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# Towards an Ontology for Collaboration in System of Systems Context

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# The SoS ontology in SE context

Yang, L., Cormican, K., Yu, M., (2019), *Ontology-based systems engineering: A state-of-the-art review*, Computers in Industry 111 (2019) 148–171, Elsevier.

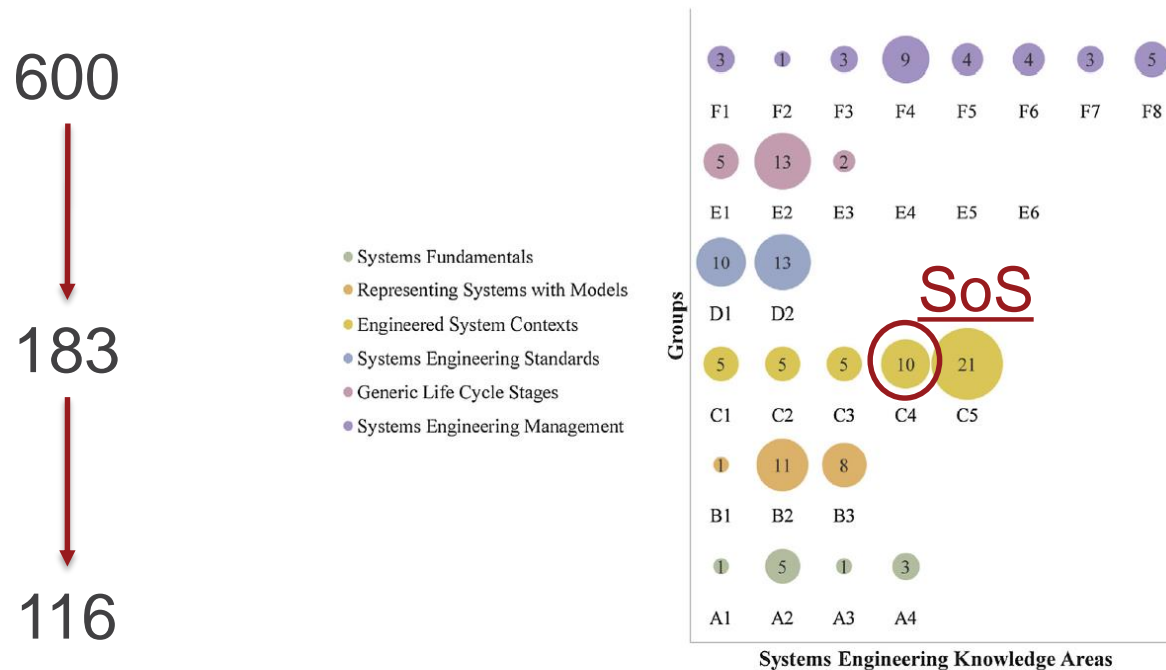


Fig. 3. Distribution of papers for SE knowledge areas.

## Example of topics covered

- Standards
- Mission
- Trace of effects
- Capabilities
- Configuration Management
- Unmanned vehicles

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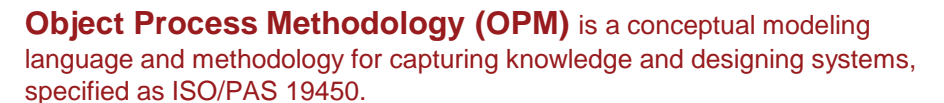




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# Focus: the architect role for managed SoS



Understand the system in a context **and** from different perspectives.

Define purpose and boundary.

Case: safety



Use **and** communicate principles

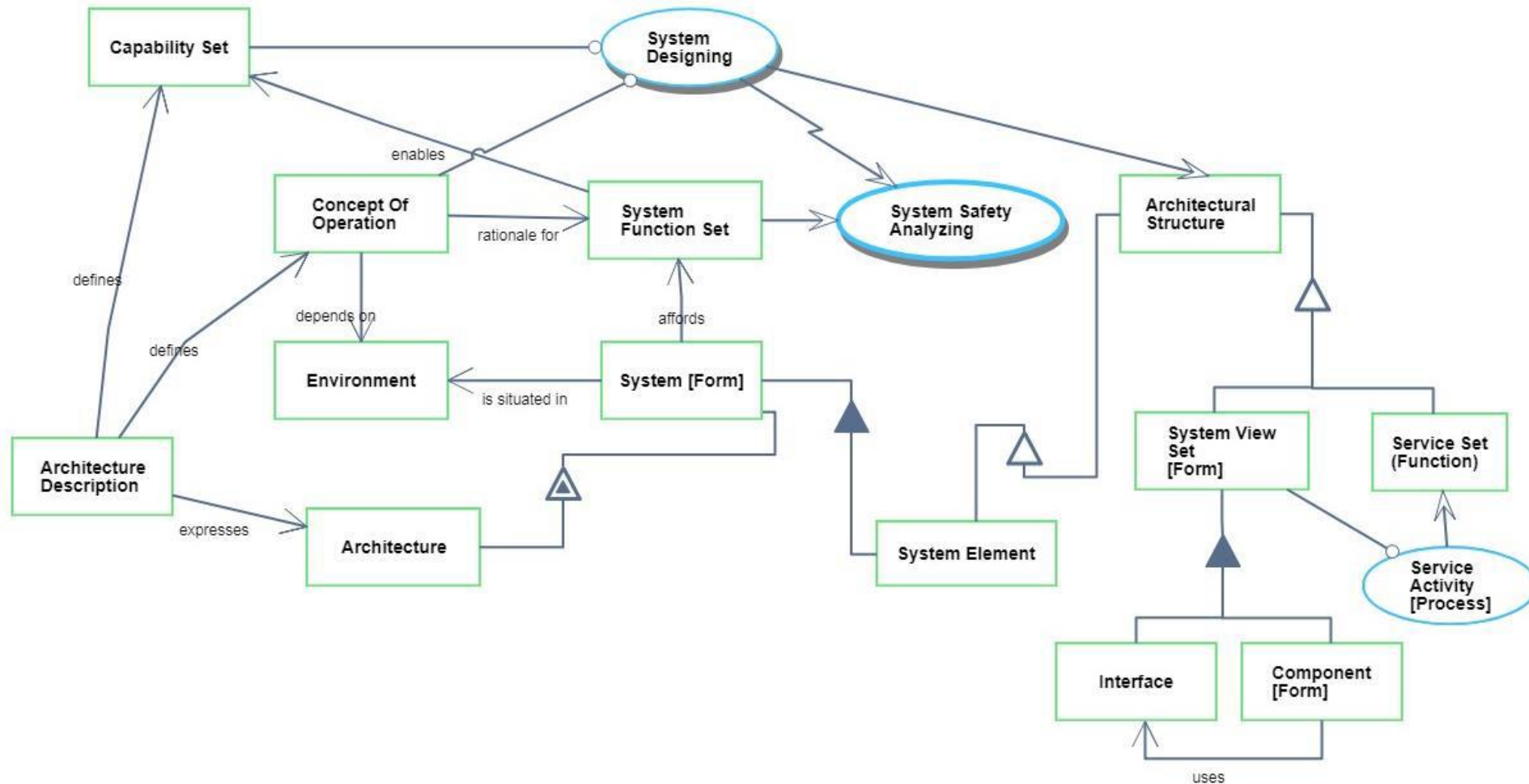
Method or principle:  
ISO-26262



Store **and** update principles

Architecture description:  
ISO/IEC/IEEE-42010

# The core concept



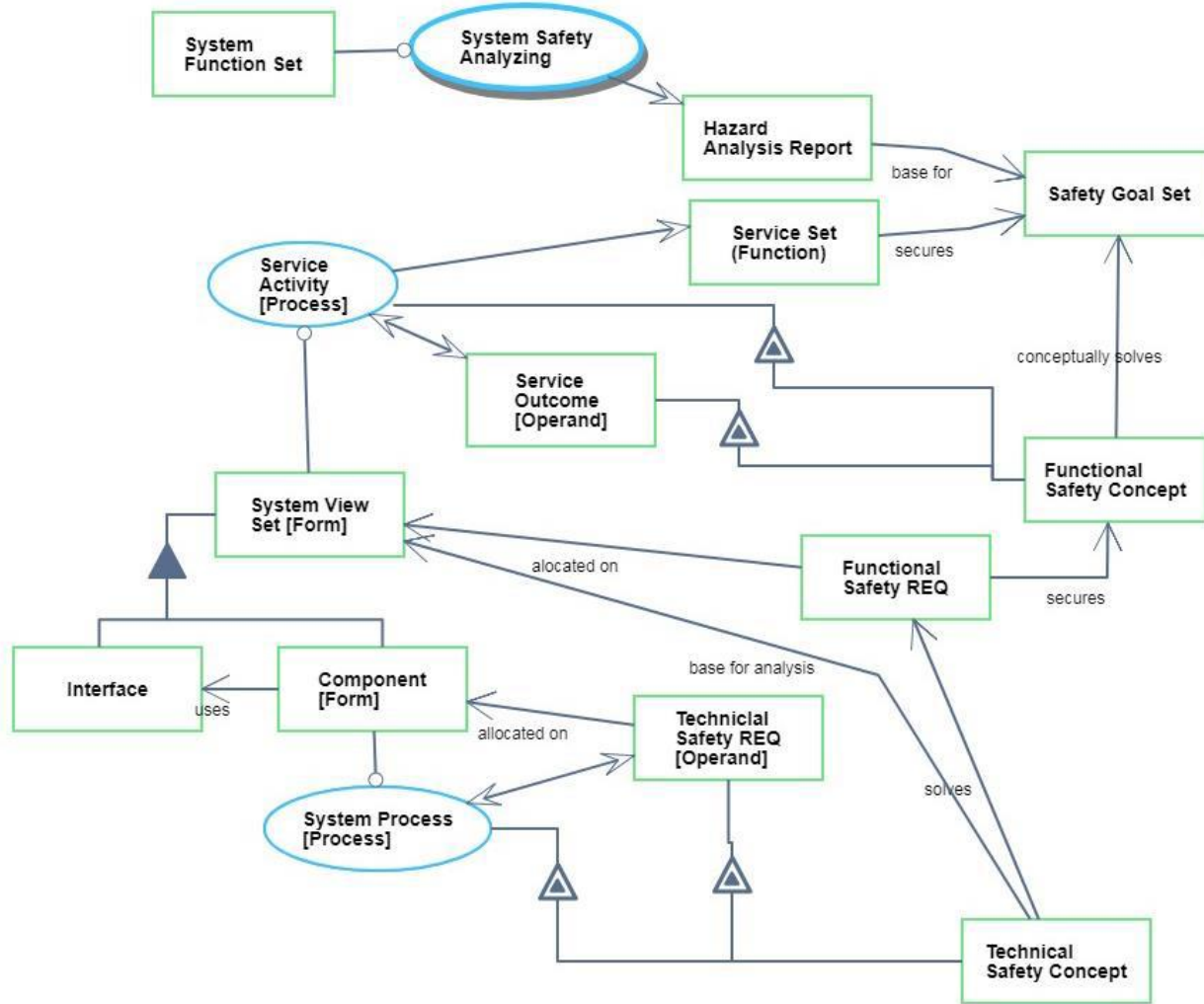
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# The specialization case extension



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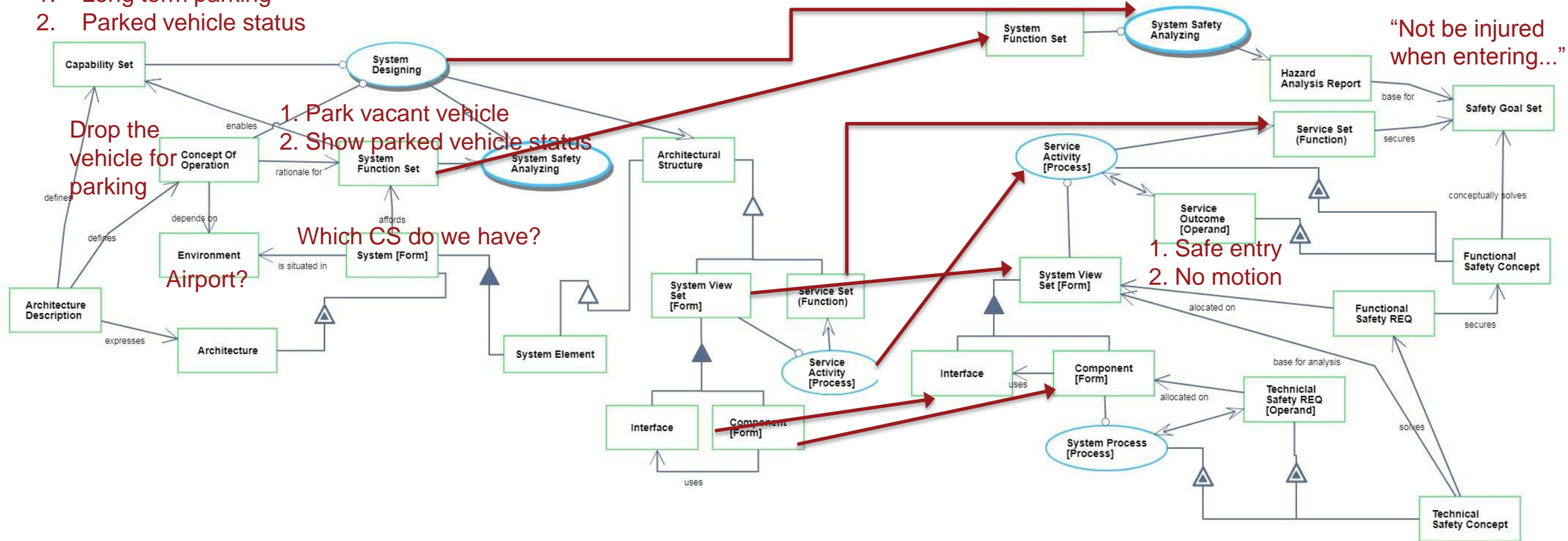
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# The example case “automated parking facility”



1. Long term parking
2. Parked vehicle status





# Results

- The concept model, ontology proposal, with its; parts, parts origins, intentions and relations is documented and tested by an instantiation (case: safety).
- 15 out of 16 objects needed in concept model where already defined in the SE-VOCAB hosted by IEEE.
- It is has been exemplified that the concept model can be used for architectural work to:
  - 1 - Define a SoS
  - 2 - Communicate principles
  - 3 - Document principles



# Further work for interested...

Paper in press



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