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Open Research Day

9 April 2025



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13:15-13:50

*Parallel Sessions- lightning talks followed by
breakout session*

A108: Digitalized Built Environment I

Chair: Professor David Broman, KTH

A123: Digitalized Health Care I

Chair: Professor Hercules Dalianis, Stockholm
University

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- Lightning talk: Session chair: Professor David Broman, KTH

1. Towards smart water-Democritus impact project (CP Impact)
2. Barriers and enabling factors for digitalisation in the Swedish water sector (SI)
3. DECORUM Optimized predictive maintenance for wastewater pump stations (SI)
4. Towards Safe Smart Construction: Algorithms, Digital Twins and Infrastructures (II)

Towards Smart Water- Democritus

Michele Mascherpa – KTH / Department of Mathematics
Victor Molnő – KTH / Division of Decision and Control Systems

Leakage & Pollution in Water Networks: Theory & Experiments

Water firms in England and Wales lost more than 1tn litres from leaks last year

Trillions of gallons leak from aging drinking water systems, further stressing shrinking US cities

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**Inbrott i vattentorn i Bollnäs –
uppmanas koka vatten**

- Leakage localization in different setups
- Pollution estimation with sensors and Optimal Transport based method
- Experiments at SWIL Laboratory in Aalborg

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Digital Futures



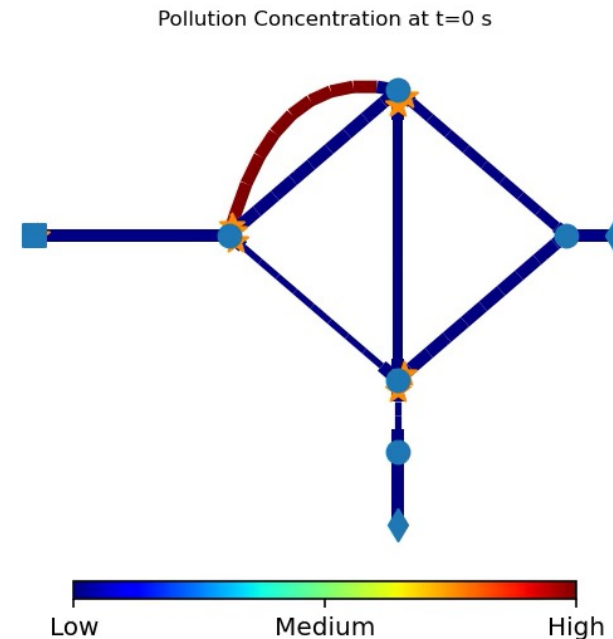
Pollution Estimation

- Water quality measurements available in some points
- Use flows estimates to build Markov model A for pollution flow
- Find pollution transport matrix M minimizing entropy D

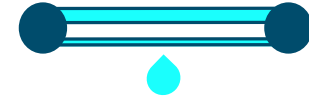
$$\min \sum_t D(M^t | A^t)$$

s.t. *mass is conserved*
sensor measurements matched

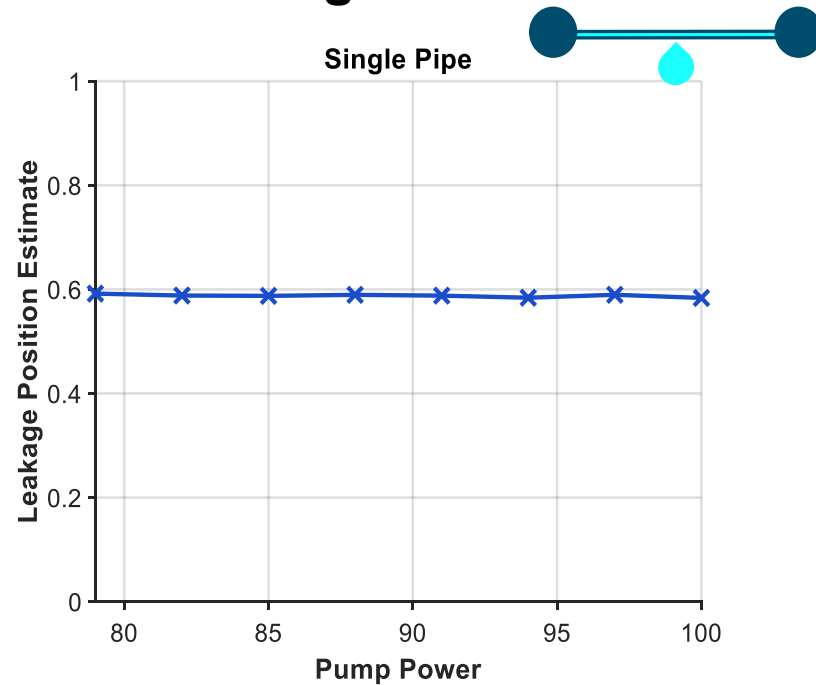
- Efficient method for solving it



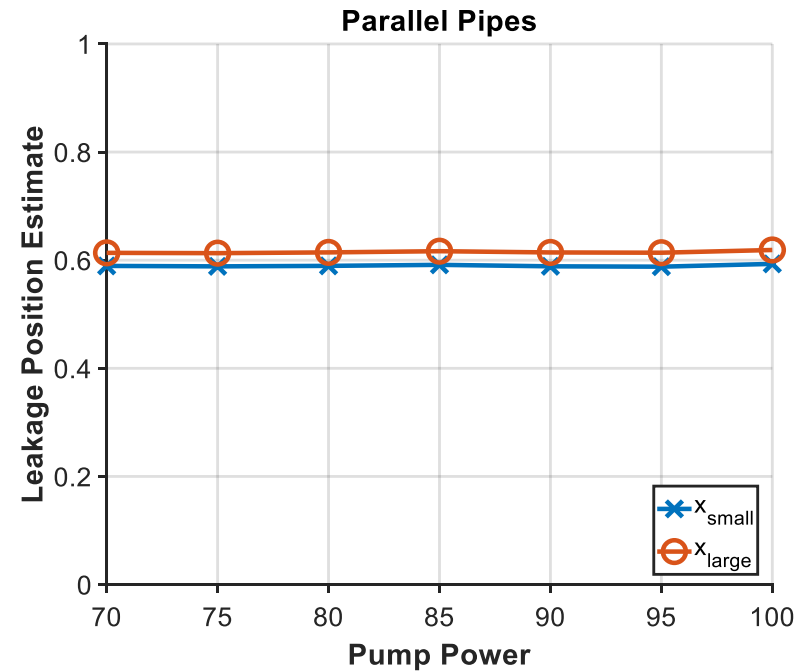
Leakage Localization



Single pipe leak easy to localize given model



Parallel pipes can be difficult to distinguish



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Barriers and Enabling factors for digitalisation of the Swedish water sector

David Nilsson (PhD, Docent), Framverket, affiliated scholar

Mats Engwall & Maksim Miterev, KTH

Pär Blomkvist, Mälardalen University

Water utilities are special

Critical societal infrastructure

Public monopolies

Mainly old infrastructure

High-Reliability Organisations

Limited R&D capacity

Digitalisation since 1980s



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How to make digital innovation happen

- **Collaborative innovation**
- Value for operations
- Simple and easy to use
- Reliable
- Modular
- "Fiery souls"

Miterev, Blomkvist & Nilsson (2025). Breaking out of the straightjacket. Facilitating digital innovation in resource-constrained high-reliability organizations. IPDMC, Portugal, 11-13 June.

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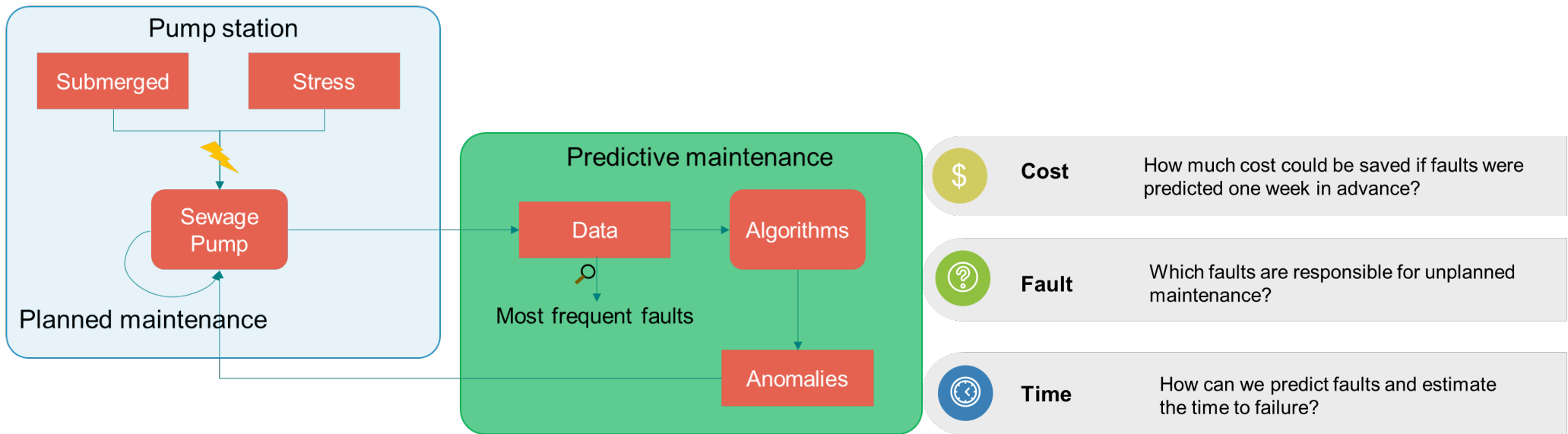
DECORUM: Optimized predictive maintenance for wastewater pump stations

Project DECORUM

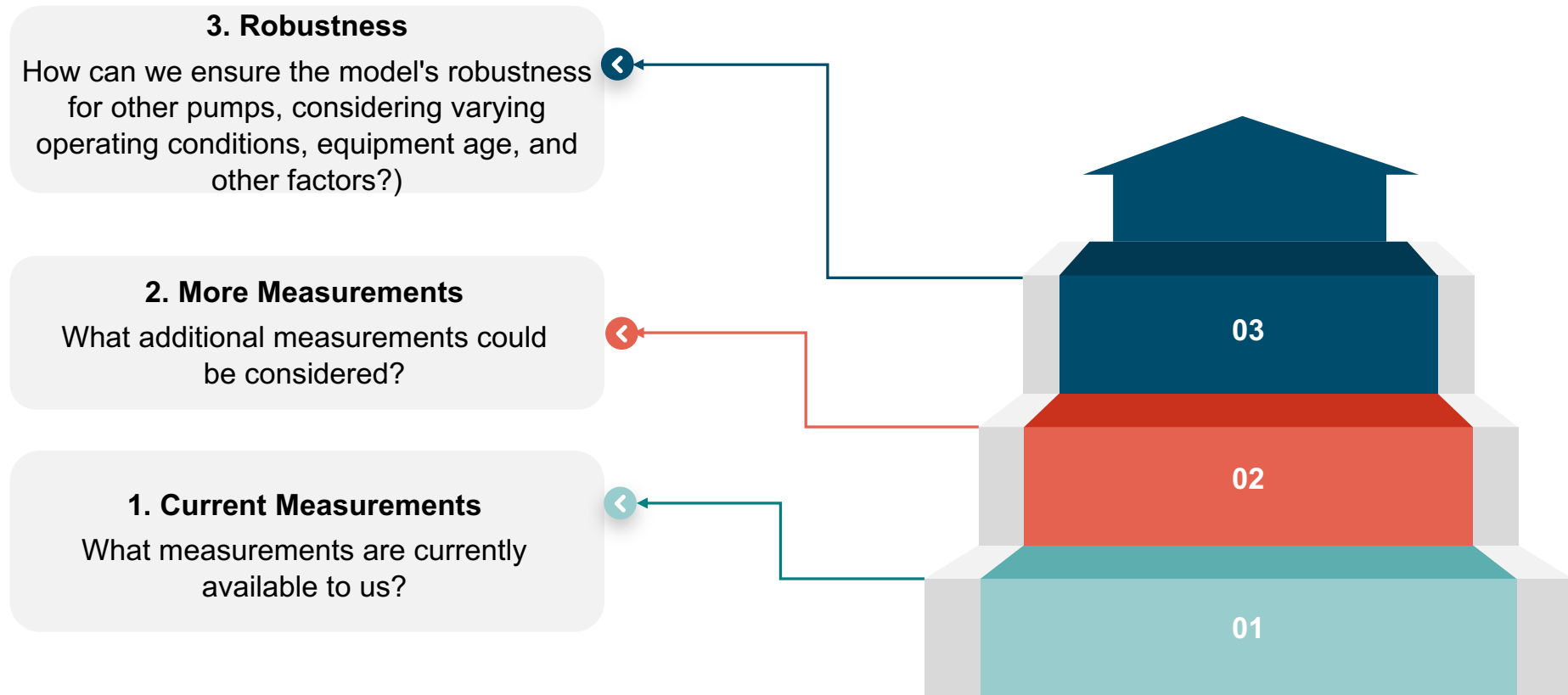
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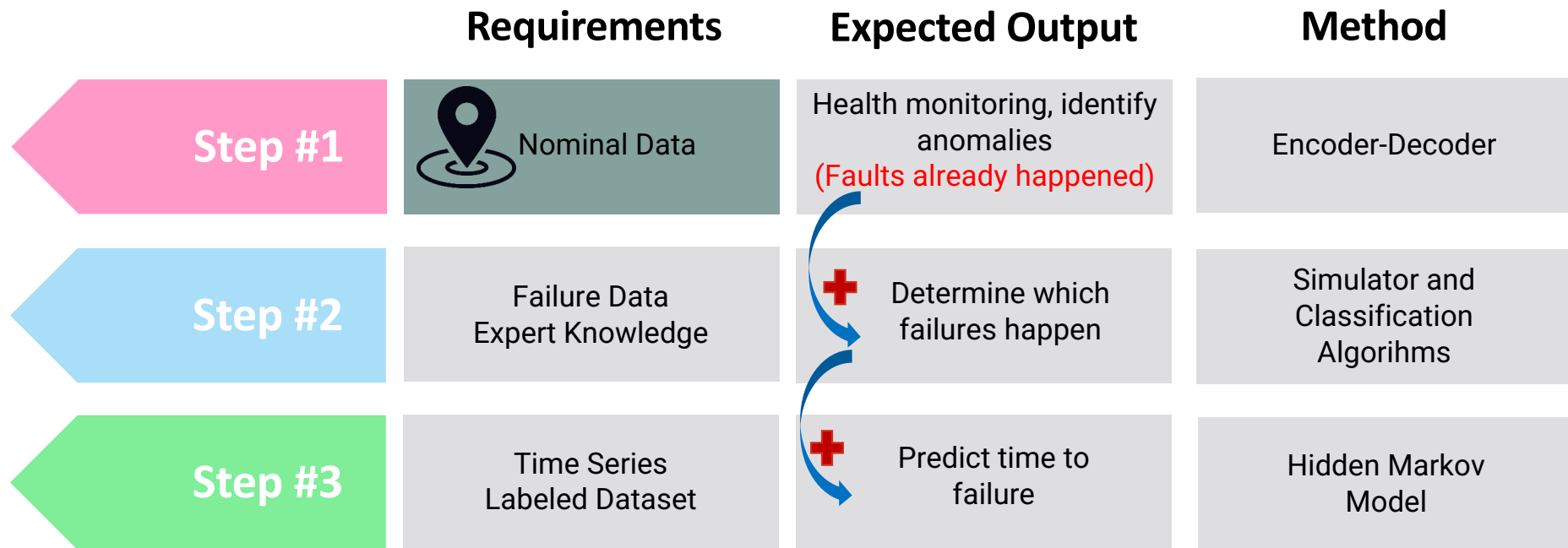
DECORUM project



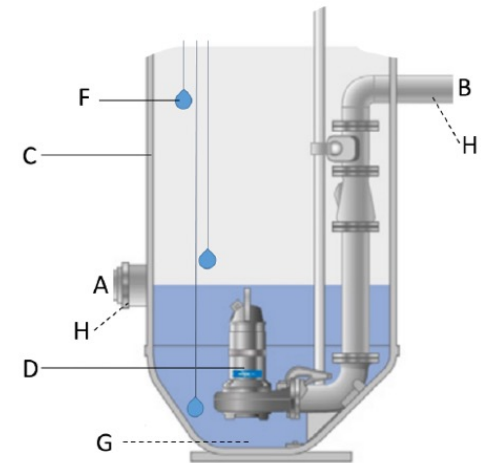
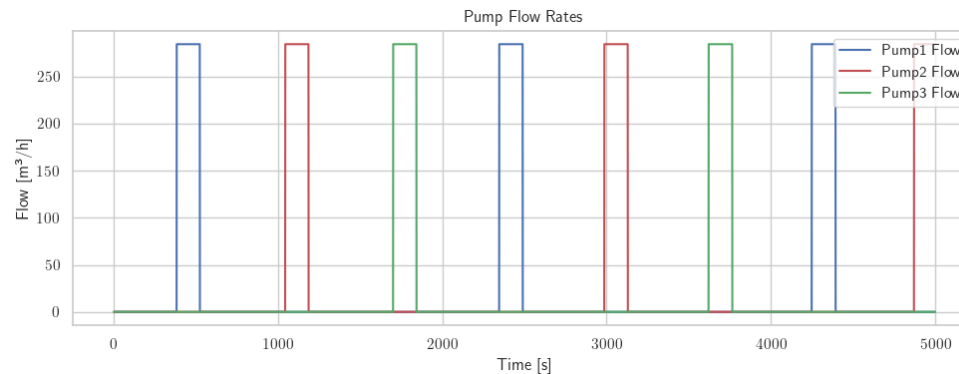
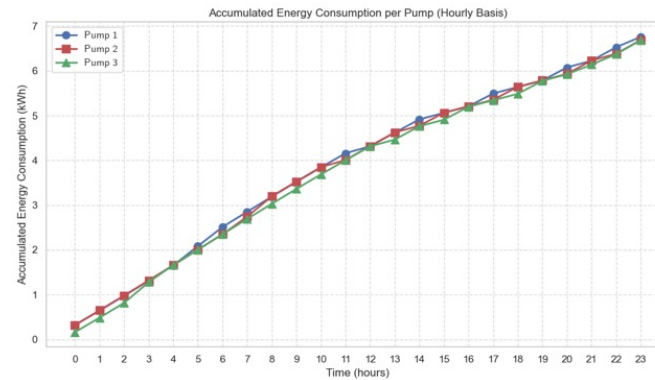
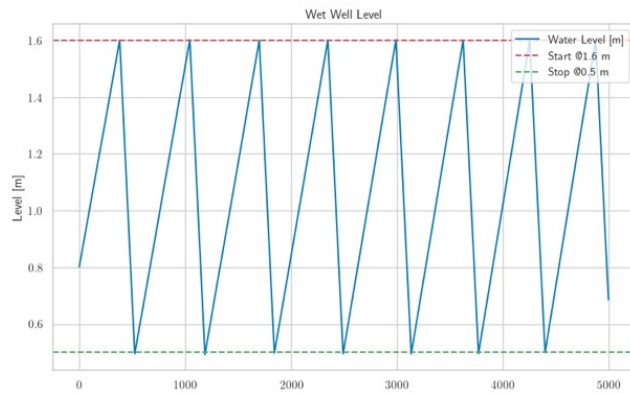
Problem Definition



Key Milestones in DECORUM Project



Pump Simulator: A Key Tool for Maintenance



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Thank you

Towards Safe Smart Construction: Algorithms, Digital Twins and Infrastructures

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Project partners: KTH, Skanska, Ericcson,

Construction Today

Extensive manual intervention

- Safety risks for personnel
- Difficulty to maintain/control quality of outcome



High carbon emissions

- Mobility & operations

Low degree of automation

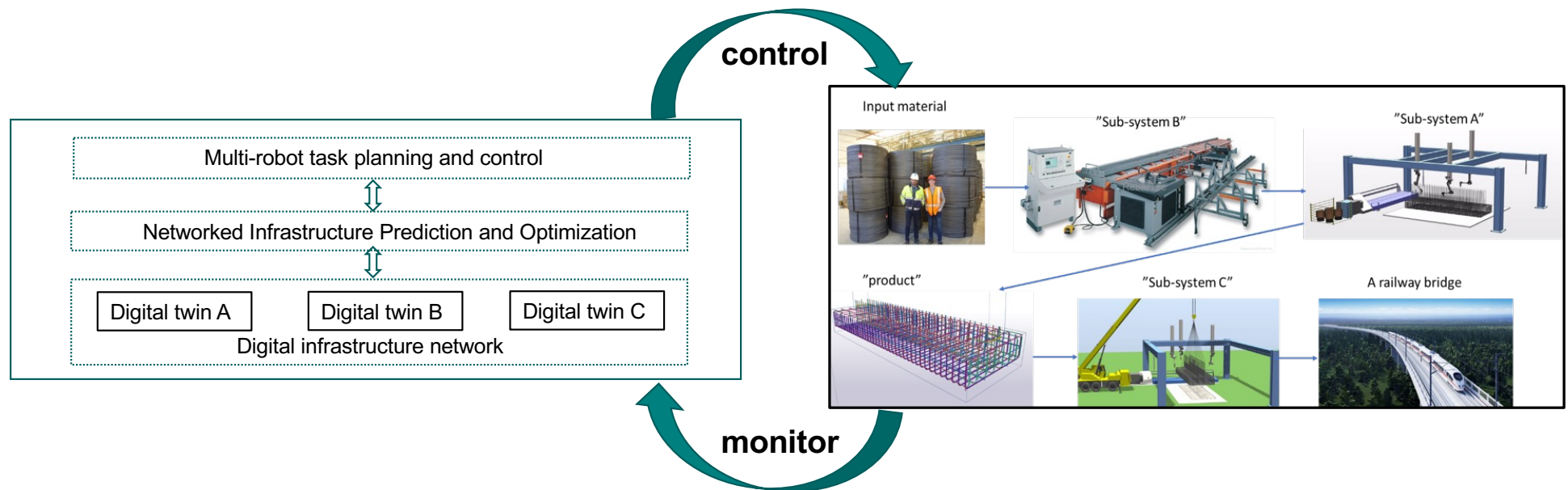
- Hard for real-time monitoring
- Slow production cycle

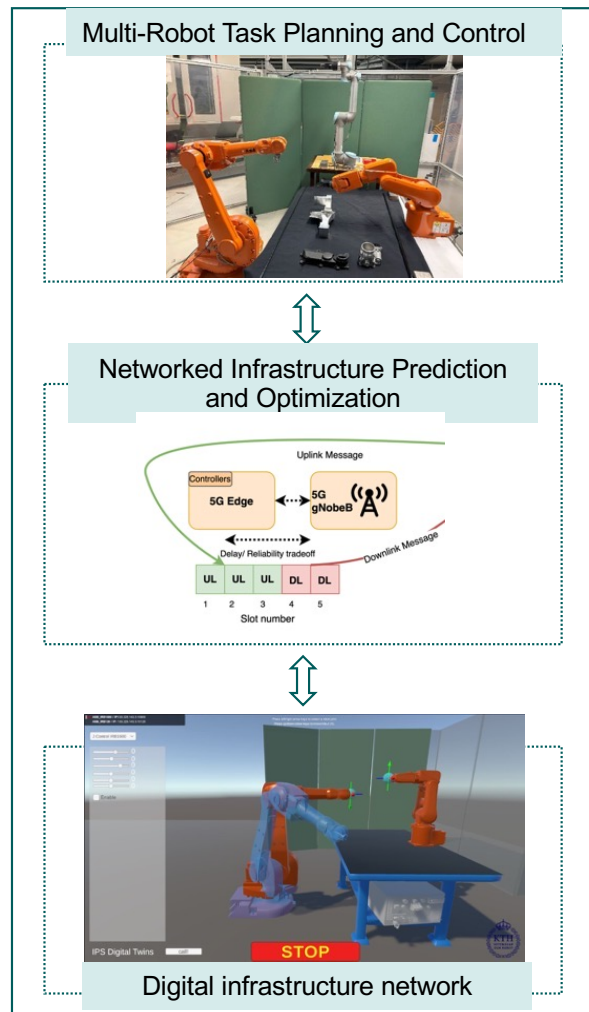


Smart Construction Tomorrow

Vision: fully digitalized and automated value chain

Skanska case: a multi-system set-up for onsite production of **REINFORCEMENT CAGES**





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Digital Futures

Tomorrow

Robots for automation:

Cooperative & safe planning and control algorithms under communication constraints.

Networks for remote operation:

Negotiate communication & computation grants between 5G/B5G network and robots.

Digital twins to mimic & monitor:

Digital twin for remote real-time monitoring and control of multi-robot systems.

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