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Risk Assessment for unmanned airborne Mobility

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- Development in Switzerland
- Safety in Aviation
- New Approach for new emerging Challenges
 - ❖ Risk based Approach
 - ❖ Change in Culture
 - ❖ Tool for Risk Assessment



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zum Betrieb unbemannter Luftfahrzeuge ausserhalb direktem Sichtbereich

Das Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt (BAZL),

auf Grund des Gesuches vom 16. Dezember 2009 (Beilage 1), dem OPS-Konzept vom 1.3.2010 (Beilage 2), den ergänzenden Unterlagen vom 5.4.2010 (Beilage 3) sowie der unterzeichneten „self declaration“ (Beilage 4),

gestützt auf Artikel 18 Absatz 1 Buchstabe b sowie Absatz 3 der Verordnung über Luftfahrzeuge besonderer Kategorien (VLK, SR 748.941),

bewilligt der

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den **Betrieb mehrerer unbemannter Luftfahrzeuge** (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: UAV) **ausserhalb direktem Sichtbereich** (Beyond Line of Sight: BLOS) im Rahmen der nachstehenden **Auflagen**:



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Safety Risk in Aviation

Any aircraft is normally not a danger by itself. It is the operation in which the aircraft takes part, which can create a risk.

➤ Risk for passengers on aircraft



➤ Risk for people and infrastructure in case a collision



➤ Risk for critical infrastructure



➤ A crash can be acceptable if it does not affect critical infrastructure





Basics - Safety of an Operation in Aviation





Traditional Safety in manned Aviation

An Operation is sufficiently safe to accept the risk when:

- ✓ The Organisation behind the Operation is approved to accepted standards
- ✓ They use a crew, which is approved to accepted standards
- ✓ They use aircrafts which design, production & maintenance as well as the organisations behind are approved to accepted standards

The Operation is not sufficiently safe and therefore to prohibit

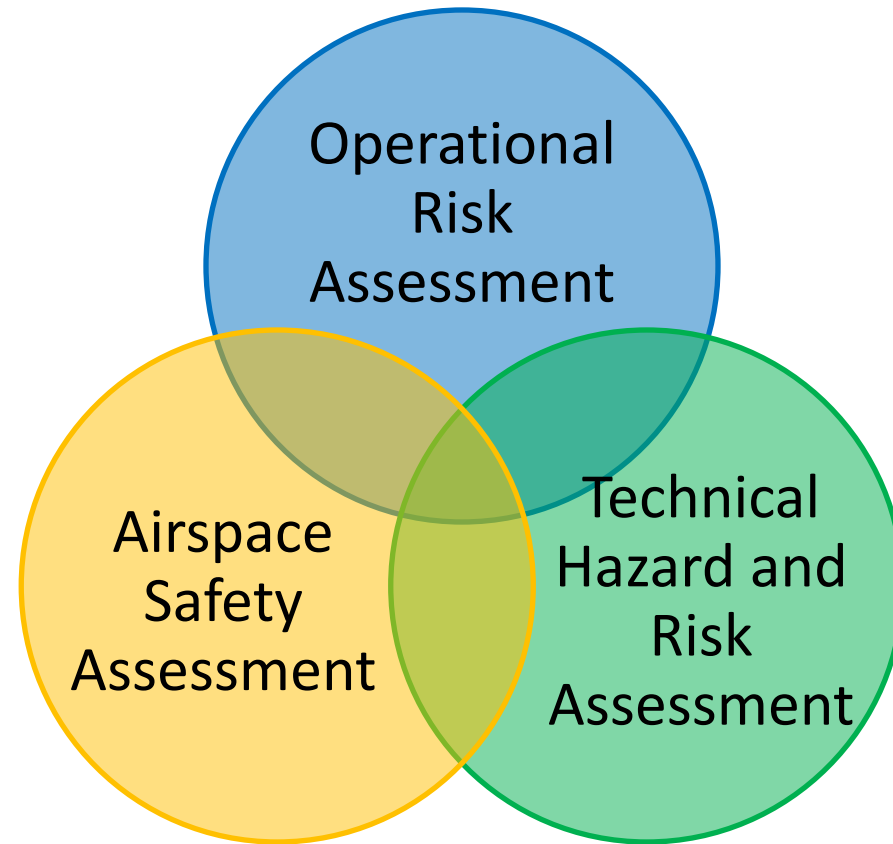


Safety in non-traditional Aviation

1. Operation is **sufficiently safe** to accept the risk.
 - All is approved to accepted standards
 - Within a legal framework which provides sufficient safety
2. Operation is **not sufficiently safe** and therefore to prohibit
3. Operation is **not sufficiently safe** and additional safety barriers are required to accept the risk.



Traditional Risk Assessment



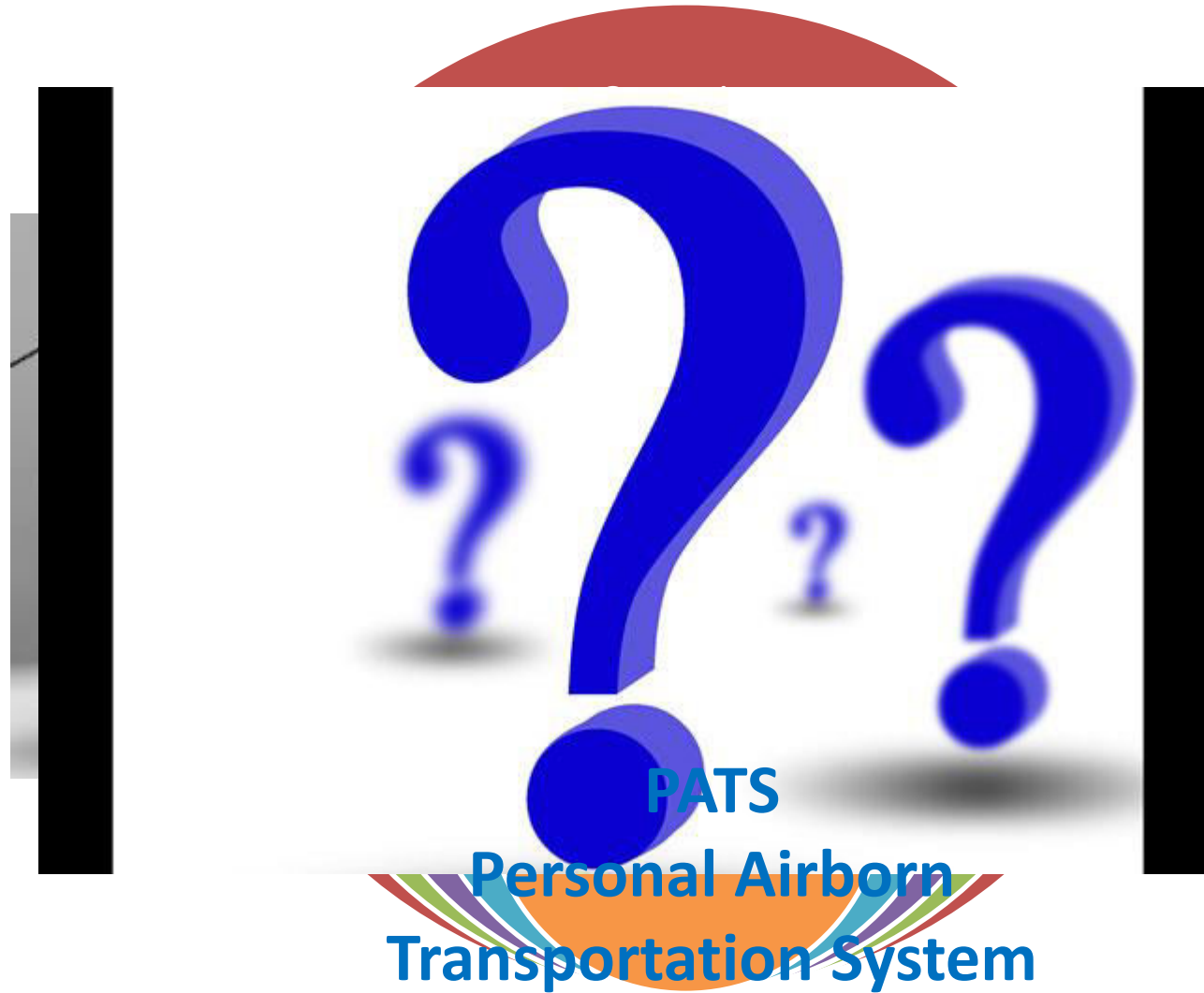


Where we are?





And where we go?



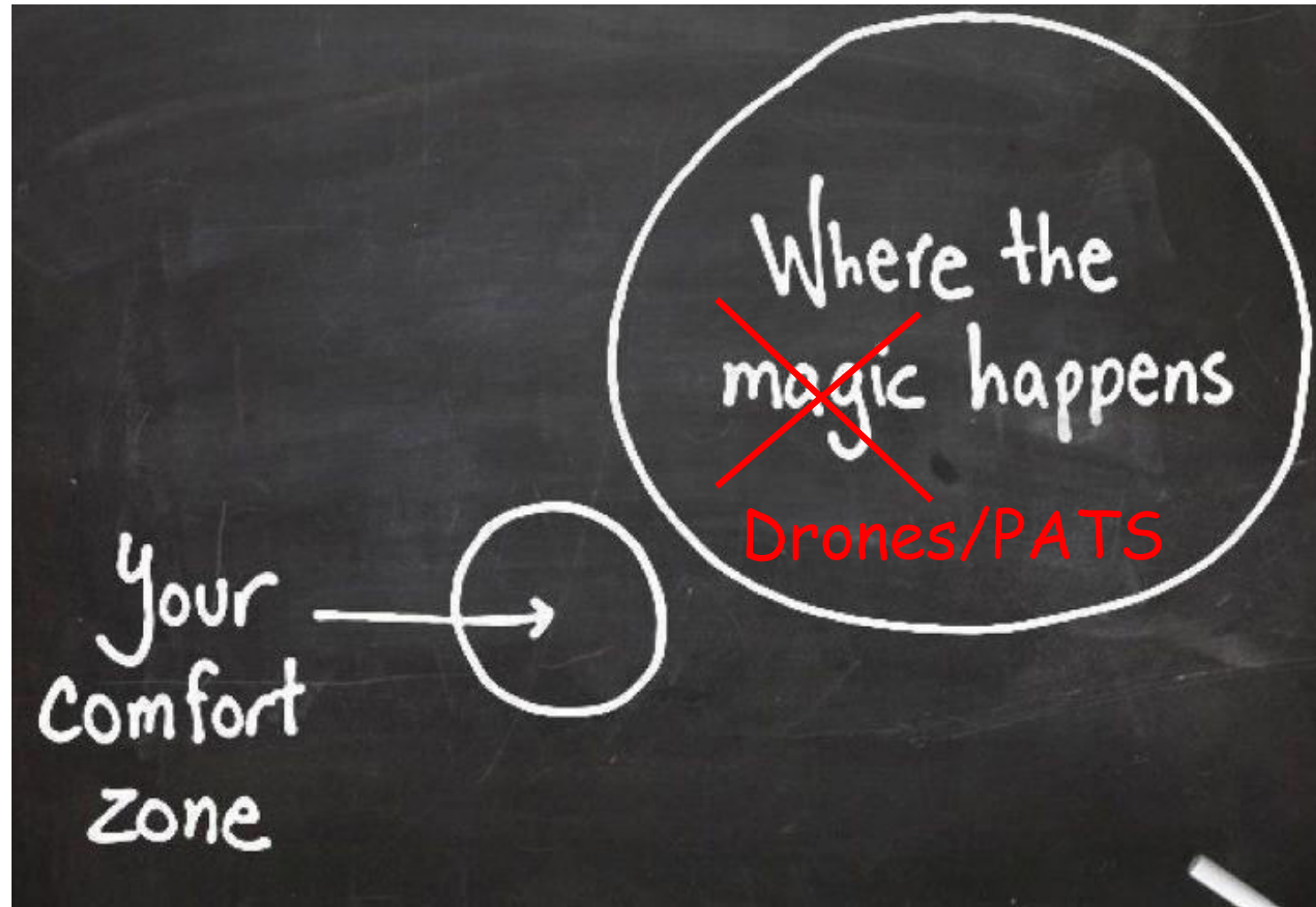


Traditionally open Questions

- Which are the rules to fly? And where to fly?
- What are the rules for the design?
- What about the production?
- Design, Production, Maintenance people? License?
- Certification?
- Certificates?



New Approach





Categories of harm – likelihood estimation

Likelihood of Fatal injuries to third parties on ground	=	Likelihood of having UAS operation out-of-control	X	Likelihood of person struck by the UA if the operation is out of control	X	Likelihood that, if struck, person is killed
Likelihood of Fatal injuries to third parties in the air	=	Likelihood of having UAS operation out-of-control	X	Likelihood of other A/C struck by the UA if the operation is out of control	X	Likelihood that, if struck, the other A/C cannot continue a safe flight and landing
Likelihood of Damage to critical infrastructure	=	Likelihood of having UAS operation out-of-control	X	Likelihood of critical infrastructure struck by the UA if the operation is out of control	X	Likelihood that, if struck, the critical infrastructure is damaged
Likelihood of Fatal injuries to passenger	=	Likelihood of having PATS operation out-of-control	X	Likelihood of a crash of the PATS after operation is out-of-control	X	Likelihood that, if crashed, passenger(s) are killed



Responsibility?





Who to protect?

- Protection of the people on ground is included in the protection of the people on-board the aircraft.
- Protection of the people on-board the PATS is included in the protection of 3d parties on ground and in the air.



One size fits all?



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BEWILLIGUNG

zum Sprühen von Flüssigkeiten mit einem unbemannten Luftfahrzeug über 30kg Gewicht innerhalb des direkten Augenkontaktes

Das Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt (BAZL)

Auf Grund des ursprünglichen Gesuchs vom 17.Mai 2016, und dem eingereichten Operations- und Sicherheitskonzept (GALLO) referenziert in Abschnitt 5(a);

Im Einvernehmen mit (E-Mails im Anhang):

- dem Bundesamt für Umwelt (BAFU)
- dem Bundesamt für Lebensmittelsicherheit und Veterinärwesen (BLV)
- dem Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft (SECO)

gestützt auf:

- Artikel 14a Absatz 2 Buchstabe a der Verordnung über Luftfahrzeuge besonderer Kategorien (VLK; SR 748.941)
- Artikel 9 Absatz 1 der Verordnung über die Verkehrsregeln für Luftfahrzeuge (VRV-L; SR 748.121.11)
- Artikel 4 Absatz b der Verordnung zur Reduktion von Risiken beim Umgang mit bestimmten besonders gefährlichen Stoffen, Zubereitungen und Gegenständen (Chemikalien-Risikoreduktions-Verordnung, ChemRRV; SR 814.81)

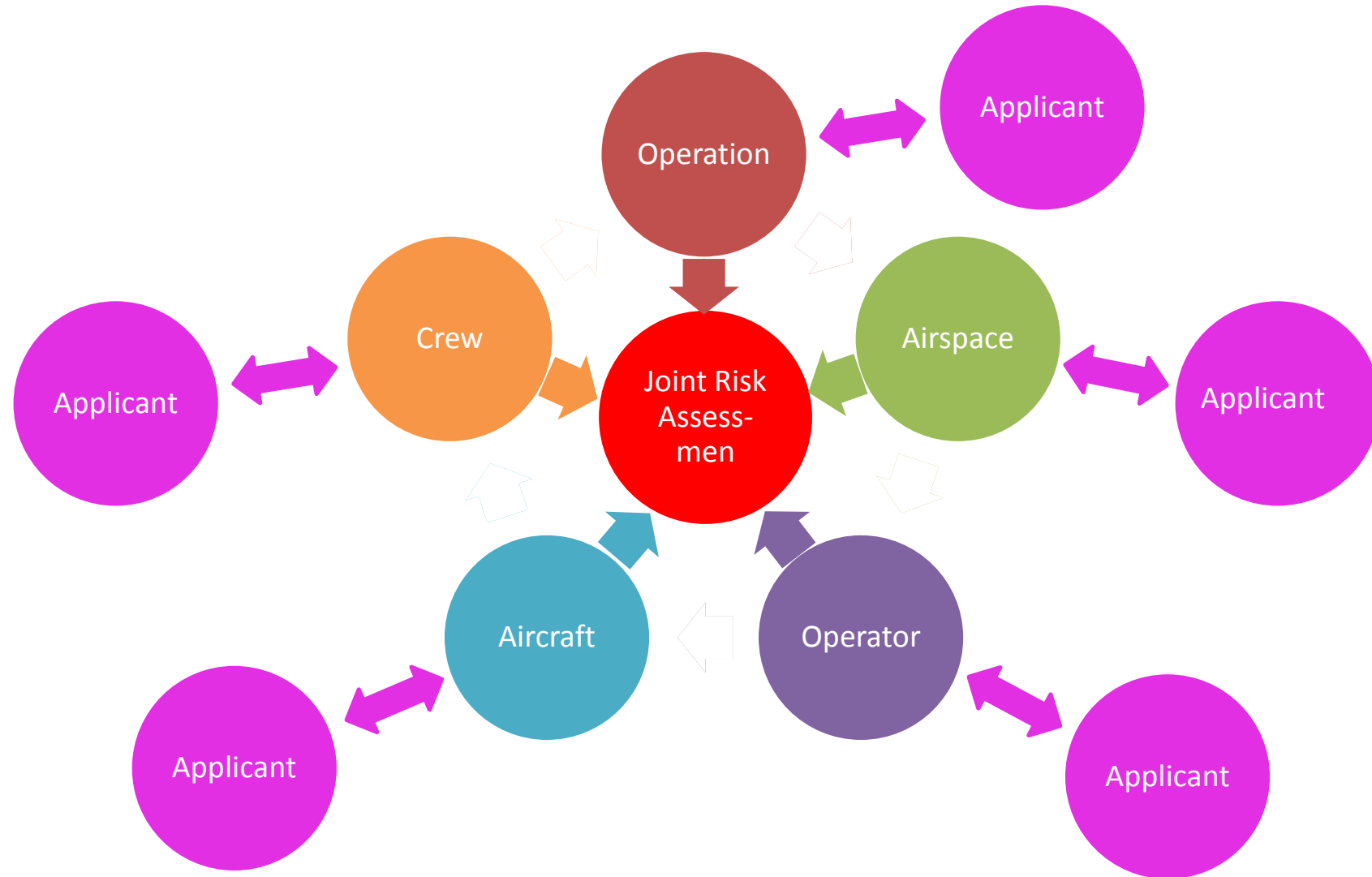
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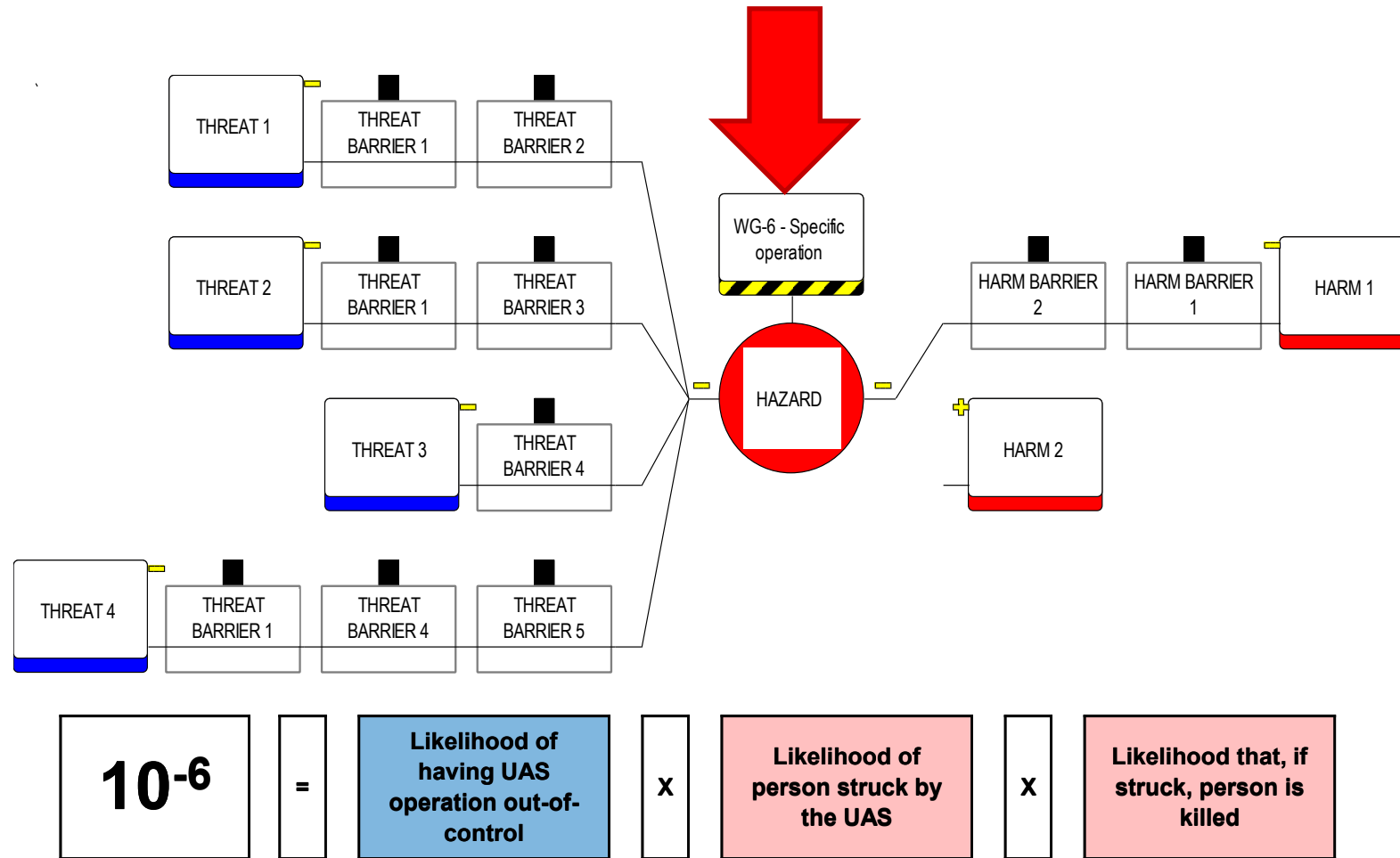
Individual Risk Assessment Joint Risk Assessment





Holistic Risk Model (HRM)

UAS Operation out of Control





Harm Barriers Principles

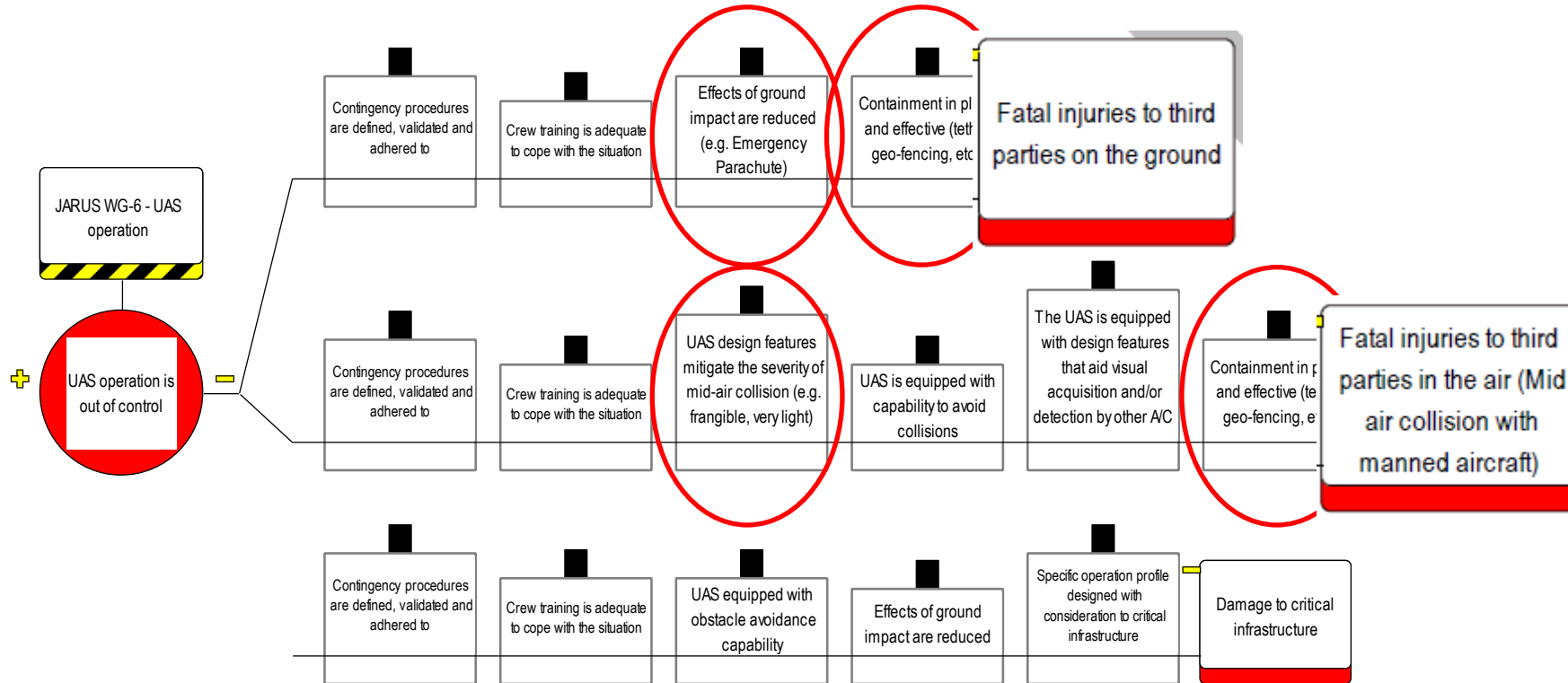
Reduce the likelihood of fatalities or injuries

- Reduce the effects of the impact

- Reduction of the number of persons exposed to the risk



Harm & Harm Barriers





Ground Risk Assessment

Intrinsic UAS Ground Risk Class				
Max UAS characteristics dimension	1 m / approx. 3ft	3 m / approx. 10ft	8 m / approx. 25ft	>8 m / approx. 25ft
<i>Typical kinetic energy expected</i>	< 700 J (approx. 529 Ft Lb)	< 34 KJ (approx. 25000 Ft Lb)	< 1084 KJ (approx. 800000 Ft Lb)	> 1084 KJ (approx. 800000 Ft Lb)
Operational scenarios				
VLOS over controlled area, located inside a sparsely populated environment	1	2	3	5
BVLOS over sparsely populated environment (over-flown areas uniformly inhabited)	2	3	4	6
VLOS over controlled area, located inside a populated environment	3	4	6	8
VLOS over populated environment	4	5	7	9
BVLOS over controlled area, located inside a populated environment	5	6	8	10
BVLOS over populated environment	6	7	9	11
VLOS over gathering of people	7			
BVLOS over gathering of people	8			



Harm barriers out of SORA

	Robustness		
Harm barriers for GRC adaptation	Low/None	Medium	High
An Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is in place, operator validated and effective	1	0	-1
Effects of ground impact are reduced ^d (e.g. emergency parachute, shelter)	0	-1	-2
Technical containment in place and effective ^e (e.g. tether)	0	-2	-4

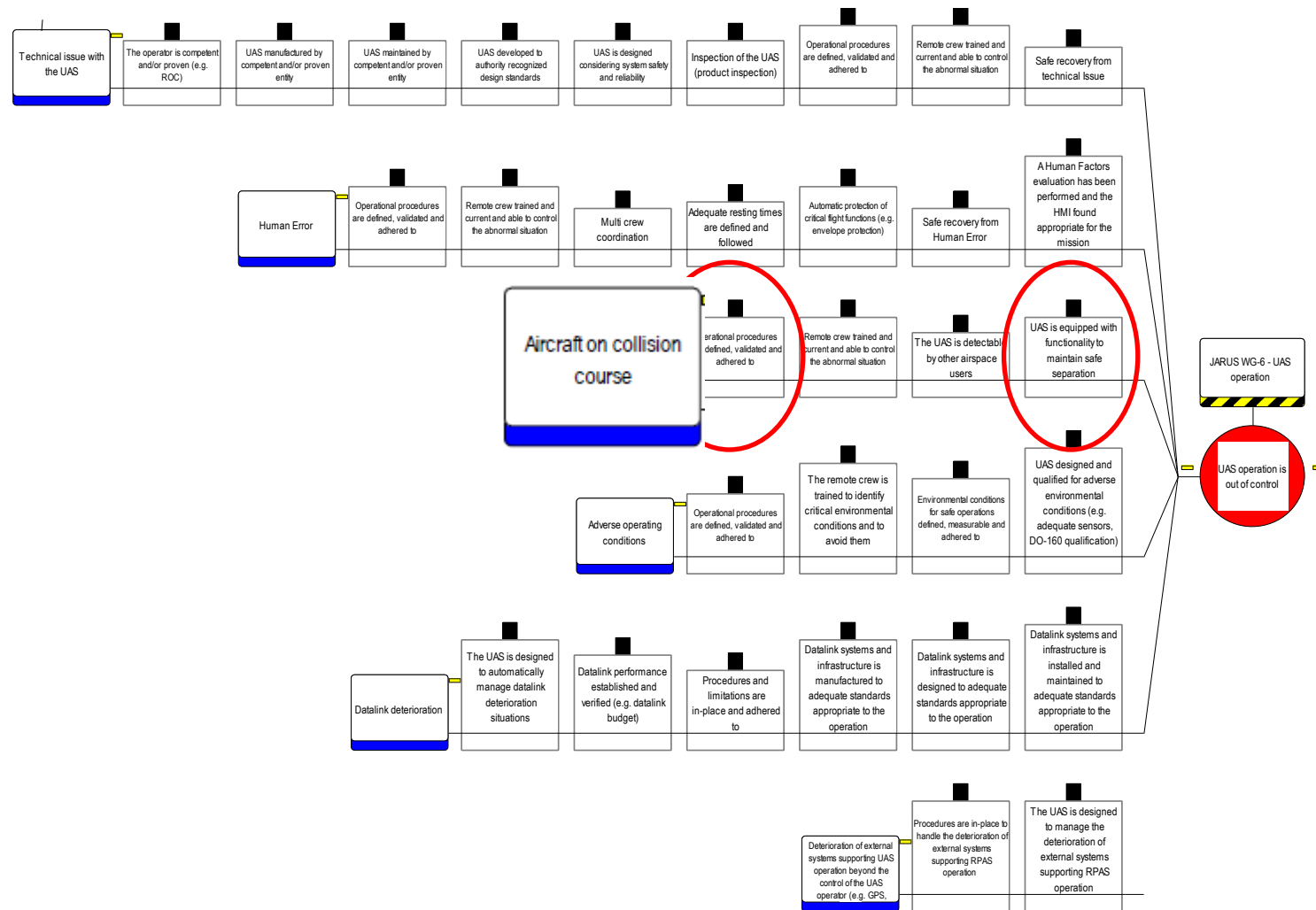


Specific Assurance and Integrity Levels (SAIL)

SAIL							
Lethality	UAS Ground Risk Class						
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
HIGH	VI	VI	V	IV	III	II	I
AVERAGE	VI	V	IV	III	II	I	0
LOW	V	IV	III	II	I	0	0



Threat & Threat Barriers





Threat barriers out of SORA

	SAIL					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Technical issue with the UAS						
Ensure the operator is competent and/or proven (e.g. ROC)	O	L	M	H	H	H
UAS manufactured by competent and/or proven entity (e.g. industry standards)	O	O	L	M	H	H
UAS maintained by competent and/or proven entity (e.g. industry standards)	L	L	M	M	H	H
UAS developed to authority recognized design standards (e.g. industry standards) ^f	O	O	O	L	M	H
UAS is designed considering system safety and reliability	O	O	L	M	H	H
Inspection of the UAS (product inspection) to ensure consistency to the <u>ConOps</u>	L	L	M	M	H	H
Operational procedures are defined, validated and adhered to	L	M	H	H	H	H
Remote crew trained and current and able to control the abnormal situation	L	L	M	M	H	H
Safe recovery from technical issue	L	L	M	M	H	H

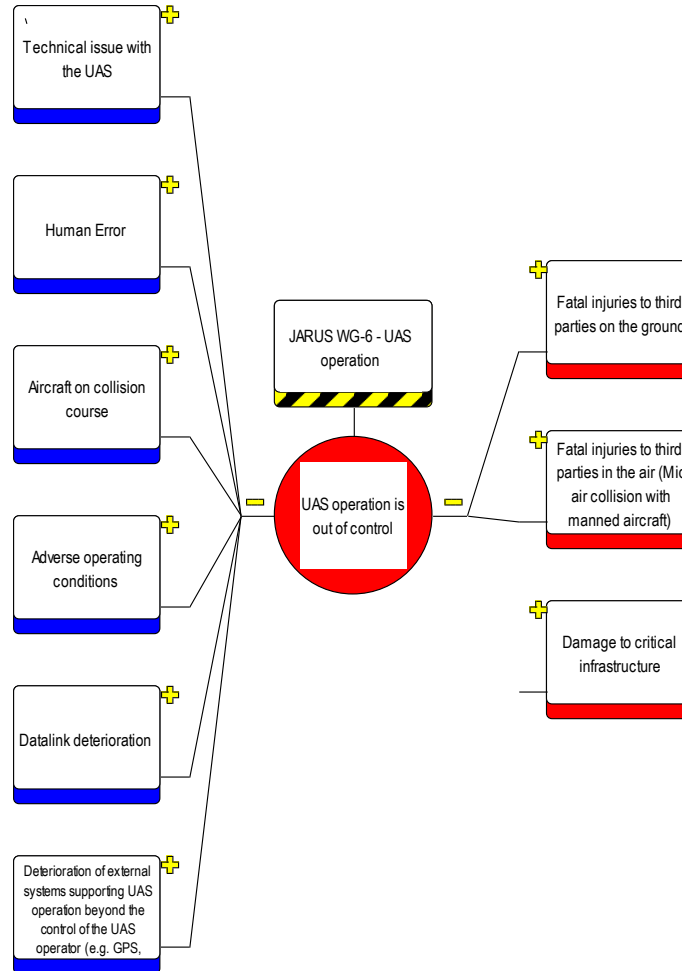


Holistic Risk Model (HRM)

Level of Robustness



Why this happens?



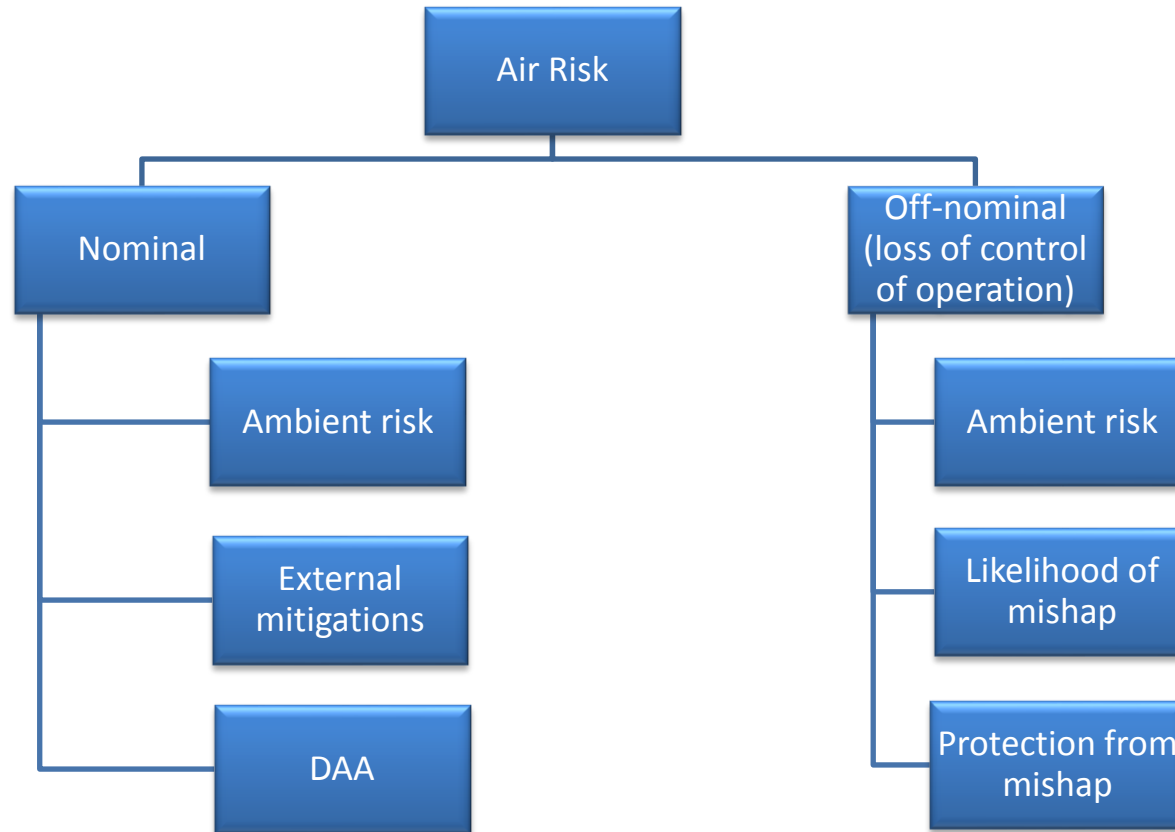
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What happens if?

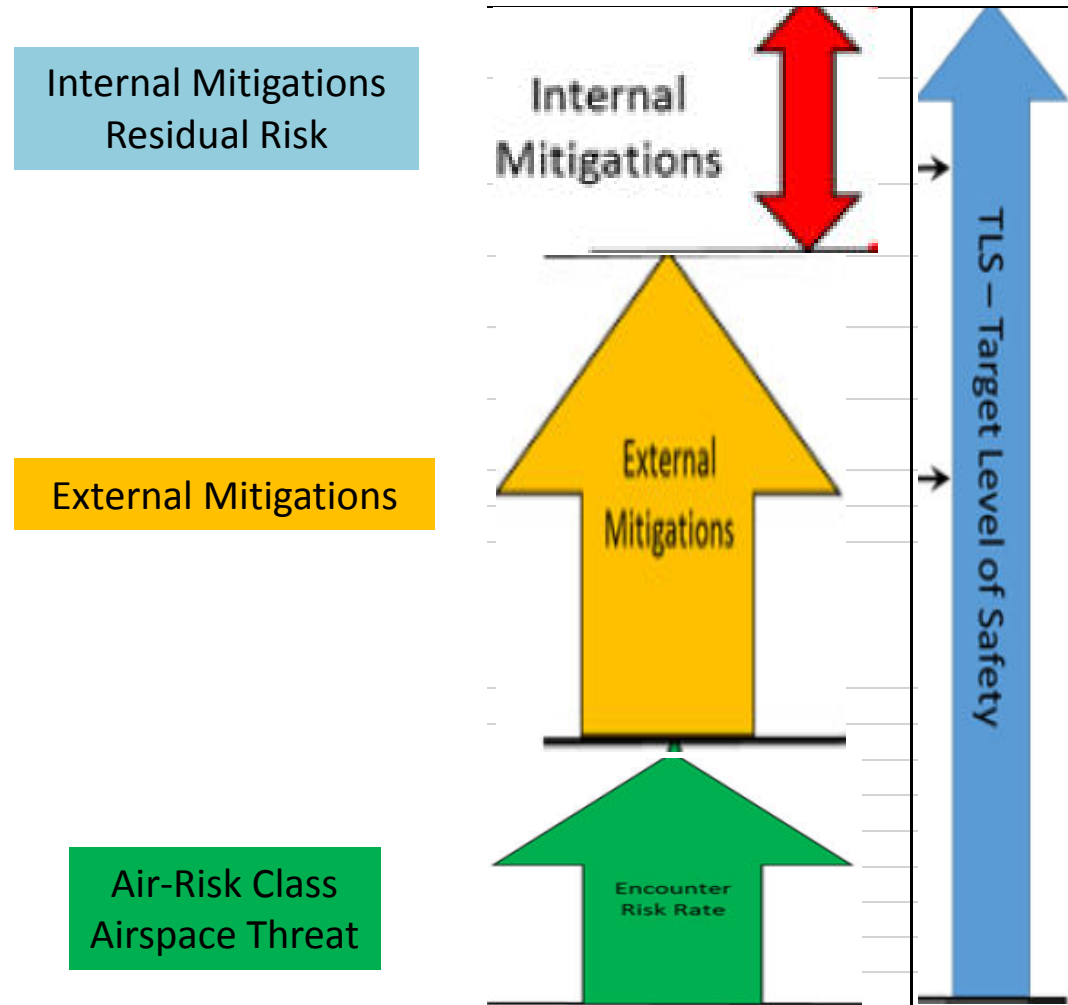


Air Risk Model





Target Level of Safety





Qualitative Approach to Air Risk

Risk Factors

- Proximity
- Geometrics
- Dynamics

X

Operational Factors

- Flight rules
- Altitude
- Airspace Type
- Underlying Population

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Air-Risk
Class



Proximity, Geometry, Dynamics



Proximity, Geometry, Dynamics



Proximity, Geometry, Dynamics



Proximity, Geometry, Dynamics



Qualitative Approach to Air Risk

1. **Proximity** - The more aircraft in the airspace, the higher the rate of proximity, the greater the risk of collision.
2. **Geometry** - An airspace which sets or allows aircraft on collision courses increases risk of collision.
3. **Dynamics** - The faster the speed of the aircraft in the airspace the higher the rate of proximity, the greater the risk of collision.



Where to expect Aircraft





Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC)

- Close to an Airport
- Within a TMZ
- Over Urban Areas
- Over Rural Areas
- South pole / North pole
- Controlled Airspace
- Uncontrolled Airspace
- Above Minimum Flight Altitude
- Below Minimum Flight Altitude
- Stratosphere



Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC)

Very High Risk for Mid Air Collision

- **Close to an Airport**
 - Controlled Airspace
 - Above Minimum Flight Altitude
 - Below Minimum Flight Altitude
- **Within a TMZ**
 - Controlled Airspace
 - Above Minimum Flight Altitude
- **Non Airport Areas**
 - Controlled Airspace



Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC)

High Risk for Mid Air Collision

- **Over Urban Population**
 - Controlled Airspace
 - Above Minimum Flight Altitude
 - Below Minimum Flight Altitude
- **Over Rural Population**
 - Controlled Airspace
 - Above Minimum Flight Altitude
- **Within a TMZ**
 - Below Minimum Flight Altitude



Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC)

Low Risk for Mid Air Collision

- **Over Rural Population**
 - Controlled Airspace
 - Below Minimum Flight Altitude
- **Stratosphere**

Very low Risk for Mid Air Collision

- **South pole / North pole / Sahara Dessert**



Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC)

Very High Risk for Mid Air Collision Risk Class 4

High Risk for Mid Air Collision Risk Class 3

Low Risk for Mid Air Collision Risk Class 2

Very low Risk for Mid Air Collision Risk Class 1

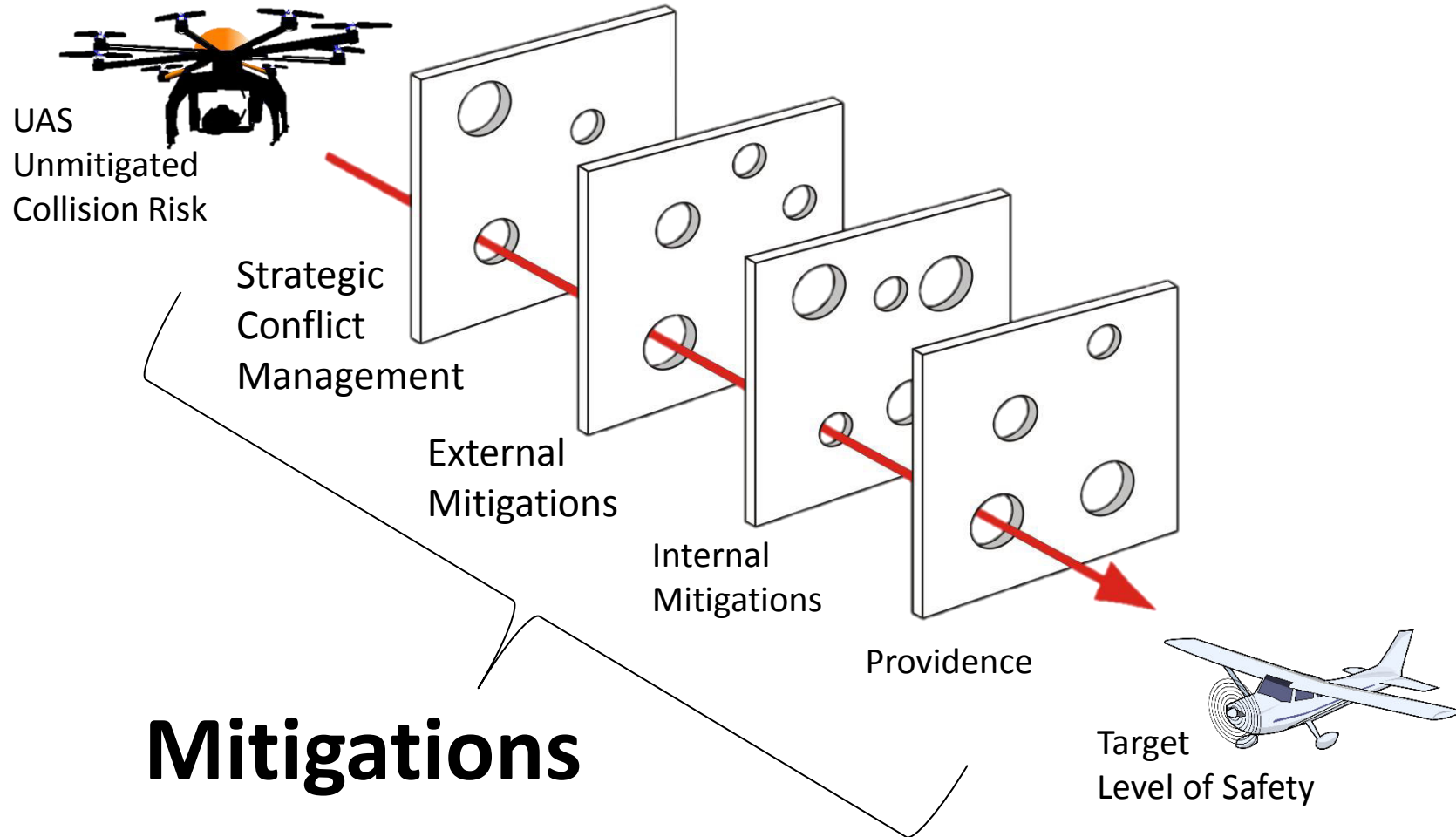


Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC) and Air Risk Class (ARC)

	Airspace Encounter Categories (AEC)	Operational Airspace	Air Risk Class (ARC)
Integrated Airspace Operations above 500 ft.	1	Operations within Class A, B, C, D, or E airspace above 500 ft. AGL	4
	2	Operations within an Airport Environment above 500 ft. AGL	4
	3	Operations within Class G airspace above 500 ft. AGL within Mode C Veil /TMZ	4
	4	Operations within Class G airspace above 500 ft. AGL over urban environment	3
	5	Operations within Class G airspace above 500 ft. AGL over rural environment	3
VLL Airspace Operations below 500 ft.	6	Operations within Class A, B, C, D, or E airspace below 500 ft. AGL	3
	7	Operations within an Airport Environment below 500 ft. AGL	4
	8	Operations within Class G airspace below 500 ft. AGL within Mode C Veil /TMZ	3
	9	Operations within Class G airspace below 500 ft. AGL over urban environment	3
	10	Operations within Class G airspace below 500 ft. AGL over rural environment	2
VHL	11	Operations in airspace above FL600	2
Any	12	Operations in Atypical Airspace	1

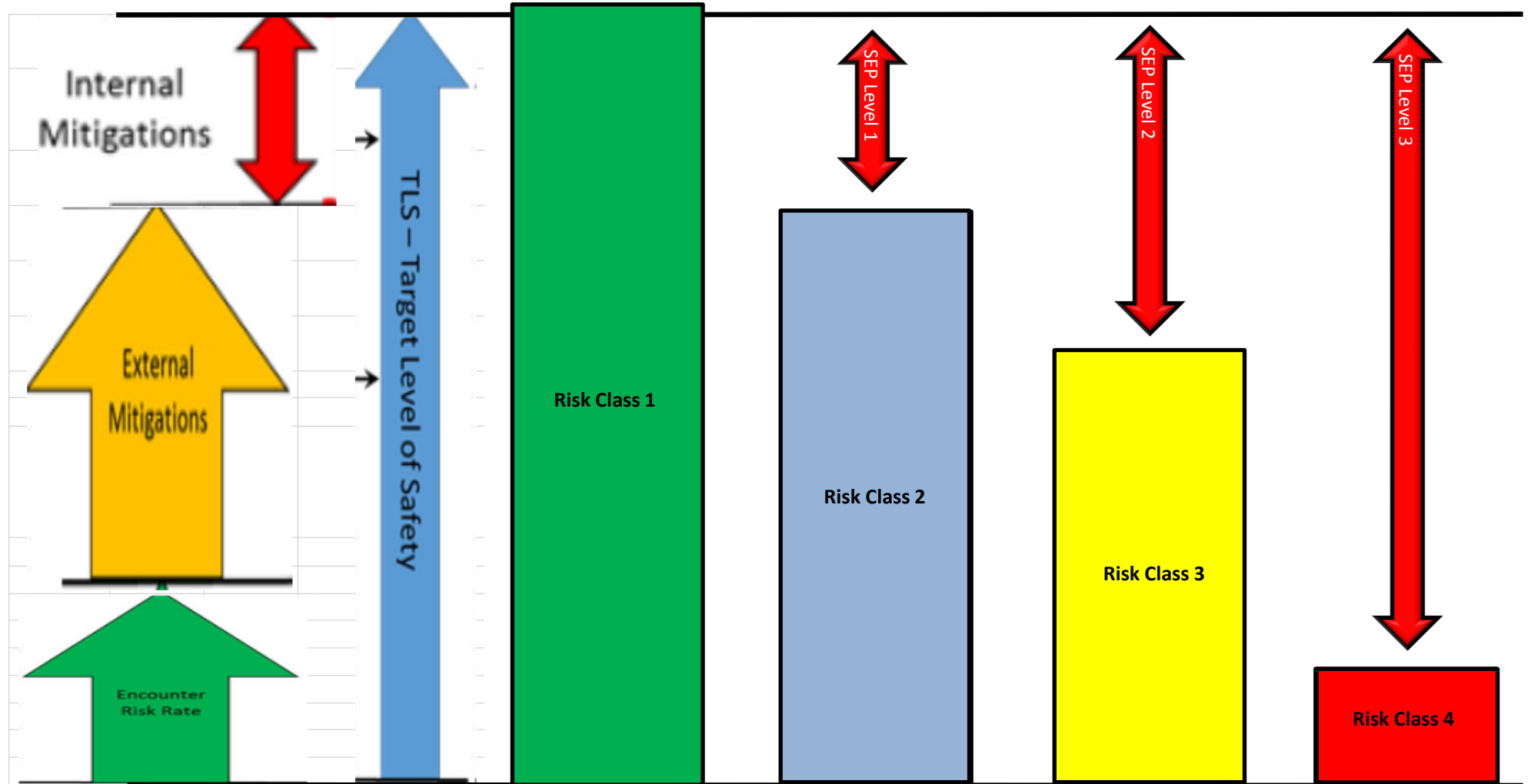


Reason mitigation model (Swiss Cheese)





Air-Risk Class and strategic mitigations





Specific Assurance and Integrity Levels (SAIL)

Air Risk Class	Specific Assurance and Integrity Level (SAIL)
ARC 4	SAIL VI
ARC 3	SAIL IV
ARC 2	SAIL II
ARC 1	SAIL I

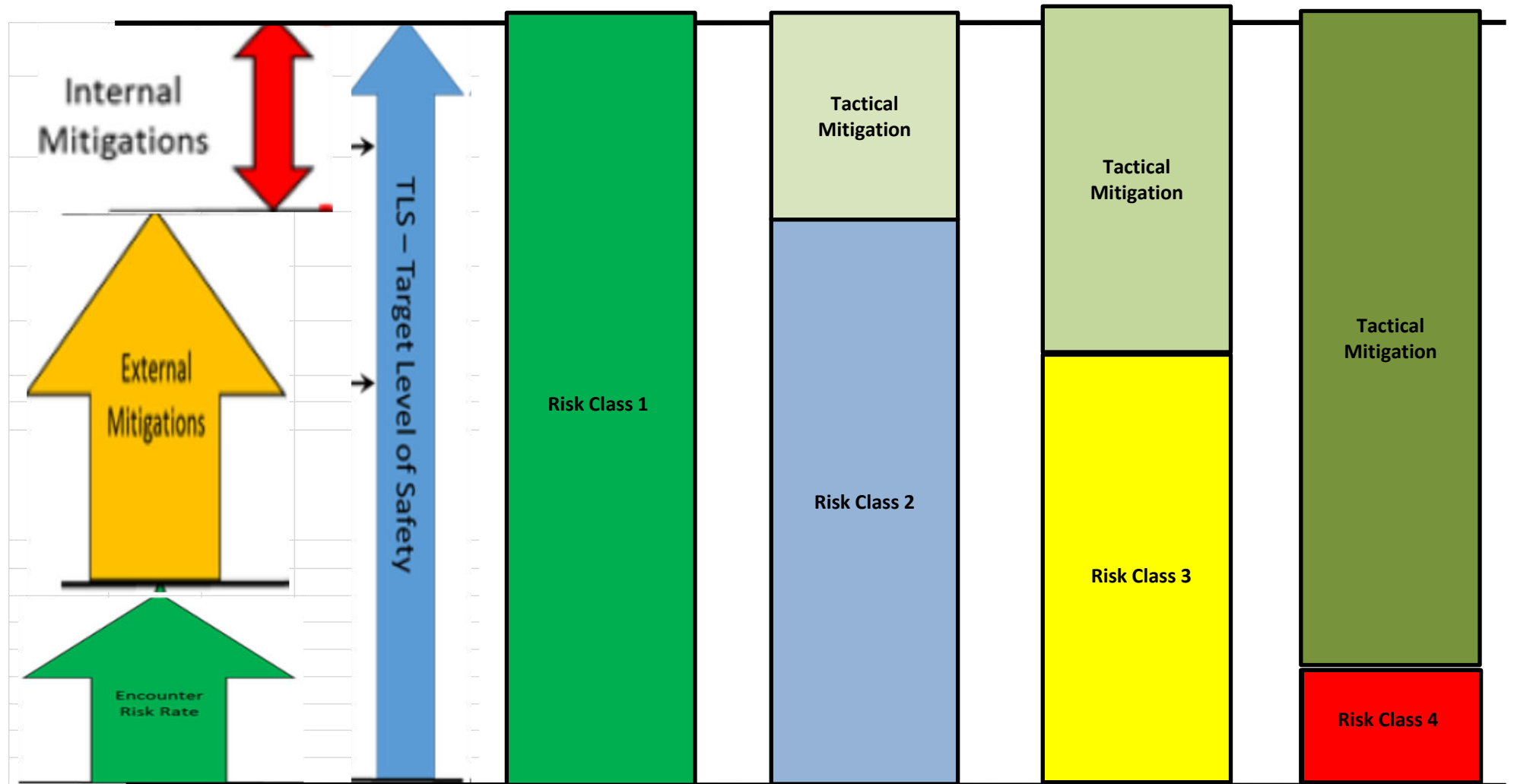


Specific Assurance and Integrity Levels (SAIL)

Deterioration of external systems supporting UAS operation	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Procedures are in-place to handle the deterioration of external systems supporting UAS operation	L	M	H	H	H	H
The UAS is designed to manage the deterioration of external systems supporting UAS operation	L	L	M	H	H	H
External services supporting UAS operations are adequate to the operation	L	L	M	H	H	H



Air-Risk Class and tactical mitigations





Tactical Mitigation, Performance Levels

Air Risk Class	Tactical Mitigation Performance Requirements (TMPR)
ARC 4	High Performance
ARC 3	Medium Performance
ARC 2	Low Performance
ARC 1	Optional - the operator/applicant may still need to show some form of mitigation as deemed necessary by the local authority/qualified entity



Robustness Levels

	Low Assurance Level	Medium Assurance Level	High Assurance Level
Low Integrity Level	LOW	LOW	LOW
Medium Integrity Level	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
High Integrity Level	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH



3 Pillars of a new Risk Assessment

- **Risk Based Approach. What are the real Risks of the Operation**
- **New Culture. Holistic not Atomistic**
- **A Total Hazard and Risk Assessment**



QUESTIONS?

