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# AI in industry – from automated to autonomous

ABB's approach to Artificial Intelligence in the context of automation



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# Transformation in markets: energy and fourth industrial revolutions

## The Energy Revolution



## The Fourth Industrial Revolution



Utilities

Industry

Transport & Infrastructure

# ABB's value propositions

**Bringing electricity from any power plant to any plug**



**Power Grids**



**Electrification Products**

**Automating industries from natural resources to finished products**



**Industrial Automation**



**Robotics and Motion**

Partner of choice for...

... a stronger, smarter and greener grid

#1

... electrification of all consumption points

#2

... perfection in automation

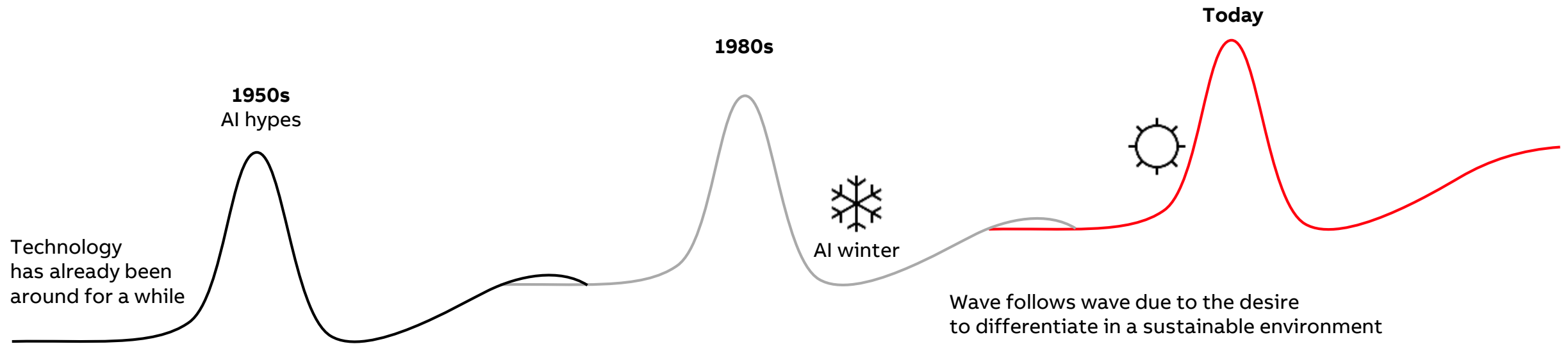
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... robotics and intelligent motion solutions

#1 motion  
#2 robotics

# Innovation cycles

Waves of hype cycles

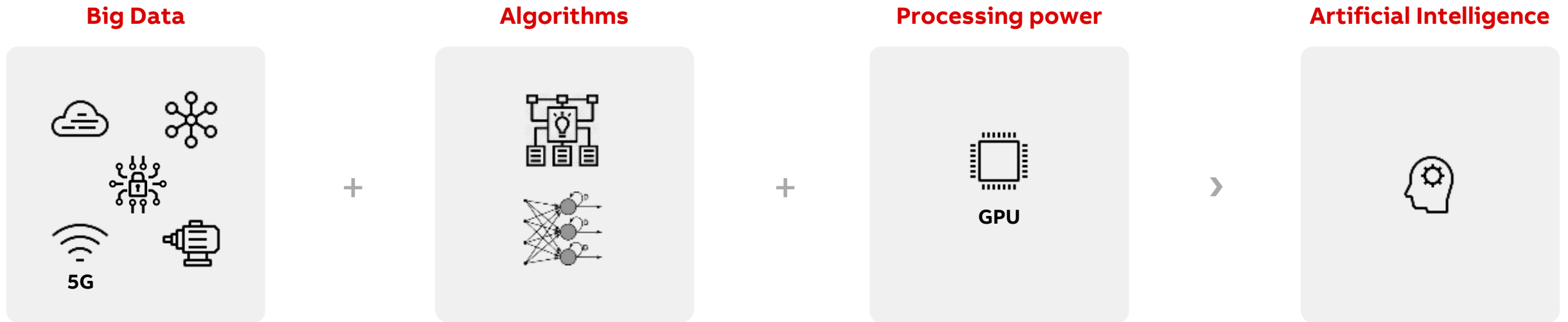


What is different today?

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# Digital technologies are reviving AI advances

Processing power lifts big data and algorithms to the next level



Artificial Intelligence is a long term game changer

# AI – a paradigm shift in ease of installation and use of robots

From programming to teaching and learning

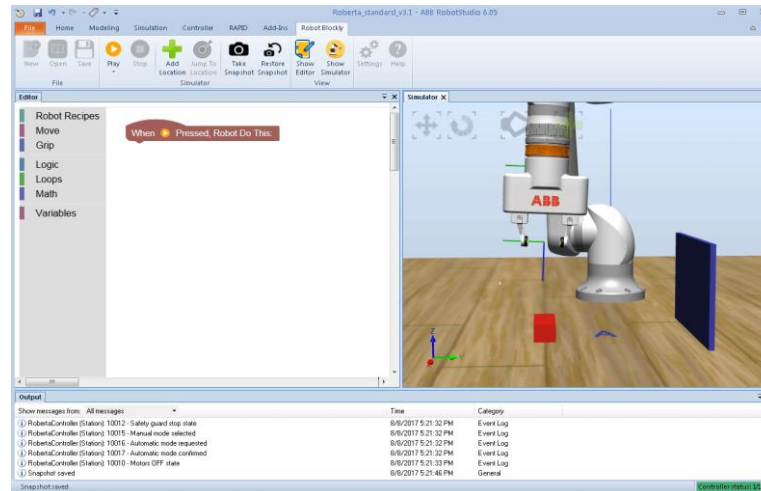
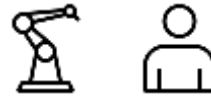
Yesterday: programming



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//Defining single location in RAPID
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CONST robtarget  
rb_Location1:=[[471.90028601, -  
160.550088443, 259.855061587],  
[0.0196845700059949, 0.999779442304461, -  
0.00713127900217168, 0.00165206200050307],  
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Today: teaching

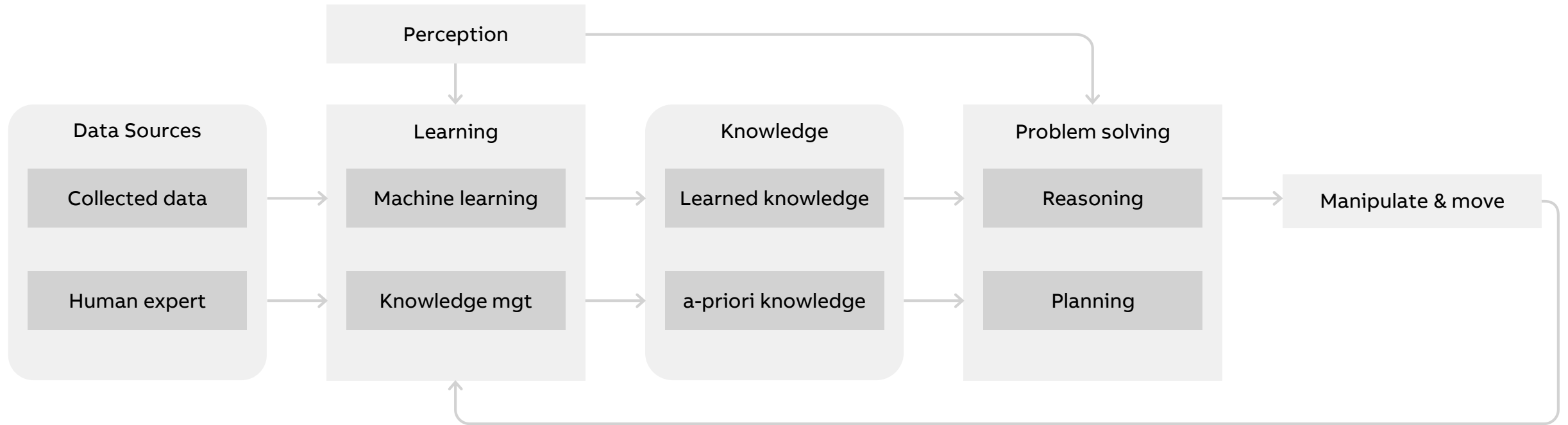


Tomorrow: learning



# Artificial intelligence

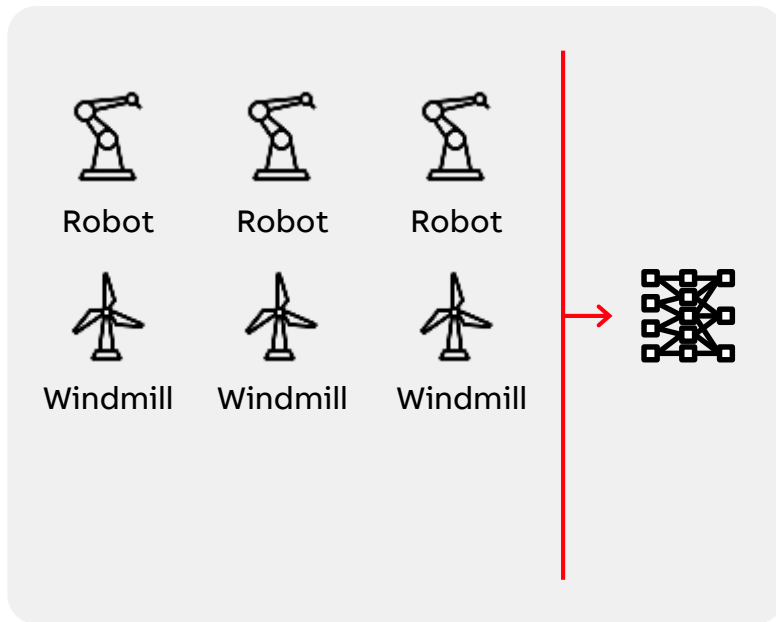
Key components – more than machine learning



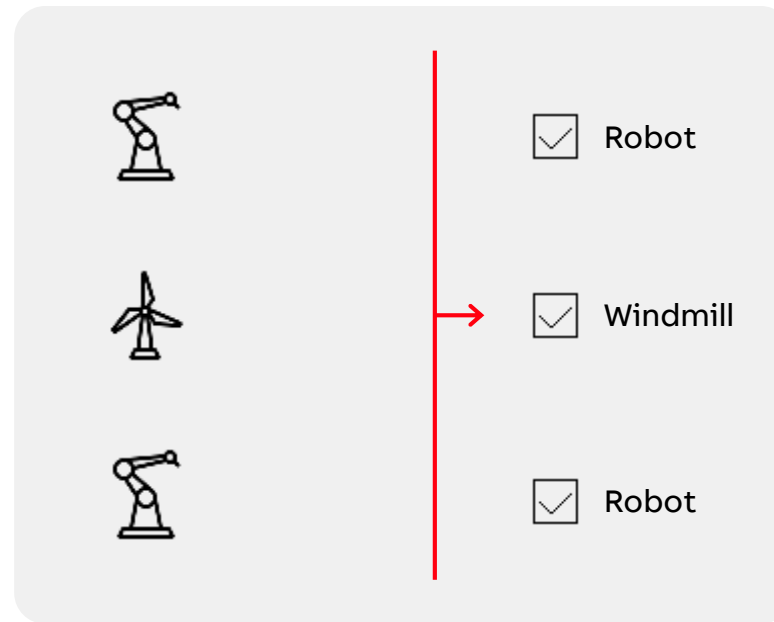
# Data is key

Training an AI system with “rich” data

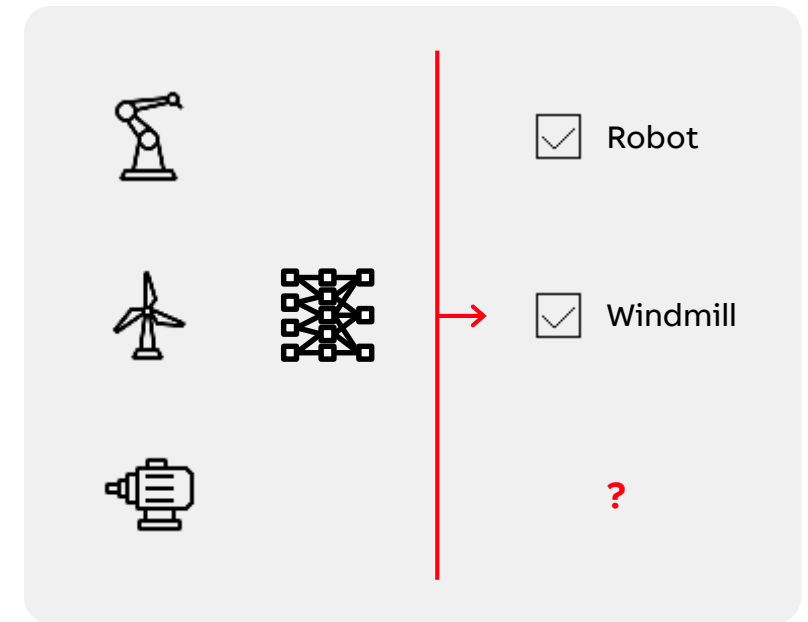
## Training set



## Verification set



## Operational data



Data quality has a huge impact on AI solutions → Garbage in – garbage out



# Extending automation towards autonomy

## Amplifying human capabilities

### Automated

Design – plan for what we know

React to expected, frequent situations:

- Steady state, normal operation
- Safety shutdown

Instructions: How

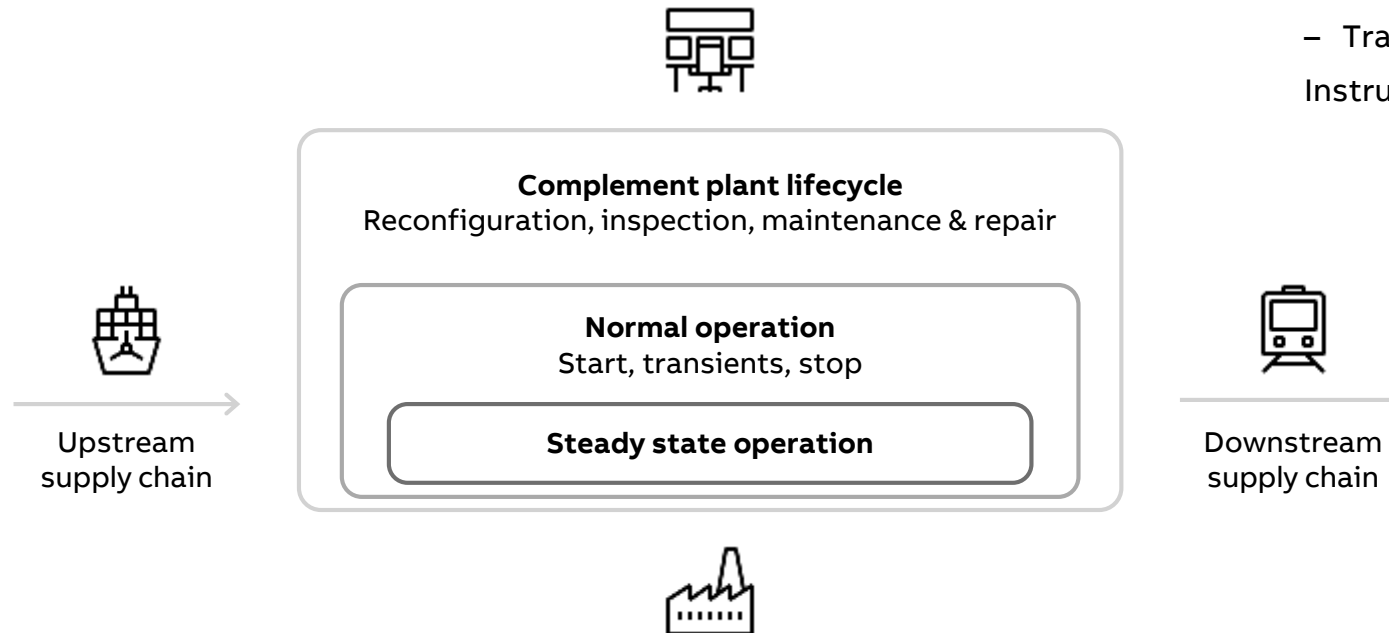
### Autonomous

Discover – deal with what we don't know

React to unexpected, rare events:

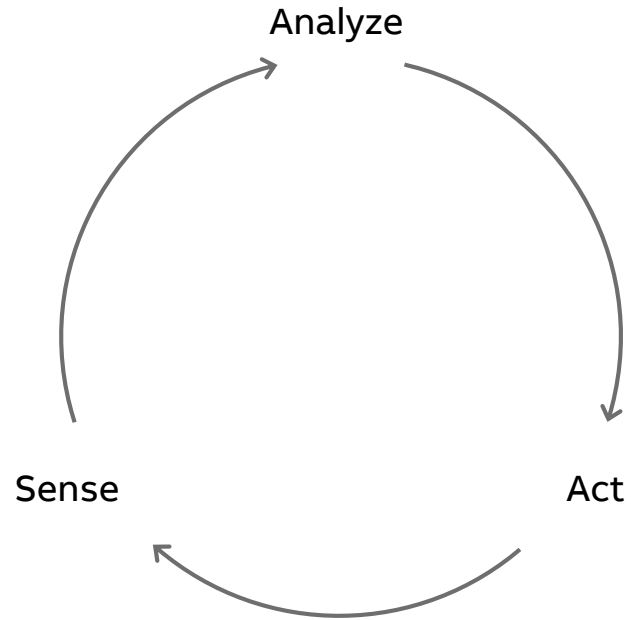
- Reconfiguration, maintenance, repair
- Transport & supply chain

Instructions: What



# Automated systems move towards autonomous

## Automated



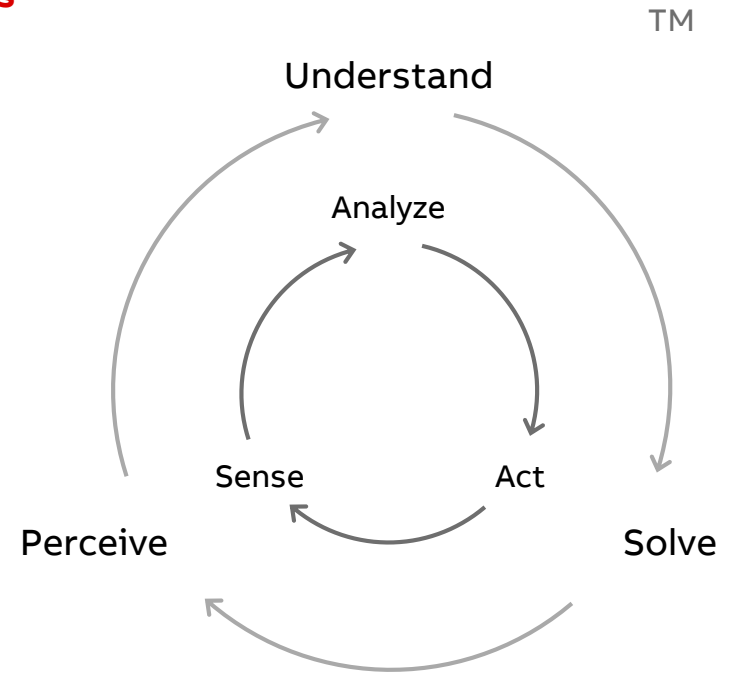
Steady state control



Normal operation  
Start, transients, stop



## Autonomous



Complete plant lifecycle

# Artificial Intelligence implemented

End-to-end coverage on the Ability stack

## Distributed AI functions

### Functions typically central

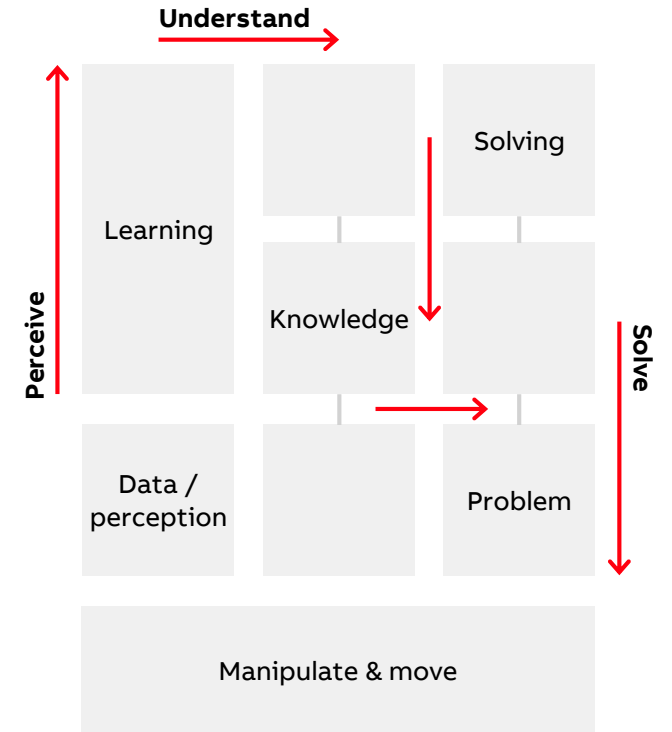
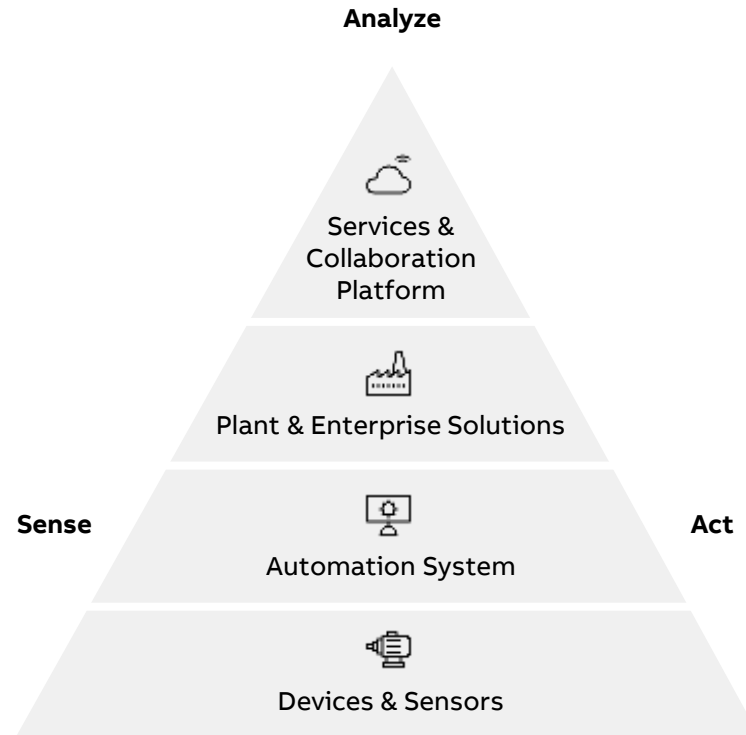
- Learning: better learning through more data across different sites

### Functions that can be spread across the stack

- Knowledge: created centrally (learning), applied locally
- Problem solving: combine solution approaches across the hierarchy where best suited

### Functions typically local

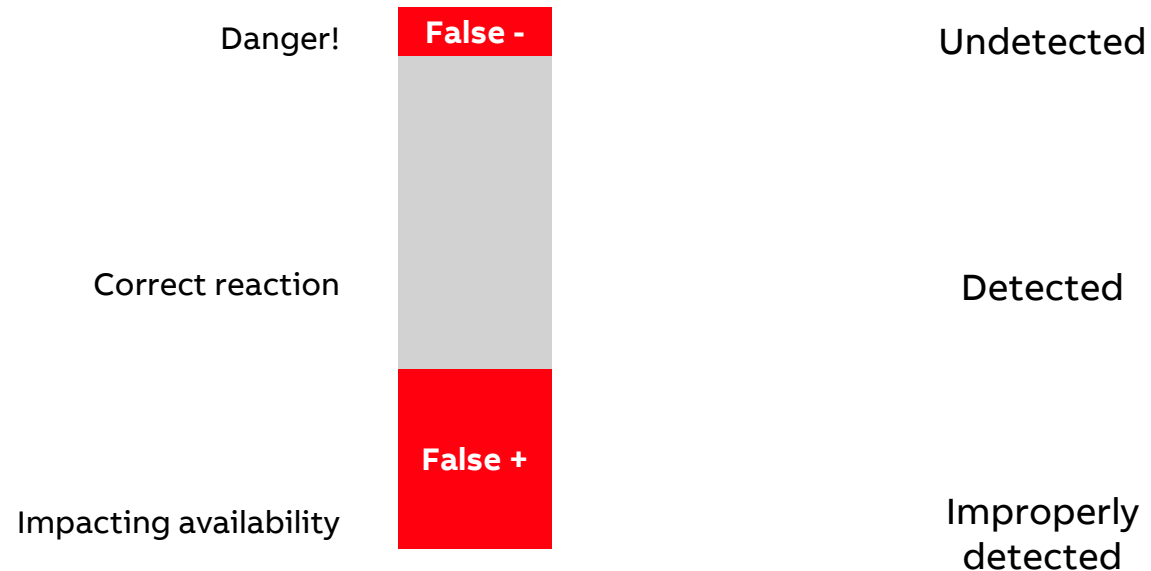
- Perception: on-site situational awareness
- Manipulation and movement: local interaction



# Deterministic vs. AI systems

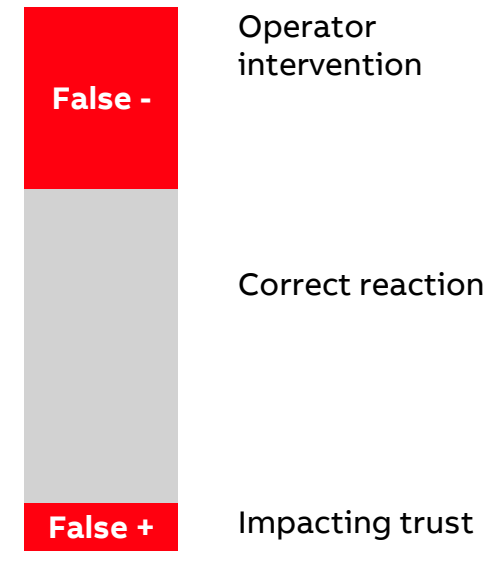
## Roles in autonomous systems

### Critical situation (safety relevant)



“better safe than sorry”

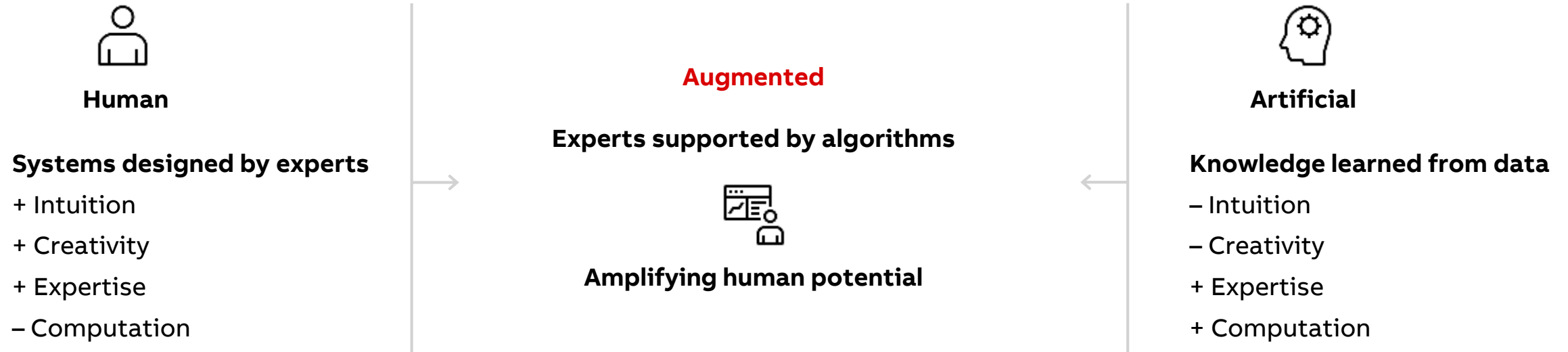
### Non-critical situation (improving effectiveness)



“nobody is perfect”

# Artificial Intelligence is key technology for the next level of industrial progress

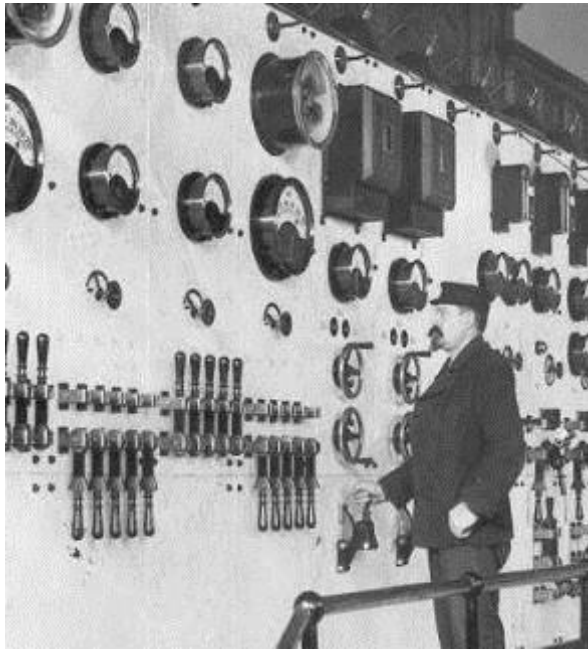
AI: “The ability to learn or understand or to deal with new or trying situations”<sup>1</sup>



# Operator environments: Increasing amount of data presented

Complexity beyond human comprehension

~1910



~1990



~Today



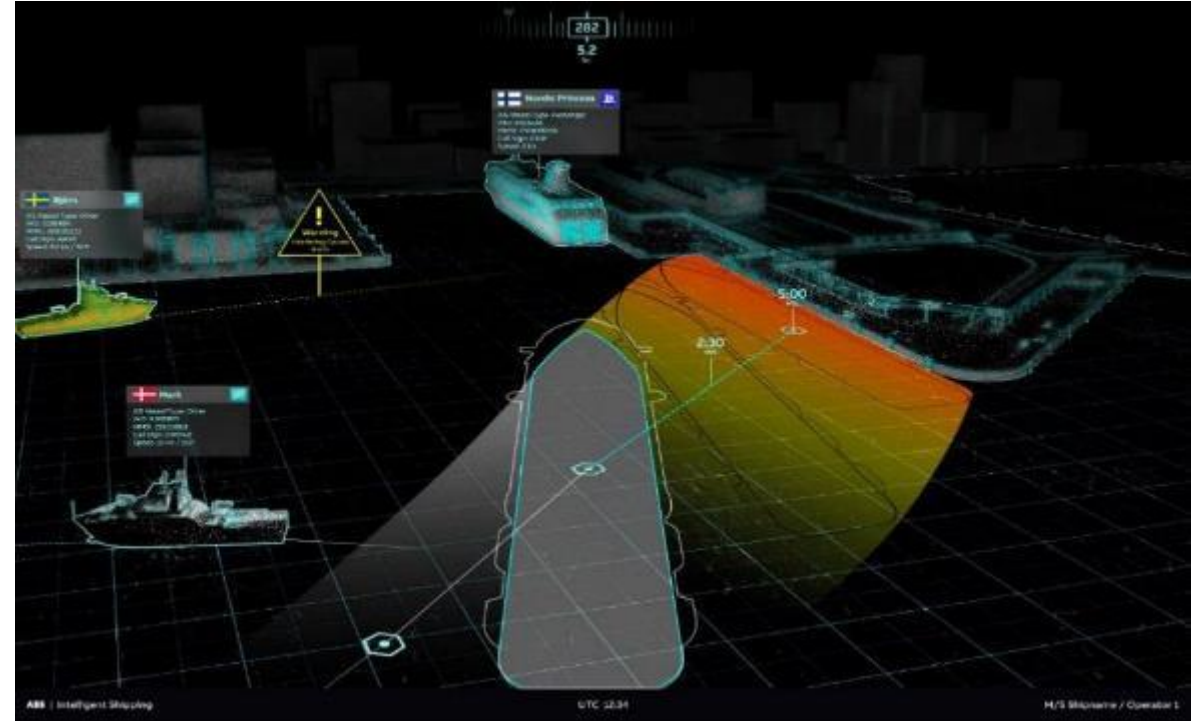
Future



Decision making: human operator – Data based support: artificial intelligence

# Steering towards autonomous ships

Transforming the way ships are operated



Changing the view of the captain

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# Manipulate and move

Autonomous robots designed for target segments

“Data center sheriff”



“Motor crawler”



“Transformer diver”



“Plant helicopter”

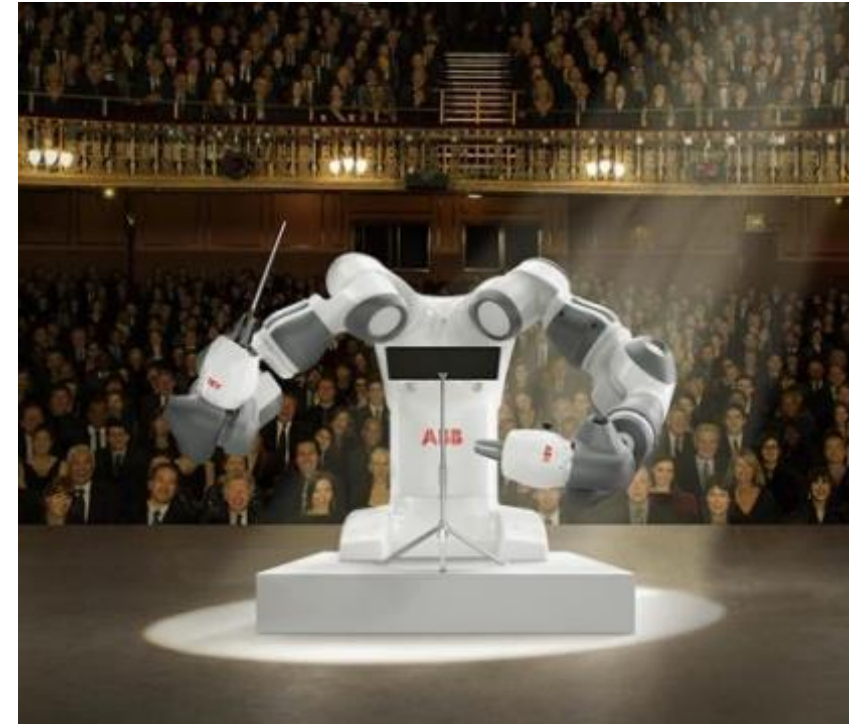




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# Conclusions

- AI helps expanding automation systems' capabilities towards handling more unplanned situations
- Seamless interaction between deterministic, reliable control algorithms and AI solutions are key to success
- The availability of complete, correct, and consistent data to train AI algorithms is essential
- The interaction between humans and AI systems lead to the creation of the augmented expert, combining best of both worlds



The key focus shall always be the customer's challenge, AI is just one of the tools to be applied

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# ABB is building a bridge to the future



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