



Smart Plants

Autonomy In Plant Operations

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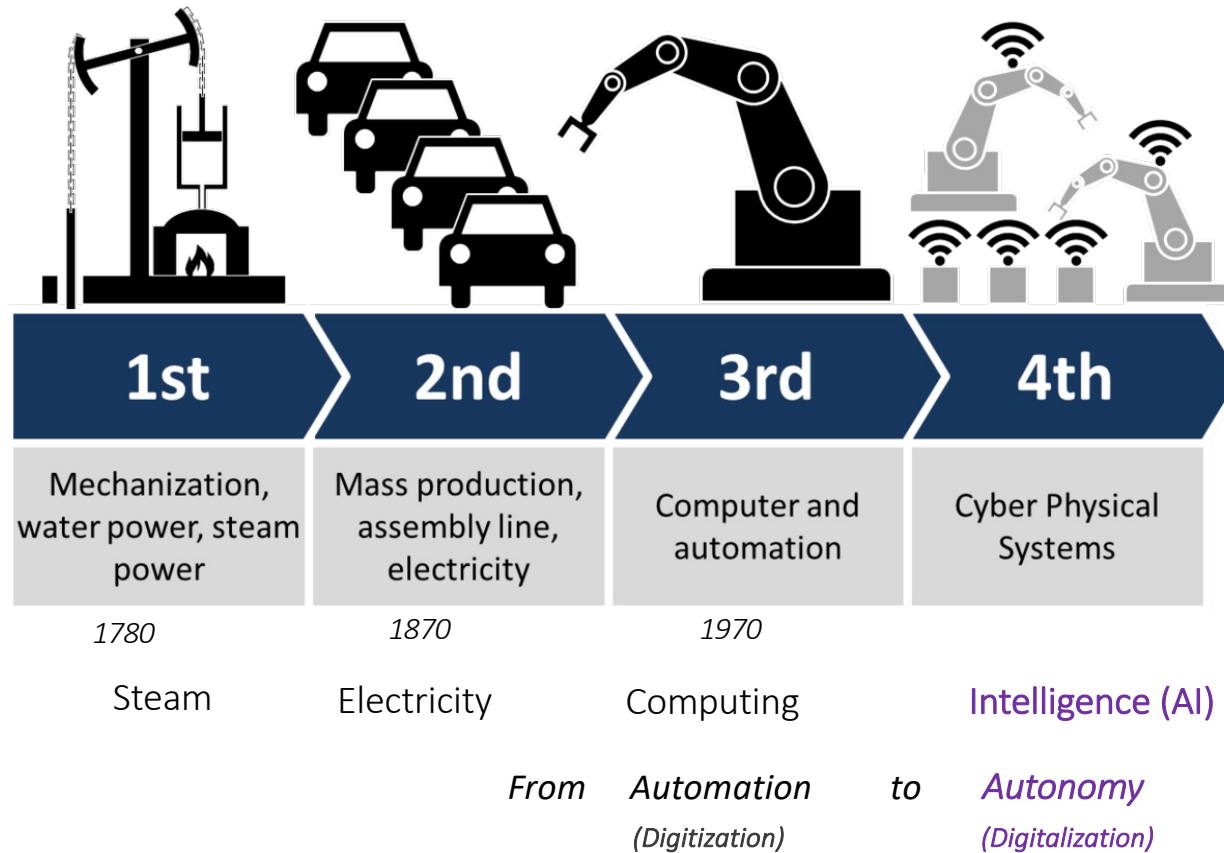
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4th Industrial Revolution (*)



Industry 4.0 Trends & Exponential Growth of

- Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)
- Low-cost & novel sensors
- Cloud Computing
- Mobility
- Analytics & Numerical/Statistical AI
 - Big Data
 - Machine Learning
- Cognitive & Semantic AI
- IT/OT Systems Integration
 - Operational Data Pipelines
- Autonomous Operations

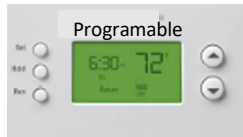
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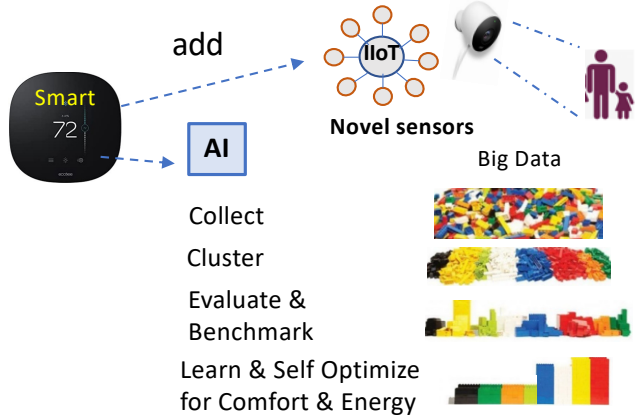
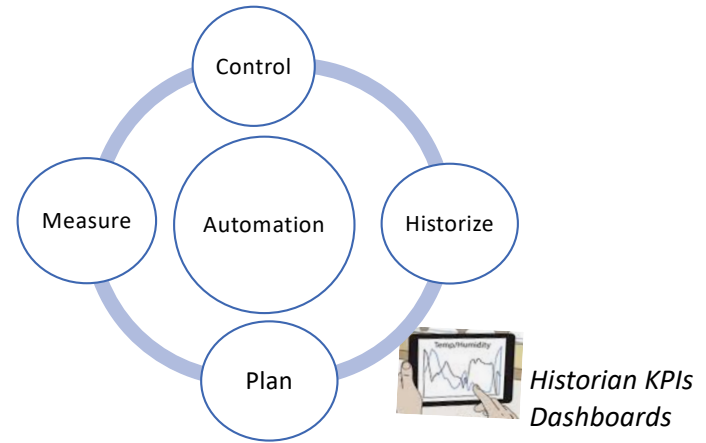
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From Automation to Autonomy (*)

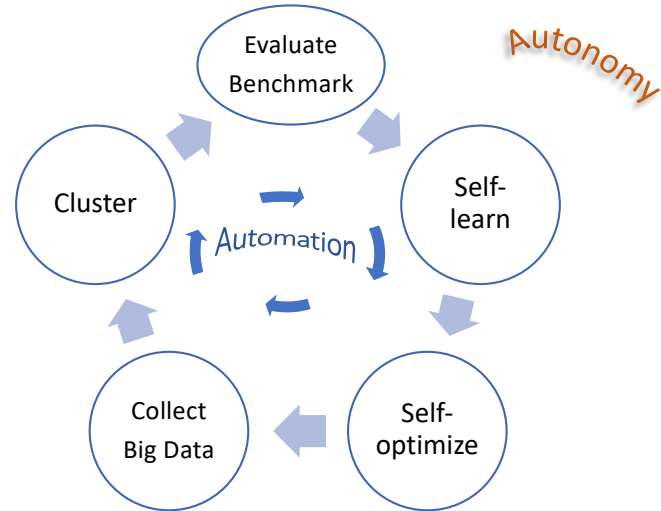
HVAC Operation



	WAKE-1	6:00 am	70°
	HOME-1	8:00 am	68°
	AWAY	8:00 am	60°
	RETURN-1	5:00 pm	70°
	SLEEP	11:00 pm	70°



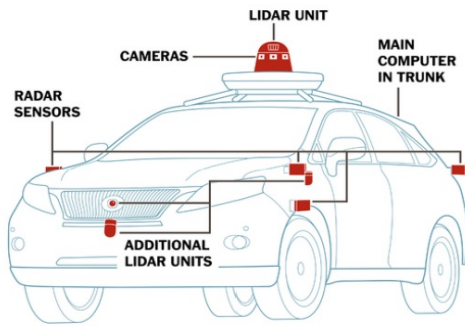
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[Lawrence on Twitter: "The Power of AI - From Automated to Autonomous - Apostolis Georgiou, ExxonMobil #ARCForum https://t.co/yRhKo25UjP" / Twitter](#)

From Autonomous Cars To Autonomous Operations (*)

- Multi & variable Operation (i.e., speed, path)
- Multiple disturbances to detect/infer online
- Requires online optimization (best route, dynamic route)



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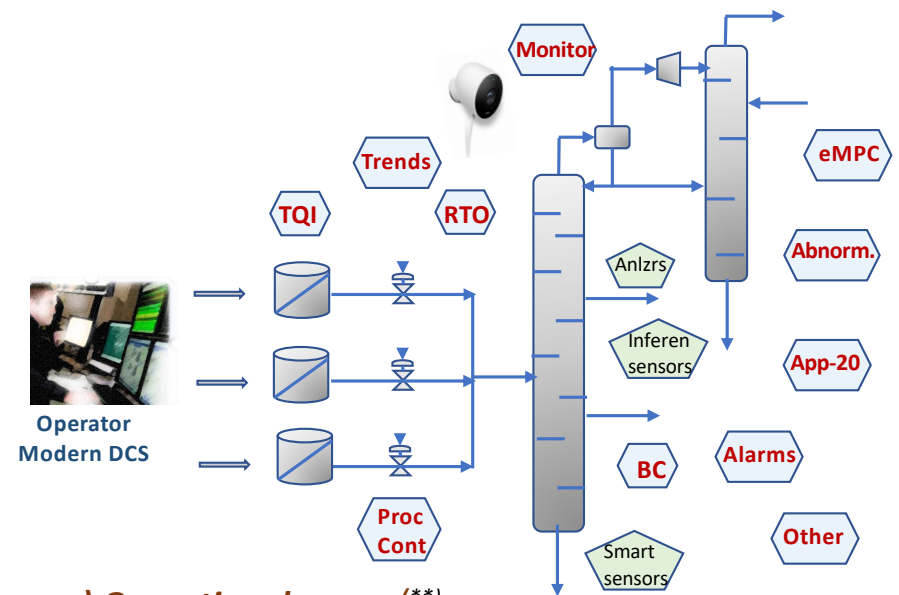
SAE Levels of Autonomy: [Automated Vehicle Safety | NHTSA](https://www.nhtsa.gov/automated-vehicle-safety)

Driver/Operator Involvement

- L0: You Drive, You Monitor
- L1: foot off (adaptive cruise control)
- **L2: hands off (now) for limited modes/areas**
- L3: eyes off (you are available to take over)
- L4: mind off
- L5: drive off

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- Multi-mode operations;
- Complex disturbances (short/long-term disturbances) and manipulated variables.
- Requires online optimization for various unplanned conditions (weather, equip. failures, supply chain disruptions)



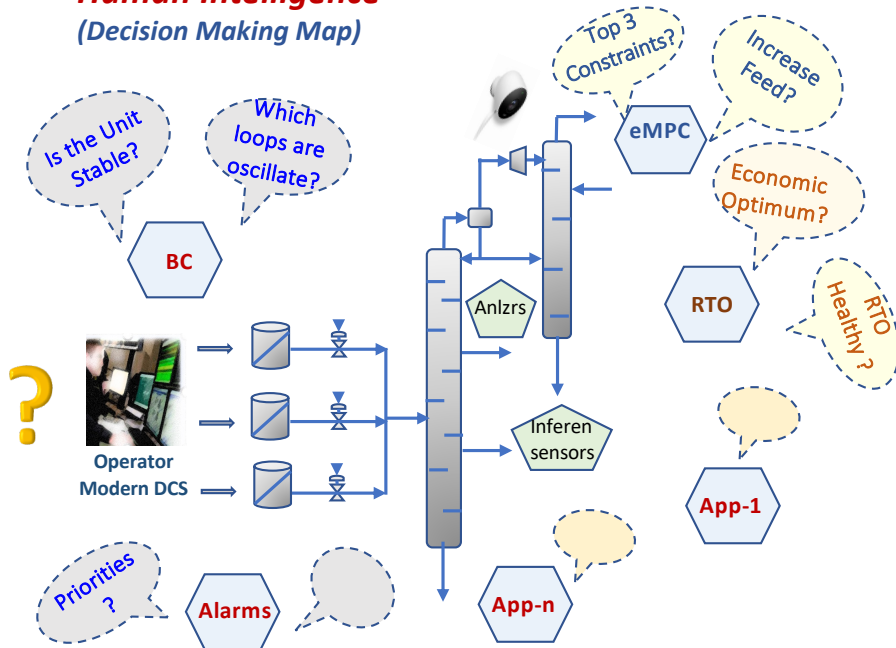
Impact of (Human) Operational errors (**)

“The biggest “losses” in our industry are a result of our own mistakes..

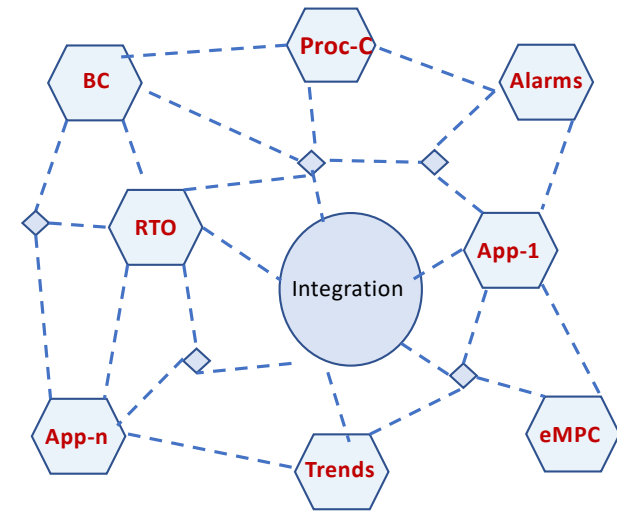
This is why we believe in [#autonomousoperations](https://twitter.com/autonomousops)

(KBC/YKG; “Survey of Dollar Loss per Major Incident” by J&H& MCLenna, Inc)

Human Intelligence (Decision Making Map)



Computer Intelligence (Network of Agents)



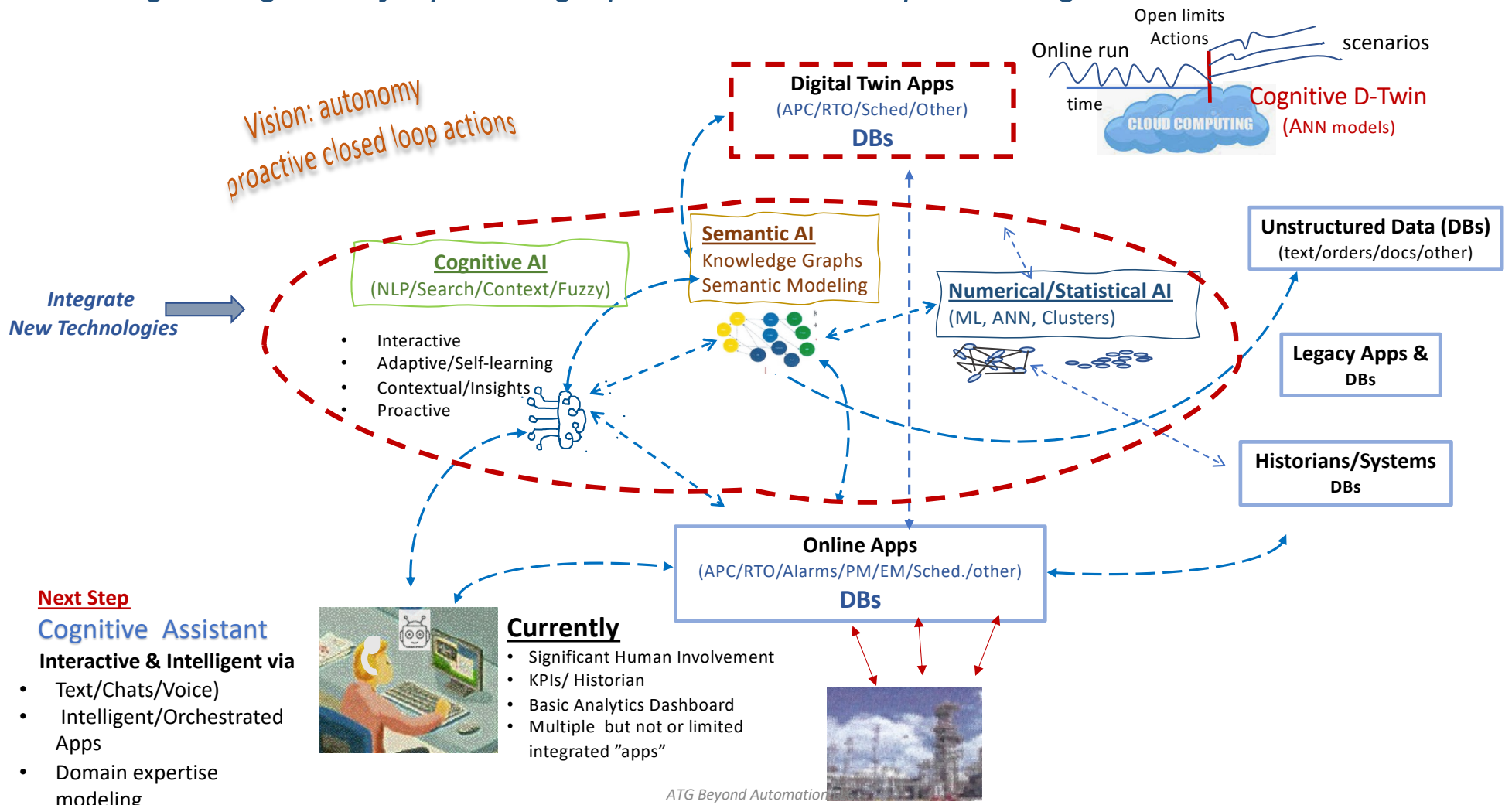
- Human analysis & actions are based on experience and limited key variables
 - Detects plant health, modes, states by previous (knowledge) patterns
 - Makes decisions/actions for safety & stability & minimal optimization

- Scans millions of data in mins; Structured & Unstructured Data
 - Connect different DBs – detect modes and instruments
 - Run scenarios
 - Can find a true (global) economic optimum
 - Leverage unconventional measurements such as videos

“Autonomy” Objective: Enhance operator decision making by AI to minimize human errors (*Intelligent Self-optimizing*)

- Safe, reliable, and consistent operation. Achieve economic optimum at all operating modes
- Continuously evaluate constraints and performance and finds the new optimum

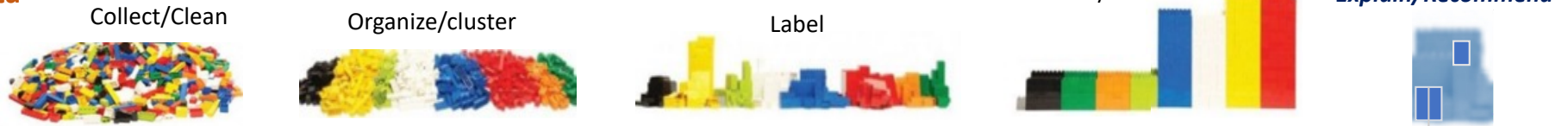
Achieving Intelligent Self-Optimizing Operations: A conceptual Design



Challenges & Thoughts

Big Data, Modeling, & Expert Knowledge: Partners in the Journey to Autonomy

Big Data



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Modeling is the Core of the Applications

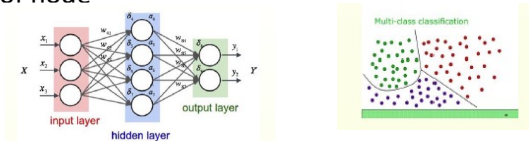
Fundamental (“Mechanistic” & Explainable) Models

- Fundamental knowledge of how things work
- Mechanistic based casual understanding and explanations
- Reduced models

$$J_{\theta_s}(x_m) = -\frac{1}{M} \left[\sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^K 1\{u_m = k\} \log \frac{e^{\theta_{ik}^T x_m}}{\sum_{k=1}^K e^{\theta_{ik}^T x_m}} \right]$$

Data Driven Models – Machine/Deep Learning (Numerical/Statistical AI)

- Based on historical Data. Active learning based on excitation and guided experimental
- Learning comes from data resulting in networks of weighted links between inputs and outputs via layers of node



i.e., SVM, DM, CNN, Markov/Decision Models, LSTM, Autoencoder, SOM, Reinforcement Learning

Cognitive & Semantic AI type Models

- Cognitive models (i.e., NLP models)
- Interactive Intelligence
- Text modeling & Semantic (based on concepts) modeling & reasoning
- Fusion of structured & unstructured data
- Embedded domain expertise Knowledge Graph Models



Challenge: Represent business problem by integrating “domain expertise” with math and statistics.

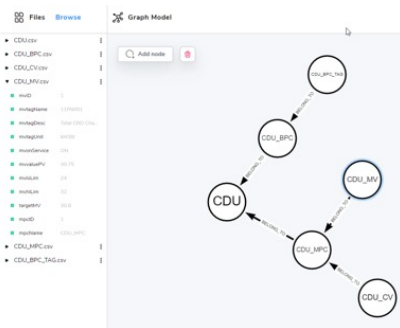
Opportunity: The recent advances in Cognitive/Semantic Technologies (i.e., “unstructured data/text” modeling, semantic reasoning) present an enormous opportunity to move “intelligence” in the math environment towards intelligent & autonomous operations

Challenge: Integration of Domain Expertise Knowledge; Structured and Unstructured Data

AI: Semantic Modeling/Knowledge Graphs

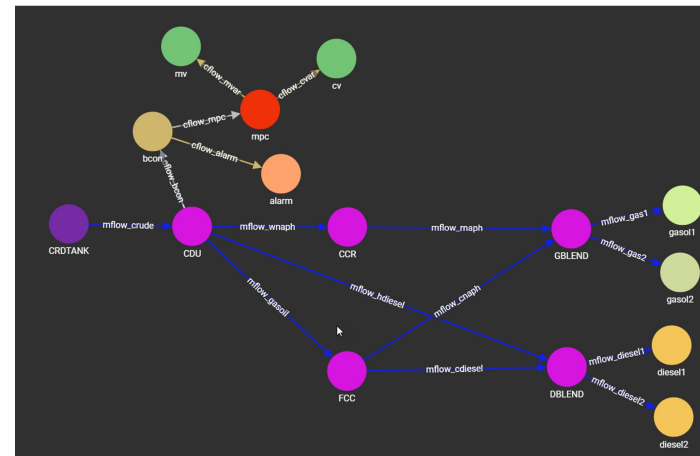
- Modeling of “concepts” (semantics), hierarchy, and data relationships. Can combine structured & unstructured data
- Can provide real-time recommendations, based on
 - “Collaborative” filtering such as similarity of behaviors and operations or best practices
 - “Content” filtering such as patterns of constraints and interactions among entities/concepts (i.e., between apps)

“KG on interaction of “control” apps (domain expertise)

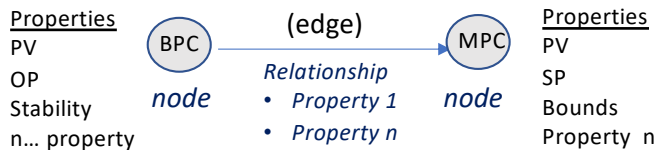


Schema

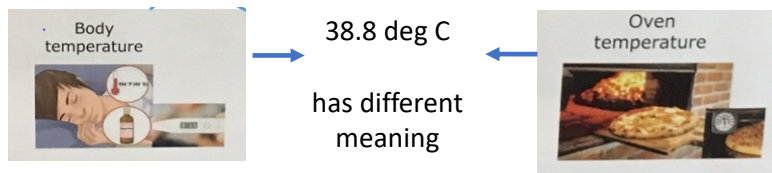
“KG on interaction of Units for process control



i.e., KG of “Base Process Control (BPC)” and MPC

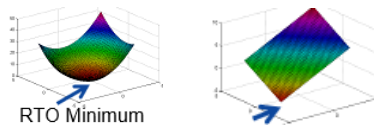


Challenge: Contextualization of Data is a Key for Intelligent Systems



- The “context” of data is usually defined by the “receiver” of the data and defines the implementation
 - Example: MPC receives “set-points” from RTO. Every set-point has a “context”. Depending on the “context” each set-point is implemented differently

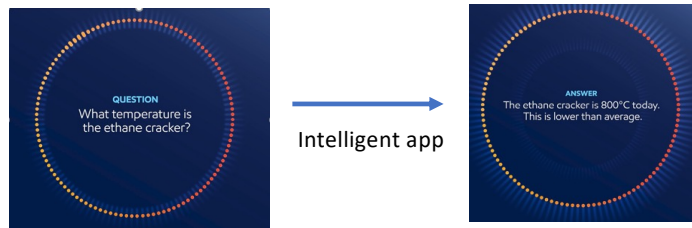
- Context of a “set-point”



- How to contextualize data (i.e., Knowledge Graph and “metadata”)
- Where to contextualize (i.e., real-time analytics at the interface (edge devices/computing)) ?)

Contextualization Enhances Human Decision Making

Example (*)



Data: 800 deg C

Context: “ This is lower than average”

(very useful “context” for a new operator to make a decision)

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(*) <https://energyfactor.exxonmobil.com/energy-innovation/smart-technologies-intelligent-operations/>

Challenge: Integration vs Orchestration of Applications (*)

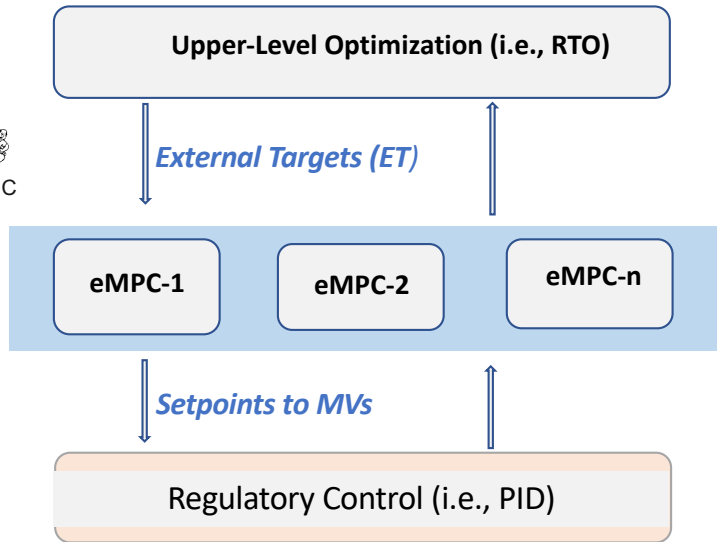
Integration : Communicate **data** (i.e., values)

Orchestration : Communicate **data** and **context**. Achieves a better synchronization towards a common objective

Example (**)

Integration of Applications

- Sends just data



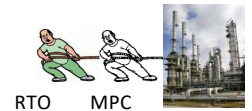
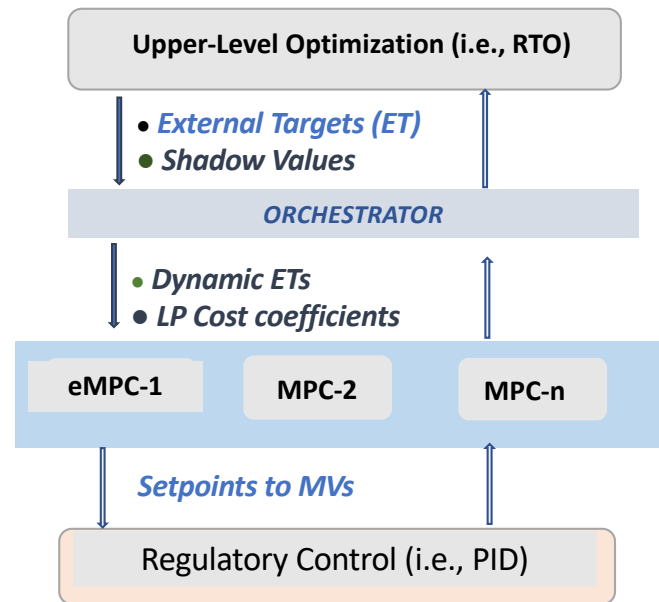
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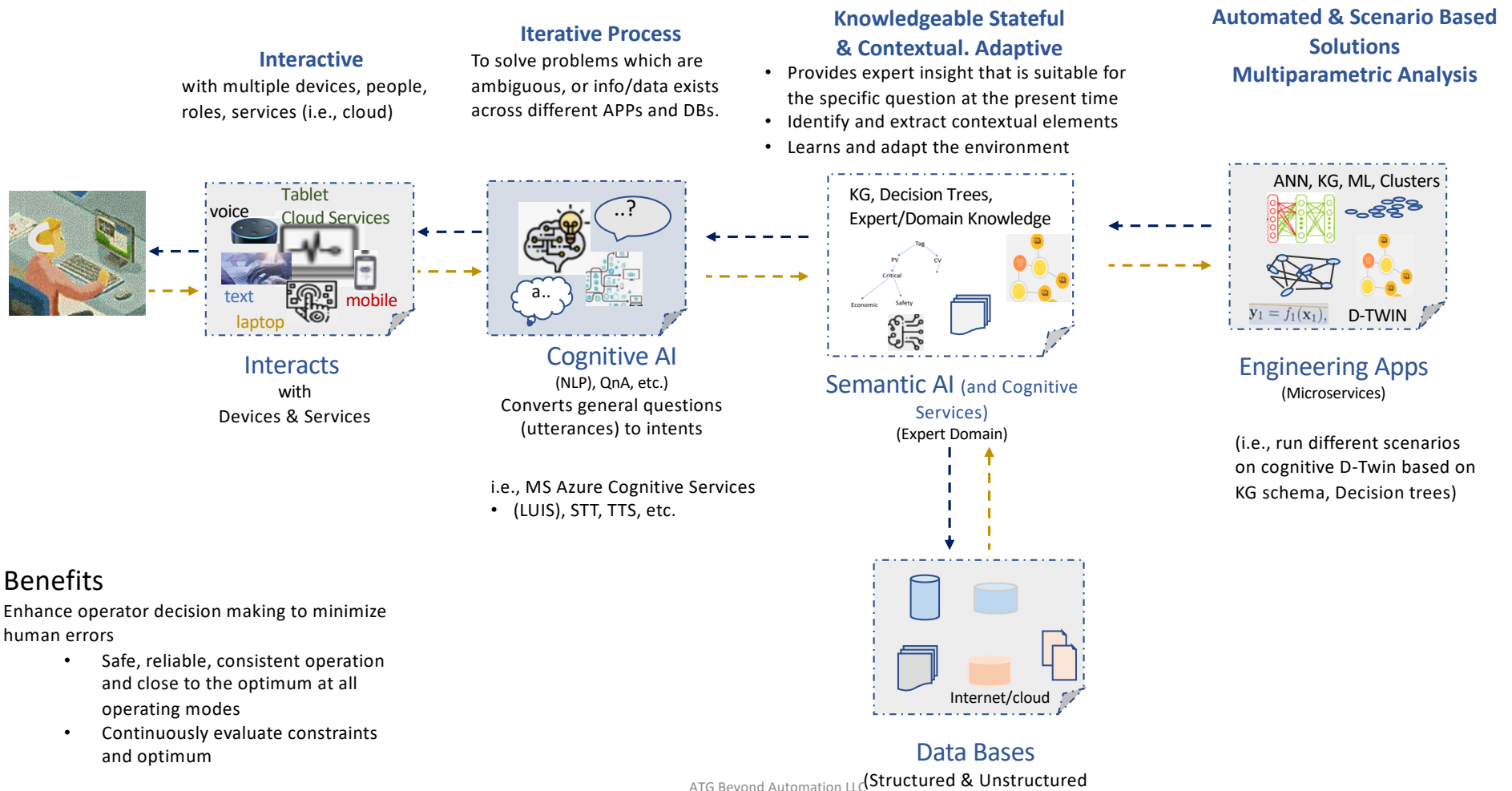
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Orchestration of Applications

- Sends data with **CONTEXT** (i.e. "active set" of constraints)



Towards Autonomous Operations: Components of An AI System



Benefits

Enhance operator decision making to minimize human errors

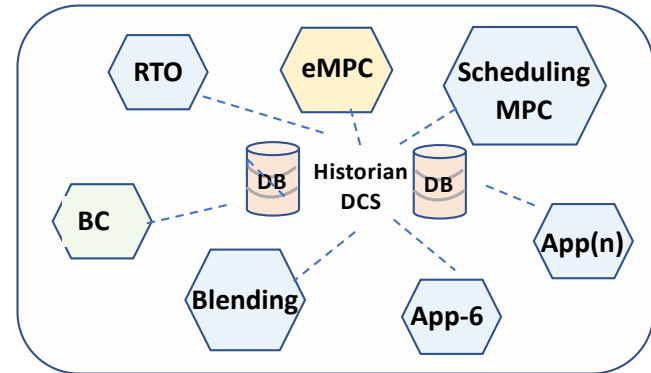
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- Continuously evaluate constraints and optimum

New Flexible & Sustainable System Architectures Enable the Journey to Autonomy

- Hard to accommodate various technology advancements
- Hard to make changes
- Unreliable framework (sustainment)
- Limited Scalability

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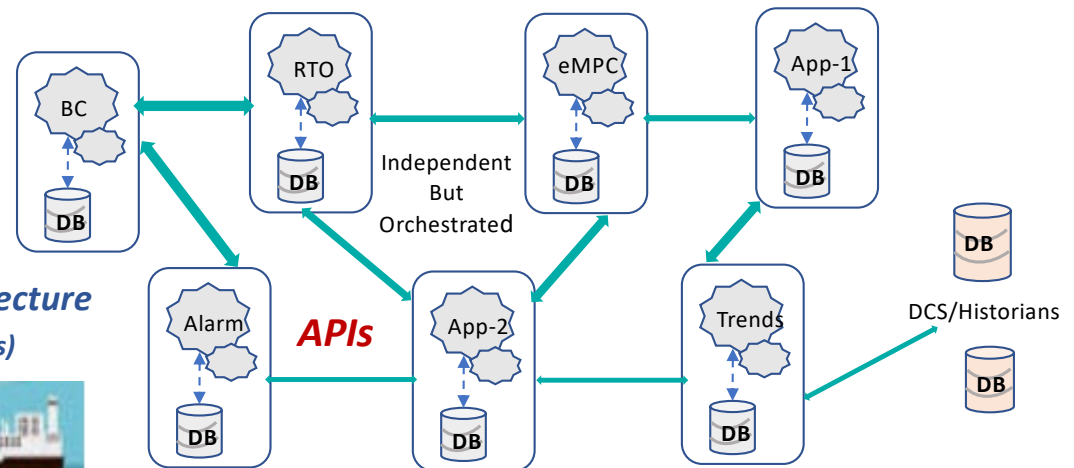
Monolithic Architecture



- Flexible and easy to add new technologies
- Easy updates
- Easy deployment & sustainment
- Can be scaled independently
- Agnostic to platforms

To

Microservices Architecture (Containers, Dockers)



Data Driven AI Systems Guide Operators: Industrial Examples

EM "SmartLane" AI Optimizes Transients (1,2)



Intelligent Optimization of Reactor Transient Operations

Clustering & Benchmarking

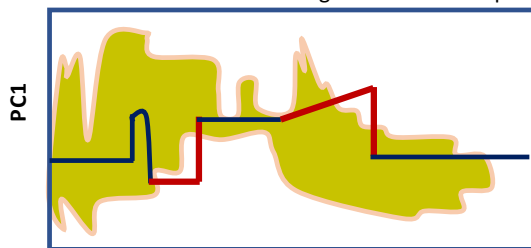
- Find best achieved operation
- Self-learning & Optimizing

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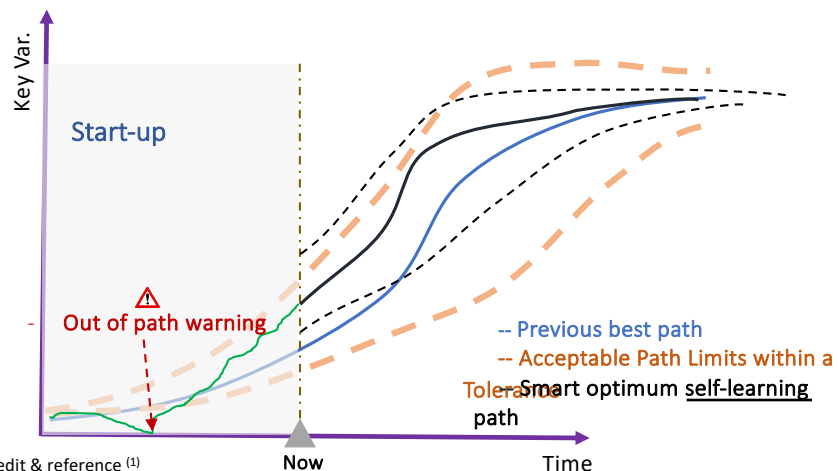
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HL Golden Lane (3)

Based on best runs define the "golden" lane of operation



Time of Run (batch)



Graphic Credit & reference (1)

Now

Time

- Outside of the "Golden Zone" or "Smart Lane"
 - Indicates a higher probability of failure
 - If close to the boundary, the uncertainty is high
- An Intelligent system should "re-route" the operation if an unplanned event occurs (like GPS for traffic accidents)



Cars: Sensors → road departure alert → automated lane shift



Navigation & re-routing

(1) A. Georgiou, and O. Onel, "Towards Autonomous Manufacturing Operations", Presented at 2020 ARC Industry Forum", Orlando, FL, 2020

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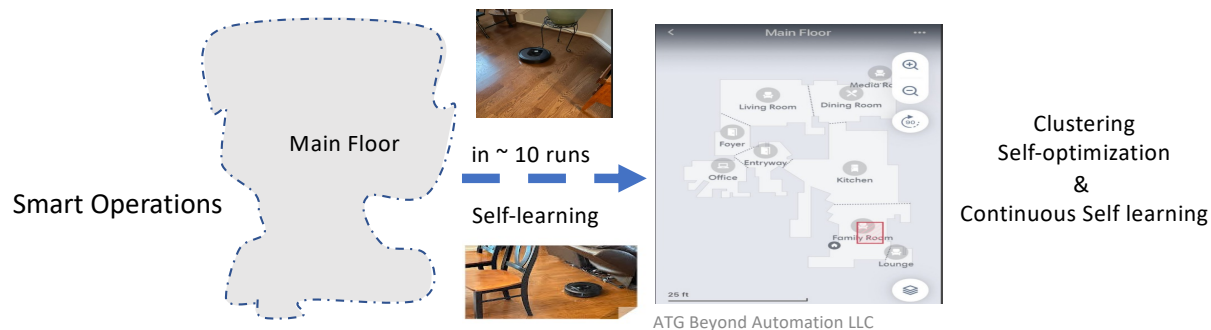
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Summary (1/2)

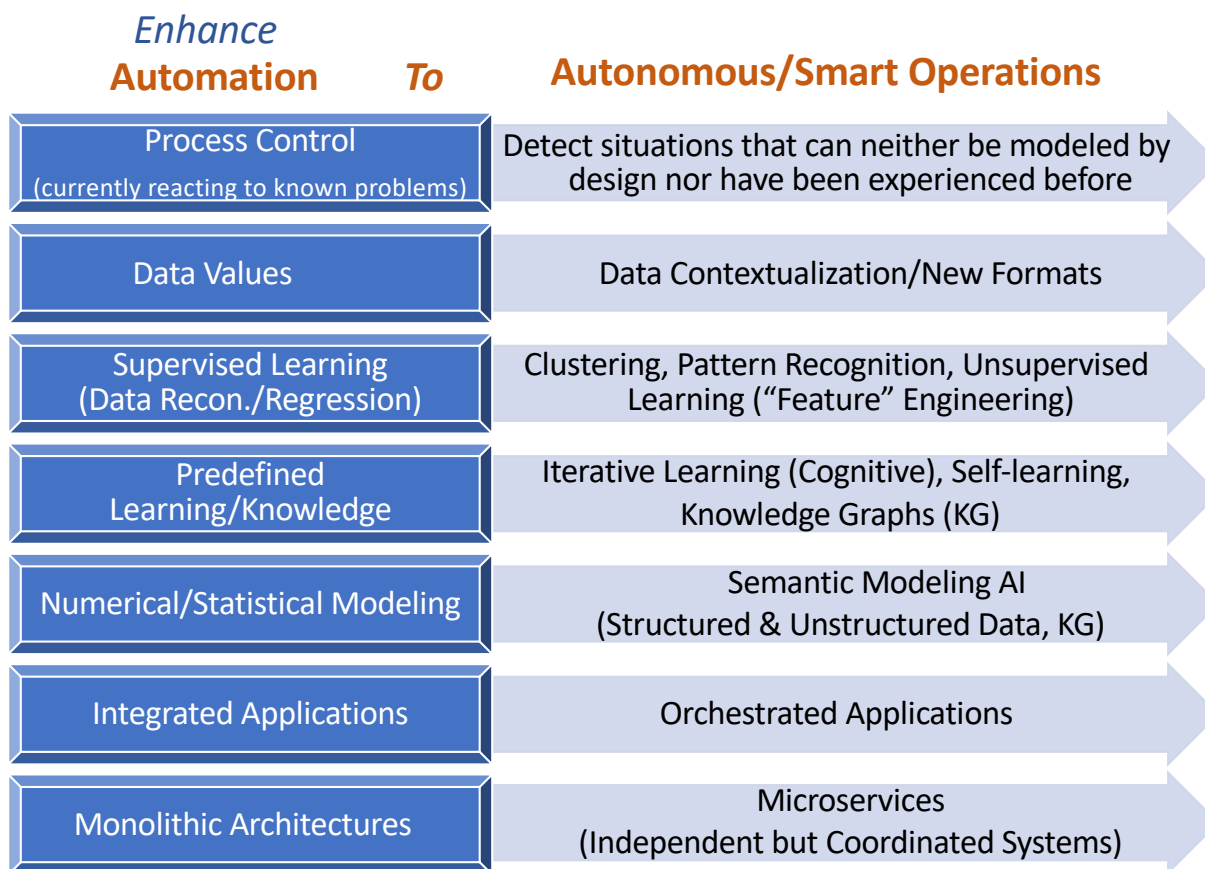
Autonomy: Systems that – without manual (human) intervention – can change their behavior in response to unanticipated events during operations (Watson & Scheidt (2005))

- Don't confuse autonomy with automation system which “performs” defined instructions within a limited scope of operations.
- **Key Characteristics:**
 - Self-managing : collects, organizes data & automates decisions
 - Self-learning : improves over time, and self-adapts
 - Self-optimizing : more than automation, controls, and optimizes itself (continuously evaluate the data/patterns)

Human stills needs to define goals & objectives and specify the boundaries



Summary (2/2): *Autonomy is a Journey of Integrating AI and Automation/Optimization Technologies*



From Computer aided to Compute Science based Chemical Engineering