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Introduction Pitfalls of communication



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Introduction The importance of semantics





General situation:

- language use in railway engineering is blurry
- there is a lack of a consistent and harmonized terminology
- ambiguity: different words have multiple meanings
 - "argument" ⇒ process or result?
 - "specification" ⇒ process or result?
- inconsistency: standards are contradictory
 - "fault" expressed by IEC 61508-4
 - "fault" expressed by IEC 60050(191)



October, 22nd 1895: Montparnasse train accident

- **semantic vagueness:** terminological definitions are imprecise
 - What characteristics describe the severity of a minor or major injury?
 - Duration of clinical treatment [hours]
 - Time of convalescence [weeks]
 - Reversibility of injury [boolean]
 - Regain of full capacity to work [boolean]
- context dependence: standards are contradictory
 - "signal" in communications engineering
 - "signal" in railway engineering

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Methodical foundation Metamodel of a linguistic sign



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Methodical foundation Relations within a concept system



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Application Formalization of the safety terminology of ISO/IEC Guide 51



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Application Iterative process of risk assessment and risk reduction (risk control)



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