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Present M550 Kaman 40mm 40mm Fuze **MEMS** Fuze



#### Kaman MEMS Technology

- MEMS Safe and Arm Device is constructed of a very strong Nickel-Cobalt metal alloy
- Produced using layer by layer additive technology with tolerance capabilities of  $\pm 2$  micron
- MEMS S&A Device is fully assembled and functional coming out of fab process
- MEMS S&A Device is then assembled into a completed fuze using proven micro-dispensing and pick-and-place manufacturing technologies



Kaman MEMS Safe and Arm Device



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#### Metal MEMS: How They Are Made



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#### Kaman MEMS Design

#### Kaman MEMS Safe and Arm Device



#### MEMS Fuze Installed in a 40mm Munition





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**MEMS Fuze Assembly** 

#### Kaman MEMS Design-Arming Environments





#### Kaman MEMS Design-Arming Timing Control



- Verge-escapement manages safe-separation timing
  - Tune-able timing for different ballistic characteristics
  - Timing is dependent on spin rate, number of teeth in vergeescapement, location of the center of rotation, mass of swing arm, length of swing arm



#### Kaman MEMS Design-Arming

#### Kaman MEMS S&A In Safe Position

Solid shutter between ignition and lead charges

#### Kaman MEMS S&A In Armed Position



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#### Kaman MEMS Fuze Assembly

#### **Packaged MEMS Fuze Assembly**



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#### Kaman Fuze Packaging



Kaman MEMS S&A Assembled on Wafer Level

**Diced into Individual Fuzes** 

- Fuzes fabricated on a wafer level laminate fabrication and separated after assembly
  - Utilize semi-automated processes to reduce workmanship centric manufacturing that greatly improves quality
  - Loading occurs with micro-dispensing of slurry based energetics for the primary explosives
  - Assembly is laser welded together
  - Provides path to meet high volume production as well as aggressive cost targets



#### Kaman MEMS Fire-Train



#### Kaman MEMS Performance Testing

- Modelling of performance properties has been validated through test
- The MEMS was successfully tested as subsystems in the lab environment
  - Spin testing to verify unlock as well as timing variation
  - Set-back lock test to verify go/no-go level
  - Vibration and shock testing to demonstrate arming does not occur and the fuze remains safe and operational
  - Fire train DOE completed, including partial arm steps to confirm no-fire until >95% armed
- Live-fire gun testing completed
  - Rounds fired in 40mm low-velocity gun tests
  - Fuze demonstrated to successfully arm and fire

40mm MEMS Fuze Design Demonstrated to TRL-6



#### Kaman MEMS Successfully Tested in Live-Fire Rounds

40mm Low Velocity Environment

- MIL-STD 1316E Compliant
  - Out-of-line design
- Setback:
  - ~2,000 Gs set-back
- Spin:
  - > 3,000 RPM
- Arming Delay
  - 80 ms
- Initiation energy
  - 300uJ







#### **Example Application with Kaman MEMS Fuze**

#### Enabling new capability

Reduced size frees-up space for enhanced capabilities such as *stand off detonation*.

- Proximity sensor
- Power source
- Miniature fuze
- Usable for munitions down to 25mm
- Additional Explosive Charge

Other potential benefits:

- UXO reliability through redundancy
- Integrating HE into smaller rounds



### Concept of a 40mm stand-off capable round



#### Kaman MEMS Family of Designs Nearing TRL-6

- Non-electric ignition design that utilized impact event
  - Stab primer integrated into MEMS
  - Piezoelectric energy generation to initiate the fire train
- Command-to-arm
  - No verge-escapement
  - Use for non-spinning, low-spin, or unique applications
  - Integrated with additional sensors or electronic circuitry
  - Safety locks can be mechanical, electrical, or a combination of both



#### Kaman MEMS Fuze Technology Conclusion

- The Kaman MEMS Fuze has been demonstrated to TRL-6 in a 40mm low-velocity round
- Kaman's approach has been to focus on <u>Design For</u> <u>Manufacturability/Assembly (DFMA) as well as Design To Unit</u> <u>Production Cost (DTUPC) to ensure the design meets the quality</u> and cost targets for future weapon systems
- Kaman's MEMS Fuzes make room for enabling technology in existing and next-generation weapon platforms





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# Questions?



Kaman MEMS Safe and Arm Device



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