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Cumulative Effect of Departures from Specifications (DFS) [during the Operating & Support Phase of the Life Cycle] Utilizing a Risk Management Framework

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Dissertation Topic

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Research Topic

- **My research will answer the following question: When will the cumulative effects of Departures from Specifications result in an increase to the already defined Likelihood or Consequence or both using the Risk Management Framework?**
- **My hypothesis is that when the analysis of impact from multiple (i.e. cumulative effects) Departures from Specifications is completed, the Likelihood and/or Consequence to the system will be increased resulting in a higher level of overall risk being identified.**

Departure from Specifications

- Deviation/Waiver
- Major Departure from Specification is one that affects:
 - ❑ performance;
 - ❑ durability;
 - ❑ reliability or maintainability;
 - ❑ interchangeability; effective use or operation;
 - ❑ weight or appearance (where a factor);
 - ❑ health or safety;
 - ❑ system design parameters such as schematics, flow, pressures, or temperatures; or
 - ❑ compartment arrangements or assigned function.
- Minor Departure from Specification. Not a major DFS.

Departure from Specifications

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

FOR

Machinery for Vessels

OF THE

United States Navy

COVERING WORK UNDER COGNIZANCE OF
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53. DEPARTURES FROM SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) In cases where, in the development of design, contractors deem it advisable to make departures from the specifications, they will make application through the inspector of machinery, stating the nature and object of the change, accompanied by a full statement of the reasons therefor and advantages to be obtained. Departures from the specifications of minor import not involving a material change in design or a change of cost will be acted upon by the bureau, and such matters will be treated as developments rather than as changes. The inspector will in all such cases make a definite recommendation for approval or disapproval.

(b) Where the matter involves change of cost, or is a material change or alteration, it will be treated as a change and handled as directed under paragraphs 55, 56, and 57 herein.

54. RECORD OF CHANGES.

(a) There will be kept in the office of the inspector of machinery for each ship under inspection a special record of all proposed changes, showing by whom originated, when received by the inspector, when forwarded to the contractors, when forwarded to the bureau with estimate, when action of bureau or department is received, including a record of amount of increased or decreased cost and weight in each case.

55. ESTIMATED CHANGE IN WEIGHT AND CENTER OF GRAVITY, FORM 135.

(a) In all cases of changes in machinery and electric plant involving change in weight and center of gravity, the estimated change in weight and center of gravity must be reported to the bureau on Form 135 in triplicate. This report will not be forwarded until after the change in question has been approved by the bureau and referred to the Board on Changes.

Systems Engineering Life Cycle

Generic life cycle (ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015)

Concept stage		Development stage		Production stage		Utilization stage		Retirement stage	
						Support stage			

Typical high-tech commercial systems integrator

Study period			Implementation period			Operations period			
User requirements definition phase	Concept definition phase	System specification phase	Acq prep phase	Source select. phase	Development phase	Verification phase	Deployment phase	Operations and maintenance phase	Deactivation phase

Typical high-tech commercial manufacturer

Study period			Implementation period			Operations period		
Product requirements phase	Product definition phase	Product development phase	Engr. model phase	Internal test phase	External test phase	Full-scale production phase	Manufacturing, sales, and support phase	Deactivation phase

US Department of Defense (DoD)

User needs	Pre-systems acquisition	Systems acquisition	IOC	FOC
Tech oport resources	Materiel solution analysis	Technology development	Engineering and manufacturing development	Production and deployment
				Sustainment Operations and support (including disposal)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Formulation			Approval			Implementation		
Pre-phase A: concept studies	Phase A: concept & technology development	Phase B: preliminary design & technology completion	Phase C: final design & fabrication	Phase D: system assembly integration & test, launch	Phase E: operations & sustainment	Phase F: closeout		
Feasible concept → Top-level architecture → Functional baseline → Allocated baseline → Product baseline → As deployed baseline								

US Department of Energy (DoE)

Project planning period			Project execution			Mission	
Pre-project	Preconceptual planning	Conceptual design	Preliminary design	Final design	Construction	Acceptance	Operations

Typical decision gates	New initiative approval	Concept approval	Development approval	Production approval	Operational approval	Deactivation approval
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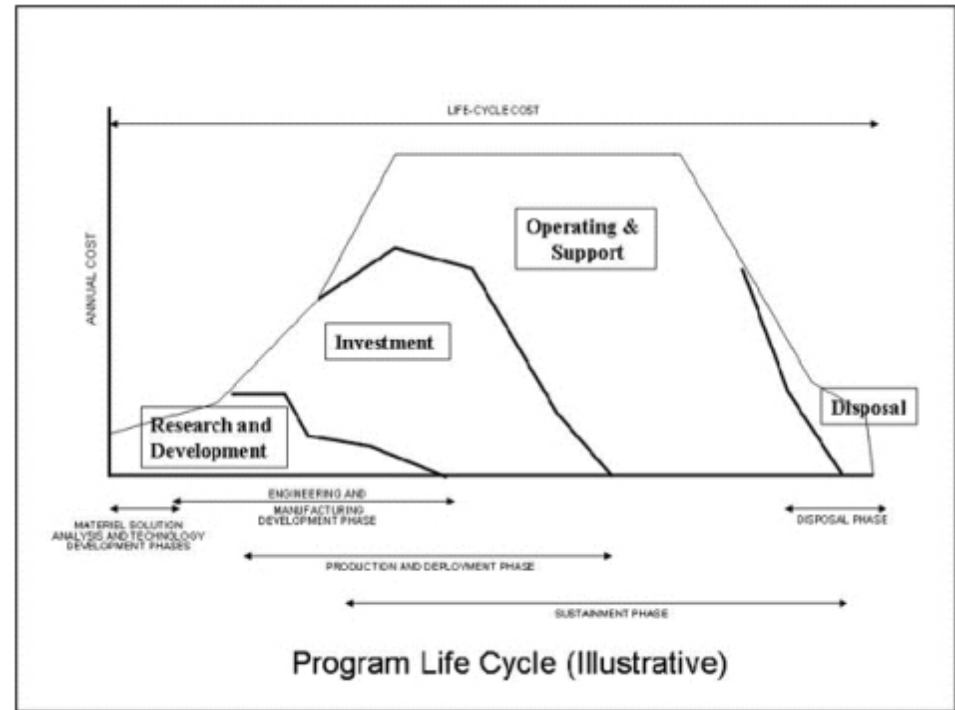


FIGURE 3.3 Comparisons of life cycle models. Derived from Forsberg et al. (2005), Figure 7.2. Reprinted with permission from Kevin Forsberg. All other rights reserved.

From the Defense Acquisition Guide Book Figure 3.1.2.F1. Illustrative Program Life Cycle

From the INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook Version 3.2.2 and 4

Systems engineering is concerned with the overall process of defining, developing, operating, maintaining, and ultimately replacing quality systems.

Risk

- Simple Definition (Merriam-Webster's Dictionary):
 - ❑ The possibility that something bad or unpleasant (such as an injury or a loss) will happen
 - ❑ Someone or something that may cause something bad or unpleasant to happen
 - ❑ A person or thing that someone judges to be a good or bad choice for insurance, a loan, etc.
- Risk Analysis:
 - ❑ Support decision analysis
 - ❑ Enables us to take quantities (certain & uncertain) into account and determine to what extent specific events or scenarios can be expected to occur in the future
 - ❑ Provides a basis for comparing alternative concepts, actions or system configurations under uncertainty
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 3100:2009 offers no guidance on aggregation, although it says you could consider more than one risk at a time.

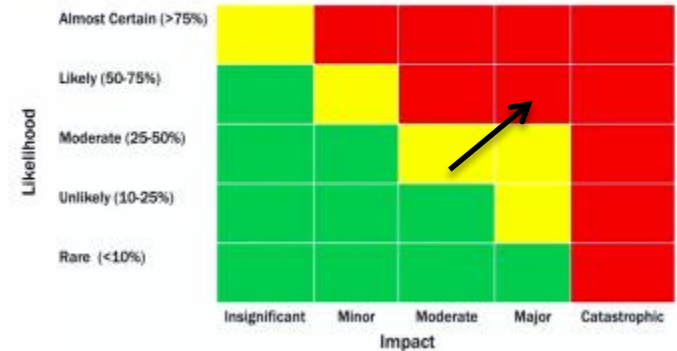
Risk Management Frameworks



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Risk Assessment



Acceptable Levels of Risks

- Personally
- Socially
- Nationally
- Locally
- Economically

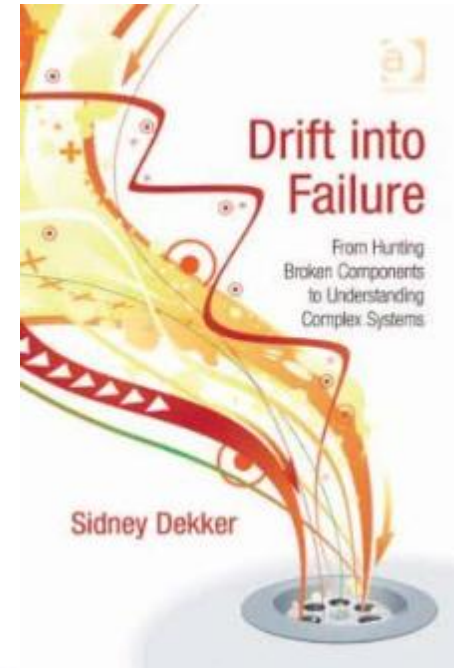
The new risk perspectives



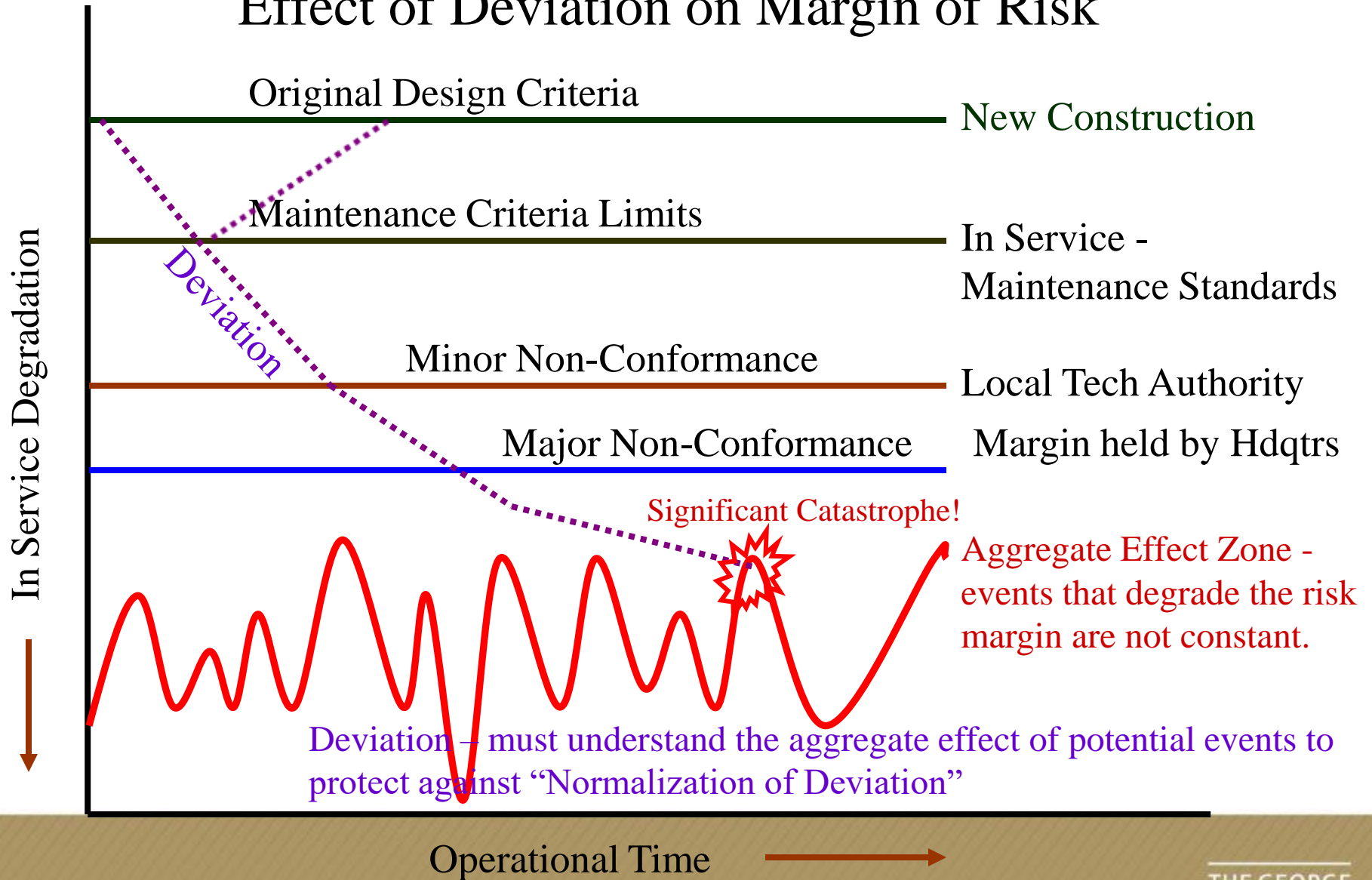
Why is my research important?



Thresher on April 30, 1961 Photograph courtesy U.S. Navy



Effect of Deviation on Margin of Risk



Literature Background

➤ Reviewed over 5600 journal article abstracts/titles on the following terms:

- ❑ “Departures from Specifications”
- ❑ “Engineering Departures from Specifications”
- ❑ “Risk and Standards”
- ❑ “Specifications and Standards”, with and without ‘risk’
- ❑ “Specifications and Departures”
- ❑ “Operations and Maintenance” (GAO only)

➤ Preliminary Results

- ❑ Risk is still an inexact science
- ❑ Risk based decisions are as much based on experience as the data available
- ❑ Risk-informed decision making has been used in various industries
- ❑ Economics play an important part as one must weigh the reduction of risk in terms of monetary needs to achieve the reduced risk

Research Approach

- **Various analysis approaches:**
 - **System – deep dive**
 - **Ship – Ship – Model**
 - **Ship Class – Ship Class**
- **Test for Normality of data – various methods are under consideration – ANOVA, Non-parametrics**
- **Hypothesis: H_a : Risk > CumDFSs; H_o : Risk = CumDFSs**
- **Performance Factors under consideration (e.g. safety/number of injuries or breakdowns, time out of service, etc.)**

Potential Data Collection

- Expert Judgment
 - ❑ Qualitative - vs. - Quantitative
 - ❑ Elicit methodologies – panel discussions, interviews, group settings, etc.
- Data Base
 - ❑ eDFS
 - ❑ Other data sources
 - ❑ Experts from U.S. Navy and non - U.S. Navy – looking for volunteers

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Summary

- Results of my research may cause a reanalysis of how risk is characterized for operating systems
- Results of research may recommend a new approach for the Department of the Navy to process Departure from Specifications (DFSs) once the system enters the Operating and Support phase of the system lifecycle

Backup



Biography

Mr. Raymond D. O'Toole, Jr. is a native of Hicksville, New York, located on Long Island. He graduated in 1982 from the State University of New York - Maritime College earning a Bachelor of Engineering in Marine Engineering. He continued his formal education receiving a Master of Engineering Degree in Systems Engineering in 1989 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VA TECH) and a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy in 2009 from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is currently pursuing a Ph. D. in Systems Engineering from The George Washington University.

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Departure from Specifications

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Nonconformance

➤ Departure from Specifications (DFS):

- ❑ Department of the Navy definition of a DFS:
 - ❑ Deviation/Waiver
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 - ❑ Minor Departure from Specification. Not a major DFS.
- ❑ Simple Definition for my Research: (1) material system(s) that is/are not restored to design standards and/or (2) software systems that have been degraded by cyber-attacks by instituting a Boundary Layer Defense (system isolation).

➤ Nonconformance:

- ❑ Simple Definition from Merriam-Webster's Dictionary: Failure to conform
- ❑ ISO 9000 2015: *Nonconformity* is a nonfulfillment or failure to meet a requirement. [A requirement is a need, expectation, or obligation. It can be stated or implied by an organization or interested parties.]