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Abstract:

Adaptive autonomous planning is a systems problem at the intersection of sequential optimization, probabilistic estimation, causal modelling, machine learning, distributed computation and accountable governance. This monograph specifies an Adaptive Autonomous Planning Controller that translates authorized mission goals into feasible action schedules while retaining the capacity to replan as observations, resource limits and operational hazards change. Its conceptual architecture combines belief-state estimation, hierarchical task representations, dynamic intervention models, scenario-based receding-horizon optimization, a guarded learned-action proposal mechanism, event-time telemetry and versioned audit records. The study develops ten interconnected research themes and organizes their engineering implications into five chapters addressing methodological foundations, causal decision logic, generalizable learning, computational infrastructure and sectoral implementation. Twenty-five distinct mathematical formulations identify the assumptions under which estimation, planning, coordination, safety and governance mechanisms can be evaluated. The central methodological contribution is the separation of prediction quality, action feasibility, causal effect, runtime assurance and institutional authorization, thereby avoiding the reduction of planning validity to a single performance score. Evaluation protocols emphasize held-out disturbance regimes, operational constraints, comparative baselines, reproducible traces and disaggregated service consequences. Applications span industrial operations, energy networks, public services, mobility and climate-resilient infrastructure. The proposed system and method formulations constitute a research-oriented technical architecture; they are not presented as validated performance results or as an assessment of legal patentability.

Keywords

adaptive planning, autonomous control, belief states, receding-horizon optimization, causal inference, constrained reinforcement learning, safe action shielding, scenario optimization, multi-agent coordination, distributed systems, digital twins, event-time telemetry, uncertainty quantification, tail-risk control, out-of-distribution detection, policy-as-code, machine learning operations, auditability, industrial autonomy, climate resilience, public-sector governance, simulation, cyber-physical systems

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Chapter 1. Foundations, Uncertain Environments and Autonomous Planning Research

The research problem addressed by foundations, uncertain environments and autonomous planning research arises when a planning decision has to remain executable after the information on which it was based begins to change. Neither a numerical optimizer nor a learned policy can provide a defensible controller by itself: both require an explicit contract concerning observable state, permitted actions, physical resources, evaluation distributions and human authority. The chapter develops the relevant interfaces and identifies the analytical assumptions under which a plan can be accepted, revised, or suspended. Its scope is deliberately architectural and methodological, rather than a report of new field measurements (Pasupuleti 2021a, pp. 149–153; Pasupuleti 2021b, pp. 303–307).

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The design principle is to distinguish a decision mechanism from the evidence that it operates as intended. Formal constraints articulate admissibility, probabilistic models characterize uncertainty, operational logs preserve event chronology, and validation protocols expose where simulator findings cease to apply. The associated research outputs are directly inspectable: equations with defined symbols, decision records, comparative baseline specifications, governance checkpoints and sectoral transfer conditions. These outputs serve both scholarly replication and technical procurement by making controller assumptions open to scrutiny.

MISSION INTENT	BELIEF STATE	FEASIBLE PLANNER	SAFETY GATE	ACTUATOR + FEEDBACK

Figure 1.1 Closed-loop autonomous mission architecture

Component	Engineering role	Verification evidence
Planning as a closed-loop decision process	The operational model separates mission intent, observable environment sta	$J(\pi)=E[\Sigma_t \gamma^t(c(s_t,a_t)+\lambda v(s_t,a_t))]$
Task decomposition and executable mission contracts	A hierarchical task graph records predecessor conditions, permissible subs	$G=(V,E)$, $a_i < a_j \Leftrightarrow (i,j)\in E$
Belief-state estimation and sensor uncertainty	A probabilistic filter combines sensor likelihood with a	$b_t(s)\propto p(o_t\|s)$ $\Sigma_{s'}p(s\|s',a_{t-1})b_{t-1}(s')$

	dynamics model, a	
Risk budgets and safe action admissibility	A mission-level risk allocation assigns budgets to hazards, subsystems and	$P(g_k(x_t,a_t,\xi_t)\leq 0)\geq 1-\varepsilon_k$
Research protocol and ten-theme synthesis	A factorial evaluation separates environmental volatility, observation qua	$\Delta_r=E[L(\pi_r;D_{test})]-E[L(\pi_0;D_{test})]$

Table 1.1 Foundational interfaces and planning evidence

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Technical problem

A conventional planner can become unsafe when stochastic demand, delayed sensor updates, interdependent resource allocations and changing operational rules invalidate the assumptions used to construct its most recent schedule. The proposed technical problem is to preserve feasible, auditable, time-bounded action selection across such changes while permitting adaptive improvement. This description is a prospective technical formulation and does not establish novelty against prior art.

Proposed architecture

The architecture comprises a mission-contract interpreter, provenance-aware telemetry gateway, probabilistic belief updater, causal scenario service, receding-horizon constrained optimizer, learned action proposal module, runtime safety shield, distributed resource arbiter, signed decision ledger and authenticated actuation interface. A supervisor maps system exceptions to safe-mode operation and human authorization. Every executable decision records the active model, mission, constraints, uncertainty summary and validation status.

1.1 Planning as a closed-loop decision process

The planning controller is defined as a stateful computational unit that chooses feasible actions, monitors their consequences and revises commitments when the environment changes. Its central technical challenge is not solving a static route but maintaining an admissible action sequence under incomplete knowledge, heterogeneous execution delays and incompatible objectives. The relevant research

literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2021a, pp. 149–153; Pasupuleti 2021b, pp. 303–307).

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The operational model separates mission intent, observable environment state, belief representation, action feasibility, and supervisory authority. A proposed experiment distinguishes prediction error from policy failure by replaying identical disturbances through planners with and without feedback. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2021c, pp. 356–360).

The operational deliverable consists of Sensing-to-belief transitions, a traceable mission contract, and a decision log for each receding-horizon update. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are urban emergency response fleets in South Asia and constrained freight terminals in the Americas. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional

approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$J(\pi)=E[\sum_t \gamma^t(c(s_t,a_t)+\lambda v(s_t,a_t))] \quad (1)$$

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Here π is the planning policy, γ the discount factor, c the task cost, v the constraint-violation penalty, and λ a nonnegative risk weight. The model assumes a well-defined action cost and measurable violation signal; penalty tuning alone cannot guarantee hard safety. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report planning latency, feasibility rate, adaptation delay and number of rejected unsafe actions. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that

are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is a testable planning mechanism with a clearly bounded domain of applicability, rather than an assertion that autonomy will generalize to all operating conditions.

For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption; a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harm, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

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1.2 Task decomposition and executable mission contracts

Long-horizon autonomy requires translating declarative goals into verifiable subgoals that expose dependencies, prerequisites and terminal conditions. A plan can be logically coherent yet operationally invalid when a device cannot execute an assumed primitive or a resource is shared across tasks. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2021d, pp. 76–80; Pasupuleti 2021e, pp. 99–103).

A hierarchical task graph records predecessor conditions, permissible substitutions and rollback operations. Eligibility checks occur before dispatch rather than after downstream errors, while contract revisions are versioned against the originating mission authorization. The methodology should record which components are learned

from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2021f, pp. 1–5).

The operational deliverable consists of a dependency graph, interface contracts, approval states and replayable execution snapshots. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are public-works maintenance scheduling and industrial inspection across Europe. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$G=(V,E),\ a_i \prec a_j \Leftrightarrow (i,j)\in E \tag{2}$$

V denotes tasks, E their precedence arcs, and $\prec$ a required execution order. The directed graph must be acyclic for conventional topological scheduling; cyclic

workflows require explicit iteration or fixed-point semantics. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer. Evaluation should report task completion, precedence violations and recovery cost. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is a testable planning mechanism with a clearly bounded domain of applicability, rather than an assertion that autonomy will generalize to all operating conditions.

For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

1.3 Belief-state estimation and sensor uncertainty

Unobserved hazards, delayed telemetry and sensor disagreement prevent the controller from equating data streams with physical reality. The appropriate decision state is a distribution over possible operating conditions rather than an unqualified single measurement. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2021g, pp. 124–128; Pasupuleti 2021h, pp. 316–320).

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A probabilistic filter combines sensor likelihood with a dynamics model, and assigns stale or contradictory messages reduced evidential influence. Operational traces retain uncertainty quantiles so a subsequent audit can distinguish a cautious response from a poorly calibrated estimate. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2021i, pp. 26–30).

The operational deliverable consists of a belief updater, timestamp validation rules, anomaly routing and a confidence-sensitive action gate. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline

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Two realistic transfer settings are distributed energy assets in Africa and autonomous logistics corridors in Europe. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

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$$b_t(s) \propto p(o_t|s)\ \Sigma_{s'} p(s|s', a_{t-1}) b_{t-1}(s') \tag{3}$$

b is the posterior belief over states, o the new observation, and p the transition and observation models. The expression presumes conditional Markov structure and normalized likelihoods; severe model shift can invalidate posterior calibration. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer. Evaluation should report calibration error, posterior coverage, stale-message frequency and false alarms. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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1.4 Risk budgets and safe action admissibility

An autonomous scheduler must make a principled distinction between desirable performance and allowable exposure. Average performance conceals rare failures when the consequences of a single violation dominate cumulative operational gains. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2021j, pp. 51–55; Pasupuleti 2021k, pp. 246–250).

A mission-level risk allocation assigns budgets to hazards, subsystems and planning horizons. The feasibility layer rejects trajectories whose estimated tail exposure exceeds the approved allocation, while allowing explicit escalation when the risk

model is unreliable. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2021l, pp. 259–263).

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The operational deliverable consists of risk ledgers, chance-constraint certificates and documented override thresholds. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are hospital supply mobility and high-consequence industrial maintenance. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$P(g_k(x_t,a_t,\zeta_t)\le 0)\ge 1-\varepsilon_k \tag{4}$$

g_k is a hazard constraint, ξ denotes disturbances and ε_k is the permitted exceedance probability. The bound requires a defensible disturbance distribution; a rare-event regime needs stress tests beyond nominal probability estimates. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer. Evaluation should report risk-budget utilization, conditional loss and intervention frequency. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

1.5 Research protocol and ten-theme synthesis

The controller cannot be evaluated only against one simulator, one sector or one average reward. Research validity depends on exposing which causal mechanisms permit adaptation and which changes merely relocate risk or computation to an invisible part of the system. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute unInspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2022a, pp. 53–57; Pasupuleti 2022b, pp. 125–129).

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A factorial evaluation separates environmental volatility, observation quality, resource contention and governance strictness. Baselines include static scheduling, rolling optimization and bounded reactive control; each receives the same observation budget and deployment constraints. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2022c, pp. 1–5).

The operational deliverable consists of a preregistered benchmark matrix, trace schema, failure taxonomy and a reproducibility record. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority

and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are multi-region comparative research across South Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

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$$\Delta_r = E[L(\pi_r; D_{test})] - E[L(\pi_0; D_{test})] \tag{5}$$

Δ_r compares the tested adaptive planner π_r with baseline π_0 on a defined evaluation distribution. The estimate is comparative rather than causal unless allocation or identification assumptions justify attribution. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report robustness gap, out-of-distribution degradation, compute consumption and audit completeness. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require

common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

Chapter 2. Causal Modelling, Dynamic Optimization and Adaptive Decision Logic

The research problem addressed by causal modelling, dynamic optimization and adaptive decision logic arises when a planning decision has to remain executable after the information on which it was based begins to change. Neither a numerical optimizer nor a learned policy can provide a defensible controller by itself: both require an explicit contract concerning observable state, permitted actions, physical resources, evaluation distributions and human authority. The chapter develops the relevant interfaces and identifies the analytical assumptions under which a plan can be accepted, revised, or suspended. Its scope is deliberately architectural and methodological, rather than a report of new field measurements (Pasupuleti 2022d, pp. 29–33; Pasupuleti 2023a, pp. 114–118).

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The design principle is to distinguish a decision mechanism from the evidence that it operates as intended. Formal constraints articulate admissibility, probabilistic models characterize uncertainty, operational logs preserve event chronology, and validation protocols expose where simulator findings cease to apply. The associated research outputs are directly inspectable: equations with defined symbols, decision records, comparative baseline specifications, governance checkpoints and sectoral transfer conditions. These outputs serve both scholarly replication and technical procurement by making controller assumptions open to scrutiny.

CAUSAL GRAPH	SCENARIO ENGINE	ROLLING OPTIMIZER	ALLOCATION ARBITER	OUTCOME AUDIT

Figure 2.1 Causal decision and constrained optimization flow

Component	Engineering role	Verification evidence
Structural dependencies and action effects	A time-indexed causal graph distinguishes sensor proxies, confounders, act	$Y_{t+1}=f(X_t,A_t,U_t)$, $A_t=h(H_t)$
Dynamic state-space identification	Identification combines physical invariants with parameter updates from in	$x_{t+1}=A(\theta_t)x_t+B(\theta_t)u_t+w_t$
Stochastic receding-horizon optimization	At each decision epoch the controller solves a finite-	$\min_u E[\Sigma_{k=0}^{H-1}\ell(x_{t+k},u_{t+k})+Vf(x_{t+H})]$

	horizon stochastic p	
Multi-agent coordination and resource auctions	A coordination mechanism exchanges capacity prices and task priority certi	$\max_x \Sigma_i U_i(x_i)$ s.t. $\Sigma_i R_i x_i \leq C$
Distributional planning and tail-sensitive choices	An ambiguity set is constructed from calibration periods and stress scenar	min_π sup_{Q∈ } E_Q[L(π,ξ)]

Table 2.1 Causal modelling and optimization verification

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I. Closed-loop mission decomposition

Mission contracts translate strategic intent into authorized, testable action hierarchies. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2021a, pp. 149–153; Pasupuleti 2021b, pp. 303–307).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into hierarchical scheduling and compatibility with safety constraints. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026aa, pp. 127–131).

Multi-sector transfer requires an explicit distinction between invariant planning logic and locally determined constraints. In South Asian logistics, European industrial facilities, African service networks and American infrastructure systems, identical optimization code could produce different admissible decisions because capacity, labor rules, data completeness and risk tolerance differ. Cross-region studies should consequently compare conditional robustness and audit completeness, not only a

pooled average return. The research output is a protocol for evidence-based deployment and post-incident reassessment.

II. Belief-aware sensing and state reconstruction

Delayed telemetry and partial observation motivate explicit probabilistic state estimates. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2021h, pp. 316–320; Pasupuleti 2021i, pp. 26–30).

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An engineering programme would translate this problem into sensor calibration and provenance-aware data integration. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ab, pp. 1–5).

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III. Constrained dynamic optimization

Receding-horizon optimization balances immediate cost and recoverability under future disturbances. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change

in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2022c, pp. 1–5; Pasupuleti 2022d, pp. 29–33).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into optimization certificates and scenario ensembles. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ac, pp. 1–5).

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IV. Causal intervention and counterfactual evaluation

The impact of actions cannot be inferred directly from predictive correlations. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2023f, pp. 195–199; Pasupuleti 2023g, pp. 1–5).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into controlled policy comparisons and causal sensitivity. Experiments should preserve a baseline,

document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ad, pp. 22–26).

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V. Distributed agents and negotiated resources

Resource contention connects independent planners through shared capacity limits. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2023m, pp. 17–21; Pasupuleti 2023n, pp. 178–182).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into dual-price coordination and conflict arbitration. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ae, pp. 1–5).

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VI. Reinforcement learning with routine assurance

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Learned action proposals require separation from executable safety permissions. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2024d; Pasupuleti 2024e, pp. 90–94).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into policy shielding and offline validation. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026af, pp. 134–138).

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pooled average return. The research output is a protocol for evidence-based deployment and post-incident reassessment.

VII. Generalization under distributional shifts

Adaptation must recognize unfamiliar regimes rather than extrapolate confidently. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2024k; Pasupuleti 2024l, pp. 152–156).

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An engineering programme would translate this problem into selective autonomy and robust risk measures. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ag, pp. 36–40).

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VIII. Scalable event-time data and digital twins

Reproducible closed-loop simulation depends on temporal and physical consistency. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action,

rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2026a, pp. 166–170; Pasupuleti 2026b, pp. 32–36).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into stream-processing provenance and twin validation. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ah, pp. 49–53).

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IX. Resilient critical-service deployment

Sectoral planning must respect physical and social consequences of service disruptions. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2026h, pp. 1–5; Pasupuleti 2026i, pp. 142–146).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into infrastructure stress testing and equitable dispatch. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document

uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026ai, pp. 1–5).

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X. Governed technical invention architecture

A controller becomes accountable through explicit authority and recoverable decisions. The question for an adaptive autonomous planning controller is whether a change in information or operating conditions leads to a defensible change in the planned action, rather than an opaque adjustment in a predicted score. This theme joins the requirements of dynamic action selection with constraints on safety, timing and institutional responsibility. The related supplied literature offers research context across systems engineering and decision analytics (Pasupuleti 2026o, pp. 24–28; Pasupuleti 2026p, pp. 85–89).

An engineering programme would translate this problem into machine-readable audits and integrated system and method design. Experiments should preserve a baseline, document uncertainty assumptions and report the feasibility of every executed decision; point estimates of aggregate efficiency should be accompanied by traces of rejected actions and resource bottlenecks. The technical contribution is a measurable mechanism connecting model outputs to executable decisions, while the governance contribution is a record of who authorized the decision objective and who can suspend its use (Pasupuleti 2026aj, pp. 119–123).

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2.1 Structural dependencies and action effects

A planning controller benefits from knowing not only which variables forecast disruption but which interventions alter outcomes. Feedback introduces endogeneity: an observed reduction in failures may reflect defensive actions rather than a stable environment. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2022d, pp. 29–33; Pasupuleti 2023a, pp. 114–118).

A time-indexed causal graph distinguishes sensor proxies, confounders, action nodes and downstream operational outcomes. Intervention tests are designed around controlled policy switches or natural operational discontinuities where measurement remains comparable. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot

be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2023b, pp. 114–118).

The operational deliverable consists of structural diagrams, intervention eligibility rules and provenance-labelled evidence. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are energy dispatch decisions and transport interventions across multiple jurisdictions. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$Y_{t+1}=f(X_t,A_t,U_t),\ \ A_t=h(H_t) \tag{6}$$

Y is an outcome, X observed conditions, A the action, U unobserved drivers and H the available history. Identification requires assumptions about confounding, consistency and temporal ordering; the structural equation does not establish identification by itself. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization,

existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report intervention effect estimation error and sensitivity to hidden confounding. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is a testable planning mechanism with a clearly bounded domain of applicability, rather than an assertion that autonomy will generalize to all operating conditions.

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2.2 Dynamic state-space identification

Changing demand, equipment degradation and exogenous shocks complicate the construction of reliable state-transition models. A controller built on a fixed nominal

plant can exhibit systematic overshoot after a regime shift even when its optimizer operates correctly. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2023c, pp. 126–130; Pasupuleti 2023d, pp. 76–80).

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Identification combines physical invariants with parameter updates from intervention-tagged trajectories. Regime detection controls when model parameters may be adapted, preventing transient noise from triggering continual and destabilizing retuning. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2023e, pp. 29–33).

The operational deliverable consists of an identification protocol, regime-change detector and versioned transition models. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are networked factories and data-centre cooling systems. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different

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$$x_{t+1} = A(\theta_t)x_t + B(\theta_t)u_t + w_t \tag{7}$$

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x is the system state, u the control input, θ_t varying plant parameters and w process noise. Local linearity is an approximation around the operating regime; abrupt topology changes require a different structural model. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report one-step residuals, horizon prediction error and parameter drift. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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2.3 Stochastic receding-horizon optimization

The trade-off between near-term efficiency and future recoverability is inherently sequential. A plan that minimizes immediate energy consumption can leave no spare capacity for a delayed high-priority mission. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2023f, pp. 195–199; Pasupuleti 2023g, pp. 1–5).

At each decision epoch the controller solves a finite-horizon stochastic program but commits only its first admissible action. New information refreshes the scenario tree, and warm starts recover computation without concealing changes in the feasible region. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the

continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2023h, pp. 41–45).

The operational deliverable consists of scenario-generation policies, feasibility certificates, warm-start records and deadline accounting. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$\min_{u} E[\Sigma_{k=0}^{H-1} \ell(x_{t+k}, u_{t+k}) + Vf(x_{t+H})] \tag{8}$$

ℓ denotes stage loss, Vf the terminal approximation and H the prediction horizon, with dynamics and constraints imposed on all candidate trajectories. Recursive feasibility requires a terminal set or backup policy and cannot be assumed from reoptimization alone. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation

needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report realized cost, deadline misses, solver convergence and regret against a hindsight benchmark. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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2.4 Multi-agent coordination and resource auctions

Distributed agents optimize local workloads but contend for shared bandwidth, vehicles, production slots and energy capacity. Independent greedy action selection can yield collective congestion or mutually inconsistent commitments. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2023i, pp. 143–147; Pasupuleti 2023j, pp. 162–166).

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A coordination mechanism exchanges capacity prices and task priority certificates instead of raw private observations. Conflict resolution retains a deterministic arbiter for critical resources while permitting negotiated allocations in lower-consequence domains. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2023k, pp. 226–230).

The operational deliverable consists of distributed allocation messages, dual-price updates and a conflict-resolution log. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation

makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$max_x \Sigma_i U_i(x_i) \;\; s.t. \; \Sigma_i R_i x_i \leq C \tag{9}$$

U_i is agent i utility, R_i its resource matrix and C shared capacity. Convexity can support dual decomposition; integer and nonconvex allocations may need centralized repair and cannot rely on price convergence alone. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report allocation fairness, constraint violations, communication overhead and price convergence. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated

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2.5 Distributional planning and tail-sensitive choices

Point forecasts are weak foundations for decisions that face extreme demand, coupled disruptions or geographically uneven harm. Robust planning must guard against plausible departures from the estimated disturbance law. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2023l, pp. 211–215; Pasupuleti 2023m, pp. 17–21).

An ambiguity set is constructed from calibration periods and stress scenarios. Tail-sensitive objectives are evaluated alongside mean cost, with explicit reporting of the conservatism induced by the uncertainty set. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti, 2023a, pp. 178–182).

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The operational deliverable consists of ambiguity-set specifications, stress scenario libraries and a sensitivity frontier. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$\min_{\pi} \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathbb{E}_{Q}[L(\pi, \xi)] \tag{10}$$

is the set of plausible probability measures, ξ uncertain inputs and L operational loss. Meaningful robustness depends on a justified ambiguity radius; excessive sets can produce unnecessarily conservative plans. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

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Evaluation should report tail regret, worst-case loss and the value of adaptability. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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Chapter 3. Predictive Learning, Autonomous Policies and Trustworthiness

The research problem addressed by predictive learning, autonomous policies and trustworthiness arises when a planning decision has to remain executable after the information on which it was based begins to change. Neither a numerical optimizer nor a learned policy can provide a defensible controller by itself: both require an explicit contract concerning observable state, permitted actions, physical resources, evaluation distributions and human authority. The chapter develops the relevant interfaces and identifies the analytical assumptions under which a plan can be accepted, revised, or suspended. Its scope is deliberately architectural and methodological, rather than a report of new field measurements (Pasupuleti 2023o, pp. 53–57; Pasupuleti 2023p, pp. 1–5).

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The design principle is to distinguish a decision mechanism from the evidence that it operates as intended. Formal constraints articulate admissibility, probabilistic models characterize uncertainty, operational logs preserve event chronology, and validation protocols expose where simulator findings cease to apply. The associated research outputs are directly inspectable: equations with defined symbols, decision records, comparative baseline specifications, governance checkpoints and sectoral transfer conditions. These outputs serve both scholarly replication and technical procurement by making controller assumptions open to scrutiny.

FEATURE FORECAST	LEARNED PROPOSAL	SHIFT DETECTOR	POLICY SHIELD	EVALUATION

Figure 3.1 Predictive learning and runtime policy assurance

Component	Engineering role	Verification evidence
Predictive representations for planning	The predictive layer produces calibrated distributions for demand, resourc	$\hat{r}_{t+h}=F\theta(z_t\text{–}w:_t,h)$
Safe reinforcement learning with shielded actions	A learned proposal policy is projected onto a verified admissible action s	$a_t^*=\text{argmin}_\{a\in \text{safe}(s_t)\}\|a-\pi\theta(s_t)\|^2$
Out-of-distribution detection and selective autonomy	A shift detector combines residual monitoring with coverage indicators for	$D_t=\sum_j w_j\, d(\hat{P}_{tj},P_{0j})$

Interpretable policy selection and counterfactual audit	A counterfactual evaluator holds mission context fixed while altering the	$\Delta(a,a'\|h)=E[L\|do(a),h]-E[L\|do(a'),h]$
Multi-objective generalization and evaluation	Evaluation uses held-out disruption families, unmatched equipment configur	$=\{\pi\in\Pi:\ \neg\exists\,\pi'\in\Pi$ with $f(\pi')\leqslant f(\pi)$ and $f(\pi')\neq f(\pi)\}$

Table 3.1 Predictive-policy and trustworthiness evaluations

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3.1 Predictive representations for planning

Machine learning enters the controller as a source of structured forecasts rather than an unquestioned substitute for a feasible plan. Forecast value depends on whether better predictions actually change the selected action under operational constraints. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2023o, pp. 53–57; Pasupuleti 2023p, pp. 1–5).

The predictive layer produces calibrated distributions for demand, resource availability and hazard intensity. An action-value ablation assesses whether forecast improvements materially alter planning outcomes rather than simply lowering an isolated error score. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2024a, pp. 47–51).

The operational deliverable consists of versioned features, uncertainty-labelled forecasts and prediction-to-action attribution records. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$\hat{r}_{t+h} = F\theta(z_{t-}w:_{t},h) \tag{11}$$

Fθ maps a bounded historical feature window z to an h-step forecast. The prediction requires covariate availability at dispatch time; leaked future observations invalidate prospective assessment. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report forecast skill, decision regret and calibration by operating regime. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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3.2 Safe reinforcement learning with shielded actions

Reinforcement learning adapts policies through interaction but exploratory behaviour can be intolerable on physical or public-service infrastructure. An unconstrained value function is not an adequate safety certificate. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore

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A learned proposal policy is projected onto a verified admissible action set by an independent safety shield. Offline policy evaluation precedes any restricted deployment, and every shield intervention is recorded as an informative operational outcome. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2024d).

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The operational deliverable consists of an admissibility filter, offline evaluation suite and intervention trace format. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$a_t* = argmin_\{a \in Asafe(s_t)\} \|a - \pi\theta(s_t)\|^2 \quad (12)$$

πθ is a learned action proposal and safe the state-conditioned admissible set. The projection requires a nonempty, correct safety set; fallback control is necessary when the set is empty or state estimates are unreliable. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

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Evaluation should report shield invocation rate, constrained return and recovery failures. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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3.3 Out-of-distribution detection and selective autonomy

Deployment environments are neither stationary nor uniformly observed. Novel network faults, changed labour constraints and unusual weather can invalidate models whose validation scores were strong during training. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2024e, pp. 90–94; Pasupuleti 2024f, pp. 68–72).

A shift detector combines residual monitoring with coverage indicators for structured contexts. When a novelty threshold is crossed, autonomy is degraded to a documented conservative policy or routed to qualified human review. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available

at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2024g, pp. 23–27).

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$$D_t = \sum_j w_j \, d(P_{tj}, P_{0j}) \tag{13}$$

D measures weighted divergence between current feature distributions $\hat{P}_{t\,j}$ and a reference P_{0j}. Univariate divergences may miss joint shifts; detector thresholds need prospective validation and operational review. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked.

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3.4 Interpretable policy selection and counterfactual audit

A controller that changes priorities may face scrutiny even when outcomes improve. Decision traceability requires explanations of why a specific alternative was rejected, not simply a ranked feature list after execution. The relevant research literature is used

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A counterfactual evaluator holds mission context fixed while altering the candidate action in an approved simulator. Explanations name the binding constraints, expected cost differences and uncertainty assumptions supporting the final choice. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2024j).

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The operational deliverable consists of counterfactual decision cards, binding-constraint reports and audit-ready action comparisons. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are public procurement, emergency triage scheduling and regulated transport. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals,

communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$\Delta(a,a'|h)=E[L|do(a),h]-E[L|do(a'),h] \tag{14}$$

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Δ compares potential losses under alternative actions, conditional on history h. Interventional interpretation depends on a valid action model and identifiability; simulated contrasts are model-contingent. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report explanation stability, fidelity to the executed optimizer and review effort. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-

recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is a testable planning mechanism with a clearly bounded domain of applicability, rather than an assertion that autonomy will generalize to all operating conditions.

For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

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3.5 Multi-objective generalization and evaluation

Learning systems often overfit the reward scale, operational season or region used in development. A robust controller therefore requires performance evidence across tasks and objectives that were not individually tuned during training. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2024k; Pasupuleti 2024l, pp. 152–156).

Evaluation uses held-out disruption families, unmatched equipment configurations and region-specific compliance constraints. Pareto fronts document the choices among speed, energy, emissions, equity and service reliability instead of collapsing them into an unexplained score. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the

counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2024m, pp. 1–5).

The operational deliverable consists of cross-region validation splits, nondominated-policy sets and an approval summary. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are health supply chains, data centres and smart mobility. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$P=\{\pi\in\Pi:\neg\exists\,\pi'\in\Pi \text{ with } f(\pi')\leqslant f(\pi) \text{ and } f(\pi')\neq f(\pi)\} \tag{15}$$

is the set of nondominated policies under minimized objective vector f. It is meaningful only when objectives and feasible policies are consistently defined across test conditions. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration

and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report Pareto coverage, worst-group service level and energy-normalized throughput. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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Chapter 4. Scalable Data Engineering, Digital Twins and Reproducible Operations

The research problem addressed by scalable data engineering, digital twins and reproducible operations arises when a planning decision has to remain executable after the information on which it was based begins to change. Neither a numerical optimizer nor a learned policy can provide a defensible controller by itself: both require an explicit contract concerning observable state, permitted actions, physical resources, evaluation distributions and human authority. The chapter develops the relevant interfaces and identifies the analytical assumptions under which a plan can be accepted, revised, or suspended. Its scope is deliberately architectural and methodological, rather than a report of new field measurements (Pasupuleti 2024n, pp. 112–116; Pasupuleti 2025a, pp. 291–295).

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The design principle is to distinguish a decision mechanism from the evidence that it operates as intended. Formal constraints articulate admissibility, probabilistic models characterize uncertainty, operational logs preserve event chronology, and validation protocols expose where simulator findings cease to apply. The associated research outputs are directly inspectable: equations with defined symbols, decision records, comparative baseline specifications, governance checkpoints and sectoral transfer conditions. These outputs serve both scholarly replication and technical procurement by making controller assumptions open to scrutiny.

STREAM EVENTS	VERSIONED DATA	DIGITAL TWIN	EDGE/CLOUD SOLVE	RELEASE RECORD

Figure 4.1 Event-time data, digital twin and release pipeline

Component	Engineering role	Verification evidence
Event-time telemetry and causal data integrity	A streaming ingestion layer maintains event-time watermarks, device proven	$W_t=\max_{e\in E_t}\text{time}(e)-\delta$
Digital twin synchronization and control co-simulation	Twin calibration targets transition responses under specified actions, wit	$e_t=\|y_t^{real}-y_t^{twin}\|_{\Sigma^{-1}}$
Distributed optimization and compute orchestration	The platform selects computation tiers according to	$T_{decision}=T_{ingest}+T_{infer}+T_{solve}+T_{verify}+T_{dispatch}$

	criticality, data loca	
Reproducible model and policy release management	Each deployed decision references immutable hashes for data snapshots, mod	Hrelease=Hash(D // M // C // S // P)
Reliability engineering, adversarial faults and lifecycle monitoring	Fault injection probes graceful degradation across the telemetry bus, feat	R(t)=P(Tfailure>t)

Table 4.1 Scalable engineering and reproducibility controls

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4.1 Event-time telemetry and causal data integrity

Planning decisions depend on the chronology of incoming observations; network arrival order does not necessarily equal event order. Treating delayed readings as current can cause incorrect state reconstruction and misleading model evaluation. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2024n, pp. 112–116; Pasupuleti 2025a, pp. 291–295).

A streaming ingestion layer maintains event-time watermarks, device provenance and replay checkpoints. Features are computed from information genuinely available by the planning deadline, while late corrections are reconciled without silently rewriting past action evidence. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2025b, pp. 22–26).

The operational deliverable consists of a telemetry schema, watermark policy, replay checkpoint protocol and data lineage graph. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are 6G-connected fleets, industrial IoT and disaster monitoring networks. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$W_t = max_\{e \in E_t\}\, time(e) - \delta \tag{16}$$

W denotes the event-time watermark over received events E_t and tolerated lateness δ. The heuristic requires bounded-lateness assumptions; events arriving after the window need an explicit correction policy. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report late-arrival ratio, duplicate event rate and state-reconstruction fidelity. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

4.2 Digital twin synchronization and control co-simulation

A digital twin supports safer exploration only if its operational state, constraints and failure responses correspond sufficiently to the deployed system. High visual realism is not evidence of decision-level fidelity. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the

decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2025c, pp. 264–268; Pasupuleti 2026a, pp. 166–170).

Twin calibration targets transition responses under specified actions, with hardware-in-the-loop gates where warranted. Disagreement diagnostics distinguish model-structure errors from sensor faults, and simulation validity is scoped by equipment version and demand regime. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026b, pp. 32–36).

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The operational deliverable consists of a twin validity envelope, co-simulation orchestration and calibration test cases. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are electric grids, climate-resilient buildings and autonomous factories. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before

transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$e_t = \| y_t real - y_t twin \|_{\Sigma^{-1}} \tag{17}$$

e is a covariance-weighted discrepancy between measured and predicted outputs. Covariance must be positive definite for this norm; small output error alone does not prove policy transferability. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implied in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

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Evaluation should report closed-loop discrepancy, constraint fidelity and simulator coverage. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is

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4.3 Distributed optimization and compute orchestration

Autonomous planning workloads range from millisecond edge filtering to computationally intensive stochastic optimization. Uniform deployment architecture wastes resources and can breach action deadlines under congestion. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026c, pp. 87–91; Pasupuleti 2026d, pp. 114–118).

The platform selects computation tiers according to criticality, data locality and a measured time budget. Deferred planning tasks can be offloaded, but immediate safety checks remain local and must not depend on a remote network response. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same

information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026e, pp. 60–64).

The operational deliverable consists of an edge–cloud execution policy, bounded queues and degradation-aware solver schedules. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$T_{decision} = T_{ingest} + T_{infer} + T_{solve} + T_{verify} + T_{dispatch} \quad (18)$$

Total decision time is decomposed into measurable pipeline stages. The additive expression assumes serial critical-path stages; concurrency requires critical-path rather than naïve summed timing. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of

these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report end-to-end latency, queue backlog, energy per decision and deadline success. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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4.4 Reproducible model and policy release management

A planning policy is not reproducible if one cannot recover its exact training data, objective weights, solver tolerances or safety rules. Silent configuration drift turns a published performance comparison into an irreproducible anecdote. The relevant

research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026f, pp. 1–5; Pasupuleti 2026g, pp. 49–53).

Each deployed decision references immutable hashes for data snapshots, model versions, feature definitions, constraint configurations, and simulator packages. Promotion is conditional on regression tests, and rollbacks restore coupled policy and safety components as a unit. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026h, pp. 1–5).

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Two realistic transfer settings are multi-site government infrastructure and regulated industrial control. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency

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$$Hrelease=Hash(D \parallel M \parallel C \parallel S \parallel P) \tag{19}$$

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The release digest combines dataset D, model M, constraints C, simulator S and policy configuration P. Collision-resistant hashing supports integrity comparison but cannot establish that any component is substantively correct. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer. Evaluation should report reproduction success, configuration drift incidence and rollback time. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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4.5 Reliability engineering, adversarial faults and lifecycle monitoring

Operational continuity requires planning for component failure, not simply measuring average availability. An adversary or hardware fault may degrade observations, alter actuator acknowledgments or corrupt the allocation ledger. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026i, pp. 142–146; Pasupuleti 2026j, pp. 29–33).

Fault injection probes graceful degradation across the telemetry bus, feature service, solver and action channel. Operators retain circuit breakers, authorization limits and recovery playbooks that work independently of model confidence. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information

available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026k, pp. 63–67).

The operational deliverable consists of fault-injection plans, recovery-state diagrams, audit retention rules and escalation metrics. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are financial infrastructure, transport corridors and public utilities. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$R(t)=P(Tfailure>t) \tag{20}$$

R(t) is reliability at operating time t, expressed as the survival probability of the failure time. Stationarity and independent faults are not assumed; correlated outages require joint-failure analysis. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of

these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report mean recovery duration, unsafe-command count and service continuity. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is a testable planning mechanism with a clearly bounded domain of applicability, rather than an assertion that autonomy will generalize to all operating conditions.

For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

Chapter 5. Sectoral Deployment, Governance and Research Horizons

The research problem addressed by sectoral deployment, governance and research horizons arises when a planning decision has to remain executable after the information on which it was based begins to change. Neither a numerical optimizer nor a learned policy can provide a defensible controller by itself: both require an explicit contract concerning observable state, permitted actions, physical resources, evaluation distributions and human authority. The chapter develops the relevant interfaces and identifies the analytical assumptions under which a plan can be accepted, revised, or suspended. Its scope is deliberately architectural and methodological, rather than a report of new field measurements (Pasupuleti 2026l, pp. 75–79; Pasupuleti 2026m, pp. 234–238).

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The design principle is to distinguish a decision mechanism from the evidence that it operates as intended. Formal constraints articulate admissibility, probabilistic models characterize uncertainty, operational logs preserve event chronology, and validation protocols expose where simulator findings cease to apply. The associated research outputs are directly inspectable: equations with defined symbols, decision records, comparative baseline specifications, governance checkpoints and sectoral transfer conditions. These outputs serve both scholarly replication and technical procurement by making controller assumptions open to scrutiny.

SECTOR CONTRACT	PLANNING CORE	AUTHORITY POLICY	INCIDENT REVIEW	RESEARCH UPDATE

Figure 5.1 Sectoral governance and controller assurance map

Component	Engineering role	Verification evidence
Autonomous industrial and infrastructure operations	An industrial deployment decomposes the plant into equipment availability,	$\eta=Q_{good}/(E_{total}+\varepsilon)$
Climate resilience and mobility coordination	The controller layers geospatial flood and heat hazards onto network acces	$A^g=\Sigma_i w^g_i \, 1[\tau_i \leq \tau_{max}]$
Health, public services and accountable decision support	A public-service design limits automated authority to designated schedulin	$F=\max_g E[T_{wait}\|g]-\min_g E[T_{wait}\|g]$

Governance, legal accountability and cybersecurity	The proposed architecture separates mission policy, technical assurance, c	Aaudit= Ntraceable/Nexecuted
Invention architecture and future research agenda	A staged research program assesses architecture-level ablations, formal ad	$\pi^*(b)=\text{argmin}_{\{\pi \in \Pi safe\}} E[L(\pi)\|b]$

Table 5.1 Sectoral deployment, governance and invention outputs

5.1 Autonomous industrial and infrastructure operations

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Industrial use places scheduling intelligence beside physical machinery, maintenance calendars and workforce safety obligations. The controller must account for process interlocks and human-robot segregation alongside throughput. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026l, pp. 75–79; Pasupuleti 2026m, pp. 234–238).

An industrial deployment decomposes the plant into equipment availability, process precedence, energy tariffs and protected work zones. A governance layer separates automated routine rescheduling from high-consequence changes that require authorized approval. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026n, pp. 106–110).

The operational deliverable consists of plant-specific action libraries, maintenance windows and safety sign-off artifacts. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are manufacturing clusters in South Asia and industrial parks in Europe. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$\eta = Qgood/(Etotal+\varepsilon) \tag{21}$$

η is quality-adjusted output Qgood per unit of total energy Etotal with small ε avoiding zero division. Cross-facility comparisons require consistent quality definitions and energy metering. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report throughput per energy unit, stoppage frequency and worker-zone intrusion rate. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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The principal limitation is the dependence of action quality on the fidelity of the state representation and on the completeness of the constraint inventory. Components that are not sensed, modelled or authorized cannot be repaired merely by increasing optimizer sophistication. A research programme should therefore include adversarial fault injection, intervention-based identification where appropriate, and failure-recovery experiments under shifted operational regimes. The resulting contribution is a testable planning mechanism with a clearly bounded domain of applicability, rather than an assertion that autonomy will generalize to all operating conditions.

For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

5.2 Climate resilience and mobility coordination

Environmental disruptions create compound resource demands and asymmetric consequences for vulnerable communities. Planning should be driven by exposure, service criticality and infrastructure interdependence rather than solely by average travel time. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal

definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026o, pp. 24–28; Pasupuleti 2026p, pp. 85–89).

The controller layers geospatial flood and heat hazards onto network accessibility, dispatch capacity and restoration priorities. Planning scenarios include disrupted communications and low-frequency events, with equity indicators kept visible to decision-makers. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026q, pp. 53–57).

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The operational deliverable consists of a hazard-conditioned mobility graph, restoration priority matrix and public reporting protocol. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are flood-sensitive urban districts in Asia and resilient community logistics in Africa. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences

before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$A^{g}=\Sigma_i w^{g}_i \, 1[\tau_i \leq \tau max] \tag{22}$$

A^g denotes weighted accessibility for group g, with service response τ_i and threshold τmax. Weight selection and group representation are normative; the metric should be published with disaggregation rather than treated as ethically neutral. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer. Evaluation should report critical-service access, restoration time and disparity across neighbourhoods. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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5.3 Health, public services and accountable decision support

Planning in health and public administration often concerns capacity and timing rather than diagnosis. The controller may support allocation but must not erase clinical judgment, eligibility rules or rights to contest automated decisions. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026r, pp. 24–28; Pasupuleti 2026s, pp. 37–41).

A public-service design limits automated authority to designated scheduling actions and retains a human decision channel for exceptional cases. Documented model limitations accompany every operational recommendation, and access to sensitive data is minimized. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially

better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026t, pp. 84–88).

The operational deliverable consists of authority matrices, consent-sensitive access controls and contestability workflows. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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Two realistic transfer settings are district health services and municipal emergency response across continents. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals, communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$F = \max_g E[T_{wait} \mid g] - \min_g E[T_{wait} \mid g] \tag{23}$$

F measures the spread of expected waiting times across groups. It is a descriptive disparity metric, not a causal fairness assessment, and depends on comparable case-mix and service categories. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of

these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report service delay, priority violations, appeal resolution and group-level waiting time. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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5.4 Governance, legal accountability and cybersecurity

Adaptive plans create an accountability problem when actions evolve faster than fixed operating procedures. Governance must identify who authorizes objectives, who monitors constraint compliance and who owns downstream incidents. The relevant

research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026u, pp. 227–231; Pasupuleti 2026v, pp. 31–35).

The proposed architecture separates mission policy, technical assurance, cybersecurity response and organizational oversight. Every planning change carries a reason, signer, affected assets and accessible rollback route, with review thresholds proportionate to operational consequence. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026w, pp. 181–185).

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The operational deliverable consists of an accountability map, incident audit trail, cybersecurity escalation protocol and independent review schedule. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

Two realistic transfer settings are public digital infrastructure, industry and cross-border service networks. The same abstract controller cannot simply be copied between these settings: different sensor availability, institutional approvals,

communication latency and exposure to operational harm modify both constraints and performance measures. Deployment researchers should document these differences before transferring model parameters or claiming external validity. The location-specific adaptation should be expressed as a constrained configuration change rather than an informal exception to the control logic. Public-facing decisions may require additional accessibility, due-process and equity reviews, whereas industrial control may give greater weight to fail-safe interlocks and maintenance isolation.

$$A_{audit} = N_{traceable} / N_{executed} \tag{24}$$

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A_{audit} is the proportion of executed actions with complete provenance. A high ratio reflects record completeness, not the legality, safety or quality of the actions themselves. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer.

Evaluation should report unapproved changes, mean detection time and audit evidence completeness. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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5.5 Invention architecture and future research agenda

The proposed adaptive autonomous planning controller integrates belief-state estimation, causal scenario models, a constrained horizon optimizer, learned policy proposals and an independent action shield. Its distinguishing research target is reliable replanning under uncertainty within documented authority boundaries. The relevant research literature is used to establish planning and analytic context rather than to attribute uninspected numerical findings. A useful formal definition of the object under study therefore includes the decision epoch, the set of available observations, the action contract and the resources that may be consumed before the next update. The distinction is consequential because a sequence of locally admissible operations may violate a global mission obligation, whereas an analytically optimal schedule may prove impossible to execute within an actual dispatch deadline (Pasupuleti 2026x, pp. 22–26; Pasupuleti 2026y, pp. 1–5).

A staged research program assesses architecture-level ablations, formal admissibility checks, deployment-specific evidence and long-term adaptation. Potential patentability depends on comparison with actual prior art, technical novelty and jurisdictional examination, none of which can be concluded from a conceptual manuscript. The methodology should record which components are learned from observations and which are imposed as physical or regulatory rules. Model assumptions should be encoded as testable restrictions, including bounds on telemetry delay, admissibility of action substitutions, coverage of hazardous states and the

continuity of execution interfaces. A design review must also identify the counterfactual question being asked: would a different planner have made a materially better decision under the same information available at the time? This question cannot be answered by comparing decisions against future observations that were unavailable during dispatch (Pasupuleti 2026z, pp. 78–82).

The operational deliverable consists of a system architecture specification, independent system and method formulations, dependent design variants and a field-validation roadmap. These artifacts are linked through stable mission identifiers and an event-time decision ledger that preserves previous commitments when the controller revises a plan. During preparation, engineers define the action vocabulary, observable feature schema, fallback authority and validation envelope. During execution, the selected plan is checked against resource and safety constraints and forwarded to an authenticated actuation service. During evaluation, investigators reconstruct the action from the original observation snapshot and compare it with controls that use identical information and deadline allowances. This separation makes failures diagnosable at the levels of inference, optimization, authorization and physical execution.

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$$\pi^*(b) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\{\pi \in \Pi safe\}} E[L(\pi)|b] \tag{25}$$

π^* minimizes conditional expected loss over safe candidate policies using belief b. Feasibility of Πsafe, quality of the belief and validity of L remain necessary conditions; the expression is a design target rather than a proof of global optimality. Mathematical interpretation is restricted to the stated variables, and no empirical

estimate is implicit in the expression. A controller implementation needs a declared numerical representation, domain bounds and tolerance convention before the relation can support software verification. For stochastic formulations, calibration and sensitivity analysis are necessary; for constrained optimization, existence of feasible actions must be checked. A failure of these preconditions is a reason to activate a conservative operating policy rather than to return an unconstrained numerical answer. Evaluation should report closed-loop stability proxies, certified feasibility and cost-adjusted mission completion. The first metric family concerns task success under the approved mission specification; the second concerns behavior during disturbances and data interruptions; the third tracks the cost of achieving acceptable behavior through compute, communication and review time. Comparisons require common operating windows and explicit accounting of withdrawn or rejected decisions, because dropping difficult cases can make a planner appear more reliable than it is. Where the system allocates scarce public or organizational resources, disaggregated outcomes should be reported alongside aggregate utility to expose unequal service conditions.

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For solution development, the technical handoff should contain executable interface schemas, unit tests for extreme parameter values, simulation seeds, a formal list of prohibited commands and instructions for operator intervention. Investigators must keep scientific evaluation distinct from organizational adoption: a low simulation loss does not prove a reduction in physical harms, and organizational acceptance is not equivalent to functional correctness. Independent reviewers can inspect the controller through its assumptions, action provenance, performance envelope and ability to stop safely. This produces a durable body of evidence for system maintenance and revision over successive release cycles.

Glossary

Admissible action. An action satisfying operational permissions and hard constraints at a stated state.

Ambiguity set. A specified family of plausible probability distributions used in robust decision-making.

Belief state. A probability distribution describing the system state conditional on observed history.

Causal intervention. A hypothetical or actual assignment of action that changes the data-generating process.

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Counterfactual audit. An assessment of alternative actions under a stated causal or simulation model.

Decision ledger. A versioned record of the information and authorization supporting executed actions.

Digital twin. A computational model coupled to an operational system through state synchronization.

Event-time watermark. A bound marking which events are expected to arrive before finalizing a time window.

Hard constraint. A requirement that cannot be traded against ordinary objective improvement.

Model drift. A change in model behaviour or its operating data distribution over time.

Pareto frontier. The set of alternatives not dominated simultaneously across declared objectives.

Policy shield. An independent action filter that restricts proposed actions to an admissible set.

Receding horizon. Reoptimization of a finite future plan after receipt of new information.

Runtime assurance. Monitoring and intervention mechanisms that constrain deployed system behavior.

Scenario tree. A branching representation of possible future disturbances and observations.

Selective autonomy. Automatic action limited to cases meeting explicit confidence and authority criteria.

Structural causal model. A system of assignments representing assumed causal production of variables.

Terminal set. A set of states from which continued feasible control is guaranteed under specified assumptions.

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