



ENABLING PERSONALISED PRODUCTION WITH INTELLIGENT MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENTS

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Design, implement and validate **smart components for advanced manufacturing system** aiming to **introduce intelligence into industrial processes** and contribute to the emergence of the intelligent manufacturing environments of the future, by implementing novel approaches into **Cyber-Physical Production Systems**.







Motivation

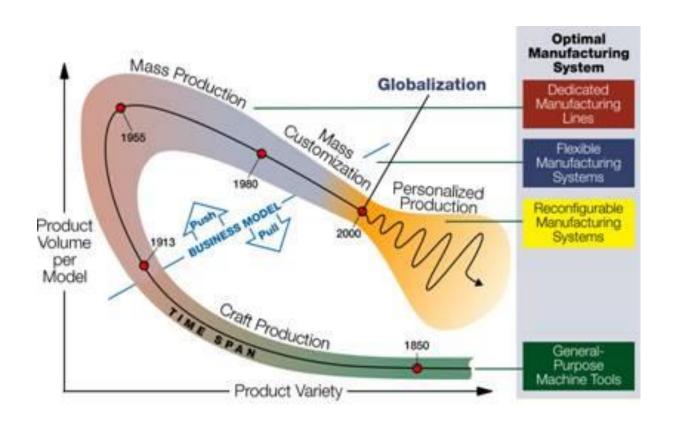
FROM CRAFT PRODUCTION TO PERSONALISED PRODUCTION



From craft production to personalised production



TRENDS



Customer specific production:

- Individualised products
- Mass production but individual design
- ▶ Small lot sizes, one piece flow

Sustainability:

- ▶ High efficiency and near-to-zero emission
- ▶ Reusability of machines and equipment
- Avoid waste

Digitisation and networking:

- Digital & virtual factory
- Integrated value chains
- Constant change





Industry 4.0





based on mechanical production equipment driven by water and steam power



2.0 1870

based on mass production enabled by the division of labor and the use of electrical energy





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based on the use of electronics and IT to further automate production

based on the use

of cyber-physical

systems



Technology:

- Digital networking production facilities
- Fast pace of technological change and innovative technologies

Customers:

- Customised solutions
- Wide diversity of customers and markets
- New services

People:

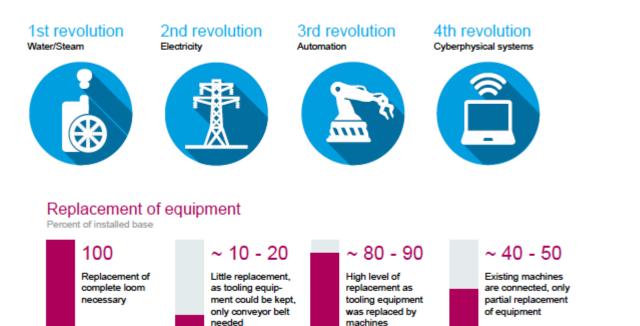
- Demographic development
- Training and qualifications
- Interaction between human beings and technology





What's so different about industry 4.0?





SOURCE: Statistisches Bundesamt; Deutsche Bundesbank; Prognos; Thomas Nipperdey; McKinsey

- It's not about replacing the existing assets
- It's about mastering disruptive technologies along three dimensions:
- 1. Operational effectiveness
- 2. New business models
- 3. Digital transformation of the company







Towards Personalised Production

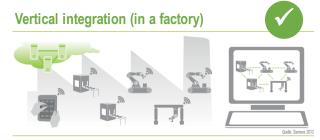
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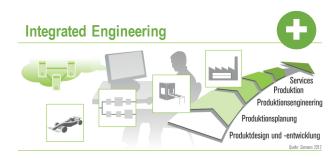
- Vertical integration of hierarchical subsystems leads to smarter factories
- Supports horizontal integration through value networks
- End-to-end digital integration of engineering.
- Based on this global collaboration network, the consumers, design activities, manufacturing, and logistics can interact above the cloud



Reconfiguration • Lot size 1 • Apps • Constant change



Value chain • Life cycle costs • Customized products



Systems Eng. • along supply chain • Dig. factory

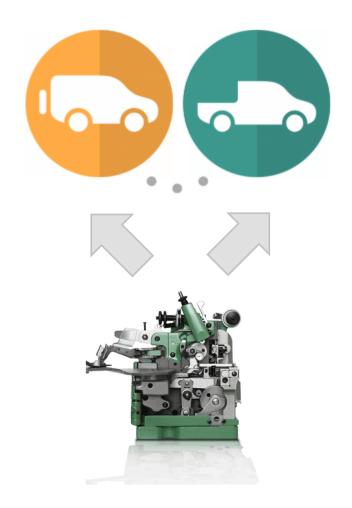






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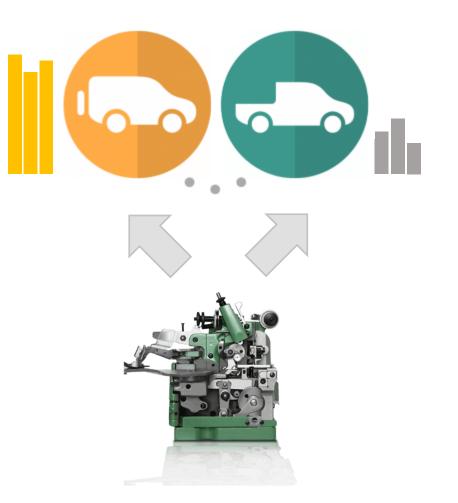






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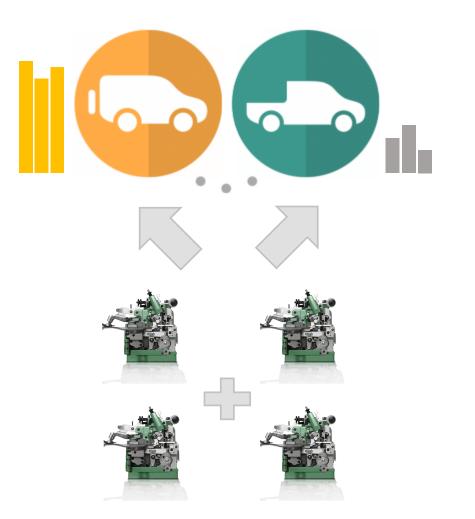






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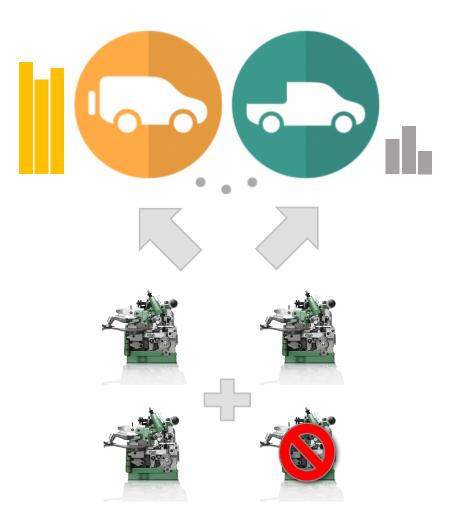






Fault tolerant

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Sustainability

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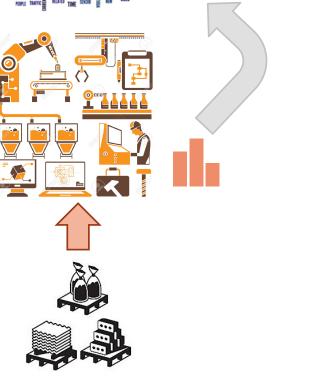
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- Advanced Manufacturing Systems can produce small-lot products efficiently
- Setup time is minimized when switching between different types of products
- Production process is optimized with the help of big data
- Average manufacturing routes are shrunk
- Utilization rate of machines and other resources is improved



"Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is black."

Henry Ford







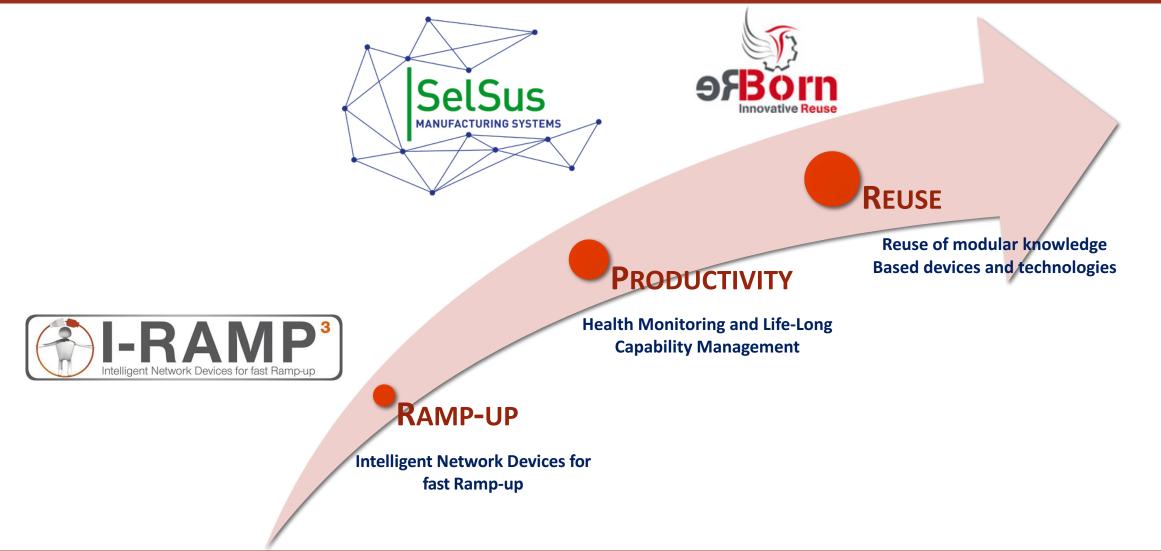
Enablers

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Enablers of Personalise Production











There are five essential characteristics to a Smart Component:

Reconfigurable and modular - must be capable of extend its capabilities by adding new software modules and it must be capable of reconfigure it's internal operation in runtime.

Data processing - system state assessment, event detection and fault alarm requires data processing capabilities.

Communication and interface capabilities - capable to talk with lower level devices (sensors and machines), same level (other Smart Components) and higher level (cloud servers, MES).

Process events and act - certain degree of smartness and autonomy; in case any event of interest, the system must be capable of detecting it and take the proper actions.

Real-time data acquisition, processing and delivering - devices operate at variable (real)time scales, performing multiple tasks in a coordination.





Smart Component Servo press





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Ramp-up scenario:

Ramp-up after component/product exchange

Derived use-cases

#1 Servo press auto-configuration with recipe database#2 Plug & produce sub-component exchange for fast reconfiguration#3 Automated rapid high-precision parameter finding and optimization

for pressing job #4 Drag & drop visualization authoring and fast integration of equipment and sensor data

Application areas:

High precision joining & pressing processes Highprecision pick & place tasks

Functionalities:

- Auto-detection of equipment, tasks, parameters Selfdescripting capabilities
- Parameter finding and optimization
- Connection with visualization elements via drag & drop

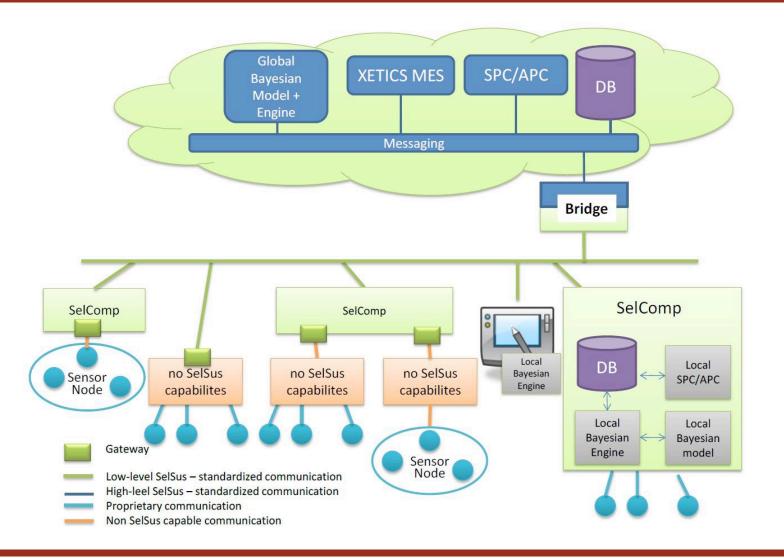






Overall architecture





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Smart Component Cloud





Cyber-Physical representation Inter-process communication

Advanced data processing



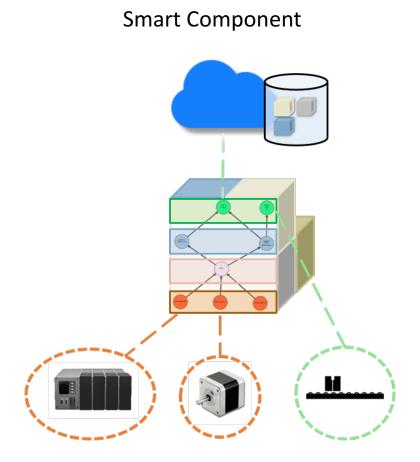


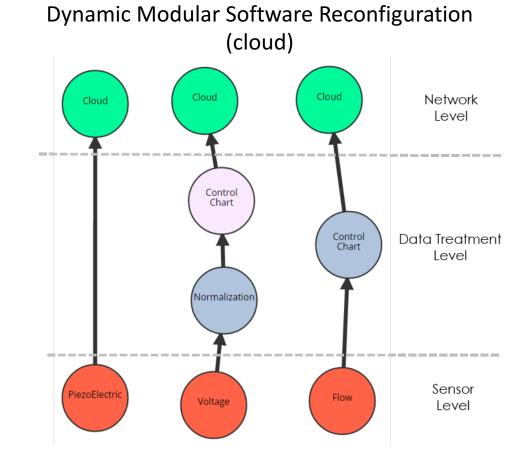


Dynamic modularity





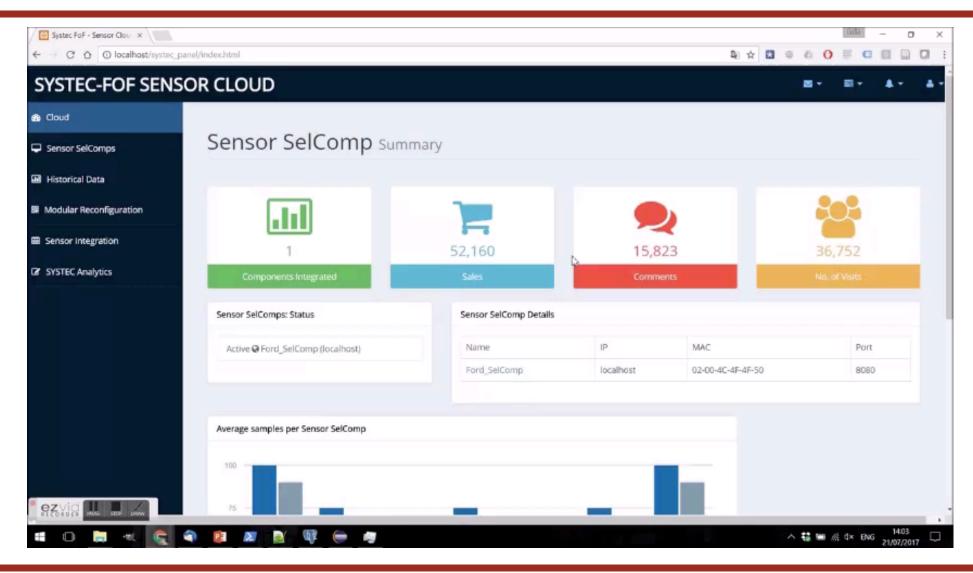










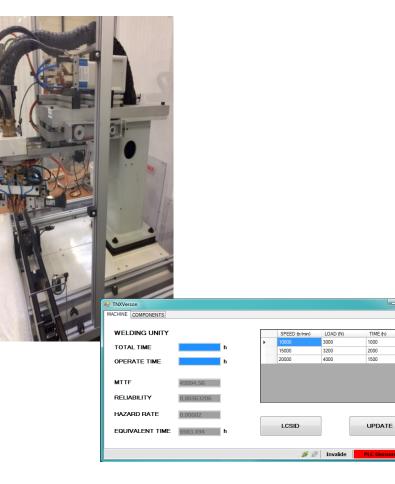






Equipment awareness





With Smart Components equipment is capable of recording process data which can be analyzed and statistical information can be deduced.

Machine builders

Instead of recycling an old machine or its components, machine builders evaluate the wear of old machine/components (with built-in software), modify it and re-use for new purposes. Evaluation takes a few minutes. Saving of money can reach up to 50%.

Plant owners

Keeping brand-new components in stock is no more necessary. Components are chosen according to the needs. Stock cost saving can reach 50%.

New business model

Equipment/components bought/sold through new modern ecommerce services such as market places. This enables new business opportunities for all partners.





Smart Component (prototype)









Production line construction and optimization

With smart components, old equipment can be optimally used for dedicated purposes. Advantages:

(1) Money for experts and new equipment's can be saved (~ 50% of price per equipment).
(2) Line construction time can be reduced by ~ factor of 2 (all information is available within minutes).

Degradation monitoring during the production

Live monitoring of wear of components is possible. This allows to prevent failures and optimize maintenance, both lead to save of expenses. Generation of use/ware information.

Owner/Vendor sells smart component

- Without smart component: Owner has to remove equipment from production, store it, evaluate its price, contact Vendor, negotiate about price, wait for buyer.
- With smart component: Owner generates LCSID files and sends these files to market place (< 1min). Waits for a buyer without stopping the production. Gain of time/effort, and money can be drastically increased. This is new business model.

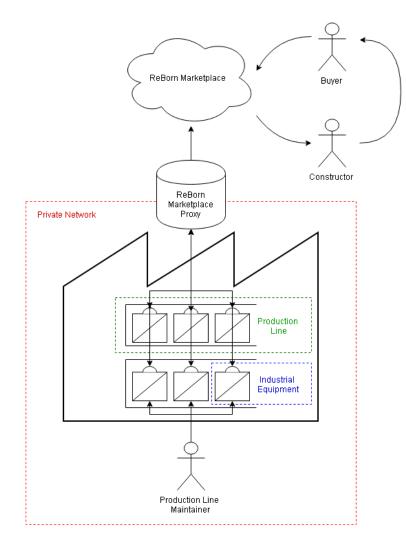


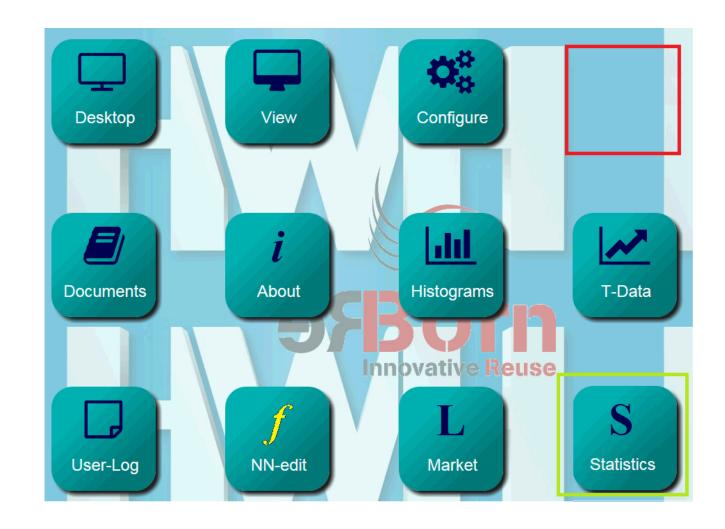


Line update (demonstrator)











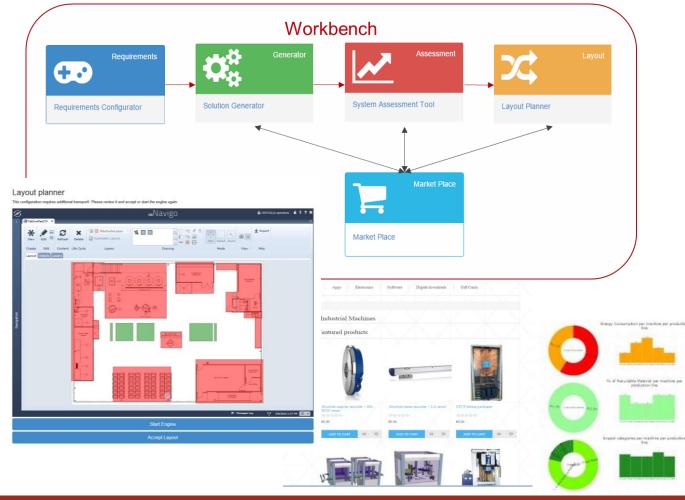


System level





Tools for planning and assessment



Functionalities:

- Generic planning and assessment software tool
- Extensible workbench architecture
- Requirements tool
- Solution generator
- System assessment tool
- Layout planner

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- Market place for re-used equipment
- Integrated software suite for planning and decision support







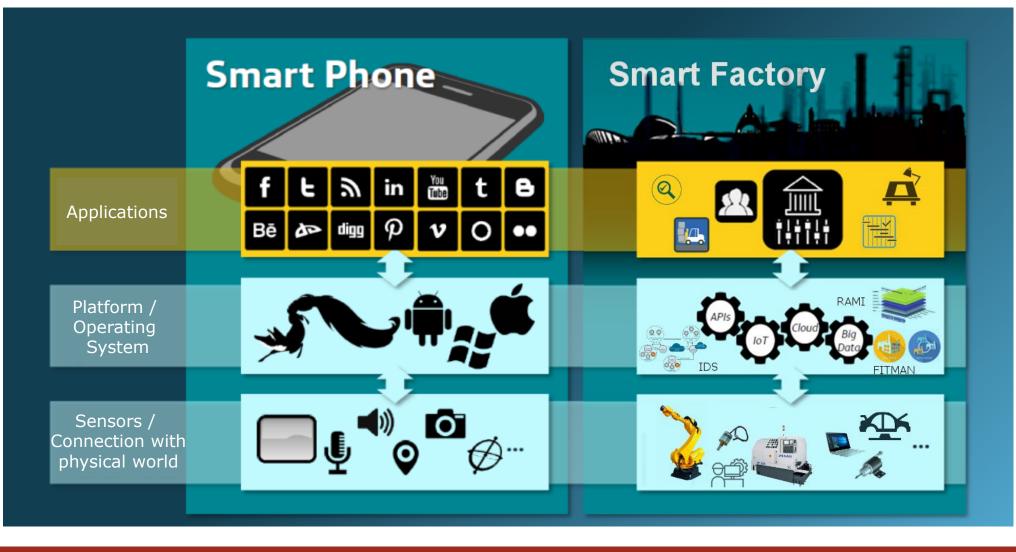
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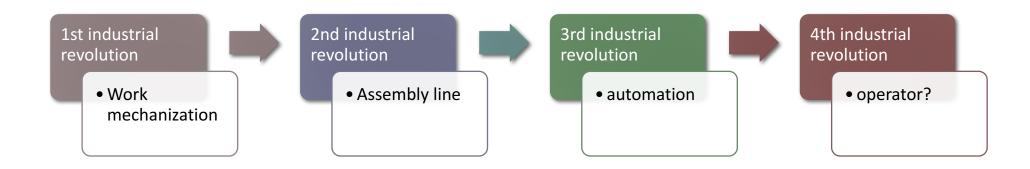
Intelligent Manufacturing Environment ecosystems

















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- Security and dependability in the automatic update of applications and configuration parameters.
- Reconfigurability (and flexibility) in the logical layer (software and control); physical layer is not addressed.
- Quality assurance is executed at the machine level and quality information shared with other systems (e.g. Quality Management System for certification and compliance).
- Extent to which data analytics is being used in the diferent levels (smart components and smart components cloud).
- Level of complexity of the artificial systems and the capability to interact with the operators.
- capacity of the humans to understand the automatic methods used for reconfiguration (system and machine level).
- What will be the driver for the 5th industrial revolutiom?



