



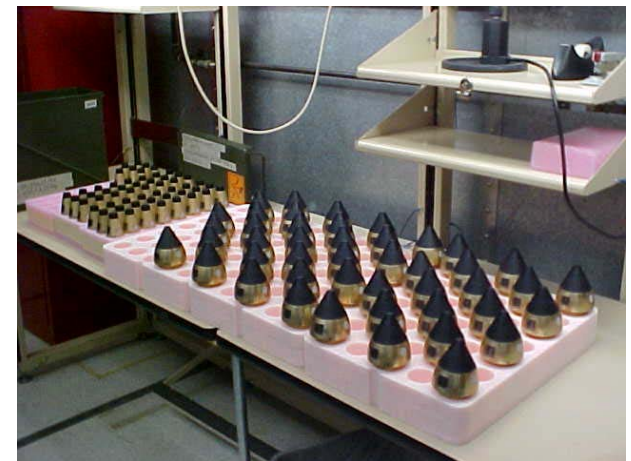
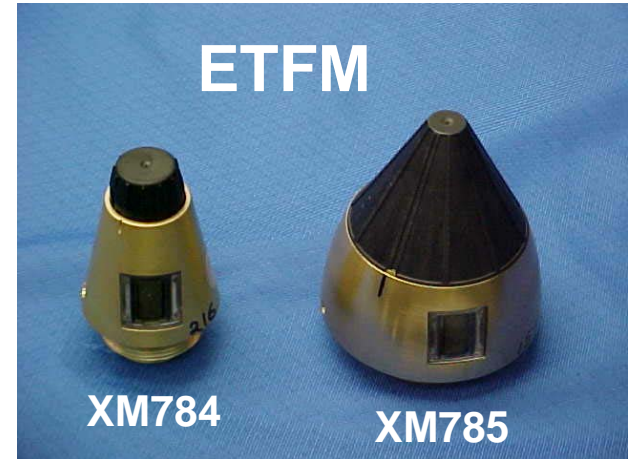
# XM784 and XM785 Electronic Time Fuze for Mortars (ETFM)



## XM784/XM785 ETFM Development Program 28 April 2004

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Alliant Techsystems has patents related to munitions hardware including patent number 5,693,906 which applies to the safe and arm mechanism and patent number 5,914,469 which applies to the snap dome switch in fuze applications.





# ETFM Program Evolution



- **No US Fielded ET Fuze for Mortars Exists**
  - o US Requirements Filled By Foreign Source:  
M776 / M772 Diehl/Junghans (Germany)  
Under Waiver From US Safety Standards
- **User Persistently Indicated Need For a US ET Fuze (Since Mid '80's)**
- **No NDI Design Solution Exists**
  - o Foreign Comparative Studies
  - o Engineering Studies
  - o Contractor Studies



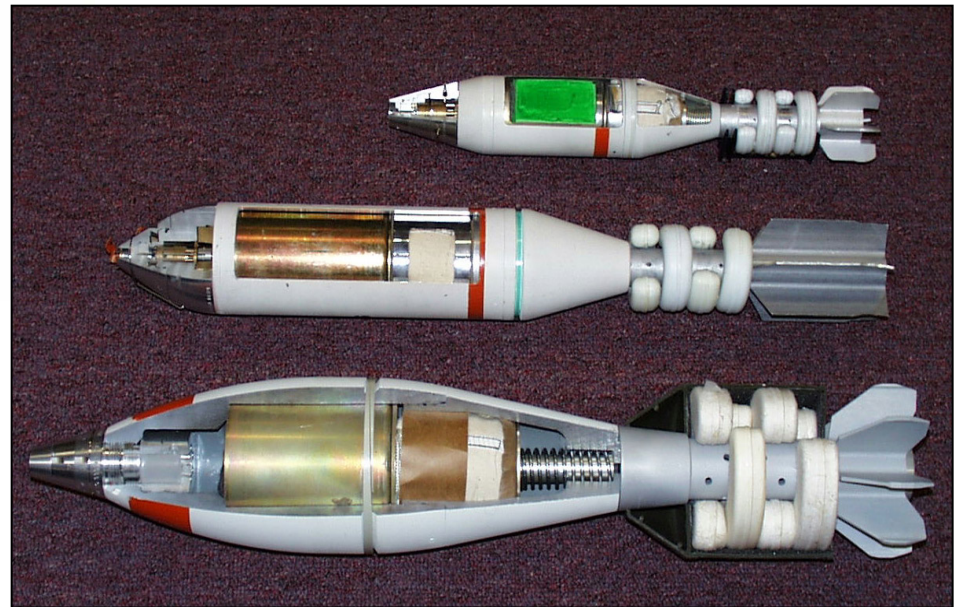


# ETFM Program Objective



## The next generation Mortar Time Fuze

Develop mortar electronic time fuzes to replace the mechanical time fuzes (M776 & M772) currently employed by the US Army on the 60 mm, 81mm and 120 mm white light & IR illumination rounds, and the 81 mm smoke round.

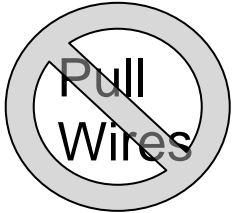




# Why ETFM?



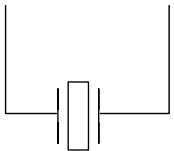
## ETFM Provides:



- Elimination of pull wires w/new dual safe S&A device

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- Hand Settable w/o Tools – day & night settable w/back lit LCD



163.84KHz

- Enhanced time function accuracy w/Crystal time base



- Auto set (inductive) adaptability

- Development of Growth Technologies:

- ⇒ Smooth bore 2<sup>nd</sup> enviro sensor
- ⇒ Dual micro safety architecture
- ⇒ Command-to-arm S&A





# Program Approach



## ❖ Joint Government/Contractor program IPT

- US Army Infantry Center (USAIC), Fort Benning
- PEO Ammo
- PM CAS
- Army Fuze Management Office
- ARDEC Fuze Division
  - Picatinny
  - Adelphi
- Alliant Techsystems



## ❖ Government Technology Studies

## ❖ ATK Engineering & Manufacturing Development

- Designed for Production
- Production processes developed with design
- Process control developed with process

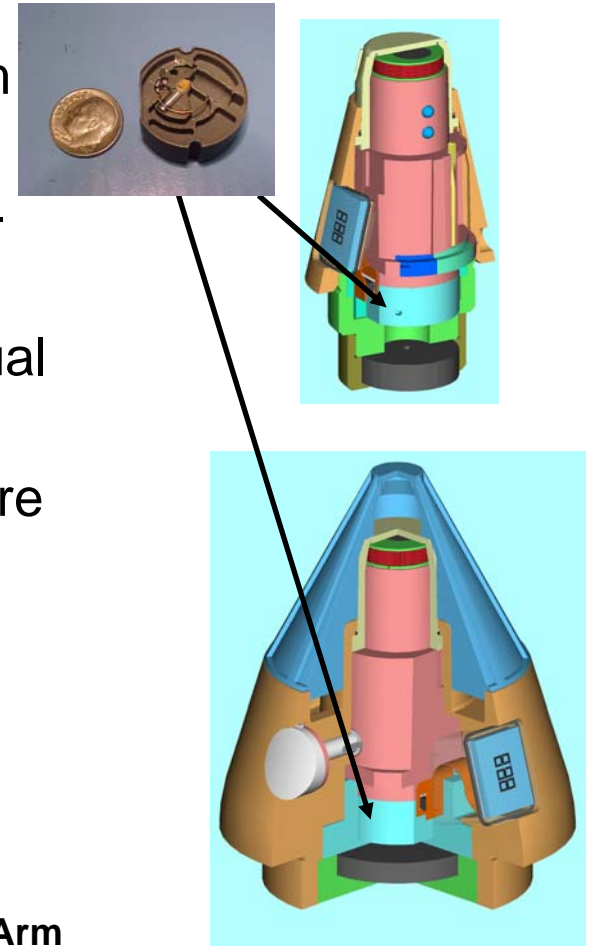




# Fuze modernization with state-of-the-art technologies



- Modular design approach - one fuze design fits both housings
- Miniaturized electromechanical command-to-arm S&A
- Magnetic 2<sup>nd</sup> environment safety (Non-spin, non-air breathing application)
- Magnetic Sensor coil provides adaptability for dual usage for inductive auto-setting
- Dual micro-controller electronic safety architecture
- Commercial off the shelf (COTS) surface mount electronics
- Lithium Thionyl Chloride reserve battery
- Hand Settable / LCD Display
- NVM Self-Diagnostics Tool



Safe & Arm

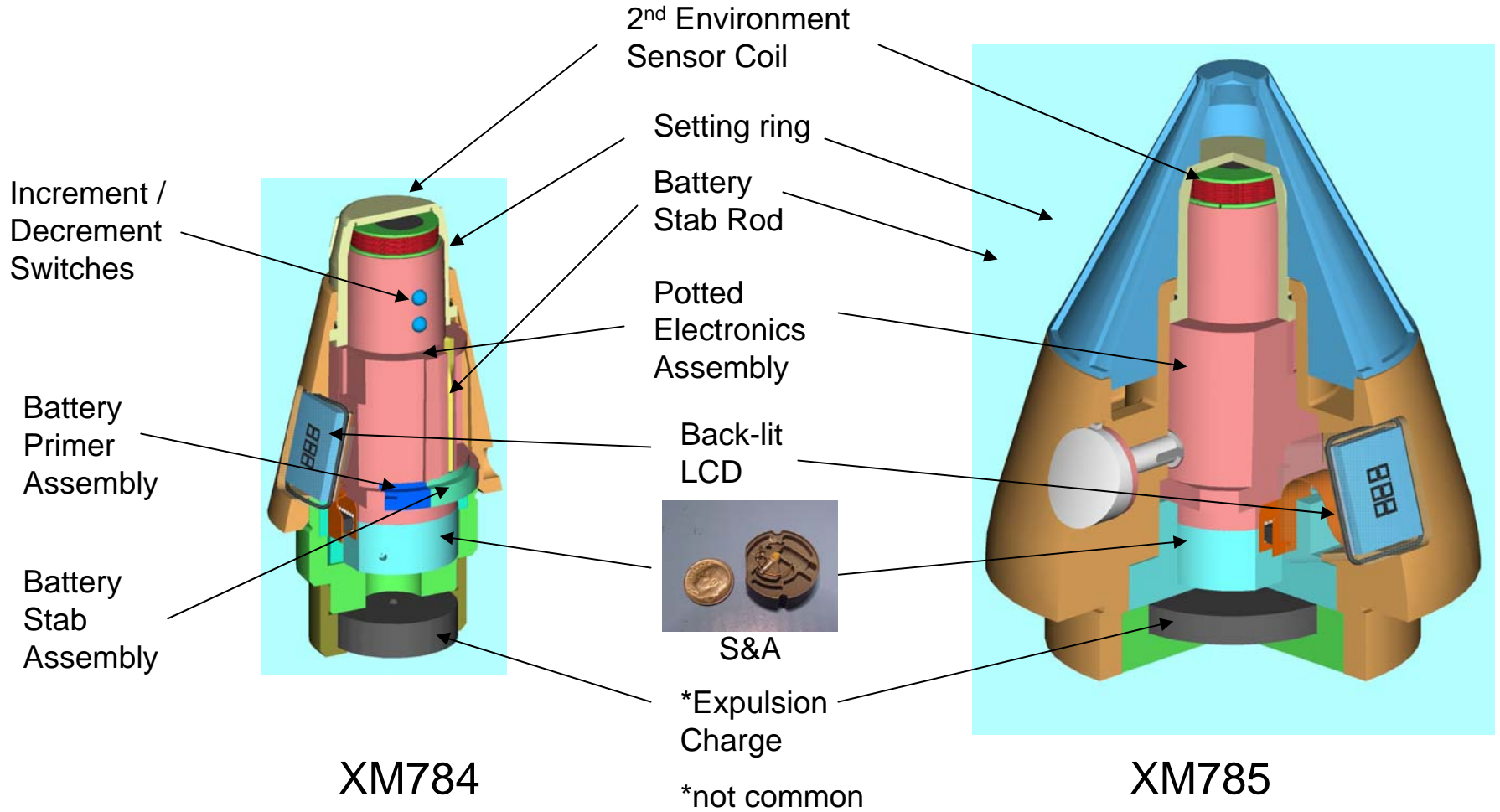




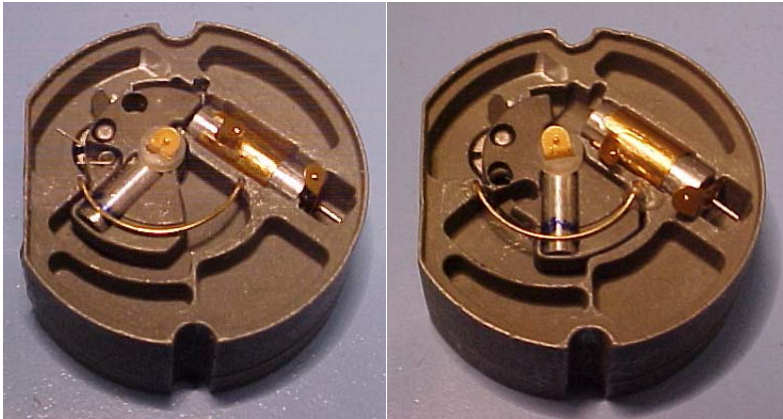
# Modular Design



## One Set of Modules Fits Both Housings

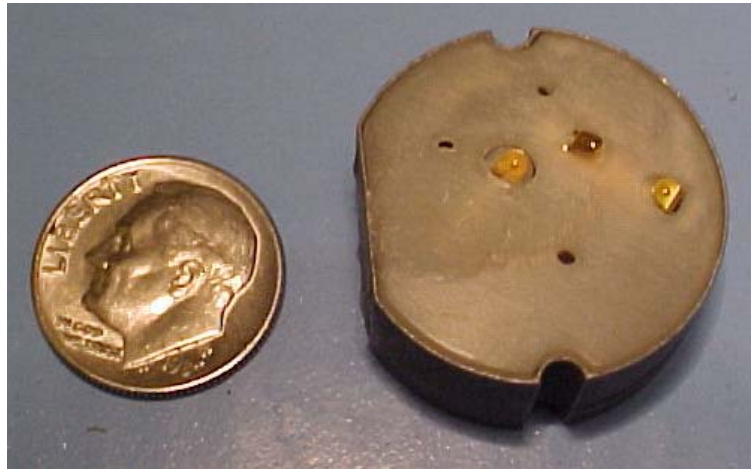


# Miniature command-to-arm S&A provides application flexibility



**SAFE**

**ARMED**



## Command-to-arm S&A applications:

- ETFM fixed arm time (electronic delay)
- ETFM Expulsion charge
- Arm Time flexibility (overhead safety or short range engagement)
- HE initiation
- Rocket motor initiation



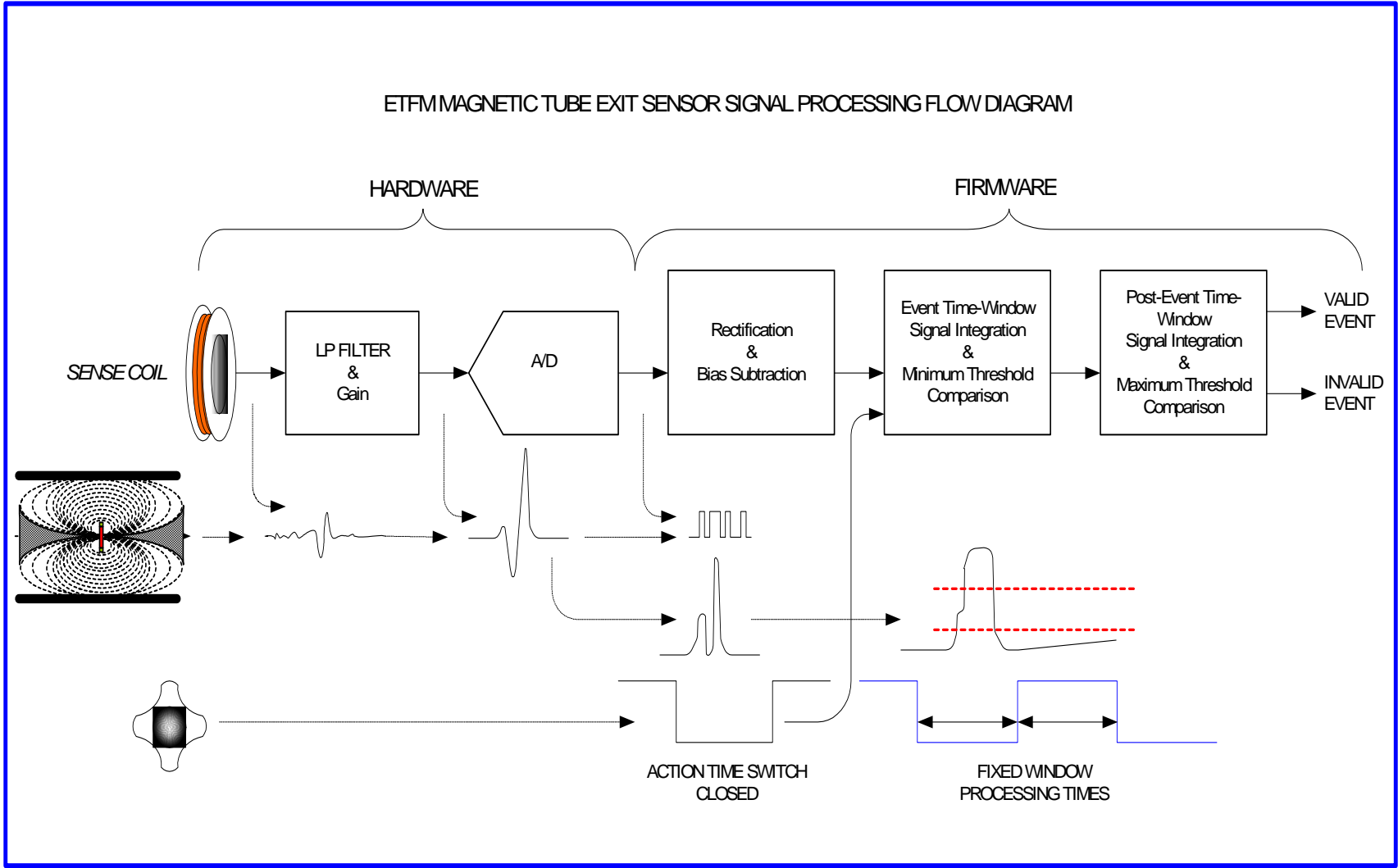




# Innovative magnetic sensor for non-spin second environment safety



ETFM MAGNETIC TUBE EXIT SENSOR SIGNAL PROCESSING FLOW DIAGRAM

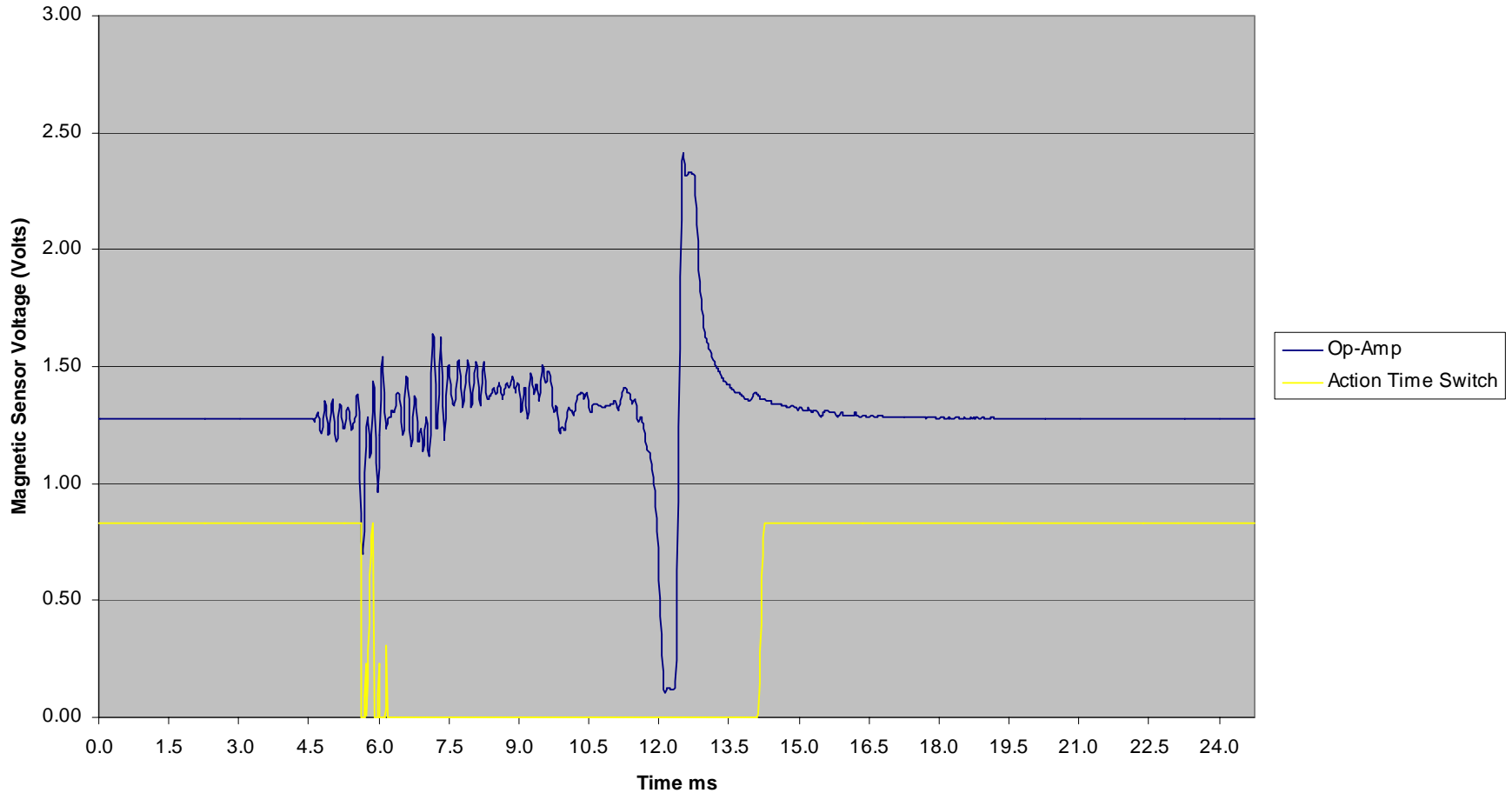




# Typical Tube Exit Signature



SN2:60mm Chg1





# Dual Micro-Controllers Ensure Safety

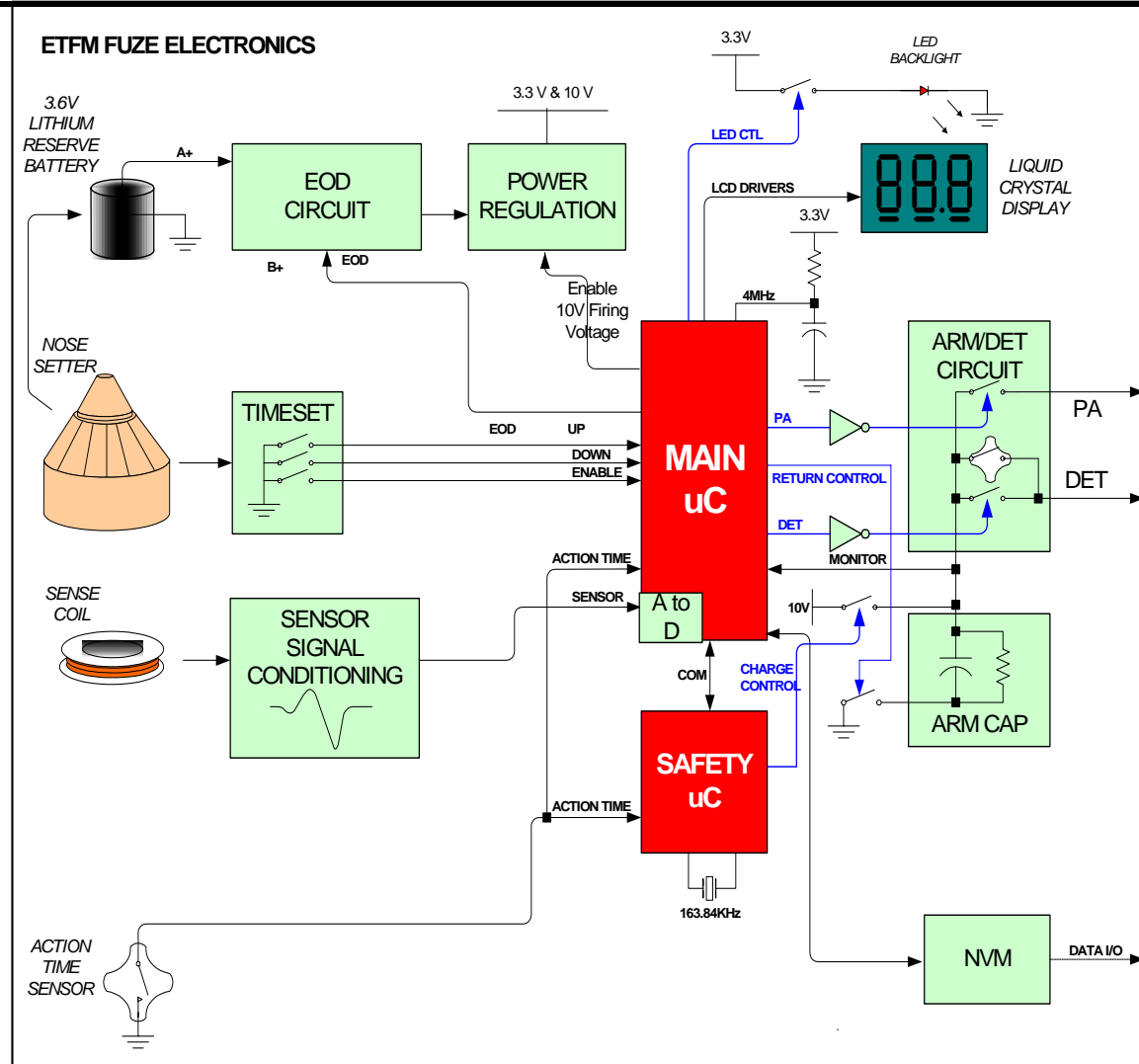


## Main Micro

1. Action Time Sense input
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Enviro Sig Process
3. Bi-directional Comm Link
4. A/D inputs
5. Time Set I/O
6. LCD Backlight Control
7. ARM & FIRE control
8. EOD control

## Safety Micro

1. Action Time Sense input
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Enviro validation
3. Bi-directional Comm Link
4. Fire Capacitor charging

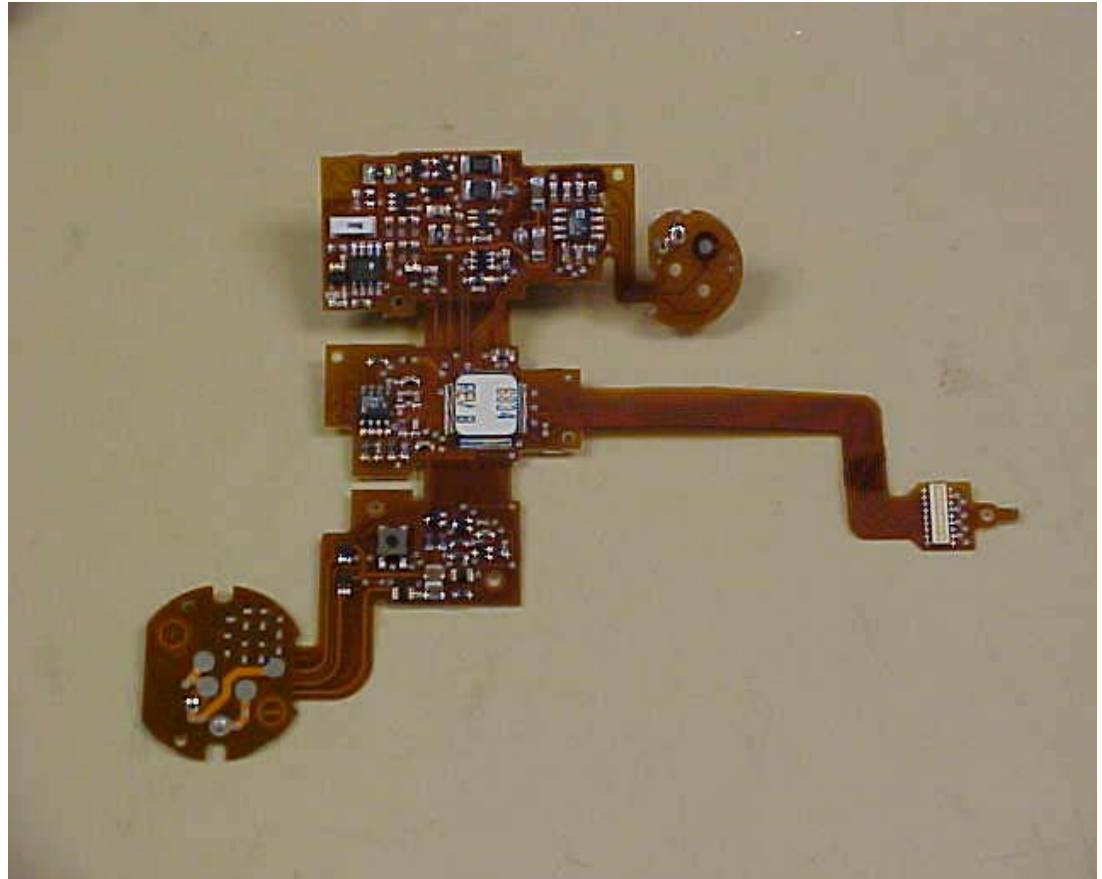




# Cost effective COTS technology



- ❖ 2-Layered Stiffened Flex PWB
  - Top-side components
  - Back side stiffener
  - Minimize interconnects
  - Easy to package
  
- ❖ Standard surface mount components
  - Standard pick-and-place/re-flow solder
  - No ASIC's
  - SMT connectors

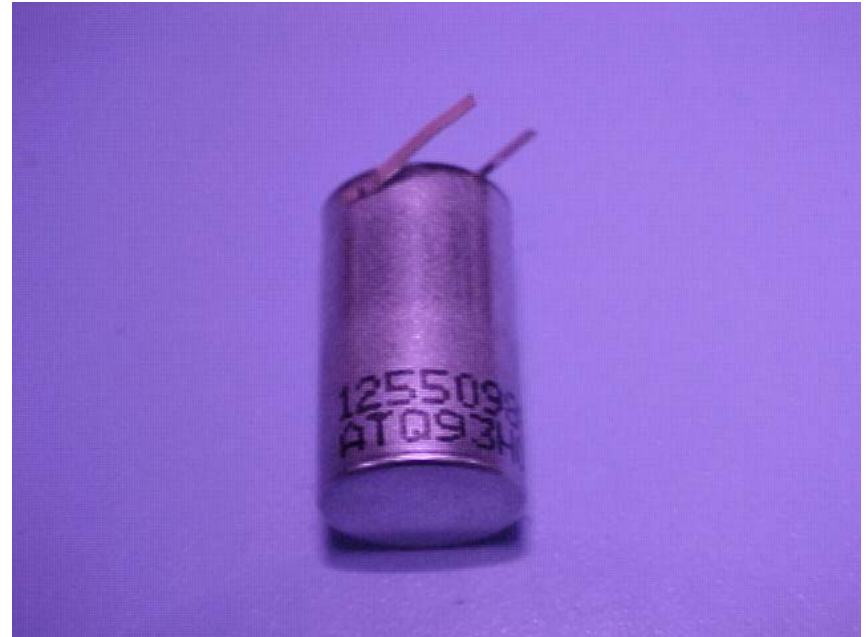




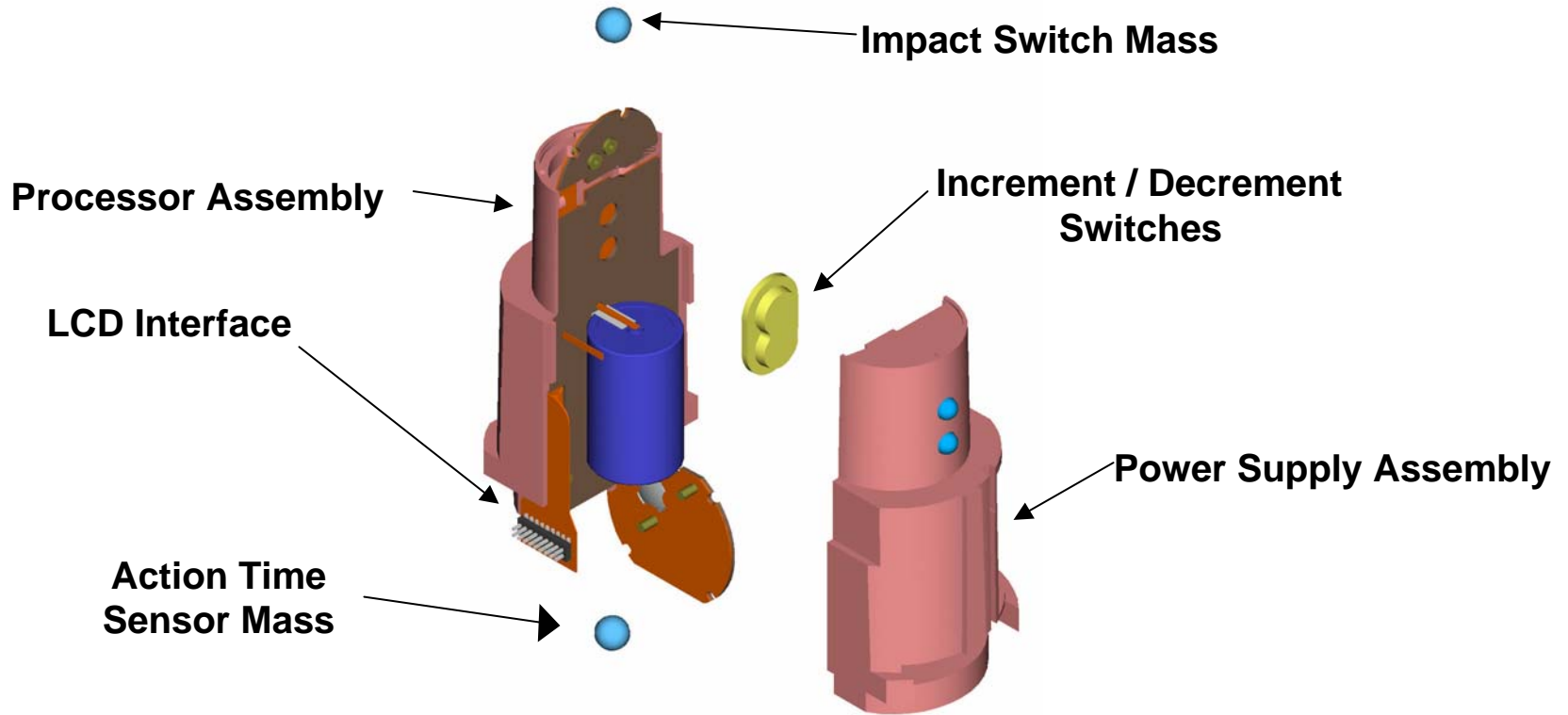
# Low risk power source



- Production Proven M762/M767 Lithium Thionyl Chloride Reserve Battery
- M762/M767 Battery Primer Assembly
- XM773 Battery Stab Assembly

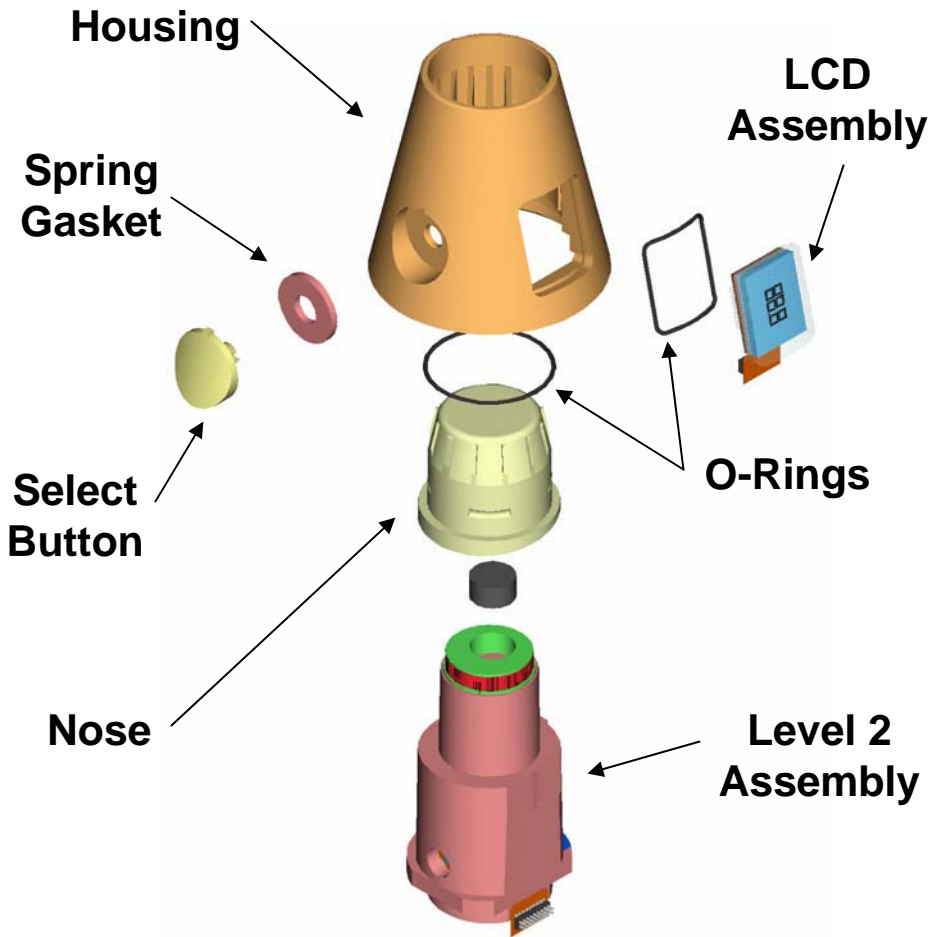


## Electronics Assembly



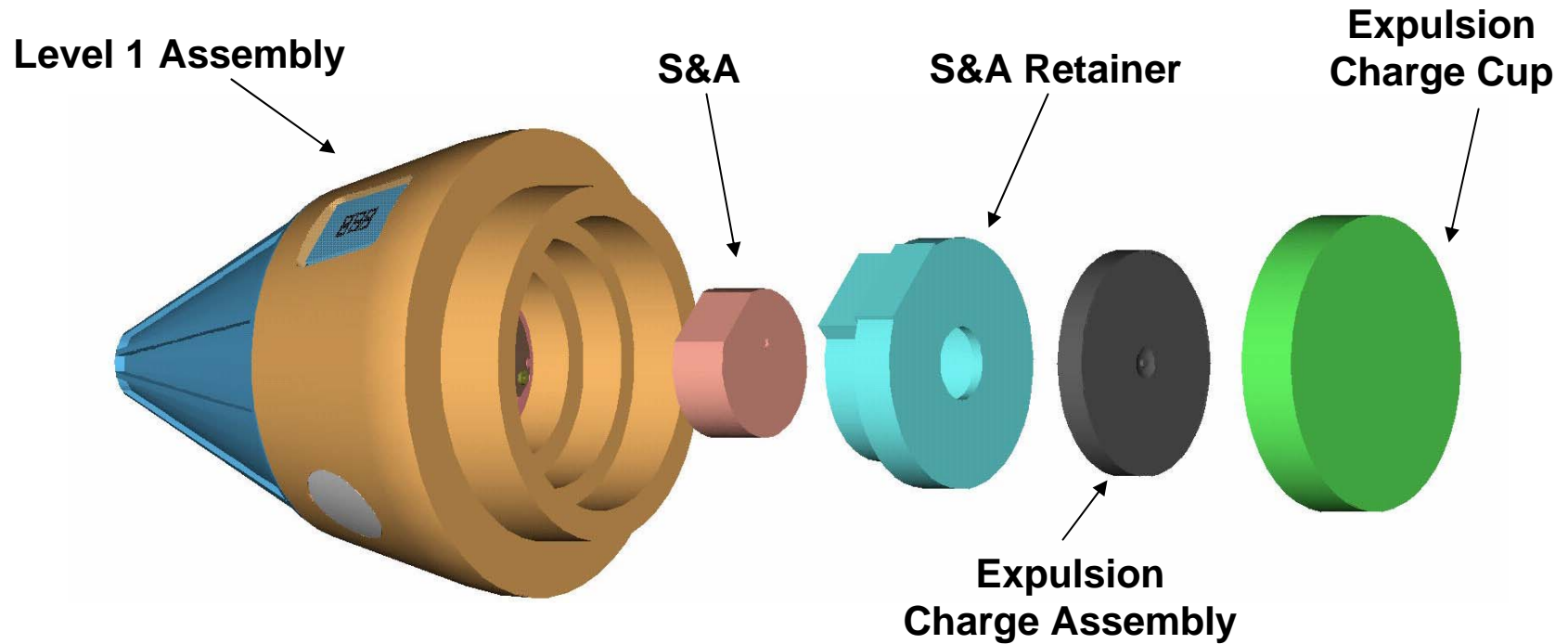
# Designed for Production

## Level 1 Assembly, XM784



- LCD Assembly snaps into Housing.
- Nose & O-Ring slide over Level 2 Assembly and this assembly inserts into the Housing.
- The Spring Gasket is placed on the Select Button. Then Select Button snaps into Housing

## Final Fuze Assembly, XM785







# ETFM's Modular Design Provides Flexibility



## ❖ Easy to Assemble

## ❖ Platform for Growth

Command-to-arm S&A applications:

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- HE initiation
- Rocket motor initiation
- Arm time flexibility (overhead safety or short range engagements)

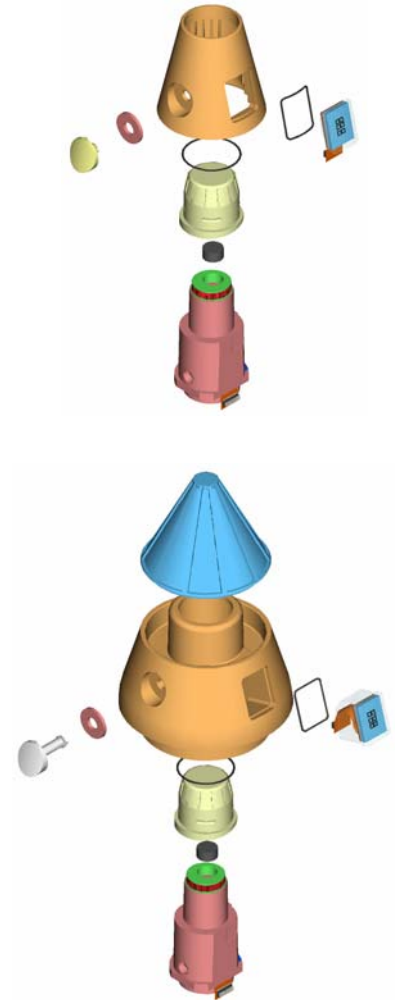
Magnetic 2<sup>nd</sup> environment sensor applications

- Tube launched, Non-spin, Non air breathing

Dual micro safety architecture

- Adaptability for other missions (PD, Prox, Delay)
- Adaptability for other electronic environmental sensors

Easy to incorporate in embedded fuze applications





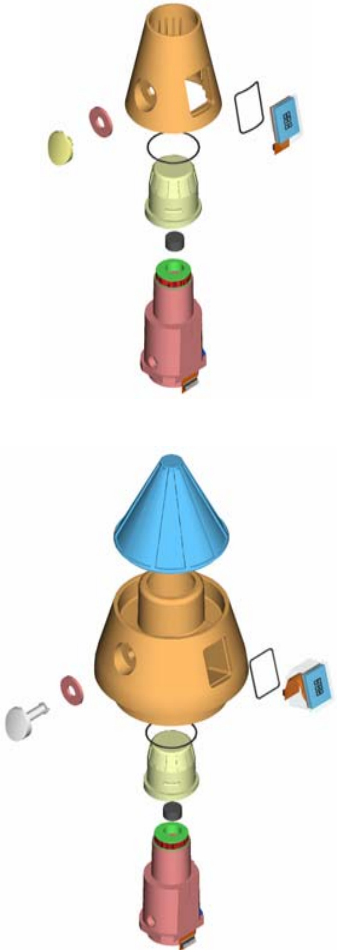
# Recent Test Results

## Design verification tests – March 2004

- o 40 fuzes for design verification test
- o Min & Max charge weights
- o Operational temperature extremes
- o 94% proper fuze function rate

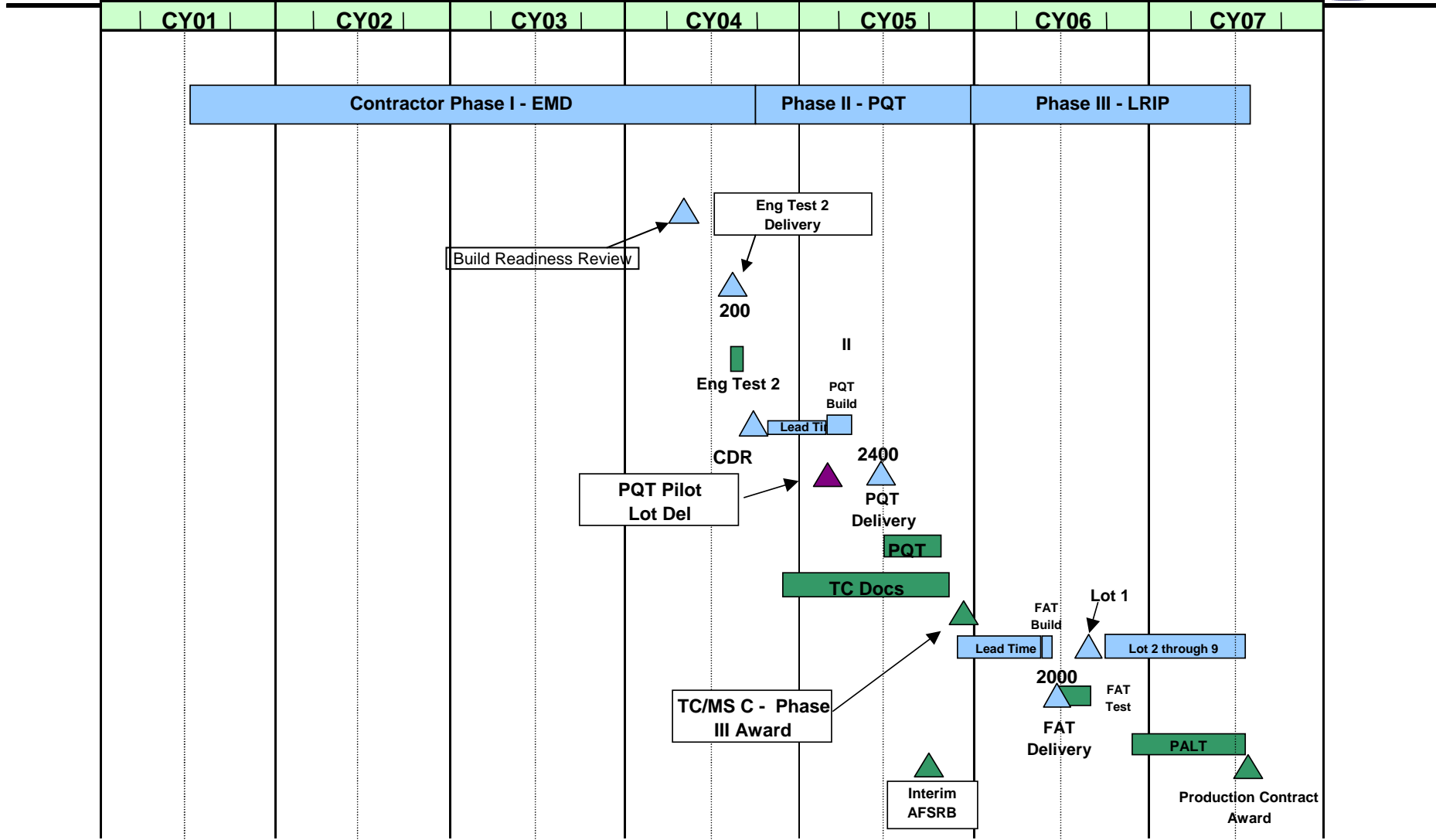
## Next test planned – July 2004

- o 200 fuzes for design validation ballistic test
- o Full range of environmental and ballistic test conditions





# XM784/ XM785 ET Fuze for Mortars Schedule





# Summary & Conclusion



## ❖ Operational Flexibility

Manually settable day or night without tools

Adaptable for inductive auto set

## ❖ Improved Performance

Meets all MIL-STD-1316E safety requirements

Supports future mortar fire control systems

Achieves Increased time function accuracy

## ❖ Value For The Dollar

Designed for producibility

Platform for growth (Adaptability)

## ❖ Demonstrated by Successful Ballistic Test

