

Towards hyper-modular robot cells for high mix/ low volume assembly

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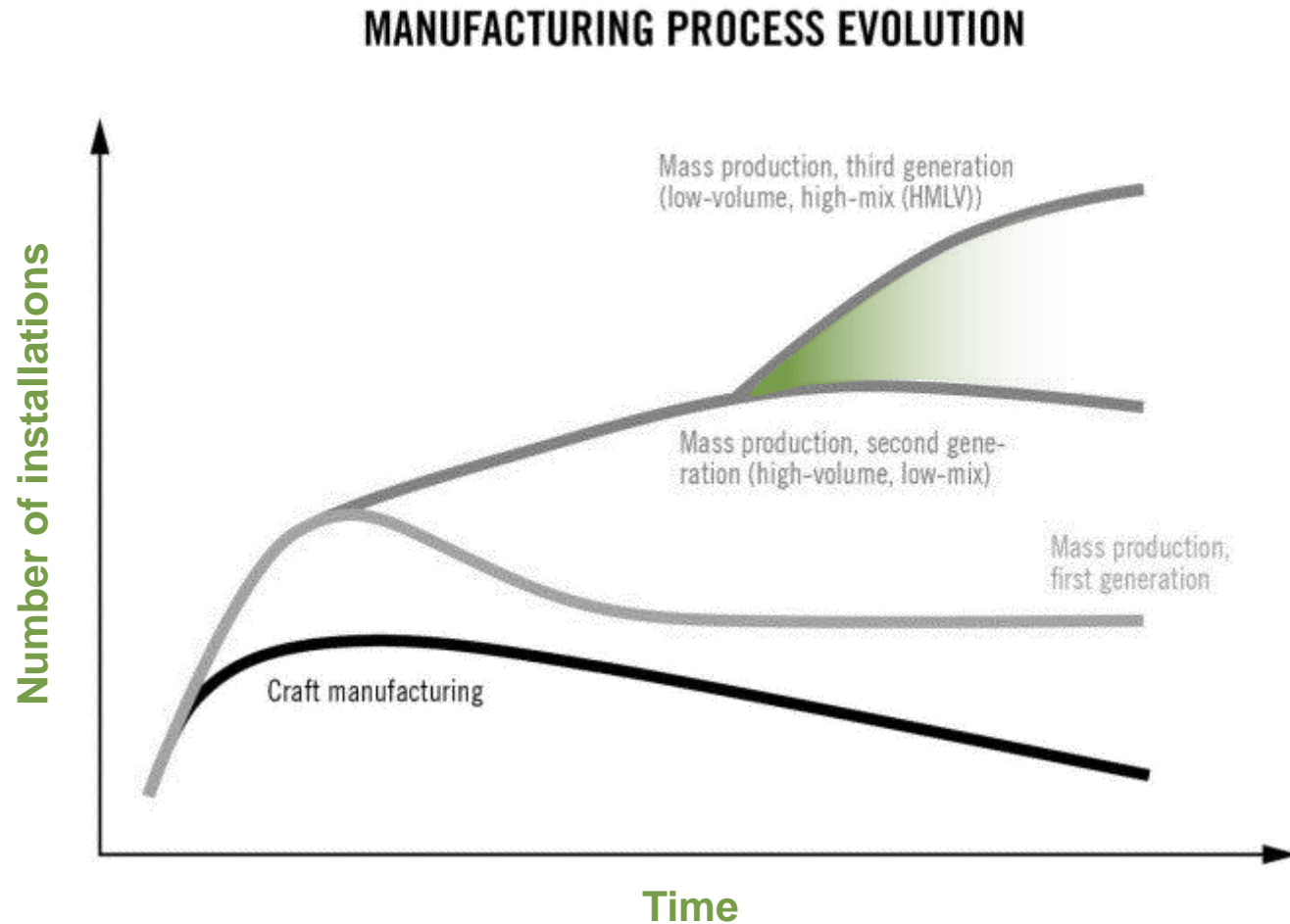
Workshop “Current limits and potentials of autonomous assembly”

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Towards agile manufacturing



Overview

Our approach

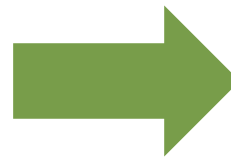
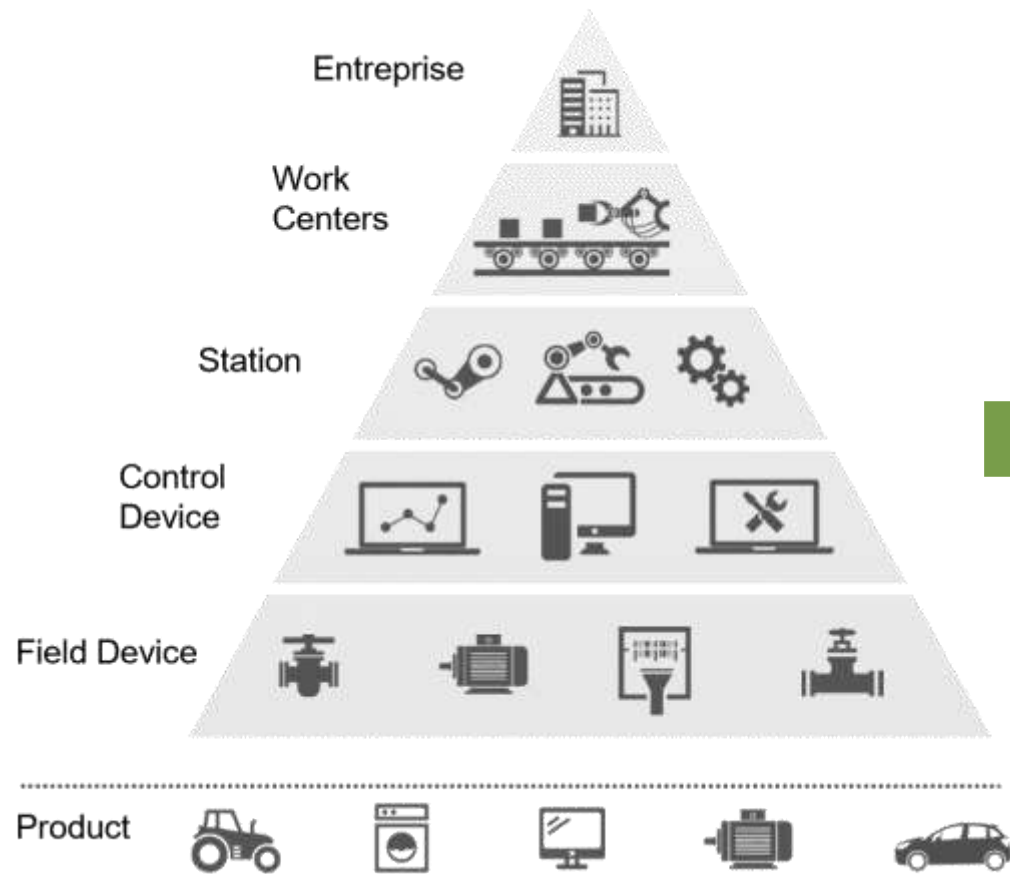
Performance at WRC18

Future challenges

Our approach

Hyper modularity

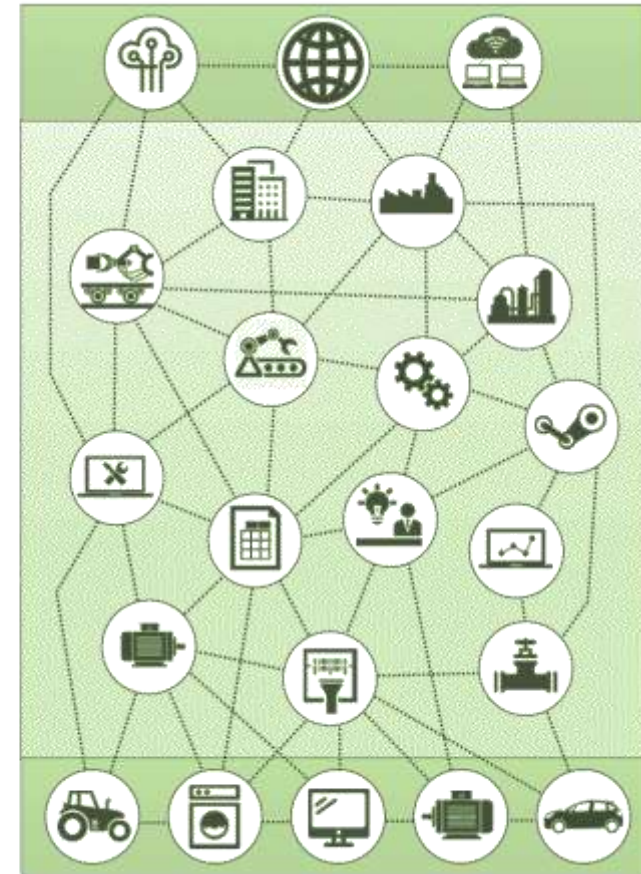
at enterprise level



Connected World

Smart Factory

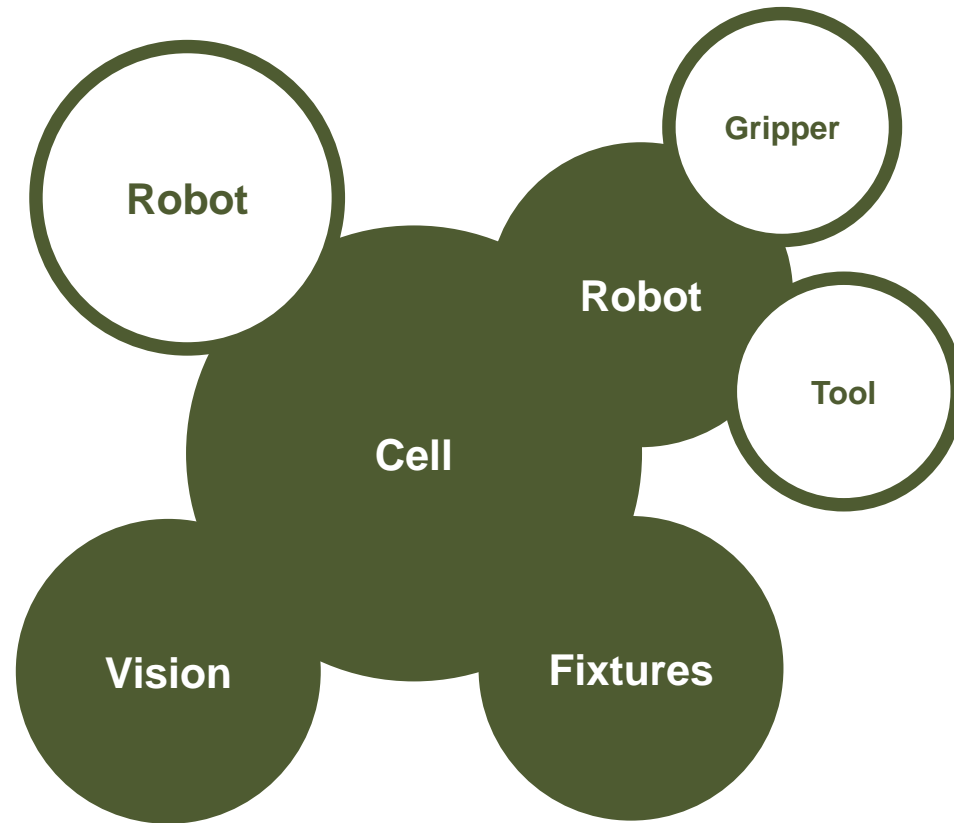
Smart Products



Source: Platform Industrie 4.0 2016

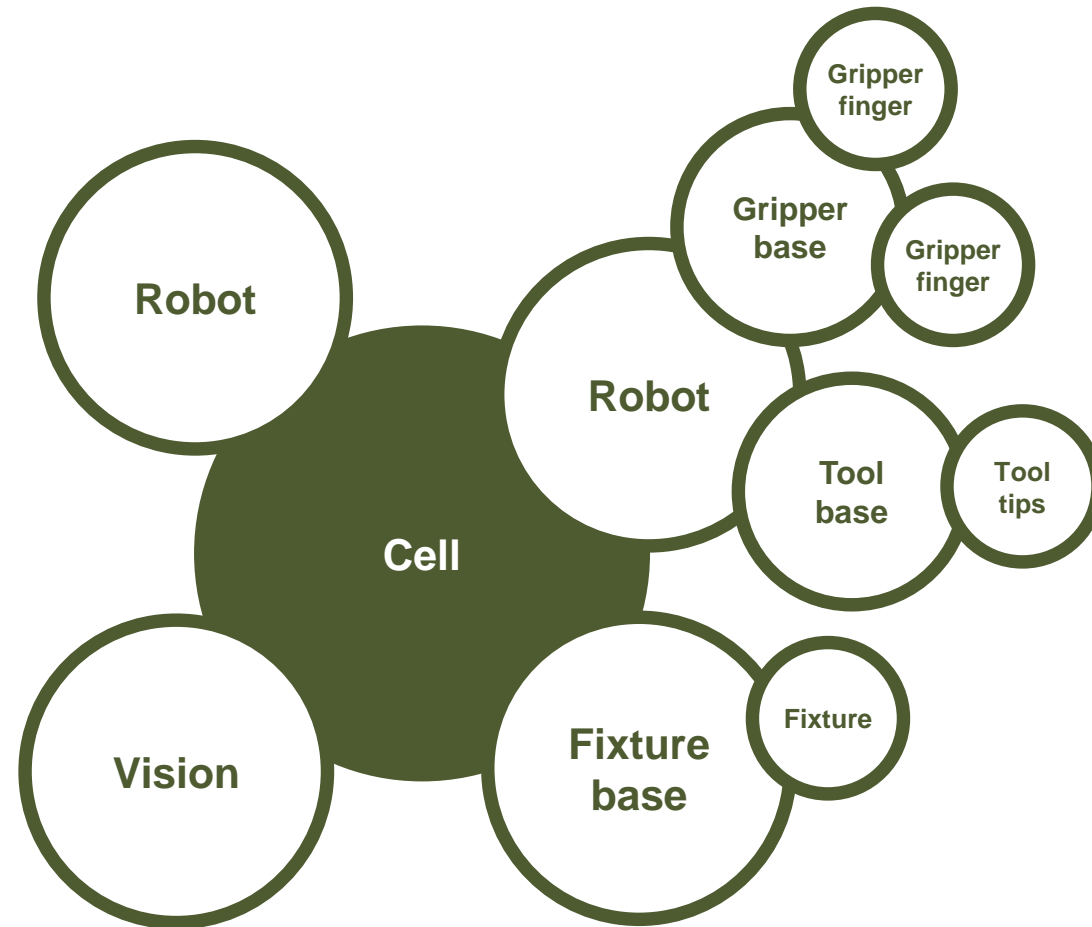
Hyper modularity

at cell level



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Sensor frame

- Lights
- Camera

2x industrial robots (UR10e)

- On stands
- 2x two-finger gripper
- 1x screwdriver
- 1x vacuum gripper

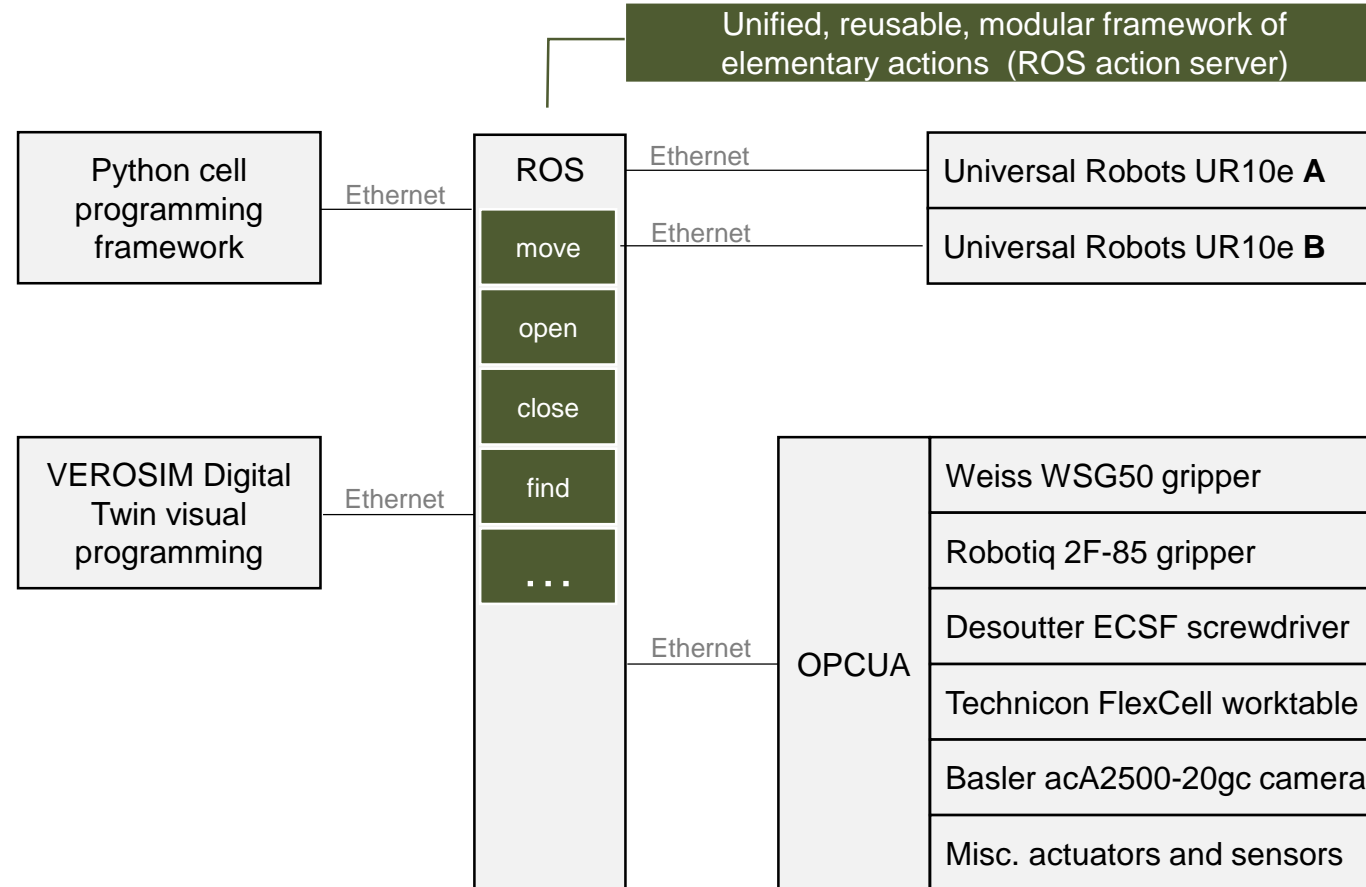
Worktable

- Safety PLC
- OPCUA



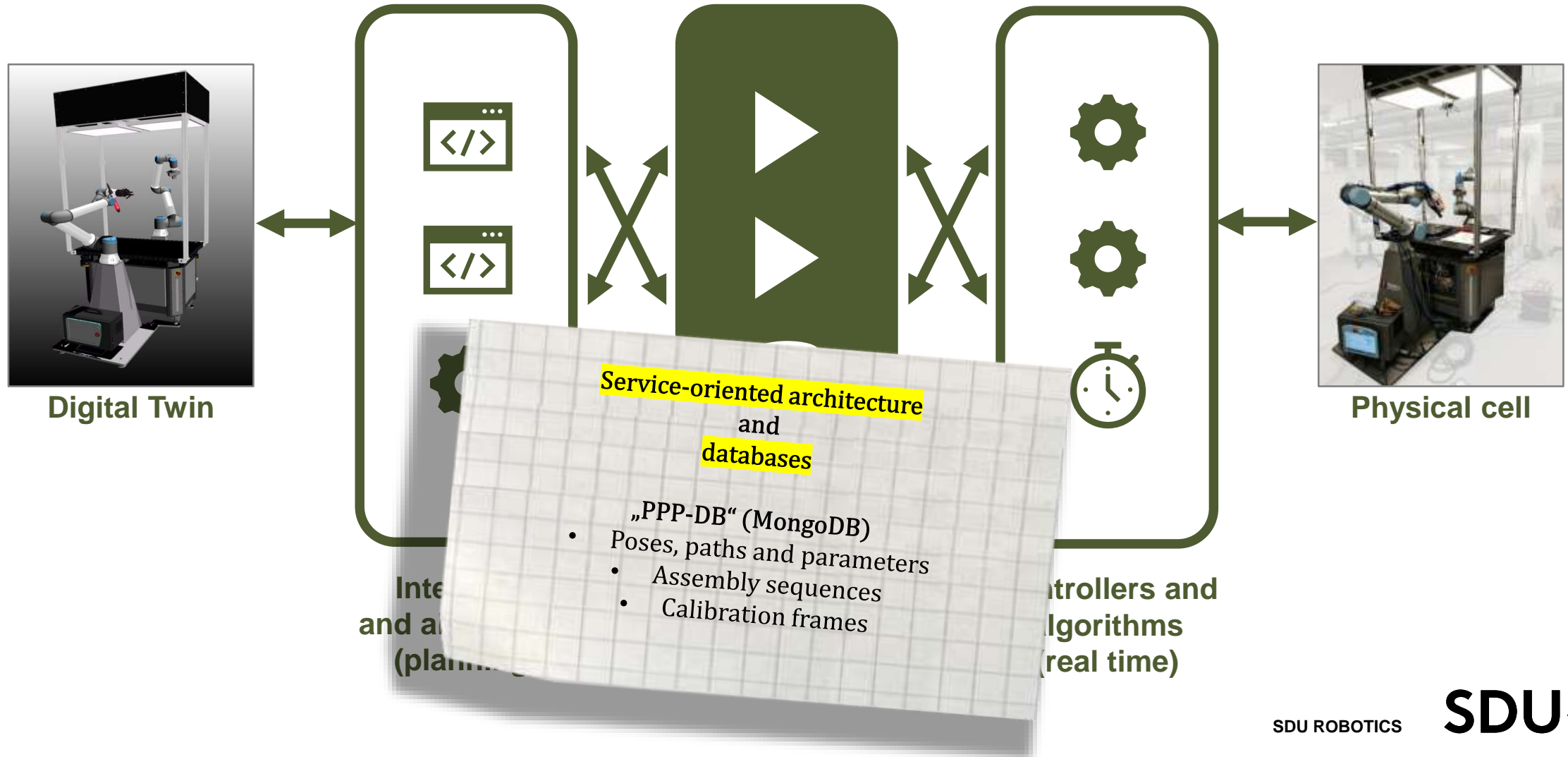
Cell control implementation

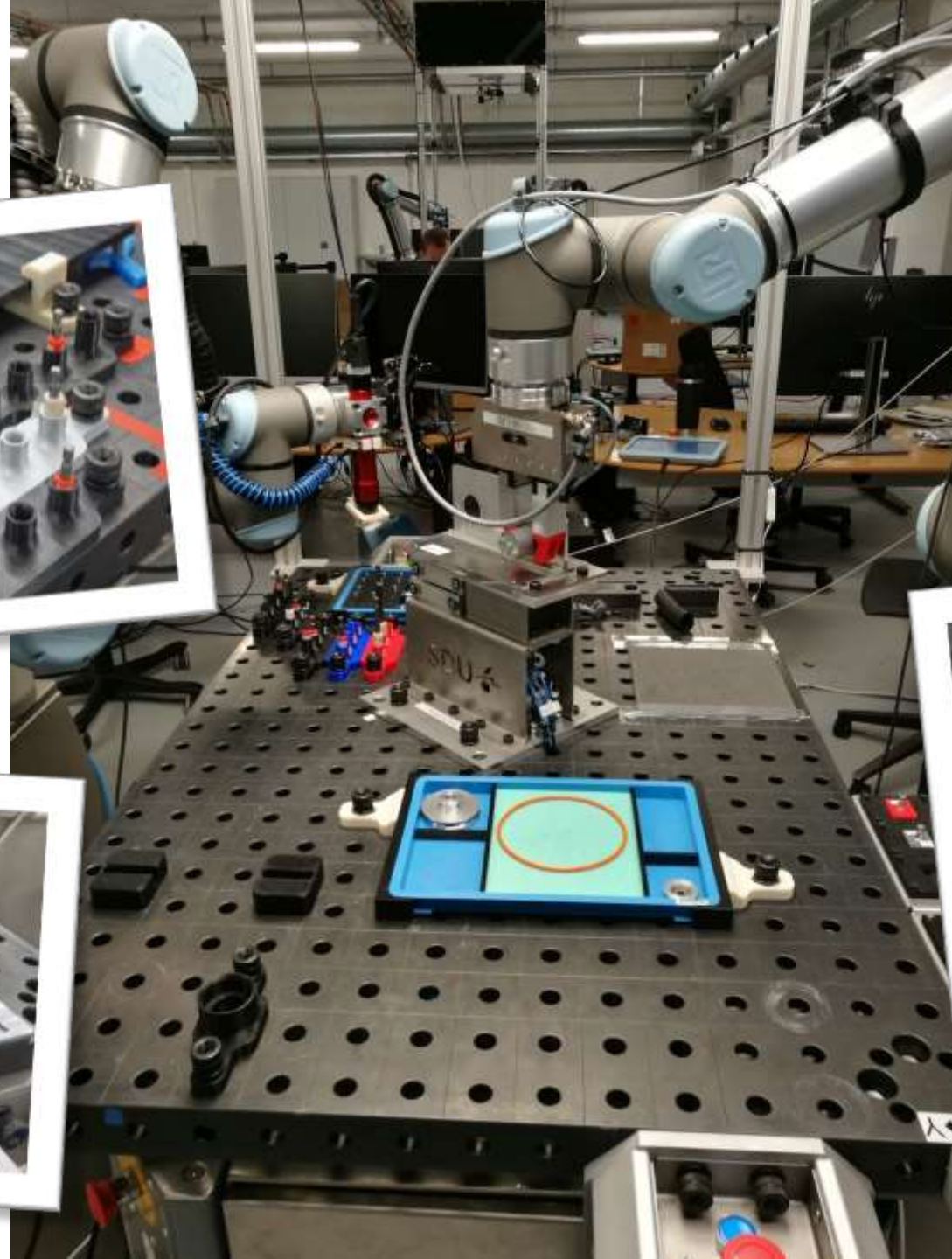
2018



Cell control architecture

2019

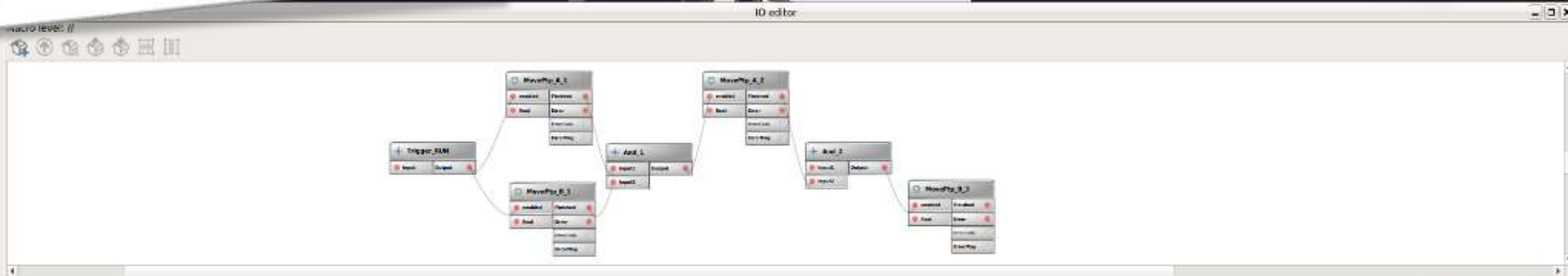
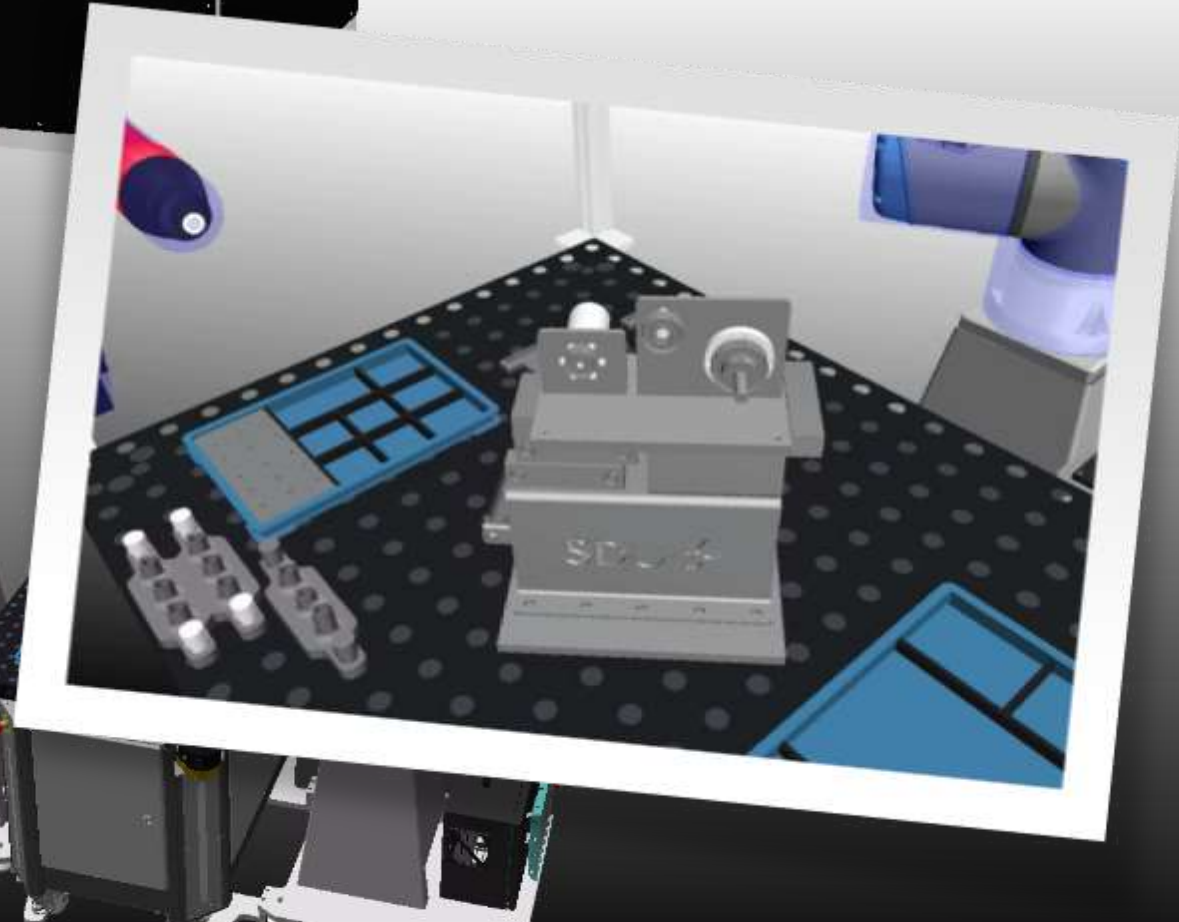
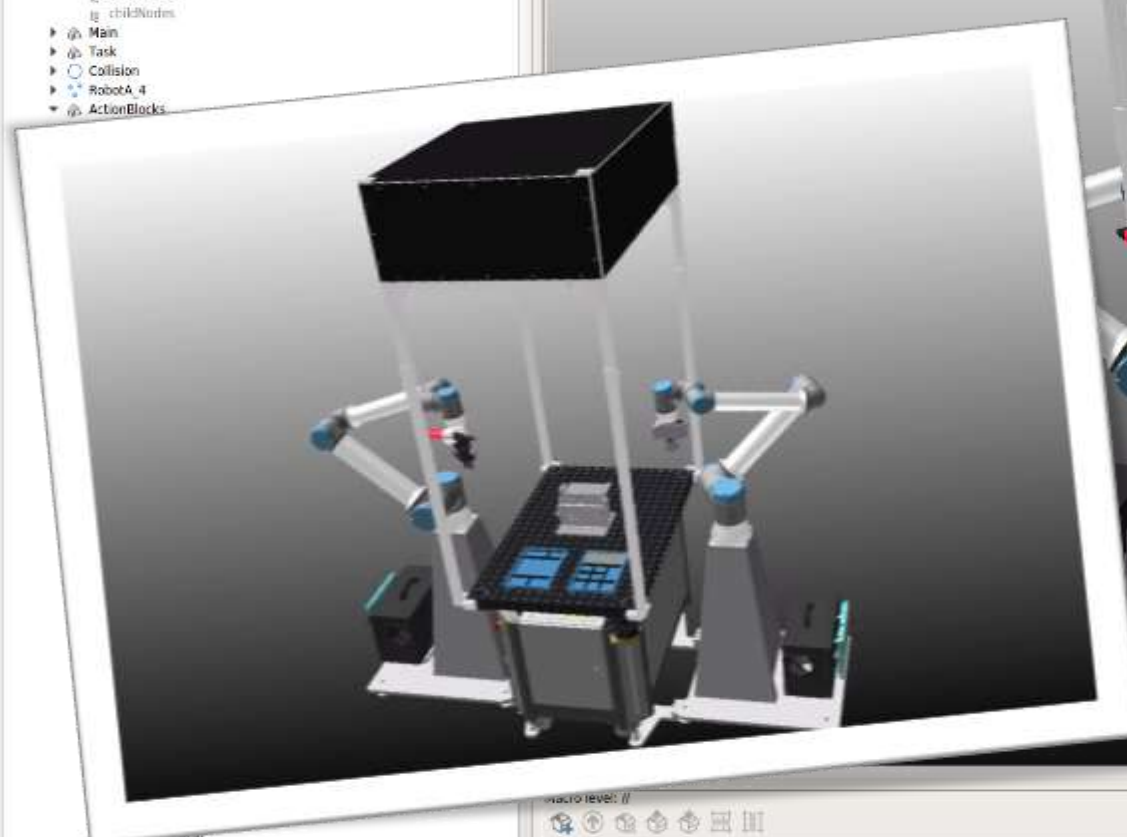




Explorer

View: Database

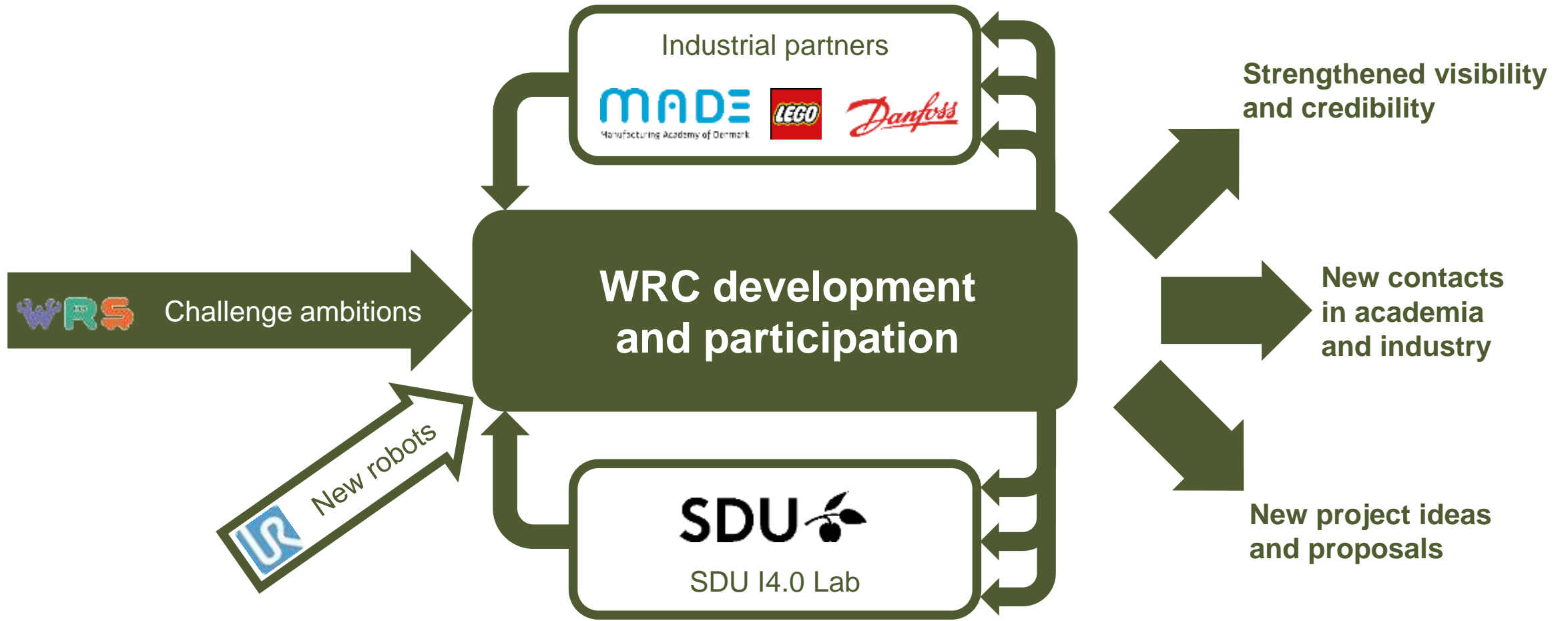
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 - Task
 - Collision
 - RobotA_4
 - ActionBlocks





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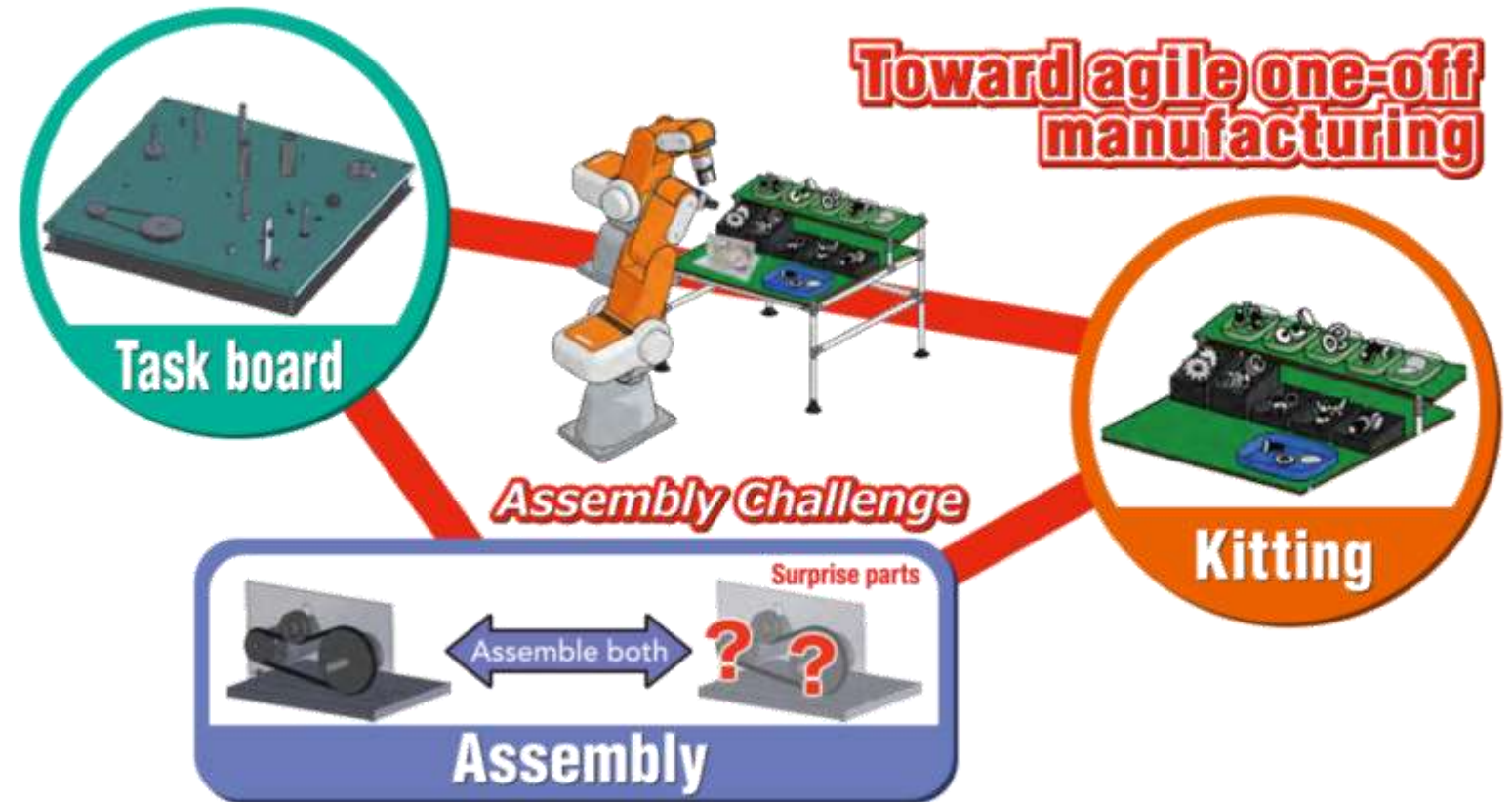
Dynamics around WRC18



Industrial Assembly Challenge at WRC18

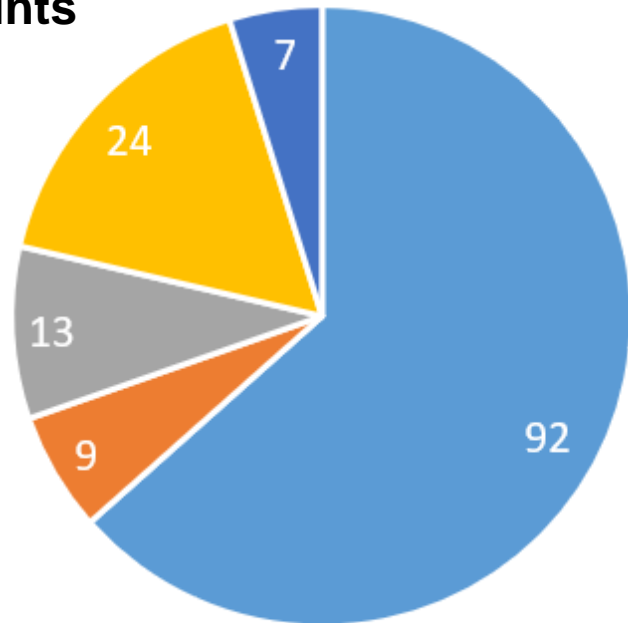
Four tasks on four days:

- Taskboard (Robot control)
- Kitting (Computer vision)
- Assembly (both)
- Assembly+ (both)



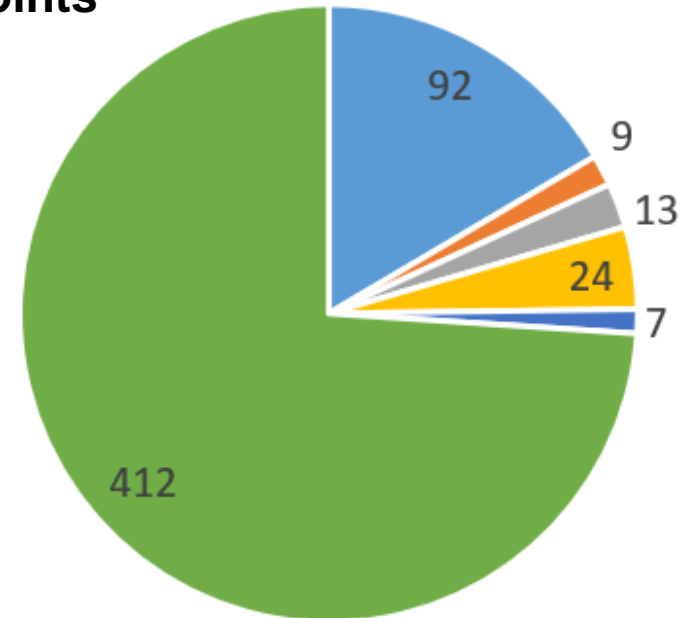
Results and interpretation

Absolute points



■ Task 1 ■ Task 2 ■ Task 3 ■ Task 4 ■ TE

Relative points



■ Task 1 ■ Task 2 ■ Task 3 ■ Task 4 ■ TE ■ lost

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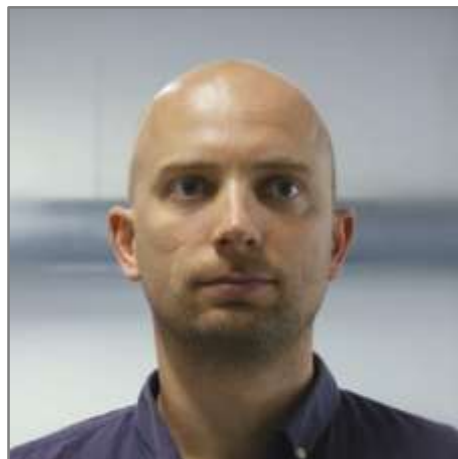
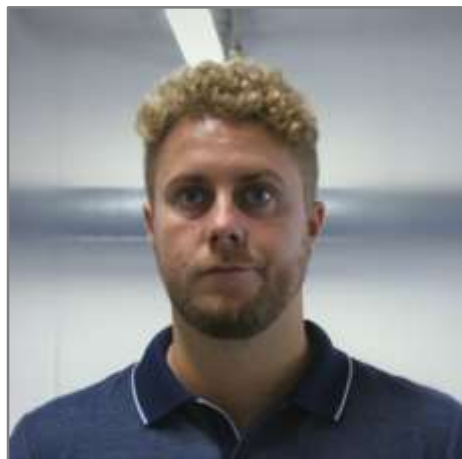
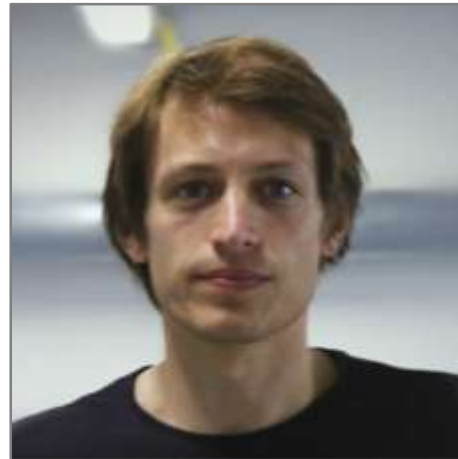
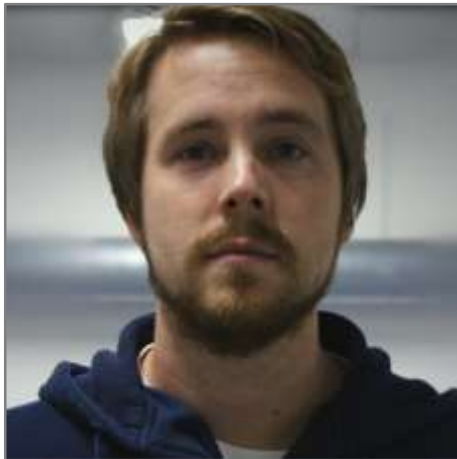
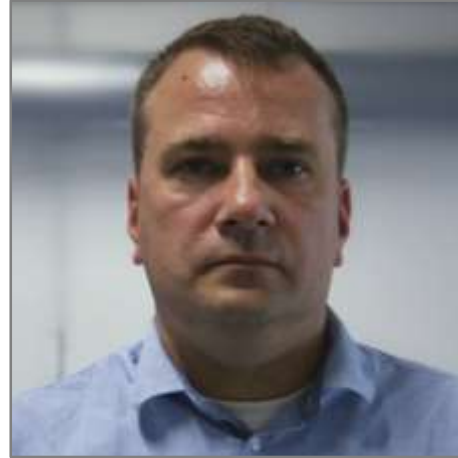
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