Early Concept Analysis of NextGen Operations

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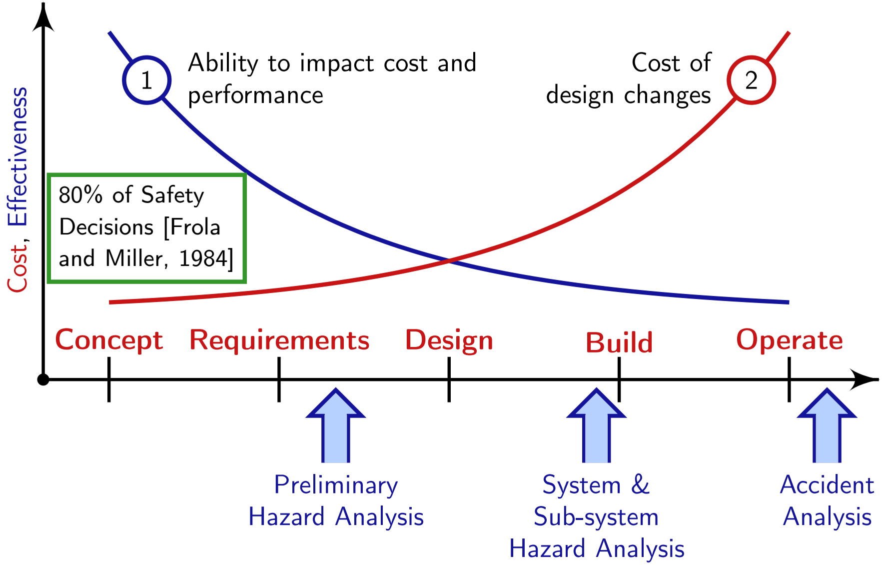
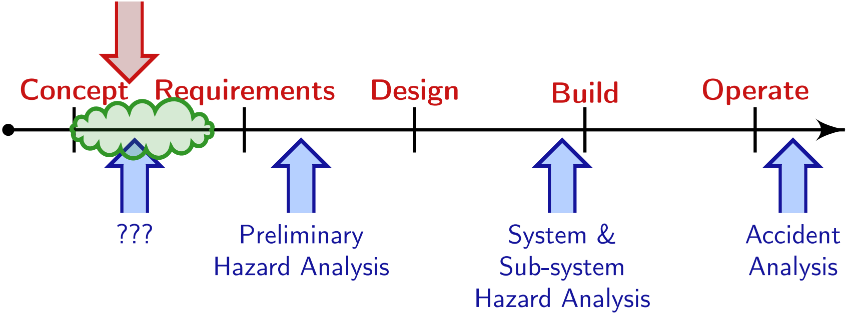
Motivation



Cost, Effectiveness
1
Ability to impact cost and performance
2
Cost of design changes
80% of Safety Decisions [Frola and Miller, 1984]
Concept
Requirements
Design
Build
Operate
Preliminary Hazard Analysis
System & Sub-system Hazard Analysis
Accident Analysis

General Challenges

- limited design information
- no specification
- informal documentation
- concept of operations ≡ “ConOps”



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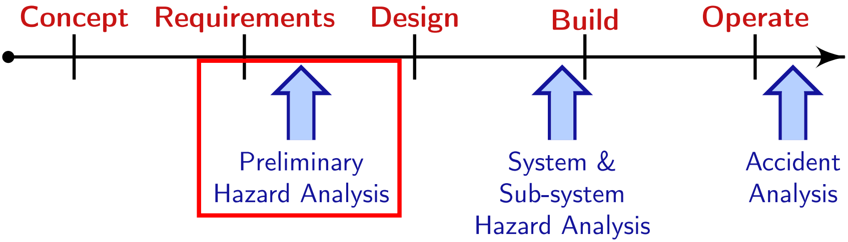

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Preliminary Hazard Analysis

PROGRAM: ______________					DATE: ________	
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ITEM	HAZARD COND	CAUSE	EFFECTS	RAC	ASSESS-MENTS	RECOMM-ENDATIONS
Assigned number	List the nature of the condition	Describe what is causing the stated condition to exist	If allowed to go uncorrected, what will be the effect or effects of the hazardous condition	Hazard Level assign-ment	Probability, possibility of occurrence: -Likelihood -Exposure -Magnitude	Recommended actions to eliminate or control the hazard

[Vincoli, 2005]

Limitations of PHA

PHA tends to identify the following hazard causes:

Causes	Causes	Causes
Equipment Failure	Design error, coding error, insufficient software testing, software operating system problem	Human error

[JPDO, 2012]

This is true:

ALL accidents are caused by hardware failure, software flaws, or human error

But is the information coming from PHA useful for systems engineering?

Goals

1. use rigorous, systematic tools for identifying hazardous scenarios and undocumented assumptions

2. supplement existing (early) SE activities such as requirements definition, architectural and design studies

Especially when tradespace includes: ***human*** operation, ***automation*** or decision support tools, and the ***coordination*** of decision making agents

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Systems-theoretic Early Concept Analysis—STECA

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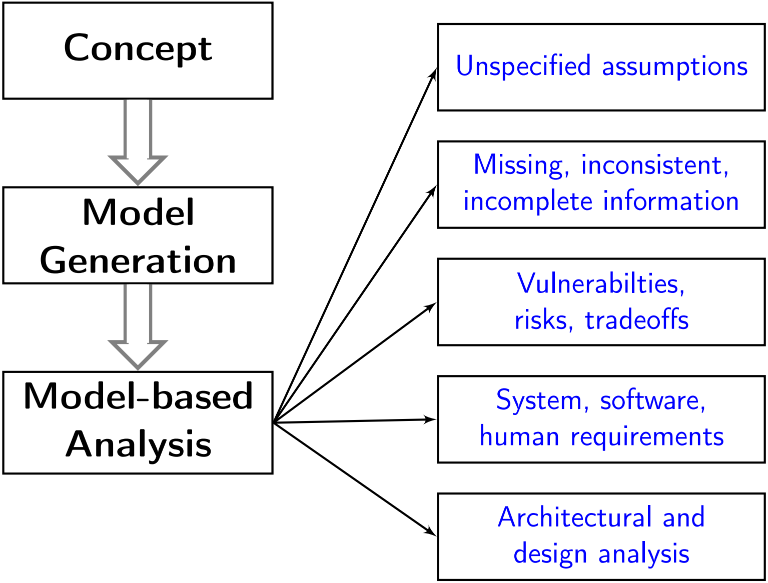
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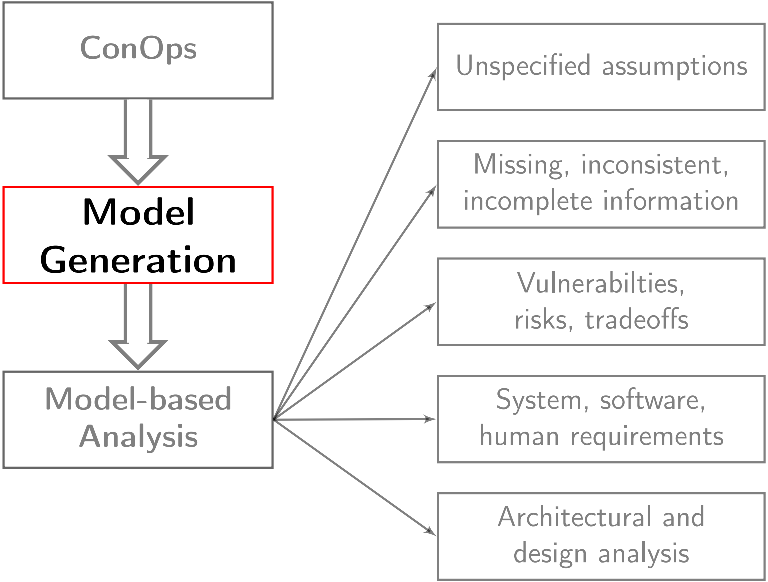

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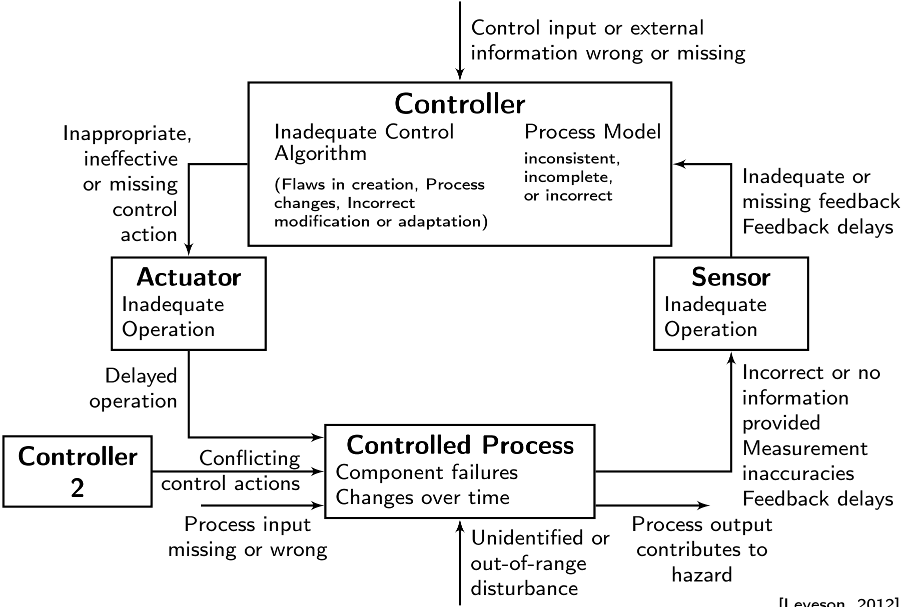

[Leveson, 2012]

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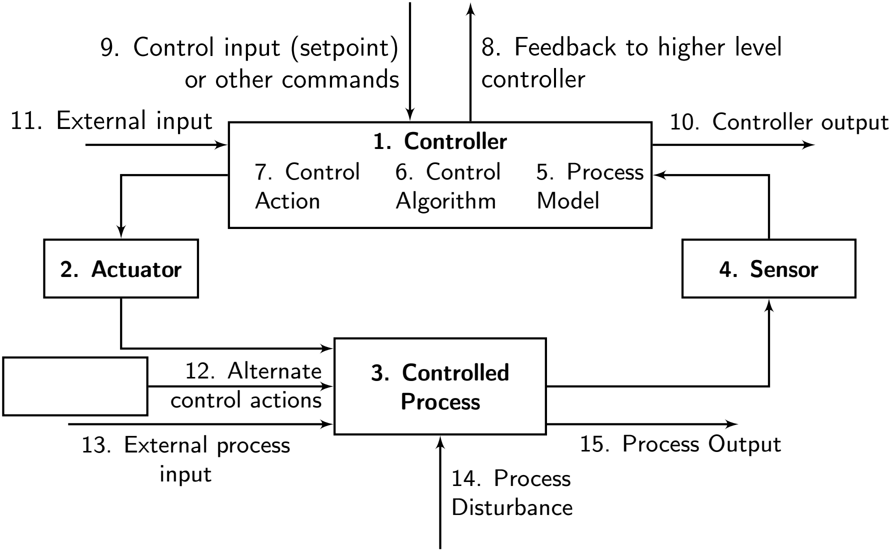

Roles in Control Loop

What kinds of things can an "entity" do within a control structure, and more particularly within a control loop?

Controller

- Enforces safety constraints
- Creates, generates, or modifies control actions based on algorithm or procedure and perceived model of system
- Processes inputs from sensors to form and update process model
- Processes inputs from external sources to form and update process model
- Transmits instructions or status to other controllers

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Actuator

- Translates controller-generated action into process-specific instruction, force, heat, etc

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Controlled Process

- Interacts with environment via forces, heat transfer, chemical reactions, etc
- Translates higher level control actions into control actions directed at lower level processes

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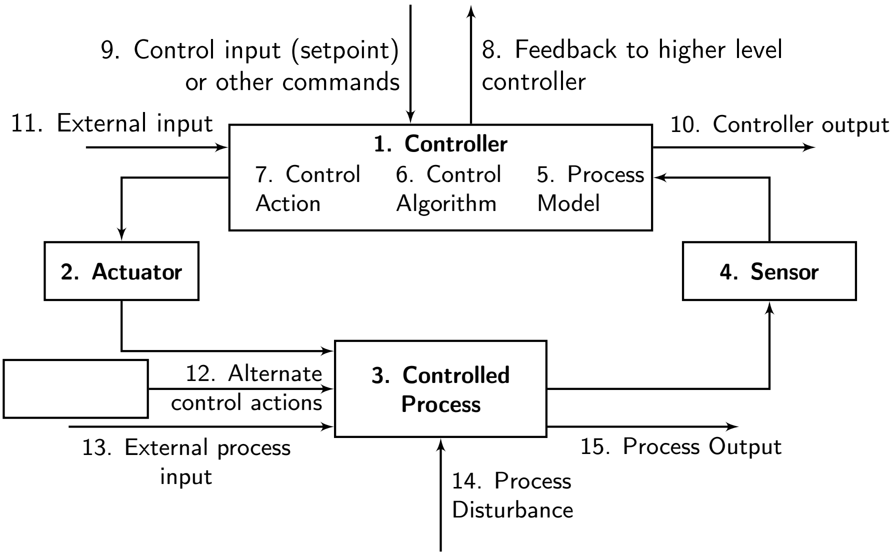
Sensor

- Transmits continuous dynamic state measurements to controller (i.e. measures the behavior of controlled process via continuous or semi-continuous [digital] data)
- Transmits binary or discretized state data to controller (i.e. measures behavior of process relative to thresholds; has algorithm built-in but no cntl authority)
- Sythesizes and integrates measurement data

Individual Control Loop



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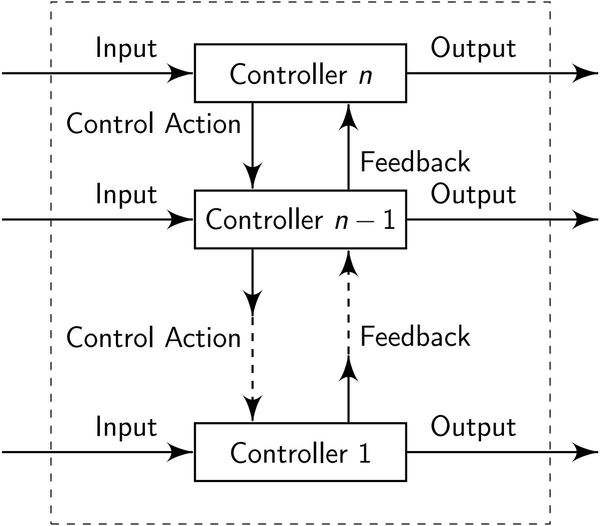

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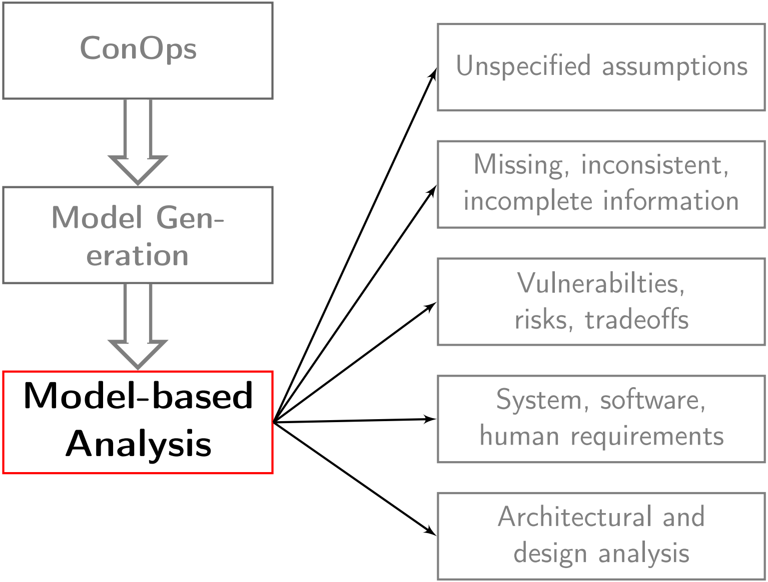

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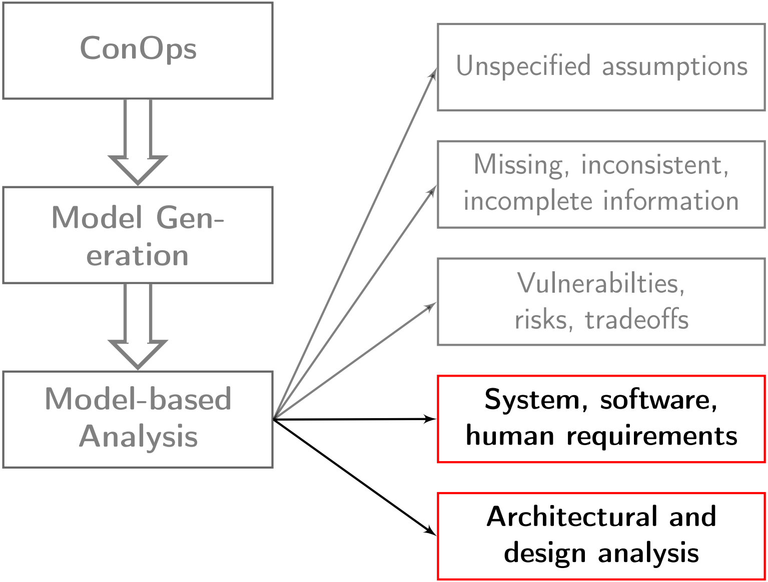
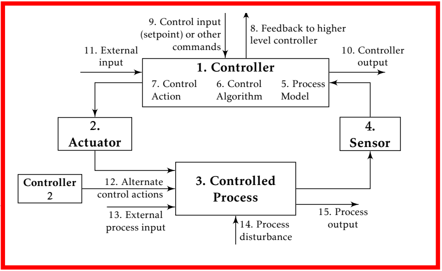


Early Systems Engineering

Constraints on control loop behavior



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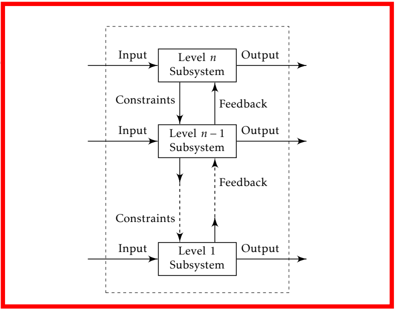

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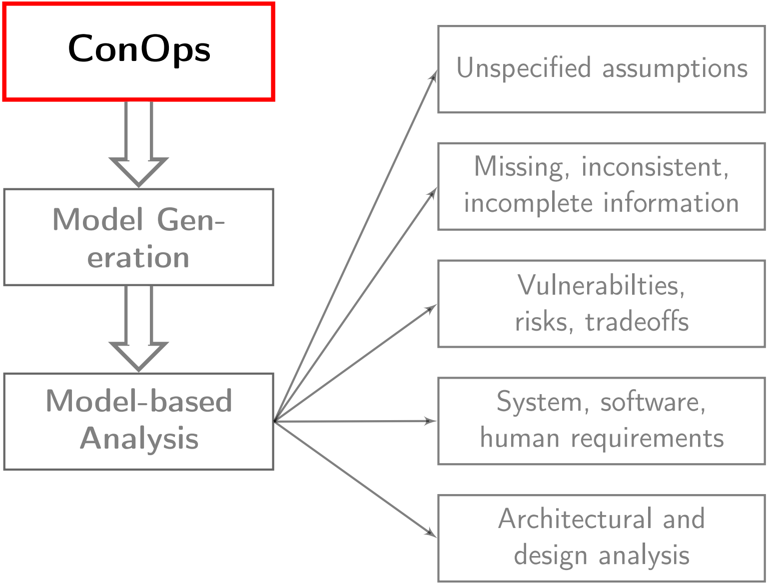

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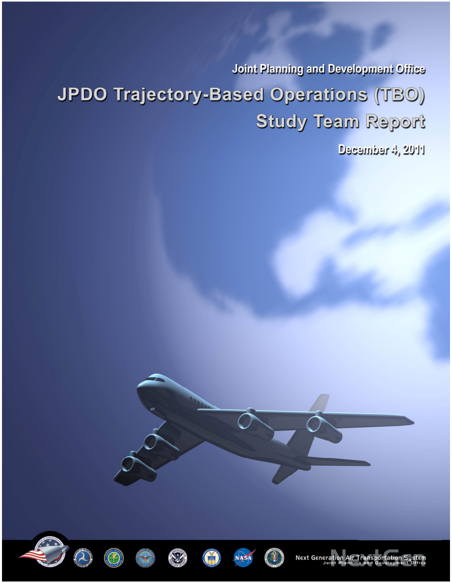

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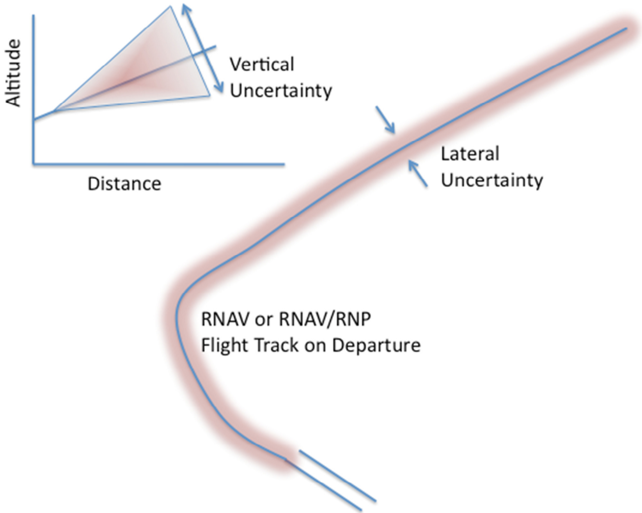

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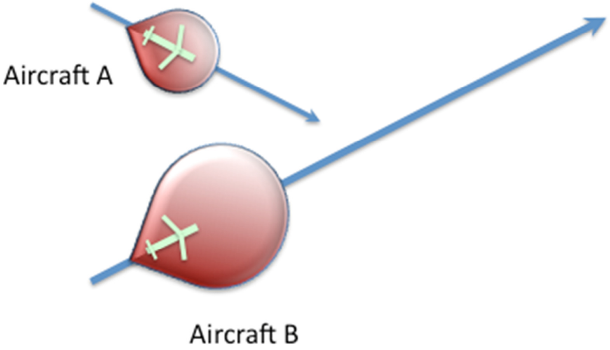

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System-Level Hazards

[H-1] Aircraft violate minimum separation (LOS or loss of separation, NMAC or Near midair collision)

[H-2] Aircraft enters uncontrolled state

[H-3] Aircraft performs controlled maneuver into ground (CFIT, controlled flight into terrain)

[SC-1] Aircraft must remain at least TBD nautical miles apart en route* ↑[H-1]

[SC-2] Aircraft position, velocity must remain within airframe manufacturer defined flight envelope ↑[H-2]

[SC-3] Aircraft must maintain positive clearance with all terrain (This constraint does not include runways and taxiways) ↑[H-3]

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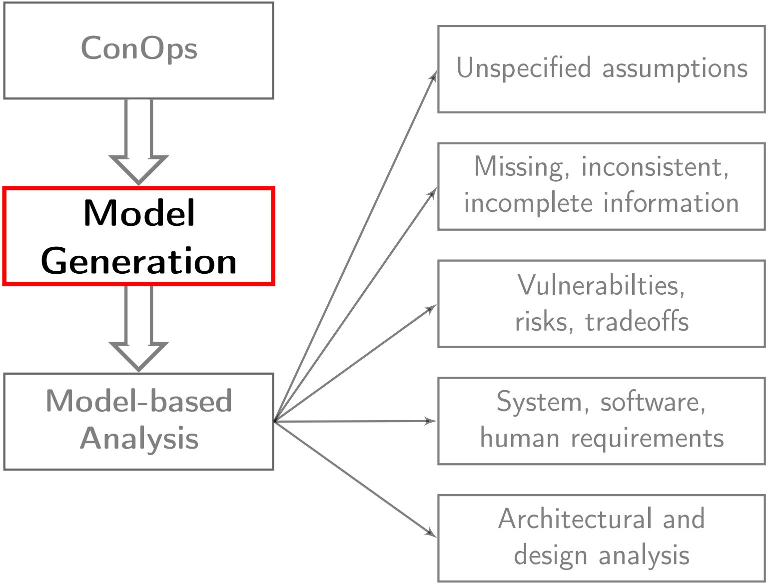

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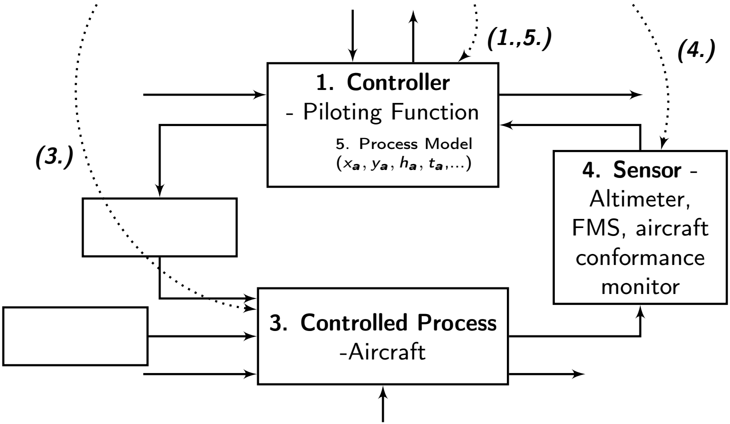

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1. Controller	Piloting function
2. Actuator	
3 Cntl'd Process	Aircraft
4. Sensor	Altimeter, FMS, Aircraft conformance monitor
5. Process Model	Intended latitude, longitude, altitude, time; Actual latitude, longitude, altitude, time
6. Cntl Algorithm	
7. Control Actions	
8. Controller Status	
9. Control Input	
10. Controller Output	
11. External Input	
12. Alt Controller	
13. Process Input	
14. Proc Disturbance	
15. Process Output	

Ground

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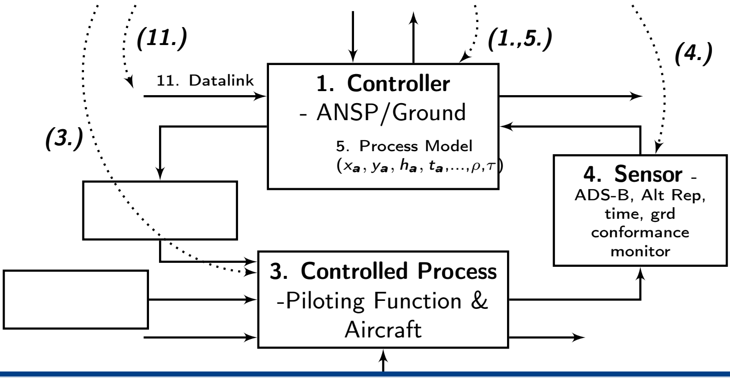

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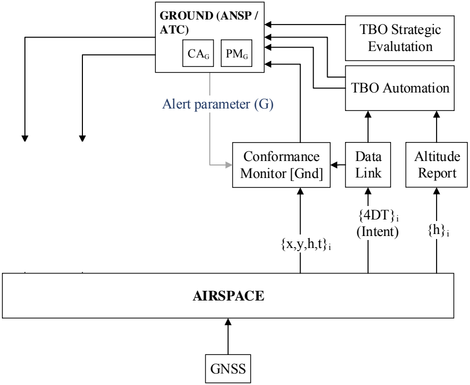

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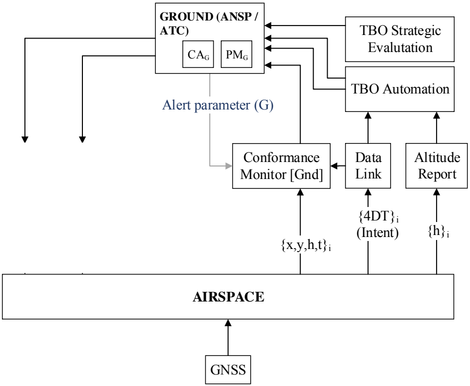

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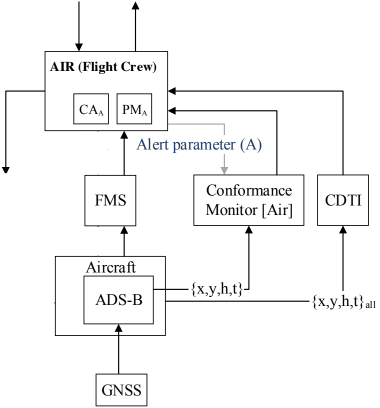
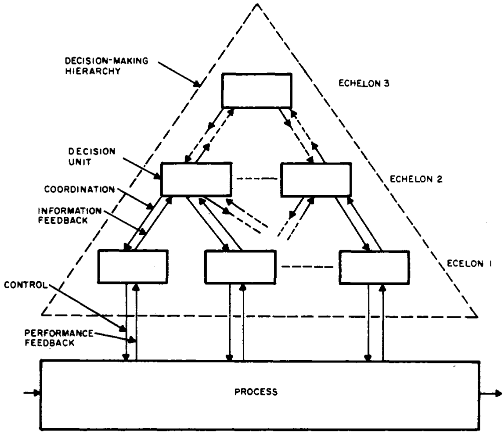


Hierarchical Control Structure

How to Establish Hierarchy?

- Higher level of systems:
  - ▹ Decision Making Priority
  - ▹ Decision Complexity, ↑
  - ▹ Time Scale between decisions, ↑
  - ▹ Dynamics of controlled system, ↓



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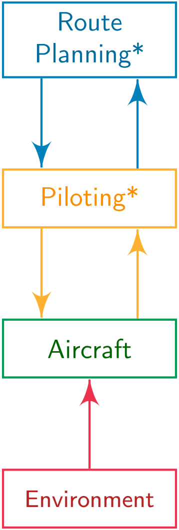

Safety-Related Responsibilities

- Provide conflict-free clearances & trajectories
- Merge, sequence, space the flow of aircraft

- Navigate the aircraft
- Provide aircraft state information to rte planner
- Avoid conflicts with other aircraft, terrain, weather
- Ensure that trajectory is within aircraft flight envelope

- Provide lift
- Provide propulsion (thrust)
- Orient and maintain control surfaces

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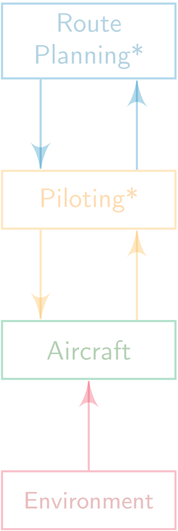

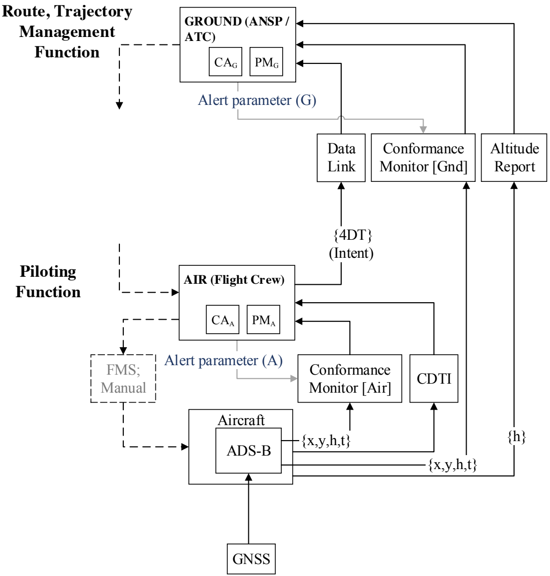

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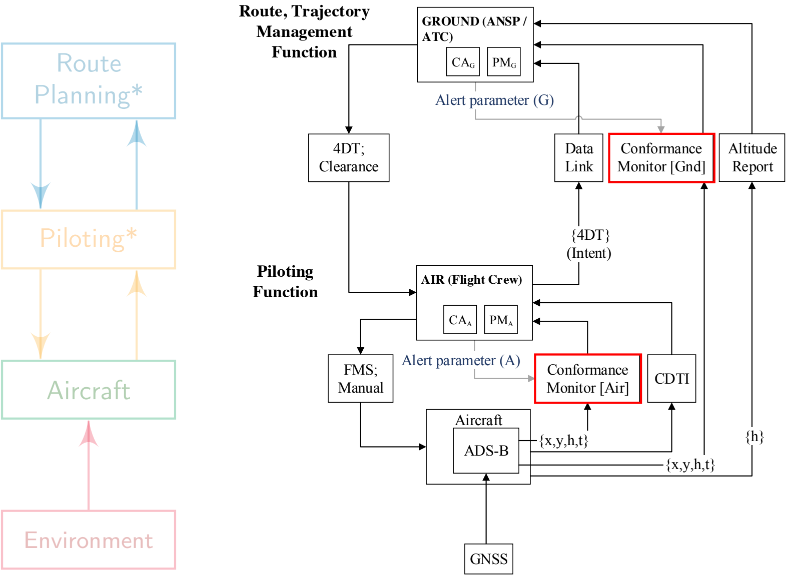

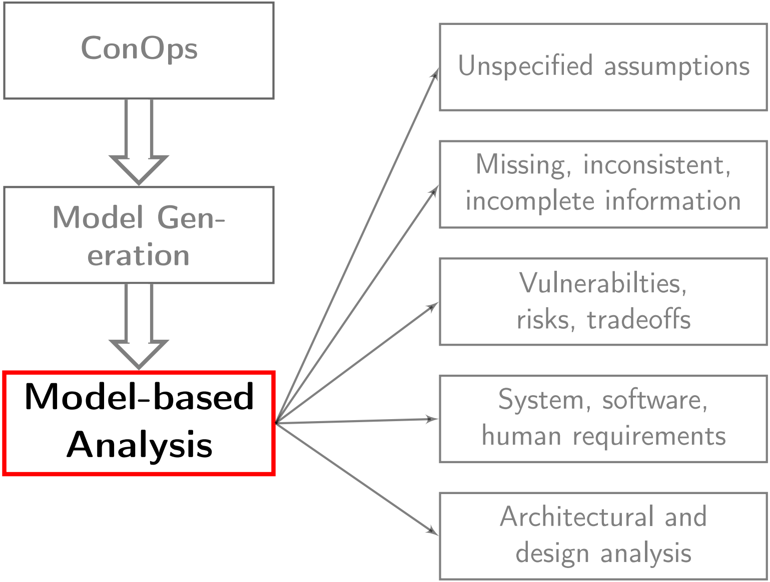
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2. Are the system-level safety responsibilities accounted for?
3. Do control agent responsibilities conflict with safety responsibilities?
4. Do multiple control agents have the same safety responsibility(ies)?
5. Do multiple control agents have or require process model(s) of the same process(es)?
6. Is a control agent responsible for multiple processes? If so, how are the process dynamics (de)coupled?

"Completeness" (1)

"Analyzing Safety-related Responsibilities" (2–3)

"Coordination & Consistency" (4–6)

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Safety-Related Responsibilities

- Gaps in Responsibility (2)
- Conflicts in Responsibility (3)

$$(\forall \sigma_i \in \Sigma)\,(\exists \mathtt{c} \in \mathscr{C})\,[\mathtt{P}\,(\mathtt{c}, \sigma_i)]\,, \tag{2}$$

$$(\forall H_i \in \mathcal{H})\,(\neg\exists \mathtt{c} \in \mathscr{C})\,[\mathtt{P}\,(\mathtt{c}, H_i)\;\wedge\;\mathtt{P}\,(\mathtt{c}, \mathcal{G})] \tag{3}$$

Safety-Related Responsibilities

Potential conflict between goal condition, safety responsibilities???

[JPDO, 2011]

"The pilot must also work to close the trajectory. Pilots will need to update waypoints leading to a closed trajectory in the FMS, and work to follow the timing constraints by flying speed controls."

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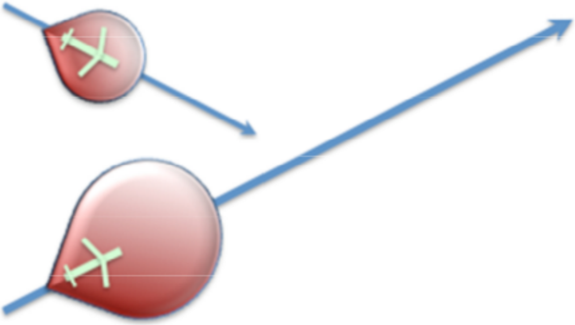

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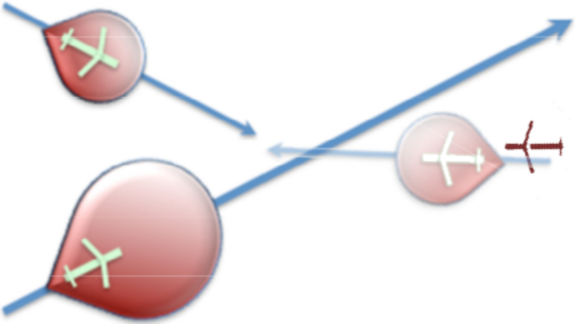

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Coordination & Consistency

- Coordination Principle (4)
- Consistency Principle (5)

$$(\forall \mathtt{c} \in \mathscr{C}_i)\,(\forall \mathtt{d} \in \mathscr{C}_j)\,\exists\,(\mathscr{P}\,(\mathtt{c},\mathtt{d}) \vee \mathscr{P}\,(\mathtt{d},\mathtt{c}))\,[\mathtt{A}\,(\mathtt{c},\mathcal{V}_p)\ \wedge\ \mathtt{A}\,(\mathtt{d},\mathcal{V}_p)]\,, \tag{4}$$

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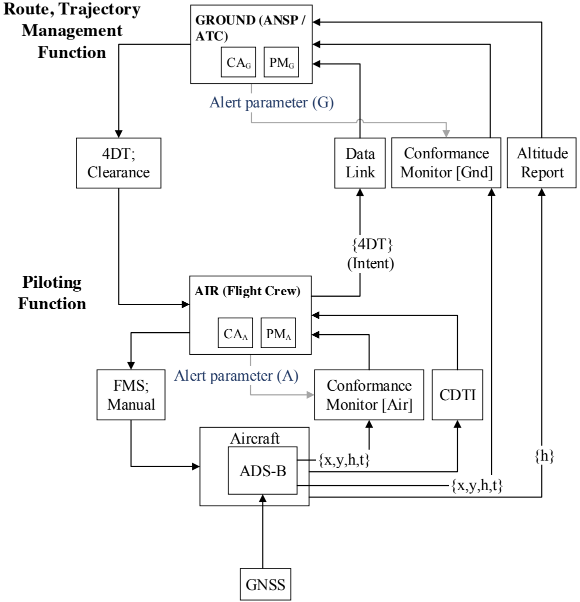

Coordination & Consistency

$$\mathcal{B}_{cm} := \mathcal{L}_{cm} \times D_{cm} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{cm}, \tag{6}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{cm}$ is a model of the airspace state and
- D_{cm} is the decision criteria regarding conformance.

Coordination & Consistency

$$\mathcal{L}_{cm} := \{z_{\text{int}}, z_{\text{act}}, \rho, T, P_r, W, E_{cm}, F_D\} \tag{7}$$

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\begin{aligned}
z_{\text{int}} &:= \{G, C, t\}_{\text{int}} \\
z_{\text{act}} &:= \{G, C, t\}_{\text{act}} \\
\rho &:= \text{Traffic density} \\
\tau &:= \text{Operation type} \\
P_r &:= \{\text{RNP}, \text{RTP}\} \\
W &:= \text{Wake turbulence model} \\
E_{cm} &:= \text{Elliptical conformance model} \\
F_D &:= \{F, z_{\text{int}}\}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$D_{cm} = \{z_{\text{act}} | \, z_{\text{act}} \notin \bar{z}\,(z_{\text{int}}, E_{cm}, a_{cm})\}\,, \tag{8}$$

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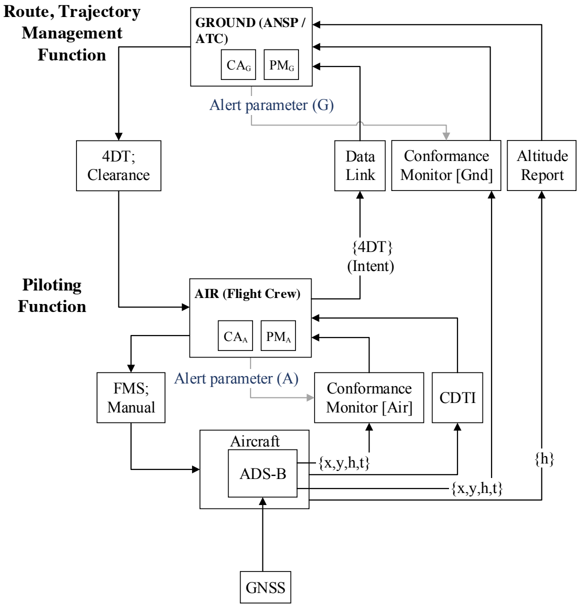

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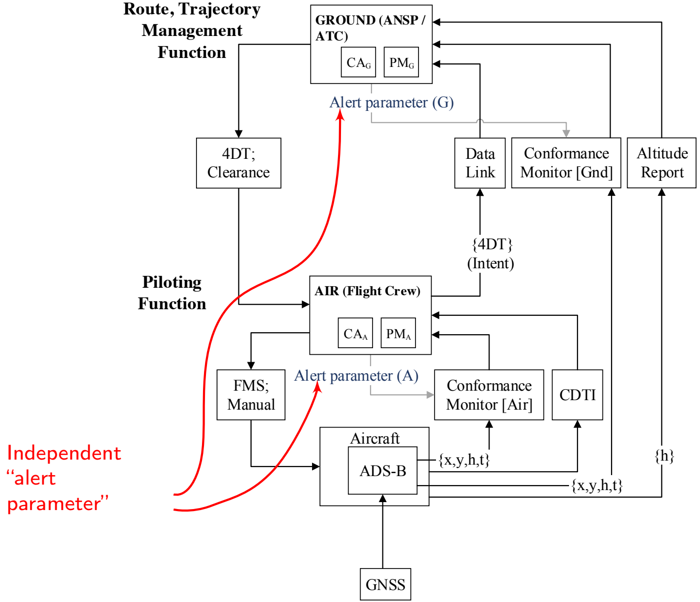

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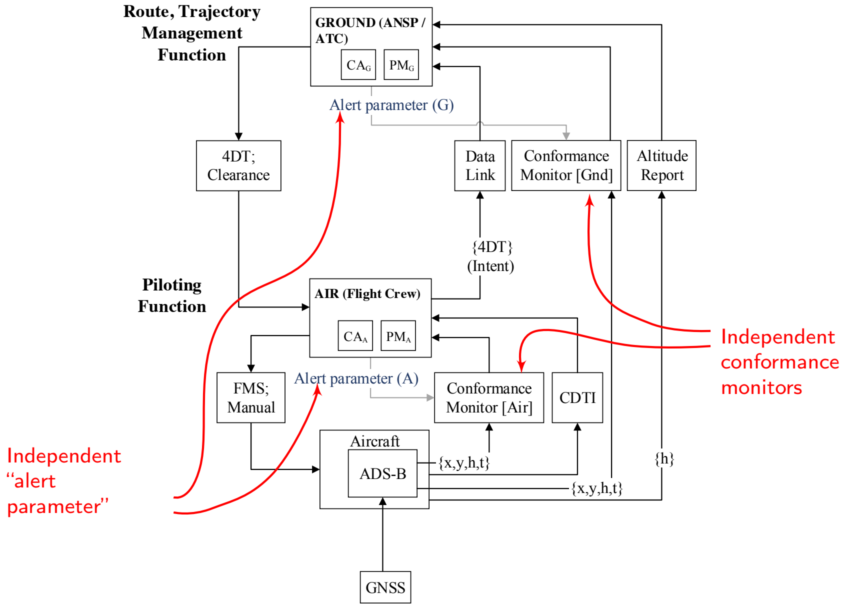

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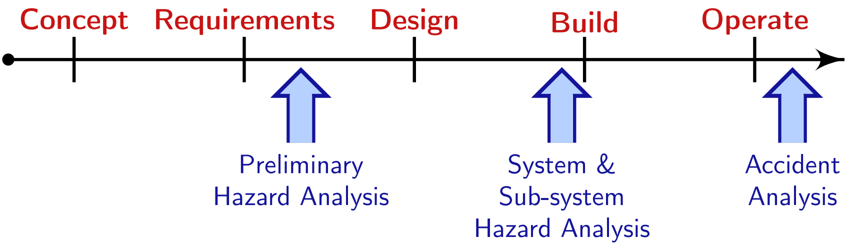

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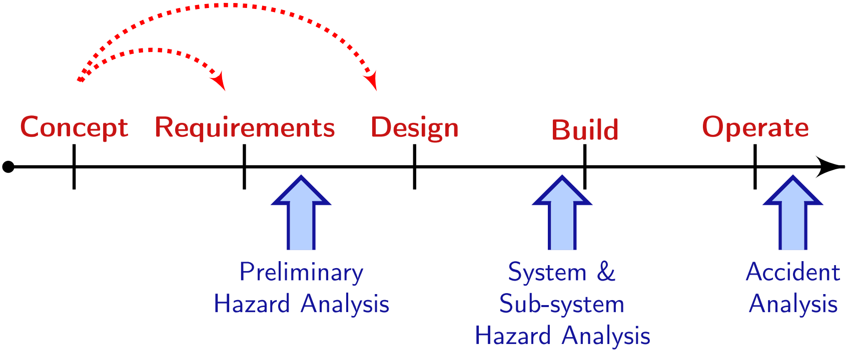
What does an engineer need to develop the system??



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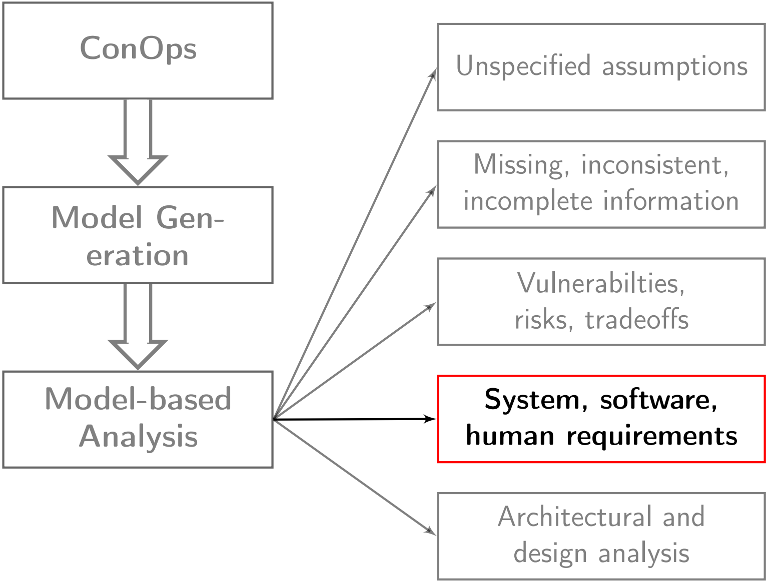

Deriving Requirements

Scenario 2:

ANSP issues command that results in aircraft closing (or maintaining) a 4DT, but that 4DT has a conflict.

Causal Factors:

- This scenario arises because the ANSP has been assigned the responsibility to assure that aircraft conform to 4D trajectories as well as to prevent loss of separation.
  - A conflict in these responsibilities occurs when any 4D trajectory has a loss of separation (LOS could be with another aircraft that is conforming or is non-conforming). [Goal Condition]

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Causal Factors:

- Additional hazards occur when the 4DT encounters inclement weather, exceeds aircraft flight envelope, or aircraft has emergency
- ANSP and crew have inconsistent perception of conformance due to independent monitor, different alert parameter setting
- ...

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Requirements:

S2.1 Loss of separation takes precedence over conformance in all TBO procedures, algorithms, and human interfaces [Goal Condition]

...

S2.3 Loss of separation alert should be displayed more prominently when conformance alert and loss of separation alert occur simultaneously. [Observability Condition] This requirement could be implemented in the form of aural, visual, or other format(s).

S2.4 Flight crew must inform air traffic controller of intent to deviate from 4DT and provide rationale [Model Condition] ...

Human factors-related requirements

Deriving Requirements

Scenario 2:

ANSP issues command that results in aircraft closing (or maintaining) a 4DT, but that 4DT has a conflict.

Requirements:

S2.8 4D Trajectories must remain conflict-free, to the extent possible

...

S2.10 Conformance volume must be updated within TBD seconds of change in separation minima

S2.11 Conformance monitoring software must be provided with separation minima information

Software-related requirements

Deriving Requirements

Scenario 2:

ANSP issues command that results in aircraft closing (or maintaining) a 4DT, but that 4DT has a conflict.

Requirements:

S2.14 ANSP must be provided information to monitor the aircraft progress relative to its own "Close Conformance" change of clearance

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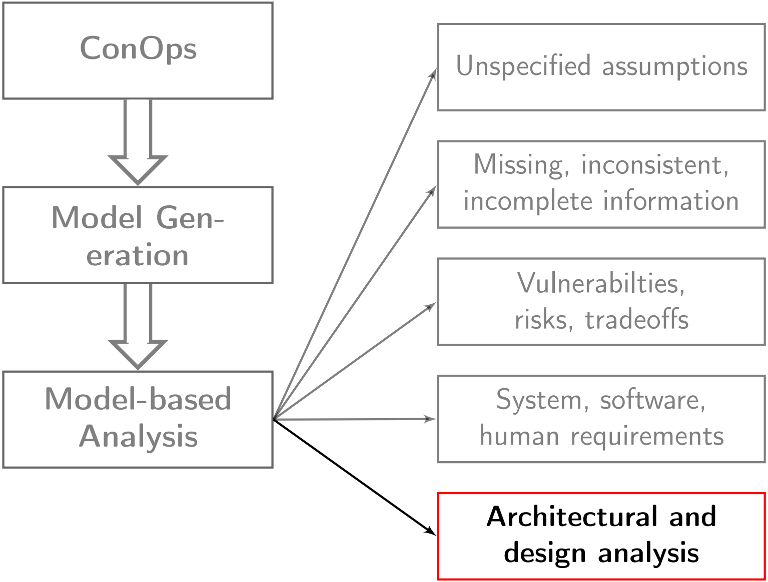
S3.2 ANSP must be able to generate aircraft velocity changes that close the trajectory within TBD minutes (or TBD nmi).

Rationale: *TBO ConOps is unclear about how ANSP will help the aircraft work to close trajectory. Refined requirements will deal with providing the ANSP feedback about the extent to which the aircraft does not conform, the direction and time, which can be used to calculate necessary changes.*

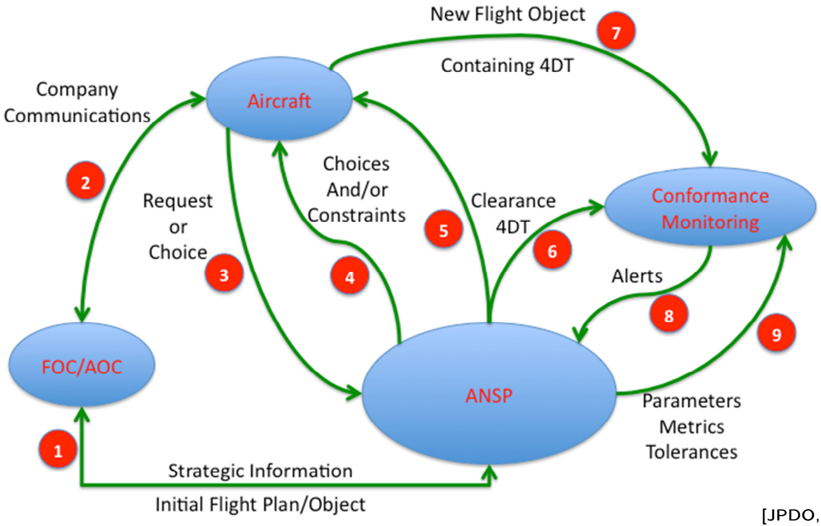
Component Interaction Constraints

Architecture Studies



Architecture Studies

Negotiation



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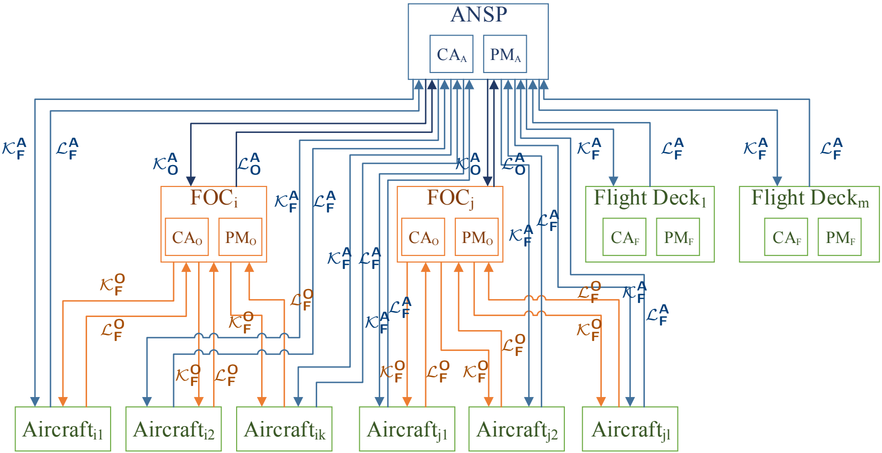
TBO Negotiation



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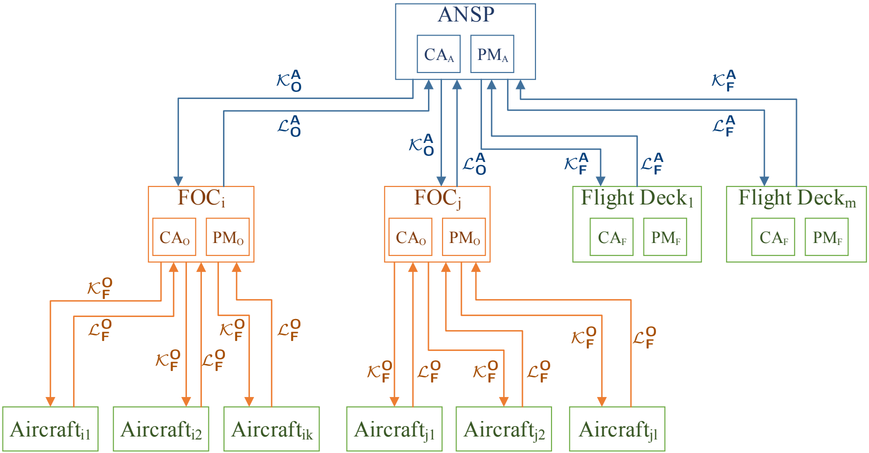

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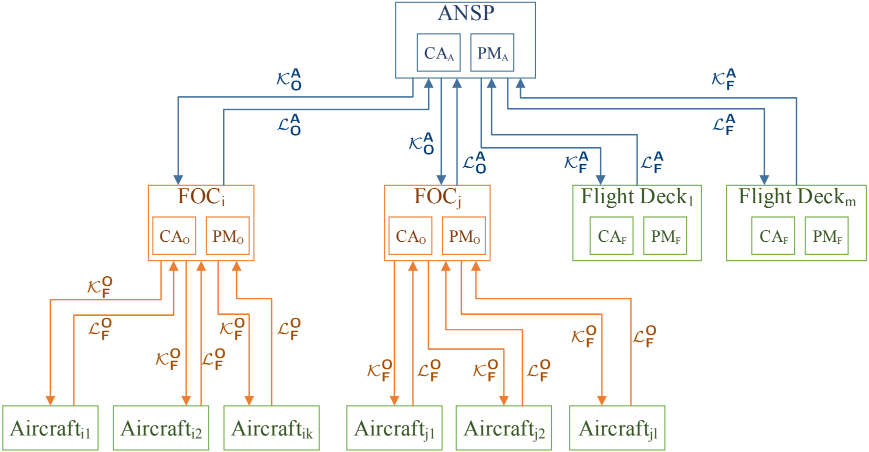

Additional Requirement: $\mathcal{K}_F^A$ and $\mathcal{K}_F^O$ shall *not* occur simultaneously.

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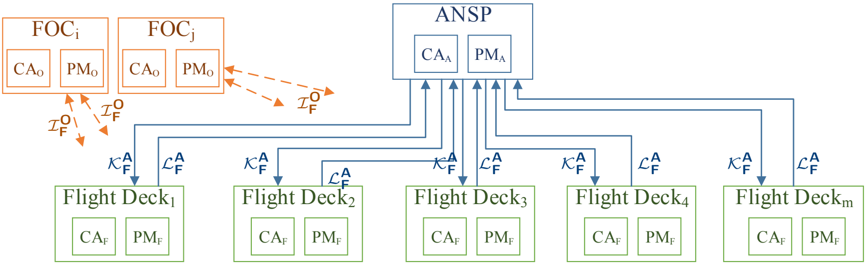

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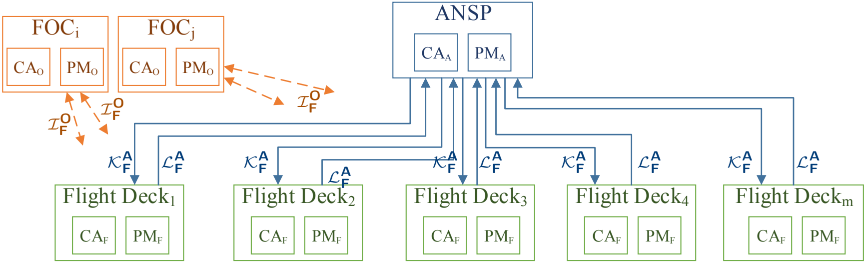
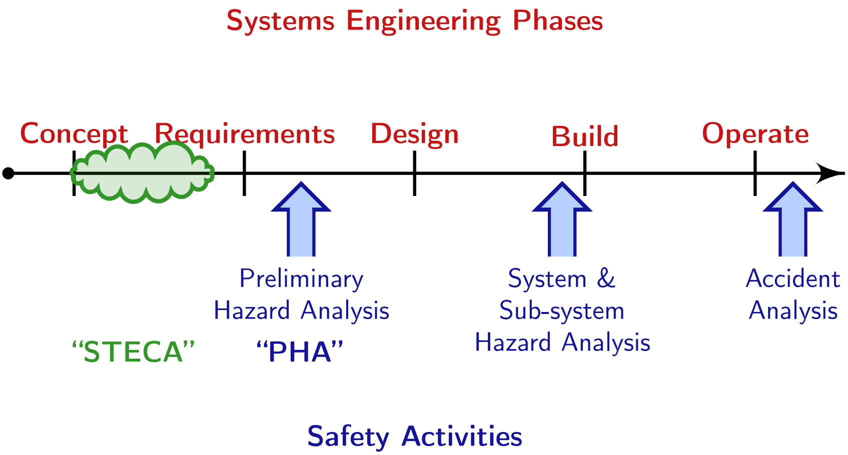


Additional Requirement: This becomes the active control structure within TBD minutes of gate departure.

Evaluation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