Composition, Separation of Roles and Model-Driven Approaches

as Enabler of a Robotics Software Ecosystem

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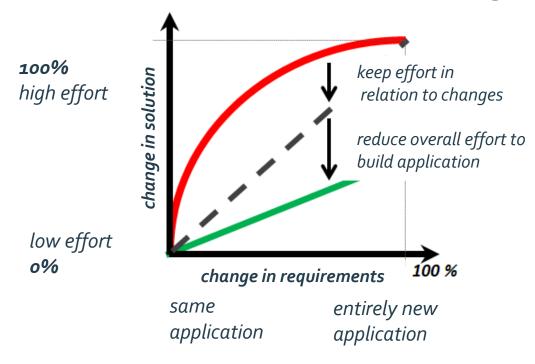


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- The world is entering an era in which ideas and insights come from everywhere, and crowds, clouds, collaborators, competitions, and co-creators can fundamentally help define our shared future. The business environment is being permanently altered as a result.
- Ecosystems are dynamic and co-evolving communities of diverse actors who create and capture new value through both collaboration and competition.



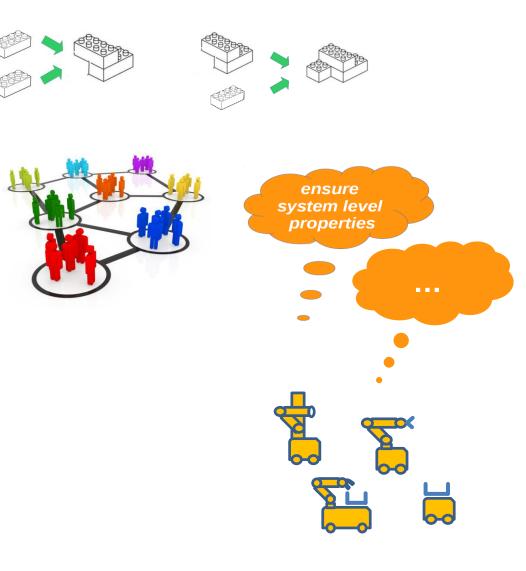
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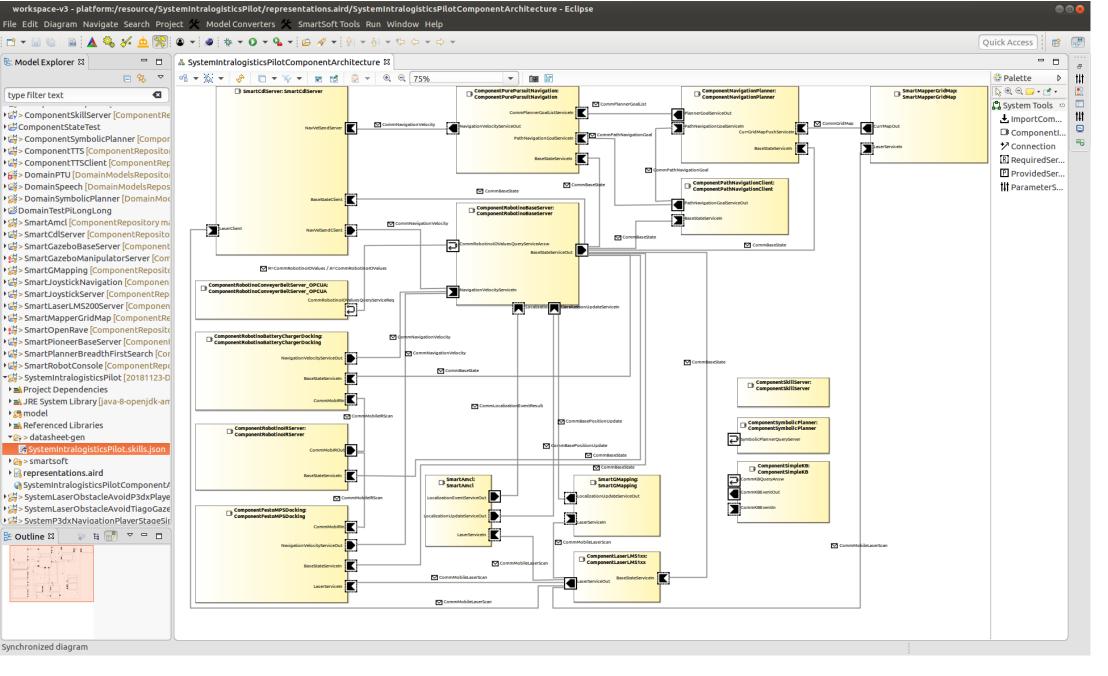
- Can we think of complex robotic systems *before* we build them?
- Can we answer *"what if*" questions and can we find *adequate* solutions?
- Can we put systems together out of *configurable "as is*" *building blocks*?
- Can we keep the behavior when we e.g. exchange the middleware?
- Can we bring effort & costs in relation to similarity of an application?
- Can we build **adequate** solutions with adequate effort?
- Can we **explain** why the system does what?

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• Can we generate enough **trust** into the systems – and how and by what means?





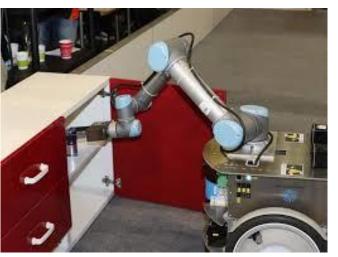






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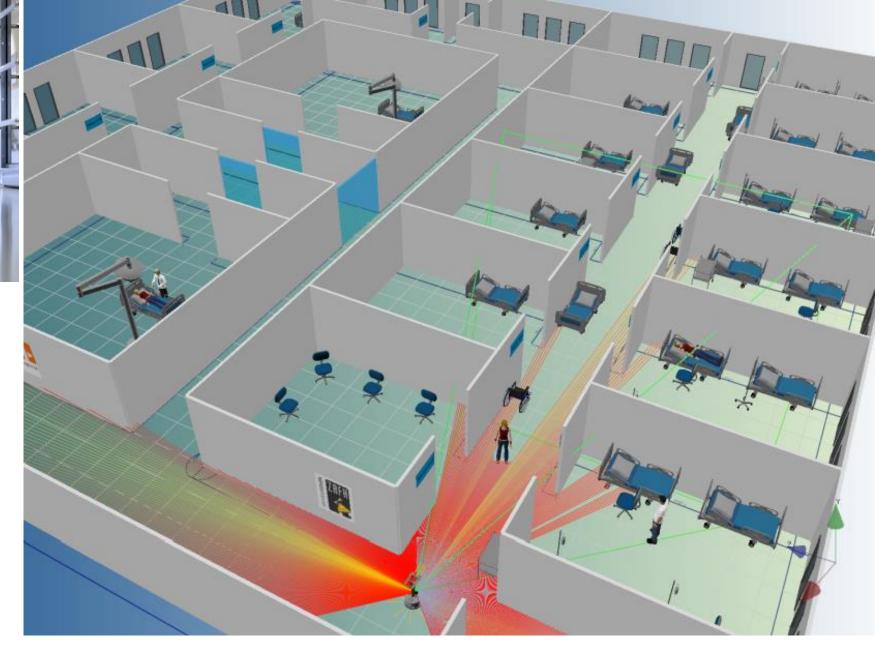








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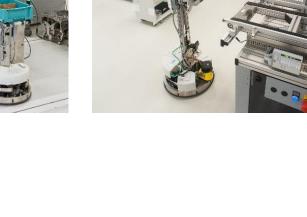






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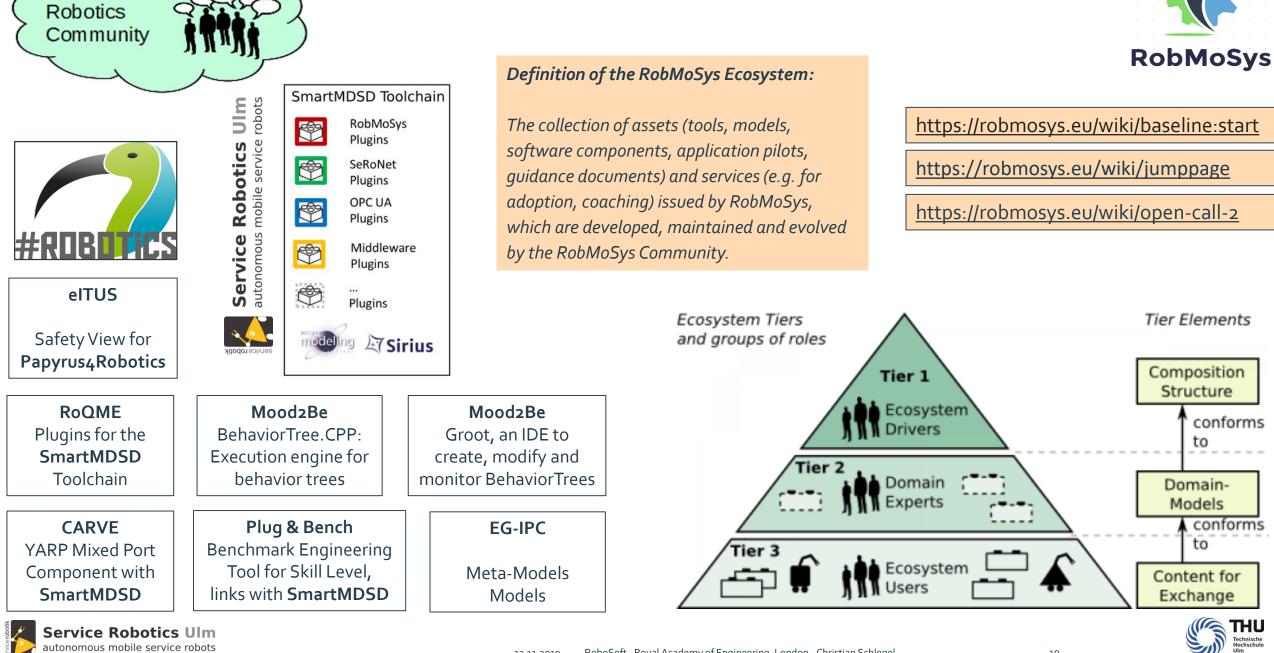




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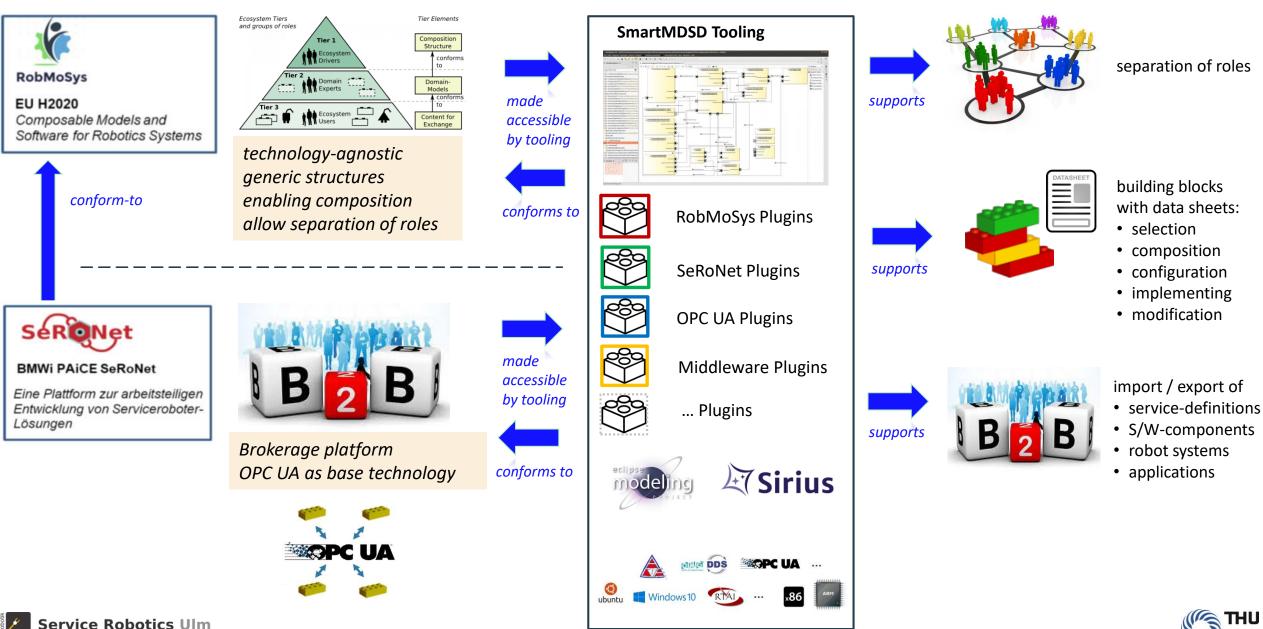






RobMoSys is more than just another project...

The SmartMDSD Tooling: Conformant to RobMoSys and SeRoNet

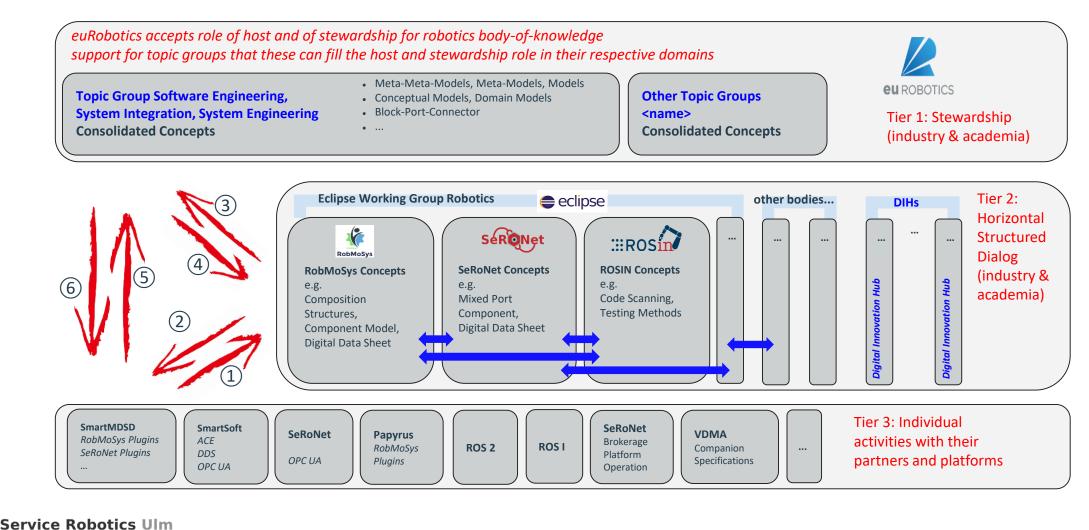


Process: Sustainability

RobMoSys provides a *concept & structure & mechanism*

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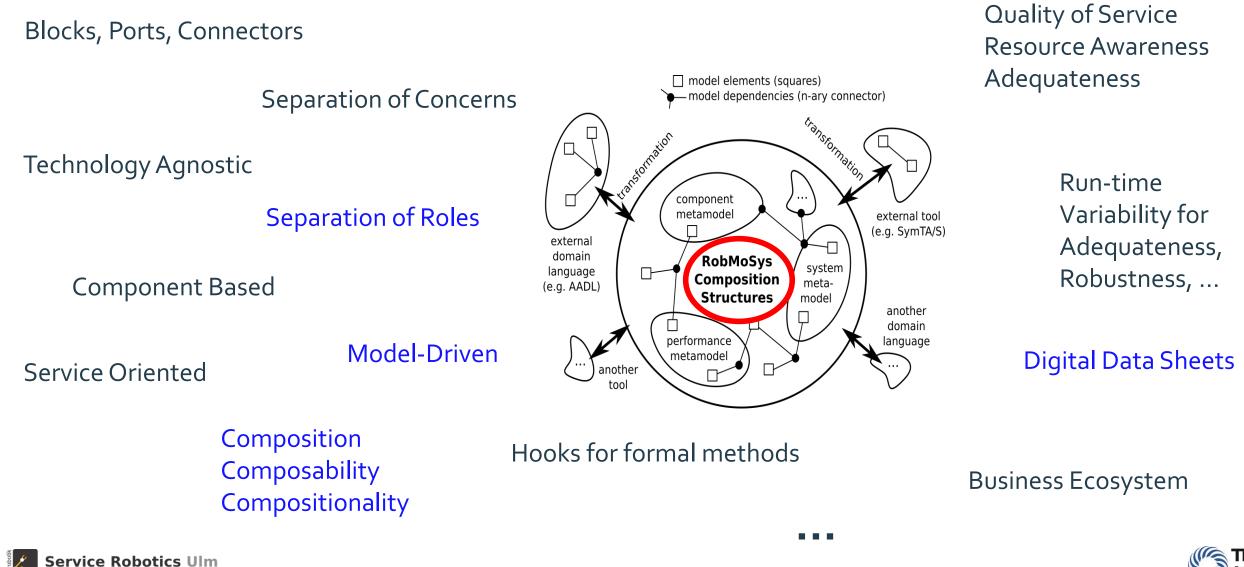
- to deal with different coexisting levels of maturity, acceptance, innovation, ...
- to achieve evolvement, be inclusive, to achieve trust, to go beyond project life-times, ...

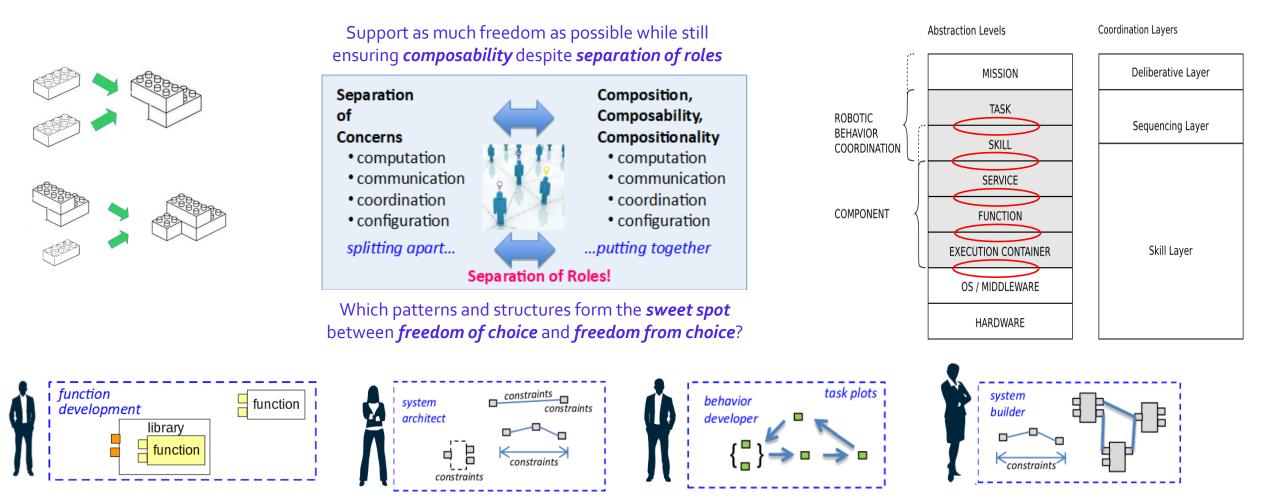






What is the approach? What is the way of thinking?





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component

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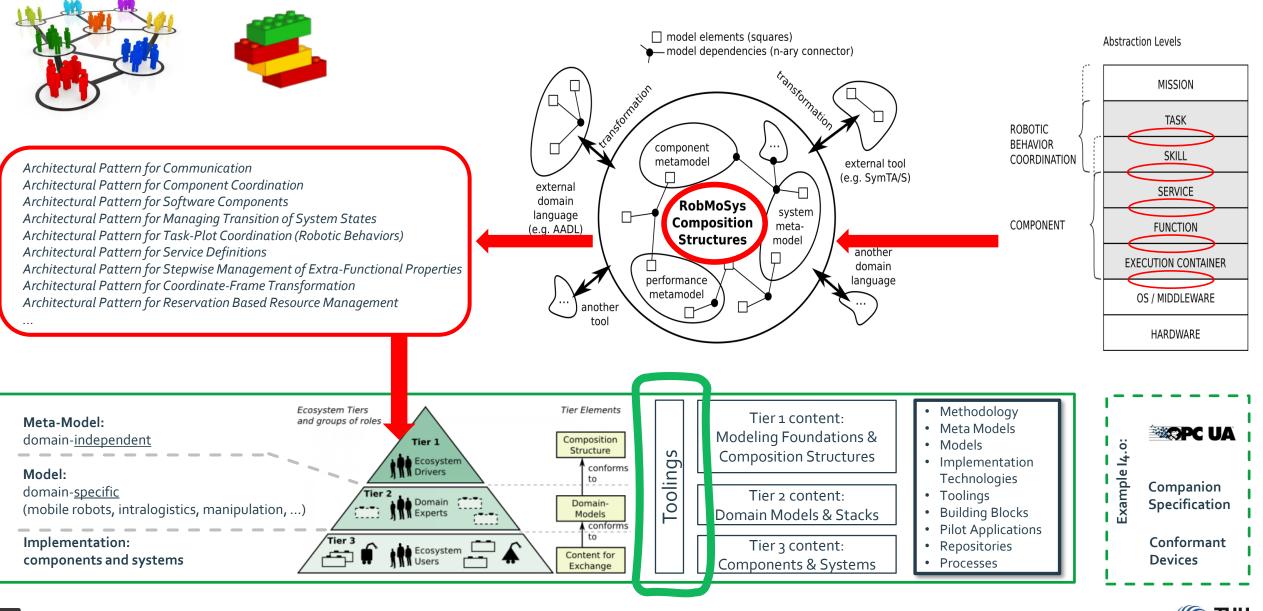
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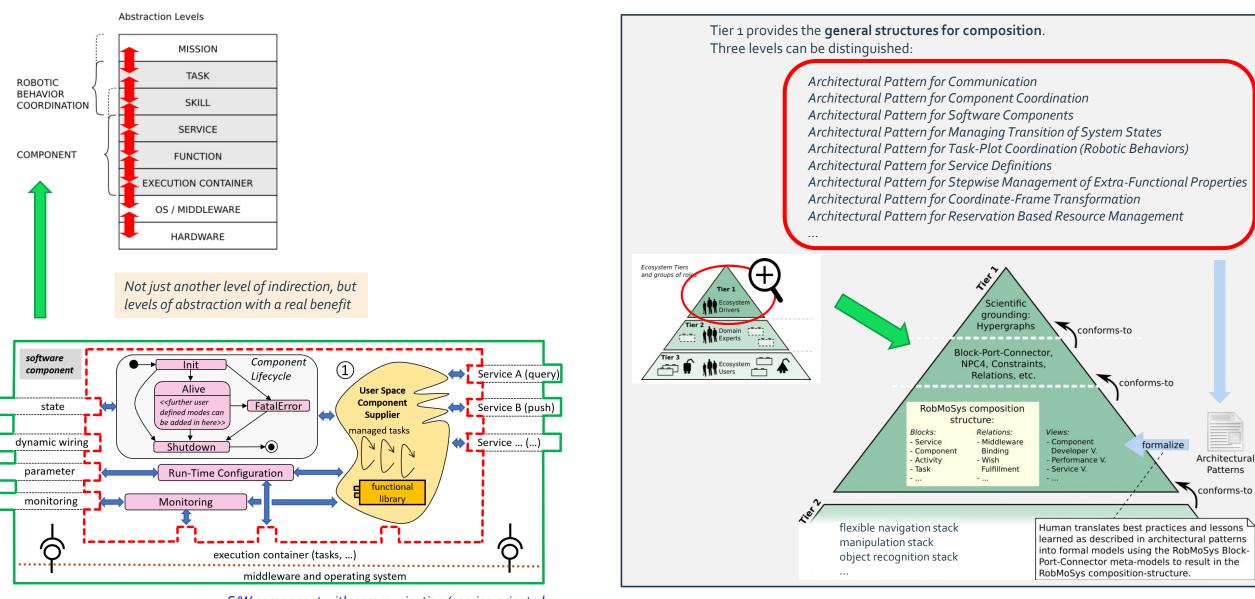
coordination

configuration computation

constraints



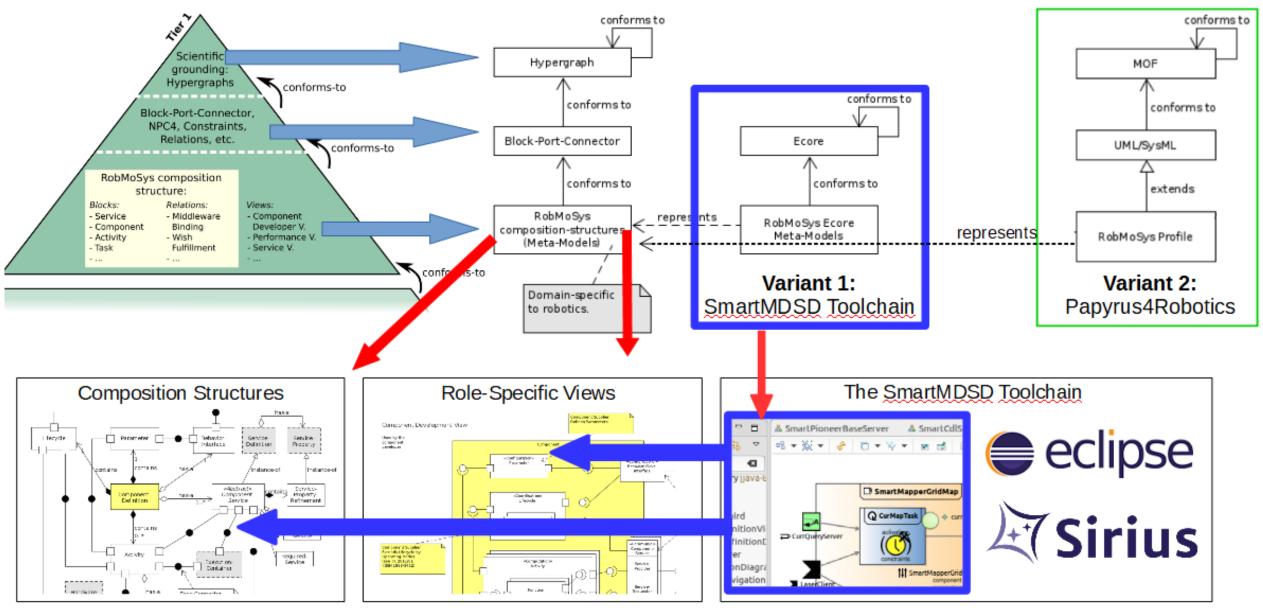




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S/W component with communication (service-oriented ports), configuration (resources, parameters), coordination (modes, lifecycle), computation









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, <u>not</u> rich enough for synthesis of the artefact





PICTURE QUALITY

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

CONNECTIONS

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

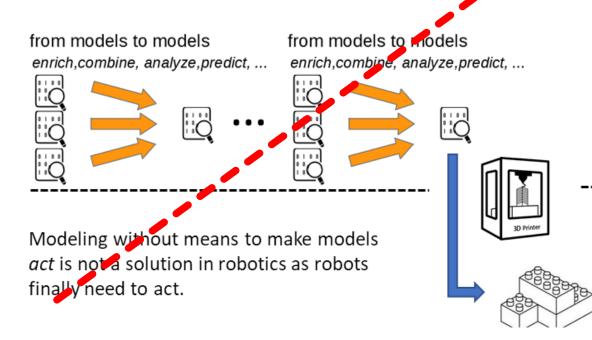
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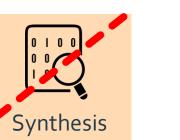
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Composing different models for a full-fledged model for synthesis as the last step in the workflow so far only works in selected use-cases of 3D-printing.



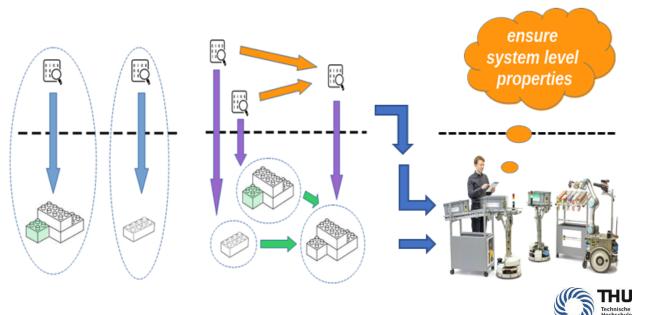


Data Sheets are Models

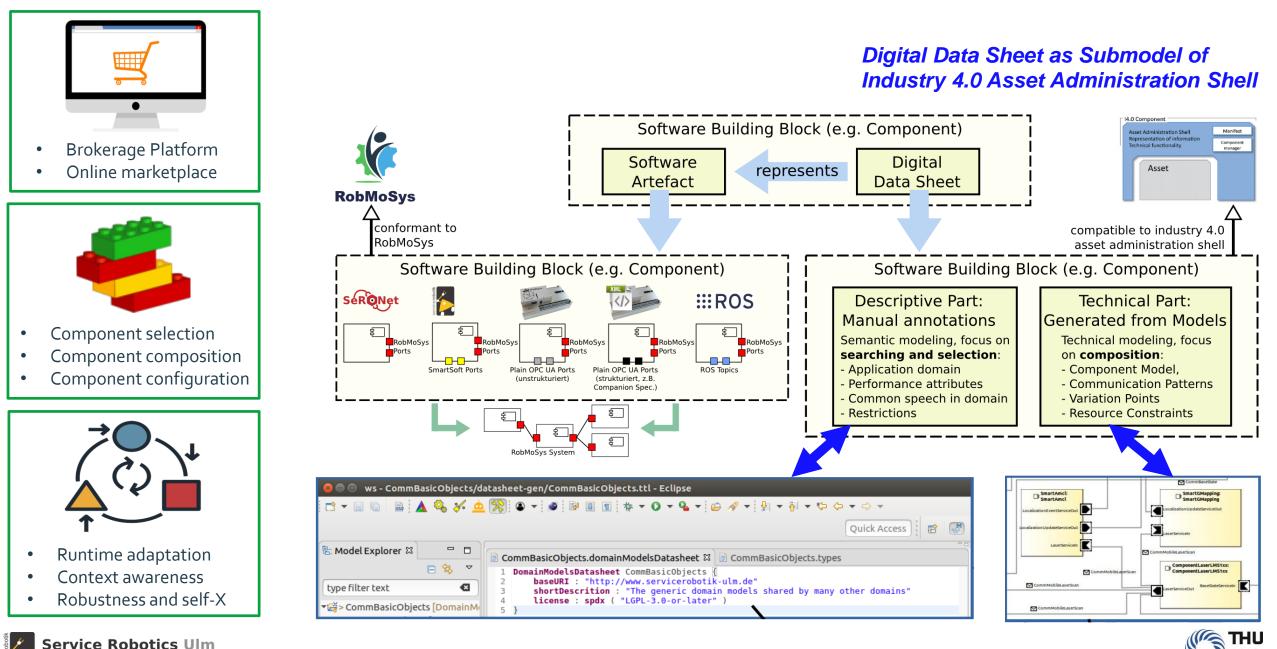


Describes outside view, including internals only as far as you need to know them for using the asset and for predicting its fit (behavior, structure) for your context

Data sheets (models of artefacs 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.





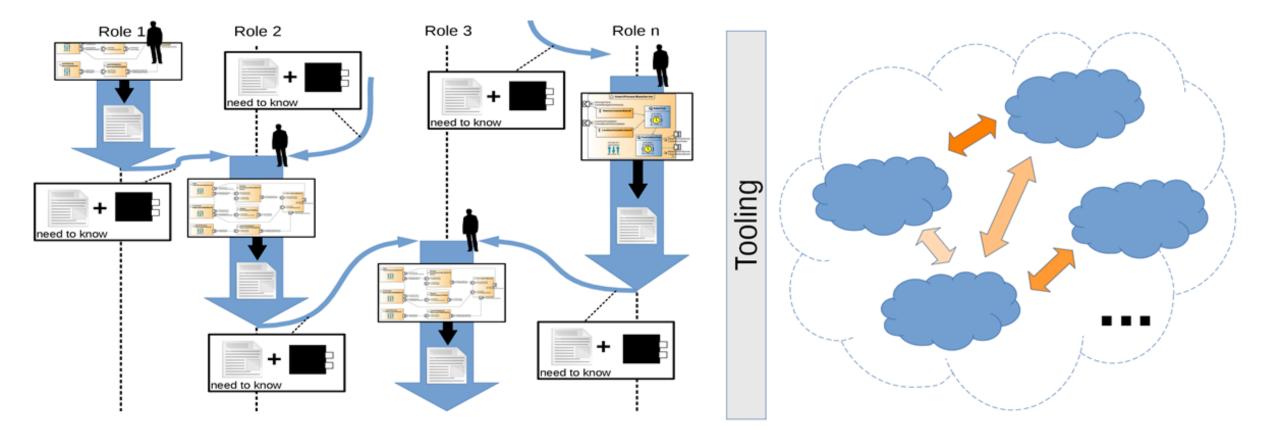


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Data Sheets, Handover, Coverage and Conformance

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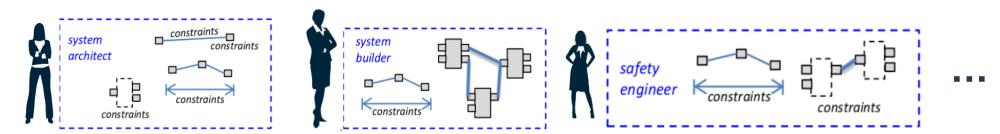




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The Concept of Dependency Graphs

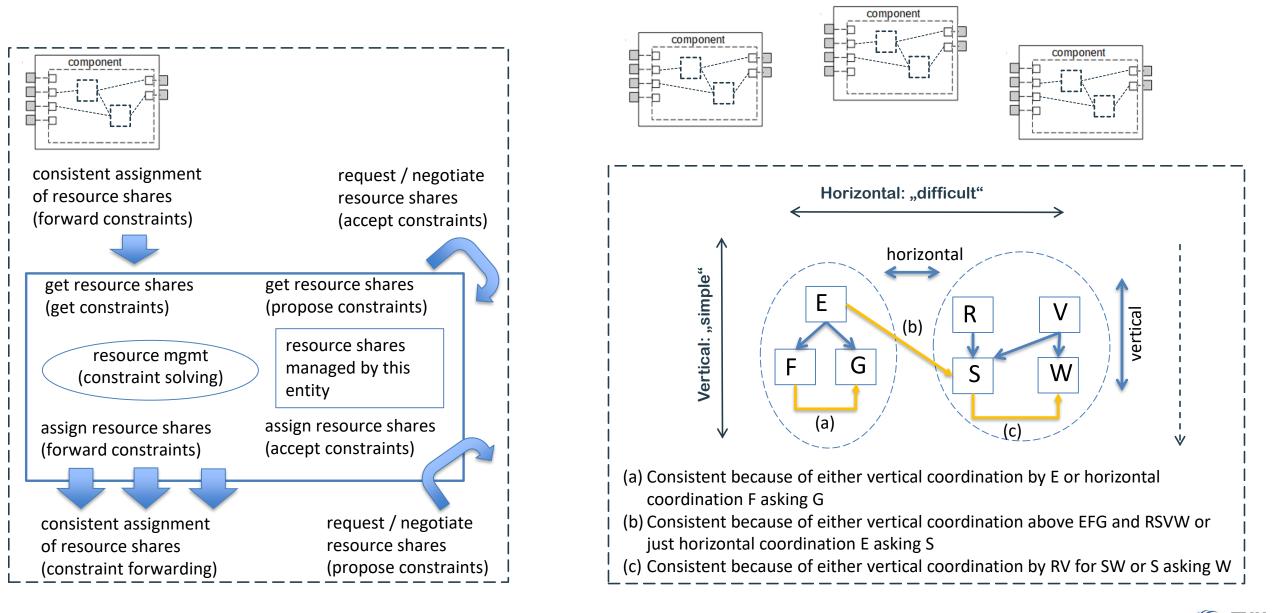
- Horizontal / vertical composition and the challenge of managing resources
- Separation of control flow and data flow
- Composability:
 - *Resource shares, reservation based mechanisms, constraints are composable*
 - Priorities are not composable







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

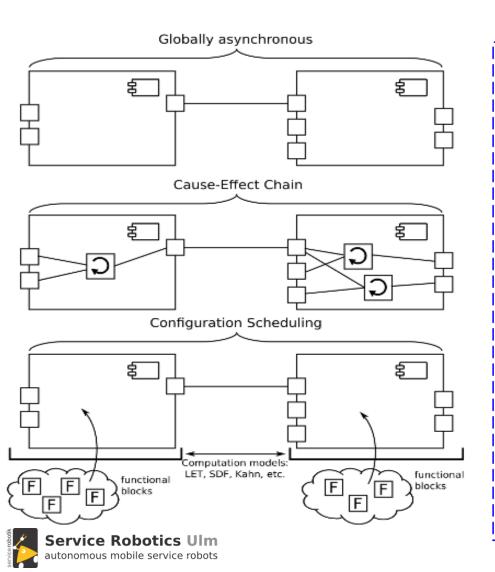


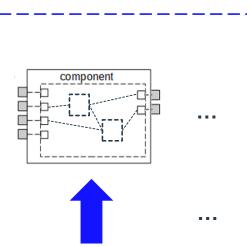


Horizontal / Vertical Composition: Dependency Graphs

Dependency graphs

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

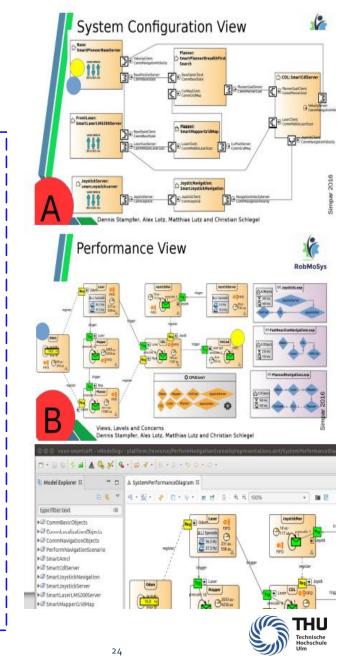




The software component model supports configuration of the following settings at system composition time (as represented in the data sheets) without recompilation:

component

- register / trigger semantic for communication
- port trigger / timed trigger for computation
- scheduling constraints
- sanity checks and run-time monitors

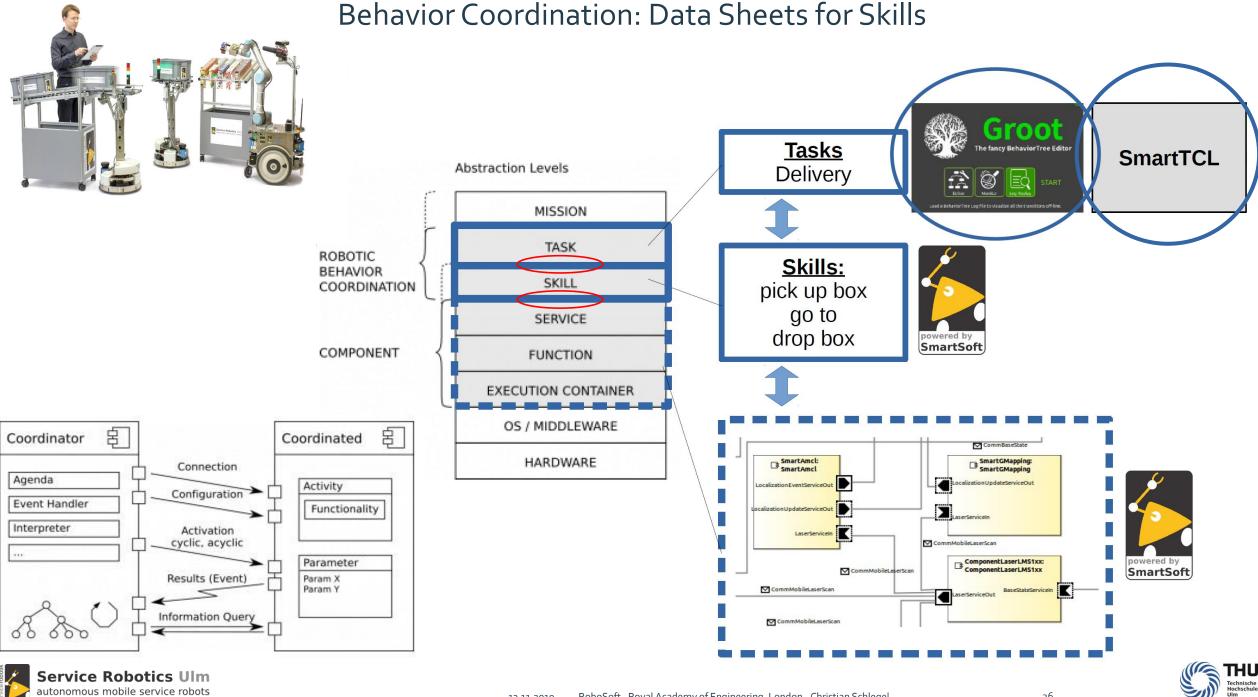


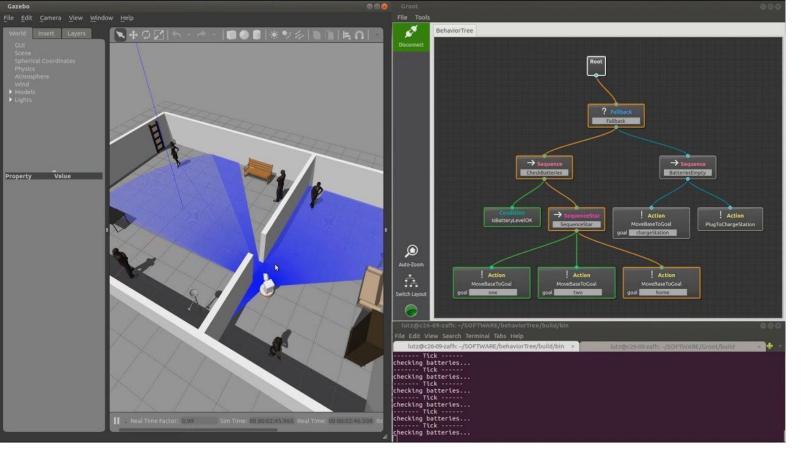
Behavior Coordination: Skill- / Task-Level Semantic Communication

- 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





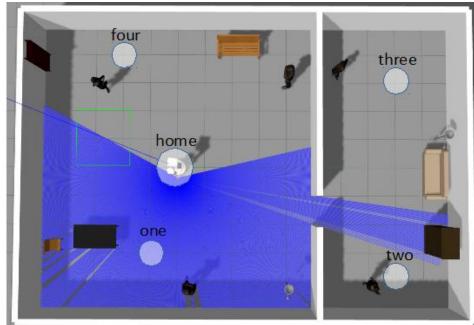




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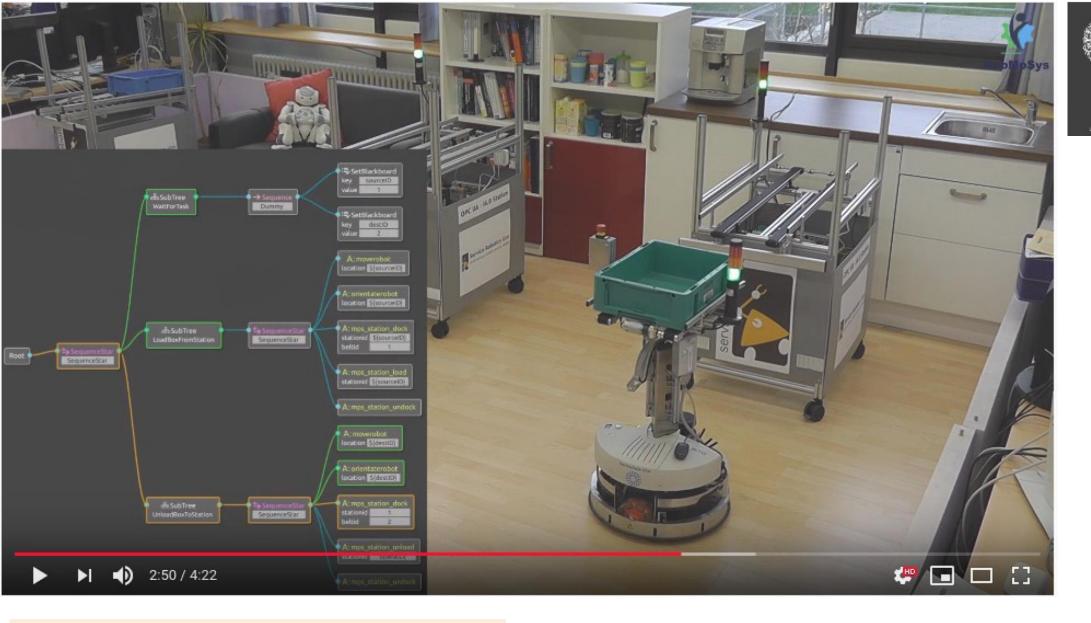












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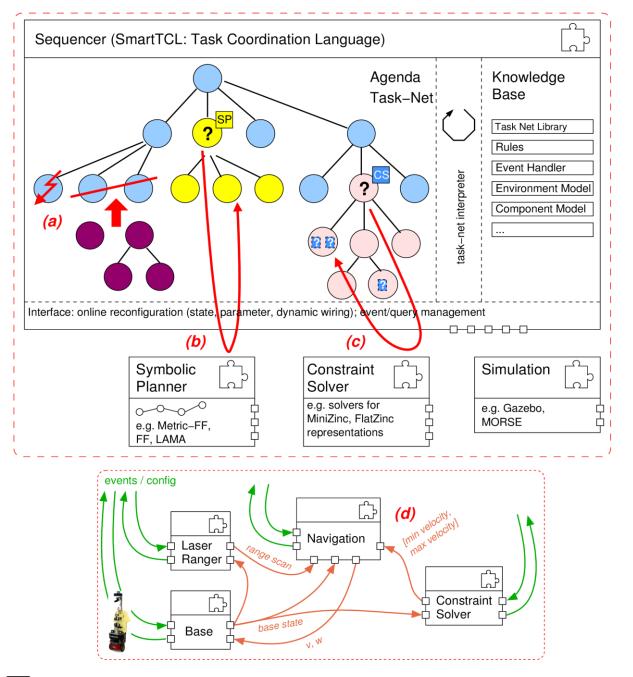
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oad a BehaviorTree Log file to visualize all the transitions off-line.



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



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SmartTCL

- component operating mode
- assignment of resource shares
- constraints forwarding

• resource gripper fully occupied

Integration of "Variability in

"Variability in Task Execution

Task Sequencing" and

Quality"

• constraint "hold always upside"

dynamic behavior tree

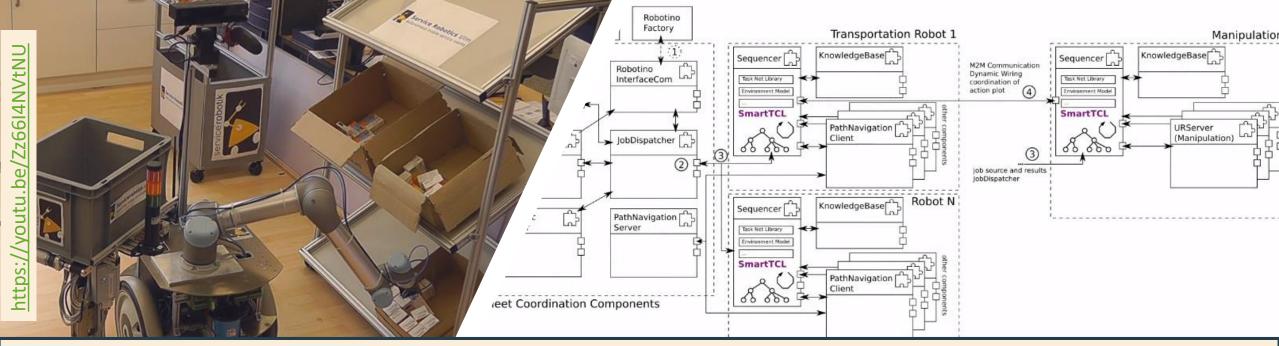
• parallel (one-of, all), sequential, expansion, ...

horizontal

- e.g. resource share reservation in knowledge base **vertical**
- e.g. expand task node under constraints and forward constraints







SeRoNet / RobMoSys conformant S/W building blocks



Behavior Coordination Sequencer (SmartTCL) SmartSimpleKB SmartSeq2SeqCom



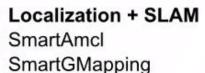
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Navigation

SmartCdlServer SmartNavigationPlanner SmartPlannerBreadthFirstSea SmartMapperGridMap SmartPathNavigationClient SmartPurePursuitNavigati





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Object Recognition SmartBoxDetection SmartRackDetection

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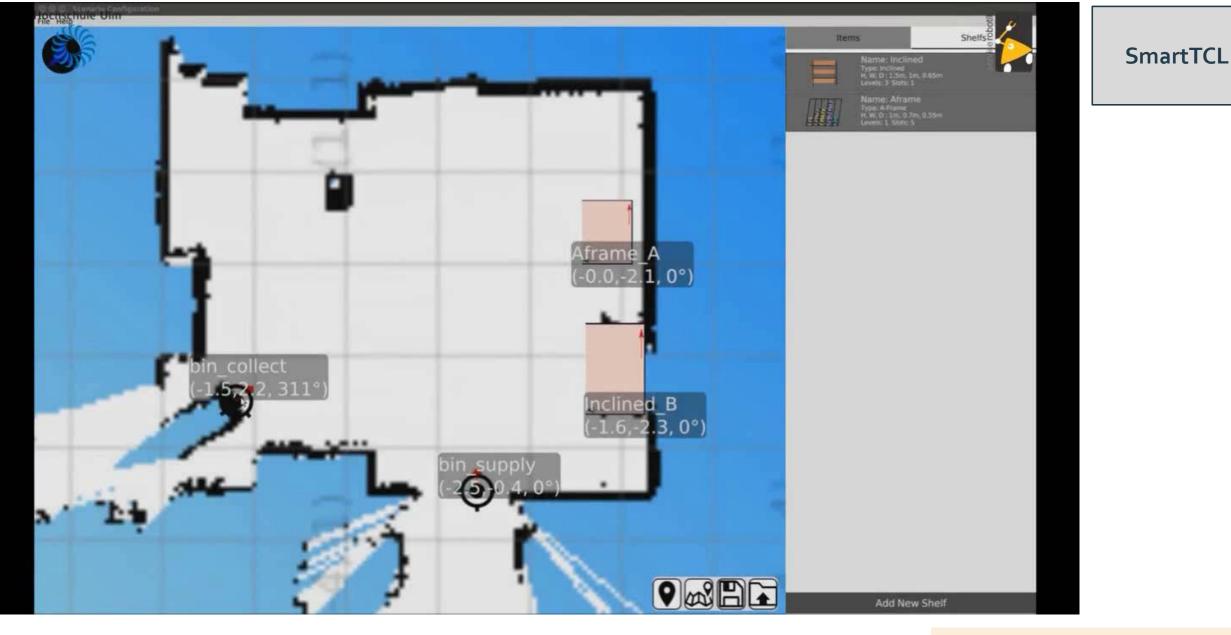
Hardware Abstraction SmartPTUServer SmartKinectV2Server SmartRMPBaseServer SmartLaserLMS1xxServer SmartURServer SmartVacuumGripper

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The concept of early binding of semantics but late binding of technology

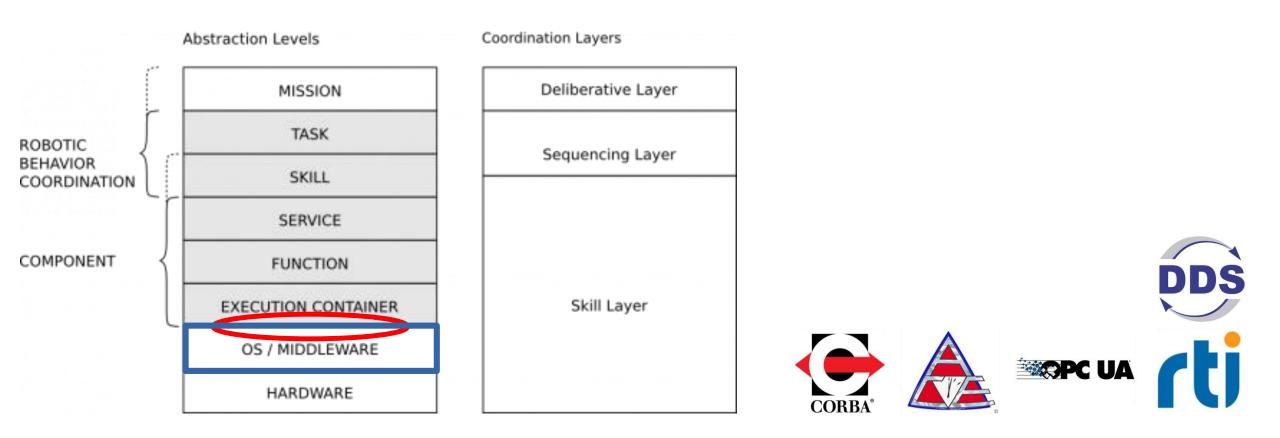
Middleware Late Binding / Middleware Agnostic Modeling





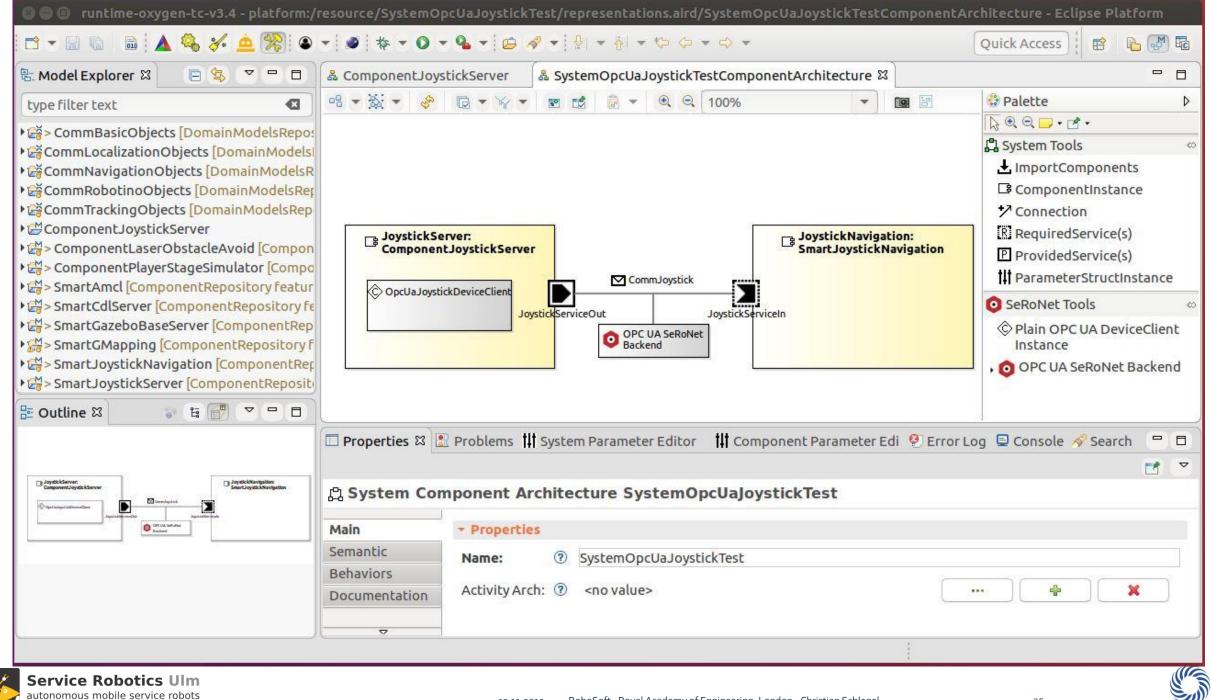
Middleware Late Binding / Middleware Agnostic Modeling

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









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Middleware Late Binding / Middleware Agnostic Modeling

Early binding of semantics and skipping RobMoSys composition patterns and making mapping shortcuts ignoring semantics produces semantic gap late binding of technology This destroys composition instead, align with the RobMoSys structures \Rightarrow early (not late) binding of semantics, late (not early) binding of technology Early binding to a technology Early binding of semantics with an individual semantics... with late binding of technology generic block, port, connector generic request / response generic publish / subscribe generic task etc. RobMoSys composition patterns RobMoSys request / response Layer of RobMoSys composition p erns skipped (structural / semantic binding RobMoSys publish / subscribe => semantic gap ! RobMoSys task etc. for composition) all behave in the same way Late binding of mantics Fesponse etc. behave differently => all request late binding of technology nothing fits together all behave in the same way no composability no interoperability mixed port vice Robotics Ulm

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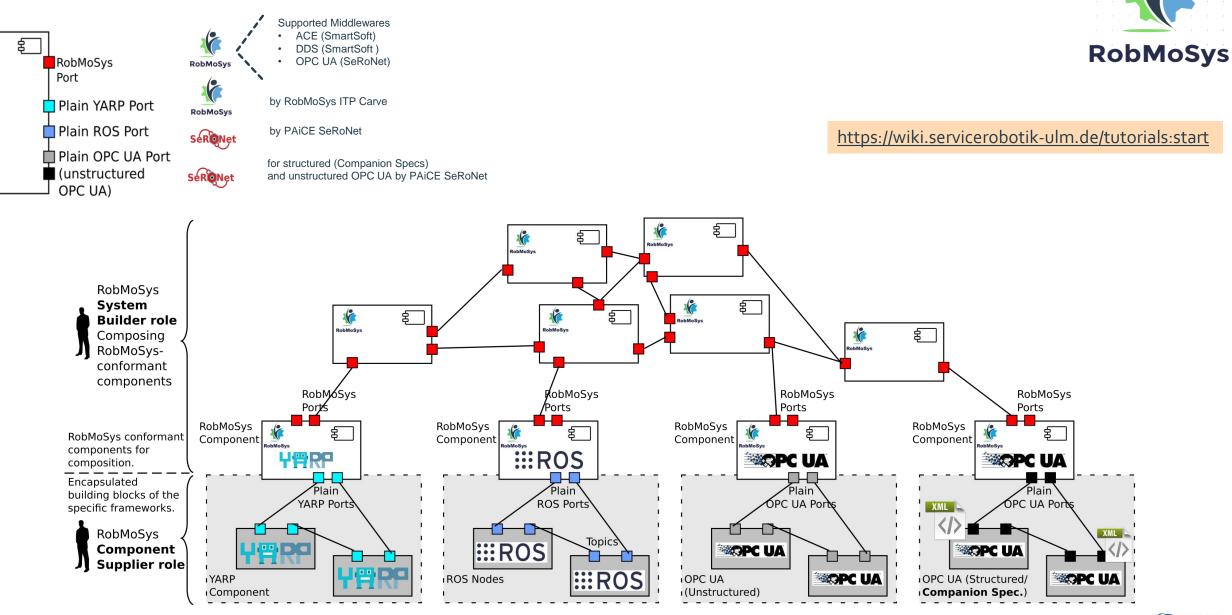
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Tier 2

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Mixed Port Component as Migration Path







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





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

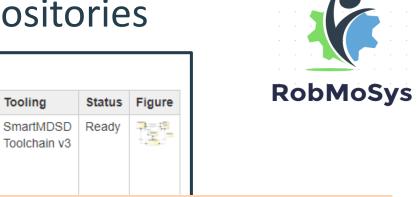
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Purpose

Navigation



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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.

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Tier 2 Domain Models

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Name	Description	Purpose	Vendor	Toolir
CommBasicObjects	A collection of very basic service definitions and communication objects for use in almost every robotics system.	Universal	HSU	Smart Toolch
CommNavigationObjects	A collection of domain models for wheeled robot navigation.	Navigation	HSU	Smart Toolch
S CommRobotinoObjects	A collection of domain models for use with the FESTO Robotino robot.	Mobile-Base	HSU	Smart Toolch
CommLocalizationObjects	A collection of domain models for localization .	Localization	HSU	Smart Toolch
CommManipulationPlannerObjects	A collection of domain models for (mobile) manipulation.	Mobile Manipulation	HSU	Smart Toolch
CommManipulatorObjects	A collection of domain models for manipulators.	Manipulation	HSU	Smart Toolch

Tier 3 Component Models

Name	Description	Purpose	Vendor	Tooling	Status
SmartCdlServer	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
ComponentLaserObstacleAvoid	The SmartLaserObstacleAvoid component implements a simple reactive obstacle avoidance.	Navigation	HSU	SmartMDSD Toolchain v3	Ready
ComponentPlayerStageSimulator	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

Tooling

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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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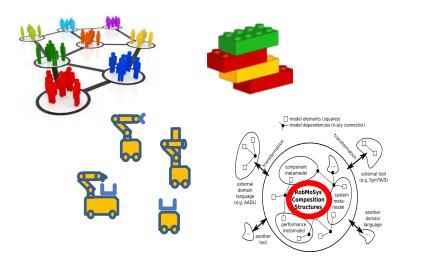




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Models always have a purpose: overall purpose is consistency

- 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

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Current Steps towards adequateness everywhere via data sheets:

- extensions of horizontal / vertical rresource and quality management
 - resource share reservations and contracting
 - from the task net level down to the OS / middleware, from design-time to run-time
- success stories for management of system level properties
 - safety, resource \Leftrightarrow quality, free of interference, ...



