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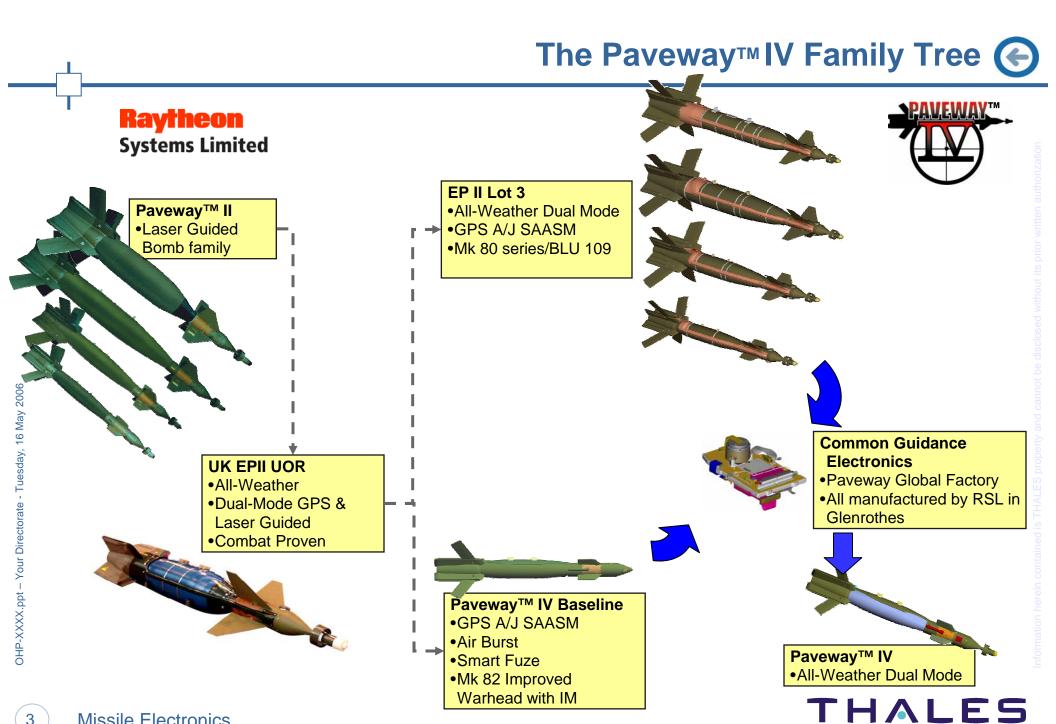
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Hard Target Fuzing Perspective

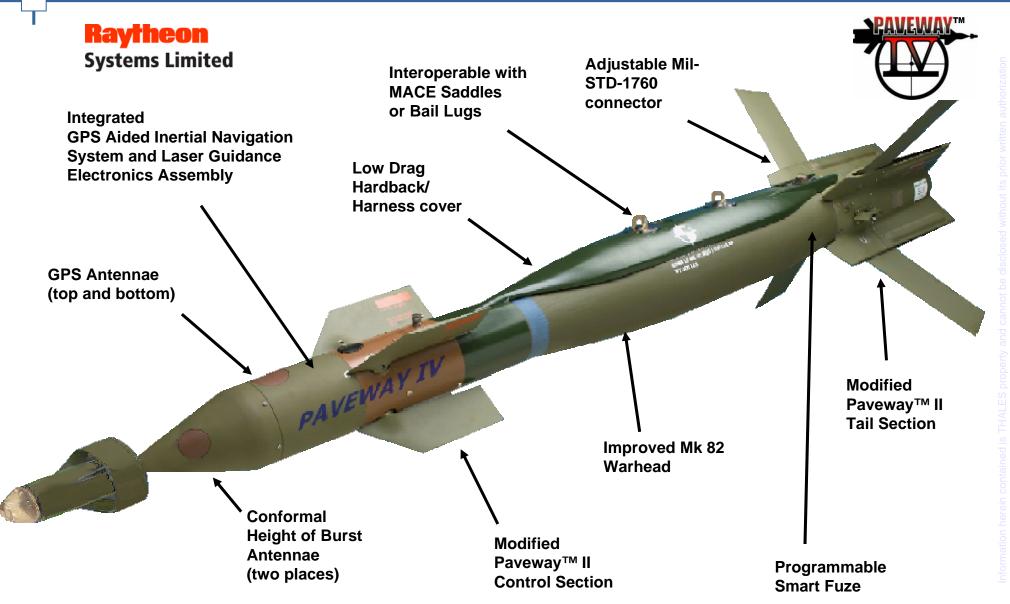
- Weapon Background and Capability
 - → PavewayTM IV
- Fuze Background
 - → MEHTF-PSFT
- Fuze Second Environment Sensing
- Programme Status







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Company Background (

TME is a Fuzing Company
Building hardened fuzes since 1914
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World's first In service Proximity Fuze (710 Electro Optical Pistol) ('42)

World's first hardened and electronic multifunction bomb fuze (MFBF) - 1981

- **27,500 MFBF built**
- Successful FCT trial at Eglin 1992
- Used by RAF, RSAF and USAF in Desert Storm
- Kosovo data indicates >99% reliability for MFBF in 400+ releases

Pioneer in modern fuze hardened electronics

1918 - Shell Fuzing

1940's - Airborne Radar, Shell Fuzing, Proximity Fuzing (Rockets)

Bomb Fuze for "Bouncing Bomb" etc.

1950's - Naval Proximity Shell Fuzing

1960's - No.907 RF Proximity Fuze for Bombs.

1970's - No.952 RF Proximity Fuze for Bombs.

Multi Role programmable Shell Fuze (MRF)

1980's - SG357 Runway Cratering Weapon

MFBF (No.960) Multi-Function Bomb Fuze

1990's - Intelligent Hard Target Fuzing Research

EPIFS

2000's - Intelligent Hard Target Fuzing.

MAFIS, HTSF, MEHTF

PGB/ABF

BDI/BDA

Fuzing in High Speed Impacts

Paveway IV





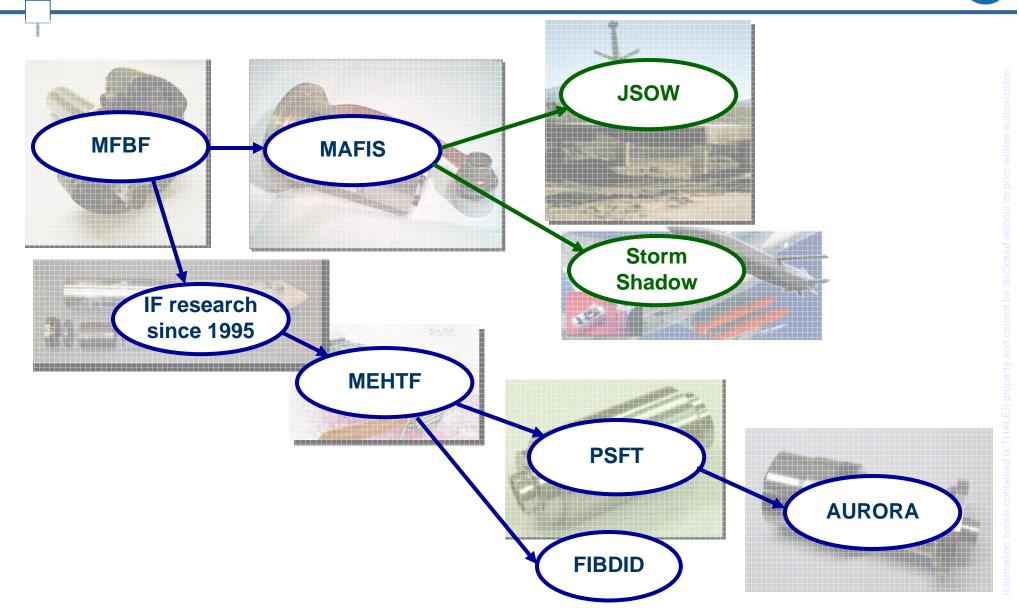






TME Bomb Fuzing Family Tree (







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Fuze Second Environment Sensing



Summary of Requirements for Safety Sensors:

- 1: Sense the Intentional Release from the launch platform
- 2: Confirm Weapon has been released into the expected environment

(Operation of at least one of the independent safety features shall depend on sensing an environment after first motion in the launch cycle or on sensing a post launch environment.) STANAG 4187 6b3



Fuze Second Environment Sensing (



Typical Sensors used in past

Air speed,

Can provide power sources

(Bigger Area :- More Power {& Drag!})

But: Senses an environment that is not totally unique to "release" (mainly is "lanyard pulled")

Also issues with high altitude, thin air,

Damage, drag etc.







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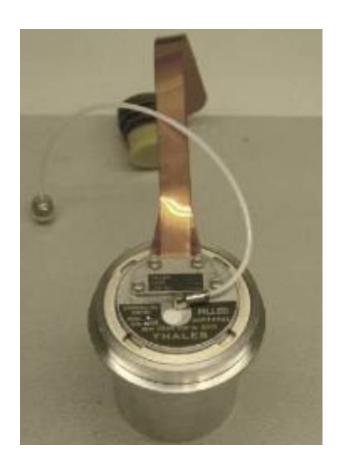


Typical Sensors used in past

Air pressure:

Pitot (air speed)

Motor operating





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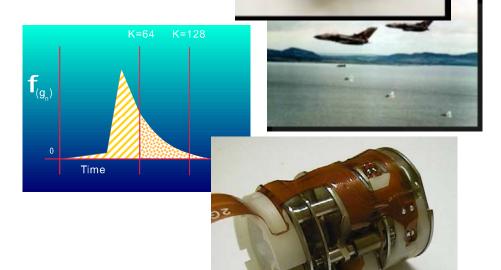
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Acceleration sensing:

Parachute operation detection

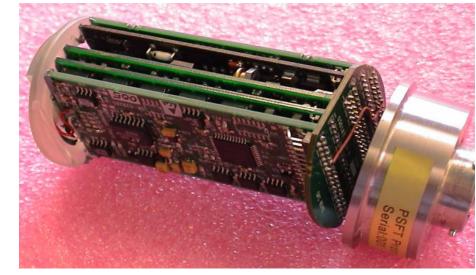
(Both Mechanically and Electrically)







PSFT Phase II Research added Improvements on MEHTF



- Improved Safety Architecture
 - → Late Arm
 - → Potential for different Arming sensor suites
 - Release Environment Observation



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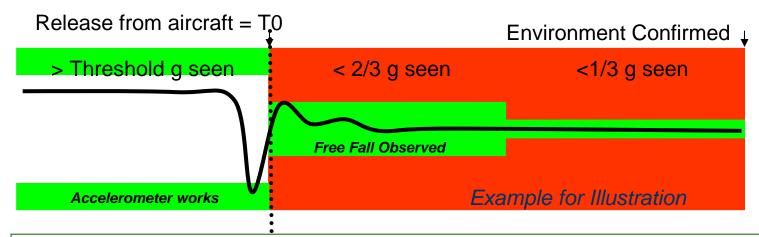
PSFT Fuze Internal "Second" Environment Sensing (



■ PSFT introduced crossed axis MEMS Accelerometers and Processor to sense Post Release <u>Environment</u>







EXAMPLE: Internal Fuze Accelerometers monitor unique post launch zero g environment to confirm post launch environment.

Accelerometer confirmed OK by sensing release & or carriage loads



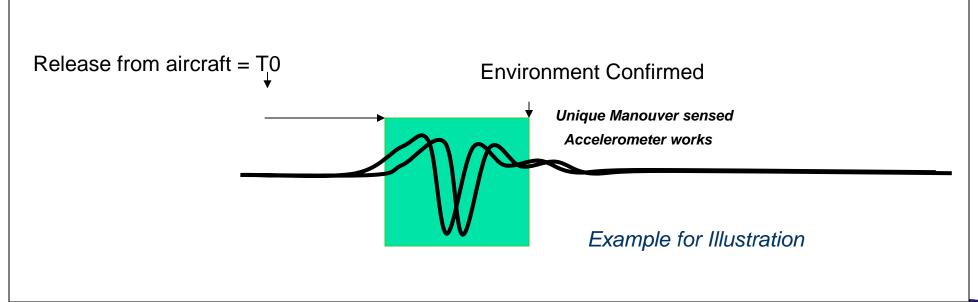
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Develop, qualify & manufacture, 2003 - 2006 Built on PSFT:

Decided to make system independent of release shocks:

Initially: use a Timed Manoeuvre



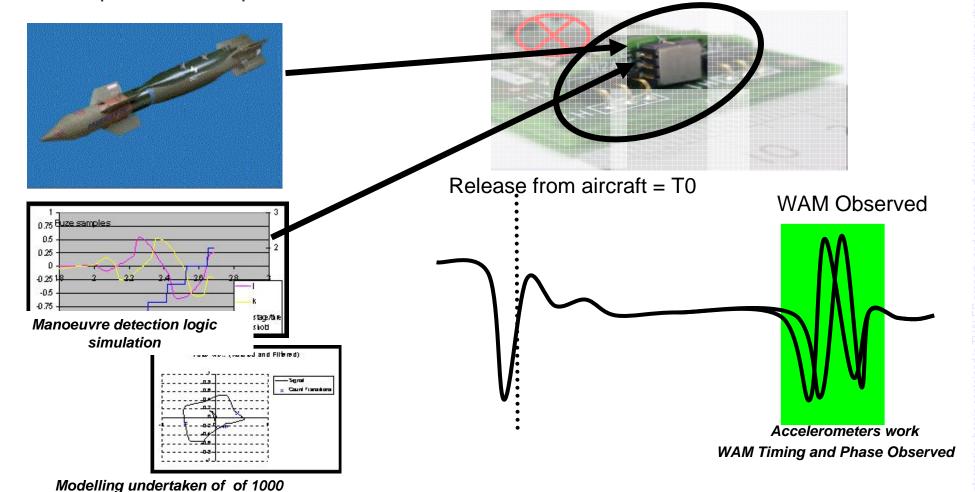


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PGB PSFT Accelerometers and New Hardware to sense Timed,

Co-operative Weapon Post Release Manoeuvre





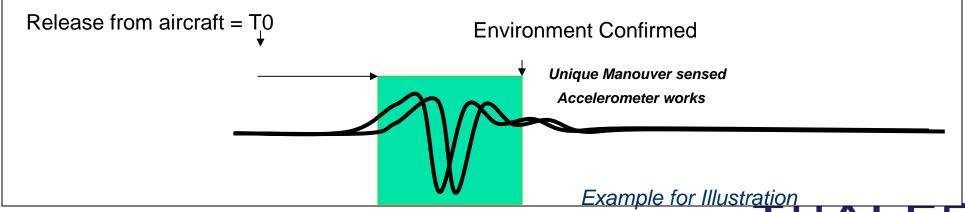
simulated releases

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WAM Option Initial Concept



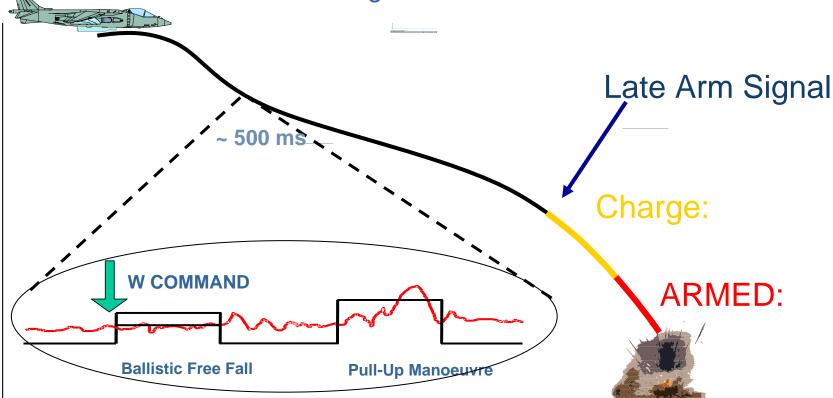


AURORA Fuze for PGB (Paveway IV) 'WAM' / 'WAD'



Further Improved concept:

- → Allow weapon to determine when to make manoeuvre:
- → Simplify Manoeuvre into 2 Stages:
- → Add Late ARM signal





AURORA Fuze for PGB (Paveway IV) 'WAM' / 'WAD'

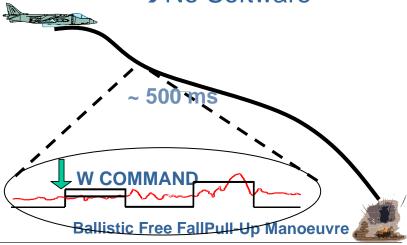


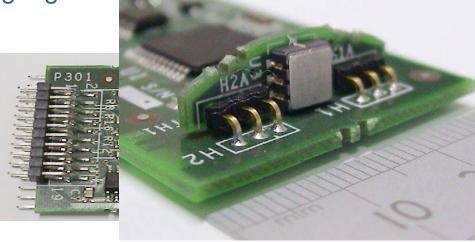


- Manoeuvre is at commanded time:
 - → Can be delayed to Lower Altitudes
 - → When convenient to Weapon
 - → Expands release envelope
- Is simpler to detect

→ All "Hardware" checking logic

→ No Software











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