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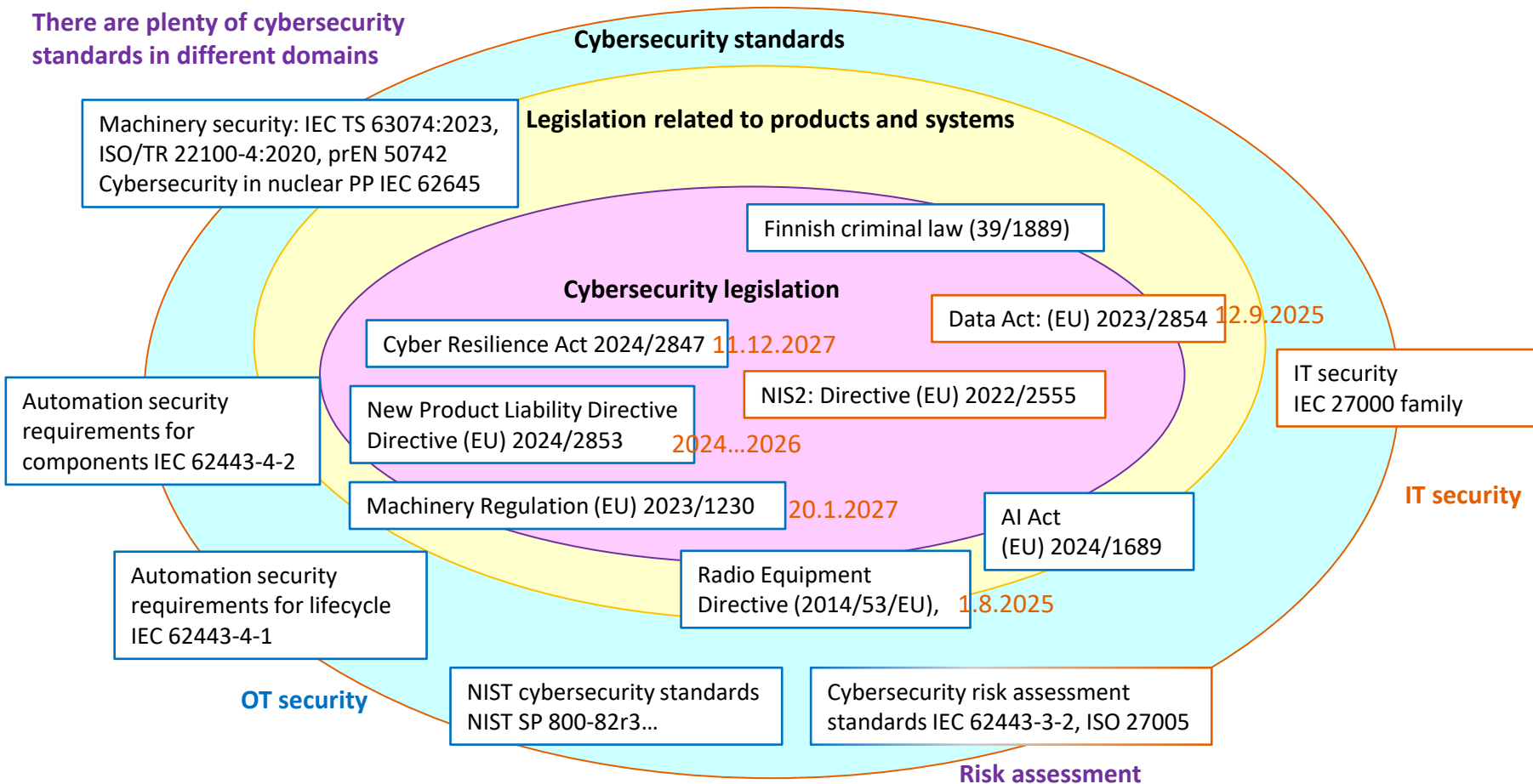
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<https://cris.vtt.fi/en/publications/comparison-of-cybersecurity-and-functional-safety-risk-assessment>

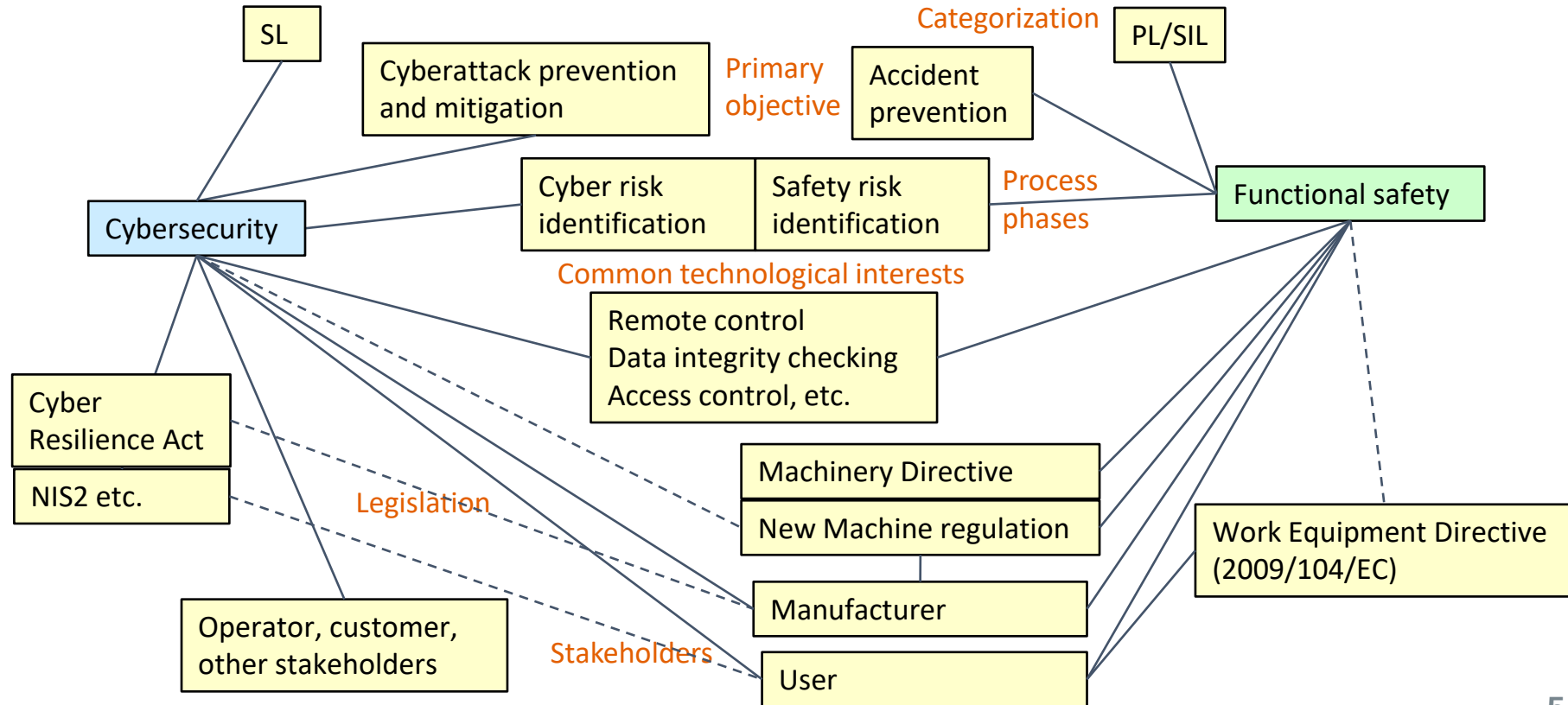
There are plenty of cybersecurity standards in different domains



Some main differences between functional safety and cybersecurity

Topics	Safety viewpoint	Security viewpoint
Primary objectives	Injury/accident prevention, health Safety integrity is related to the probability of specified performance.	Negative impacts like, service problems, confidential information leak, integrity, preventing or minimizing cyberattack effects.
Victims, stake holders,	User (direct effect), bystanders	Asset owner, user, service provider, customers, etc.
Important attributes	Safety integrity (safety functions operate as planned), Availability (safety function available as planned)	OT systems: Availability, Integrity, Confidentiality IT systems: Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability

Mindmap of cybersecurity and functional safety and examples of their relation to specific subjects



Risk and risk reduction process parameters in safety and cybersecurity

Safety

Risk

Cybersecurity

Severity of harm
that can result from
the considered hazard

Probability of occurrence of
that harm

Exposure of persons to the hazard
the **occurrence** of hazardous event
the possibility to **avoid** or limit the
harm

Possible **negative impact**
that can result from the
considered threat

Likelihood of that negative impact
in relation to existing
vulnerabilities that can be
exploited by a **threat**

Hazard

Hazard identification

Severity

Criticality estimation

Probability

**Limits,
properties**

Risk reduction related to use

Protective measures

Residual risk

Threat

Circumstance or event effects

Vulnerability

Weakness that can be exploited by threat

Impact

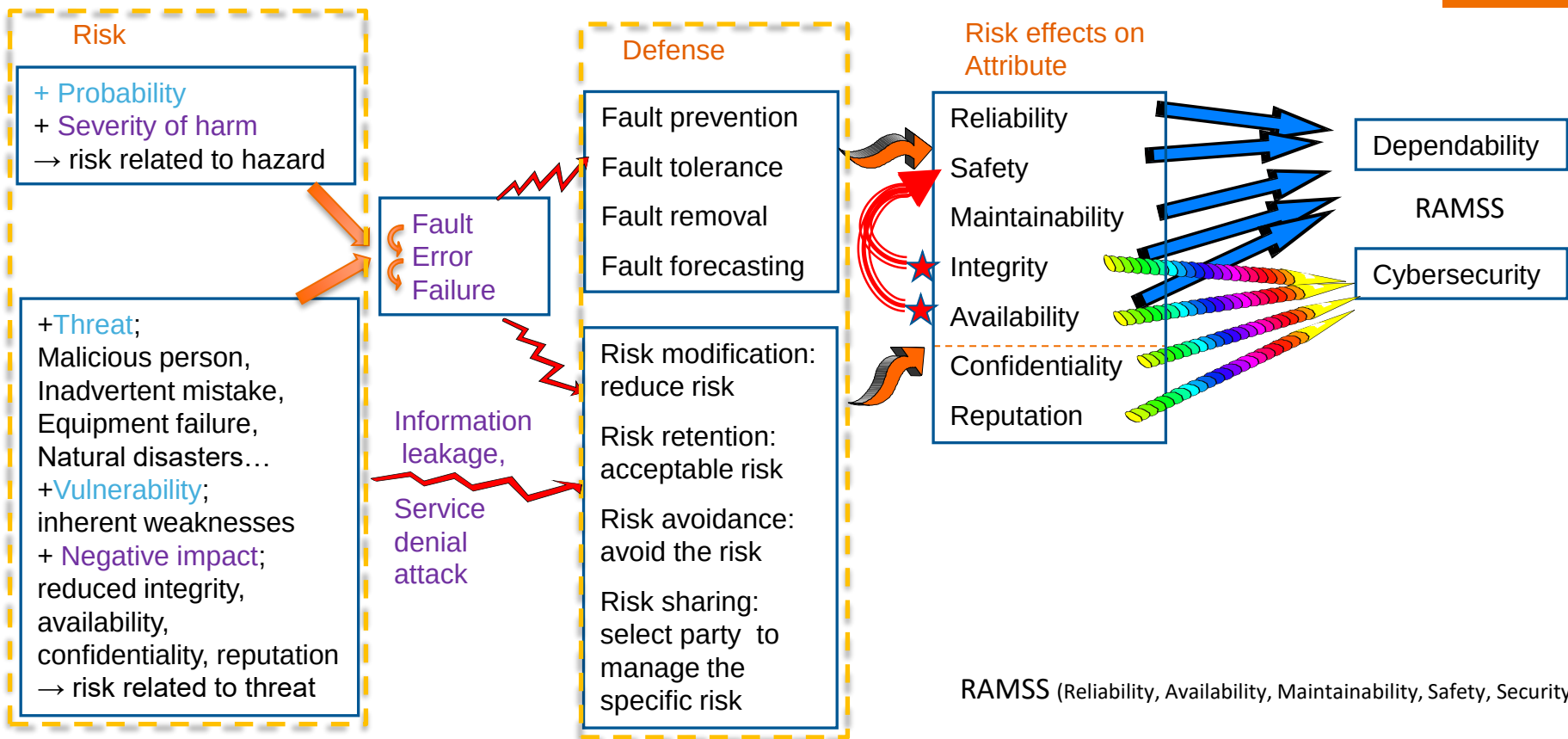
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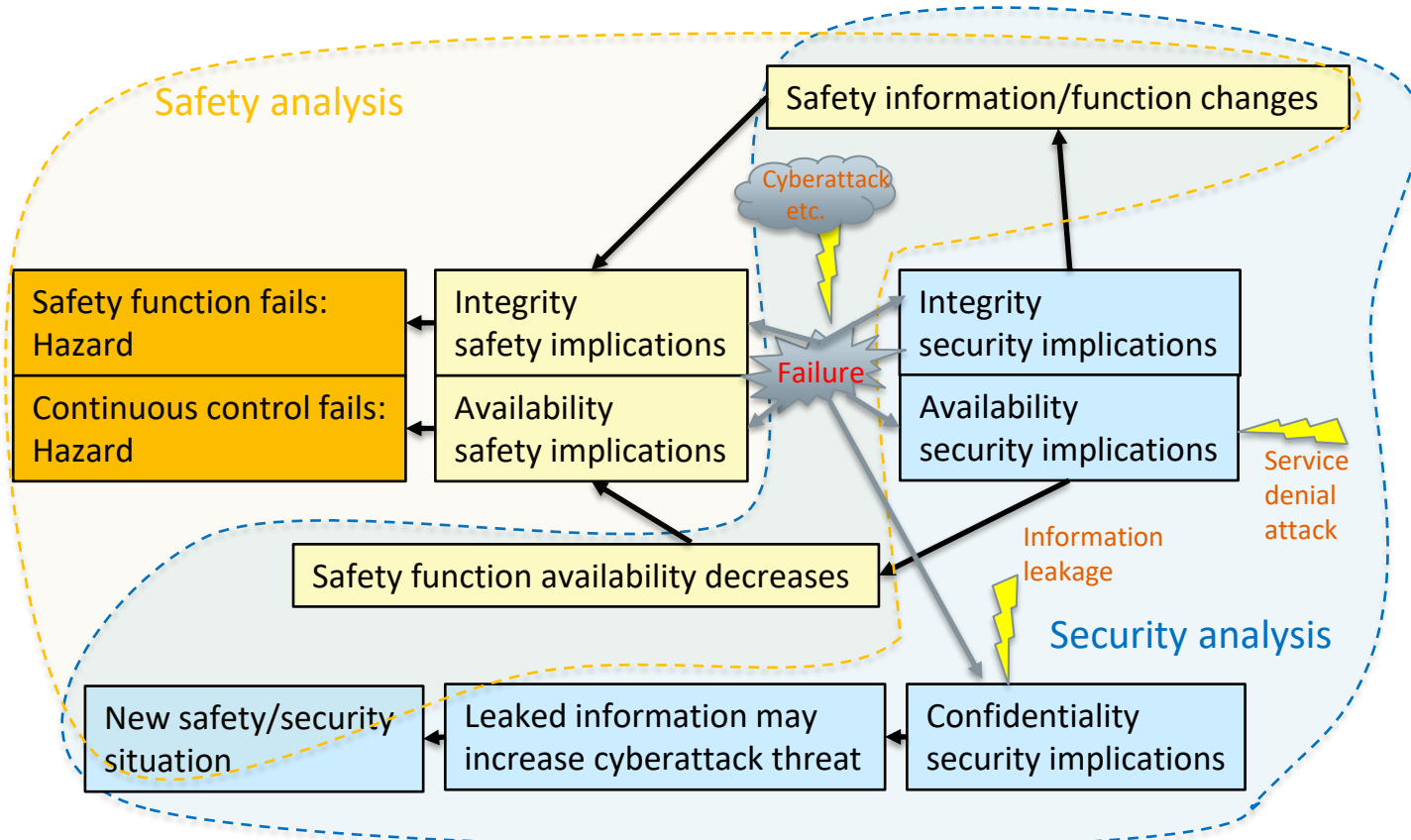
**Assets,
controls**

Items that have an effect on cybersecurity

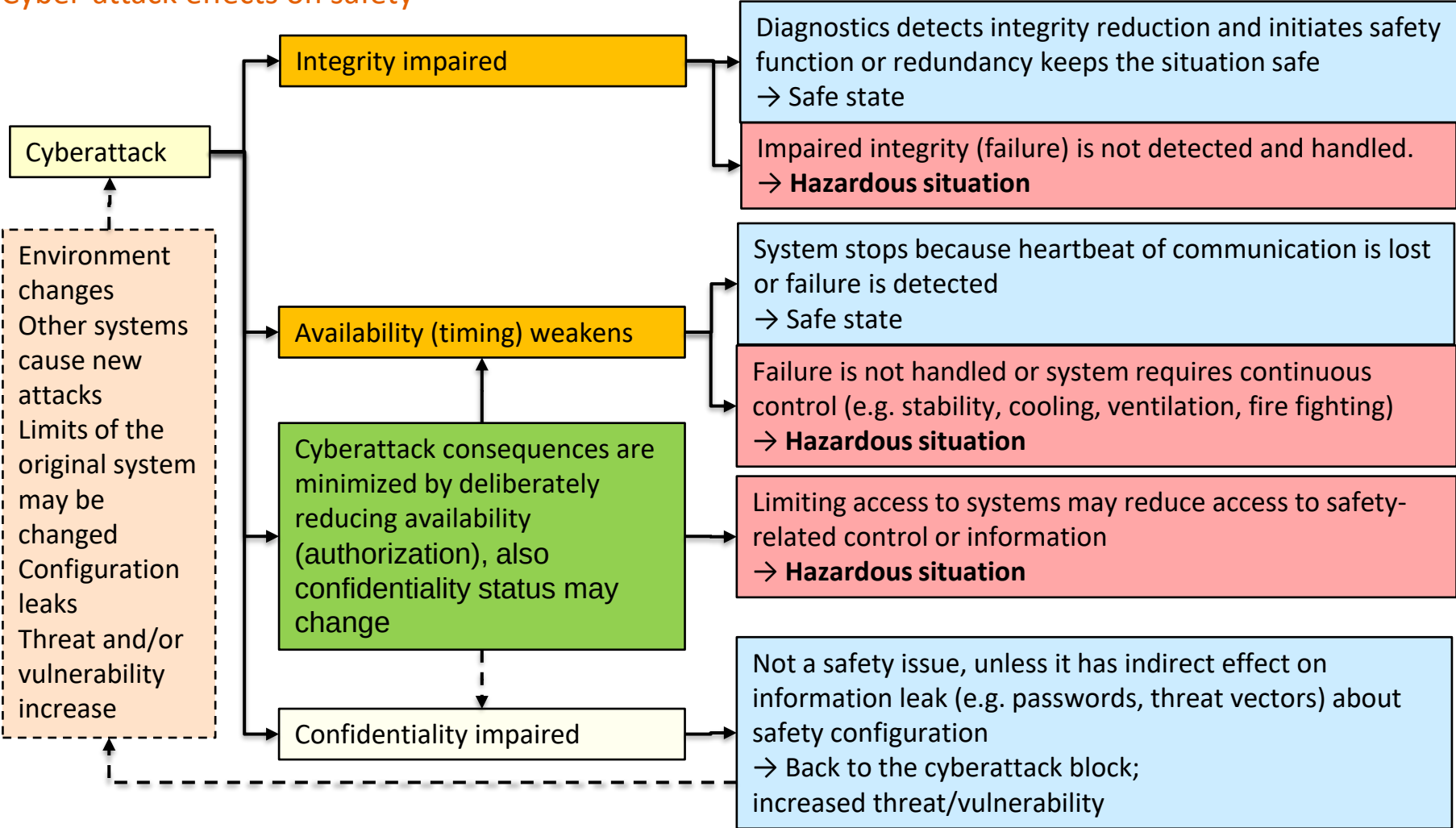
Countermeasures

Residual risk





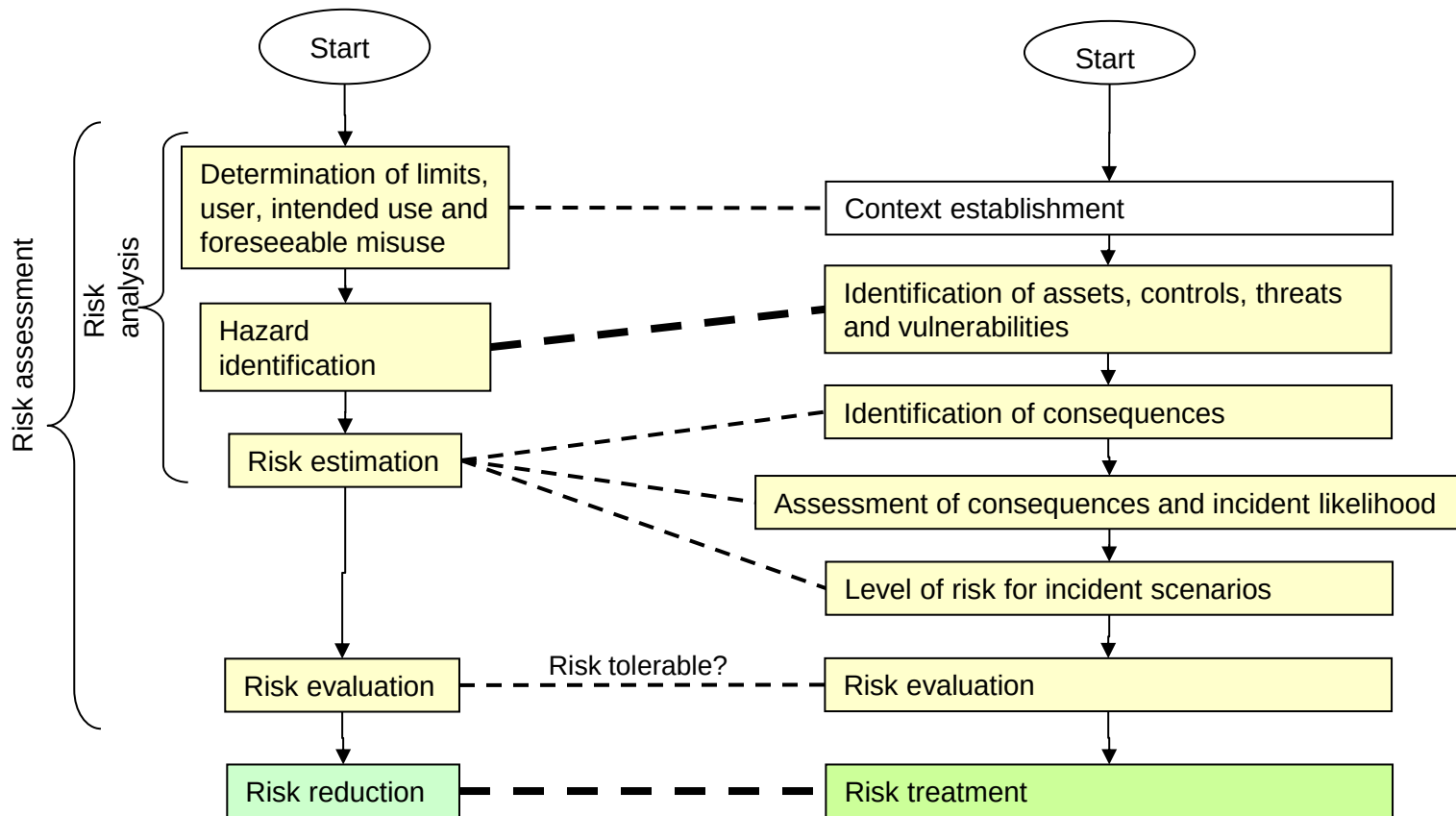
Cyber-attack effects on safety



Risk assessment (machinery) safety/security

Machinery safety risk assessment

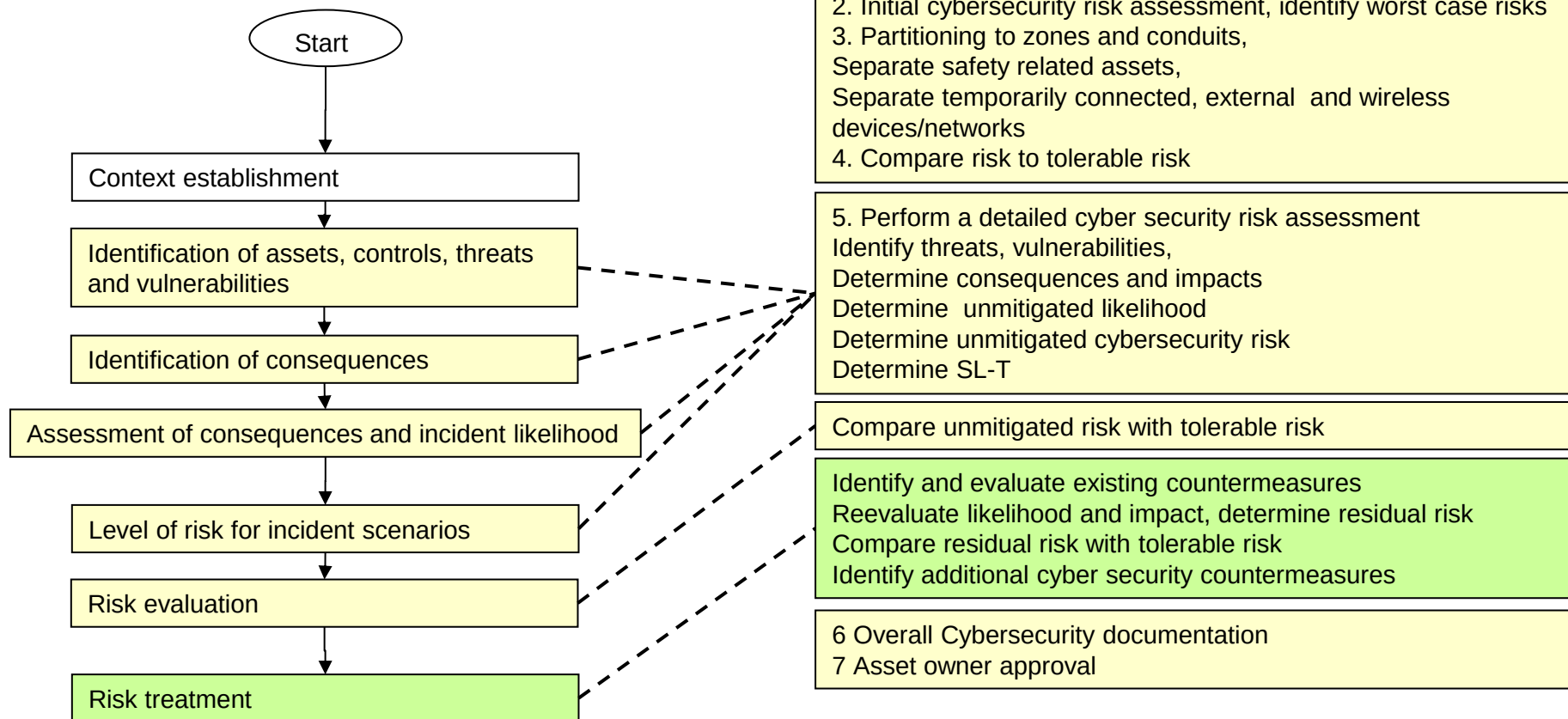
Information security risk assessment



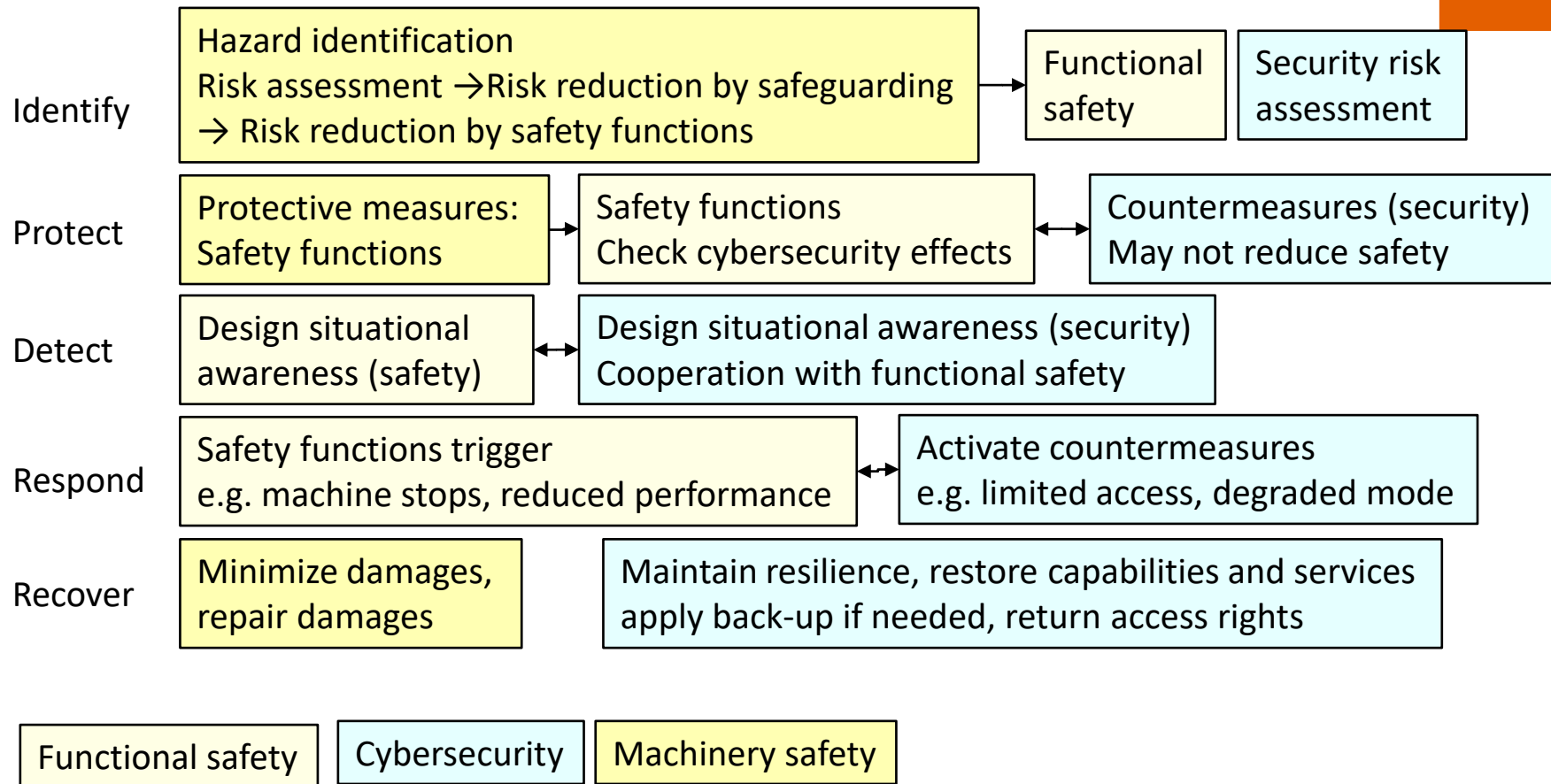
Risk assessment security

Information security risk assessment

Automation security risk assessment



Security/safety steps to improve system with examples



Several reasons, why safety and security analysis should be separate

- Objective is different: hazard/accident – negative impact
 - Different requirements, categories (SL, SIL/PL) risks, objectives
 - May be different: stakeholders, experts, liability, analysis intervals (cybersecurity analysis more often), system to be analysed, defence methods
 - Separate or unified analysis:
In bottom-up approach laborious due to many initial items.
In top-down approach the no essential difference.
- However,
- Hazard/Threat/Vulnerability identification and risk reduction phase need cooperation.
 - Cooperation in management and risk reduction methods

Conclusions

- Select risk assessment method according to the needs
- In hazard/threat/vulnerability identification phase apply as many methods as needed, apply checklists.
- Check that risk reduction methods do not cause cybersecurity or safety problems.

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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