

# Artificial Intelligence in Support of the Nuclear Energy Sector

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## Meet the Presenter

**Prof. Nawal Prinja** has 40 years of academic and industrial experience in the nuclear sector. He is the Technology Director of Jacobs (Clean Energy) and holds a position of Honorary Professor at four British universities. Currently he is chair of WNA/CORDEL working on harmonisation of Nuclear Codes.

He has been on IAEA missions to China, South Africa, UAE, Spain and Poland.

He was appointed as an advisor to the UK Government to help formulate their long-term R&D strategy for nuclear industry and continues to advise as a member of the Fusion Advisory Board of UKRI and chairs Artificial Intelligence Technology Focus Group for Nuclear Propulsion for Ministry of Defence.

He participates in a number of international committees notably the ASME code committee for developing new Plant Systems Design code and represents the UK at the Senior Industry Advisory Panel of the Generation IV International Forum.



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- Need for AI in nuclear energy sector
- Introducing AI, ML and DL
- Practical experience in using AI in Engineering
- Current Developments/ Examples
- Way Forward



# My Introduction

## Current Position

- Technology Director, Jacobs
- Honorary Professor in the School of Engineering at Aberdeen University.
- Honorary Professor in the College of Engineering, Brunel University London.
- Honorary Professor, School of Engineering, Bolton University.
- Honorary Professor, School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering, the International Centre of Nuclear Engineering, Bangor University.

## Experience

- 40 years of engineering and technology experience in aerospace, automotive, oil & gas and nuclear power.
- Over 50 Technical publications including 3 books.

## Appointments

- Advisor to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the Nuclear Propulsion Research & Technology programme for the nuclear submarines and chair of AI Technology Focus Group for nuclear propulsion.
- Member of the Nuclear R&D Advisory Board to the UK Government.
- Chairman of CORDEL at WNA.
- Technical Expert invited by the IAEA (United Nations) to chair expert meetings on safety classification and Technology Readiness Levels and to participate in Nuclear Knowledge Management and Seismic expert missions to UAE, S Africa, China, Spain and Poland.
- Independent assessor appointed by the Innovate UK of UKRI.
- Member of the EC funded FENET and EASIT2 projects aimed at developing computer based simulation competencies.
- Member of the Board of Directors for the Professional Simulation Engineer (PSE) certification scheme.
- Chair of Industry Advisory Committee for the National Structural Integrity Research Centre at Cambridge.
- Ex-Member of Technical Assessment Panel of Fusion for Energy (F4E)
- Member of the Fusion Advisory Board, EPSRC of UKRI.
- UK representative and Vice Chair of the Senior Industry Advisory Panel of Gen IV International Forum (GIF)
- Member of Plant Systems Design code committee of ASME.

## Need to Transform How We Use data

Only 57% of projects finish within their initial budgets.  
Probability of delivering a major project on time, cost and benefits is only 0.5% !!

*Source: PMI Pulse of Profession 20*

95% of project data is not used (used once then never used again)

*Source: RICS report*

85 percent of respondents say AI will significantly change the way they do business in the next five years.

*Source: PwC CEO Survey 2019*

AI could deliver a 10% increase in UK GDP in 2030.

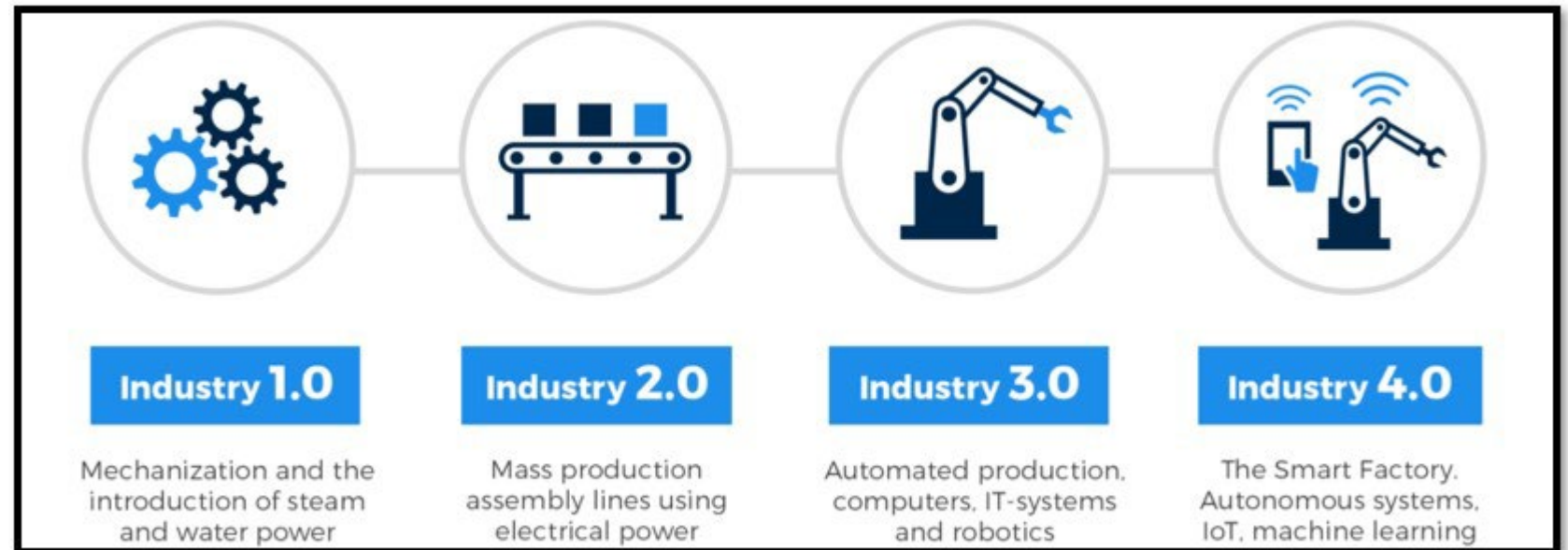
*AI Roadmap, AI Council January 2021*

# AI and the 4th Industrial Revolution (I4.0)

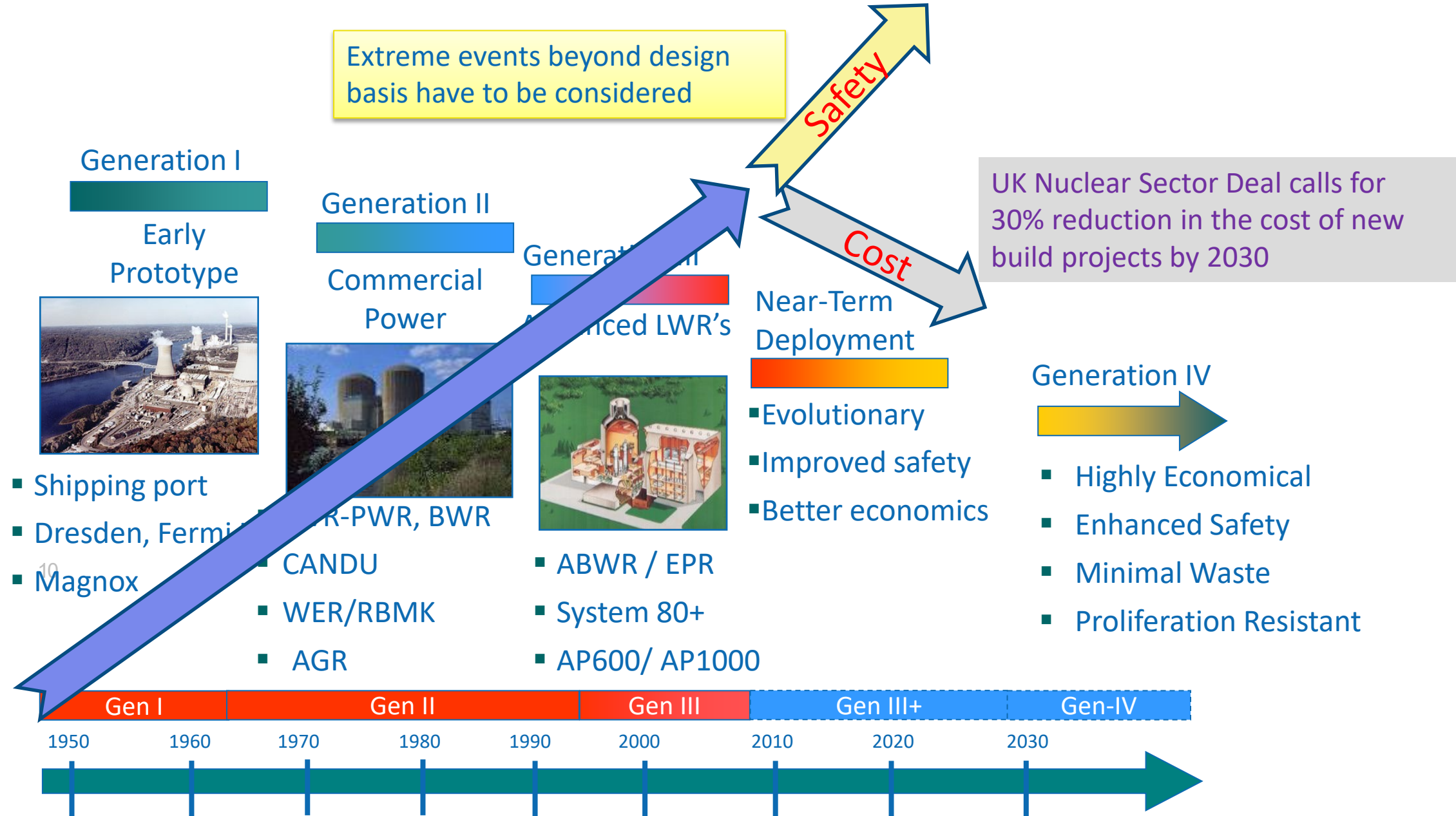
AI is playing a role in an Industry 4.0 system that meet many of manufacturer's needs:

- Historical data collection
- Live data capturing via sensors
- Data aggregation
- Connectivity via communication protocols, routing and gateway devices
- Integration with PLCs
- Dashboards for monitoring and analysis
- Machine learning and other techniques

**I4.0 is not just for automation of factories, it can help nuclear energy sector.**

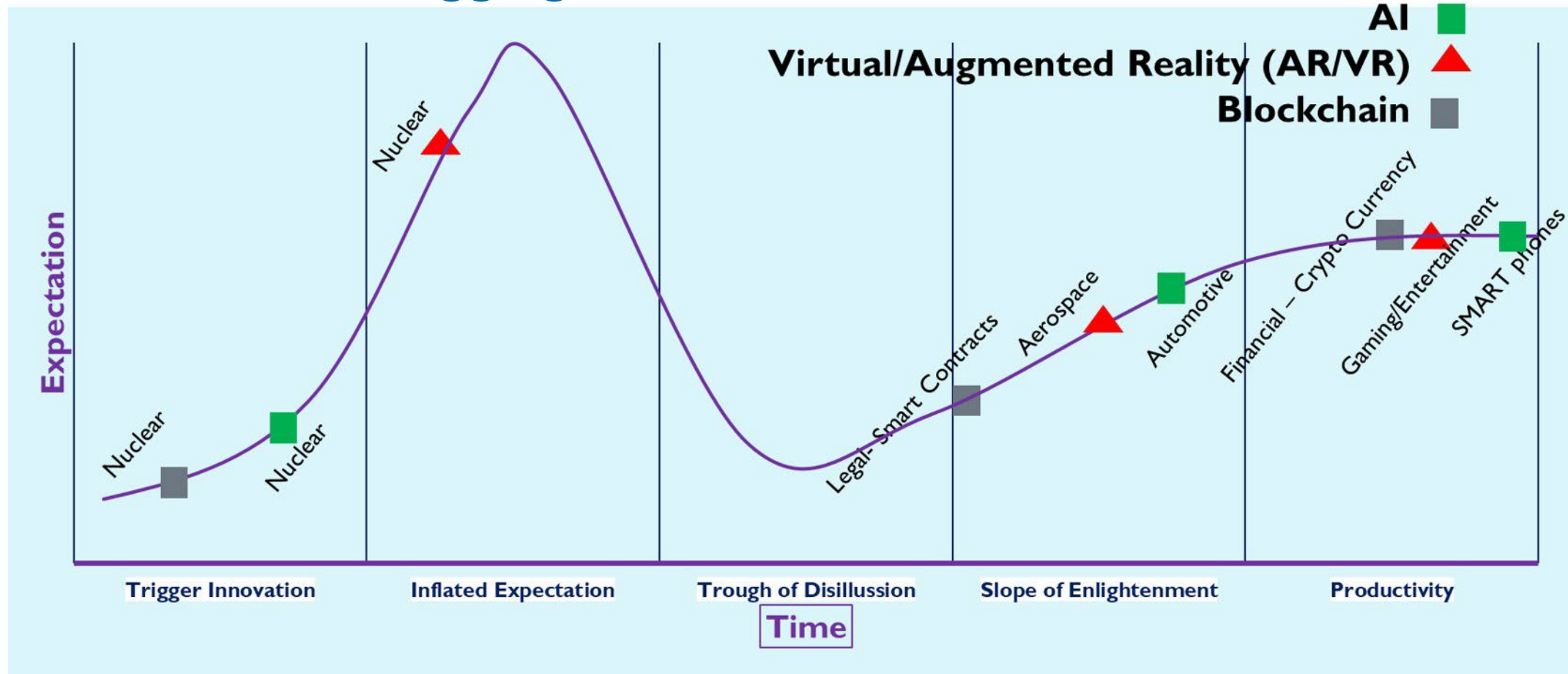


# CHALLENGE: NEED TO INCREASE SAFETY AND DECREASE COST



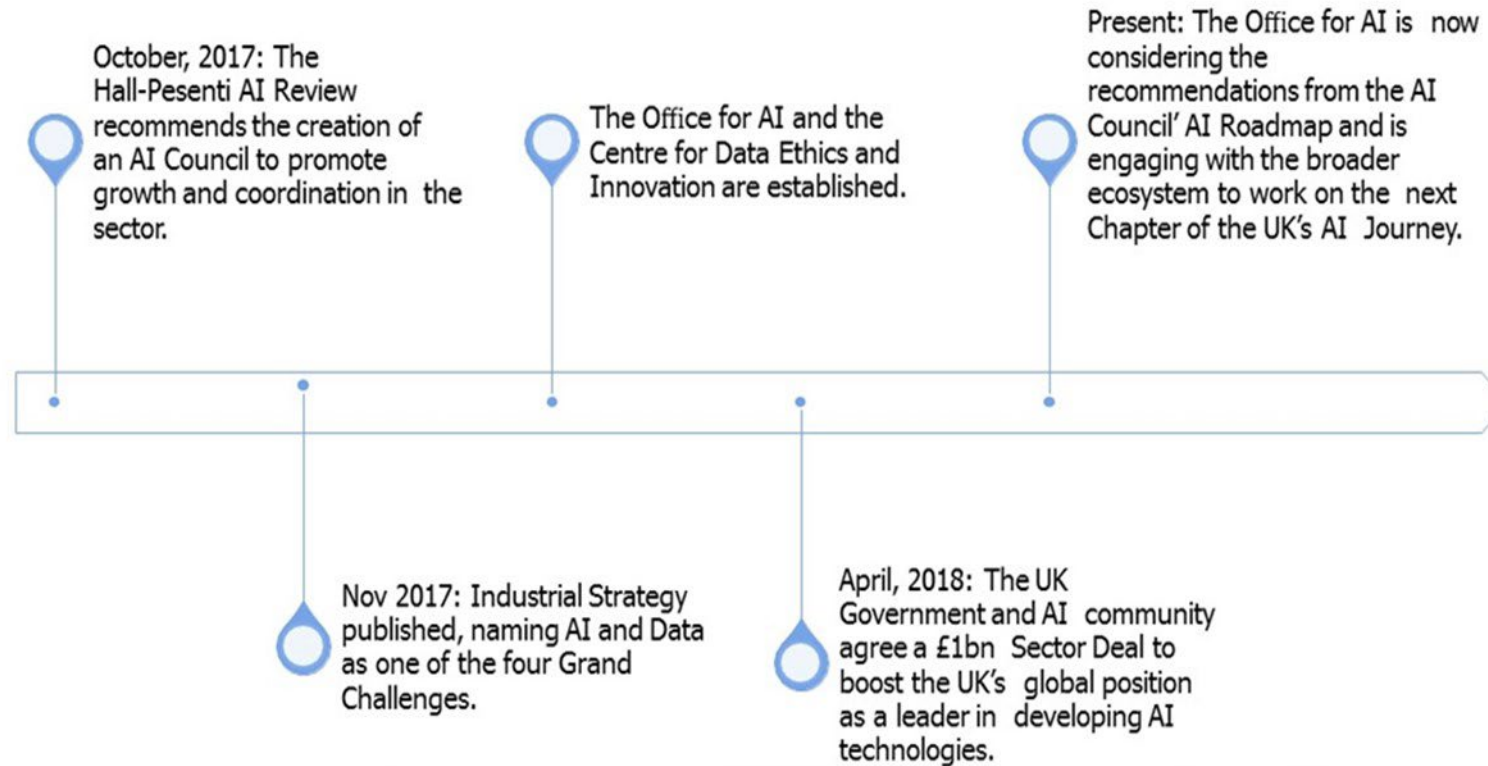
# New Technology : Expectation vs Time

## Is Nuclear Sector Lagging Behind Others?





# UK's AI Journey

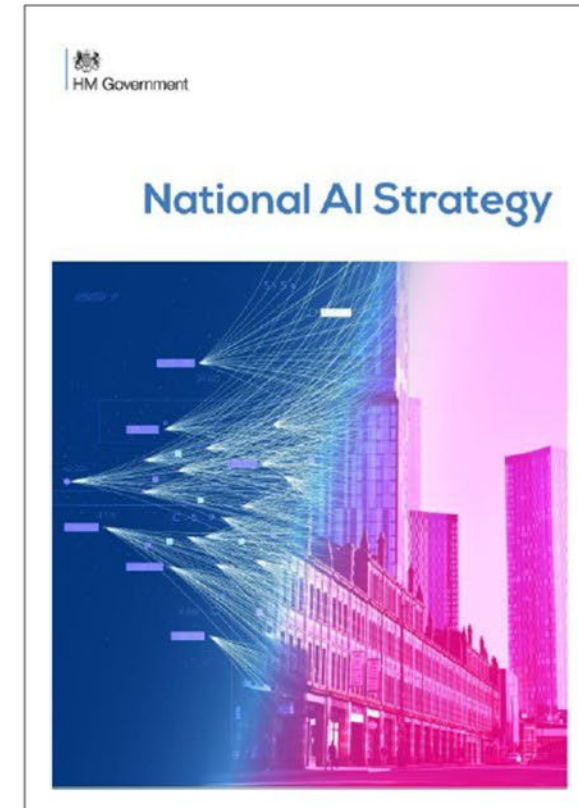




# The National AI Strategy

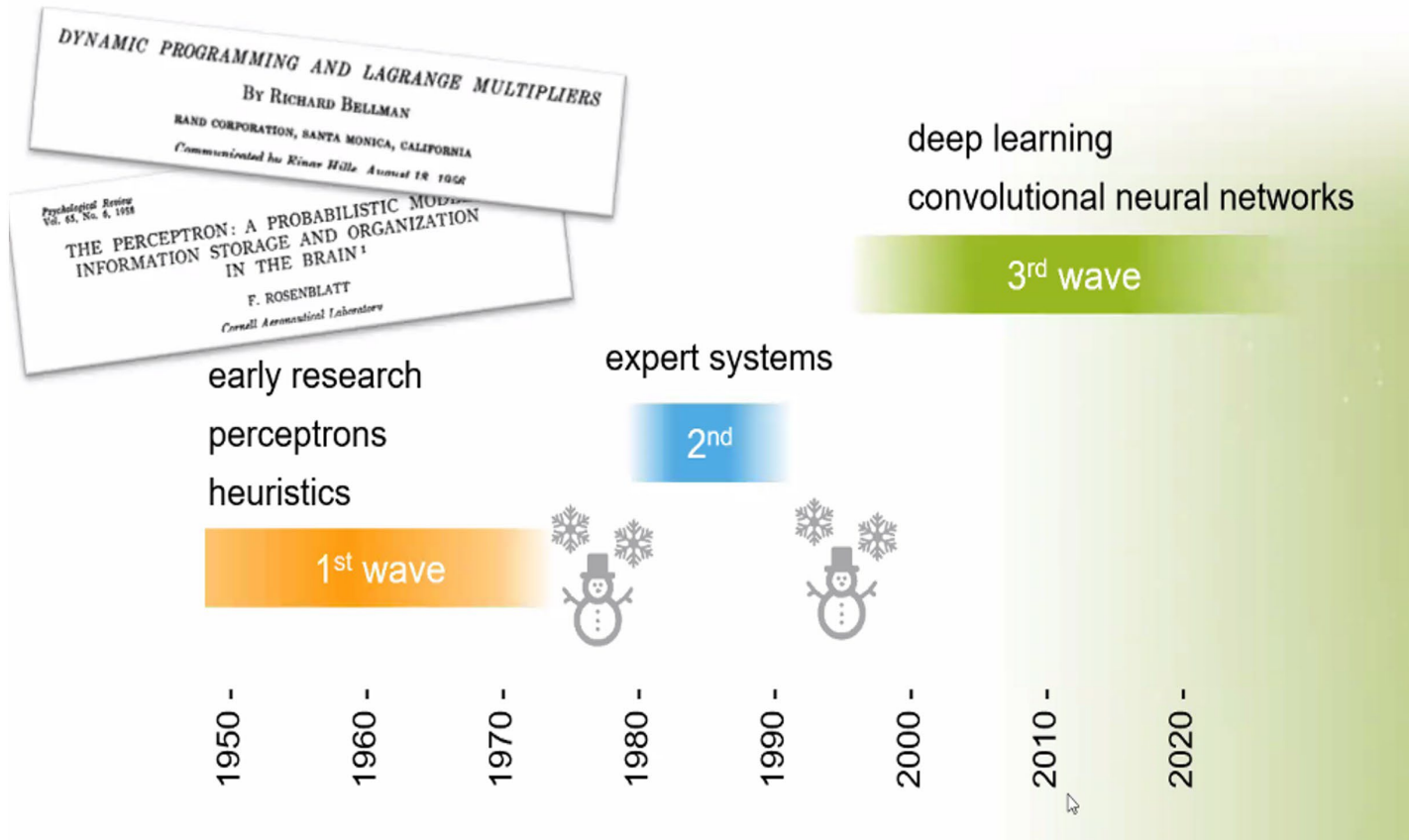
The new AI strategy will focus on:

- Growth of the economy through widespread use of AI technologies
- Ethical, safe and trustworthy development of responsible AI
- Resilience in the face of change through an emphasis on skills, talent and R&D



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave of AI

## WAVES OF INNOVATION IN AI/ML



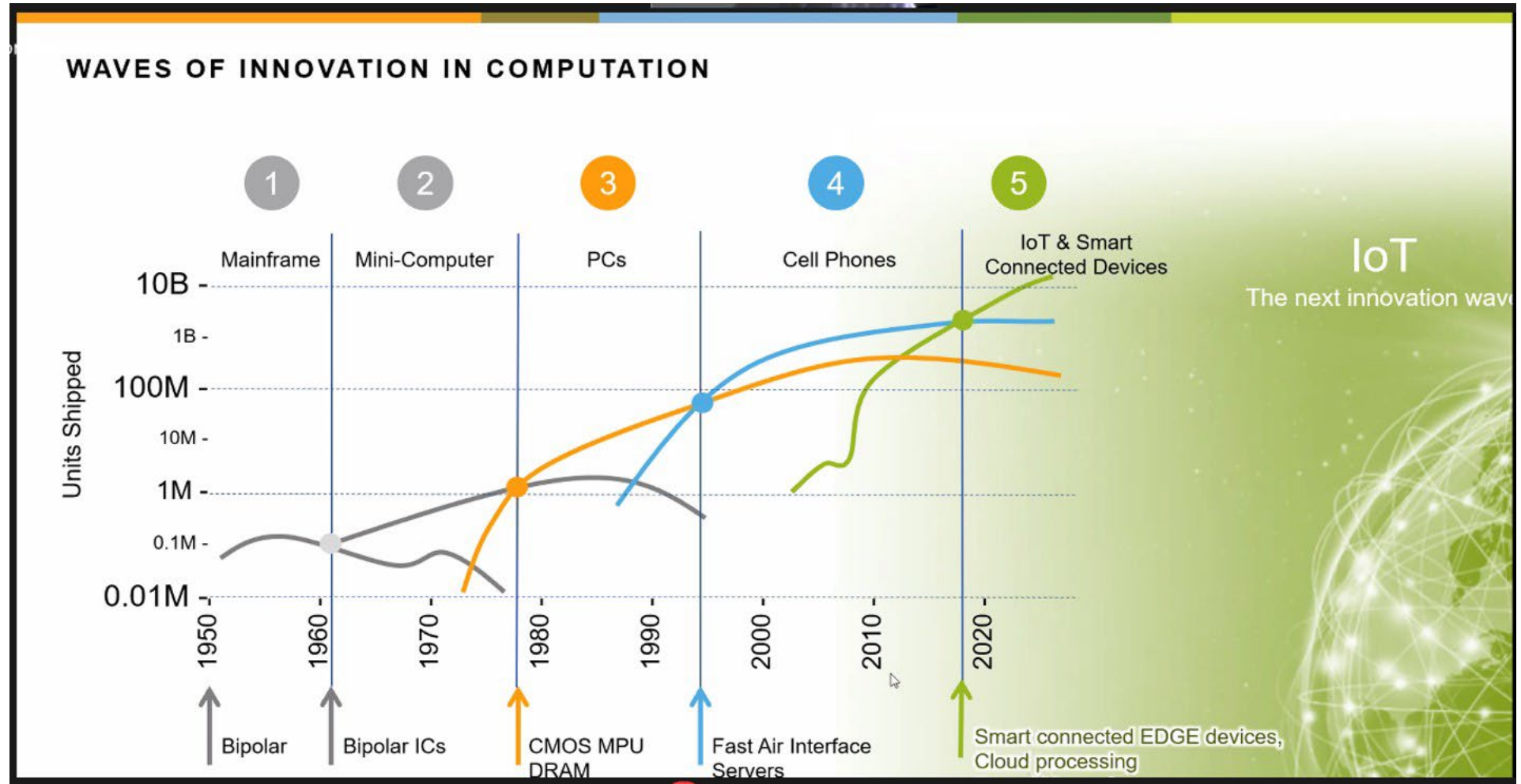
## Opportunities for AI

- Autonomous Vehicles: 23%
- Healthcare: 25%
- Manufacturing/Industry 4.0: 41%
- Retail: 9%
- Smart Cities: 23%
- Smart Home: 39%
- Other: 21%

Source: UKRI KTN webinar “Exploring AI at the Edge” 9 Oct 2020 in partnership with EPoS.

# Predicted AI Growth

By next year 1 million devices augmented by AI will be selling every hour !!!



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# Evolving Categories of AI Methods

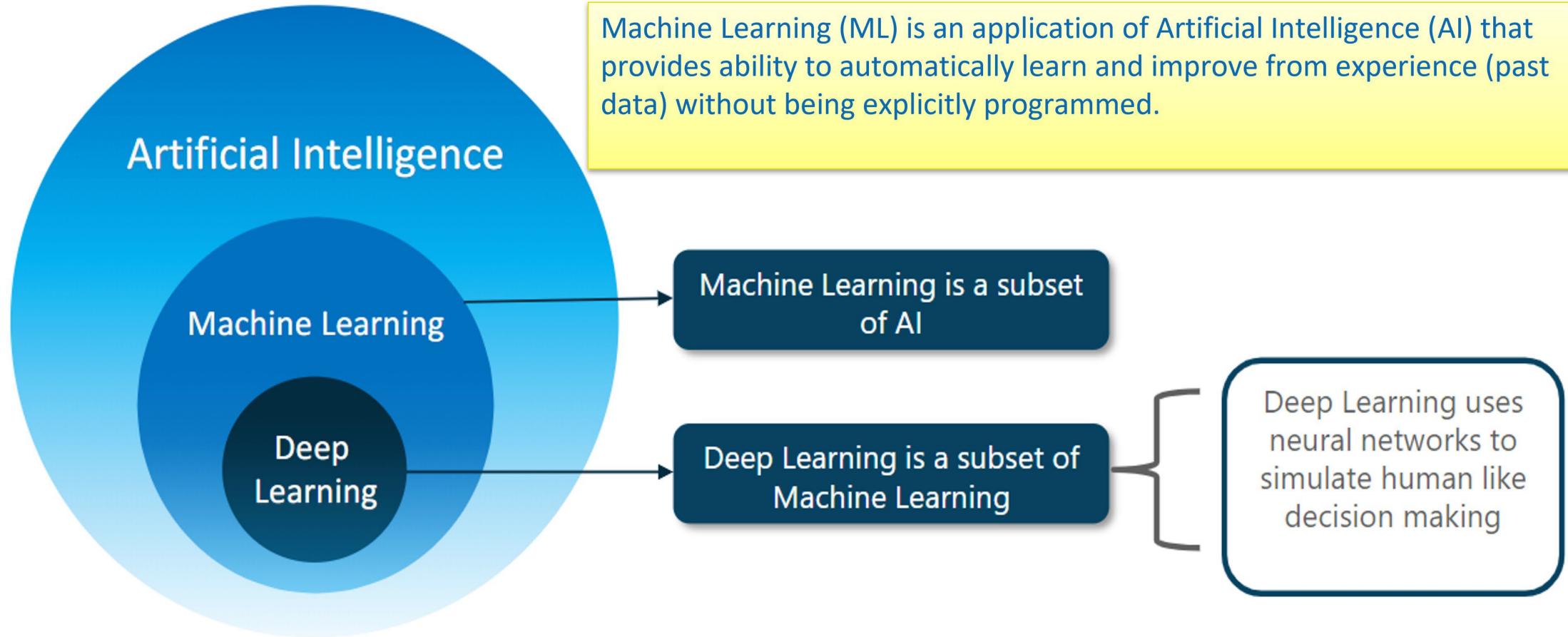
- Initial AI methods were primarily rules-based and knowledge-driven.
- AI computational approaches continue to evolve in industry and academia.
- Categorisation by the purpose of the AI system proposed in ISO/IEC TR 24372:2021 are:



# What is AI ?

## Brief Introduction

# Artificial Intelligence - Subsets

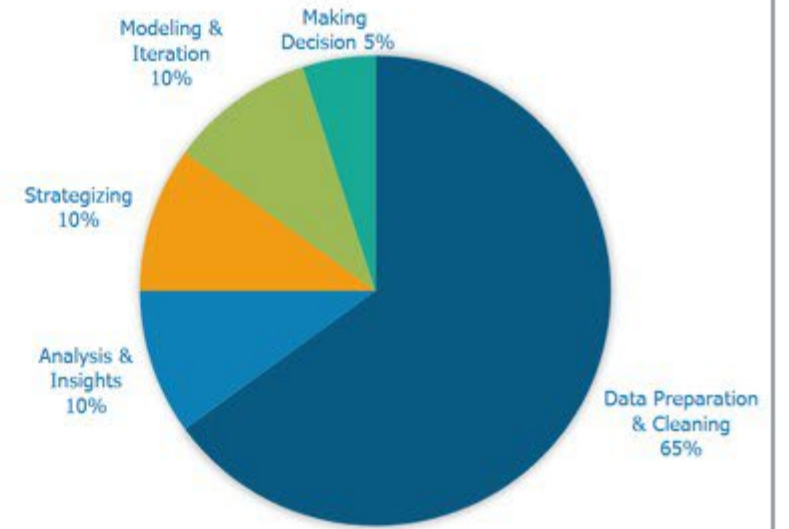


# Data Science

- Data science employs many techniques and theories from fields like mathematics, statistics, information science and computer science
- Data Science can be applied to small data sets also yet most people think “Data Science is when you are dealing with Big Data or large amounts of data”

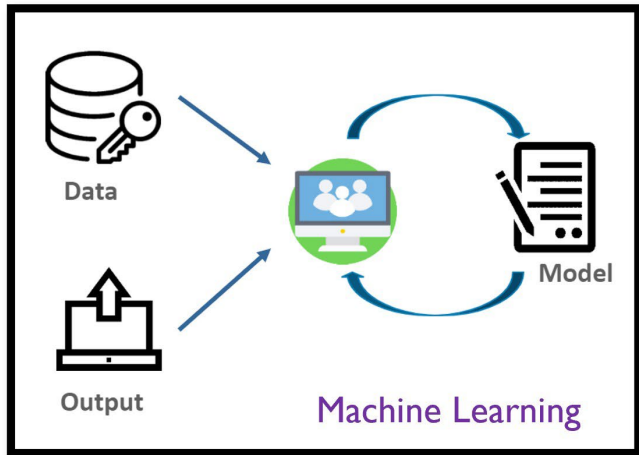
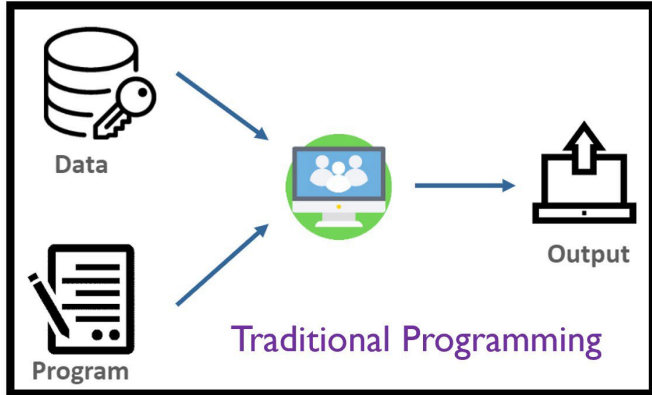
Some of the topics/tools that a person need to know when working with Data Science are:

- Statistics
- Programming language (R, Python, SAS)
- Softwares: Excel
- Machine Learning
- Big data





# Machine Learning

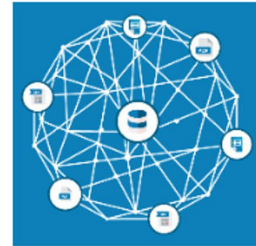


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It uses the data to *detect patterns* in a dataset and *adjust program actions accordingly*

It *focuses on the development of computer programs* that can teach themselves to *grow and change* when *exposed to new data*

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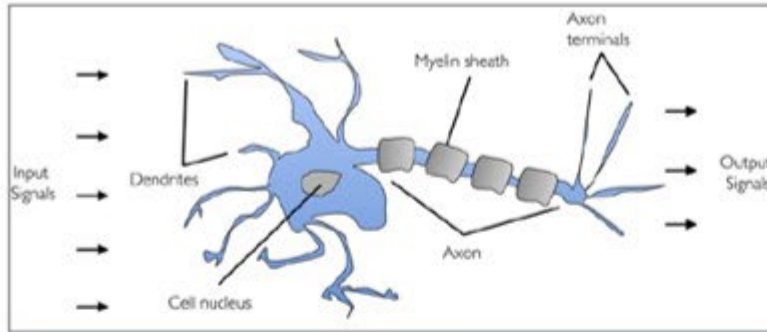
It enables computers to *find hidden insights using iterative algorithms without being explicitly programmed*

**Machine learning** is a *method of data analysis* that *automates analytical model building*

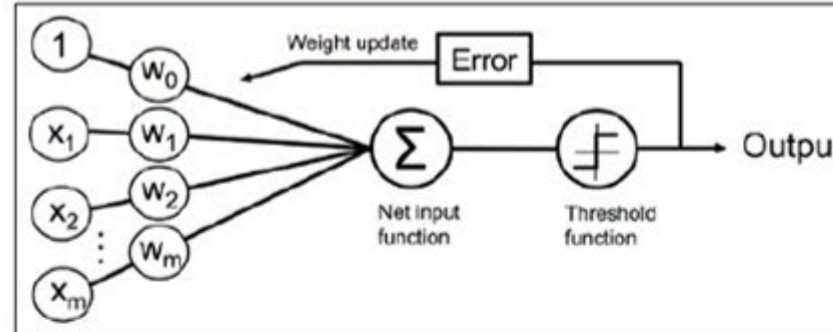
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# Deep Learning : Artificial Neural Network

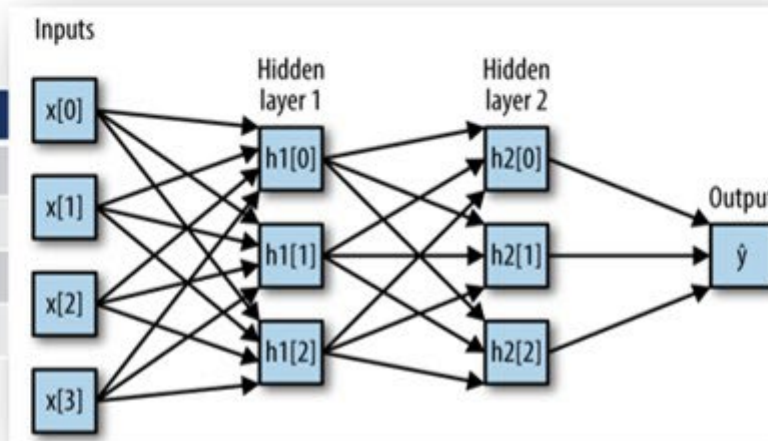


Neurons are interconnected nerve cells in the brain that process and transmit chemical and electrical signals.



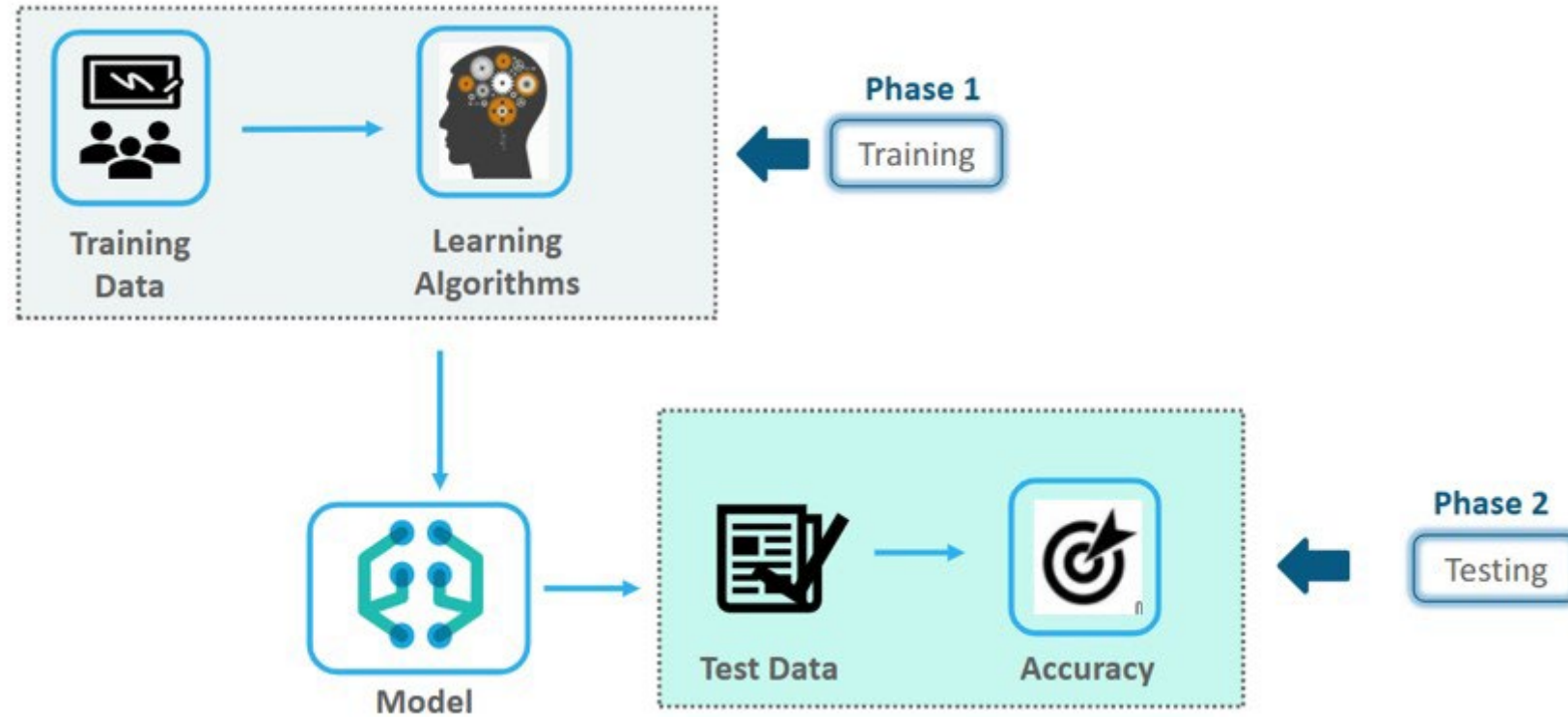
Perceptron receives the inputs  $x$  and combines them with the weights  $w$  to compute the net input. The net input is then passed on to the threshold function, which generates a binary output +1 (Go) or -1 (No-go).

	Brain	Computer
No. of units	$\sim 10^{11}$	$\sim 10^9$
Type	Neurons	Transistors
Switch time	$\sim 10^{-3}$ s	$\sim 10^{-9}$ s
Model	Parallel	Serial



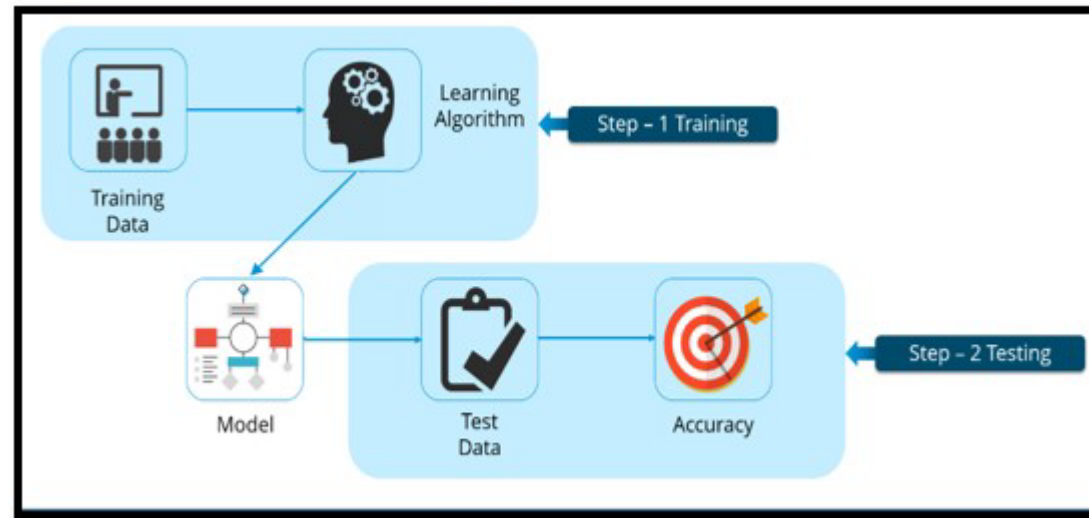
- Large neural networks made up of many hidden layers of computation inspired the term “deep learning.”
- No need to explicitly program.
- They learn from training samples.

# Phases of Machine Learning

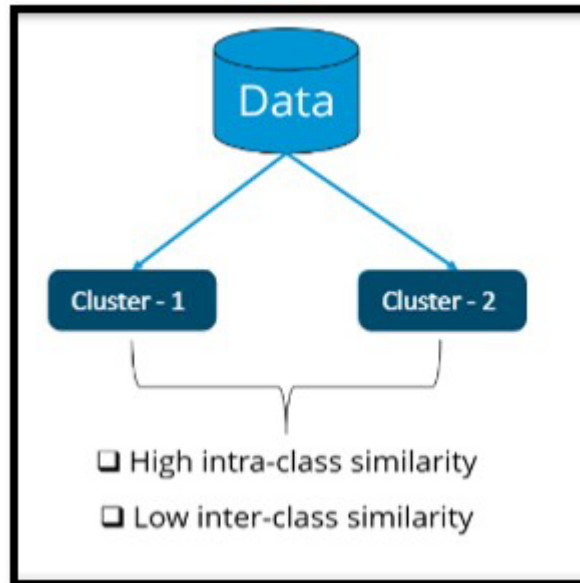


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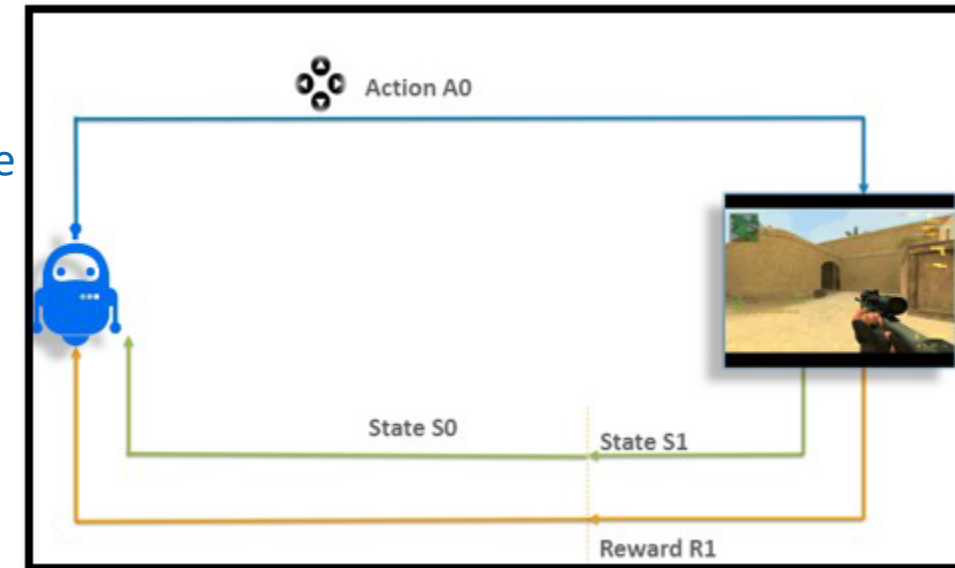
1. **Supervised learning:** An algorithm learns to map input variables to output variables



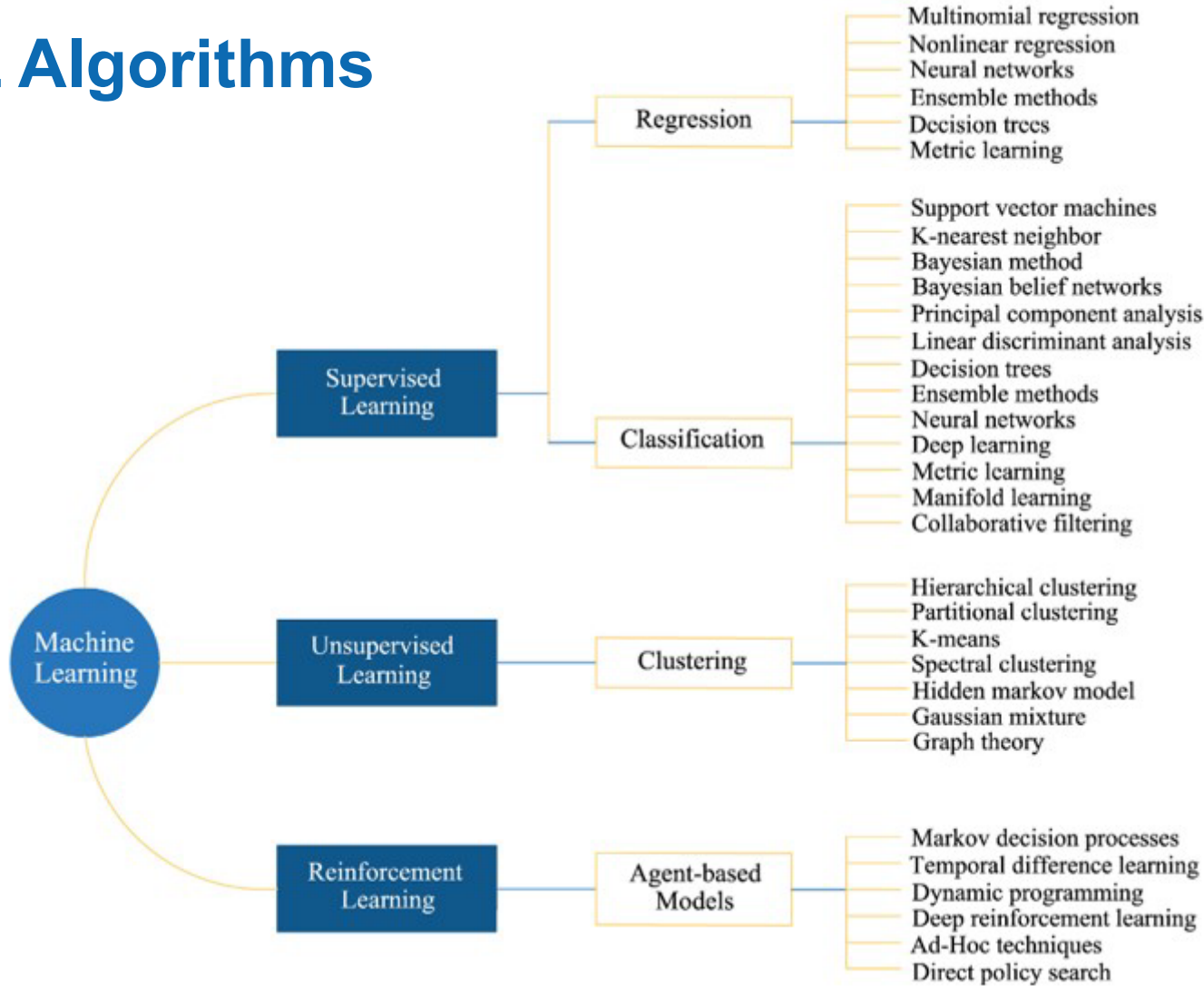
2. **Unsupervised learning** is training of a model using information that is neither classified nor labelled. Model can learn to cluster input data in classes.



3. **Reinforced learning** is by interacting with space or an environment. Actions selected on past exploitation or new exploration. The RL agent learns from the consequences through reward or penalty.



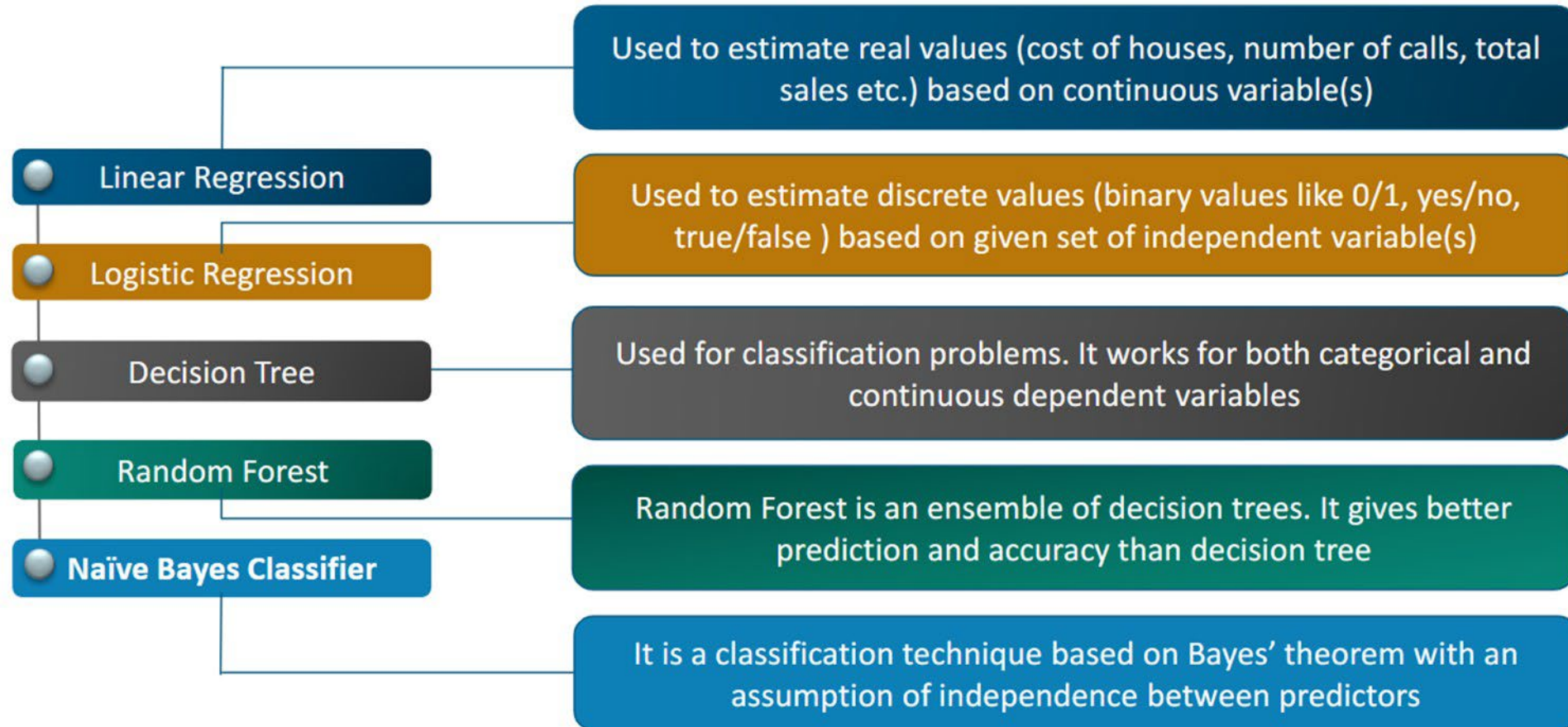
# ML Algorithms



**How to select an algorithm ?**

1. Training data – quantity with no bias
2. Level of accuracy
3. Complexity – Tuning of parameters
4. Nonlinearity
5. Number of features
6. Scalability

# Supervised Learning Algorithms



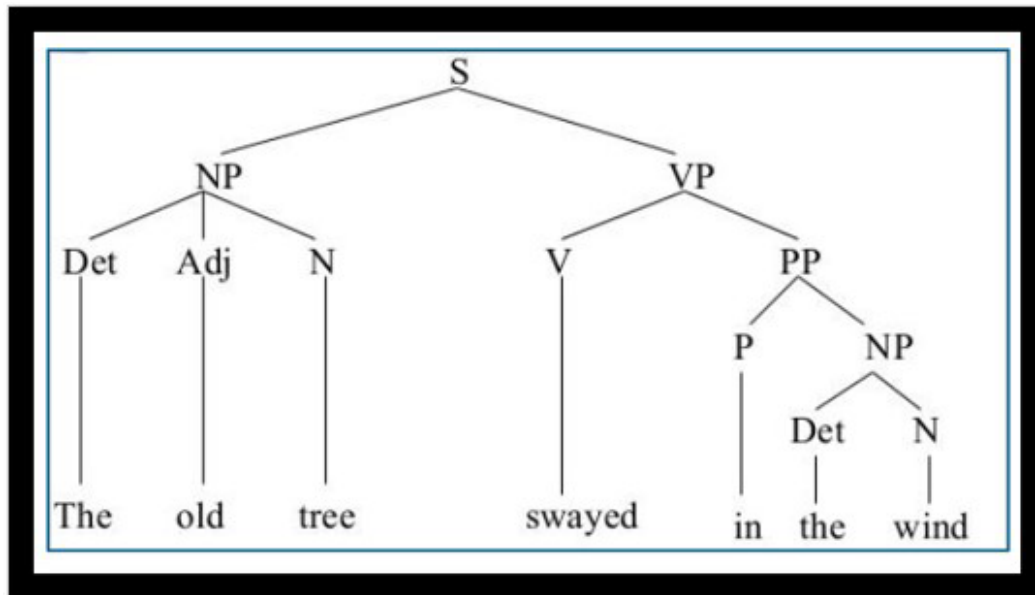
# Text Mining and NLP

## Need for text mining and information extraction:

- Most of the information data is in unstructured textual format.
- Need to extract useful information from large amount of textual data.

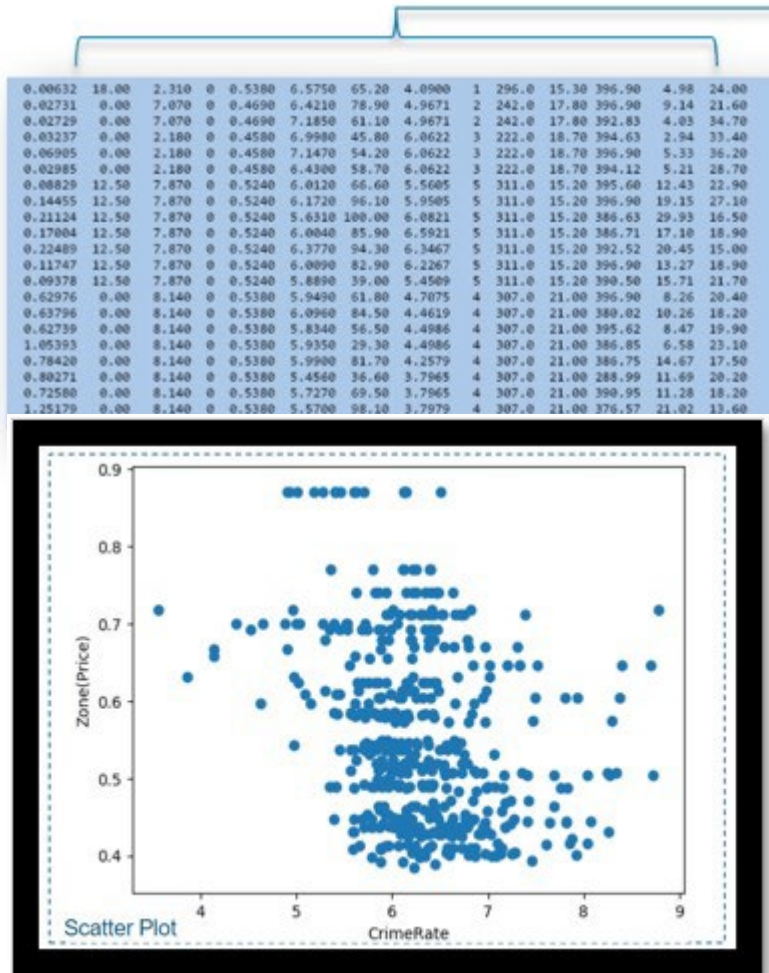


*As, Text Mining refers to the process of deriving high quality information from the text . The overall goal is, essentially to turn text into data for analysis, via application of Natural Language Processing (NLP)*



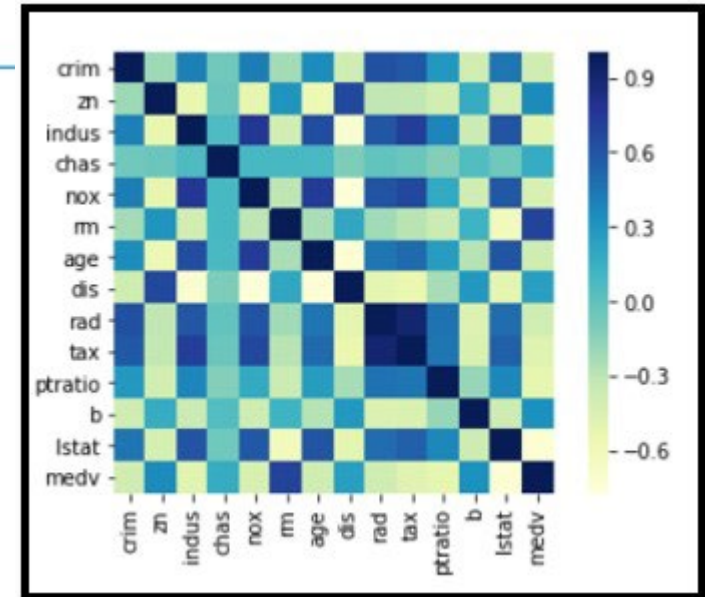
- Tokenisation (break into small structures)
- Bigrams, Trigrams and Ngrams (consecutive words)
- Stemming (base/root form) – fish, fishing
- Lemmatization (inflected forms of words)-give, gave, giving
- Stopword Removal (a, and, is, the)
- Parts of Speech tagging (grammatical type)
- Named Entity Recognition
- Syntax Trees
- Chunking and Chinking

# ML Example: House price prediction (Boston Dataset)



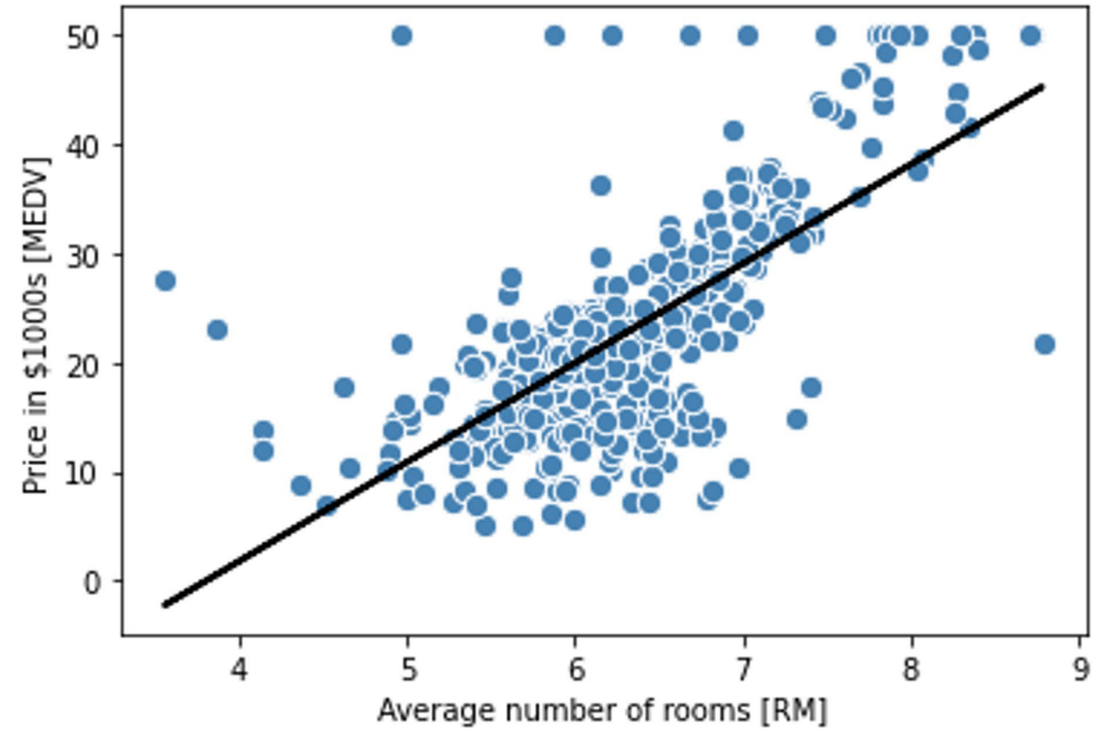
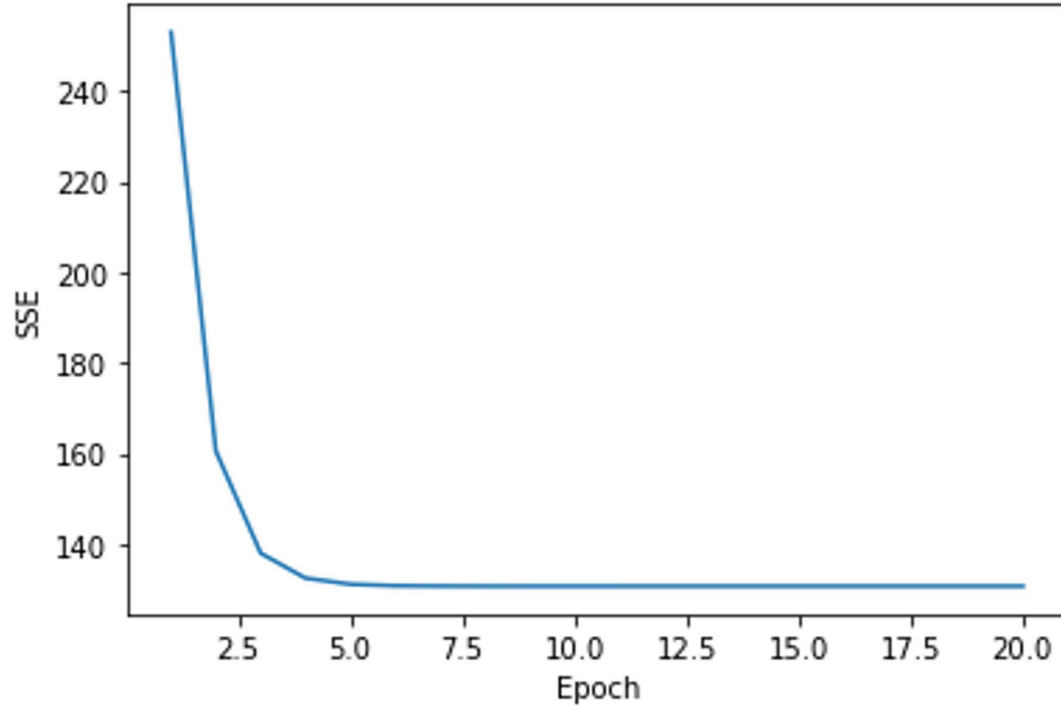
- *CRIM* - per capita crime rate by town
- *ZN* - proportion of residential land zoned for lots over 25,000 sq.ft.
- *INDUS* - proportion of non-retail business acres per town.
- *CHAS* - Charles River dummy variable (1 if tract bounds river; 0 otherwise)
- *NOX* - nitric oxides concentration (parts per 10 million)
- *RM* - average number of rooms per dwelling
- *AGE* - proportion of owner-occupied units built prior to 1940
- *DIS* - weighted distances to five Boston employment centres
- *RAD* - index of accessibility to radial highways
- *TAX* - full-value property-tax rate per \$10,000
- *PTRATIO* - pupil-teacher ratio by town
- *B* -  $1000(Bk - 0.63)^2$  where Bk is the proportion of blacks by town
- *LSTAT* - % lower status of the population
- *MEDV* - Median value of owner-occupied homes in \$1000's

0.00632	18.00	2.310	0	0.5380	6.5750	65.20	4.0900	1	296.0	15.30	396.90	4.98	24.00
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1.25179	0.00	8.140	0	0.5380	5.5700	98.10	3.7979	4	307.0	21.00	376.57	21.02	13.60





# House Price Prediction



# My Experience/Examples of Using AI

- **Completed Projects**

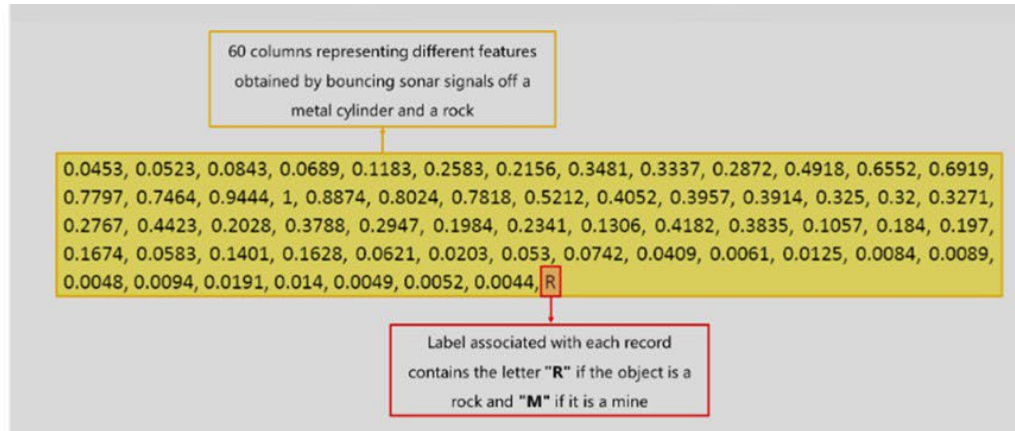
1. Rock / Mine Classification for Submarines using Sonar Data
2. Predicting non-conformance of electron beam welds
3. Accelerating ultrasonic testing of welds
4. Predicting environmental impact on fatigue/fracture behaviour of steel
5. Material properties predictor for power plant steels (M4Ps)
6. Using Natural Language Processing (NLP) for quick translation of documents
7. NLP for cognitive search and relevant information retrieval from large repositories of documents (using Goldfire supplied by IHS )
8. Root cause of failures in TIG welding

## **Future Projects**

1. Recognition of human actions
2. Probabilistic AI for Prediction of Material Properties (PROMAP)

# Example 1 : Rock / Mine Classification for Submarines using Sonar Data

Data with 208 observations on 61 variables. The first 60 represent the energy within a particular frequency band, integrated over a certain period of time. The last column contains the class labels : 'R' for rock and 'M' for mine.



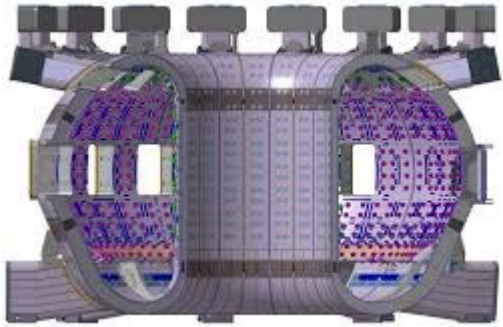
AI model is built and trained on the dataset to identify whether the object is a rock or a mine.



Software : No licence fee.  
Ran on my home desktop.  
Accuracy achieved: 83.3% with just 208 lines of data.

# Example 2: AI model to accelerate construction of Vacuum Vessel for Fusion

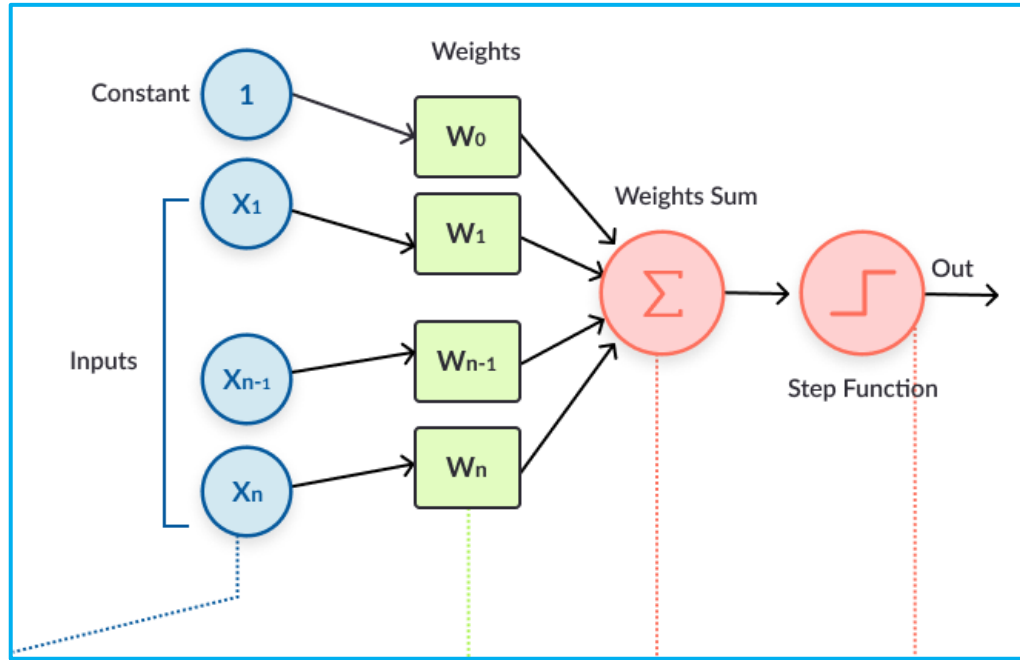
Based on input of parameters of planned welding it can use previous experience to predict the outcome and help with decision to proceed or not leading to better planning, de-risking and accelerating the programme.



**Input:** EB welding parameters.

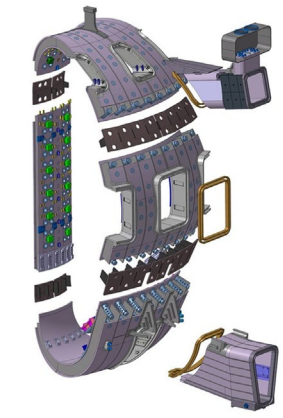
EB Parameters	EB Conditions
Length	Sector/ Segment
Current	Orientation
Welding Velocity	Supplier
Focussing System Current	Type of weld
	Position

## AI Model



Machine Learning from previous weld data

Trained AI using 1802 welds data. Predicted outcome of the 70 new welds to do.



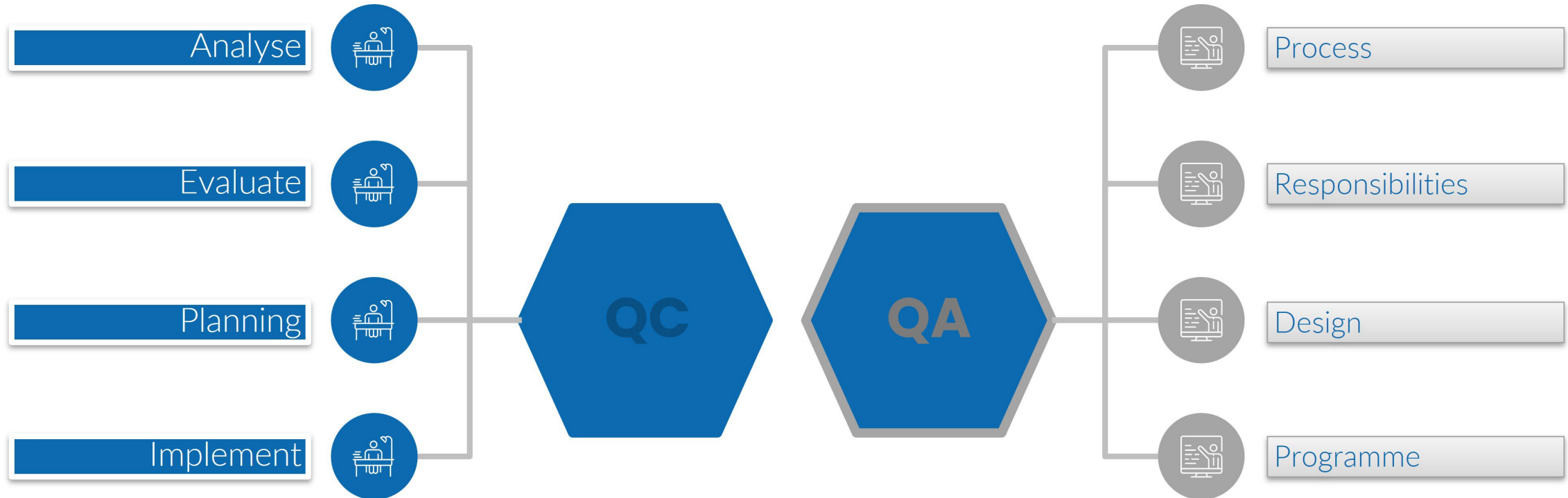
There are 9 sectors. Each sector requires over 10000 different types of welds with full 100% inspection.

## Output: Probability of non-conformance

Result	Conformance
NC_EBW_R	Not conform - Defect related to EB Process - Weld to be repaired
NC_OTH_R	Not conform - Defect not related to EB Process - Weld to be repaired
NC_OTH_NR	Not conform - Defect not related to EB Process - No repairing need
NC_DOC_NR	NC related to documentation - No repairing need
C	Compliant- Weld accepted

Prediction	Actual
One weld with 90% chance of failure	Failed
16 others with 56% to 60% chance of failure.	7 out of 16 failed

# Quality Control vs Quality Assurance

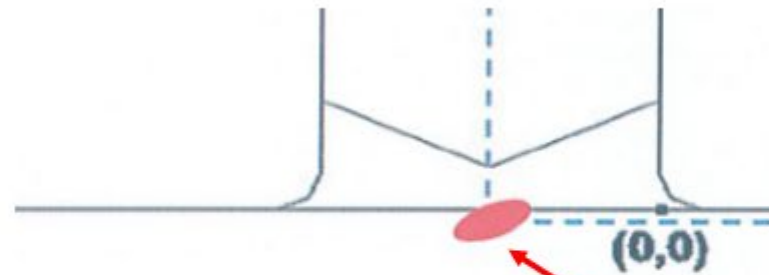
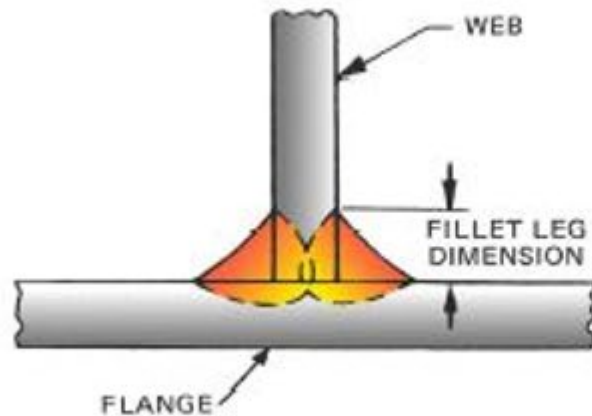


Analysis and evaluation of test results, Learning from Experience and implementing a plan to reduce risk can be improved.

Overall QA is very good. Processes and responsibilities are well defined.

AI can de-risk and accelerate projects

## Example 2: Applying AI to Accelerate UT Inspection of welds

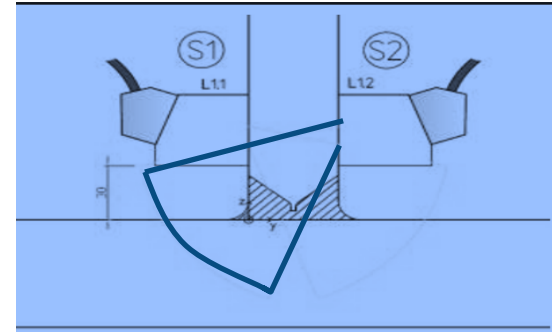


Flaw in full penetration T-joint

- UT is preferred over radiographs
- It can cost 1\$m to 5\$m to train and qualify an inspector
- UT acquisitions and analysis can take days

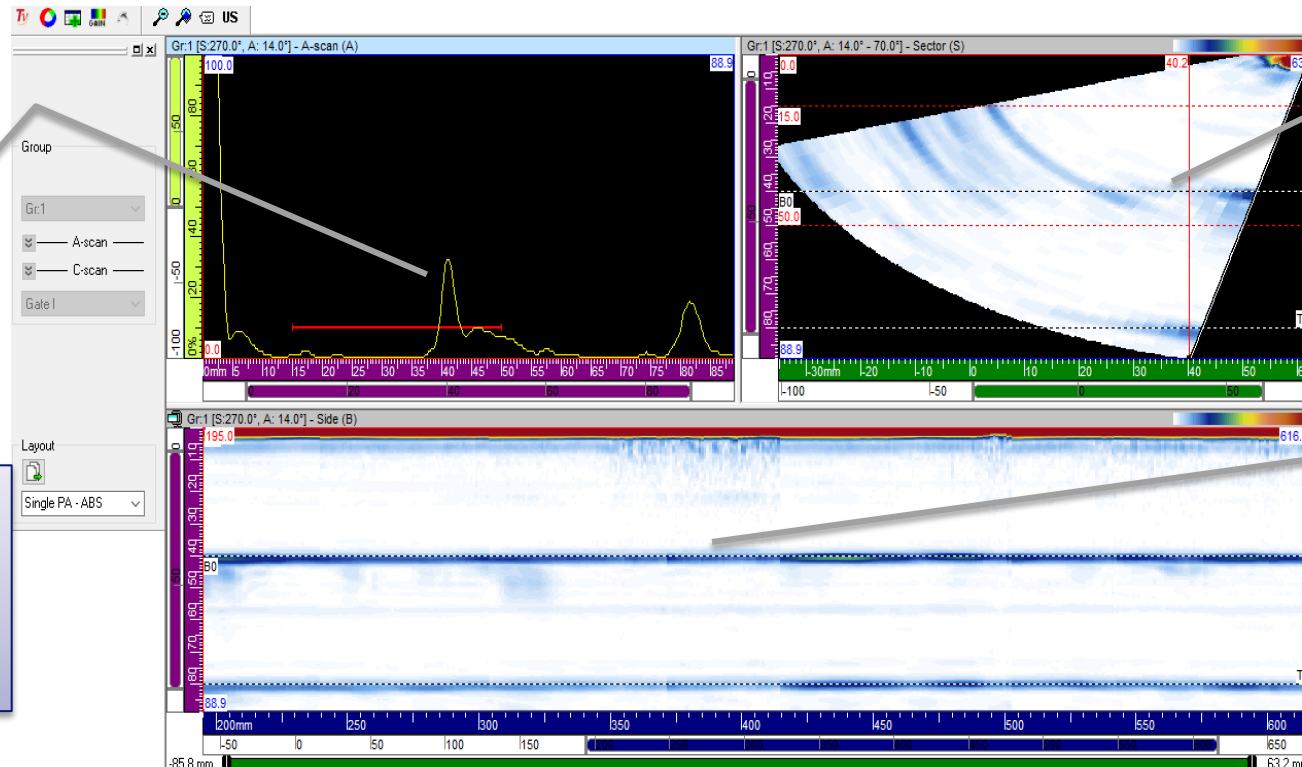
# Typical UT Acquisitions

Recently, for a particular weld form, AI model identified defects with accuracy of 98%



A-Scan  
Beam indicating  
presence of defect  
through sound echo

AI models will use A and S Scans  
which are selected by moving  
along the B-scan and recorded  
every 1mm interval along the  
length of the weld.



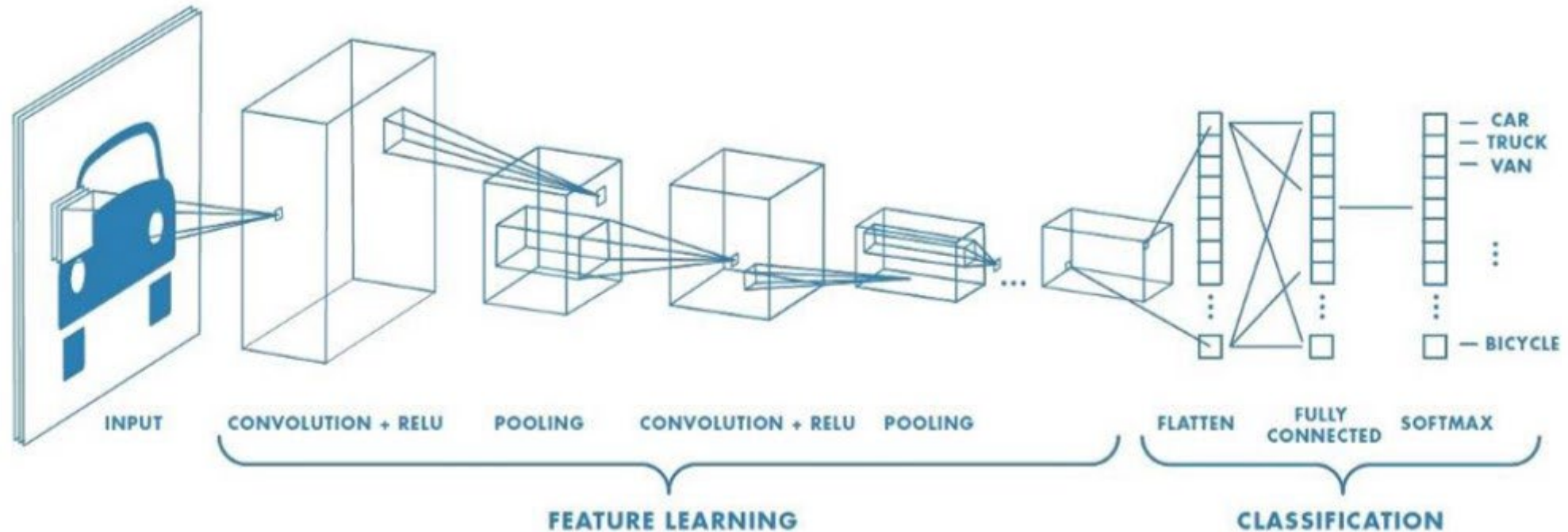
S-Scan  
Sector

Built from number of  
beams (29 or greater)  
swept across the sector

B-Scan  
Side  
Start and end point  
given in the file name

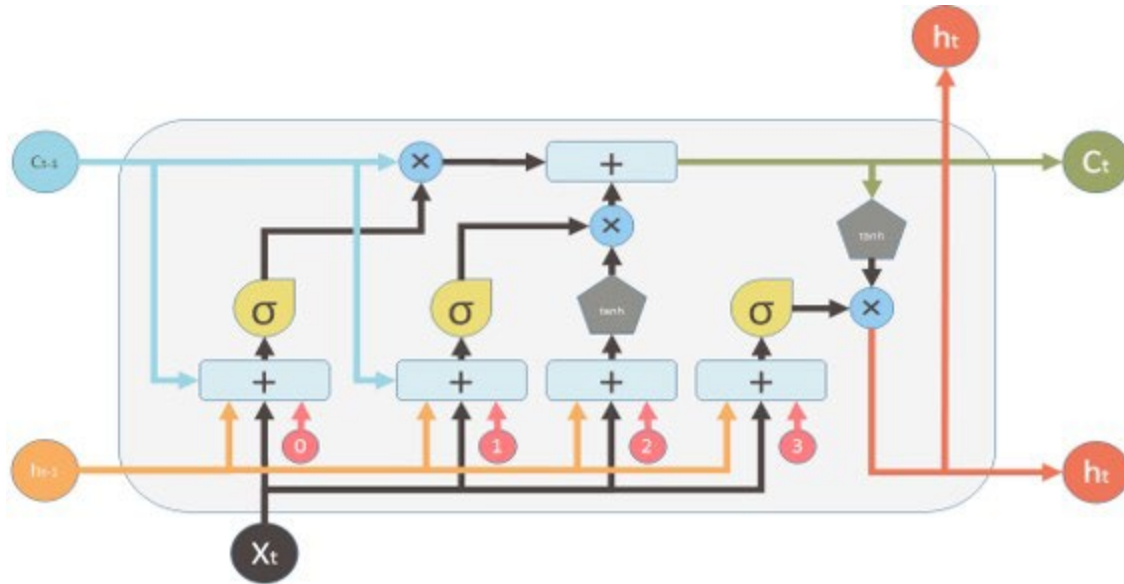
# CNN for Image Analysis

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a Deep Learning algorithm which can take in an input image, assign importance (learnable weights and biases) to various aspects/objects in the image and be able to differentiate one from the other.

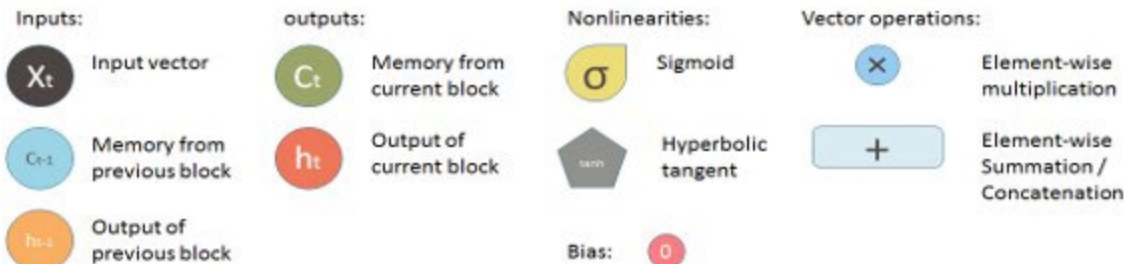




# LSTM for Time Series (Wave) Analysis



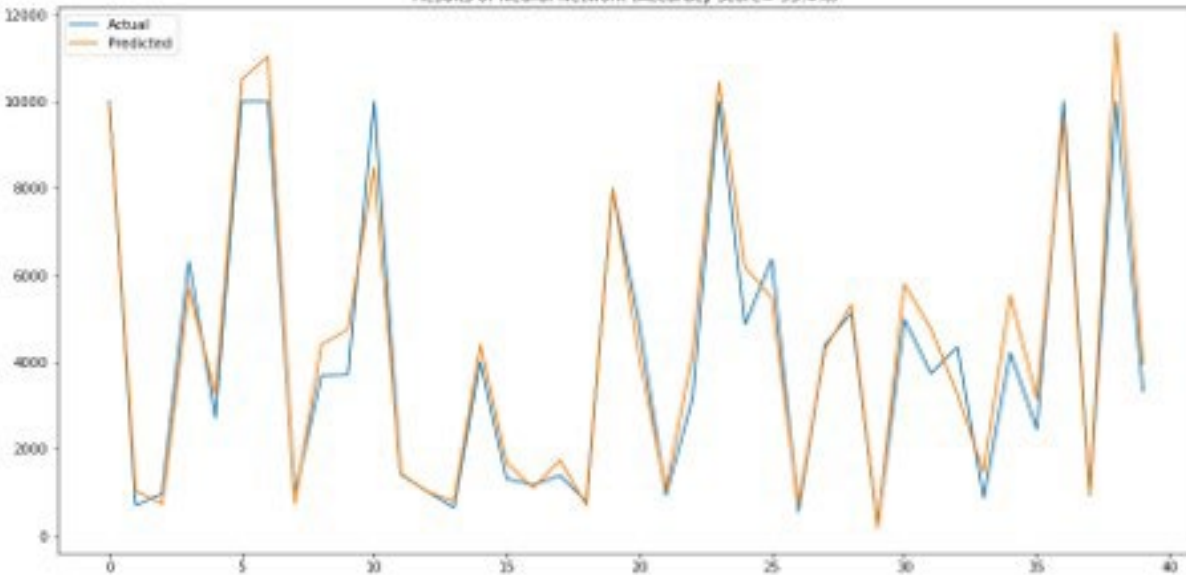
- Instead of having a single neural network layer, there are four layers (0 to 3) that interact in a very special way.
- 0 Forget Layer with Forget Valve
- 1 Input gate Layer to Update
- 2 New Values and New memory Valve
- 3 Output Valve
- There is a memory unit and three information gates or valves.
- The gates are different neural networks that decide which information is allowed in the cell state. The gates can learn what information is relevant to keep or forget during training.
- The key to LSTMs is the cell state, the horizontal line running through the top of the diagram. It is a kind of conveyor belt running straight down the entire chain, with only some minor linear interactions (x or +).



You can train LSTM to predict share values in stock market but do it at your own risk.

# Example 4: Environmental Impact on Fatigue/Fracture Behavior of Steel

Results of Neural Network (Accuracy score= 95.4%)



- Results of 38 tests were predicted with 95.4% accuracy from previous data.
- At £15000/test, over half a million pounds could have been saved.

- 246 tests conducted to establish environmental impact on number of cycles it took for a specimen to reach failure.
- 135 input features were being monitored. Data analysis was done to perform correlation, principal component analysis and feature importance to reduce the number of features to 9.
- A sequential Artificial Neural Network (ANN) model with 10 dense layers of neurons was developed.
- The data was split 80%-20% to train and test the model.
- 95.4% accuracy was achieved by the ANN model

*The INCEFA PLUS data was generated under the INcreasing safety in NPPs by Covering gaps in Environmental Fatigue Assessment (INCEFA) project funded by H2020 which is the EU funding programme for research and innovation. Data courtesy of Alec McLennan*

## Example 5: Material Properties Predictor for Power Plant Steels (M4Ps)

- AI models trained to predict material properties from known chemical composition and processing history.
- 58 steel types in the data base containing a number of steel product forms (tubes, plates, bars etc) used in power plants.
- AI models predicted three sets of material properties : tensile properties (Proof Stress, Ultimate Tensile Strength, Elongation% and RA%), creep rupture properties (Fracture time, Elongation% and RA%) and hardness (HRB/HRC).
- Accuracy ranged from 85% to 98%

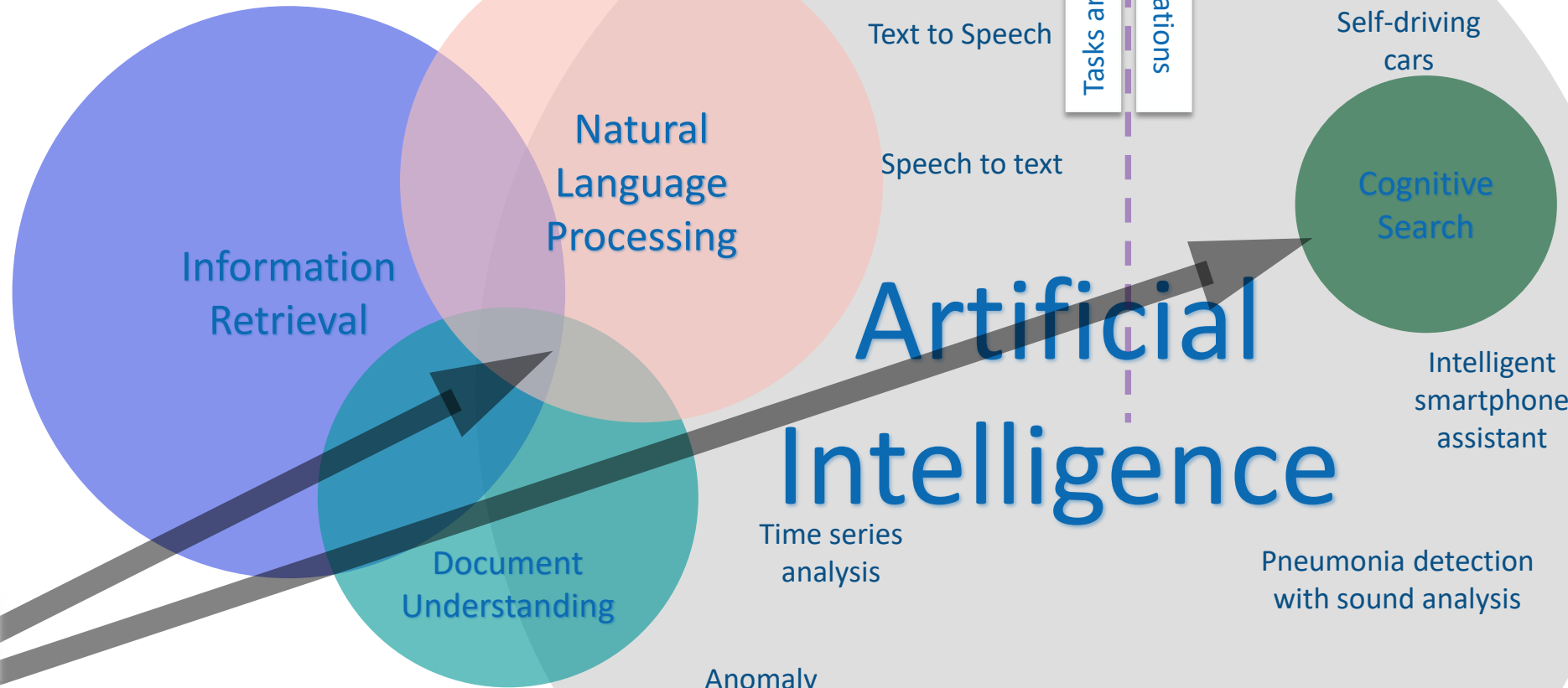
*Data courtesy of Andrew Wisbey*

Such AI models can help develop new materials for Gen IV reactors.

## Example 6 : NLP for Translation

- Translation of technical documents including figures and tables into English
- Translation of old research papers into English
- Charity work for NHS to help translate Covid vaccination guides from English to a number of foreign languages (Bengali, Urdu, Gujarati, Tamil, Kurdish etc)

# Example 7 : AI Tool for Horizon Scanning



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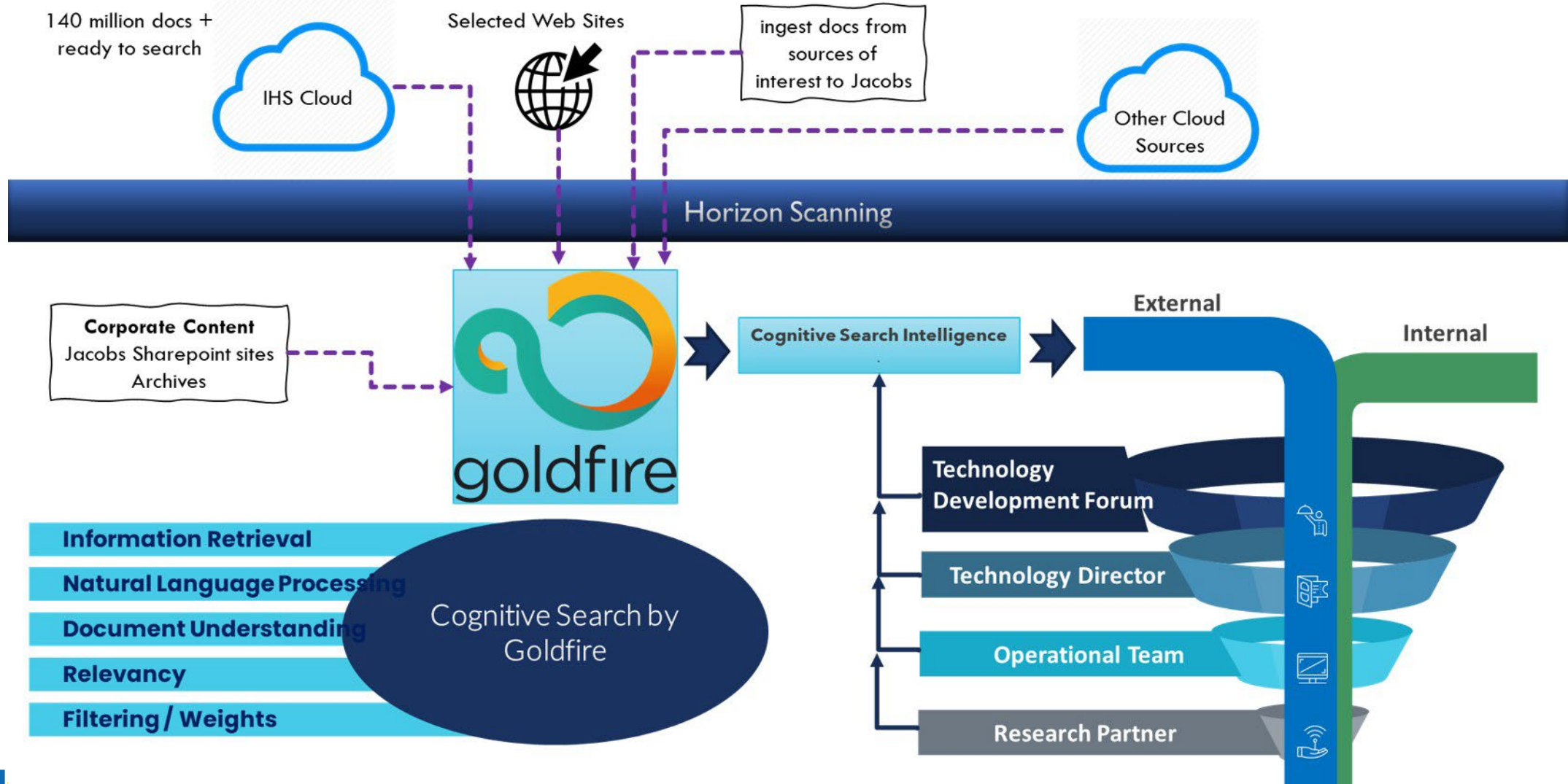


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# Horizon Scanning using Goldfire



# What can Goldfire tell us about Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking (PWSCC)?

The screenshot shows the Goldfire search engine interface. At the top right, it says "7595 results" in a blue box. The search bar contains "EN PWSCC" and "Advanced" search options. Below the search bar, there are filter options for "IHS Content", "Articles", "Patents", and "Corporate".

On the left side, there is a "FILTER RESULTS BY" section with various categories like "Content Classes", "Author", "Topics", etc. The main search results area shows three results:

- 1. New Code Case Development for the Mitigation of PWSCC and CISCC in ASME Section III Components by Advanced Surface Stress Improvement Technology**  
 PUBLISHER: ASME  
 PUBLICATION DATE: 7/14/2019  
 TOPICS: pwsc, pwsc and ciscc, ciscc, mitigation, asme section xi, asme secti on iii components, asme section ...  
 KNOWLEDGE BASE: American Society of Mechanical Engineers Articles  
 ASME Section III has formed two Task Groups with the intent to reduce PWSCC and CISCC in operation by mitigating residual stresses during new construction of components. [More \(2\)](#)  
[Save](#) [Summary](#)
- 2. Advanced Inlay System for Inlet/Outlet Nozzles of RV for Preventive Maintenance Against Alloy 600 PWSCC in Japanese PWR Plants**  
 PUBLISHER: ASME  
 PUBLICATION DATE: 7/14/2013  
 TOPICS: pwsc, alloy 600 pwsc, advanced inlay, inlay system, advanced inlay system, pwr, preventive maintenance ...  
 KNOWLEDGE BASE: American Society of Mechanical Engineers Articles  
 PWSCC can be prevented by improving one of the elements. MHI has been developing stress improvement methods, for example, Water Jet Peening (WJP), Shot Peening by Ultrasonic vibration (USP), and Laser Stress Improvement Process (L-SIP). [More \(4\)](#)  
[Save](#) [Summary](#)
- 3. The Effect of Zinc Addition to Simulated PWR Primary Water on the PWSCC Resistance, Crack Growth Rate and Surface Oxide Films Characteristics of Prefilmed Alloy 600**

On the right side, there is a "Focused information on: PWSCC" section with tabs for "General Facts", "Parts and Functions", "Parameters", "Causes and Effects", and "People & Roles". Below this, there are several expandable sections:

- Definitions:**
  - axial PWSCC (290)
  - circumferential PWSCC (179)
  - potential PWSCC (160)
  - Alloy PWSCC (59)
  - U-bend PWSCC (53)
  - Circ PWSCC (40)
  - weld PWSCC (27)
  - potential undetected PWSCC (27)
  - expansion zone PWSCC (22)
  - future PWSCC (20)
- Properties:**
  - PWSCC initiation (357)
  - PWSCC crack (348)
  - PWSCC susceptibility (291)
  - PWSCC cracking (261)
  - PWSCC flaw (253)
  - PWSCC indication (240)
  - PWSCC water stress corrosion cra... (219)
  - PWSCC resistance (175)
  - PWSCC degradation (159)
  - PWSCC growth (155)
- Advantages**
- Disadvantages**

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with "About IHS Goldfire", "Customer Care", "Privacy policy", "Copyright © IHS Inc. All Rights Reserved.", "Install IHS Highlighting plug-in", "Developer's corner", and the "IHS Market" logo.

# Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking (PWSCC) Reported in HMS Tireless

The screenshot displays the Goldfire search engine interface. At the top, the Goldfire logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Dashboard', 'Researcher', 'My Queries & Alerts', 'My Data', 'Search History', and '>> Administrator Mode' are in the center. On the right, there are links for 'Innovator Demo', 'Help', and 'Log Off'. Below the navigation is a search bar with 'EN' as the language and 'PWSCC' as the query. The search results section shows '1 result from 1 document: General Facts > Definitions'. The result is an email from Marvin Lewis dated 10/28/2000, with the subject 'Concerns UK Nuclear Sub "Hours from Meltdown"'. The topics listed are 'hms tireless, meltdown, hours from meltdown, marvin lewis, tireless, nuclear sub, submarines...'. The knowledge base is identified as 'NRC Articles'. The main content of the result is titled 'result of hour glassing at TSP, tube support plate' and explains that PWSCC is the result of hour glassing at the TSP, tube support plate, caused by the deposition of a corrosion product, magnetite, from the carbon steel of the TSP. A 'Definitions' sidebar on the right shows 'result of hour glassing at TSP, tube sup...' with a count of 1. The interface also includes a filter sidebar on the left with categories like 'Content Classes', 'Author', and 'Topics', and a 'Focused information on: PWSCC' section with various tabs like 'General Facts', 'Parts and Functions', etc.



# What information can Goldfire Lead Us to Regarding this Incident?

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of The Guardian website. On the left, there is a 'Support The Guardian' banner with 'Contribute' and 'Subscribe' buttons. The main navigation menu includes 'News', 'Opinion', 'Sport', 'Culture', 'Lifestyle', and 'More'. Below the menu, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'UK > UK politics Education Media Society Law Scotland Wales Northern Ireland'. The main content area features a 'UK news' sidebar with the author 'Richard Norton-Taylor' and the date 'Sat 28 Oct 2000 23.40 BST'. The main article title is 'Nuclear sub was hours from meltdown' with a sub-headline 'HMS Tireless: How a 'minor defect' could have caused disaster'. The article text begins with 'The crack, far more serious than first thought, is understood to be at a critical junction of pipes in the pressurised water reactor's cooling system which cannot be isolated. The navy now recognises it is not simply a question of wear and tear: it is a potentially catastrophic design fault. Asked whether it could have foreseen what it is now suspected is a "generic" problem, navy'. To the right of the article is an advertisement for 'OUTLANDER PHEV' with the text 'SAVE UP TO £4,000 AND FREE HOME DELIVERY'.

# Goldfire AI helps to provide possible answers to questions

Select where to search:  IHS Content  Articles  Patents  Corporate

EN why were cracks missed? Advanced 🔍 Translation: into English  
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**Content Classes**

Articles & Journals 8,467

**Author**

**Topics**

**Referenced People**

**Publication Date**

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- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 4,619
- Westinghouse 2,796
- DOE 2,063
- ISI 1,889
- EPA 1,818
- Quality Assurance 1,784

8,467 results

- G20000494/LTR-00-0640 - M Lewis Ltr. re 2.206 Request to Stop Operation at Nuclear Power Plants Affected by Steam Generator Tubing Cracks**

PUBLICATION DATE: 10/15/2000  
TOPICS: steam generator tubing cracks, cracks, tube crack, specail report, ip2, g20000494, power plants ...  
KNOWLEDGE BASE: NRC Articles

**reduction of sensitivity of probe**

Tube cracks were missed because the **sensitivity of the probe** was **reduced**: a possibility not specifically mentioned in the Specail Report. [More \(11\)](#)

Save Summary
- Marvin Lewis re: 2.206 - Request to Stop Operation at Nuclear Power Plants Affected by Steam Generator Tubing Cracks**

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- E-Mail from M Modes to D Lew, G Cranston and W Schmidt Re IP SG Questions.**

PUBLISHER: NRC/RGN-I  
PUBLICATION DATE: 7/25/2000

**All Results**

**Focused information on:** why were cracks missed?

**General Facts** | **Parts and Functions** | **Parameters** | **Causes and Effects** | **People & Roles**

Consumer Sentiment | Corporate Categories

Answers	Methods
reduction of sensitivity of probe (5)	testing of areas (1)
limitation of boroscope (2)	
human error (1)	
inadvertent placement of clipboard on a... (1)	
degradation phenomenon (1)	

Conditions	Locations
test condition (2)	in inspection (6)
255 degrees (1)	in tendon anchorage hardware (3)
155 degrees (1)	at sludge pile (2)
145 degrees (1)	in CRDM nozzle weld (2)
160 degrees (1)	in UT inspection (2)

# Goldfire AI Summaries Help to Provide Quick Insights

**Document Summary 1**

Title: IR 05000247/2000-010, March 7 thru July 20, 2000, Indian Point Unit 2; Special Team; steam generator tube failure, visual, eddy current inspection, technique qualification, corrective actions

Document Language: English

Facts: The team reviewed the adequacy of Con Edison's performance during the 1997 steam generator inspections and assessed Con Edison's root cause evaluation, dated April 14, 2000. While there were no public health and safety consequences from the tube failure event itself, leaving the degraded tubes in-service resulted in a significant reduction in safety margin based on the increased risk of a steam generator tube rupture (SGTR) during reactor operation.

**Document Summary 2**

Title: G20000494/LTR-00-0640 - Corrected Incoming - Ltr. Magnet Levitate: 2.206 - Request to Stop Operation at Nuclear Power Plants Affected by Steam Generator Tubing Cracks

Document Language: English

Facts: Tube cracks were missed because the sensitivity of the probe was reduced; a possibility not specifically mentioned in the Special Report. The Special Report concludes that the cause of the tube failure was that crack indications were not detected and pursued. Tube crack indications must be detected and pursued to protect the health and safety of the public. The root cause is important as the steam generator cracking at IP2 is 80 times greater than predicted in the design documents! The water chemistry had to be such that the corrosion proceeded to cause enough deposition of magnetite to produce PWSCC to give 80 times more tube cracking than used in design documents!

**Document Summary 3**

Title: Draft IR 05000247/2000-010, Indian Point Unit 2, Inspection on 03/07/2000-07/20/2000 related to cause of failure of steam generator tube on 02/15/2000. Violations noted. Contained in computer file named "ip2sg2000-010rev8.wpd."

Document Language: English

Facts: The team reviewed the adequacy of Con Edison's performance during the 1997 steam generator inspections and assessed Con Edison's root cause evaluation, dated April 14, 2000. The team concluded that the overall duration and execution of the 1997 steam generator inspection were deficient in several respects. Defects at this location, if not detected and removed from service, were known, based on industry experience, to have a significant likelihood of causing a tube rupture. Additionally, your inspection identified new low-row tube restrictions at upper tube support plate locations, which indicated increased susceptibility to this PWSCC mechanism. Leaving the degraded tubes in-service resulted in a significant reduction in safety margin based on the increased risk of a steam generator tube rupture (SGTR) during a year of reactor operation.

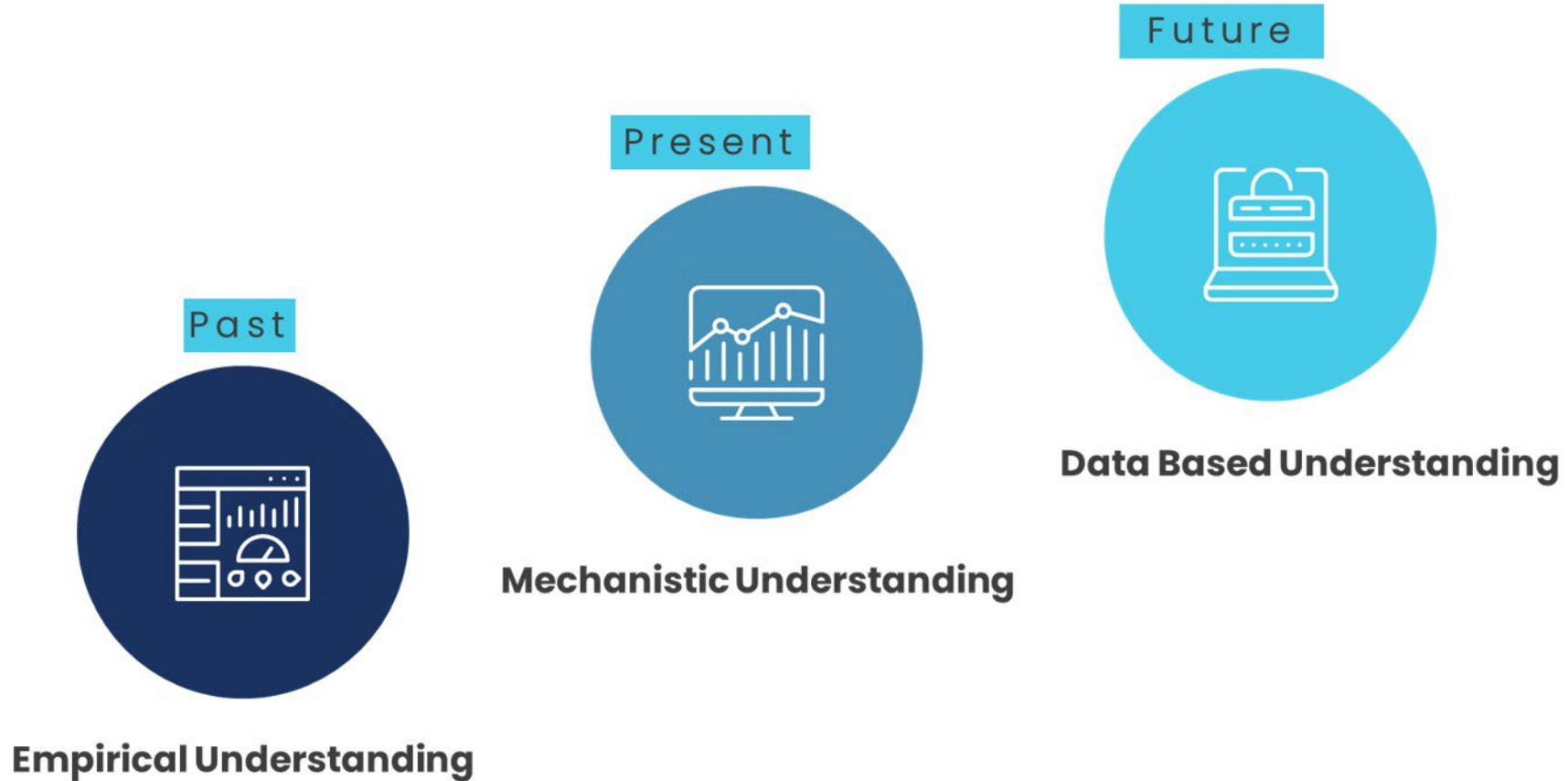
**Callout Boxes:**

- Tube cracks were missed because the sensitivity of the probe was reduced.
- The steam generator cracking at IP2 is 80 times greater than predicted in the design documents
- Defects at this location, if not detected and removed from service, were known, based on industry experience, to have a significant likelihood of causing a tube rupture.
- Leaving the degraded tubes in-service resulted in a significant reduction in safety margin based on the increased risk of a steam generator tube rupture (SGTR) during a year of reactor operation.

**Benefits**  
Claims, arguments and evidence needed for a safety case can be extracted from large number of unstructured documents quickly and efficiently.

# The Way We Do Engineering is Changing

## Impact of AI and Data Science



# Current project : Probabilistic AI for Prediction of Material Properties (PROMAP)

A feasibility study sponsored by Advanced Nuclear Skills Innovation Campus (ANSIC).

**AIM:** To combine AI models with probabilistic methods to help predict the properties of materials used in the nuclear industry

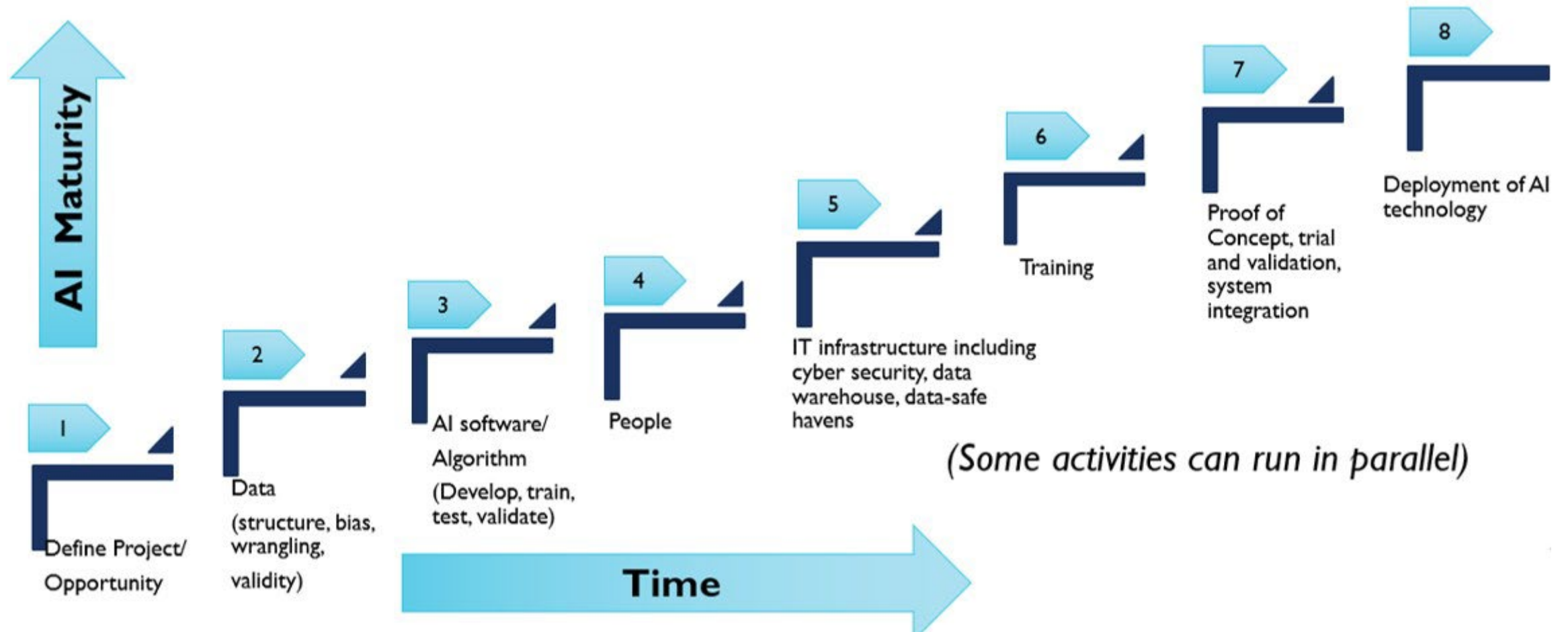
**THE PROBLEM:** The existing AI are trained with deterministic data and models require a large number of physical tests to cover the natural variability in the material properties. An extra challenge for the nuclear industry is that there is not sufficient material test data available for such a data centric AI approach.

**THE SOLUTION:** Combine ANN with Bayesian statistics and Interval Predictor Models to enhance the robustness of the response. This allows for the uncertainties from the sparse data and material variability to be accounted for and it allows to provide the necessary confidence associated with the prediction.

University of Strathclyde is leading the project with help from the Risk Institute at Liverpool University and the author.  
*If you have nuclear material database that needs to be enhanced, please contact the author.*



# 8 Steps to Deploy AI technology



# Summary : AI in Nuclear energy sector

## i. Accident identification

Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM) is a technique in Machine Learning in which probability distribution over different variables are used to predict behaviour. Example: Hidden Markov Models for accident identification in nuclear power plants.

## ii. System Performance

Reinforcement learning can be applied to a dynamic system where learning data provides feedback to achieve a defined goal. Example: Reinforced Learning for plasma control in fusion reactors.

## iii. Information retrieval

There are a number of NLP tools available. Example: A pilot project is being run to extract useful safety information and 'lessons learnt' from the previous event reports.

## iv. Structural Integrity

Example: ANN was applied to predict Environmental Impact on Fatigue/Fracture Behavior of Steel.

# Summary : AI in Nuclear Energy Sector

## v. Material Properties

Example: Material Properties Predictor for Power Plant Steels (M4PS) and Probabilistic AI for Prediction of Material Properties (PROMAP).

## vi. Predictive maintenance

AI can identify anomalous behaviour. Example: the High Intensity Proton Accelerator at the Paul Scherrer Institute where the particle accelerator instrumentation has very tight operational constraints

## vii. Weld Inspection

Example: AI applied to accelerate PAUT inspection of welds.

## ix. QA vs QC

AI used to extract lessons learnt from previous data to improve processes. Example: Root cause failure analysis of TIG welds.

## x. Robotics in construction and decommissioning

Robotics and AI are two distinct domains. Robots have been in use in industry for quite some time but empowered by AI, they are turning into 'smart robots'.



# Conclusion : AI is Powering the Future

- AI is playing a crucial role in the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution (I4.0).
- Data science and machine learning is being used to stay ahead and remain competitive.
- Innovative solutions with AI technology are being developed which previously were thought to be science fiction.
- Every problem is different. Talk to experts to understand which aspect of AI/ML to use.
- AI is powering the future. Nuclear is powering the future. 'AI' and 'Nuclear Energy' are contemporaneous in meeting our future energy needs.



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# Upcoming Webinars

Date	Title	Presenter
23 March 2022	Scale Effects and Thermal-Hydraulics: Application to French SFR	Mr. Benjamin Jourdy, CEA, France
19 April 2022	GIF/IAEA Joint Webinar: Role of Nuclear Energy in Reducing CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions	Dr. Shannon Bragg-Sitton, INL Mr. Wei Huang, IAEA Ms. Diane Cameron, NEA
11 May 2022	Development of Nanosized Carbide Dispersed Advanced Radiation Resistant Austenitic Stainless Steel (ARES) for Generation IV Systems	Mr. Jiho Shin, KAIST, Republic of Korea