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## NRIC 2024: HUMAN IN THE LOOP TOP HFE CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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# Nuclear energy is a key solution to the climate crisis

NPX was founded to deploy innovative solutions that will make nuclear more sustainable, safer, cheaper, faster



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#### **Supporting Innovation in Nuclear Industry Digital Transformation**

NPX has collaborated with nuclear customers to help modernize & automate processes in the industry. With recent developments in AI technology, step change improvements in software tools can be achieved that will push the industry towards a more cost-effective future.





### FUTURE NUCLEAR – HFE CHALLENGE #1

- Lack of drivers, tools and skills needed for cost-effective & timely integration of HFE into modern digital designs and design process
  - Modern innovative tools are also not identified, approved and/or mandated by regulatory bodies (regulation lags even today's HFE practices)
  - Confusion with UX, which tends to be a less controlled discipline in terms of competence in core HF principles and assessment of risks
  - Workload and staffing analysis tools



### **FUTURE NUCLEAR – HFE CHALLENGE #2**

- Lack of ability to accurately identify and understand the nature of HF risks associated with modern digital, remote operated, and AI supported plants
  - 737 MAX, Tesla, ironies of automation
  - Under- and over-estimation of HF risks, and focus on the wrong ones
  - Tendency to lump all SMRs, MMRs into one "low risk" category
  - "Big data" figures out all for the operator → false sense of having true situational awareness compared to having to calculate and understand plant themselves
  - Information overload with work underload



### **FUTURE NUCLEAR – HFE OPPORTUNITY #1**

- Move where HFE is as a profession throughout and beyond the nuclear industry by innovating and leading with new tools & techniques
  - Borrow from Defence acquisition leverage systems engineering tools and techniques, integrate HFE activities within them
  - Leverage complex systems theory and models
  - Integrate with 3D modelling software, not separate design and software packages specific to HFE

