## 12<sup>th</sup> International Command & Control Research and Technology Symposium ADAPTING C2 to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## **Title: Adaptive Information Fusion in Asymmetric Sensemaking Environment Topic: Modeling & Simulation**

Paul Munya<sup>1</sup> & Celestine A. Ntuen<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Army Center for Human-Centric Command & Control Decision Making The Institute for Human-Machine Studies 419 McNair Hall North Carolina A&T State University Greensboro, NC 27411 Phone: 336-334-7780; Fax: 336-334-7729 Email: <u>Ntuen@ncat.edu</u>; paulmunya@ncat.edu (Student)

We present the characteristics of sensemaking as an information fusion model based on Pierceean abduction logic. We extend Bayesian network of Pearle to model abduction logic primitives from a kernel of disparate information sources. We propose information fusion models for prospective and retrospective sensemaking conditions to simulate the ways commanders and the battle staffs process information. By using a constructive information network from Iraq conflict, we demonstrate our models in terms of robustness when compared to the traditional Bayesian model alone.

Specifically, the challenge for sensemaking is: *what happens when new information unexpectedly arrives to the intelligent analyst? For instance:* (1) *the adversaries change their attack methods;* (2) *new targets are exploited by the adversaries;* (3) *new adversary sponsors emerge* (e.g., *Iran, Syria, etc.*); *and* (4) *a coalition partner decides to withdraw from protecting a city.* The existing courses of action planning rarely survive the kinds of information described above. By combining the abduction process and Bayesian probability network formalisms, we propose a Bayesian Abduction Models (BAM) to support in the performance analysis of the sensemaking process such as illustrated in the sample case above.