



# Multi-Dimensional Data Farming:

Extending Data Farming for Multi-scale Decision Support by

Integrating Novel AI Technologies





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Multi-Dimensional Data Farming (MDDF) automates simulation decisionmaking by the integration of innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Techniques and allows improved and fast decisions in highly complex multi-scale, multidomain, and multi-level hybrid war campaigns.





# Data Farming

- Codified by MSG-088 Data Farming in Support of NATO
- The Realms of Data Farming (DF) collaboratively connected by the DF Loop-of-Loops
- Characterization or Optimization
- NATO: Military Decision-Making
- Improved Situational Awareness
- Develop, analyze & refine COA
- Informed & robust decisions
- Proven and applied decision-support tool



• Limitations for large multi-scale campaigns with many factions and operations interacting at various levels





# **Unconventional Campaign**

- Blue & Green armed forces vs. Red fighting in physical & cyber domains (s. RSY MSG-197 in Bath, GBR, 2022)
- Red launches a hybrid operation on Green, triggering a Border Operation, in support of two strategic objectives:
  - force Green to divert resources away from the Campaign
  - lower Green public opinion in favor of the Campaign
- Strategic level: multi-faction multi-domain combat model (<u>Attrition</u>, <u>Cyber</u>, <u>Epidemic</u> – ACE model)



 Tactical level: multi-agent based simulations of the Border Operation (<u>Map Aware Non-uniform Automata</u>, MANA)





# **Campaign Probability of Success**



\* alpha of supply for BLUE by GREEN





#### **Border Operation**



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## **Embedding the Tactical Operation**













# Accelerating Automation with AI



#### Explainable Al

Allows a broader range of meta-models to be considered without sacrificing interpretability



#### **Automated Machine Learning**

Increases the level of automation in building meta-models



#### **Bayesian Optimization with Gaussian Processes**

Framework to find optima of black-box functions





# DAVE (Design, Analyze & Visualize Experiments)

- Design of Experiments: Intelligent sequential search through COA space using meta-model predictions
- Analyze: Optimal balance of forces between Unconventional Campaign (UC) and Border Operation (BO)?
- Visualize: Temporal playback of UC, spatio-temporal playback of BO to gain insight

Factor	Cost_Unit	Setting	Cost_Total
UAV Quantity	10	2	30
Sensor Range (km)	1	5	
Speed (km/hr)	0.05	30	
Zone 1 Patrol Quantity	50	1	85.1
Visual Range (km)	1	1	
Speed (km/hr)	0.5	80	
Interception Processing Time (sec)	0.001	3000	
Detected Location Duration (sec)	0.004	3000	
Zone 2 Patrol Quantity	50	2	121.2
Mini-UAV Sensor Range (km)	1	4	
Speed (km/hr)	0.5	40	
Interception Processing Time (sec)	0.001	2000	
Detected Location Duration (sec)	0.004	1500	
Southern Border Fence	200	1	200
			436.3







### **DAVE Architecture & Implementation**

- Based on and using Data Farming Services (DFS) from MSG-155
- Dashboard + automized AI modules
- Implemented standalone for PoC/Demonstrator, to be integrated later into service-oriented architecture of DFS
- PoC status in 2023, extended to
  Demonstrator for CWIX 2024







**DAVE Demo** 





# Summary

- MDDF models for the first time the interplay of a long-time scale campaign and a short-time scale operation, accounting for the complexity that arises in terms of time, sharing of resources and domains involved.
- MDDF shows how it is possible to combine AI techniques exploring operations at multiple scales (domain, level, time) and optimize the probability of winning the campaign.
- MDDF introduces a new multi-model approach to couple simulation models of different aggregations that allow more comprehensive multi-level military planning and decision-making.
- MDDF allows to accelerate the automation process making it efficient and effective in analyzing large and complex multi-dimensional data spaces.
- MDDF AI driven automation may extend the application of MDDF as a resource and time efficient simulation support for wargaming in domains like mission support or training and education.





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