



Using MBSE to Identify Safety Critical Functions in Airworthiness Certifications

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Objectives



- Discuss AFIT Research
- Highlight Results
- Review Lessons Learned
- Express Application of MBSE
- Taking a Step further
- Questions and Answers



Where it all Began



- AFIT Graduate Research
- Completed Feb 2021
- Sponsor: AFLCMC/EZI





Research Objective



- **Identify how a system model can aid and automate the execution of the airworthiness process**
 - What modeling aspects and/or program artifacts must be created to support the airworthiness certification process?
 - What airworthiness analyses can be done with a SysML domain-specific system model?
 - How could airworthiness analysis be automated or leaned to support parallel, continuous development operations?

Scope: Safety Critical Function analysis criteria found in MIL-HDBK-516C Section 15, *Computer Systems and Software* and Air Circular 17-01



Document Review



- **Sample of to-be modeled AC-17-01 attributes**

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| 2.1.1 | Break down into sub-functions | 2.3.8 | Safety interlocks are identified, analyzed, and tested |
| 2.1.2 | Identify Safety Supporting Elements (SSEs) | 2.3.9 | Identified testing gaps noted |
| 2.1.3 | Identify Safety Supporting Hardware Elements (SSHE) | | |



Document Translation

- **AC-17-01 Focus Areas**

- SCF Identification
- SCF Thread Analysis
- Integration Methodology
- Failure Mode and Effects Testing
- Safety Interlock Design
- SPA and Software Development
- Full Qualification of Software



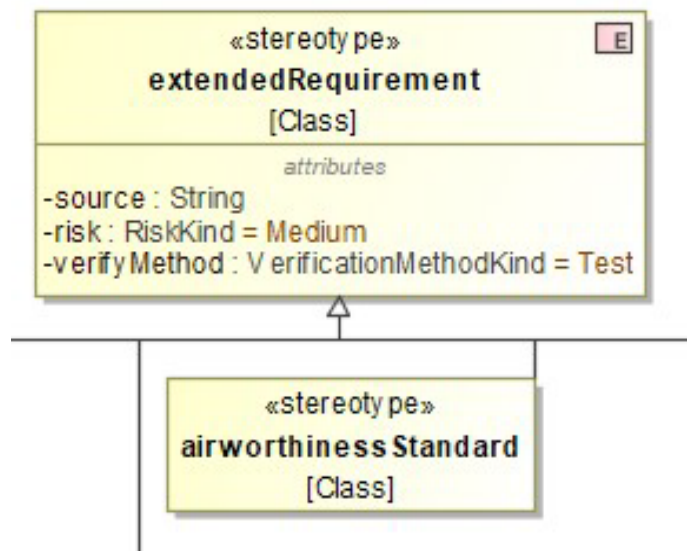
- **Model Focus Areas**

- Certification Standards
- SCF Identification
- SCF Thread Analysis
 - Physical System
 - Computer System Integration Level (CSIL)
 - Validation and Verification
 - Failure Mode and Effects Testing (FMET)
 - Safety Interlock Design
 - Requirement Mapping



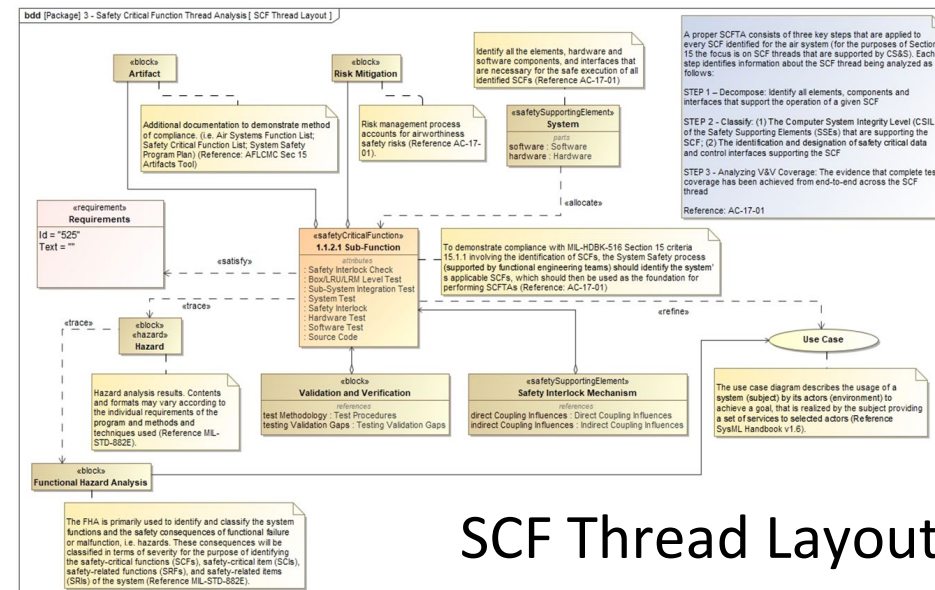
Document Modeling

- Certification Standards



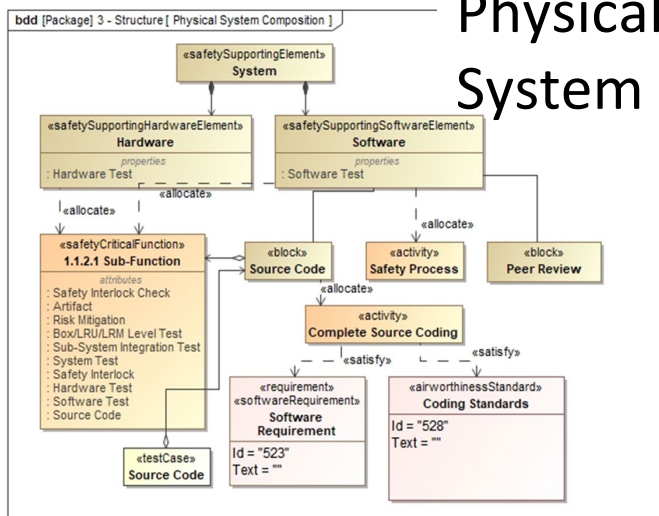
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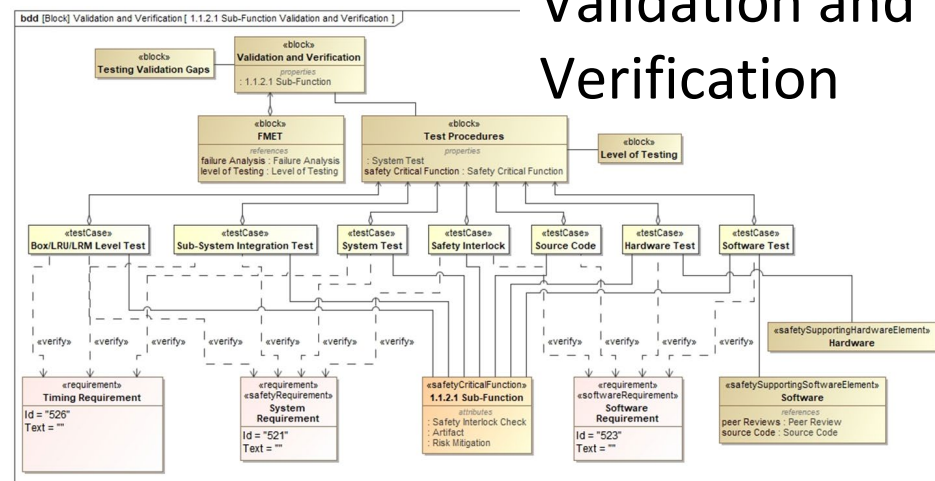


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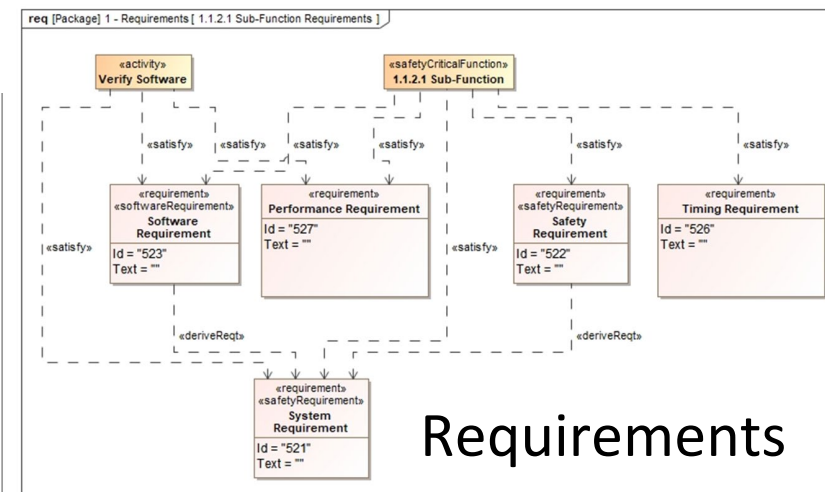
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Validation and Verification



Requirements

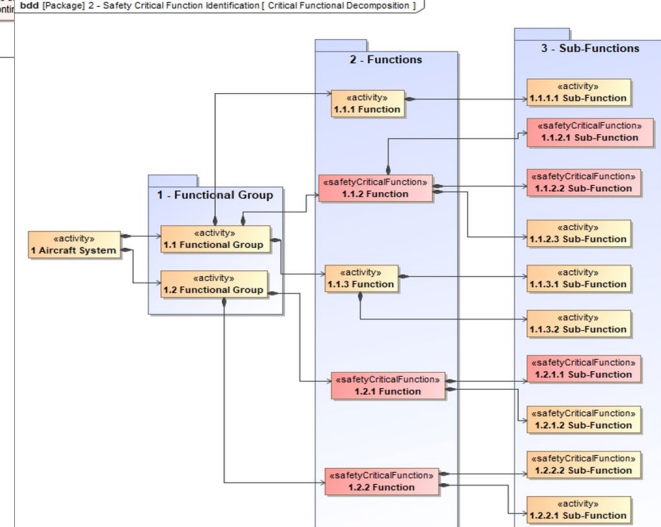
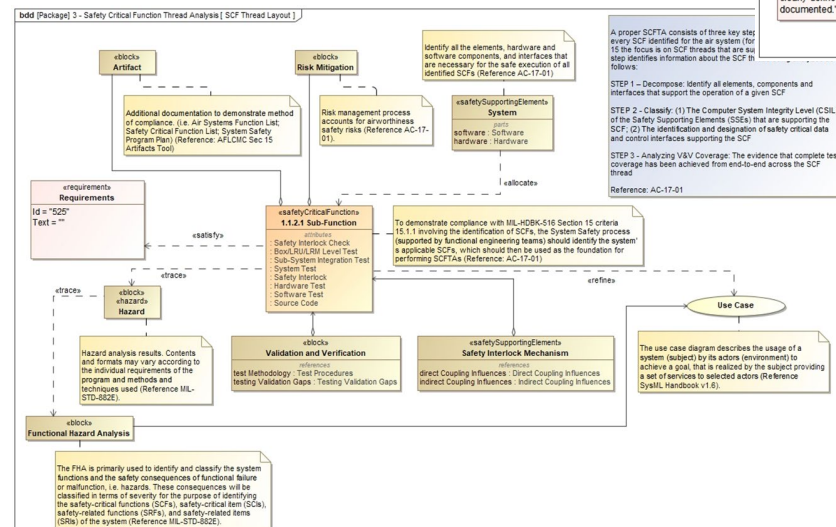
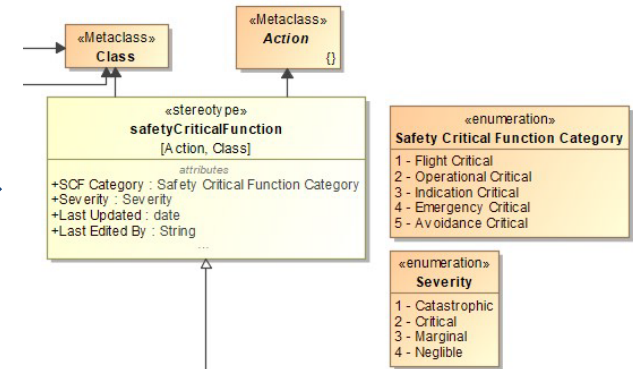
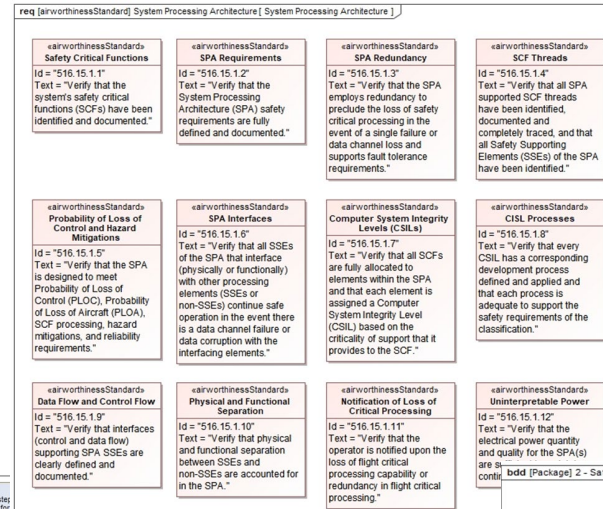




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Lessons Learned



- **Apply technique to other (document) processes**
 - Unified Test Profile for DoD (UTP-D)
 - Test cards, test points, test Reqt, test config,...
- **Test/Apply the profile on data iteratively**
 - Socialize results. Codify in CDRL/DID/ contract language
- **Keep it simple**
 - Balance new <<stereotypes>> , extensions of existing stereotypes
 - new tags (attributes), appropriate relationships



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**Visit the Air University Portal
(CAC-Access Required)**
<https://aueems.cce.af.mil/>



For those with CAC-access:
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Taking a Step Further – Noah “Odie” Demerly

MIL-HDBK-516

- Airworthiness handbook produced by the DoD for Military Airworthiness Certification Criteria
 - Used widely in USAF/USA/USN as the document to follow for guidance during certification of military aircraft
 - NOT a requirements document; this is a handbook
 - Each sub section has a Criteria, Standard, Method of Compliance, and References (JSSG's, MIL-STD, etc.)
 - Currently on Revision C, move to revision D in process
- Certification Basis (CB) / Compliance Report (CR)
 - CB is “baseline”, CR assesses compliance / risk

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MIL-HDBK-516C – Creating a Digital “Copy”

 570.4.1.1 Requirements allocation	<p>Criterion: Verify that the design criteria, including requirements and ground rules, adequately address airworthiness and safety for mission usage, full permissible flight envelope, duty cycle, interfaces, induced and natural environment, inspection capability, and maintenance philosophy.</p> <p>Standard: Allocated high level airworthiness and safety requirements down through the design hierarchy are defined. Allocated design criteria for all system elements and components result in required levels of airworthiness and safety throughout the defined operational flight envelope, environment, usage and life.</p> <p>Method of Compliance: Inspection of process documentation verifies allocation of airworthiness and safety requirements and design criteria. Traceability is documented among requirements, design criteria, design and verification. Consistency between design criteria and airworthiness and safety requirements is confirmed by inspection of documentation.</p>
 570.4.1.2 Safety critical hardware and software	<p>Criterion: Verify that airworthiness and safety design criteria are adequately addressed at component, subsystem and system levels, including interfaces, latencies, software and information assurance.</p> <p>Standard: Safety critical software and hardware (including Critical Safety Items (CSIs)) are identified. Design criteria and critical characteristics of safety critical software and hardware are defined, substantiated and documented in sufficient detail to provide for “form, fit, function and interface” replacement without degrading system airworthiness. Design criteria and critical characteristics of safety critical software and hardware incorporate relevant security requirements and mitigation techniques needed to ensure safety of flight.</p> <p>Method of Compliance: Inspection of documentation verifies that a process is in place to adequately identify safety critical software and hardware, CSIs, and associated design criteria and critical characteristics at the component, subsystem and system levels. Inspection of documentation verifies that safety critical software and hardware, CSIs, and associated design criteria and critical characteristics resulting from this process are documented. Inspection of documentation verifies that security requirements and mitigation techniques that affect flight safety are incorporated into safety critical software and hardware and CSIs.</p>
 570.4.1.3 Commercial derivative aircraft	<p>Criterion: Verify that, for commercial derivative air vehicles, the air vehicle's certification basis addresses all design criteria appropriate for the planned military usage.</p> <p>Standard: Commercial derivative aircraft has been assessed for its suitability for the intended military application and determined to be airworthy and safe. Limitations appropriate to the intended military usage and environment are identified.</p> <p>Method of Compliance: Inspection of certification data and analyses substantiates that the military air vehicle is airworthy and safe for its intended military usage and environments. Military air vehicle airworthiness certification data addresses all equipment, usage, and environments not covered by the commercial certification.</p>

Directly copied Criteria/Standard/MOC into <<airworthinessStandard>>
Stereotype so that relevant information is displayed in each view of the model
for Section 4, Systems Engineering

Tracing source Data to “requirements”

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573 Durability and damage tolerance control plans
574 Work instructions
575 Process specifications
576 Production/assembly progress reports
577 Quality records
578 Defect/failure data
579 Failure modes, effects, and criticality analysis (FMECA) documentation
580 Tech data package
581 As-built list to include part numbers/serial numbers for all critical safety items/components
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583 List of approved class I engineering change proposals (ECPs)
584 DD Form 250, Material Inspection and Receiving Report
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586 Diminishing Manufacturing Sources Plan
587 Obsolete Parts Plan
588 Test reports
589 Test plans
590 FAA Airworthiness Directives and Advisory Circulars
591 Manufacturer-issued service bulletins
592 Civil aviation authority certification plan
593 Civil aviation authority certification basis
594 Civil aviation authority certification report
595 System Safety Analysis Report
596 Counterfeit Prevention Plan

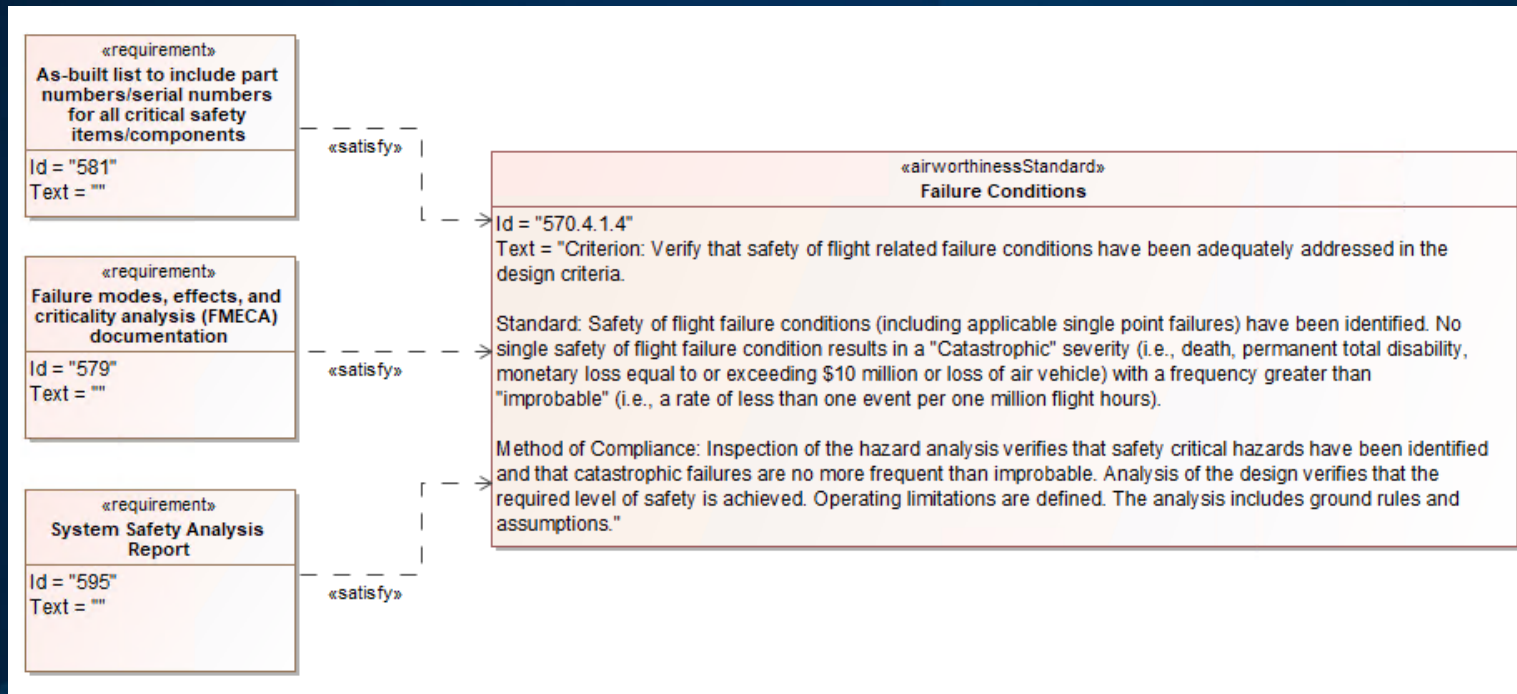
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EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL CERTIFICATION SOURCE DATA

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Used Section 4 front matter to trace a “requirement” to each expected artifact / data to meet the criteria in Section 4 – Systems Engineering

Tracing Artifact “requirements” to Criteria

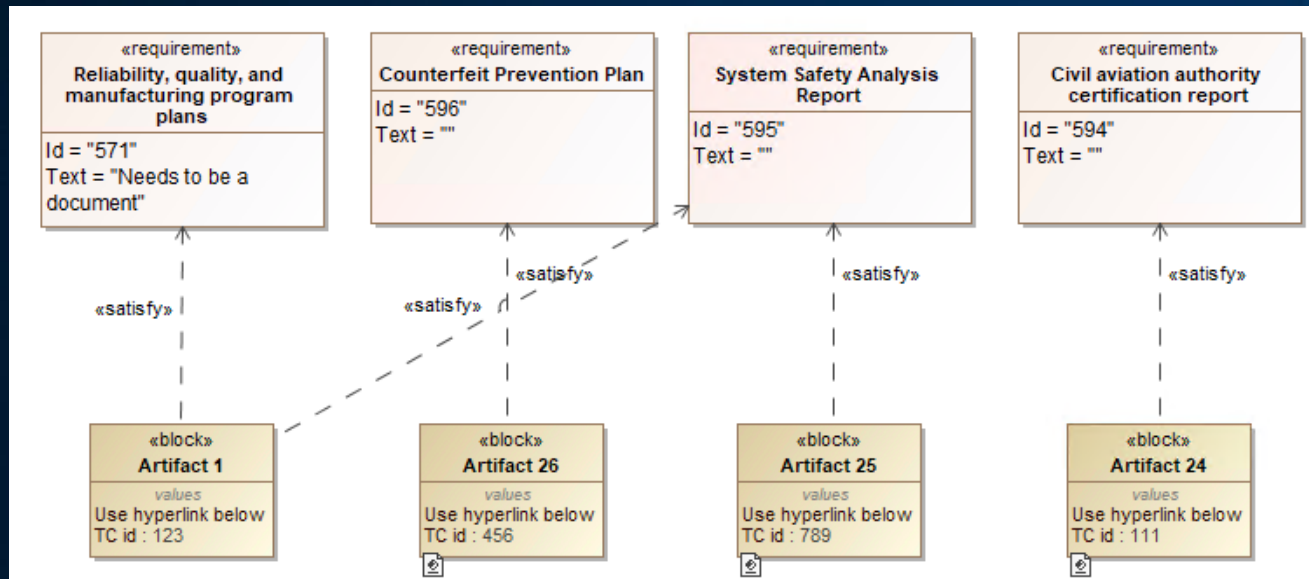


Example: Criteria 4.1.4 – Failure Conditions

SC components, FMECA and SSAR map to Criteria/Standard/MoC

Currently working with Section 4 Tech Experts to refine/validate mapping

Tracing Source Data (Artifacts) to Artifact “requirements”

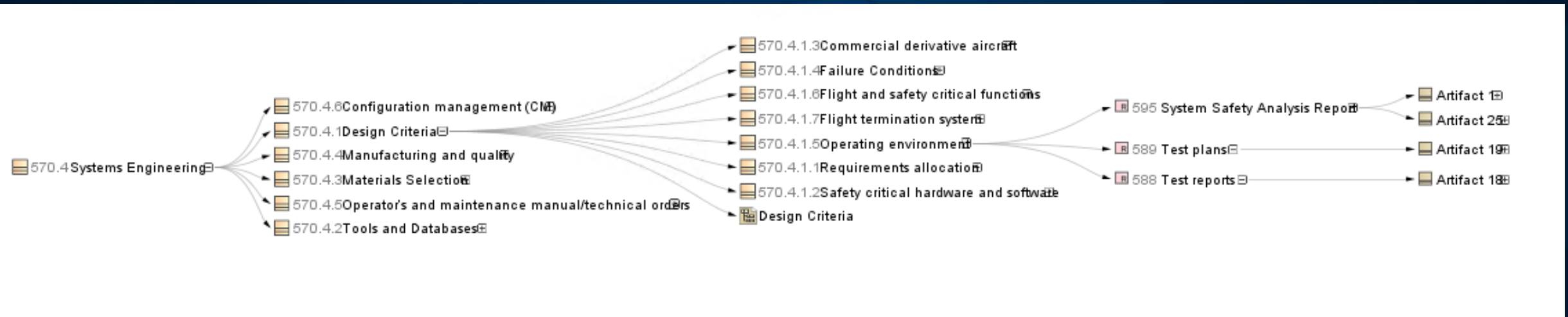


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- Each artifact/source data can be linked to one or many artifact “requirements”
- Hyperlinked in a SharePoint library – linked to other sources (Teamcenter, etc.) via value properties
- Could be data/test cases/documents, just needs linked
- Also created a RVM to show relationships between artifacts and artifact “requirements”

Relational Mapping – showing the linkages



- Created a relational map – Section -> Subsection -> Criteria -> “requirement” -> Data/Artifact
- Could interface with Requirements tool (DOORS, etc.) and PLM (Teamcenter, etc) to do revisional control of Cert Basis, Compliance Report and Artifacts / Source Data
- Mapping gives the capability to create “standard work” when putting source data on contract or during the airworthiness process

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Questions?

