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To facilitate the review process, authors should categorize their article by **application area** and **OR method**, as described in Table 1. Additional categories may be added if the current areas are not sufficient.

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- Military OR application area(s)
- OR methodology (or methodologies)

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TABLE 1: APPLICATION AREAS AND OR METHODS

Composite Group	Application Area	OR Method
Strategic and Defense	Strategic Operations Nuclear Biological Chemical Defense Infrastructure Analyses Homeland Security and Defense	Deterministic Operations Research Dynamic Programming Inventory Optimization Linear/Integer Programming Multi-objective Optimization Network Modeling Nonlinear Programming Heuristic Optimization
Space/C4ISR	Operational Contribution of Space Systems Battle Management/Command and Control ISR and Intelligence Analysis Information Operation/Information Warfare Space Acquisition and Testing Military Environmental Factors	Probabilistic Operations Research Risk and Decision Analysis Markov Decision Processes
Joint Warfare	Unmanned Systems Air and Missile Defense Land and Expeditionary Warfare Littoral Warfare and Regional Sea Control Strike and Irregular Warfare Air Combat Analysis and Joint Campaign Analysis	Reliability Simulation Stochastic Processes Queuing Theory Simulation Optimization Stochastic Optimization Robust Optimization
Resource, Readiness and Training	Mobility and Transport of Forces Logistics, Reliability and Maintainability Manpower and Personnel Manpower and Personnel Analytic Support to Training and Education Operational Energy	Applied Statistical Modeling Categorical Data Analysis Forecasting/Time Series Multivariate Analysis Nonparametric Statistics Pattern Recognition
		Response Surface Methodology Machine Learning Data Science Econometric Analysis
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