



MK 45 Weapon System

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Agenda

- **Patrol Coastal Class Ship Capability Gap**
- **Solution Overview**
- **Planned Demonstration Event**
- **Path Forward**
- **Additional Features Under Consideration**

Patrol Coastal Class Ships



MK 96



MK 38 MOD 1



PC Weapon Systems

- **Current Configuration**
 - MK 38 MOD 1 forward
 - MK 96 AFT (6 ships updated with MK 38 MOD 2)
- **Issue/Capability Gap**
 - Forward mount not stabilized or optically supported
 - High sea states will not allow crew in the focsle area
 - Loading
 - Operating
 - Maintaining
 - MK 38 MOD 2 not a good candidate due to green water and would be inaccessible, like the MK 38 MOD 1
- **Developing requirement for a forward Weapon System**
 - Remote controlled with on-mount EOS
 - Out range small arms
 - Optics capable of providing improved operational awareness
 - Weapon light enough to remove and stow below deck during extreme sea-states

Solution

- **MK 38 MOD 2 Program of Record replaces the MK 96 aft Weapon System**
- **Develop a lightweight alternate Weapon System for the forward position**
 - **Install in an alternate location**

MK 38 MOD 2 Installation Aft Location



MK 45 Weapon System



HSV 2 SWIFT

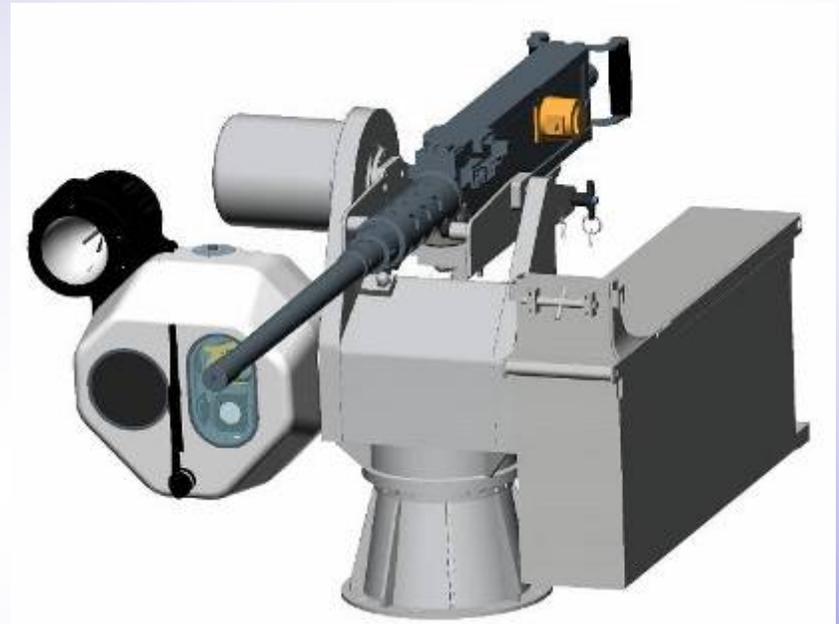


USCG 87' Patrol Boat
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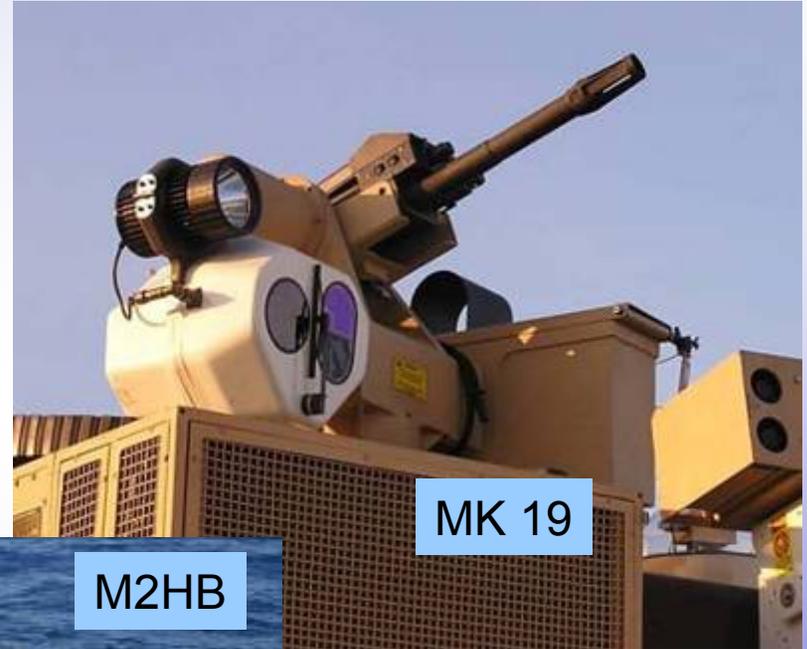


- Two axis gyro stabilized
- Remote firing utilizing on-mount optics
- Autotracker
- WSESRB approved for HSV 2 SWIFT



- Cooled FLIR (3-5 micron)
- 2 fixed FOV's (10.8° and 2.2°)
- Day color camera
- Variable zoom (43° to 1.8°)
- 1 Hz eye safe laser rangefinder
- "NightHunter" spotlight
- Optics Wiper/washer

MK 45 w/M240, MK 19, M2HB

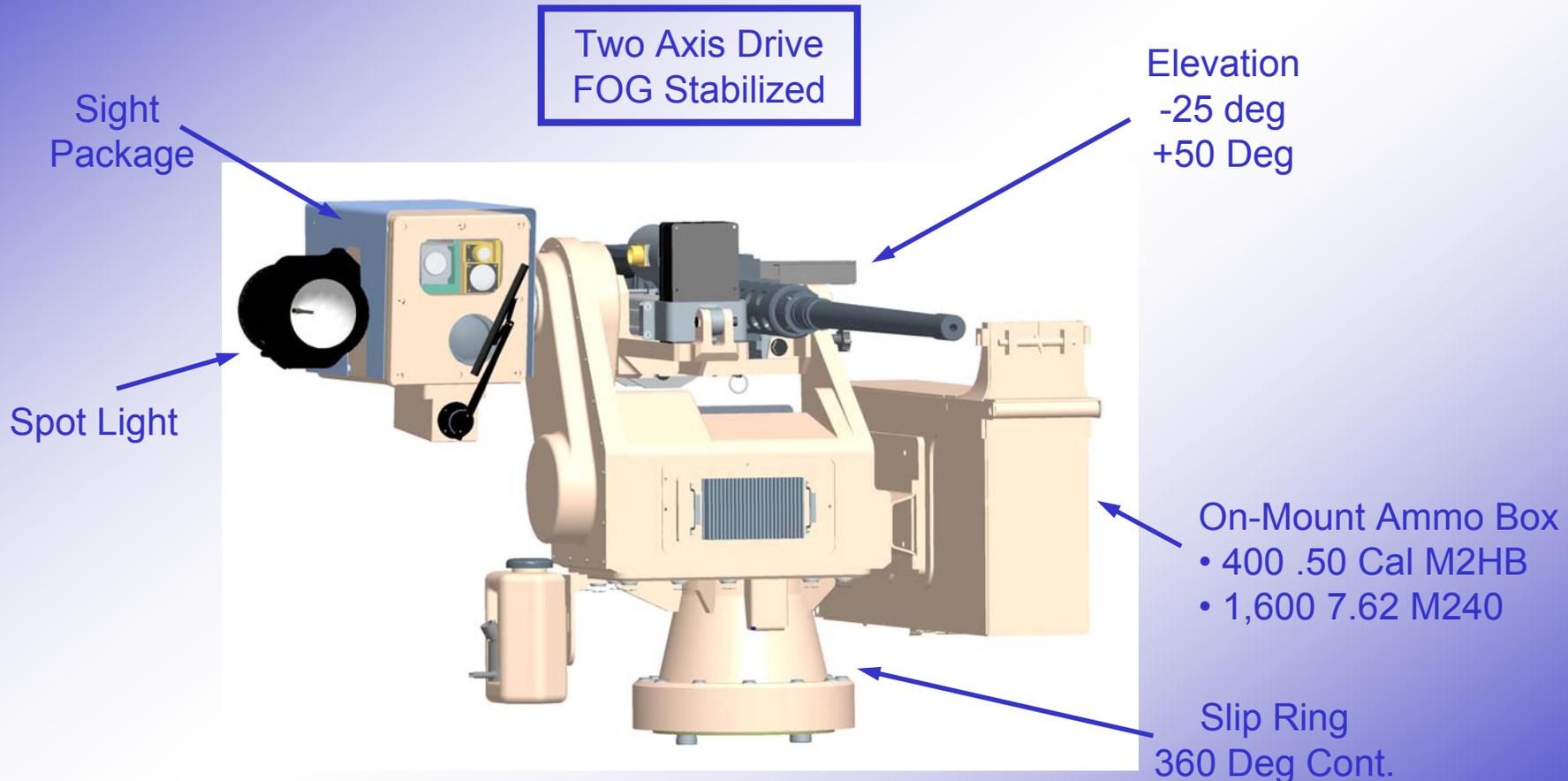


DARPA LW Mount – G Wagon Installation



Naval Expeditionary Overwatch (NEO)

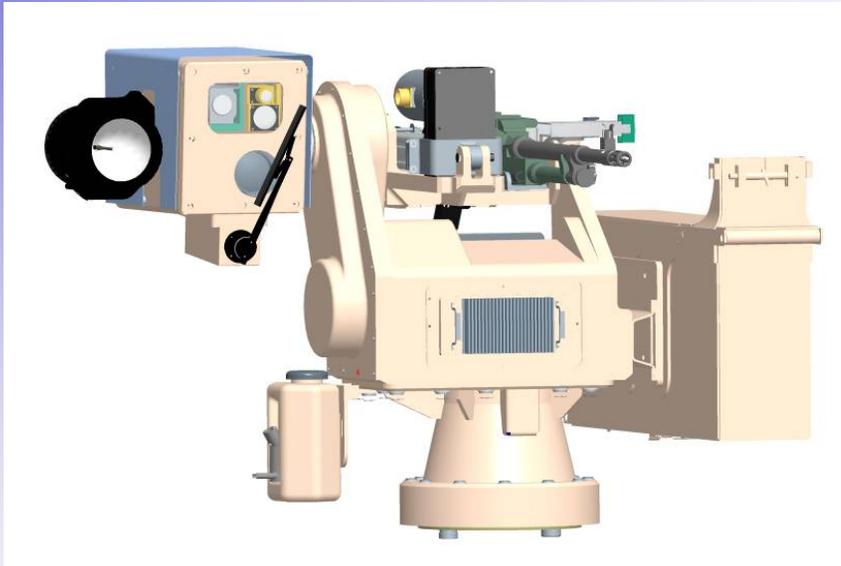
Gunslinger Spiral 3 Mount



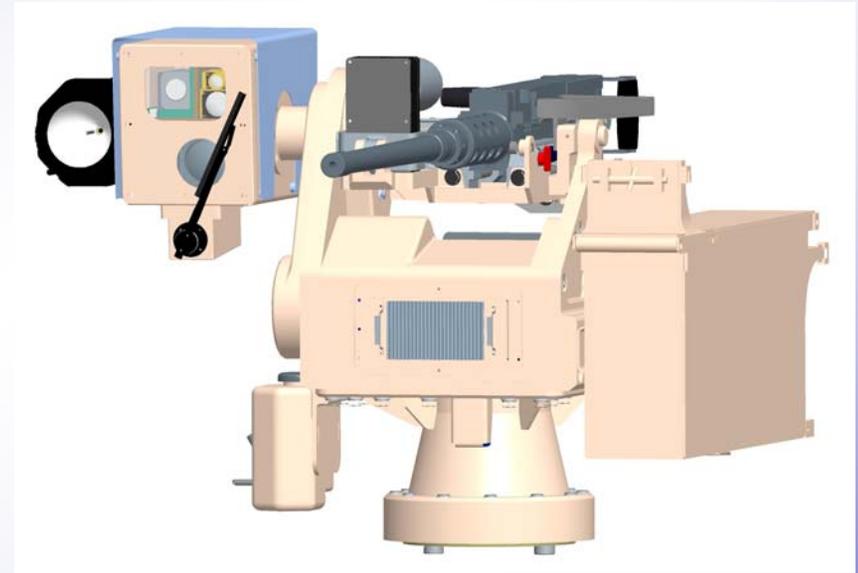
Mount Weight Approx. 265 (No Gun or Ammo)
Overall Dimensions with M2HB = 29.4"H x 38"W x 65.2"D
Working Radius with M2HB = 42.2"

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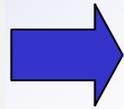
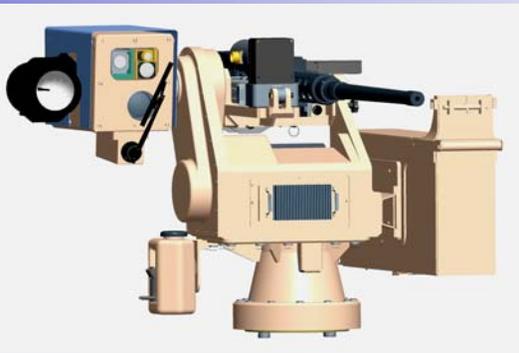


M240 7.62
1,600 Round Capacity

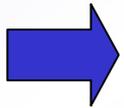
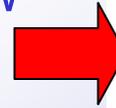


M2HB .50 Cal
400 Round Capacity

Modular Advanced Weapon System (MAWS) Development

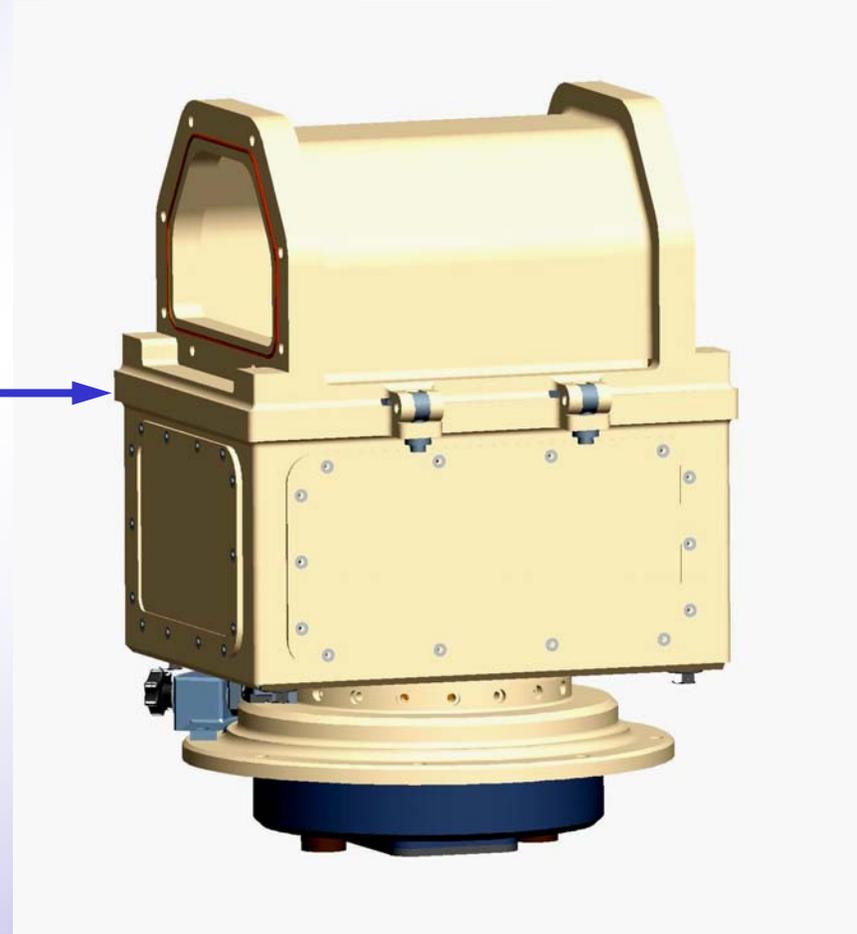
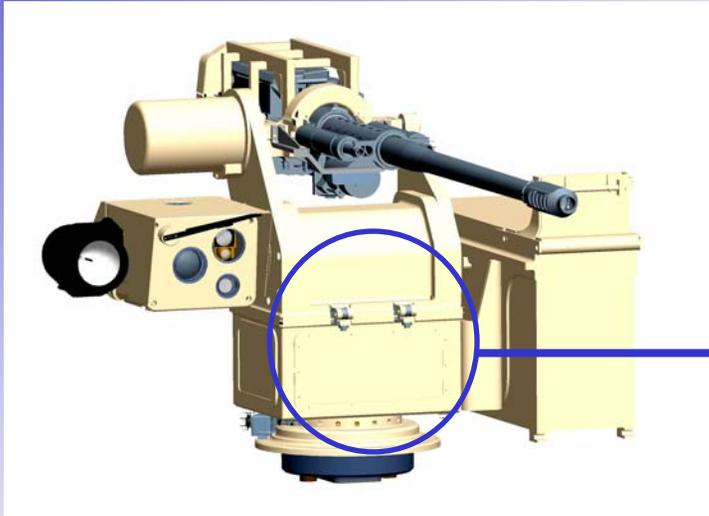


Repackage current
MK 45 and MK 45 LW
Systems and add
new capabilities into
a new Modular Advanced
Weapon System (MAWS)



Modular Advanced Weapon System (MAWS)

Common Base Assy

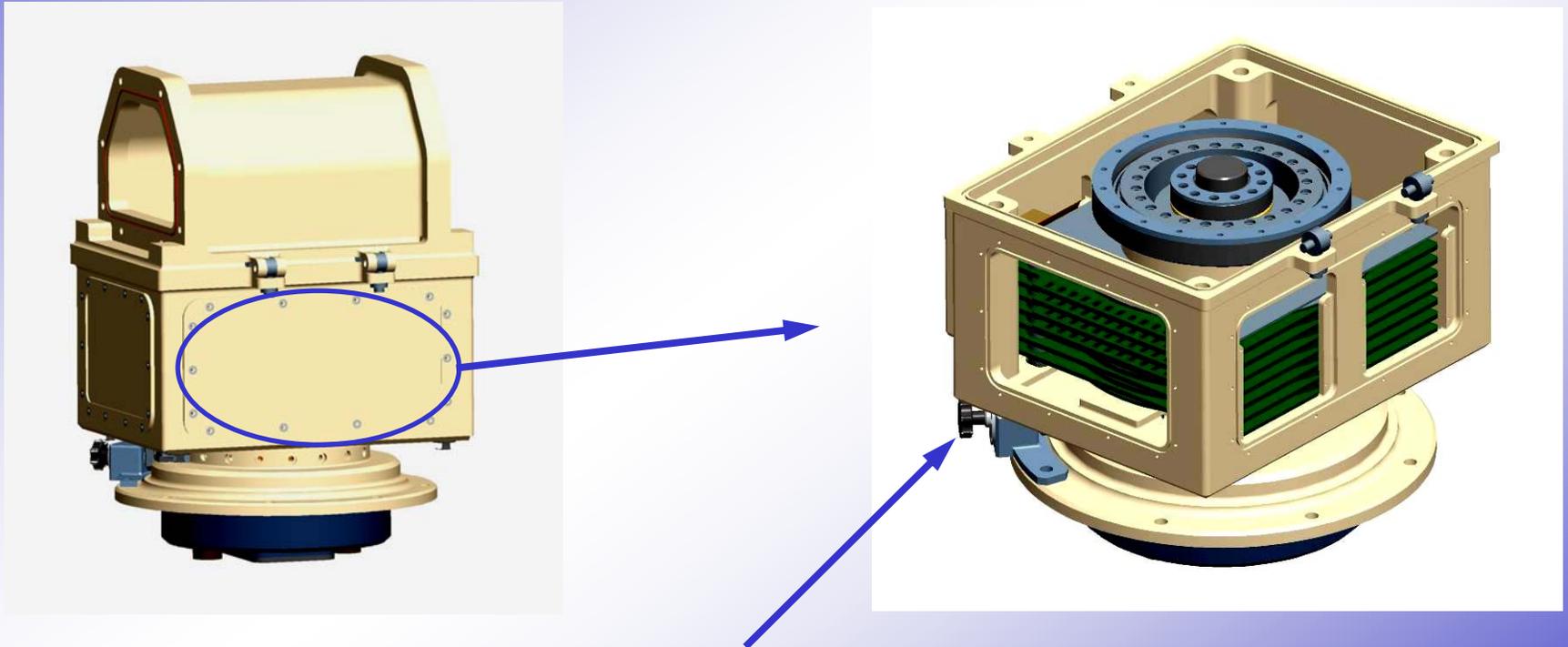


Base Structure Contains:

- Azimuth power drive
- Slip-Ring
- In gimble electronics (Amp Box)

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Integral Slip Ring



Scaleable slip-ring design allows the addition of circuit paths as needed for payload requirements

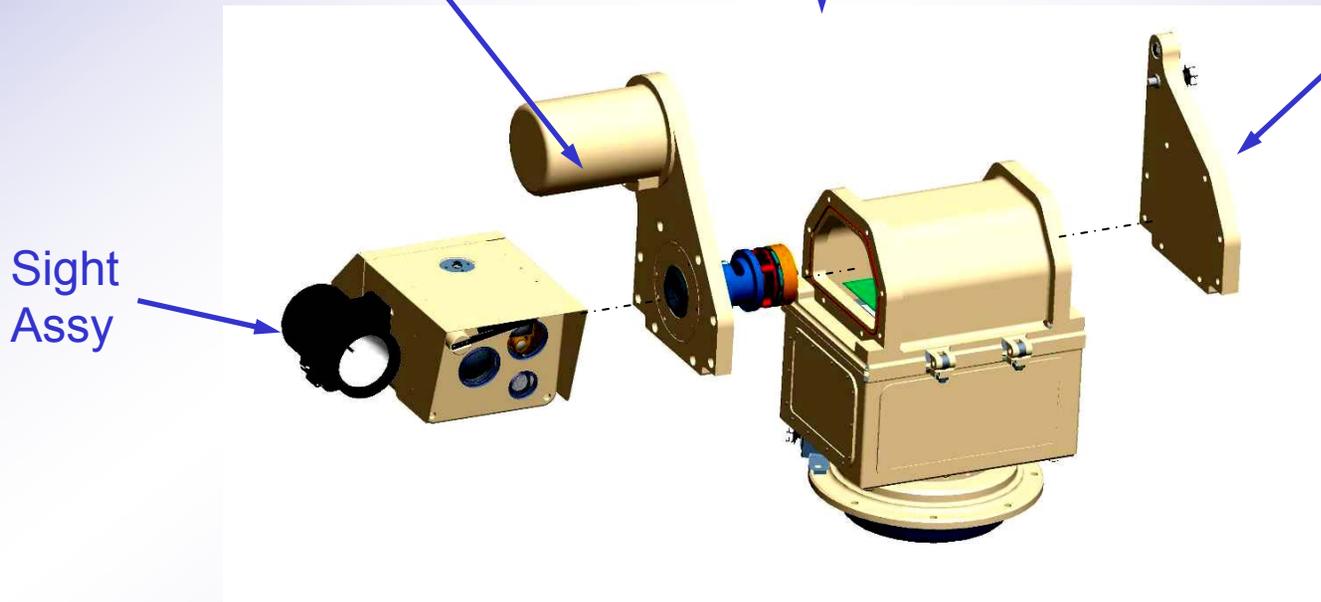
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Three Axis Configuration



Three Axis Drive Trunnion Assy contains independent sight and payload drives

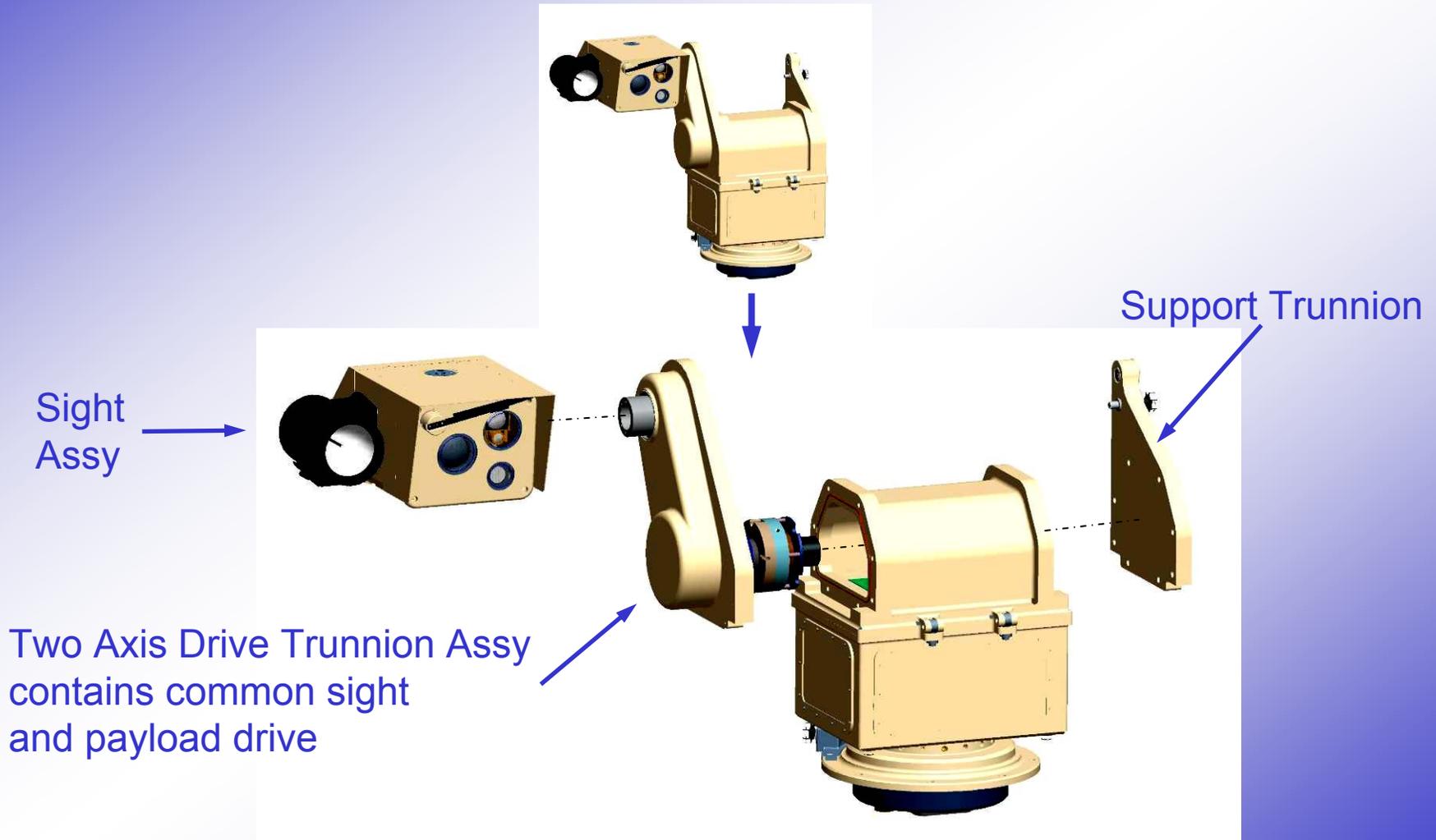
Support Trunnion



Common Mechanical and Plug and Play Electronic Interfaces

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Two Axis Configuration

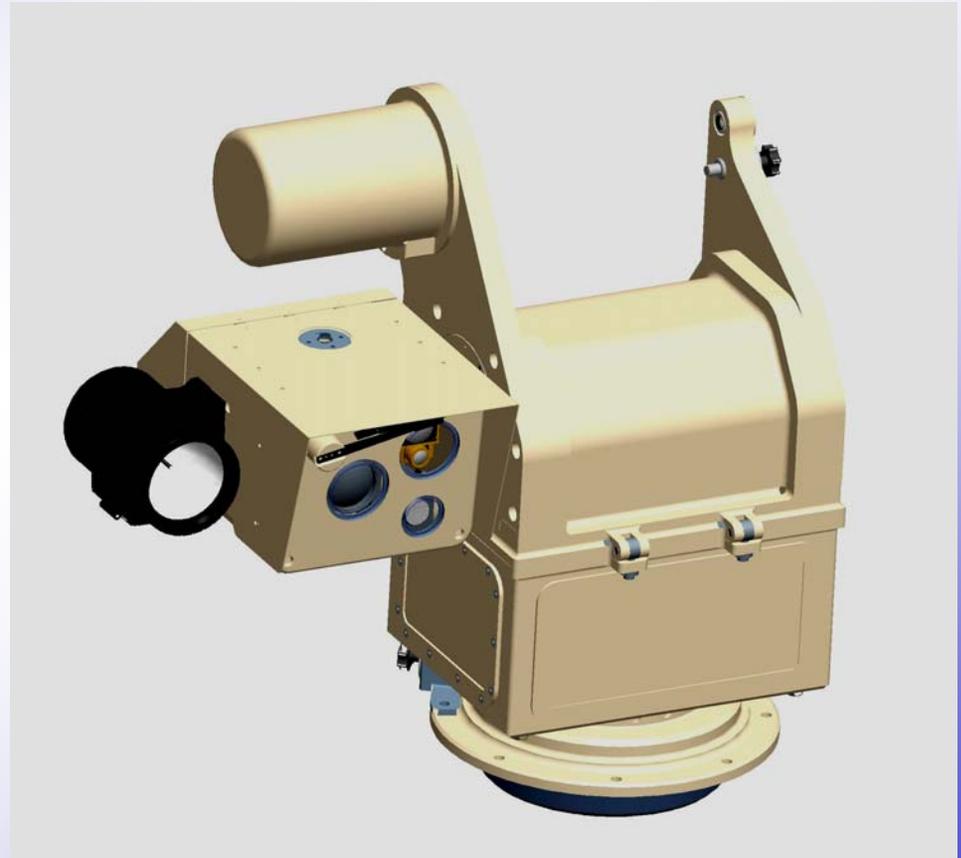


Common Mechanical and Plug and Play Electronic Interfaces

Modular Advanced Weapon System (MAWS)

Sight Interface

- Sight interface has common mechanical and electrical interfaces for plug and play compatibility between sight packages



Modular Advanced Weapon System (MAWS)

Principle Concept

- **Modular Advanced Weapon System**
 - **Modular/Scaleable design is adaptable to many payloads and various performance requirements**
 - **Lightweight**
 - **Baseline construction – Aluminum weldments, castings when possible**
 - **Objective – Composite manufacture when possible**
 - **Composite Study Funded**
 - **Cost**
 - **Modular design allows configuration options that satisfy cost/performance requirements**

Modular Configurations

M2HB .50 cal



M240 7.62



MK 19 40mm



Common Base Assy



M230LF 30mm



M134 7.762mm Gatling Gun



Long Range Acoustical Device
LRAD 500 and Optics Package



LW25 25mm with LRAD 500



Surveillance Payload
w/ Alternative Spotlight

Weapon Choice

M230LF

- **Details:**

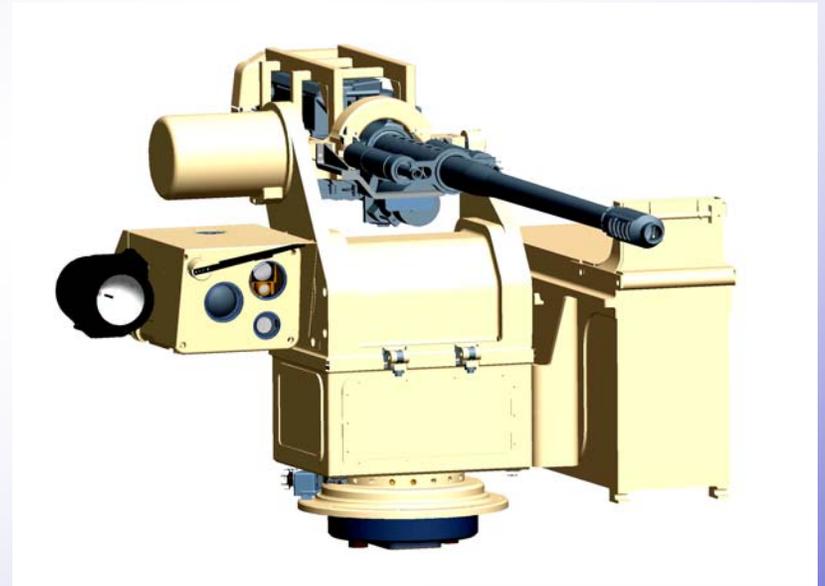
- 30mm Chain Gun
- Effective Range - ~2,500 Yards
- Lightweight - Approx. 160 lbs
- Fires electric primed ammunition
- M230 linkless Chain Gun used on Army AH-64 Apache Helicopter and MH-60 Aircraft
- M230LF variant being applied to this program is derived from the M230 with the follow modifications:
 - Modified feeder for linked ammunition
 - Added recoil attenuation buffers
 - Percussion firing mechanism – upgrade kit

- **Known Issues:**

- M230LF Not Type Classified
- Requires some degree of design finalization by ATK
- Level of Marinization unknown

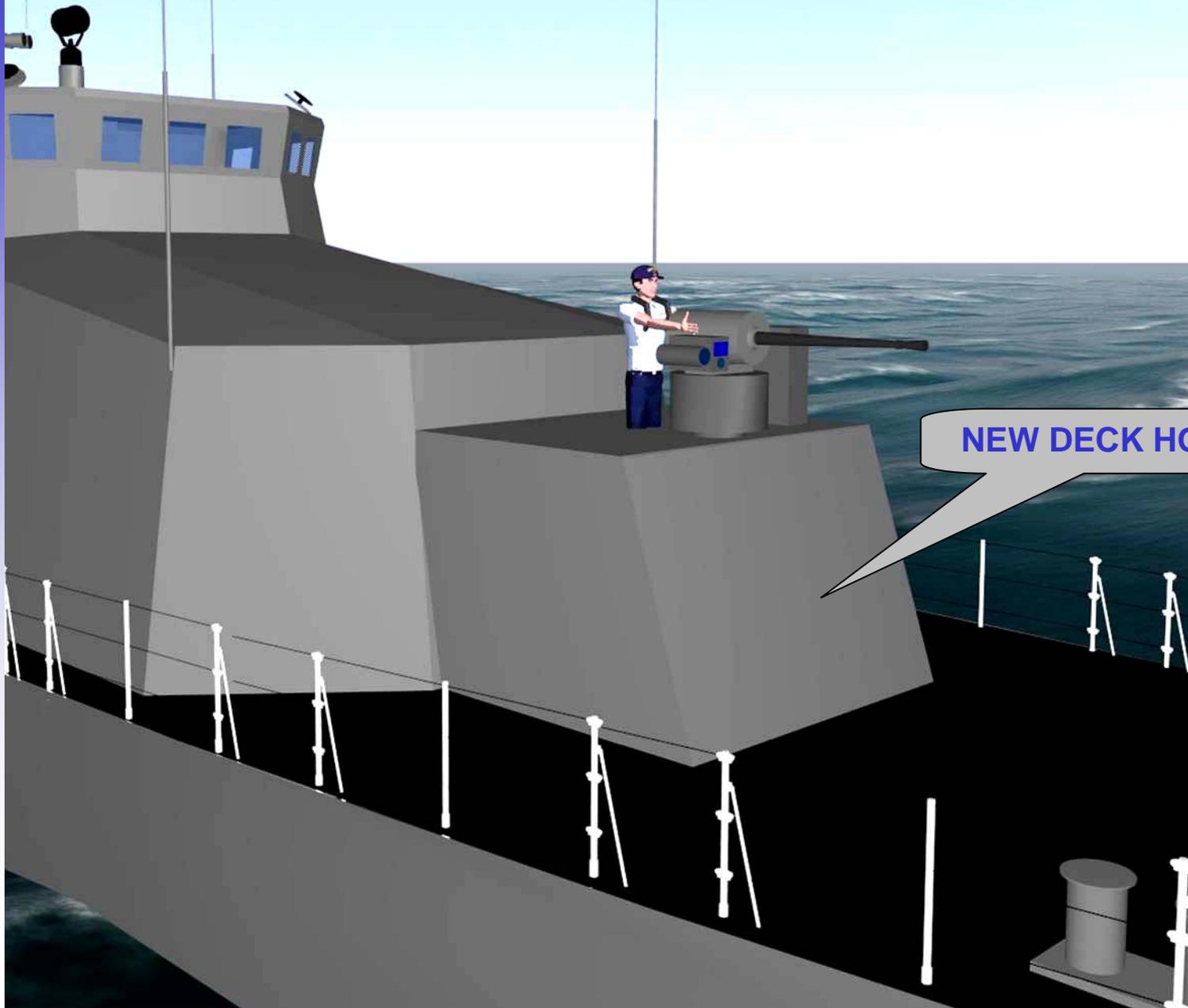


Weapon System Integration

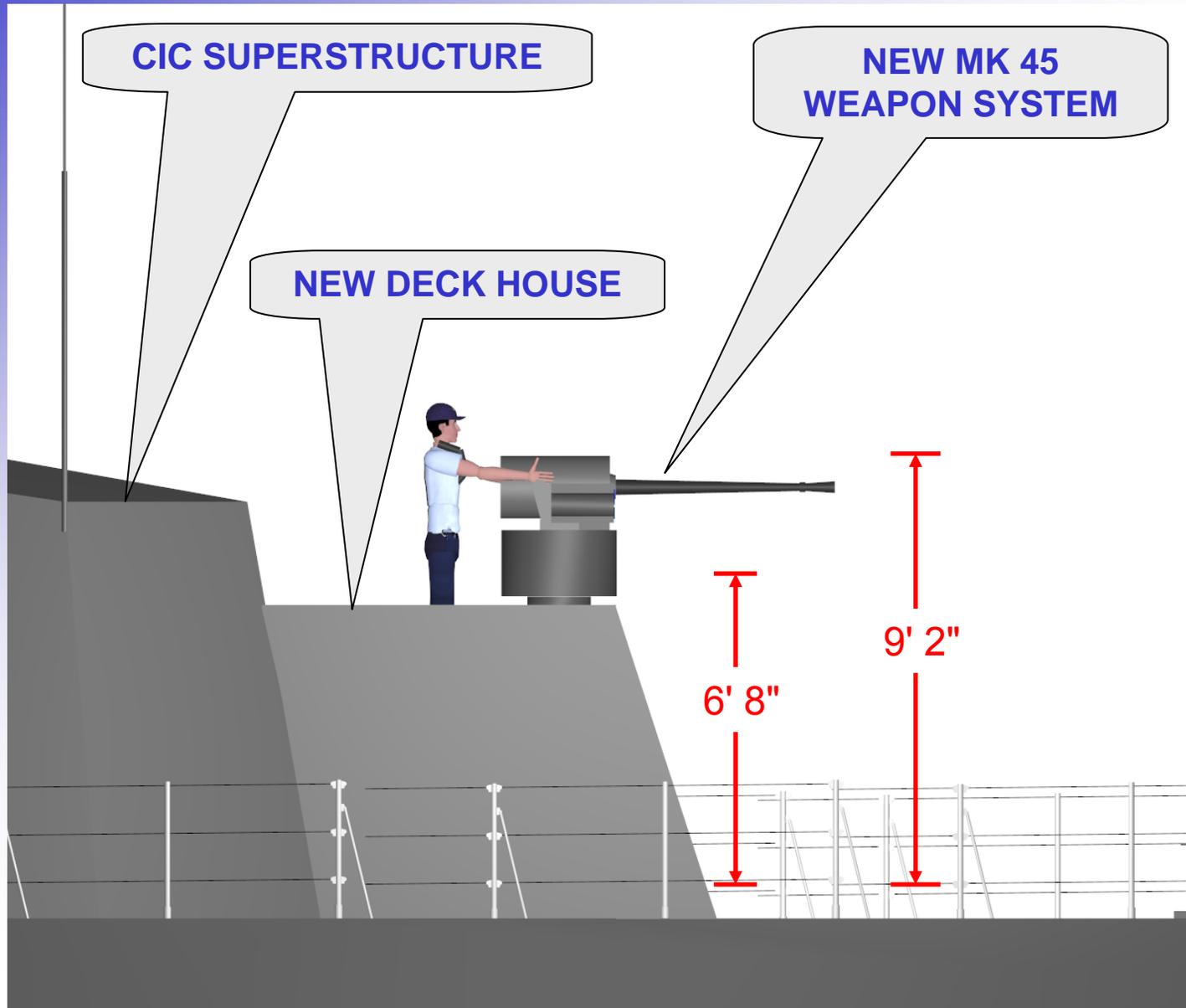


MK 45/MAWS

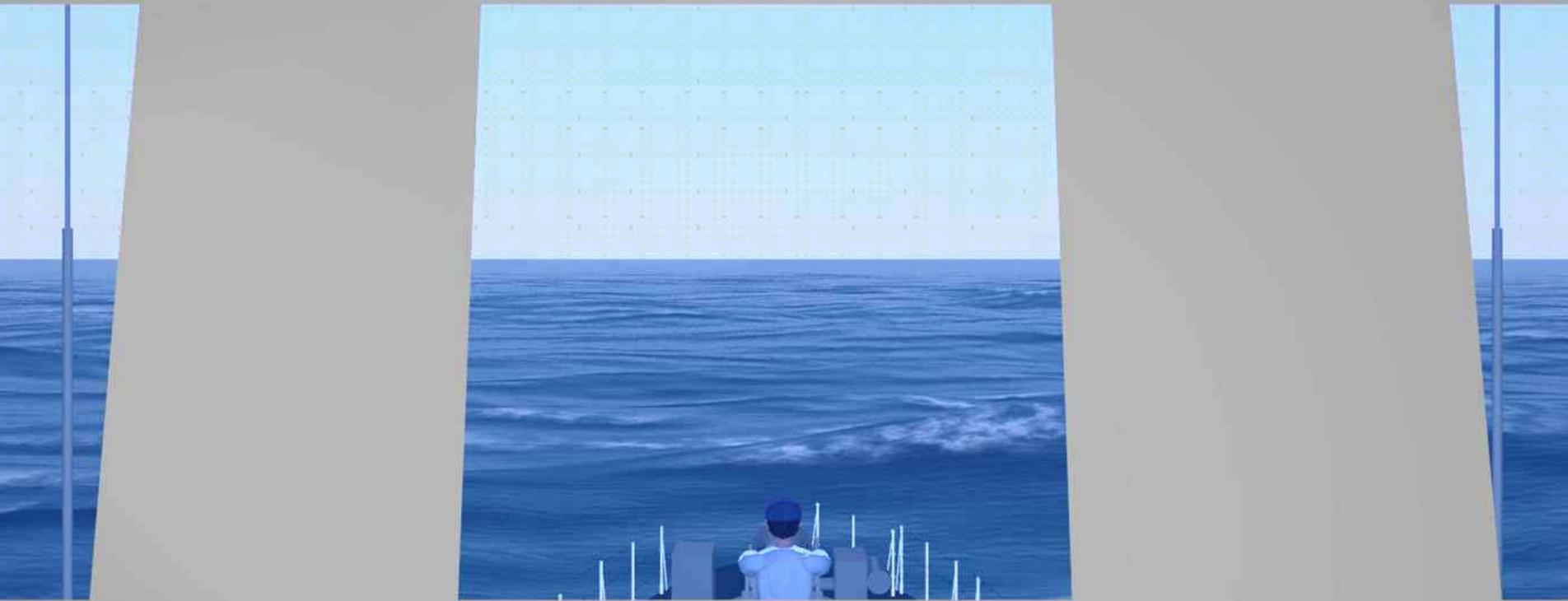
**PC Location Option
for Sept 09 Demonstration**



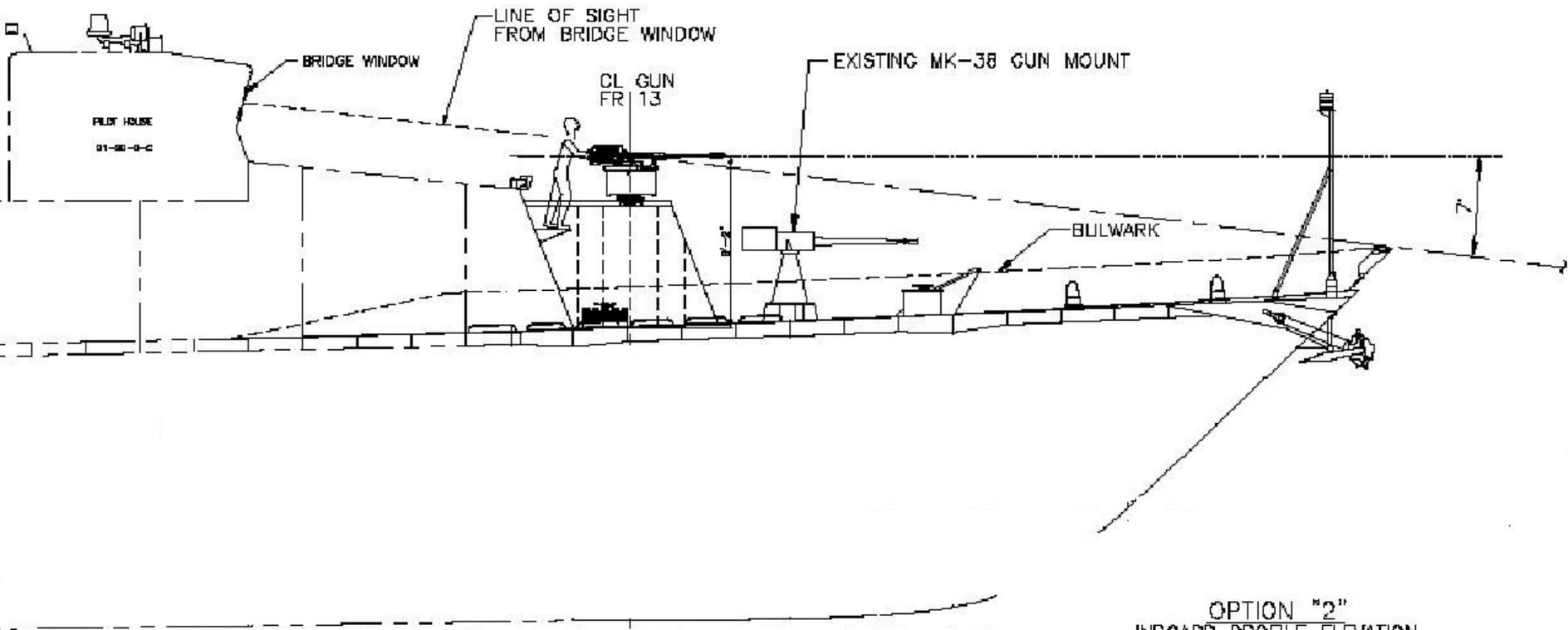
3D MODEL ISOMETRIC VIEW



3D MODEL PROFILE VIEW



PILOT HOUSE VIEW



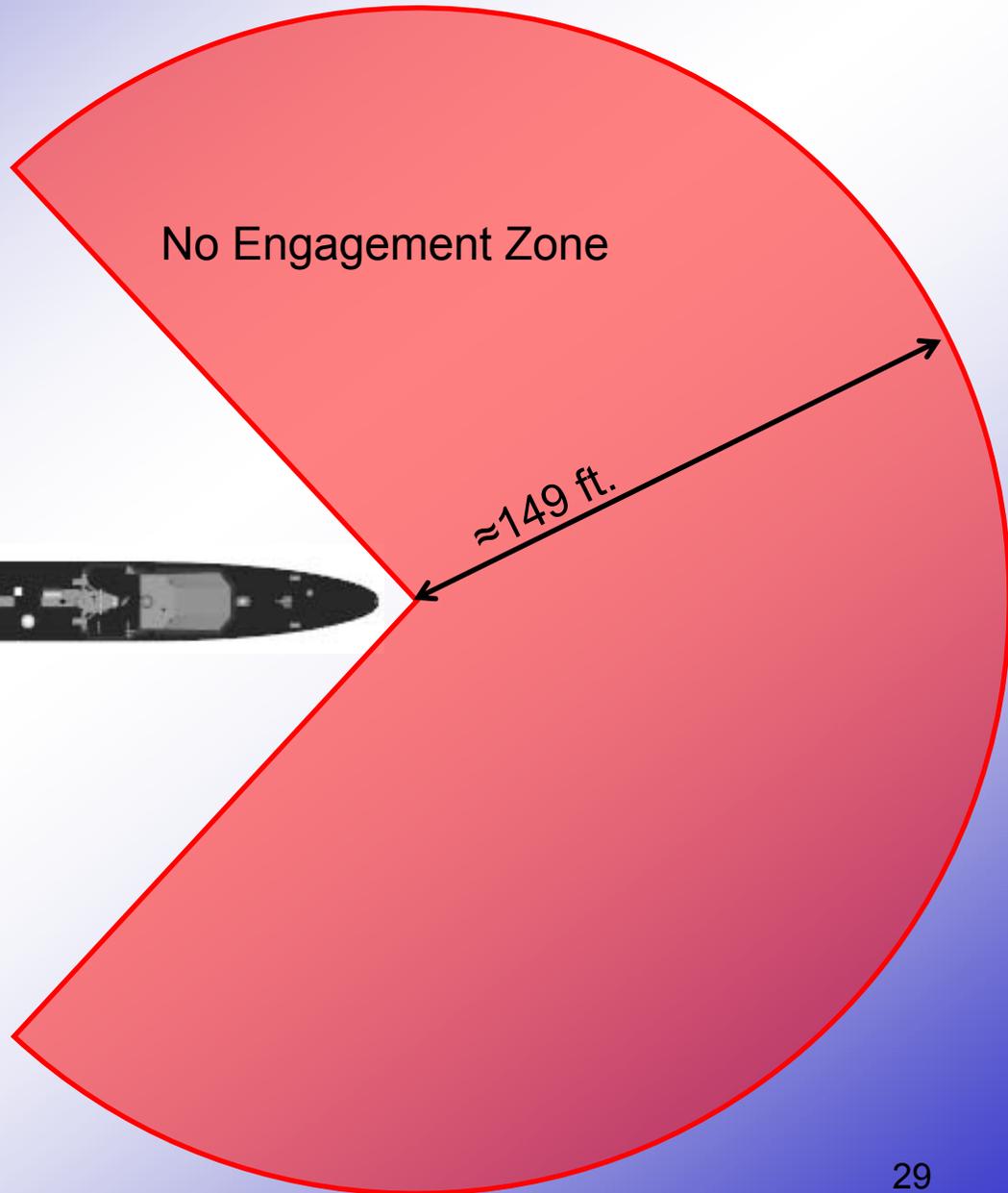
OPTION "2"
 INBOARD PROFILE ELEVATION
 (N) GUN INSTALLED FWD ELEX RM @ FR 13
 W/ NEW PLATF/DK HSE
 4" HIGH GUN FOUNDATION

227°

No Engagement Zone

≈149 ft.

133°



- 7° Depression Angle,
- Located at Frame 13
- Gun Barrel 9' 2" above Main Deck,
- 266° Overall Coverage

Path Forward

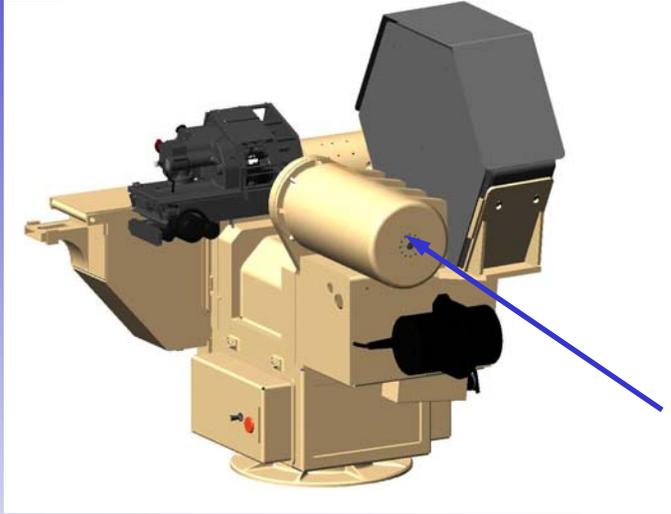
Patrol Coastal At-Sea Demonstration

- **Funded by IWS3C, Mr. Kevin LaPointe**
- **Supported by PCRON, Commodore Coughlin**
- **Objectives**
 - **Safely demonstrate the advantages the MK 45 Weapon System**
 - Optics
 - Remote operation
 - Stabilization
 - Location improvement
 - Ability for ship's crew to remove and stow the cannon
- **Schedule**
 - **TEMPALT SIDs finalized by 15 May**
 - **Install TEMPALT 01-24 June 09**
 - **Install MK 45 31 Aug – 4 Sept 09**
 - **Demonstration 14-25 Sept 09**

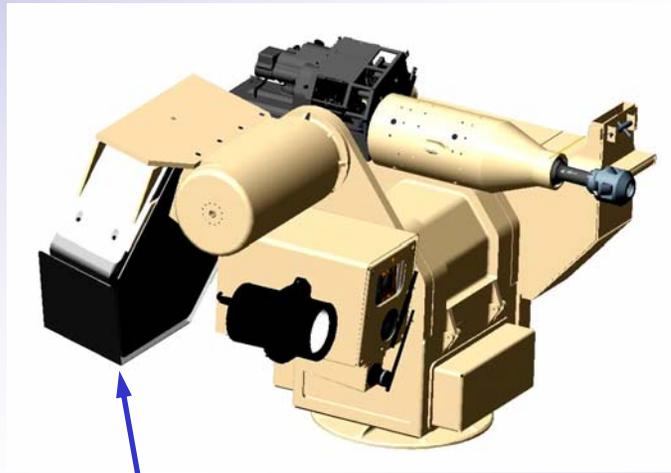
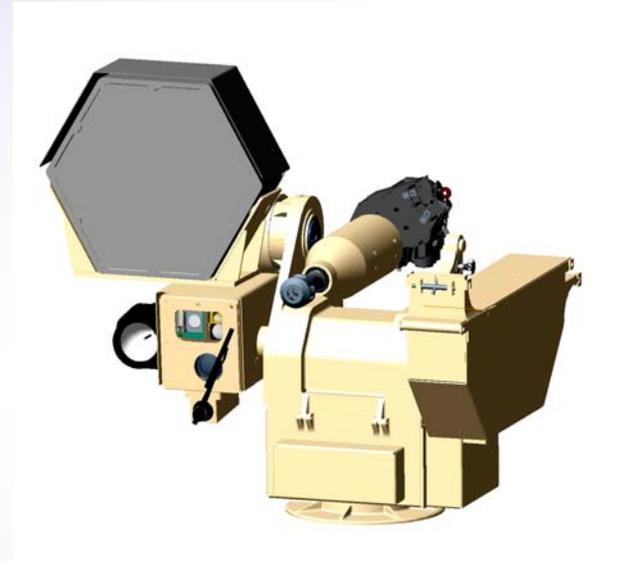
Additional Features Under Consideration

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Auxiliary Drive



Auxiliary
Elevation
Drive



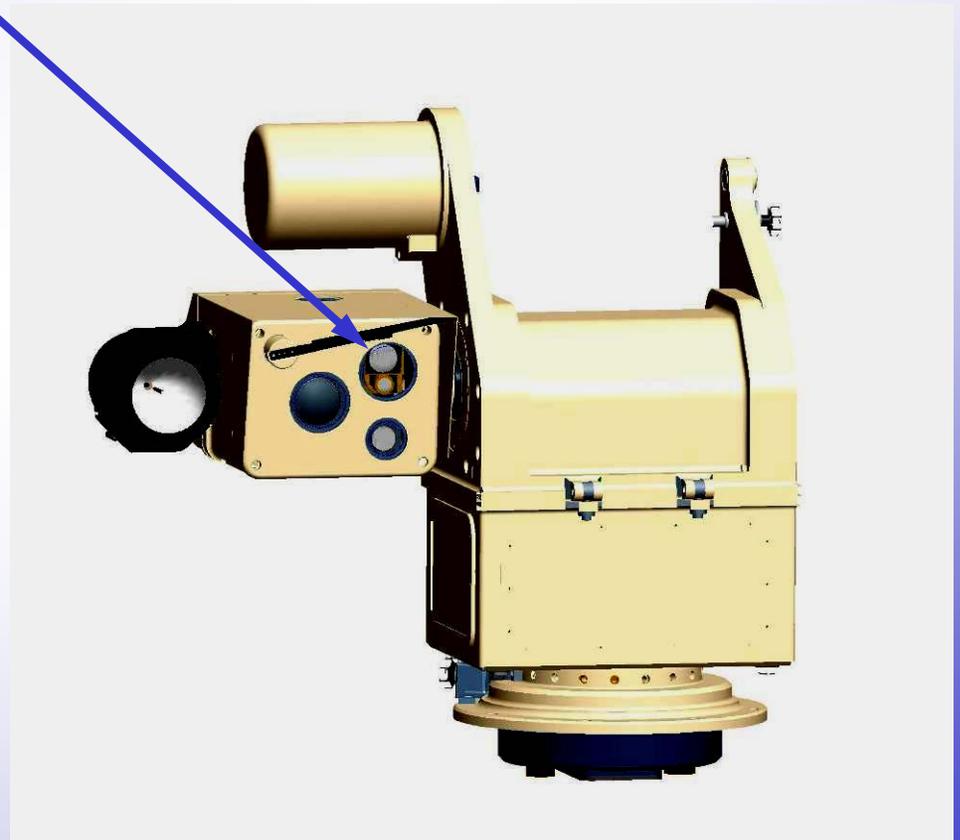
Stowed Position

Proposed configuration for NEO Spiral 2
to support escalation of force initiative

Modular Advanced Weapon System (MAWS)

Laser Designator/Sight Improvements

- Integrate a combination ELRF and designator into the current sight package
- Add an azimuth drive system for the sight to improve the stabilization of the sight
 - Verify accurate designation
 - Allow active target leading



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Missile Options

