

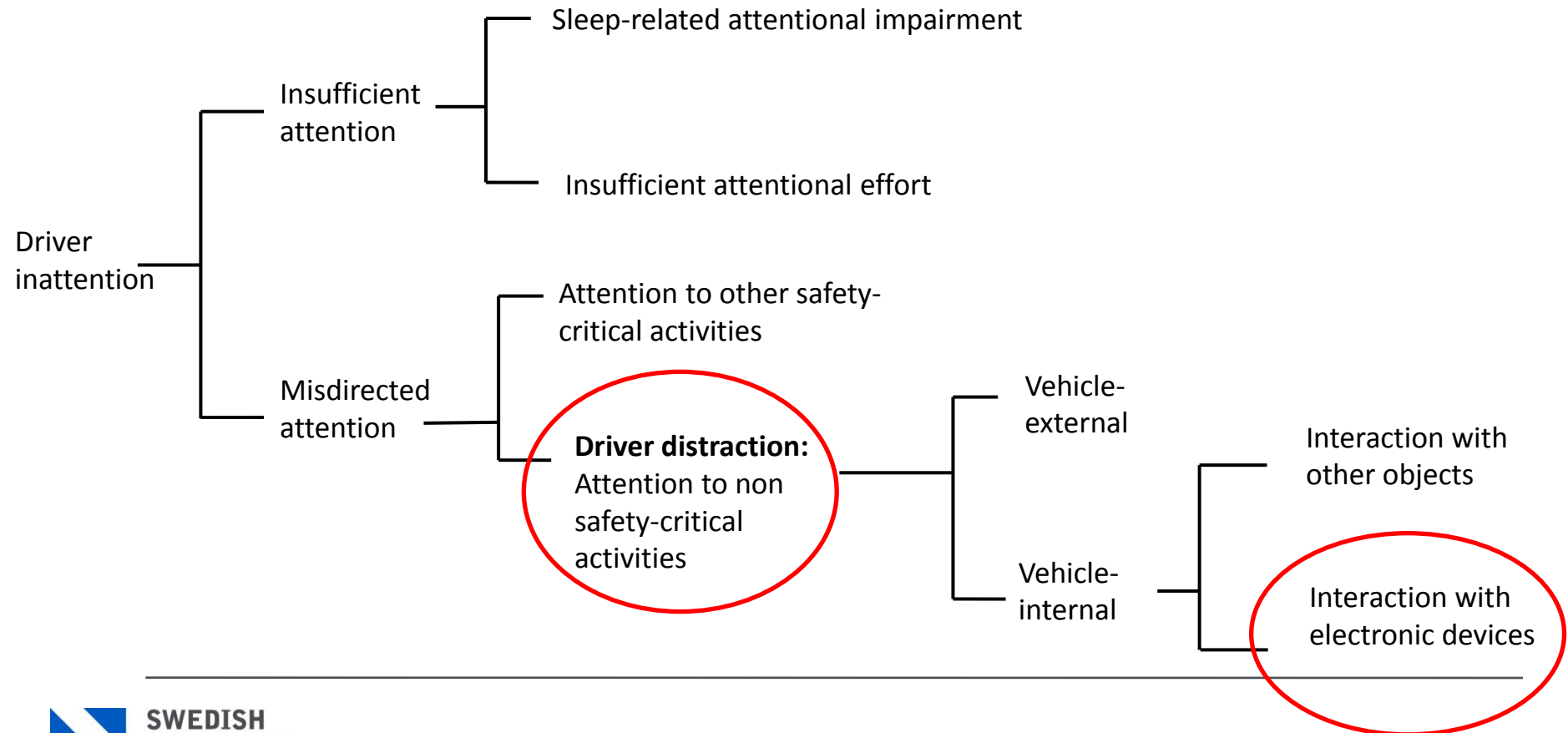


Dangerous use of communication devices while driving

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Driver distraction vs. driver inattention

- The most prevalent specific factor behind road crashes
- Driver inattention = *Mismatch* between the current resource allocation and that *demand*ed by activities critical for safe driving



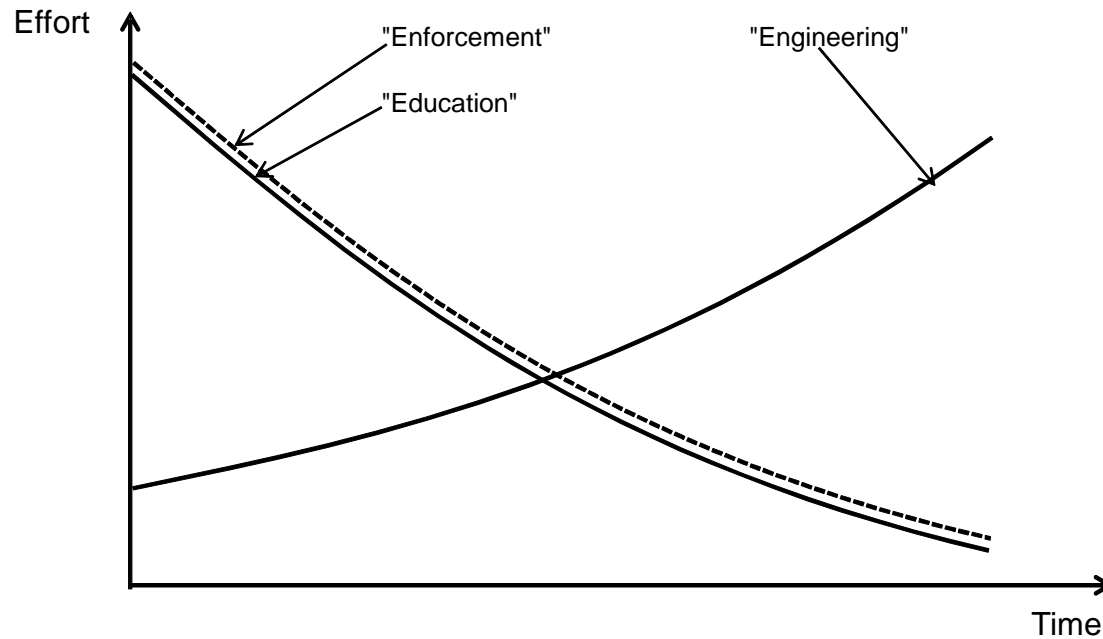
The Swedish standpoint

- Modern society has a strong need to communicate, even drivers
- There are positive effects of being able to communicate while driving
- To legislate against communication has uncertain effects



Promote a safer use of communication devices while driving

Strategy for countermeasures



Amendment of the national traffic code

“While driving on a road with a motor vehicle, the driver may devote himself/herself to other activities , e.g. the use of mobile phones or other communication devices, only if it is not detrimental to the driving of the vehicle.”

Further measures

- Together with other stakeholders initiate information measures
- Further develop the contents of driver training regarding the risks of communicating while driving
- Analyse if the contents of the training of commercial drivers can be expanded regarding how to use communicating devices while practising their profession
- Initiate a dialogue with the judicial system how it puts the regulation into practice

Further measures (continued)

- Following the case law the Swedish Transport Agency may consider to include "a common advise" in the legislation how to put the wording into practice
- Analyse the possibility to use financial and fiscal instruments in order to increase the safe use of communication devices while driving
- Initiate an arena for collaboration between different stakeholders in order to create a clear picture of the development and how to apply and mix different instruments of control, especially regarding the technological development