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Fuzing in a Challenging Environment

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Team Picatinny

PEO Soldier
PM Soldier Weapons

PEO Ground Combat Systems
PM Ground Combat Vehicle

Defense Contracting Management Agency
Springfield

Civilian Human Resources Agency

Naval Surface Warfare Center

ARDEC

Joint Munition & Lethality LCMC

Office of the Executive Director for Conventional Ammunition

Gov’t Population 3,865
6,493 Acres
909 Structures
64 Laboratories

The Joint Center of Excellence for Armaments and Munitions

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Commodity Areas

- Artillery Fuzes
- Mortar Fuzes
- Fuze Setters
- Hand Grenades
- Rockets & Missiles
- Safe and Arm Devices
- Medium Caliber Fuzes
- Tank Ammo

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ARDEC S&T Needs & Investment Analysis Process

**Needs/Source Documents**
- DoD/DA
  - CSA 2025
  - Army Operating Concept
  - ASA(ALT) POM Guidance

- PEOs
  - PEO Priorities
  - PEO Roadmaps
  - PM Priorities

- TRADOC
  - MCoE
  - FCoE
  - MSCoE
  - ACoE
  - SCoE
  - TCM-ABCT
  - TCM-SBCT
  - TCM-IBCT
  - Capability
  - Needs Analysis (CNAs)
  - Warfighter Outcomes (WFOs)
  - JCIDS Docs

**ARDEC S&T Portfolio**
- Sets priorities for future investments (POM)
- Enables adjustments to on-going efforts
- Details/communicates opportunities to Service labs, industry, academia, international

**S&T Opportunities**
- Utilized by ARDEC Scientists and Engineers to marry innovation to needs
- Made available to industry partners to facilitate cooperative long term planning to include IR&D investment

Analysis…Exchange Information…Communication…Planning…Prioritization
**ARDEC S&T Portfolio**

**Fuze S&T Programs**

**Stakeholder Needs**

- **XX-00X: Range**
- **XX-00X: Lethality**
- **XX-00X: Rate of Fire**

**Individual Source Doc Needs/Gaps/Priorities**

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Tomorrow’s Challenges with Yesterday’s Budget

- S&T budgets are not as prominent as they were years ago
- Availability of budgeted funds for timely execution of programs
- Most projects leverage other funding to deliver capabilities

Emerging Threats

- Increased performance capabilities required in smaller packages
- Smaller, lighter, cheaper, more responsive systems to defeat new emerging threats
- Need for innovative & disruptive technologies to address some of these threat surges

Supporting the Industrial Base

- Government unique requirements drives the need for unique or custom components
- Diminishing IR&D in fuzing focus areas
- Need for Government – Industry partnerships for best use of core competencies
- Engaging academia & new industry partners

Requirements Definition

- Requirements not fully defined or fully understood
- Competing requirements with limited resources
- Requirements creep throughout program lifecycle
- Joint or common requirements for problem sets that may more Service-specific
Emerging & Maturing Technologies

(6.2 OSD Joint Fuze Technology Program)
- Target Classification Prox for Tailorable Whds
- Micro Scale Materials and Energetic Effects Characterization

(6.3 OSD Joint Fuze Technology Program)
- PGK IMX-101 Compatibility
- Next Generation Proximity Sensor for Prox Fuzing
- Command Arm Actuation for Non-Spinning S&A Architectures

(RDECOM/ARDEC S&T Projects & Demonstrations)
- Future Initiation, Target Detection, Fuze Setting, Power
- Next Generation Prox Fuzing
- Distributed Multi-point Initiation
- Thin Film Power Sources
- MEMS Impact Switch Target Sensing
- Fuzing for Cluster Munition Replacement
- 120mm Guided Mortar
- Low Volume and Low Power Prox
- Direct Fire Prox Sensor - (Joint Non Lethal Dir)
- Autonomous Target Sensing for Shoulder Fired
- Airburst/PD and PD delay for Tank Ammo
- Command Arm MEMS S&A w/ Prox for 40mm
- Enhanced Multi-Purpose Grenade
- Low cost air dropped precision guided munition
- MEMS Safe & Arm Reliability & Manufacturing
Fuze and Power Technologies for Munitions

**Purpose:**
- Develop and advance Fuze and Power Technologies to achieve leap ahead capabilities such as high accuracy air burst, advanced setting methodologies, innovative sensing (launch and target detection), as well as next generation safety and power systems.
- Demonstrate applications of these technologies in multiple munitions across commodities in order to handoff mature concepts to Program of Record EMD efforts.

**Results/Products:**
- Research advanced launch and high accuracy target sensing/classification components & methodologies, advanced fuze communication schemes, integration of printed materials for conformal antennas, power sources and energy harvesters. Develop advanced safe and arm devices to support advanced warhead and munition requirements.
- Demonstrate advanced technologies for high accuracy air bursting, target classification and high rate fuze setting in a relevant environment.
- Surrogate sub-system integration of technologies and components, for demonstration at TRL 6.
- Develop and validate Fuze-centric analysis techniques across multiple technology efforts. Validated modeling will decrease development cycle of future fuze systems.

**Scheduled Milestones**

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Milestone Indicators: TRL or SRL: Milestone Timeline: ARDEC Project Officer: Craig Doremus, craig.doremus.civ@mail.mil, 973-724-5641

**Payoff(s):**
- Enables increased and scalable lethality in broader applications across multiple munitions.
- Maximizes lethality while minimizing collateral damage and reducing logistical burden.
- Spiral technology solutions into numerous Program of Records and other S&T efforts.

Affordable Fuzing and Power Systems for enhanced effects and operational overmatch
Challenges in Fuzing

Initiation of Insensitive Munition High Explosives

- Advanced initiation techniques for sustainment of detonation velocity in highly insensitive energetic materials
- Highly simultaneous multi-point solutions for initiation of IM fills

Next Generation Target Detection & Sensing

- Advanced Next Generation low cost sensor technologies to provide enhanced battlefield performance & small form fit precision burst point control
- Higher-accuracy medium caliber air-bursting solutions
- Autonomous airburst for 30mm munition
- Target media classification MEMS-based impact characterization sensor capable of coarsely discerning target media types upon impact
- FMCW target classification proximity sensor

Networked Munitions

- MIL-STD-1911 compliant fuzing concepts
- Fireset hardware and firmware for main munition

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Challenges in Fuzing

High Reliability Fuzing (<1% UXO)

- Compliance with DoD Cluster Munition Policy
- Fuze component technologies & functional architecture(s) for a system function reliability of >99%
- Non-networked, self-contained, & independent submunition fuzing solutions

Miniaturized Fuzing

- High volume, cost-effective manufacturing processes for MEMS scale components
- Mature the manufacturing readiness level with the elimination of touch labor and rework, establishing second sources of supply, optimizing tolerances and reducing process variation

Improved Fuze Setting

- Smaller and lighter large caliber fuze setter for use in auto-loading cannon systems and guided mortar applications
- High rate medium caliber fuze programming & communication for enhanced airburst response
Challenges in Fuzing

Munitions Power Sources

- New power source technologies with a very high energy density and power density for use in extended range applications and the next generation of artillery fuzes
- Smaller in size and affordable

• Very small, reliable, & affordable power sources for use in medium caliber & hand emplaced applications
• Reliable performance throughout MIL-STD operational temperatures
• Higher energy densities

Thermal Reserve Batteries

Liquid Reserve Batteries

Super Capacitors
- Higher energy storage
- Cold temperature performance
- Sources of supply

Energy Harvesters

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TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN. WARFIGHTER FOCUSED.
Command Arm Actuation for Non-Spinning Safe & Arm Architectures – Mr. John Geaney

Rotor Safety and Arming Design and Development for Multi-Stage Arming of Submunition at Expulsion Event – Mr. Jintae Kim

Novel RF Fuze Setting – Mr. Joseph Breczinski

Decreasing the Sensitivity & Increasing the Delay Time in the M739A1 Impact Delay Module – Ms. Melissa Rhode
Micro Scale Materials & Energetic Effects Characterization – Mr. John Geaney

Multi-mode fuzing for XM1069 Tank Ammunition – Mr. Lloyd Khuc

Designing for Challenging Environments – Getting it Right the First Time – Mr. Stephen Redington
QUESTIONS?