

New validation approaches for automated driving safety

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Need for new validation approaches

- Limits of « vertical » approaches
 - # vehicle components / functions
 - Interactions vehicle / driver / driving environment
 - Connectivity
 - Learning systems

- Need for a comprehensive approach

- Increasing variety of use cases
 - # automated functions
 - # design domains
 - # triggering + transition conditions



Use case =

Automated driving functions (AD)

+ *Operational design domain (ODD)*

+ *Manœuvres = sequence of (automated) driving tasks*

- Need for a performance-based approach

- Technology agnostic
- Adaptable to various use-cases + functional and technical architectures

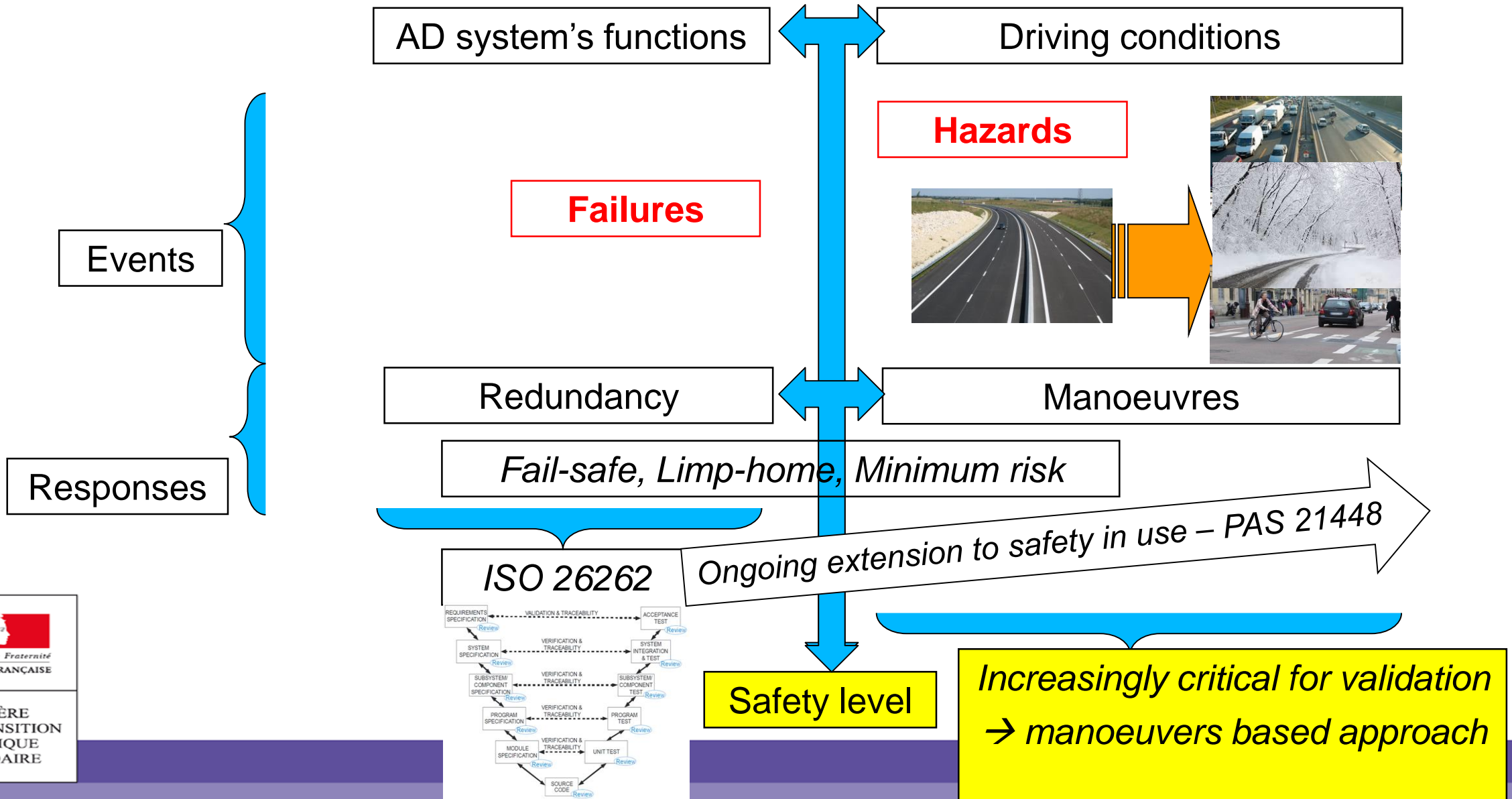
Bird's-eye views (1)

1. Validation should handle a **wide variety of use-cases** (functions, ODDs, manoeuvres)
2. Validation should verify that **reasonably foreseeable risks**, combining system failures and driving hazards, are identified and addressed, and their impacts are minimized
3. **Transparency of managing risk scenarios** for safety analysis, is key to build a proper balance between internal validation processes and public validation scrutiny
4. Validation by public authorities should :
 - focus on **driving responses (manoeuvres)** to systems failures and driving hazards
 - assess both :
 - critical manoeuvres' safety, responding to edge scenarios
 - current manoeuvres carefullness or roadmanship
 - combine **physical tests, simulations and audits** of internal safety demonstration processes

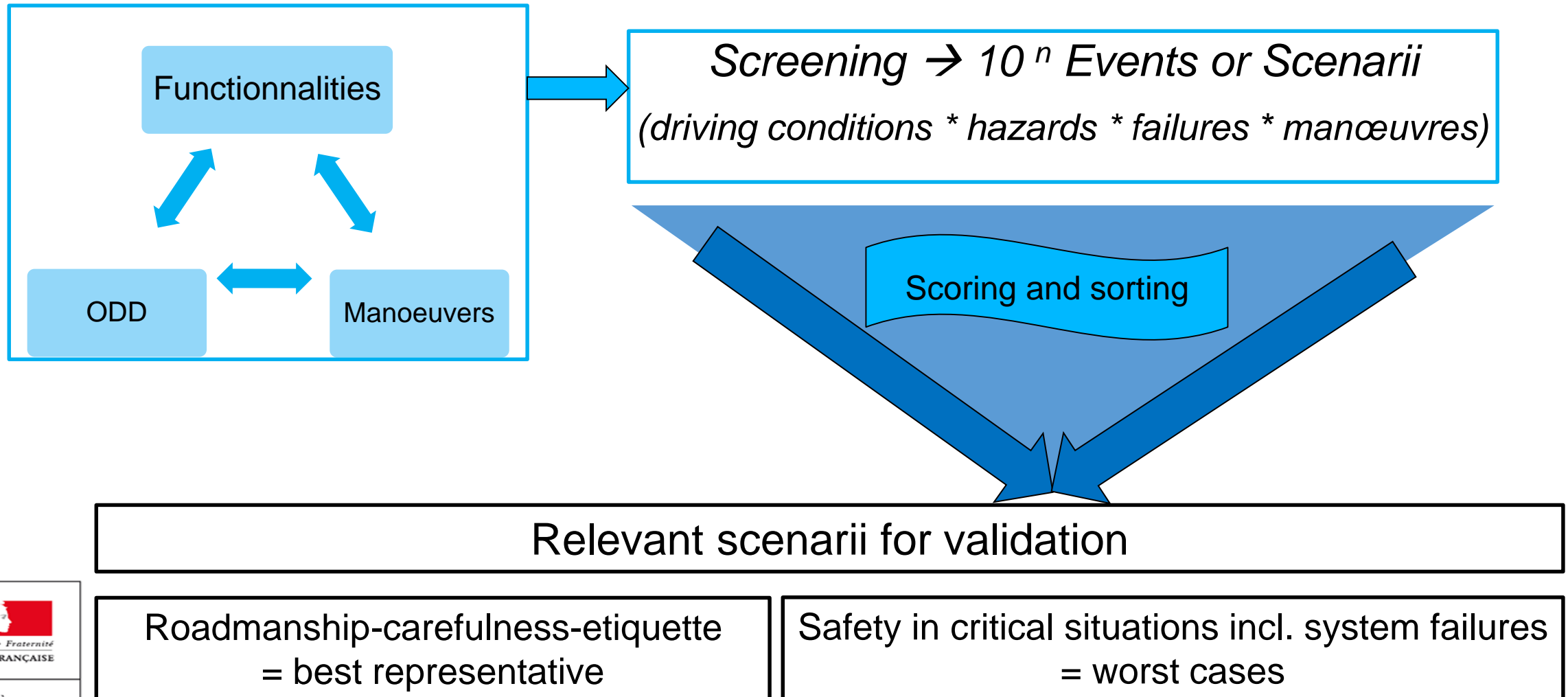
Bird's-eye views (2)

5. Physical tests should combine :
 - a **standardized approach**, for a limited set of common functions or manoeuvres
 - a **use-cas-specific approach**, based on risk analysis, including randomly
6. Process audit should be based on **manageable and interpretable descriptions** of :
 - system architectures
 - manoeuvres overarching safety rules
 - risk screening and scoring methods and relevant results
 - including system failures and driving hazards scenarios
 - risk mitigation measures and their internal validation processes
 - including simulation methods

Safety validation : overall approach



Manoeuvres-based (response-based) approach → managing scenarii becomes a major validation building block



Main validation building blocks and approaches

Validation approach

Description explicability audit

Algorithms overarching safety rules

Manœuvres logigram

Scenario screening and scoring

Functions failures + driving hazards

Simulations and Tests (Predefined ; Random ; Use-case-endogenous)

ODD recognition and compliance

Nominal manoeuvres' roadmanship carefulness or etiquette

Critical, MRM, limp-home, fail-safe manoeuvres' safety

Sub-systems failures' mitigation (cf. ISO 26262)

Simulated or naturalistic studies

ODD's interpretability

HMI's interpretability

- Remote monitoring / supervision
- Connectivity
- HD mapping + localisation
- Perception

Possible set of validation blocks / documents (1/2)

System and manoeuvre description

ODD

System functional architecture

Logigram of manoeuvres

Overarching safety principles or rules for manoeuvres

Risk assessment and scenario management

Risk screening and scoring method (failures * driving hazards)

Identified worst-hyper-critical or edge scenarios

Identified best representative current or nominal scenarios

Driver monitoring (simulation or testing) : method and results

Possible set of validation blocks / documents (2/2)

System reliability

Matrix : failures / effects / responses

Failures mitigation-by-design strategy

Internal testing and simulation strategy and results

Manœuvres safety, roadmanship, carefullness and etiquette

Internal testing and simulation strategy and results

HMIs

HMIs interpretability (simulation or naturalistic) : method and results

Driver monitoring (simulation or testing) : method and results



Need for common test references

Type of manoeuvre	Needed references
Critical manoeuvres in edge scenarios	Minimum set of driving scenario to be tested (per agregate ODD ?)
Minimum risk, fail-safe, limp-home	Guidelines for setting random and / or use-case-engogenous tests
Nominal manoeuvres in current situation	Pass-Fail principles or criteriae