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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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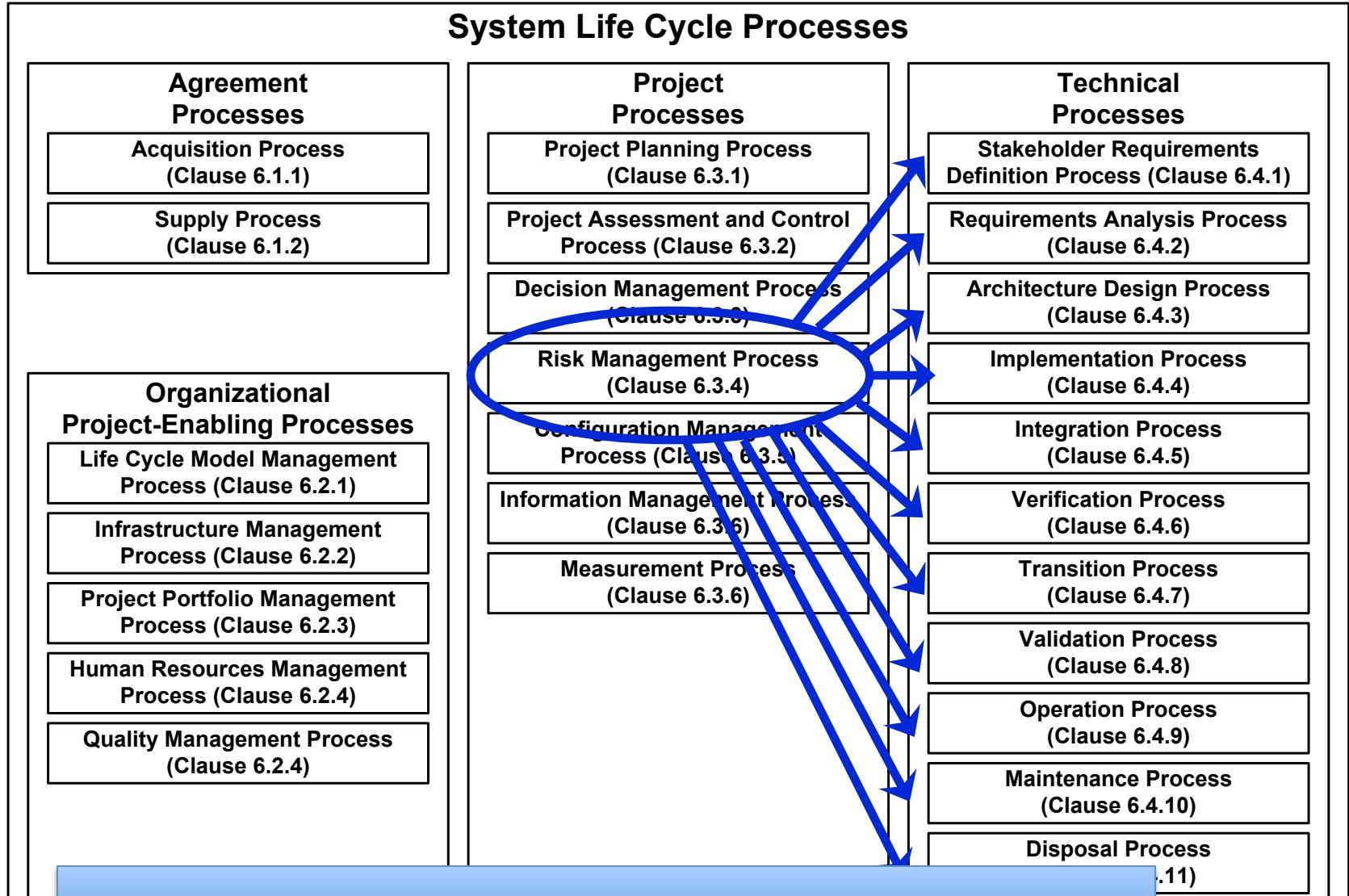
# Bottom Line Up Front

- 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

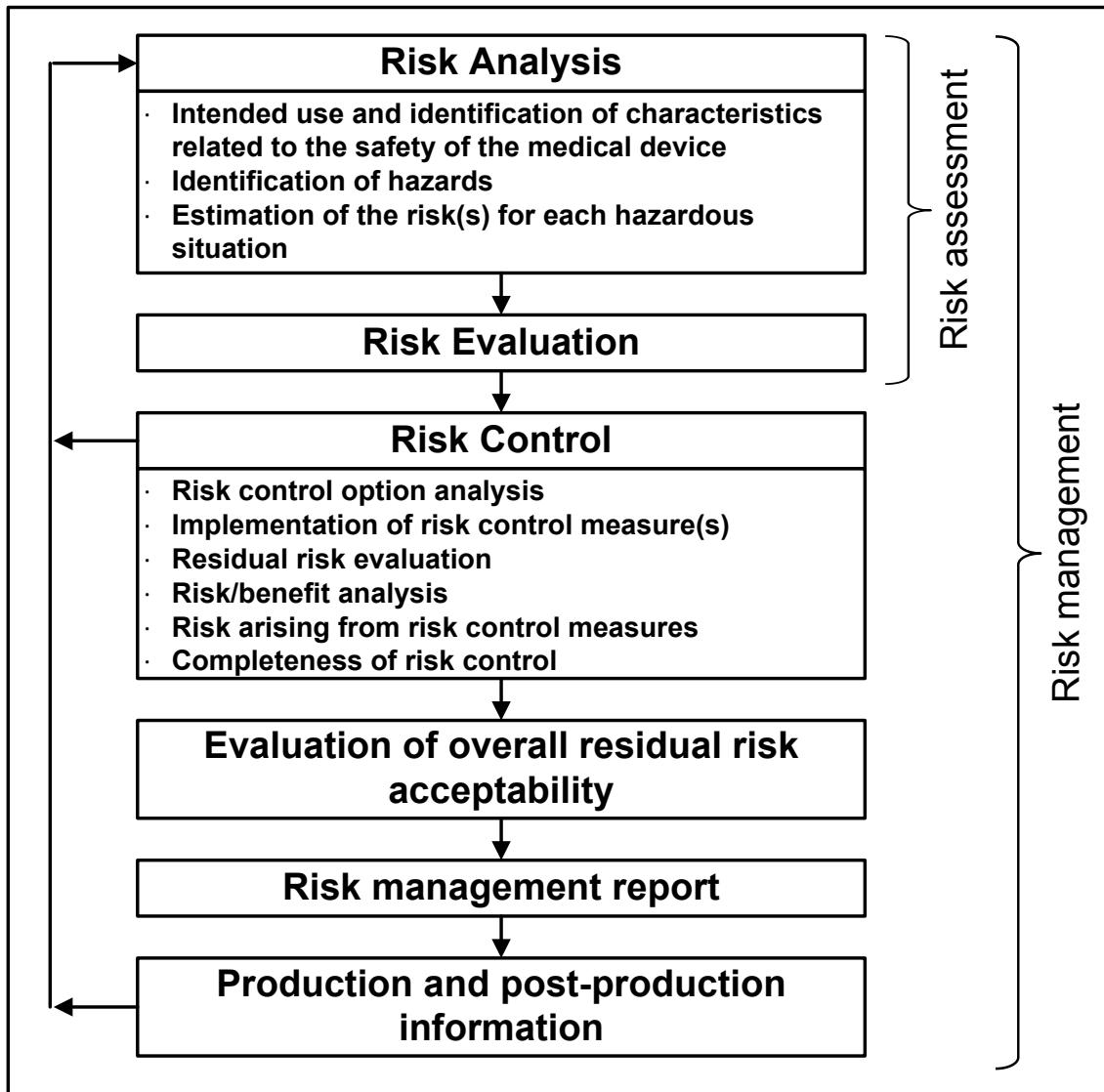
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# The Problem (Part 1)



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

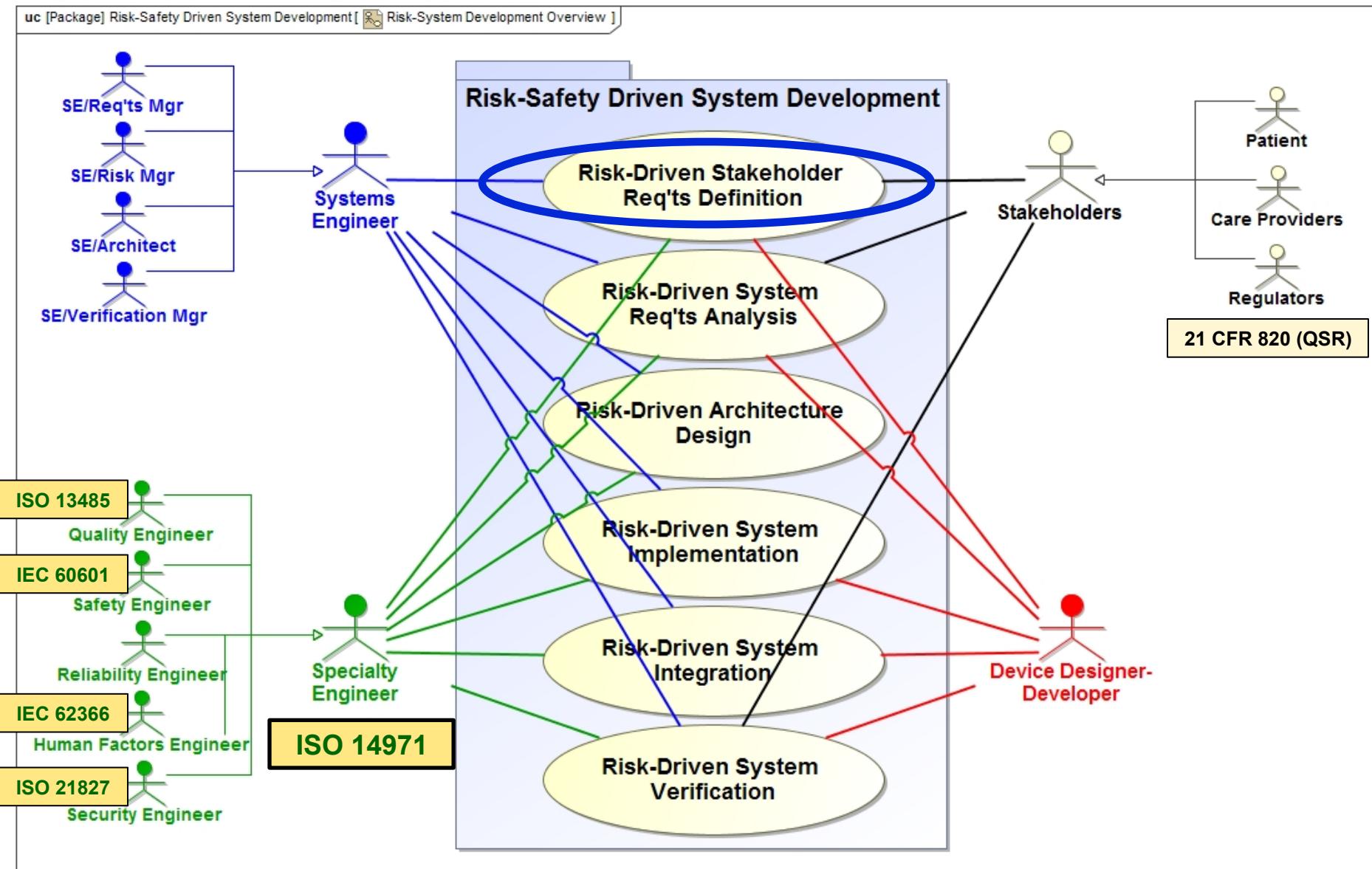


(Summary of our model development process)

# **SYSML MODELING FOR PROCESS INTEGRATION**

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# MBSE for Process Integration



# Step 1: Understand Process Req'ts

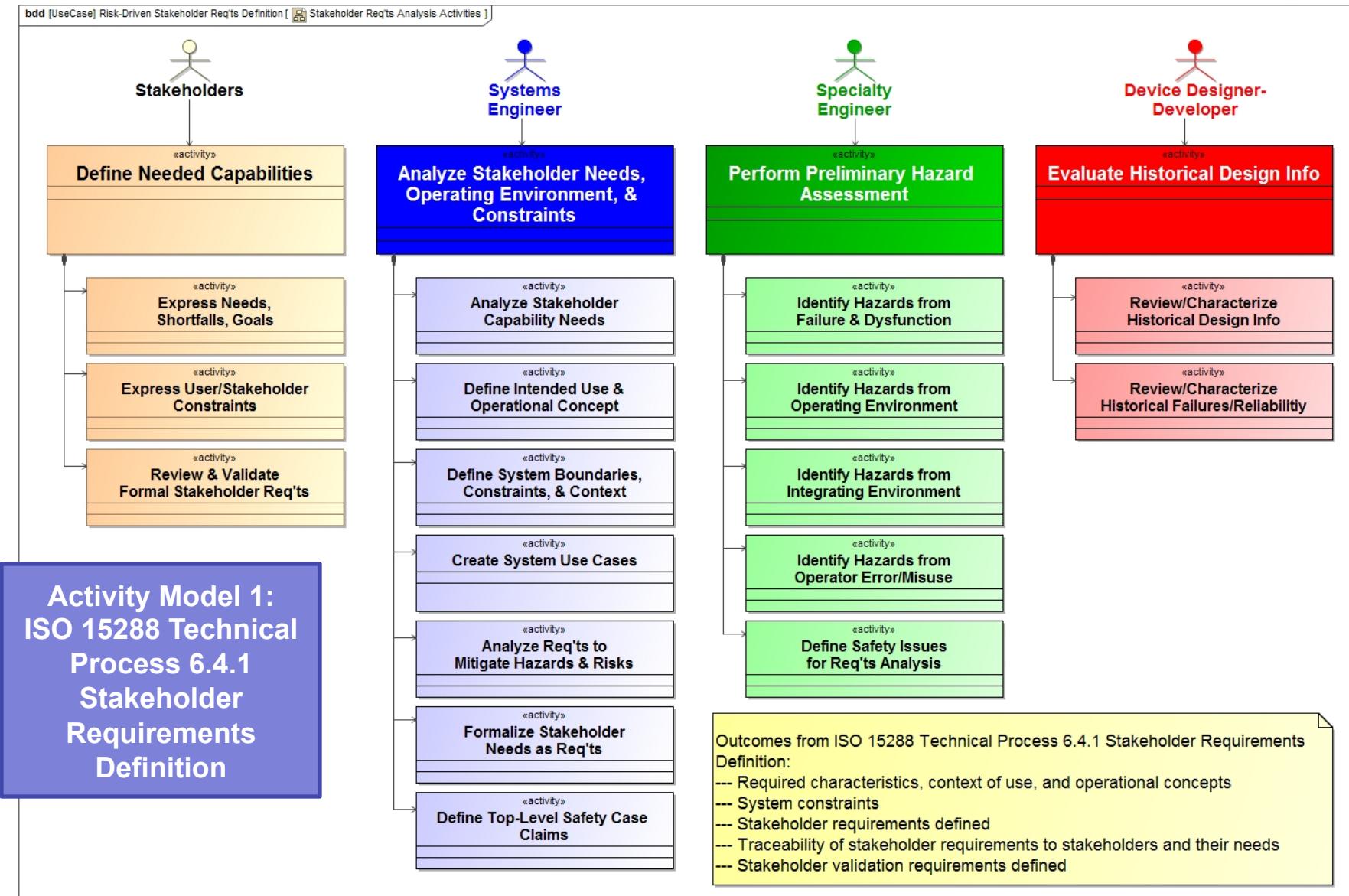
- Analyze the standards using ISO 15288 as the key

## Example Analysis for Technical Process 6.4.1

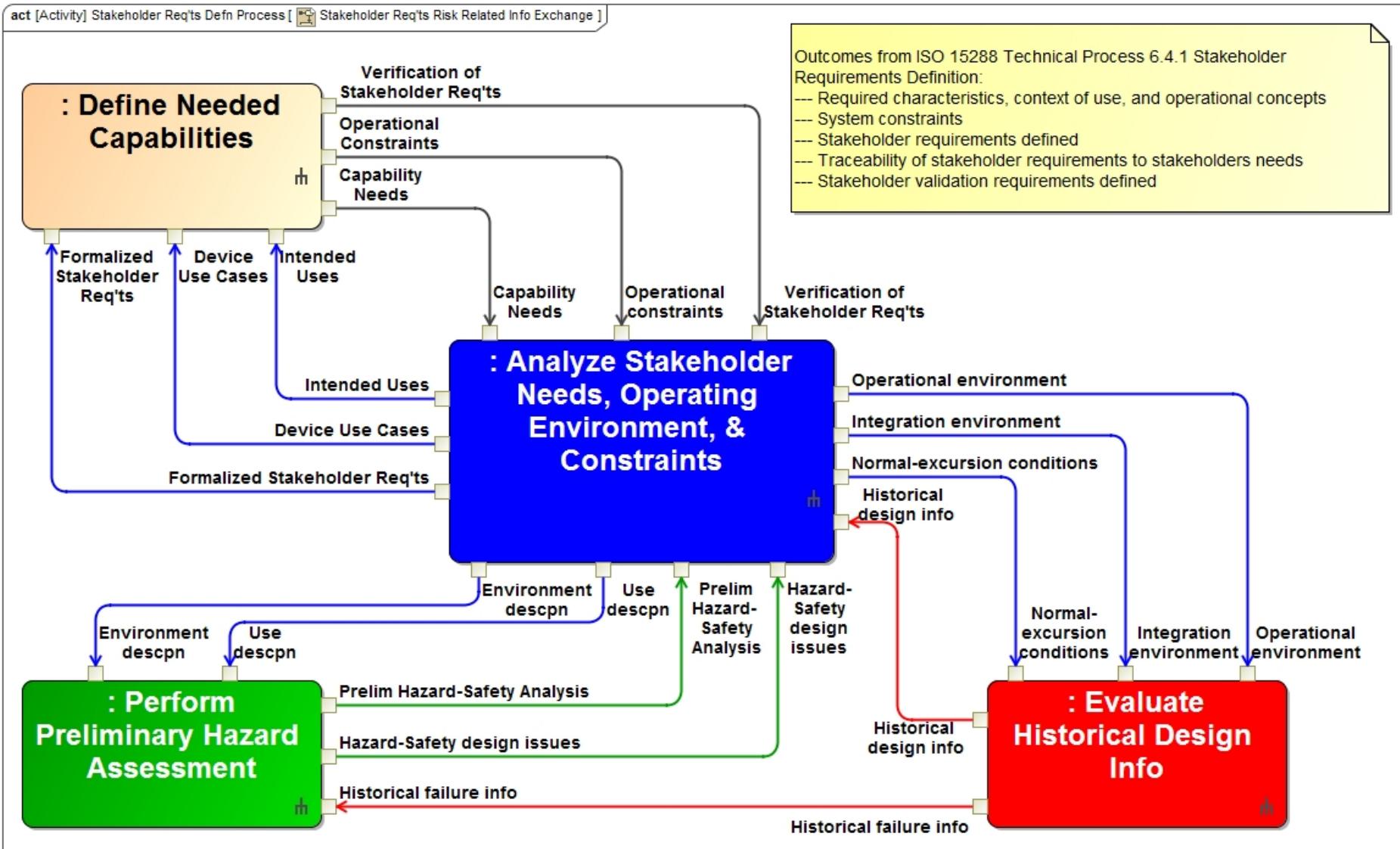
ISO 15288 Technical Processes (outcomes shown in bullets)	15288 Actions/Products Connected to Risk Analysis (see model for complete list of 15288)	ISO 14971 Analyses, Iterations and Recursions [clause references to ISO 14971]	Relationship to Recursive Development of Safety Assurance Case
<p><b>Stakeholder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

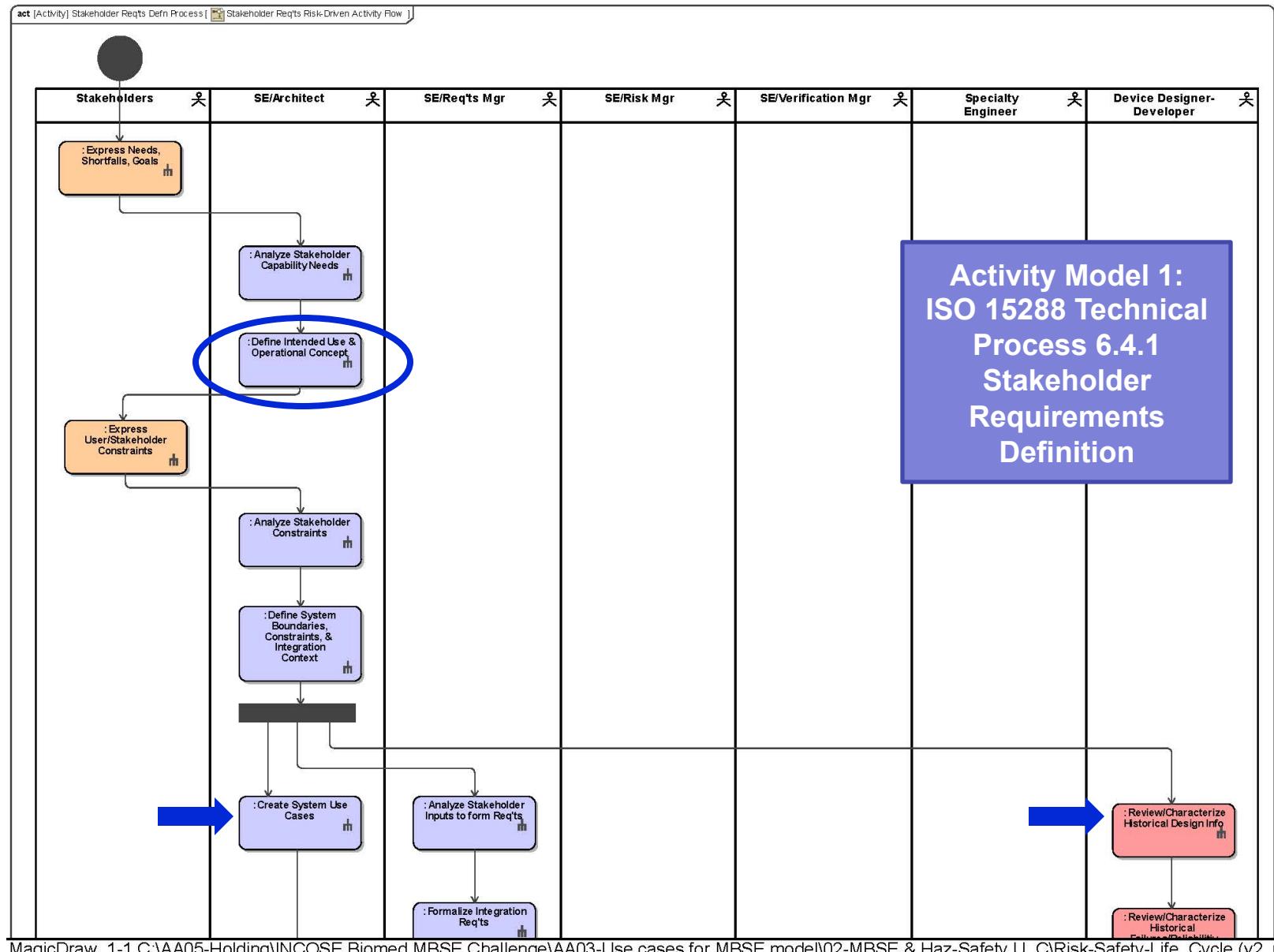
# Step 2: Process Activities



# Step 3: Information Flow



# Step 4: Model Activity Flow





(A brief diversion)

# SAFETY ASSURANCE CASES

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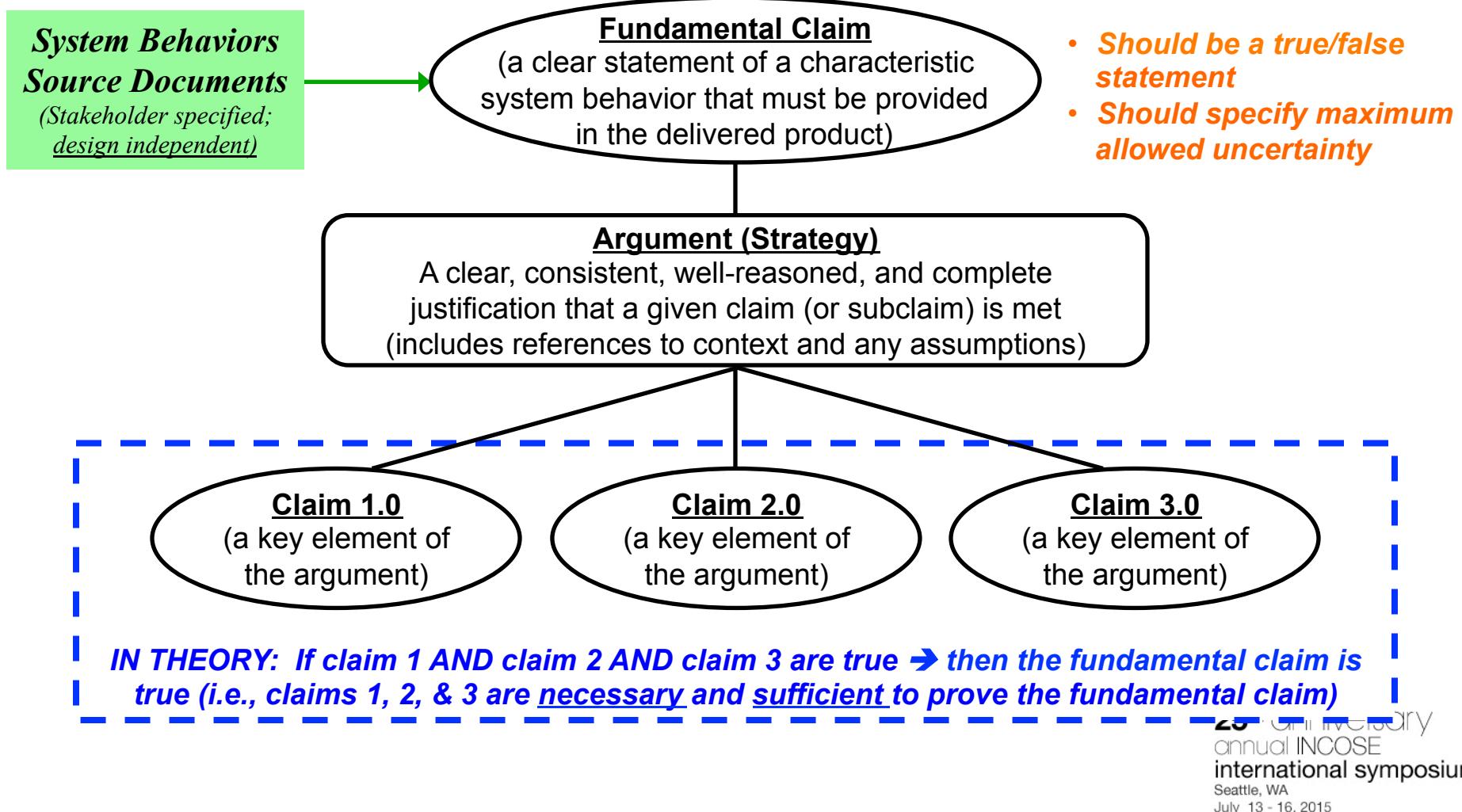
# The Assurance Case Concept

- **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

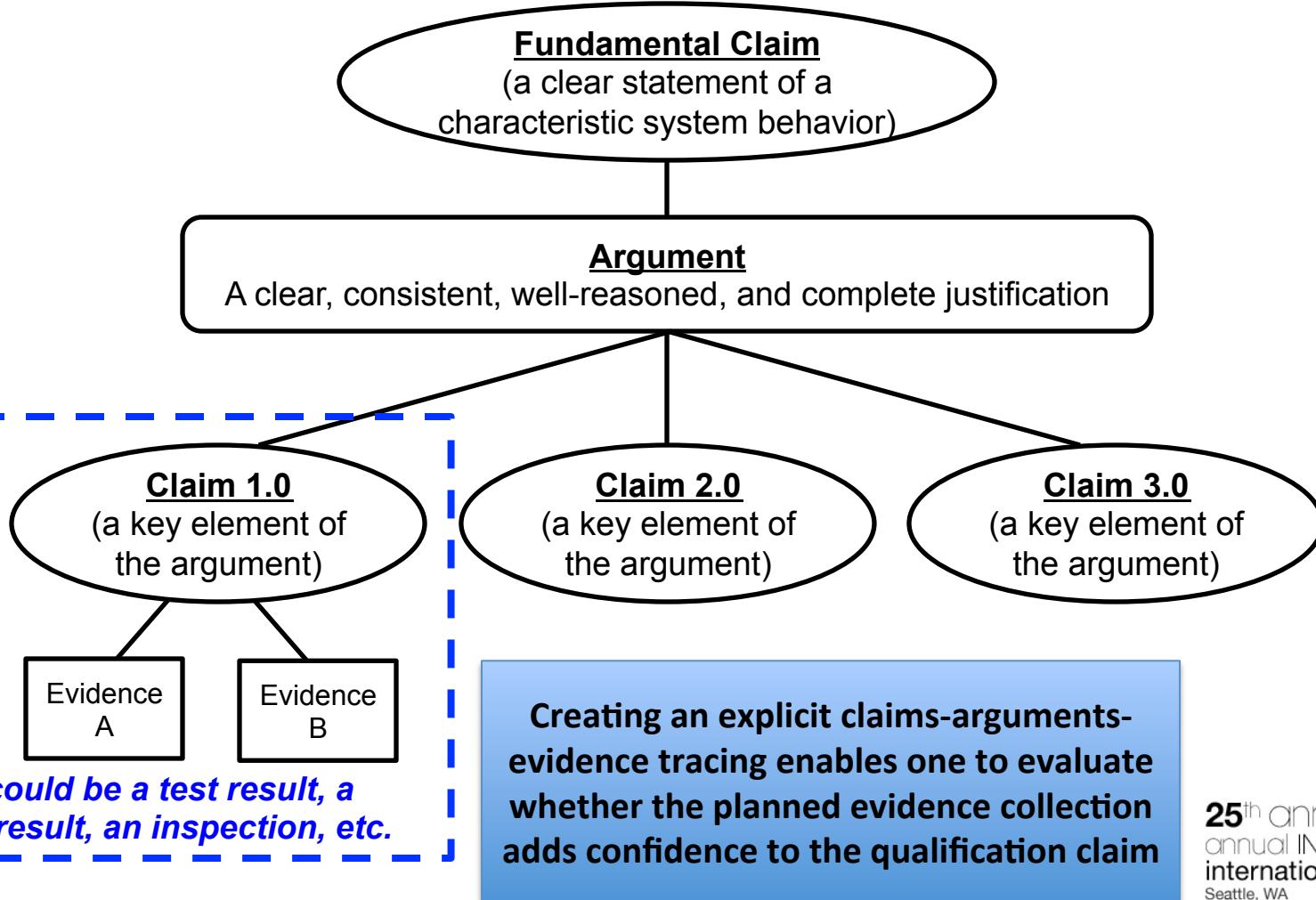
# How Assurance Cases Work

- An assurance case is a structured argument

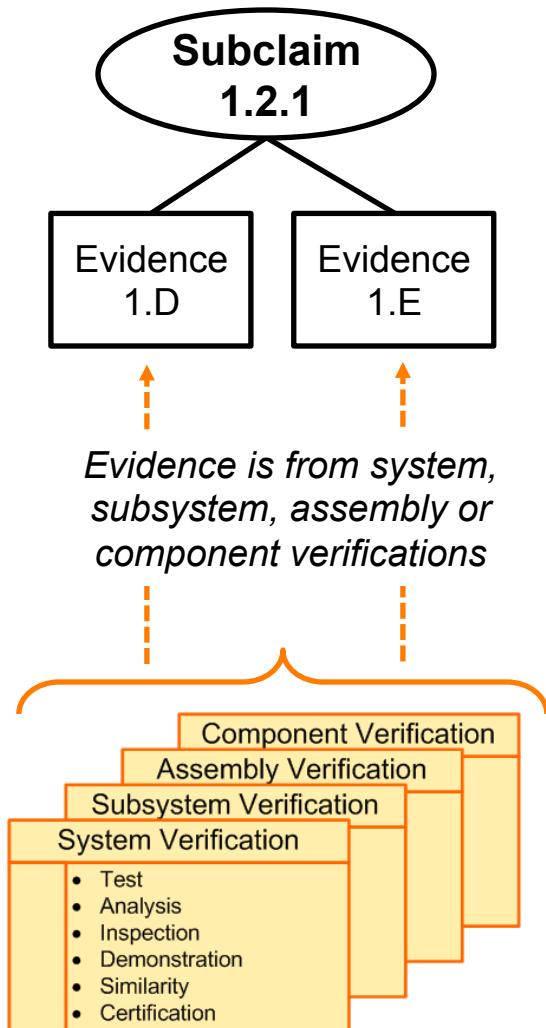


# Assurance Cases and Evidence

- Evidence is the final step in the assurance case



# 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?

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

Consequence

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?

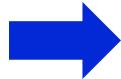


(What we learned from building the model)

# **IMPLEMENTING SAFETY CASES**

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# Safety Case Implementation (1 of 6)

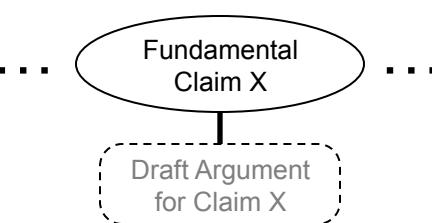


## Key Development Actions

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

## Key Risk Actions

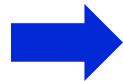
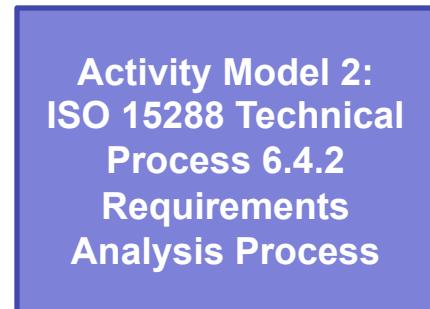
- Preliminary risk-hazard analyses
- Review historical risk-failure data
- Verify risks-hazards with stakeholders
- Risk control input to req'ts development



## • 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)



## Key Development Actions

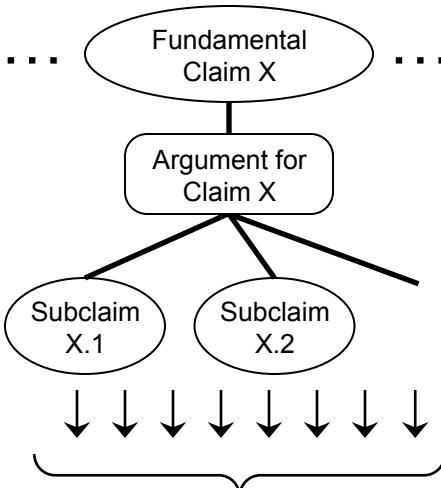
- Define system boundaries & functions
- Allocate stakeholder needs to functions-define system req'ts
- Define TPMs, quality measures
- Verify system req'ts with user

## 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

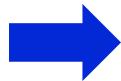
## • Assurance Case Actions

- 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



*Input to measures and  
verification planning*

# Safety Case Implementation (3 of 6)



## Key Development Actions

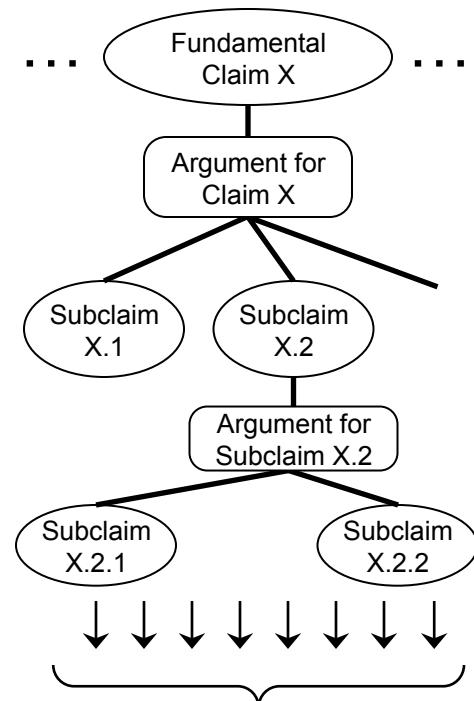
- Define logical system architecture
- Evaluate architecture options
- Define internal-external interfaces
- Flow system req'ts to LSA
- Identify human operator roles & usability req'ts

## 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

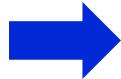
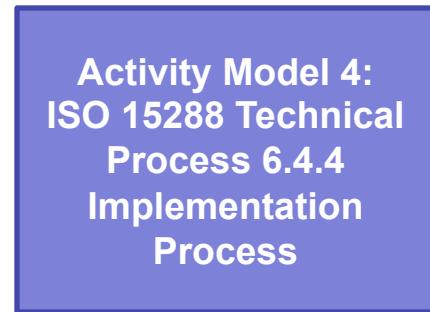
## • Assurance Case Actions

- 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



*Input to system implementation planning*

# Safety Case Implementation (4 of 6)



## Key Development Actions

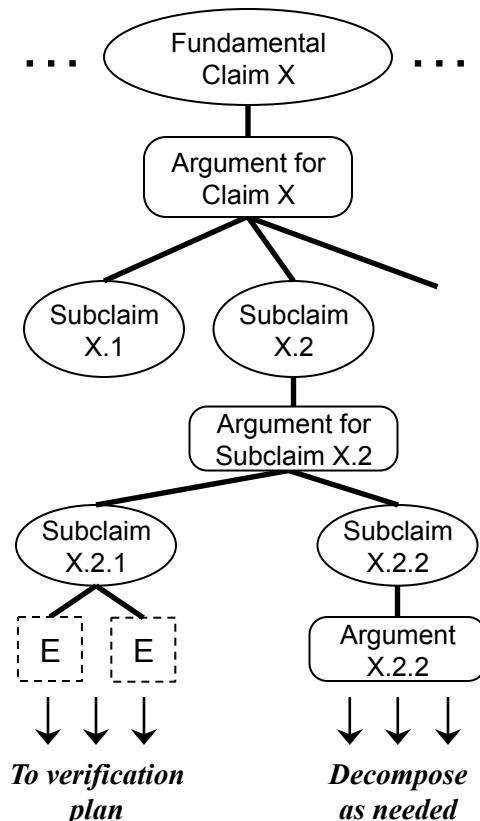
- Define implementation strategy & constraints each LSA element
- Evaluate implementation options
- Select realization LSA elements (H/W, S/W, operator training)
- Define verification each realization

## Key Risk Actions

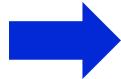
- Evaluate risk control each option
- Incorporate risk control into selected realizations
- Evaluate for new risks
- Evaluate verification data for sufficiency of risk-hazard control

## • 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



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## Key Development Actions

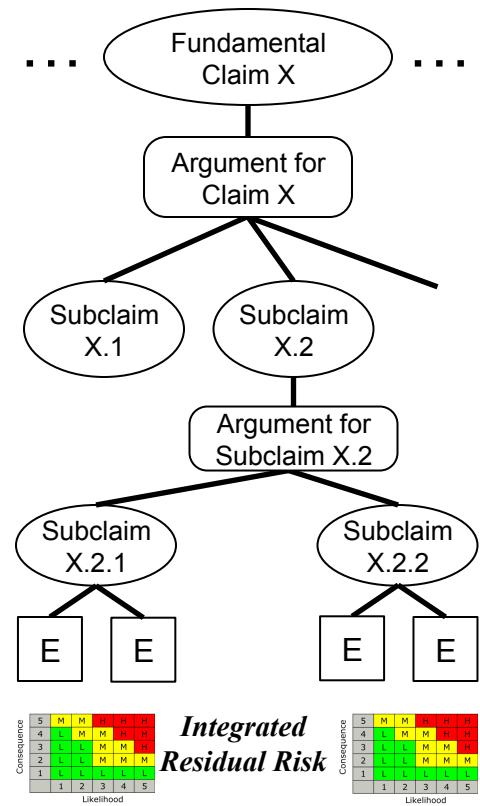
- Define integration strategy and constraints
- Obtain elements – assure conformance to req'ts
- Integrate elements – verify conformance/corrective actions

## Key Risk Actions

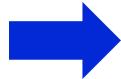
- Update all risk-hazard analyses against achieved performance
- Update residual risk analyses
- Perform risk-benefit analyses
- Evaluate risk control completeness

## • 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)



## Key Development Actions

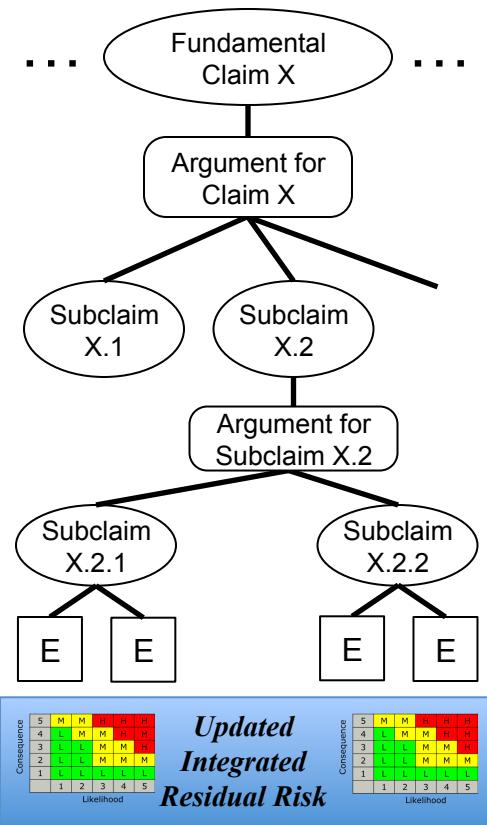
- Define verification strategy across the entire life cycle
- Define verification plan
- Conduct verification demos
- Compile/analyze data – record corrective actions

## 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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