

A Survey of Cybersecurity in Railway Signaling

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Speed of Implementation

New players,
new collaboration models,
new business models

Big Data

Automated
driving

ETCS
Level 3

Intelligent Traffic
Management

Connectivity

Augmented Reality

Artificial Intelligence

Laser Scanning

No TVD and signals.
Points remotely controlled

Automated
vehicle
systems and
optimized
traffic in a
cloud based
environment

Virtual
train coupling

Break through fast
point machines

TMS, RBC & IXL functions
centralized in the cloud

Train-to-Train
communication

Vital cloud application

High level of automated
conflict resolution

Data Ownership

IT Security Level 3

Flexible use of
Power Supply

Non-vital
cloud application

Safe satellite
supported
positioning

High level of automated
conflict resolution

HW independent
Safe applications

Remote
Software
loading

Service-oriented
business models

User friendly HMI

Train integrity

Data Analytics

Smart Sensors
Obstacle detection

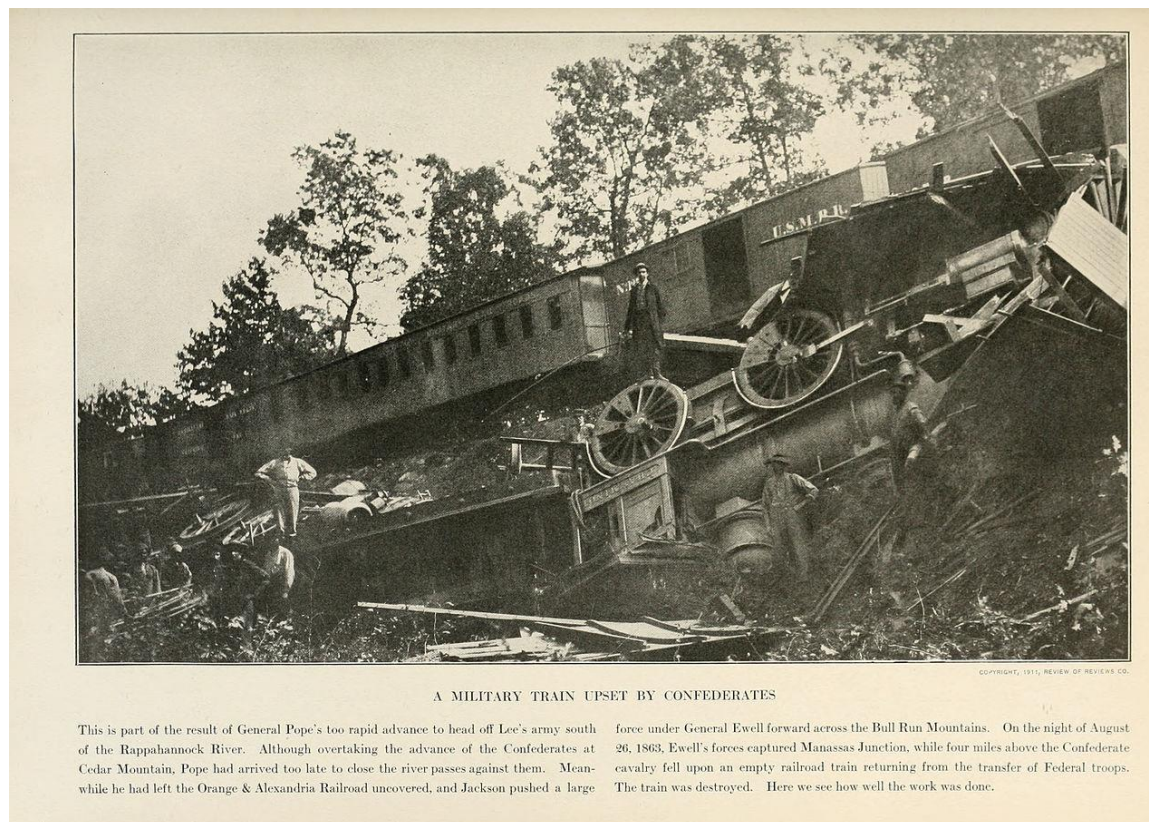
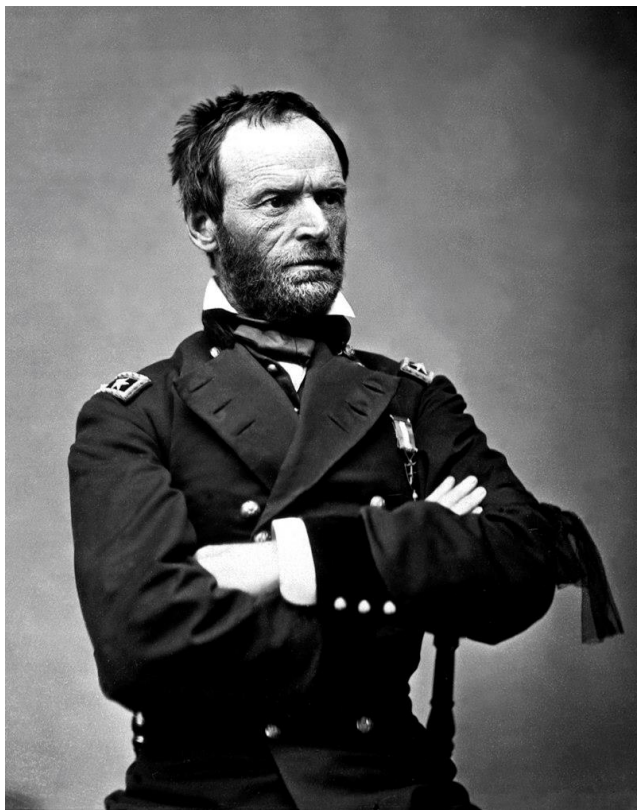
Mobile devices &
web technology

Block Chain

Secure IP-based
communication

Smart Sensors
Obstacle detection

Railways and Security: how it began...

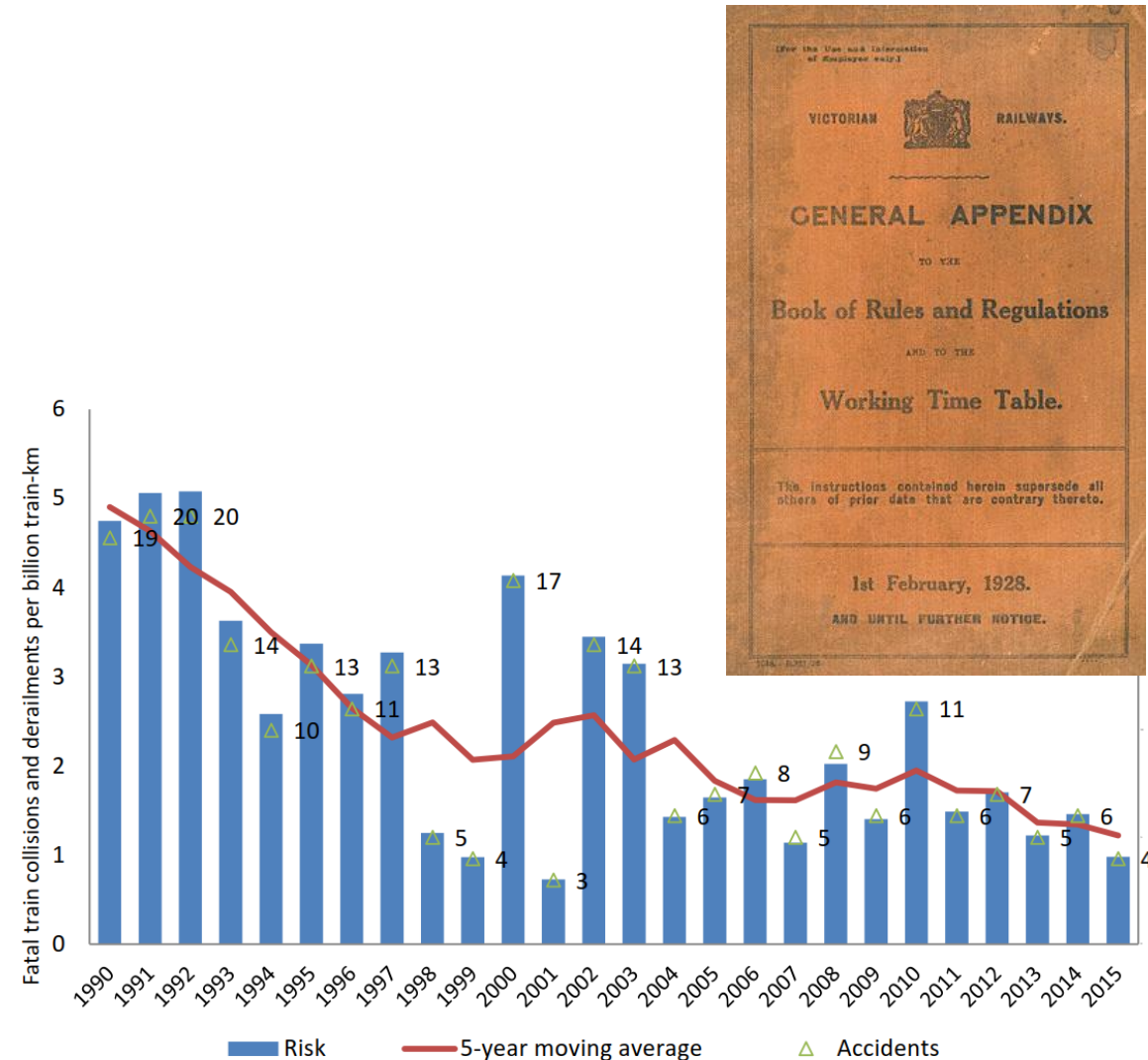


Railroads are the weakest things in war: a single man with a match can destroy and cut off communications.

William Tecumseh Sherman

Traditional safety approach in railways

- Railways are traditionally operated by rules
- It is generally assumed that railways are safe, unless
 - a significant change is introduced
 - a safety-related incident has occurred
- This concept was formally also introduced into European law (CSM regulation)
- EU statistics show a slight steady downward trend



Remember the early 90's? Not so long ago...



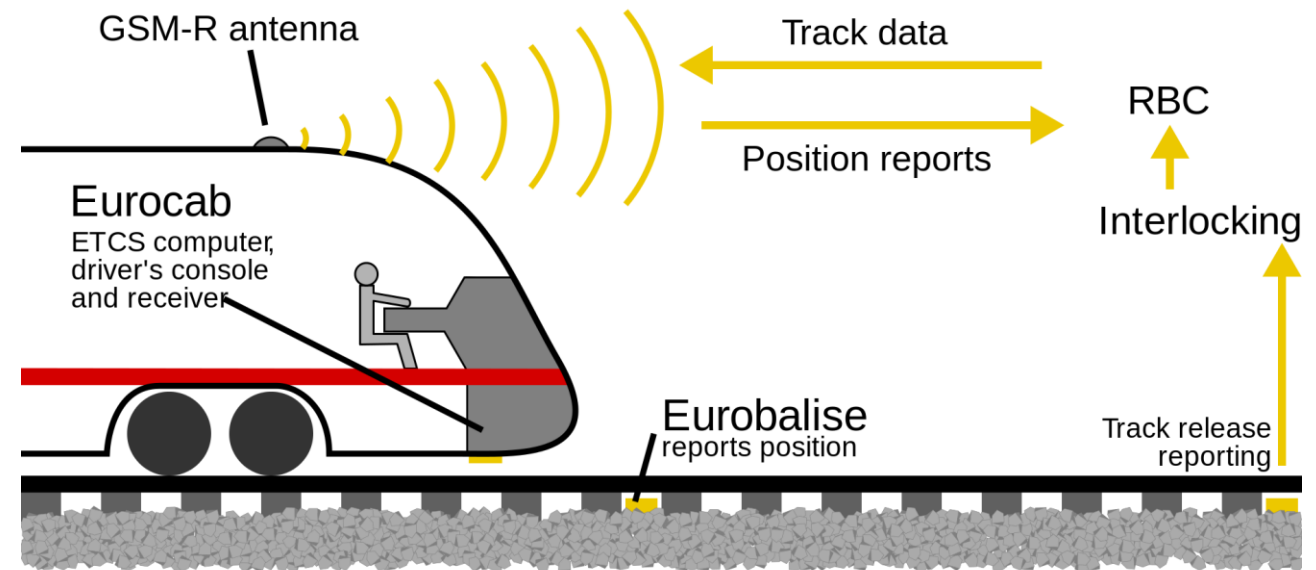
- First high-speed trains in operation in Germany
- First computer-based interlockings deployed
- First driverless metros in France
- Mainly proprietary technology
- Already some research projects in radio-based train control
- Rollout of GSM, GPS etc
- No harmonised standards
- No cross-border interoperability
- No European agency for railways
- In many countries privatization about to begin
- ...

And then came ETCS...

Changes in ETCS w. r. t. conventional signalling:

- **Public Radio System (new)**
- Balise System (updated)
- Moving Block (L3 only)
- Train Integrity (L3 only)
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So Security analysis focused mainly on the radio link.



... and extensive security analysis was performed for the radio link

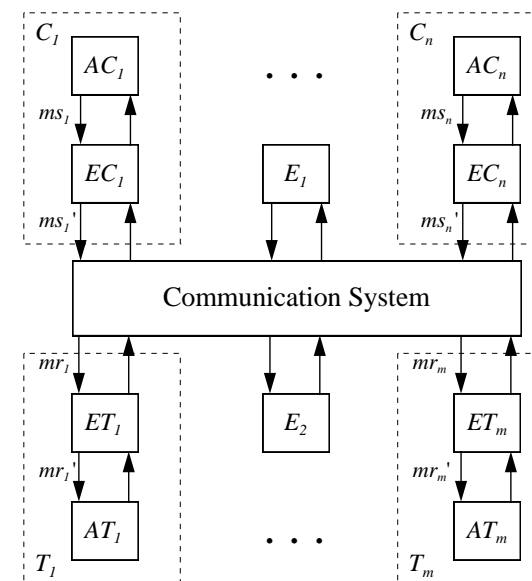
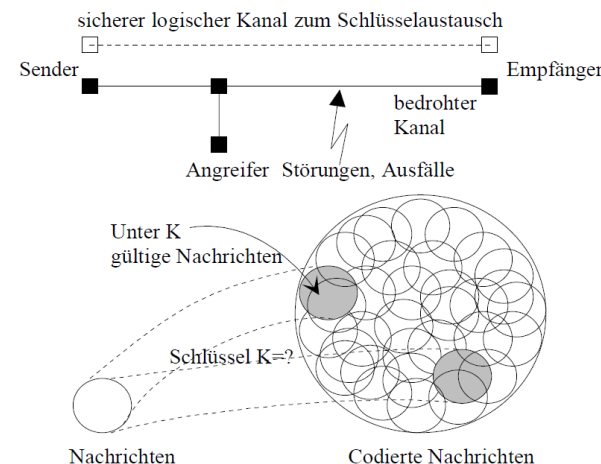
However trade-offs between safety and security had to be made
e. g.

- cryptographic security mechanisms introduce an additional delay
- fortunately many safety-related messages are not time-critical
e. g. movement authorities
- but emergency stop messages are...

Safety would require that emergency stops are executed as quick as possible

Availability (security) would require that only authenticated messages are processed

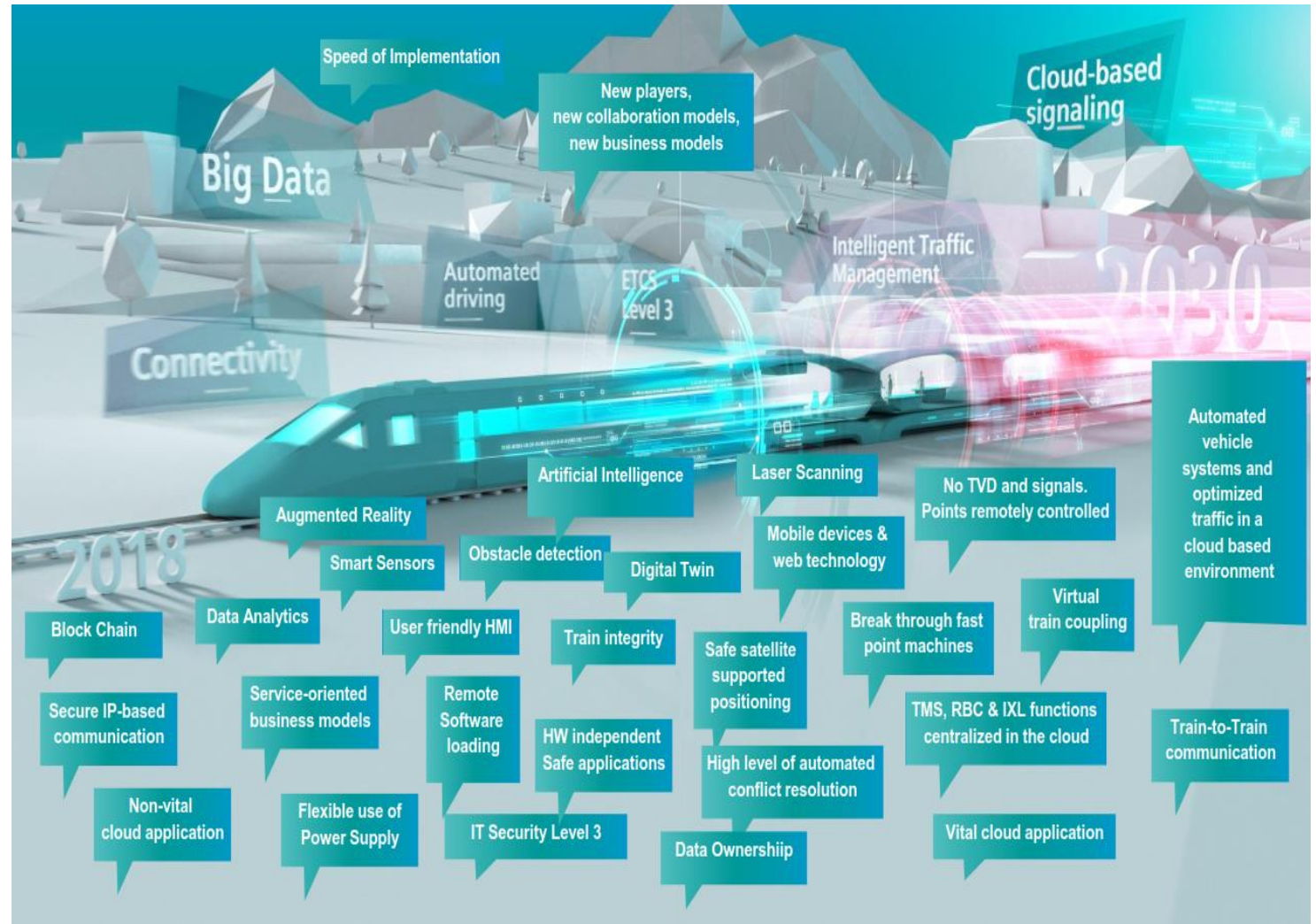
For ETCS it was decided that emergency stop messages are not authenticated.



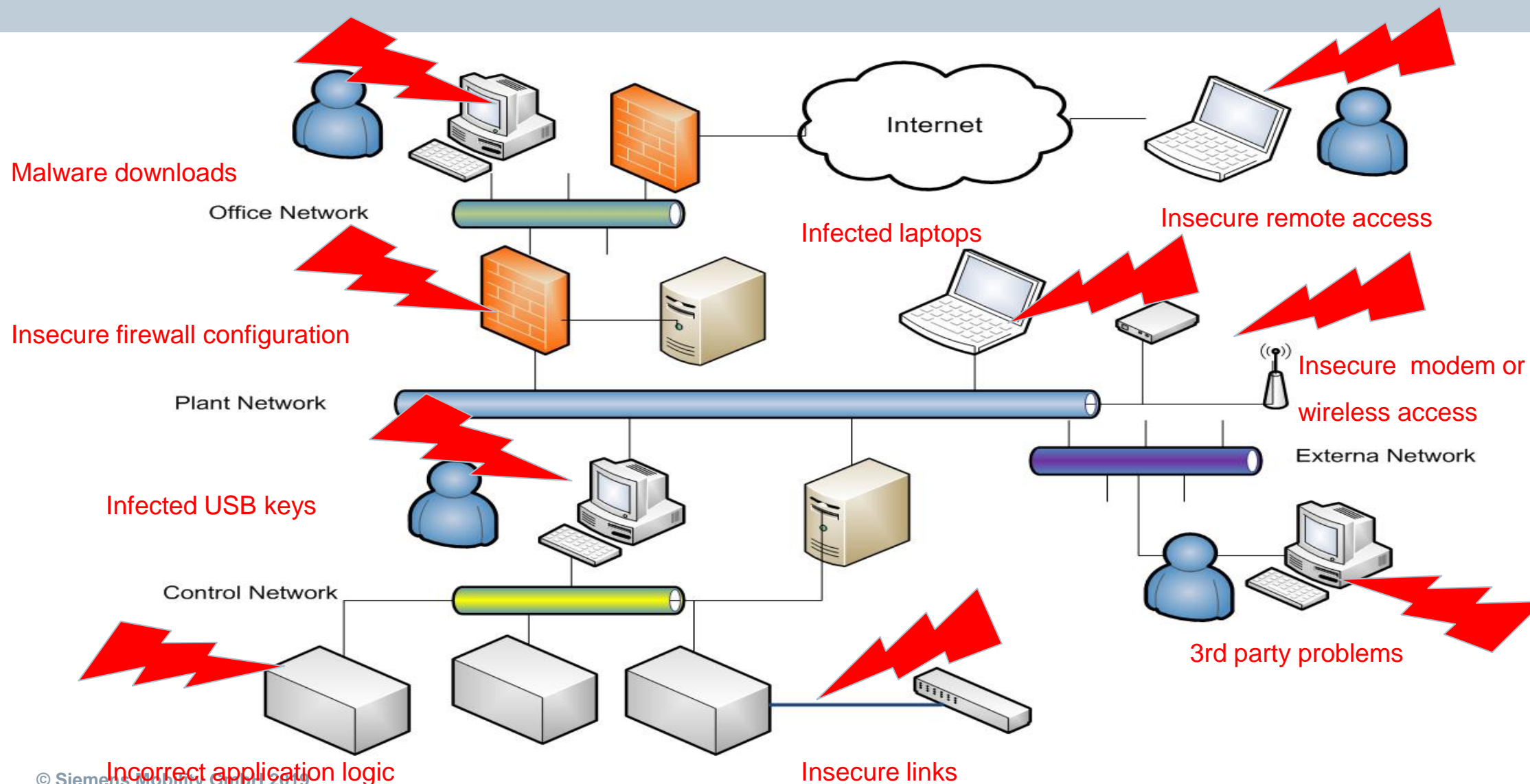
C_i : trackside entity (RBC)
 T_i : trainside entity
 AC_i : application layer trackside
 EC_i : EuroRadio layer trackside
 AT_i : application layer trainside
 ET_i : EuroRadio layer trainside
 E_i : other communicating entities
 ms_i, ms_i' : message stream sender
 mr_j, mr_j' : message stream receiver

... and many other security-related applications were introduced

- Remote operation of interlockings
- Remote maintenance including SW update
- Automated driving
- Use of COTS HW and SW
- IP based interlockings
- Interlocking in the cloud
- ...
- .. and many more are in the pipeline



But what about closed networks and air gaps?



What's the problem with safety and security?

“If it's not secure, it's unlikely to be safe!”

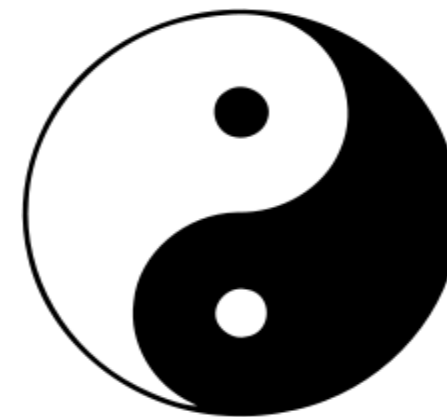
Safety and Security have

- complementary goals
- different regulatory authorities
- different terminology
- different communities
- different standards
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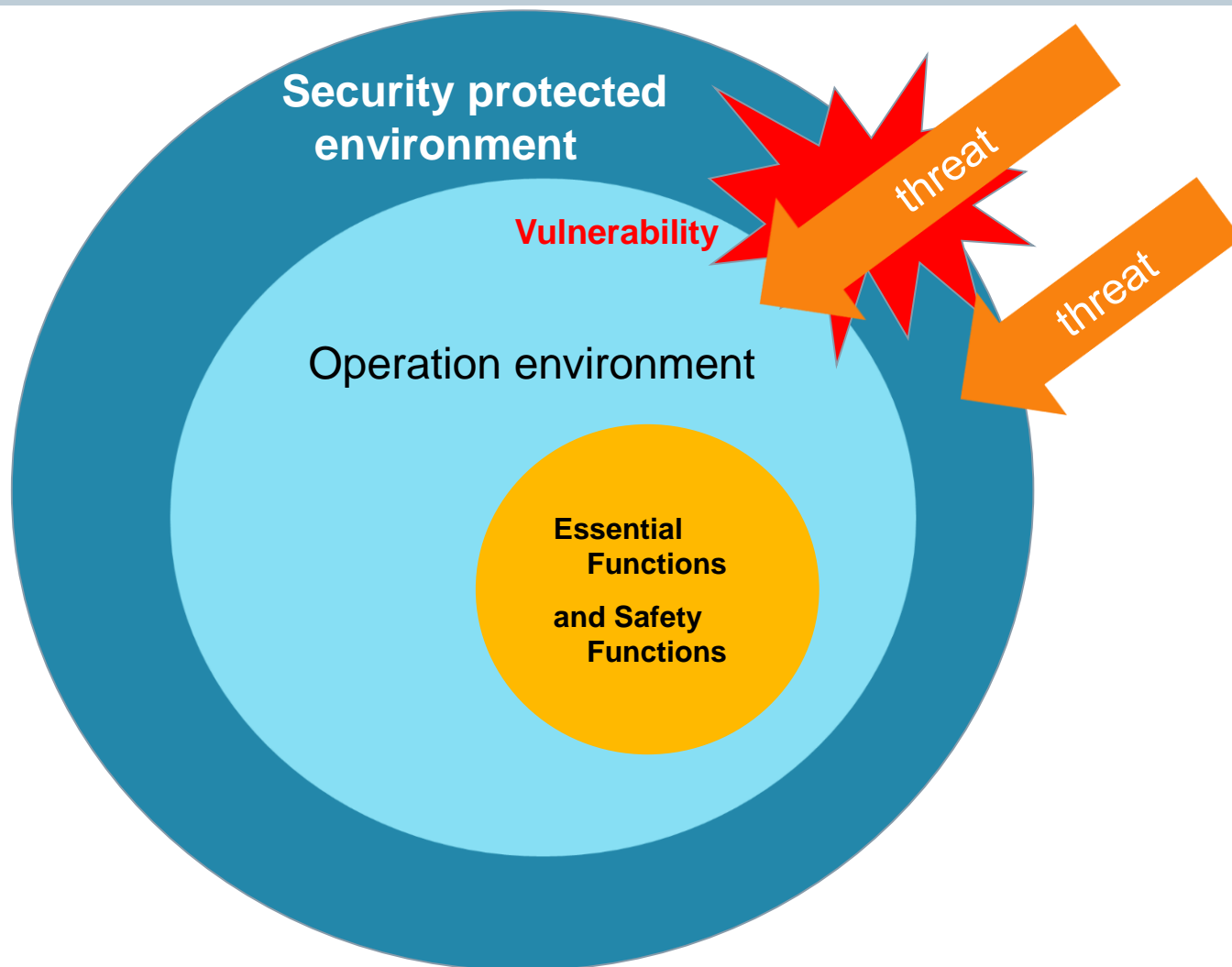
How do we cope with this situation?



Department
for Transport



Safety and Security: United or Separated?



Security can be viewed as an external influence similar to temperature, humidity, EMC etc. This view was already in Mü8004 and has been extended in the CENELEC standards.

Security provides an environment in which essential functions (incl. safety) are not adversely affected

Security and safety issues should be separated as far as possible, also with respect to certification.

This calls for a “security-informed safety case”

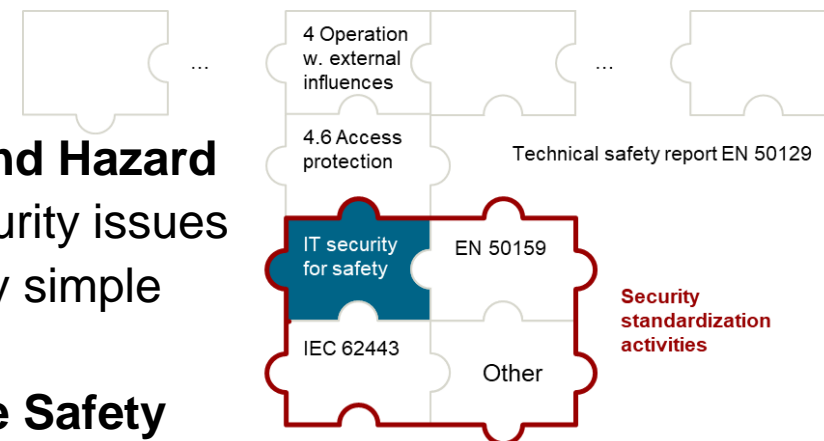
EN 50129:2018 introduced the basics

The **safety management process** aims at minimizing the residual risk of safety-related systematic faults and **security threats (including IT-Security threats)** so far as **safety is concerned....**

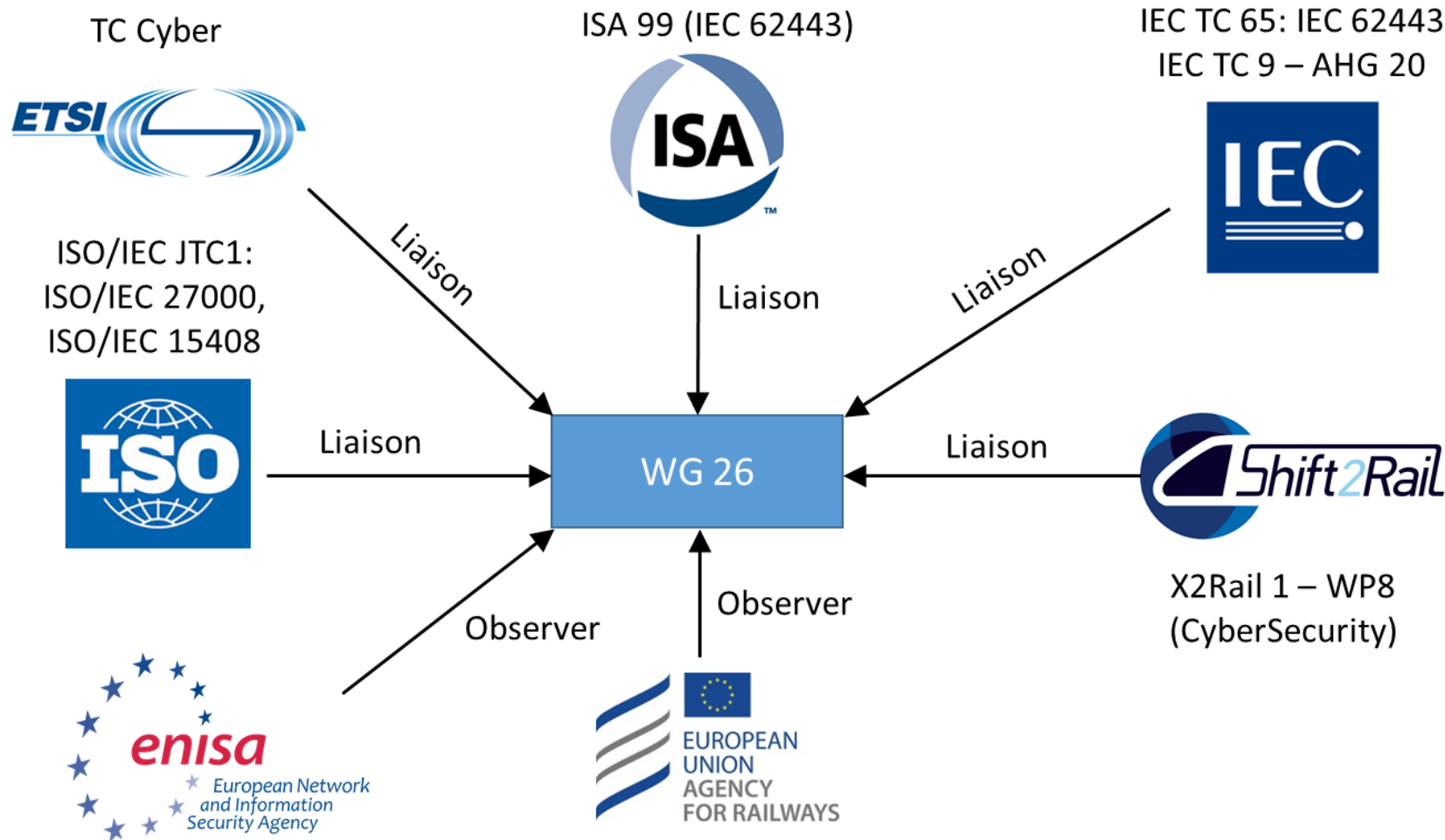
IT-Security threats shall be managed during the Risk Assessment and Hazard Control (or existing analyses shall be referenced), if an impact of IT-Security issues on functional safety is reasonably foreseeable and cannot be excluded by simple arguments (e.g. a system having no connection to untrusted networks).

Measures addressing security shall be recorded or referenced in the Safety Case (section 4.5 of the Technical Safety Report, as described in 7.2)....

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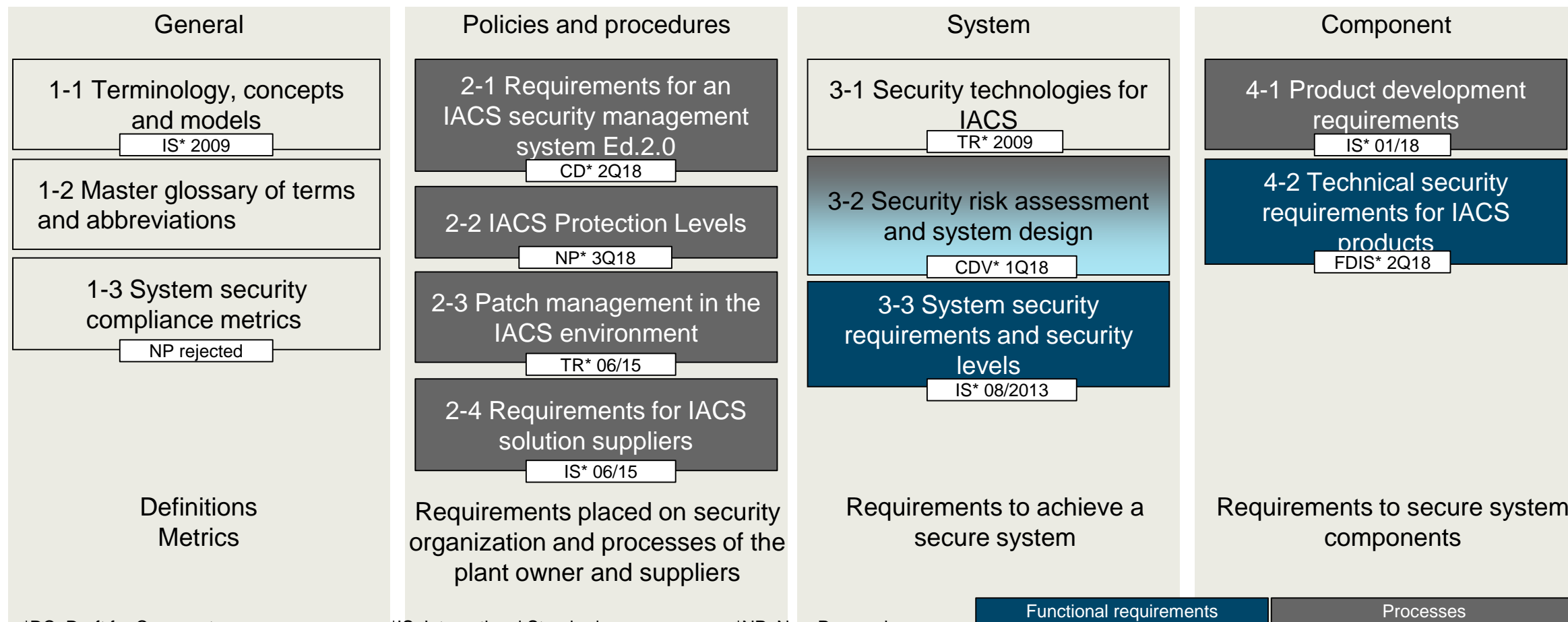


... and CENELEC WG26 focuses Security Standardisation for Railways



IEC 62443 – A Global Standard for Industry Automation IT Security

IEC / ISA-62443



*DC: Draft for Comment

*CDV: Committee Draft for Vote

*IS: International Standard

*TR: Technical Report

*NP: New Proposal

*FDIS: Final Draft for IS

The way forward in Railway IT Security Standardisation

2001: EN 50159-2 published (communication security)

2011: Integration with EN 50159-1

May 2014 : SC9XA Survey group (SGA16)

Sep 2016 : SC9XA/SGA16 report

June 2016 : Creation of a TC9 X – SG24.

- investigate and identify the various, varying and intended approaches

July 2017 : Creation of TC 9X – WG 26 to produce a Technical specification

- 68 experts registered,
- Approx. 30 people participating to F2F events
- Regular meetings and conference calls

June 2019: prTS 50701 published for commenting

October 2019: prTS 50701 published for voting

August 2020: publication TS 50701

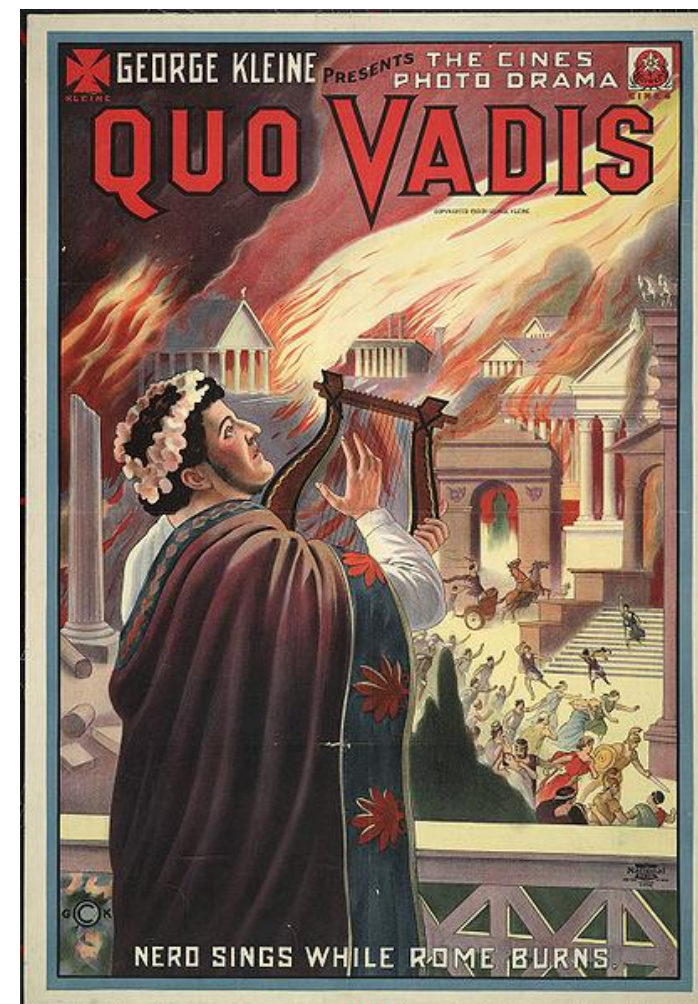
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Conclusion: Security has to become part of our Digitalization DNA

- Safety and Security have to be separated as far as reasonable but need effective coordination
- Digitalization without proper consideration of security is infeasible
- IEC 62443 will become the backbone also for railways
- However some adaptations to the railway environment are necessary
- These will be introduced by TS 50701
- Last but not least security is a joint effort by all stakeholders



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