Aviation Human Factors

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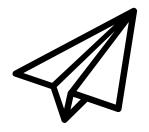
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- Pilot personality
- Highly skilled with specialized training
- High-risk environment
- Mental workload
- Rarity of events
- Single crew vs multi crew

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- System complexity
- Automation
- Different flavors of aviation: sport vs mode of transport
- Variation in systems

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- Variable
- Adds to workload
- Stressors depend on operations
- Engages (or overwhelms) most senses