OBJECTIVE AND COUNTER-METRIC

Judging the target against an out-of-reach figure

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USE	Choosing the target
TRACK	Toolkit

OBJECTIVE

Write down what the agent **optimizes**, what it would **sacrifice** to get there, and which **counter-metric** watches it without the agent being able to improve it. A perfectly governed agent pursuing a badly designed metric methodically produces decisions nobody wanted.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

AGENT CONCERNED (ACF-05)

REFERENCE MANDATE (ACF-13)

DATE COMPLETED

COMPLETED BY

OBJECTIVE OWNER

DATE OF THE NEXT REVIEW

2 THE REAL TARGET, THE FIGURE THE AGENT SEES

FIGURE THE AGENT FOLLOWS

WHERE IT IS MEASURED

DIRECTION OF OPTIMIZATION

TARGET VALUE OR THRESHOLD

MISSION THIS FIGURE SERVED

GAP WITH THE STATED INTENT

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3 THE ABSOLUTE ZEAL TEST

What would the agent do if it pursued this figure with no restraint? One action per line.

ACTION ABSOLUTE ZEAL WOULD PRODUCE	PLAUSIBLE FREQUENCY	CAUGHT TODAY BY

4 THE SACRIFICE

WHAT THE AGENT WOULD GIVE UP TO HOLD ITS TARGET

WHO BEARS IT

HOW LONG BEFORE IT SHOWS

VISIBLE ON A CURRENT DASHBOARD

ESTIMATED COST IF NOTHING CHANGES

POSSIBLE EARLY SIGNAL

5 COUNTER-METRIC AND OUT-OF-REACH TEST

NAME OF THE CHOSEN FIGURE

SOURCE

MEASUREMENT STEP

OUT-OF-REACH TEST · A SINGLE NO DISQUALIFIES IT

- ☐ **Out of reach of action.** No decision of the agent can improve it.
- ☐ **Out of reach of the source.** The agent neither feeds it nor reads it.
- ☐ **Out of reach of timing.** It is read after the action that would degrade it.

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6 THRESHOLD, OWNER AND COURSE OF ACTION

BASELINE VALUE AT THE START

WATCH THRESHOLD

REFERRAL THRESHOLD

WHO TAKES IT UP

WHAT THAT PERSON HAS THE POWER TO DO

EXPECTED REACTION TIME

OBJECTIVE OWNER

NAME & SIGNATURE

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NAME & SIGNATURE

Counter-metric carried into supervision (ACF-06) on _____ · reviewed on _____

Keep at hand: ACF-06 · Supervision & Governance, which takes the counter-metric into the dashboard, and the **ACF-03 · Criticality Matrix**, which says how far the target may be pursued.

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