



## ***Working Group Session 10A:***

# **Toward a Standard for Goal-Based Operations**

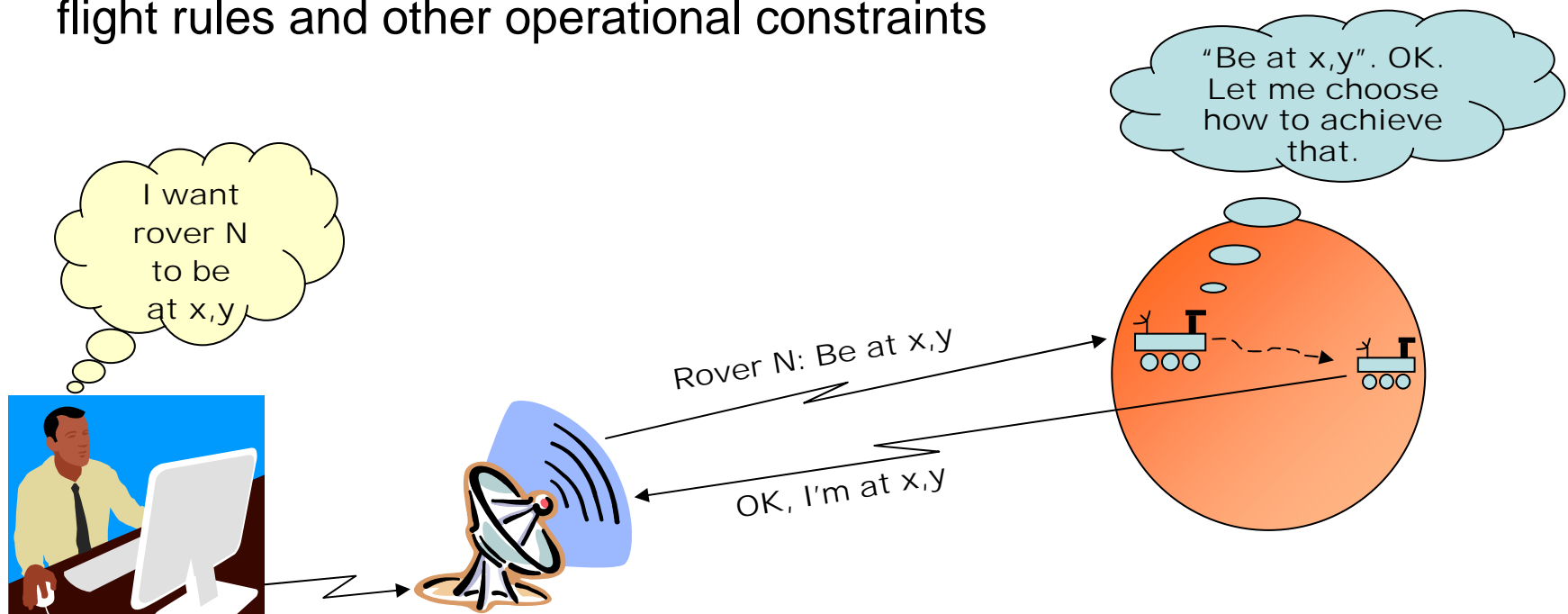
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# What is Goal-Based Operation?

A “goal” is an explicit expression of operator or customer intent

- Specify *what* you want to happen, not *how* to accomplish it
- Express intent in an explicitly verifiable form
- Carry expression of intent into the uplink products
- Allow system to select among alternatives to achieve goals
- Intent includes not only activity objectives but also flight rules and other operational constraints



# Why Should You Care?

## **Flexibility, reliability, and robustness**

- Systems have a much better chance of ...
  - preserving planned functionality, because they know what was *intended* by the original plan
  - responding to opportunities, because they can quickly implement intent *according to local conditions*
- Checking plans becomes more rigorous and complete
- Execution directly monitors results, enabling local fault responses

## **Operability**

- Enables more concurrent, iterative operations planning

## **Inspectability**

- More readable *and* verifiable than sequences, sequence generators, and rule bases

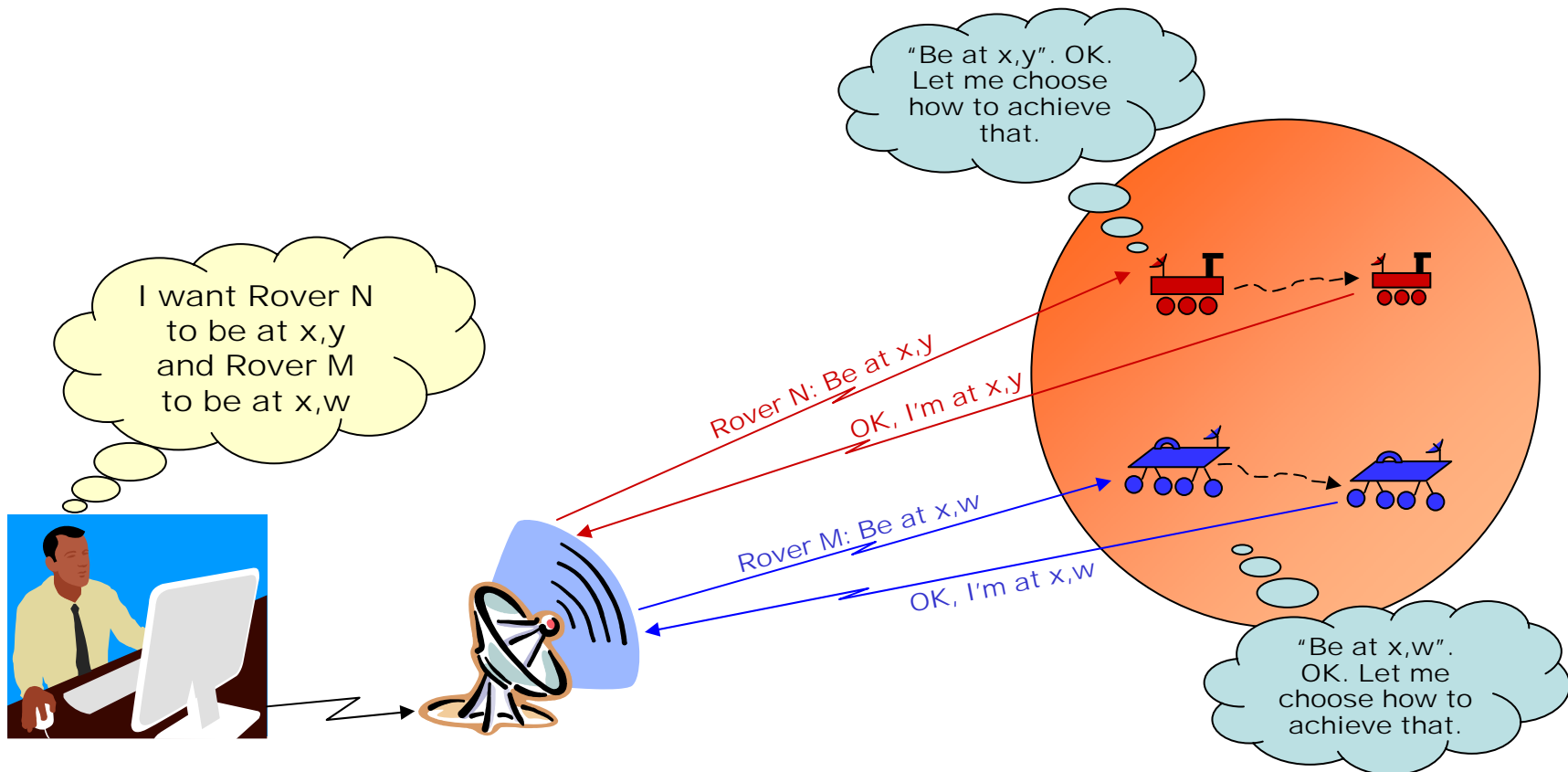
## **Automation**

- Goals are amenable to automated reasoning using domain models
- Easier to encode domain models than rules

# Why Do We Need Standards?

## Interoperability and reusability

- Goals enable an interoperability standard for control
- Same *high-level* goals can be used by diverse elements of a system
- Hierarchical nature of goals makes them more reusable



# What's the Objective of this Working Group?

## Objectives:

- Build a community of interest in goal-based ops
- Raise awareness of motivations and benefits
- Identify issues and set an agenda for a standards effort

## Topics of Interest

- Definition of goal-based operation
- Human supervisory dialogue with goal-operated systems
- Visualization of goals and states
- Operations process
- Representation of goals
- Planning and execution
- Verification and validation
- Resource management
- Fault protection
- Barriers to infusion and adoption
- Areas for standards

# Agenda

- 1:00 **Overview of goal-based operations**
- 1:15 **Panel Discussion + Questions:**  
*Important issues in goal-based operations*
- 2:30 **Open Discussion**
- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:15 **Quick Summary for new attendees**
- 3:20 **Panel Discussion + Questions:**  
*What should be in a standard, and why?*
- 4:15 **Open Discussion**
- 4:45 **Next Steps**
- 5:00 **End**

# Panel

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