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Presentation Name: Armaments for Combat Vehicles

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Armament Research, Development & Engineering Center



Research



Development



Production



Field Support



Demilitarization



Vision:

Innovative Armaments Solutions for Today and Tomorrow

Mission:

To develop and maintain a world-class workforce to execute and manage integrated life-cycle engineering processes required for the research, development, production, field support and demilitarization of munitions, weapons, fire control and associated items

<u>Advanced Weapons</u> – line of sight/beyond line of sight fire; non line of sight fire; scalable effects; non-lethal; directed energy; autonomous weapons

<u>Ammunition</u> – small, medium, large caliber; propellants; explosives; pyrotechnics; warheads; insensitive munitions; logistics; packaging; fuzes; environmental technologies and explosive ordnance disposal

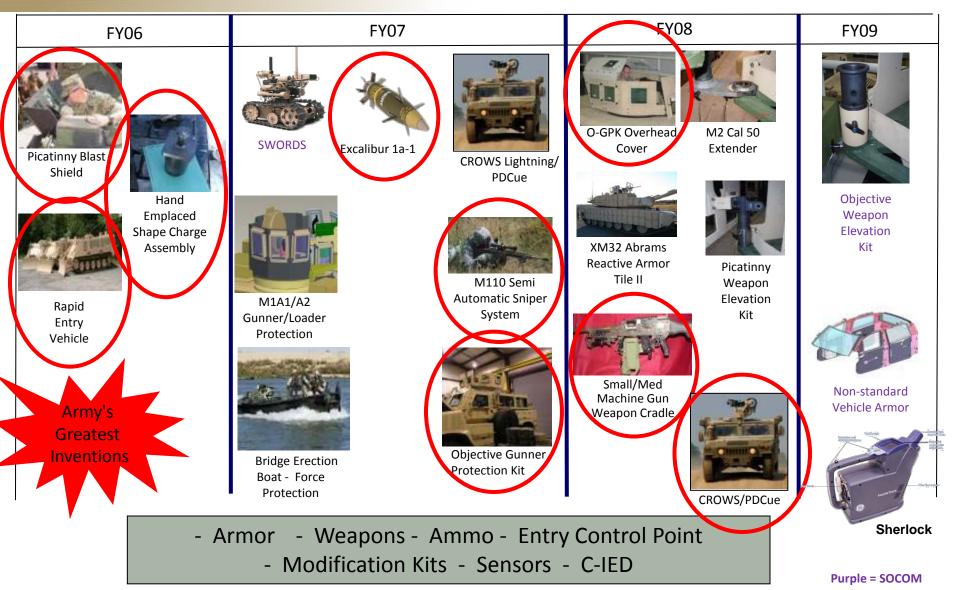
<u>Fire Control</u> – battlefield digitization; embedded system software; aero ballistics and telemetry

ARDEC provides the Technology for Over 90% of the Army's lethality; Significant support to other services' lethality



Supporting the Current Fight



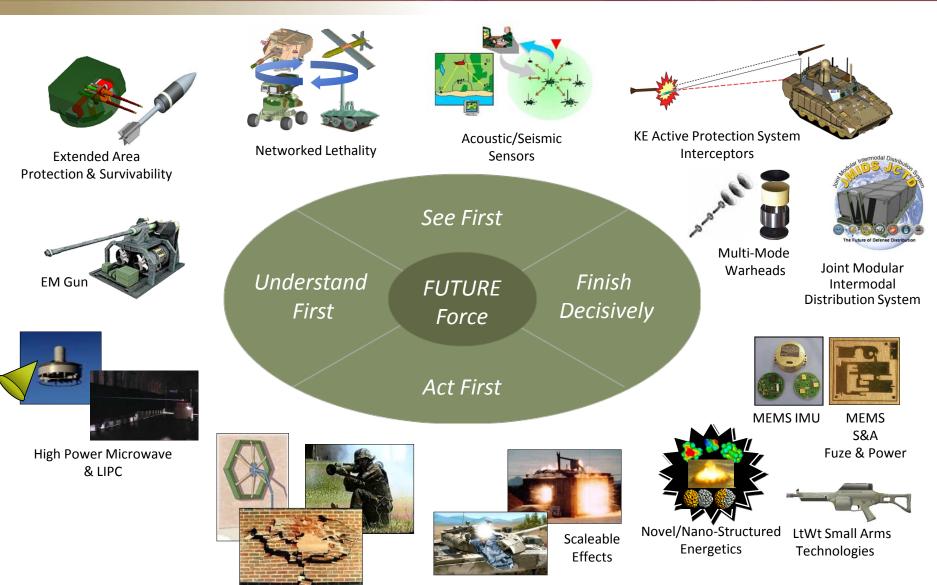


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Supporting the Future Force Through Technology Investments







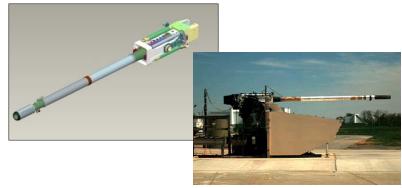
Future Combat System Technology Transitions



Partnerships (Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs) in support of the Future Combat System (FCS)

XM360 Lightweight 120mm Primary Weapon Assembly; GDLS/ARDEC CRADA

ARDEC provides primary armament system for FCS Mounted Combat



XM324 Non-Line-Of-Sight Cannon (NLOS-C); BAE/ARDEC CRADA

ARDEC provides primary armament system for FCS NLOS-C Manned Ground Vehicle



MRM CARTRIDGE, 120 MM,XM1111

Mid Range Munition Guided Anti-Armor Multi-Purpose (MRM-GAAMP) will provide a precision, beyond-line-of-Sight (BLOS) capability from 2-12km for the FCS Mounted Combat System. Significant ARDEC Tech Base investment has Directly Transitioned to SDD in Support of FCS.



XM235 Non-Line-Of -Sight Mortar (NLOS-M); BAE /ARDEC CRADADEC Provides Mortar tube and breech for FCS NLOS-M Manned Ground Vehicle



ARDEC is prepared to transition products to GCV, Bradley, & Abrams



Implementing Technology in Products:

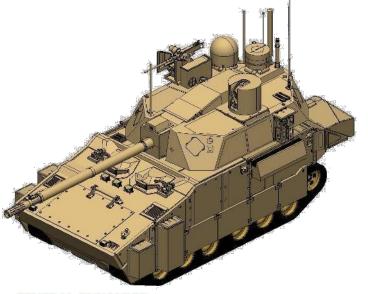
120mm XM360



Primary Weapon

for Mounted Combat System

- Provides direct fire in support of forces in the Unit of Action (UA).
- Beyond Line-of-Sight (BLOS) capability to 12 km with Medium Range Munitions (MRM).
- All the Performance of Current 120mm Cannon in a Light Weight, Compact Design
- Over 2,000 lbs lighter than 120mm Gun used on Abrams Tank
- Muzzle Brake & Recoil System Design Enables a 120mm Gun to fire from a Lightweight Vehicle.



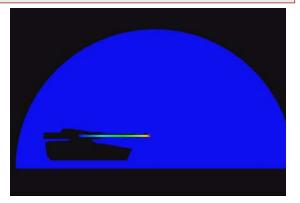
<u>Multi-Lug Breech Mechanism</u> • Long Life, Compact, Light Weight

- 600VDC Electrically Actuated
- Ammo Data-Link Enables
- Communication to Smart Rounds

- Lightweight Gun Mount
- Compact Cradle Design
- Modular Recuperators
- Light Weight Recoil Brakes

Lightweight 120mm Gun Tube

- High Strength Gun Steel
- Carbon Fiber Composites
- Dual Autofrettage
- High Efficiency Muzzle Brake
 - Reduces Firing Shock to Vehicle & Crew
 - Enables Gun to fire from Light Weight Vehicle



GENERAL DYNAMICS Land Systems



Robotics: Improving Lethality







Ripsaw



Picatinny Lightweight Remote Weapon Station (PLRWS) on TARDEC Advanced Robotic Platforms



Lethal Robotics

ARDEC integrates Remote Weapon Stations (RWS) onto a slue of robotic platforms.

- Picatinny Light Weight RWS onto Ripsaw
- CROWS II RWS onto Ripsaw
- Picatinny Light Weight RWS onto the Tactical Amphibious Ground System-Common Experimental (TAGS-CX).

ARDEC developing next generation Robotic Armament Systems.

- Lethal and Non-Lethal from one system
- Auto Reload for Ammunition
- •ARAS ATO currently at TRL 6

Warfighter Payoff

Warfighters can effectively engage threats with lethal and non-lethal rounds while remaining protected.



CROWS II RWS



Additional Weapon Technologies





Laser Ignition

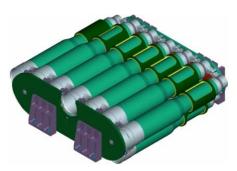


Compact Auto Loader





M3WS



Anti Fratricide Barrier Material



LIPC



XM297





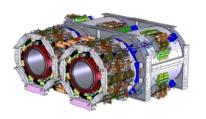
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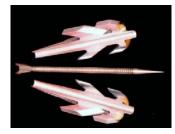


ARDEC's Innovative Firepower EM Gun



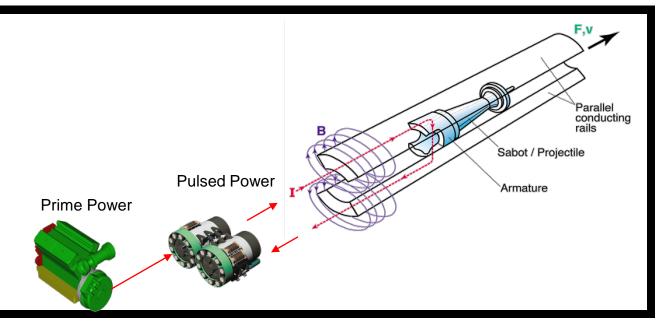
EM Guns differ fundamentally from conventional guns; The accelerating force (F) is provided by Electro-Magnetic forces, not rapid expansion of gases as seen in energetic propellants.





- Understand lethality of hypervelocity penetrators against projected future threat protection packages
- Projected future lethality gap can potentially be nullified by novel hypervelocity penetrators
- Powder-based guns cannot efficiently achieve hypervelocity due to tactical infeasibility

Impact Velocity	Monolithic Rods	Novel Penetrators
1500 m/s	Adequate data	Insufficient data
1850 m/s	Adequate data	No data
2200 m/s	Insufficient data	Insufficient data







ARDEC retains proven in-house capability for Lethality/Non-Lethal enhancements
Small, Medium, Large Caliber Applications

Expertise in Armaments System Engineering
Weapons, Propulsion, Munitions, Warheads...

> Technology has been matured through Tech Base Investments and CRADAs with Industrial partners.

Sovernment partnerships with Industry & Academia will continue to grow technology for future systems.

ARDEC will continue to work with our TARDEC partners to provide Armaments Technology for current and future vehicles.



Our products assure decisive victory and bring our people home!



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