

Verification of Use Cases (VUC)

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VUC - Introduction

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VUC - Definition

- **Verification** is the process of evaluating a system or component to determine whether the products or deliverables from a given development phase satisfy the conditions imposed at the start of that phase, rendering formal proof of a program correctness (Wasson, 2006)
 - **Proving that the right system was built**
- **Use Case (UC)**- Statement that express how the user envisions deploying, operating, supporting or disposing of a system product, or a service to achieved a desired performance based outcome (Wasson, 2006)
 - **Illustrates the Functional Requirements of the system**
- **VUC - Verification of Use cases**
 - *Method to track and flow down use cases thru design process, and build test cases from the use cases to allow subsystems to be tested to their system requirement. Proving that each level of a system fulfills the customers wants.*

VUC - Benefits

- **Lean Systems Engineering** - the application of lean six sigma principles, practices and tools to system engineering in order to enhance the delivery of value to the systems stakeholders.

- INCOSE states that the Lean Enablers for System Engineering are captured in six lean principles:
 1. **Customer defines Value**
 2. Map the Value Stream
 3. **Make Flow Continuous**
 4. Let the Customer Pull Value
 5. **Pursue Perfection**
 6. **Respect People**

VUC - Benefits: Lean Principals

■ Customer defines Value

the initial phase of every program should not only capture the comprehensive, unambiguous, and detailed understanding of value to the customer, but also the needs, context, and interpretations of the requirements.

- VUC confirms customer needs are met at all levels of the design process
- Reduces uncertainty
- Encourages frequent interaction w/ customer
- Capture, develops, and disseminates value w/ clarity
- Promotes 'customer first' & 'first time right' culture
 - Added cost for up front work negated by saved cost of no backend work
- Example: A12 Avenger II
 - Failed Requirements: Carrier based & Stealthness
 - Largest contract termination in DOD history



VUC - Benefits: Lean Principals

- **Make Flow Continuous**

Flow is to work through the planned and streamlined value adding steps and processes, without stopping or idle time, unplanned rework, or backflow

- Clarification, derivation, and prioritization of Req
 - Accomplished by utilization of UC's
- “Fail early - Fail Often” through rapid learning technique such as testing
- VUC incorporates UC's into Req doc
 - Gets the SE and TE to work as partners
- Communicates all expectations, context, and need to the supplier

VUC - Benefits: Lean Principals

■ Perfection

This principle strives for excellence and continuous improvement of the SE process and related Enterprise Management.

- Makes imperfection visible
- Problems not passed along
- Not relying on final inspection

■ Respect for People/System

This principle promotes high level of human relations at work based on respect for people.

- Have a vision which draws & inspires best system
- Use flow down of Accountability
- Example: Southwest Airlines
 - Employees know that their work contributes to meeting goals of corporation
 - Ensures subsystem will indeed contribute to system goals



VUC - Method

- Tracking
 - UC: V4R18UC1
 - TC: V4R18TC2
 - Any Tracking method works
 - Child Requirement ID'ed
- Use Cases
 - Any format works
 - Important to have story/scenario's

VUC - Method

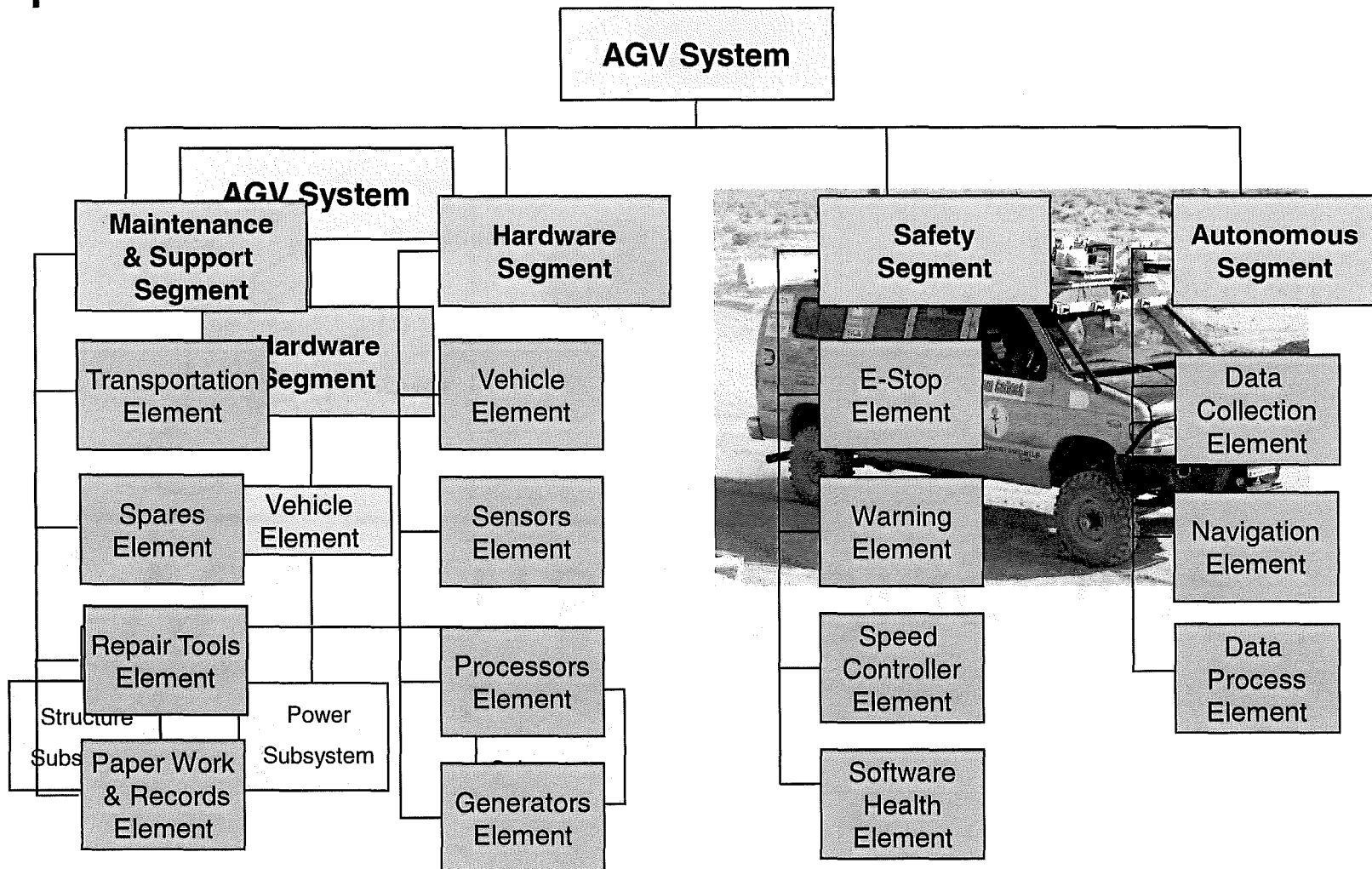
- Test Cases
 - Requirements and UC's in same doc
 - Flowed down to Test Engineer (TE)
 - Generate from UC
 - Jim Heumann's method
 - Test Case Matrix states validity and applicability per scenario
 - Expected test output added, used to test system against
 - TE actually tests to what the customer wants, not someone else's interpretation of what the customer wants



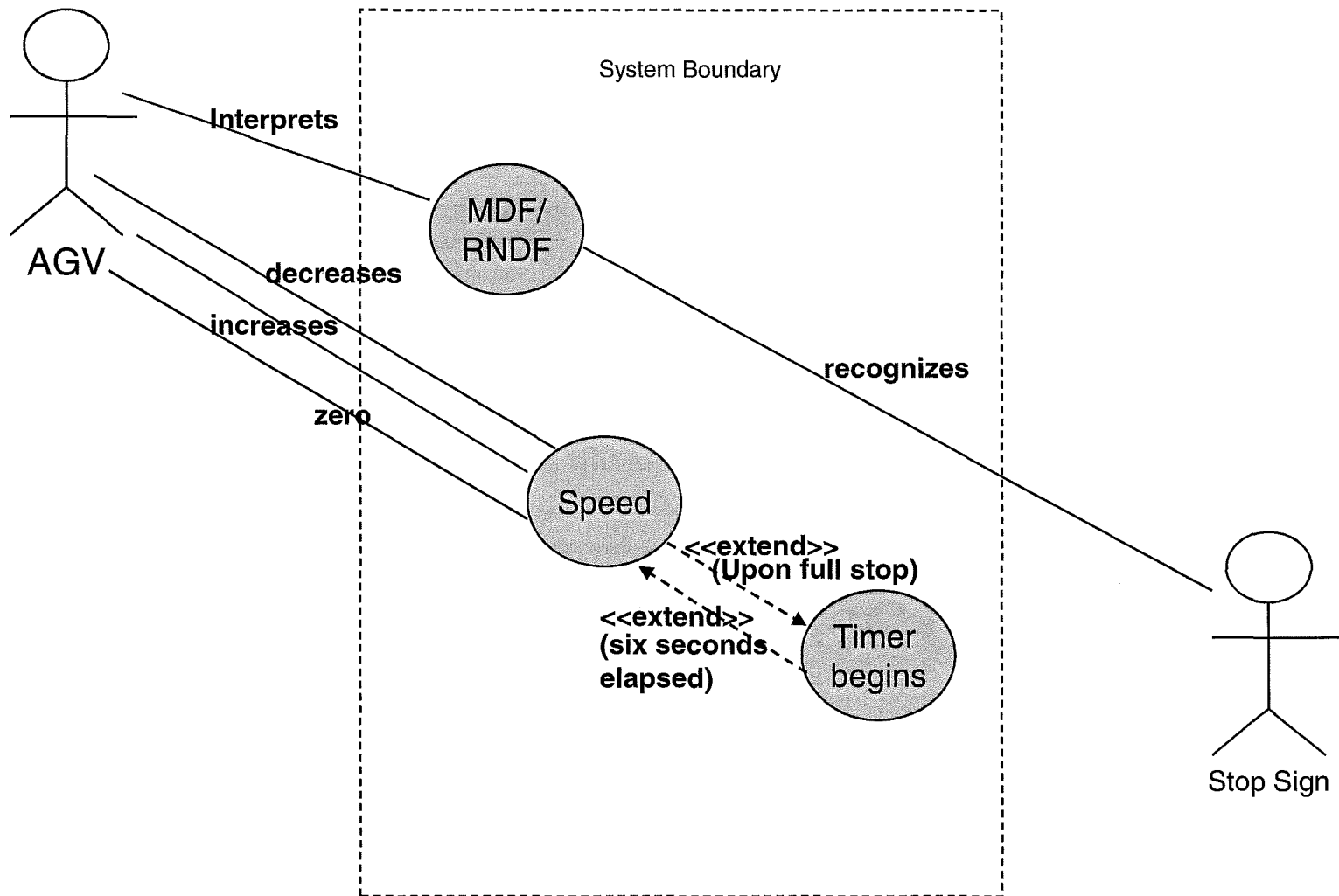
VUC - Example

- Autonomous Ground Vehicle (AGV)
 - Robotic vehicle designed for DARPA Urban Challenge
 - Goal to safely and effectively execute military relevant missions
 - 60 miles in less than 6 hours autonomously
 - GPS as guide
 - Obey CA driving and traffic laws
 - Average Speed of 10 mph, Top speed of 30 mph
 - Designated course provided day of event
 - consist of any scenario that normal vehicles face in urban environment
 - Obstacle Avoidance
 - Emergency Safety System

VUC - AGV Architecture



VUC - R18 UC Diagrams



VUC - AGV Example

System Requirement: R18UC Name: Stop Sign

- *Description:*

This use case covers the AGV stopping with in ("with in" should be one word. fix in multiple places) 1 meter of stop line at a stop sign and resuming movement with in 10 seconds. **R18: Vehicle shall stop safely within 1 meter of the stop line at a stop sign intersection and proceed with out excessive delay (less than 10 seconds) according to intersection precedence rules**

- *Actors and Goals:*

- 1) AGV to stop
- 2) Stop sign to be obeyed

- *Assumption and Precondition:*

- 1) Requirement #9
- 2) Requirement #10
- 3) Requirement #2

- AGV in autonomous mode

VUC - AGV Example

- *Basic Course:*

- 1) AGV interprets MDF and RNDF
- 2) AGV recognizes that stop sign is approaching in 10 feet
- 3) AGV slows down
- 4) AGV comes to full stop within 1 meter of stop sign line
- 5) Timer begins upon stop
- 6) AGV waits 6 seconds before proceeding
- 7) AGV resumes moving on DARPA specified path

- *Alternatives:*

- None

- *Post Condition:*

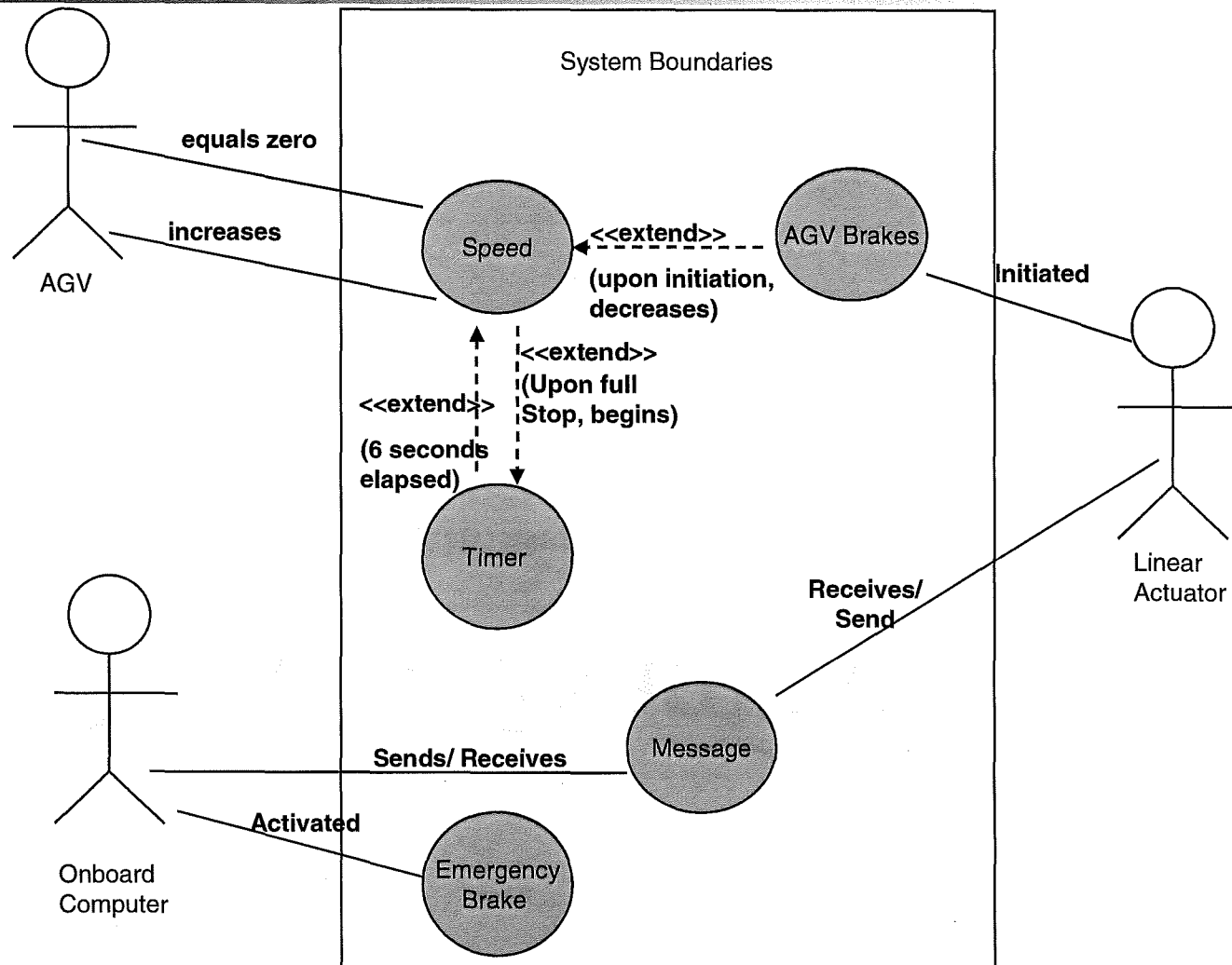
- Before 10 seconds is elapsed, AGV has resumed movement

APPENDIX

Table 3: AGV System Requirement Test Case

Test Case ID	Scenario	Test Cases																		
		AGV has GPS coverage	AGV out of GPS coverage range	MDF & RNDP interpreted	MDF & RNDP NOT interpreted	Waypoint = stop sign approaching	AGV decelerates	AGV accelerates	AGV speed = zero	Stop sign line = 1 meter from AGV front bumper	Stop Sign line <1 meter from AGV front bumper	AGV timer starts	AGV timer does not start	AGV timer >= 6 seconds < 10 seconds	AGV timer < 6 seconds	AGV timer > 10 seconds	AGV accelerates on designated path	AGV does not accelerate autonomously on designated path	AGV does not accelerate on designated path	Onboard computer controls emergency brake
R18TC78	AGV Interprets MDF & RNDP	V	I/V	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC79	AGV recognizes stop sign approaching w/in 10 feet	V	I/V	V	I/V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC80	AGV slows down	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC81	AGV comes to full stop w/in 1 meter of stop sign line	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC82	Timer begins upon stop	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	N/A	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC83	After 6 seconds, brakes are released	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	I/V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC84	AGV resumes moving on DARPA specified path	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	I/V	I/V	N/A
R18TC78	AGV interprets MDF & RNDP	yes	no	yes	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC79	AGV recognizes stop sign approaching w/in 10 feet	yes	no	yes	no	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC80	AGV slows down	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	decelerating	accelerating	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC81	AGV detects error in slowing down																			
R18TC81	AGV comes to full stop w/in 1 meter of stop sign line	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	yes	Too close to stop sign line	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC82	Timer begins upon stop	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	N/A	yes	Error w/ timer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC83	AGV waits 6 seconds before proceeding	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Proceed	Wait	Disqualified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
R18TC84	AGV resumes moving on DARPA specified path	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	Error w/ autonomous driving	Error w/ GPS route	

VUC - V4R18 UC Diagrams





VUC - AGV Example

Subsystem Requirement: V4R18: Braking System Use Case

- *Description:*

This use case covers the ability for the AGV to stop with in 1 meter of the stop line at a stop sign.
R18: AGV shall stop safely with in 1 meter of the stop sign intersection and proceed with out excessive delay (less than 10 seconds) according to intersection precedence rules.
- *Actors and Goals:*
 - 1) AGV brakes
 - 2) Onboard computer sends instructions to other systems
 - 3) Linear Actuator controls brakes
- *Assumptions and Pre-Conditions:*
 - 1) Mission Data File and Route Network Definition File is uploaded
 - 2) Onboard computer recognizes stop sign approaching in 10 feet

VUC - AGV Example cont.

- *Basic Course:*
 - 1) Linear Actuator receives message from onboard computer to initiate brakes
 - 2) Linear Actuator pushes on brakes until AGV is at complete stop
 - 3) After 6 seconds brakes are released
 - 4) AGV resumes moving on designated path

- *Alternate Course:*
 - 2a) System detects error with the linear actuator
 - 1) Onboard computer ceases to accelerate AGV
 - 2) Emergency brake is activated
 - 3) AGV begins decelerating to 5 mph until stop sign line is w/in 1 meter
 - 4) Emergency brake initiated
 - 5) Repeat as necessary

- *Post Condition:*
 - AGV at complete stop for 10 seconds before continuing on route



VUC - Results

- VUC method ensured AGV:
 - Stops w/in 1 meter prior to stop sign
 - resumes moving after 10 sec stop
- Neither of these were subsystem requirements
- Failure of either results in Disqualification

Table 4: AGV Vehicle Subsystem Requirement Test Case

Test Case ID	Scenario/ Condition (V4R18UC)	Onboard computer reads MDF and RDNF	Onboard computer interprets MDF and RDNF	Onboard computer controls linear actuator	Linear Actuator controls AGV brakes	Linear Actuator does not control brakes	Onboard computer communic ates w/ TORC system	TORC system working	TORC system monitors and controls speed	AGV speed = zero
TC85	Onboard computer recognizes that stop sign is approaching in 10 feet	V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC86	Onboard computer sends message to initiate linear actuator initiating brakes	N/A	N/A	V	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC87	linear actuator pushes on brakes until AGV at complete stop	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC88	System detects error w/ the brake actuator	N/A	N/A	V	I/V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC89	Onboard computer decreases AGV speed to zero	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	V	V	V	N/A
TC90	Onboard computer activates parking brake	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	V	V	V
TC85	Onboard computer recognizes that stop sign is approaching in 10 feet	Yes	displays first checkpoint	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC86	Onboard computer sends message to initiate linear actuator initiating brakes	Yes	displays first checkpoint	brake lights initiated	brake lights flash	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC87	linear actuator pushes on brakes until AGV comes to complete stop	N/A	N/A	N/A	brake lights flash	brake light do not flash	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC88	System detects error w/ the brake actuator	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	"Error w/ brakes"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TC89	Onboard computer decreases AGV speed to zero	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	yes	yes	N/A
TC90	Onboard computer activates parking brake	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	yes	yes	yes

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V4R18TC28	Linear actuator receives message from onboard computer to initiate brakes	V	I/V	V	I/V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC29	Linear actuator pushes on brakes until AGV at complete stop	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	I/V	V	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC30	System detects error w/ the brake actuator	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/V	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC31	Onboard computer ceases to accelerate AGV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/V	V	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC32	Emergency brake activated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC33	AGV begins accelerating to 5 mph until stop sign line is 1 meter away from vehicle bumper	V	V	V	I/V	V	I/V	V	N/A	V	I/V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC34	Emergency brake activated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	V	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC35	After 6 seconds brakes released	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC36	AGV resumes moving on designated path	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC28	Linear actuator receives message from onboard computer to initiate brakes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC29	Linear actuator pushes on brakes until AGV at complete stop	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	no	yes	yes	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC30	System detects error w/ the brake actuator	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	no	yes	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC31	Onboard computer ceases to accelerate AGV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	no	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC32	Emergency brake activated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC33	AGV begins accelerating to 5 mph until stop sign line is 1 meter away from vehicle bumper	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	N/A	yes	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC34	Emergency brake activated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC35	After 6 seconds brakes released	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
V4R18TC36	AGV resumes moving on designated path	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

VUC - Conclusion

- VUC method ensures
 - UC and Req are always linked
 - TC developed from UC
 - Customer gets what customer wants
- Decrease odds of missing req
- VUC adds TC, which increases costs
 - But cheaper than rework later in program
 - Helps avoid Program cancellation



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Questions?

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