

Cooperative and Coordinated Guidance For Adversarial Engagements



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Background & Aims

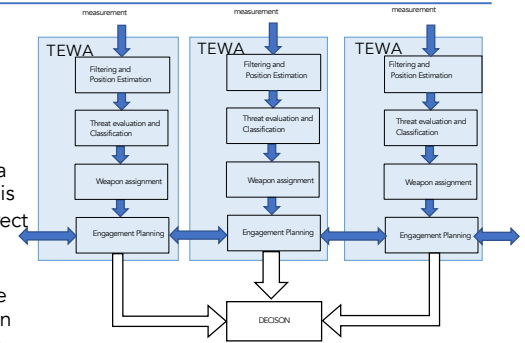
In the modern day warfare the attacks can happen suddenly and with multiple threats attacking at the same time. The speed and number of attackers creates a congested aerial environment that can cause a human operator to make sub-optimal decision cause life threatening situations. That calls for automation of the process. TEWA is a complex, multistep process that is responsible for threat recognition, **Threat Evaluation** and **Weapon Assignment**. TEWA is a Decision Support System (DSS) its main role is to perform high speed and accurate calculations about the danger that an incoming threat poses.

Cooperative TEWA relies on communications **during** engagements to achieve an optimal decisions and outcome in a fast pace aerial scenarios

Coordinated TEWA shares the information collected between the systems to use it to calculate the course of action **before** engaging.[1]

Threat Evaluation algorithm uses estimations and other data like speed, heat signature and Doppler Effect to identify if the object poses a threat and what type of object it is. That data is used in **Weapon Assignment** to choose a correct strategy to deal with the incoming threat. **Engagement planning** modules use all the above information and calculation to schedule the responses and exchange the data between other systems to achieve an optimal response.

AIMS: To Develop a Coordinated and Coordinated TEWA DSS that is robust, reliable and can deal with an overwhelming number of threats.



Flow Chart of a TEWA process

Ongoing work

Current work focuses on implementing a weapon assignment system. Using inputs of predicted impact point, threat type and weapons available TEWA function calculates the output of assignment weapon- target.

Once the assignment is established the Predicted Interception Point is Calculated (PIP) and the defending weapon is being released.

Ongoing work also focuses on developing a scenario with an overwhelming number of missiles. In this experiment the coordinated and cooperative response is being compared. Success rate and reaction time for the same scenario are the main metrics deciding which solution is optimal.

Preliminary Results

Results show the capability of the Particle Filter to accurately estimate position of 100 ballistic threats incoming simultaneously.

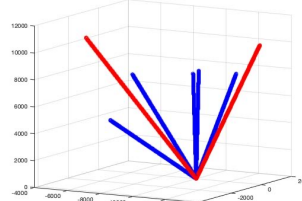


Fig 2. PIP and Weapon Assignment M1 missile being blue and M2 red.

PIP and Weapon assignment results show the ability to simultaneously deal with multiple threats

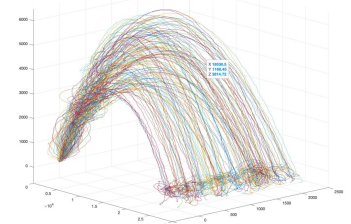


Fig 1. 100 ballistic trajectories estimated by Particle Filter

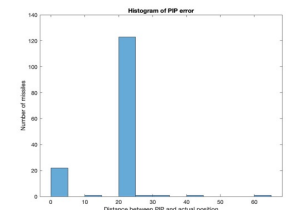


Fig 3. Interception of threats – 148 out of 150 threats were intercepted

Future Work

- **Weapon - Weapon Systems assignment:** implementation of one on many algorithm.
- **Weapon - Threat assignment:** implementation of a stable marriage algorithm for many-on-many scenario.
- **Coordination and cooperation of TEWA:** distributing the communications between TEWA algorithms to achieve an implementation of a cooperative system.
- **Network of TEWAS:** creating a network of TEWA algorithms that assign a task to the most capable defender

Conclusion

This project focused on implementing a robust and accurate TEWA DSS for multi target multi defender and multi asset scenarios. Using various techniques, algorithms and High Performance Computing.

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