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## Functional Simulator: A model-based simulation system of systems approach to emulating eVTOL aircraft.

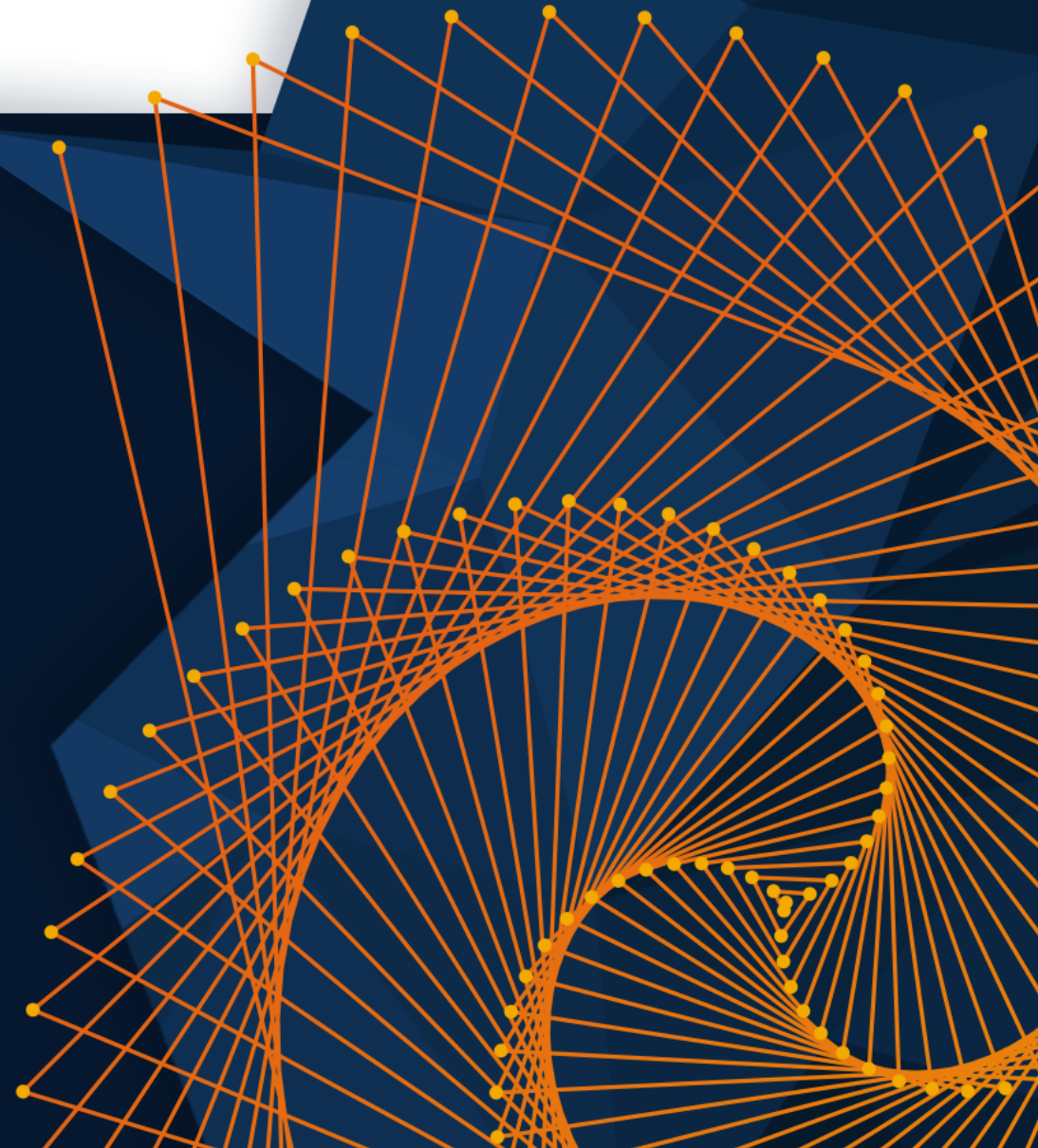
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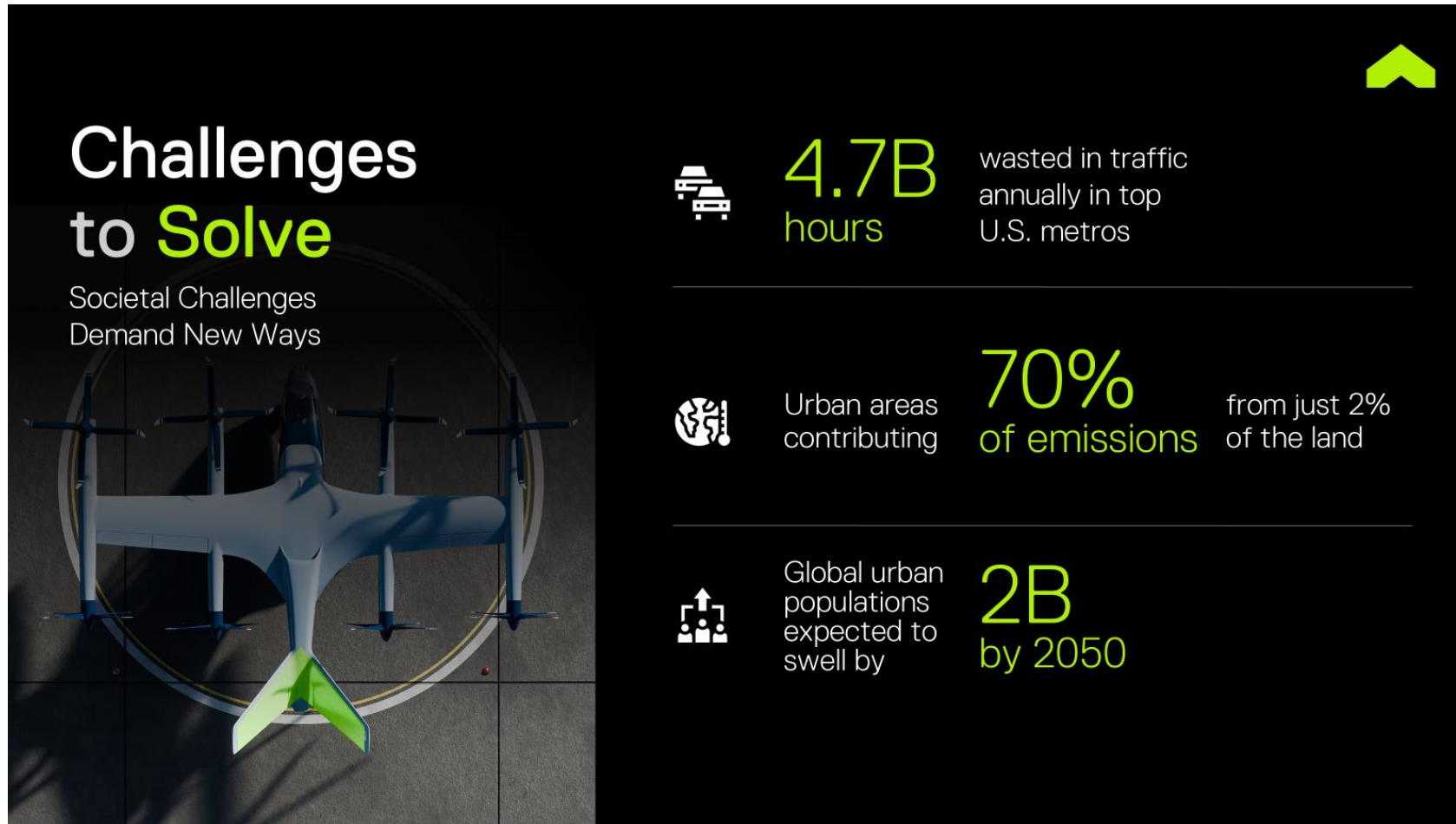
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One of humanity's biggest challenges in dense urban areas is billions of hours of our lives wasted in traffic every year

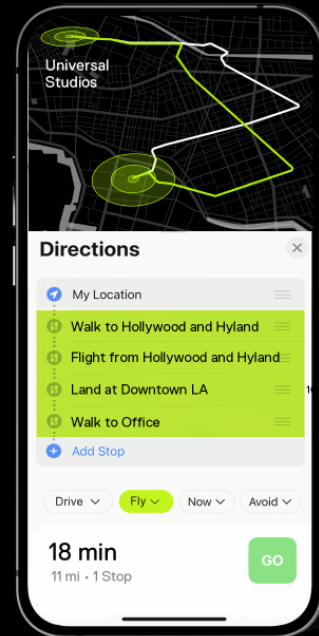


Advanced Air Mobility presents a promising opportunity to advance humanity and change how we live, move, and connect

## AAM: A New Transportation Option



Similar to trains, subways and walking, eVTOL flights will be an **additional transportation option** travelers can choose from when charting their multi-modal journeys



A next-generation aerospace company inside a large conglomerate with a strong history of commitment to advance humanity

# Supernal is the embodiment of **Hyundai Motor Group's** commitment to the future of transportation



● We want to build **human-centered cities**



● That leverage **innovative technology** advancements



● To deliver **affordable and universal** mobility services



# We are building an electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft and a culture of simulation-driven engineering

## Meet S-A2



### Key Principles



Safety



Sustainability



Upgradeability



Modularity

### NOISE

<45 dBA  
<65 dBA @ hover

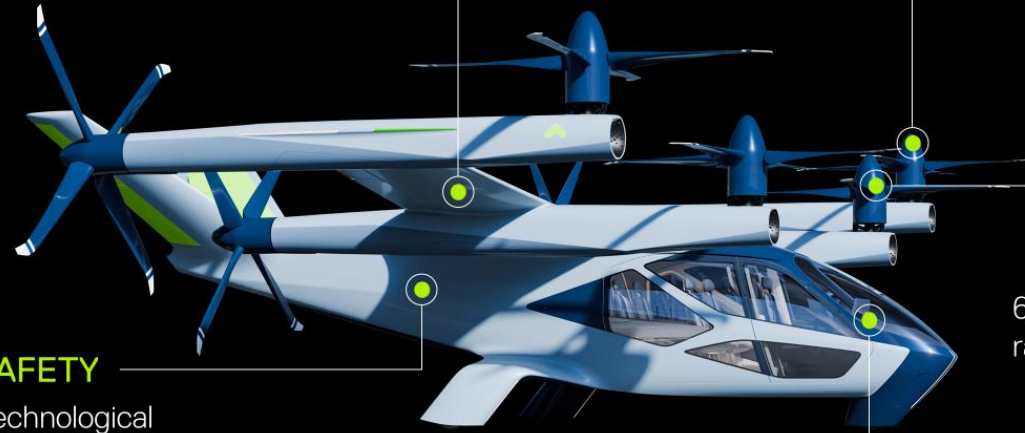
>120 MPH average  
cruise speed

### SAFETY

Technological  
Operational  
Regulatory

60-mile  
range

4 + pilot

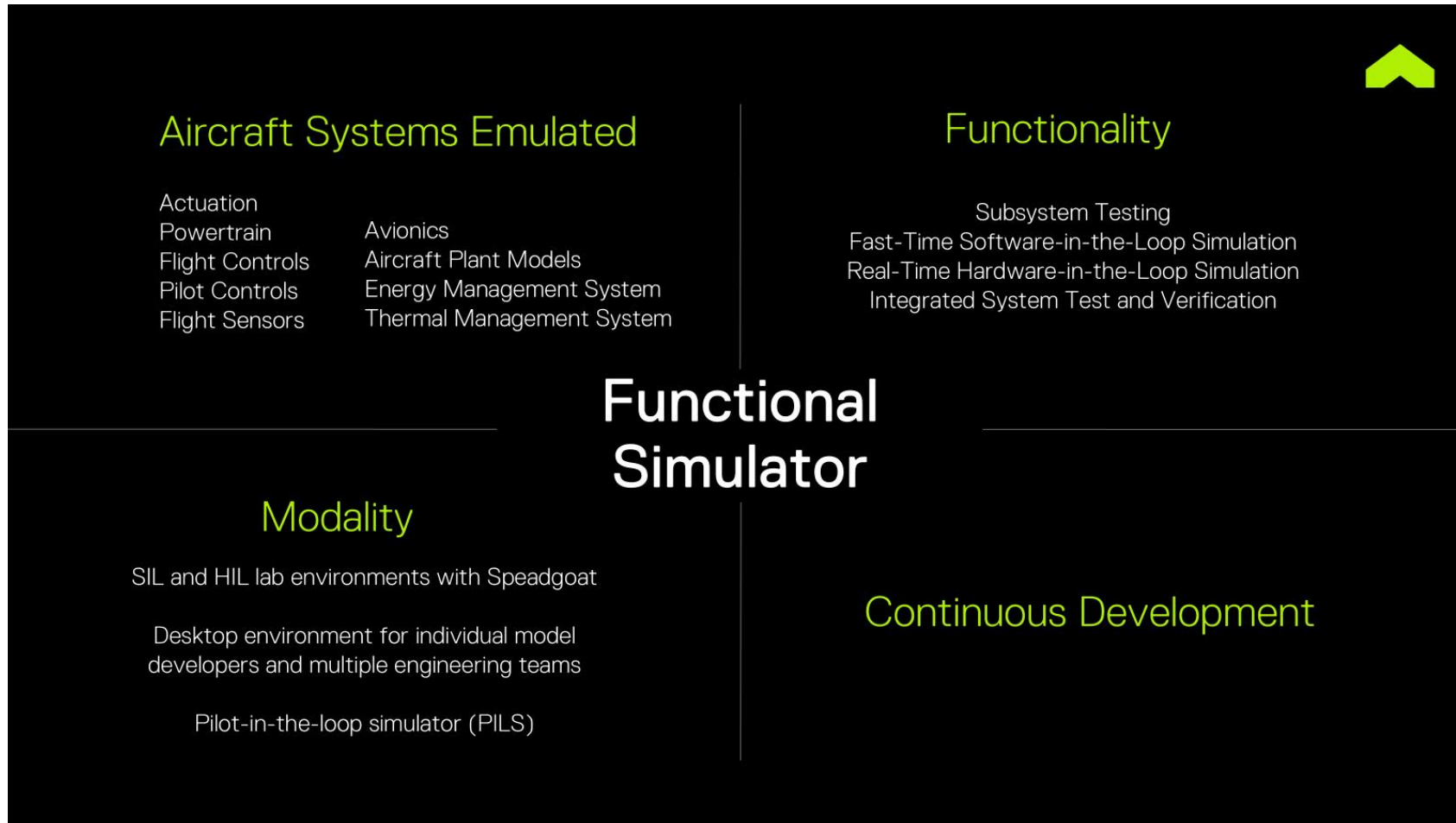




We need simulation systems more than ever before as complexity of building an electric aircraft far outpaces that of a non-electric aircraft.



We built Functional Sim to be the integrated simulation system of systems capable of emulating all systems of our aircraft in a variety of technical settings



# We built Functional Sim with Simulink and MATLAB product family tools coupled with internal and external tools

**Flight Dynamics**  
using **Simulink** and  
external/internal tools

- Aerospace Blockset
- Runs in “real-time” mode

**Simulink, Stateflow & MATLAB functions**  
for most native models

- MATLAB-function is particularly suited to fill gaps for rapid prototyping logical functions

**Actuation and Powertrain**  
system hardware model  
using vendor compiled  
Simulink model

- Closed model: runnable but not browsable

**Interface Modeling** using  
**Speedgoat** to support  
HWIL use cases

**Thermal & Fluid** sim using external  
**multi-physics systems simulation tool**,  
tied in with Simulink

- Full model needs model reduction to run 1x time



# How we use Functional Sim is driven by use-cases, which are tied to our development lifecycle for system maturity

## 1 Software-in-the-loop Simulation (non-real-time)

Fully simulate aircraft subsystems and plant models in MATLAB Simulink

## 2 Hardware-in-the-loop Simulation (real-time)

Increase fidelity with Speedgoat stimulating various subsystems software hosted on target hardware

## 3 Pilot-in-the-loop Simulation (real-time)

Exercise aircraft subsystems with realistic test inputs in a dynamic environment to flesh out potential flight test anomalies

# Functional Sim system design considerations

## **Modular**

- Swappable components

## **Realistic**

- High-fidelity models
- Real-time hardware-in-the-loop simulation

## **Configurable**

- Dynamic scenarios
- System and subsystem level configuration

## **Performant**

- Fast-time simulation

# Functional Sim's modeling capabilities

## Energy Management System

- System Software
- Battery Pack Model
- High/Low-Voltage Systems

## Thermal Management System

- System Software
- Thermal Dynamics
- Cooling Loop

## Flight Control System

- Control Software
- Flight Dynamics and Landing Gear

## Flight Sensor Systems

- Navigation Sensors

## Powertrain and Actuation Systems

- Motor and Actuator Models
- Prop/Lift Rotor and Swashplate Models

# Functional Sim's modeling capabilities (Cont.)

## Pilot Control

- Inceptor
- Cockpit Switches

## Scenario Configuration

- Flight Profile
- System and Subsystems Configuration

## Fault Modeling

- Subsystems Fault Injection

## Analytics

- Data Recording and Plots
- Monte-Carlo Simulation

## Real-Time Hardware-in-the-Loop Execution

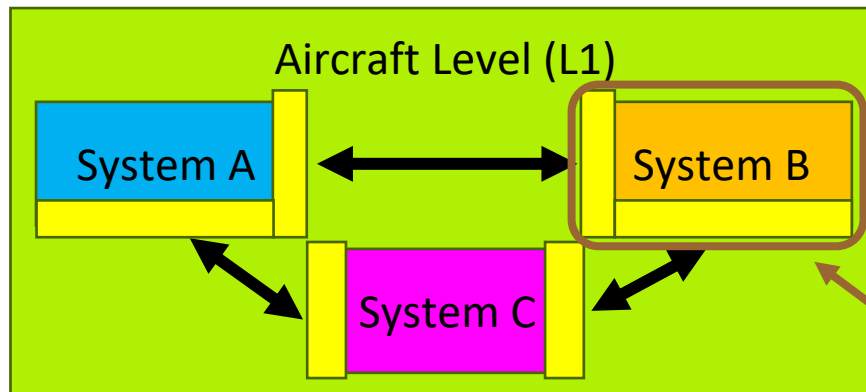
- Speedgoat

## Visualization

- Common Image Generator Interface (CIGI)

# Systems testing driven by L2 system requirements

- System level test is the testing of individual system at L2 level, i.e. powertrain
  - Testing of multiple such systems in combination is testing at L1 “aircraft level”
- System level tests are against L2 requirements written for that system
  - L2 requirements generally don’t span multiple systems
- Functional Simulator is especially useful for L2 level testing
  - Many L2 tests implicitly require interactions with adjacent systems
    - **Most traditional L2 tests avoid requiring closed loop simulation**
  - Speedgoat interfaces provide wrap-around coverage of “system under test”



Speedgoat Interface Sim:

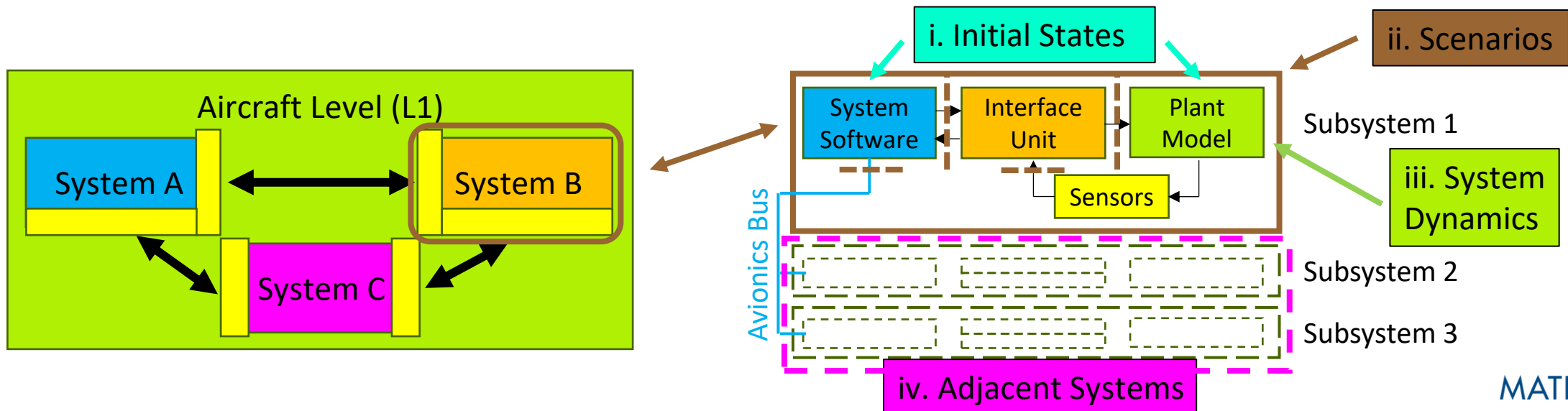
1. Provides simulated data traffic to targeted system
2. Verifies output data traffic from targeted system

L2 tests usually only target one system at a time. Adjacent system interactions are either simulated or prescribed (i.e. recorded)



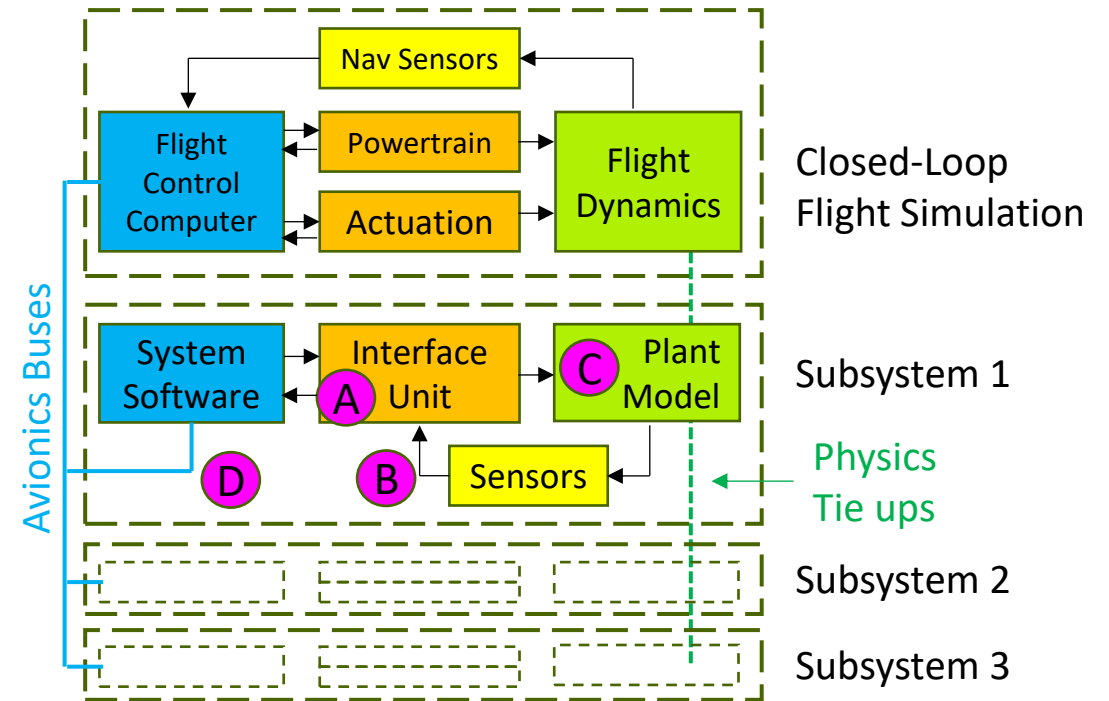
# ○ Functional Sim provides wrap-around coverage of “system under test”

1. Hardware interface allow testing of external and intermediate interfaces
2. Modeling of multiple system dynamics and populating interfaces by providing:
  - i. Internal initial states for targeted system (start of test)
  - ii. Scenario driver for adjacent systems and/or inputs for stimulation
  - iii. Physical dynamical response integral to targeted system
  - iv. Adjacent systems response in open or closed loop feedback to targeted system

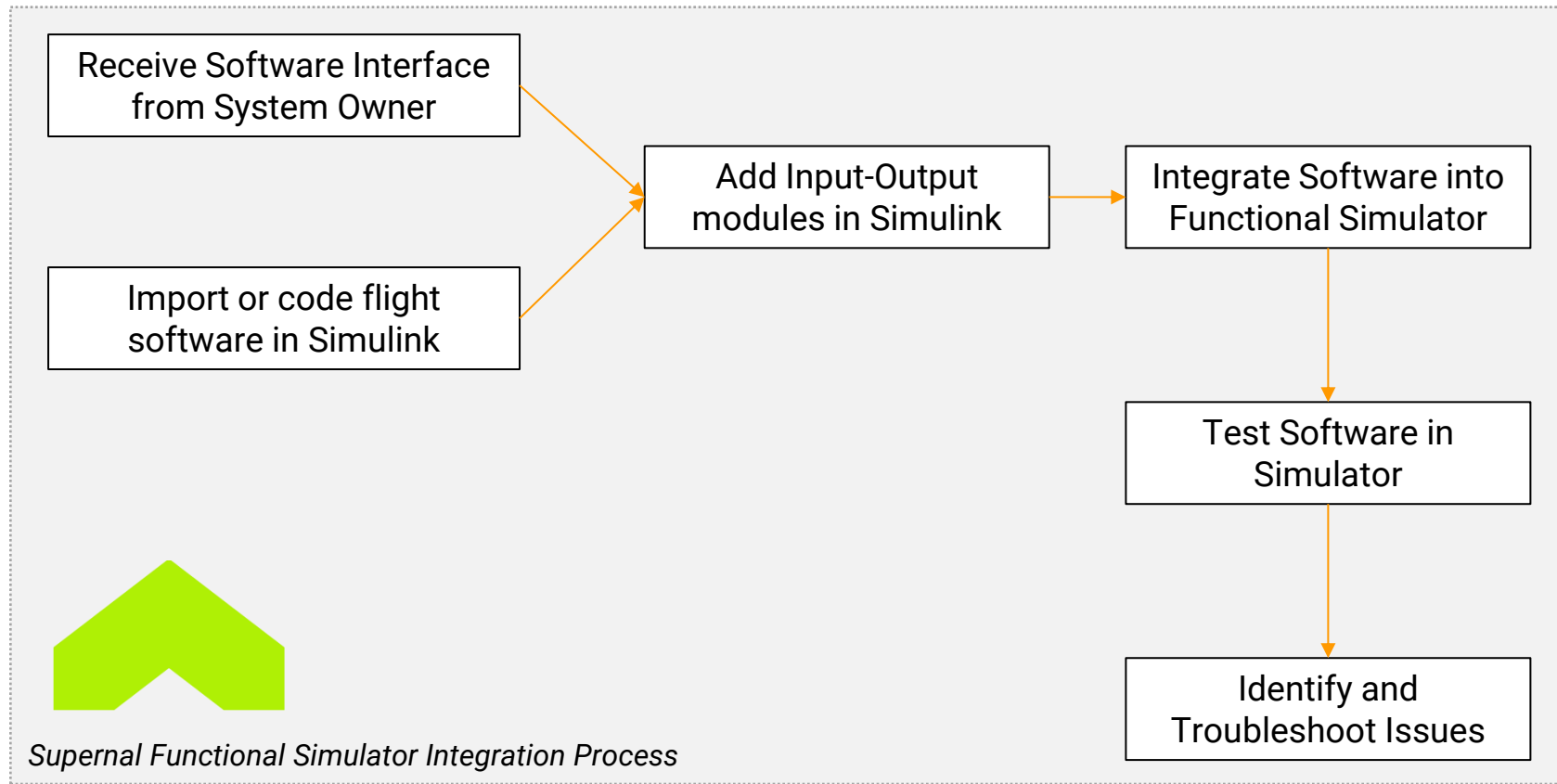


# Functional Sim for system testing

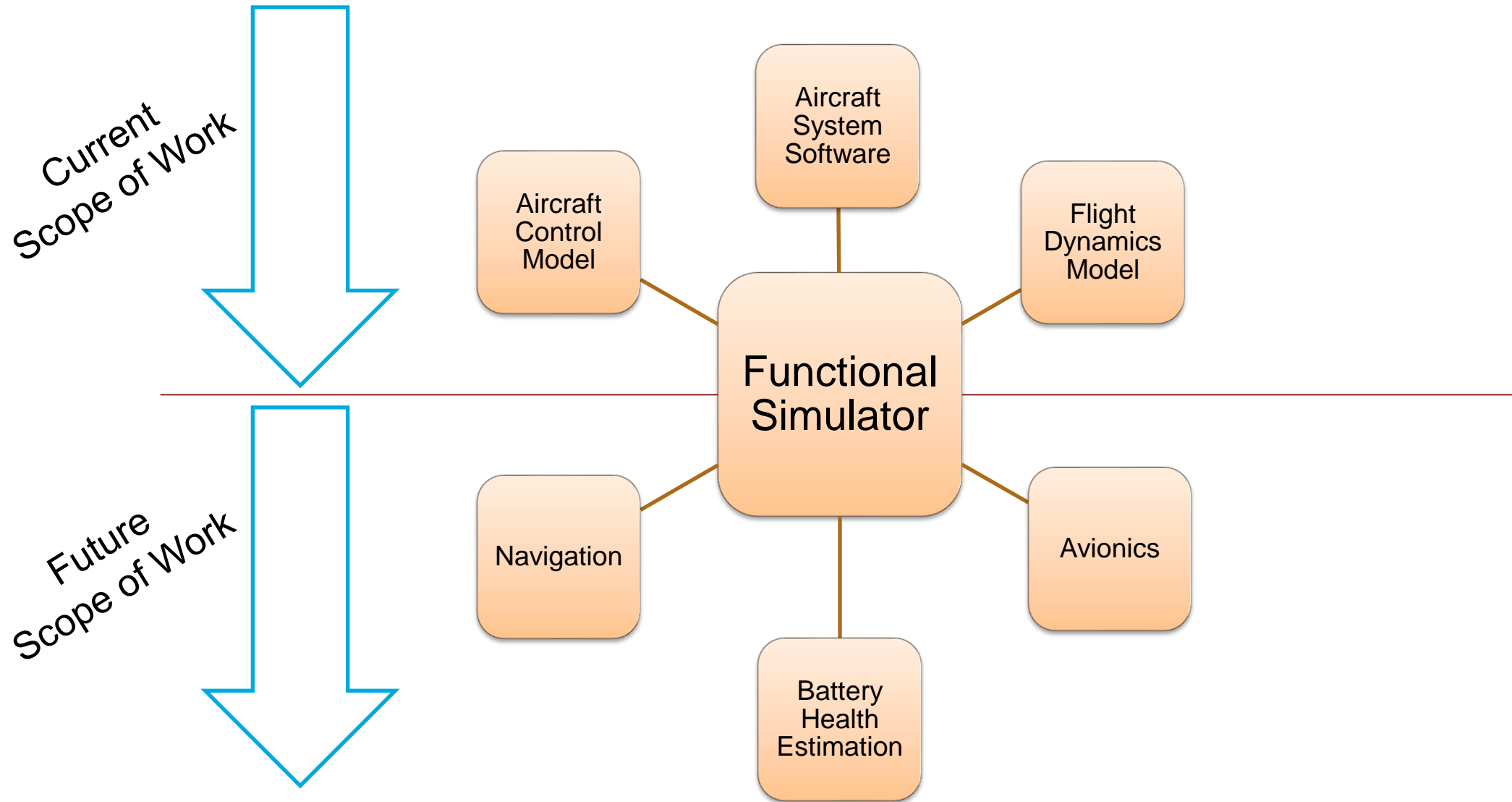
- System test comprises a collection of test cases
  - Each test case tests a distinct part of the system
  - Each test case may require a number Functional Sim components
    - Most tests require only a single component
    - Most tests can be done open loop
    - **Closed loop simulation is a potential game changer for system tests**
- Functional Sim components serve to:
  - A. Simulate IO from system software to interface unit
  - B. Simulate sensor output feeding into interface units
  - C. Monitor system command to hardware
  - D. Simulate interfaces between adjacent systems



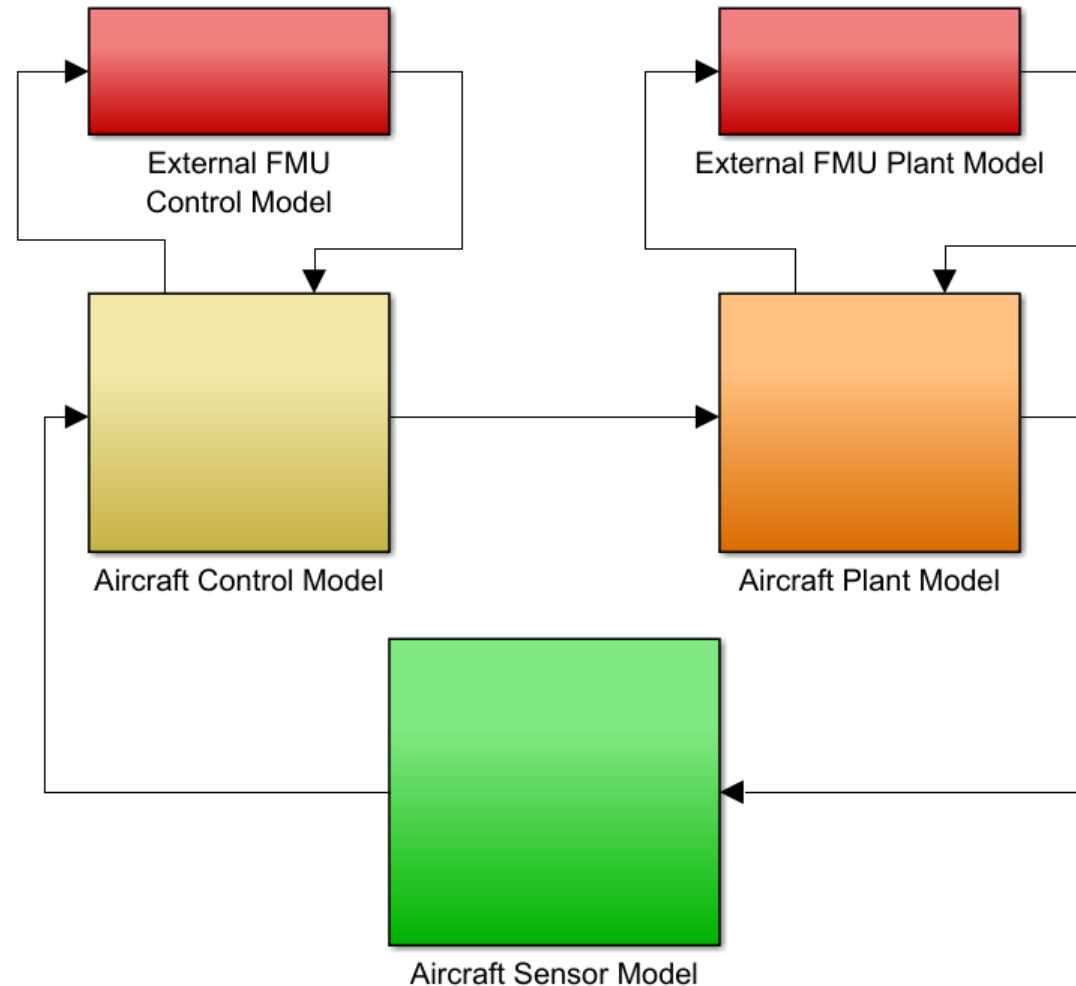
# Engineering process through which new modules are added to the Functional Sim



# Functional Sim 2.0: going beyond flight dynamics and aircraft systems software



# Increasing cross-org collaboration and ecosystem participation by adding Functional Mock-up Unit (FMU) co-simulation modality





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