

# Autonomous integrated systems in flat metal production: reaching ultimate quality in a full safe environment

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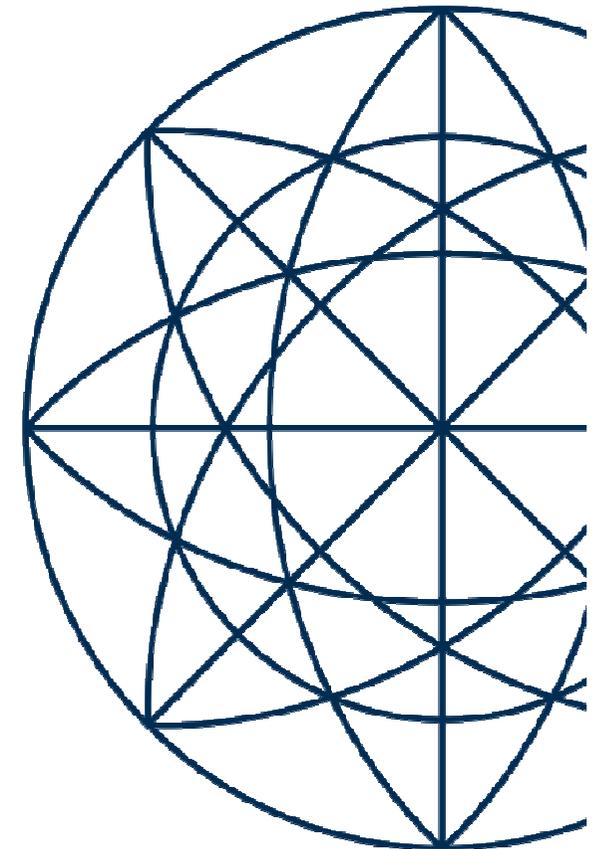
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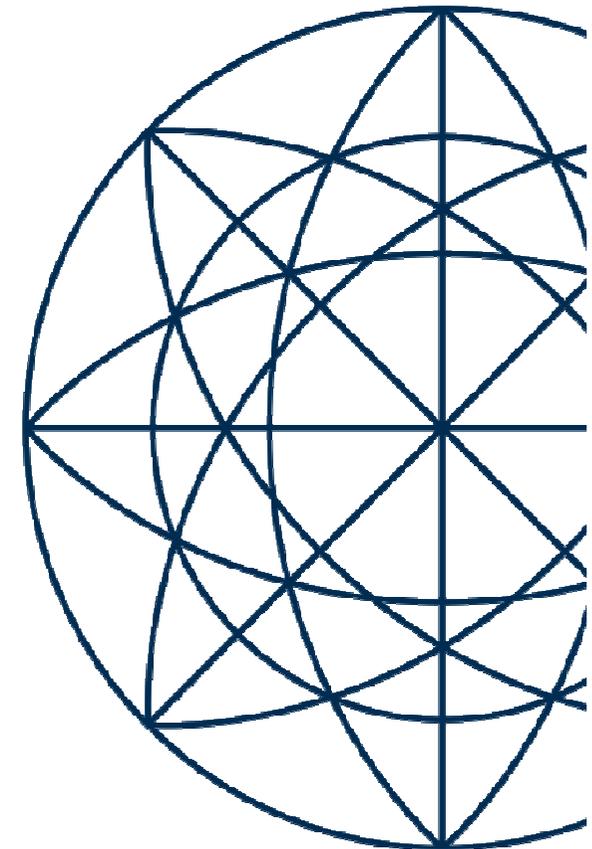
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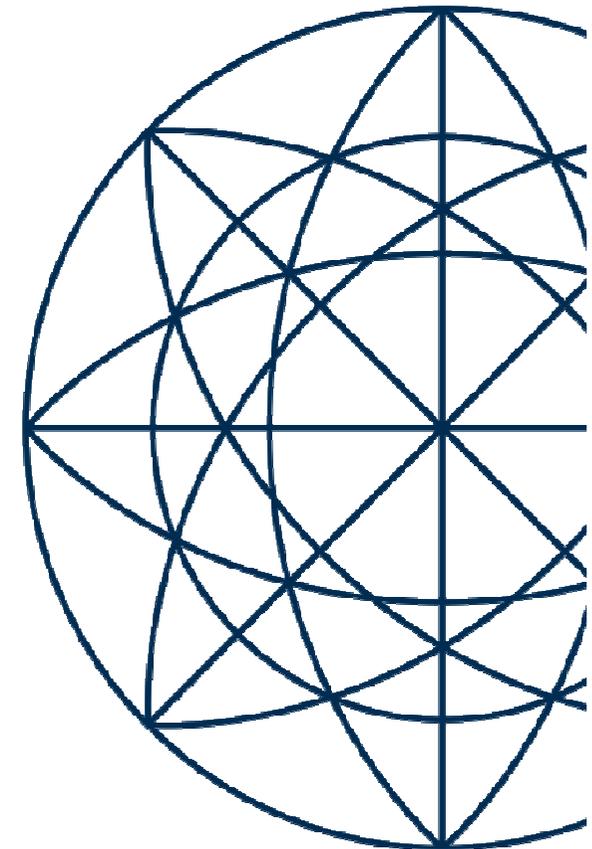
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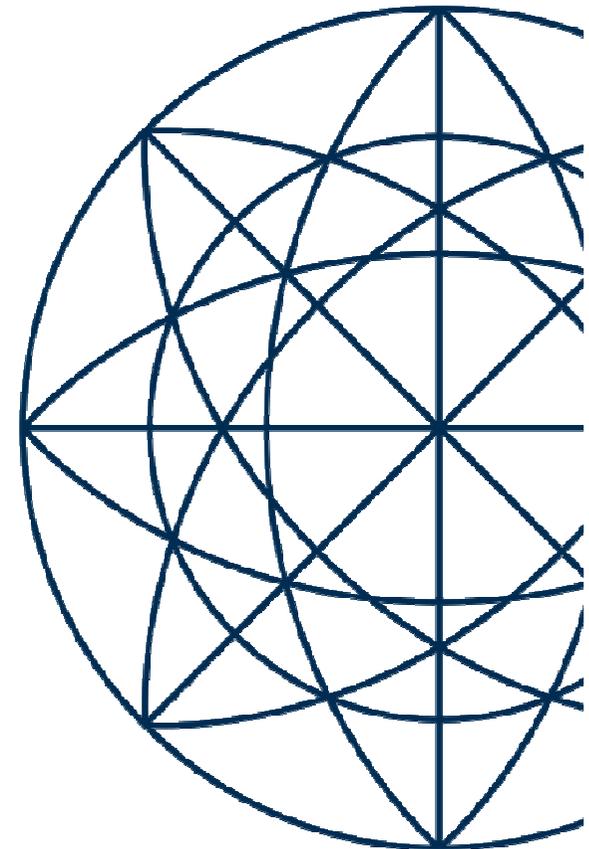
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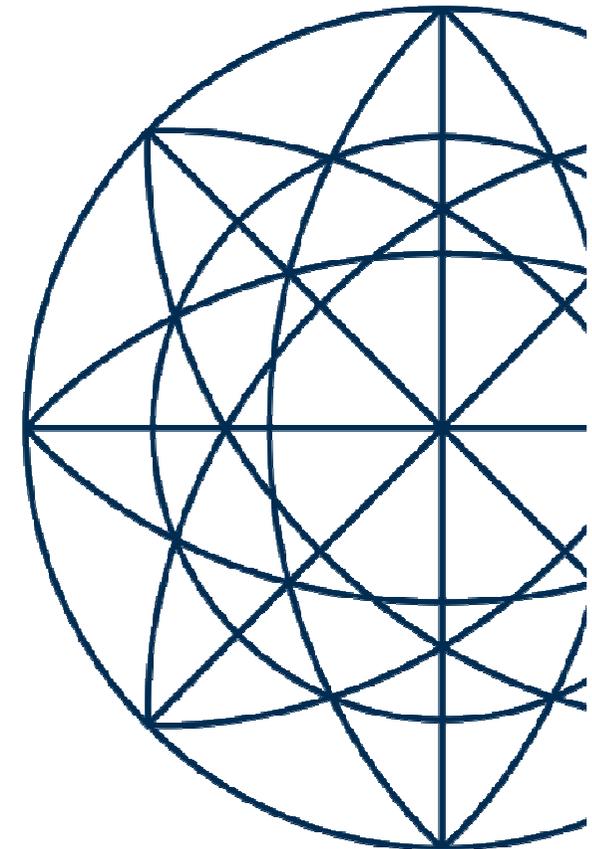
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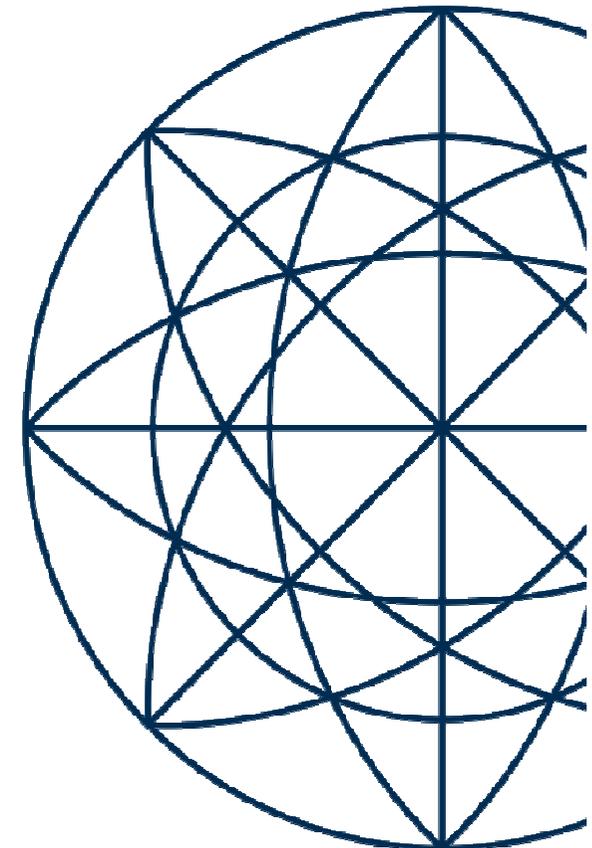
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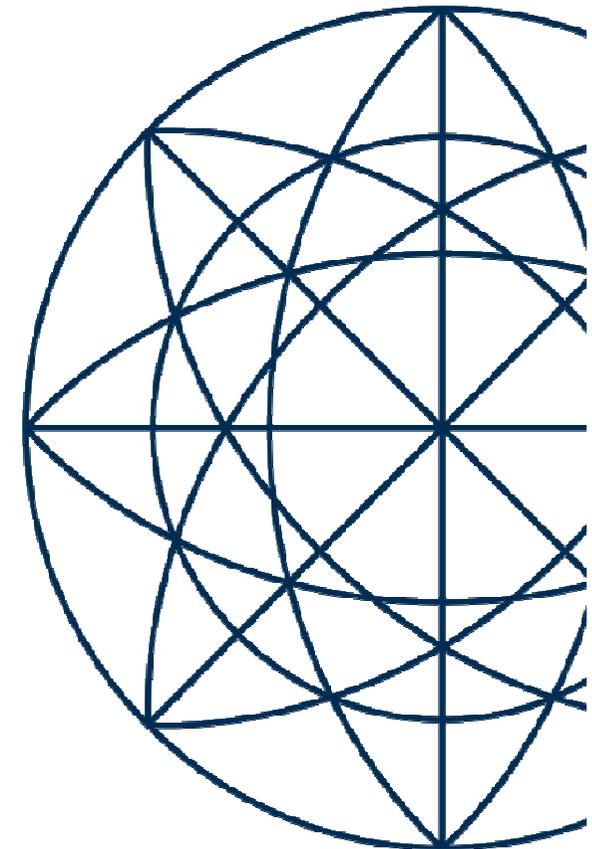
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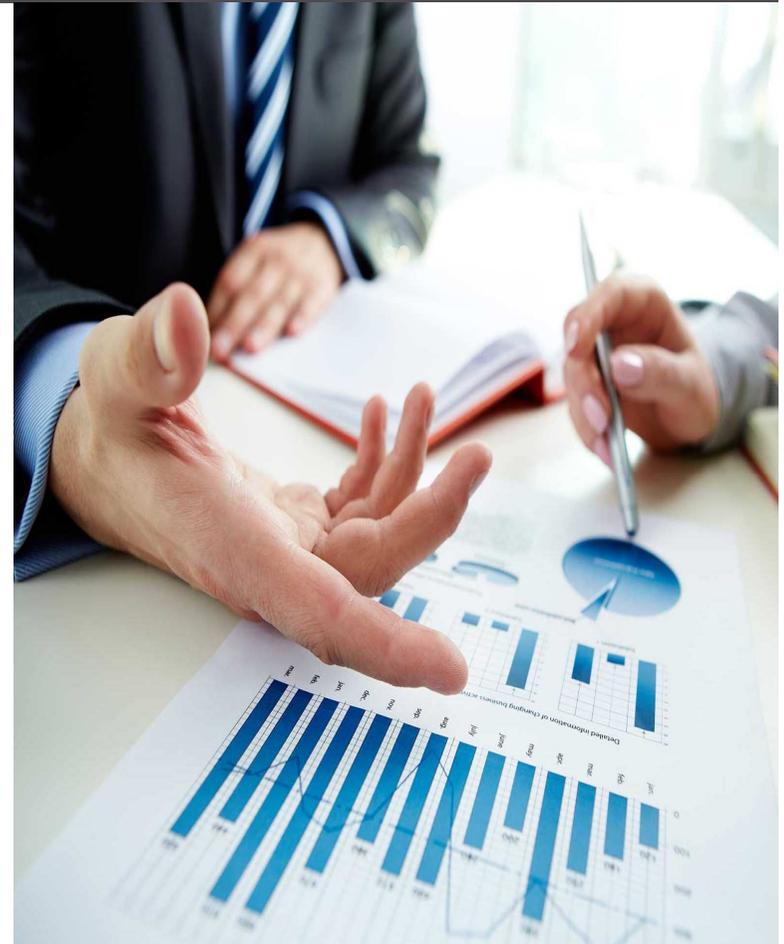
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AUTONOMOUS FLAT PRODUCTION

TODAY PERSPECTIVE

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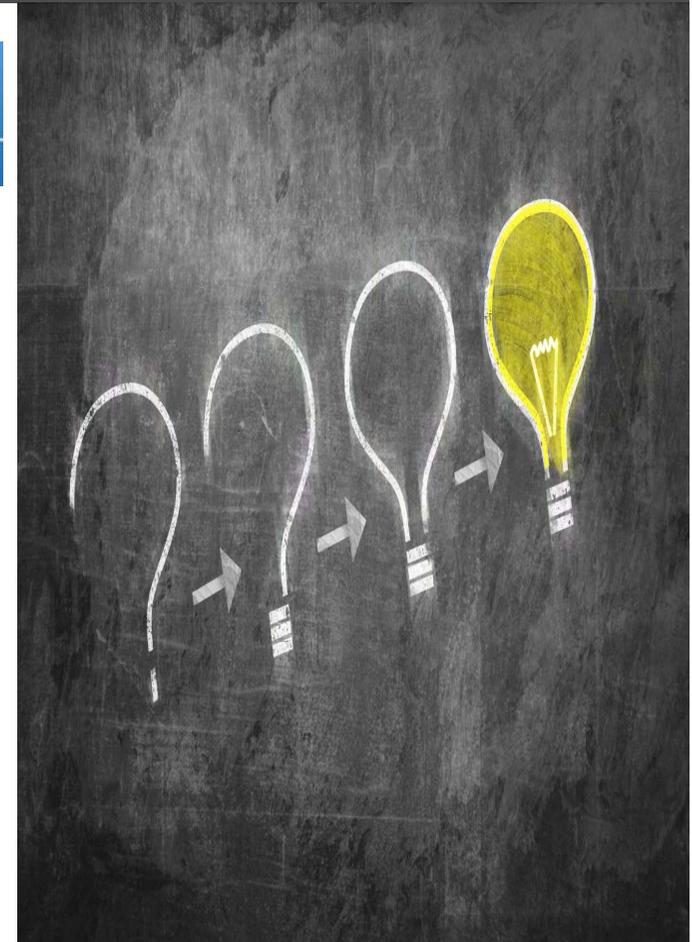


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### Introduction

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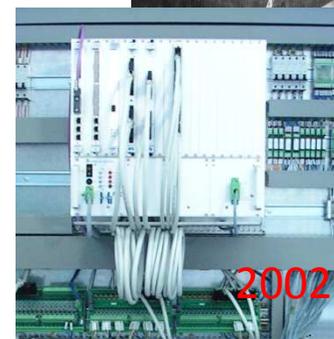
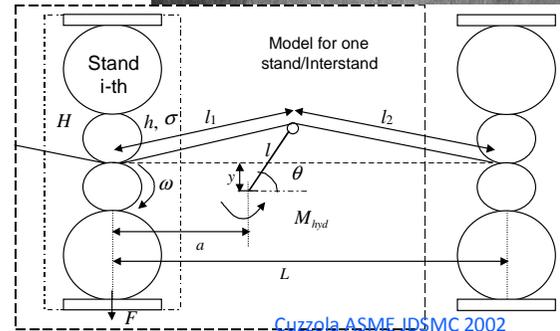


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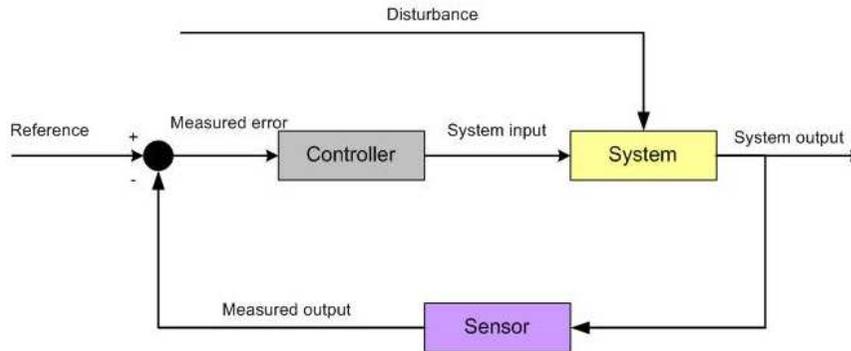
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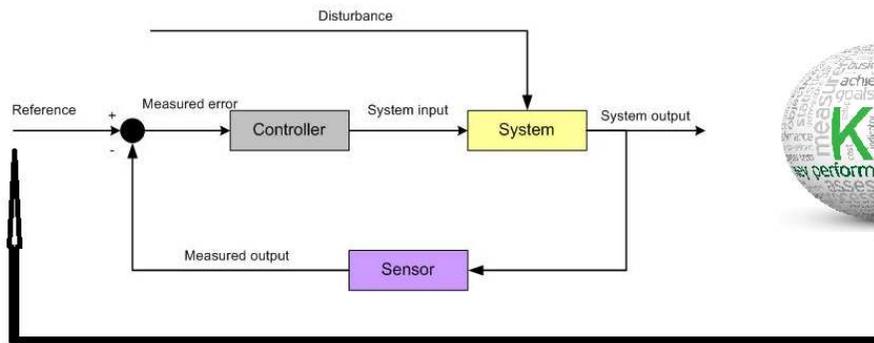
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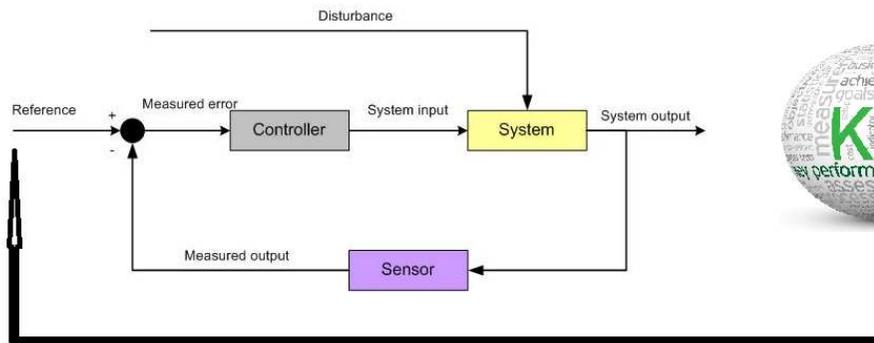
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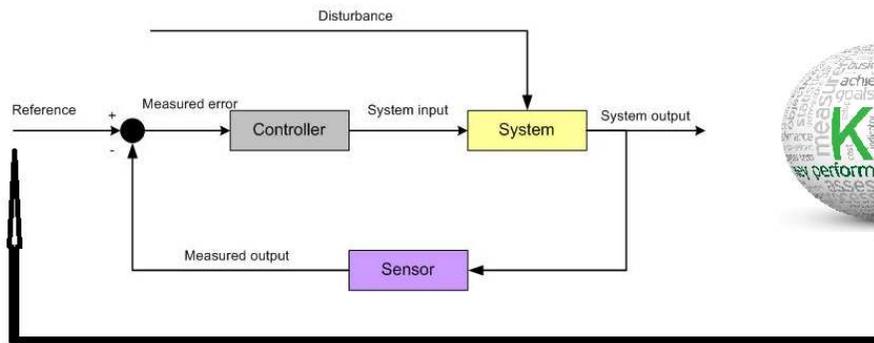
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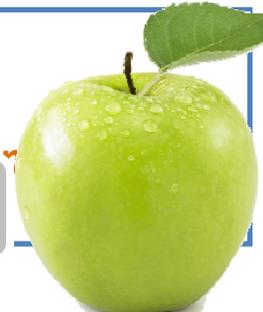
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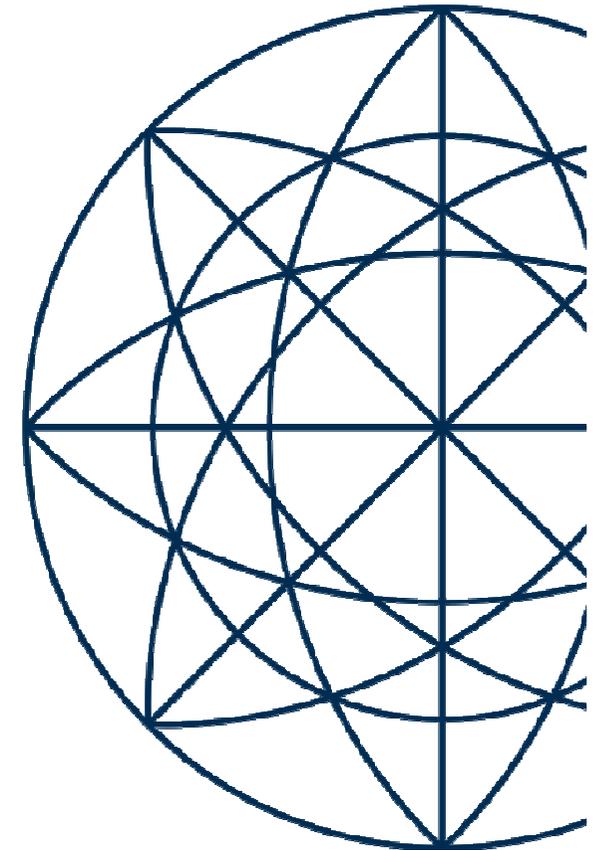
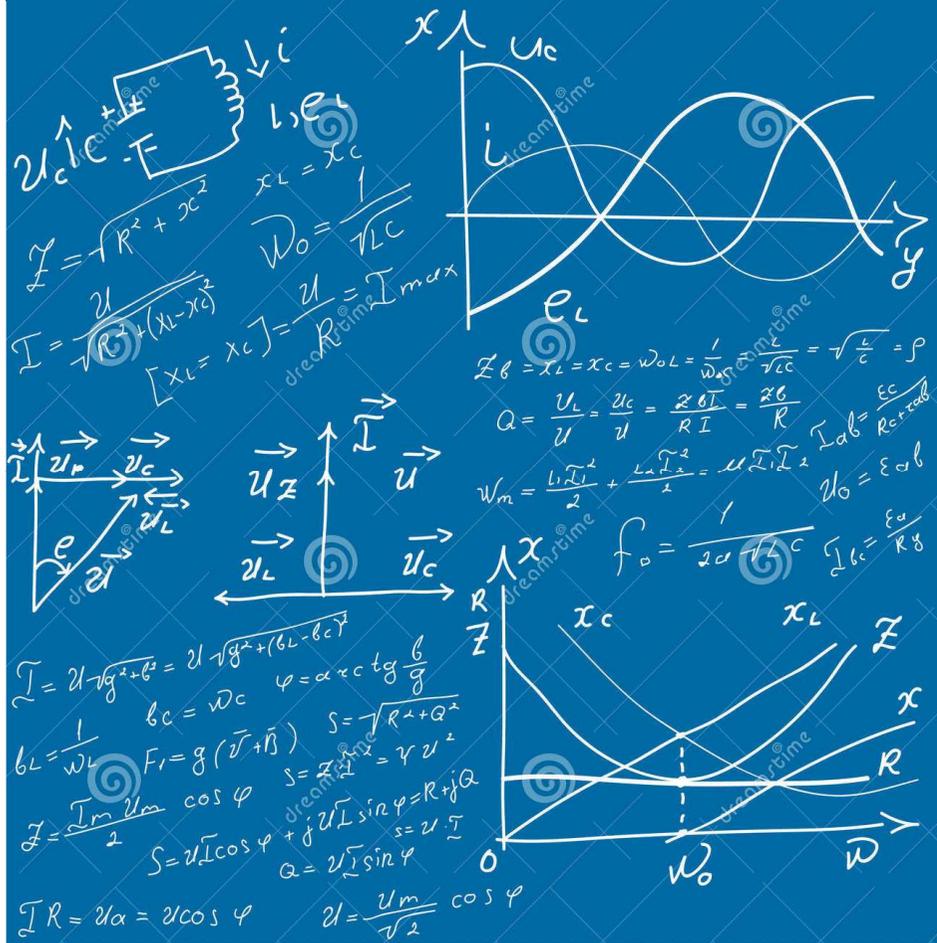


**What is a challenge**

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- Unsupervised learning
- Human-Machine interaction
- Formal verification
- Software auto-generation
- Safety & Situation Awareness
- Advanced Robotics





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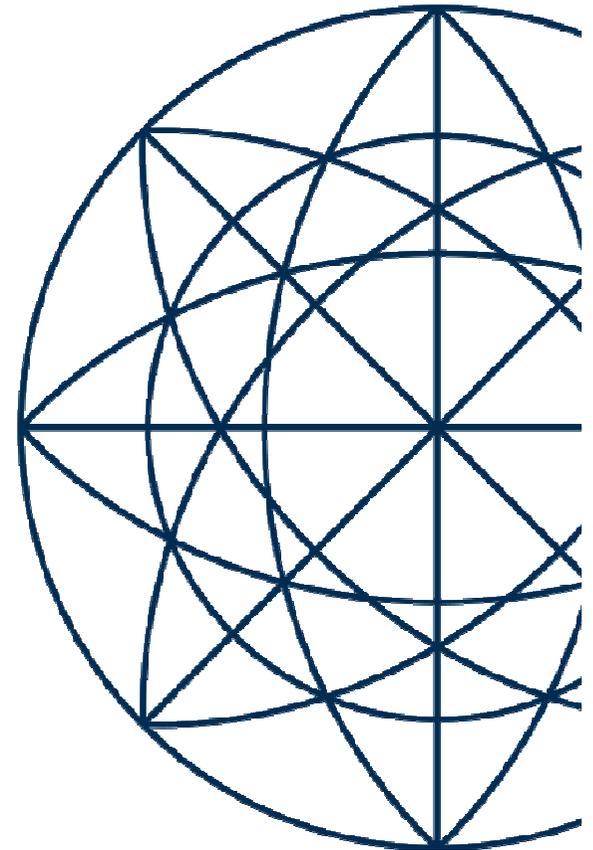
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**Plant Performance Indicator**

Unit	Grade	Heat	Ladle
EAF	CL50(GLK)	000352	1
LF	CL50(GLK)	000340	1
VD	CL50(GLK)	000011	7
TSC	CL50(GLK)	000350	1

**Production Schedule (Gantt Chart)**

Unit	Start	End	Grade
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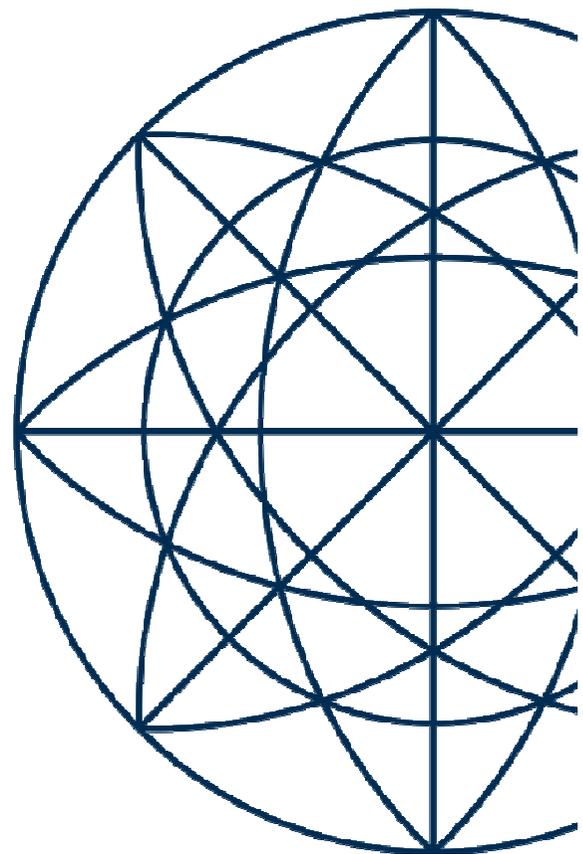
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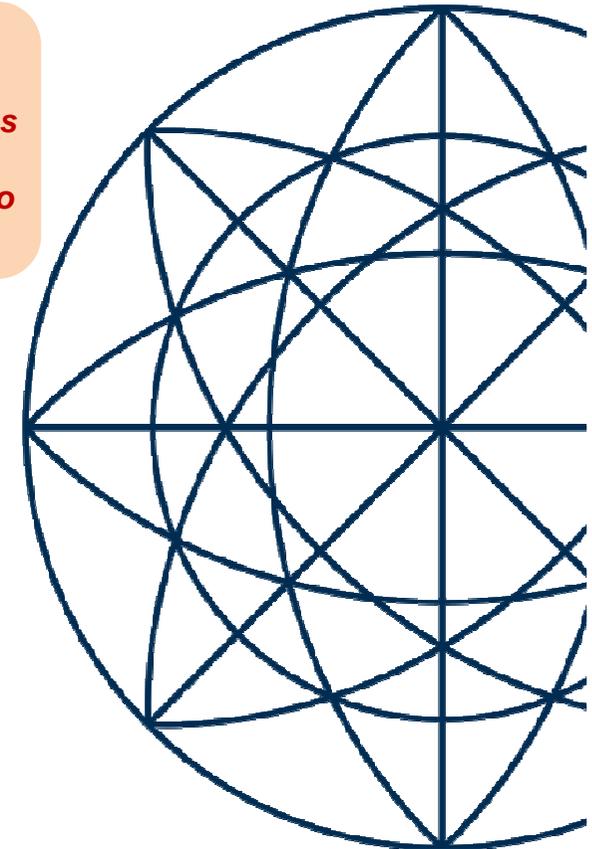
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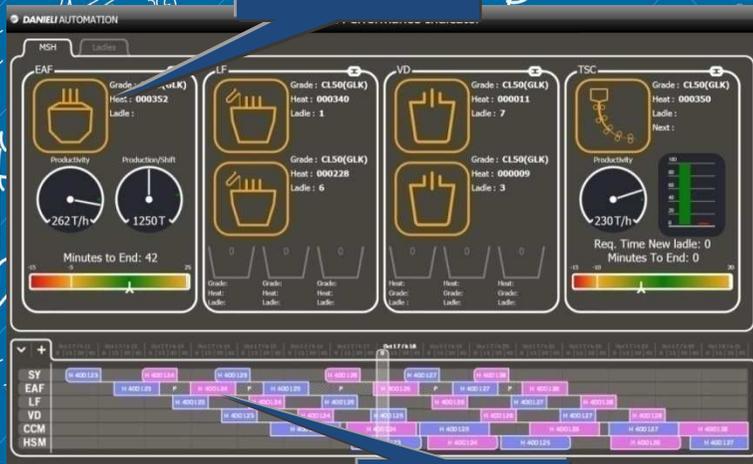
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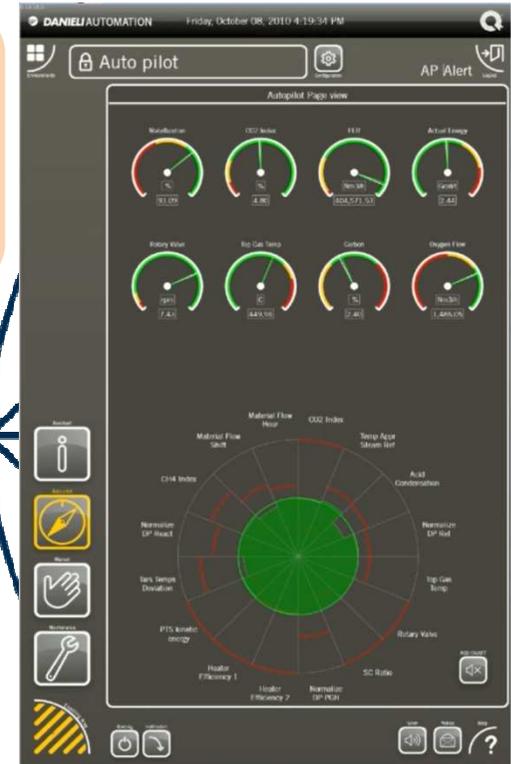
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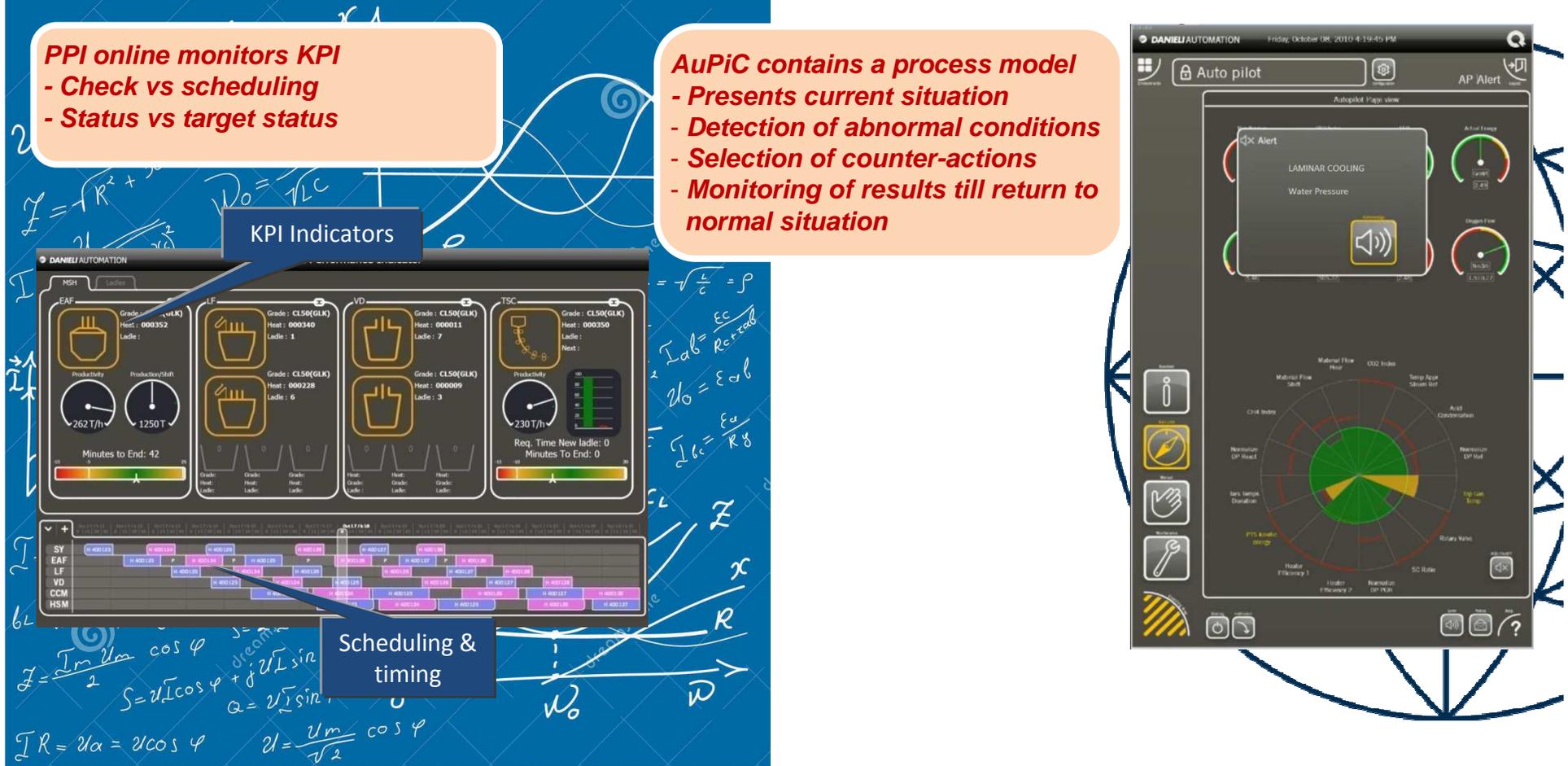
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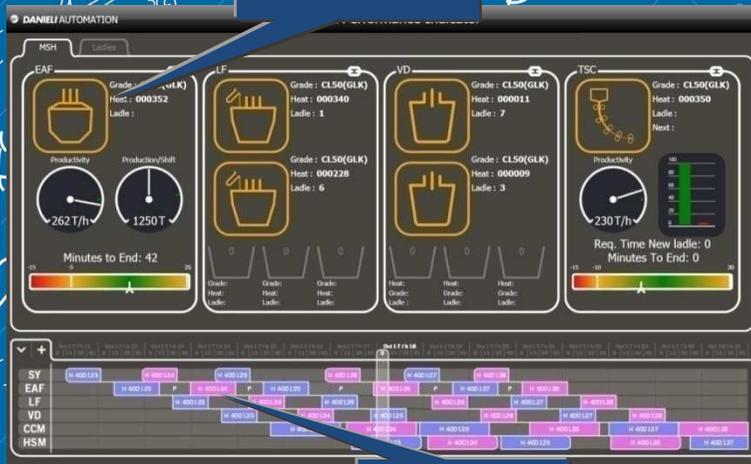
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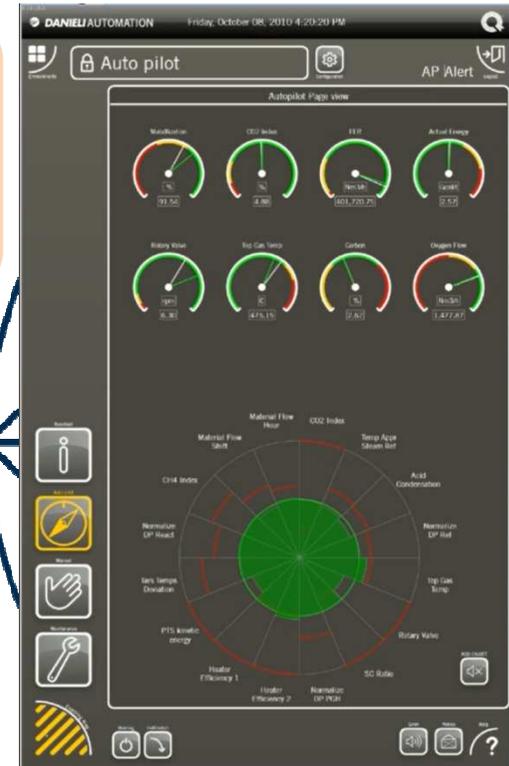
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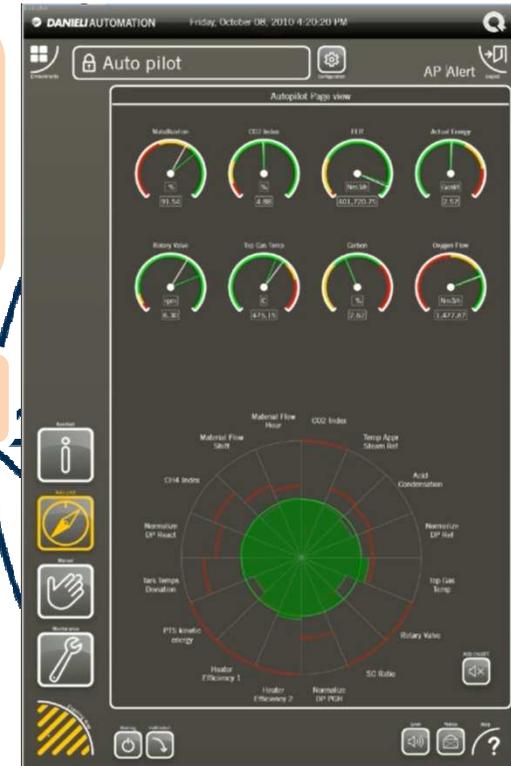
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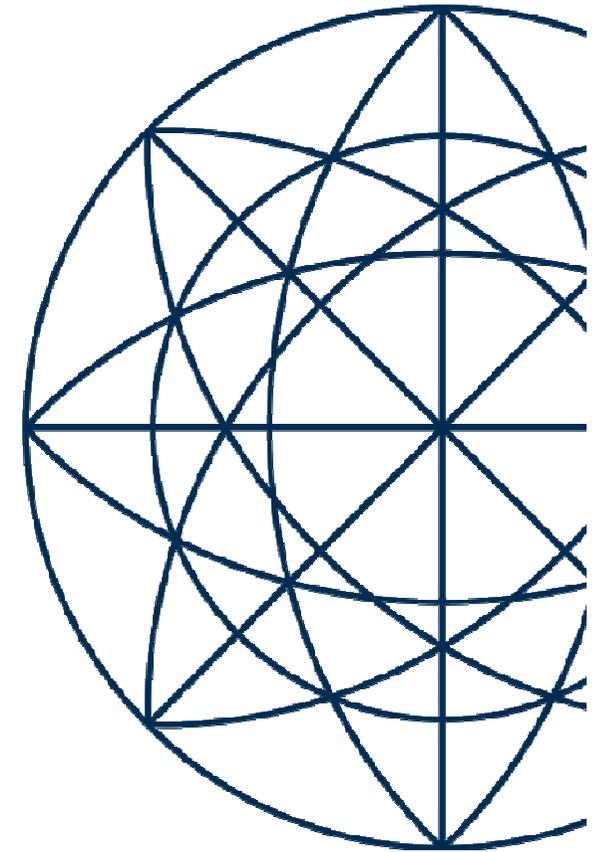
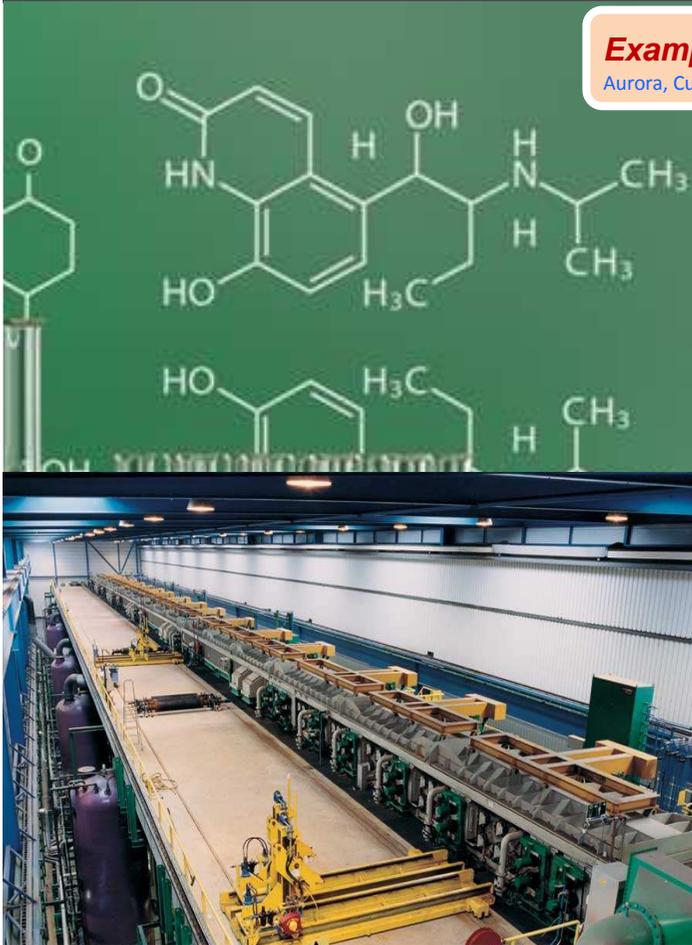
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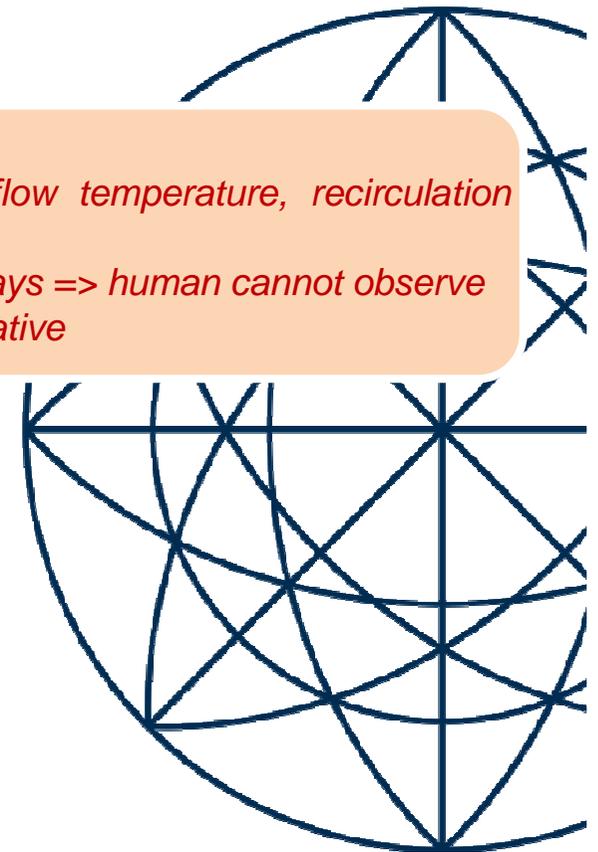
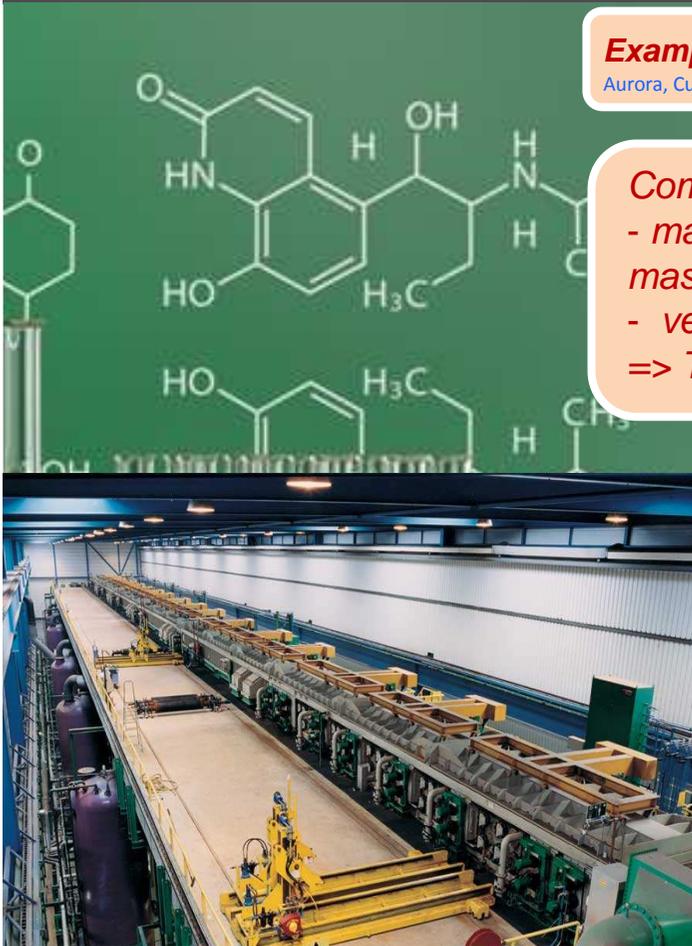


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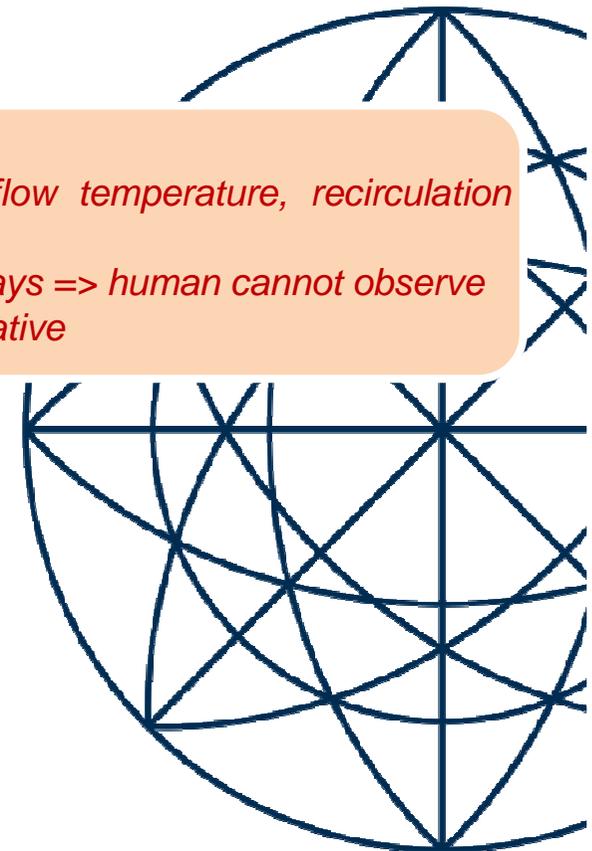
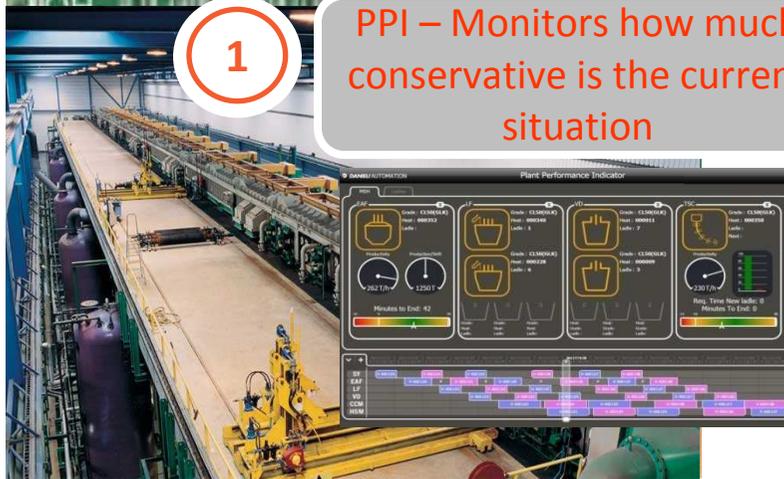
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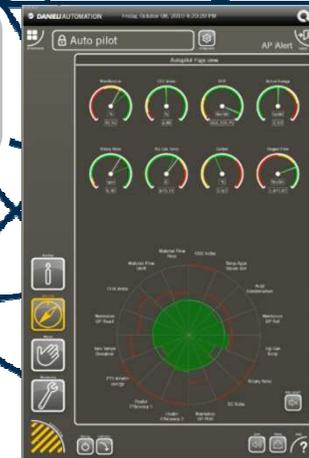
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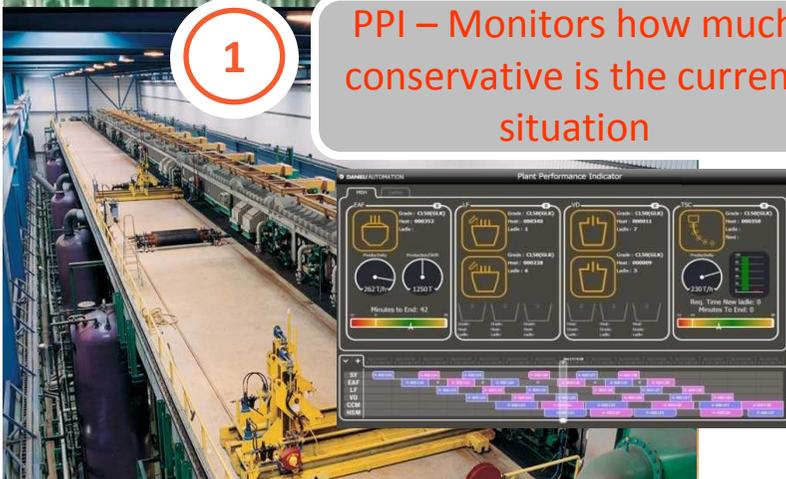
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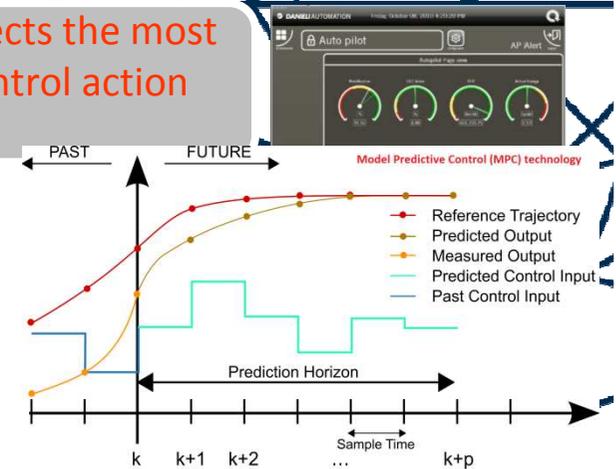
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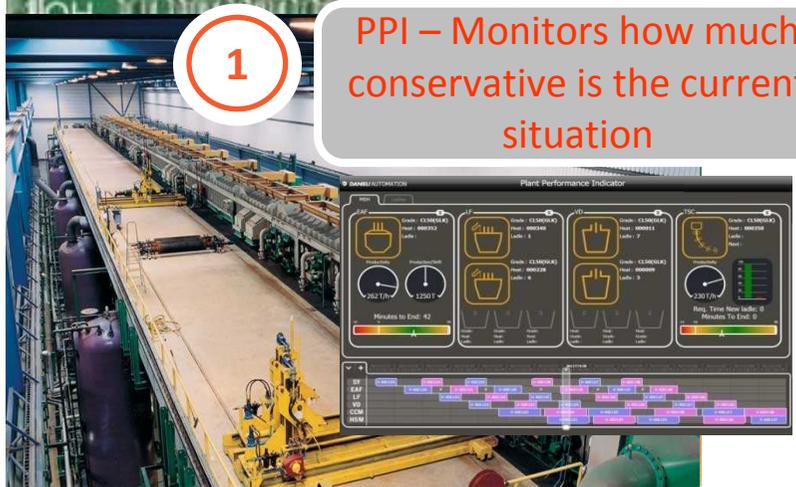
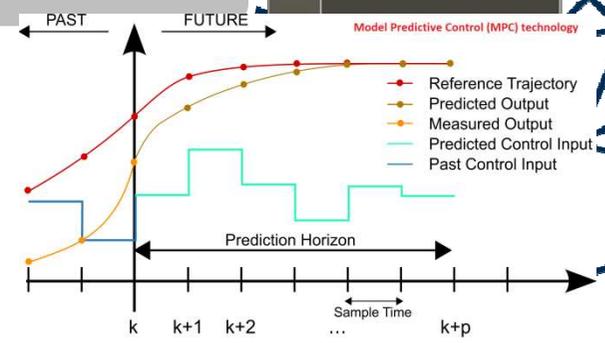
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PPI => AuPiC:  
**Why material speed is so low now? An action is short term, another in long term**



CLOSING THE LOOPS

HUMAN DEDICATED TO HIGHER LEVEL TASKS

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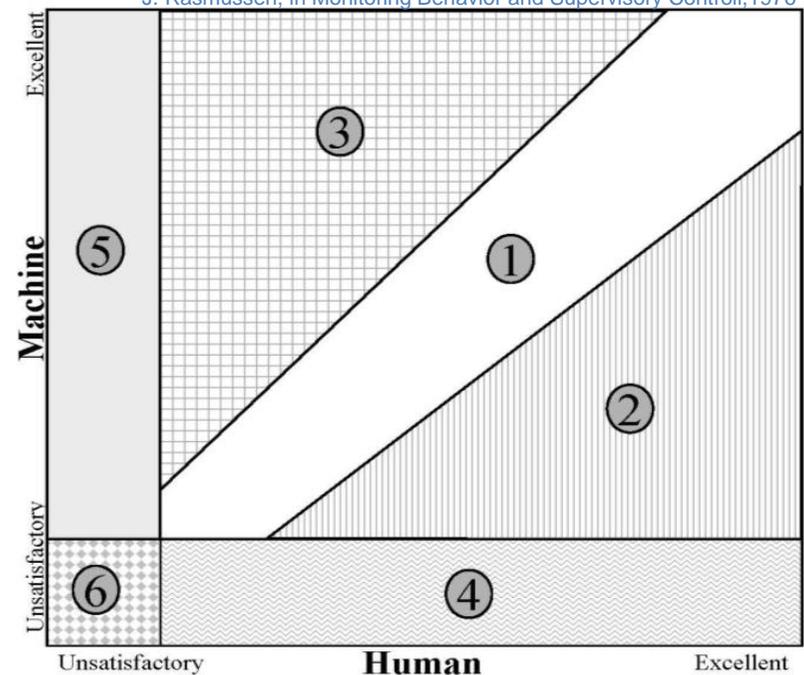
There are tasks where

- Human is the best decision maker
- or Machine prevails on human performance

*“...uncertainty in the world, additional human interaction is necessary to maintain satisfactory performance”*

*“...machine to prevent the operator from becoming either **too overloaded** with tasks or **too bored** due to a lack of stimulating tasks.”*

J. Rasmussen, in Monitoring Behavior and Supervisory Control, 1976



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*Conventional organization  
In production sites*

*Future organization  
(human monitors production)*



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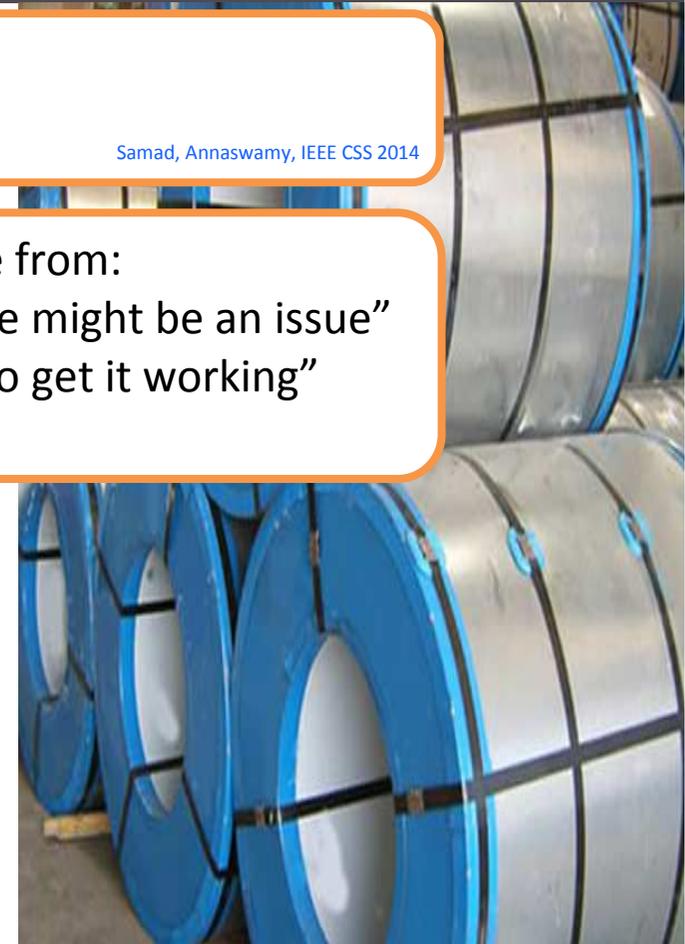
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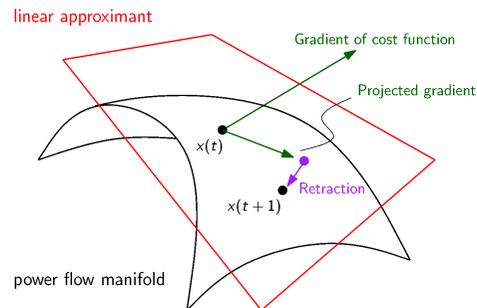
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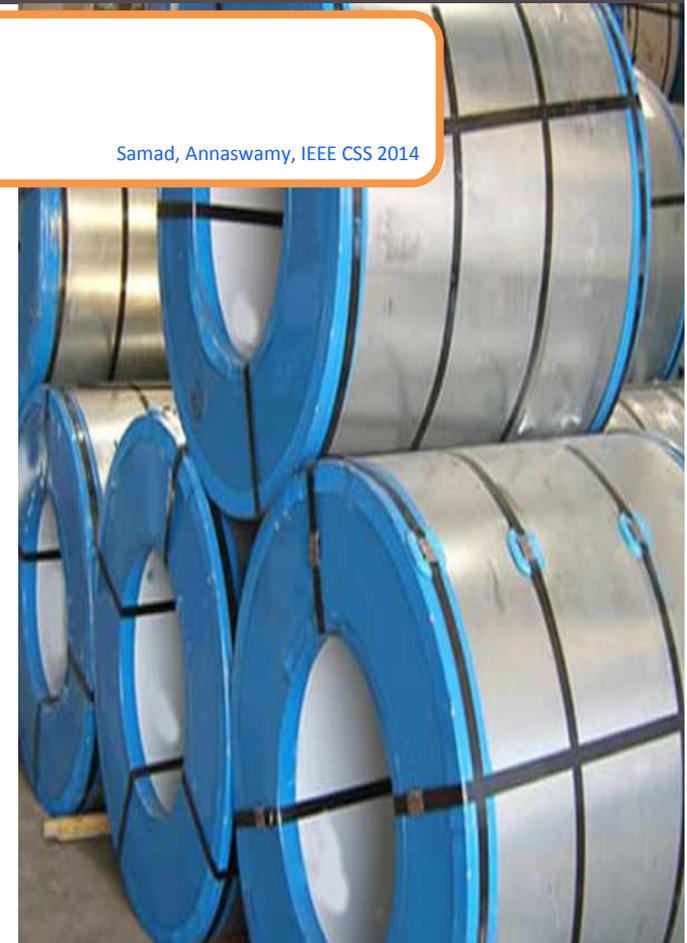
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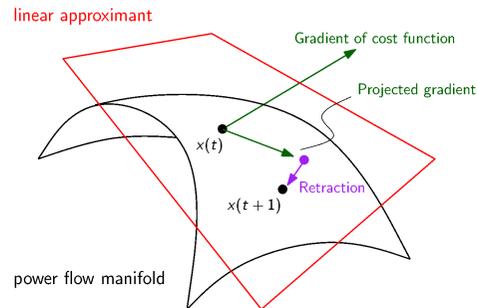
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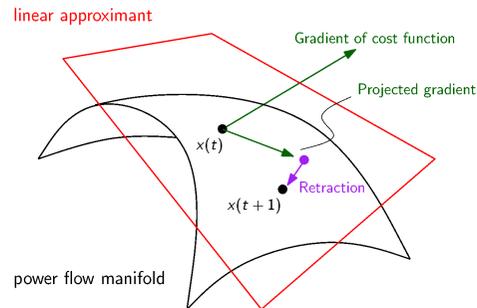
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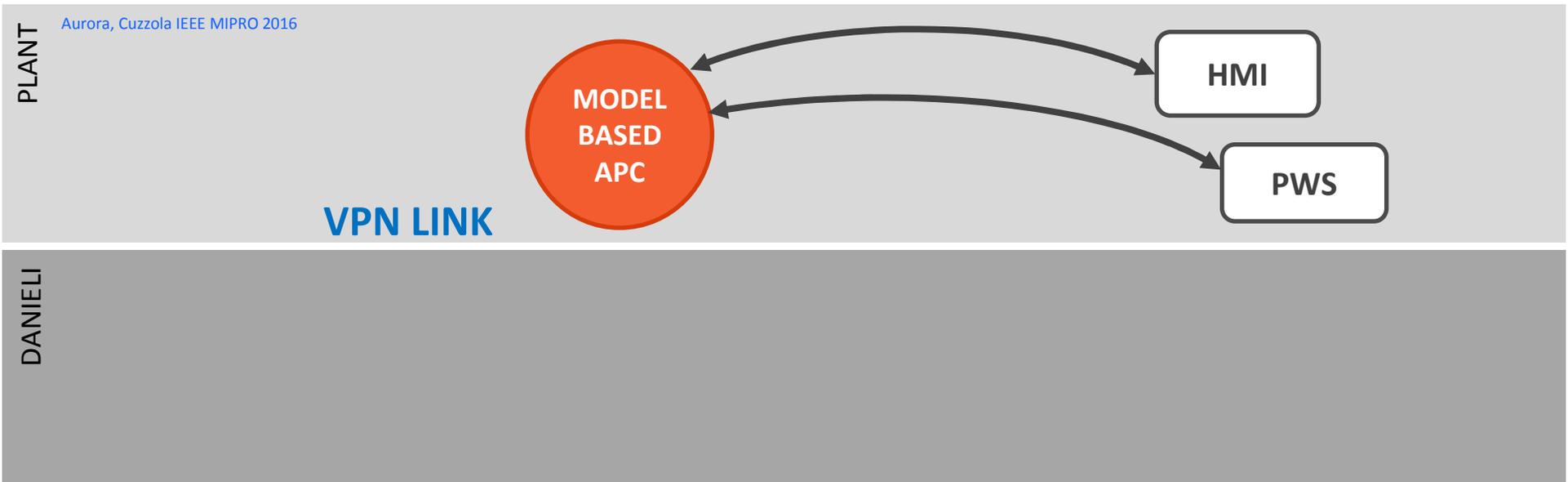
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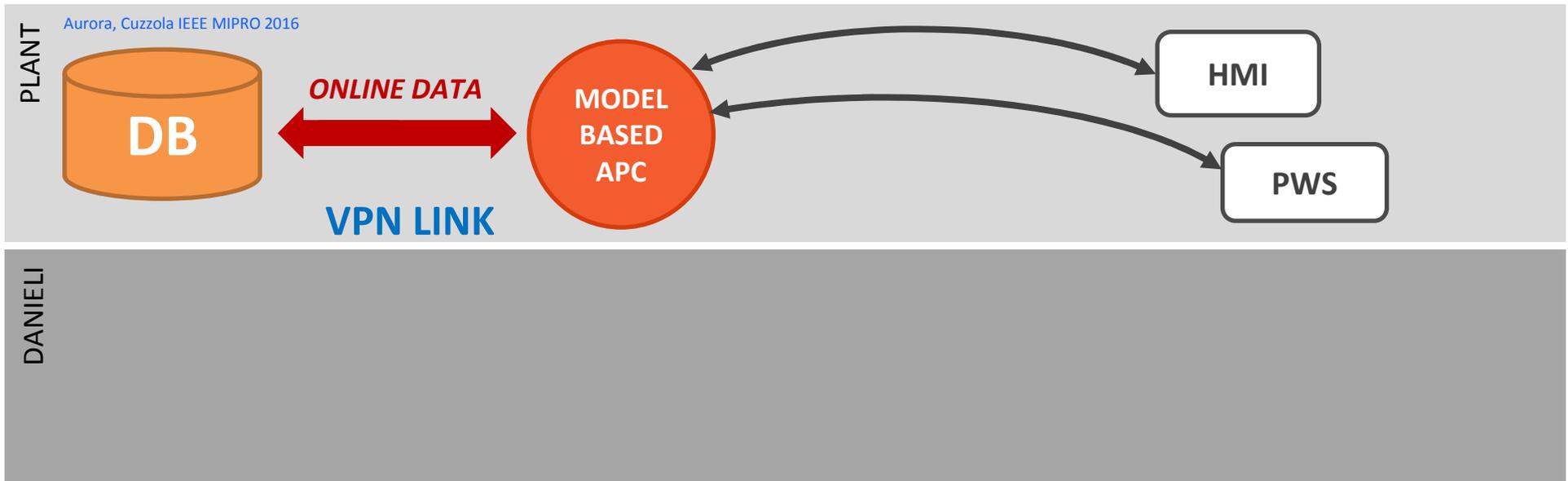
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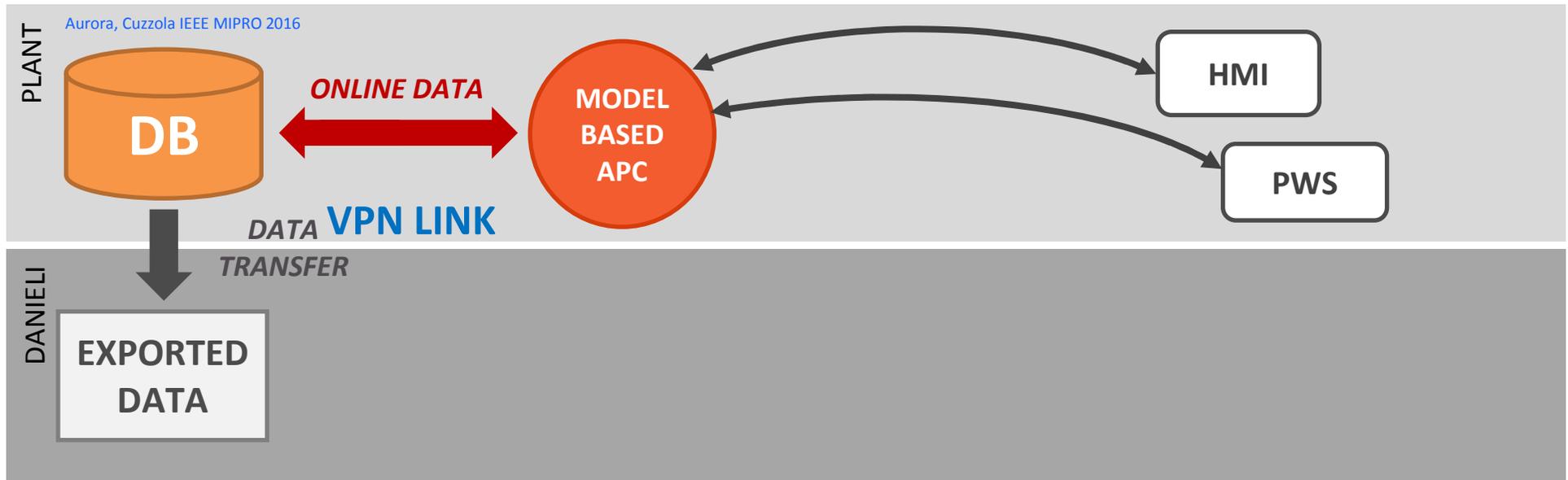
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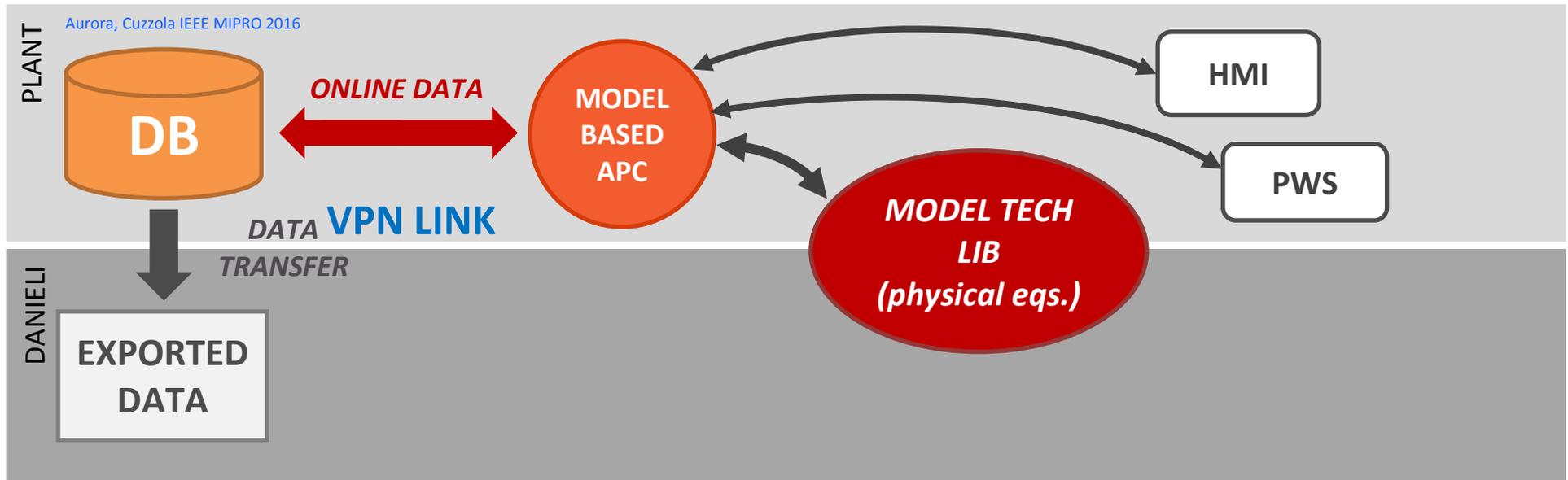
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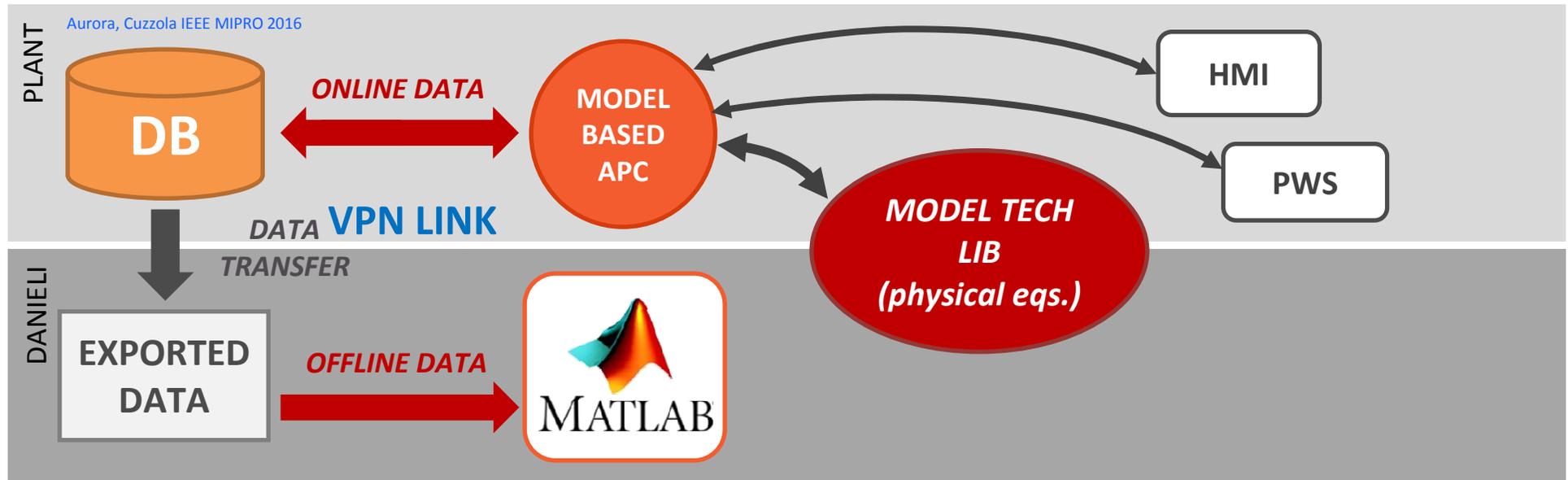
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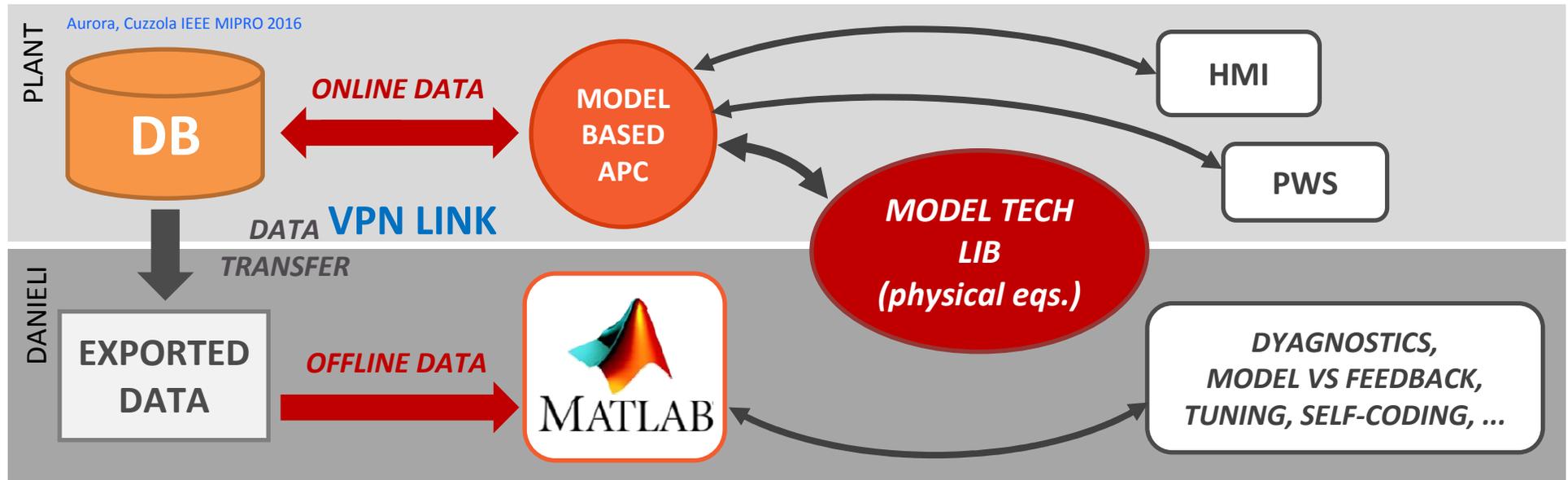
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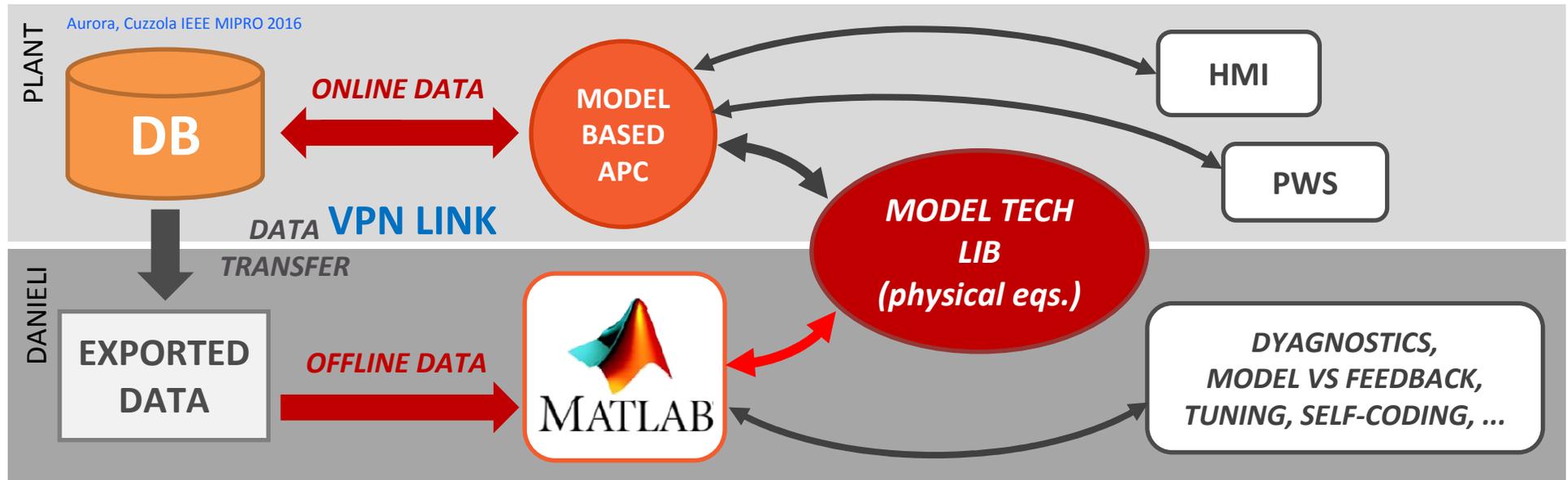
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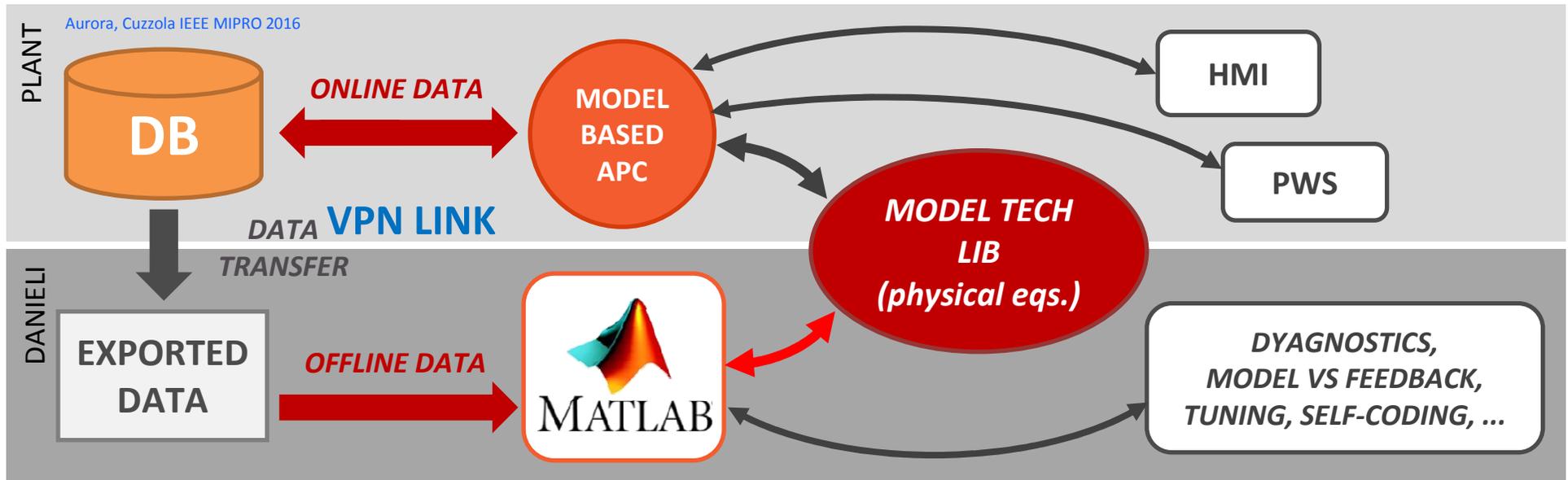
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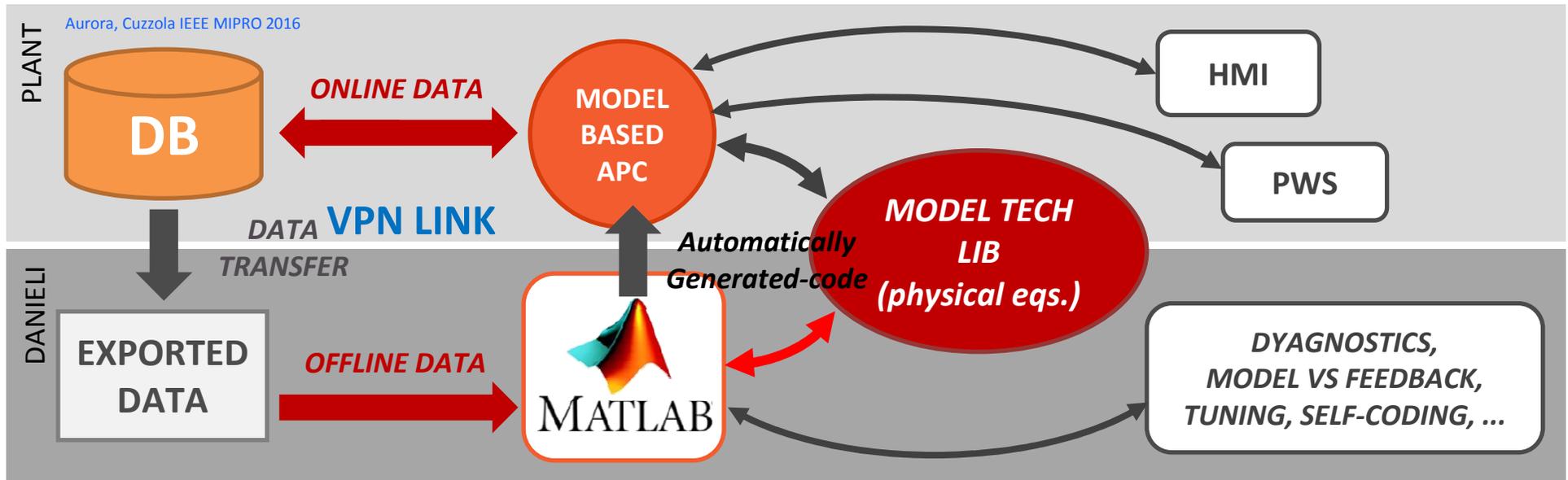
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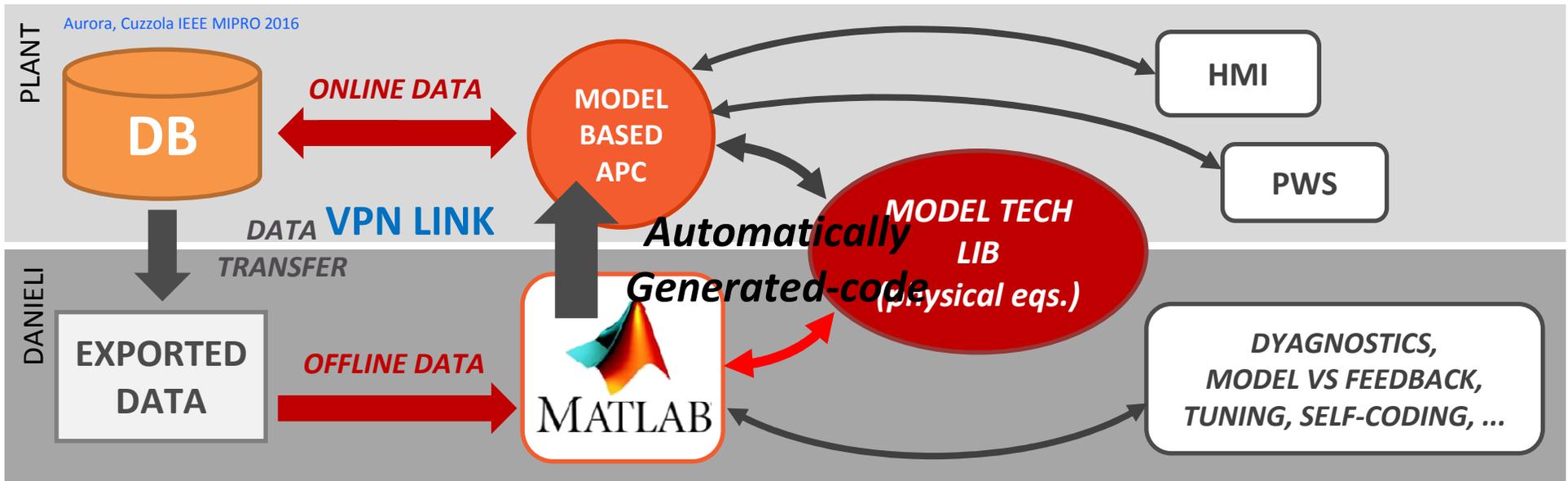
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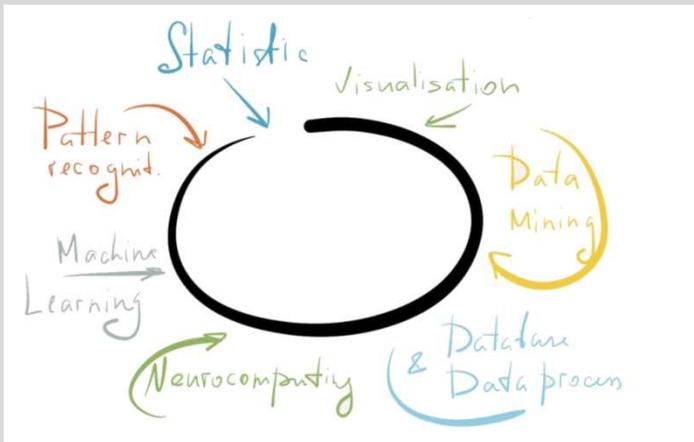
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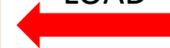
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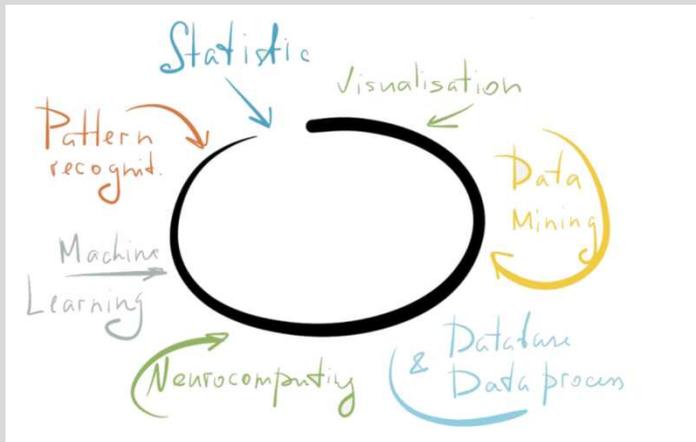
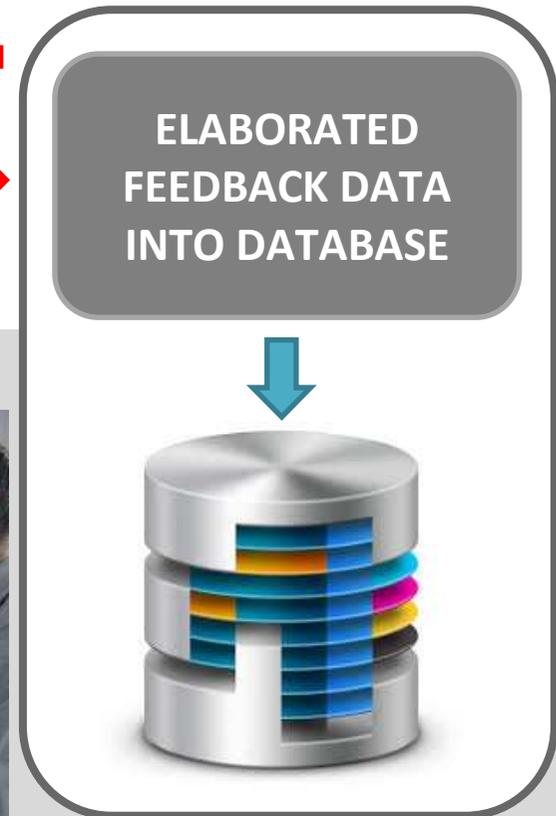
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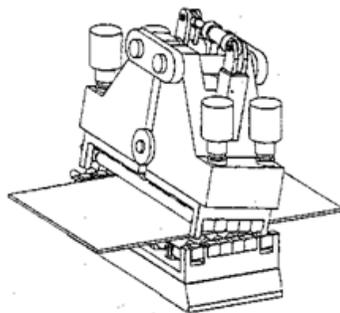


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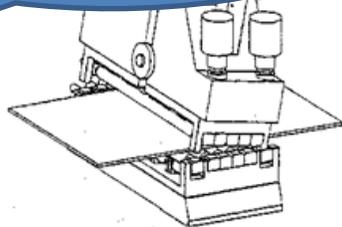
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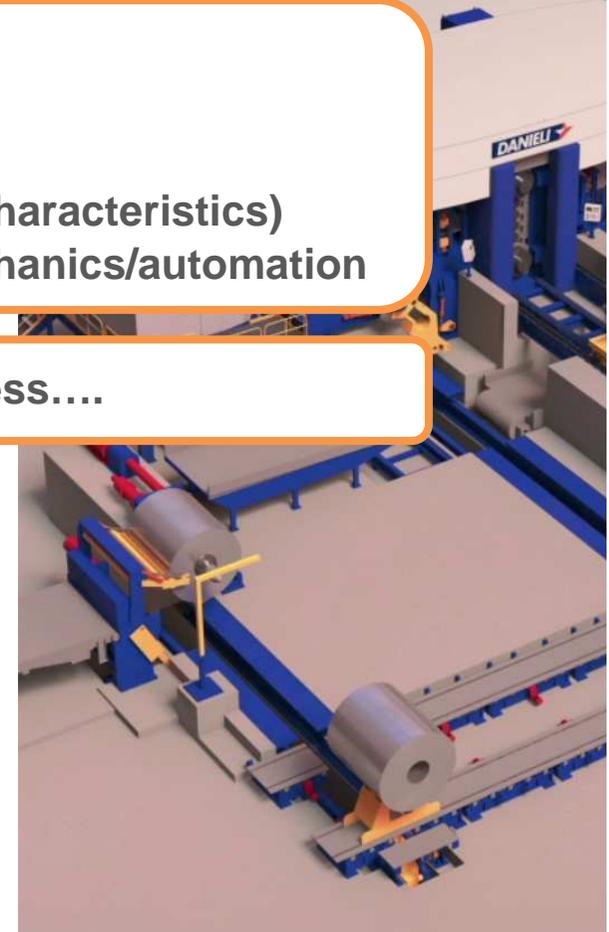
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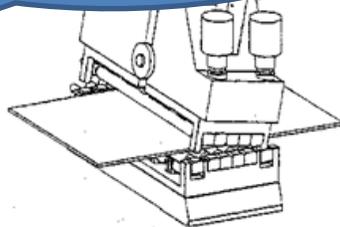
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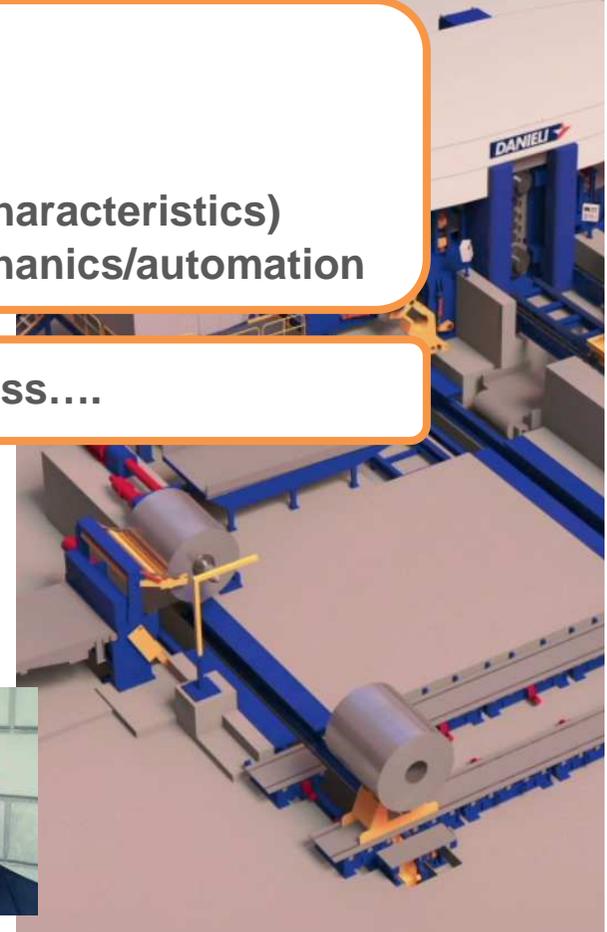
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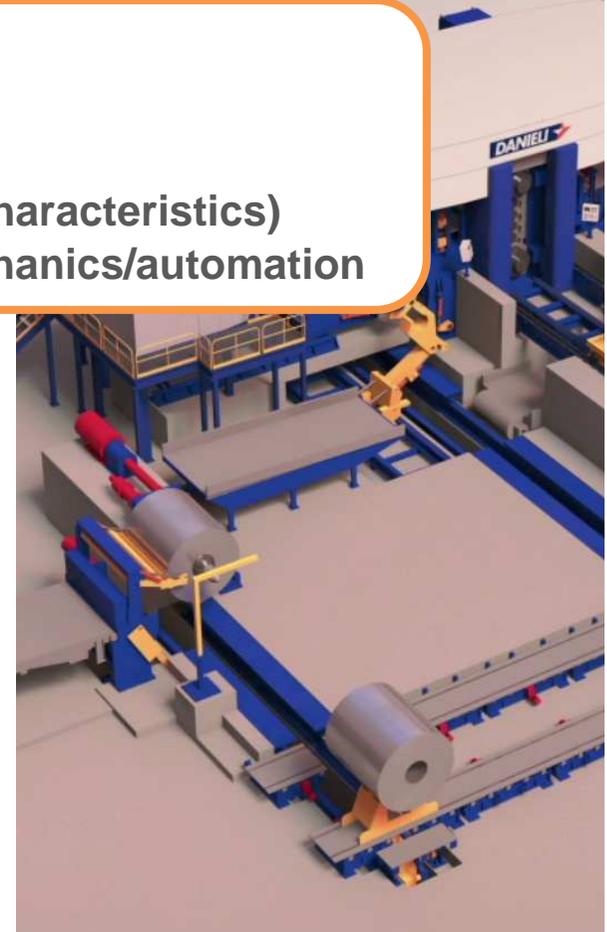


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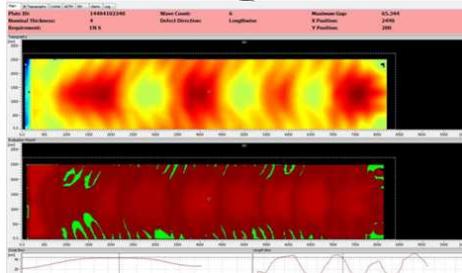


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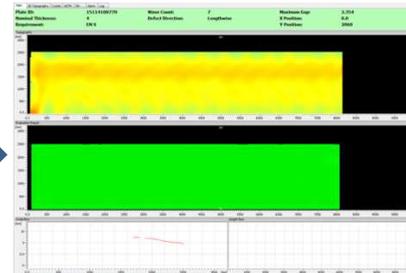
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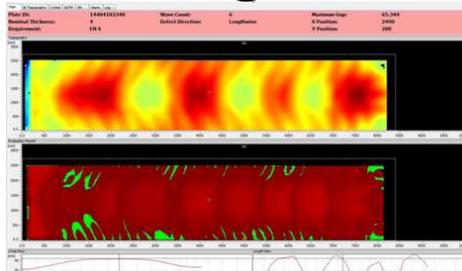


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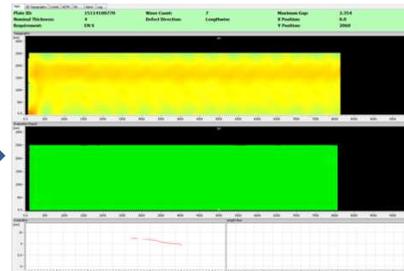
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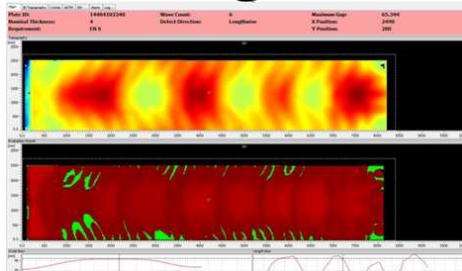
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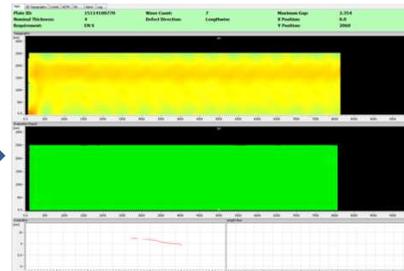
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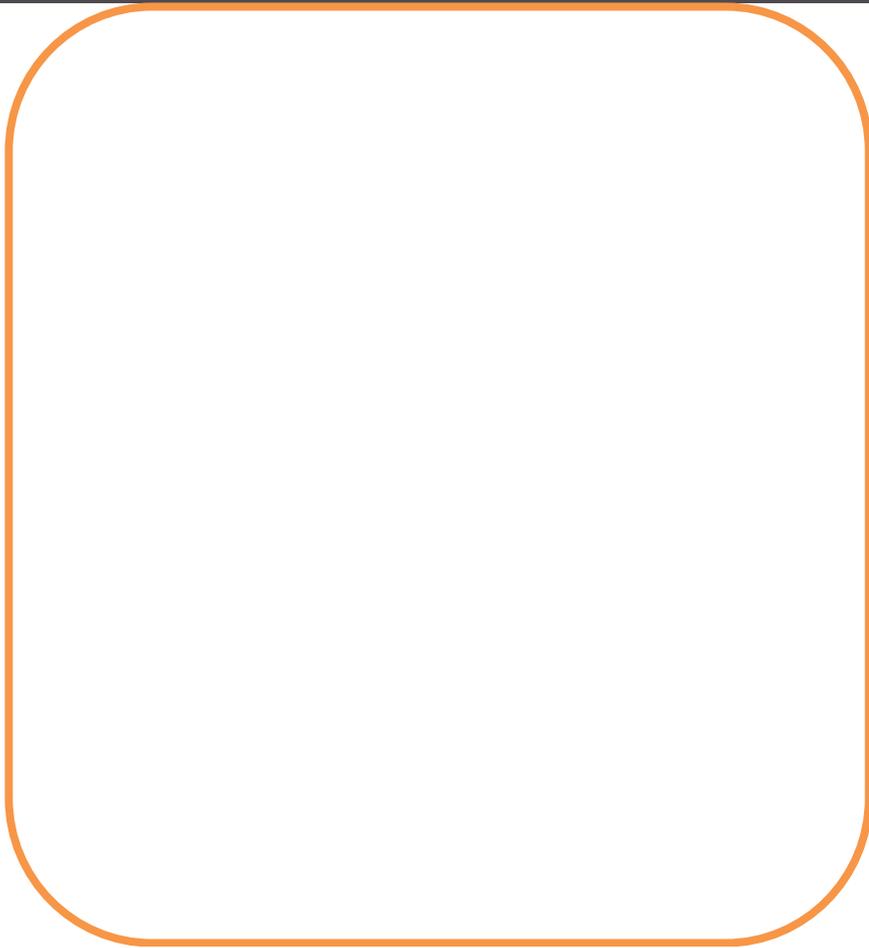
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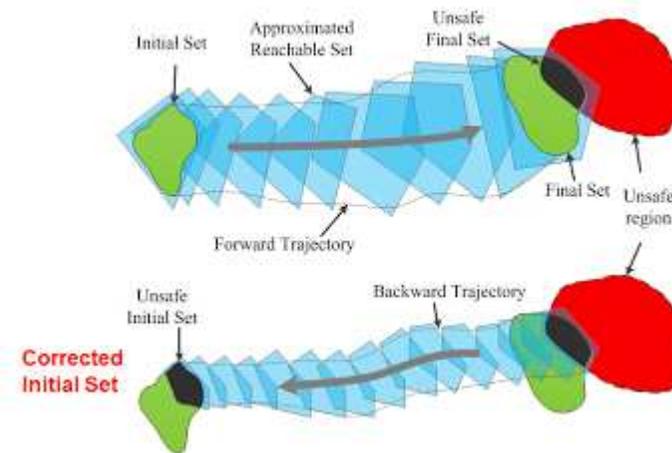
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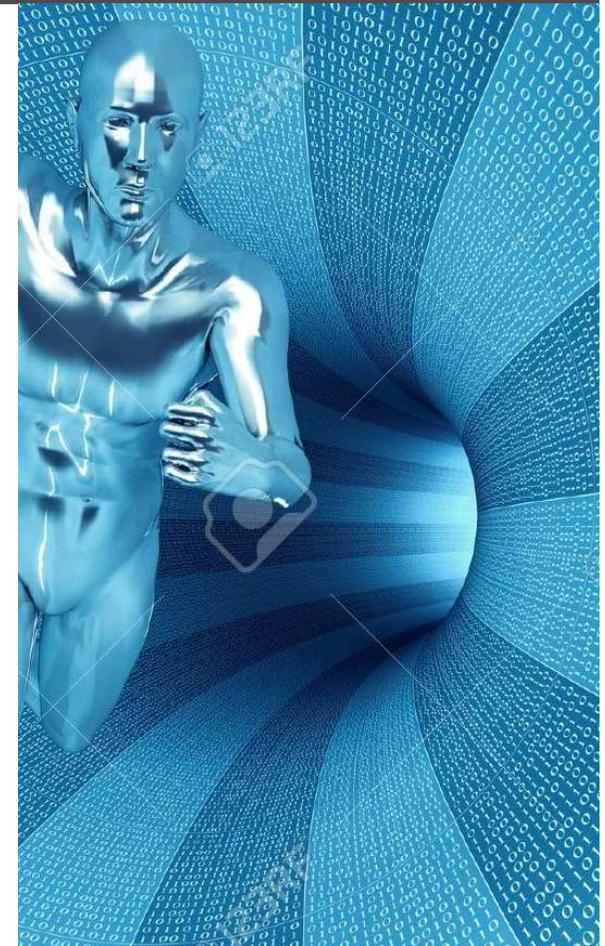
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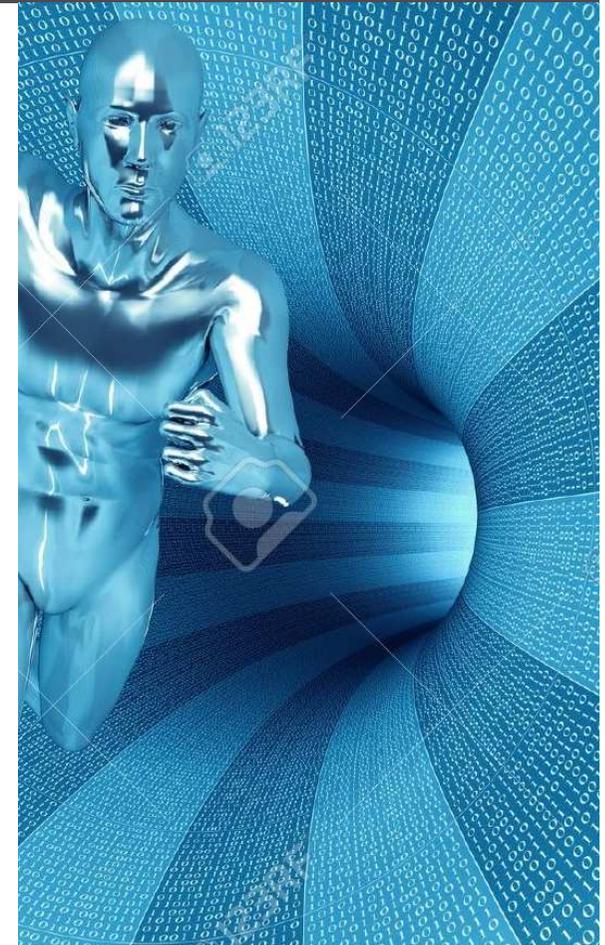
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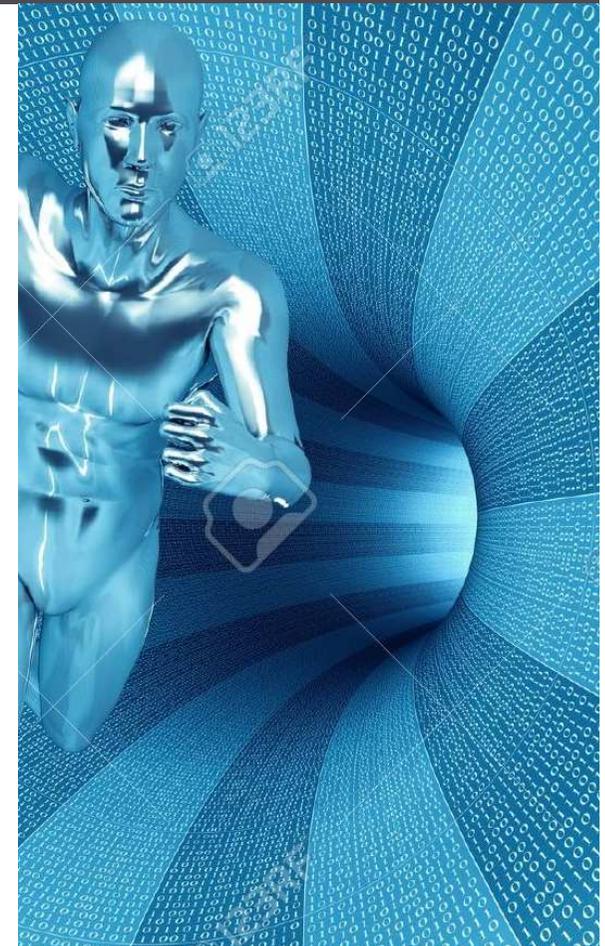




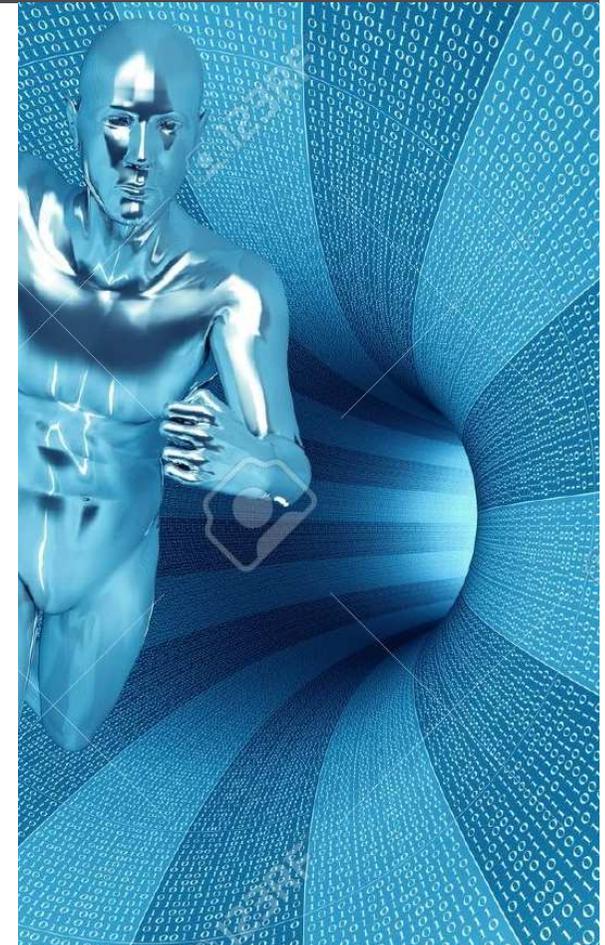
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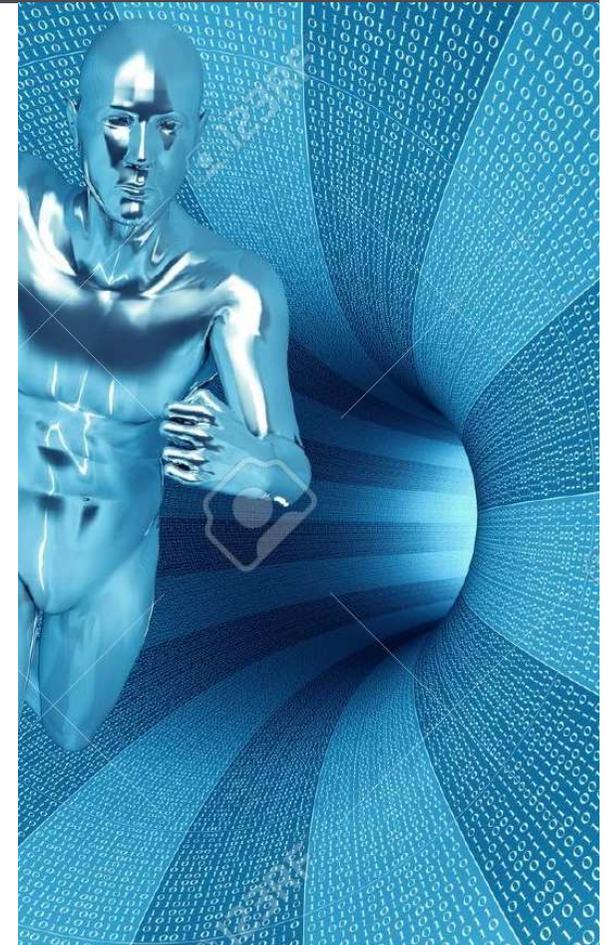
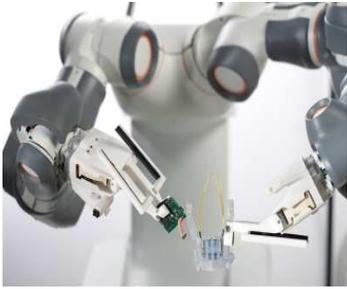
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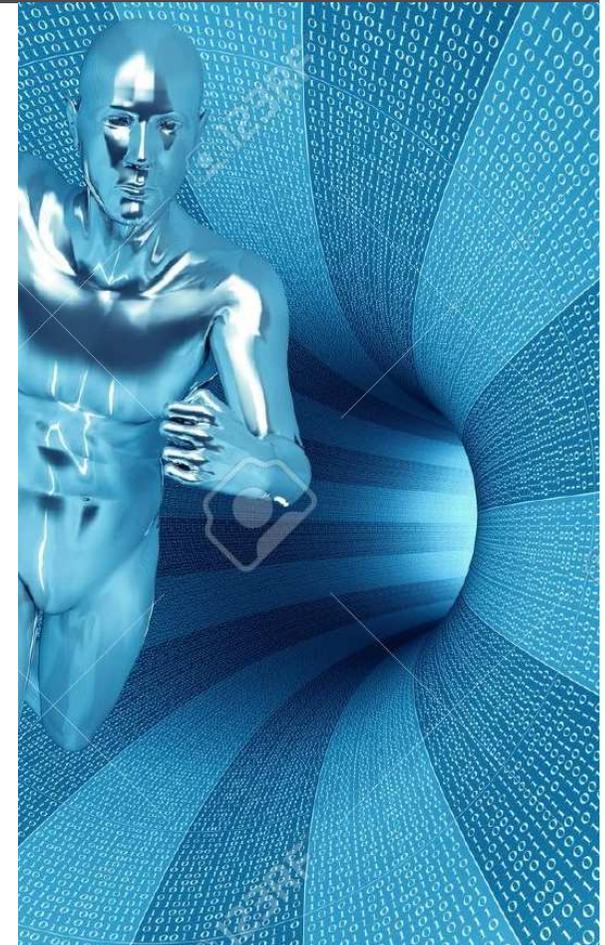
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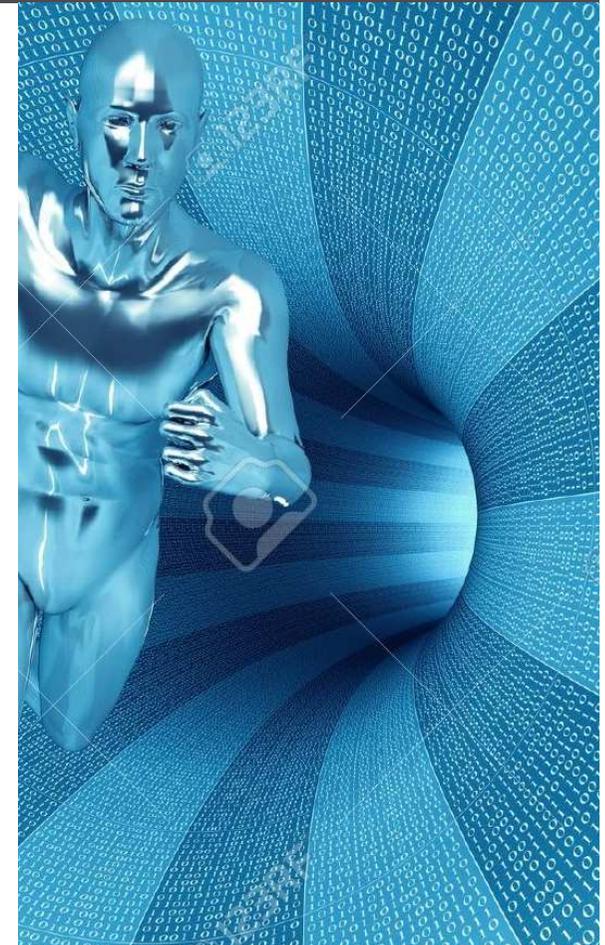
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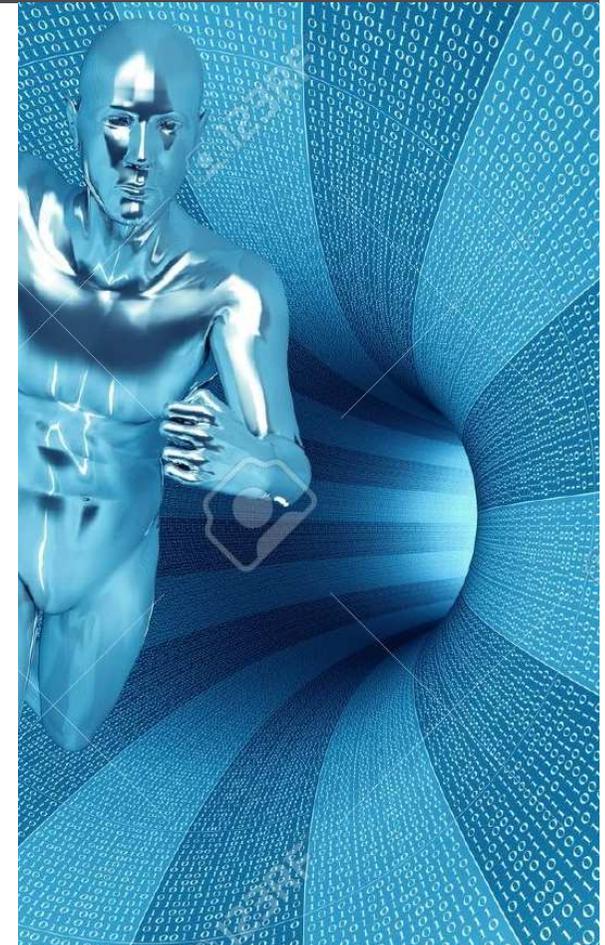
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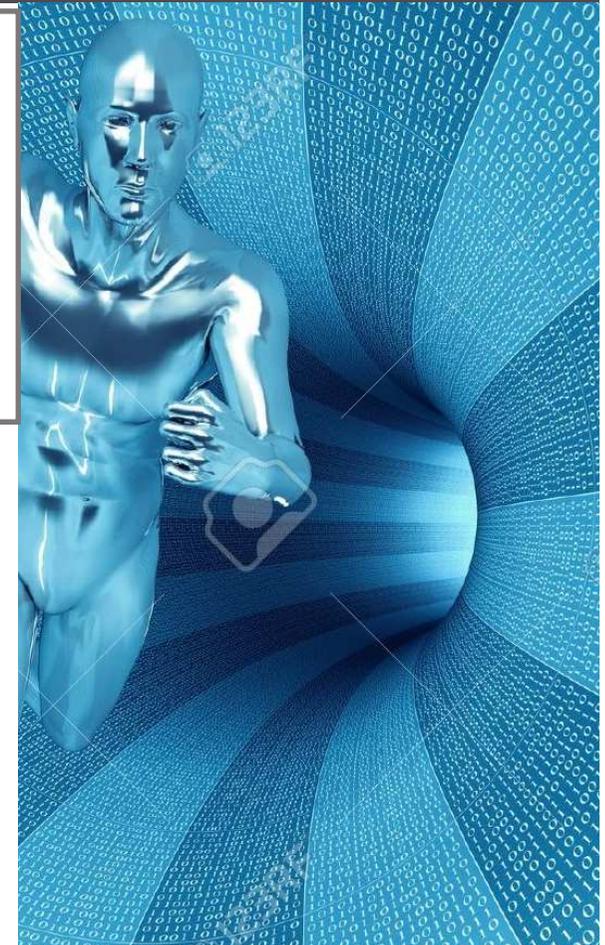
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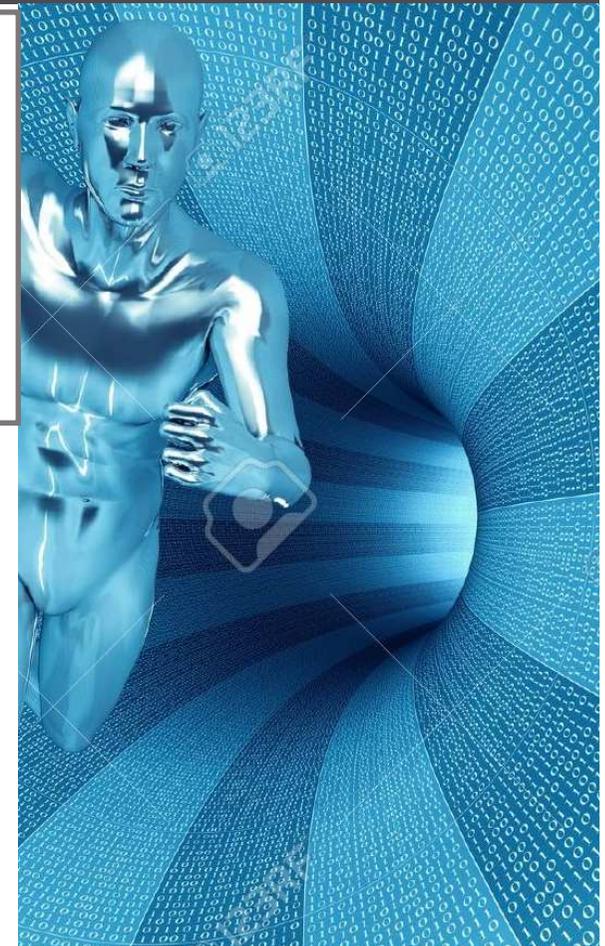
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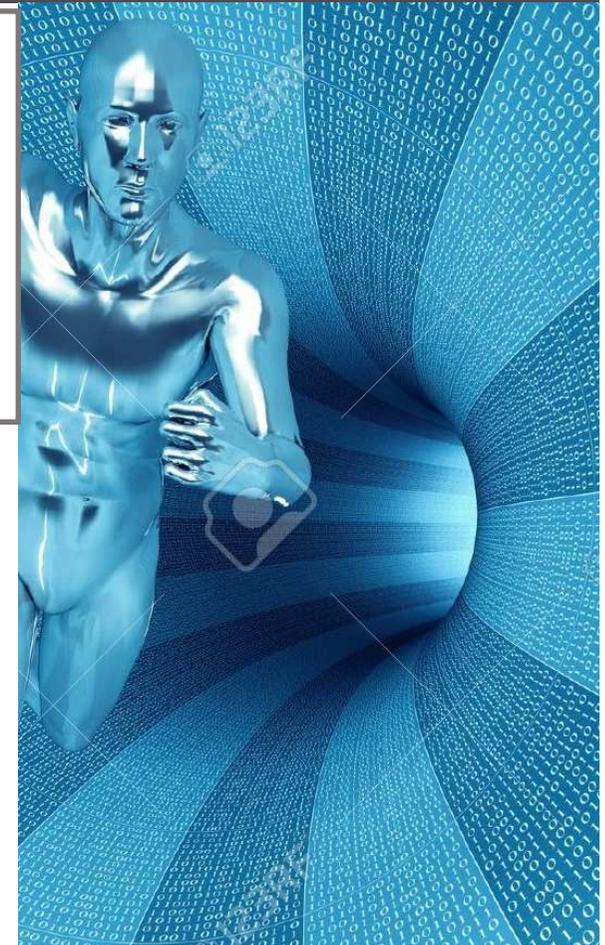
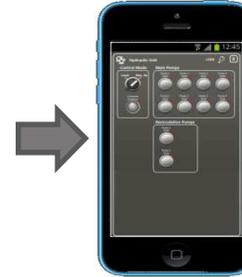
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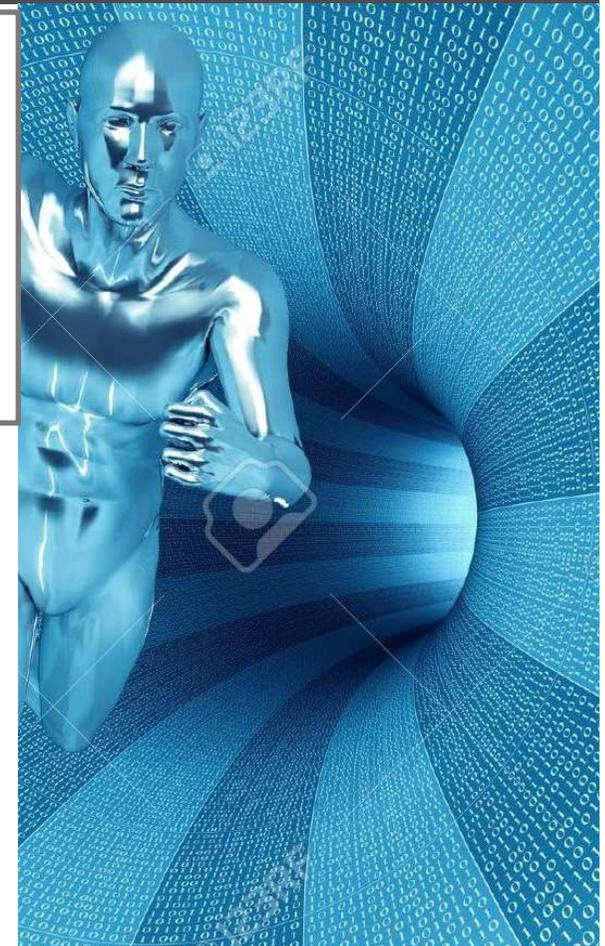
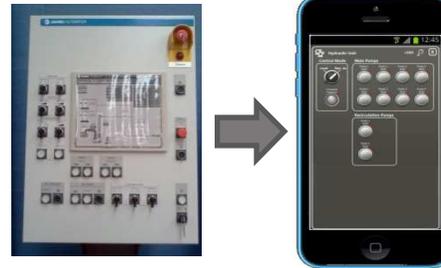
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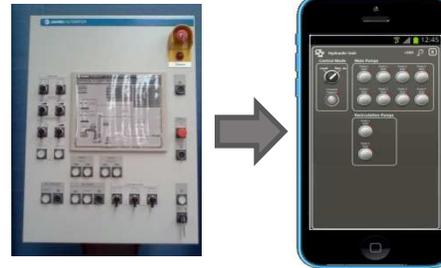
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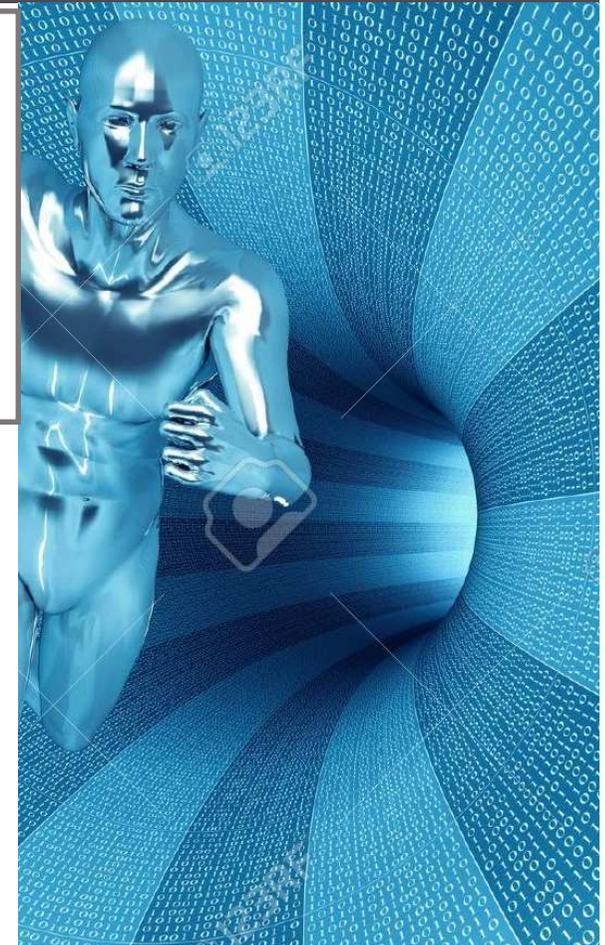
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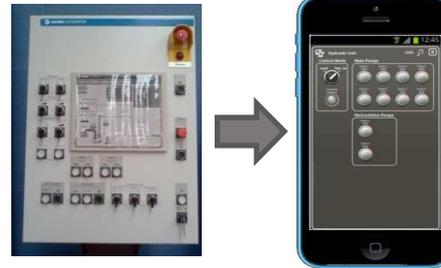
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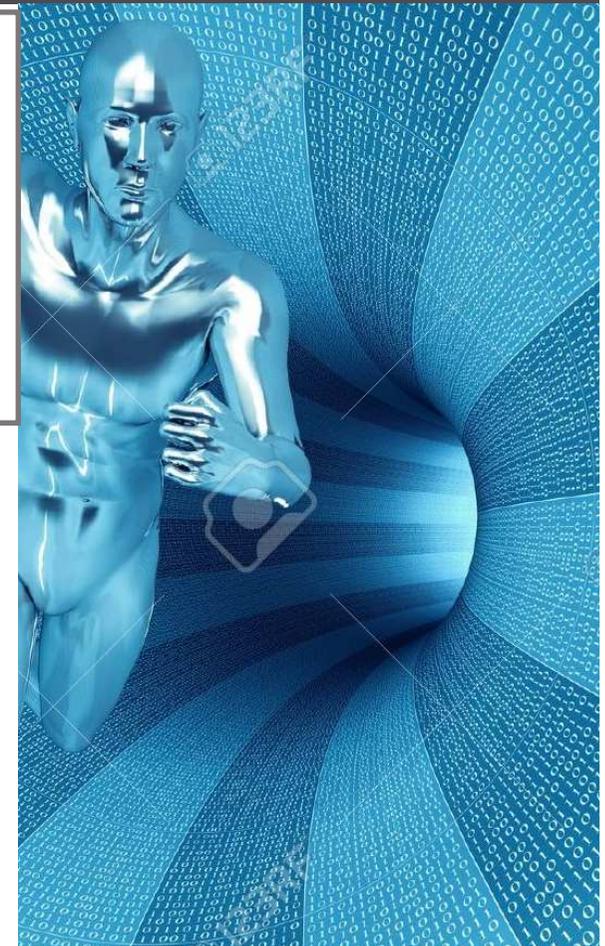
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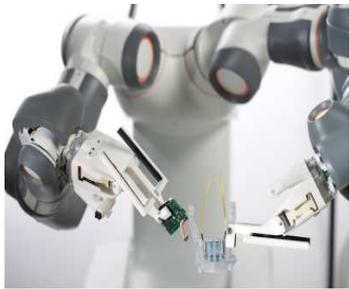


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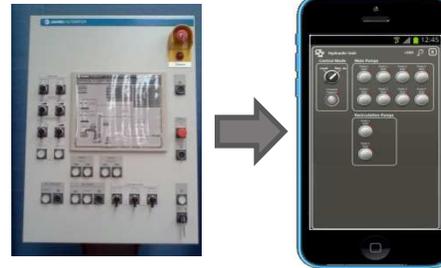
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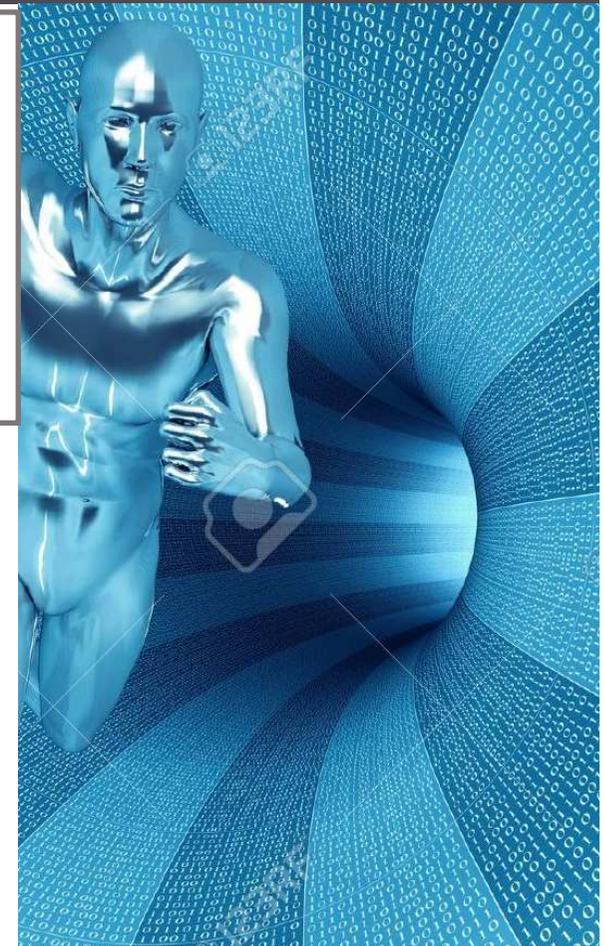
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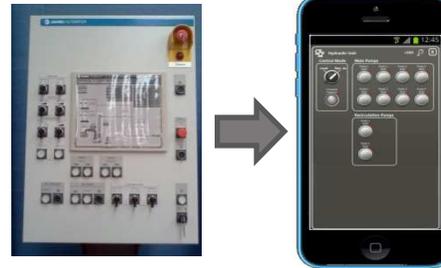
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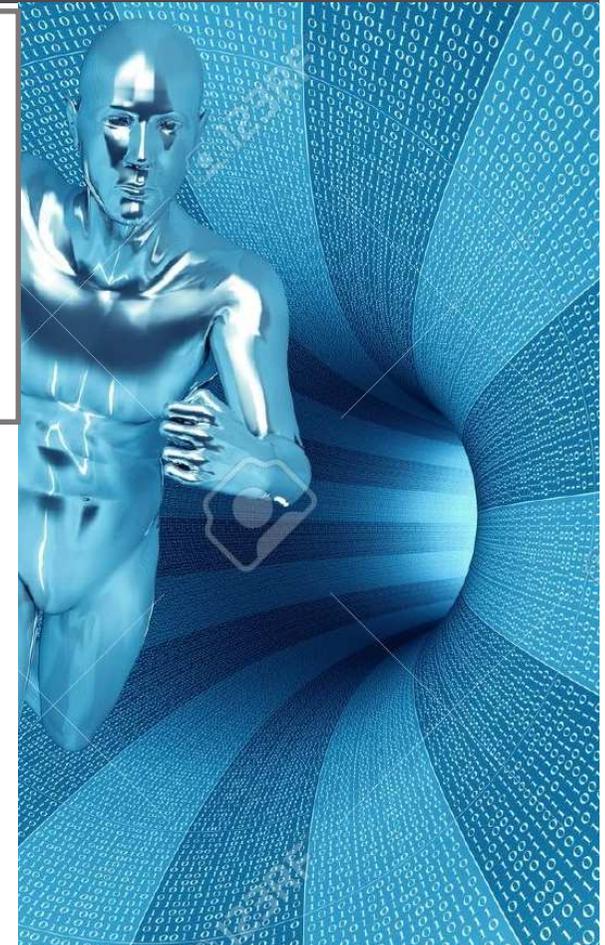
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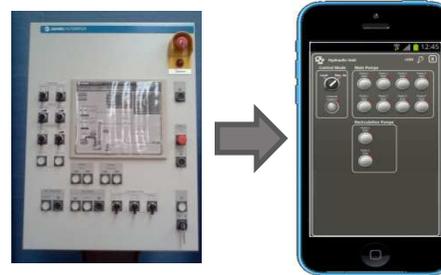
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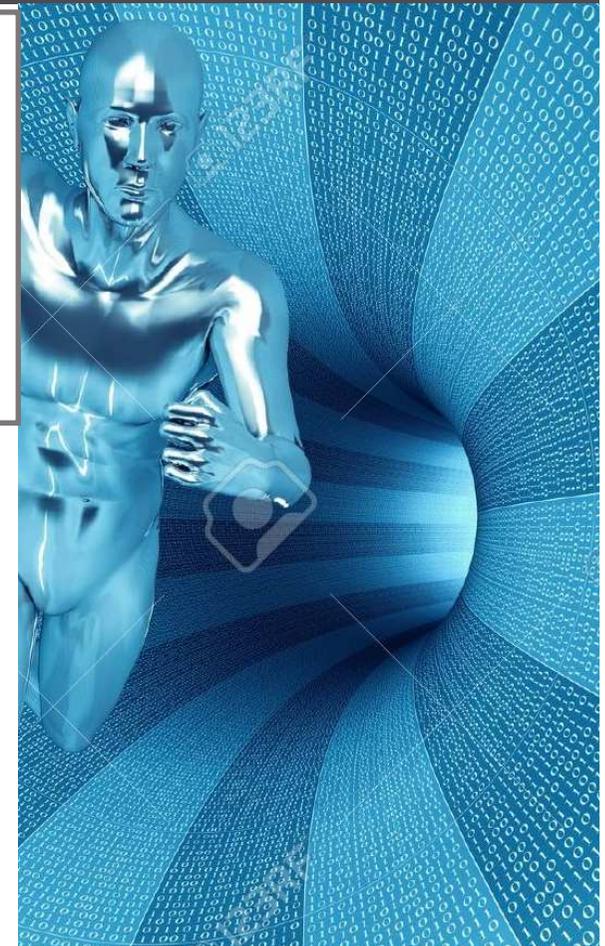
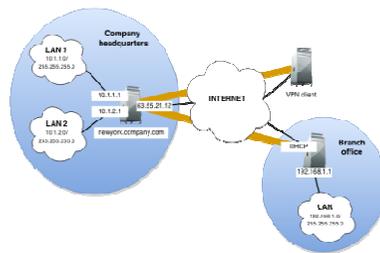
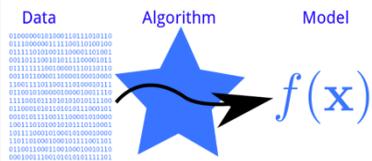
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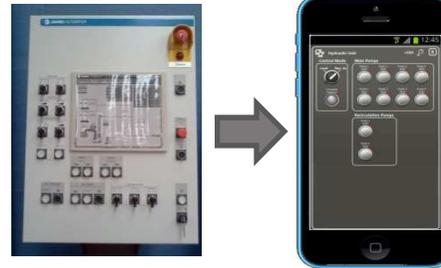
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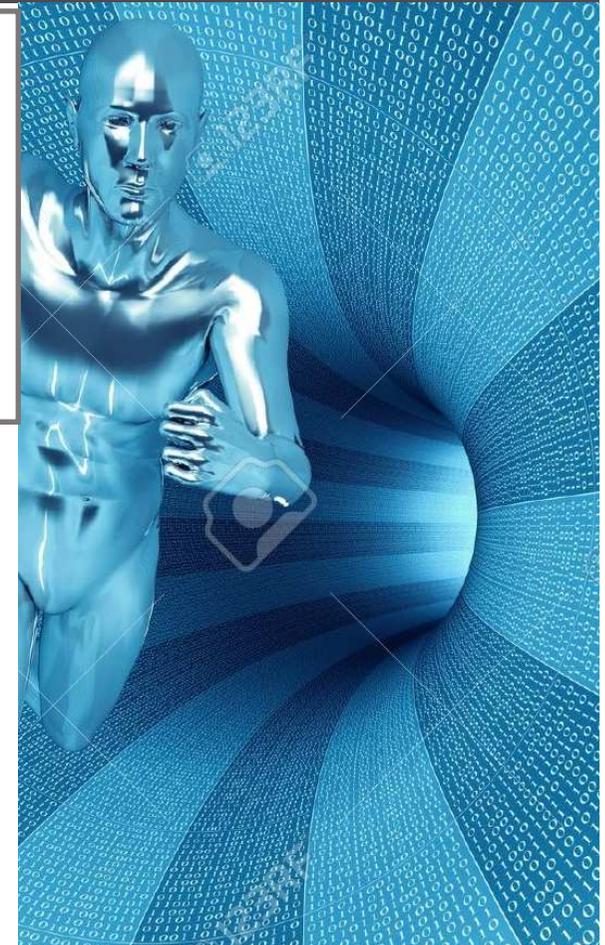
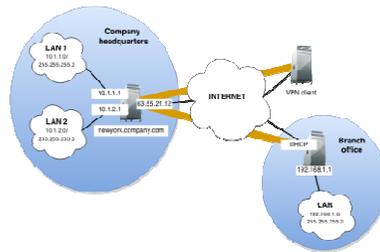
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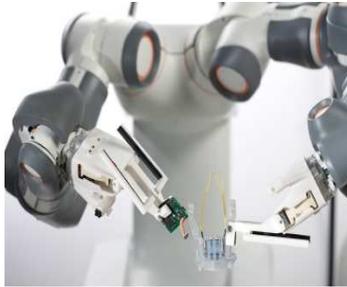


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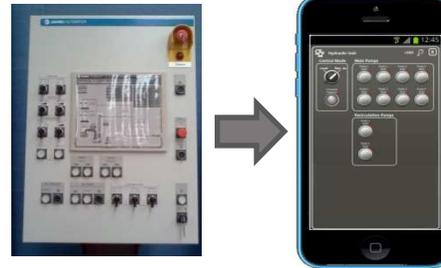
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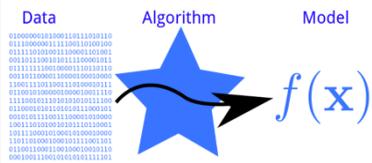
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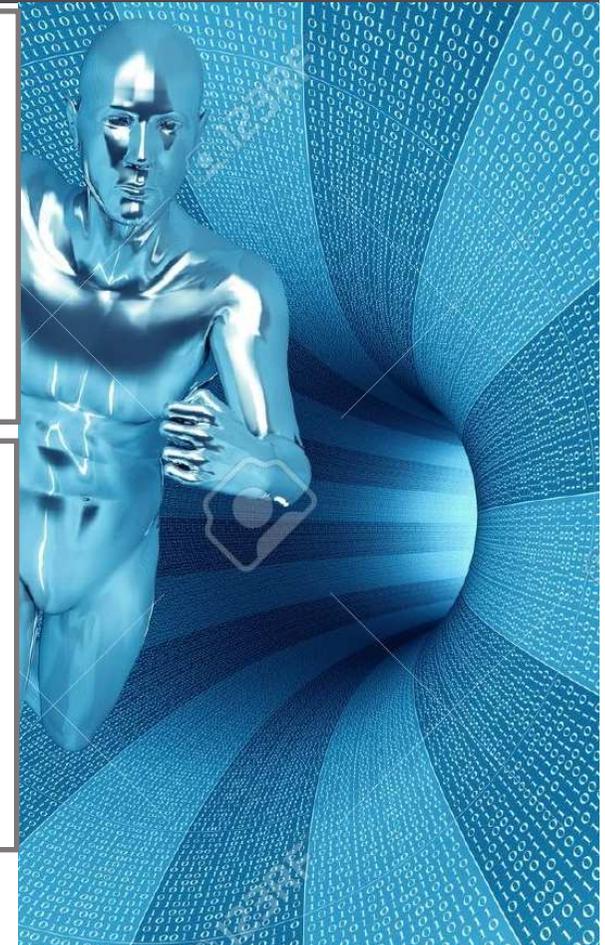
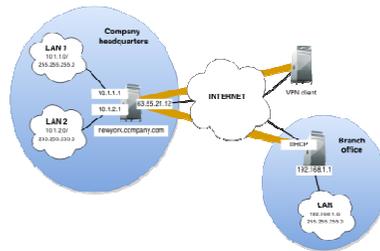
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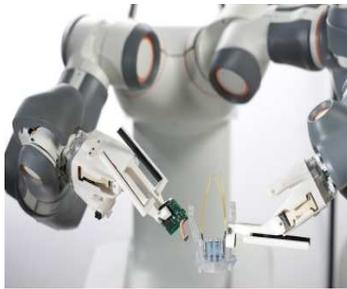


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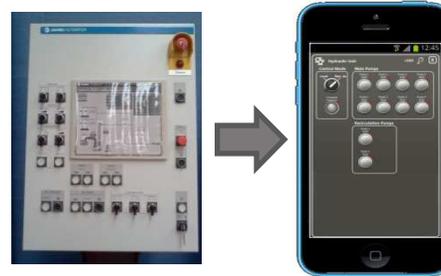
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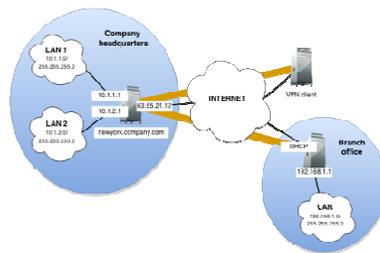
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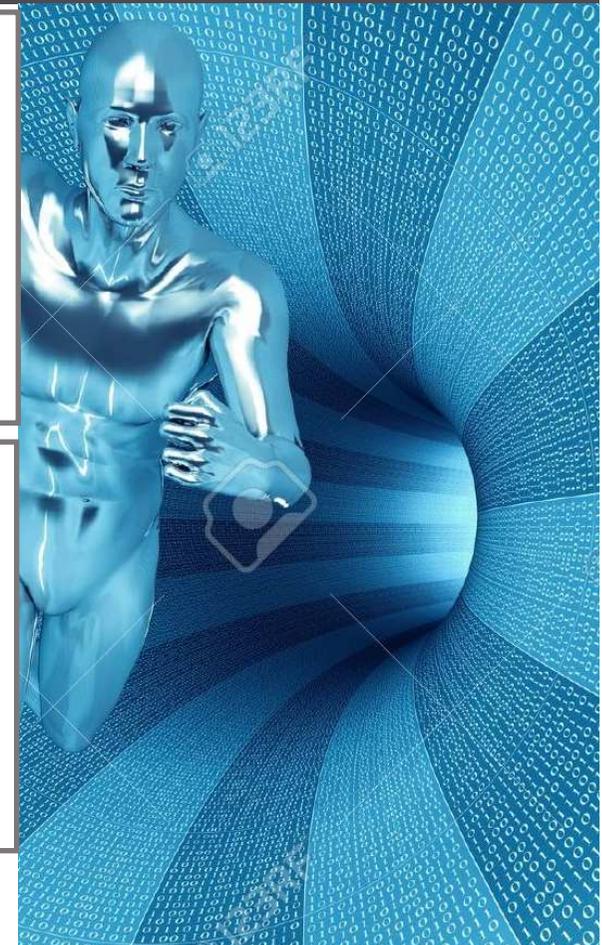
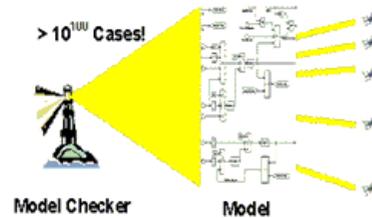
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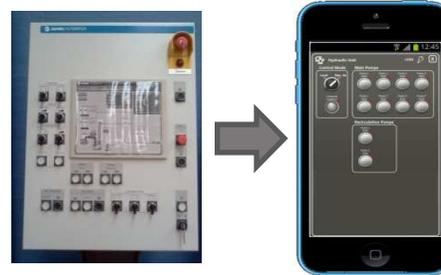
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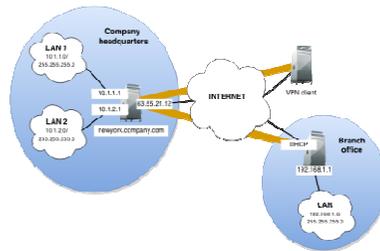
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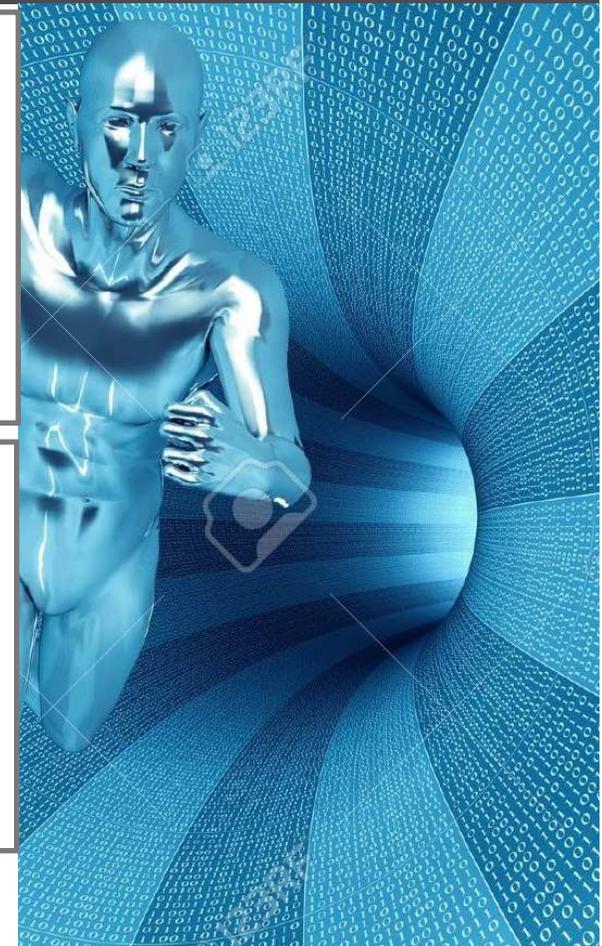
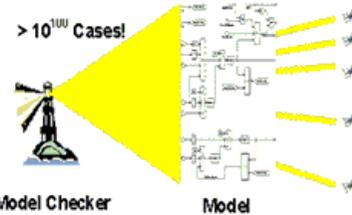


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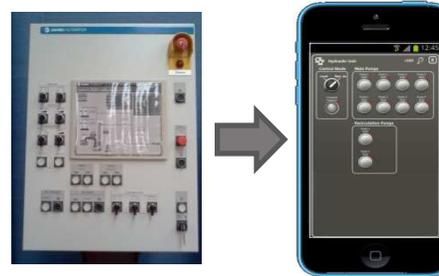
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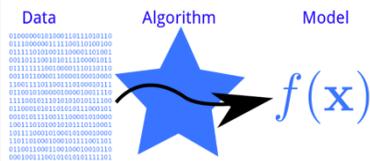
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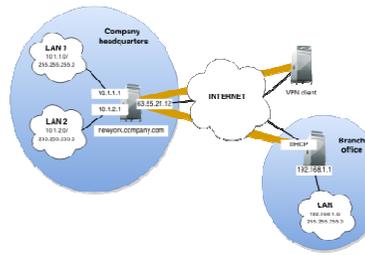
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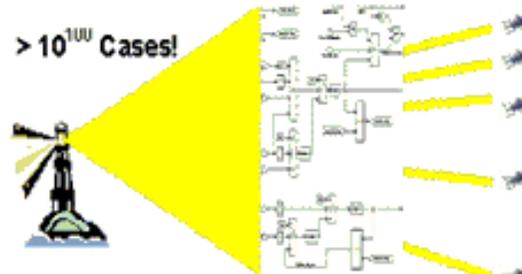
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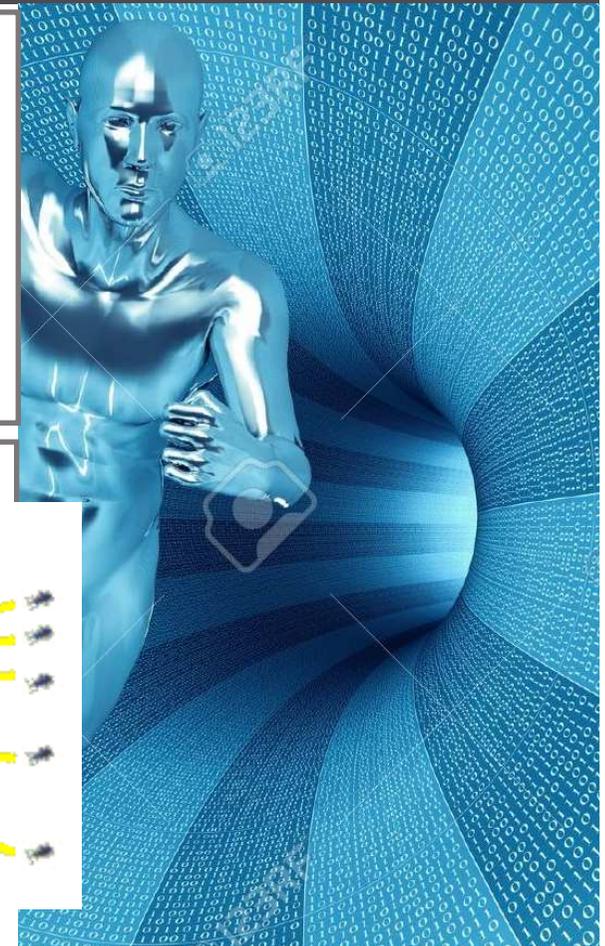


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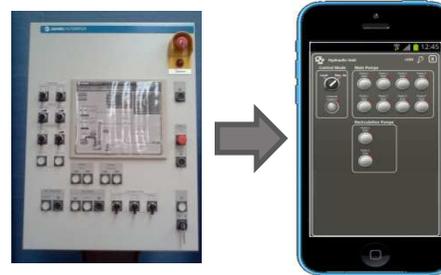
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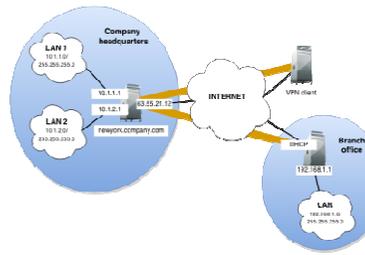
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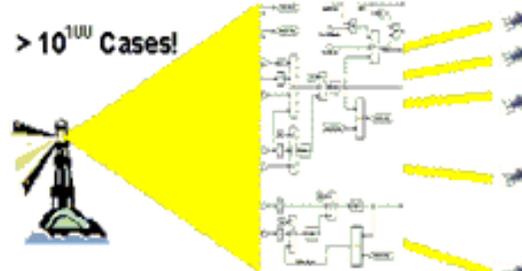
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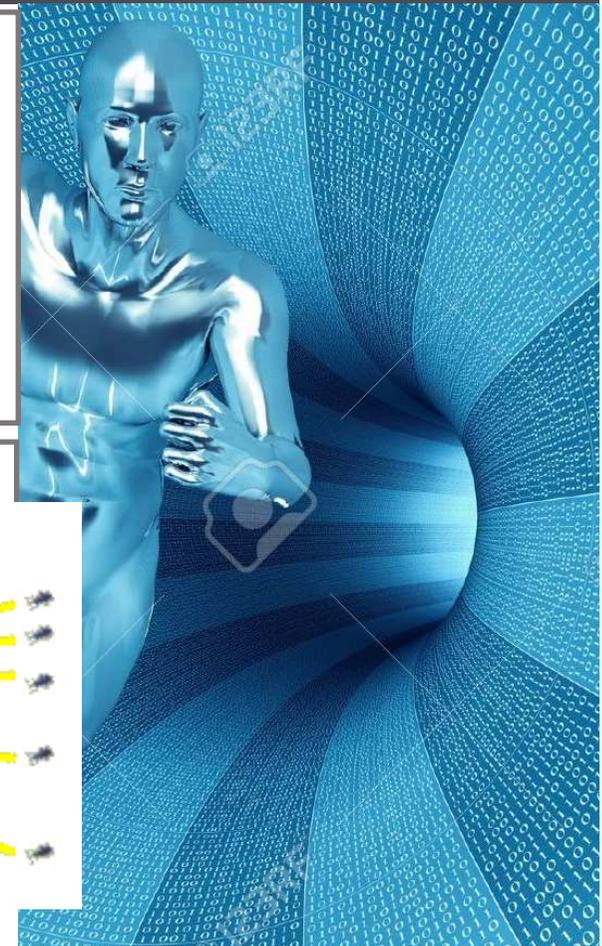


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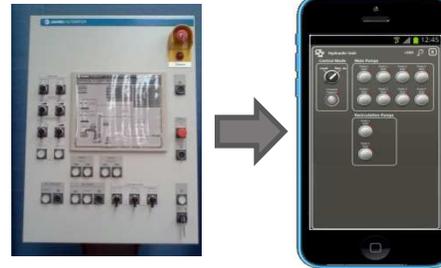
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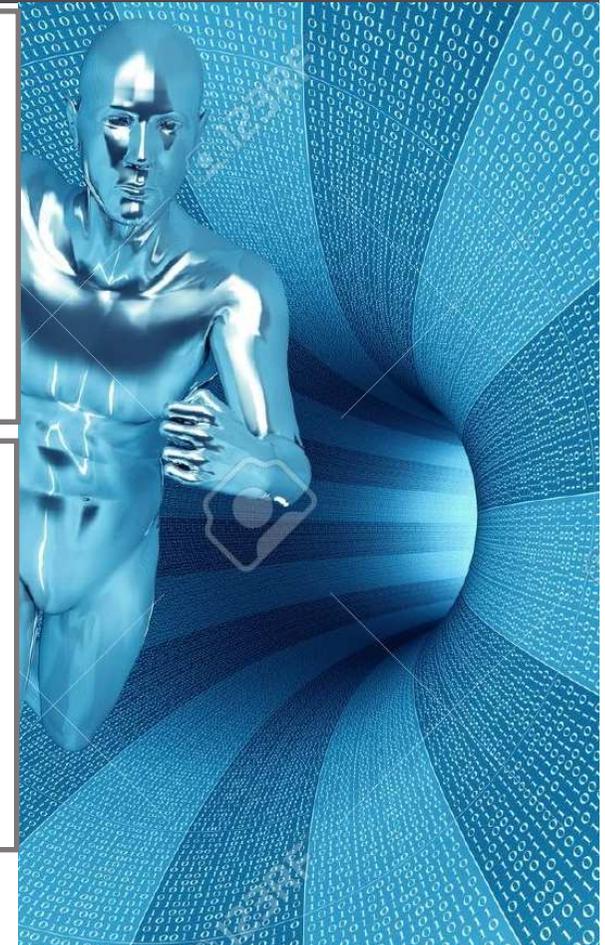
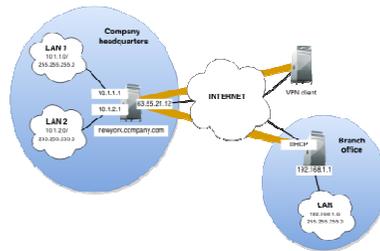
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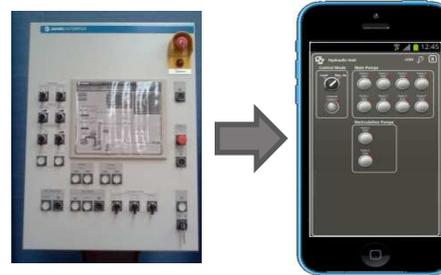
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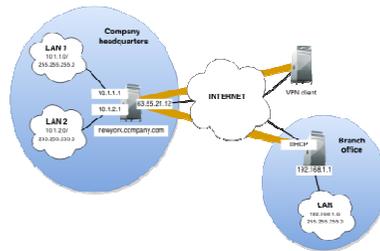
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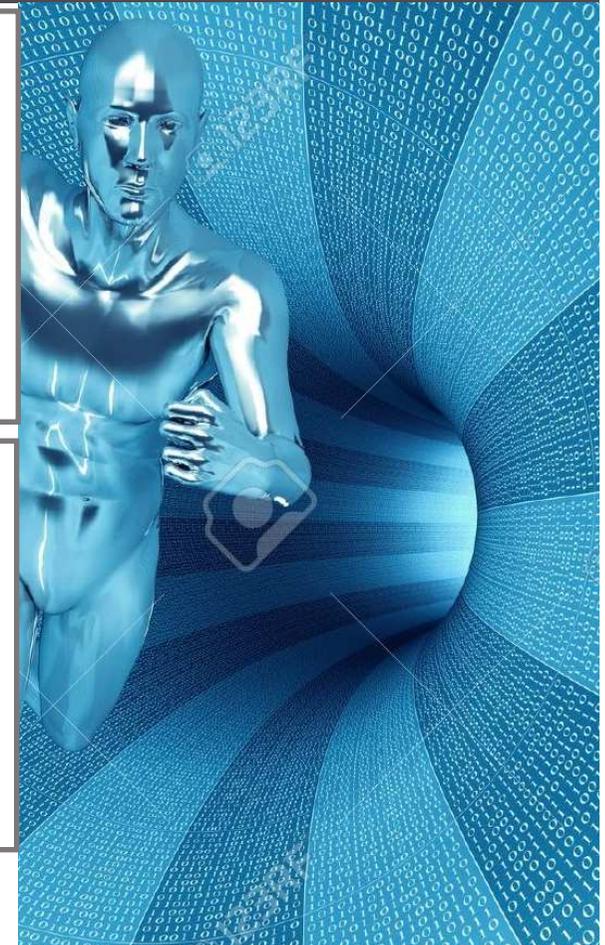
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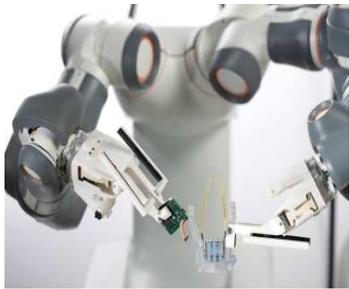


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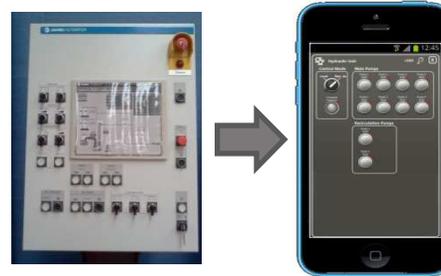
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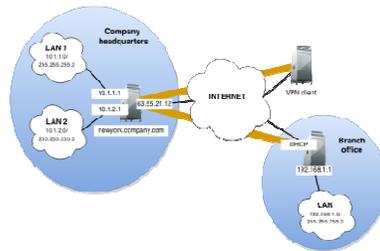
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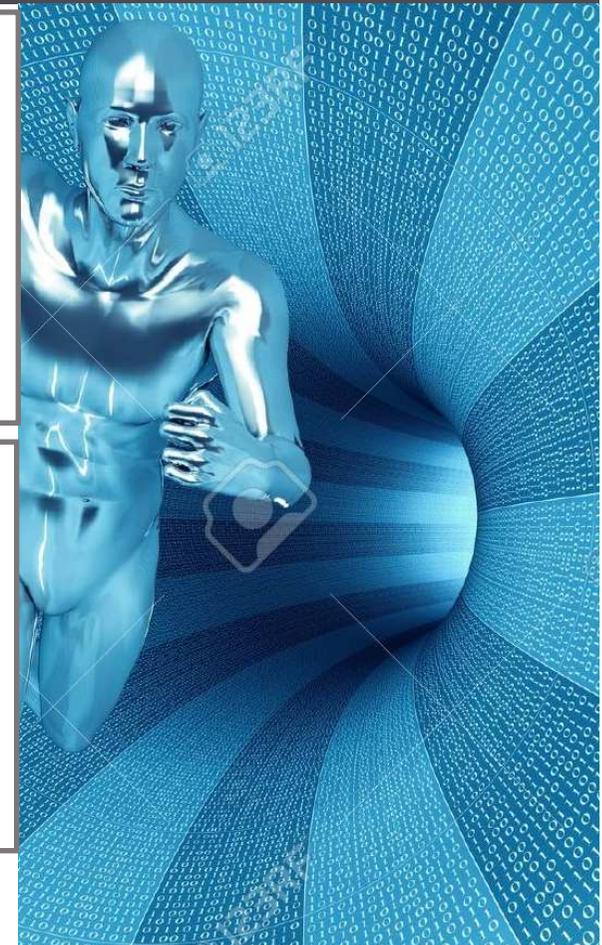
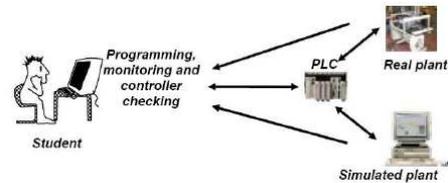
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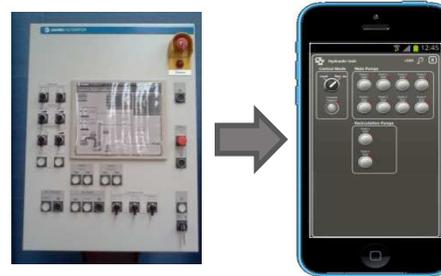
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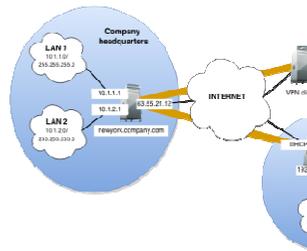
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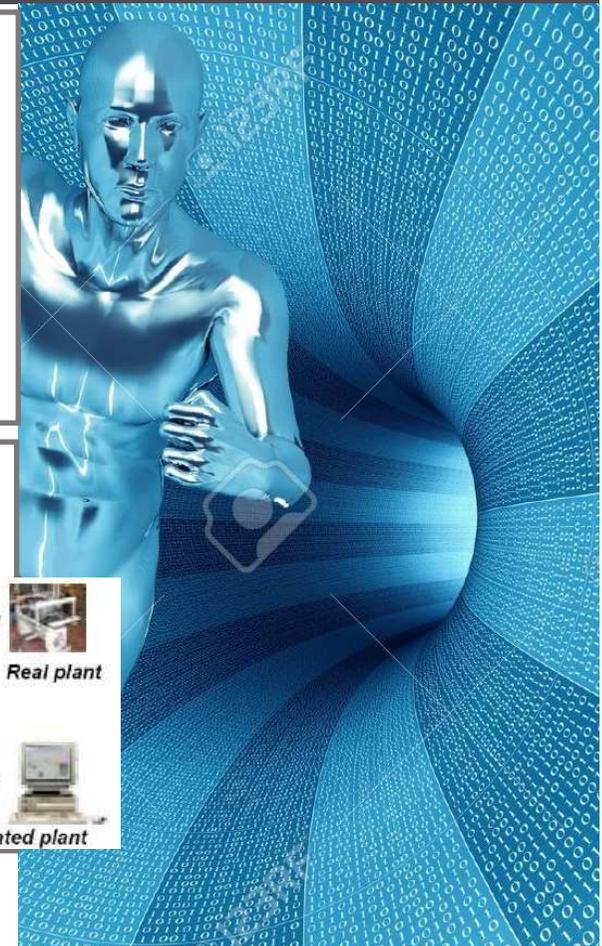
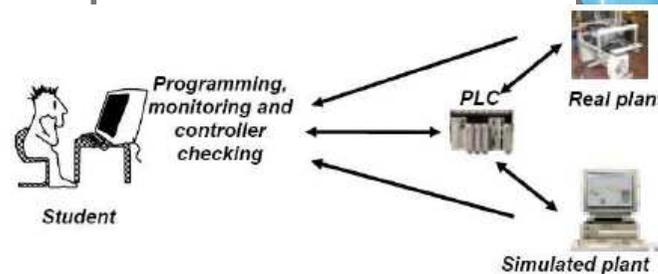
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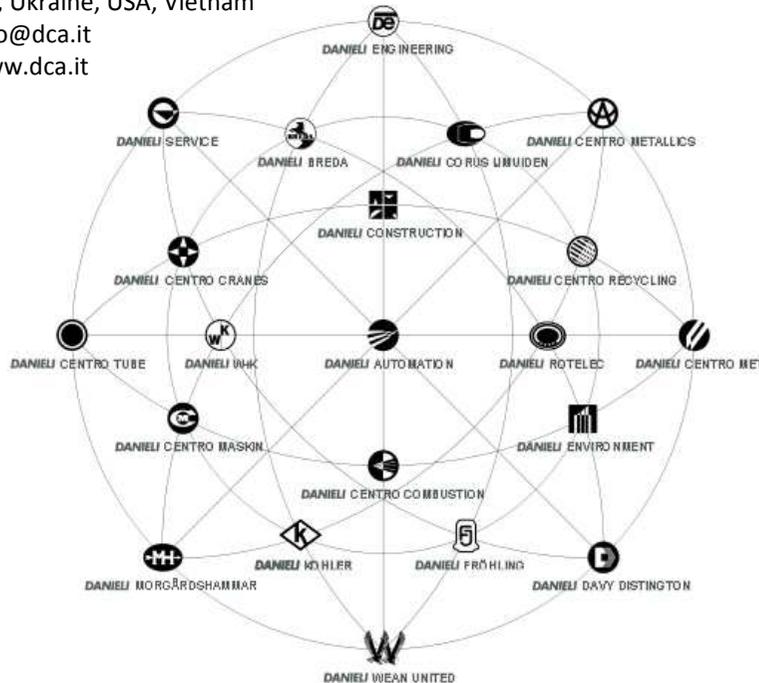


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