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(54) **An active protection system**

(57) An active protection system (120) for protecting a platform (102) from an incoming threat (105). The system comprises: a detection system (150, 160) configured for providing an output data associated with the incoming threat (105); a first countermeasure arrangement (120) mountable on the platform (102) and configured to intercept said incoming threat at a far interception point (114); a second countermeasure arrangement (130) mountable on the platform (102) and configured to intercept the in-

coming threat (105) at a near interception point (115); and a controlling unit (140), in communication with the detection system (150, 160) and with the first and second countermeasure arrangements (120, 130), configured for receiving said output data and selecting a preferred countermeasure arrangement from said first and second countermeasure arrangements (120, 130), with which the incoming threat (105) is to be intercepted.

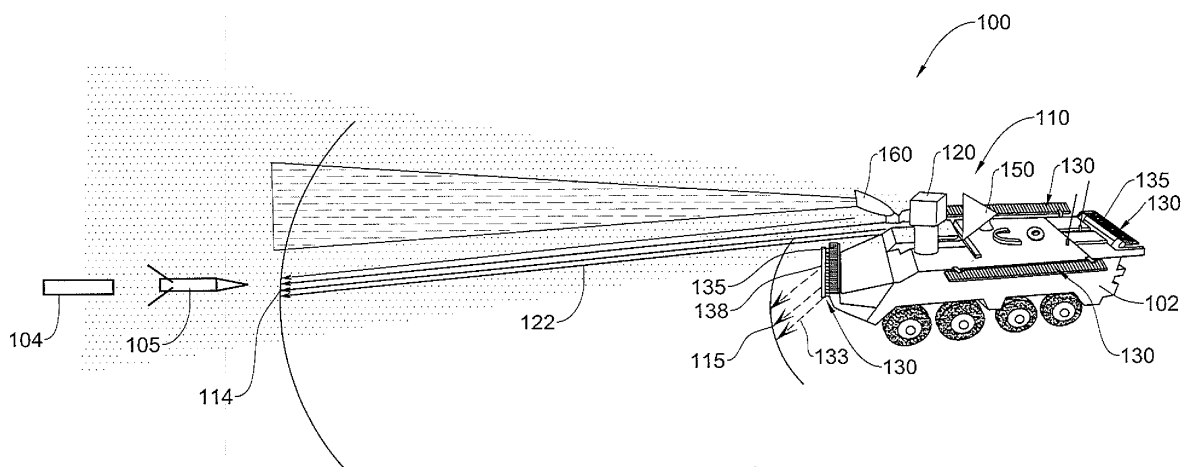


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1. claims: 1-11

An active protection system comprising a detection system, a first countermeasure arrangement, a second countermeasure arrangement, a controlling unit configured for selecting a preferred countermeasure arrangement;
and a corresponding method for actively protecting a platform.

2. claims: 12-15

A system for detecting a incoming threat, comprising a radio frequency system configured for providing an output data associated with an incoming threat, a radar system configured for providing an output data associated with an incoming threat, being used for its tracking after the detection of its launch, a controlling unit;
and a corresponding method for detecting an incoming threat.

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