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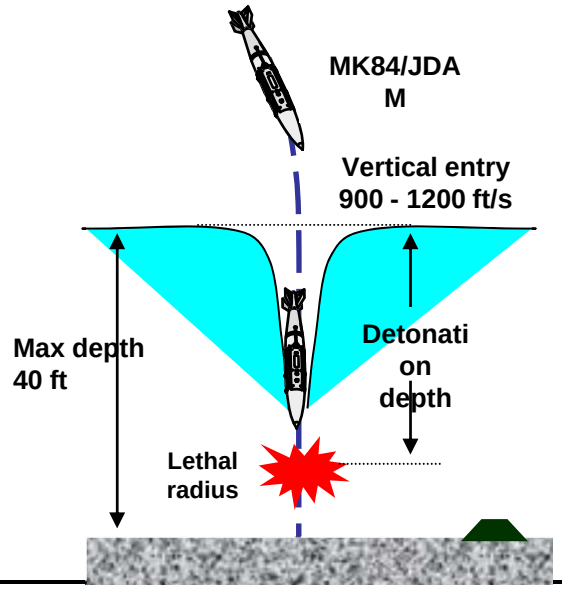
Red Teaming IED Attacks in Shallow Water Identification and Attack of Underwater IEDs



Description:

The Armed Forces require a capability to rapidly clear IEDs. in the very shallow water. This threat, requirement, and clearance capability needs to be represented in our counter-IED models. This research provides a supporting model that allows a Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Assault Breaching System (JABS) from beach/surf /fording zones to examined in an integrated red teaming model..

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Objectives:

The primary objective is the development of a 6-DOF model to predict underwater rigid-body (low velocity for mine, high velocity for bomb) trajectory and orientation. This model will be used to provide accurate predictions of underwater trajectory of Mk-84 bomb from launch until final detonation for effective IED breaching in shallow water.

Milestones to Fielding Capability:

1. Develop a 6 DOF model for accurately predicting Mk-84 trajectory in the water column
2. Test and Refine the model using the data collected at the NAWCWD exercise in March 2008

Key Deliverables:

- A series of reports will be produced documenting the results.
- The results will be presented at the regular JIEDDO meetings and copies of the presentations will be available to the sponsor and participants.
- All models and simulations created in this effort will be saved in an appropriate medium (i.e. DVD) and will be available to the sponsor and participants.
- A thesis by LCDR Bushnell will be completed by September 2009.

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