

Safety Data in Action:

Understanding the Value and Affordability of Data with FDM & HUMS

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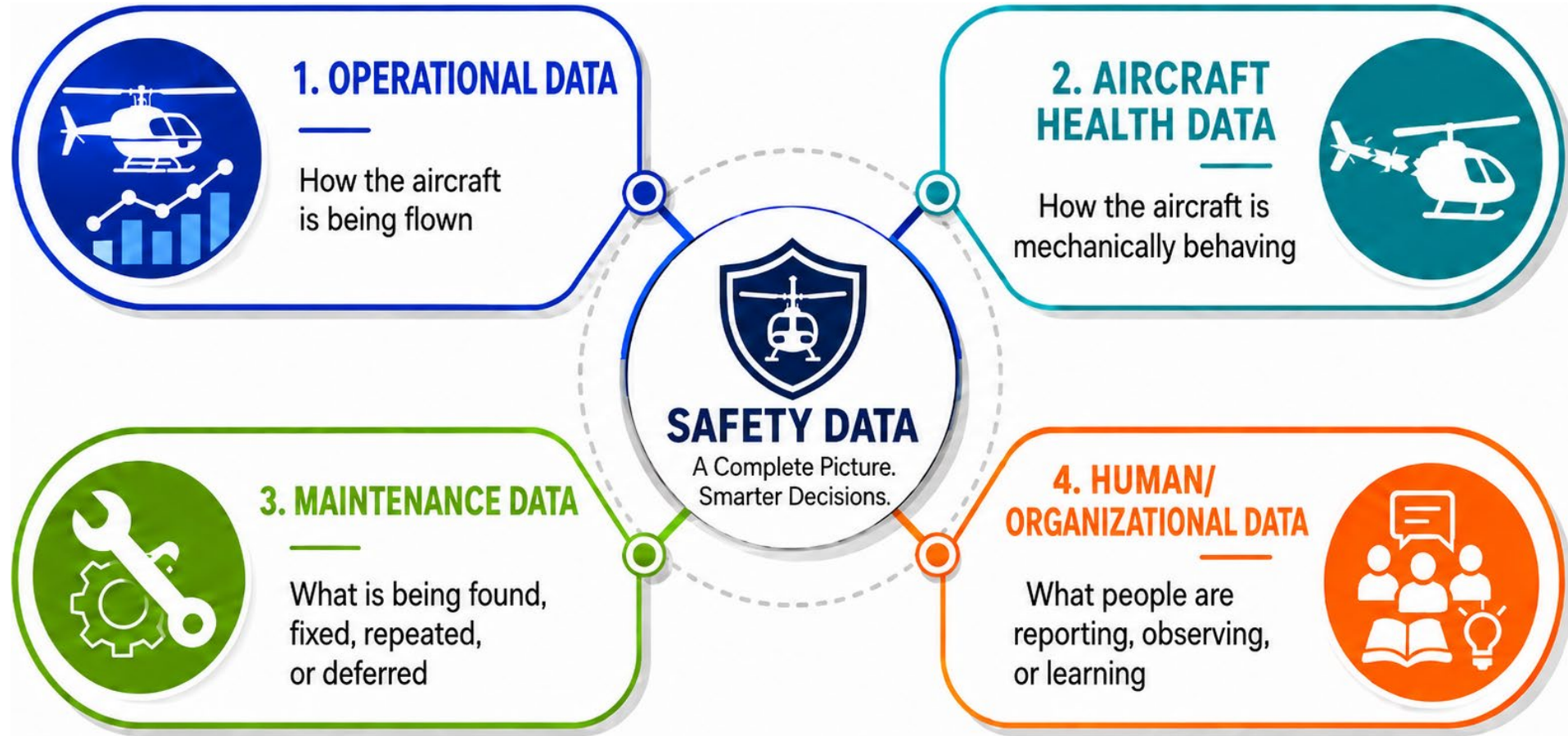
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 - Chief Revenue Officer at GPMS International
 - 18 Years at Bell
 - Former Chair of Transportation Research Board Helicopter Subcommittee



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 - Senior Technical Advisor at Flight Safety Foundation
 - 45+ Years in Aviation
 - Pilot, Flight Engineer, Mechanic and beyond!

Four Categories of Useful Safety Data

A Practical Way to Organize Safety Data



The SMS Connection

Safety Data Is Foundational to SMS



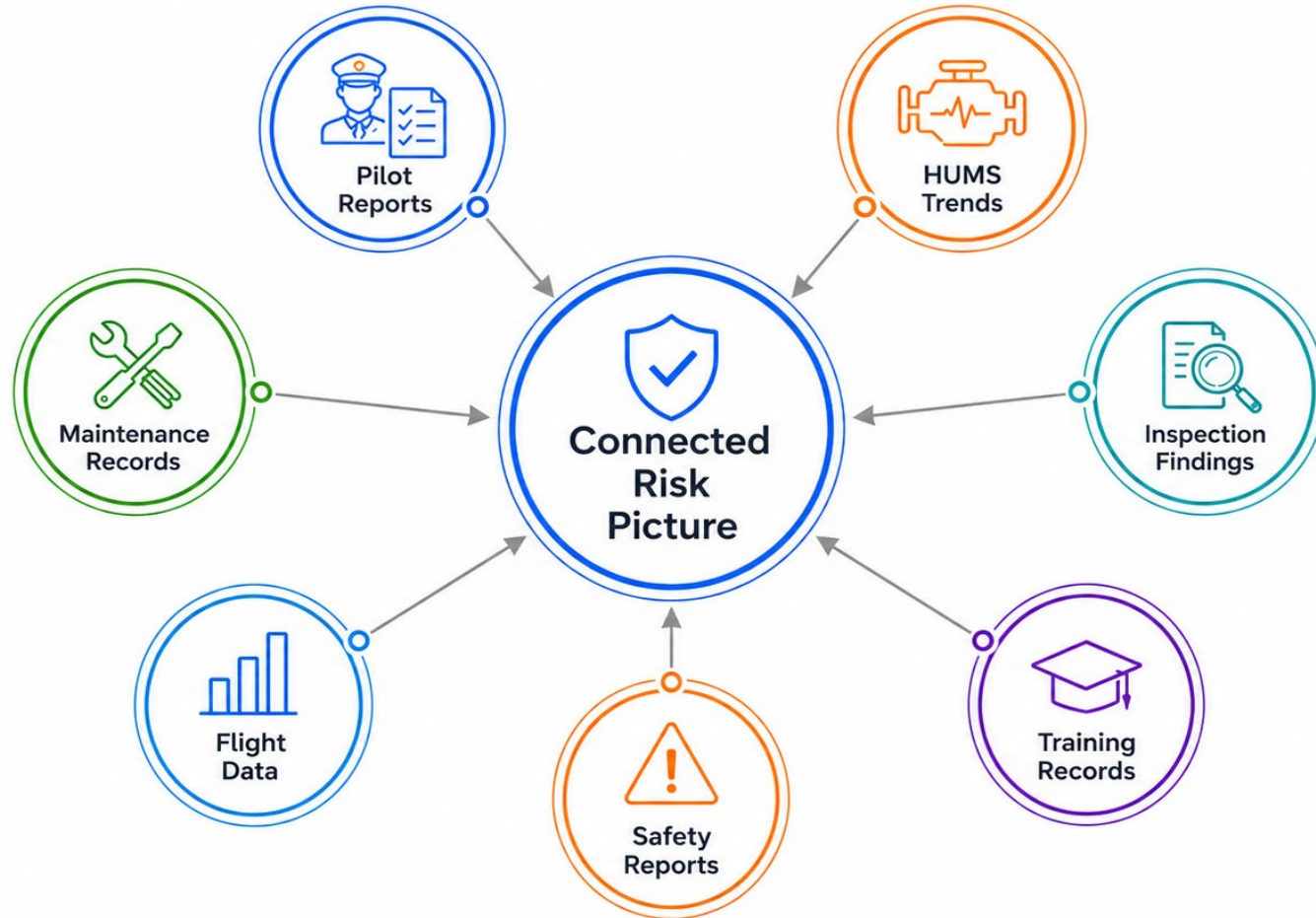
Capturing Safety Data Is Critical

... But It's Only Valuable When It Leads to Action



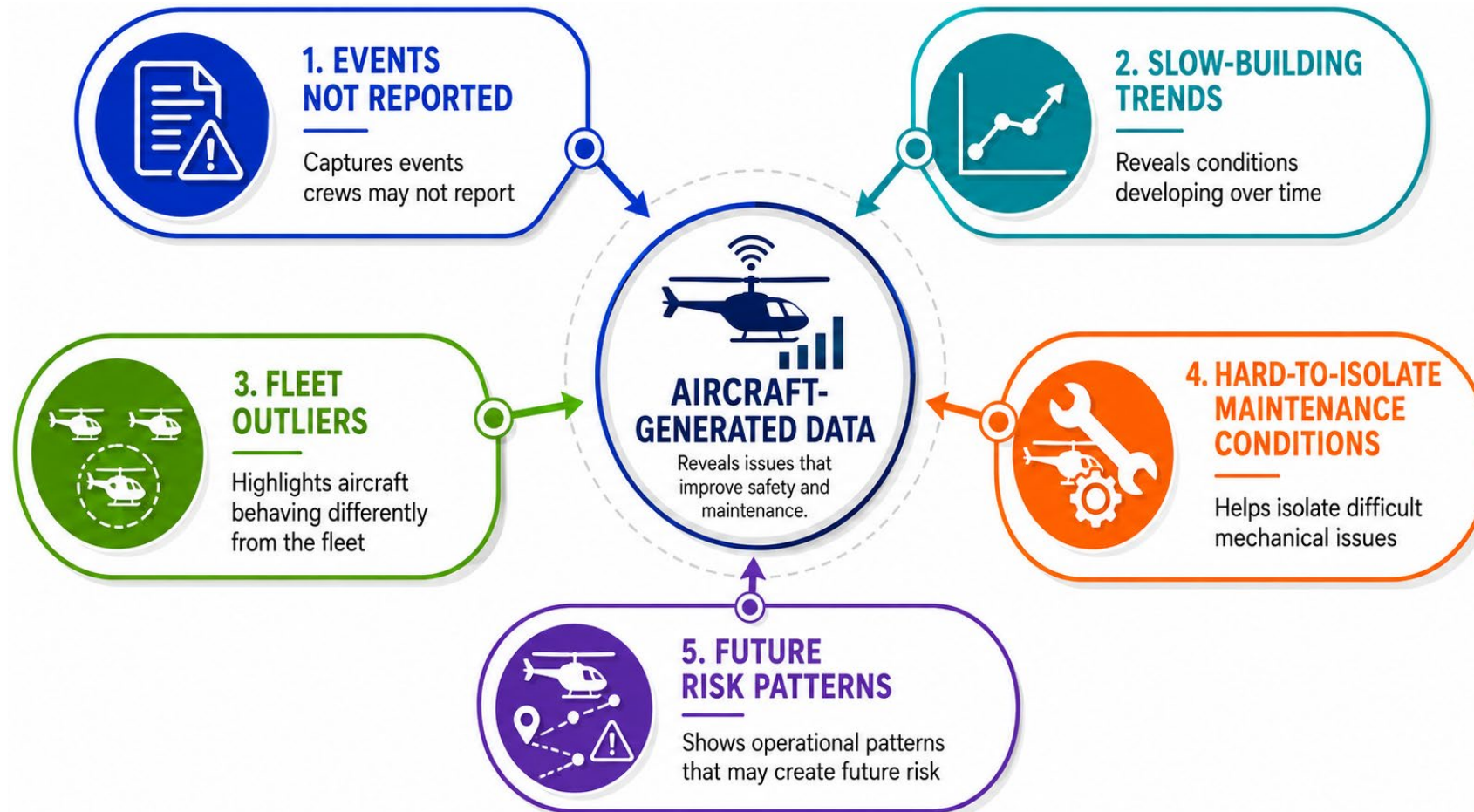
The Common Problem

Most Operators Have Data. Fewer Have a System for Using It.



The Aircraft as a Data Source

The Aircraft Can Tell You Things People May Not See



What is a Health and Usage Monitoring System (HUMS)?



Industry Experts Know HUMS & FDM Are The Future of Safety



IHSF



IHSF analysis of more than 1,000 helicopter accidents identified three major opportunities to reduce accidents:

- Manual HUMS
- Automated HUMS
- FDM programs

IHSF Press Release



USHST



USHST identified HUMS and FDM among the top technologies for mitigating helicopter accident factors, especially fatal accidents.

USHST accident trends study



USFS



USFS requires designated contracted aircraft to be instrumented with a functioning Health and Usage Monitoring System (HUMS).

USFS Solicitation 1202SA21R0008



BARS



BARS requires Flight Data Monitoring capability for designated long-term contracted aircraft and a plan to fit HUMS or helicopter vibration monitoring where approved, with routine data download and analysis.

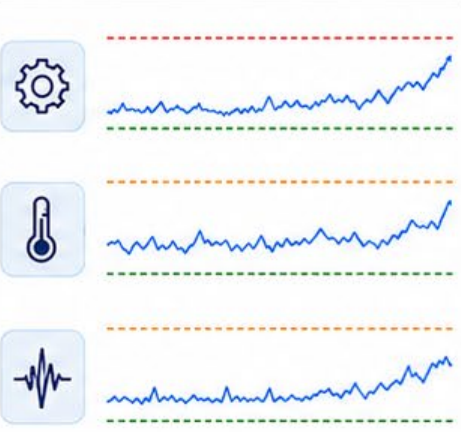
BARS Controls 6.4 and 10.5

Typical Components of a HUMS

How Healthy is Your Aircraft Operating?

Aircraft Operating Health
What's happening to the aircraft

1 Component Health Monitoring



Detect early mechanical changes

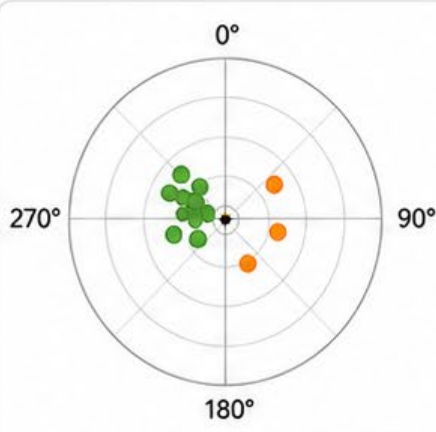
2 Engine & Flight Parameter Trends

NG	
NR	
ITT	
Torque	
Vibration	

Time →

Track how the aircraft is behaving over time

3 Rotor Track & Balance

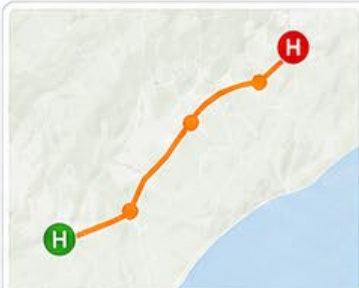


Optimize vibration and maintenance action

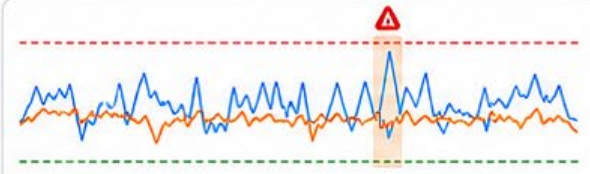
How Healthy is Your Aircraft Being Operated?

Operational Health
How the aircraft is being used

4 Flight Review & FDM



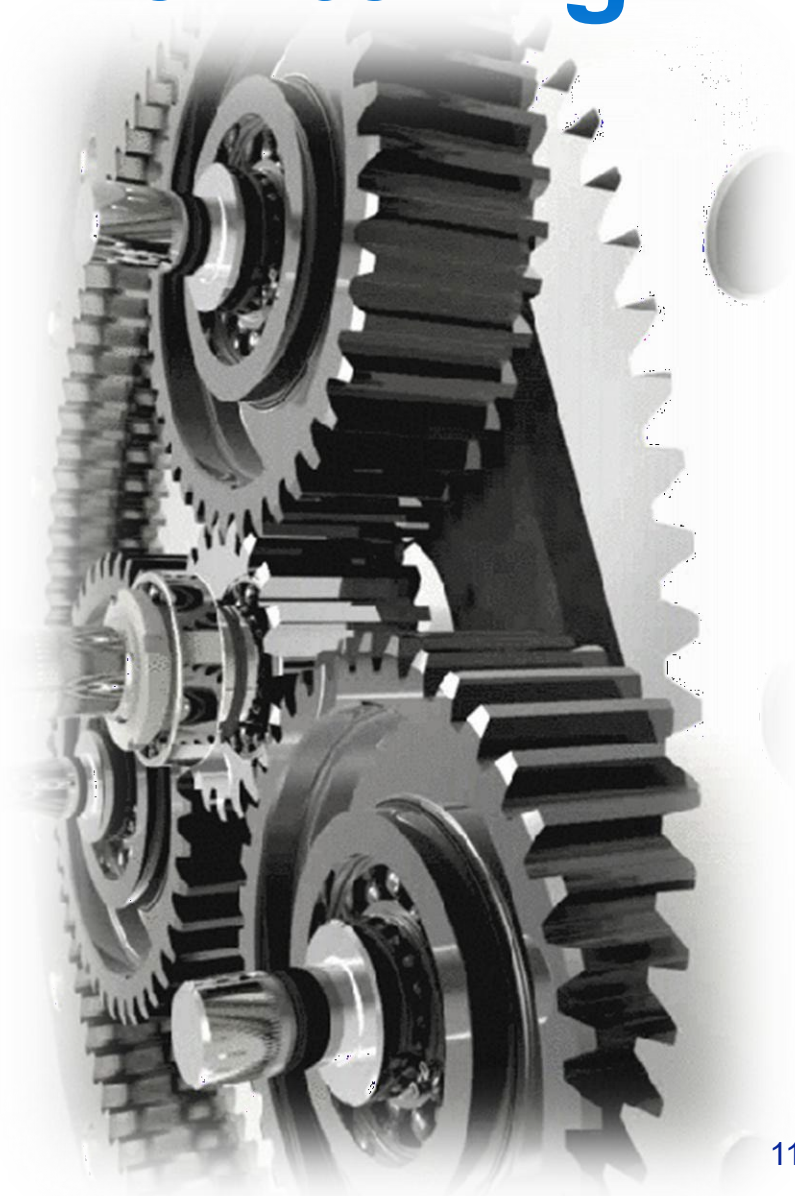
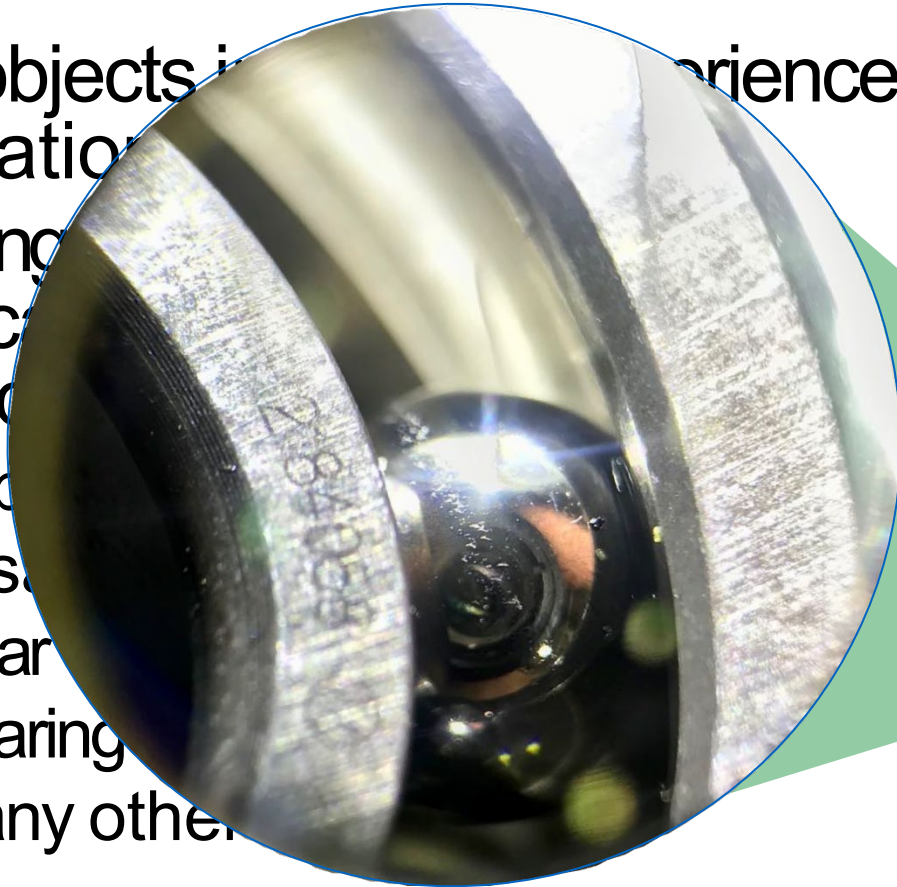
- H Normal Operations
- A Exceedances
- E Events
- I Annotations



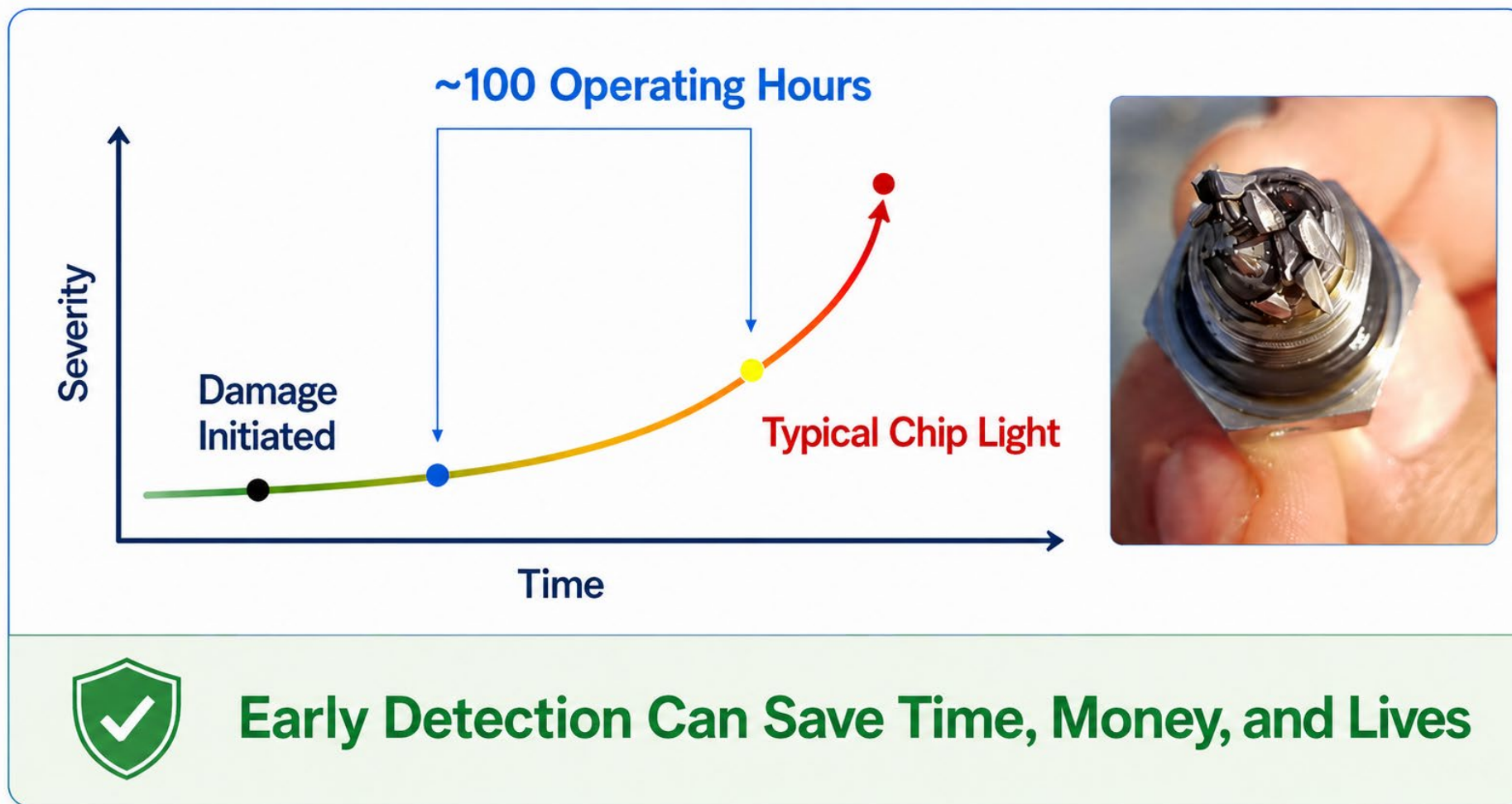
Review mission context, events, and exceedances

HUMS Overview – Vibration Monitoring

- All objects in motion experience vibration
- Changes in vibration indicate component condition
 - Imbalance
 - Misalignment
 - Gear wear
 - Bearing wear
 - Many other

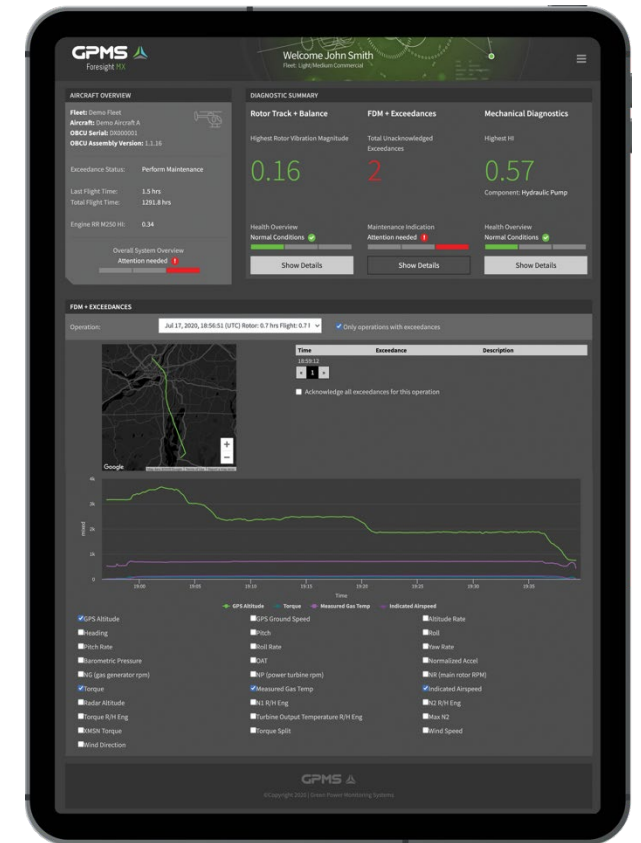
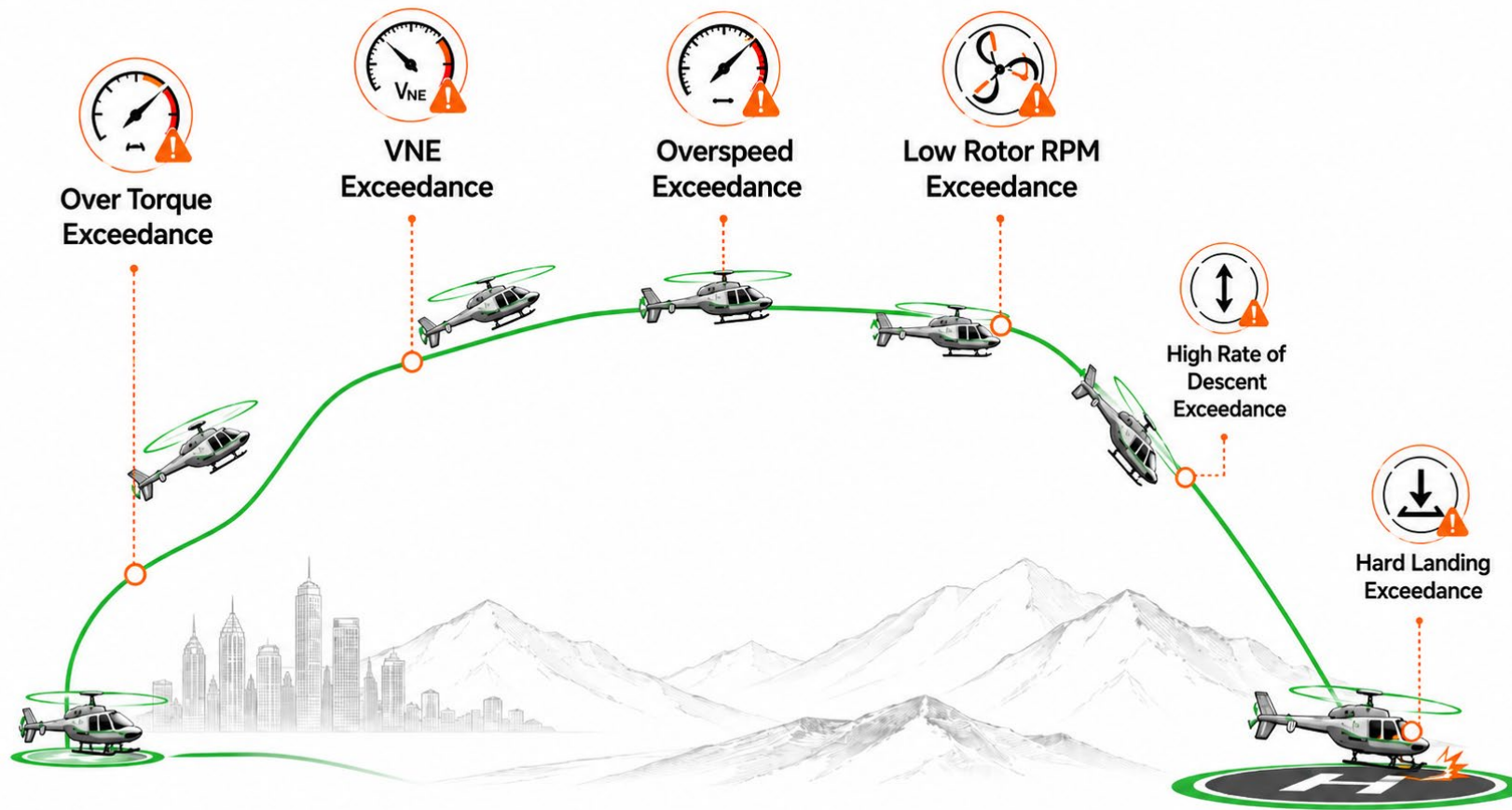


Why Vibration Monitoring is Important

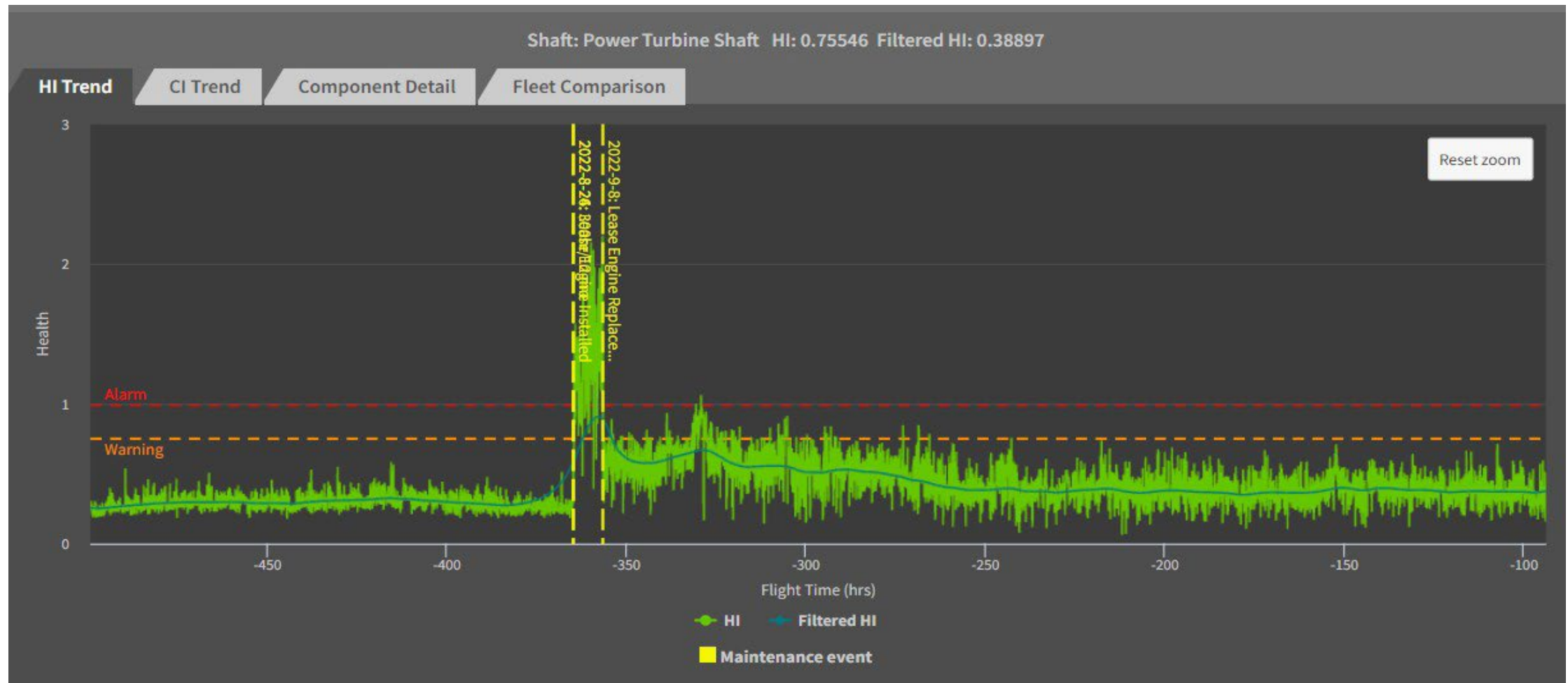


FDM: Operational Safety Data

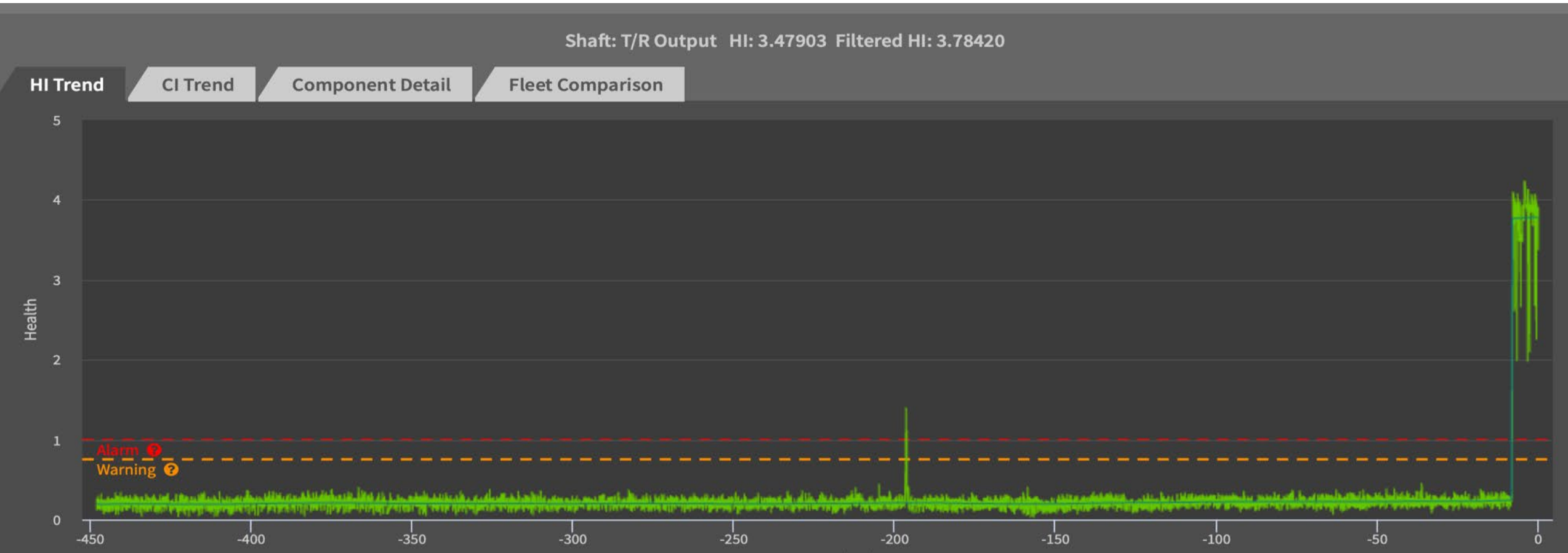
Shows How the Aircraft Is Being Operated



Case Study #1 - Replacing an Engine



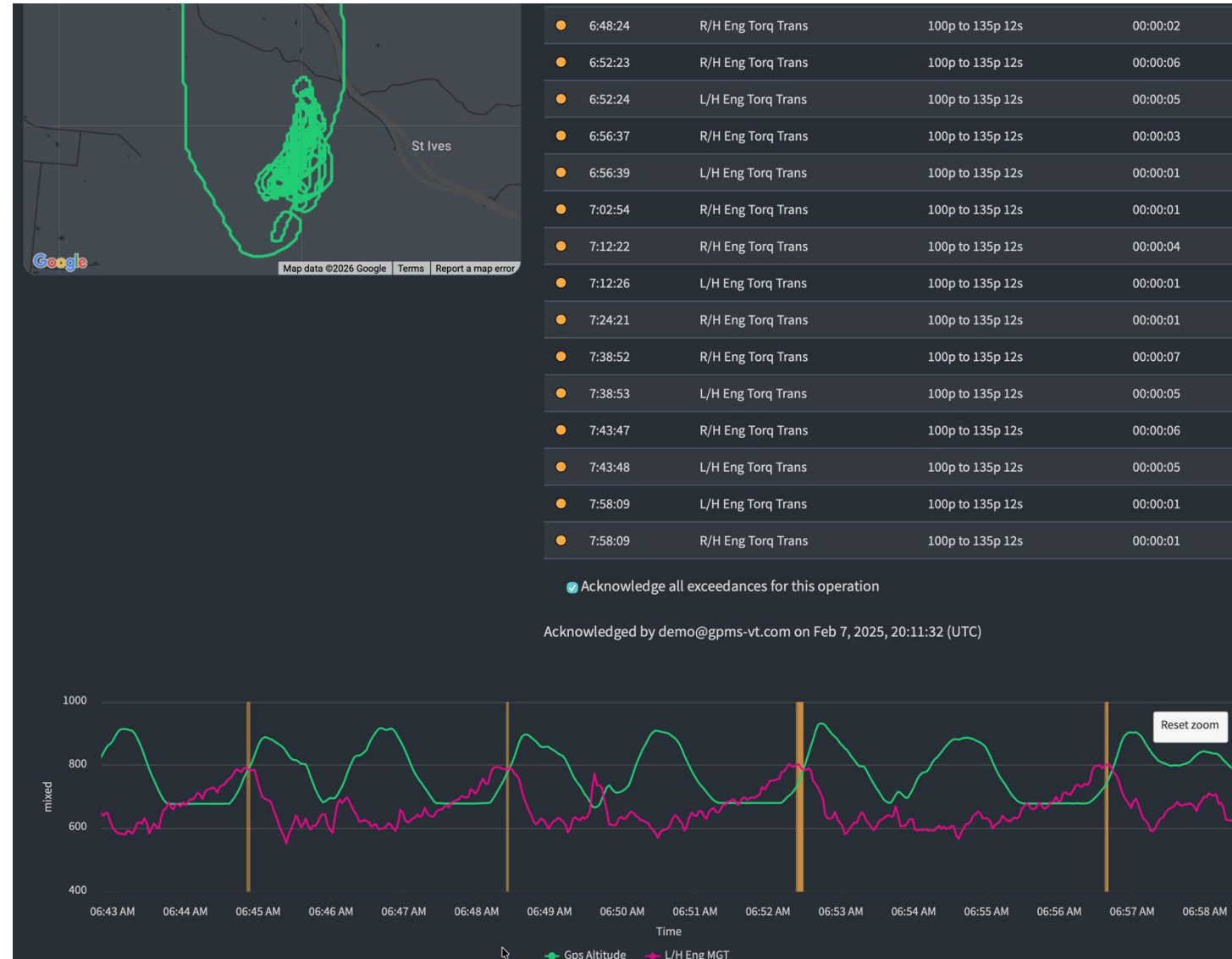
Case Study #2 - Replacing an Engine



Case Study #3 – Issues Can Develop Quickly



Case Study #4 – Training Opportunity



If HUMS & FDM Have Been Around... Why Now?



Lower Cost



Lighter



More Accurate



Automation



Access Anywhere



Easy to Use Interface

From Data to Action

The Safety Value Comes From the Workflow





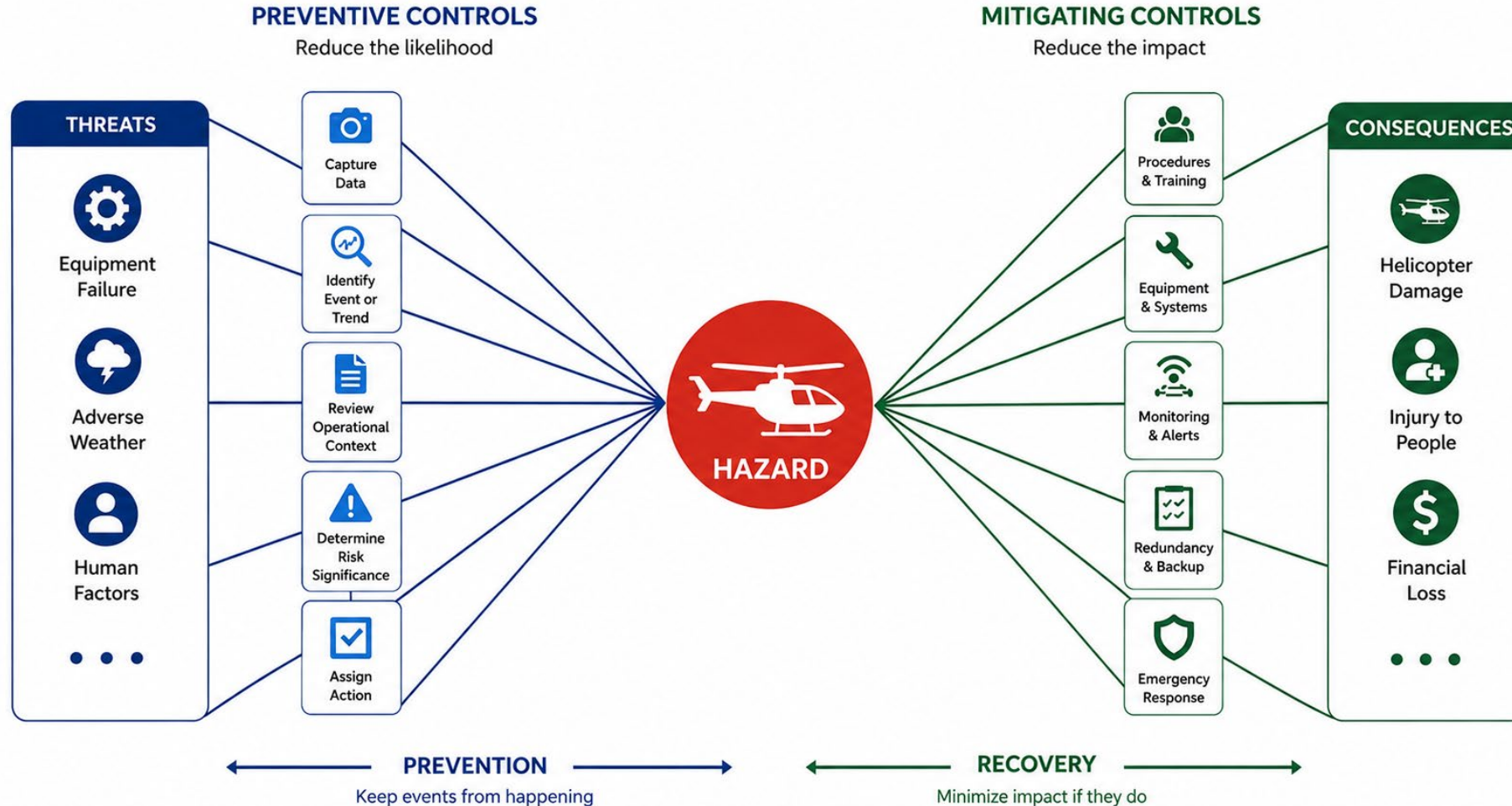
Safety Data - Sources

Where can you find safety data?

- Reporting Systems
 - Hazard reporting
 - Voluntary reporting
 - Risk Register
 - Mandatory Occurrence reporting
 - Incident reporting
- Other safety data sources
 - Internal Audits
 - 2nd party/Ext Audits
 - Assurance activities
 - Industry Intelligence
 - Other accident reports
- Systems data sources
 - FDM
 - HUMS/ECTM
 - LOSA
 - CBTA
 - Industry data sharing

Introducing the Bowtie Model

Turns Data Into a Risk Conversation

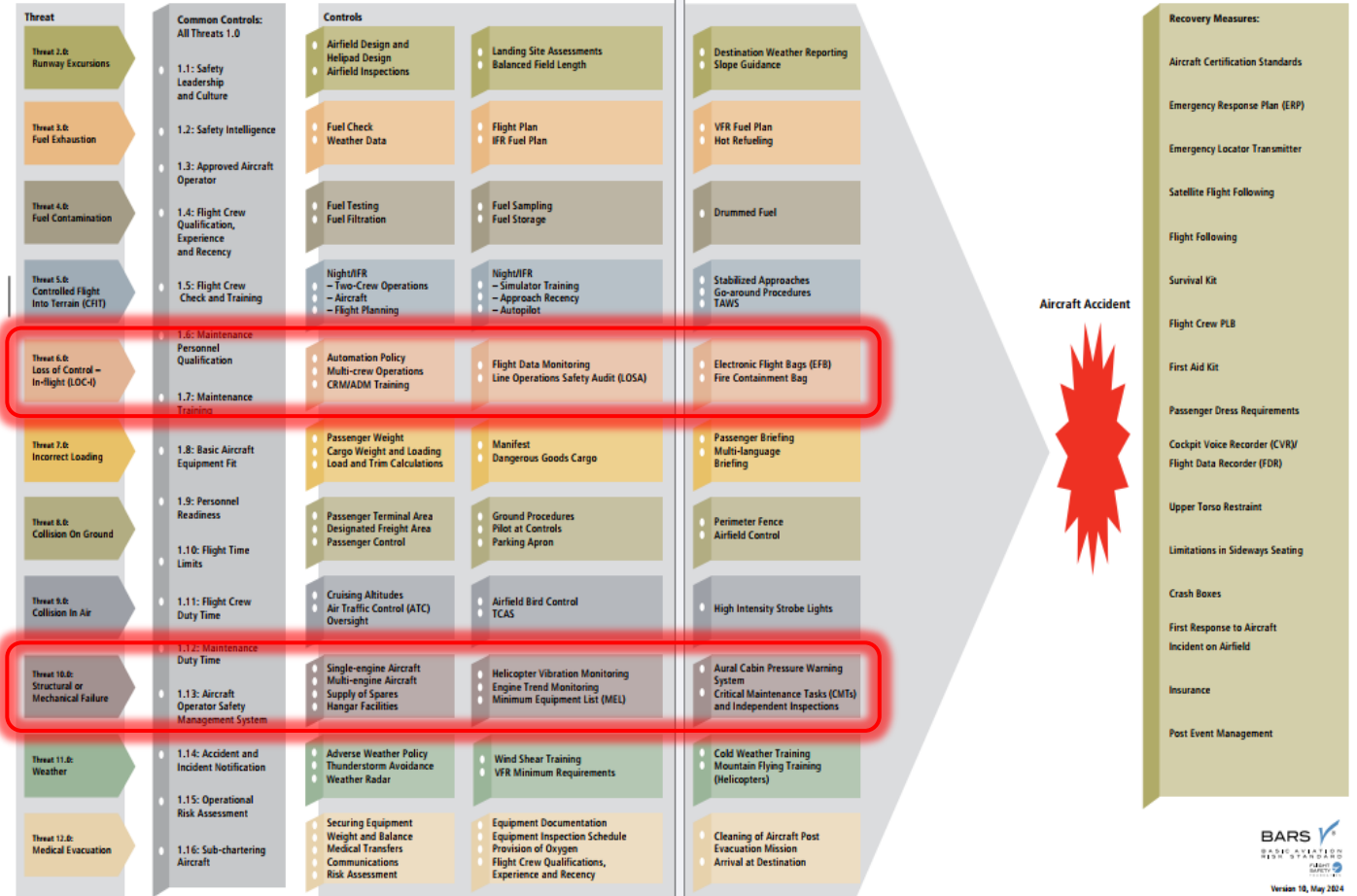


The BARS Bowtie Models

BAR Standard for Contracted Operations (V10)

- Established since 2011
- Addresses both FW and Helicopter situations
- Key input to the SMS and airworthiness functions
- Standard derived from Risk – not compliance
- Operators can tailor to their own context

Figure 1: BARS Bow Tie Risk Model – Schematic of Aviation Risk Management Controls and



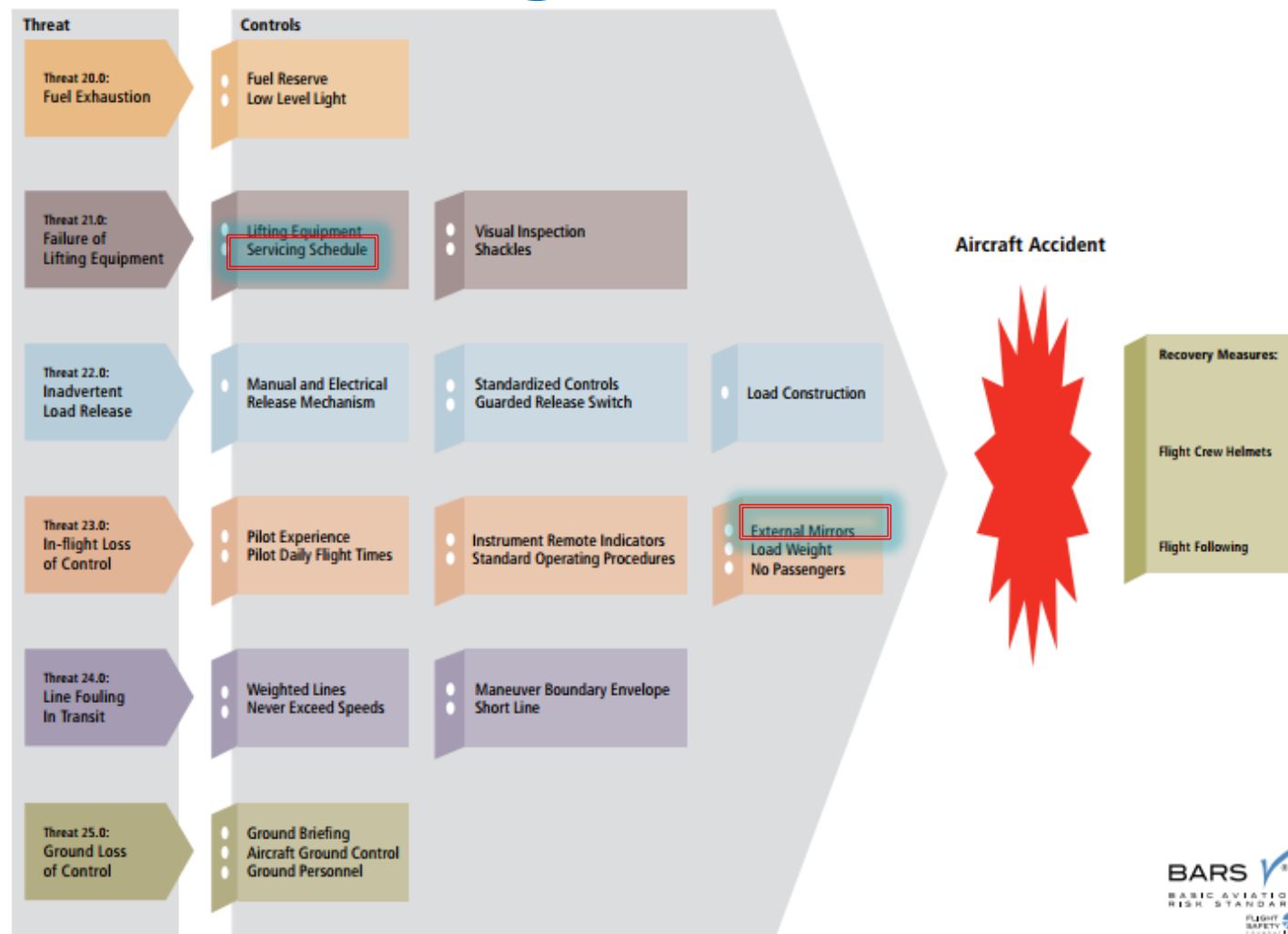
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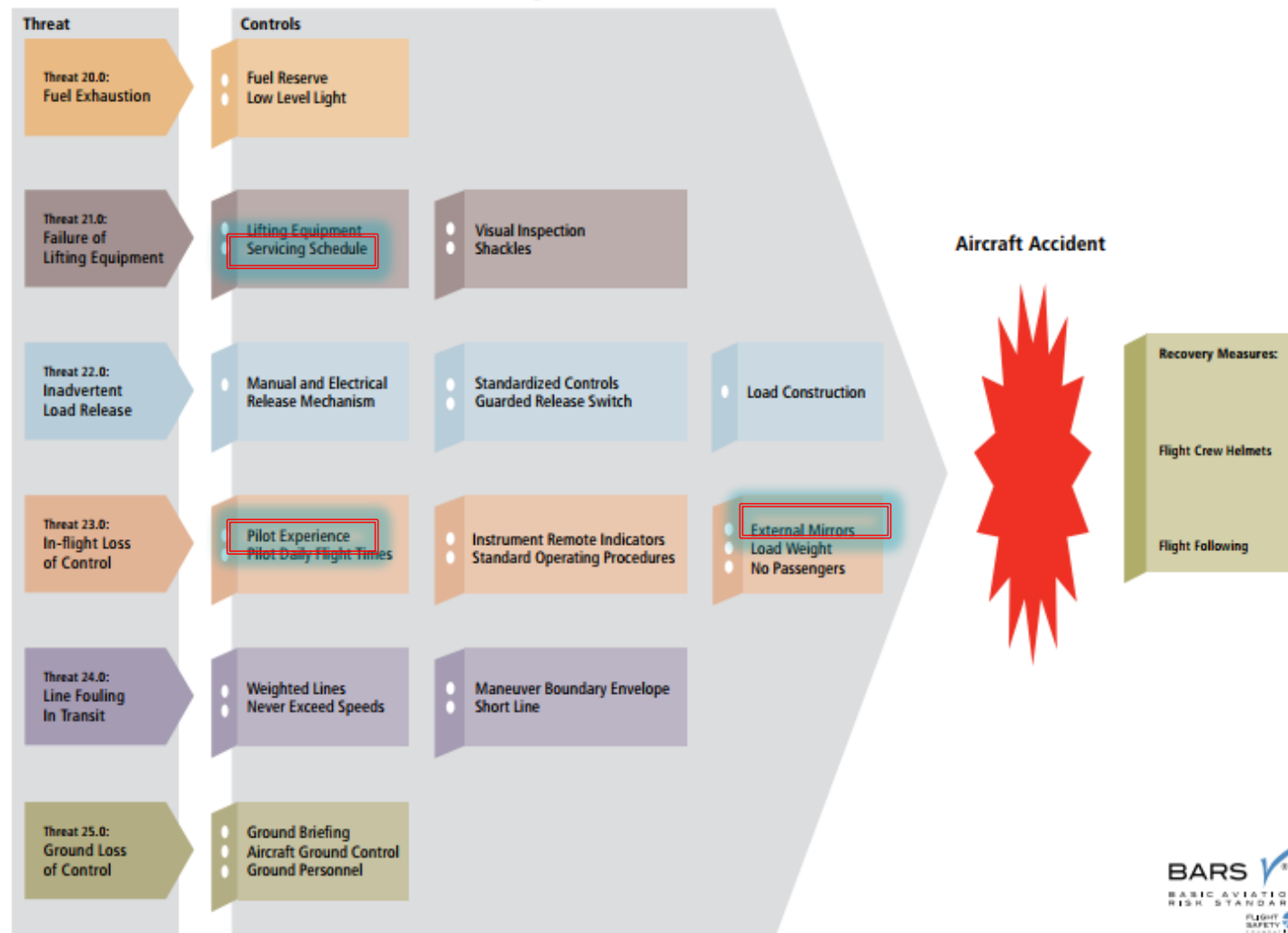
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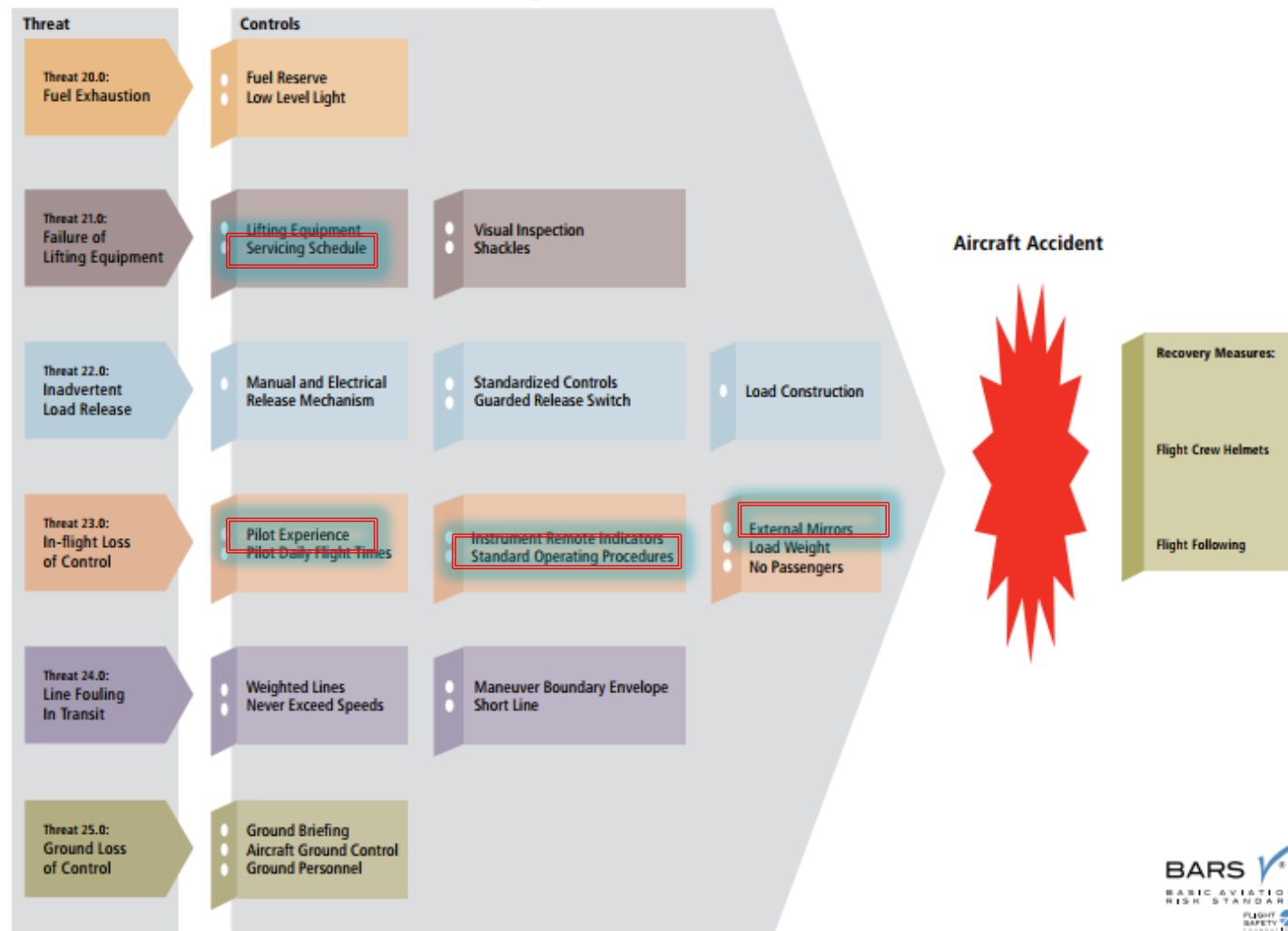
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- FDM
 - SOP Flight Profiles flags



The Affordability Conversation

THE COST OF NOT USING HUMS & FDM



Unscheduled Downtime



Troubleshooting Labor



AOG Events



Component Damage



Lost Aircraft Availability



Mission Interruption



Insurance / Contract Pressure



Safety Exposure



INVESTING IN HUMS & FDM
COSTS FAR LESS THAN
THE COST OF NOT USING THEM



COSTS OF NOT USING
HUMS & FDM

BENEFITS OF USING
HUMS & FDM

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Reduced Unscheduled
Maintenance

**\$50K–
\$150K+**
per avoided
event



Rotor Track & Balance
Savings

**\$25K–
\$75K+**
annual
savings



Improved Aircraft
Availability

+1–2%
typical
availability
improvement



Extended Component Life

10–20%+
longer
component
service life



Reduced Maintenance Labor

10–15%
reduction in
maintenance
labor



Greater Mission Readiness
& Safety

Fewer missed
\$35K revenue
generating
flights due to
aircraft down



Stronger Financial
Performance

Measurable
ROI and
lower total
cost of
ownership

Better Data. Better Decisions. Safer Operations.



The goal is not to collect every possible data point.



The goal is to collect the right data, understand what it means, and use it to act sooner.



FDM and HUMS make safety data more practical when they help organizations move from reporting what happened to managing what may happen next.

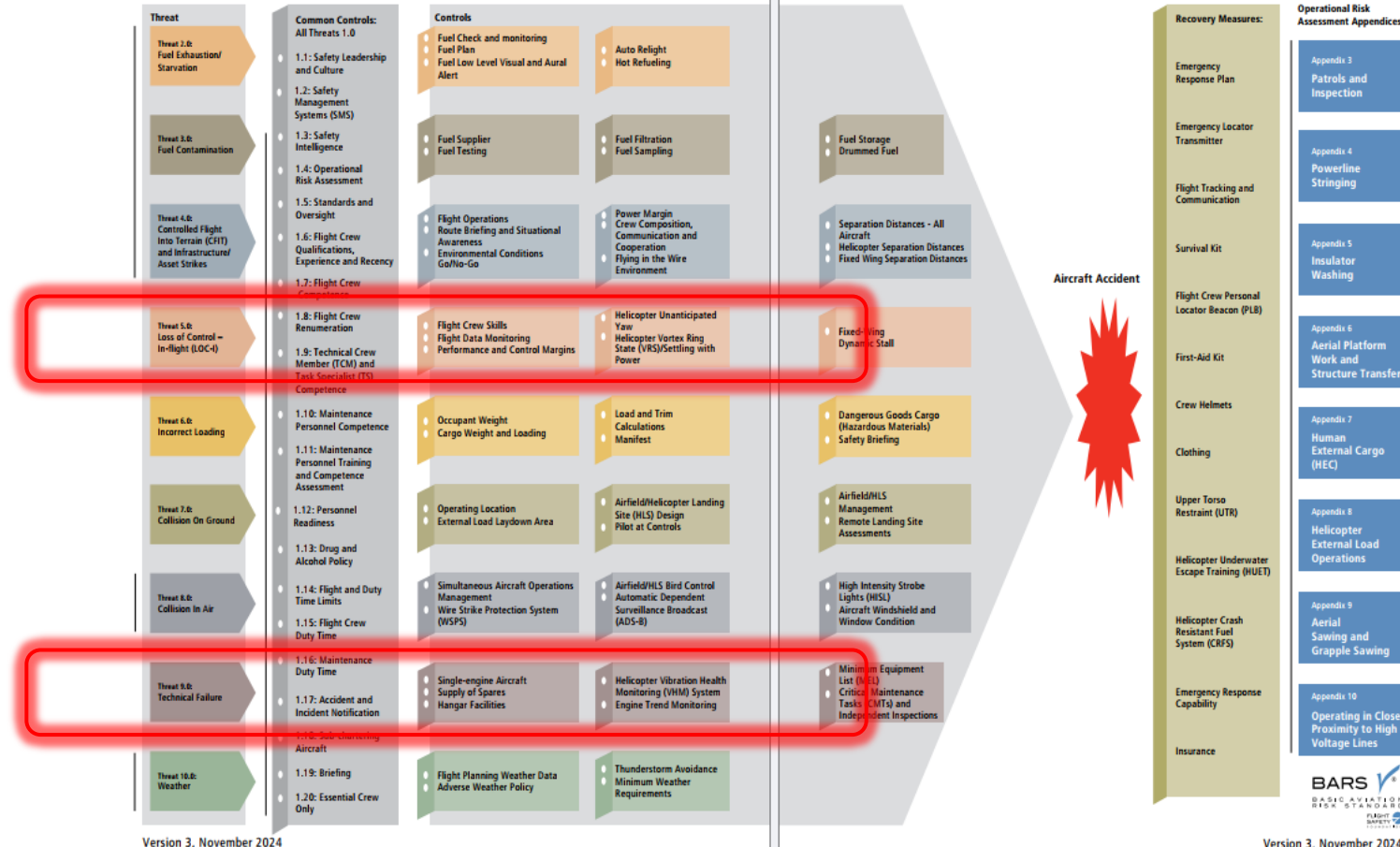
Questions?

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BAR Standard for Utility & Energy Sector (V3)

- Focused on powerline construction and maintenance

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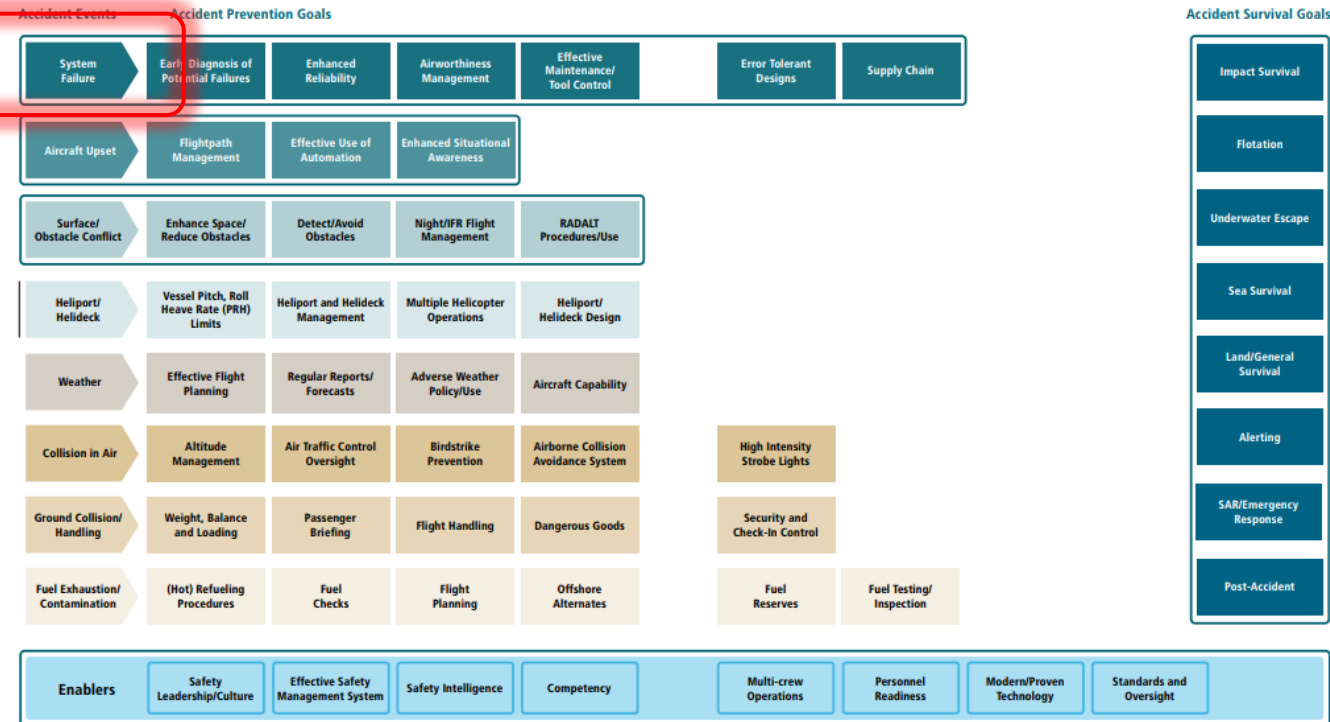
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BAR Standard for Offshore Helicopter Operations (V6)

- BARSOHO Safety Performance Model ranks the accident threats according to data
- System Failure (SCF) is largest single causal category in HeliOffshore 2025 Safety report for all accidents
- Top 3 threats account for 80% of Offshore Accidents

Figure 1: BARS Bow Tie Risk Model – Schematic of Offshore Safety Performance

Requirements.



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Safety Performance Model



HeliOffshore
Safety Through Collaboration



FLIGHT
SAFETY
FOUNDATION



BARS
BASIC AVIATION
RISK STANDARD



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