

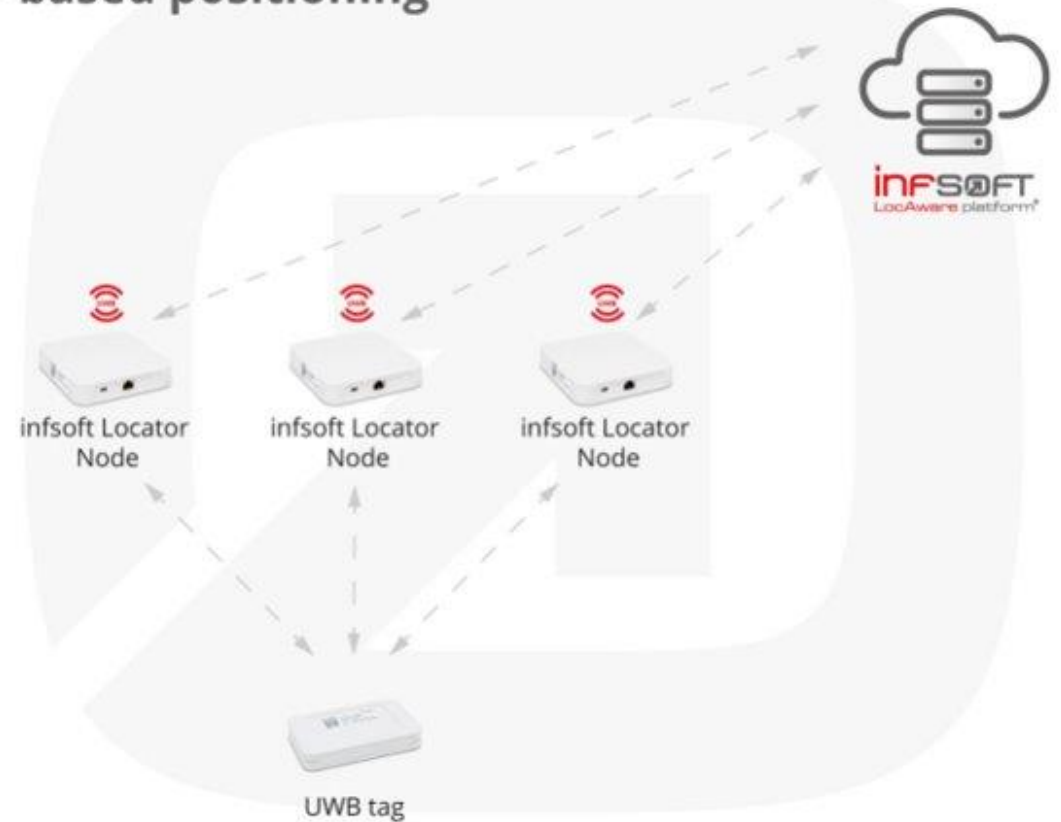
Tracking in industrial environments using UWB

- **Reactive:** Continuously tracking the object using a small tag offering an accuracy better than 30 cm in contrast to beacons (1-3 meters) or Wi-Fi (5-15 meters)) and responding to its movements.
- **Hard real time system:** Failing to deliver the exact location of a person at the correct time can lead to extreme consequences.
- **Quasi-continuous:** Latency time is very low (position request up to 100 times/second).
- **Dependability:** It must work correctly when it is being used (High reliability) It must be available to work when needed. High availability). It must not endanger any human life (High safety).

Distributed

- The Tag measures the distance to several Nodes and sends the data back to them. The Node processes the data it receives and sends them to a Platform via Wi-Fi, Ethernet or UMTS. Here, the position is displayed for example on a map.

server-based positioning



Distributed Systems

- **Heterogeneous System:** Must be able to run in a variety of Operative Systems.
- **High Scalability:** The system must remain efficient no matter the number of Nodes and Tags connected.
- **High Failure Handling:** Corrective measures must be implemented to ensure the correct operation of the system.
- **High Concurrency:** To ensure access to the location of tags from several sub-systems at the same time.



Airplane - Boeing 777



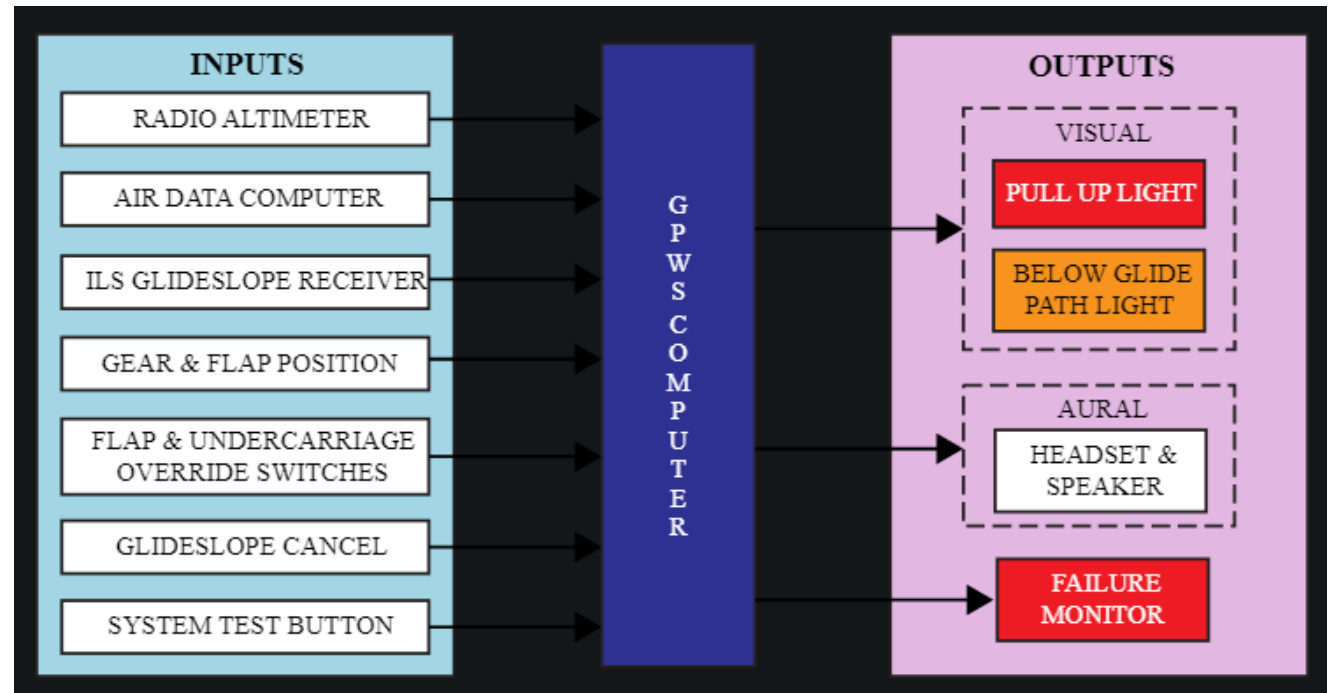
The characteristics

- Reactive systems: Near-Earth Warning Systems (GPWS)
- Real-time systems: Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Continuous/discrete/hybrid systems: **Continuous** Climb and Descent Operations (CCOs and CDOs)
- Dependable systems:
 - sealed modular component of an airplane
 - designed to be replaced quickly at an operation location for cost reduction
 - designed to a common specification
- Distributed systems: Integrated avionics system

The architecture

- Reactive Systems → GPWS

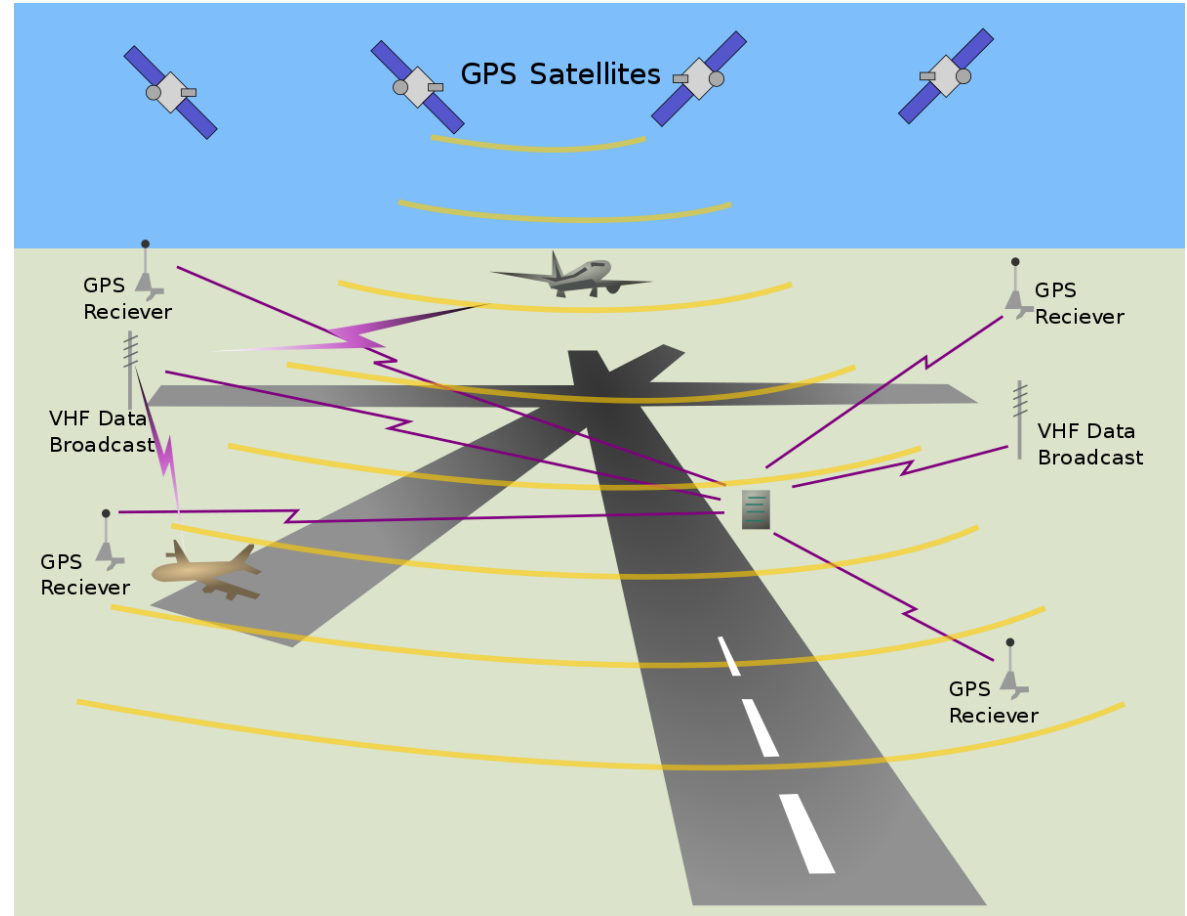
GPWS relied on the airplane's radio altimeter, which determines the aircraft's altitude by bouncing a radar signal off the ground and measuring the duration of the signal's round trip.



The architecture

- Real-time systems → GPS

GPS satellites carry atomic clocks that provide extremely accurate time. The time information is placed in the codes broadcast by the satellite so that a receiver can continuously determine the time the signal was broadcast.

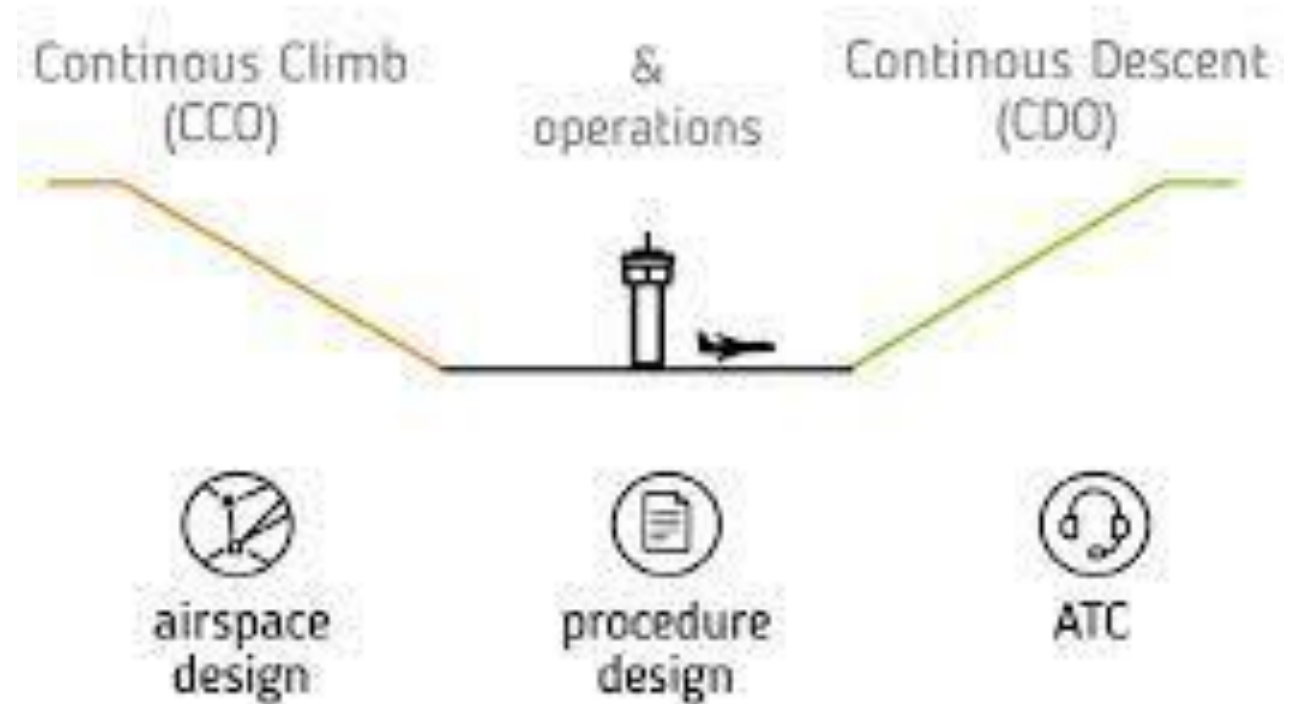


The architecture

- Continuous systems → CCOs and CDOs

Aircraft applying CCO employ optimum climb engine thrust and climb speeds until reaching their cruising levels. With CDO, aircraft employ minimum engine thrust, ideally from top of descent and in a low drag configuration, prior to the final approach fix. Employment of these techniques reduces intermediate level-offs and results in time being spent at more fuel-efficient higher cruising levels, hence significantly reducing fuel burn and lowering emissions and fuel costs

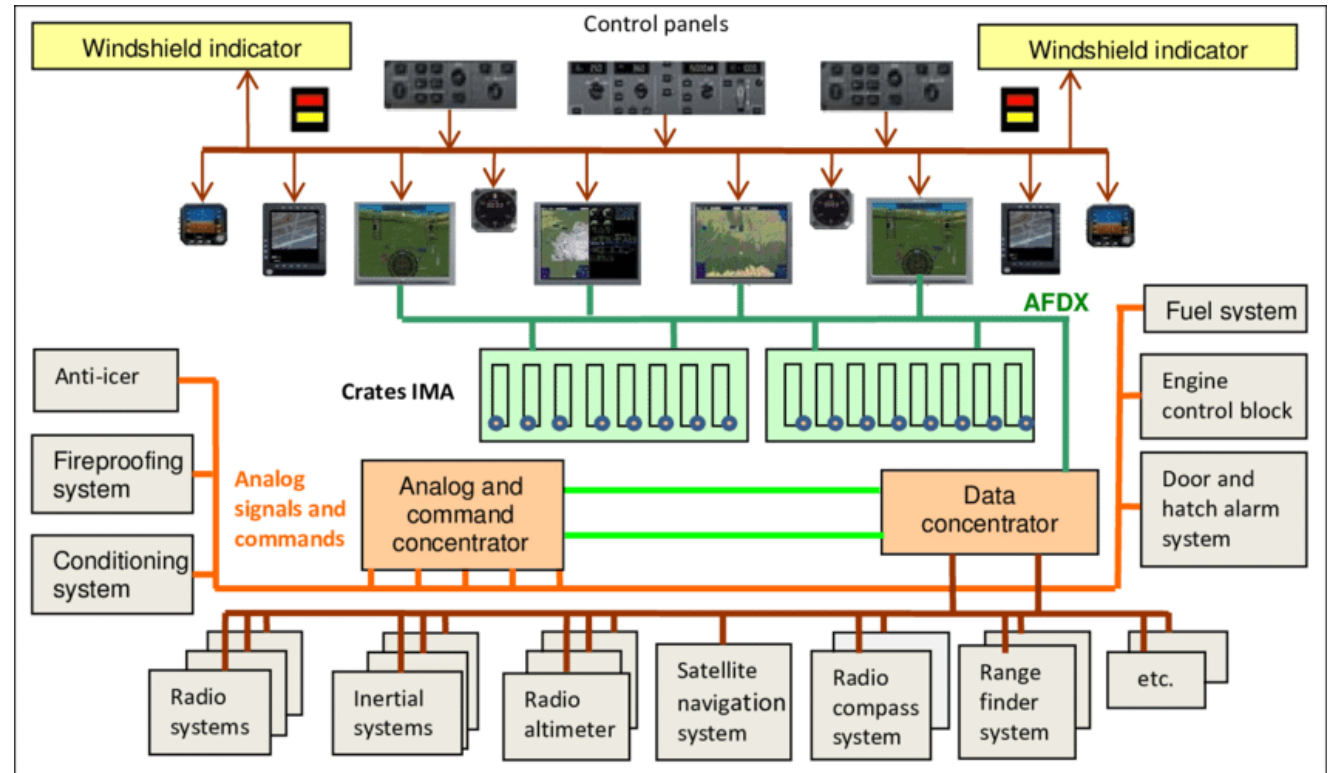
The European CCO / CDO Task Force



The architecture

- Distributed systems -> Integrated avionics system

due to the use of distributed computer structure, standard aircraft internal data bus, fault tolerance technology and other more advanced technology, aviation integrated system flexible, adaptable and highly reliable, this system has gradually been used in some advanced fighter aircraft and high-performance civil aircraft.

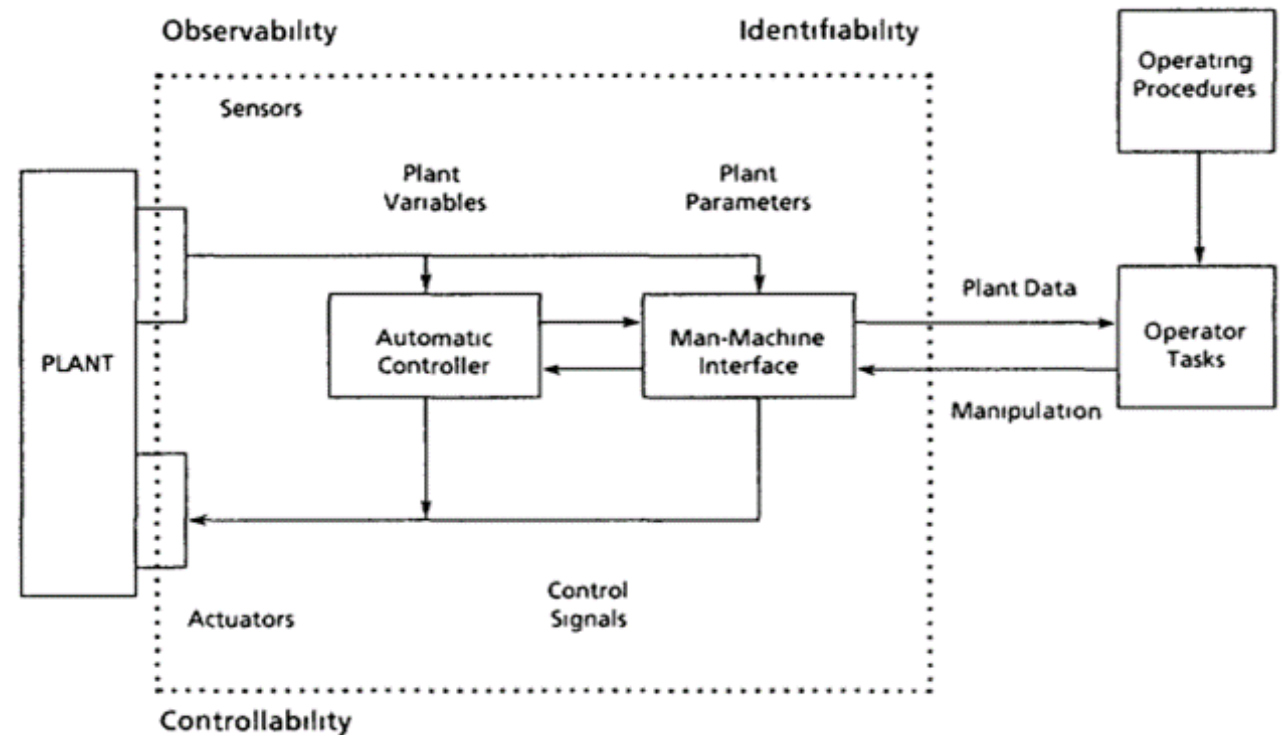


A photograph of a nuclear power plant with two large, white, hourglass-shaped cooling towers in the foreground. Thick white steam or smoke is rising from the tops of the towers, merging into a large cloud against a clear blue sky. In the background, to the left, are smaller industrial buildings and structures. The foreground shows a flat, grassy field.

Industrial Automation in Nuclear Power Plants

Industrial Automation

- Automation is a technique of making an apparatus, process or a system to operate with self-acting or self-regulating mechanisms.
- The industrial communication system helps monitor and operate entire production lines, manage power distribution, and control machines.
- The most popular protocols for industrial communication are Fieldbus, PROFIBUS, EtherCAT, EtherNET



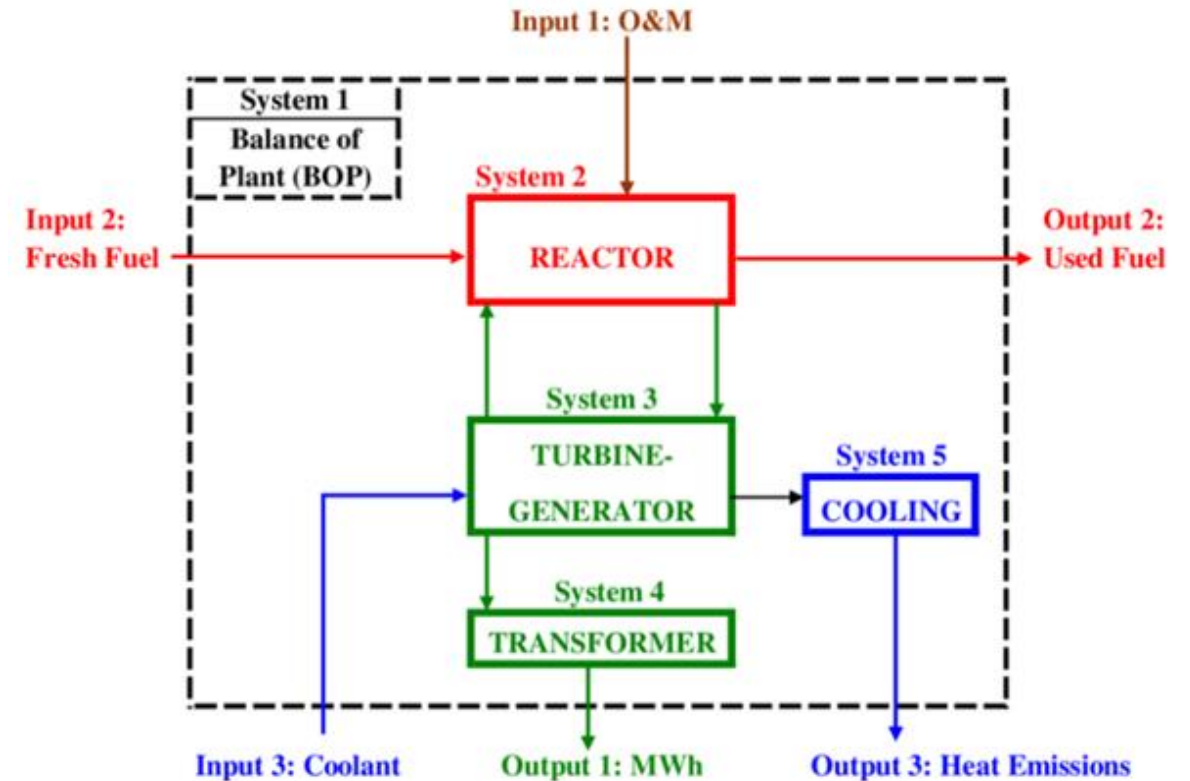
Characteristics

Reactive systems:

- Nuclear power plants use closed loop control systems which to processes parameters such as temperature, pressure, flow etc.
- Sensors are used to track these parameters and any change in these parameters, will be immediately notified to the technicians.

Real-time systems:

- An automated equipment monitoring system helps observe the working condition of all the equipment in the manufacturing unit.
- Sensors, cameras, and network can be used to observe the equipment from afar.
- The monitoring system also helps diagnose any issues in the equipment and do the necessary repairs and services.



Characteristics

Dependable systems

Reliability: Industrial automation also helps increase and maintain consistent quality of the output. automated machines in the manufacturing industry have an error rate that is as low as 0.00001%.

Availability: Automation is employed to reduce scram (trip) frequency and hence improve plant availability by backup controls or limitation systems to prevent plant parameters reaching limits which would invoke protective action.

Safety: Using robots for loading and unloading materials or transferring huge machine parts reduce risks of accidents.

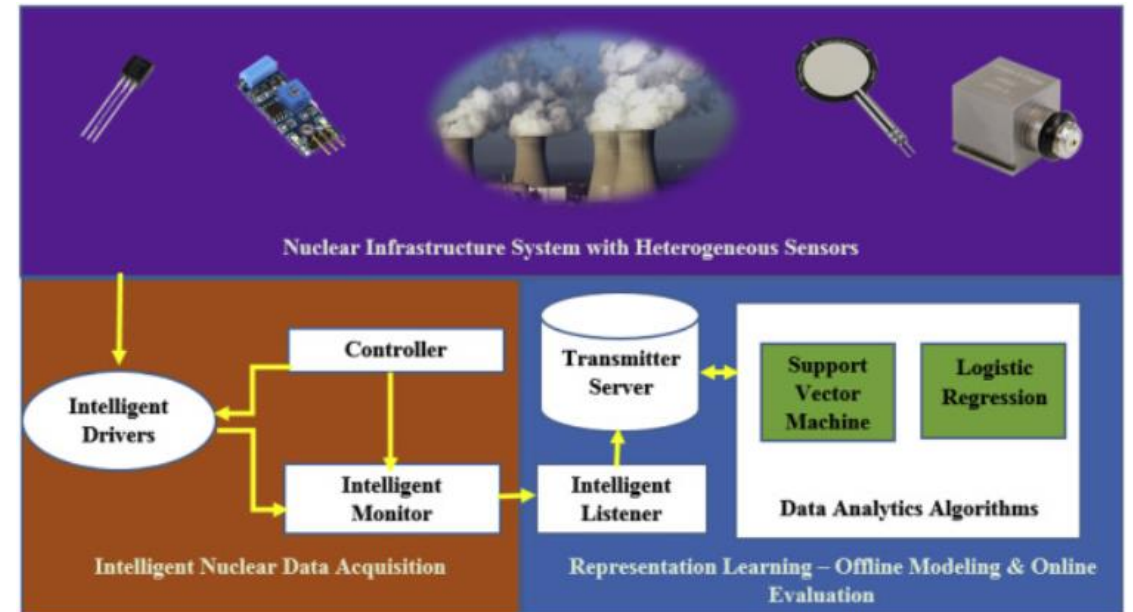
Industrial automation also keeps workers from going too close to the assembly lines, thereby improving safety.

Security: Using security automation, one can reduce the threat of hacking the access to the nuclear power plant or modifying the pre-set parameter data.

Characteristics

Distributed System

- Data automation is based on accurate data integration and connectivity.
- When accurate information is used in the production process, you can be assured of precise results.
- AI and ML solutions help you get detailed data that can be analysed using data analytics tools to get accurate information. Also, they are scalable and self-learning.



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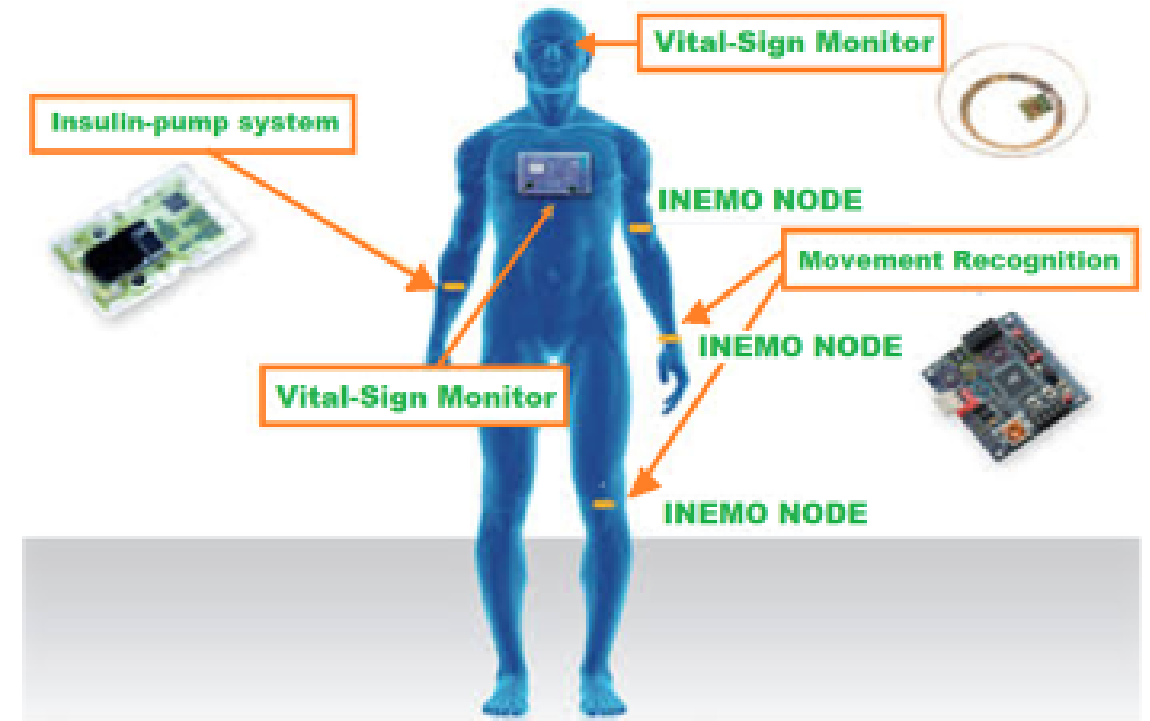
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MEDICAL

EMBEDDED SYSTEMS FOR MEDICAL USE

Today's medical devices rely heavily on sensors to assist in monitoring, diagnosing, and treating a patient's health. In biomedical applications, embedded systems allow physicians to remotely monitor patient health and make diagnostic and treatment decisions via telemedicine and other remote systems. The use of embedded systems in health care also enables virtually immediate tracking of vital signs. The embedded system also makes it easier for patients to manage their home condition. Embedded systems provide high-performance, cost-effective solutions for healthcare entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, and patients. Low-power, high-performance portable embedded systems provide many diagnostic features, saving time and reducing overall diagnostic costs.

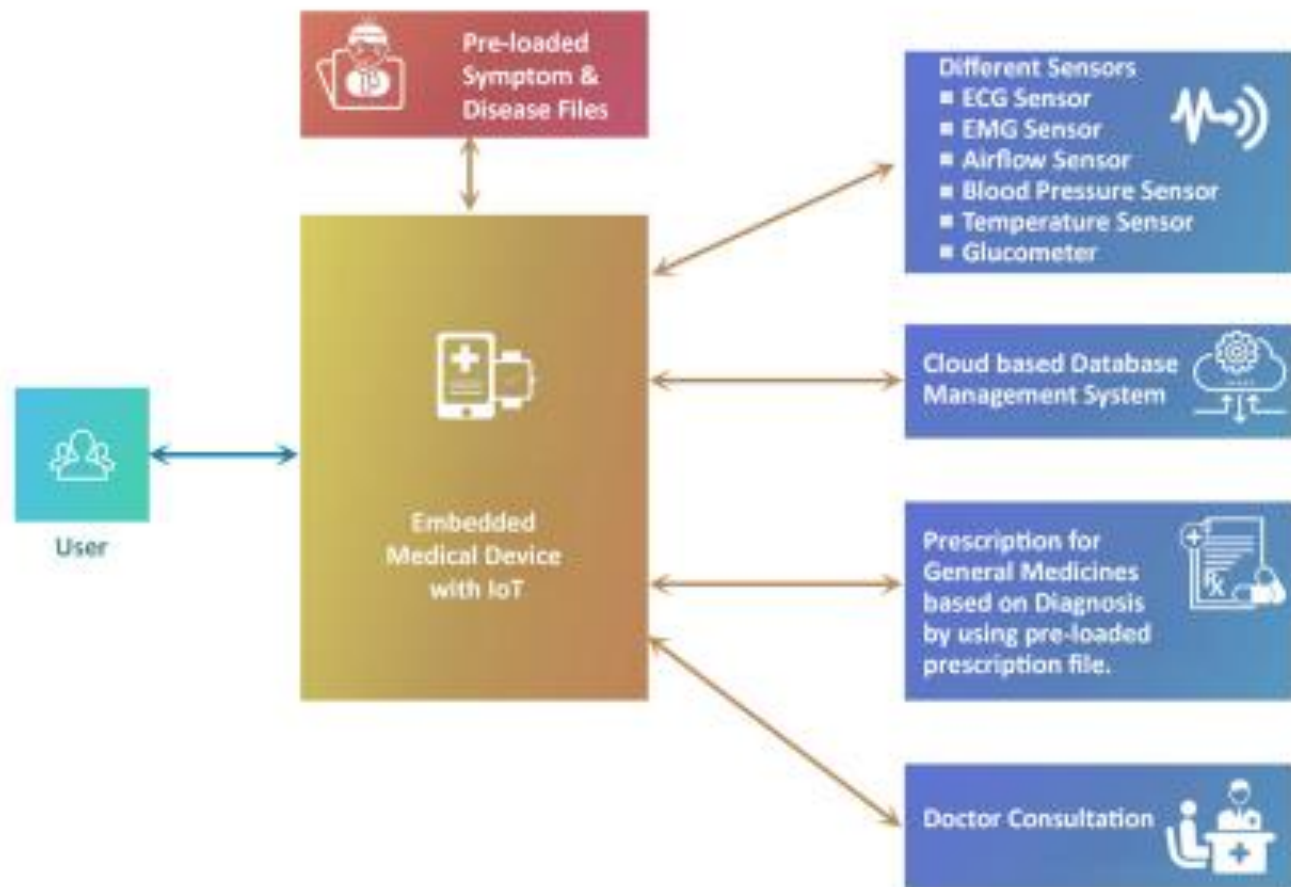


Characteristics

- Reactive systems: (+) Embedded system checks the sensor data and it interacts with environment.
- Real-time systems: (+) Embedded system is a real-time one as it gives exact output in time and supplies timely response to environment.

Continuous/discrete/hybrid systems:

- Dependable systems: (+) Device should work nonstop without user reset.
- Distributed systems: (-) Problems in failure handling and security, unusual embedded systems.



Embedded Systems Medical Application

- Pocket calculators
- Hearing aids
- Implantable pacemakers and cardiac defibrillators
- Portable equipment for physically challenged
- Wristwatches
- Wireless computing



Pacemaker from
Medtronic inc.



Portable defibrillator
From Philips