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# The VVM view on the ODD Metamodel in the safety case

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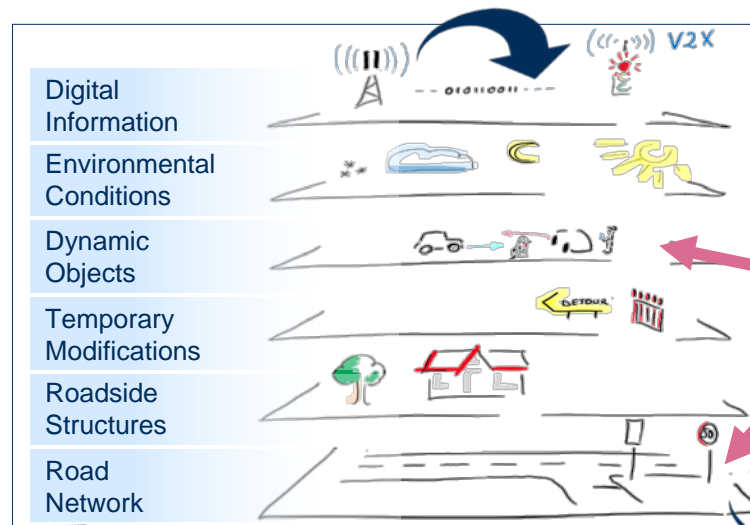
# ODD Metamodel

# Structure is needed to understand the world and to decompose its complex challenges

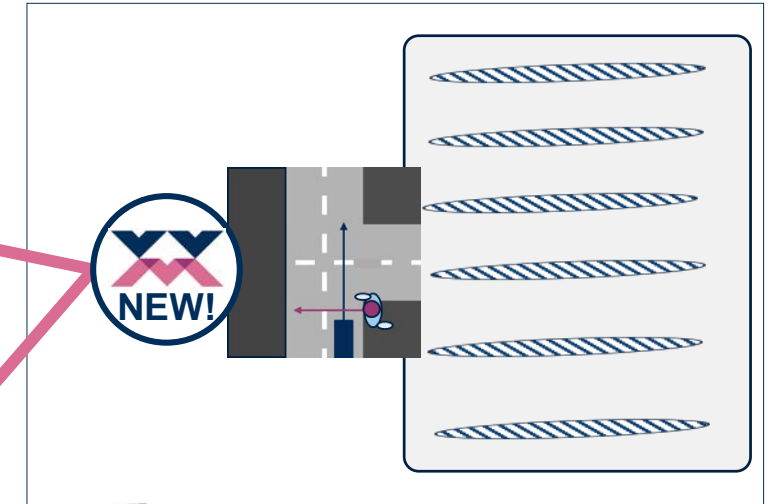
## Real World Scenario



## 6 Layer -Model



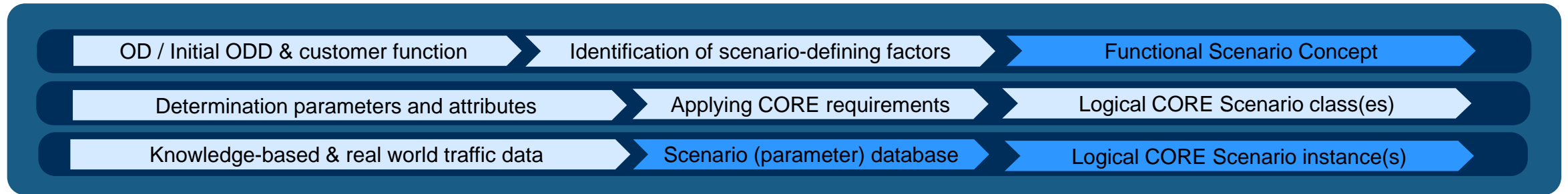
## Logical Scenario (w. parameter space)



- ▶ Continuation of work from **PEGASUS** project
- ▶ Further development of the concept for scenarios forming the ODD in **VVMethods**

- ▶ Introduces basic entity categories
- ▶ **Declaring** relevant describing Parameter

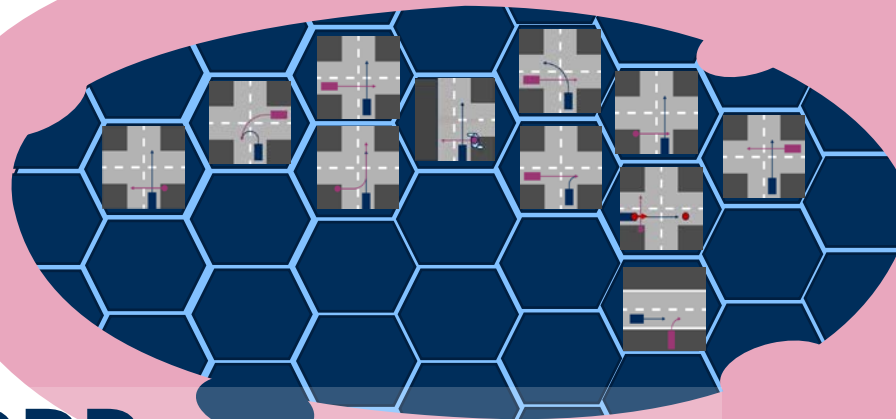
# Defining an ODD Metamodel – a sufficient complete coverage



## The set of logical CORE scenarios

is defined as a set of logical scenario that have certain properties:

minimum set of logical scenarios, that covers / represent the ODD, free of overlap with the underlying BASE scenarios, ...



**ODD** comprises specific conditions, ADS is designed to function

**OD** comprises all scenarios of corresponding parameter space, describing the context of the system's environment ...

# One Model fits for all – holistic usage of the ODD metamodel

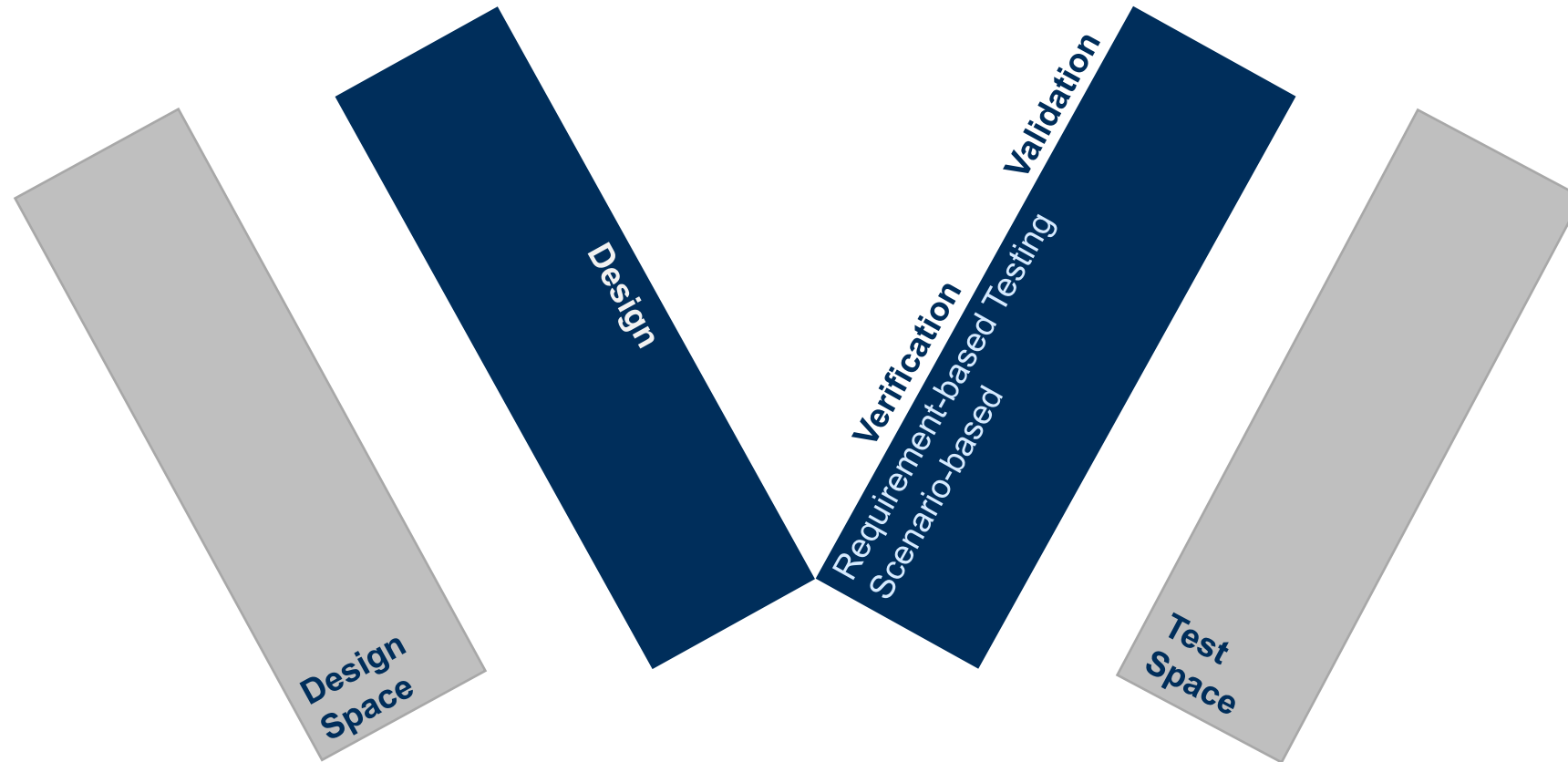
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Starting with the **V-Model** ...



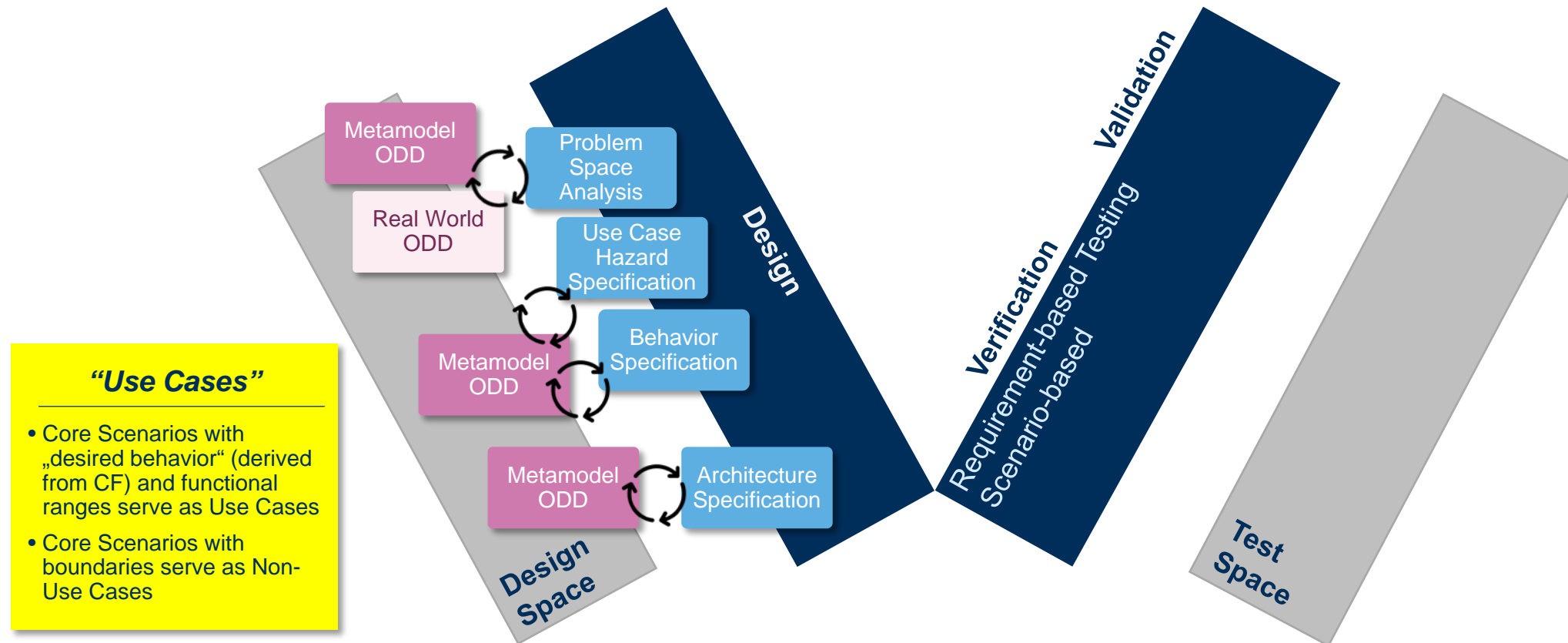
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... supplemented by a **Design** and **Test Space** ...



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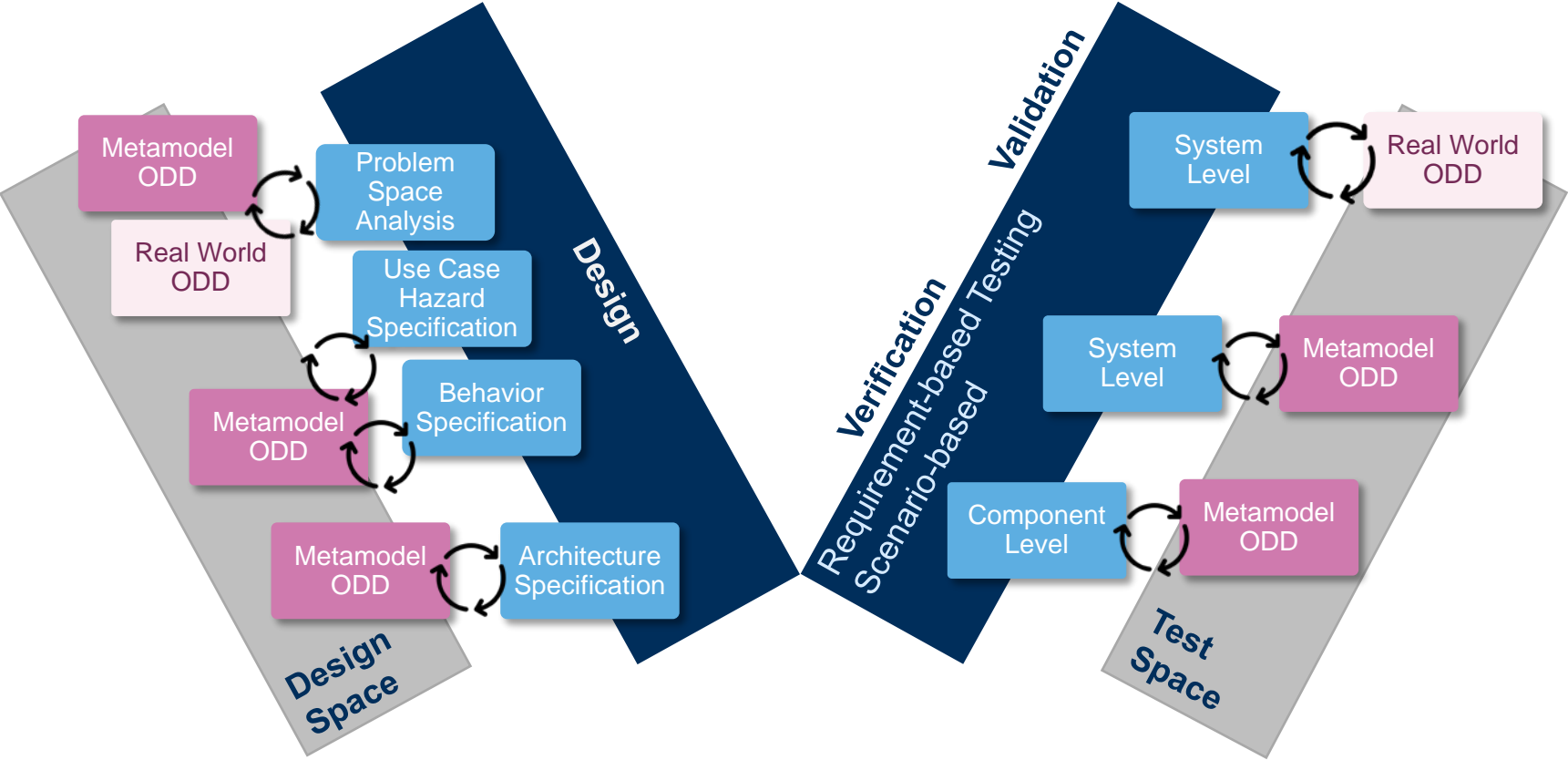
... using the ODD Metamodel for **Designing** an AD-System ...





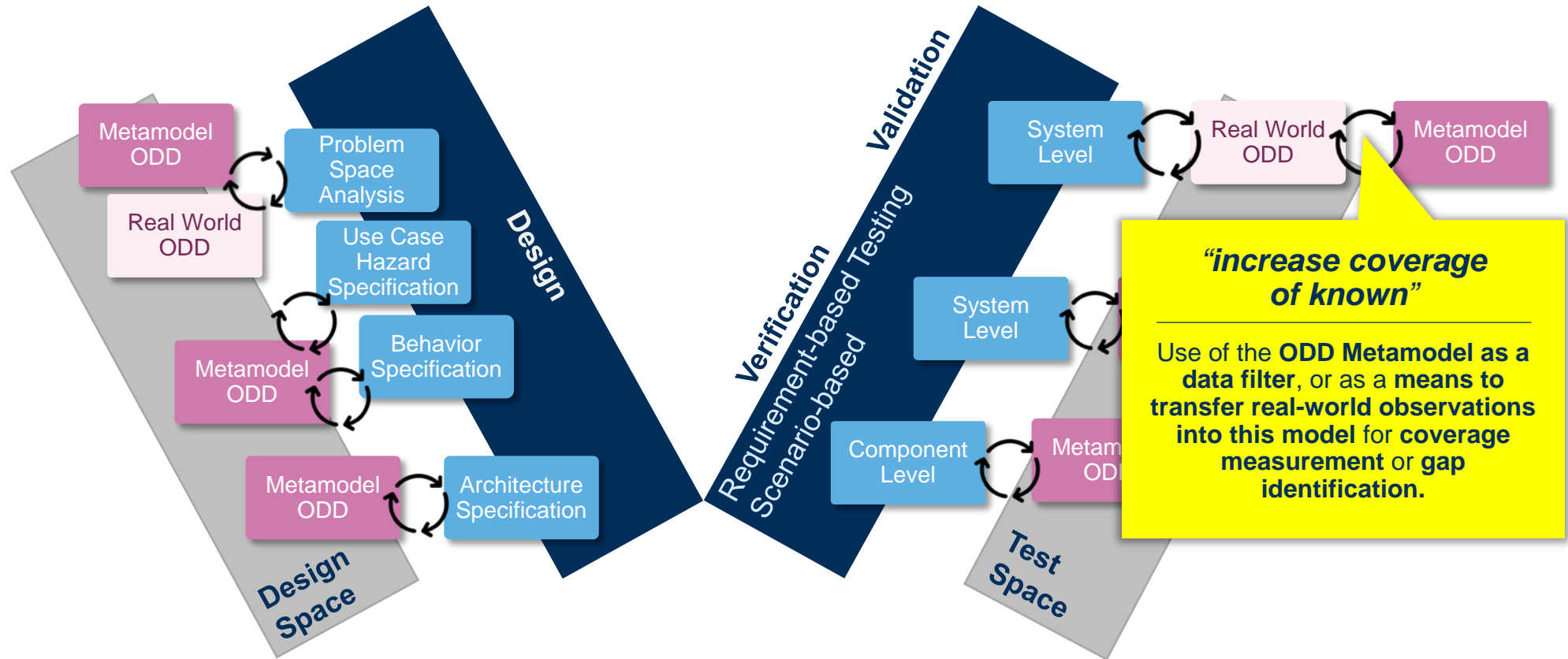
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... using the ODD Metamodel for **Verifying and Validating** an AD-System ...



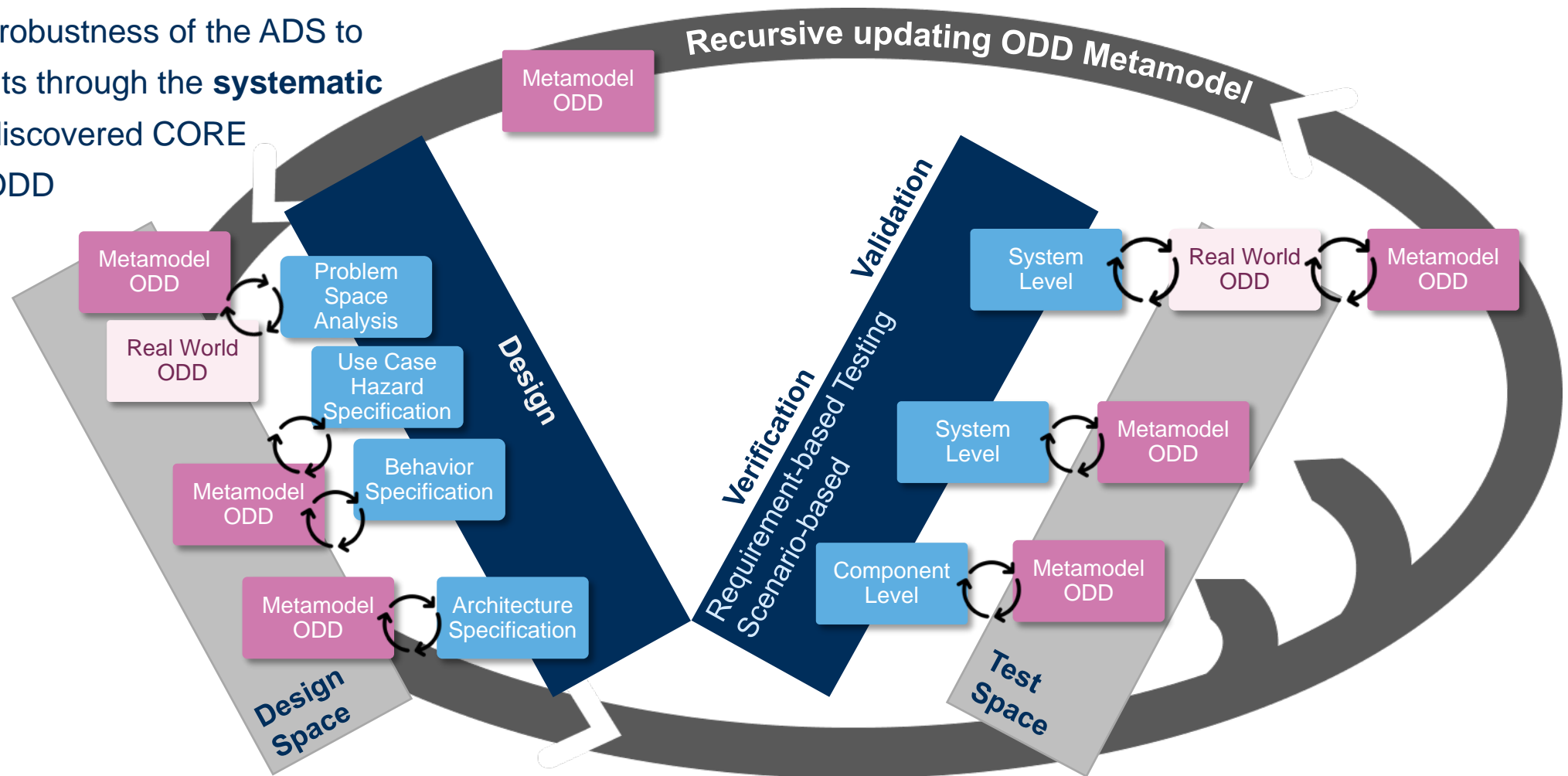
# The ODD Metamodel

... validate the Completeness of the ODD Metamodel by **identifying** undiscovered **CORE Scenario Classes** or relevant **Domain Characteristics**...

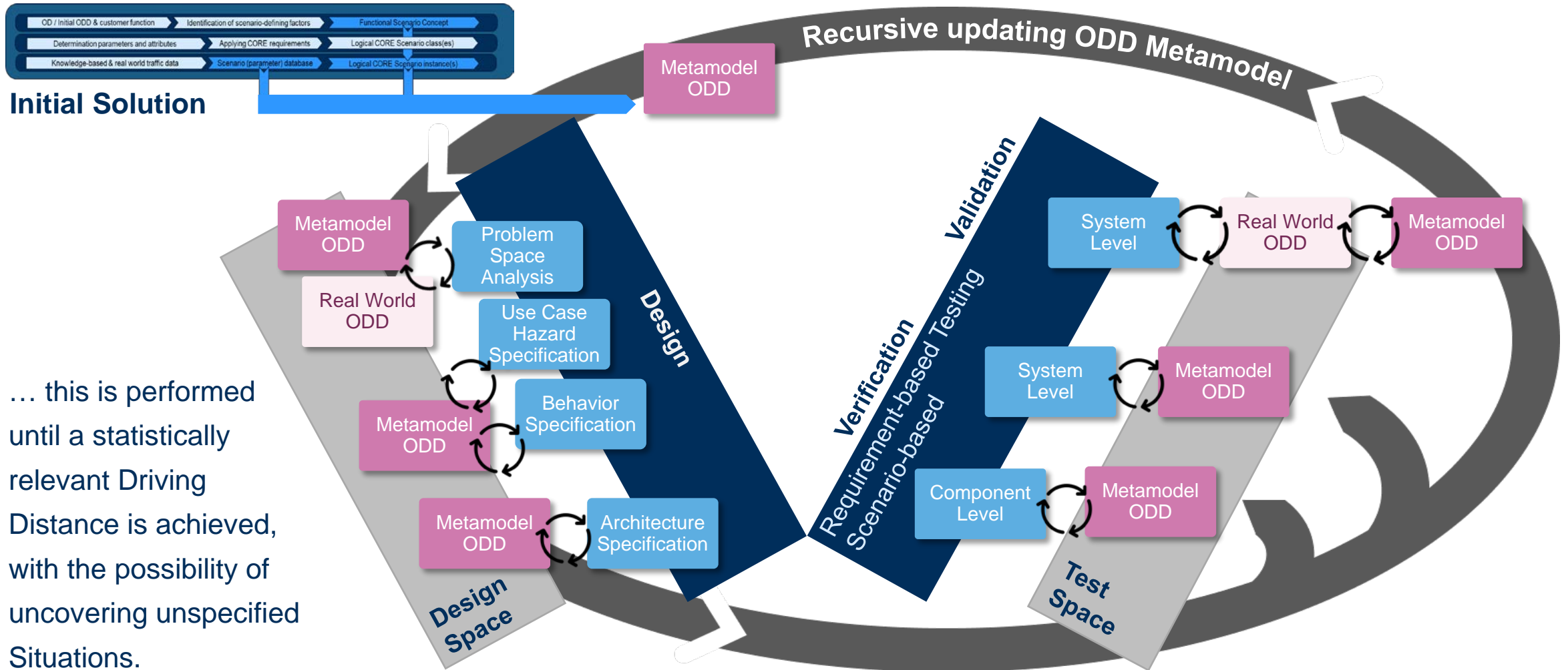


# The ODD Metamodel

... increase the robustness of the ADS to hazardous events through the **systematic integration** of discovered CORE scenarios and ODD characteristics into the ODD Metamodel...



# The ODD Metamodel



... this is performed until a statistically relevant Driving Distance is achieved, with the possibility of uncovering unspecified Situations.

# View on ODD Metamodel against der background of Argumentation

# VVM: “The ODD Metamodel is the building block of the safety Case.”

With the CORE scenarios, the **ODD Metamodel provides** (a sufficiently complete set of) classes of scenarios in which the **AD-system is designed to operate**.

- ▶ The ODD Metamodel is validated in the real world to ensure that the **ODD Metamodel is a valid representation of the real-world target ODD** with respect to the set of CORE scenarios and their declared parameters.
- ▶ **Systematic Problem Space Analysis** is performed on the ODD Metamodel. This **provides the basis for a deep, fundamental understanding of the environment and the inherent hazards** in which the AD system to be developed will operate.
- ▶ **A systematic hazard and risk analysis** identifies both the events within the core scenarios in which a **failure of the ego-vehicle function may occur**, as well as systemically **inherently hazardous conditions within the interaction between the ADS and its environment** that must be avoided.
- ▶ **Scenario-based testing** as well as **statistical analysis of endurance runs** are based on the **same scenario model** that was **used during Problem Space Analysis** and specifying **target (safety) behavior** of the ADS.

# Thank you!

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