Risk – Is That Really a Technical Issue?

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Affordability

Military Utility

Element of Interest

Context

Military Actor

An example



Clearance of shaped charge ammunition - a frequent EOD task

The problem

"When clearing ammunition containing a shaped charge you should:

- consider an extended hazardous area of the jet [...]
- increase the depth of walls etc. [...]"1

No adequate means (tools) for the design of protective measures!



¹ Swedish Armed Forces, *Handbook of Ammunition and Mine Clearance for the Swedish Total Defence – Precautionary Measures*, Swedish Armed Forces, Stockholm 2012.

The development process^{1,2}



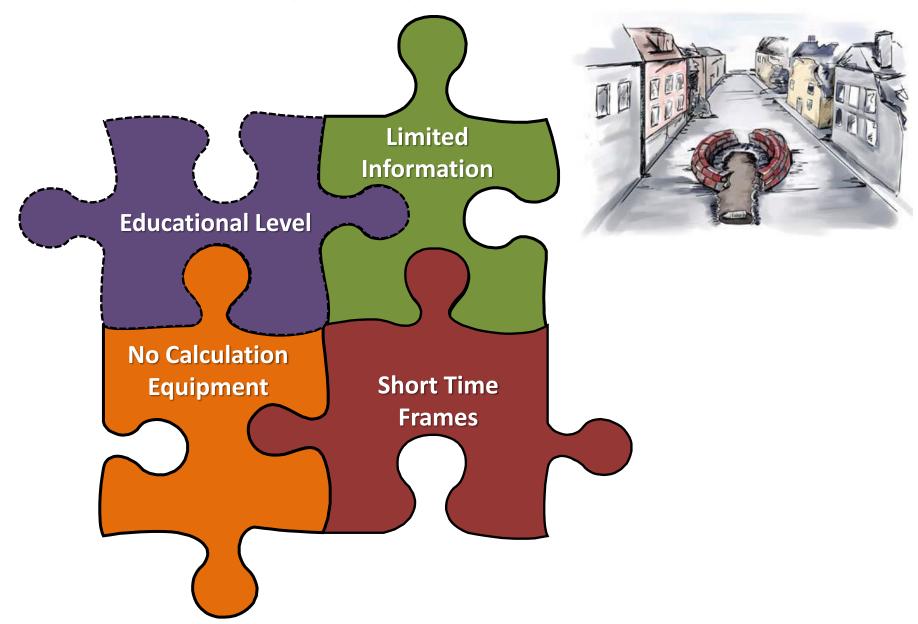






¹ISMS 2012. Kingston, Canada. ²ISMS 2014. Vienna, Austria.

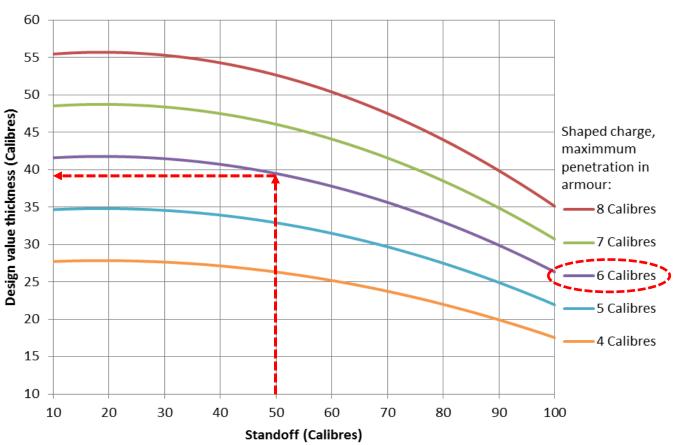
Military Utility - Requirements



The final tool

$$P_d = C \cdot c_j \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_t}} \cdot 95 \cdot (c_S + c_{design})$$

Protective Measure built by Sandbags

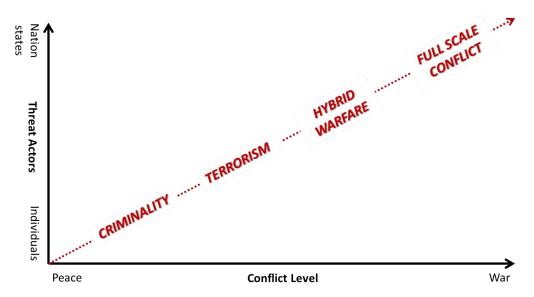


But, what if ...

... only a partial solution is possible?



... another place in the conflict spectrum?



Acceptable Risk?







How To Communicate Risks?

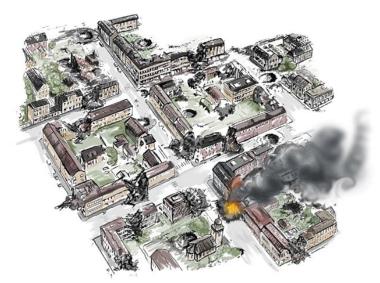


Terrain and Infrastructure



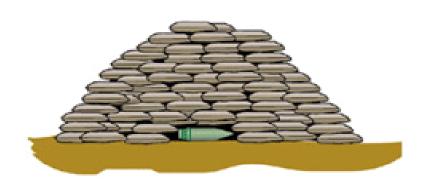






Protective Measures

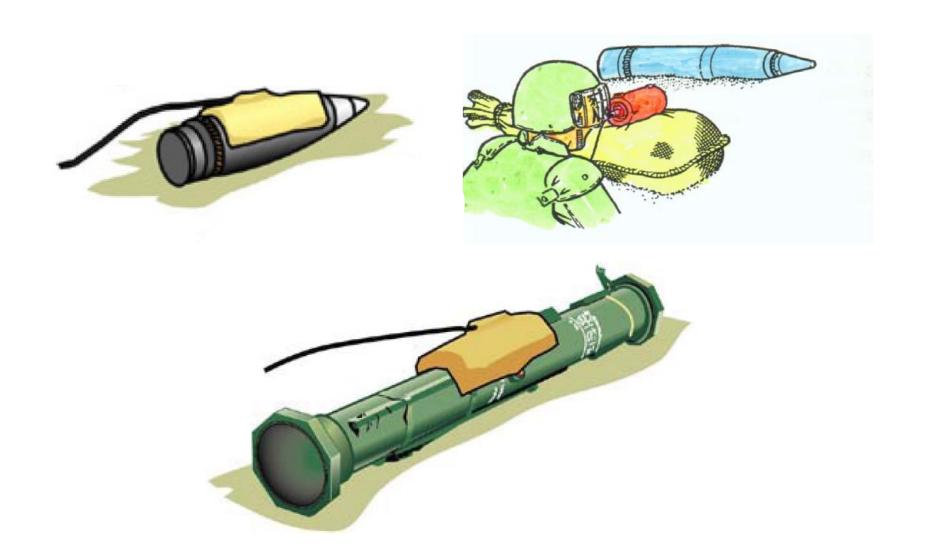






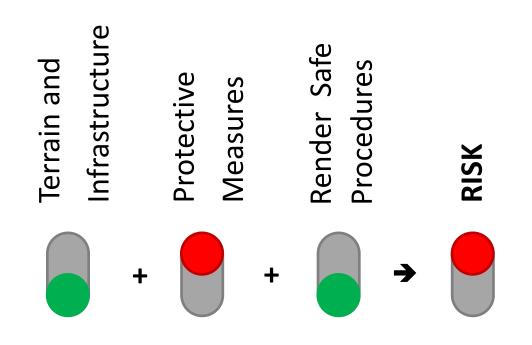


Render Safe Procedures



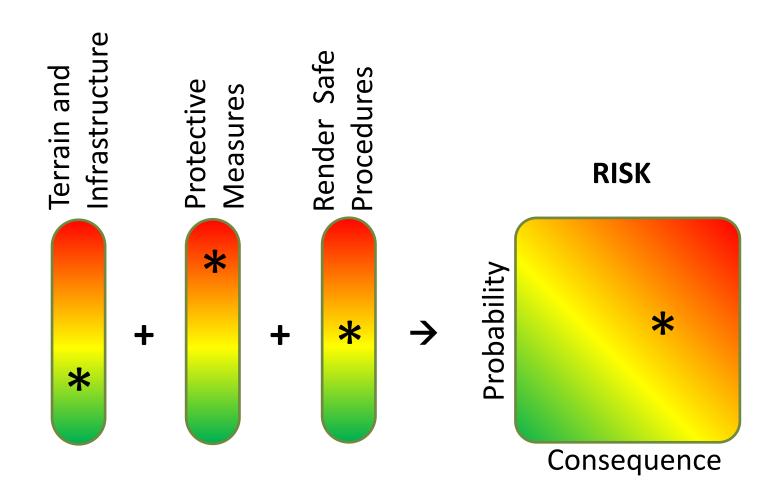
Today

- Binary Approach to Risk Factors



Tomorrow

- A Dynamic Risk Management Model



Conclusions

- Dynamic threats require dynamic tools!
- Military Utility supportive programs must be adapted to the military reality!
- EOD operations apt for dynamic risk concept development!
- Further research needed for a Dynamic Risk Management Model!

Discussion

- What inputs do you have for a dynamic risk management concept?
- How communicate risk to decision makers?