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In recent years, autonomous robots, including Xavier, Martha [1], Rhino [2,3], Minerva, and Remote Agent, have shown impressive performance in long-term demonstrations. In NASA's Deep Space program, for example, an autonomous spacecraft controller, called the Remote Agent [5], has autonomously performed a scientific experiment in space. At Carnegie Mellon University, Xavier [6], another autonomous mobile robot, navigated through an office environment for more than a year, allowing people to issue navigation commands and monitor their execution via the Internet. In 1998, Minerva [7] acted for 13 days as a museum tourguide in the Smithsonian Museum, and led several thousand people through an exhibition. These autonomous robots have in common that they rely on plan-based control in order to achieve better problem-solving competence. In the plan-based approach, robots generate control actions by maintaining and executing a plan that is effective and has a high expected utility with respect to the robots' current goals and beliefs. Plans are robot control programs that a robot can not only execute but also reason about and manipulate [4]. Thus, a plan-based controller is able to manage and adapt the robot's intended course of action — the plan — while executing it and can thereby better achieve complex and changing tasks.
