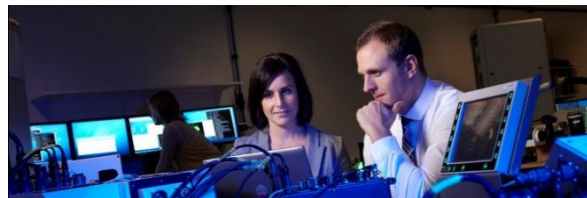


# The littoral environment and product development

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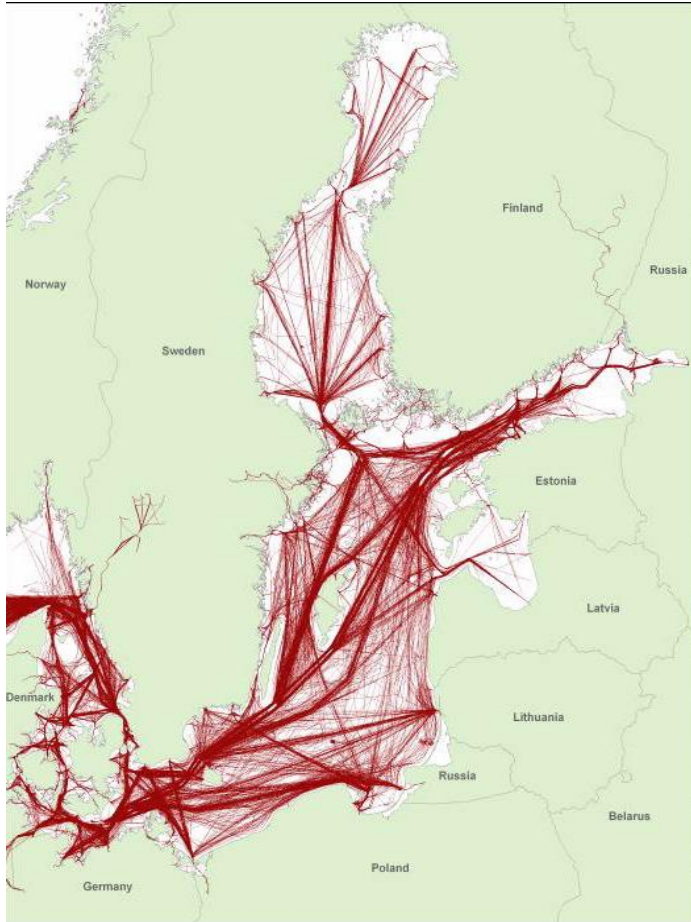


# Agenda

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- The littoral environment and how it affects requirements
- Looking back: How Bofors have developed guns in the past
- Is there a future for guns?

# Littoral Warfare: the Baltic Sea



## Complex and Complicated environment

- Confined
- Politically complex
- Economically important
- Shipping and fishing
- Valuable infrastructure
  - Cables
  - Pipe lines
- Demanding geography
- Islands and straits
- Variable depths,
- Currents
- Salinity

# Aspects of the littorals: conclusions

- **Favorable for the Defender**
  - The defender can develop adapted materiel and concepts
- **Limited Operational Depth**
  - Short reaction times
  - Very short time from detection to engagement
  - Priority on defensive measures
- **Multiple Threats**
  - Optimised systems with multirole capability
  - Human factor is important
- **A Systems Approach**
  - Range is not everything: Accuracy, Reaction time, Effect!
  - Identification

## A Navy has two basic missions

- In cooperation with other entities over time support the economic system and the human society with safe sea lines of communication. This is a regional and global support to populations and industry.
- Nationally or in cooperation with other forces or authorities contribute to a robust security regime with a focus on defence of its own country or alliance.

## Criteria for success: What have we done?

Very close dialogue with end user

- Requirements are well known
- Lessons Learned through advanced training



Priority to Air Defence: will give good capability in other roles

Systems approach

Concept of Kill Chain:

Close cooperation with FCS manufacturer

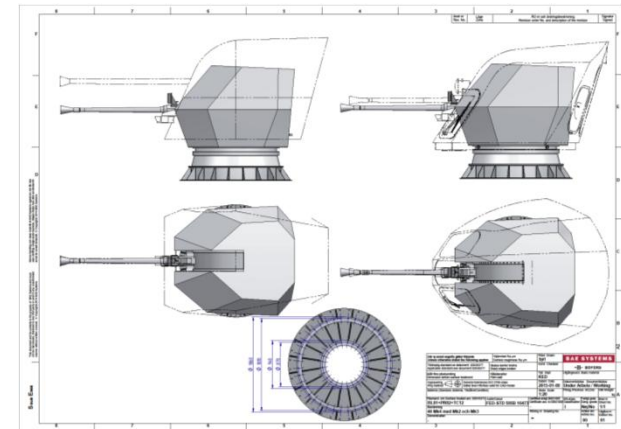
Specialised ammunition

Very rapid reloading

Short time to start and move gun: less than 3 seconds

Low LCC and user friendly

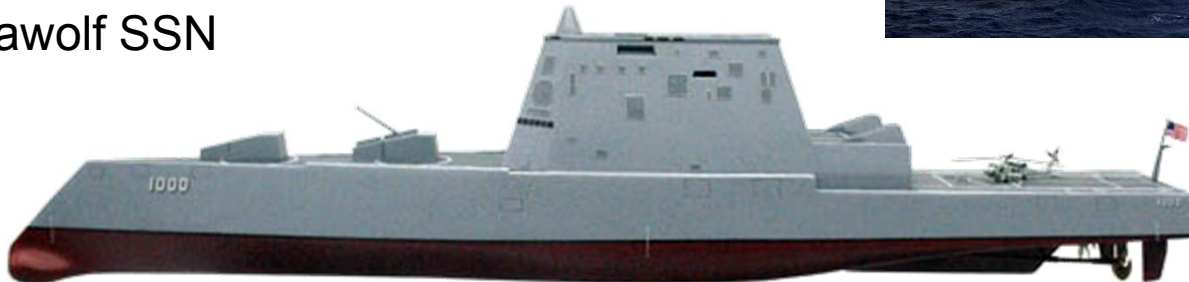
Useful system in all conflict levels, from peace to war.



## Evolutionary Design Philosophy

### Big Navies can Afford Two Paths

- More of the same
  - DDG Arleigh Burke
  - CVN Nimitz / Gerald Ford
  - Etc.
- Giant-leap development
  - Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)
  - DD-X / Zumwalt
  - USS Nautilus
  - Seawolf SSN



# Evolutionary Design Philosophy

- Continuous development
  - Proven technologies
  - Extensive training
  - Maintain competence and know-how
- Novelty introductions
  - Step-by-step
  - Evolutionary thinking
  - Mid-life modernisations
- Risk mitigation
  - Parallel system development
  - Demonstrators
  - Cooperation





## The gun in the future? Yes!

The littoral environment:

Several tasks from peace to war will remain

Priority to defensive role: Air Defence!

New threats/ targets: UAVs, USVs

Potential for development

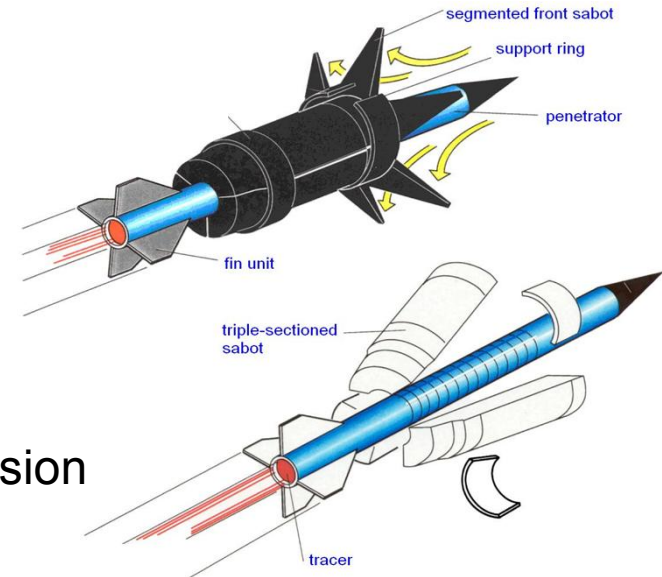
A Systems approach: The Kill Chain

Cooperation



## What can be done?

- Increase caliber! 40mm to 57 mm!
  - More explosives
  - More sensor technology
  - Longer range
- Higher velocity! (Pressure, Railguns etc)
- The Ammunition:
  - Better propellants! Higher velocity! Lower dispersion
  - Better ballistics: Higher velocity!
  - Better fuzes and better electronics
  - Better explosives: fire, pressure and pre-fragmentation
- Simulation and training: More effective doctrine.
- More affordable ammunition: More training and lessons learned.
- Lower LCC: A more affordable system over time.



Thank you!  
Questions?

