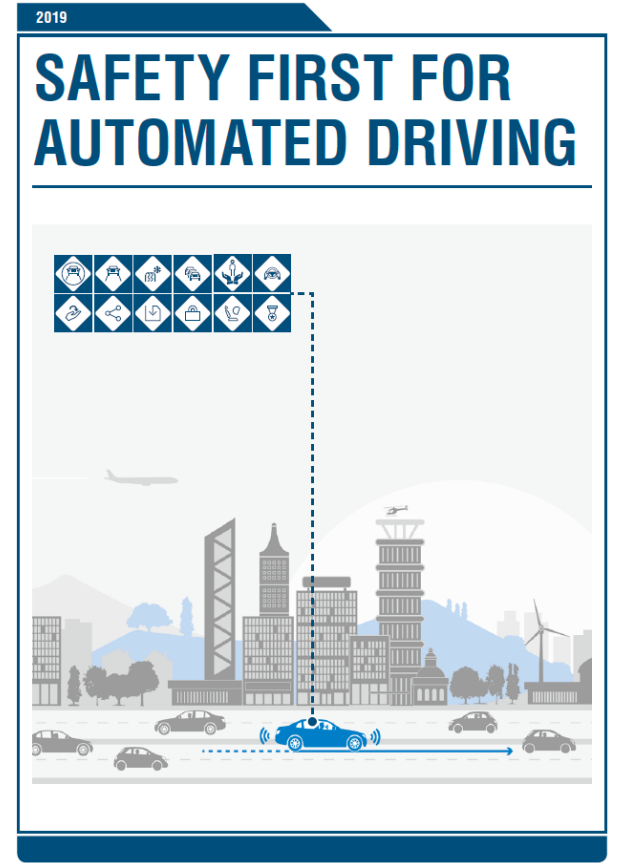# Safety First for Automated Driving

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Anti trust note: All following information need to be understood as a minimum basis shared commonly by the partner consortium. A complete safety case for a concrete product depends heavily on the specific operational design domain and needs always specific additional measures.

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Abstract
Automated Driving Systems

› Publication merges input of OEMs, tiered suppliers and key technology providers

› Positive risk balance

  › Safety by design and verification & validation methods

  › Comprehensive approach to safety relevant topics

› Intends to collaborate to industrywide standardization

The Twelve Principles of Automated Driving

› **SAFE OPERATION**
  › Deal with degradation
  › Fail operational

› **SAFE LAYER**
  › Recognize system limits
  › React to minimize the risk

› **OPERATIONAL DESIGN DOMAIN**
  › ODD determination
  › Manage typical situations

› **BEHAVIOR IN TRAFFIC**
  › Manners on the road
  › Conforming to rules

› **USER RESPONSIBILITY**
  › Responsibilities
  › Mode awareness

› **VEHICLE-INITIATED HANDOVER**
  › Minimal risk condition
  › Takeover request

› **VEHICLE OPERATER-INITIATED HANDOVER**
  › Engaging and disengaging of AD system
  › Ensure intent of handover with high confidence

› **INTERDEPENDENCY (OPERATOR ↔ AD SYSTEM)**
  › Take effects on the driver due to automation into account

› **DATA RECORDING**
  › Record relevant data when an event or incident is recognized
  › Complies with the applicable data privacy laws

› **SECURITY**
  › Protect the automated driving system from security threats

› **PASSIVE SAFETY**
  › Crash scenarios (vehicle layout modifications)
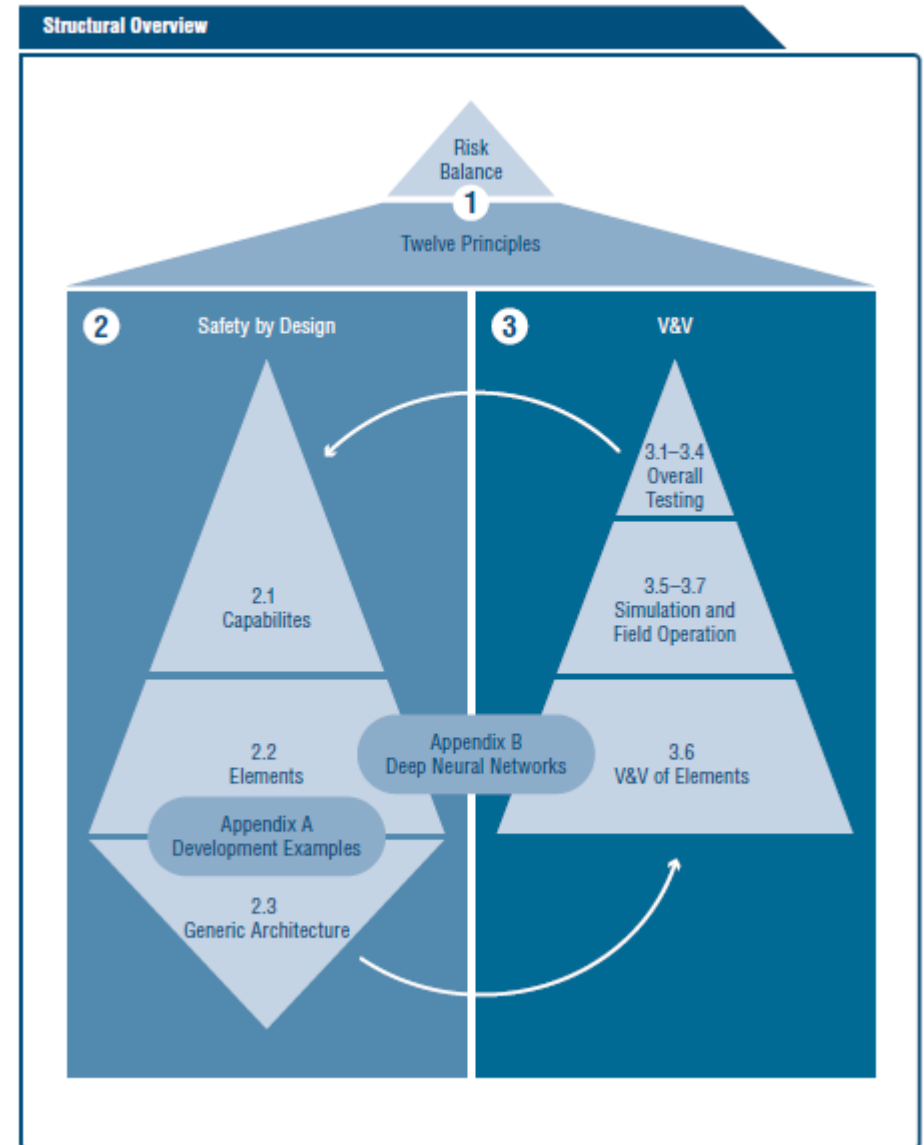 › Alternative seating position (new uses for the interior)

› **SAFETY ASSESSMENT**
  › Verification and validation to ensure that safety goals are met
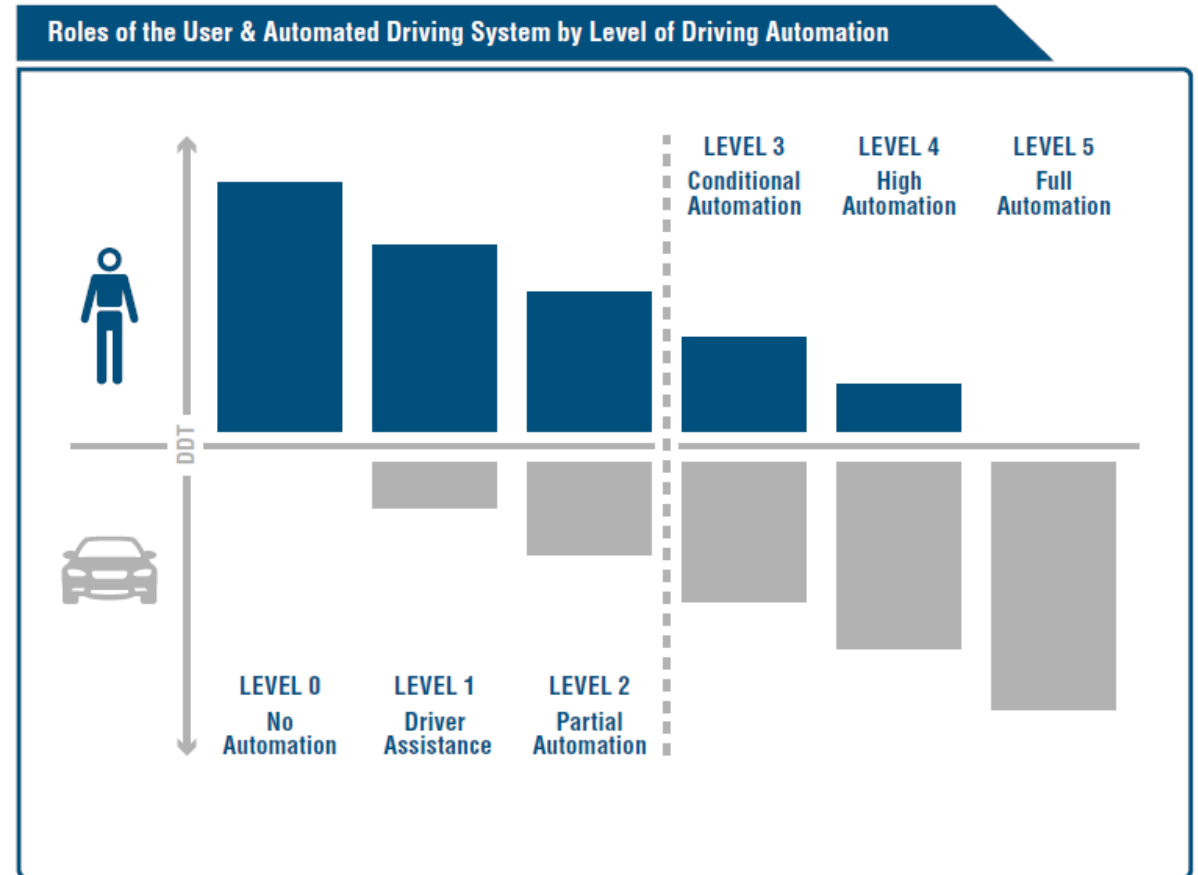 › Reach a consistent improvement of the overall safety

Structure of this Publication

› This publication is structured as interconnected topics which build upon one another to achieve an overall **safety vision**.

› The roof ridge in the figure represents the **positive risk balance** as an initial starting point and the overall goal.
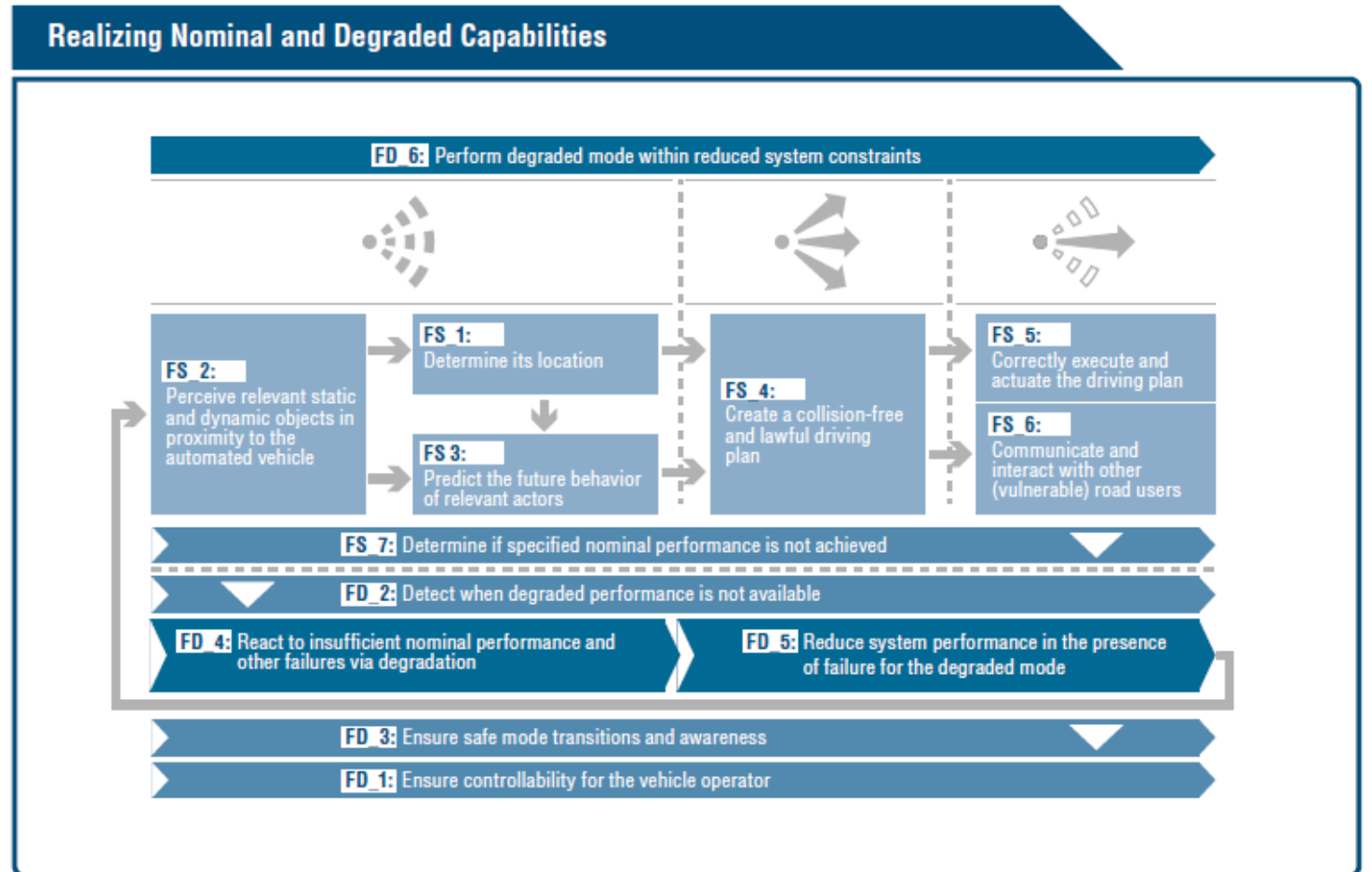
Human-Machine Interaction

› Introducing L3 automated driving system,

  › the vehicle operator is allowed to **cede full control to the vehicle** during the nominal driving task **within** ODD

  › user's **correct interpretation** of the actual driving mode and related **responsibility** for dynamic driving tasks (DDT) is crucial to enable safe driving

Roles of the User & Automated Driving System by Level of Driving Automation

LEVEL 0 — No Automation
LEVEL 1 — Driver Assistance
LEVEL 2 — Partial Automation
LEVEL 3 — Conditional Automation
LEVEL 4 — High Automation
LEVEL 5 — Full Automation

levels of automation according to SAE J3016

Realizing Nominal and Degraded Capabilities

› Capabilities based on
Sense – Plan – Act to achieve
nominal performance

› Ensure **degradation** in case of
insufficient nominal
performance or other failures

› Ensure safe mode **transitions**

Realizing Nominal and Degraded Capabilities

FD_6: Perform degraded mode within reduced system constraints

FS_2: Perceive relevant static and dynamic objects in proximity to the automated vehicle

FS_1: Determine its location

FS_3: Predict the future behavior of relevant actors

FS_4: Create a collision-free and lawful driving plan

FS_5: Correctly execute and actuate the driving plan

FS_6: Communicate and interact with other (vulnerable) road users

FS_7: Determine if specified nominal performance is not achieved

FD_2: Detect when degraded performance is not available

FD_4: React to insufficient nominal performance and other failures via degradation

FD_5: Reduce system performance in the presence of failure for the degraded mode

FD_3: Ensure safe mode transitions and awareness

FD_1: Ensure controllability for the vehicle operator

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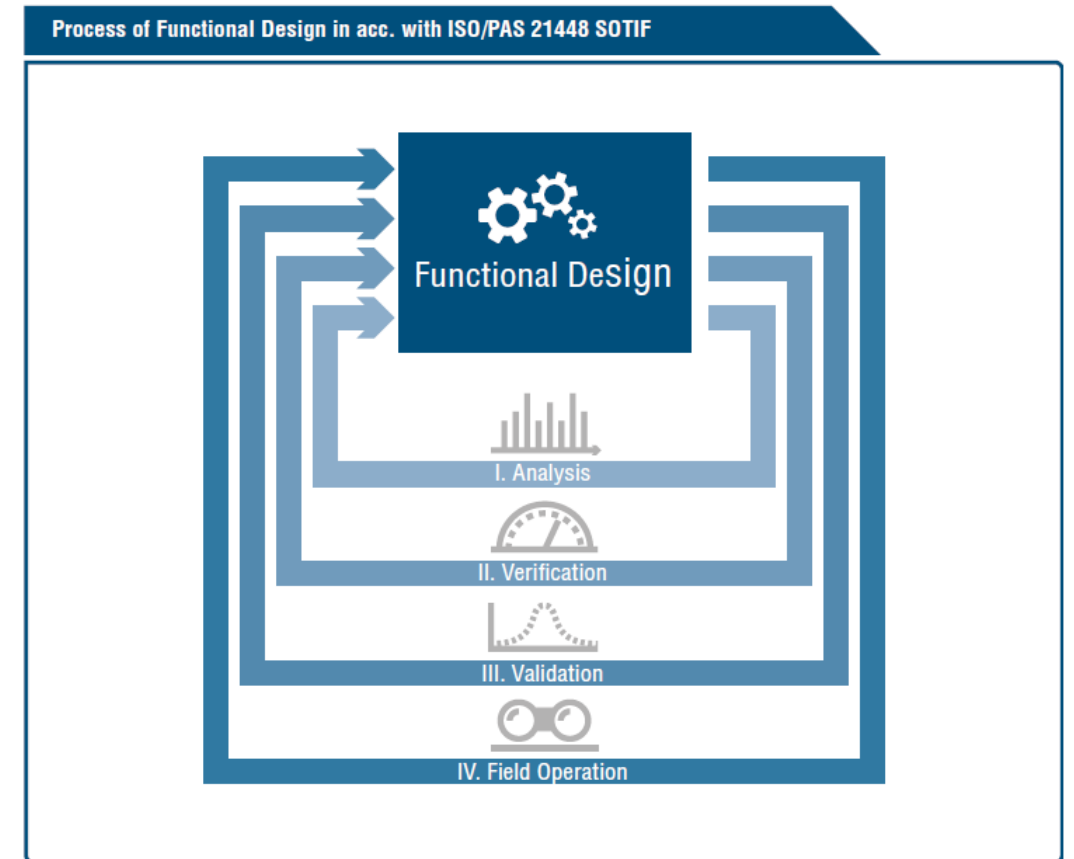# Example Traffic Jam Pilot (L3)

Nominal Function Definition	› **Vigilant** driver with driver's license, › driving only on **structurally separated roads** › typically **no** pedestrians or cyclists › 60 km/h **max** › **only** with leading vehicles › **no** lane changing › **no** construction sites › **only** during daylight, **without** rain › **only** temperatures higher than freezing point
Minimal Risk Conditions	› **Driver** has taken over control › Deactivate as soon driver has control or the vehicle is stopped › Vehicle is stopped **in-lane** › **Immediately** stop the vehicle with **fixed** deceleration › **lateral** vehicle movement based on **last valid** trajectory

Sensing Elements for **Localization**	› Determine whether the vehicle is on the **highway**
Sensing Elements for Perceive **Relevant Objects**	› Leading **vehicles in front** of the ego vehicle › Lane markings › (**vulnerable**) **road users** (even though they are excluded from the ODD) › **Diversity object detection methods** are preferred to cover the performance weakness of single sensors › **High-level object fusion** is considered a meaningful measure
ADS Mode Manager	› Check **activation** conditions › Check **deactivation** conditions › Ensure that the vehicle has either reached a **fail-safe state** › Or that the user has **safely taken over** control

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Verification and Validation
Key Challenges for V&V of L3 and L4 Systems

› Statistical demonstration of system safety and a **positive risk balance** without driver interaction

› System safety with driver **interaction** (especially in takeover maneuvers)

› Consideration of scenarios currently **not known** in traffic

› Validation of various system **configurations** and **variants**

› Validation of (sub) systems that are based on **machine learning**

Process of Functional Design in acc. with ISO/PAS 21448 SOTIF

Functional Design

I. Analysis

II. Verification

III. Validation

IV. Field Operation

Test Strategies

› A viable test strategy responds to the **key challenges** in the V&V of automated driving systems

  › by carefully breaking down the overall **validation objective** into **specific test goals** for every object under test

  › and by defining **appropriate** test platforms and test design techniques

Summary of the Test Strategy

Safety Aspects of Machine Learning Systems
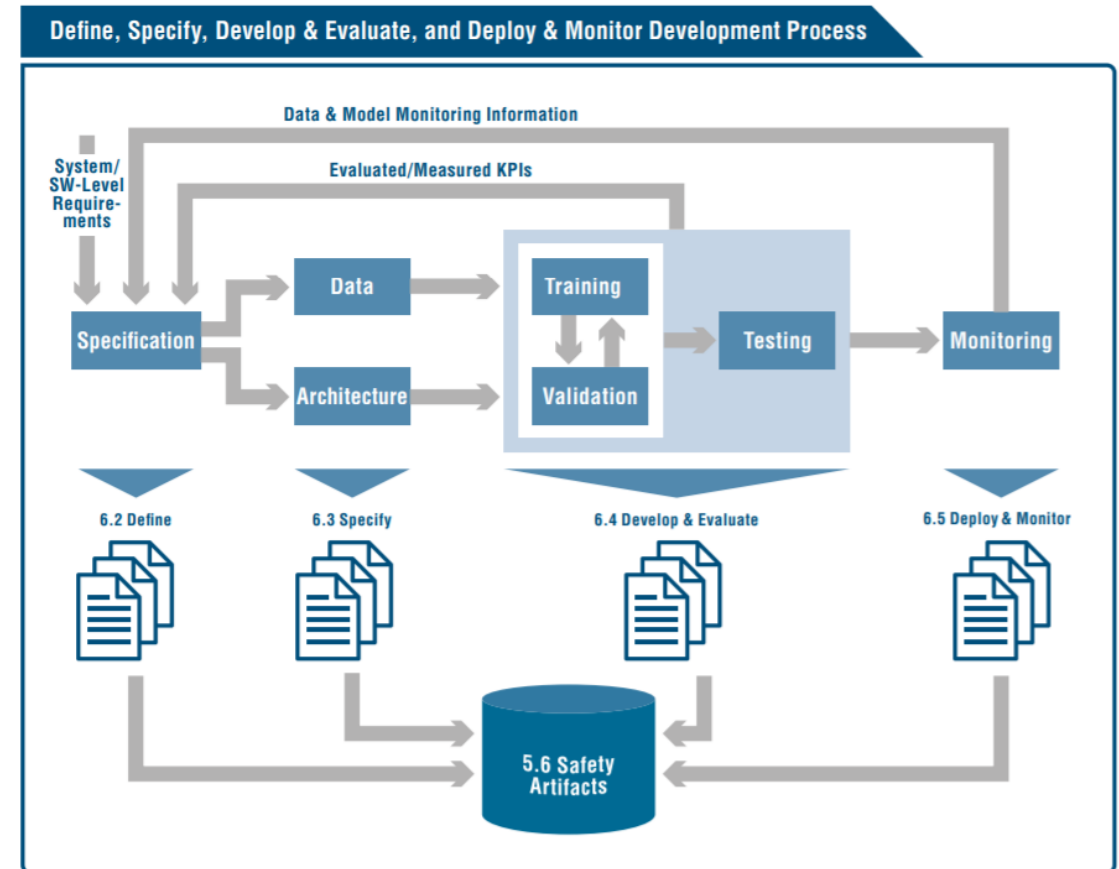
> **General considerations**

>> Be agnostic to means of implementation; documentation during full process chain, creation of safety artefacts.

> **Define**

>> ODD, data set, probabilistic output, KPIs, target hardware

> **Specify**

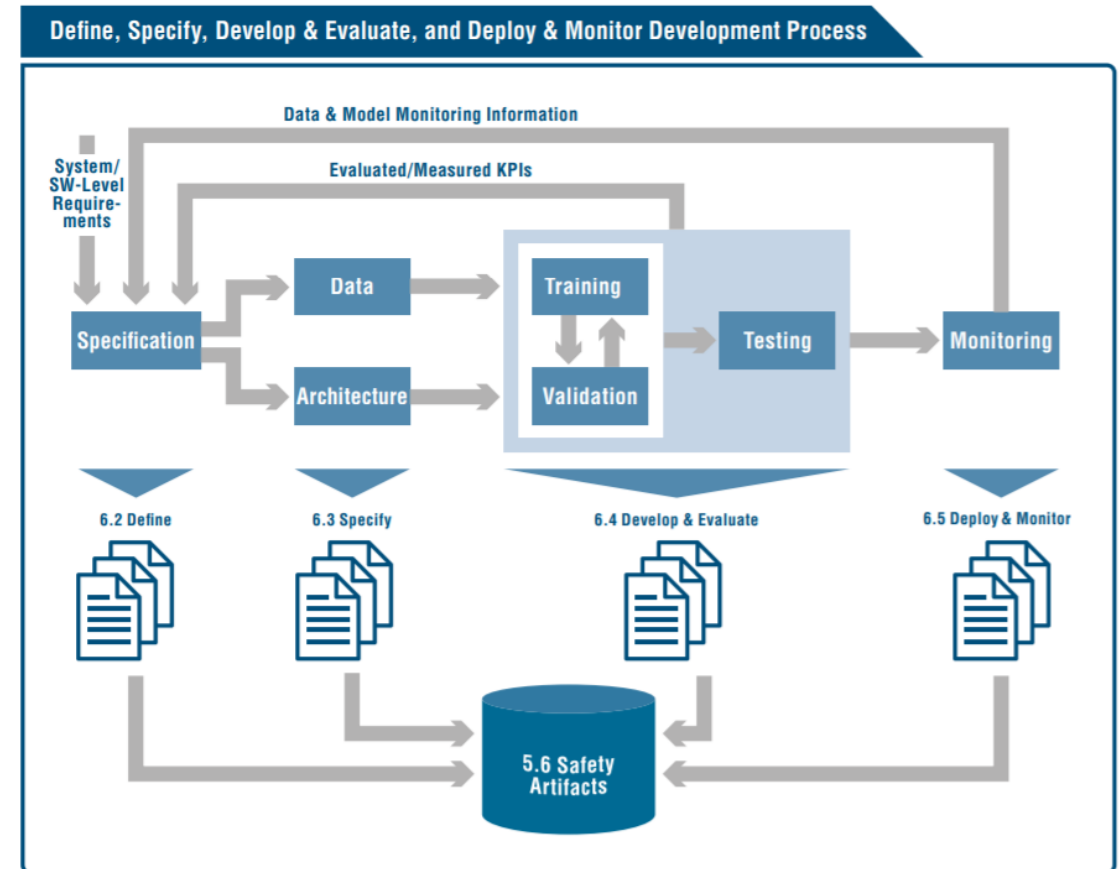>> Data set specs, labelling specs, labelling quality, DL model architectures, observers.

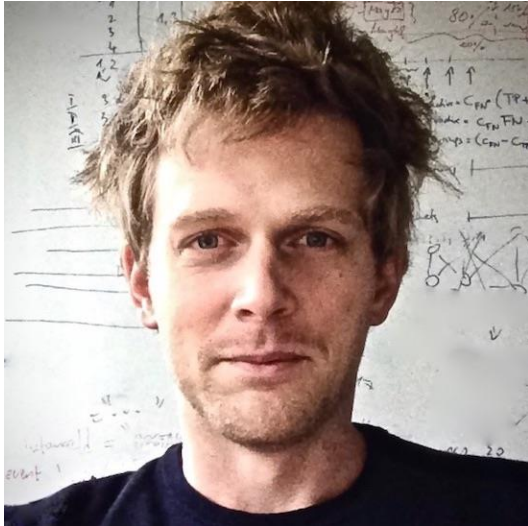# Safety Aspects of Machine Learning Systems

› **Develop & Evaluate**

  › DL model architecture (layers, connectivity, activations, pooling/upsampling, stride, …); composition of loss, regularization, optimization methods (solver, learning rate, …).

› **Deploy & Monitor**

  › Challenges: unseen data, confidence interpretation, emerging features, distributional shift.

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