

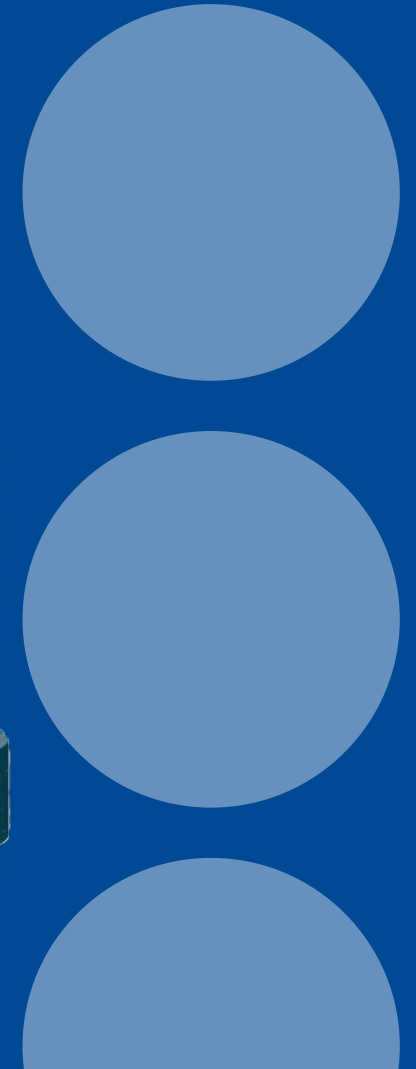
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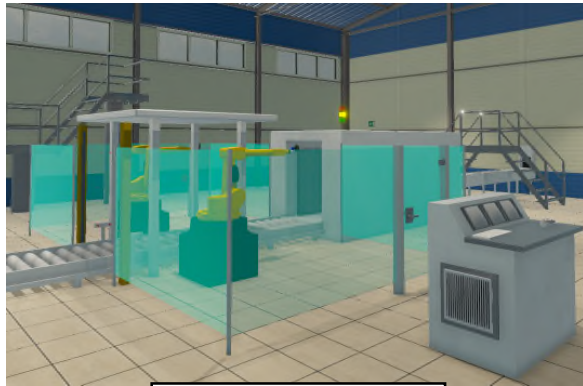
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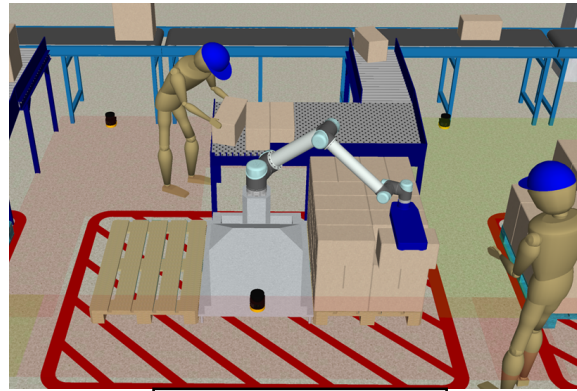
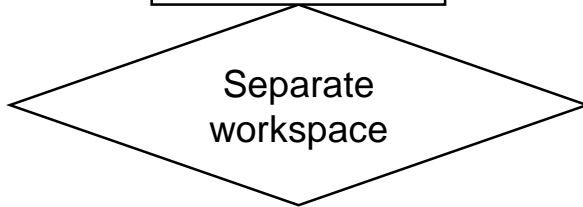
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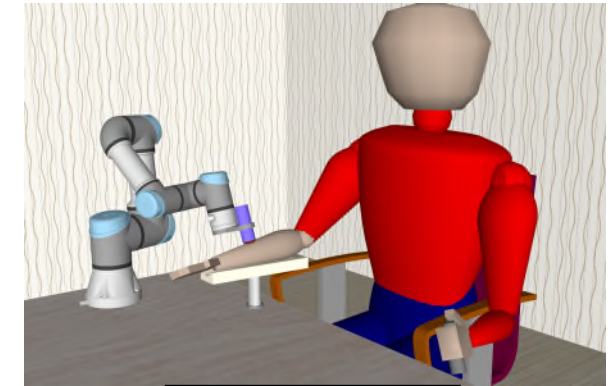
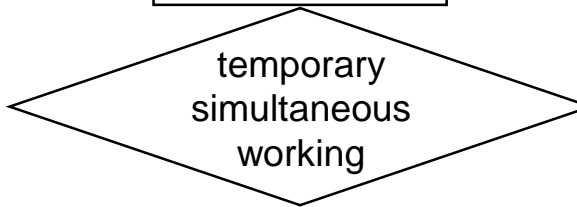
Forms of a HRC and compliant safety principles



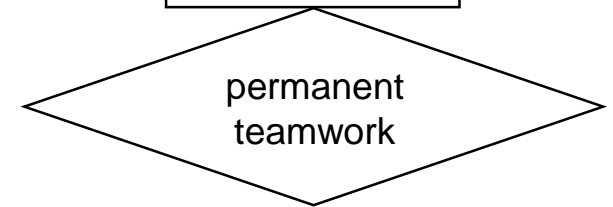
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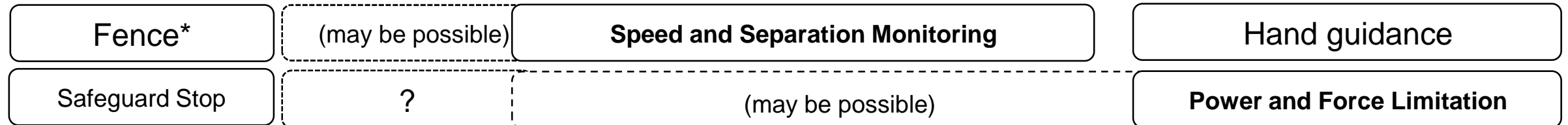
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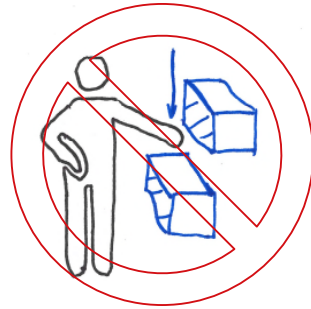
Collaboration



Examples of protection principles according to ISO 10218-2:



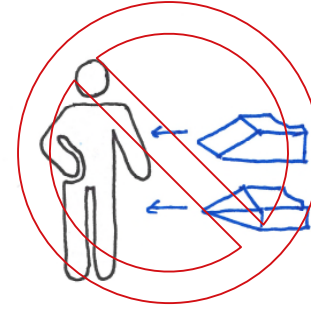
Mechanical Hazards



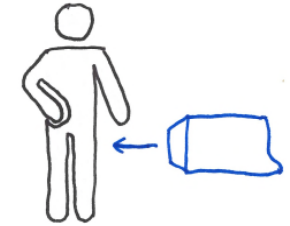
Shear point



Crush point

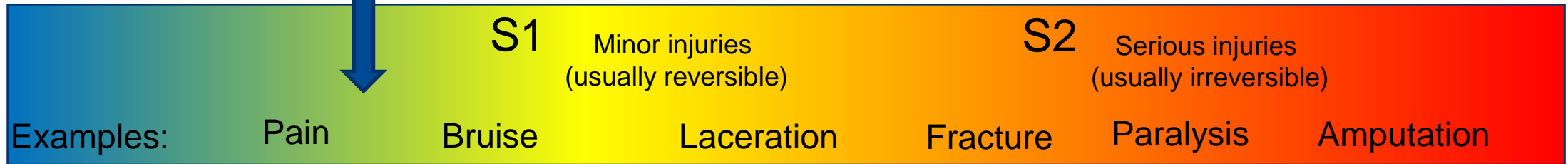


Puncture point

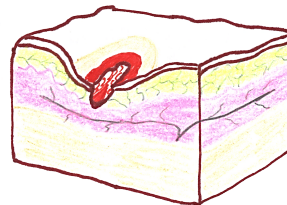
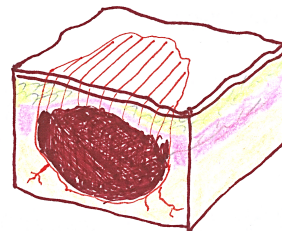


Impact point

load limit based on 75th percentile of pain threshold



reasonable load



Avoid pointed or sharp contours

Background Biomechanical Thresholds

Researchprojects:

- FP317: Experimental assessment of pain thresholds in major parts of the human body due to mechanical exposure in human-machine interface (2011-2014)
- FP411: Follow-up tests to the BGHM Study "Collaborative Robots: Determination of Pain Thresholds at the Human-Machine Interface« (2015-2018)
- FP430: Human-robot collaboration – supplementary suitability tests of recent results for incorporating them into white papers of the DGUV and standards (2019)

Literatur:

- Melia et. al. 2019: Pressure pain thresholds: Subject factors and the meaning of peak pressures DOI: 10.1002/ejp.1298
- Melia et. al. 2014: Measuring mechanical pain: The refinement and standardization of pressure pain threshold measurements DOI:10.3758/s13428-014-0453-3
- Ottersbach, H.J.; Huelke, M.:Requirements for hazard analyses referring to mechanical exposure in workplace applications with collaborative robots. 6th International Conference on Safety of Industrial Automated Systems – SIAS 2010. 14.-15. Juni 2010, Tampere/Finnland
- Behrens et al. 2022: A Statistical Model to Determine Biomechanical Limits for Physically Safe Interactions With Collaborative Robots DOI: 10.3389/frobt.2021.667818

Development and evaluation of a metrological concept for collaborative robots

IFA-Project No.: 5160

Commissioner:

- Expert Committee Woodworking and Metalworking of the German Insurance Association (BGHM)

Research institutions:

- Fraunhofer Institute for Factory Operation and Automation (IFF)
- Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance (IFA)

Background:

- new research results are to be considered in standardization



Determination of biomechanical corridors

Evaluation of the human subject studies according to the stiffness curves

- Force-deformation analysis

Determination of biomechanical corridors incl. a percentile-dependent **candidate** line and **clustering** of similar body parts

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Final Report

on the research project:

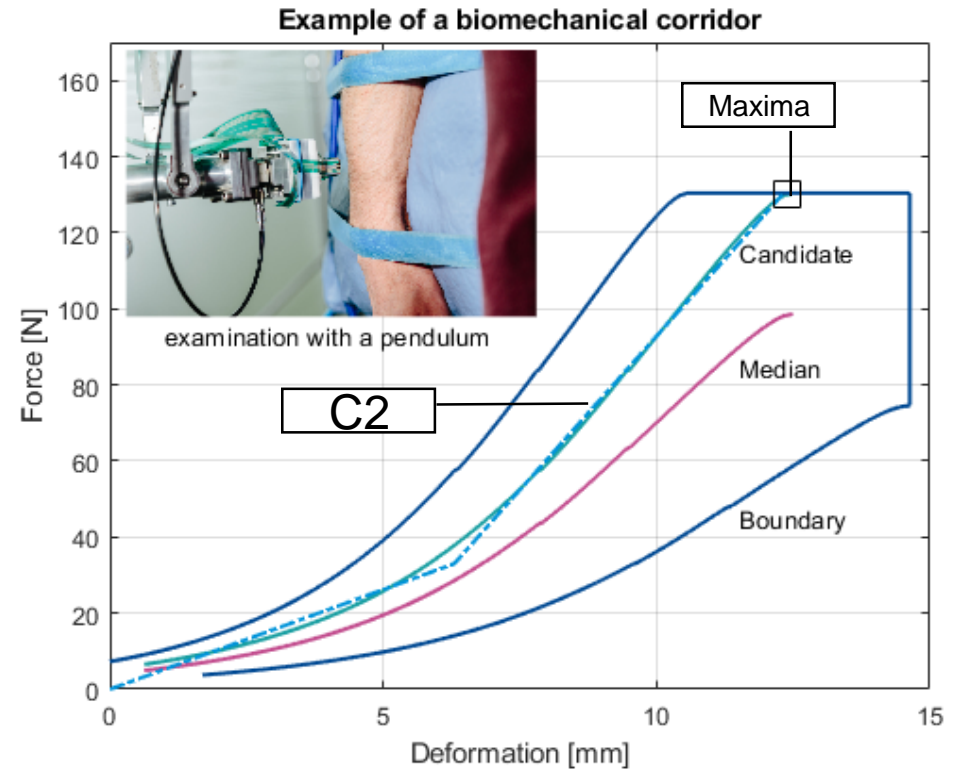
Determination of Biomechanical Corridors for the Evaluation of Mechanical Hazards and Estimation of Stiffness Parameters for Future Measurement Devices

Project initiator



➔ Practical Risk Assessment Guide for Workplaces with Cobots: Conversion of Biomechanical Limit Values

Exclusion of liability The table was compiled with care and in accordance with state-of-the-art ...



Outlook

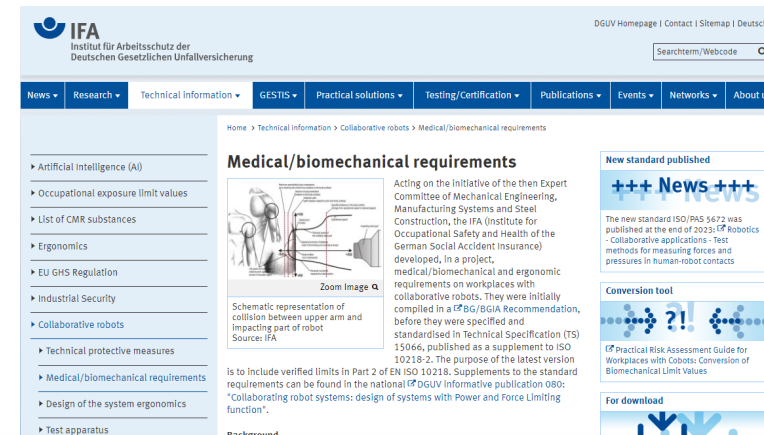
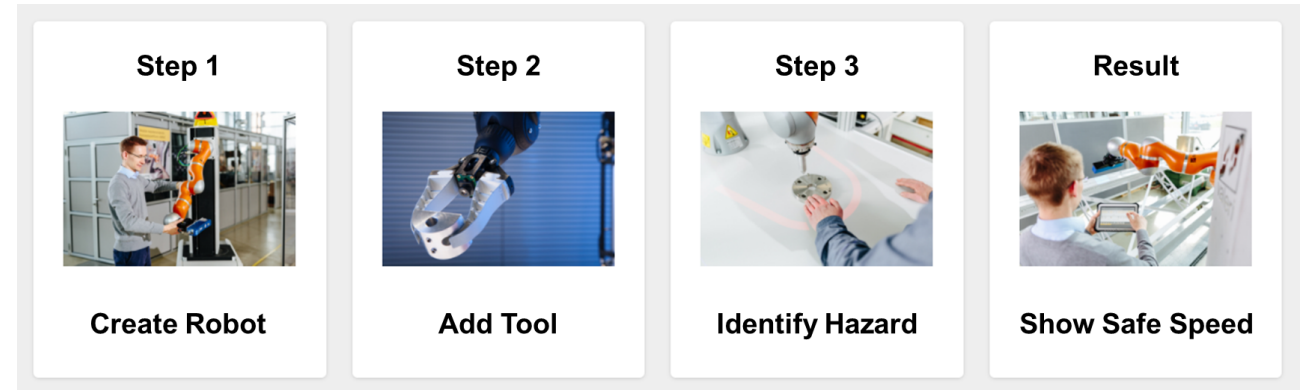
Use of scientific findings for simplified applicability (special case vs. standard applications)

Richness of variants in digital models (accuracy) vs. simplifications for measurement practice (controllability, comparability)

Digital planning tool:

www.cobotplaner.com

more information →



www.dguv.de/ifa
 Technical information -> Collaborative robots -> Medical/biomechanical requirements

Thank you very much!

