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SysML Activity Models for Applying ISO 14971 Medical Device Risk and Safety Management Across the System Lifecycle

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Bottom Line Up Front



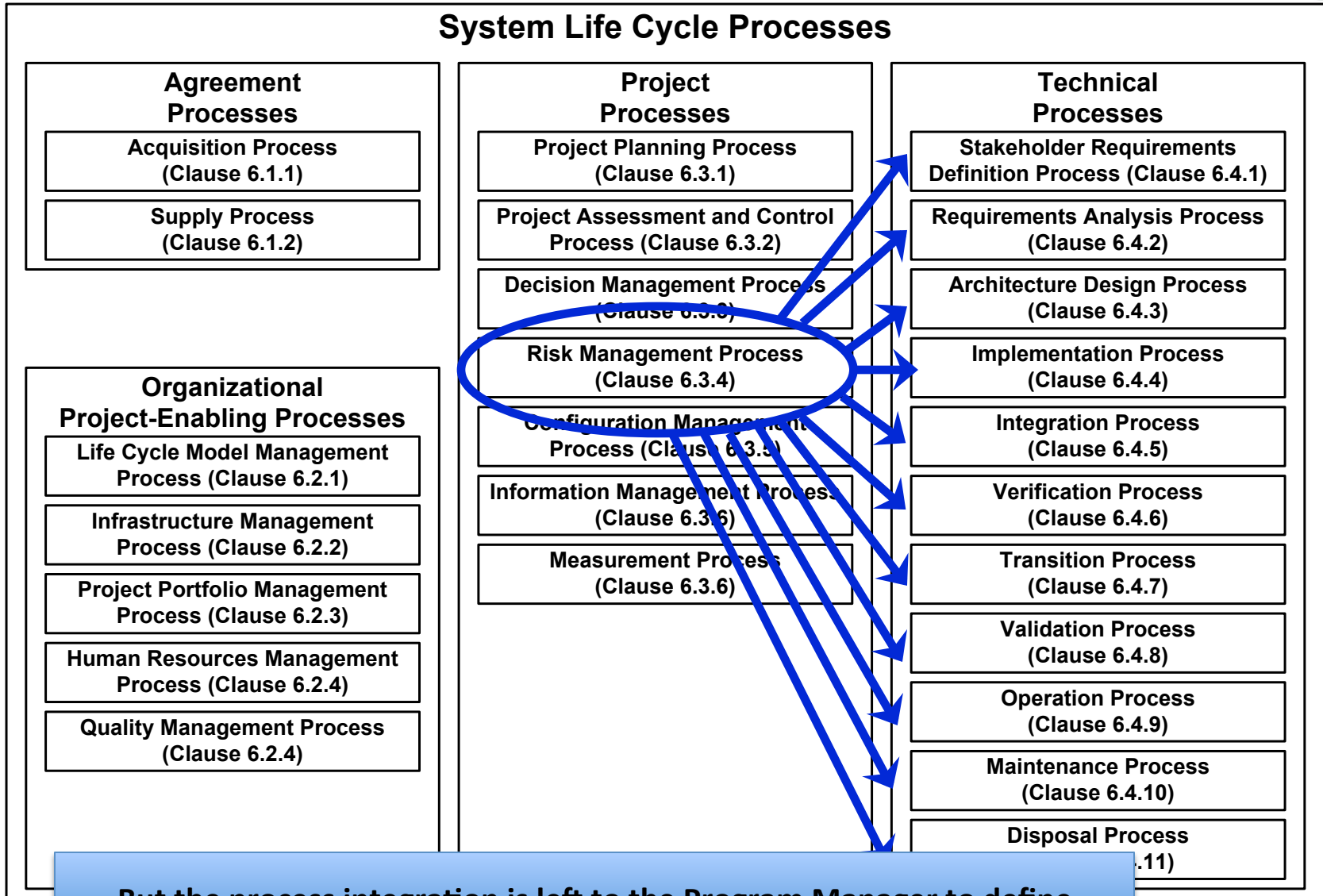
- ISO 15288 and ISO 14971 can be integrated to form a risk-driven development process for medical devices
- Assurance case development can also be integrated into the process to leverage the risk management activities required by ISO 14971
- SysML modeling techniques can be used to clarify the specific steps in the integrated process

ISO 15288 System and Software Engineering – System Life Cycle Processes
ISO 14971 Medical Device Risk and Safety Management

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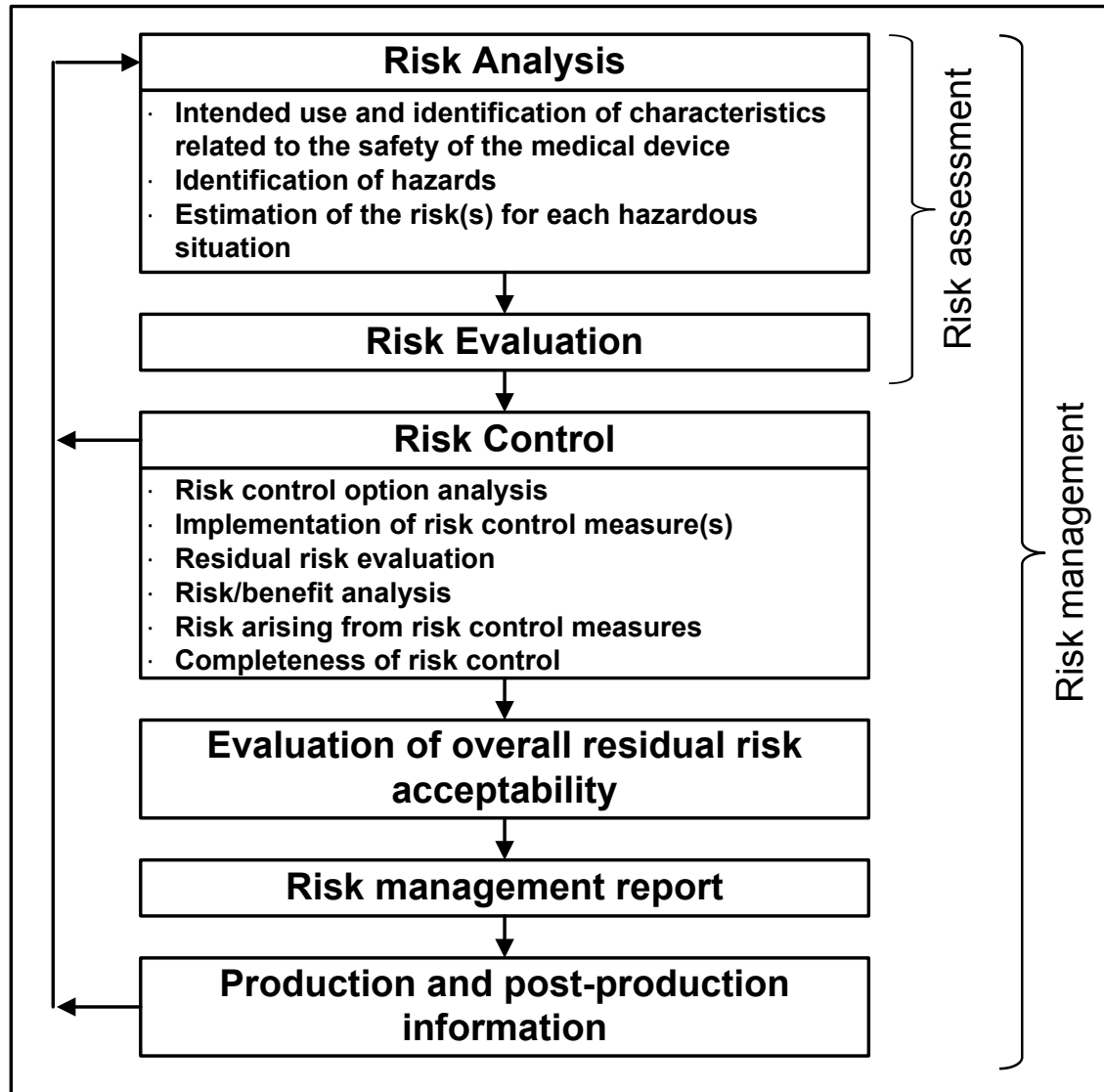
The Problem (Part 1)

System Life Cycle Processes



But the process integration is left to the Program Manager to define

The Problem (Part 2)



The steps in risk management do not conveniently line up with the steps in device development

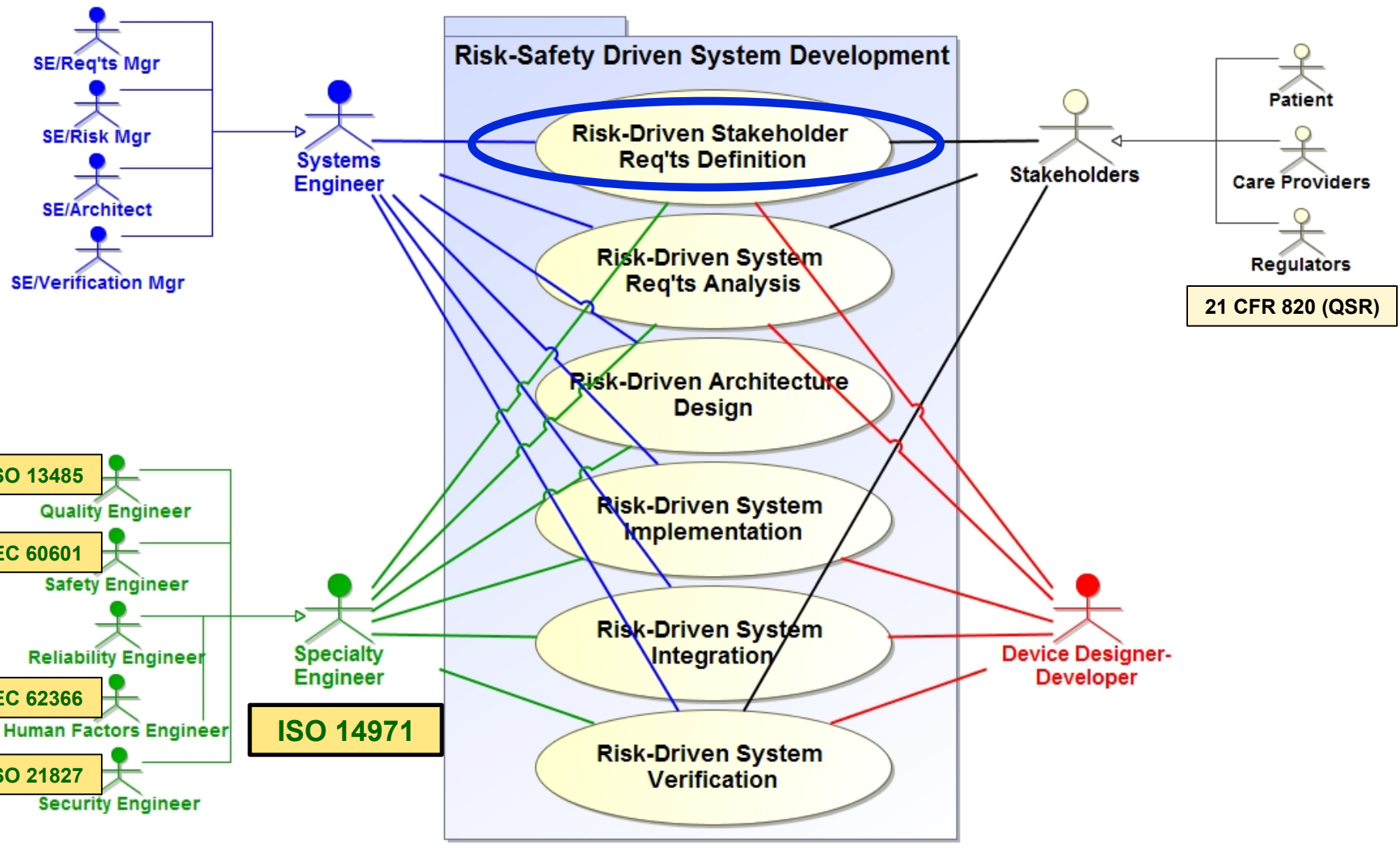
Program Managers need a well defined process to integrate these risk management actions into each of the ISO 15288 technical processes

(Summary of our model development process)

SYSML MODELING FOR PROCESS INTEGRATION

MBSE for Process Integration

uc [Package] Risk-Safety Driven System Development [Risk-System Development Overview]



Step 1: Understand Process Req'ts



- Analyze the standards using ISO 15288 as the key

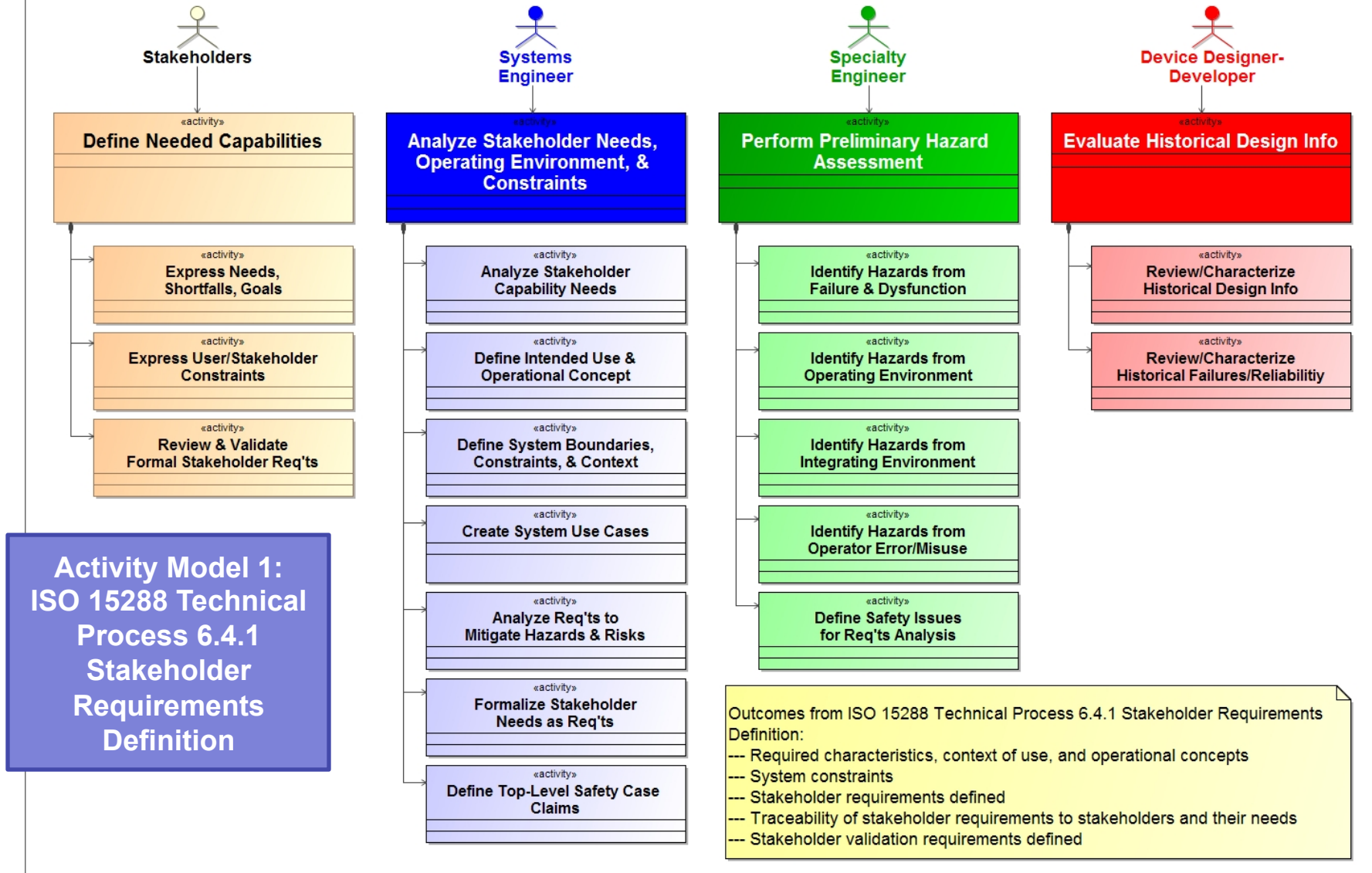
Example Analysis for Technical Process 6.4.1

ISO 15288 Technical Processes (outcomes shown in bullets)	15288 Actions/Products Connected to Risk Analysis (see model for complete list of 15288)	ISO 14971 Analyses, Iterations and Recursions [clause references to ISO 14971]	Relationship to Recursive Development of Safety Assurance Case
<u>Stakeholder Req'ts Definition Process (6.4.1)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Req'd characteristics, context of use, operational concepts System constraints Traceability of stakeholder req'ts to stakeholders & their needs Stakeholder req'ts defined Stakeholder validation req'ts defined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define all intended uses of the system or device Define use cases for all intended uses of the device or system Define system operating environment and expectation on user/operator roles Define system integrating environment and stakeholder integration expectations Define normal and excursion operating conditions <p><i>Verify additional user needs for safety/risk control with stakeholders and establish traceability to stakeholder req'ts</i></p>	Initial/Preliminary Hazard Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify hazards from failure, dysfunction, and misuse [4.2] Identify hazards from operating environment [4.3] Identify hazards from integrating environment [4.3] Identify hazards from operator actions or errors/usability [4.3] <p><i>Identify any additional stakeholder req'ts necessary to mitigate hazards</i></p>	Identified hazards are grouped based on similarity in phenomenology. The groups are used to develop the top-level claims of the assurance case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The device will be safe from group x hazards" <p><i>Employ the top-level claims to evaluate the completeness of the req'ts set for risk and safety issues.</i></p>

Blue font represents output from risk management and/or safety case development that is input to the 15288 technical process. Green font represents the impact on 15288 of risk management and safety case input.

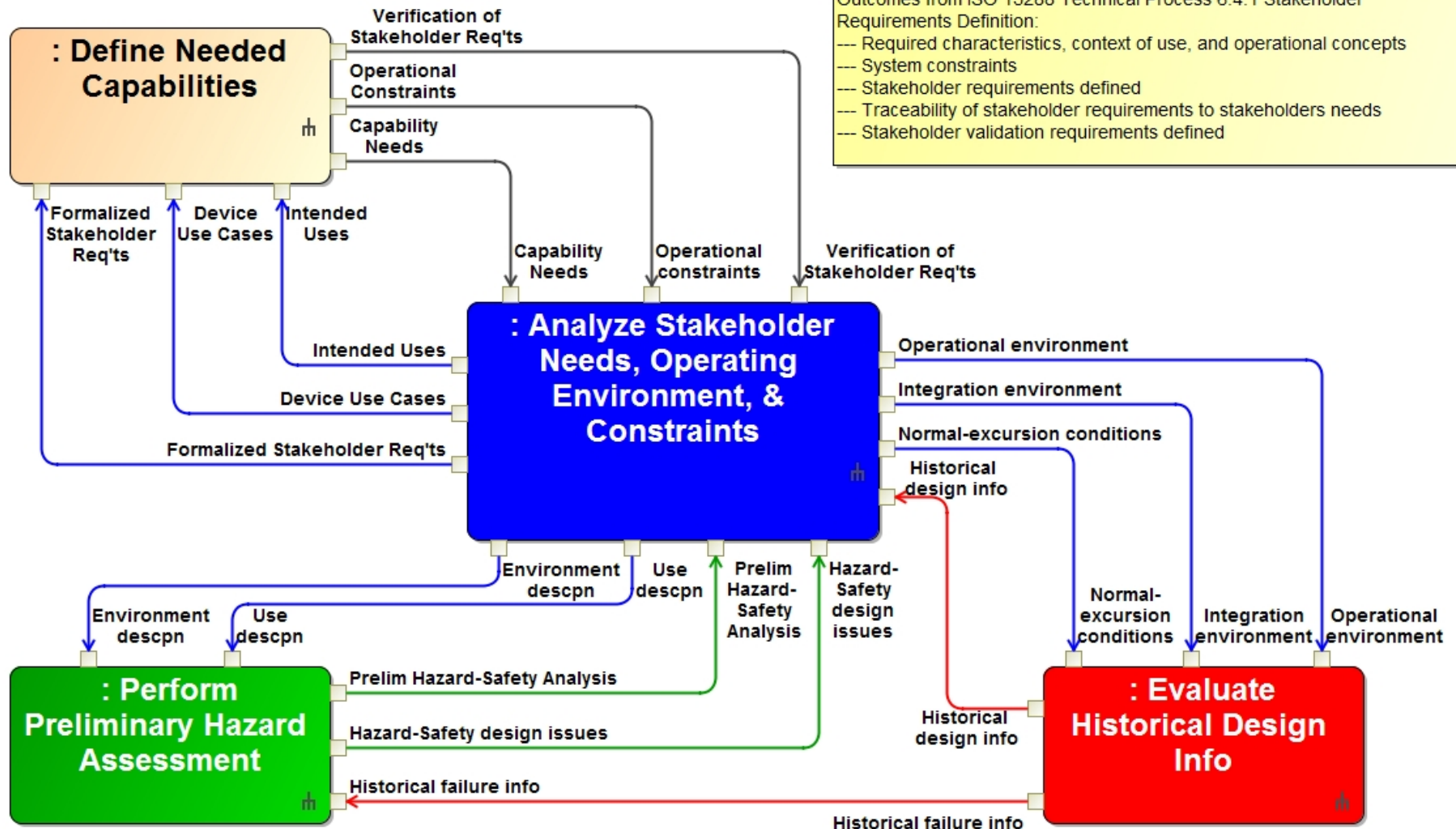
Step 2: Process Activities

bdd [UseCase] Risk-Driven Stakeholder Req'ts Definition [Stakeholder Req'ts Analysis Activities]

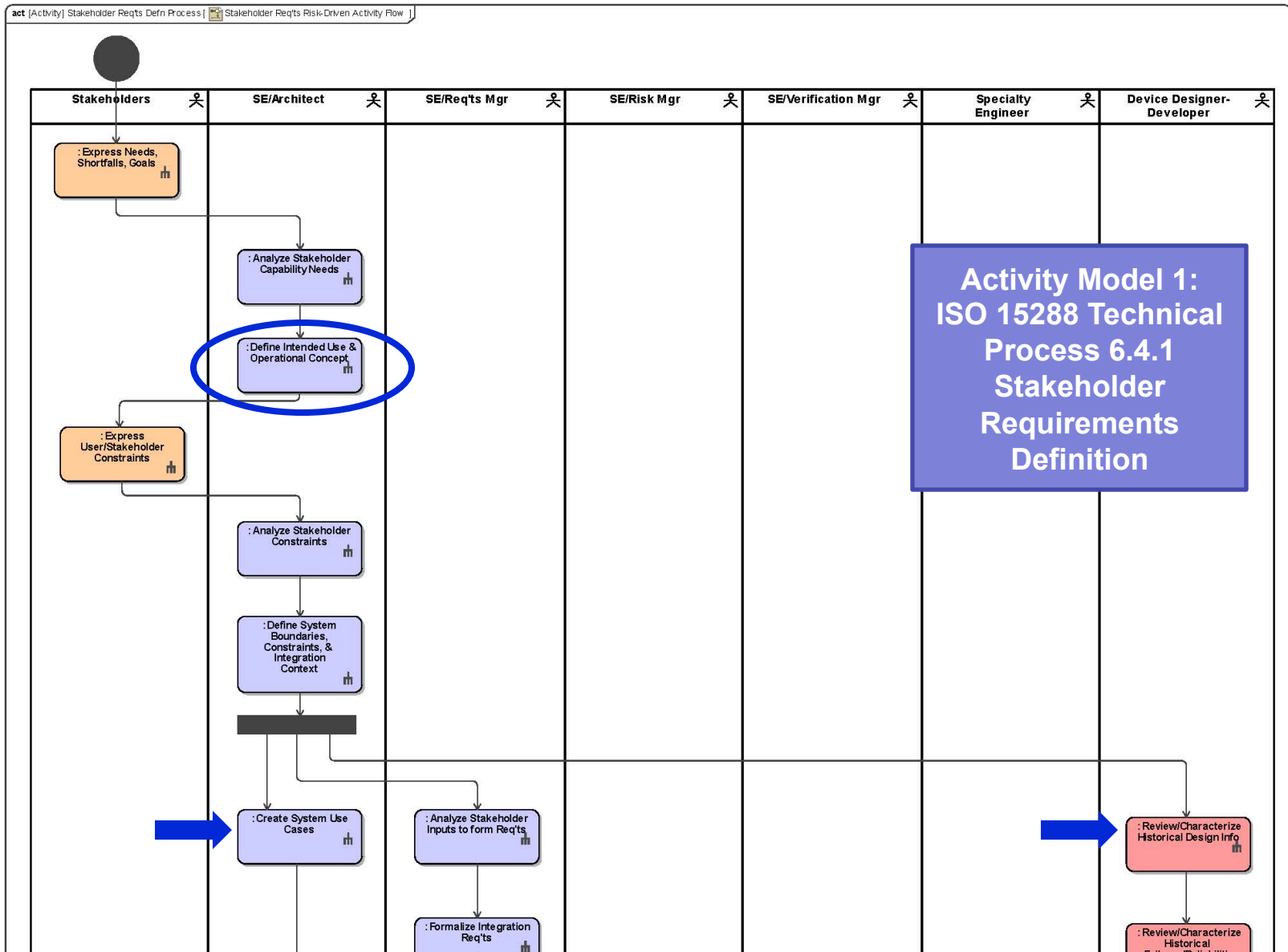


Step 3: Information Flow

act [Activity] Stakeholder Req'ts Defn Process [Stakeholder Req'ts Risk Related Info Exchange]



Step 4: Model Activity Flow



(A brief diversion)

SAFETY ASSURANCE CASES

The Assurance Case Concept



- Definition

- The Safety (*Assurance*) Case shall consist of a structured argument, supported by a body of evidence, that provides a compelling, comprehensible and valid case that a system is safe for (*will demonstrate desired behavior in*) a given application in a given environment.
 - UK MOD Defense Standard 00-56 Part 1

- A Safety Assurance Case maps out ***the reasoning*** behind system safety verification

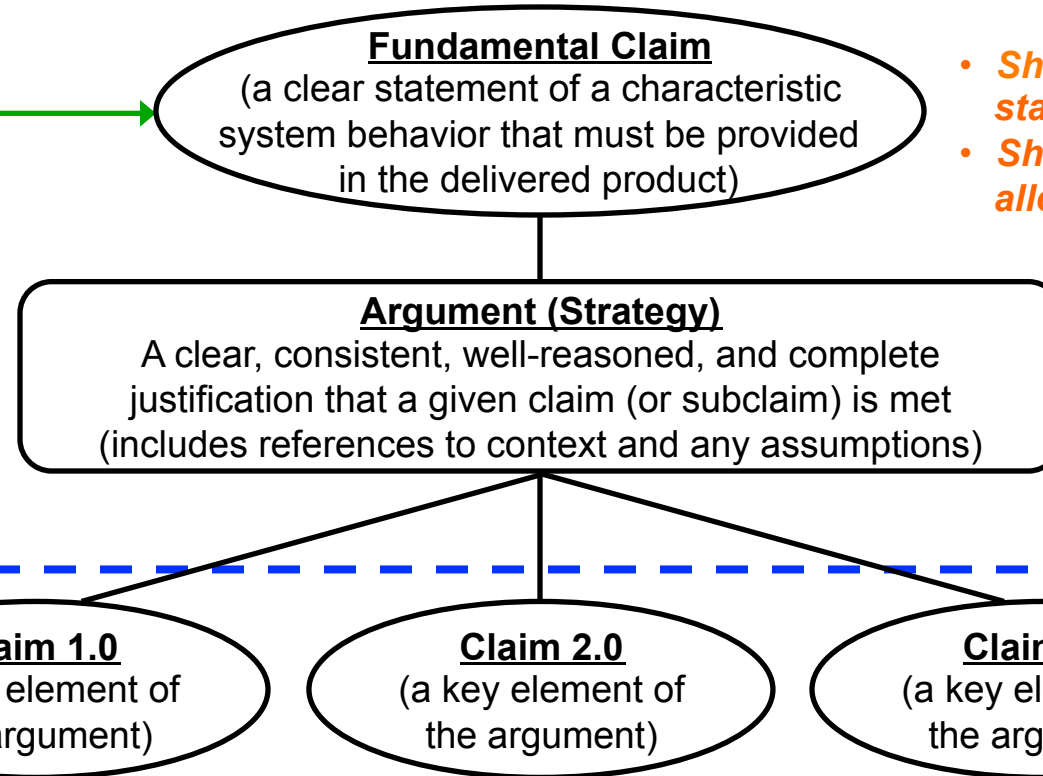
- Structures the discussion of requirements-argument-evidence
- Ties specific verification data to specific safety claims
- Creates a framework for evaluating confidence in the claims

A safety case structures design, analysis, and testing information to enable evaluation of confidence that the system will behave safely in operational environment

How Assurance Cases Work

- An assurance case is a structured argument

**System Behaviors
Source Documents**
(Stakeholder specified;
design independent)

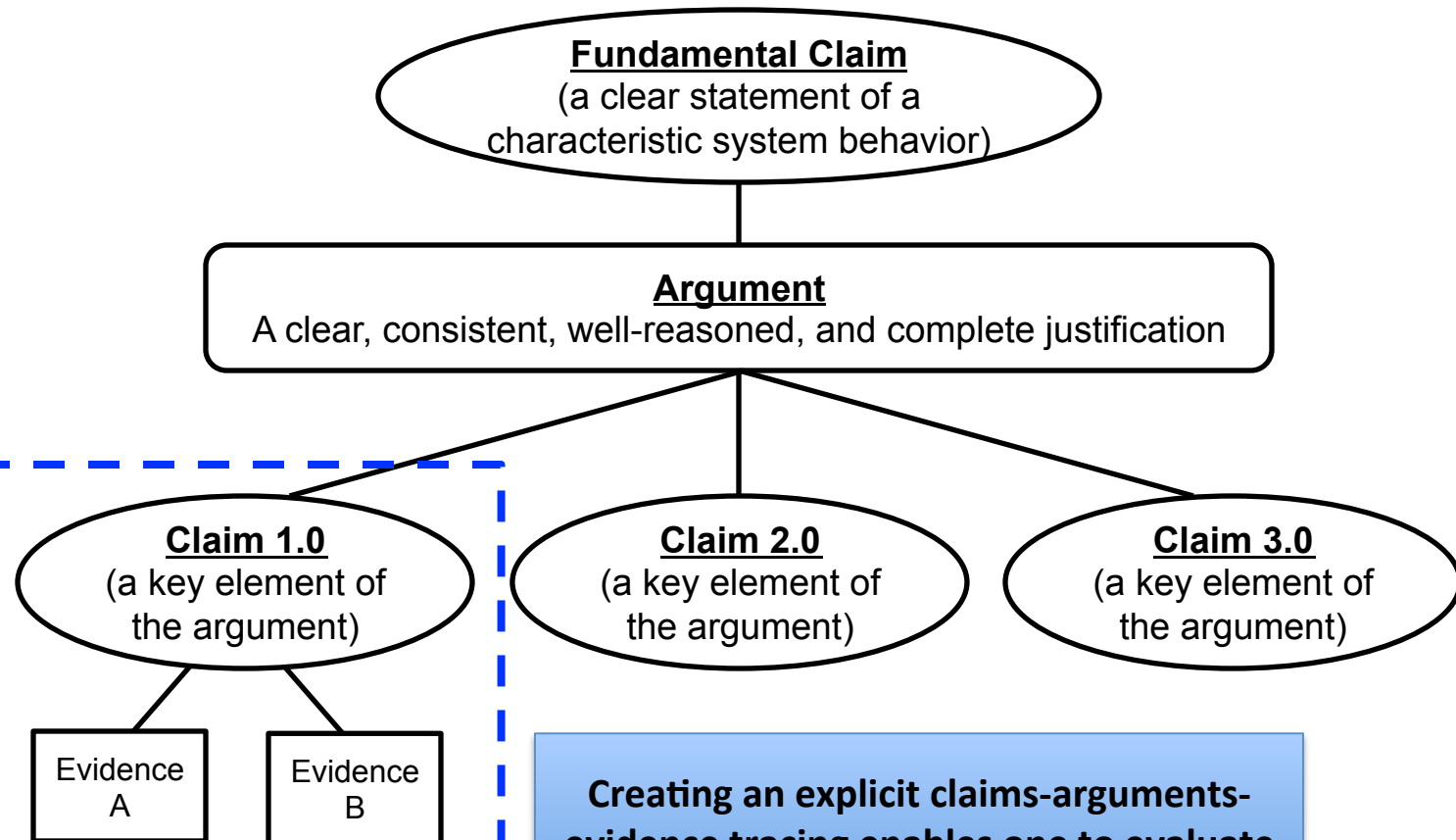


- *Should be a true/false statement*
- *Should specify maximum allowed uncertainty*

IN THEORY: If claim 1 AND claim 2 AND claim 3 are true → then the fundamental claim is true (i.e., claims 1, 2, & 3 are necessary and sufficient to prove the fundamental claim)

Assurance Cases and Evidence

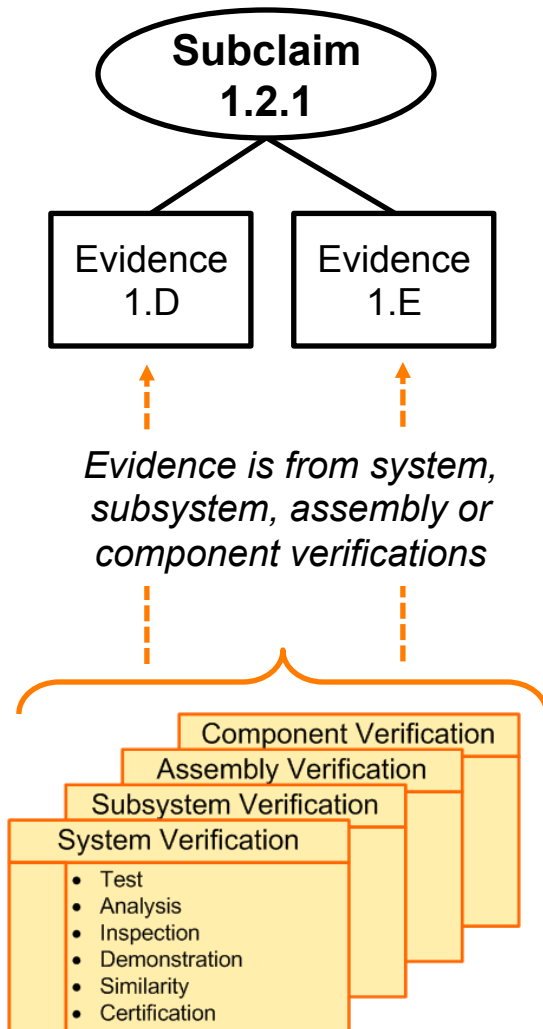
- Evidence is the final step in the assurance case



Evidence could be a test result, a comp/sim result, an inspection, etc.

Creating an explicit claims-arguments-evidence tracing enables one to evaluate whether the planned evidence collection adds confidence to the qualification claim

Residual Risk and Confidence



- Confidence assessment methodology:
 - Is there a situation or set of conditions under which Evidence is true, but Claim is false?
 - What is the probability that such conditions occur, given what we know?
 - What is the consequence to the system if Claim becomes false?

Consequence	5	M	M	H	H	H
	4	L	M	M	H	H
	3	L	L	M	M	H
	2	L	L	M	M	M
	1	L	L	L	L	L
		1	2	3	4	5
		Likelihood				

Residual Risk

- Will additional testing or analyses provide new evidence lowering the probability estimate?
- Are there mitigations (design or procedural) that would limit the consequences?

(What we learned from building the model)

IMPLEMENTING SAFETY CASES

Safety Case Implementation (1 of 6)

**Activity Model 1:
ISO 15288 Technical
Process 6.4.1
Stakeholder
Requirements
Definition**



Key Development Actions

- Define intended use & use cases
- Define operating & integrating environments
- Define normal & excursion conditions
- Validate above with user review

Key Risk Actions

- Preliminary risk-hazard analyses
- Review historical risk-failure data
- Verify risks-hazards with stakeholders
- Risk control input to req'ts development

... Fundamental Claim X ...

Draft Argument for Claim X

• Assurance Case Actions

- Using preliminary risk-hazard analysis, group hazards into major categories for evaluation
- Define fundamental claim for each hazard category (i.e., top-level claim structure)
- Draft arguments (strategies) for each fundamental claim
- Provide input on above to user validation review

Safety Case Implementation (2 of 6)

Activity Model 2: ISO 15288 Technical Process 6.4.2 Requirements Analysis Process



Key Development Actions

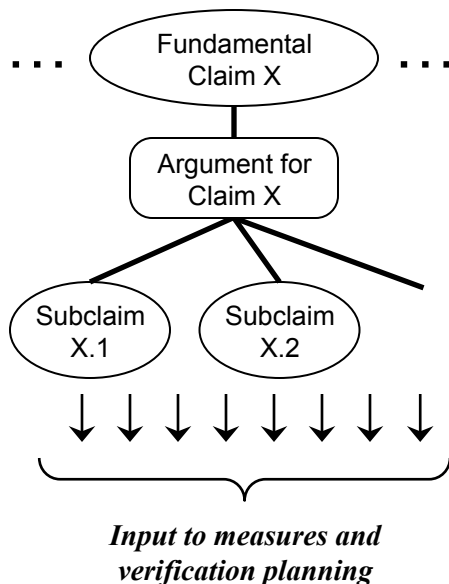
- Define system boundaries & functions
- Allocate stakeholder needs to functions-define system req'ts
- Define TPMs, quality measures
- Verify system req'ts with user

Key Risk Actions

- Perform functional-FMEA to identify key failure-risk modes
- Identify operator induced risks
- Perform functional FTA/ETA
- Provide Risk control input to TPMs & quality measures

• Assurance Case Actions

- Employ function-based risk analysis results to update arguments (strategies) for each fundamental claim
- Analyze function-based risk analyses to define second level claims
- Evaluate function req'ts, TPMs, quality measures
 - Provide input to update TPMs, quality measures
 - Identify new functions needed to implement second level claims
 - Review draft safety assurance case at user review



Safety Case Implementation (3 of 6)

Activity Model 3: ISO 15288 Technical Process 6.4.3 Architectural Design Process



Key Development Actions

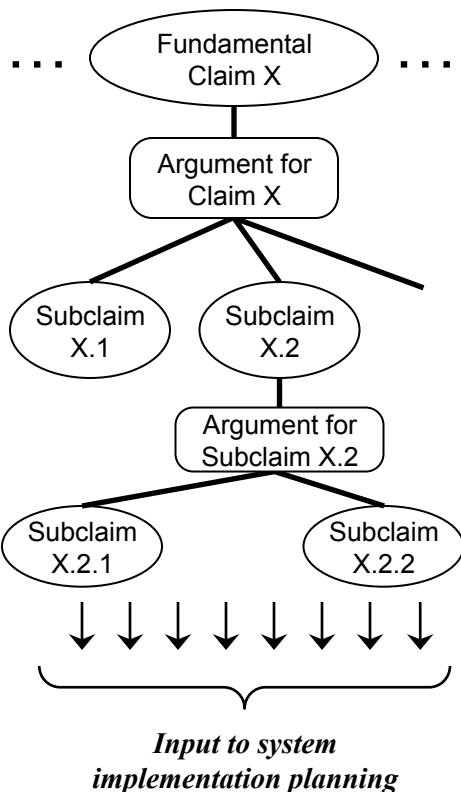
- Define logical system architecture
- Evaluate architecture options
- Define internal-external interfaces
- Flow system req'ts to LSA
- Identify human operator roles & usability req'ts

Key Risk Actions

- Update FMEA, FTA, ETA based on LSA elements & details
- Evaluate human-system risks
- Catalog risks (probability, consequence)
- Identify risk control options
- Provide risk control input to LSA

• Assurance Case Actions

- Evaluate detailed FMEA, FTA, ETA analyses & risk control options to define arguments (strategies) for second level claims
- Decompose second level claims based on LSA and risk control options – define evidence needs
- Evaluate risk catalog to assess sufficiency of evidence needs (prepare for residual risk analyses)
- Provide evidence needs input to system implementation planning



Safety Case Implementation (4 of 6)

Activity Model 4: ISO 15288 Technical Process 6.4.4 Implementation Process



Key Development Actions

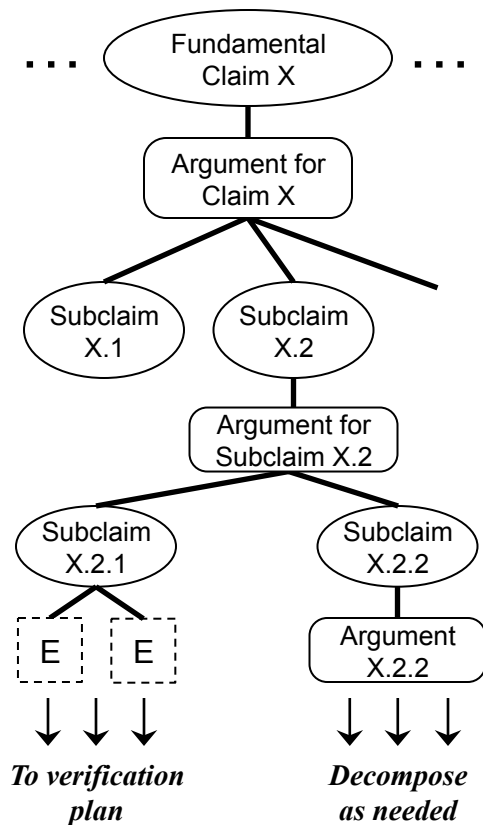
- Define implementation strategy & constraints each LSA element
- Evaluate implementation options
- Select realization LSA elements (H/W, S/W, operator training)
- Define verification each realization

Key Risk Actions

- Evaluate risk control each option
- Incorporate risk control into selected realizations
- Evaluate for new risks
- Evaluate verification data for sufficiency of risk-hazard control

• Assurance Case Actions

- Evaluate selected realization for sufficiency against second level claims – define third level claims as needed
- Evaluate risk control options against second/third level claims
- Evaluate verification data plan against evidence needs
- Perform initial residual risk analysis against claims – provide updates as need to verification plan



Safety Case Implementation (5 of 6)

Activity Model 5: ISO 15288 Technical Process 6.4.5 Integration Process



Key Development Actions

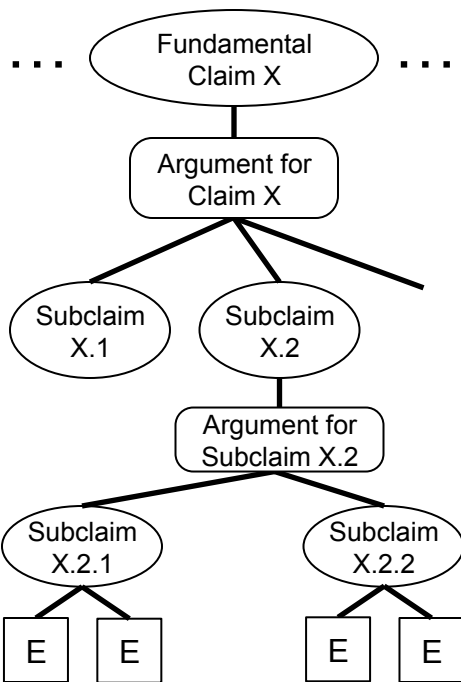
- Define integration strategy and constraints
- Obtain elements – assure conformance to req'ts
- Integrate elements – verify conformance/corrective actions

Key Risk Actions

- Update all risk-hazard analyses against achieved performance
- Update residual risk analyses
- Perform risk-benefit analyses
- Evaluate risk control completeness

• Assurance Case Actions

- Evaluate all claims using real data – recommend corrective actions and/or additional verification actions
- Perform residual risk for each claim – recommend corrective actions and/or additional verification actions
- Support residual risk and risk-benefit analyses
- Integrate third → second → fundamental claims and evaluate completeness of risk control



Safety Case Implementation (6 of 6)

Activity Model 6: ISO 15288 Technical Process 6.4.6 Verification Process



Key Development Actions

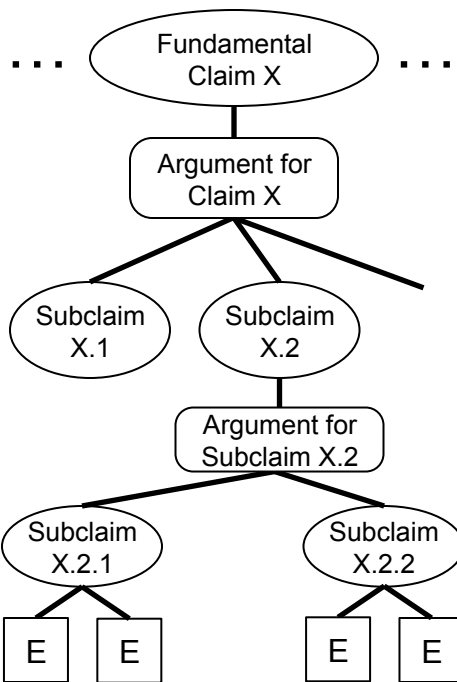
- Define verification strategy across the entire life cycle
- Define verification plan
- Conduct verification demos
- Compile/analyze data – record corrective actions

Key Risk Actions

- Employ risk-hazard analyses to create input to verification plan
- Analyze verification data for risk-hazard control
- Update residual risk & risk-benefit analyses – document acceptability
- Finalize risk management files

• Assurance Case Actions

- Analyze verification plan against all claims/evidence needs – recommend updates as needed
- Analyze verification data against all claims
- Update residual risk for all claims – recommend corrective actions as needed
- Integrate all analyses and data to document safety assurance case



Process Integration Conclusions



- Risk management across the life cycle
 - Risk analyses begin with stakeholder definition of needs
 - Risk mitigation and control drive system req'ts and architecture
 - Risk control TPMs considered at each step of design
 - Device verification shows performance and safety
- Risk management and safety cases
 - Safety case is hierarchical decomposition of top-level, overarching claims driven by intended use and operational environment
 - Increasing detail of risk analyses drives claims decomposition
 - Strategies to support claims with evidence drives TPMs and verification
 - Very little “new” work beyond risk-hazard analyses of ISO 14971

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