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## Using STPA in Compliance with ISO26262 for developing a Safe Architecture for Fully Automated Vehicles

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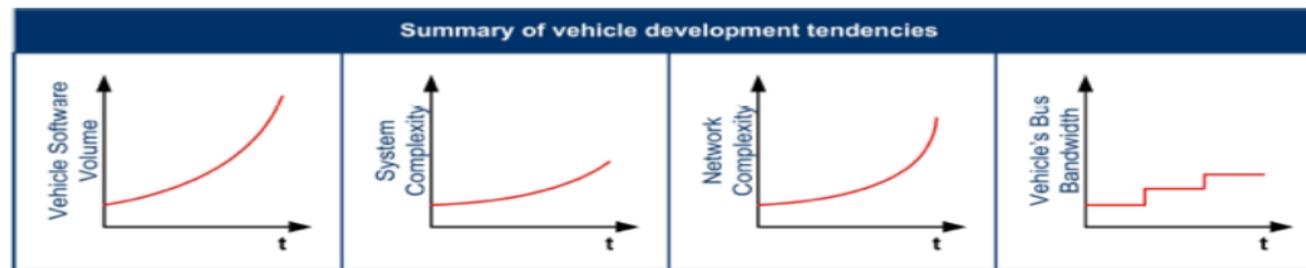
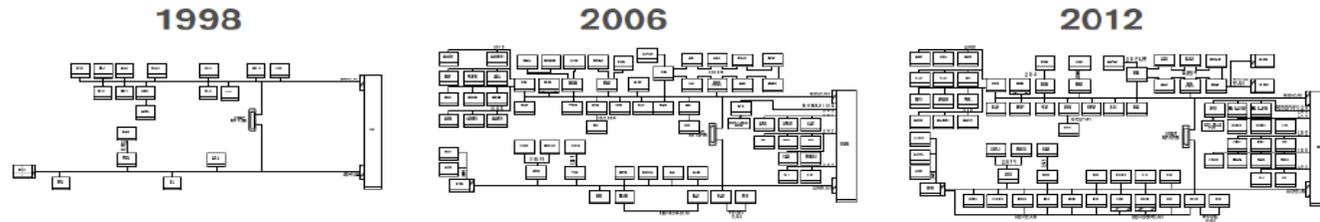
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# Motivation

## Architecture trend analysis



Source: WRC Market Report E/E Architecture 2013



**Continuously growing complexity, number of functions and networked ECUs results in:**

- › Requirements for new technologies and modules
- › Major redesign of E/E architecture at most worldwide OEMs
- › New design criteria required for future E/E architectures

# Motivation

## Safety-driven Design



### Why paradigm change?

- › Old approaches becoming less effective (FTA / FMEA focus on component failures)
- › New causes of accidents not handled (interaction accidents / complex software errors)

**Component reliability**  
(component failures)

### Systems thinking (holistic View)

#### e.g. Automated Driving

- › Many parallel interactions between components!



- › Accidents happen with no component failures (Component Interaction Accidents)
- › Complex, Software-intensive Systems  
(New Hazards: System functional **but** Process/Event is unsafe)

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# Operational Safety in Automotive Domain

## Architecture Challenges

**Vehicle E/E – Architecture needs a holistic approach**  
e.g Service Oriented Architectures, Cloud services, Update over the air

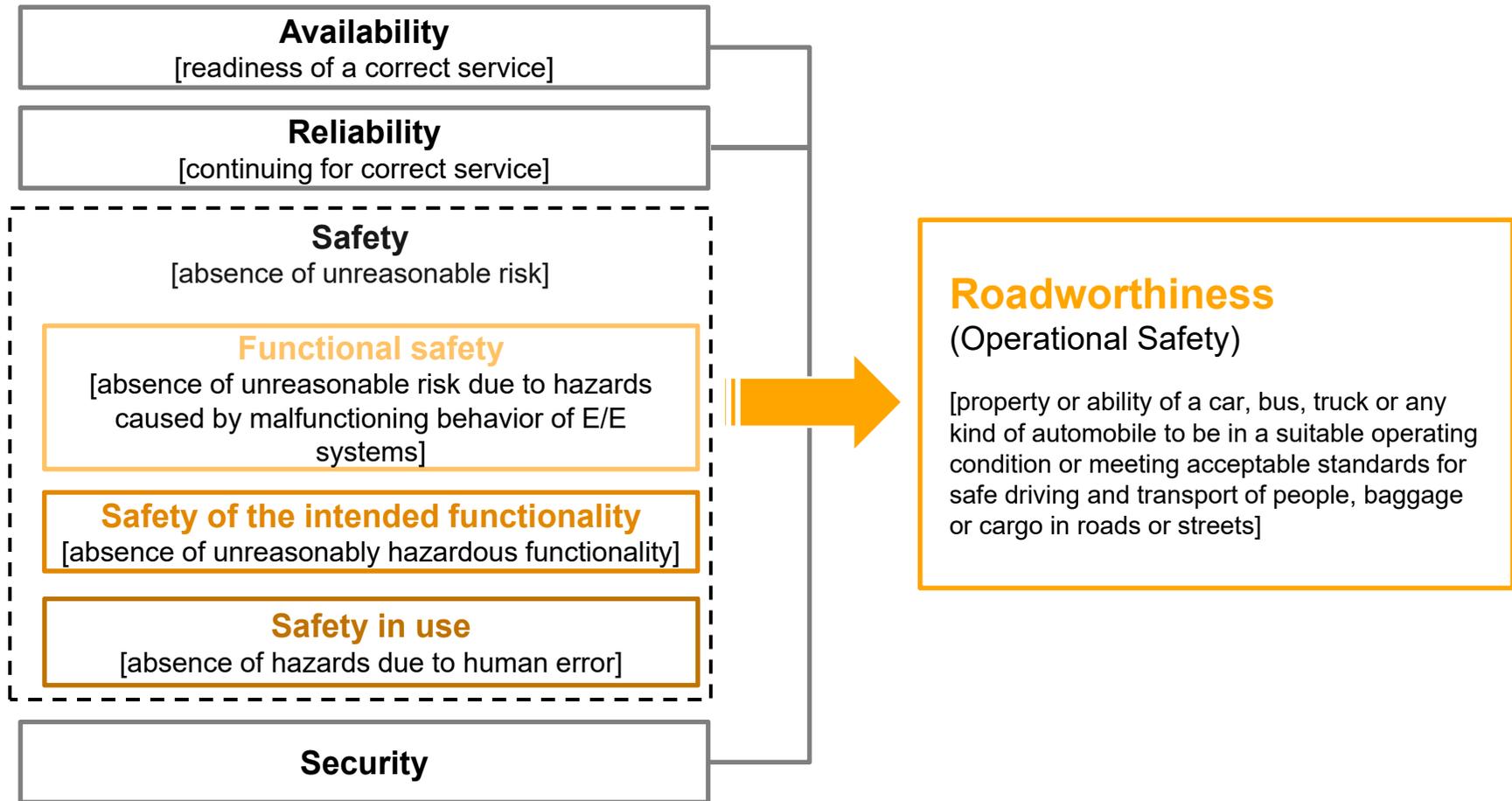
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- › Safety & system architecture/ interface must be **defined together**
- › Safety, reliability and availability has important implications for **analyzing**
- › **Fail Operational Behavior** – fail silent may not be suitable any longer

# Operational Safety in Automotive Domain

Ensuring a high level of operational safety



[Abdulkhaleq, Lammering et al., 2016]

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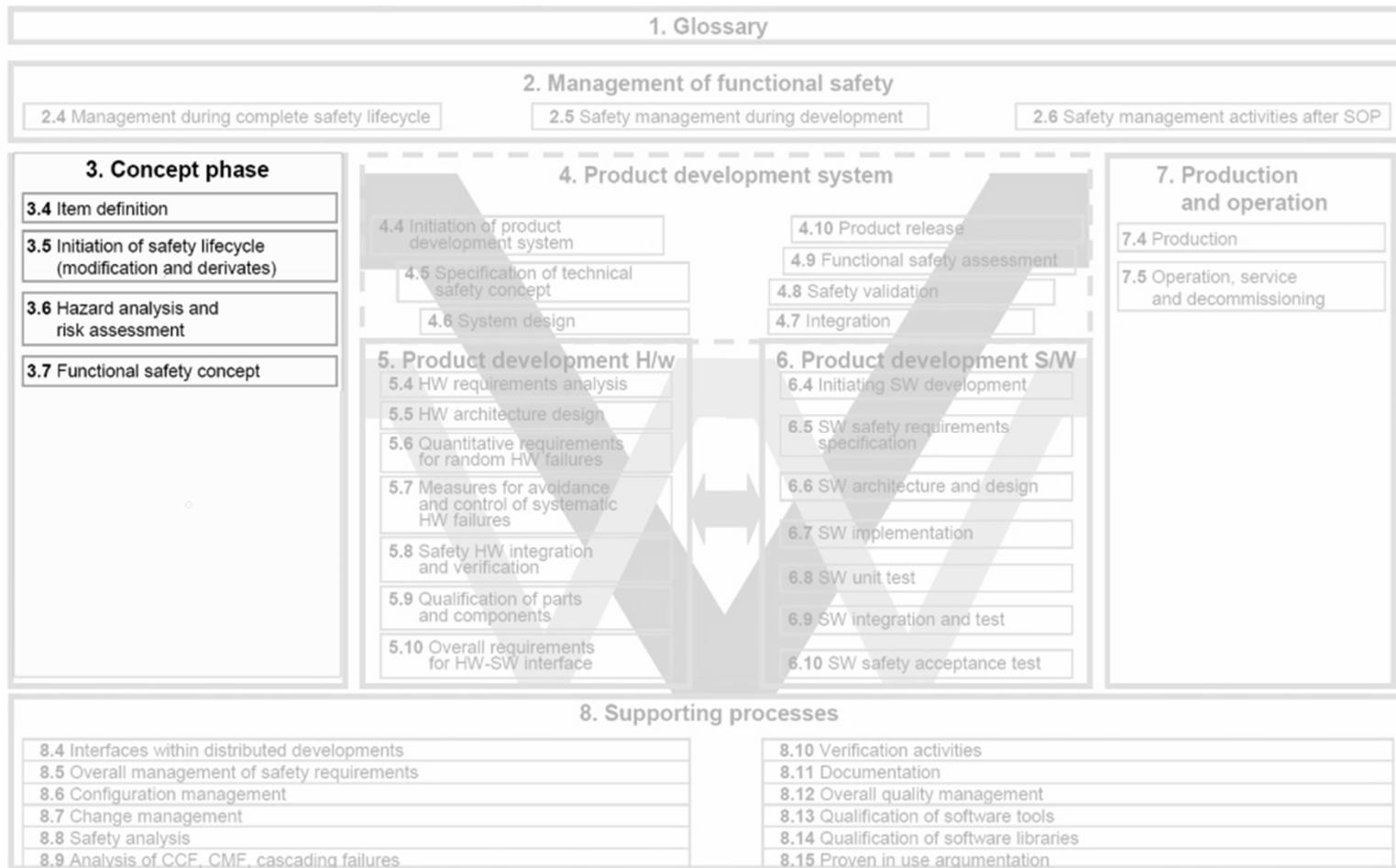
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# HARA & ISO26262 Lifecycle

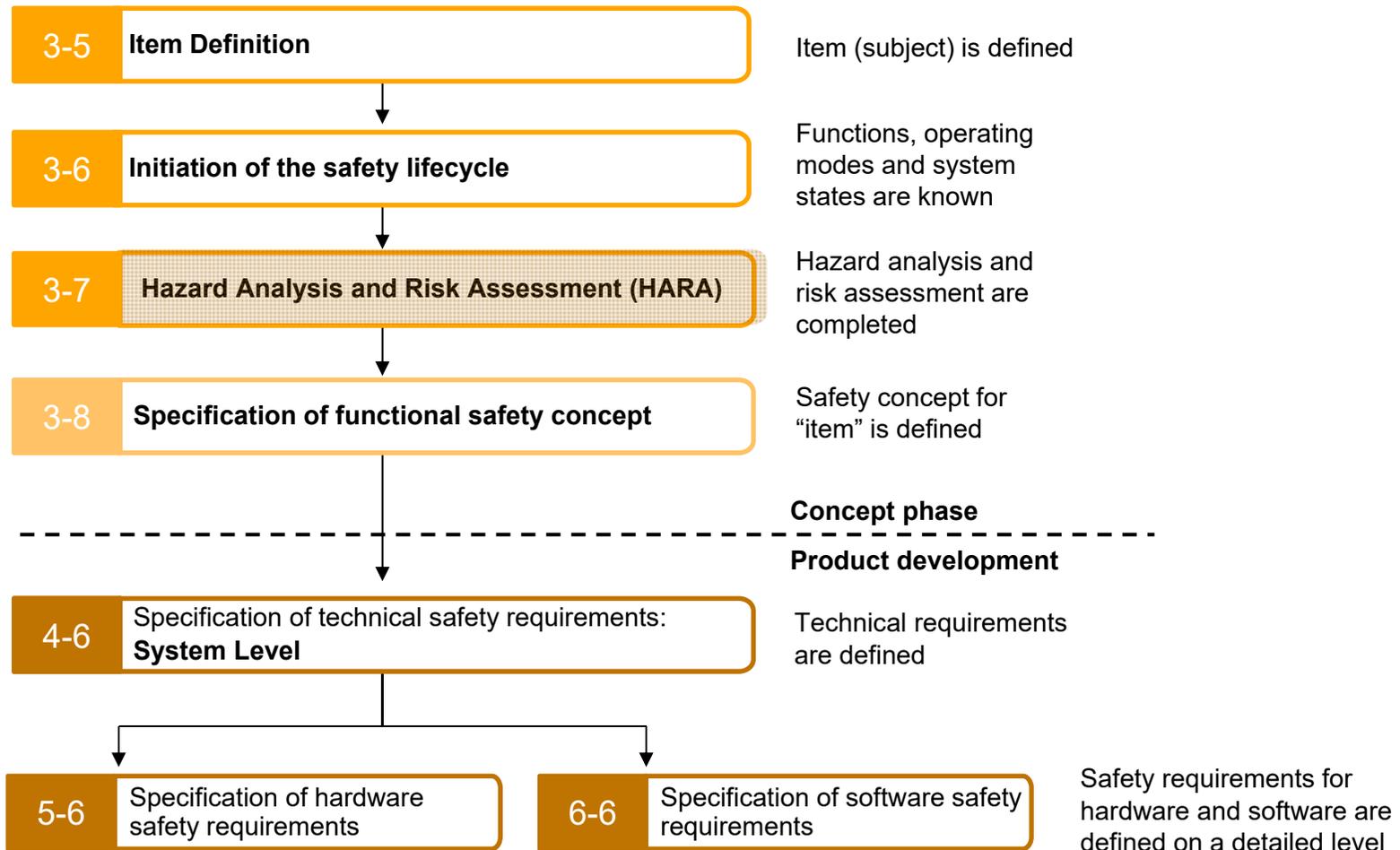
## Road Vehicles Functional Safety



[ISO26262]

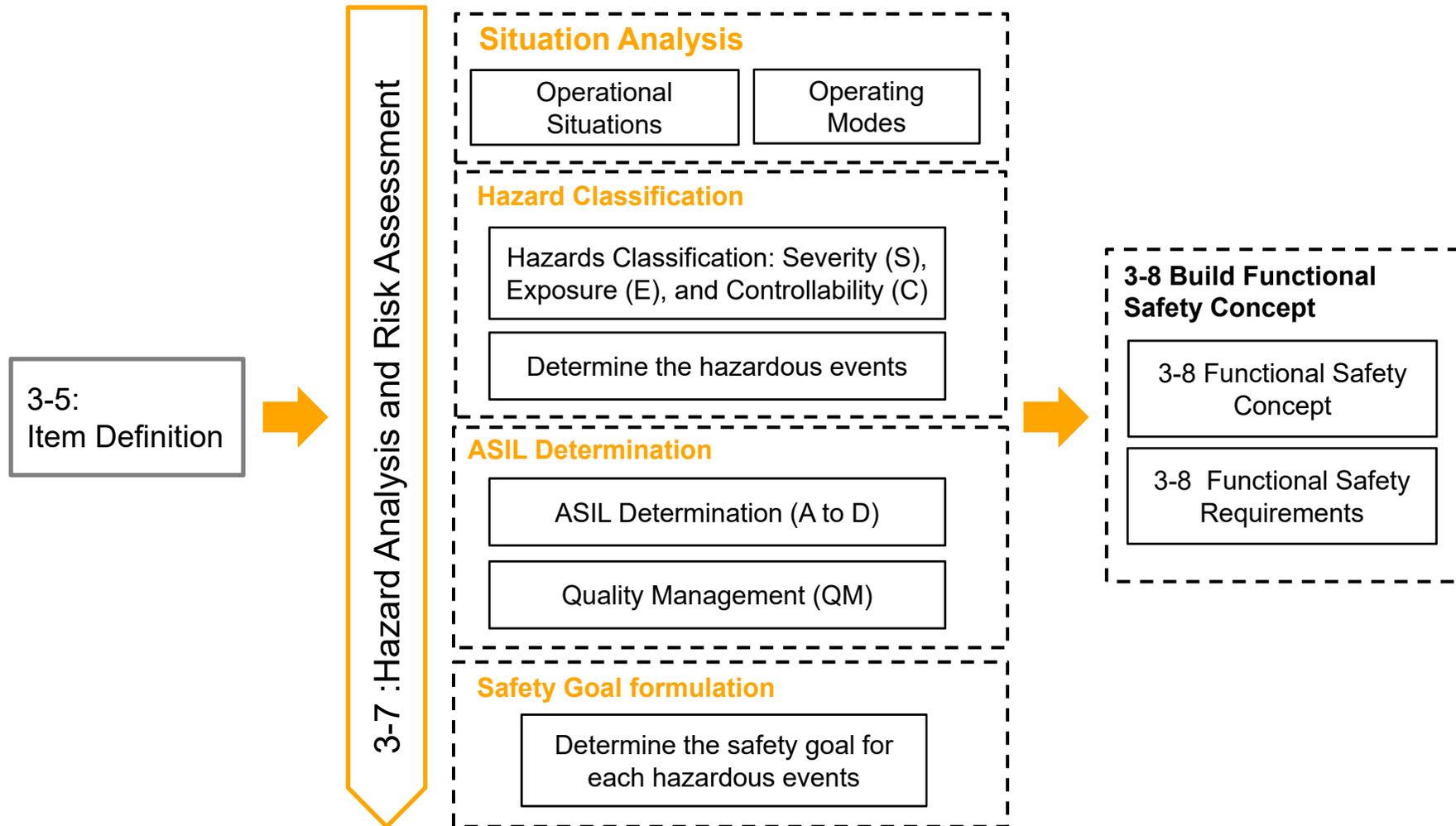
# HARA & ISO26262 Lifecycle

## Concept Phase (ISO 26262-part 3)



# HARA & ISO 26262 Lifecycle

## Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment (HARA)



# HARA & ISO 26262 Lifecycle

## ISO 26262 challenges for autonomous vehicles



- › ISO 26262 has no recommended method for the item definition
- › ISO 26262 recommends various analysis techniques (e.g. FTA, FMEA, HARA)
- › ISO 26262 is not established for fully automated driving vehicles (autonomous vehicles)
- › No controllability assessment method for the hazardous events of fully automated vehicle (no driver in loop, SAE level 5)

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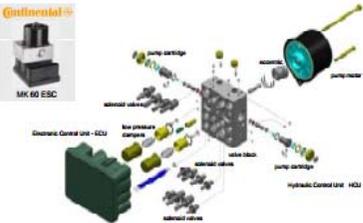


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# Introduction to STAMP/STPA

## Assessment Methodologies

### Technical Systems

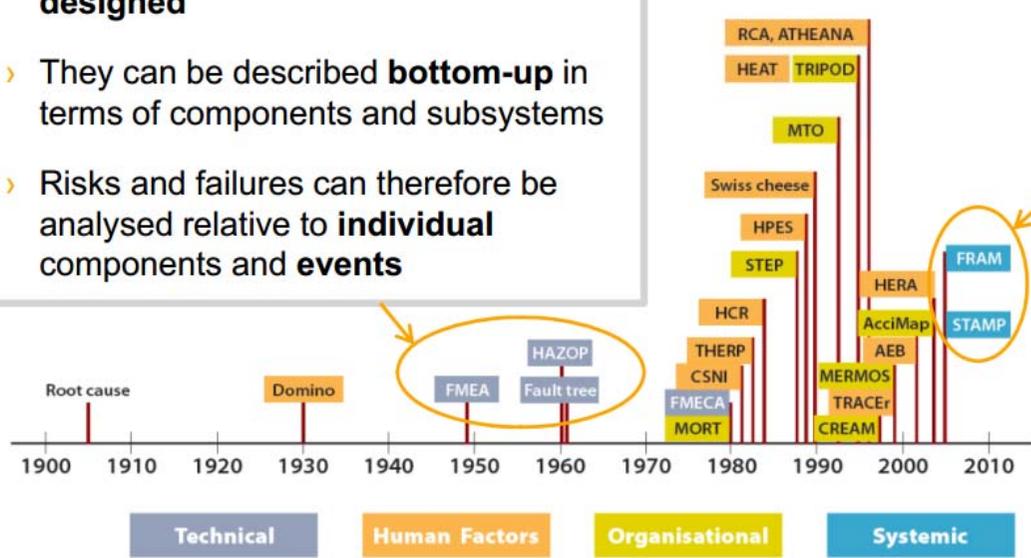


- › Decomposition works for technical systems, because they have been **designed**
- › They can be described **bottom-up** in terms of components and subsystems
- › Risks and failures can therefore be analysed relative to **individual** components and **events**

### Socio-Technical Systems



- › Decomposition does **not** work for socio-technical systems, because they are emergent
- › Must be described **top-down** in terms of functions and objectives
- › Risks and failures must therefore be described relative to functional wholes



[Hollnagel2009,2014], [Leveson2011]

# Introduction to STAMP/STPA

## Limitation of traditional accident models



- › Technology is changing faster than the engineering techniques
- › Changing nature of accidents.
- › New types of hazards (e.g. unacceptable physical, scientific, or financial losses)
- › Decreasing tolerance for single accidents
- › Increasing complexity and coupling
- › More complex relationships between human and automation
- › Changing regulations and public view of safety

[Leveson 2004, A new Accident Model for Engineering Safer Systems]

# Introduction to STAMP/STPA

## STAMP New Accident Model

**STAMP** (Systems-Theoretic Accident Model and Processes)

is an accident causality model based on system theory and system thinking

- › Developed by Nancy Leveson, MIT in 2004
- › Accidents are more than a chain of events, they involve **complex dynamic processes**.
- › Treat accidents as a **control problem**, not a failure problem
- › Prevent accidents by enforcing constraints on component behaviour and **interactions**.
- › Capture **more causes** of accidents:
  - › Component failure accidents.
  - › Unsafe interactions among components
  - › Complex human, software behaviour
  - › Design errors
  - › Software-related accidents



Source: N. G. Leveson. Engineering A Safer World: Systems Thinking Applied to Safety, MIT Press. Cambridge, MA. 2011.

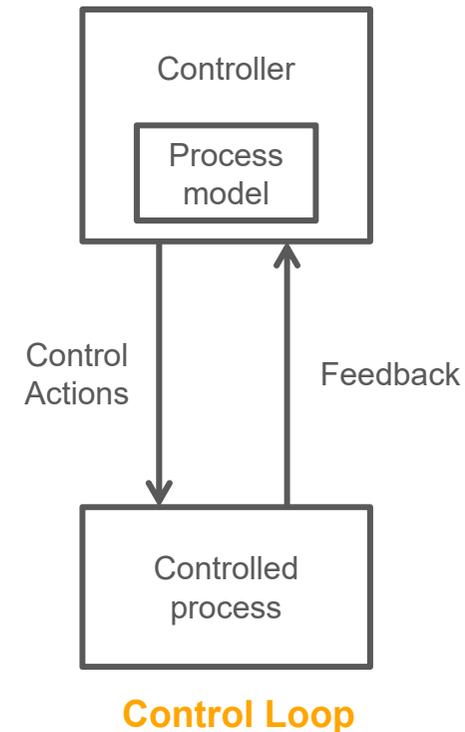
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## Methodology

### STPA (System-Theoretic Process Analysis)

#### Technique based on systems thinking by a STAMP model

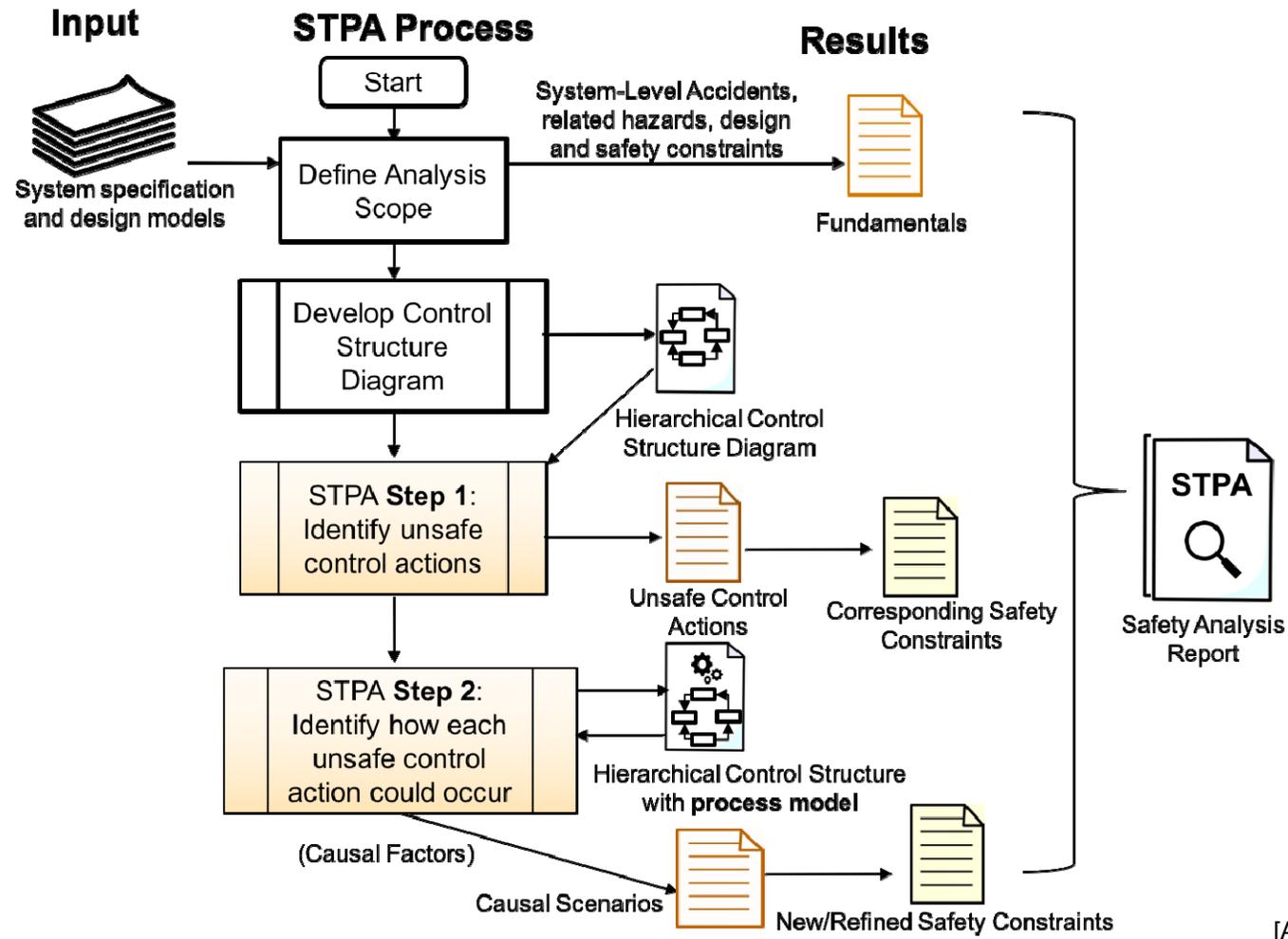
- › Based on system theory rather than reliability theory
- › Integrates safety into system engineering and can also analyze hazards in existing design
- › Drive the earliest design decisions (Safety by Design)
- › Identify unexpected accident scenarios
- › In systems theory, instead of breaking systems into interacting components, systems are viewed (modeled) as a hierarchy of organizational levels.



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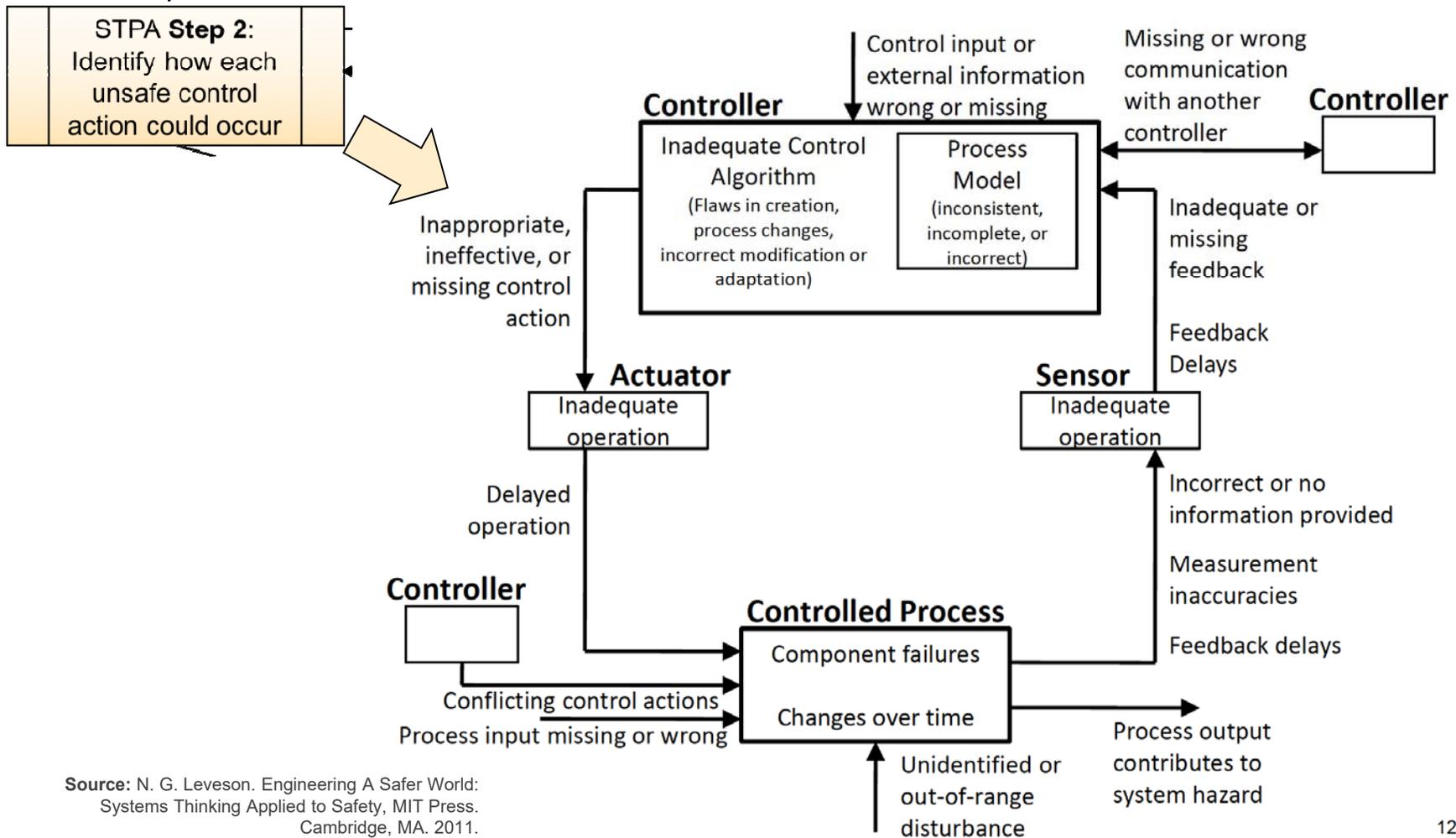
## Safety Analysis Approach



[Abdulkhaleq 2017]

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## Causal Factors Analysis (Qualitative Analysis)



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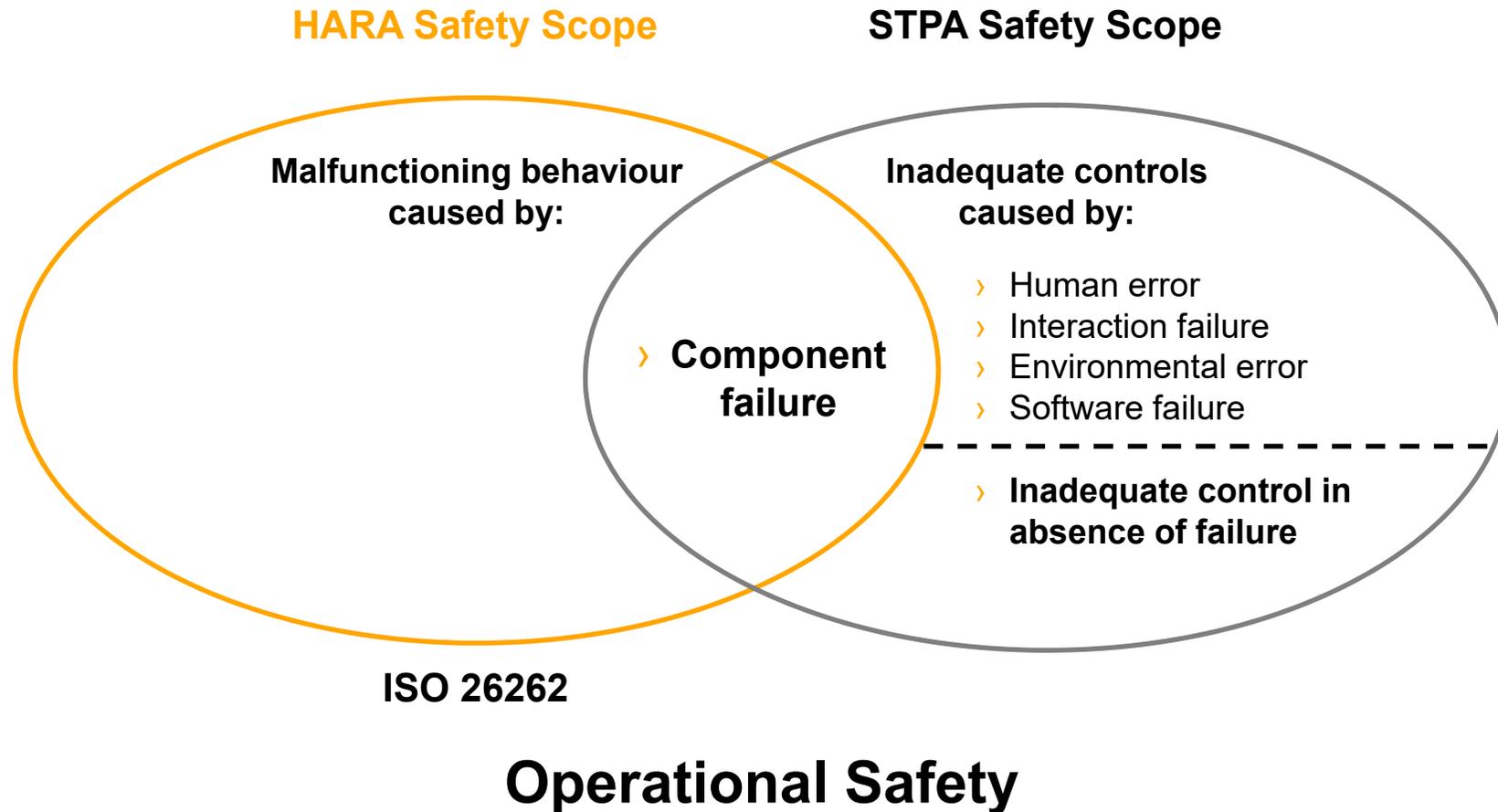
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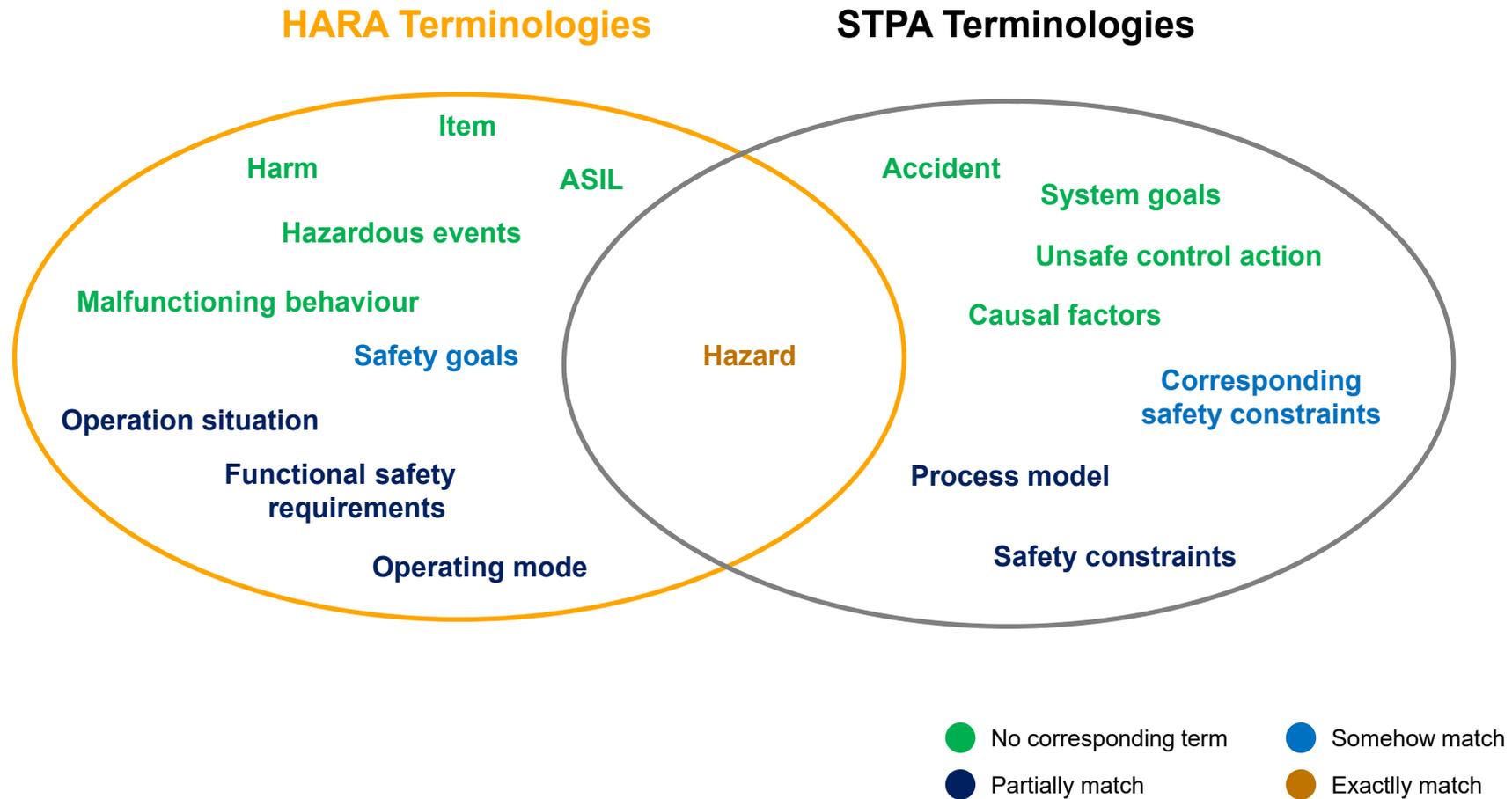
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## STPA vs HARA



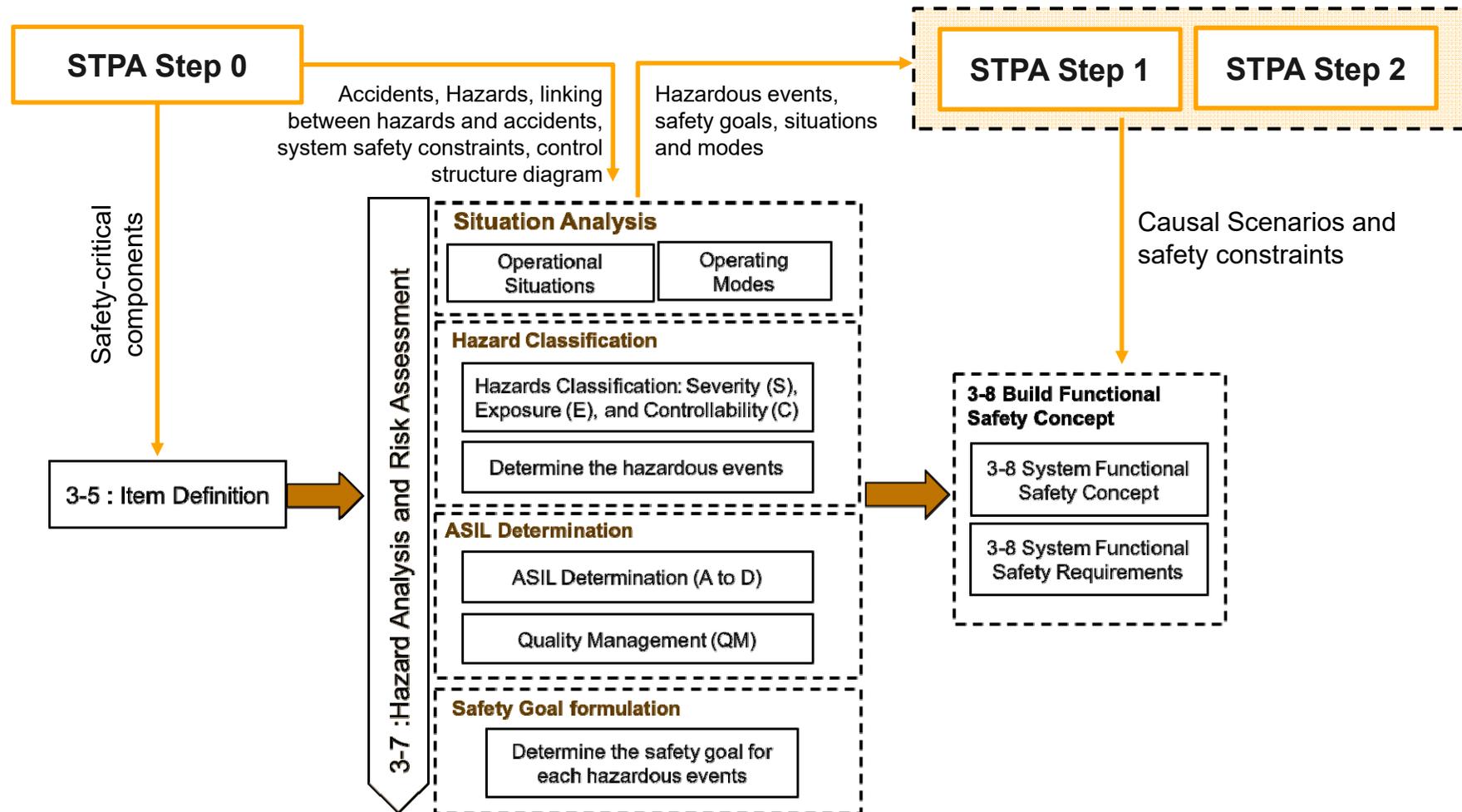
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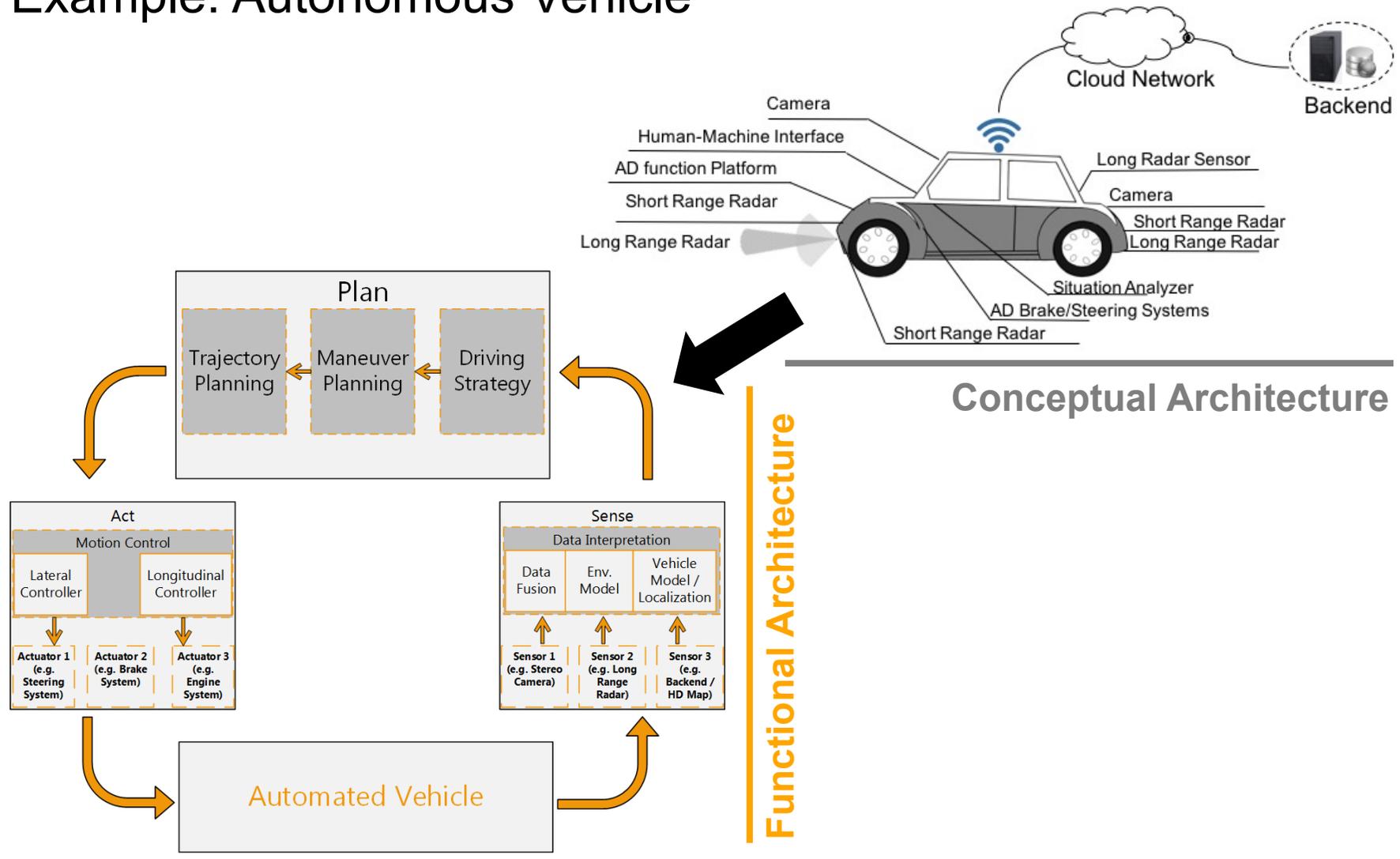
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## STPA in ISO 26262



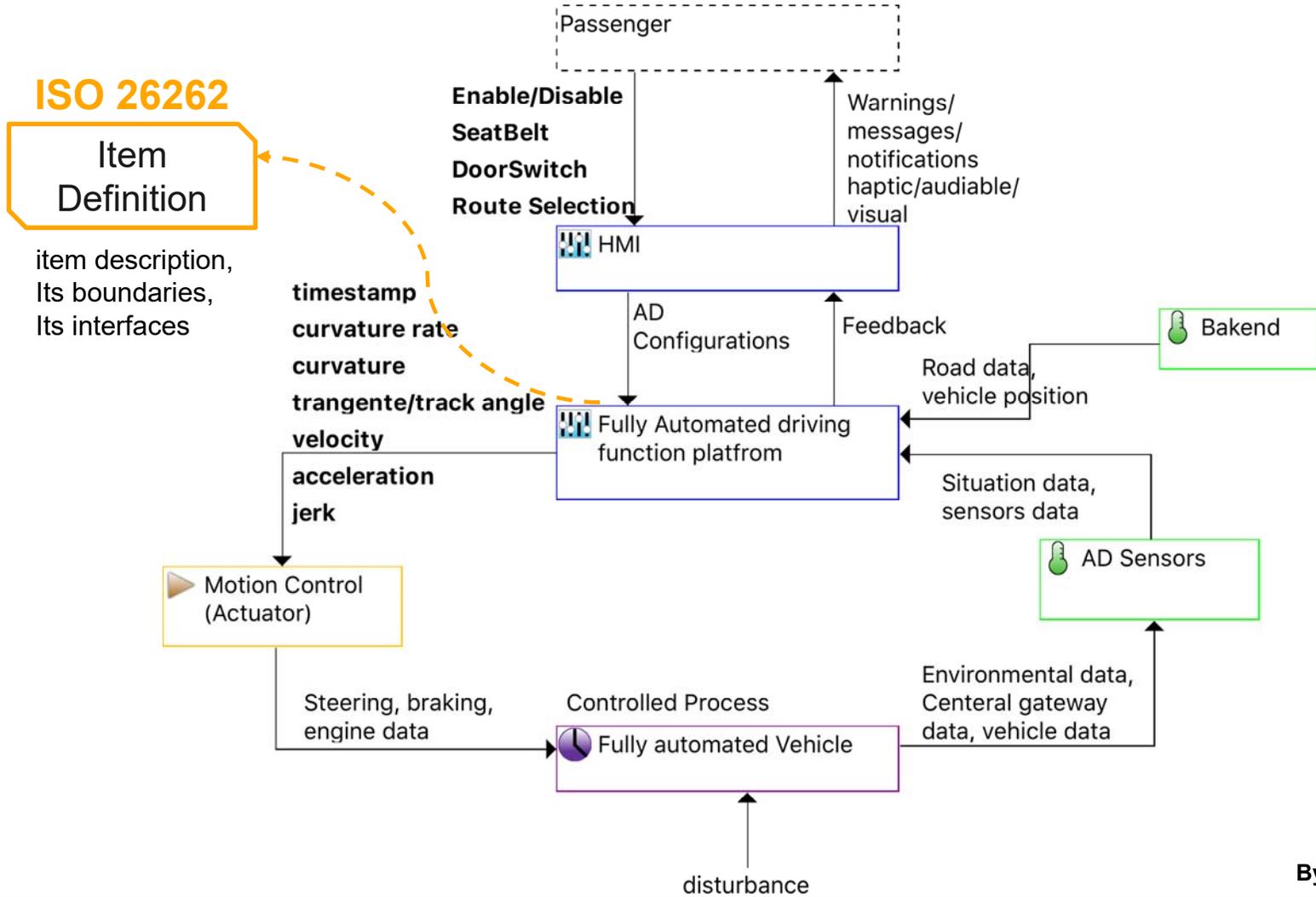
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## Example: Autonomous Vehicle



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## STPA Step 0: Safety Control Structure Diagram



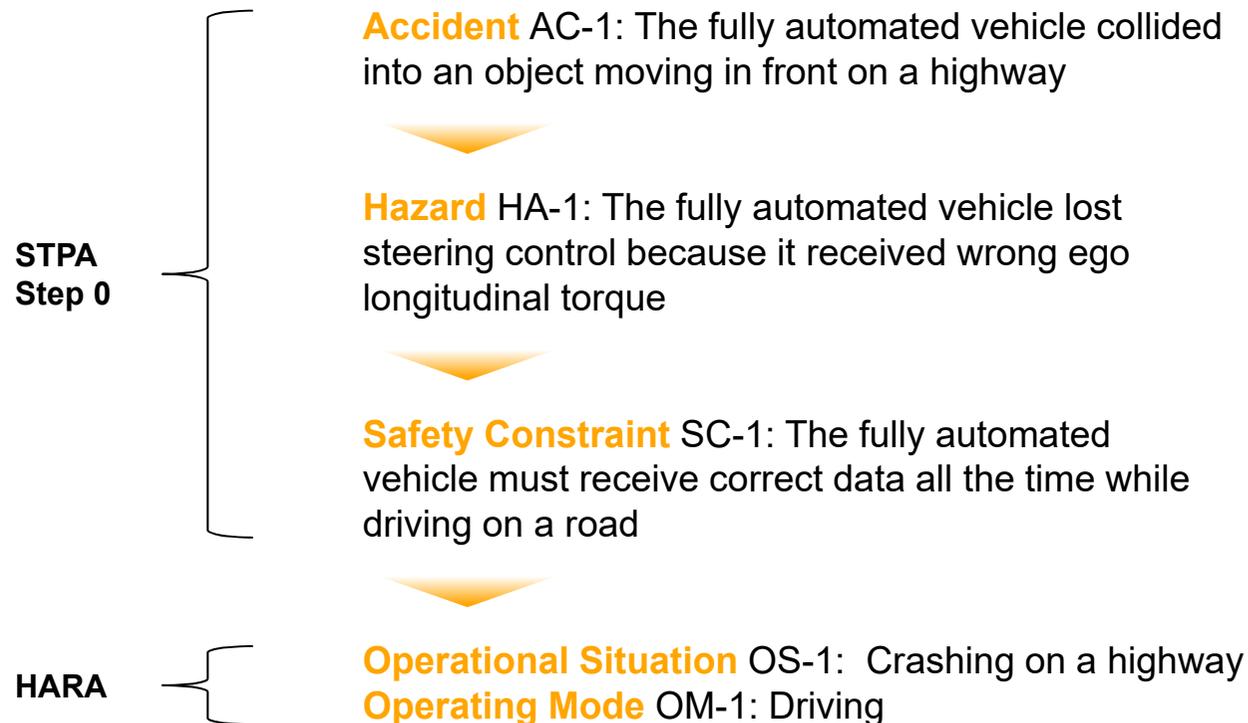
**ISO 26262**  
**Item Definition**  
 item description,  
 Its boundaries,  
 Its interfaces

By XSTAMPP

# Methodology & Results

## STPA Step 0: Accidents & Hazards

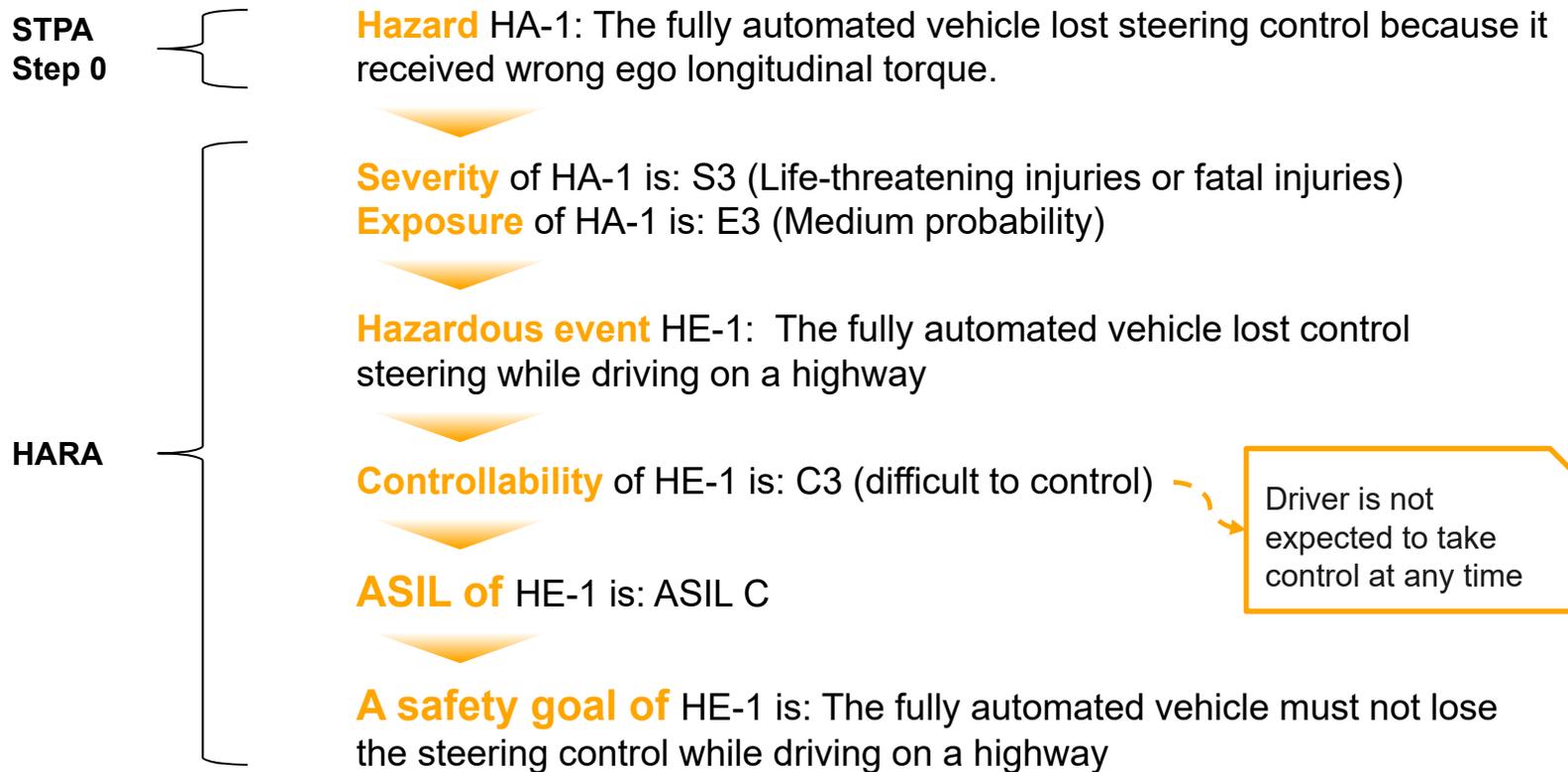
- › We identify 26 accidents which fully automated driving vehicle can lead to
  - › We identify 176 hazards which are grouped into the 9 hazard categories
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# Methodology & Results

## Risk Assessment & Hazards Classification

- › We estimated the severity and exposure of each hazard identified in STPA Step 0
- › We identified the hazardous events for each hazard and estimated its controllability



# Methodology & Results

## STPA Step 1: Unsafe Control Actions

- › We identify the unsafe control actions of the fully automated driving platform
  - › We translate each unsafe control action into a corresponding safety constraint
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**Safety-critical control action** CA-1: Trajectory



**Unsafe control action** UCA-1: The fully automated driving function platform does not provide a valid trajectory to motion control while driving too fast on a highway [HA-1]



**Corresponding safety constraint** SC-1: The fully automated driving function platform must always provide a valid trajectory to motion control while driving too fast on a highway

# Methodology & Results

## STPA Step 2: Causal Factors and Scenarios

- › We use the results of the situation analysis to determine the process model of AD
  - › We identify the causal factors and scenarios of each unsafe control action
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**Process Model Variables** PMV: road\_type (highway, parking, intersection, mountain, city, urban) throttle position, brake friction, etc.

**Unsafe control action** UCA-1: The fully automated driving function platform does not provide a valid trajectory to motion control while driving too fast on a highway [HA-1]

**Causal Factor:** Lack of Communication

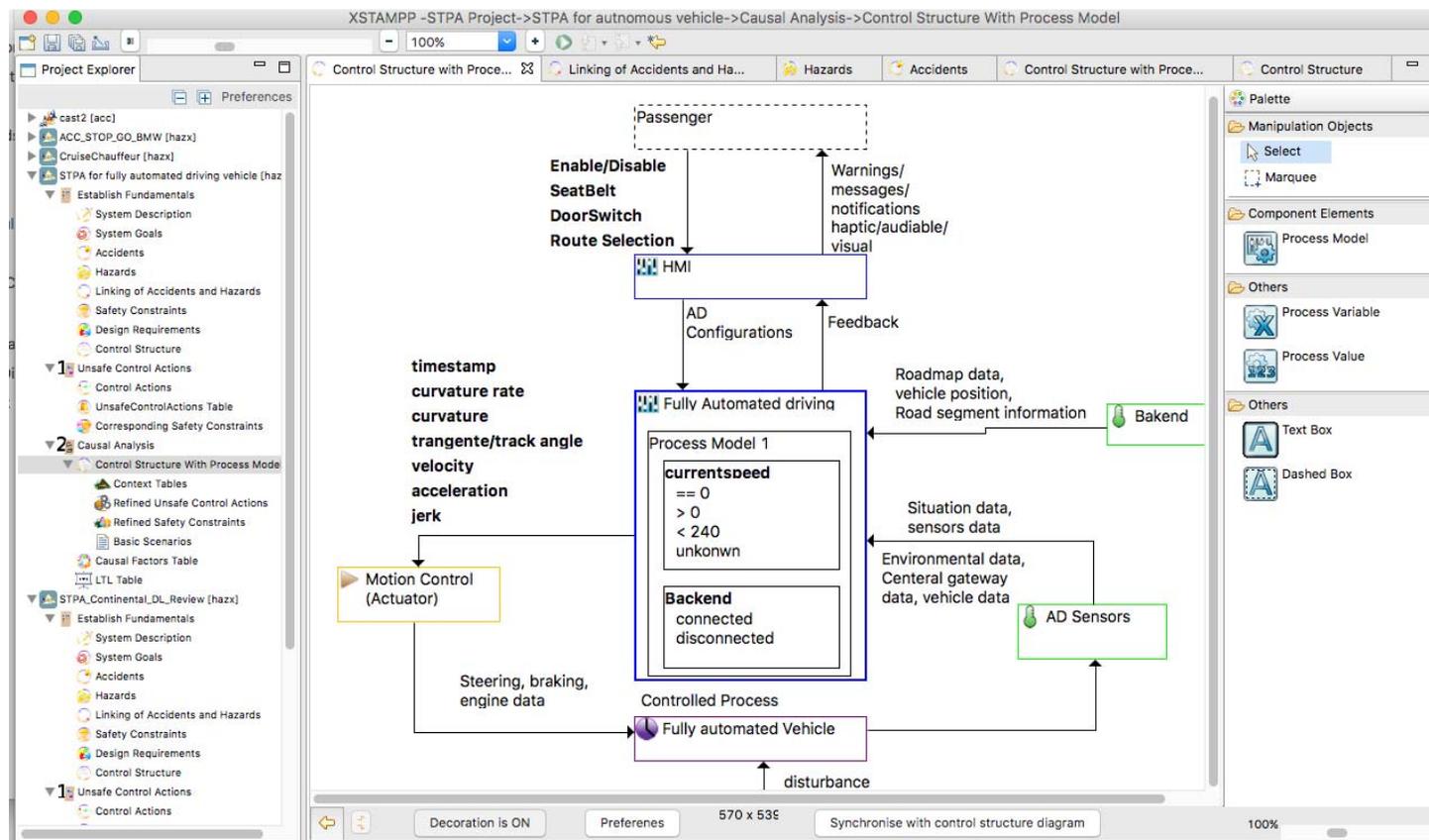
**Causal Scenario** CS-1: The fully automated driving function platform receives wrong signals from backend due to the lack of communication while driving too fast on a highway

**Safety Constraint** SC-1: The fully automated driving function platform must always provide the trajectory to enable motion control to adjust the throttle position and apply brake friction when the vehicle is driving too fast on a highway and there is traffic ahead to avoid a potential collision.

# XSTAMPP Tool Support ([www.xstampp.de](http://www.xstampp.de))

## XSTAMPP for Safety Engineering based on STAMP

- › We used an open source tool called XSTAMPP which we developed to support the STAMP methodologies and its extensions to other applications such as **security, privacy**.



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# STPA in compliance with ISO 26262

## Conclusion



- › We used STPA as a assessment approach for the functional architecture of automated driving vehicle.
- › We show how to use STPA in compliance with ISO 26262 to extend the safety scope of ISO 26262
- › We provide a guidance on how use the STPA into the ISO 26262 lifecycle.
- › We found that STPA and HARA can be applied with a little bit knowledge about the detailed design of the system at early stage of development.



- › STPA and HARA have different base assumptions.
- › The integration of STPA into HARA activities still needs modification in the assumptions and terms of both STPA and HARA to directly map the results of STPA into HARA
- › STPA has no guidance on how to define the process model and its variables.
- › Our tool support XSTAMPP does not support the HARA activities

**STPA will be recommended in the next version of ISO 26262 (2018)**

# STPA in compliance with ISO 26262

## Future Work



- › Use of STPA as a qualitative analysis in an advanced development project (e.g. fully automated driving vehicle)
- › We plan to explore the use of STPA approach in compliance with ISO 26262 at different levels of the fully automated driving architecture (e.g. software level) to develop detailed safety requirements.
- › We plan to develop an extension to our tool XSTAMPP to support the HARA activities.
- › We plan to conduct empirical case study evaluating our proposed concept with functional safety engineers at Continental to understand the benefits and limitations.

[To download our tool: www.xstamp.de](http://www.xstamp.de)

**Thank you**  
for your attention

## Q & A



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