

Close Proximity Operations

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Cost Becomes a Driver for Commercial Applications



- Fault tolerance -> Fail Safe or Fail Operational?
- Human in the loop vs. autonomous
- Ground contact vs. higher autonomy
- All satellites cooperative?
- Unprepared satellites
- Complex operations replacing astronauts e.g. assembly

Why should we develop requirements/standards for Safe Rendezvous and Close Proximity Operations?



Why Should we Derive the CPO Design Principles?



- Protection to the orbital environment and other assets
- Support industry through technical guidance and identification of potential licensing methods
- Capture of knowledge
- Enable international engagement



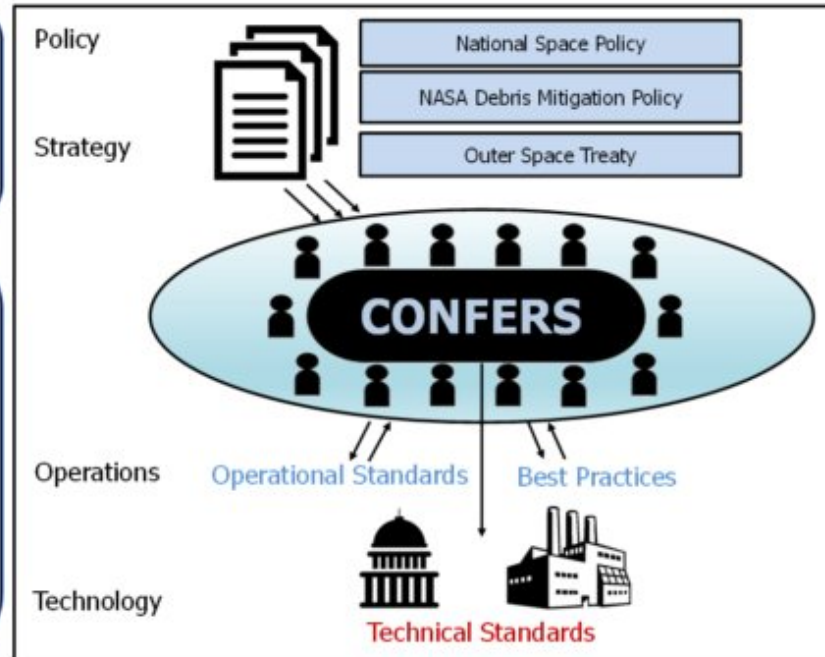


Consortium For Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations (CONFERS)

Goal: Create an industry/ government consortium to develop technical standards for safe on-orbit rendezvous and servicing operations

Envisioned Benefits

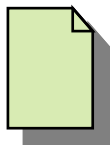
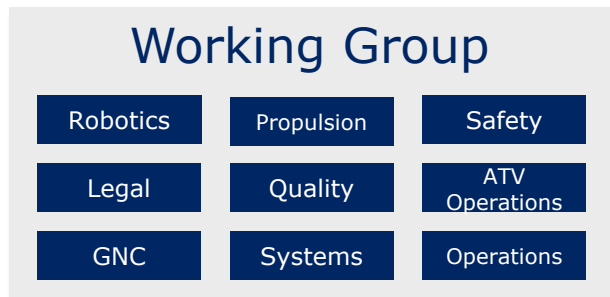
- Enhanced on-orbit safety through establishment of "rules of the road"
- Creation of behavioral norms that allow for transparent international engagement
- Streamlining of USG commercial mission authorization with a technical foundation



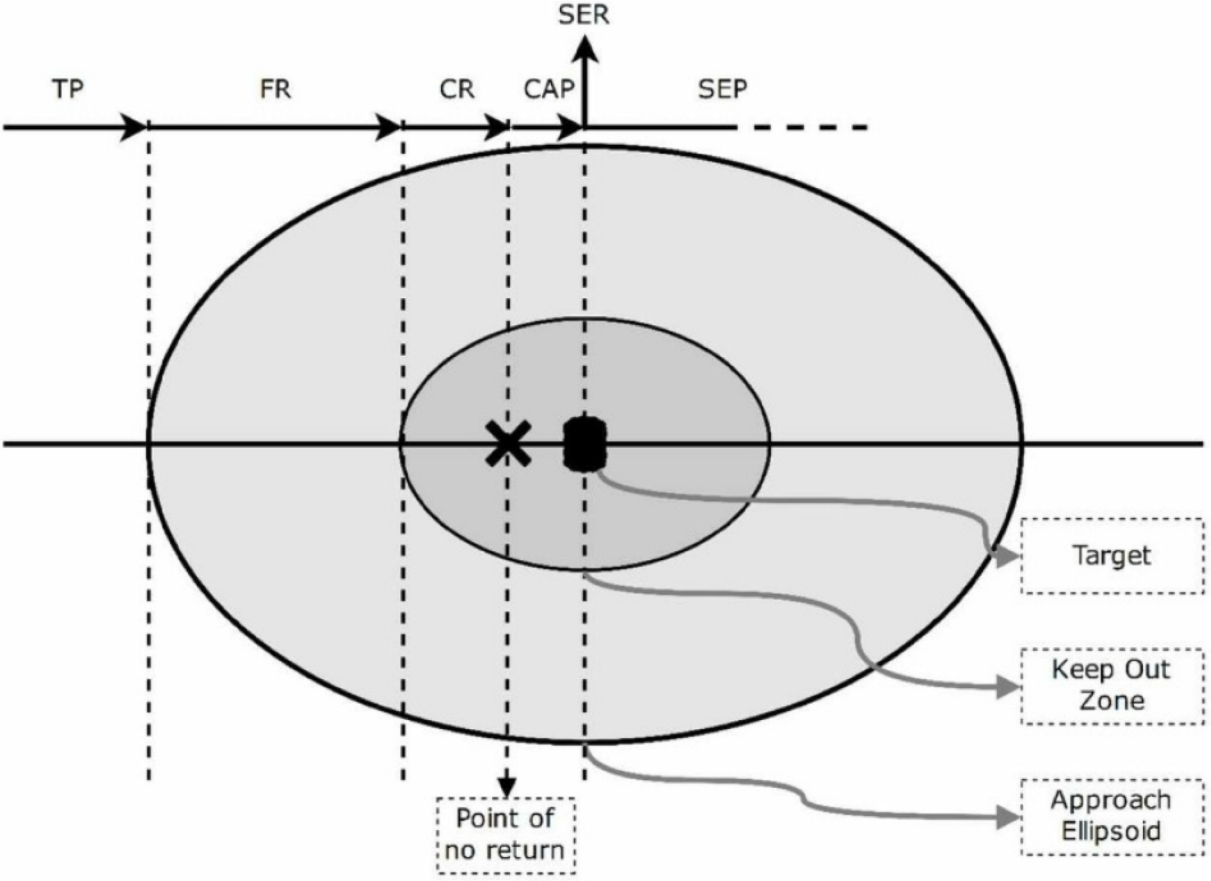
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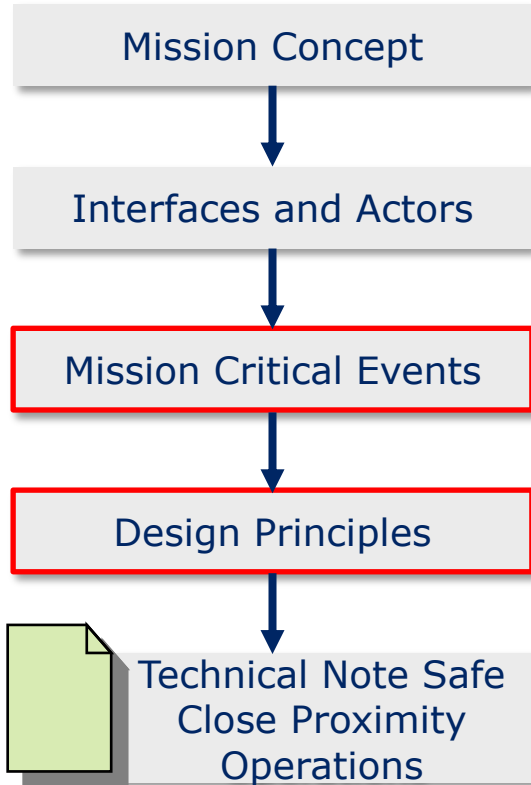


Output September 2018:
Technical input for a future
design principles document



Next up...





- Interactive demonstration with example
- Challenge the methodology used



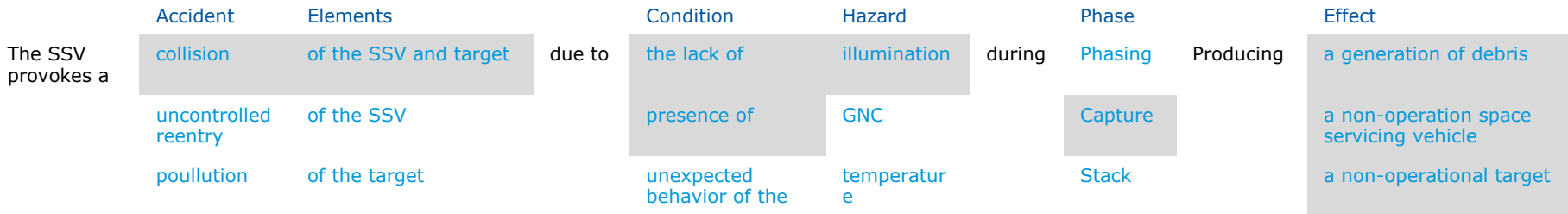
Physical Movement Required

Mission Critical Event



"An incident affecting safety"

Checklist for experts:



The SSV provokes a collision of the SSV and target due to the lack/presence of illumination during capture producing a non operational SSV/target and/or generate debris.



Mission Critical Event

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1. Should this MCE be tackled by Safe Close Proximity Operations?



no



yes

2. Is this MCE systematic, random, or both?



systematic



random



both

3. Should this MCE be mitigated through redundancy, analysis, or both?



redundancy



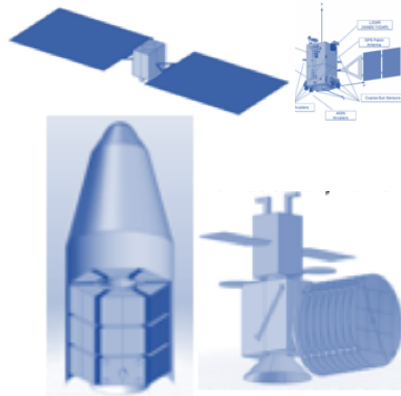
analysis



both

Reference documents

RD-2	IRSYS Draft C	International Rendezvous System Interoperability Standards
RD-3	CDF-179(A)	CDF Study Report SSV – Development of Servicing Vehicle (Space Tug) Concept
RD-4	e.Deorbit MSRD Issue 1 rev 0	e.Deorbit Consolidation Phase Mission and Systems Requirement Document (MSRD)
RD-5	NSTS-12820	Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV)-ISS Join Flight Rules Volume E
RD-6	SSP 50235	Interface Definition Document (IDD) for International Space Station (ISS) Visiting Vehicles (VVs)



Design Principles



The SSV provokes a collision of the SSV and target due to the lack/presence of illumination during capture producing a non operational SSV/target and/or generate debris.

SSV

The GNC shall be able to estimate the relative state (pose) when the SSV is inside the Keep-Out Sphere (KOS) independently of the illumination conditions. Comment: The KOS has a radius of 200m (TBC)

e.Deorbit

The Chaser GNC shall be able to provide reliable 6 DOF navigation solution w.r.t. the target anytime of the year (TBC). Note: The relative navigation solution should also be available during eclipses.

SSV

The GNC system shall be able to estimate position and velocity of the spacecraft in a target-centered reference frame (relative position and velocity) with a maximum Absolute Known Error (AKE) compatible with the relative sensors margins and the passively safe trajectory requirements. collision risk assessment requirements.

e.Deorbit

The Chaser shall be able to capture the target in any TBC lighting conditions.



Design Principles

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- MUL-0010 The SSV GNC shall be able to continuously provide relative navigation solutions w.r.t. the target object, independent of the illumination conditions encountered.
- CAP-0010 The SSV shall be able to provide reliable 6 DOF relative state (pose) independently of the illumination conditions during capture operations.
- CAP-0020 The SSV shall be able to capture the target independent of the illumination conditions encountered.

1. MCE covered?

2. Achievable?

3. General?

4. Anything else?



yes



no



**if time
allows**

Design Principles

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ALL-0030 The SSV shall provide the required relative navigation solutions w.r.t the target for the expected illumination conditions (e.g. shadowing) considering the relative sensors pointing and accuracy requirements.
Note: The verification shall consider the passive abort margins, the corridor margins, and the probability of collision requirements.

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2. Achievable?

3. General?

4. Anything else?



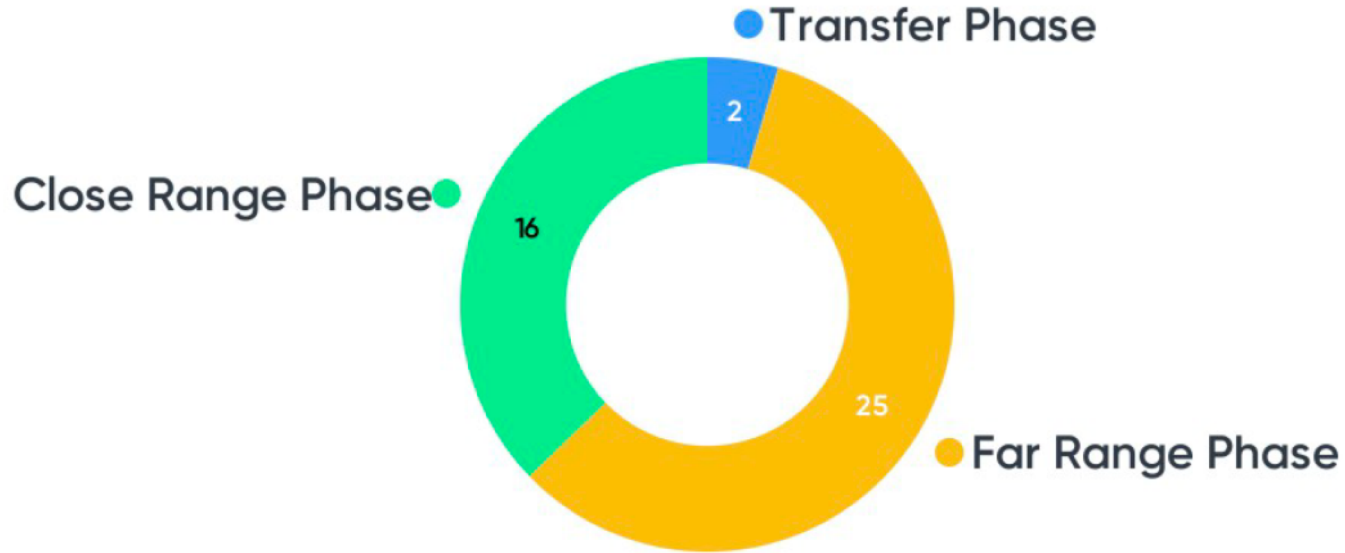
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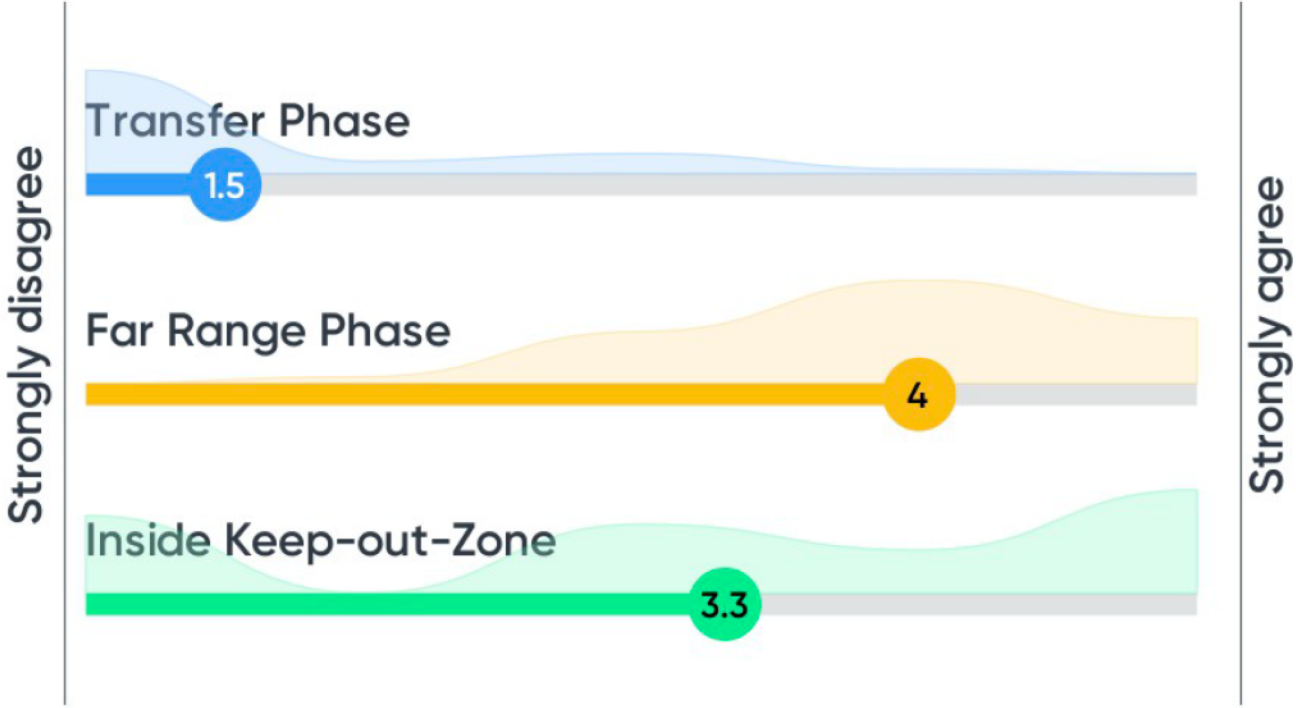
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QUESTIONS TO THE AUDIENCE

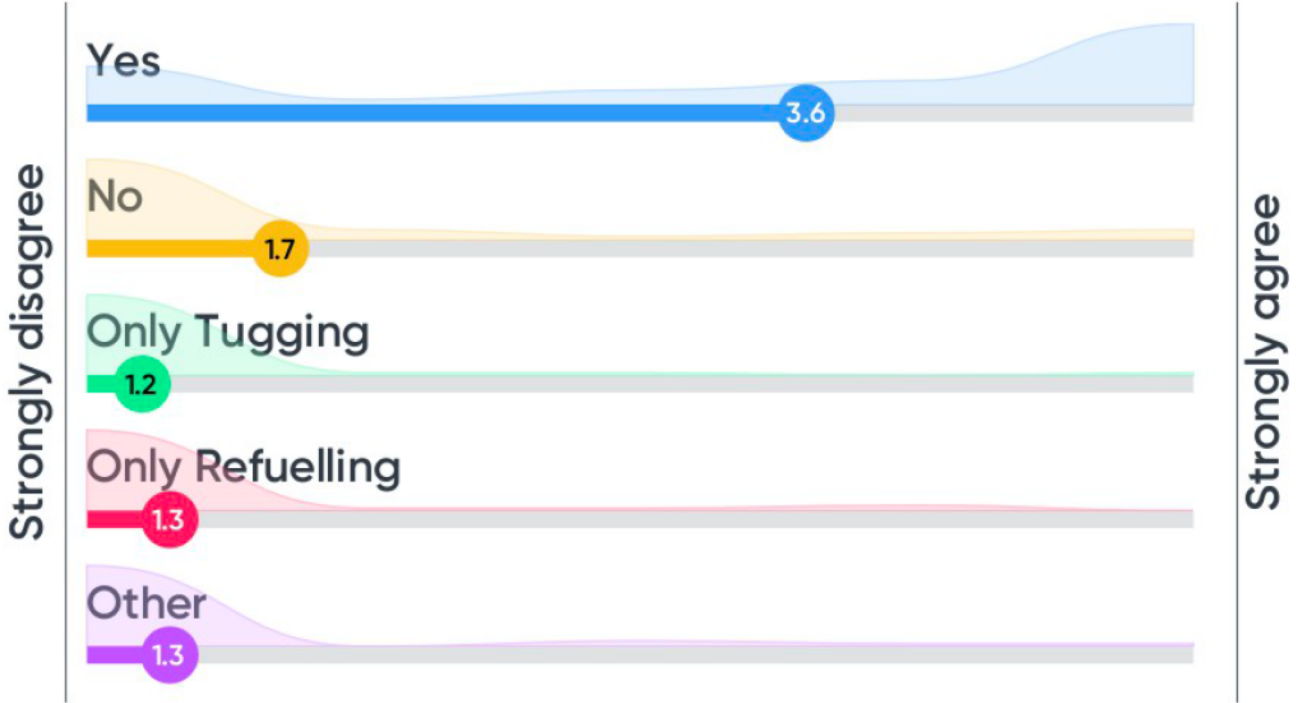
Where does a satellite switch from absolute navigation to relative navigation?



From which phase should a standard for Close Proximity Operations start?



Should the service operation be covered for Close Proximity Operations?



What should a standard on Close Proximity Operations focus on?



Safety of the Rendezvous and Capture Operations



Safety and Mission Success (success of service)