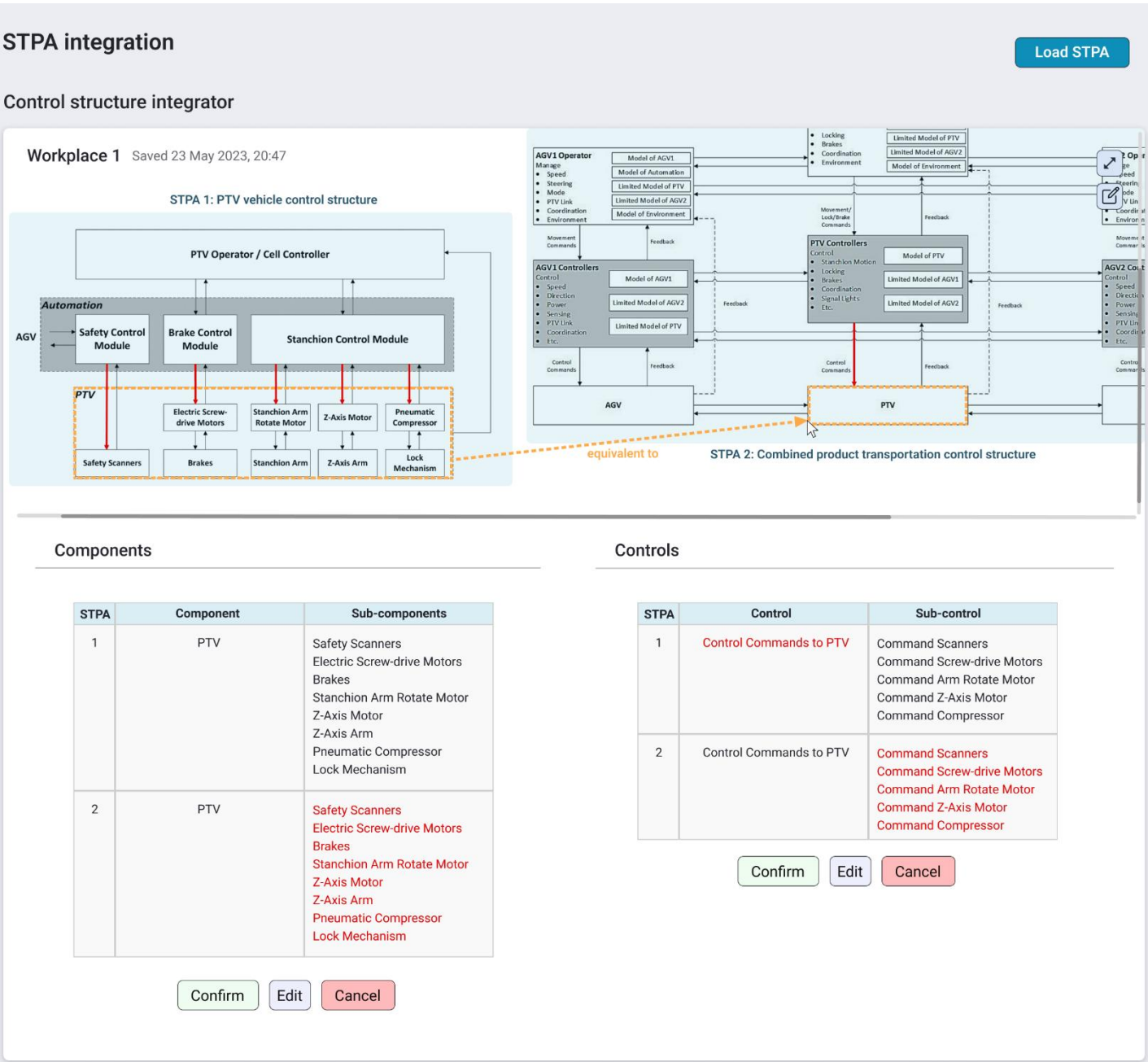
This white paper demonstrates features that can be delivered with STPA tool as a service (the STPAmaster). They stem from academic study of safety science, researching STPA and bringing improvements to aviation organizations, who demanded unique solutions not available on the market. The presented features are not exhaustive; in fact, seamless STPA integration poses diverse challenges leading to delivery of unique STPA tooling for each customer.

Reusability feature

Complex systems can be analyzed with STPA at different levels of abstraction or per their parts, producing separate artifacts. It is desirable to integrate them to avoid duplicate work in the future. The user may wish to add detailed analysis to a more abstract one, integrate overlapping analyses and/or completing them with missing components and interactions on their interfaces.



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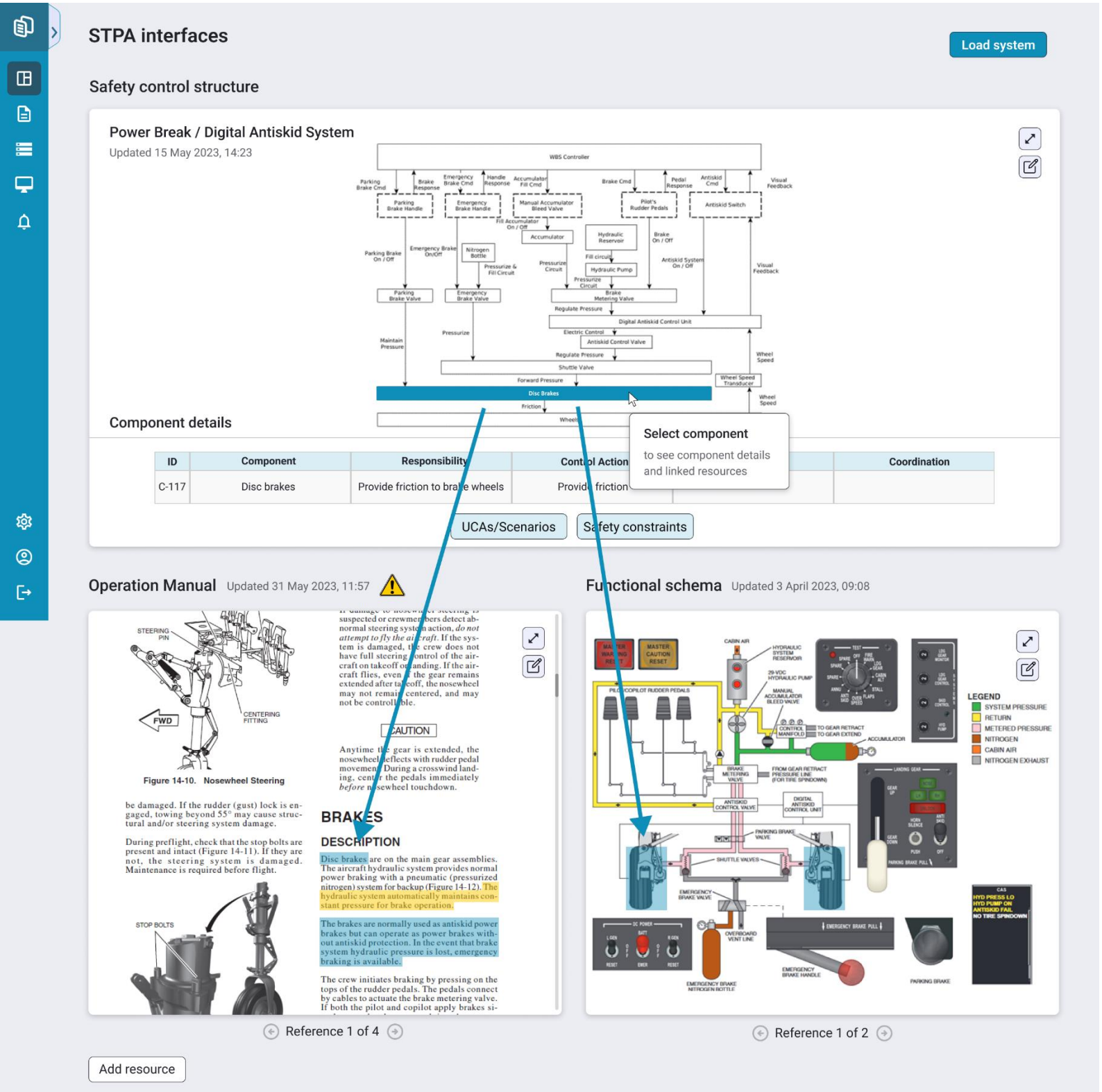
Traceability feature

STPA is often executed in an iterative order, based on external resources. The outputs of the analysis may impose new requirements on the analyzed system, which may change the analyzed system in turn, leading to the next STPA iteration. It is thus important to trace external resources with STPA analysis to keep them synchronized. The user may wish to navigate from a selected part of the analysis to resources used in creating that part, with highlighted references. When external resources update, the user needs to be alerted and guided to update the STPA analysis accordingly.



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Enterprise search feature

Over time, there may be many STPA artifacts stored in the system, making it difficult to find certain requirements, the rationale for them, etc. At the same time, the same contributory factors or contexts in unsafe control actions may repeat, each time in a slightly different form. Enterprise search feature is needed to properly identify what the user is searching for, be it in STPA artifacts or external resources. Additional feature may involve resolution of semantic inconsistencies where, for example, the same factor may be labelled differently in various STPA analyses.