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Introduction

The “Evolutionary and Bio-Inspired Computation: Theory and Applications” conference was back by popular demand, settling into its third year at the Defense, Security, and Sensing 2009 symposium. Several interesting presentations were made by some of the brightest luminaries in the computational intelligence and defense communities, covering such topics as knowledge discovery and understanding, advanced approaches for image and audio processing, space situational awareness, and design and optimization of systems and components. We were especially happy to announce the merger of Kevin Priddy's conference on Advanced Sensors and Sensing Systems to our own. In addition, this year's conference had two engaging keynote discussions, one by Dr. Leonid Perlovsky, titled “Modeling evolution of the mind and cultures,” and another by Matthew B. Caffrey on “Intelligent computing: the key to meeting the most important challenge to defense and service campaign-level wargaming.”

As always, any conference is only as good as the planners, authors, presenters and attendees make it. In that respect, we have yet to see a better mix of all the ingredients. For those of you who attended, we hope you came away a little more enlightened than when you arrived. We sincerely hope you appreciate the papers that follow, and that they serve to foster further research into, and application of, evolutionary and bio-inspired computation. We look forward to seeing you next year at “Evolutionary and Bio-Inspired Computation: Theory and Applications IV,” to be held at the SPIE Defense, Security, and Sensing Symposium from 5-9 April, 2010 in Orlando (Kissimmee), Florida.

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Intelligent computing and wargaming
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Intelligent Computing: the key to meeting the most important challenges to defense and service campaign-level wargaming

Disclaimer

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Why Listen to Me

- DoD Civil Servant – previous positions
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 - Senior Reservist, AF Research Lab's Info Directorate
 - Chief Wargaming, HAF/XOOC (Checkmate)
- Author/Speaker
 - Co-author Gulf War Fact Book
 - Many articles, chapters, hundreds of talks

Eisenhower's Strategic Dilemma

"We can lose the Cold War in an afternoon, but we can only win it over decades. Hence we must spend enough on defense to avoid losing it in an afternoon yet little enough so we will win in the long term."

Today's Strategic Dilemma

We must spend enough on our current wars to prevent our enemies from gaining safe havens from which to mount a new attack on the US, yet we must spend little enough that our economy and the world economy will recover - making it more difficult for terrorists to recruit.

Why Wargames Work

Why Wargames Work

To understand why wargames are so helpful it is necessary to understand OODA Loops.

Why Wargames Work

Boyd predicted, and experience confirms, with experience OODA Loops get tighter and decisions get more effective

Does this give us an advantage in war?

Why Wargames Work

Not necessarily.
As we go through our OODA Loop...

Why Wargames Work

...Our Adversaries go through their OODA Loop, their OODA Loops get tighter and decisions get more effective just as ours do

Why Wargames Work

Wargames allow their users to improve their decisions and their decision makers without a similar improvement taking place in the enemy

Solution Found?

No

- Need: Warfare is evolving, wargaming needs to evolve to remain effective
- Opportunity: Advances in computing can enable that evolution and more

The Evolution of Warfare & Wargaming

- First Generation of War
 - Dawn of civ through medieval
 - Unlimited –people vs. people
- First Generation of Wargame
 - Abstract
 - Develop Strategists
 - down board thinking

The Evolution of Warfare & Wargaming

- 2nd Generation of War
 - Post 30 Years War -
 - Limited –State vs. State
- 2nd Generation of Wargame
 - 1811/1824
 - Professional Development
 - Decision Support

The Evolution of Warfare & Wargaming

- 3rd Generation of War
 - World Wars -
 - Economy vs. Economy
- 3rd Generation of Wargame
 - Work in progress
 - Need to:
 - Adjudicate effects on and of economy
 - Look deep into campaign

The Evolution of Warfare & Wargaming

- 4rd Generation of War
 - Prominence through 9/11 -
 - Will vs. Will
- 4rd Generation of Wargame
 - Work in progress
 - Need to:
 - Adjudicate "will"
 - Look deep into campaign

The Evolution of Warfare & Wargaming

- 5rd Generation of War
 - Full Spectrum Warfare
 - DIME+ vs. DIME+
- 5rd Generation of Wargame
 - Work needed
 - Need to:
 - Adjudicate all effects
 - Look deep into decades

Why Full Spectrum Warfare

"Grant will move to the North Anna because that is his best move and Grant will make his best move."

Robert E. Lee

Full Spectrum War Works

- Napoleon in Spain
- The US in Vietnam

Elements of 5th Generation wargame

Elements of 5th Generation Wargame Adjudication

Retains the two sidedness of the 1st, the attrition of the 2nd and adds

Physical
System
Effects

Human
Factors

Treatment
of Time

Physical System Effects Design Principle

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Systems

- **System:** The composition of a nation's leadership, transformation, transportation, resources and forces.

Adapted from
Col John Warden's Five Rings Model

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Col Caffrey's Definitions

- **Leadership:** The decision making element of the entity, the General, President or Board of Directors
- **Transformation:** Capacity to transform one resource into another, crude oil into refined oil, students into graduates, flown aircraft into ready aircraft (maintenance teams)

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Col Caffrey's Definitions

- **Transportation:** Capacity to move, speed, cube, weight, information, from one place to another, airlift, pipeline, fiber optic line
- **Resources:** things; skilled workers, refined oil, spare parts
- **Forces:** military capacity

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System Effects Implementation in 3G WG

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Treatment of Time

Specifically the Explicit Modeling of
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Elements of 5th Generation Wargame Interface

- Much faster spin up
 - Built in instruction/tutorials
 - Intuitive interface
 - On-line help
- Much faster setup
 - Low resolution data on all Earth physical geography, infrastructure, and forces resident
 - Intuitive, powerful: map, scenario, platform, AI editor
- Faster to comprehend outputs
 - Output designed to speed comprehension
 - Detail of data adjustable for need

Elements of 5th Generation Wargame Portability

- Expeditionary
 - Run on standard easy to deploy notebook computer
 - Built in reachback capability
- Distributed
 - Run on standard easy to deploy notebook computer
 - Built in multiplayer capability

How Hard Will it be to Create a 5th Generation Wargame?

- Many components already exist
- Integration may be biggest challenge

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Armor in WWI May be a Good Analogy

Tank - More Integration Than Invention

- WWI Incredibly Hard on Allies
- Technology for the tank was not new
 - Hydraulic recoil on cannon – France 1870s
 - Internal combustion engine – Germany + 1880s
 - Caterpillar tread – USA 1880s
 - Armor plate – ancient
- Yet it took until late in the war for these technologies to start saving lives

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5th Generation Wargame As Much Integration as Invention

- More comprehensive adjudication
 - Physical effects – infrastructure analysis, Homeland Defense
 - Human factors – work done on insurgency/counter insurgency
 - Campaign/decade length runs – high speed computing/ computer game AI - The power of Edison and Einstein working together -
- Faster insights –
 - Much faster spin up – computer game interfaces
 - Much faster setup – computer game mod trends
 - Faster to comprehend outputs computer gaming meets info science
- Expeditionary/Distributed
 - Deploy forward/reach back – increasingly powerful laptops, ever more robust internet

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Conclusion

In part through 5th Generation Wargaming

- The wars we must fight will be faster with a lower cost in blood and treasure
- The peace we build will help turn former adversaries into willing allies, important trading partners and popular vacation destinations
- The future we build will be one in which government of the people, for the people and by the people shall inherit the earth.