

# Verification and the Scientific Method

## **Position Statement**

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# Why Do We Verify?



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**CMU Double V Model** 







**Start with** anecdotal data



**Experimental Result** 

#### **Experimentation**









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**Predictive Model** 

### Experimentation







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**Experimental Result** 

**Predictive Model** 

**Explanatory** Foundation

#### **Experimentation**

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**HYPOTHESIS / MODEL** 









## Foundations of the Scientific Method **Reproducibility, Replicability and Robotics Experimentation**

- **Reproducibility** is the ability to run the same experiment again and get the same results **Replicability** is the ability to run a *new* experiment and draw the same conclusions
- Reproducibility in robotics is the ability to run a similar experiment and obtain the same outcome
- **Generalizability** in robotics is the ability to predict the outcome under new circumstances

Reproducibility	Robotics Experimentation	Replicability	Generalizability
Same experiment	Similar experiment	New experiment	New circumstances
Same <b>results</b>	Same outcome	Same conclusions	Predicted outcome



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We should be using the scientific method in collaboration with specialists in the science of biological behavior to develop experimental methods, metrics, and tools that can enable us to develop predictive models for autonomous system behavior.

