

# Ergo, SMIRK is Safe: A Safety Case for a Machine Learning Component in a Pedestrian Emergency Brake System

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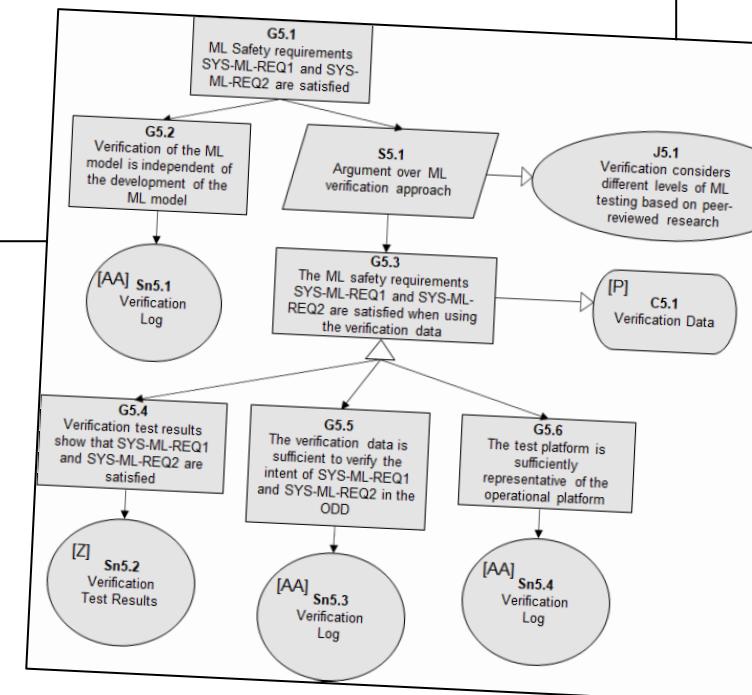
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# Open ML-based demonstrator



# Introduction

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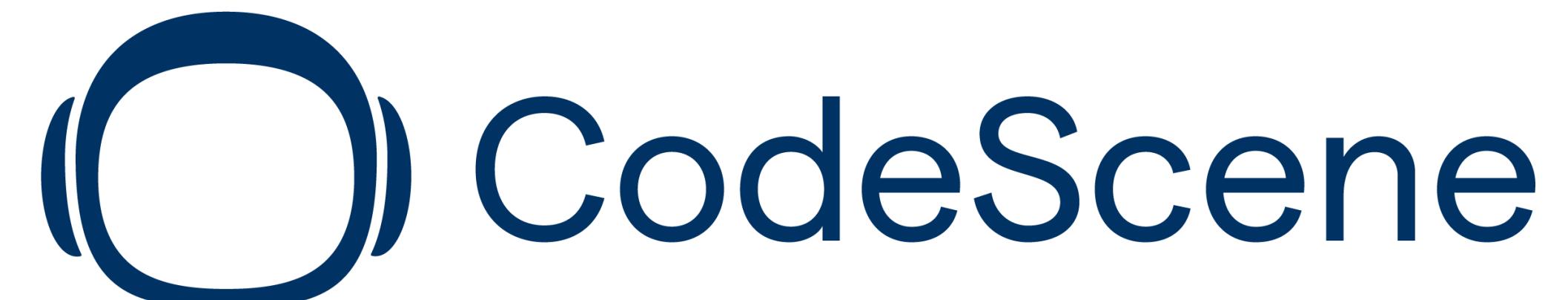
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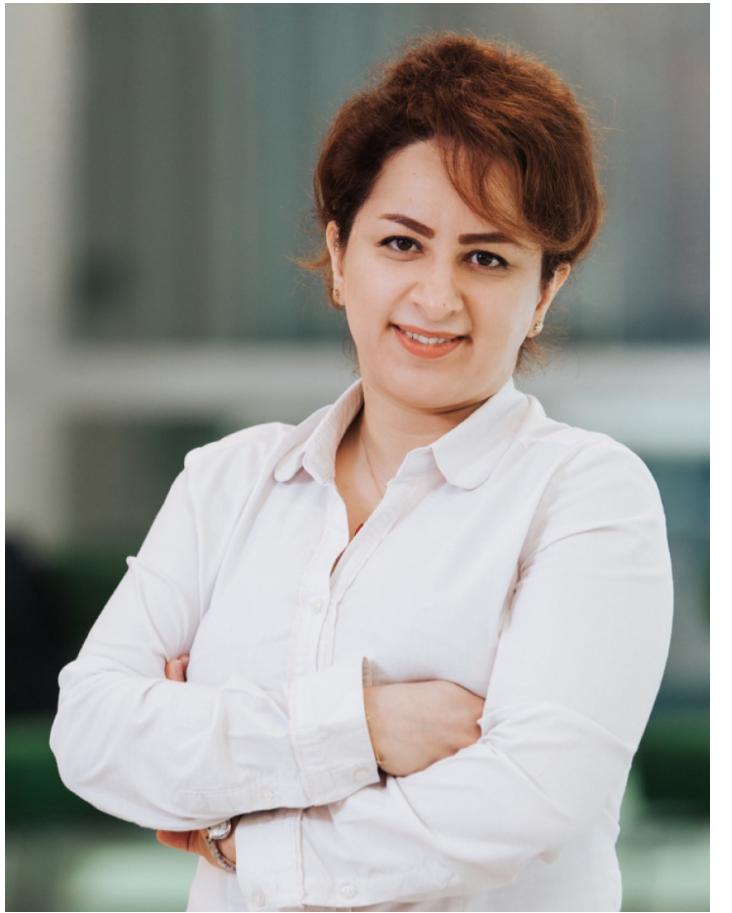




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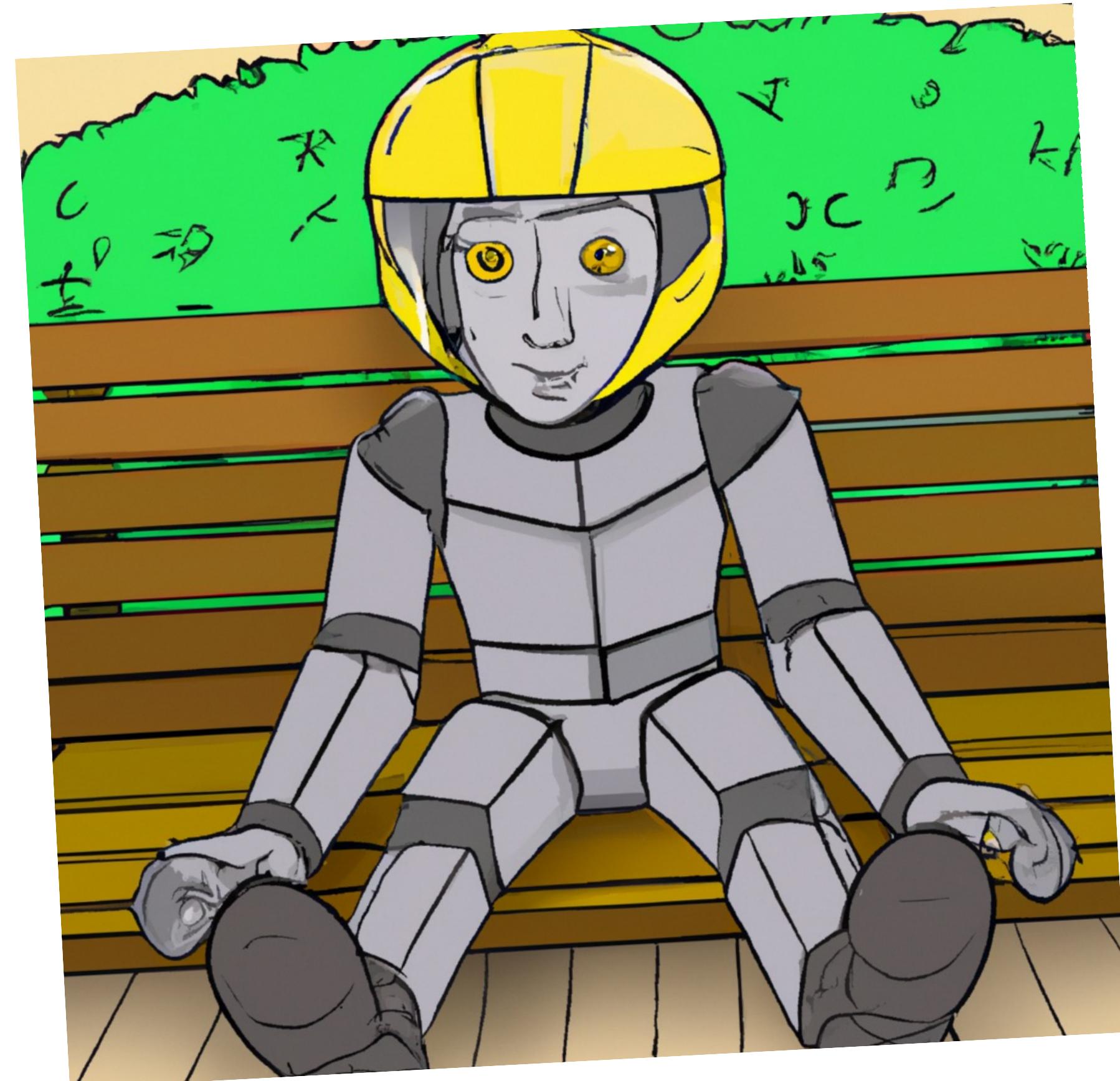


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Standards and guidelines are high-level...

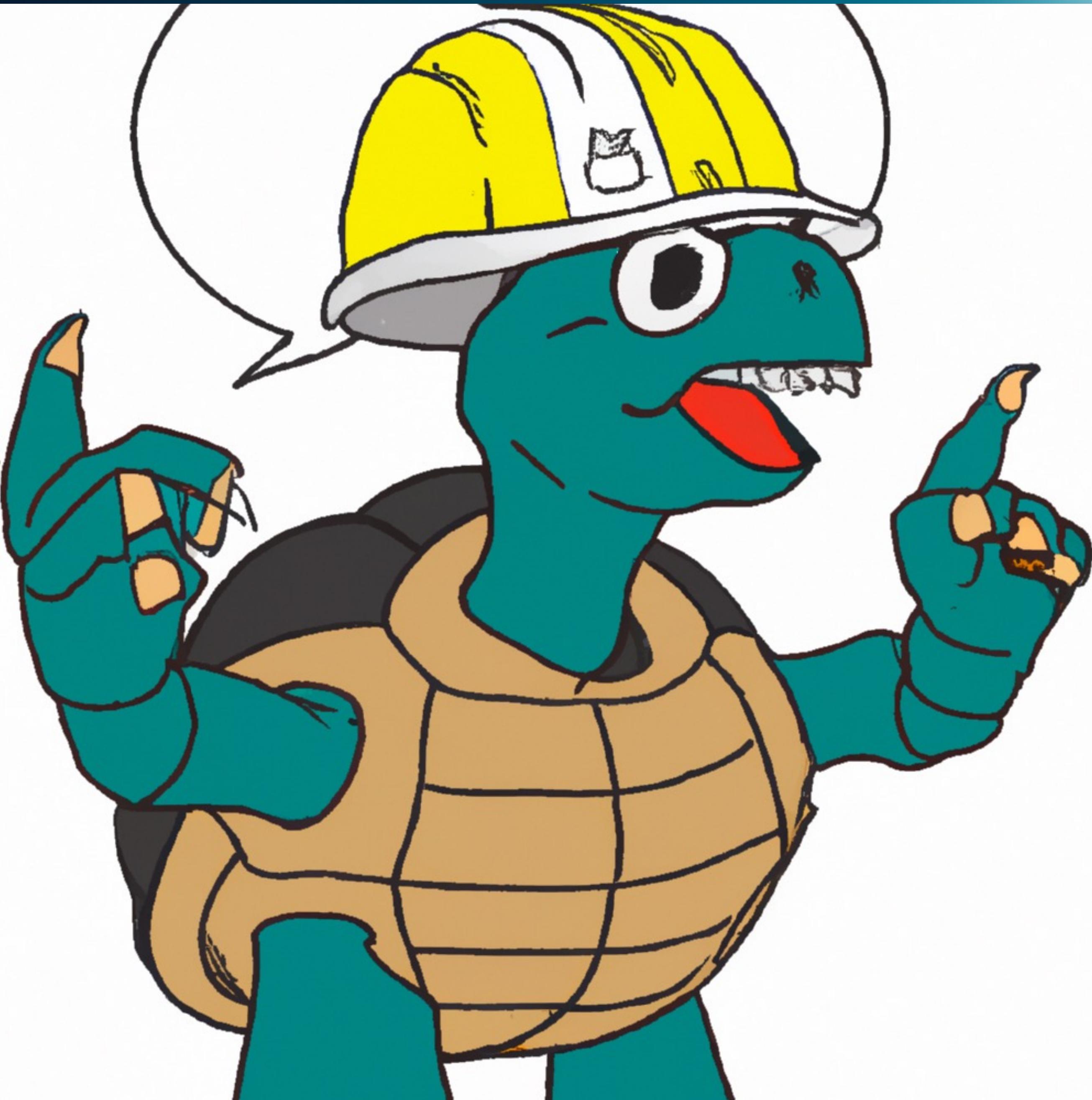
... must get our hands dirty with ML details

Lack of:

- experience reports
- open demonstrator systems

“How to demonstrate and share a complete  
ML safety case for an open ADAS?”





# Safety case

a structured argumentation  
backed up by evidence



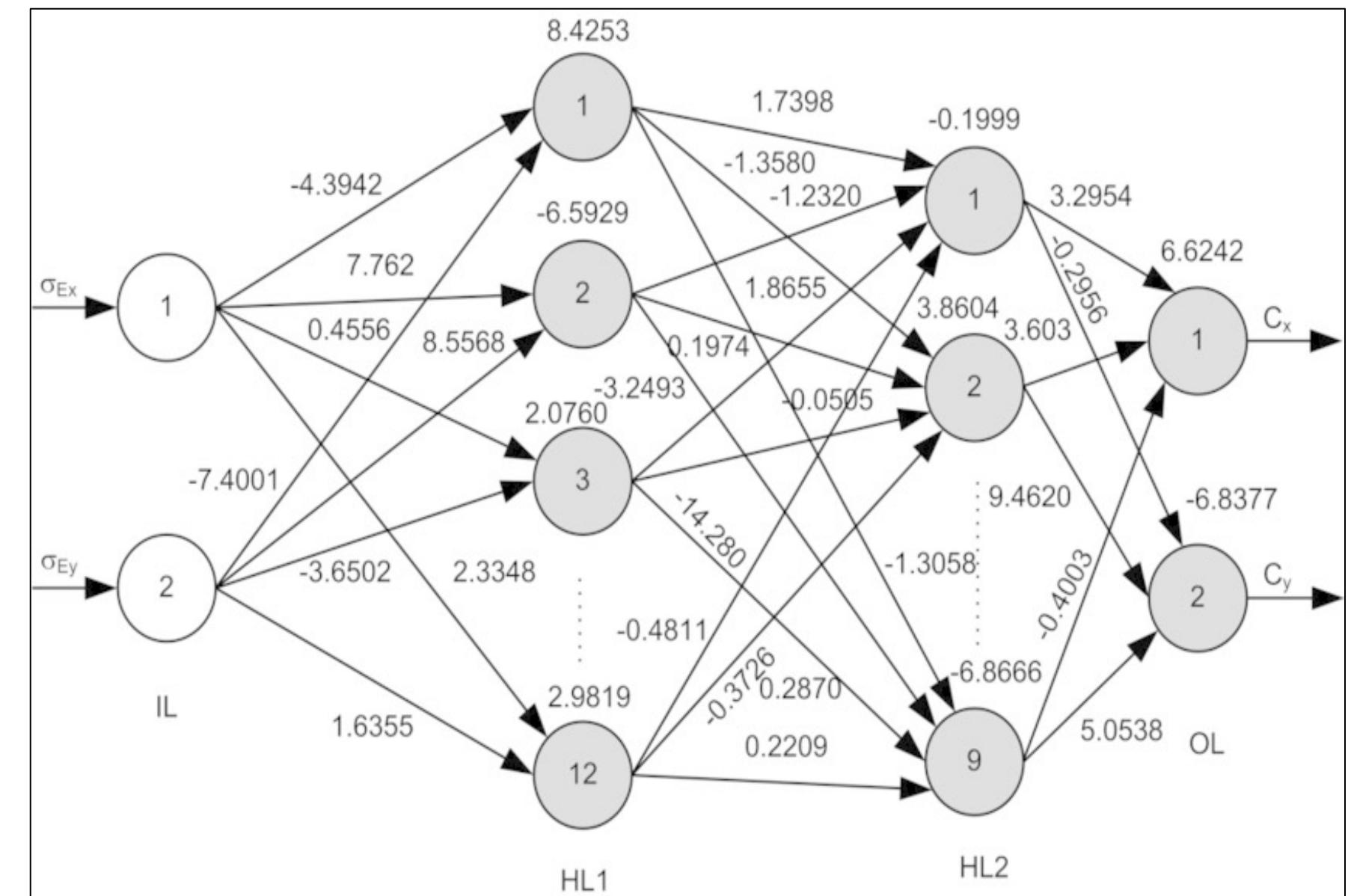
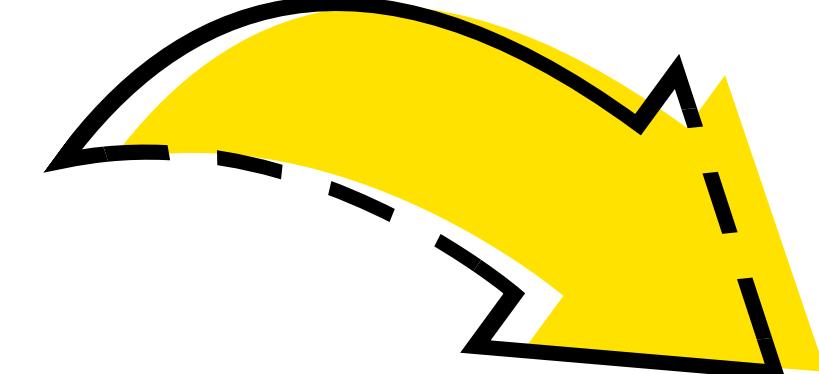
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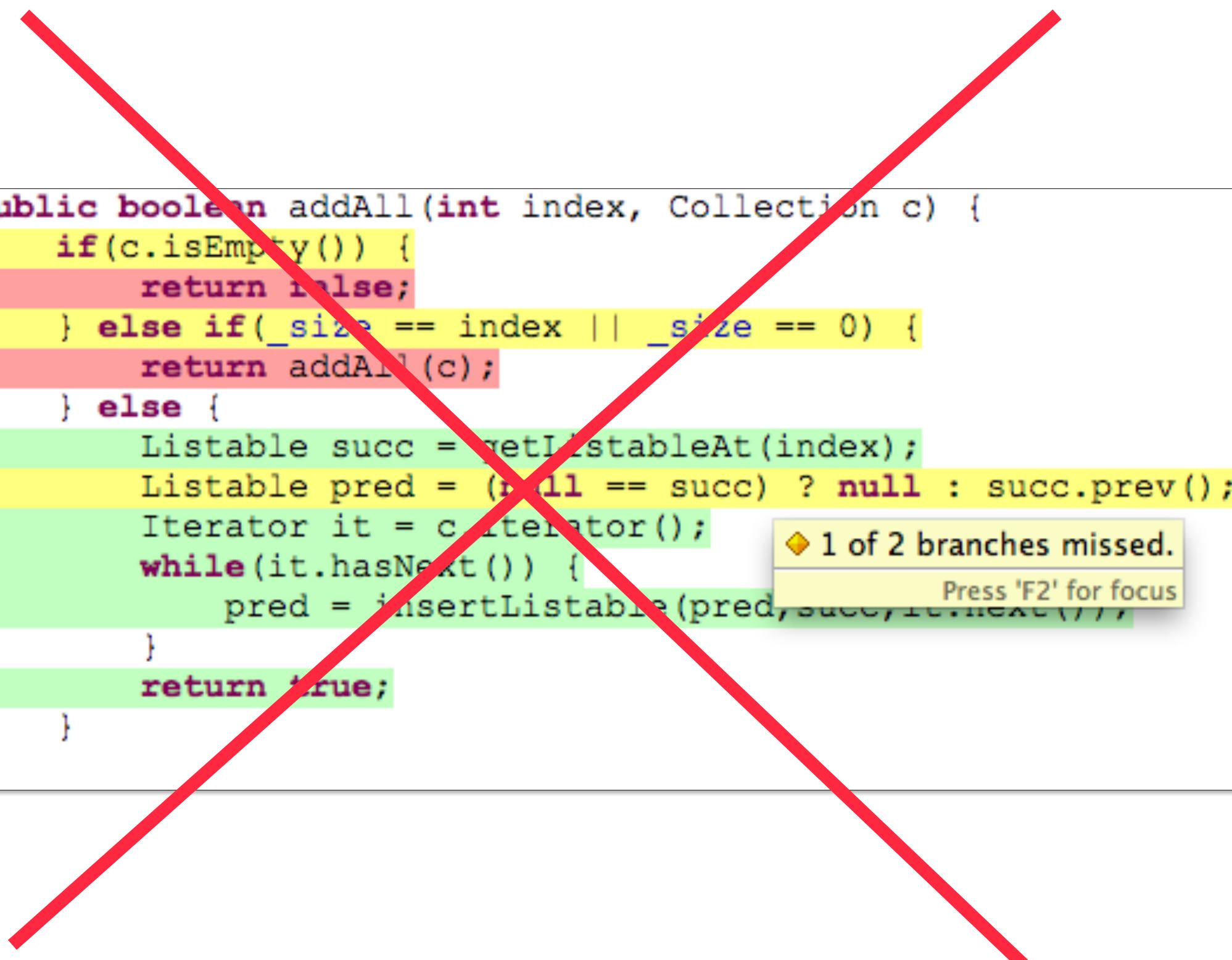
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  request('GET', url, {
    headers: {
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      'Authorization': 'GoogleLogin auth=' + getAuthToken()
    },
    function(chunk){
      var entries = chunk.split('<entry>');
      entries.shift();
      entries.forEach(function(entry){
        var title = entry.match(/<title>(.*)</title>/)[1];
        if (title.match(/\_.ngdoc$/)) {
          var exportUrl = entry.match(/<content type='text\vhmtl' src='(.*)?/);
          download(collection, title, exportUrl);
        }
      });
    }
  );
}

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  {
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      'Authorization': 'GoogleLogin auth=' + getAuthToken()
    }
  },
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    data = data.replace(/\r\n/mg, '\n');
  }
}

```





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public boolean addAll(int index, Collection c) {  
    if(c.isEmpty()) {  
        return false;  
    } else if(_size == index || _size == 0) {  
        return addAll(c);  
    } else {  
        Listable succ = getListableAt(index);  
        Listable pred = (r[1] == succ) ? null : succ.prev();  
        Iterator it = c.iterator();  
        while(it.hasNext()) {  
            pred = insertListable(pred, succ, it.next());  
        }  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```



```
if(NotificationClient == null)  
{  
    NotificationClient = new bl.desktop.NotificationClient();  
    //NotificationClient.Insert();  
}  
else  
{  
    NotificationClient.LastRequest = DateTime.Now;  
    NotificationClient.RequestCount = NotificationClient.RequestCount + 1;  
    //NotificationClient.Update();  
}  
  
if (NotificationClient.Deny == false)  
{  
    NotificationRequest.NotificationRequest = new bl.desktop.NotificationRequest();  
    NotificationRequest.NotificationRequest.ClientId = current.ClientId;  
    NotificationRequest.NotificationRequest.RequestUserWor
```

## 1. Vocabulary

## 2. Management of functional safety

2-5 Overall safety management

2-6 Safety management during the concept phase and the product development

2-7 Safety management after the item's release for production

## 3. Concept phase

3-5 Item definition

3-6 Initiation of the safety lifecycle

3-7 Hazard analysis and risk assessment

3-8 Functional safety concept

## 4. Product development at the system level

4-5 Initiation of product development at the system level

4-6 Specification of the technical safety requirements

4-7 System design

4-11 Release for production

4-10 Functional safety assessment

4-9 Safety validation

4-8 Item integration and testing

## 7. Production and operation

7-5 Production

7-6 Operation, service (maintenance and repair), and decommissioning

## 5. Product development at the hardware level

5-5 Initiation of product development at the hardware level

5-6 Specification of hardware safety requirements

5-7 Hardware design

5-8 Evaluation of the hardware architectural metrics

5-9 Evaluation of the safety goal violations due to random hardware failures

5-10 Hardware integration and testing

## 6. Product development at the software level

6-5 Initiation of product development at the software level

6-7 Software architectural design

6-8 Software unit design and implementation

6-9 Software unit testing

6-10 Software integration and testing

6-11 Verification of software safety requirements

## 8. Supporting processes

8-5 Interfaces within distributed developments

8-6 Specification and management of safety requirements

8-7 Configuration management

8-8 Change management

8-9 Verification

8-10 Documentation

8-11 Confidence in the use of software tools

8-12 Qualification of software components

8-13 Qualification of hardware components

8-14 Proven in use argument

## 9. ASIL-oriented and safety-oriented analyses

9-5 Requirements decomposition with respect to ASIL tailoring

9-6 Criteria for coexistence of elements

9-7 Analysis of dependent failures

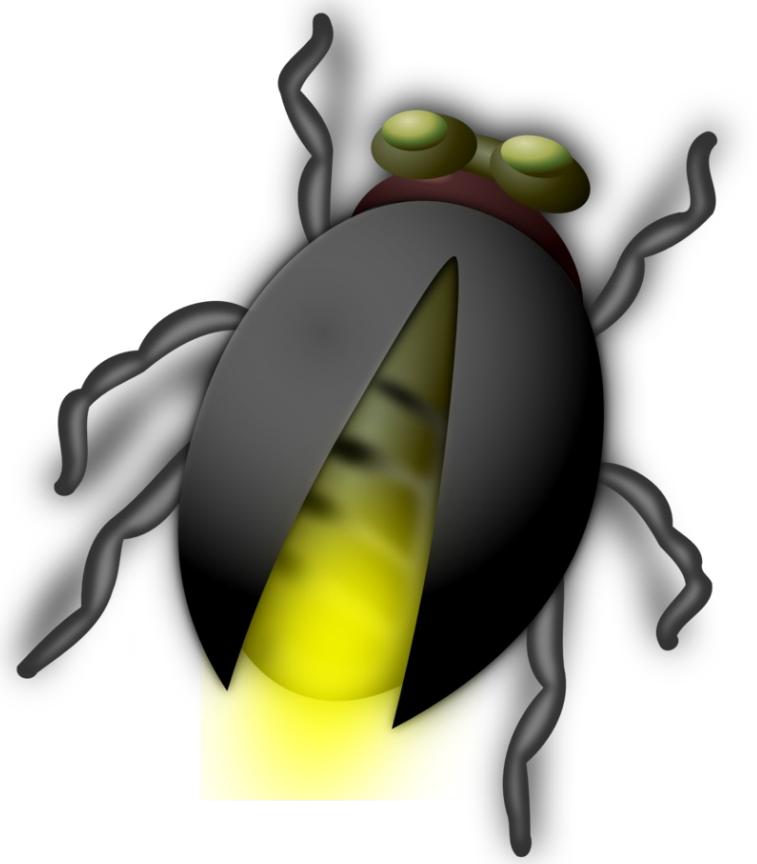
9-8 Safety analyses

## 10. Guideline on ISO 26262

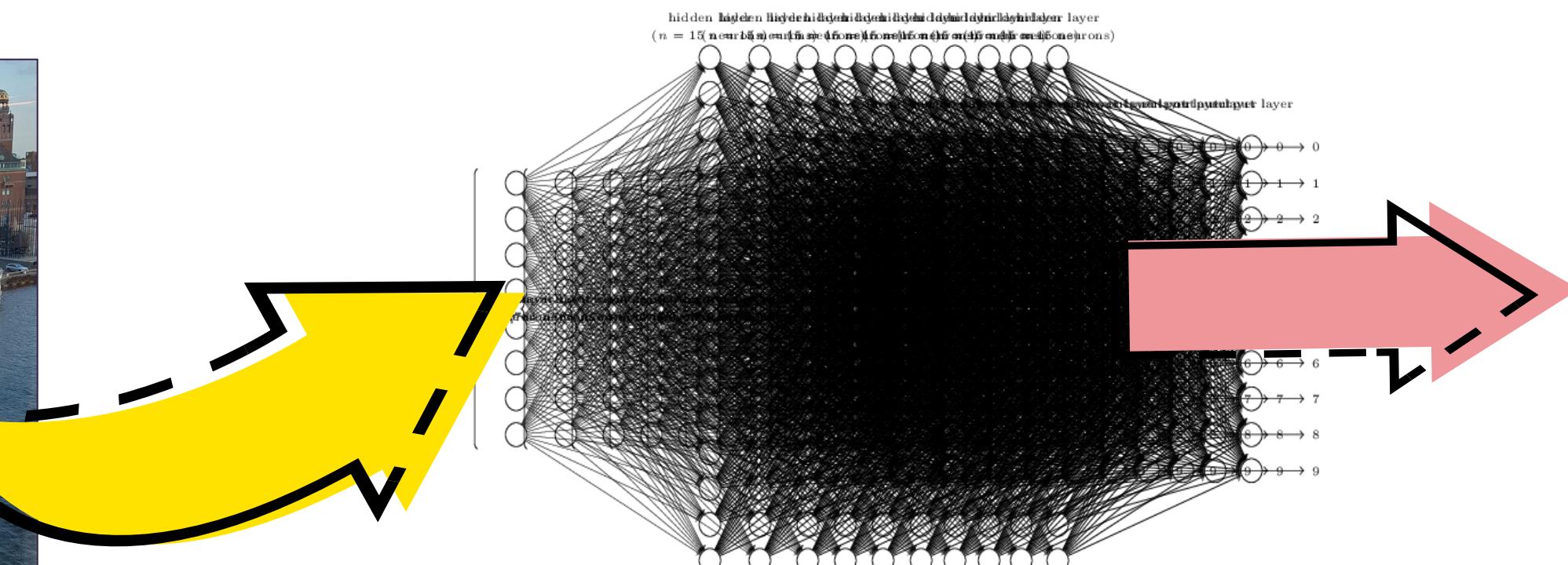
Well Hello There

# Functional Safety and Machine Learning

*"absence of unreasonable risk due to hazards resulting from malfunctions of the electrical/electronic system"*



What if...



No object detected

Not a bug – functionality delivered according to training!

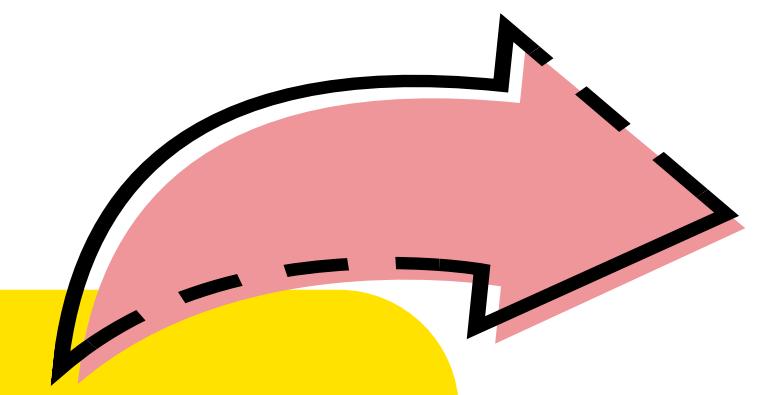
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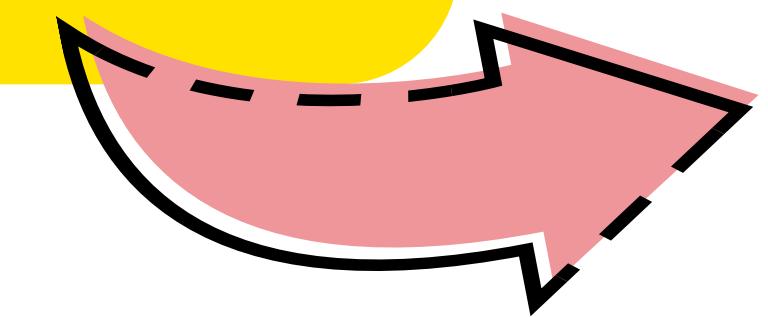
ISO 21448:2022  
Safety of the intended  
functionality (SOTIF)

# Automotive Software Safety

Absence of unreasonable risk due to ...



*...malfunctions*



*...functional insufficiencies*

*Functional Safety*

ISO  
26262

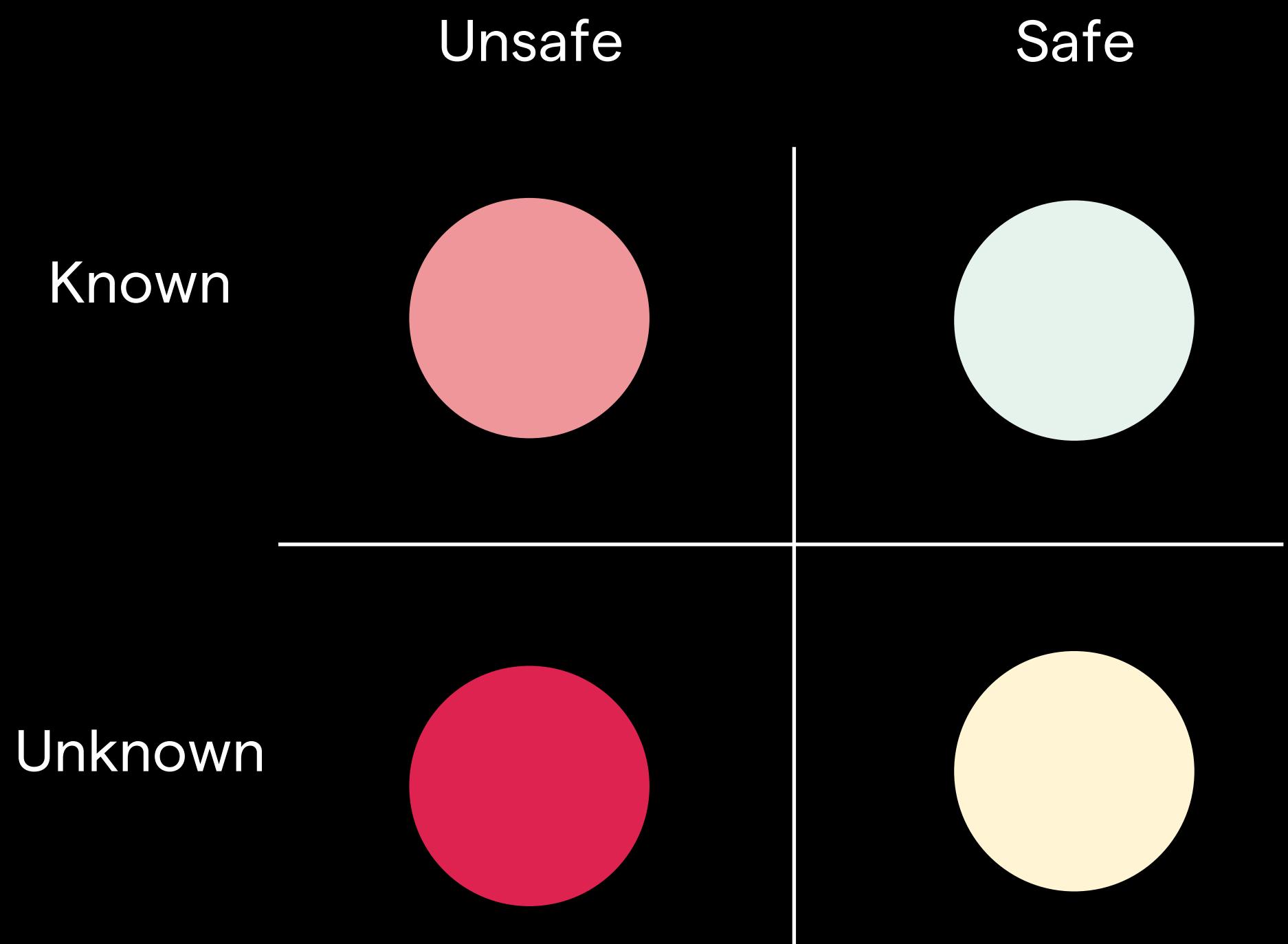
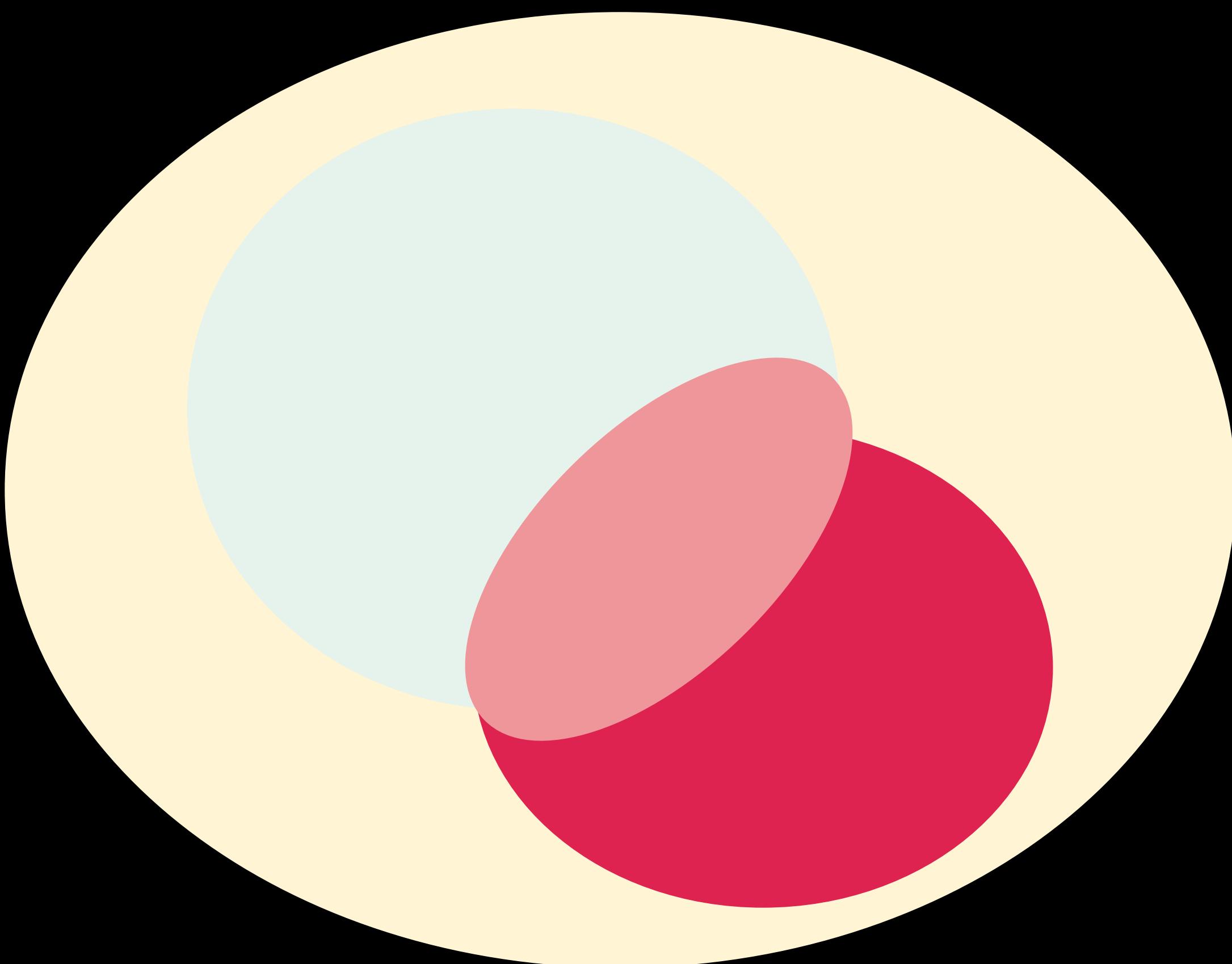


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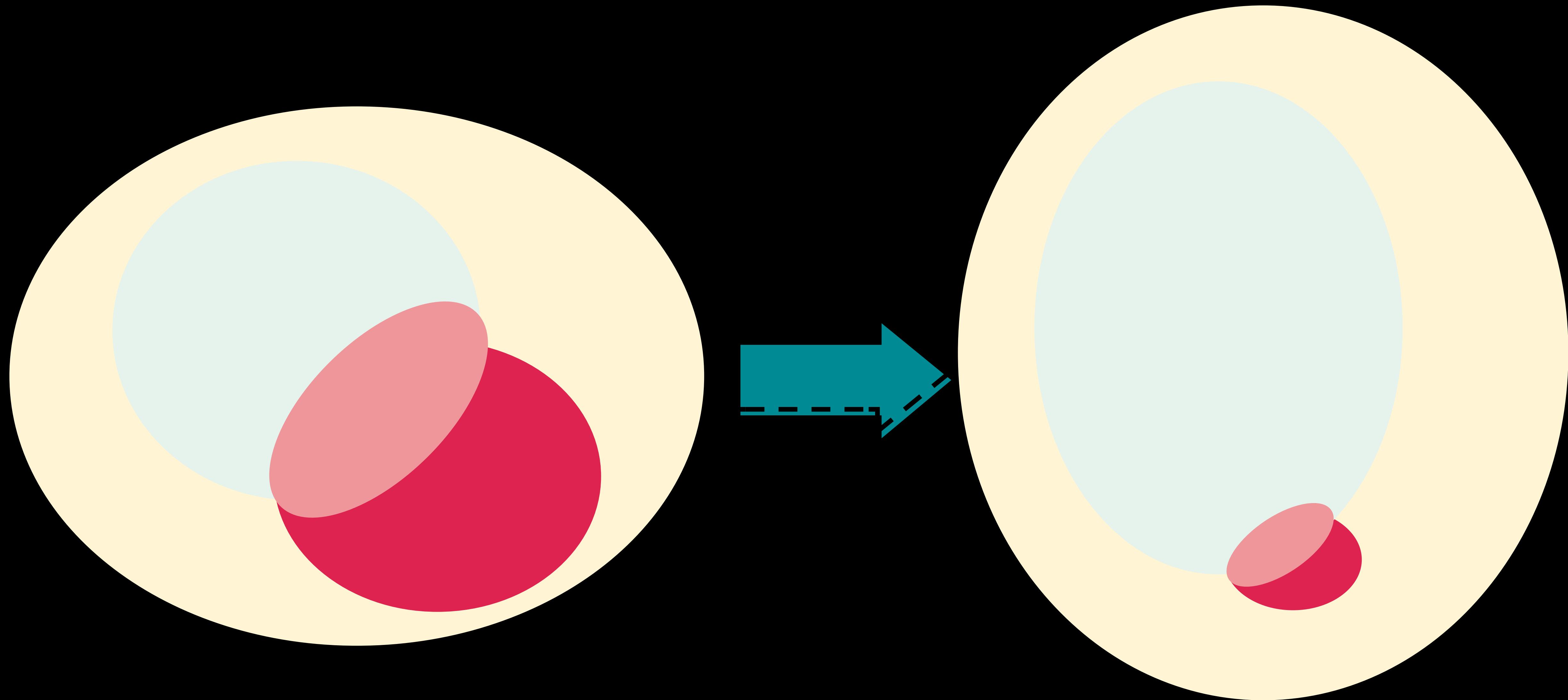
*SOTIF*



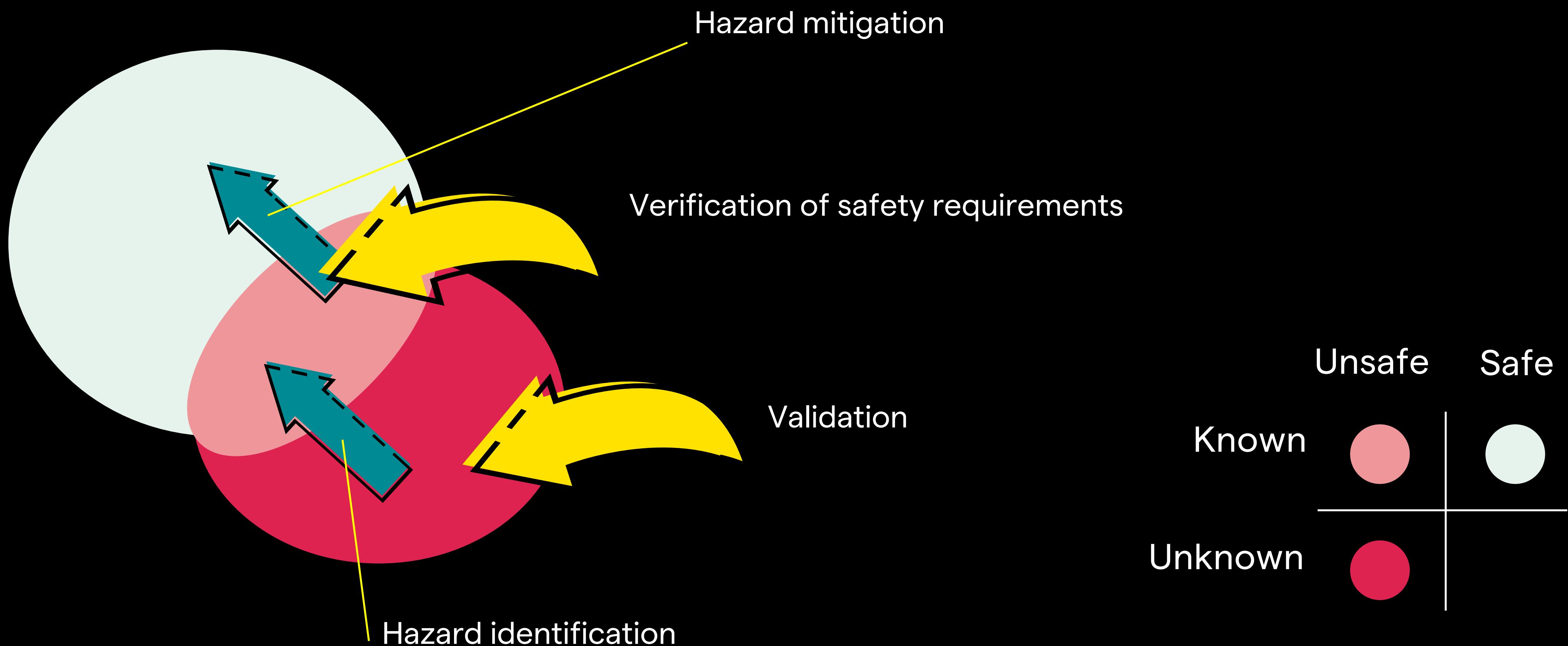
# Structure of SOTIF



# Goal of the SOTIF process

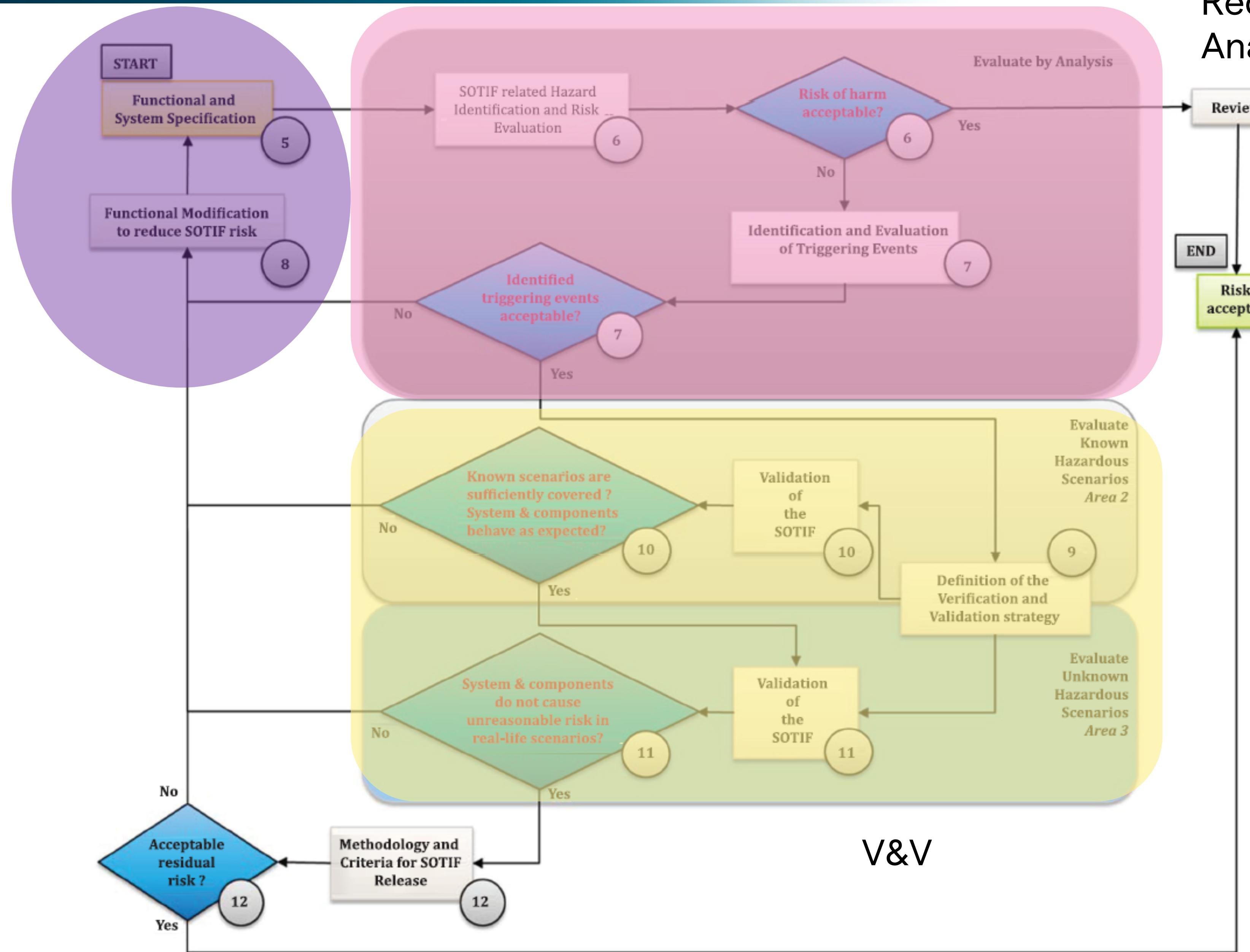


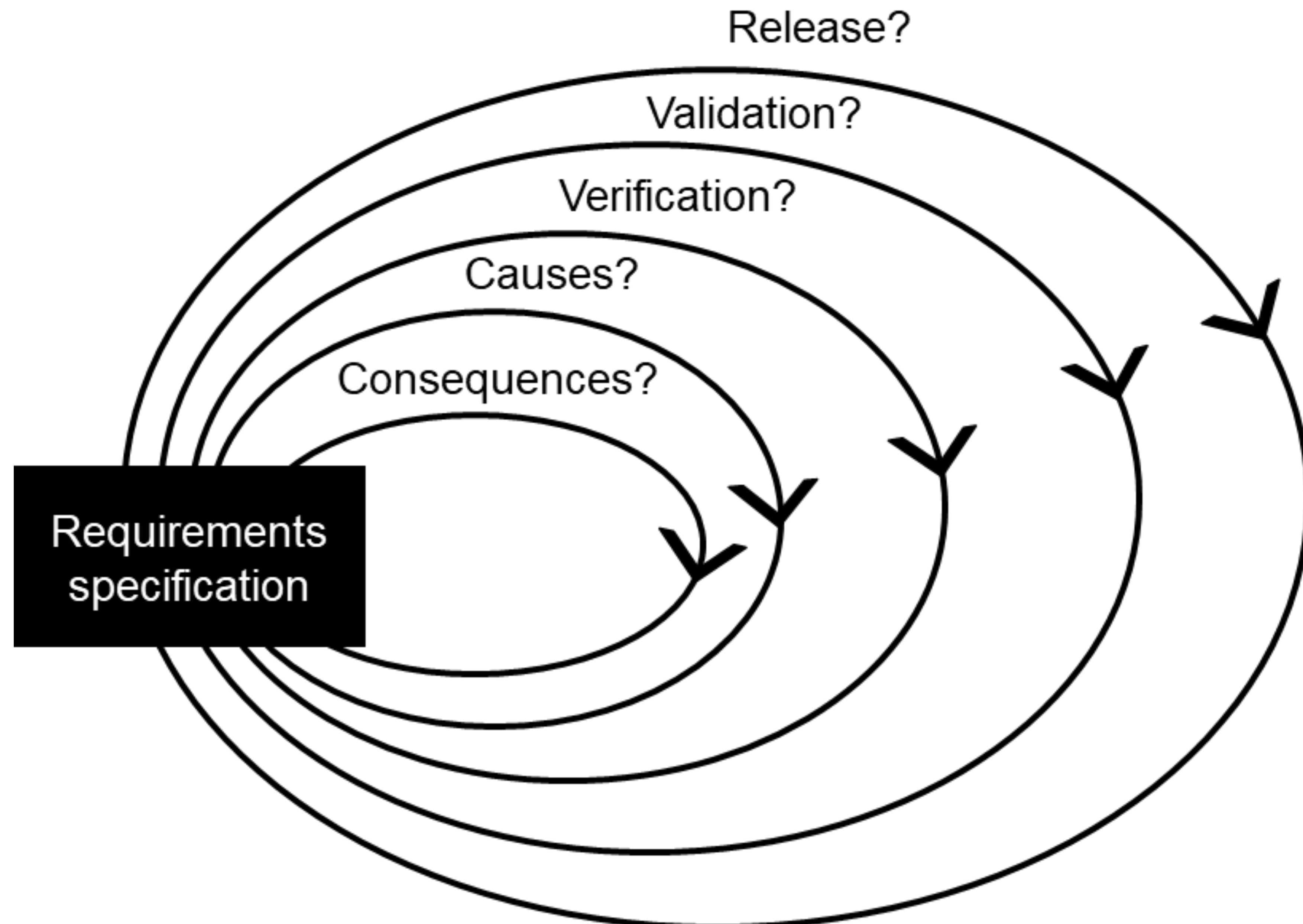
# How to Minimize the Unsafe Areas?



# Requirements Analysis

## Requirements Specification





# Development of SMIRK

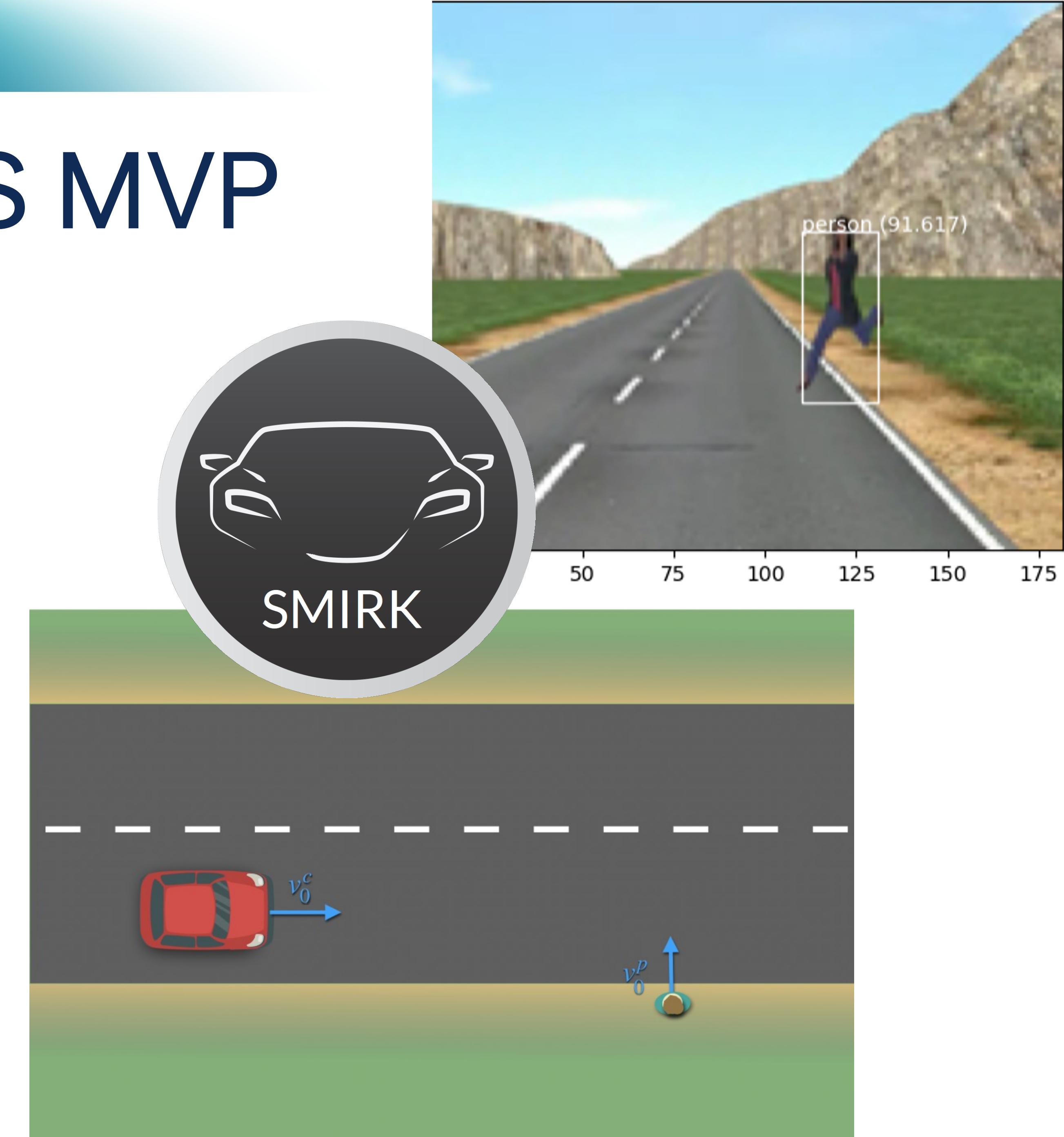


# Open Source ADAS MVP

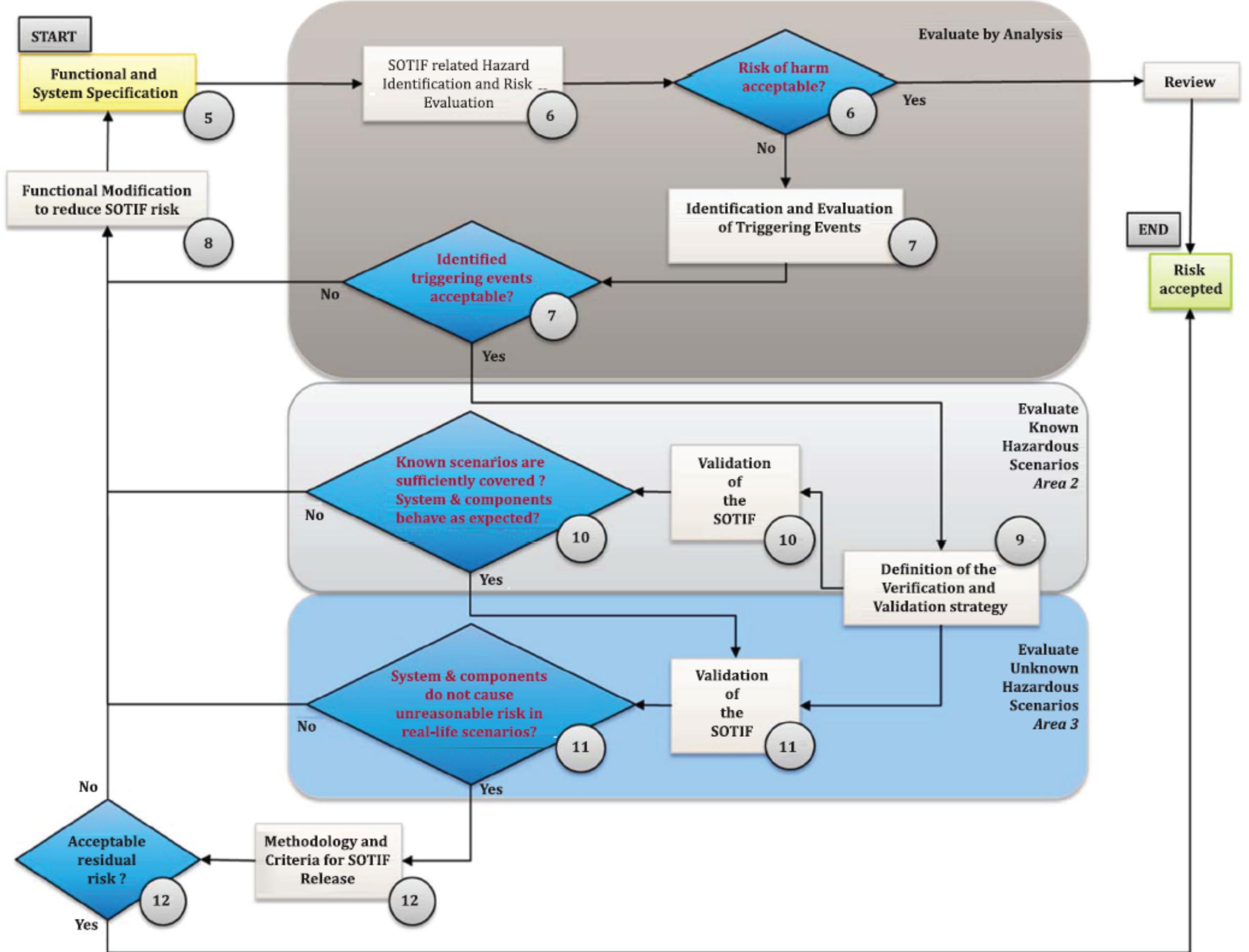
- In ESI Pro-SiVIC
- Pedestrian emergency braking
- Mono-camera and radar
- ML-based pedestrian recognition



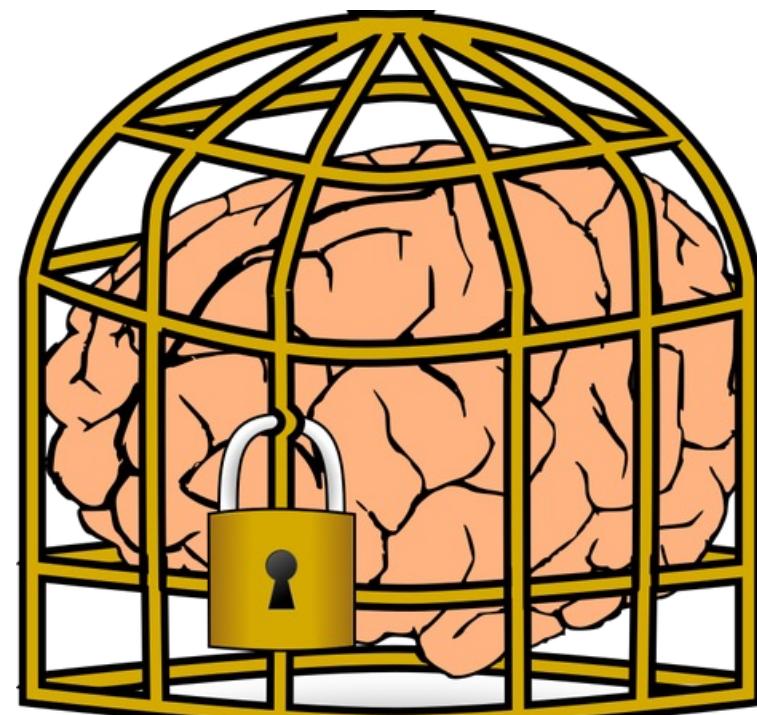
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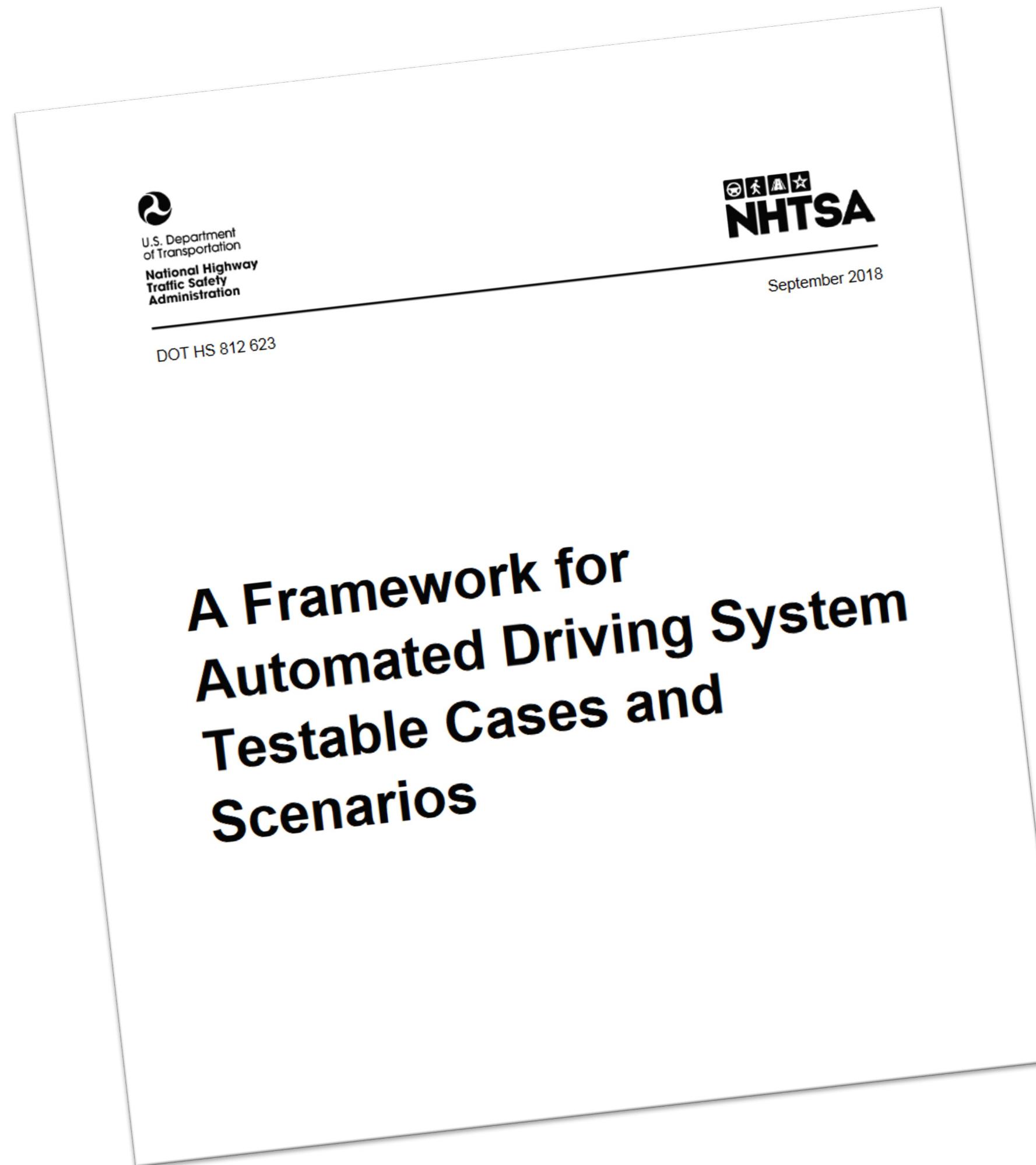
# Followed the SOTIF process



Primary hazard to tackle:  
False positives



# MVP Operational Design Domain



## ODD Elements

Straight rural road,  
good conditions,  
single pedestrian



# Requirements engineering...

## System requirements

### 3.3 Machine Learning Safety Requirements [H]

This section refines SYS-SAF-REQ into two separate requirements corresponding to false positives and false negatives, respectively.

- **SYS-ML-REQ1:** The pedestrian recognition component shall detect pedestrians if the radar tracking component returns  $TTC < 4s$  for the corresponding object.
- **SYS-ML-REQ2:** The pedestrian recognition component shall reject input that does not resemble the training data.

#### 3.3.1 Performance Requirements

This section specifies performance requirements corresponding to the ML safety requirements with a focus on quantitative targets for the pedestrian recognition component. All requirements below are restricted to pedestrians on or close to the road.

- **SYS-PER-REQ1:** The pedestrian recognition component shall identify pedestrians with an accuracy of 0.93 when they are within 50 meters.
- **SYS-PER-REQ2:** The false negative rate of the pedestrian recognition component shall not exceed 7% for pedestrians when they are detected by the radar tracking component within 50 meters.
- **SYS-PER-REQ3:** The false positive rate of the pedestrian recognition component shall not exceed 0.01% for objects detected by the radar tracking component with a  $TTC < 4s$ .
- **SYS-PER-REQ4:** In a sequence of images from a video feed any pedestrian to be detected shall not be missed in more than 1 out of 5 frames.
- **SYS-PER-REQ5:** The pedestrian recognition component shall determine the position of pedestrians within 50 cm of their actual position.
- **SYS-PER-REQ6:** The pedestrian recognition component shall allow an inference speed of at least 10 FPS on the target platform.

## Data requirements

### 2.1 Relevant

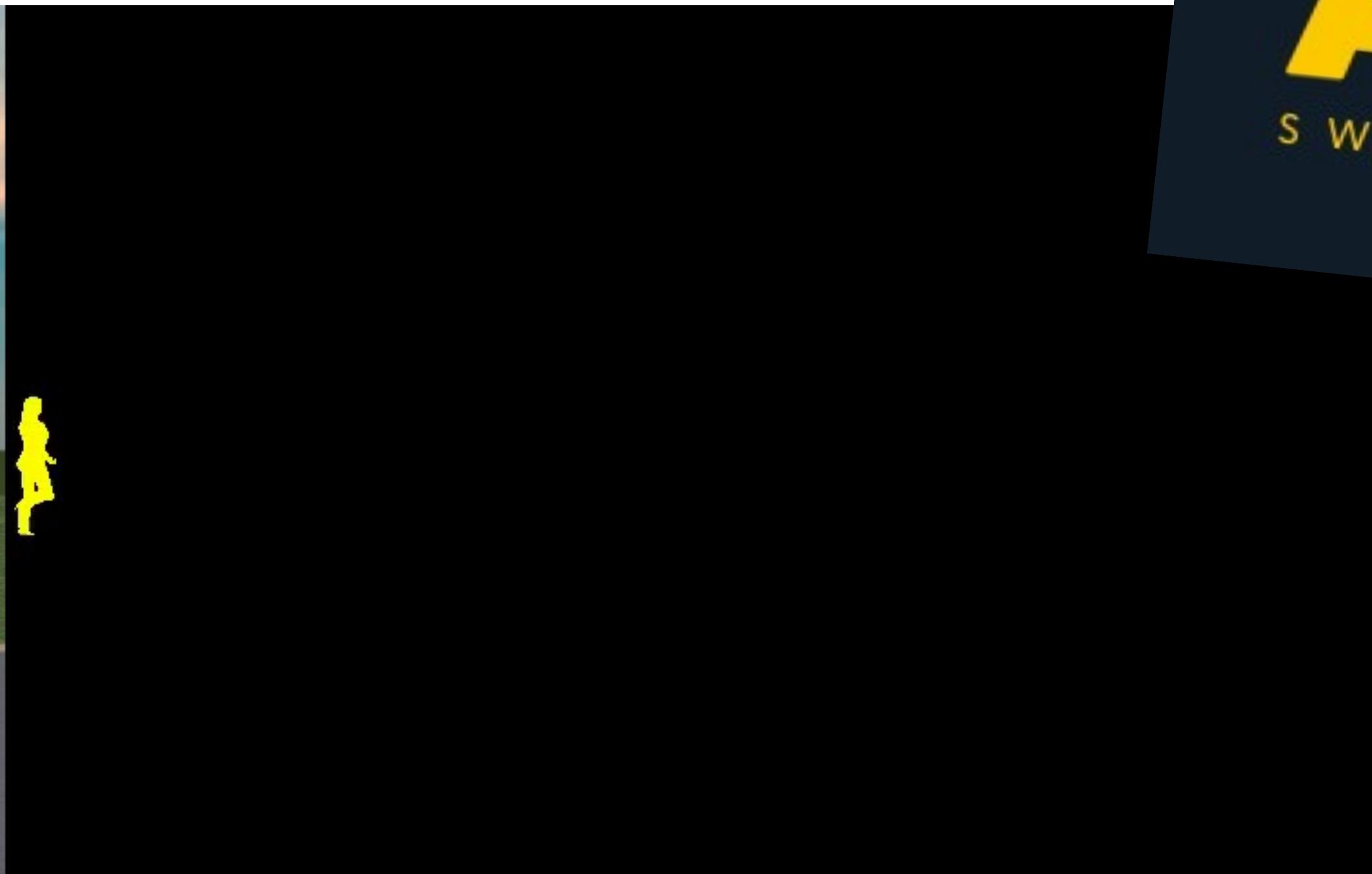
This desideratum considers the intersection between the dataset and the supported dynamic driving task in the ODD. The SMIRK training data will not cover operational environments that are outside of the ODD, e.g., images collected in heavy snowfall.

- **DAT-REL-REQ1:** All data samples shall represent images of a road from the perspective of a vehicle.
- **DAT-REL-REQ2:** The format of each data sample shall be representative of that which is captured using sensors deployed on the ego vehicle.
- **DAT-REL-REQ3:** Each data sample shall assume sensor positioning representative of the positioning used on the ego vehicle.
- **DAT-REL-REQ4:** All data samples shall represent images of a road that corresponds to the ODD.
- **DAT-REL-REQ5:** All data samples containing pedestrians shall include one single pedestrian.
- **DAT-REL-REQ6:** Pedestrians included in data samples shall be of a type that may appear in the ODD.
- **DAT-REL-REQ7:** All data samples representing non-pedestrian OOD objects shall be of a type that may appear in the ODD.



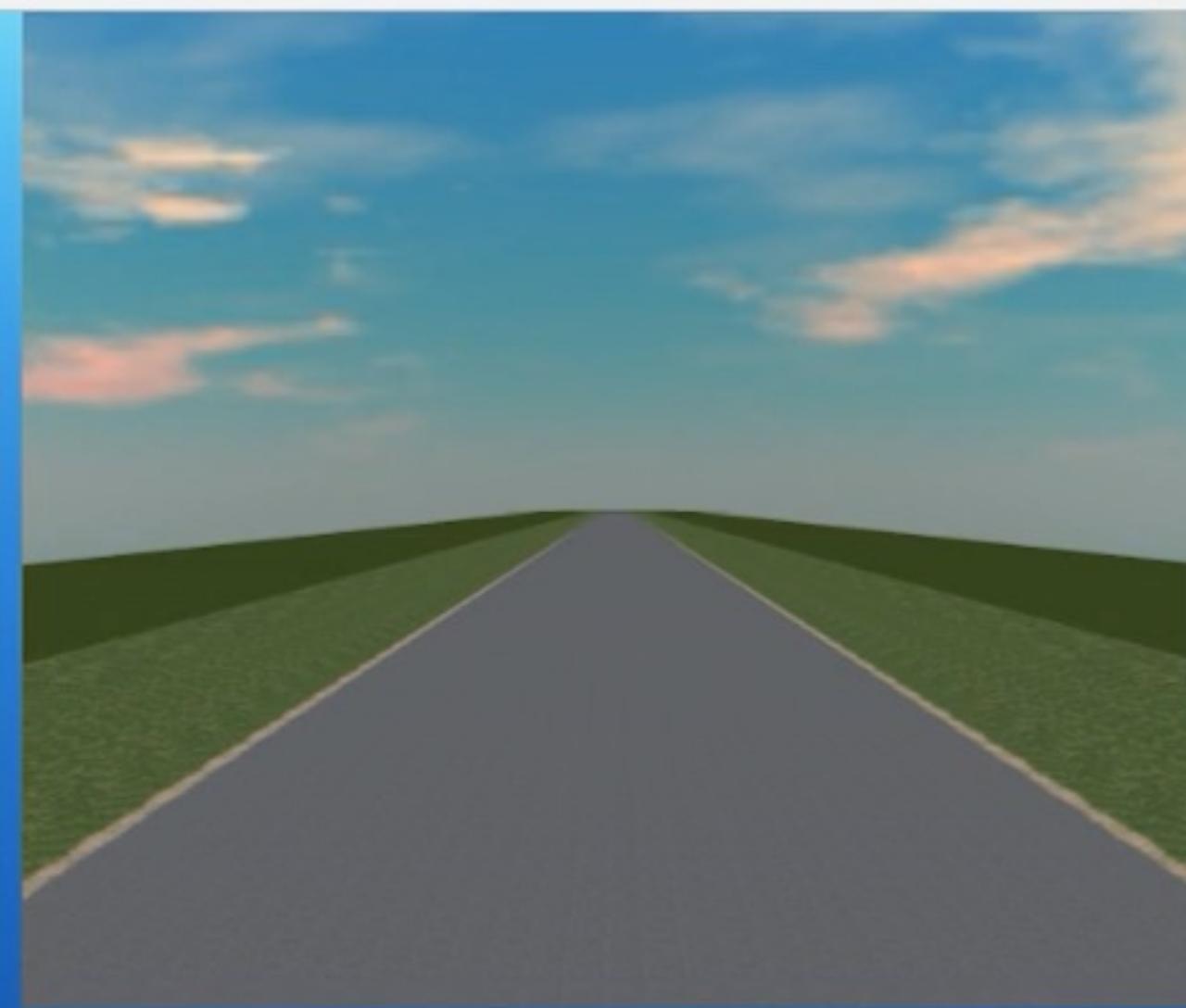
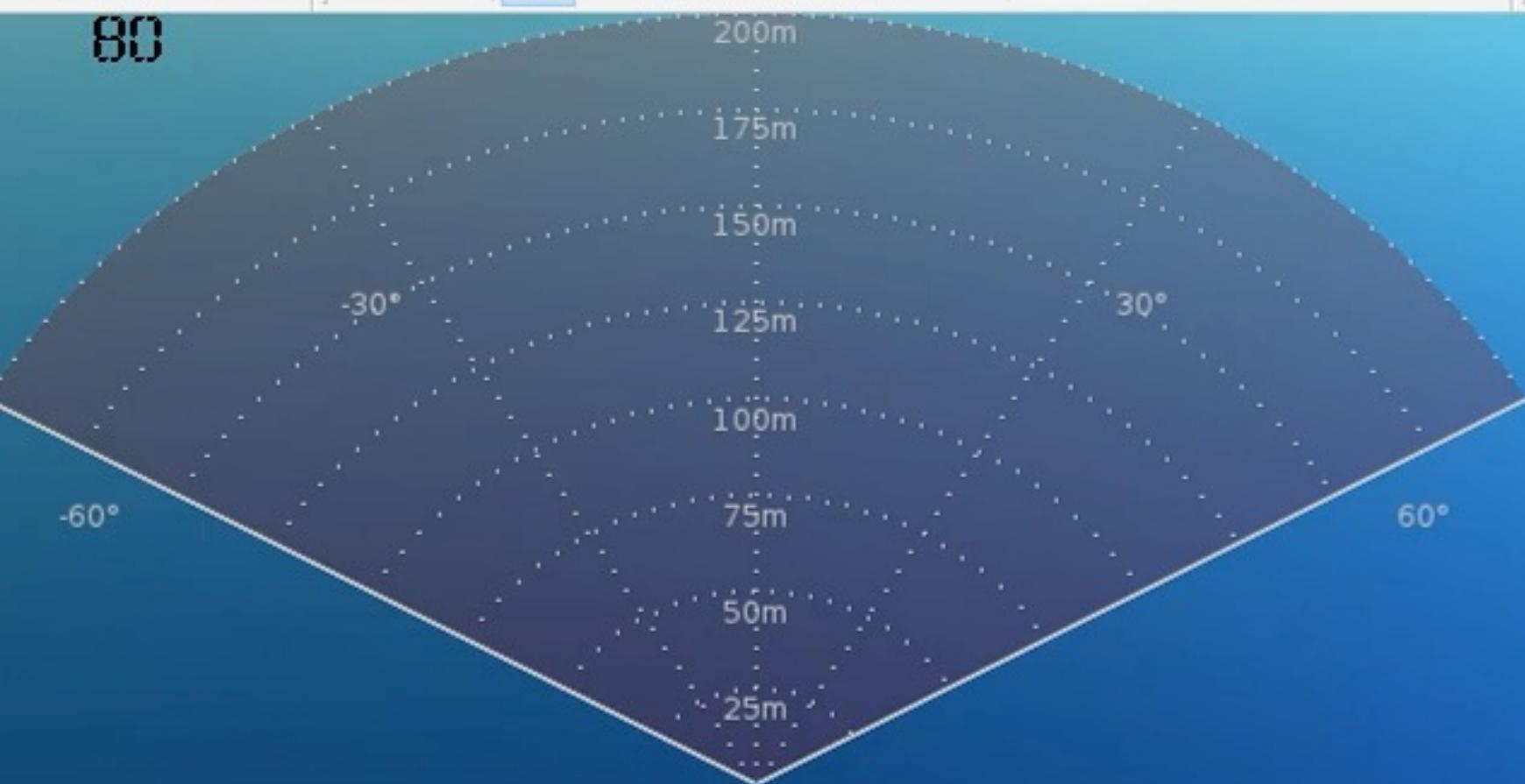
# Generate Training Data in ESI Pro-SiVIC

Synthetic data that cover the Operational Design Domain



<https://github.com/RI-SE/smirk/tree/main/pedestrian-generator>

Scenario Edit Object View Simulation Communication Options Help



```
C:\Users\eitn35\Desktop\smirk>python src/test.py
Loading simple_aeb.script
pedestrian_observer ID : 23579
DDS configuration: .json file not found, using .ini file
(13960|15324) NOTICE: using DCPSRTISerialization value from command option (overrides value if it's in config file).
Creating DDS subscriber for pedestrian_observer (id=23579) (topic Name: manObserver)
main_camera/cam ID : 59726
DDS configuration: .json file not found, using .ini file
Creating DDS subscriber for main_camera/cam (id=59726) (topic Name: camera)
radar/radar ID : 101602
DDS configuration: .json file not found, using .ini file
Creating DDS subscriber for radar/radar (id=101602) (topic Name: radar)
collision_observer ID : 100492
DDS configuration: .json file not found, using .ini file
Creating DDS subscriber for collision_observer (id=100492) (topic Name: distanceObserver)
Subscription Matched Status changed
Subscription Matched Status changed
ego_car/car ID : 21661
Subscription Matched Status changed
DDS configuration: .json file not found, using .ini file
Subscription Matched Status changed
Creating DDS subscriber for ego_car/car (id=21661) (topic Name: carOrder)
ego_car/car ID : 21661
DDS configuration: .json file not found, using .ini file
Subscription Matched Status changed
Creating DDS publisher for ego_car/car (id=21661) (topic Name: carOrder)

Loading SSD from tensorflow hub.
Model loaded.
Model warmup.
Model ready.
```

# The SMIRK MVP

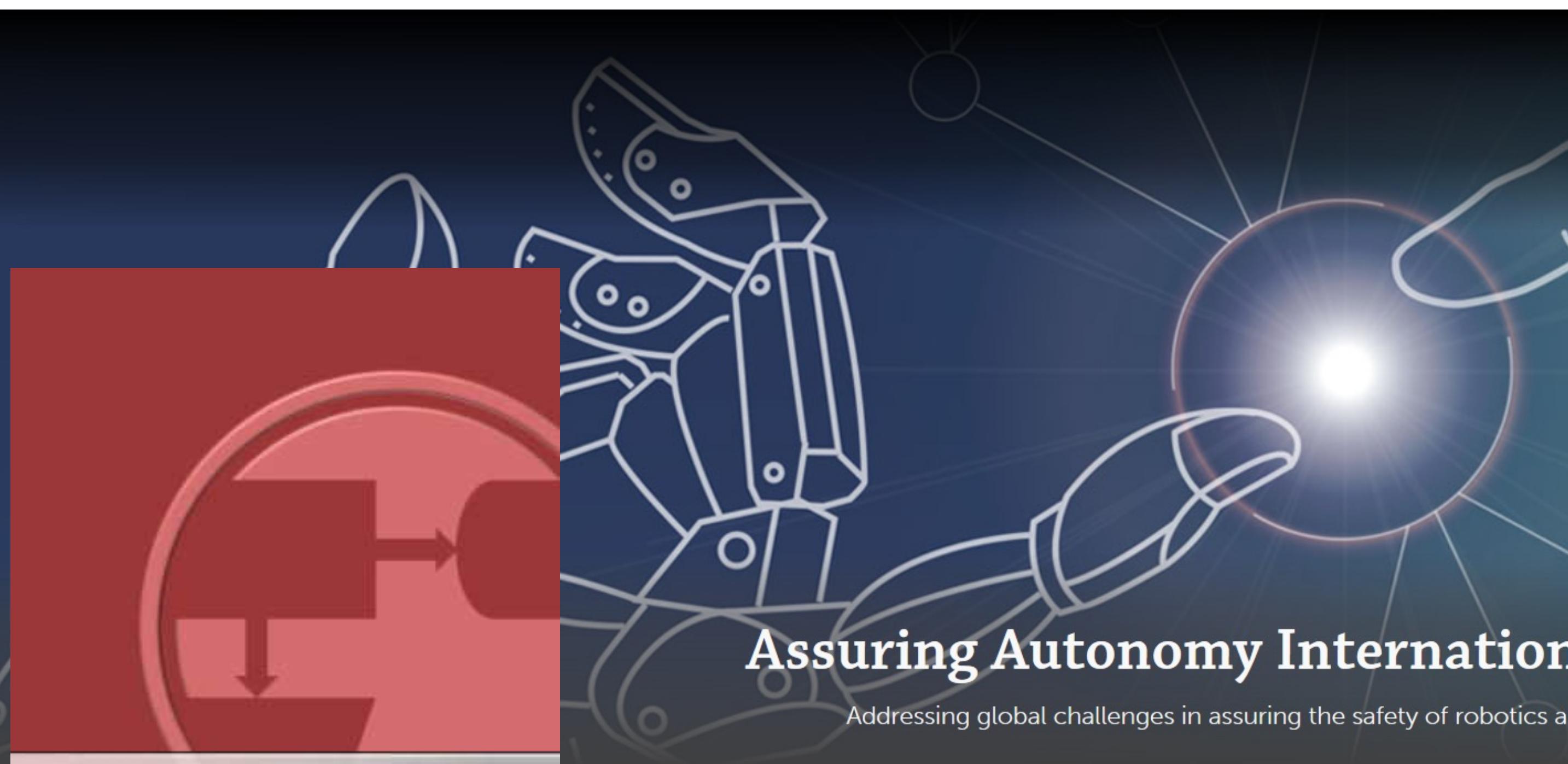
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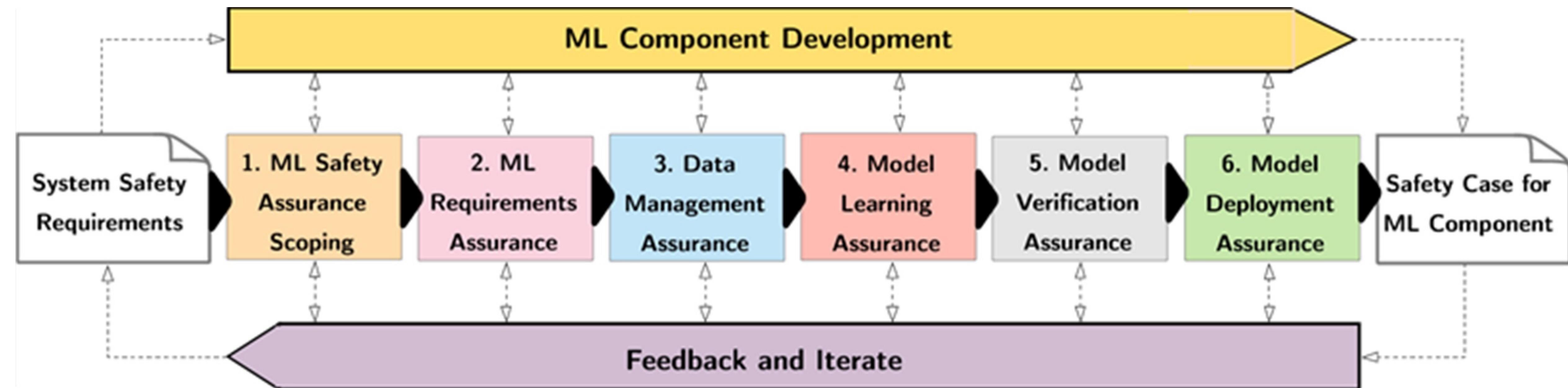
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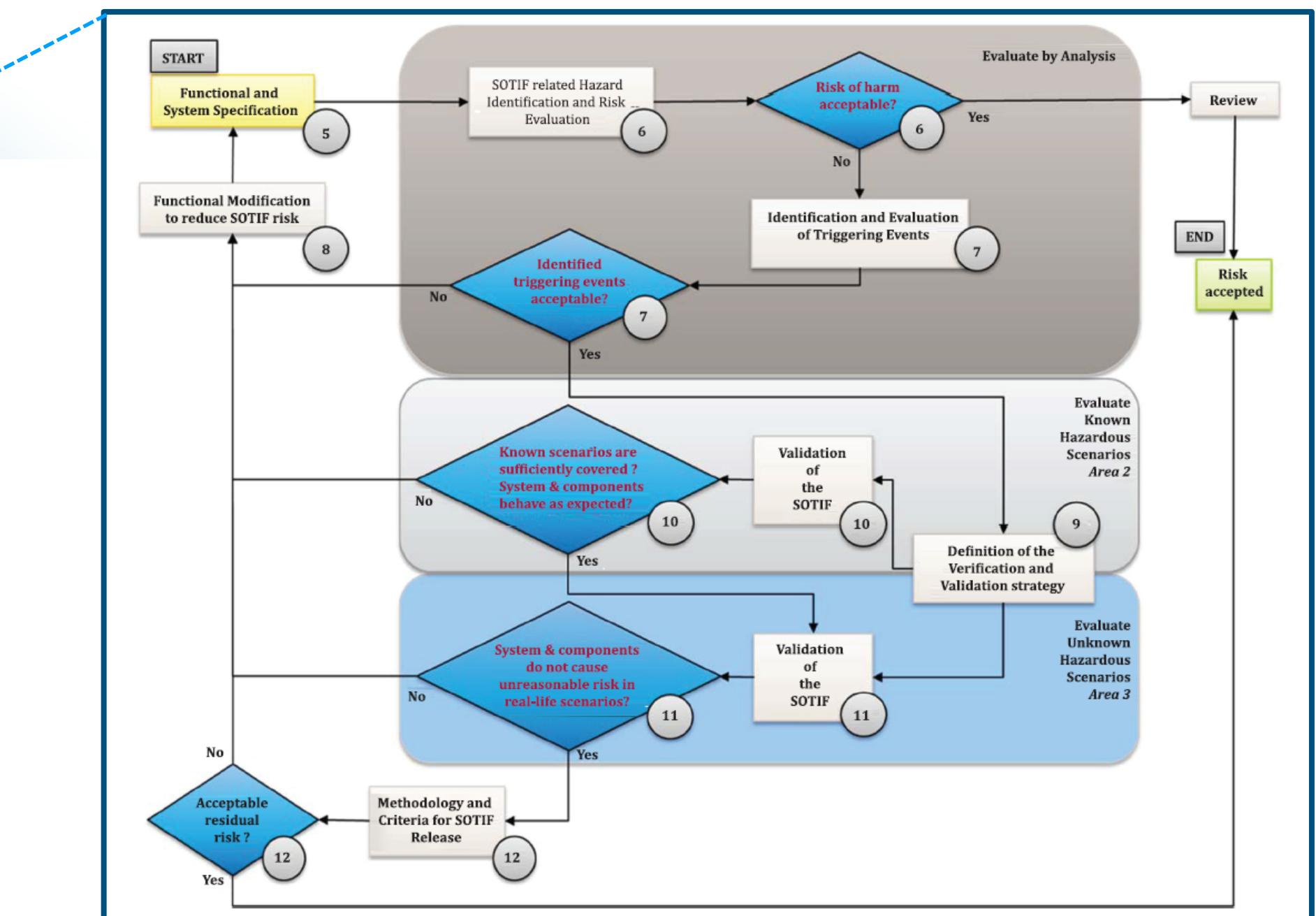
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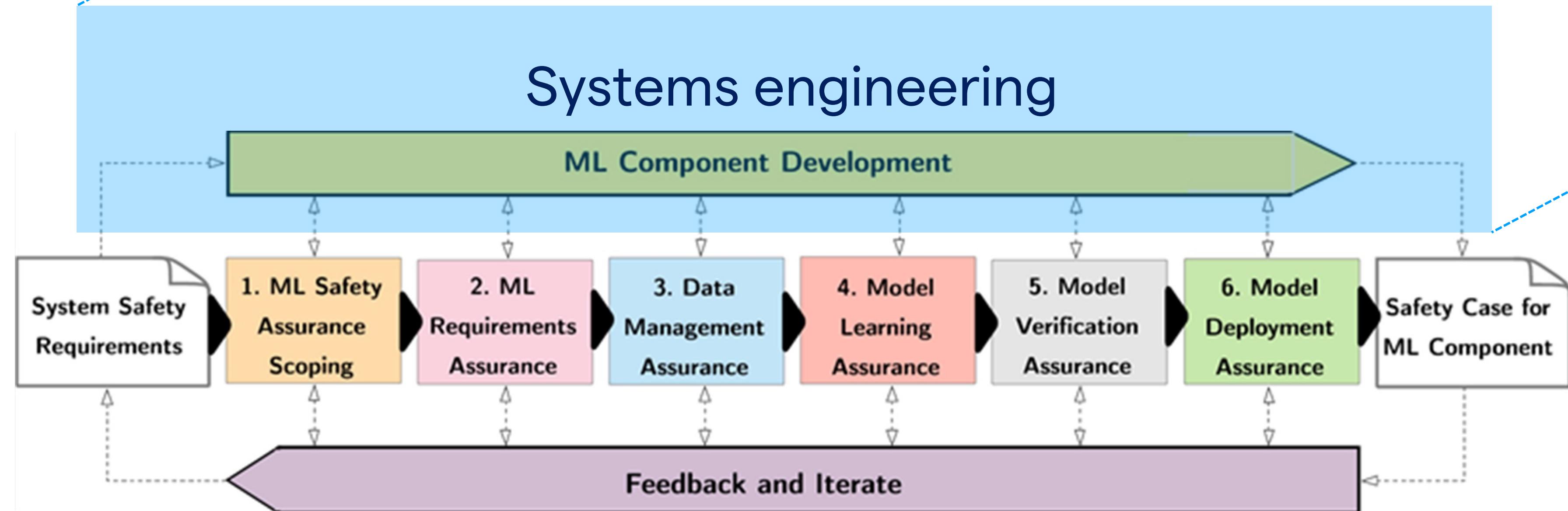
# Follow the AMLAS process



# SOTIF + AMLAS

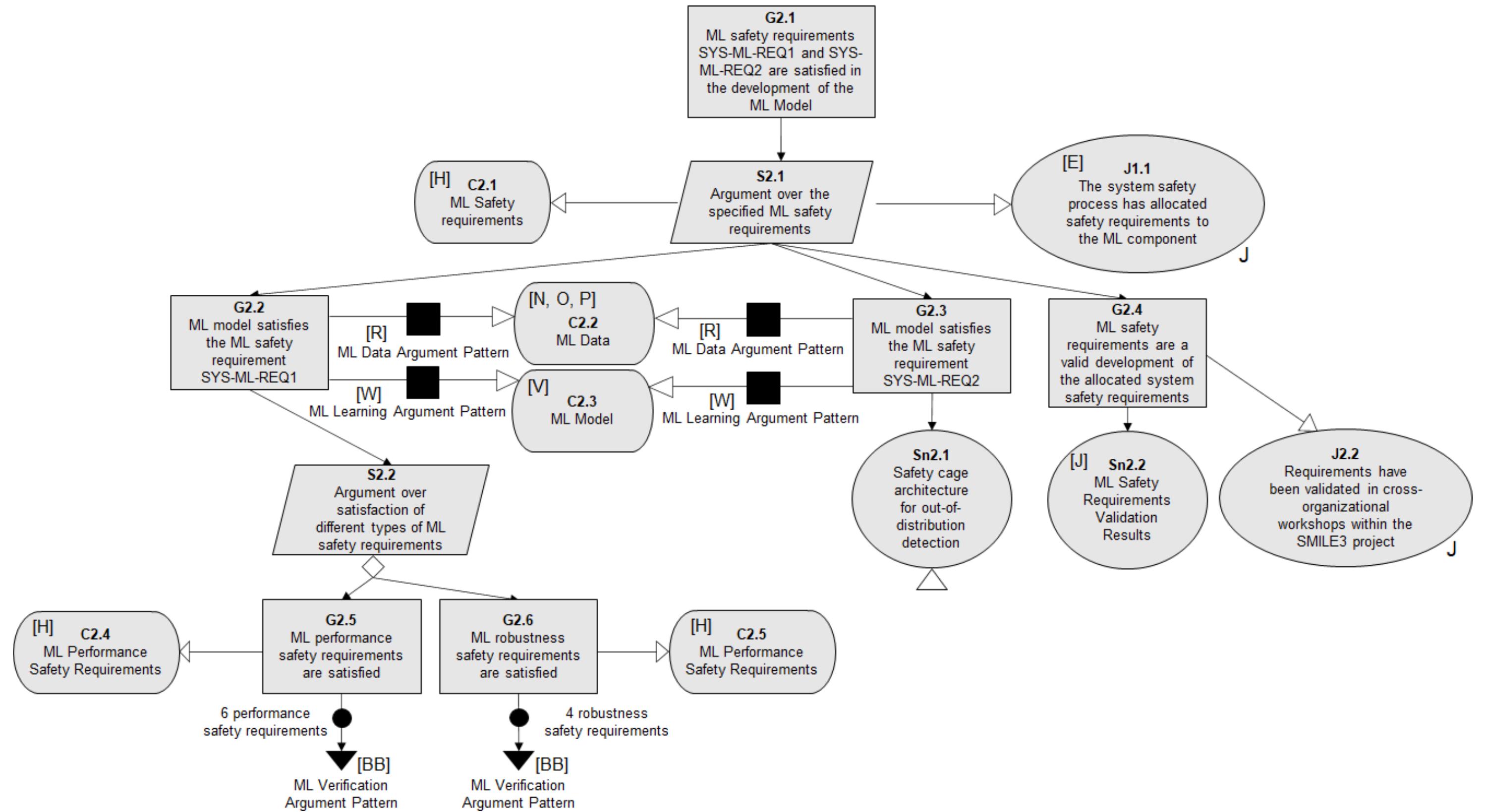


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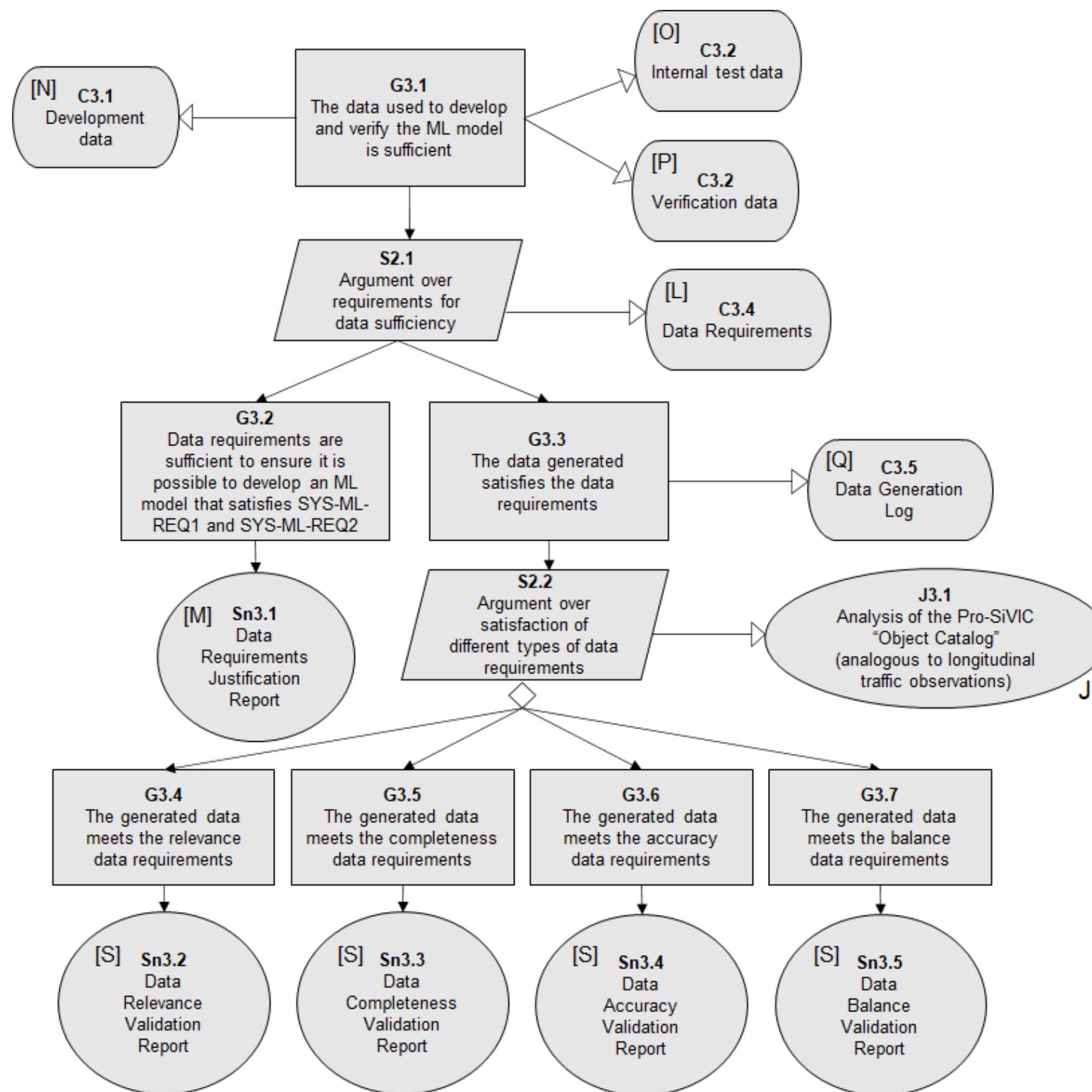


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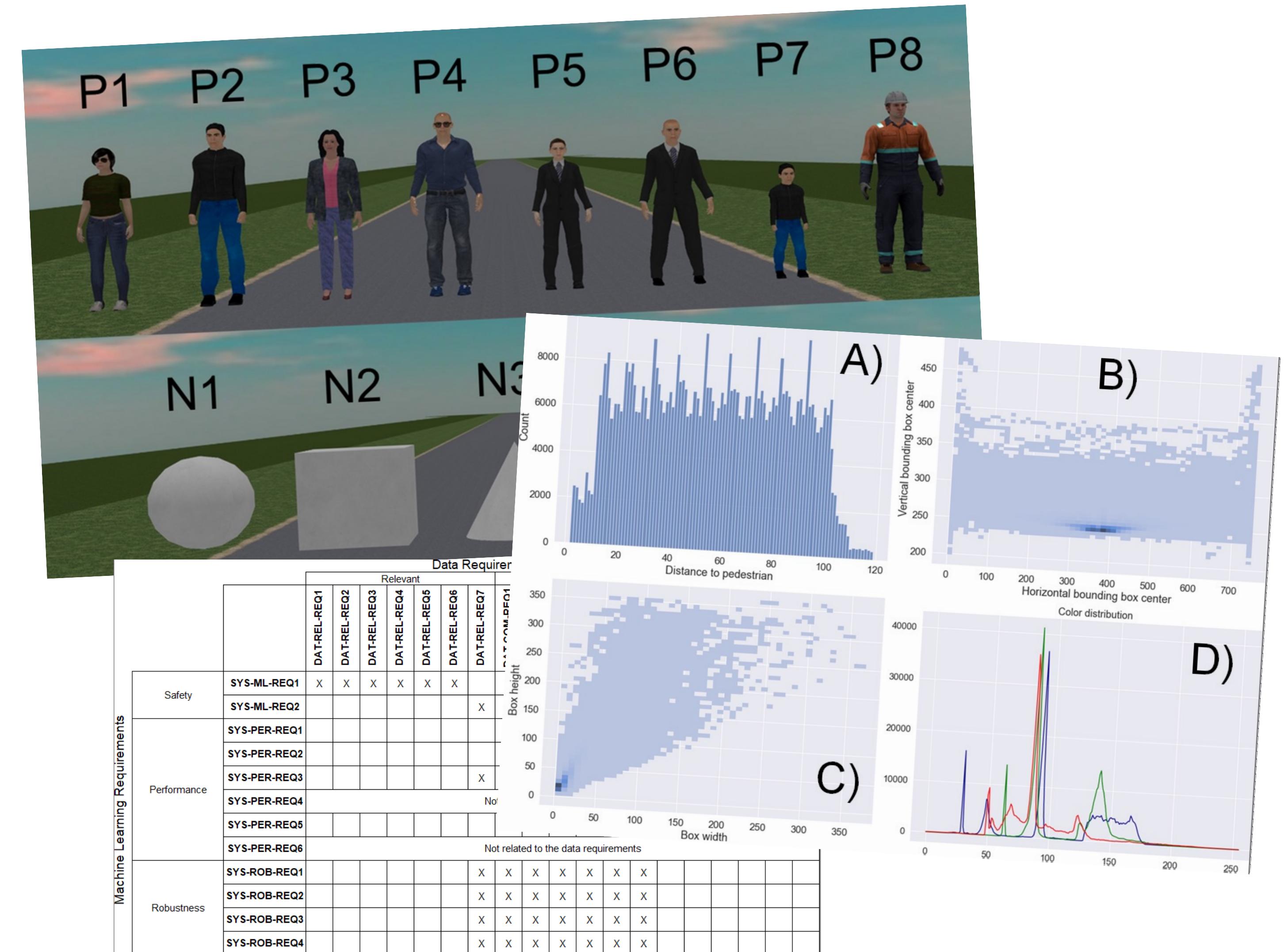
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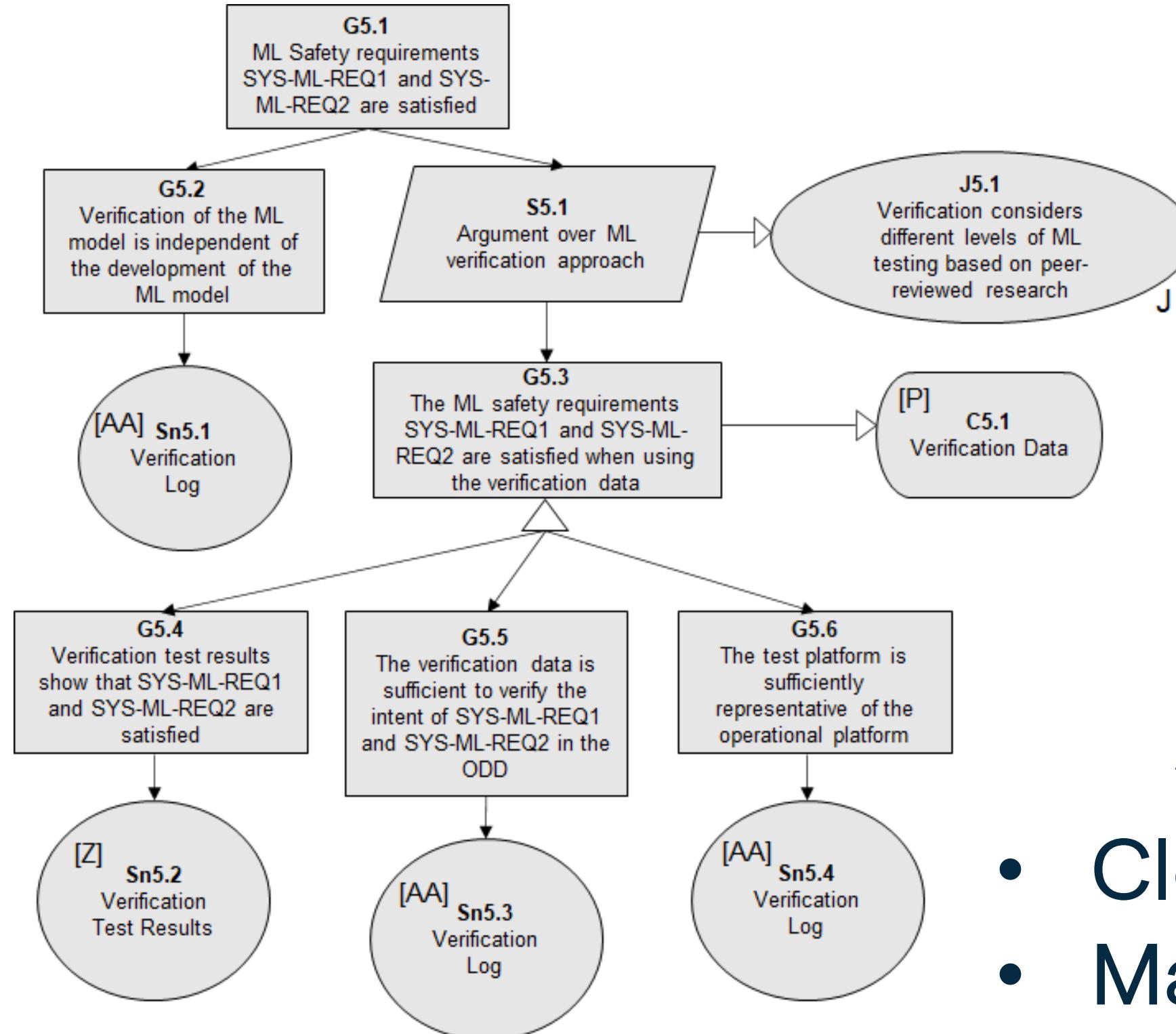
# 3. Data Management Assurance



- 1) Relevance
- 2) Completeness
- 3) Accuracy
- 4) Balance

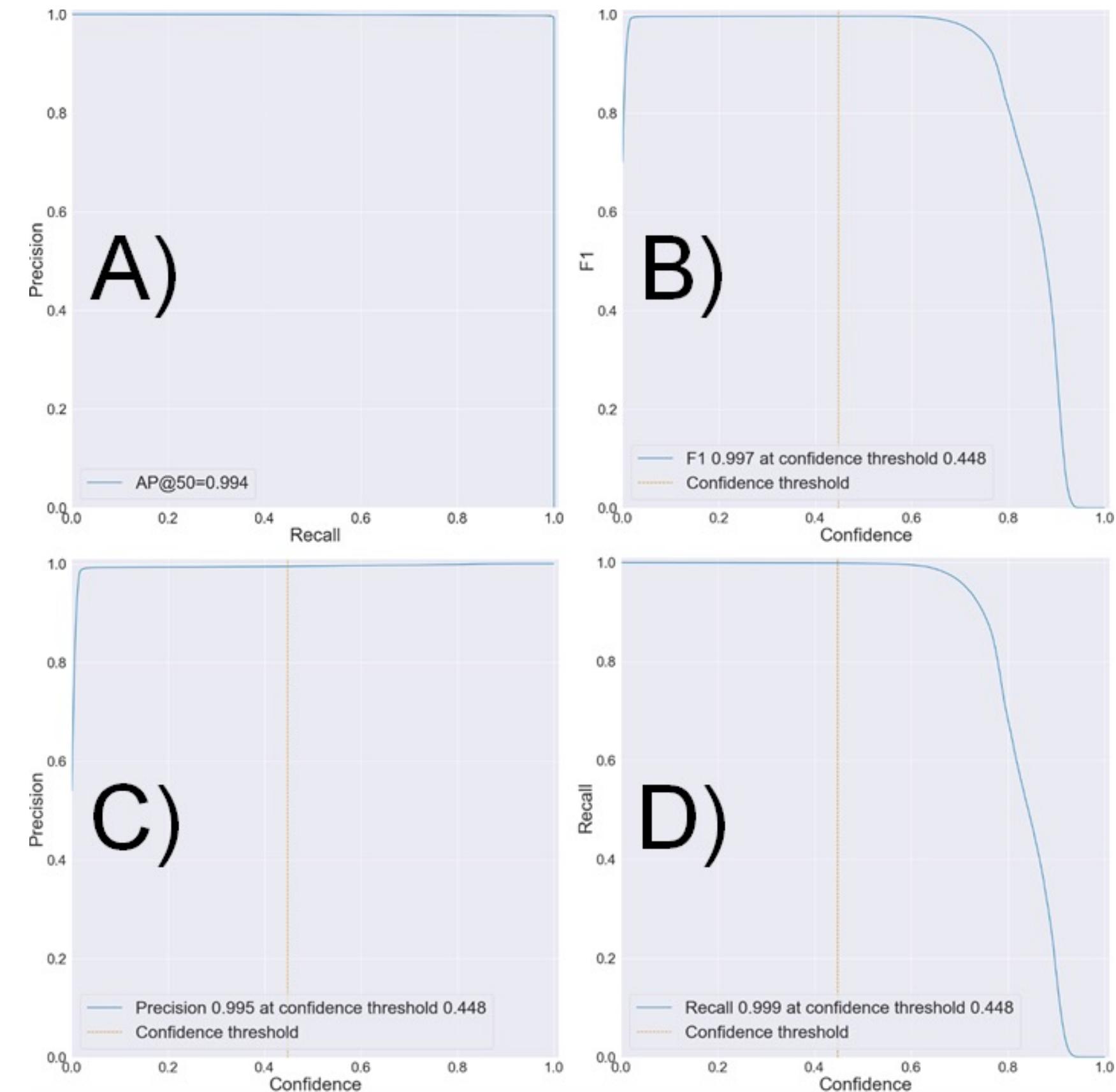


# 5. Model Verification Assurance



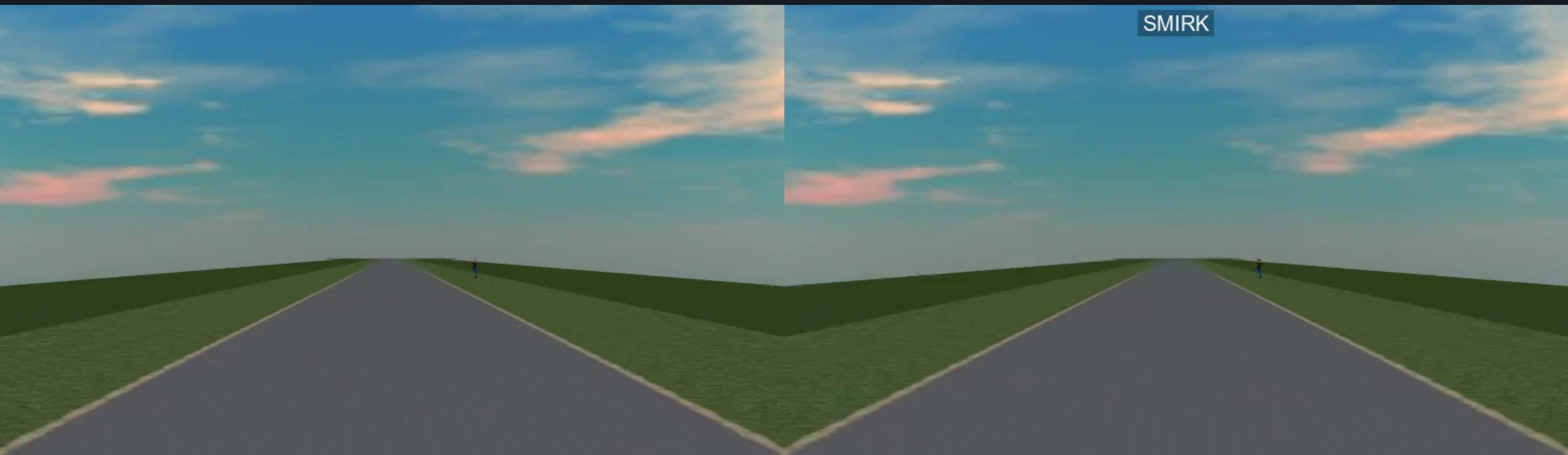
## Analysis of subsets

- Close/Far away
- Male/Female/Children
- Standing/Walking/Running
- ...



# Wrap-up and Lessons Learned

# Demo



Without braking

With SMIRK

# Lessons Learned

SOTIF and AMLAS compatible

Requirements engineering at the core

Massive safety case for a minimal example

Evaluation of object detection models is hard

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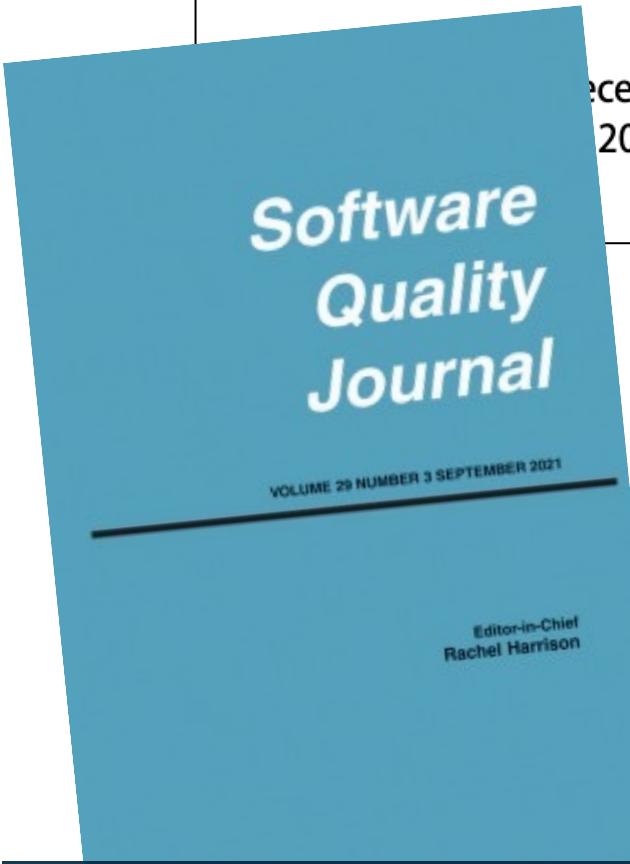
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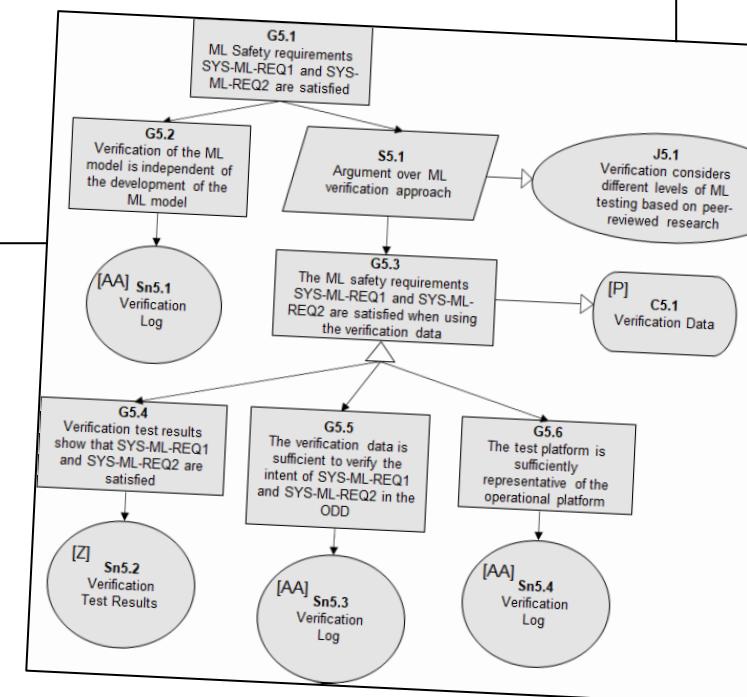
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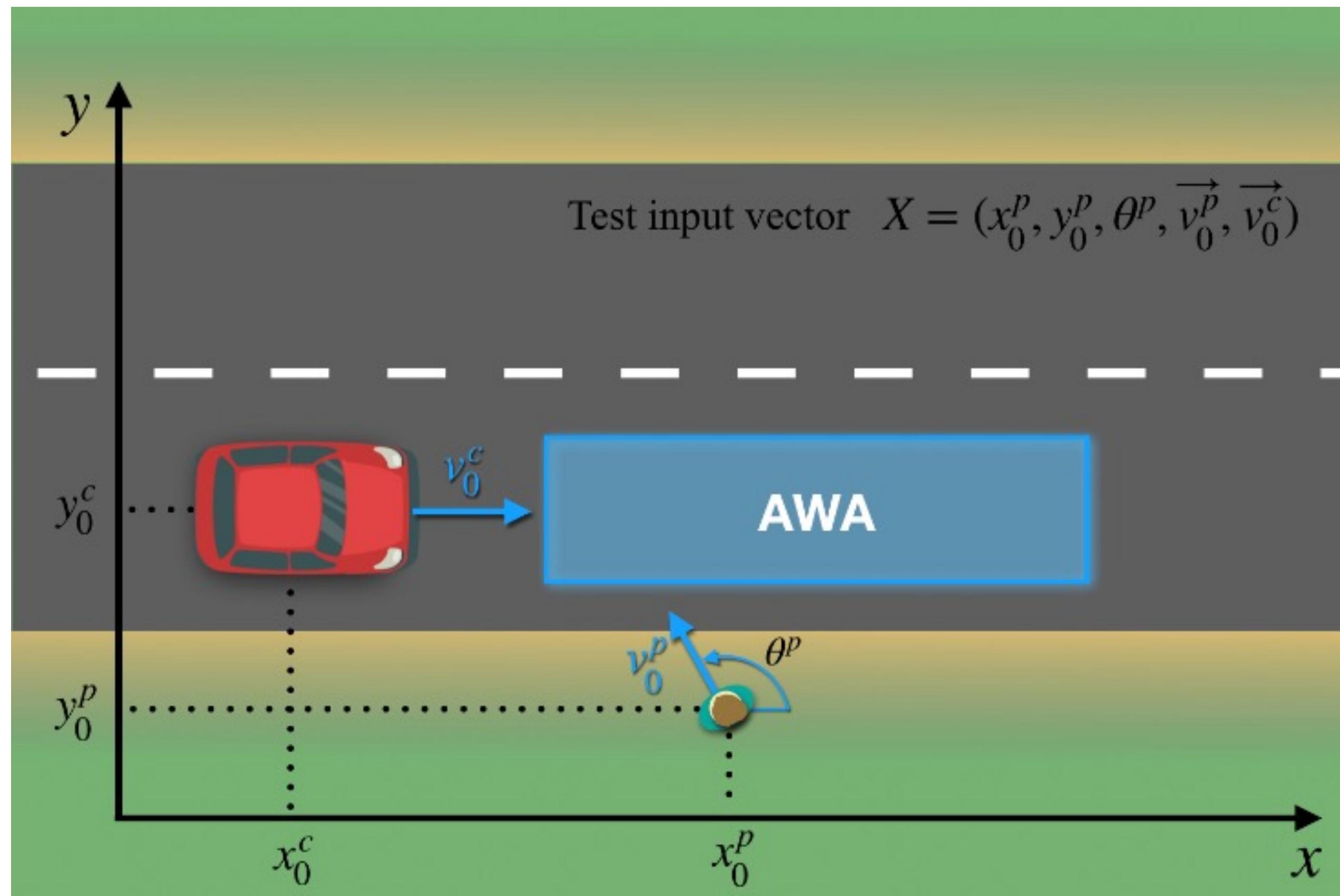
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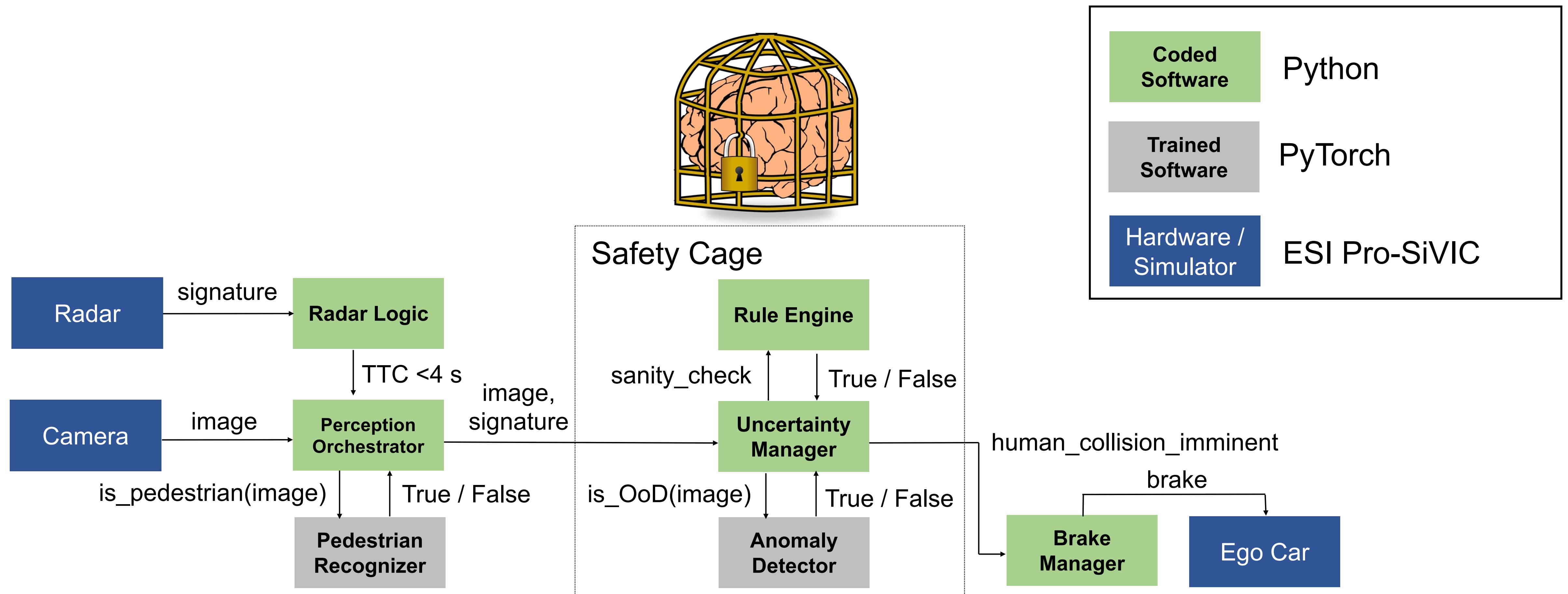
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# Backups

# Reverse engineering from PeVi



# Logical View of the SMIRK Architecture



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