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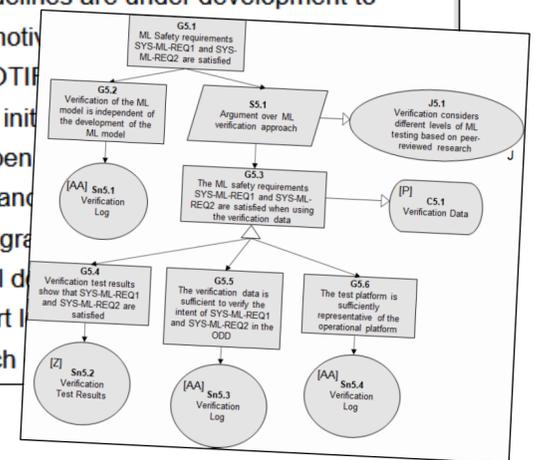
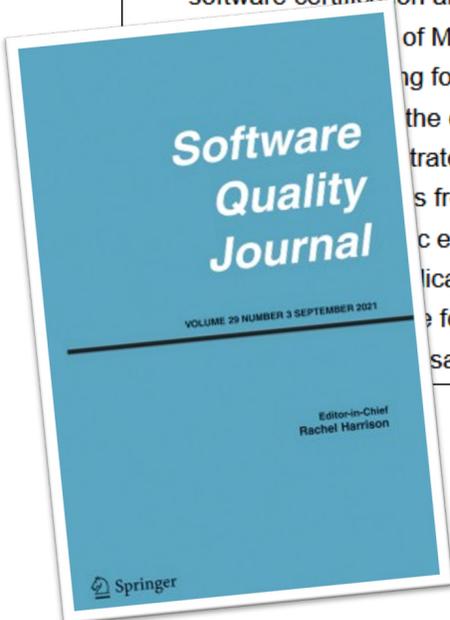
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### SMIRK: A machine learning-based pedestrian automatic emergency braking system with a complete safety case

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# Open ML-based demonstrator

# Introduction

# Who is Markus?

Development engineer, ABB

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- AI engineering and functional safety

Principal researcher, CodeScene

- Software engineering intelligence

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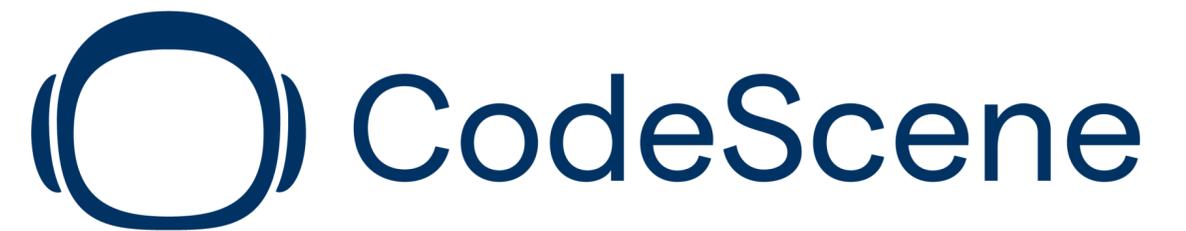


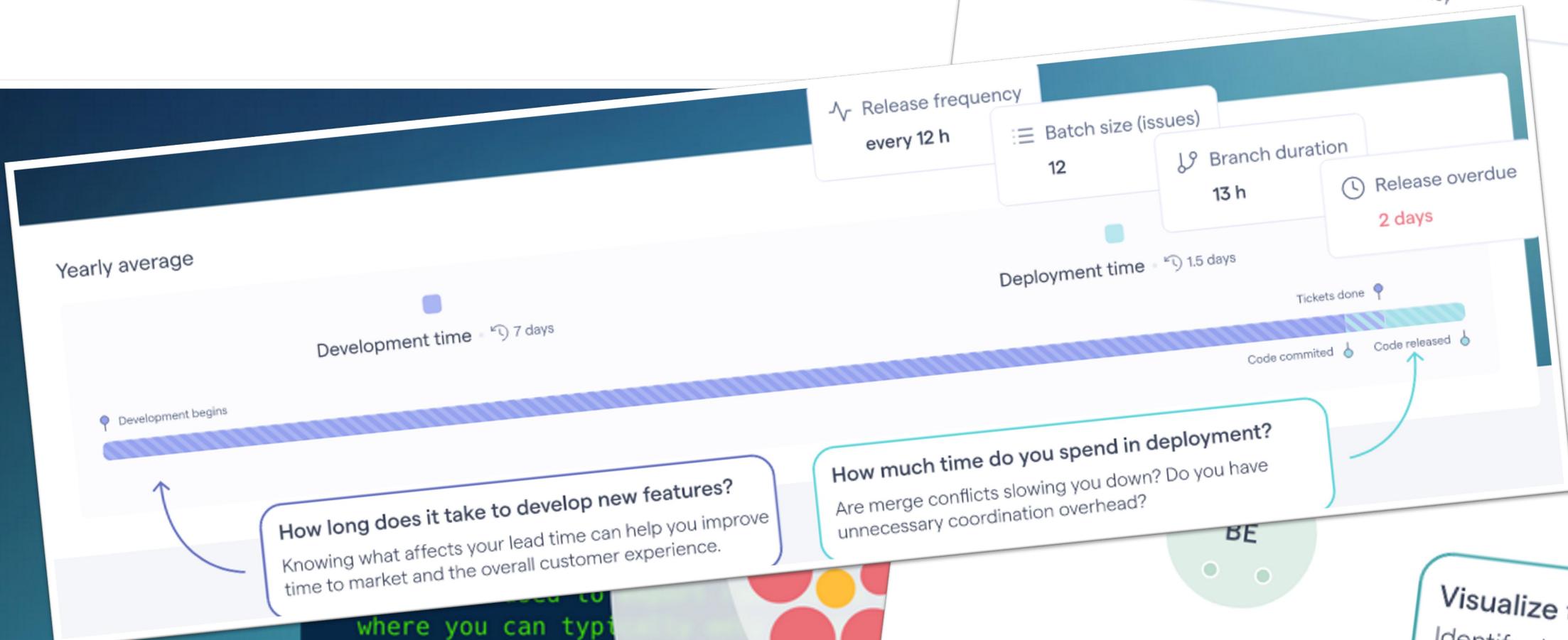
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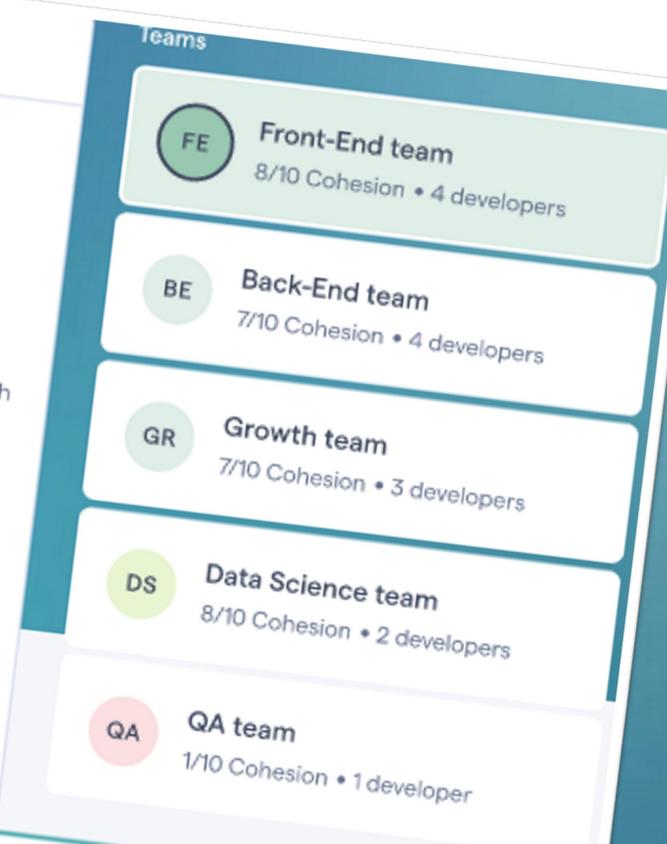
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**How long does it take to develop new features?**  
Knowing what affects your lead time can help you improve time to market and the overall customer experience.

**How much time do you spend in deployment?**  
Are merge conflicts slowing you down? Do you have unnecessary coordination overhead?



**Visualize the teams and people behind your code**  
Identify dependencies and build more cohesive teams that require less coordination and have fewer merge conflicts.

**Red Code**  
Unhealthy code with high maintenance risks

**Green Code**  
Healthy code with low risk for maintenance issues

**Yellow Code**  
Problematic code with potential risks



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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?”



# Two teasers! Development of

## 1. SMIRK

## 2. Safety case



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**ABSTRACT**

SMIRK is a pedestrian automatic emergency braking system that facilitates research on safety-critical systems embedding machine learning components. As a fully transparent driver-assistance system, SMIRK can support future research on trustworthy AI systems, e.g., verification & validation, requirements engineering, and testing. SMIRK is implemented for the simulator ESI Pro-SiVIC with core components including a radar sensor, a mono camera, a YOLOv5 model, and an anomaly detector. ISO/PAS 21448 SOTIF guided the development, and we present a complete safety case for a restricted ODD using the AMLAS methodology. Finally, all training data used to train the perception system is publicly available.



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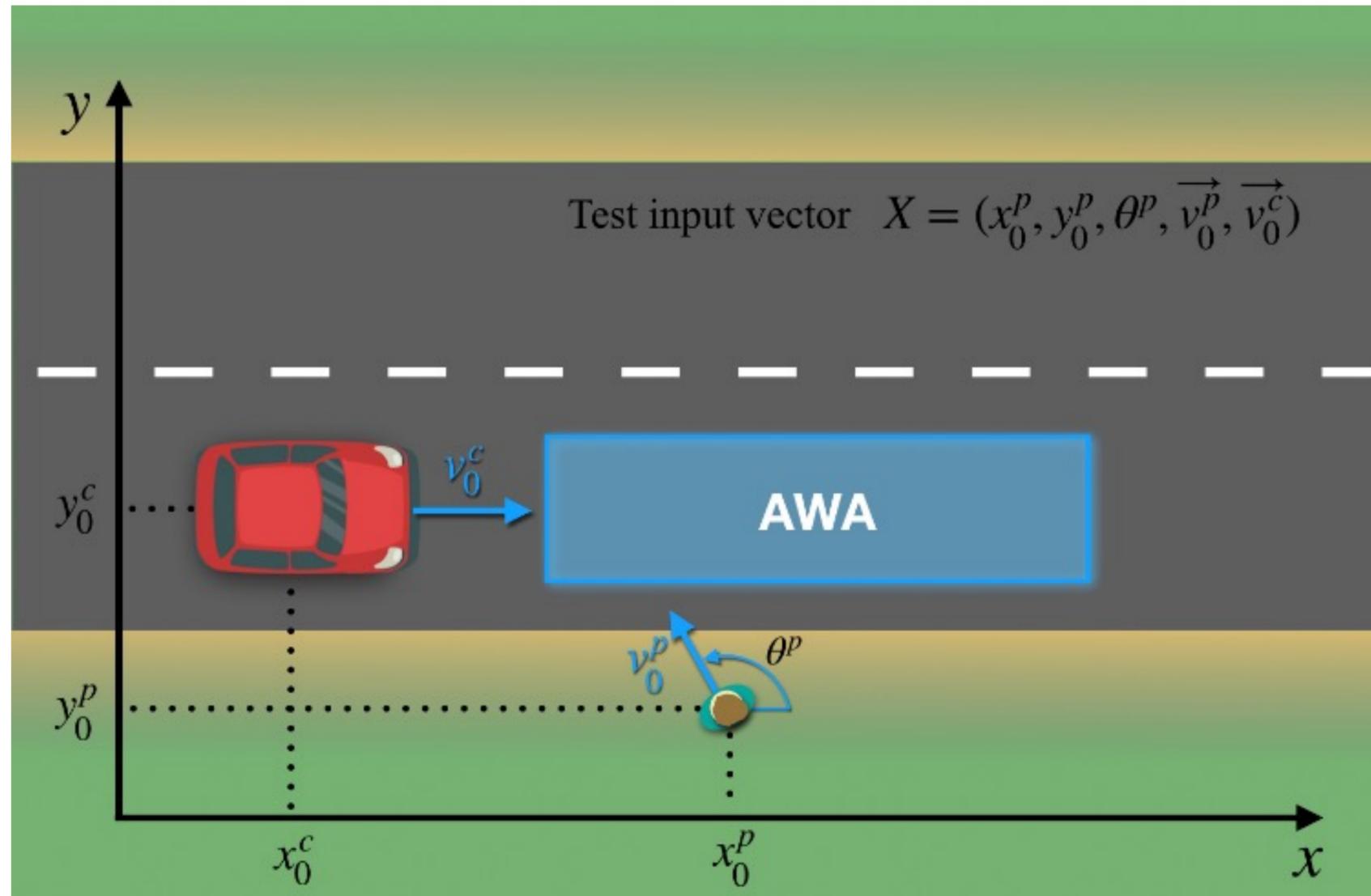
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# Development of SMIRK



# Reverse engineering from PeVi



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## Testing advanced driver assistance systems using multi-objective search and neural networks

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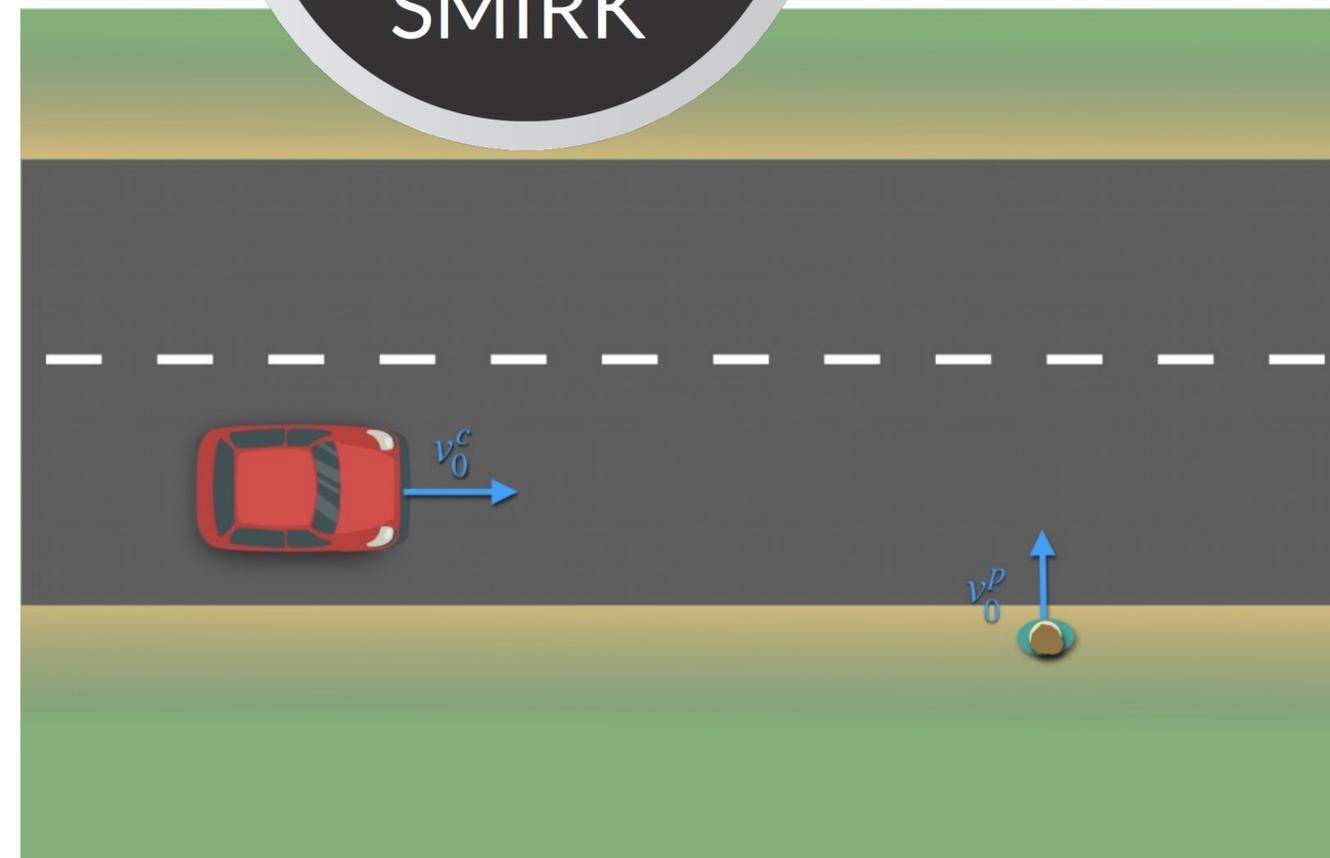
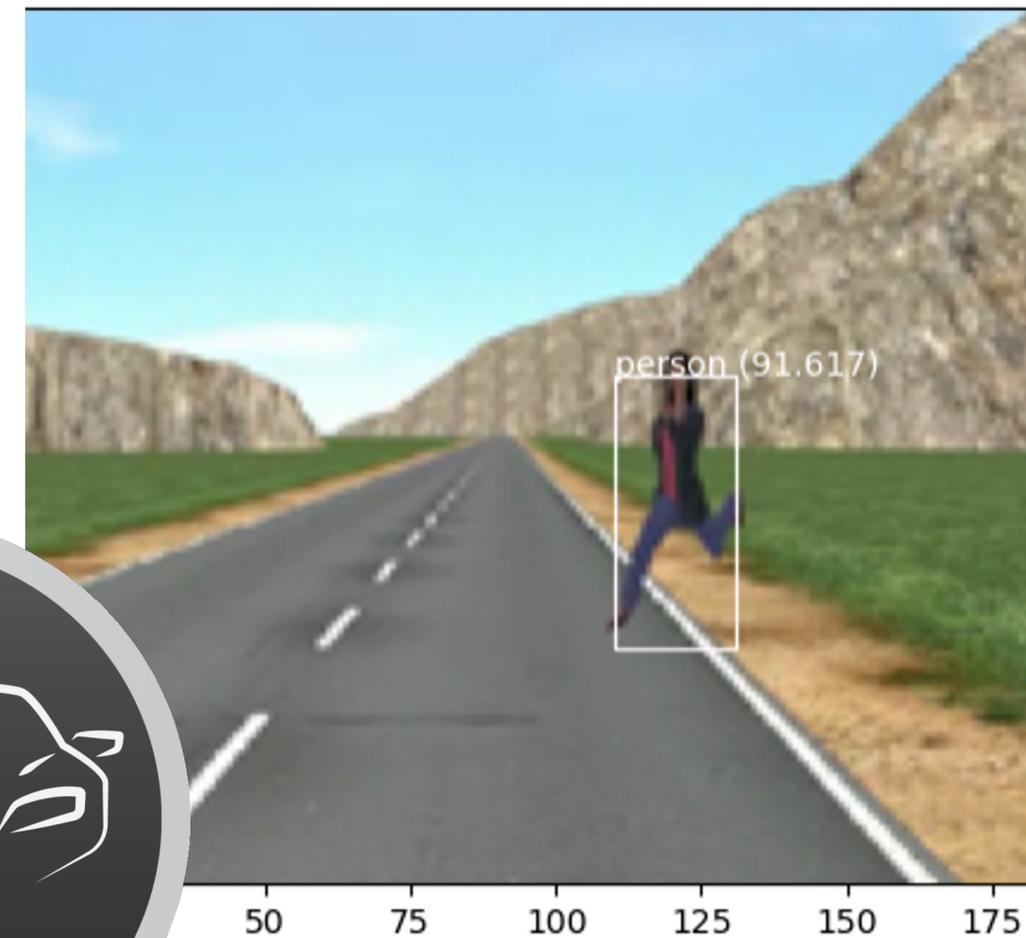
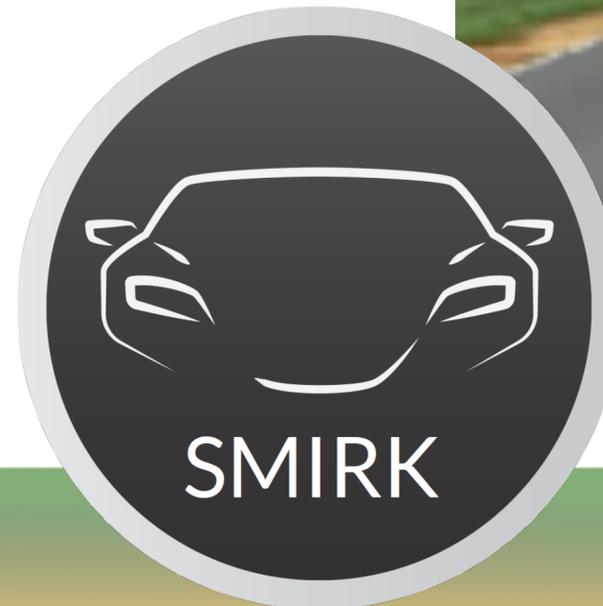
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# Open Source ADAS MVP

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

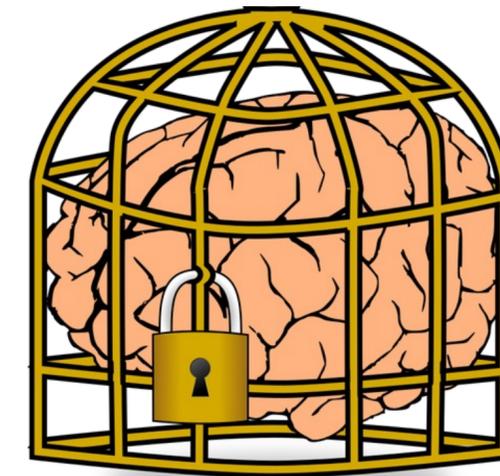
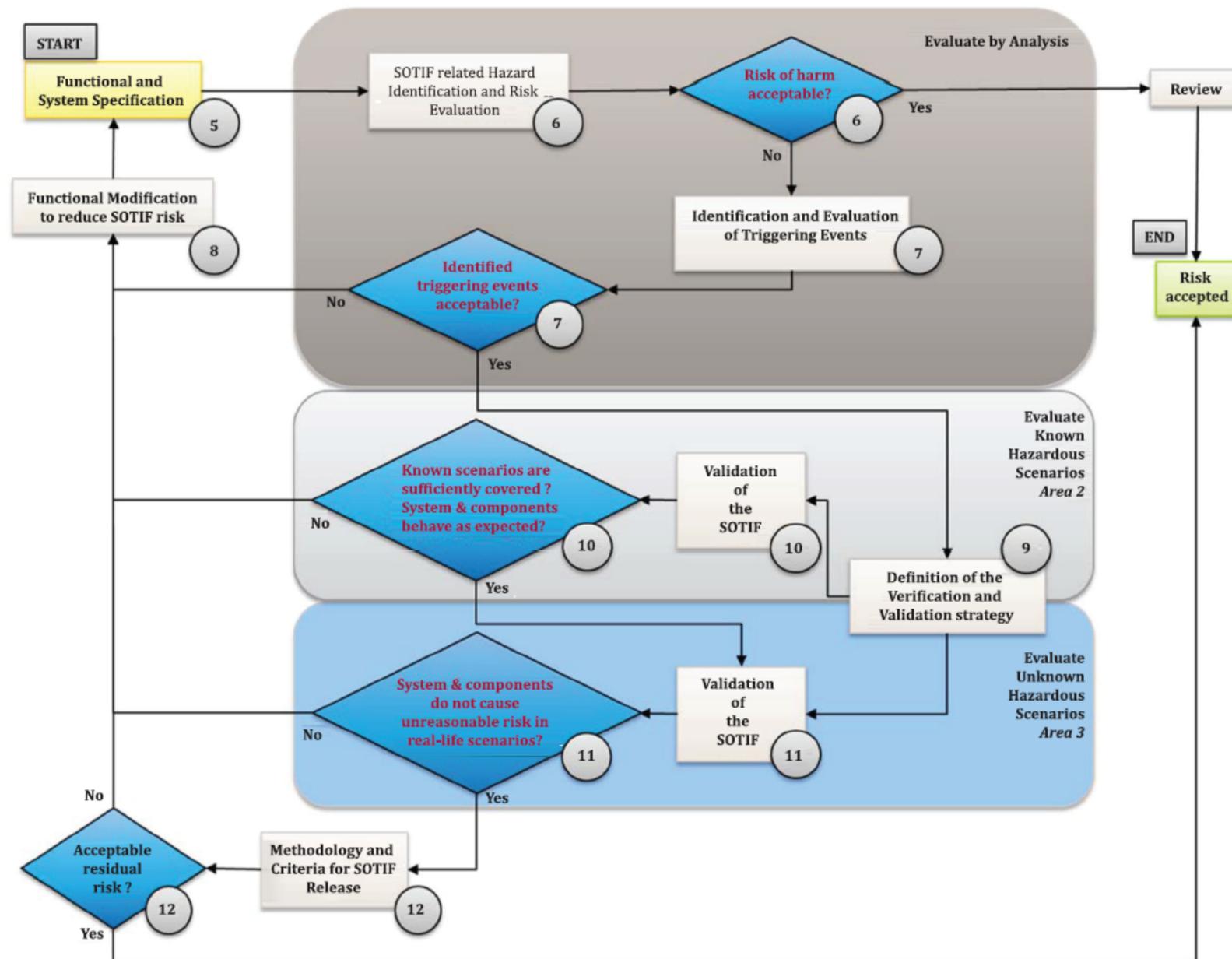


[github.com/RI-SE/smirk](https://github.com/RI-SE/smirk)



# Follow the process in ISO 21448 SOTIF

Primary hazard to tackle:  
False positives





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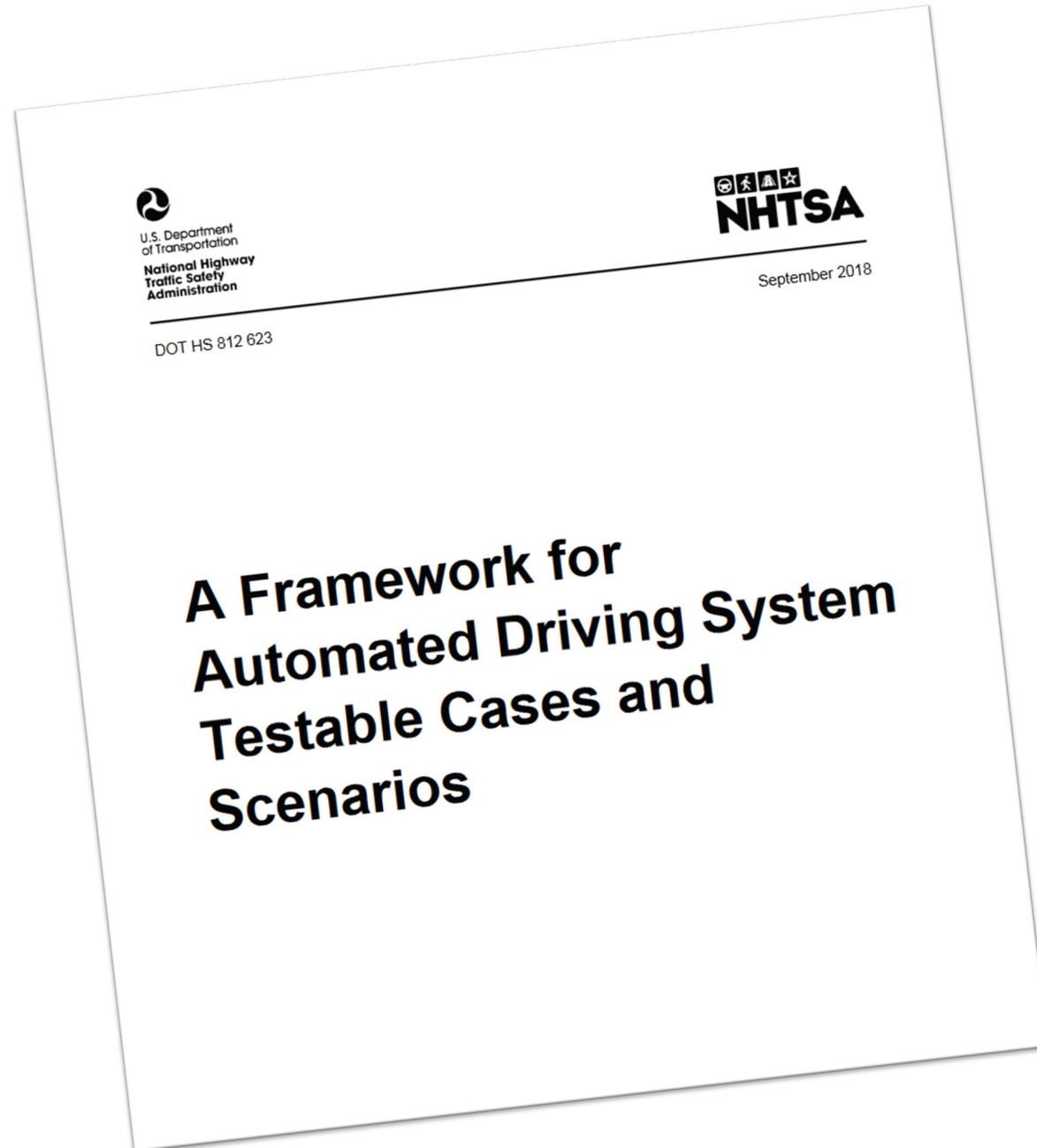
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# MVP Operational Design Domain



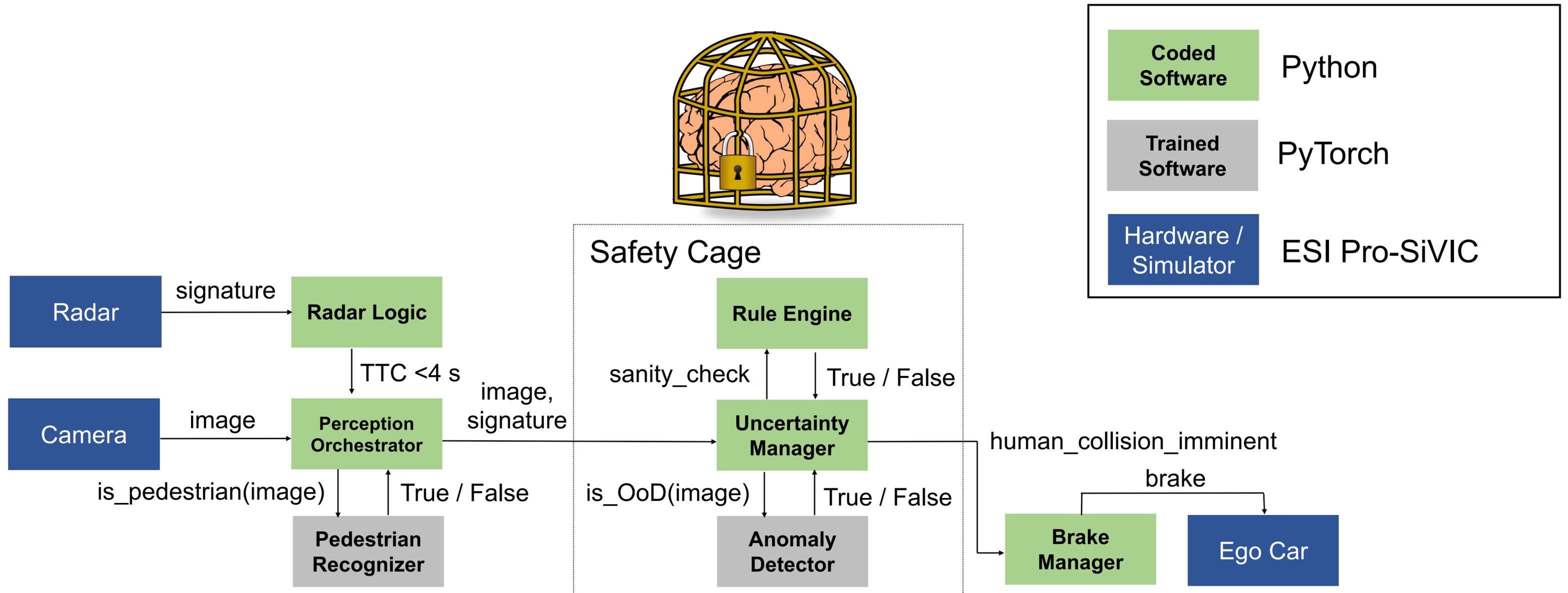
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

# ODD Elements



# Logical View of the SMIRK Architecture



# 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.

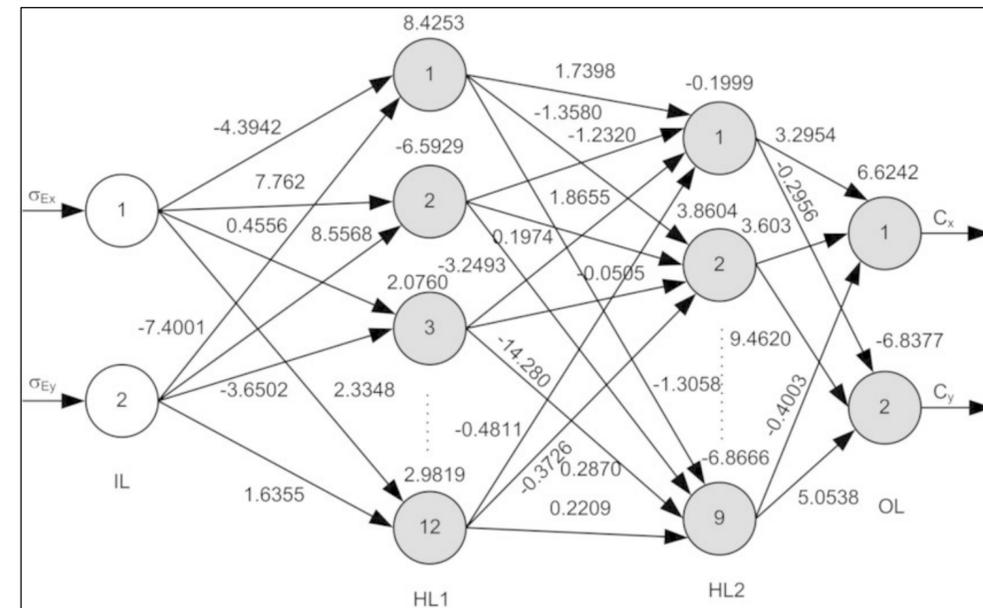
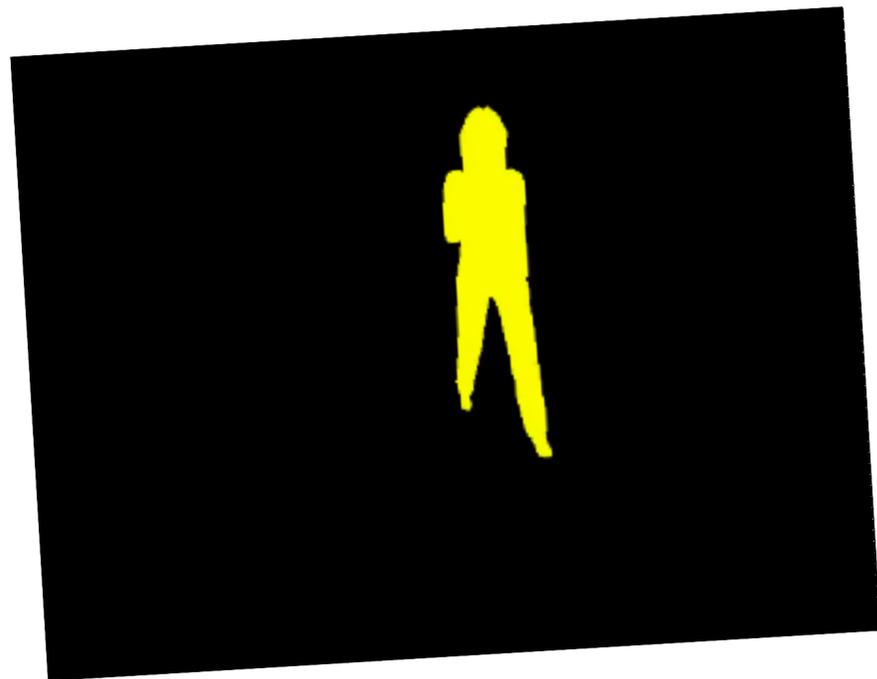
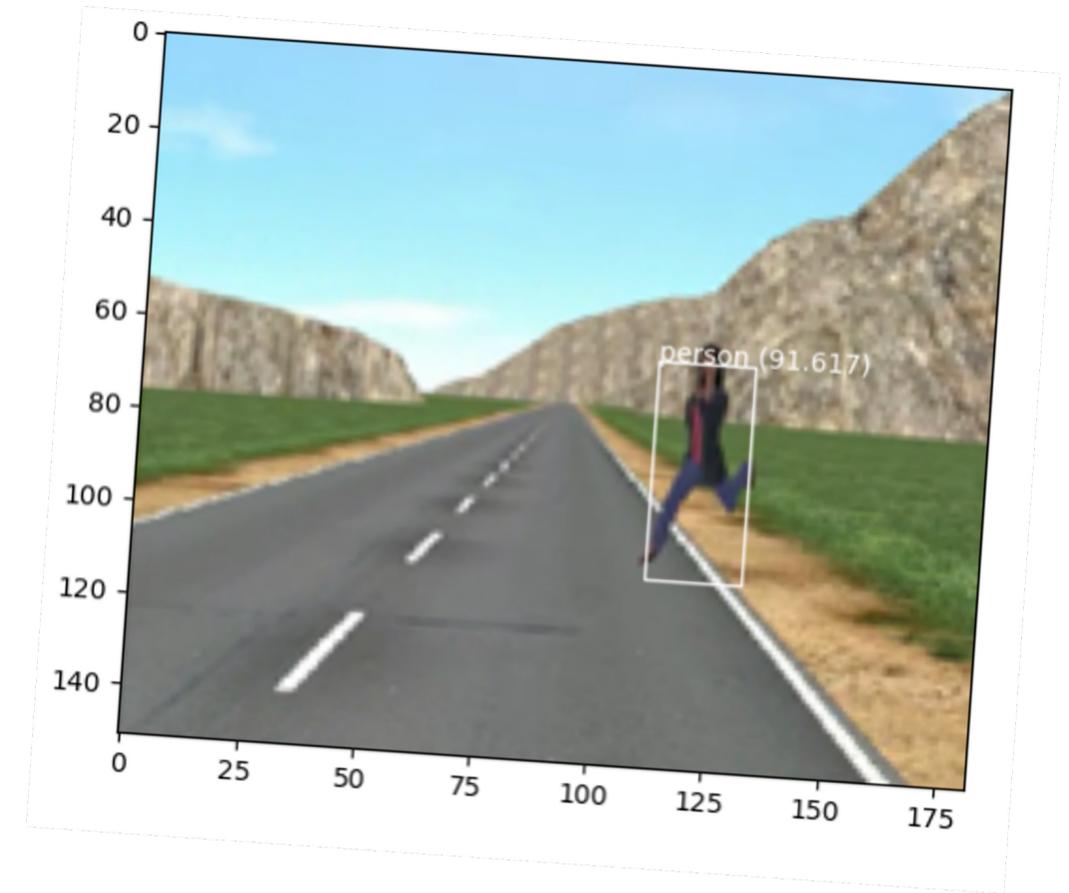
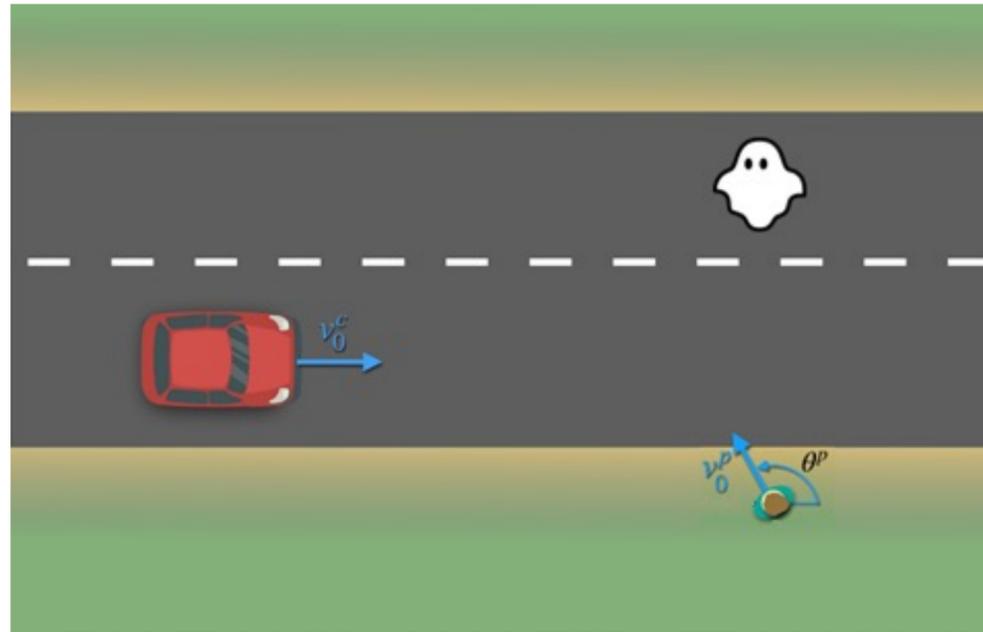
# Generate Training Data in ESI Pro-SiVIC

Synthetic data that cover the Operational Design Domain



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

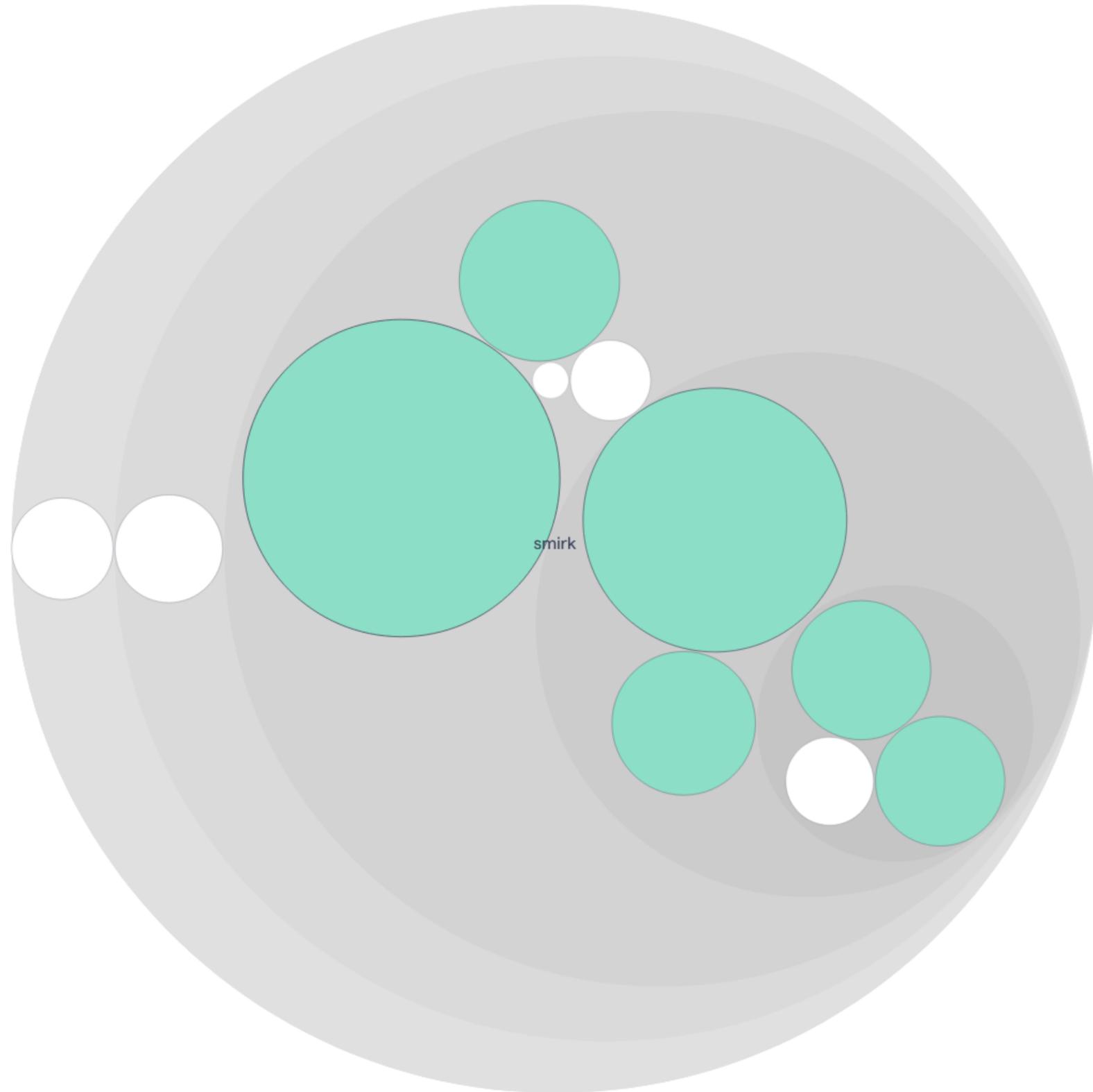
# The SMIRK MVP



# SMIRK CodeScene Analysis

11 files

Good code  
health



# Safety Case Development Using AMLAS

# Assuring Autonomy International

Addressing global challenges in assuring the safety of robotics and

Goal Structuring Notation  
Community Standard  
Version 2

The Assurance Case  
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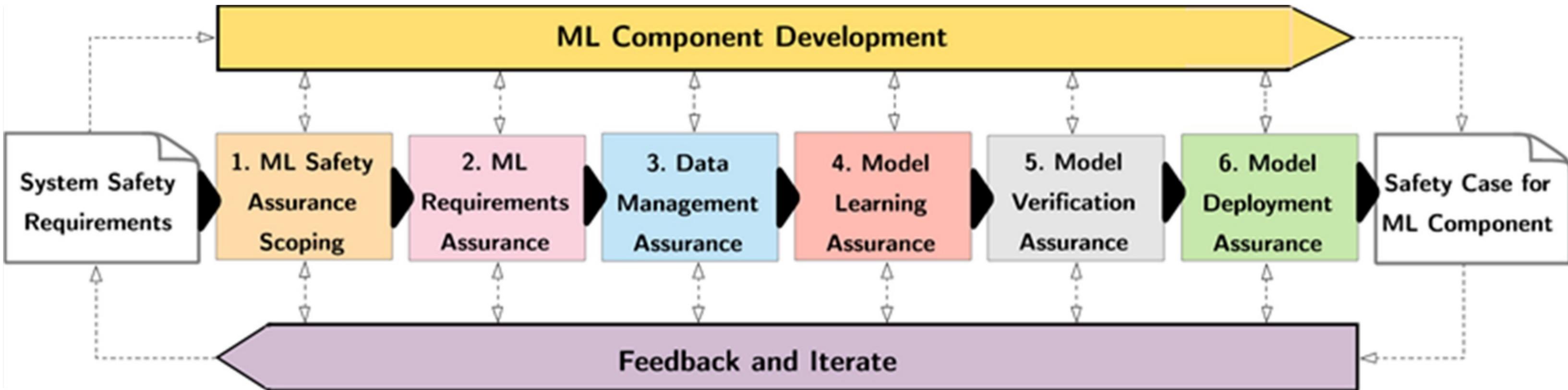
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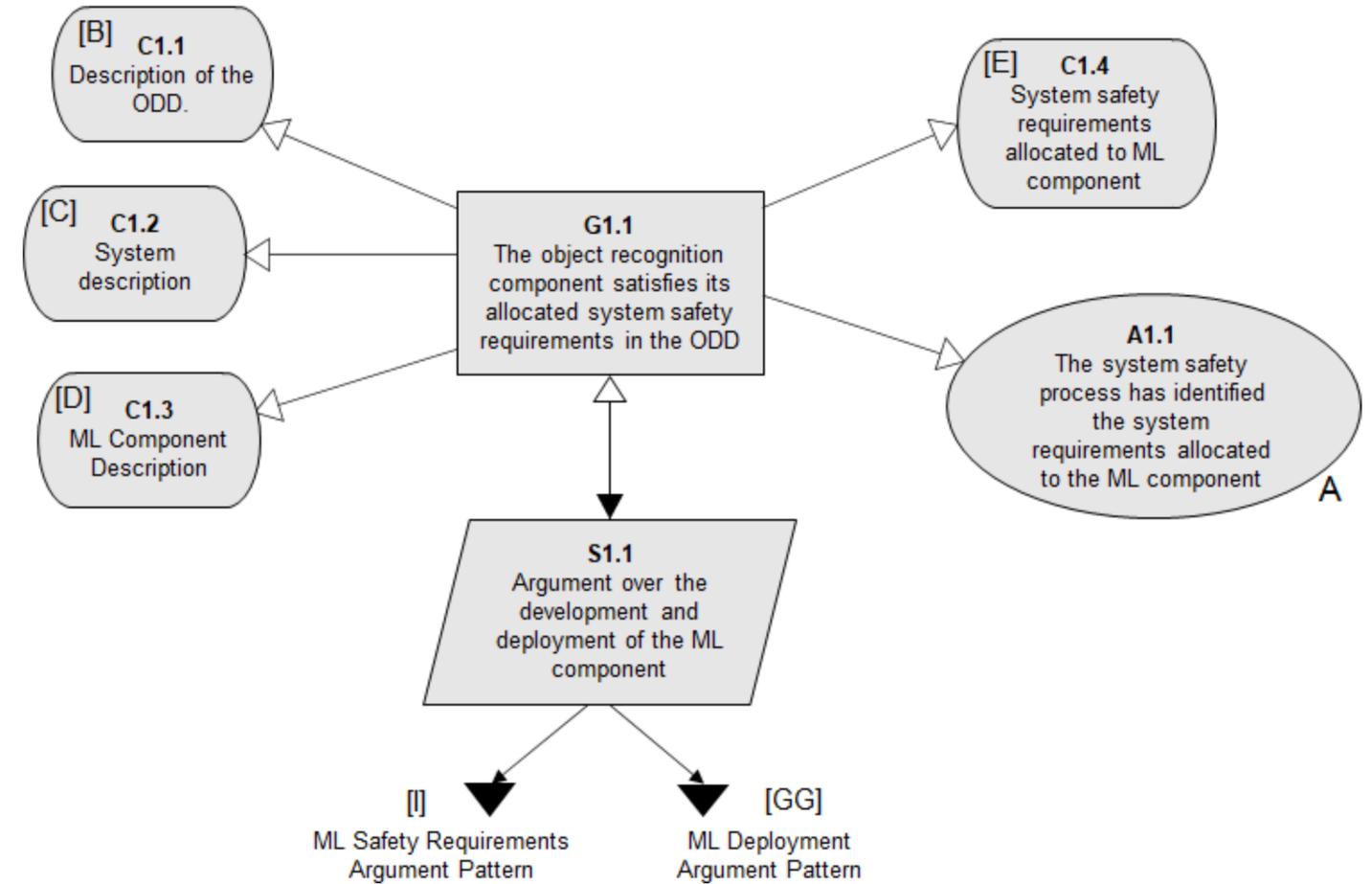
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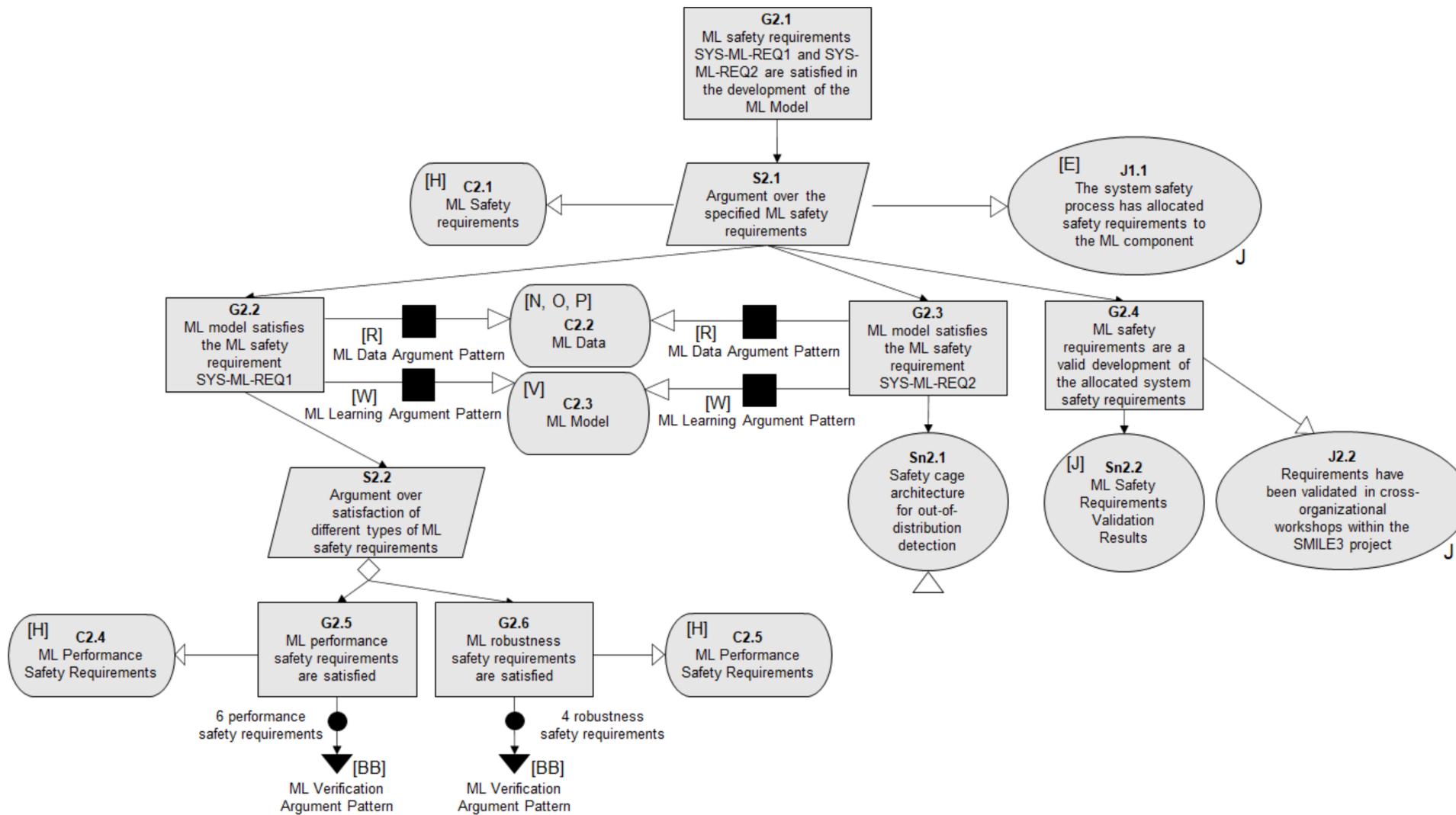


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[O]	Internal Test Data		3	TBD	(M) Hosting needed
[P]	Verification Data		3	TBD	(M) Hosting needed
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[S]	ML Data Validation Results		3	DMS Sec 6	(K) Validation scripts needed
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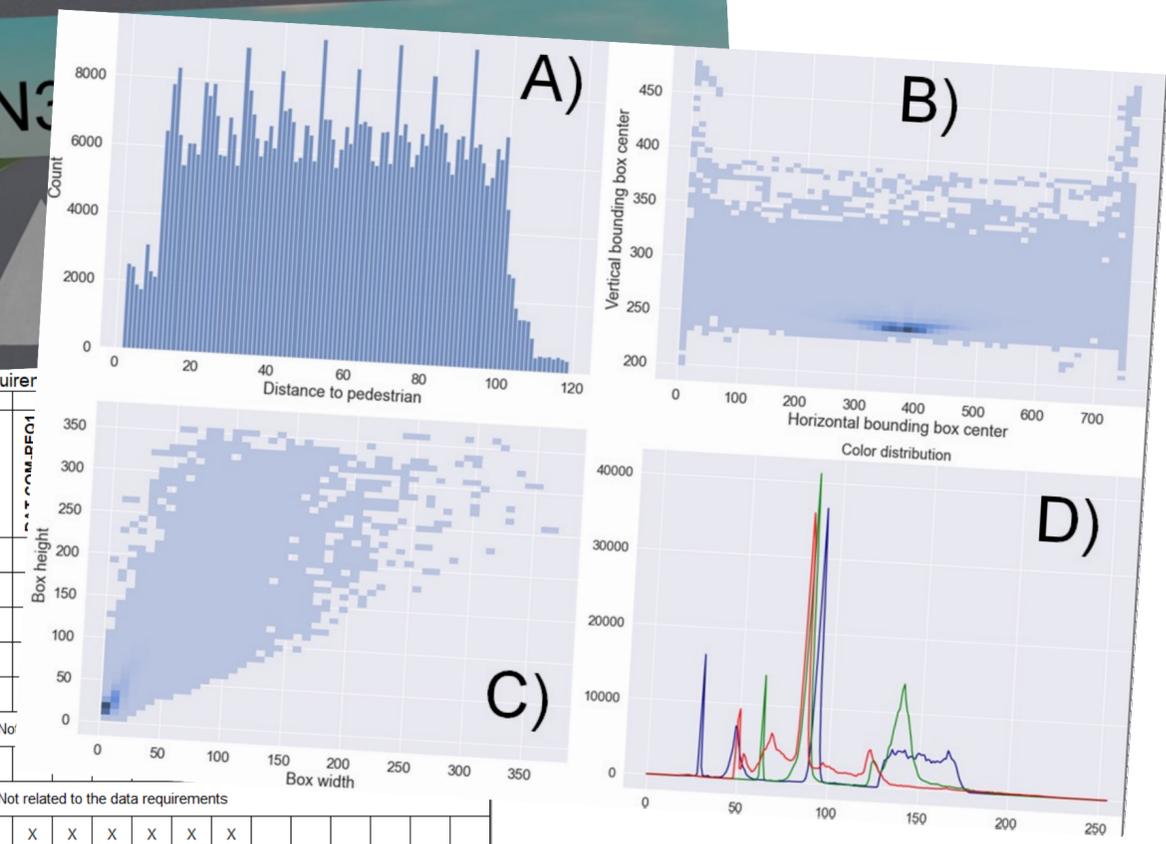
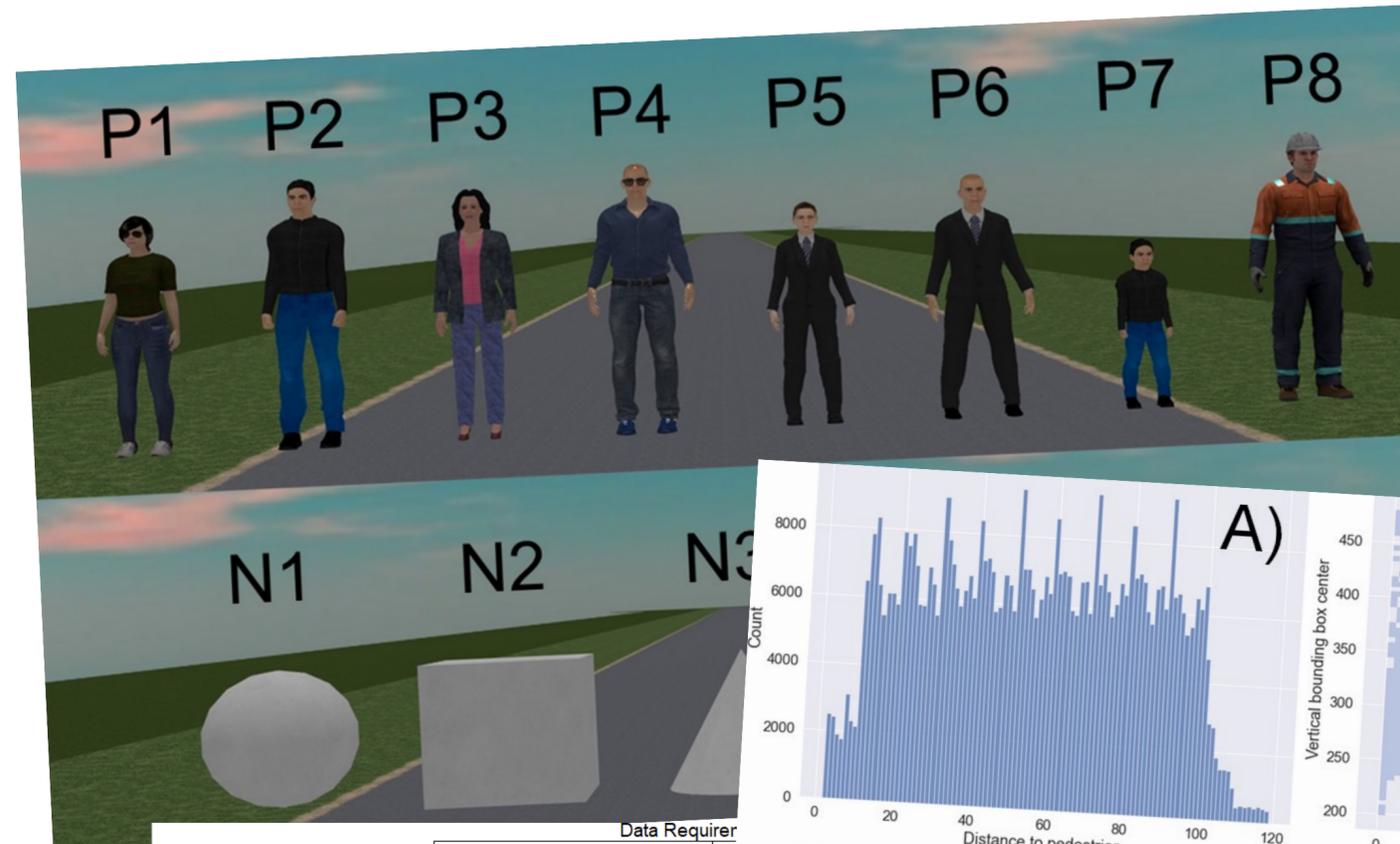
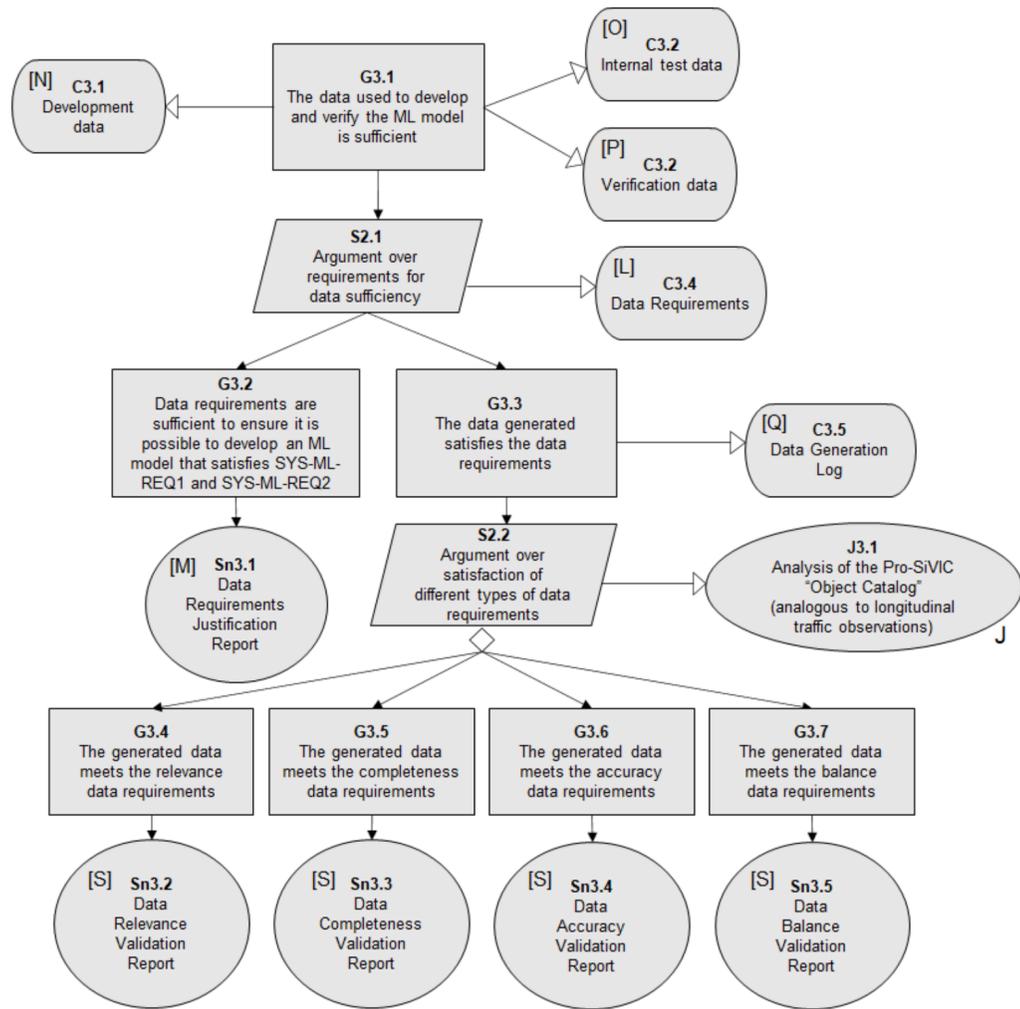


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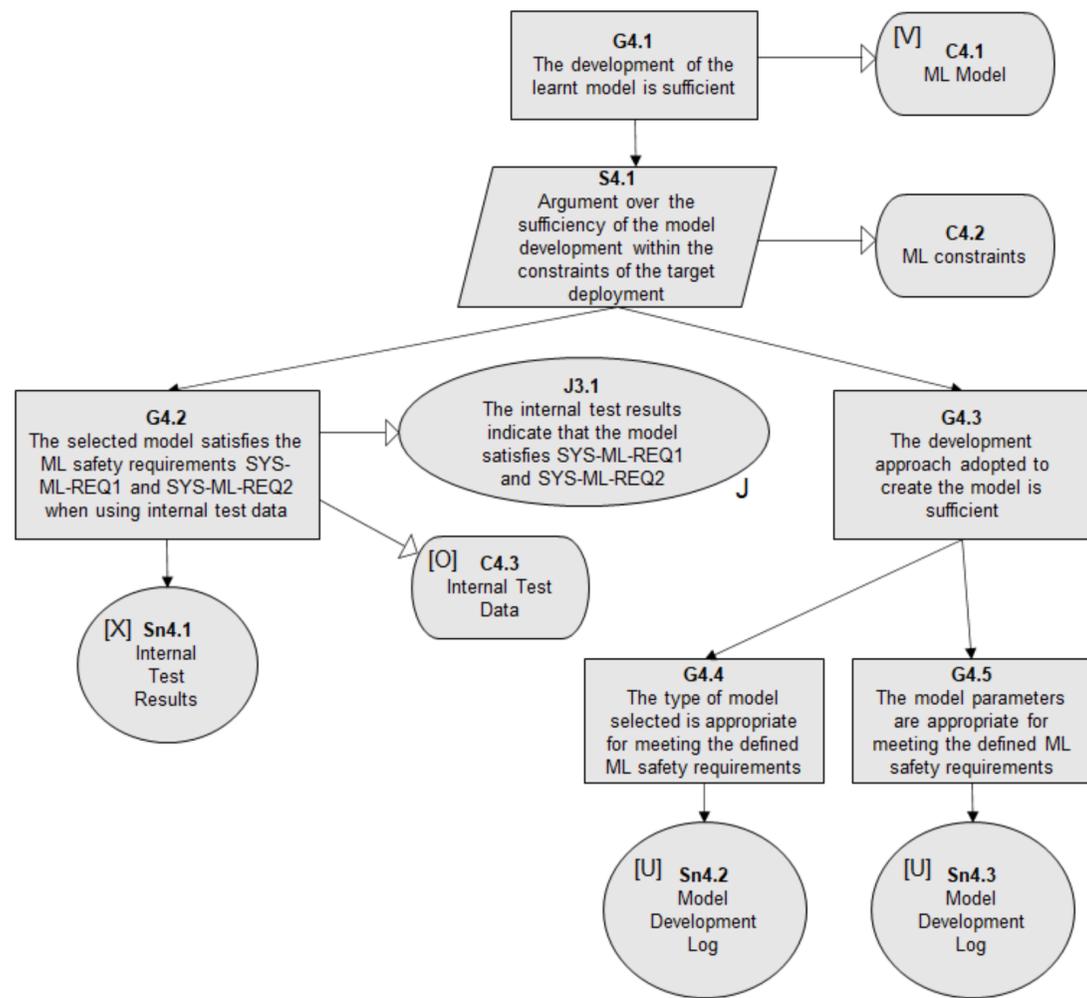
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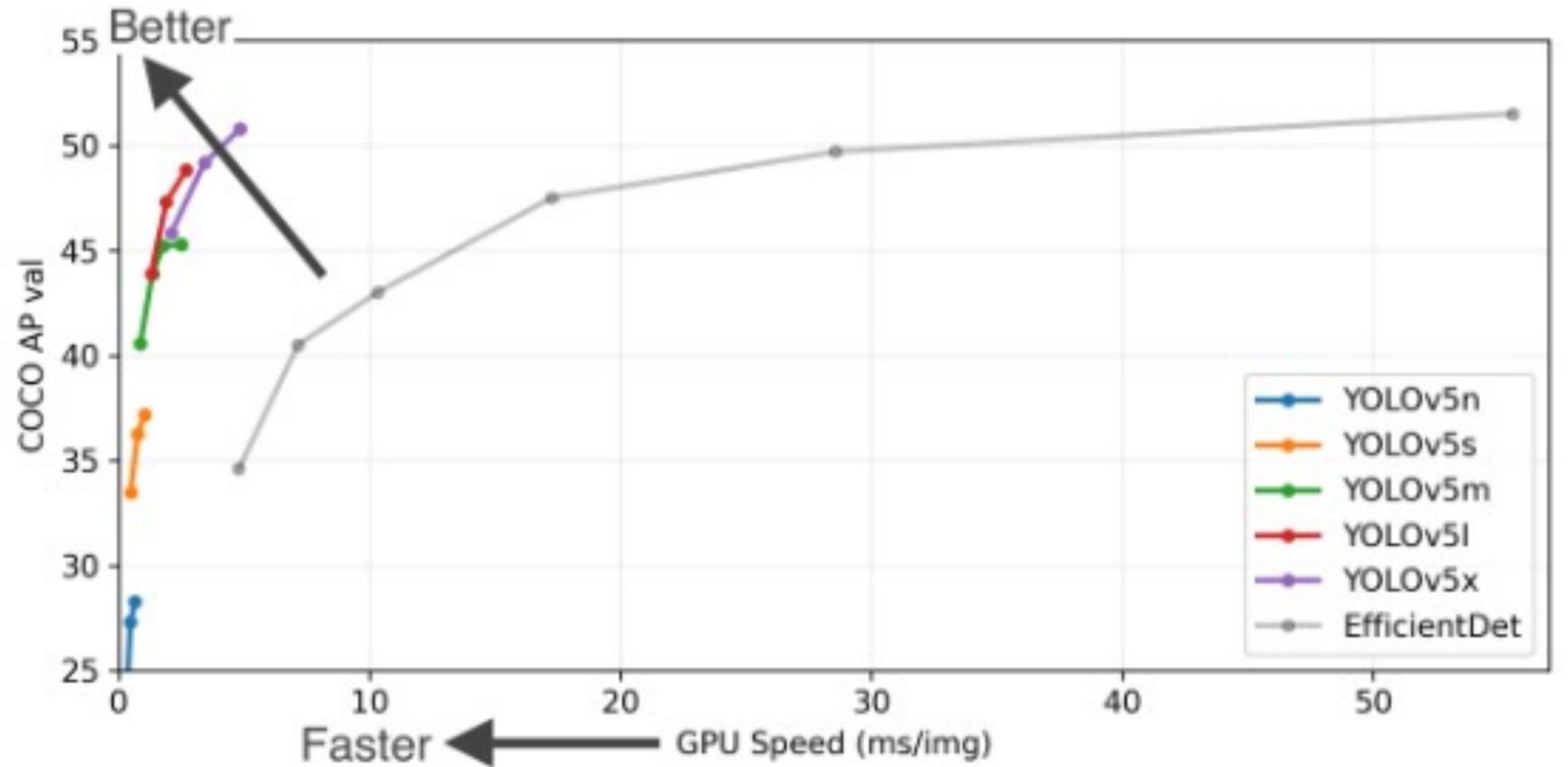
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Safety	SYS-ML-REQ1	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	SYS-ML-REQ2							X		
Performance	SYS-PER-REQ1									
	SYS-PER-REQ2									
	SYS-PER-REQ3							X		
	SYS-PER-REQ4								No	
	SYS-PER-REQ5									
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Robustness	SYS-ROB-REQ1							X	X X X X X X X	
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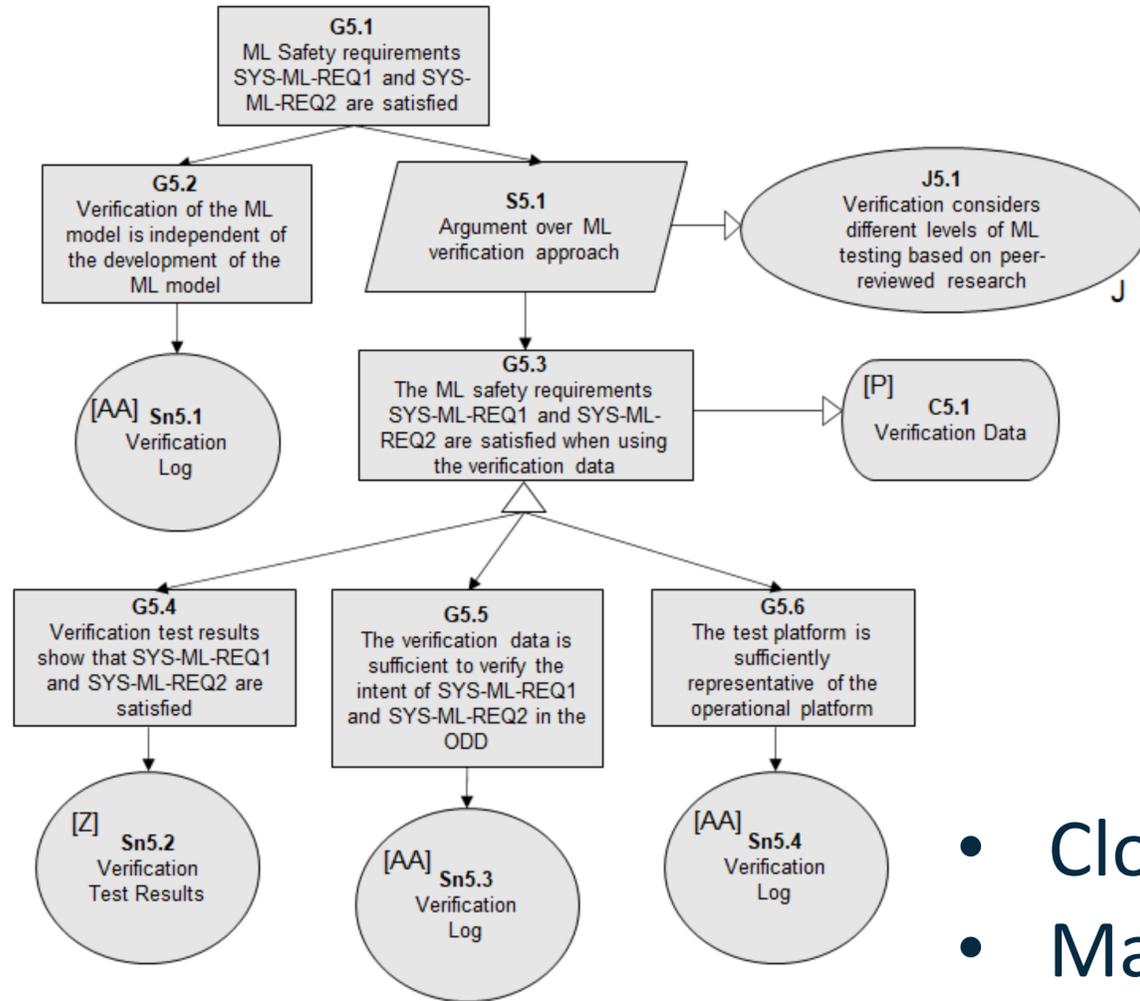


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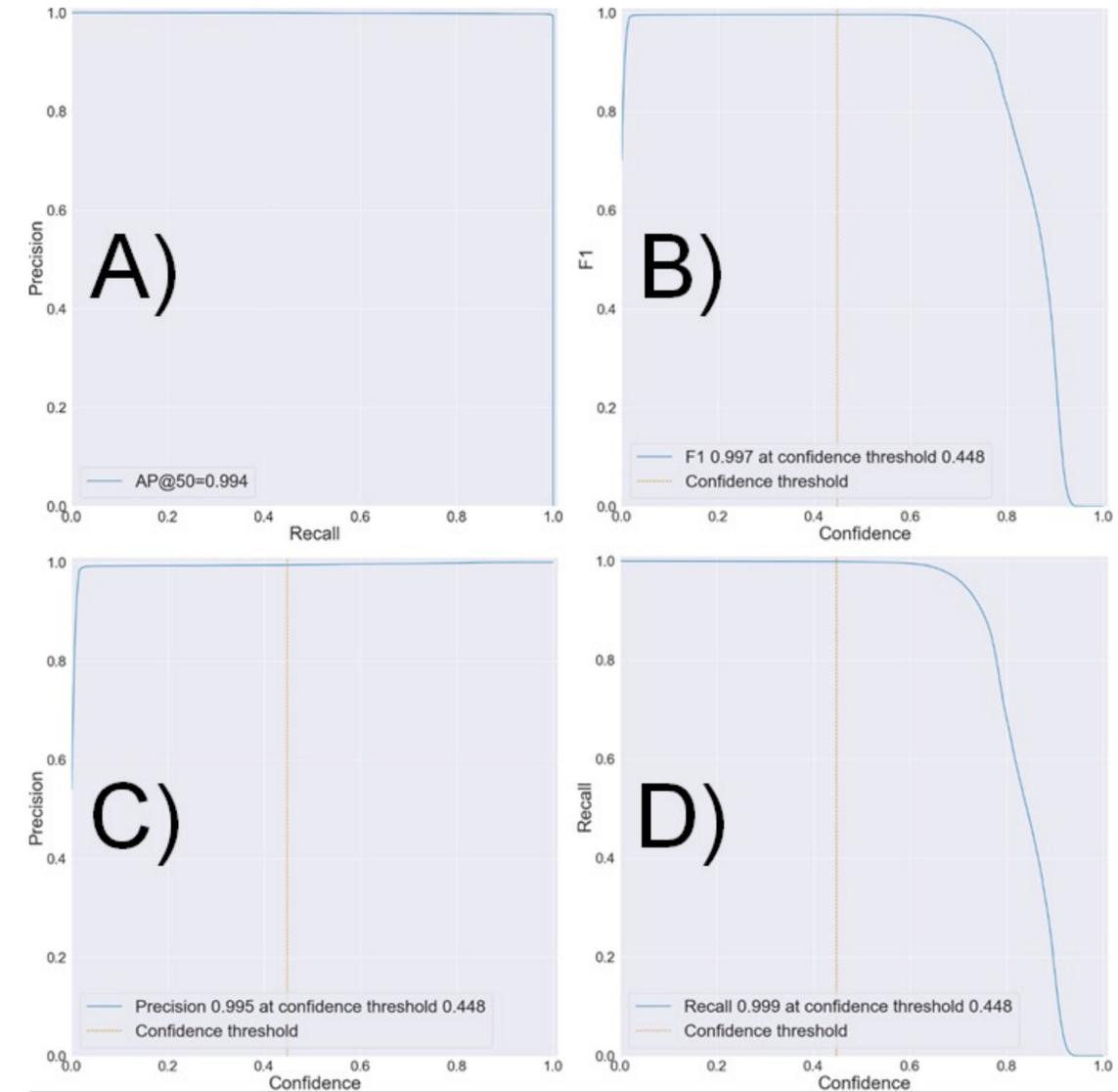
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# 5. Model Verification Assurance



## Analysis of subsets

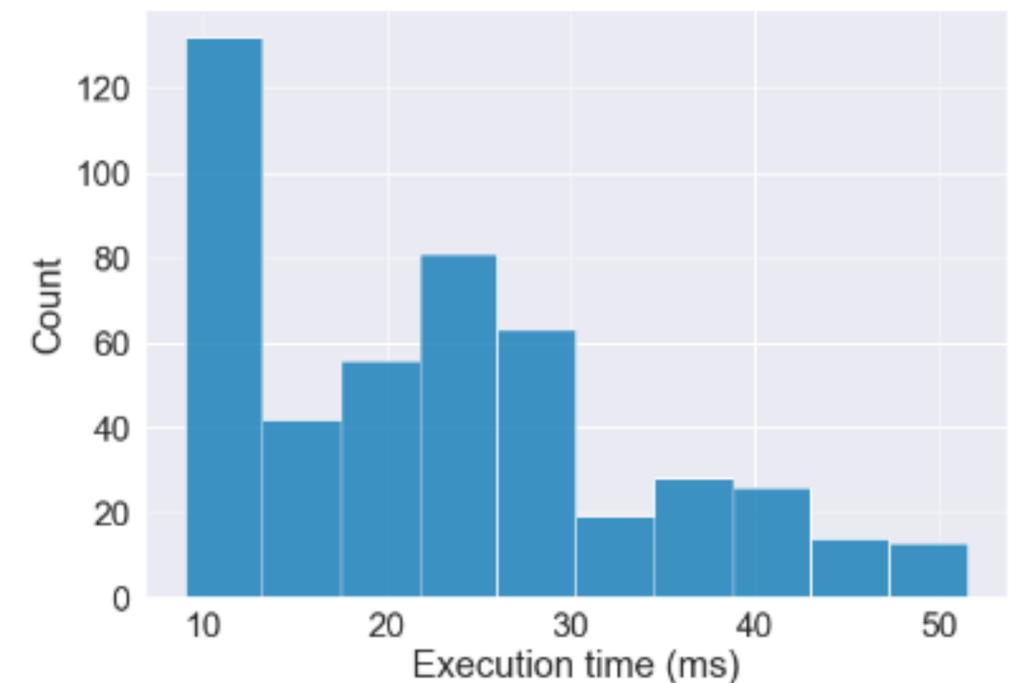
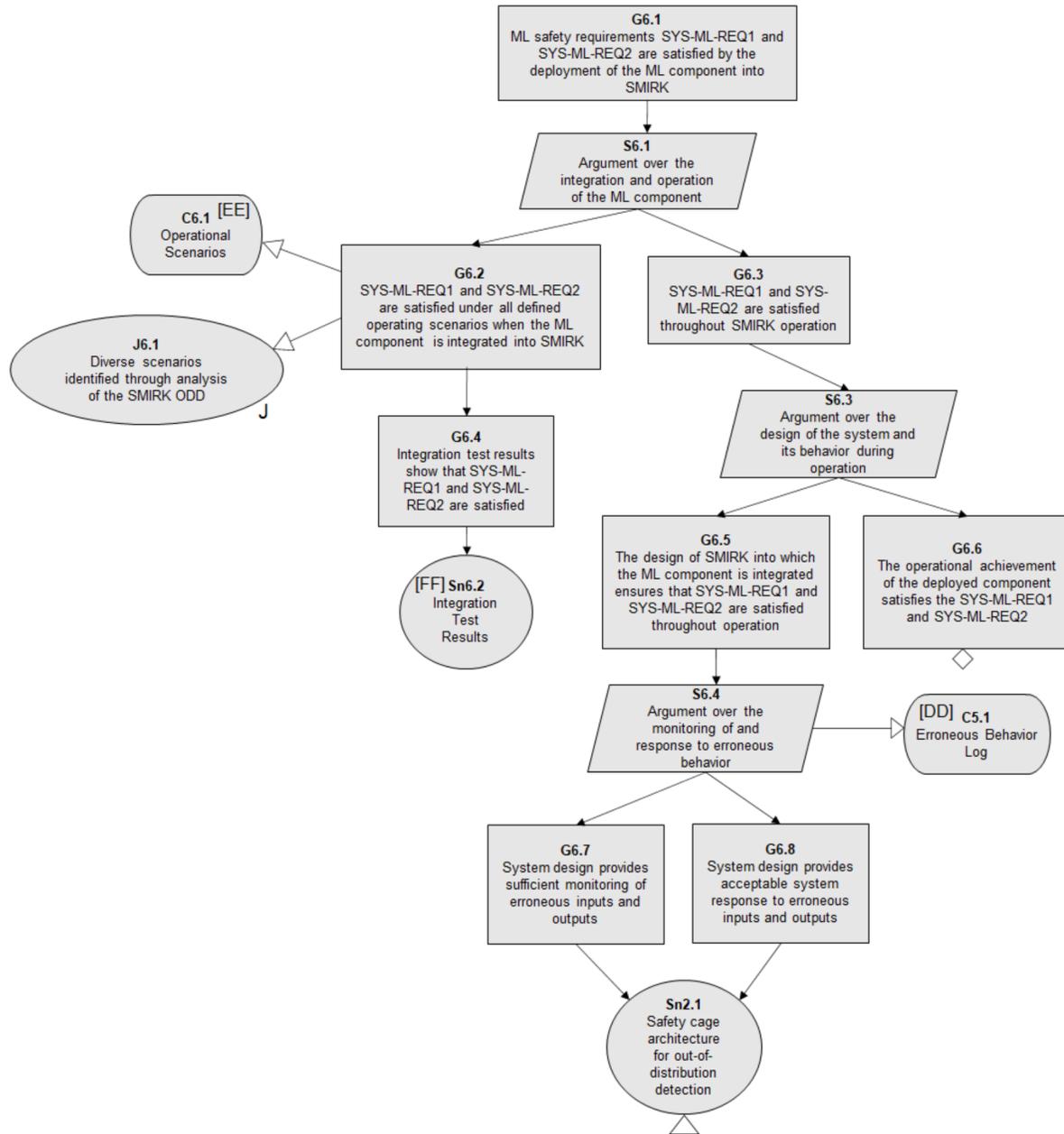
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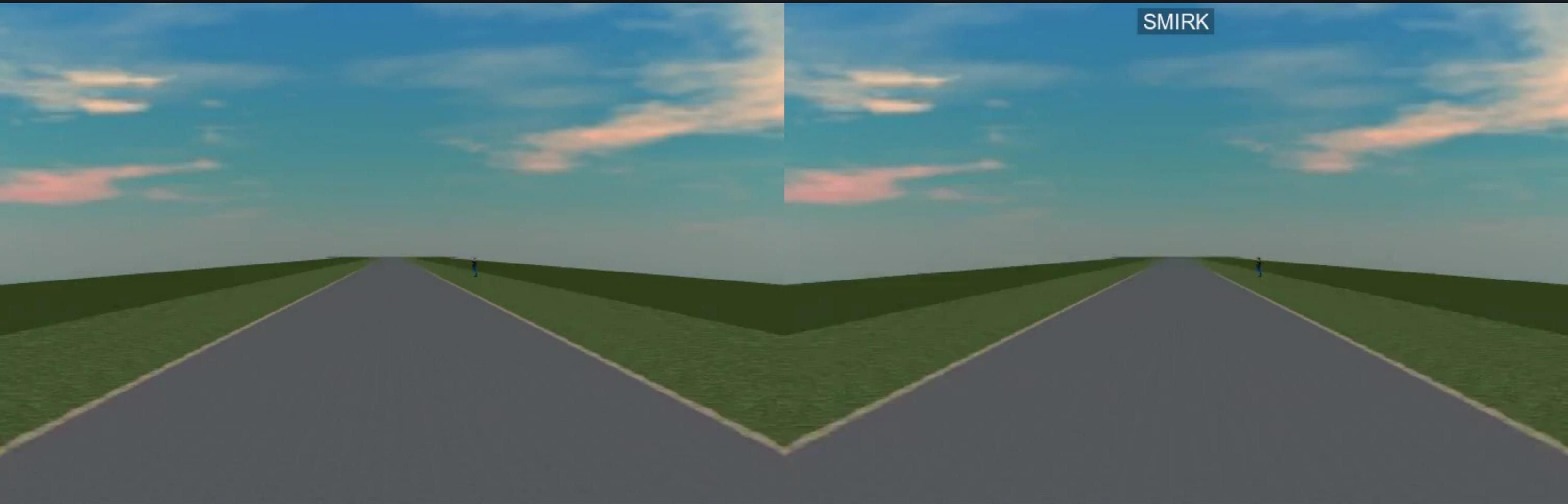
# 6. Model Deployment Assurance

## Integration testing

- Equivalence partitioning
- Pairwise testing
- Random testing



# Demo



Without braking

With SMIRK

# Lessons Learned and Wrap-up

# Lessons Learned

SOTIF and AMLAS compatible

Simulated data threatens validity  
of negative samples

Evaluation of object detection models is hard

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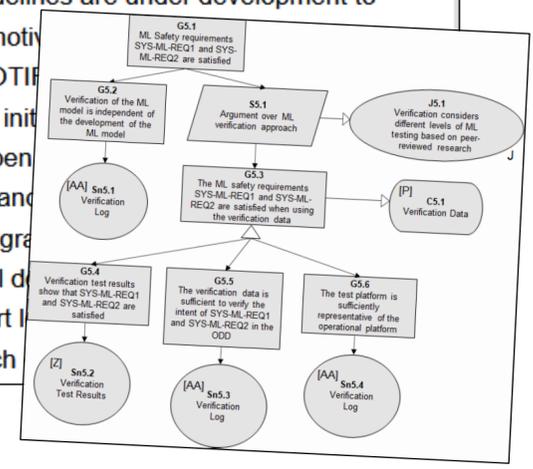
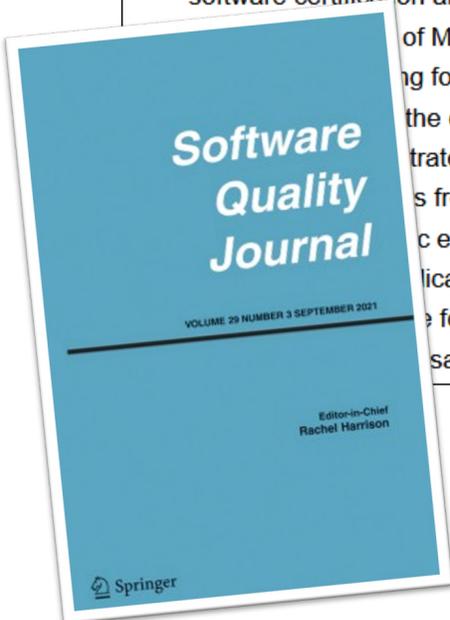
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## Requirements engineering for data

### Technical debt in automotive software

# Questions?

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