

AUTONOMOUS MISSION PLANNING AND HUMAN-LEVEL REASONING USING **SEMANTIC REPRESENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTS**

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OBJECTIVES AND APPROACHES



Overall Objectives

Autonomous exploration and signal source localization in challenging environments for improved situational awareness

- **Map** complex 3D environments without GPS
- Navigate safely in obstacle-laden environments
- **Detect & Localize** objects of interest using visual/RF signatures

Approaches

- Multi-modal semantic-based situation understanding
- Semantics-aware mission planning for coverage and source seeking

SEMANTIC REPRESENTATION

SEMANTICS-AWARE MISSION ADAPTATION

- Traversability
- Signal belief
- Human-level classification



• **Pre-defined policy** using semantic information

Mission planner actively adjusts plan with pre-defined policy



EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Experiment Scenario

Results and Analysis

- Autonomous exploration and source seeking
- Multi-level building area: JPL301 parking lot



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- Assessed in **mission operation** and **achievement** of quality
 - Effects on semantic representation
 - Effects on semantic-aware mission adaptation



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