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Safety MOnitoring Framework (SMOF)

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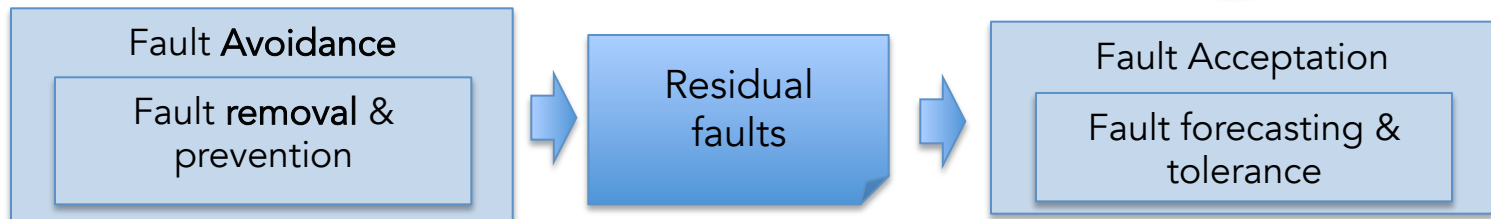
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Dependable autonomous robots

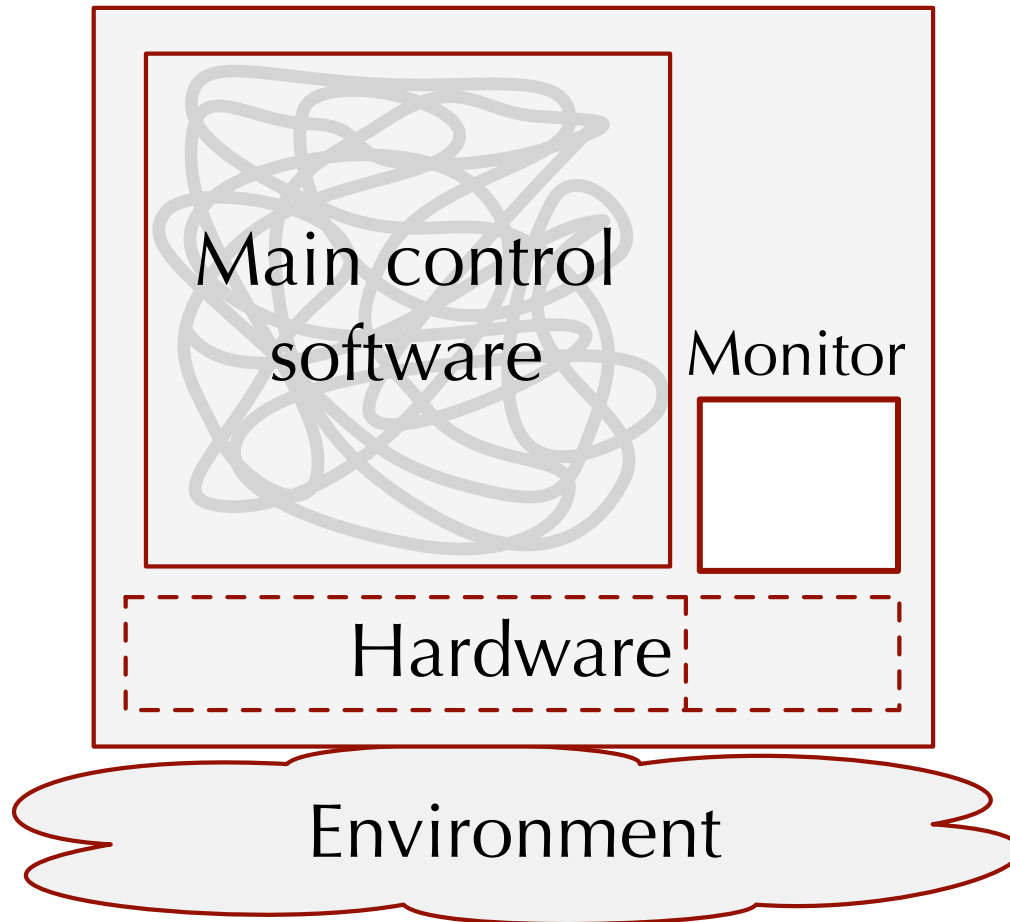
- Autonomous applications : Complex, evolving in unstructured environment, versatile, networked
- **Fault model**
 - Development Faults (e.g., in autonomous SW)
 - Physical Faults (e.g., hardware)
 - Interaction Faults (e.g., human-robot interactions)
 - Other « faults »:
 - Uncertainties (e.g., in perception, heuristics)
 - Adverse situations (e.g., unexpected hazards)



Dependable robots@laas

- Phds :
 - Execution Monitoring (2005) , Diverse task planning (2007), Robustness testing (2011), Safety monitoring (2012), Safety analysis for human-robot interactions (2015), Safety monitoring (with synthesis) (2015), Testing autonomous robots in virtual worlds, Multi-level safety monitoring
- Recent collaborative European projects :
 - **CPS Engineering Labs**: cyber physical systems, European H2020-ICT, 2015-2018
 - **SAPHARI** : Safe and Autonomous Physical Human-Aware Robot Interaction, FP7 European Project, 2011-2014
 - **PHRIENDS**: Physical Human-Robot Interaction: depENDability and Safety, FP6 European project, 2006-2009

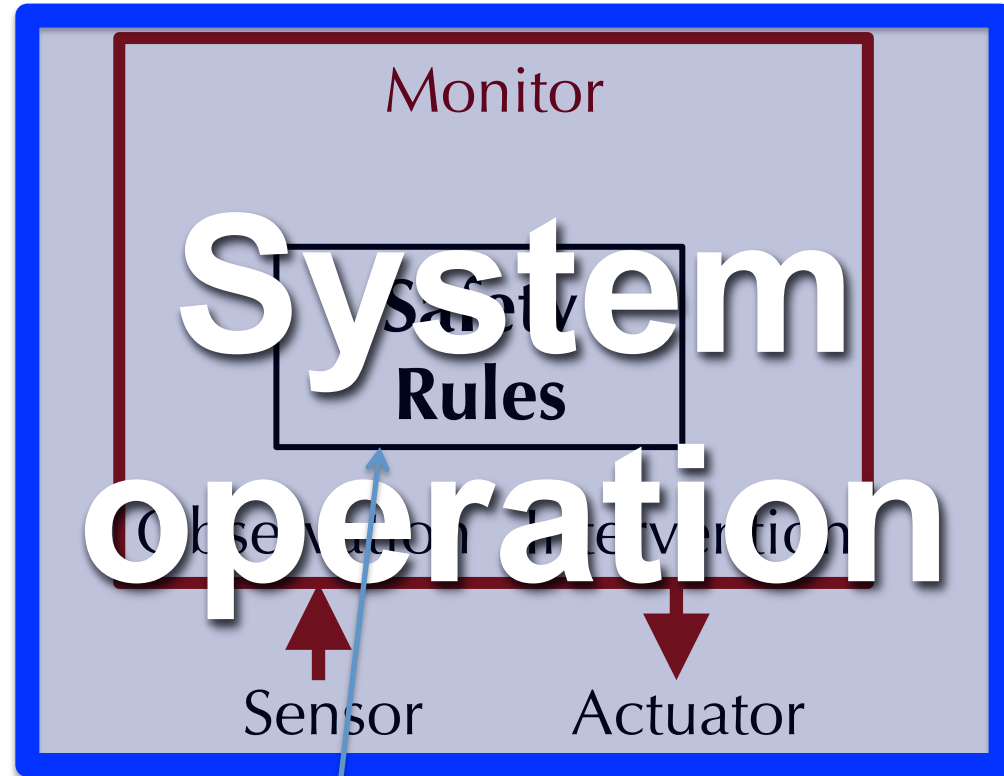
Active safety monitor



Safety Rules

Properties required from the monitor:

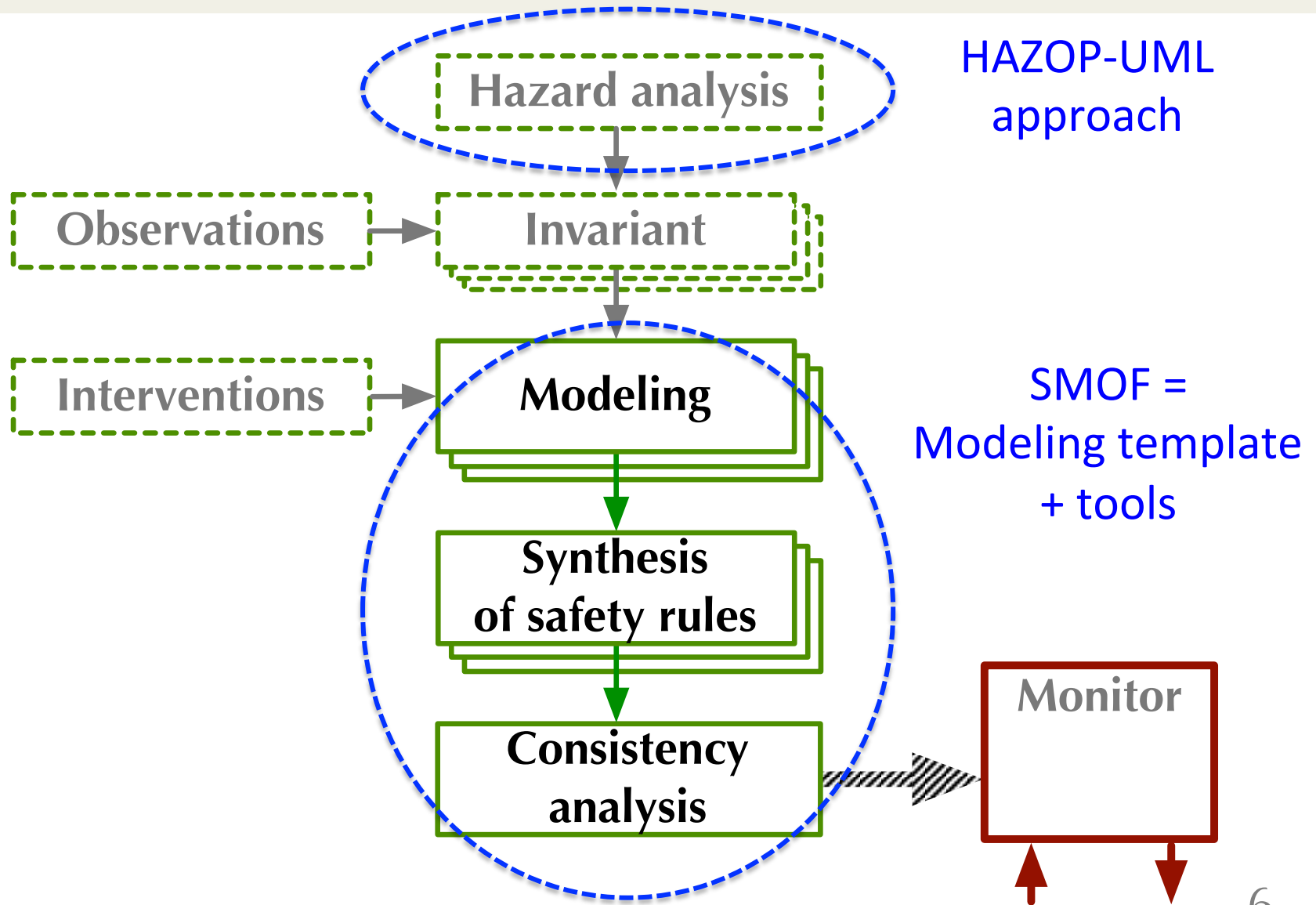
- Safety
- Permissiveness



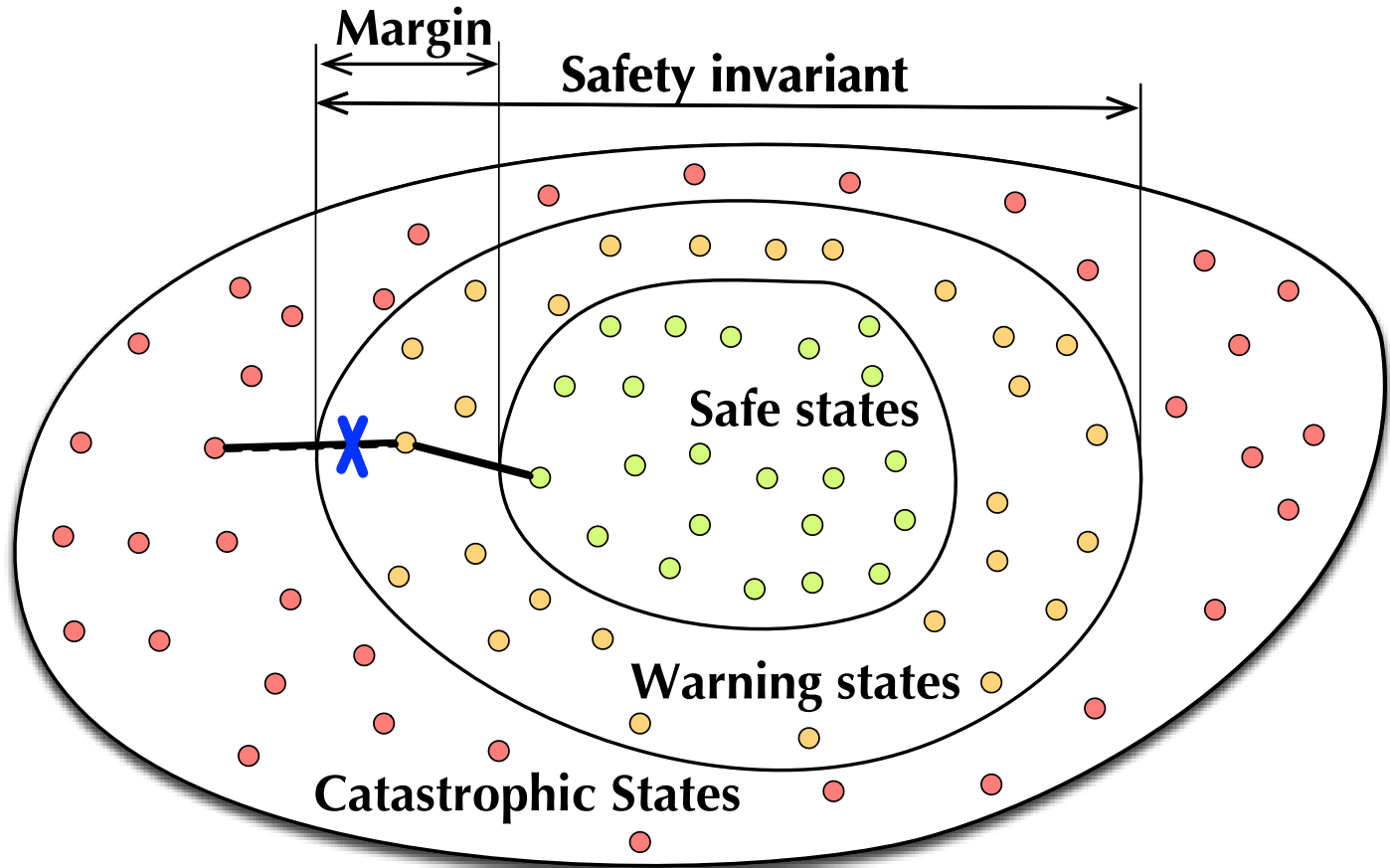
⇒ Specification of the safety rules

System design

Method



Concepts: margin, warning states

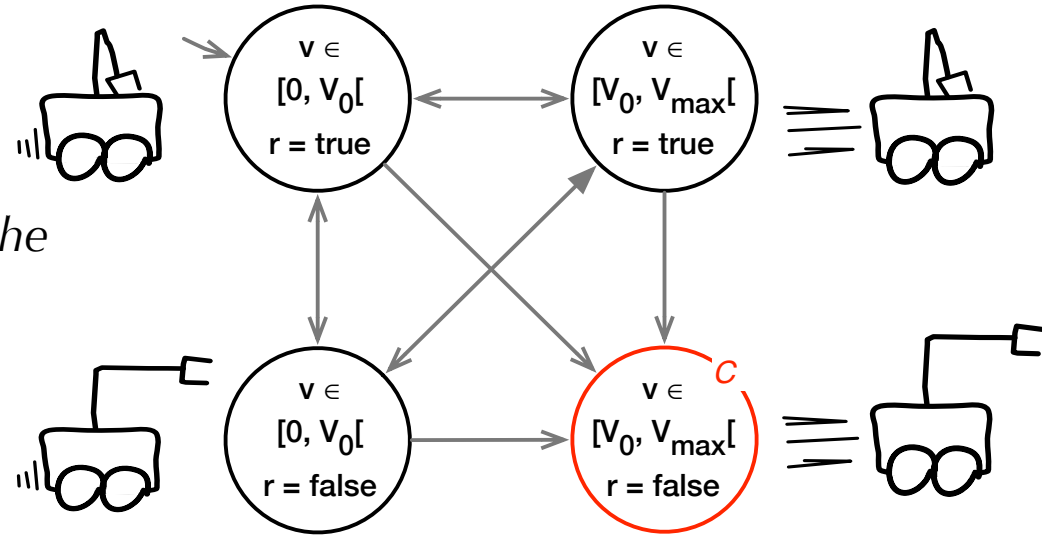


- A safety rule assigns interventions to warning states
- A **strategy** is a set of safety rules intended to ensure an invariant

Toy example

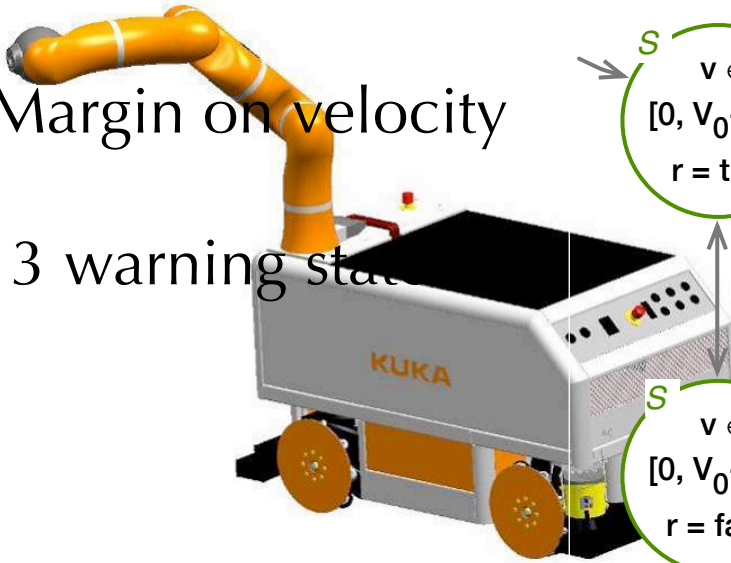
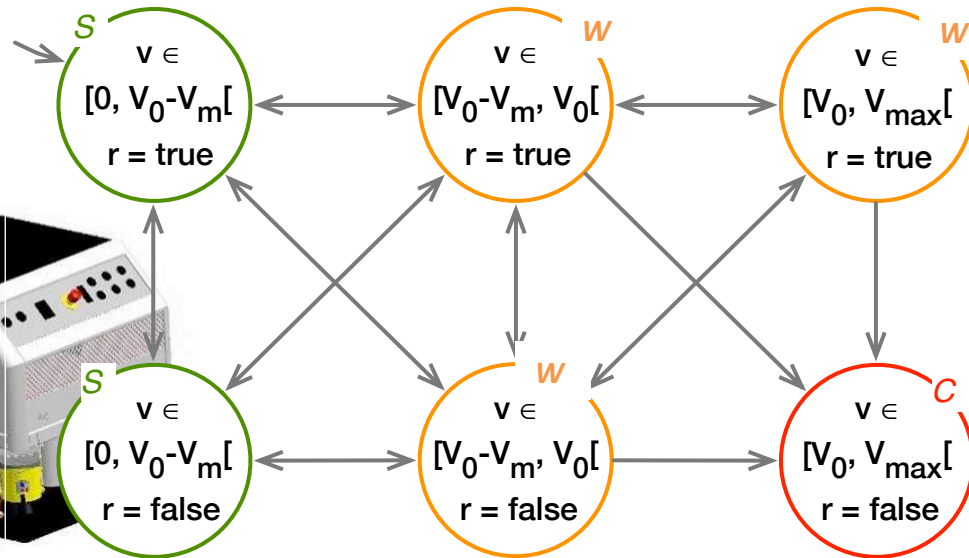
The robot arm must be folded when the platform velocity is greater than V_0

$(r = \text{true}) \vee (v < V_0)$



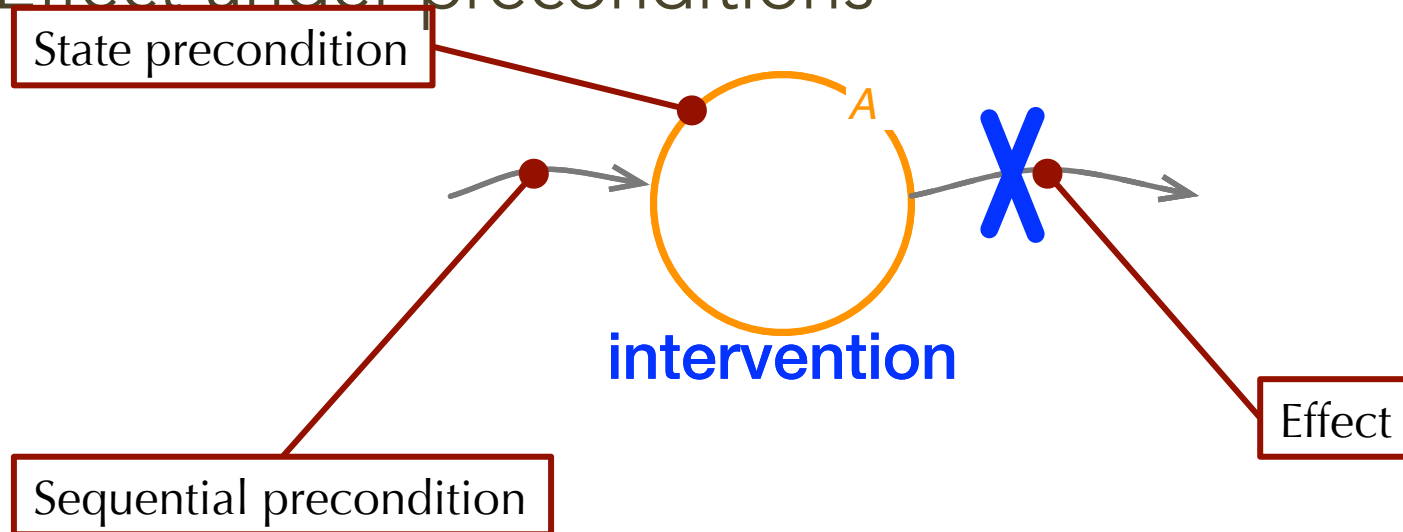
Margin on velocity

3 warning states



Interventions

- Ability of the monitor to constrain the system behavior
- E.g.: engage platform brakes, lock the arm position
- Effect under preconditions



Modeling with SMOF

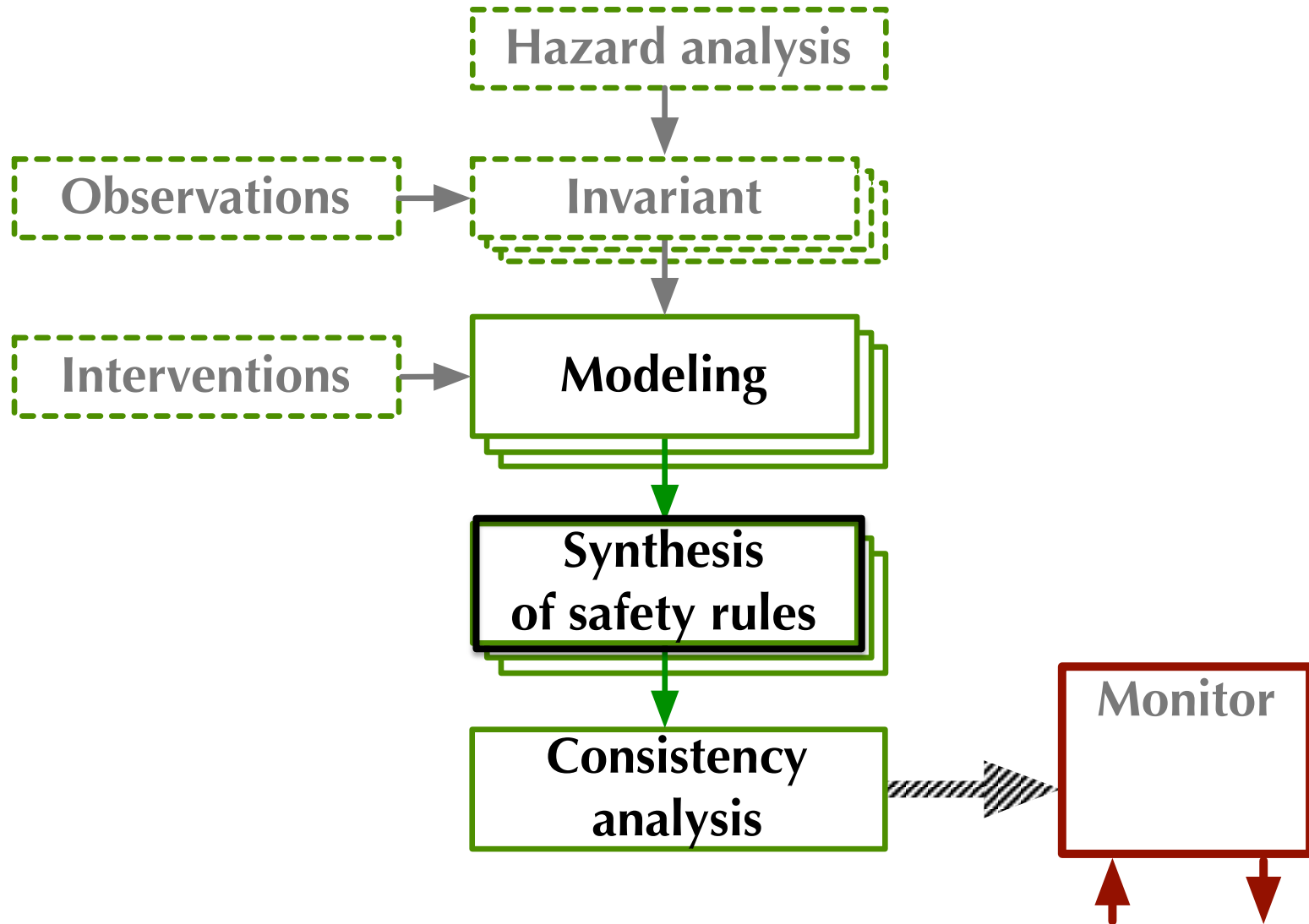
- NuSMV
- Modeling template:
 - Predefined parts
 - Parts to be edited by the user
 - Generated parts

```
VAR
pf_vel: Continuity(0,2,0);
arm_pos : Continuity(0,1,1);

DEFINE cata:= (pf_vel=2 & arm_pos=0);

VAR
brake : Intervention(TRUE, pf_vel!=0, flag_brake, next(pf_vel)=pf_vel!=2);
lock_arm : Intervention(arm_pos=1, TRUE, flag_lock_arm, next(arm_pos)=1);
```

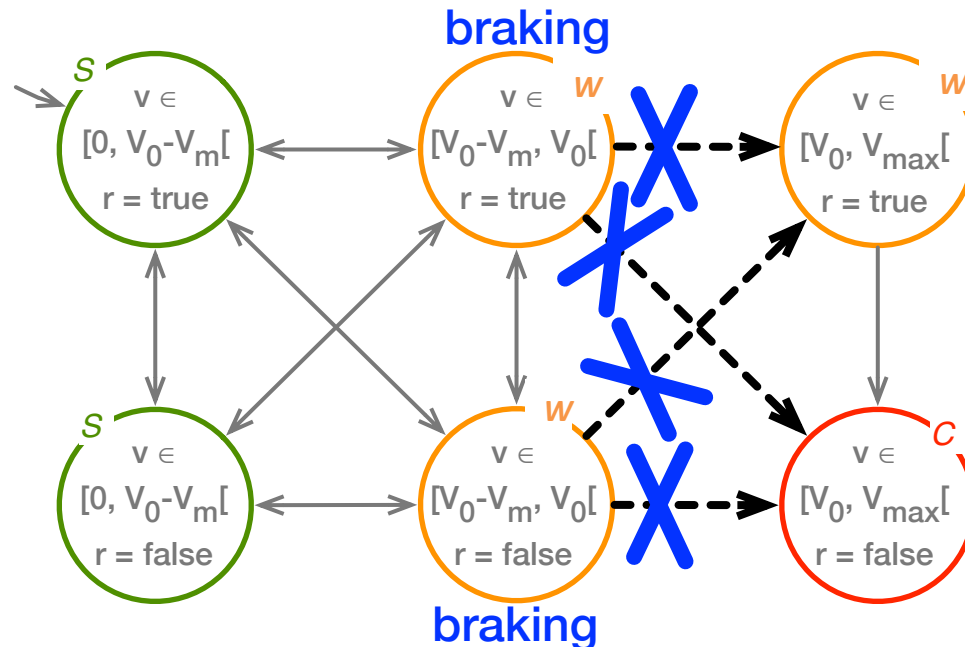
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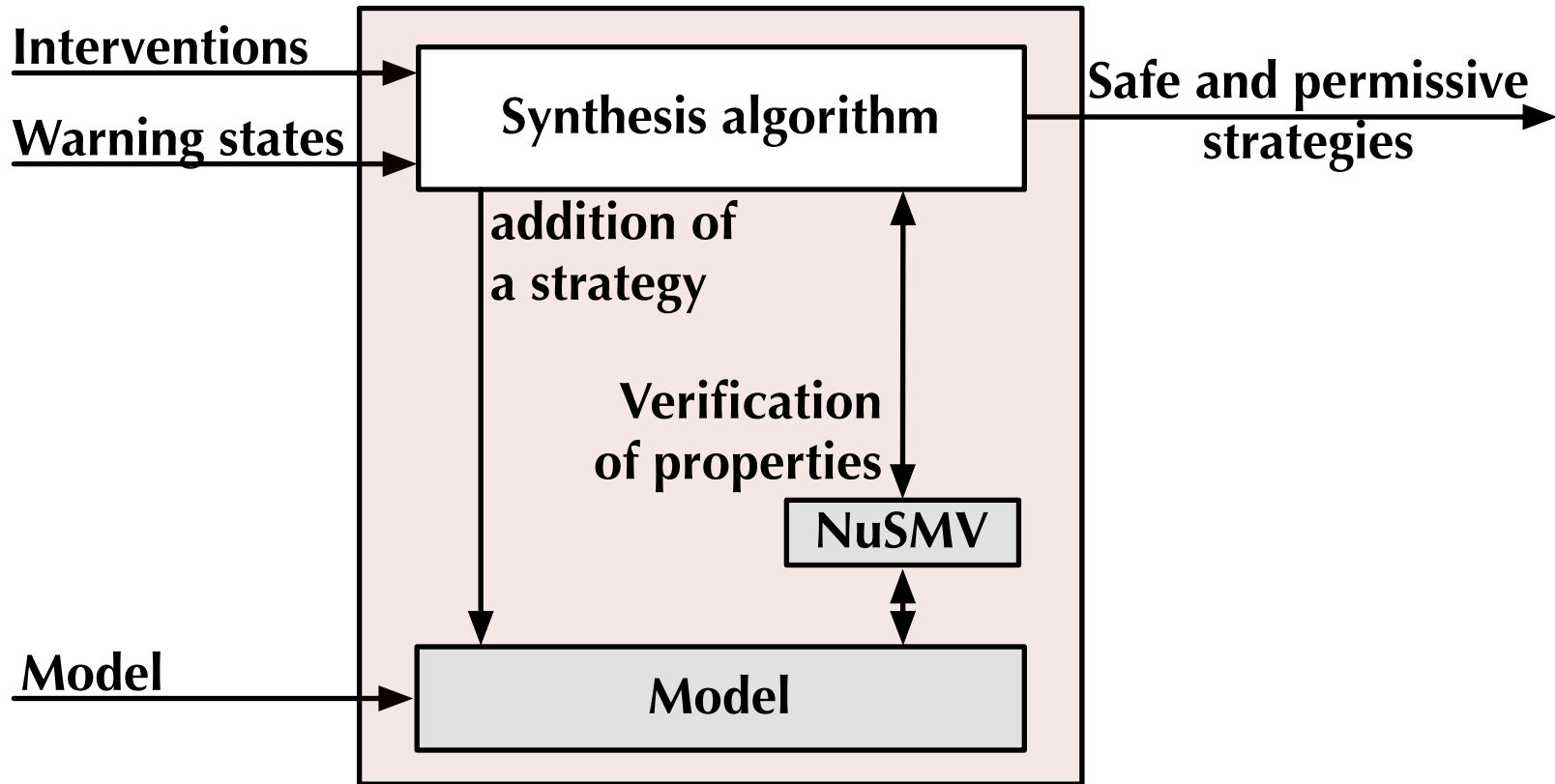
Strategies

- Association
 - Warning state – combination of interventions
- Required properties:
 - **Safe**: catastrophic states are not reachable
 - **Permissive**: non-catastrophic states are reachable

This strategy is safe,
but not permissive !



Synthesis of strategies



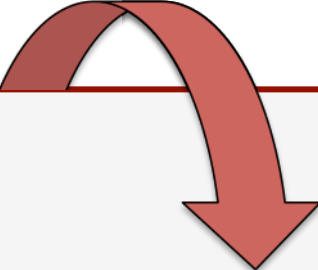
Exemplary result

```
VAR
pf_vel: Continuity(0,2,0);
arm_pos : Continuity(0,1,1);
```

```
DEFINE cata:= (pf_vel=2 & arm_pos=0)
--Safety property
INVARSPEC !cata
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```
-- Intervention(precondition, flag,
VAR
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brake : Intervention(TRUE, pf_vel!=0
lock_arm : Intervention(arm_pos=1, T
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```
-- Warning states
DEFINE flag_st_1 := arm_pos = 0 & pf_vel=1;
DEFINE flag_st_2 := arm_pos = 1 & pf_vel=1;
DEFINE flag_st_3 := arm_pos = 1 & pf_vel=2;
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-- Strategy definition
DEFINE flag_brake := flag_st_2 | flag_st_3 ;
DEFINE flag_lock_arm := flag_st_1 ;
```

A case study from Kuka

- Mobile platform with an articulated arm

KUKA GmbH
SAPHARI-FP7



- Safety Monitor can:
 - Block the arm
 - Engage the platform brakes
- HAZOP Analysis
 - 100 lines with a non-zero severity
 - 13 invariants, including:

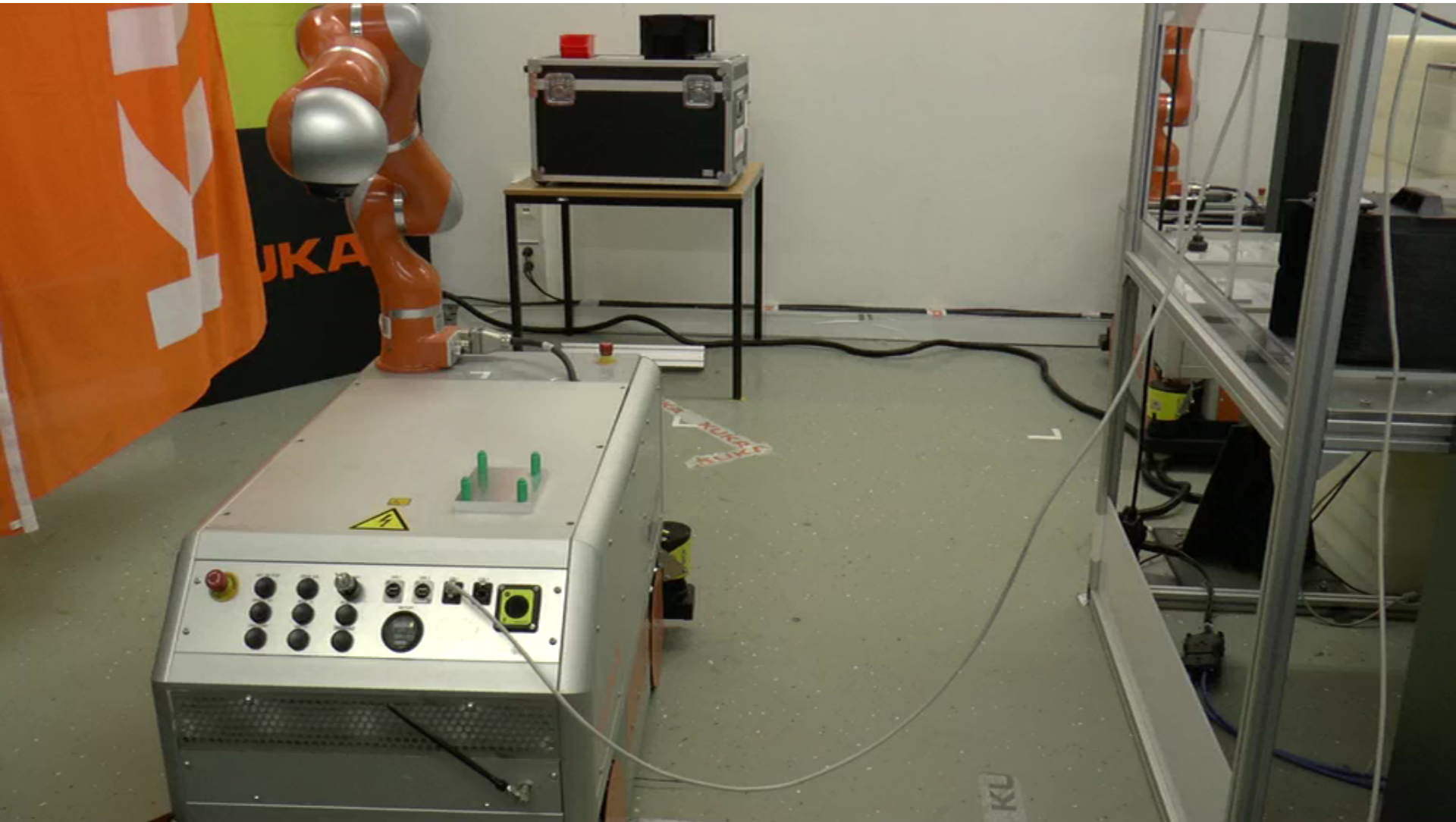
"The robot arm must not be extended beyond the platform footprint when the platform moves."



Case study safety invariants

- SI1 The velocity of robot arm must not be greater than V_0 .
- SI2 The velocity of robot platform must not be greater than V_1 .
- SI3 The robot must not enter the restricted area.
- SI4 The robot platform must not collide with a human.
- SI5 The robot arm must not be extended beyond the platform footprint when the platform moves.
- SI6 A gripped box must not be tilted more than α_0 .
- SI7 A collision between a human and the robot arm must not hurt the human.
- SI8 The velocity of any point of the robot must not be greater than V_2 .
- SI9 The robot arm must not drop a box.
- SI10 The robot arm must not clamp human parts.
- SI11 The robot gripper must not clamp human parts.
- SI12 The robot must not override boxes laid on tables, shelves and robot storage.
- SI13 The robot must follow the hand-guiding.

The safety monitor in action



Conclusion

- + SMOF provides a systematic and formal approach for the expression of safety rules
- + Dev. of a tool (no combinatorial explosion of the algorithm with acceptable performance)
- Level of expertise impact model expression, and thus synthesis
- Monitoring limited to the functional level

Future directions : several warning regions, interventions and observation located at different layers (hardware and software) with different integrity levels