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Industrial AI and Autonomous Manufacturing

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The world is changing at unprecedented speed

Technology influences the future of how we...

...power



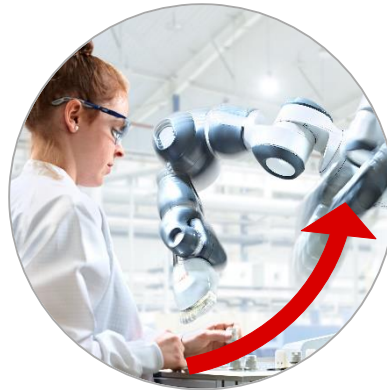
>\$4 tn of renewable investment

...produce



+300% industrial IoT¹ devices installed

...work



+300% robot sales

...live



+1 bn people in cities

...move



~30% CAGR² for EV³ sales

Outline

Facts about ABB

Future Automation

Autonomous Industries

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Conclusions

ABB is evolving to be more focused and agile

**Divesting Power Grids
to Hitachi**

**The new ABB – focusing in
Electrification, Automation and Robotization**

Power Grids



Electrification



Industrial Automation



Motion



**Robotics &
Discrete Automation**



ABB has a rich history of pioneering technological innovations

With significant contributions to the industrial revolutions



2nd Industrial revolution
(19th century)

+ Electrification
+ Motion

3rd Industrial revolution
(20th century)

+ Industrial automation
+ Robotics

4th Industrial revolution
(21st century)

+ Digitalization
+ ABB Ability™

Why ABB Future Labs?

The need for a longer term perspective



“We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years and underestimate the change that will occur in the next ten.”

Bill Gates, Microsoft Co-founder and former CEO

Radical innovation

Examples and experience

Laser printer (Xerox)



Developed from 1967 – 1971

Internal competition to fight management wariness

Multi-billion dollar business

μC-controlled robot (ASEA)



Developed from 1971 – 1973

Revolutionized programming of robots

Kicked-off new business

Digital camera (Kodak)



Developed from 1973 – 1975

Managers never **cannibalized** photo paper business

Kodak filed bankruptcy (2012)

Azipod (ABB)



Developed from 1987 - 1990

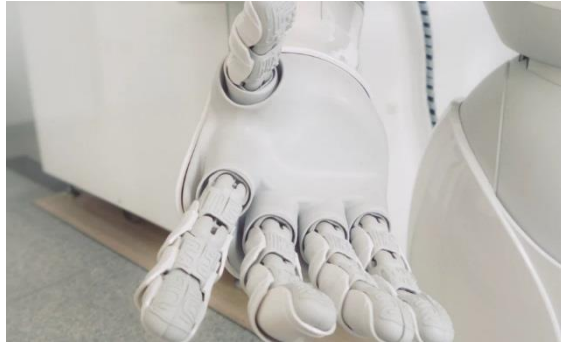
Continuous development of new tech needed for ~10 a

Patience created success

Thinking radical is necessary to tap into business opportunities outside of everyday customer challenges

Disruptive technologies entering the stage

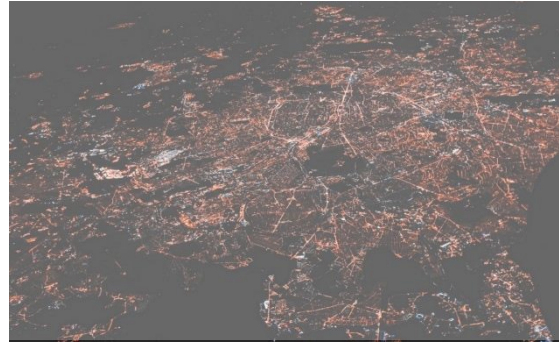
Exploring the fuzzy front-end for digital industries



AI

Apply machine learning techniques in industrial apps
Merge AI and automation to implement Industrial AI

Explore AI in autonomous industries



5G

Use cases on partner hardware: Ericsson, Huawei
Exploring use case: NB-IoT, low latency networks

Drive industry requirements



Additive manufacturing

Understand materials, assembly, and system view
Build network: designers, printers, materials

Establish new ways of local manufacturing and inventory management



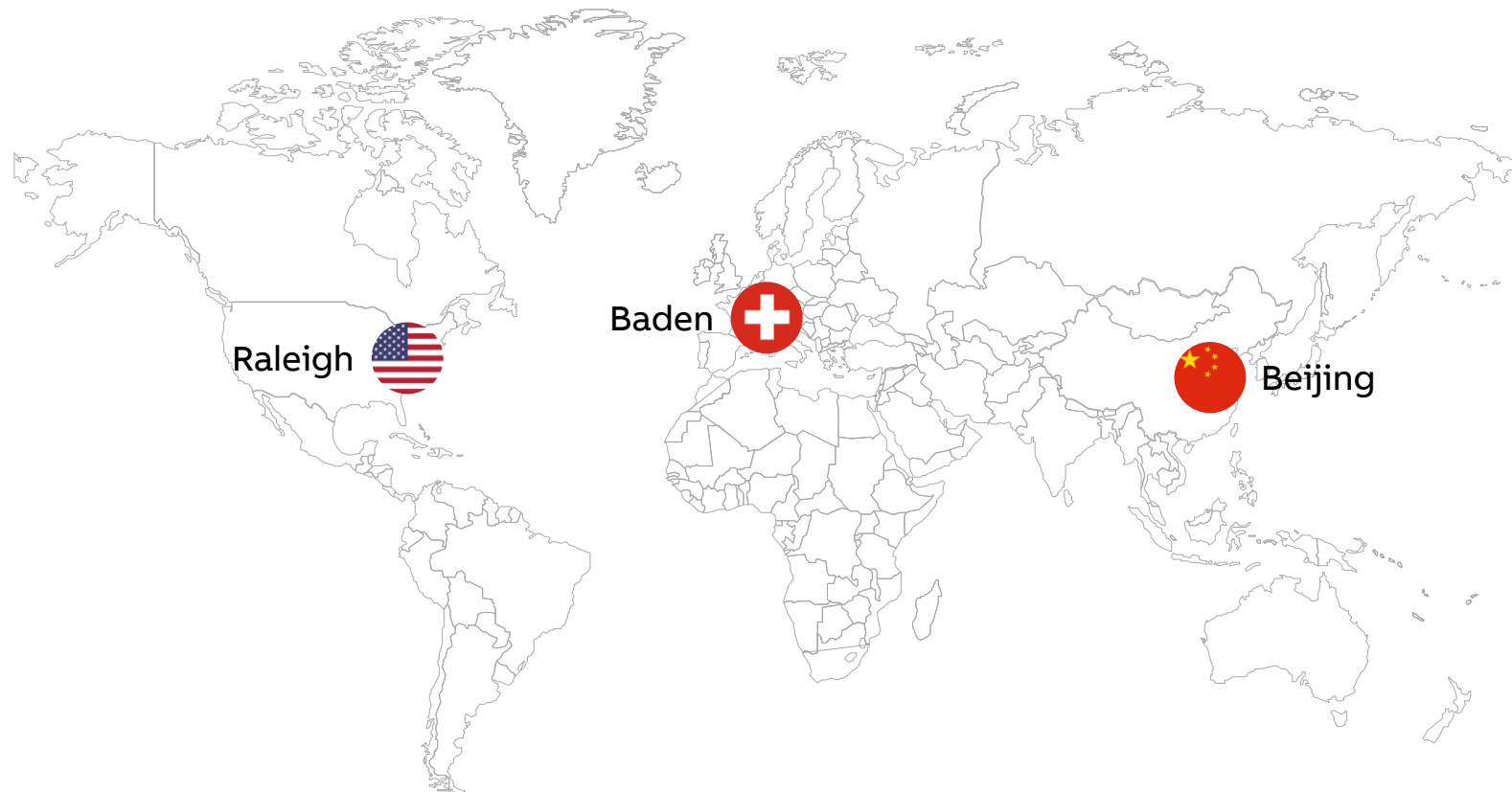
Quantum computing

Understand maturity and identify use cases
Evaluation of partners and execute feasibility study

Be ready to move fast once reaching maturity

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Locations



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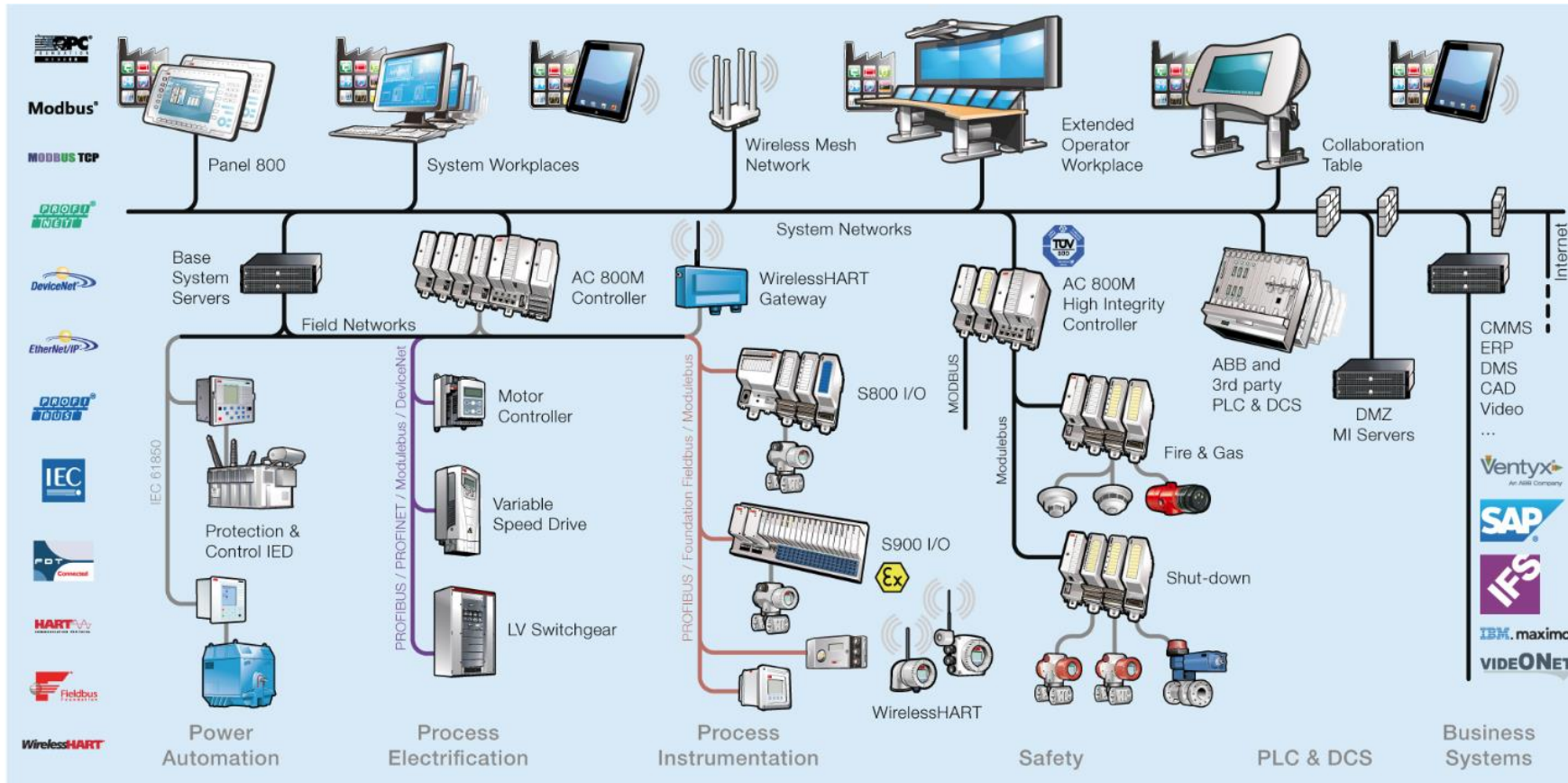
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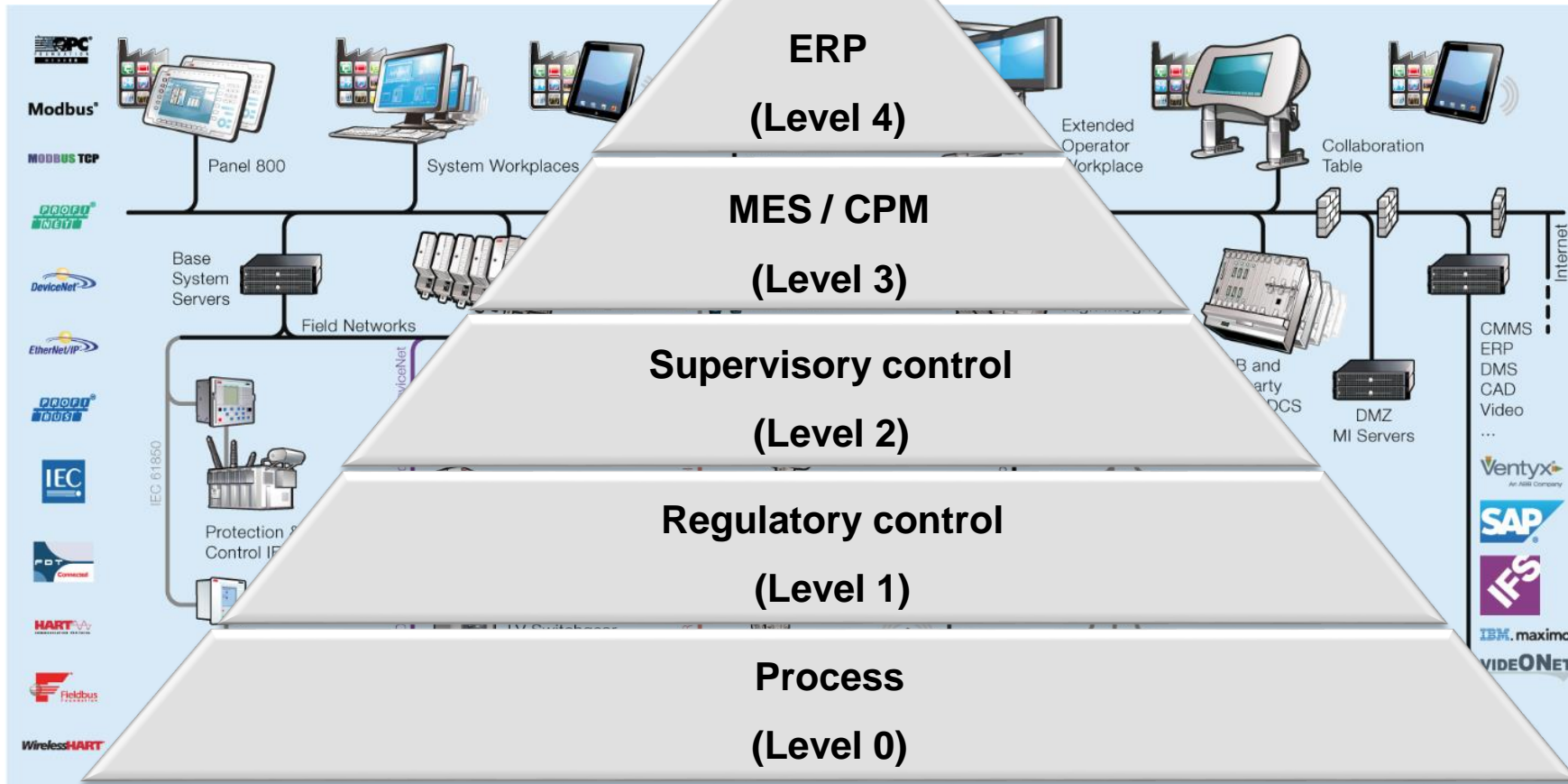
Today's automation systems

Automation Network and Hierarchy



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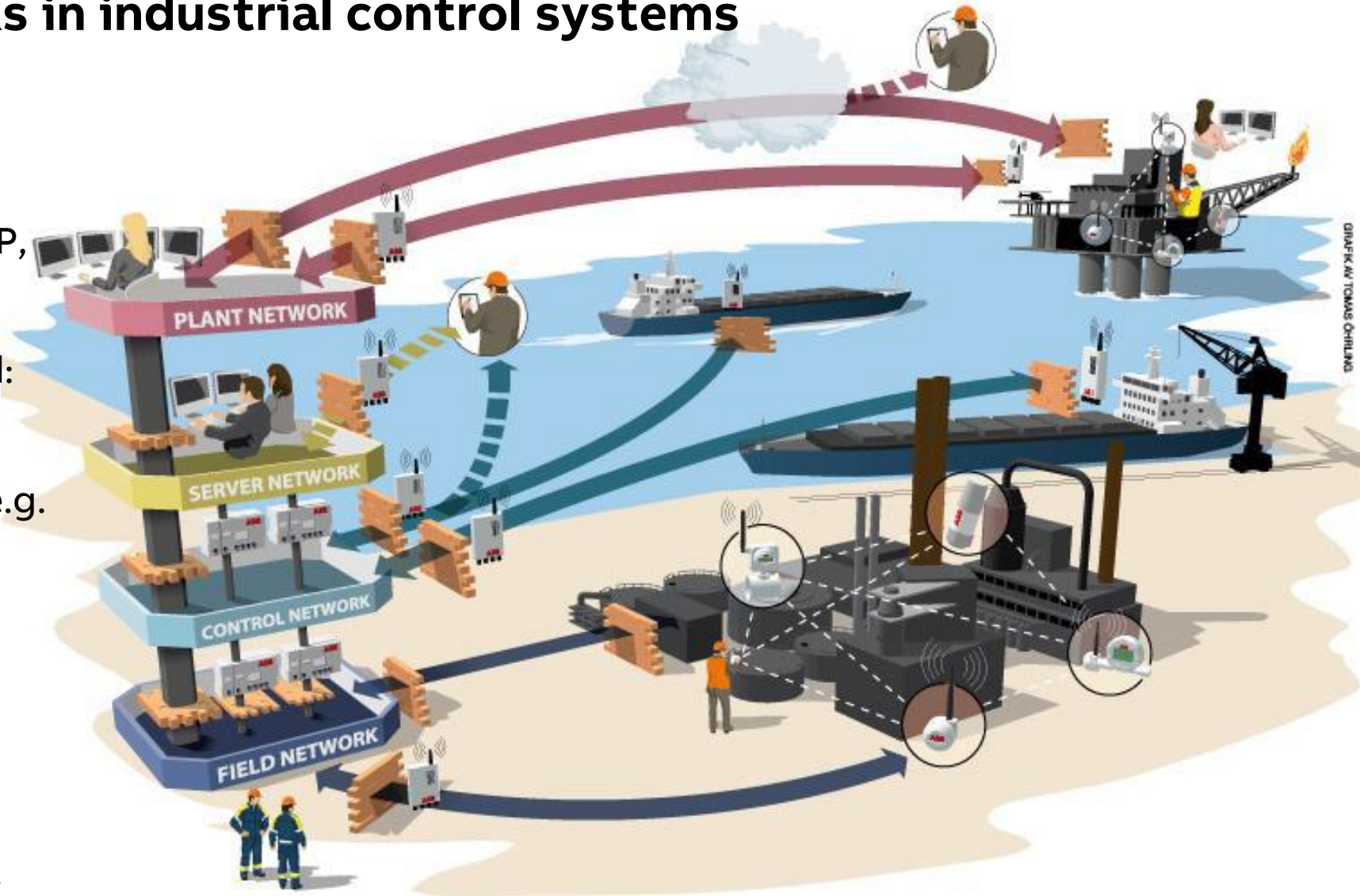
Automation Network and Hierarchy



Communication networks in industrial control systems

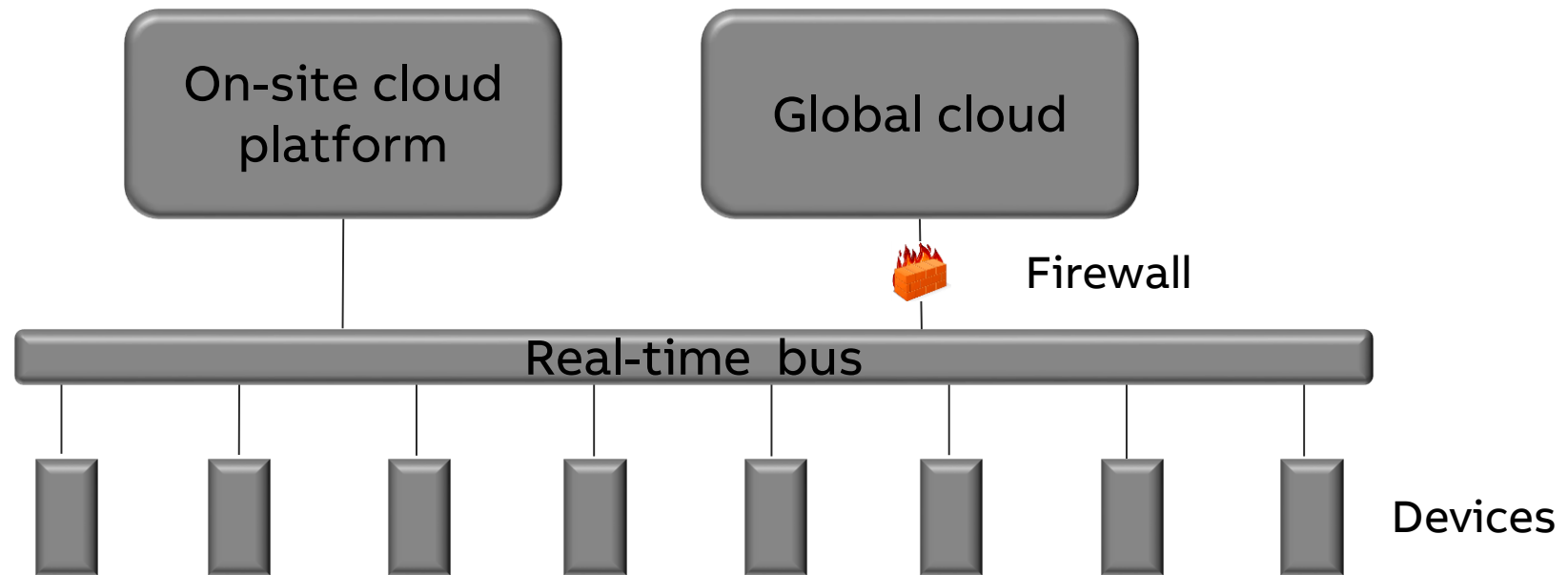
The traditional pyramid view

- Plant Network/enterprise level: ERP, Power Management, IT/IS, etc.
- Server Network/management level: MES, Operation Center, etc.
- Control Network/operation level: e.g. DCS, PLC, SCADA, etc.
- Field Network/device Level: field buses, I/O, sensor/actuator, etc.



Future automation system architecture

Trade-off between edge and cloud



A Vision for the Connected Factory of the Future

Digitalization along the product life cycle – not only operation

Digital Design



Global collaborative design enable car-makers to shorten the design-cycle while become more agile responding to regional differences

Digital Commissioning



Virtual Reality enable shorter commissioning times and global utilization of domain competence.

Digital Maintenance

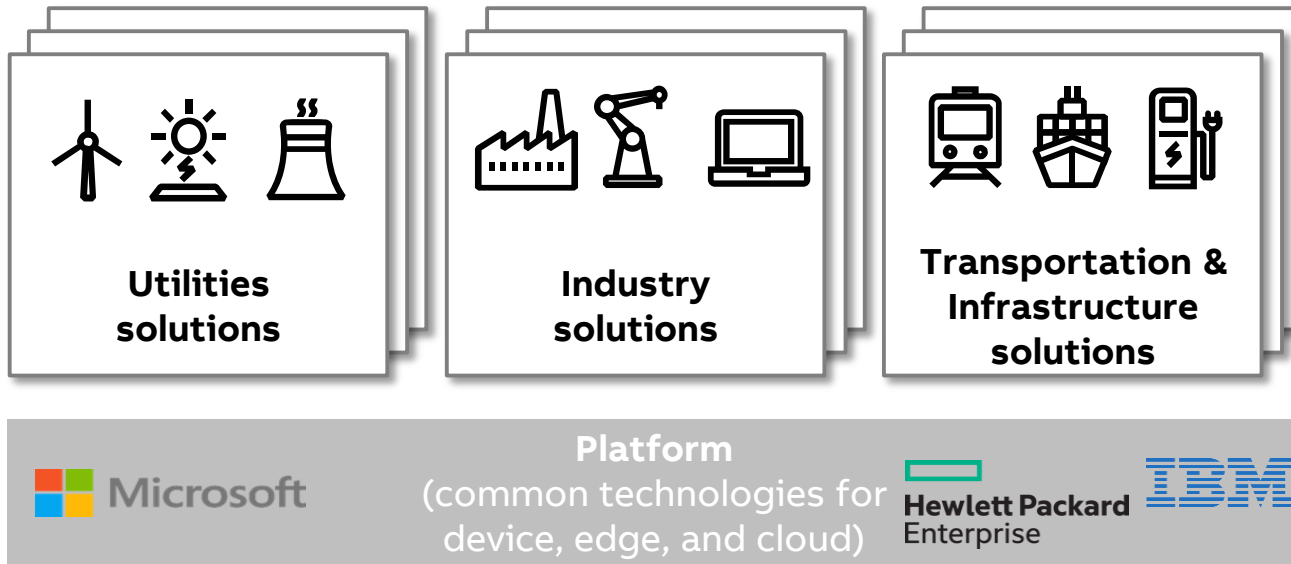


As connected objects, robots and process equipment will allow for fleet visualization and predictive maintenance

ABB uses digital tools throughout the complete value chain from design to maintenance

ABB Ability™: brings industry leading digital solutions to our customers

210+ ABB Ability™ solutions



What

Delivers customer value (safety, uptime, speed, yield...) with AI based solutions

How

Provides ABB with efficiency and scale through AI
Our customers own their data and IP

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What do we mean by an Autonomous System?

Definition

A system that can fulfil its purpose by adapting to changing circumstances without requiring external intervention

Remote Control and Autonomous Systems

Examples from other Industries

Airplanes/Drones



General Atomics MQ-9

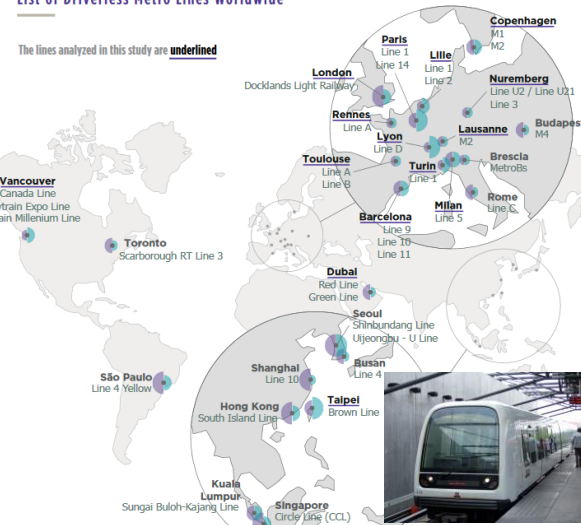


IAI Heron

Driverless metros

List of Driverless Metro Lines Worldwide

The lines analyzed in this study are underlined



Sources: Wavestone research and analysis, UN data, UITP

Warehouse robots



Amazon Robotics
(formerly Kiva Systems)

Cars



Google's self-driving car

Autonomous Systems are appearing in various industries

Moving towards autonomous industries

Increasing the level of autonomy

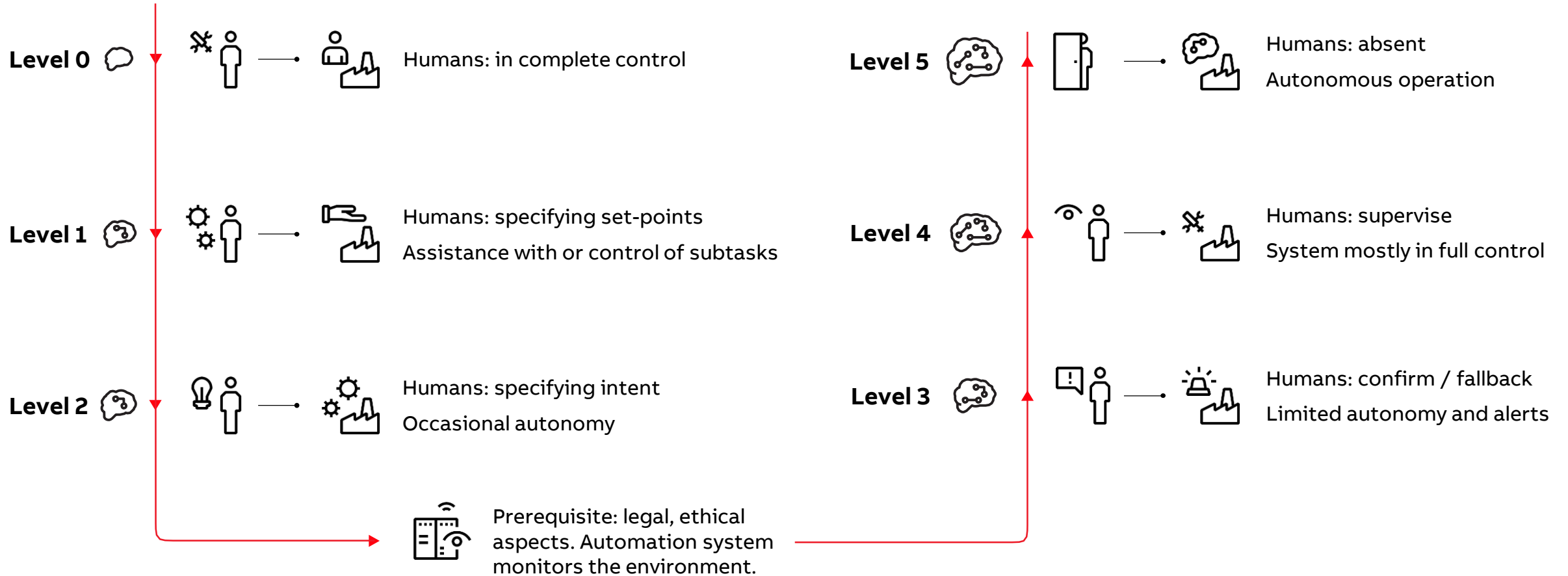
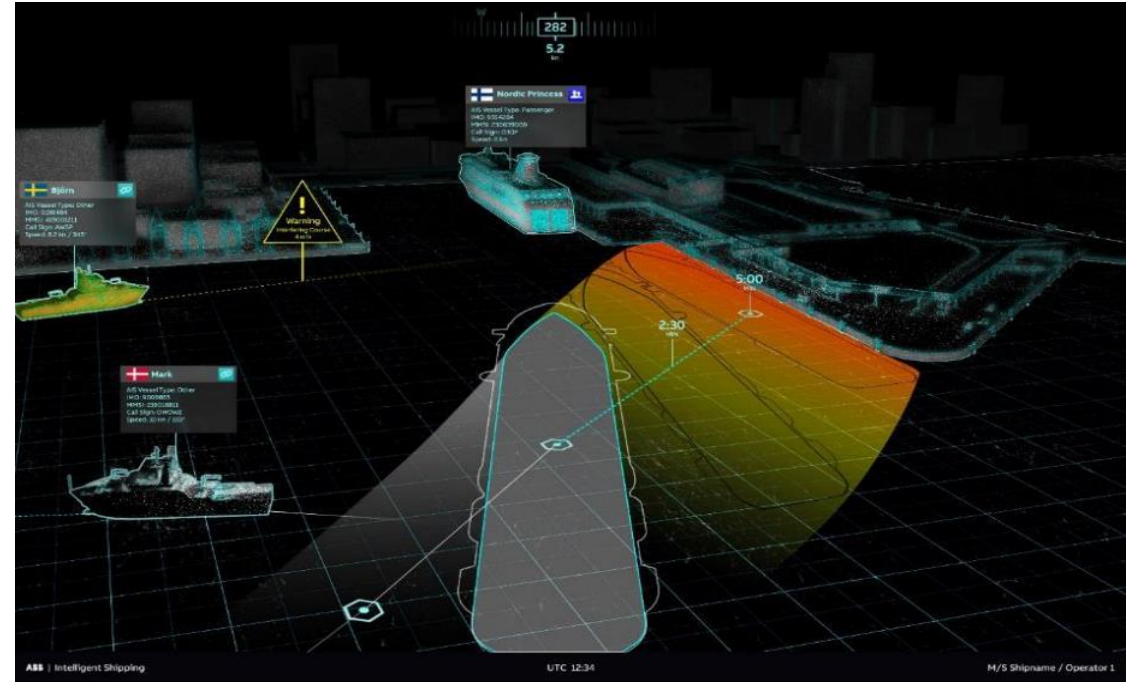


ABB Application Examples – Mining & Marine

First applications with clear customer benefits in terms of safety and productivity

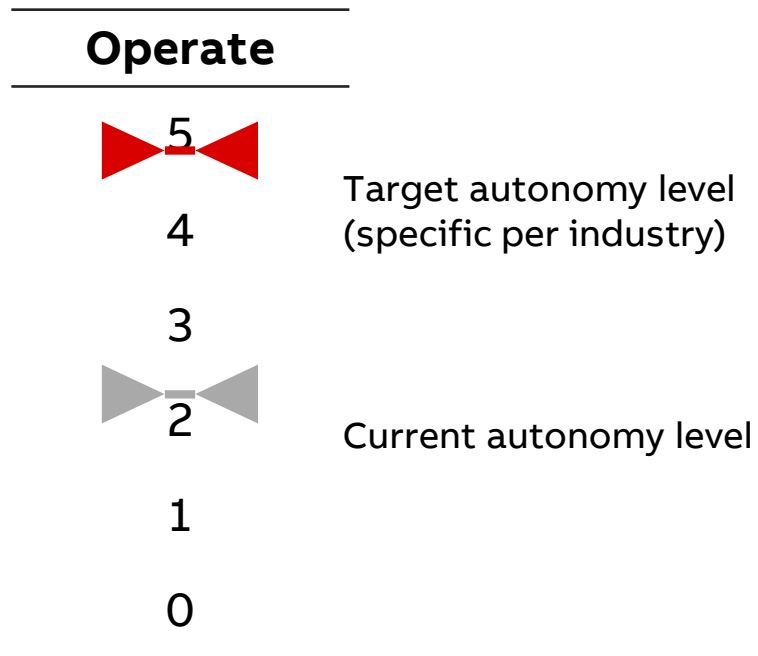


Path via remote operation towards full autonomy

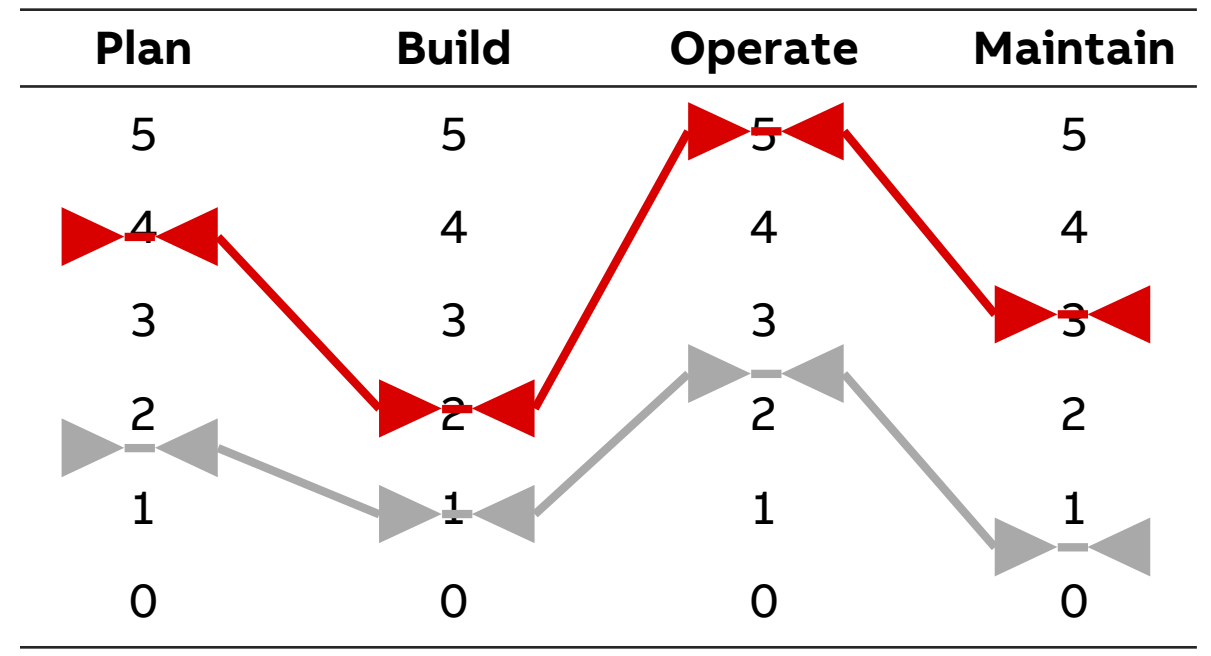
Autonomous Industrial Systems

Autonomy levels across the lifecycle

Automotive



Industrial



Industrial autonomy across all lifecycle stages – desirable level depends on the use case

The transition to autonomous systems in industry

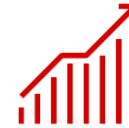
Value proposition of autonomy



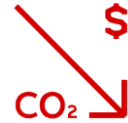
Handle increasing complexity of Industrie 4.0 systems



Lot size one production



Higher productivity / yield and increased quality



Lower cost and energy consumption



Improved worker health & amplify human potential



Bring out and accelerate new innovations



Enable new business models and value propositions



Opportunities currently not imagined at all

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AI Key Technologies

From Automation to Autonomy

Artificial Intelligence

Machine Learning

Neural Networks

Deep Learning

Knowledge & Inference



Emulate expert decisions and expert behavior

Pre-Requisites: Capturing expert knowledge, Contextual-knowledge

Feature Extraction



Extract informative and relevant data from the initial data set, before developing your predictive model

Pre-Requisites: Signal Processing, process knowledge

Planning & Scheduling



Find a good or optimal sequence of actions to reach a predefined goal

Pre-Requisites: Modelling of planning problem

Natural Language Processing



Interpret & process human natural languages for computer-human interaction

Pre-Requisites: Signal processing, semantics and language models (eg. BERT)

Learning Probabilities



Derive probability distributions from data for predictions & risk analysis

Pre-Requisites: Prior experiences, informative data

Machine Perception



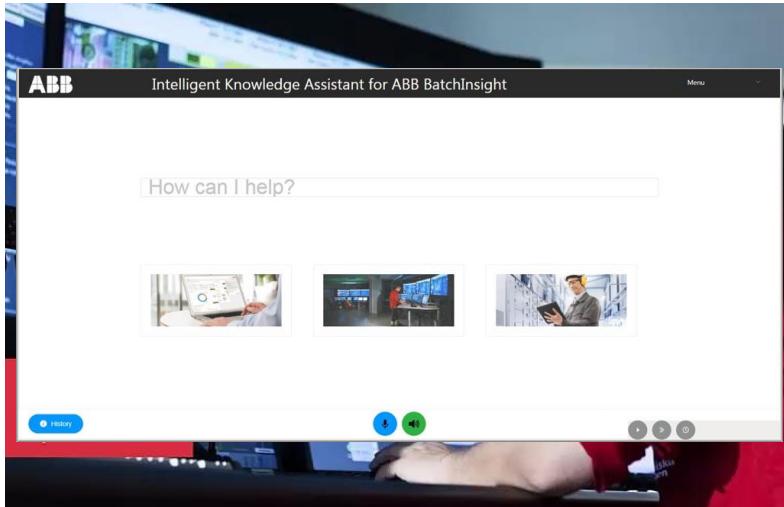
Deduce real world aspects by using sensor input information

Pre-Requisites: Data models, good quality sensing, dealing with uncertainty

AI Applications at ABB

From perception to decision making

From NLP based process assistant...



via lifetime estimation for bearings..



to graph search for ports



Industrial AI addressing the complexity in industrial reality

Combining domain knowledge with data

Know (foresight)



Domain knowledge
First principles models and simulation
– Described, but not yet observed
Safety, control and optimization
– Engineered well-defined solutions

Observe (hindsight)



Machine Learning
Data driven models
– Observed, but not a priori described
Industrial AI
– Complex scenarios

Combined approach



Build on what is known
= Safely avoid known dangers
Explore the unknown through data analysis and simulation to increase flexibility

Industrial AI needs a combination of domain and data expertise to be successful

Demo at both CIIF'19 & Huawei Connect 2019 in Shanghai

Waste separation using vision, ML and 2 robots



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Digitalization is inevitable

- Digitalization impacts complete value chain of future factories
- 5G promises increased reliability and low latency, instead main concern is business model
- First applications of Autonomous Systems in autonomous transport/vehicles (cars, metros and for ABB e.g. mining, cranes, ships and logistics)
- ABB is now looking at autonomy also for industrial plants
- AI and Machine Learning are key enabling technologies for Autonomous Systems
- Industrial AI will need combination of modelling and data based learning



Value proposition always most important consideration

ABB is writing the future of industrial autonomy



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