Combining Simulation and Driving Scenarios Analytics for Safe Automated Driving

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Demonstrating Safety is the Critical Engineering Challenge

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The SAE Automotive Industry Survey Confirmed:

"Public Confidence and Adoption" is the number 1 barrier to the widespread adoption of fully autonomous vehicles

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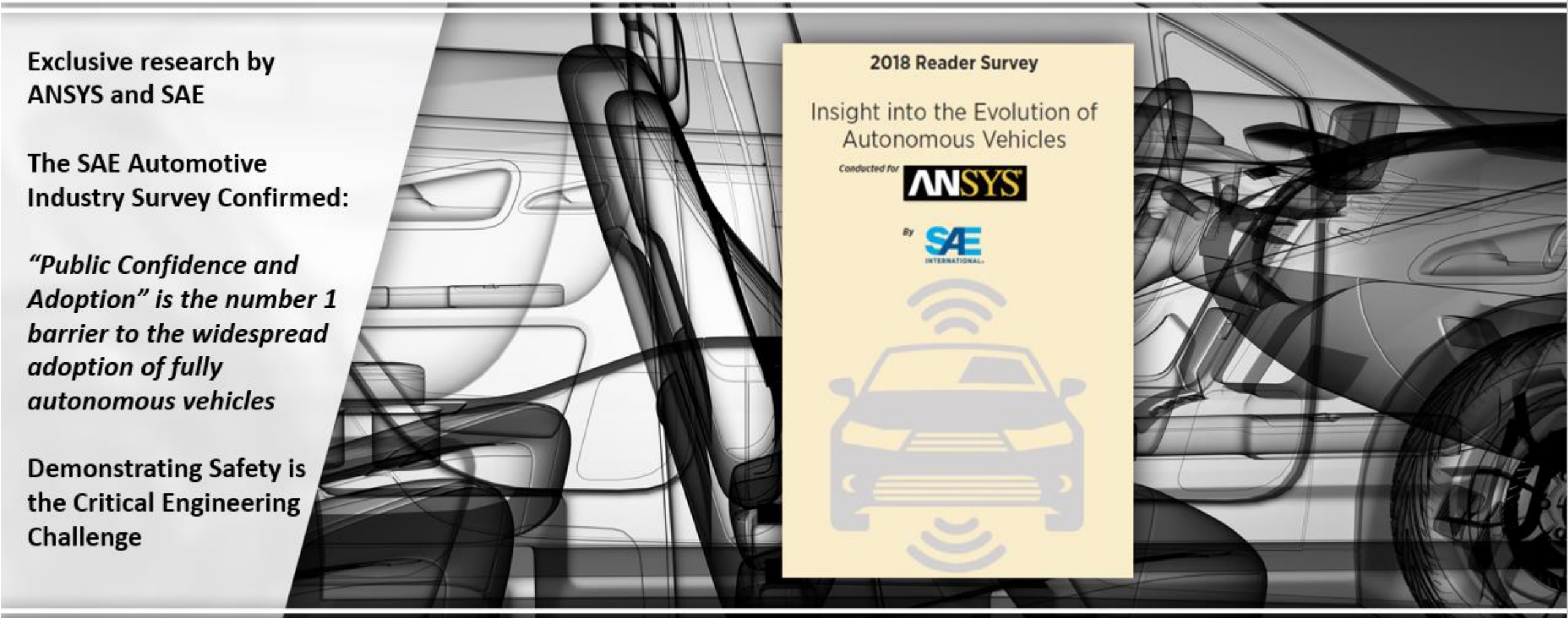


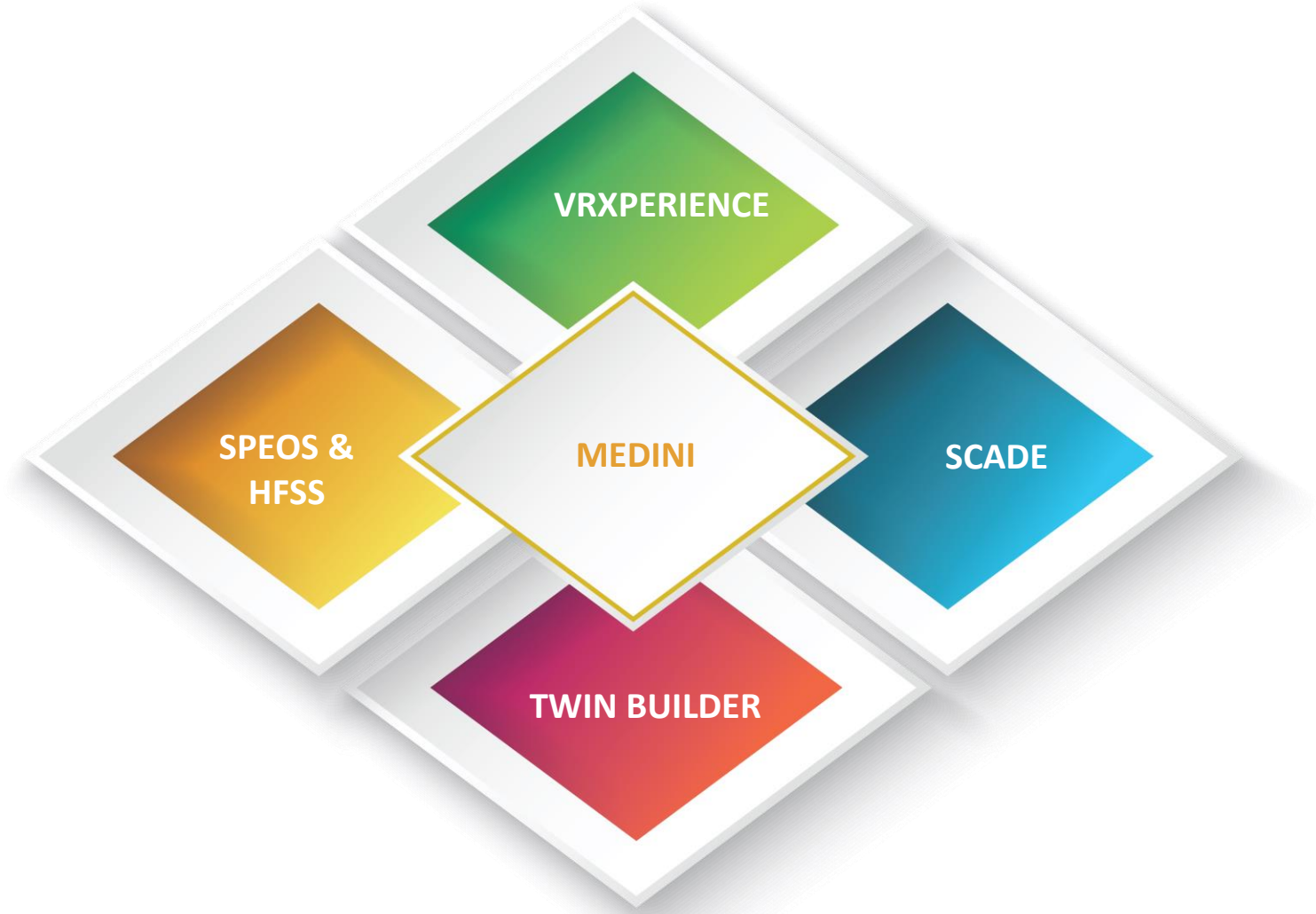
We need to address all key elements of autonomous vehicles through simulation

- Sensors
- Automated Driving Software
- Computing Platform
- Human-Machine Interfaces
- Control Software
- Vehicle Platform

Digital Safety Solutions for Autonomous Vehicles

SIMULATION PROCESS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

ANSYS Autonomy



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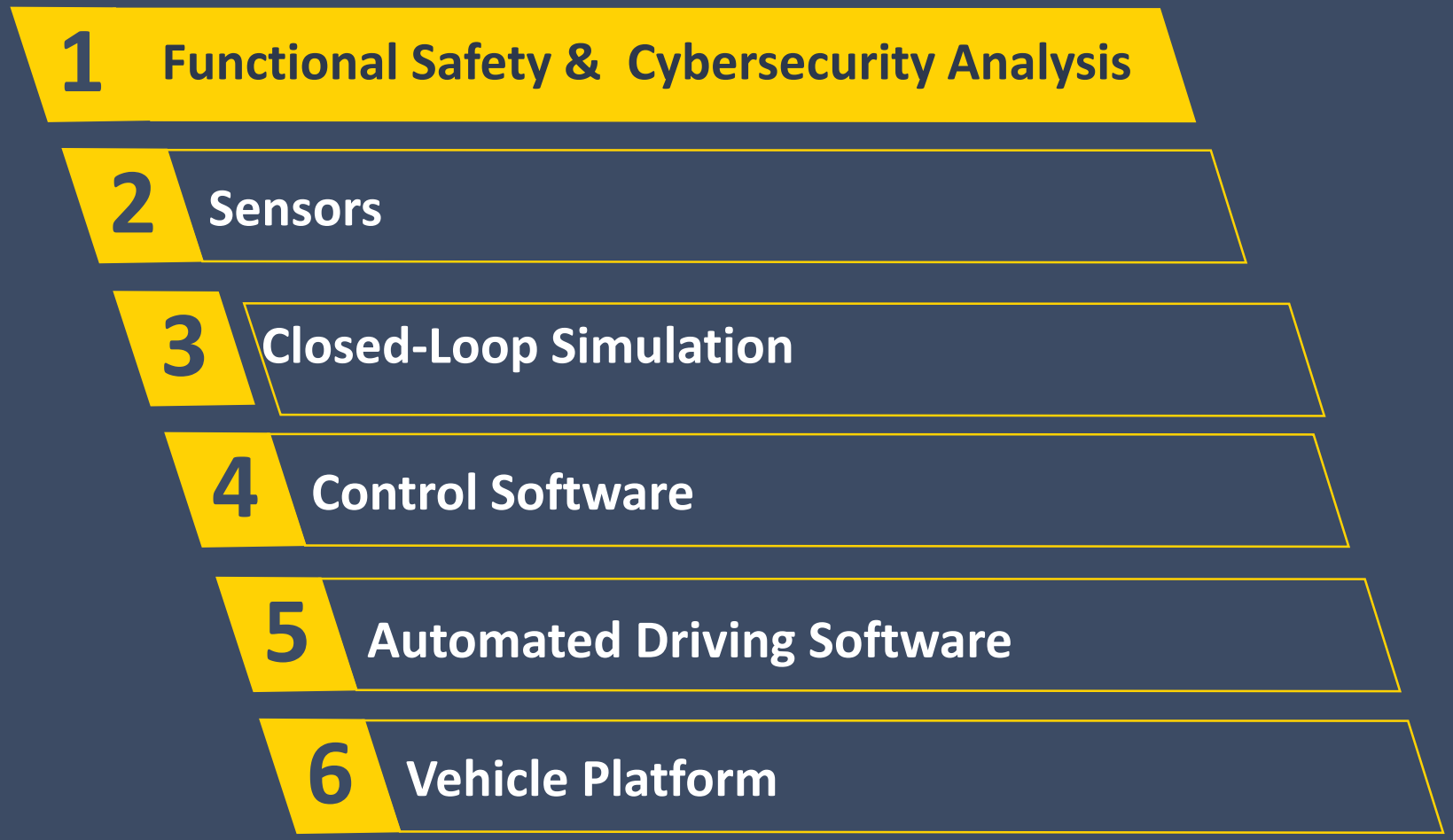
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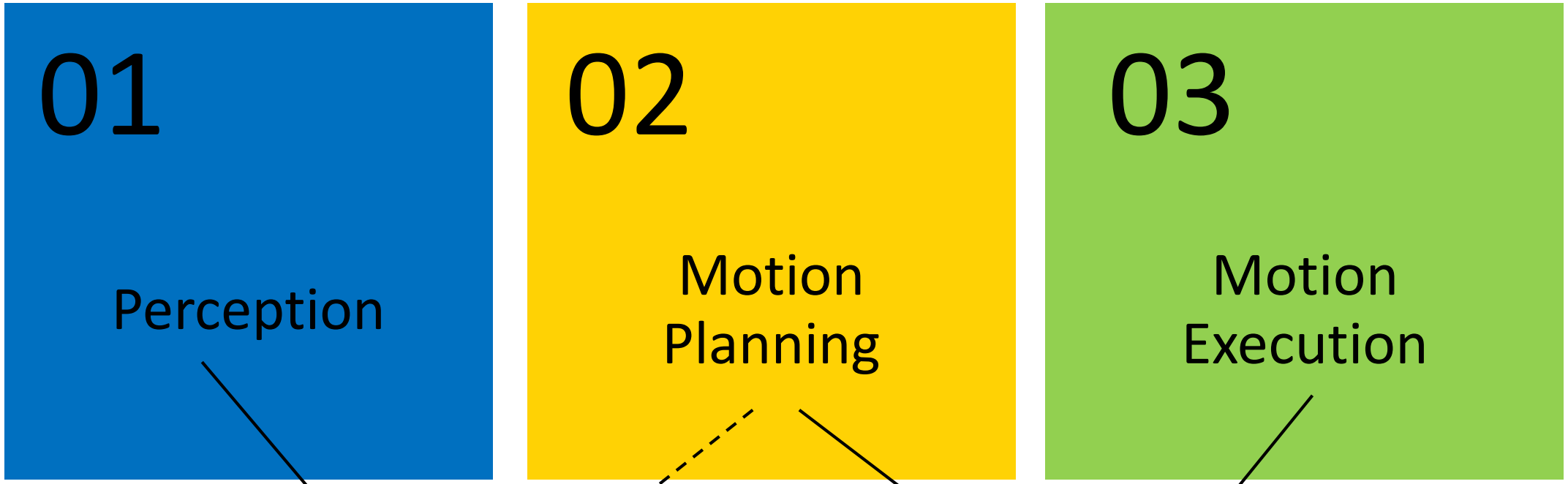
Safety of AV Systems



Safety of the Intended Functionality (SOTIF)

Functional Safety Analysis (FuSa)

FuSa *vs.* SOTIF

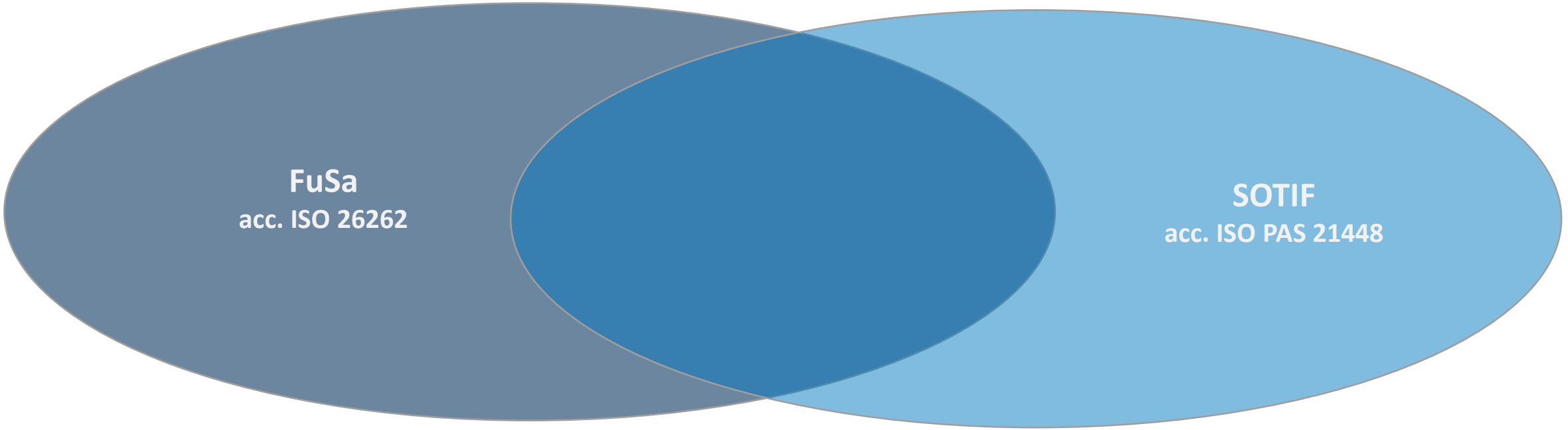
FuSA

- Addresses safety of the E/E control system
- Hazards induced by system Failures (e.g. control software bug, bit flip in memory, etc.)

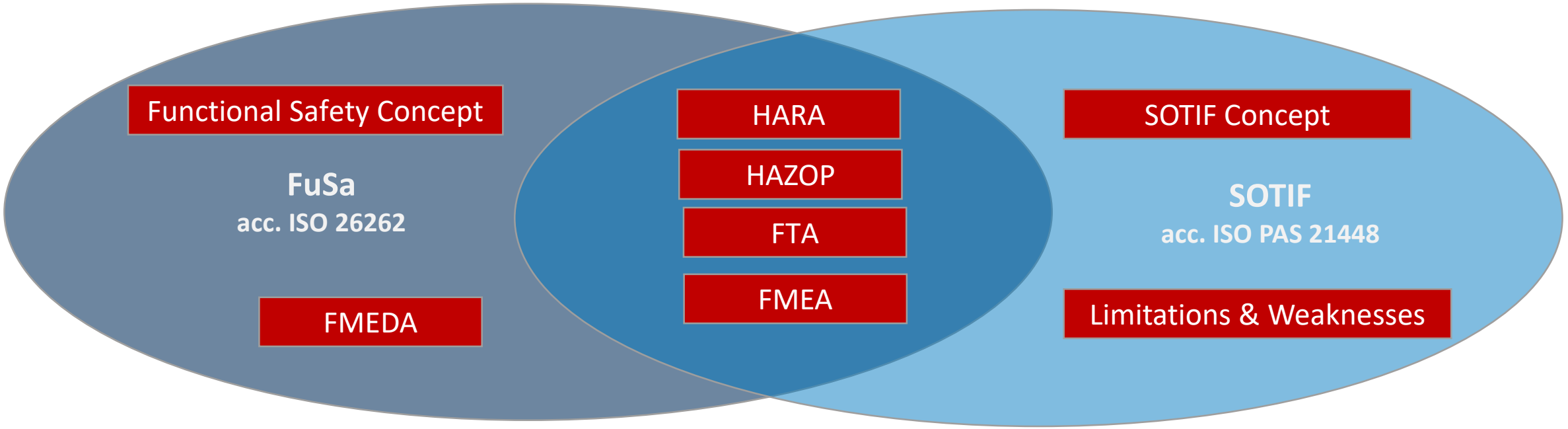
SOTIF

- Addresses safety of the complete AV System *incl.* sensors and (AI-based) perception software
- Specific interest in Hazards due to limitations (e.g. weather conditions, radar echoes due to metallic bridge, etc.)

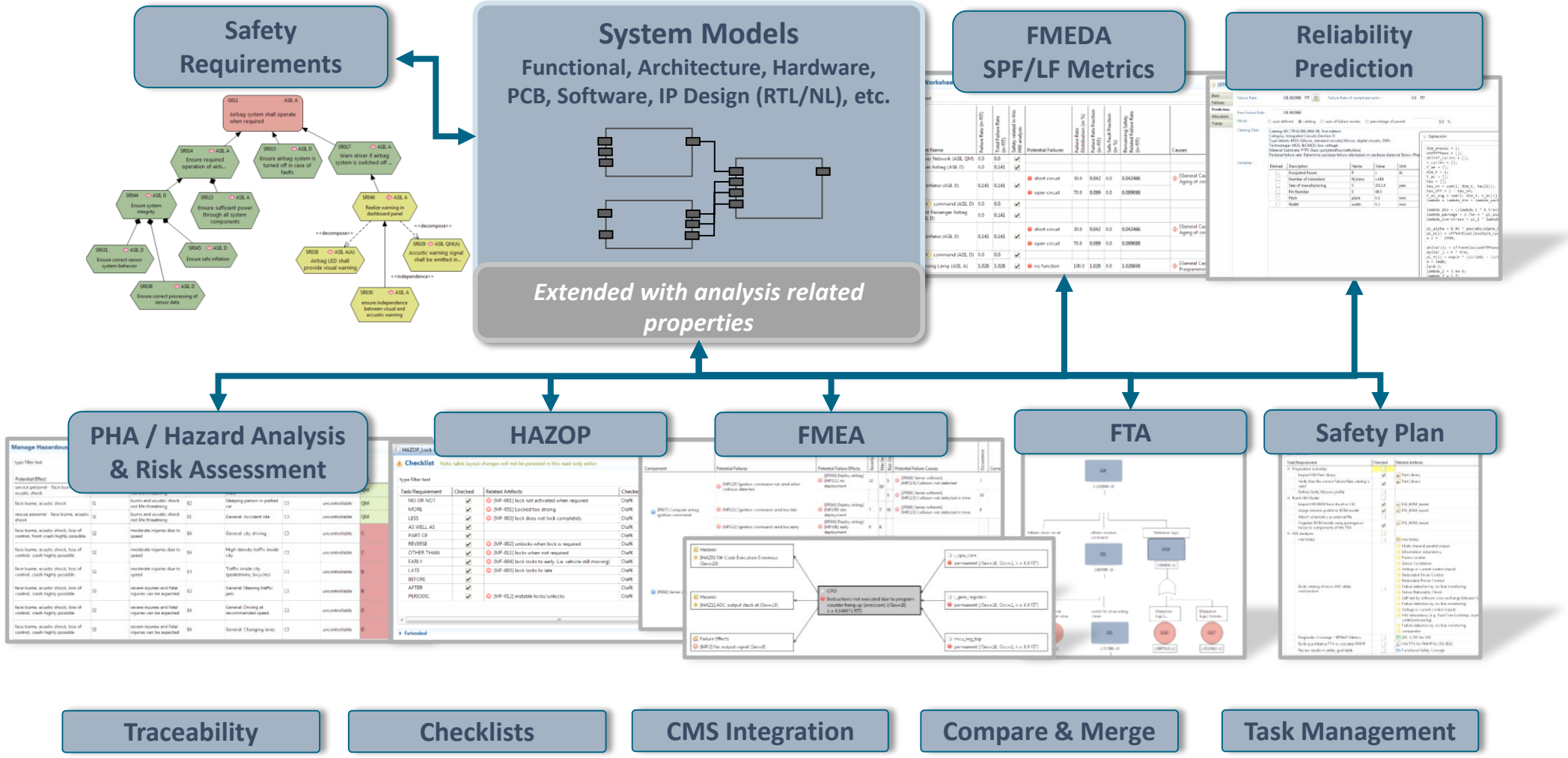
FuSa acc. ISO 26262 *vs.* SOTIF acc. ISO 21448



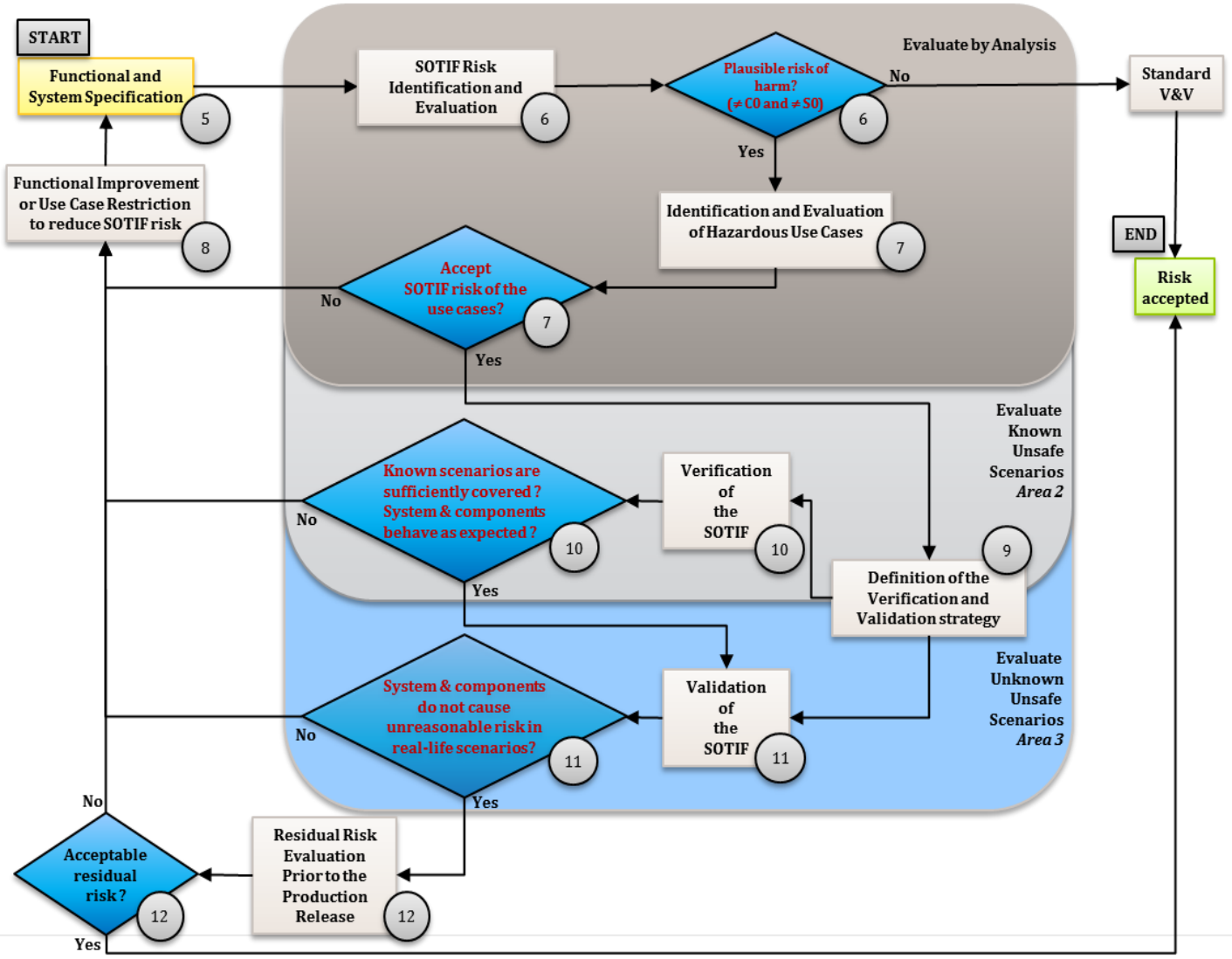
Methods in the FuSa and SOTIF Processes



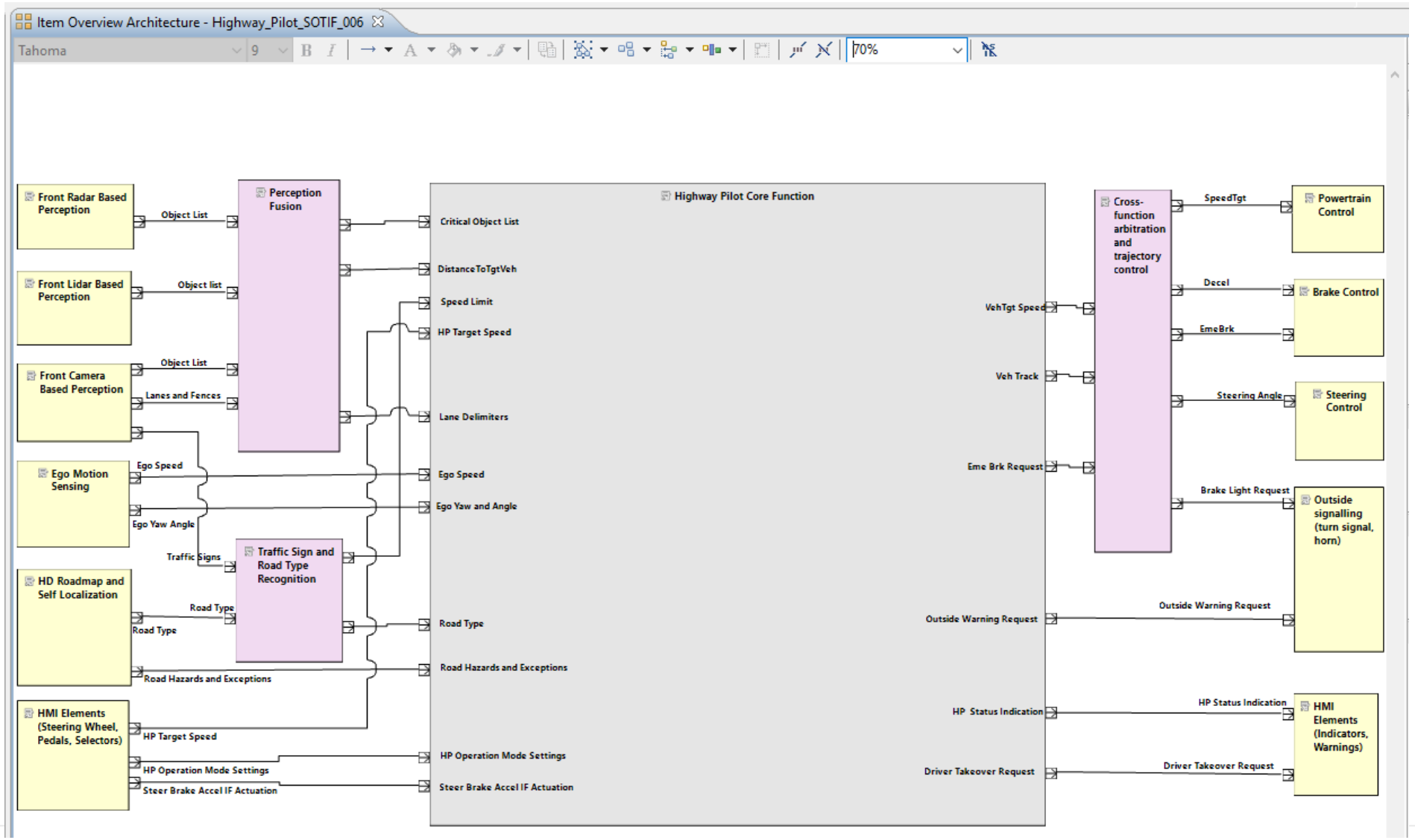
ANSYS provides a model-based, system-oriented solution for functional safety analysis (FuSa)



ANSYS extends medini to implement the ISO PAS 21448 (SOTIF) iterative process model



Architecture Modeling is common for FuSa and SOTIF: Highway Autopilot example



SOTIF Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment (HARA): Establishing functions and malfunctions for the Highway Autopilot example

Scenario Analysis

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Location	Environment	Operation Mode of Item	Traffic and People	E (Combined Exposure)	Malfunctioning Behaviour	Hazard	Severity
Motorway	Daytime, dry and sunny	Highway Pilot active, speed controlled (free running)	Other car overtakes, merges in and immediately after brakes strong	E2	[MF-049] No emergency braking reaction on close motor vehicle.	Crashing into passenger car from behind (high delta speed)	S3
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Motorway	Daytime, dry and sunny	Highway Pilot active, speed controlled (free running)	Other car, truck or motorcycle following closely behind	E4	[MF-110] Unjustified strong braking	Following car crashes into ego car from behind (high delta speed)	S3
Motorway	Night time, heavy rain	Highway Pilot active, speed controlled (free running)	Motorcycle on ego lane	E2	[MF-049] No emergency braking reaction on close motor vehicle.	Crashing into motorcycle	S3
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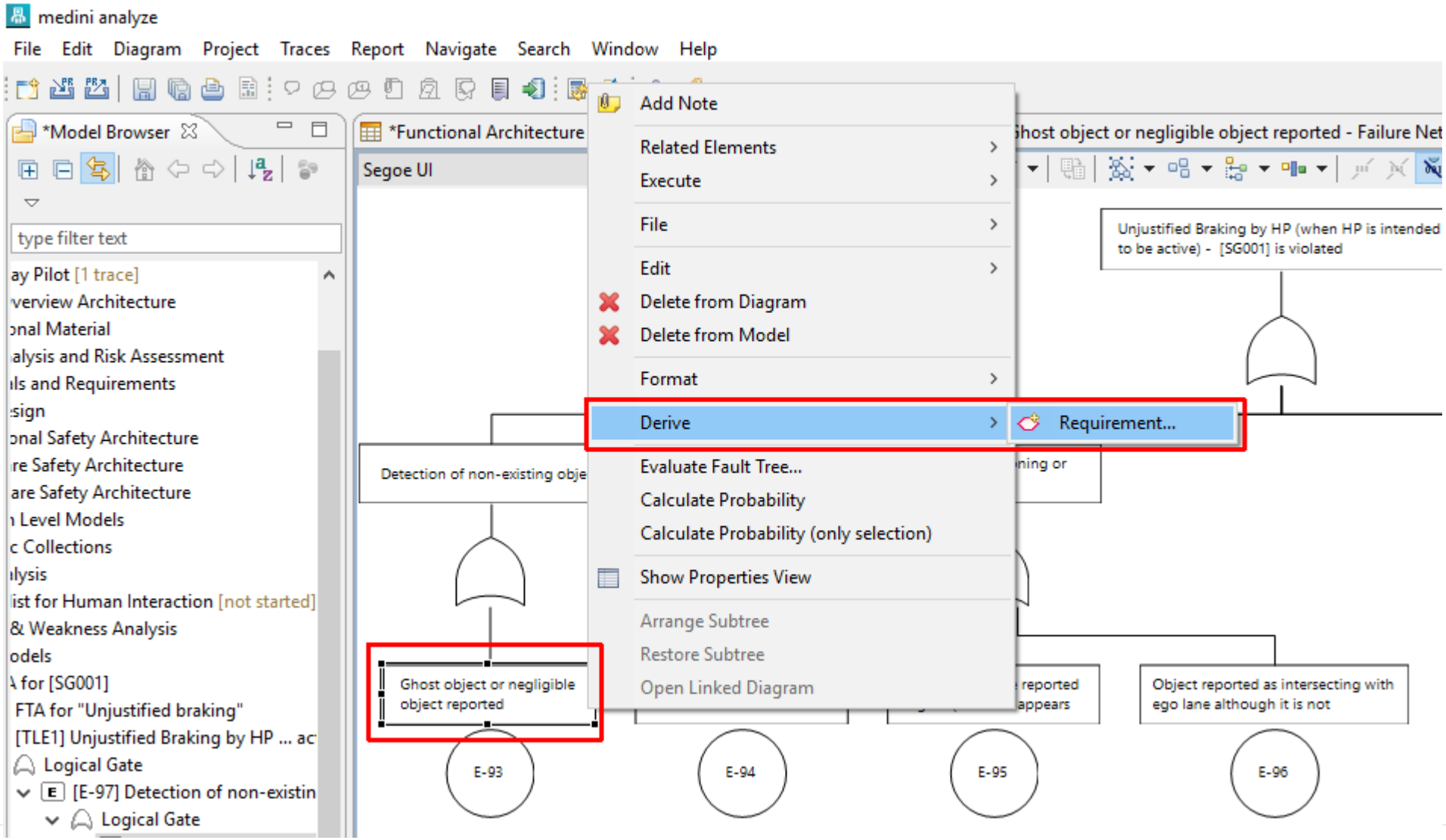
Iterative Improvement of Highway Autopilot until Remaining Risk is Acceptable

SOTIF Investigative / Causal Analysis (e.g. FTA,FMEA, Failure Net)

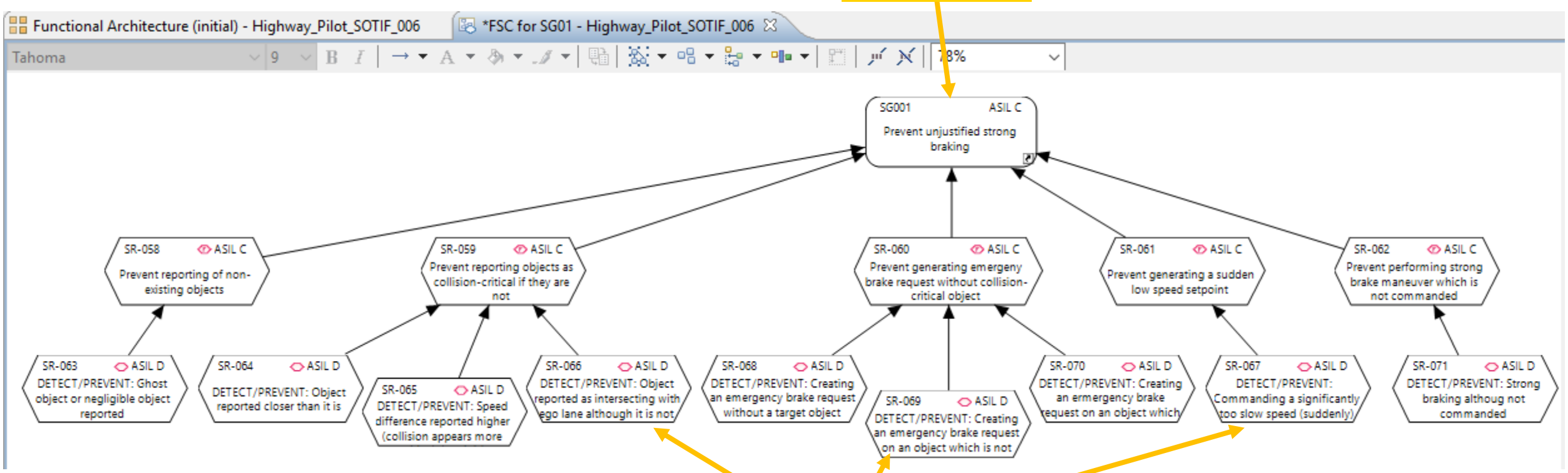
Risks acceptable after analysis?

Solution (Re)Definition and Improvement or ODD restriction (SOTIF Safety Concept)



Safety Concept is improved – Requirements are refined

Safety Goal (from HARA)



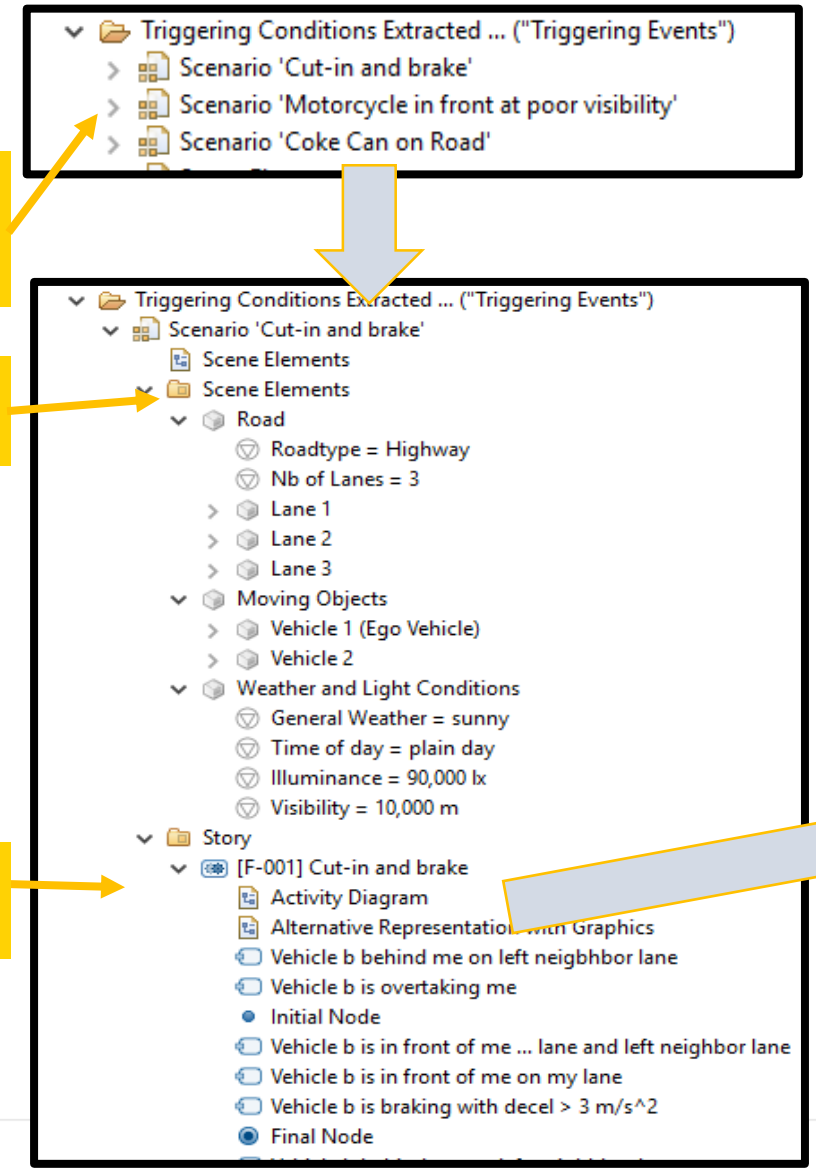
Functional Requirements:
Initial iteration: imported from normal function development
Following iteration (system improvement): derived from safety analysis (e.g. FTA events)

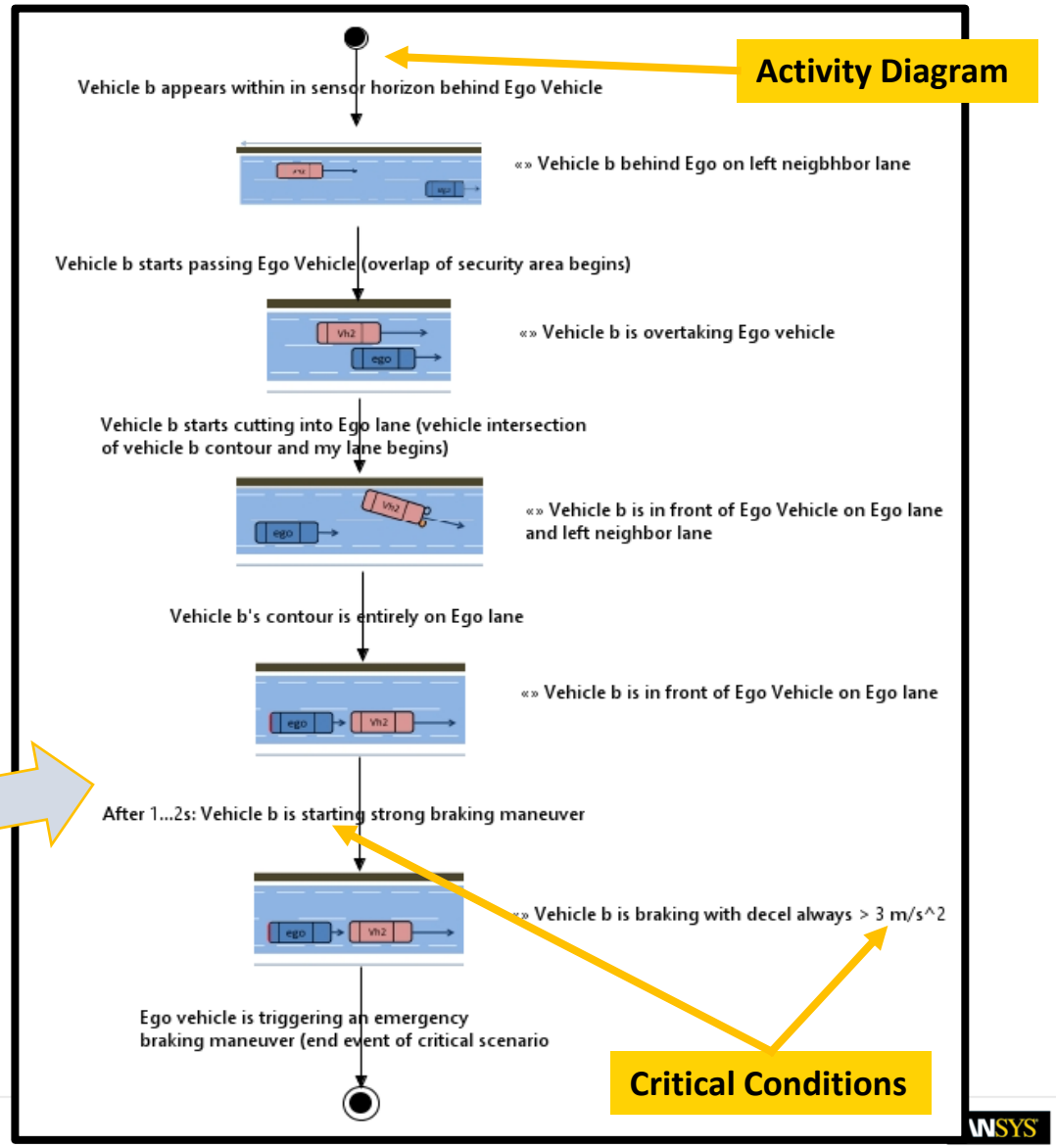
SOTIF Triggering Conditions Analysis: Building in medini Scenarios to be simulated in VRXPERIENCE

Import/Export to OpenSCENARIO standard under preparation

Scene Elements: What is around

Story: What is happening





Running SOTIF Driving Scenarios in VRXPERIENCE
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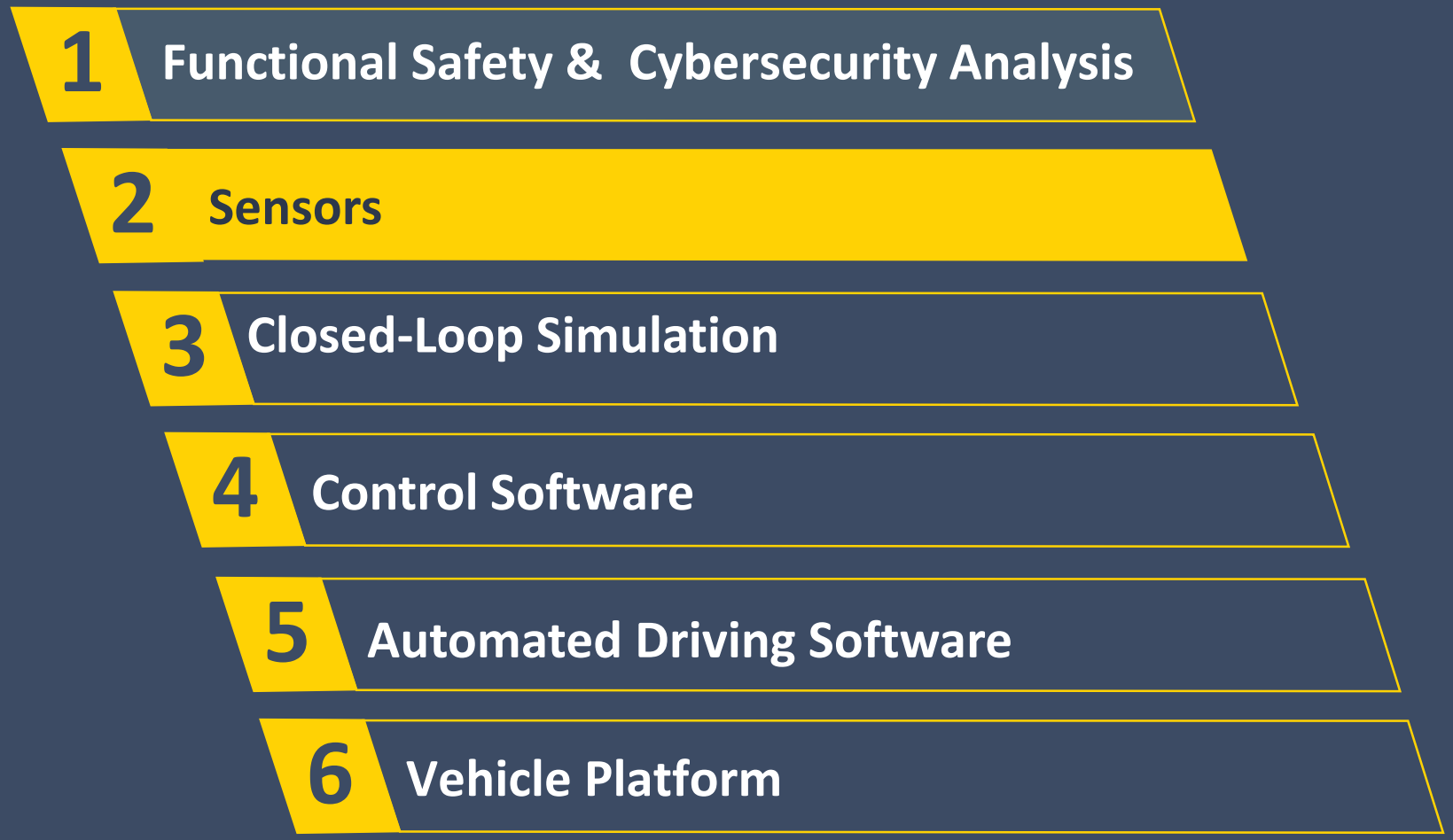
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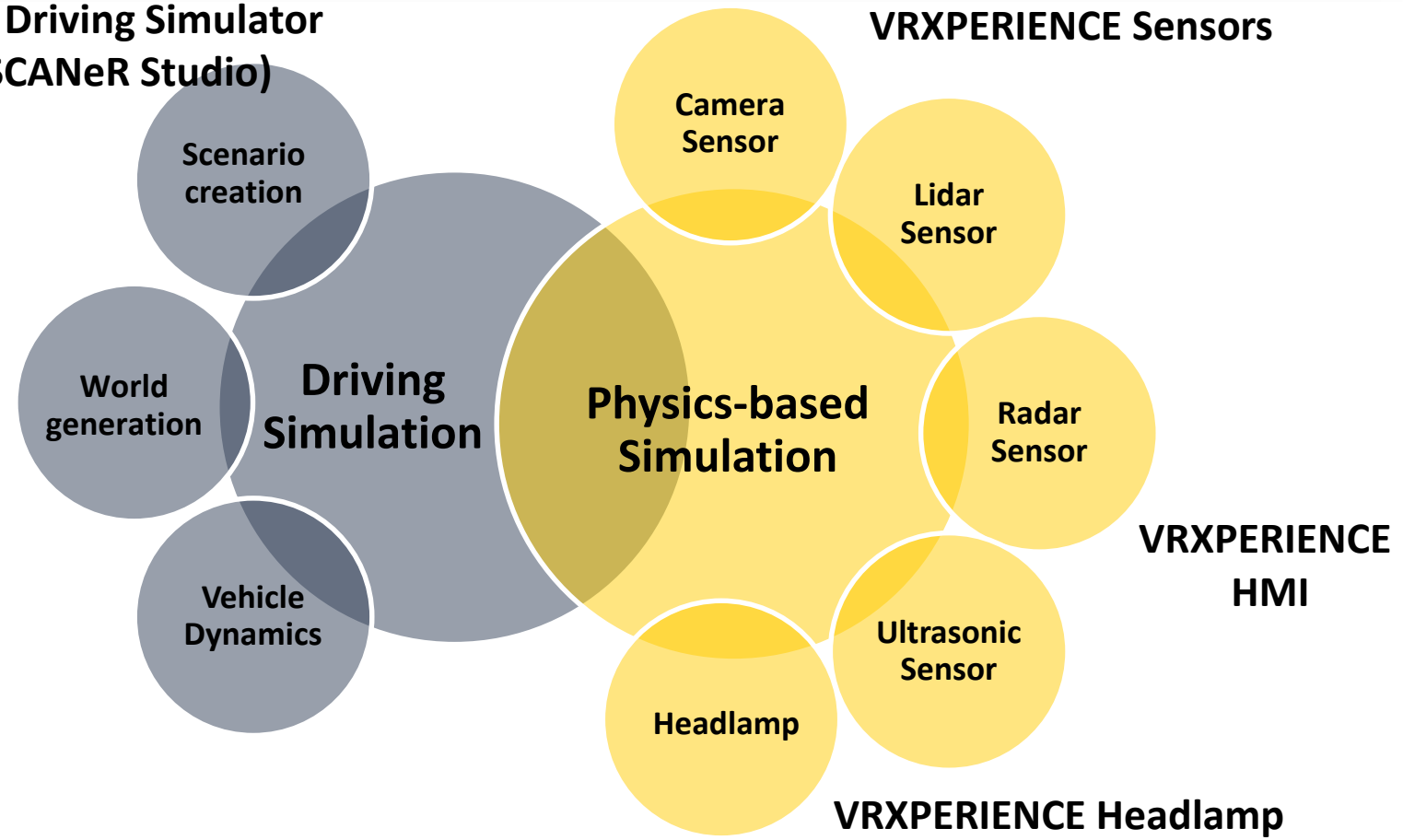
ANSYS AV open and customizable simulation environment

A comprehensive simulation software

Providing:

- ✓ Sensors & light models
- ✓ 3D world
- ✓ Scenarios
- ✓ Vehicle dynamics

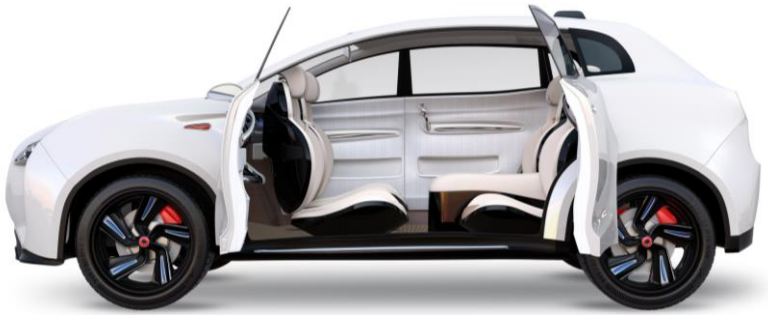
+ closed-loop platform
+ development tools



ANSYS addresses all key AV sensors

Radar

Camera



Lidar

Ultrasonic

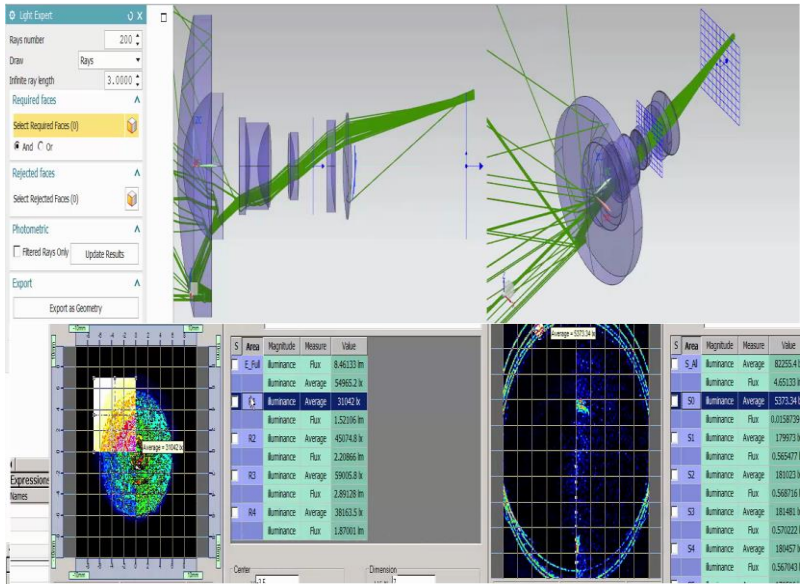
Three phases for each sensor

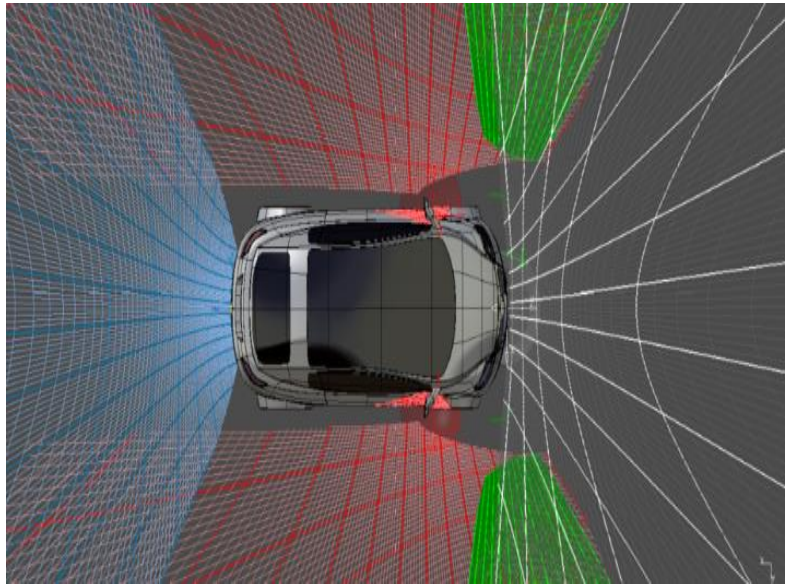
Component Development

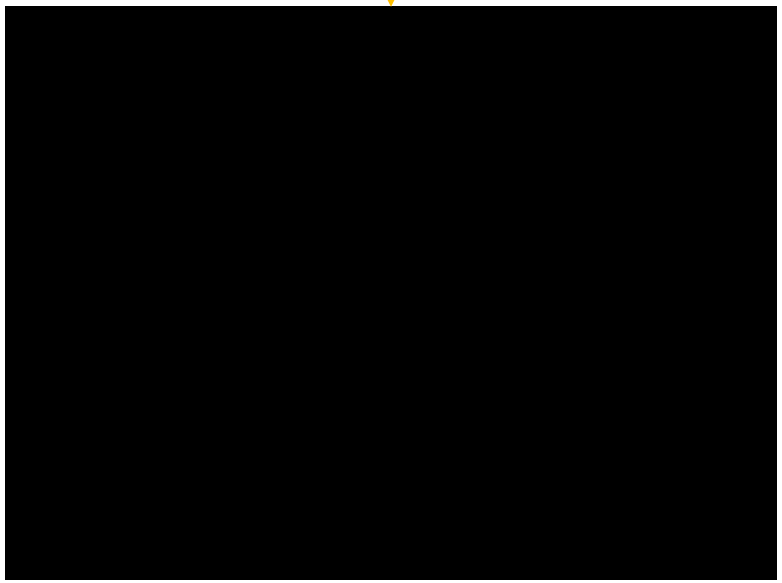
Vehicle Integration

Scenario Simulation

Camera: Simulation from component design to full scenarios







Component Development

Optical, Thermal, Structural

Design & Analysis

Vehicle Integration

Vision Performance Analysis

Position Optimization

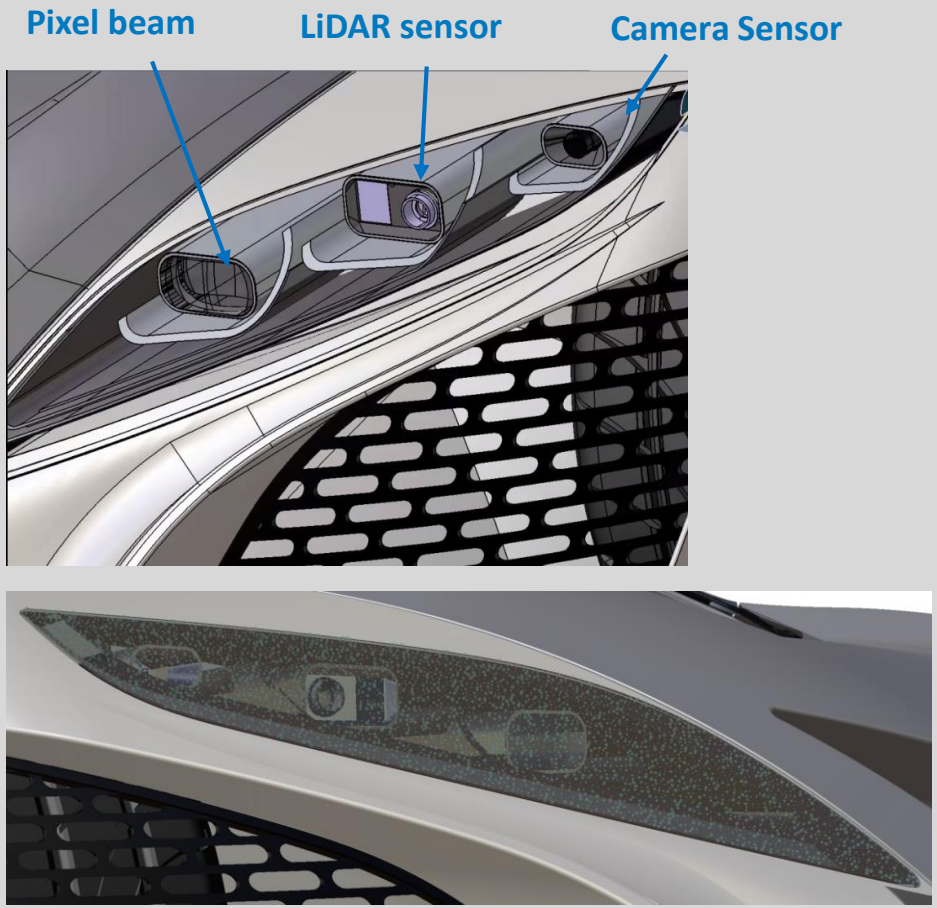
Scenario Simulation

Vision System

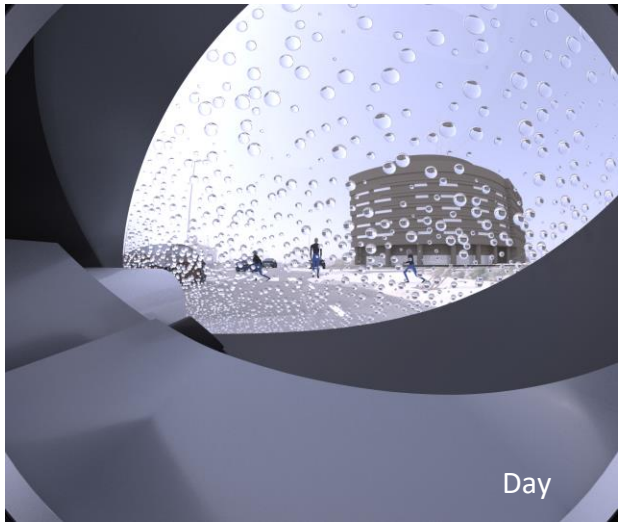
Test & Validation

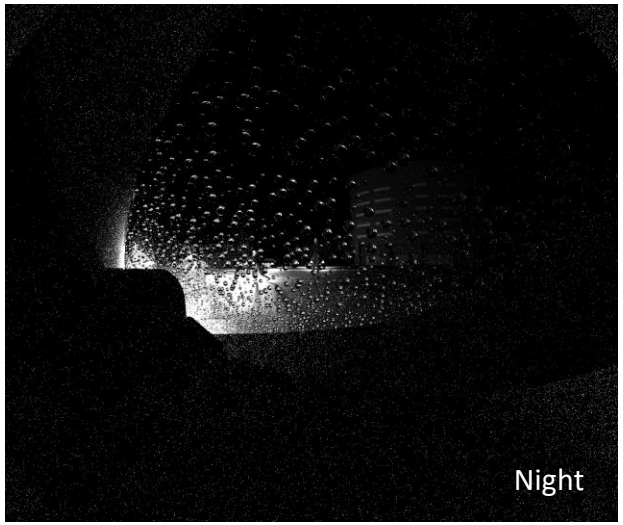
Camera: Simulations in adverse weather conditions

Simulations are performed using a headlamp model with an integrated camera and LiDAR sensor

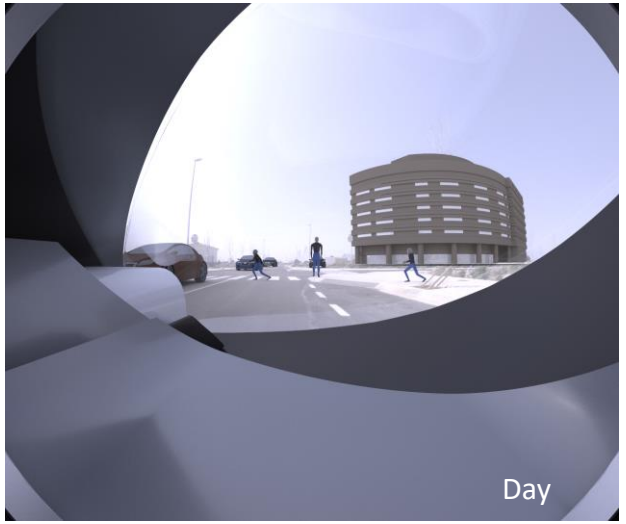


Headlamp outer lens with water droplet build-up





Headlamp outer lens with 3M hydrophobic film



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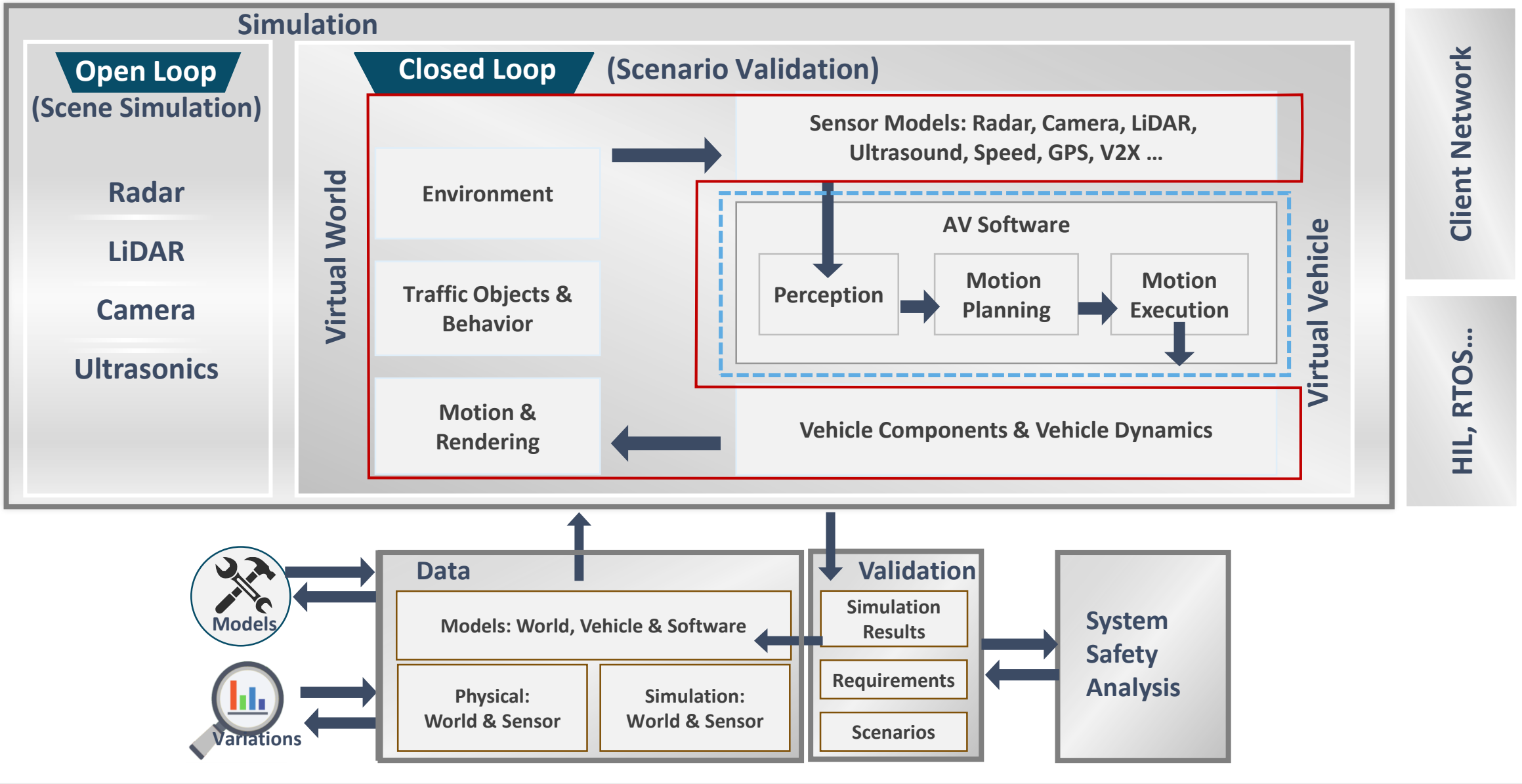


3D world model & preparation

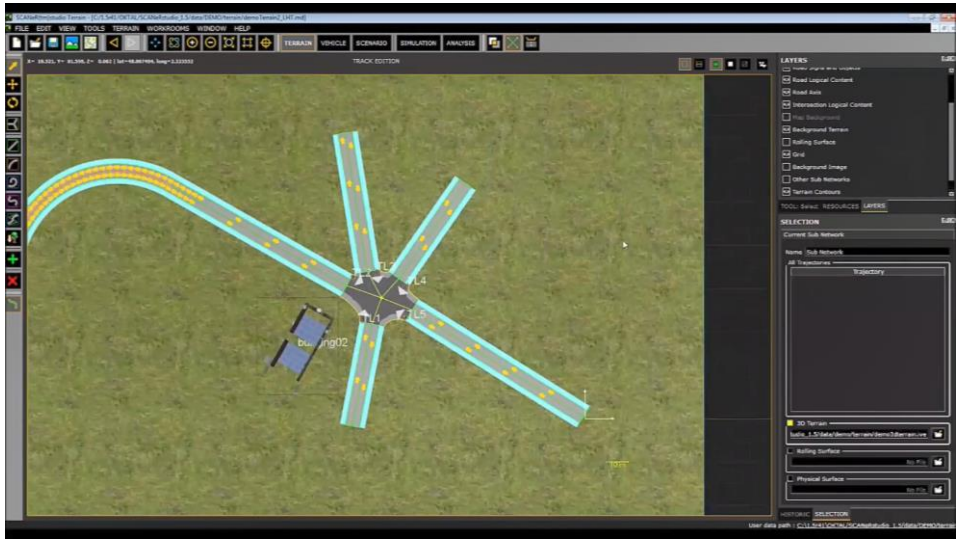
Support any process able to capture real world into simulation with very high fidelity road database and photorealism.

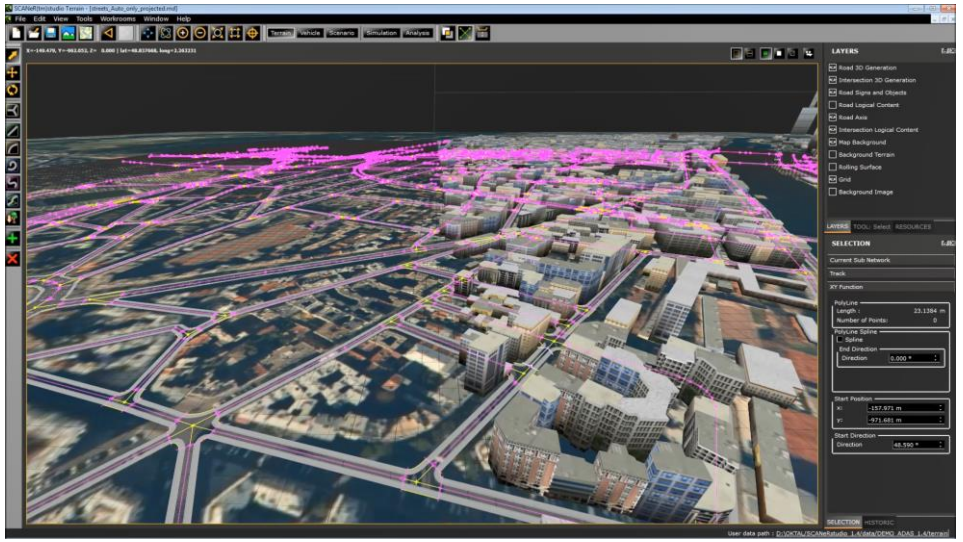
Key Features

- Ease the creation of 3D road environment
- openDrive compliant
- Import map data : OpenStreetMap, Here…
- Trim the world from libraries
- Set physics-based materials from libraries

Use case

- Create high fidelity 3D world model
- Automate 3D world model creation for quick and fast simulation test





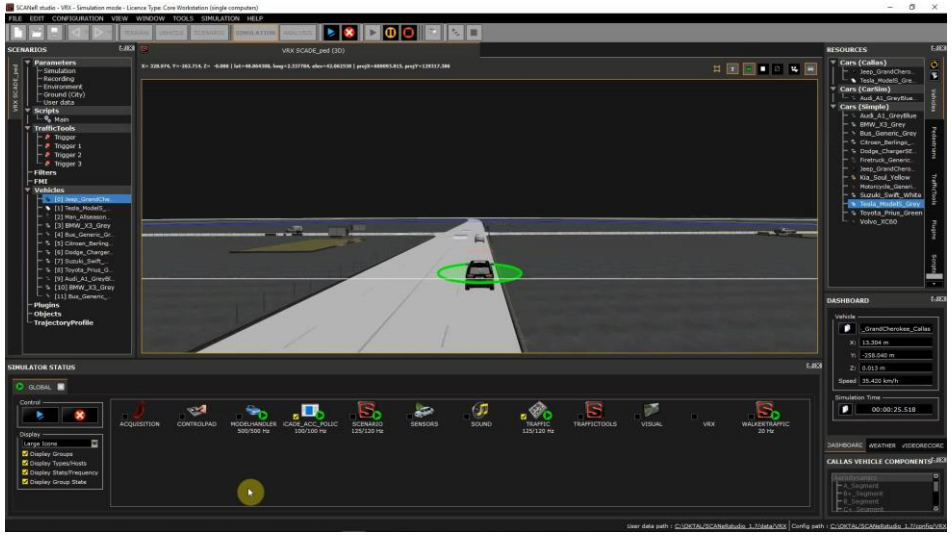
Scenario & Traffic

Key Features

- Bring ego car into a multi-agent simulated traffic model
- Traffic model based on AI able to generate any kind of traffic situations.
- Create scenario via script or GUI
- Automation of scenario from Test Plan.
- Large asset of car, trucks, motorbike, pedestrians, animals...

Use case

- Create dynamics driving scenario
- Create variability of scenario
- Automate scenario creation for massive simulation test



Sensors

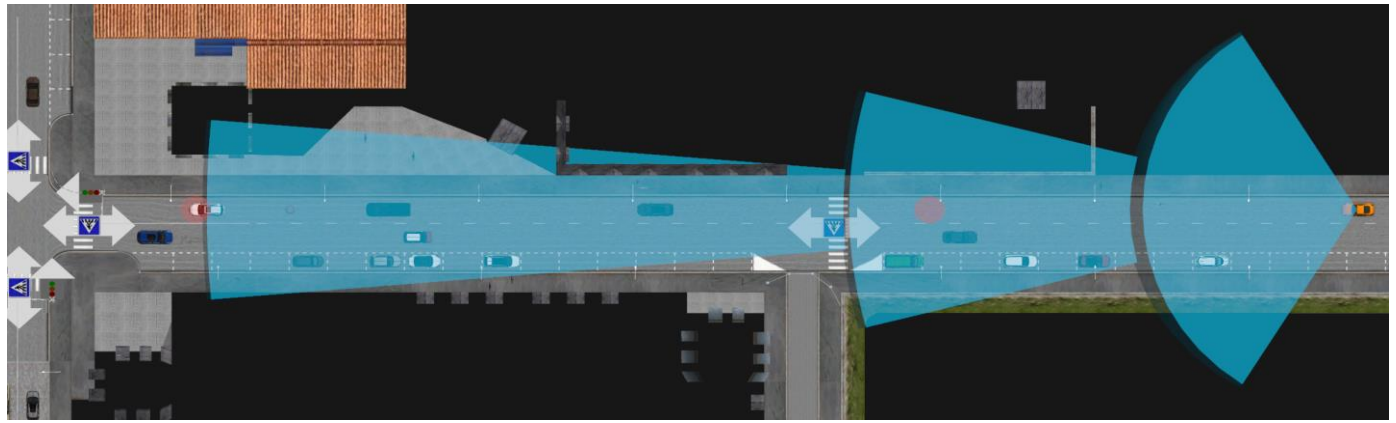
Key Features

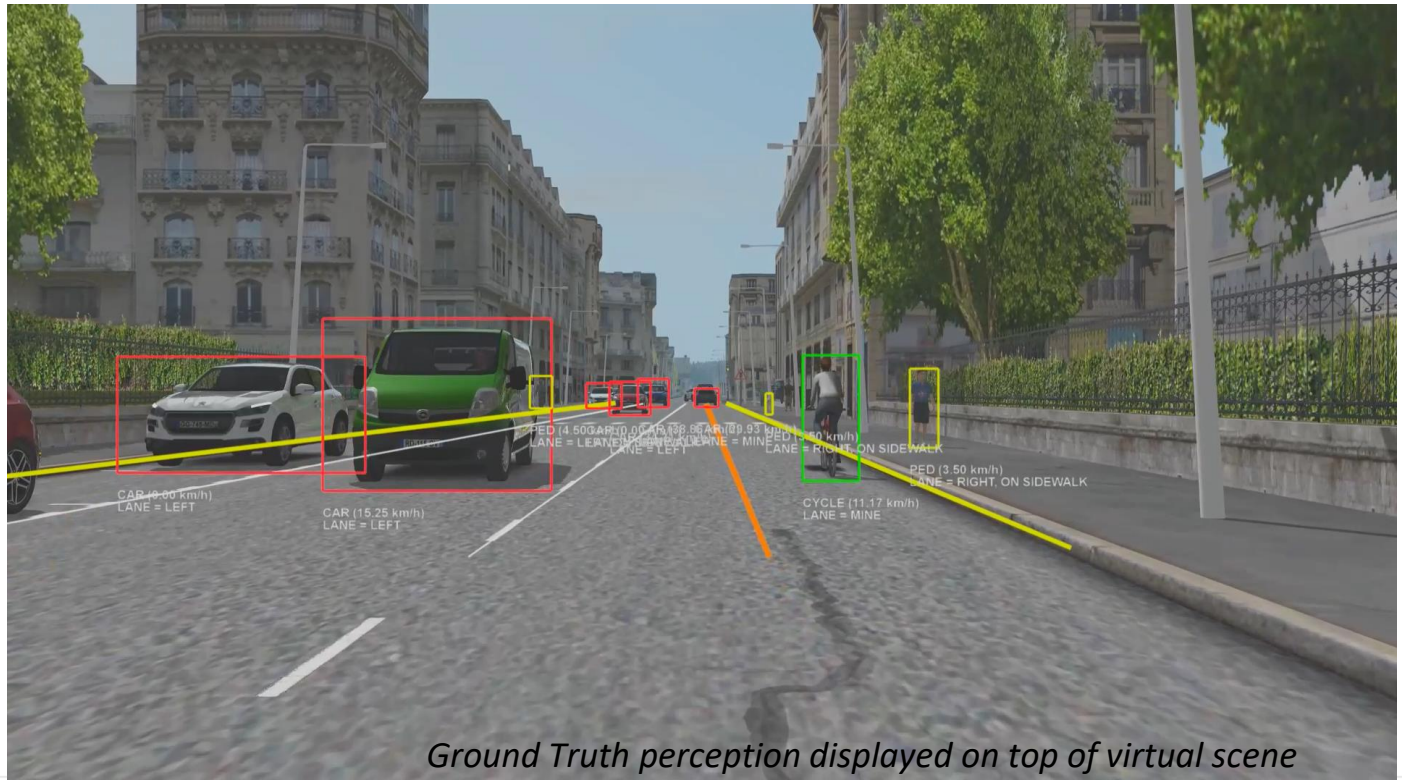
- Ideal or physics-based model of Camera, Radar, Lidar, Ultrasonic sensors

Use case

- Model the ideal or physics-based behavior of sensors
- Develop and test:
  - perception, planning and control algorithm (physics-based)

  <u>or</u>
  - planning and control isolated from perception (ideal)
- Test ADAS feature robustness

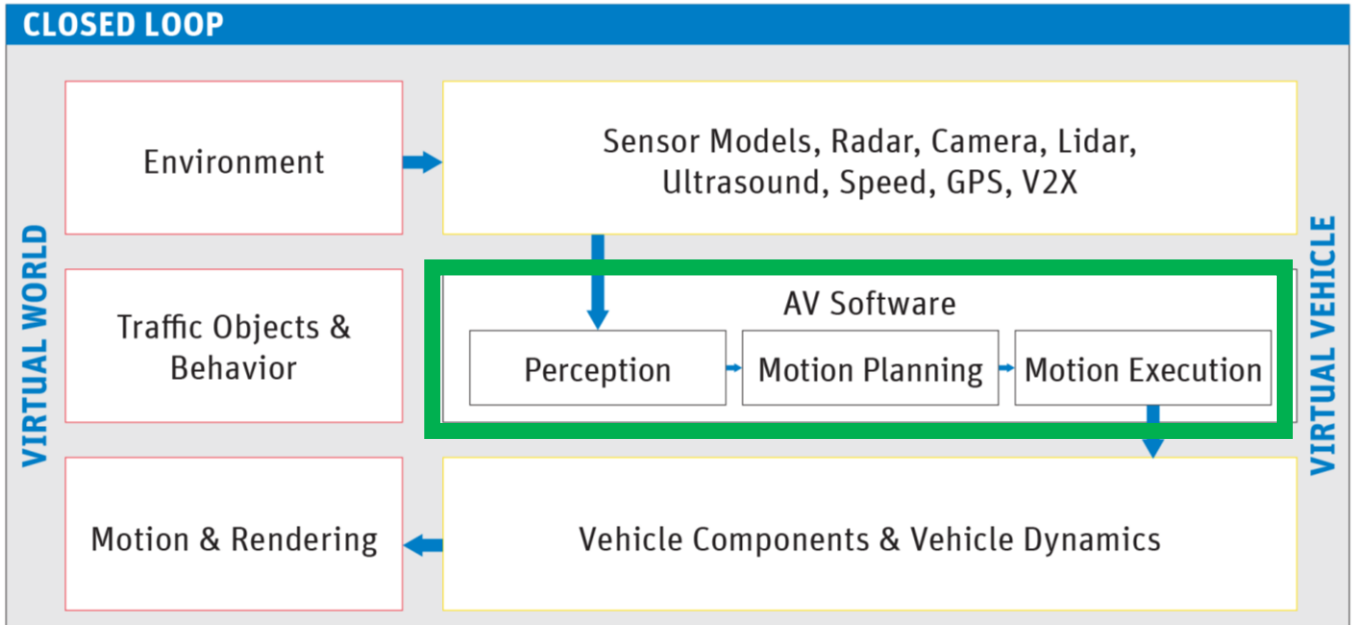




Ground Truth perception displayed on top of virtual scene

Closed-loop simulation of full AV stack (Software-in-the-loop)

- Physics-based sensor models allow testing of full AV software stack
- Run real-time asynchronous or externally synchronized simulation
- Distribute computing and rendering node on several CPU or GPU
- Massive simulation on HPC



Scenario Re-Creation from Real-World Driving

Demo Case:
Left turn
in Pittsburgh

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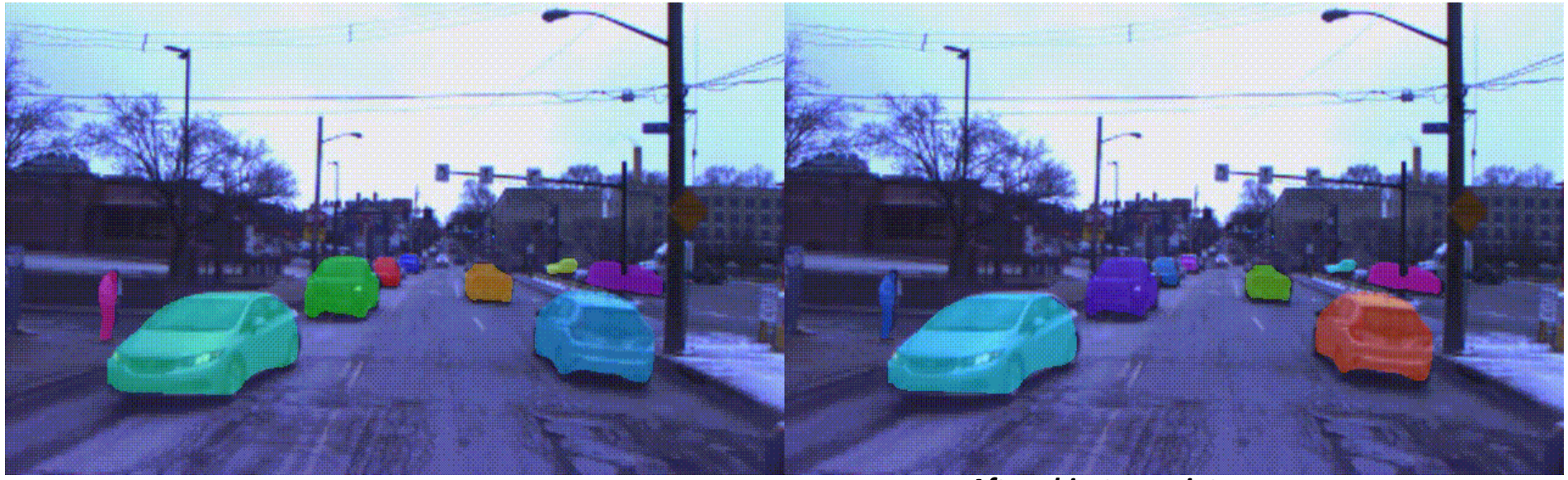
Tracking Moving Object to Re-Create Scenario

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Detects objects frame by frame

Visual object associator

- Performs object association



Before object associator

After object associator

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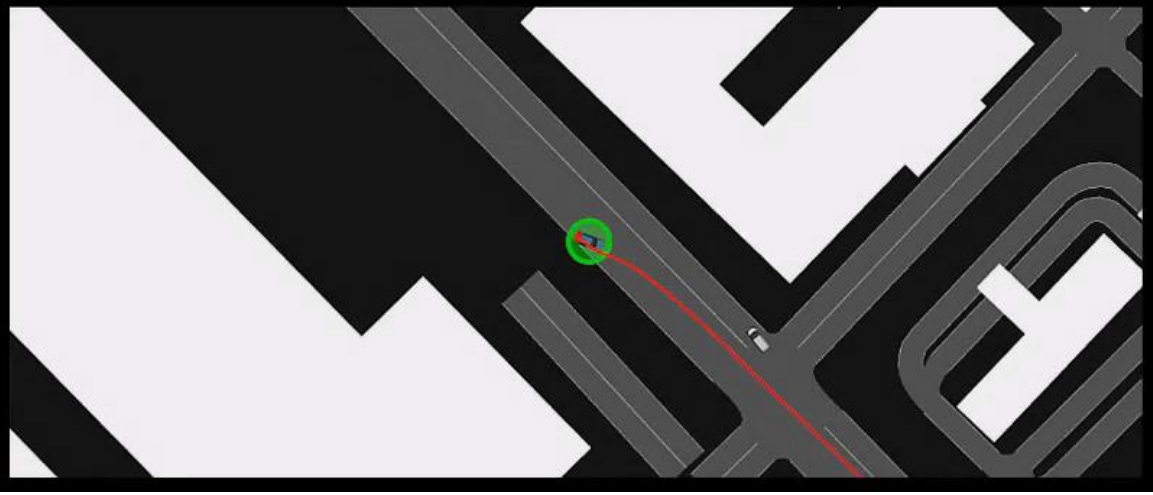
Recorded Sensor view

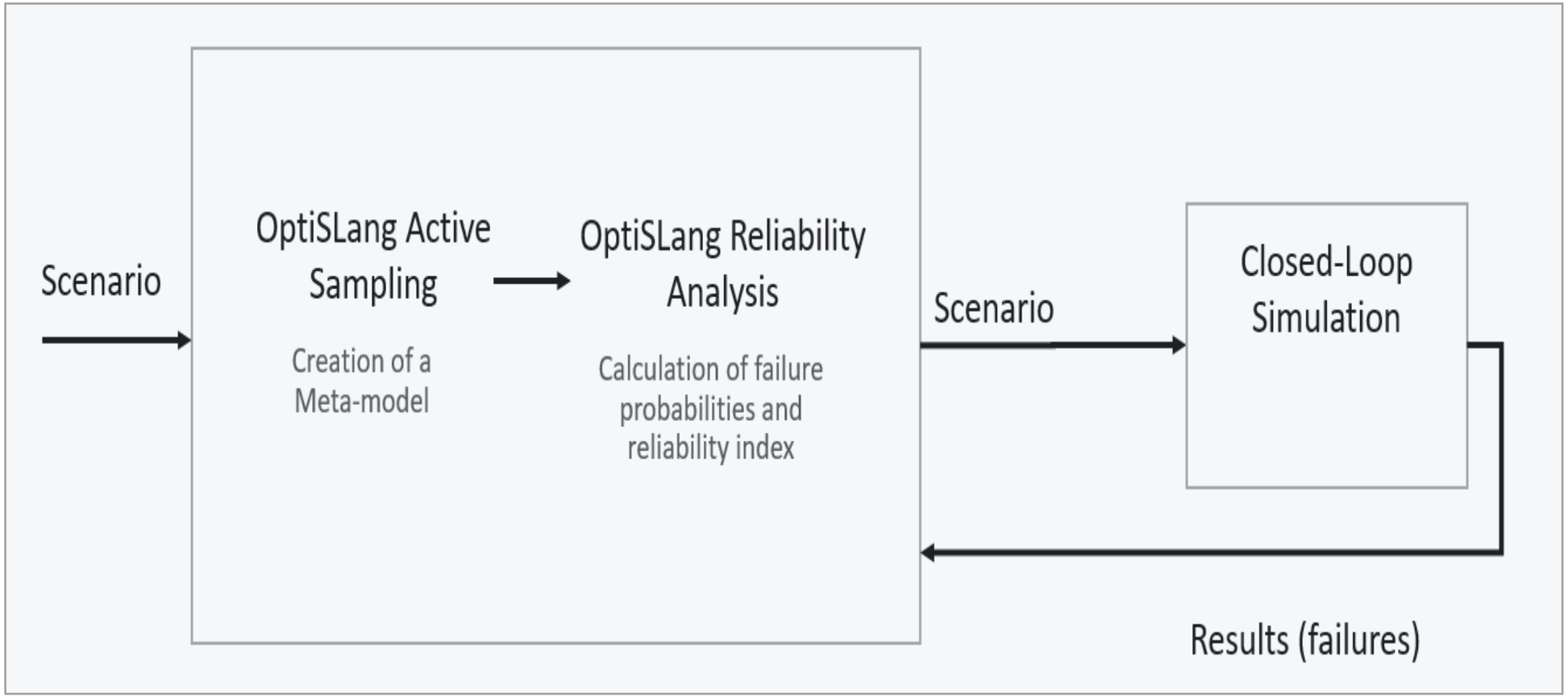
Virtual Driver View



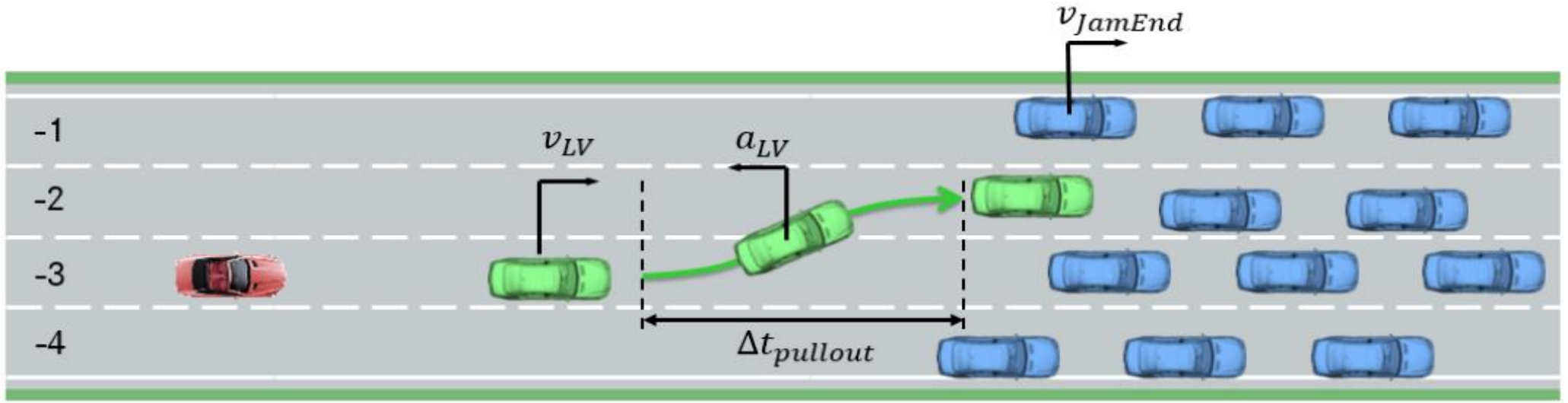
Ego car trajectory
Top View

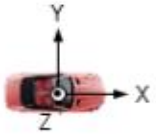
Scenario Variation using ANSYS optiSLang (Dynardo optiSLang®)

The goal is to perform robustness and reliability analysis for parameterized driving scenarios in a way that is much more efficient than Monto-Carlo Simulation.



Example of Scenario Variations (Jam-End, 9 parameters)





	Number of samples	Failure probability	Coeff. of variation	Reliability index
Limit TTC = 0.4				
MCS	39.420.000	$2.54*10^{-6}$	10.0%	4.56
AS	16.000	$2.81*10^{-6}$	9.1%	4.54
ISPUD+FORM	7.000+5.500	$2.31*10^{-6}$	9.5%	4.58

28,500 simulation runs using optiSLang
vs.
39.420.000 using Monte-Carlo simulation

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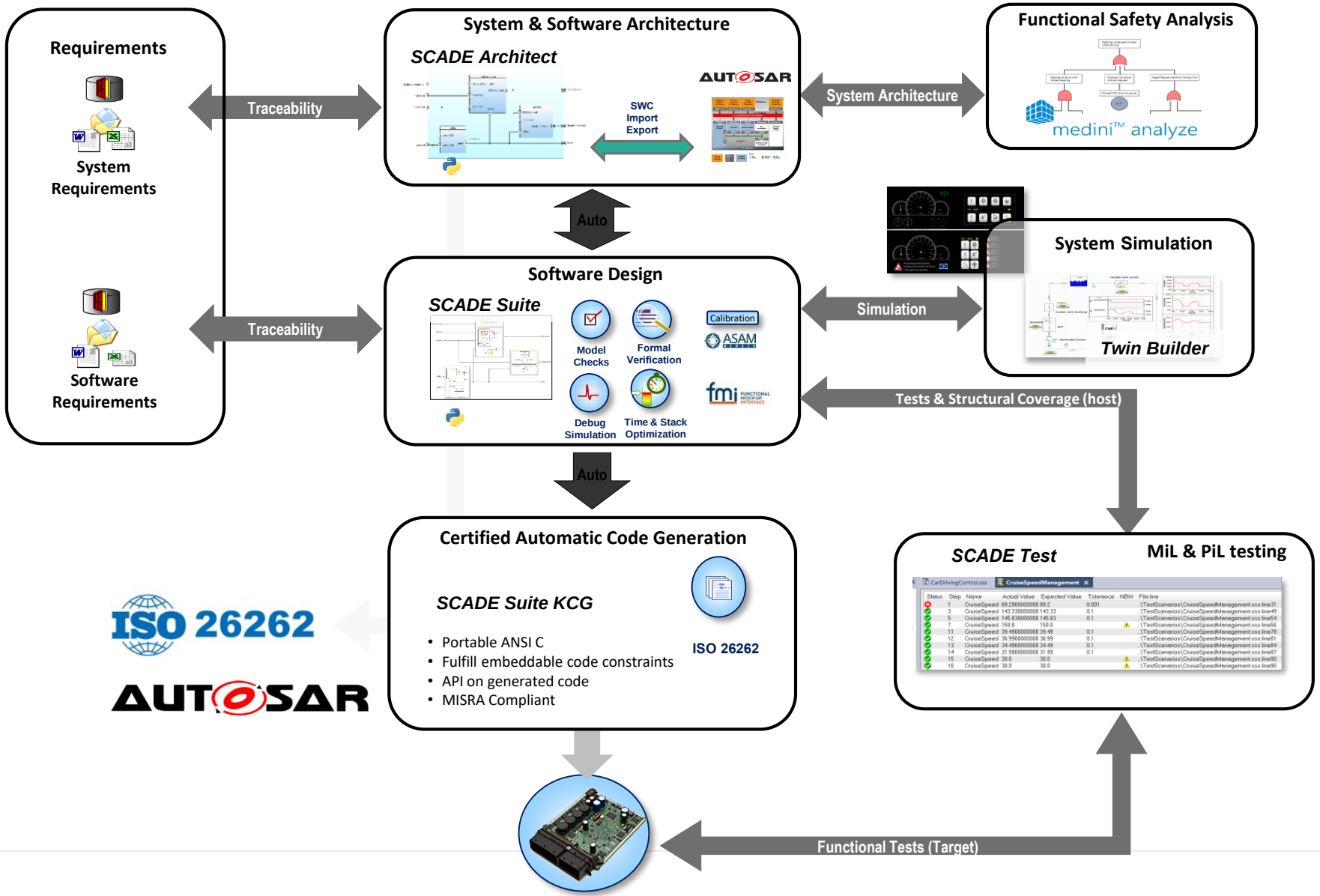
ANSYS SCADE provides a model-based software development flow with ISO 26262 certified code generation and AUTOSAR compliance



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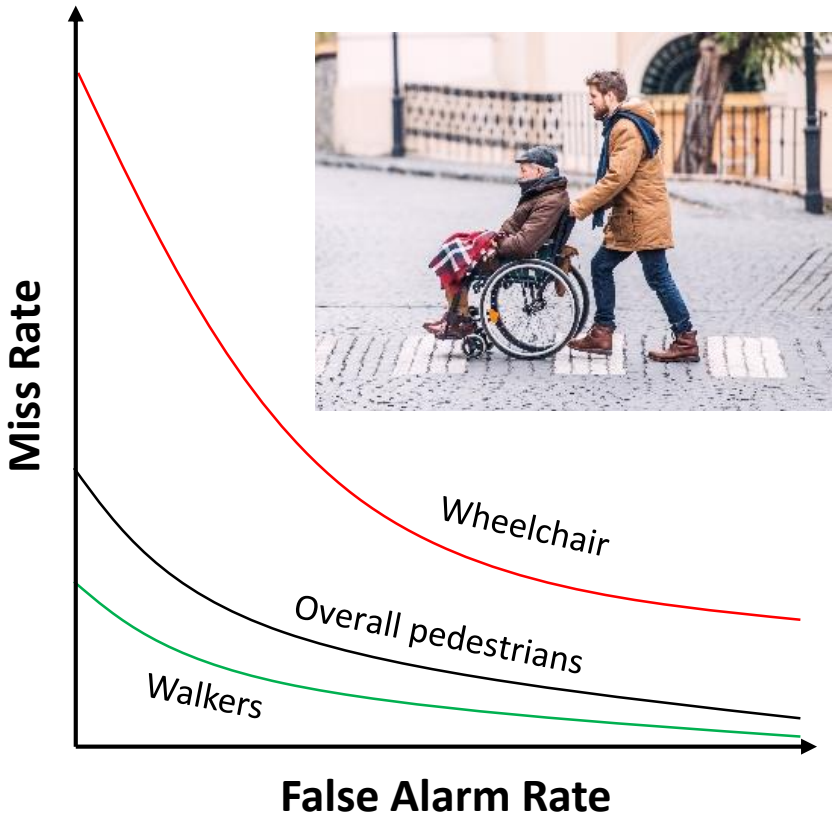
5.3 Planning

Why are edge cases a problem?



Perhaps your autonomy can detect 999 out of every 1,000 images with pedestrians that walk on two legs.

But what if it only detected 700 out of every 1,000 images with pedestrians that use wheelchairs?

P (accident | wheelchair) should be the same as P (accident | walker)

So we need to find all the edge cases!

The pedestrian in a wheelchair is an edge case, i.e. a condition that unknowingly poses safety risks.

Edge cases can be caused by…

- **Weather conditions (snow, rain, wildfire)**
- **Lighting conditions (glare, night, high beams)**
- **Infrastructure (fences, reflective surfaces, statues)**
- **Types of road users (wheelchairs, people in costumes)**
- **Incomplete training of machine learning systems!**

Just because you handle one edge case safely doesn't mean you'll handle the next one safely, too!

and identify the root causes of these edge cases

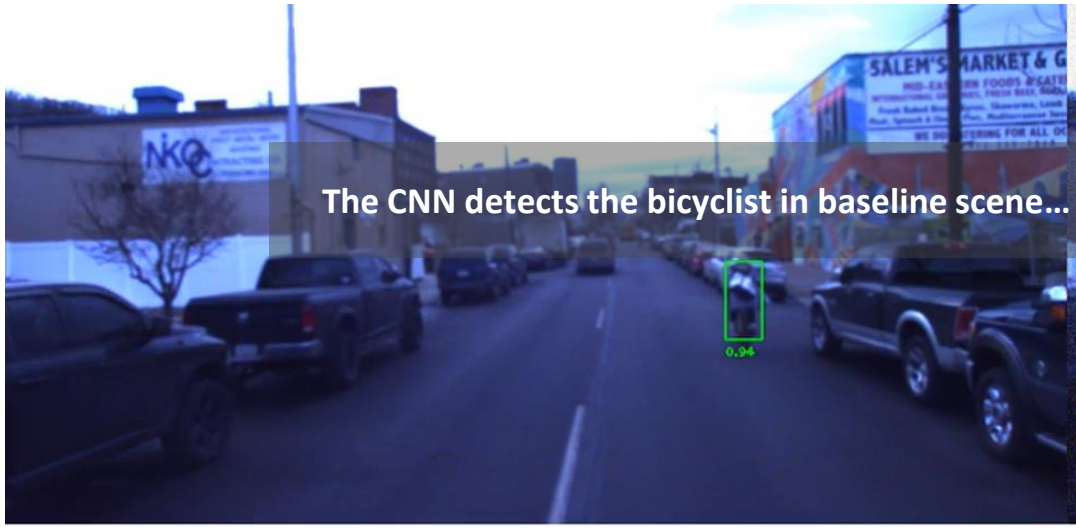
{ “**sun glare**”, “guardrail” }

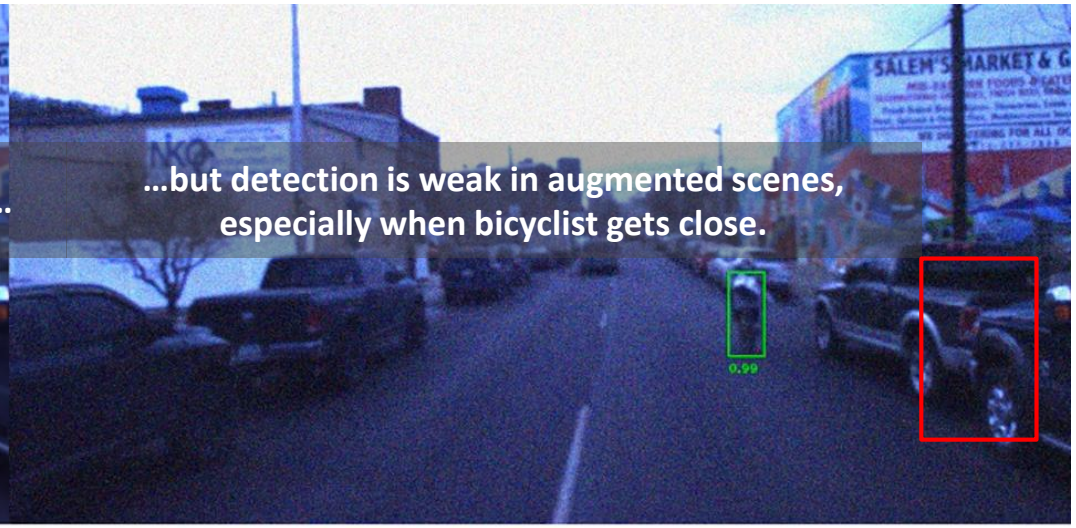
{ “**sun glare**”, “fence”, “high-visibility vest” }

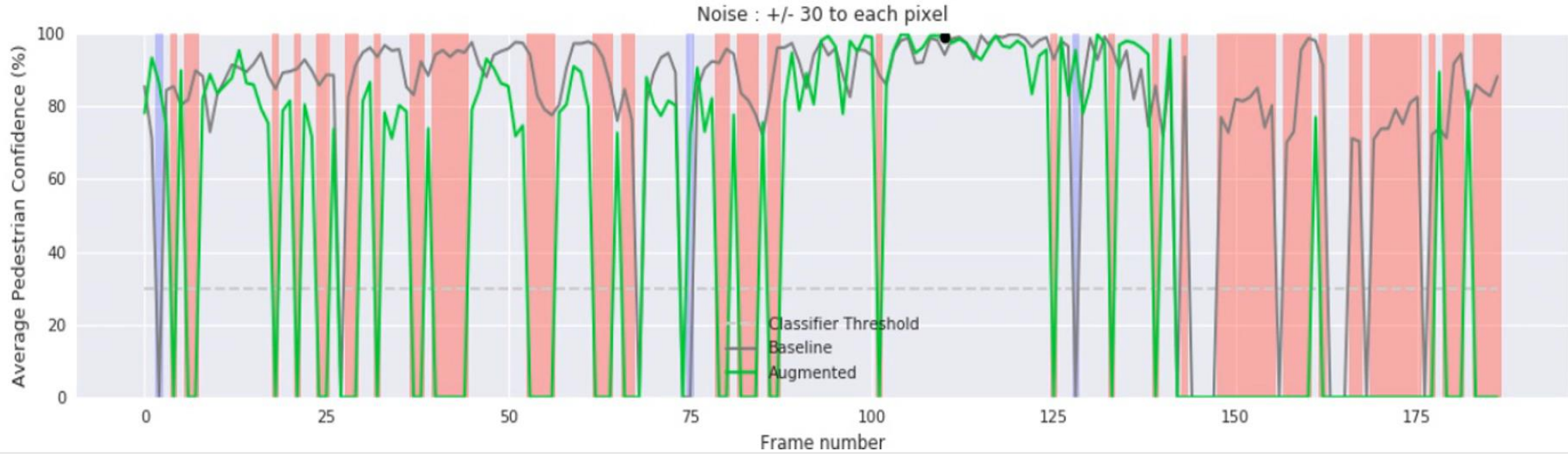
{ “**sun glare**”, “guardrail” }

Root causes (“triggering conditions” per SOTIF) can be hypothesized, validated, mitigated, and verified.

SCADE Vision (Powered by Edge Case research) filters through huge data sets to identify real-world edge cases and safety risks







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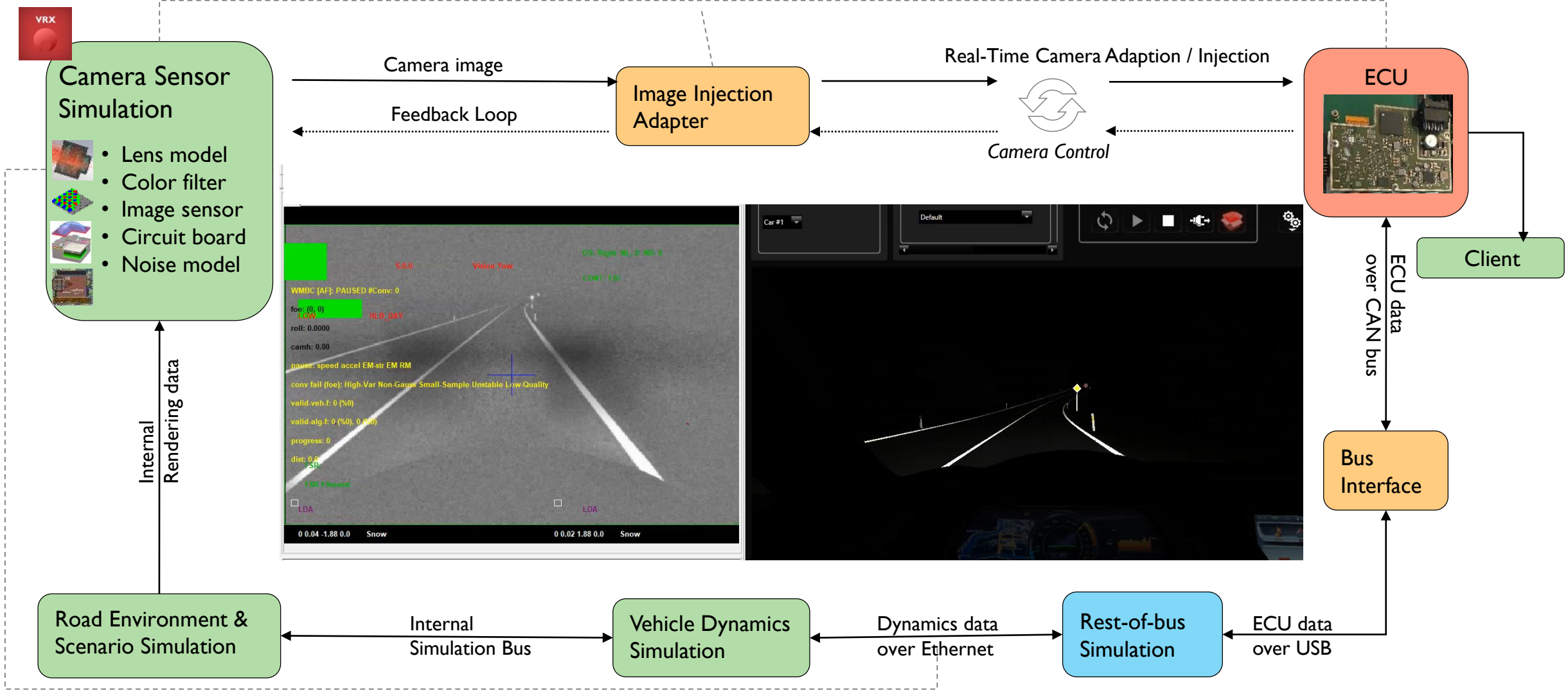
Perception testing (HiL Simulation/Closed loop)



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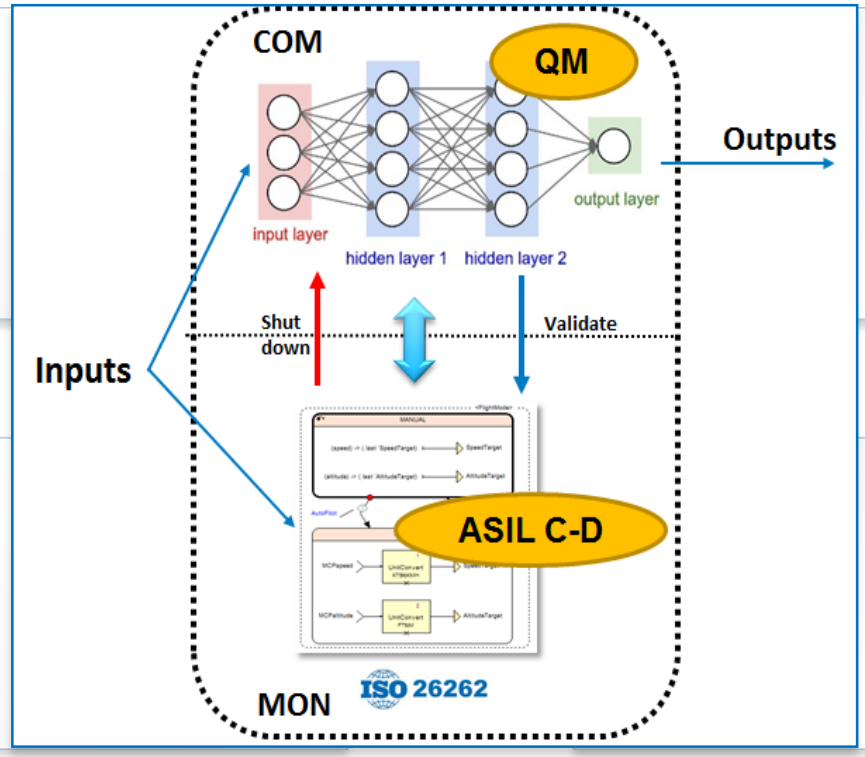
Safe Software Architecture for Integrating Neural Networks

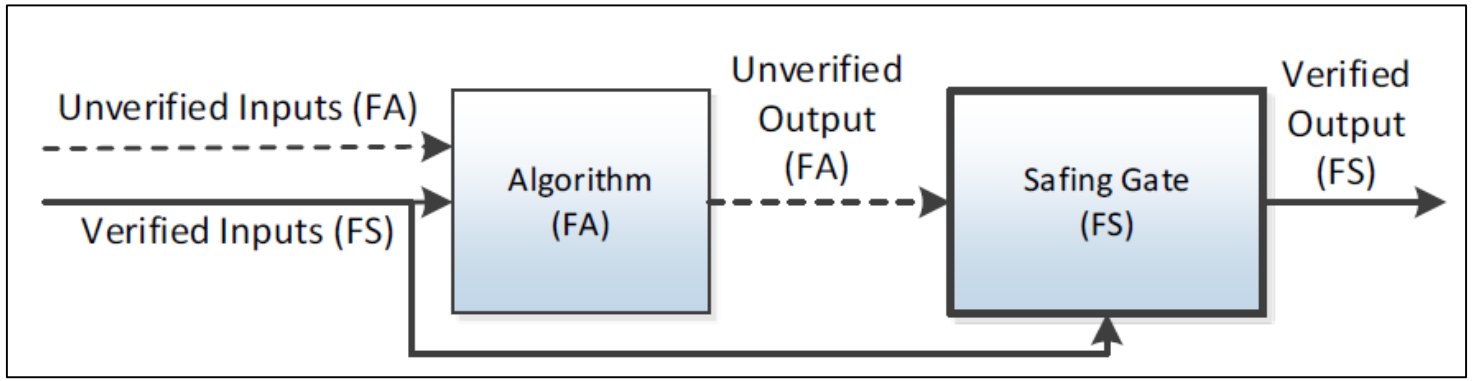
A COM-MON (Command and Monitor) architecture is used when using neural nets



Safety is allocated to the monitor. The monitor is developed using MBSE, safety analyses, certified code generation

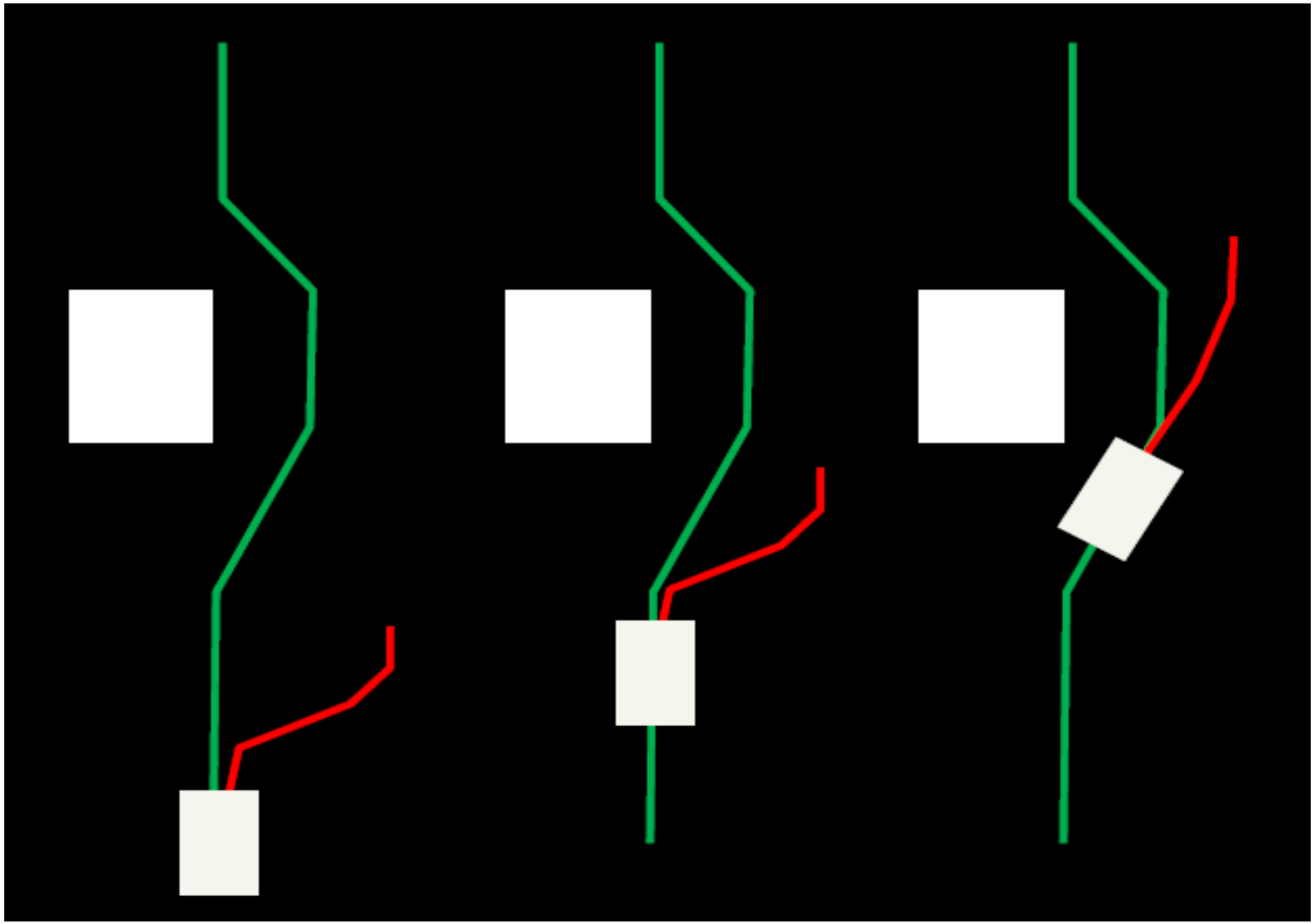
The "DOER" Algorithm can fail arbitrarily (FA) meaning that it can do wrong things in the worst possible way

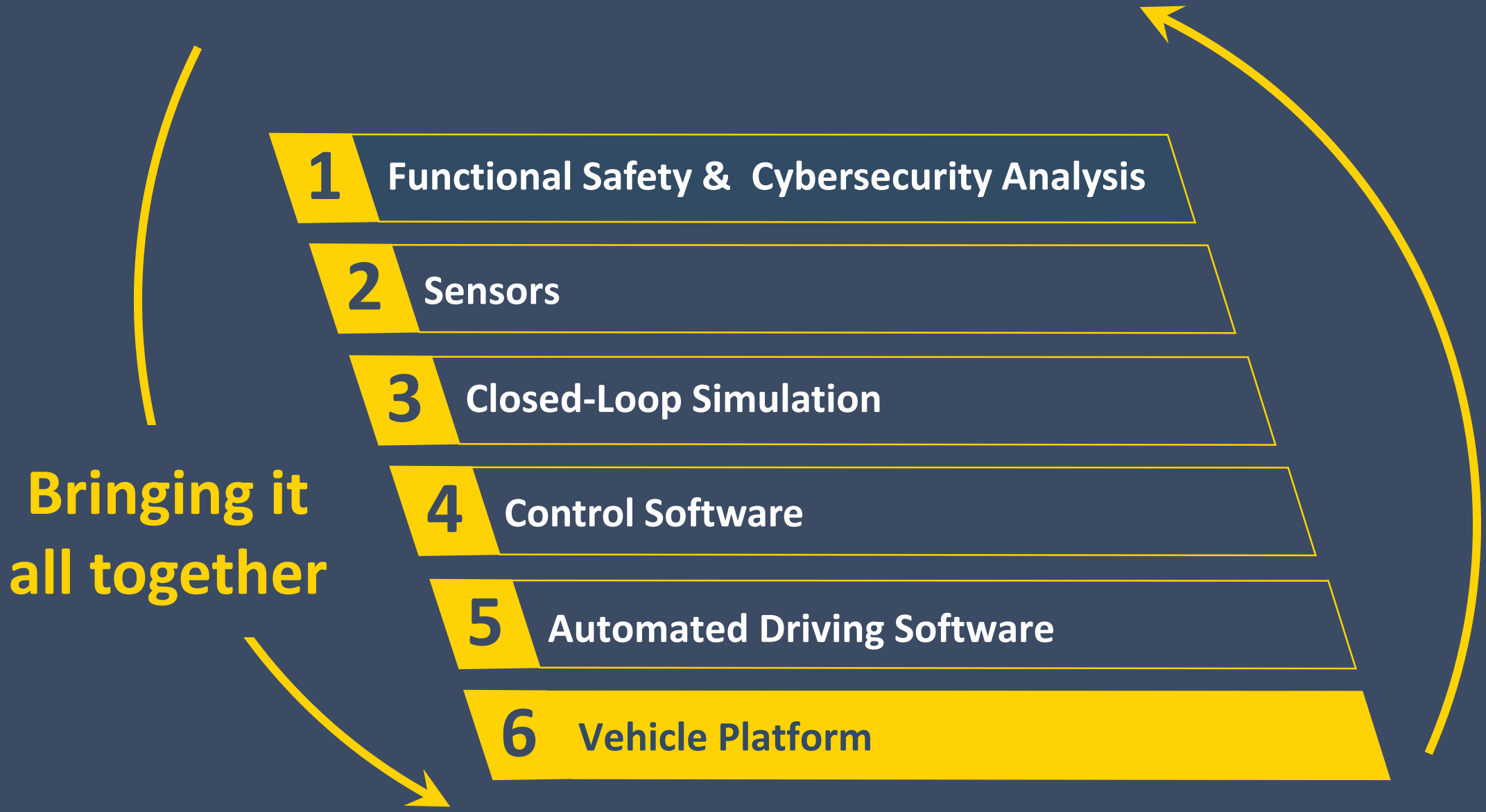
The Safing Gate (the "CHECKER") turns the Algorithm into a fail silent (FS) component, only producing correct data or shutting down



Source: Carnegie Mellon University

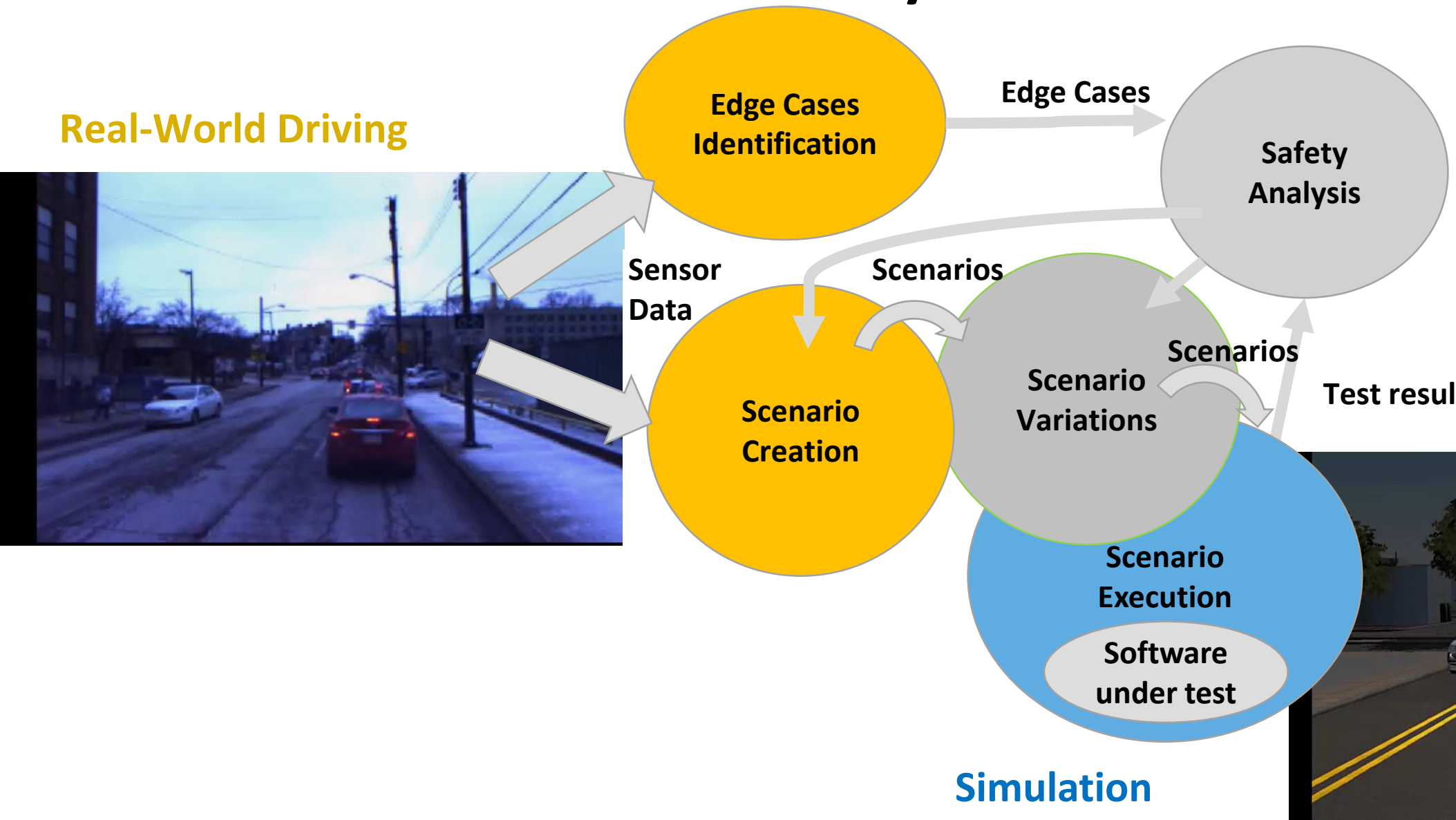
Example of Primary and Safing Missions for a Planner




Bringing it all together
1 Functional Safety & Cybersecurity Analysis
2 Sensors
3 Closed-Loop Simulation
4 Control Software
5 Automated Driving Software
6 Vehicle Platform

Summary

Summary: Connecting Real-Real World Driving and Simulation to Achieve Safety of Autonomous Driving



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