

# Workshop Roboterkontrollarchitekturen

## Roboterkontrollarchitekturen: Herausforderungen - Einführungs- und Übersichtsvortrag



Automatisierte Systeme  $\Leftrightarrow$  Autonome Systeme

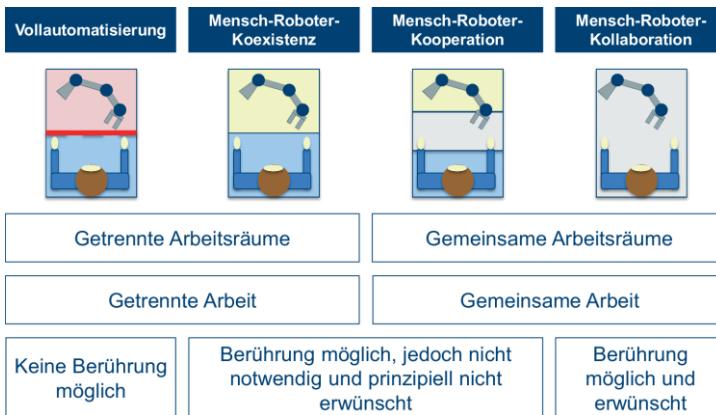
Flexibilität, Wandlungsfähigkeit, Einbindbarkeit in umgebende Infrastruktur

Vollautomatisierung, Mensch-Roboter-Koexistenz, Mensch-Roboter-Kooperation, Mensch-Roboter-Kollaboration

Physische und psychische Nähe von Robotern

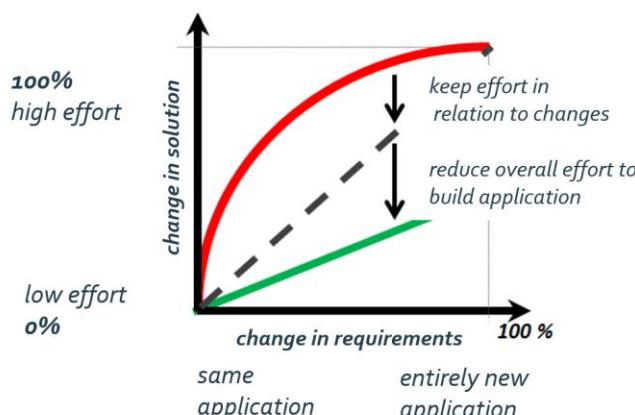
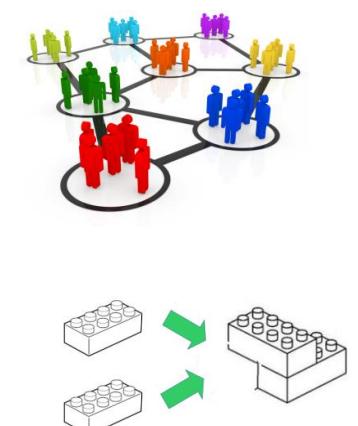
Anwendungsdomänen  $\Leftrightarrow$  Bauformen

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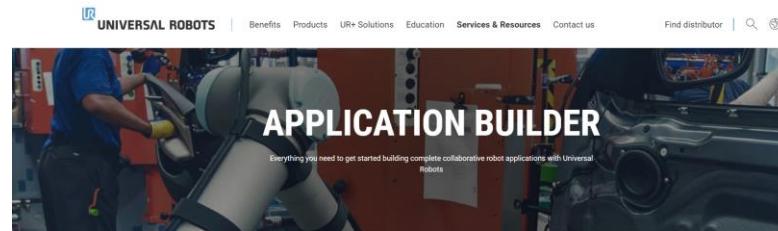
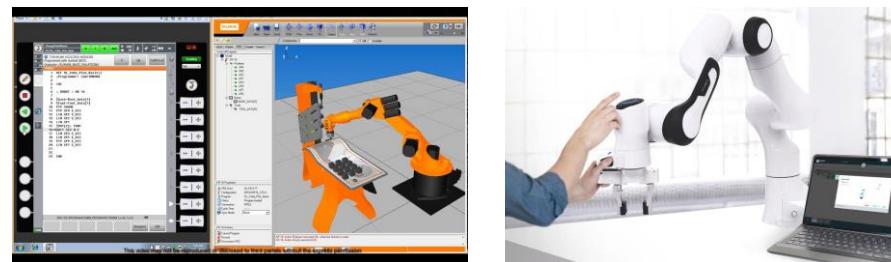


Regulative Anforderungen  
Verantwortung, Haftung, Vertrauen

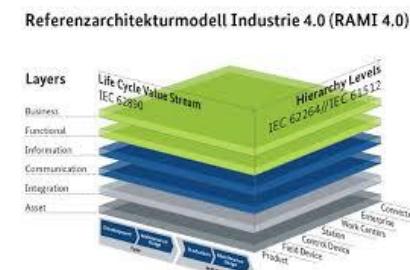
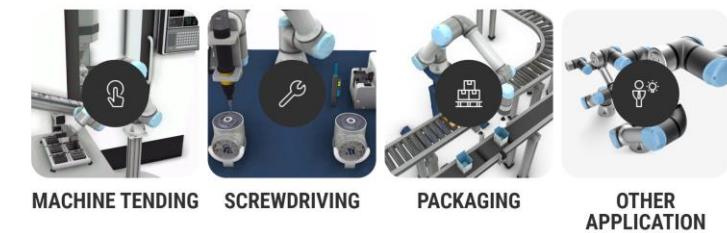
Roboter sind ein Flexibilitätsversprechen, welches Anwender selbst einlösen wollen



Roboterkontrollarchitekturen <=> Informationsarchitekturen <=> Softwarearchitekturen



## SELECT YOUR APPLICATION



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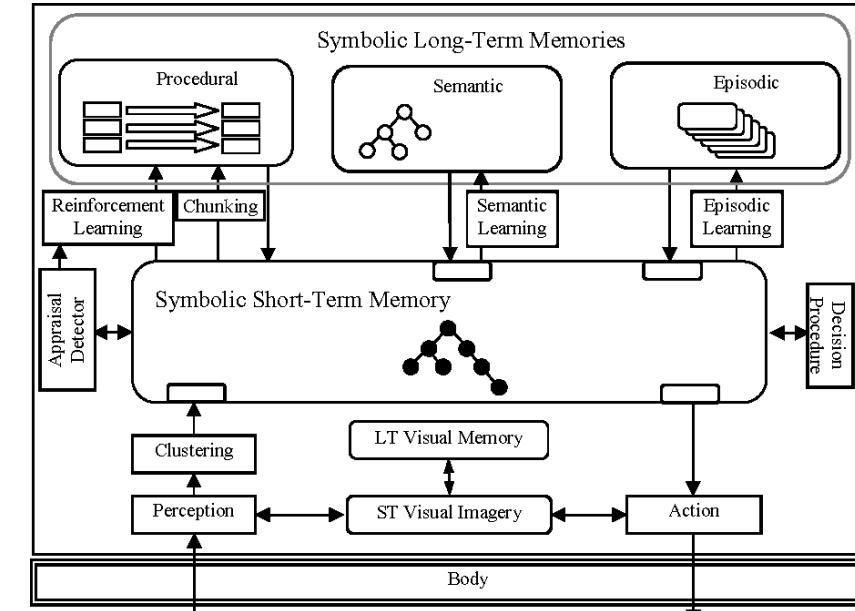
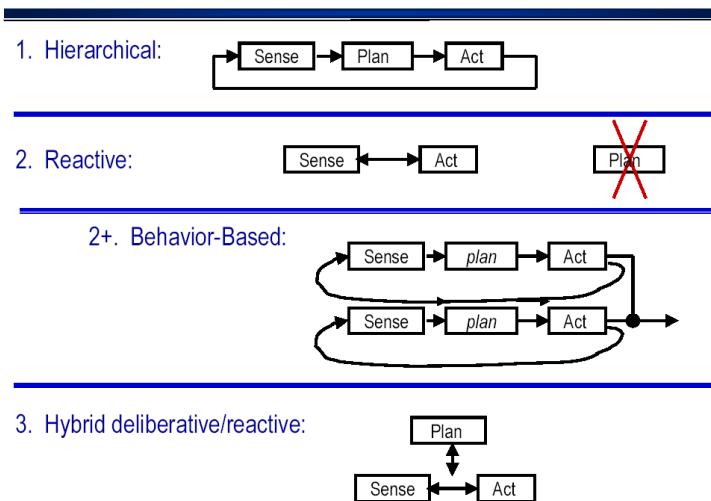
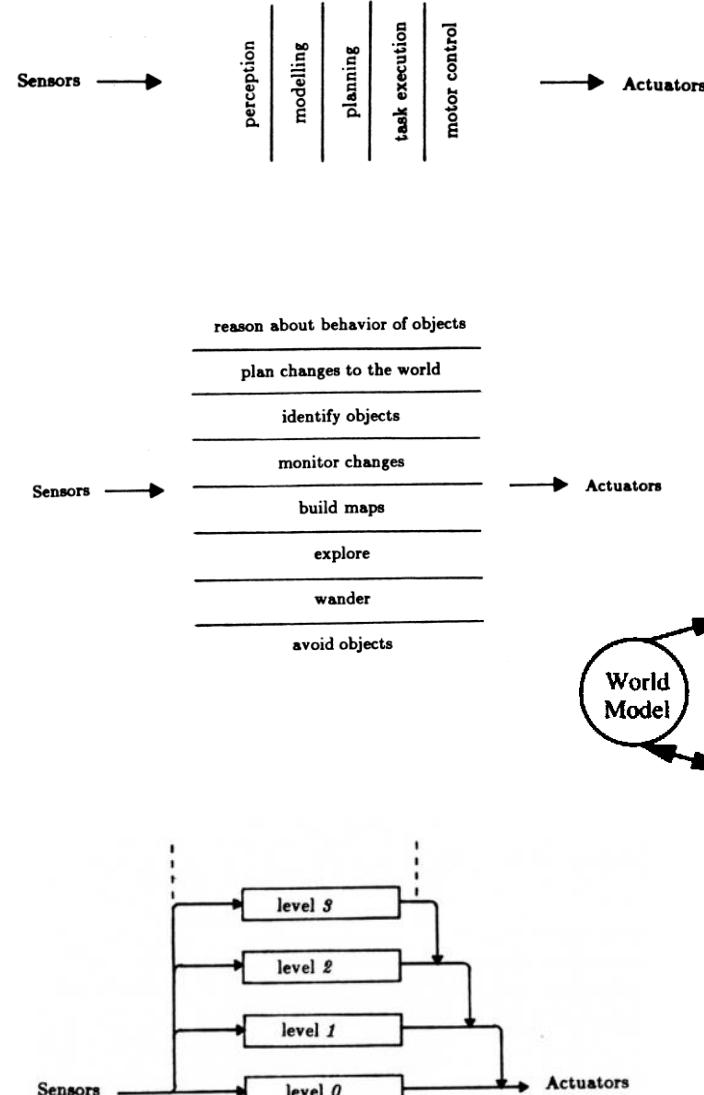
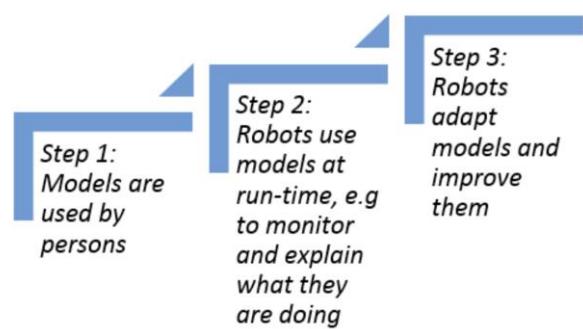
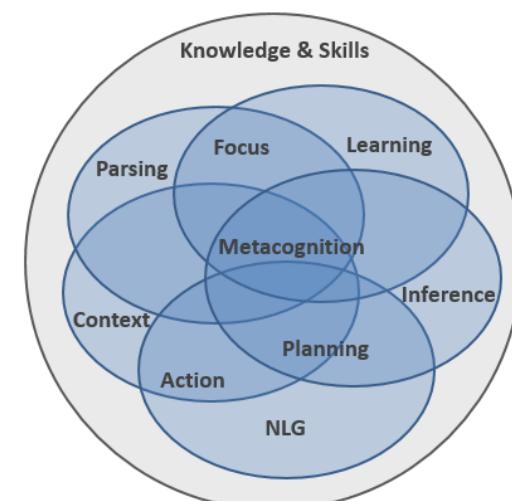


Figure 3: Soar 9

## Highly Integrated Cognitive Architecture



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## Ziele und Herausforderungen

- Was wollen wir mit einer Roboterkontrollarchitektur letztlich erreichen?
- Was ist davon aktuell bereits sehr gut erreicht / was ist davon aktuell noch komplett offen?
- Welche extra-funktionalen Aspekte müssen wir bei der Realisierung einer Roboterkontrollarchitektur beachten?
- Welche Methoden stehen uns für welche Aspekte zur Verfügung / fehlen?
- ...



Werden unterschiedliche Roboterkontrollarchitekturen benötigt für

- Mobile Roboter, Manipulation, Mobile Manipulation?
- Art der Nähe des Roboters zu Personen?
- Art der Umgebung, welcher der Roboter ausgesetzt wird?
- Art der Programmierung durch welche Rollen?
- ...

Es gibt nicht die eine Roboterkontrollarchitektur!

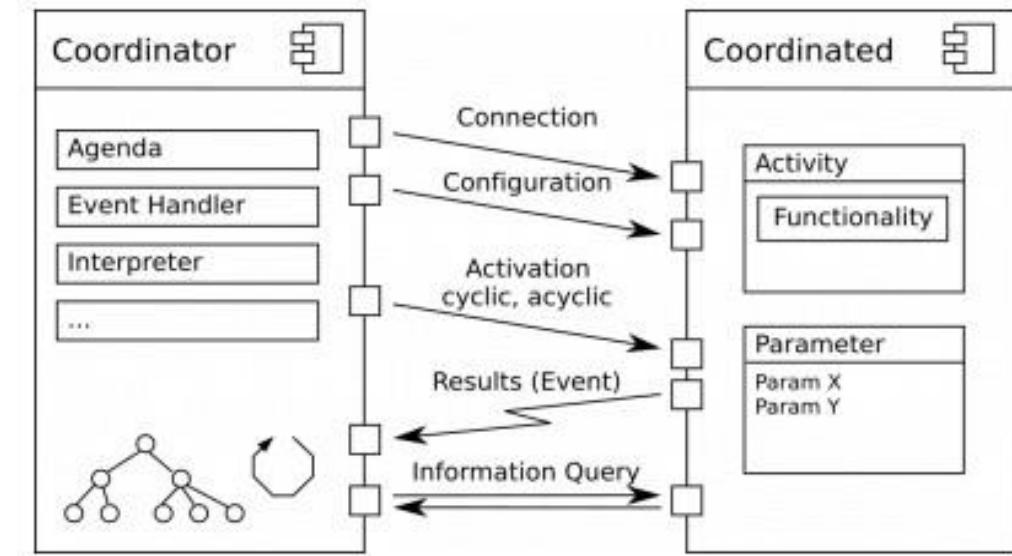
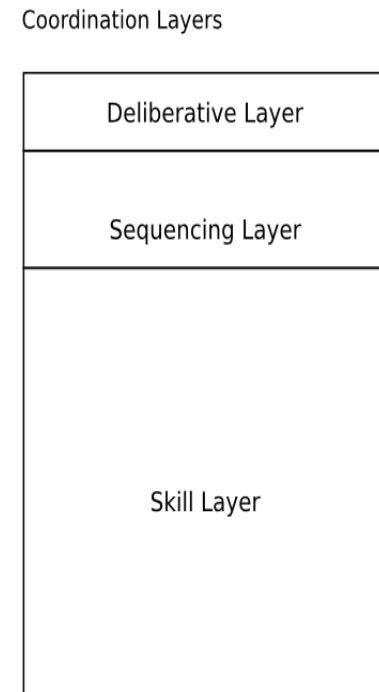
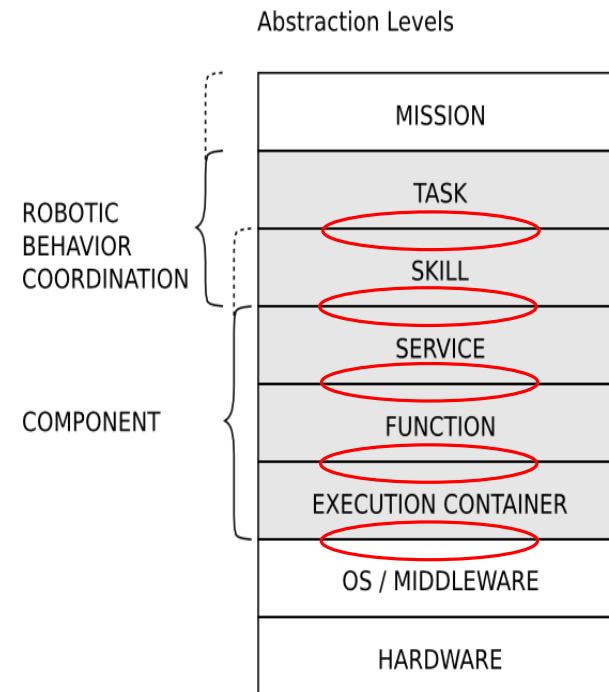
Auf jeden Fall gibt es zu jedem Zeitpunkt eine eindeutige Kontrollhierarchie. Diese kann aber zu unterschiedlichen Zeitpunkten unterschiedlich aussehen!

Wir müssen oftmals sogar zwischen verschiedenen Kontrollarchitekturen wechseln können!

Es sollte nicht komplizierter als nötig sein, aber versuche nicht, komplexe Probleme mit Ansätzen zu lösen, die dafür nicht mächtig genug sind!

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Was ist für welche Aspekte verfügbar?



monitors and sanity checks

event driven ⇔ time triggered

Modellgetriebene Ansätze für die  
Explizierung von Eigenschaften,  
Konfigurationsmöglichkeiten etc.

...

- Computation Models
- logical execution time (LET)
  - synchronous data flow (SDF)
  - event driven
  - ...

diskret ⇔ kontinuierlich

locally synchronous,  
globally asynchronous

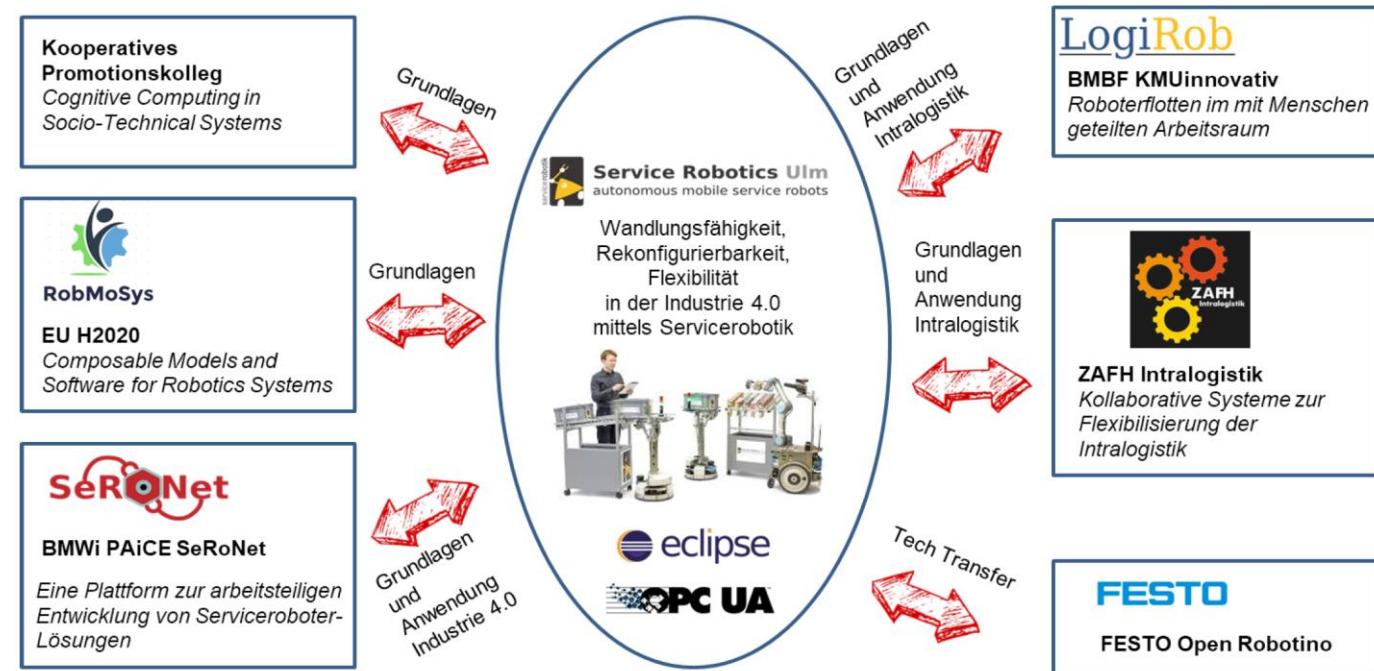
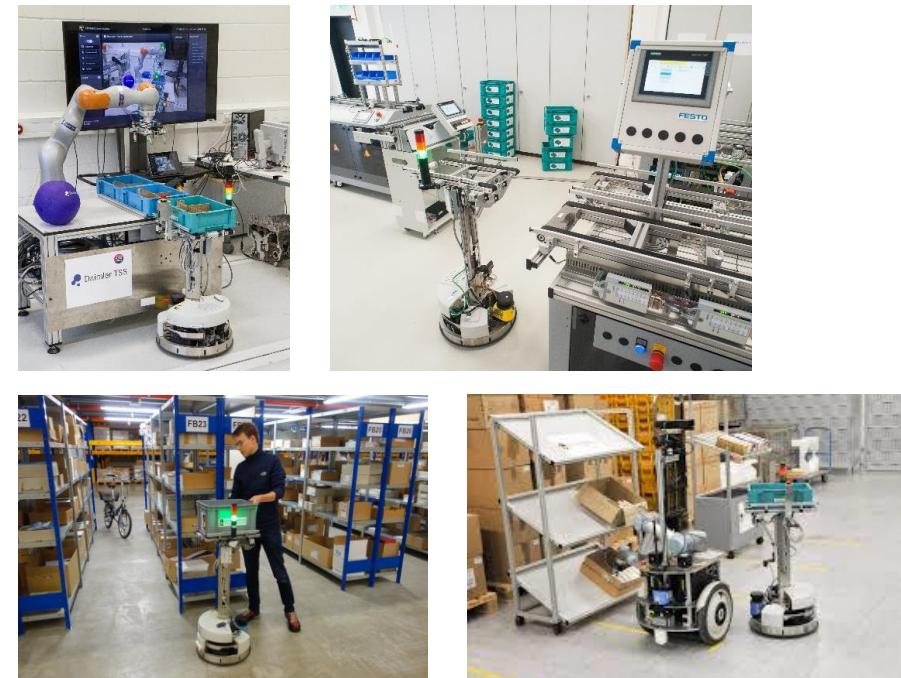
Hierachische Task-Netze  
Dynamische hierarchische Zustandsautomaten  
Endliche Automaten

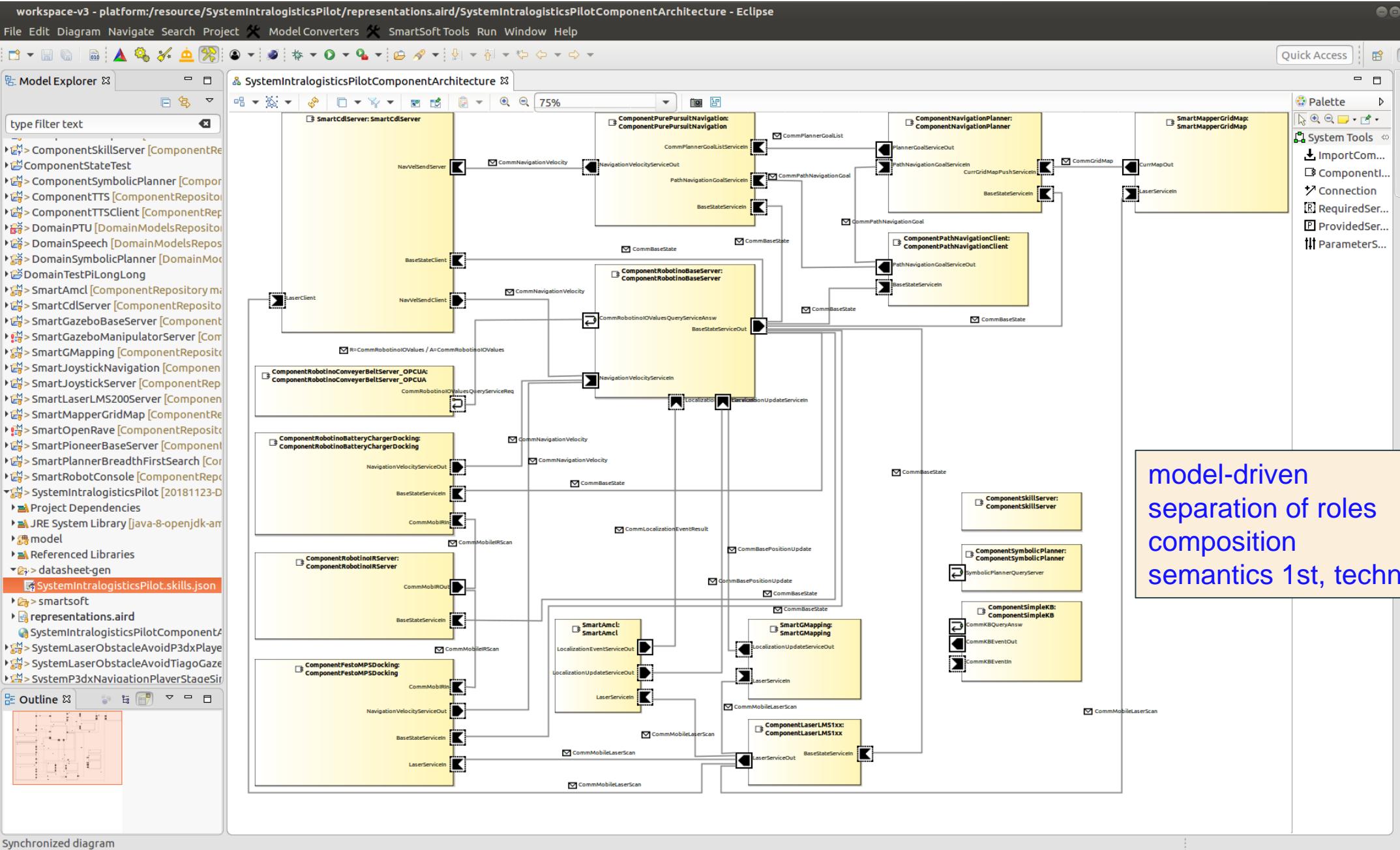
Serviceorientierte Softwarearchitekturen  
Komponentenorientierte Software

# *Composition, Separation of Roles and Model-Driven Approaches*

## *as Enabler of a Robotics Software Ecosystem*

*Towards an EU Digital Industrial Platform for Robotics*

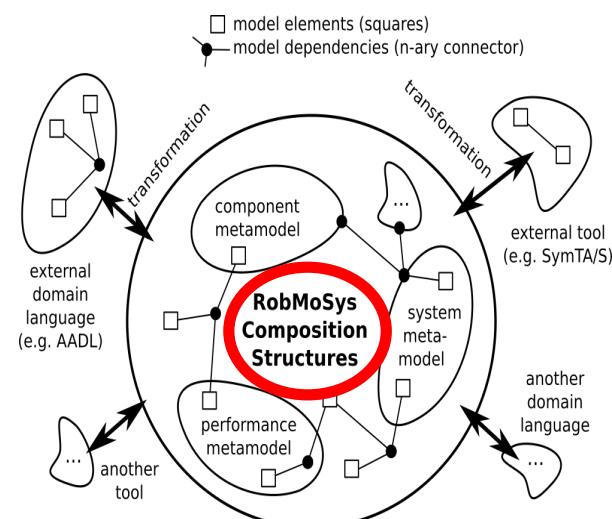
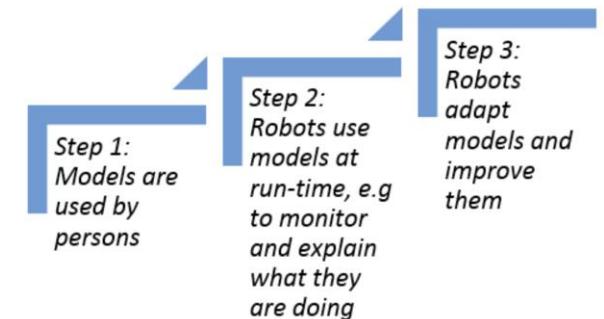
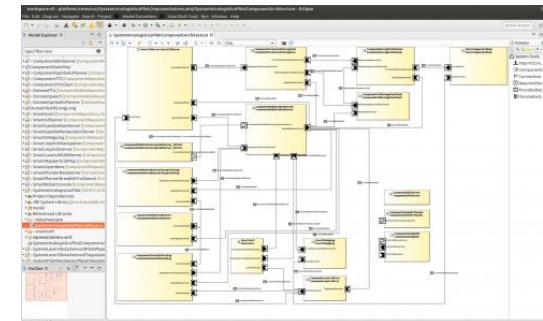
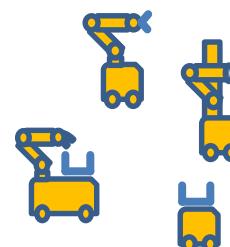




# Towards an EU Digital Industrial Platform for Robotics

## Models always have a purpose: overall purpose is consistency

- organize consistent abstraction for e.g. prediction
- better understanding in early phases avoids costs at later stages
- organize interfaces and ensure fits while decoupling roles, responsibilities, scopes, etc.
- ensure traceability of properties, conformance by design and not just by discipline, etc.



## A model-driven approach allows to

- ...secure your design and solution efforts
- ...decouple different paces of evolution
- ...be technology-agnostic (*semantics: early binding / technology: late binding*)
- ...predict what you get before you build it
- ...exploit the power of combinatorics
- ...explicate otherwise hidden magic numbers
- ...benefit from low effort in modifications towards lot size 1
- ...achieve robust job fulfillment by context-aware run-time decisions

# Towards an EU Digital Industrial Platform for Robotics

## Projects EU H2020 RobMoSys and BMWi PAiCE SeRoNet



**RobMoSys**



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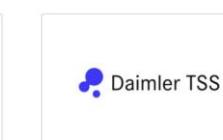
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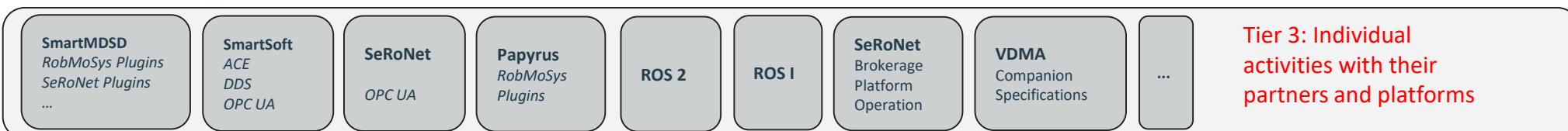
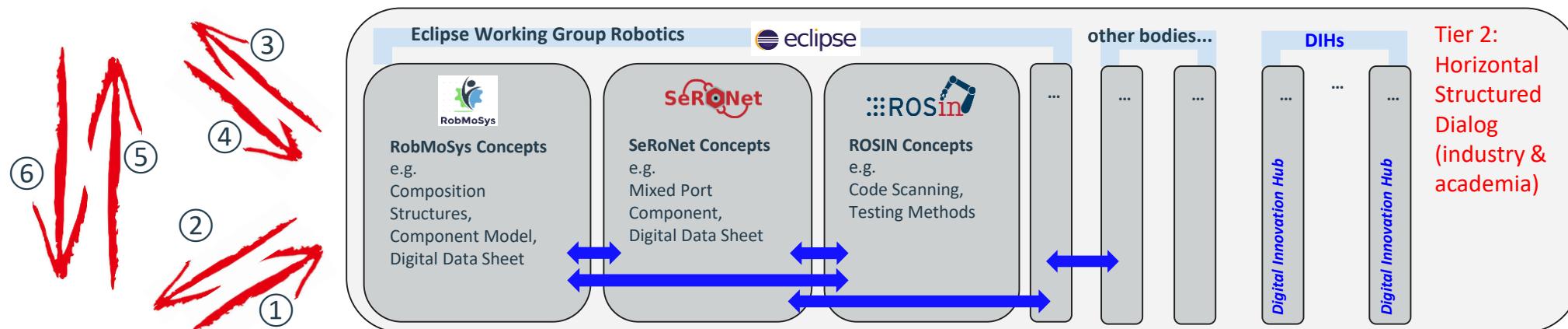
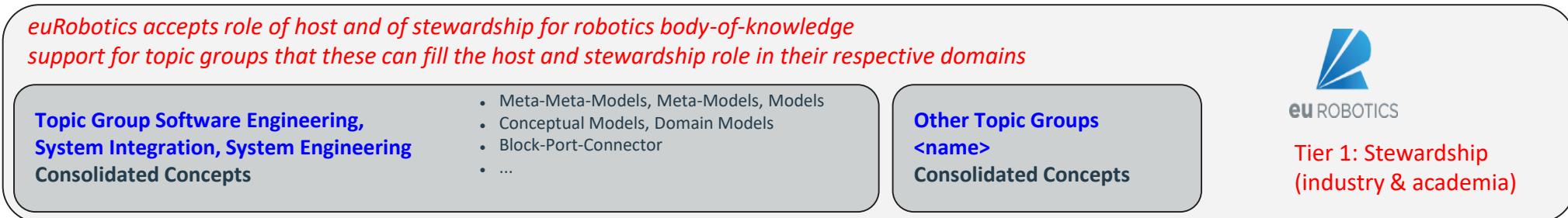
<https://www.seronet-projekt.de/plattform/tooling.html>



# Process: Sustainability

RobMoSys provides a **concept & structure & mechanism**

- to deal with different coexisting levels of maturity, acceptance, innovation, ...
- to achieve evolvement, be inclusive, to achieve trust, to go beyond project life-times, ...



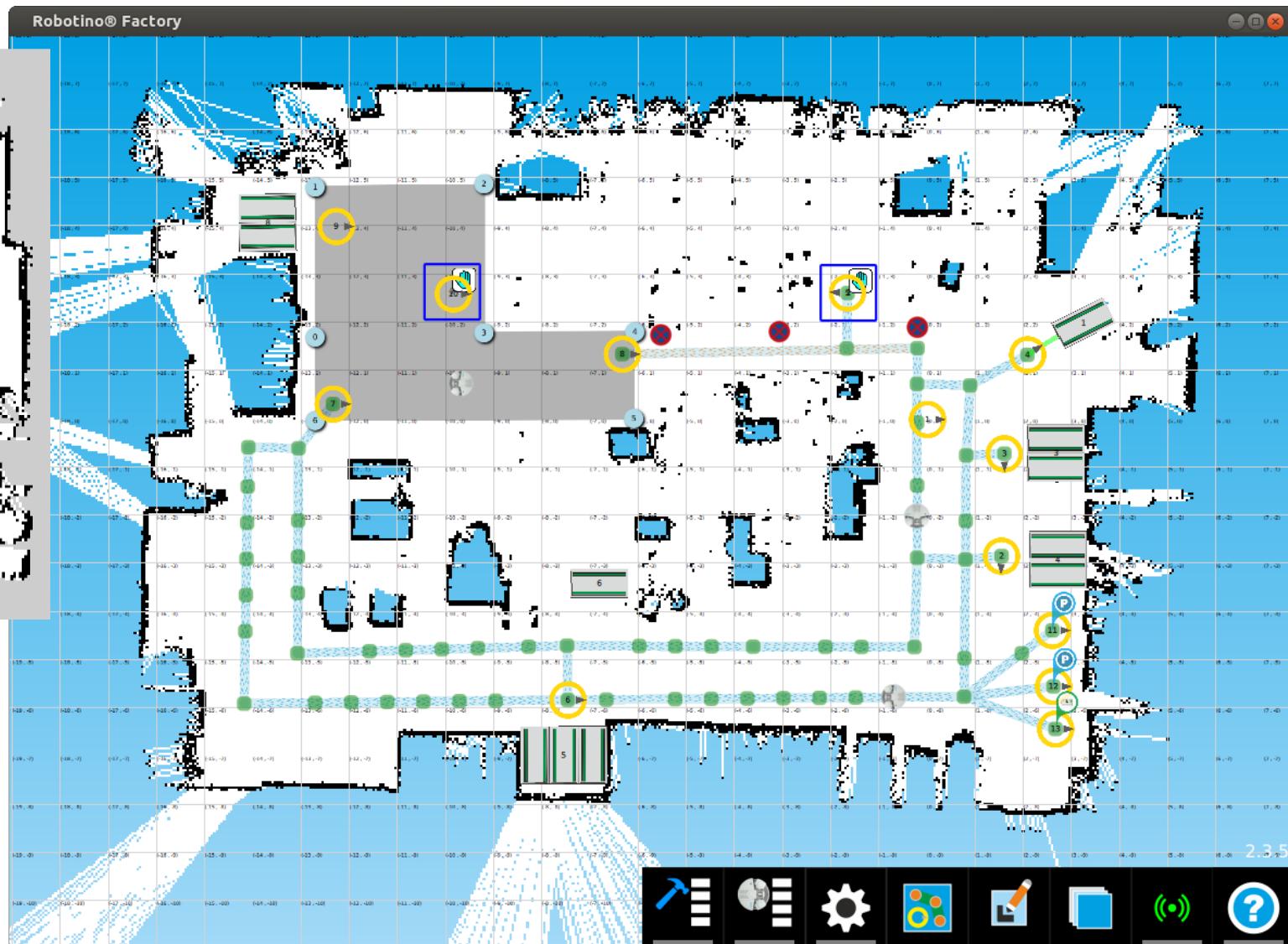
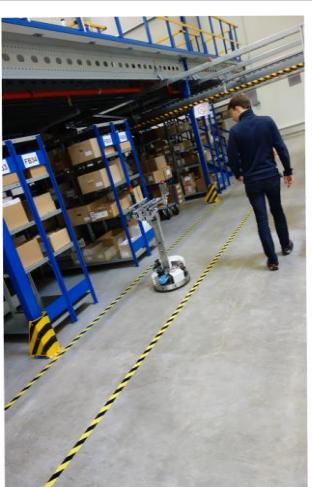
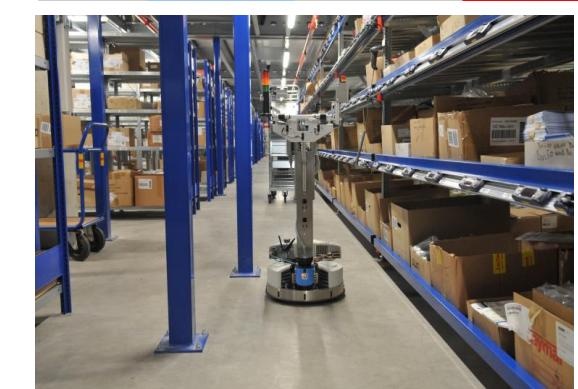
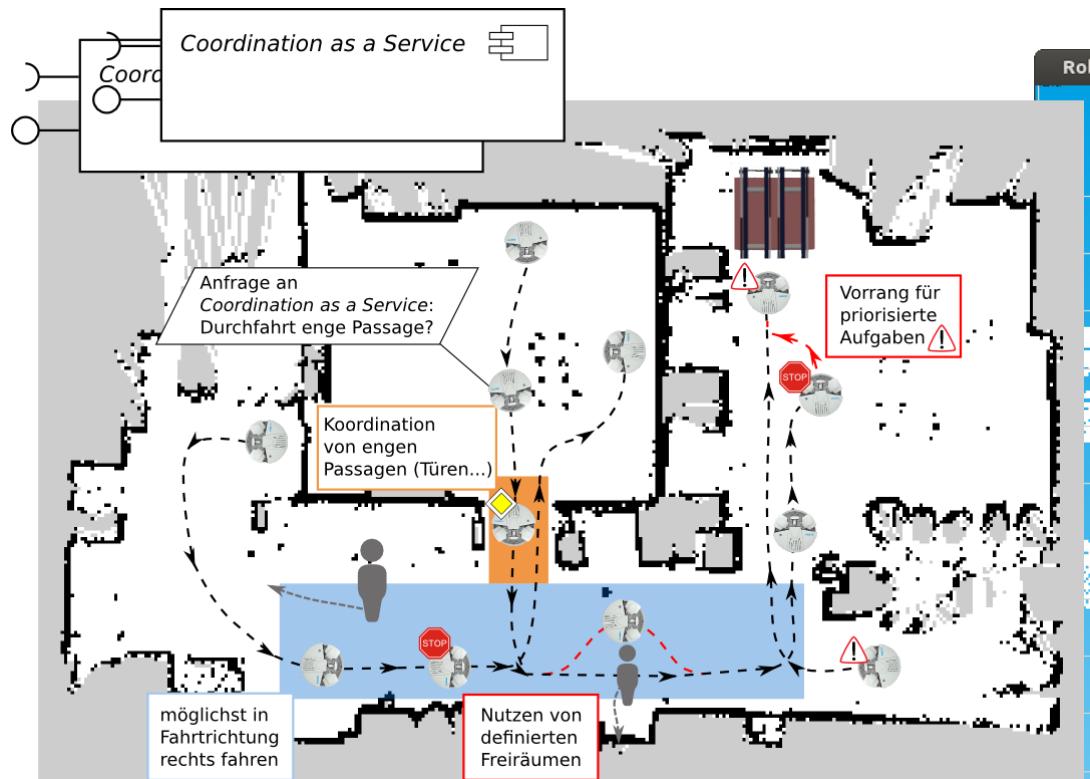


# Service Robotics Ulm

autonomous mobile service robots

[www.servicerobotik-ulm.de](http://www.servicerobotik-ulm.de)

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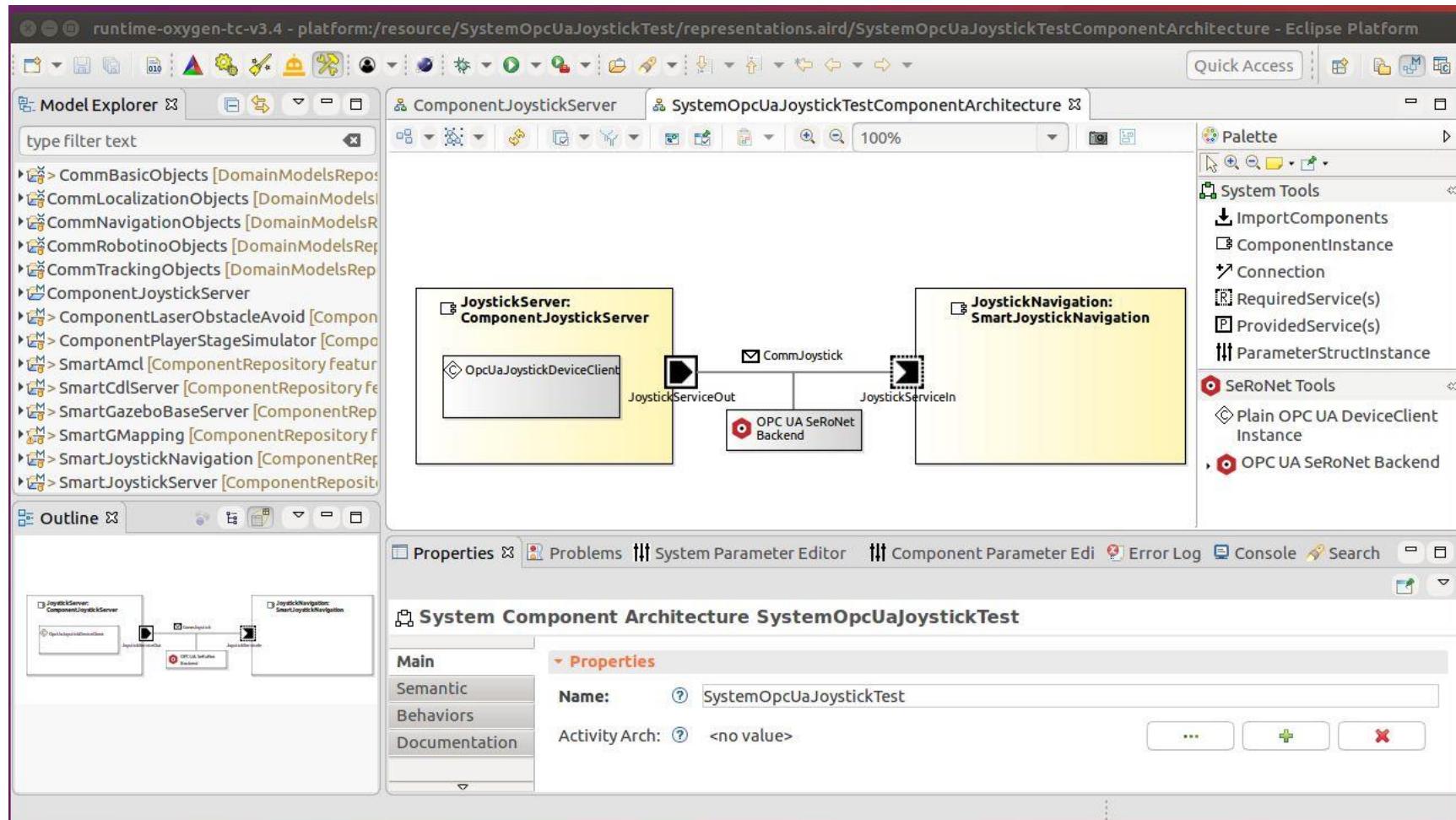
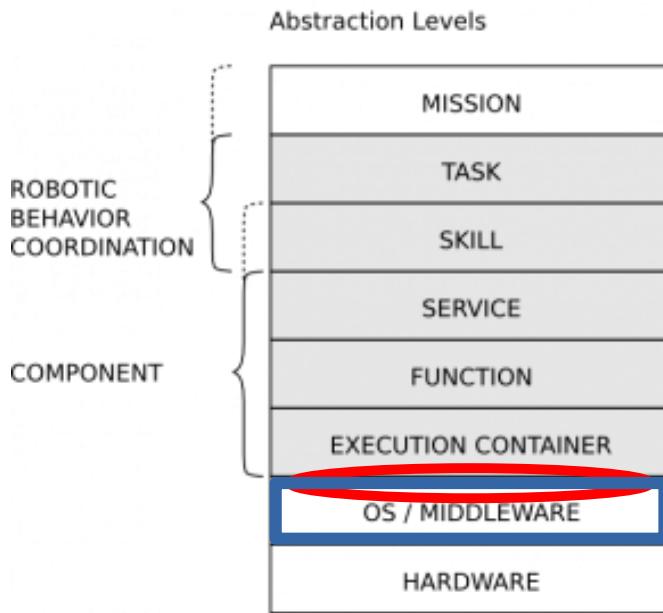




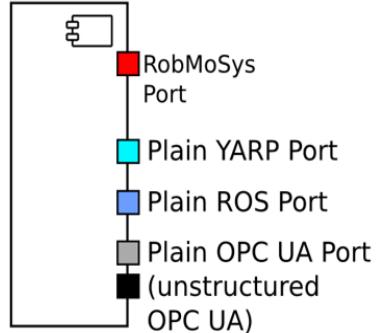
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- Mixture of different middlewares within a single system
- Middleware can be decided per connection
- Late binding of middleware at deployment without recompilation of components



# Mixed Port Component as Migration Path



Supported Middlewares

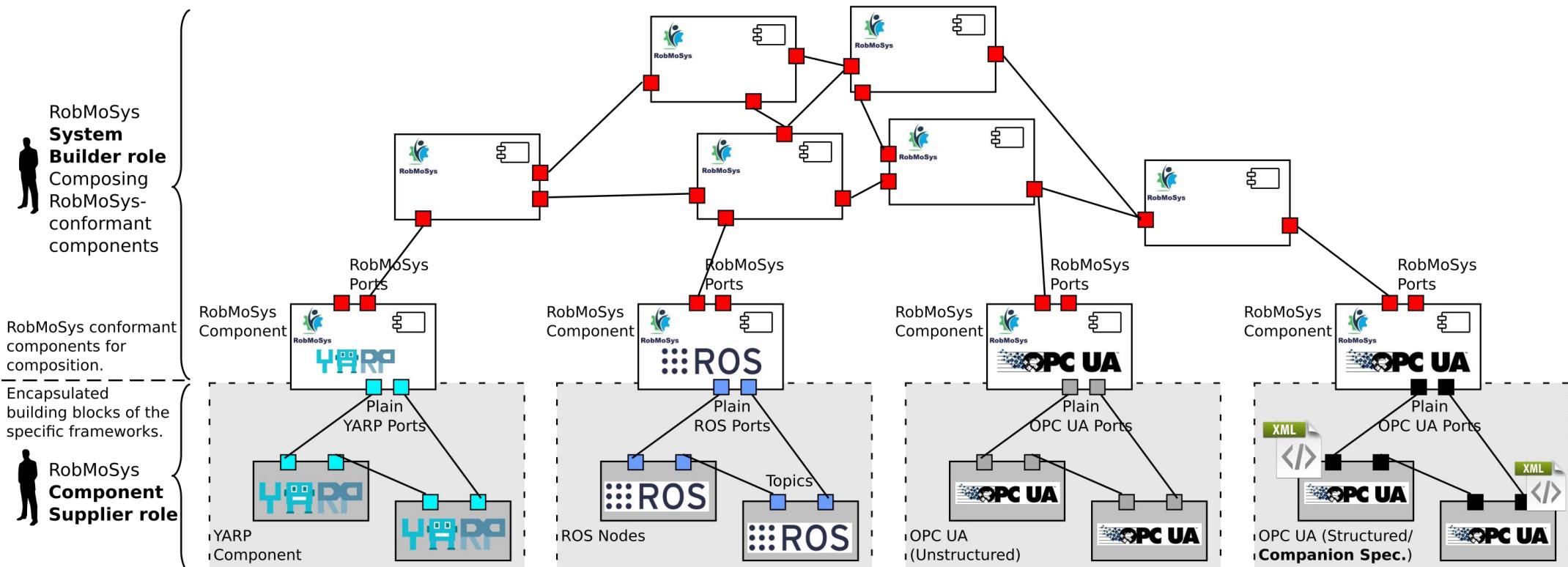
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- DDS (SmartSoft)
- OPC UA (SeRoNet)

by RobMoSys ITP Carve

by PAiCE SeRoNet

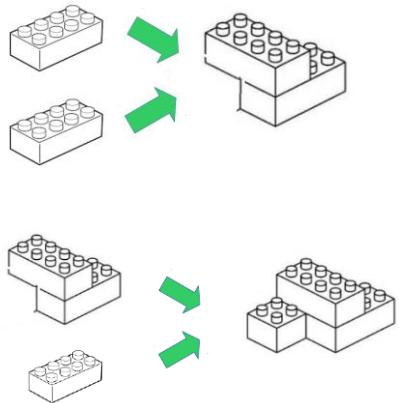
for structured (Companion Specs)  
and unstructured OPC UA by PAiCE SeRoNet

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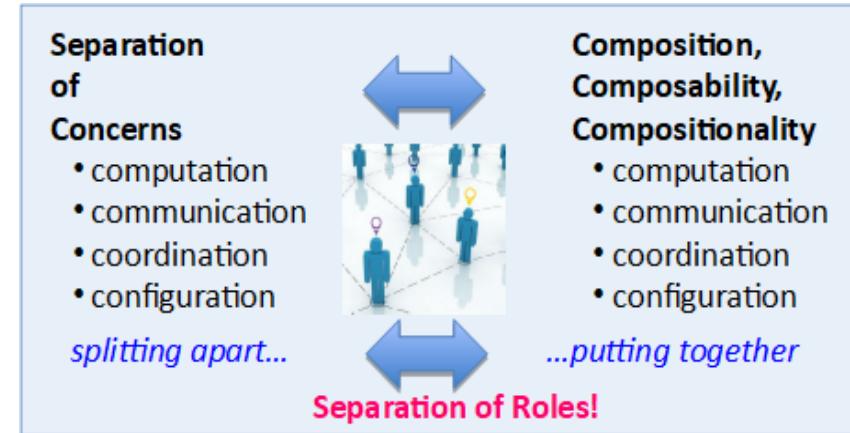


# The way of thinking...

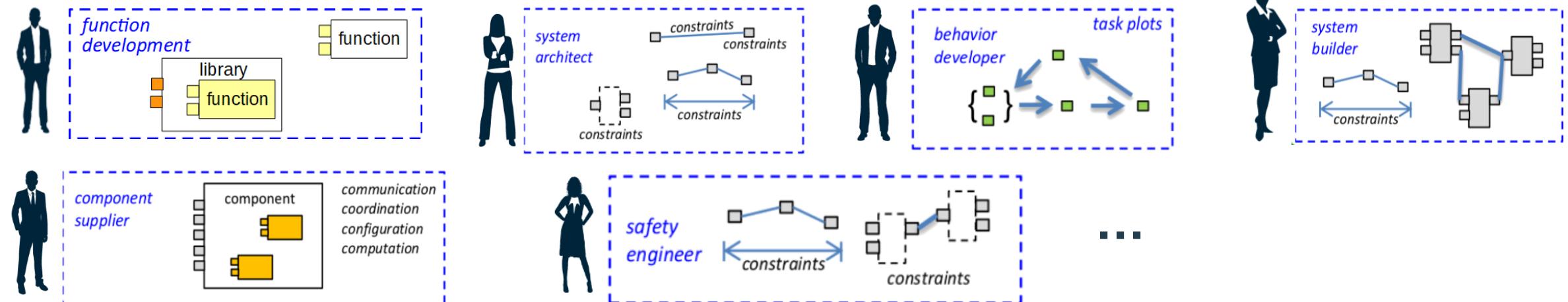
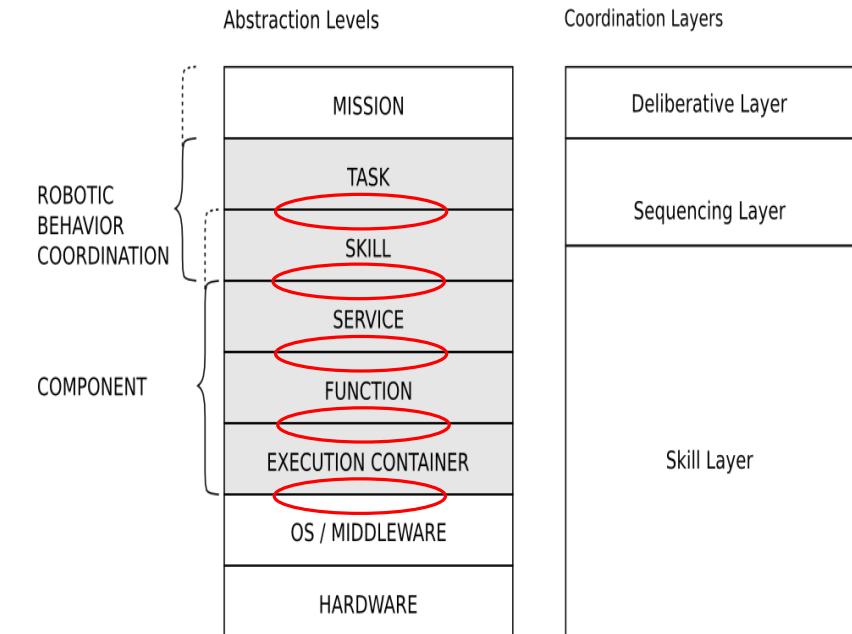
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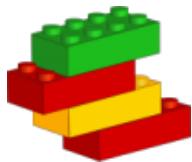
Support as much freedom as possible while still ensuring **composability** despite **separation of roles**



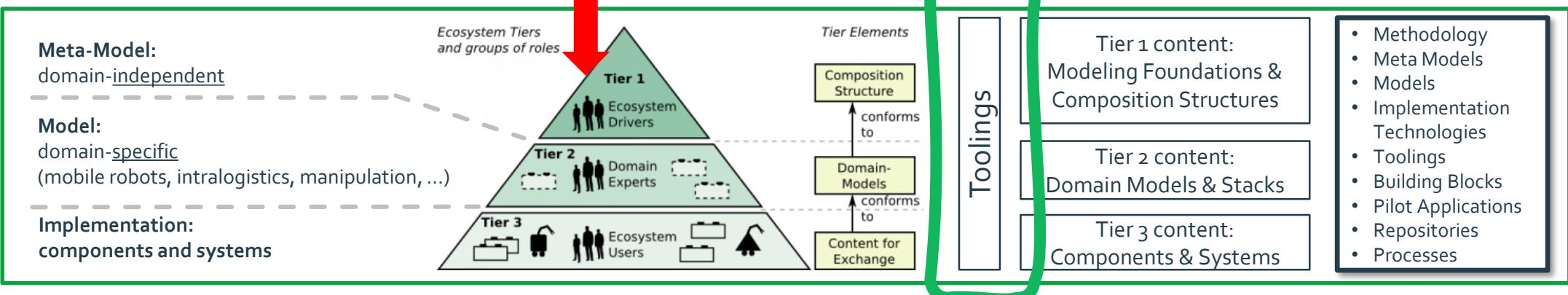
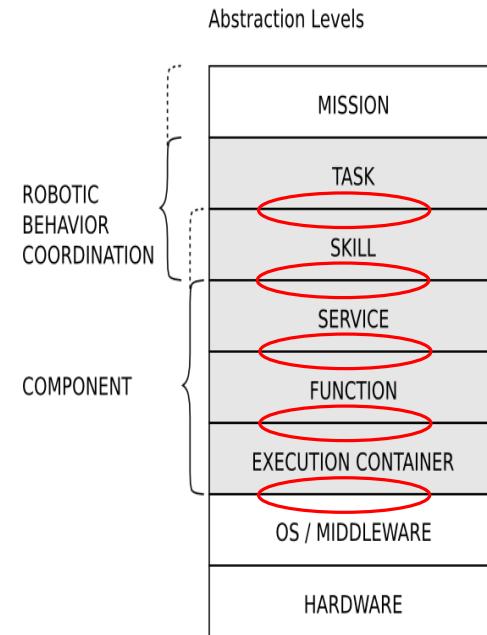
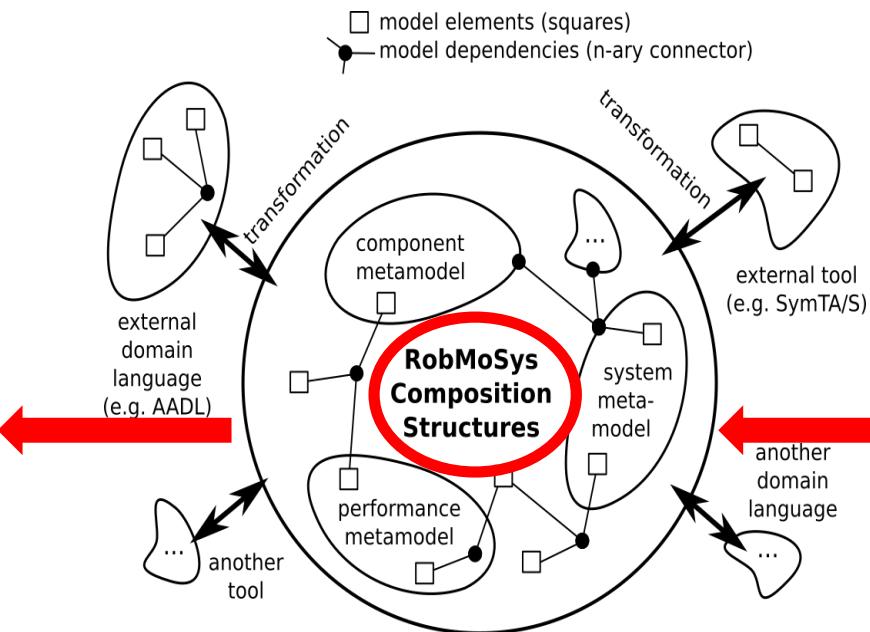
Which patterns and structures form the **sweet spot** between **freedom of choice** and **freedom from choice**?



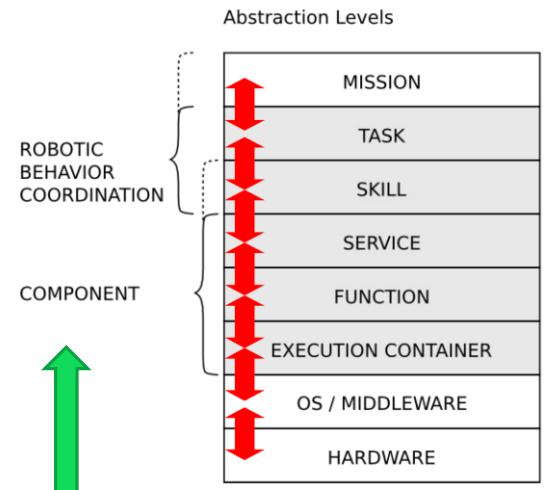
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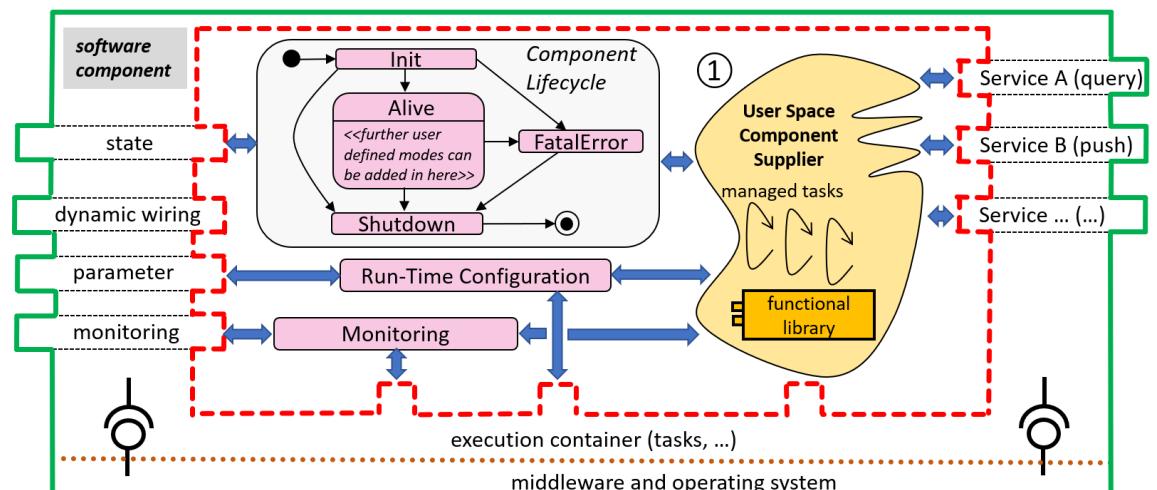
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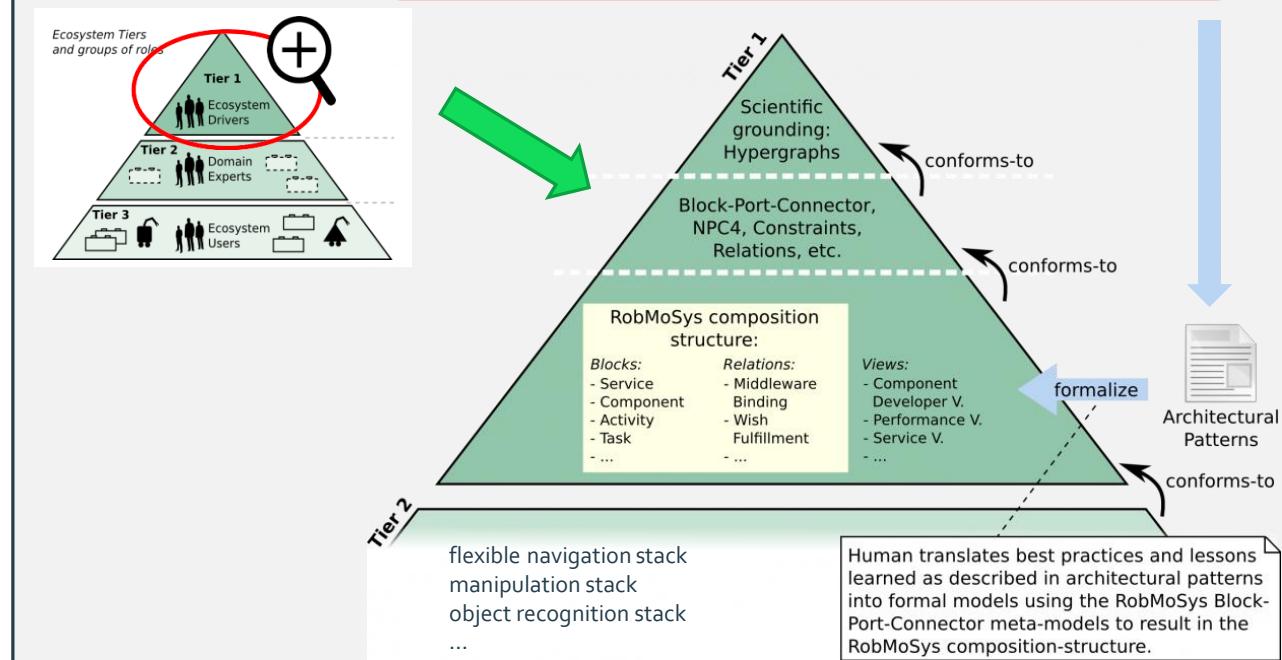
*Not just another level of indirection, but levels of abstraction with a real benefit*



*S/W component with communication (service-oriented ports), configuration (resources, parameters), coordination (modes, lifecycle), computation*

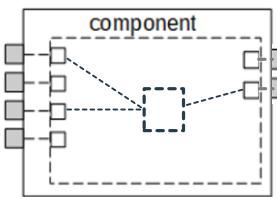
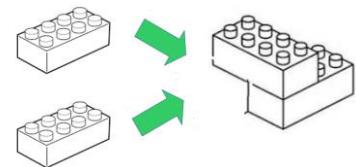
Tier 1 provides the **general structures for composition**.  
Three levels can be distinguished:

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- ***all is interfaces***
  - context assumption => interface specification to the environment
  - compatibility => replacing behaves the same in that context
  - ...
- ***blocks, ports, connectors***
  - different views of parts: state view, behavior view, architecture view, interface view, ...
- ***composition, composability, compositionality***
  - you get the properties of the system by the properties of their parts
  - parts are to be used „as is“ and they come with explicated variation points
- ***modularity***
  - you get modularity if it is real composition
- ***important:***
  - **not:**
    - have different views of full system first and then introduce blocks for parts hiding parts of the full system
    - refine uncoupled views of different concerns of a system first and then hope that you can consistently realize structure and behavior
  - **but:**
    - **have blocks first which in a defined way have concerns combined which can be presented in different views**



# The Concept of a Digital Data Sheet

- *Data sheets are models*
- *A data sheet describes an outside view of an asset, including its variation points*
- *A data sheet includes internals only as far as you need to know them for using the asset and for predicting its fit (behavior, structure) for your context*
- *Data sheets are, by purpose, not rich enough for synthesis of the artefact*

# Composition, Blocks, Ports, Connectors, Data Sheets, Models

## PICTURE QUALITY

- Full HD 1080p
- Motion Rate 60
- Wide Color Enhancer

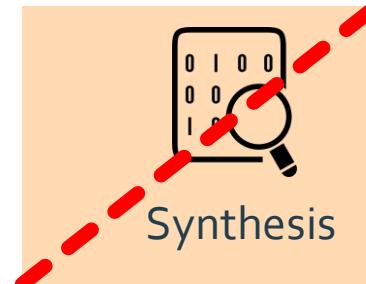
## SMART

- Smart TV
- Full Web Browser



## CONNECTIONS

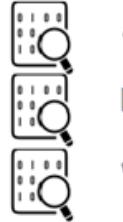
- 2 HDMI® Connections
- 2 USB Connections
- 802.11n Wi-Fi Built In
- 1 Component in
- 1 Composite In (Shared with AV Component input)



Composing different models for a full-fledged model for synthesis as the last step in the workflow so far only works in selected use-cases of 3D-printing.

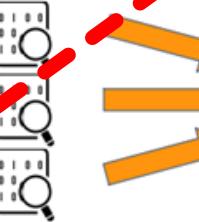
## from models to models

enrich, combine, analyze, predict, ...

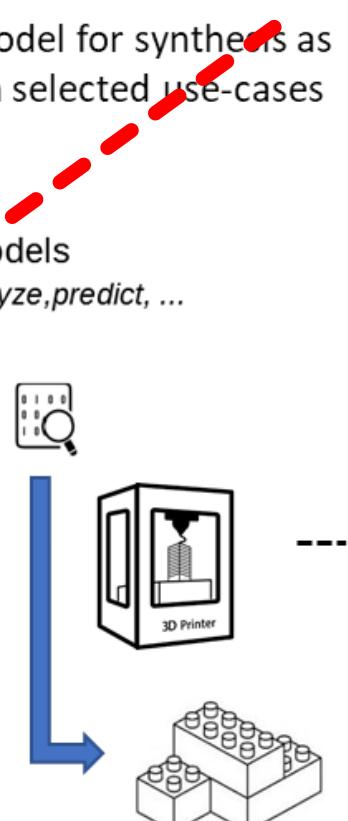


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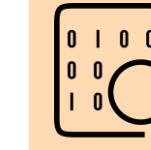
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Modeling without means to make models act is not a solution in robotics as robots finally need to act.

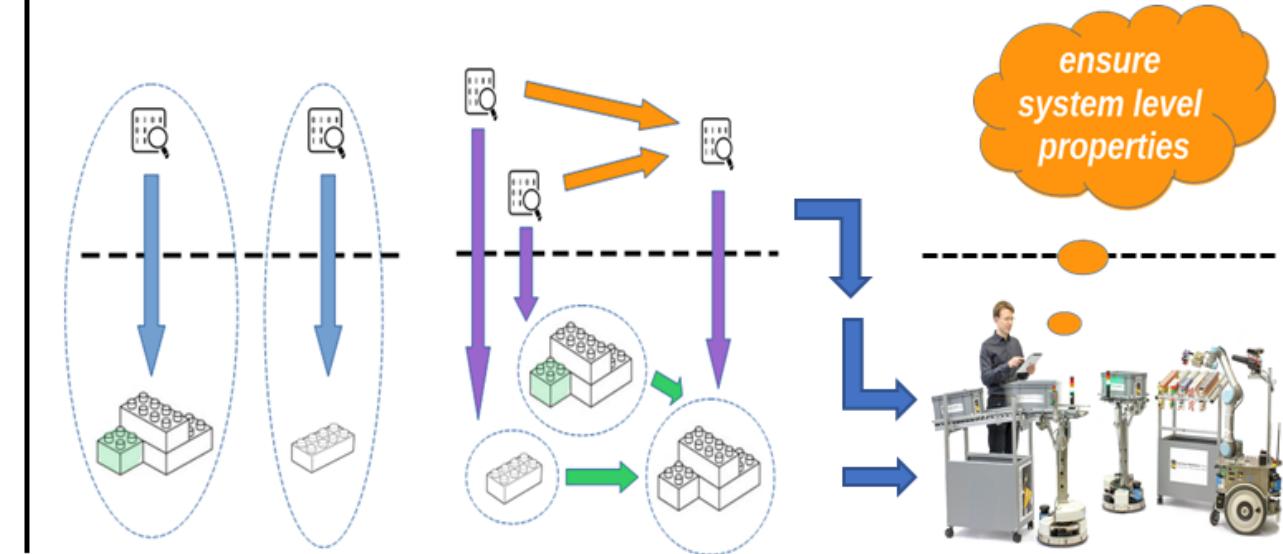


Data Sheets  
are Models



Describes outside view, including internals only as far as you need to know them for using the asset and for predicting its fit (behavior, structure) for your context

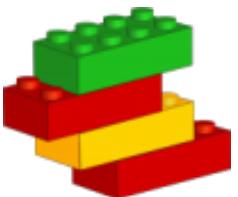
**Data sheets (models of artefacts that act)** represent components, subsystems, task-plots etc. Suitability, traceability, simulation, etc. of system properties all via *composed data sheets*. When all is fine, then *compose* (put together and accordingly configure) the real artefacts to get the real system with properties as expected.



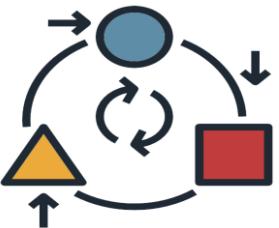
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- Brokerage Platform
- Online marketplace

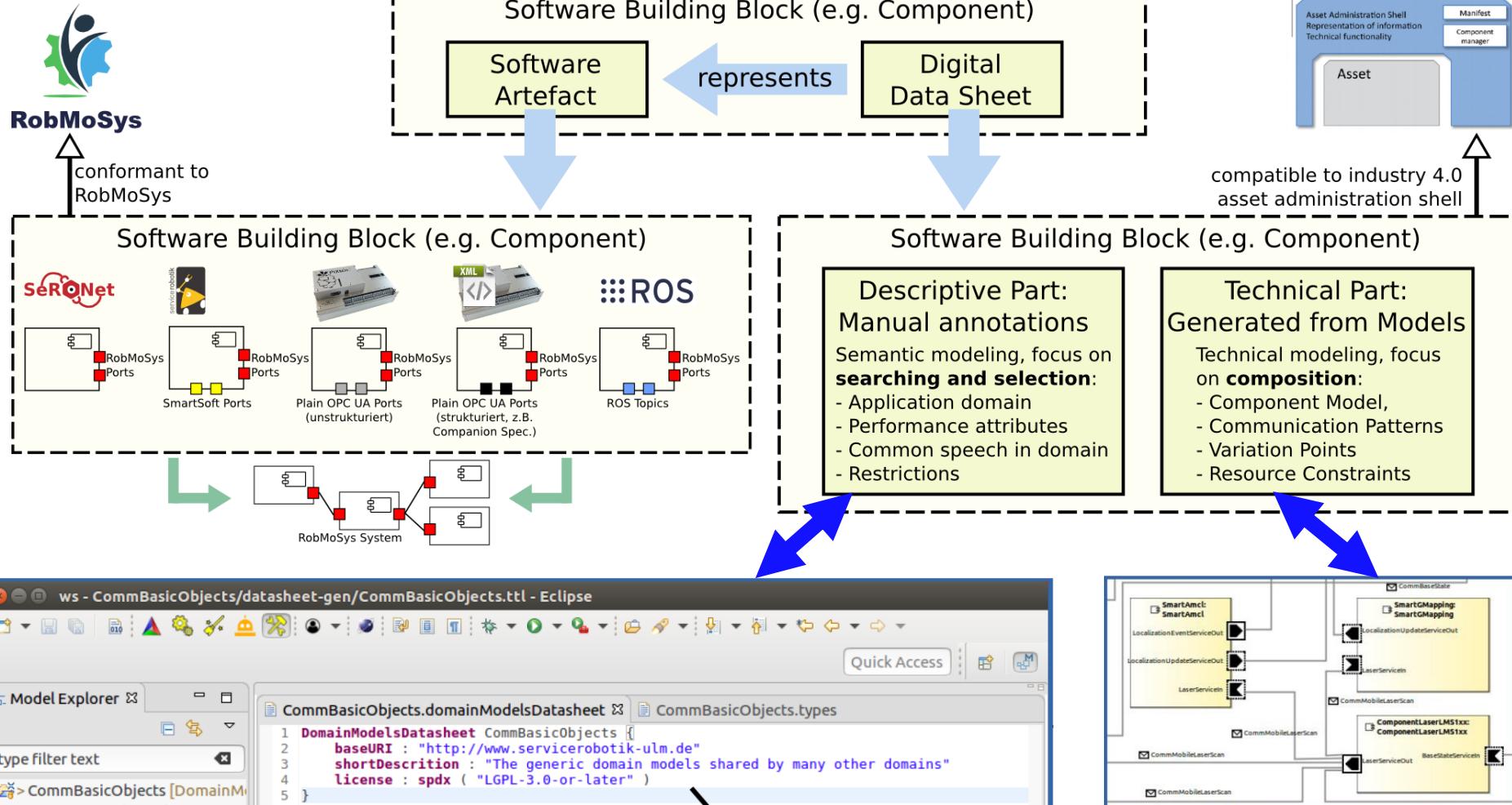


- Component selection
- Component composition
- Component configuration



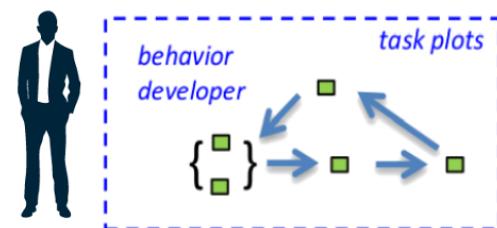
- Runtime adaptation
- Context awareness
- Robustness and self-X

*Digital Data Sheet as Submodel of Industry 4.0 Asset Administration Shell*

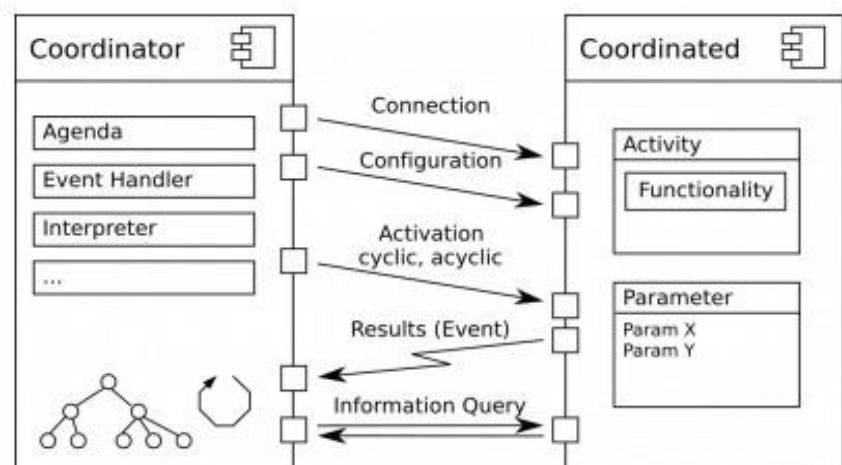


# Behavior Coordination: Skill- / Task-Level

- not only „what to do“ (the task), but also „how to do it“ (quality of service, adequateness)
- data sheets for skills: reuse of task models with robots coming with different capabilities



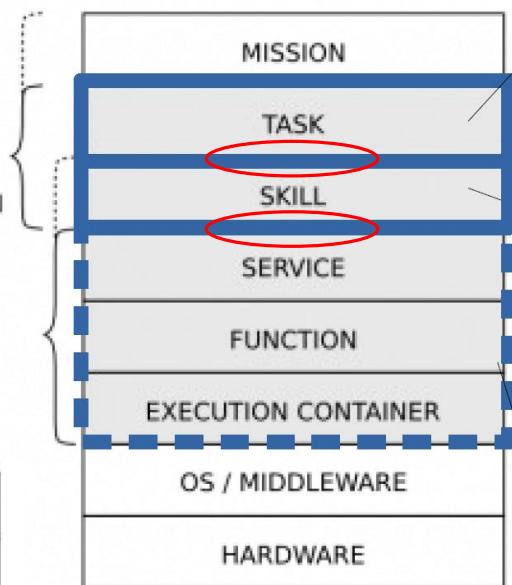
# Behavior Coordination: Data Sheets for Skills



Abstraction Levels

ROBOTIC BEHAVIOR COORDINATION

COMPONENT

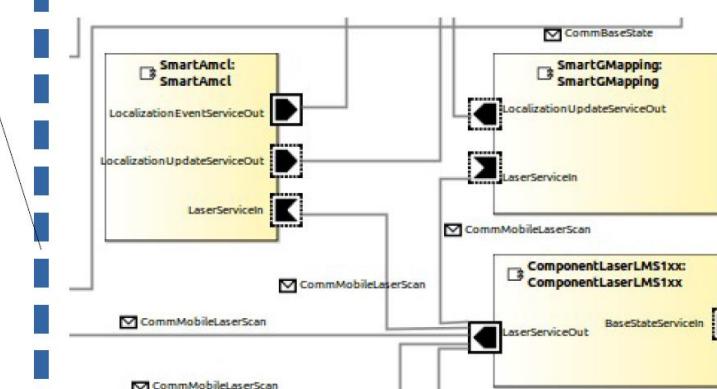


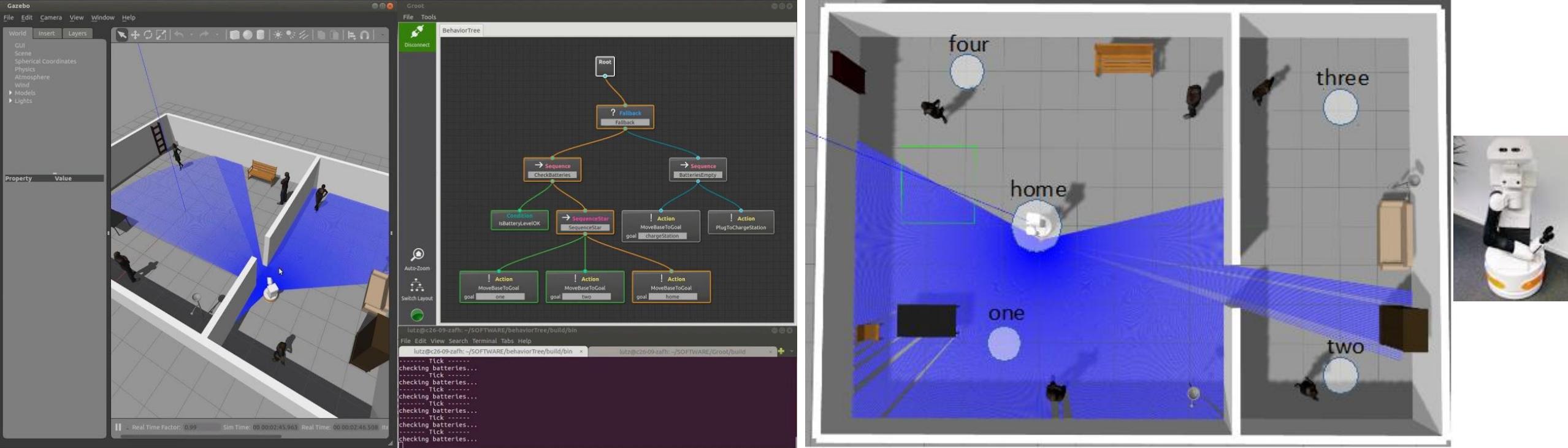
Tasks  
Delivery



SmartTCL

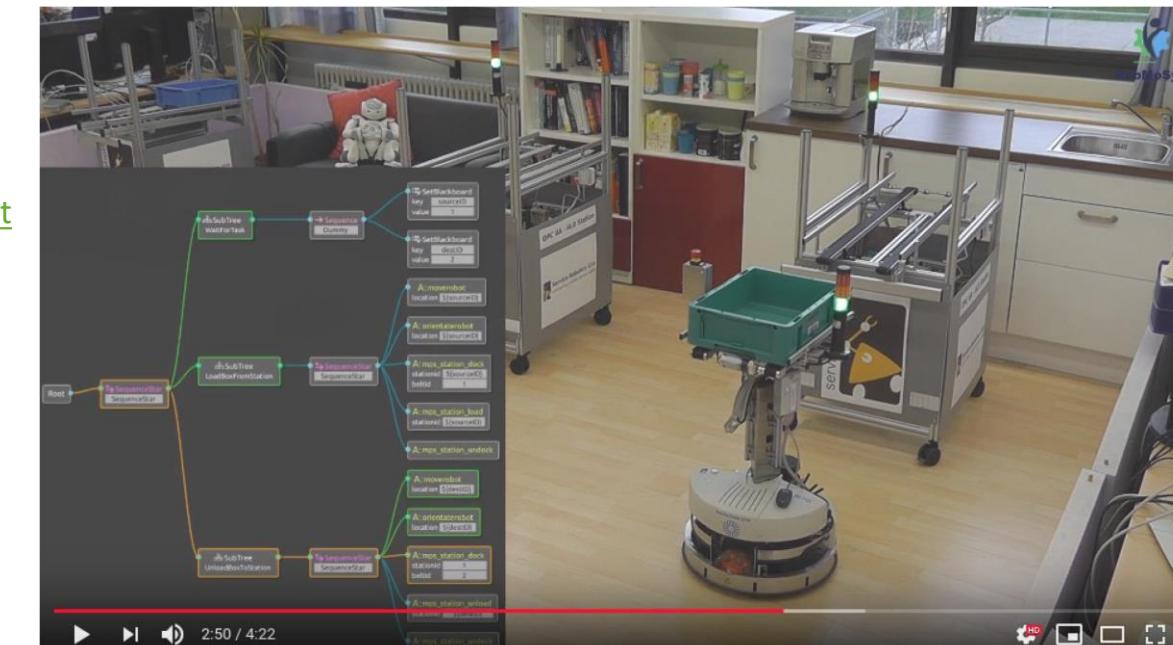
Skills:  
pick up box  
go to  
drop box

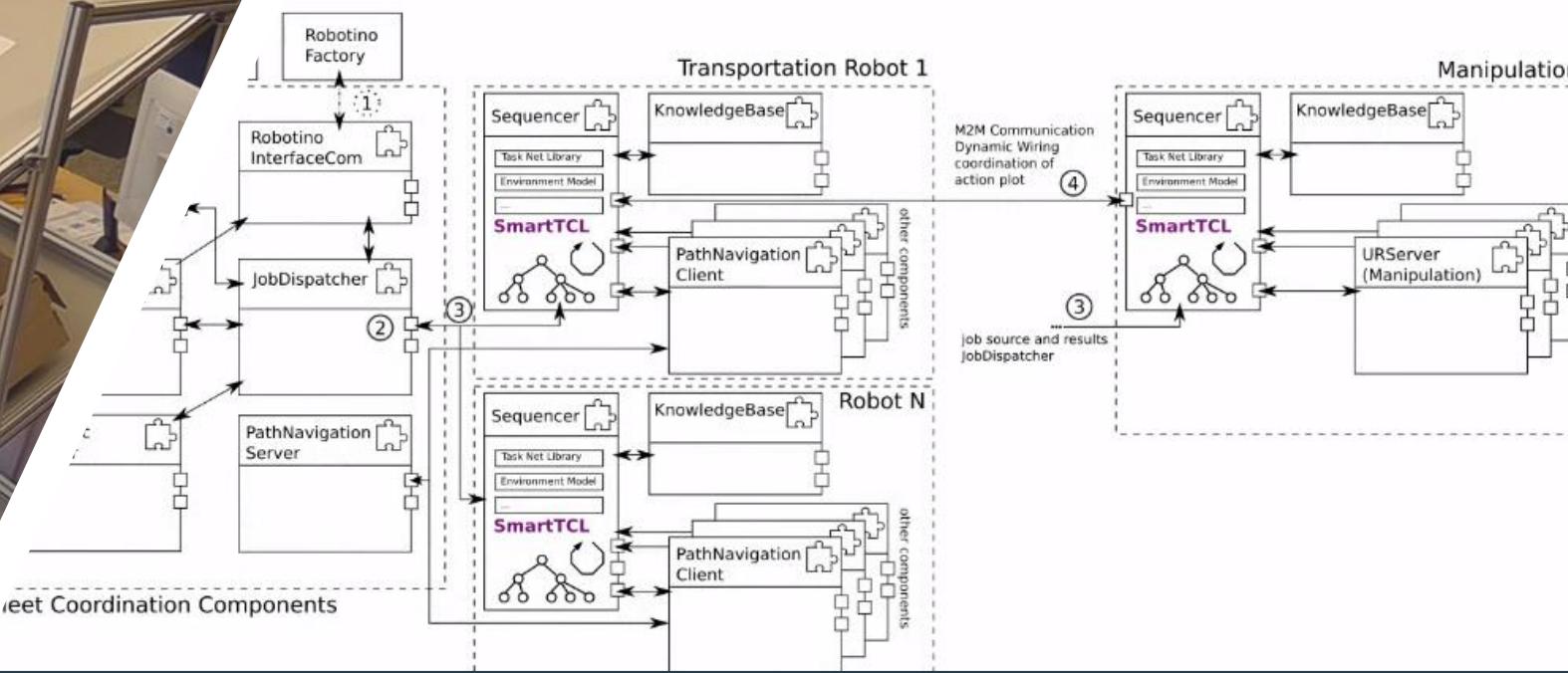




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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54\\_skOuHsds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54_skOuHsds)





## SeRoNet / RobMoSys conformant S/W building blocks



### Behavior Coordination

Sequencer (SmartTCL)  
SmartSimpleKB  
SmartSeq2SeqCom



### Hardware Abstraction

SmartLaserLMS1xxServer  
SmartRobotinoBaseServer  
SmartRobotinoImageServer  
SmartRobotinoIRServer  
SmartRobotinoLaserServer  
SmartRobotinoConveyerBeltServer



### Relative Movement

SmartCartesianTrajectoryServer



### Navigation

SmartCdIServer  
SmartNavigationPlanner  
SmartPlannerBreadthFirstServer  
SmartMapperGridMap  
SmartPathNavigationClient  
SmartPurePursuitNavigation



### Localization + SLAM

SmartAmcl  
SmartGMapping

### ION Robot - Larry

Behavior Coordination  
Sequencer (SmartTCL)  
SmartSimpleKB  
SmartSeq2SeqCom



Object Recognition  
SmartBoxDetection  
SmartRackDetection



Mobile Manipulation  
SmartOpenRave



### Navigation

SmartMapperGridMap  
SmartNavigationPlanner  
SmartCdIServer



### Hardware Abstraction

SmartPTU Server  
SmartKinectV2Server  
SmartRMPBaseServer  
SmartLaserLMS1xxServer  
SmartURServer  
SmartVacuumGripper



### Localization + SLAM



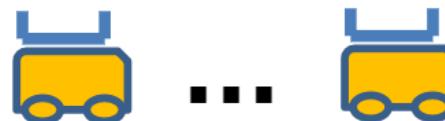
### Robot Fleet Communication

# Examples of System Composition: Robot Fleet

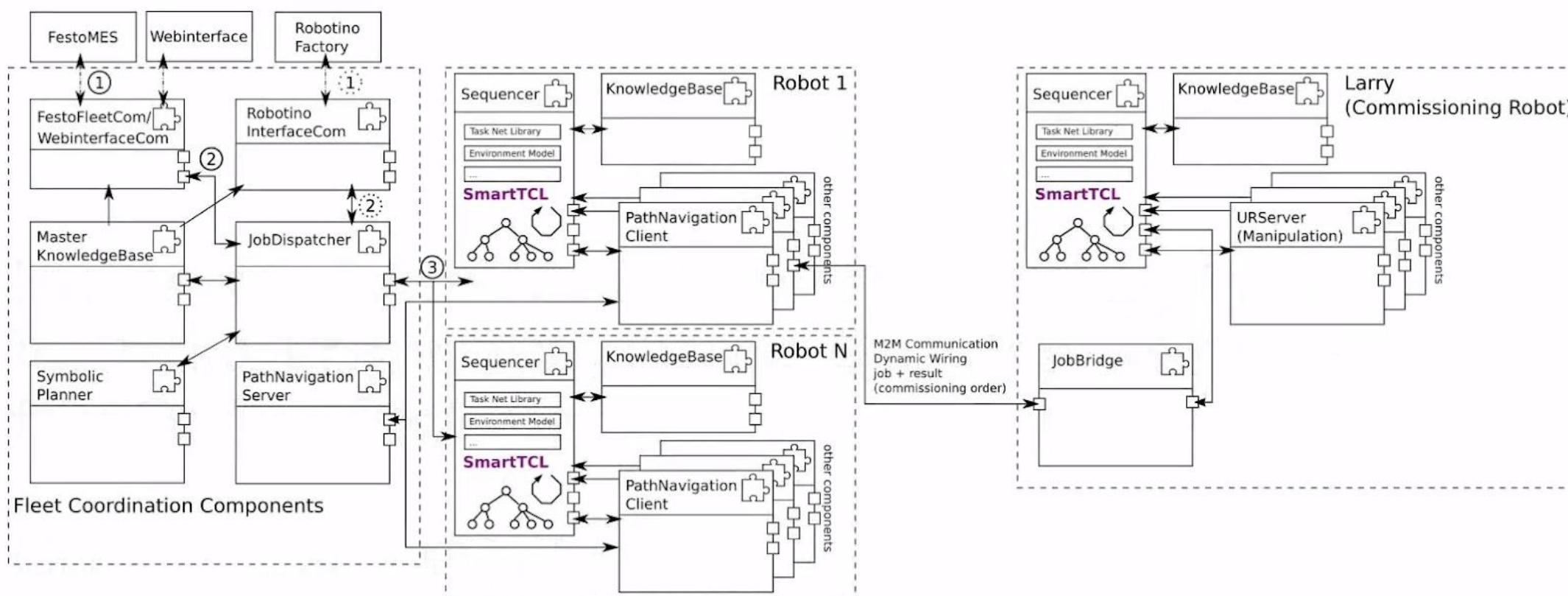
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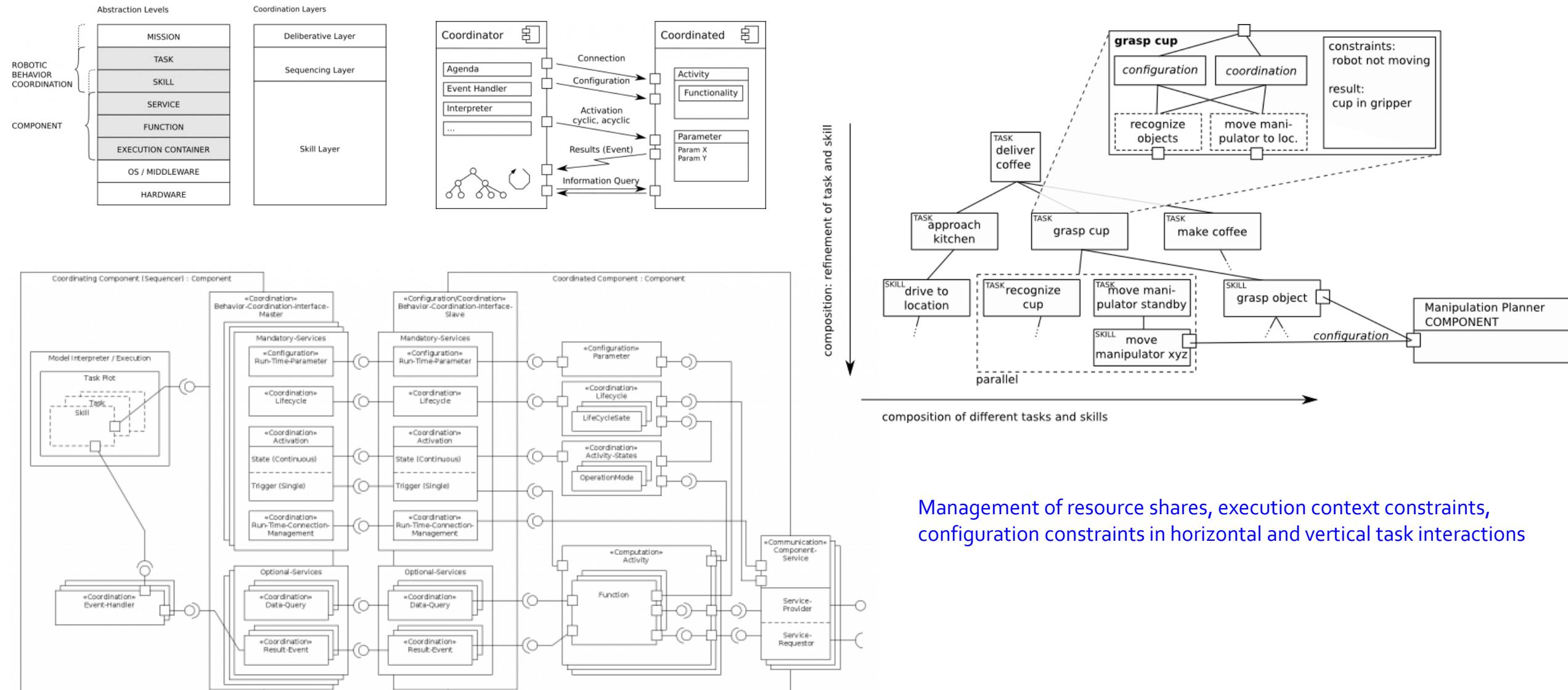
Transportroboter-  
Komponenten

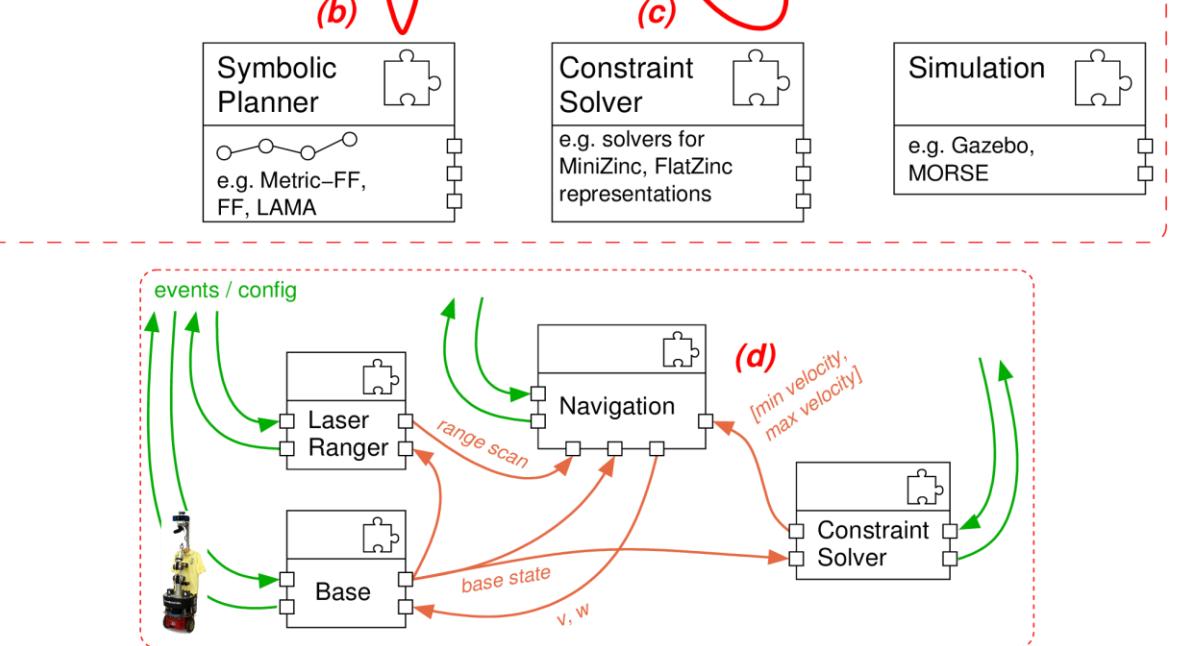
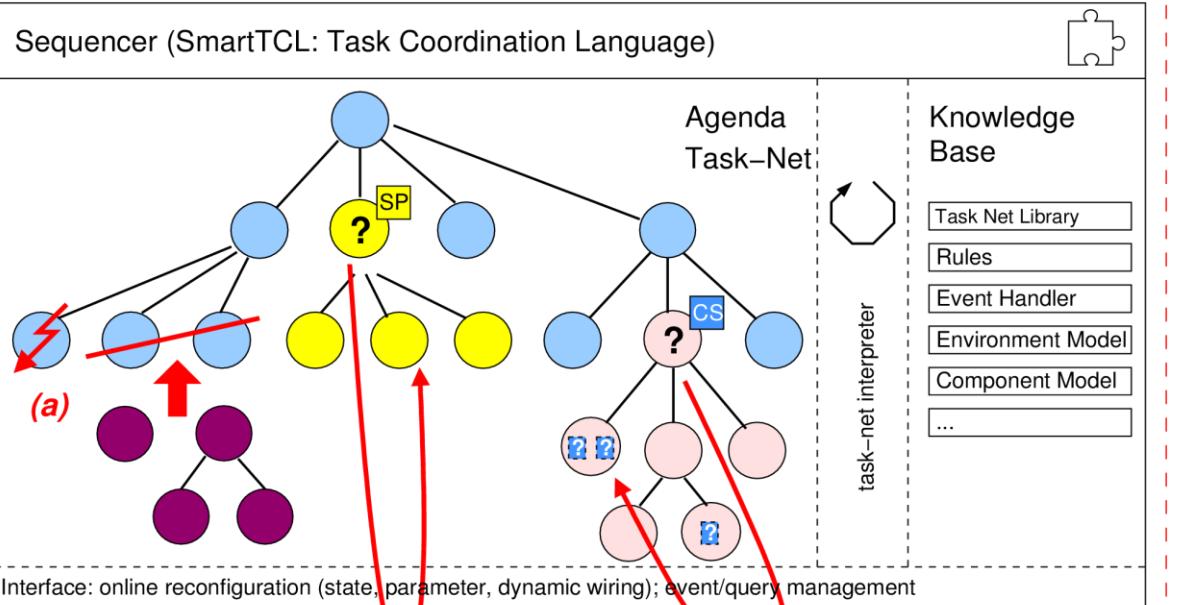


Pickroboter-Komponenten



# Examples of System Composition: Task Coordination

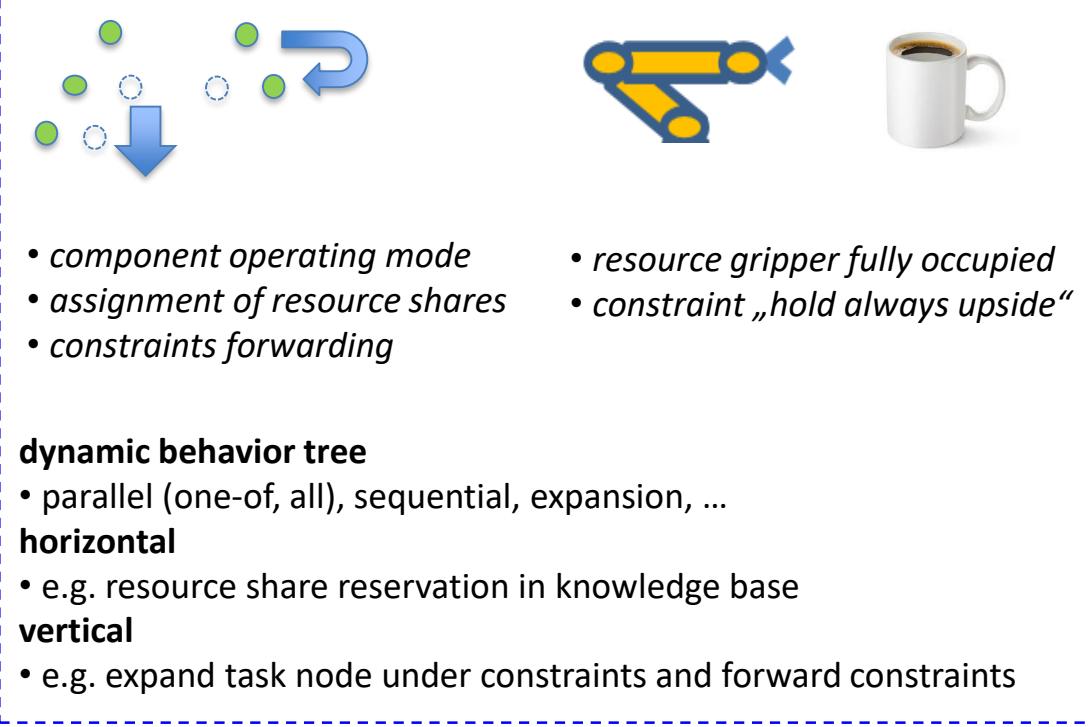




- (a) SmartTCL handles a contingency by exchanging a sub-tree
- (b) SmartTCL uses a symbolic planner to refine a sub-tree
- (c) SmartTCL triggers a constraint solver which executes the VML models
- (d) VML binds left open variation point "max velocity" as a continuous service

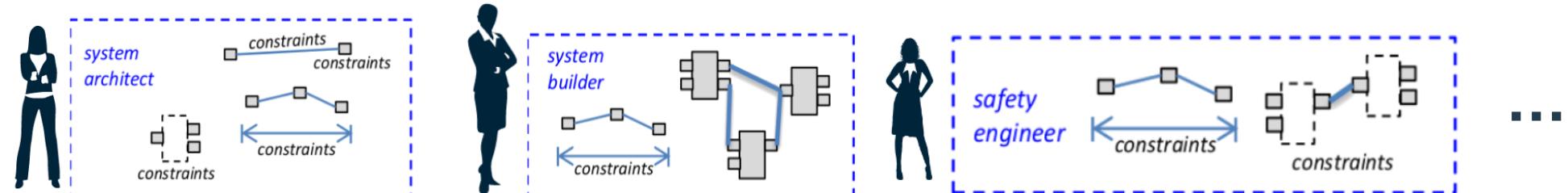
Integration of “Variability in Task **Sequencing**” and “Variability in Task **Execution Quality**”

**SmartTCL**



# The Concept of Dependency Graphs

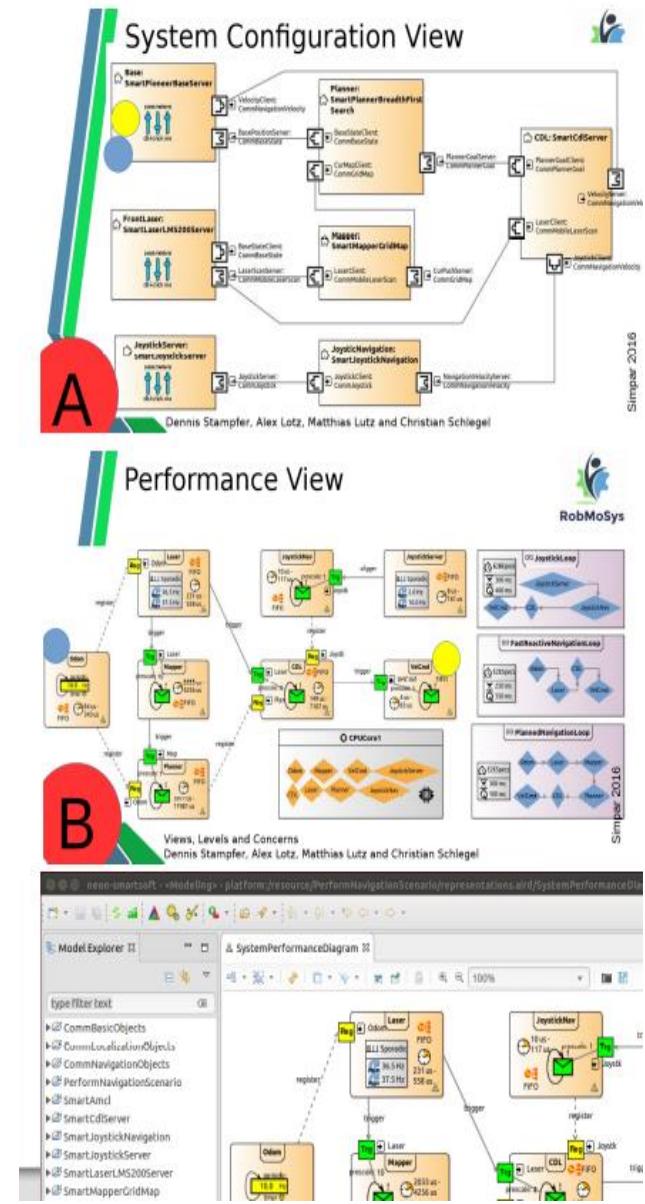
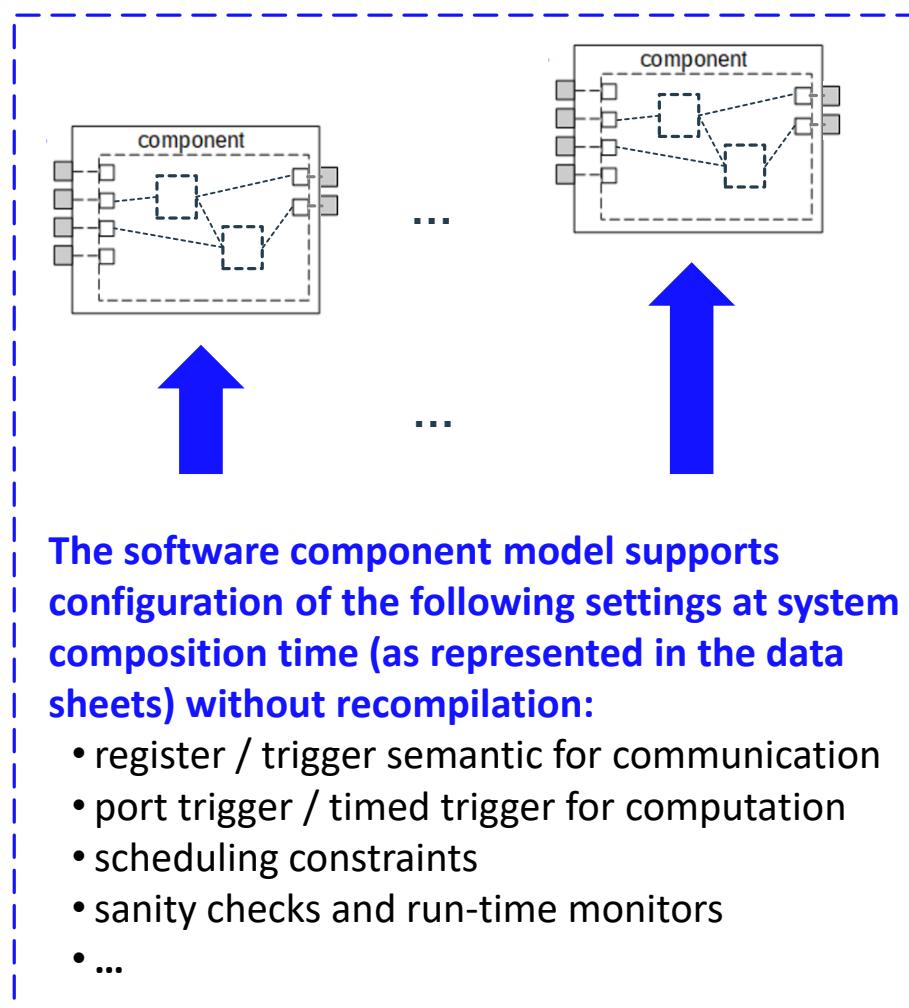
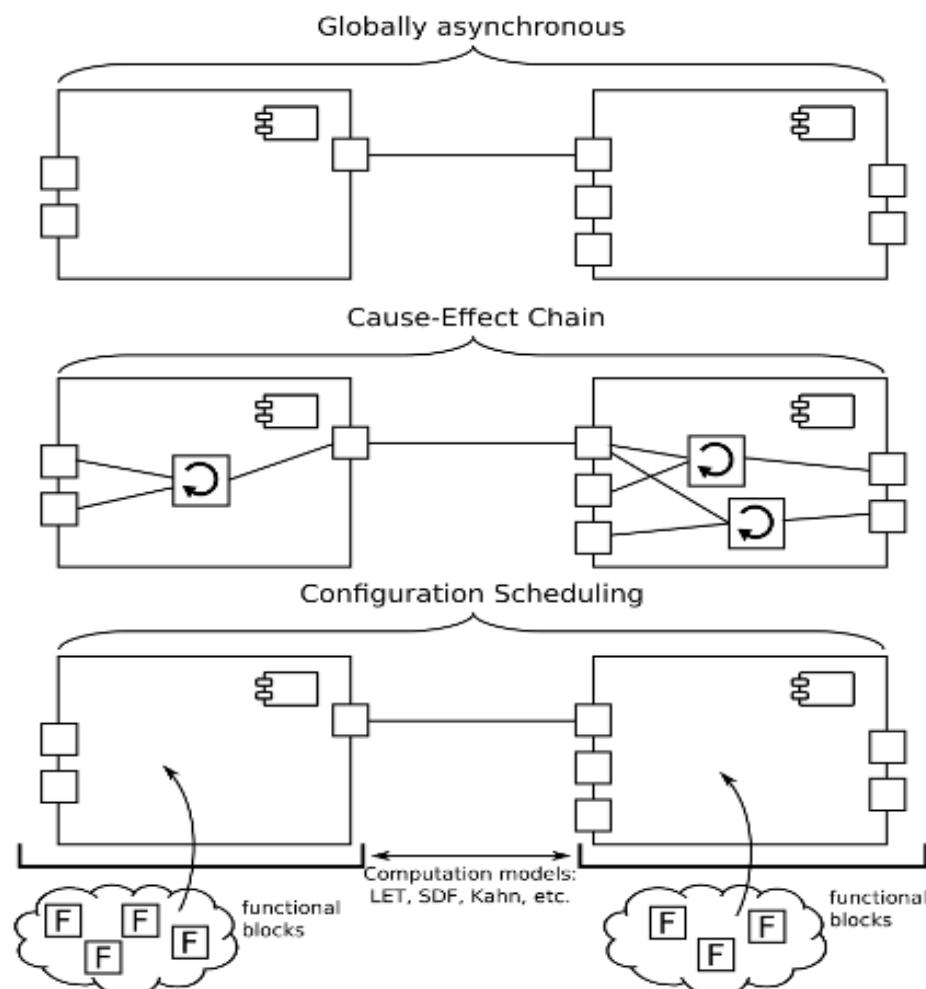
- *Horizontal / vertical composition and the challenge of managing resources*
- *Separation of control flow and data flow*
- *Composability:*
  - *Resource shares, reservation based mechanisms, constraints are composable*
  - *Priorities are not composable*



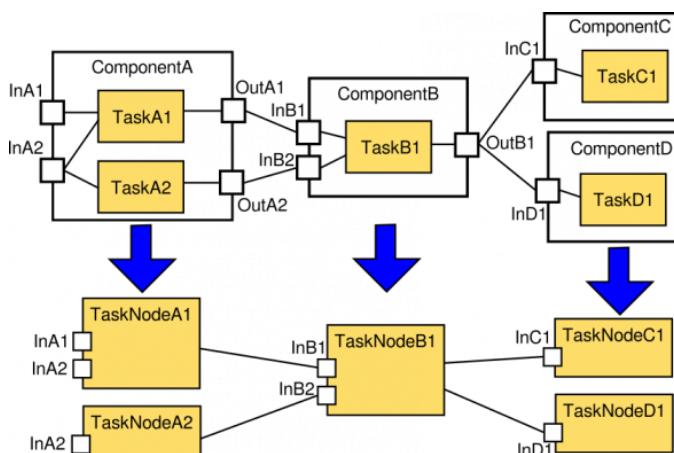
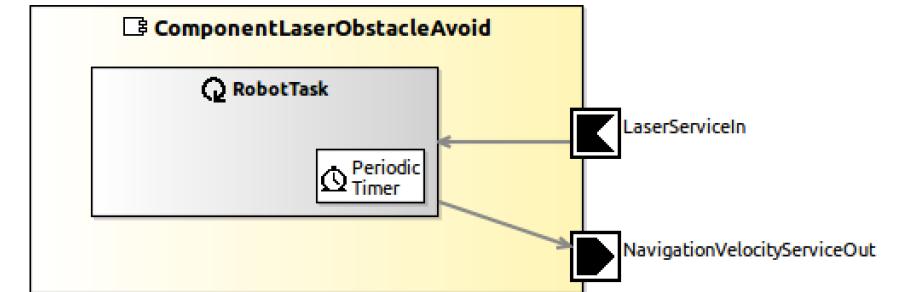
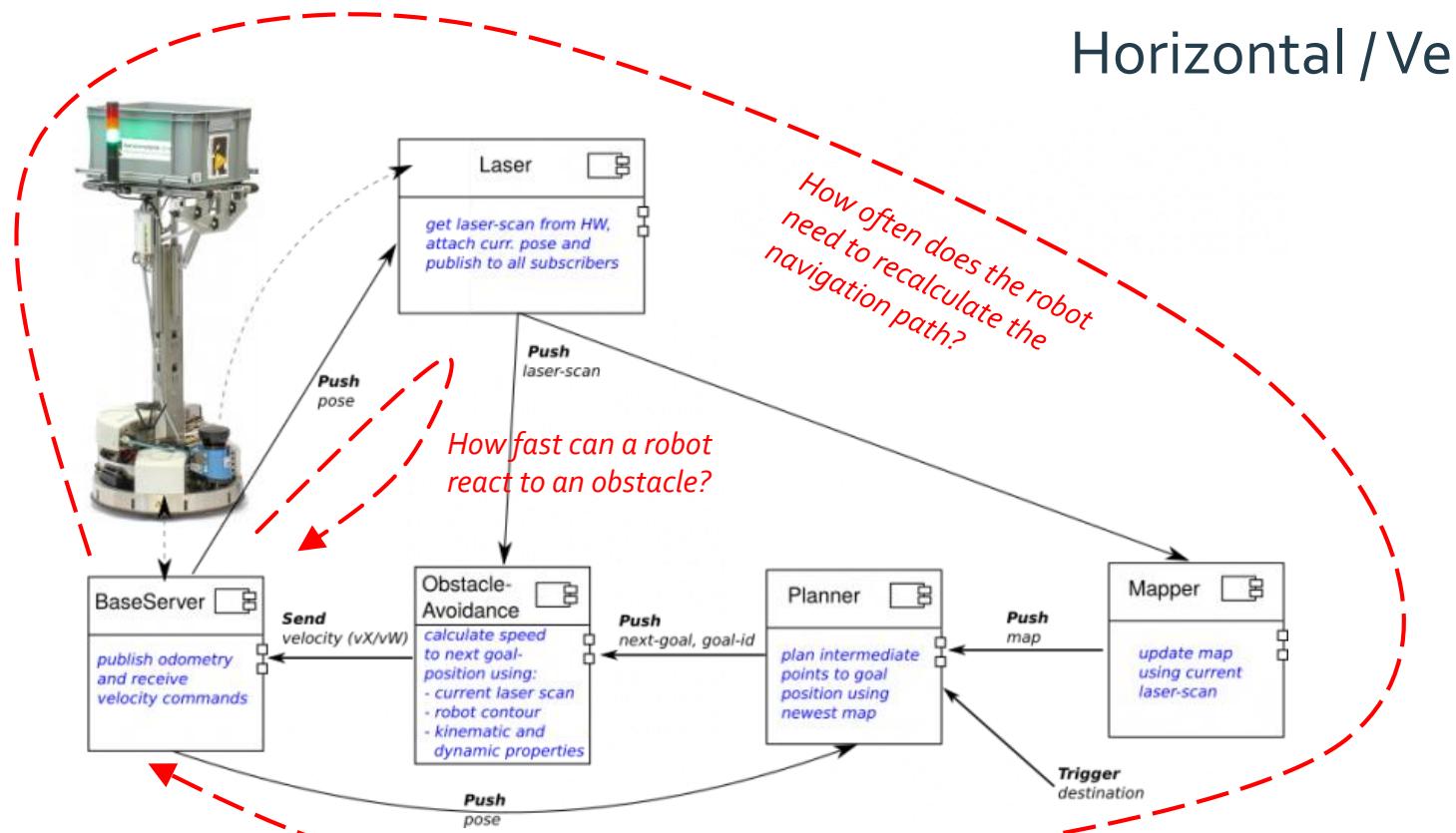
# Horizontal / Vertical Composition: Dependency Graphs

## Dependency graphs

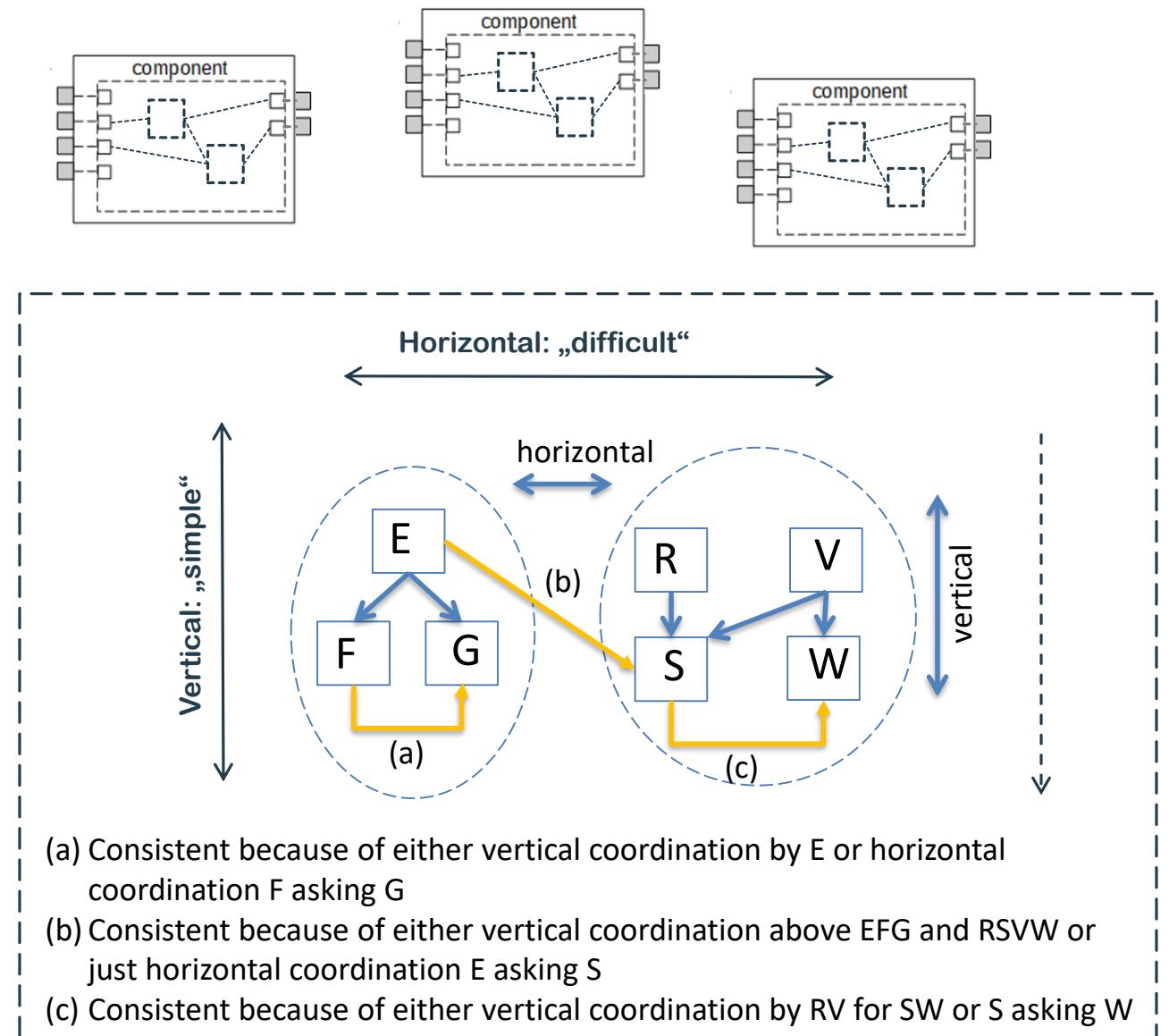
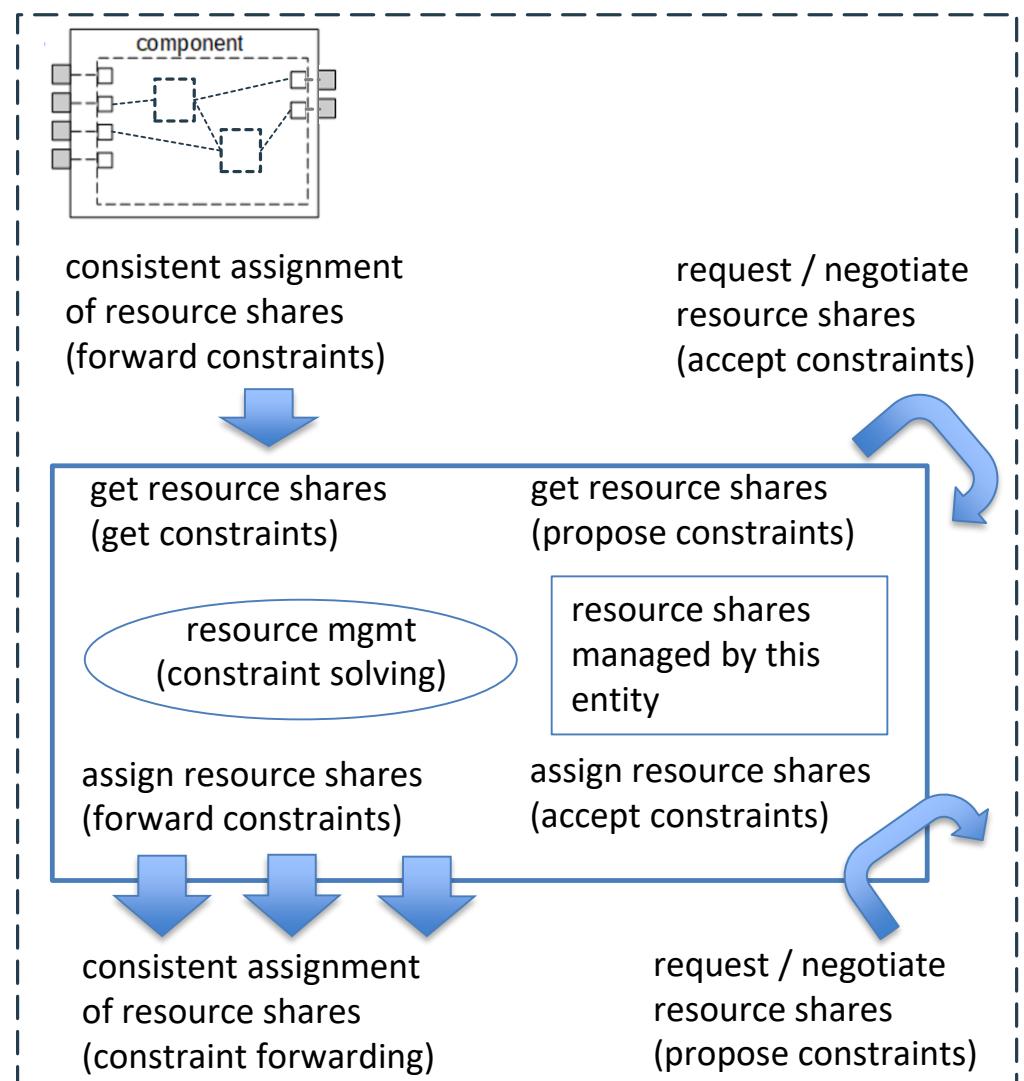
- to model needs for data consistency, data sync, data quality, data aging, cause-effect-chains, etc.
- to configure computation model



# Horizontal / Vertical Composition: Dependency Graphs



# Horizontal / Vertical Composition: Separation of Control / Data Flow, Resource Management



I want to use it ...  
I want to contribute ...  
I want to ...

- Methodology
- Meta Models
- Models
- Implementation Technologies
- Toolings
- Building Blocks
- Pilot Applications
- Repositories
- Processes



# RobMoSys Open Access Repositories

**RobMoSys**

## Tier 3 Systems

Name	Description	Purpose	Vendor	Tooling	Status	Figure
<a href="#">SystemTiagoNavigation</a>	A pilot skeleton that covers the navigation aspect of the Intralogistics Industry 4.0 Robot Fleet Pilot and Assistive Mobile Manipulation Pilot. This system covers the TIAGO Robot in simulation/Gazebo.	Navigation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3	Ready	
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## RobMoSys Model Directory

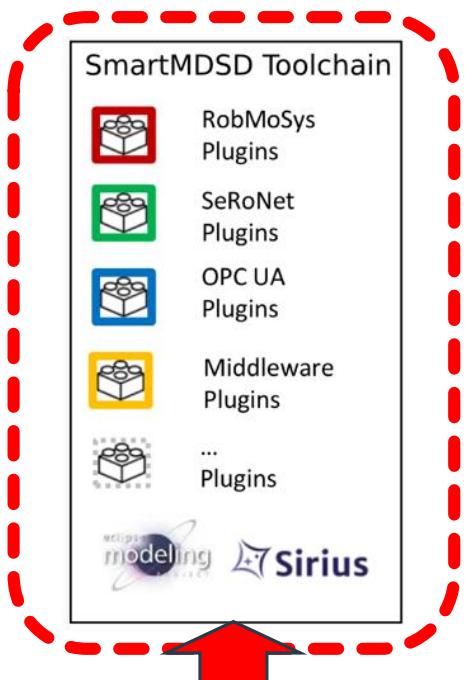
A list of domain models, software components and systems for use with RobMoSys Tooling. Please see end of page for a legend.

### Tier 2 Domain Models

Name	Description	Purpose	Vendor	Tooling
<a href="#">CommBasicObjects</a>	A collection of <b>very basic service definitions and communication objects</b> for use in almost every robotics system.	Universal	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3
<a href="#">CommNavigationObjects</a>	A collection of domain models for <b>wheeled robot navigation</b> .	Navigation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3
<a href="#">CommRobotinoObjects</a>	A collection of domain models for use with the <b>FESTO Robotino</b> robot.	Mobile-Base	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3
<a href="#">CommLocalizationObjects</a>	A collection of domain models for <b>localization</b> .	Localization	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3
<a href="#">CommManipulationPlannerObjects</a>	A collection of domain models for (mobile) manipulation.	Mobile Manipulation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3
<a href="#">CommManipulatorObjects</a>	A collection of domain models for manipulators.	Manipulation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3

## Tier 3 Component Models

Name	Description	Purpose	Vendor	Tooling	Status
<a href="#">SmartCdLServer</a>	Implements the Curvature Distance Lookup (CDL) algorithm for fast local obstacle avoidance. It considers the dynamics and kinematics of the robot, as well as its polygonal shape.	Navigation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3	Ready
<a href="#">ComponentLaserObstacleAvoid</a>	The SmartLaserObstacleAvoid component implements a simple reactive obstacle avoidance.	Navigation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3	Ready
<a href="#">ComponentPlayerStageSimulator</a>	The SmartPlayerStageSimulator simulates a robot in a 2D bitmapped environment using Player/Stage. It offers several services for controlling the robot, such as sending navigation commands, providing access to the robot's odometry and laser scans.	Simulation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3	Ready



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- **one-click download** of the full Open-Source Eclipse-based development environment
- **start development with zero installation effort**
- comes with Gazebo-Simulator and all kinds of components, stacks, pilot applications, tutorials, etc.
- skill-based engineering, task-level coordination, robot fleet coordination, graphical tools for end-users
- fully middleware-agnostic: ACE, DDS, OPC UA, etc.
- mixed-port component as migration path: link to ROS, I4.0 OPC UA, etc.

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