



System-wide Human Performance Modeling

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Outline

- Why model human performance at a system-wide level?
- What human performance should be modeled at a system wide level?
- How: What has been the experience of modeling human performance?
 - Team-Group
 - Regional
 - System-wide
- What is to be done next?



Why?

Why do we model human-system behavior ?

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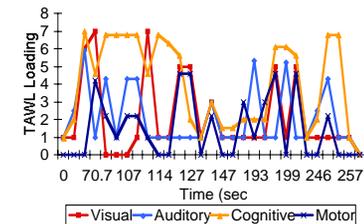
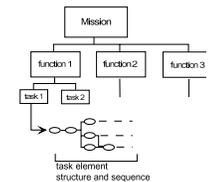
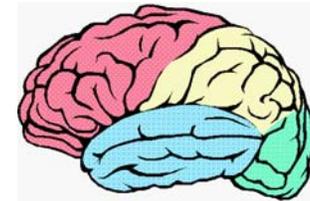
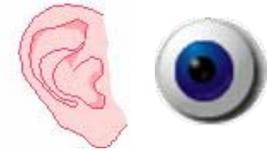
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Typical Human Performance Model Output

Human performance values for the interaction between multiple human agents, the system and the environment:

- Perceptual demands
- Operator attention demands
- Cognitive loading
- Context-Control Switching
- Memory representations
- Task-related information
 - Scheduling, degradation, shedding
 - Task time to complete
 - Timeline information





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What?



1. Predict Performance

- **Determine Hazard Likelihood and Impact:**
- **Human performance contributes to system closed loop response time: noisy, delayed, erroneous, adaptive, anticipatory, predictive**
- **Models of performance can be used to:**
 - Predict response times to alerts**
 - Predict visual search times**
 - Predict the conformance monitoring visual sampling for varied separation standards**
 - Predict blunder likelihood and response/recovery operations**



2. Examine the Mechanisms of Performance

What mechanisms of human performance scale up to have an effect on system-wide operations?

- **Closed-loop Operator Loading**
 - Feasibility measures
 - Recoverability measures
- **Requirement for and effect of Aiding Systems**
 - Reduction in demand on operator
 - Reduction in likelihood of or impact of error (human or system)



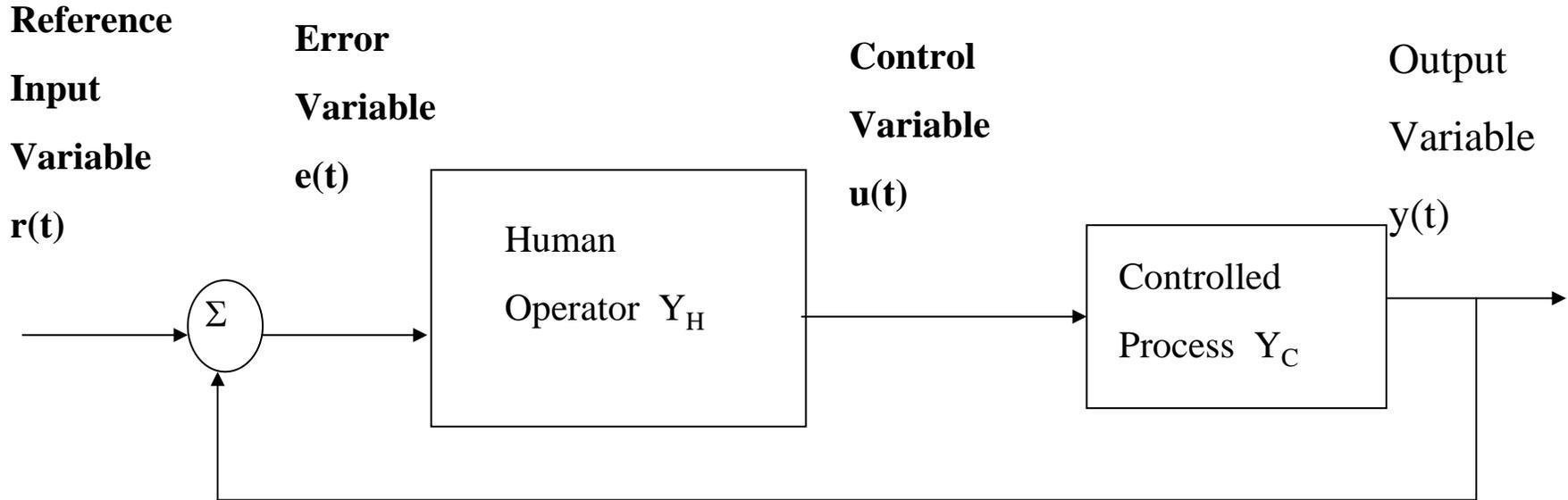
Workload & Situation Awareness: a note

- Prediction or Measurement of “subjectively experienced” workload is of **NO CONSEQUENCE** in system-wide modeling
- Prediction or Measurement of Situation Awareness is of **NO CONSEQUENCE** in system-wide modeling

Unless these affect performance in a large-scale and in a closed loop model.



ONLY IF: Human Performance is part of a closed loop process



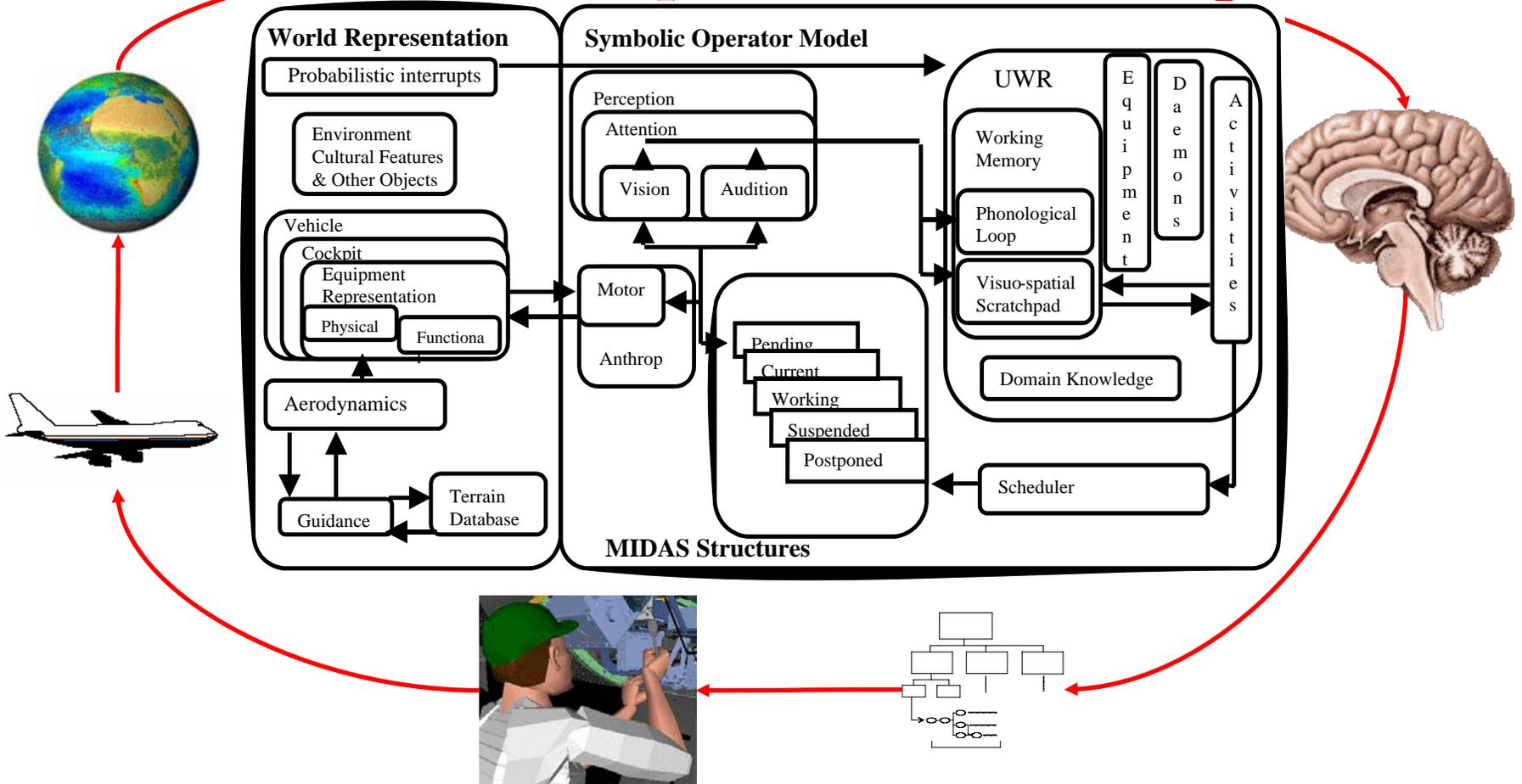
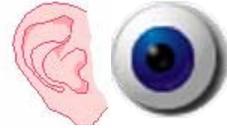
Where:

Y_H and Y_C are dynamic operators on time replaceable by Fourier transformed time functions



Air MIDAS Functional Representation

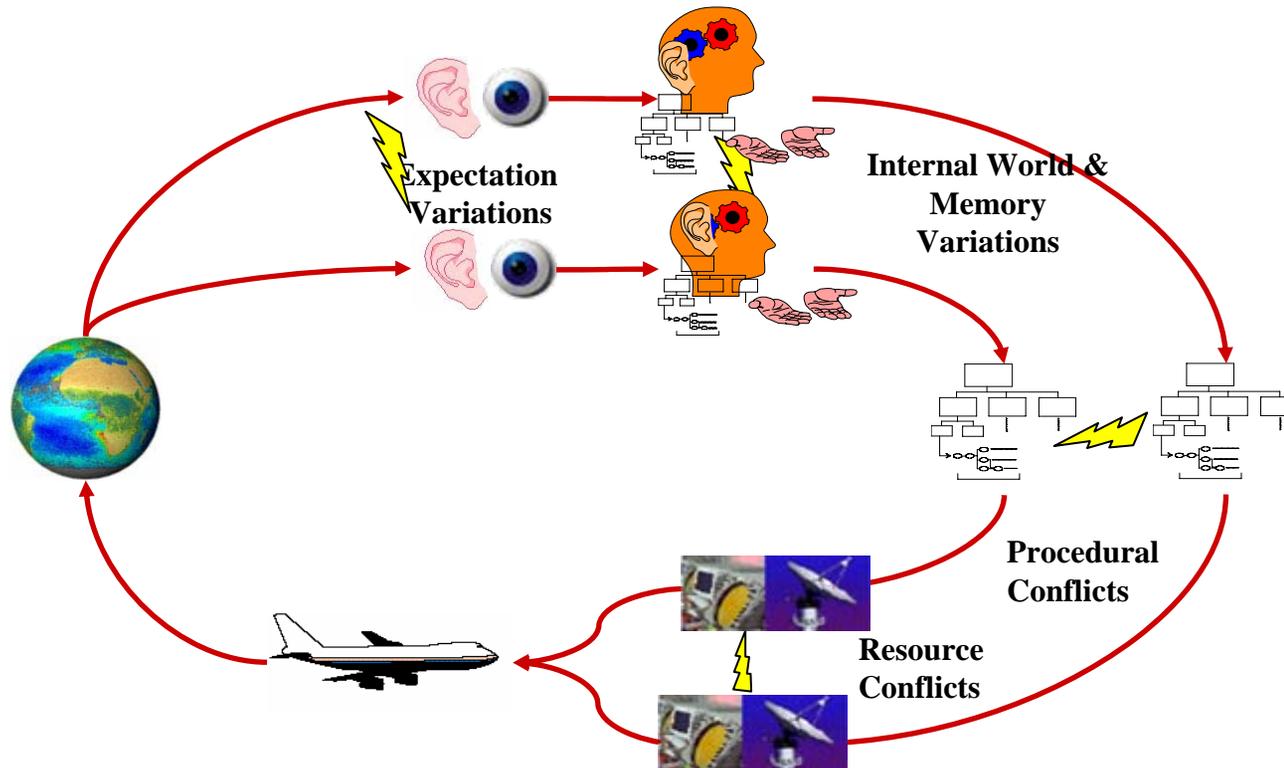
Expectation





What Else?

There are the functions of interactions that must be represented— the weak forces interpersonal gravity begin to dominate at larger scales.





How?



Issues for How

1. Level of detail of human performance versus extent of human performance in the NAS.
2. Extent of propagation of an affect versus damping and dead bands
3. Temporal range of System-wide modeling versus operational range of human's in NAS.
 - The human equivalent of good day vs. bad day



1. Level of detail of human performance versus extent of human performance

New staffing targets



Two Approaches for HPM

- Take a representative detailed chunk of behavior and distribute it across larger traffic sample or larger airspace

or

- Take a small chunk of behavior :
 - CD&R (ISA: RAMS)
 - Speed-based separation assurance (Mitre-CASSD: TSSIM)

And add it to all operations

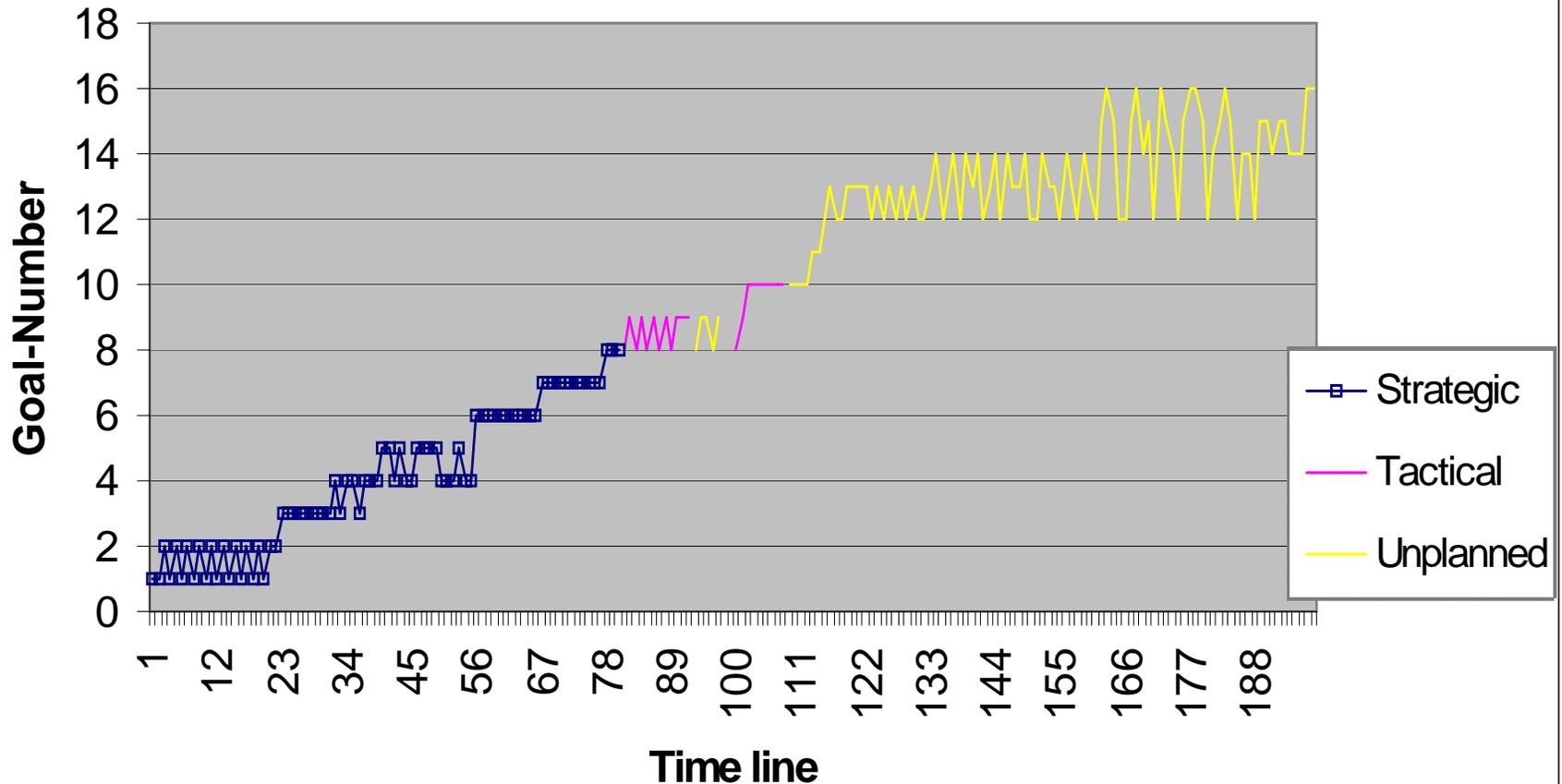
Issues:

Detailed chunk may not generalize completely

Small chunk may contain non-linearities



Goal Switching in different Control Modes

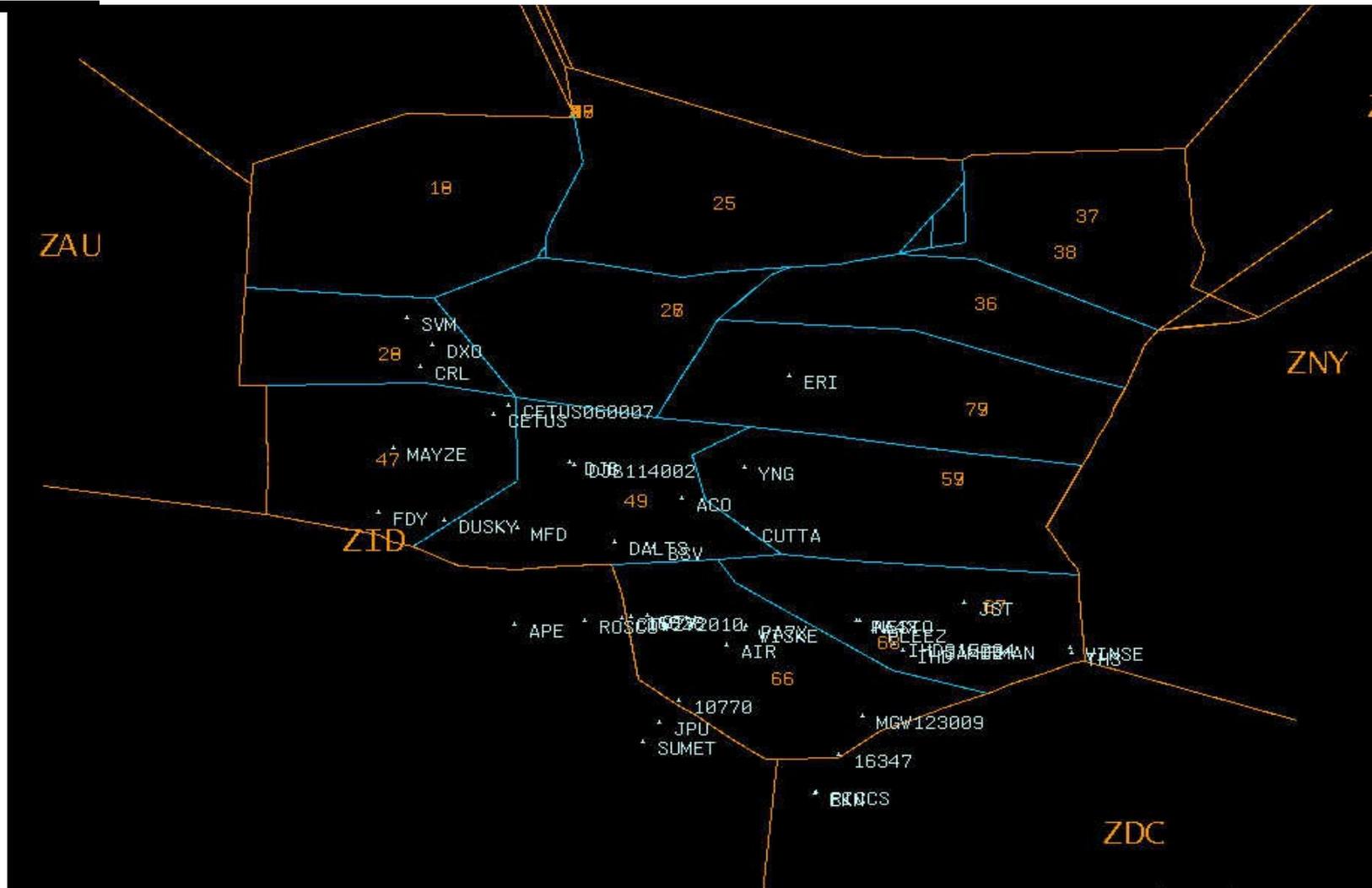


AAC/ACES Analysis

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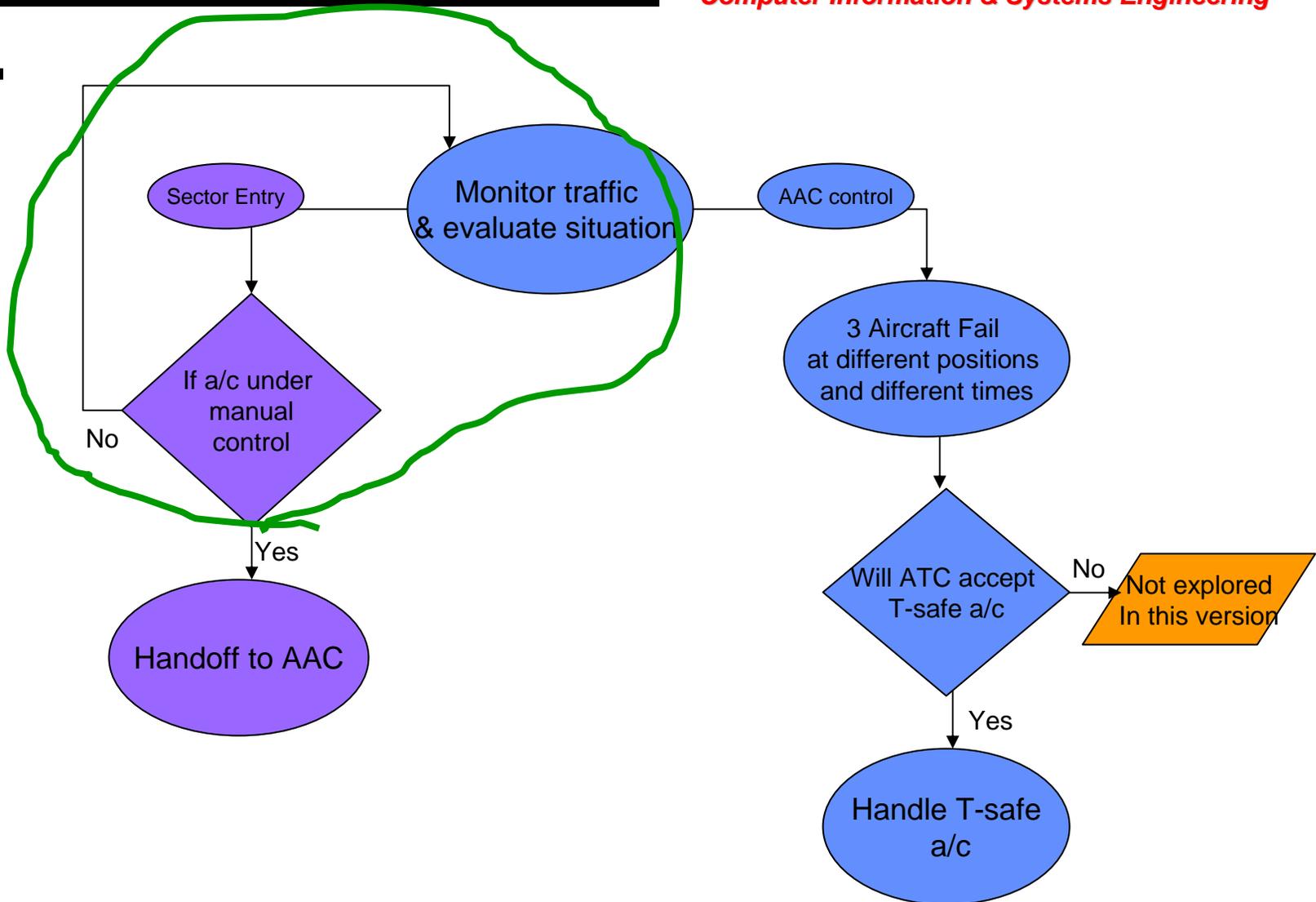
- **ACES Simulated ZOB as a single controller airspace**
- **ACES Simulated 9618 aircraft transiting ZOB in 24 hours under AAC Control**
- **ATC Agent Communication events flagged at A/C entry into sector**
- **Air MIDAS runs the coordination event**

Airspace – ZOB sector 47 and 49





ATC Processes

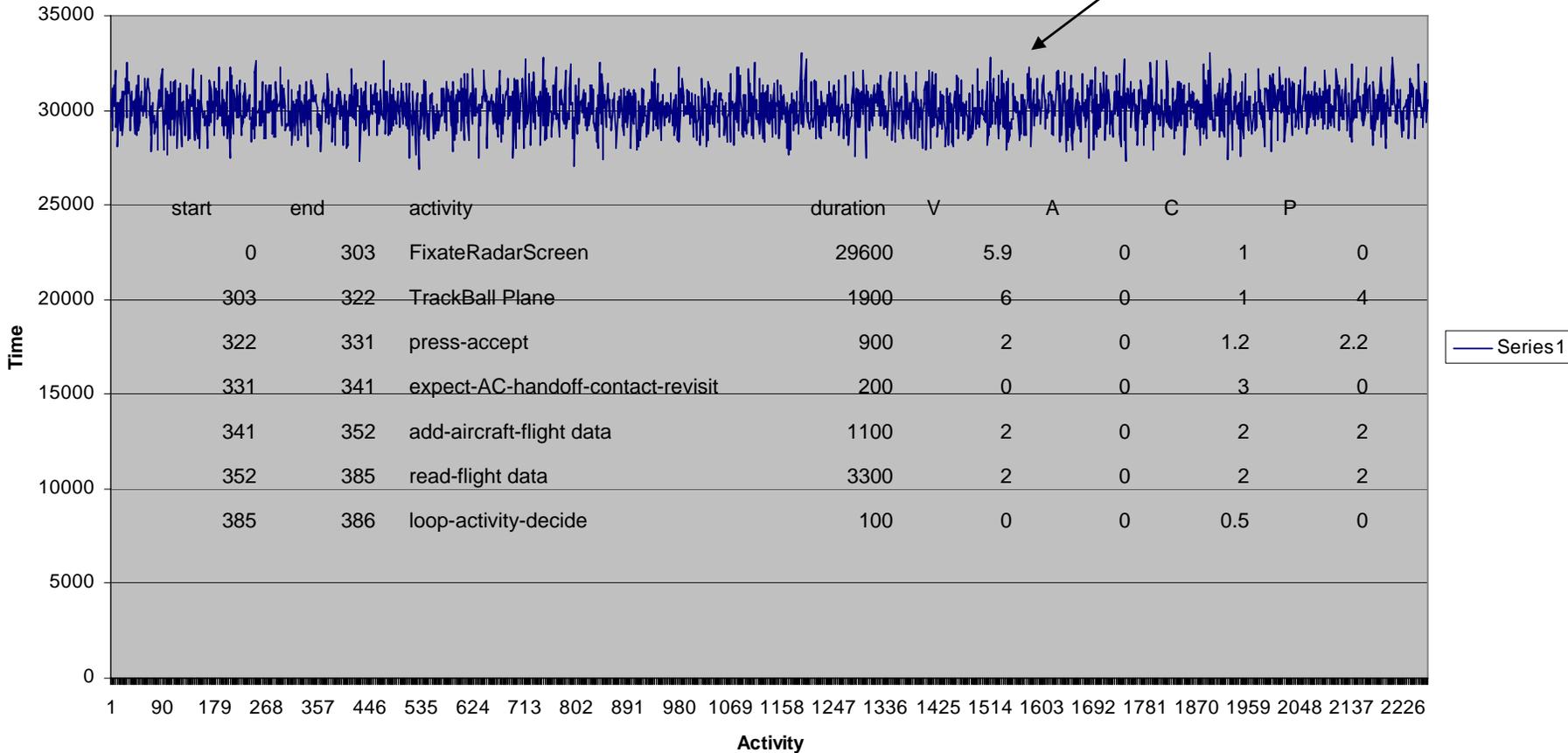


AAC Analysis

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stochastic

Fixate Radar Act Time History





Timing Data

-
- Load was not evaluated for schedule
 - Tasks were serial

Results-

- 9618 a/c entered ZOB in 24 hours
- 2269 hand offs managed in 23.16 hours
- 4.23 days to manage 98618 handoffs as modeled



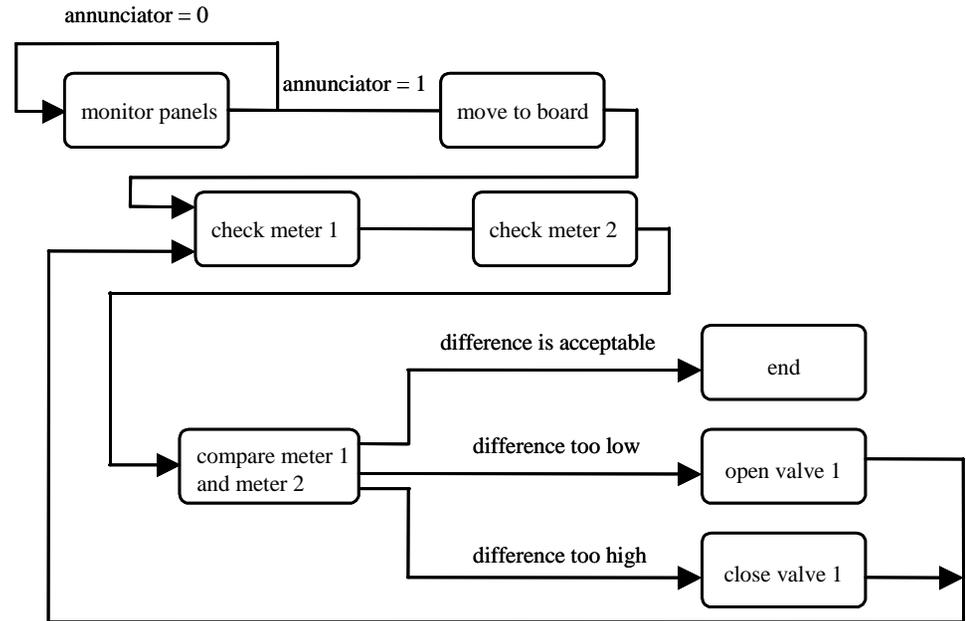
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Error Evolution Process System Wide

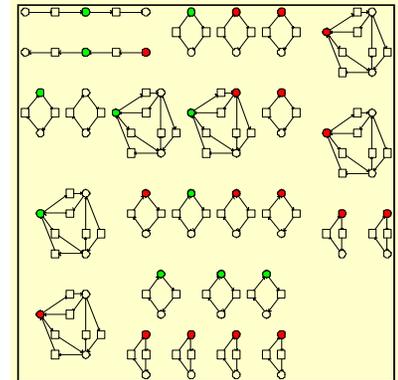
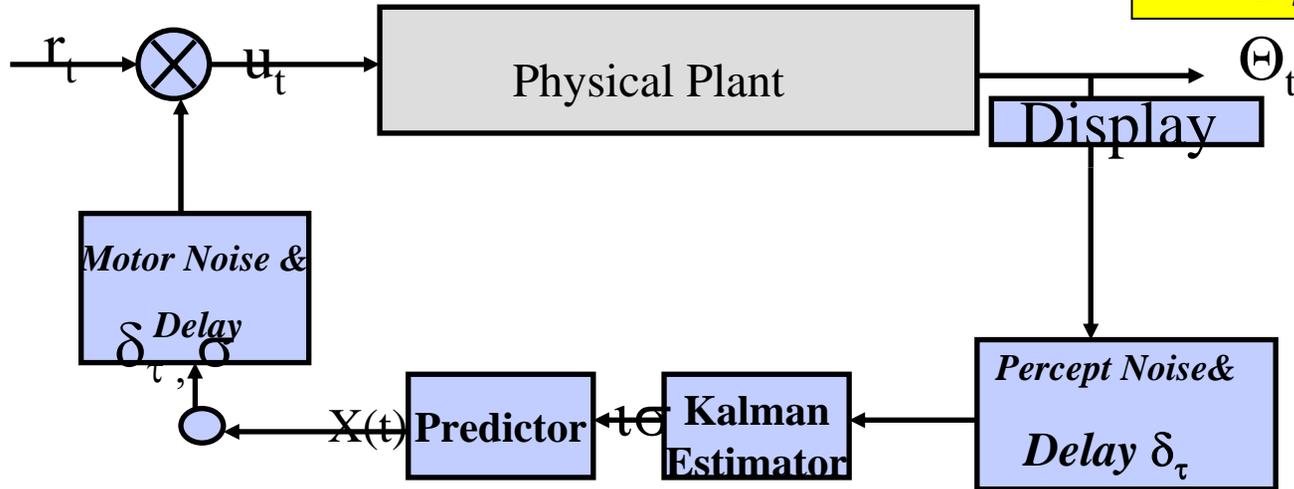
- **Two Approaches**
 - **Mathematical Representation of Distributional Characteristics (TOPAZ)**
 - **Regional Performance Models run to determine distributional characteristics (RFS-AirMIDAS)**

What Methods are Available?

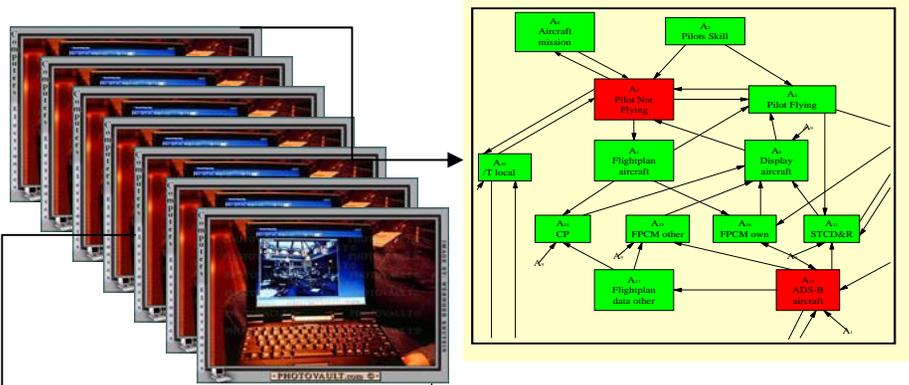
- Task Analytic
- Control Theoretic
- Queuing Theoretic
- Information Processing
- Probabilistic Reliability
- Networks
 - Neural
 - Petri
 - DES



$$\mathfrak{R}_{[0, T_H]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_l \int_0^{T_H} \varphi^{ij}(t | \kappa_{t_s}^{ij} = \kappa^l) dt \cdot P \{ \kappa_{t_s}^{ij} = \kappa^l \}$$



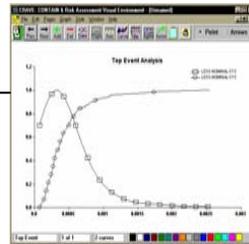
Phase 1:



Establish System Performance in Fast time simulation

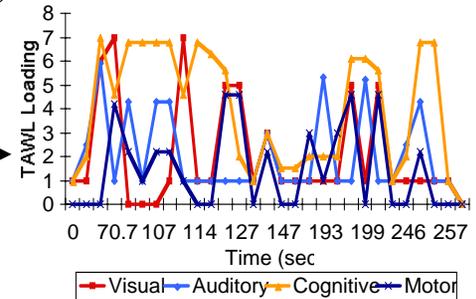
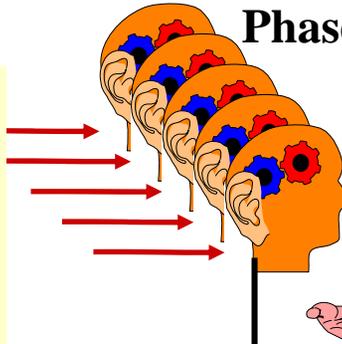
Human-In-Loop

Run parameterized reduced HPM model integrated into DES (>1,000,000runs)



Phase 2:

Identify Critical Human Performance Elements



Phase 3:

Run full HPM in parallel scenarios to generate critical performance parameters (> 100 runs)

***TBM Scenario
All Flights Through Sectors 19, 20 and LFDR***

LFDR

Sector 20

Sector 19

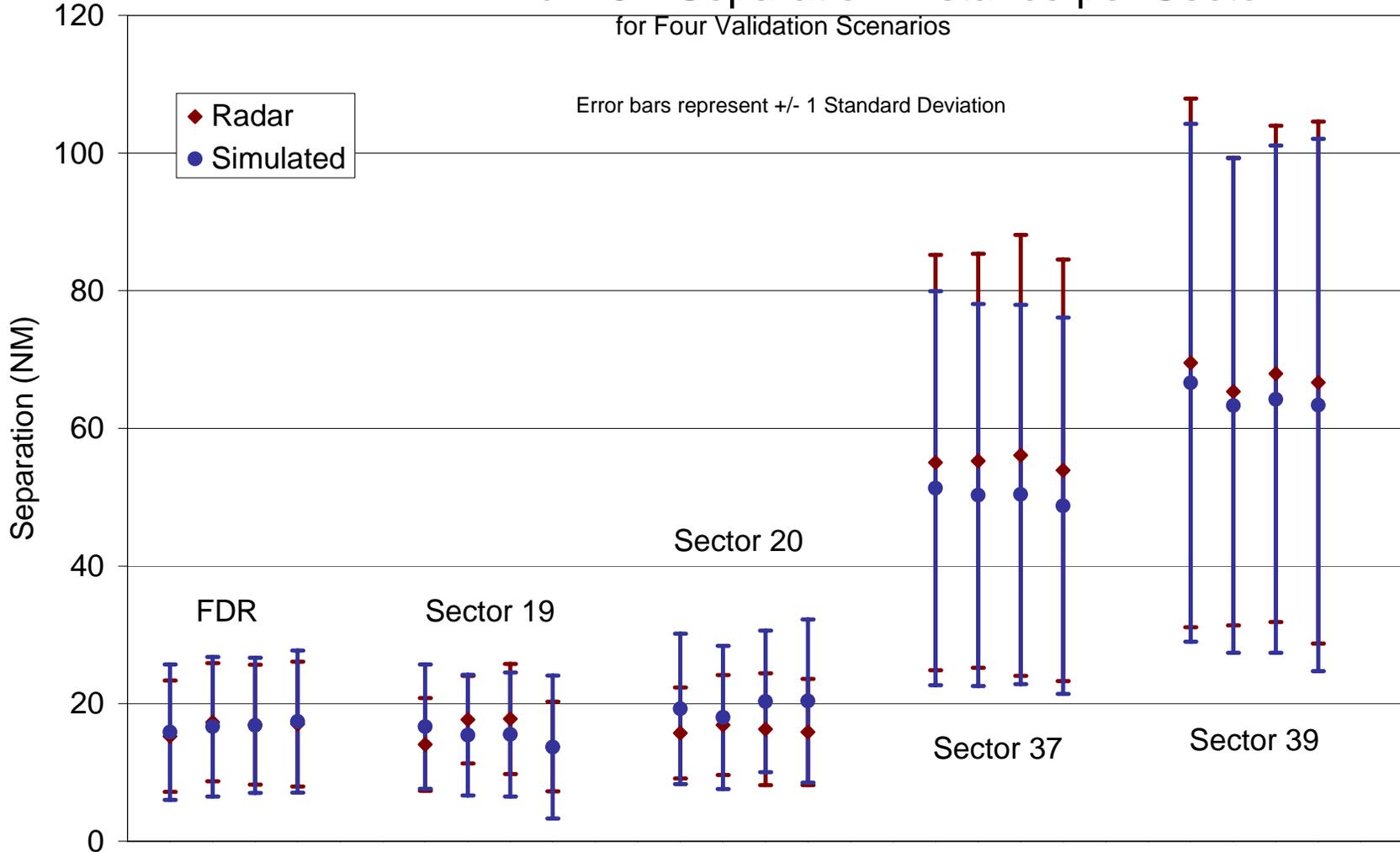
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Minimum 3D Separation Distance per Sector

TBM - Minimum 3D Separation Distance per Sector



Analyses Results

- F test should no significant difference among the sources of data (simulation, nominal and actual)
- F of $1.648_{(1, 42)}$ non significant difference for the type of control (TBM vs. MIT)
- $R^2 = 0.81$ was found in analysis of all model factors (source and type)
- $R^2 = 0.960$ was found in analysis of the source of data (actual vs. simulated)
- Conclusion:
 - No significant difference between types of control and sources of data were found
- The simulated and actual controller performances are 99.6% in agreement with respect to miles flown in simulation



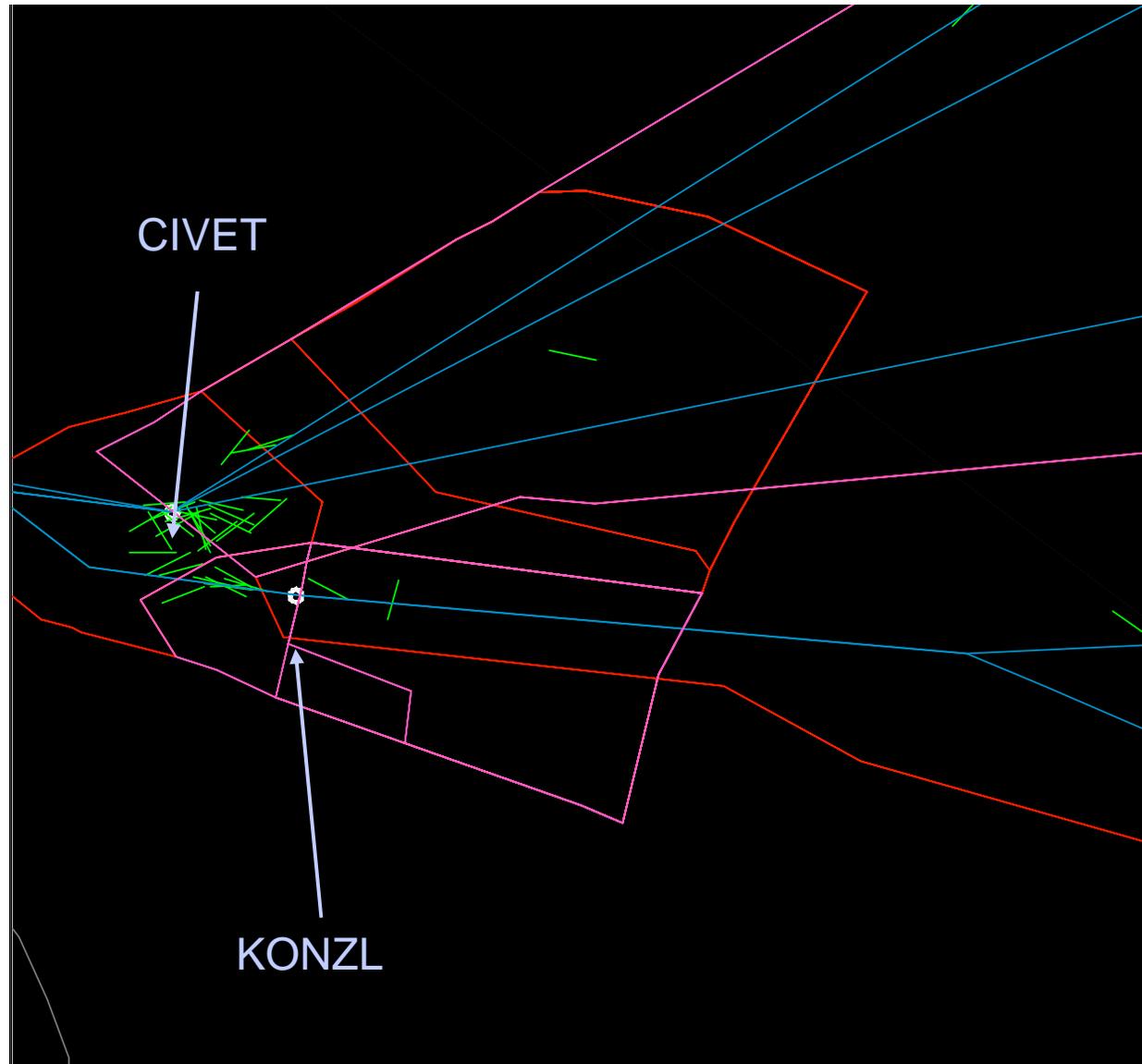
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- **Mismatch between human performance scale and analytic scale of interest for System-wide**
 - Don't mistake the map for the territory



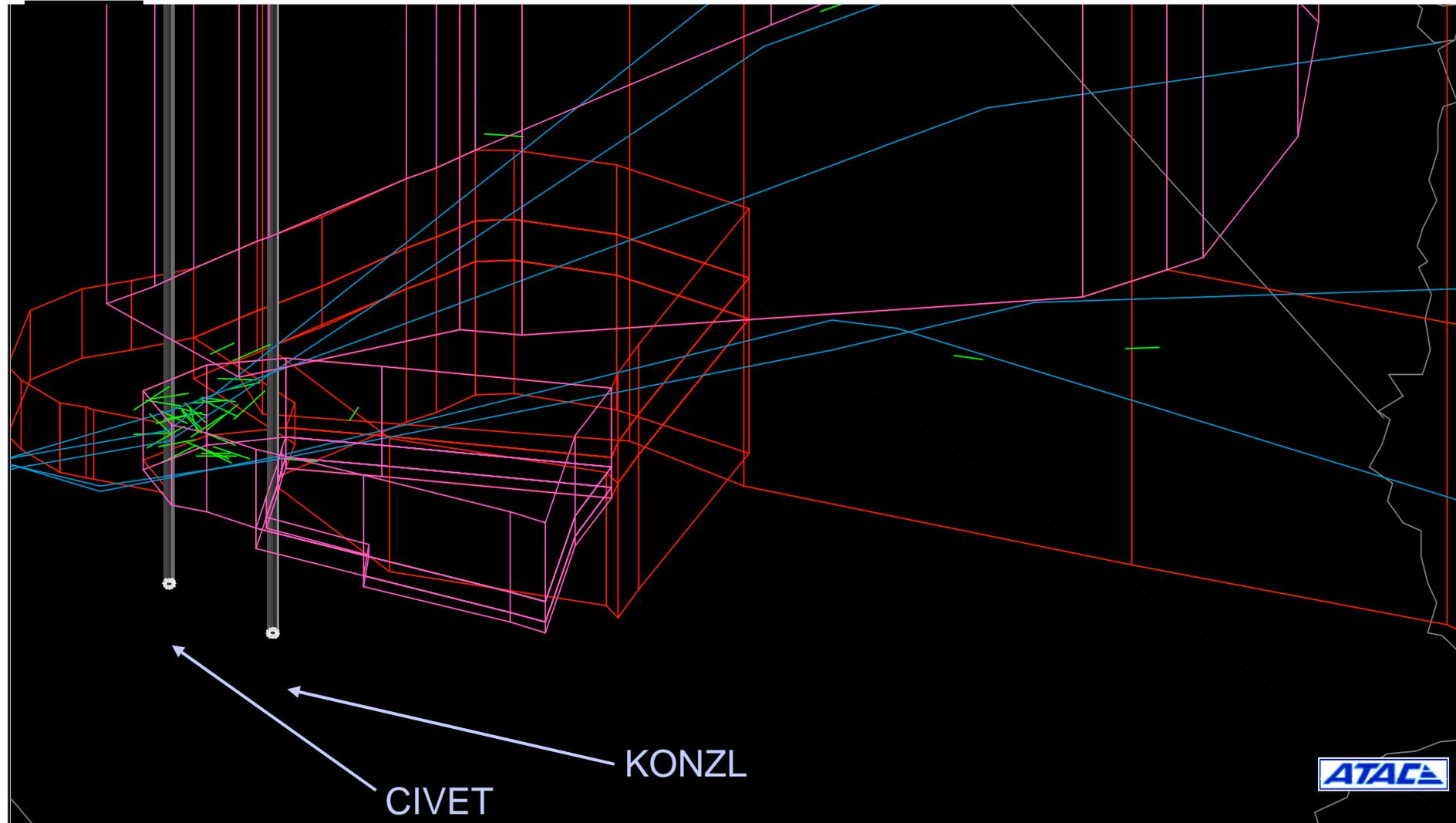
Modeled Behavior (1 hour of operations)



What is the impact of blunder or human response anomaly at or near convergence points?



Operational Error Traces (10 month)





What is to be done next?

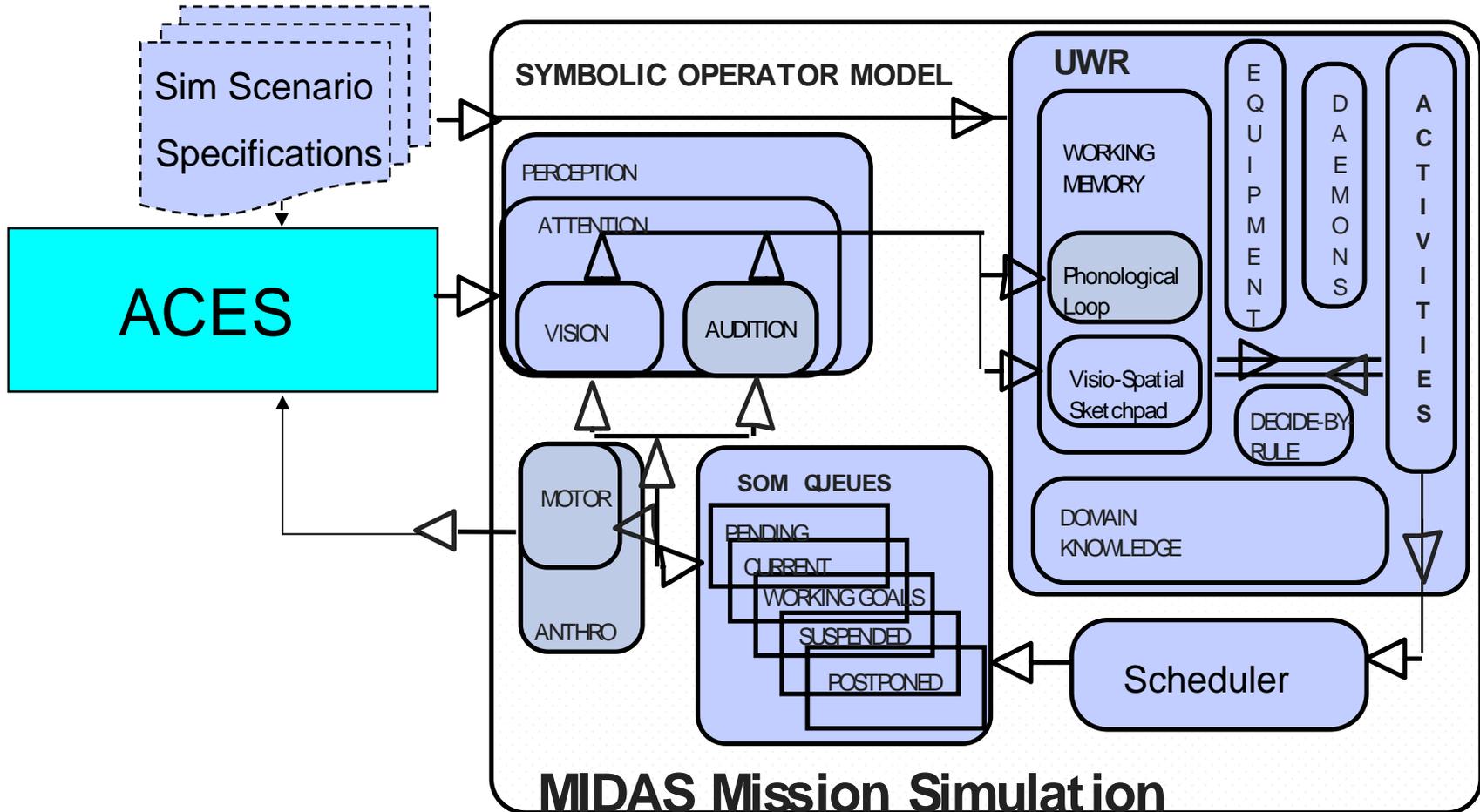


Scalable Human Performance Characteristic for System-wide

1. Causal factors that emerge to form human-system behavior
 - Factors too complex to address through standard analysis
2. Performance Factors
 - Taskload
 - Error Trends
3. Information Exchange



Air-MIDAS INTERACTION WITH ACES



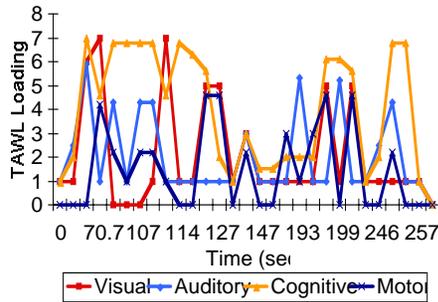
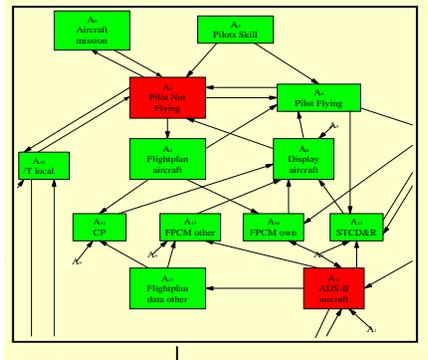
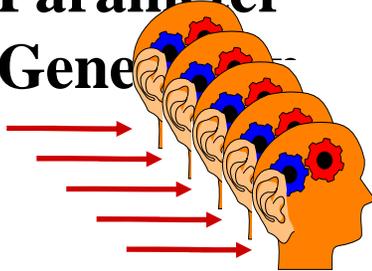


Human Performance & System-wide Operation

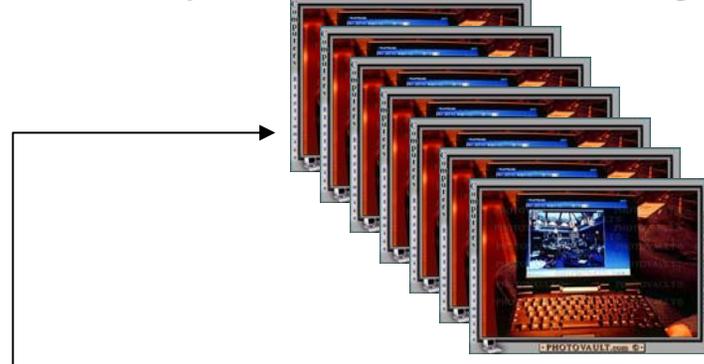
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Phase 1: Parameter Generation



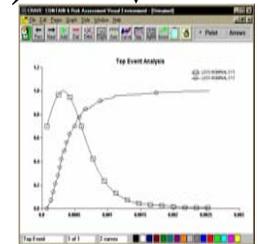
Run full HPM in 5 parallel scenarios to generate critical performance parameters (> 100 runs)



Run parameterized reduced HPM model integrated into RFS

(>1,000,000runs)

Establish Performance Levels and Rare Event Identification



Phase 2: Performance Determination





Conclusions

- There are human performance models available to address the major issues of integrating some human performance characteristics into system-wide assessment.
- What is needed:
 - Demonstration of those integrated capability
 - Validation of results
 - Sensitivity Analyses to human performance inclusion (how much is really needed)
- What is really needed is an agreed upon experimental design approach using the tools described over these two days