

Thrust Area Working Group # 6 – Space and Rockets

**Steering Group Report** 

### TAWG #6 – Space and Rockets



### Team Composition

- Chair, Diane Kotelko, Magellan Aerospace
- Deputy Chair, Wendell Wiebe, MAHRC
- Igor Telichev, University of Manitoba
- Howard Loewen, Micropilot
- David Bertin, Red River College
- Sylvie Beland, NRC

### **Current State**

### **Barriers**

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Goals

Exploration

Reliability

**Space Mining** 

Space Mining

Orbital Debris

Earth
Observation

Communications

Space
Manufacturing

Radiation

Communication Bandwidth

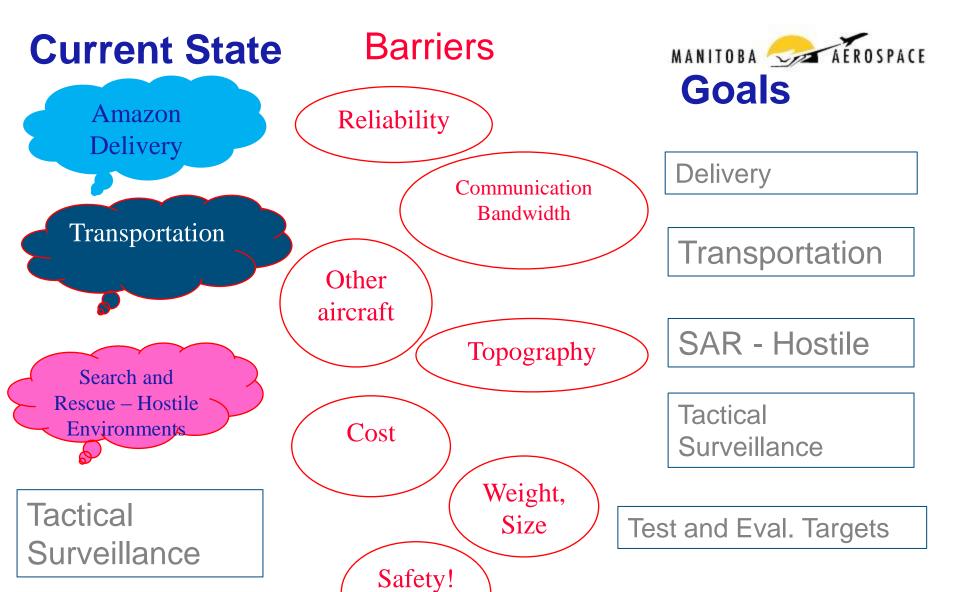
Launch Cost Exploration

Earth
Observation

Weight, Size Space Manufacturing

Communications

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Test and Eval. Targets

## Two sides to Autonomy:





Directions to Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites 1800 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B2 9.1 km – about 14 mins

go 100 m

total 9.1 km

| <b>A</b> | 12 Byron Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3K 0R7         |  |  |  |  |
|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
|          | Head west on Byron Bay toward Kirkfield St |  |  |  |  |

Destination will be on the left

**Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites** 

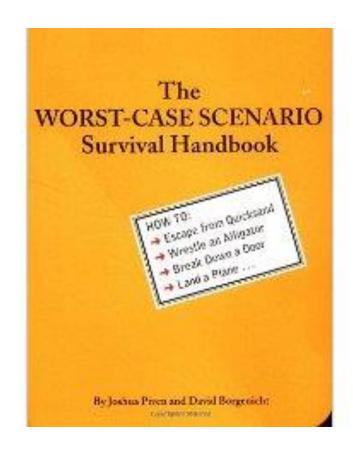
1800 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B2

|  | total 100 m                     |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 2. Turn right onto Kirkfield St                              | <b>go 230 m</b> total 350 m     |
| 3. Take the 1st right onto Mcbey Ave                         | <b>go 120 m</b> total 450 m     |
| 4. Take the 1st left onto Banting Dr                         | <b>go 290 m</b><br>total 750 m  |
| 5. Take the 1st right onto Portage Ave/Rte 85 W About 7 mins | go 5.1 km<br>total 5.9 km       |
| 6. Turn left onto Ferry Rd About 3 mins                      | <b>go 1.8 km</b> total 7.7 km   |
| 7. Turn right onto Ellice Ave<br>About 48 secs               | <b>go 550 m</b> total 8.2 km    |
| 8. Take the 1st left onto Berry St About 1 min               | <b>go 800 m</b><br>total 9.0 km |
| Turn right onto Wellington Ave                               | ao 76 m                         |

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

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## **Enabling Technologies**



## - Autonomy

|   |                               | Satellites & Rockets   | UAVs   |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Planned Mission - Reduced operator costs - Reduced on- board costs - Reduced processor load | Target Selection              | Unpredicted opportunities - Solar storms - "Garbage" collection - Conflicting priorities | - Search / surveillance missions   |
|   | Assessment of Current State   | <ul><li>Changing validity/accuracy of sensors</li><li>Alternative sensors</li></ul>      | <ul><li>Changing validity/ accuracy of sensors</li><li>Alternative Sensors</li></ul> |
|   | Prediction of Future<br>State | - Position, attitude, propellant load  | - Position, attitude, fuel,  |

# **Enabling Technologies**



# – Autonomy (cont'd)

|   |  | Satellites & Rockets  | UAVs   |
|---|--|---|--|
| Unplanned Events - Minimized outages = maximum value - Mission success - Mission safety | Failure Detection - on-board sensors - environment | <ul><li>Component failure -</li><li>On-orbit debris (BEFORE impact)</li></ul> | <ul><li>Component failure</li><li>Unexpected obstacles (BEFORE impact)</li></ul> |
|   | Failure Isolation –<br>Minimize risk to<br>mission | <ul><li>no opportunity to repair</li></ul>                                    | - safety!  |
|   | Failure Recovery                                   | <ul><li>Reconfigure to continue</li><li>Defensive manoeuvres</li></ul>        | <ul><li>Reconfigure to continue</li><li>Defensive manoeuvres</li></ul>           |

# Critical Enabling Technology – Autonomy



### **Description**

- Perform nominal mission with less operator interaction
  - On-board algorithms to combine lower cost sensors to provide equivalent accuracy to higher cost sensors
  - •On-board algorithms to maximize output of systems where independent subsystems are competing for limited resources
- Respond to off-nominal conditions with less operator interaction
  - •Adaptive control systems to recognize changes to the sensors, actuators, environment and physical plant under control.
  - •Failure detection, isolation and recovery algorithms that are adaptive.

# Critical Enabling Technology – Autonomy



### Timeline for Technologies

- Ongoing for UAV, agile marketplace.
- Next major Canadian spacecraft mission has already started early phase development.

#### Concept and Cost to Implement

- "Autonomy Innovation Centre" a series of cross-company, cross-industry (including academia), collaborative R&D projects aimed at increasing TRL levels from 3 to 6 or higher.
- Simulators of varying fidelity up to, and including, UAV flights and spacecraft hardware-in-the-loop.
- Up to \$10M over 5 years with

# Critical Enabling Technology – Autonomy



#### Manitoba's Role

• Collaboration/partners including: U of M, Micropilot, Magellan

### Risks if not implemented in Manitoba

- Challenging competitive environment;
  - Satellites have limited market
  - UAV autopilots have more competition
- Risk of losing relevance when always focussed on final implementations