

# Missing the Metaphor for Self-Driving Databases

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#### Oracle 2018: Autonomous Database



Source: Super Color Digital

#### Google 2024: Gemini in Databases



Source: SkyTel

#### Carnegie Mellon 2017: Self-Driving Database

#### **Self-Driving Database Management Systems**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In the last two decades, both researchers and vendors have built advisory tools to assist database administrators (DBAs) in various aspects of system tuning and physical design. Most of this previous work, however, is incomplete because they still require humans to make the final decisions about any changes to the database and are

Much of the previous work on self-tuning systems is focused on standalone tools that target only a single aspect of the database. For example, some tools are able to choose the best logical or physical design of a database [16], such as indexes [30, 17, 58], partitioning schemes [6, 44], data organization [7], or materialized views [5]. Other tools are able to select the tuning parameters for

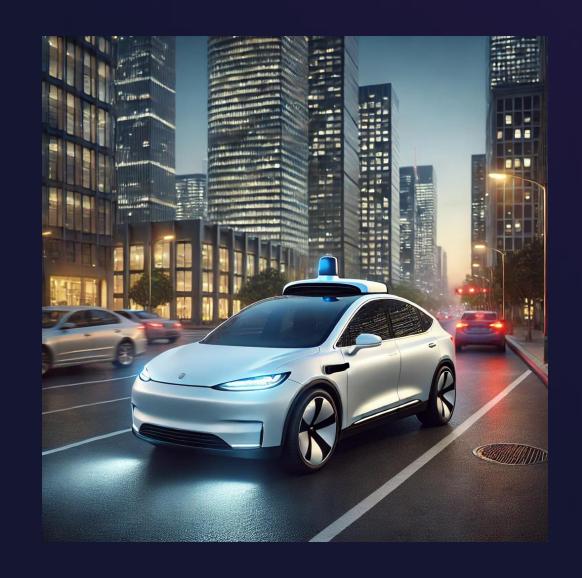
#### Microsoft 1999

#### Self-Tuning Technology in Microsoft SQL Server

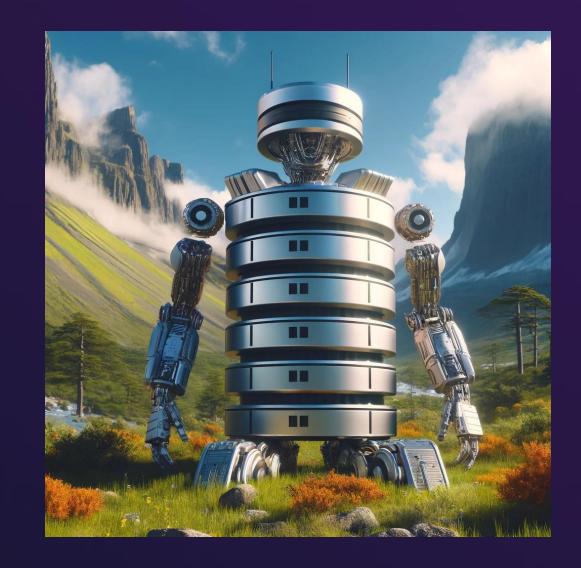
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#### **1 Introduction**

Today's databases require database administrators (DBAs) who are responsible for performance tuning. However, as usage of databases becomes pervasive, it is important that the databases are able to automatically tune themselves to application needs and hardware capabilities rather than require external intervention by DBAs



Technical Insight



## Fundamental challenge

Workloads are valuable

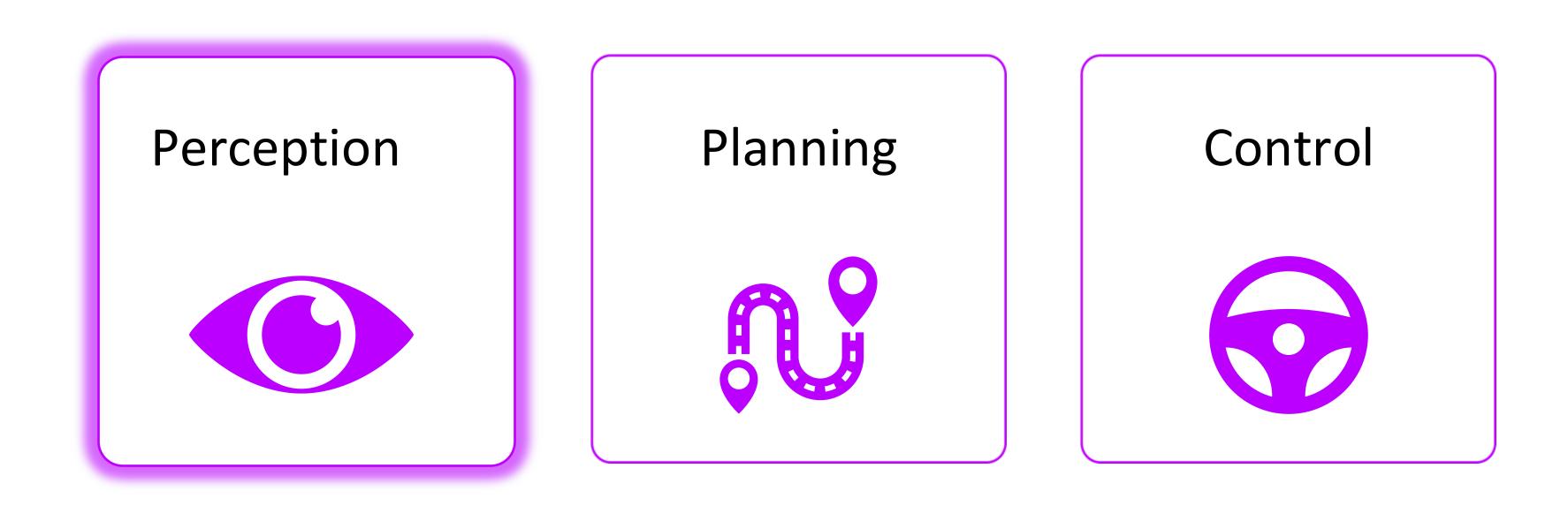
Workloads are complex

Will automation ever take over the job?





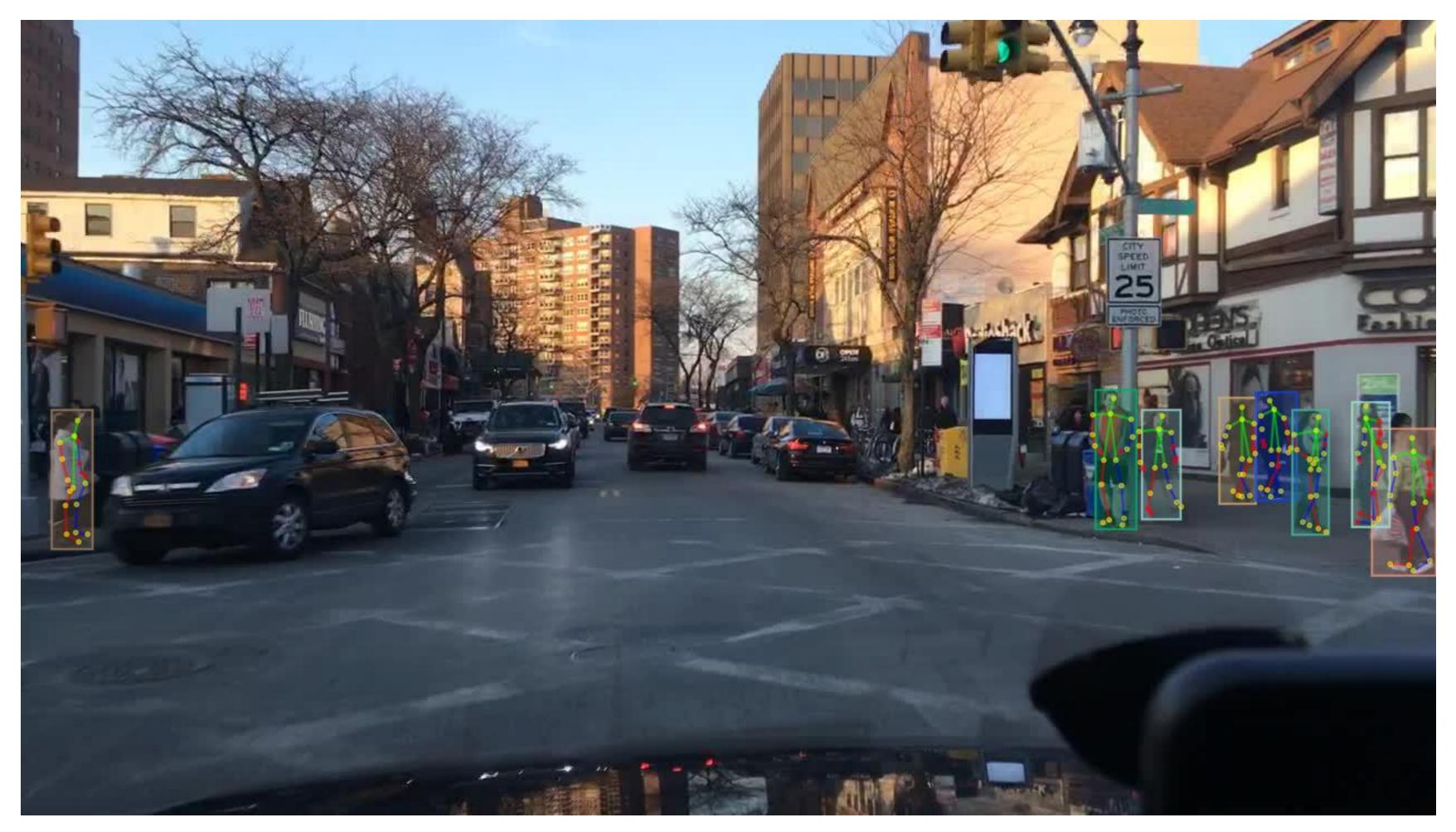
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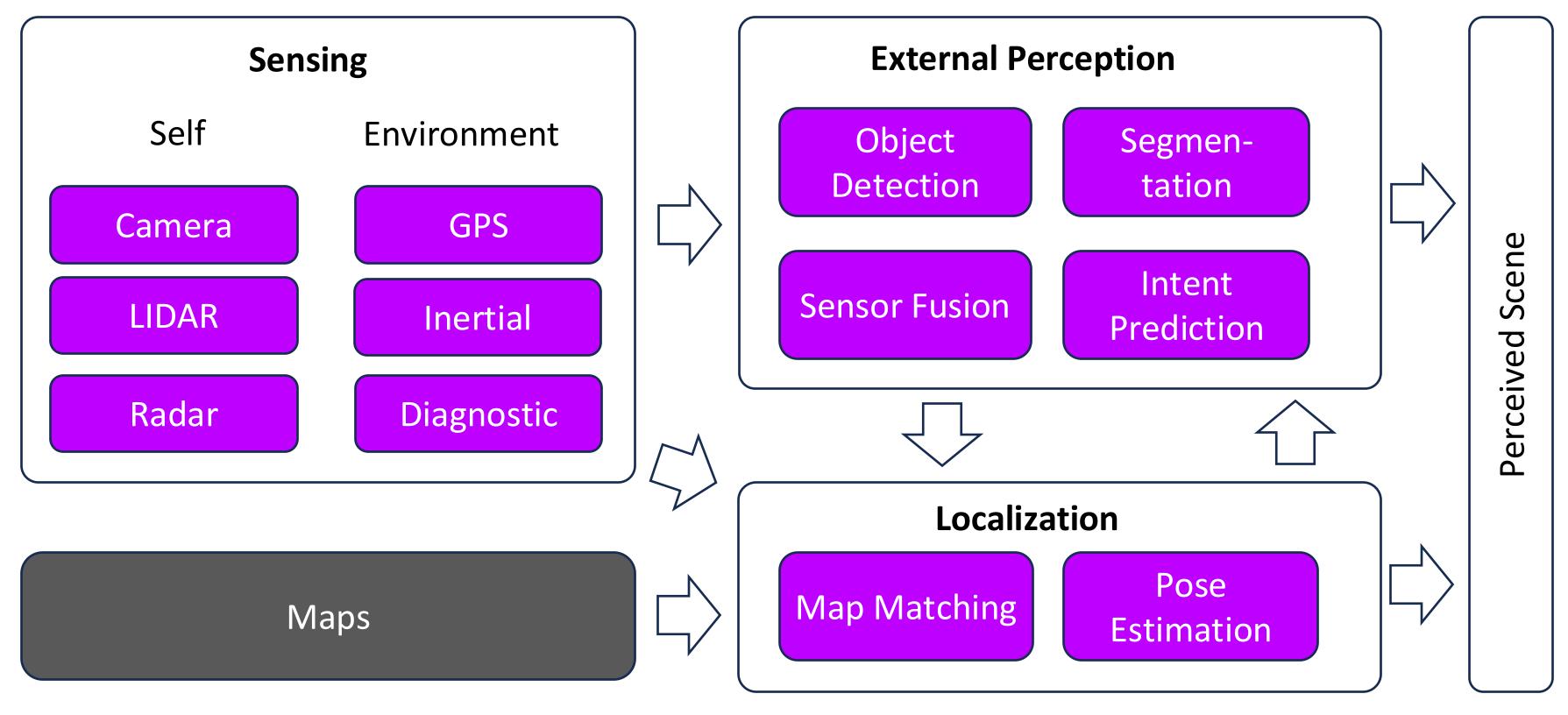








## Autonomous Vehicle Perception





# Typical Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Architecture





Good ML Reliability

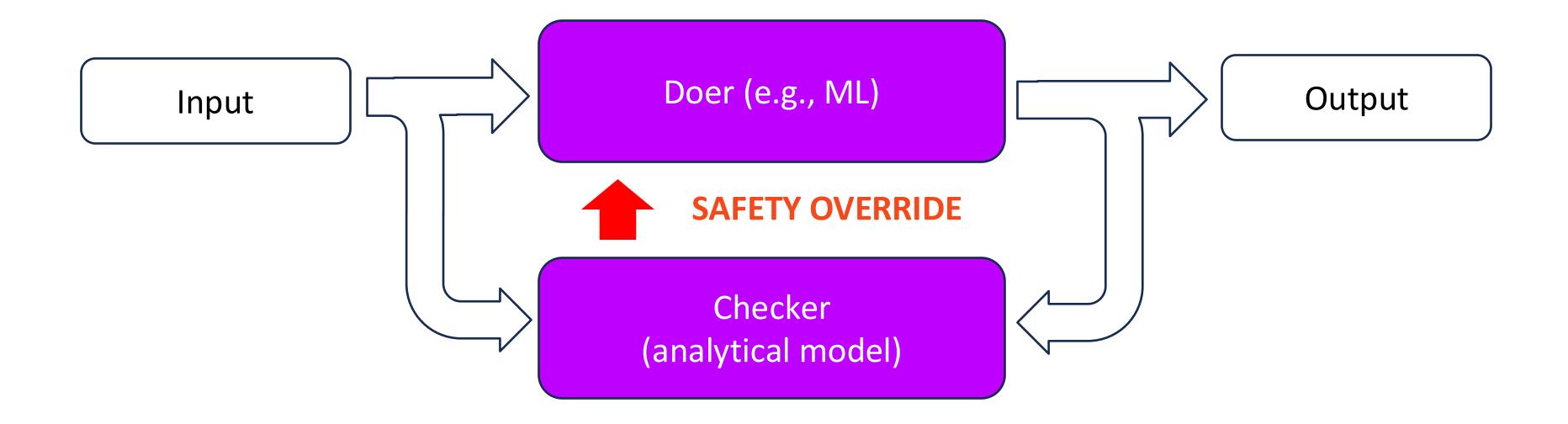
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Required AV Reliability

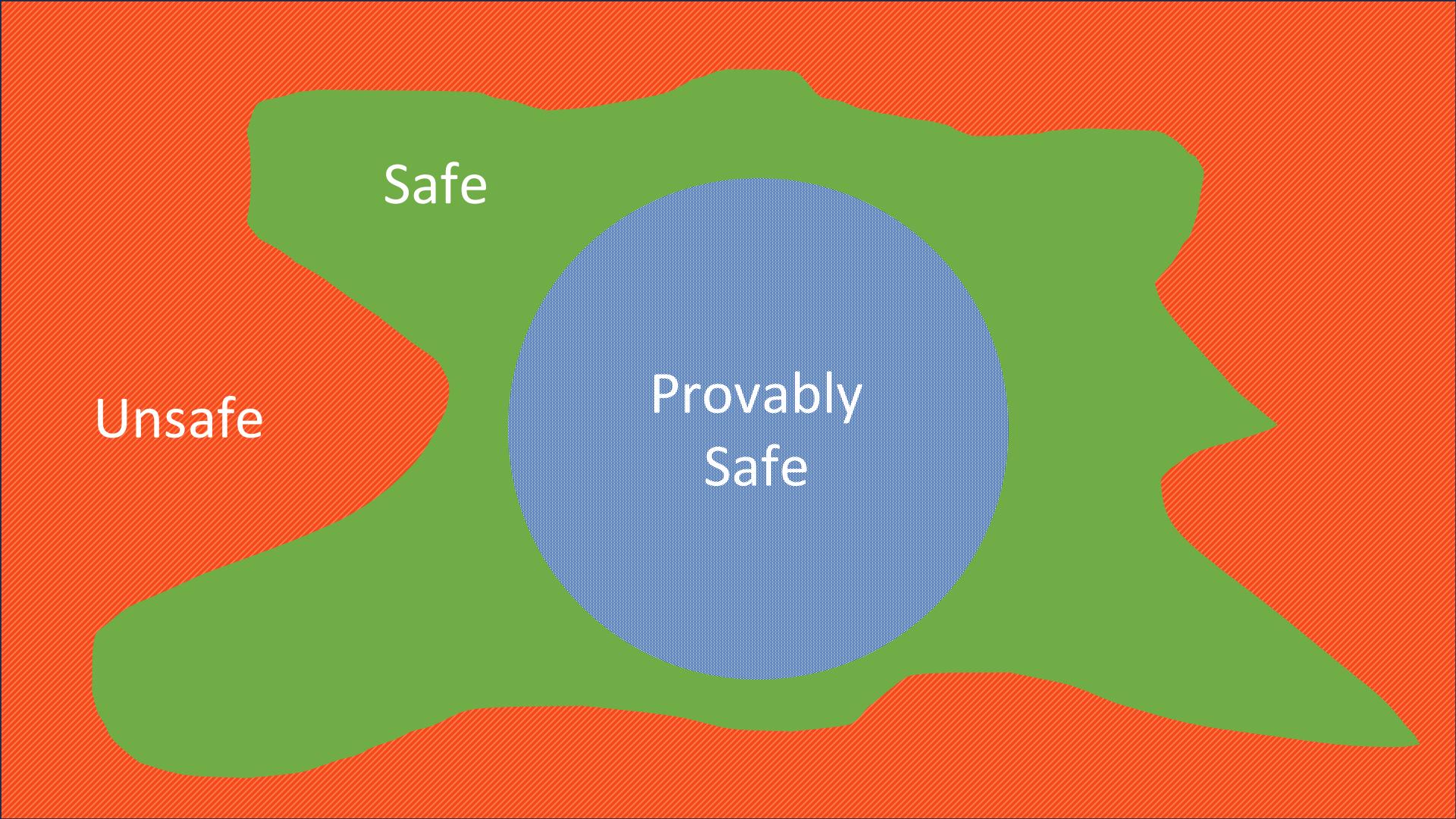
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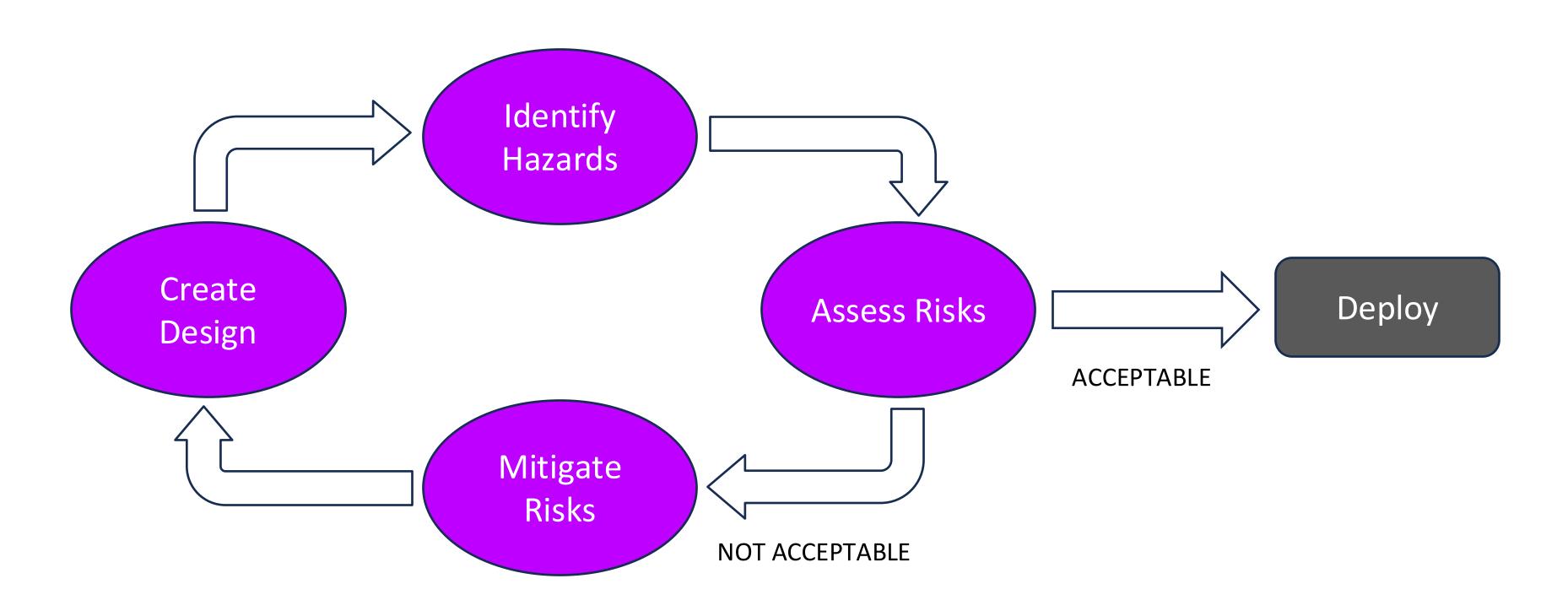
## Ensuring a safety envelope







# Hazard and Risk Analysis





## Safety Cases

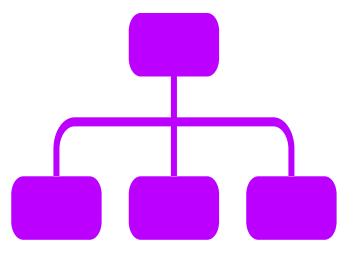
Claim: Vehicle stops at stop signs

**Argument:** Recognizes stop signs and plans accordingly

Evidence: Simulation testing, road testing

#### **Sub-Claims:**

- Recognizes stop signs
- Recognizes limit lines
- Adjusts speed to ensure it can stop





## Failure Mode and Effects Analysis

- Potential failure mode
- Potential failure effect
- Severity
- Potential causes
- Expected frequency
- Current controls
- Likelihood of detection
- Computed risk priority
- Recommended action

Process Step	Potential Failure Mode	Potential Failure Effect	SEV <sup>1</sup>	Potential Causes	OCC:	Current Process Controls	DET <sup>3</sup>	RPN*	Action Recommended
What is the step?	In what ways can the step go wrong?	What is the impact on the customer if the failure mode is not prevented or corrected?	How severe is the effect on the customer?	What causes the step to go wrong (i.e., how could the failure mode occur)?	How frequently is the cause likely to occur?	What are the exist- ing controls that either prevent the failure mode from occurring or detect it should it occur?	How probable is detection of the failure mode or its cause?	Risk priority number calculated as SEV x OCC x DET	What are the actions for reducing the occurrence of the cause or for improving its detection? Provide actions on all high RPNs and on severity ratings of 9 or 10.
ATM Pin	Unauthorized access	Unauthorized cash withdrawal     Very dissatisfied customer	8	Lost or stolen ATM card	3	Block ATM card after three failed authentication attempts	3	72	
Authentication	Authentication failure	Annoyed customer	3	Network failure	5	Install load balancer to distribute work- load across network links	5	75	
	Cash not disbursed	Dissatisfied customer	7	ATM out of cash	7	Internal alert of low cash in ATM	4	196	Increase minimum cash threshold limit of heavily used ATMs to prevent out-of-cash instances
Dispense Cash	Account debited but no cash disbursed	Very dissatisfied customer	8	Transaction failure     Network issue	3	Install load balancer to distribute work- load across network links	4	96	
	Extra cash dispensed	Bank loses money	8	Bills stuck to each other     Bills stacked incorrectly	2	Verification while loading cash in ATM	3	48	

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