## **VVM - Towards a comprehensive framework for AD safety assurance**



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# VV-METHODS PEGASUS family – Publicly-funded projects in



## **Germany**

The PEGASUS Family focuses on development / testing methods and tools for AD systems on highways and in urban environments

#### **PEGASUS**

https://www.pegasusprojekt.de/en/hom



• Scope: Basic methodological framework

• Use-Case: L3/4 on highways

• Partners: 17



**PEGASUS** 



#### **VV-Methods**



 Scope: Methods, toolchains, specifications for technical assurance

Use-Case: L>=3 in urban environments

• Partners: 23 partners

• Timeline: 07/2019 - 06/2023

#### 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

Time

2019

### **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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### **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.







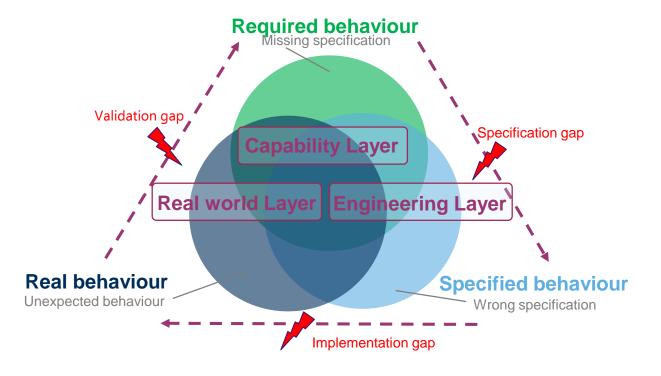
### **Approach - Argumentation Framework - perspectives**

VERIFICATION VALIDATION METHODS

▶ Use **different perspectives** and appropriate levels of abstraction.



perspectives

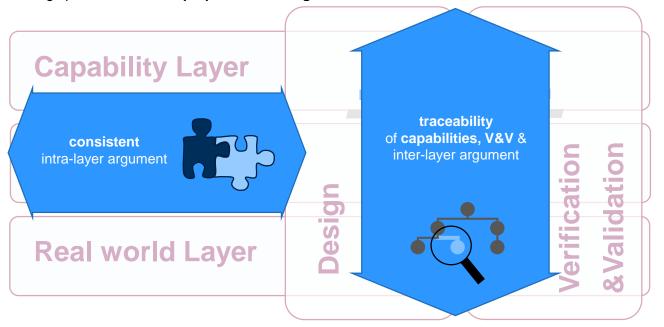


### **Argumentation Framework**



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

▶ Assign process interfaces prepared for changes









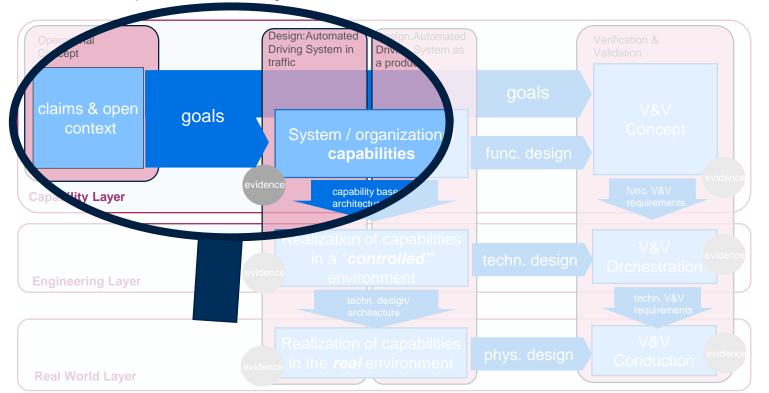




## **Argumentation Framework - Elements**

VERIFICATION VALIDATION METHODS

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





### From claims to capabilities



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

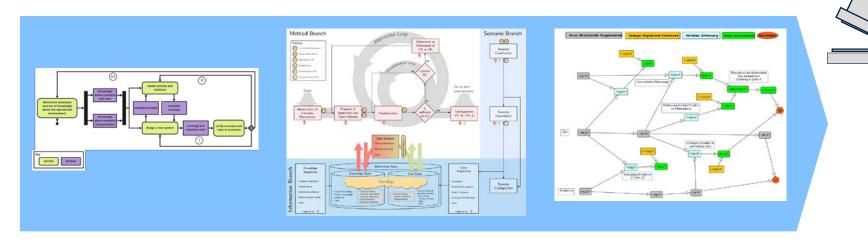




## From claims to capabilities



► 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.