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# Risk Management Limbo – How Low Can You Go?

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Question:

# What do Engineers Think of Risk Management?



# Those who have had a good experience

Drive Requirements

Keeps people safe

Think it through

Keeps R&D honest

Useful if done correctly

Time consuming, but useful



# Those who have had a bad experience

UGH!

Yikes!

AHHHHH!

PITA – Pain in the A@#

Nonsense - We've already taken  
care of risk in the design.

Necessary to check-the-box for  
compliance



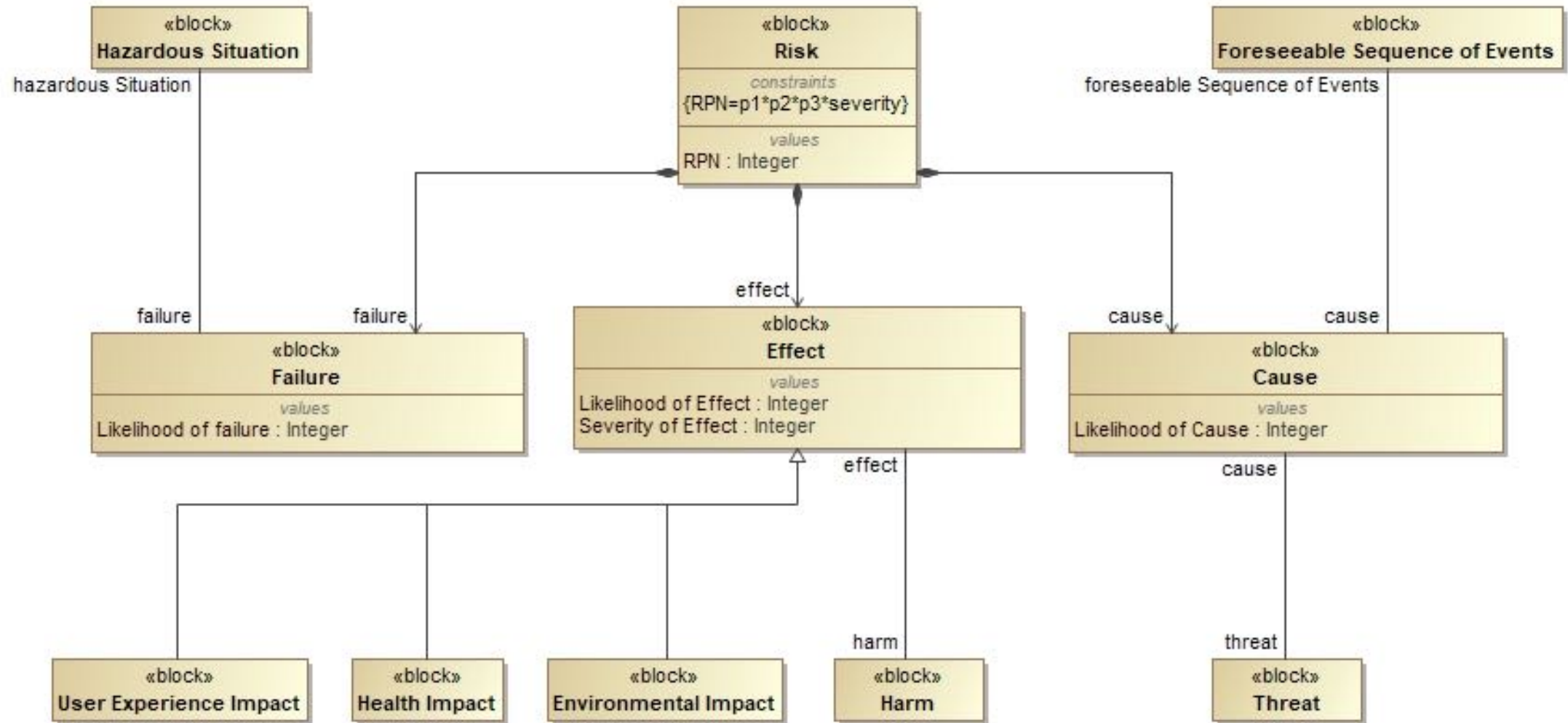
# As Low As Possible







# We Need a Common Vocabulary





Risk =  $f$ (threat, potential outcomes,  
performance effects)





# What are Threat Classes?

- Malicious human interactions
- Use errors
- Natural environment
- Stimuli from external systems



# Lifecycle of a Threat

- Phase 1 – Threat condition(s) appears
- Phase 2 – System encounters threat condition(s)
- Phase 3 – System's response to the threat condition(s) has resolved

Adapted from the work of Jackson and Ferris.



# What can the system do?

- Eliminate the cause
- Avoid the failure
- Reduce the likelihood or severity of the effects



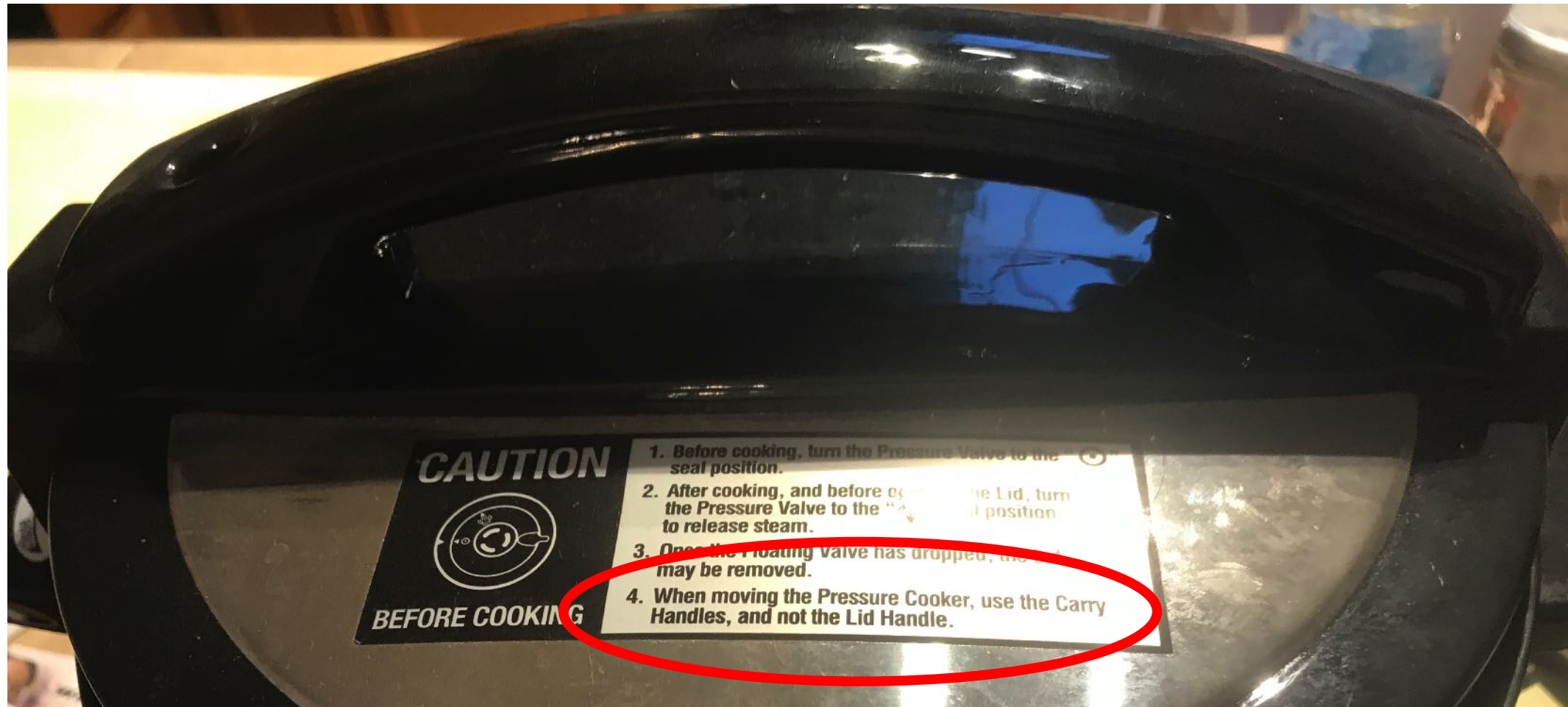
# ISO 14971:2012 Mitigation Types

- Inherent Safety by Design
  - Protective Measures in the System or Manufacturing Process
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- Information for Safety
  - Disclosure of Residual risk

Effective

Not Effective








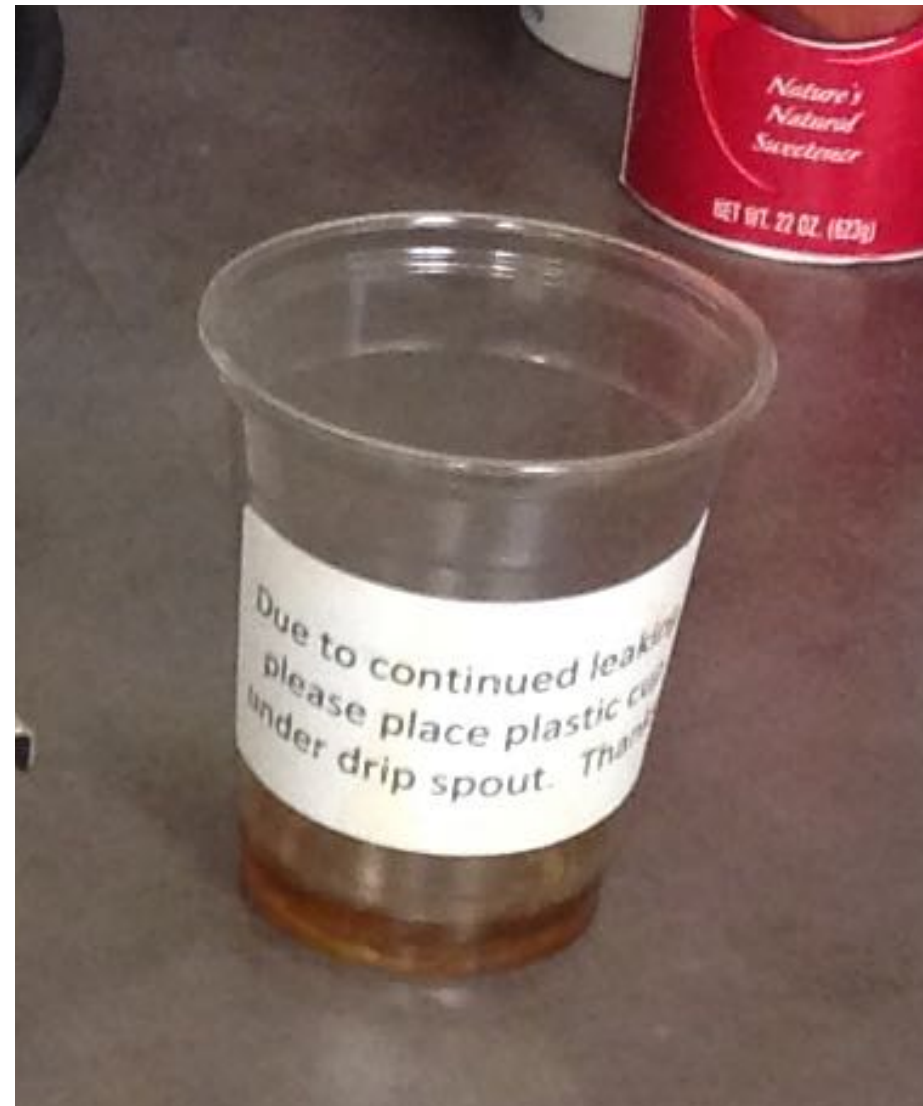


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# Network Resilience Concepts - Resilinet



- Defend
- Detect
- Remediate
- Recover



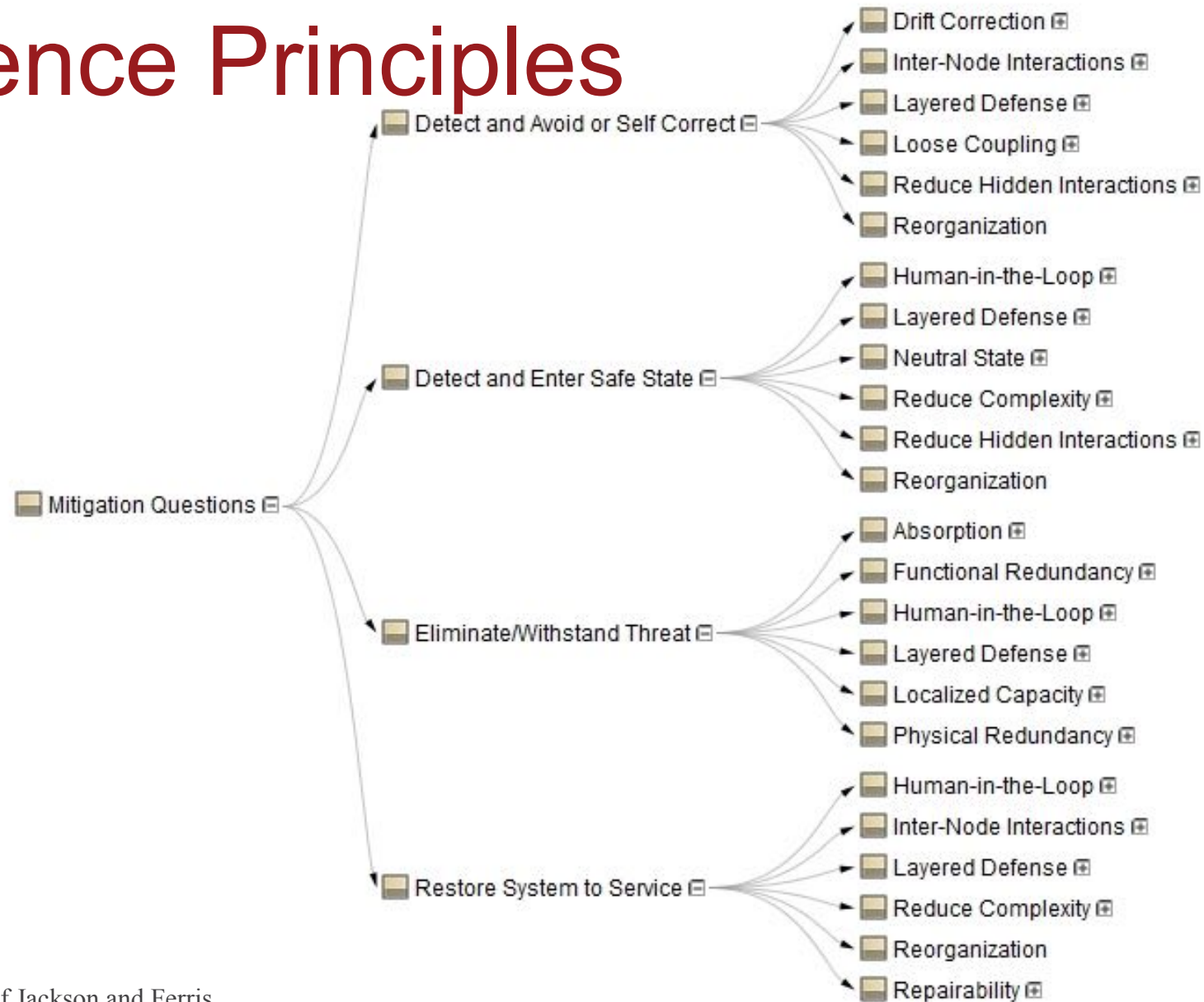


# How do the methodologies map?

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Eliminate/Withstand	Inherent Safety by Design	Defend
Detect and Avoid/Self-Correct	Protective Measures	Detect, Remediate, Recover
Detect and Enter Safe State	Protective Measures, Information for Safety*	Detect, Remediate, Recover
Restore to Service	Protective Measures, Information for Safety*	Recover

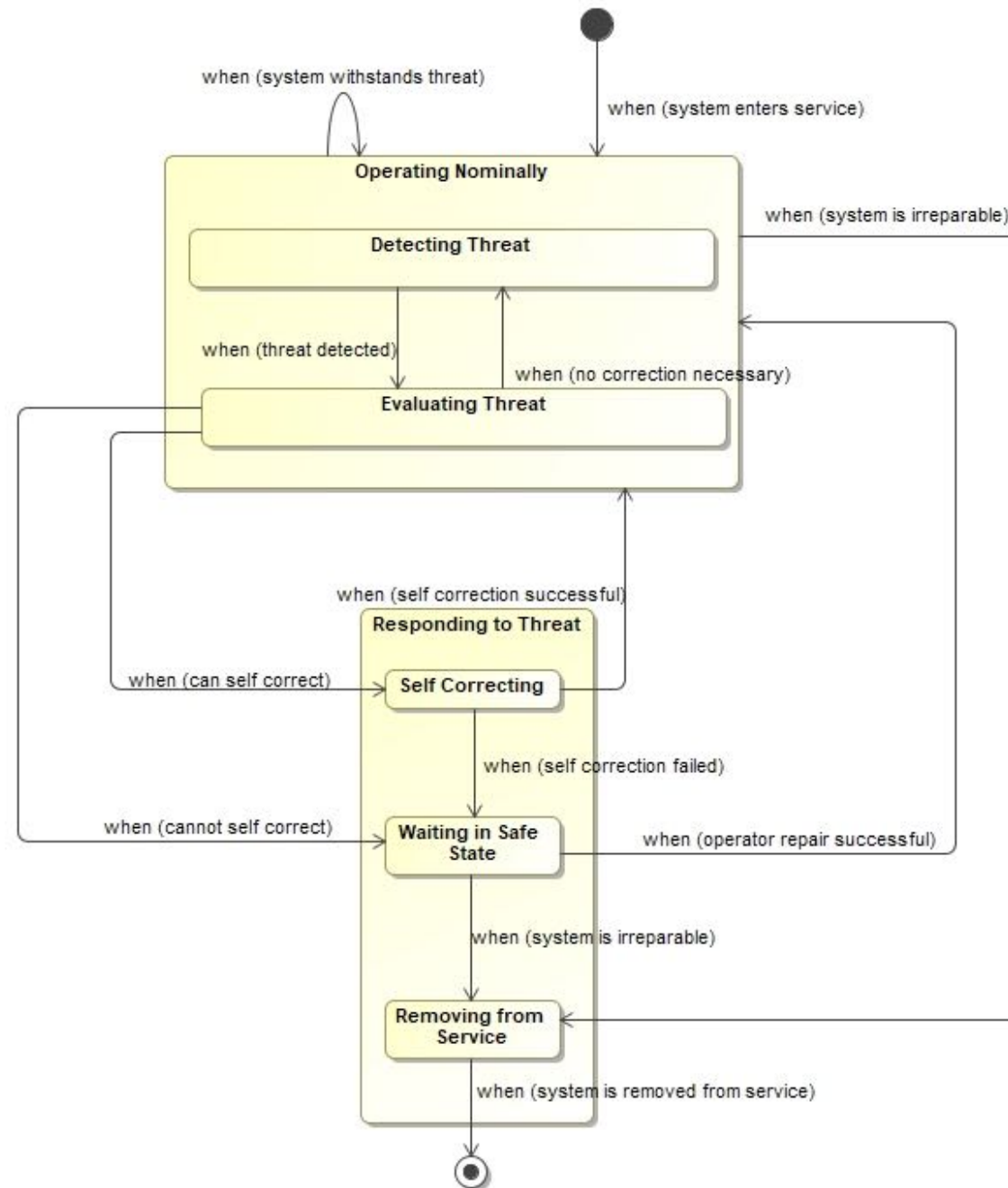


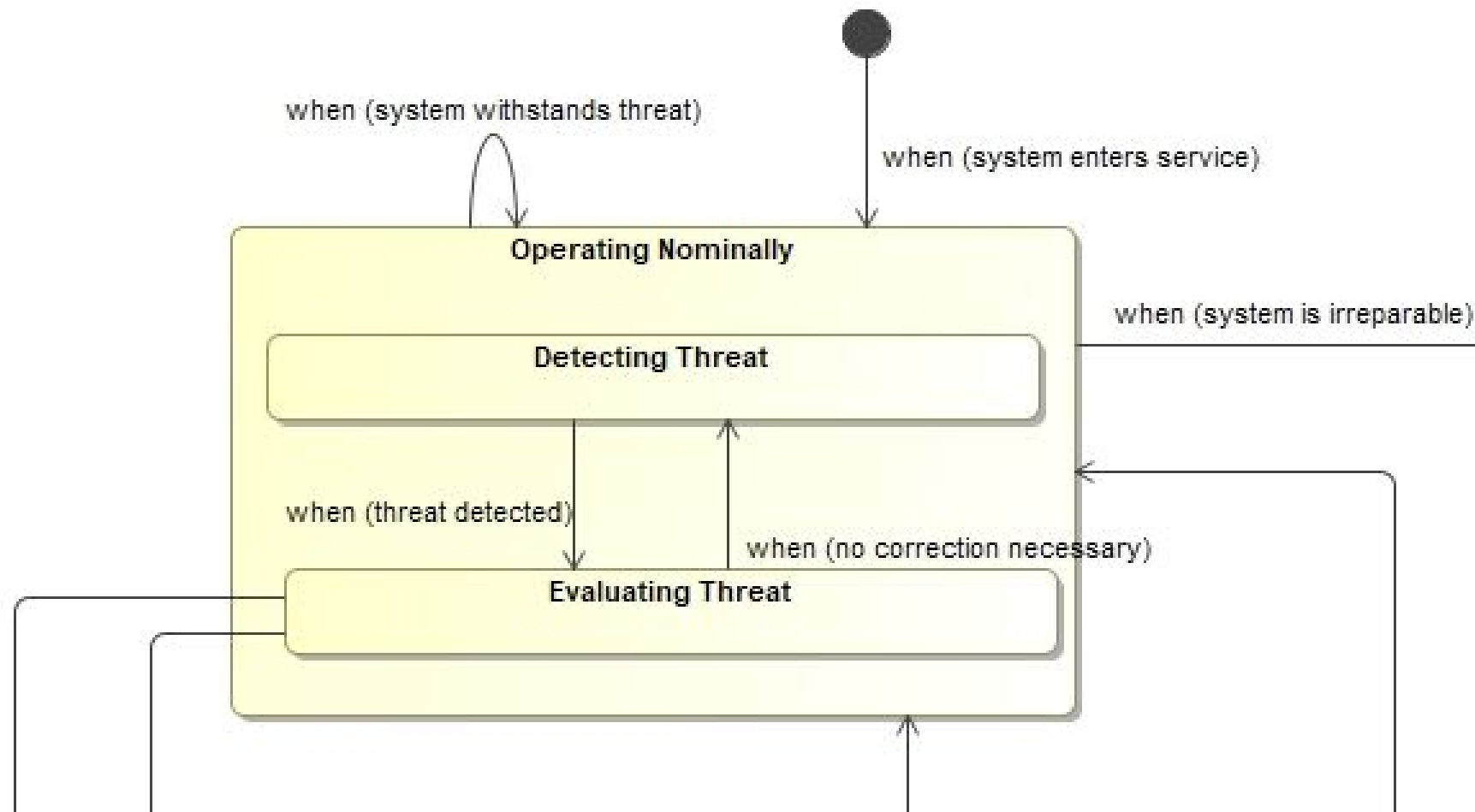
# Resilience Principles

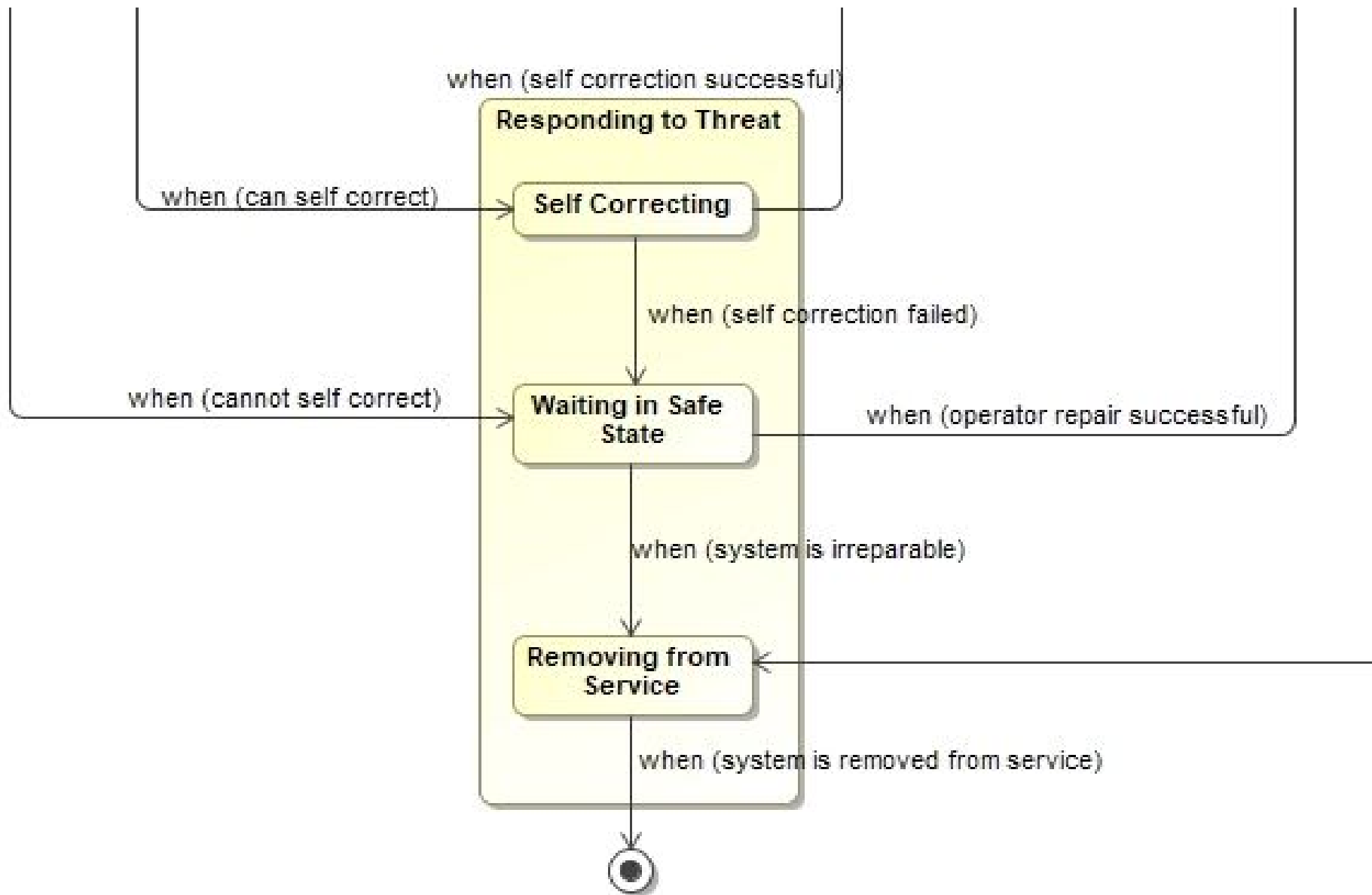


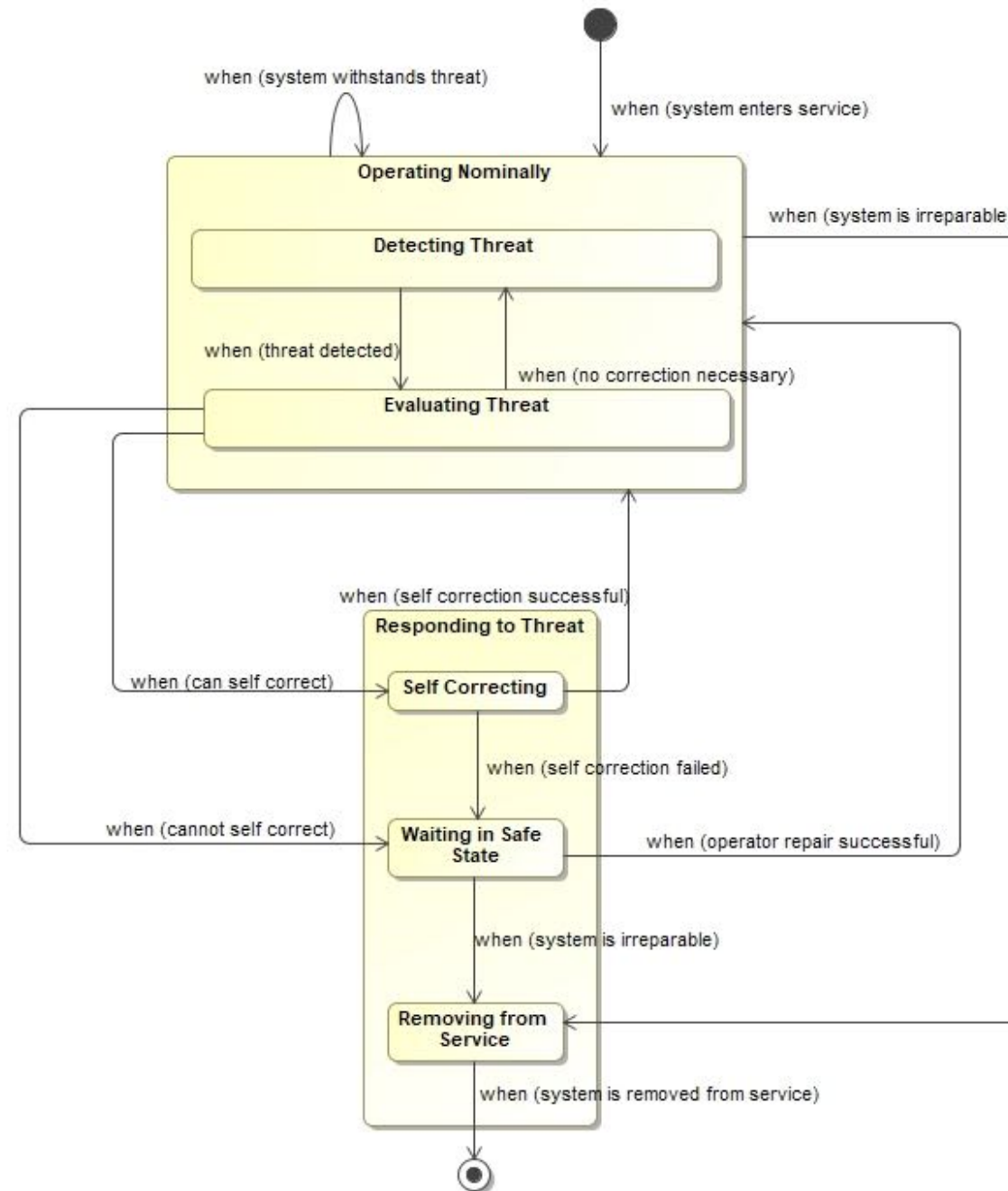
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# How does (should) the system handle threats?

- Can the system be designed such that the threat is eliminated? Can I add margin or redundancy?
- *Example: Reducing the weight of a device's lid so it does not injure a user's hand if it falls.*
- Inherent Safety by Design, “Defend;” Addresses Phases 1 and 2.



# How does (should) the system handle threats?

- Can the system be designed to detect and avoid the threat to prevent loss of functionality or self-correct to restore full functionality if the threat cannot be avoided?
- *Example: Distribution of function between two, separate processors in a system. A “watch dog” monitors process parameters and interrupts the primary processor to prevent the system from entering an unsafe state.*
- Protective Measures, “Detect and Remediate;” Addresses Phases 1 and 2.





# How does (should) the system handle threats?

- Can the system be designed to detect the threat and enter a safe state to wait for a user to restore the system to operation?
- *Example: The system detects a parameter is out of specification and pauses the function until an operator can resolve the anomaly.*
- Protective Measures, “Detect and Remediate;” Addresses Phases 1 and 2.



# Are alarms inherently safe design?

Alarms are ***not*** inherently safe design.





A Tesla Model S rear-ended a Laguna Beach police SUV earlier this week. The driver indicated the sedan was in Autopilot mode at the time.  
PHOTO BY LAGUNA BEACH PD PIO

## TESLA ON AUTOPILOT HITS PARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLE; NO, THIS IS NOT A REPEAT FROM LAST MONTH

Latest Autopilot-related crash in Laguna Beach results in injuries for driver







# How does (should) the system handle threats?

- What is the path by which the system can be returned to its nominal, operating state after the threat has been resolved? What should happen if the system cannot be returned to service?
- *Example: System provides context-specific troubleshooting tips to help the operator resolve the problem.*
- Protective Measures & Info for Safety, “Recover;” Addresses Phase 3.







We still haven't addressed the most important question:

**How do I get to “As Low As  
Possible?””**











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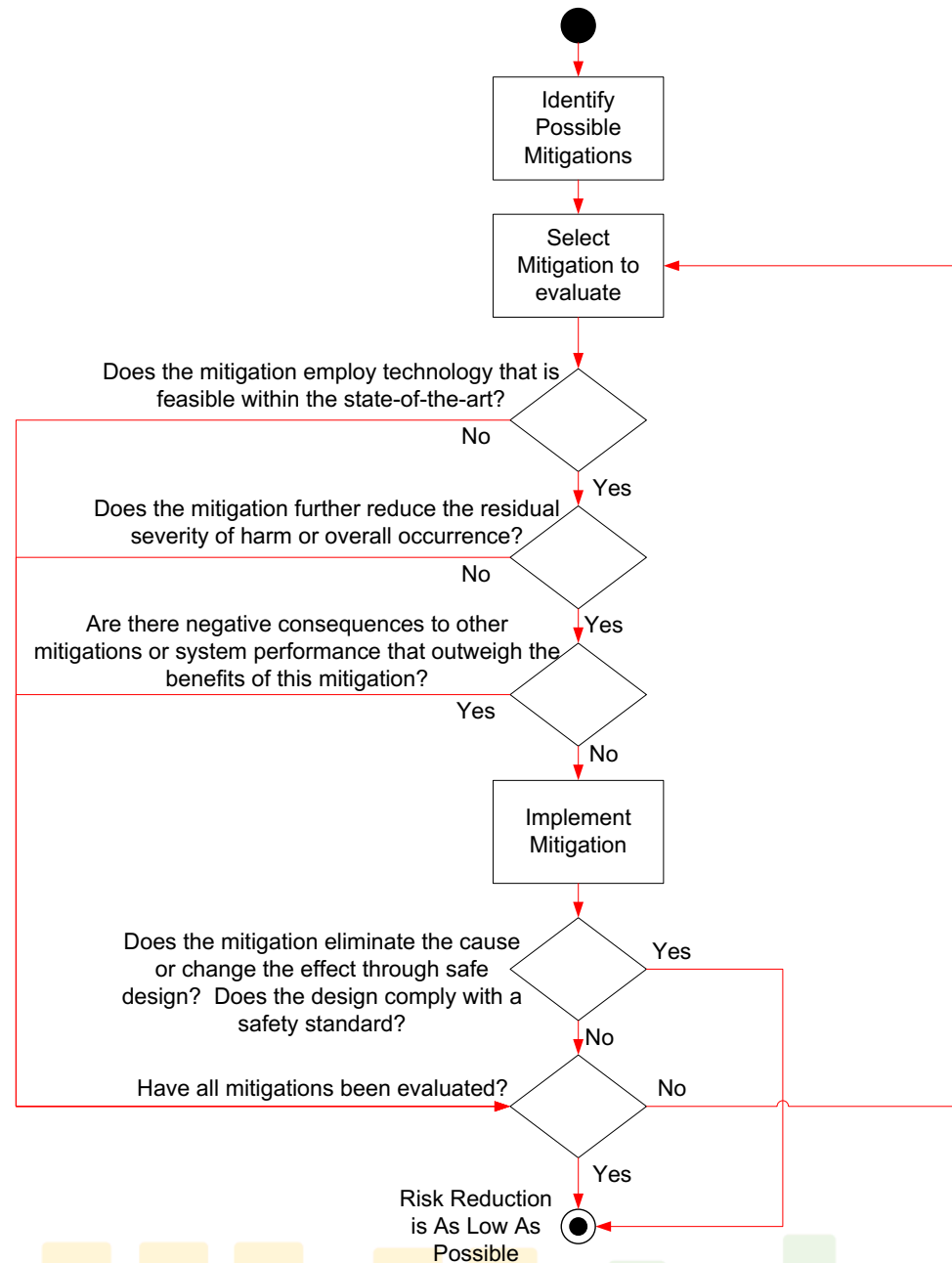




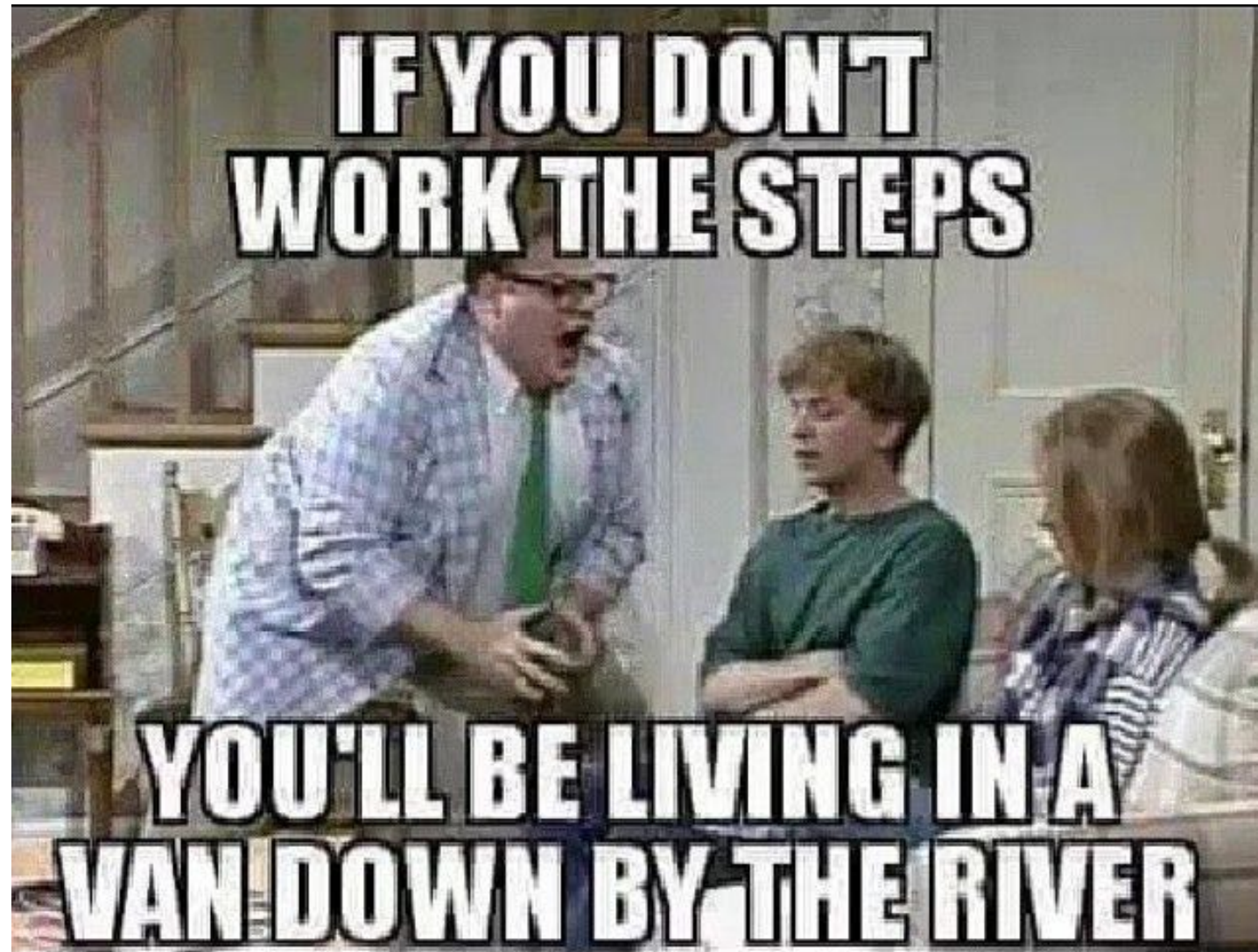
# The case for “As Low As Possible”



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# Questions?

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What does the system need to do to maintain its performance in the presence of threats?



# Use case study of Salem plant illness

- Risk management work didn't adequately answer the last question about how to return to service.