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Systems Engineering Approach to Ground Combat Vehicle Survivability in Urban Operations

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Objectives

- Assess adequacy of traditional survivability concept
- Assess alternative survivability concepts for GCVs in urban operations
- Applications
 - Current survivability models focus primarily on vulnerability reduction
 - Proposed model allows engineers to determine the survivability characteristics of a GCV taking into account both vulnerability and susceptibility reduction

- Develop a model to engineer costeffective survivability capability in urban operations
 - Close range, single missile attack against a GCV
- **Research Results**
 - Need to move from armour-based protection (vulnerability reduction) to minimizing the probability of being hit by a threat (susceptibility reduction)
 - Use probabilities to quantify vulnerability and susceptibility reduction technologies
 - Using Design of Experiment (DOE) techniques, the developed model can be used to determine different combinations of probabilities to fulfil the same P(survival) requirement
 - Each survivability architecture has its own unique trade-offs. MADM methodology can be used to facilitate decision-making on the most cost-effective survivability architecture
 - Hard-kill Active Protection is a critical survivability technology

- There are many mature and upcoming susceptibility reduction technologies that engineers can consider to integrate on GCVs
 - Future Work
 - Revise model to analyze alternative threat scenarios
 - Adapt model to analyze non ballistic threats such as mines and IEDs

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