

# Guided Munitions for Aerial Gunnery; Increased Mission Effectiveness and Large Cost Savings

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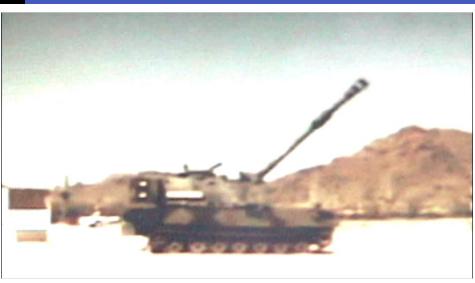
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# **GHLM Background**



M712 Copperhead 1975









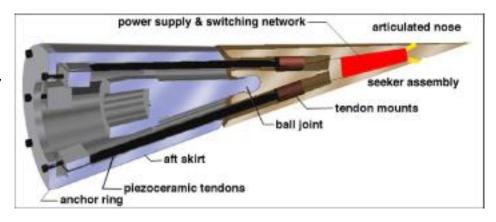
XM 982 Excalibur & ERGM



### Barrel-Launched Adaptive Munition (BLAM) Program 1995 - '97

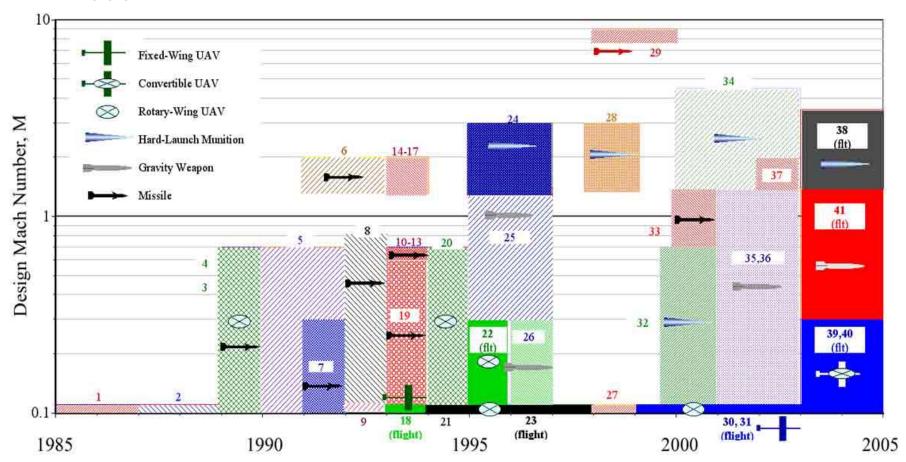
#### **USAF/AFRL-MNAV**

- ➤ Aerial Gunnery (20 105mm)
- ➤ Extend Range w/2g maneuver
- (Eglin AFB tests '97)(Mach 3.3 tests '96-'97)
- ➤Increase hit probability
- ➤Increase probability of a kill given a hit
- ➤ Reduce total gun system weight fraction





# **AAL: Building Adaptive Actuators for Hard-Launch Munitions** since 1995



#### Historic Guided Hard-Launch Munitions

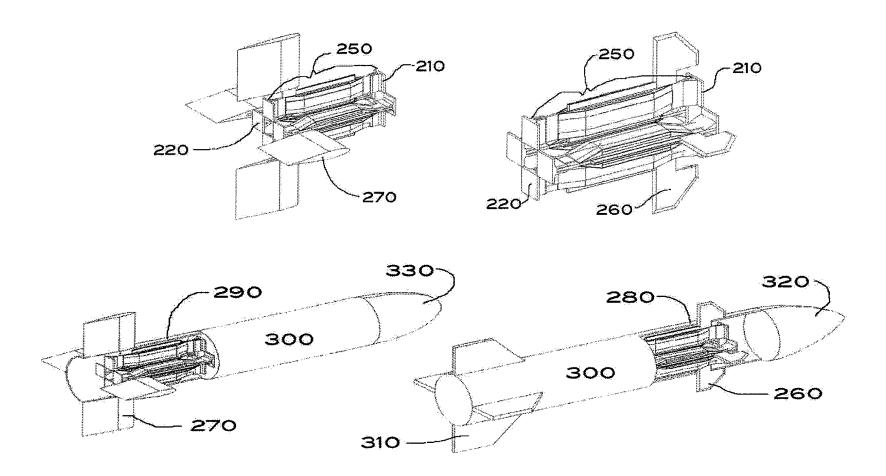


- Copperhead: 155mm, USA Armament Research
  - 1970's indirect fire against hardened targets
- Adaptive Guided Munitions Programs
  - Barrel Launched Adaptive Munition (BLAM), 1995, conical round, USAF Armament Directorate
  - Hypervelocity Interceptor Test Technology (HITT), 1998, USA Space and Missile Defense Command
  - Range-Extended Adaptive Munition (REAM), 1998, sniper round, derivative—SCREAM, USA Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center
  - Light Fighter Lethality Adaptive Round (LFLAR), subsonic, USA Armament Research
- Extended Range Guided Munition (ERGM), Raytheon
  - Rocket Assisted Projectile (RAP), 5 in diameter, 13-54nmi (Cancelled)
- Extreme Accuracy Tasked Ordnance (EXACTO), DARPA
  - DARPA initiative, small caliber guided sniper round, live fire tests in 2015
- M982 Excalibur, Raytheon
  - 155mm GPS and inertial guided munition for close-support
- Multi-Azimuth Defense Fast Intercept Round Engagement System (MAD-FIRES), DARPA
  - DARPA initiative, medium caliber guided rounds



# AAL: Issued patents & 2 decades of test data up to: Mach 11, 1kHz, 100,000g's

PBP-Class Hard-Launch Capable Full-Proportional Actuator FCS Units:



# Application to Aerial Platforms: Retrofit

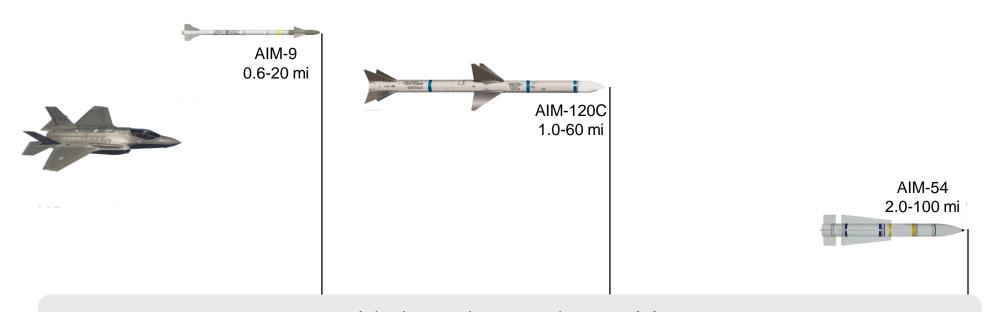
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AMRAAM

45mm MASS GHLM



- ➤ Increased Number of Targets
- ➤ Expanded Engagement Range Envelope
- ➤ Airframe Defense with Maneuver Overmatch
- ➤ Decreased Cost per Kill



# Application to Aerial Platforms: New Aircraft Design

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- ➤ Reduced Observables (RF, IR & Acoustic)
- ➤ Increased Airframe Performance
  - > Reduction in platform weight, wetted area, and total volume





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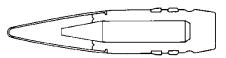


- ➤ Energy based analysis: interior and terminal ballistics
- ▶6 DOF ballistic model
- ➤ Simplified intercept in simulated atmosphere

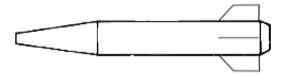
$$\Phi_{w}(\omega) = \frac{2\sigma_{w}^{2}L_{w}}{\pi V} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{8}{3} * \frac{2.678L_{w}\omega}{V}\right)^{2}}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{2.678L_{w}\omega}{V}\right)^{2}\right)^{\frac{11}{6}}} \qquad \frac{d\bar{V}}{dt} = -\frac{\rho VSC_{D}}{2m}\bar{V} + \frac{\rho SC_{L_{\alpha}}}{2m}\left(V^{2}\hat{x} - (\bar{V}\cdot\hat{x})\bar{V}\right) + \bar{g}$$
 
$$\frac{d\bar{h}}{dt} = \frac{\rho VSd^{2}C_{l_{p}}}{2I_{y}}(\bar{h}\cdot\hat{x})\hat{x} + \frac{\rho V^{2}Sd\delta_{F}C_{l_{\delta}}}{2I_{y}}\hat{x} + \frac{\rho VSdC_{M_{\alpha}}}{2I_{y}}(\bar{V}\times\hat{x})$$



➤Increase impact kinetic energy at Effective Range:



ightharpoonup MASS GHLM E<sub>impact</sub>/E<sub>muzzle</sub> ~ 89%



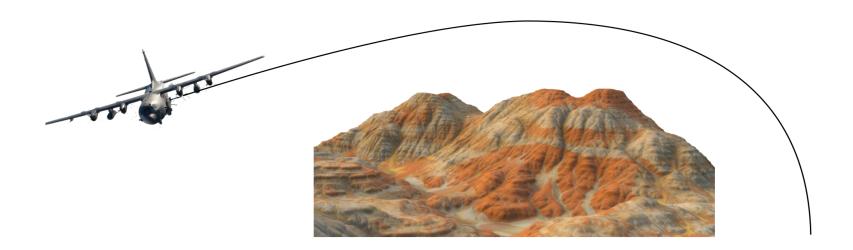
>MASS Guided Variants







- >MASS Guided Indirect Fire
  - ➤ Semi-ballistic path
  - >Terminal Guidance



# Concept of Operations: Defensive Overmatch



- >MASS GHLM IR defense
  - ➤ Flying "flare"
- >MASS GHLM RF defense
  - ➤ Kinetic kill
  - ➤ Proximity with debris field





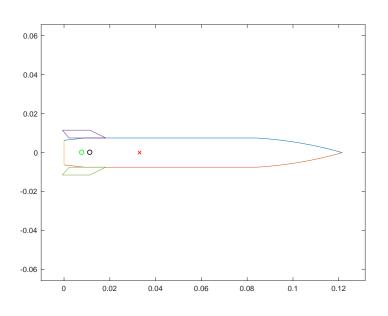
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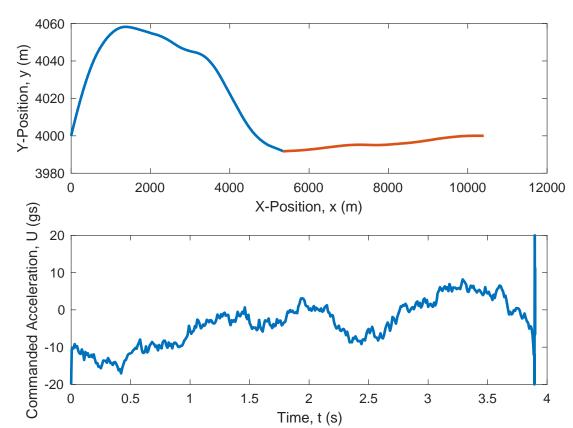
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# ➤ Maneuver Specification

# ➤ Simulated R-77 intercept

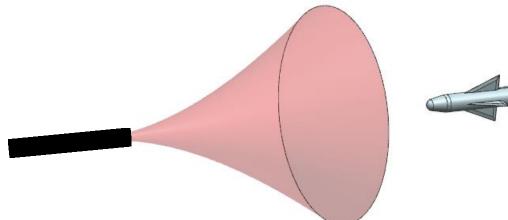






- ▶P<sub>k</sub> estimation
  - ➤ Cost/kill of MASS GHLM < conventional missile
- ➤ Miss radius estimation

$$N = \frac{\ln(1 - P_{k,desired})}{\ln(1 - P_{k,projectile})}$$





$$V_{fragment} = \sqrt{2E} \left( \frac{m_{metal}}{m_{charge}} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

# F-15 Application

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- **≻**Existing Loadout
  - >4 x AIM-9
  - >8 x AIM-120
  - >940 x 20mm

➤M61 Vulcan retrofit



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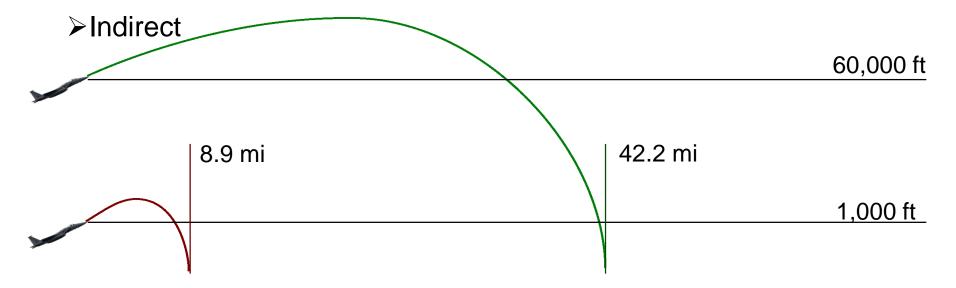
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#### ➤ Simulated retrofit PGU-28 series:

#### ➤ Direct fire near sea-level

	PGU-28 A/B	20mm MASS GHLM	% Change
Projectile Mass (kg)	0.11	0.11	~
Effective Range (mi)	1.28	1.90	+48%
Ballistic Coefficient (PGU reference form factor)	1.03	1.87	+81%



# AC-130 Application

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- ➤ Existing Loadout AC-130U Spooky II
  - >1 x 25mm GAU-12/U
  - >1 x 40mm L/60 Bofors
  - >1 x 105mm M102

➤M102 retrofit



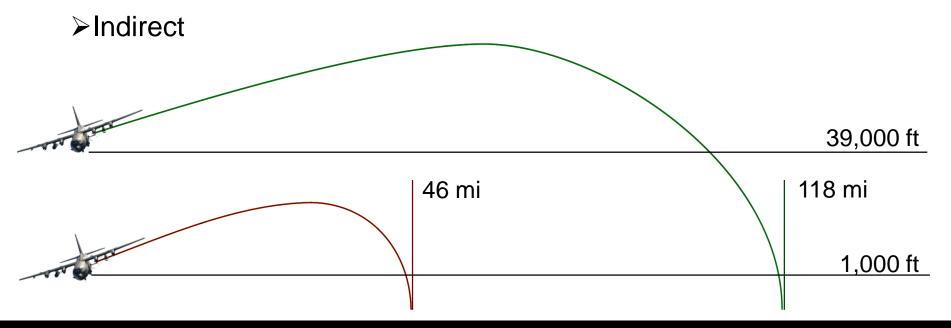
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#### ➤ Simulated retrofit M1 series:

#### ➤ Direct fire near sea-level

	M1	105mm MASS GHLM	% Change
Projectile Mass (kg)	18	18	~
Kinetic Energy at Impact (kJ)	607	788	+30%
Ballistic Coefficient (M1 reference form factor)	2.34	3.81	+63%



# F-35 Application

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# ➤ Existing Loadout F-35A

- >14 x AIM-120
- >2 x AIM-9
- > 180 x 25mm

➤GAU-12/U retrofit



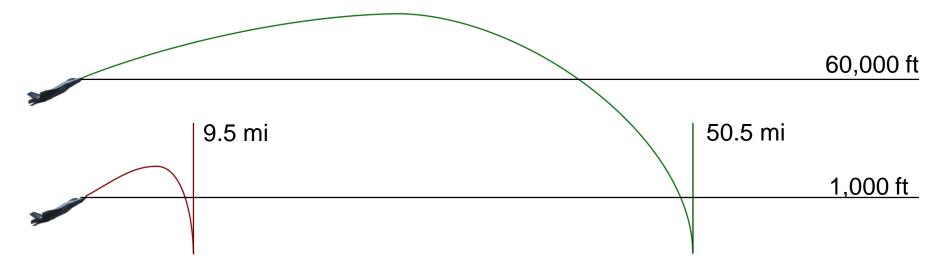


#### ➤ Simulated retrofit PGU-25 series:

#### ➤ Direct fire near sea-level

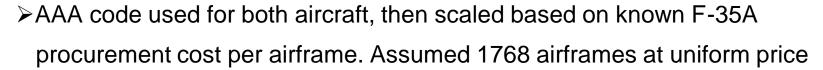
	PGU-25	25mm MASS GHLM	% Change
Projectile Mass (kg)	0.18	0.18	~
Effective Range (mi)	1.42	2.19	+54%
Ballistic Coefficient (PGU reference form factor)	1.26	2.10	+67%

#### **≻**Indirect





# >F-35A vs GHLM Equipped Fighter (XF-36)



Program Level Costs (\$ billions)			
	F-35A	XF-36	
RDT&E Total	\$25.5B	\$13.6B	
Manufacturing Cost			
(Program)	\$110.4B	\$82.2B	
Acquisition Cost	\$115.9B	\$86.3B	
Program Operating Cost	\$235.5B	\$225.5B	

Airframe Level Costs			
	F-35A	XF-36	
Unit Price (millions)	\$ 80.0M	\$ 56.5M	
Operating Cost per			
Flight Hour	\$ 29,600	\$ 28,400	



#### MASS Guided Hard Launch Munition Potential on Aerial Platforms

- ➤ Ranges comparable to modern air-to-air missiles
- Expanded engagement range envelope
- Increased number of targets engaged
- ➤ Effectively increase caliber of aircraft without retrofit of gunnery system
- ➤ Implications for airframe defense and future aircraft design
- ➤ Reduced cost/kill
- ➤ Enhanced survivability and more rounds allow fewer aircraft to carry out the same mission



# **Enabling Technology: MASS**

- Secure commercial partner for MASS tech. transfer
- Work with commercial partner to capture aerial munitions market



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# Questions