Model Based Systems Engineering and Model Based Safety Analysis

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Framework Is Needed to Ensure Air Traffic Safety Goals Met
— Increasingly Autonomous Systems, New System-of-System Risks

• Framework needed to evaluate “system of systems” safety impact due to architecture changes:
  • Reallocation of existing functionality
  • New functionality
  • New interdependencies

• Framework needed to derive and levy failure probability, availability, integrity requirements on systems in air traffic “systems of systems” (i.e. design it in)

• Framework needed to ensure no discrepancies between safety requirements with the air traffic system of systems

• Framework needed to do system of systems validation and verification

Air Traffic Safety Framework Helps Evaluate and Ensure Success

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Evolution of Boeing Commercial Airplanes: Major Model First Flights

Airplanes basically look the same.

Why have integration challenges increased over time?

Why do Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) and Model Based Safety Analysis (MBSA)?

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Evolution of Systems Architectures Has Impacted Required Integration and Safety Activities

Architectural styles

B-767 - Simple components with simple interfaces

The system designer defines the interface.
The connectivity and context are easily depicted by the ATA system schematic.
The integration effort is correspondingly simple.

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Architectural styles

B-777 - Simple components with complex interfaces

The interface is defined by others.
The system designer has to absorb and produce a large amount of detail.
The ATA schematic must be augmented by ICDs, protocol definitions, system descriptions, and etcetera.
Integration becomes very difficult.

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- Increased systems complexity/integration drives need for modeling and analyses

- Evolution to Software Intensive & Integrated Architectures

- Improved Performance and Increased Integration Challenges
- Increased systems interfaces increase validation and verification challenges
- Change impact analysis becomes more critical for highly integrated systems
- Same airplane trends will impact 5A System of Systems, where airplane is just a node in the system

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Ensure that interdisciplinary approach considers both nominal and failure conditions.

Interdisciplinary approach needs to validate that the system is going to work with no anomalous behavior, and will function as expected in given failure conditions.

If there is an acceptable system level of degradation for each system, does this mean that the cumulative effect will be acceptable?
Important Consideration: Assessing Cumulative Failure Effects of Highly Integrated Systems

- Effects of complex systems interfaces with other complex systems not always immediately transparent.
  - At each point, all of the failures are acceptable from a systems perspective (acceptable loss of redundancy or functionality).
  - However, the cumulative effect of acceptable systems-level effects is catastrophic at the airplane level.

Model Based Safety Analysis Can Help Identify System Architecture Deficiencies

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Evolution to Software Intensive & Integrated Architectures
Improved Performance and Increased Integration Challenges

- Benefits of software intensive and integrated architectures are often better understood than the technical challenges

- Need to ensure “system of systems” of validated and verified

- New functionality
- Reallocation of functionality
- New interdependencies

Boeing has developed processes and tools to address “system of systems” validation and verification

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High Level of System Complexity and Integration Drove Need for Integration Rich Data Modeling

787 Systems Architecture and Interfaces Modeled in an Integrated, Object-Oriented Database
- ~5,300 equipment installations with data interfaces
- ~6,000 messages
- ~10,000 electrical connections
- ~1,000,000 data parameters
- ~60,000,000 objects in database

Systems Architectures Created, Analyzed and Validated at Different Levels:
- Horizontal and vertical integration at all levels:
  - Airplane
  - System
  - Subsystem
  - LRU/Component
  - Message
  - Parameter

Extensive Integration Analyses Conducted:
- Intra-System Analyses
- Inter-System Analyses
- Airplane Level Analyses
- Single and Multiple Failure Case Analyses
- Cascading Failure Effects Analyzed
- End-to-End Timing Analyses (Latency, etc.)
- Bandwidth and Throughput Analyses
- Redundancy, Separation and Control

ICD and Analyses Coordinated and Integrated with Other Groups:
- Safety
- Certification
- Labs
- Flight Operations / MMEL
- Gauntlet / Flight Test
- Reliability, Maintainability & Testability
- ETOPS
- EME
- Wiring

BCA Firsts:
- Suppliers and Boeing working and integrating in the same, single source database (authoritative source for logical architecture)
- Depth and breadth of systems’ interface modeling
- Discrepancies identified and resolved in an integrated manner Depth and breadth of functional integration analyses
- Single and multiple failure analyses conducted prior to first flight and results used for predicted flight test effects

Validation of Systems Architecture Prior to Testing Enabled by Model Based Systems Engineering, From Both Depth and Breadth Perspective

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Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)
Need integrated framework/tools to manage interfaces across 5-A SoS

- MBSE has allowed Boeing to meet the following challenges:
  - Bounding increased data management effort due to increased systems integration
  - Coordination of development, design and data management activities within a globally distributed supplier base

- Boeing has reduced specification errors that result in costly rework

- Boeing has acquired some insights into what is required to effectively develop, deploy and manage an MBSE environment

Large scale highly integrated systems result in large and highly integrated models

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Boeing Has Expertise in “System of Systems” Safety Analyses and Meeting Regulatory Requirements

• Airplane is a “system of systems”

• Boeing conducts safety analyses to ensure:
  • No single failure catastrophic and multiple failures <1E-9
  • Safety impacts of functional re-allocations understood and acceptable
  • Airplane and system safety assessments acceptable
  • Etc.

• Requirements identified and levied on systems (i.e. designed in)

Existing Framework to Evaluate Airplane Safety (“Skin and In”)

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National Airspace System Evolution

- Air traffic “system of systems” is changing:
  - New functionality
  - Reallocation of existing functionality (including autonomous systems)
  - New interdependencies
  - Increased air vehicles

- Need framework to be able to evaluate system of systems safety (“skin and out”)
A framework needs to be developed to be able to evaluate the potential impact to safety as the ATM system changes (re-allocation of existing functionality, new functionality, new interdependencies, etc.)

Same architecture trends and integration challenges facing the 5A air traffic management environment occurred within airplanes and other Boeing products.

Boeing developed MBSE and MBSA processes and tools to address these challenges.

These processes and tools could potentially be extended to help with validation and verification in the 5A environment.

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