



Using STPA to assure a safe operation of autonomous mobile robots in public spaces

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Introduction – mobile robots

Definition – Subcategories – Examples

According to the definition of ISO 19649, a mobile robot is:

"robot able to travel under its own control"

Division into two categories:

Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMR)

Navigates dynamically using an environmental model

Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV)

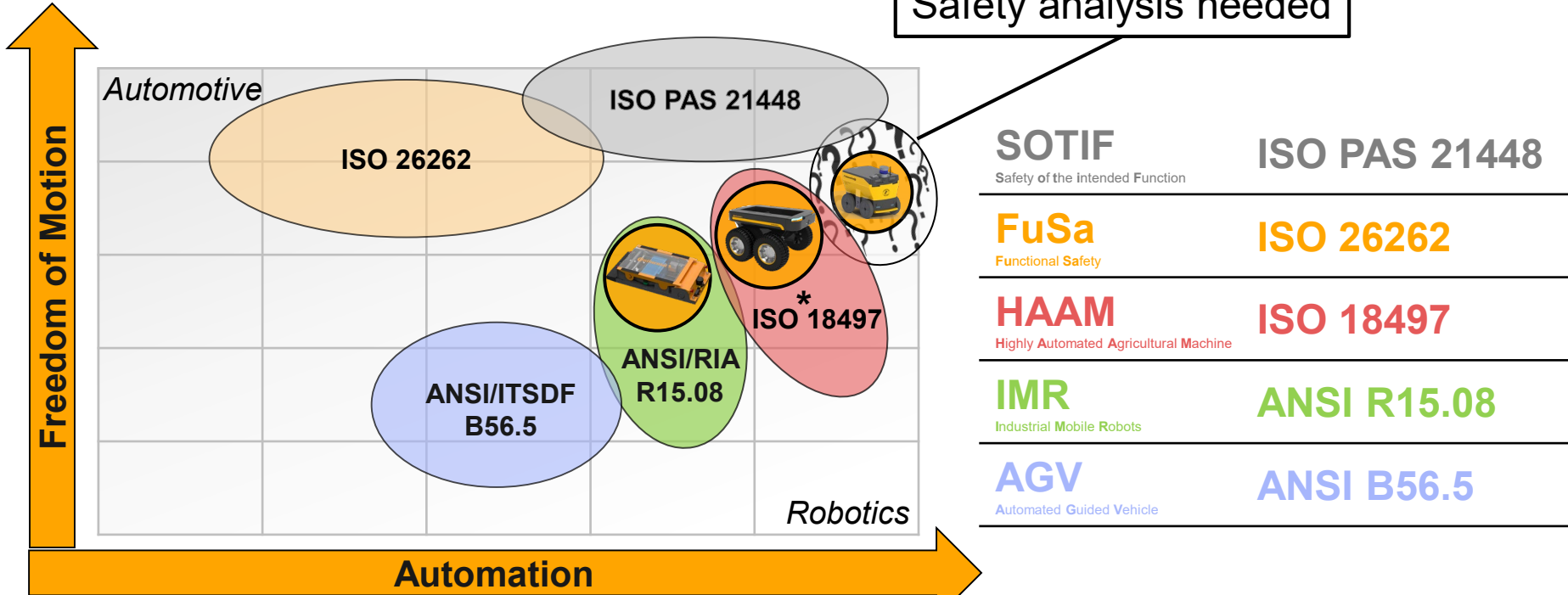
Follows fixed routes (e.g., wires in the ground)

Examples:



Overview

Standards relating mobile robots



Combination of standards from Autonomous Driving and robotics needed

* ISO 18497 does not include higher automation than ANSI/RIA R15.08.

Conclusion

- **Early alignment** of all engineering disciplines (Systems, Safety, Software, ...)
- Generic **functional architecture** derived from STPA requirements
- Safety Requirements already established in an earlier phase
 - → **reduced costs**,
 - → **faster development** for a variety of robotic application
- Challenge: Lack of means for **requirements prioritization** needs to be defined
- **Standardization** within Automotive to be developed
- Extending the usage of mobile robots from private to **public spaces**