5G-SMART 5G for Smart Manufacturing



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Overall scope and key challenges

Scope

- Demonstrate, evaluate and validate 5G capabilities at three 5G-enabled industry field trials across
 Europe
- Explore how to integrate 5G in the manufacturing eco system and identify enhance 5G for smart manufacturing

Key challenges

- Seamless integration of 5G into manufacturing systems
- Smart manufacturing contains a plethora of use cases with very different requirements
- Factory setting impose dynamic and challenging radio environment

5G for Smart Manufacturing



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- ☐ Business impact analysis
- ☐ New manufacturing use cases
- ☐ Evaluation of smart factory deployment options

WP2,3,4: Demonstrate, evaluate and validate 5G capabilities at three 5G-enabled industry field trials across Europe

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5G for enhanced industrial robotics applications

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- ☐ Factory 5G network architectures
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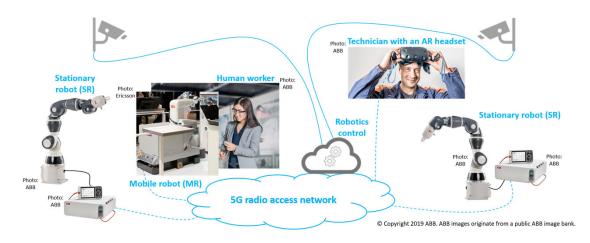




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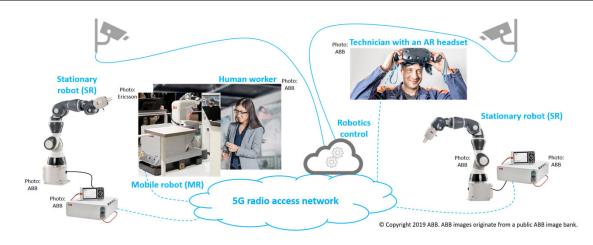
- Description:
 - A mobile robot takes an object from one stationary robot and delivers it to another stationary robot. Human-robot interaction with a human worker moving on the factory floor. Visualization of factory floor information via AR.
- Challenges:
 - Major control and support functionalities are moved to the edge cloud: robot motion planning, mobile robot localization, map building, human position tracking, status information storing
 - Seamless integration of 5G



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- Three main activities
 - Design testbed (Finalized)
 - Implement testbed (Ongoing, both at ABB and ERI factory Kista)
 - Validate testbed (Starting up)

Activity A2.1: design testbed for 5G-enhanced industrial robotics



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Progress

- Activity successfully completed as per the original work plan
- Design of the 5G testbed produced, covering both robotics systems and network infrastructure

Results

- Specification of common functional architecture from the robotics perspective
- Identification of key hardware and software to realize the 5G testbed
- Functional design of robotics-related software to be prototyped
- 5G testbed deployment and inter-connectivity plan

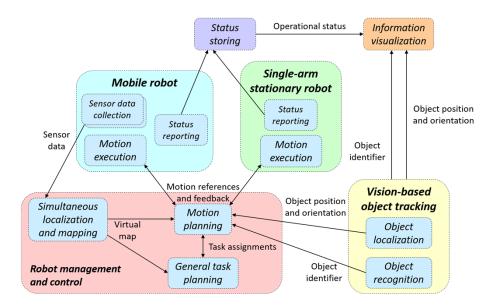
Findings

 A close collaboration between OT and ICT partners required to specify use case requirements onto 5G infrastructure

Functional architecture for the 5G testbed design



- Main functional components and their roles in the 5G testbed
- ☐ High-level interaction among them



Activity A2.2: implement the testbed for 5G-enhanced industrial robotics

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Progress

- Activity running (until May 2021 per the original work plan)
- To deploy and configure hardware equipment, design and implement prototype software, and build the 5G testbed

Results

- 5G network at the Kista trial site deployed
- Hardware equipment acquired
- Lab infrastructure at ABB premises set up for the use case development
- Several intermediate results in the development achieved

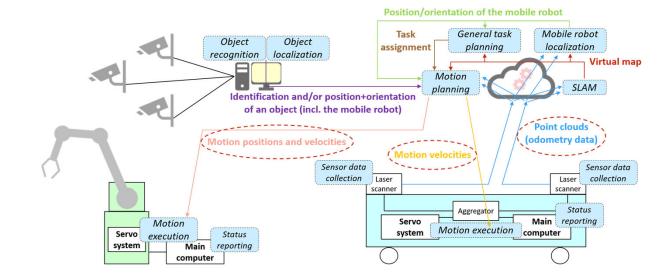
Findings

- Suitable 5G UE availability limited in 2020
- Cross-domain expertise needed to setup robotics use case

Hardware and software to realize the WP2 use cases



■ Mapping key functional components to the identified robotics equipment



Acquired equipment for the use cases development



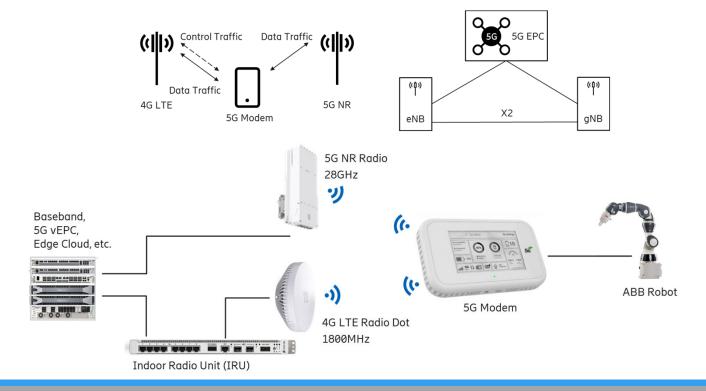
Equipment item	Status	Comment
Single-arm stationary robot	Available	2x ABB YuMi [©] units, installed and configured
Mobile robot	Available	In-house research platform, deployed and configured
Video camera system	Available	E.g. 2x 3D cameras to assist "pick-and-place" operation
AR headset	Available	2x MS HoloLens 2 units, used for prototyping
5G network	Available	Ericsson 5G NSA system, installed and configured
Edge cloud server	Available	A workstation currently used



Trial Site: 5G network architecture and design

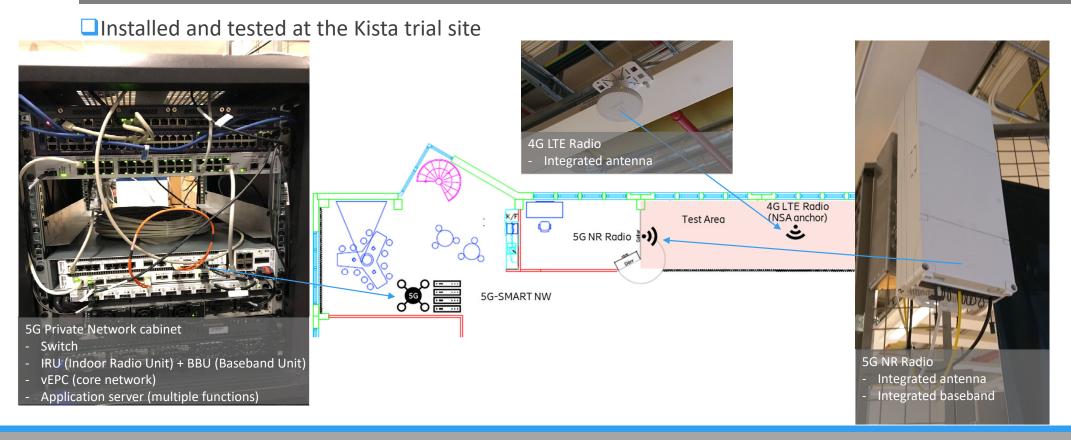


☐ 5G non-standalone (NSA), high-band solution





5G Network solution



Activity A2.3: validate 5G for the industrial robotics scenarios



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Progress

- Activity running (until November 2021 per the original work plan)
- To carry out 5G evaluation in the testbed for selected validation scenarios and analyze performance

Results

Work ongoing on modeling a validation methodology

Findings

To be evaluated in 2021



Next steps

- ☐ Integrate testbed and use cases at the Kista trial site
- Perform evaluation tests on the 5G testbed in Kista
- ☐ Identify gaps and propose enhancements (both 5G and robotics applications)



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