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**Technology Trends in Fuze and Munitions Power Sources**

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- OSD Joint Fuze Technology Program Introduction
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  - Proximity Fuzing
  - Electronic Safing and Arming Devices (ESADs)
  - Munition Power Sources



# Fuze Division Mission

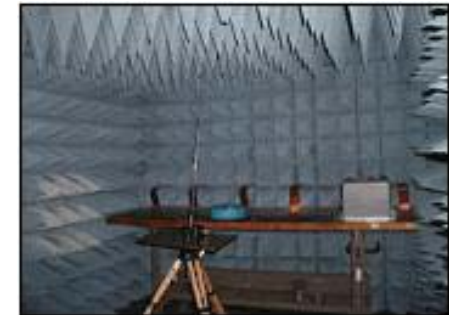


- **Fuze RD&E Life Cycle**
  - **Fuzes**
  - **Safe & Arm Devices (Mechanical and Electronic)**
  - **Related Technologies**
    - **Advanced Sensors**
    - **Low Cost, Small, Gun Rugged Electronic and**
    - **Mechanical Devices (MEMS)**
    - **Electronic Fuze Setters**
  - **E3 Munition Assessments**
  - **Munitions Power Sources**
- **National and International Fuze Related Committees**
- **Army Fuze Safety Review Board**
- **DoD + NDIA Fuze Committees**

# Fuze Division Facilities



- Picatinny Arsenal, NJ
  - Building A (temporary)
    - Office Space for ~70 employees
  - Building B
    - Electronics Laboratory
  - Building C
    - Fuze Development Center
  - Building D
    - Electromagnetic Environmental Effects Test and Evaluation Laboratory
- Co-located with ARL Adelphi Lab Center, MD
  - Office space for ~45 employees
  - Lab facilities
    - RF Proximity, electronic mechanical
    - Prototype machine shop



*BRAC Consolidation at Picatinny with \$17M state -of- the- art facilities construction*

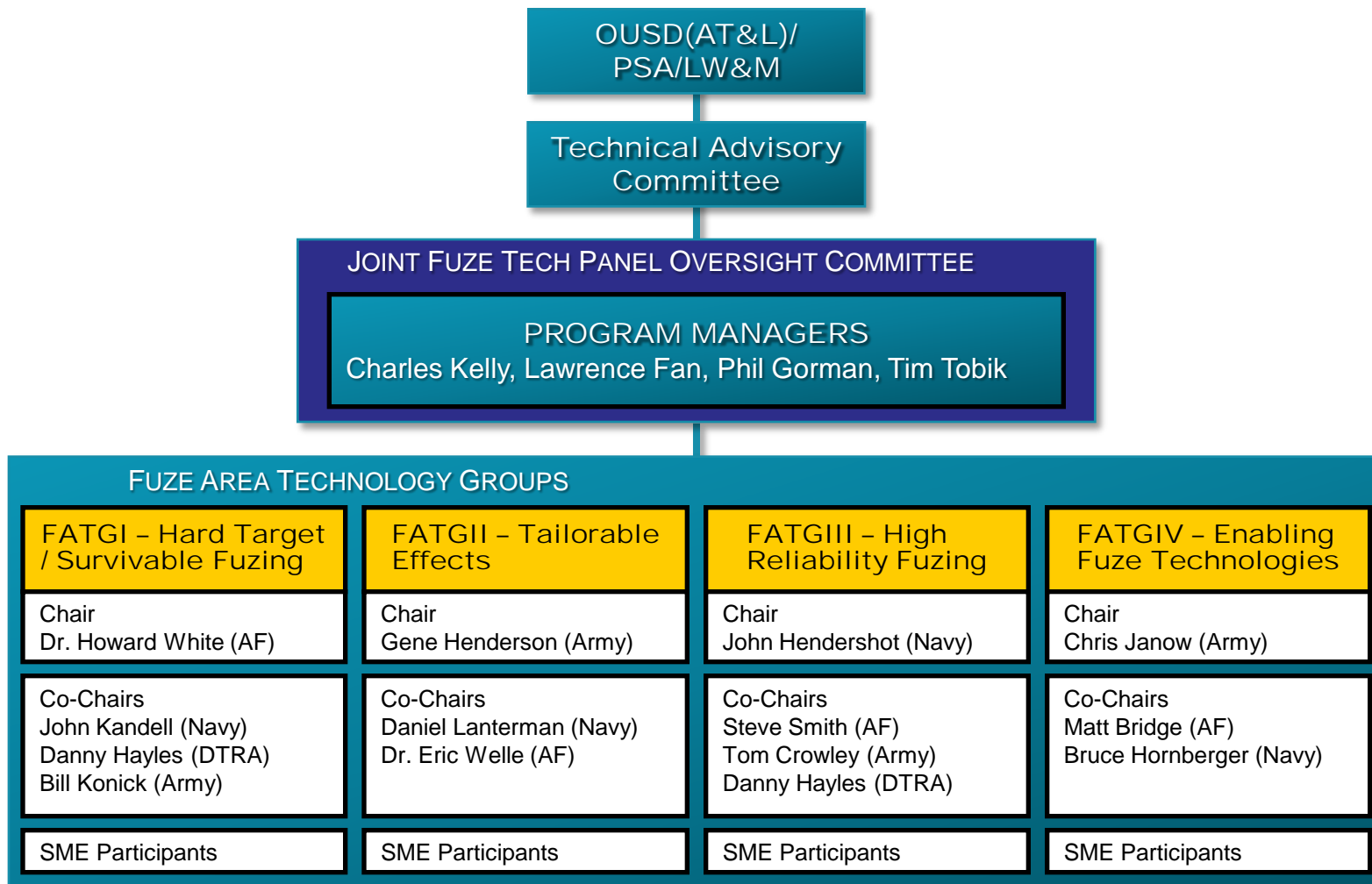


# Joint Fuze Technology Program (JFTP)



- **JFTP is an OSD funded 6.2/6.3 national program established (FY10 start) to develop and mature technologies for improving future fuzing performance, survivability, and reliability.**
- **JFTP governance and process is modeled after the Joint Munitions Program (JMP) and the Joint Insensitive Munitions Technology Program (JIMTP).**
- **Program will leverage and be synergistic with projects in JMP, JIMTP and individual Service S&T Programs**

# Joint Fuze Technology Program (JFTP)





# Fuze Area Technology Groups



## FATG I – Hard Target / Survivable Fuzing

- 1.1 Improved M&S
- 1.2 Fuze Environment
- 1.3 Next Generation Fuzing Hardware

## FATG II – Tailorable Effects

- 2.1 Initiation and multi-point technologies
- 2.2 ESAD Based Multi-point Initiators
- 2.3 MEMS Based Multi-point Initiators
- 2.4 Smart Fuzing: Algorithms, fuzing timing and control

## FATG III – High Reliability Fuzing

- 3.1 Fuzing Architecture
- 3.2 Fuzing Components
- 3.3 UXO reduction features

## FATG IV – Enabling Fuze Technologies

- 4.1 Common / Modular Fuze Architecture
- 4.2 Components Technologies
- 4.3 Proximity Sensors
- 4.4 Weapons Effects & Damage Assessment
- 4.5 Fuzing Power Sources

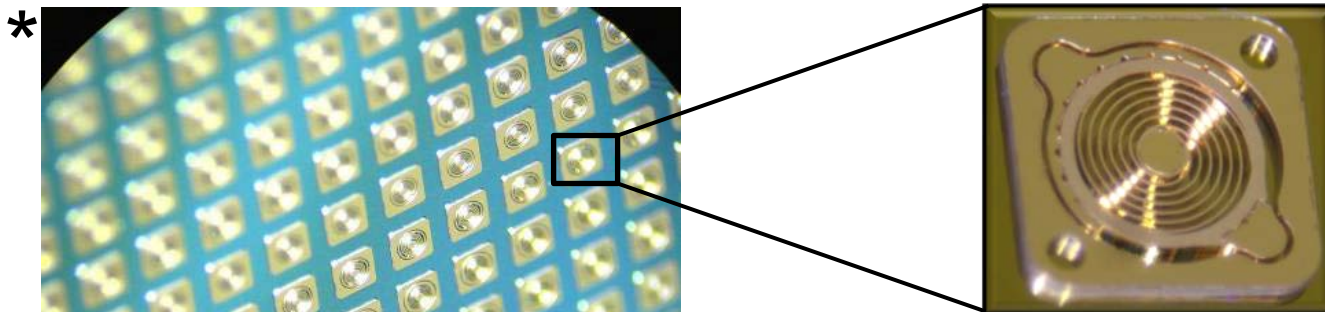


# Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)



## 2002-2008 S&T Development:

- High-aspect ratio (HAR) *metal* MEMS fabrication\*
- MEMS omnidirectional g-switch\*
- MEMS S&A and Micro-Scale Firetrain (MSF)
- Explosive inks and direct-write loading of MSF
- Electromagnetic and piezoelectric setback generators





# 40mm HEDP MEMS Program Description

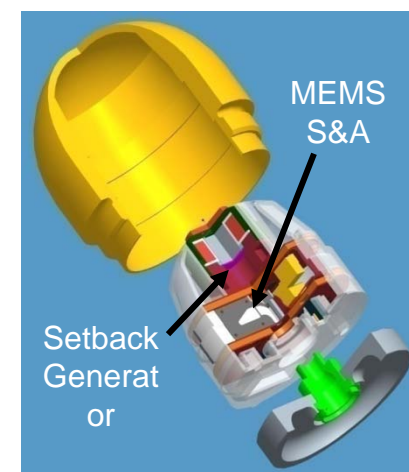


Implement MEMS mechanical S&A device and direct-write explosive ink loading technology to improve the fuzing system & explosive train of the M433 & M430 40mm HEDP cartridges

MEMS = micro-electro-mechanical systems

HEDP = high-explosive, dual-purpose

- New fuze architecture
- Electronic initiation vs. stab detonator
- Command-arm-enable
- Self-destruct capability (reduce UXO)
- More accurate arming distance
- Improved reliability on soft targets & graze
  - MEMS G-switch array
- Drop-in replacement for current fuzes



M430

## Program Objectives:

- Demonstrate 40mm MEMS fuze, May 2010
- Fuze & cartridge integration and test, FY10-11
- Cartridge Qualification and TDP, FY12-13



Mk19



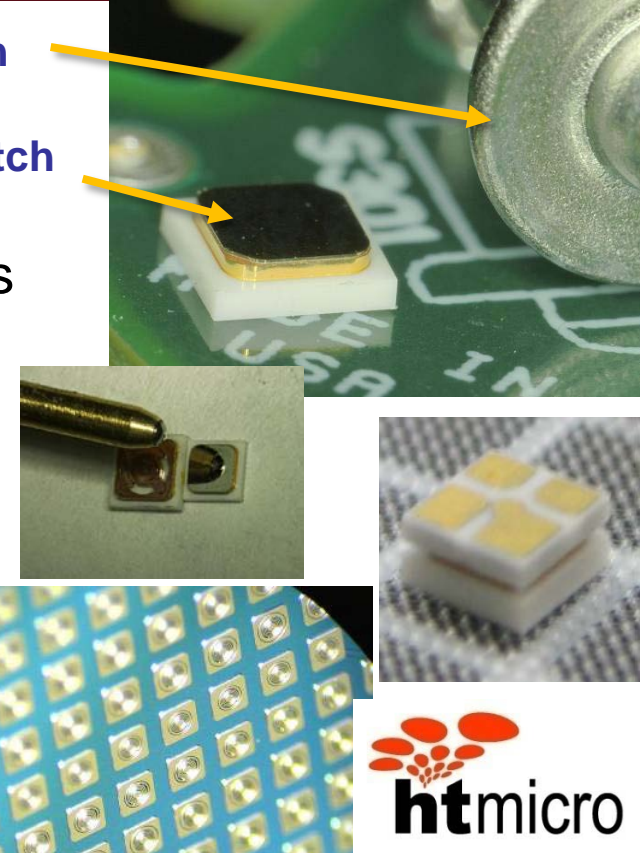
# MEMS G-Switch (Impact Sensor)



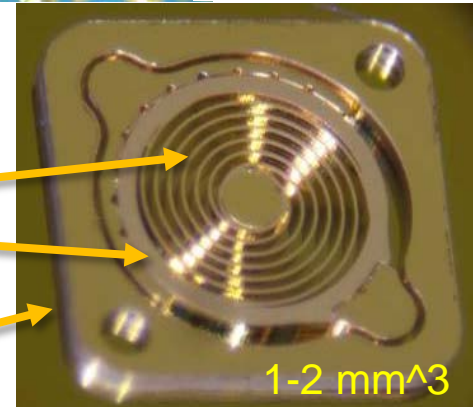
- MEMS Inertial Sensor
  - Surface-mount to standard PCB
  - All metal on ceramic substrate
  - Packaged at the wafer level with hermetic bonds
- Normally-open switch
  - 95% volume reduction from “Lucey” switch
  - Omni-directional sensitivity
    - Independent directional contacts,  $\pm x$ ,  $\pm y$ ,  $\pm z$
    - Independent radial spin sensitivity
    - Setback soft/hard impact, spin, graze
    - Robust in overshock
  - 50- to 10,000-Gs range thresholds
  - Tested to 45-kGs at BP, 75-kG at ATK
- Potential for transition to multiple programs
- Customer Interest:
  - ATK, 3800 ea. for XM25,30mm STAR ATO
  - ARDEC 900 ea., MK19 HEPD 40mm- M918

“Lucey” G-switch

MEMS G-Switch



Spring  
Mass  
Ceramic  
Substrate



1-2 mm<sup>3</sup>



# 40mm MEMS DEMO – May 2010





# Metal MEMS Device Application Trends



## Large- & Med-Cal S&A and Micro-scale Firetrain Integrations

- 105mm and 155mm, ARDEC Fuze & Power ATO
- 50mm, Enhanced Area Protection System
- 40mm, 40mm MEMS Fuze
- 30mm, STAR (scalable technology for adaptive response) ATO
- 25mm

## Non-spin S&A Applications

- Hand Grenade, replace M228 fuze
- 50mm, Enhanced Area Protection System

## Inertial Mechanical Switches

- Omnidirectional g-switch
- High-current uni-axial g-switch
- Integrating g-switch

## New Platforms

- AFRL Cyborg moth project
- Other lightweight/small platform integrations



# Proximity Fuzing Technology

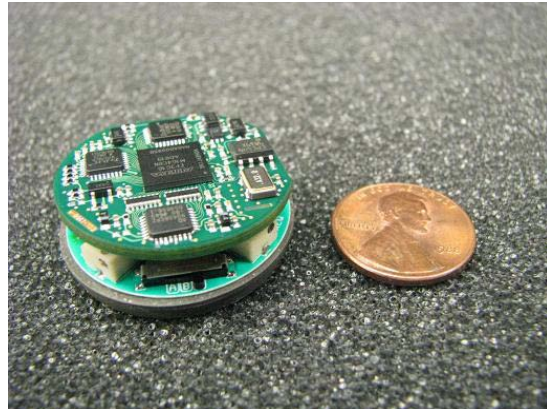


# JFTP Next Generation Proximity Effort



- Develop a next-generation low cost sensor technology with:
  - Enhanced battlefield performance
  - Improved Electronic Counter-Measure (ECM) resistance
  - Better immunity to reverse engineering
- Use a tri-service Integrated Product Team (IPT) to select the best technology for a wide array of applications
  - Adaptable for a wide array of systems and target types
  - Software defined Height of Burst (HoB)
- Address concerns of the DoD Fuze IPT and Project Manager Combat Ammunition Systems (PM CAS) regarding the existing state of proximity sensor technology
- Maintain the US lead in proximity sensor technology





Miniaturized software defined proximity sensor

## Technology Investment Schedule (FY)

Tasks	10	11	12	13	14	15
Requirements Process	[Green bar with blue triangle at end]					
Simulations and Algorithms	[Green bar with blue triangles at 3 and 4, labeled TRL]					
Antenna / Transceiver/ FPGA Development	[Green bar with blue triangle at 4]					
Laboratory Prototype	[Green bar with blue triangle at 5, labeled TRL]					
Detailed Design	[Green bar with blue triangle at 15]					
Evaluation and Field test	[Green bar with blue triangle at 15, labeled TRL]					
Funding JFTP (\$K)						

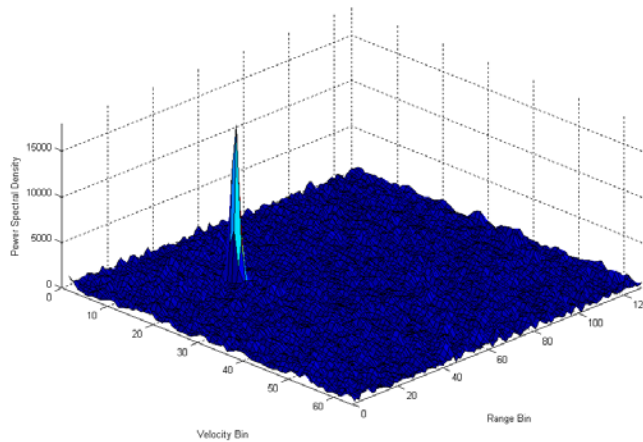
Objective	Current Year Milestones
<p><i>This program addresses the Department of Defense (DoD) need to develop a next-generation proximity fuze technology to replace the current Frequency Modulated Continuous Wave - Directional Doppler Ratio Ranging (FMCW-DDR) proximity sensors.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M1: Joint Proximity Sensor Requirements</li> <li>• M2: QFD Technology Down Select</li> <li>• M3: Refined Task Allocations</li> <li>• M4: Frequency Allocation</li> </ul>
Technical Approach	Leveraging and Transition Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tri-Service IPT down select to highest payoff technology approach</li> <li>• Advanced antennae, transceivers, and signal processing algorithms capable of frequency agility</li> <li>• Low cost anti-tamper techniques for improved reverse engineering protection</li> <li>• Software defined proximity sensors with selectable standoff and improved electronic countermeasure protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology leveraging from Fuze and Power Army Technology Objective Program</li> <li>• Endorsed by Project Manager for Conventional Ammunition systems (PM CAS)</li> <li>• Potential insertion into XM1156 Precision Guidance Kit (PGK), M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery (MOFA), M734A1 Multi-Option Fuze for Mortars (MOFM)</li> </ul>

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RANGE - VELOCITY MAP for FMCW Proximity RADAR



## Technology Investment Schedule (FY)

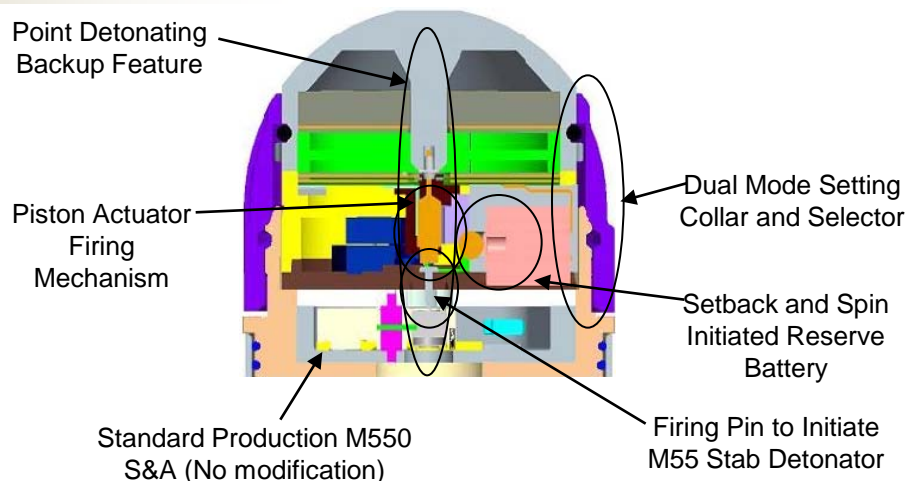
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Target Characterization	[Green bar]		[Blue triangle]			
M&S Toolset Development		[Green bar]		[Blue triangle]		
Algorithm Development		[Green bar]			[Blue triangle]	
Laboratory Prototype		[Green bar]		[Blue triangle]	[Blue triangle]	
Algorithm Refinement				[Green bar]	[Blue triangle]	
Functional Prototype					[Green bar]	
Funding JFTP (\$K) Leveraged (\$K)						

Objective	Current Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a sensor system to crudely identify primary features of different target scenes in the end-game encounter</li> <li>Provide information to make smart decisions on “how” and “when” to initiate tailorable warheads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M1: Target Set Selection – Mar10</li> <li>M2: Fuze Sensor Data Acquisition System –Jun10</li> <li>M3: Baseline Simulation toolset – Oct10</li> </ul>
Technical Approach	Leveraging and Transition Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and validation of M&amp;S toolset to aid in the design of signal processing techniques capable of producing end-game target classification data and accurate standoff measurements</li> <li>Design of miniaturized low noise analog, digital, and RF sensor circuitry</li> <li>Implementation of advanced DSP algorithms in commercial FPGA/DSP devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>105mm Precision Munition (PEO Ammunition)</li> <li>Very Affordable Precision Projectile (VAPP)</li> <li>Scalable Technology for Adaptive Response ATO</li> <li>Sensor, Warhead and fuze Technology Integrated for Combined Effects ATO</li> <li>Mortar &amp; Artillery Proximity Fuzes (PM Conventional Ammunition Systems)</li> </ul>

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# Airburst Non-Lethal Munition (ANLM)



- Airburst Non-Lethal Munition (ANLM) is a non-lethal low velocity 40mm grenade fully compatible with existing M203/M320 weapon platforms.
- User settable fuze – two modes: 5m proximity and 5m proximity with delay (room clearing).
- Ability to employ non-lethal effects lasting up to 30 seconds, in a complementary non-lethal manner to enhance combined- arms battlefield effectiveness by minimizing mass physical destruction of people, materiel, infrastructure, and the environment.
- Allow tactical commander the option to tailor a response to situations when a lethal response is not the best option.

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# 30mm Apache Gun System Prox. Fuze



**Problem:**

M789 HEDP round utilizes an impact mechanism that does not function fast enough when fired at personnel targets in soft or sandy soils. Most of the warhead fragments are absorbed by the ground.

**Objective:**

Develop a proximity sensor capability confined with the M759 fuze envelope utilizing the existing S&A.

**POC:** David Errera/Steve Stephey, ARDEC Fuze Division

**User/Customer:** PM-MAS

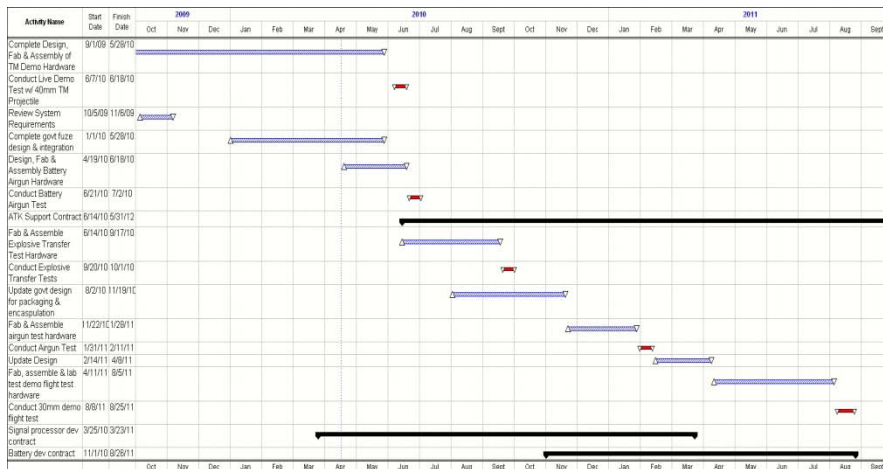
**Benefits to the Warfighter:**

Improve effectiveness of 30mm Apache gun system against personnel targets.

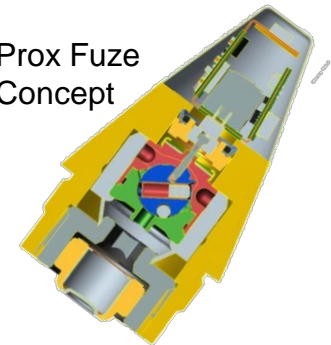
**Tasks (FY10/11)**

- Evaluate prox sensor using TM projectile.
- Continue tactical fuze design & integration
- Award ATK support contract
- Identify/develop custom components
- Fab, assemble, test sub-assy & demo hardware
- Conduct 30mm demo test

**Schedule (FY10/11)**



Prox Fuze Concept

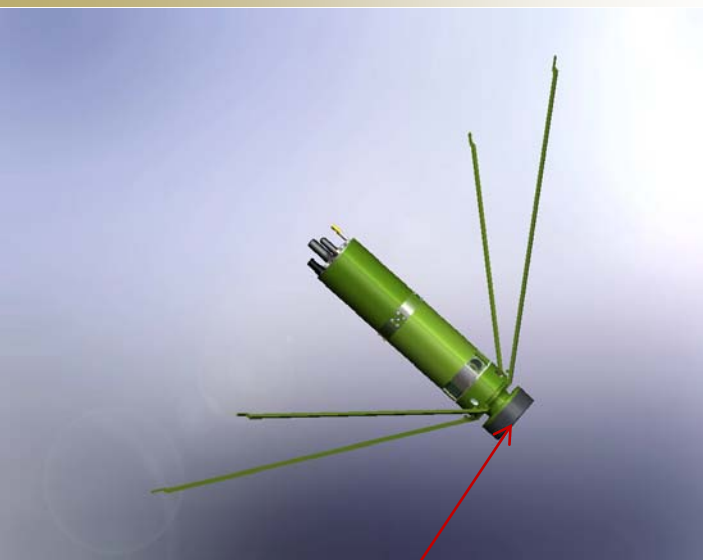


M789 HEDP 30mm round with M759 Fuze

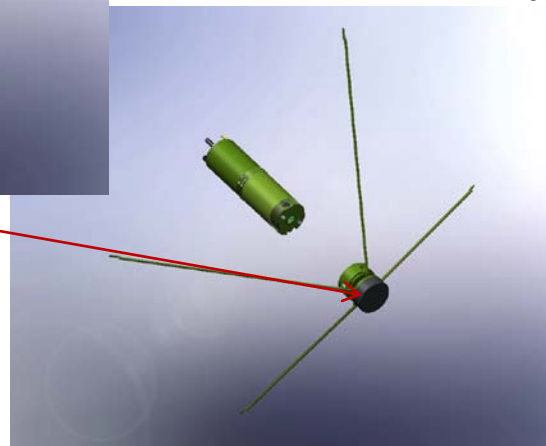
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# ORIOLE Medium Altitude Prox. Sensor



Location of  
Proximity Sensor



**Nominal Standoff:** 150m

**Accuracy:** +/- 20%

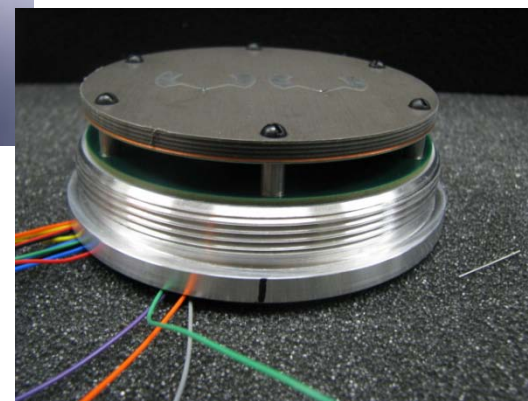
**Target Type:** HoB on Dense Tree Canopy

-Software defined proximity sensor using commercially available devices

-Sensor output used to deploy parachute for soft delivery of the ORIOLE system

Customer: Army Research Laboratory

*Designed, Fabricated, and Characterized in house at ARDEC*

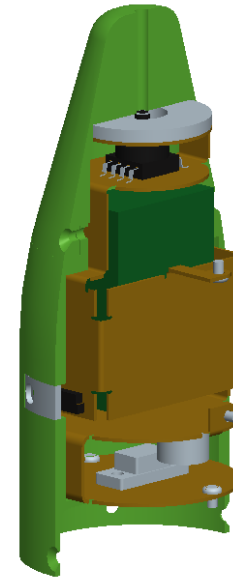


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# Prox. Sensors for UAVs



ARDEC is designing and building proximity hardware for a variety of UAVs and UAV munitions



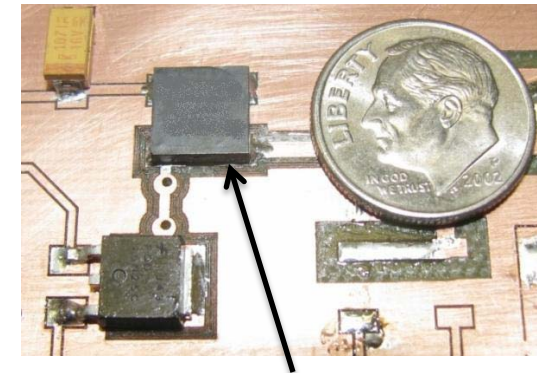


# Electronic Safing and Arming Devices (ESADs)

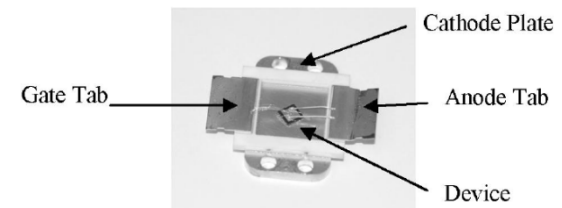


- All Electrical
- No moving parts
- No primary explosives
- High current / voltage devices
- High reliability
- High cost
- Example applications: Rockets, Missiles, Recoverable UAVs

- JFTP Proposed Program
- Model and analyze transformer loading during setback events. Develop test fixturing to provide alternate mounting configurations for transformers. Develop underfill and assembly methods for mounting transformers to allow survival of artillery setback and prevent the failure of its brittle materials.
- Incorporate SiC switches from multiple manufacturers into ESAD firesets. Work with manufacturers to reduce packaged size for ESADs.
- Low Energy Exploding Foil Initiators (LEEFI) bridge substrates to be developed leveraging previous initiator work. Strict process control to minimize variation of bridge structures is necessary to maintain consistent initiation times



Transformer



ARL SiC Device

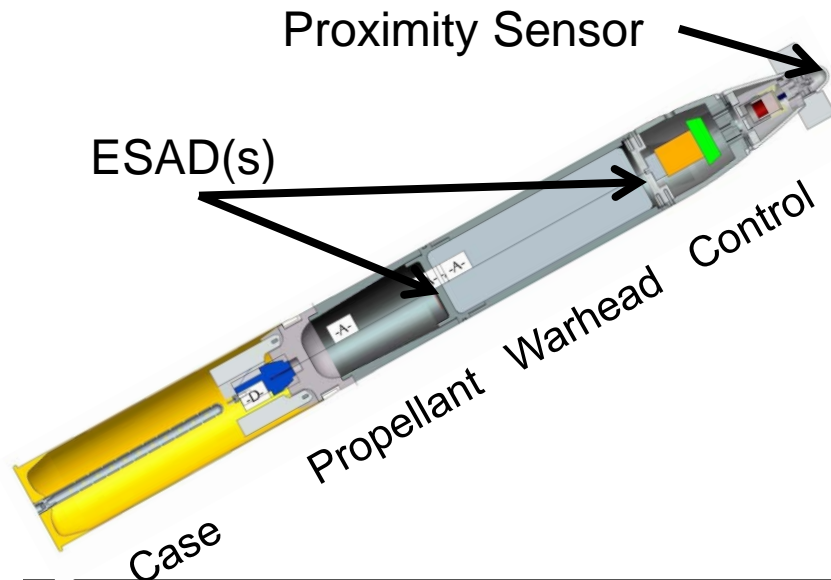


- ARDEC is designing and building ESADs for UAV applications, and others that do not employ proximity sensors





# ESAD: STAR ATO 105mm Fuze Development



## METC/ARDEC In-House Effort

### Height of burst sensor

- System Design
- Schematic Capture / Physical Layout
- Algorithm Architectures
- Firmware Implementations

### ESADs

- Safety System Development
- ESAD Laboratory Prototypes
- Firmware Development
- Fireset Design/Development
- Environmental Sensors (Setback Switch / Spin Switches)

## Contracted/OGA Efforts

### Electronic Development Corporation (EDC)

- ESAD prototyping
- Electronics integration

### U of Florida – Electronics Communications Lab (ECL)

- HOB Sensor Algorithm Support
- HOB Modeling & Simulation

### L3-Fuze Ordnance Systems (L3-FOS)

- Setback Sensor Development

### ARL - Adelphi, MD

- Environmental Testing

### ARL - Blossom Point, MD

- Field Test Support

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## Description:

- One of three thrust efforts under STAR ATO
- Increased lethality for Precision 105 mm (VAPP) while minimizing collateral damage
- Efficient thermal battery for Fuze and GNC
- Innovative warhead initiation schemes
- Hardened fuze for penetration
- Optimized HOB sensor for precision engagement

## Customer: PM CAS

**Requirements:** TRADOC PAM 525-66: FOC 05-01, 05-02, 09-01; CNA 08-13 Future Force Capability Gaps Analysis for lethality overmatch; Future Force O&O and FCS ORD

**Funding Source:** (ASA(ALT)) Core

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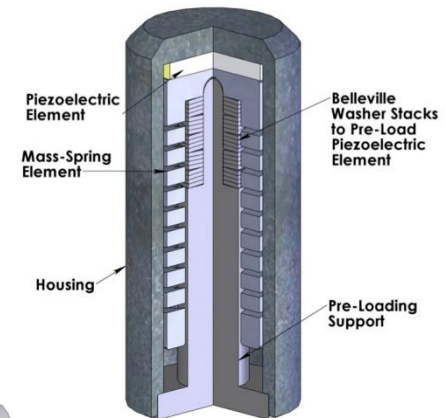
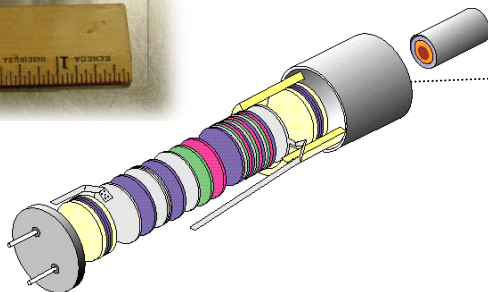


# Munitions Power Sources

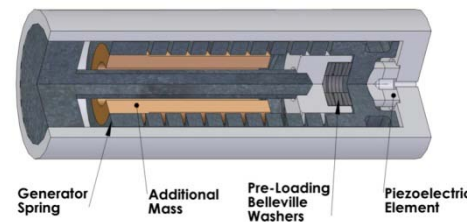
# Munitions Power Sources

## Objective:

To develop advanced, affordable, on-board gun-fired munitions power source technologies with increased energy and power densities, reduced volume and weight, increased mission time & improved extreme temperature performance for a portfolio of munitions.



Axial Piezoelectric Harvesters



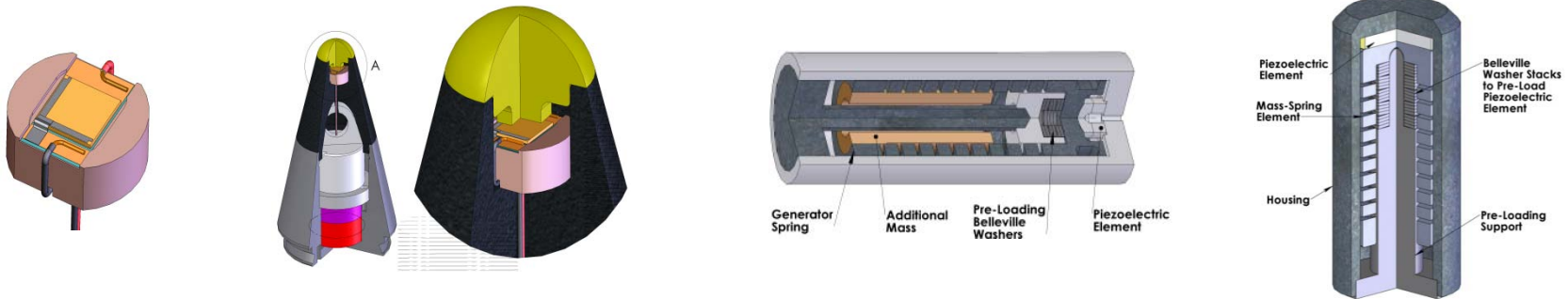
Lateral Piezoelectric Harvesters

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# Munitions Power Sources

## Hybrid Energy Systems SBIR and Science & Technology Programs

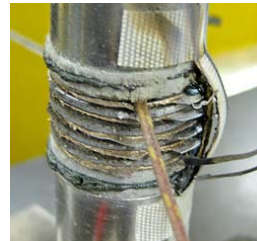
- Develop new types of energy harvesters to supplement and reduce the dependence on batteries (“Hybrid Energy Systems”)
- Convert and combine energy in various forms that is resident in the ballistic environment of gun fired munitions
- Built & tested various types of energy harvesters, several types of designs to be mounted axially and radially for flight tests
  - Piezo-electric based Energy Harvesters
  - Thermophotovoltaic Power Generation for Supersonic Munitions



Axial Piezoelectric Harvesters

## Thermal Battery Technology

- **Miniature Ignition Systems** SBIR, Science & Technology Program, Army Commercialization Pilot Program
  - Develop battery systems with higher energy densities in a smaller volume that meets munitions' performance requirements
  - Increased power source reliability, safety & performance
- **Thin Film Thermal Battery Technology** SBIR Program
  - Manufacture geometrically conformal & high performance thermal batteries to provide a more affordable & producible power source also enabling in a higher energy density
- **Nanofoil for Thin Film Thermal Battery** DoD JFTP Program
  - Develop a thin film heat source, needed to realize the potential of thin film thermal battery





# Liquid Reserve Battery Improvements



## Problem:

The liquid reserve battery for the M762A1 electronic time (ET) artillery fuze contains a corrosive, moisture sensitive electrolyte that impacts producibility.

## Objective:

As a risk reduction effort, develop a producible and affordable liquid reserve battery for the electronic time (ET) artillery fuze that eliminates the corrosive electrolyte, allows a higher production throughput, maintains performance requirements at low temperature and satisfies a 20 year shelf life.

**POC:** Karen Amabile, ARDEC Fuze Division

**User/Customer:** PM-CAS/ PEO-AMMO

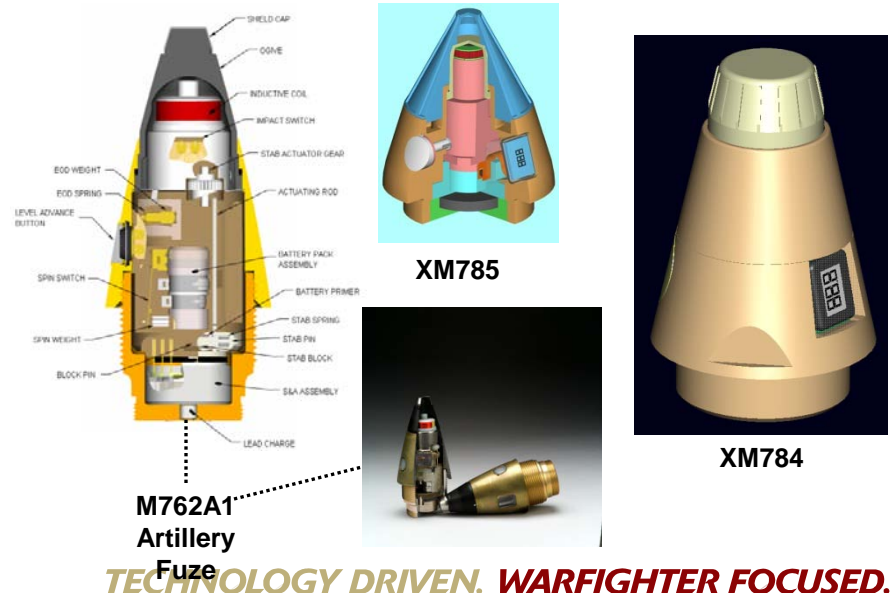
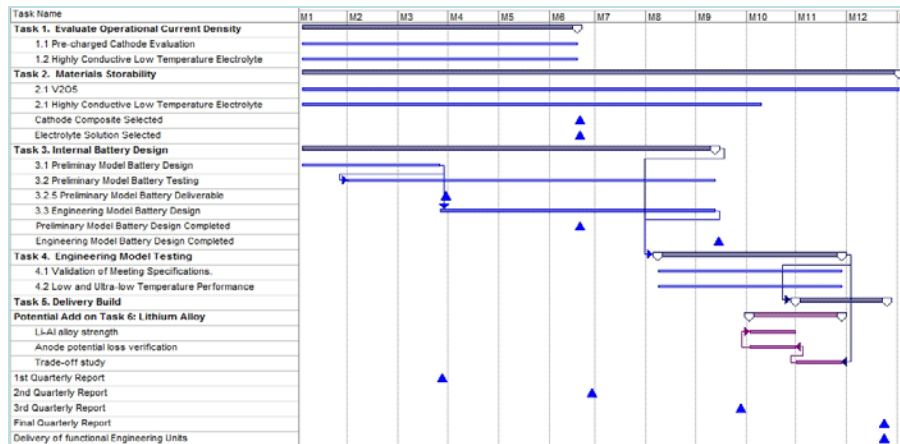
## Benefits to the Warfighter:

Provides an environmentally friendly and affordable power source for the M762A1 electronic time artillery fuze allowing PEO Ammunition to meet its current production requirements for war reserve quantities as well as future requirements for the M767, M721, M853A1, M816, M819, M930 & M983 mortar rounds.

## Tasks (FY10)

- Optimization of baseline cell (Li/LiBF<sub>4</sub>/γ-BL/DME/V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)
- Component stability
- Temperature & performance tests
- Build optimized hardware
- Deliver hardware

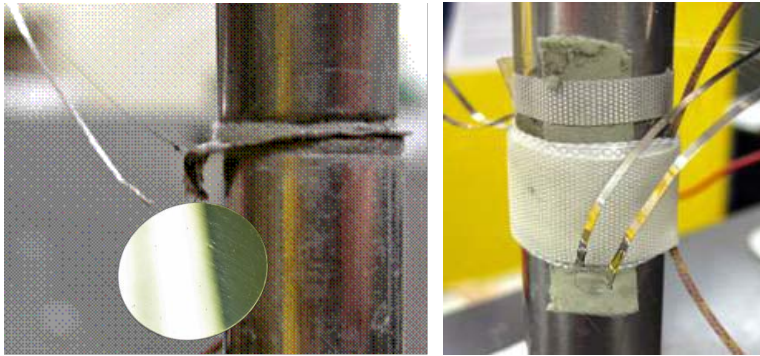
## FY10 Schedule



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# NanoFoil-Heated Thin-Film Battery



A NanoFoil disc for peak temperature test and a NanoFoil-heated pellet-based 4-cell thermal battery stack ready to be initiated and tested

## Technology Investment Schedule (FY)

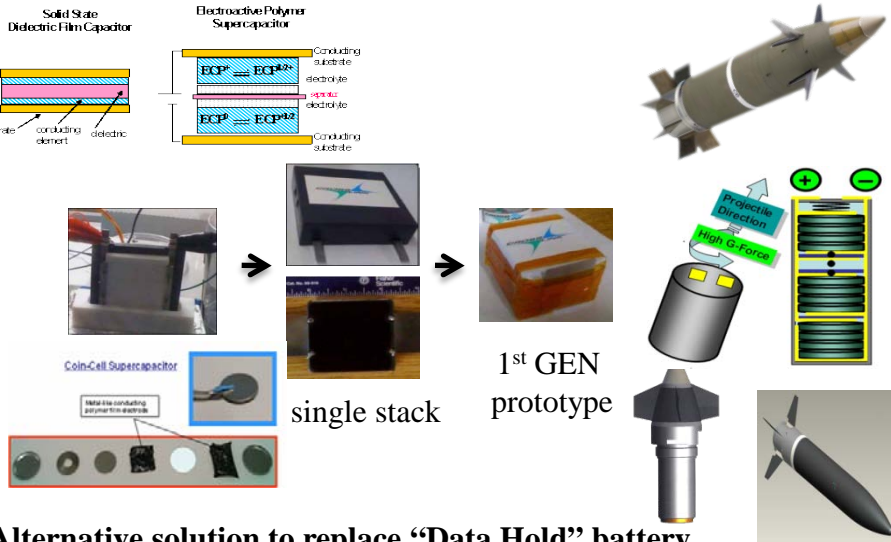
Tasks	10	11	12	13	14
NanoFoil-heated LCCM and Testing System for TF Cells	■▲				
NanoFoil-Heated Thin-Film Thermal Cell	■	▲			
NanoFoil-Heated Thin-Film Thermal Cell Stack		■	▲ 4 TRL		
Optimized NanoFoil-Heated Thin-Film Thermal Cell Stack			■	▲ 5 TRL	
Prototype Battery Design		■	■	▲	
Prototype Thermal Battery				■	▲ 7 TRL
Funding JFTP (\$K)					

Objective	Current Year Milestones
<p><i>This project is aimed at producing a prototype NanoFoil-heated thin-film thermal battery made of thin layers of anode, electrolyte, cathode, and heat source components, capable of fast rise, high power and energy, and flexible form factor, and conducive to continuous production.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M1: NanoFoil-heated LCCM thermal battery</li> <li>• M2: Test system for thin-film thermal cells and cell stacks</li> </ul>
Technical Approach	Leveraging and Transition Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NanoFoil will be used as the heat source layer composed of thousands of alternating layers of aluminum and nickel each only a few dozen nanometers thick, made by physical vapor deposition.</li> <li>• Anode, cathode, and electrolyte layers will be produced by commonly available methods such as spray-coating or tape-dipping.</li> <li>• Fast reaction of NanoFoil in combination with the other thin components leading to a fast-rise, high power and energy, and flexible form factor thermal battery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leveraging Sandia National Laboratory's effort on thin-film thermal battery</li> <li>• Leveraging Prior and current ARL-ARDEC efforts on NanoFoil R&amp;D</li> <li>• Leveraging Affordable Precision Components Technology ATO</li> <li>• Potential transition to use in small and medium caliber munitions, artillery and mortar projectiles, rockets, and missiles; the Army's Extended Aerial Protection System; and the Army's PRAXIS; and the Common Smart Sub-munitions Program (CSS)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN. WARFIGHTER FOCUSED.</b></p>





# Conductive Polymer-Based Super-Cap



## Objectives

To advance the development of novel supercapacitor device for fast charging time, function over military temperature range, and high energy/power density needed to extend Army's munitions' capability for current and/or new generation of Munitions and Fuzes.

## Challenges

- Existing COTS supercapacitor exhibit technological shortfall & gaps :
- Functional over a wide temperature range
  - Performance in term of charging time, ESR, energy/power density
  - Large scale manufacturing and processing of materials as films for cost effective production
  - Extended shelf-life (up to 20 years)

## Approaches

- Optimize synthesis of conductive material & film by enhanced functionality of the side chains and dopants.
- Process the conductive polymer systems to create fibers/films that allow highly ordered lamellae and sheet-like structure and enhance performance
- Investigate & develop electrolyte with improved ionic conductivity to satisfy extreme temperature performance and 20 years shelf life
- Mature supercapacitor iteratively throughout R&D cycle

## Impacts

- Enhance Warfighter mission flexibility by eliminating the needs to expend the projectile after initialization due to re-usage and effectively infinite operating life of this supercapacitor.
- Ensure availability and technological enabler for alternative, reliable, cost-effective, and common used power source to store mission data
- Potential transition to PM offices for next block upgrade and/or product improvement

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## Alternative solution to replace "Data Hold" battery

**Customer:** Potential customer is PEO-AMMO

- Endorsement by OPM-CAS as of Mar 04, 2010
- Transition potentials:
  - Excalibur, PGK, VAPP(155), STAR(105), APMI, VAPM, and other artillery & mortar rounds
  - potential direct-fired rounds

## Leverage:

- DoD-JFTP (6.2 and possible 6.3 follow-on)
- Affordable Precision Component ATO
- Others



# Power Sources TCG



- **Power Sources Technical Coordinating Group is a new (2010) DoD/DOE group focused on developing power systems technology to improve munitions and transform national capability through collaborative research**
- **The TCG is implemented to support the Joint Munitions Program (JMP), created by Congress, and managed out of the Office of Land Warfare & Munitions, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)**

# Questions?