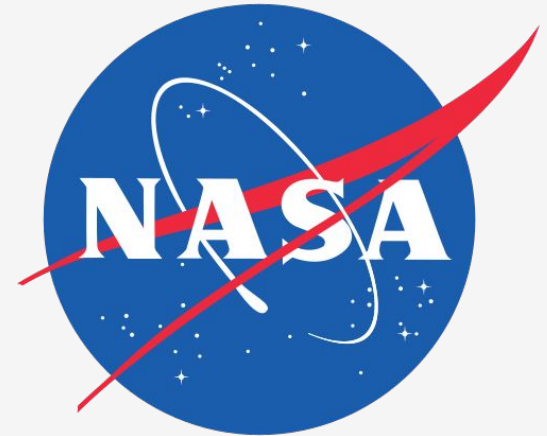


Managing the autonomous air traffic of the future... today

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Low Altitude UAS Operations



FAA small UAS forecast: 2.4M hobbyists, 450K commercial by 2022

Over 1M registered UAS Operators currently

Vehicles are automated and airspace integration is necessary

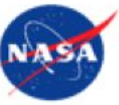
New entrants desire access and flexibility for operations current users want to ensure safety and continued access, regulators need a way to put safety structures in airspace

In today's airspace there are no tools, procedures, or rules to handle this future

Operational concept and software being developed to address beyond-visual-line-of-sight (BVLOS) UAS operations at low altitude, not controlled by ATC/ATM



What is UAS Traffic Management?



UTM is an “air traffic management” ecosystem for small UAS in low altitude airspace

UTM utilizes industry’s ability to supply services under FAA’s regulatory authority where these services do not exist.

UTM development will ultimately identify services, roles/responsibilities, information architecture, data exchange protocols, software functions, infrastructure, and performance requirements to enable the management of low-altitude UAS operations.

Transparency

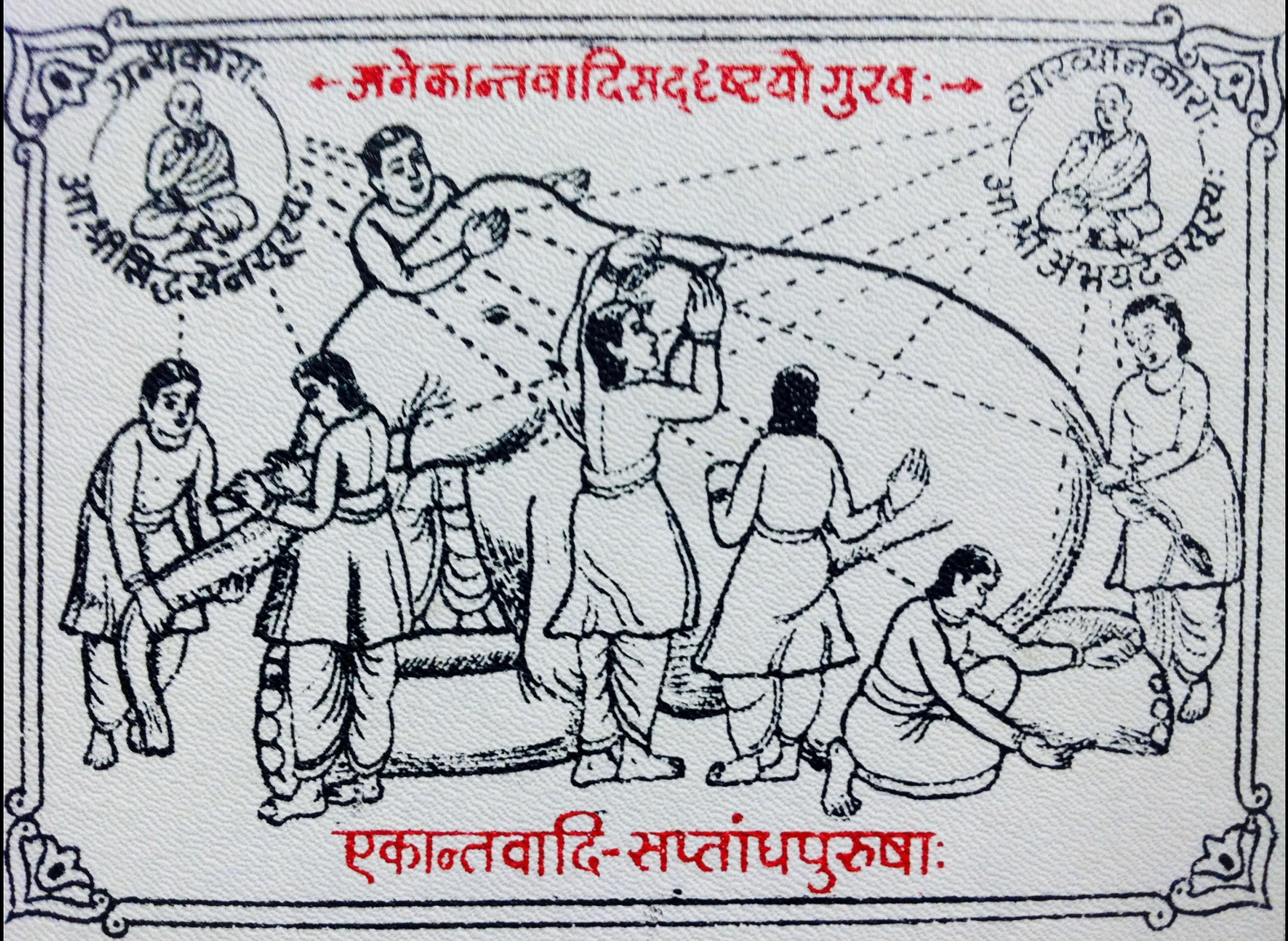
Security

Safety

Commerce

Scalability



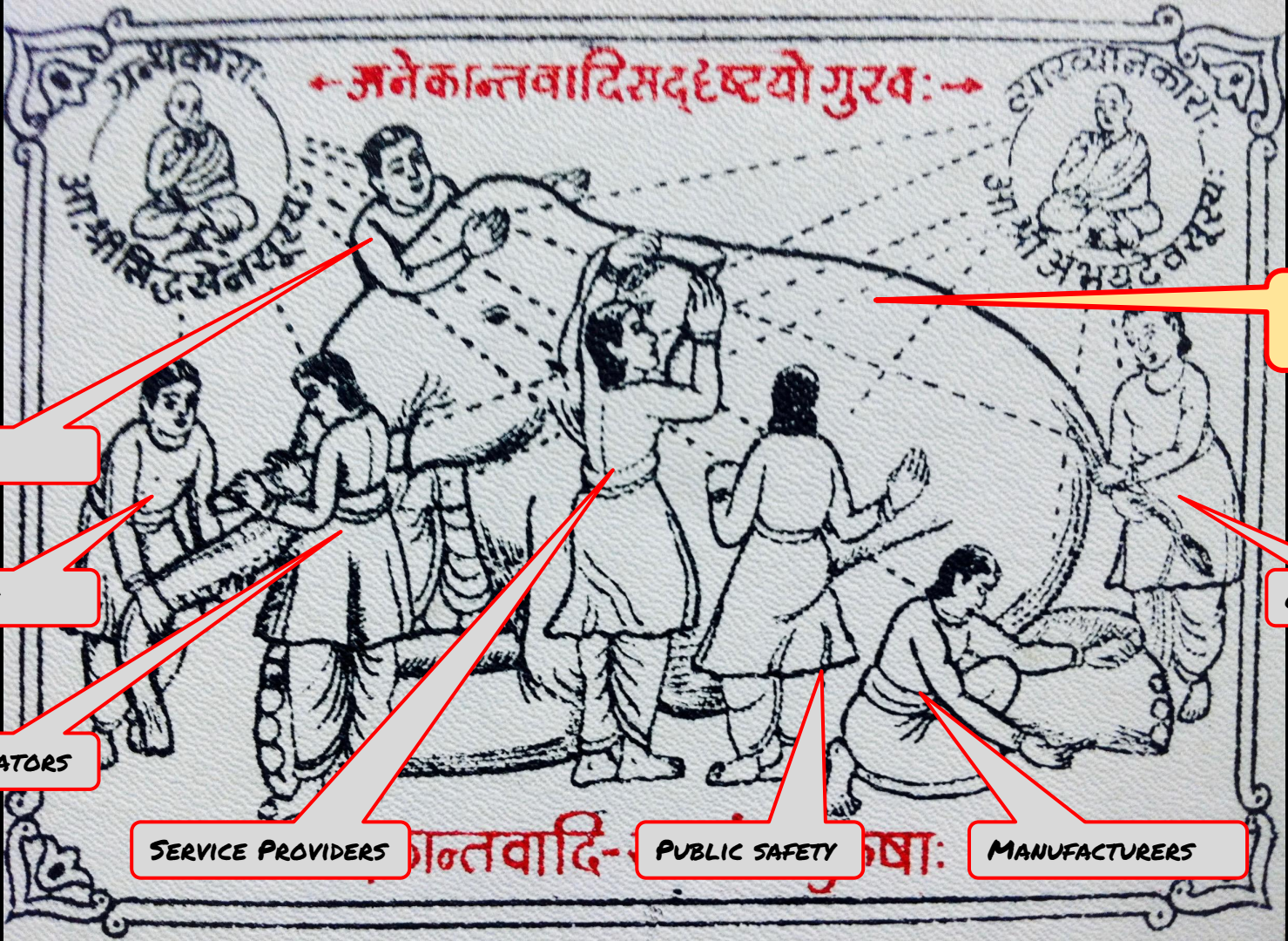


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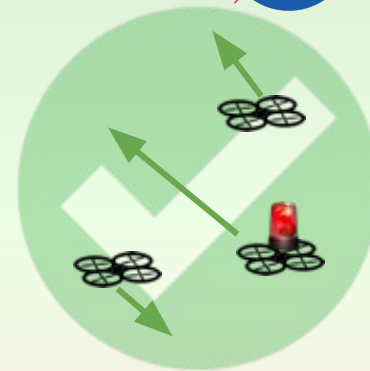
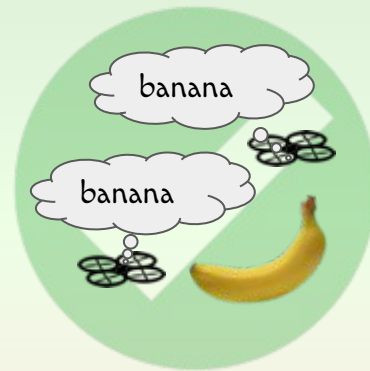
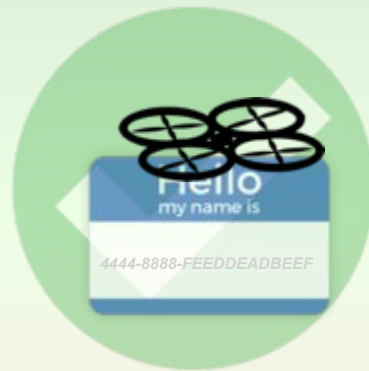
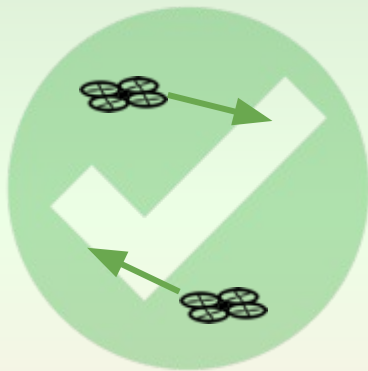
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UTM core operating principles



Technical Capability Levels (TCL)



Risk-based development and test approach



TCL 1

Remote Population

Low Traffic Density

Rural Applications

Multiple VLOS Operations

Notification-based
Operations

TCL 2

Sparse Population

Low-Mod Traffic Density

Rural / Industrial Applications

Multiple BVLOS Operations

Tracking and Operational
Procedures

TCL 3

Moderate Population

Moderate Traffic Density

Suburban Applications

Mixed Operations

Vehicle to Vehicle Communication
Public Safety Operations

TCL 4

Dense Population

High Traffic Density

Urban Applications

Dense BVLOS Operations

Large Scale Contingency
Management

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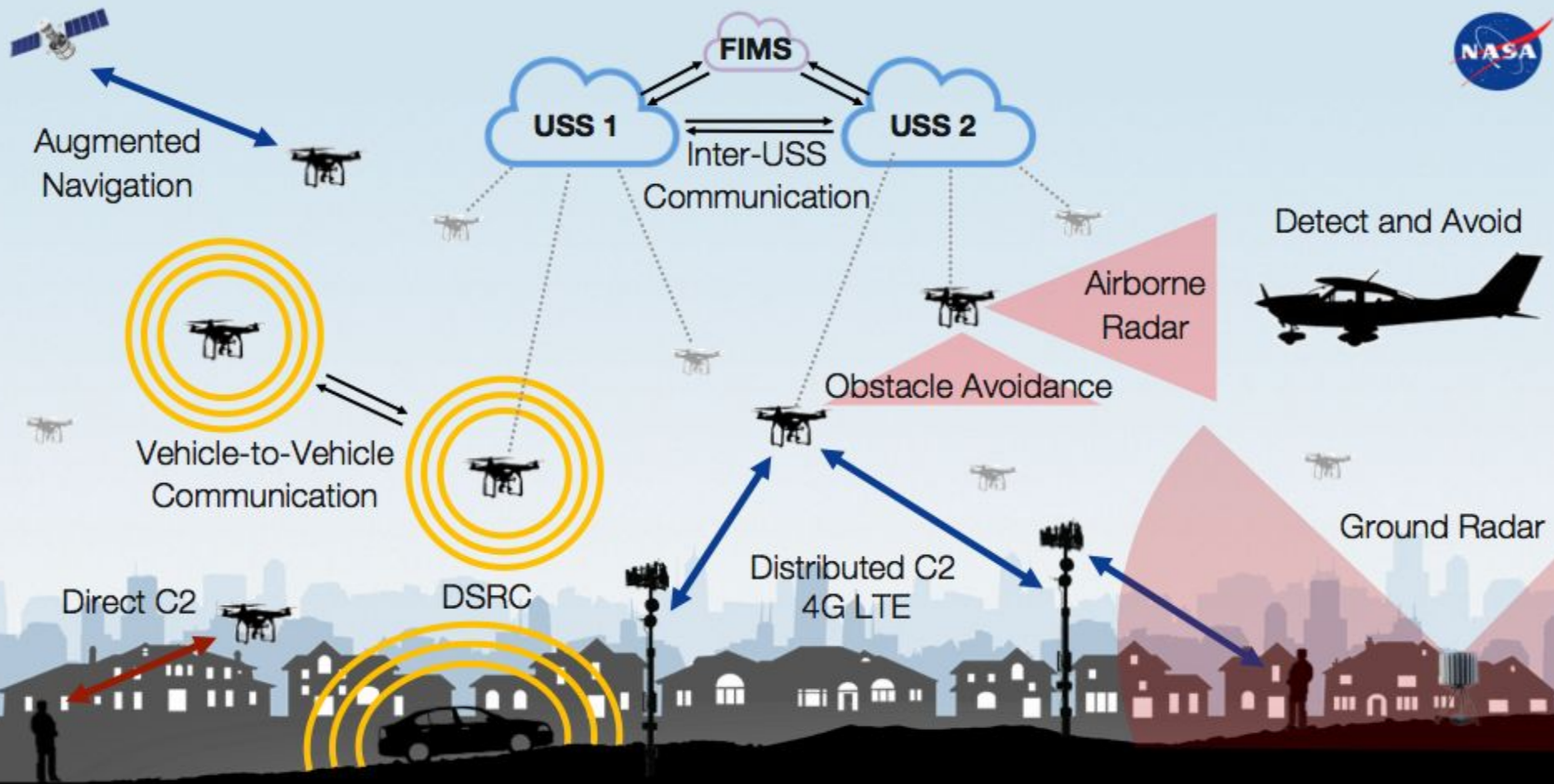
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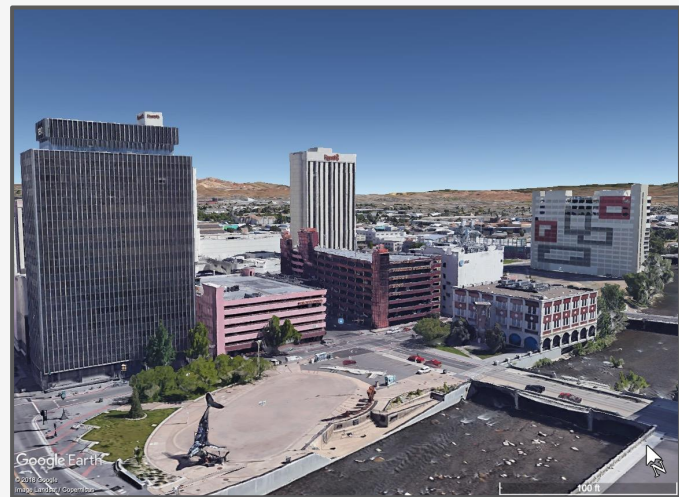
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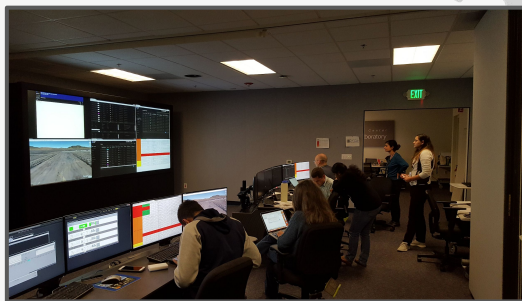
TCL 4

Dense Population
High Traffic Density
Urban Applications
Dense BVLOS Operations
Large Scale Contingency Management





Reno test range



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Corpus Christi test range

TCL4

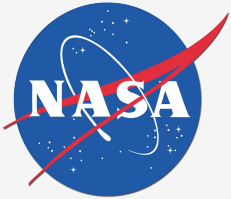
- Furthering the tools and concepts for urban operations
- Comm+Nav, Detect and Avoid, Large scale contingency management, etc.
- Flights May-Aug 2019

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Over Downtown
Reno

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Concept(s) of Operation

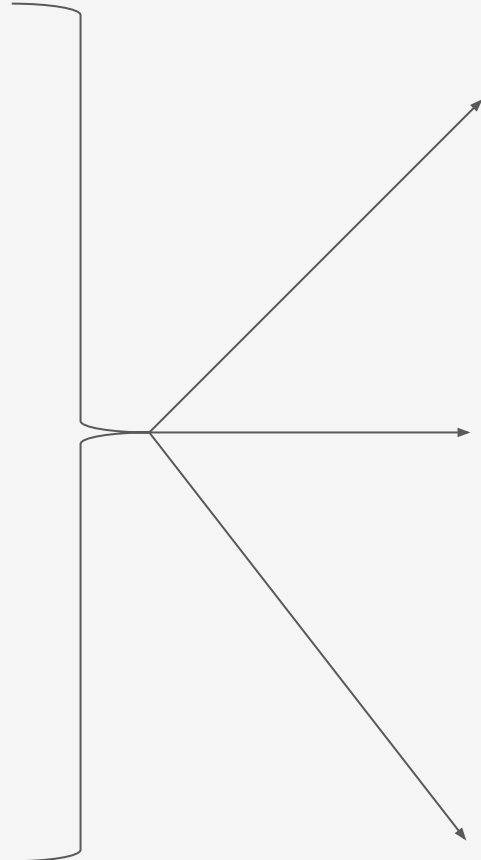
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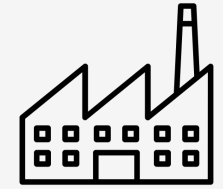
Software Testing Approaches

Component and Service Requirements

Field Testing Results and Analysis



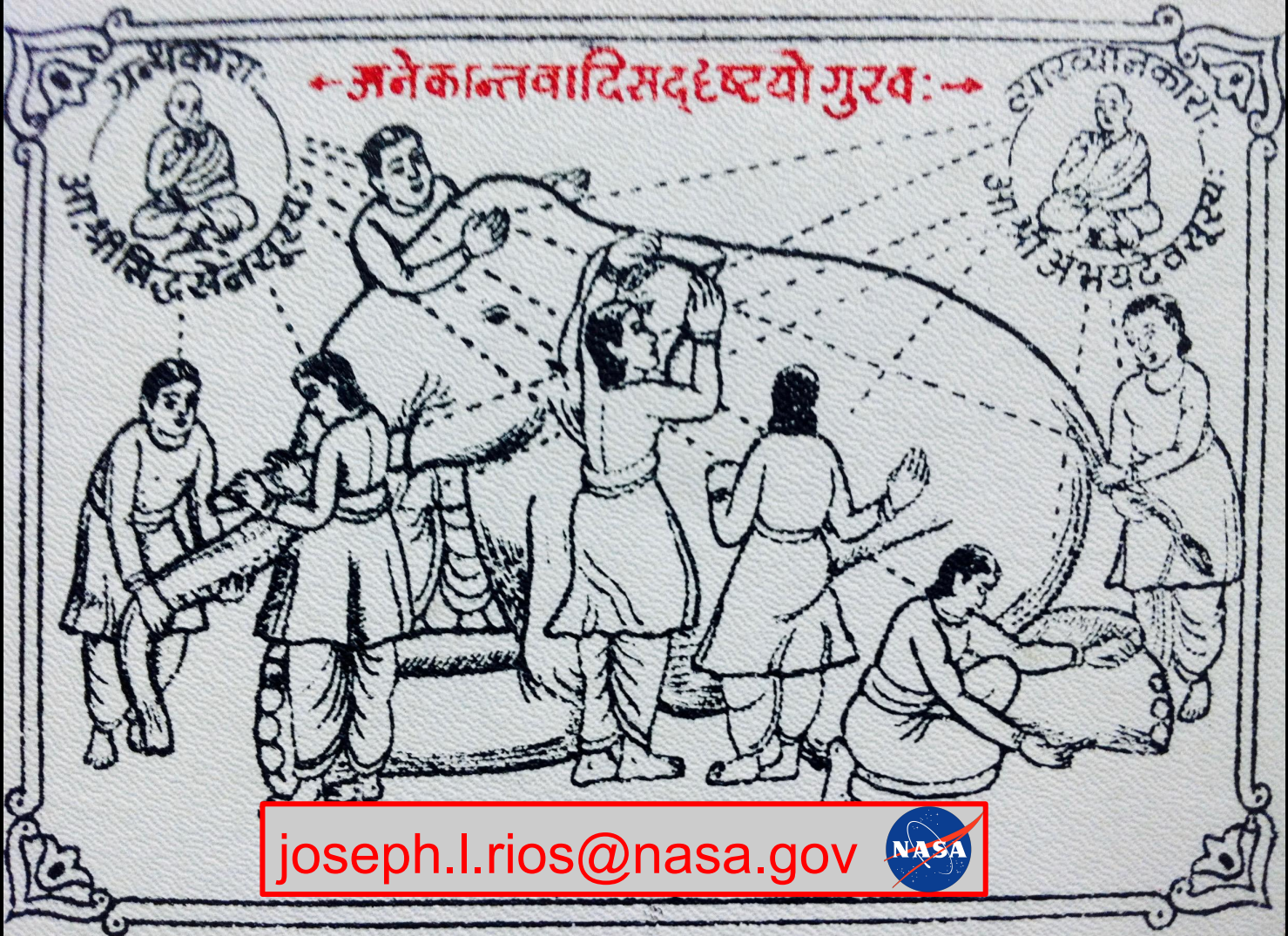
Regulator/ANSP



Industry

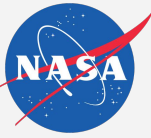


Example SDOs



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