VVM - Towards a comprehensive framework for AD safety assurance



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VV-METHODS PEGASUS family – Publicly-funded projects in

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- Scope: Basic methodological framework
- Use-Case: L3/4 on highways

and in urban environments

Partners: 17

Germany





The **PEGASUS Family** focuses on development / testing methods and tools for AD systems on highways **VV-Methods** Scope: Methods, toolchains, specifications for technical assurance PEGASUS Partners: 23 partners

Use-Case: L>=3 in urban environments Timeline: 07/2019 – 06/2023 SET SET Level • Scope: Simulation platform, toolchains, definitions for simulation-based testing Use-Case urban environments • Partners: 20 partners

Timeline: 03/2019 – 08/2022

+ future projects of the PEGASUS Family

2019

Time



VV-METHODS – Project setup



- Funded by Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi)
- Start, Runtime 07/2019, 4 years
- > Budget total 47M€
- Partners

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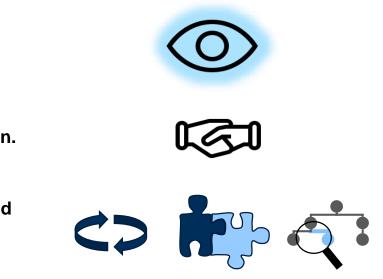


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Approach

- Objective methodological framework release
 - > Consider all relevant societal claims as laws/standards & market proposition in a common process.
 - Focus on **resilience** in **open context** over the complete **life cycle** (development & operation).
- Strategy
 - Use different perspectives and appropriate levels of abstraction.
 - Combine development & operation with Design,
 Verification&Validation via an assurance argumentation.
 - An assurance argumentation enable consistency and traceability, prepared for changes over life cycle.





VERIFICATION **Approach - Argumentation Framework - perspectives** VALIDATION **1ETHODS** ► Use different perspectives and appropriate levels of abstraction. Required behaviour perspectives Validation gap Specification gap **Capability** Layer Real world Layer Engineering Layer

(J. E. Stellet, T. Brade, A. Poddey, S. Jesenski and W. Branz, "Formalisation and algorithmic approach to the automated driving validation problem," 2019 IEEE Intelligent - with minor changes)

Real behaviour

Unexpected behaviour

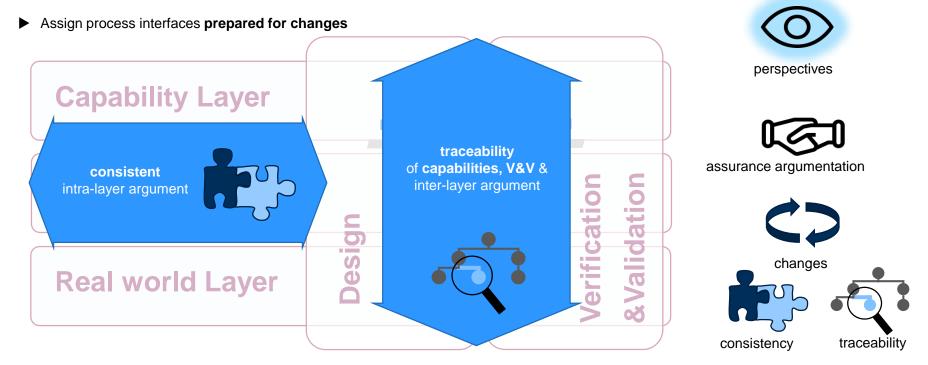
Implementation gap

Specified behaviour

Wrong specification

Argumentation Framework

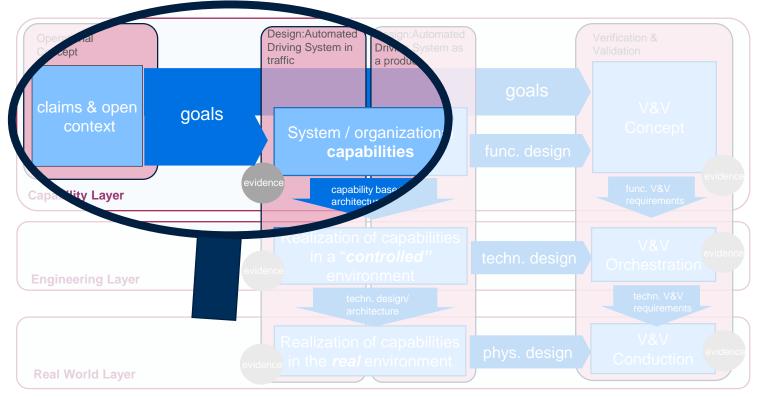
- Use different perspectives and appropriate levels (layers) of abstraction.
- Combine development & operation with Design, Verification & Validation via an assurance argumentation.





Argumentation Framework - Elements

- ► Layers and domains interact.
- Iterative steps enable convergence of elements.



VERIFICATION VALIDATION METHODS



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From claims to capabilities

Exemplary flow: Target Behavior / Sub use cases / ODD are steps to define capabilities.
 New methods for analysis have been developed.



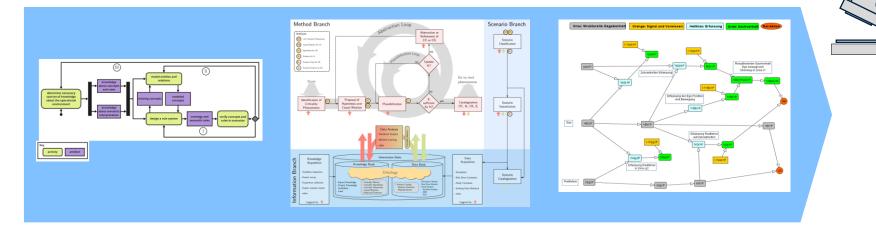


ALIDATION

From claims to capabilities



Exemplary Analysis Methods



► Semantic Analysis

understand the perspective of law concerning scenarios and their ontology.

► Criticality Analysis

Identification and causal analysis of traffic phenomena associated with criticality.

Phenomena-Signal Analysis

understand and assess the interexchange of traffic by decisions, sequences, law and traffic-phenomena based on the information flow.

Take Away / Outlook



- > Enabler for consideration of societal /market claims and resilience in open context
 - Argumentation Framework enables iterative development and thus convergence of results from different perspectives.
 - The Assurance Argumentation builds a backbone for traceable decomposition of claims. This enables efficient post-release when changes appear in the open context.
 - The abstract capability-based architecture combines system and organization to achieve a consistent argumentation.
 - Developed methods comply to relevant industry standards.
- Next Steps
 - Exemplary application of the methodical chain.
 - Further development of new methods and integration of existing methods.
 - Getting feedback and harmonization with existing approaches.