

# Supervisory control synthesis for a patient support table

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## Background

The work presented is carried out in the Darwin project:

▶ **Objective**

Develop architectures, methods and tools for optimizing system evolvability. i.e. the ability of a system to evolve easily in the face of changing requirements.

▶ **Industrial case**

MRI scanners: complex systems, about  $10^7$  lines of code

▶ **Organization**

- ▶ *Academic partners* Delft University of Technology, Eindhoven University of Technology, University of Groningen (RuG), University of Twente, and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- ▶ *Industrial partners* Philips Healthcare, Philips Research
- ▶ *Project Management* Embedded Systems Institute (ESI)

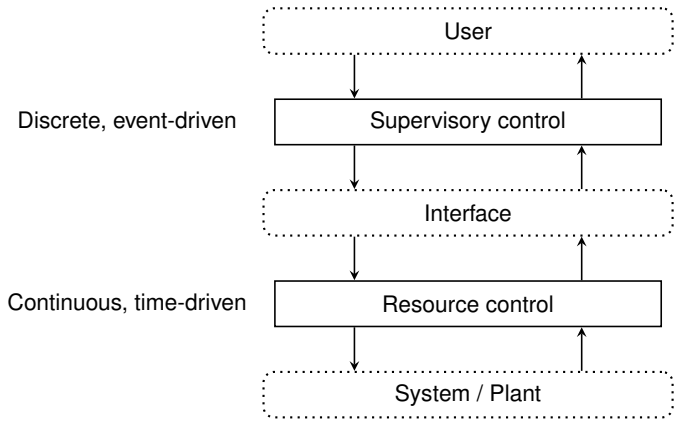
See <http://www.esi.nl/projects/darwin>

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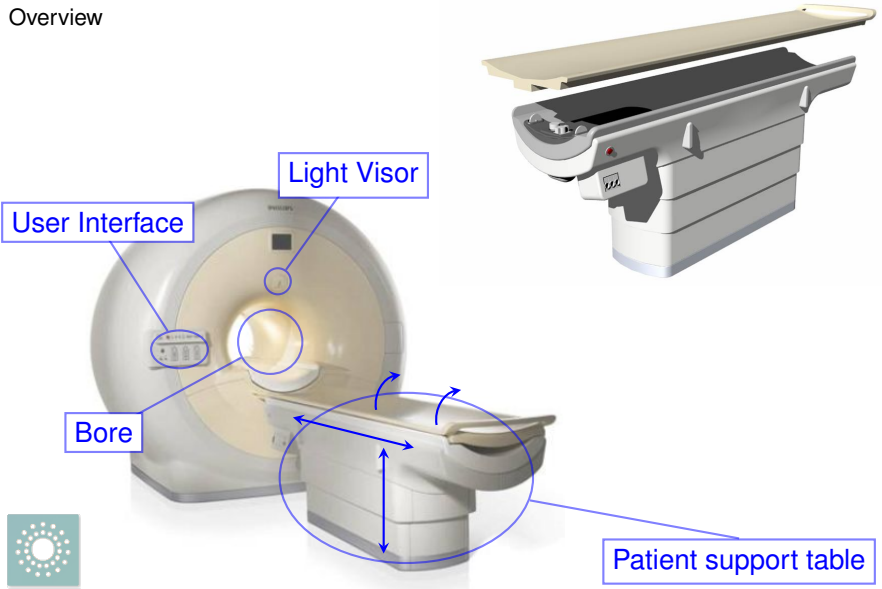


# Supervisory control



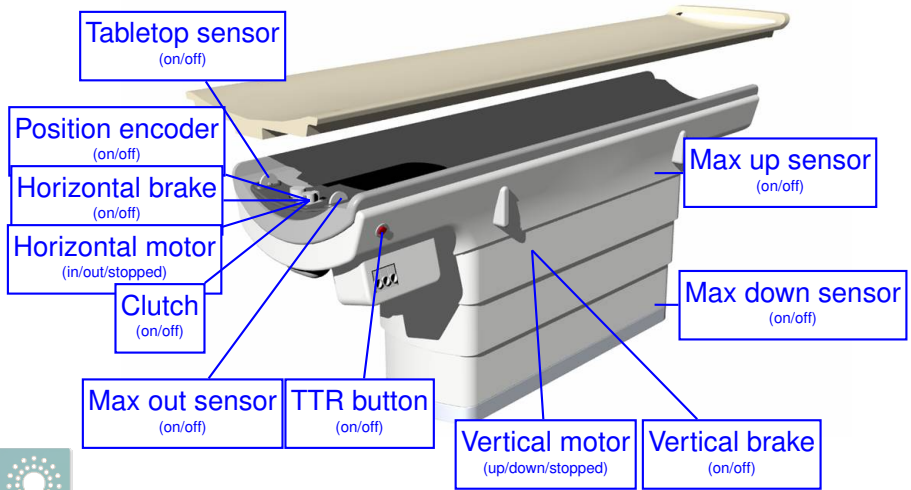
# Patient support system

## Overview



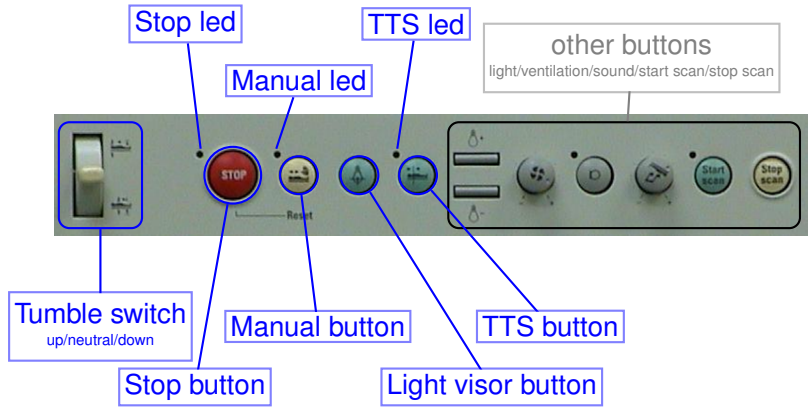
# Patient support system

## Patient table



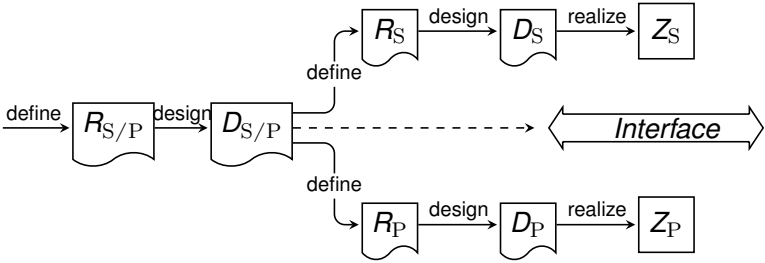
# Patient support system

PICU (user interface)



# Supervisory control design

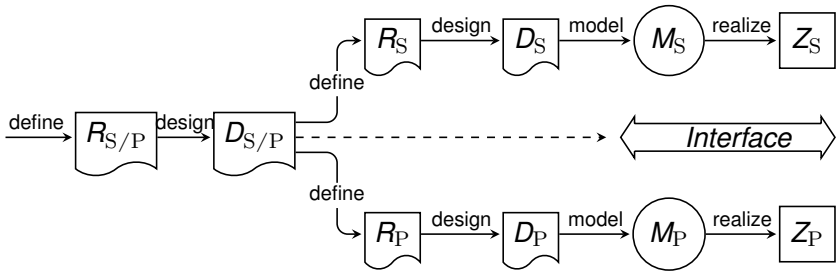
## Conventional design





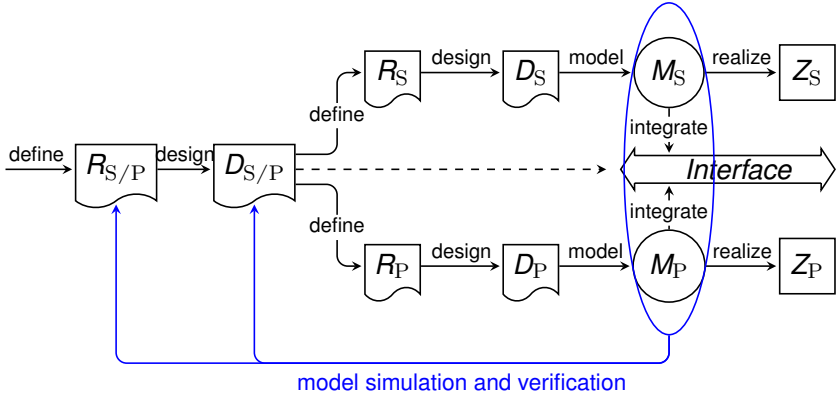
# Supervisory control design

## Model-based Engineering



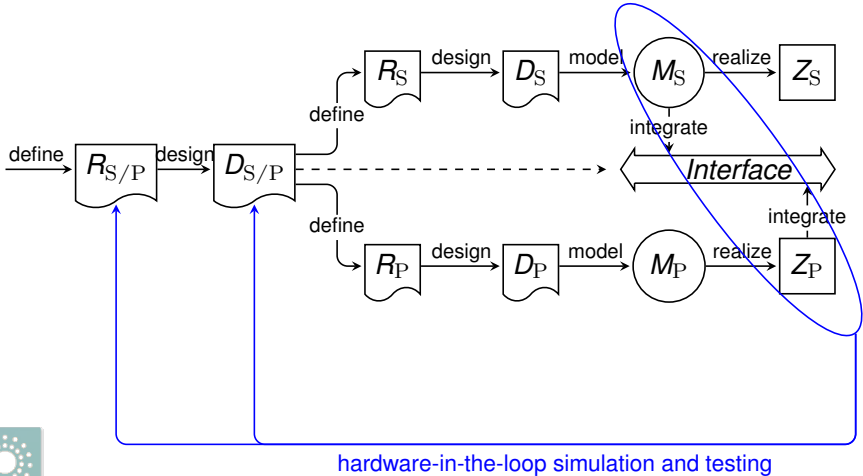
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## Model-based Engineering



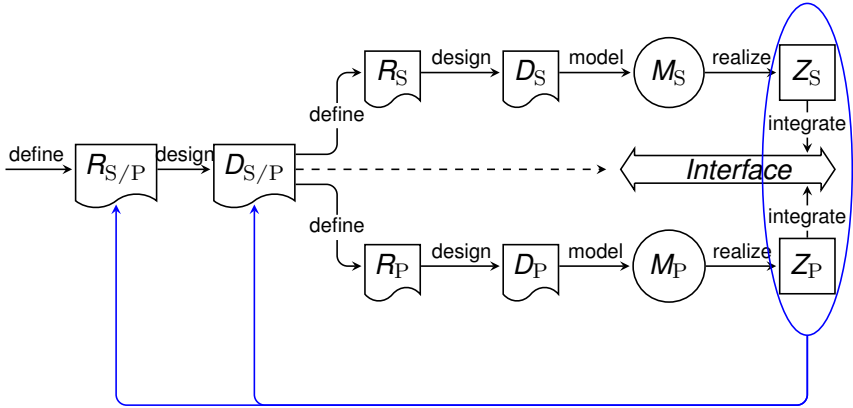
# Supervisory control design

## Model-based Engineering



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## Model-based Engineering



final implementation testing



# Supervisory Control Synthesis

The resulting supervisor is:

- ▶ by construction mathematically correct w.r.t.  $M_{R_S}$
- ▶ controllable
- ▶ non-blocking (deadlock and livelock free)
- ▶ maximally permissive allowing selection of 'optimal' sequence of events

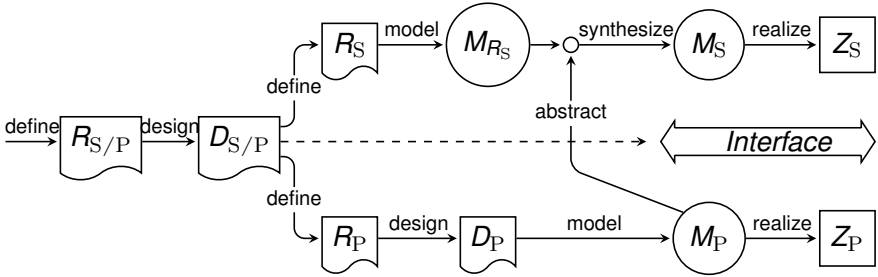
Approach:

- ▶ Model (uncontrolled) system  $\implies M_P$  (hybrid model)
- ▶ Abstract from  $M_P$  (hybrid model)  $\implies M_P$  (discrete-event model)
- ▶ Model control requirements  $R_S$  that determine when events may happen  $\implies M_{R_S}$  (formal requirements)
- ▶ Synthesize the supervisor  $\implies M_S$  (discrete-event model)



# Supervisory control design

Model-based Engineering and Supervisory Control Synthesis



# Supervisory control synthesis and evolvability

## Advantages of the method

In case of changes in the required (control) functionality  $R_S$  only:

- ▶ the control requirements  $M_{R_S}$  have to be updated
- ▶ the uncontrolled system  $M_P$  might change (new sensors/actuators)

the supervisor and its implementation are regenerated.



# Supervisory control synthesis and evolvability

## Model requirements

The system and requirements are decomposed into *small, loosely coupled* and *minimally restrictive* models:

- ▶ Small:
  - ▶ easier to understand
  - ▶ easier to modify
- ▶ Loosely coupled:
  - ▶ no entangling of requirements
  - ▶ independent modifications
- ▶ Minimally restrictive:
  - ▶ maximal freedom for future modifications/extensions





# Patient support system

Uncontrolled system  $M_P$

Uncontrolled system  $M_P$  consists of 17 small automata describing:

- ▶ Horizontal axis
- ▶ Vertical axis
- ▶ User interface buttons

In total 1296 states and 27360 transitions for the uncontrolled system.



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Control requirements  $M_{RS}$

- ▶ The model of the control requirements  $M_{RS}$  consists of 16 small automata
- ▶ Examples of requirements:
  - ▶ Do not move beyond end sensors
  - ▶ Only motorized movement if clutch is active
  - ▶ No motorized movement if Table-Top-Release active
  - ▶ Only move vertically if horizontally in maximal out position
  - ▶ Tumble switch moves table up and down, or in and out
  - ▶ ...



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## Supervisor synthesis

### Synthesis:

- ▶ The model of the supervisor  $M_S$  consists of 2816 states and 21672 transitions
- ▶ Supervisor synthesis takes a minute on a desktop pc

### Implementation:

- ▶ The synthesized supervisor has been simulated in parallel with the (hybrid) model of the system
- ▶ The synthesized supervisor has been simulated in real-time with the actual patient support system (hardware-in-the-loop simulation)



## Concluding remarks

- ▶ Eliminated manual design of the supervisor
- ▶ Unambiguous specifications of the uncontrolled system and the control requirements
- ▶ Supports evolvability
- ▶ Implemented supervisor  $Z_S$  on the real hardware
- ▶ Different theories available for supervisory control synthesis:
  - ▶ monolithic / modular / decentralized / hierarchical / interface-based supervisors
  - ▶ supervision under partial observation
  - ▶ event-based / state-based supervision



## Concluding remarks

### Q-T-C triangle

- ▶ *Quality*:  $Q \uparrow$

The synthesized supervisor is by construction mathematically correct w.r.t. the modeled requirements

- ▶ *Time-to-market*:  $T \downarrow$

A change in required functionality leads to re-modeling of the requirements only

- ▶ *Costs*:  $C \approx$

The costs remain more or less the same



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