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Harmonization of standards in automotive development

Increased efficiency through an integrated lifecycle approach for ASPICE 4.0, ISO 26262, and ISO 21434

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- Mapping strategy
  - ISO 26262 and ISO 21434 objectives towards ASPICE 4.0
- Reporting
  - for ASPICE Assessment, Safety and Cybersecurity Audit – plus interface for Safety/Security Assessment
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Introduction

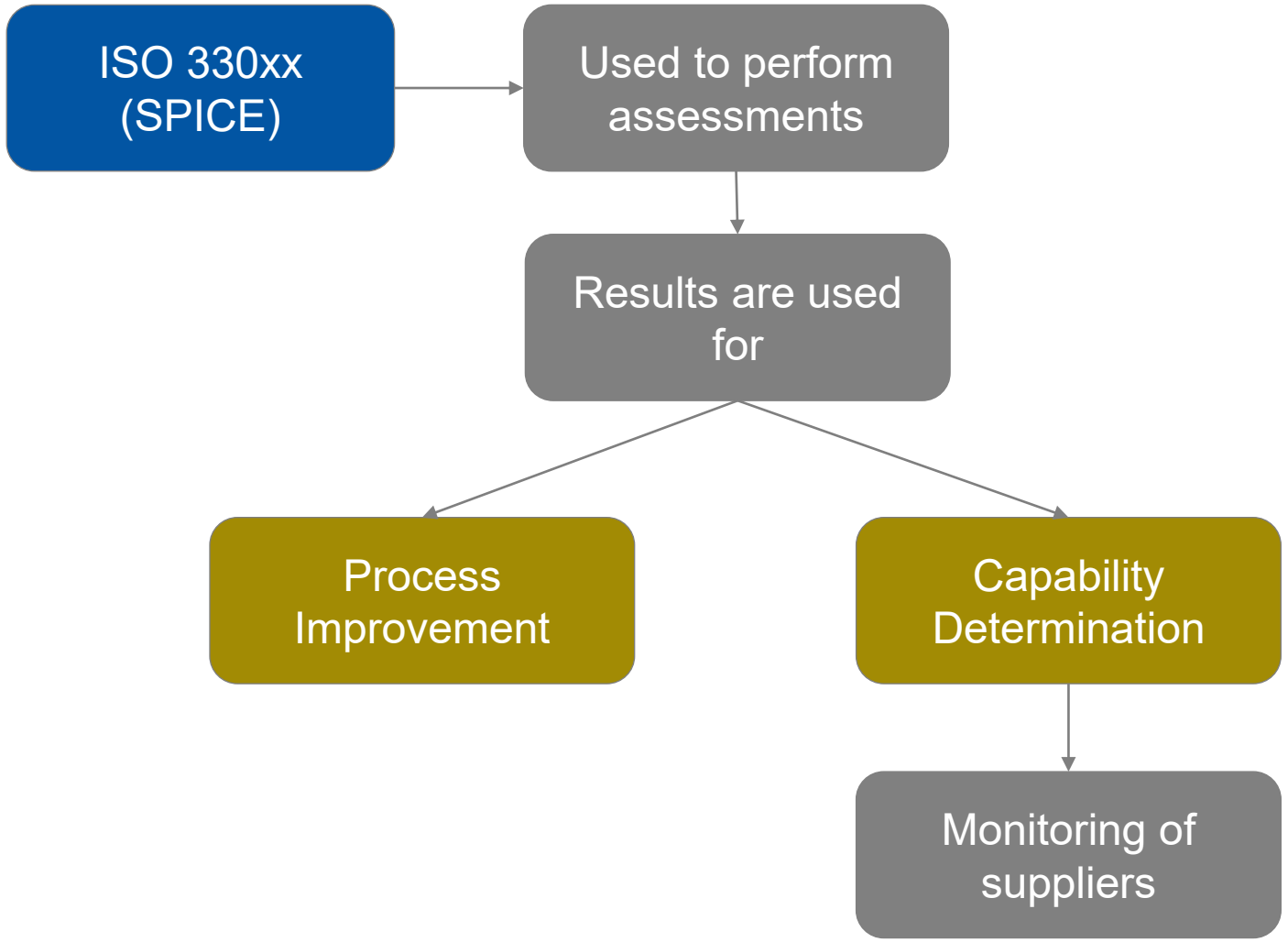
What is the idea?

In this webinar we will combine the content of

We will:

- learn about the contents
- see the combinations
- identify the differences

What is the purpose of SPICE?



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What is the meaning of “Safety”?

Safety is the absence of an unreasonable risks (that can cause harm).

We are interested in **Functional Safety**, that means…

… the absence of unreasonable risk due to hazards caused by malfunctioning behavior of E/E systems.

Safety shall be achieved during development through a strategy:

- **Plan** all necessary activities
- **Do** perform the activities
- **Check** the results against plan
- **Act** in case of any deviations

➔ This is **Safety Management**

What is the meaning of “Security”?

Security is prevention against threats caused by deliberately induced events.

We are interested in **Cyber Security**, that means…

… protection/resilience against (intentional) attacks (including accidents/hazards) on the **confidentiality**, **integrity** and **availability** of assets related to an E/E system.

Security shall be achieved **during and after** the development through a strategy:

- Continuous and prompt adaptation of systems to defend against new threats.

➔ This is **Cybersecurity Management** based on **organizational polices, rules and processes.**

Safety vs. Security – what is the difference?

Security means…

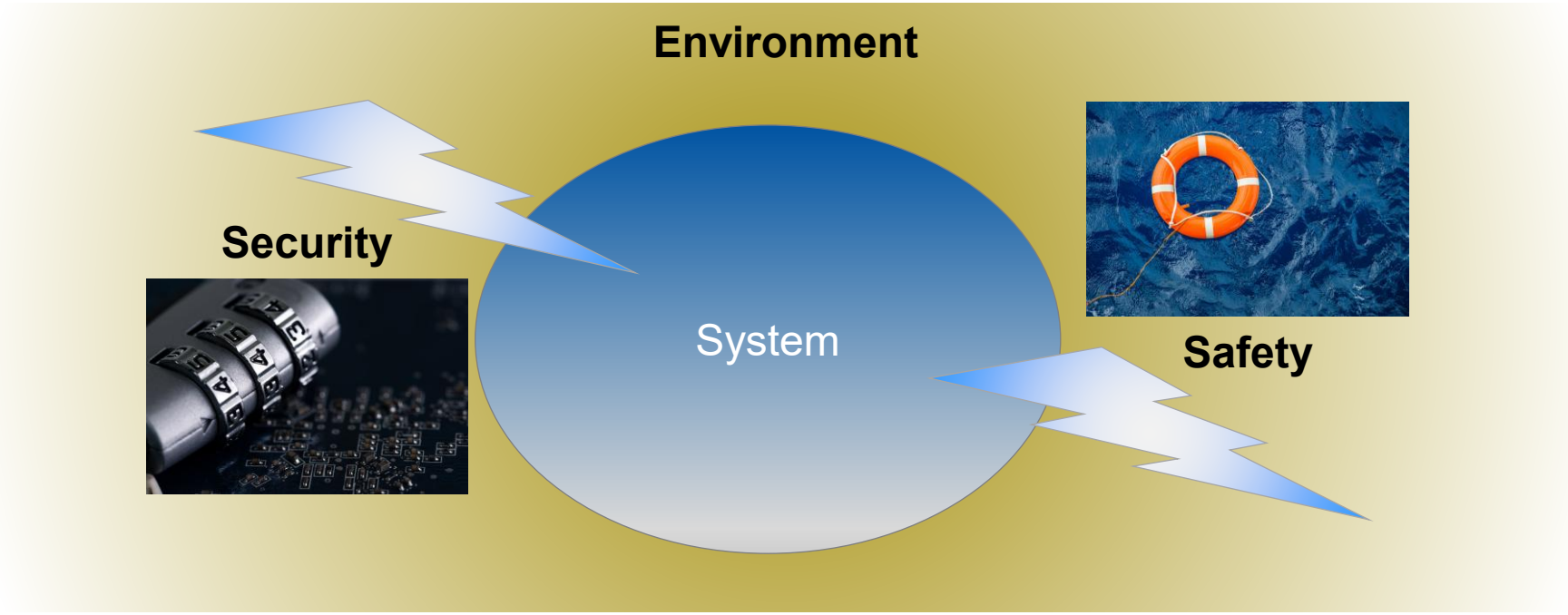
… we are considering potential hazards to our system caused by someone from outside!

Safety means…

… we are taking care of potential hazards caused by our system!

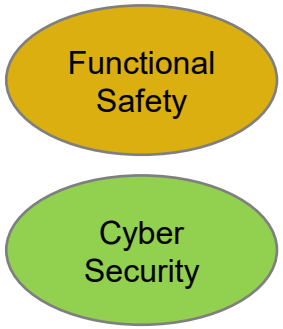
Functional Safety

Cyber Security



Security can influence **Safety**, but shall not disturb Safety ➔ „better safe than sorry“

Why are Safety and Security topics for us?



Trend:

- More and more responsibility is given to E/E systems in automotive
- Growing complexity and growing intelligence of systems
- Distributed development = Higher need for communication
- Autonomous driving – Human driver is not in full control of the vehicle anymore
- Random and systematic failures are still part of E/E system development → Safety
- We must always expect targeted attacks on E/E systems → Security

Why do we need Safety and Security?

Customer Requirements

Costs
Image
Loss of life

Product liability

Law

ISO standards are not mandatory, but expected to be followed as it is state-of-the-art

Own intention

We are talking about systems, we are using!

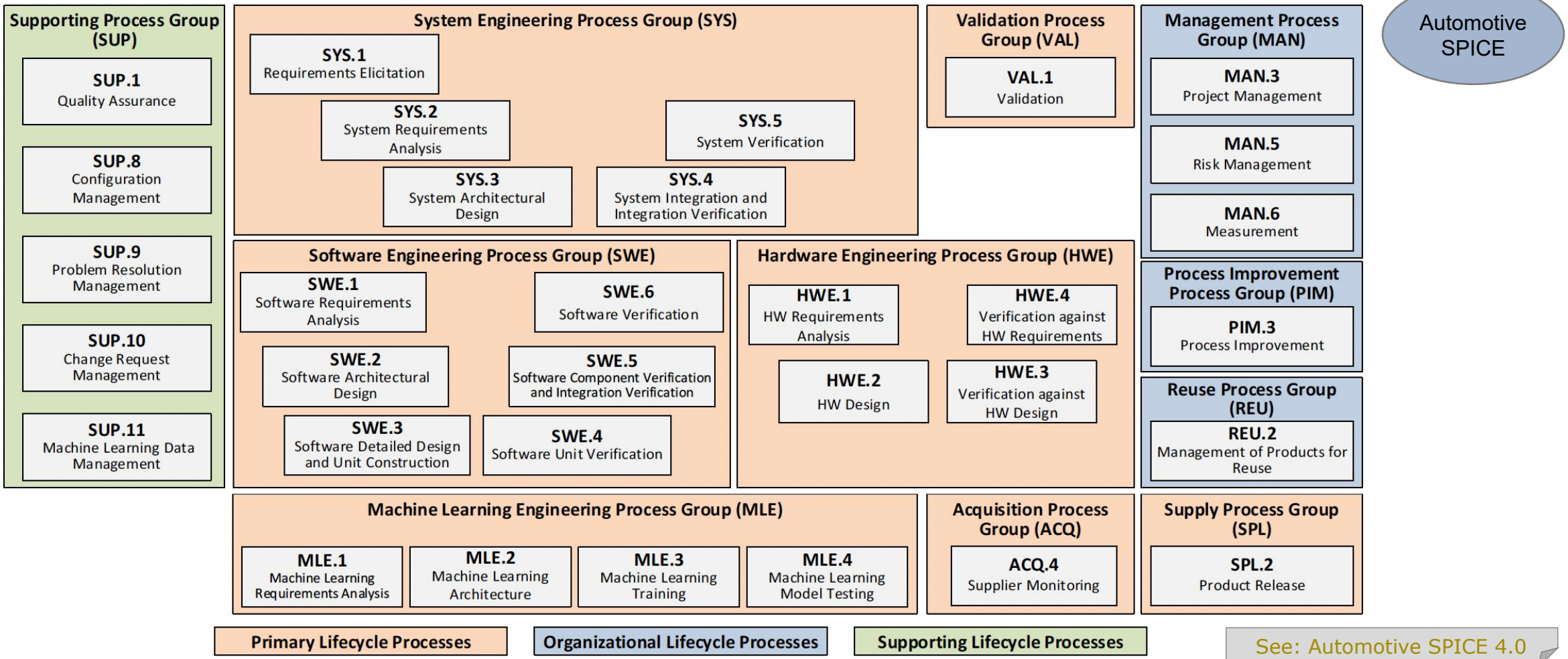
Functional Safety

Cyber Security

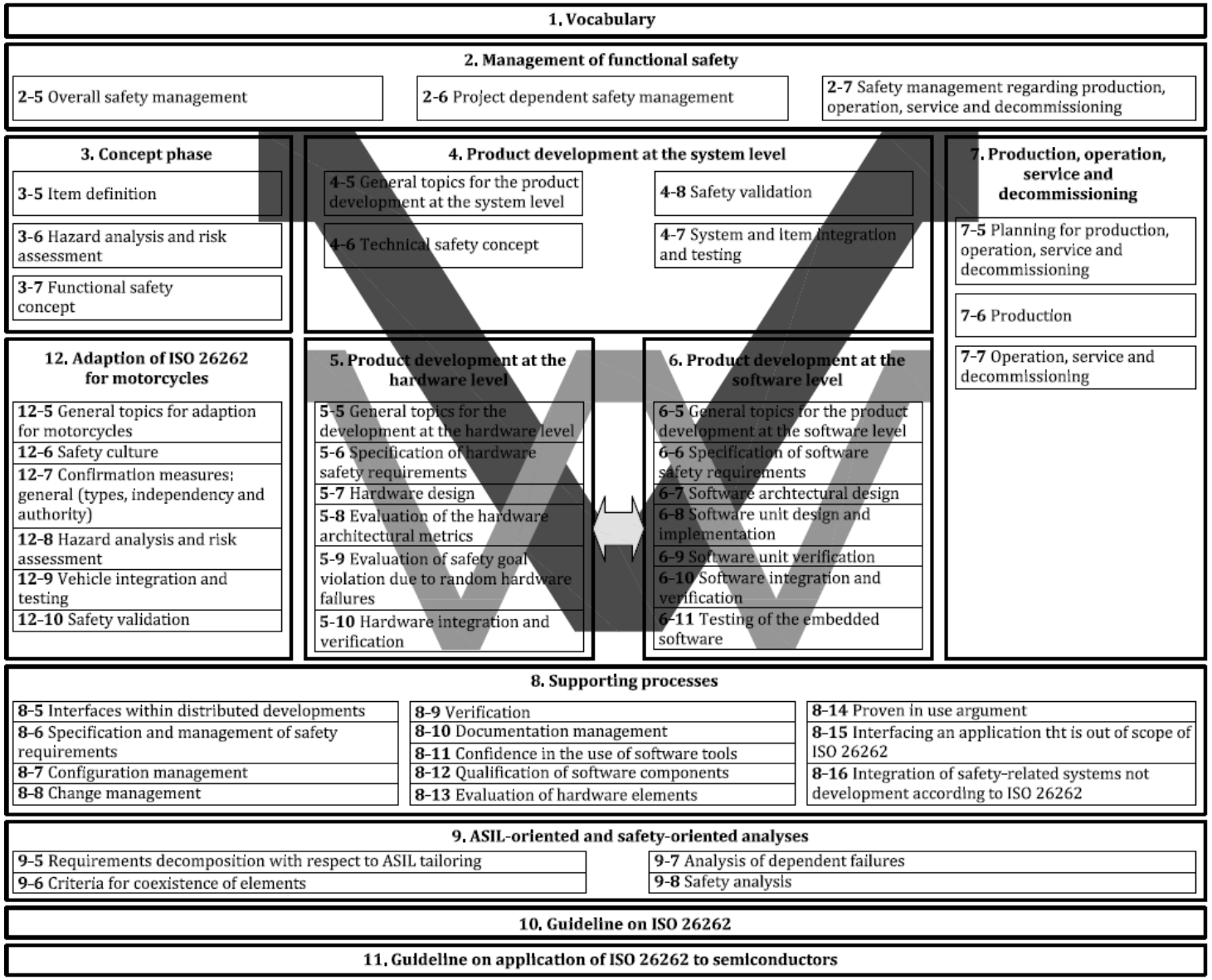
Extended Life Cycle Approach – Integrating the requirements of ASPICE, ISO 26262 and ISO 21434 into one standard process

The Automotive SPICE® Process Reference Model 4.0

No life cycle defined !



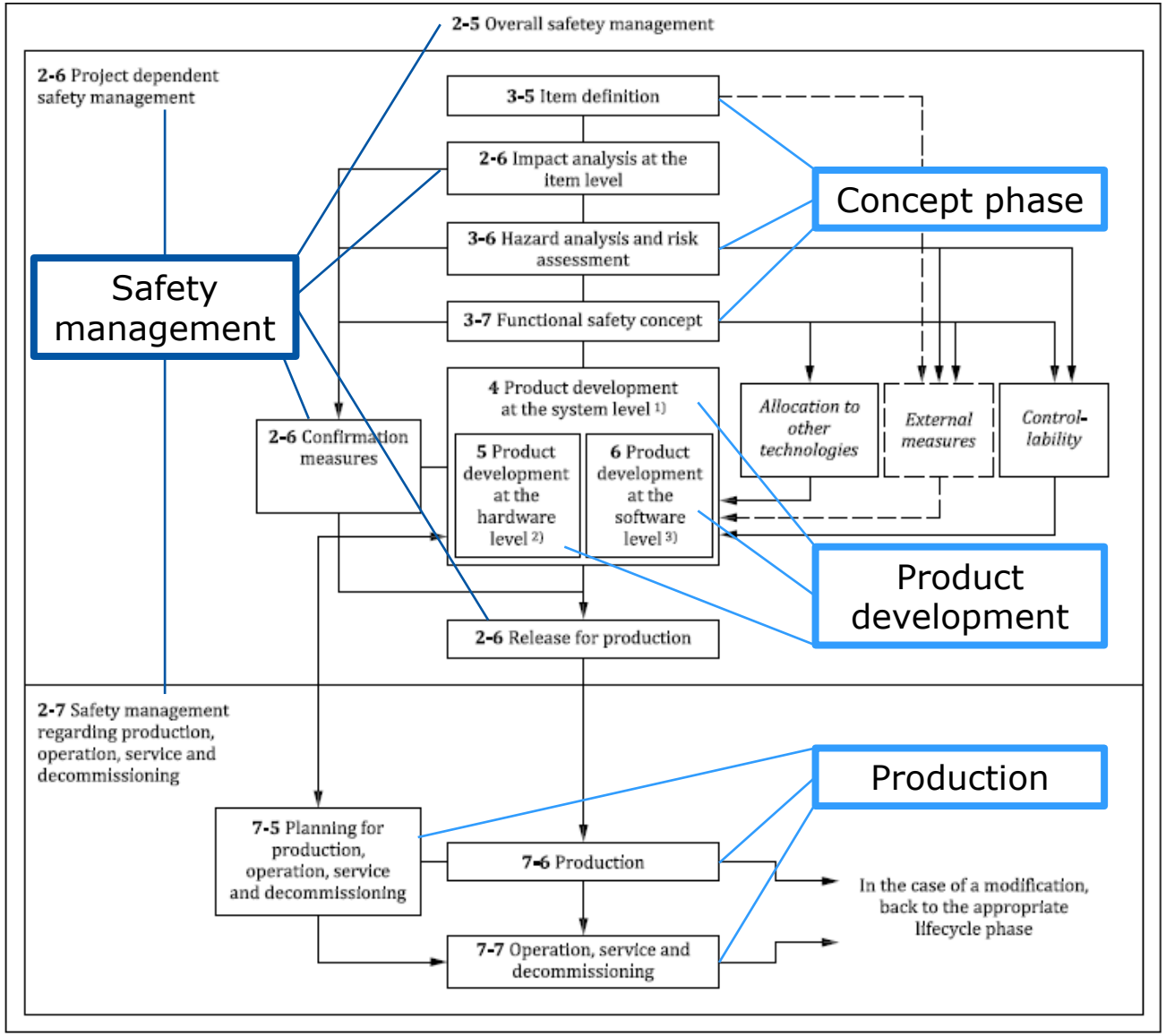
The structure of ISO 26262



Functional Safety

See: ISO 26262 – Part 2

The Safety lifecycle



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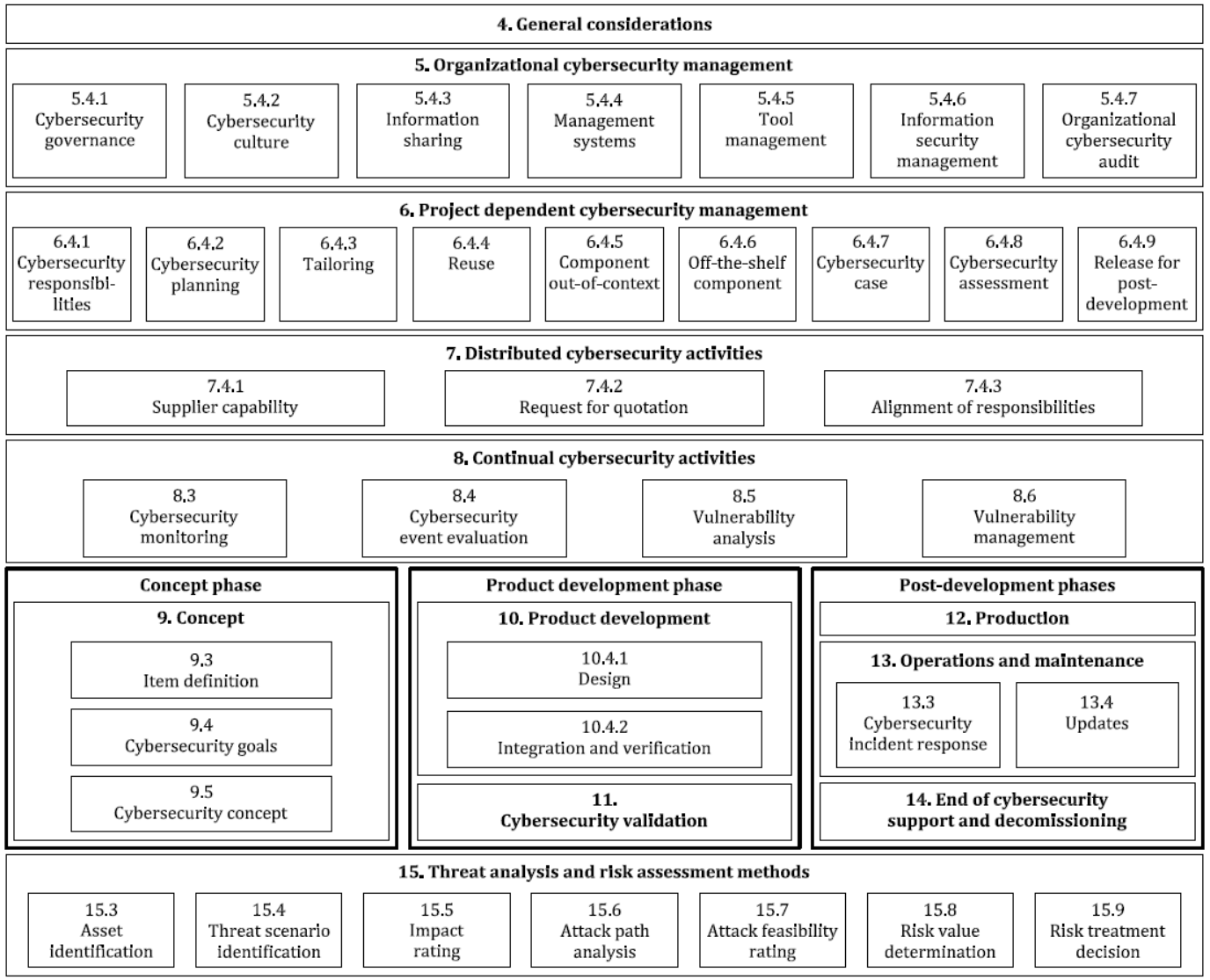
See: ISO 26262 – Part 2

The ISO/SAE 21434 Structure

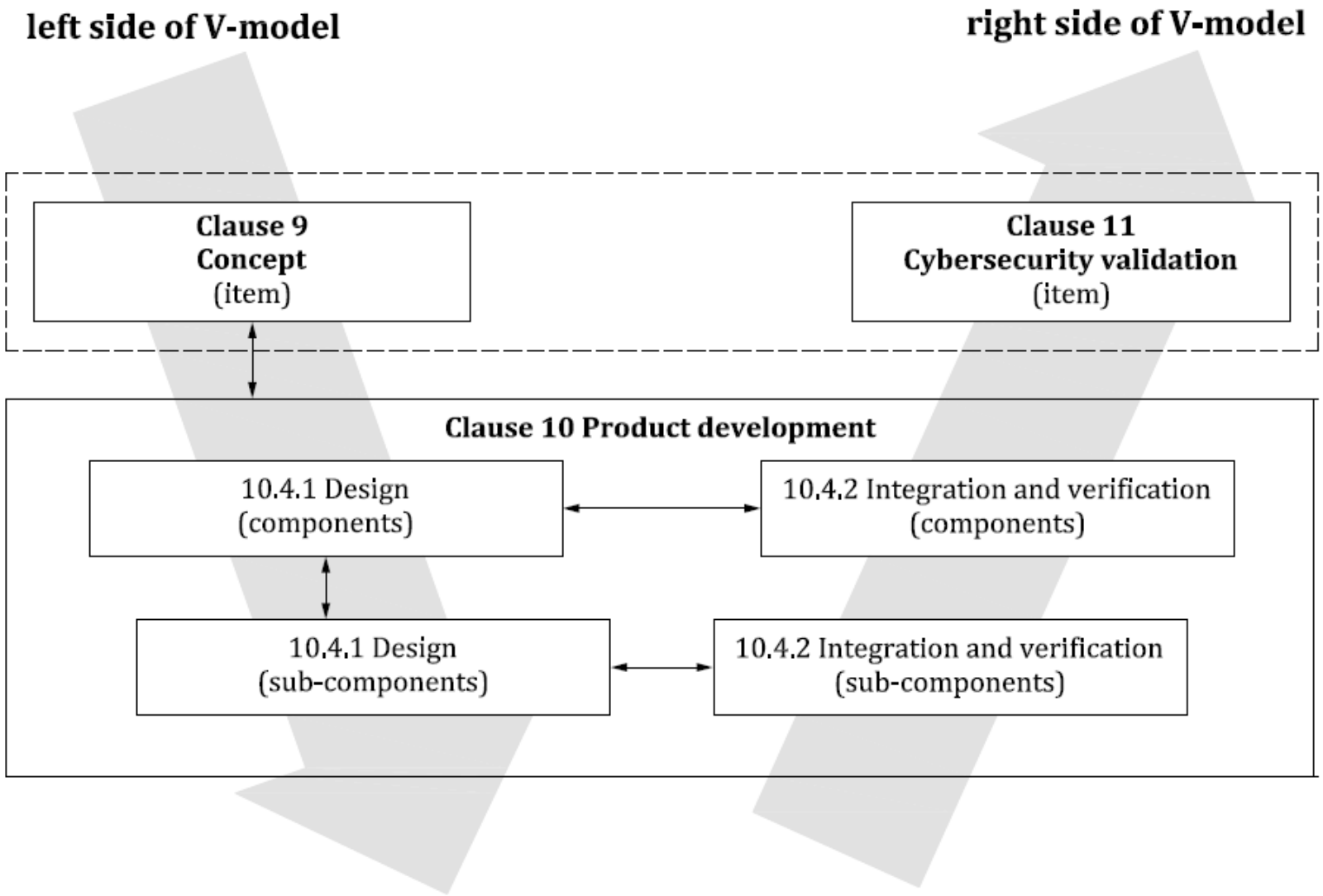


Cyber Security

See: ISO/SAE 21434

Cybersecurity development

Cyber Security



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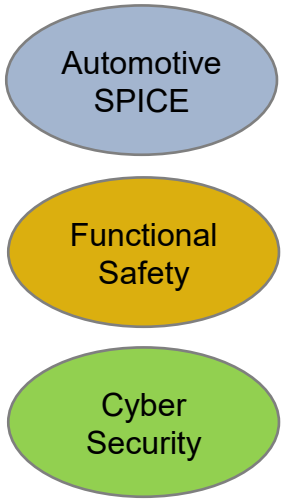


Commonalities:

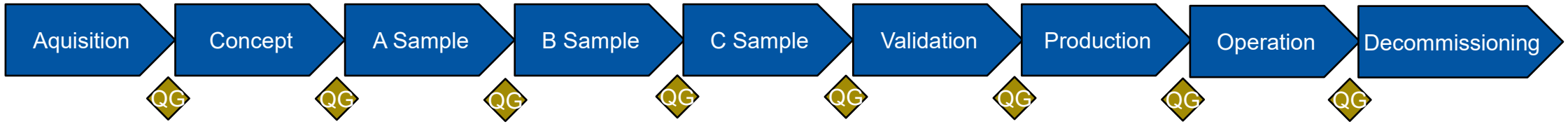
- **Complete product development** including system, software and hardware
- Management of **project-specific** development
- Application of **supporting** processes
- **Supplier** involvement

Differences:

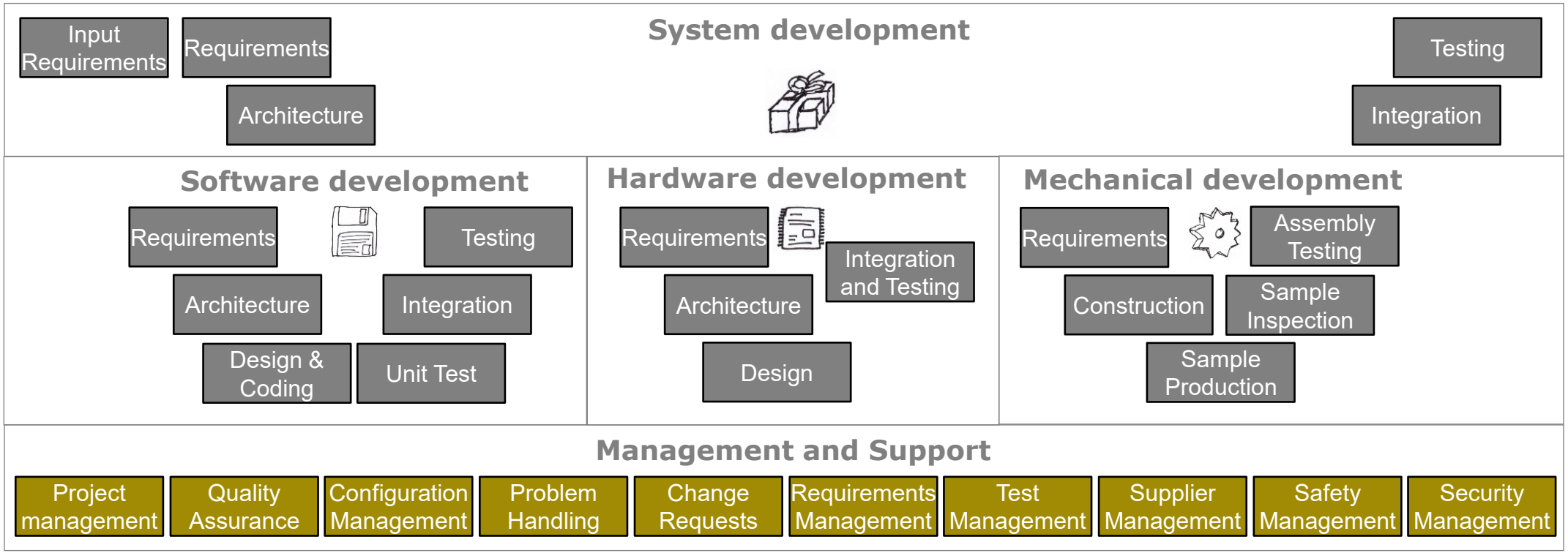
- SPICE is only defining the **WHAT**, ISO 26262 and ISO/SAE 21434 add specific methods (**HOW**)
- SPICE is only focusing on **development** phases, ISO 26262 and ISO/SAE 21434 also on **post-development**, especially for new threats and vulnerabilities
- ISO 26262 and ISO/SAE 21434 start with some **risk and analysis activities** (HARA and TARA) to derive additional requirements for the product

Exemplary Product Lifecycle incl. Processes

Product Lifecycle



Process Overview



Adding Functional Safety

Mapping of Safety Lifecycle

HARA

Safety Audits

Functional Safety

Safety Goals, Functional Safety Concept

Safety activities (Safety requirements, safety analysis, etc.)

Technical Safety Concept

Redundancy, Additional diagnosis, …

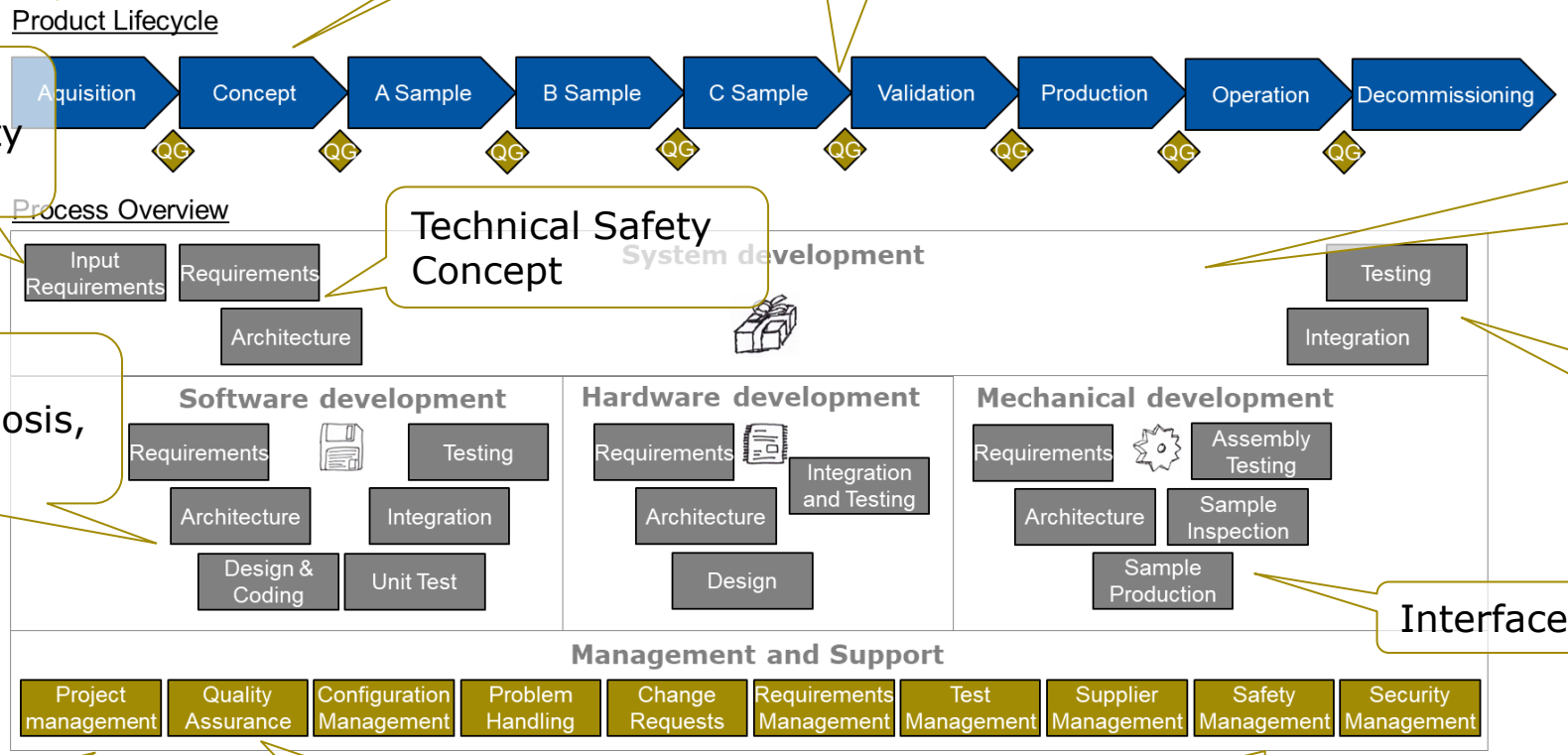
Additional tests for Safety Mechanisms

Interface to production

Supportive role: Safety Manager

Confirmation measures

Additional process: Safety Management (Planning, Tracking and Safety Assessments)



Adding Cybersecurity

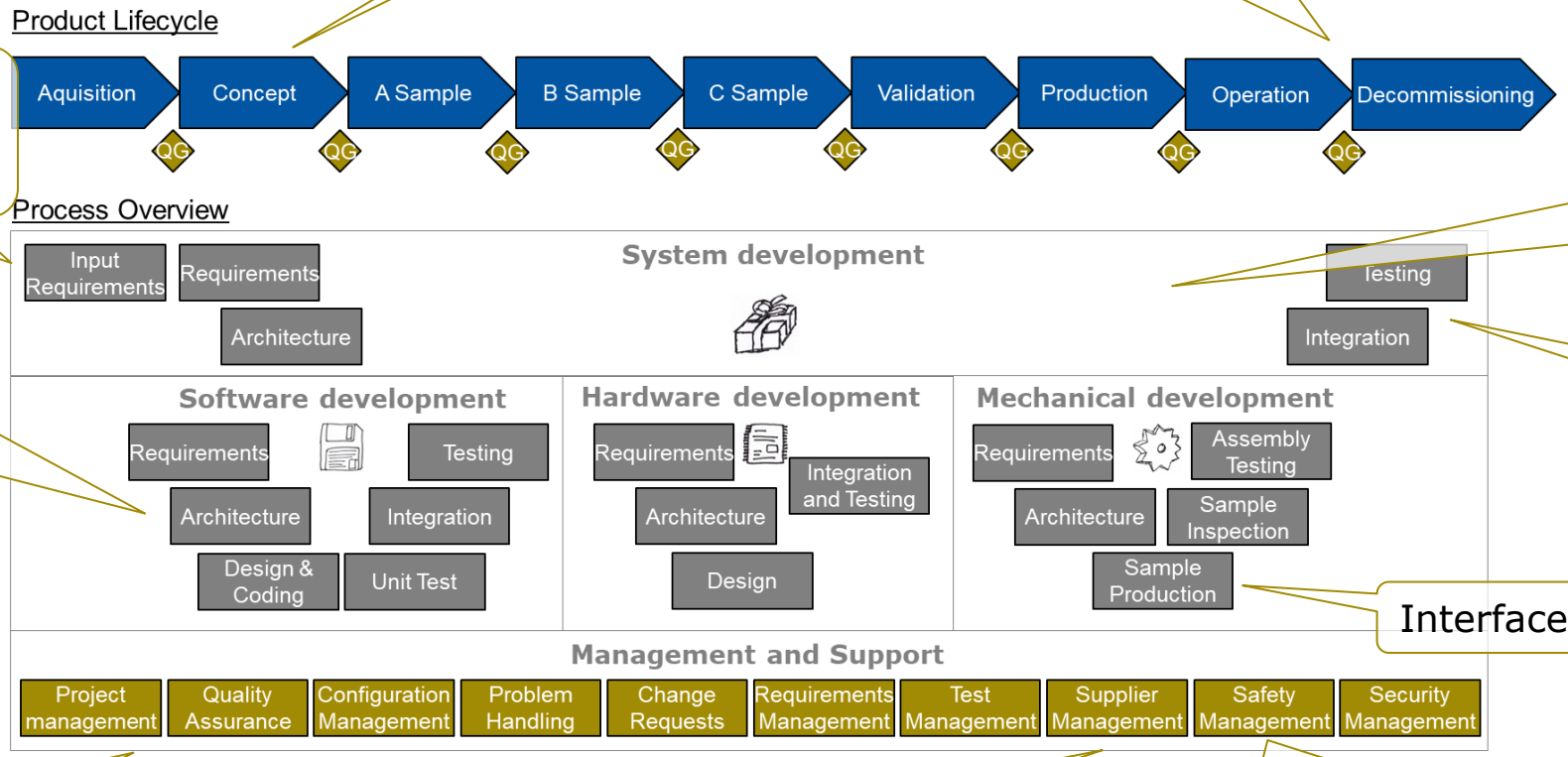
Mapping of Security Lifecycle

TARA

Post-development support

Cyber Security

Security Goals, Cybersecurity Concept



Security activities (Security requirements, security analysis, etc.)

Additional Cybersecurity controls

Penetration testing

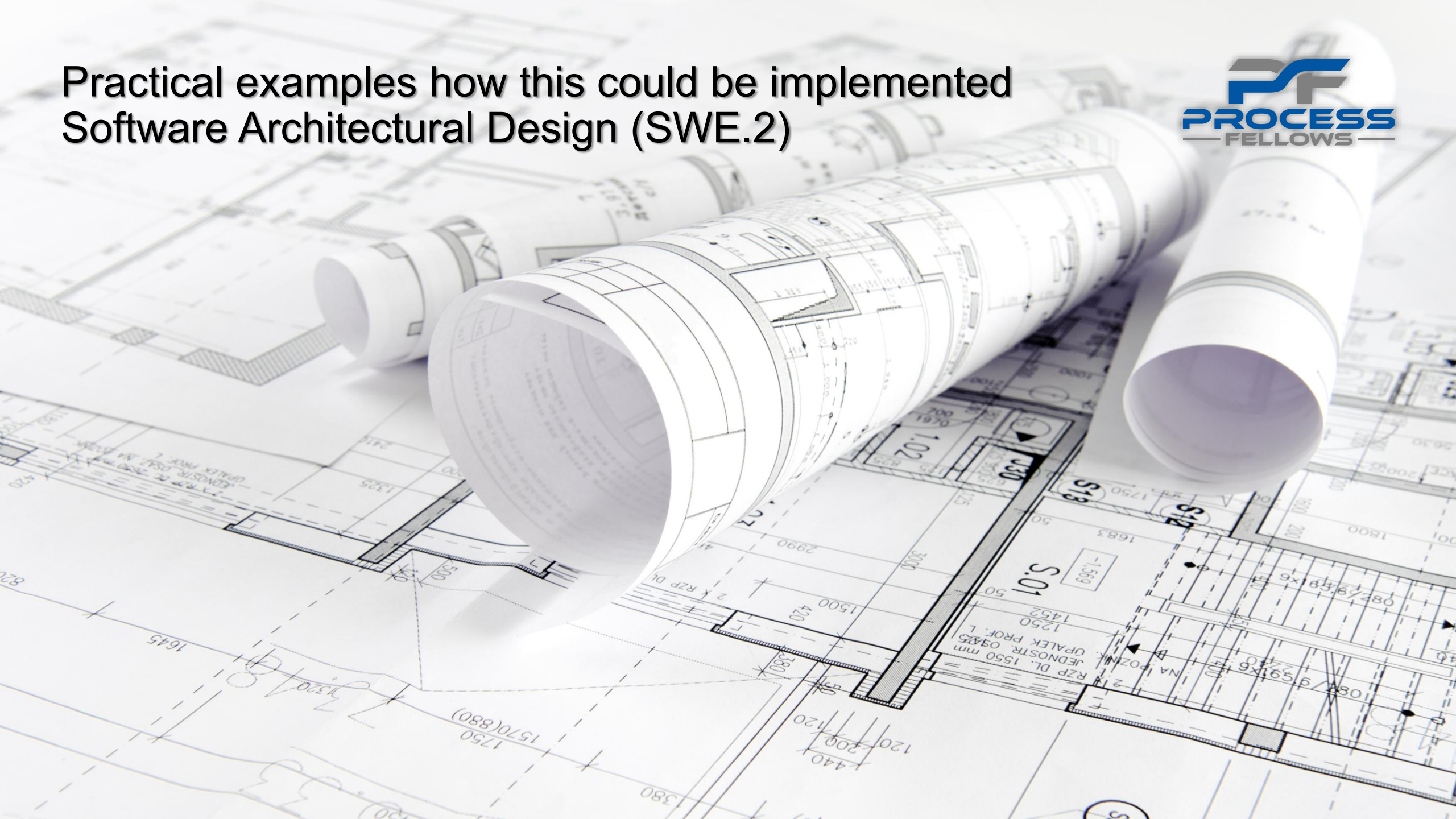
Interface to production

Supportive role: Security Manager

Supplier evaluation regarding CS capabilities

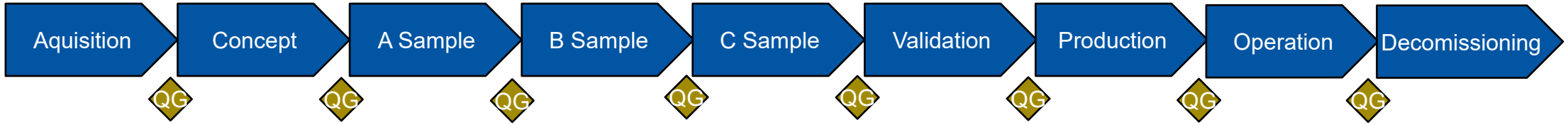
Additional process: Security Management (Planning, Tracking and Security Assessments)

Practical examples how this could be implemented Software Architectural Design (SWE.2)



Software Architectural Design (SWE.2)

Product Lifecycle



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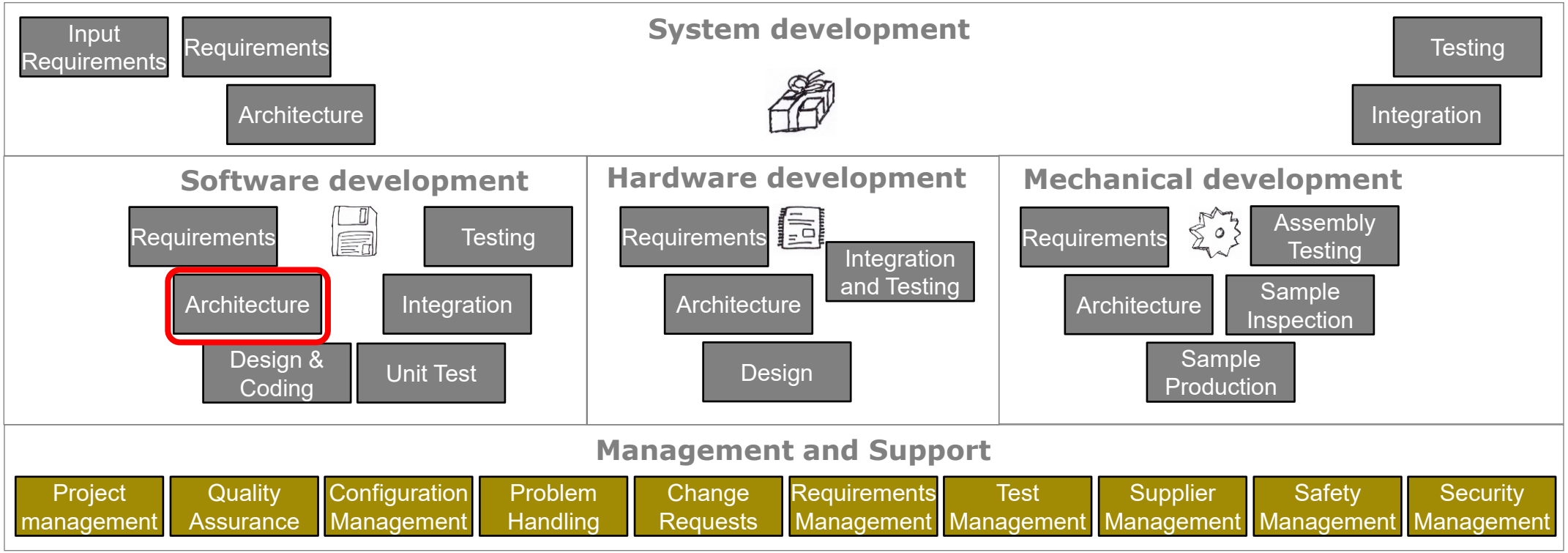

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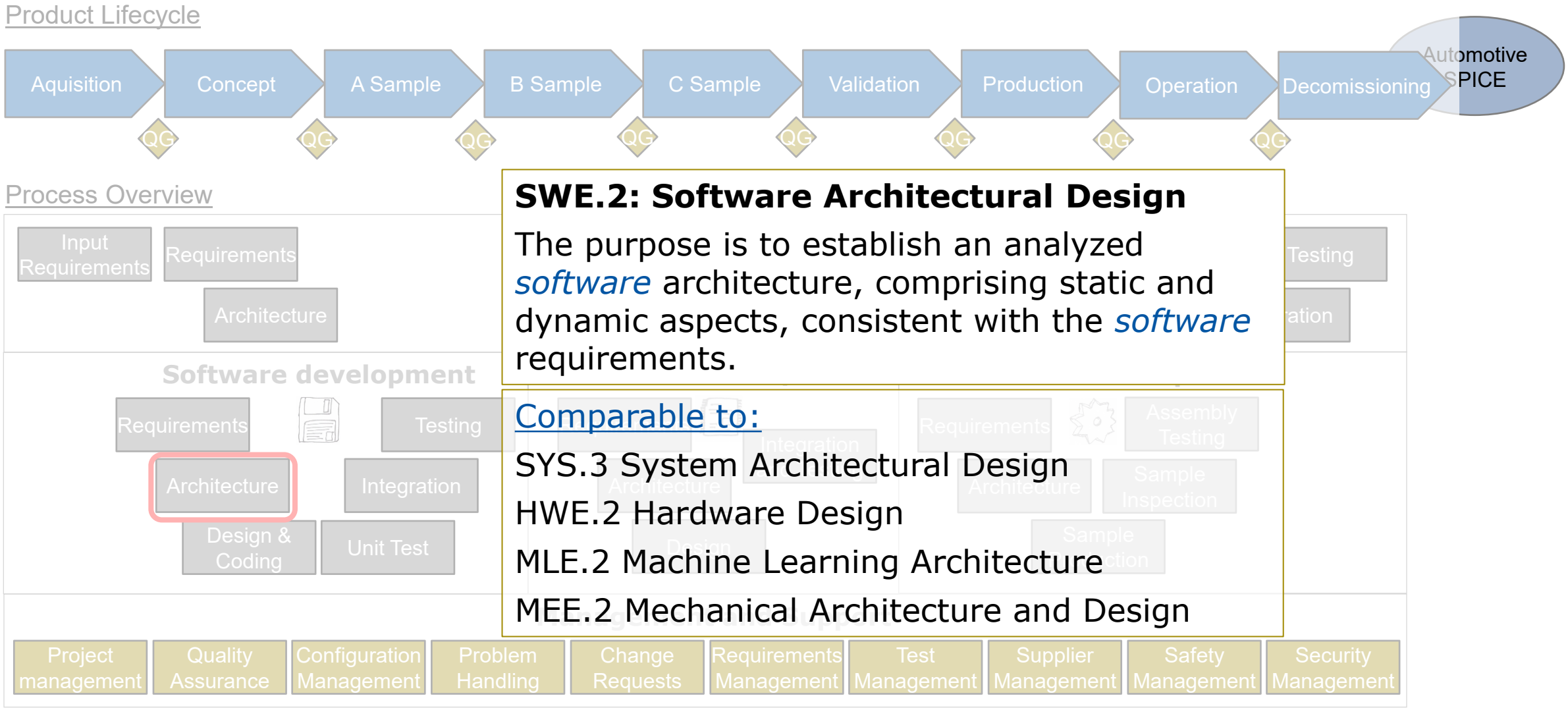


SWE.2: Software Architectural Design

The purpose is to establish an analyzed *software* architecture, comprising static and dynamic aspects, consistent with the *software* requirements.

Comparable to:

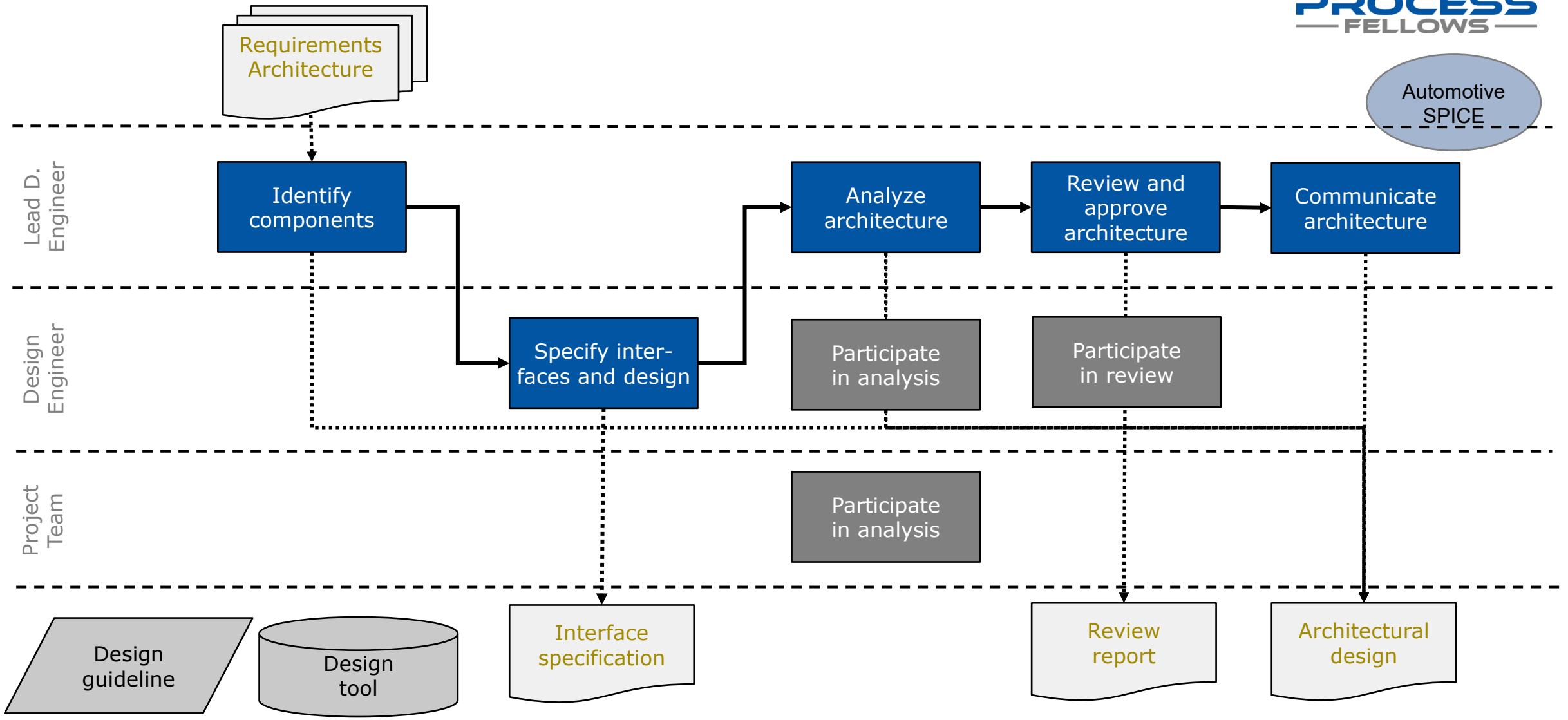
SYS.3 System Architectural Design

HWE.2 Hardware Design

MLE.2 Machine Learning Architecture

MEE.2 Mechanical Architecture and Design

Software Architectural Design (SWE.2)



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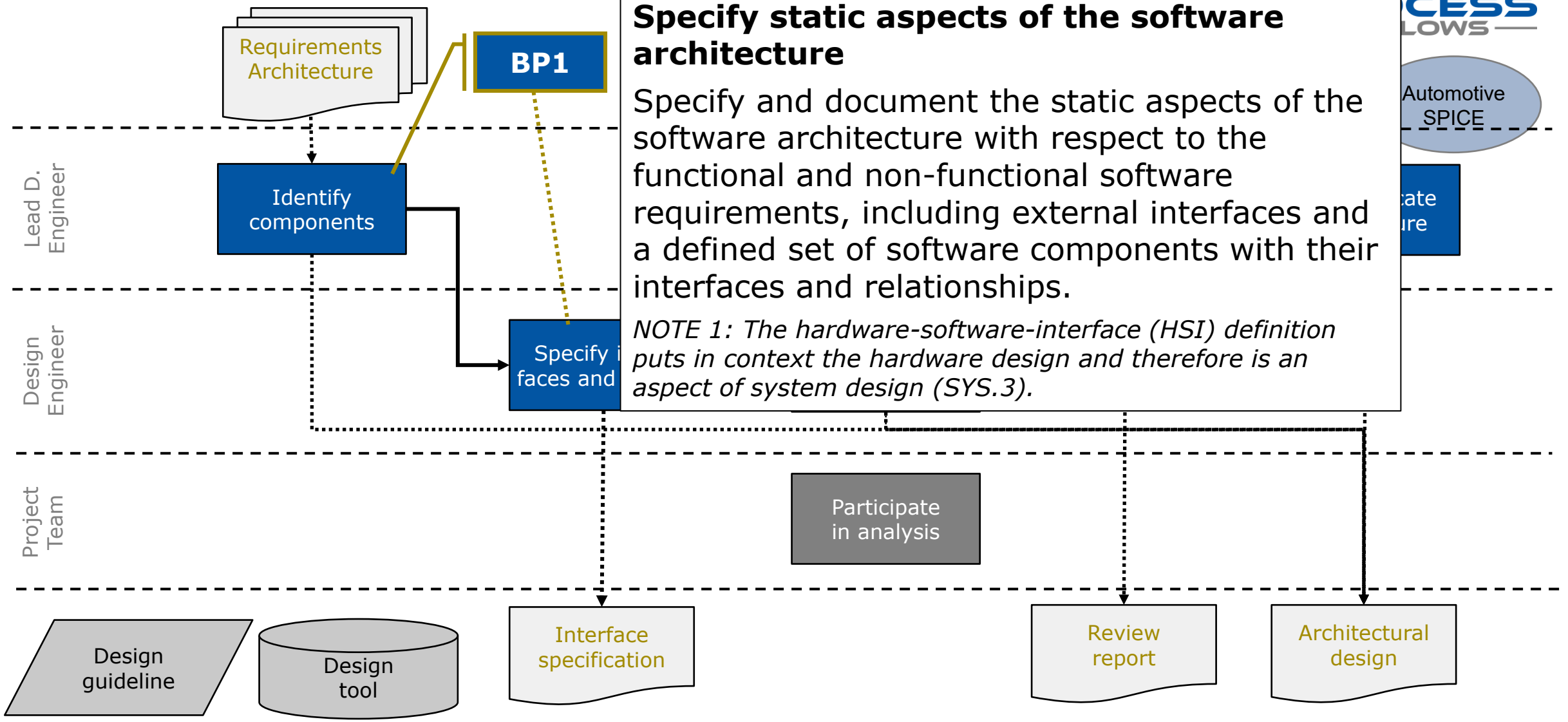


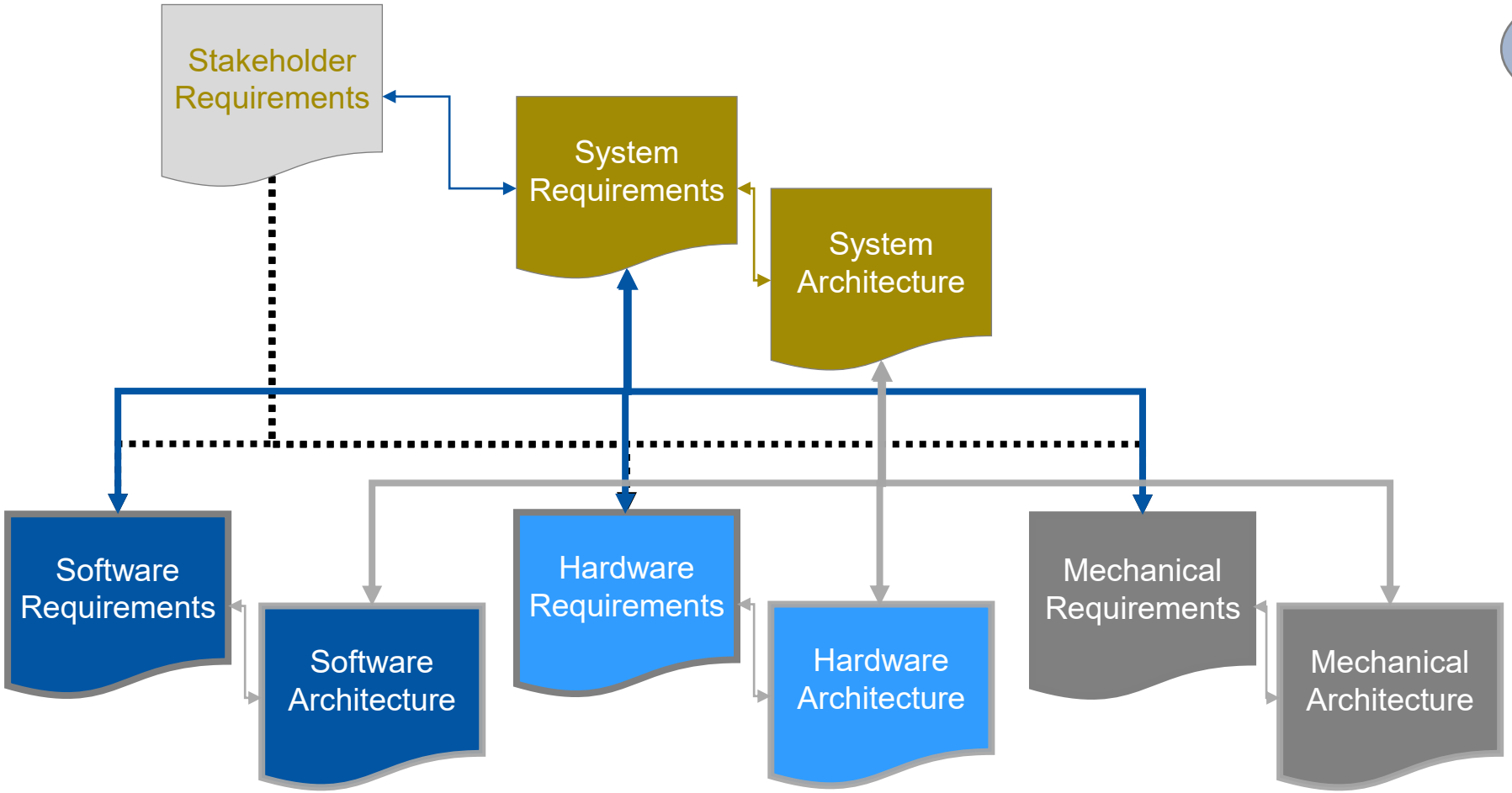
Specify static aspects of the software architecture

Specify and document the static aspects of the software architecture with respect to the functional and non-functional software requirements, including external interfaces and a defined set of software components with their interfaces and relationships.

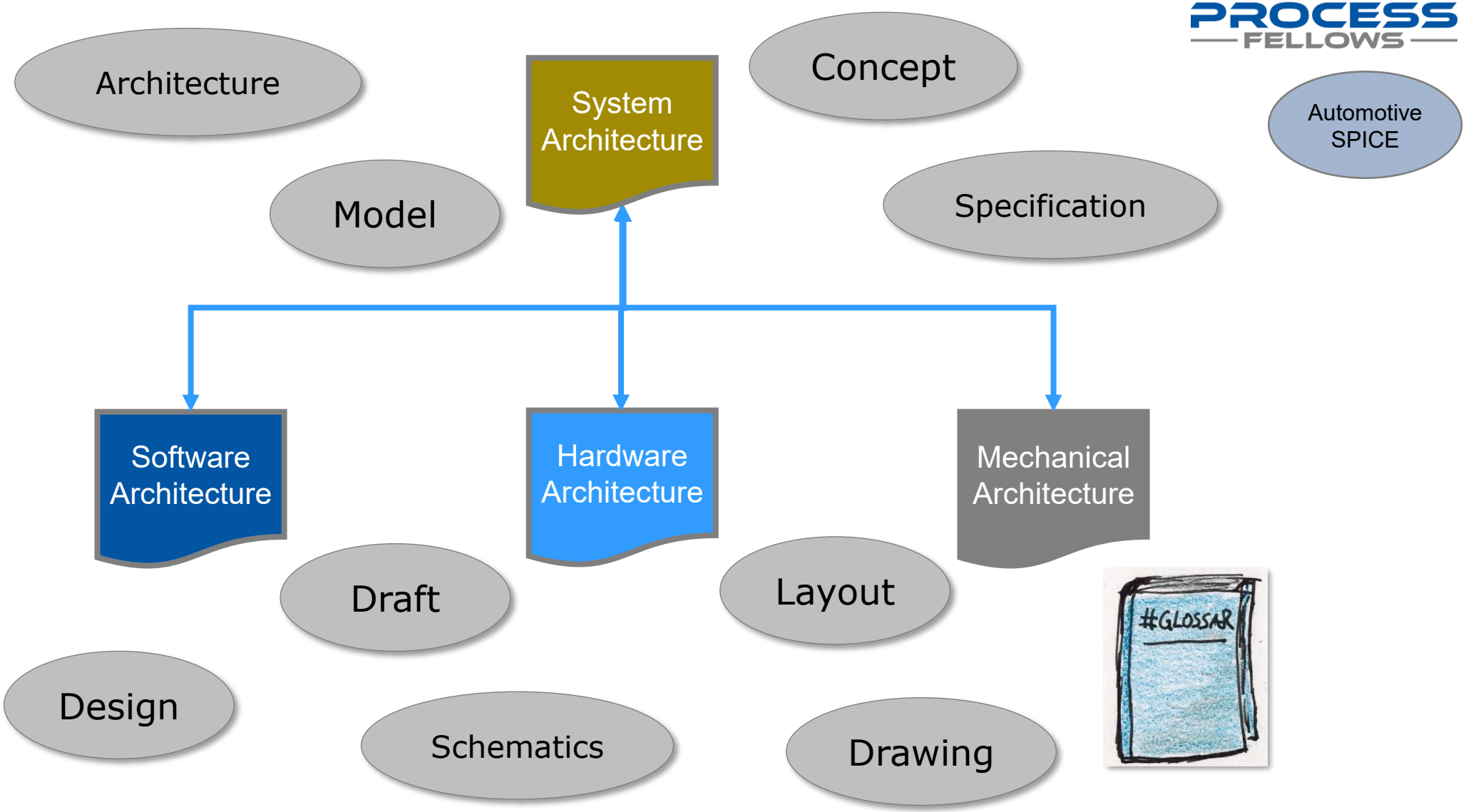
NOTE 1: The hardware-software-interface (HSI) definition puts in context the hardware design and therefore is an aspect of system design (SYS.3).

What's an architecture in Automotive SPICE®?

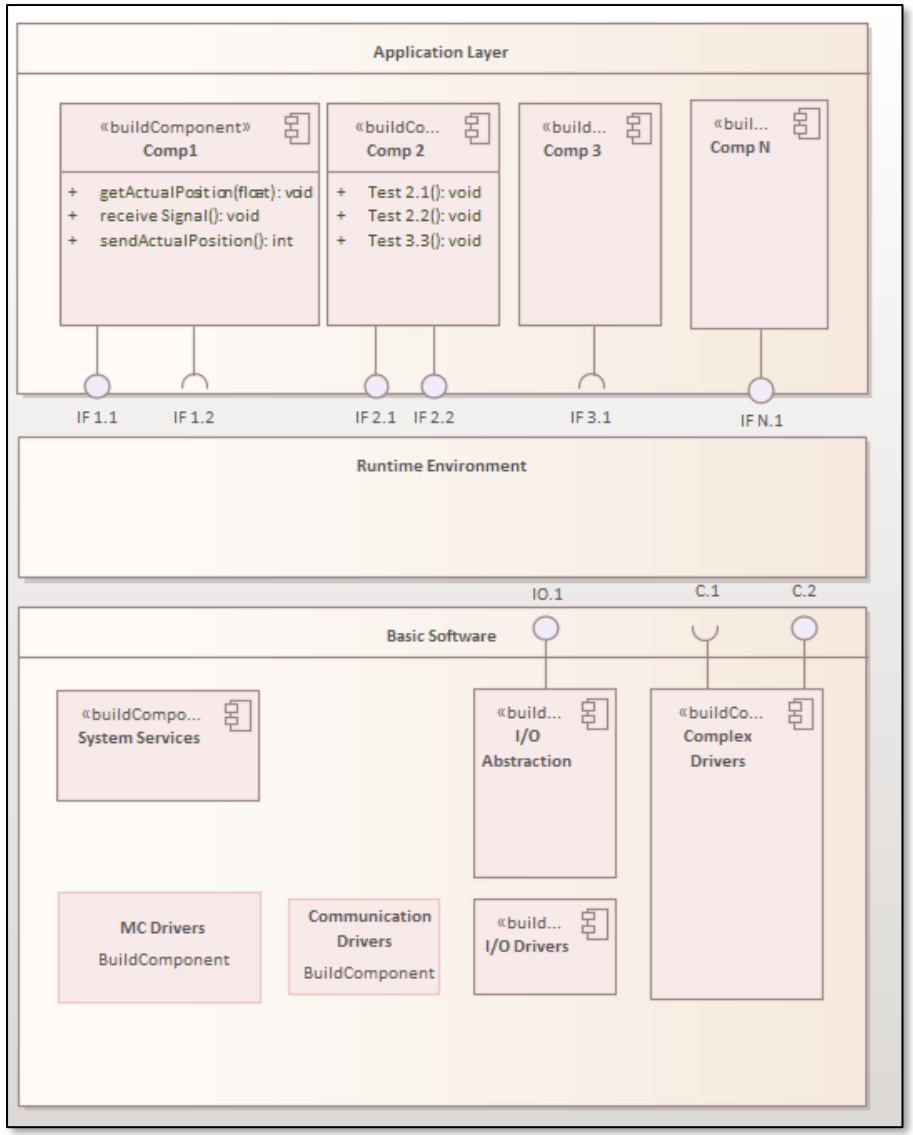
Automotive SPICE

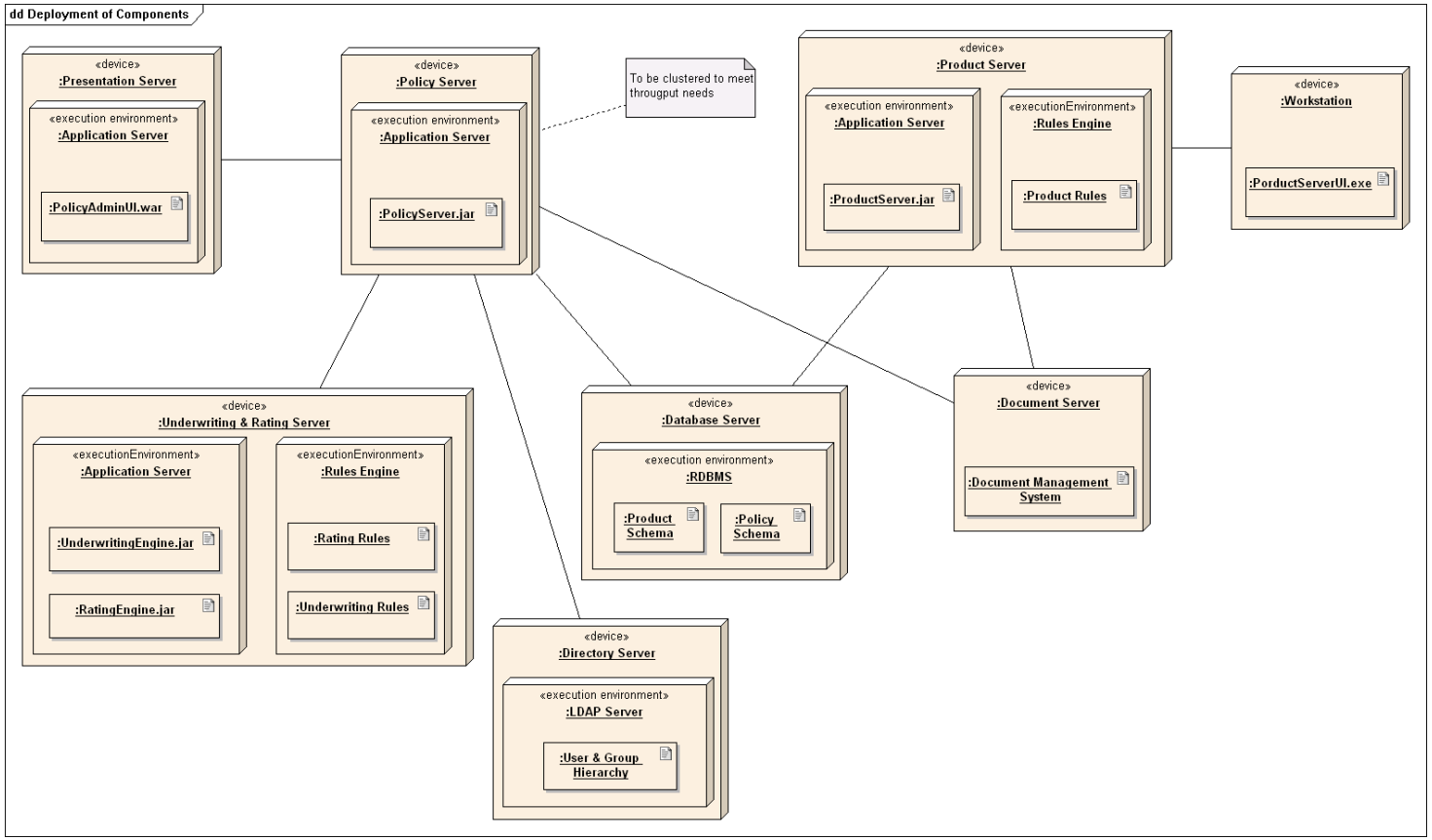


…and in reality?



Software Architecture with UML



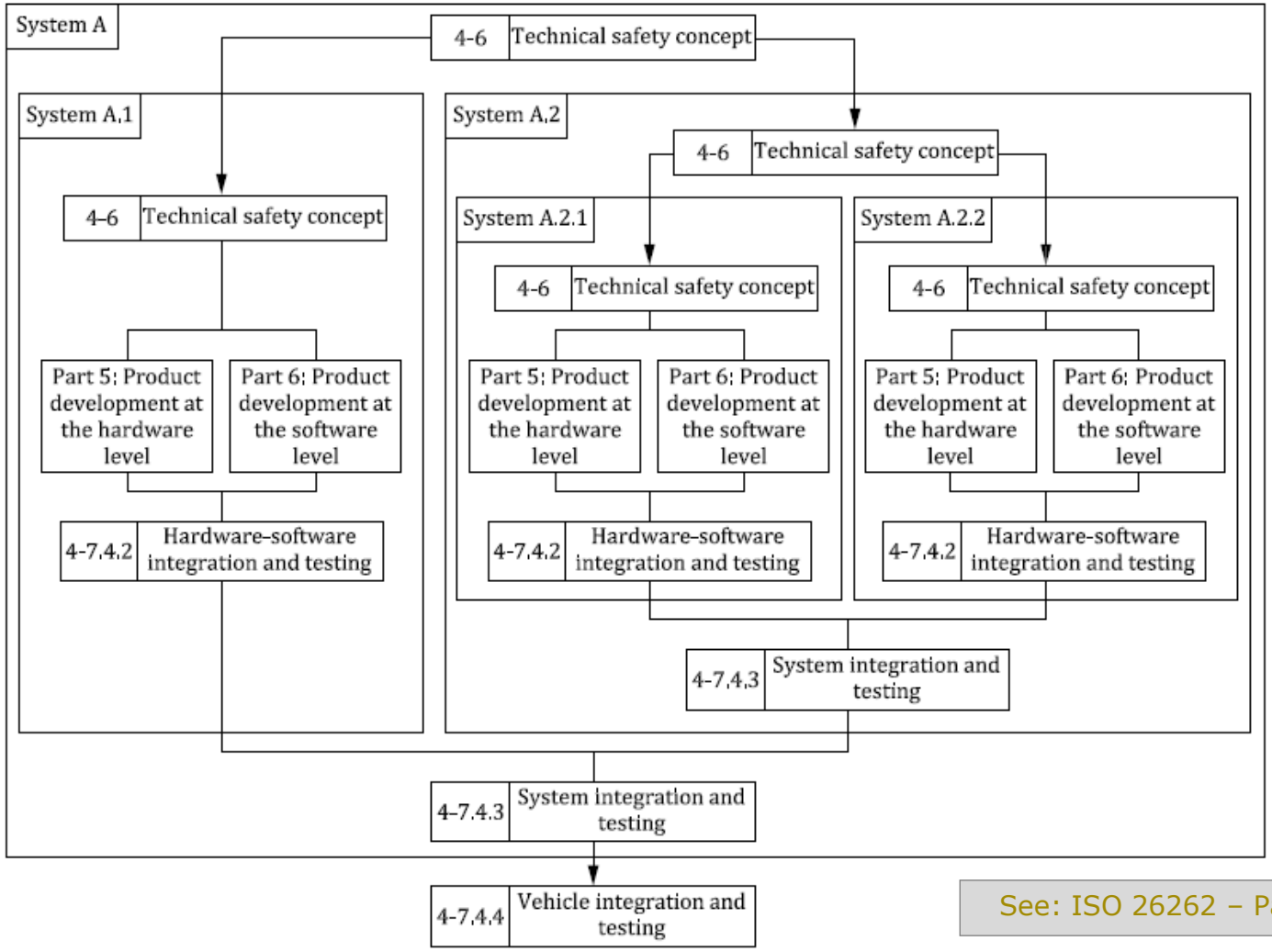


Reference: Deployment diagram,
Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Component_diagram

What is a Technical Safety Concept?

Specification of the **technical safety requirements** and their allocation to **system elements** with associated information providing a rationale for functional safety at the system level:

- Technical safety requirements (incl. safety mechanisms)
- System architectural design specification
- Allocation to hardware and software
- Development of requirements and architecture on hardware and software level

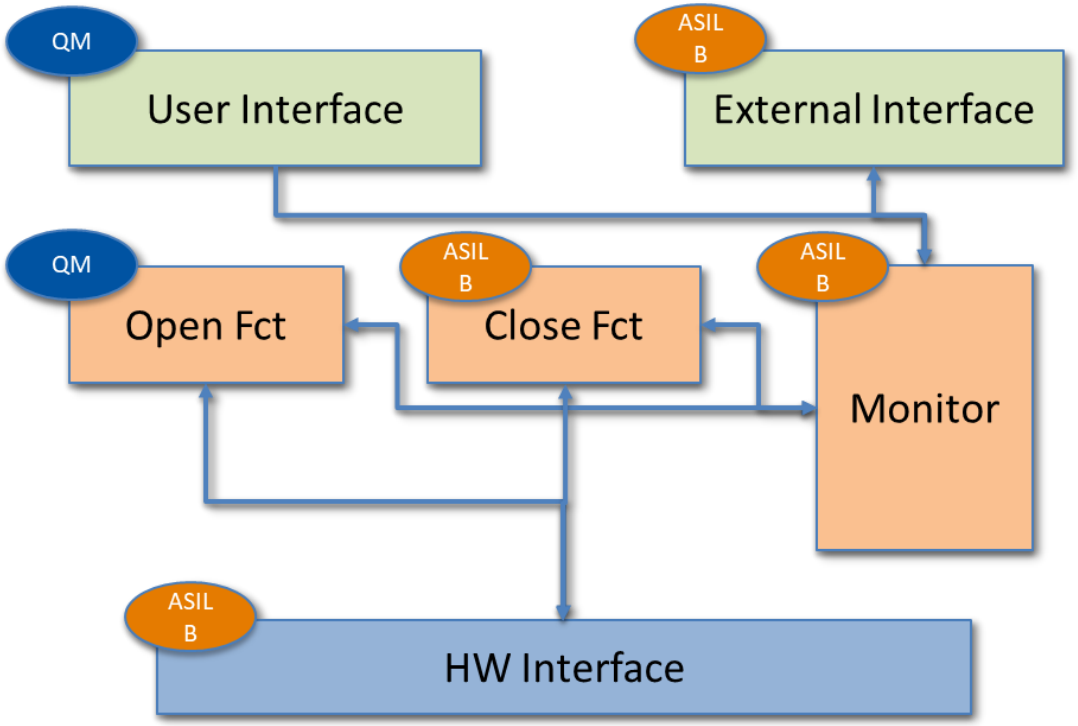


See: ISO 26262 – Part 4

Safety classifications of architectural elements

Functional Safety

Elements of the architecture can be assigned with criticality levels
→ ASIL (Automotive Safety Integrity Level)



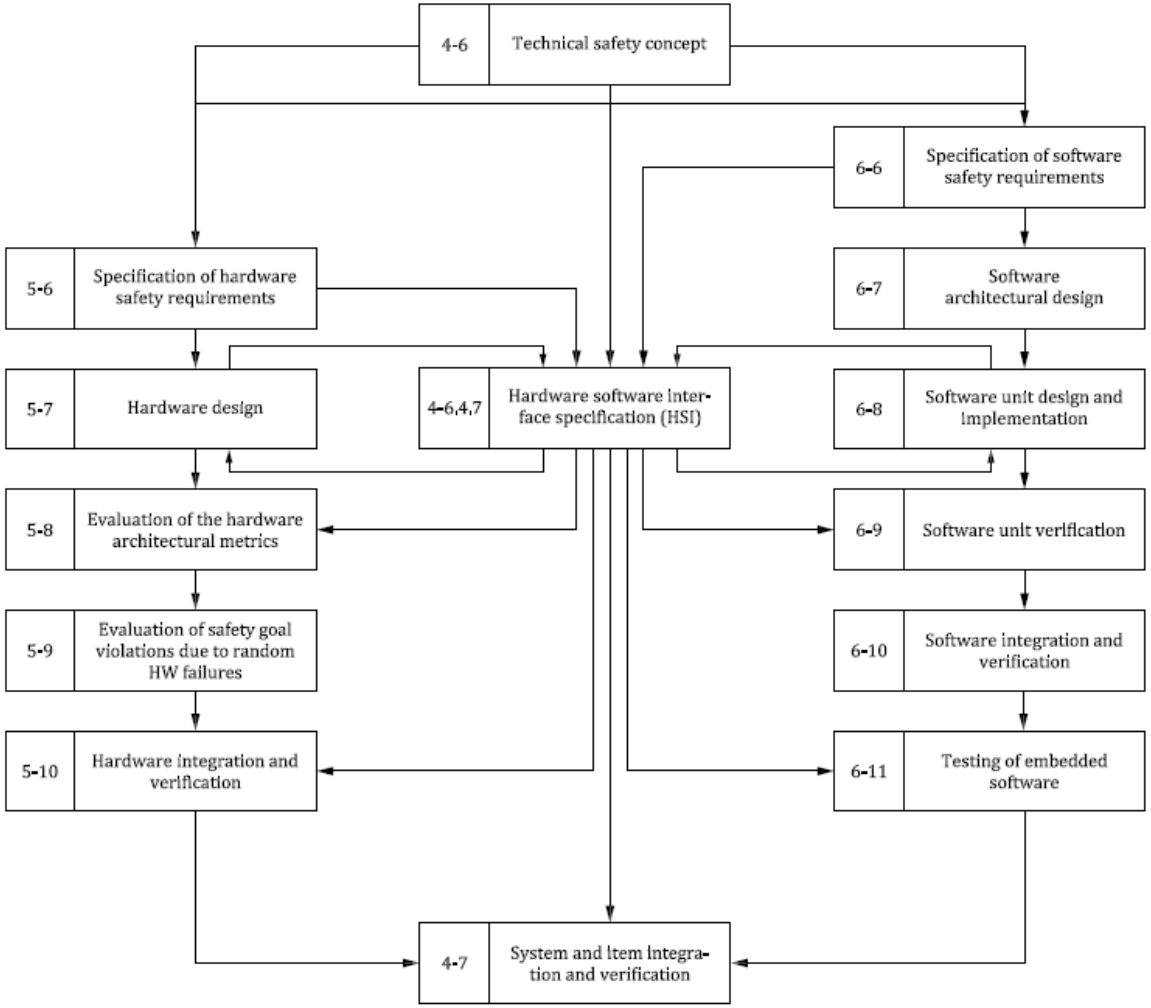
What is the HSI (Hardware-Software Interface)?

HSI elements

- Memory
- Bus interfaces
- Converter
- Multiplexer
- Electrical I/O
- Watchdog

HSI characteristics

- Interrupts
- Timing consistency
- Data integrity
- Initialization
- Message transfer
- Network modes
- Memory management
- Real-time counter



Functional Safety

See: ISO 26262 – Part 4

ASIL-dependent methods

Highly recommended (++)

alternative entries (a,b,c,…)

Functional Safety

	Principles	ASIL A	ASIL B	ASIL C	ASIL D
1a	Appropriate hierarchical structure of the software components	++	++	++	++
1b	Restricted size and complexity of software components[a]	++	++	++	++
1c	Restricted size of interfaces[a]	+	+	+	++
1d	Strong cohesion within each software component[b]	+	++	++	++
1e	Loose coupling between software components[b,c]	+	++	++	++
1f	Appropriate scheduling properties	++	++	++	++
1g	Restricted use of interrupts[a,d]	+	+	+	++
1h	Appropriate spatial isolation of the software components	+	+	+	++
1i	Appropriate management of shared resources[e]	++	++	++	++

[a] In principles 1b, 1c, and 1g "restricted" means to minimize in balance with other design considerations.

[b] Principles 1d and 1e can, for example, be achieved by separation of concerns which refers to the ability to identify, encapsulate, and manipulate those parts of software that are relevant to a particular concept, goal, task, or purpose.

[c] Principle 1e addresses the management of dependencies between software components.

[d] Principle 1g can include minimizing the number, or using interrupts with a clear priority, in order to achieve determinism.

[e] Principle 1i applies for shared hardware resources as well as shared software resources in the case of coexistence. Such resource management can be implemented in software or hardware and includes safety mechanisms and/or process measures that prevent conflicting access to shared resources as well as mechanisms that detect and handle conflicting access to shared resources.

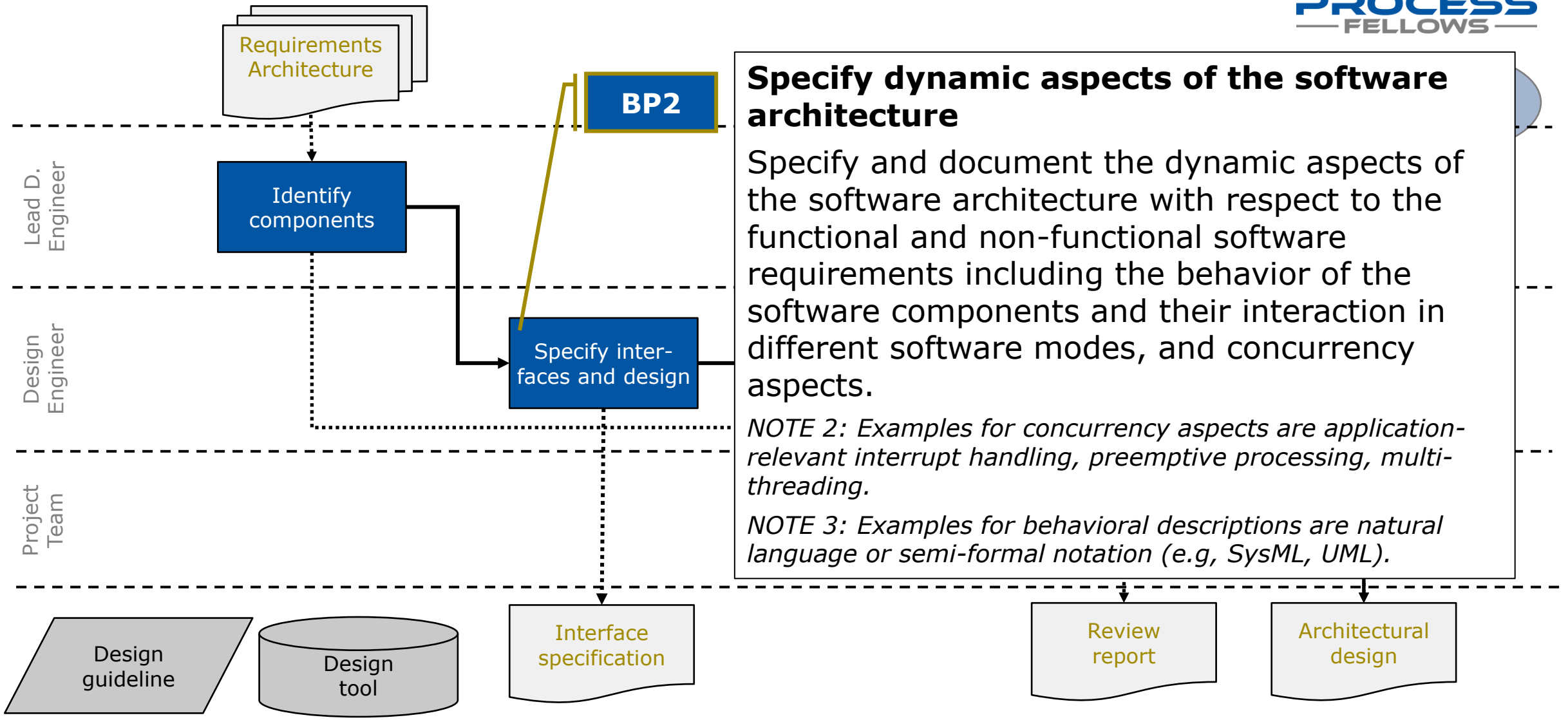
Recommended (+)

consecutive entries (1,2,3,…)

No recommendation (for or against) (o)

See: ISO 26262 – Part 2

Software Architectural Design (SWE.2)



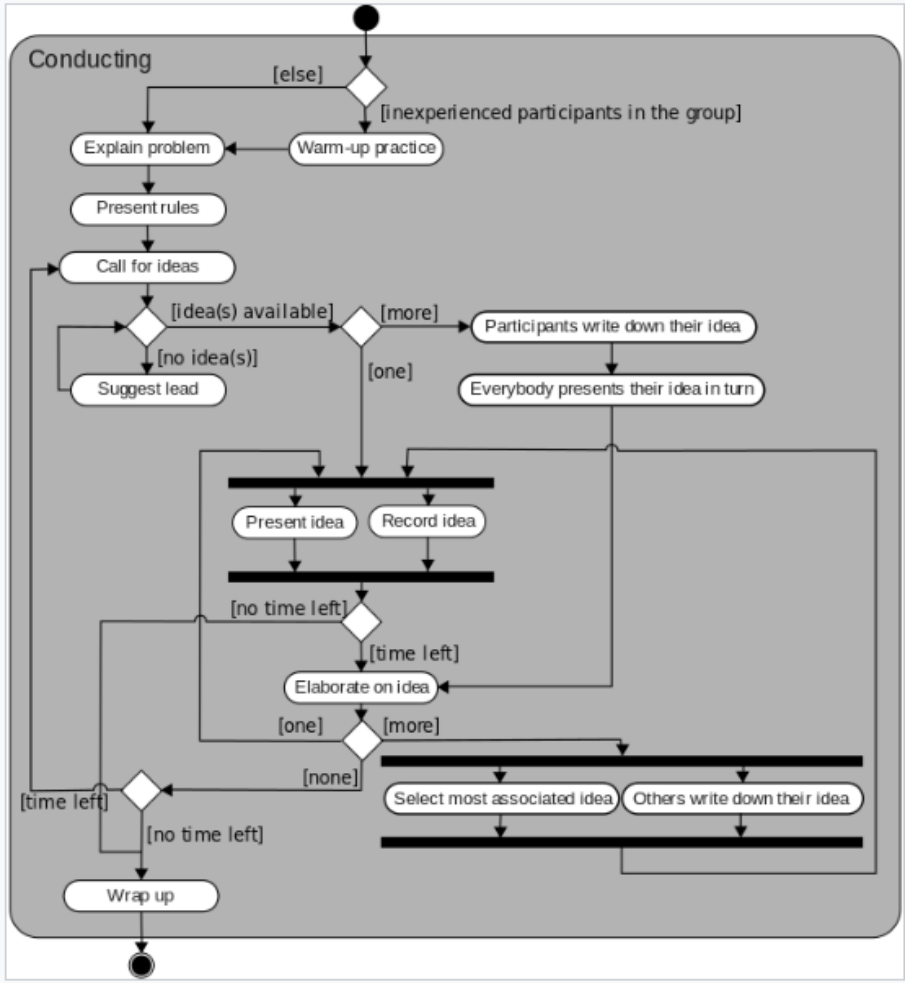
Specify dynamic aspects of the software architecture

Specify and document the dynamic aspects of the software architecture with respect to the functional and non-functional software requirements including the behavior of the software components and their interaction in different software modes, and concurrency aspects.

NOTE 2: Examples for concurrency aspects are application-relevant interrupt handling, preemptive processing, multi-threading.

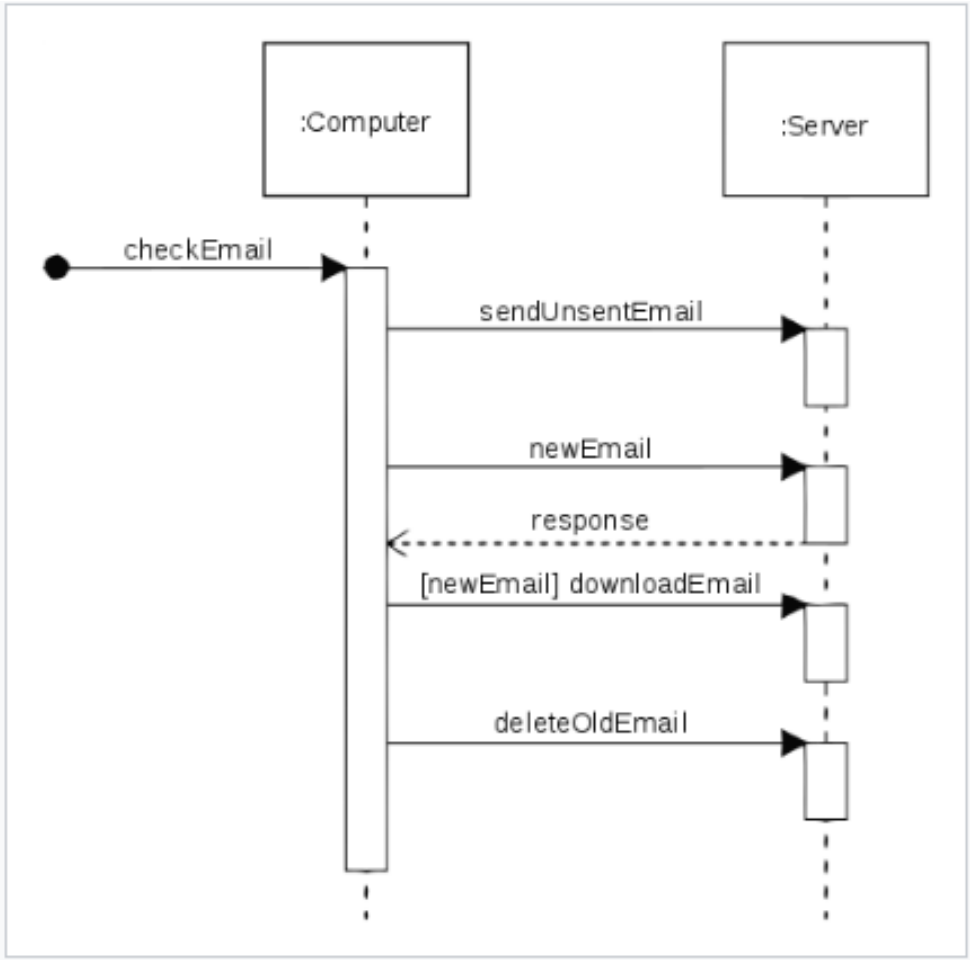
NOTE 3: Examples for behavioral descriptions are natural language or semi-formal notation (e.g, SysML, UML).

Example: Dynamic View – Activity / Sequence Diagram



UML 1.x Activity diagram for a guided brainstorming process.

Source: Wikipedia



The Sequence diagram of UML

Source: Wikipedia

Example: Dynamic View – State Machine Diagram

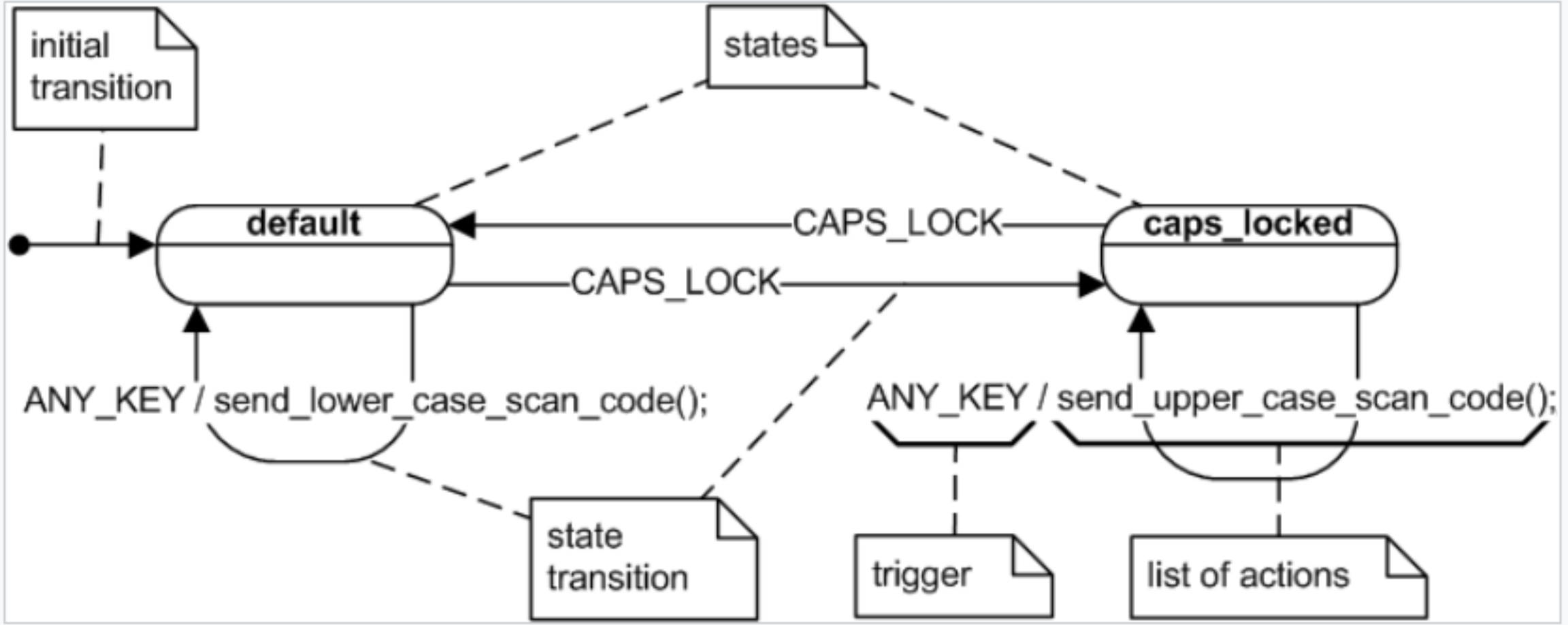
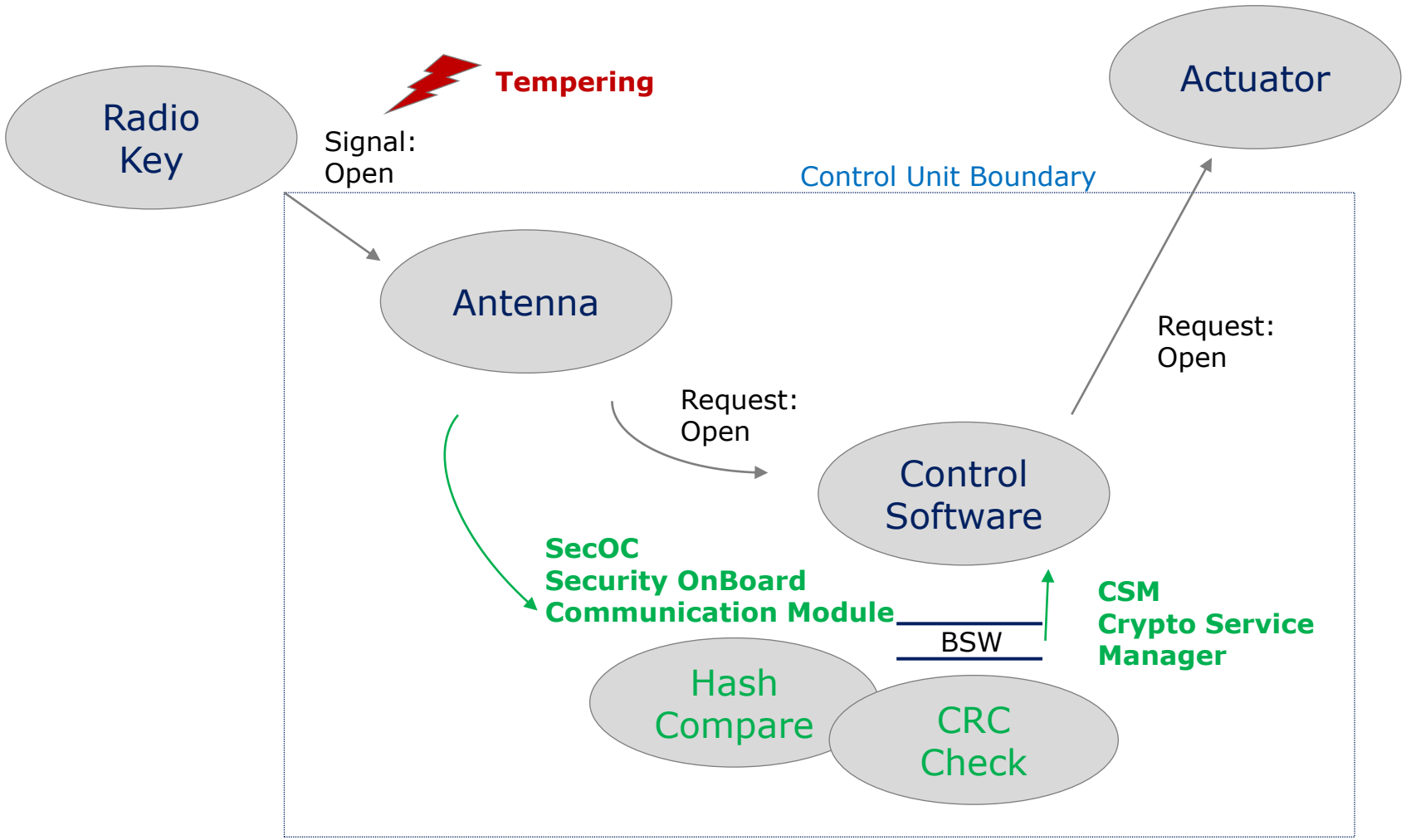


Figure 1: UML state diagram representing the computer keyboard state machine

Source: Wikipedia

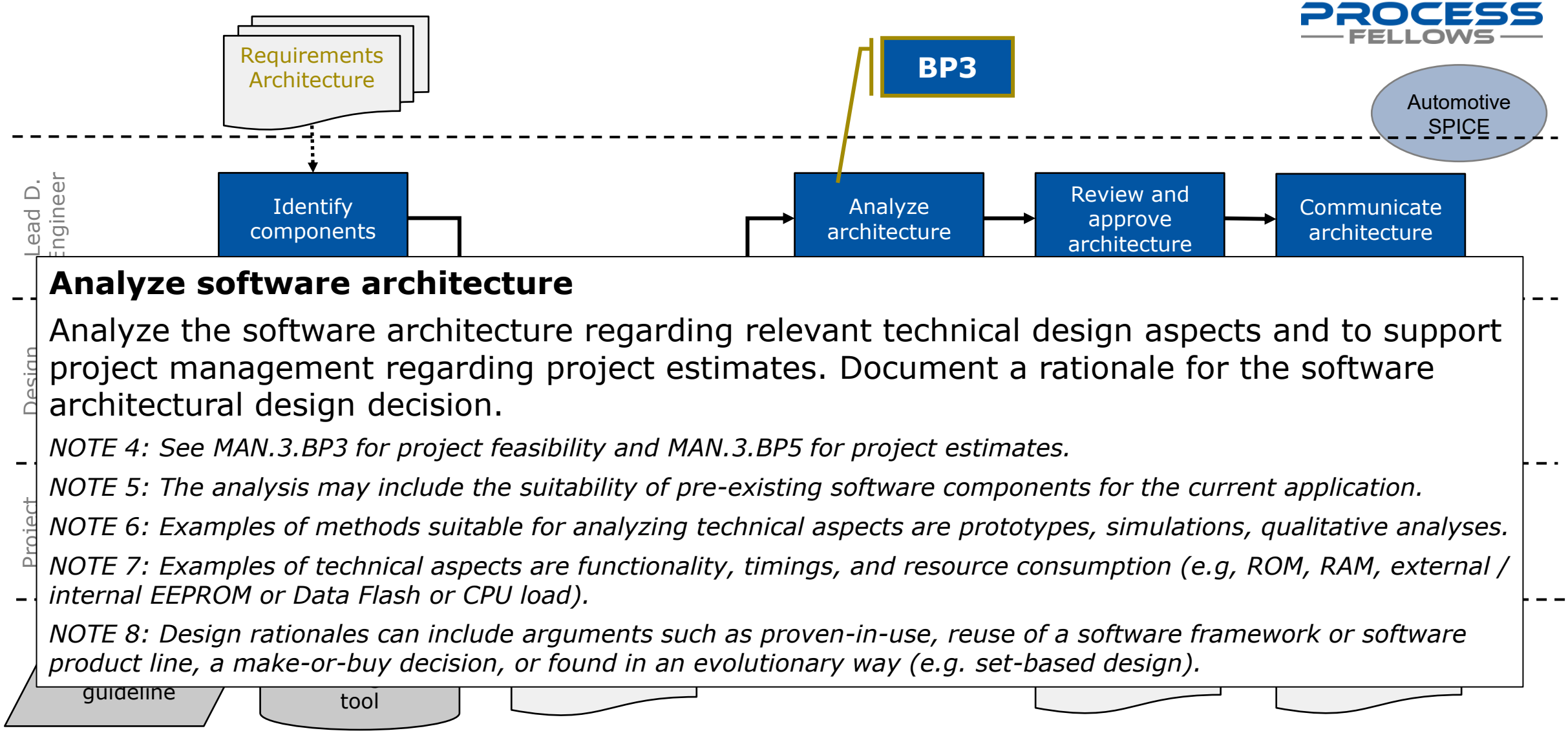
Threat Modelling



Cyber Security

- Cybersecurity will add security-specific mechanisms such as zones of trust, interface protection, secure data storage, firewalls, sand-boxes, etc.
- Interfaces might be allocated to threats, used as input for verification.
- Threat models might be used as an additional architectural view.

Software Architectural Design (SWE.2)



Analyze software architecture

Analyze the software architecture regarding relevant technical design aspects and to support project management regarding project estimates. Document a rationale for the software architectural design decision.

NOTE 4: See MAN.3.BP3 for project feasibility and MAN.3.BP5 for project estimates.

NOTE 5: The analysis may include the suitability of pre-existing software components for the current application.

NOTE 6: Examples of methods suitable for analyzing technical aspects are prototypes, simulations, qualitative analyses.

NOTE 7: Examples of technical aspects are functionality, timings, and resource consumption (e.g, ROM, RAM, external / internal EEPROM or Data Flash or CPU load).

NOTE 8: Design rationales can include arguments such as proven-in-use, reuse of a software framework or software product line, a make-or-buy decision, or found in an evolutionary way (e.g. set-based design).

Some practical examples

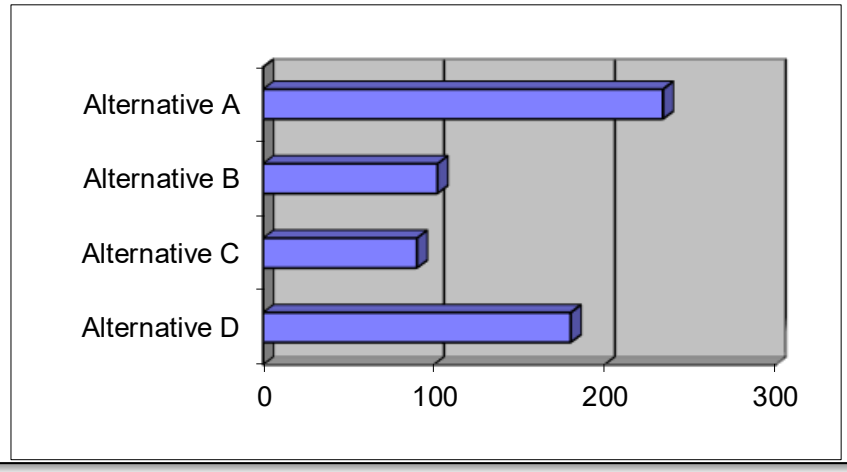
Resource objectives

Objects of Class	Before GC	After GC	Change	Peak	RAM	RAM Peak
Climate::MenuItem	3	3	0	7	2052	4788
Core::LayoutContext	24	24	0	61	1344	3416
Core::LayoutQuadContext	9	9	0	16	792	1408
Application::Application	1	1	0	1	8208	8208
Charts::Coord	4	4	0	36	112	1008
Charts::CoordList	1	1	0	9	32	288
Climate::DataItem	5	5	0	5	5040	5040
Climate::DeviceClass	1	1	0	1	92	92
Core::Root	1	1	0	1	1080	1080
Graphics::Canvas	1	1	0	1	76	76
Resources::Bitmap	6	6	0	8	264	352
Resources::Font	3	3	0	3	108	108
Climate::SliderItem	0	0	0	1	0	4212

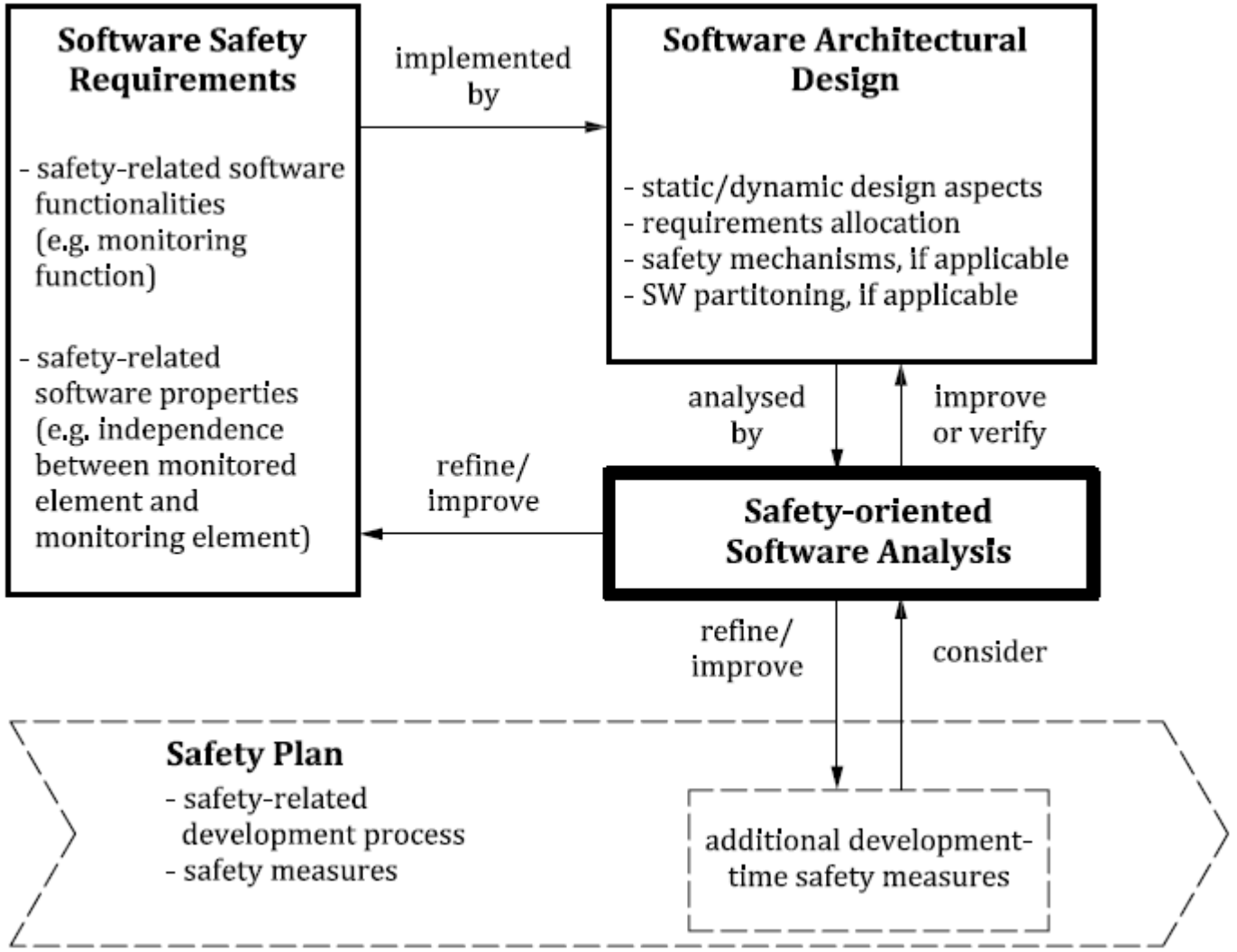
Design decision

Architecture

Evaluation	Importance	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D		Total
modularity	10	h			m		##
maintainability	6	m	h		l		78
scalability	10	m	m	h			##
reliability	6	l	m		h		78
realization	10	h			h		##
Total		##	##	90	##		



Safety-oriented Software Analysis



Functional Safety

See: ISO 26262 – Part 6

What is the focus of Safety Analysis?

Systematic failures (internal & external causes, mitigation)

- Failure related in a deterministic way to a certain cause, e.g., by wrong design or implementation bugs.
- For example: Failures in requirements specification or architectural decision.
- ➔ **All SW failures are systematic!**

Random failures (detection, control and mitigation)

- Failure that can occur unpredictably during the lifetime of a hardware element by aging and that follows a probability distribution.
- For example: Failure of a hardware component after a corresponding period of operation.
- ➔ **Only in HW and ME!**

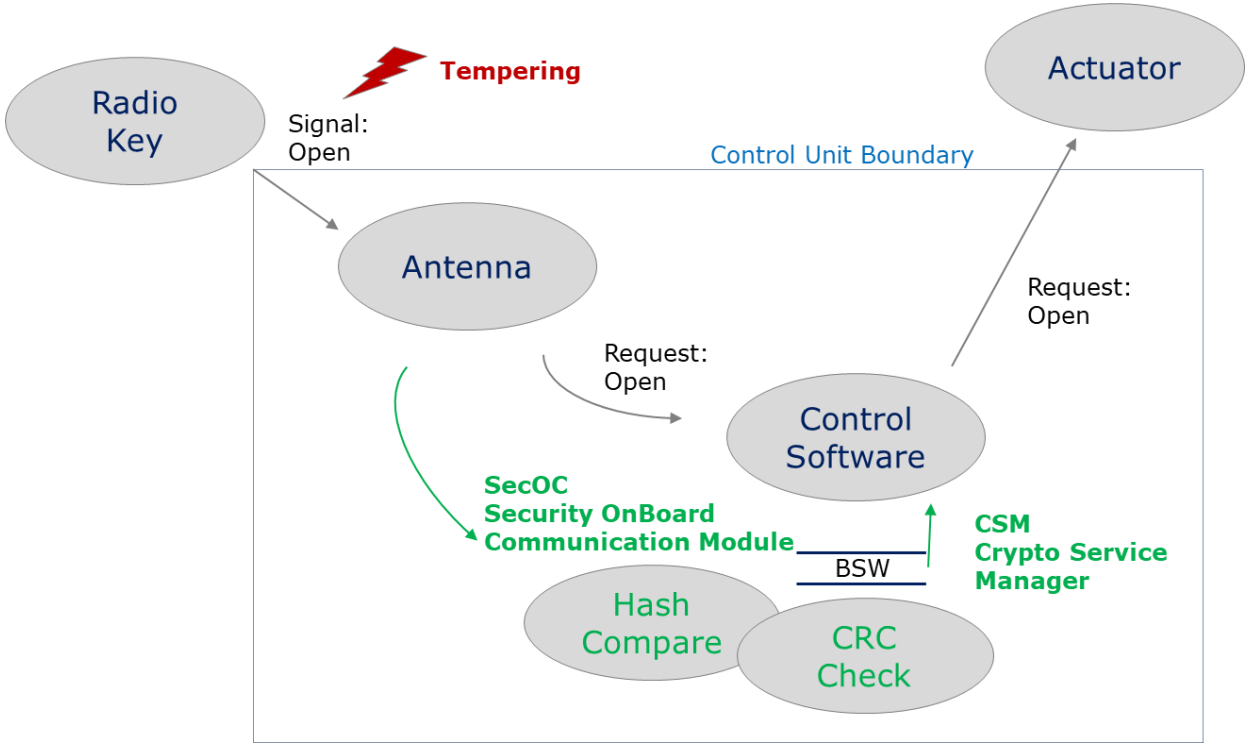
Weakness or Vulnerability analysis

Cyber Security

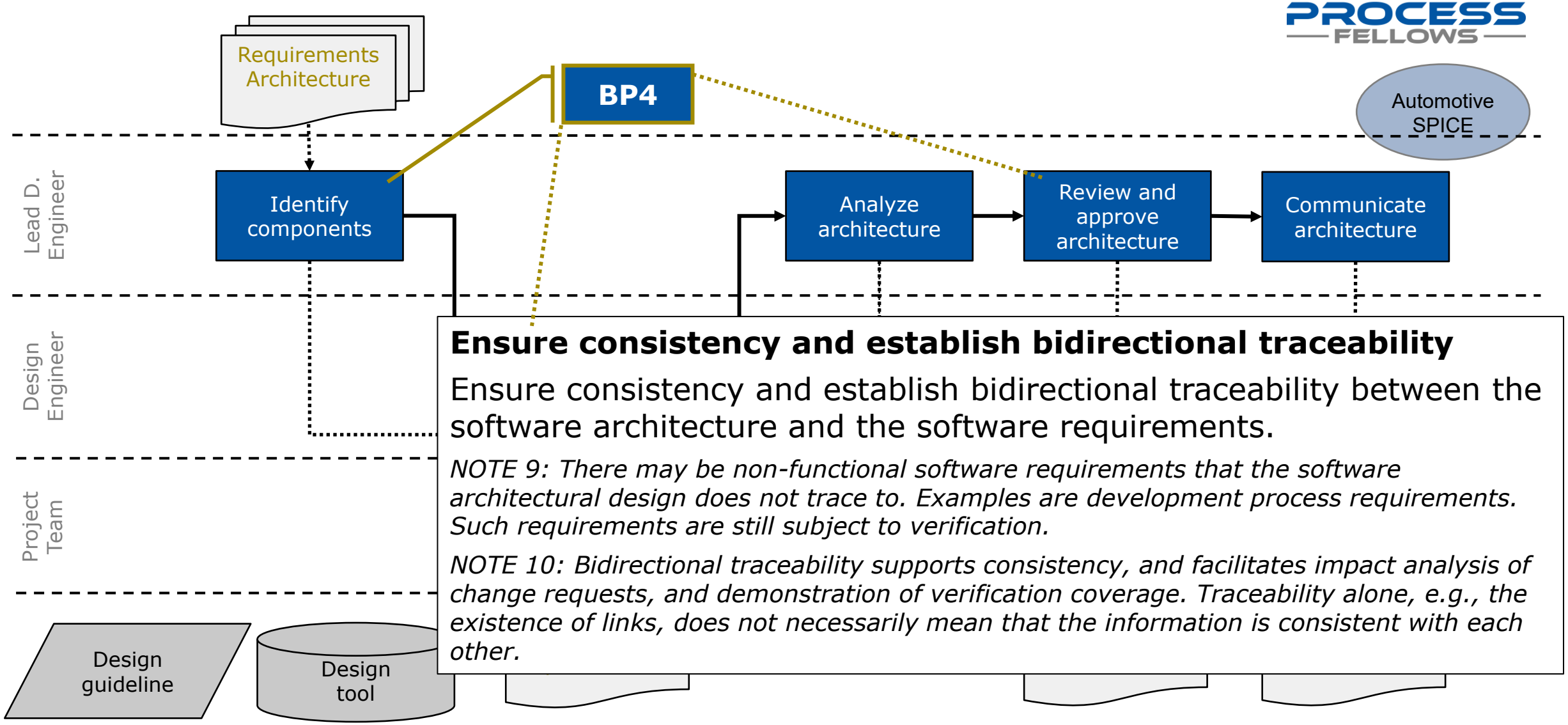
- Cybersecurity can provide additional cases of architectural alternatives (e.g., choosing CS libraries).
- A weakness analysis of the architecture shall be performed.

Important aspects:

- Security controls
- Allocation to requirements
- Architecture and design guidelines
- Review



Software Architectural Design (SWE.2)



Ensure consistency and establish bidirectional traceability

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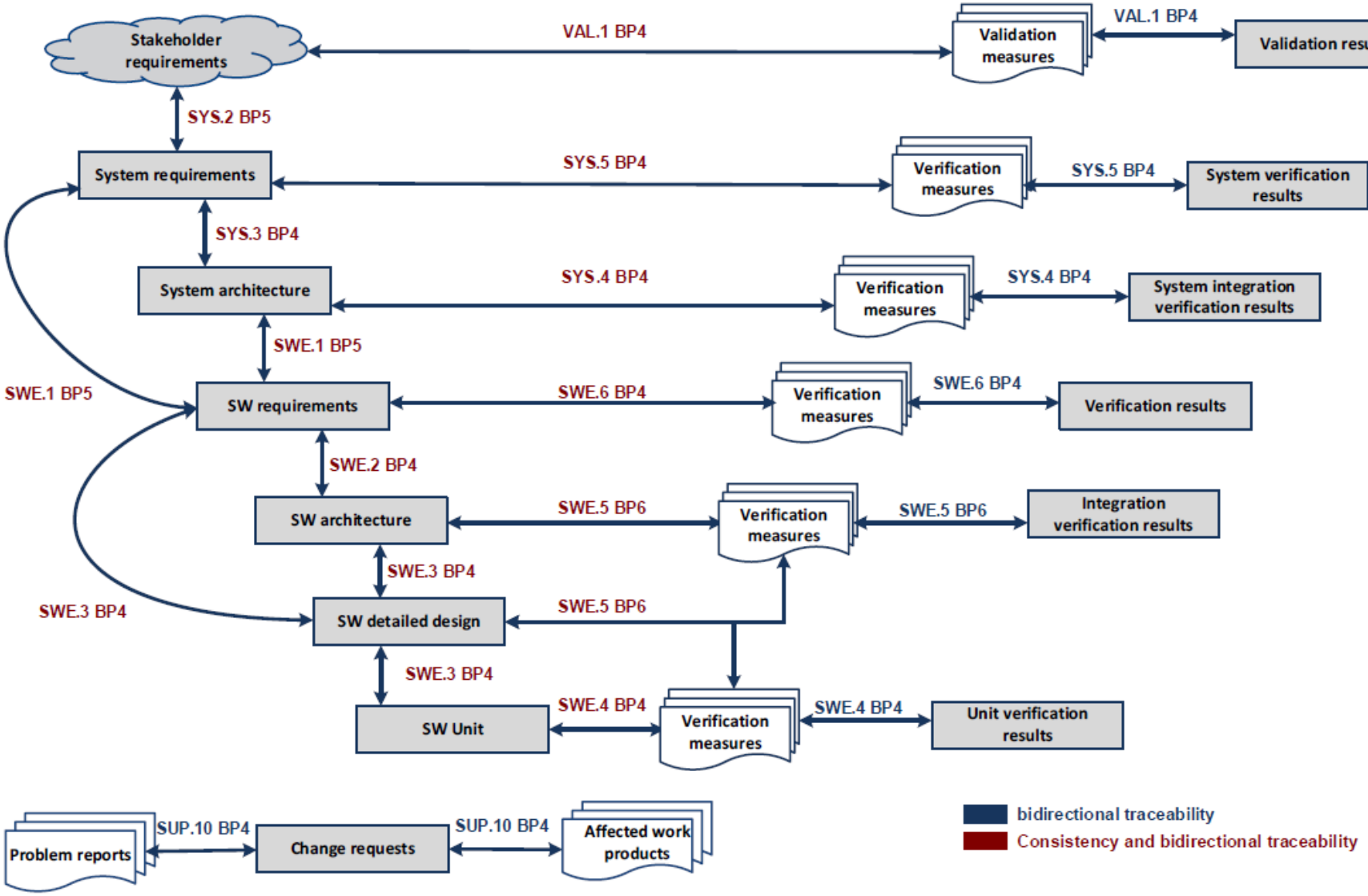
NOTE 9: There may be non-functional software requirements that the software architectural design does not trace to. Examples are development process requirements. Such requirements are still subject to verification.

NOTE 10: Bidirectional traceability supports consistency, and facilitates impact analysis of change requests, and demonstration of verification coverage. Traceability alone, e.g., the existence of links, does not necessarily mean that the information is consistent with each other.

Consistency and bidirectional Traceability



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See: Automotive SPICE 4.0

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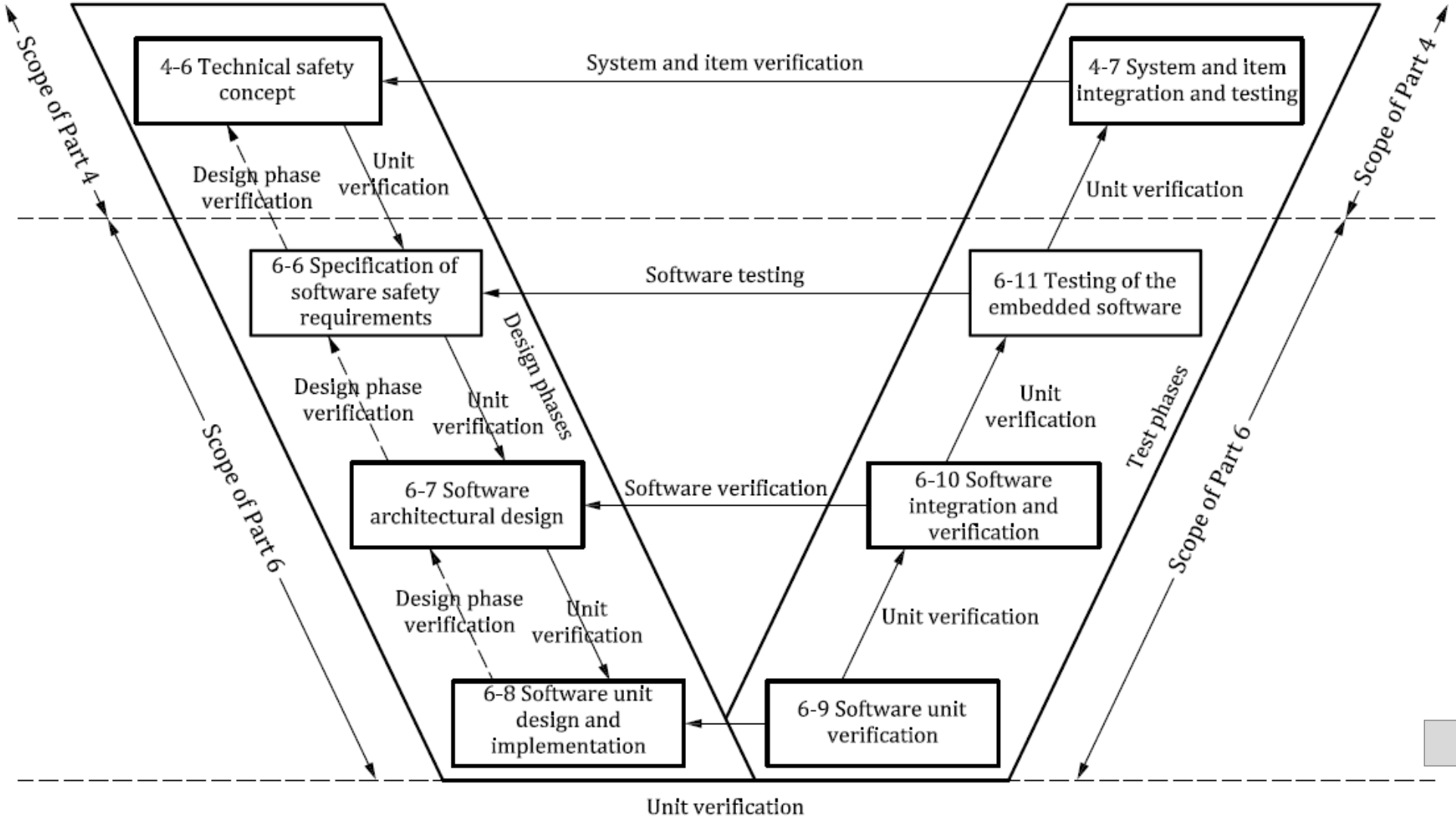

Functional Safety

See: ISO 26262 – Part 6

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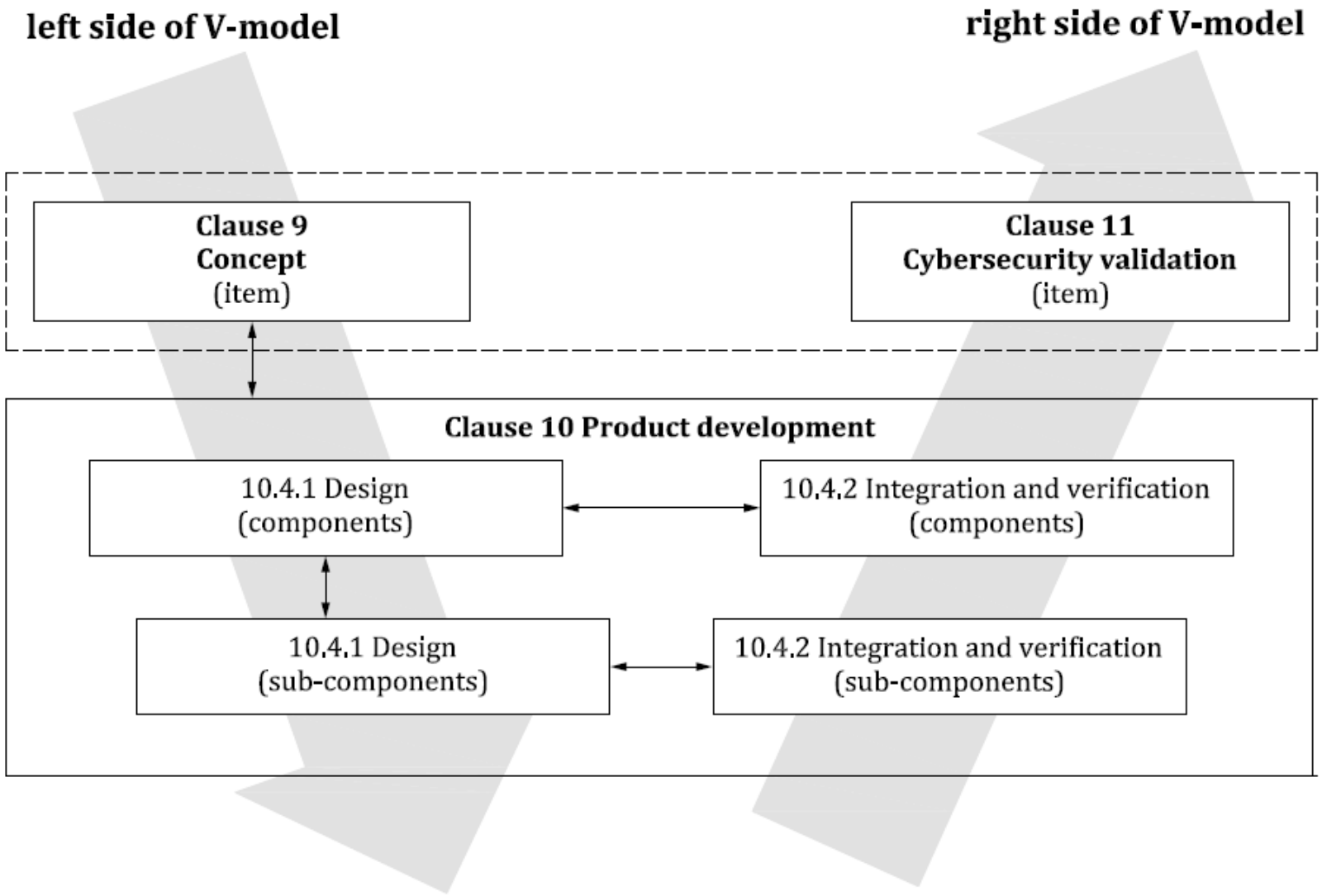

Cyber Security

- Cybersecurity controls need to be allocated to the architecture as well.

See: ISO/SAE 21434

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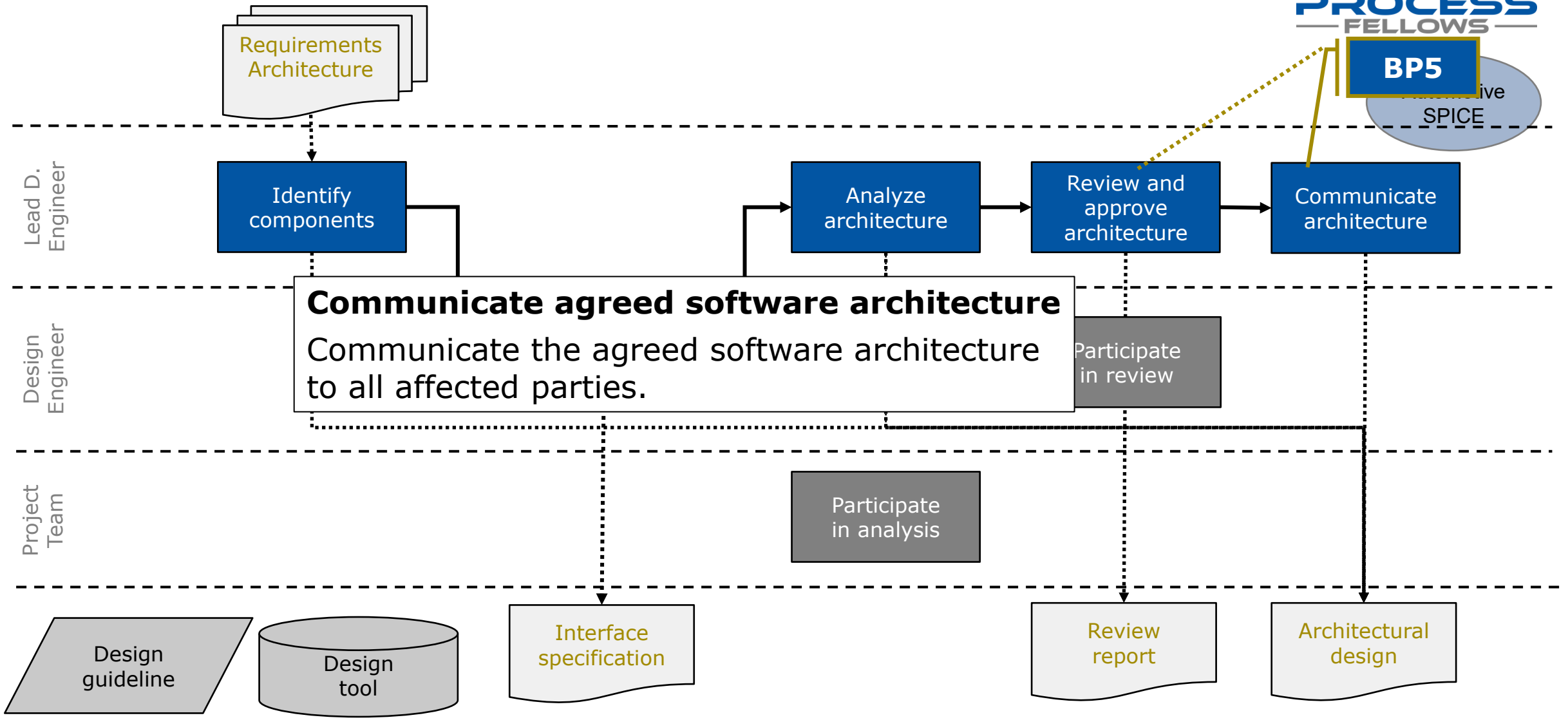
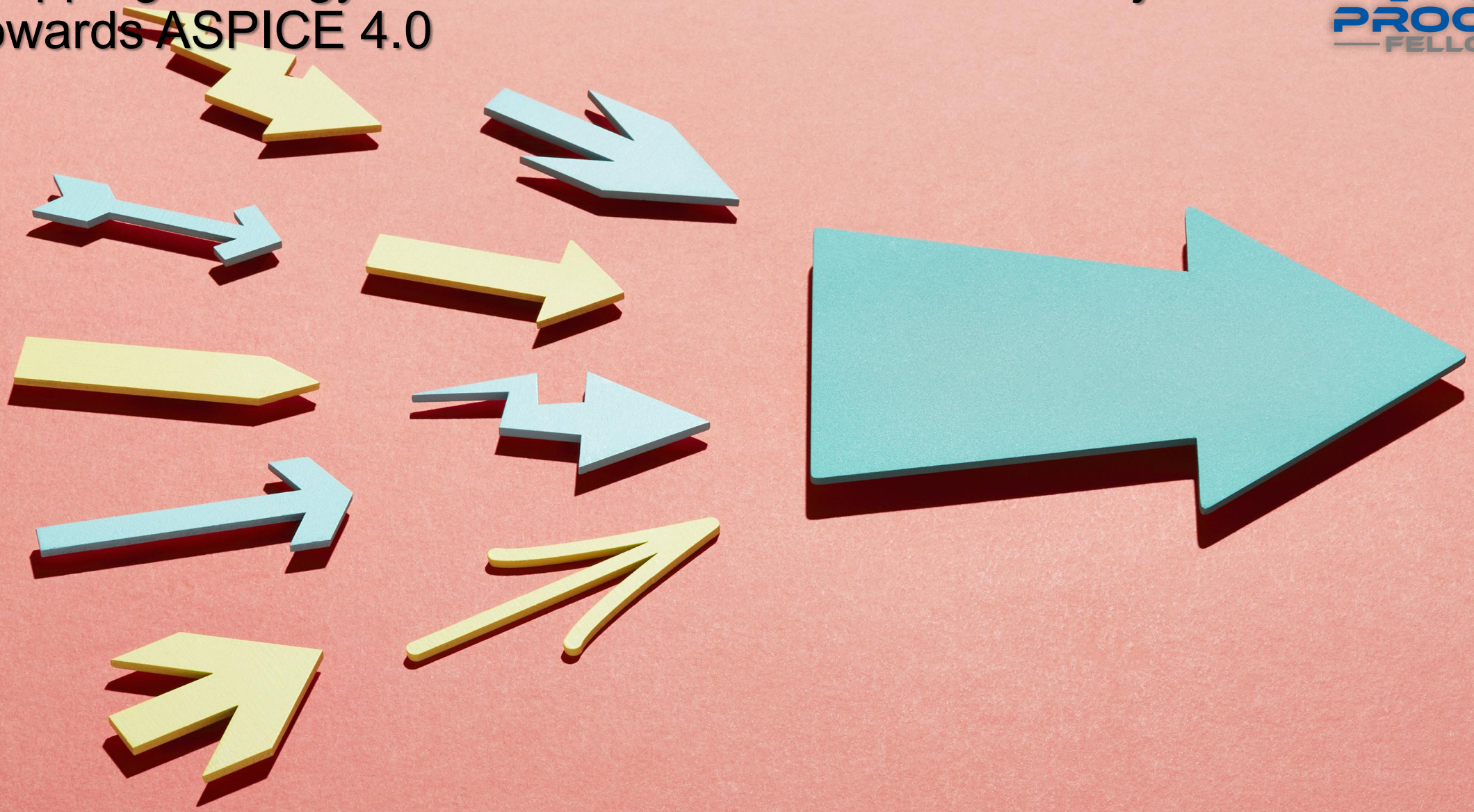
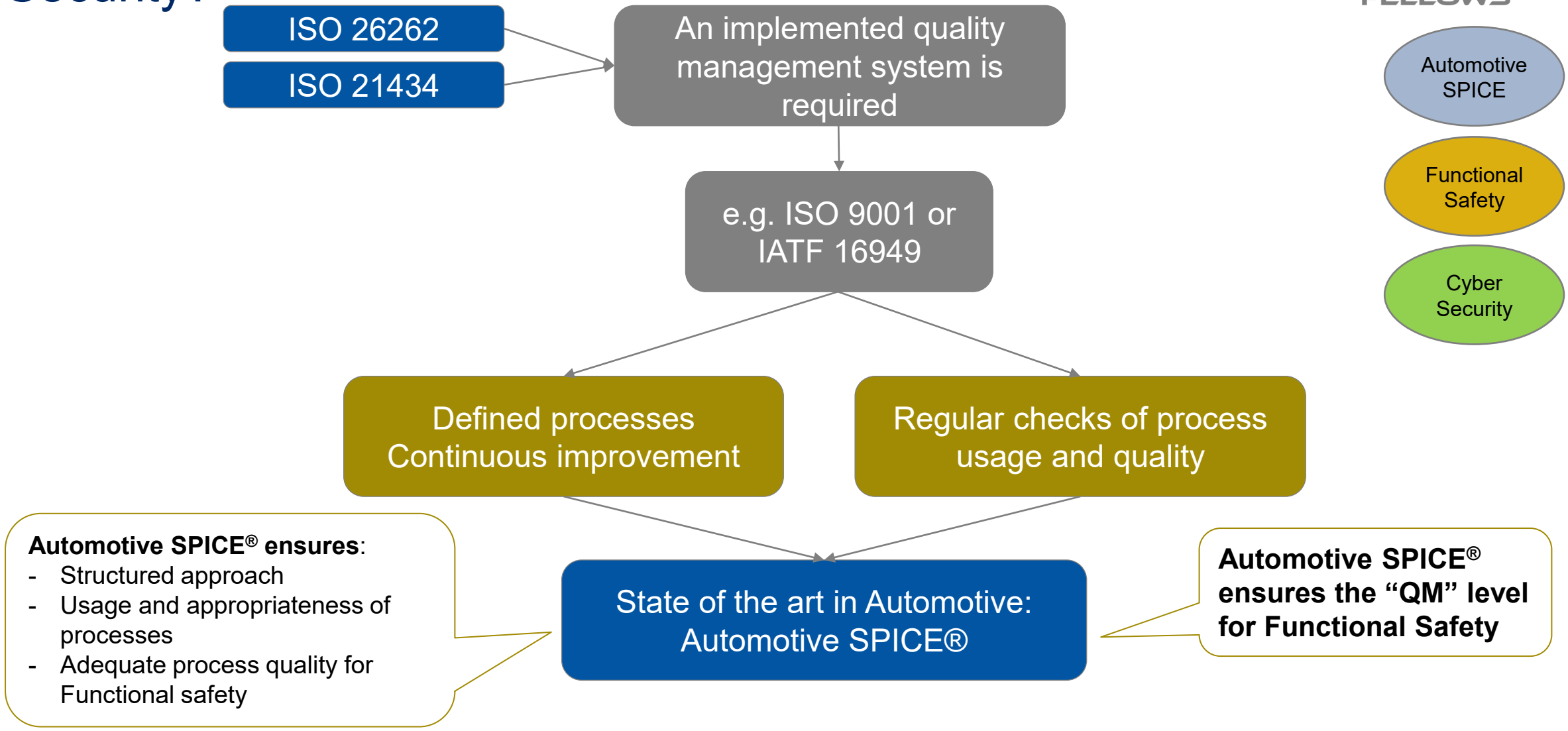


Mapping strategy for ISO 26262 and ISO 21434 objectives towards ASPICE 4.0



How to ensure sufficient Process Quality for Safety & Security?



How to combine SPICE Assessment and Safety Audits?

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Scope:
- Check for fulfillment of process purpose
- Check for implementation of base practices
- Ensure adequate evidences for performance (work products)

Performance:
- Questions based on base practices

Result:
- Process capability for each process of the project

Consequence:
- Process improvements based on findings

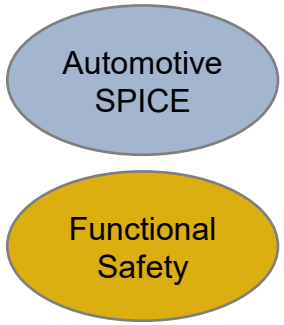
Functional Safety

Scope:
- Check for completeness of safety case (existence of necessary work products)
- Check (spot-check) required content of work products
- Ensure performance of safety activities

Performance:
- Questions based on work products

Result:
- Evidence of completeness of safety activities and safety case

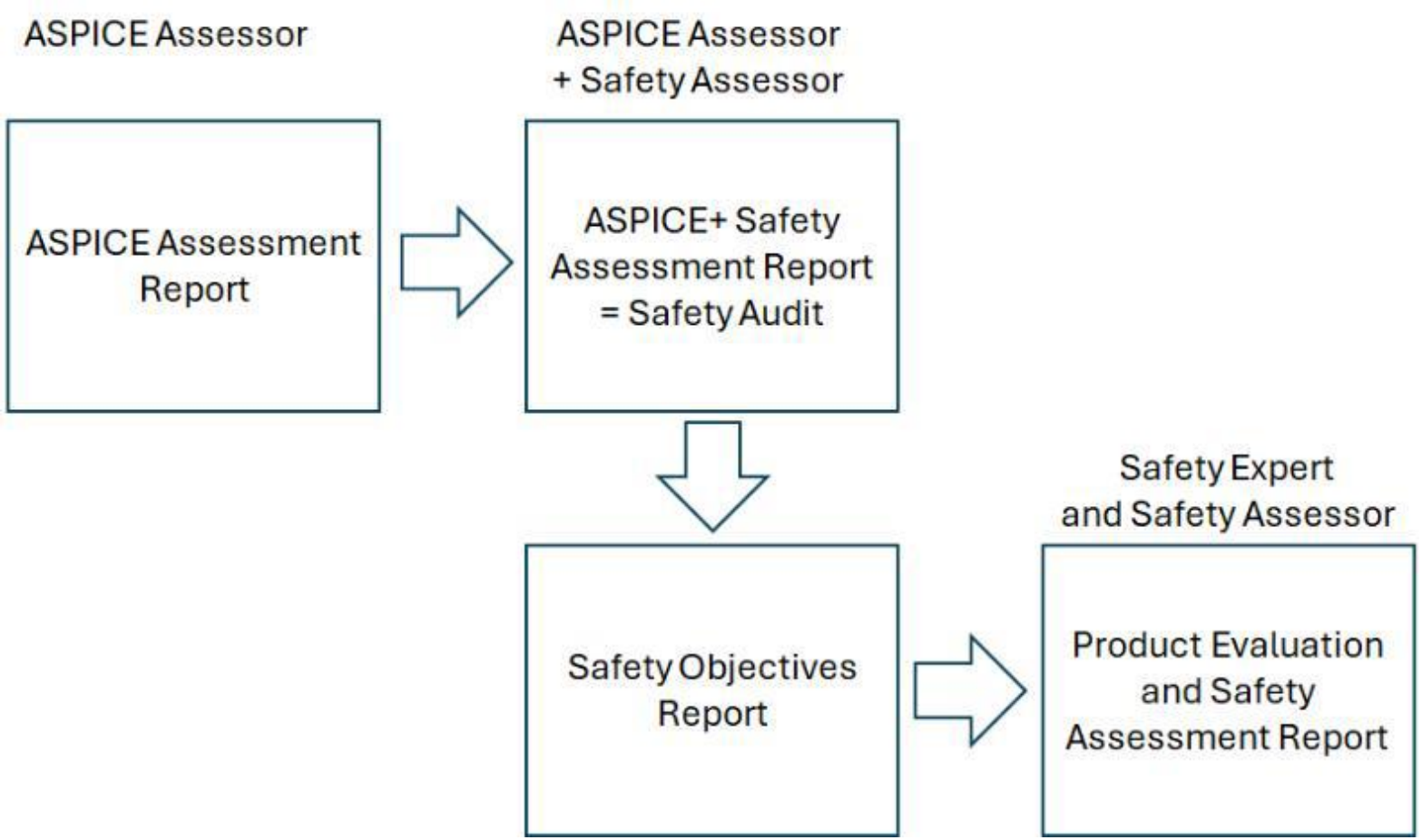
Consequence :
- Recommendation for release



Check for completeness of security case is recommended as well

Reporting for ASPICE Assessment, Safety Audit and Cybersecurity Audit – plus interface for Safety/Security Assessment

Reports and interfaces between ASPICE and ISO 26262 assessors



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Same for security assessment

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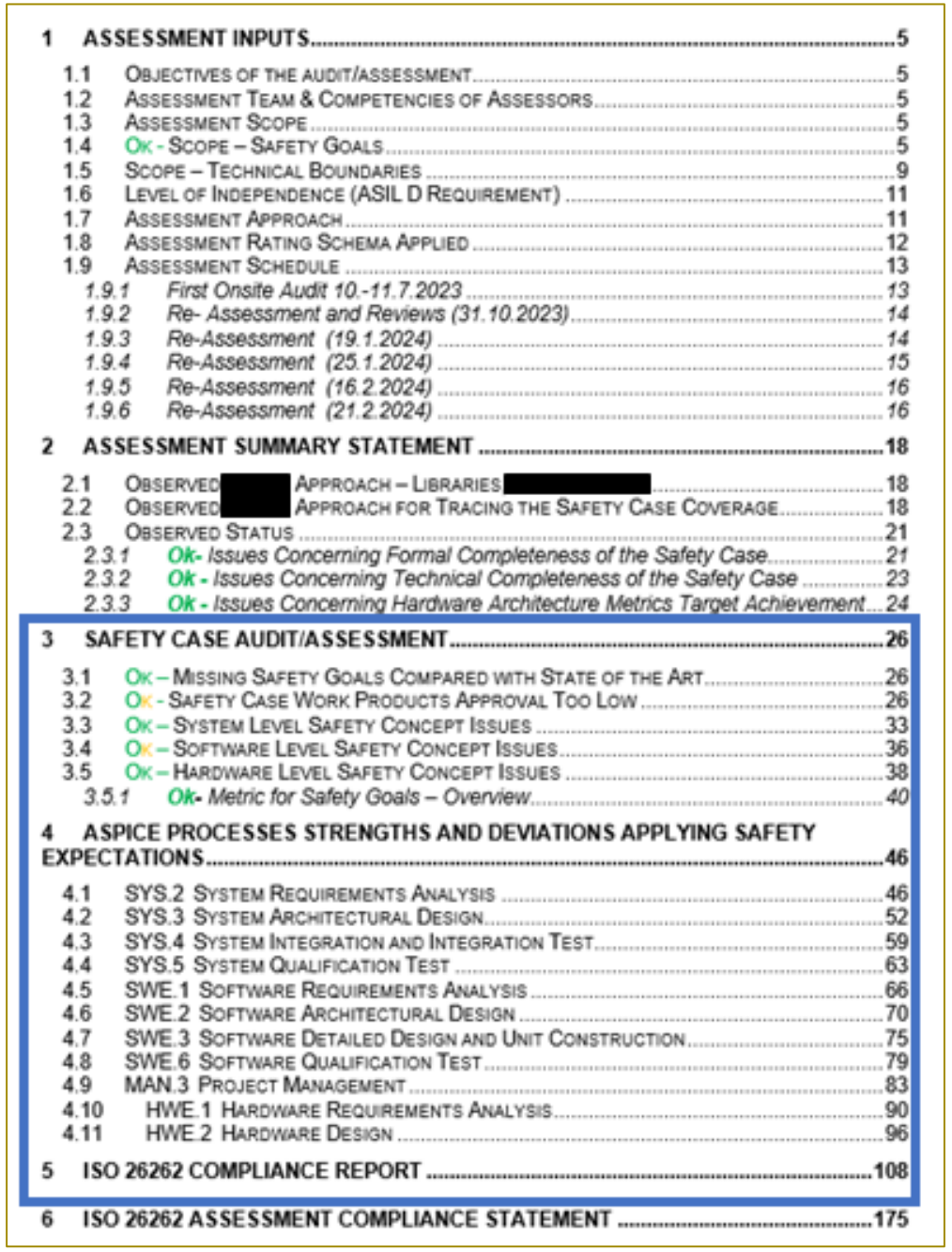
Example of a fully integrated report



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