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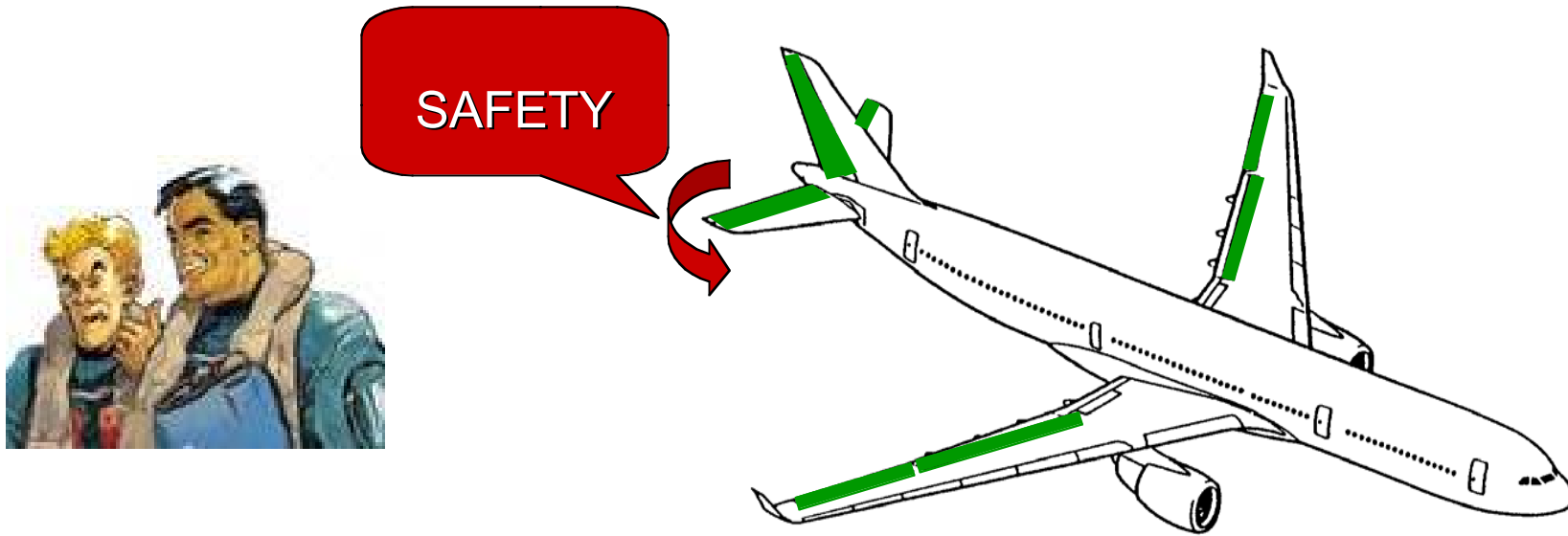
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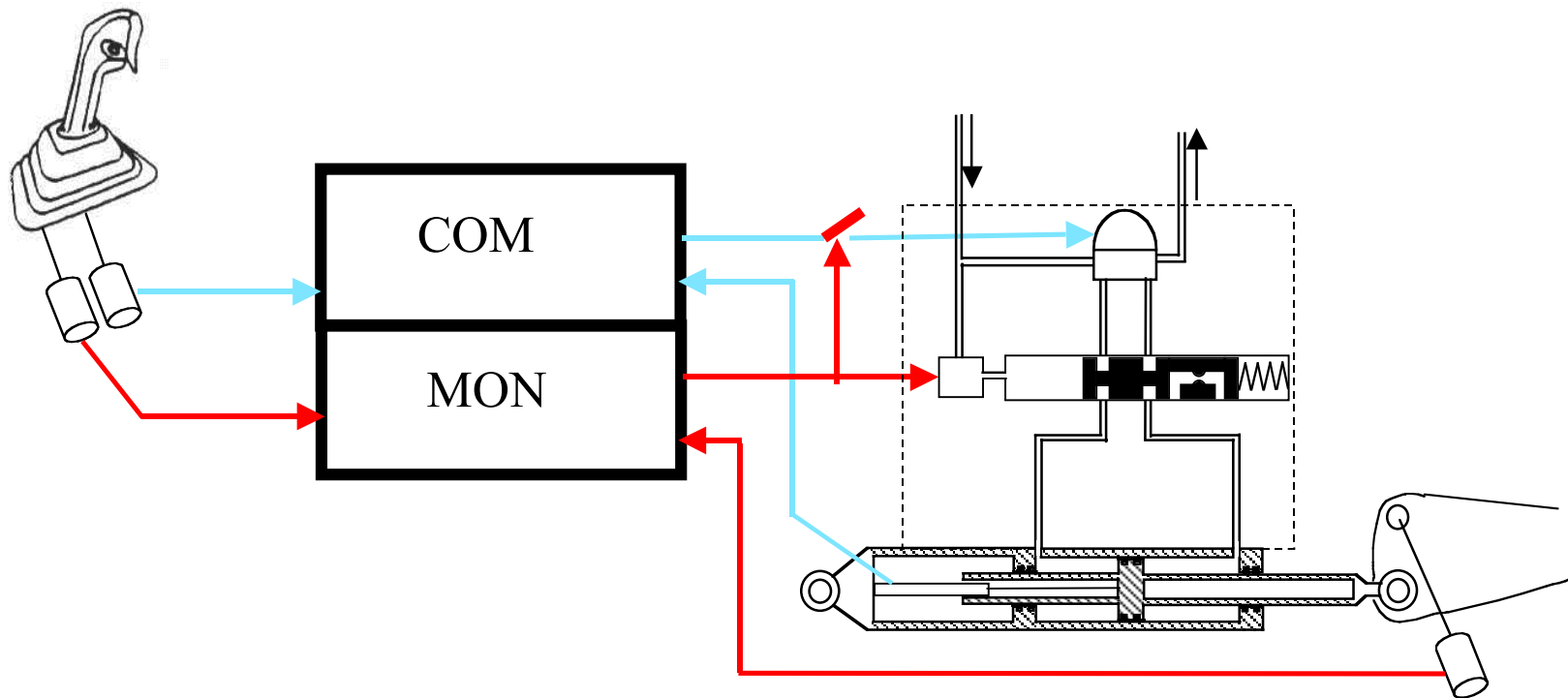
- Background
 - ▶ What is « fly-by-wire »
 - ▶ Dependability attributes
- Coverage of (some) dependability threats
 - ▶ Physical faults
 - ▶ Design & manufacturing errors
 - ▶ Particular risks
 - ▶ Human-Machine Interface
- Concluding words

AIRBUS FLY-BY-WIRE: BACKGROUND



PHYSICAL FAULTS

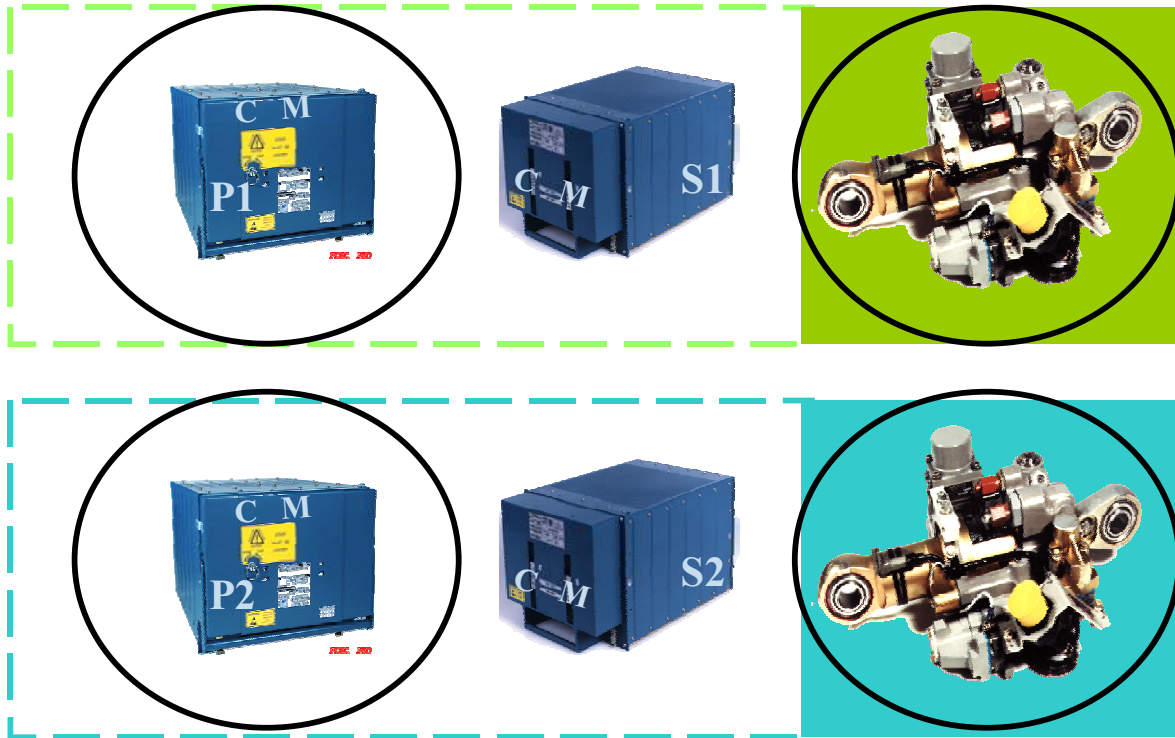
SAFETY



COMMAND & MONITORING COMPUTER

PHYSICAL FAULTS

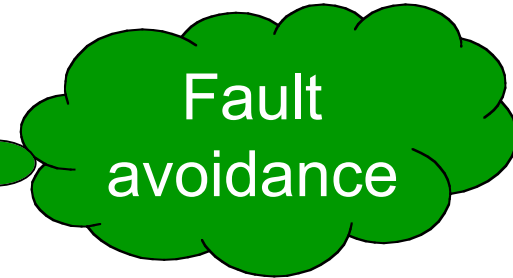
AVAILABILITY



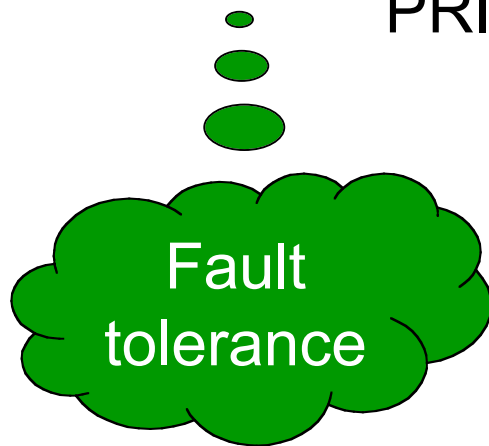
REDUNDANCY
ACTIVE / STAND-BY
P1/Green → P2/Blue → S1/Green → S2/Blue

DESIGN & MANUFACTURING ERROR

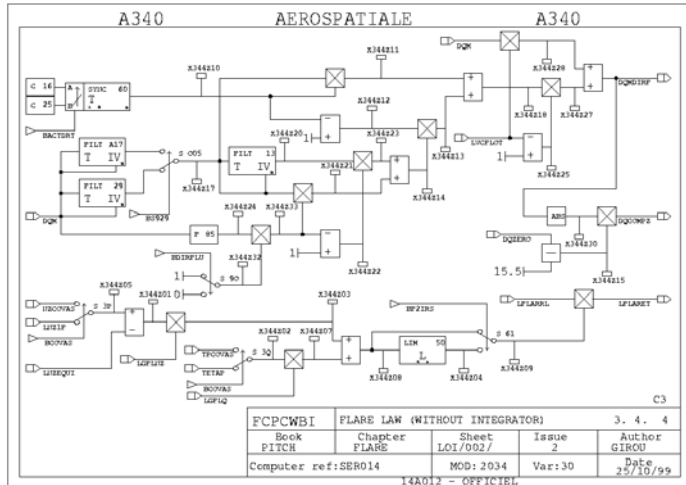
Airbus Fly-by-Wire:
system is developed to ARP 4754 level A
Computers to DO178B & DO254 level A
(plus internal guidelines)



Two types of dissimilar computers are used
PRIM \neq SEC



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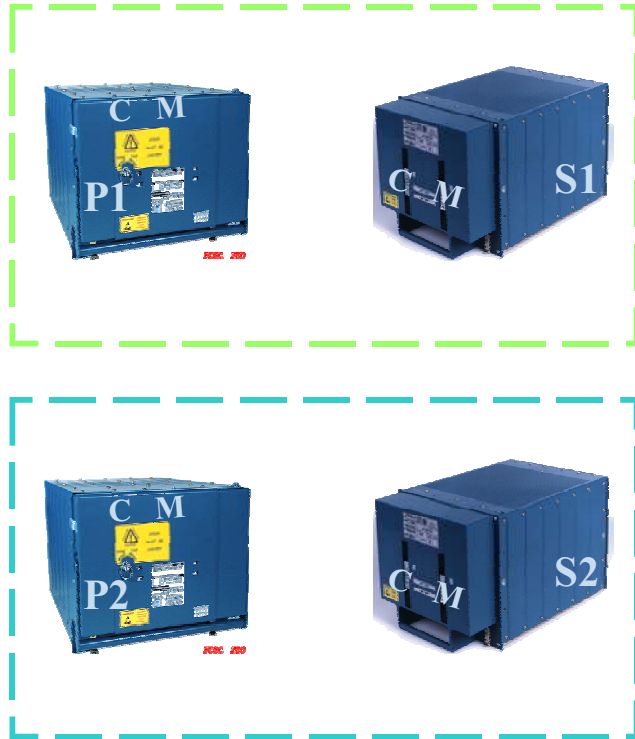
FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATION

- interface between aircraft & computer sciences
- automatic code generation

- Classical V&V means, plus
 - virtual iron bird (simulation)
 - some formal proof



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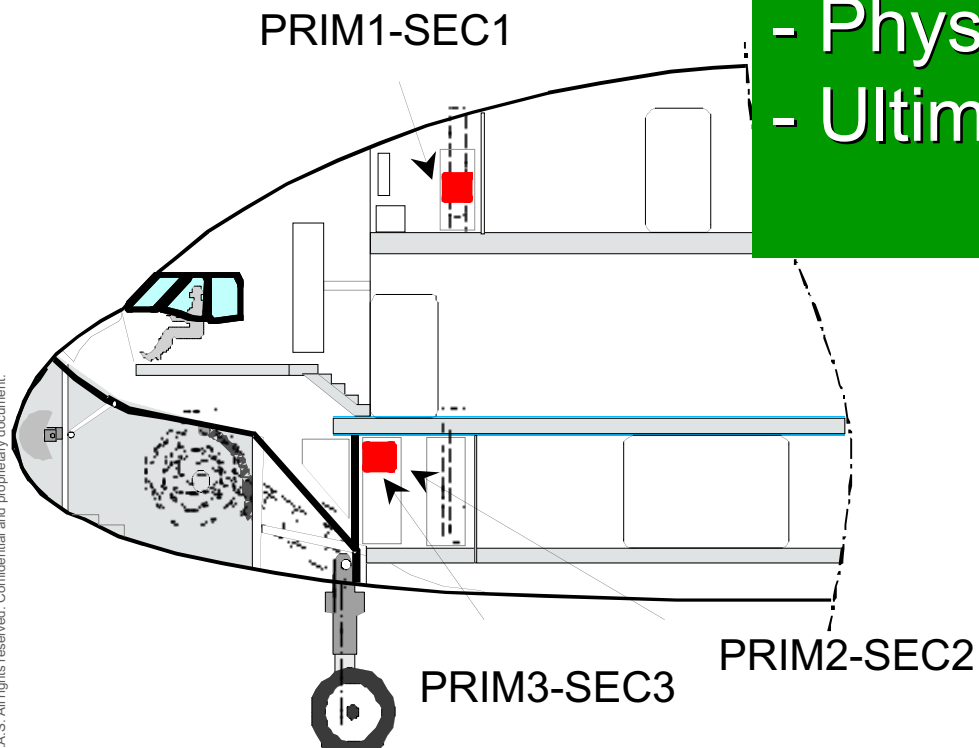
FAULT TOLERANCE

- SEC simpler than PRIM
- PRIM HW \neq SEC HW
- 4 different software
- data diversity
- From “random” dissimilarity to managed one
- Comforted by experience

PARTICULAR RISKS

COMMON POINT AVOIDANCE

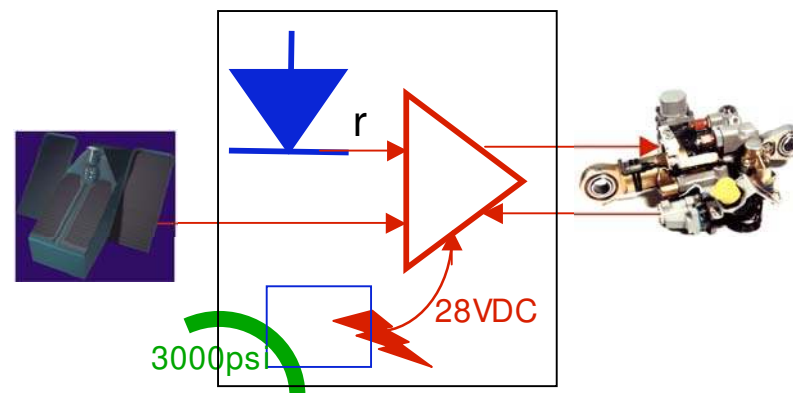
- Qualification to environment
- Physical separation
- Ultimate back-up



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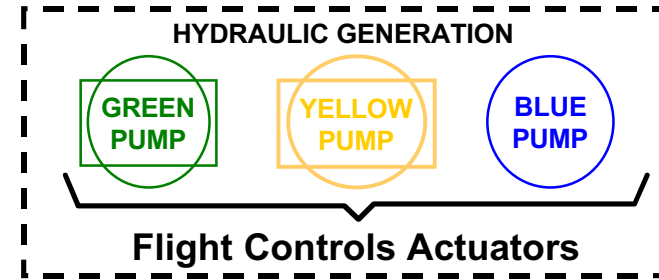
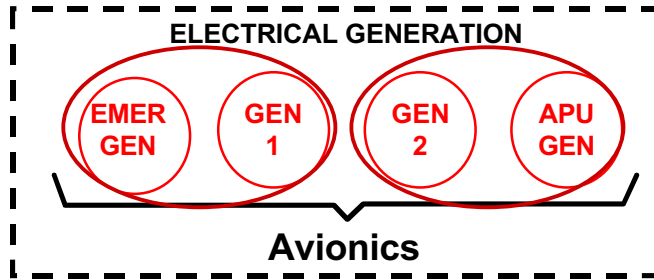
ULTIMATE BACK-UP

- Continued safe flight while crew restore computers
- Expected to be Extremely Improbable
- No credit for certification
- From mechanical (A320) to electrical (A380 & A400M)

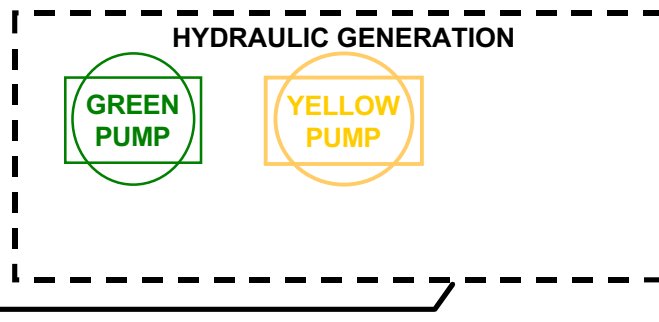
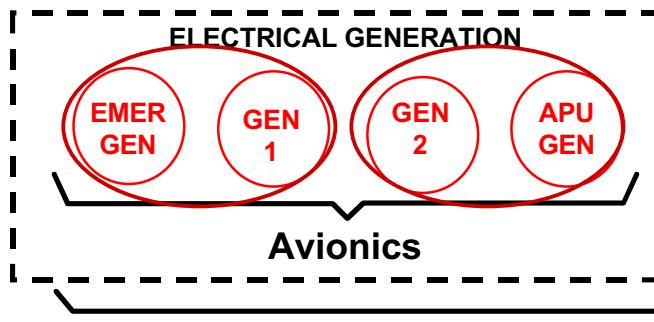


ELECTRICAL ACTUATION

- A320 ... A340



- A380 A400M

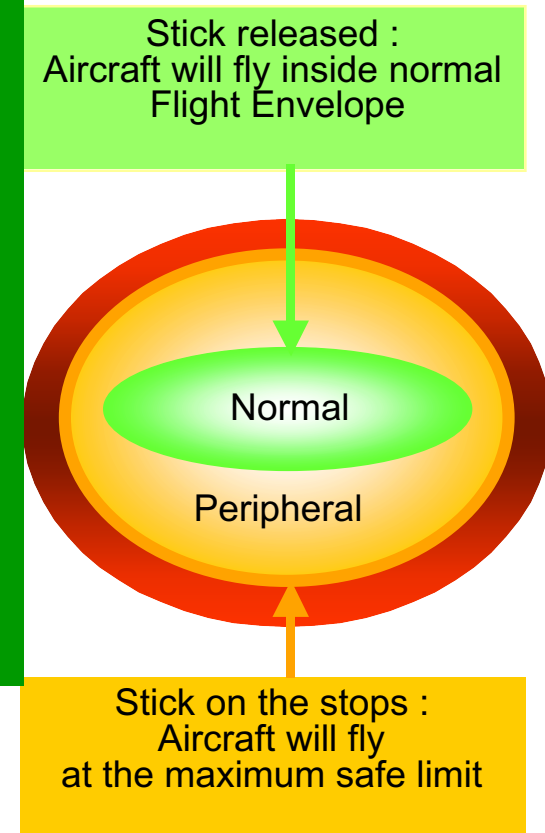


Flight Controls Actuators

**MORE REDUNDANCY
DISSIMILAR (HYDRAULIC / ELECTRICAL)
INCREASED SEGREGATION**

HUMAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

- Reduction of crew workload & fatigue
- Situation awareness
- System reconfiguration
- Flight envelope protections
 - TCAS, TAWS ...
 - Airbus protections



Let the crew concentrate on trajectory

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CONCLUDING WORDS

Joint effort for improvement

- FAA/JAA/... Airbus/Boeing/...
- Regulations and practices improvement based on
 - Type certifications experience
 - In-service incidents & accidents
- For in-service airplane & under design

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