

Multi-Medium Environmental Sensing

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What It Specifies

Each medium provides its sensing modality: RF detection senses electromagnetic disturbance, optical detection senses photonic disturbance, acoustic detection senses pressure-wave disturbance. Cross-medium observations correlate to identify multi-medium events.

Each modality contributes credentialed observations. The architecture admits the observations against modality-specific admissibility; cross-modality correlation operates structurally.

Why It Matters Structurally

Single-medium detection faces structural blindness. Adversaries operating in alternative media bypass the detection; environmental events spanning multiple media are partially missed.

Multi-medium sensing produces structural detection coverage. The architecture supports detection across the operating envelope; single-medium denial leaves the multi-medium detection operational.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines the modality-specific observation formats, the cross-modality correlation primitives, and the composite-event recording. Implementations apply the architecture; sensing participants contribute within the framework.

Detection composes with other features. Multi-source corroboration, lineage-evidence admissibility, and graduated response all build on the multi-medium primitive.

What This Enables

Defense environmental-awareness operations gain structurally-supported detection coverage. Civilian critical-infrastructure monitoring gains the same.

The architecture also supports emerging sensing modalities. As new sensing technologies (gravimetric, neutron, atmospheric-electric) emerge, the architecture admits the new modalities through declared specification.