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## **Evolving Artillery Operational Concepts from Guided Projectiles**

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# Need for Guided Projectiles-Operational

- The Air Force and Navy aircraft tend to be more suited to Operational Support vs Close Air Support
  - ⚡ Operational level targets are more valuable
  - ⚡ CAS targets age out before response
  - ⚡ “Broken Arrow” changes everything
- Army must fight 24/7 once engaged - all weather and does not have the luxury of weather “down times”
  - ⚡ **Battle of the Bulge 1944** - enemy exploitation of loss of air power
  - ⚡ Time to call in support needs to be “immediate” in many cases
  - ⚡ Response timeline may not allow bringing to bear the full air might
  - ⚡ Some places just can’t get air support easily

*The Army that can deliver overwhelming force in the shorter time will break the enemies will to resist - guided projectiles provides an army on the ground with the stand off precision heretofore only available from air forces*

# Cost to Delivery “First” Precision Weapon

**USAF**

AWACS  
CAP  
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Tanker  
SEAD  
Mission  
SEAD

10+ aircraft  
30+ aircrew  
200+ ground crew  
1000+ support people  
100s of logistic flights  
*at least 1 secure airfield*

**First Bomb ~ \$14B**

**USN**

a carrier –  
two guided missile cruisers –  
a guided missile destroyer – AAW  
2 destroyers – ASW  
two attack submarines  
a combined ammunition, oiler, and supply ship

| Cost           | Men         | Planes | Weapons       |
|----------------|-------------|--------|---------------|
| \$4.5B         | 5,680       | ~\$4B  | ~\$500M       |
| \$2B           | 730         | \$24M  | \$100M        |
| \$0.8B         | 323         | \$12M  | \$50M         |
| \$1.6B         | 646         | \$24M  | \$100M        |
| \$4B           | 270         |        | \$50M         |
| \$0.5B         | 667         | \$15M  | \$10M         |
| <b>\$13.5B</b> | <b>8316</b> |        | <b>\$800M</b> |

**First Bomb ~ \$20B**

Cost to deliver Precision varies dramatically as cost and required types of platforms to execute mission considered

WOT vs. NPW cost calculus

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USA USAF USN

**USA**

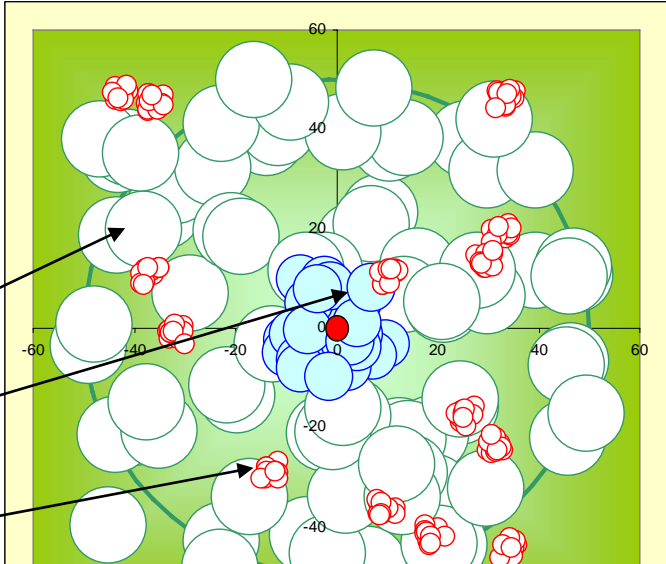
Cost of first projectile ~ \$59M

5x HEMMT truck  
1x M992A2 Fire Direction Center Vehicle (FDCV)  
6x M992A2 FAASV Field Artillery Ammunition Supply Vehicle  
6x M109A6 Paladin Self Propelled Howitzer  
M982 Excalibur Basic Load

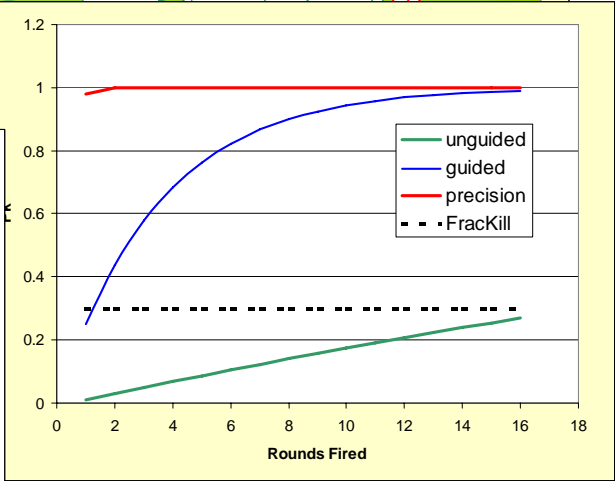
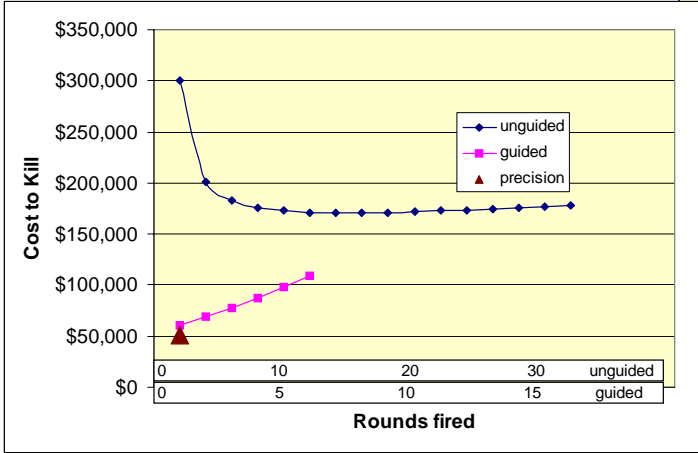
| Cost           | Men       | Weapons      |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| \$1.0M         | 10        |              |
| \$2.0M         | 5         |              |
| \$6.6M         | 24        |              |
| \$9.6M         | 24        |              |
|                |           | \$40M        |
| <b>\$19.2M</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>\$40M</b> |

# Cost per Kill

Assume a scenario of an area target and attack the center of the area using either:  
 unguided projectiles  
 guided projectile  
 Terminally guided projectiles



The cheapest projectile does not result in the cheapest kill



## What is Cost? How do you Measure it?

|                           | USA  | USAF  | USN   |
|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| ■ Weapon Acquisition Cost | 1.0  | 1.0   | 1.0   |
| ■ Life Cycle Cost         | 2.0  | 2.5   | 2.5   |
| ■ Cost per kill           | 8.0  | 10.0  | 10.0  |
| ■ Attrition Adjusted Cost | 8.1  | 13.0  | 13.0  |
| ■ Campaign Cost           | 8100 | 21100 | 21100 |
| ■ “Opportunity” Cost      | <5   | <30   | <30   |
|                           | min  | min   | min   |

*With the employment of precision weaponry, the homily  
“when seconds count, the police are minutes away”  
is appropriate in looking at costs*

# Fire Support Priorities (Ranked)

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1. Precision *(Accuracy)*
2. Responsiveness *(Tempo)*
3. Mobility *(Logistics)*
4. Range

(See the “State of the Field Artillery 2007” by MG Vangjel in the September-December 2007 *Fires*.)

# Major Factors in Change in Employment

- Accuracy –
  - Specific targets rather than area
  - Reduce the number of rounds fired required to execute the mission
  - Reduce cost to execute the mission
- Tempo –
  - Fewer rounds means more missions executed in any time period
  - Operational tempo means shorter campaign
  - Shorter mission time reduces exposure to the counter fire threat
  - Ability to provide precision supporting fire allows rapid transition from fires to assault
- Logistics –
  - Fewer rounds reduces direct logistics train to support battery
  - Shorter campaigns reduces the indirect logistics train required to provide support personnel

# Accuracy – New Missions

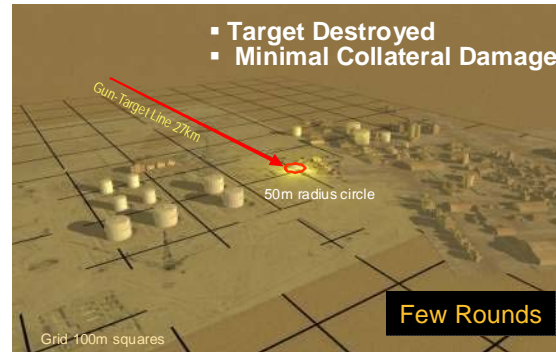
## Today's Capability: 183m CEP\*

- Village Destroyed
- Refinery Destroyed
- Target May Have Been Hit



## PGK: ≤50m CEP

- Target Destroyed
- Minimal Collateral Damage



## EXCALIBUR: ≤10m CEP

- Target Destroyed
- Minimal Collateral Damage



\* M109A6 (Paladin) at 27km: 155mm (HE) M549A1

- **Improves Munition Accuracy**
  - Faster Deployment – Fewer Unit to Ship
  - Improved Cost Per Kill
  - Faster Mission Response Time
- **Greatly Reduces Possibility of Collateral Damage**
  - New Missions for Artillery
  - Organic Precision for Engaged Small Units
- **Increases Number of Kills per Basic Load of Ammunition**
  - Faster OPTEMP
  - Smaller Logistics Tail

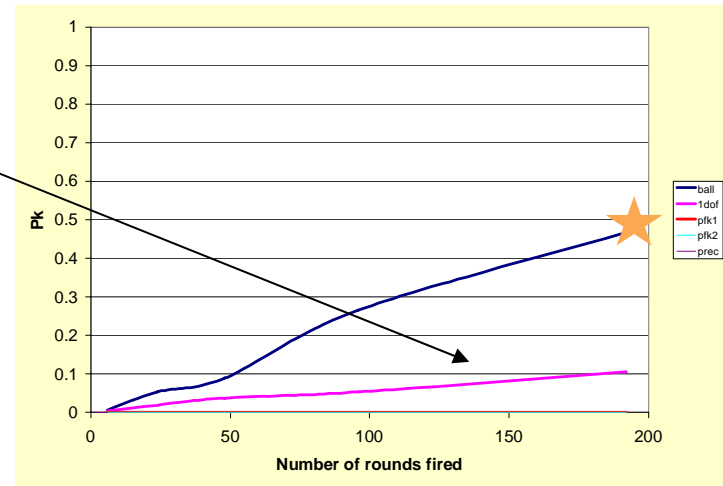


# Accuracy - Fewer rounds per mission

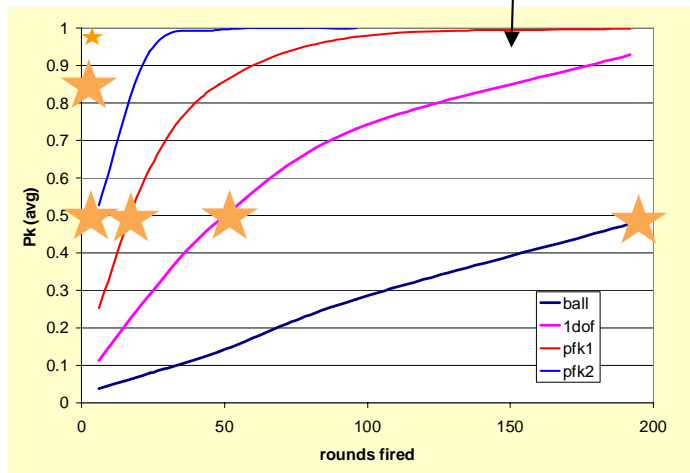
★ = Number of rounds to execute mission

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- Precision helps against area targets with smart sheafing, but precise accuracy isn't as important
- Precision helps against a single target and improved accuracy does help

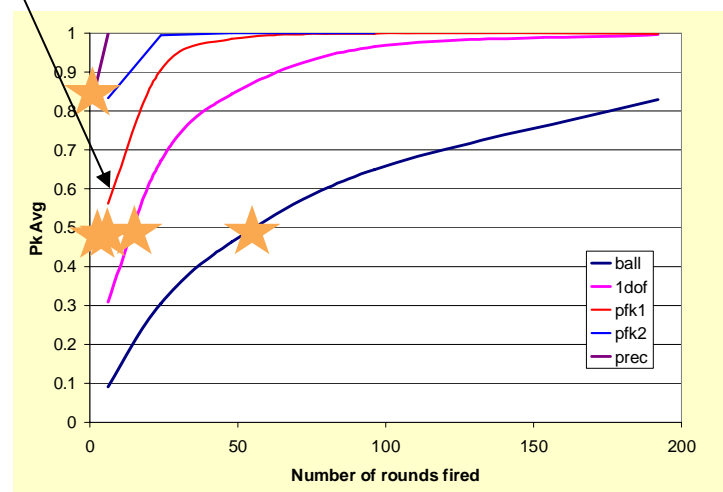
Multiple Targets – Center Aimpoint



Single Target



Multiple Targets - Sheafed

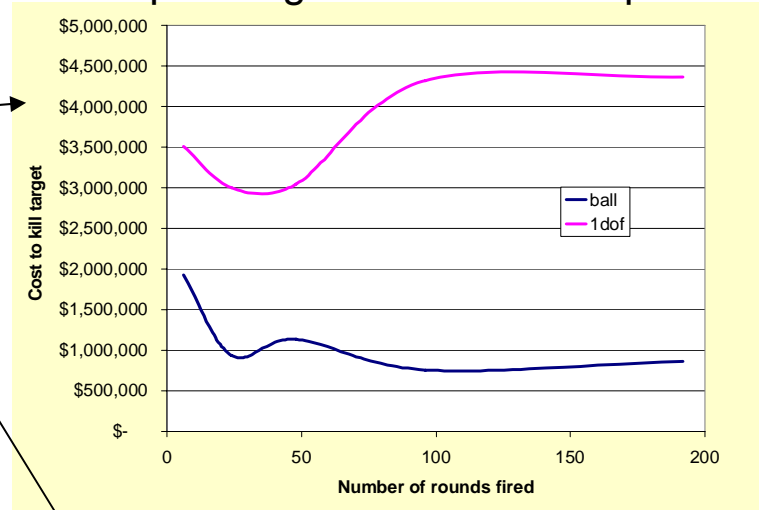


# Accuracy – Lower Cost to Execute a Mission

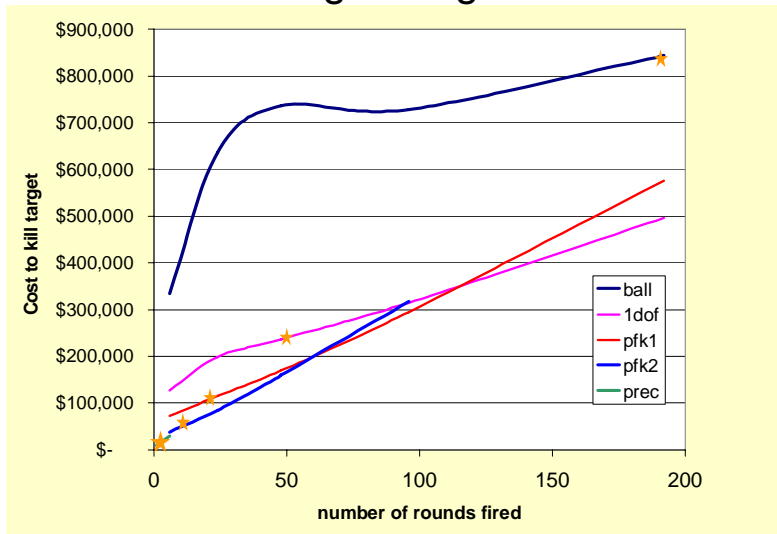
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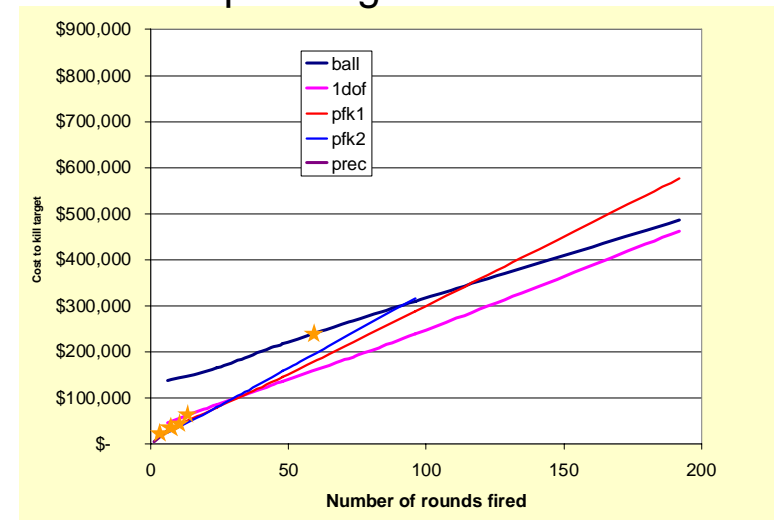
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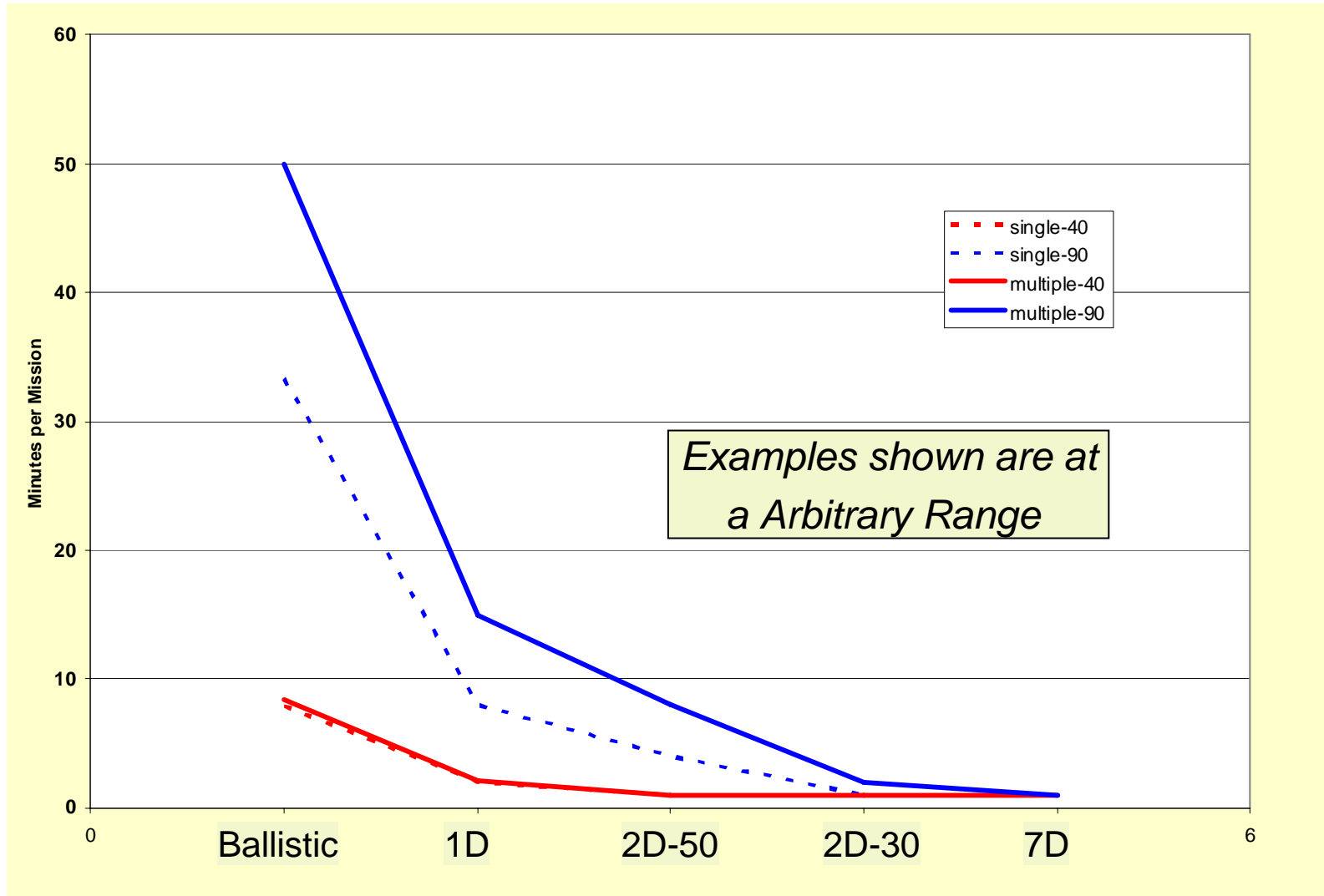
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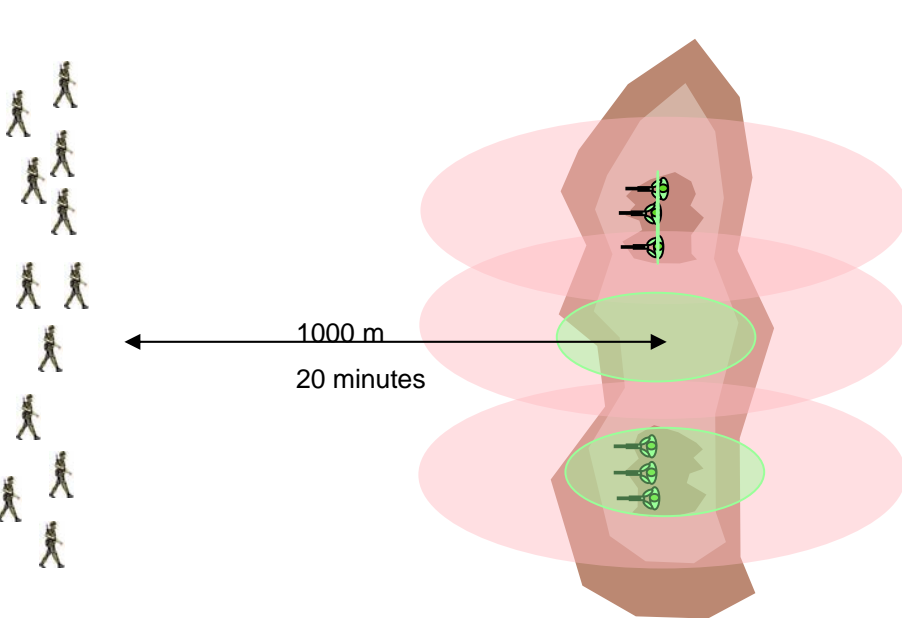
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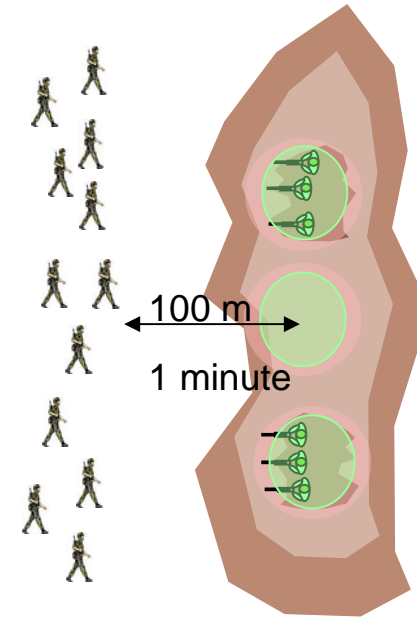
# Precision - Also Provides Tempo



# Tempo - Open Area Assault



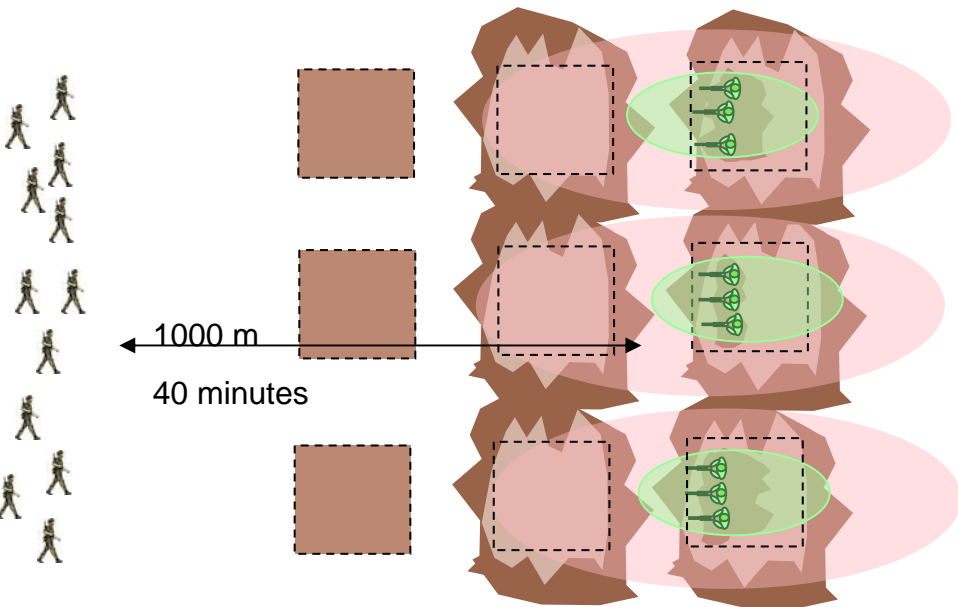
*Artillery prepares for assault by infantry  
Mission requires infantry to complete  
Artillery must be lifted 20 minutes before assault  
Infantry advances **against** defensive fire*



*Artillery prepares for assault by infantry  
Mission requires infantry to complete  
Artillery lifted seconds before assault  
Infantry advances **before** defensive fire reestablished*

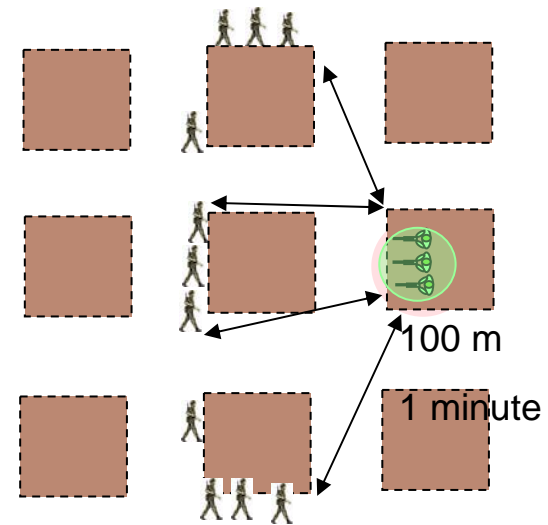
*Artillery is now an integral part of the assault  
rather than preparation to assault*

# Tempo - Urban Operations



Artillery prepares for assault by infantry  
Mission requires infantry to complete  
Artillery must be lifted 20 minutes before assault  
Infantry advances into **rubble against** effective defensive fire

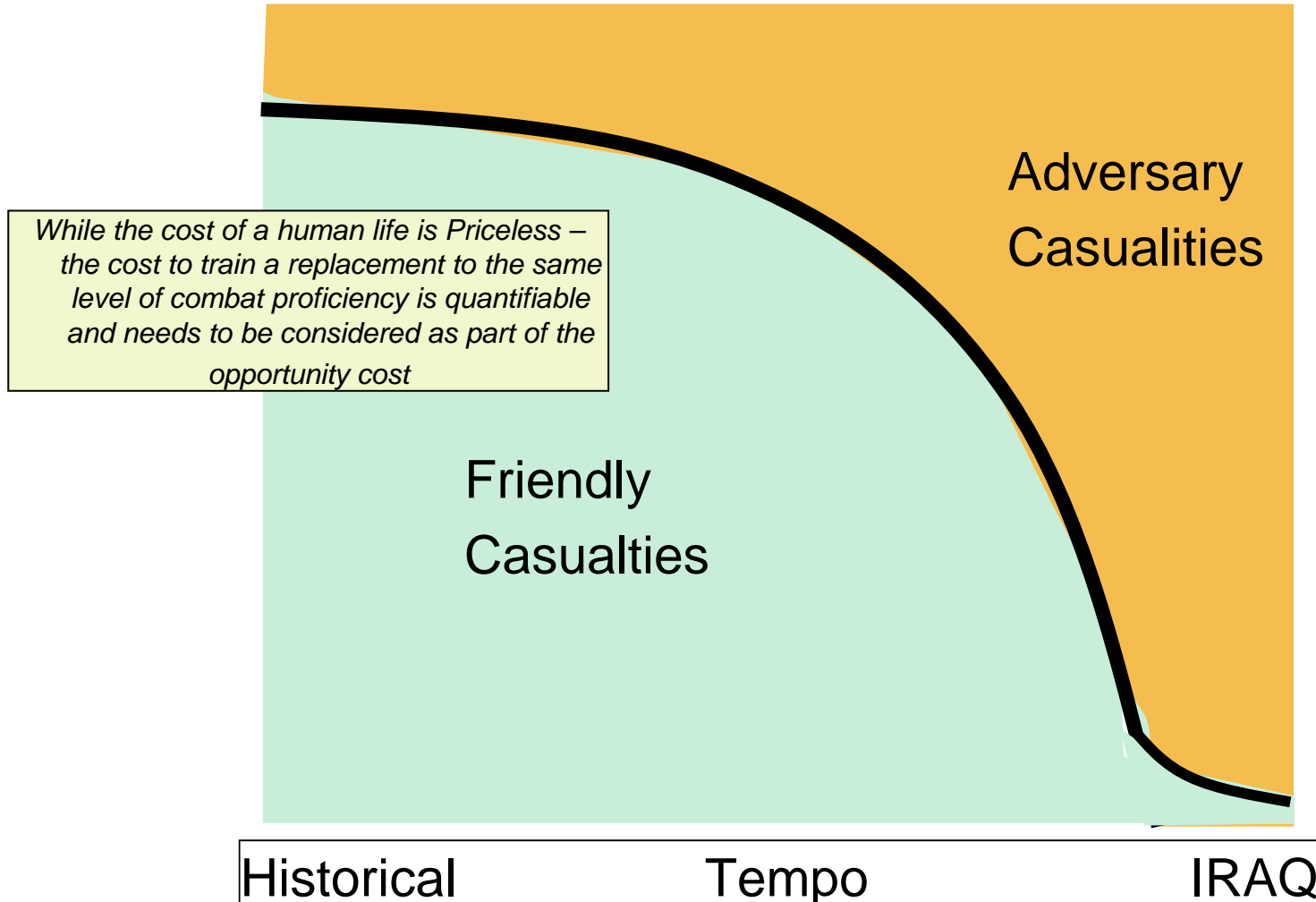
**"STALINGRAD"**



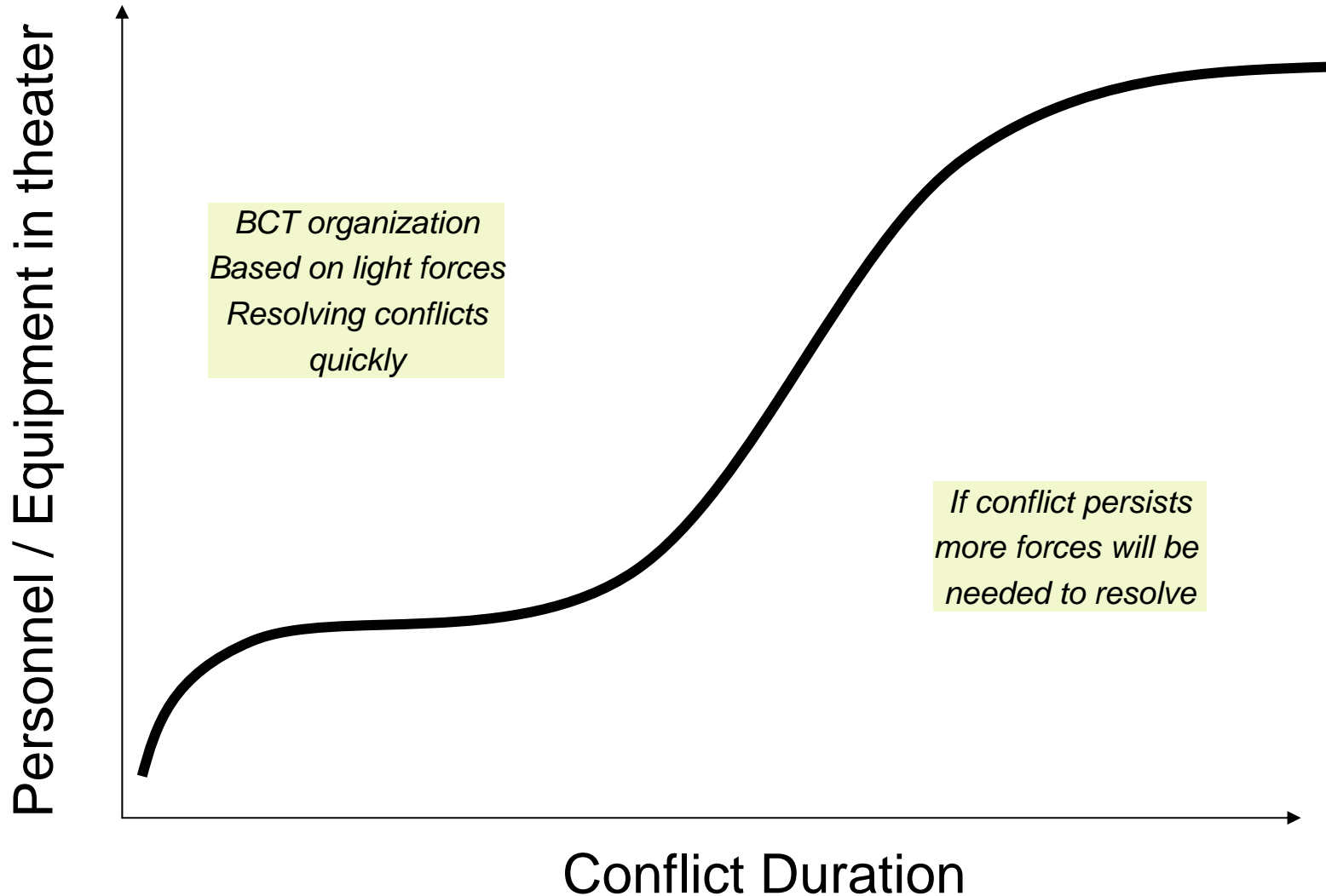
Infantry advances until hostiles engage from building  
Artillery fired at building, until fire suppressed  
Infantry **clears objective**, proceeds

**"BAGDAD"**

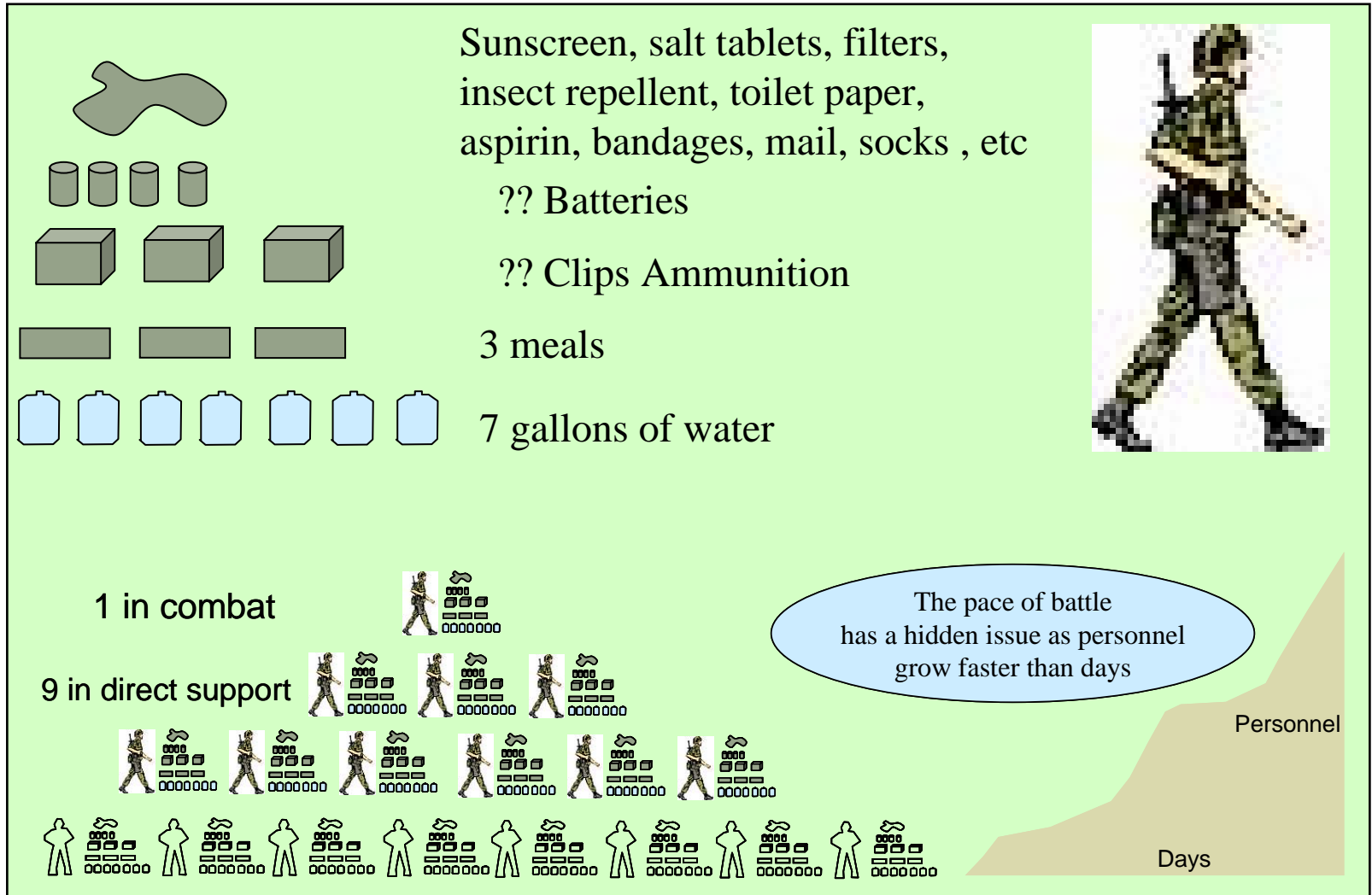
# Tempo – Improved exchange ratios



# Tempo – Will effect Logistics need



# Logistics - Demands increases rapidly as combat duration grows





# Logistics - The True Cost of a Projectile Mission

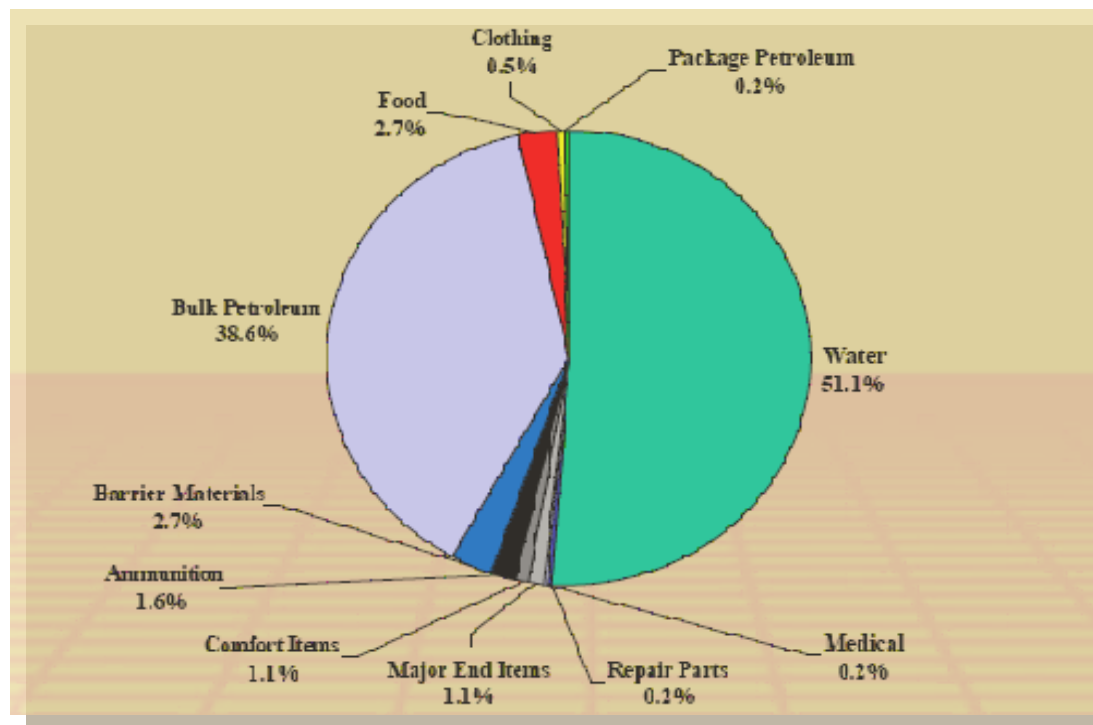
Unguided Projectiles



Guided Projectiles



# Logistics – Support logistics dominates combat logistics



|   |       |                  |
|---|-------|------------------|
| Water/ petroleum                              | ~ 90% | (90% to support) |
| Combat (ammunition, barrier, medical, repair) | ~ 5%  |                  |
| Other   | ~ 5%  | (90% to support) |

Only 15% of Logistics is “direct” support

# SUMMARY

- Precision
  - Faster destruction of target
  - Less Collateral Damage
  - Reduction of rubble defensive positions
- Delivery Control
  - Multiple mission capability
  - Less Collateral Damage
  - Mission Responsive Ordnance activities
- Reliability
  - Reduced logistics tail
  - Less Collateral Damage
- Design Flexibility
  - Multiple Gun capability
  - Seeker / Hard Kill Variants
  - Payload evolution (Inherent PIP)

*Precision is good in itself, but the major operational benefits are that the logistics reduction and that reduced time to complete mission greatly increases operational tempo and reduces friendly casualties*