

# While You Settle In

- On the paper provided, in ten words or less, please provide written definitions for:
  1. the Unidata Community
  2. Unidata's primary responsibilities and obligations

# Public and Private Sector Partnerships

A facilitated discussion with the  
Unidata Strategic Advisory Committee

## Drivers for this Discussion

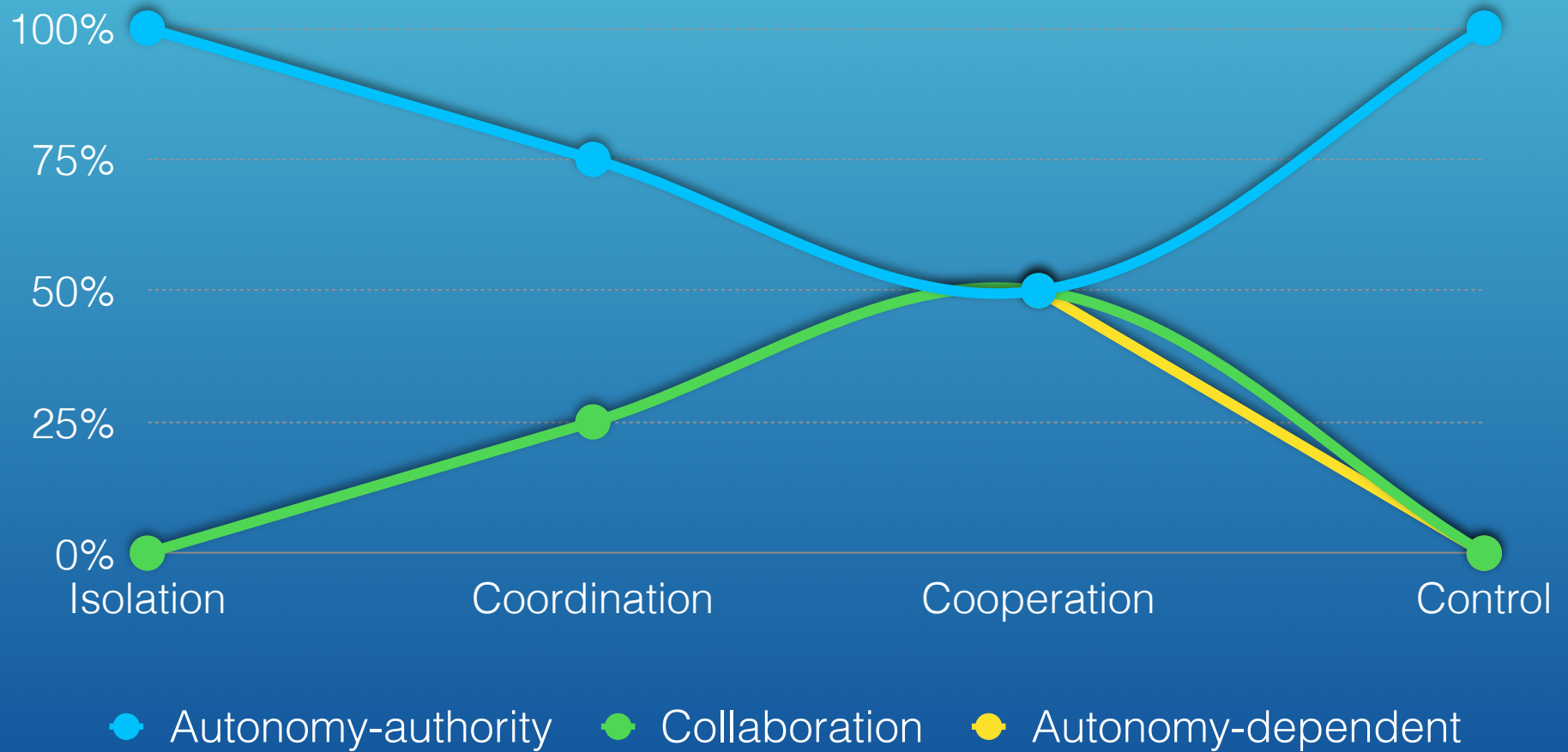
- The AWIPS II support contract is being recompeted and Unidata is being sought for teaming agreements with potential bidders.
- UCAR organizationally has encouraged programs to pursue strategic partnerships across all sectors including for profit organizations.
- This conversation can also guide how we go about doing more for the community; should we pursue new cooperating partners, additional grants, or both?

# A Few Words Defined For This Conversation

- Collaboration: overarching term describing some degree of interaction between two or more entities.
- Control: a status outside the scope of collaboration, due to all decision-making authority or resources residing within one entity.
- Cooperation: shared decision-making between two or more entities through mutual consent. Resources may or may not be exchanged.
- Coordination: describes independent actors that maintain decision-making authority but communicate their choices to partners. Resources may or may not be exchanged.
- Isolation: a status outside the scope of collaboration due to a failure to communicate.
- Authority: an entity with decision-making ability and/or required resources, may be partial or complete.
- Dependent: an entity that requires either guidance or resources to act, may be partial or complete

# Continuum of Possible Partnerships

Visualization of Relationship Between Autonomy and Collaboration



# Consideration of Existing Partnerships

- Where would you place a core-funding entity on this spectrum? (NSF in Unidata's case)
- What about the US academic community?
- Unidata's relationship with the NOAA National Weather Service National Centers for Environmental Prediction?
- Unidata's relationship with the existing AWIPS II vendor (Raytheon)?

# Possible Criteria for New Partnerships

- Is the proposed action mission appropriate?
- Does the proposed action benefit the Unidata community?
- ... improve Unidata's ability to serve the community?
- ... diminish our capacity to complete primary responsibilities and obligations?

# Future Partnerships

- Where would we like to position ourselves on the partnership continuum?
- In what scenario(s) would we automatically say no?
- Is our answer different for a private sector entity compared to a public sector entity?
- How should we respond to requests from foreign governments (i.e Taiwan Civil Aviation Authority)?
- Are there any differences within the public sector (academia, government, NGO, or foundation)?



# Suggestions...

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