



# Architecture-Supported Audit Processor: Interactive, Query-Driven Assurance

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# Objective

*Goal: To ease understanding of safety and assurance argumentation*

**Challenge 1:** Assurance evidence should be contextualized within explicit safety arguments.

**Challenge 2:** Assurance argumentation should be hierarchical

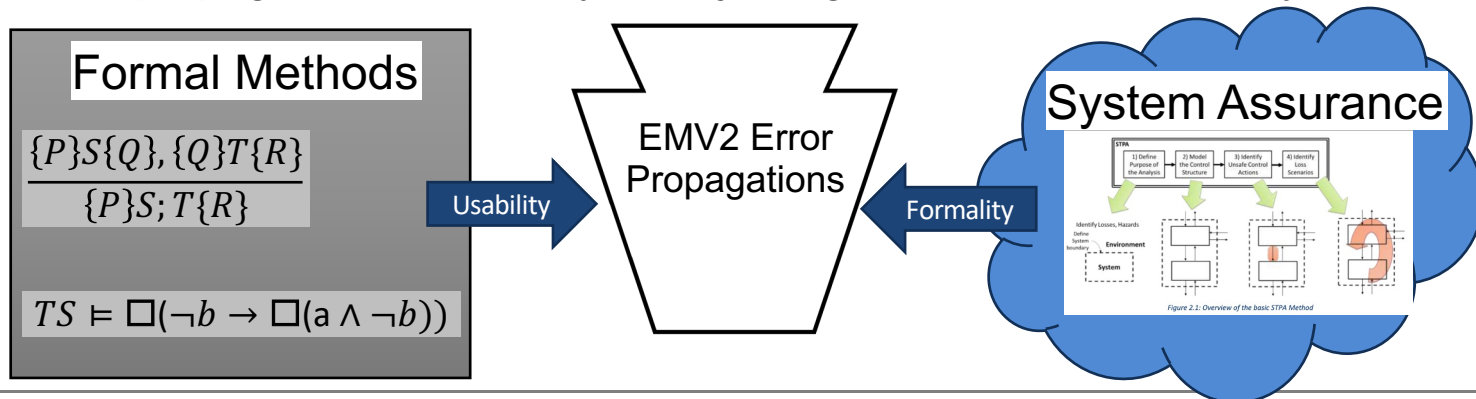
**Challenge 3:** Assurance evidence should be modular and composable

# Research Challenge 1: Linking System Safety to Architecture

Most system safety techniques (e.g., STPA, FMEA, FTA) are too abstract to be automated using formal methods.

Extensive system behavior specifications would enable formal reasoning, but would be prohibitively difficult to produce for large-scale systems

What is needed, then, is a “middle path” which would contain only enough behavioral information necessary to support system safety automation. We have explored using EMV2 error propagations as the keystone joining formal methods and system assurance.



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1. Context
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  1. STPA and SAFE
  2. AADL and OSATE
  3. The Pulse Oximeter Example
3. Architecture-Supported Audit Processor (ASAP)
4. Next steps

# STPA & SAFE

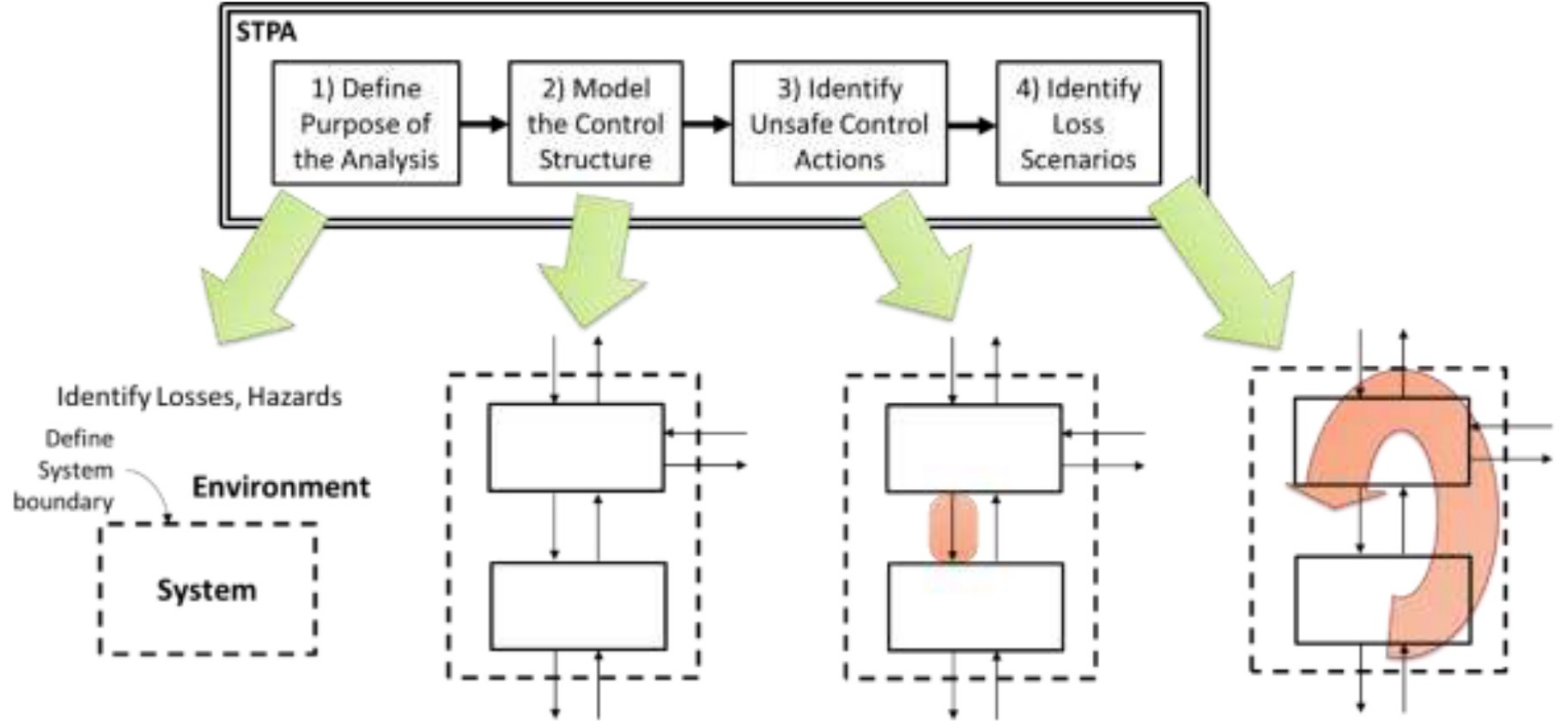


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# AADL & OSATE

The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE environment for developing and verifying AADL (Architecture Analysis and Design Language) models using OSATE. The interface is divided into several panes:

- Left Pane (AADL Navigator):** Shows a project tree for 'pulseox-forwarding' and its sub-components, including 'PulseOx\_Forwarding\_System\_imp\_Instance' and 'PulseOx\_Interface.aadl'.
- Top-Center Pane (Diagram):** Displays an AADL diagram for 'PulseOx\_Forwarding\_System\_imp\_Instance.aadl\_diagram'. It features a large container 'PulseOx\_Forwarding\_System\_imp\_Instance\*' with internal components like 'doctor', 'ClinViewSpO2', 'ClinTreatment', 'PatientTreatment', 'patient', 'SensorInput', 'POOutSpO2', 'LogicSpO2', 'appLogic\*', 'LogicDerivedAlarm', 'DisplaySpO2', 'appDisplay\*', 'InSpO2', and 'ElectronicHealthRecord'. Arrows indicate data flow between these components.
- Bottom-Center Pane (Code Editor):** Shows the source code for 'PulseOx\_Interface.aadl'. The code defines a package with imports, an ICEpoInterface, and a device with features, ports, and properties.
- Right Pane (Outline):** Lists the project's package structure, including 'Annex EMV2' and 'Error Propagations'.
- Bottom Pane (Problems):** A table for managing issues or errors during the development process.

```
1 package PulseOx_Interface
2 public
3 with MAP_Errors, PulseOx_Forwarding_Errors, PulseOx_Forwarding_Types;
4 with MAP_Properties;
5
6 device ICEpoInterface
7 features
8   POInSpO2: in event data port PulseOx_Forwarding_Types::SpO2;
9   SensorInput: in feature;
10  POOutSpO2: out event data port PulseOx_Forwarding_Types::SpO2 {
11    MAP_Properties::Exchange_Name => "spo2_per";};
12 flows
13   flowSrc: flow source POOutSpO2;
14 properties
15   MAP_Properties::Component_Type => sensor;
16 annex EMV2 {**
17   use types PulseOx_Forwarding_Errors, MAP_Errors;
18
19   error notifications
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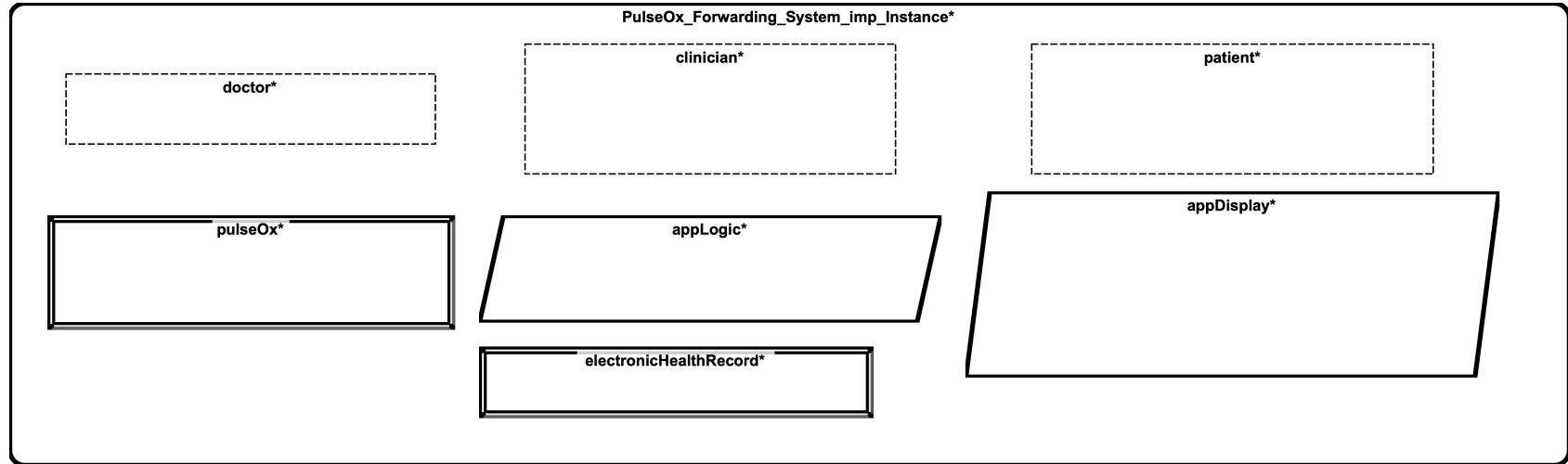
# The PulseOx Forwarding Example

PulseOx\_Forwarding\_System\_imp\_Instance\*

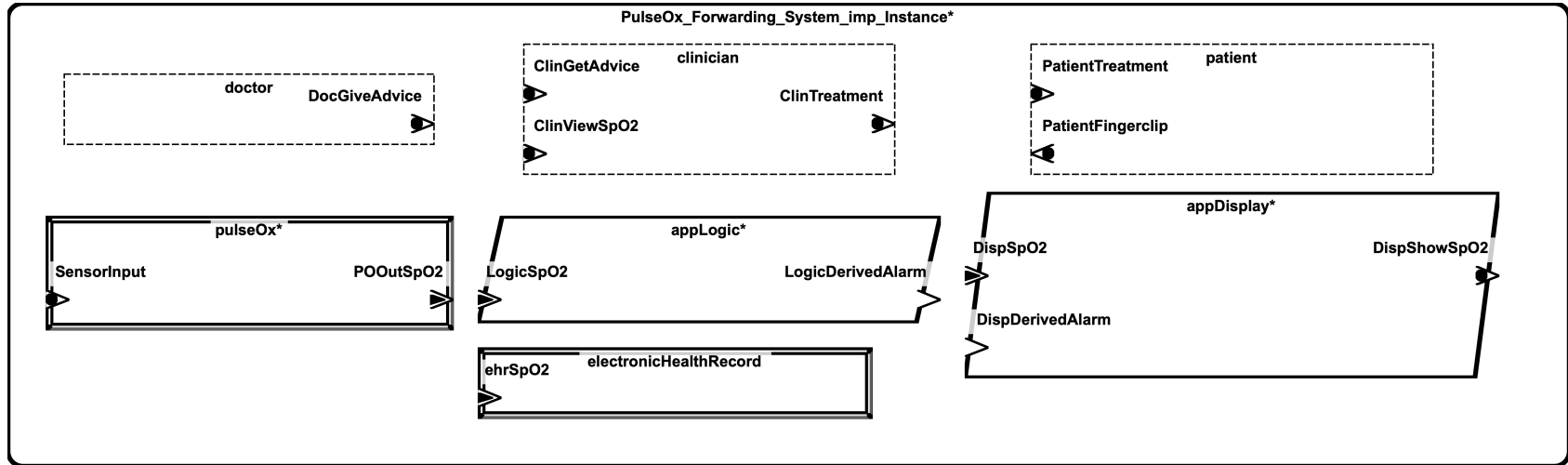
Pulse oximeter reads blood-oxygen saturation from a patient, monitoring software displays an alarm if values are out of expected range



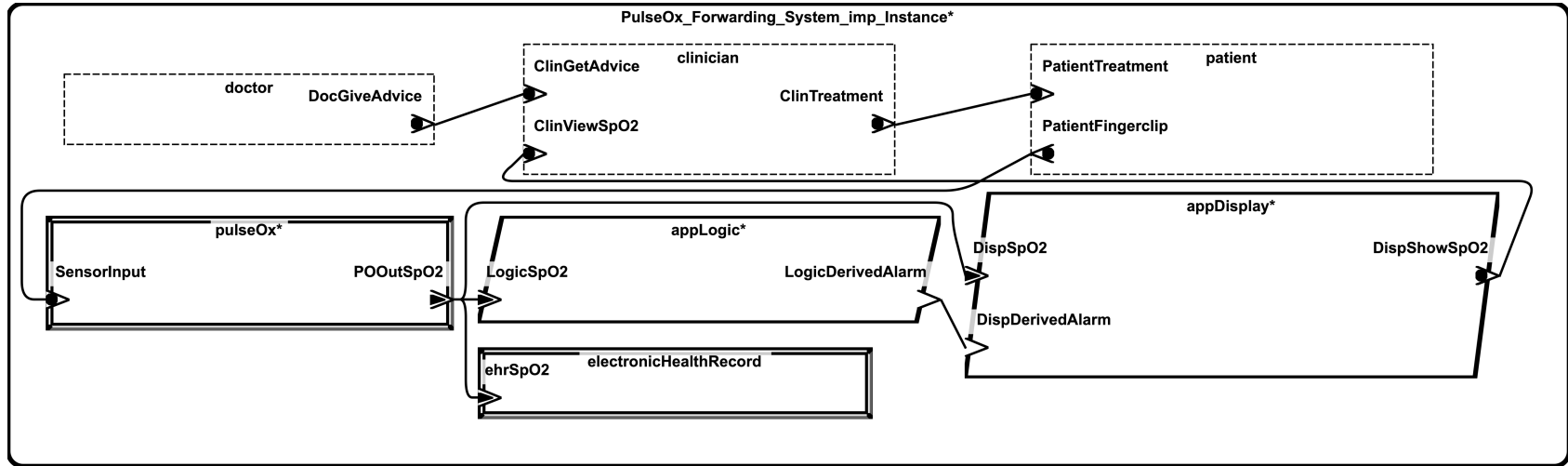
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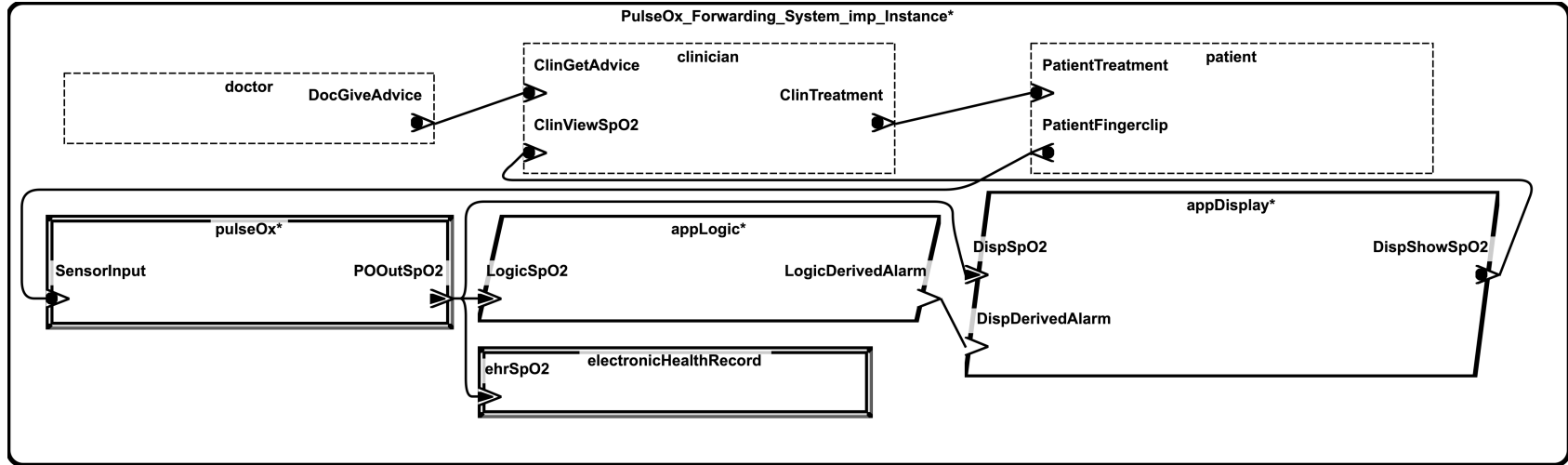
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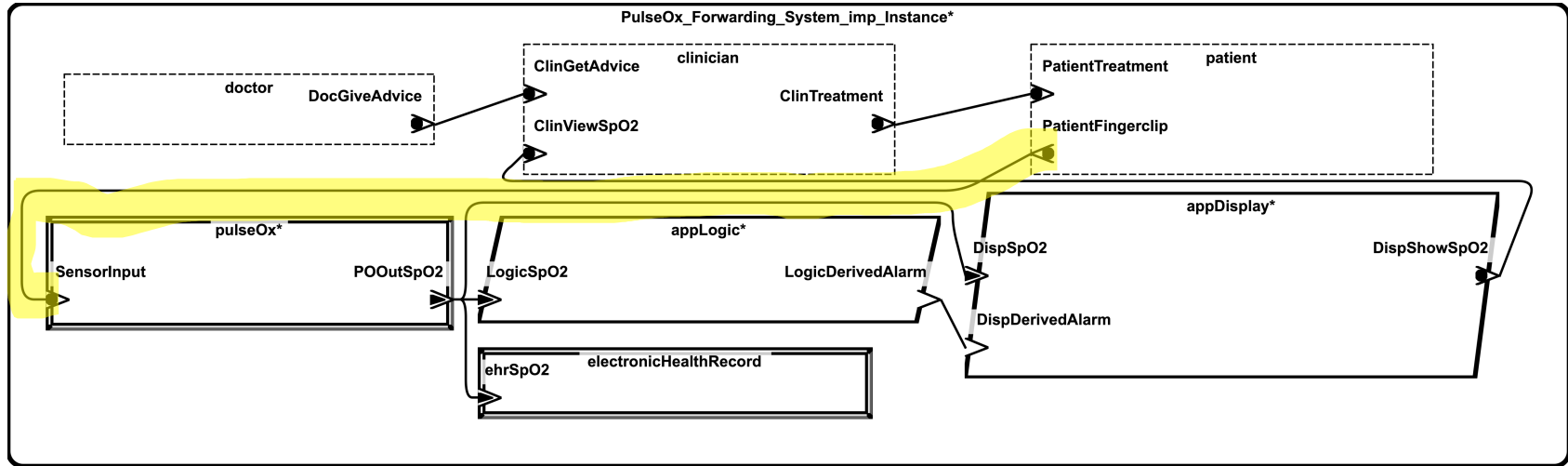


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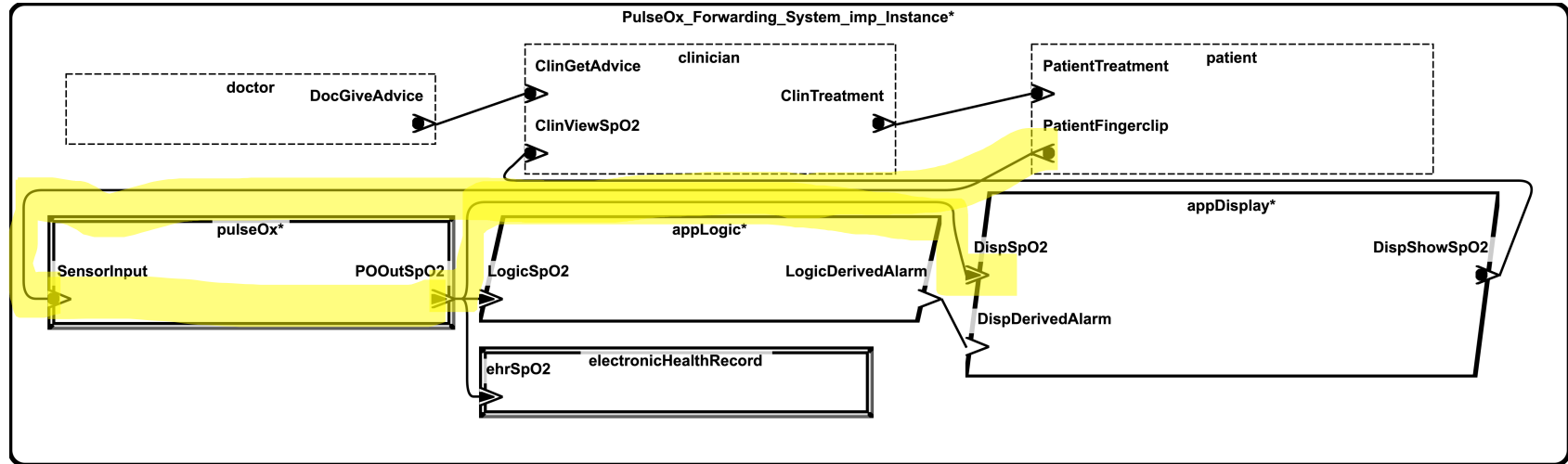
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- AADL's "Error Modeling" (EMV2) annex can model these error propagations

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    2. Connected Neighbors
    3. Unsafe Control Actions
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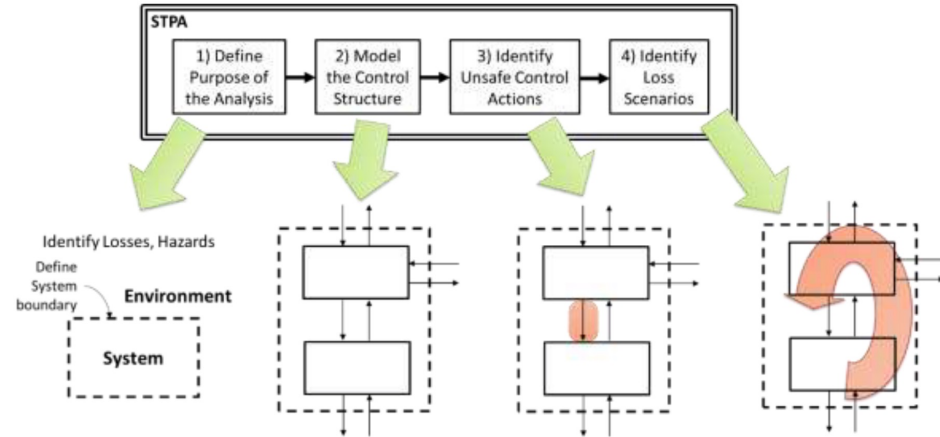


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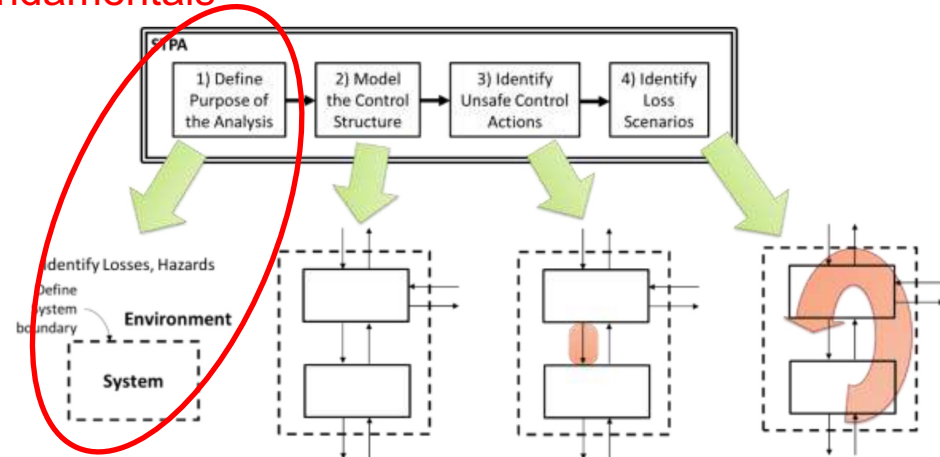


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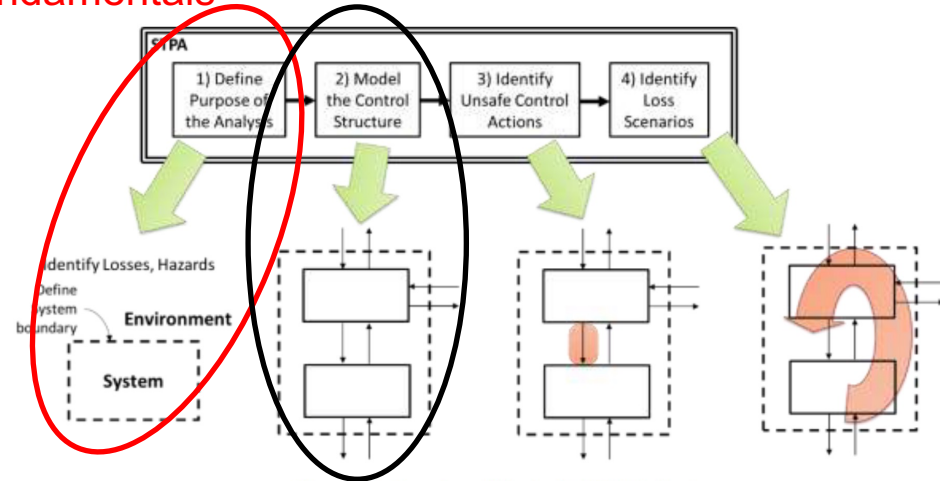


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## Viewpoint 2: Connected Neighbors

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Viewpoint 3:  
Unsafe Control  
Actions

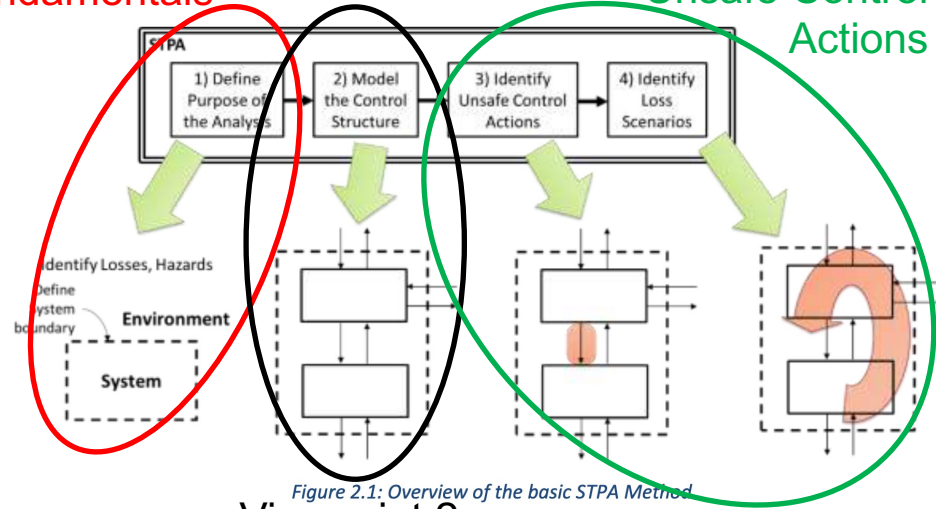


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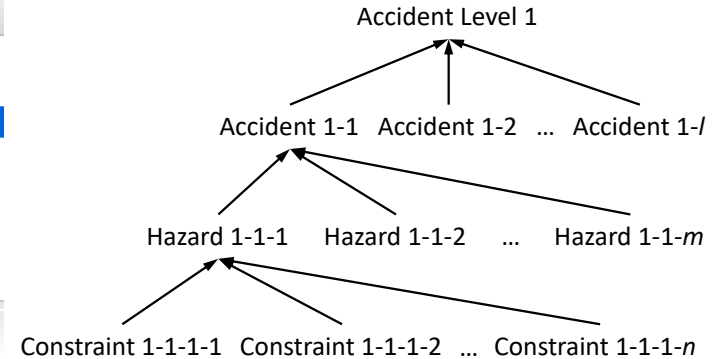
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# Viewpoint 1: Fundamentals (Hierarchy)

representations.aird pulseox-forwarding.safe2 new Fundamentals

- DeathOrInjury
  - PatientHarmed
    - BadInfoDisplayed**
      - ShowGoodInfo
      - InfoLate
      - ShowInfoOnTime

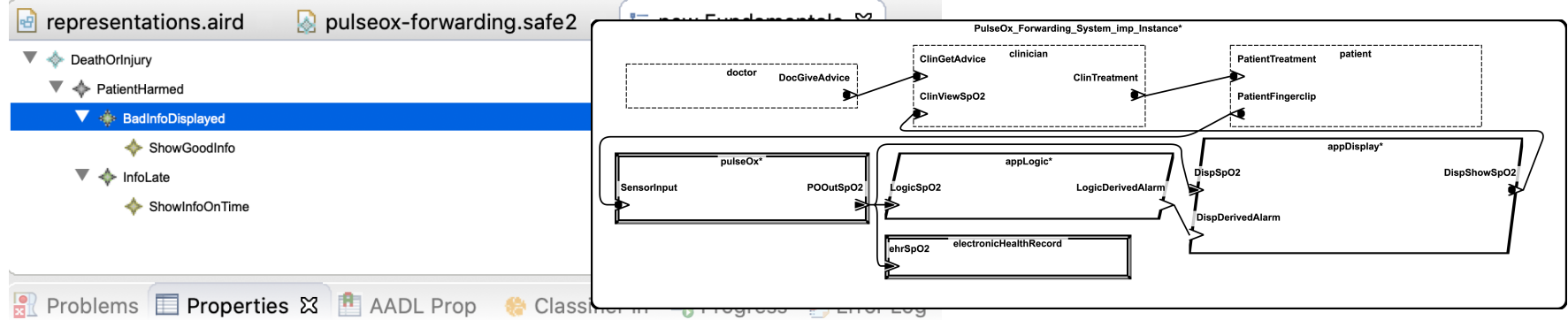
Problems Properties AADL Prop Classifier In Progress Error Log



**Hazard BadInfoDisplayed**

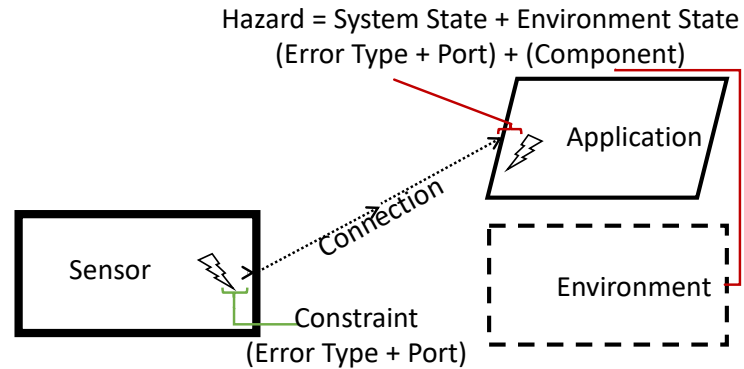
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	Constraint	◆ Constraint ShowGoodInfo
	Description	Incorrect information is sent to the display
	Environment Element	Abstract patient
	Error Type	◆ Error Type SpO2ValueHigh
	Explanations	
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# Viewpoint 1: Fundamentals (Link to system)



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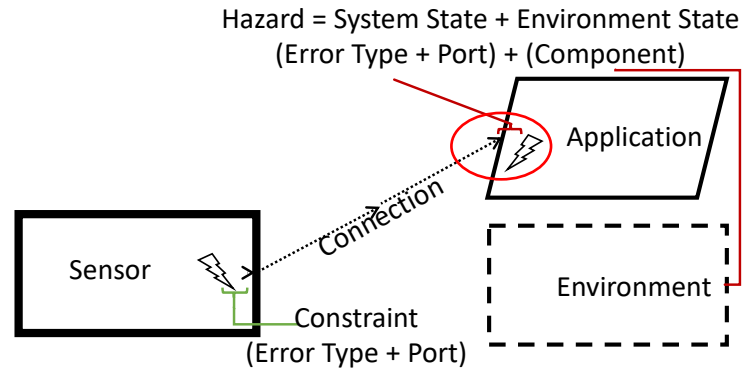


# Linking System Safety to Architecture with EMV2 Error Types

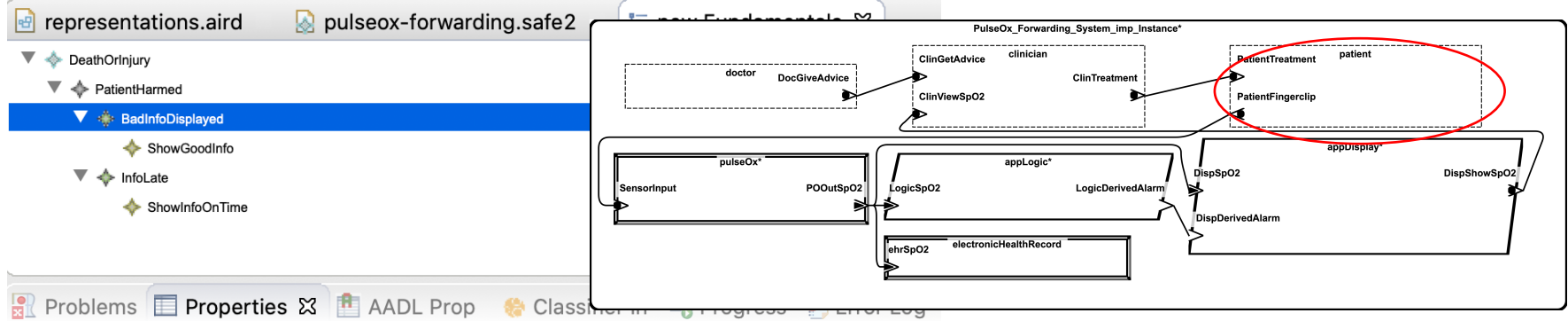


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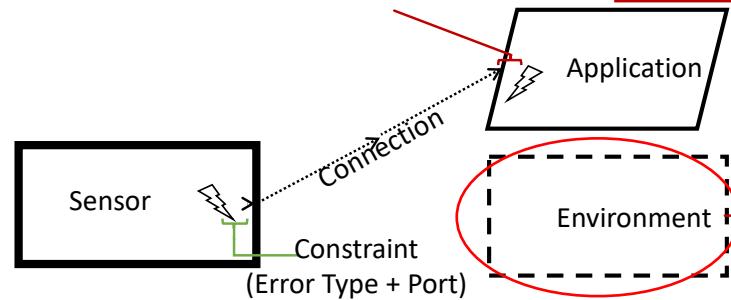
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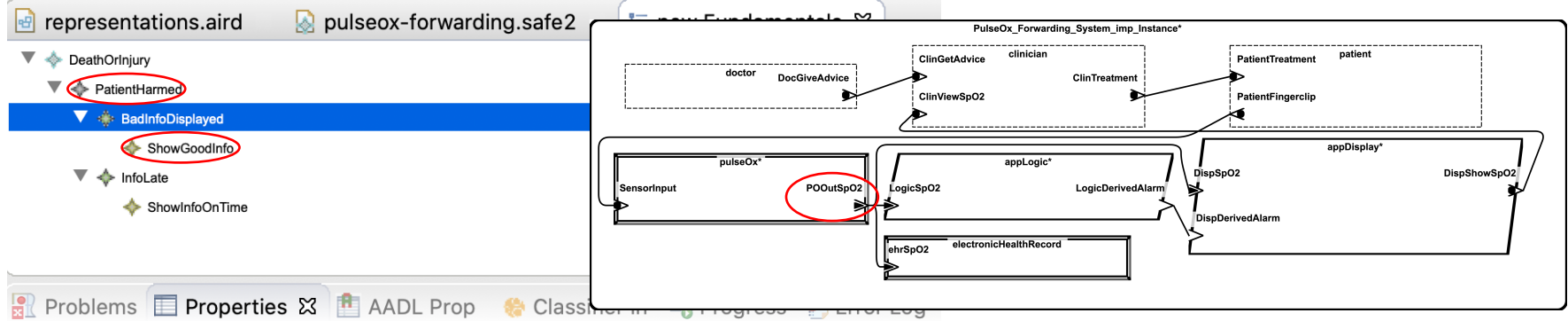
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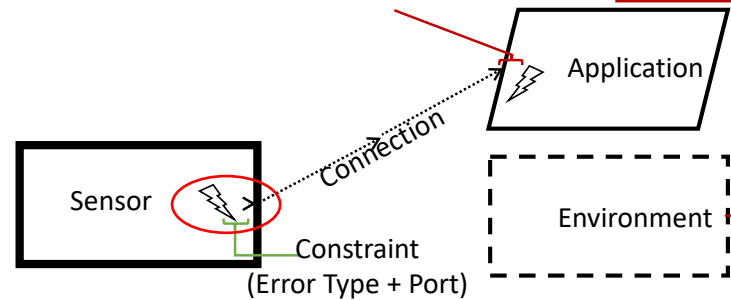
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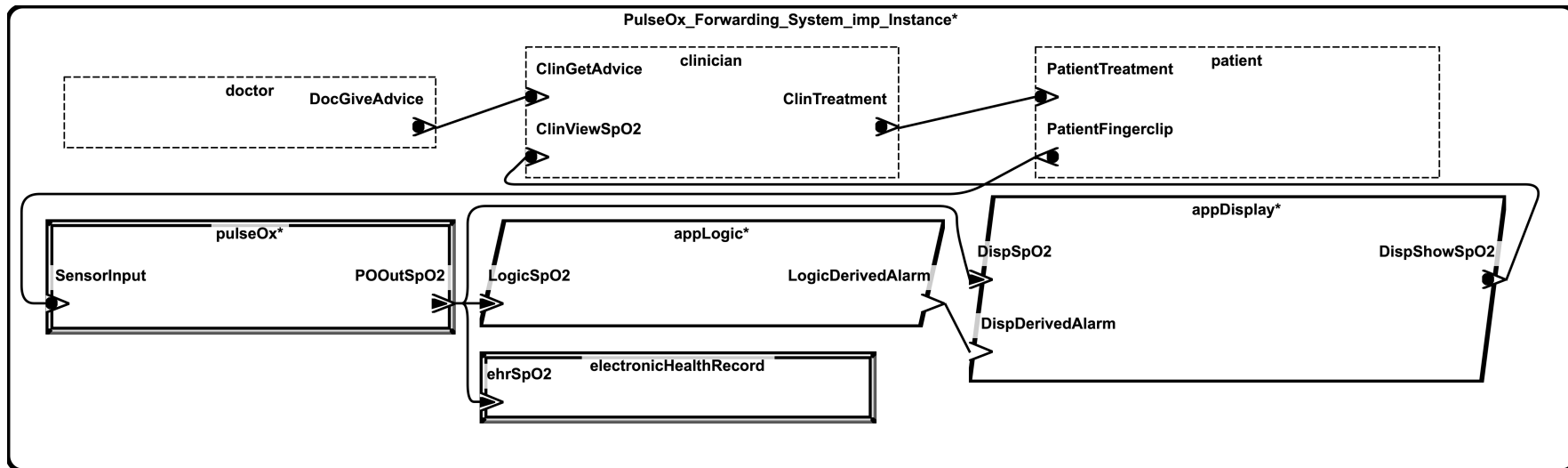
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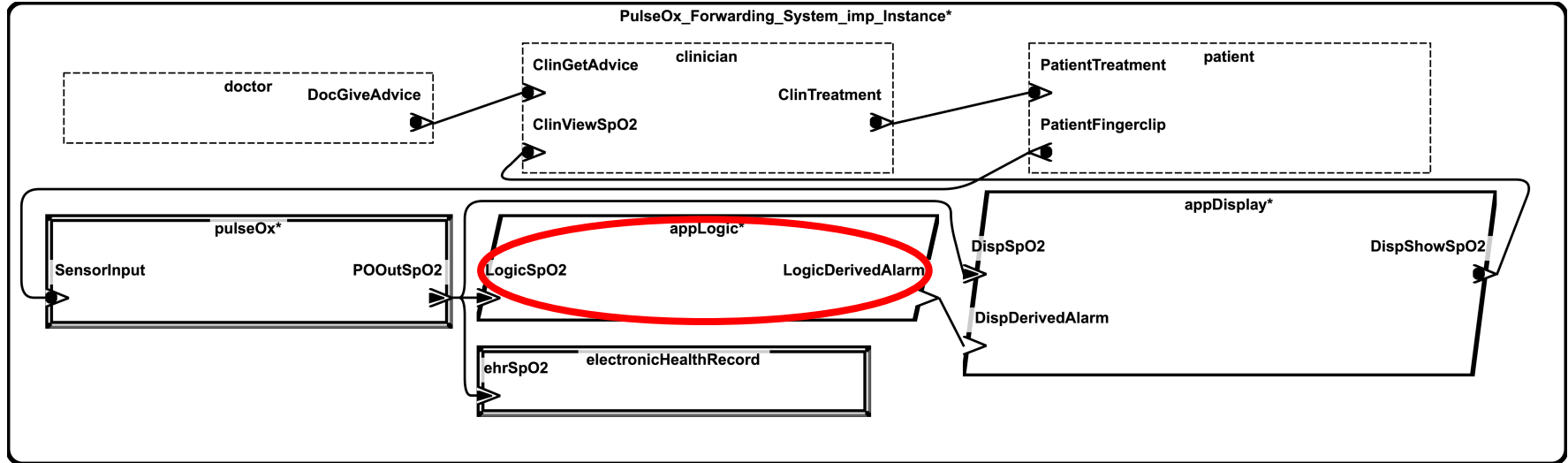
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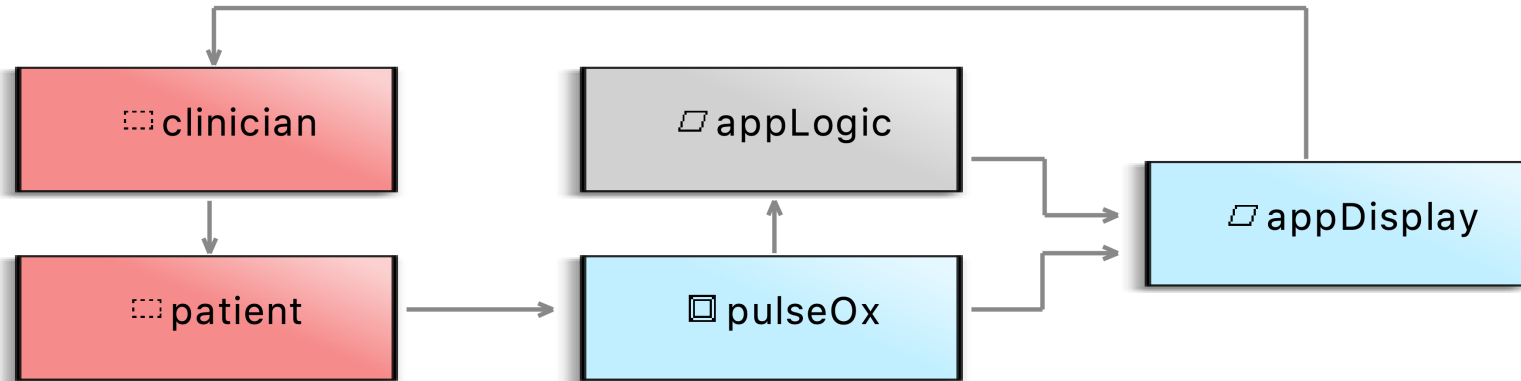
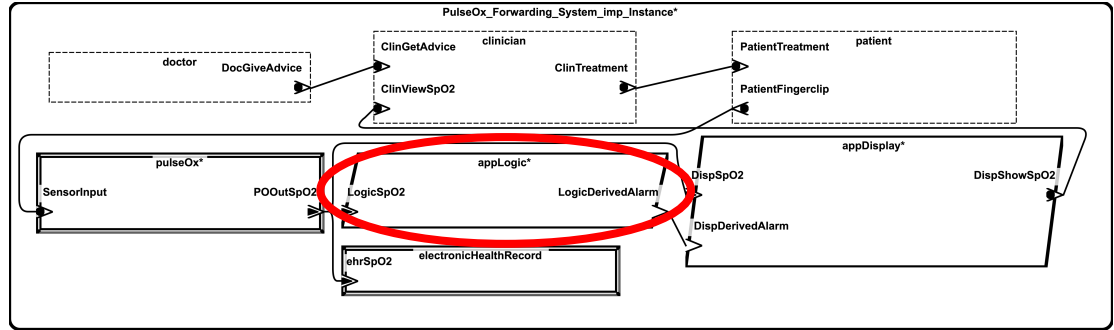
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# Viewpoint 3: Unsafe Control Actions

Communication Channels  
(ie, control actions and  
sensor feedback)

- ◆ patient.PatientFingerclip -> pulseOx.SensorInput
- ◆ pulseOx.POOOutSpO2 -> electronicHealthRecord.ehrSpO2
- ◆ doctor.DocGiveAdvice -> clinician.ClinGetAdvice
- ◆ pulseOx.POOOutSpO2 -> appLogic.StoreSpO2Thread.incoming\_spo2
- ◆ appDisplay.DispShowSpO2 -> clinician.ClinViewSpO2
- ◆ clinician.ClinTreatment -> patient.PatientTreatment
- ◆ appLogic.CheckSpO2Thread.Alarm -> appDisplay.HandleAlarmThread.Ala...
- ◆ pulseOx.POOOutSpO2 -> appDisplay.UpdateSpO2Thread.SpO2

Top-Level Errors  
(ie, abstract guidewords)

◆ ItemValueError ◆ ItemTimingError ◆ ViolatedConstraint ◆ ServiceError

X

X

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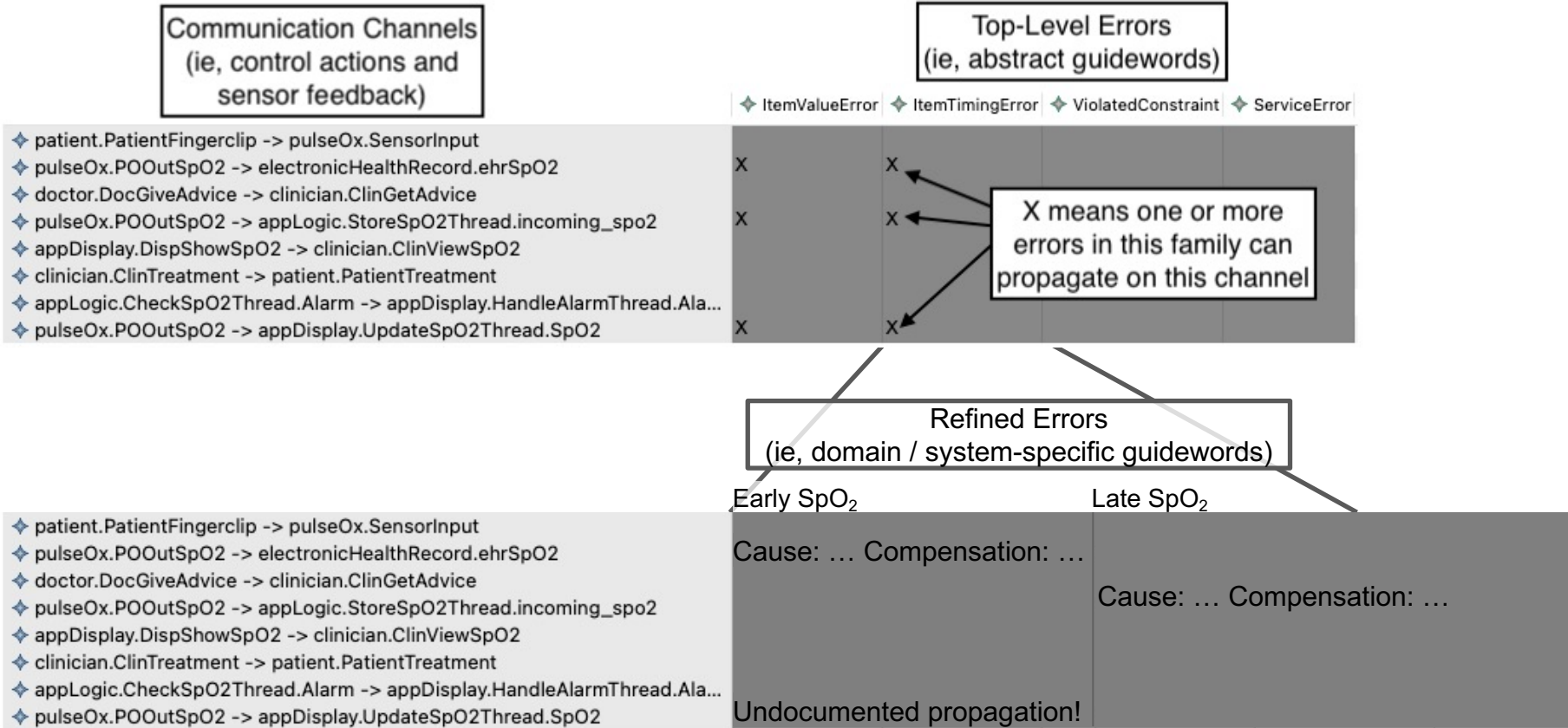
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X means one or more  
errors in this family can  
propagate on this channel

# Viewpoint 3: Unsafe Control Actions



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# Next Steps

1. Deriving unsafe control actions automatically
  - EMV2's propagations, if fully specified, describe causal scenarios in which hazards occur
  - We anticipate that integrating these into existing viewpoints, as well as new ones (e.g., FMEA), will be helpful
2. Integration with OSATE assurance case generation
  - Ongoing work at the SEI towards generating assurance cases from AADL models
  - Need to determine overlap and explore possible integrations





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