

# Introduction to AVDASI



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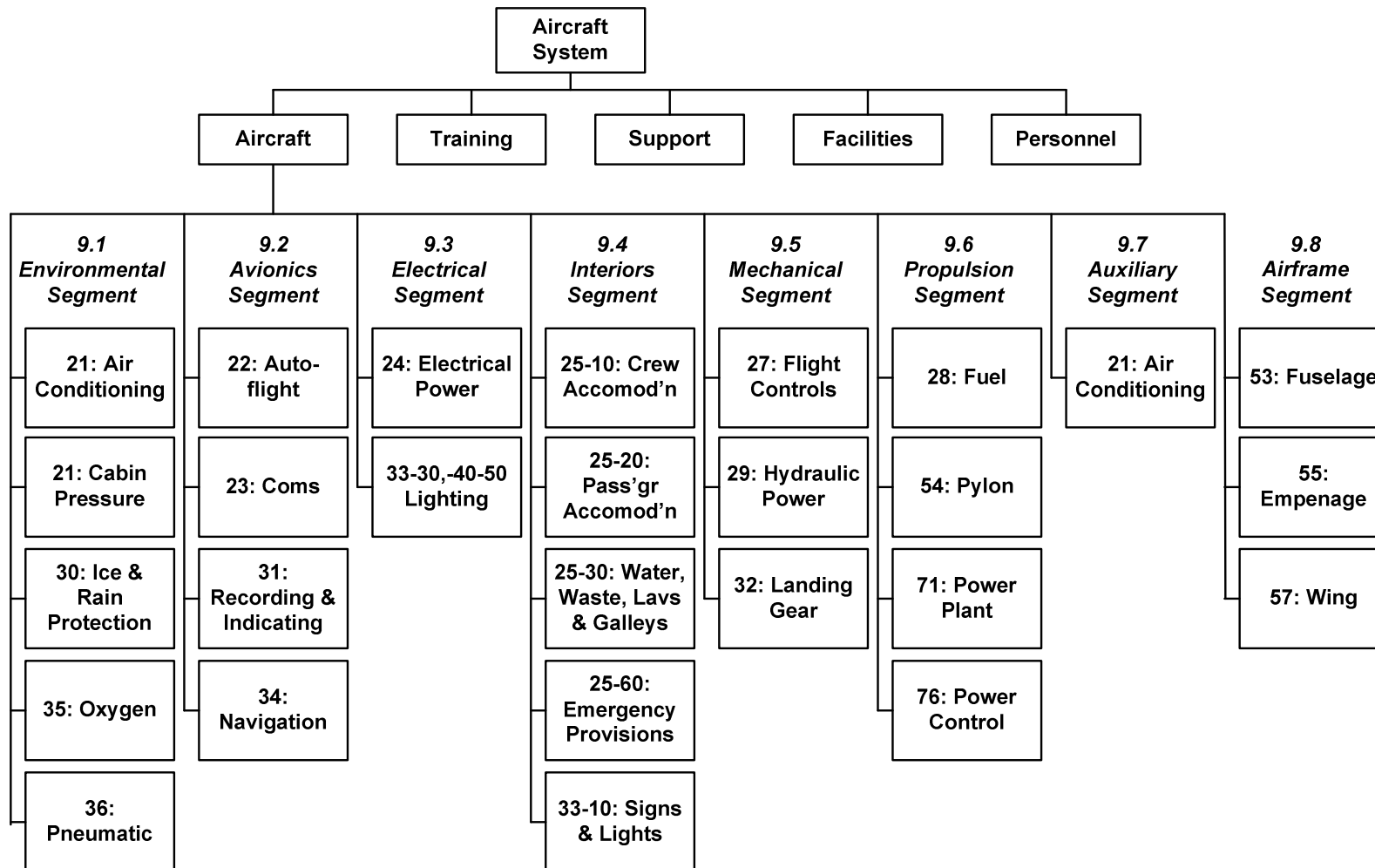
*Teaching; Propulsion; Design history*



# What is AVDASI 1?

- AVDASI 1 introduces the design of, and components that make up, modern aerospace vehicles.
- It is 'top down' – we will start with aircraft and describe design and systems
- Knowledge based – we aim to broaden your knowledge of aircraft.

# Air Transport Association (ATA) Chapters



# From the outside: Design Morphology



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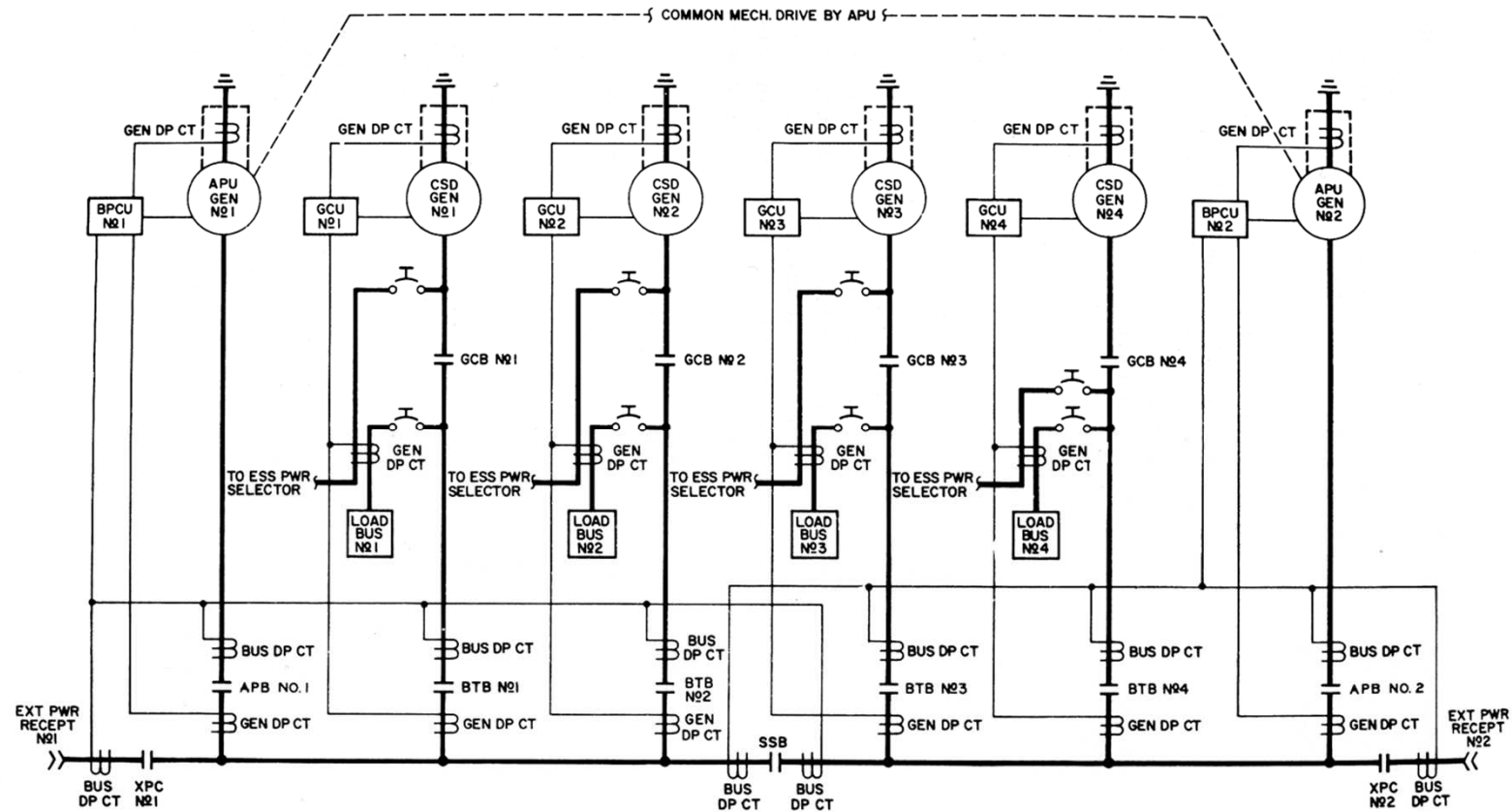


# Under the skin: Components and Systems



# Components and Systems

## *Electrical power*

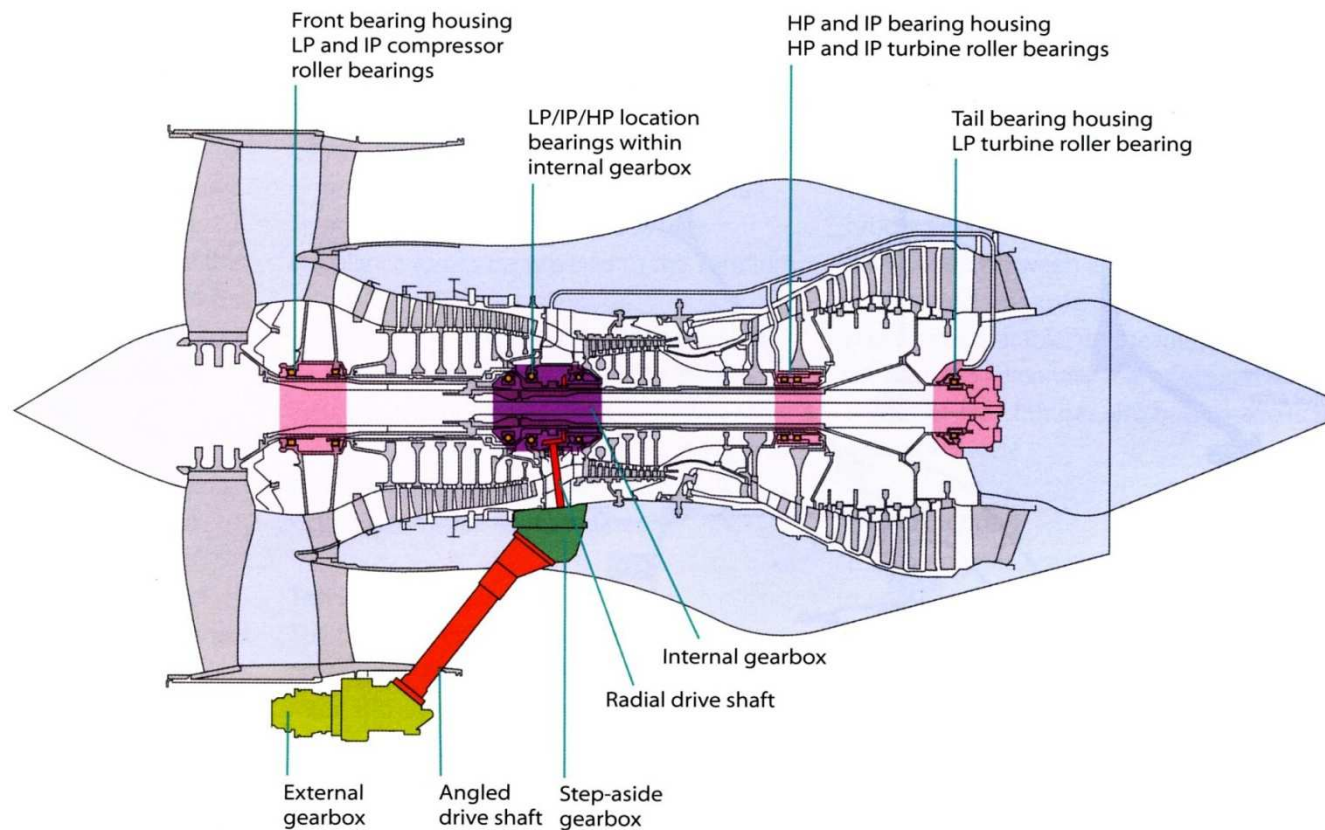


AC SYSTEM SINGLE-LINE DIAGRAM



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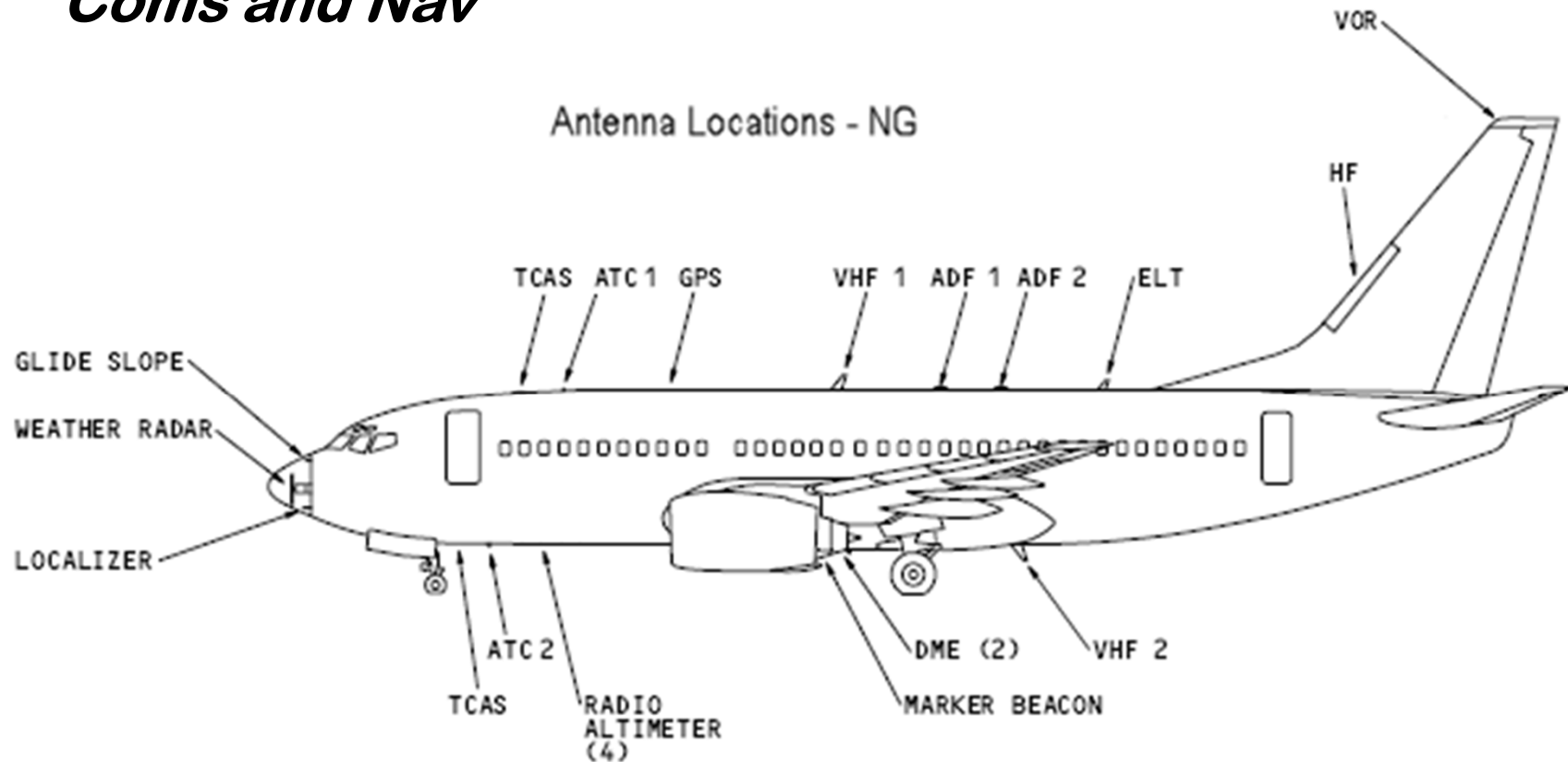
## *Engines*





# Components and Systems

## *Coms and Nav*



# Lecture series content (by topic)

Date	Time/Location	Title	Lecturer
30-Sep	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Introduction to AVDASI	SGB
02-Oct	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	History of aircraft design	NHM
07-Oct	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Gliders	PSB
09-Oct	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	System Safety	SGB
14-Oct	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Fixed Wing Aircraft Design 1	FS
16-Oct	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Aerospace Radio and Communications	SGB
21-Oct	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	On board navigation and Sensing	SGB
23-Oct	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Off-Board navigation systems	SGB
28-Oct	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Electrical power systems 1	SGB
30-Oct	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Fixed Wing Aircraft Design 2	FS
04-Nov	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Rotary Wing Aircraft 1	PSB
06-Nov	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Propulsion 1	NHM
11-Nov	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Propulsion 2	NHM
13-Nov	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Rotary Wing Aircraft 2	PSB
18-Nov			
20-Nov			
25-Nov	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Electrical power systems 2	SGB
27-Nov	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Hydraulic and pneumatic power systems	SGB
02-Dec	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	HOD, FLIR and night vision	SGB
04-Dec	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Fuel Systems	SGB
09-Dec	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Flight Control	SGB
11-Dec	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Computing and Data Buses	SGB
16-Dec	10-11am 1.4 QB Pugsley	Environmental impact of aviation and future designs	JJ
18-Dec	10-11am G44 Frank, Physics bld	Biofuels	JJ

# Assessment

- Occasional progress tests (no contribution to final mark)
- Summer Exam (100% of final mark)
  - Will be multiple choice and short answer format

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# General info

- *10 credit points = 100 hours work*
  - Use the library and the internet to supplement lectures
- Lecture slides and support materials will be available on blackboard.
- It is intended that you attend lectures and supplement the power-point notes with your own.



# General info

- Course is a framework for knowledge that is easily available to you.
- Use online resources to follow up aspects which spark and interest.....



# A bit on Systems

# Systems Engineering?

There are many different definitions of ‘Systems’ and ‘Systems Engineering’

- “ **I.** An organized or connected group of objects.
  - 1.** A set or assemblage of things connected, associated, or interdependent, so as to form a complex unity; a whole composed of parts in orderly arrangement according to some scheme or plan; rarely applied to a simple or small assemblage of things.....” (OED)

# Systems Engineering?

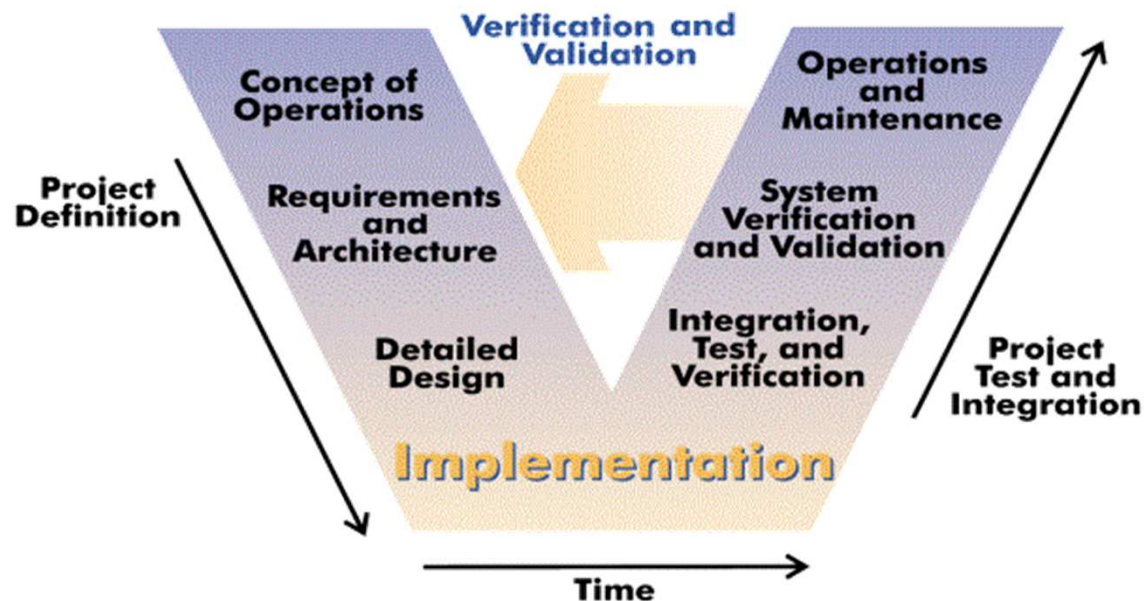
- During your degree you will hear Systems Engineering many times....
- It could be in reference to a technique or process used to design or manage or deliver a product or service. Sometimes called '*soft-systems*'
- Or it might refer to a connection of physical components. Sometimes called '*hard-systems*'

*compare – hardware/software*



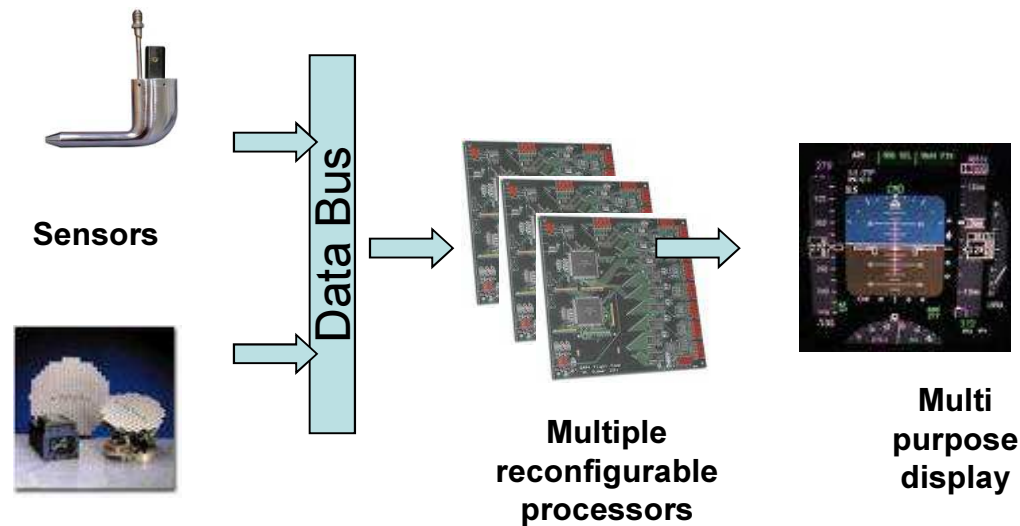
# Systems Engineering?

- This can be confusing – check the context
- In the aircraft design lectures of this series we will mention soft systems type processes.....



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- ....but the majority of systems we will look at will be hard systems.....





# A bit on Safety



# Aerospace System Safety

- Aircraft are complex machines but the consequences of failure are severe.
- Assessment of failures and safety is a well developed discipline.....
- ***Systematic*** failures occur every time a particular condition is encountered – exceeding a maximum rating, error in coding etc. They are repeatable and predictable.
  - The conditions that lead to the failure must be avoided
- ***Random*** failures could happen at any time – a bulb blowing, or oil seal failing under normal operating conditions.
  - These are dealt with using statistical techniques

# Aerospace System Safety

- JAR (Joint Airworthiness Requirements) 25 defines failure conditions and likelihoods;

<i><b>Severity</b></i>	<i><b>Probability</b></i>	<i><b>Analysis</b></i>
Minor	Reasonably probable	$1 \times 10^{-3}$ per flight hour
Major	Remote	$1 \times 10^{-5}$ per flight hour
Hazardous	Extremely remote	$1 \times 10^{-7}$ per flight hour
Catastrophic	Extremely improbable	$1 \times 10^{-9}$ per flight hour

# System Safety

## **Minor effect**

*Slight increase in crew workload.*

*Slight reduction in safety margins.*

*Physical effects, but no injury to occupants A reportable occurrence only.*

## **Major effect**

*Significant reduction in safety margins or functional capabilities.*

*Significant increase in crew workload or in conditions impairing crew efficiency.*

*Some injury to occupants.*

## **Hazardous effect**

*Large reduction in safety margins or functional capabilities.*

*Higher workload or physical distress, such that the crew could not be relied upon to perform tasks accurately or completely.*

*Serious injury to, or death of, a relatively small proportion of the occupants.*

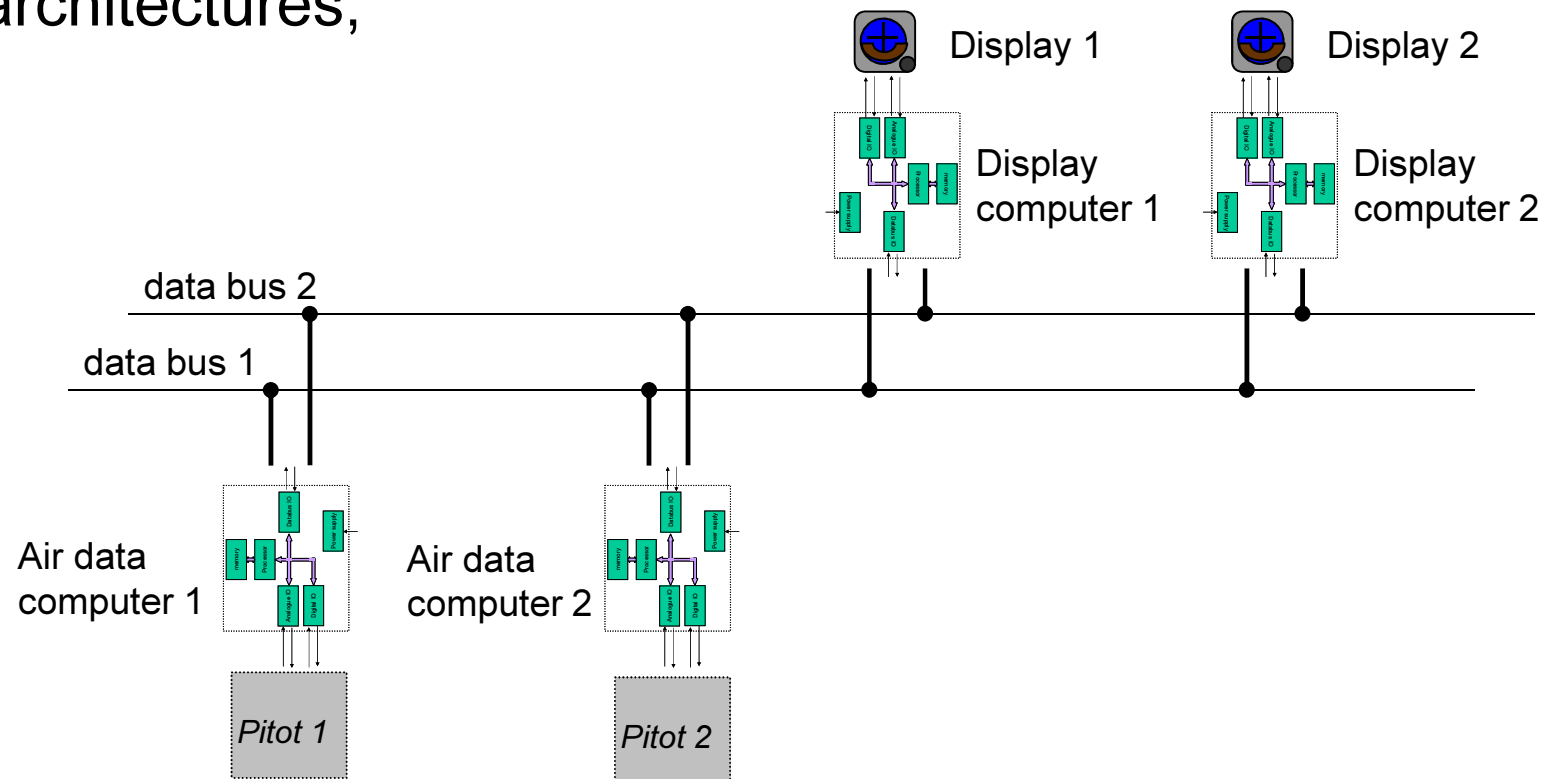
## **Catastrophic effect**

*All failure conditions which would prevent continued flight and landing.*

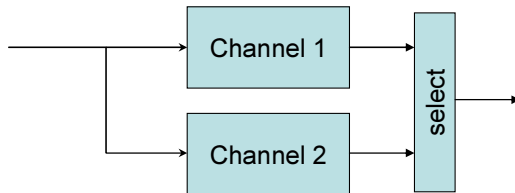
*Consequence is probably a multi-fatal accident and/or loss of the aircraft.*

# Redundancy

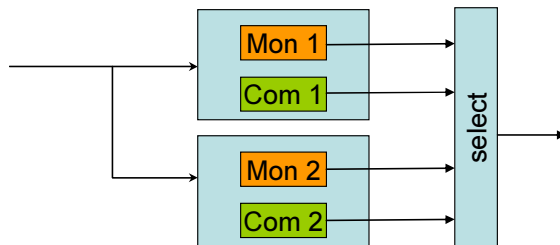
- Because most systems cannot meet the safety requirements on their own they are used in redundant architectures;



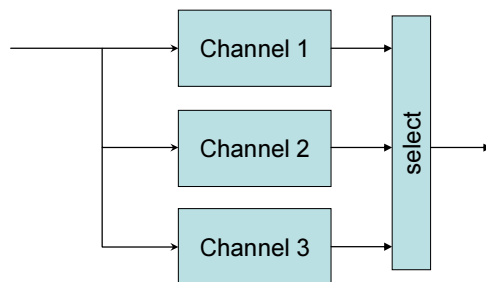
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**Duplex** - systems have two lanes. A duplex system can detect faults by cross-comparison between lanes. System operation can only continue after a single fault by pilot selection of the “good” remaining lane, assuming that this can be identified. This may be done by the pilot.



**Dual-duplex** - systems have two operating lanes, with two more lanes independently monitoring them. System operation can continue after a single fault, which can be detected and isolated by the monitoring lane. The system can do this automatically



**Triplex systems** - have three operating lanes. System operation can continue after a single fault by cross-comparison between all three lanes, and voting out a failed lane. Again this can be automatic



# Redundancy

- Systems from air data to the hydraulics feature redundancy – it is why we don't have just one big engine...
- Systems which might cause catastrophic effects – e.g. flight control, often have triplex redundancy.
- Often dissimilar hardware and/or software is used in redundant systems – this can help with systematic failures

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