711 HPW/RHCI UAV Supervisory Control Operator Interface Research



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Multi-UAV Supervisory Control Interface Technology (MUSCIT)



- 6.3 Critical Experiment: Human Factors led effort to formally evaluate & expand multi-UAV control capability
- Spiral iteration & flight trials
- Evaluate multi-modal comm, synthetic vision, automation management, cooperative control, decision aids, attention management tools, etc.

IMPACT

- Quantifying/characterizing human performance & mission effectiveness
- UAS interface design guidelines
- Tri-service HF working group, NATO visibility











UAS Supervisory Control Issues Learn from the Super Heroes!





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UAS operators do not have Spidey-sense! Need intuitive, rapid <u>attention-directing</u> cues and alerts

A utility belt often comes in handy!

Need <u>flexible automation</u> and decision support aids

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The wonders of an invisible plane! Need <u>transparent interfaces</u> to allow focus on the

mission, not the automation or control/display interface