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INFORMATION SUPERIORITY AND SIMULATION MODELS

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ABSTRACT

In recent years it has been increasingly important for simulation models to accurately reflect actual, planned, or proposed improvements in C4ISR performance. To date there has been limited success in incorporating C4ISR capabilities into existing models and building it into new models. The situation has been exacerbated by an ever increasing and urgent need to significantly increase the ability of simulation models not just to reflect C4ISR systems capabilities but to reflect information superiority concepts and related processes and impacts. This paper presents a conceptual framework for thinking about information superiority and discusses the nature of the metrics needed to measure it achievement and its impact. Simulation models, accompanied by appropriate analysis, will need to find ways to reflect these concepts and incorporate these metrics.

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