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# The role of **Flight Data Analysis** in the aircraft manufacturer's **SMS**.

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**SMS** – Safety Management System

**Information:** Why and What

**AIM** – Aircraft Integrity Monitoring

How **define** what to be monitored at AIM?

**AIM Results**



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# SMS Safety Management System

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# Embraer SMS

Embraer SMS is an explicit element of the corporate management system that sets out the company's safety policy and defines how it intends to manage safety as an integral part of its overall business.



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# Embraer SMS Pillars

**Policies & Safety  
Objectives**

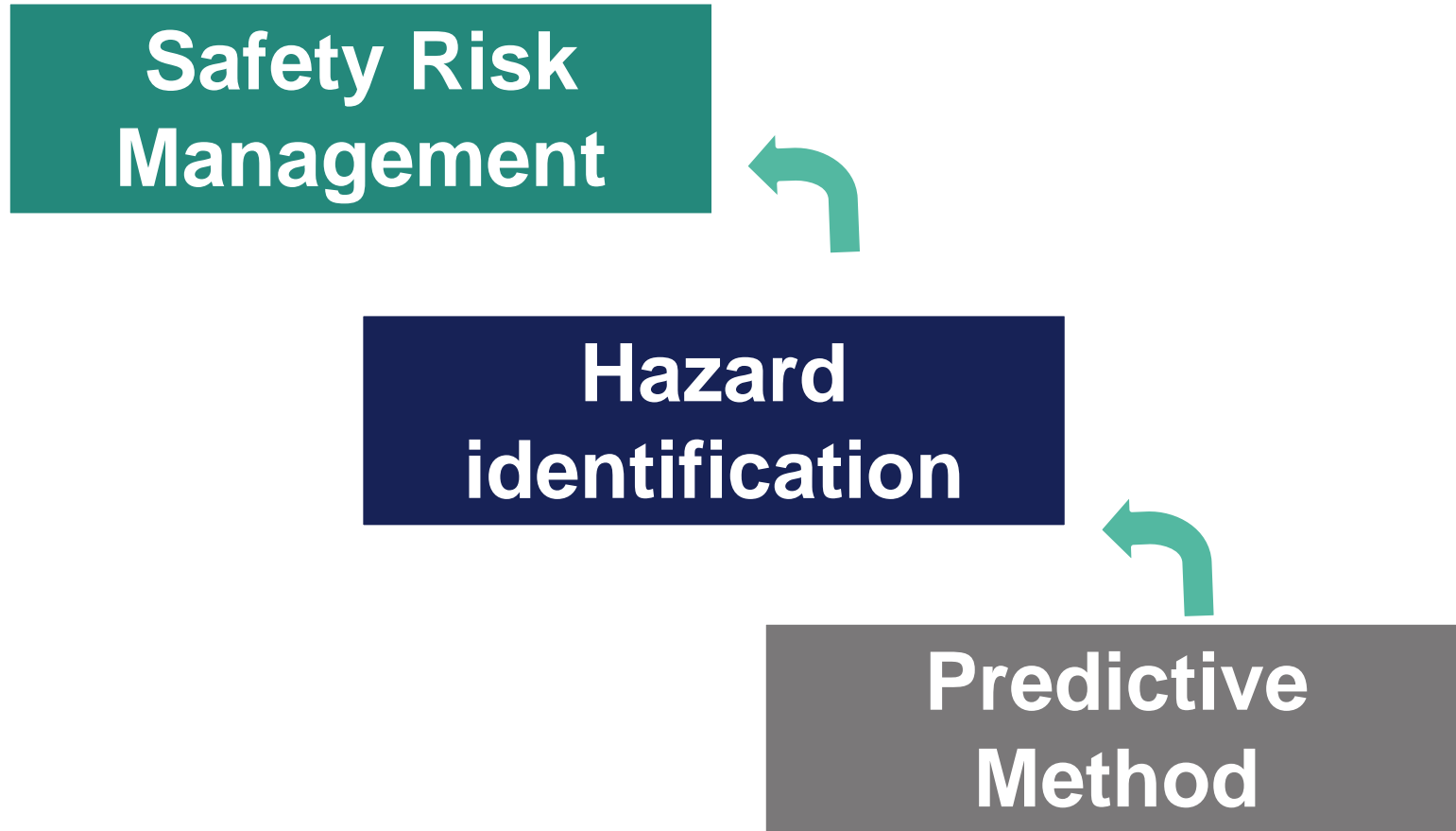
**Safety Risk  
Management**

**Safety  
Assurance**

**Safety  
Promotion**

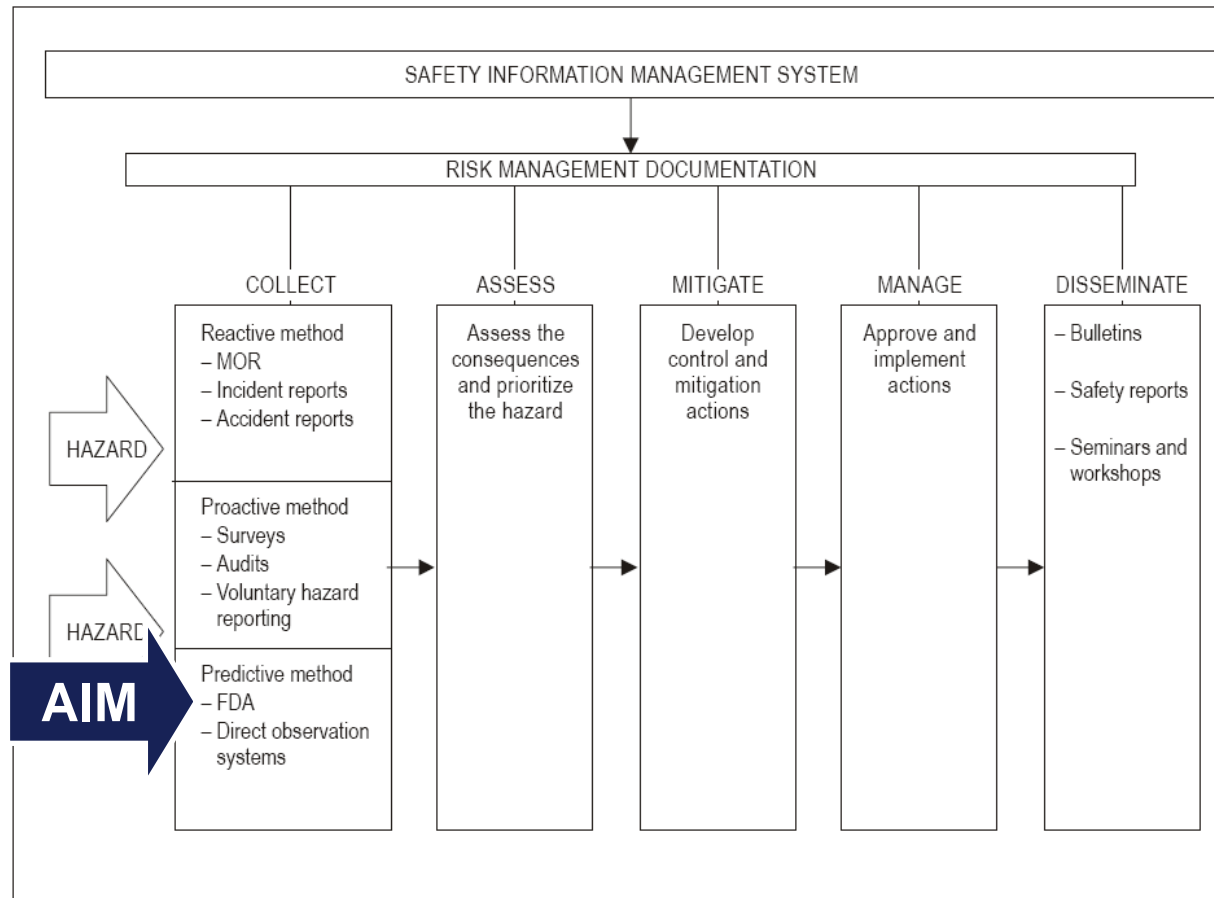
SMS Manual - ENS-005776

# Safety Risk Management



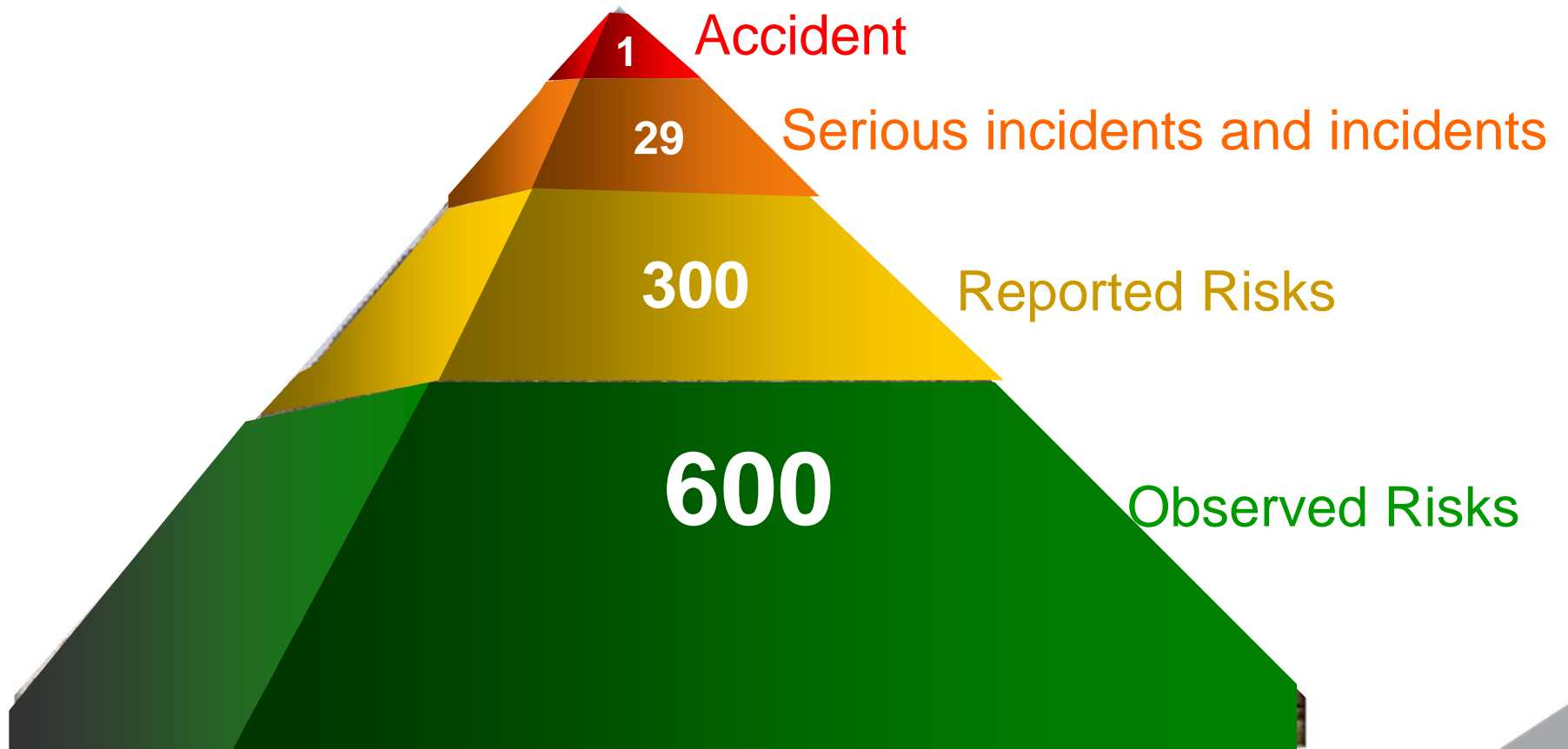
SMS ICAO (Doc. 9859 – Cap 5.3.43 Safety Risk Management).


# Hazard documentation and follow-up management process



SMS ICAO (Doc. 9859 – Figure 5-3 Hazard documentation and follow-up management process.

# The Heinrich / Bird Theory





# Information: Why and What

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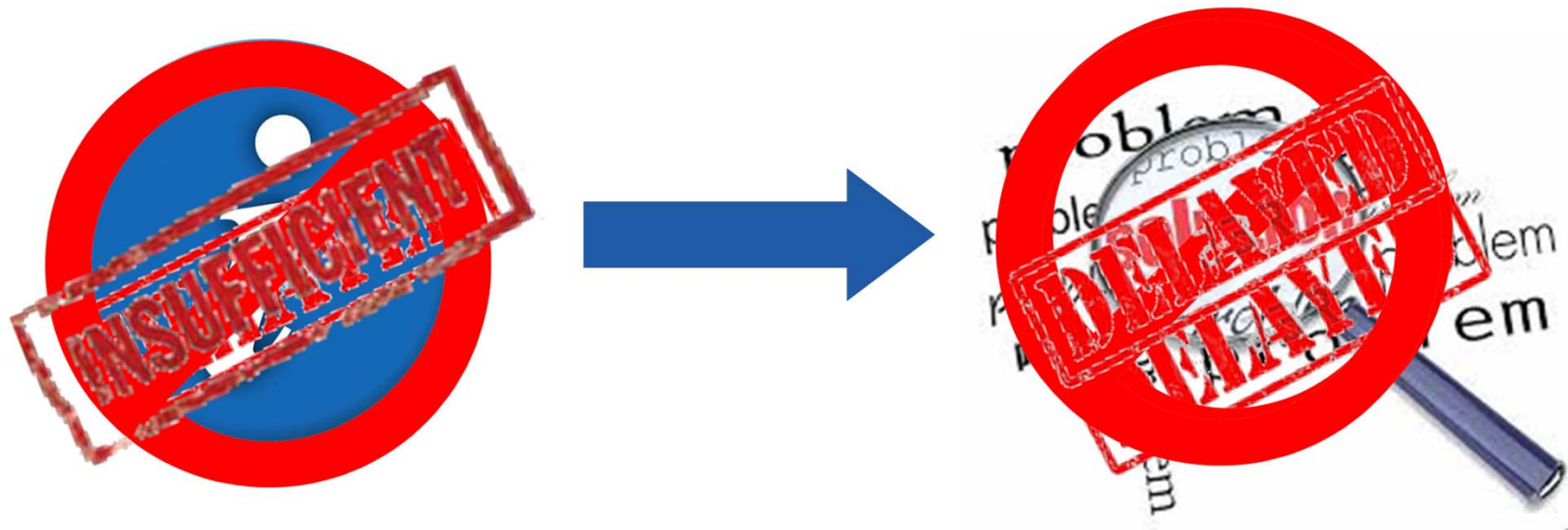
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# The Closing the Loop concept for SMS



## Information: Why and What

The **data** from the field is the basis of the in-service difficulty solution process.



## Is the product working as expected?

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The responsibility of an aircraft manufacturer on product safety continues after the aircraft delivery

Product Monitoring needs to know :  
**Is the product working as expected ?**

## Lack of data from the field

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Lack of data is a safety issue !!

# Where to get more data to produce relevant information?



Unknown Risk

## Why flight data is so important?

- **Aircraft systems complexity**
- **On-board software – How to investigate ?**
- **Need of precise and factual data**
- **Time-history of the aircraft behaviour**
- **Factual information to the parts supplier.**

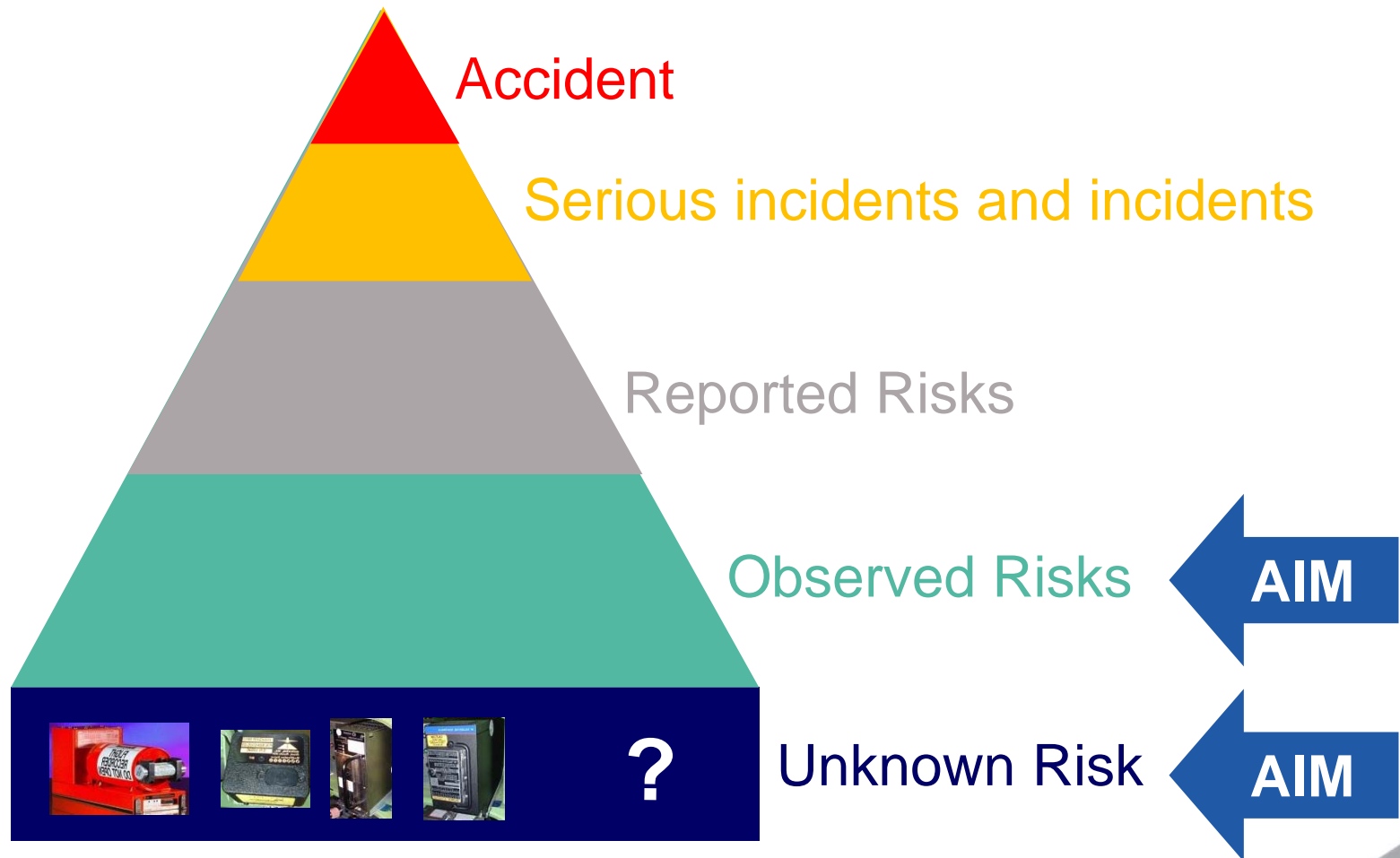
# AIRCRAFT INTEGRITY MONITORING

# AIM

**AIM**  
**Aircraft Integrity Monitoring**



# Where the AIM works?

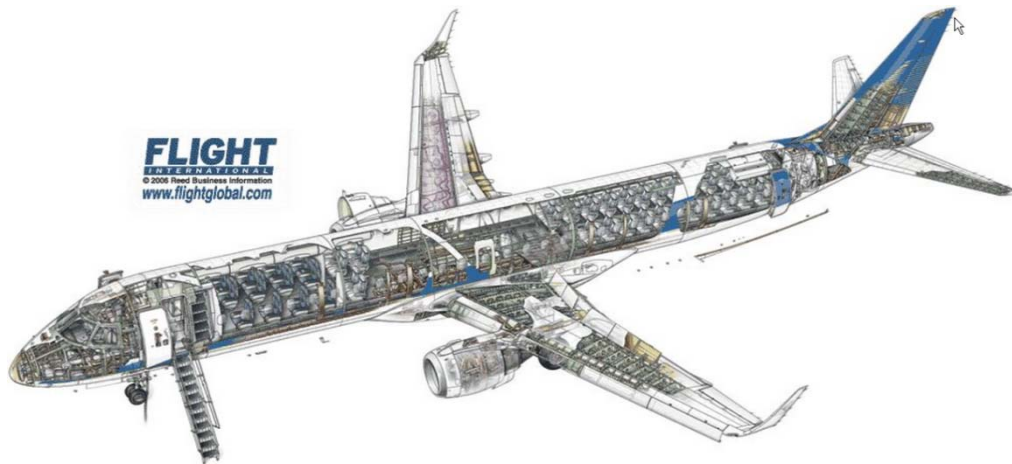


## What is AIM?

- The AIM is a program for routine in-flight recorded data analysis to detect abnormal on-board systems conditions and/or adverse trends.
- The AIM also has the goal to support and enhance the process of the in-service technical difficulties investigation and follow up the effectiveness of the respective Embraer corrective actions.
- The source of data for AIM can be FDR/QAR.



# AIM – Aircraft Integrity Monitoring



Aircraft systems performance



In-service technical difficulties solutions



Voluntary participations

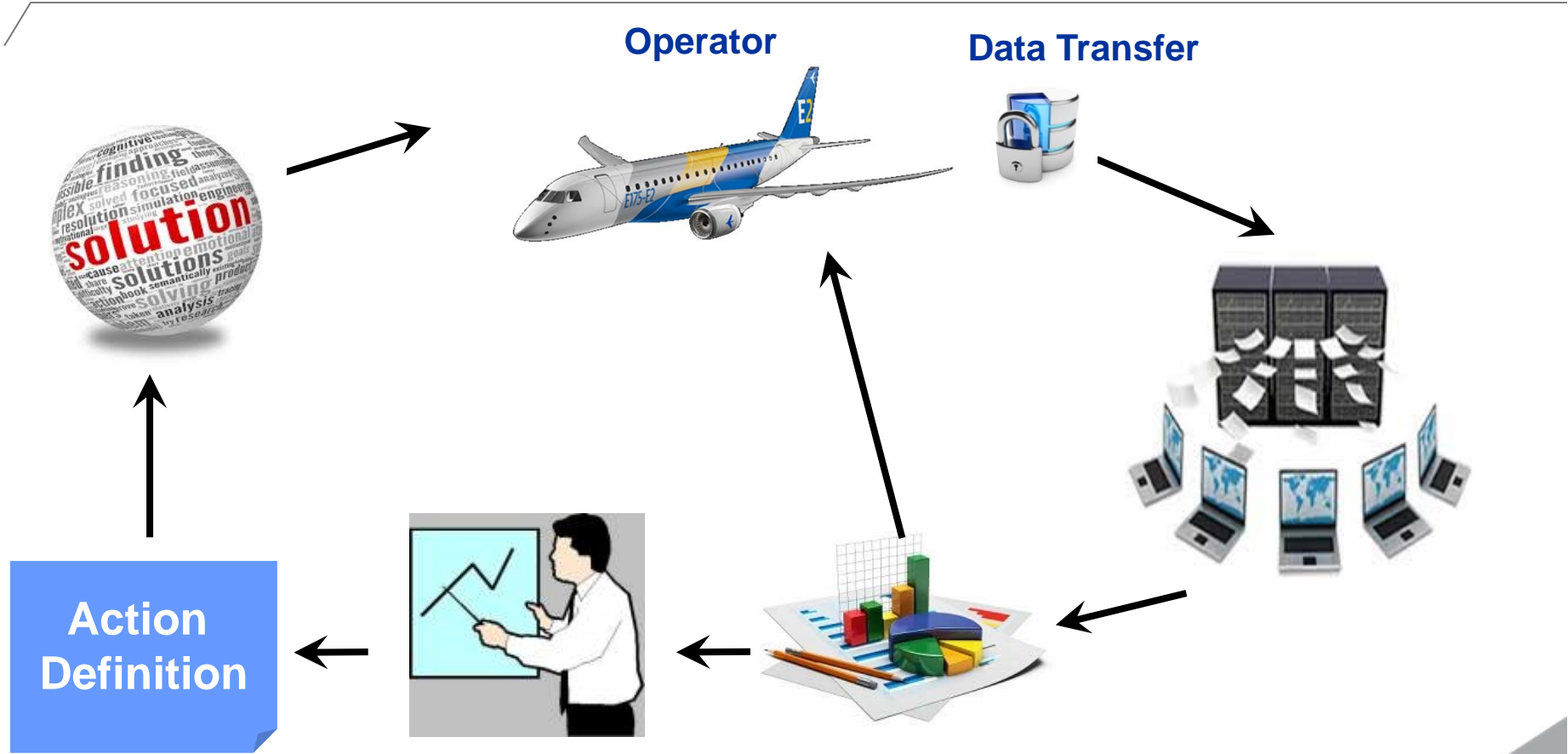
## AIM is not FOQA

### Aircraft Integrity Monitoring **is not** FOQA

The AIM does not have the goal to detect or identify operational deviations or to monitor the flight crew performance.

AIM is construed in a manufacturer-to-operator non disclosure agreement and its scope is to enhance safety.  
AIM is protected to be used against any disciplinary action to a crew member.

# AIM Process

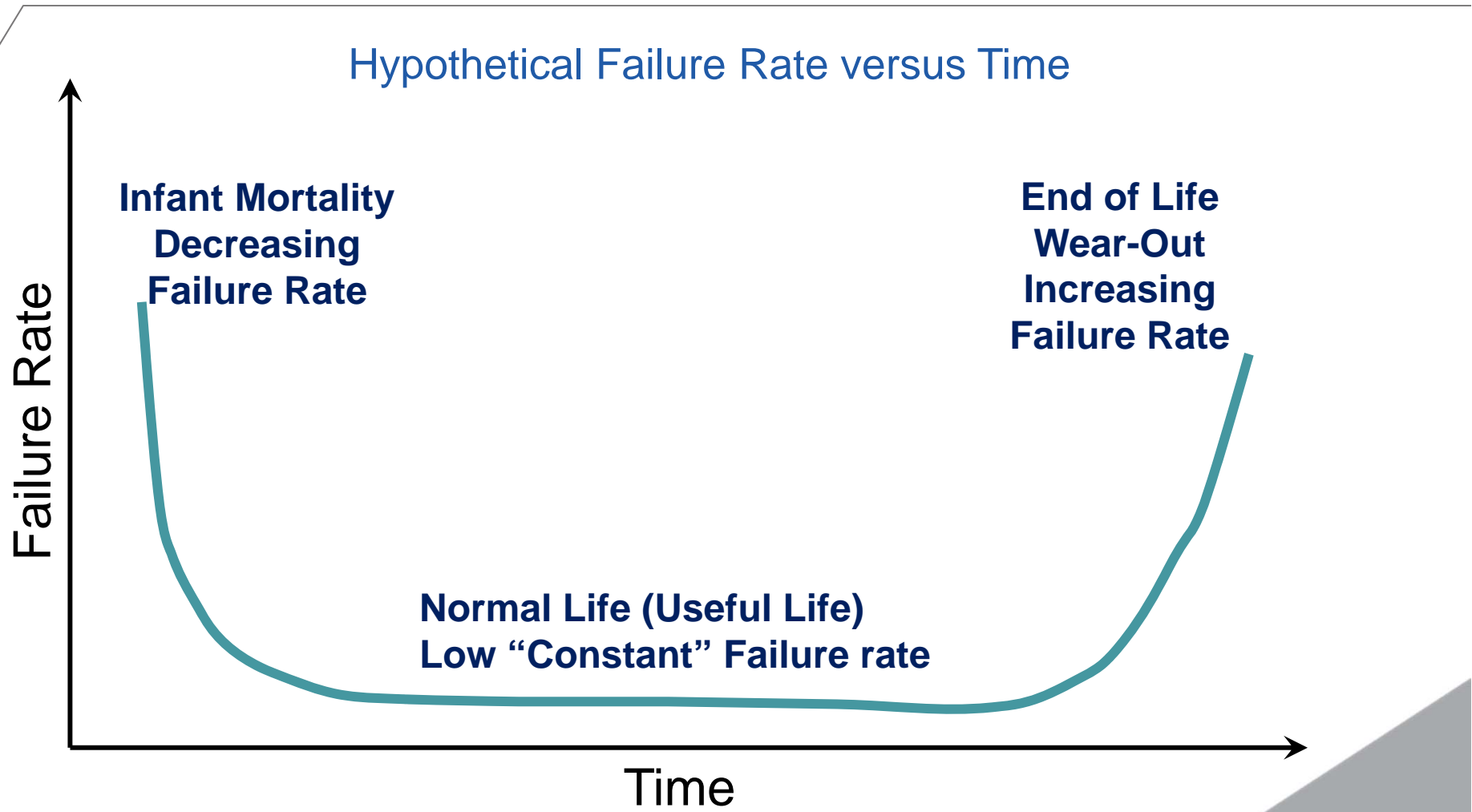


# Why to monitor the aircraft integrity ?

Need to know what is not apparent to the manufacturer



# The Bathtub curve



# TC – Type Certificate – a continuous compromise



*' shall remain in effect  
until surrendered, suspended, revoked,  
by the Administrator of  
the Federal Aviation Administration.*

# Importance of flight data in a pilot's report

**Example of Pilot's report:**  
"Aircraft failed to capture ILS"



Report



**Embraer engineering analysis:**

- Altitude= ?
- Airspeed= ?
- Trajectory= ?
- Auto Pilot Mode= ?
- Bank Angle= ?



**Avionics Manufacturer:**  
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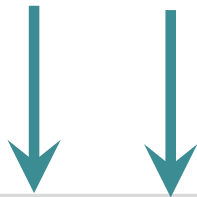


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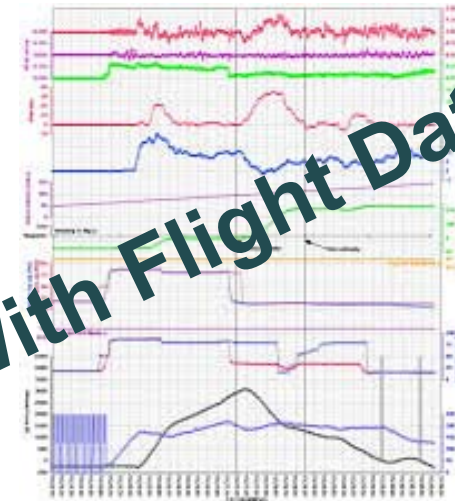
Flight  
Data



## **Embraer engineering analysis:**

Altitude = 4100 feet  
Airspeed = 210 knots  
Trajectory = Correct  
Auto Pilot Mode = Approach  
Bank Angle = 20 degrees

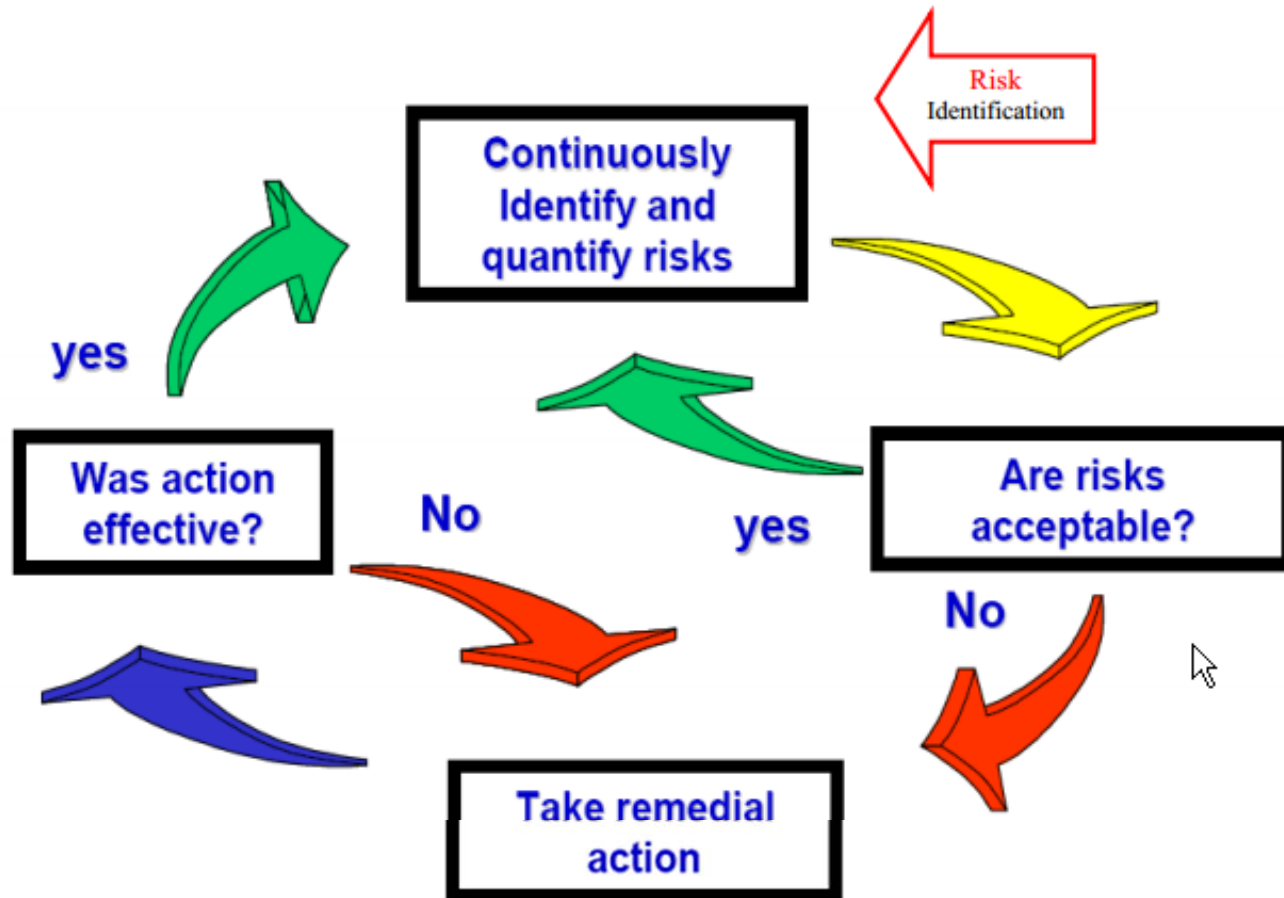
**With Flight Data**



**Avionics Manufacturer:  
Action**



# Why to monitor the aircraft integrity ?





**How define  
what to be monitored at AIM?**

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# How define what to monitor at AIM?



Product Monitoring Engineers



Engineers / Customers



## Example of some logics

- UHT (Uncommanded High Thrust)
- Uncommanded IFSD
- Loss of DC BUS
- Display Monitoring
- RAT System Monitoring
- Slat Fail
- Ice Detection Fail
- Bleed Leak Detect
- Bleed Fail

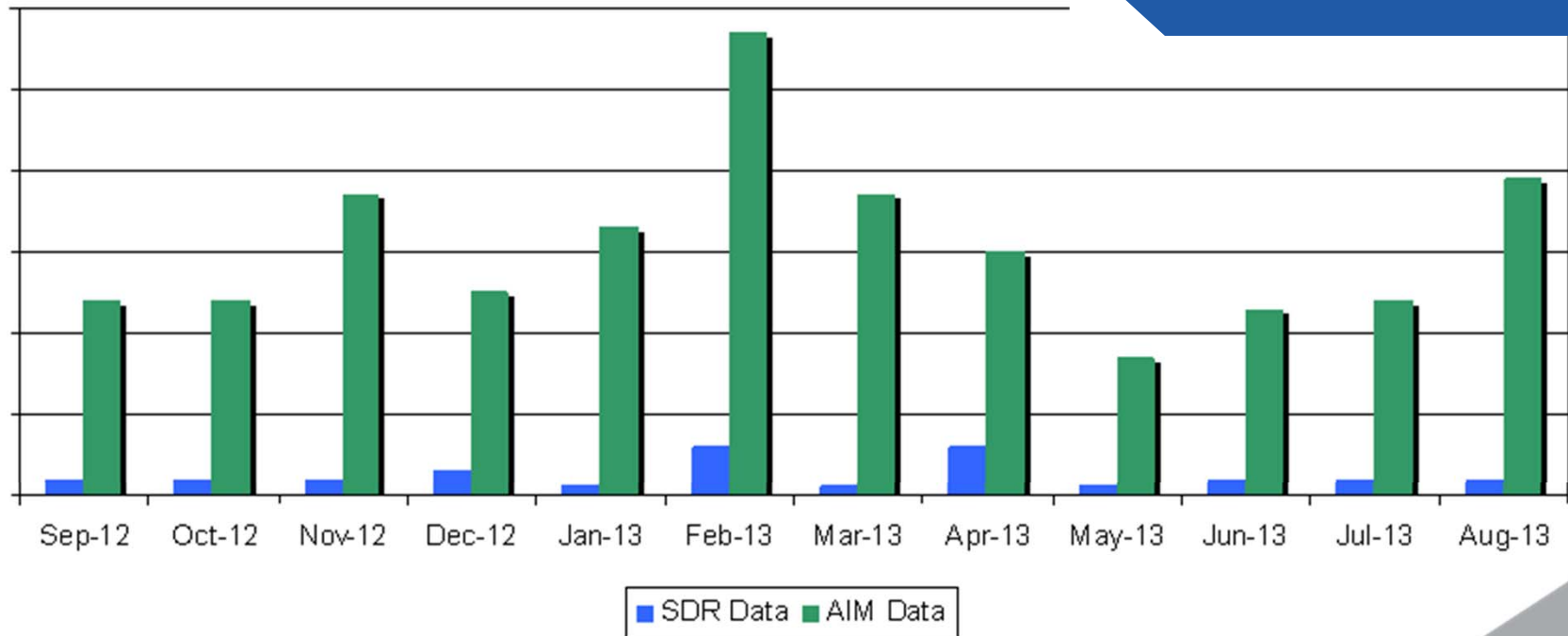


# AIM Results

# Report of “Slat Fail” EICAS message

**EVENT**  
 Any fault, failure or abnormal aircraft system behaviour that can be detected by analysis obtained from onboard recorders

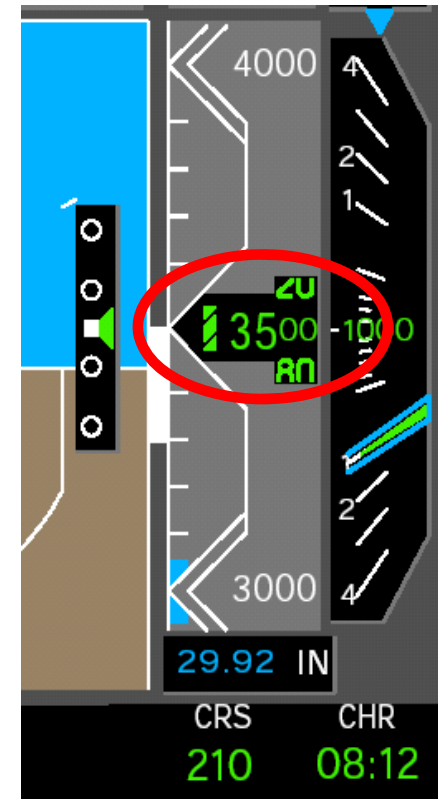
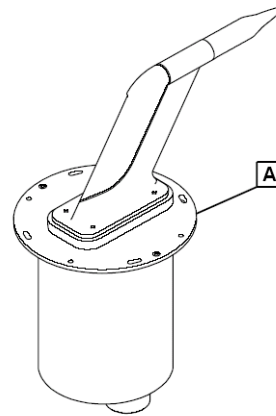
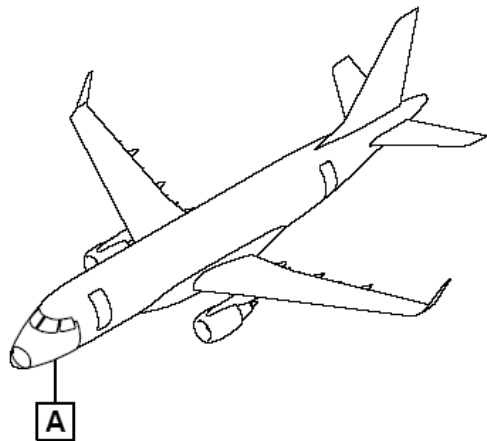
**Events per Month**



# Issue: Altitude Indication

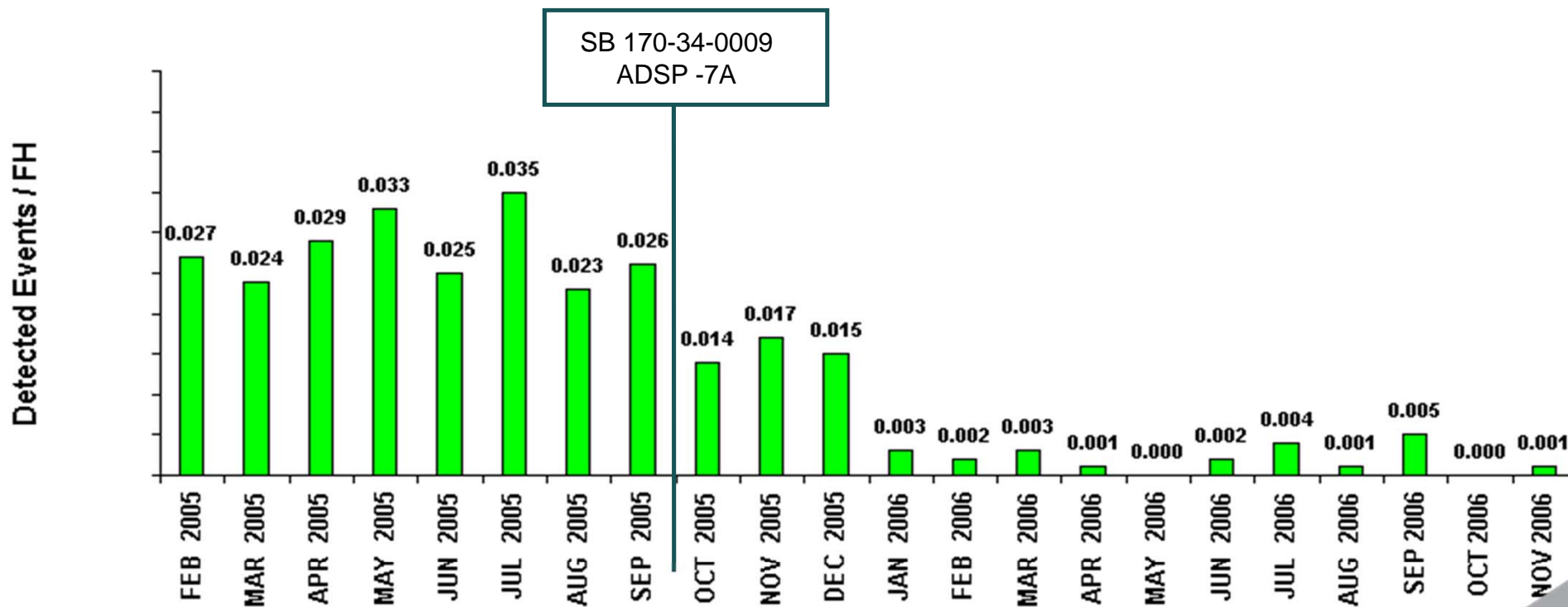
Difference of the indicated altitude between pilot and copilot out of the tolerance

Action : Correction in the Static Source Error Correction (SSEC) table. Smart Probe -7A (SB 170-34-0009)



# Issue: Altitude Indication – SB 170-34-0009

Difference of the indicated altitude between pilot and copilot out of the tolerance  
 Action: Smart Probe Software Change (-7A) – SB 170-34-0009 issued on 30.Sep.2005



# Hard Landing

A hard landing is a high energy runway contact. The NTSB defines hard landing as "stalling onto or flying into a runway or other intended landing area with abnormal high vertical speed"



# Is Hard Landing a FOQA event?



# Hard Landing analysis

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## Parameters involved in HL analysis

- Vertical CG Acceleration (NormAccel)
- Pitch Angle (Pitch)
- Air/Ground indication (Air/Gnd)
- Gross Weight (GrossWeight)
- Roll (Roll)
- Date (Day)
- Destination Airport

# Hard Landing analysis – AMM 2012

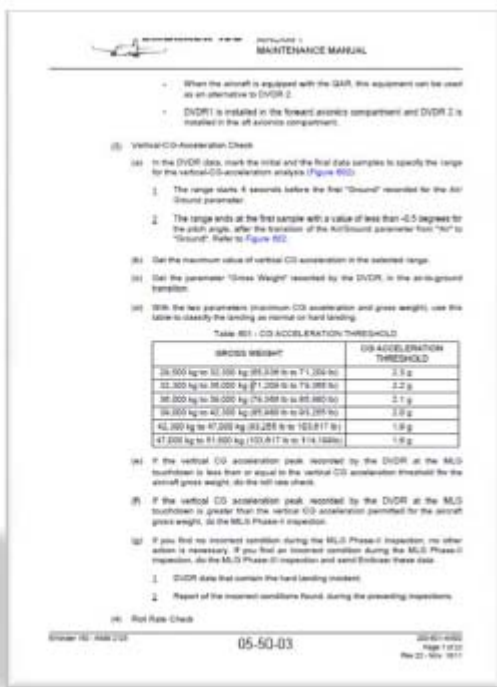
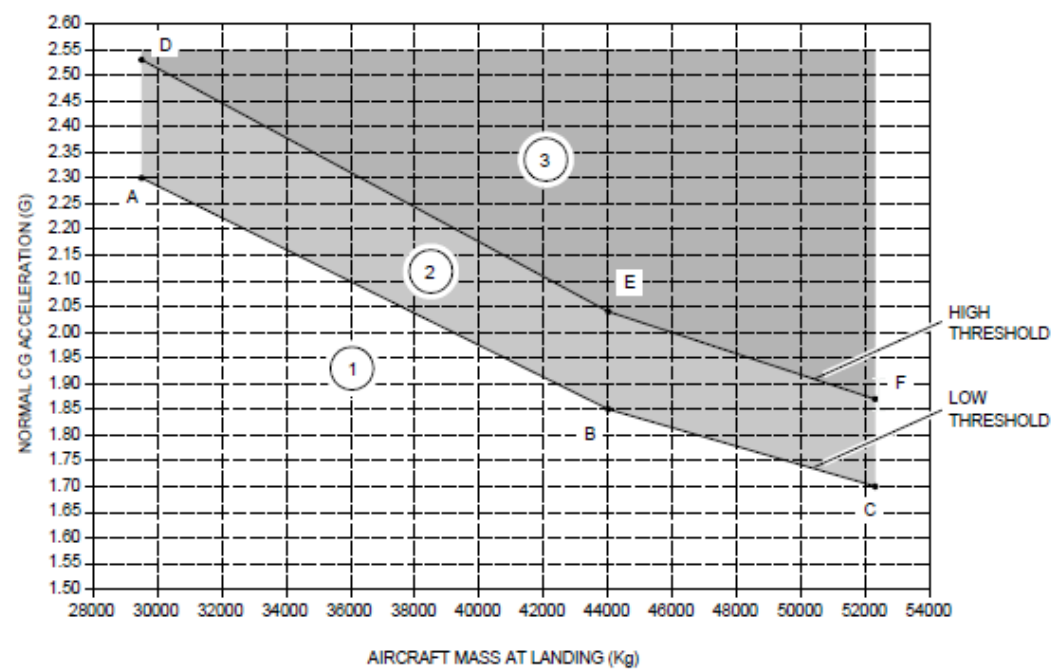


Table 601 - CG ACCELERATION THRESHOLD

GROSS WEIGHT	CG ACCELERATION THRESHOLD
29,500 kg to 32,300 kg (65,036 lb to 71,209 lb)	2.3 g
32,300 kg to 36,000 kg (71,209 lb to 79,366 lb)	2.2 g
36,000 kg to 39,000 kg (79,366 lb to 85,980 lb)	2.1 g
39,000 kg to 42,300 kg (85,980 lb to 93,255 lb)	2.0 g
42,300 kg to 47,000 kg (93,255 lb to 103,617 lb)	1.9 g
47,000 kg to 51,800 kg (103,617 lb to 114,199 lb)	1.8 g

(e) If the vertical CG acceleration peak recorded by the DVDR at the MLG touchdown is less than or equal to the vertical CG acceleration threshold for the aircraft gross weight, do the soft-land check.

# Hard Landing analysis – AMM 2013



		AIRCRAFT MASS AT LANDING (Kg)	NORMAL CG ACCELERATION (G)
LOW THRESHOLD	A	29,500	2,30
	B	44,000	1,85
	C	52,200	1,70
HIGH THRESHOLD	D	29,500	2,53
	E	44,000	2,04
	F	52,200	1,87



## AIM Outputs

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- Systems abnormal behavior analysis
- Systems performance analysis
- Abnormal event analysis
- Periodic statistical summary
- Parameter exceedance monitoring.

# AIM Results

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- In some cases, helps to improve the logics from customers
- Helps to improve and validate some maintenance procedures at AMM
- Detection of non reported events
- Dataframe Validation
- Helps the development of new aircraft
- Analysis for workshops in Ice conditions
- Detect minor events
- Check a Service Bulletin effectiveness.



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