

# Intelligent human-robot collaboration AIHURO



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# Use case (Volvo)



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# Use case (AstraZeneca)

## MaTilda Semi-automated system for analyzing inhalers

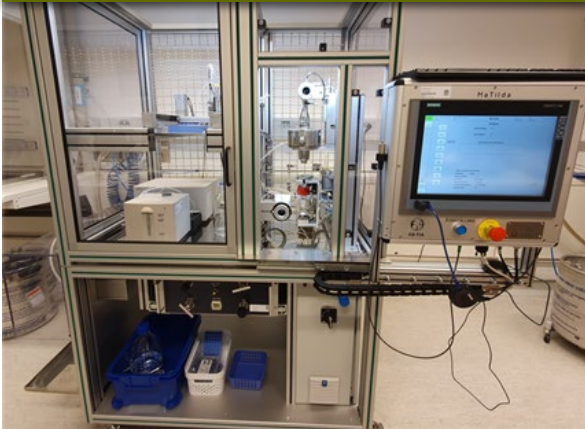
- Inhaler handling is performed by the human operator. Interaction between human and MaTilda takes place during the inhaler dose withdrawal step.
- MaTilda is device agnostic (can be used for any inhaler).
- Suitable for early exploratory work and/or development.



Goal is to have the Cobot act as the operator

and safely provide MaTilda with inhaler samples without being harmful to humans in the lab

MaTilda



Cobot



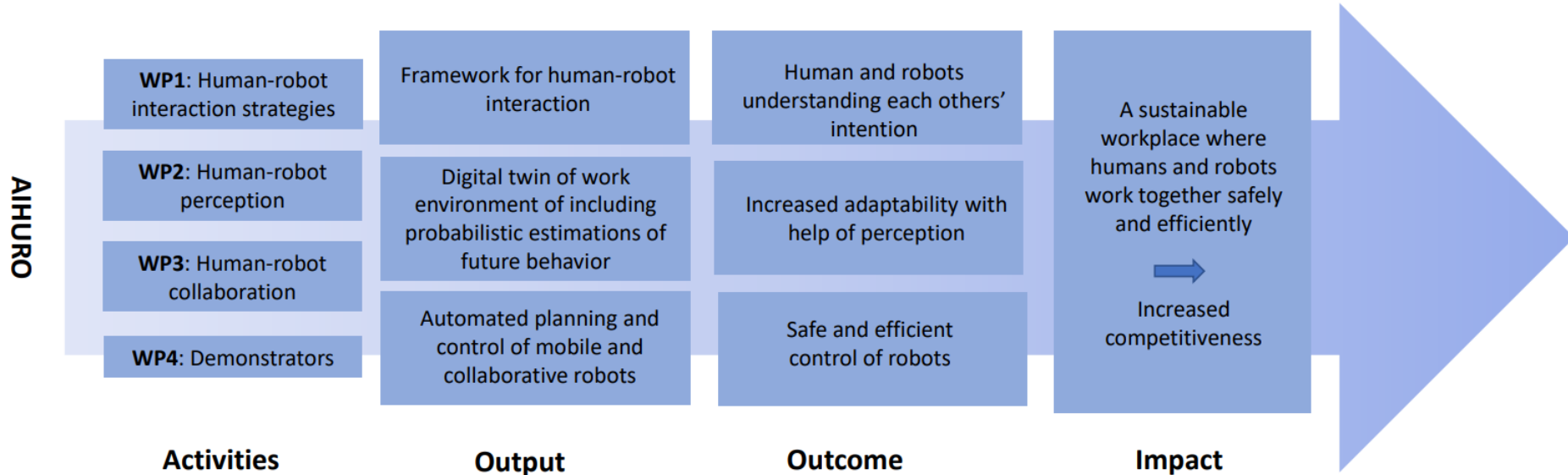
AIHURO will make it even more safe for humans to work along Cobots in the lab.



# Research Questions and Impact



- How should human and robots interact to guarantee safe yet efficient operations?
- How can human and robots deliberate and plan to support each other in avoiding risky situations?
- How can intelligent control system support the collaboration among humans and robots?



# WP1 Human-robot interaction strategies

## Three use cases

- Volvo case: human-robot collaboration operator perspective
- Astra Zeneca case: Chemist-robot coexistence
- Cross-case analysis: theoretical and empirical validated strategies

## Steps

- Evaluation of present robots with operators/chemists
  - Identification of suggested human-robot interaction strategies
  - Implementation of these strategies
  - Evaluation of updated robots with operators/chemists
- Final list of recommended HRI strategies

# WP2 Human-robot Perception



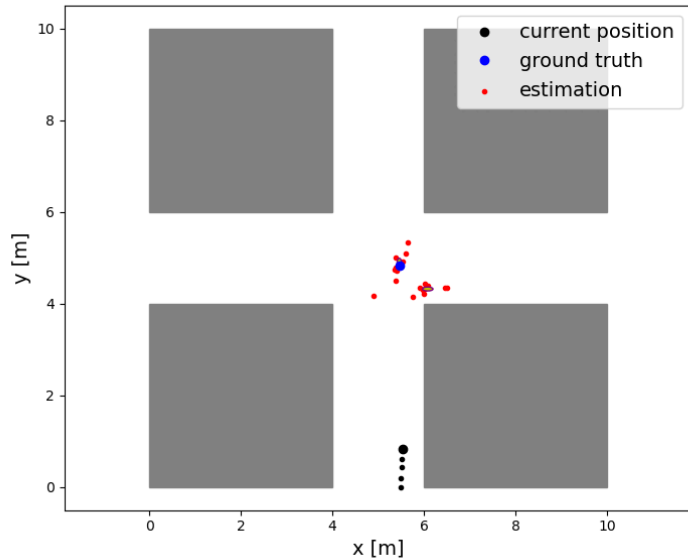
## Estimation of current state:

Semantic segmentation, tracking, and 3D-reconstruction

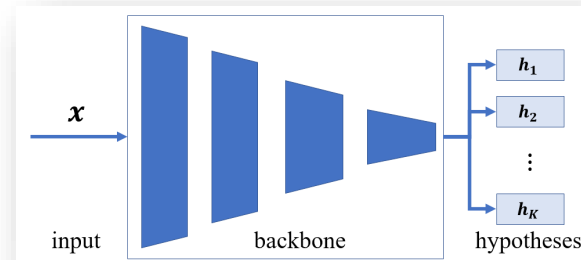
Techniques: Deep machine learning, computer vision, and sensor fusion



# Multimodal Motion Prediction



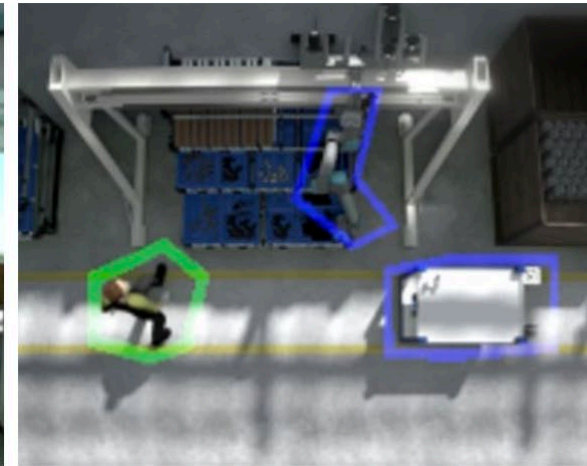
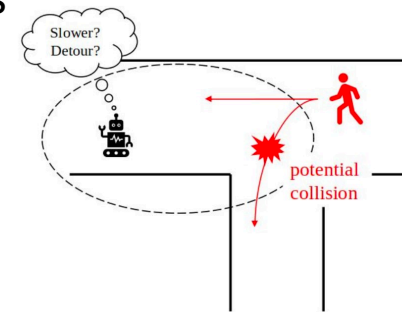
- Future motion is uncertain in terms of **probabilistic distribution** and **multimodality**.
- Motions of objects have **patterns**.
- Using **deep learning** to **learn** the pattern of motion, while also estimating the uncertainty.



# WP3 – Human-robot collaboration



- Plan the actions of mobile and collaborative robots for collaboration with a human.
- For smooth collaboration, need to continuously predict what the humans will do next (WP2)
- We cannot know for sure: need to take uncertainty into account when planning the next actions
- Plan with additional objective to reduce the effects of this uncertainty
- Example: plan a trajectory that has a high probability of being collision







# Next steps



- AstraZeneca and AB Volvo are finalizing the hardware for their use-cases
- Formulation of interaction strategies for the different use-cases
- Further develop of perception and planning algorithms focusing on how to handle the inherent uncertainty
- Implementation of interaction strategies on the use-cases
- Evaluation and refinement

Finally, a safe and efficient workplace where humans and robots can work together.

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