

Report on Session 4

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Complementary talks

- Nick Multari, “Applying Science Practices to Cybersecurity”
- Laura Tinnell, “From Infrastructure to Science”
- Broad theme – what kind of support do we need to do better science?

Debunkosaurus



Broader questions

- What is the “science of cyber security”?
- What kind of science is cyber science?
- Do cyber scientists know how to do science?
- Do engineers do science?
- Are we scientists or engineers?
- Does science lag behind engineering?
- What can we learn from scientists in other disciplines?
- What can we learn from engineers in other disciplines?

Research Context Along the Science Continuum

Pacific Northwest
NATIONAL LABORATORY

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Early

Problem is poorly understood and in observational stage

Mid-point

Developing general models using specific examples to be tested

Mature

Models validated for operational use

Explore:
Describe the
Phenomenon

Develop a
Conceptual
Model

Make Predictions:
Challenge the
Conceptual Model

Falsifiable Questions
Conduct Experiments

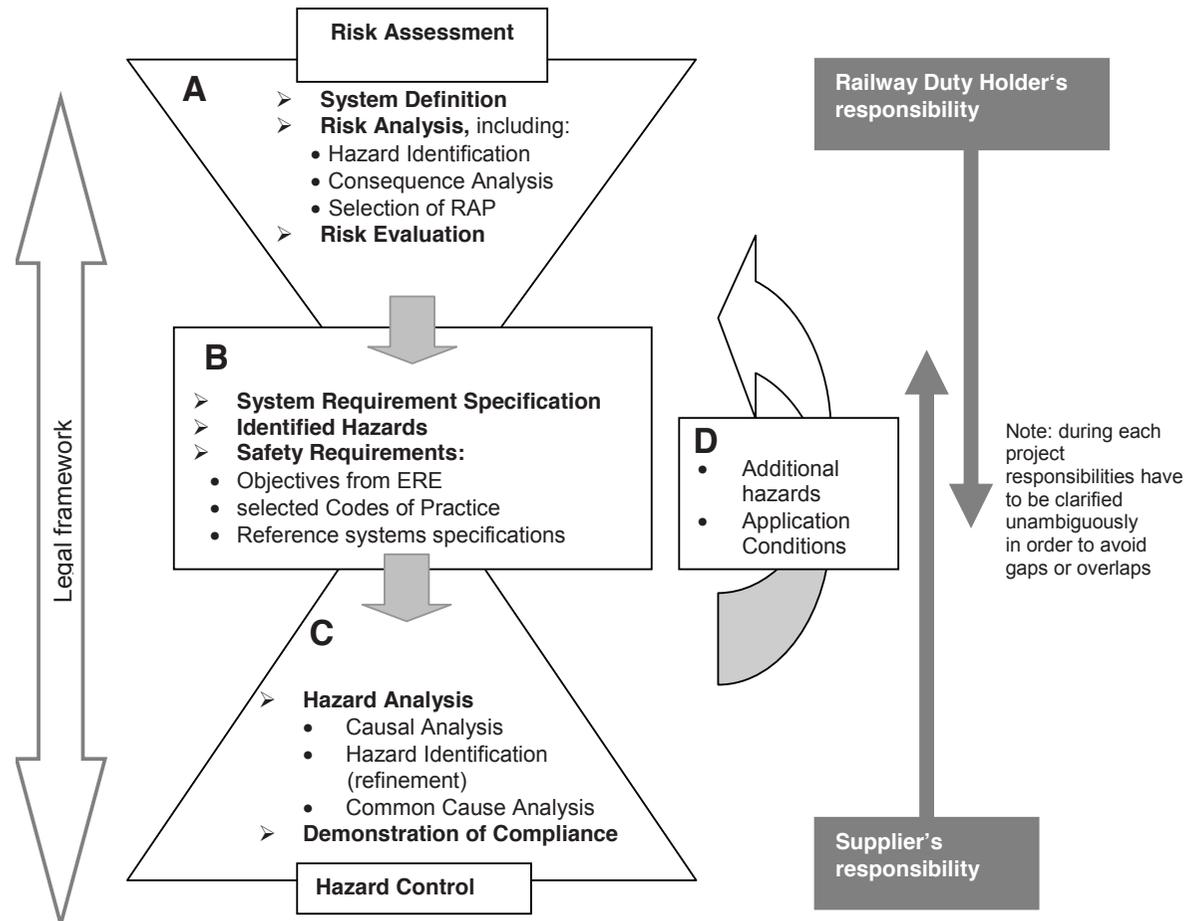
Implement:
Signatures
Monitoring

Support
Assessments
Decisions

Engineering perspective

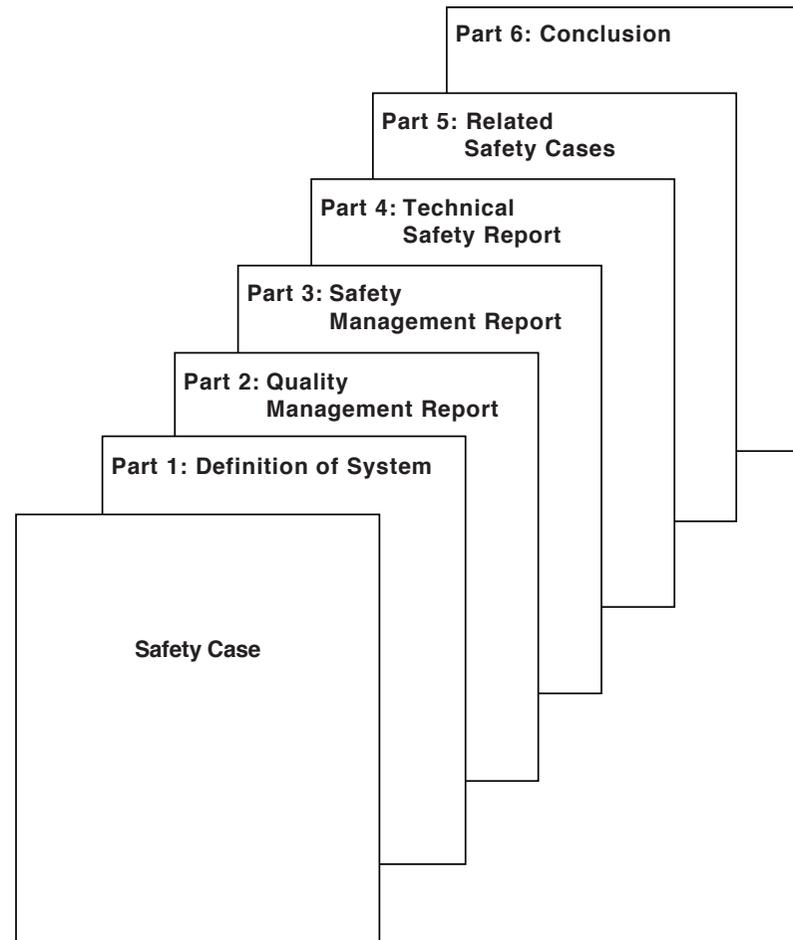
- Safety case
 - “a documented body of evidence that provides a convincing and valid argument that a system is adequately safe for a given application in a given environment”

Railway safety process



Draft BS EN 50126-2:2012 Railway applications - The specification and demonstration of Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS) – Part 2: Systems Approach to Safety

Structure of a (railway) safety case



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A question for the scientists

- UK legal requirement - risk should be ALARP
 - “As low as reasonably practicable”
- How should we measure this?
- What are the cost/benefits of different interventions/controls?
- Where is the supporting evidence for the recommended methods and techniques in the safety standards?