Software Safety Demonstration: Techniques and Case studies

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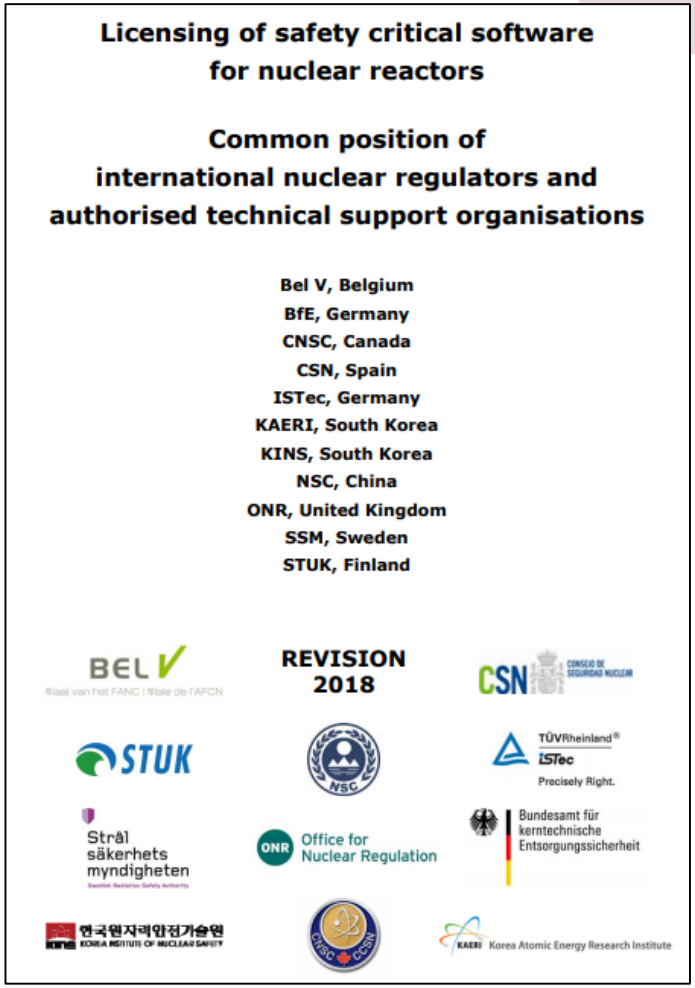
Safety Demonstration

- "*The set of arguments and evidence elements which support a selected set of claims on the **safety** of the operation of a **system important to safety** used in a given plant environment .*"



Approaches to Establish Confidence in Systems

- Standards-Based Approach
  - Examples: DO-178C for avionics safety; Common Criteria for security
  - Development processes are evaluated against a standard
    - Adherence to good development processes is evidence of ability to produce good products
    - Product X has been developed using good development practices
    - Therefore Product X is sufficiently safe, secure, reliable, etc.
- Product-Based Approach → "assurance case" approach
  - Example: safety case in UK
  - Developer creates an assurance case with
    - Explicit claims about system behavior
    - Supporting evidence for claims
    - Arguments linking evidence to the claims
  - The case is evaluated by independent assessors

Assurance Cases

- *"A reasoned and compelling **argument**, supported by a body of **evidence**, that a system, service or organization will operate as intended for a defined application in a defined environment."*

  - GSN Standard 2011

- Often with a particular focus
  - Safety
  - Security
  - Dependability
  - Trust …

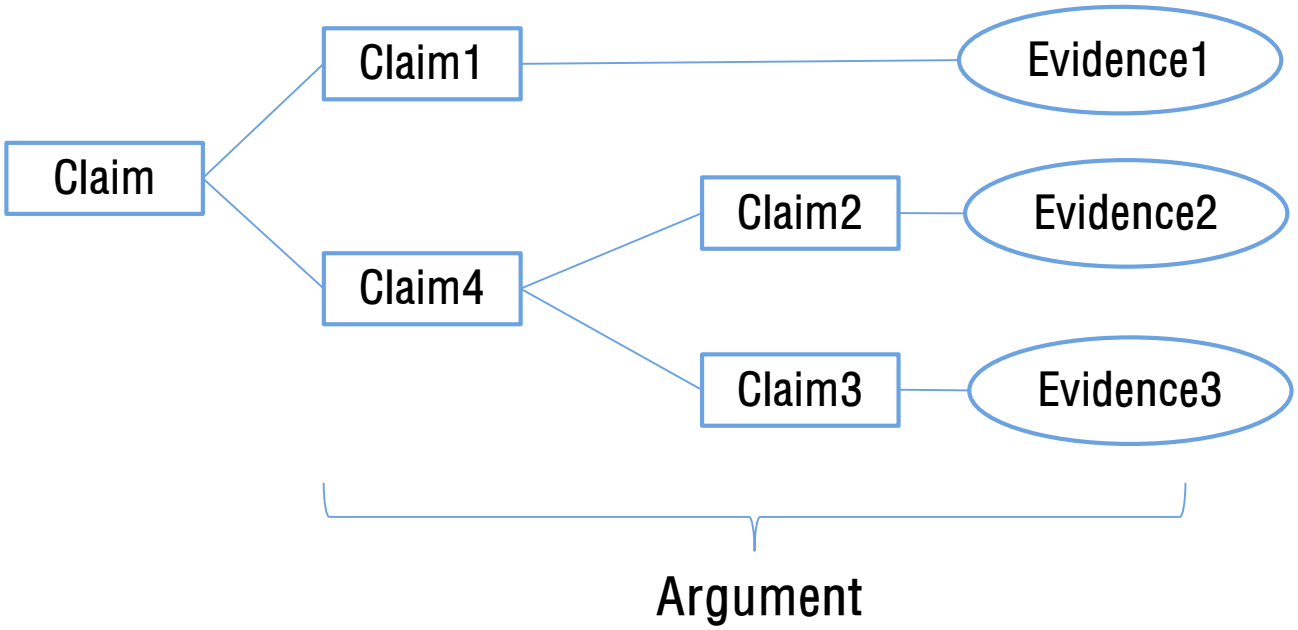
Assurance Cases: Increasing Importance

- Software for Dependable Systems: Sufficient Evidence?
  - *Daniel Jackson, Martyn Thomas, and National Research Council. 2007. Software for Dependable Systems: Sufficient Evidence? National Academy Press, USA.*
  - *"recommended approach ▸* ***dependability case*** *based on explicit claims, evidence, expertise"*
- ISO/IEC 15026-2:2011 Systems and software engineering — Systems and software assurance — Part 2: Assurance case
- U.S. FDA's Infusion Pumps Total Product Life Cycle: Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff (2014)
  - *"In determining whether your new, changed, or modified infusion pump is substantially equivalent, FDA recommends that you submit your information through a framework known as a* ***safety assurance case****."*
- ISO26262 has an explicit requirement for the safety case:
  - *"6.4.6.2 The* ***safety case*** *should progressively compile the "work products" that are generated during the safety lifecycle."*

within Part 2 – Management of Functional Safety

Assurance Case

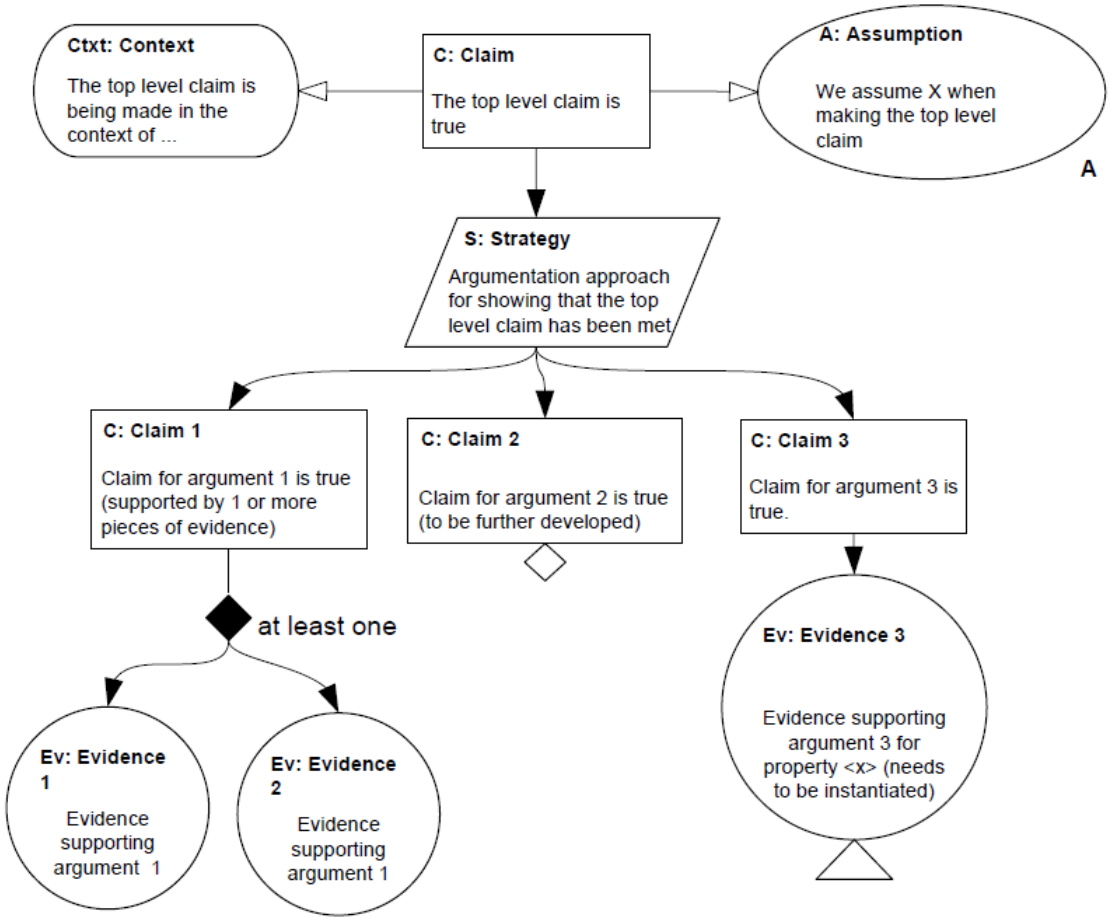
- A structured demonstration that a system is acceptably safe, secure, reliable, etc.
  - A comprehensive presentation of evidence linked (by argument) to a claim



Claim, Argument, and Evidence

- An assurance case requires claims, evidence, and an argument linking evidence to claims:
  - Claim
    - E.g., "The contributions made by the BSCU software to S18 WBS hazards are acceptable."
  - Argument
    - Usually by demonstrating compliance with requirements, sufficient mitigation of hazards, avoidance of hazards, etc.
      - Hazardous software contributions have been identified
      - Controls have been put in place to manage these contributions
      - Mechanisms are in place to monitor the performance of the controls and the system on an on-going basis
  - Evidence
    - E.g., tests, analyses, reviews, simulation, expert judgements and compliance with best practice

Goal Structuring Notation



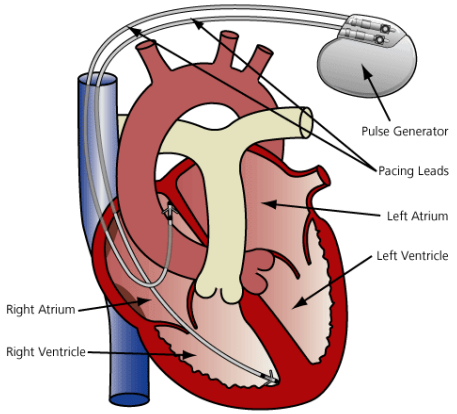
A notation for organizing and structuring assurance cases in a readily reviewable form

- Claim
- Context
- Strategy
- Solution/Evidence
- Assumption
- Solved by
- Requires further development
- Requires instantiation
- In the context of

*The picture was taken from C.B. Weinstock, J.B. Goodenough, "Towards an Assurance Case Practice for Medical Devices", SEI TECHNICAL NOTE CMU/SEI-2009-TN-018, 2009.

Case Study 1: Pacemaker

- Electronic device implanted in the body to regulate the heart beat
  - A life-critical real-time embedded system
- Two basic functions
  - Pace
  - Sense intrinsic rhythm and inhibit



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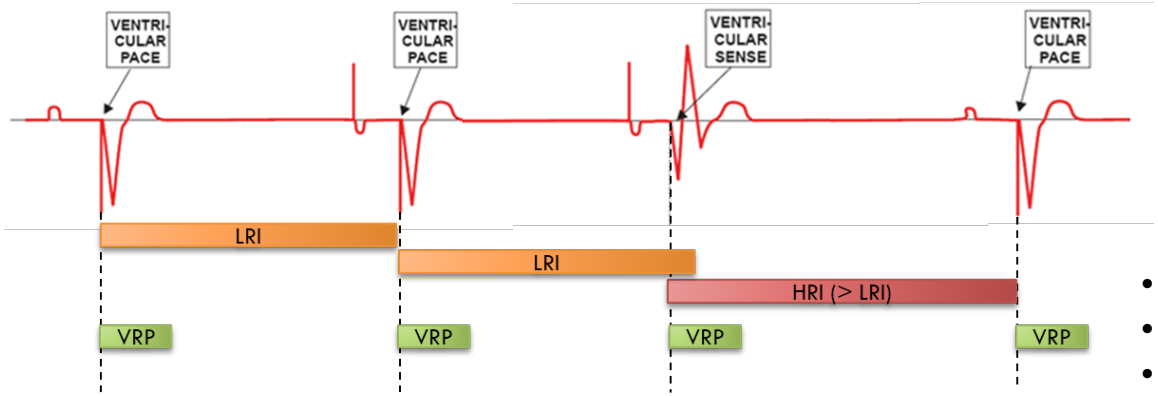
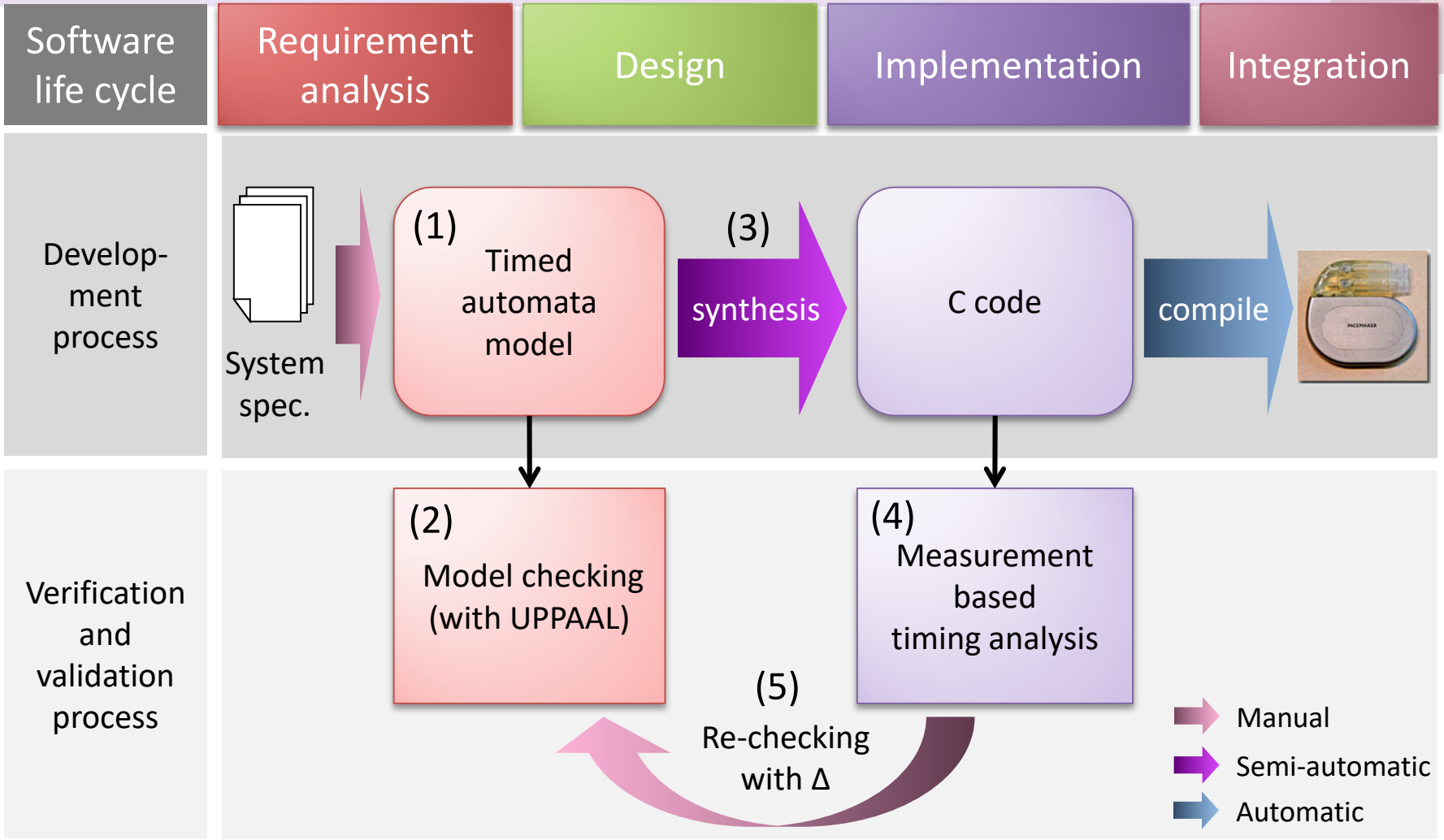
- Fundamental timing cycles of VVI mode (simplest mode)



- LRI: Lower Rate Interval (e.g., 1000ms)
- HRI: Hysteresis Rate Interval (e.g., 1200ms)
- VRP: Ventricular Refractory Period (e.g., 320ms)

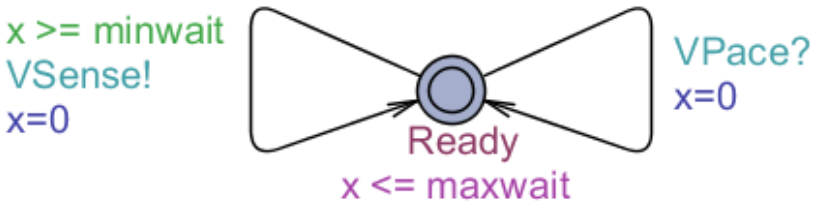
A Safety-Assured Development



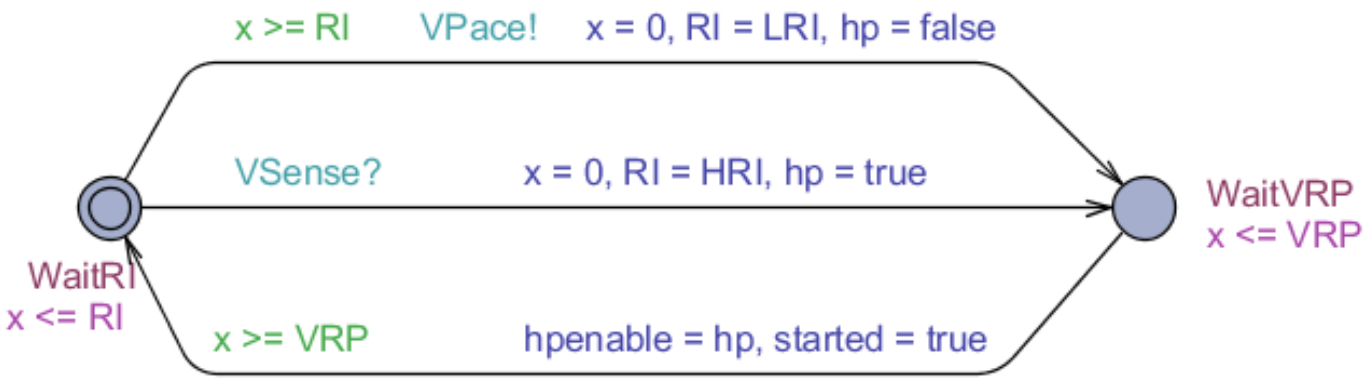
Formal Modeling in UPPAAL

Pacemaker on VVI mode

Heart



Ventricular controller

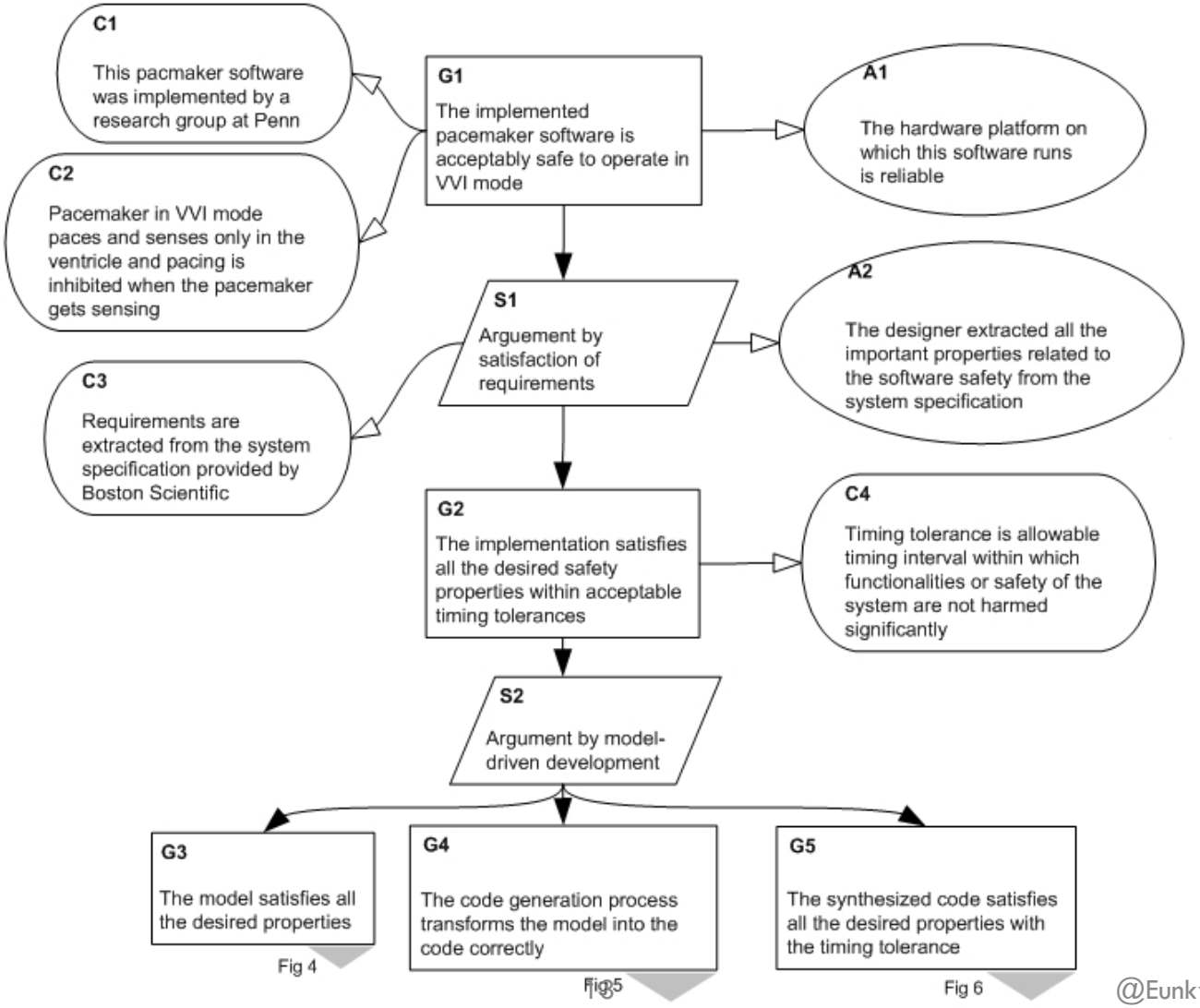


Assurance of Model-Driven Development

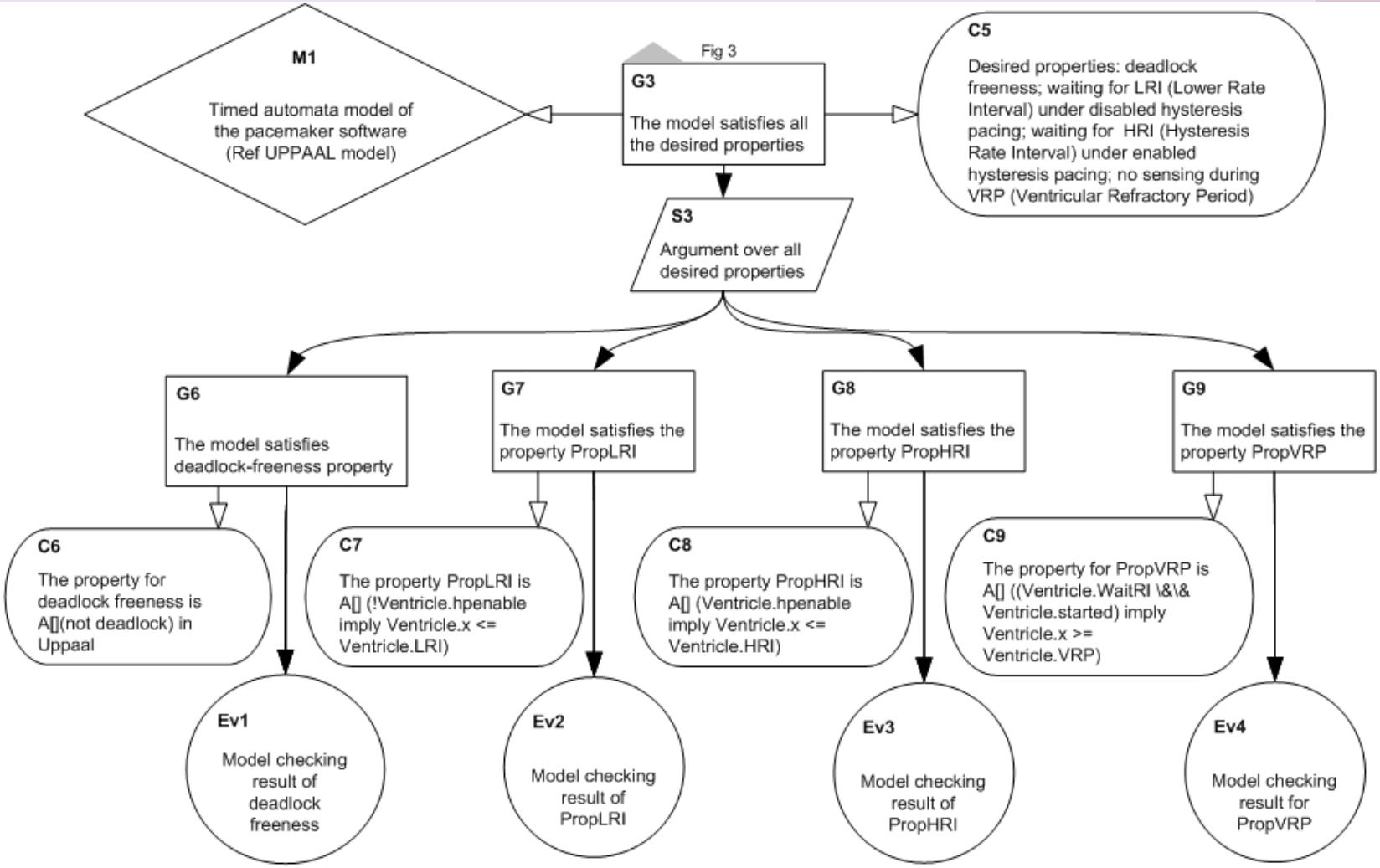
- Model-driven development:
  - Formal modeling and verification
  - Synthesis of code from models
  - Testing
- Each step adds rigor to some aspect of system development
- How do these steps tie together and are they sufficient?

- Details of the development process:
  - E. Jee, S. Wang, J. K. Kim, J. Lee, O. Sokolsky, I. Lee, A Safety-Assured Development Approach for Real-Time Software, RTCSA, August 2010.

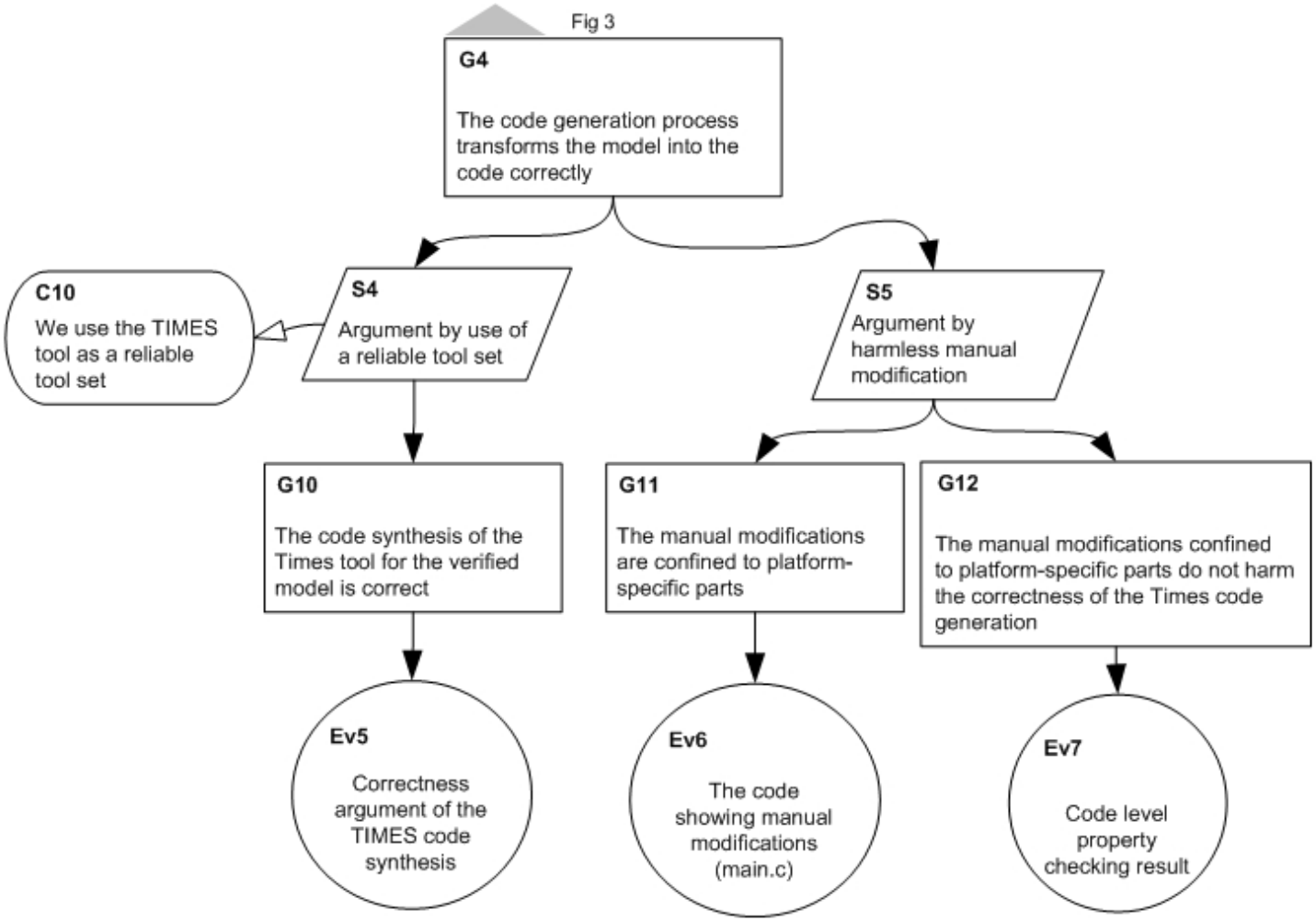
Top Level Claims



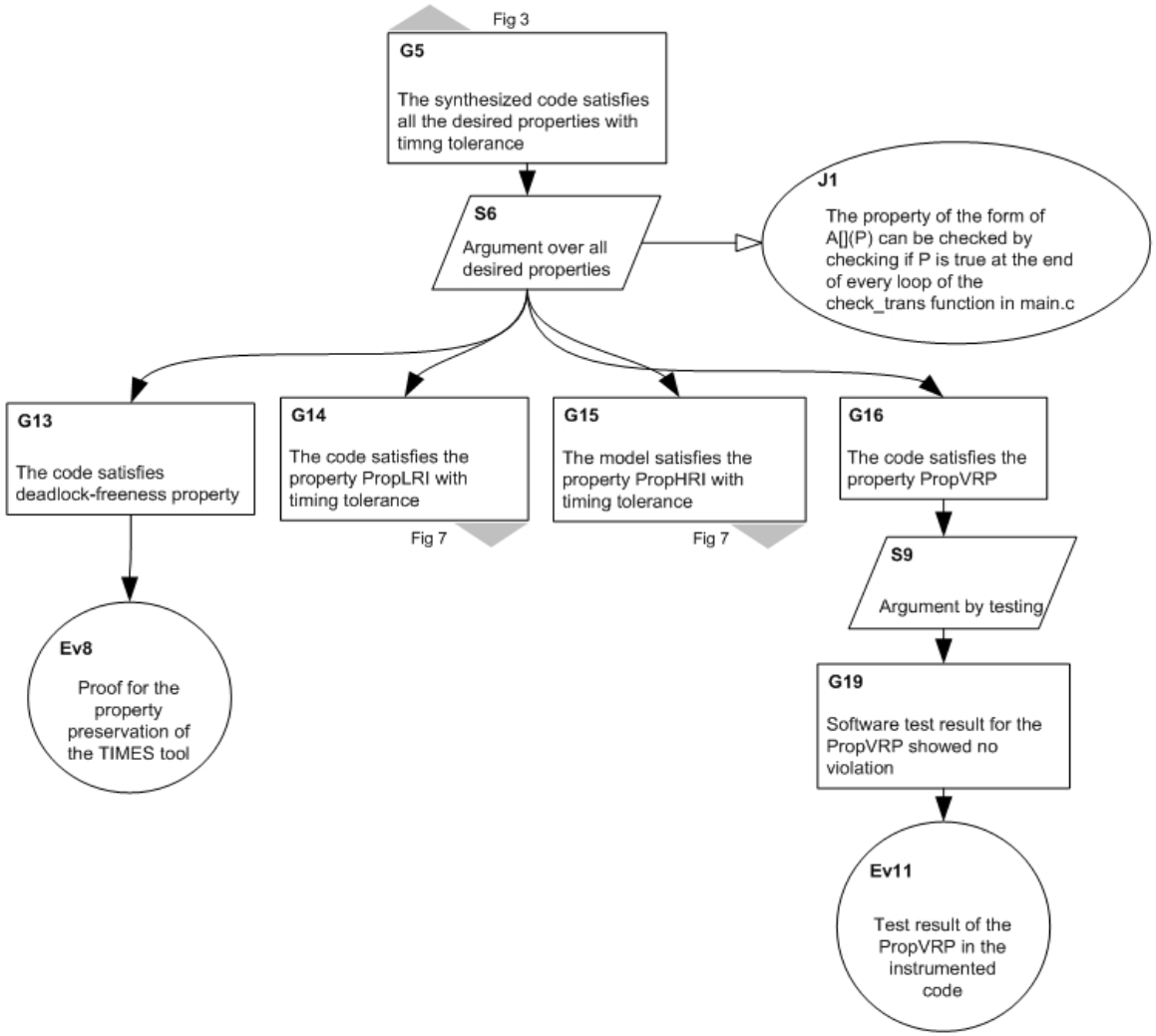
Modeling Claims



Code Synthesis Claims



Timing Tolerance Claims



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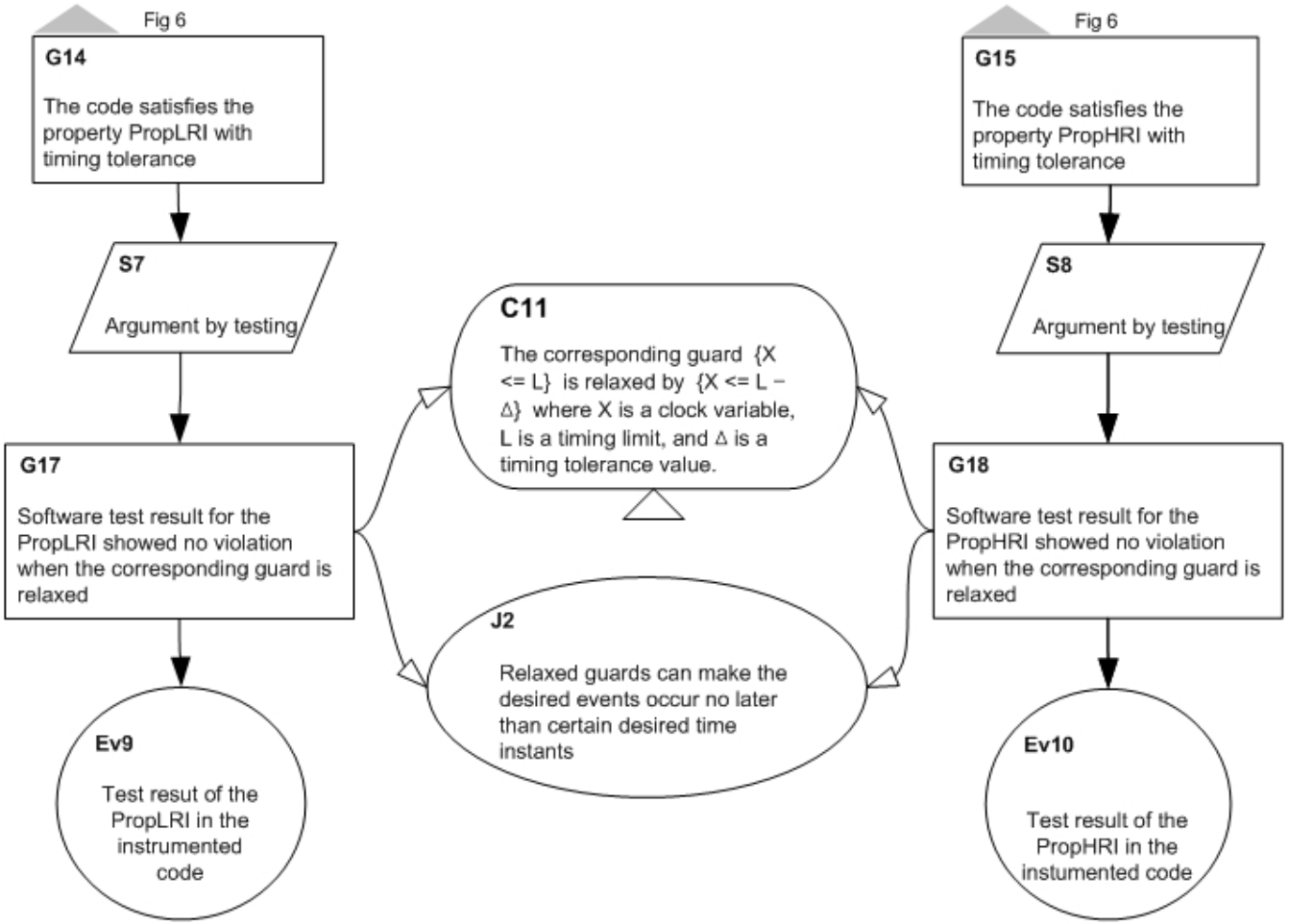
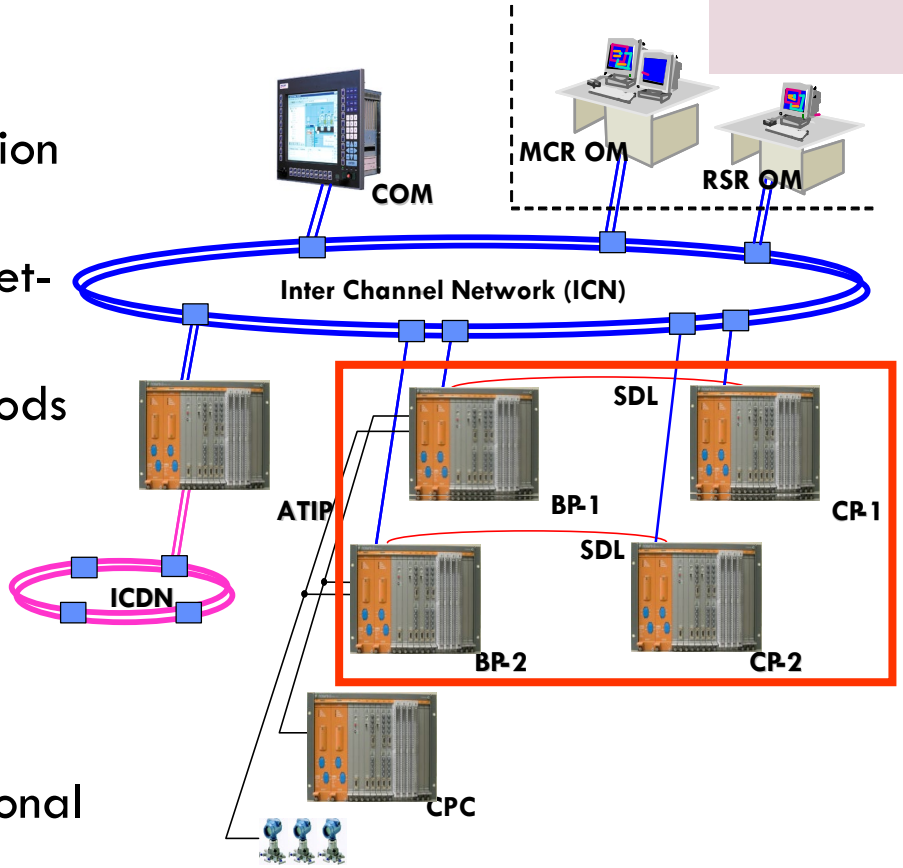


Lessons Learned: Potential Assurance Case Benefits

- Improves comprehension of existing arguments
- Improves discussion and reduces time-to-agreement on what evidence is needed and what the evidence means
- (Having identified argument structure up front) focuses activities towards the specific end-objectives
- Recognition and exploitation of successful (convincing) arguments becomes possible (assurance case patterns)
- Supports monitoring of project progress towards successful certification

Case Study 2: Reactor Protection System

- Bistable Processor (BP)
  - Part of the KNICS* reactor protection system (RPS)
  - Compares processing values with set-points
  - Developed using prescriptive methods
- KNICS project
  - Goal: to achieve technical self-reliance in the area of nuclear instrumentation and control
  - Over 1,000 documents were generated, conforming to international standards and guidelines
    - NUREG-0800, IEEE STD-1228, etc.

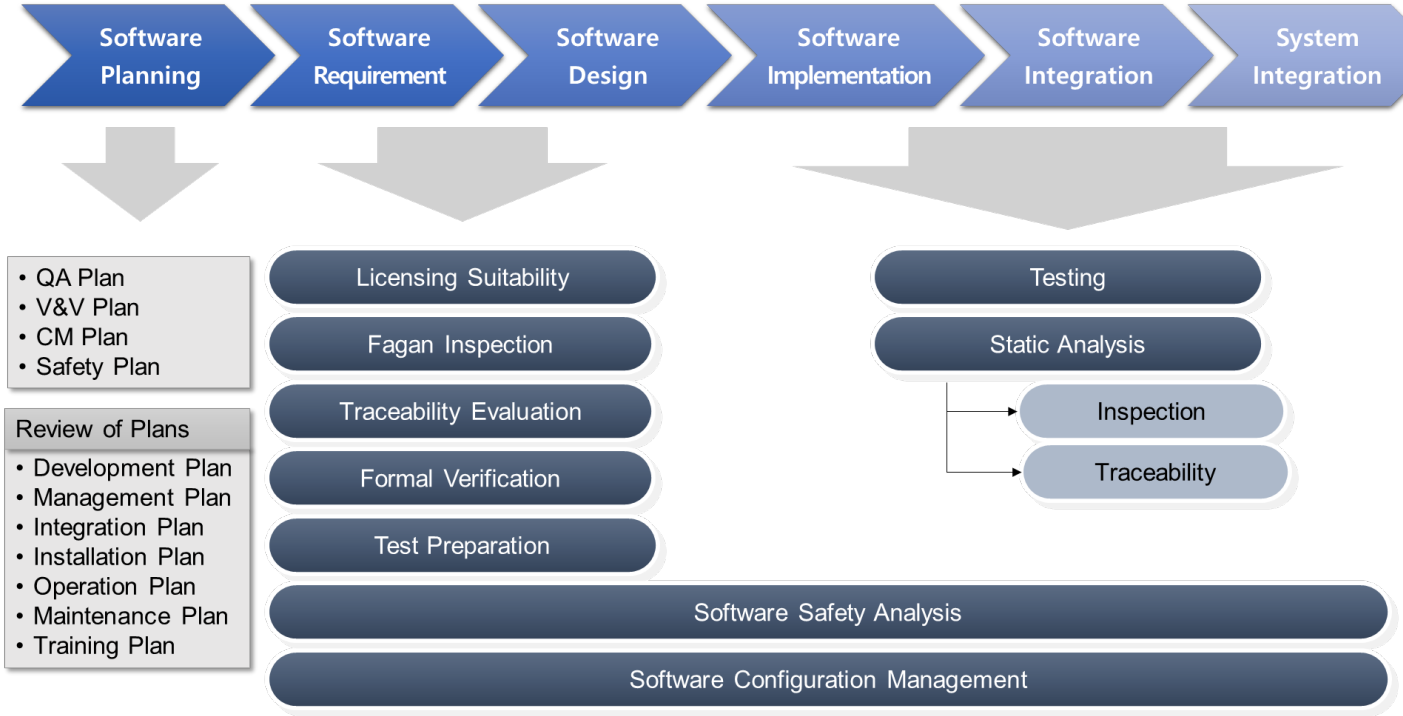


KNICS RPS

*KNICS: Korea Nuclear Instrumentation and Control System (원전계측제어시스템개발사업단)

Software V&V Activities of KNICS RPS

- The software used in the KNICS RPS was developed under a rigorous procedure.
  - V&V activities were performed following the software development life cycle.



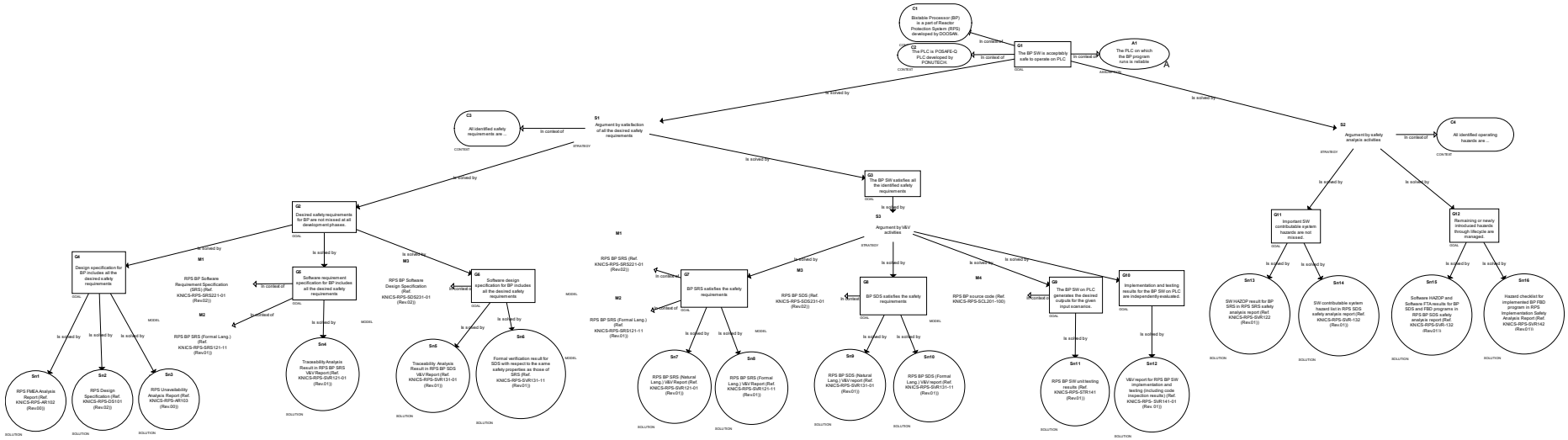
Safety Case vs. Prescriptive Approach

- Safety case
  - Structured argument, supported by a body of evidence that provides a compelling, comprehensible, and valid case that a system is safe for a given application in a given operating environment [1]
  - Considered an effective way to argue for and evaluate system safety
- Prescriptive (or process-based) approaches
  - Developers demonstrate software safety assurance by appealing to the satisfaction of objectives that the safety standards require for compliance.
  - Assumes that following the process prescribed in safety standards will generate evidence for safety [2]
- In this case study,
  - Created a safety case for a part of the reactor protection system
    - Illustrated how a safety case can be created with real-world industrial project data
  - Analyzed the results of applying the safety case approach to the target system developed through prescriptive methods

[1] MoD, Defence Standard 00-56 Issue 4 (Part 1): Safety Management Requirements for Defence Systems, UK Ministry of Defence.
[2] R. Hawkins, et al., "Assurance Cases and Prescriptive Software Safety Certification: A Comparative Study," Safety Science, vol. 59, pp.55–71, 2013.

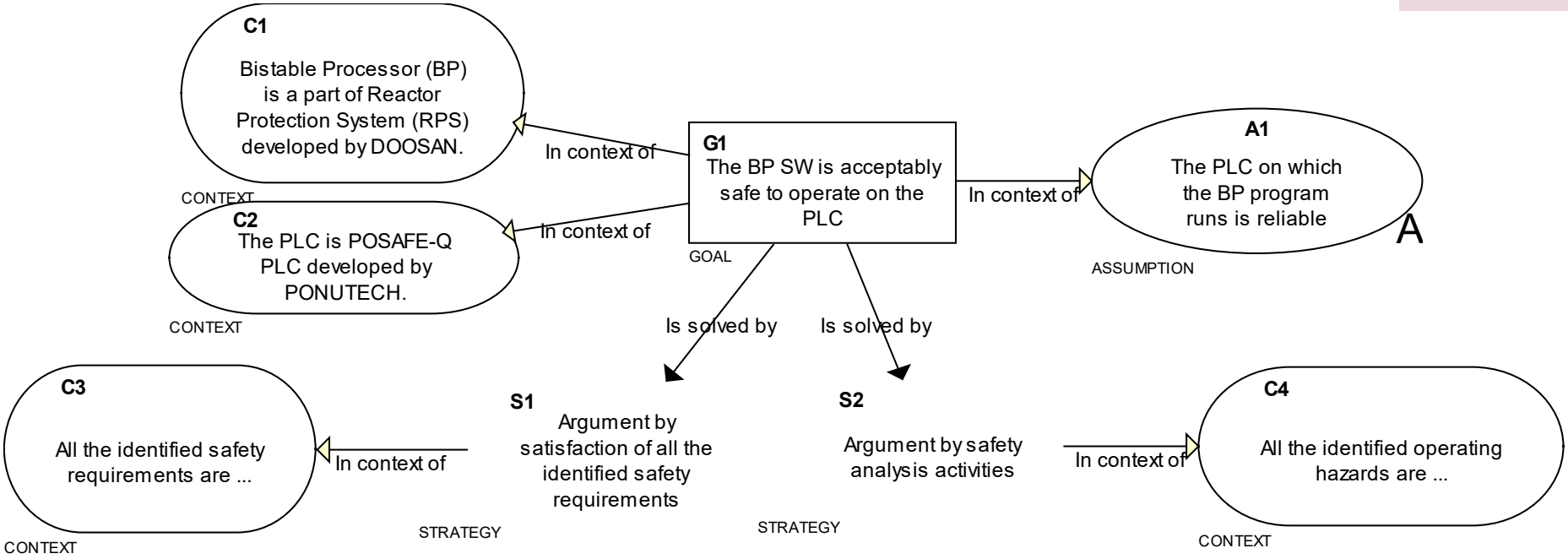
The BP SW safety case

- Top claim
  - The BP SW is acceptably safe to operate on the PLC.

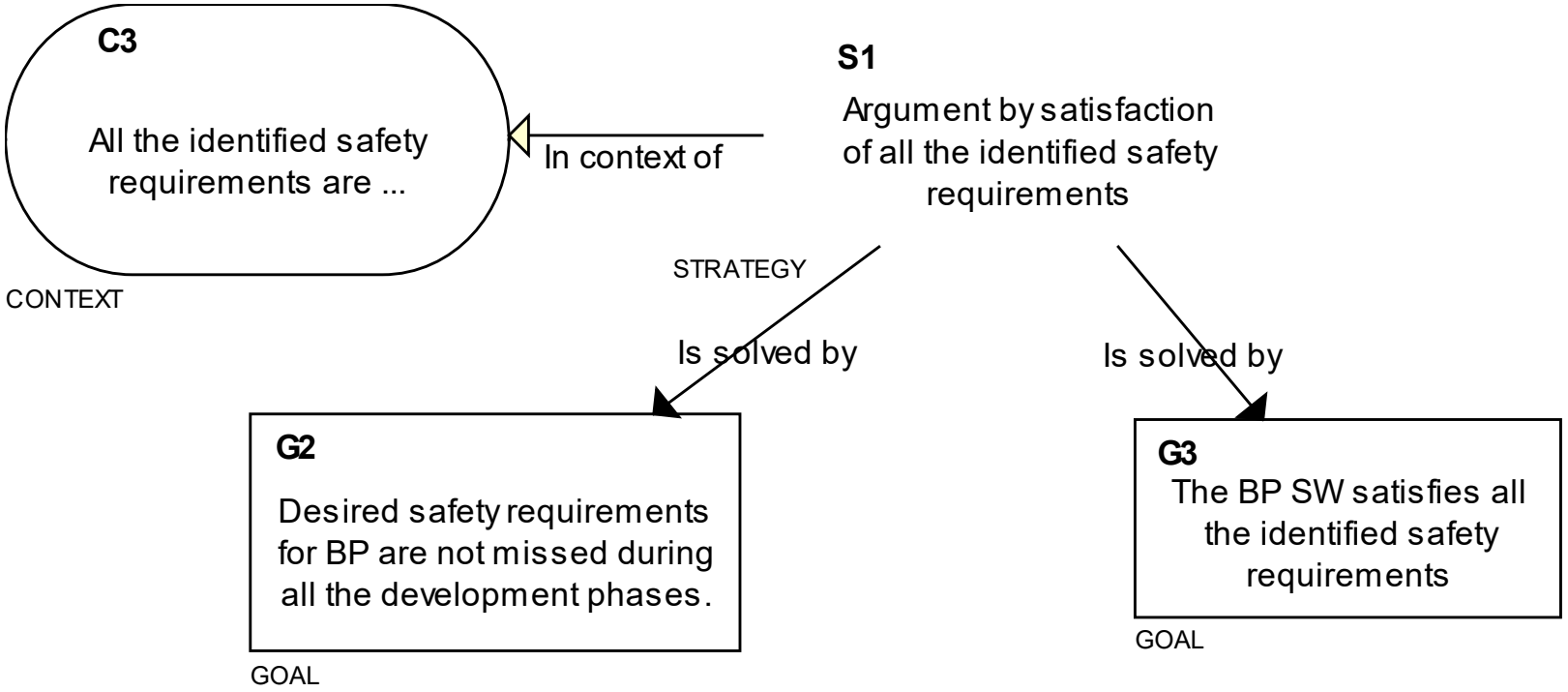


The BP SW safety case – Bird's eye view

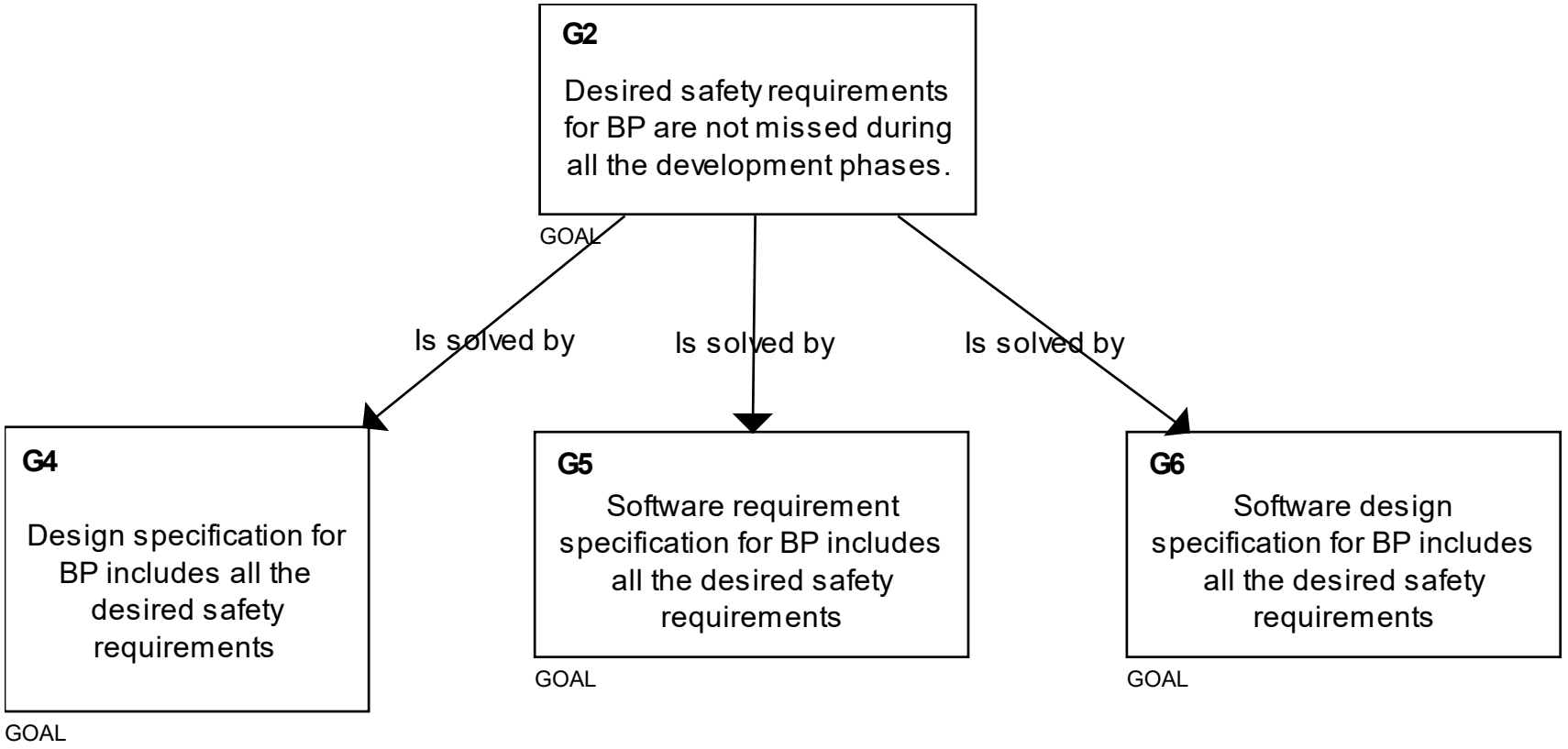
Structuring the Safety Case



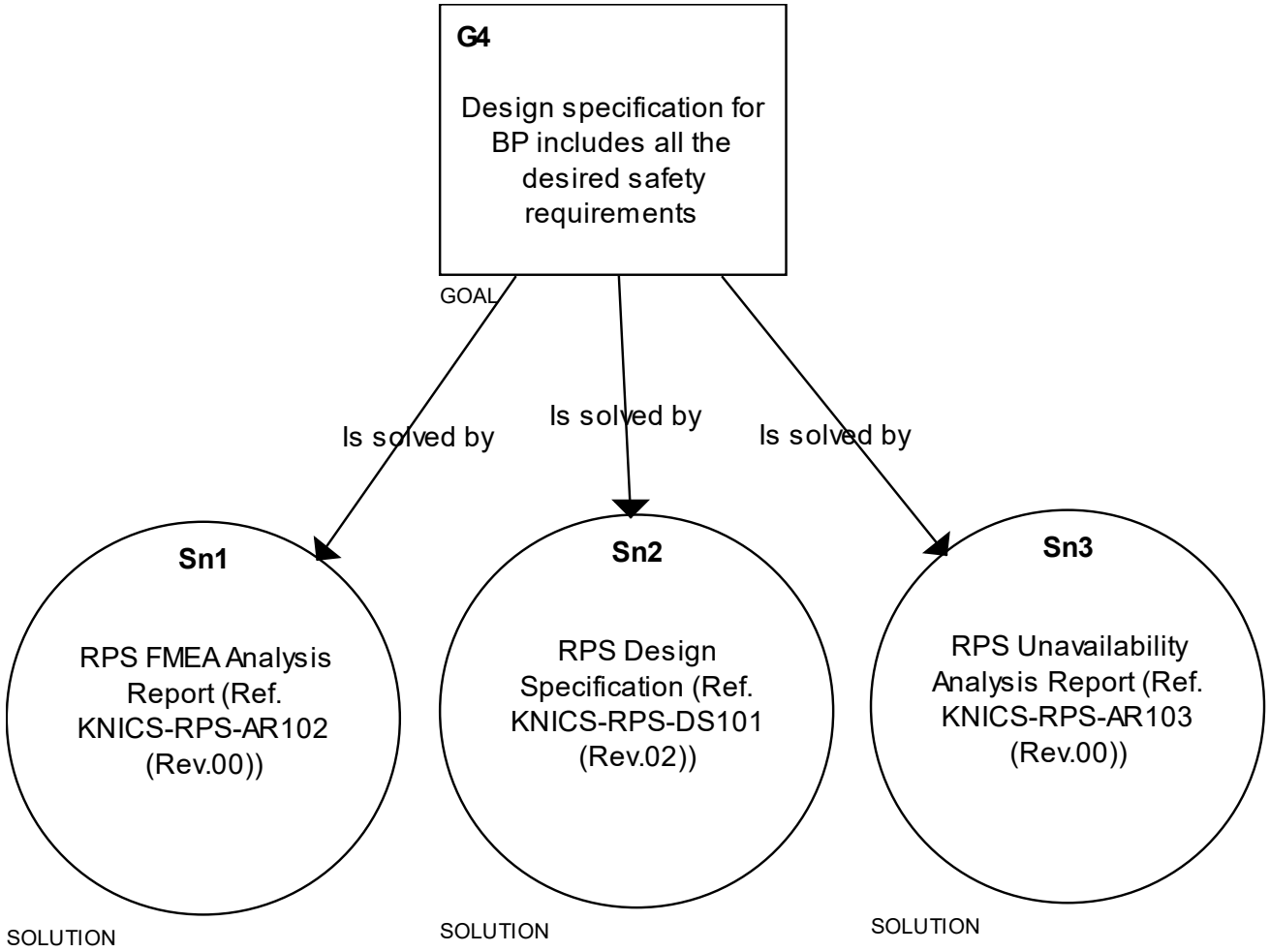
Argument by Satisfaction of Safety Requirements



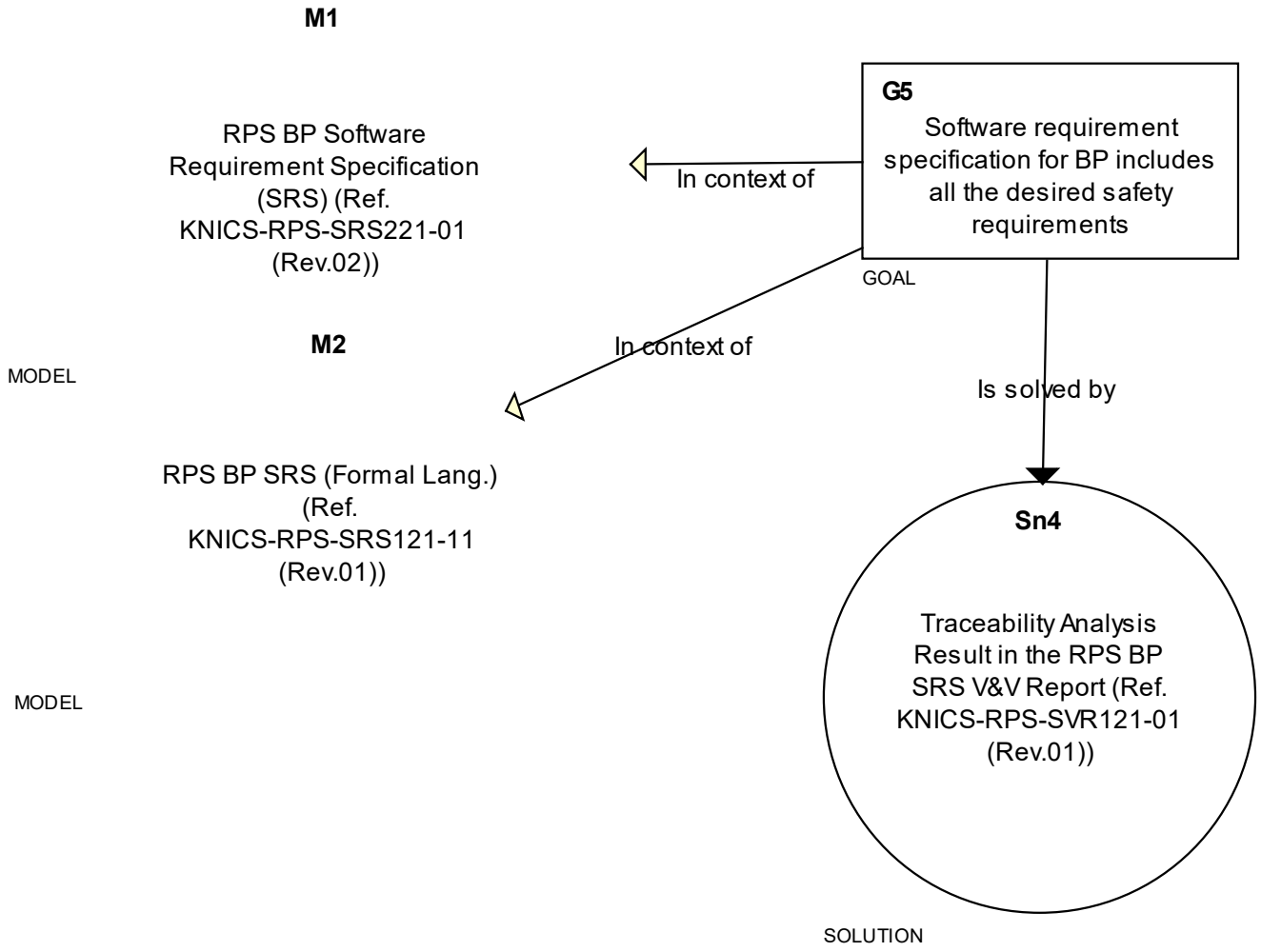
Safety Requirements are Not Missed



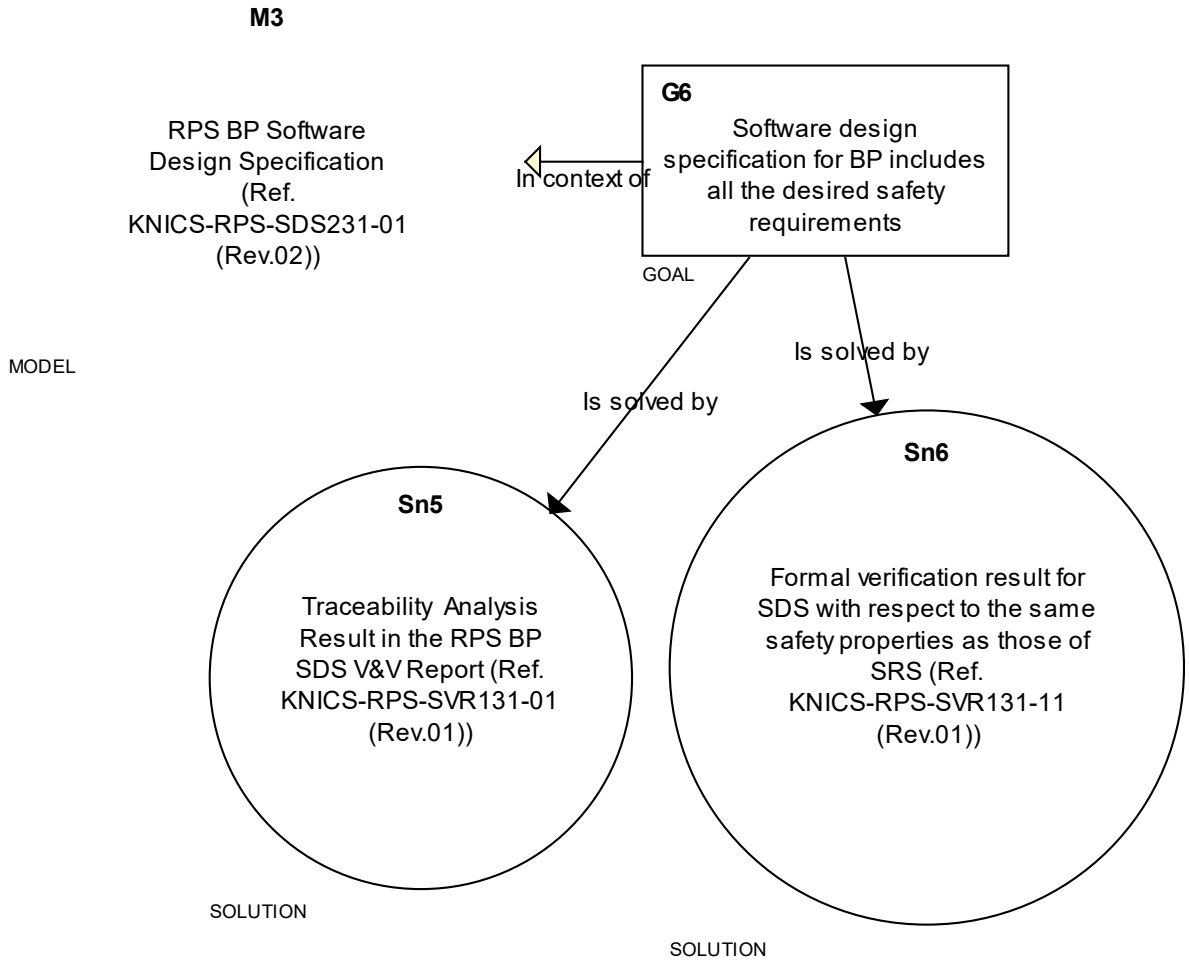
Design Spec. Includes All the Safety Requirements



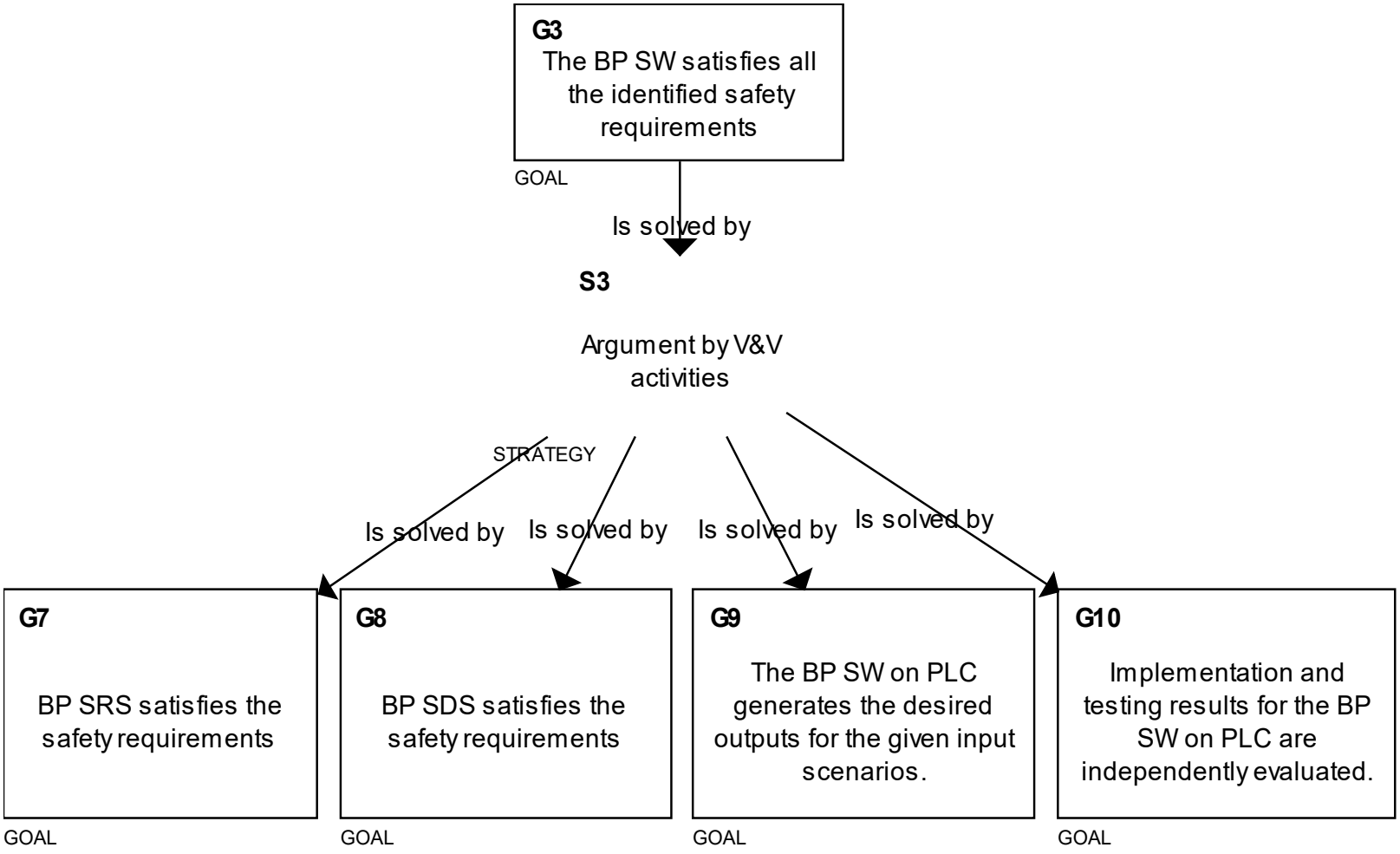
SRS Includes All the Safety Requirements



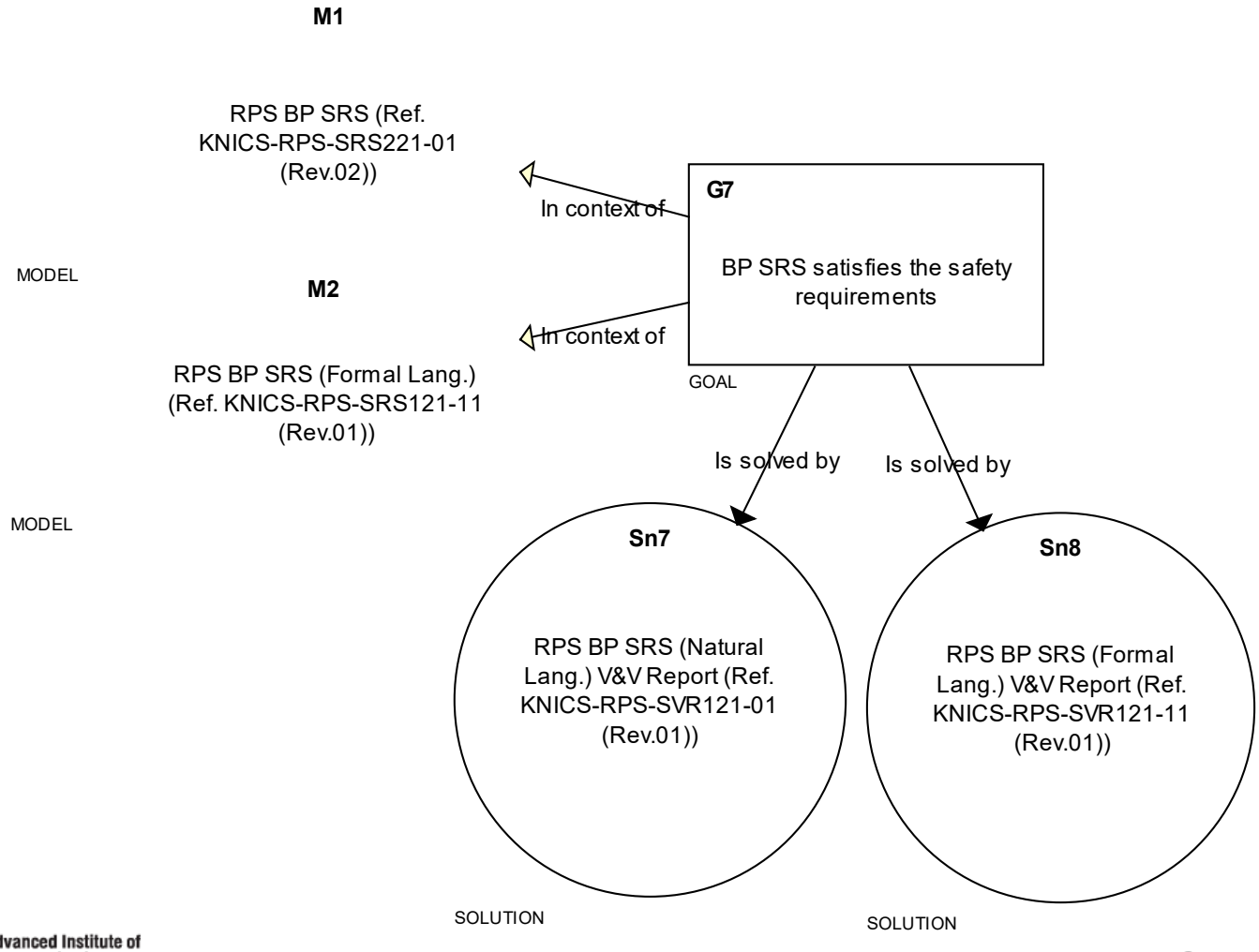
SDS Includes All the Safety Requirements



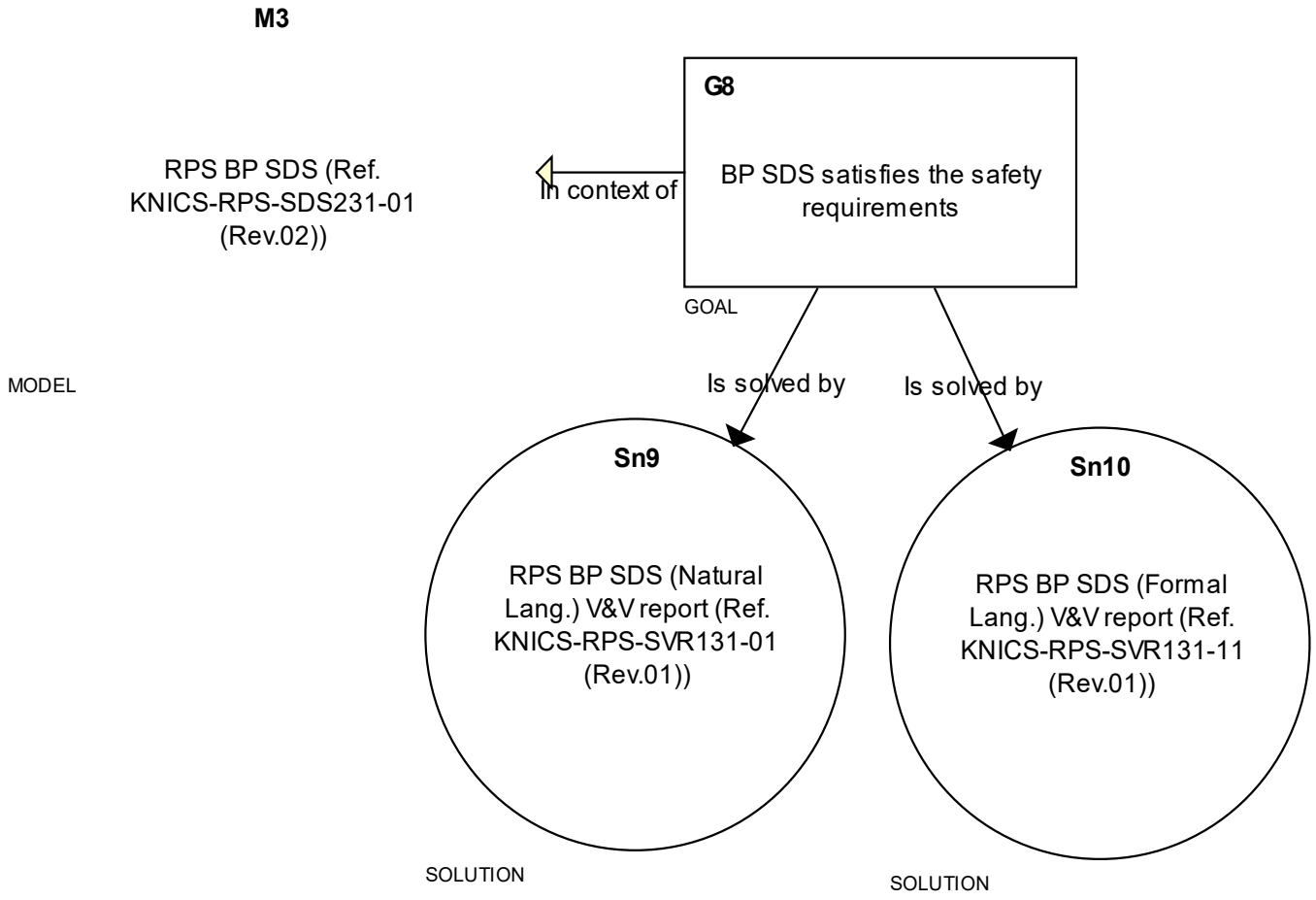
Argument by V&V Activities



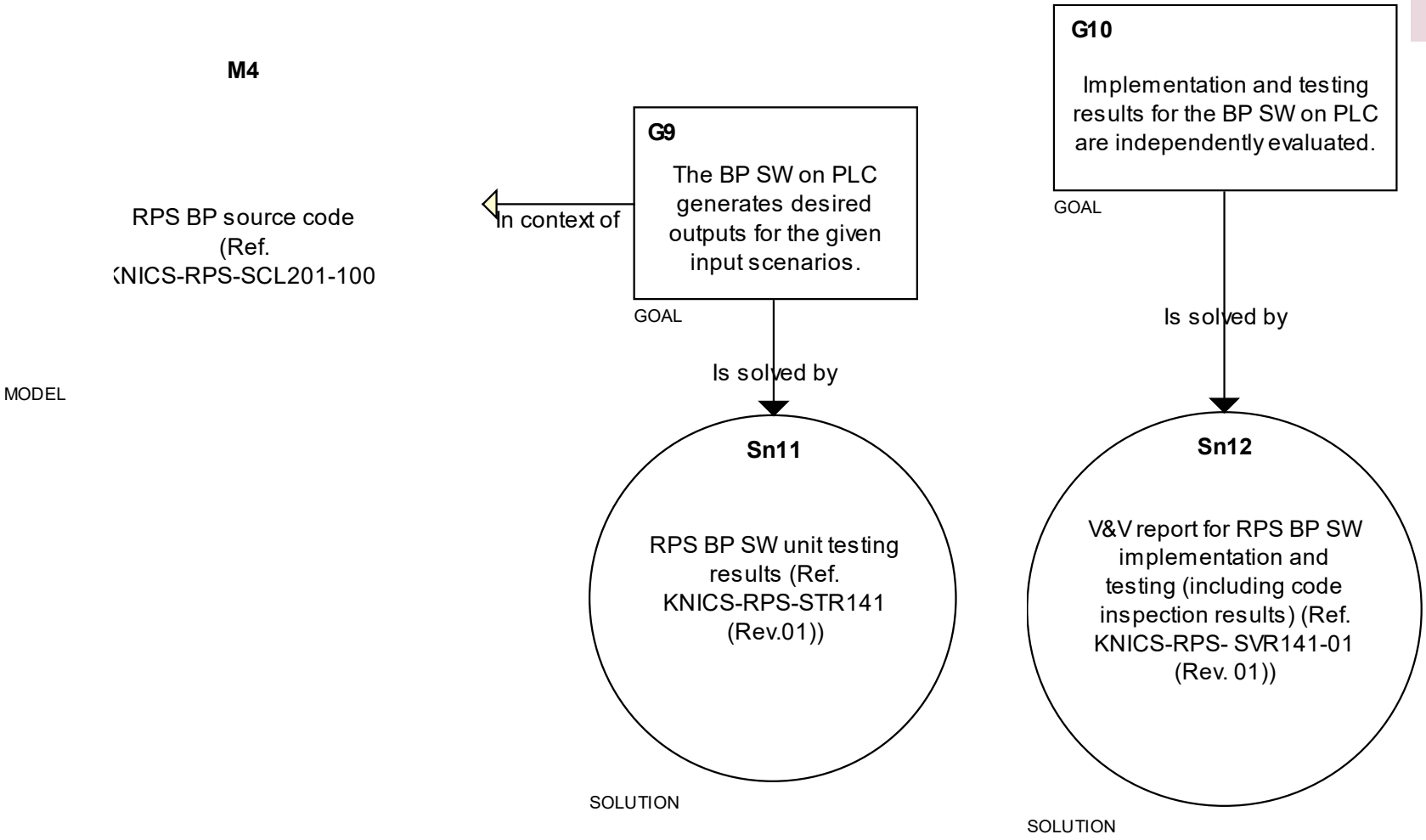
BP SRS Satisfies All the Safety Requirements



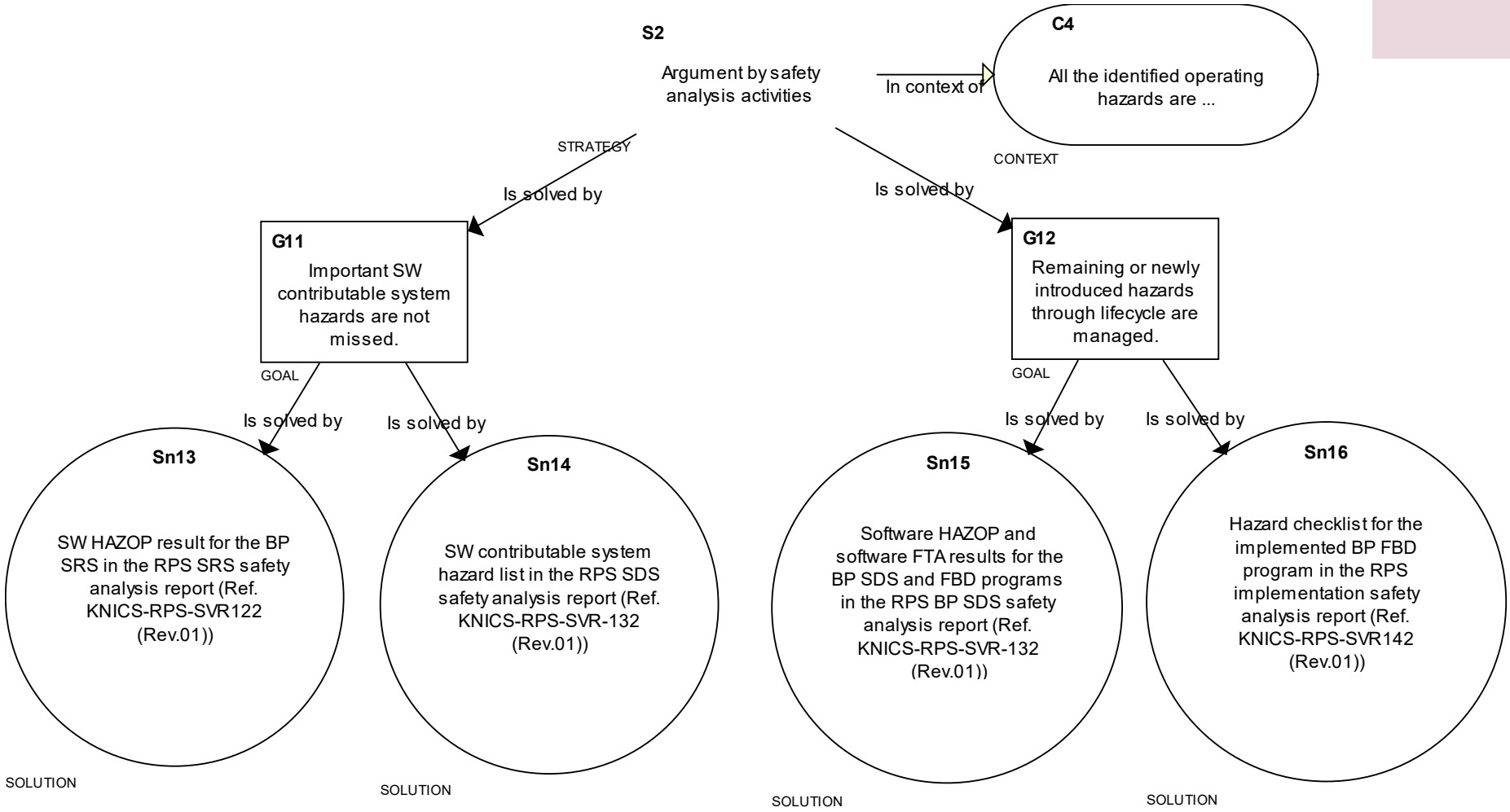
BP SDS Satisfies All the Safety Requirements



Argument for BP SW Implementation Safety



Argument by Safety Analysis Activities



Limitations

- The presented safety case is not complete.
  - Revisions and/or corrections are needed.
    - E.g.) concretization of each safety requirement, concretization of each operating hazard, addition of a claim for safety of PLC, etc.
- The presented safety case was created with existing artifacts of an already developed system.
  - How the prescriptive approach and the safety case approach can complement each other during development was not evaluated.

Lessons Learned: Possible Advantages

- Possible advantages of using safety cases with the prescriptive approach.
  - How the BP software safety issues had been addressed could be explicitly presented by creating a safety case.
    - Reviewing over 500 documents, in the case of KNICS RPS, took significant effort and time.
    - It is not easy to figure out whether a specific part of those documents is more or less important in the aspect of system safety.

➔Safety cases can facilitate clearer and more efficient communication focusing on safety between the developers and the regulators in the certification process.

Lessons Learned: Possible Drawbacks

- Possible drawbacks of using safety cases with the prescriptive approach
  - Creating additional safety cases to the artifacts required by safety standards entails extra efforts and costs.
    - Still, a significant portion of safety case creation and management relies on manual work.

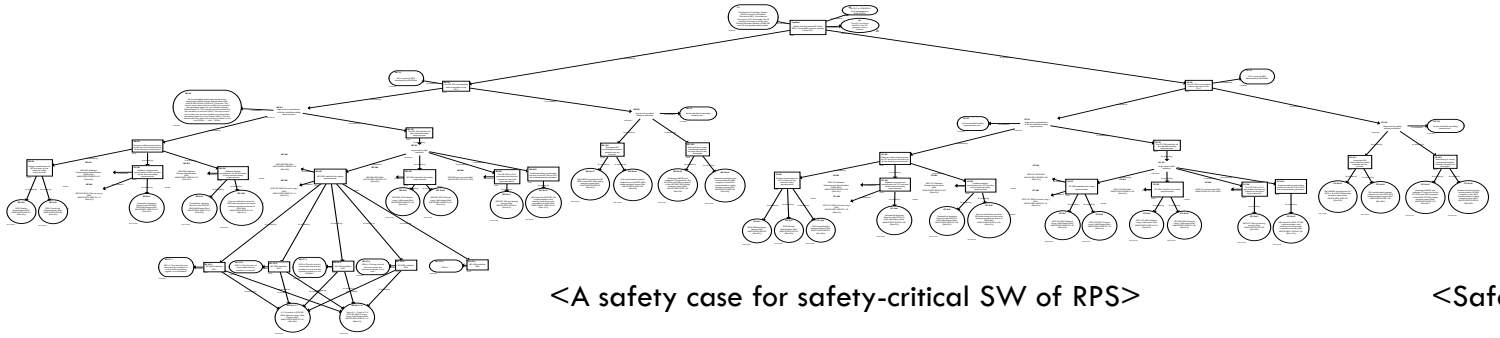
➔ Efforts to develop proper guidelines and tools for creating and managing safety cases should be continued.

  - The safety case approaches are not enough to cover all the requirements.
    - The prescriptive approaches consider not only safety requirements, but also other quality attributes, e.g., security, performance, etc.
    - The safety case approaches may not be able to replace the prescriptive approaches.

➔ Combining prescriptive approaches and safety case approaches in an effective and efficient way needs to be studied further.

Case Study 3: Safety Case Review

- Conducted a case study of safety case review
  - Target: Safety-critical software in KNICS RPS
- A safety case for safety-critical software from KNICS RPS was reviewed by a safety case expert from IFE in Norway
  - in the position of the regulator/licensing agency
  - the evaluation opinion was documented
- Derived considerations when using safety case technology for system safety demonstration and licensing



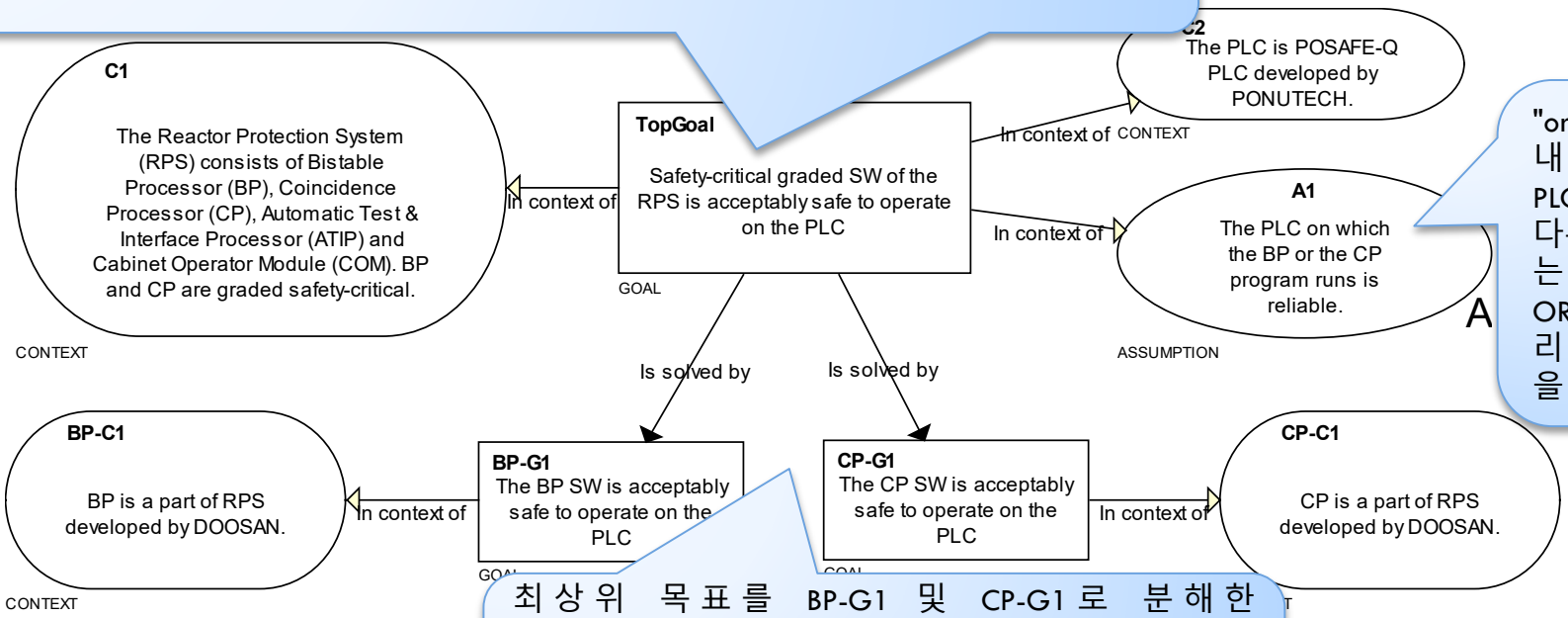
<A safety case for safety-critical SW of RPS>

<Safety case review result>

Review on Top Claim

- Top claim
  - Safety-critical graded SW of the RPS is acceptably safe to operate on the PLC.

Top Goal, BP-G1 및 CP-G1에서 "수용될만큼 안전한(acceptably safe)"을 어떻게 이해할 것인지를, 예를 들어 "BP가 수용될만큼 안전하다는 것은 [ref.]에 있는 안전 요구사항 SF_X와 SF_Y에 의해 정의된다."와 같이, 컨텍스트(context)에서 명확히 할 필요가 있다.



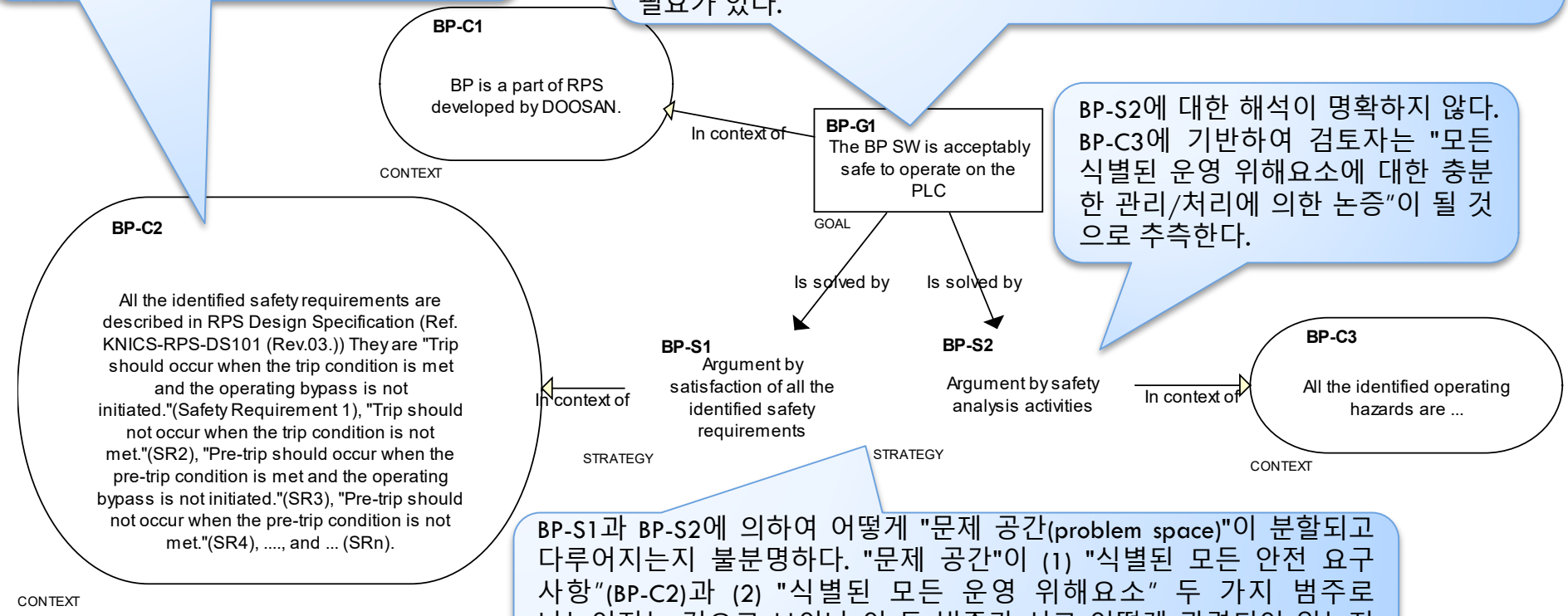
"or"가 무엇을 나타내는가? 동일한 PLC인지? 두 개의 다른 PLC를 나타내는 것인지? 논리 OR, 논리 XOR, 논리 AND 중 어느 것을 의미하는가?

최상위 목표를 BP-G1 및 CP-G1로 분해한 논리/전략은 컨텍스트 C1에서 설명하고 있는대로 RPS 아키텍처를 기반으로 한다. 검토자는 여기에 제시된 논증 구조에서 분해 논리/전략이 명확하다고 생각한다.

Review on Argument

분명한 이해를 위해 안전진술에서 안전, 소프트웨어, 요구 사항의 개념이 서로 어떻게 관련되어 있는지 차별화되고 명확해져야 한다.

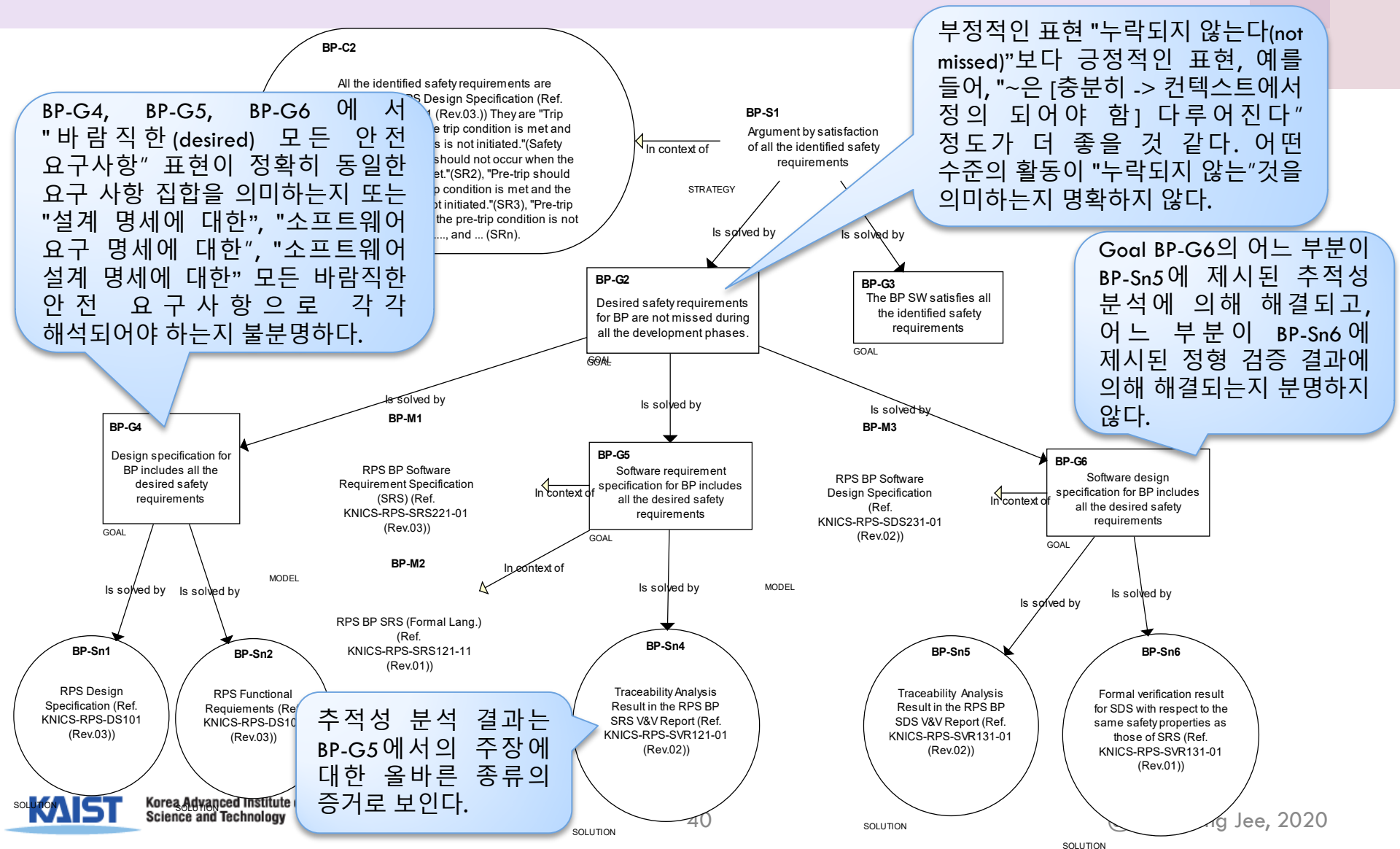
BP-G1의 분해 논리/전략이 보다 명시적으로 표현되어야 한다. 즉 "수용될만큼 안전한(acceptably safe)..."이란 정확히 무엇을 의미하는가? 예를 들어, BP-S1과 BP-S2를 기반으로 "BP SW는 BP SW가 [ref.]에 식별된 안전 요구사항들을 만족시키고(AND) [참조문헌과 함께 새로 구성된 BP-S2 부분]이면 PLC에서 작동하기에 수용될만큼 안전하다." 와 같이 "수용될만큼 안전한..."의 의미를 정의할 필요가 있다.



BP-S2에 대한 해석이 명확하지 않다. BP-C3에 기반하여 검토자는 "모든 식별된 운영 위해요소에 대한 충분한 관리/처리에 의한 논증"이 될 것으로 추측한다.

BP-S1과 BP-S2에 의하여 어떻게 "문제 공간(problem space)"이 분할되고 다루어지는지 불분명하다. "문제 공간"이 (1) "식별된 모든 안전 요구사항"(BP-C2)과 (2) "식별된 모든 운영 위해요소" 두 가지 범주로 나누어지는 것으로 보이나 이 두 범주가 서로 어떻게 관련되어 있는지 명확하지 않다.

Review on Goal-Solution Relationship



BP-G4, BP-G5, BP-G6 에서 "바람직한(desired) 모든 안전 요구사항" 표현이 정확히 동일한 요구 사항 집합을 의미하는지 또는 "설계 명세에 대한", "소프트웨어 요구 명세에 대한", "소프트웨어 설계 명세에 대한" 모든 바람직한 안전 요구사항으로 각각 해석되어야 하는지 불분명하다.

부정적인 표현 "누락되지 않는다(not missed)"보다 긍정적인 표현, 예를 들어, "~은 [충분히 -> 컨텍스트에서 정의 되어야 함] 다루어진다" 정도가 더 좋을 것 같다. 어떤 수준의 활동이 "누락되지 않는"것을 의미하는지 명확하지 않다.

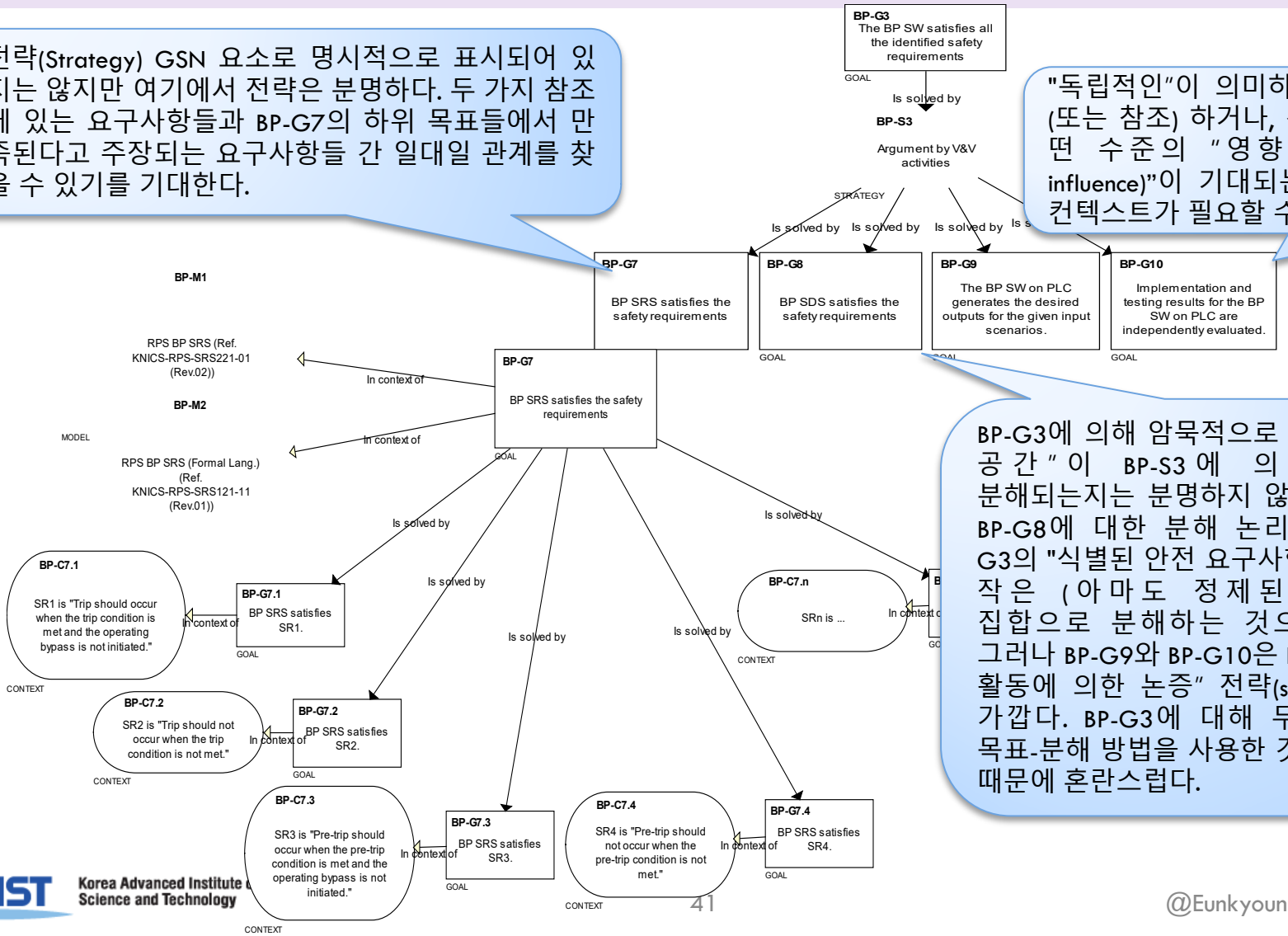
Goal BP-G6의 어느 부분이 BP-Sn5에 제시된 추적성 분석에 의해 해결되고, 어느 부분이 BP-Sn6에 제시된 정형 검증 결과에 의해 해결되는지 분명하지 않다.

추적성 분석 결과는 BP-G5에서의 주장에 대한 올바른 종류의 증거로 보인다.

Review on Argument by V&V

전략(Strategy) GSN 요소로 명시적으로 표시되어 있지는 않지만 여기에서 전략은 분명하다. 두 가지 참조에 있는 요구사항들과 BP-G7의 하위 목표들에서 만족된다고 주장되는 요구사항들 간 일대일 관계를 찾을 수 있기를 기대한다.

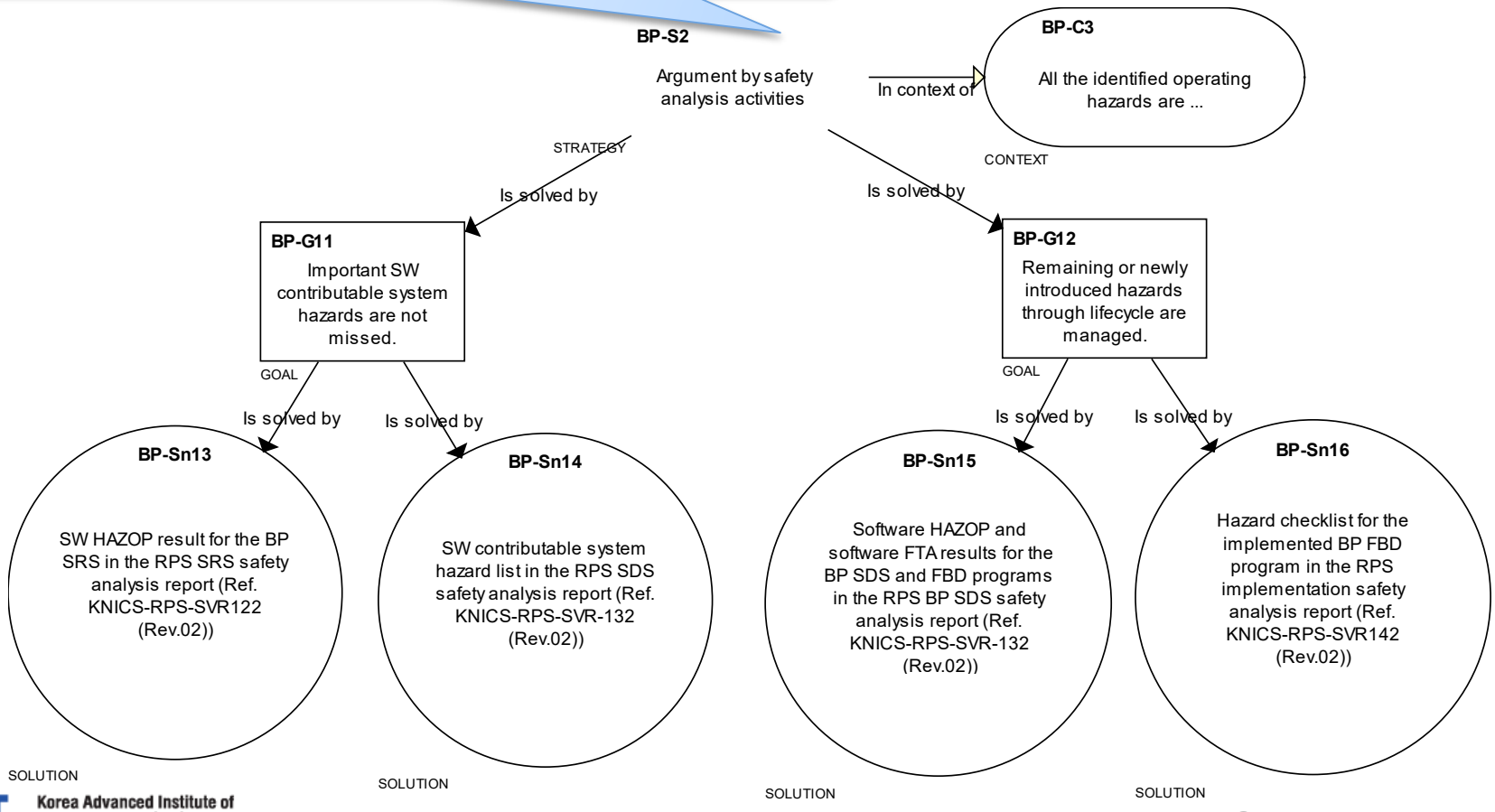
"독립적인"이 의미하는 것을 정의(또는 참조) 하거나, 검토자에게 어떤 수준의 "영향력 없음(non-influence)"이 기대되는지를 기술한 컨텍스트가 필요할 수 있다.



BP-G3에 의해 암묵적으로 정의된 "문제 공간"이 BP-S3에 의해 어떻게 분해되는지는 분명하지 않다. BP-G7 및 BP-G8에 대한 분해 논리/전략은 BP-G3의 "식별된 안전 요구사항" 집합을 더 작은 (아마도 정제된) 요구사항 집합으로 분해하는 것으로 보인다. 그러나 BP-G9와 BP-G10은 BP-S3의 "V&V 활동에 의한 논증" 전략(strategy)에 더 가깝다. BP-G3에 대해 두 가지 다른 목표-분해 방법을 사용한 것으로 보이기 때문에 혼란스럽다.

Review on Argument by Safety Analysis

BP-S2의 해석이 불분명하며 "문제 공간"이 어떻게 분리되는지는 분명하지 않다. BP-G11과 BP-G12 두 목표가 BP-S2에 의해 정의된 "문제 공간"을 완전히 커버하고 있다고 평가할 수 있는 방법은 무엇인가?



Lessons Learned

- Safety case can support efficient communication during the licensing process.
  - It enables clearer and more efficient communication with a focus on system safety between the developer and the regulator.
- Necessary to describe the context information as specific as possible when the common understanding b/w the developer and the regulator is insufficient
  - Specific and clear descriptive information on the terms, strategies and assumptions used is required so that the regulators can understand it accurately.
- Multiple cycles of construction and review may be needed.
  - Safety cases can be clarified through repetition.
  - Additional time and effort is required.
- Should exclude problems caused by ambiguity and subjective interpretation
  - by using objective, formal and quantitative phrases and evidence.

Thank you for your attention.

QUESTIONS?