

# *Intelligent Dependable Autonomous Systems*

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# Overview

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# Motivation: Development of Safety-Critical Applications



Source: Prevent

## Automotive

complex  
distributed  
dynamical  
collaborative  
autonomous



Source: Boeing Dreamliner

## Avionics

## Production



Source: <http://www.huffingtonpost.de>

## Medical Technology



Source: Klinikum Jena

# *Trustworthy AI and Dependability*

## Ethical Principles

- (i) Respect for human autonomy
- (ii) Prevention of harm
- (iii) Fairness
- (iv) Explicability

## Technical Requirements

- Technical robustness and safety
- Resilience to attack and security
- Fallback plan and general safety
- Accuracy
- Reliability and Reproducibility



## Dependability

European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks,  
Content and Technology, *Ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI*, Publications  
Office, 2019, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2759/177365>

# *Dependability of Dynamical Systems - Linguistic*

## What is Dependability?

- [Carter, 1982]: A system is dependable if it is trustworthy enough that reliance can be placed on the service it delivers
- [Laprie, 1992]: Dependability is that property of a computing system which allows reliance to be justifiably placed on the service it delivers
- [Dubrova, 2013]: Dependability is the ability of a system to deliver its intended level of service to its users

## Dynamical (autonomous mobile robot) Systems

- **[Rüdiger, 2007]: Dependability in general is the capability of a system to successfully and safely fulfil its mission.**

[Carter, 1982] Carter, W.: A time for reflection. In Proc. 12th Int. Symp. on Fault Tolerant Computing (FTCS-12). IEEE Computer Society Press Santa Monica

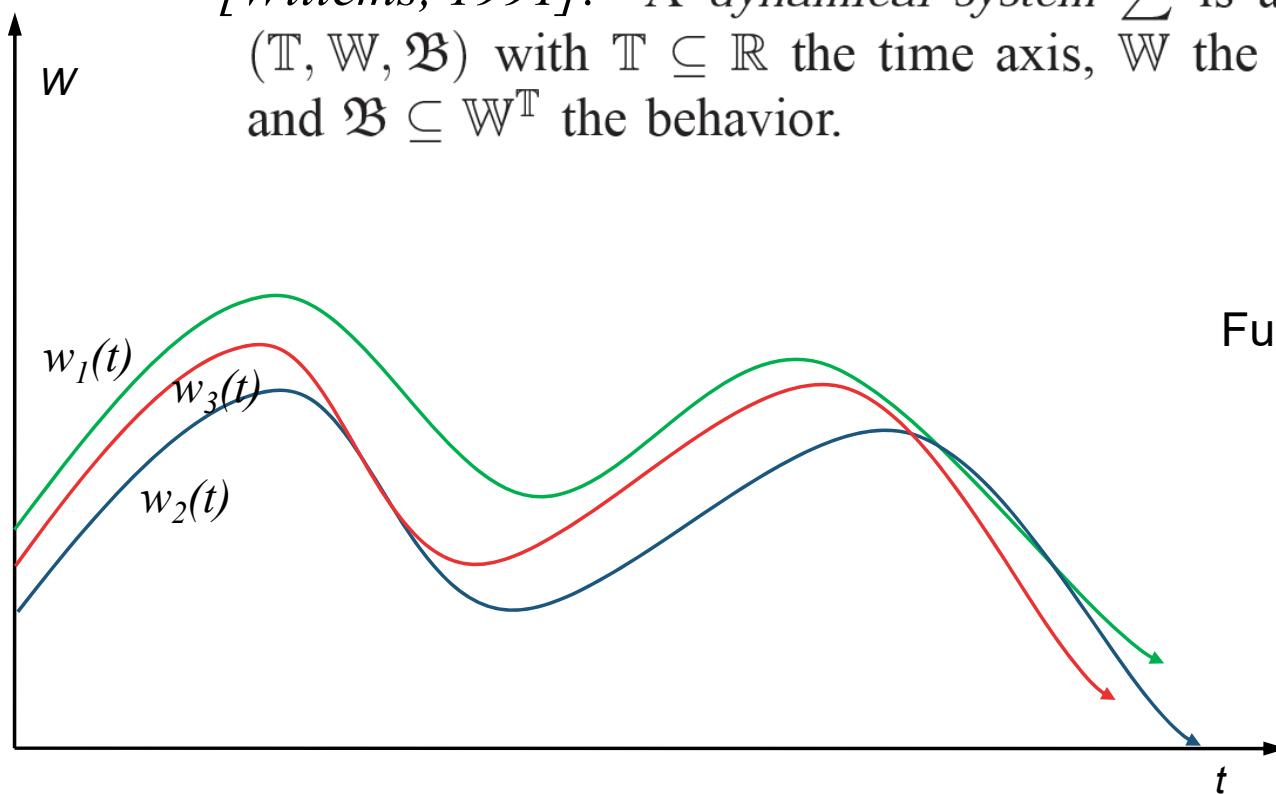
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## Dynamical System – Behavior Description

[Willems, 1991]: A dynamical system  $\Sigma$  is a triple  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$  with  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  the time axis,  $\mathbb{W}$  the signal space, and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{T}}$  the behavior.



Functional representation  
state space

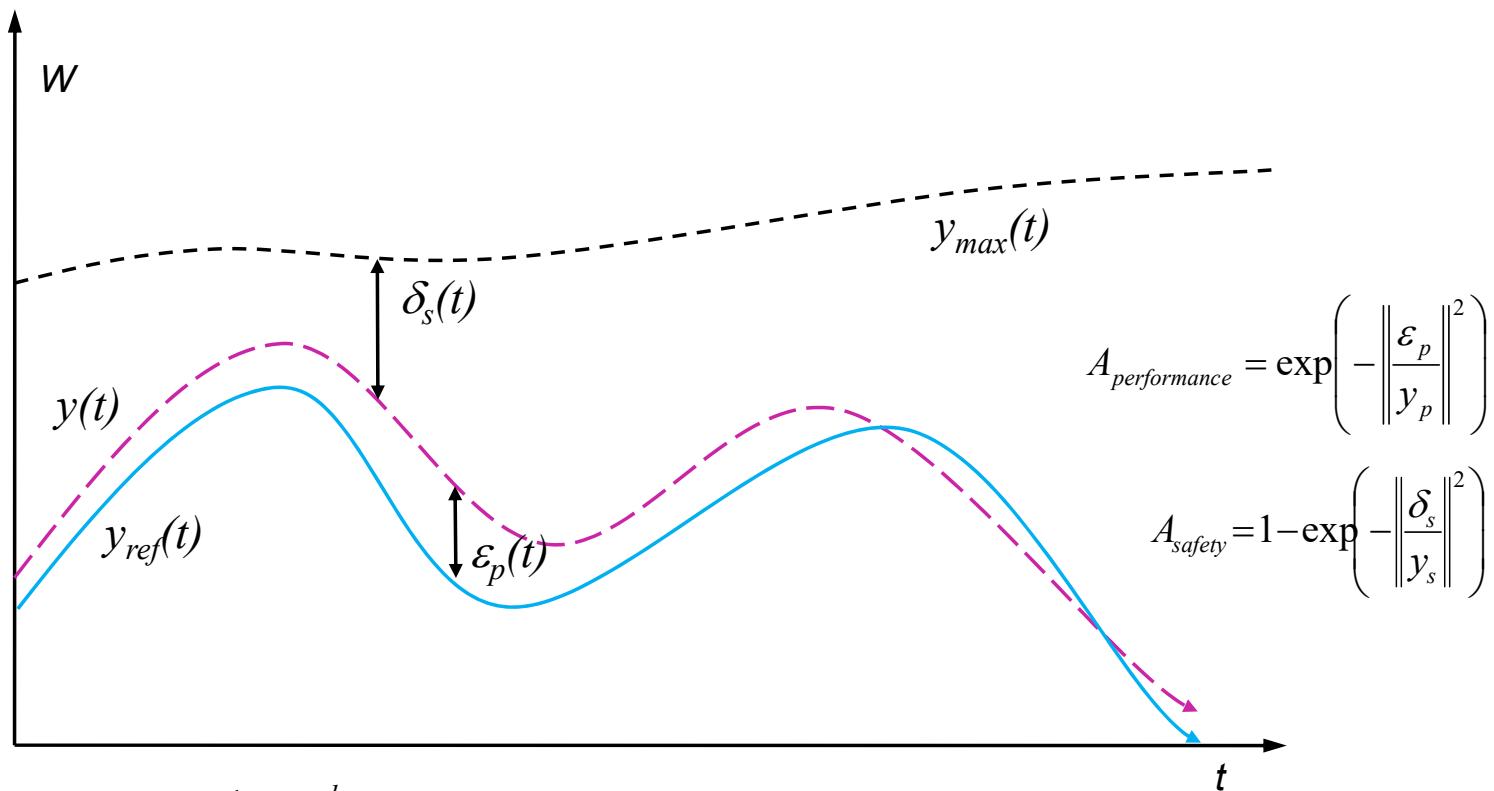
$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$$

$$y(t) = g(x(t), u(t))$$

$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

J.C. Willems: Paradigms and puzzles in the theory of dynamical systems. *Automatic Control, IEEE Transactions on*, 36(3):259-294, March 1991

# Dependability of Dynamical Systems - Formal

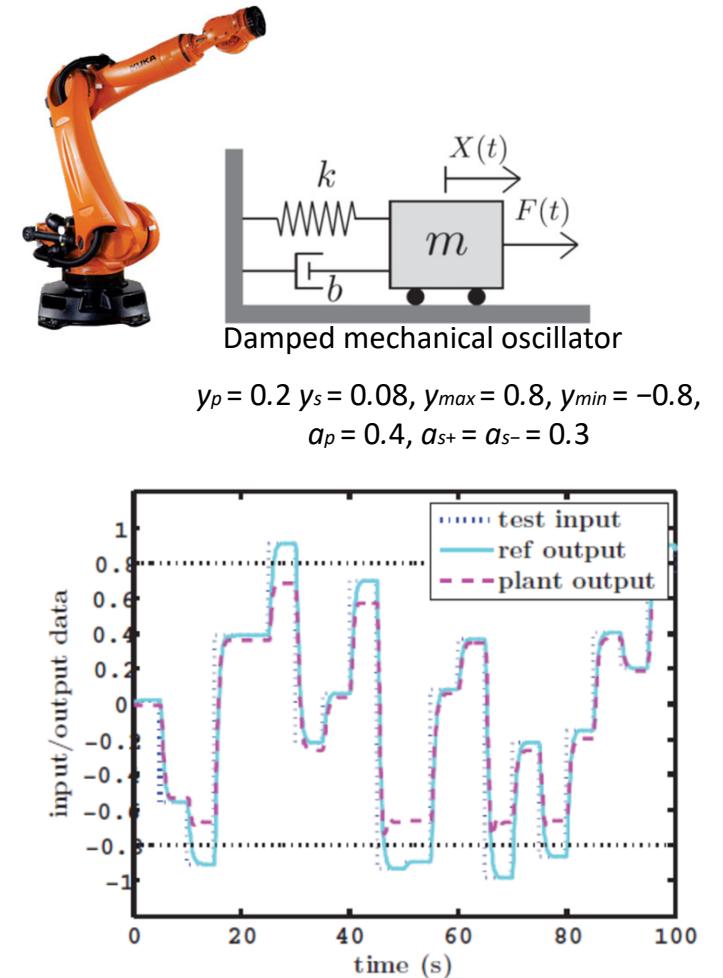
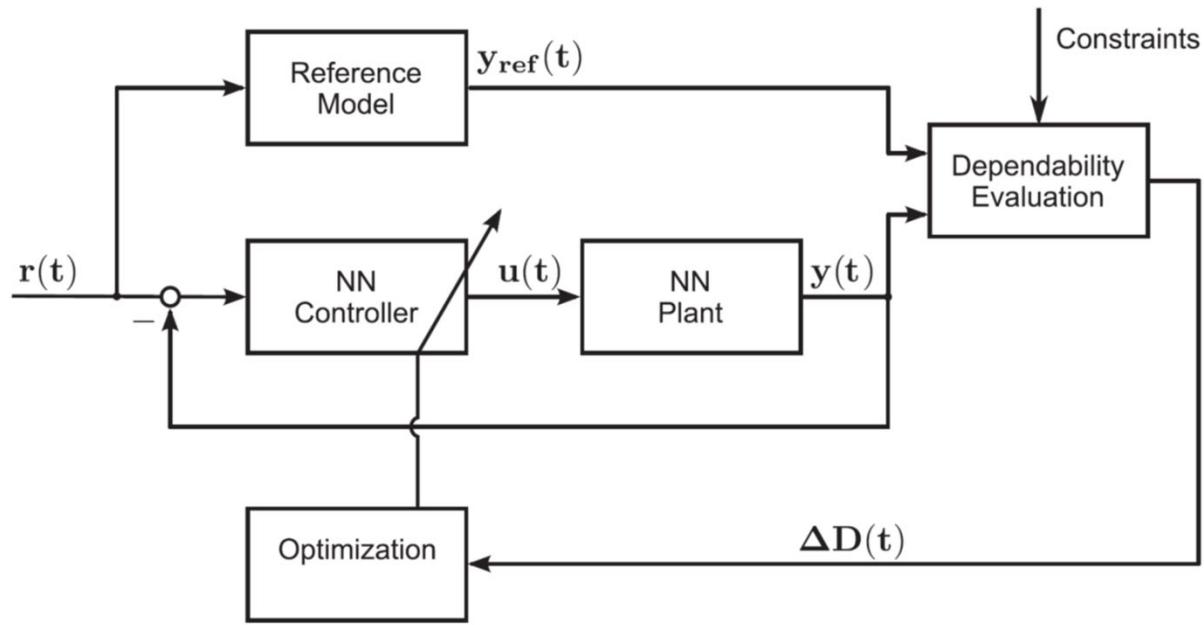


Dependability  
Measure

$$D(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{m} \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^d a_j [1 - A_j(u(t), y_r(t), y(t), \Theta_j)] dt$$

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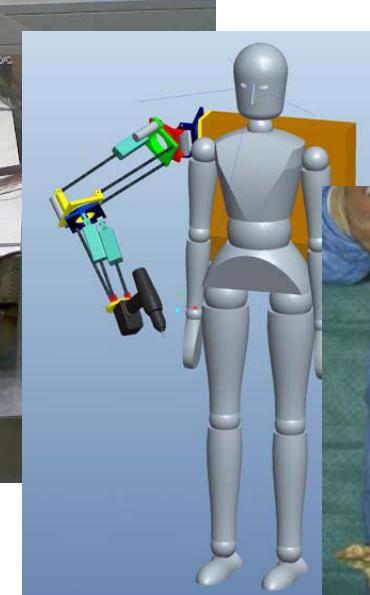
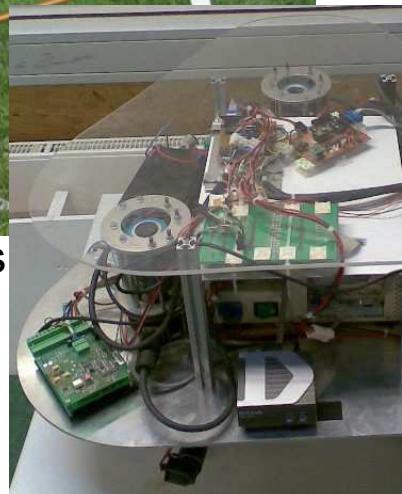
# Dependability Optimization: Robot Control



# *Dependable Robotics Research Group (Univ. Heidelberg): Autonomous Mobile Robots and Assistance Systems*



Mobile Robots



Bionic Exoskeletons

Rehabilitation  
Systems



Surgical Robots

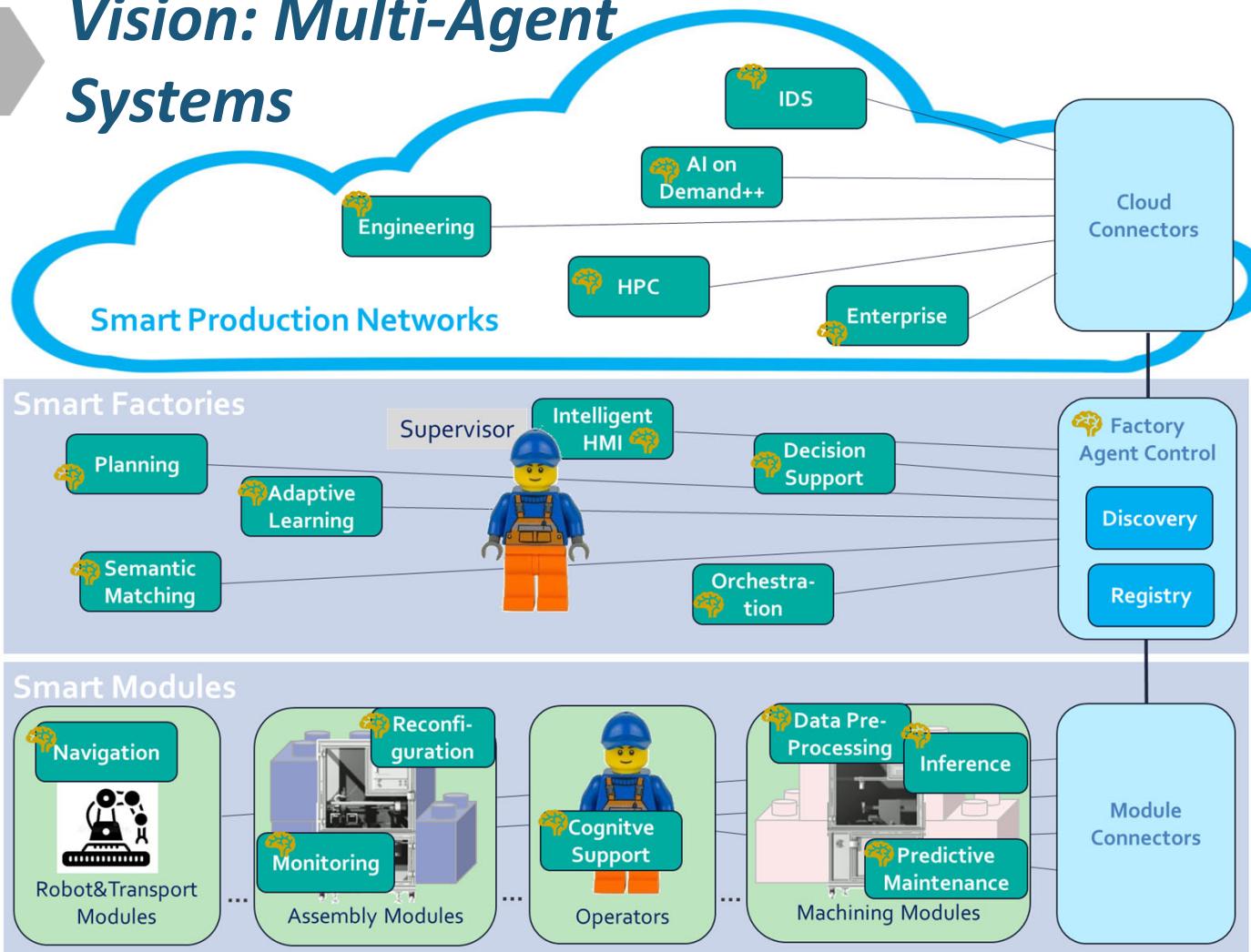
# Production Level 4

## (Autonomous Human-Centered Shared Production)



Source: SmartFactory-KL

# Vision: Multi-Agent Systems



**MAS4AI**

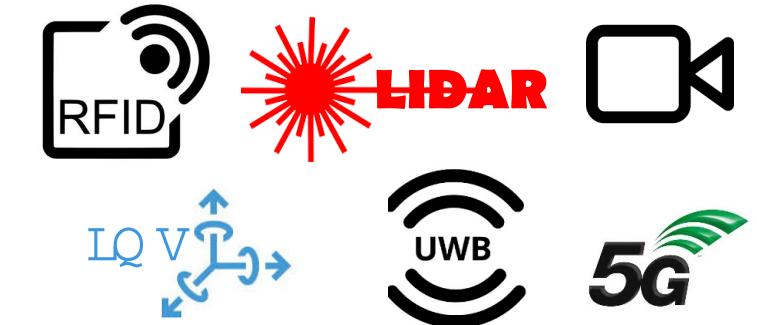
- **Multi-agent AI systems**

- Diverse AI technologies and combinations: knowledge-based, hierarchical planning and model-based machine learning
- AI components in different hierarchy layers
- Unified, reusable and scalable solutions

- **Autonomous modular production**

- Semantic Self-description capabilities of technical modules, optimization of configurations and processes
- Human assistance with awareness of human capabilities
- Highly reactive and safe solutions

# Information Structure



Smart Maintenance



Smart Assembly



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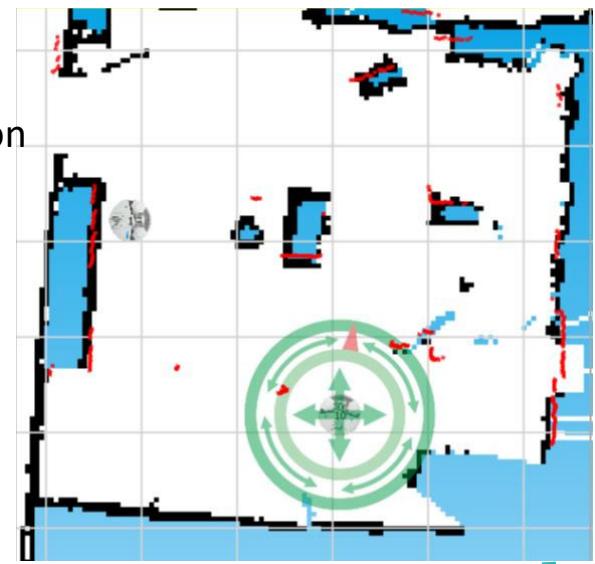
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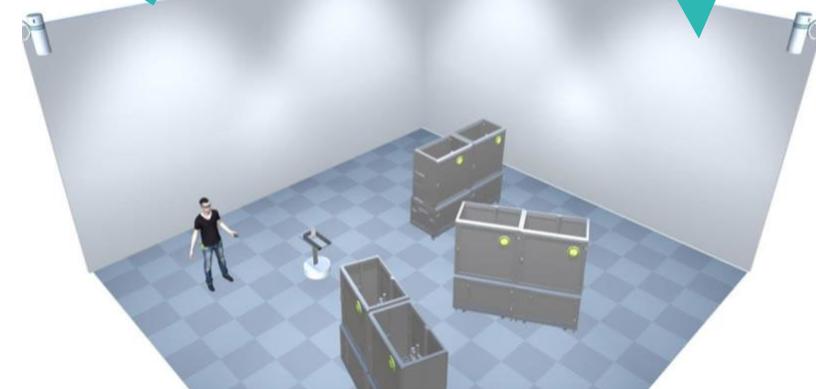
Sensor Data



Information



Knowledge



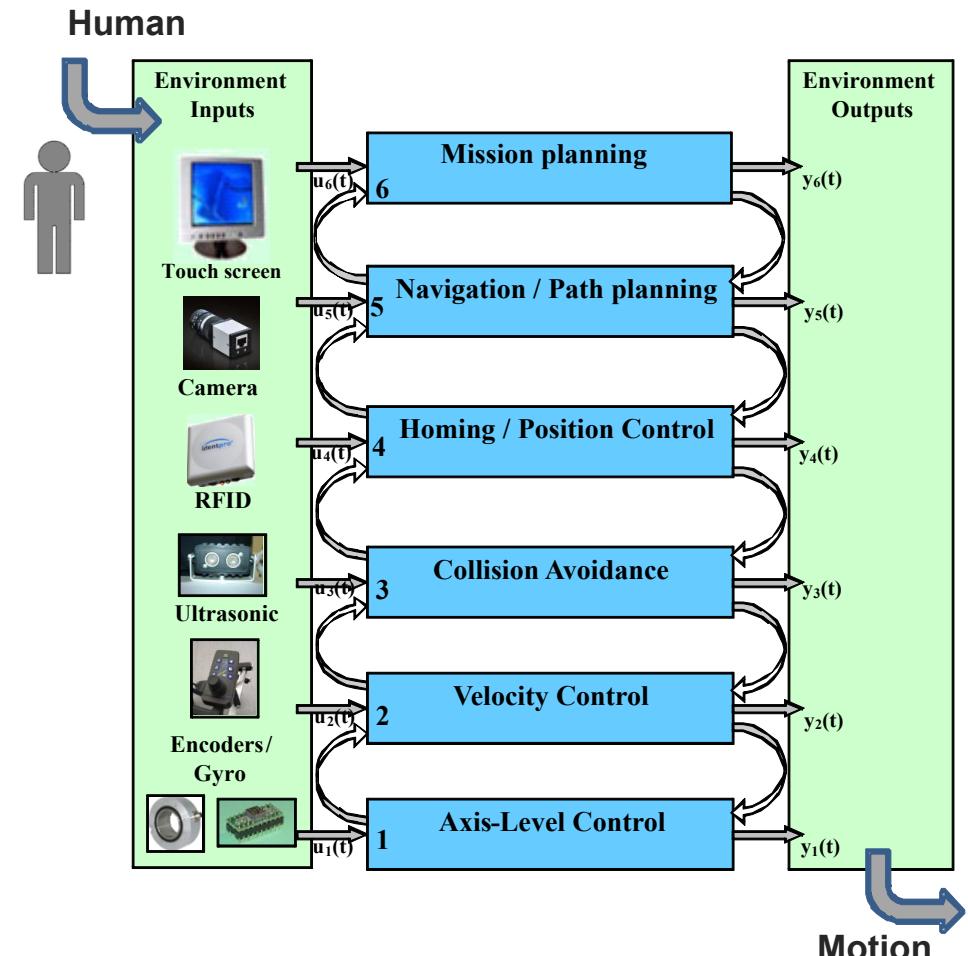
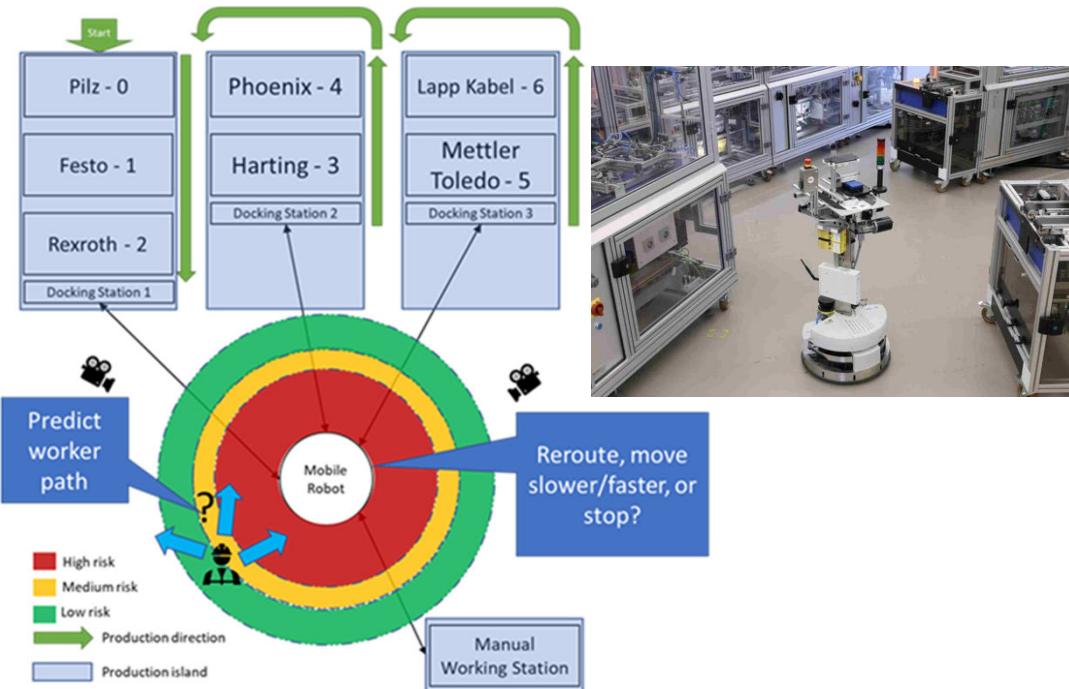
Decision Making

Actions



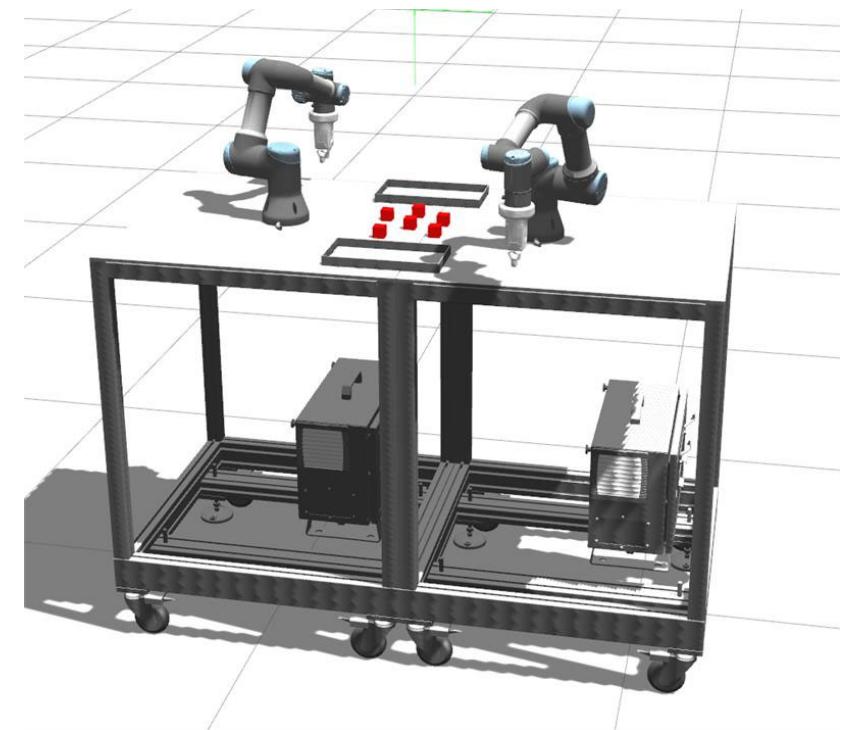
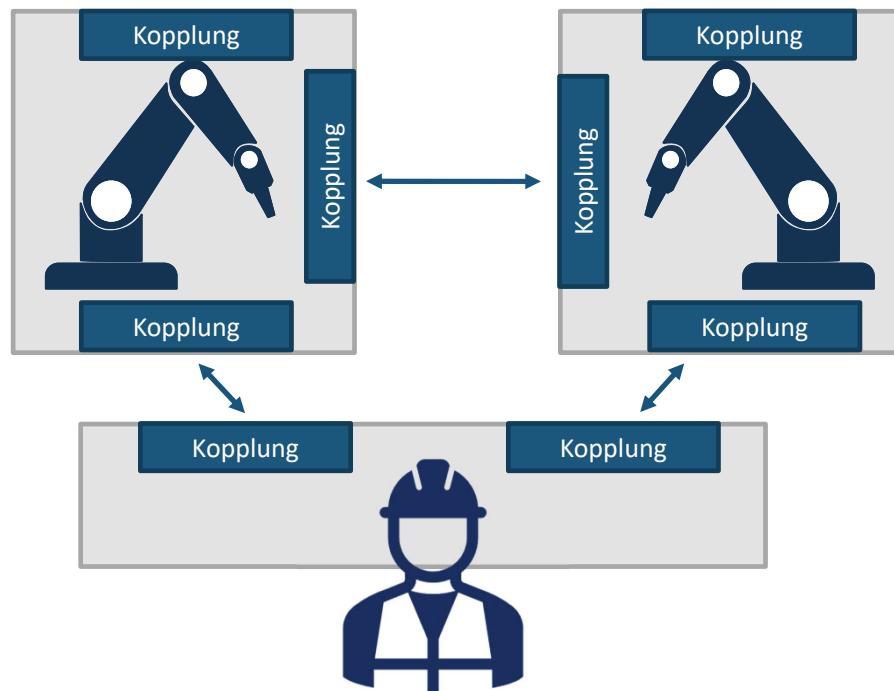
Robot Assistance

# Behavior Decomposition for Autonomous Mobile Robot



**RNBC (Recursive Nested Behavior-based Control) Structure**  
Badreddin1989; Bartolein2007; Wagner2010; Wagner2016

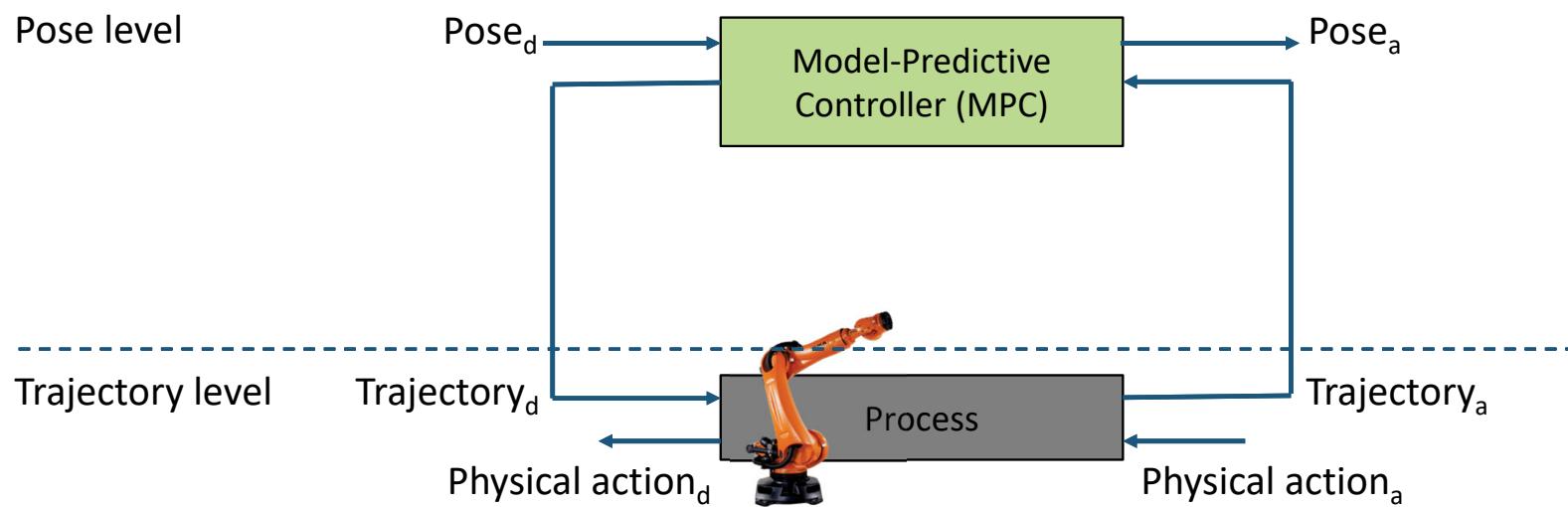
# Collaborative Robots



Nigora Gafur et al., 2021

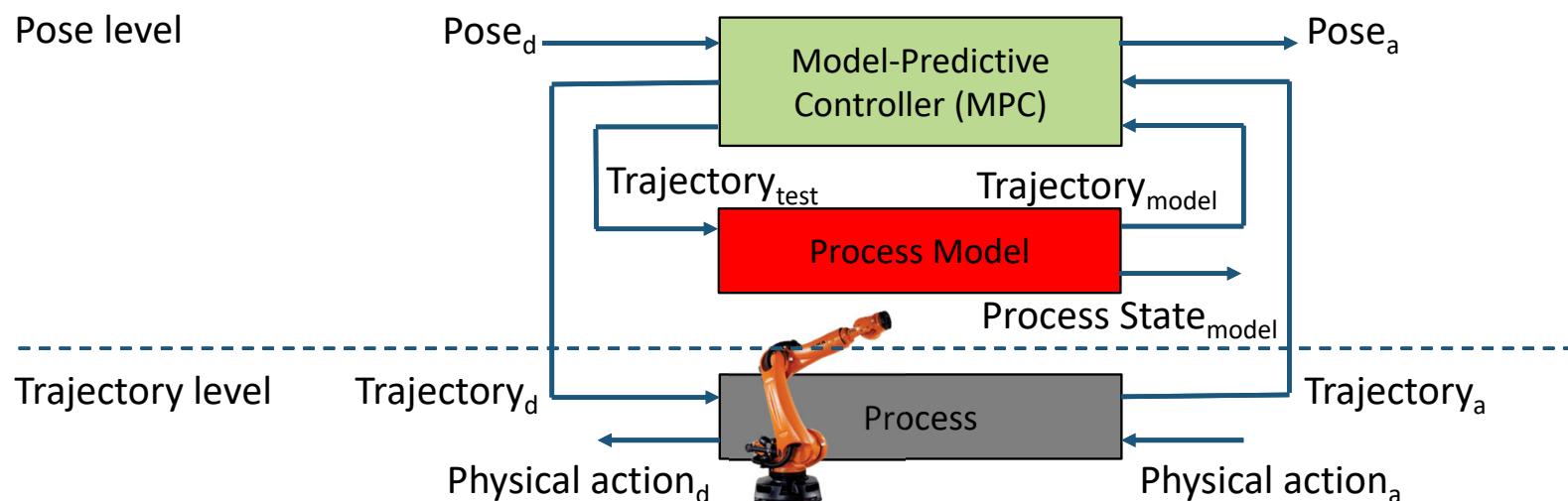
# Planning und Model-Predictive Control

$$J_i(\mathbf{x}_i^k, \mathbf{u}_i^k) := (\mathbf{x}_i^{N_p} - \mathbf{x}_i^f)^T \mathbf{Q}_i^f (\mathbf{x}_i^{N_p} - \mathbf{x}_i^f) + \sum_{k=0}^{N_p-1} ((\mathbf{x}_i^k - \mathbf{x}_i^f)^T \mathbf{Q}_i^x (\mathbf{x}_i^k - \mathbf{x}_i^f) + \\ \mathbf{u}_i^k)^T \mathbf{R}_i^u \mathbf{u}_i^k + (\mathbf{u}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_i^k)^T \mathbf{R}_i^d (\mathbf{u}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_i^k))$$

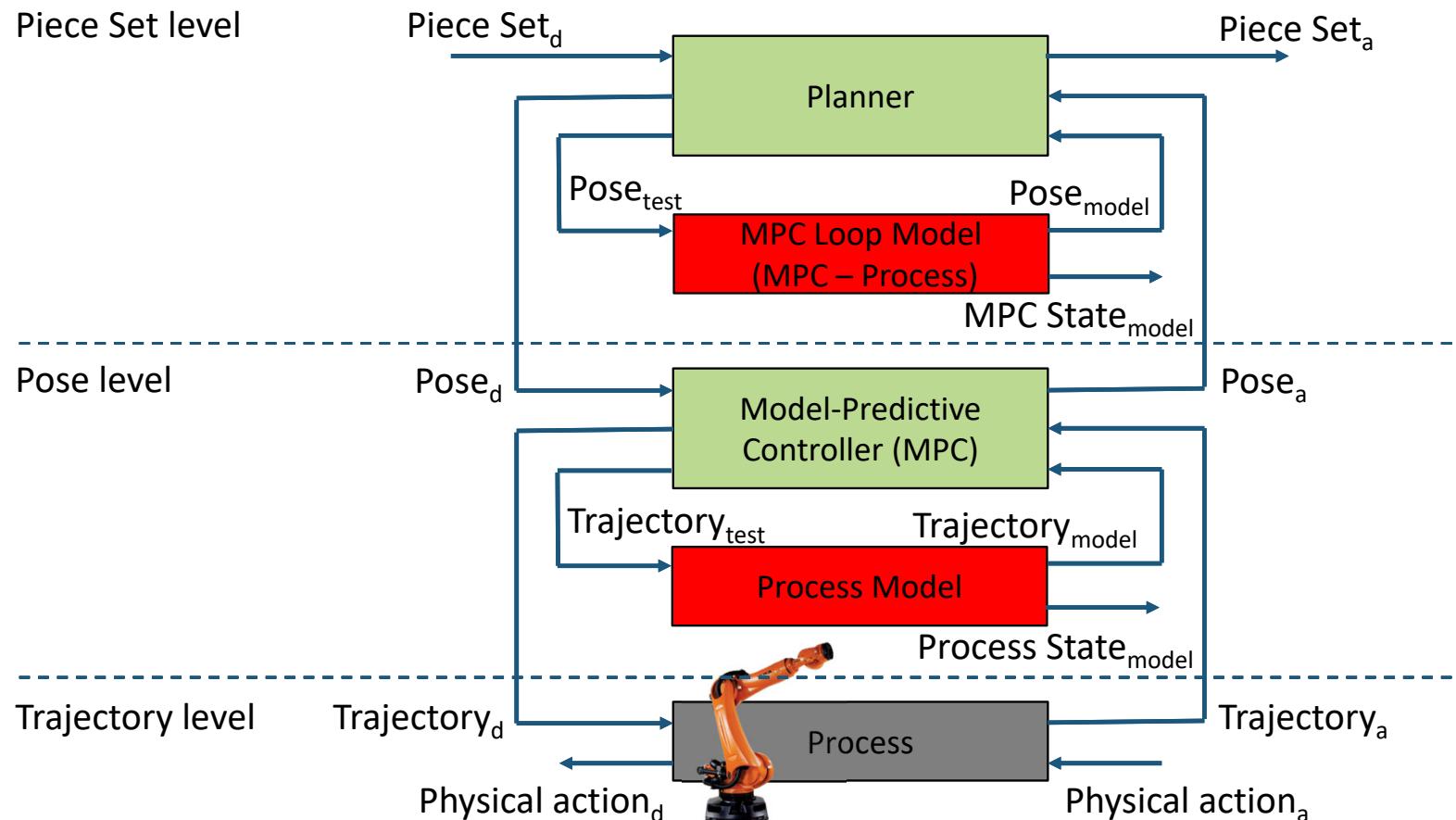


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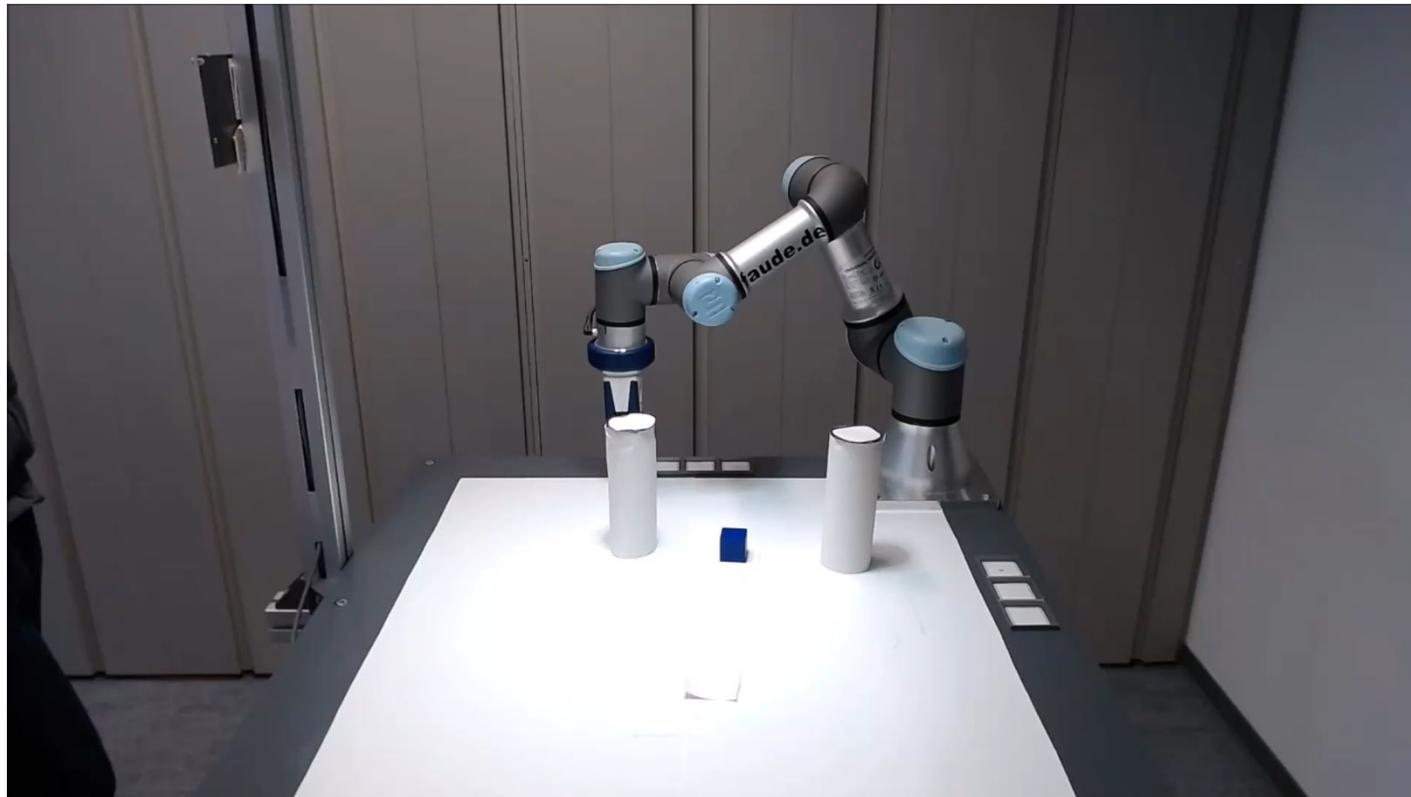
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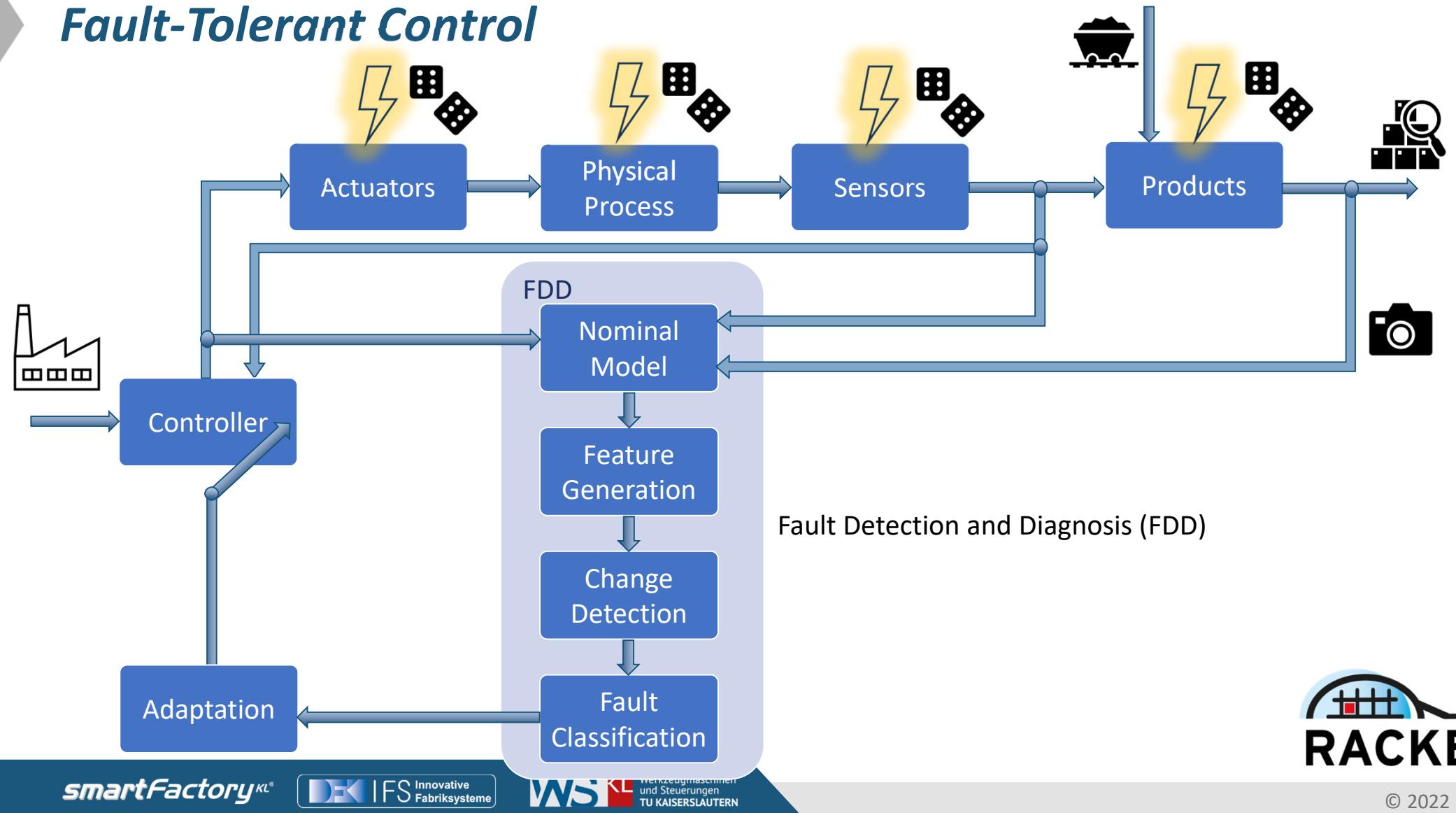


# *Robot Pick-and-Place with MPC and Collision Avoidance*



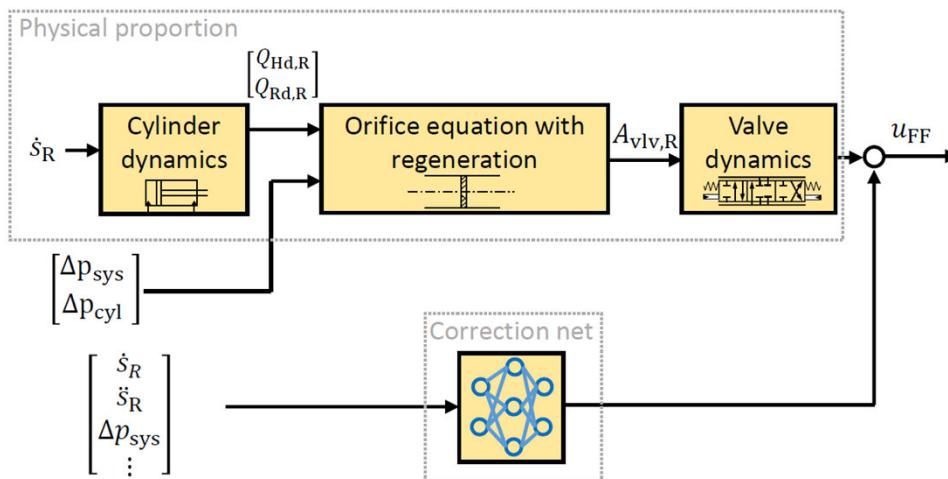
*Nigora Gafur et al., 2022*

## Fault-Tolerant Control



# Hybrid Data-Driven Modelling for Inverse Control of Hydraulic Excavators

- Development of Hybrid models based on expert knowledge and data
- Low effort system modelling
- Simplified general expert model available
- Only small set of experimental data available



4-Point-Cycle, without payload

	Boom Cylinder RMSE	Arm Cylinder R2	Boom Cylinder RMSE	Arm Cylinder R2
White Box	54.97	0.951	91.85	0.955
Hybrid 1	21.38	0.993	31.39	0.994
Hybrid 2	22.06	0.992	31.72	0.994
Black Box	21.27	0.993	31.21	0.994

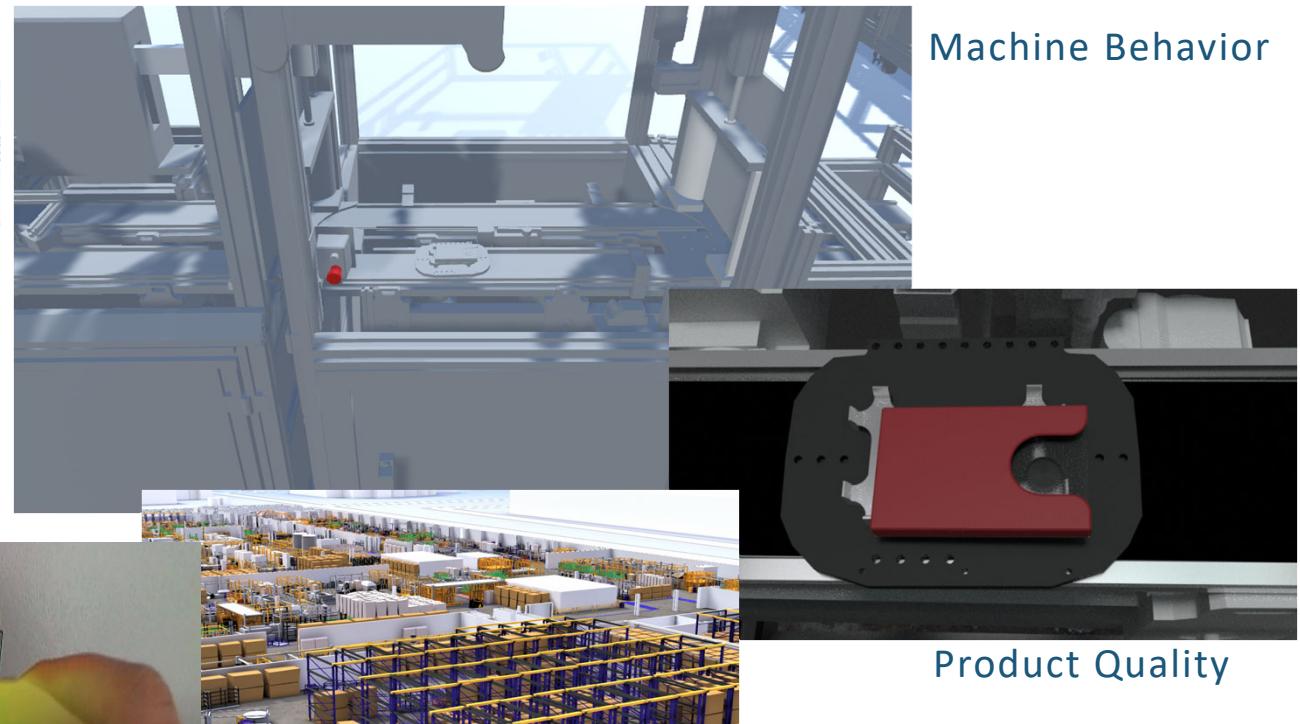
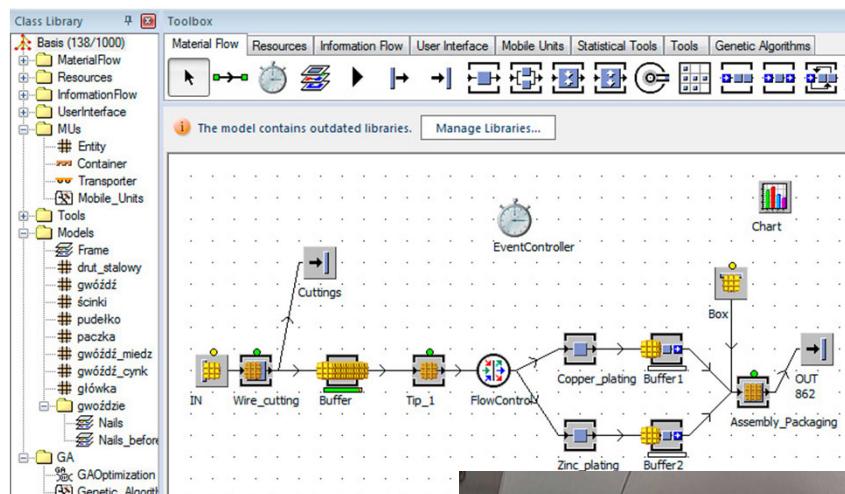
4-Point-Cycle, with additional 1000 kg

	Boom Cylinder RMSE	Arm Cylinder R2	Boom Cylinder RMSE	Arm Cylinder R2
White Box	102.58	0.951	127.38	0.975
Hybrid 1	31.11	0.994	37.35	0.995
Hybrid 2	33.26	0.994	36.72	0.995
Black Box	51.06	0.988	37.14	0.995

# Conclusion

- Design of dependable production systems can be facilitated by design principles and a specific methodology
  - Formal specification of dependability properties and dependability measure
  - Explicit Description of *desired* and *not desired* system behavior
  - Information Structure is important factor for system design
  - Appropriate system decomposition for managing complexity
  - Identification of critical system variables and dependencies is challenging
- Role of Artificial Intelligence
  - Information extraction, knowledge representation, and decision making
  - Improving model accuracy and reducing effort by combining knowledge and data
  - Prediction of system behavior for optimal planning and control
  - Modelling of human behavior for advanced assistance

# Future AI-Driven Dependability Research



Worker assistance

Tracking/Visualization

# *Thank You for Attention!*



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