Robust Counter UxS Strategies Against Multi-Domain Super Swarms



- Future adversarial swarms will employ multiple, switching tactics
- Defensive strategies must be robust to uncertainty of sophisticated swarms

Objectives

- Robustness guarantees against highly uncertain threat
- Quantitative metrics for mission success/failure (risk)
- Estimation/Optimization/Analysis tools
- "Super Swarm" scalability, from O(10) to O(10⁶) agents!



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How

- Develop <u>universal counter UxS strategies</u> that

What / Deliverables

- Robustness training database
 - <u>Scalable counter-swarm engagement database</u>, multiple defensive & offensive tactics, available to NPS, ONR, and DoD researchers
- New metrics for <u>quantifying mission risk/success</u> against adversarial swarms
 - e.g., # of perimeter penetrators, # of lost defenders, etc.
- Asset Allocation Estimates for counter UxS/swarm defense
- Fundamental research findings shared through:
 - Student theses, class projects, CRUSER reports and presentations
 - Conference and Journal publications
 - xSwarm, Counter-Swarm 2020 Workshop

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• Optimize defensive strategies for <u>robustness against variable swarm tactics</u> - Swarm cooperation mechanisms are a **black box** to defenders – Develop robustness guarantees against this uncertainty • Analyze thousands of counter-swarm scenarios to quantitatively assess – Defender capabilities matrix, asset allocation, attacker type/priority – Don't require *a priori knowledge* of attacker swarming algorithms – Ensure engagement outcomes are *robust vs. unknown swarm tactics*

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