

# CTAS Maturity Briefing

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# BAE Systems' medium calibre capabilities

- Designs and manufactures medium calibre weapons and ammunition
- Both buys and sells medium calibre systems
- Has unique global capabilities and knowledge in the medium calibre domain



MTIP & MTIP2



Toutatis (Remote Turret)



CV90 30mm



CVR(T) 30mm

**40mm Cased Telescoped  
(40CT)**



CV90 35mm



Warrior 30mm



20mm - 40mm



Bradley 25mm



CV90 40mm (Bofors)



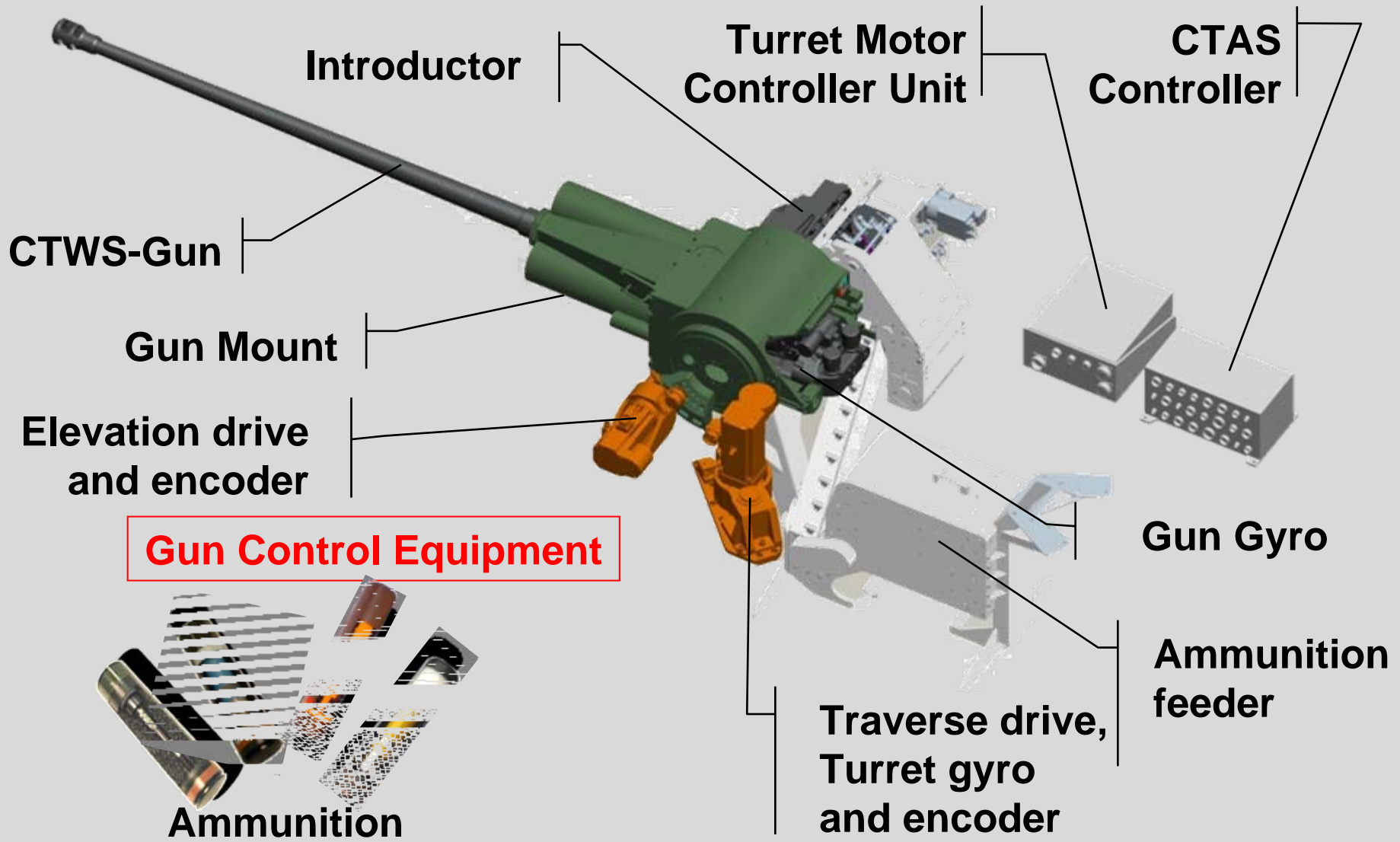
Warrior 25mm

# The JV Company

- CTAI - private joint venture (JV) company 50/50 BAE Systems and Nexter Systems
- Dedicated Anglo-French team, focused on 40mm Cased Telescoped Armament System (CTAS)
- All UK and French staff are based in Bourges, France



# 40 Cased Telescoped Armament System (CTAS)



# CTAS background

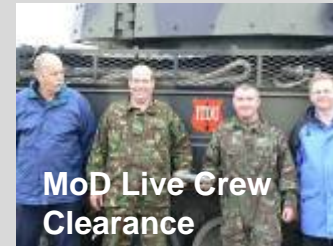
- 1994 CTAI created by Giat and Royal Ordnance**  
 (First activities around 45mm CT)
- 1997 40mm selected; CTAI scope of work is CTAS**  
 (40CT Gun + Ammo + Ammo handling system)
- 1999 MoD OA study output shared with US DoD;**  
**First integration into turrets**  
 (Bradley IFV + US-UK Tracer/Scout programme)
- 2002 MoD & DGA OA studies;**  
**MoD & DGA risk reduction contract**
- 2004 MoD & DGA contracts to integrate 40CT into turrets**  
 (MTIP & unmanned turret TOUTATIS)
- 2005 Extended scope of JV agreement to CTAS**  
 (40CT+Ammo+AHS+Gun Control Equipment + ballistics control)
- 2008 Downselected by MoD after additional independent OA**  
 (mandated item for Warrior and FRES-Scout programmes)



Full environmental and safety tests



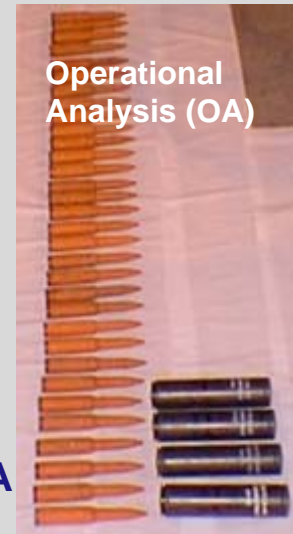
Bradley 40CT



MoD Live Crew Clearance



TRACER / FSCS



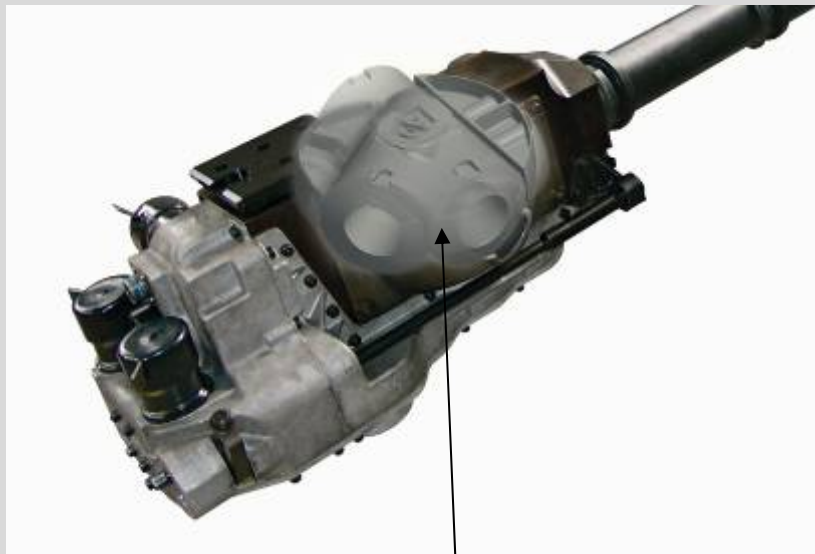
Operational Analysis (OA)



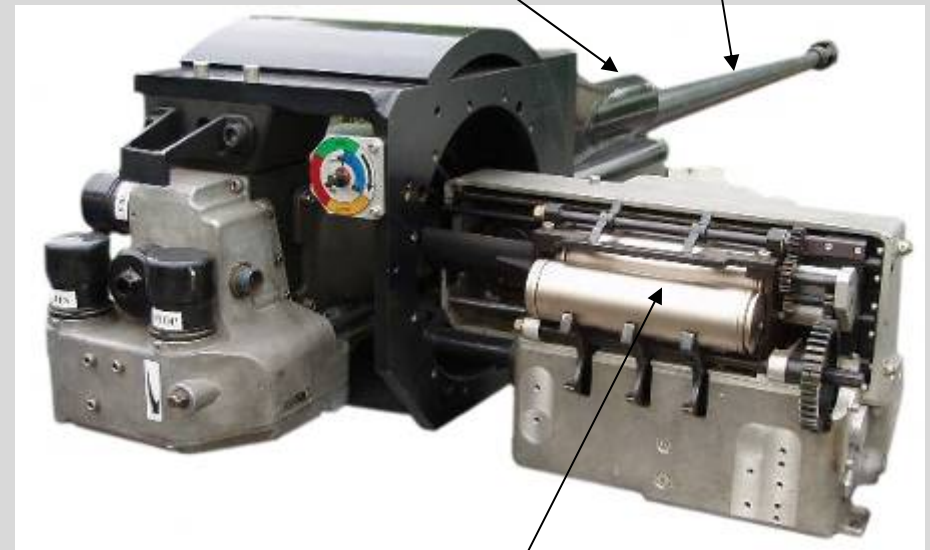
Warrior MTIP

# CT Technology background (gun and feeder)

- Rounds introduced through rotating breech



Rotating Breech



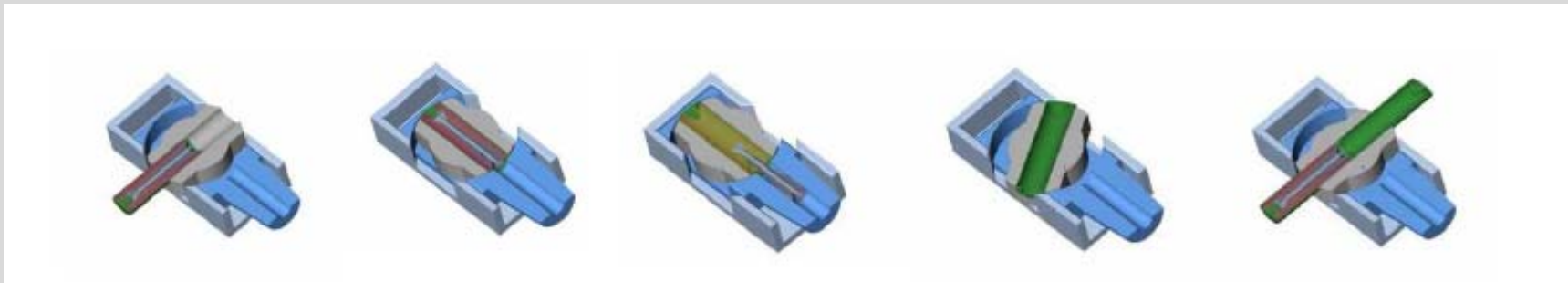
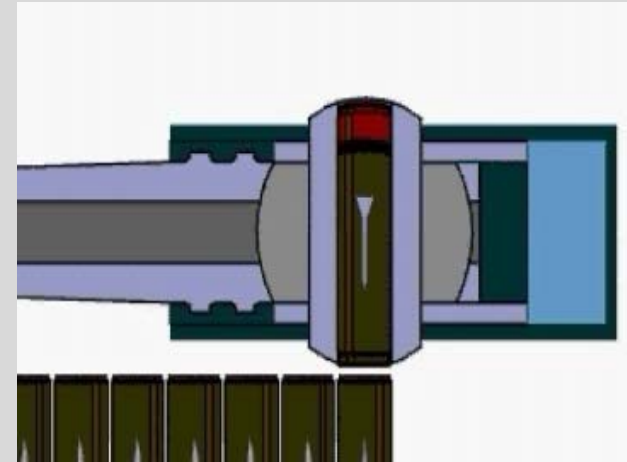
Mechanical recoil system

70-calibre barrel with muzzle brake

Ammunition in introductor

# CT Technology background (gun and feeder)

- “Push-through” concept
- Commercial “Gear box” technology
- High reliability



1. Ammunition enters the rotating breech

2. breech revolves thru 90° to align with barrel

3.

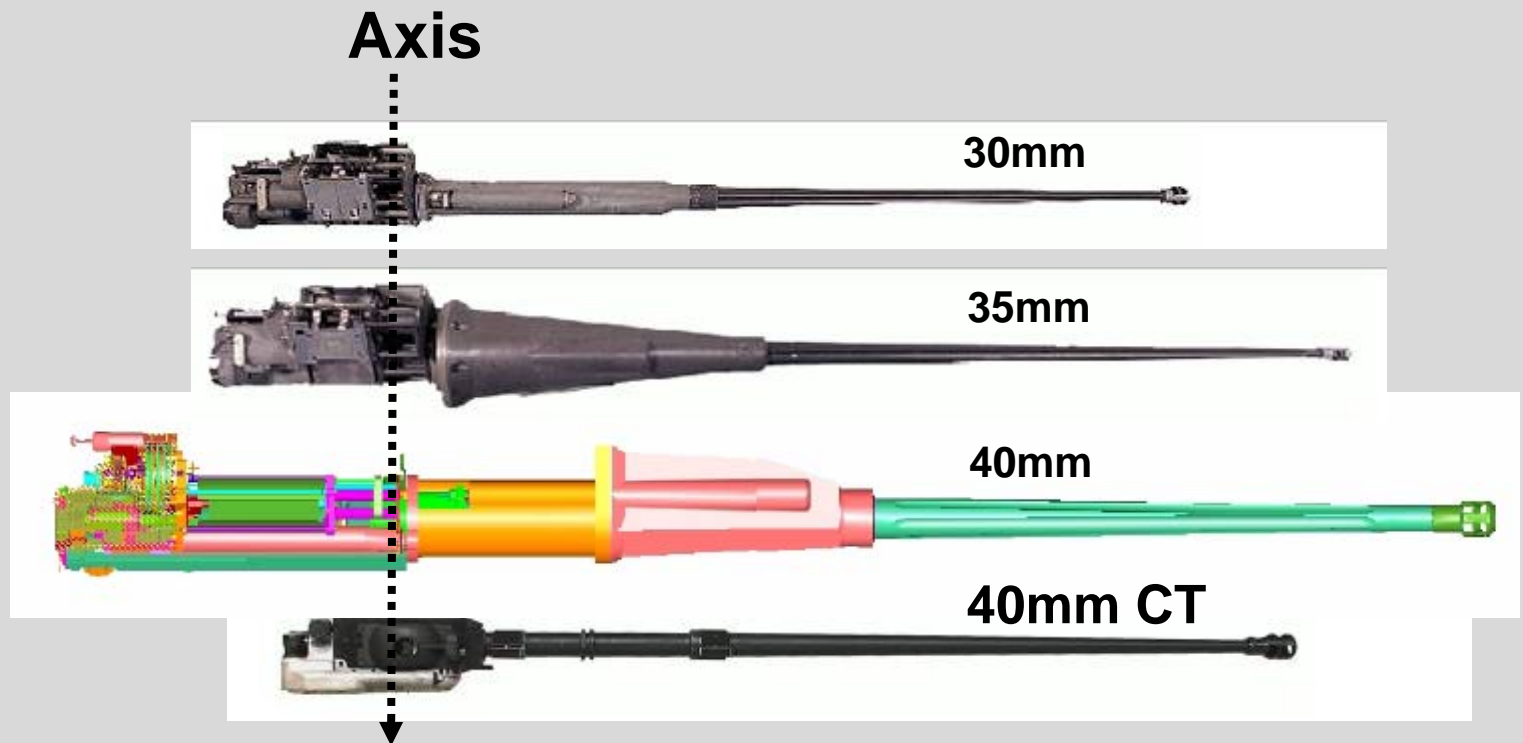
- Round is fired
- the breech recoils
- the projectile leaves the barrel

4. breech revolves another 90°

5. Empty case is pushed out by the next round

# CT Technology background (gun and feeder)

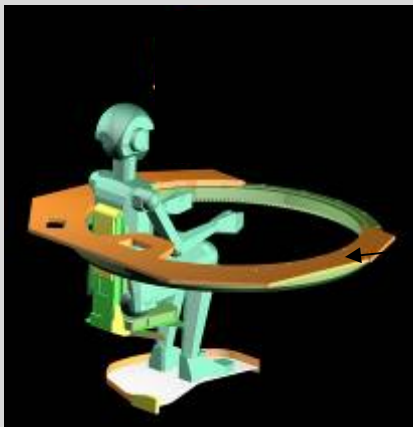
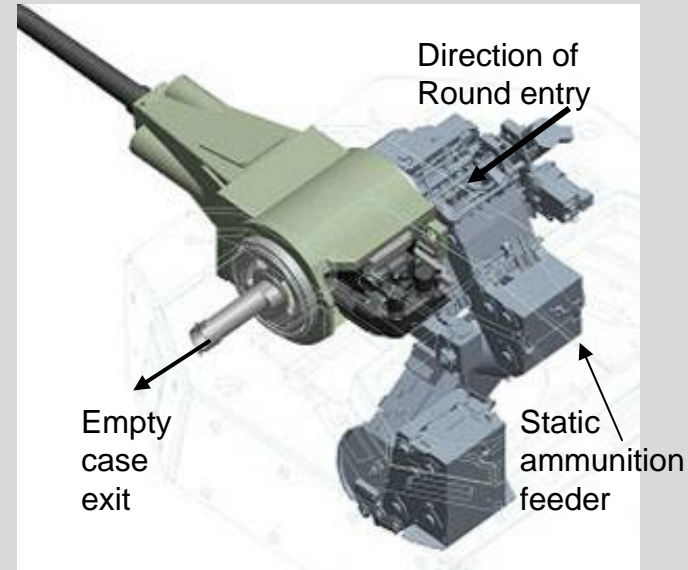
- Minimal intrusion to the crew compartment compared to conventional weapon systems





# CT Technology background (gun and feeder)

- Axis of introduction along the trunnion axis
  - minimizes gun intrusion
- Static ammunition feeder
  - minimizes swept volume
- Out-of-balance managed by high-performance GCE

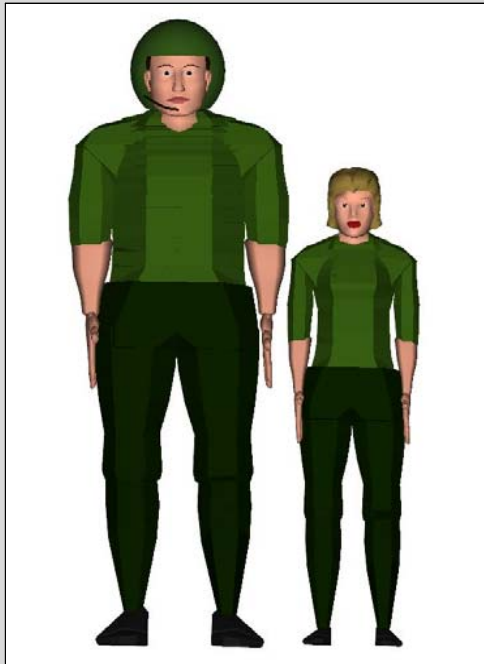


Maximises use of limited turret basket volume and an extreme 1.4m turret ring diameter



# CT Technology background (gun and feeder)

- CTAS positioned well forward of the Commander and Gunner
- allows the turret crew to concentrate on their core tasks (IFV or Scout)



illustrative



Warrior MTIP

CT cannon with only 74ltrs swept volume

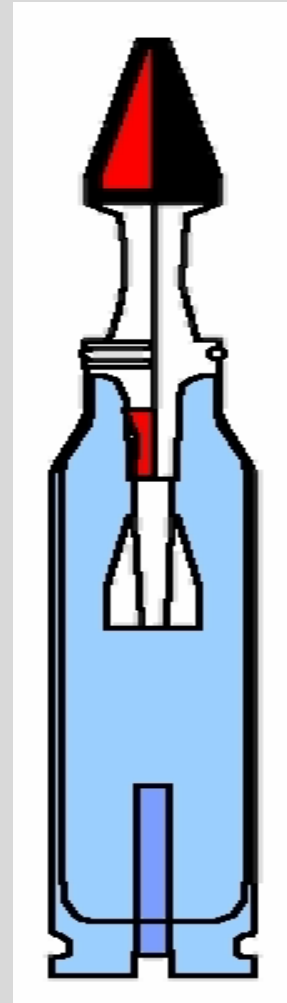
Static ammo feeder

designed to accommodate:

- 2x 95th percentile men
- or 2x 5th percentile women
- in full body armour and helmet

# CT Technology background (ammunition)

- Unlike conventional rounds, the projectile is 'telescoped' within the cartridge case and surrounded by propellant
- The cartridge case diameter increases to provide efficient internal volume
- CT is 30% more volumetrically efficient than conventional ammunition



# CT Technology background (ammunition)

- Two ammunition natures to achieve four effects
- 40mm offers significant Operational benefits
- UK MoD Operational Analysis of 40mm CT (Unclassified quotes from UK MoD)  
*“...clear advantage in urban Operations...increases platform survivability...”*



**Defeat of RHA and add-on special armours**



**Point Detonating defeat of structures with behind-structure effect**



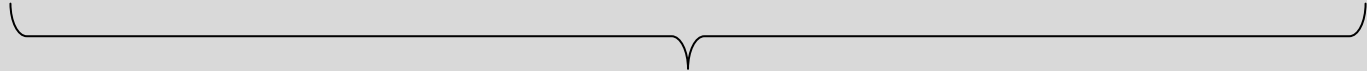
**Airburst suppression, both 'line of sight' & 'non line of sight' land and air targets**



**Defeat of soft skin targets**



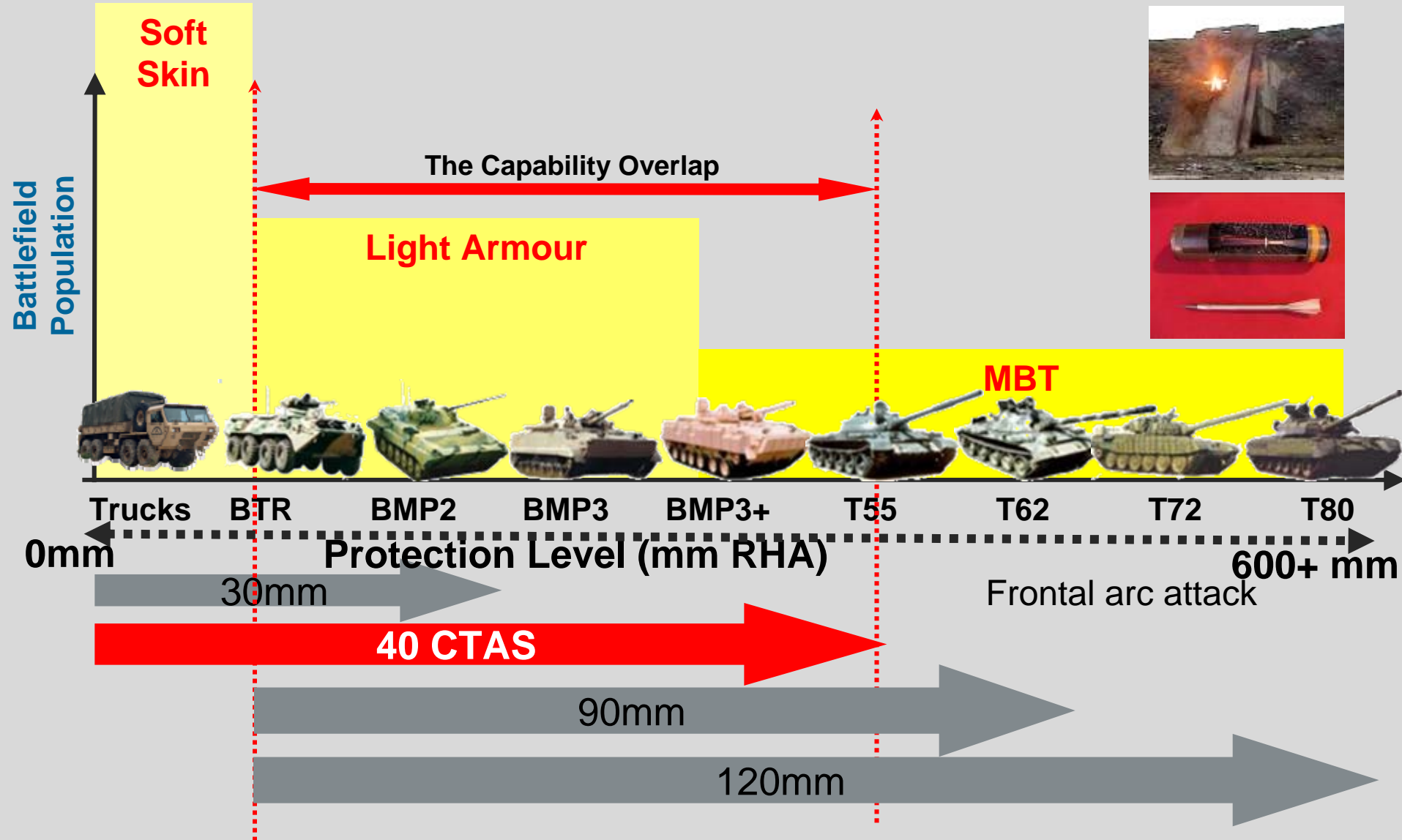
**'APFSDS' ammunition**



**'GPR' ammunition**

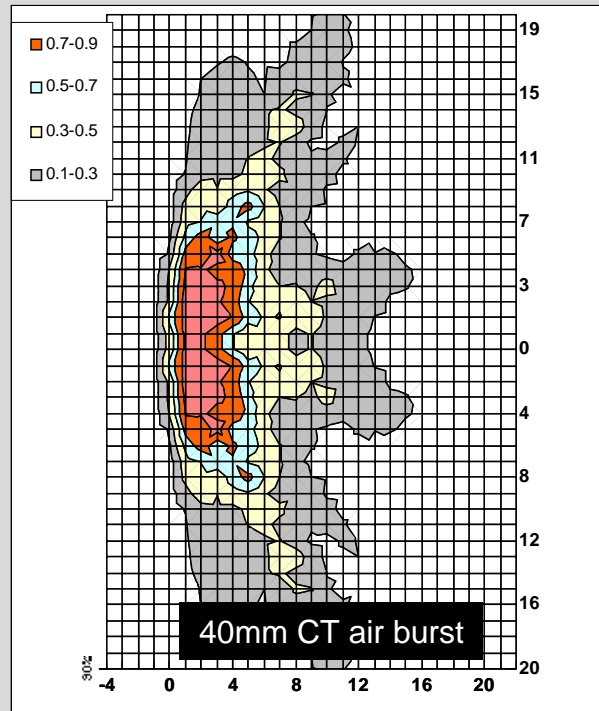
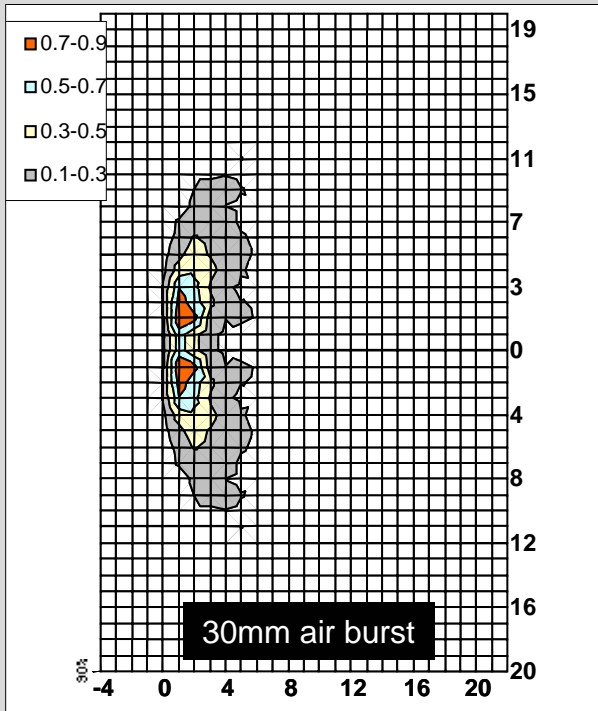
i.e. Point Detonating + Air Burst fused HE ammunition combined in one general purpose round (GPR)

# CT Technology background (ammunition: APFSDS)



# CT Technology background (ammunition: GPR)

- 40mm General purpose round (GPR) ; one round type
- Air burst and point detonation functions combined
  - Air Burst for suppression tasks
  - Point Detonating for buildings (STANAG 4536) and defensive positions



# General Purpose Round – Point detonating urban ops

- Breaches concrete walls with behind-structure effects
- 210mm steel-reinforced concrete (STANAG 4536)



# General Purpose Round – Air Burst suppression tasks





# Turret Integration

- Ammunition handling systems adaptable to user requirements and turret design
- Sustainable reloading

## **MTIP**

42 shots - 2 types



## **VBCI**

70 shots - 2 types

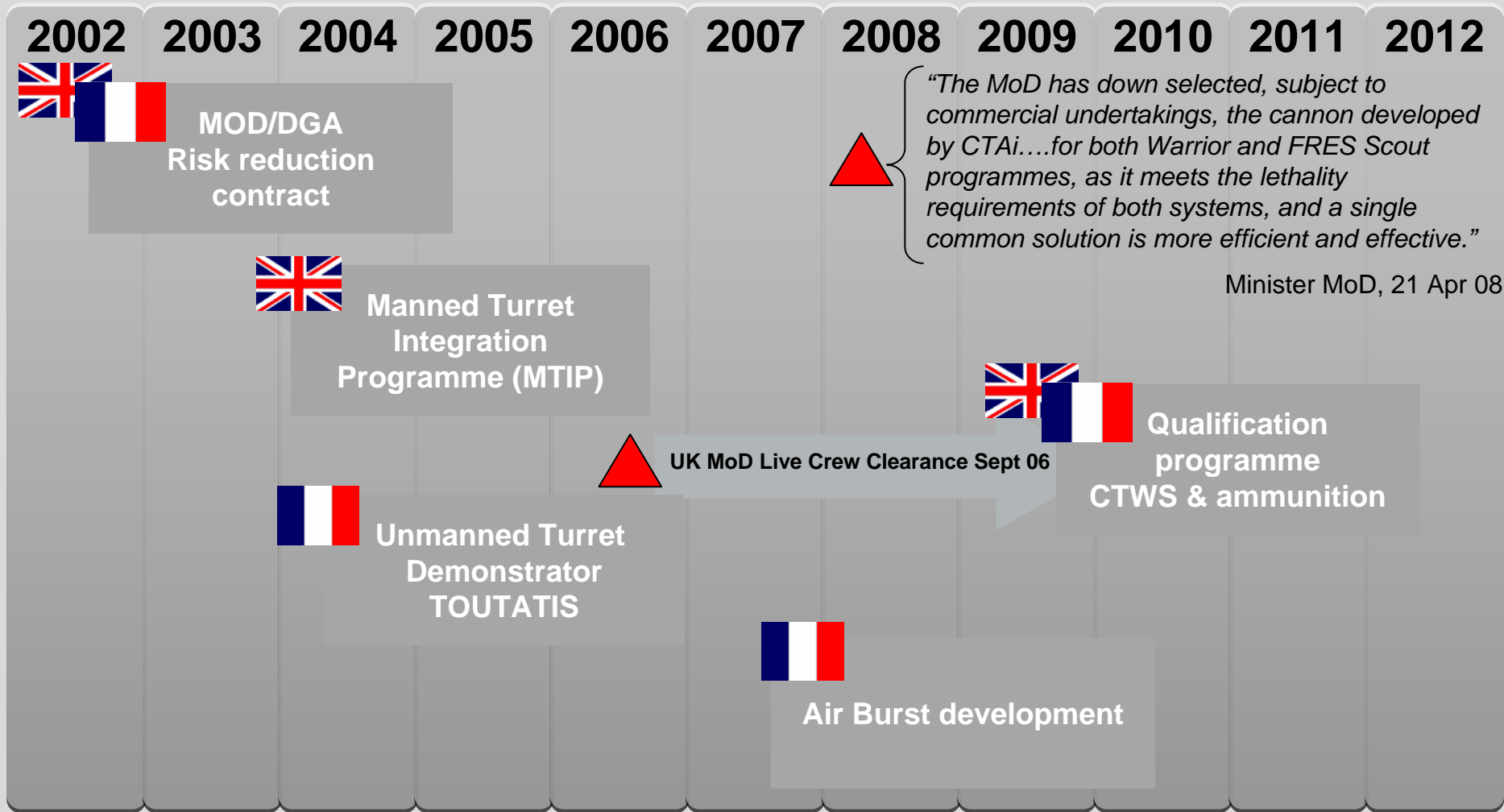


## **Toutatis**

52 shots - 3+ types  
(Remote turret)

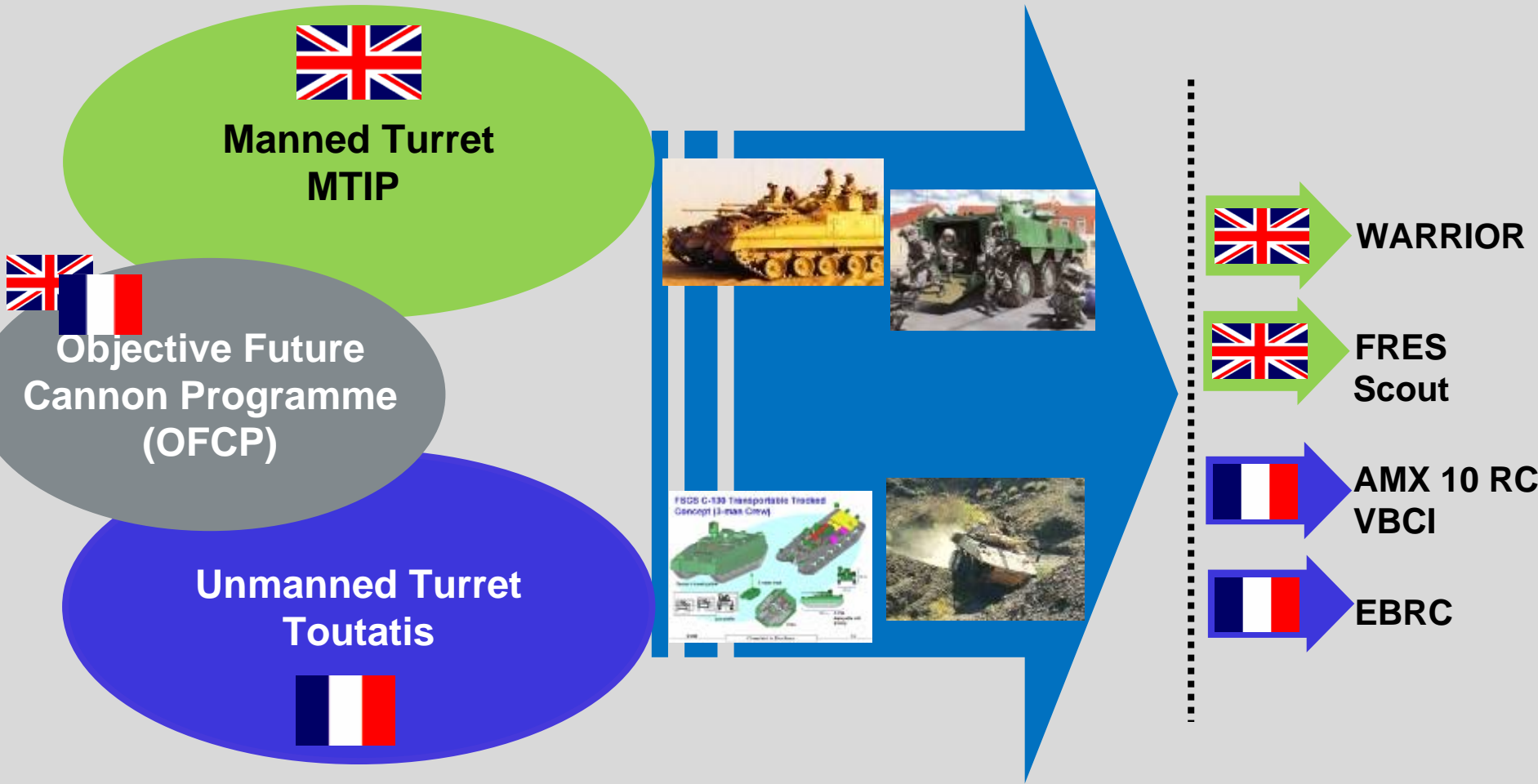


# UK MoD and French DGA Cooperation



← **Output shared between UK MoD and FR DGA** →

# UK MoD and French DGA programmes



# Industrialisation

**BAE SYSTEMS**

Glascoed, Wales



- Industrialisation process started 2006 in UK and France after UK MoD awarded 'Live Crew Clearance'
- First deliveries in 2010

**CTA INTERNATIONAL**

Bourges, France



**nexter**  
MUNITIONS

La Chapelle, France



# Summary

1. 40CT is moving from 'development' to 'industrialisation'
2. 40CT offers an innovative approach to high lethality and lower integration burden
3. 40CT family of ammunition allows greater 'utility' from IFVs
4. FR aligning with UK for a joint launch
5. Offers a real choice to potential global customers



**Questions?**

