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NYK's Approach for Autonomous Navigation – Structure of Action Planning System and Demonstration Experiments -

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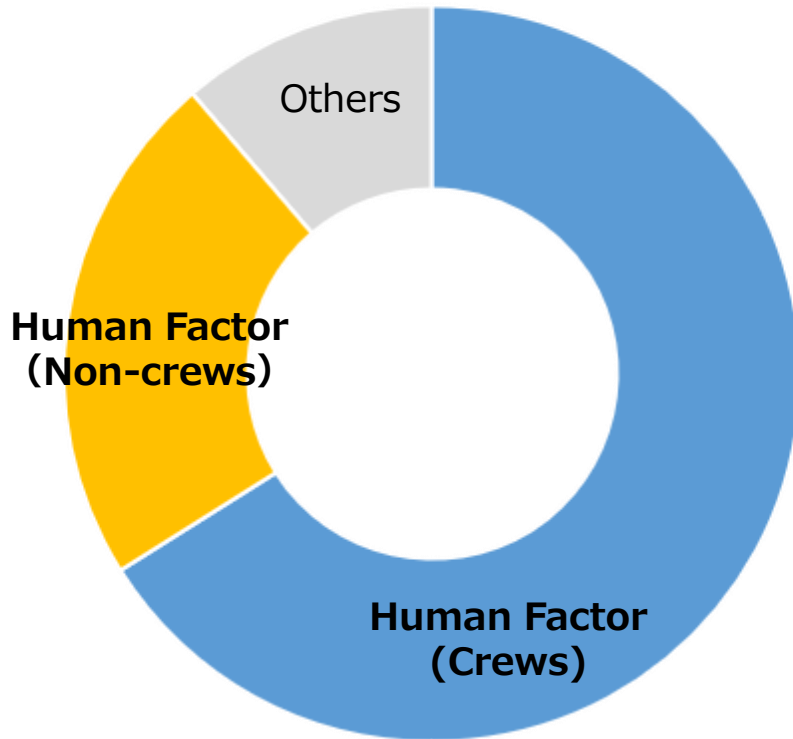
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Contribution of autonomous ship (short term)

Cause of navigation incidents



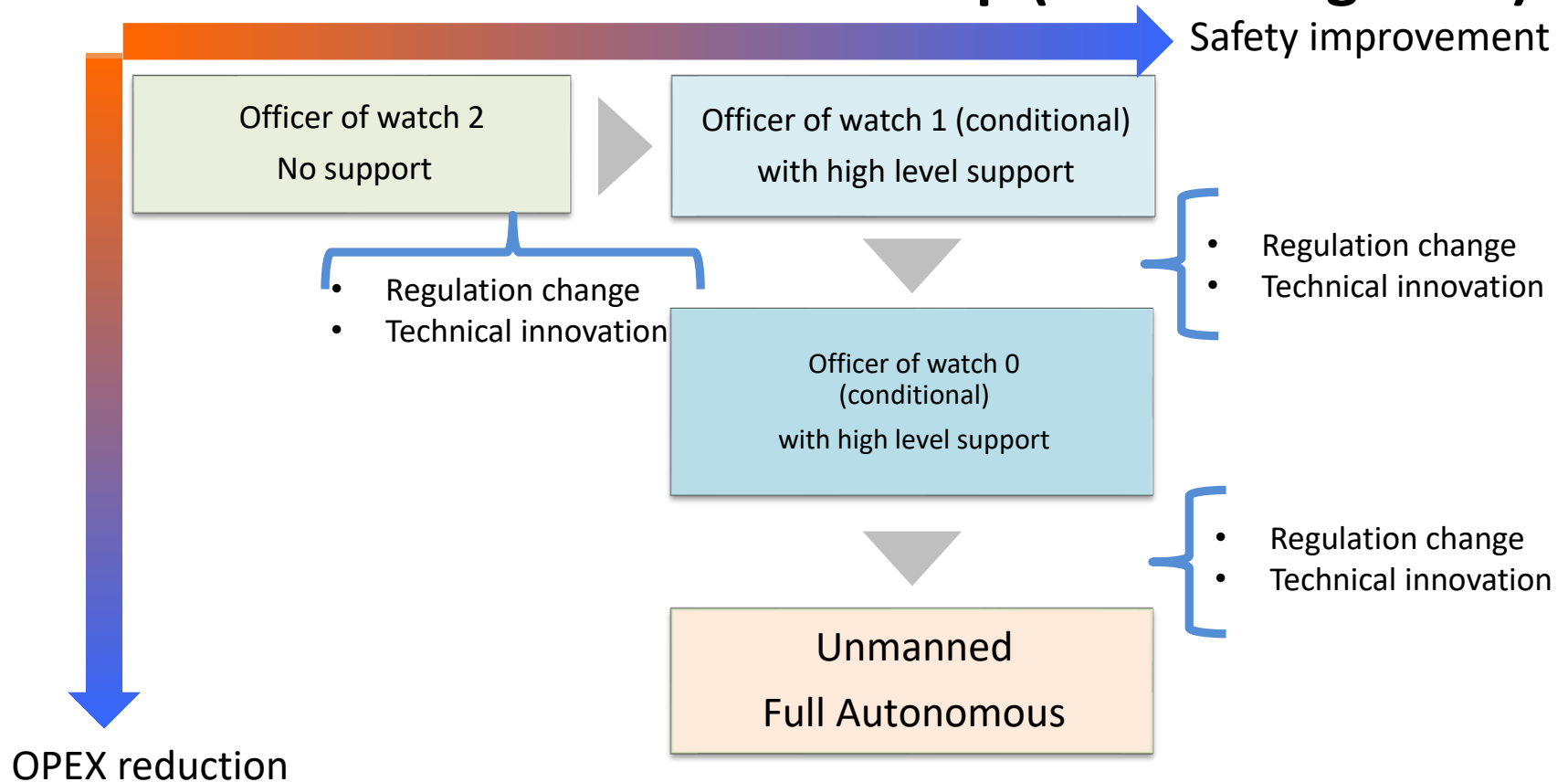
90% of incident causes relate to Human Factor

Gains by automation and high level support



Customer reliability

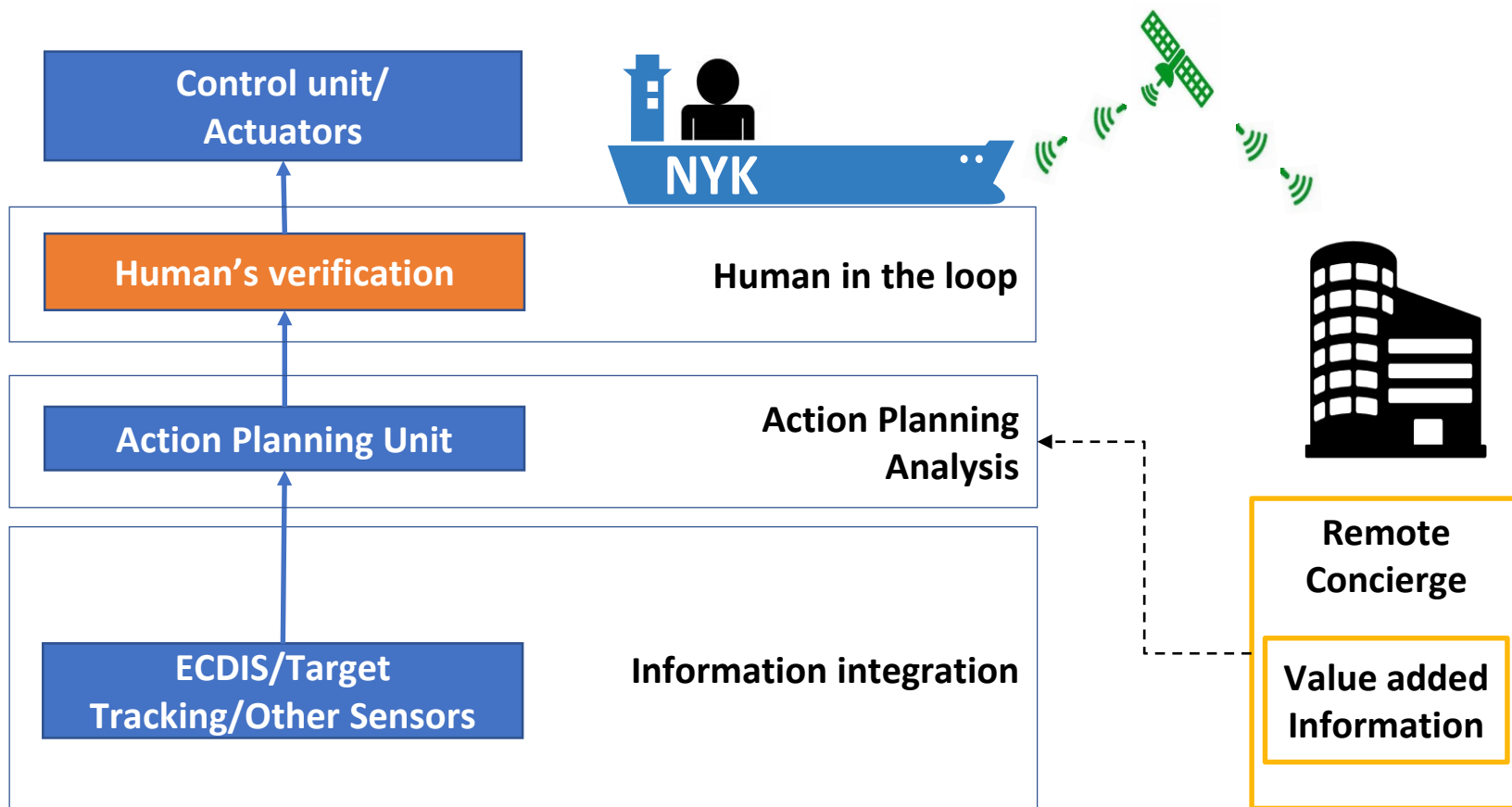
Contribution of autonomous ship (mid & long term)



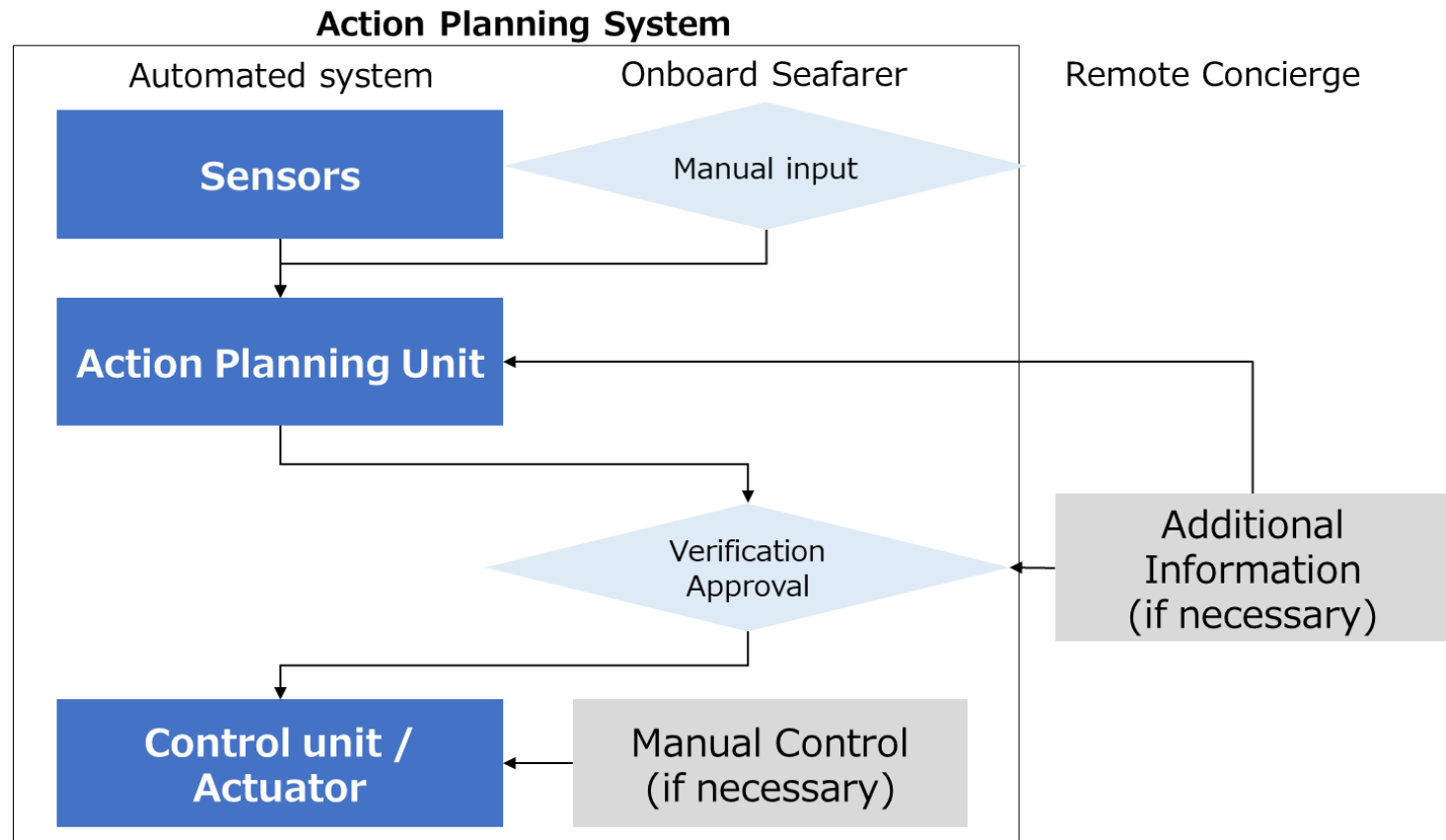
- In the meantime, loss reduction and customer reliability are targets
- In long run, OPEX reduction can be expected

Concept of Action Planning System (APS)

- NYK group aims to define a manned-autonomous system framework as **Action Planning System (APS)** and to clarify requirements for APS through open collaboration.



Conceptual diagram of Action Planning System



Function of APS

The APS targets the decision-making support necessary for seafarers to maneuver vessels and has the following three specific functions.

1. **Anti-collision and anti-aground support:** formulate and present an action plan to prevent collision and aground during voyage. The parameters for the analysis can be different depending on the area (open ocean, coastal area, congested area, or waterway).
2. **Approach support:** formulate and present an action plan for stopping and restarting the boat, e.g., anchoring, berthing, and mooring.
3. **Docking and undocking support:** formulate and present an action plan for docking/undocking including position and attitude adjustment by using various actuators such as main engine, rudder, thruster, and tug's support. This function is the same as the approach support mode for a ship with a docking and undocking capability of its own.

Division of roles

– machine and human operator -

Table 1. Division of roles between machine and human operator.

Task No.	Task	Main	Sub
1	Information acquisition	Machine	Human
2	Information integration	Machine	Human
3	Risk analysis and action planning	Machine	NA
4	Verification and approval	Human	NA
5	Execution and control	Machine	Human

ODD (Operational Design Domain) of APS

The ODD for APS is roughly defined as follows. Since onboard seafarers validate the action plan from the system, those who handle APS should be required to have appropriate competences.

1. **The geographic and weather condition are acceptable enough** that ships can be controlled by the system, which refers to the standards for other navigation instruments, such as the Dynamic Positioning System, etc.
2. **The system behaves correctly**, i.e., information is correctly displayed on the monitor, and the results are validated by human judgment.
3. **Integral and reliable information including human manual function can be obtained** for situation assessment and action planning.

Integrity and reliability of related equipment by subtask

No.	Task/Sub Task	Human Backup	Equipment	Integrity	Reliability	Main	Num
1	Information Acquisition/ Position Detection	Available	GNSS	A	B	Main	2
			GPS Compass	A	B		1
2	Information Acquisition/ Azimuth Measurement	Unavailable	Gyro Compass	A	A	Main	2
			GPS Compass	A	B		(1)
3	Information Acquisition/ Speed Measurement	Available	Speed Log	A	B	Main	2
			GNSS	A	B		2
			GPS Compass	A	B		(1)
4	Information Acquisition/ Target Detection and Tracking	Available (only for confirmation of existence)	Radar	A	B	Main	2
			AIS	B	B		1
5	Information Acquisition/ Geographic Information	Unavailable	ECDIS	A	A	Main	2
			User Chart	C	A		1
			Echo Sounder	C	B		1
6	Information Integration	Unavailable	APU	A	B	Main	1
7	Risk Analysis & Action Planning	Unavailable		A	B	Main	1

Integrity: Functional integrity for each Task

A: Full

B: Partial

C: Low(Only supplemental information)

Reliability: Information Reliability

A: High

B: Intermediate (available for action planning)

C :Low (Unavailable for action planning)

Definition of APS status

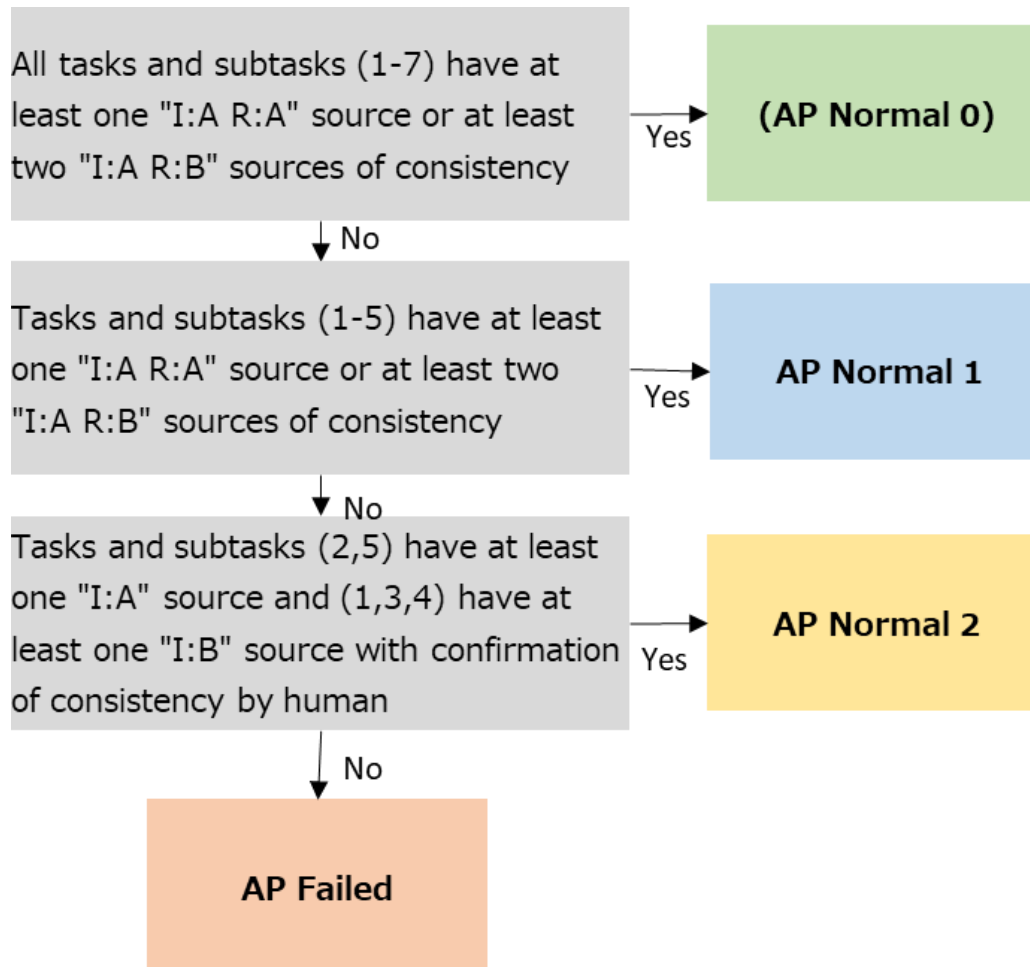
Table 3. Definition of APS status.

Status	Target	Definition
AP Normal 0	Fully autonomous navigation	It has highly reliable information and planning algorithms to carry out all tasks. Human approval can be skipped in usual situations. It does not apply to the current APS, but it is assumed to be available for achieving automation only with machines in the future.
AP Normal 1	Manned autonomous navigation	It has reliable information to carry out tasks till action planning. Human intervention and additional actions other than verification and approval of navigation plans are unnecessary.
AP Normal 2	Manned autonomous navigation	To maintain all tasks to be executed with high accuracy, part of the input information is missing, or some tasks depend on the manual inputs by human only.
AP Failed NA		A state in which some or all the information sources of tasks are missing, and it is impossible to present an appropriate analysis and action plan even if a human adds and/or modifies information.

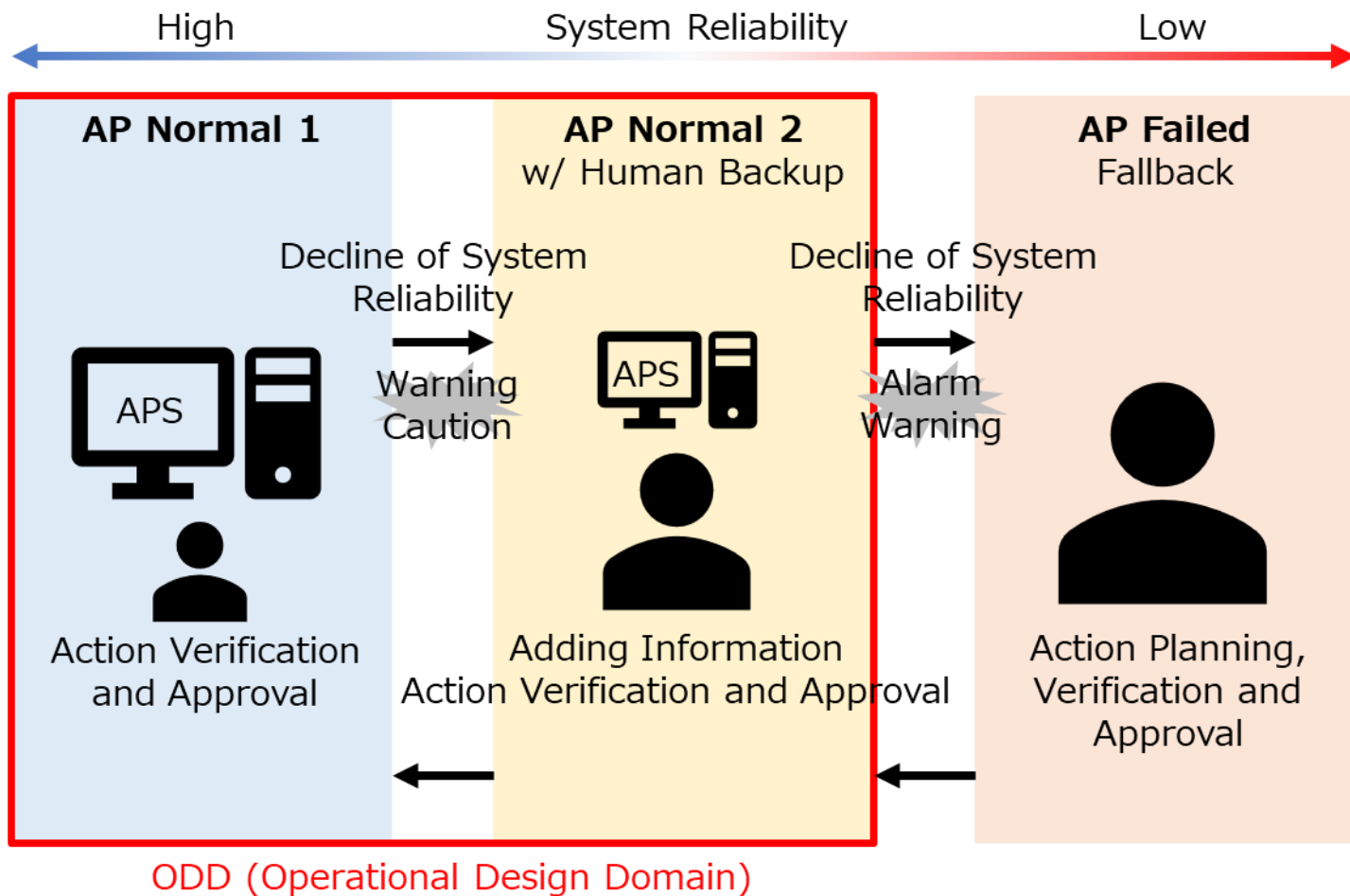
ODD

Fallback

Criteria for determining APS status



APS Status Transition



Risk assessment to check relative safeness (HAZID)

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HAZID (Hazard Identification)

									Conventional Ship						Ship with APS									
Node	Function	Design intention concept		Hazard	Causal Factor	Local Impact	Consequence	Apply	Risk Mitigation			Risk			Apply	Risk Mitigation						Risk		
									Training	Procedure	Design	Counter measure	F	S	R		Training	Procedure	Design	Counter measure	F	S	R	
System-Manual Task	Verification	B2.2	Proper consideration on human factor is required for avoiding man-machine miscommunication.	Failure in verification of alert by human	A. No response by human on plan verification within specified time due to inadequate warning system B. Improper man-machine I/F to understand background/or intention of action plan C. Improper man-machine	Slow reaction time. Increasing risk of collision.	Collision	Y	Y	Y	Y	Alert standard.	1	4	5	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.Set proper I/F. A.Conduct familiarization type of alarms. B.Discuss the procedure of APS when human does not notice an alert escalation. C.Design Human Machine Interface enable to notice for AP-Status changing with clearly reason.	1	4	5	
System-Manual Task	Verification	B2.3	Proper consideration on human factor is required for avoiding man-machine miscommunication.	Failure in verification of working condition of system by human	A. Improper man-machine I/F to confirm working status of equipment	Incorrect operation due to miscommunication of Human machine interface.	Collision Grounding	N								Y			Y	A. Designed to determine detect APU failed(Freeze).	1	4	5	
System-Manual Task	Action and control	B3.1	Proper consideration on human factor is required for avoiding man-machine miscommunication.	Failure in manual operation to execute action plan.	A. Insufficient output content which could human engage manual maneuvering to follow plans	Possibility of improper ship's maneuvering.	Collision Grounding	N								Y			Y	·Indicate the usage of proper simplifications ship's maneuvering. · enable monitoring or FB of control result. IF design. ·Execution Action planning detect the difference of o plan. ·Alert properly about speed and track.	1	4	5	
System-Manual Task	Action and control	B3.2	Proper consideration on human factor is required for avoiding man-machine miscommunication.	Failure in reviewing execution of action plan	Inadequate warning systems	Execution of improper action planning.	Collision Grounding	Y			Y	Display the mode recognizable indicator of TCS and Autopilot.	2	4	6	Y		Y	Y		2	4	6	



1. Hazard identification
2. Risk evaluation and consideration of risk mitigation measure

Risk assessment to check relative safeness (FMEA)

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FMEA (Failure Mode Effect Analysis)

Failure category	Failure task1	Failure status1	Failure task2	Failure status2	Effect of failure1		Effect of failure2		Truth Tabl	Alternative Provisionを反映したシステムの結果		Failure detection
					Local effect	End effect	Local effect	End effect		Alternative Provision	System end effect	
Single line failure	APU-DTC	disconnect APU1-DTC1	NA	NA	System lost redundancy of communication	System may not be affected reliability of information	NA	NA	1.APU:o 2.APU:o 1.Line:x 2.Line:o 1.DTC:o 2.DTC:o	Switch to the other system.	AP Normal1	APU DTC
Single line failure	APU-DTC	Mulfunction APU1	NA	NA	System lost redundancy of communication	System may not be affected reliability of information	NA	NA	1.APU:x 2.APU:o 1.Line:o 2.Line:o 1.DTC:o 2.DTC:o	Switch to the other system.	AP Normal1	DTC
Single line failure	DTC-Contorller	disconnect DTC1-Controller	NA	NA	System lost redundancy of communication	System may not be affected reliability of information	NA	NA	1.DTC:o 2.DTC:o 1.Line:x 2.Line:o Cont:o	Switch to the other system.	AP Normal1	DTC Controller
Single line failure	DTC-Contorller	Mulfunction DTC1	NA	NA	System lost redundancy of communication	System may not be affected reliability of information	NA	NA	1.DTC:x 2.DTC:o 1.Line:o 2.Line:o Cont:o	Switch to the other system.	AP Normal1	APU Controller
Single line failure	DTC-Contorller	Mulfunction Controller	NA	NA	System unable to allocate order to actuator	System lost auto control system	NA	NA	1.DTC:o 2.DTC:o 1.Line:o 2.Line:o Cont:x	NA	AP Fail	DTC



Redundancy of the system is confirmed.

Risk assessment to check relative safeness (HAZID, FMEA)

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			Extremely remote	Very remote	Remote	Seldom	Reasonably probable	Probable	Frequent
			5000隻で20年に1回の頻度	Once per 10 years per 1000 vessels	Once per year per 1000 vessels	Once per year per 100 vessels	Once per year per 10 vessels	Once per year per vessel	Once per month per vessel
Criticality / Freq scale			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Conventional Ship	Minor	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Moderately serious	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Serious	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Major	4	F1-common A1.1, B2.3	F2-common A3.1, A4.3, A3.3, B2.2, B3.2 D1.1, D2.1, F1.2, F1.4, F1.5	F3-common A3.2, C1.5, E4.2, F1.3	F3-mitigation A4.1, A4.2, B1.2, E1.1, E2.1, E2.2, E3.1, E3.2	F4-mitigation C1.2, C1.3, C1.4, C2.1, C3.1, C3.2, D1.2, D1.3, D3.1, D4.1	.	.
	Exceptional	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Ship with APS	Minor	1	.	F2-new risk A2.1	F3-new risk F1.6	.	.	.	.
	Moderately serious	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Serious	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Major	4	F1-mitigation C3.2 F1-common A1.1, B2.2 F1-new risk A1.2, A2.2, B1.1 B2.3, B3.1	F2-mitigation A4.1, A4.2, B1.2, E1.1, E2.1, E2.2, E3.1, E3.2 F2-common A3.1, A4.3, A3.3, B2.1, B3.2 D1.1, D2.1, F1.2, F1.4, F1.5 F2-new risk E4.1, F1.1	F3-mitigation C1.2, C1.3, C1.4, C2.1, D1.2, D1.3, D3.1, D4.1 F3-common A3.2, C1.5, E4.2, F1.3	.	.	.	
	Exceptional	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Blue : risk mitigated
Red: new risk

Demonstration Project in Japan under MLIT program

- Objective: Demonstrate APS concept
- Target ship: Tug boat of Shin-Nippon Kaiyosha
- Period: 2018 – 2020
- Project members: company name (role)
 1. MTI (project coordinator/concept design)
 2. JMS (project coordinator/simulator)
 3. NYK (project coordinator/ship owner)
 4. IKOUS (ship owner)
 5. Furuno Electric (navigation equipment)
 6. Japan Radio (navigation equipment)
 7. Tokyo Keiki (navigation equipment)
 8. BEMAC (DPS)
 9. Keihin Dock (shipyard)
 10. Mitsubishi Shipbuilding (engineering)
 11. Sky Perfect JSAT (satellite communication)
 12. NTT DoCoMo (4G/5G network)
 13. NTT (system provider)
 14. Niigata Power Systems (propulsion)
 15. ClassNK (verifier)
 16. NMRI (risk assessment)



	2018	2019	2020	2021
Preparation for 1 st demo	←→			
1 st Demo		↔		
Preparation for 2 nd demo			↔	
2 nd Demo			↔	
Feedback to MLIT	←→			

The 1st demonstration in 2019 Winter
The 2nd demonstration in 2020 Winter

Demonstration Project in Japan under MLIT program

“Existing”
communication



“Existing” sensor

2019 Target

Autonomous

1. Phase 2 Level* Autonomous - system design
2. Risk assessment (HAZID, FMEA)
3. Receive AiP approval from ClassNK

Azimuth Thruster
(optional)



“Existing” control
system



* : Phase 2 Level Autonomous ... Highly integrated system. System propose plan. Final decision make is done by Human.

Conclusions

- This paper introduced the concept of Action Planning System (APS), which is being developed and demonstrated as a core technology of manned autonomous navigation by the NYK Group.
- According to the risk assessment we conducted with reference to class guidelines for autonomous ship, APS with risk-mitigation measures has a much higher safety level than current navigation systems.
- This system will be verified by the demonstration in actual sea conditions in FY2019.

Thank you very much for your attention