



**PANEL #3**

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**Theme**

**Simulation and Validation Challenges  
for (AI-based) Complex Systems**



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## Simulation and Validation Challenges for (AI-based) Complex Systems

- When do we call a system complex?
- When do we simulate, when do we validate?
- What does AI-based mean?



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## When do we call a system complex?

- Number of elements
  - Interaction and interdependencies between elements
  - Structure
  - Process
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- Problem: Complexity of algorithmic (causal) analysis



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When do we simulate, when do we validate?

- Check the correctness of a system
- Observe a possible behavior of a system
  
- Validation is general
- Simulation is specific
- Both handle causality



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- What does AI-based mean?
- AI-methods are integrated into a method
- May solve only a specific task
- Statistics
- Correlation instead of causality



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When simulating AI-based complex systems, key challenges include:

1. ensuring high **data quality**,
2. managing the **complexity of models**,
3. addressing **uncertainty**,
4. securing adequate **computational resources**,
5. considering **ethical implications and biases**,
6. and establishing rigorous **validation methods**.



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These factors are crucial for accurate and reliable simulations.



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- **Business, Integration, Metrics**

- Business Process validation is my perspective
- Do we know how the (complex) system is working?
- Cooperation between the manual and the automatic part of the system
- Integration in the total IT landscape
- When to apply simulation in the development chain?
- Some metrics



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- **General challenges**

1. Quality of Data and acquisition
2. Ethic concerns
3. Domain transfer
4. Scalability
5. Regulatory compliance
6. Budget constraints

- **Supervised machine learning challenges**

1. Imbalance data sets
2. Interpretability and explainability
3. Validation is limited to the domain: the probability distribution of the training set is unknown!



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- **Unsupervised machine learning challenges**
  1. There's no ground truth
  2. Lack of objective criteria for validation
  3. Scalability: recommender systems and dimensionality reduction.
  4. Adaptation to evolving data distribution
- **Challenges for generative models, recommender systems, and self-driven vehicles**
  1. Requires human-driven evaluation
  2. Cybersecurity
  3. Reliability and public acceptance
- **Quantum AI Complex Systems: What can we expect?**
  1. Decoherence
  2. Scalability issues and limitations in simulated and real systems due to the number of qubits.
  3. Integration challenges in hybrid systems



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- **So, what about Privacy and GDPR compliance?**
  - **Industry 4.0 vs Industry 5.0 Challenges – A transition more towards Human side!**
  - **Users privacy protection is in the center**
  - **GDPR compliance demands a set of organizational, legal and technical measures to be enforced prior to system development**
  - **How feasible is to bring GDPR compliance in a complex system?**
  - **GDPR tools for compliance should be considered prior to simulations and validations**
  - **AI and Privacy in complex systems. Friends or enemies?**



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