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# APPLICATION OF HEALTH AND USAGE MONITORING SYSTEM (HUMS) TO IMPROVE THE FLIGHT SAFETY IN A FLIGHT CONTROL ELECTRO- MECHANICAL ACTUATOR (EMA)

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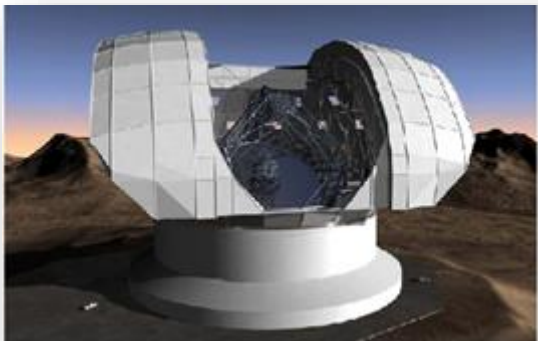
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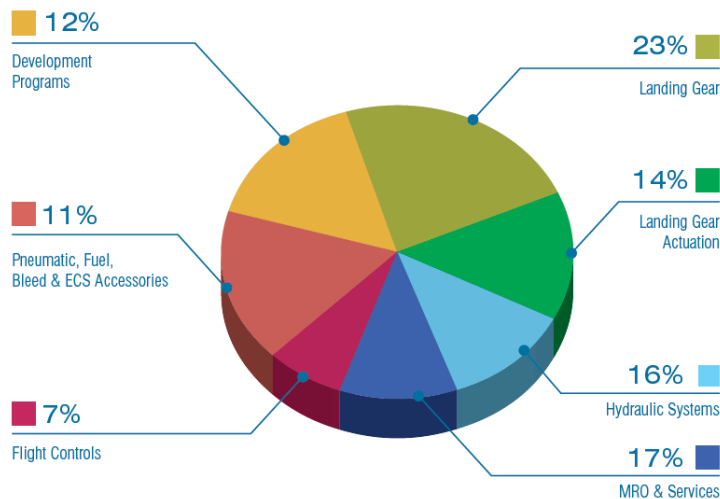
- CESA - Compañía Española de Sistemas Aeronáuticos



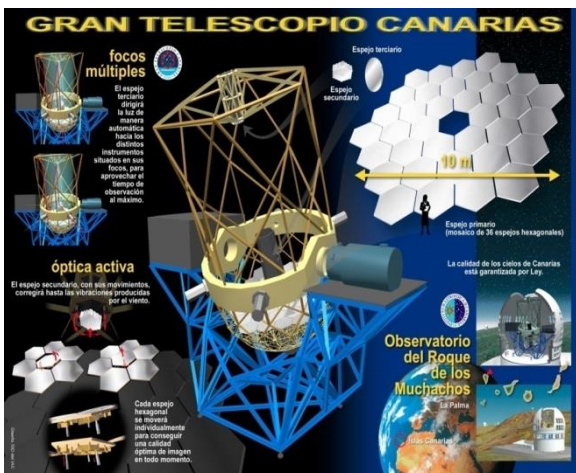
*E-ELT Support System and Position Actuator*



*CESA Shareholders*



*A330 tail boom HOIST and ERAS*





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## CESA PRODUCTS



Cargo Door  
Actuator



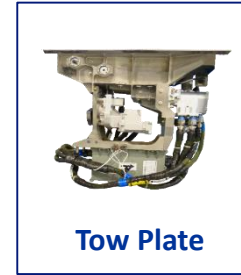
Ramp  
Actuator



Stabilizer  
Strut Actuator



Ejector Parachute Extraction System



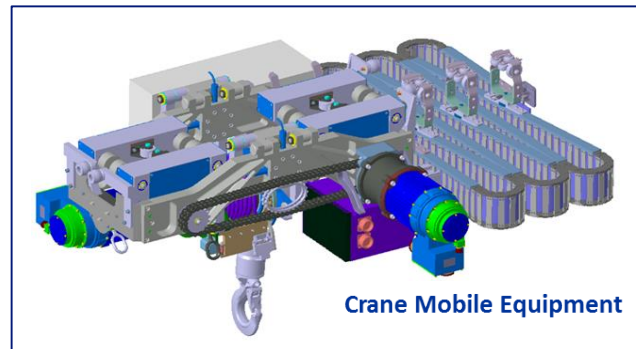
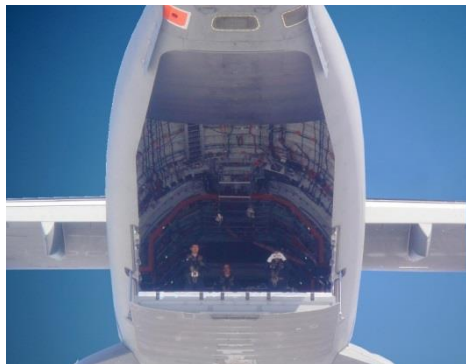
Tow Plate



Hydraulic Reservoirs A400m  
(Purchaser : Airbus Germany)



A380 Reservoir



Crane Mobile Equipment



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- CESA participation in European Projects

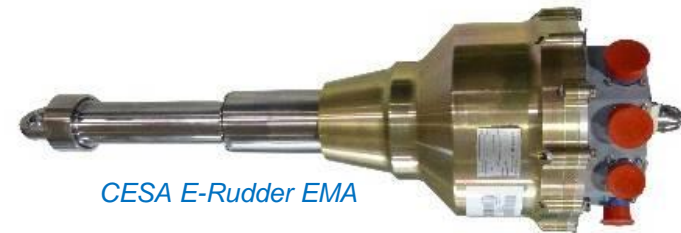


**RE**liability and **Sa**feity **En**hanced electrical Actuation System **ARCH**itectures.



Advanced Flight Control System –  
Design Development and Manufacturing  
of an Electro Mechanical Actuator with  
associated Electronic Control Unit and  
Dedicated test Bench

**FLIGHT EMA  
(e-RUDDER)**



CESA E-Rudder EMA



Design, development and manufacturing  
of an electro-mechanical actuator and  
test rig for **AiR**crafts **Main LandIn**g **Gear**  
acTuation systems



CESA Armlight EMA



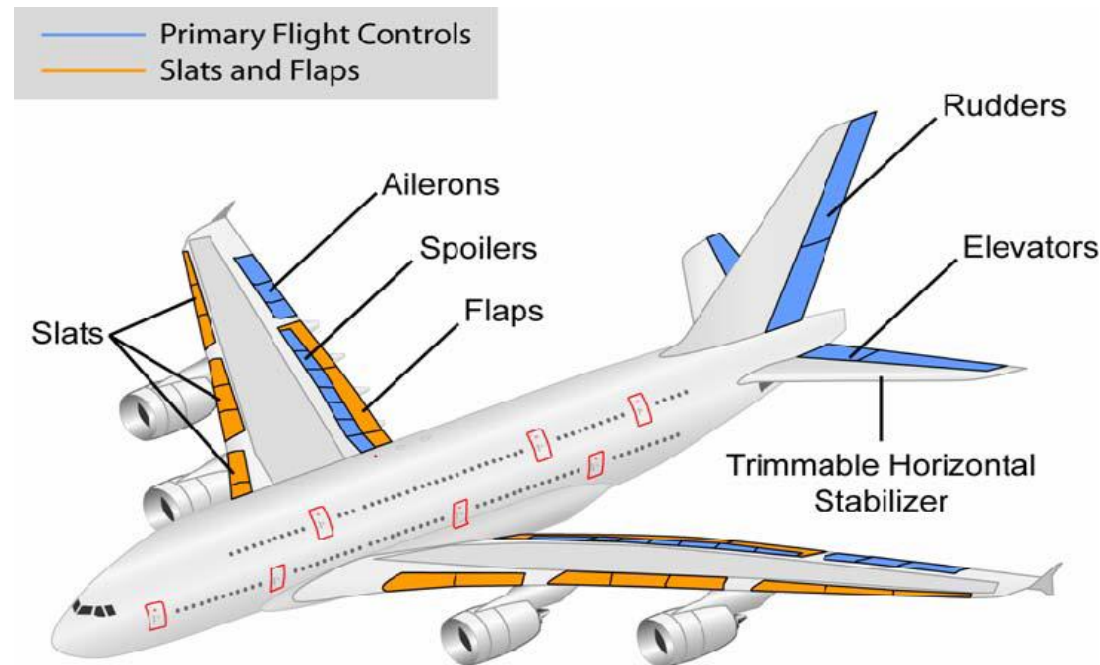
Modular Electro Mechanical Actuators for  
ACARE 2020 aircraft and helicopters

**Others:** *GreenAir, SuperSkySense, Fastwing, IND-Dampers, Titalum, Newtiral, POA, LAMA, ELGAR, NIPSE...*





- More Electrical Aircraft (MEA): objectives for the next generation of aircrafts and helicopters => to improve the fuel consumption, the efficiency of their systems and reduce their environmental impact.
- Objective: to implement electrical actuation of control surfaces, using Electro Mechanical Actuators (EMA).

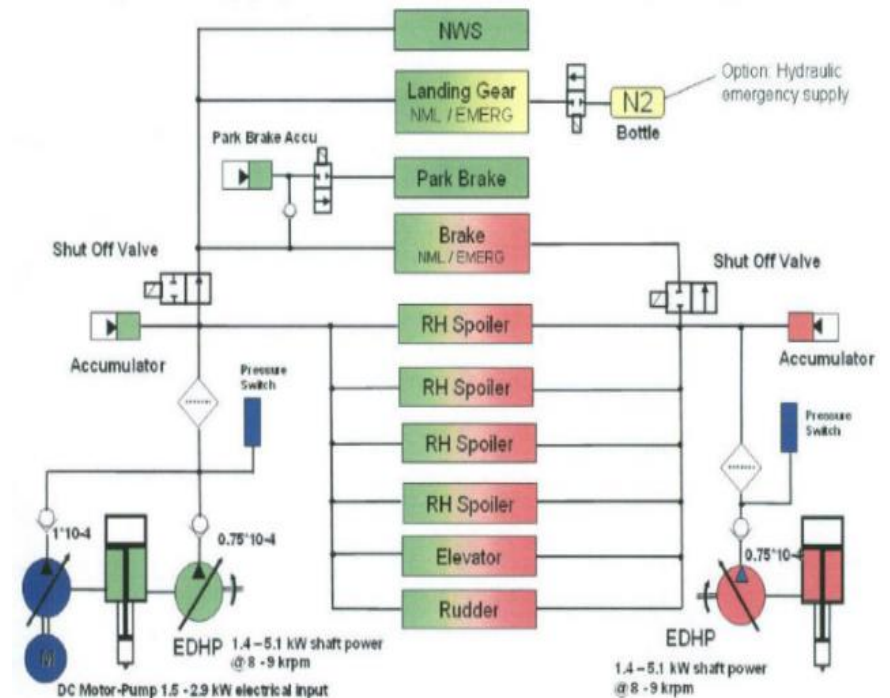




- To substitute hydraulic circuits, including pumps, reservoirs, accumulators and so on, using Electro Mechanical Actuators (EMA).

- Operation and safety issues:

- thermal behavior,
- power electronics optimization
- **life duration**
- **mechanical jamming susceptibility**





## ➤ AIRWORTHINESS REQUIREMENTS (CS-25.1309 )

- Definition of CAT/HAZ/MAJ requirements
- No single failure will result in a Catastrophic Failure Condition;
- Each Catastrophic Failure Condition is Extremely Improbable

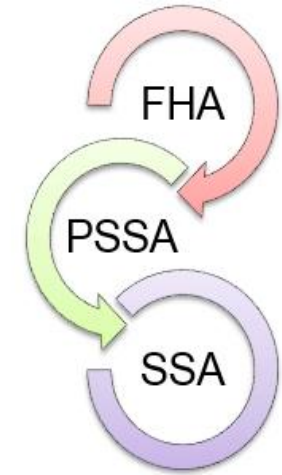
Effect on Aeroplane	No effect on operational capabilities or safety	Slight reduction in functional capabilities or safety margins	Significant reduction in functional capabilities or safety margins	Large reduction in functional capabilities or safety margins	Normally with hull loss
Effect on Occupants excluding Flight Crew	Inconvenience	Physical discomfort	Physical distress, possibly including injuries	Serious or fatal injury to a small number of passengers or cabin crew	Multiple fatalities
Effect on Flight Crew	No effect on flight crew	Slight increase in workload	Physical discomfort or a significant increase in workload	Physical distress or excessive workload impairs ability to perform tasks	Fatalities or incapacitation
Allowable Qualitative Probability	No Probability Requirement	<---Probable--->	<---Remote--->	Extremely Remote	Extremely Improbable
Allowable Quantitative Probability: Average Probability per Flight Hour on the Order of:	No Probability Requirement	<10 <sup>-3</sup> Note 1	<10 <sup>-5</sup>	<10 <sup>-7</sup>	<10 <sup>-9</sup>
Classification of Failure Conditions	No Safety Effect	<---Minor--->	<---Major--->	<---Hazardous--->	Catastrophic
Note 1: A numerical probability range is provided here as a reference. The applicant is not required to perform a quantitative analysis, nor substantiate by such an analysis, that this numerical criteria has been met for Minor Failure Conditions. Current transport category aeroplane products are regarded as meeting this standard simply by using current commonly-accepted industry practice.					

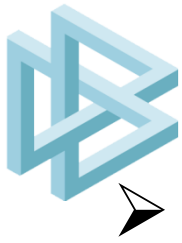




## ➤ SYSTEM SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Process according to ARP-4761
- FHA: identify functional hazards
- PSSA: architecture of system according to safety objectives
- SSA: evaluation of system to show safety objectives



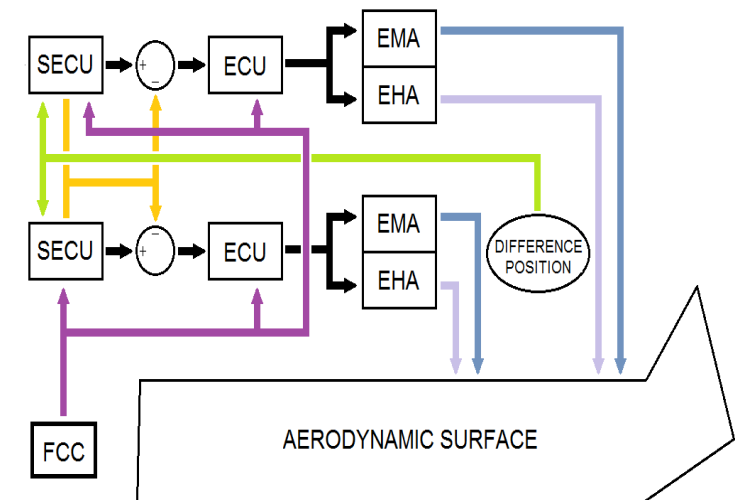


## SYSTEM SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROCESS => FHA

1 Function	2 Failure Condition (Hazard Description)	3 Phase	4 Effect of Failure Condition on Aircraft/Crew	5 Classification	6 Reference to Supporting Material	7 Verif.
Longitudinal stability (Pitch) Control of the Aircraft	Total loss of pitch control	Take-off / Approach and Landing	See below			
	a. Loss of both Elevators control	Take-off / Approach and Landing	No command response of the surfaces. Even detected, it can lead to loss of aircraft longitudinal stability control, and the loss of the aircraft, especially with adverse environmental conditions (cross wind).	CATASTROPHIC		FTA
		Climb / Cruise / Descent		HAZARDOUS		FTA
	b. Jamming of both Elevators	Take-off / Approach and Landing	Both surfaces stuck. Even detected, it can lead to loss of aircraft longitudinal stability control, and the loss of the aircraft, especially with adverse environmental conditions (cross wind).	CATASTROPHIC		FTA
		Climb / Cruise / Descent		HAZARDOUS		FTA
	Partial loss of pitch control	Take-off / Approach and Landing	See below			
	a. Jamming of one Elevator out of neutral	Take-off / Approach and Landing	Increase of crew workload and reduction of pitch control capabilities Excessive loads could be applied on rear fuselage, there may be some near ground flight conditions where the minimum required gradient may not be achieved and there could be a stall risk loss of aircraft longitudinal stability control, and the loss of the aircraft, especially with adverse environmental conditions (cross wind).	HAZARDOUS TO CATASTROPHIC	Additional study necessary to determine the severity. Conservative approach is kept. Depending on aircraft dynamics, it is needed to analyse if ailerons could mitigate these effects under extreme conditions	FTA



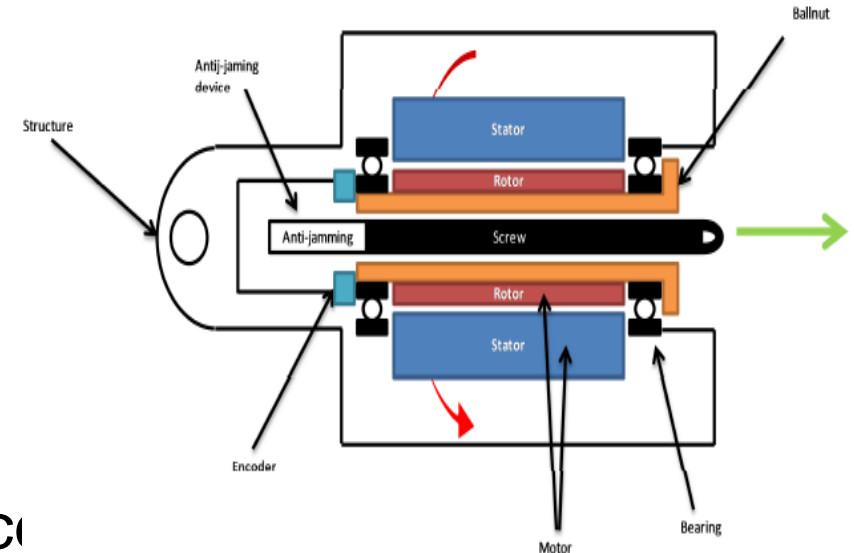
- **SYSTEM SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROCESS**
  - Result of FHA=> set of System Level Requirements
  - Trade off of the different architectures (based on “no single failure principle”
  - two Elevator surfaces, with two actuators each (1 EMA + 1 EHA or 2 EMA).
  - Control is made by two System Electronic Controller (SECU) connected and one Electronic Controller (ECU) per Actuator





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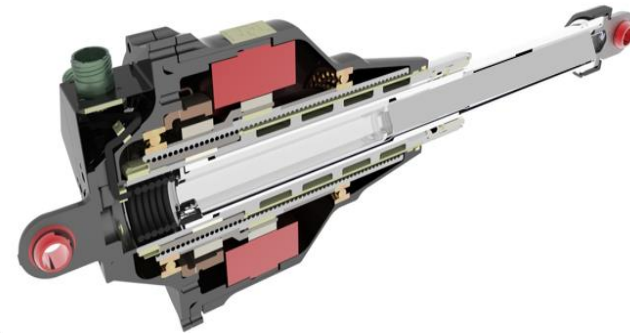
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- Common Cause Analysis
- Definition of Development Assurance
- Definition of scheduled maintenance safety-related tasks
- Definition of requirements at equipment level





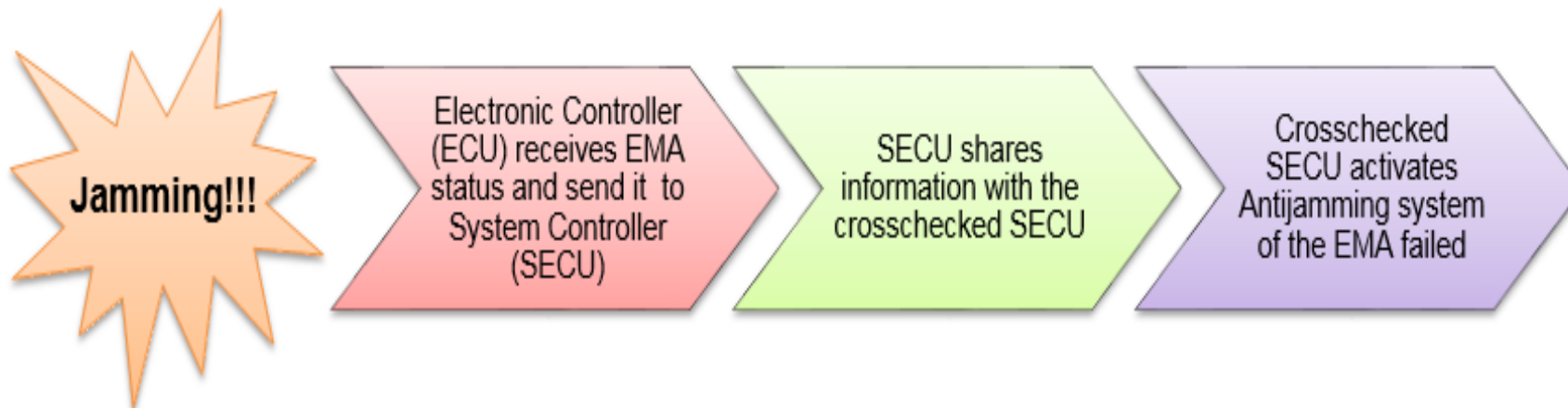
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- Fault Tree Analysis
- Common Cause Analysis
- FMEA/FMES at system item
- Definition of Development Assurance Level for System Items
- Validation of Failure Condition Classifications
- Verification of the Safety requirements identified in the FHA





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## HUMS CONCEPT

### ➤ HEALTH MONITORING:

- diagnosis and isolation of faults
- Monitor internal parts to deliver feedback to SECU/ECU
- Definition of sensors and variables to measure by means of FMEA

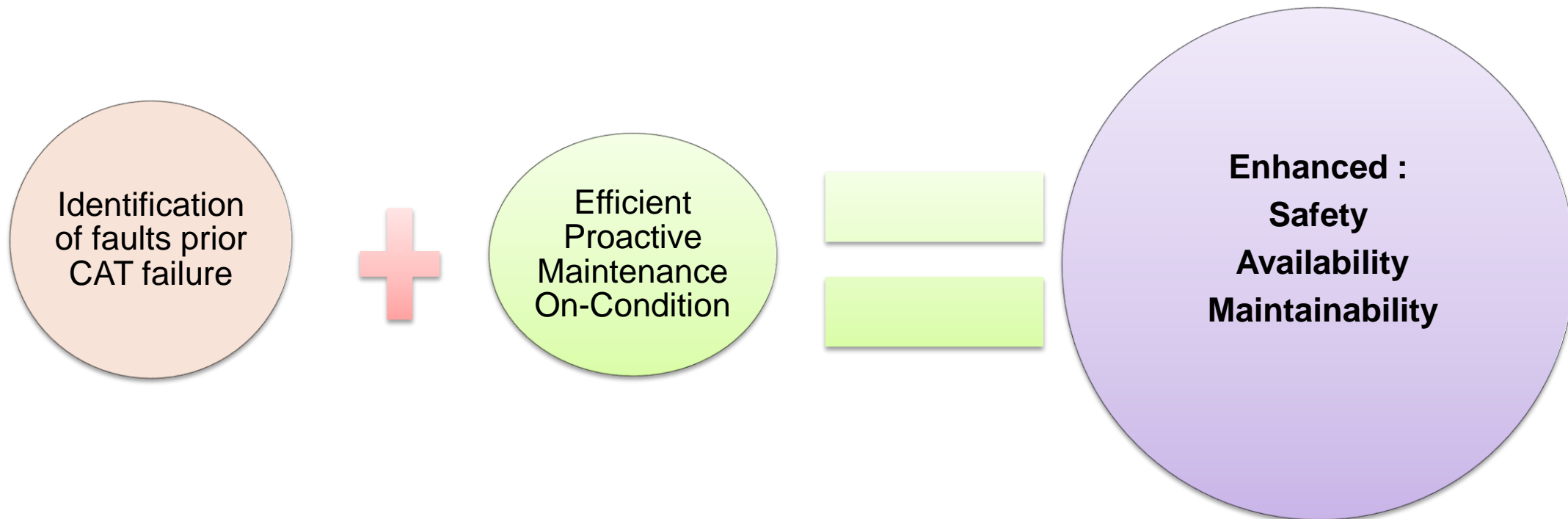
### ➤ USAGE (PROGNOSIS)

- Usage module integrates models able to predict failures in critical items





## Benefits of HUMS





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### Measurement of System Efficiency

- Development and endurance test data recorded to get an “Ideal Efficiency” curve implemented in Control System
- Simulation of degradations: loss of grease, overload in bearings, dust in ballscrew
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### Life estimation

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- To analyse to be able to predict the increase (or reduction) of life of equipment.
- To analyse the possibility to include comparison in real time



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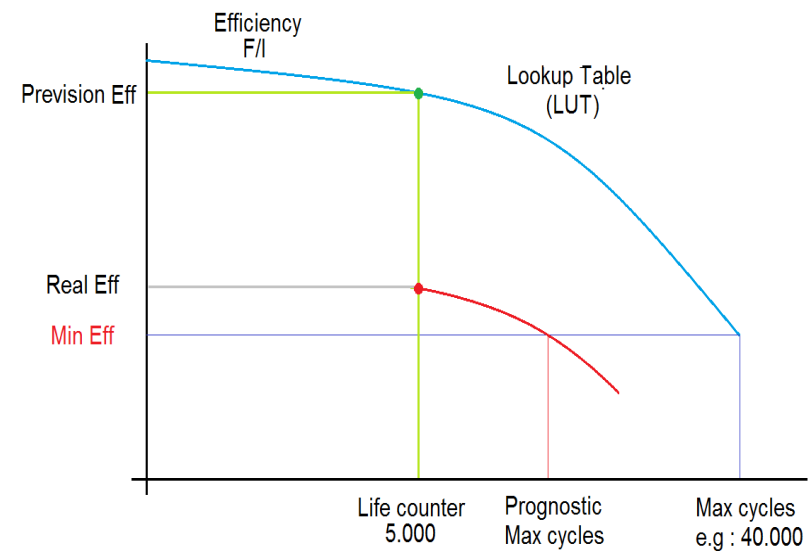
## • HUMS implementation in SECU

### Health Monitoring

- Load
- Motor Current
- Temperature
- Vibration
- Position



### Test correlations / mathematical algorithms



Prognosis



Remaining Useful Life Prediction