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Design and development of Transport Aircraft Systems – Past, present and future – Challenges and Opportunities



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Top Objectives and Main Drivers, Today & Future

- **Top Systems Goals (Business Drivers)**
 - ▶ Safe aircraft
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Systems Necessary to fly and operate the aircraft

Flight controls

Landing Gear

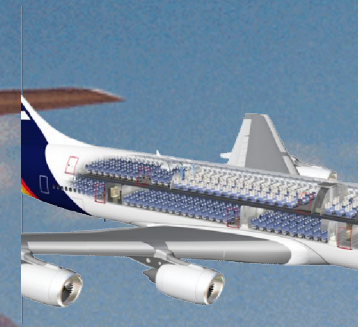
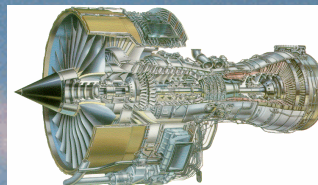
Cockpit

Ice and Rain Protection

Cabin pressure
and Air Cond

Power & Energy

- Propulsion System
- APU
- Fuel system
- Electrical Power
- Hydraulic Power



Cabin Systems

Systems, necessary for convenience and safety of passengers, payload,

Revolutionary changes in Systems (examples)

Towards to the „**More Electrical Aircraft**“

- Flight controls: Full Hydraulic → Hydraulic + Electrical
- Braking: Next step → Electrically powered braking systems

Landing Gear Systems more complex



More complex **fuel systems** with multiple reservoirs for minimization of wing structural loads and C.G. control

Revolutionary and innovative advancements **cabin climate** control for passenger comfort and health

Systems Complexity and increasing Automation

- **More complex architecture:** Increasing number of **functions** and **automation**
- More **data exchange** between systems and hierarchical levels of Command and Control in modern systems architectures
- Rapid increase in **data exchange with external environment** for Air Traffic Management and Airline Operations Management
- Increasing trend to **onboard systems and performance monitoring**
→ Systems Health Monitoring → Aircraft Health Monitoring → **More data**
- Rapid trend to **More Software Intensive Systems (SIS)**
- Systems organisation wide-spread over **different sites** and countries
Increased trend to **off-shore subcontracting** (industrial globalisation)



**Maturity is what our customers perceive
(in addition to basic performance & safety)**

**Non-Maturity leads to rework, operational impact
Objective for Engineering: Maturity at First Flight, early validation**

Top Maturity Objectives for Design and Development.

- Meet validated Operational and dispatch reliability
Objectives at First Flight to ensure robust maturity at EIS in customer operation
- No unplanned modifications after Entry into Service
- Ease and cost of maintenance

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Requirements Based Engineering

Requirements Based Engineering is totally embedded in the V&V Process



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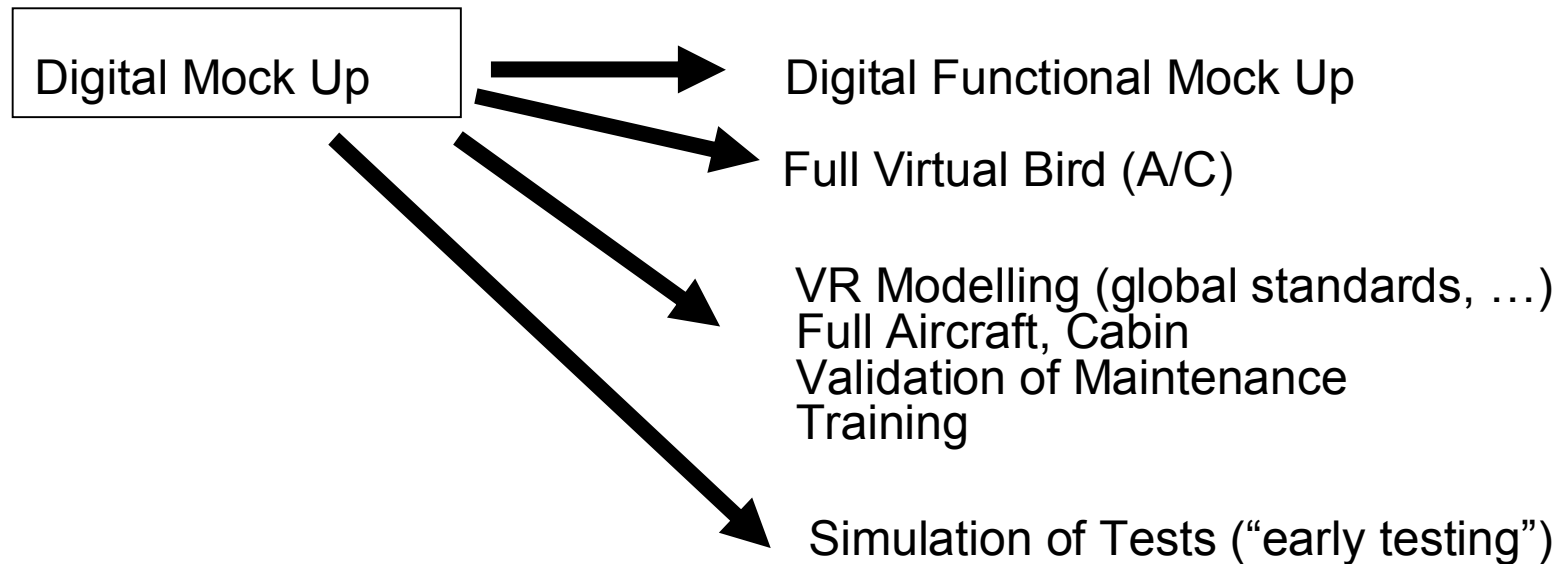
Validation and Verification by simulation and test

- Early simulation
- Iron Bird: Full build up of systems and installation features representing complete aircraft → **Aircraft 0**
- Integration test facilities for all major component assemblies:
 - Landing Gear
 - Fuel System
 - Secondary flight control system
 - Payload and freight system
 - Full „Cabin Bird“ (**Cabin 0**)
 - Airconditioning system complete
 - Complete aircraft (Iron Bird) → **Aircraft 0**
 - Flying Test Bed for propulsion system validation prior to 1 flight

The Digital World of Systems Engineering

Model based Systems Engineering

- Digital modelling of systems and equipment for systems layout
- Application for space optimisation for systems installation
- Definition and validation of systems installation for production release



Enhance collaborative engineering

Systems Engineering Best Practices

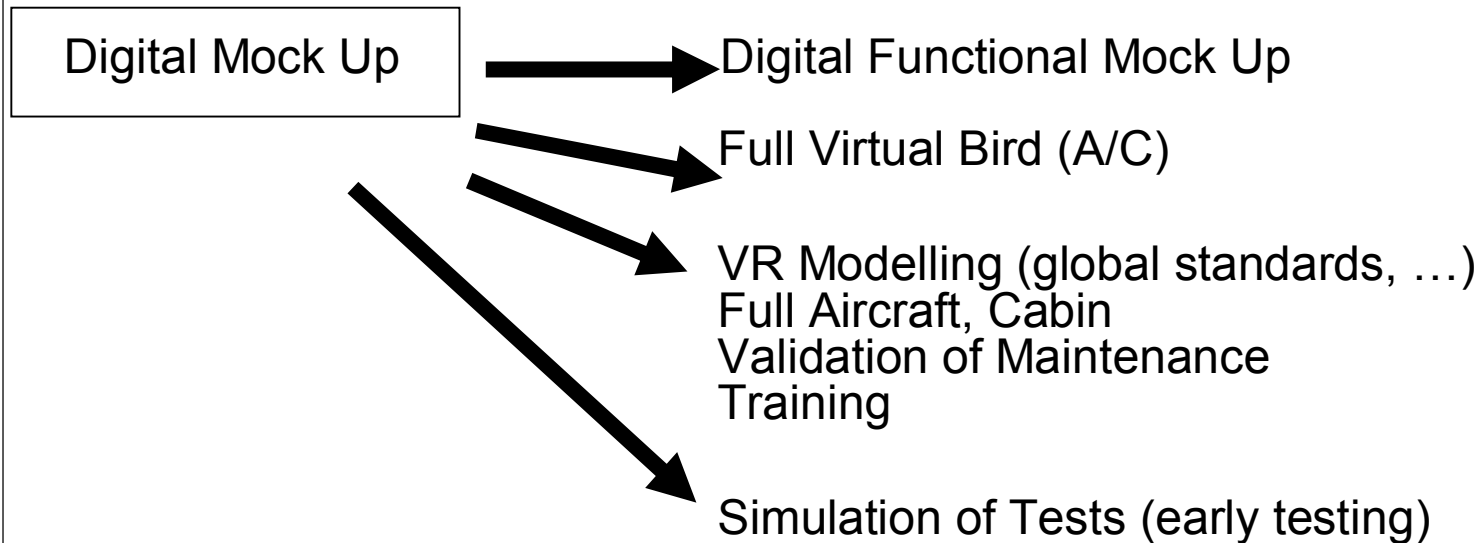


Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Mixed Reality

- New techniques and tools for more efficient Systems Engineering
- All phases of development and industrial processes
- **Reduced time for interdisciplinary systems installation definition**
- Common model for systems life-cycle support and training
- Early and more efficient Human-Machine Interface evaluation
- Techniques, methods, tools and data-banks to be standardised

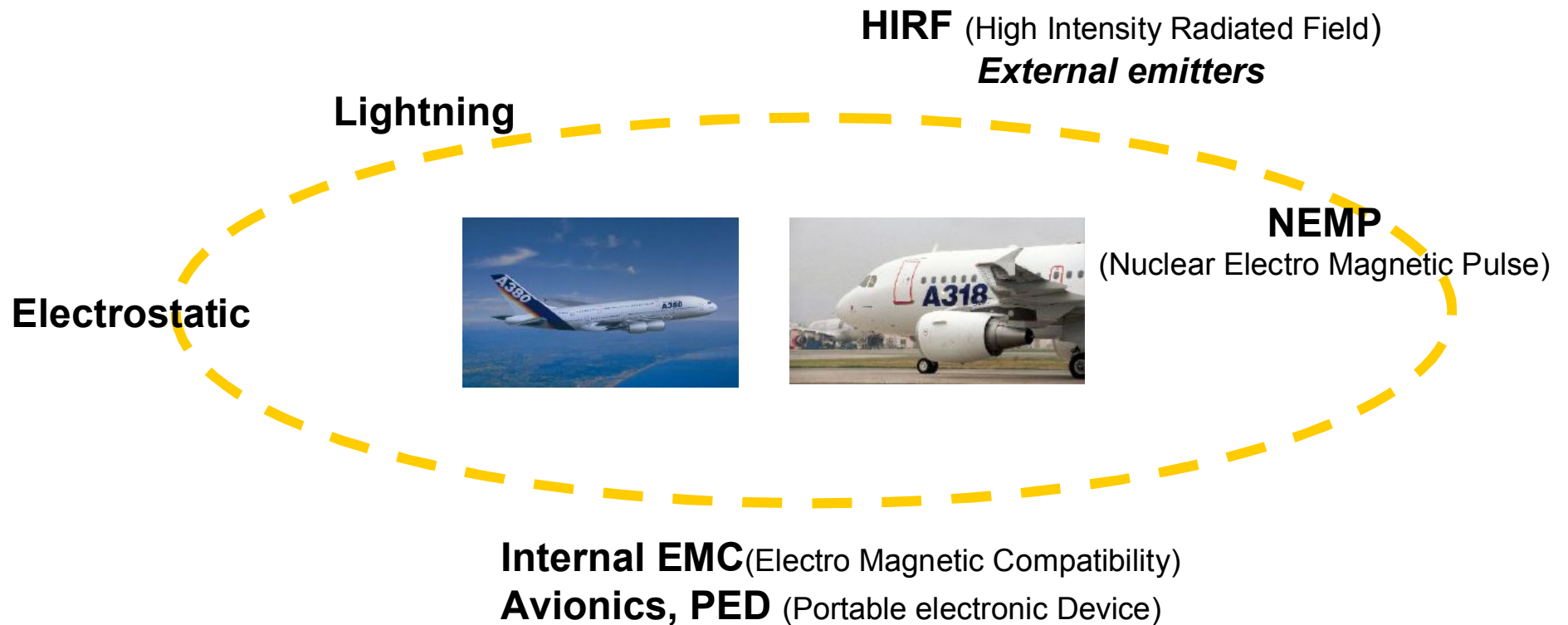
The Digital World of Systems Engineering

Digitalised Systems Definition and Installation data



- Note:** 1) Digital Tools provide wide scope of highly interactive capabilities.
Systems interactive, human-interactive
2) Essential to take account of human-machine/user interfaces and
standardisation of all involved tools, data banks and working groups

Electromagnetic Compatibility and Hardness

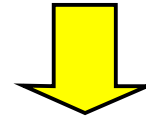


The supplies world is changing

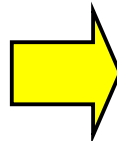
Working with systems suppliers

- Supplier world is changing
- High pressure to reduce cost and lead time
- More efficient ways of working together
- More efficient exploitation of resources and know how

INCREASING SUPPLIERS ACTIVITIES

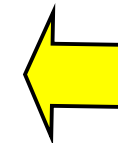


INCREASING SUPPLIERS POWER



- More responsibility to suppliers
- Larger packages
- Strategic partnerships

**SOURCING ACTIVITIES
REQUIRE A
PERMANENTLY UPDATED
STRATEGIC APPROACH**



INCREASING SHAREHOLDERS REQUIREMENTS



INCREASING CUSTOMERS PRESSURE

The Future ?

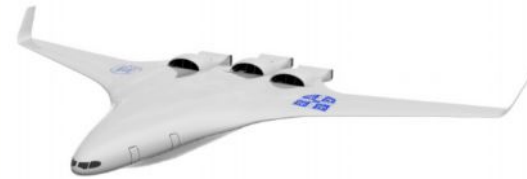
- Innovation
- Systems Architect, Aircraft Architect
- Competence
- Teamwork
- Global collaborative engineering



The Future ?

Main Drivers today +

- New aircraft configurations



- More pressure on economy of operation and industrial challenges
- Show environmental results. Alternative Fuels
- Step improvements in Air Traffic Management.
- More electrical aircraft → full electrical aircraft
- Supersonic ??



Main Drivers today

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Concluding Remarks

- Focus on systems in their operational environment
- Mature systems at Entry into Service are a must
- Work **interdisciplinary and collaborative**
- Early definition and **validation** of systems architecture
- Early identification of **risks** (Risk and Failure Analysis)
- Develop and maintain competence of **Architect and Integrator**
- Explore new System Engineering capabilities in the new digital world of **Virtual Engineering**
 - Simulation and Model-based Systems Engineering
 - Failure simulation
 - Training and maintenance (→ keep operation going)
- Take account of **Human Machine Interfaces and User oriented design** early in the definition and development process. **User validation.**
- Integrate **Lessons Learnt** and **Knowledge Management** early in the development process

Ensure environmental friendliness → Green Aircraft