

Cooperative engagement capability Anti-ship missiles

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Introduction

- Based on current Swedish studies on cooperative engagement and anti-ship missiles
- Unclassified and general conclusions

Anti-ship missiles vs. ships in the littorals

- Challenges
 - Finding the target amongst non-targets (islands, civilian ships...)
 - Overcoming electronic warfare
 - Overcoming air defence



Finding targets

- Finding and identifying targets at long range in a complex environment is a real challenge
- Combination of sensors is essential
 - Radar sensors (airborne for long range)
 - Signal/electronic intelligence for identification
 - Underwater sensors
 - Forward deployed sensors
- Missile seeker with high resolution

Ship air defence

- Combat ships have multi-layered air defence systems
 - Medium range surface-to-air missiles
 - Standard, ESSM, 9M96E
 - Vertical launch
 - Short range surface-to-air missiles
 - RAM, Sosna
 - Close-in weapon systems (CIWS)
 - Goalkeeper, Palma/Palash

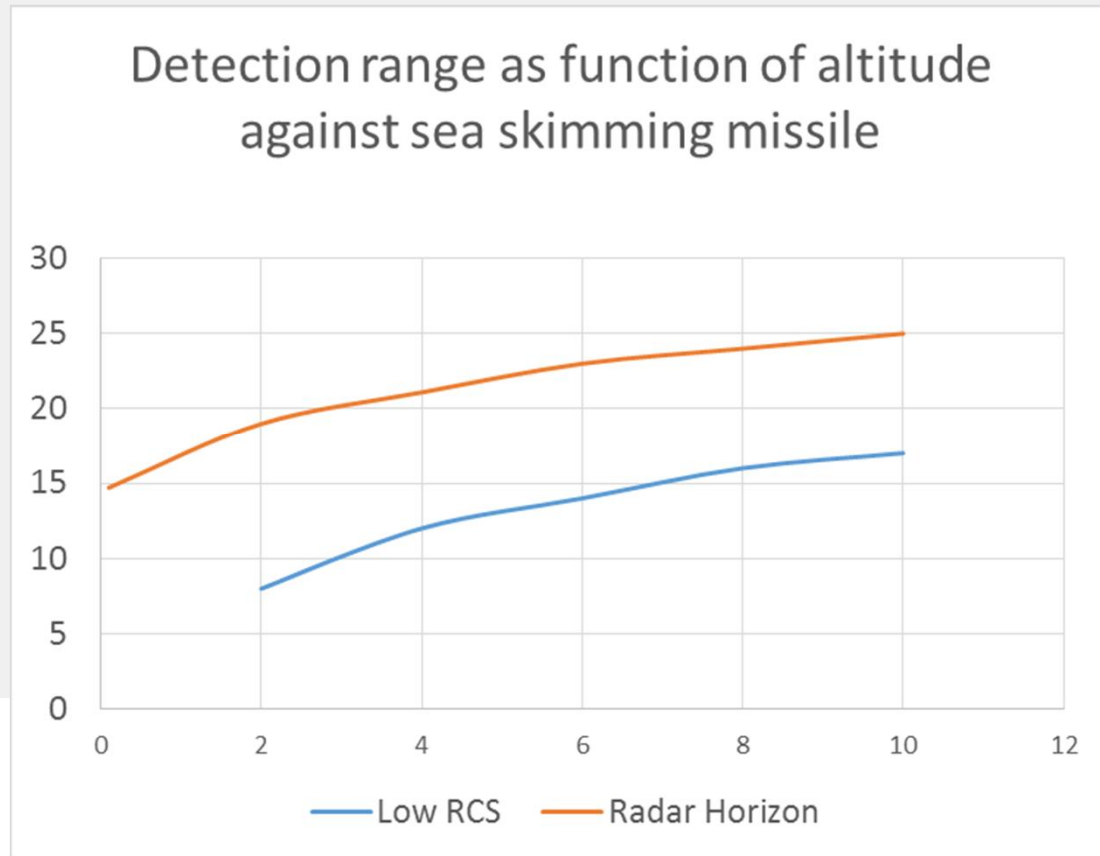


Overcoming air defence

- Medium range surface-to-air missiles
 - High capacity against simultaneous targets
 - Decreased performance against targets at extremely low altitude
 - Reaction time and inner launch zone limit can limit performance against targets with low RCS, high speed, low altitude

How to overcome SAMs

- Very low signature
- Low altitude (sea skimming)



Saturation: low RCS, low altitude and high speed

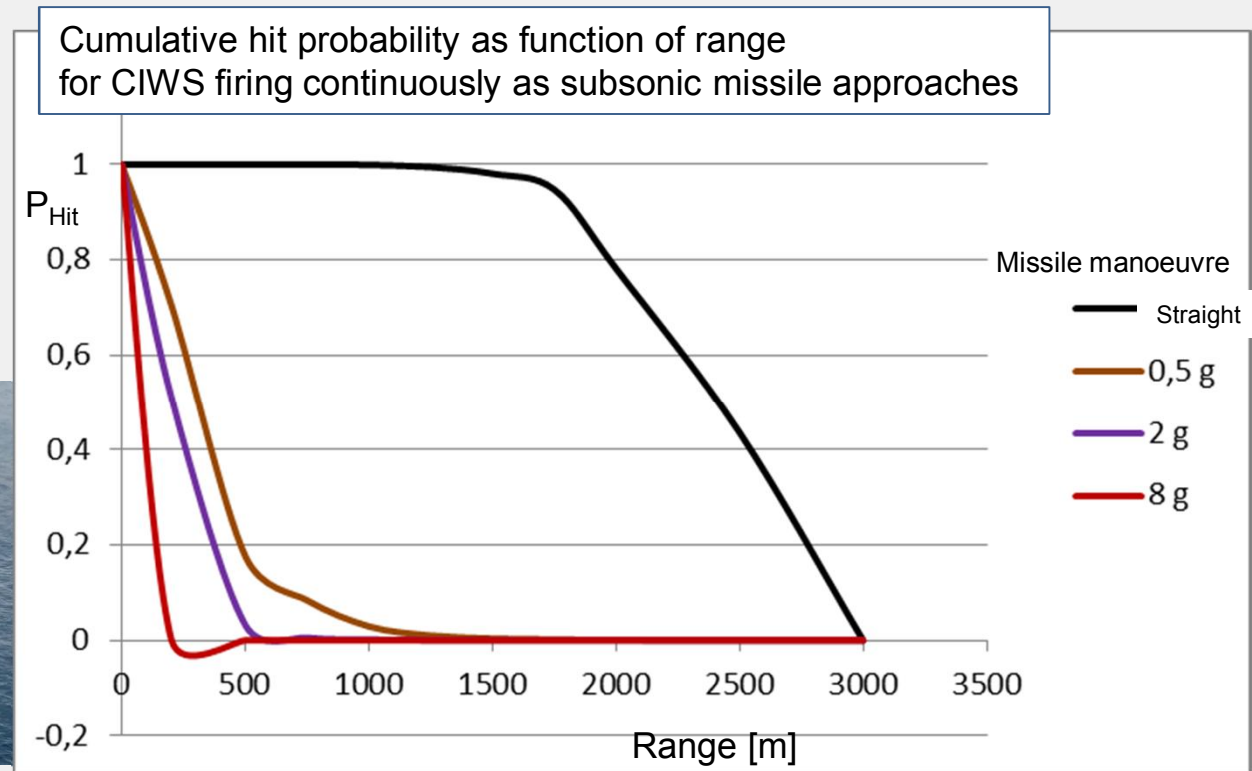
- Low altitude and very low RCS can give detection range less than 10 km
- This equals 30 seconds for subsonic ASM and 15 seconds for supersonic
- Saturation is achieved with
 - 1 supersonic anti-ship missile
 - A handful of subsonic anti-ship missiles

Cooperation

- Cooperative engagement useful to overcome air defence
 - Anti-ship missile flying low and silent requires target update from external sensor
 - Very close coordination of time-on-target against mobile ships requires target updates

Overcoming CIWS

- CIWS with close range guns are affected by evasive manoeuvres



Conclusion

- In order to be effective, anti-ship missiles need:
 - Find right target
 - External sensors giving target location
 - Target update via data link
 - Have seeker with high resolution
 - Discriminate electronic countermeasures
 - Fly very low
 - Have very low RCS and be silent
 - Be fast
 - Perform evasive terminal manoeuvres
 - All aspects need to be combined in a balanced concept