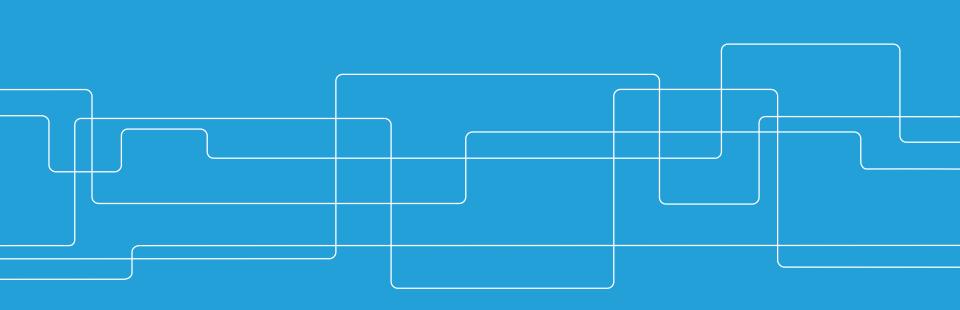


# Safety management

# practice and compliance in safety critical product development and service production Pernilla Ulfvengren, INDEK, ITM, KTH Docent – Industrial engineering - sociotechnical systems





#### Introduction

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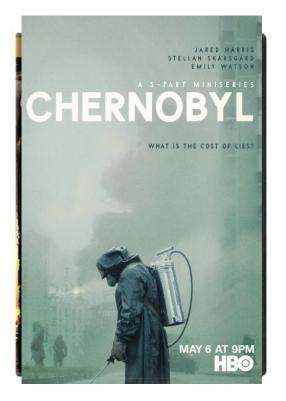
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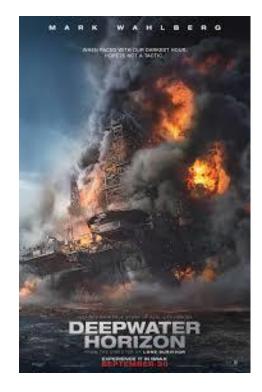




# Safety in socio-technical systems at the movies...









#### Assurance of system safety

- Indentify risk and needs for improvement
  - be responsive to these indications and change system accordingly
- Assure that this change actually was implemented and had intentional effect,
  - as well as assure that change did not introduce new unanticipated risks.
- Increase safety in socio-technical systems
  - Or Socio-cyber physical systems



#### Human factors

- What is "human factors"?
- Good? Bad? Profession? Field or science?
- Why is it relevant for product developers and/or service providers?
  - Or CEO or chairman of the board...



## We care about the small people...

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th3LtLx0IEM





Obligation to act?

Human factors arguments and evidence lacking?



# What are Human factors fundamentals?

- A systemic view of the system of interest.
- Systems are sociotechnical.
- Assumption- a relation exist between humans and technology when they interact.
  - Effect on the overall system performance.
  - Undesired system performance results from the lack
     human factors integration in systems design.
- Relations and dependences between system components may only be possible to validate in part, but still verifiable.
- System performance data/operational data is used to validate design.



# So, why is it relevant for product developers and/or service providers?

#### Because...

- 70% of (aviation) accidents are still claimed to be caused by human erroneous actions...?
- Time to change figure into 100%
  - if you look at a broader picture!
- Systemically and along the life cycle



#### Where is human factors in industry?

Wherever there is people...

People being not only users and operators: Head of safety, engineers, risk analysts, auditing people, business people etc.

Organisations being not only service provides: Manufacturers, tech developers, regulators, international organisations etc.



#### System of interest?

All system levels from individuals to system of systems

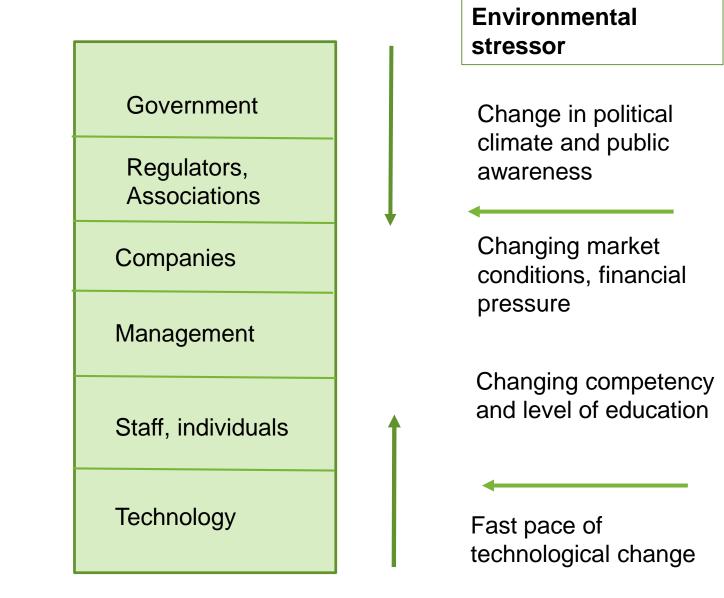
All life cycle stages.



## System of interest continues...

- Human-technology systems
- Work systems
- Organizational design and management (ODAM)
- Single firms:
  - technology developers or service providers and users
- Firms in the same life cycle:
  - technology developers **and** service providers
  - engineers and operators
- Network of actors, inter- and intra organisational
  - Airline groups, or air transport system
- Regulators, policy makers
- Politicians





SYSTEM LEVEL MODEL (source Rasmussen, 1986) Socio-technical system involved in risk management



#### **Research discipline**

Political science, economics, sociology, law

Economics, organizational sociology

Industrial engineering, management, organization

Psychology, human factors, humanmachine interaction

Mechanical-, electrical-, chemical engineering etc... Government

Regulators, Associations

Companies

Management

Staff, individuals

Technology

# Environmental stressor

Change in political climate and public awareness

Changing market conditions, financial pressure

Changing competency and level of education

Fast pace of technological change

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# The Human Role in Aviation – An overview of the HILAS project



Human Integration into the Lifecycle of Aviation Systems

# The HILAS Project



- Large scale research and development project funded (in part) by European Commission
- 39 partners in 13 European countries + Israel & China
  - Manufacturers
  - Airlines
  - Maintenance organisations
  - Research institutes, universities
  - RTD companies
- Critical mass to transform HF capacity in aviation
- Initiated 1st. June 2005 to last 4 years

# Why do HILAS?



- Operations (flight and maintenance)
  - Improvement in safety and operational efficiency
  - Organisational processes to manage change
- Design
  - New systems meet human needs

- Regulation
  - More effective oversight over aviation system
  - Promote learning between organisations
- Science
  - Data on how the operational system really works
  - Organisations comprise both cultures and functional social systems

Airline Flight Operations

Three sets of processes:

What is **HILAS**?

• Managing performance, risk and change in flight operations and aircraft maintenance

Aircraft

Maintenance

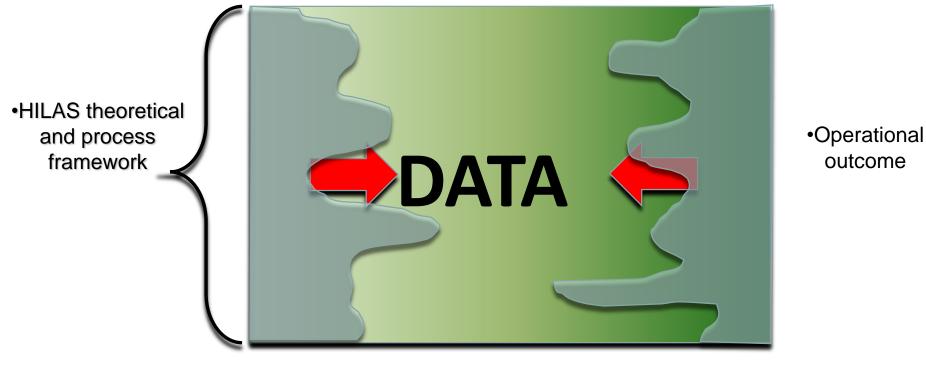
Aviation Systems

Design

- Human factors evaluation of new technologies and applications
- Inter-organisational learning and innovation

# Data and key indicators



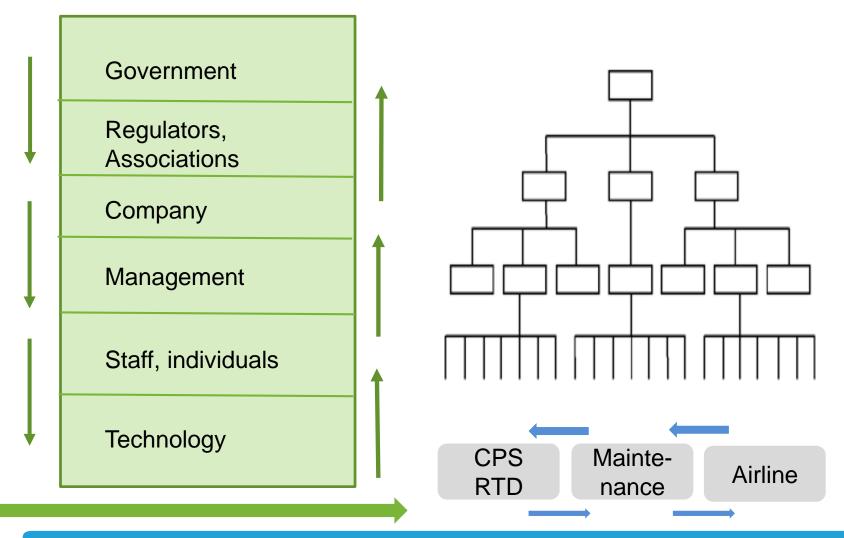


Contributory factors

#### Human Integration into the Lifecycle of Aviation Systems



#### **Feedback and support – Risk information flow**





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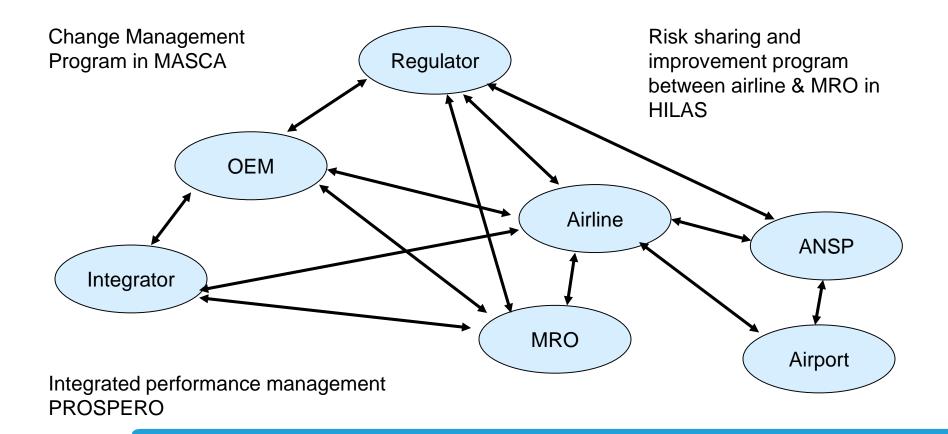
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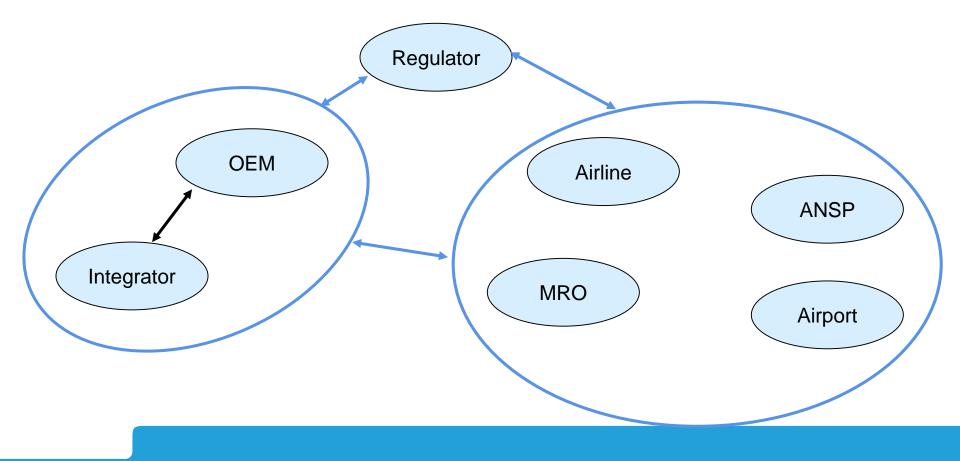
Managing Knowledge about operational risk across the Lifecycle in a Network?





#### **Integrated Lifecycle Concept**

Design, operate, manage, maintain and regulate an integrated aviation system



#### **Risk Information Distribution**

Crew A/c ATC technologies Route Weather Operations management Risk Information use Anticipation & Feedback •Normal •Emergency

#### **Operational risk management loop**

#### **Risk Information Production**

Operational data Operational reports Risk configuration Projected vs. actual risk

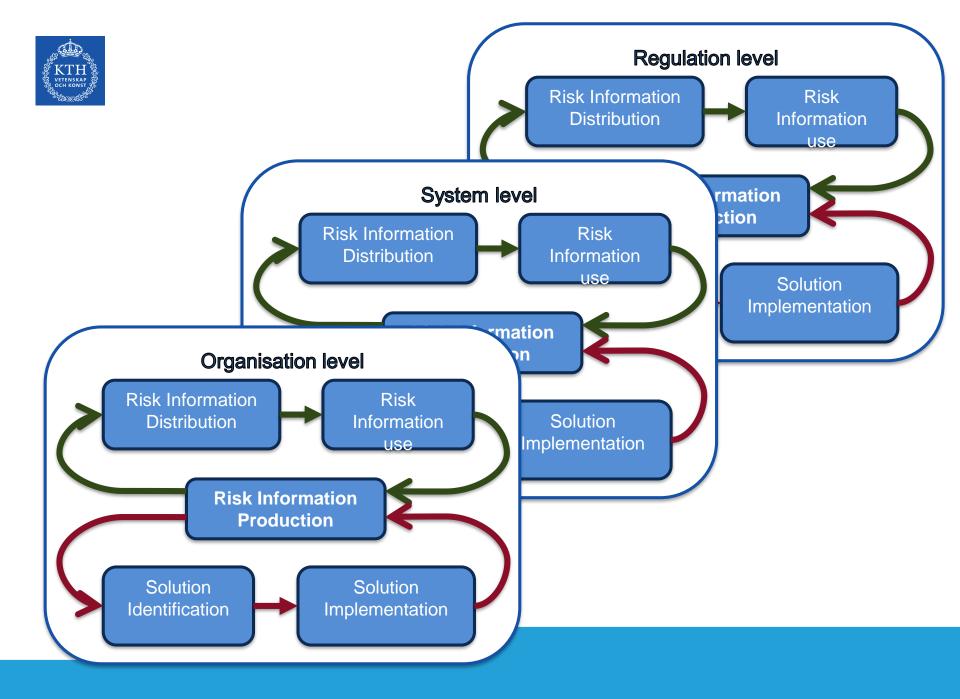
#### System change loop

#### Solution Identification

Normal / Emergency Crew A/c ATC technologies Route Weather Operations managemnt

#### Solution Implementation Normal /Emergency

Infrastructure Technologies Information systems Processes Human resources





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# SMS standard terminology (ICAO, 2014)

#### Safety policy and objectives:

- Management commitment and responsibilities;
- Safety accountabilities;
- Co-ordination of emergency response planning;
- SMS documentation

#### Safety risk management

- Hazard identification
- Risk assessment and mitigation

#### Safety assurance:

- Safety performance monitoring and measurement;
- Management of change;
- Continuous improvement of the SMS

#### Safety promotion:

- Training and education;
- Safety communication



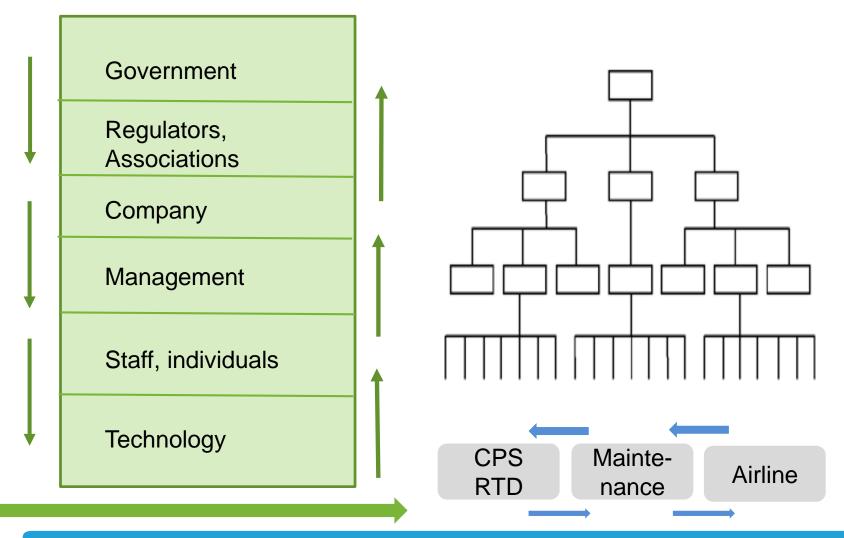
## Approach – training of human system

Fully implementing safety management system (SMS) that demonstrate safety performance.

- Challenge to make the transition from SMS 'on paper' to living it on day-to-day basis.
- This does not happen spontaneously and requires focused attention on the 'soft' side of managing people and fostering organisational culture.



#### **Feedback and support – Risk information flow**





# Move up in the life cycle of operational risk

HILAS – Human integration into the life cycle of aviation systems

Airline operational areas

Flight operations – flying and supervisory control
Ground operations – cargo, loading, interacting with a/c
Technical operations – developing individual service handbook
Maintenance operations – delivering service accordingly





## New system boundaries – new people

Engineers in technical operations

- Not commonly targeted as operators in the system?
- Reporting systems?
- Risk management? (events analysis in their work)
- Today mistakes are captured reactively from flight ops data or from maintenance.
- To move up in life cycle and include more people is a more proactive approach.



# Include new people (add to the 70%)

- Operational process as a sociotechnical system
- Management processes as a sociotecnical system
- Operators as a source for know-how and performance and managing operational risk (managing the ...they got)
- Engineers in technology firms the same?



## **Engineering systems**

Re-thinking about system

**Re-visioning perspective** 

- Levels of analysis
- Life cycle perspectives
- Angles of analysis

Scale – Function – Structure - Temporality



#### Think bigger and further?



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# Thank you!

