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Session I

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GAIN/Integration Tool
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*Human Factors Support to
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Presentation Outline

- Context of Flight Crew Error Analysis
- Flight Crew Human Factors Data Project
- Overview of Integration Tool
- Flight Crew Human Factors Data Analysis (*ERAU*)
- Technical Review and Strategic Plan (*UCB*)
 - Findings/Recommendations

What is the problem?

Flight crew error estimated to contribute to over 60% of all air carrier accidents and incidents and to over 80% for GA

Magnitude and complexity of current databases makes manual analysis impractical and computer analysis extremely challenging

Current analysis techniques not consistent, so results are difficult to verify/validate

Present Situation

- Relevant data spread across multiple databases
 - Many databases not capturing pertinent human factors and contextual data
 - Need to integrate data from several sources
- No standard methods for analyzing human factors data
- No capability to spot trends and emerging issues

Project Goals

- Support efforts to eliminate aviation accidents and incidents caused by human error
- Continue developing a process to identify and analyze flight crew errors associated with accidents and incidents so that prevention strategies can be developed
- Increase FAA and industry capability to access, integrate, and analyze human factors data

GAIN - Global Analysis and Information Network

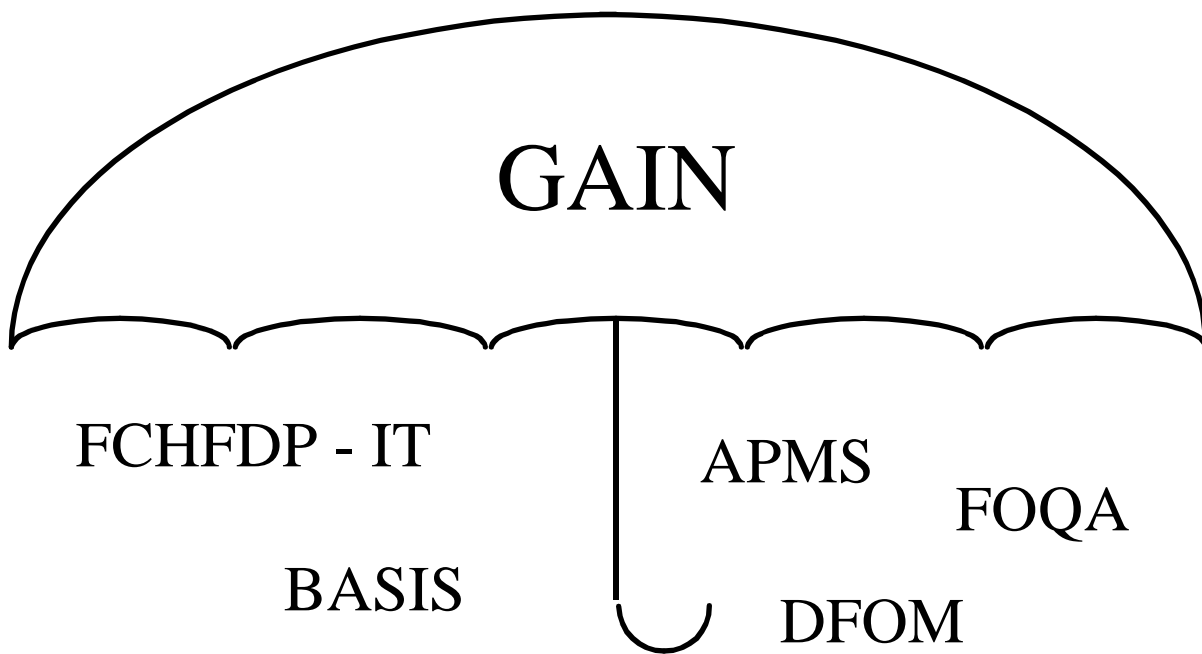
- Identify safety concerns
- Disseminate information quickly
- “To facilitate the real-time, cost effective exchange of air safety information between industry participants through an environment of trust to ultimately eliminate aircraft accidents.”

Flight Crew Human Factors Data Project

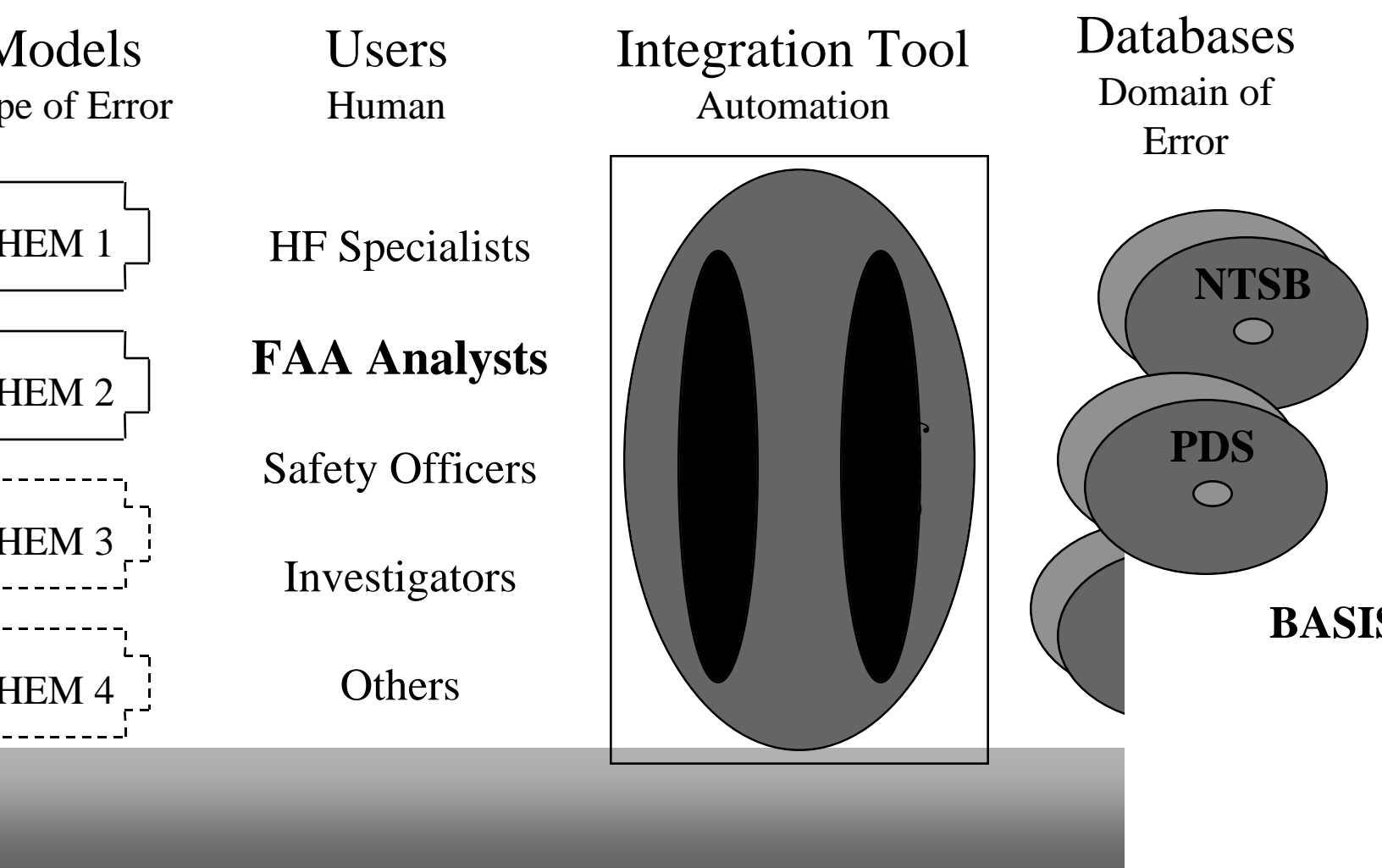
- ➔ Flight Crew Human Factors Data
 - Maintain Integration Tool/Website
 - Provide Analysis Methods
 - Develop Flight Crew Training Needs Assessment Processes

- ➔ Technical Review and Integration Plan
 - Technical Review of Integration Tool
 - Strategic Plan for Human Error Analysis

Other Data Analysis Efforts



The Integration Tool



Current Capabilities

- Provides access to two aviation safety databases
- Designed to permit access via the Internet
- Applies two human error models to information in databases
- On-line help and documentation

Human Error Models

HEM1

- Slips - Unintentional Action
- Mistakes - Intentional Action

HEM2

- Skill-Based Slip - Unintentional action: Lack of attention
- Rule-Based Mistake - Intentional action: Inappropriate decision
- Knowledge-Based Mistake - Intentional action: Unfamiliar situation, insufficient information

Databases

- NTSB Accident and Incident Database
- NAIMS Pilot Deviation System Incident Database

Technical Review and Strategic Plan

→ Technical Review of Previous Work

- Integration Tool Development
- Flight Crew Training Needs Assessment

→ Develop Strategic Plan

- Improve Integration of Human Error Analysis for Flight Crews and Air Traffic Controllers
- Enhance IT Functionality

Findings & Recommendations 1

→ IT provides a user-friendly window into safety databases

- Standardized interface
- On-line data content & definition information
- Variety of support tools and models
- Ease of access via the Internet

→ Automated data analysis ensures consistency of results

- Automate data manipulation but not interpretation

Findings & Recommendations 2

- Continued development is in order
- There are several other systems being developed to support safety data analysis
 - *BASIS, APMS, DFOM, etc.*
- Need to coordinate IT development
 - Avoid redundancy
 - Look at lessons learned
 - Continue soliciting input from potential users

Findings & Recommendations 3

- Current datasets and models limit potential analysis
 - Inflexible application of HEMs
 - Limited cross checking/verification
 - Limited number of properly classified events
- Important to expand number of datasets
 - *ASRS, APMS, NASDAC, etc.*
- Need ability to link to databases on-line

Findings & Recommendations 4

Current HEMs do not provide direct insight on causes of human error

Expand range of error models

- Explore alternative HEMs (esp. involving organizational factors)
- Improve documentation of HEMs

Improve IT functionality

- More flexible implementation of HEMs (user defined)
- Provide way to archive results

Conclusions

IT provides a valuable capability to support human factors analysis

Broad potential application throughout aviation industry

- Provides technical capability to support GAIN
- Range of application areas within FAA

Further development is needed

User support is critical