



Identification of Item Interactions for Functional Safety

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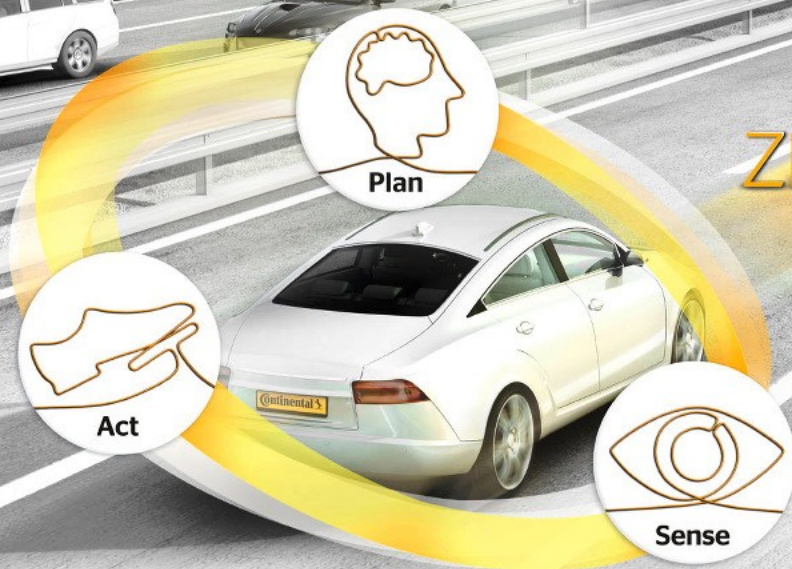
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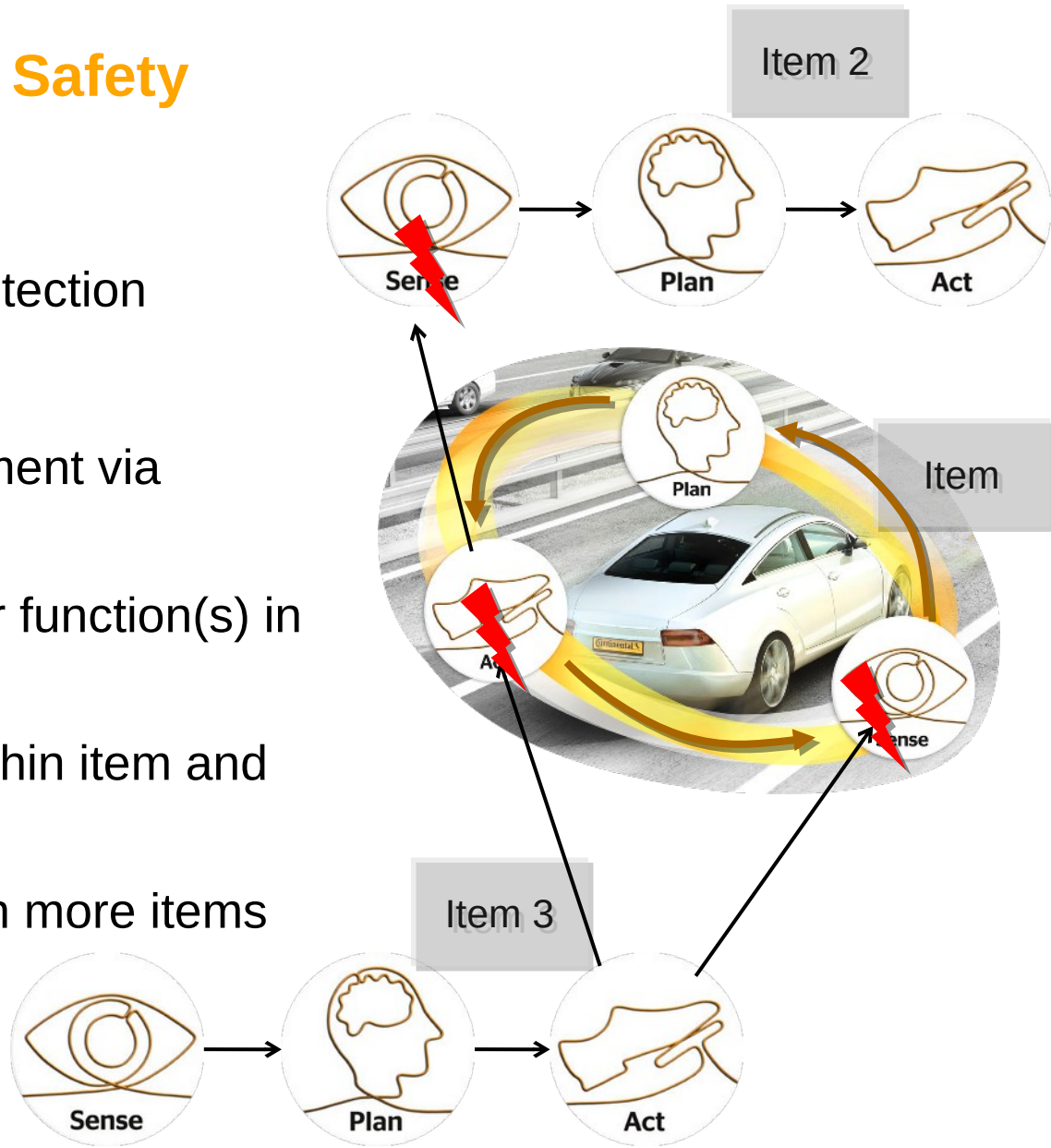
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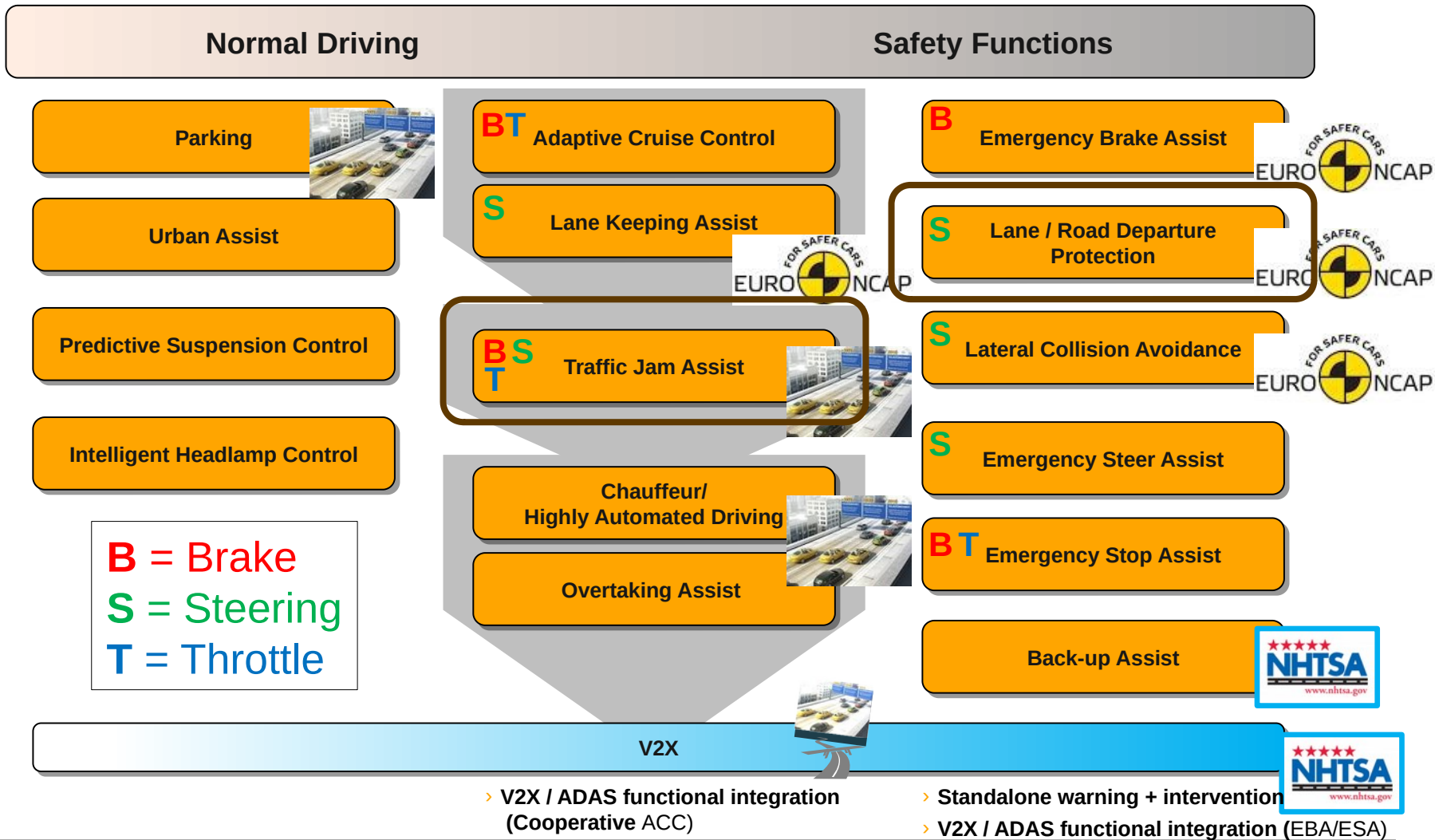
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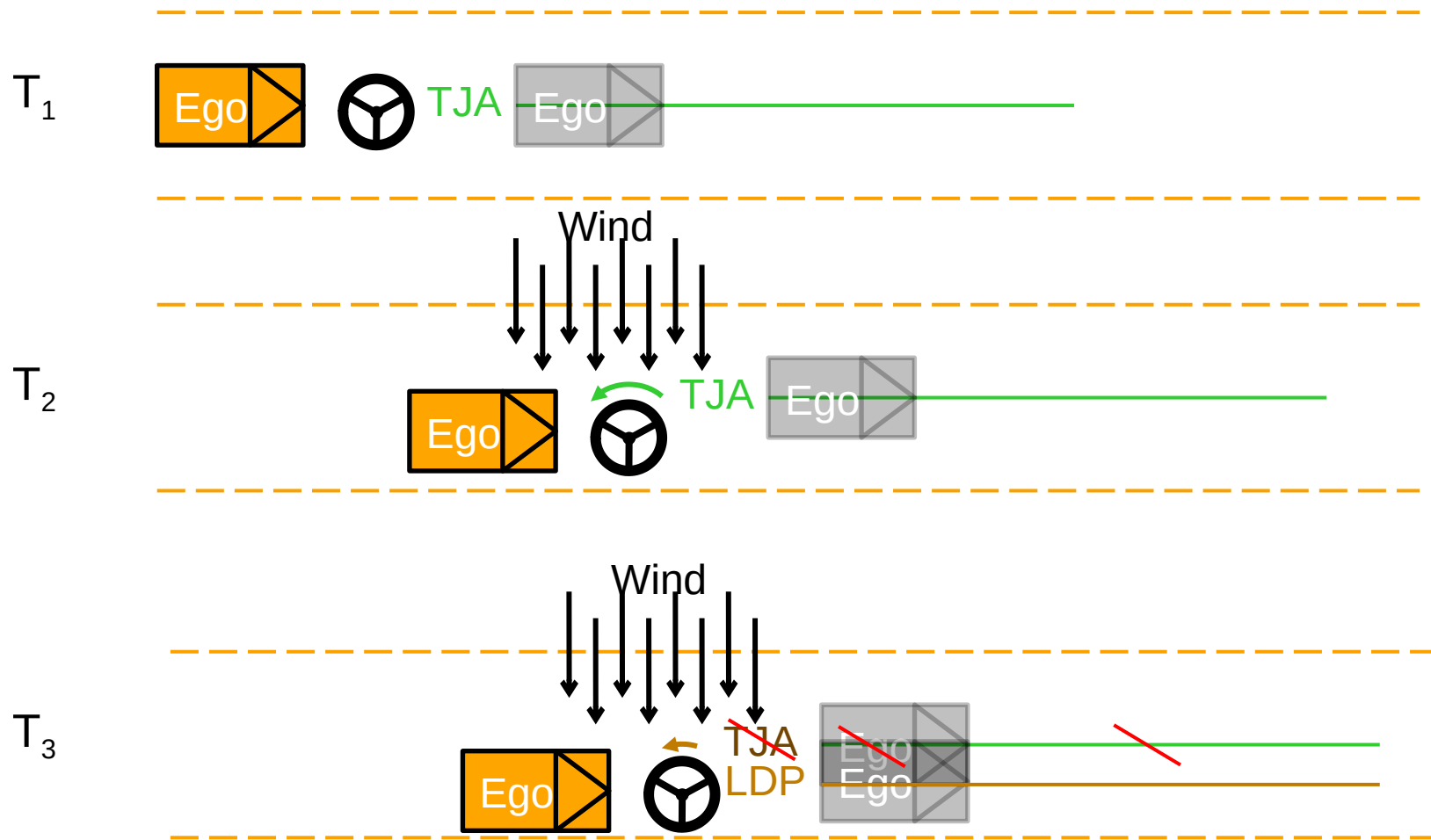


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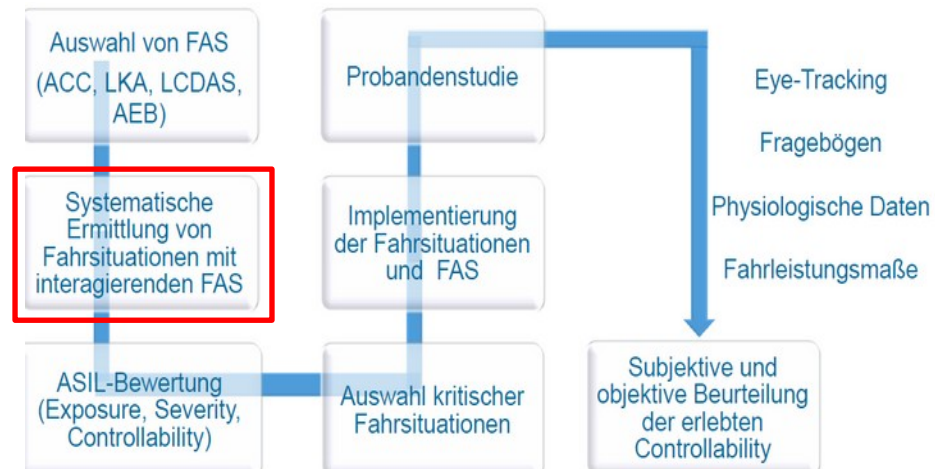
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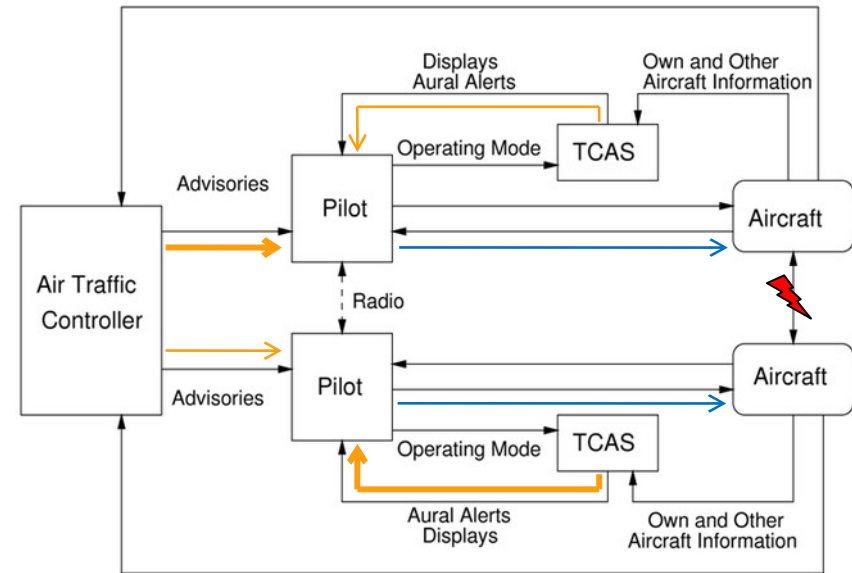
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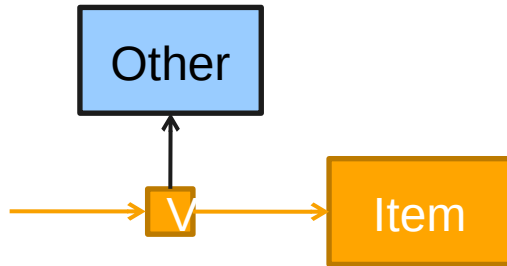
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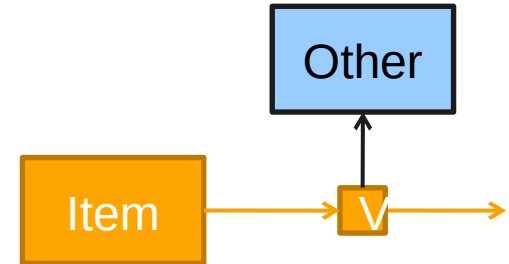
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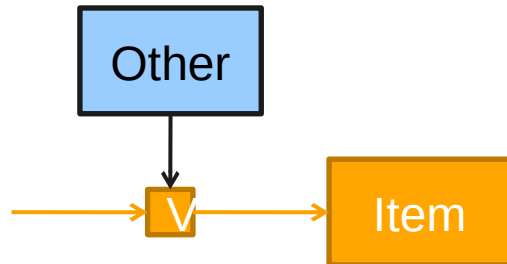
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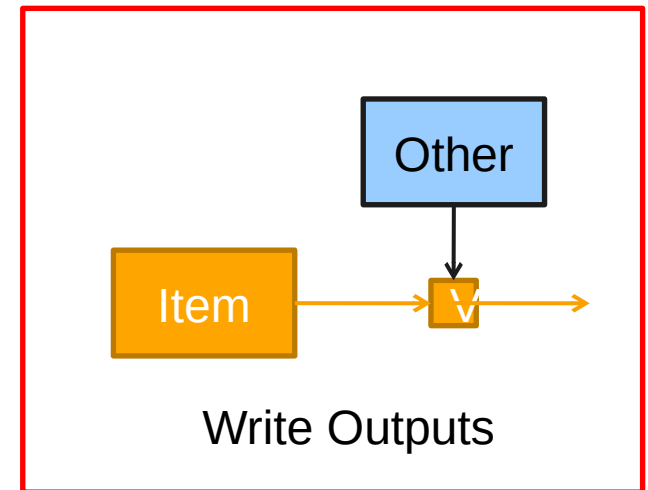
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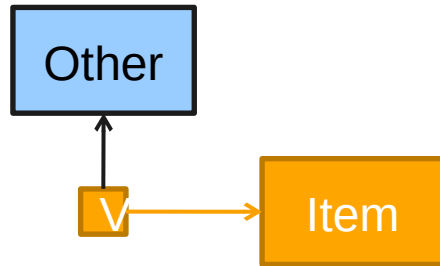
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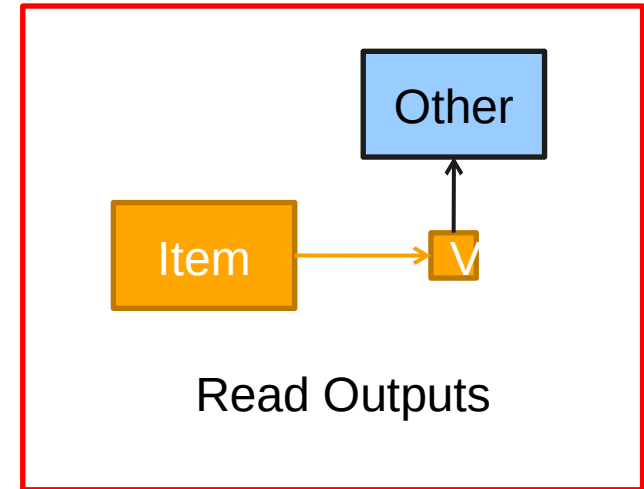
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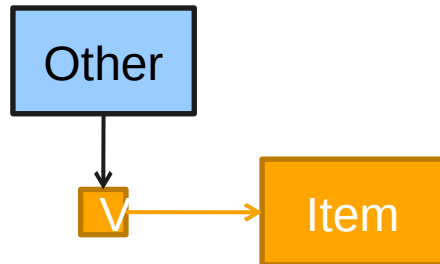
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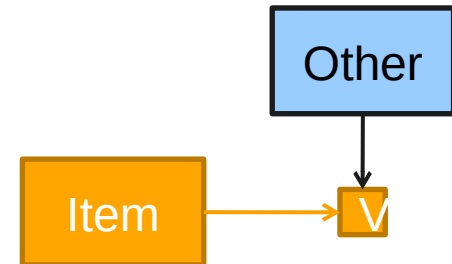
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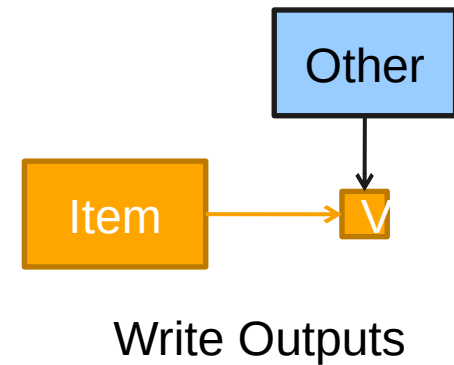
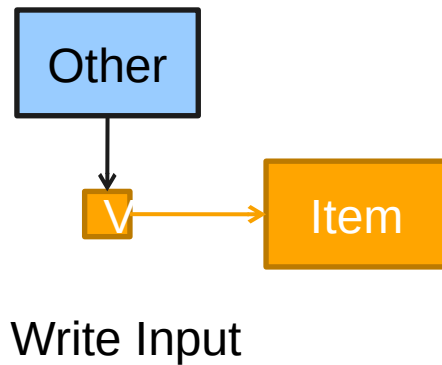
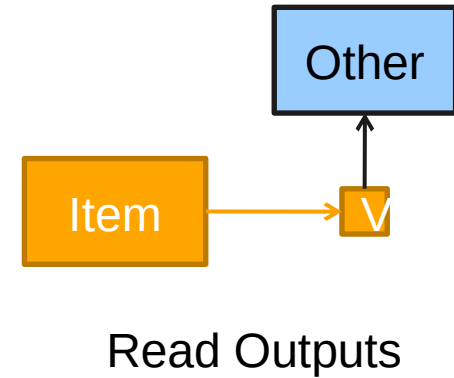
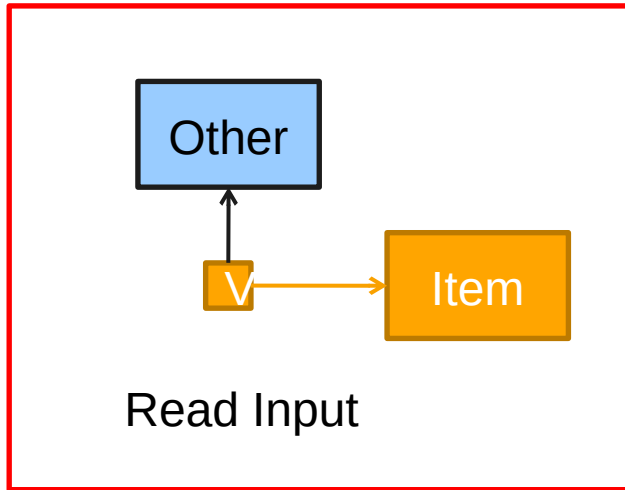
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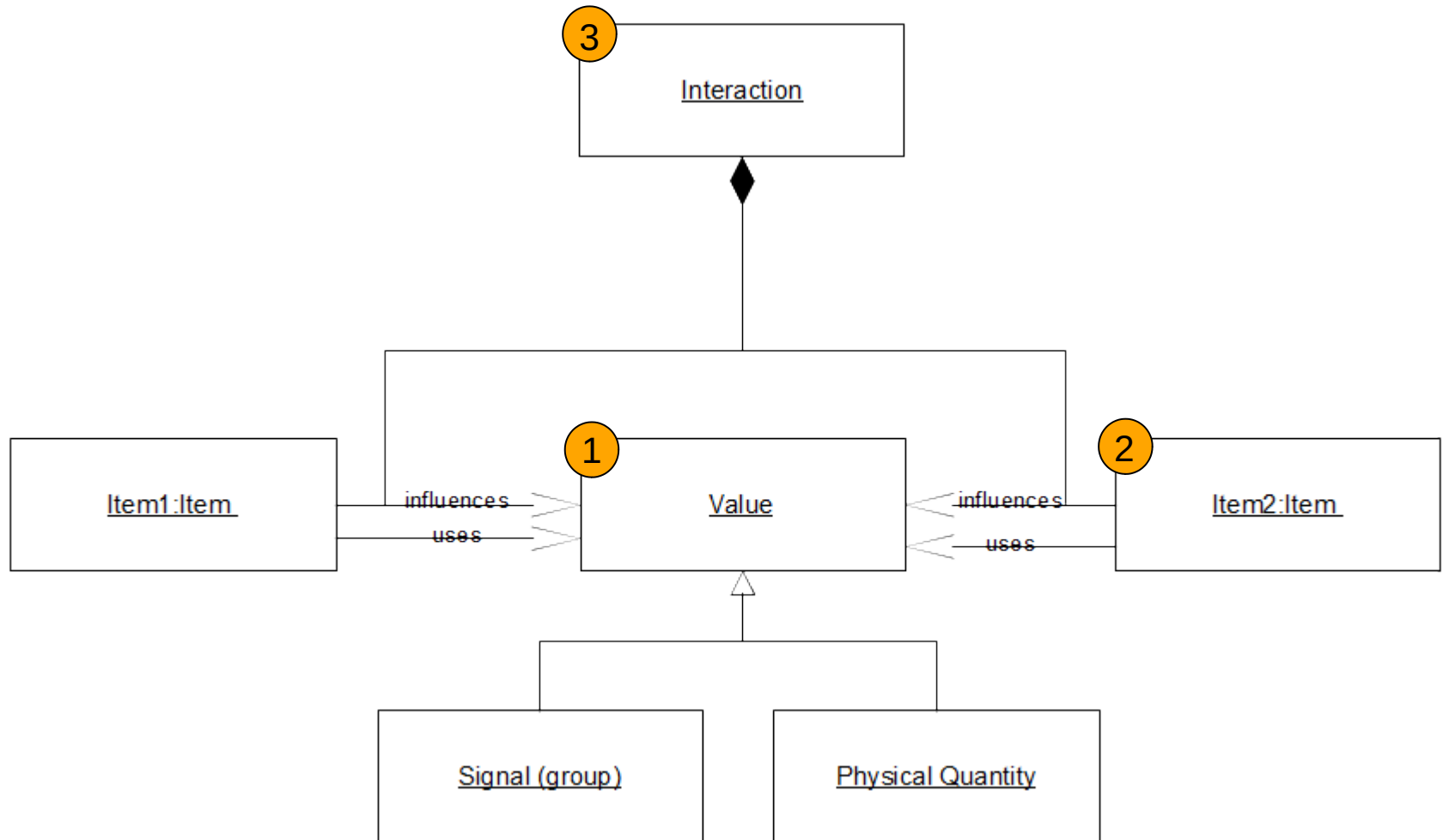
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Metamodel of Interactions



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- ① Identify all interfaces
 - Signal groups as well as physical quantities
- ② Identify all other items using same interfaces
 - Read/Write Input/Output
 - (Except Read Input)
- ③ For each item & interface identify and evaluate potential interactions
 - Using a keyword list

3 Steps, 3 Excel Pages

Interfaces

Itemname

Functional Interfaces

Inputs

Value or Signal

Outputs

Value or Signal

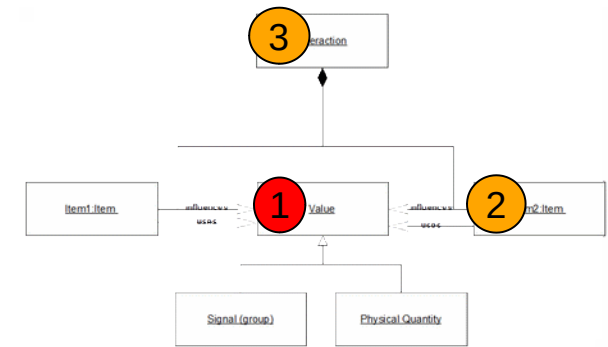
Physical Interfaces

Inputs

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Other items

Functions interacting with *Itemname*

Interfaces

Reading Inputs (only check for deadlocks, etc.)

Value or Signal

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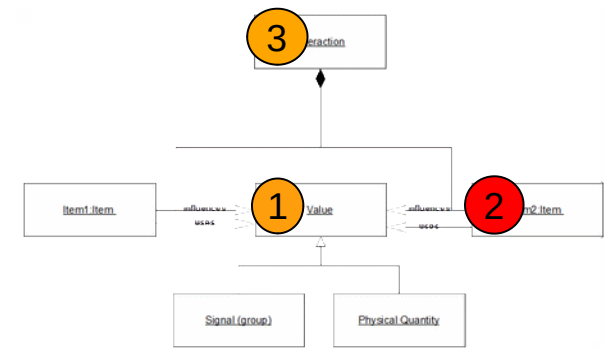
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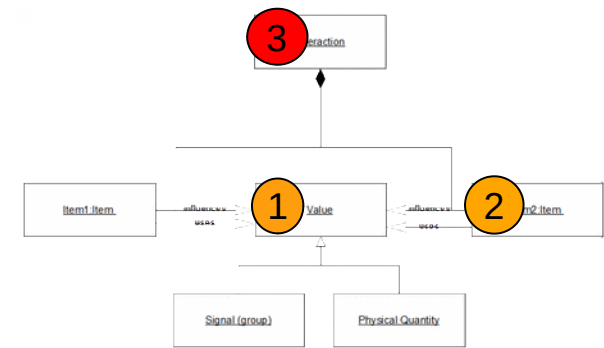
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Other items



Potential interaction effects of other items with *Itemname*

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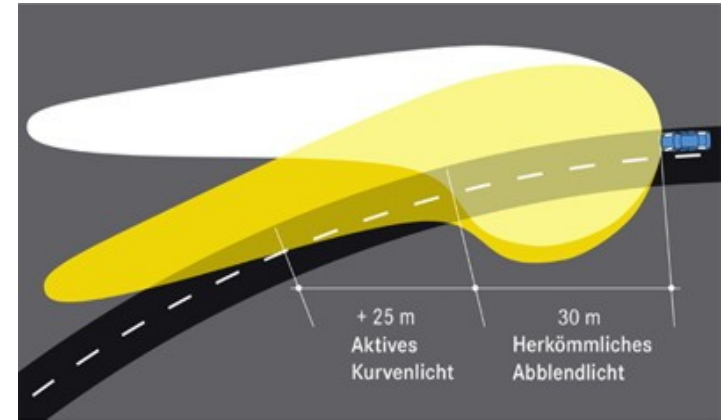
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Example Systems for Interaction Analysis

- › Advanced front-lighting system (“Kurvenlicht”) turning the headlamps
- › Light assistant switching on/off headlights and high beam
- › Drift assistant helping to drive through curves oversteering



Practise

Experiences of practise

- › Things that worked well / badly ?
- › Additional keywords?

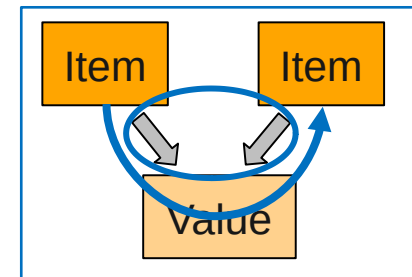
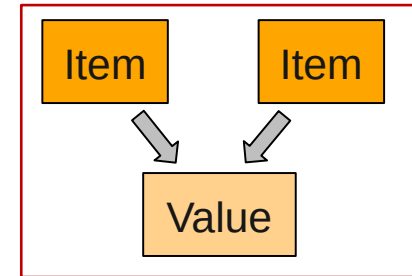
Limitations of Shown Approach

- › Some interactions will not be identified:
- › Physical relationships
 - › E.g. two planes cannot be in same airspace simultaneously
 - › E.g. braking and steering both use up adhesion
 - › Could use „adhesion“ as physical quantity
- › Driver limitations
 - › E.g. drivers are less experienced with simultaneous steering and braking
- › Effects within normal control chains
 - › Part of one item

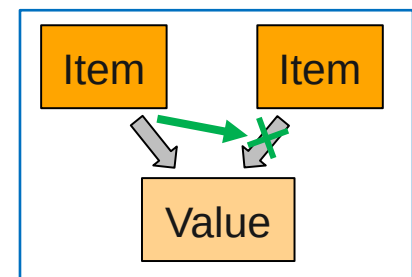
Summary

- › Interaction of correctly functioning systems can cause hazards
- › Analysis approach
 - › Following influenced signals/quantities
 - › Keyword-based interaction identification
 - › Countermeasures definition

Hazard



Identification



Countermeasures

Questions and ... Questions

- › Your questions!
- › My questions:
 - › Do **you** analyze item interactions?
 - › Example interaction hazards found which can be shared?
 - › Systematic approach at identification?
 - › Approach to determine controllability?
 - › Interactions of items in different cars?

Thank you

for your attention!

Backup Slides

The specification leg of the V-model

Know what you do

Item definition

Functions & States
Environment

Know what could go wrong

Hazard & Risk
analysis

Safety Goals (ASIL)
Safe States

Define countermeasures

Safety Concept

Safety Requirements
Safety Measures

Evaluate Sufficiency

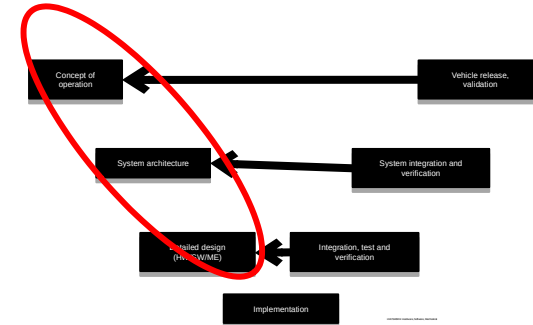
Safety Analysis

FTA
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Good
enough?

Next Refinement
Level

Not good
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Identification of Failure Modes – Systematic Brainstorming

- › Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOP)
 - › First applied in chemical industry to identify potential hazards caused by deviations from design intent
- › Approach
 - › Find ways an item/component can fail based on two sets of keywords
 - › Primary: Intentions or Functions of component
 - › Particular aspect of design or parameter
 - › Differ from component to component
 - › Secondary: Deviation hints
 - › Possible deviations
 - › Standard Set of keywords
- › Alternative result: Consequences

HAZOP secondary keywords

Keyword	General Meaning	Example Primary Keyword: Steering
No	Function not performed / unachievable	No steering moment; Steering locked
More	Quantitative increase	Too much/too long steering moment
Less	Quantitative decrease	Too few/Too short steering moment
Also	Qualitative increase (something in addition)	Vibration while steering; Steering wheel height modified
Part	Qualitative decrease (something missing)	--
Reverse	Opposite than intended	Steering moment in opposite direction
Other	Not where or how expected (something different)	No steering moment but braking; Unexpected steering moment
Fluctuation	Not achieved all of the time	Steering moment ,stutters‘
Early	Function performed too early	Too quick moment buildup
Late	Function performed too late	Steering moment buildup too slow

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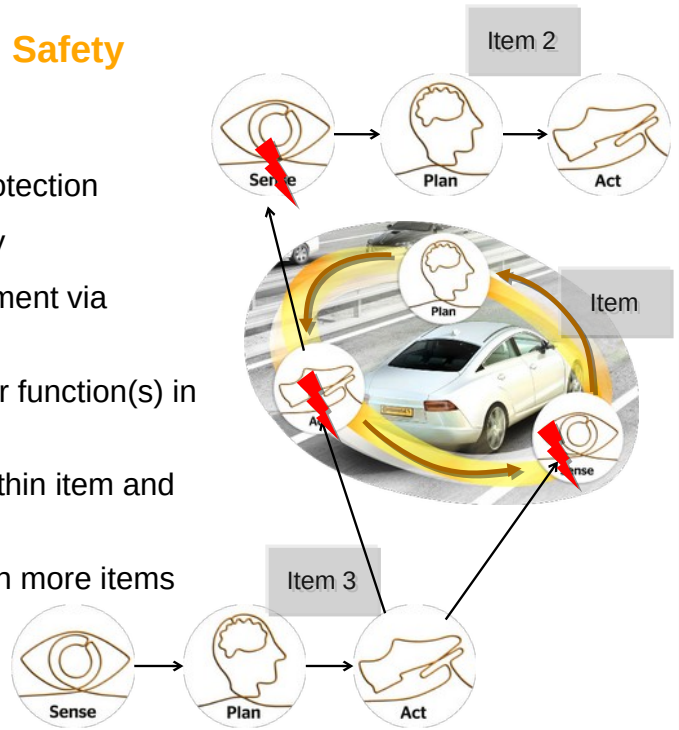
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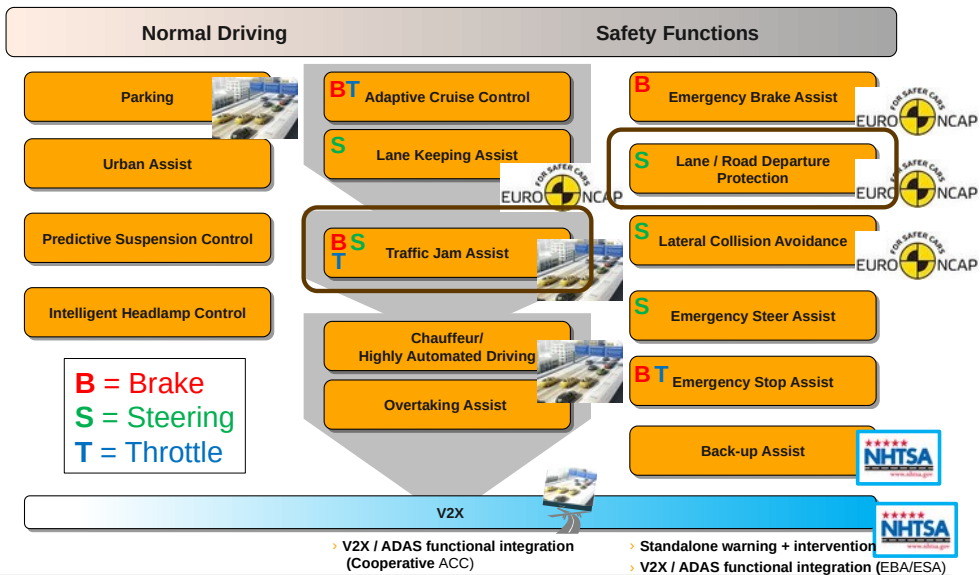
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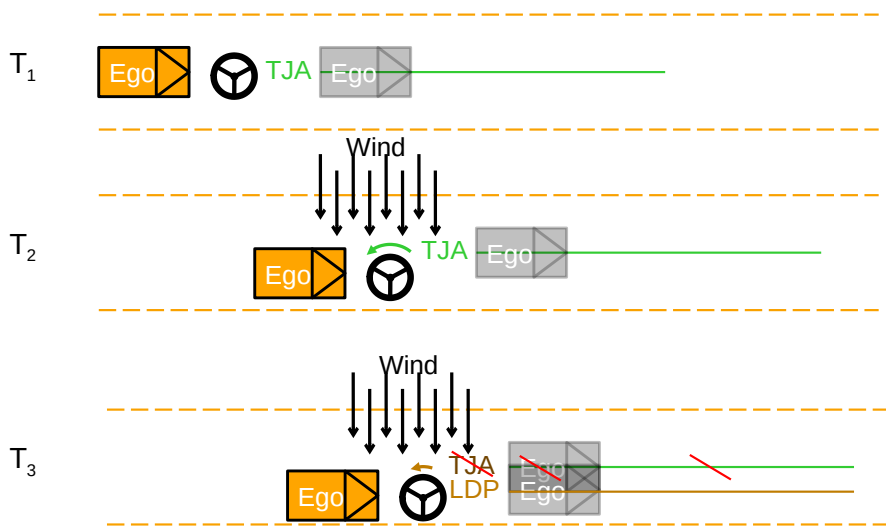


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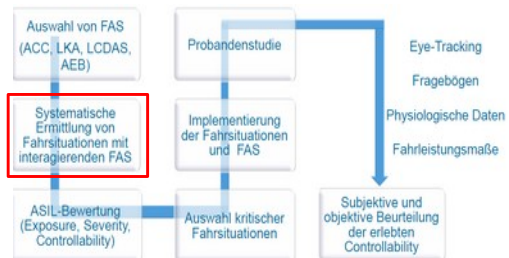
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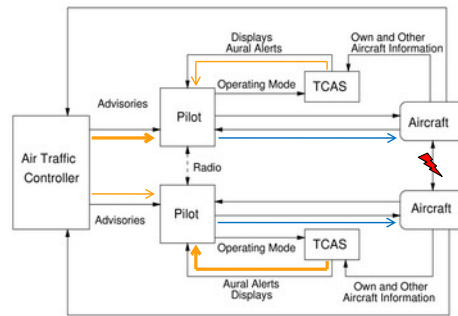
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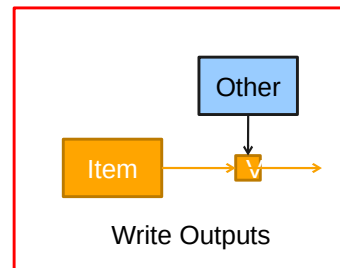
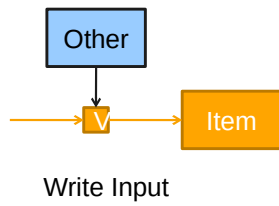
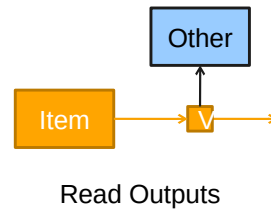
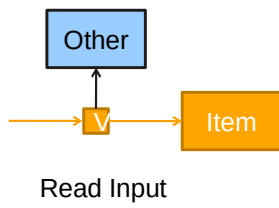
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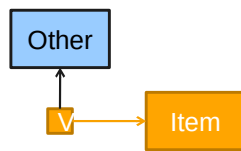


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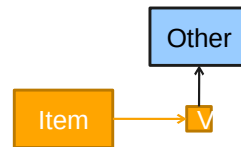
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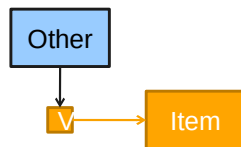
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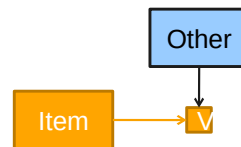
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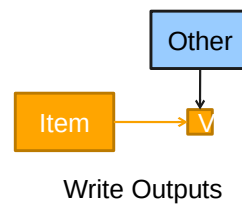
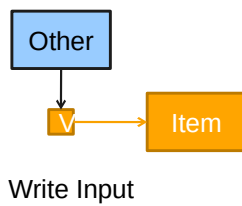
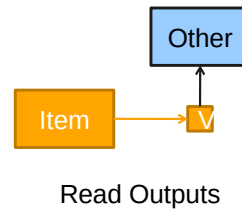
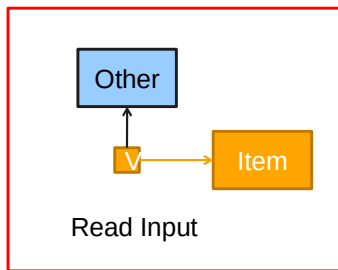
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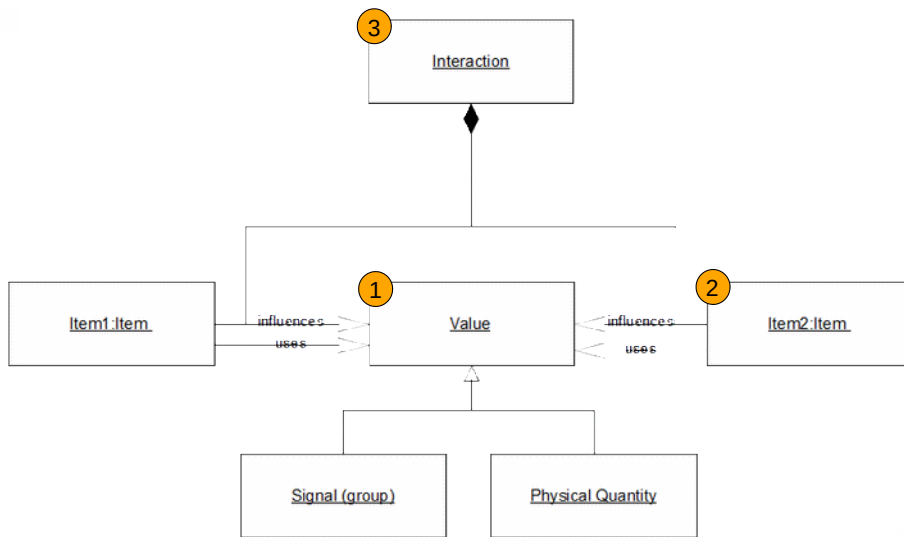
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 - › Using a keyword list

3 Steps, 3 Excel Pages

Interfaces

Itemname

Functional Interfaces

Inputs

Value or Signal

Outputs

Value or Signal

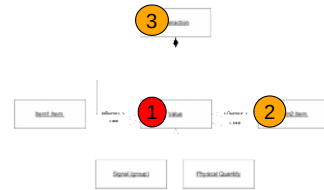
Physical Interfaces

Inputs

Value or Signal

Outputs

Value or Signal



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Other items

Functions interacting with Itemname

Interfaces	Other Functions
Reading Inputs (only check for deadlocks, etc.)	
Value or Signal	Function 1
Value or Signal	Function 2

Reading Outputs

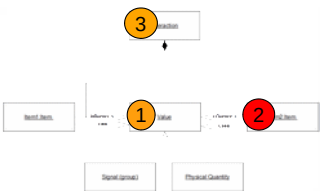
Value or Signal	Function 3
Value or Signal	

Write Inputs

Value or Signal	Function 4
Value or Signal	Function 1

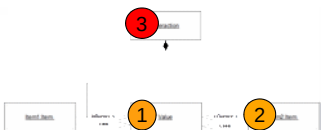
Write Output

Value or Signal	Function 4
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Other items



Potential interaction effects of other items with *Itemname*

Signal (input) Physical Quantity

Reading Outputs	Other function	What is the effect if the item changes the output (which is input to the other functions) in the following ways					Countermeasures
		1) more Output is increased (slowly/quickly) over original value	2) less Output is decreased from original value	3) inverse Output gradient changes direction (i.e. increase <-> decrease)	4) before Output is changed before other functions acts	5) after Output is changed after other function acts	
Value or Signal	Function 1	Interaction and consequence	Interaction and consequence	Interaction and consequence	Interaction and consequence	Interaction and consequence	Potential countermeasures against each consequence
Value or Signal	Function 2						

Writing inputs	Other function	What is the effect if the other functions changes its output (which is input to the item) in the following ways					Countermeasures
		1) more Output is increased (slowly/quickly) over original value	2) less Output is decreased from original value	3) inverse Output gradient changes direction (i.e. increase <-> decrease)	4) before Output is changed before other functions acts	5) after Output is changed after other function acts	

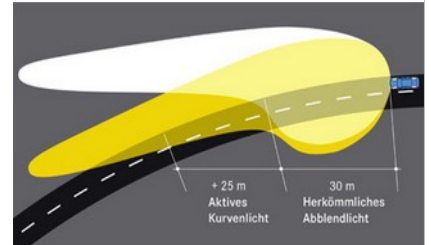


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- 1** Item Interaction and examples
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- 4** Interaction identification example
- 5** Summary

Example Systems for Interaction Analysis

- › Advanced front-lighting system (“Kurvenlicht”) turning the headlamps



- › Light assistant switching on/off headlights and high beam



- › Drift assistant helping to drive through curves oversteering



Practise

Experiences of practise

- › Things that worked well / badly ?
- › Additional keywords?

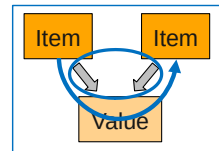
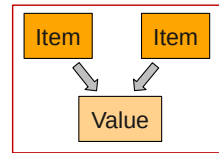
Limitations of Shown Approach

- › Some interactions will not be identified:
- › Physical relationships
 - › E.g. two planes cannot be in same airspace simultaneously
 - › E.g. braking and steering both use up adhesion
 - › Could use „adhesion“ as physical quantity
- › Driver limitations
 - › E.g. drivers are less experienced with simultaneous steering and braking
- › Effects within normal control chains
 - › Part of one item

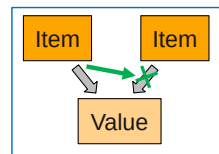
Summary

- › Interaction of correctly functioning systems can cause hazards
- › Analysis approach
 - › Following influenced signals/quantities
 - › Keyword-based interaction identification
 - › Countermeasures definition

Hazard



Identification



Countermeasures

Questions and ... Questions

› Your questions!

› My questions:

- › Do **you** analyze item interactions?
 - › Example interaction hazards found which can be shared?
- › Systematic approach at identification?
- › Approach to determine controlability?
- › Interactions of items in different cars?

Thank you

for your attention!

Backup Slides

The specification leg of the V-model

Know what you do

Item definition

Functions & States
Environment

Know what could go wrong

Hazard & Risk
analysis

Safety Goals (ASIL)
Safe States

Define countermeasures

Safety Concept

Safety Requirements
Safety Measures

Evaluate Sufficiency

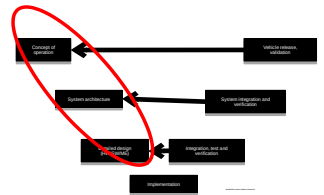
Safety Analysis

FTA
FMEA, FMEDA

Next Refinement
Level

Not good
enough?

Good
enough?



Identification of Failure Modes – Systematic Brainstorming

› Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOP)

- › First applied in chemical industry to identify potential hazards caused by deviations from design intent

› Approach

- › Find ways an item/component can fail based on two sets of keywords
- › Primary: Intentions or Functions of component
 - › Particular aspect of design or parameter
 - › Differ from component to component
- › Secondary: Deviation hints
 - › Possible deviations
 - › Standard Set of keywords

› Alternative result: Consequences

HAZOP secondary keywords

Keyword	General Meaning	Example Primary Keyword: Steering
No	Function not performed / unachievable	No steering moment; Steering locked
More	Quantitative increase	Too much/too long steering moment
Less	Quantitative decrease	Too few/Too short steering moment
Also	Qualitative increase (something in addition)	Vibration while steering; Steering wheel height modified
Part	Qualitative decrease (something missing)	--
Reverse	Opposite than intended	Steering moment in opposite direction
Other	Not where or how expected (something different)	No steering moment but braking; Unexpected steering moment
Fluctuation	Not achieved all of the time	Steering moment ,stutters‘
Early	Function performed too early	Too quick moment buildup
Late	Function performed too late	Steering moment buildup too slow

Safe and Dynamic Driving towards Vision Zero

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