

# Integrating Systems Safety into Systems Engineering during Concept Development

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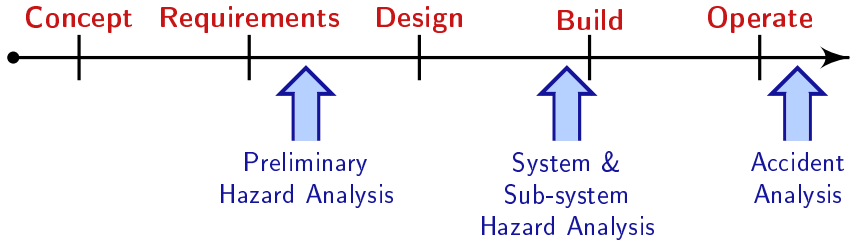
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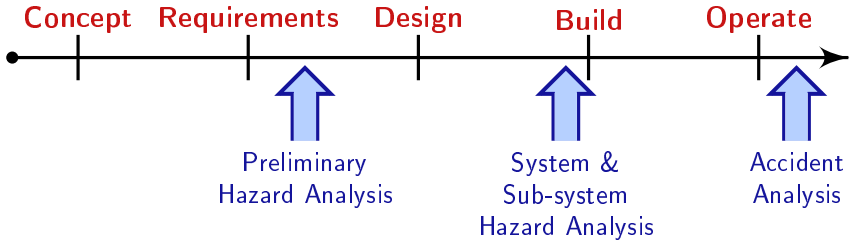


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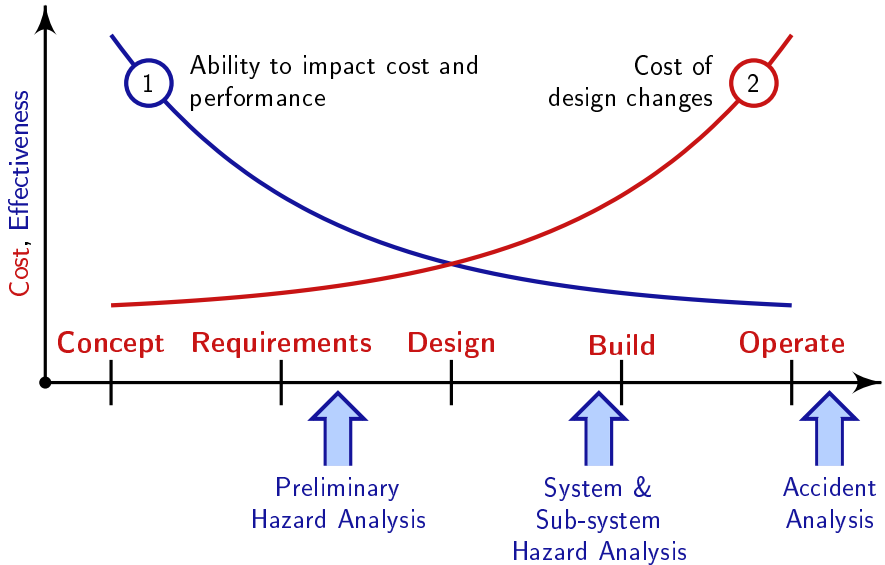


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80% of Safety  
Decisions [Frola  
and Miller, 1984]

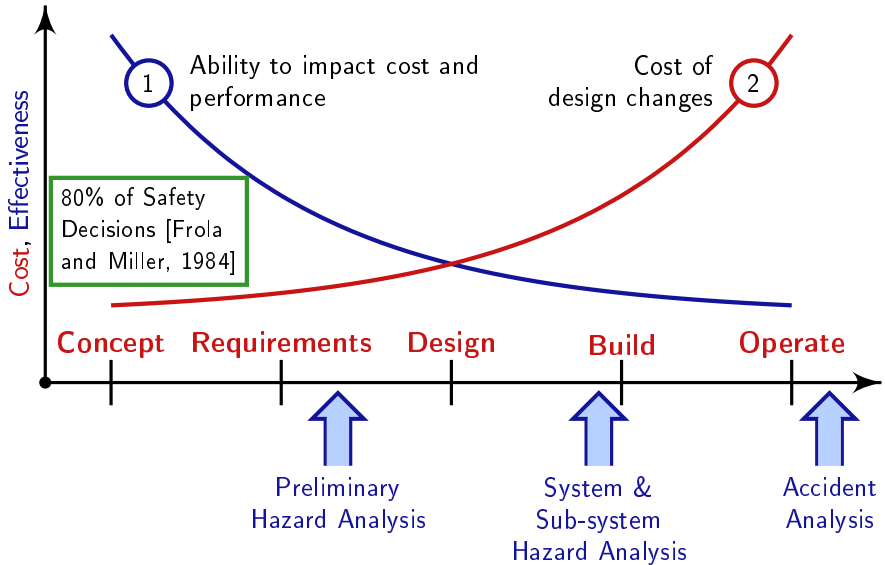


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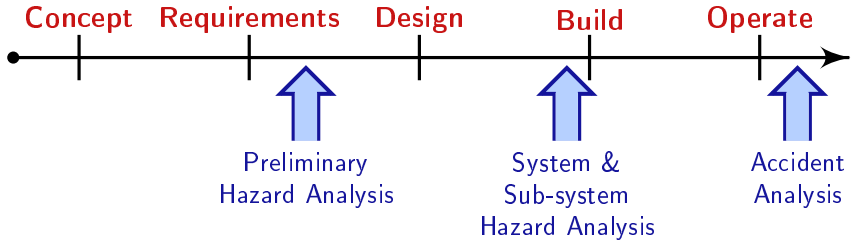


Adapted from [Strafaci, 2008]

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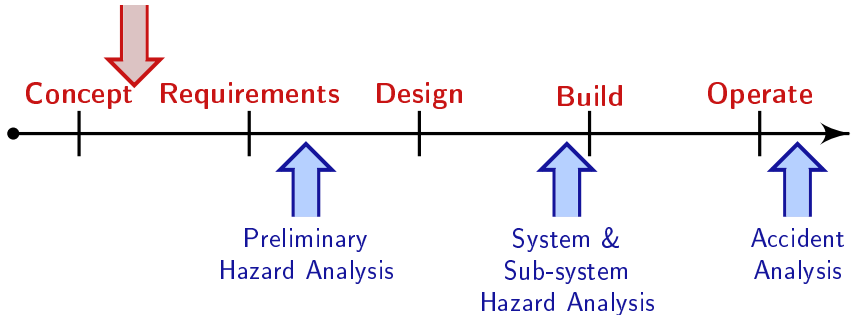


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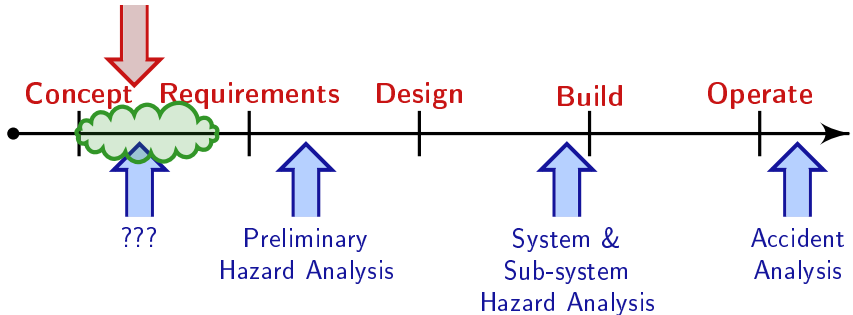
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Especially when tradespace includes: *human* operation, *automation* or decision support tools, and the *coordination* of decision making agents

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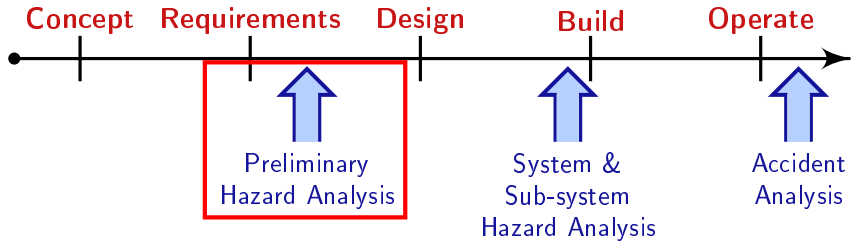
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# Current State of the Art



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## Preliminary Hazard Analysis

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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]

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

# Safety $\Rightarrow$ Control Problem

## Systems-Theoretic Accident Model and Process (STAMP)

STAMP

- Accidents are more than a chain of events, they involve complex dynamic **processes**
- Treat accidents as a **control problem**, not a failure problem
- Prevent accidents by enforcing constraints on component behavior and **interactions**

# Systems Theory

# Emergence

Organized complexity as a hierarchy of levels, “each more complex than the one below, a level being characterized by emergent properties which do not exist at the lower level” [Checkland, 1999]

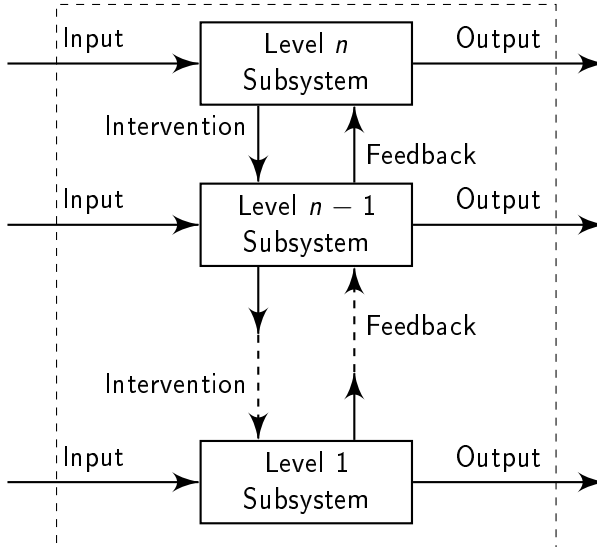
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[Business Korea, 2014]

# Hierarchy



[Mesarovic, 1970]

# Process Control

Four conditions are required for process control:

1. *Goal* condition: the controller must have a goal or goals
2. *Action* condition: the controller must be able to affect the state of the system, typically by means of an actuator or actuators
3. *Model* condition: the controller must contain a model of the system
4. *Observability* condition: the controller must be able to ascertain the state of the system, typically by feedback from a sensor

[Ashby, 1957]



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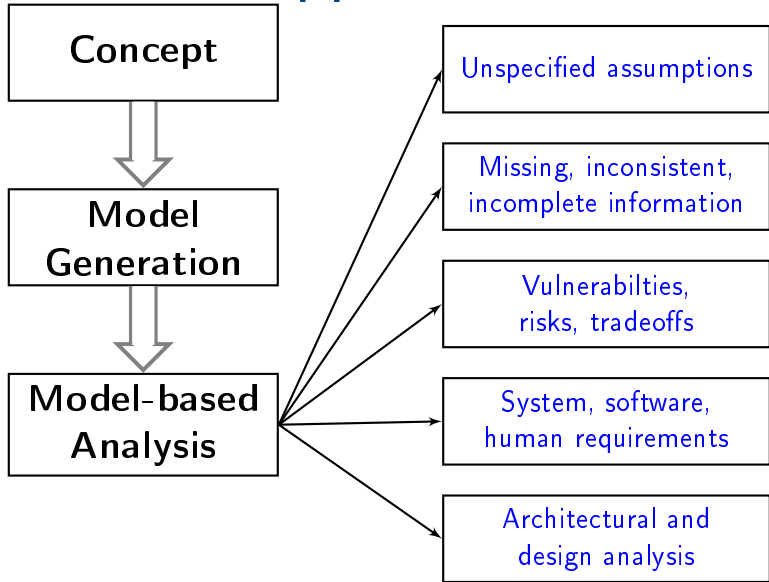
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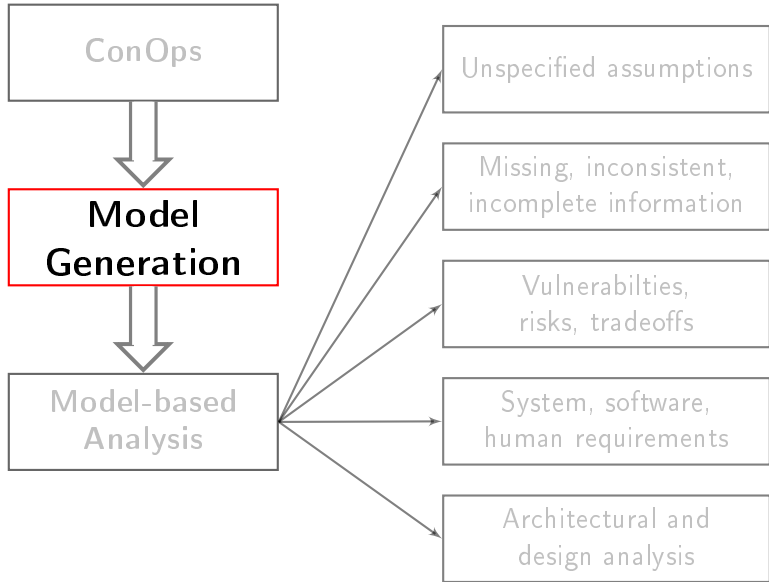
# Approach

## Systems-theoretic Early Concept Analysis—STECA

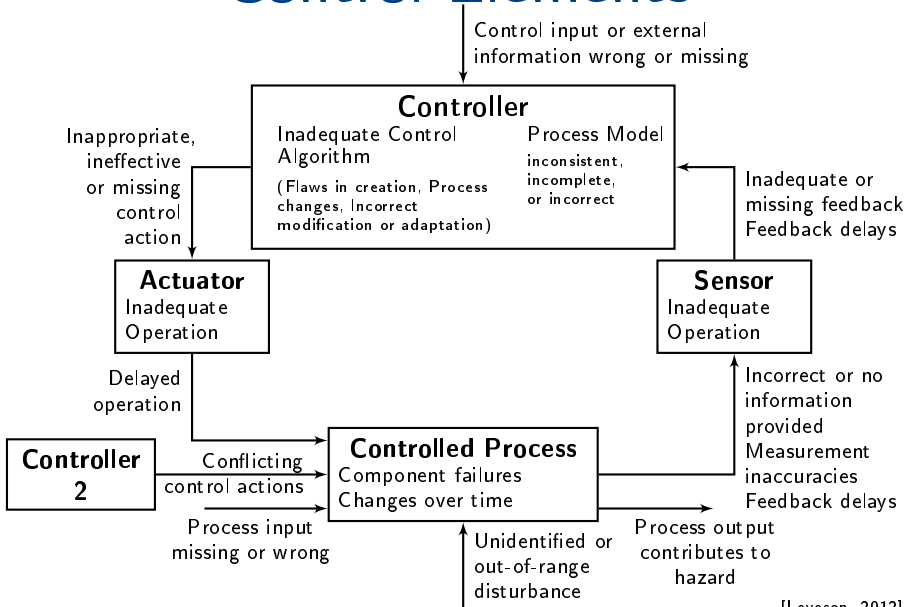
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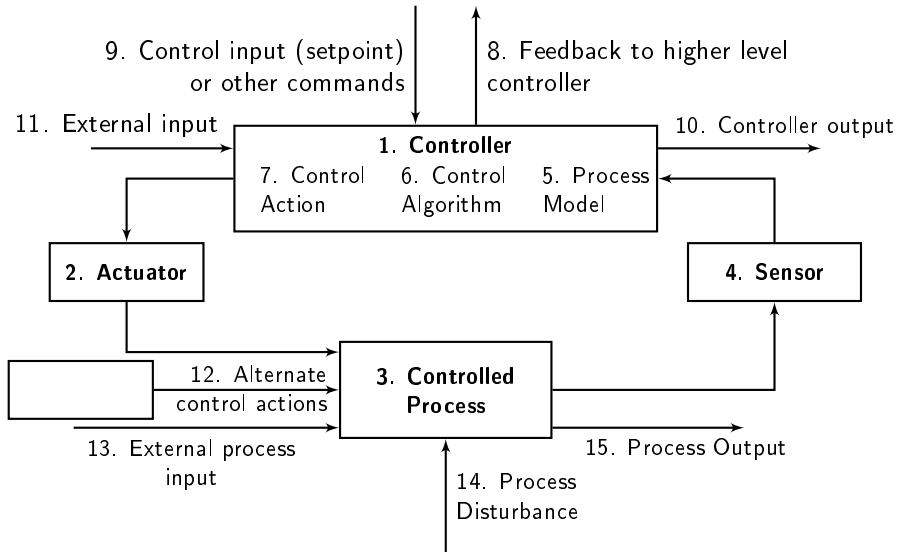


# Control Elements



[Leveson, 2012]

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## *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

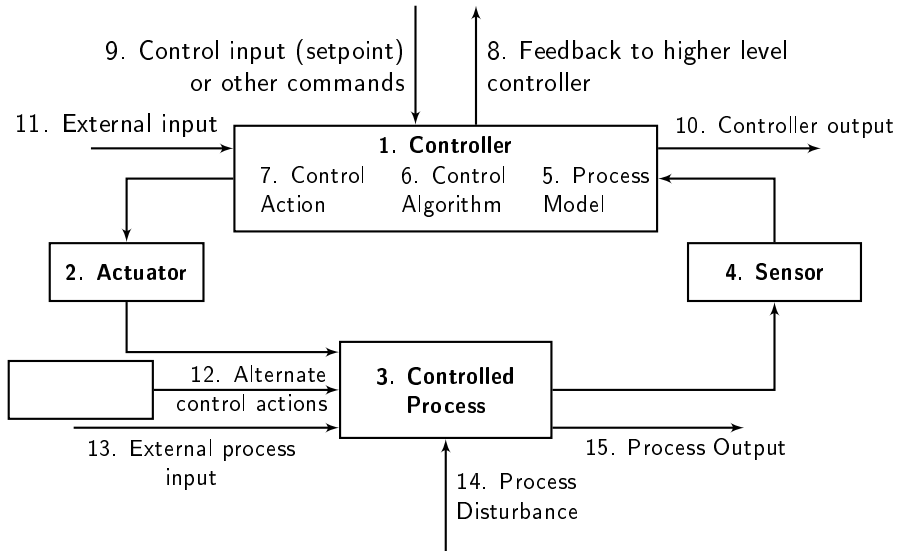
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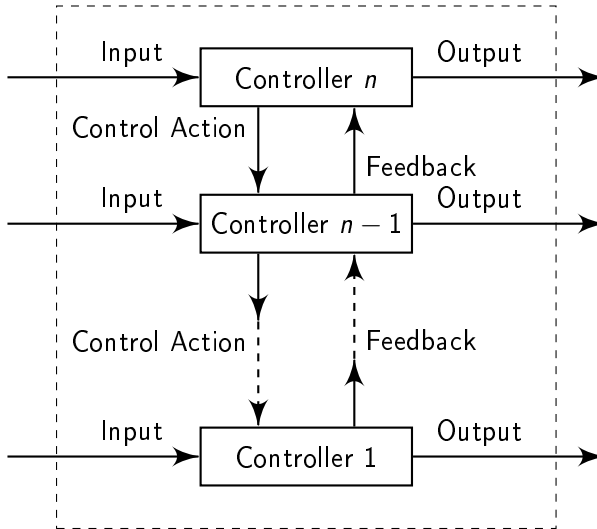
## *Sensor*

- 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)
- Synthesizes and integrates measurement data

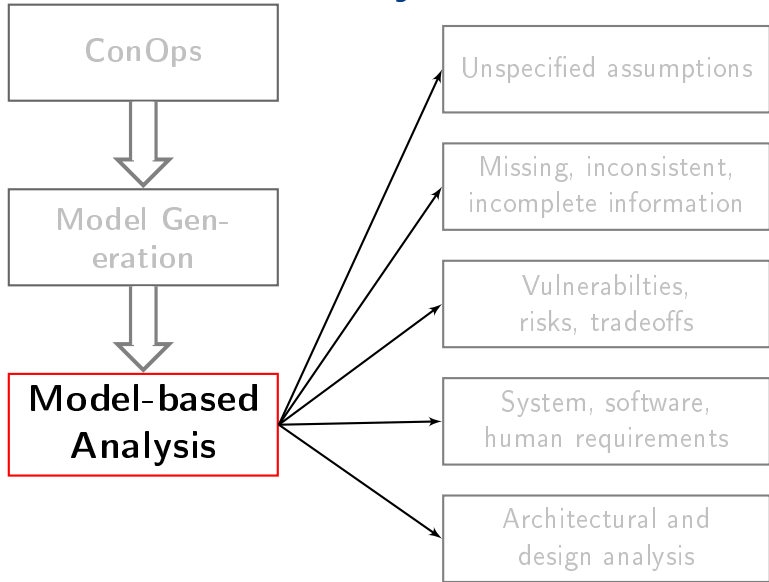
# Individual Control Loop



# Control Structure



# Analysis



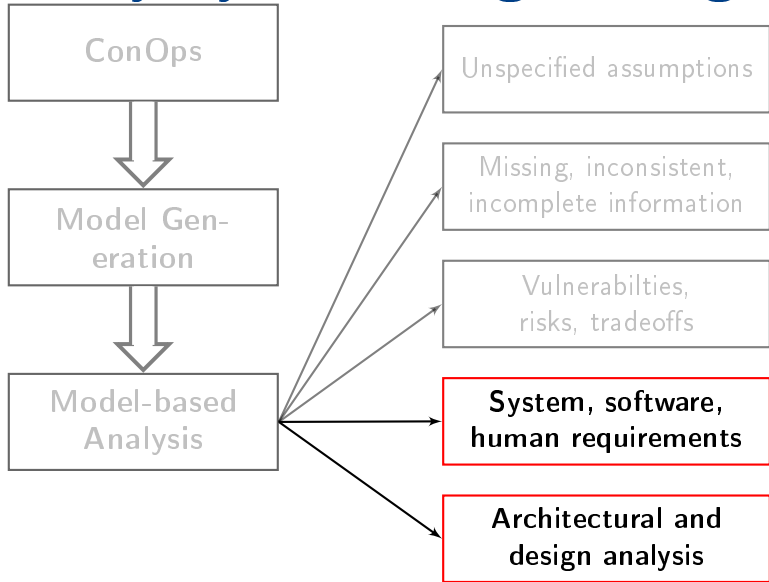
# Analysis

“Completeness”

“Analyzing Safety-  
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# Early Systems Engineering



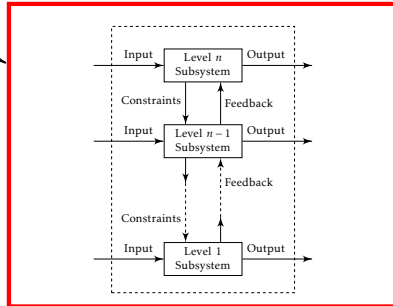
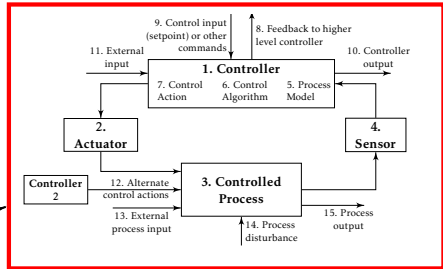


# Early Systems Engineering

Constraints  
on control  
loop behavior

Model-Based  
Analysis

Change the  
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structure



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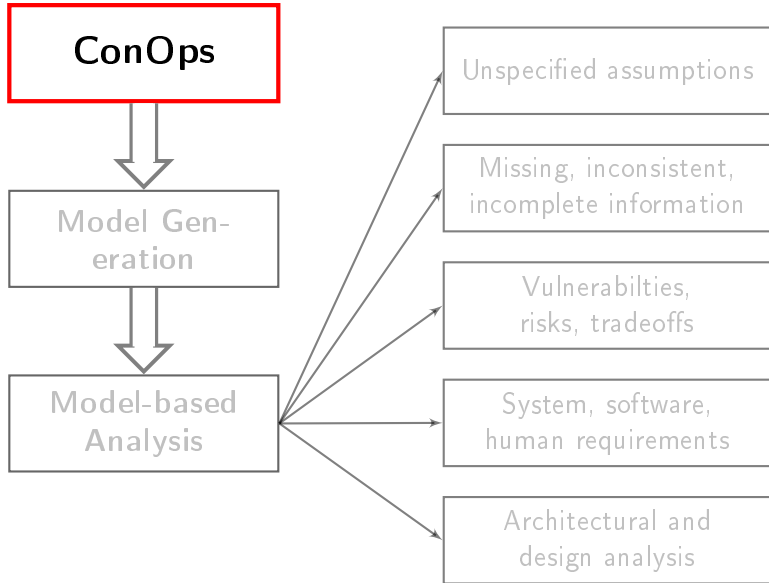
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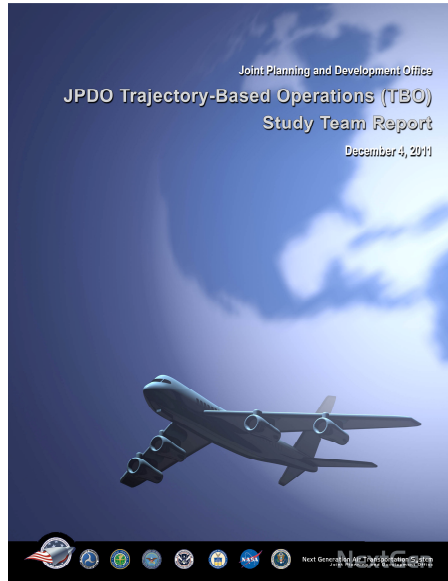
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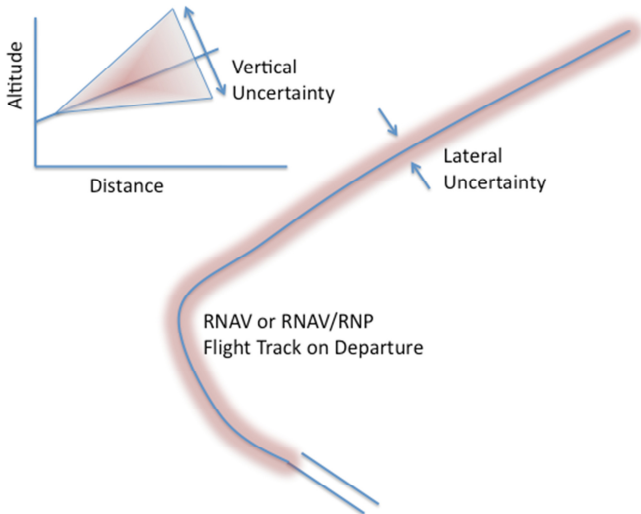
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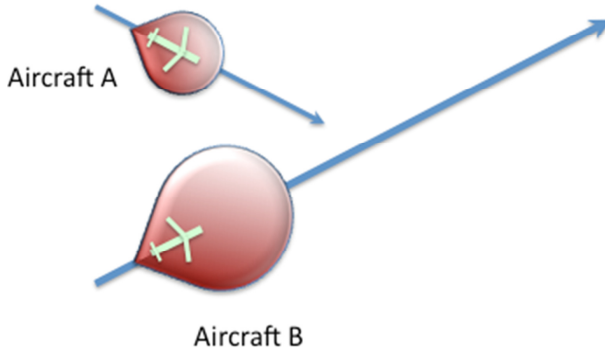


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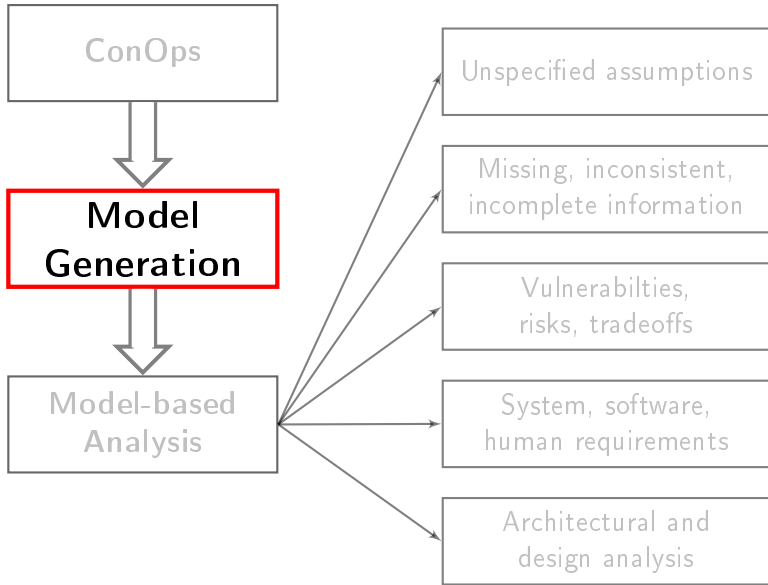


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# System-Level Hazards

- [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)
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- [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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Subject
Role
Behavior Type
Context

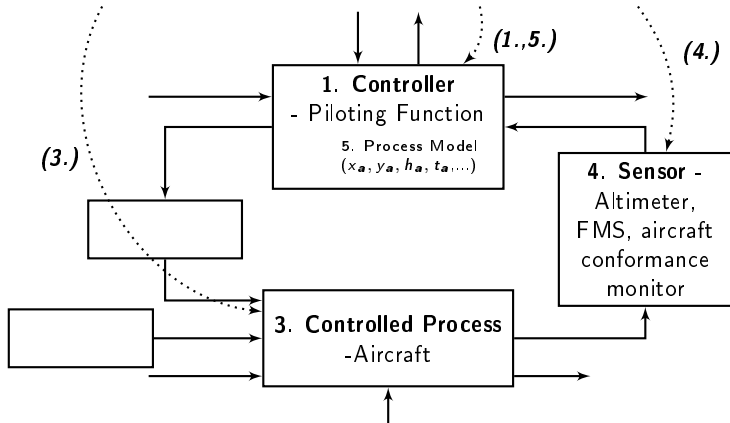
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Subject	Conformance monitoring, Air automation
Role	Sensor
Behavior Type	Transmits binary or discretized state data to controller (i.e. measures behavior of process relative to thresholds; has algorithm built-in but no cntl authority)
	Synthesizes and integrates measurement data
Context	This is a decision support tool that contains algorithms to synthesize information and provide alerting based on some criteria.

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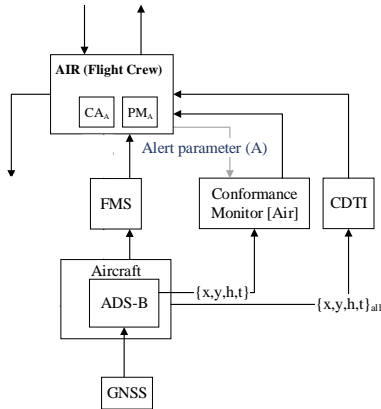
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1. Controller	Piloting function
2. Actuator	
3 Cntl'd Process	Aircraft
4. Sensor	Altimeter, FMS, Aircraft conformance monitor
5. Process Model	Intended latitude, longitude, altitude, time; Actual latitude, longitude, altitude, time
6. Cntl Algorithm	
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	

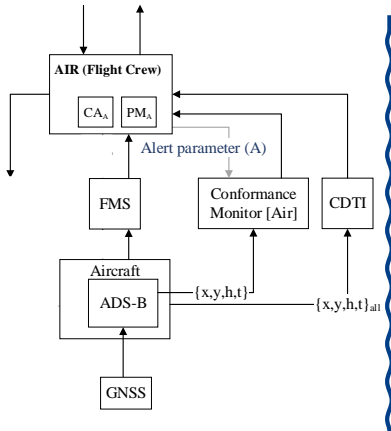
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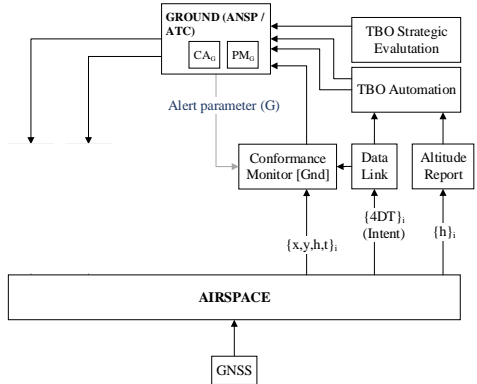


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“Ground”<sup>1</sup>

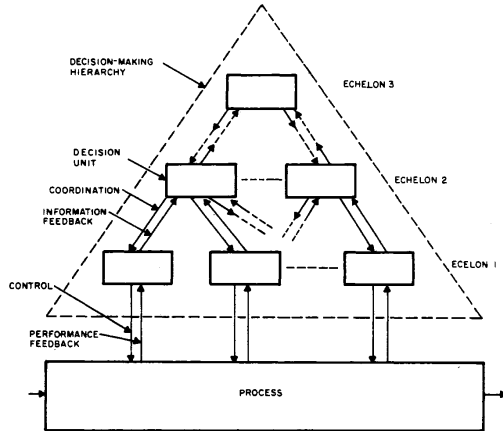


<sup>1</sup>Examples of model development for ground component included in backup slides

# Hierarchical Control Structure

How to Establish Hierarchy?

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

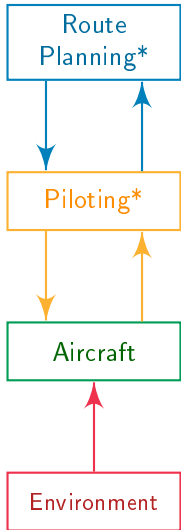




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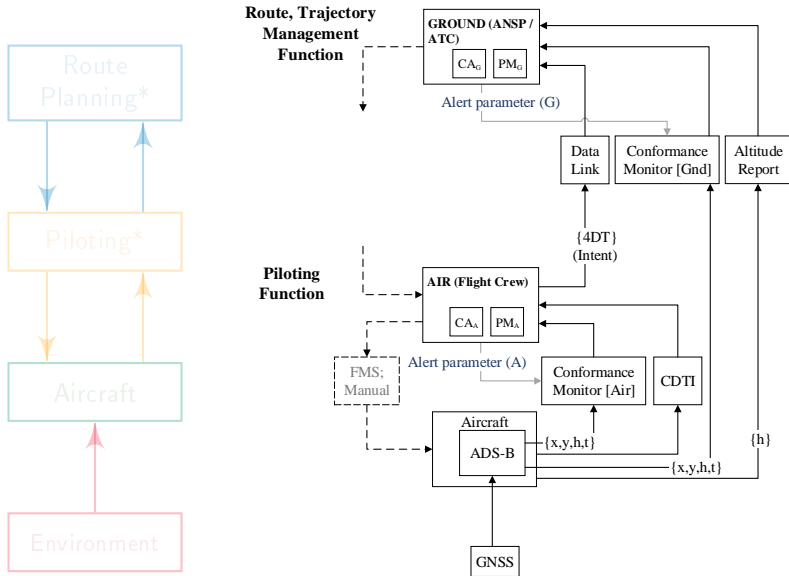
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## Safety-Related Responsibilities

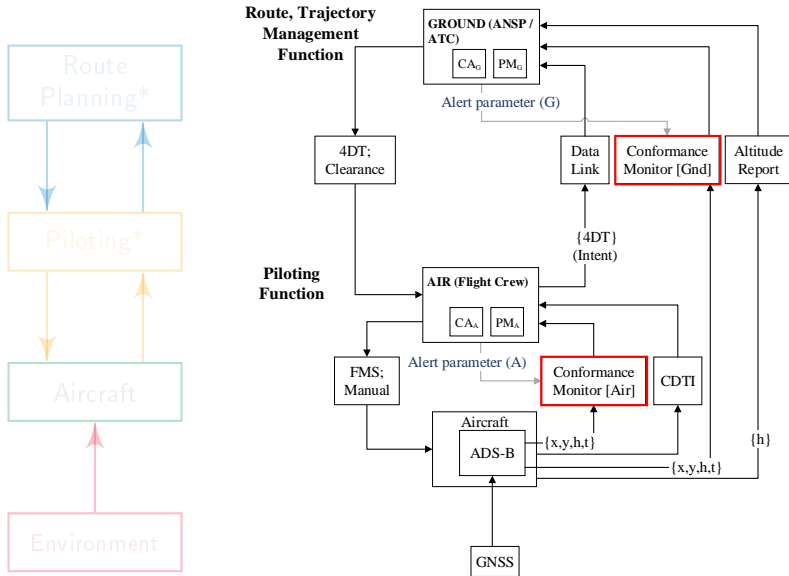


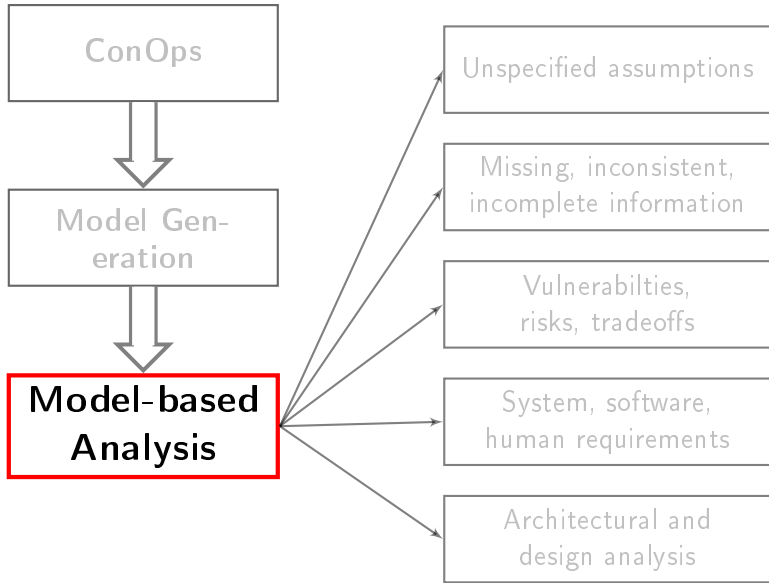
- Provide conflict-free clearances & trajectories
- Merge, sequence, space the flow of aircraft
- Navigate the aircraft
- Provide aircraft state information to rte planner
- Avoid conflicts with other aircraft, terrain, weather
- Ensure that trajectory is within aircraft flight envelope
- Provide lift
- Provide propulsion (thrust)
- Orient and maintain control surfaces

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# Analysis

1. Are the control loops complete?
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”

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<sup>2</sup>Example of “Analyzing Safety-related Responsibilities” included in Backup Slides on page 44

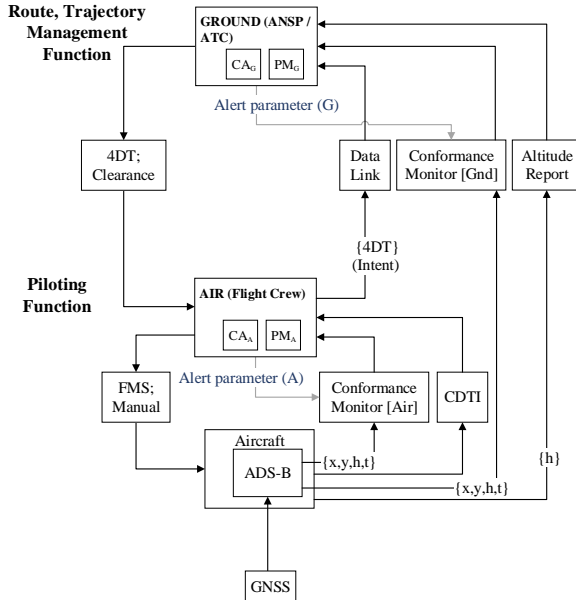
# Coordination & Consistency

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

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

$$(\forall v \in \mathcal{V}, \forall c \in \mathcal{C}_i, \forall d \in \mathcal{C}_j \mid A(c, v) \wedge A(d, v)) \\ [\rho_i(a, v) \equiv \rho_j(a, v) \wedge G_i \equiv G_j] \quad (5)$$

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

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

# Coordination & Consistency

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

$$z_{\text{int}} := \{G, C, t\}_{\text{int}}$$

$$z_{\text{act}} := \{G, C, t\}_{\text{act}}$$

$$\rho := \text{Traffic density}$$

$$\tau := \text{Operation type}$$

$$P_r := \{\text{RNP}, \text{RTP}\}$$

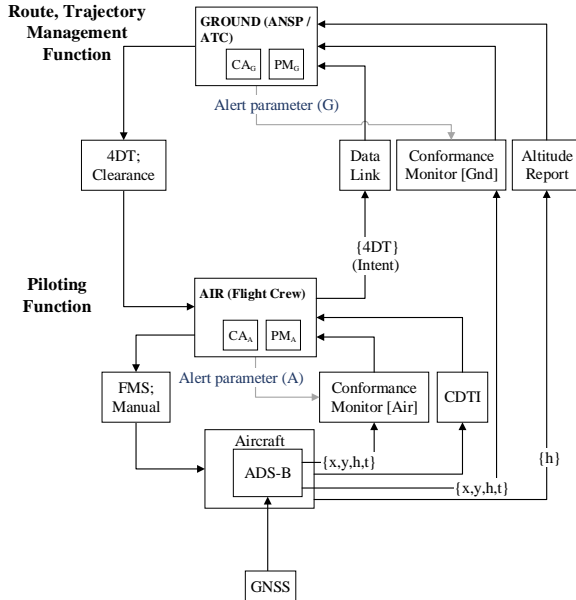
$$W := \text{Wake turbulence model}$$

$$E_{cm} := \text{Elliptical conformance model}$$

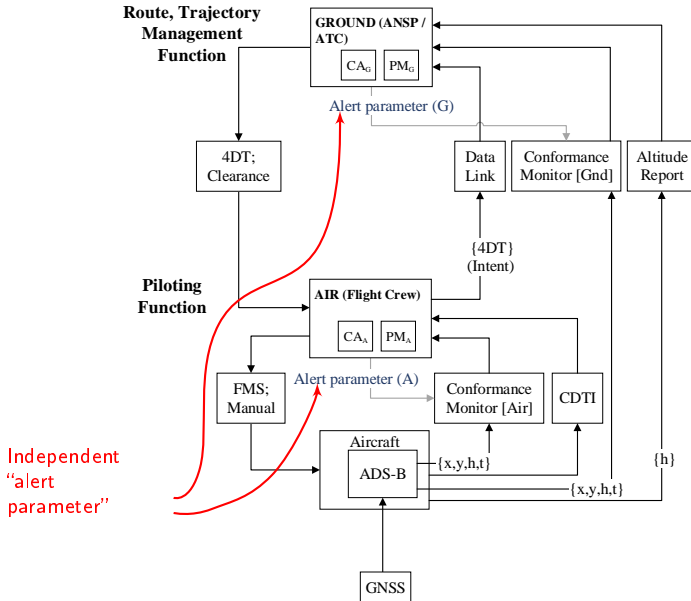
$$F_D := \{F, z_{\text{int}}\}$$

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

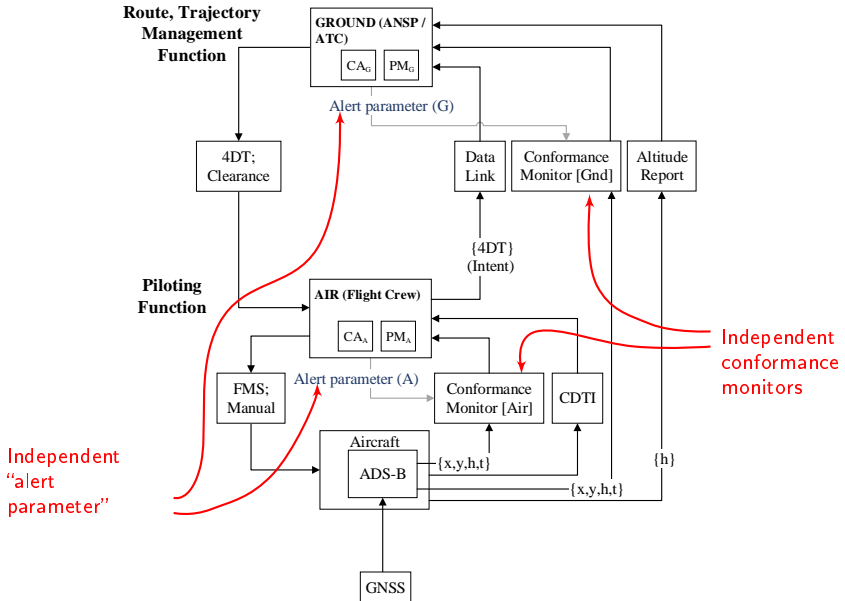
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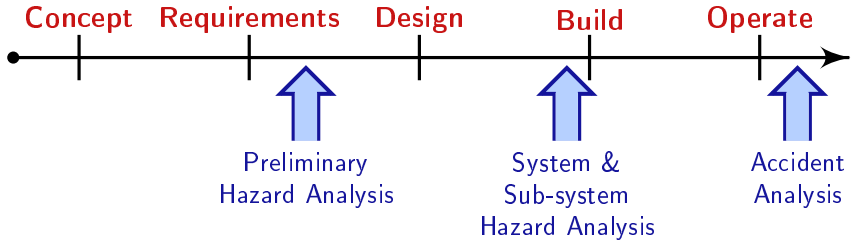
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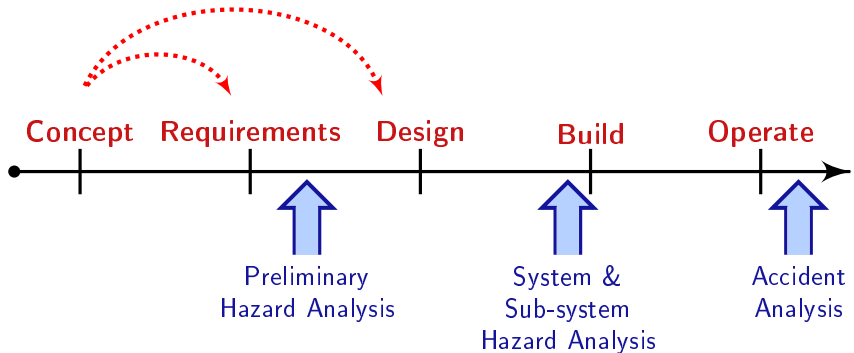
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# Application of Results



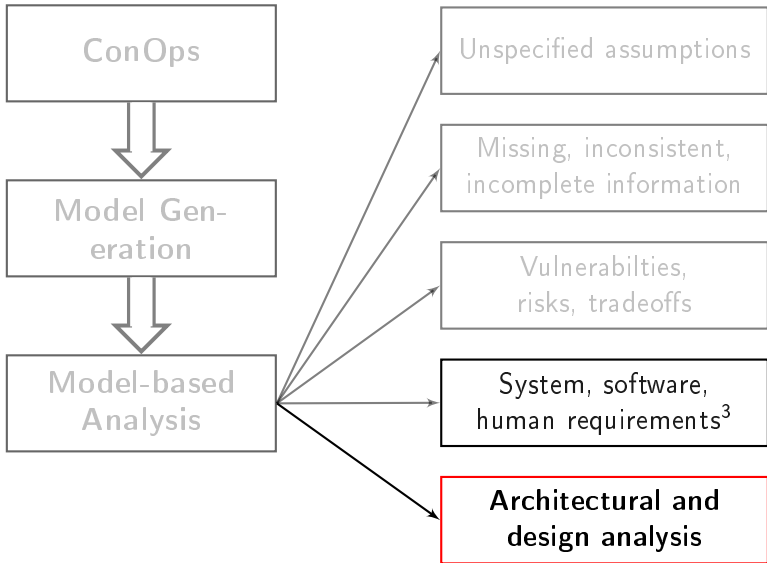
# Application of Results

What does an engineer need to develop the system??





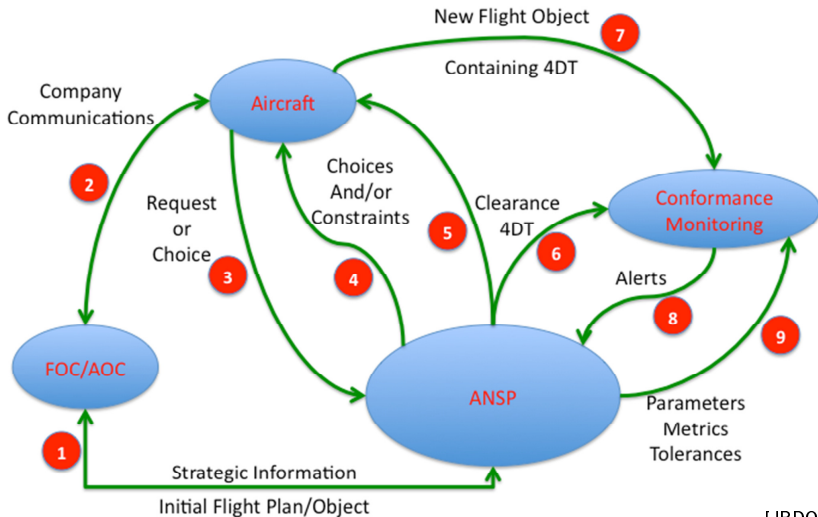
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<sup>3</sup>Examples of reqs identification included in backup slides on page 48

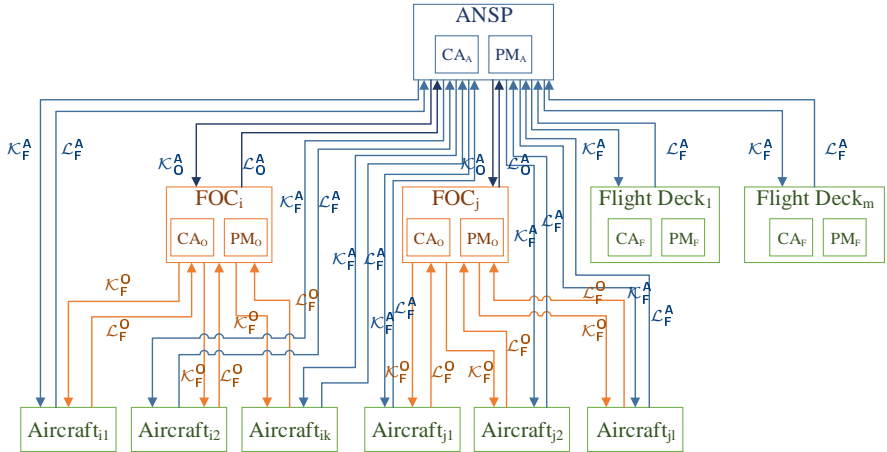
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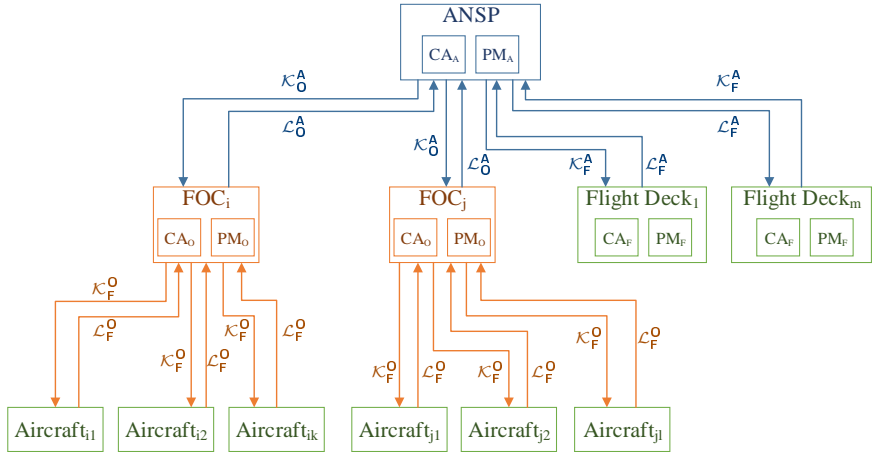


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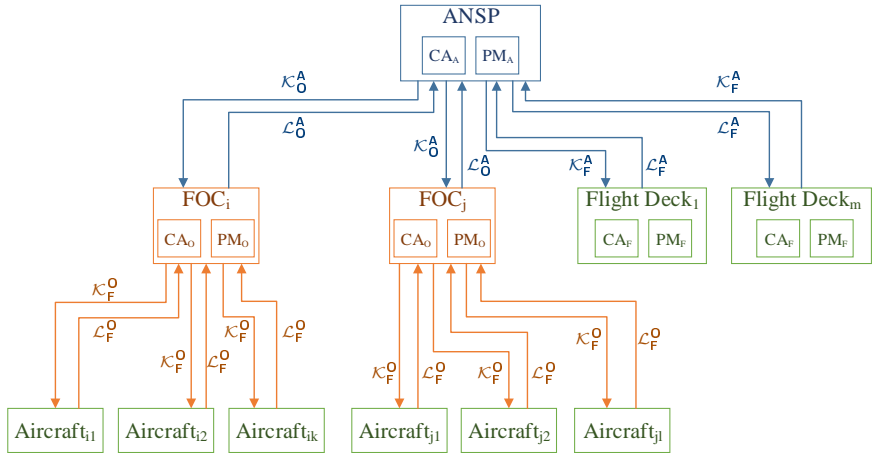
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# Modified Structure

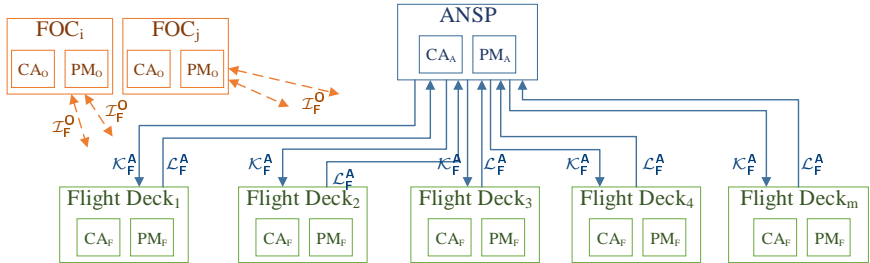


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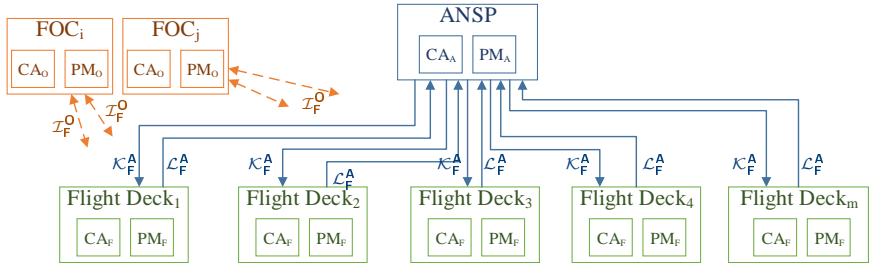


**Additional Requirement:**  $\kappa_F^A$  and  $\kappa_F^O$  shall *not* occur simultaneously.

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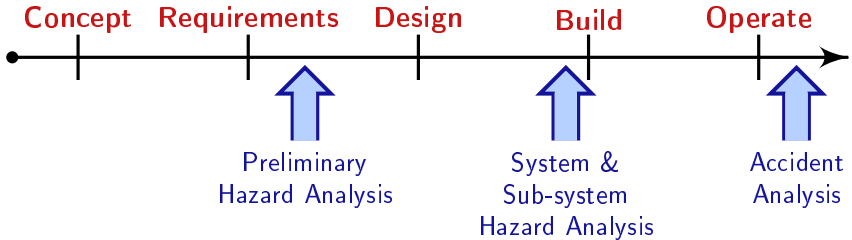
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**Additional Requirement:** This becomes the active control structure within TBD minutes of gate departure.

# Conclusion

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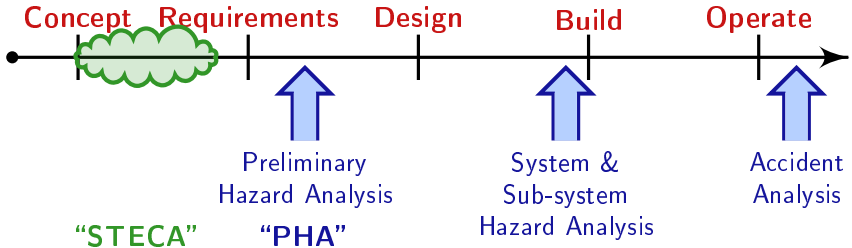


## Safety Activities



# Conclusion

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# Ground

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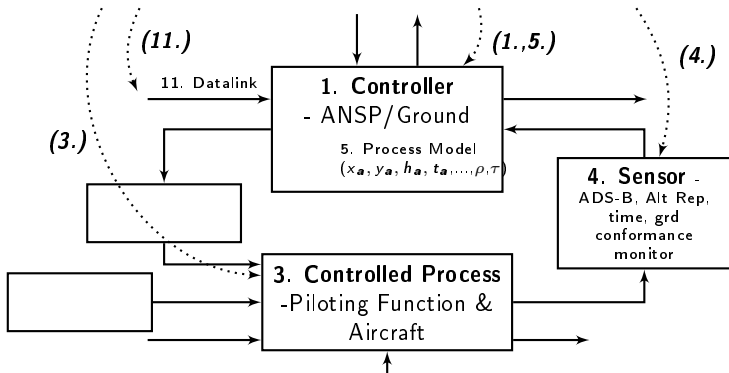
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Subject	Conformance monitoring, Ground automation
Role	Sensor
Behavior Type	Transmits binary or discretized state data to controller (i.e. measures behavior of process relative to thresholds; has algorithm built-in but no cntl authority)
	Synthesizes and integrates measurement data
Context	This is a decision support tool that contains algorithms to synthesize information and provide alerting based on some criteria.



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# Analysis

1. Are the control loops complete?
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”

“Analyzing Safety-related Responsibilities”

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# Safety-Related Responsibilities

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# Safety-Related Responsibilities

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

$$(\forall \sigma_i \in \Sigma) (\exists c \in \mathcal{C}) [P(c, \sigma_i)], \quad (2)$$

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

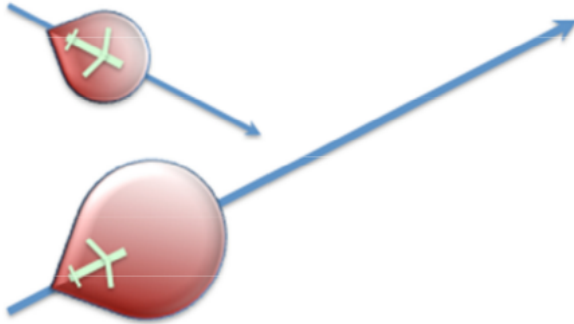
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Potential conflict between goal condition, safety responsibilities???

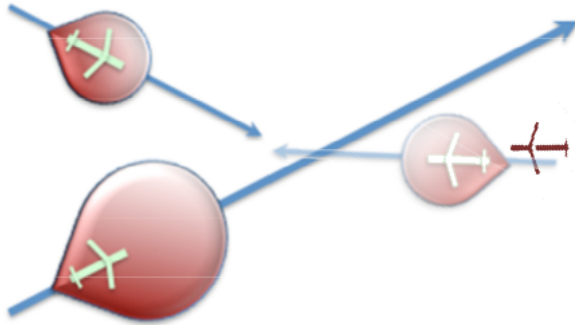
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“The pilot must also work to close the trajectory. Pilots will need to update waypoints leading to a closed trajectory in the FMS, and work to follow the timing constraints by flying speed controls.”

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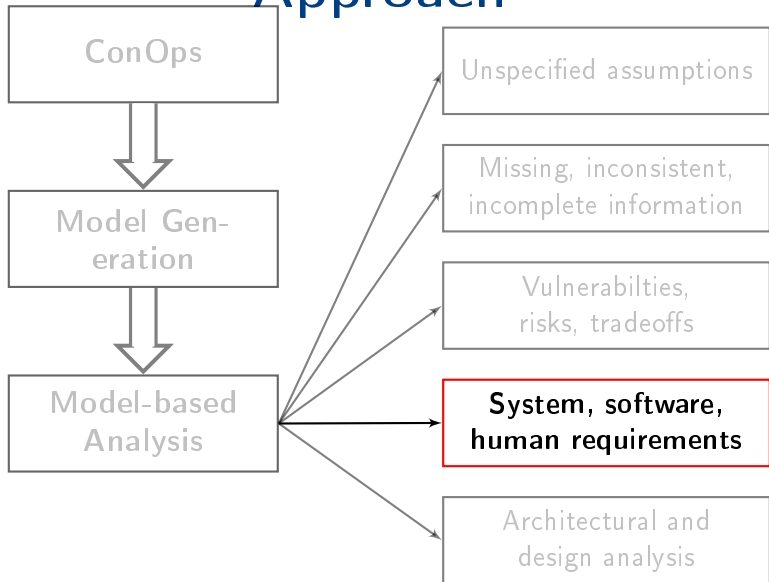
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# Approach



# 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]

# Deriving Requirements

## *Scenario 2:*

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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
- ...

# Deriving Requirements

## Scenario 2:

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

### Requirements:

- S2.1 Loss of separation takes precedence over conformance in all TBO procedures, algorithms, and human interfaces [Goal Condition]
- S2.2 ...
- 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

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### 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:

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### Requirements:

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

...

**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

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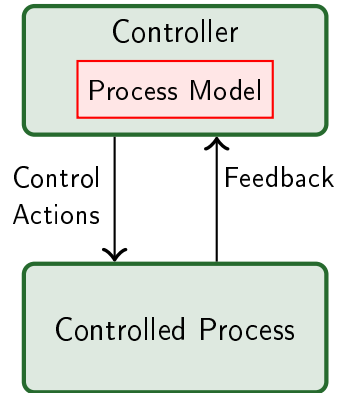
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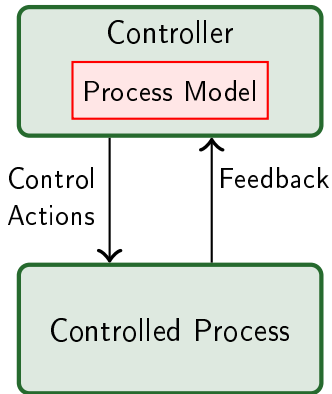
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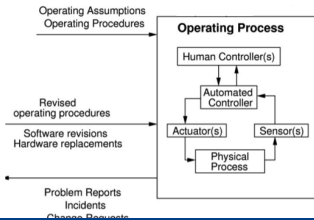
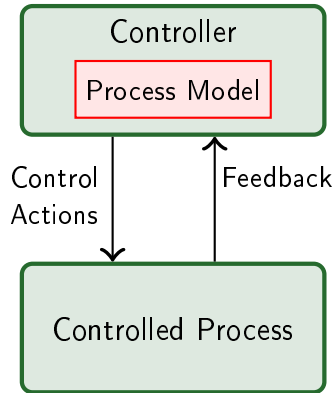
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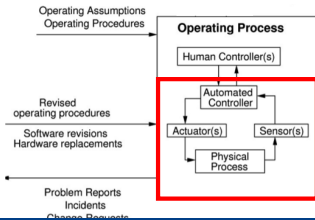
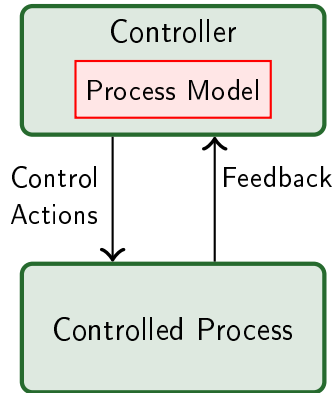


Better model of both software and human behavior  
Explains software errors, human errors, interaction accidents,...

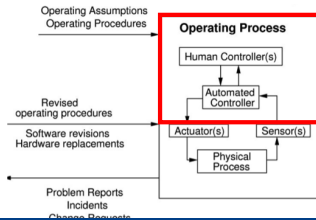
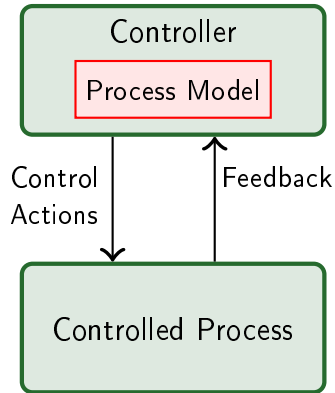
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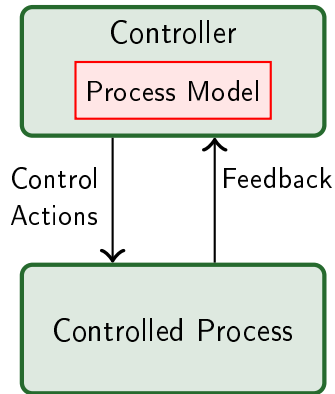
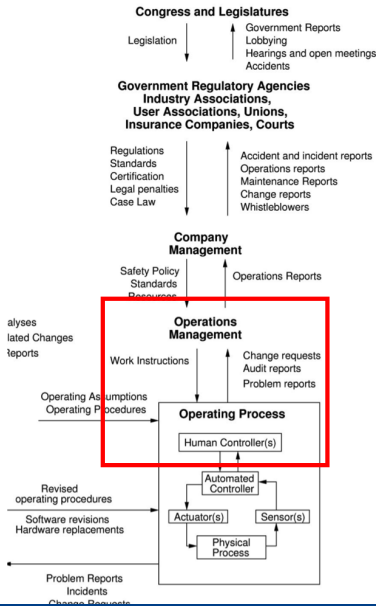
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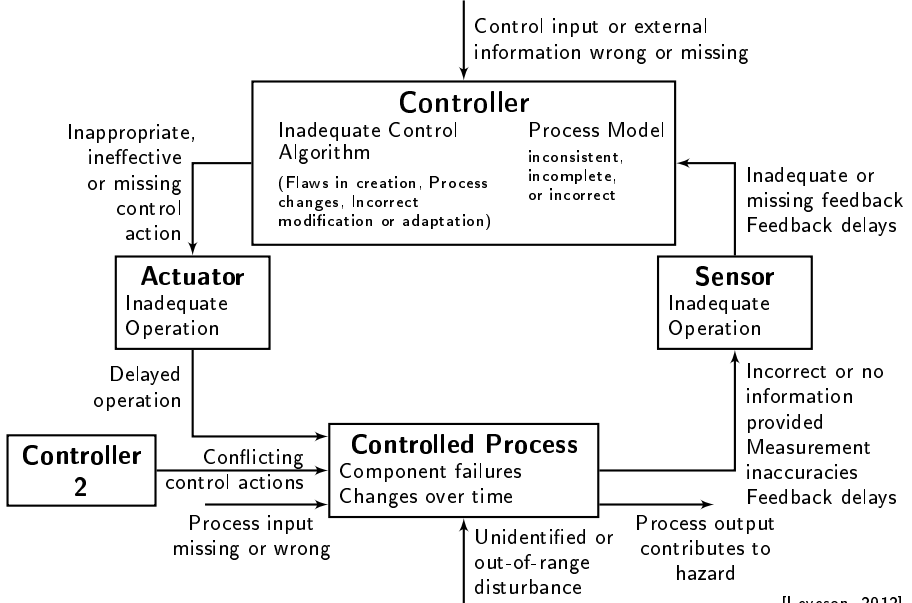
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# Unsafe Control Actions

Control Action	Not Providing Causes Hazard	Providing Causes Hazard	Wrong Timing/Order Causes Hazard	Stopped Too Soon/Applied Too Long
<b>Execute ITP</b>		<p>ITP executed when not approved</p> <p>ITP executed when ITP criteria are not satisfied</p> <p>ITP executed with incorrect climb rate, final altitude, etc</p>	<p>ITP executed too soon before approval</p> <p>ITP executed too late</p>	
<b>Abnormal Termination of ITP</b>	FC continues with maneuver in dangerous situation	<p>FC aborts unnecessarily</p> <p>FC does not follow regional procedures while aborting</p>		

# Control Flaws



[Leveson, 2012]