

# Fault Immune Flight Control System for Civil Transports - Double Layered Reconfiguration

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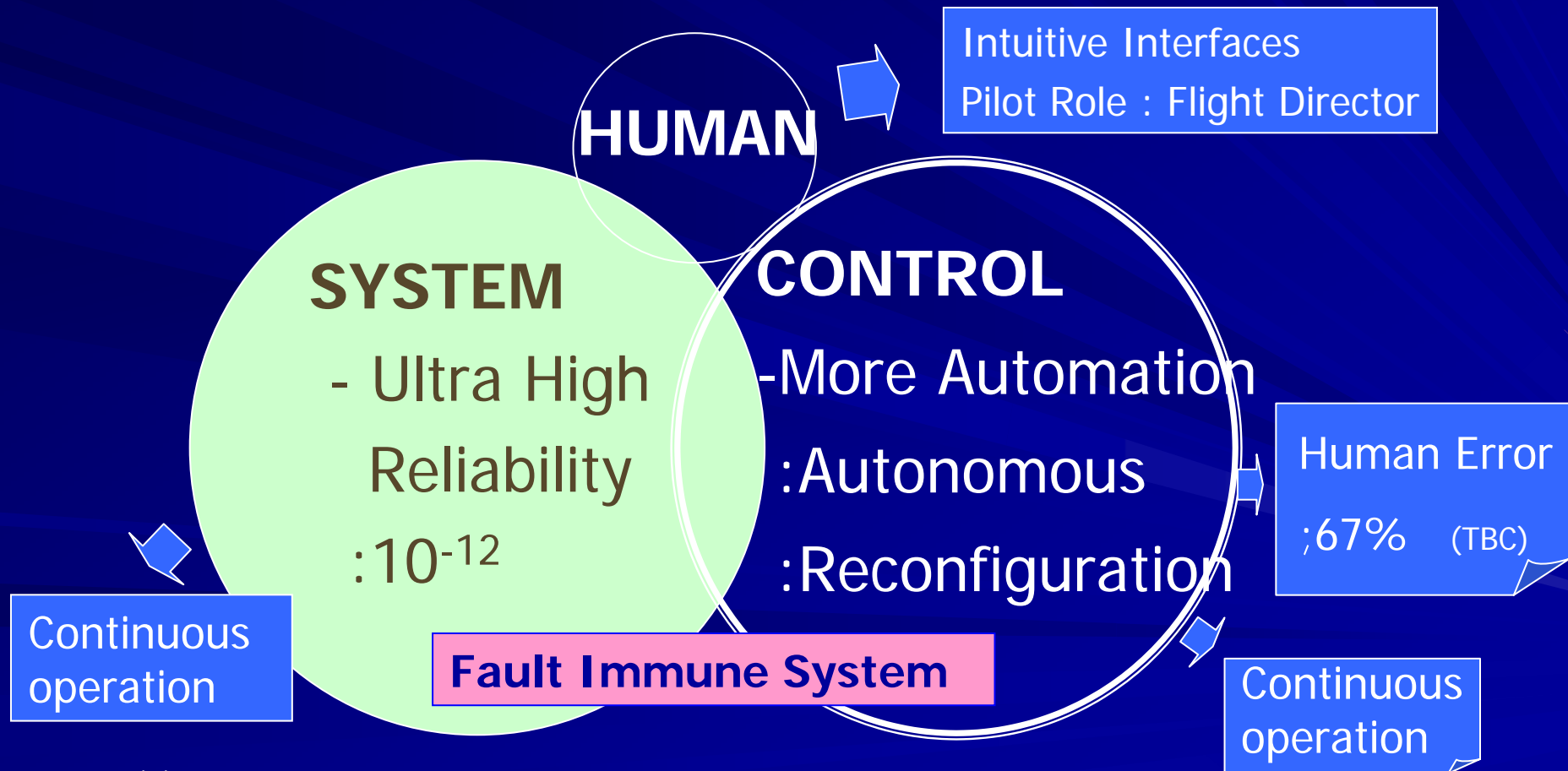
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# Presentation Flow

- Concept
- Fault Immune System
- Double Layered Reconfiguration Control
- Single Pilot Operation
- Conclusions

# General Discussion on -Fault Immune Total Aircraft System

➤ "Min. Human Interfaces" is an important approach



# Concept for "Fault Immune A/C"

## System Structure -for FCS

- ◆ Overcoming faults, such as
  - mal-functions or failures of every aircraft system,
  - failures in aircraft configuration,
  - human-errors, etc., and could be active as normal

- ◆ Continuous Safe-Operation with  $10^{-12}$  level of reliability
  - in any conditions
  - under ATC communication

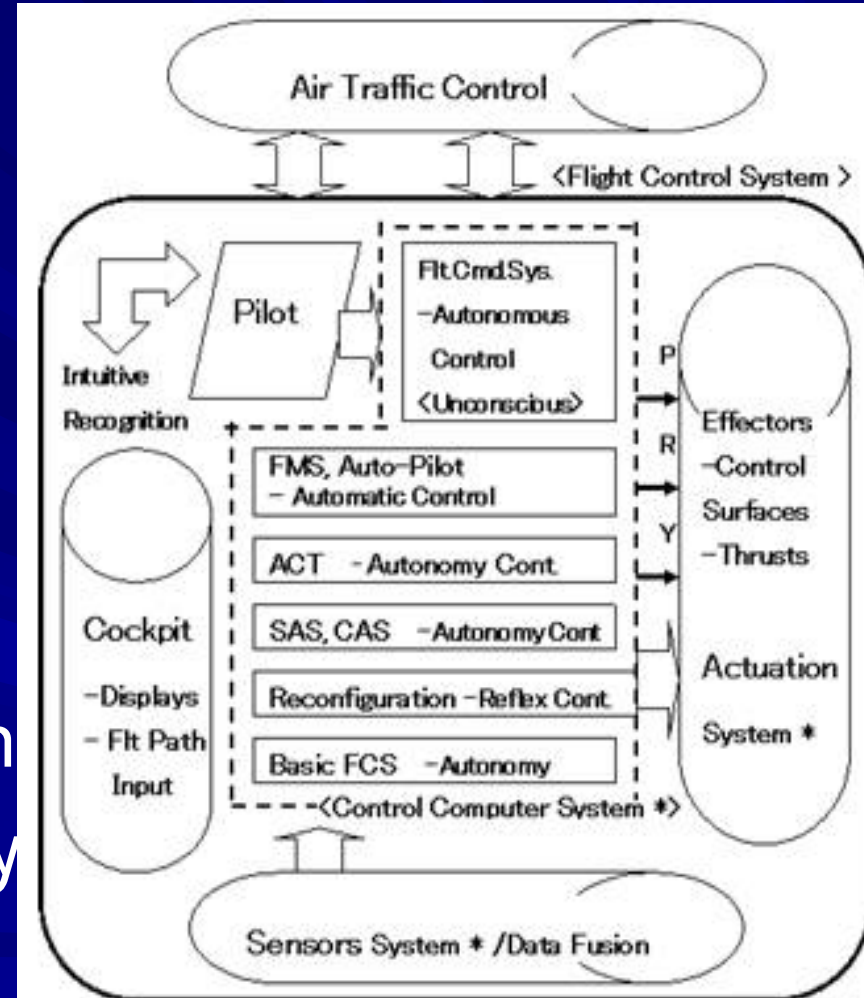
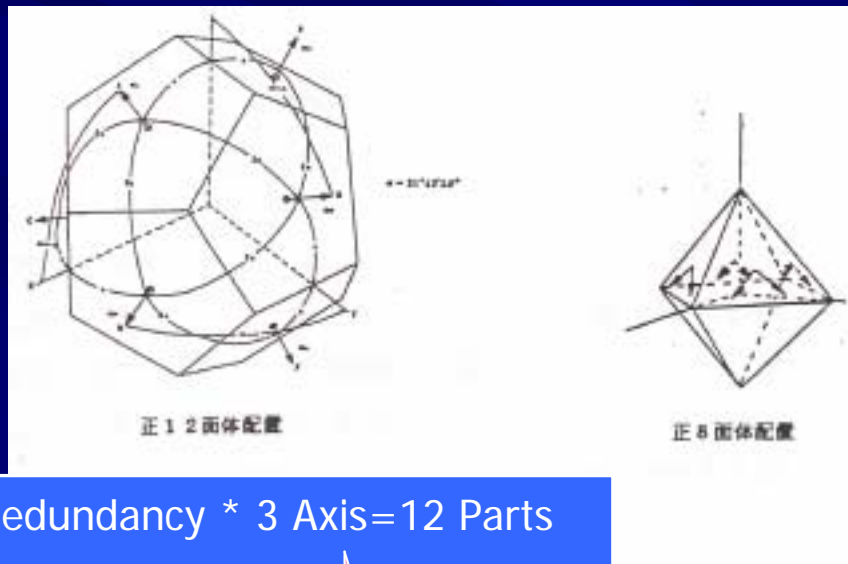


Fig. 2 Structure Concept for the

# Sensors of the System (1)

Current status:  
Strapdown + Skew

## ■ Skewed Array Sensor / Parity Check



4 Redundancy \* 3 Axis = 12 Parts  
 → 6 Parts

→ ; 10<sup>-13</sup>

Measurement:  $m = H \cdot w + e$

Parity =  $V \cdot e$

where  $V \cdot H = 0$

H : Form Matrix

w : 3 Axis Transform.

Factor

e : Noise

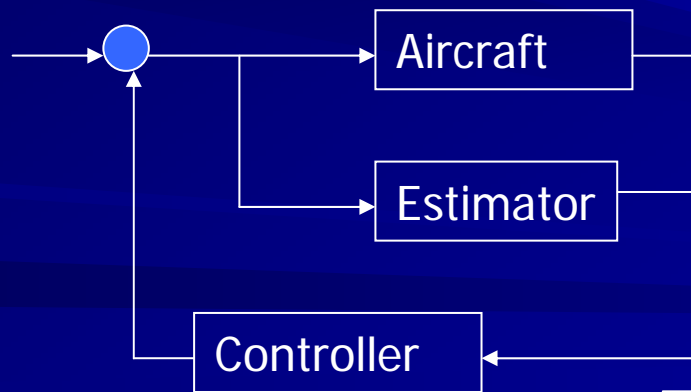
If  $m = Hw + e + \underline{e_j} \underline{b}$

$P = Ve + \underline{V_j} \underline{b}$

# Sensors of the System (2)

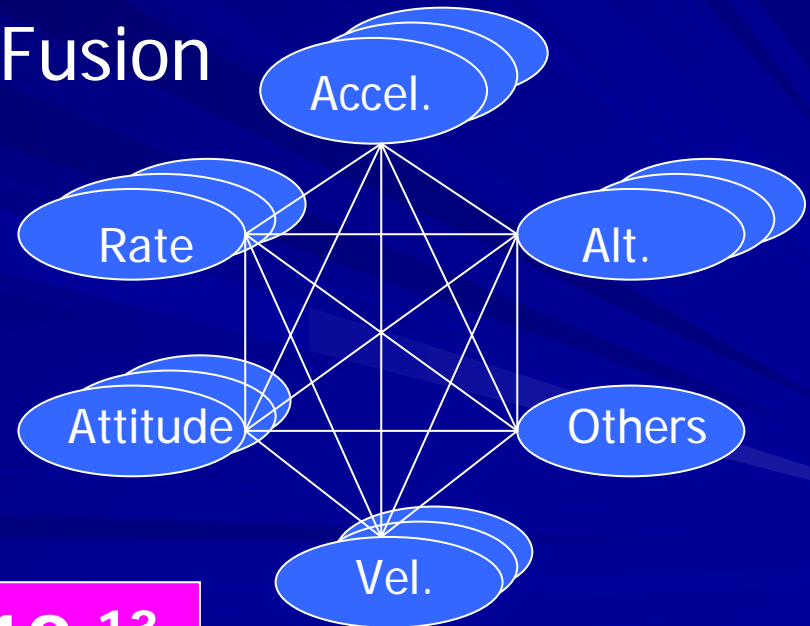
## ■ Virtual/Analytical Redundancy

- State Observer
- Kalman Filter



## ■ Integrated Sensor System

- Redund. Managemt with Virtual Sensor
- Fusion

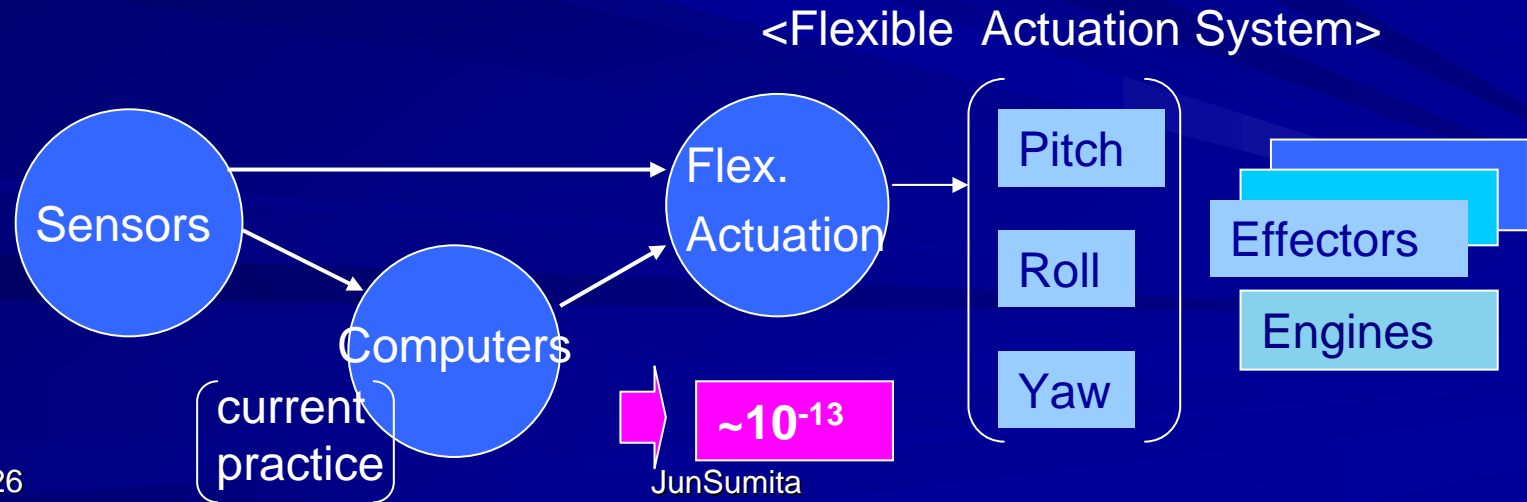


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# Actuators / Computers of the System

## ; Flexible Actuation System

- Dispersed Arranged, with Simplex Actuators
  - Many Control Surfaces / Actuation Points
  - Elastic Structure / Morphing Aircraft
- Grouped Effectors Control each of 3 Axis



# Flexible Actuation System

- in Basic Layer Control

## Many Alternatives

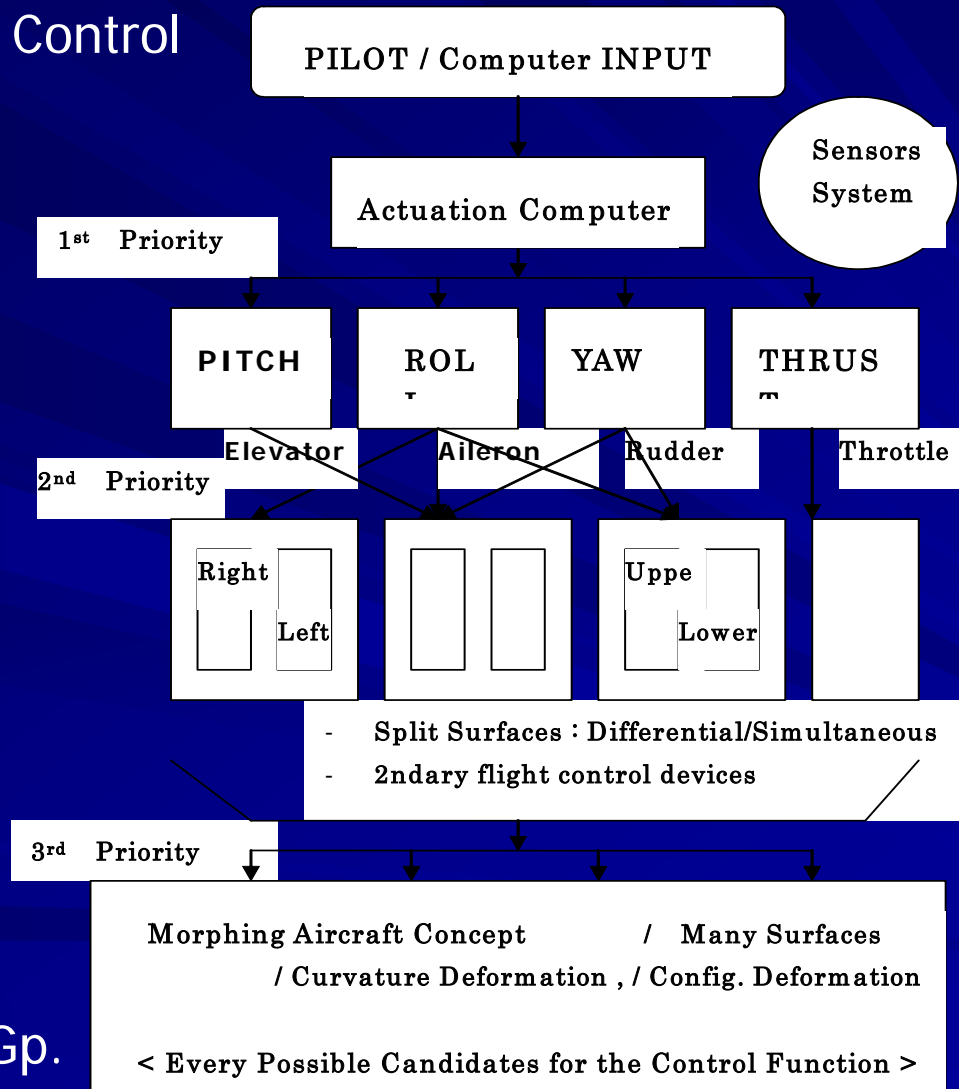
- Control Surfaces,
- Curvature Bending

## Independent Actuation

- for each surface

## Functionary Assigned Control Group

- for Pitch/Roll/Yaw Gp.



Failure Impact Level

<The acted effectors are in memory, & applied thereafter>



# Reflex Action Type of Reconfiguration Control in Basic Layer

## □ Step 1 : Reflex Action

- for distinct faults

corrective action by all of active surfaces

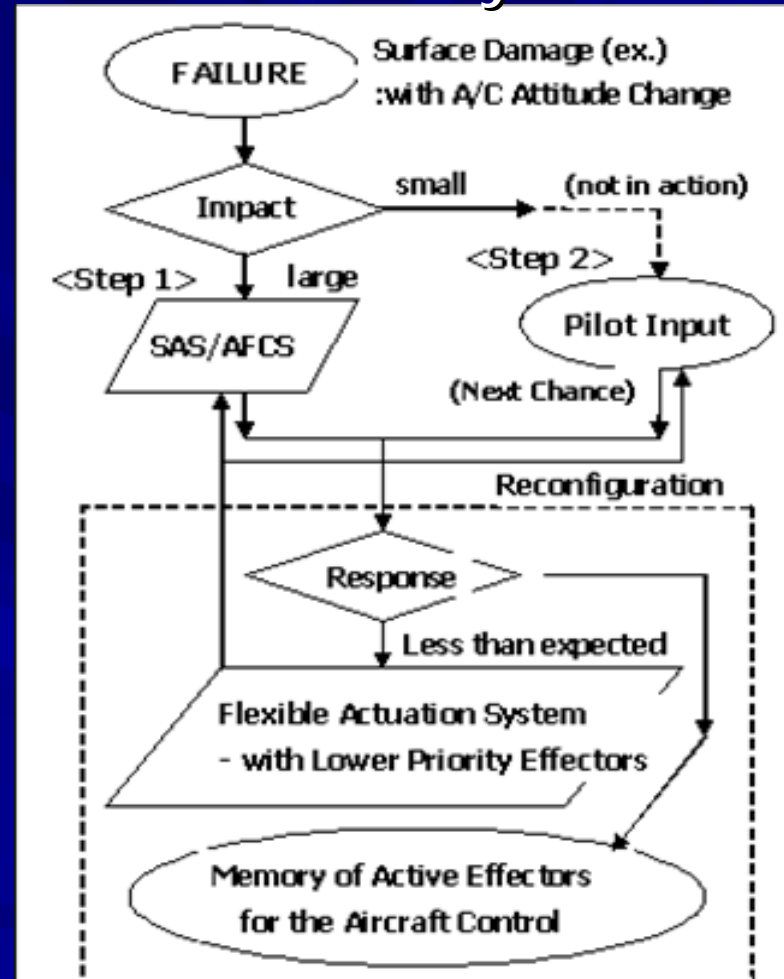
<no pilot participation>

## □ Step 2 : Pilot Control Initiative

- for dormant faults

<pilot control finds faults, and evokes corrective actions>

corrective action thru all of active surfaces/effectors

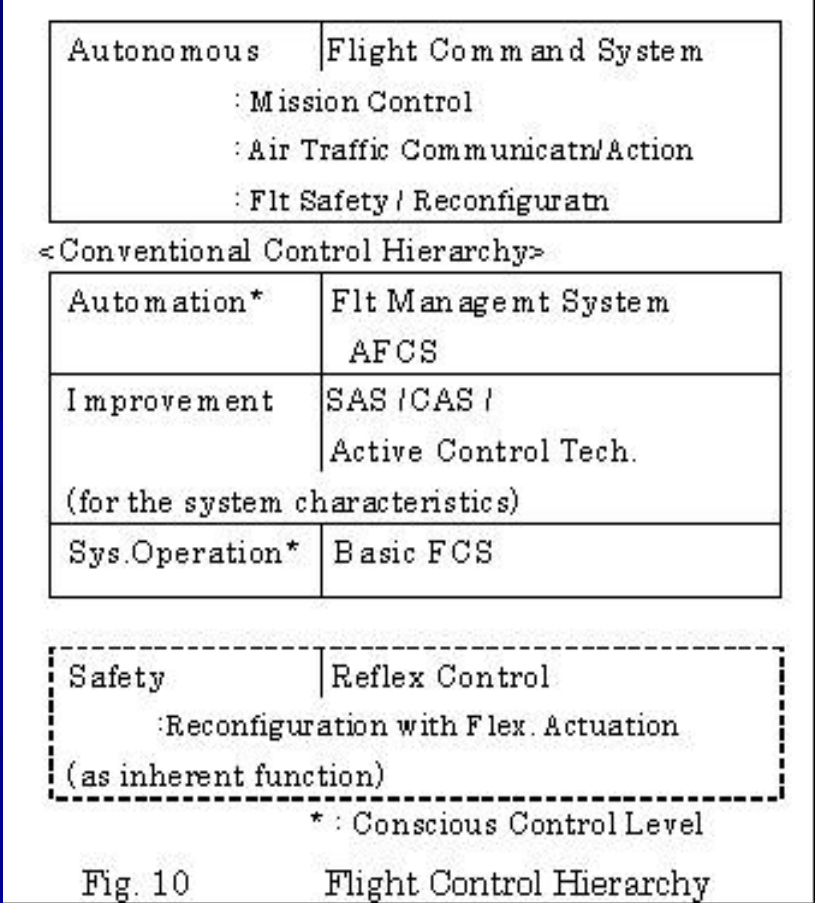


<The acted effectors are in memory, & applied thereafter for the function>

# Double Layered Reconfiguration Control -as Core Control Law for Fault Immune Sys.

- Upper Layer  
 : Autonomous  
 /Optimum Robust Control  
 with Reconfiguration  
 (current practice for control)
  
- Basic Layer / **implicit FDI**  
 : Reflex Action Control  
 for a failure  
 with Flex. Act. Sys.

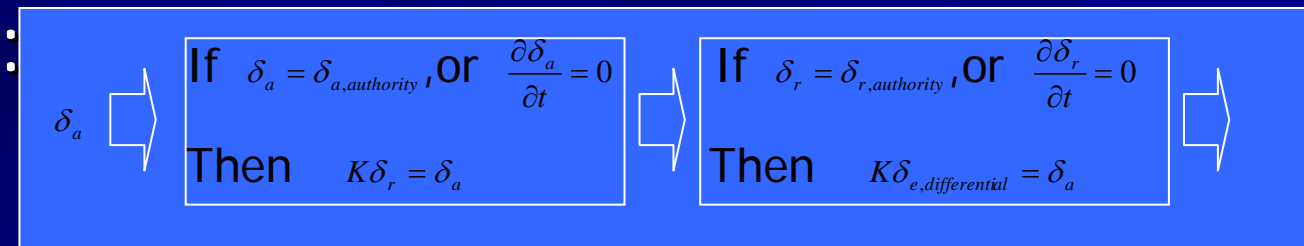
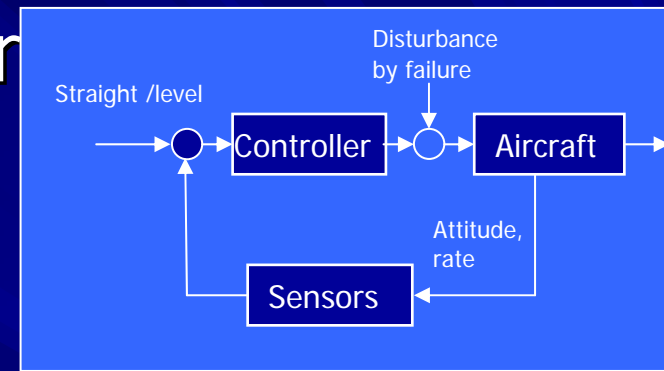
## Hierarchy Structure for FCS



# (Math) Simulation Results -1 (1)

## for Basic Layer Control

■ Attitude/Alt. Hold Controller  
 : disturbance control,  
 with "trim" reference

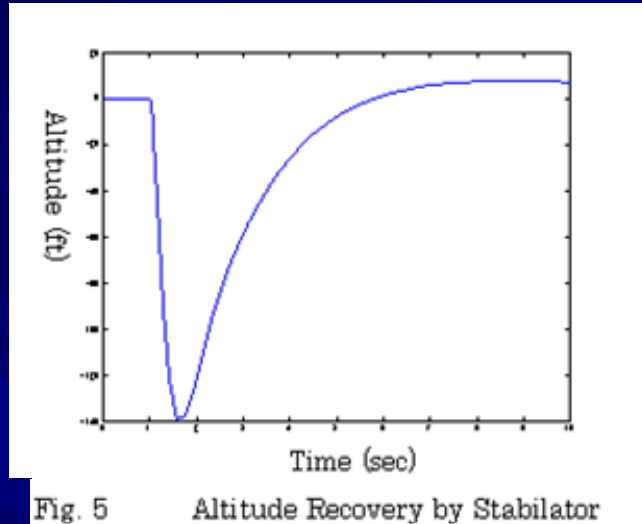


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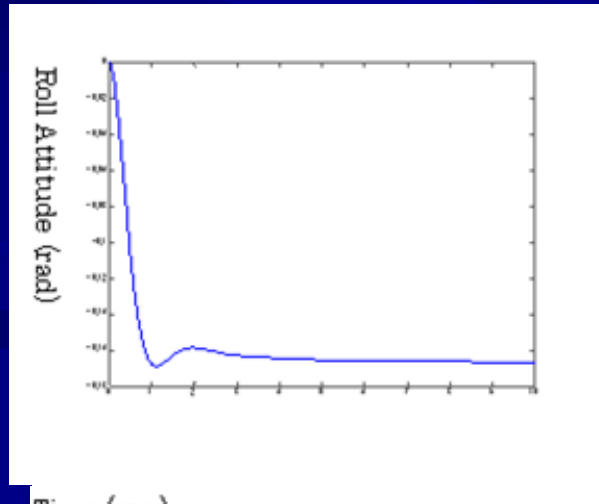
Used Actuator are in memories, with the amount  
 And applied thereafter, in the proportion

# (Math) Simulation Results -1 (2) for Basic Layer Control

- Altitude Recovery  
- by stabilator

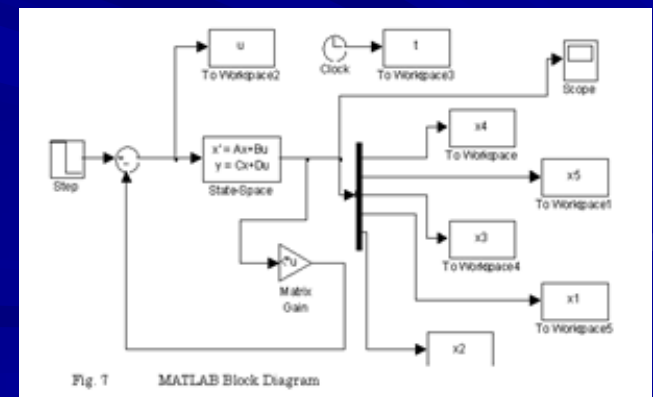


- Attitude Control for 'Roll'  
- by rudder



The alternatives have the capability !!

We should design the A/C, so that the alternative could have enough capability.



Applying MATLAB

# (Math) Simulation Results -2

## by Flight Simulator

### □ Test 1 : Step 1 / no peculiar feeling

- Monitor the simulated failure and recovery condition by the alternatives < with 0.5 sec time lag >

### □ Test 2 : Pilot Control / maneuverable

- Input to the control by the alternatives

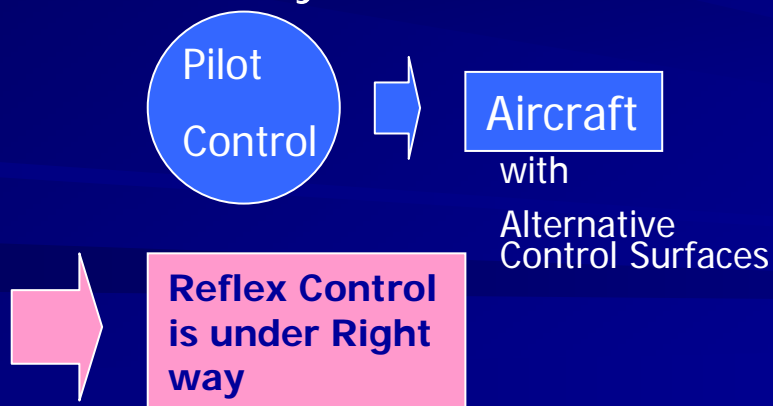


Fig. 8

NTT Flight

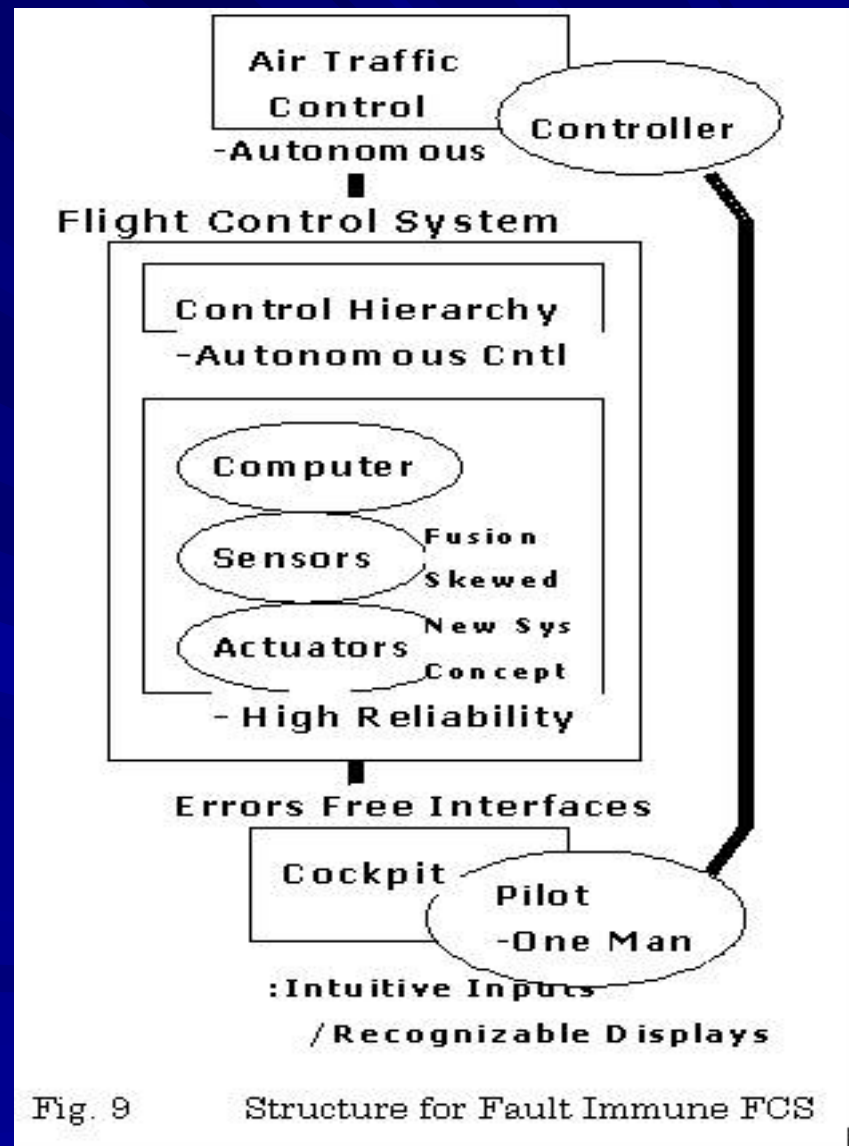
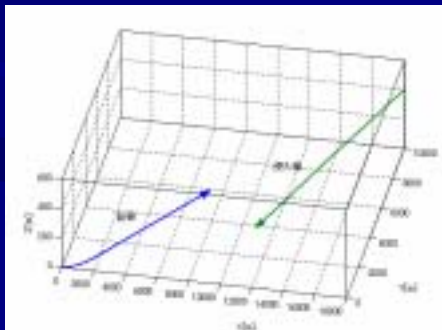
# Upper Layered Autonomous Control

## □ Autonomous Control

- ; situation judge
- collision avoidance
- flight path generation
- reconfiguration control

## □ Communication with ATC

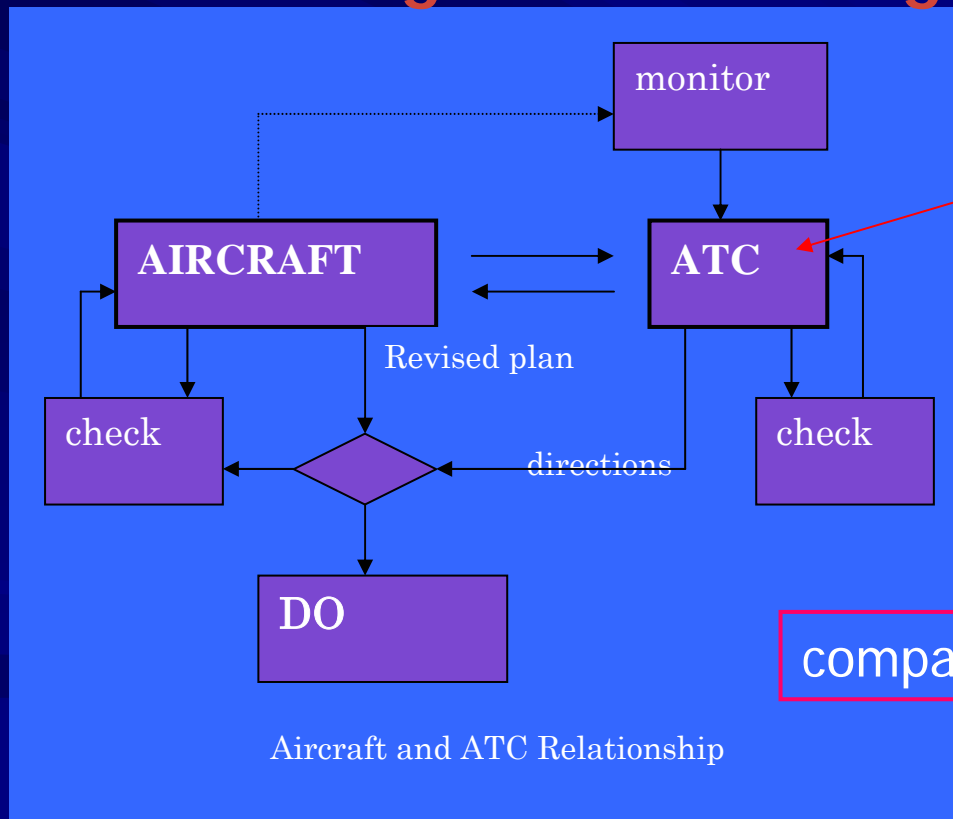
<Fuzzy Expert Control>  
@ former ICAS meeting



# Fuzzy Expert Control - 1<sup>st</sup> Step (2)

## ➤ Flight and Mission Organizing : Prior to Action

<while following the current flight plan>



(Autonomously)

Digital  
Communication  
:Expert System

compatible ATC are req'd

# Fuzzy Expert Control - 1<sup>st</sup> Step (1)

## ➤ Step 1 : Decision Making Phase

### Traffic Control - Flight Plan Change ; Chapin Chart

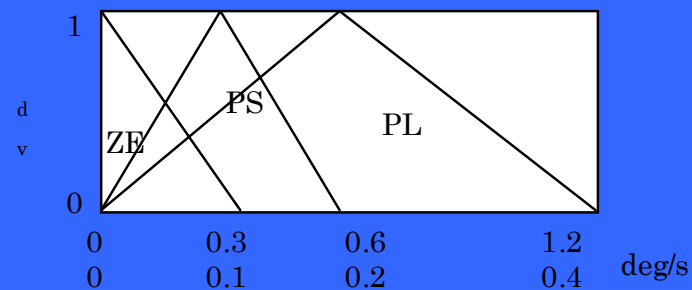
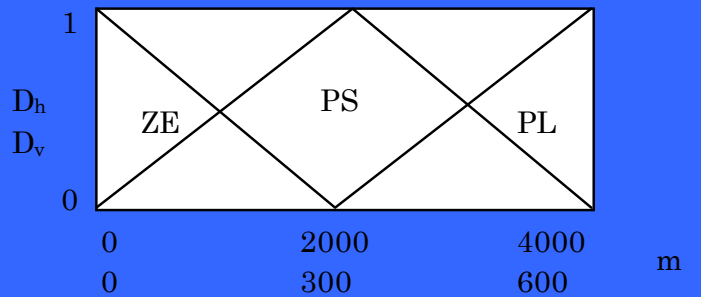
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New Flt Plan determined		STA1		
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Expert System  
:Sequence Control



# Fuzzy Expert Control –Math Simulation

## Membership Function

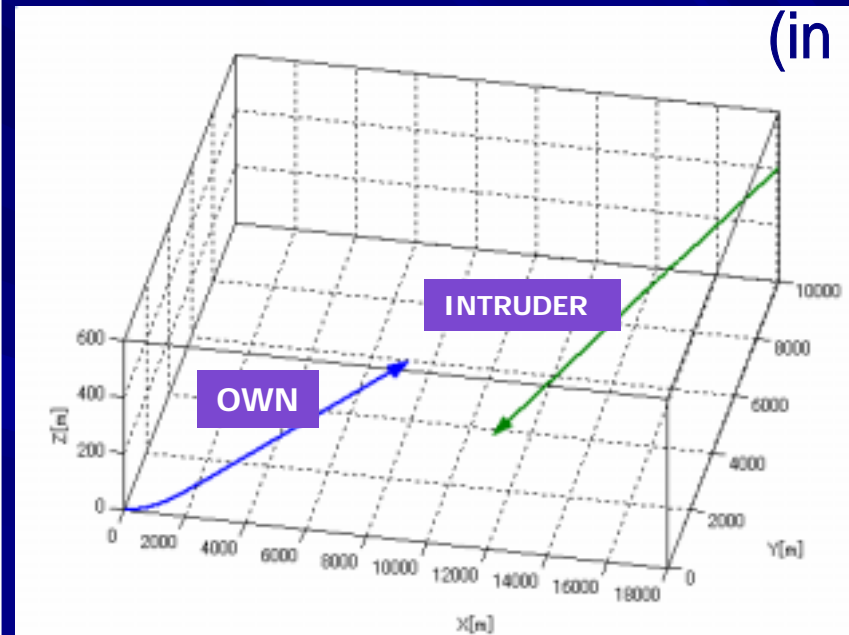


## Fuzzy Rule

$\omega_d$		$\Delta D_h, \Delta D_v$		
		ZE	PS	PL
$T_h$	$\omega_v$	ZE	PS	PL
	ZE	ZE	PL	PL
$T_v$	PS	ZE	PS	PL
	PL <td>ZE</td> <td>PS</td> <td>PS</td>	ZE	PS	PS

## EX. Collision Avoidance

(in 3D)



This is also achieved thru the actuation of the alternatives for the reconfiguration..

# Human and Autonomous Control in System

/Pilot Interface

## ➤ Unconscious Controls for Human

-Brain Control by Cerebral/Cerebellum

<normal control route>

-Reflex Control by Spinal Code :Actions for Safety

-Autonomic Nerve : Life Support

Information in Unconscious Activities, in Human Behavior, are said

**10<sup>5</sup> times** as many as in Conscious One.

➤ Pilot could adapt to the System of More Automation by Autonomous Control

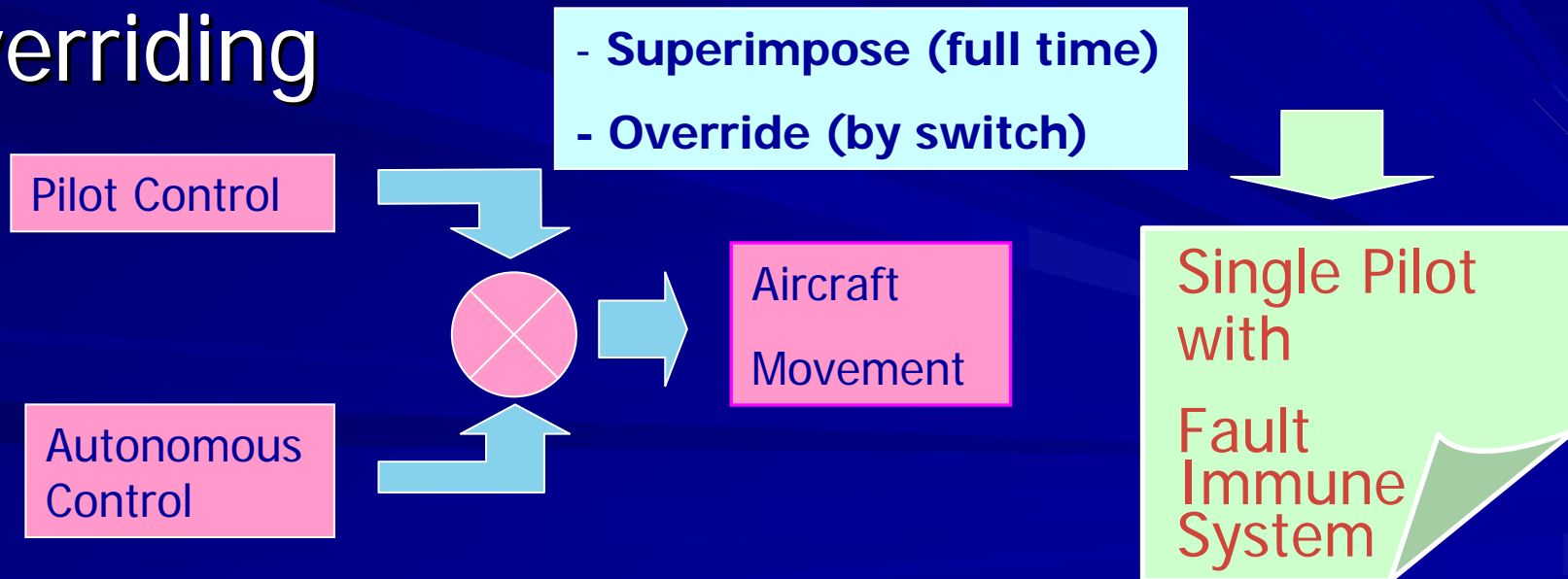
# Pilot Controls in Autonomous System

<Commander & Full Time Participation>

## ■ Superimposing

- for tailoring the control to the feeling of the pilot

## ■ Overriding



# Conclusions

- Double Layered Reconfiguration Control with reflex action layer and with usual autonomous control layer, is presented as an effective control law concept for the Fault Immune Aircraft.
- Fault Immune System, which is based on the reconfiguration in need, and the  $10^{-12}$  of the ultra high reliability system in the normal operation, is offered with the single pilot operation, as a near term trend.

# General Discussion on Fault Immune Flt. Con. System -3

## □ Systems

- Sensors
- Actuators
- Computers
- Data Bus
- Other



$10^{-12}$  Failure/ Hour  
for a critical failure

**<Fault Tolerant Design>**

□ Control Laws ;  
<More Autonomous>

Fault Immune  
thru Reconfiguration

□ Pilot Interface ;

Intuitive Inputs &  
Recognitions

# Proposal for FAR Part 25

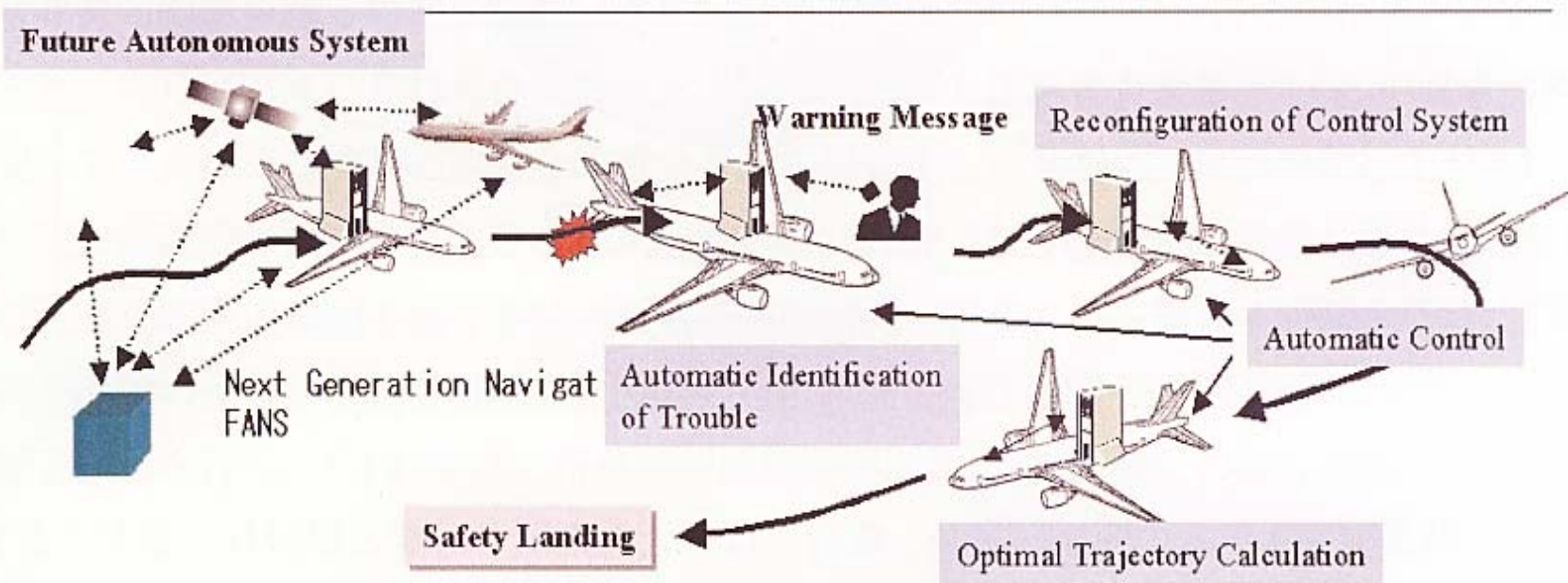
- For a Critical Failure :  
to interpret “extremely Improbable”  
as “  $10^{-12}$  ”  
(Article 25.1309, and the related)
- And which is attainable.

# Concept for Reconfiguration Control

- The aircraft should be able to continue the flight in any conditions, thru the reconfiguration of the normal laws, even in the abnormal conditions.  
(like birds, or insects)
- Reconfiguration in Layered Control (proposed) as a core control law for the fault immune aircraft
  - Human reacts to endangered happenings in a reflex manner. (; Basic Layer Control)
  - As a next step, the human considers optimal ways of doing in what to do next. (; Upper Layer Control)

## Appendix:

# SJAC Study on Fault Tolerant FCS -1



SJAC Study on the Ultra Safe Aircraft in FCS Failure & Reconfiguration under the support of Ministry of Economy and Industries in Japan, in '01-'03

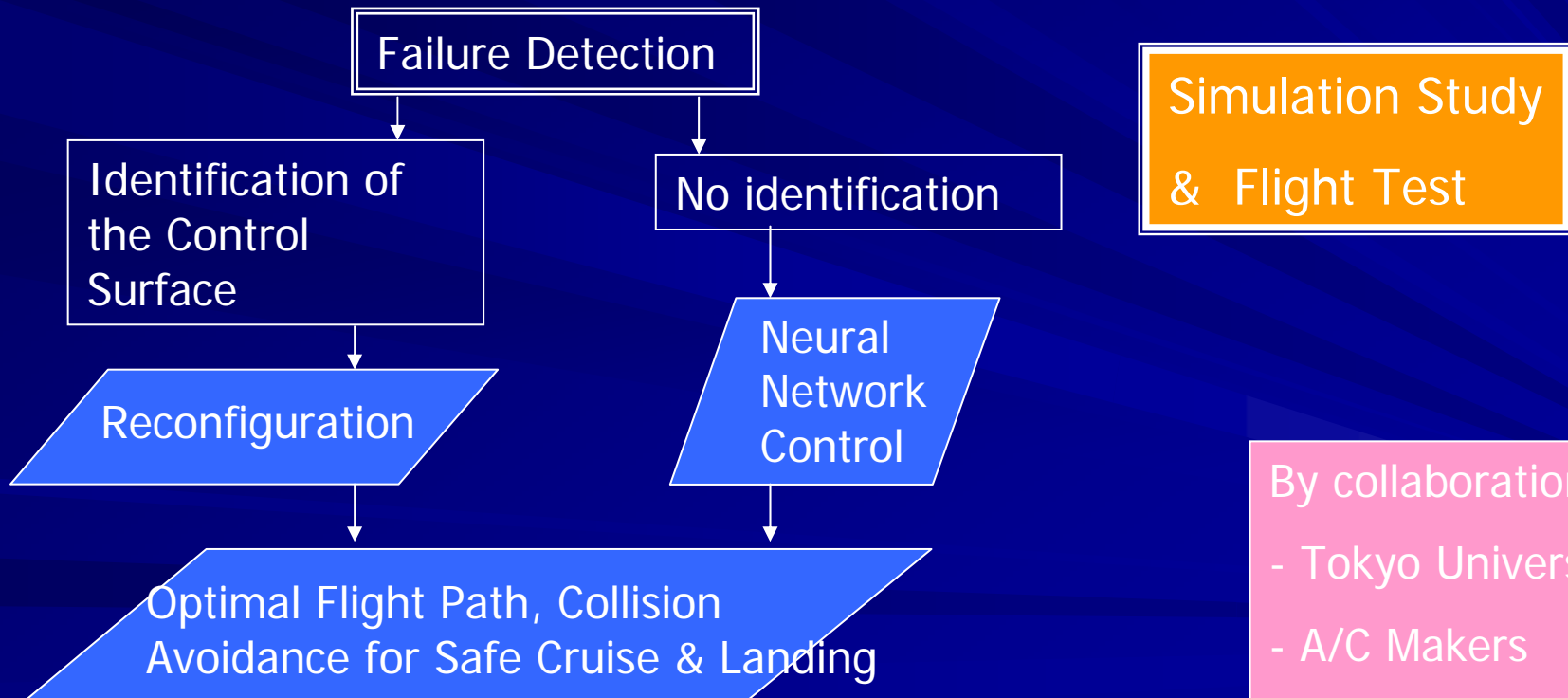
( The Consideration both for Normal and Abnormal State are important. )



## Appendix:

# SJAC Study on Fault Tolerant FCS -2

- SJAC Study (for 2002~2003, 2005~2007)  
on Fault Tolerant Flight Control System



# Appendix Computers

## Computer Architecture for Flight Control System

<Clear-cut Hierarchy in function and hardware>

### - Flight Control

: Flt Cmd Sys. , FMS, Auto-Pilot, etc.

### - Flight Safety Control

: SAS, CAS

: Actuation Control

: Active Control Technology, etc.

### - System Sustain Control

: Basic Flight Control System,

: Electric & Electronics Sys., Hydraulic Sys., Cockpit Sys.,  
etc.

# Appendix Flight Command System

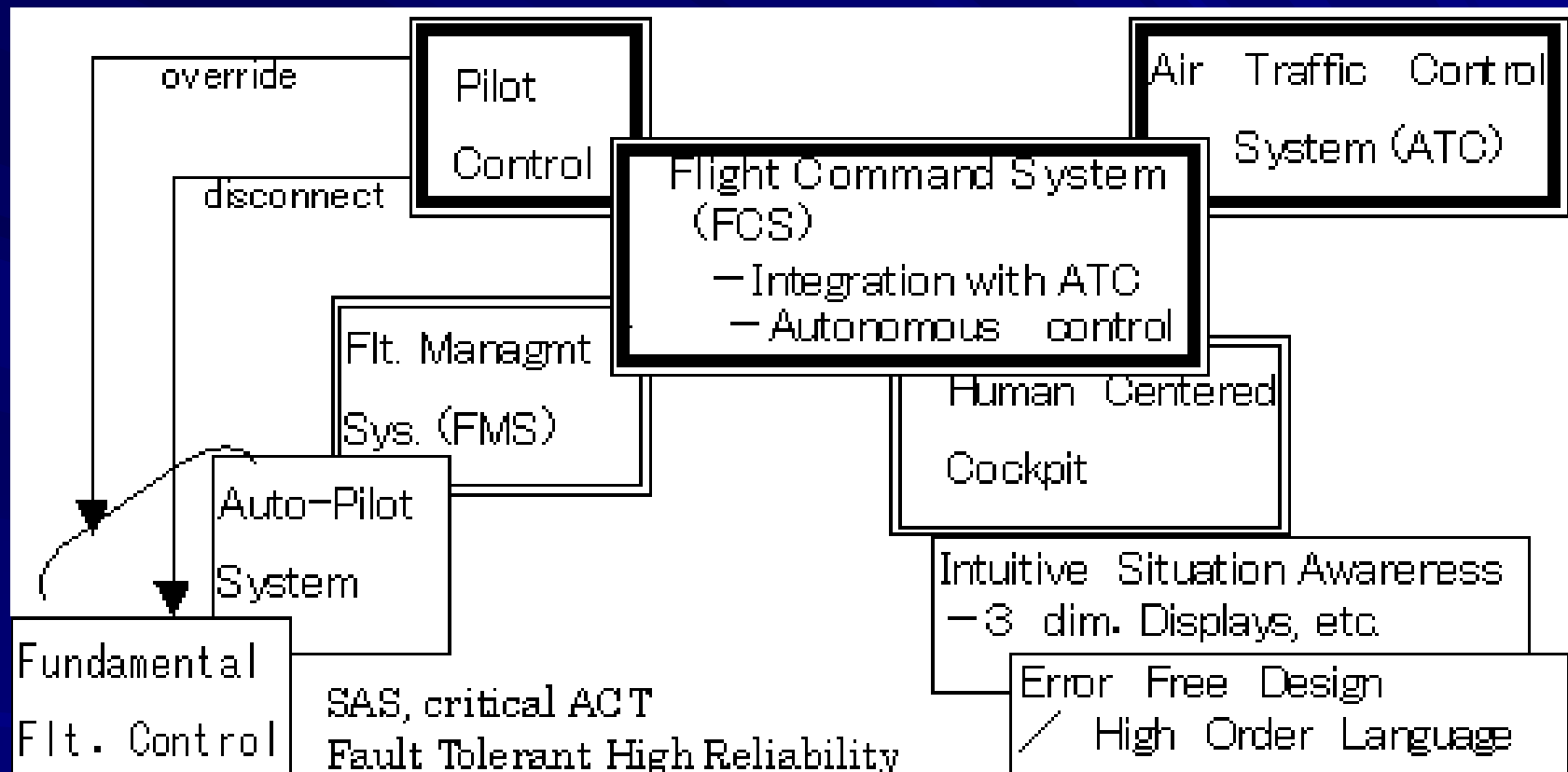


Figure 1. The Concept of Flight Command System

# Reflex Type of Reconfiguration

- Function for FDI in normal reconfiguration control / Step 1
  - thru Reflex Action + Flexible Actuation
- And Preliminary Action / Step 1 & 2
  - to stabilize the aircraft, or control by the active effectors

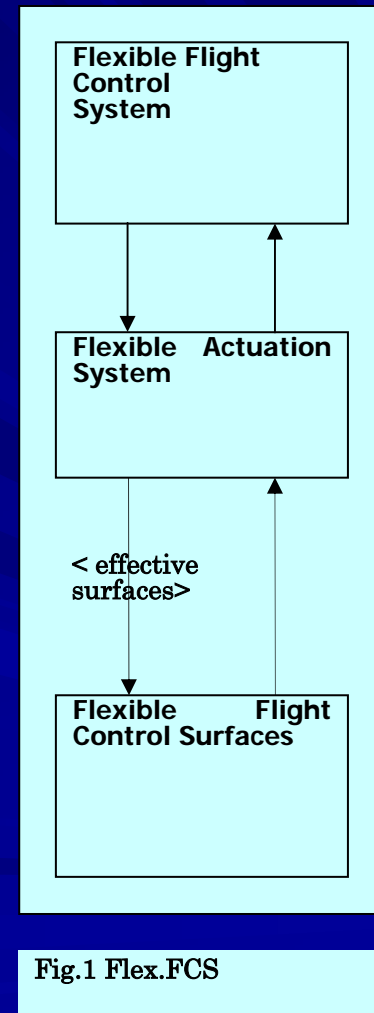
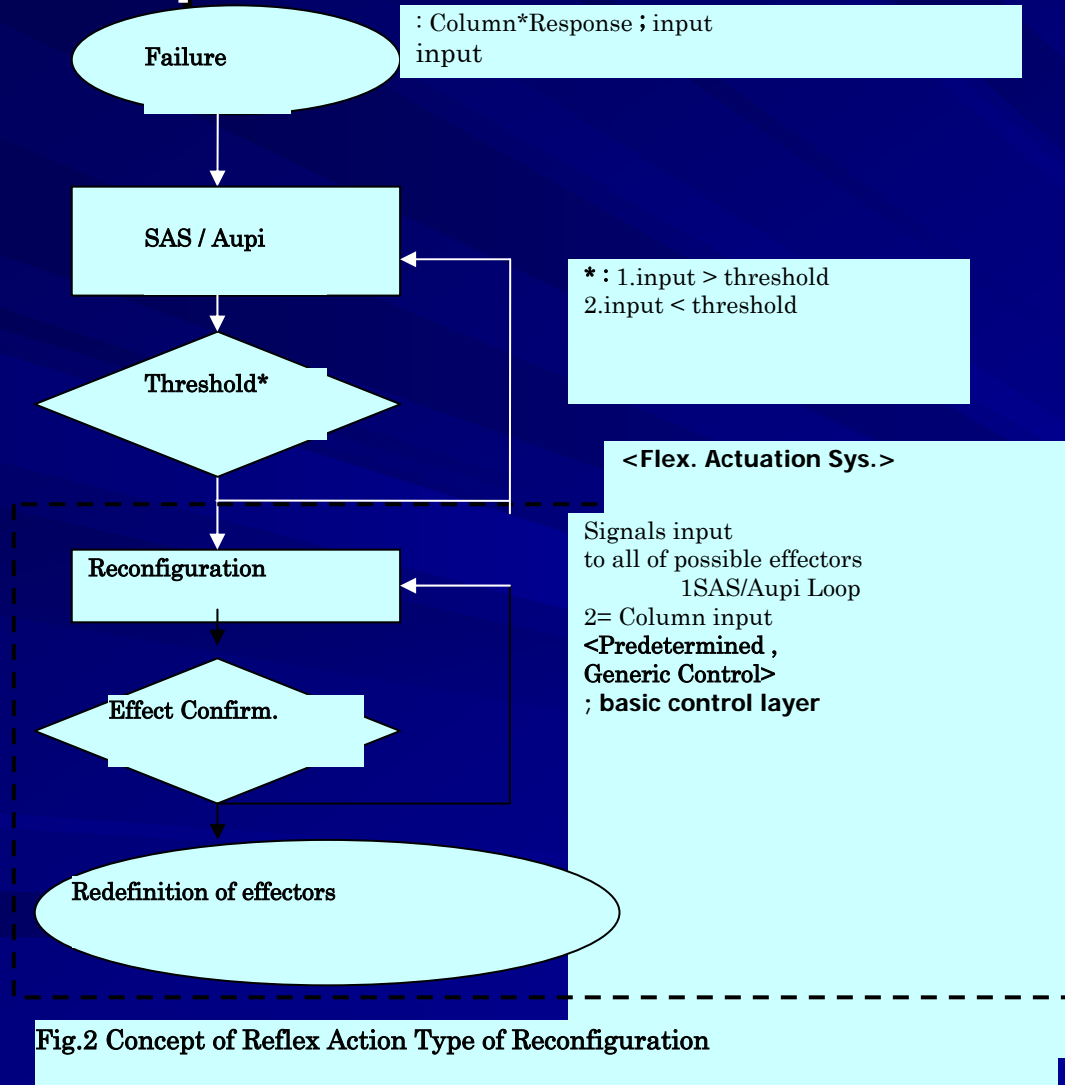
Flex.  
Act.  
Sys.

Search for Active Effectors, And Make them work as much as possible

- Multi-success Path Design is Required.

# Appendix:

# Concept for Reflex Reconfiguration



# Flight Control Actuation System

- Operation Mode Concept / Reflex Action
  - : Attitude Hold Mode (for Disturbance)
  - : Control Input Compensation Mode (for Pilot Input)
- Actuators by the unit of Control Group
  - (Ex.) the longitudinal actuation group ,  
for the case of Elevator Failure

The Actuated are in memory, used thereafter

# Flight Control Actuation System

For Step 2 /Test 2

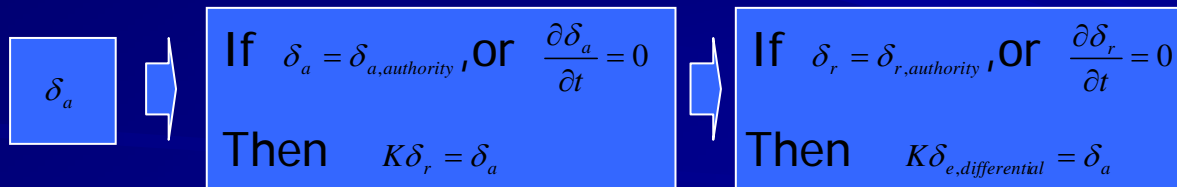
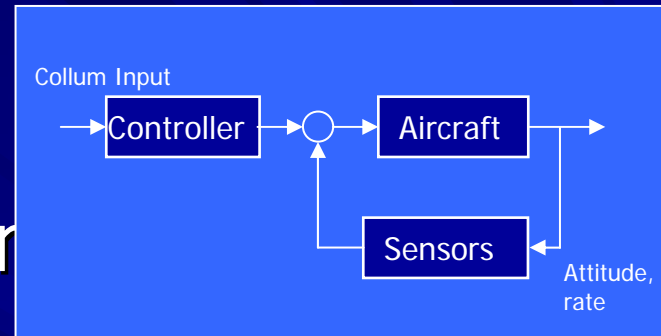
## Control Input

## Compensation Controller

: CAS Control law

with a reference by column input

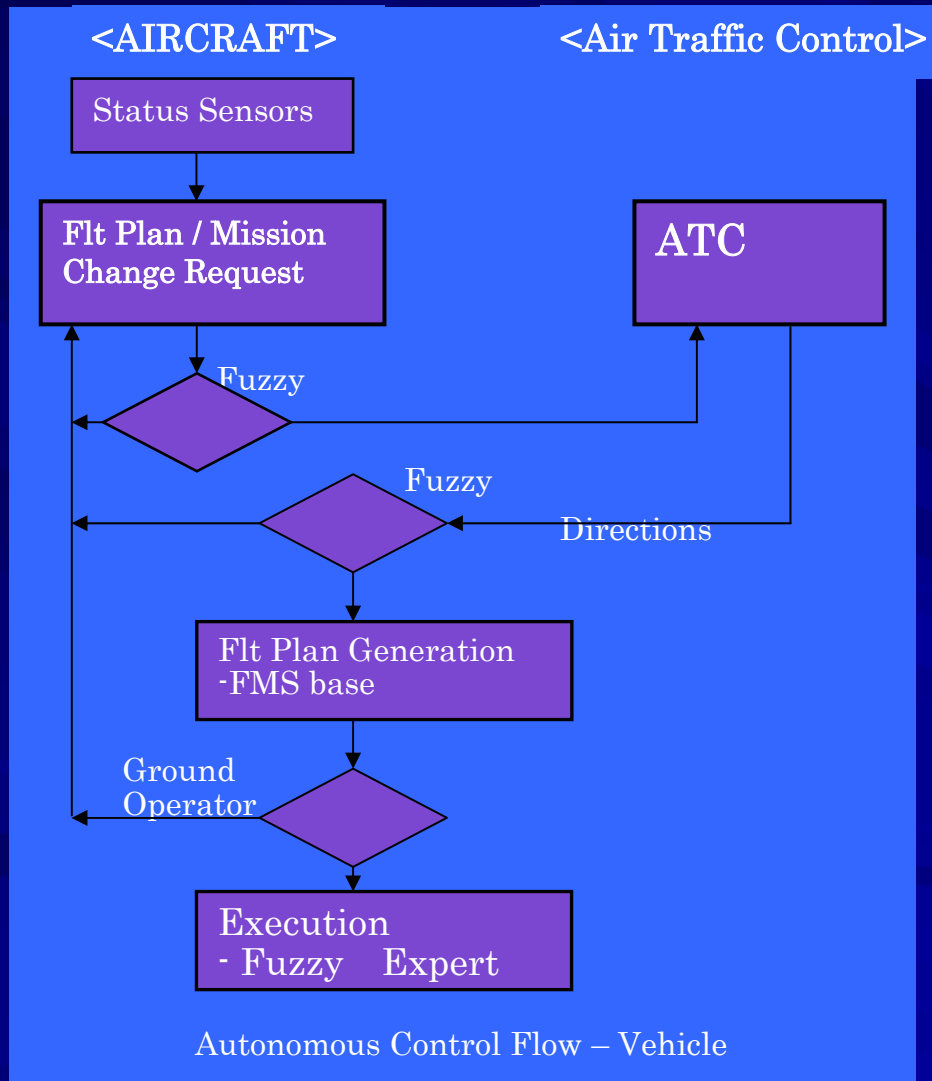
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Add ; and condition of  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \leq k(const.)$

# Fuzzy Expert Control - 2<sup>nd</sup> Step (2)

## ➤ Transient Action to New Mission/Plan



; Transient Action  
in between FMS  
Operations

/ Transfer to a  
Flight Plan Re-  
starting point



# Fuzzy Expert Control

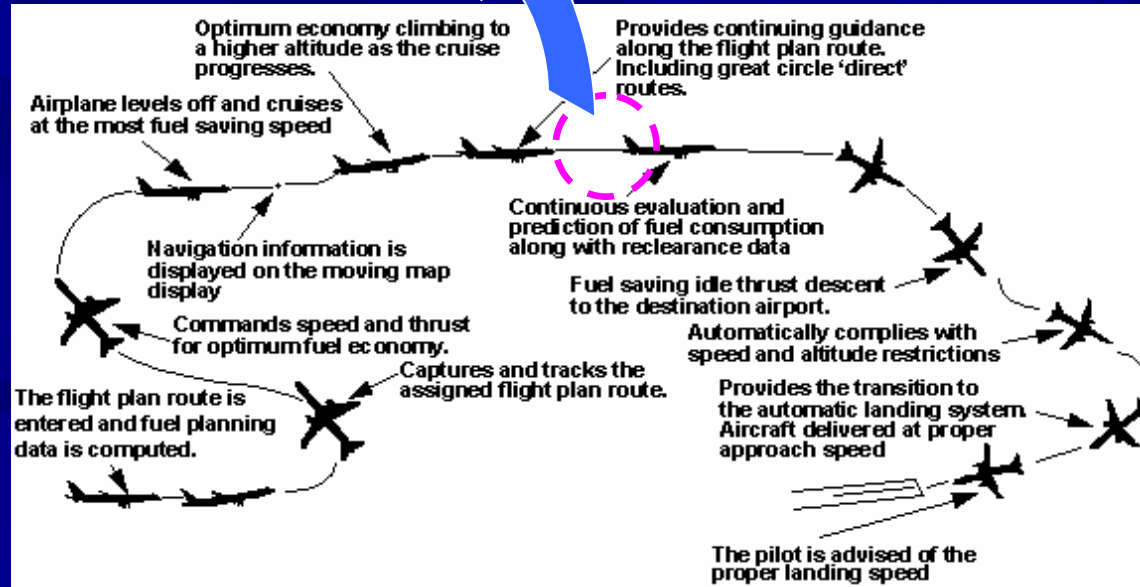
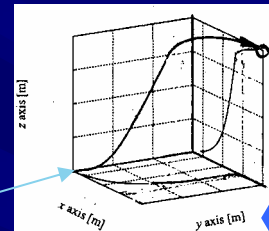
## - Flight Pattern Generation in More Automation

Fuzzy Control Step

1st: Decision for Plan Change

2nd: Action to FMS

Restart Point



- Basic flight performer
- :FMS
- <from Take Off to Landing >
- ATC interaction
- :Autonomous Control by Fuzzy-Expert Control
- (such as for intruder avoidance, adverse area avoidance, mission change, landing sequence, etc.)

# Fuzzy Expert Control - 1<sup>st</sup> Step (3)

➤ **Go / No Go Decision** : Cost Function > Threshold

Example ;  $\sum [ \text{If - Conditions} \times \text{Priority} ]$

## IF – Conditions :

- Collision Possibility

From all information sources

- ATC Request

- Aircraft Request

due to Accident, Failure,

Bad Weather, etc.

## Priority/Fuzziness/Emergency Level:

: (ex.)  $1/(\text{distance}-20\text{nm})$

: Priority, or Emergency Level

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# Fuzzy Expert Control - 2<sup>nd</sup> Step (1)

## ➤ Step 2 : Action Phase to execute the change

- membership functions

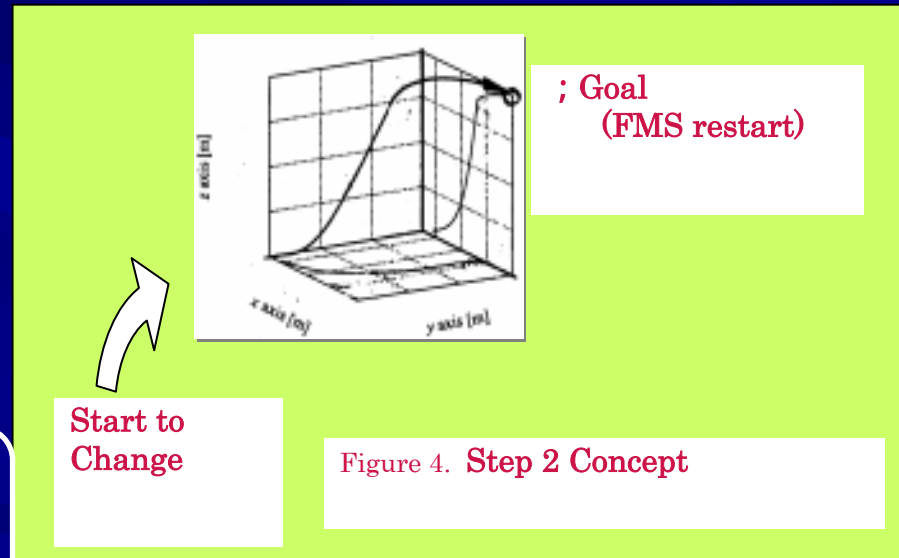
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; deviation etc.

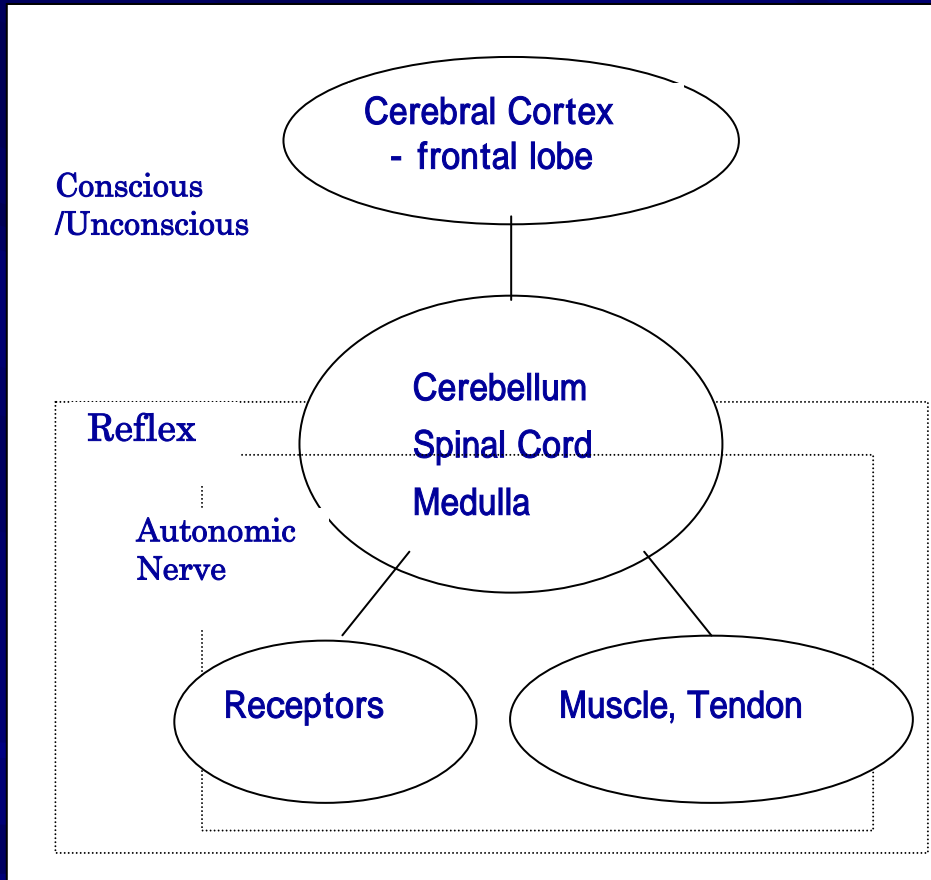


turning rate,

with appropriate  
Fuzzy Rules



# Human Brain Control in Layered



# Appendix **Flexible Actuation System**

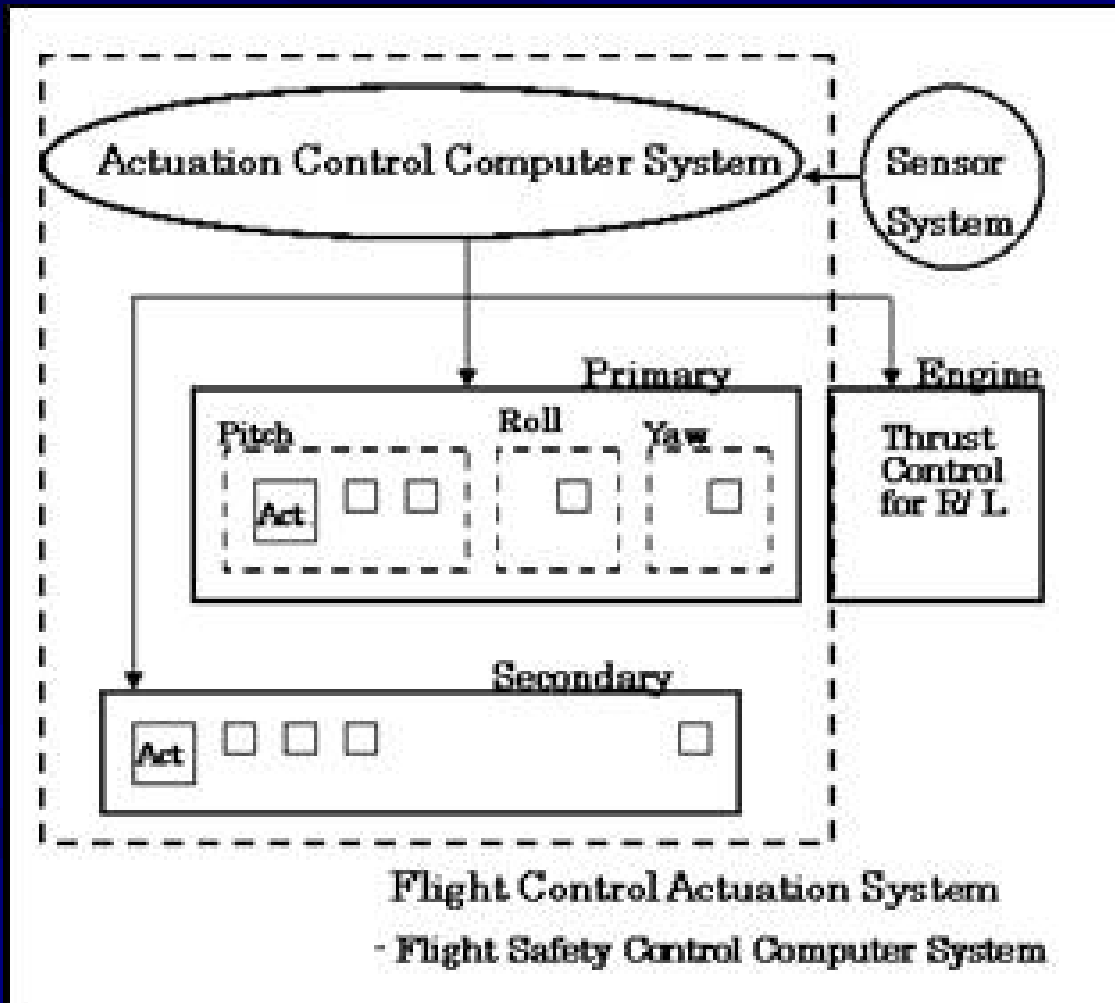
- Dispersed Arranged, with Simplex Act.
  - Elastic Structure / Morphin Aircraft
  - Many Control Surfaces / Actuation Points
- Grouped Effectors Control for 3 Axis
- Smart EMA/EHA
- Piezo-Actuator



$$(10^{-5})^3 = \underline{\underline{10^{-15}}}$$

# Appendix Flight Control Actuation System

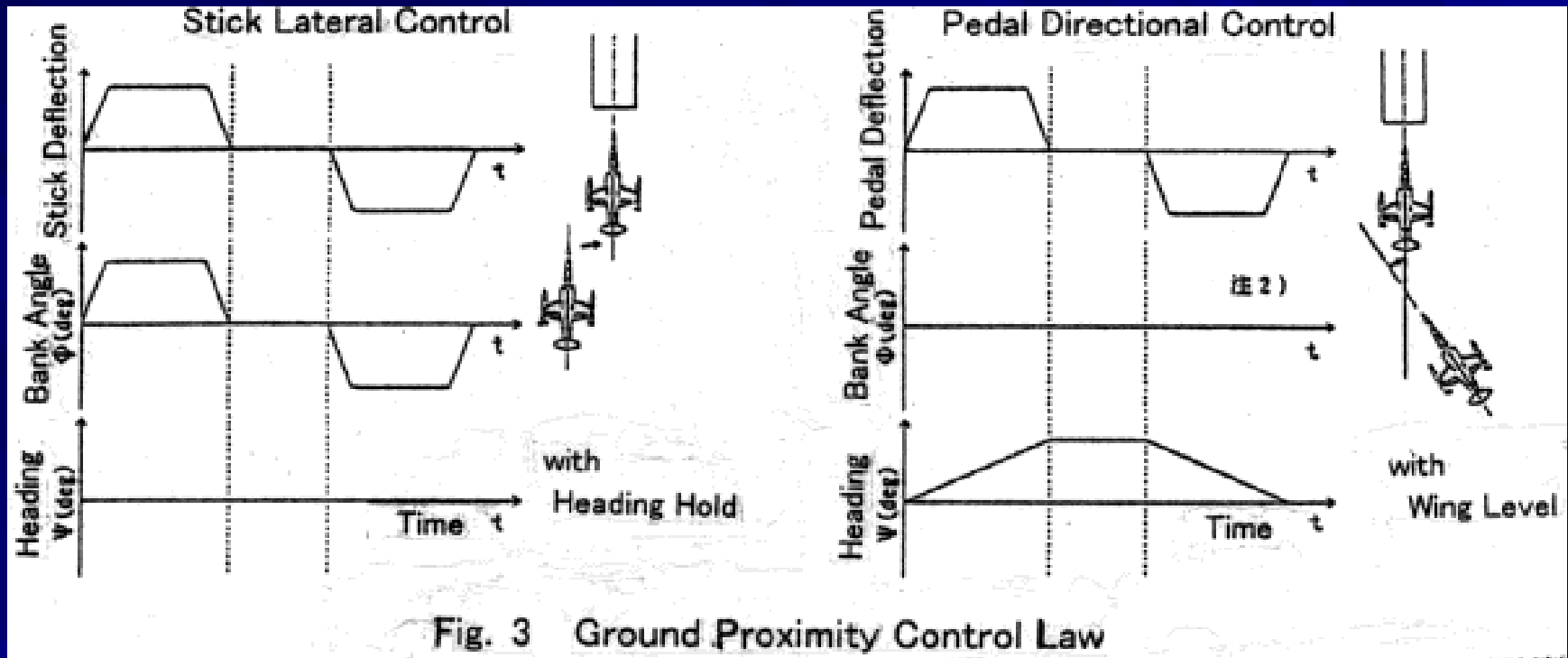
- in Flt. Cont. Safety Computer Sys.



- Reflex type of Action to Aircraft Failure
- Operation by Actuation Group for Control  
(includ. for Normal Operation)
  - Longitudinal Control : Elevators, Stabilator, Spoilers, Thrust,
  - Lateral Control : Aileron, Rudder, Spoilers, Differential Elevators,
  - Directional Control : Rudders, Aileron, Differential Thrust,

# Appendix Ex. for Deflection Control

## <Deflection Control>



## <Flight Path Control>