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# Panel 3 Future Direction: Increased Autonomy

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# Autonomous Collaborative Systems-- The Opportunity

Cooperative automated systems can reduce the cost while also improving performance when compared to today's generally single-platform solutions-- whether it is in terms of goods moved, area searched, communication coverage, surveillance persistence, enemy suppressed, or environmental parameters monitored.

"complex/coupled systems"
Large number of on/off-board sensors
arge number of interdependent decisions

-arge number of failure modes

More-autonomous airplanes will interact intuitively and safely with future generation pilots and NextGen ground/space-based communication & control systems.

Autonomous multi-aircraft systems will perform defense & security by operating in teams and swarms to execute complex missions with minimal human supervision.

Air and ground vehicles will be on the internet-of-things performing search & rescue, environment monitoring, and agriculture services in teams with humans.

Heterogeneous mobile robot teams will autonomously perform complex assembly tasks without factory infrastructure.



Future aerospace systems will be more *autonomous* and *interact* with many other components (e.g. they are becoming *complex/coupled systems*)







NextGen

Defense &

## Autonomous Collaborative Systems-- The Challenges

Autonomous cooperative systems can reduce operational costs and improve performance. However, *control system design, verification, validation, and certification will be difficult.* 



Control system engineers, while dealing with difficult challenges to ensure safe and predicable performance, *must now also address cyber-physical system security*.

# Hybrid Systems-- Health-adaptive Framework and Technology

A common basis of control systems technology can be applied across many multi-vehicle autonomous system domains. Cyber-physical systems security technology can be leveraged in the same manner.

technology

reuse to

reduce

development

time

& cost



Health-adaptive Architecture

#### **Core Autonomy Technology**

- Automated tasking & sequencing
- Cooperative control algorithms
- Health-adaptive
   architectures
- Automated & adaptive mission management
- Automated asset assignment
- Multi-vehicle trajectory planning
- Automated de-confliction
   & collision avoidance
- Safety & emergency behaviors
- Automated fleet operations & sustainment actions
- Carefree human control and interaction
- V&V by design
  - ...





Factory Health-Adaptive Autonomous Multi-vehicle Systems

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# Cyber-Physical Systems Security Prototyping

Discover security issues earlier in the design phase by facilitating simultaneous analytic development and laboratory experimentation/prototyping using representative components.



## **Experimental investigation of CPS security**

• multi-core, memory arch, networking chips • comm links, I/O, and component security safety, security, privacy, and workload computing and sw fault tolerance component damage/degradation tolerance mixed criticality function assessment tasking/scheduling run-time optimization • upset recovery robustness security protocol verification environment modeling/accommodation hacker vulnerability / anti-tamper analytic and formal methods verification cross-domain reuse risk reduction



## Government/Industry/University Research Opportunities

Leadership in cyber-physical systems has become a national priority. Ensuring the security of these systems is vital to their acceptance.





University/Industry research endeavors in Cyber-resilient Unmanned Airborne Systems can leverage emerging opportunities from government agencies such as NASA, NIST, NSF, AFRL, AFOSR, ONR, FAA, DNR, NOAA, and others.

## Questions, Feedback, and Comments



