



Progress Towards a Near Term Extreme Range Canon

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Characteristics of a Combustion Light Gas Gun - Chemistry



2H₂ + O₂ -- 2H₂O - Classic Hydrogen Reaction

 $2H_2 + O_2 + xH_2 - 2H_2O + xH_2 - Typical CLGG Reaction$

In the CLGG;

Oxygen quantity controls the available energy

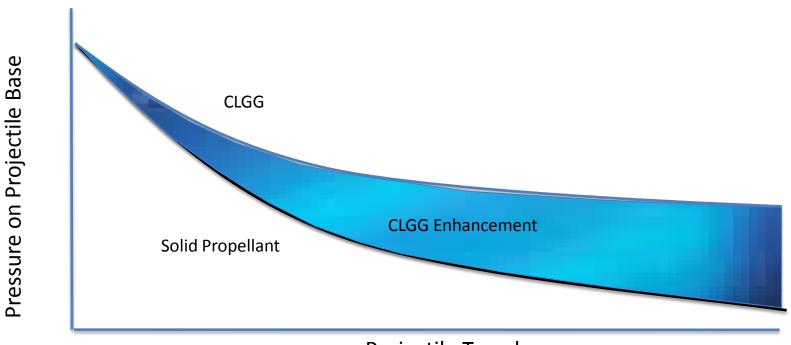
Hydrogen serves both as a propellant and diluent

Hydrogen quantity controls the;

Sound Speed Combustion Temperature (< 2700 K) Molecular Mass

> Single chamber weapon (i.e., not a laboratory device)

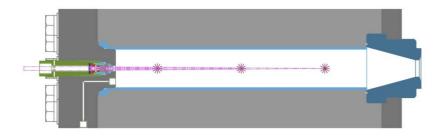
Key CLGG Benefits



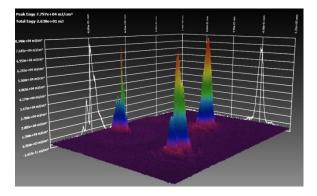
Projectile Travel

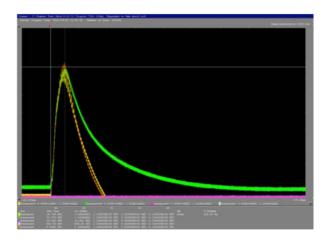
- Higher velocity and/or muzzle energy
- Zoning control
- •Lower pressure & acceleration
- Ability to produce propellant onsite

Characteristics of a Combustion Light Gas Gun – Laser Ignition





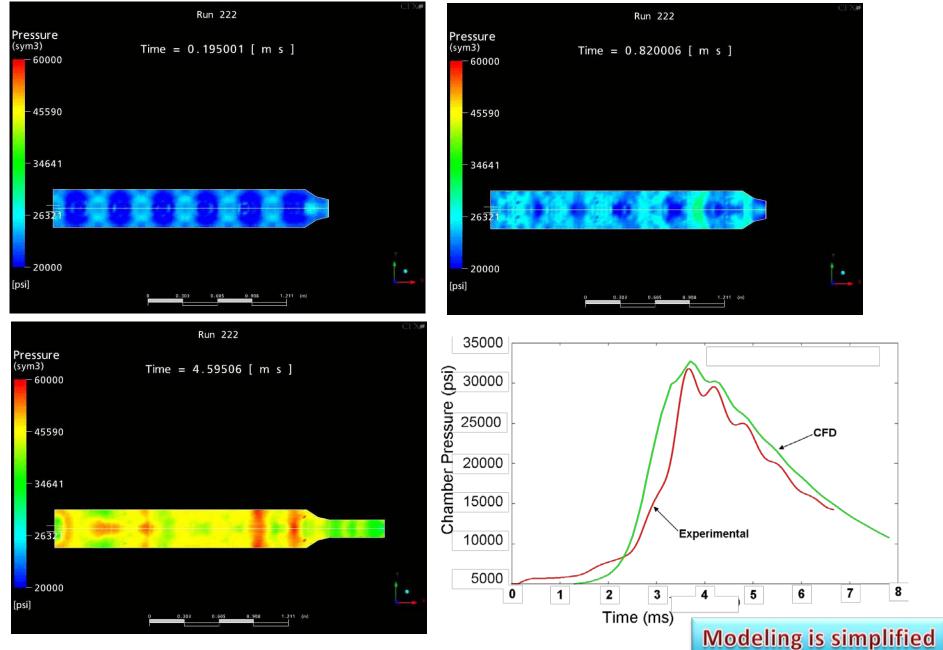






Laser provides ignition tailoring

Characteristics of a Combustion Light Gas Gun – Modeling

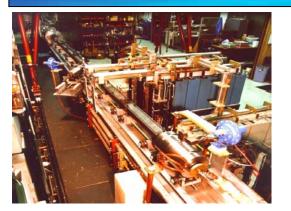


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CLGG History, Accomplishments, and Funding

1993, 16mm ELGG - CLGG

1995, 45mm CLGG







2007, 155mm CLGG

Major Accomplishments

- •Scaled from 16 to 45 to 155mm bore size
- •Developed Predictive CFD Models
- Performed 6 round a minute firings in 45mm
- Fired 155mm at energies up to 28 MJ to date
- •Developed non-intrusive ignition techniques
- Completed design of 155mm mobile platform with resupply vehicle

Nearly 20 years of development

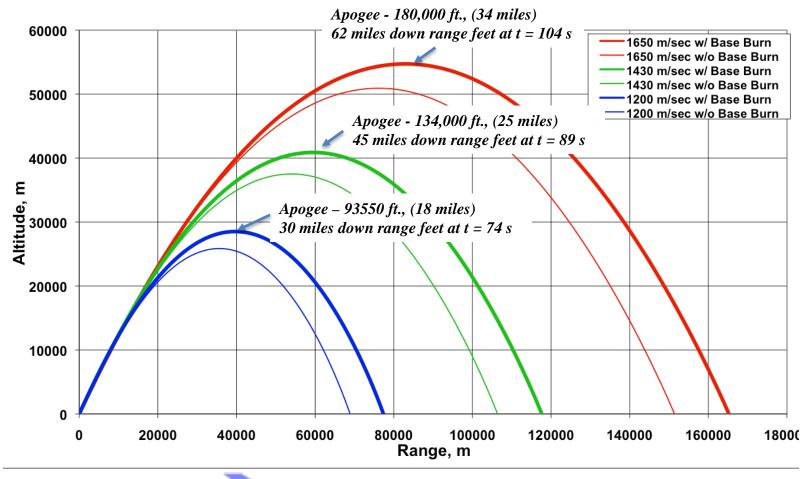
155 mm Demonstrated Performance to Date

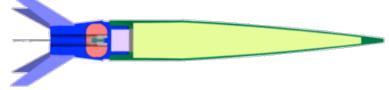
Projectile mass (kg)	Peak chamber pressure (psi)	Velocity (m/s)	Kinetic energy (MJ)
20	25,000	1667	28
44	45,000	1084	26





CLGG – Ballistic Profiles (Max Range)

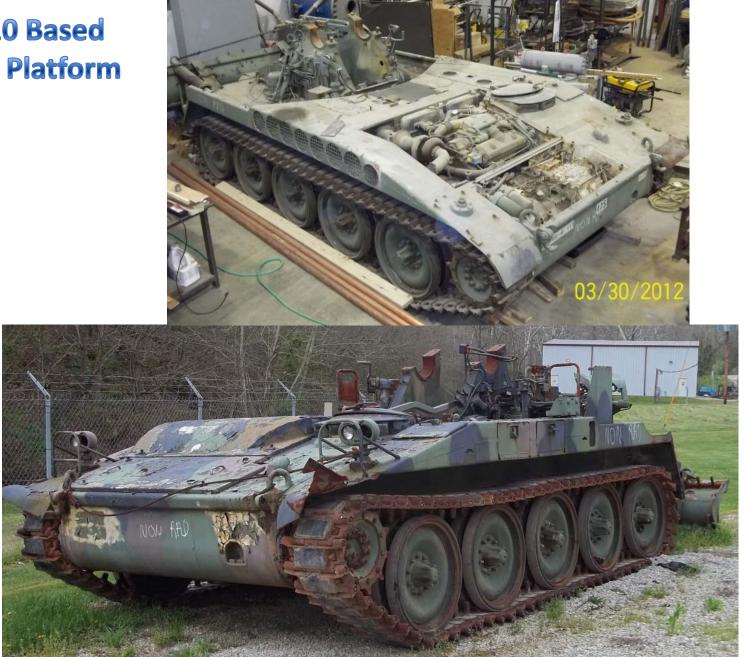




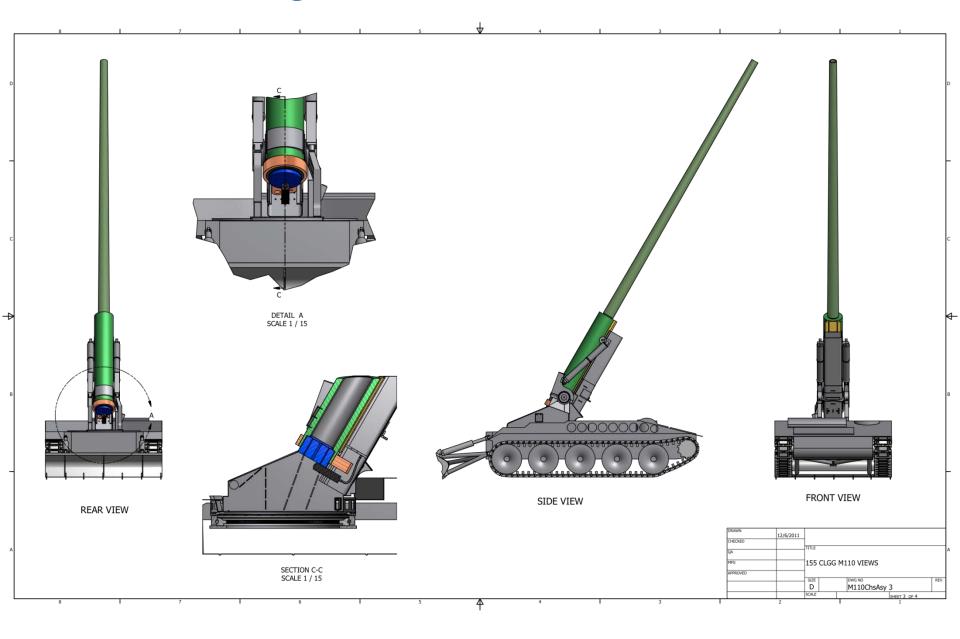


Engineering and Design of a 155mm Extreme Range Demonstrator

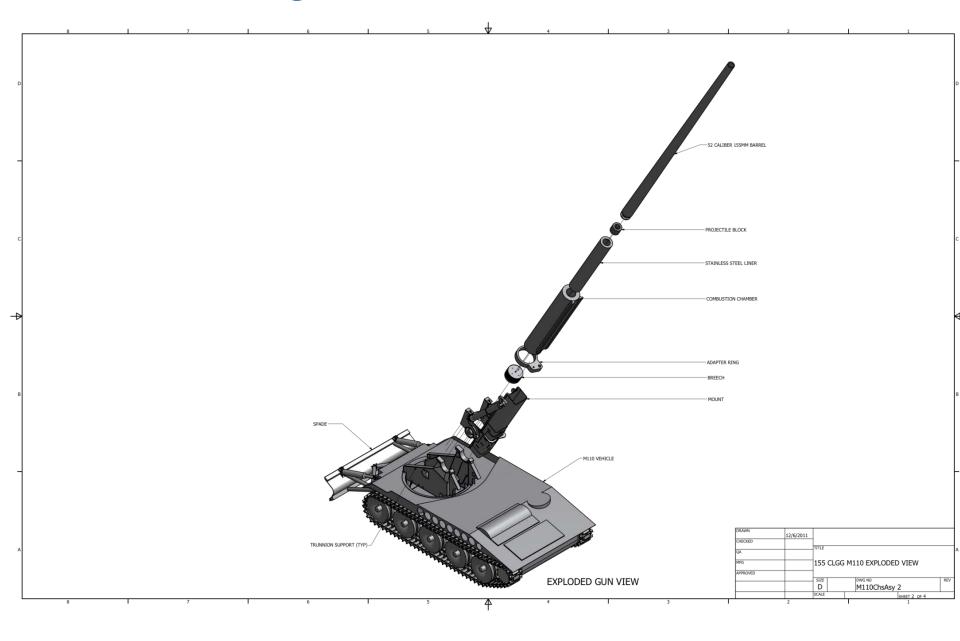
M110 Based **Firing Platform**



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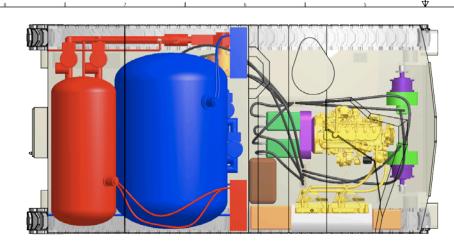
M110 Based Firing Platform



M992 Based Supply **Platform**

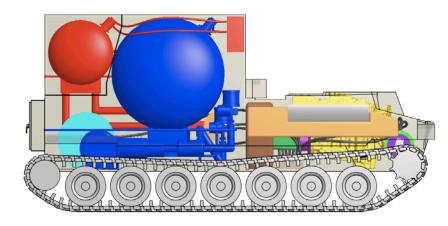


M992 Based Supply Platform

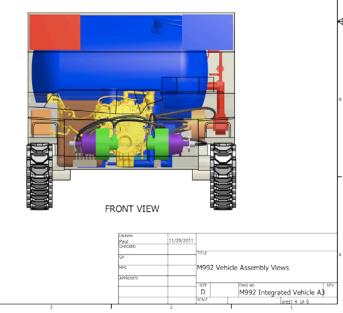


TOP VIEW

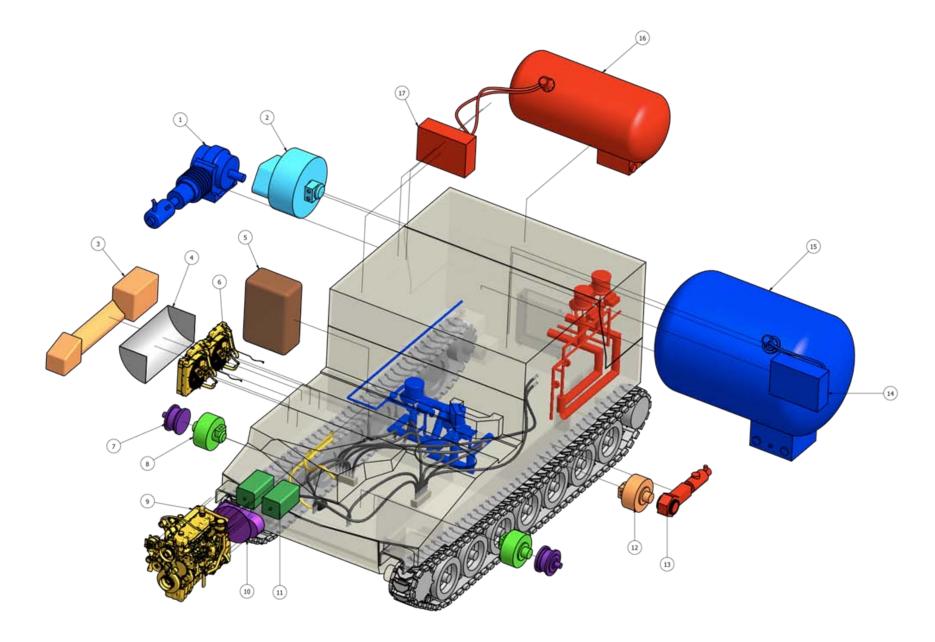
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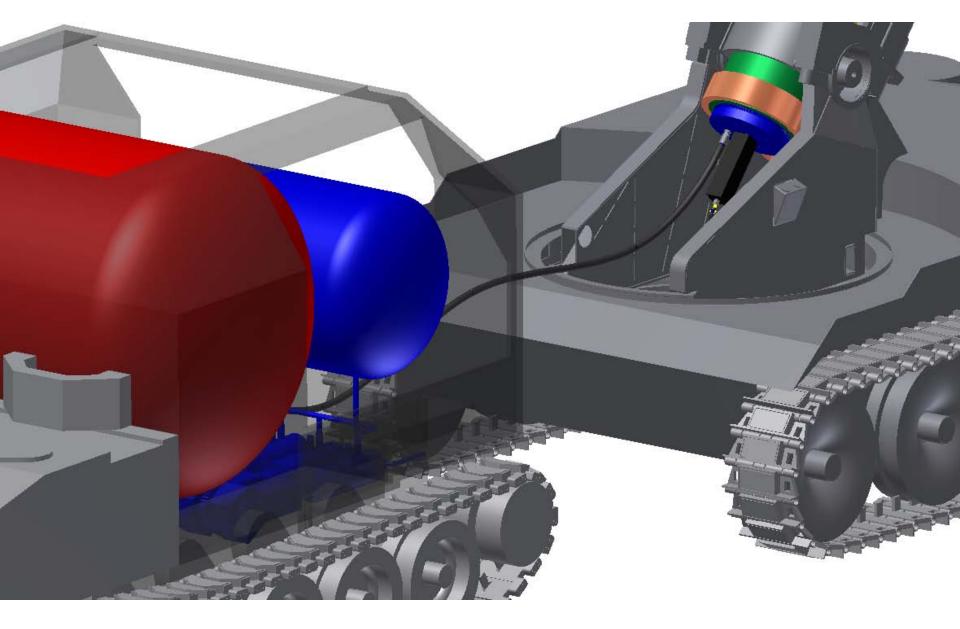
SIDE VIEW



M992 Based Supply Platform



CLGG Based 100 km Shooter





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