



# Safety and Privacy Matter for Human Cyber-Physical Systems How to Build in Dependable Autonomy

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# Cyber-Physical Systems and Human in the Loop

- HCPS are engineered systems
  - that are built from, and depend upon the seamless integration of computation and physical components and human in the loop
- HCPS technologies are
  - transforming the way people interact with engineered systems
- HCPS drive
  - innovation and competition in a range of application domains including
  - agriculture, aeronautics, building design, civil infrastructure, energy, environmental quality, healthcare and personalized medicine, manufacturing, and transportation

# Human Cyber-Physical Systems: Hot Topic

## Smart Anything Everywhere

- Since 2014
- Advanced micro-electronic components and **smart system integration**
- Organic and large area electronics
- **Cyber-physical and embedded systems**
- Customized low energy computing **powering CPS and the Internet of Things**

## DARPA Robotics Challenge

- Since 2015
- develop human-supervised **ground robots capable of executing complex tasks in dangerous, degraded, human-engineered environments**



# Human Cyber-Physical Systems: Hot Topic

## The Smart and Autonomous Systems Program: Since 2015

- Invests \$10 million in smart, human-centered service systems
- Spur innovation for smart, manufacturing and infrastructure

## The Cyber-Physical Systems and Smart and Connected Communities Program: Since 2019

- **Small:** up to \$500,000. emerging new and innovative ideas that may have high impact on the field of CPS.
- **Medium:** \$500,001 to \$1,200,000. multi-disciplinary projects that accomplish clear goals requiring integrated perspectives spanning the disciplines.
- **Frontier:** address clearly identified critical CPS challenges that cannot be achieved by a set of smaller projects. look to push the boundaries of CPS well beyond today's systems and capabilities. \$1,200,001 to \$7,000,000.



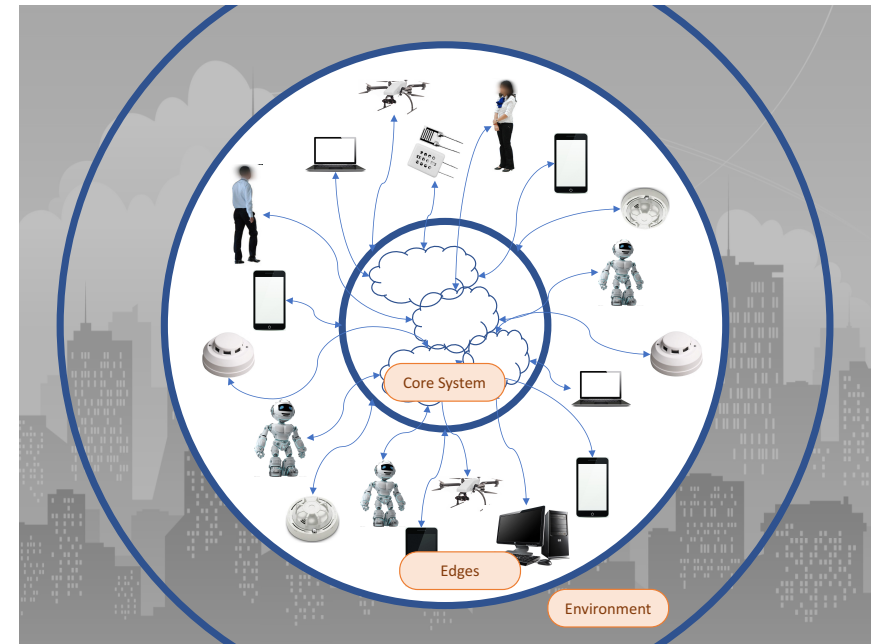
# Application Examples

- Increasing number of critical applications in dependable sectors
  - Smart transportation
  - Large-scale critical infrastructures
  - Intelligent defense systems
  - Smart health care
  - aviation
  - .....
  - .....



# Featured Requirements

- HCPSs are featured by:
  - Spatial distribution
  - Direct interactions with environment
  - Autonomous information sharing and task coordination





# Spatial Distribution

- Computing goal
  - be achieved by a set of diverse computing tasks
- Computing tasks
  - are assigned on different computing units
- Computing units
  - are spatially distributed but networked
  - communicate and coordinate their actions for achieving a common goal





# Direct Interactions

- Between humans and their devices by
  - providing services of notification, personalized use, context sensing, and augmented reality
- Between humans
  - supporting negotiation, joint planning, collaborative task execution, learning, and direct democracy
- Between devices and software services
  - data analytics, service compositions, and micro-transactions
- Between system and environments
  - sensing, and actuation



# Autonomy, Self-Adaptation

- Be capable of robust, long-term autonomy requiring
  - minimal or no human operator intervention
  - in the face of
    - Uncertain, unanticipated, and dynamically changing situations
- Combine
  - perception, cognition, communication, and actuationto operate in physical world



# New Paradigm and New Challenges

- Environmental sensing and human behavior inclusion: lead to
  - the design of novel safe methods for including **humans in the** data analysis, processing and decision-making **loop**
  - the design of **distributed adaptation** to human behaviors in different contexts
  - the design of the secure and sensitive-aware edge data analytics **respecting privacy**
- The coexistence of **trusted or partially trusted nodes with malicious ones**: lead to
  - the design of novel **security mechanism**, that may be **distributed** compared with that in traditional centralized computing
- Large-scale nodes coordination: lead to
  - **correct and efficient tradeoff** between of computing and communication with **taking care of other issues, like energy issue**
  - **Combination of scalability with security, safety and privacy** in massive overlays



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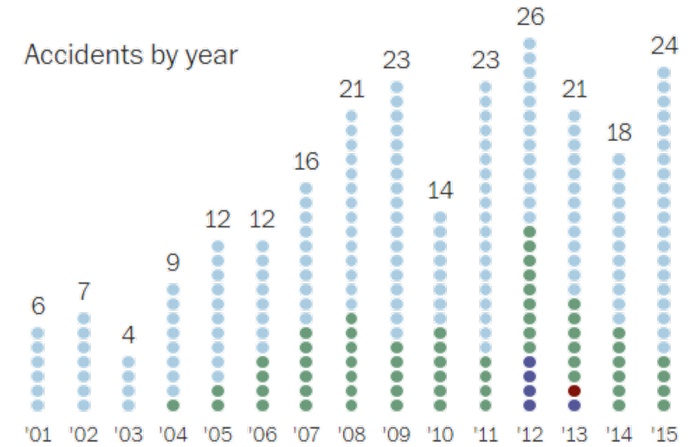


# Safety and Privacy: first-class citizens

- Three concerns when talking about build-in:
  - Focus on the systems, from meta-architecture perspective
  - Design strategies, from the design perspective
  - Build-in countermeasures

# Autonomous Unmanned Systems

- systematic integration of perception, decision-making, communication, and actuation, embodying machine capabilities to handle the complexity of real world
- without the need of any direct assistance or intervention by human
- Current, efforts are on an ad hoc basis. A systematically taxonomy for safer autonomy



The number of U.S. military drone crashes



Self-driving Uber kills Arizona woman



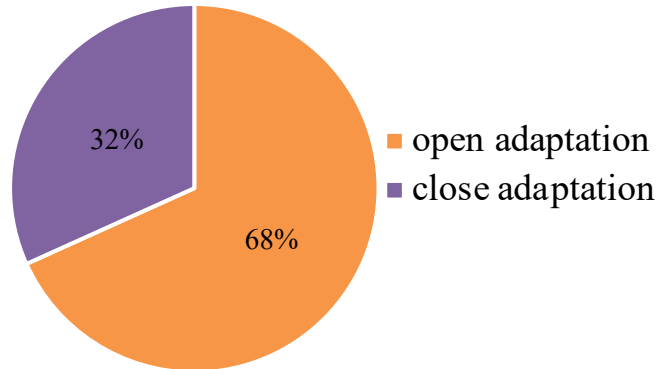
# Safety in General



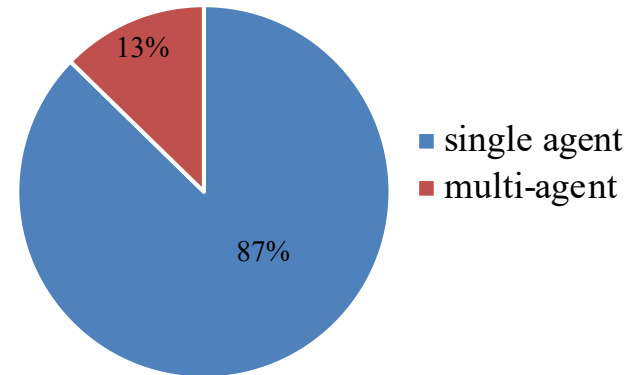
- What does people say:
  - Safety in software and computing system
    - “safety is **freedom from accidents or losses**” [Leveson 1995]
  - Safety in robots
    - “robot safety involves both issues in the design and implementation of the **robot itself**, and also issues of **human factors** relevant to the human-robot interaction” [Graham 1988]
- What do we focus on:
  - **Safety threat**: undesired or unplanned events bringing about **side effects to the system or environment**
    - Inside the system: failure, error, conflict among agents
    - From environment: collision with obstacles, other vehicles, cyber attacks
    - To environment: harm to human, property, ecosystem
  - **Countermeasure/Solution**: to eliminate safety threat or bring it to an acceptable level

# Survey Results: Count the Papers

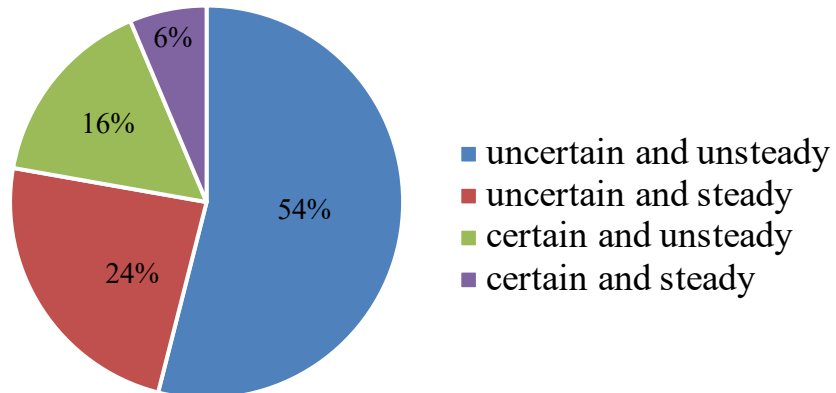
### Adaptation mode



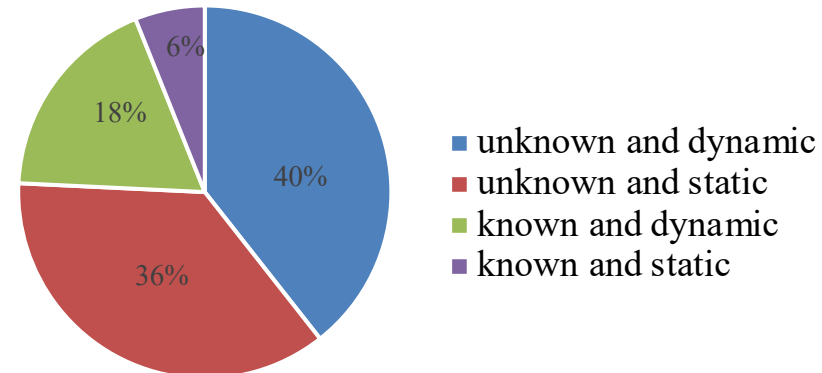
### System architecture



### Runtime scenarios



### Obstacles in Environment



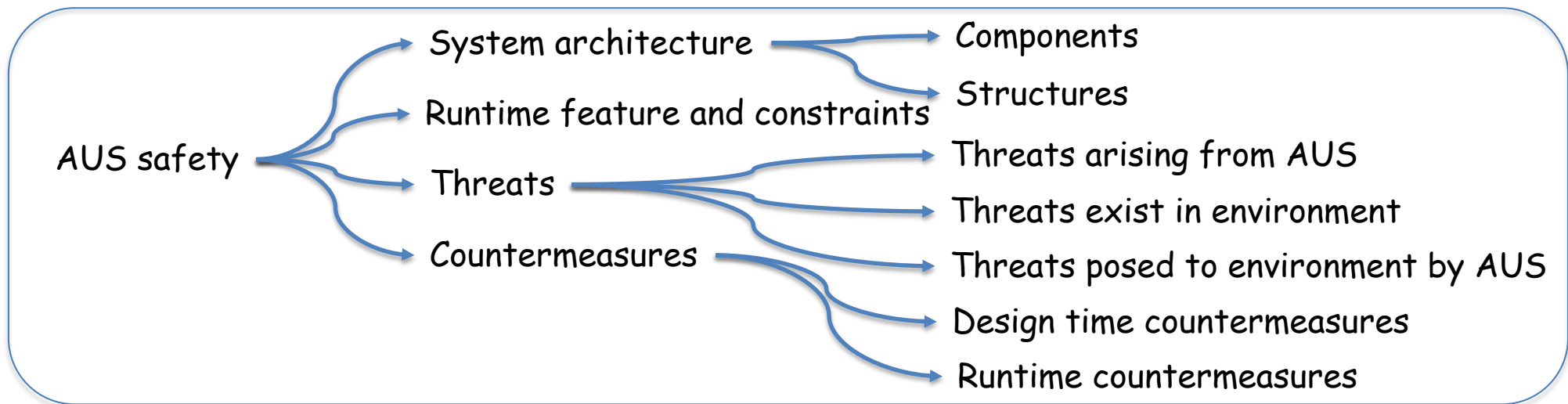




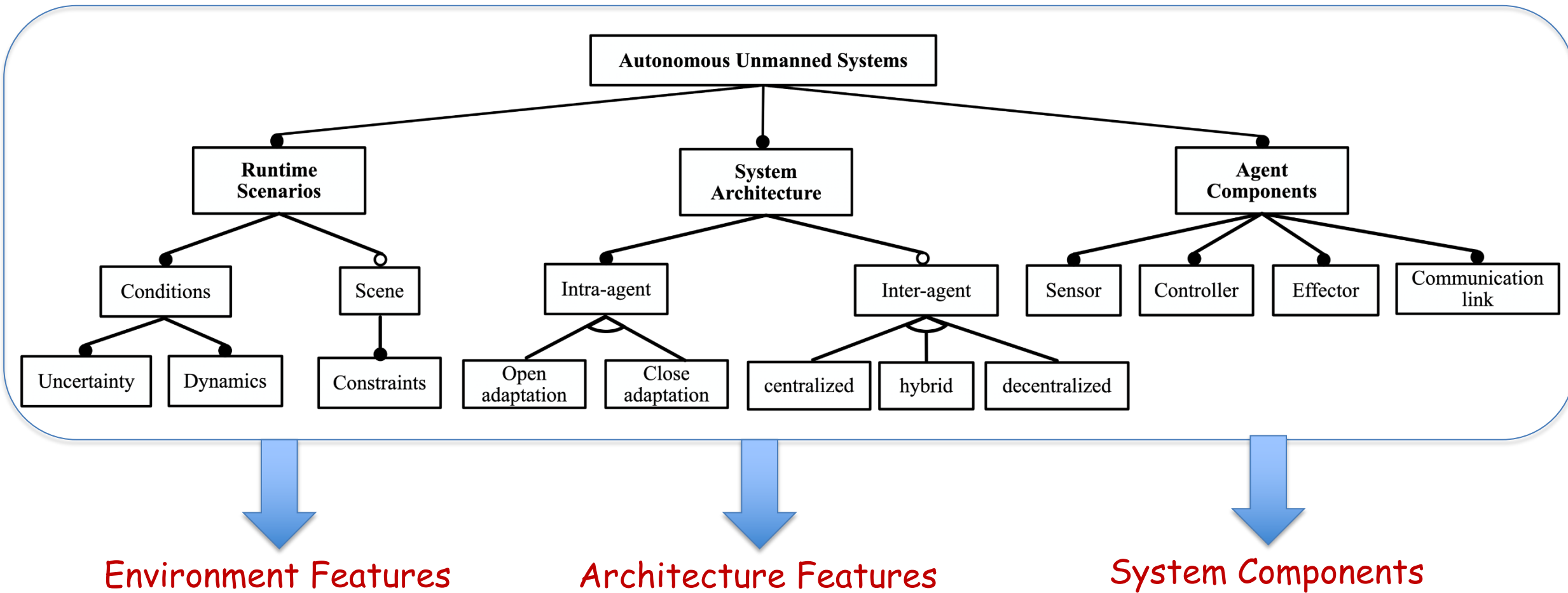
# Survey Questions

- IEEE Xplore, ACM Digital Library, Science Direct, Springer, and Google Scholar. The search term was "Autonomy" OR "Unmanned" AND ("drone" OR "aircraft" OR "vehicle" OR "vessel" OR "robot" OR "agent" OR "system") AND ("Safety" OR "Risk" OR "Hazard" OR "Critical" OR "Cyber Attack")
- investigate 63 journal and conference papers from 2009 to 2019 about safety concerns for AUSs including drones and other robotic systems.
- RQ1. What are the observations about system architecture?
- RQ2. What are observations at runtime and external constraints?
- RQ3. What are the safety concerns at run-time?
- RQ4. What are the counter-measures?

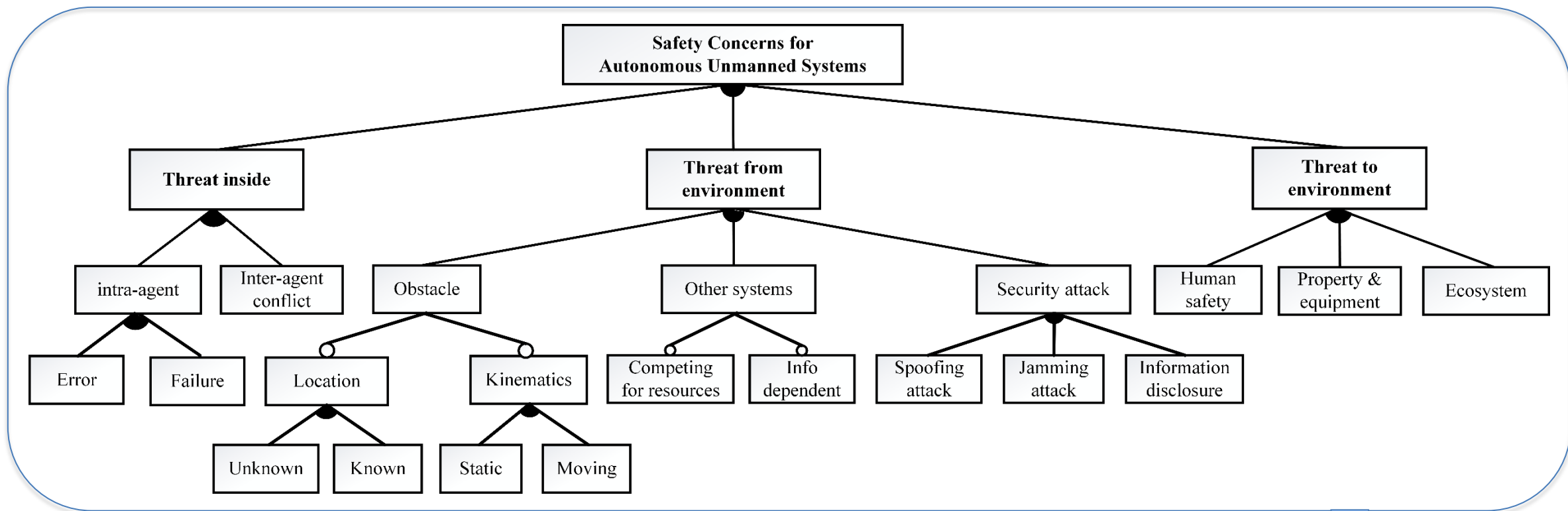
# High Level Taxonomy



# Architecture related Concerns



# Safety Threads at Run-time



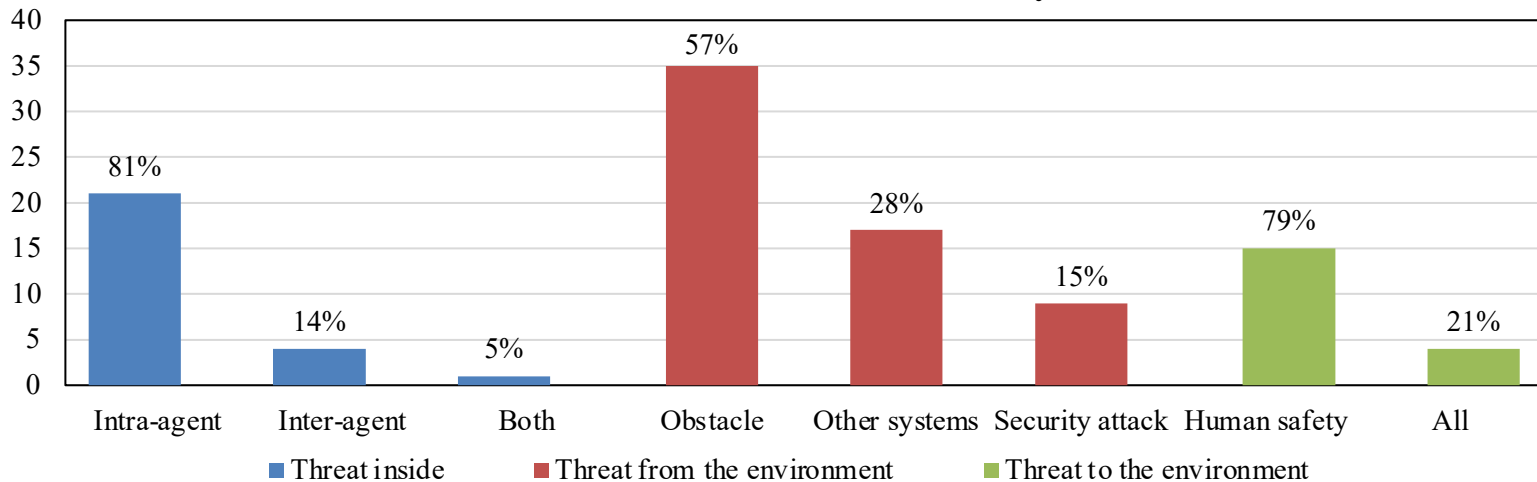
Internal Threads

Threads from External

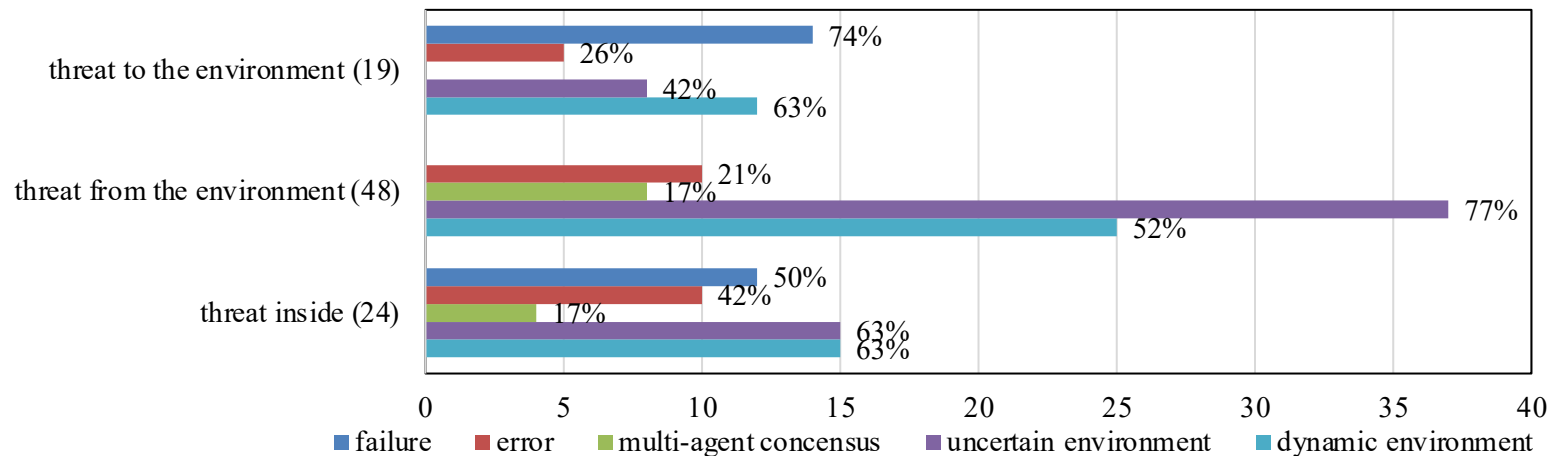
Threads to External

# Survey Results: Distributions

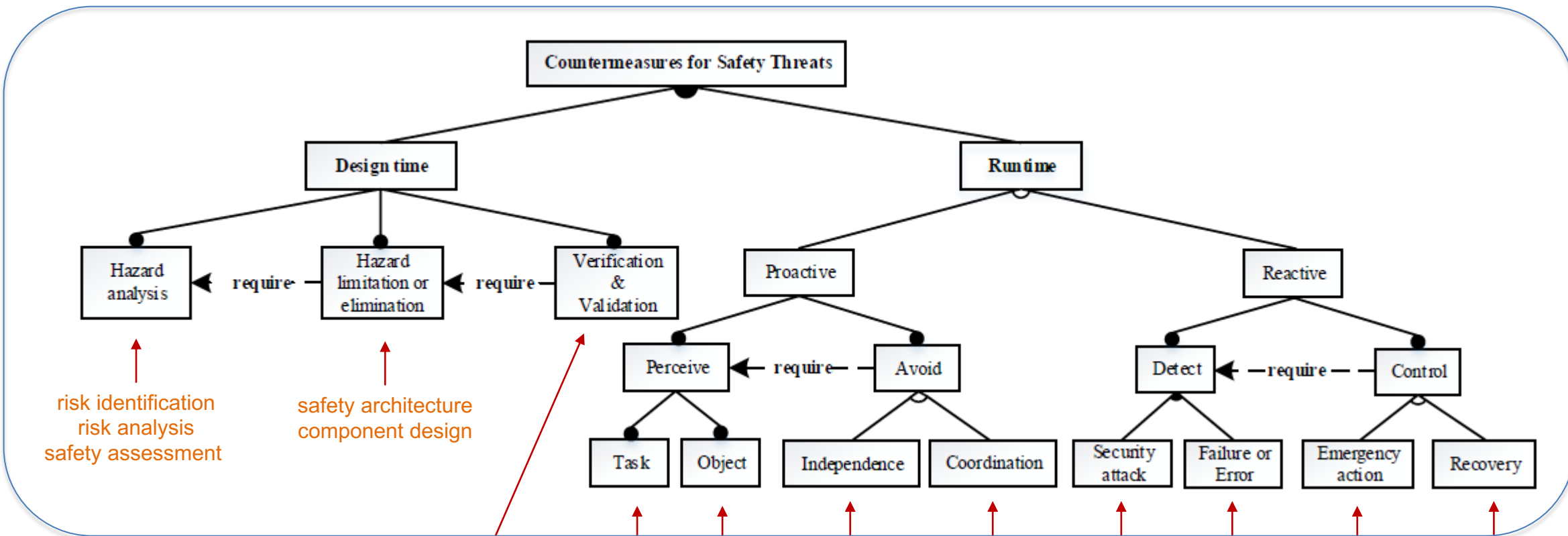
Distribution of different safety threats



Reasons for different safety threats



# Countermeasures for Safety Threats



risk identification  
risk analysis  
safety assessment

safety architecture  
component design

System  
analysis

semantics  
motion  
geometry

human  
obstacle  
other system  
animal  
...

MDP  
safe path planning

protocol  
mechanism

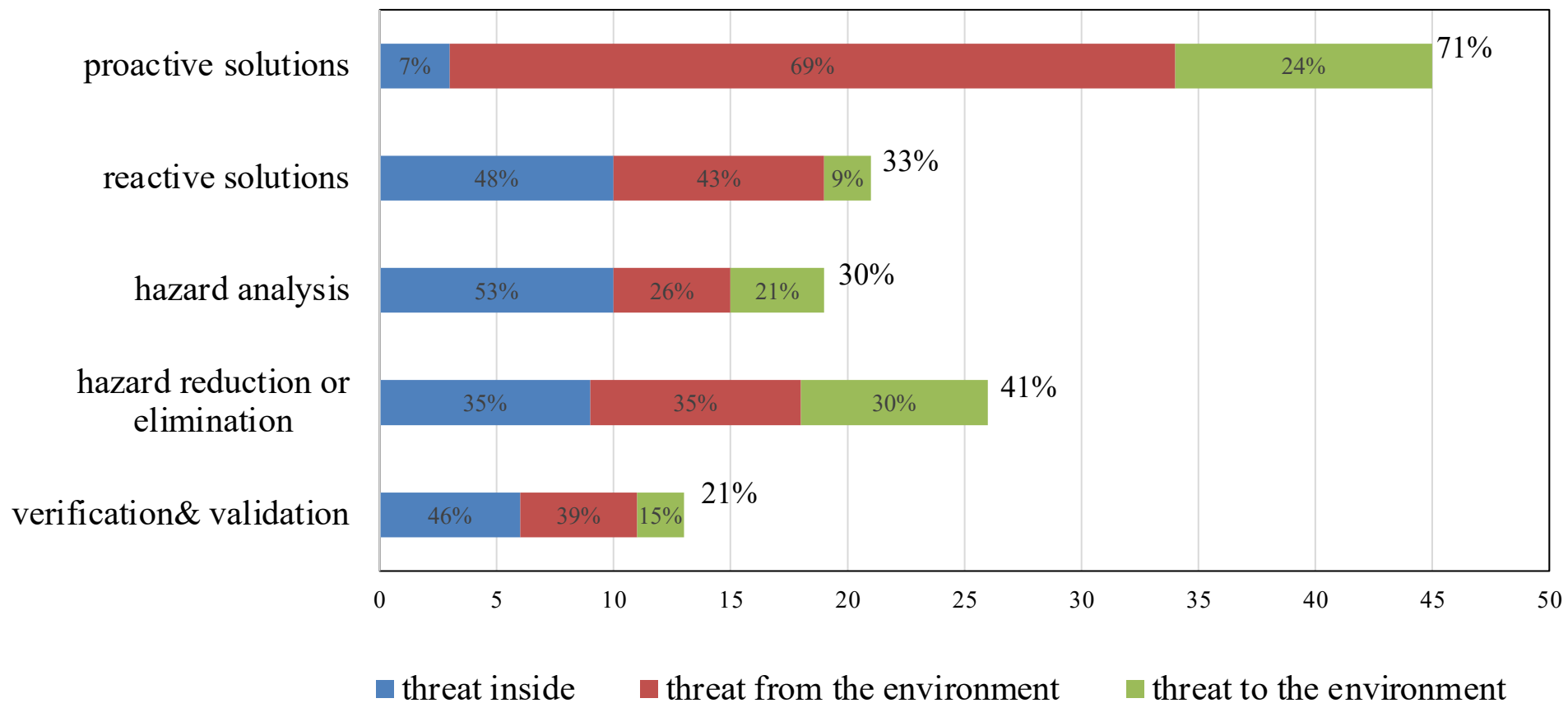
cross verification  
encryption and  
authentication

monitoring

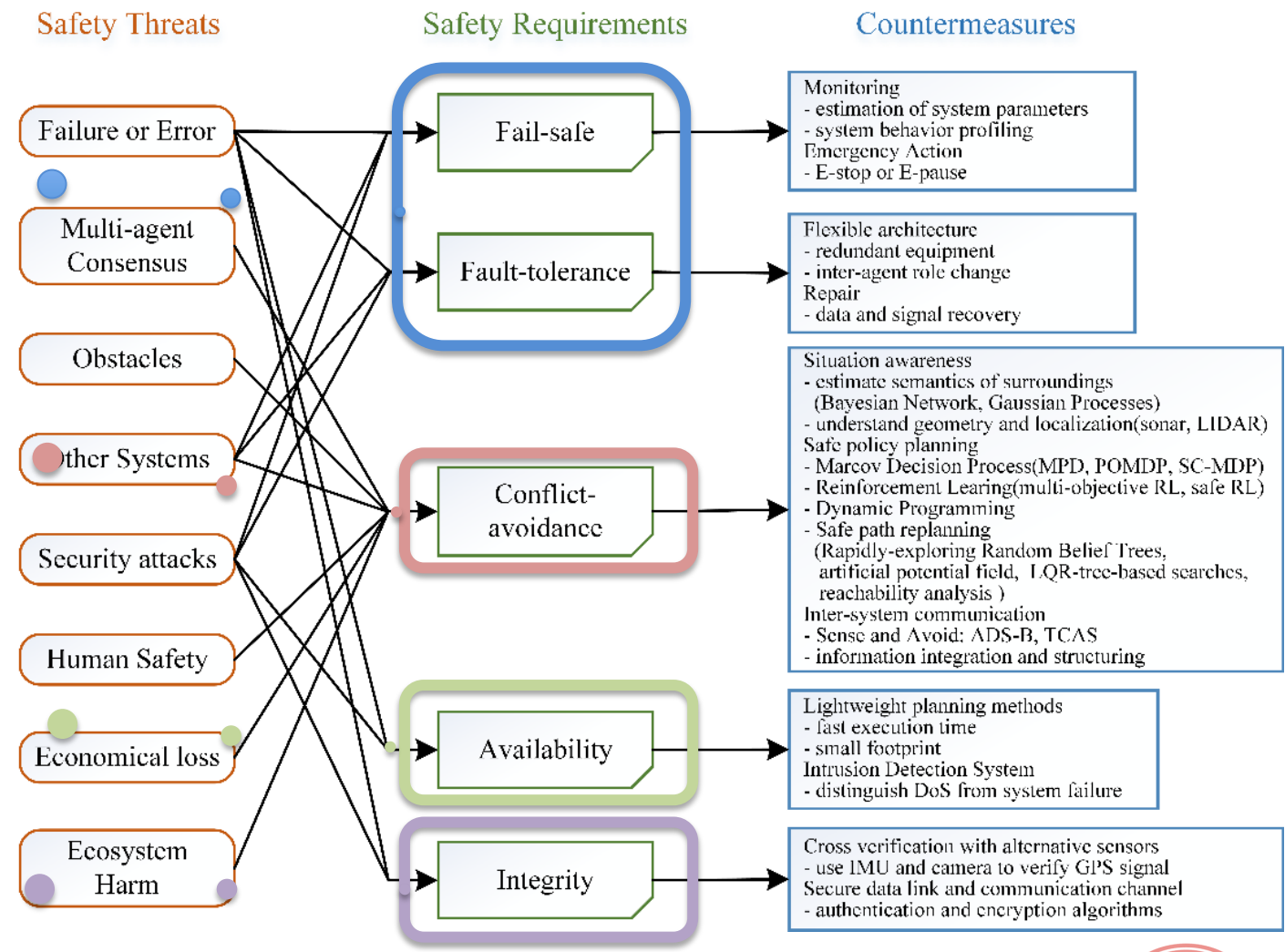
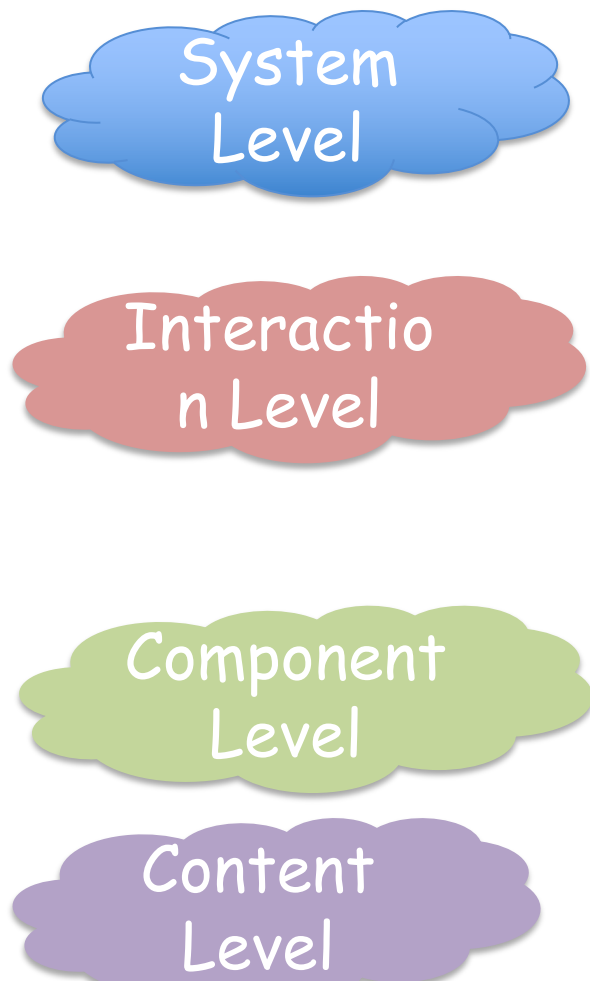
E-stop  
E-pause

data recovery  
redundant equipment

# Solutions for different safety threats



# Safety designs for AUS





# Environment Features

Table 1. Classifications of application scenarios for autonomous unmanned systems.

<i>Environmental conditions</i>		<i>Main scene</i>	<i>Sub scene</i>	<i>System type</i>	<i>Representative examples</i>
Information	Dynamics				
Certain	Static	Land	Indoor	robot	[66]
		Airspace	Low airspace	UAV, drone	[74]
	Dynamic	Land	Indoor	robot	[42] [52] [75] [76] [77]
		Airspace	High airspace	UAS	[78] [65] [79]
			Low airspace	UAV	[68] [69] [80]
		Sea	Under sea	AUV	[73]
Uncertain	Static	Land	Indoor	robot	[48] [81]
			Outside	vehicle	[43] [55] [56]
		Airspace	Low airspace	UAV, drone, quadrotor	[45] [51] [34] [49] [54] [59]
		Sea	Under sea	AUV	[71] [72]
	Dynamic	Land	Indoor	robot	[46] [53] [82]
			Outside	vehicle, robot	[60] [50] [56] [67] [83] [84] [85] [86]
		Airspace	Low airspace	UAV	[70] [62] [87] [58] [88] [40]
			High airspace	UAV, UAS	[89] [90] [91] [64] [33] [92] [93] [94]
		Sea	Above sea	ASV	[95]

# Maturity of Existing Solutions

Environment-Centric Safety Requirements		Procedures for safety in AUS															
		Monitoring				Analysing				Planning				Execution			
		proactive		reactive		environment model given		environment model learning		offline		online		independent		collaborative	
Hazard-elimination	fail-safe	○	[30]	●	[26]	●	[27]	○	/	●	[29]	○	[22]	●	[29]	○	/
	fault-tolerance	○	[30]	●	[27]	●	[30]	○	/	●	[23]	○	[32]	●	[33]	○	[23]
Conflict-avoidance	inter-system	○	[25]	○	[35]	○	[34]	○	[44]	○	[35]	○	[34]	○	[34]	○	[49]
	human	●	[37]	○	[8]	○	[8]	○	[37]	○	[8]	○	[38]	○	[38]	○	[39]
	constraints	●	[40]	○	[43]	●	[24]	○	[19]	●	[41]	○	[19]	●	[19]	○	/

● Productivity ○ Enlightenment ○ Trigger

# Open Problems and Challenges

## Emerging Safety-Critical Scenarios

- Less degrees of fault tolerance
- Privacy of human beings
- Human-drone interaction
- Protected areas
- Forensic required

Environment  
becomes first  
citizen

## Perception and Detection

- Inter-system collision and conflicts perception
- Perception under uncertain or disturbed environment
- Cyber attacks detection

Advanced  
Techniques and  
Algorithms

## Platforms for Experimentation

- Simulated environments
- Real-world scenarios

New simulators  
or test beds

## Trade-offs between Safety and Efficiency

- Time efficiency
- Computation efficiency

Design trade-off,  
finest grain  
protection



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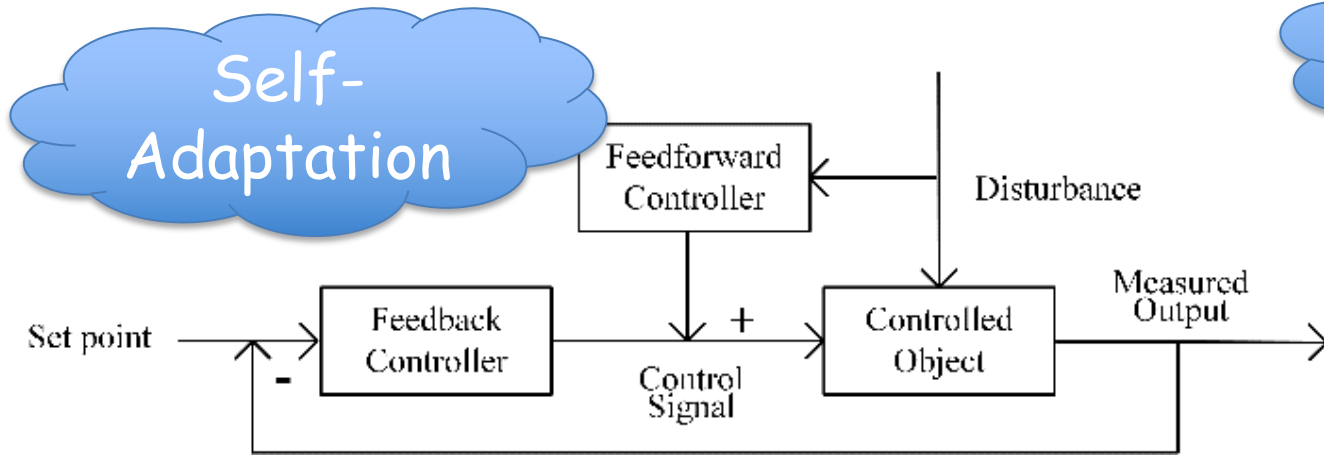
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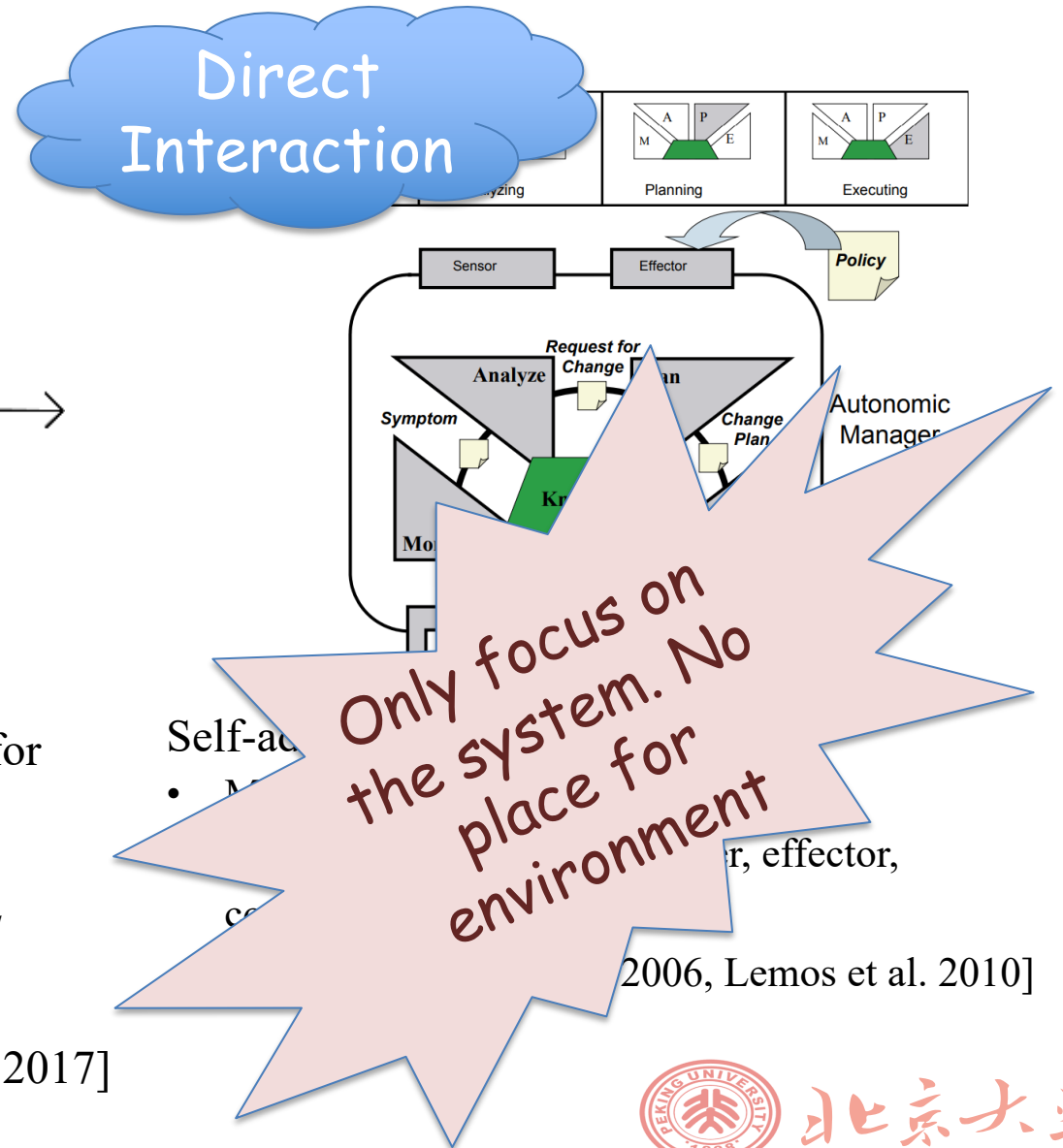
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# Control Loop and MAPE-K



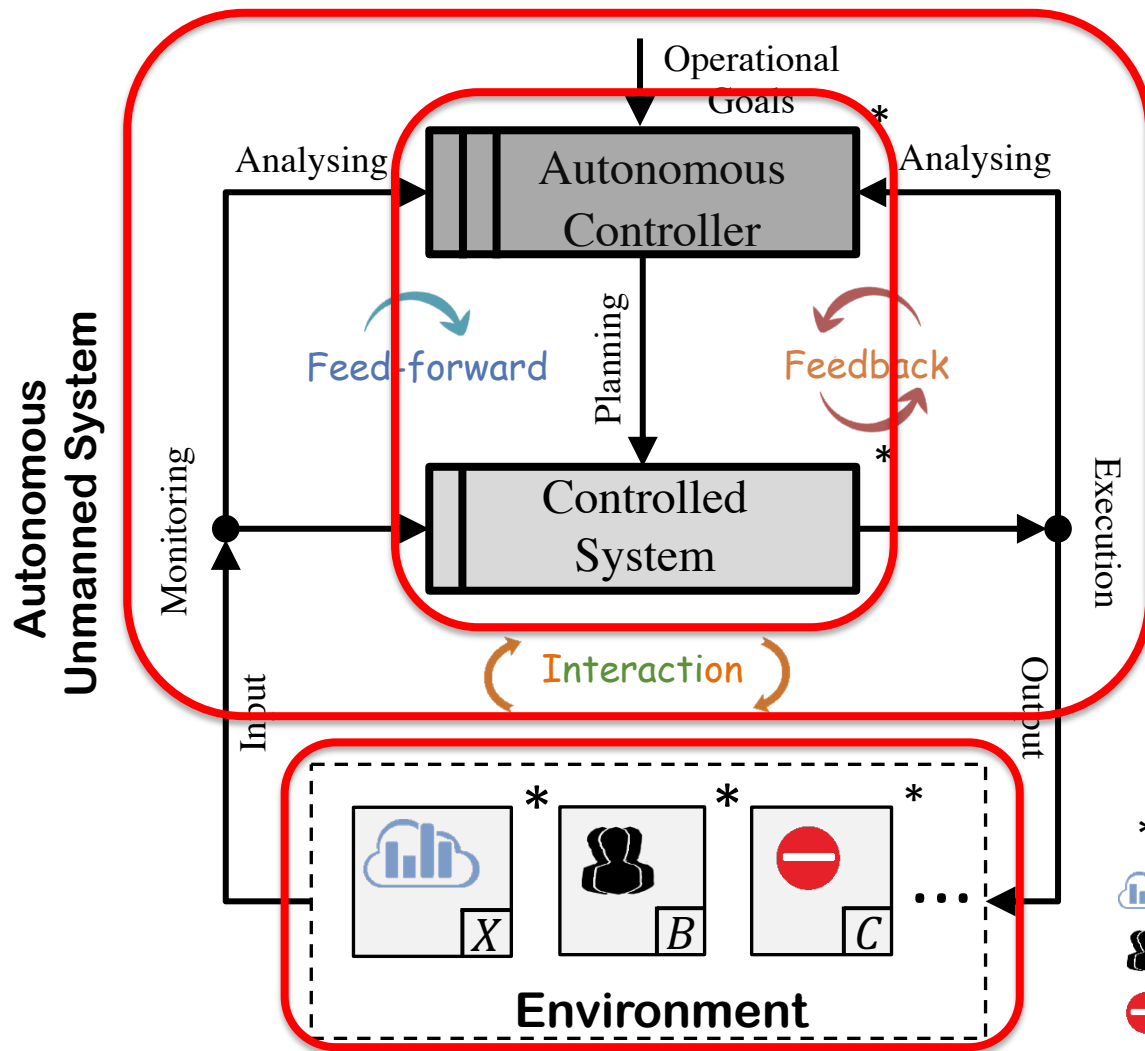
- Feedforward controller: takes into account the external *Disturbances* to produce a *Control Signal* that compensates for the *Disturbances*
- Feedback controller: computes *Control Signal* based on the deviation between desired goals and corresponding *Measured Output*

[Shevtsov 2017]



[2006, Lemos et al. 2010]

# Strategy (1) : Architecture: Environment Modeling + Multi-Layer Controls



The features

Unified Control Loops

- Separation of Core System and Controller

- Explicit Modeling

Separation of Services and Controllers

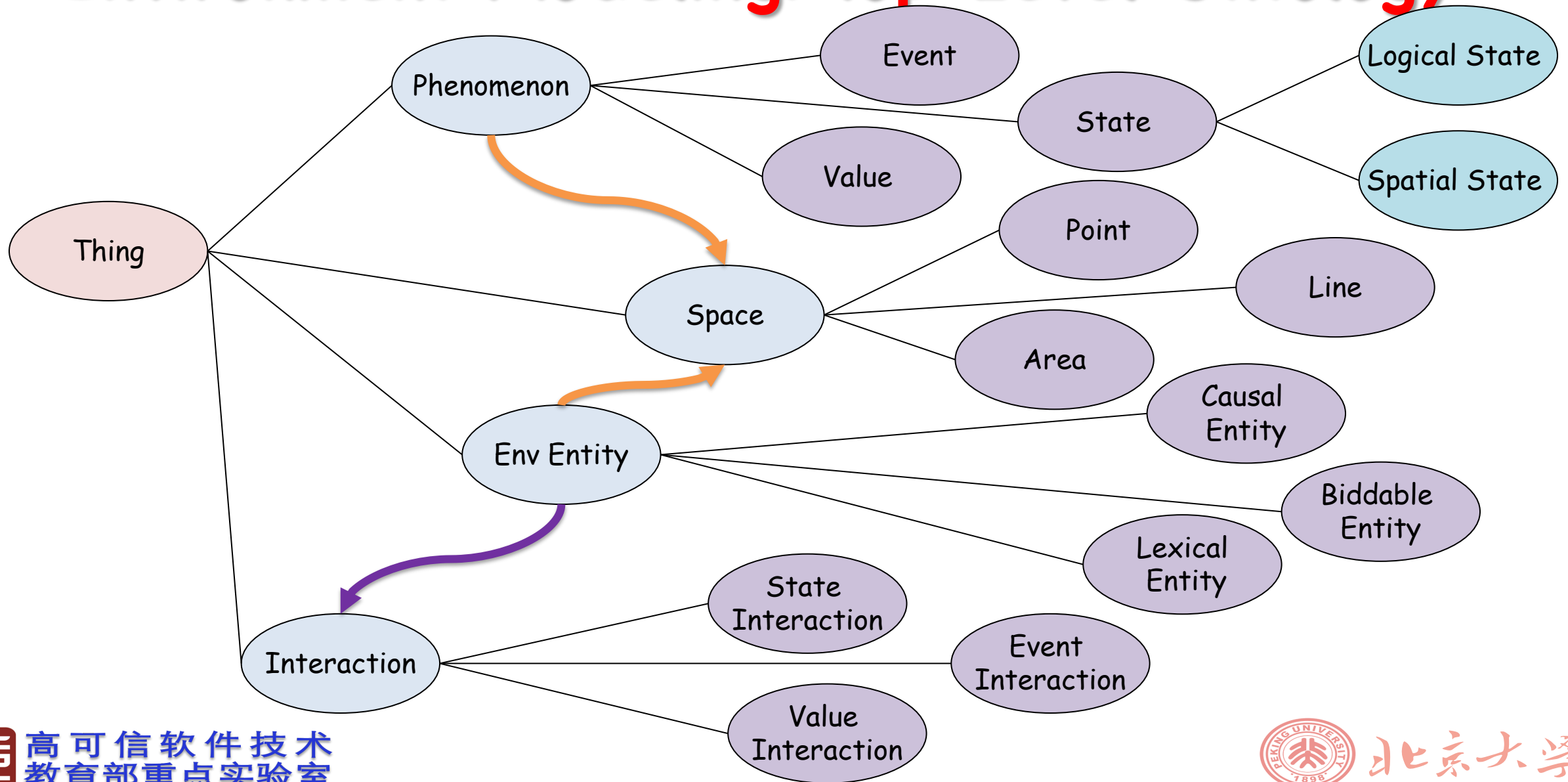
- Extended Unified Control

Loops + Controls

Explicit Environment Modeling

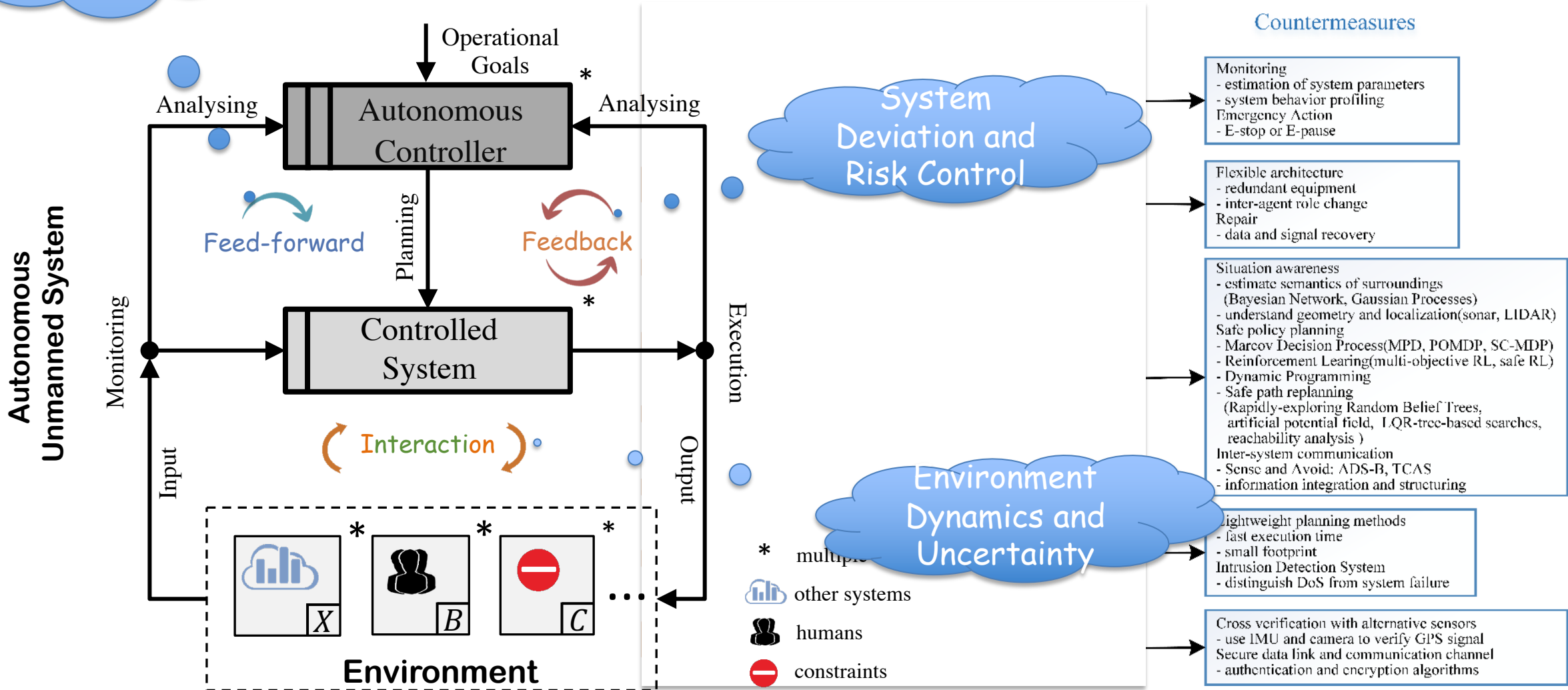
- \* multiple
- other systems
- humans
- constraints

# Strategy (2) : Environment Modeling: Top-Level Ontology



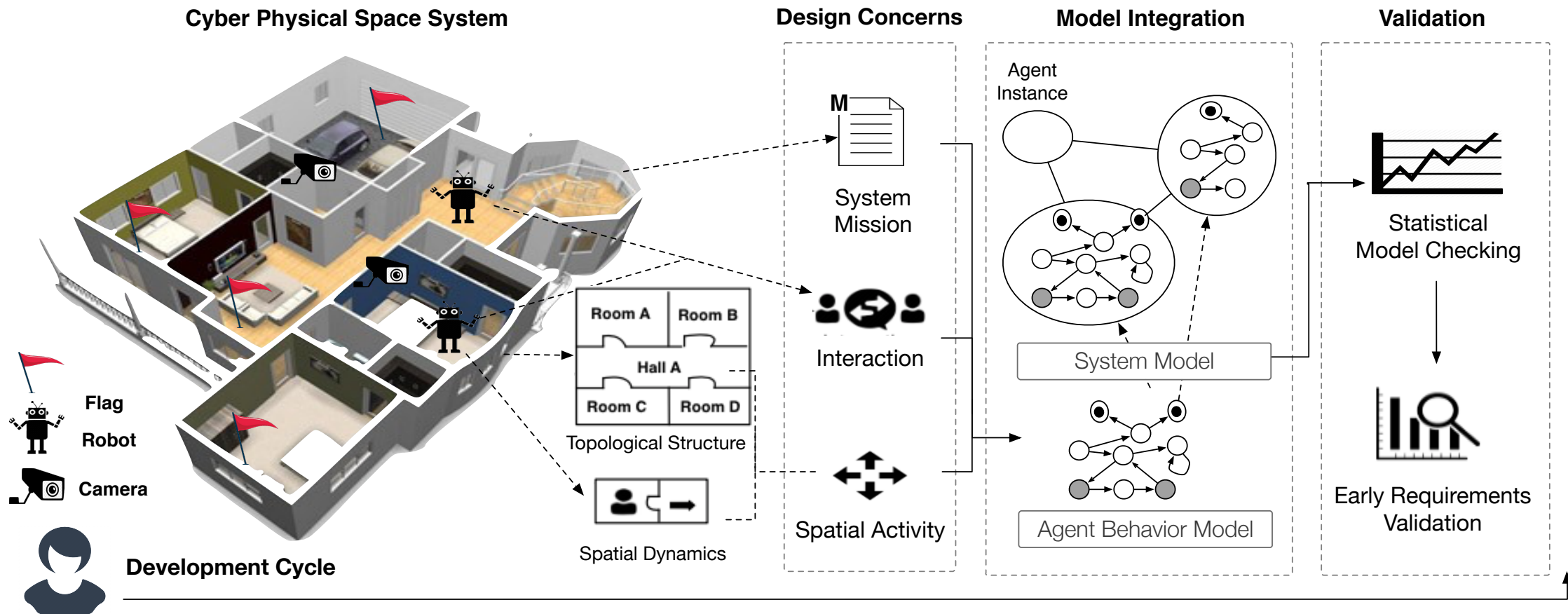
Situational  
Aware and  
Adaptation

# Strategy (3) : Fine-Grain Protection

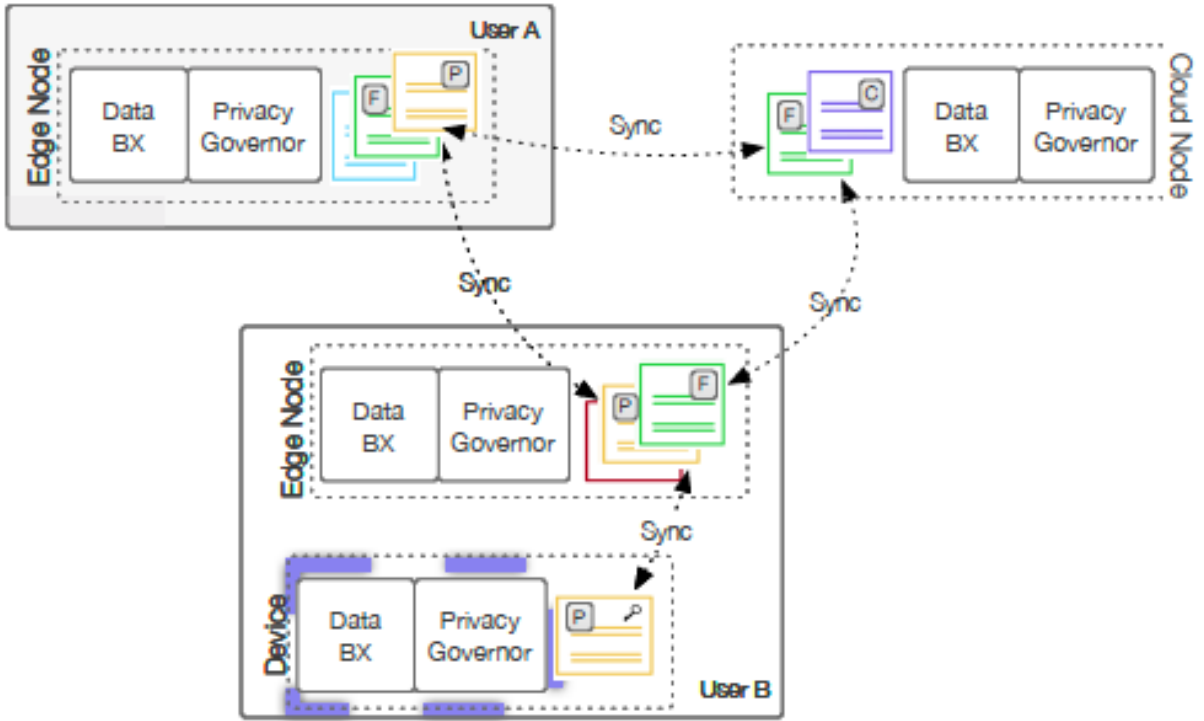
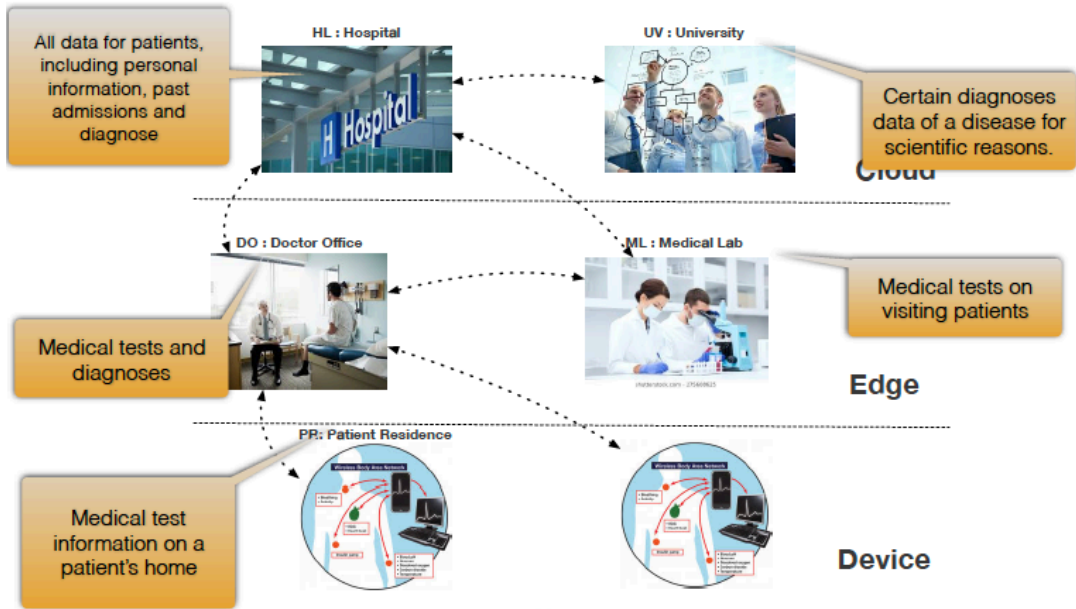




# Modeling and Verification on Mission Completion by Moving Agents



# Privacy Aware Distributed Data Sharing



Smart Hospital  
Runtime Data Sharing Access Control

# Risk Aware Motion Planning

Environment Friendly: Privacy Protection

Runtime Configuration with Scene Detection and Privacy Policy



(a) The first time the private region is detected.



(b) The private region is always in sight.



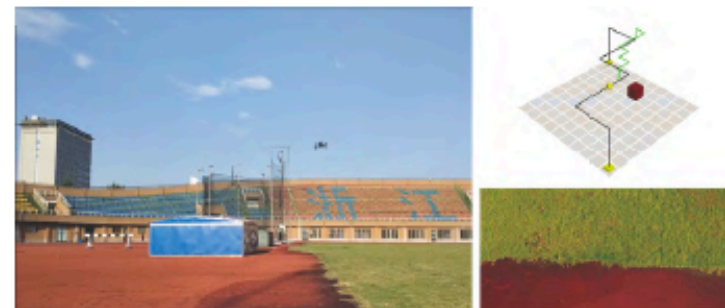
(c) The UAV passes through the private region.



(a) The UAV detects the private region and re-plans its trajectory and camera orientation.



(b) The private region is avoided by changing trajectory and camera orientation is tuned to  $30^\circ$ .



(c) The UAV passes through the private region, and camera orientation is tuned back to  $-90^\circ$ .



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# More Challenges

- How to identify and model the system bound ?
  - Human intention and domain knowledge
  - Static and dynamic
  - Normal use cases misuse cases, malicious use cases, .....
  - Contract-Based Model
  - .....
- How to deal with the time and space consistency among the environment entities in the real world
  - Space: The space and motion of communicating agents, Robin Milner
  - Time: Real time, time constraints, .....
  - Space and time ?
  - .....



# Conclusions and Future Work

- Tighter interaction with the reality brings in the complexity of solution
  - Mixture of continuous and discrete components
  - Discretization and verification of the hybrid models
- Mobility of moving entity along the space topology means the location or context changes
  - Changes of the relationship
  - Location-aware smartness
  - Prediction of the changes
- Environment-friendly, endogenous safety and security
  - Environment risk assessment before taking actions



# Messages to Community

- System science and engineering
- Control theory
- Hybrid system modeling and analysis
- Human intention and end-user value traceability
- Constructive components and machine learning components
- .....
  
- Do the techniques for software analysis, evolution and re-engineering need to be innovated ?



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