



Armament Designer's Dilemma

“Shaping the Armament Enterprise to Meet Evolving Global Requirements”

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FULL SPECTRUM THREATS



Continuum of Conflict

CONSEQUENCE



STATE CONFLICT

Employs large-scale military force and sophisticated military technologies across multiple domains to defeat the enemy. May include use of WMD, anti-access/area denial systems, global strike systems, undersea platforms, advanced cyber tools, and counter-space systems, among other capabilities



HYBRID CONFLICT

Blends conventional and irregular forces to create ambiguity, seize the initiative, and paralyze the adversary. May include use of both traditional military and asymmetric systems.

NON-STATE CONFLICT

Employs small units and networks to undermine governments and gain control over populations. May include use of IEDs, small arms, propaganda, and terror.



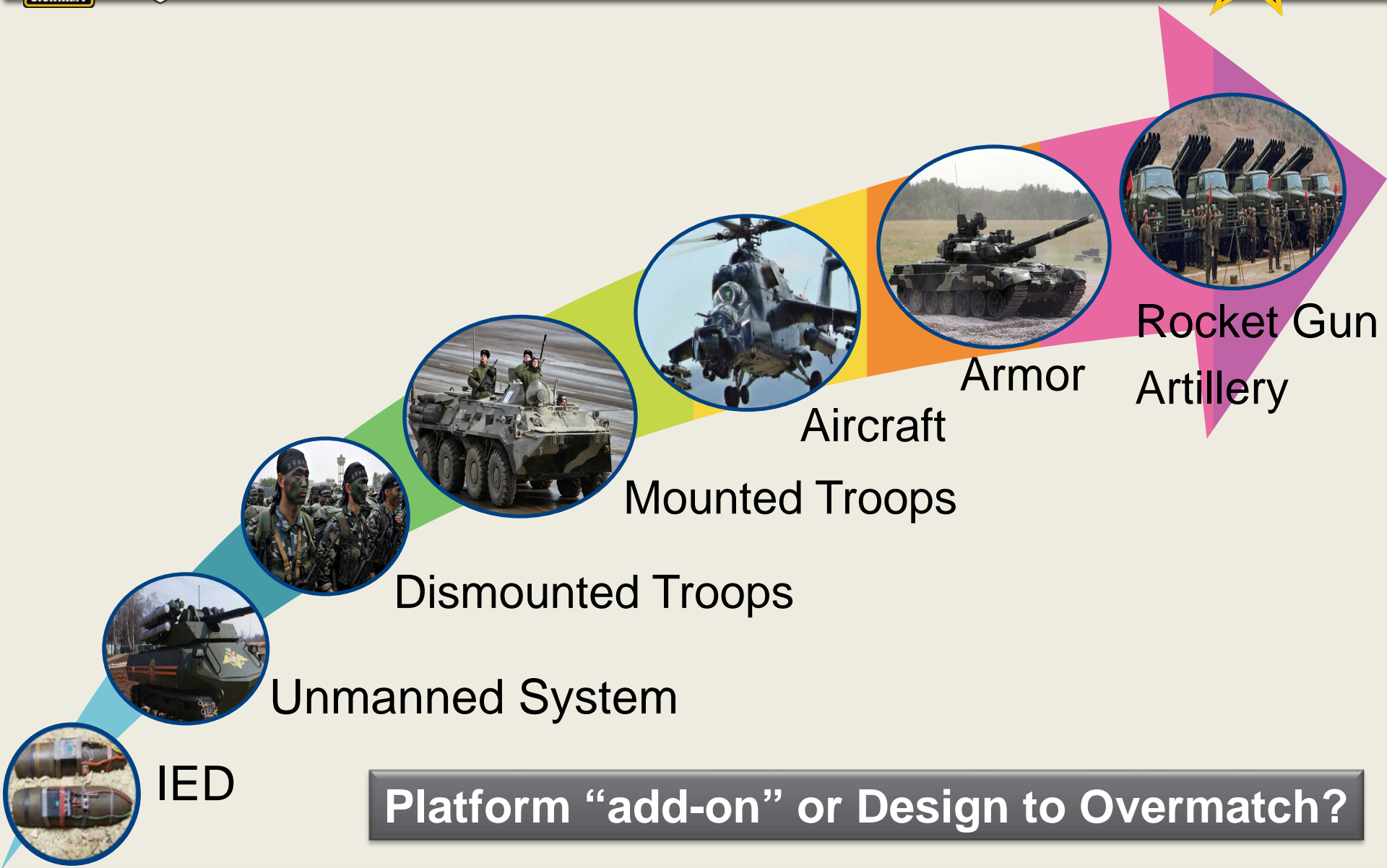
PROBABILITY

How do you get there..?



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SPECTRUM OF THREAT



Platform “add-on” or Design to Overmatch?



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PLATFORMS GET US THERE



***I LIKE YOU PLATFORM GUYS.
EVERYTIME WE'VE GOTTA GO SOMEPLACE TO FIGHT, YOU ALWAYS GIVE US A RIDE***



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ARMAMENTS WIN THE FIGHT



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OVERMATCH THE SPECTRUM OF THREAT



Directed
Energy
Weapons



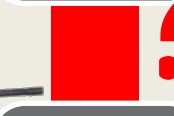
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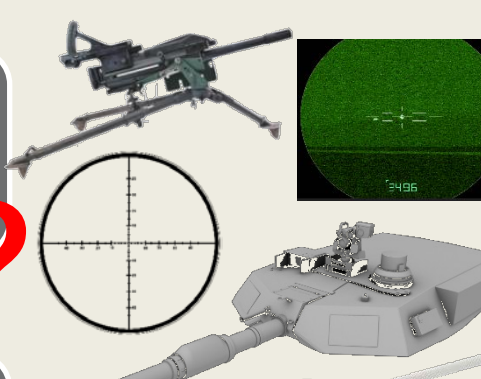
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Fit



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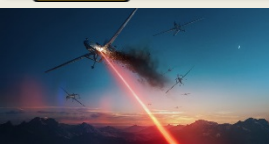
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Force



OVERMATCH





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MY OPINION



- Forums Are Great!
- Avoid optimizing Armament Systems as add-ons to predetermined platforms
- The Armament System Enterprise must refocus and further invest in developing/innovating solutions that Overmatch the threat.

ALWAYS A STEP AHEAD!

