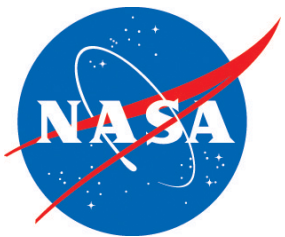


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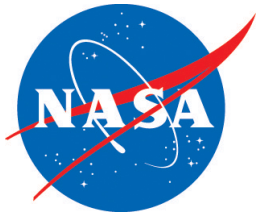
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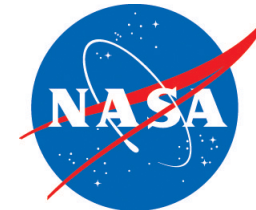
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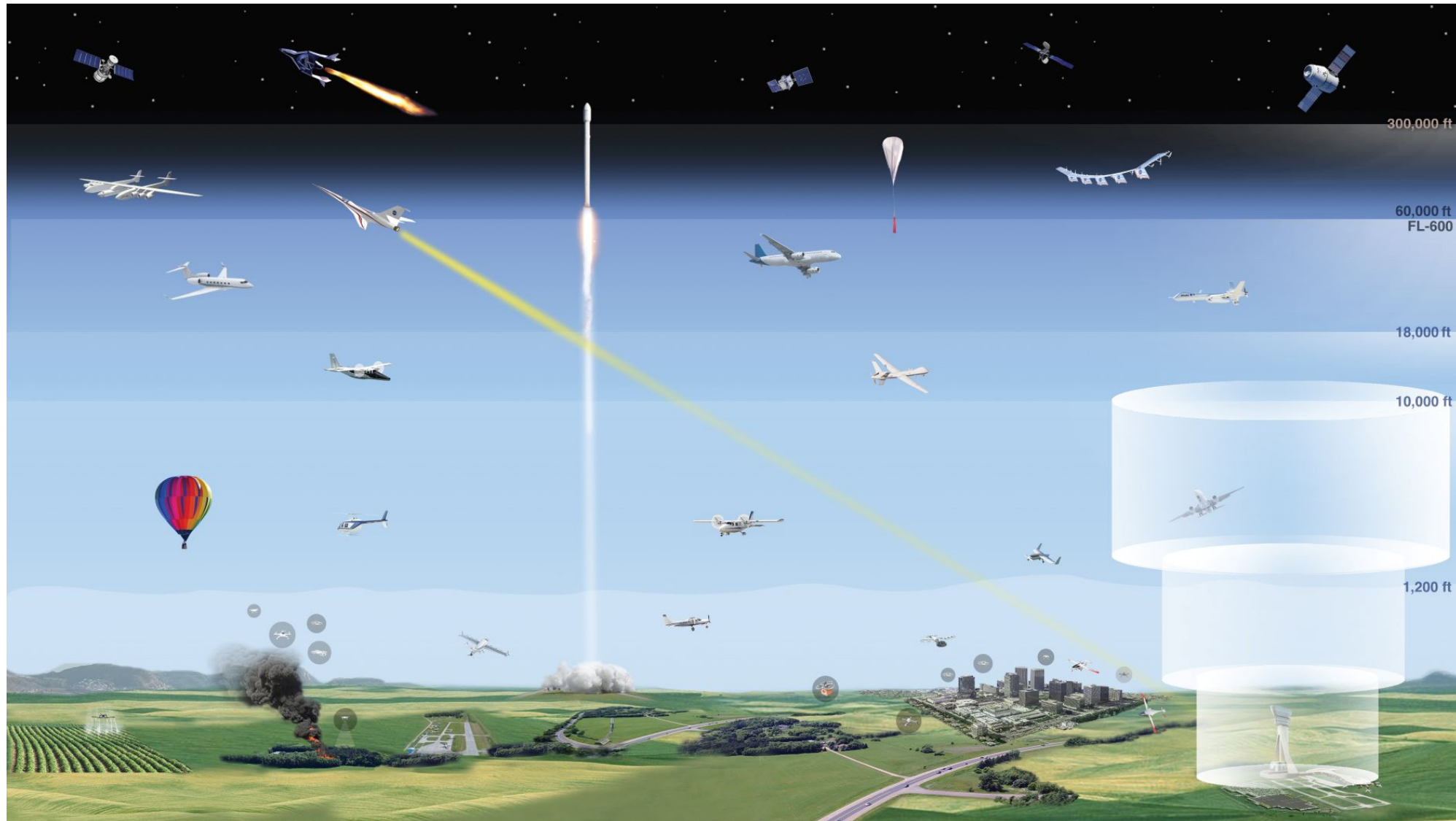


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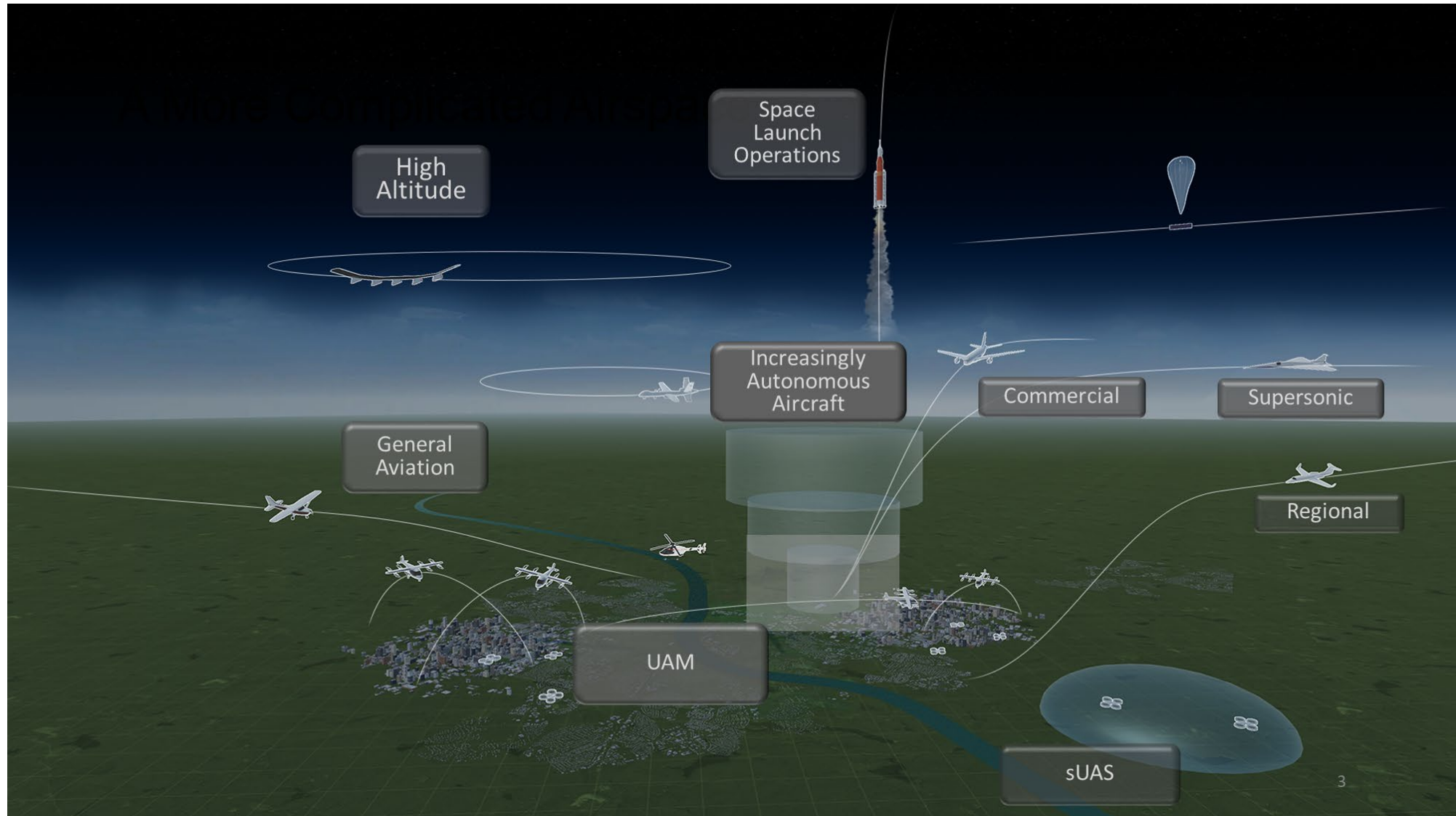


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# Air Transportation System Vision



# Future Airspace Increasingly Diverse Operations



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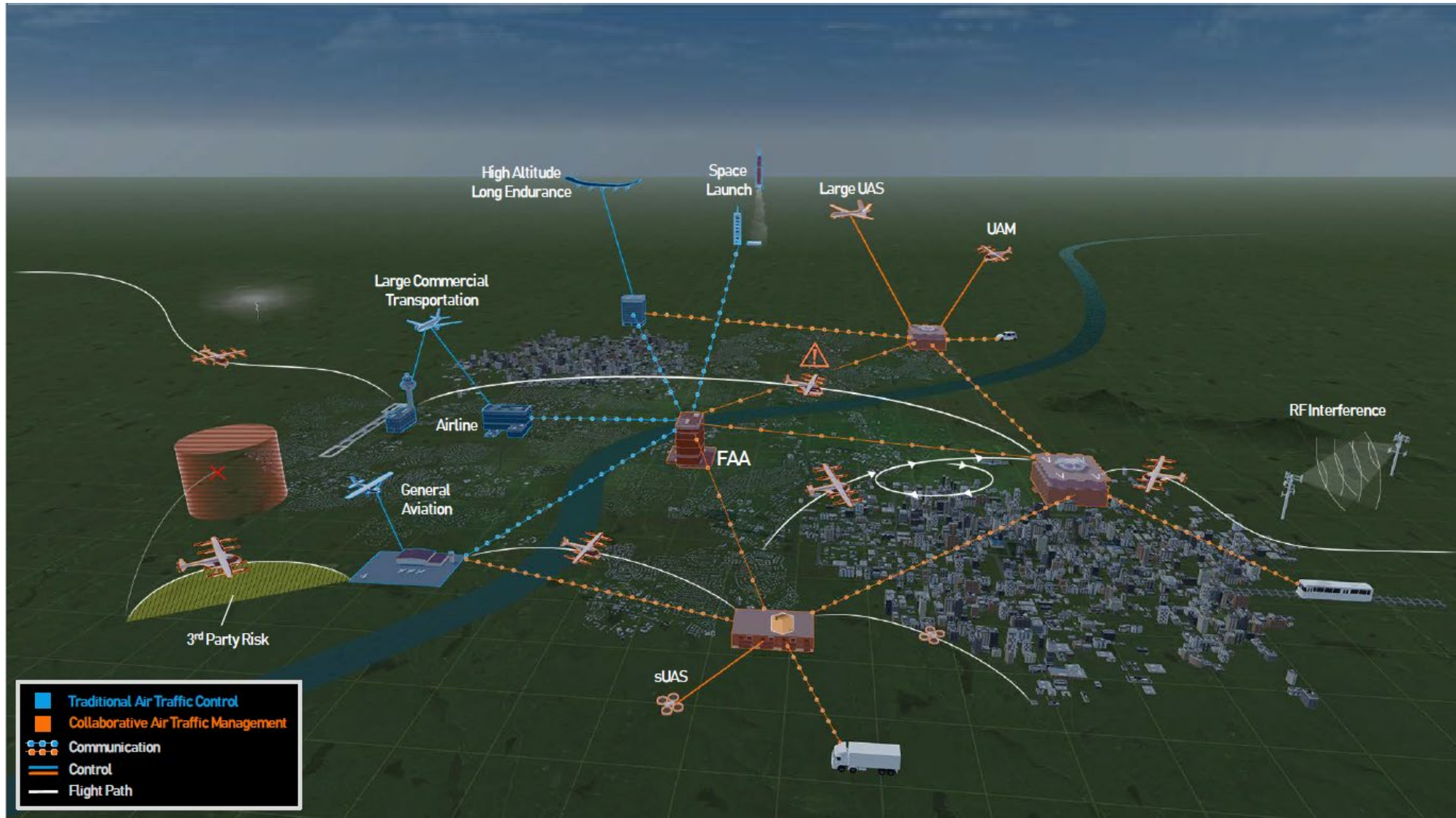


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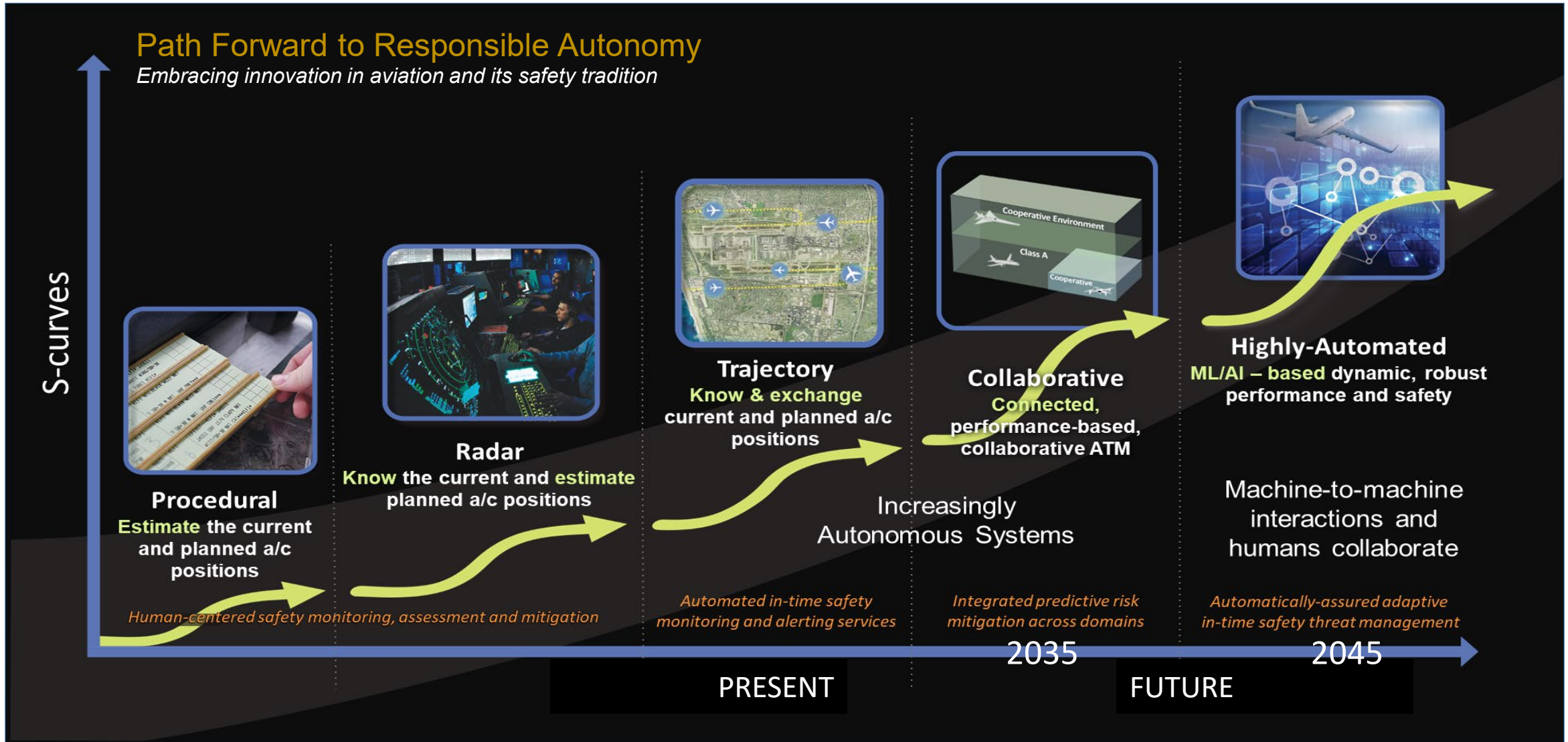




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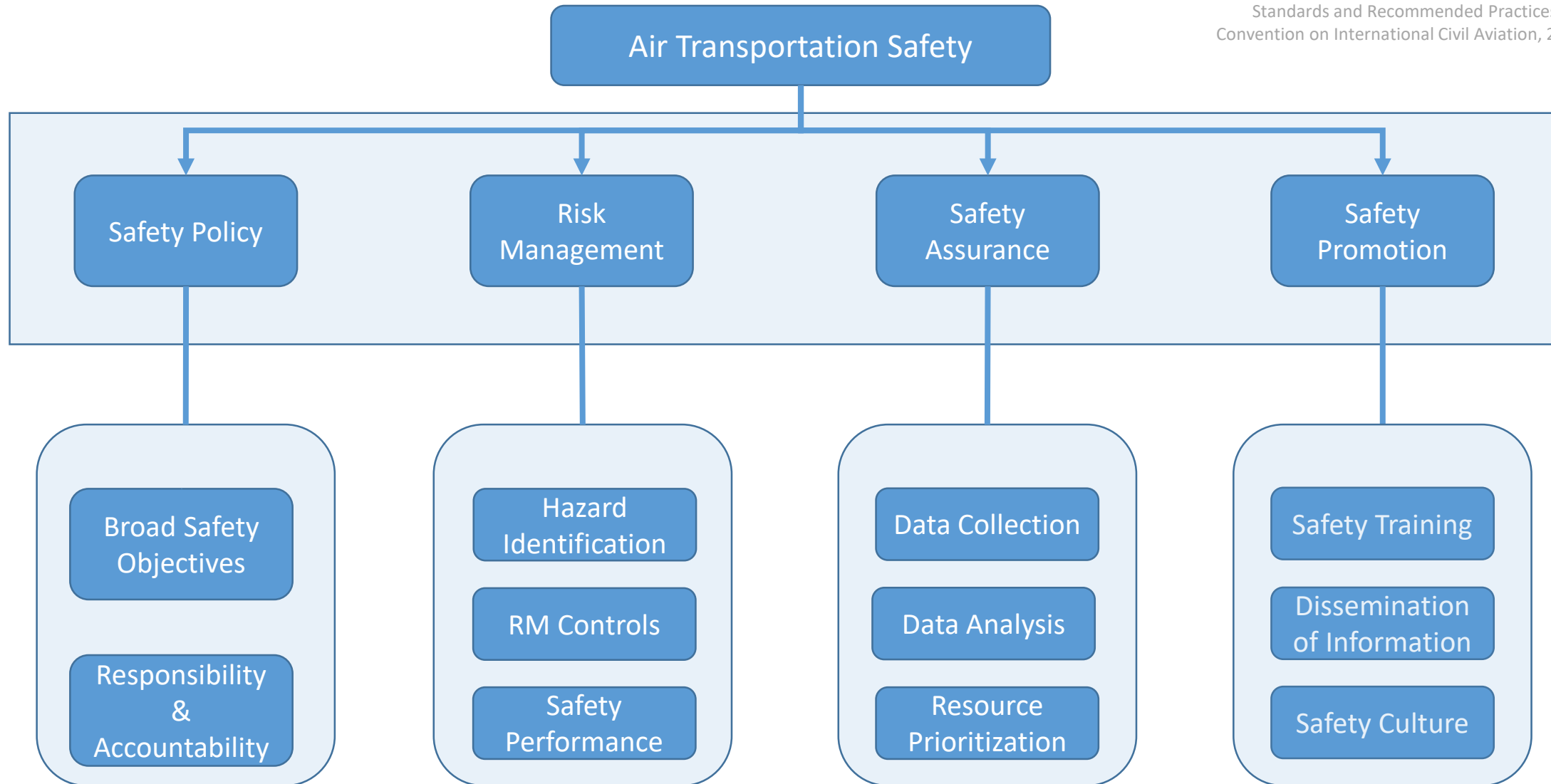
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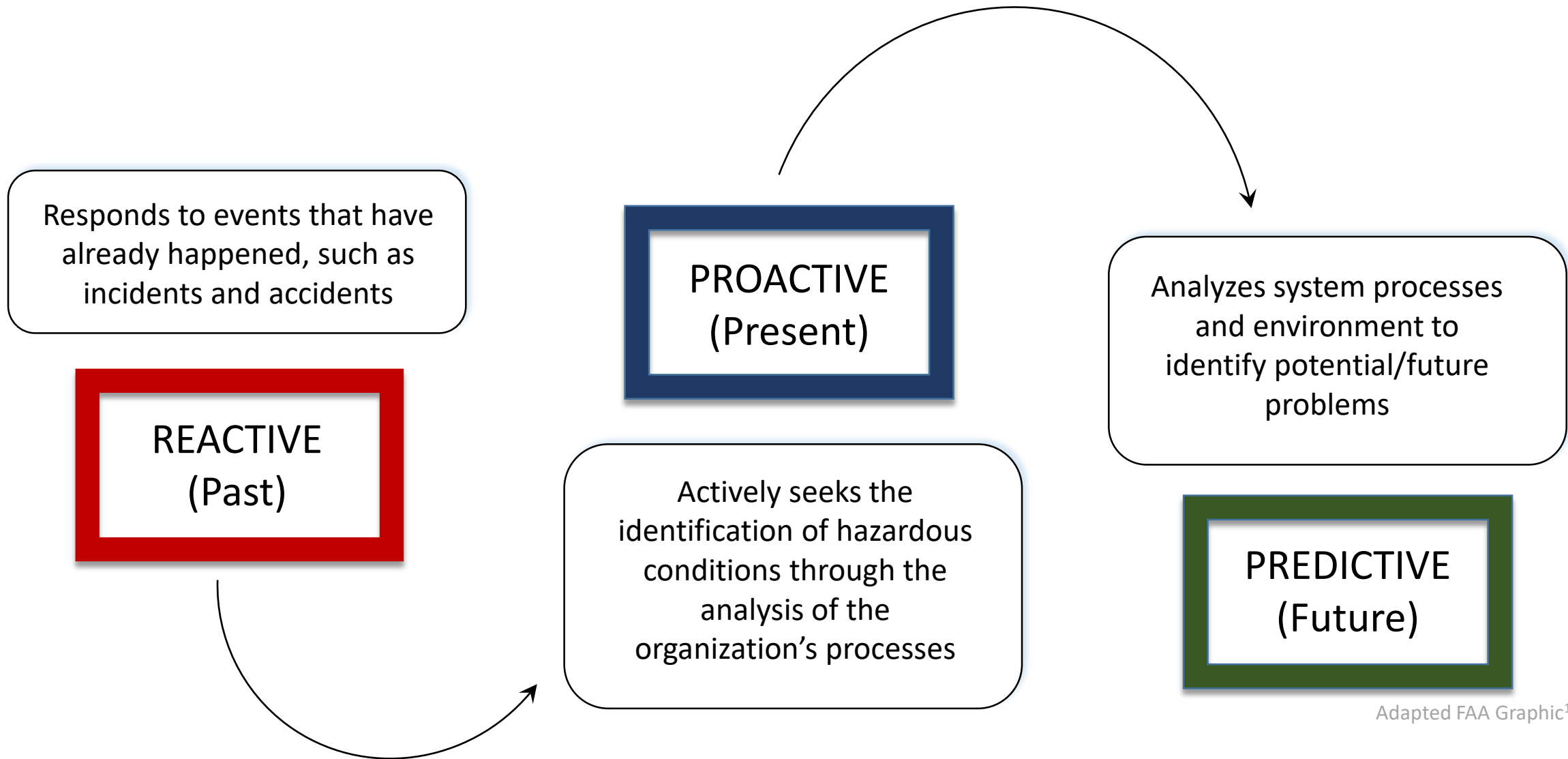
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# From Reactive to Proactive to Predictive



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Adapted FAA Graphic<sup>1</sup>




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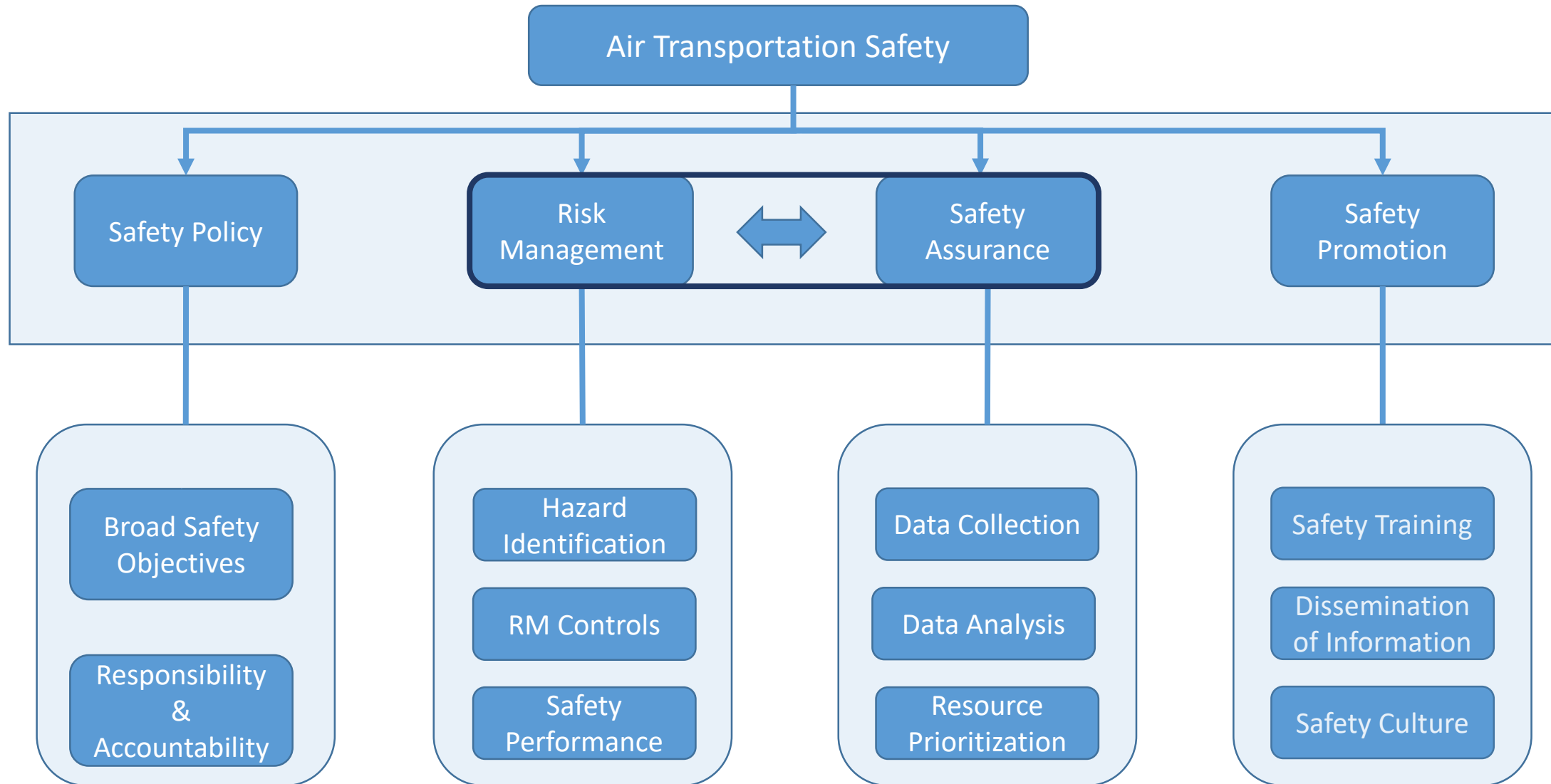
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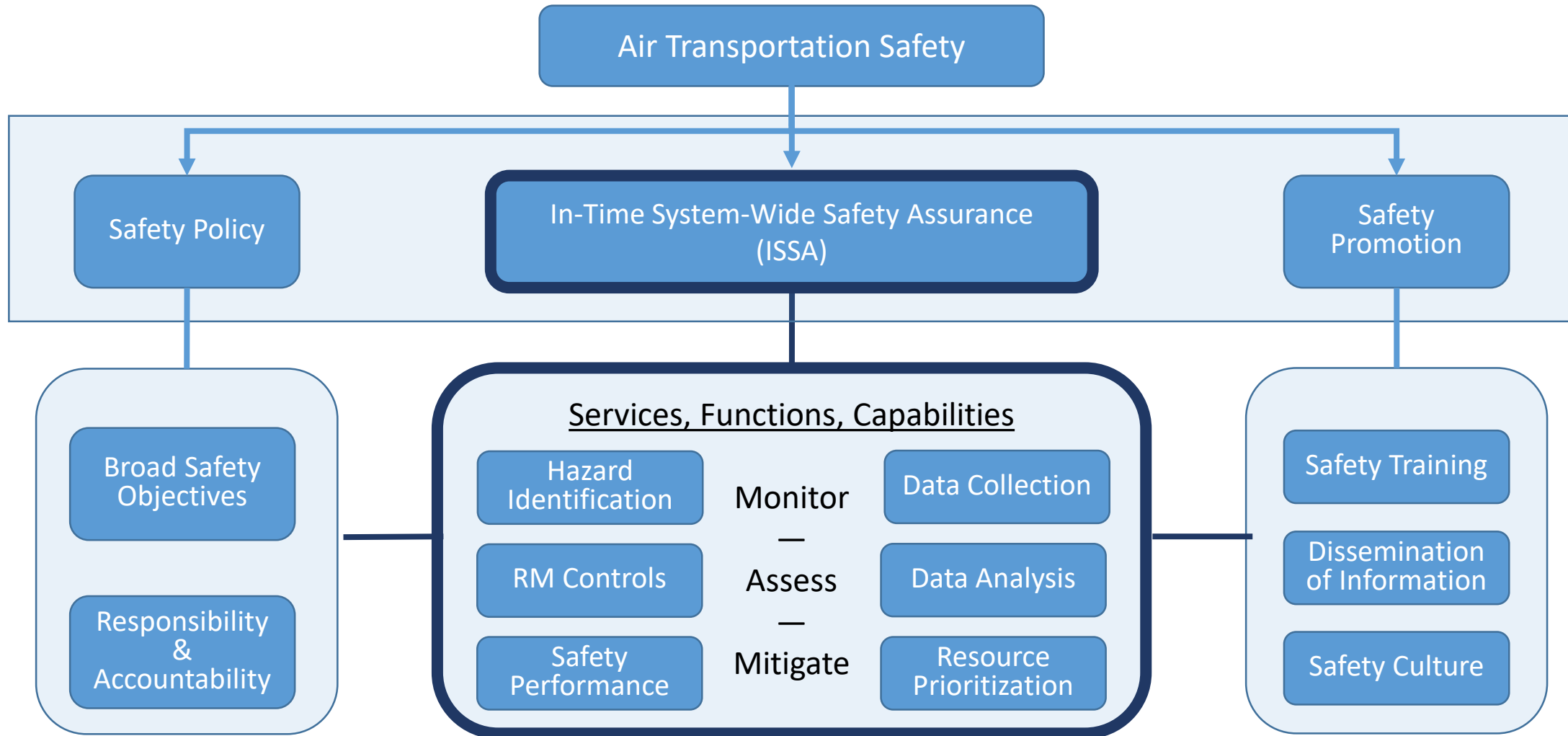


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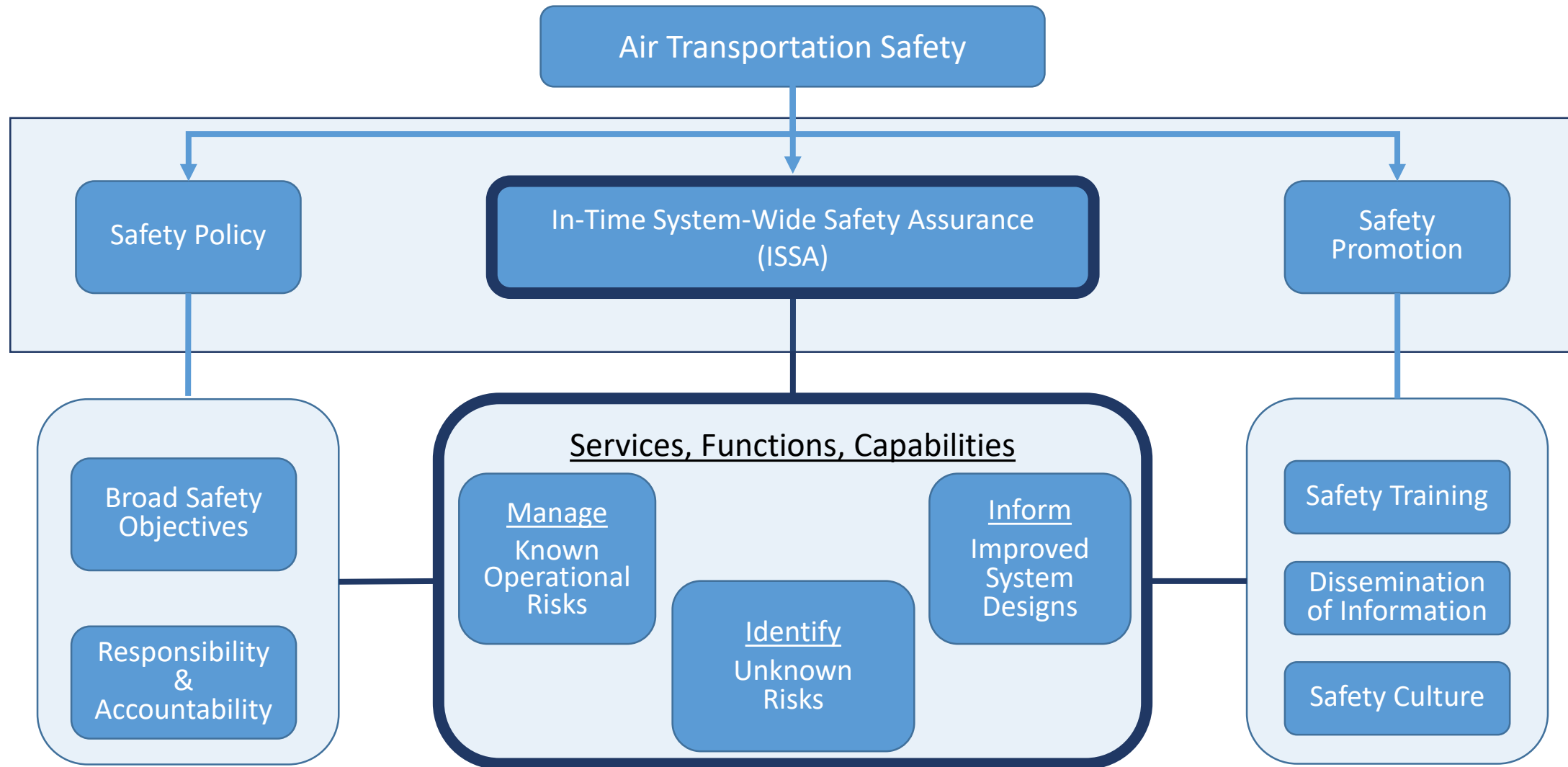




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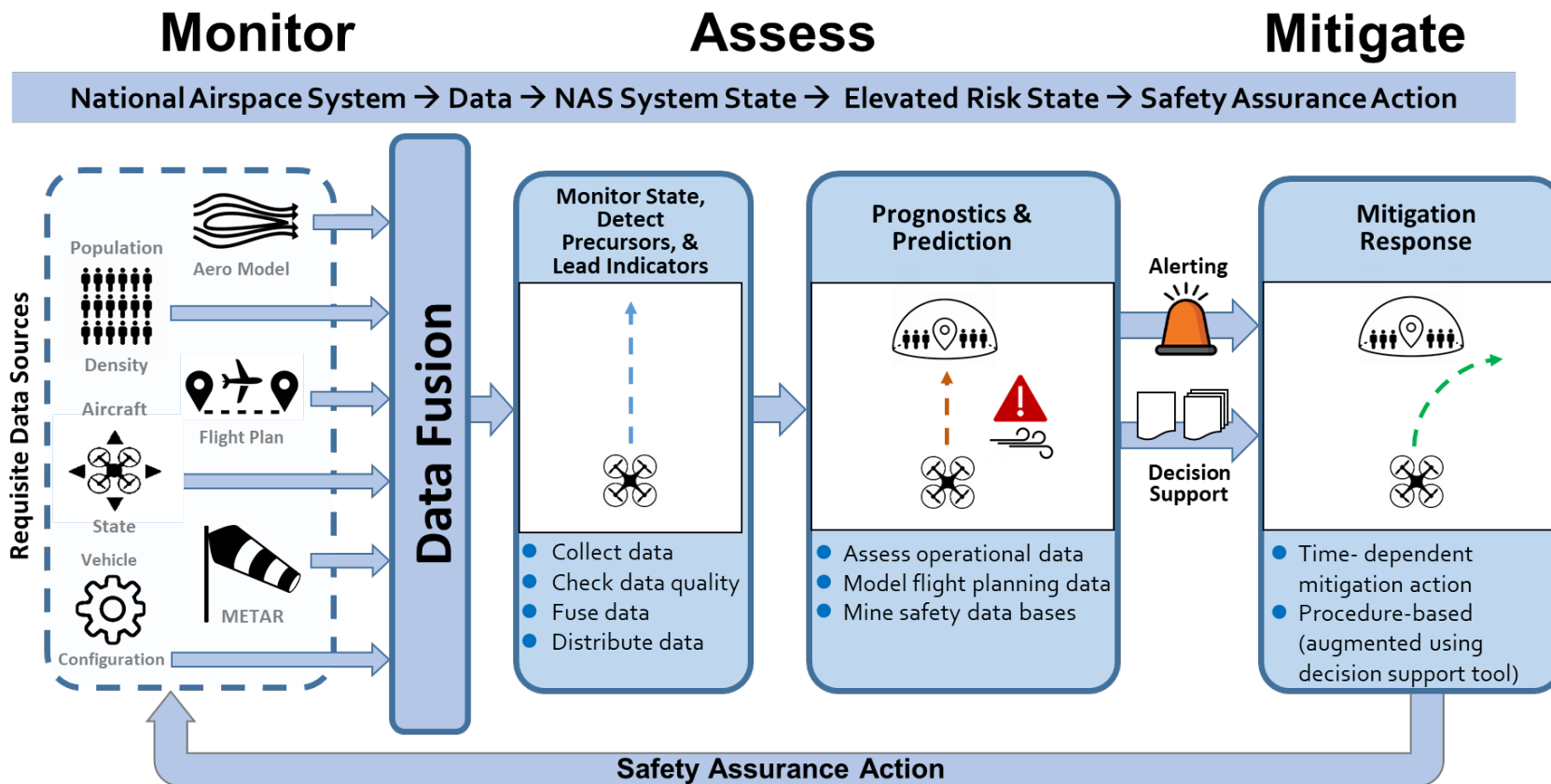
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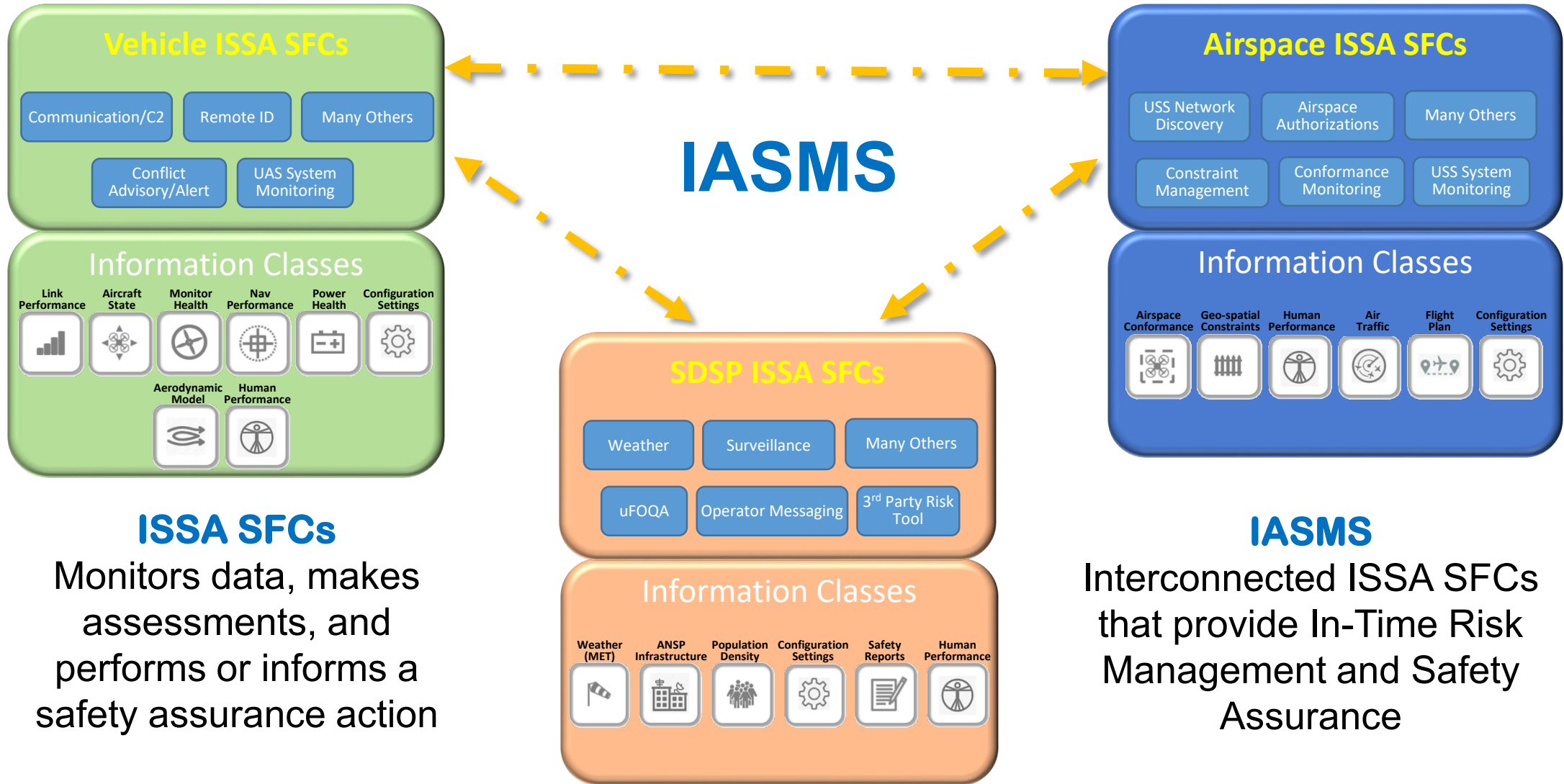
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Architecture and Information Requirements TM

- Domain Specific In-time Safety Monitoring and Alerting Tools
- Integrated Predictive Domain Level Application
- Adaptive Real-time Safety Management



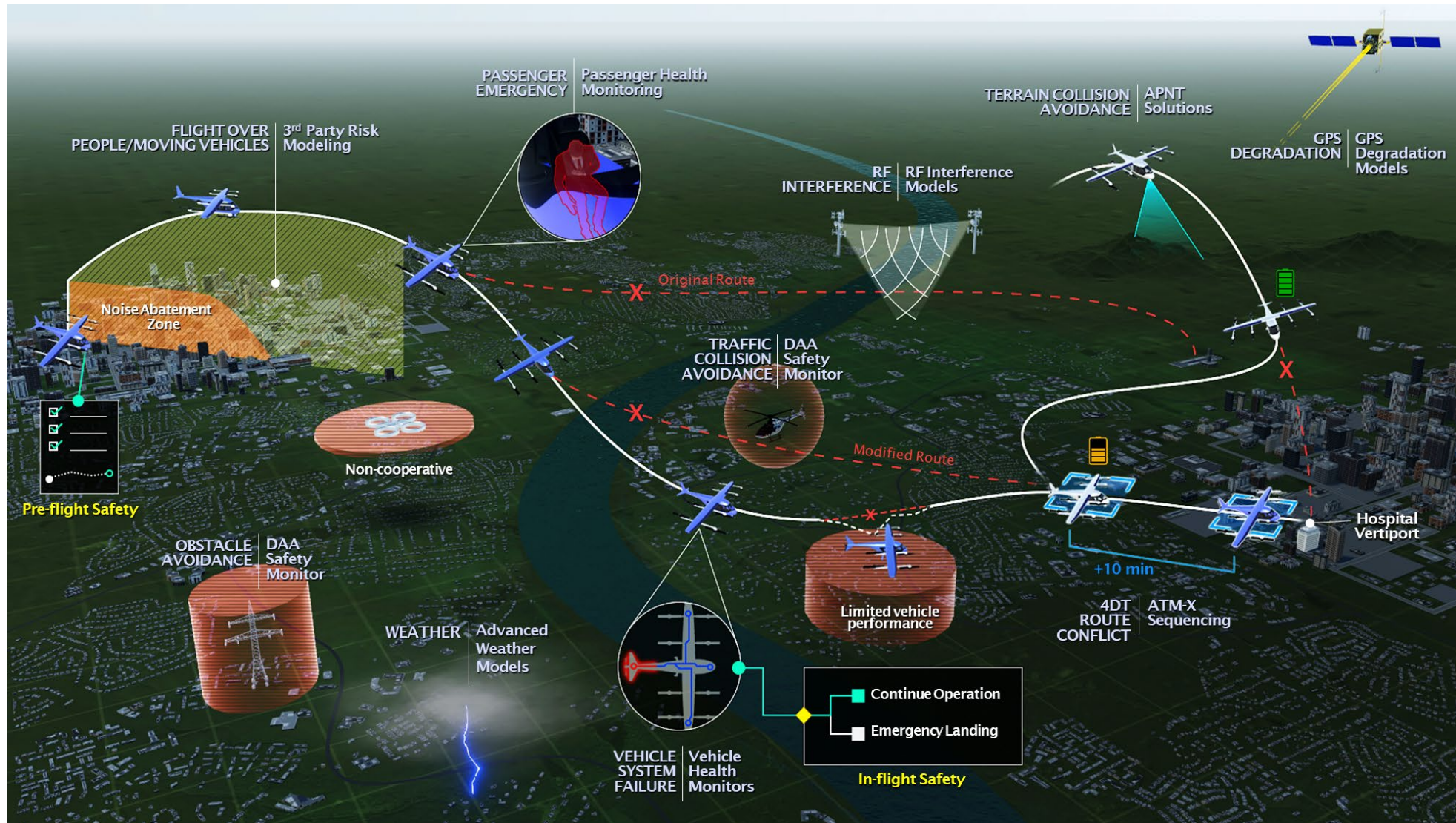
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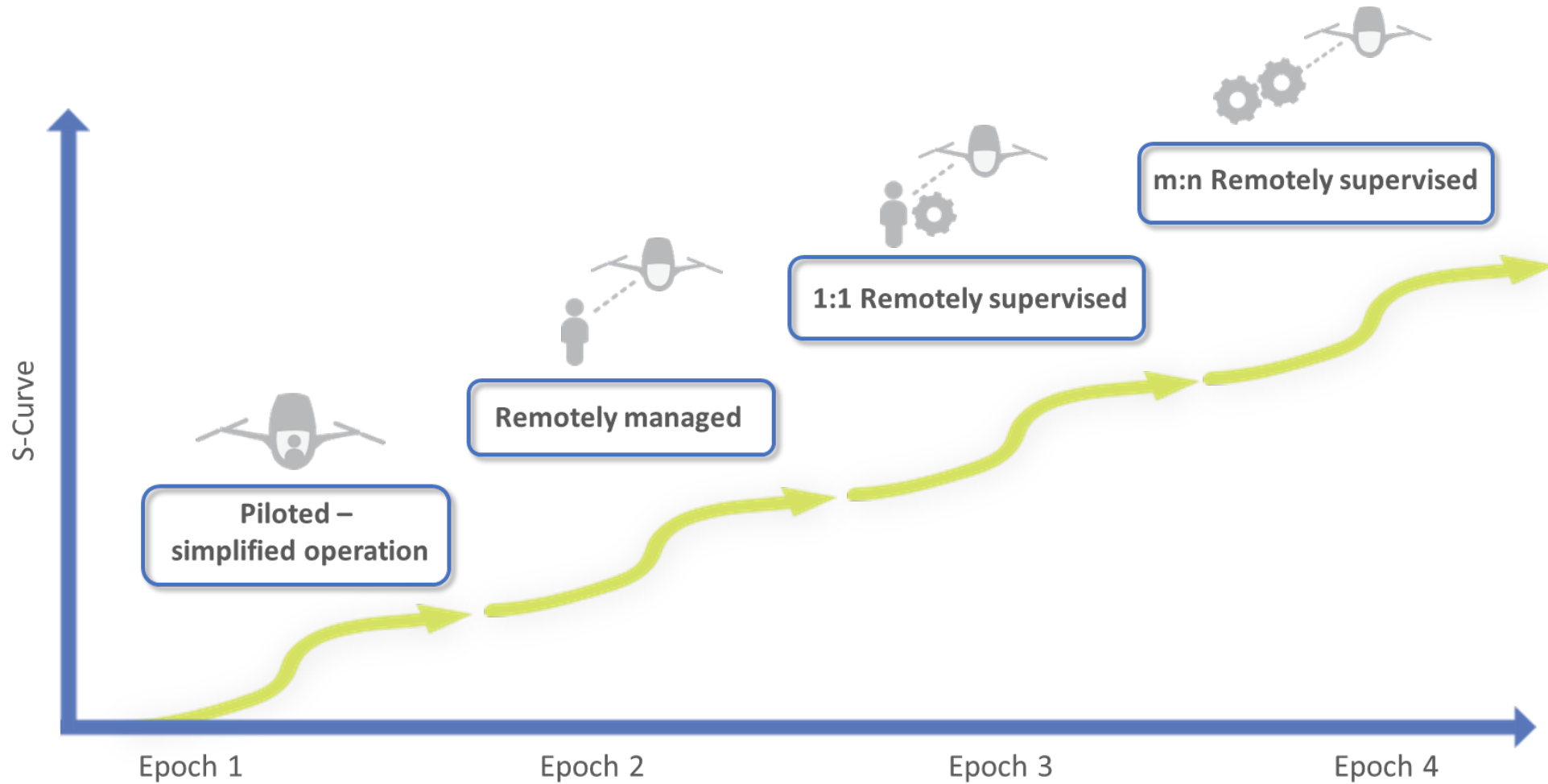
**ISSA SFCs**  
Monitors data, makes assessments, and performs or informs a safety assurance action

**IASMS**  
Interconnected ISSA SFCs that provide In-Time Risk Management and Safety Assurance

# Integrated, Service-Oriented Architecture



# Envisioned New Roles and Responsibilities



# Human Roles Defined From Functions Performed



## ROLES

LEVEL OF AUTOMATION	MONITORING	GENERATING	SELECTING	IMPLEMENTING
Manual Control	Human	Human	Human	Human
Action Support	Human/Computer	Human	Human	Human/Computer
Batch Processing	Human/Computer	Human	Human	Computer
Shared Control	Human/Computer	Human/Computer	Human	Human/Computer
Decision Support	Human/Computer	Human/Computer	Human	Computer
Blended Decision Making	Human/Computer	Human/Computer	Human/Computer	Computer
Rigid System	Human/Computer	Computer	Human	Computer
Automated Decision Making	Human/Computer	Human/Computer	Computer	Computer
Supervisory Control	Human/Computer	Computer	Computer	Computer
Full Automation	Computer	Computer	Computer	Computer

Level of Automation Taxonomy Example (from Endsley & Kaber, 1999)



# Paradox of Automation — ? → Autonomy



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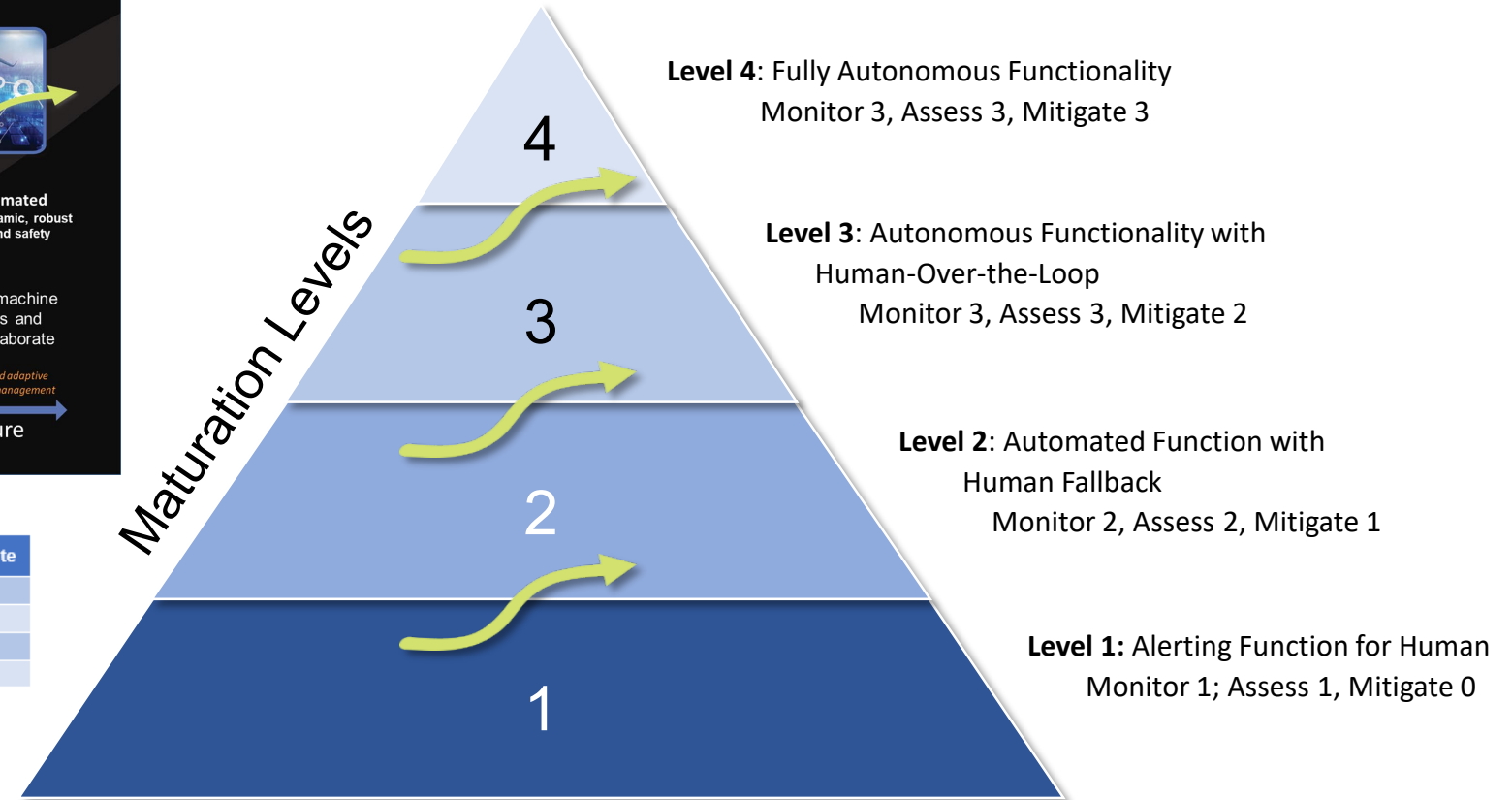
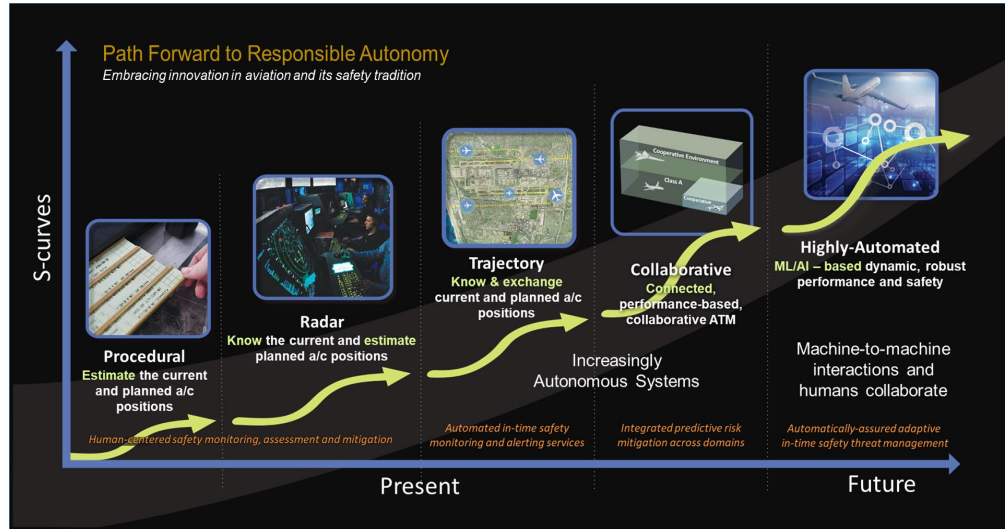
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# IASMS<sup>1</sup> Services, Functions, Capabilities Maturation



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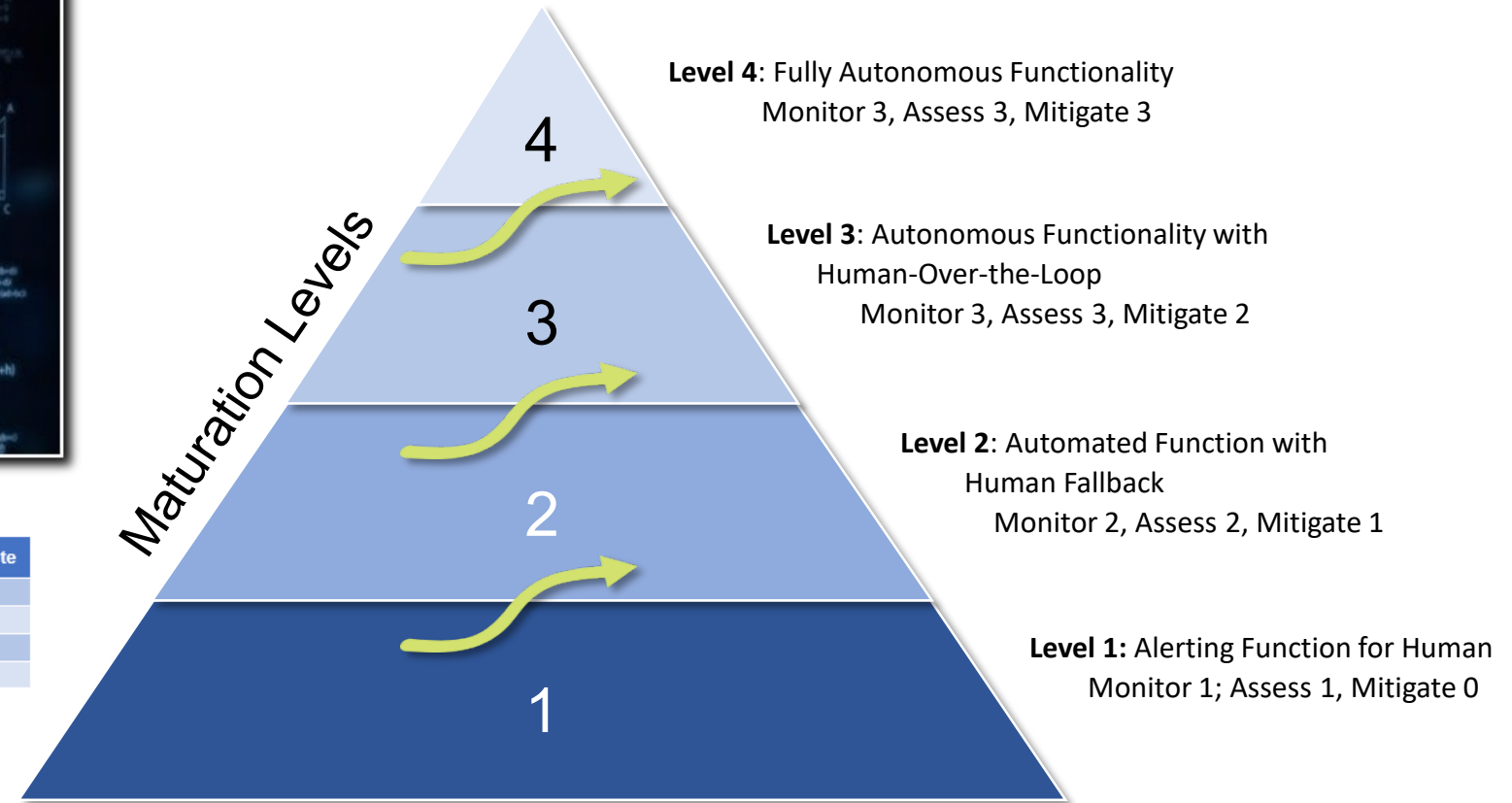
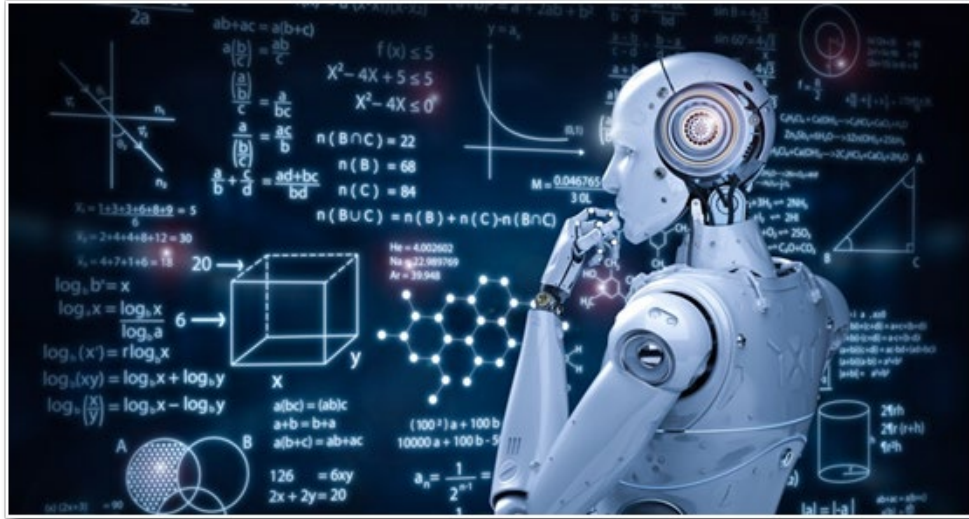
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The Monitor-Assess-Mitigate numbers signify notional increases in capability

# Exploring Human Roles and Responsibilities



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- “...a listing of those respects in which human capabilities surpass those of machines must, of course, be hedged with the statement that we cannot foresee what machines can be built to do in the future”<sup>1</sup>
- “... less and less qualities are uniquely human, and the overall balance of humans and machines promises to set the profile of our future as a technology-dependent species.”<sup>2</sup>



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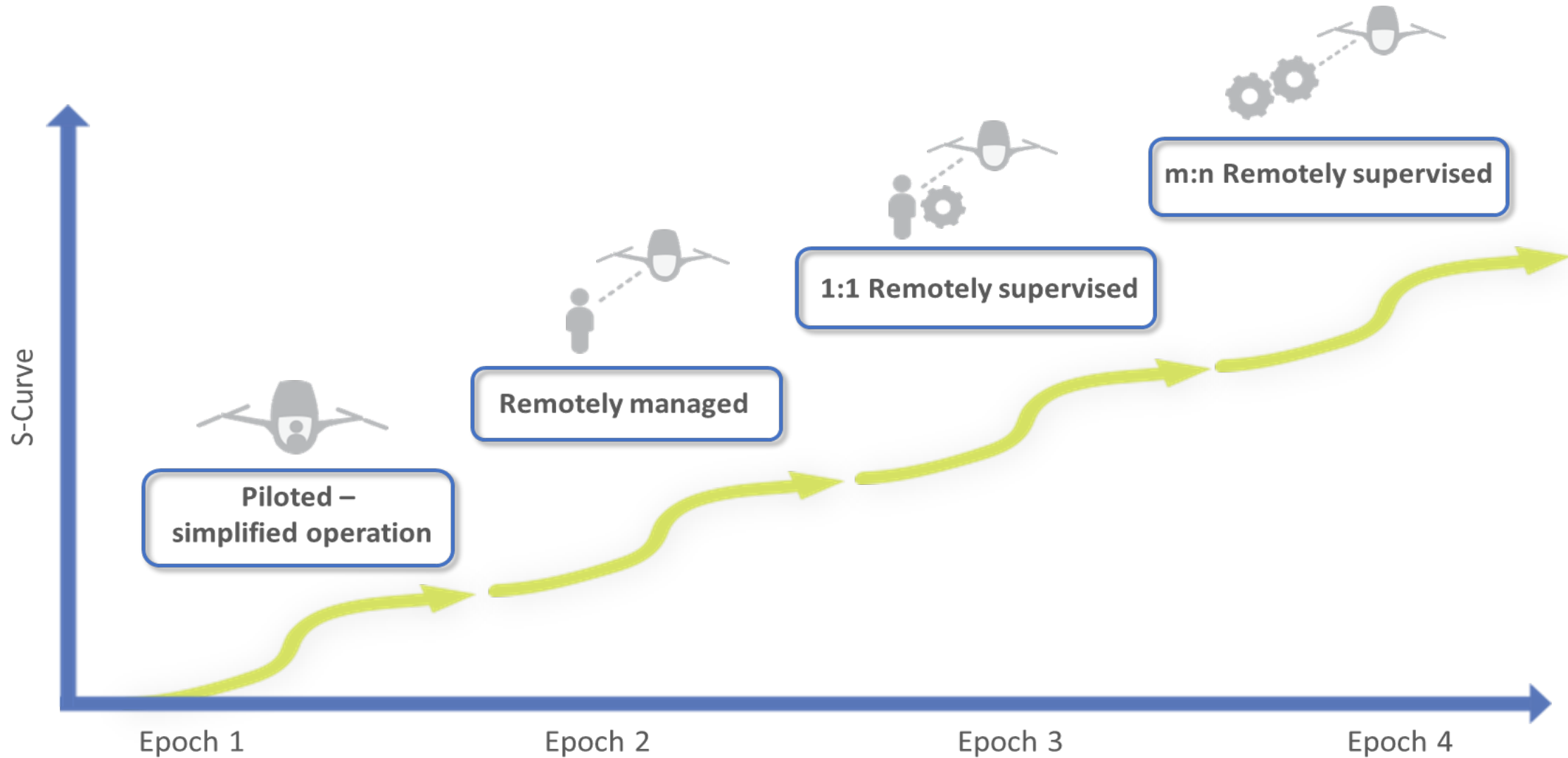
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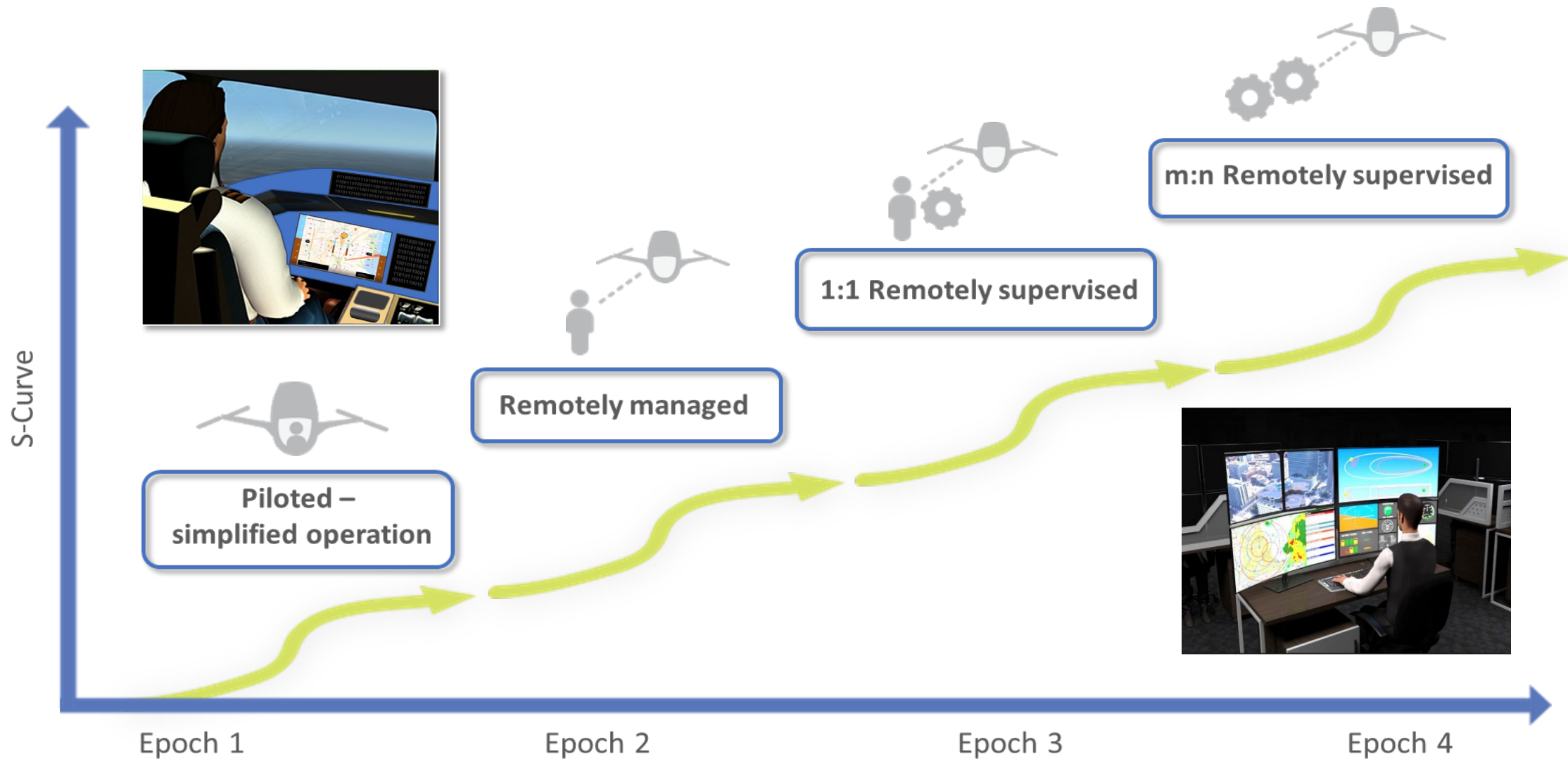
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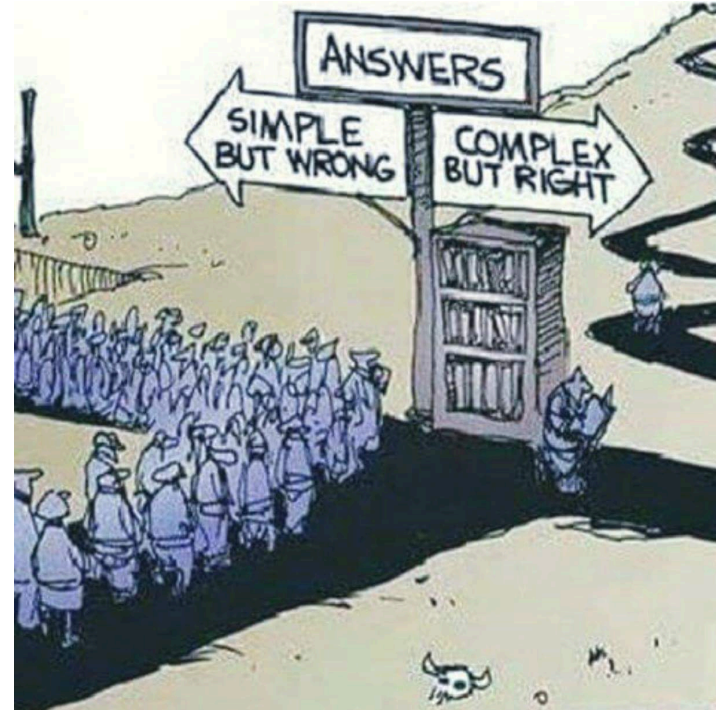


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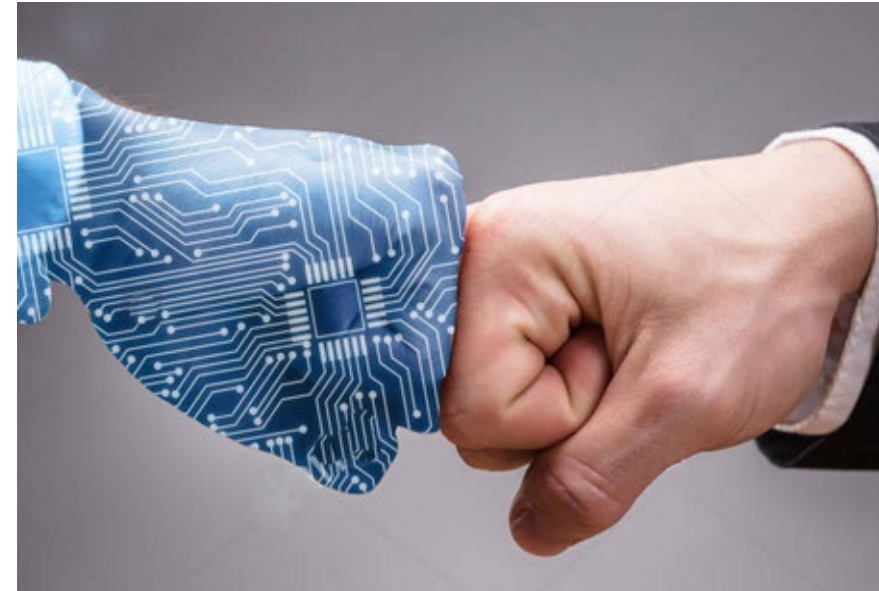
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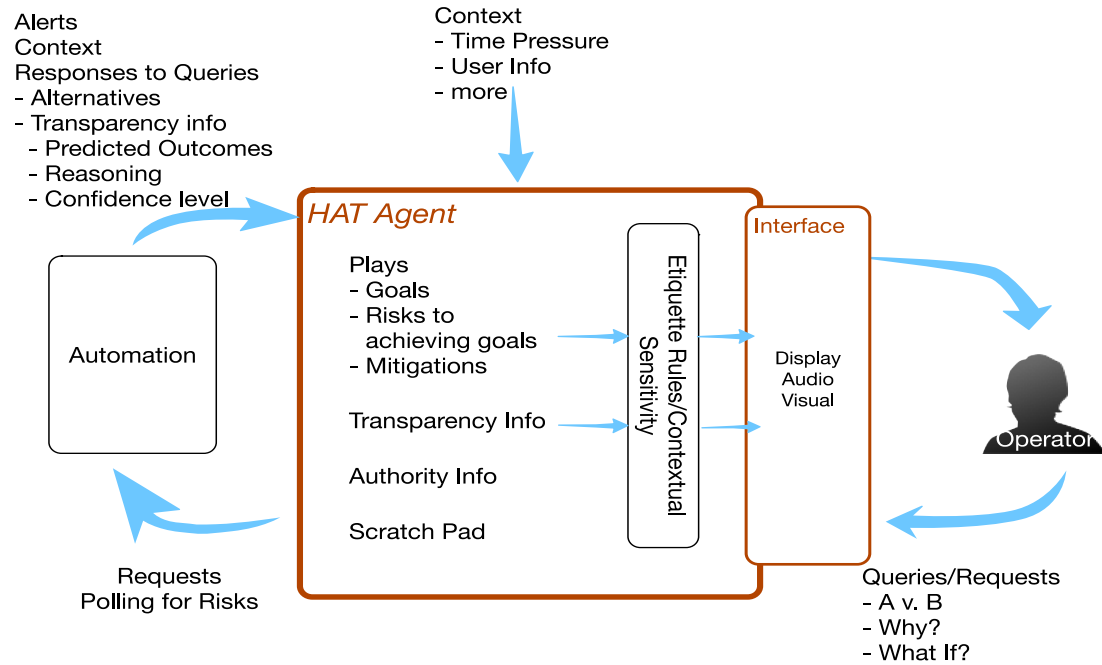
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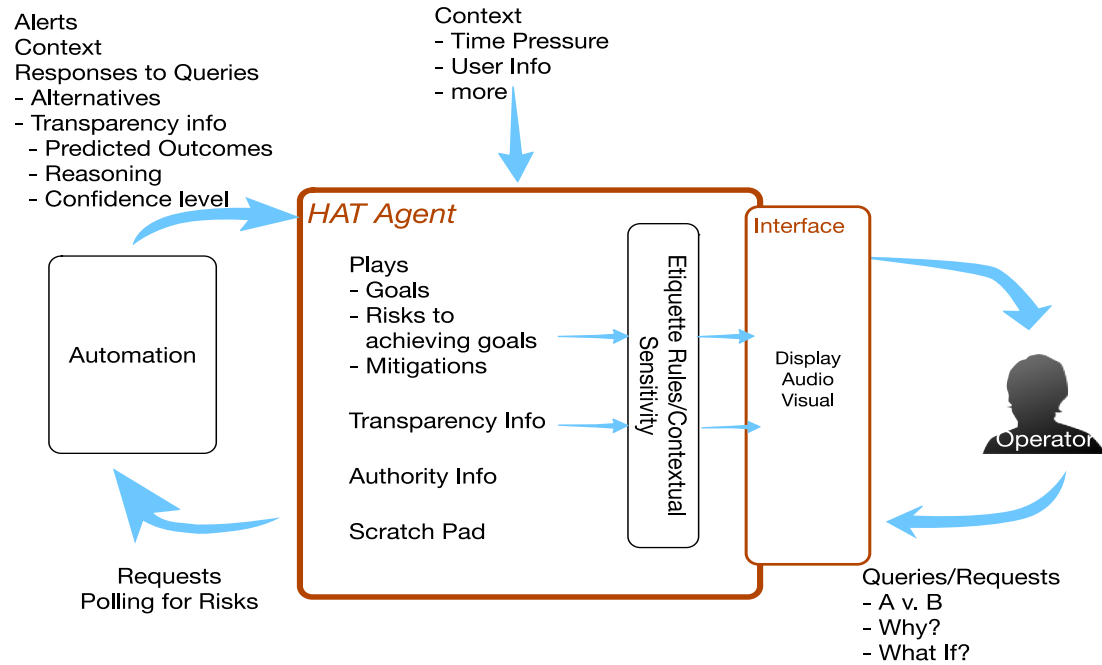
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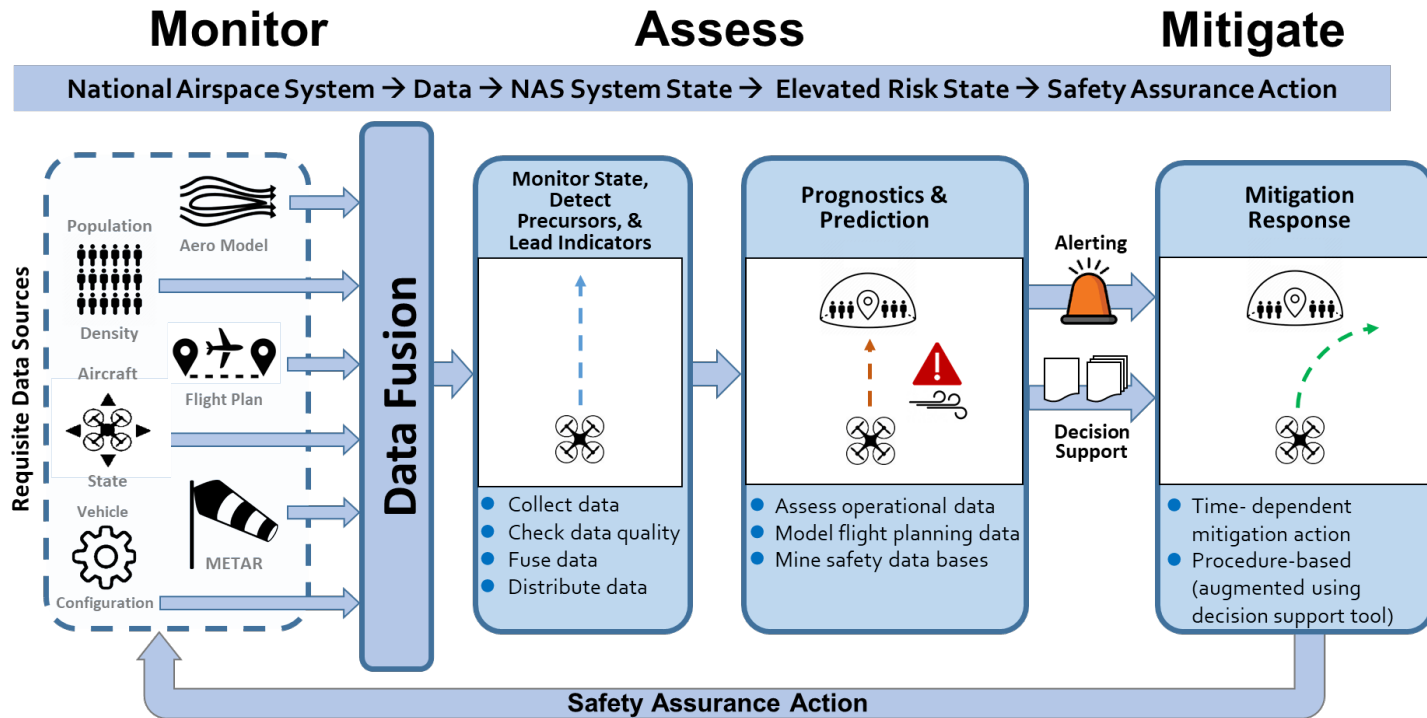
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# Addressing Risks and Constraints

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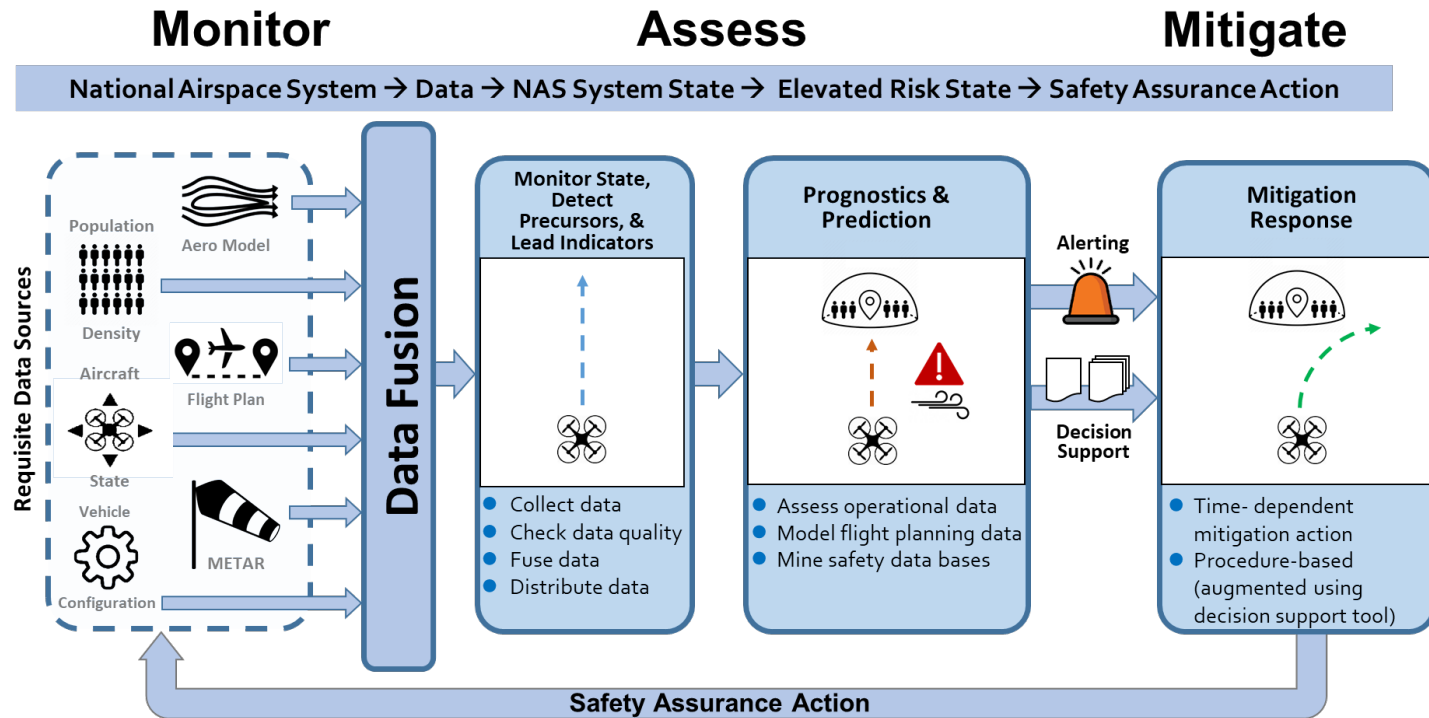
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- Unsafe proximity to air traffic, people on the ground, terrain or property
- Critical system failures (including loss of link, loss or degraded positioning system performance, loss of power, flight control failure and engine failure)
- Loss-of-Control (i.e., envelope excursions)
- Physical/Environment Related Risks
  - Weather encounters (including wind gusts)
  - Threat by person—malicious
- Cyber-security related risks
- Those our predictive and prognostic SFCs have not identified yet...

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# Building Reference SFCs

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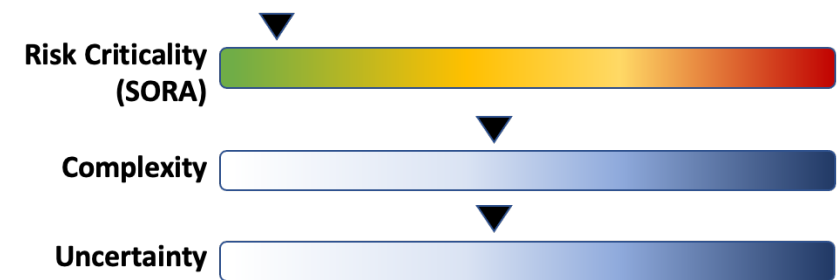
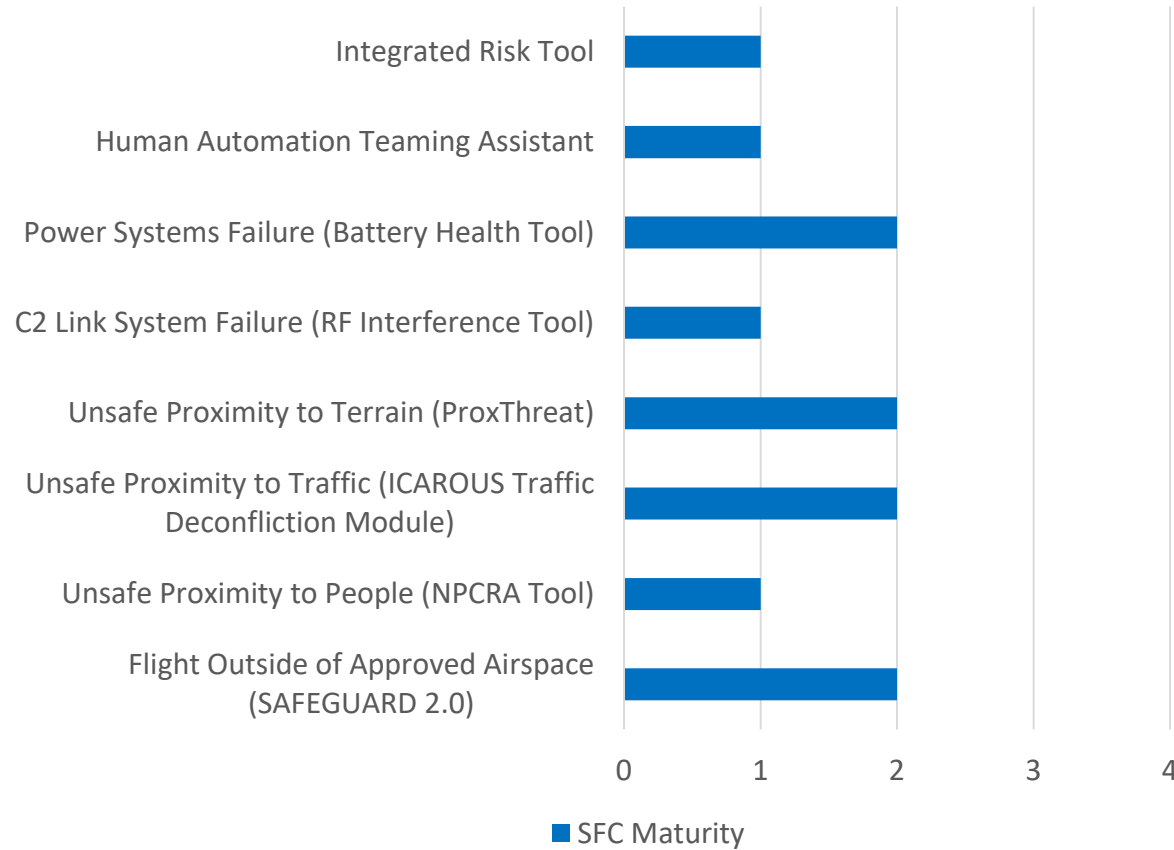


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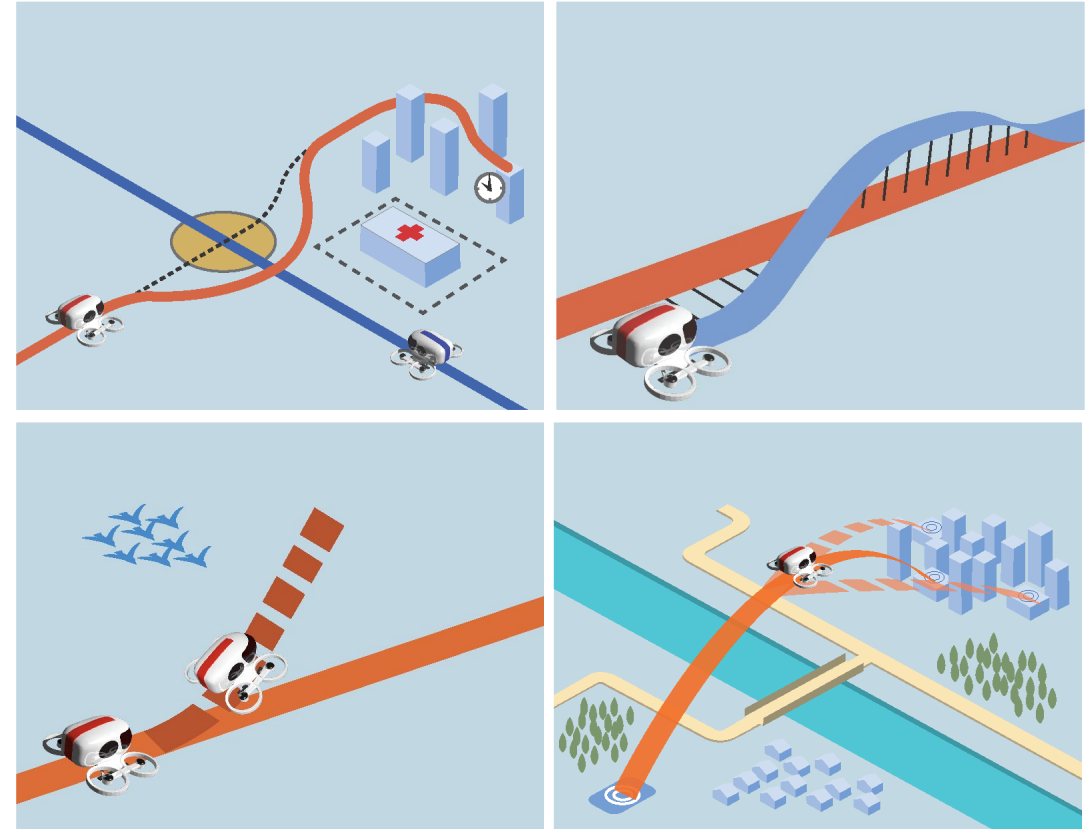
## Example Reference SFCs

- SAFEGUARD
- Proximity to Threat Service, Non-participant Casualty Risk Assessment, ICAROUS, Safe2Ditch
- RF Interference Modeling  
GPS Degradation Modeling  
APNT Services (alternatives to GPS)  
Battery Health Prognostics  
Command and Control Link Monitor
- Hyper-local weather modeling → Climacell (SDSP example)  
Vehicle-as-a-sensor services
- Adaptive security procedure development
- Industry-developed Cyber-security solutions and protocols
- Multiple Kernel Anomaly Detection (MKAD)
- ?

## SFC Maturity Levels for Key Risks



- Future challenges includes understanding the information requirements for human operators and how those change with diverse and increasingly complex levels of autonomy and contingency management capabilities
- In-time safety assurance SFCs must be developed with these considerations that may be significantly different dependent upon the concept of operation employed



# Summary



- Human-Autonomy Teaming approaches may need to scale as the architecture of SFCs, use of inter-dependent automated systems, and operational environments evolve toward greater complexity
- The multi-dimensional space for design of IASMS has implications for the envisioned changing roles and responsibilities of the human operator
- The IASMS Monitor-Assess-Mitigate functions can inform design decisions about what information the human operators should monitor, when they need to make assessments, and how they need to intervene

