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Master Advanced Mechatronics

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**Mechatronics
common framework
Lecture 1**

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Lecture 1

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Mechatronics definition

- Please give your definition :



Mechatronics – definition and meaning

1969

- First proposed by Tetsuro Mori, an engineer from Yaskawa Electric Co. in Japan, to designate the control of electric motors by computer [Yaskawa Electric, 1969].

1991

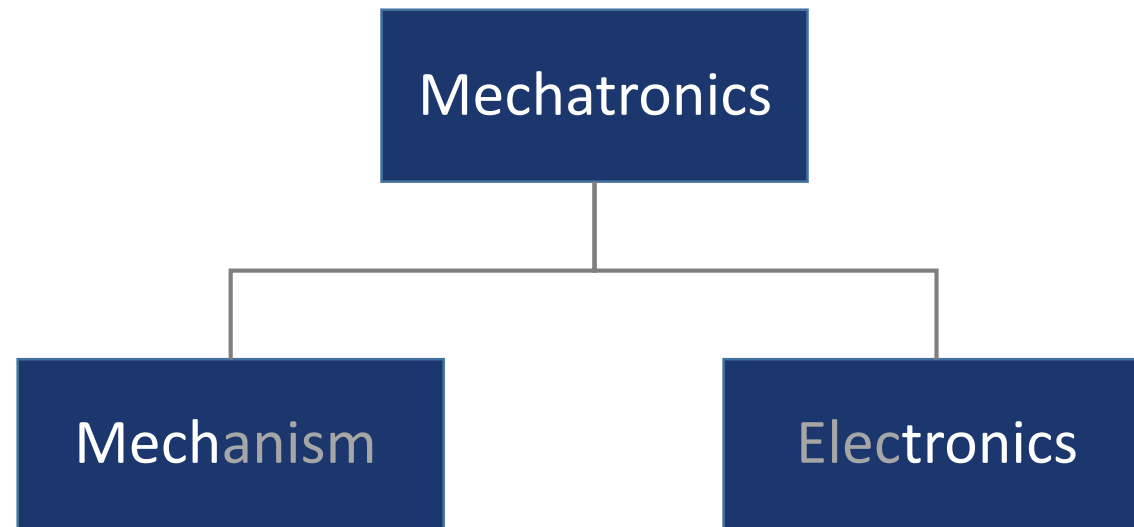
- Description proposed by the international journal Mechatronics, published for the first time: “**Mechatronics in its fundamental form can be regarded as the fusion of mechanical and electrical disciplines in modern engineering process.**
- **It is a relatively new concept to the design of systems, devices and products aimed at achieving an optimal balance between basic mechanical structures and overall control**” [Daniel and Hewit, 1991].

1994

- Official definition of the Industrial Research and Development Advisory Committee of the European Community in 1994 and proposed by the international journal *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics* in 1996 : “**Mechatronics is the synergistic combination of precision mechanical engineering, electronic control and systems thinking in the design of products and manufacturing processes**” [Comerford, 1994]

Mechatronics definitions

- The word, mechatronics, is of Japanese origin and is composed of “mecha” from mechanism and the “tronics” from electronics.



Mechatronics definitions

- The **synergistic*** **integration** of mechanical engineering, with electronics and intelligent computer control in the design and manufacturing of industrial products and processes.
- It aims at developing products, processes and systems with **greater flexibility**, ease in **redesign** and ability of **reprogramming**.

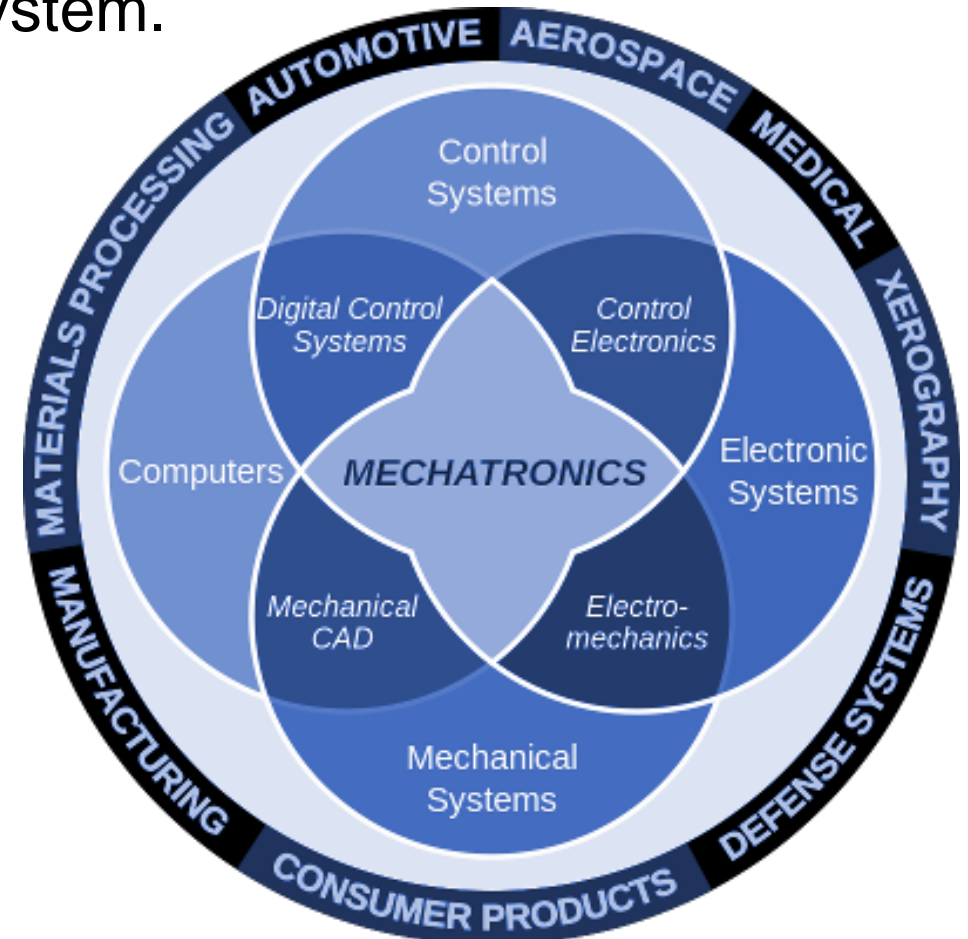


* the combined power of working together that is greater than the power achieved by working separately.

[Cambridge Dictionary]

Mechatronics definitions

- An **approach** for product and manufacturing system.
- Disciplinary Foundations of Mechatronics :
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Electronics Engineering
 - Computer Engineering
 - Information & Technology Engineering

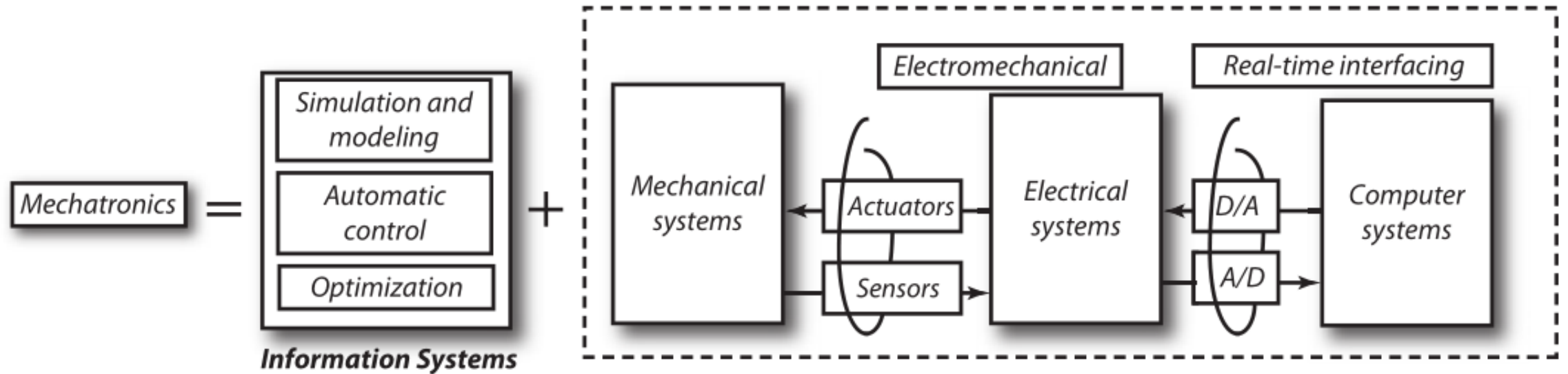


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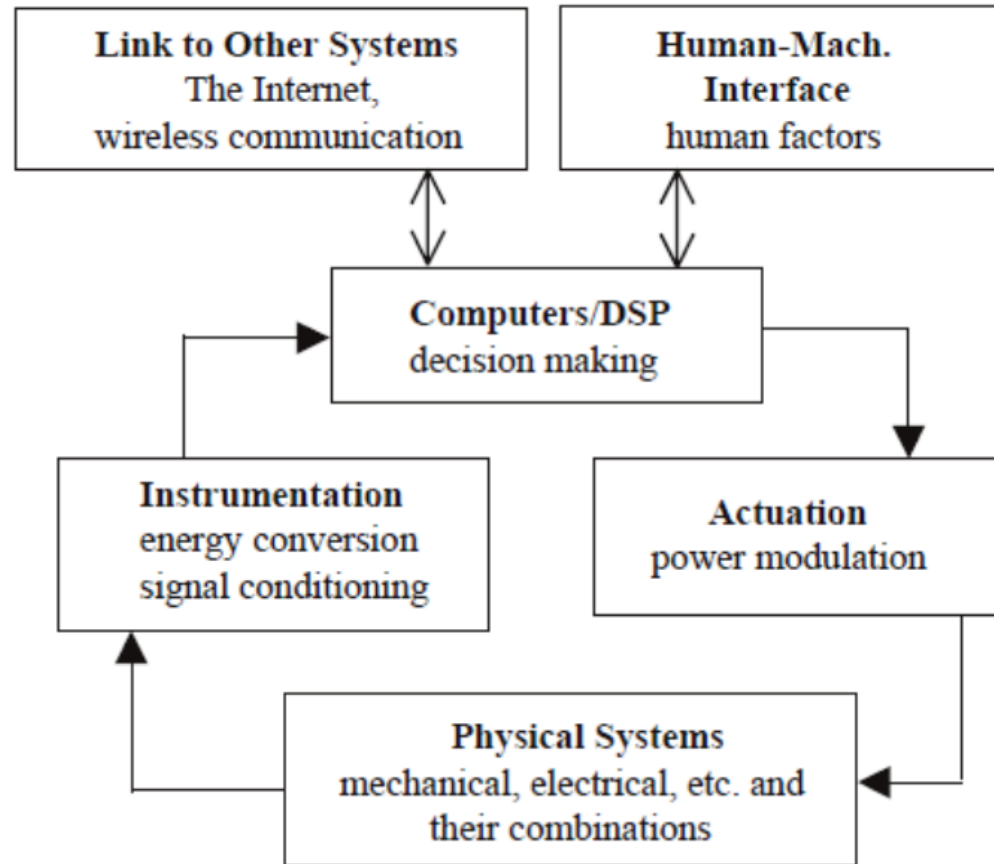
- This definition establishes the multidisciplinary nature of mechatronics, which combines several sectors of different technologies in the designing and manufacturing of a product.
- Mechatronics is not inherently a science or technology: it must be regarded as an attitude, a fundamental way of looking at and doing things, and, by its nature, requires a unified approach [Millbank, 1993].
- The Mechatronics methodology is used for the optimal design of electromechanical products.
- A mechatronic system is **not just a mix** of electrical and mechanical systems and is more than just a control system; it is a complete integration of all of them.

**Not a
science, a
methodology
!**

Basic elements of a mechatronics system



Basic elements of a mechatronics system



Multi-/Cross-/Inter-disciplinary

- When a design requires inputs from more than one discipline. It can be realized through following types of interactions :

Multi-disciplinary: This is an additive process of bringing multiple disciplines together to bear on a problem.

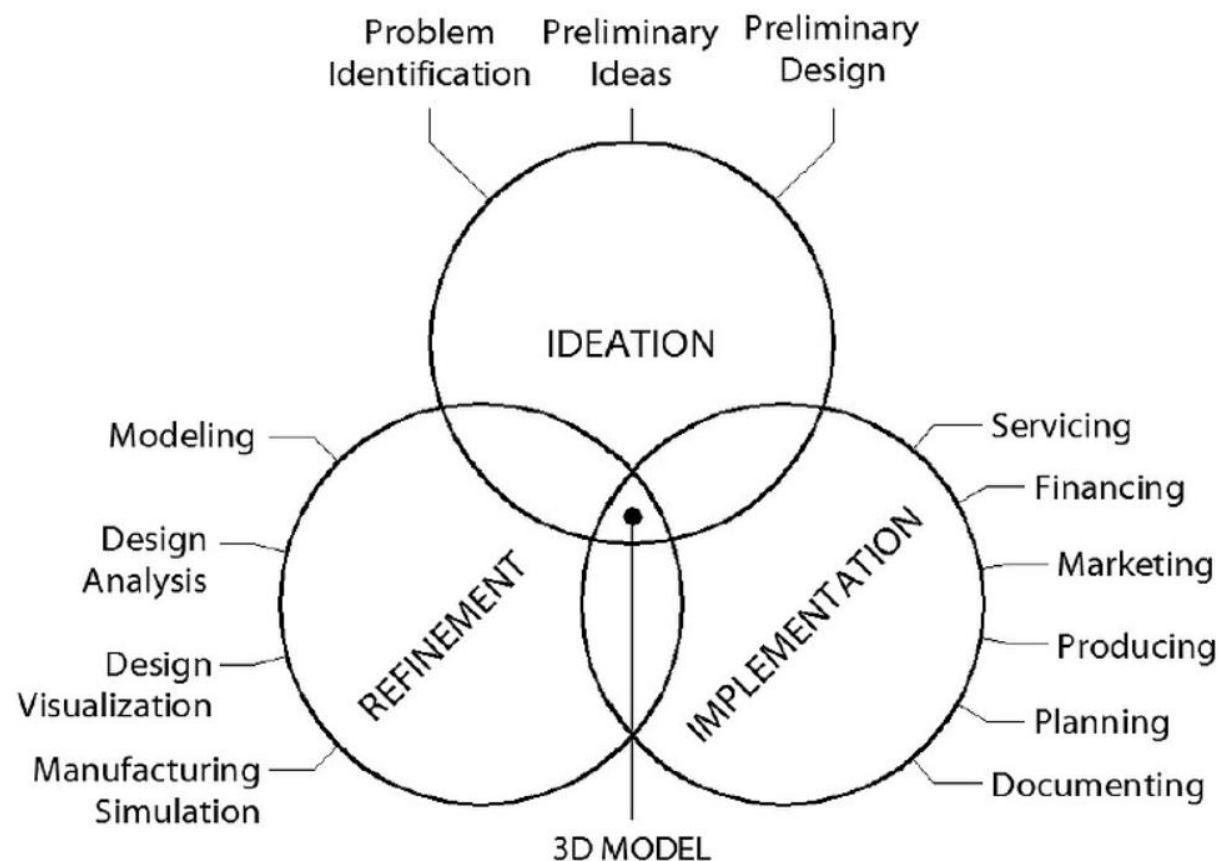
Cross-disciplinary: In this process, one discipline is examined from the perspective of another discipline.

Inter-disciplinary: This is an integrative process involving two or more disciplines simultaneously to bear on a problem

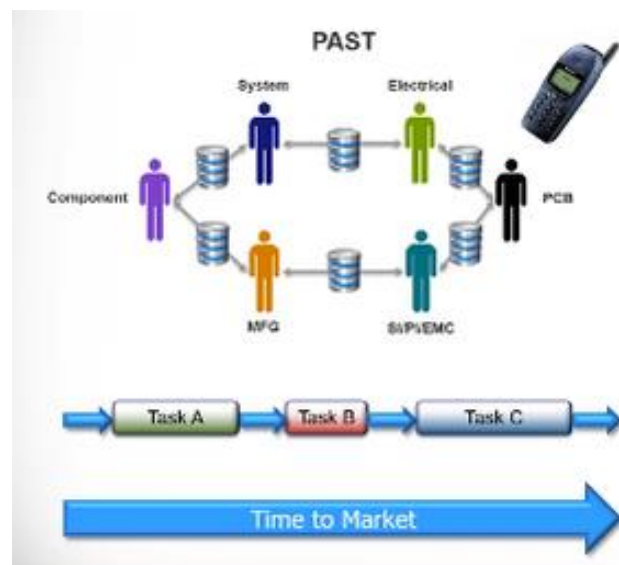
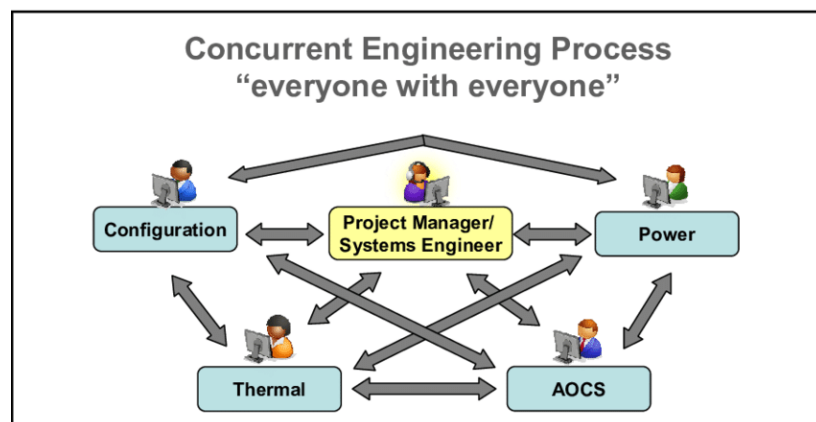
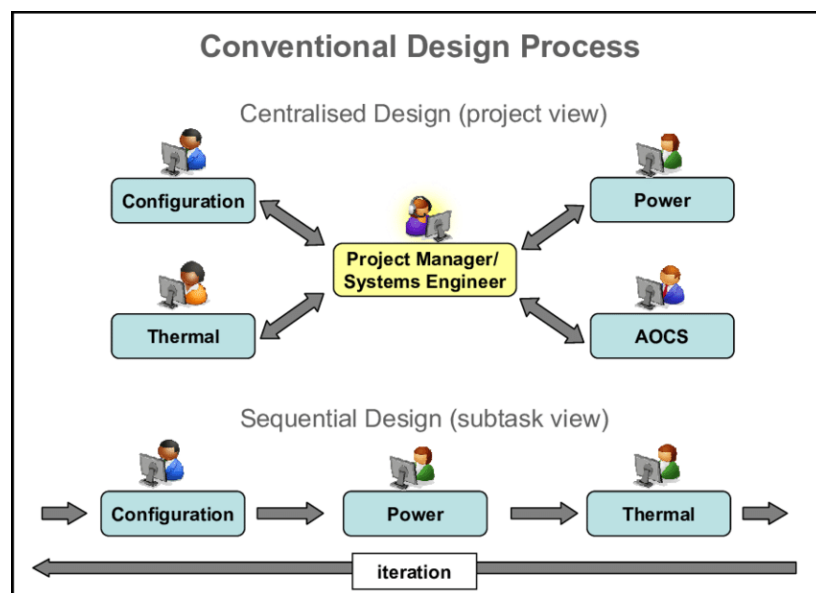
Mechatronic vs. Multidisciplinary

- The difference between a mechatronic system and a multidisciplinary system is not the constituents, but rather the order in which they are designed.
- Multidisciplinary system design employed a sequential design-by-discipline approach.
- Mechatronic design methodology is based on a **concurrent** (instead of sequential) approach to discipline design, resulting in products with more synergy.

Concurrent vs. Sequential Engineering



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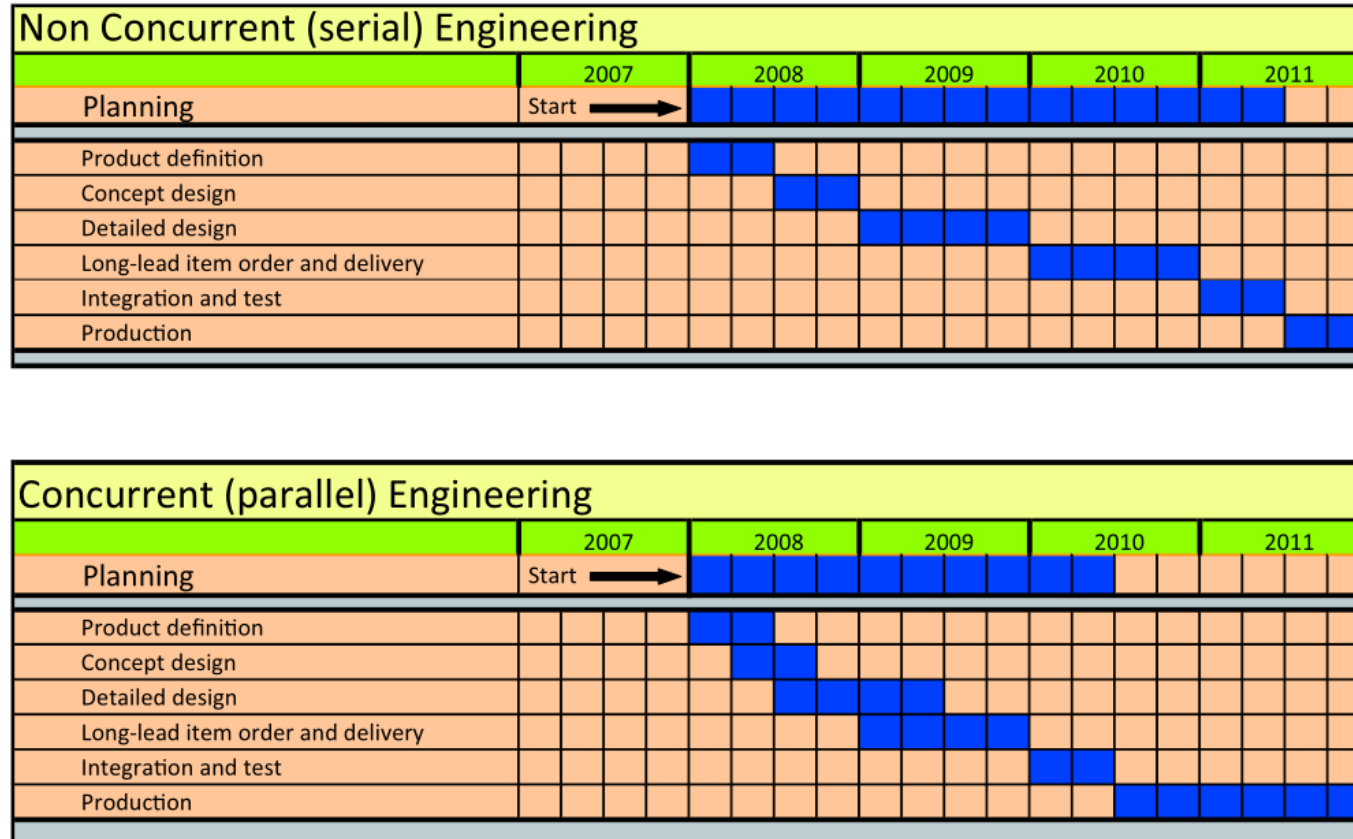


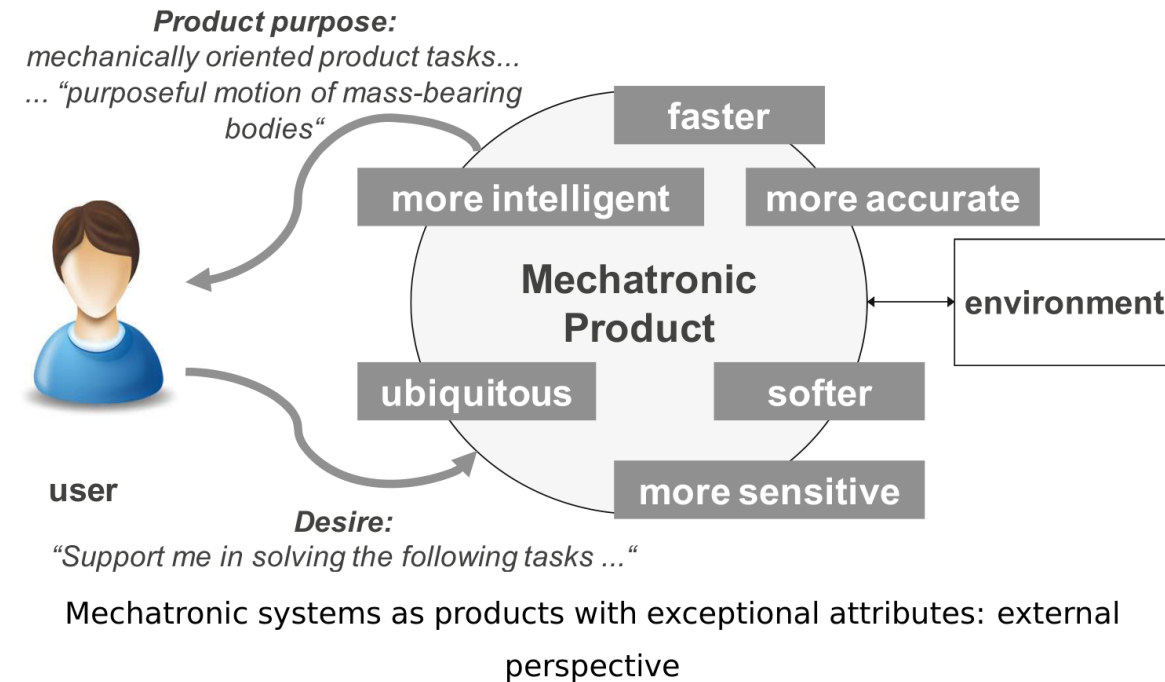
Figure 1.24: Concurrent engineering results in shorter lead times by working in parallel on different phases of the project. It requires a high discipline in communication and change control.

Product-Oriented Perspective

Mechatronics Engineering is the

- Analysis
- Design
- Manufacturing
- **Integration**
- and maintenance

of mechanics with electronics through intelligent computer control.



Mechatronics – standard aspects

References: NF E01-010 Mechatronics – Vocabulary (2008); NF E01-013 Mécatronique - Cycle de vie et conception des produits (2015)

- **Mechatronics**

An approach with the aim to reach the synergistic integration of mechanics, electronics, automation and computing in the design and the manufacture of a product in order to increase and / or optimize its functionality.



Physical
integration

- **Mechatronic product**

Product with the ability to perceive its surrounding environment, to process information, to communicate and act on its environment, and that presents a complete level of mechatronic integration, from a functional and physical point of view



Functional
integration

Mechatronics – constraints & benefits

- leads to new constraints, such as:
 - High Initial cost
 - the incorporation of several technologies,
 - the interactions between different functional entities,
 - taking into account the dynamics of the system,
 - taking into account the inability to perform exhaustive tests, etc.
- brings undeniable benefits such as:
 - Cost effective and good quality products
 - size and weight reduction
 - customer satisfaction by the proposed innovative solutions,
 - the positive response to societal demands increasingly important (pollution, consumption, safety)
 - High degree of flexibility to modify or redesign

[Millbank, 1993], [Hewit, 1996], [Kortum *et al.*, 1998], [Grimheden and Hanson, 2001], [Rzevski, 2003], [Ollero *et al.*, 2006], [Isermann, 2007], [Yeong and Do Soon, 2014].

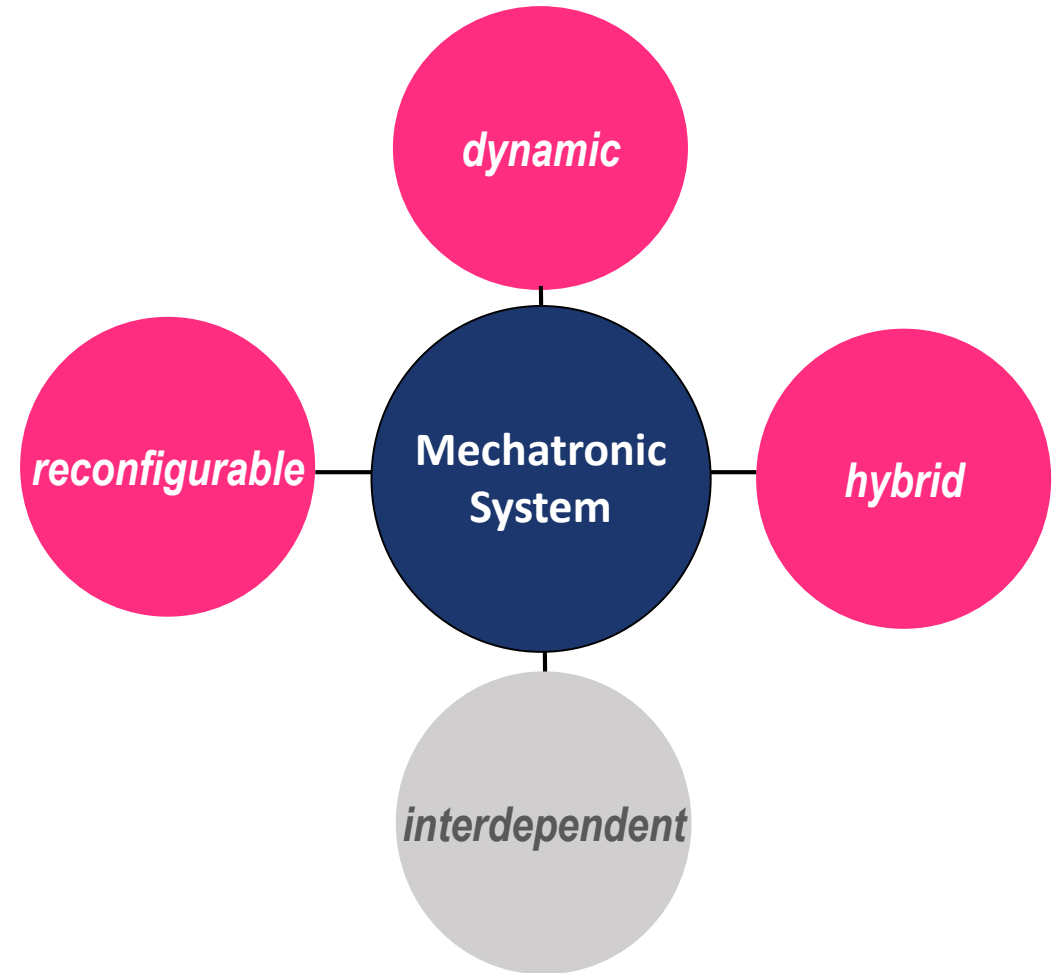
From complex systems to mechatronic systems

- Mechatronics has revolutionized the design and manufacturing of complex systems. In particular, its introduction in the automotive sector has deeply changed the development and manufacturing processes. Thus, a car is no longer conceived as a mechanical device that carries some electronic controls, but as a **mechatronic system** [Bertram *et al*, 2003],
- The synergy induced by mechatronic systems leads to an intelligent combination of technologies which leads to solutions **with higher performance** that cannot be obtained in separate applications. [Shetty and Kolk, 1997] [Breedveld, 2004].

Mechatronic system

A complex system with functional & physical integration.

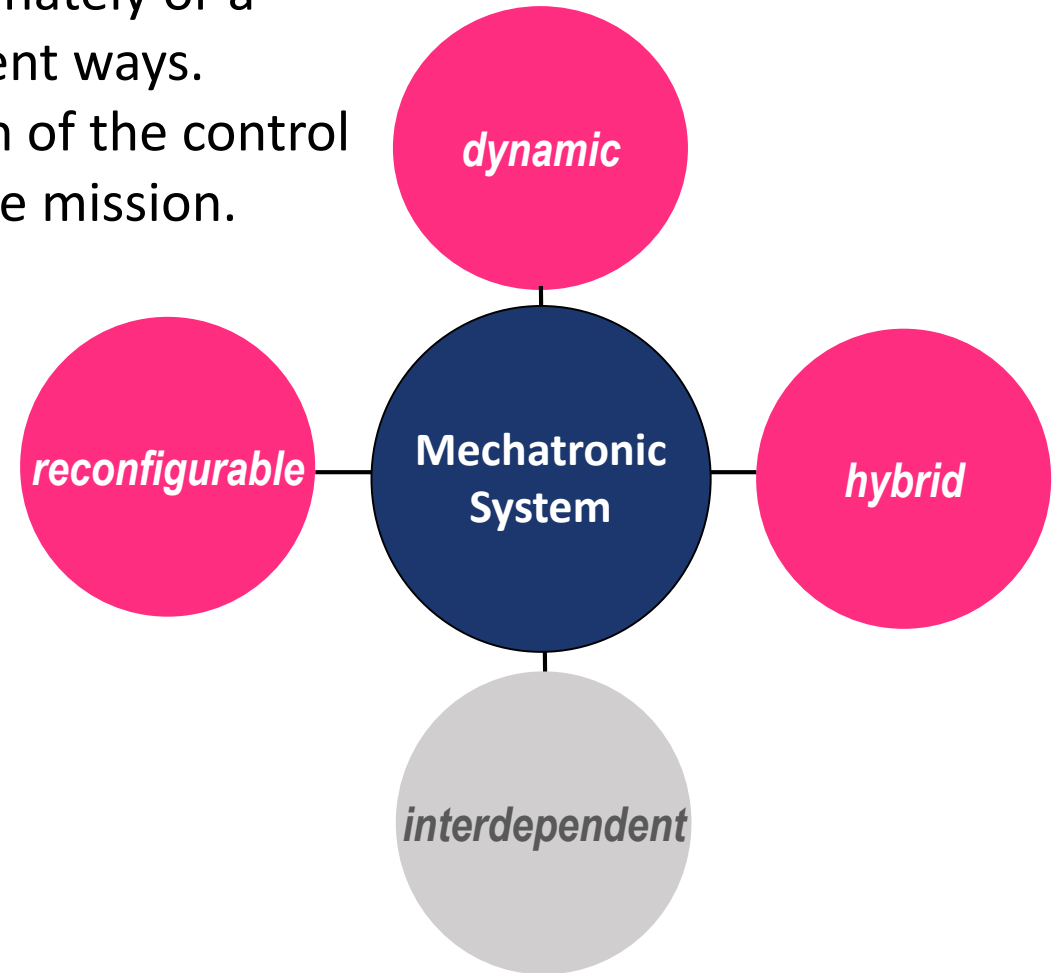
Characterized by four concepts:



Mechatronic system – re-configurability

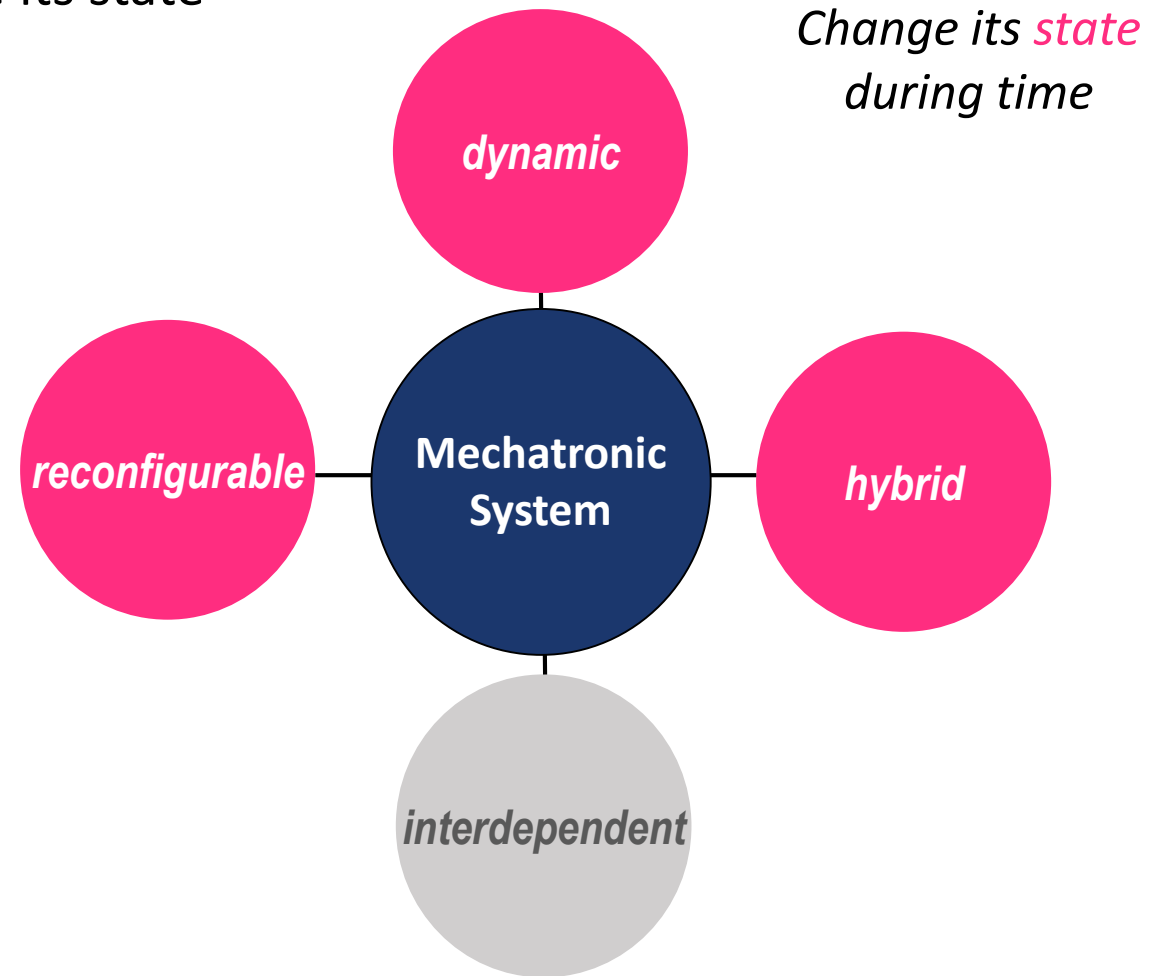
It is intended to perform several functions alternately or a function by using its resources in several different ways.
For example, to ensure safety, a reconfiguration of the control system is carried out without interruption of the mission.

Assume *different functions alternately or a function using its resources in different ways*



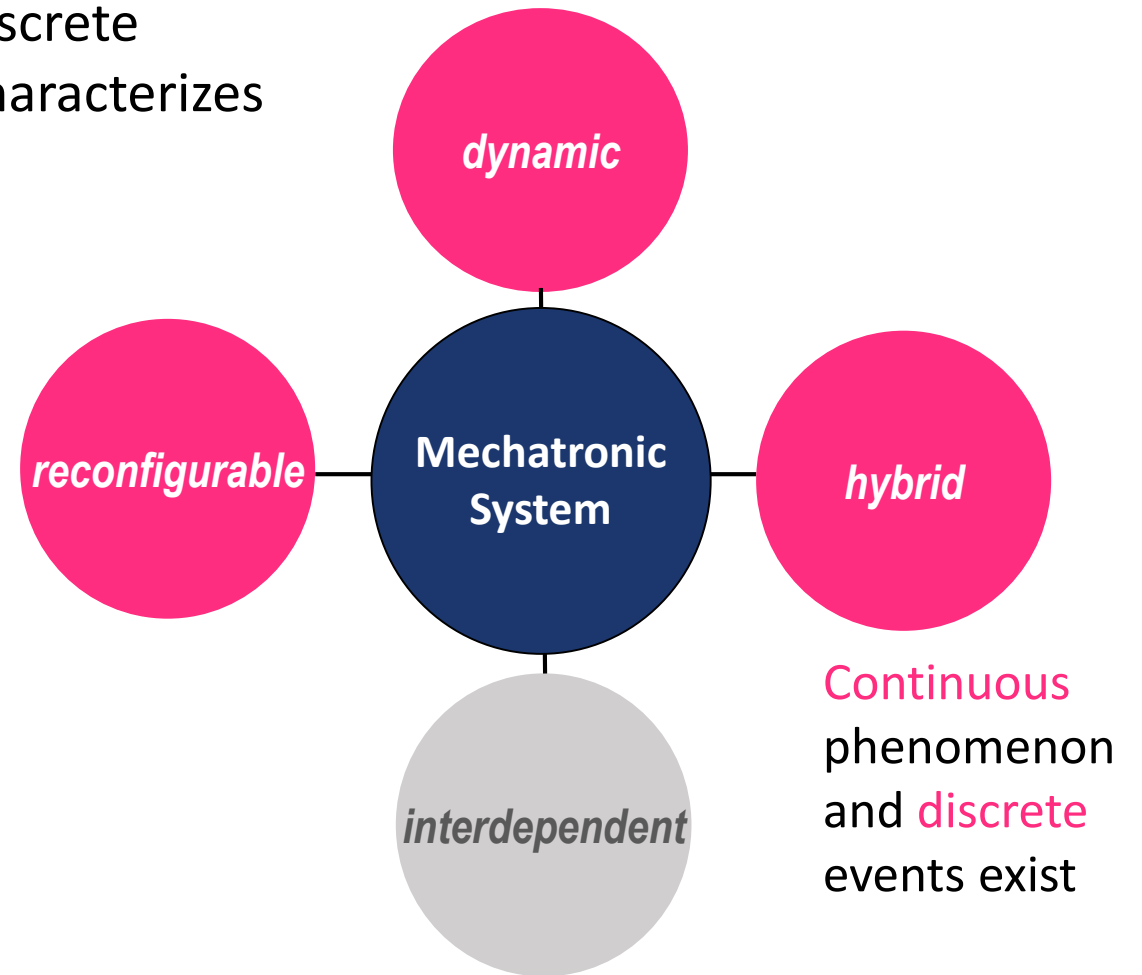
Mechatronic system - dynamic

This characteristic lies in its aptitude to change its state during time.



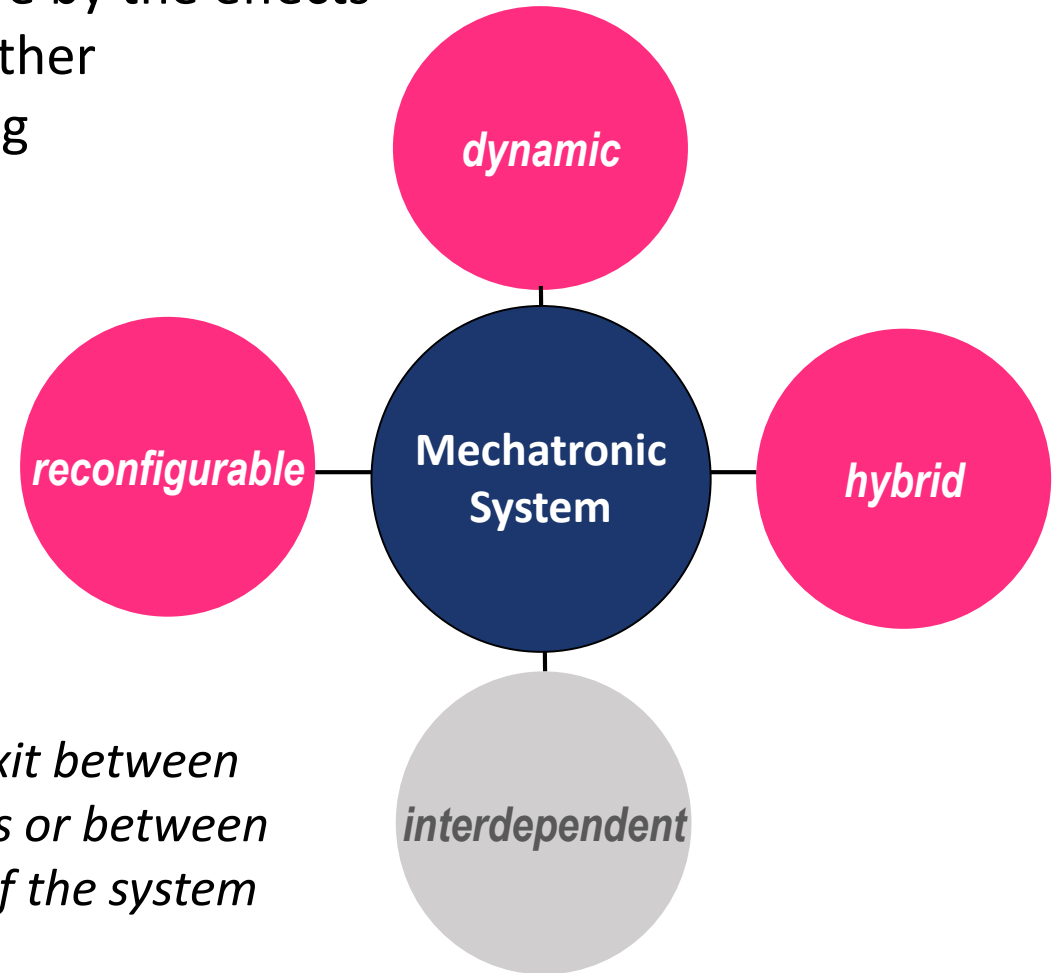
Mechatronic system - hybridity

The presence of continuous phenomena and discrete events into the different states of the system characterizes the hybrid concept.



Mechatronic system - dependency

The dependency or interaction is described here by the effects produced by the action of a component to another component in the system changing its operating performances, in terms of degradation.



Level of mechatronic systems integration

Primary Level Mechatronics : Integrates electrical signaling with mechanical action at the basic control level for e.g. fluid valves and relay switches



- Conveyors
- Rotary tables
- Auxiliary manipulators



Level of mechatronic systems integration

Secondary Level Mechatronics : Integrates microelectronics into electrically controlled devices for e.g. cassette tape player.



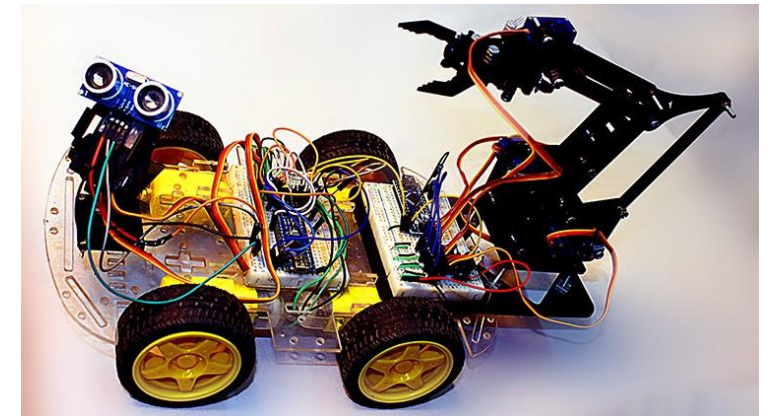
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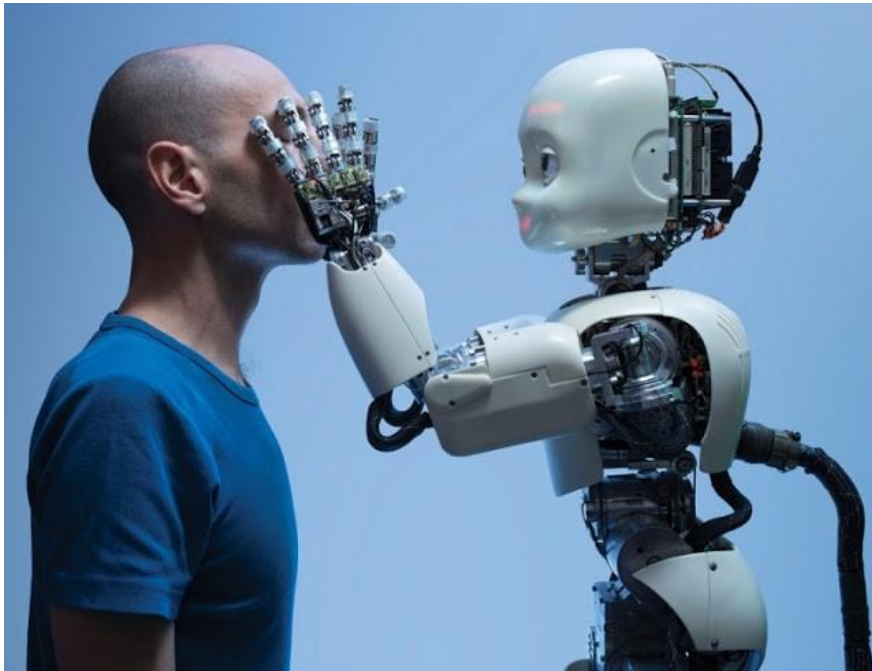
Tertiary Level Mechatronics : Incorporates advanced control strategy using microelectronics, microprocessors and other application specific integrated circuits for e.g. microprocessor based electrical motor used for actuation purpose in robots.

Specific Integrated Circuits' (ASIC), Control of electrical motor used to actuate industrial robots, hard disk, CD drives, automatic washing machines are typical examples

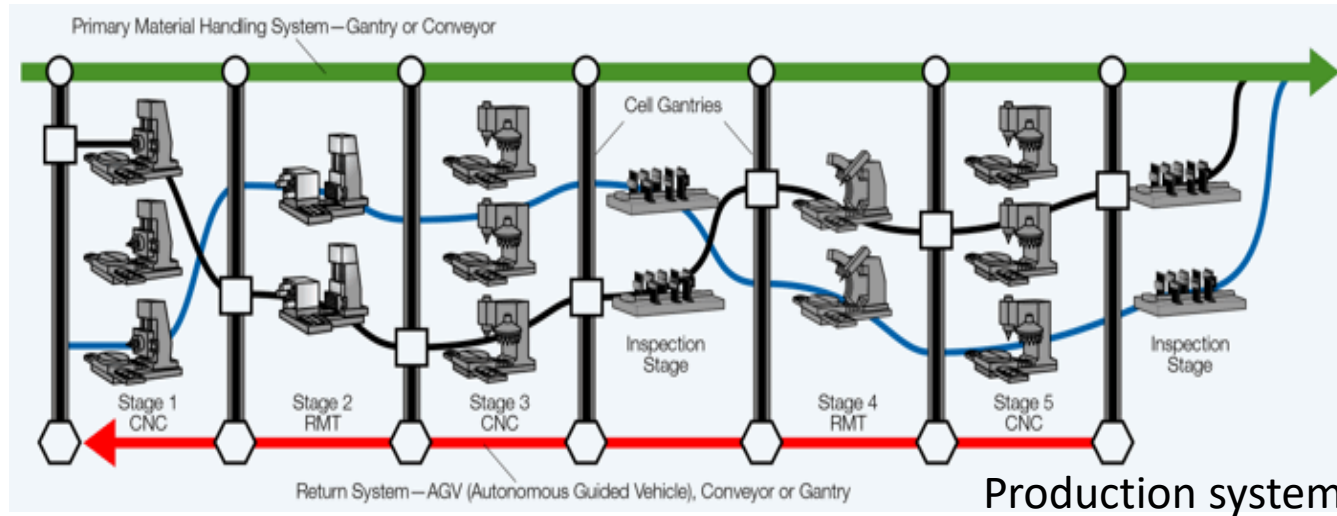


Level of mechatronic systems integration

Quaternary Level Mechatronics : This level attempts to improve smartness a step ahead by introducing intelligence (artificial neural network and fuzzy logic) and fault detection and isolation (F.D.I.) capability into the system



Examples of mechatronic systems

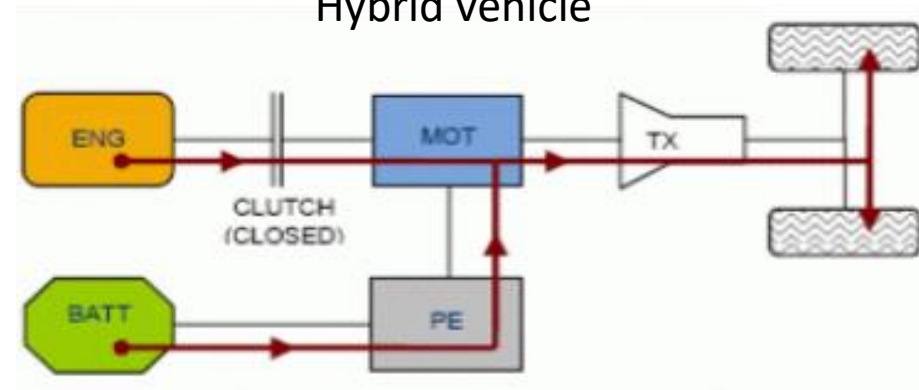


Landing system



Amperemeter/Voltmeter...

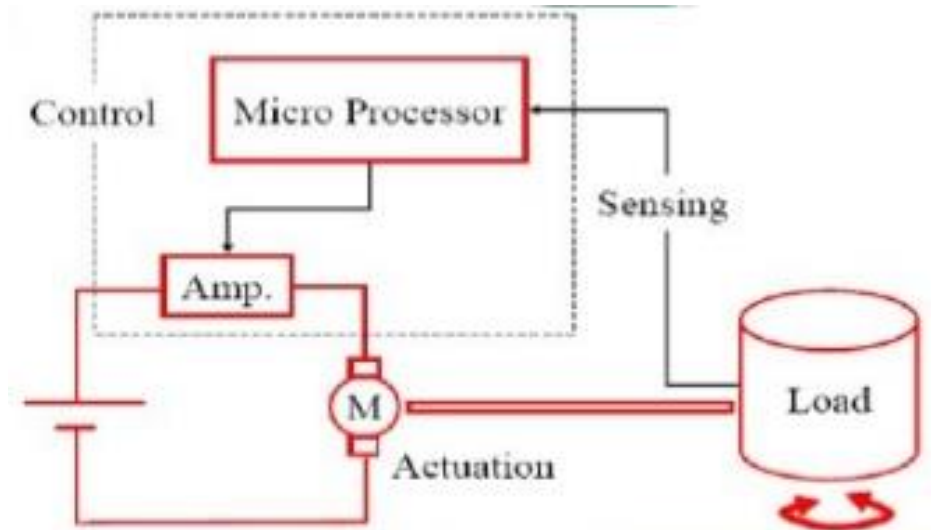
Hybrid vehicle



Examples of mechatronic systems

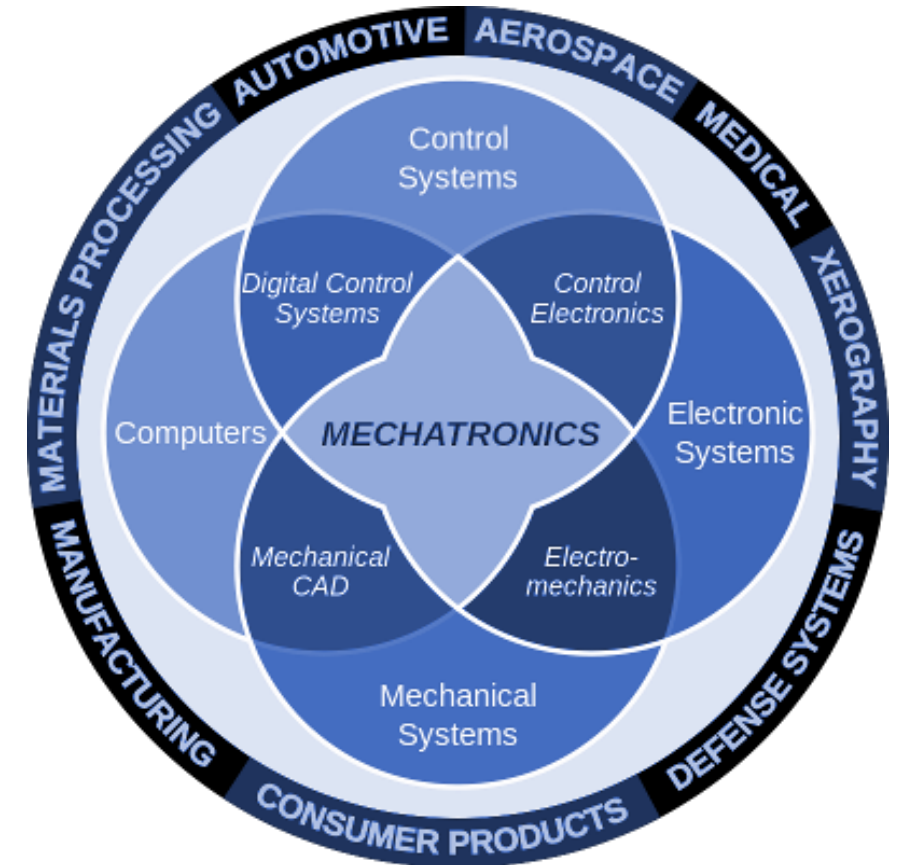
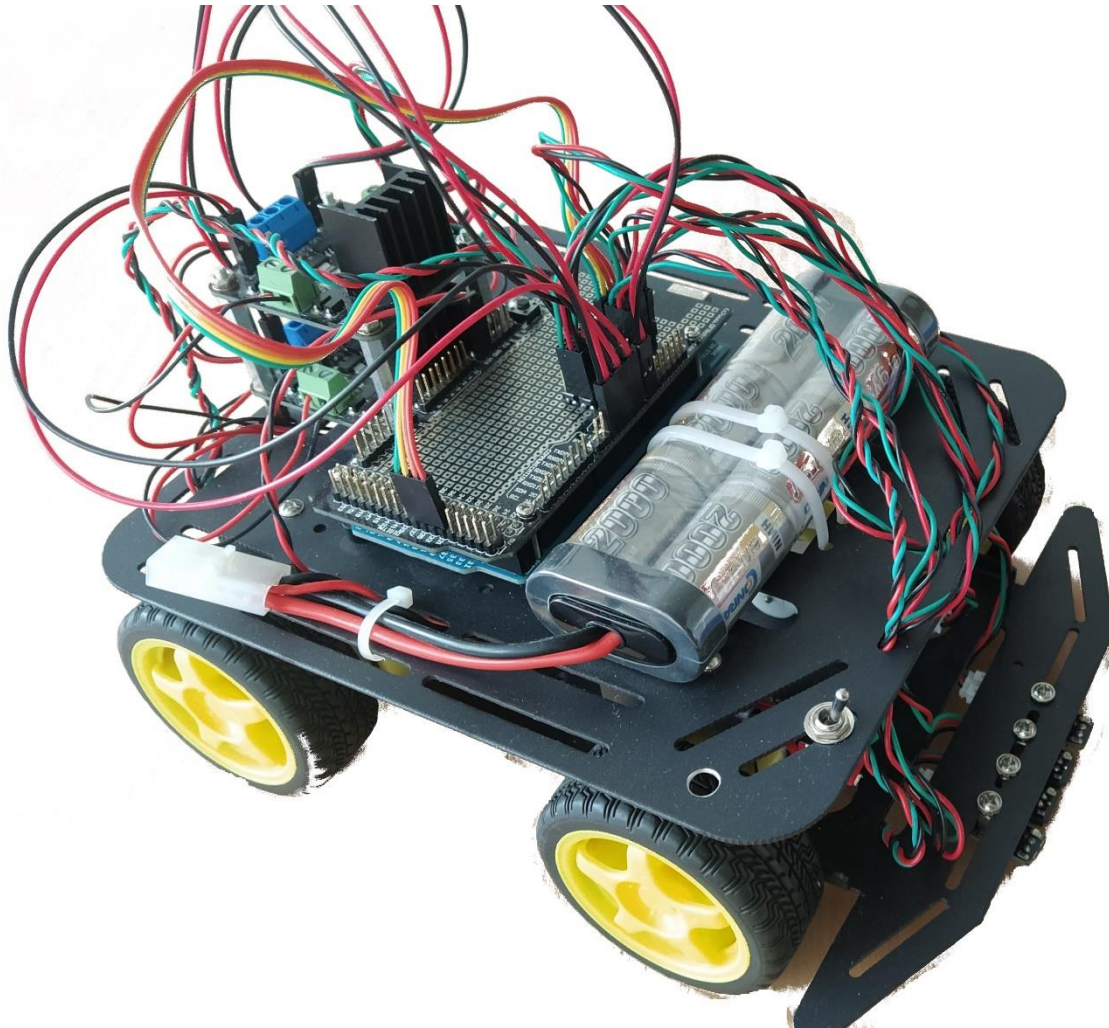


- **System Requirements**
 - Understanding of load sizes
 - Receptacle to hold clothes
 - ‘Plumbing’
 - Agitation of drum
 - Ease of use, Reliability
 - Low Cost
- **Actuators**
 - AC or DC Motors
 - Water inlet/drain
- **Sensors**
 - Water level
 - Load speed/balance
- **Control**
 - Choice depends on design



Exercise

- Find out which discipline is involved



Exercise

Spot which system is **NOT** mechatronic



Computer



Drone



Car



Consumer Electronics



MEMS



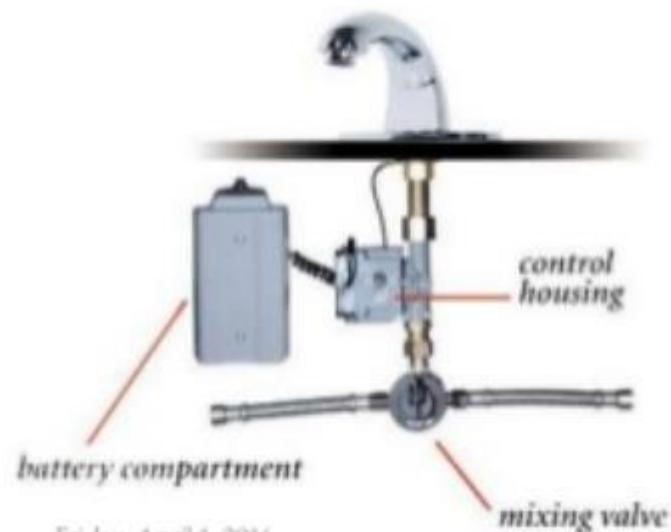
Ski bindings

Exercise

Sanitation Applications

System Uses

- Proximity sensors
- Control circuitry
- Electromechanical valves
- Independent power source



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Advantages

- **Reduces spread of germs** by making device hands free
- **Reduces wasted water** by automatically turning off when not in use



Exercise

Sanitation Applications

Systems Uses

- Motion sensors
- Control circuitry
- Electromechanical actuators
- Independent power source



Soap
Dispenser

Paper Towel Dispenser



Advantages

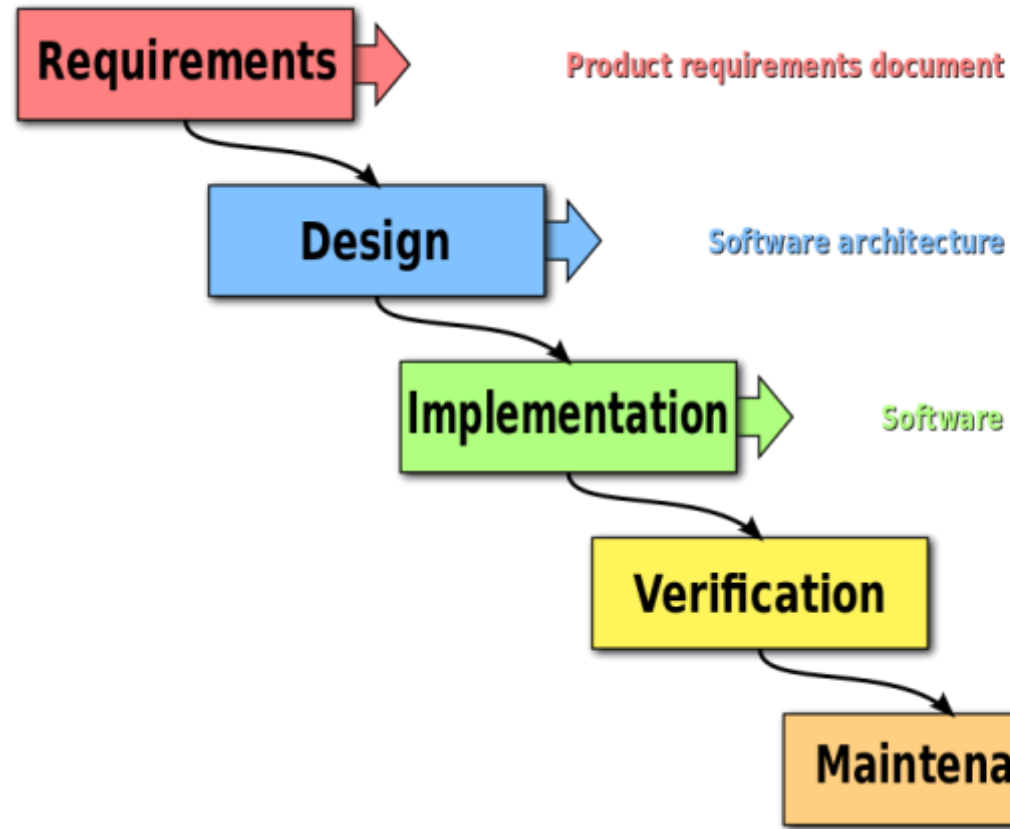
- **Reduces spread of germs** by making device hands free
- **Reduces wasted materials** by controlling how much is dispensed

Designing a mechatronic system

- A systems development life cycle is composed of a number of clearly defined and distinct work phases to plan for, design, build, test, and deliver information systems.
- **Different kinds of models :**
 - *The linear models (waterfall model, V-cycle) ;*
 - *The iterative models (incremental model, spiral model and by-prototype model).*
 - *Agile (new trend)*

Product life cycle: the waterfall cycle

- It is a **sequential non-iterative** design process



Manufacturing, construction
and software industries

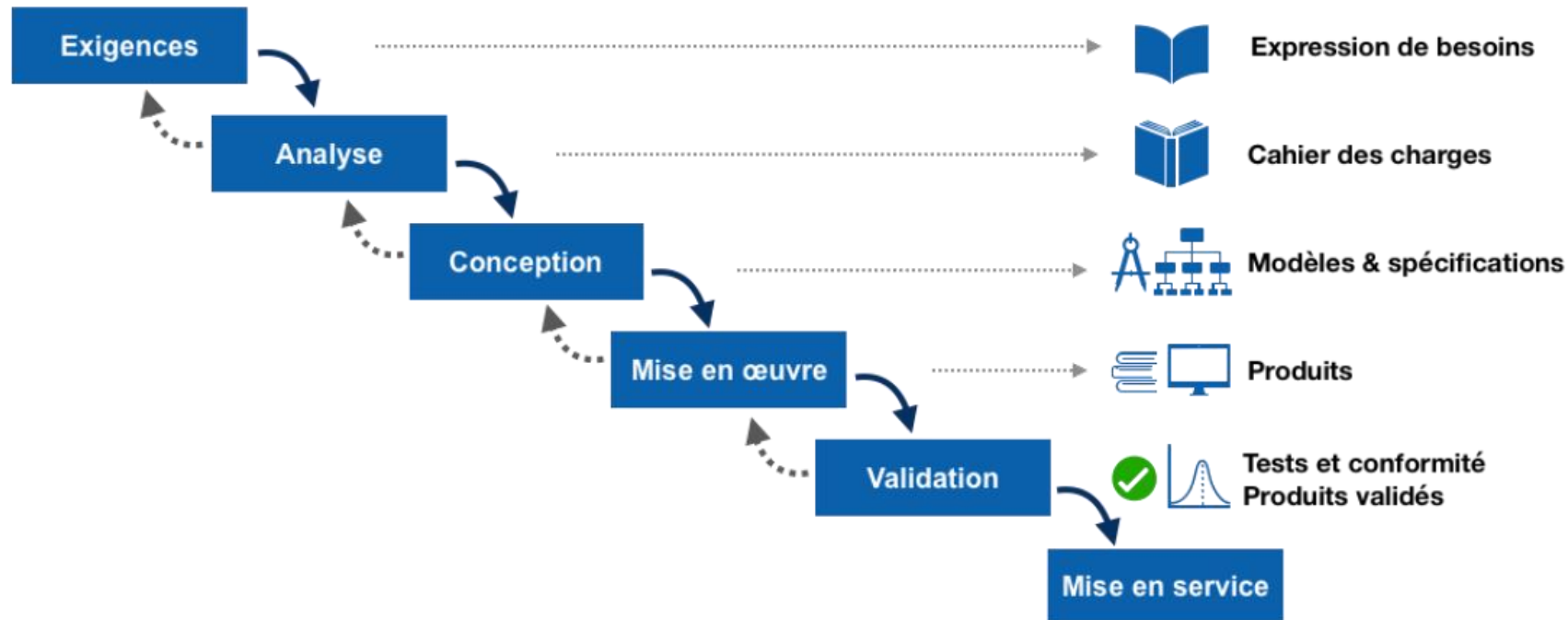
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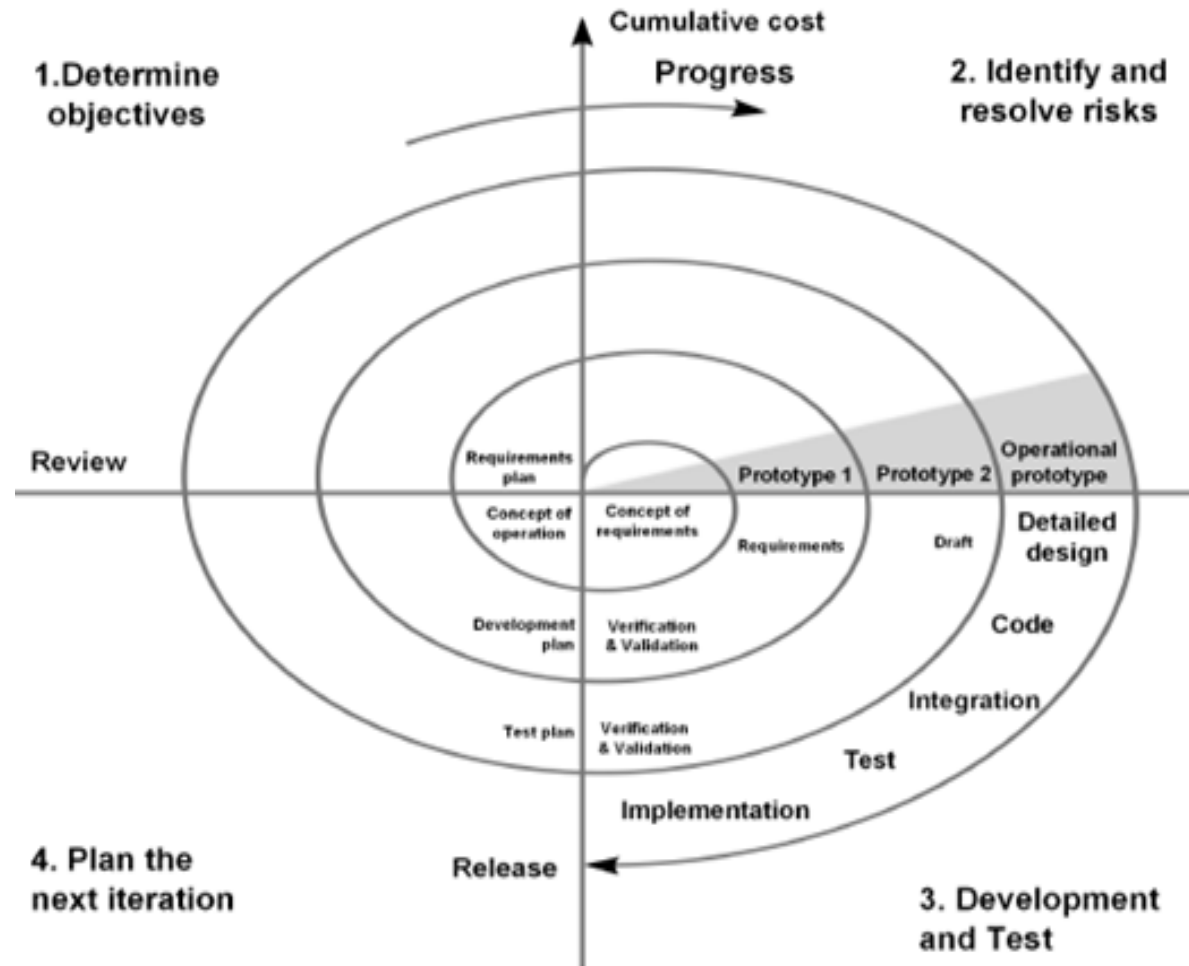
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Product life cycle: the spiral model

- It is a **risk-driven process** model

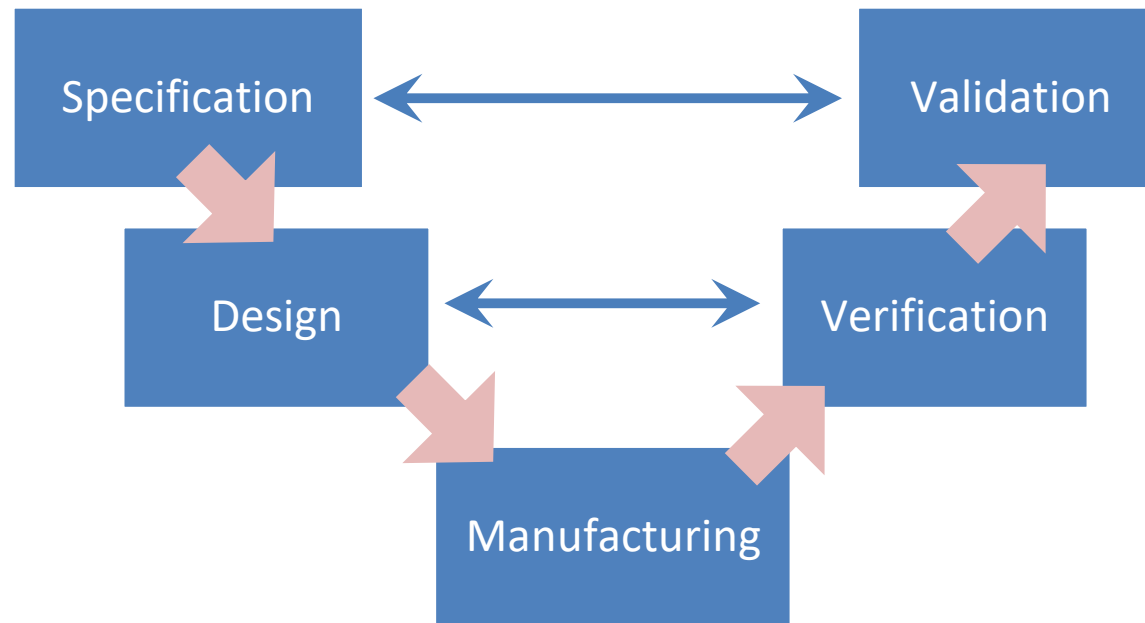


Software industry

- ☺ short-time steps
- ☺ continuous dialogue with the customer and the user.
- ☺ risk minimization
- ☹ cost increase
- ☹ time increase

Product life cycle: the V-cycle

- It is a rigorous development lifecycle model and a project management model.



The horizontal axis represents time

The vertical axis represents the level of integration of the system

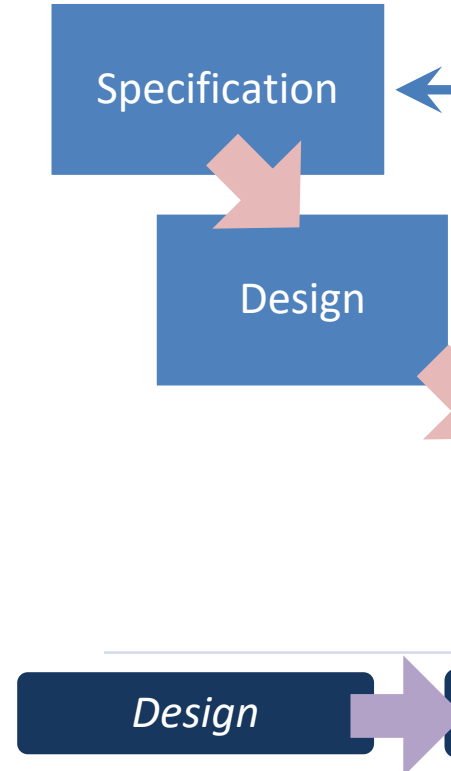
The left side of the "V" represents the decomposition of requirements, and creation of system specifications. The right side of the "V" represents integration of parts and their validation.

First used as a model of development in different technologies: mechanics, electronics, and software.

- ☺ an overall methodology with shared stages to the different technologies
- ☺ common terminology
- ☺ generalized to the development of complex systems
- ☹ maintenance and repair not taken into account

The V-cycle

- Design phase



For a mechatronic system, the major difficulty is the **translation** of the global system specification into specifications for each component with different technologies.

[Rieuneau, 1993], [DesJardin, 1996]

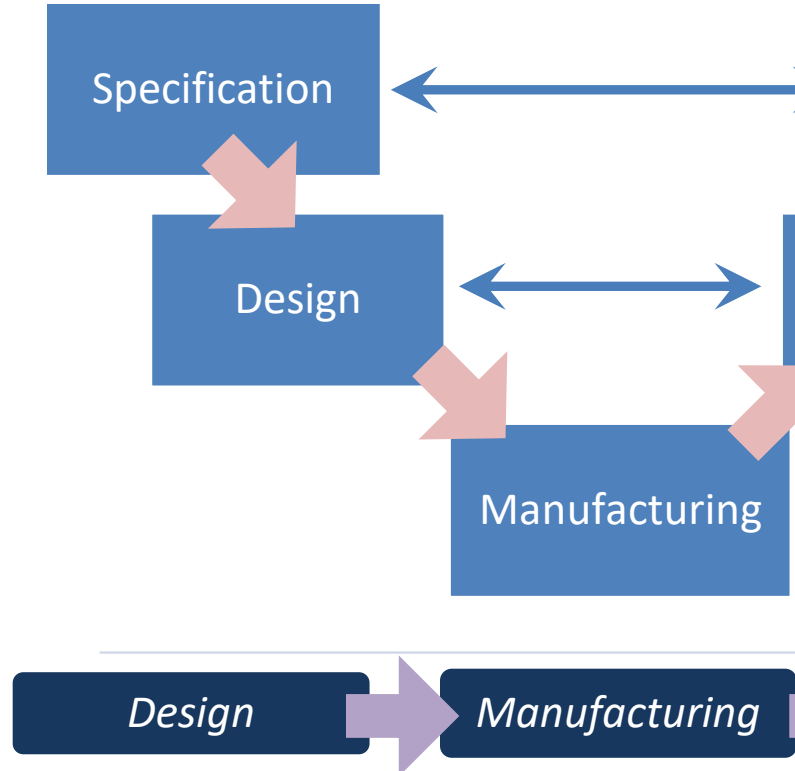
Then, it is increasingly necessary to integrate **security** in the first phase of the development cycle.

[DesJardin, 1996]

This integration leads to develop a **collaborative methodology** that promotes their inclusion in projects and through the different communities.

The V-cycle

- Manufacturing phase



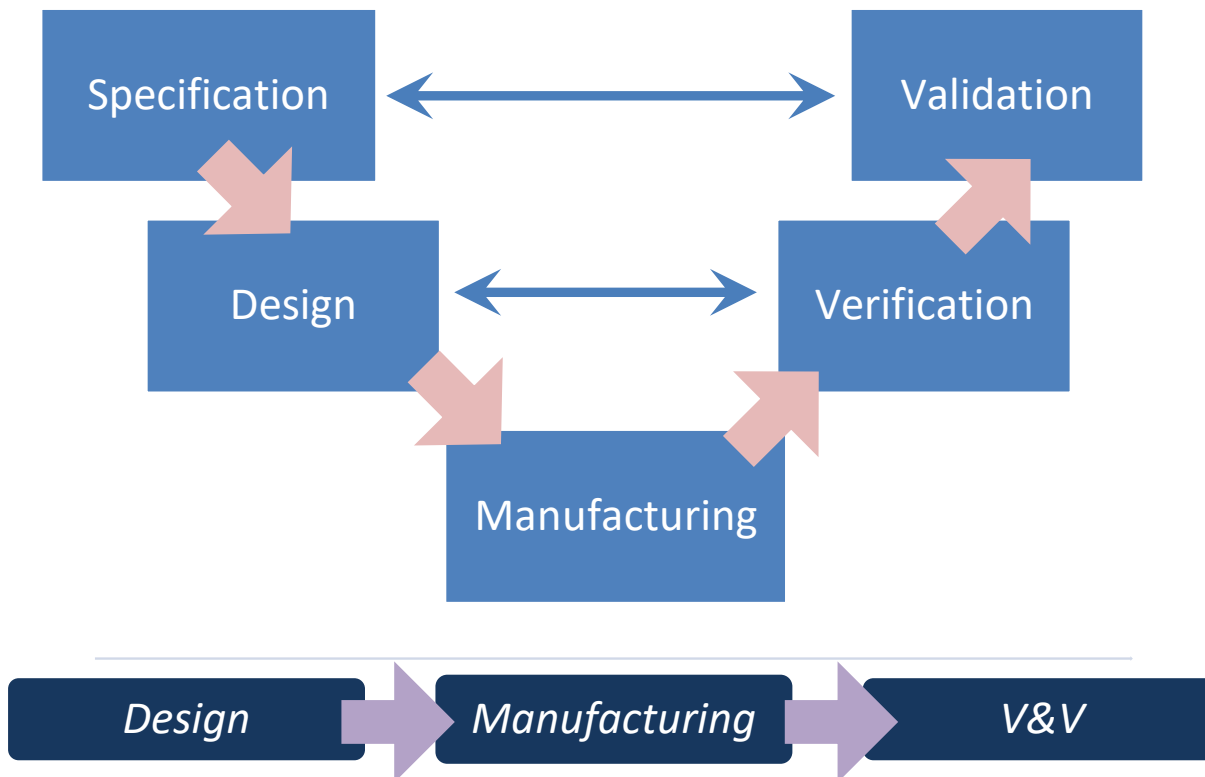
The manufacturer specifies not only the functionality but also the objectives in terms of **dependability**.



Must be studied during the design phase

The V-cycle

- Verification & validation phase



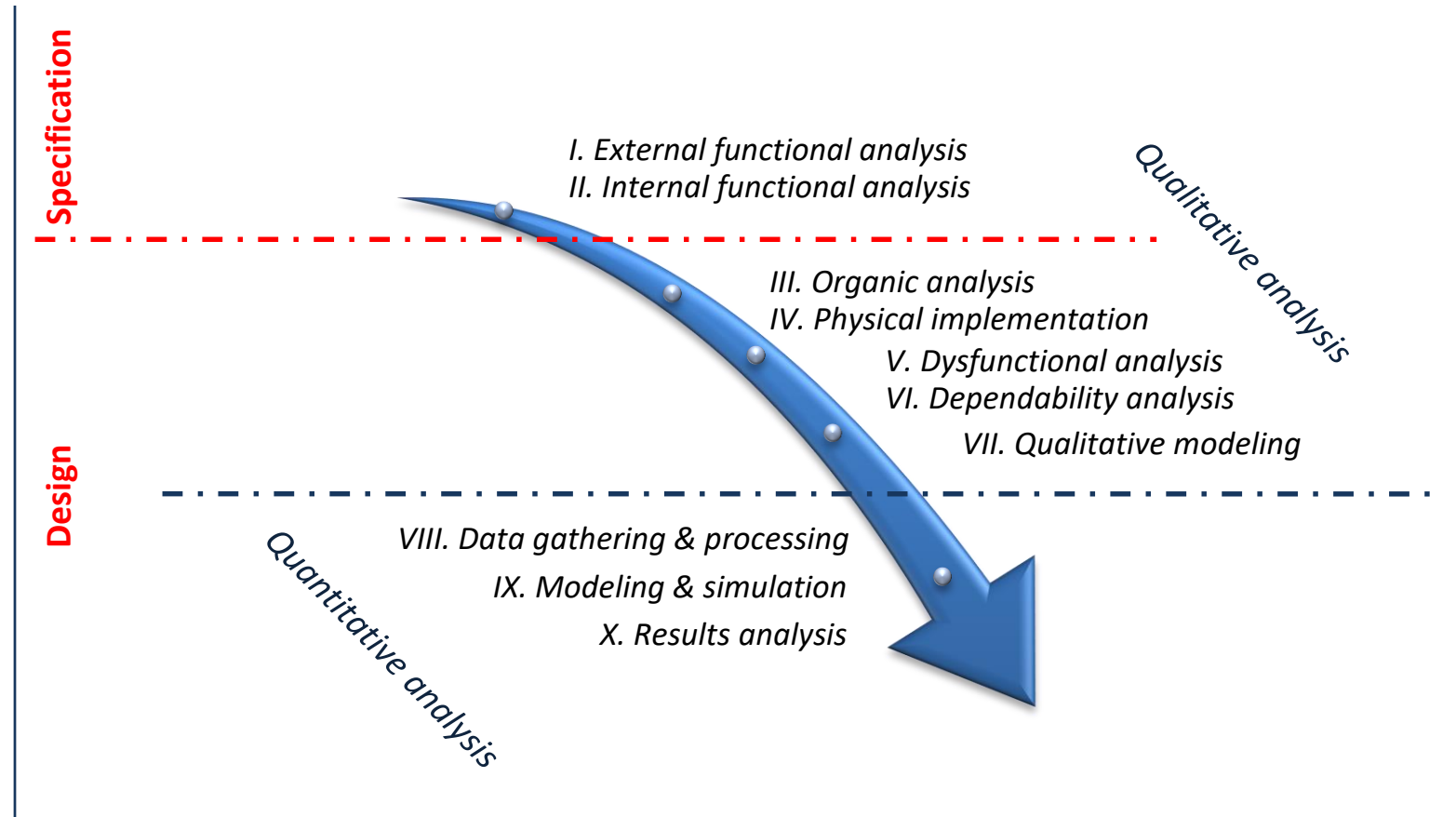
This phase intends to show the functional validation of the sub-systems and of the whole system. Quality must be compared to the specifications.



The interactions between the different technologies must be characterized. This step may help to obtain return data and feed the database.

Designing a mechatronic product

- It is necessary to develop a collaborative methodology very early in the project
- New approach for the first phases of the V-cycles



Examples of two industrial products

□ Simple mechatronic systems

- Smart actuator



- Medical imaging & robotics
- Bio prosthesis
- Ultra rapid Optronics
- Scientific Instrumentation
- Electrodynamic actuators
- ...

- Instrumented wheel bearing



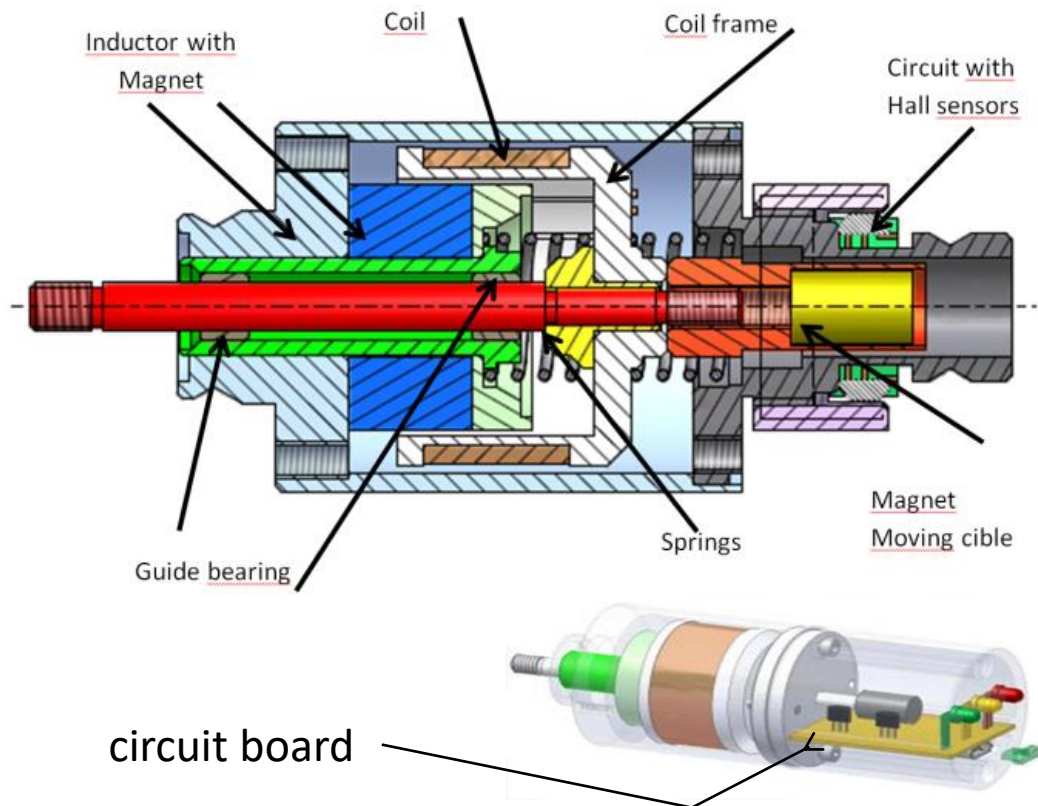
- Sensors & magnetic rings
- Ball bearings
- Bearing units

For aerospace, automotive, rail,
steel industry, wind energy,...

Example: smart actuator

Continuous sorting on a production line

- ❑ The wagons carry parts from a station to another of the chain in continuous motion
- ❑ The **smart actuator** contributes to the realization of the function of wagons unloading



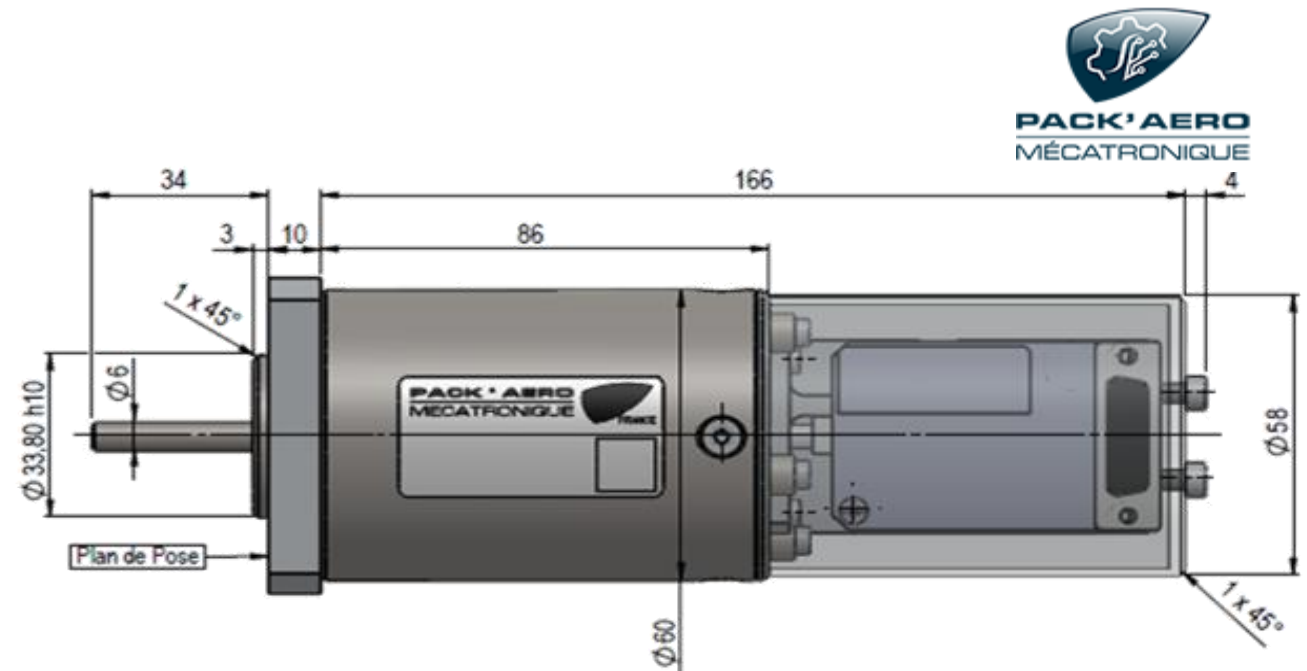
The finger of the smart actuator is used as a stop to open the shutter and release the load of wagon without stopping

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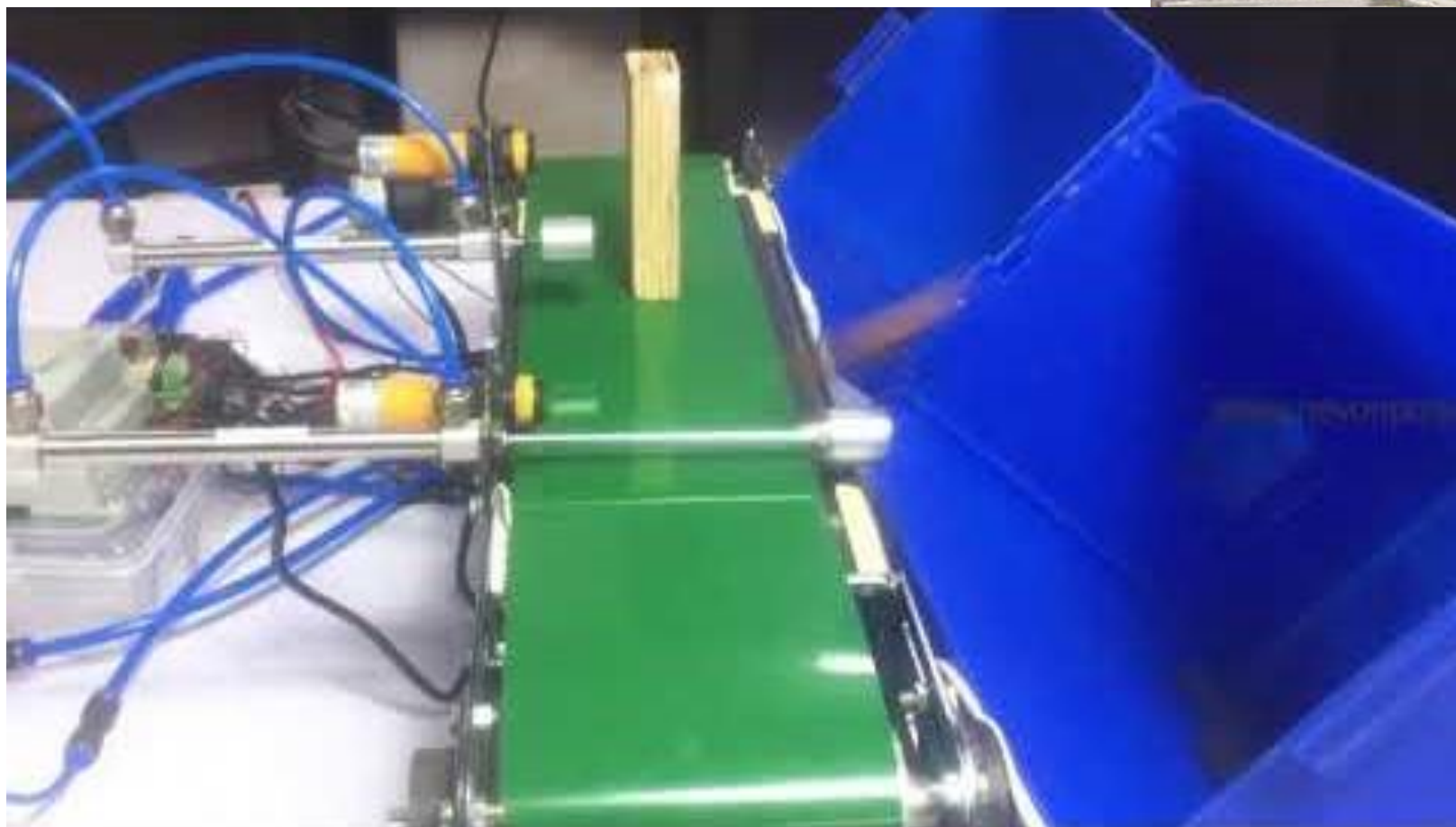
□ Specifications

In addition to be a classical actuator, the smart actuator assumes additional functions such as operating, monitoring, communicating, data processing, etc.

- > Transition from passive state to **active** state
- > Using a linear direct action instead of a linear indirect one
- > **Optimization of the immediate answer** according to the needs
- > Integration of **electrical locking functions** with or without electricity consumption



Example to illustrate



Example: smart actuator

❑ a mechatronic product ?

- Incorporate several technologies?
- Physical integration?
- Functional integration?

❑ what about its intrinsic characteristics

- Dynamic?
- Reconfigurable?
- Hybrid?
- Interactive/interdependent?

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- > ...



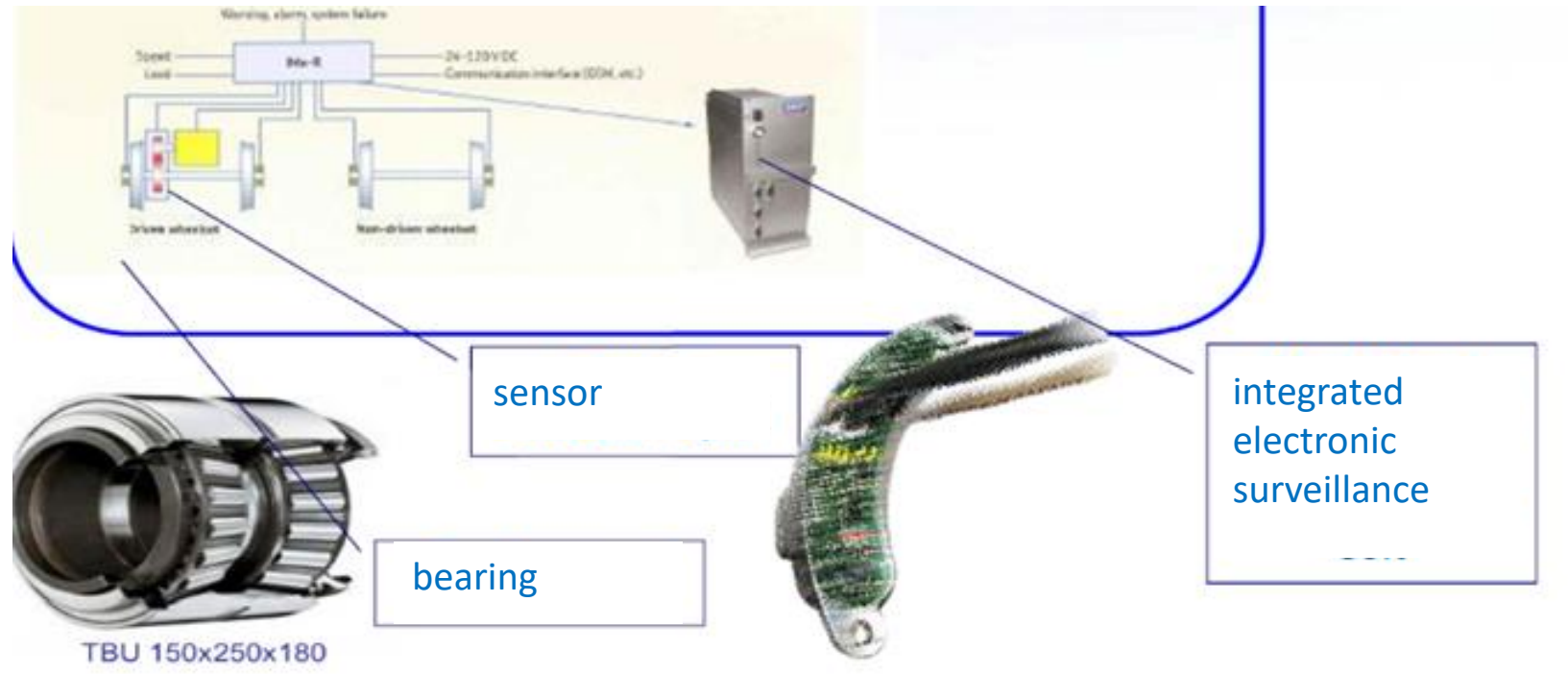
Example: instrumented wheel bearing

Using context



Fixed on axle tree

Integrated electronic surveillance



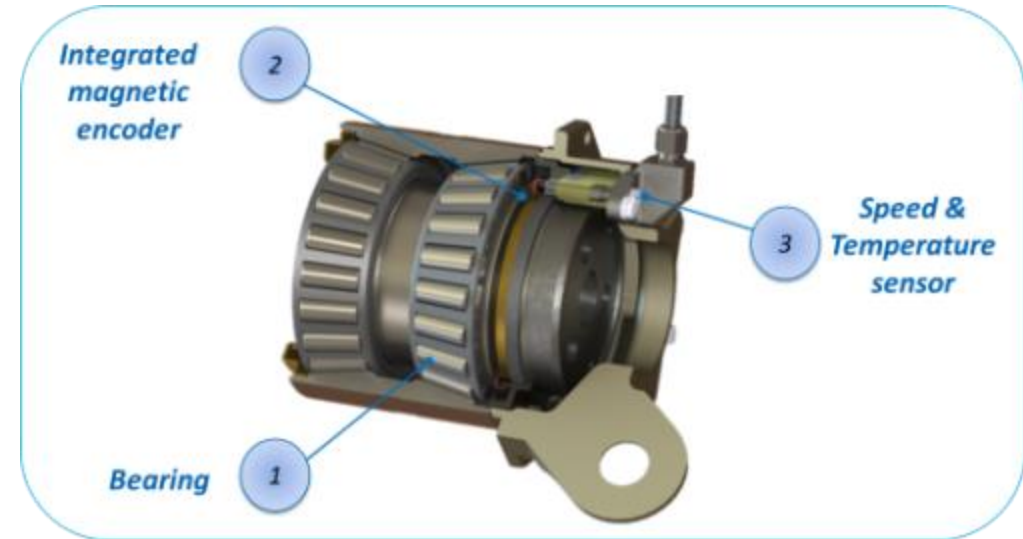
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□ Specifications

In addition to be a classical wheel bearing, the instrumented wheel bearing assumes additional functions such as temperature and speed measurements.

- > One sensor for both measurement
- > Two electronic circuits are working in parallel (active redundancy)
- > The speed measurement is working from 0 km/h (high security)
- > Measured data are saved by the calculator



Example: instrumented wheel bearing



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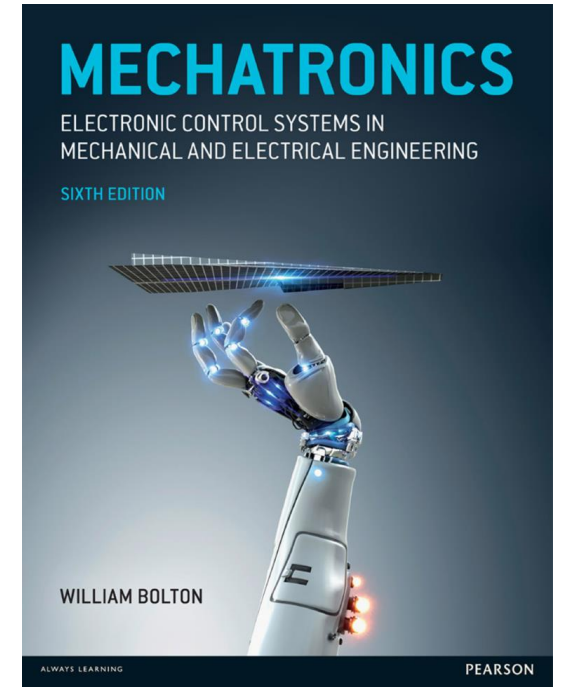
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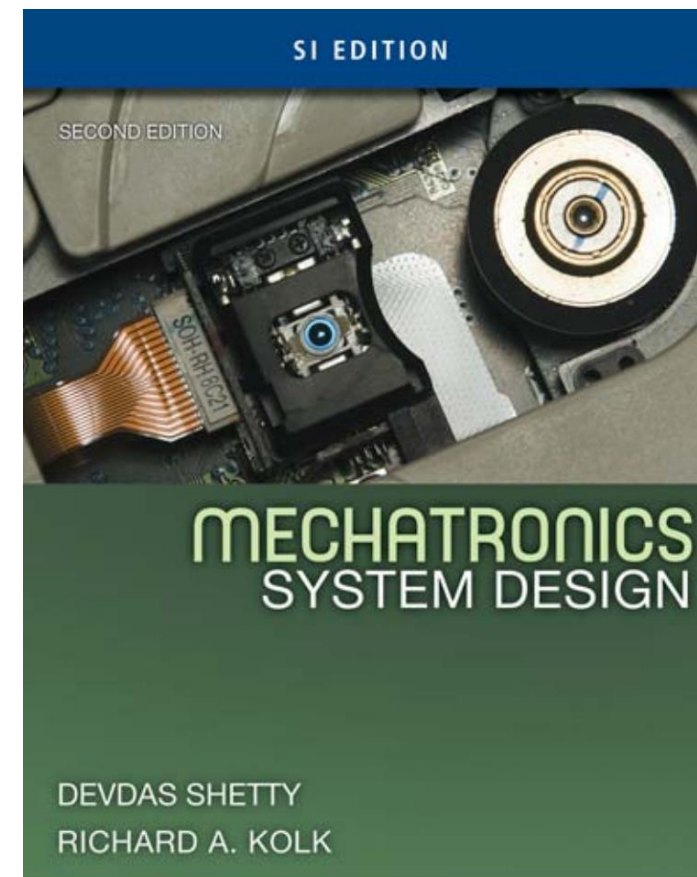
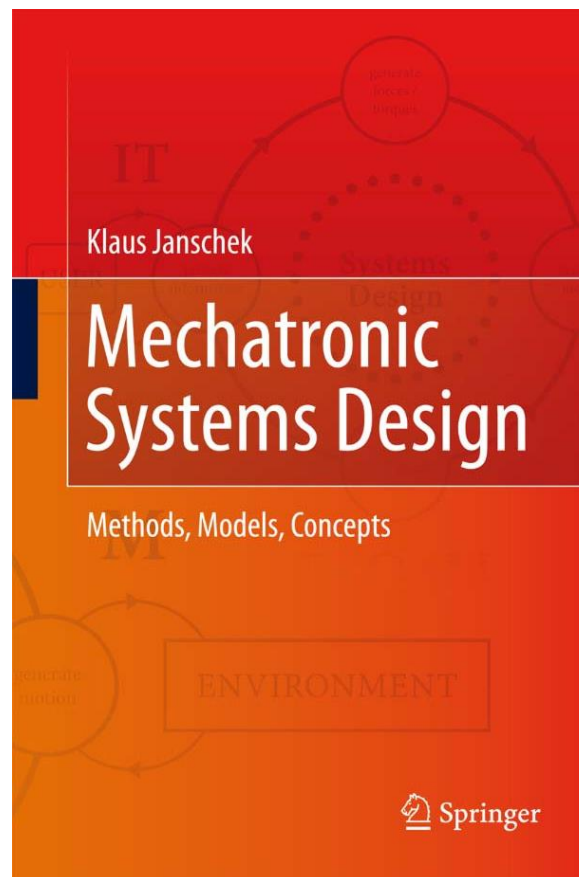
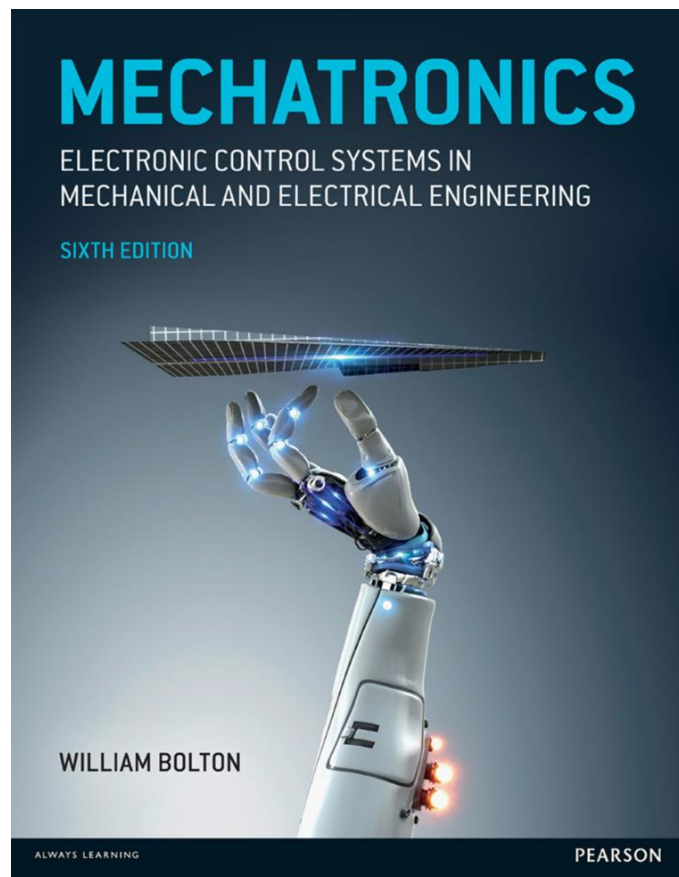
- Dynamic?
 - Reconfigurable?
 - Hybrid?
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- > Transition from passive state to **active** state
 - > Active redundancy
 - > **Continuous phenomenon and discrete events**
 - > ...

Assignment

- Read chapter 1 of the book
- Due to Wednesday April 8, 2020. (6pm max. deadline)
- Answer the quizz on the Moodle plateforme
- Find on the internet an other example of smart actuator



Relevant books



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