

Cannon Artillery and Mortar Precision Effects



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What Level of Precision is Needed?



Area Munition

120m Radius Circle



Open Area

Area Precision Munition



50m Radius Circle

Sparsely-Packed Urban

- Urban Density Can Vary Widely Over Small Distances Between Terrain Elements
- Munitions with Varying Levels of Precision May Be Most Cost-Effective

Cultural Area

Densely-Packed Urban

Precision Guided Munition

10m Radius Circle



Cannon Artillery and Mortar Precision Effects Capabilities

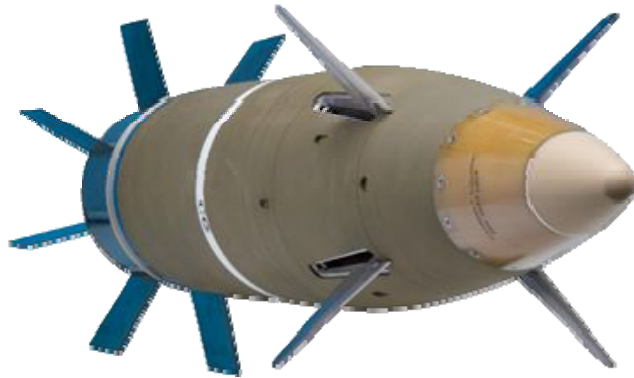


- All weather 24/7 continuously “loitering” precision capability
 - ✓ Responsively and precisely attack targets... can precisely “mass” fires
 - ✓ Minimizes collateral damage... “discretion” & “close” engagements
 - ✓ Inherent scalability with multiple shooters and multi-round missions
 - ✓ Dramatically reduced logistics burdens (less qtys and transport/storage)

- Employed with current cannon artillery & mortar systems and force structure... & accurate targeting systems (FS3, LLDR, PSS-SOF, and others)
 - ✓ Easily additive to current systems and capabilities... “compatibility” is key
 - ✓ No additional manpower or force structure is needed
 - ✓ Maintains current Smoke & Illum capabilities
 - ✓ Maintains area fire & suppressive fires capabilities... “precise” area fires?

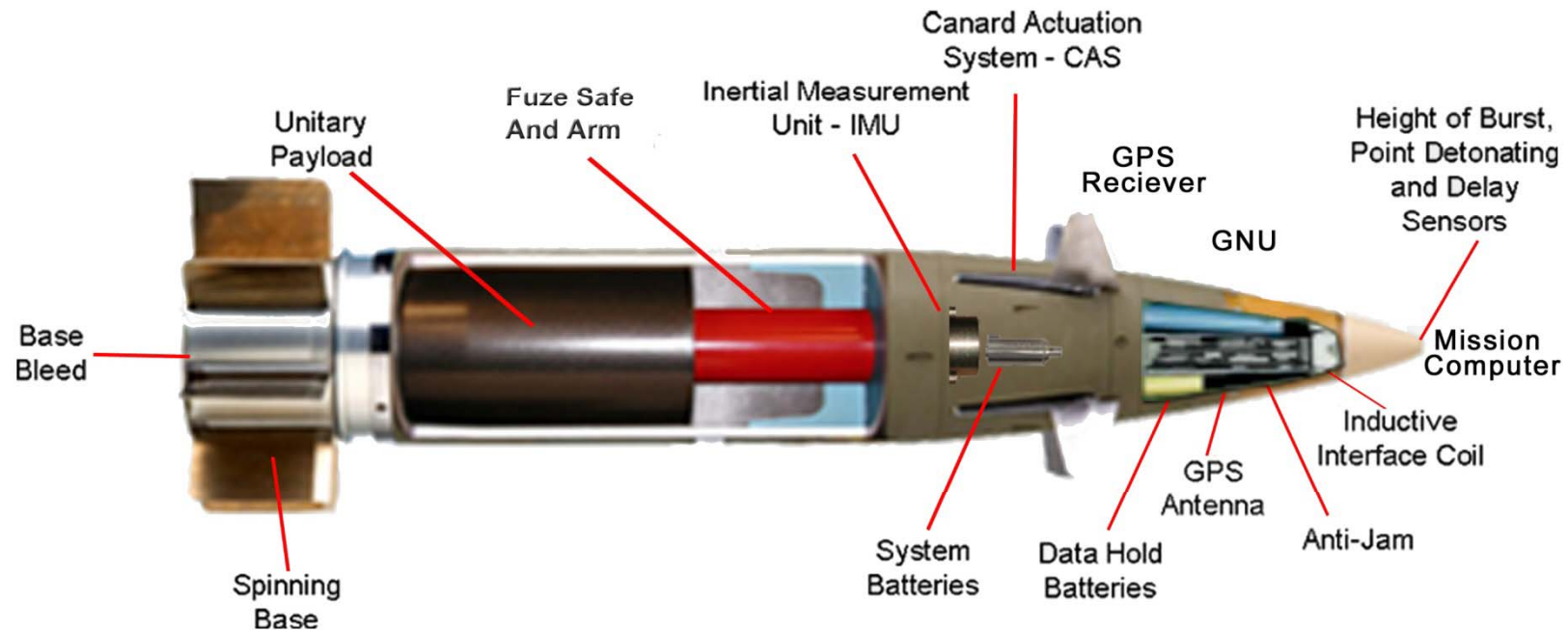


Excalibur Increment 1a



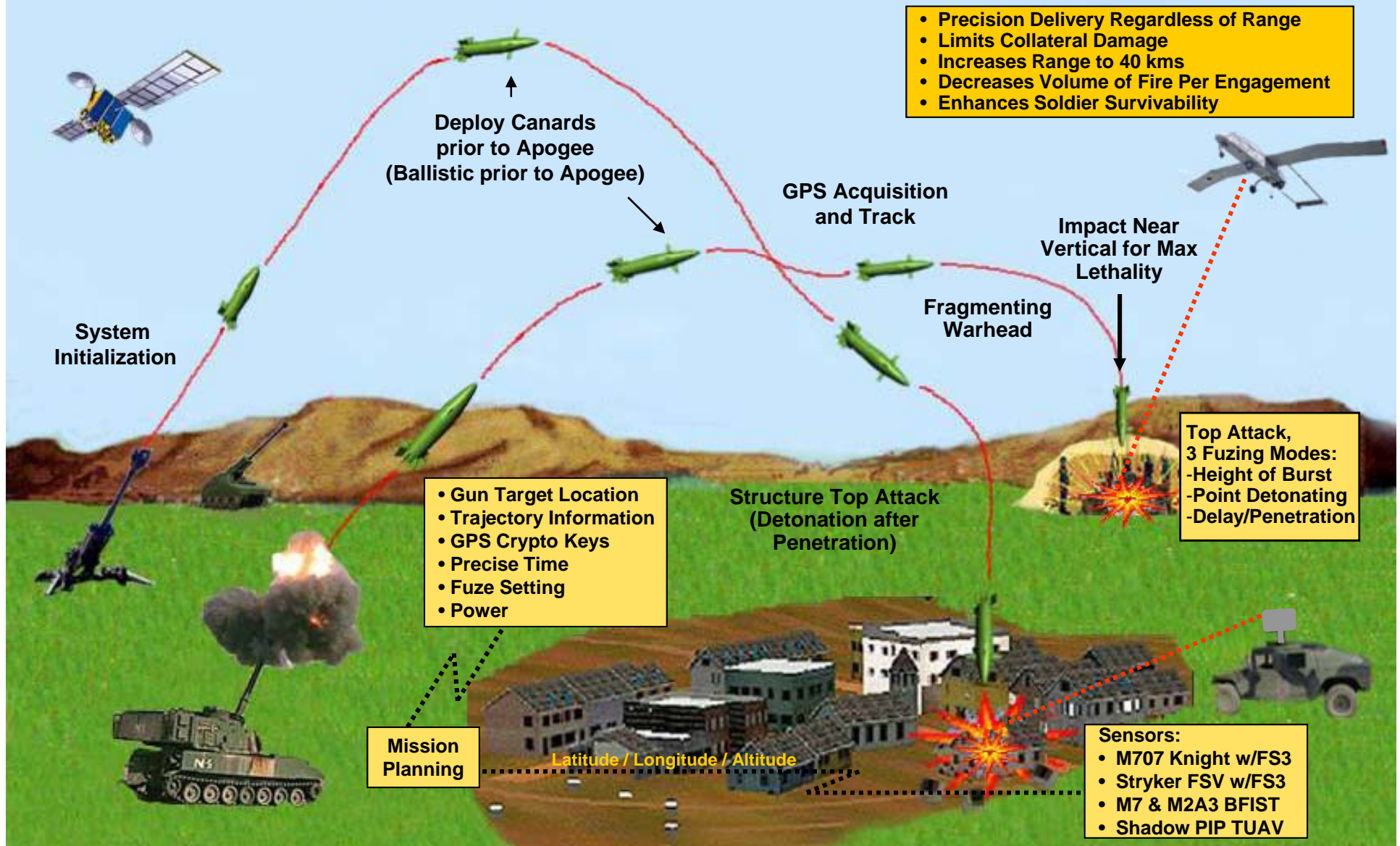
System Characteristics/Description:

- ✓ Precision Guided 155mm Cannon Ammunition (CEP < 10m)
- ✓ Fin Stabilized, Gliding Air Frame
- ✓ All Weather, Day/Night, Fire & Forget, Urban/Complex Terrain
- ✓ Compatible with NLOS-C, Paladin and LW155 Howitzer Platforms
- ✓ One Meter Length / 106 lb





Excalibur Concept of Operations





Excalibur Video



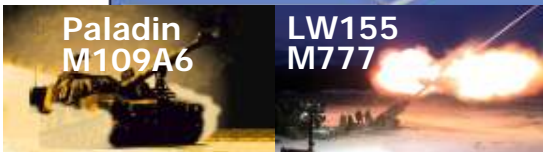
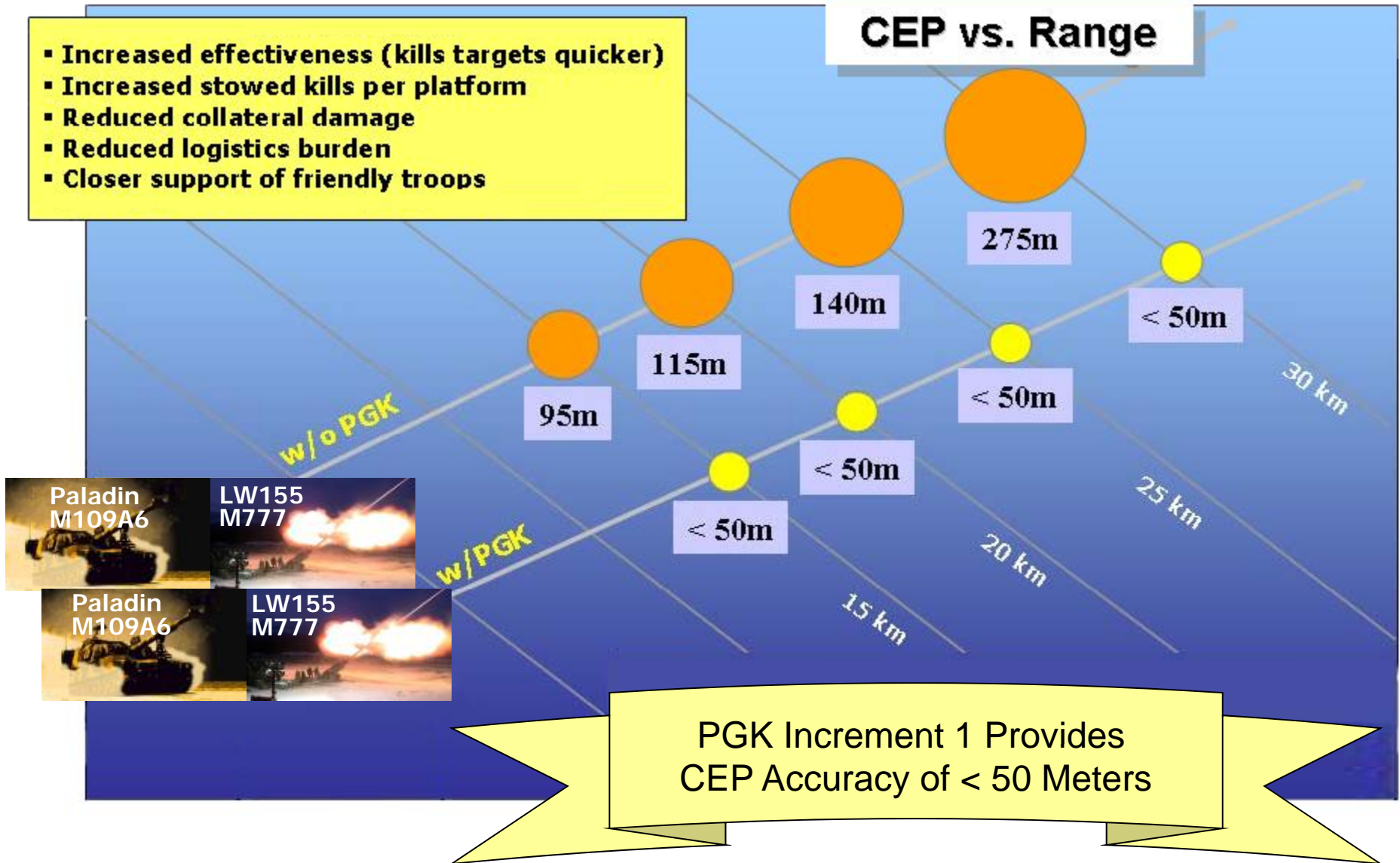


Precision Guidance Kit (PGK) 155mm Projectile Accuracy



- Increased effectiveness (kills targets quicker)
- Increased stored kills per platform
- Reduced collateral damage
- Reduced logistics burden
- Closer support of friendly troops

CEP vs. Range





Operational Benefits



Today's Capability: 183m CEP*



PGK: $\leq 50m$ CEP

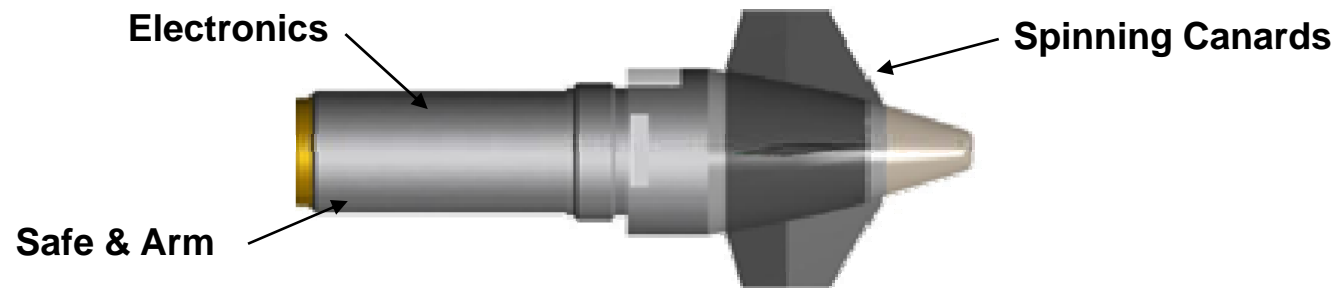


* M109A6 (Paladin) at 27km: 155mm (HE) M549A1

- Improves Accuracy – Significantly Reduces Ballistic Dispersion
- Significantly Decreases the Time Needed to Achieve Desired effects
- Minimizes Collateral Damage and Enables Closer Support to Friendly Troops
- Increases Number of Kills per Basic Load of Ammunition
- Greatly Reduces Logistics Burdens



PGK Design (Increment 1)



- Fits in standard 155mm High Explosive artillery projectile fuze wells (deep intrusion)
- GPS guidance (incorporates SAASM)
- 20 Year Storage Life (no battery)
- Proximity & Point Detonating Fuzing





PGK Video



PGK
Precision Guidance Kit



Emerging Needs/ Future Requirements



- IBCT Organic Precision Requirements
 - ✓ 40 Plus IBCTs within Army structure...have mortars & 105mm
 - ✓ PGK-2 is funded...implemented with 105mm digitization
 - ✓ ONS for organic very responsive precision with <10m CEP

- “Cheap” or “Very Affordable” Precision
 - ✓ Key technologies... GPS, Fuzing, Power, AJ, & SALs
 - ✓ ARDEC/ARL CRADA efforts to mature components and integrated concepts...applicable to artillery and mortars
 - ✓ Several Industry efforts ongoing...should enable competition
 - ✓ Wider use in training...confidence, proficiency, and quantities

Is Very Affordable Precision “Coming Soon”?