

Operational Guidance

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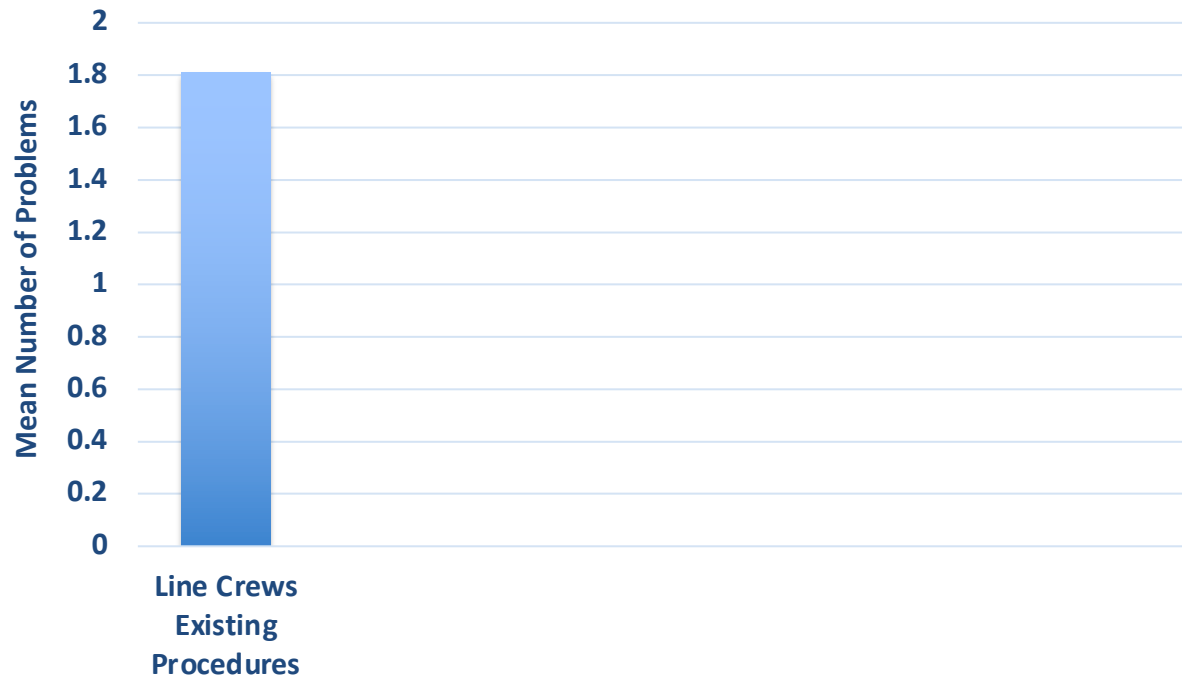
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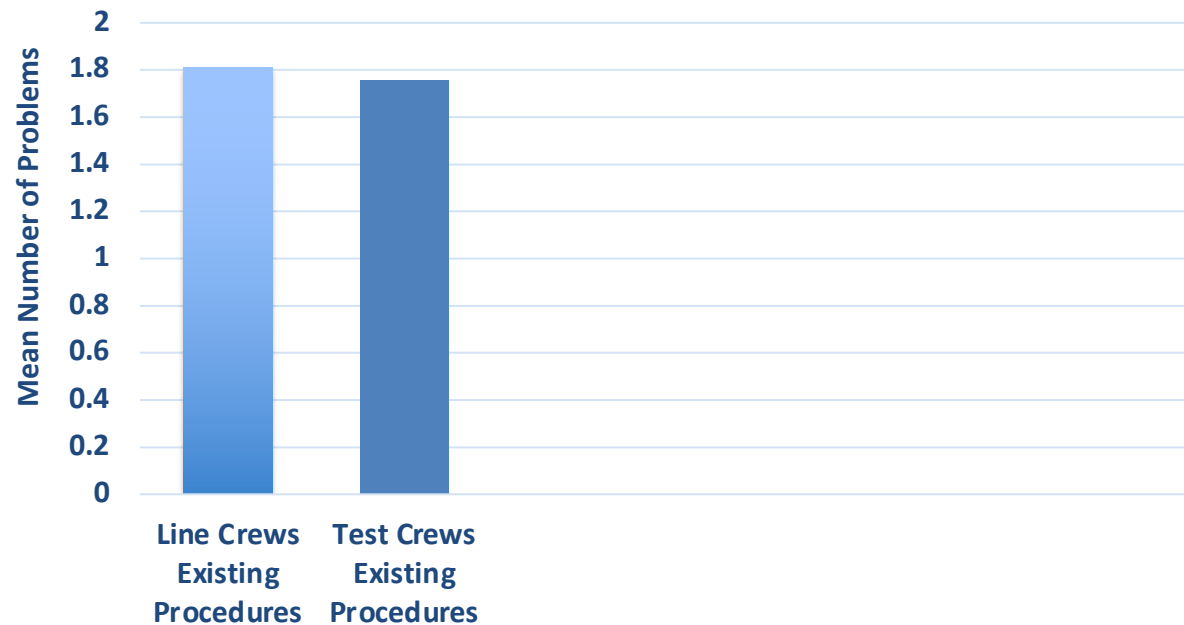
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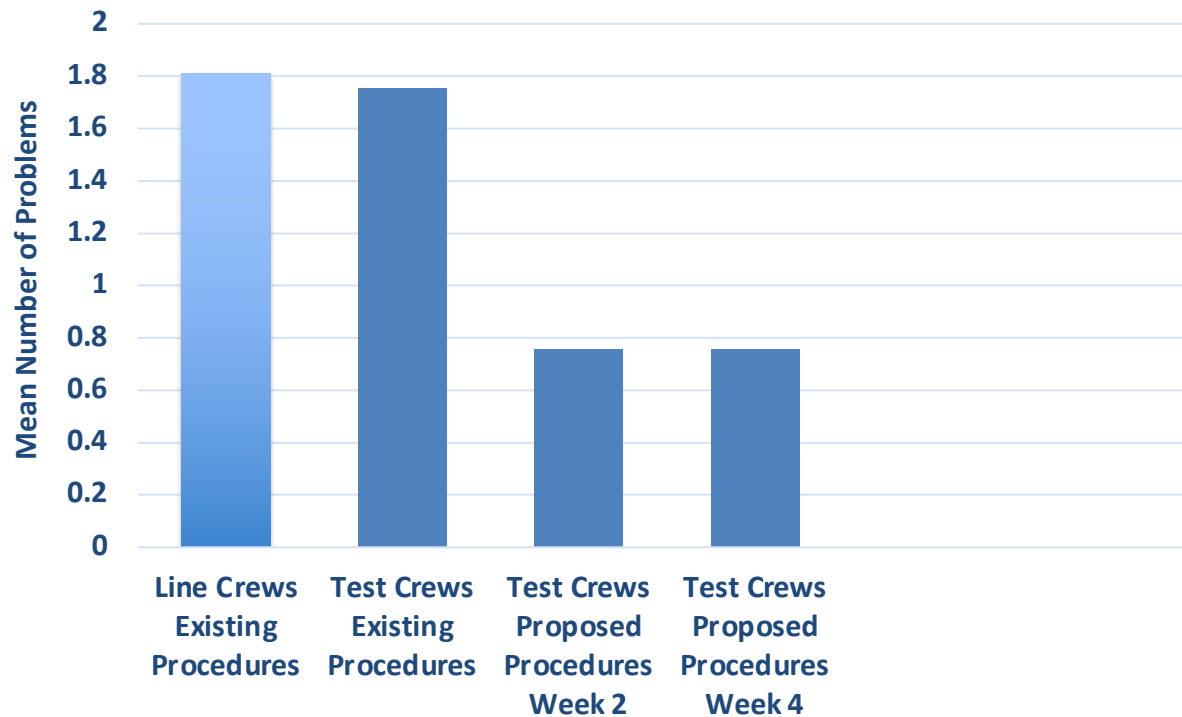
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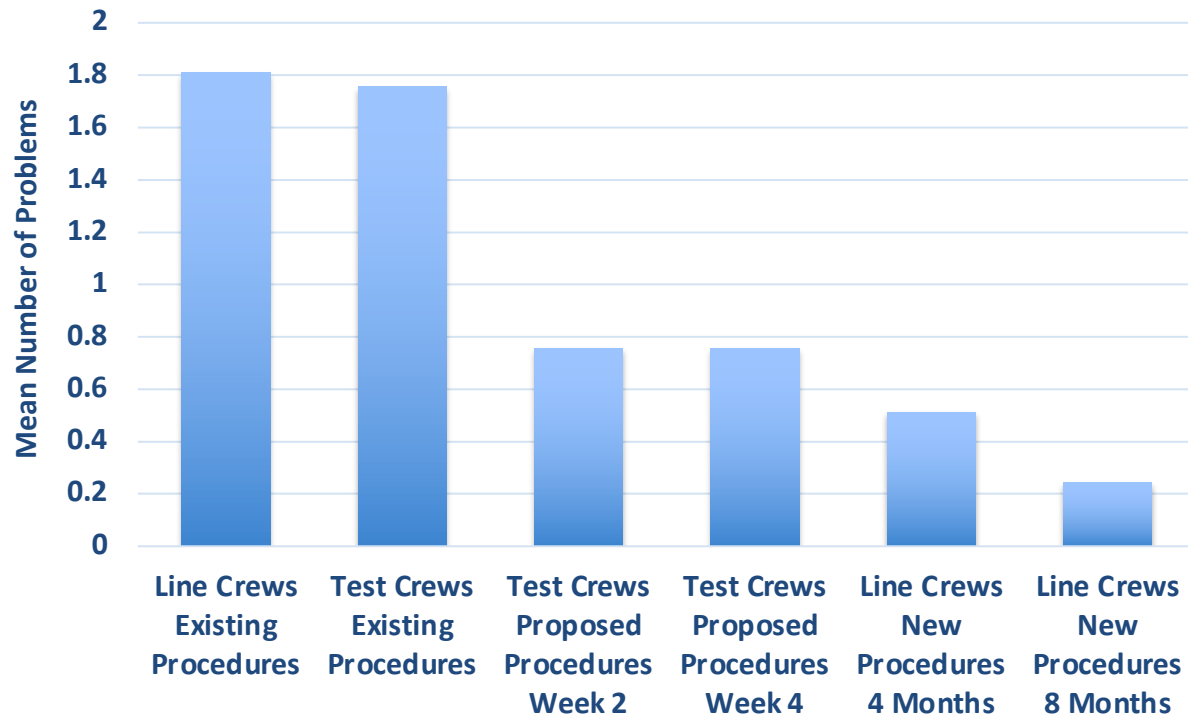
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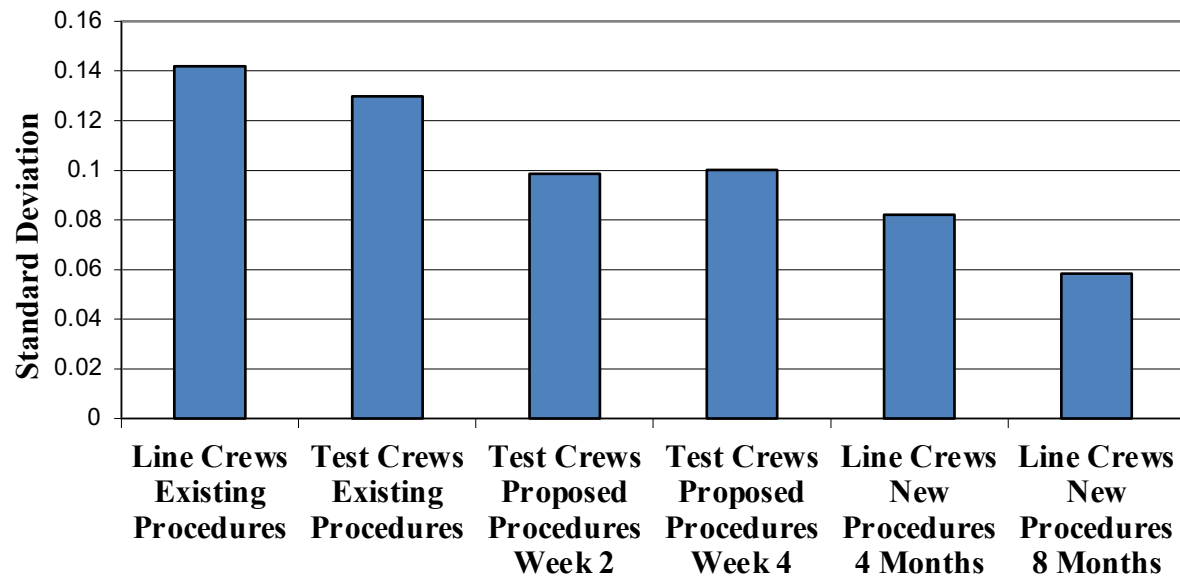
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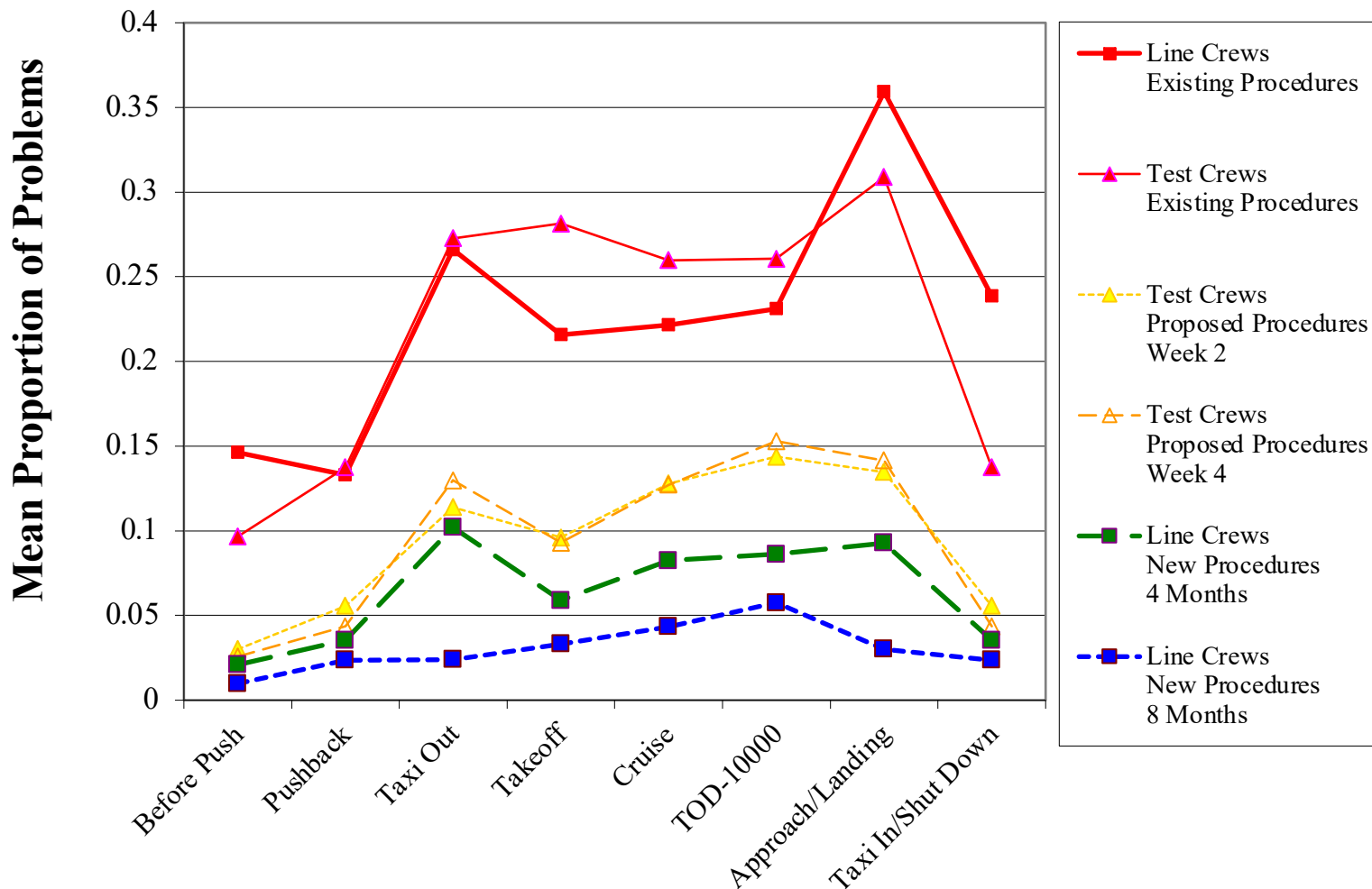
Mean Number of Problems on Target Items per Flight: The Complete Evaluation



Standard Deviation of Number of Problems on Target Items per Flight



Mean Proportion of Target Items Demonstrating Problems by Phase of Flight



Pilots' Perceptions of Flight Under the New Procedures Compared to Flight Under the Old Procedures 4 and 8 Months Following Adoption of the New Procedures

Question		Response	
Compared to legs flown under the old procedures, on this leg:		Worse	Same or Better
How well did things go overall?	4 Months	10.1 % (12)	90.0% [26.9 (32); 63.0 (75)]
	8 Months	2.2% (2)	97.8% [18.7 (17); 79.1 (72)]
How well did you and the other pilot communicate?	4 Months	3.4 % (4)	96.6% [26.1 (31); 70.6 (84)]
	8 Months	2.2% (2)	97.8% [23.1 (21); 74.7 (68)]
How well did you and the other pilot check / monitor each other?	4 Months	2.5 % (3)	97.5% [22.9 (27); 74.6 (88)]
	8 Months	3.3% (3)	96.7% [17.6 (16); 79.1 (72)]
How well did you and the other pilot check / monitor the aircraft systems?	4 Months	2.5 % (3)	97.5% [38.7 (46); 58.8 (70)]
	8 Months	0.0% (0)	100.0% [31.9 (29); 68.1 (62)]
How tired were you?	4 Months	10.9 % (13)	89.1% [66.4 (79); 22.7 (27)]
	8 Months	4.4% (4)	95.6% [69.2 (63); 26.4 (24)]
How stressed did you feel?	4 Months	12.6 % (15)	87.4% [53.8 (64); 33.6 (40)]
	8 Months	2.2% (2)	97.8% [58.2 (53); 39.6 (36)]
How much effort did you expend?	4 Months	15.1 % (18)	84.9% [44.5 (53); 40.3 (48)]
	8 Months	5.6% (5)	94.4% [42.2 (38); 52.2 (47)]
How rushed were you?	4 Months	13.4 % (16)	86.6% [21.0 (25); 65.5 (78)]
	8 Months	5.5% (5)	94.5% [22.0 (20); 72.5 (66)]

So what did we get?

- A significant reduction in error across all phases of flight.
- A significant improvement in standardization across crews.
- A very strong acceptance of the new procedures.
- A significant improvement in crews' experience.

But how did we do it?

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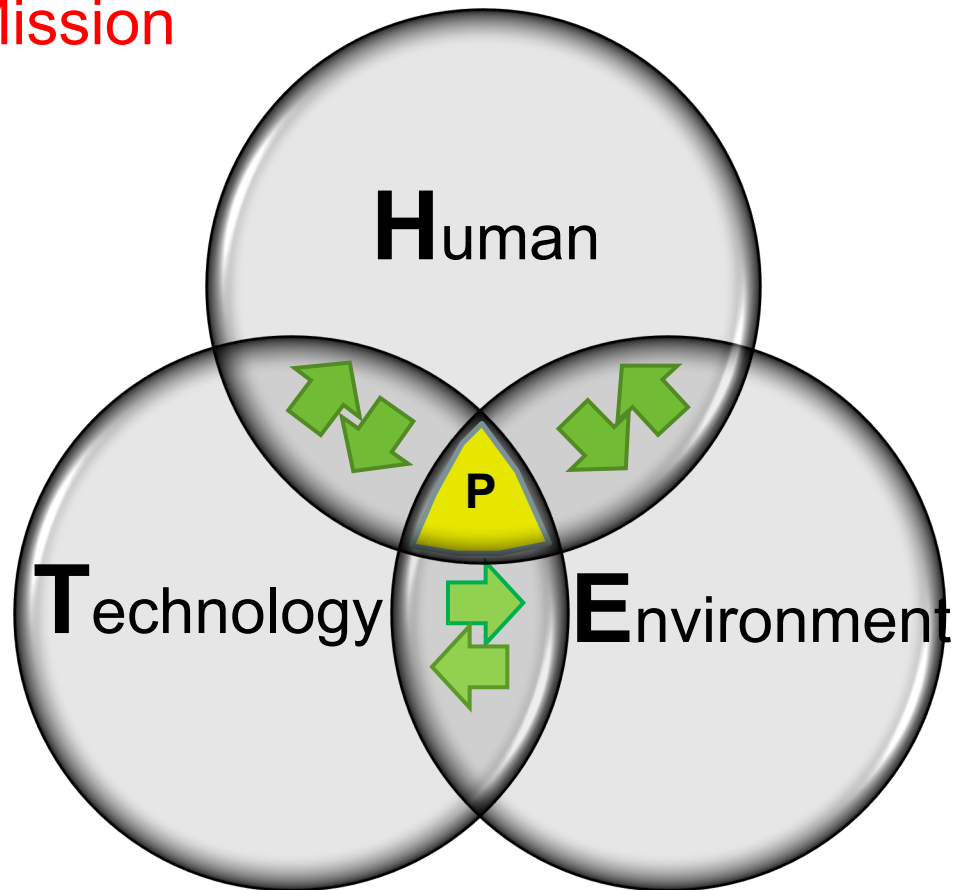
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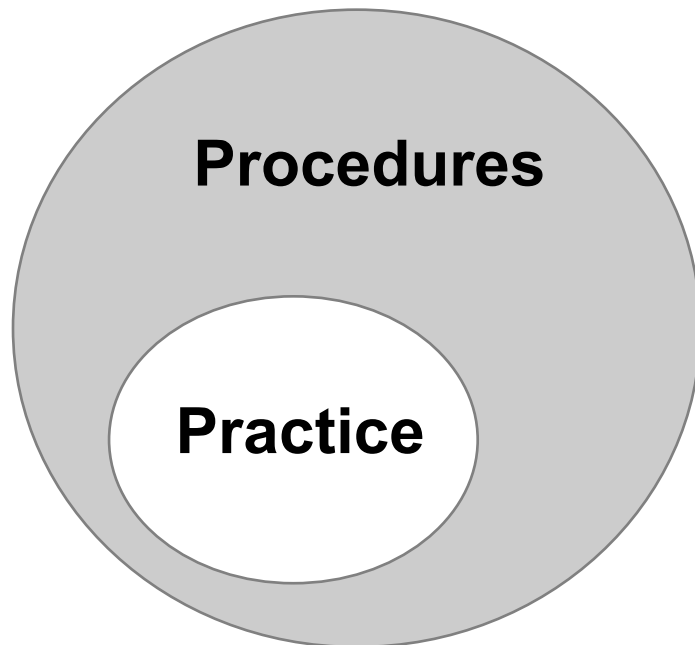
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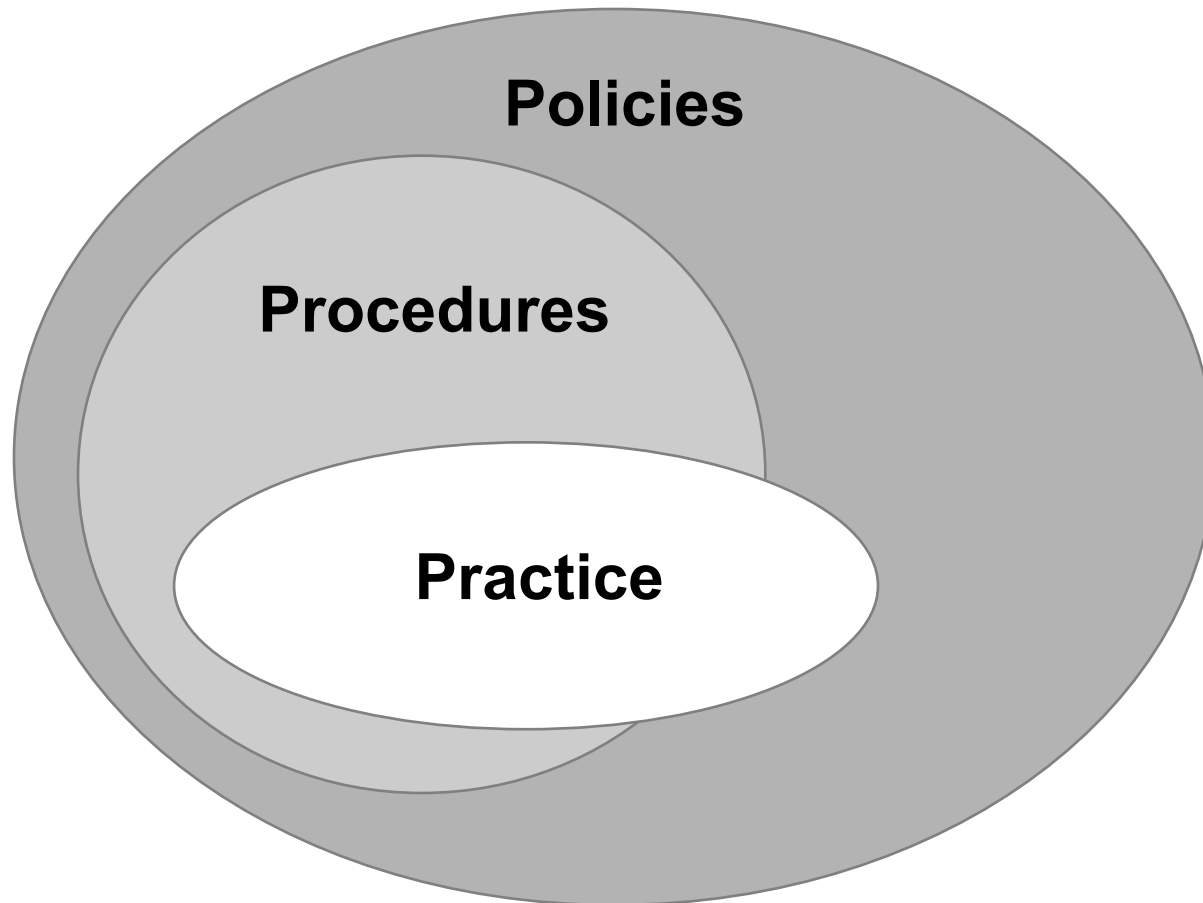
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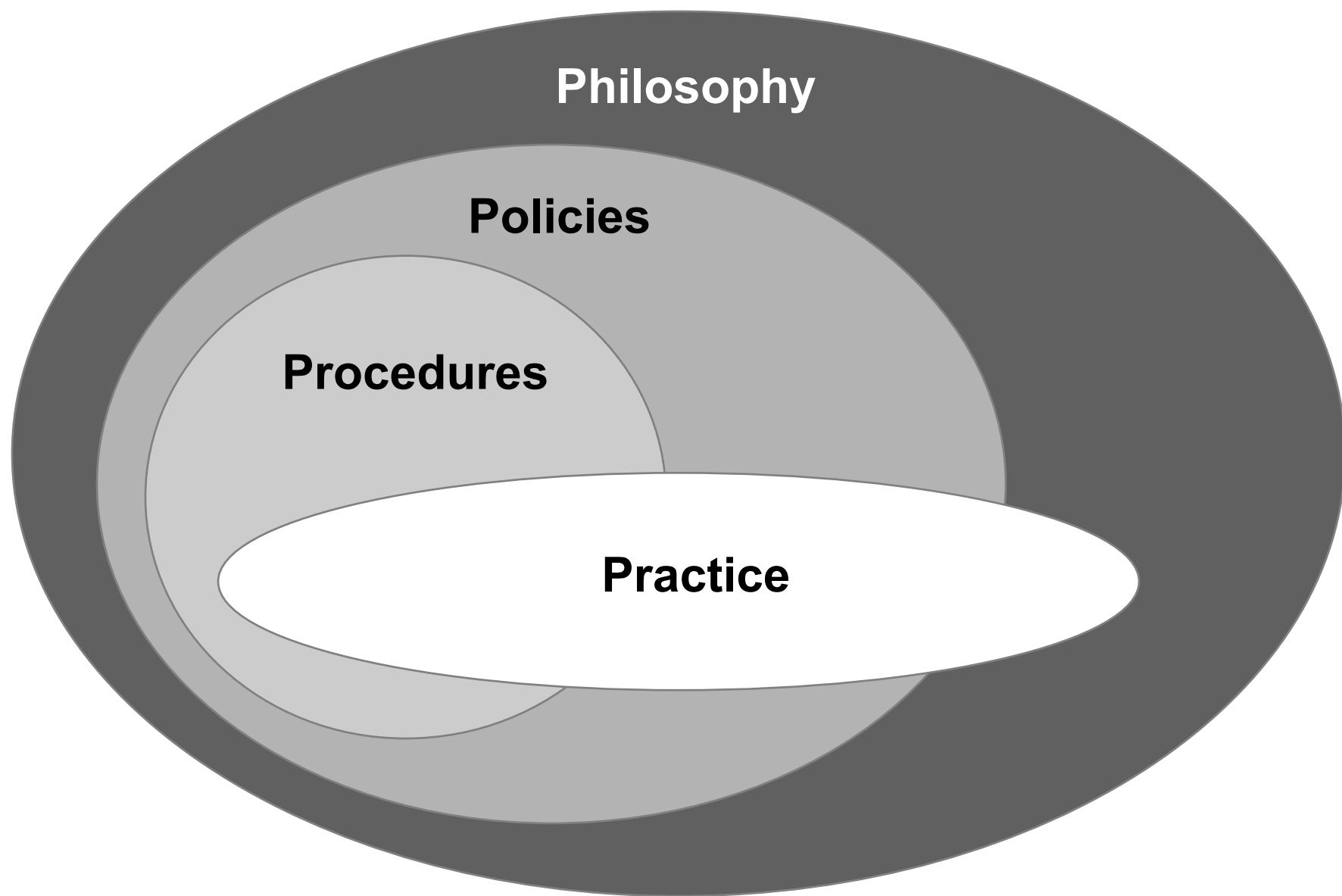
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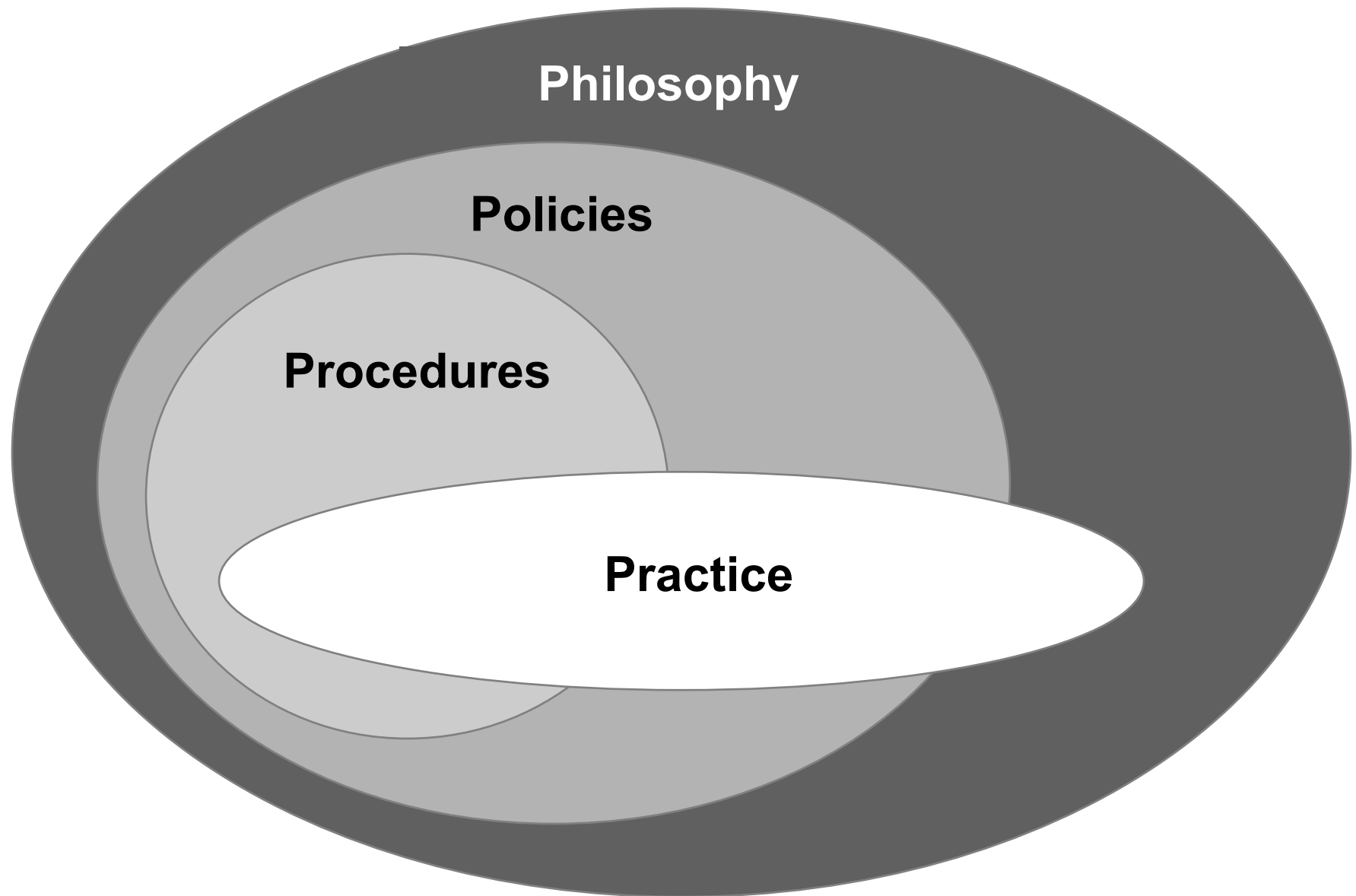
THE Model



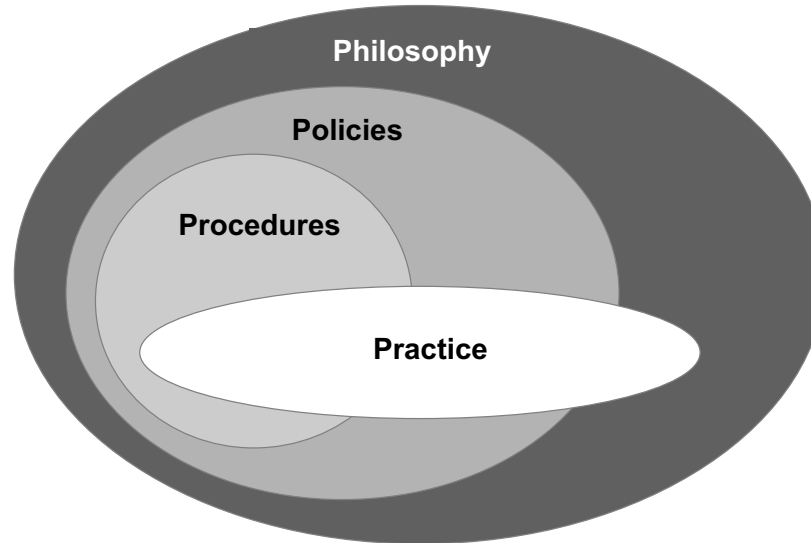




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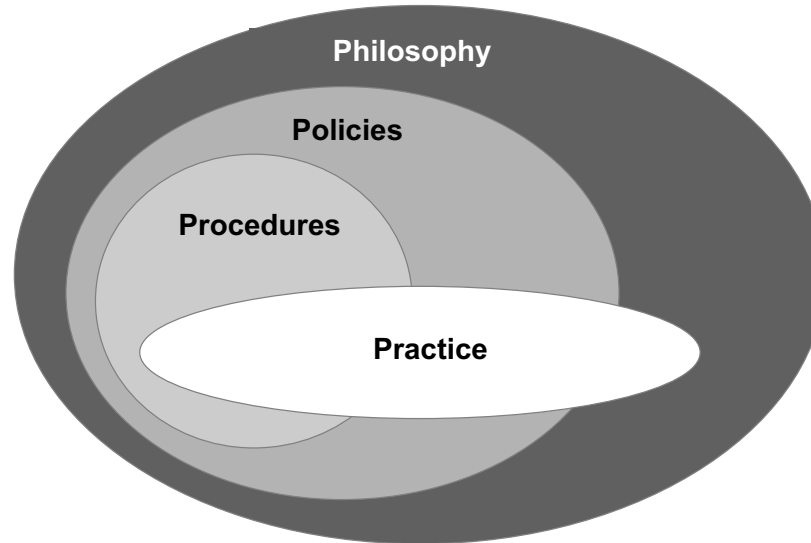


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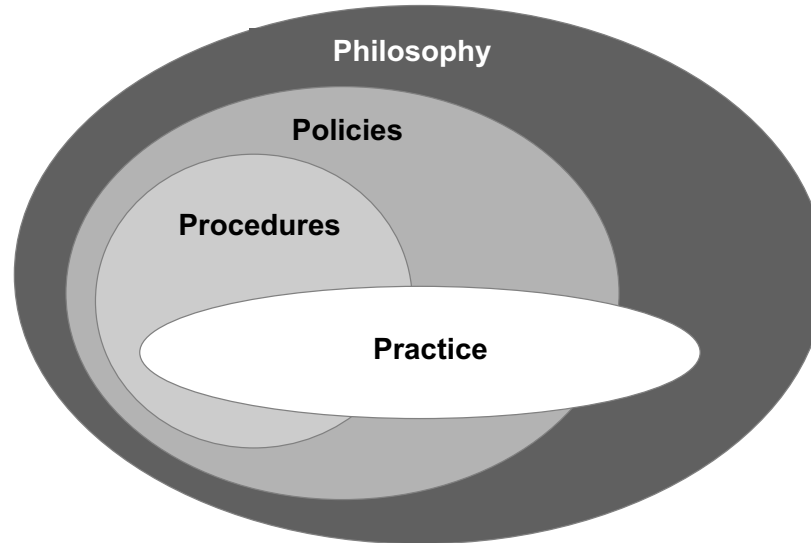
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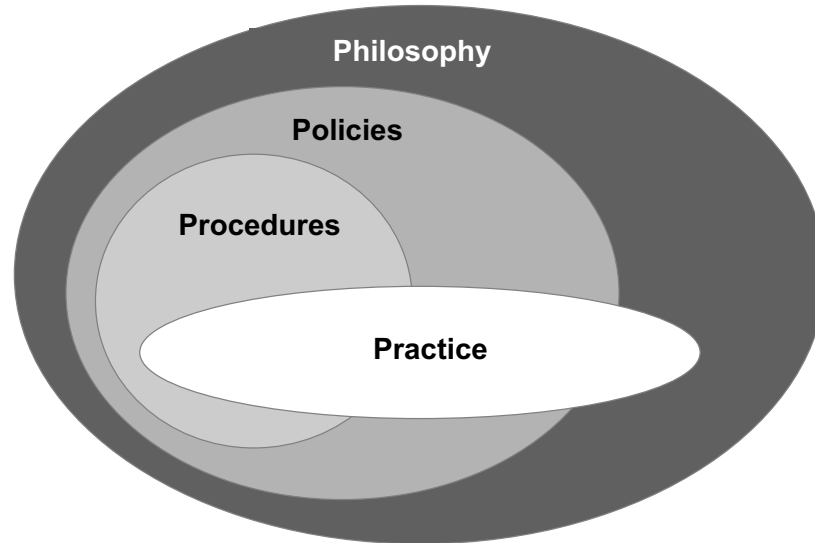
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- The question is whether you want to make it explicit or not.

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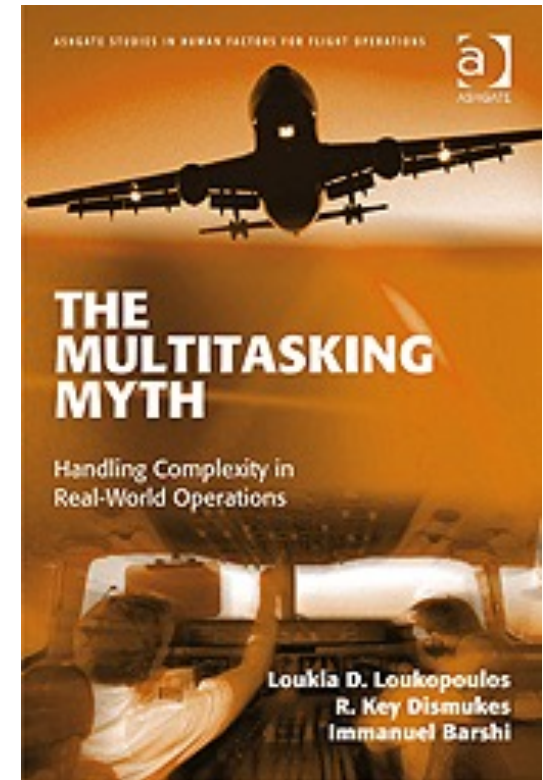
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