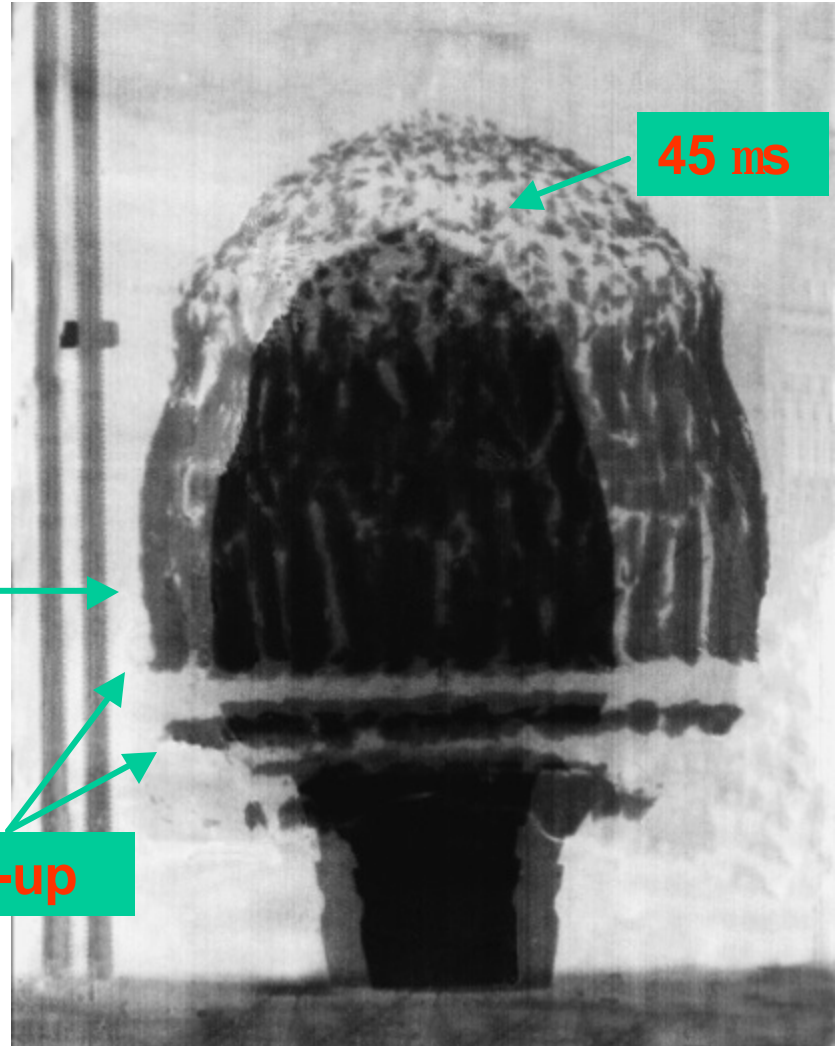


# ALACV Baseline Flash Radiography



27 ms

ABW 17

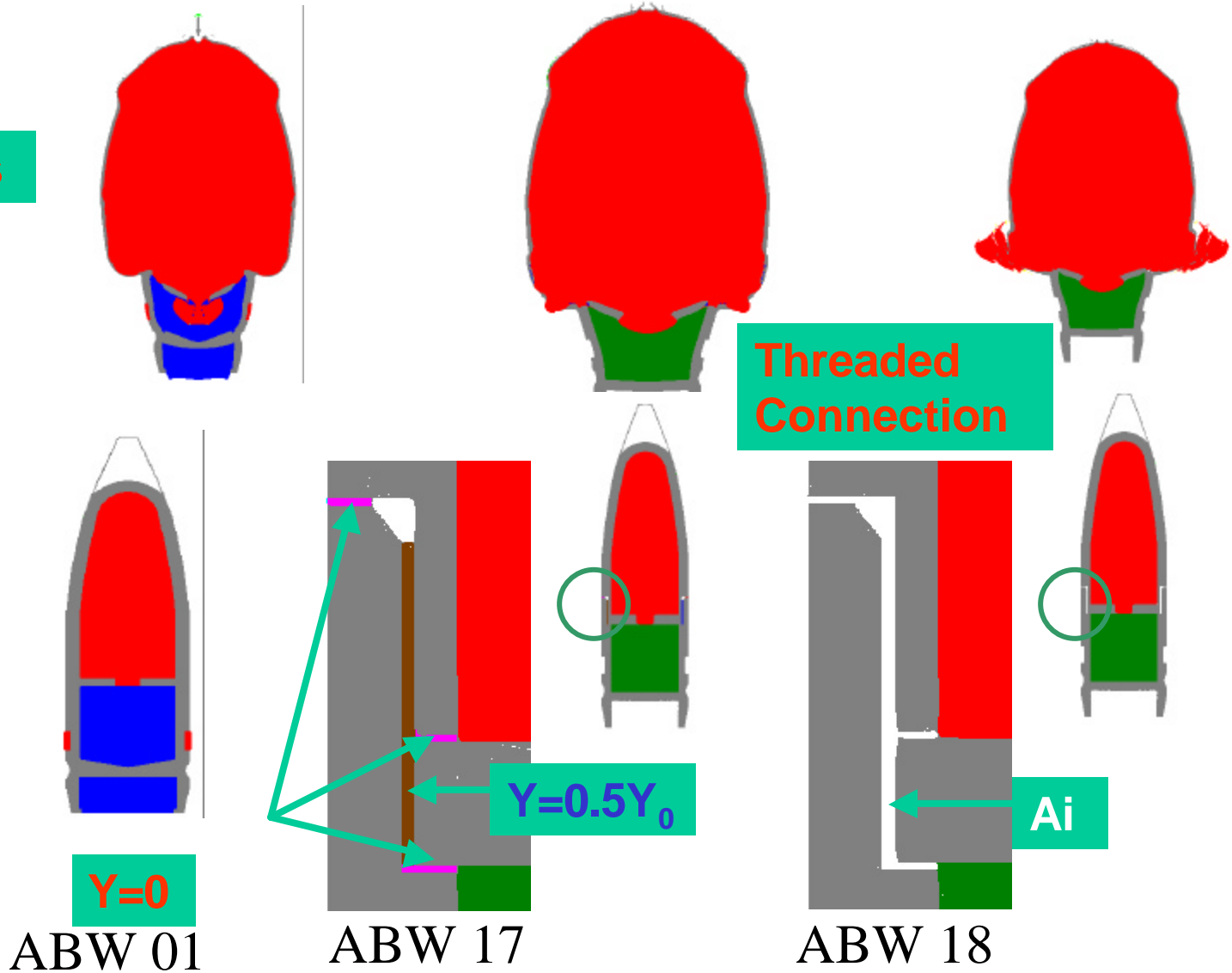


45 ms



Early break-up

# ALACV Baseline Modeling

27 ms



# Air Bursting Munitions Technologies

Technology	Notes	Available FY04?
<b>Warhead Technology</b>	<b>Primary Goal of STO.</b>	
<b>Launch Vehicle</b>	<b>Considers LW40 Configuration, other technologies directly applicable to more developed calibers.</b>	
<b>Fuze Technology</b>	<b>Working with industry partners to increase level of capability</b>	
<b>Weapon Integration</b>	<b>Working with industry partners to explore setting schemes</b>	
<b>Platform Integration</b>	<b>Need customer support / platform.</b>	
<b>Training Capability</b>	<b>Have concepts to address need</b>	

# DTO Objectives - Exit Criteria

## Advanced KE

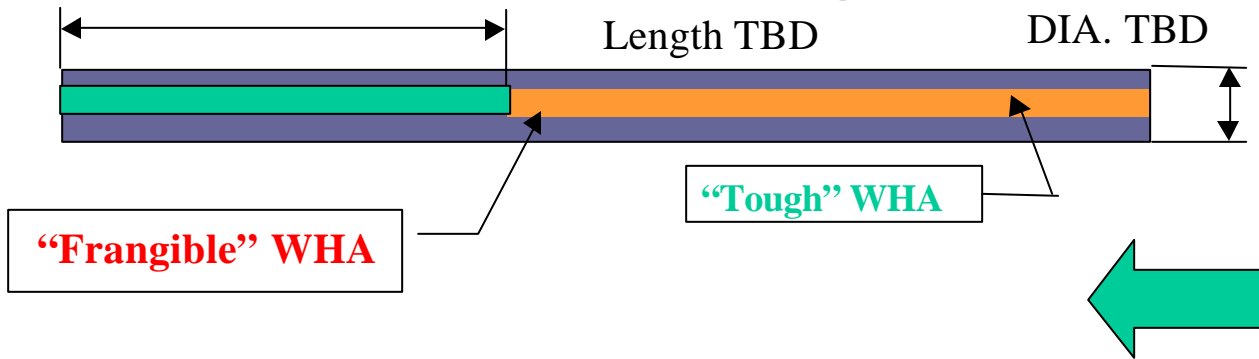
- Develop and demonstrate advanced KE penetrators using tungsten or other alternative materials
  - Exit Criteria:
    - Achieve a 30% increase in behind armor effects (BAE) over a baseline 40mm APFSDS penetrator.
    - Relate a 30% increase in the combined (BAE) to an increase in Probability of Kill ( $P_k$ ) of 10% over the baseline.



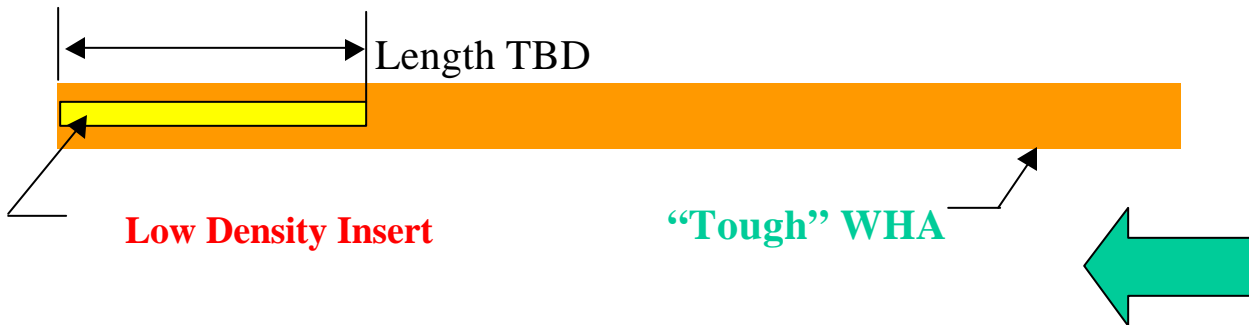
**Novel Penetrators**

# KE Designs Tested

## NOVEL Jacketed Rod w/ Frangible Tail Insert



## NOVEL approach with Lateral Effects








### *Emerging Results:*

- Results show this design may be ineffective in medium caliber
- Very expensive to produce
- Inconsistent results, potentially related to assembly problems.
- Results indicate that this design has the best chance of meeting DTO requirements.
- Simpler and less costly to produce, with more apparent benefit.

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# Advanced KE Technologies

Technology	Notes	Available FY04?
<b>Penetrator Technology</b>	<b>Primary Goal of STO.</b>	
<b>Launch Vehicle</b>	<b>Considers LW40 Configuration, other technologies directly applicable to more developed calibers.</b>	
<b>Weapon Integration</b>	<b>Mann Barrel Demo sufficient to demo weapon integration alone</b>	
<b>Platform Integration</b>	<b>Integration of KE technologies has minimal platform integration concerns</b>	
<b>Training Capability</b>	<b>KE Training concepts and methods are well developed</b>	

# Affordability

- Air Bursting Munitions:
  - Leveraging OICW/OCSW production for components, projectiles will cost about 2 times the current cost of an HEI-T round, but use only  $\frac{1}{4}$  the number of rounds,
    - 100 of today's rounds costing \$4500 will be as effective as 25 future rounds costing \$1875
- Advanced KE:
  - An advanced KE penetrator will be more complex to machine and produce than a standard penetrator, adding about 10% to the production costs of advanced rounds, but use only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the number of rounds
    - 100 of today's APFSDS-T rounds costing \$16500 will be as effective as 75 future rounds costing \$13575

# FY03 Demo

Demo	Details	Demo Type
<b>Full Warhead Solution</b>	Demo 400% increase in lethal area in arena test	Laboratory / TECOM site
<b>Integrated Warhead</b>	Demo pre-set fuzed ALACV warheads from Mann Barrels (may not be full 400% configuration)	Mann Barrel Demo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ARDEC Fuze</b></li> <li>• <b>GD – OTS Fuze</b></li> <li>• <b>ATK Fuze</b></li> <li>• <b>CTAI Warhead with ARDEC fuze</b></li> <li>• <b>ARL Fuze in inert warhead</b></li> </ul>
<b>Launch System</b>	Demo LW40 from Mann Barrel and Auto Cannon	Firing Demo, both A/B and KE configurations
<b>Scalability to other calibers</b>	Modeling and Simulation	Paper study, with backup laboratory firing data
<b>Advanced KE Penetrators</b>	ARL/SLAD firing and analysis of most optimal KE configuration	Laboratory gun test with witness packs
<b>Integrated KE cartridges</b>	Demo in LW40 using “Final –1” iteration design or baseline	Firing Demo from Mann Barrel & Auto Cannon



# Major Technical Accomplishments

- Air Bursting Warhead development has demonstrated 250% improvement over baseline.
  - Modeling matches fragmentation test data within 5%.
- Developed innovative algorithm for sensor fusion with ARL for accurate control of air burst point without use of muzzle velocity correction.
- Baseline Novel KE demonstrated to defeat target of interest without loss of defeat range. (No tradeoff to achieve DTO goals anticipated.)
- Established 5 cooperative R&D agreements with industry:
  - Air Bursting Fuzes: Alliant TechSystems and GD-OTS
  - KE Penetrator Materials: Aerojet Ordnance
  - Case Telescoped Technology: CTA International

# ALACV CRADAs

