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Lt Col Montes deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 to the International Security Cooperation office. Early in his career, he served with the AFRL Center for Rapid Innovation, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, where he researched urgent-need technologies for special operators, the AFRL Munitions Directorate, Eglin AFB, where he managed the development of the Massive Ordnance Penetrator, and the AFRL Propulsion Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, where he designed and wind-tunnel tested scramjet combustion strategies.