

# Combining Human and Artificial Intelligence

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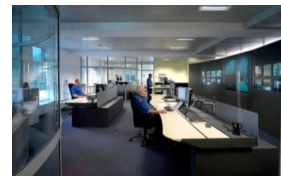
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## Institute Humans in Complex Systems (MikS)

- Analysis, evaluation and design of complex systems
  - Increased technical and organizational complexity
  - Individuals and groups confronted with such complexity
- Objectives
  - Increase the reliability and safety of sociotechnical systems
  - Healthy humans and organizations



## Outline

### –Intelligence

- Amazing abilities of machines
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## Intelligence

### **Intelligence:**

Ability to learn from experience, solve problems and use knowledge to adapt to new situations.

(Myers, 2005, S. 460)

### **Artificial intelligence:**

Replication of human intelligence within computer science.

(Wikipedia, 2023)



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## Focus: Experts



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## Enormous Increase in Hardware Performance

Performance doubles  
approximately every two years  
(cf. Moore's law)

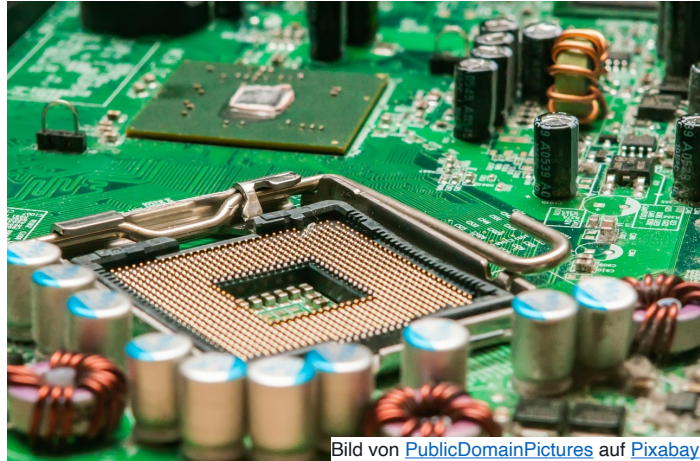


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## Amazing Abilities of Machines

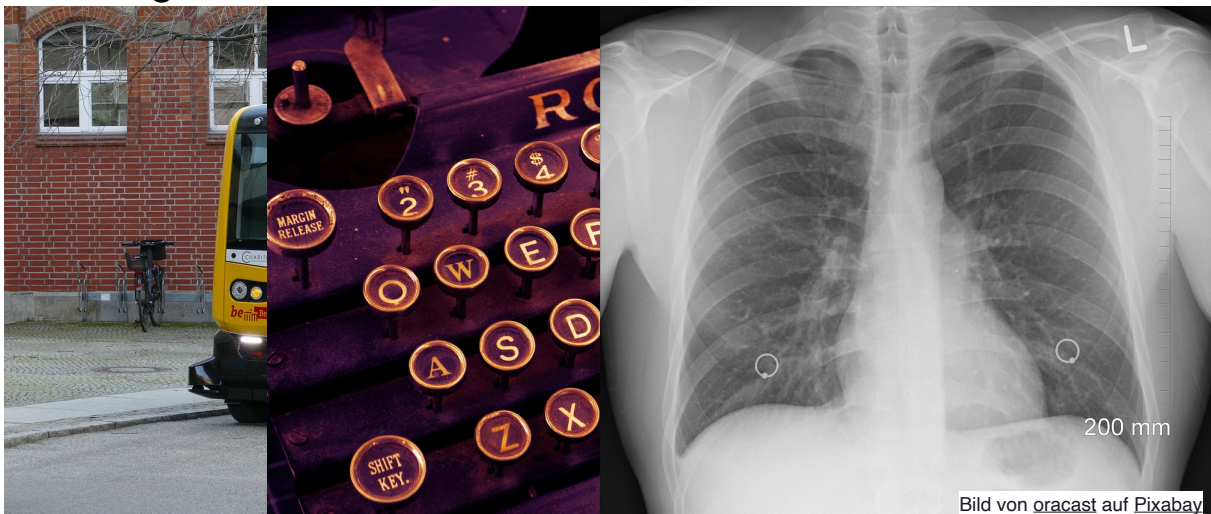


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Taking responsibility vs.  
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## Expertise I: Humans' Experience = Tacit Knowledge

Experts recognise patterns:  
They can „read“ situations

Often an unconscious process

Mostly tacit knowledge: not explainable

Prerequisite: Experience

- What is important about the situation?
- What needs to be taken into account?
- What needs to be done?

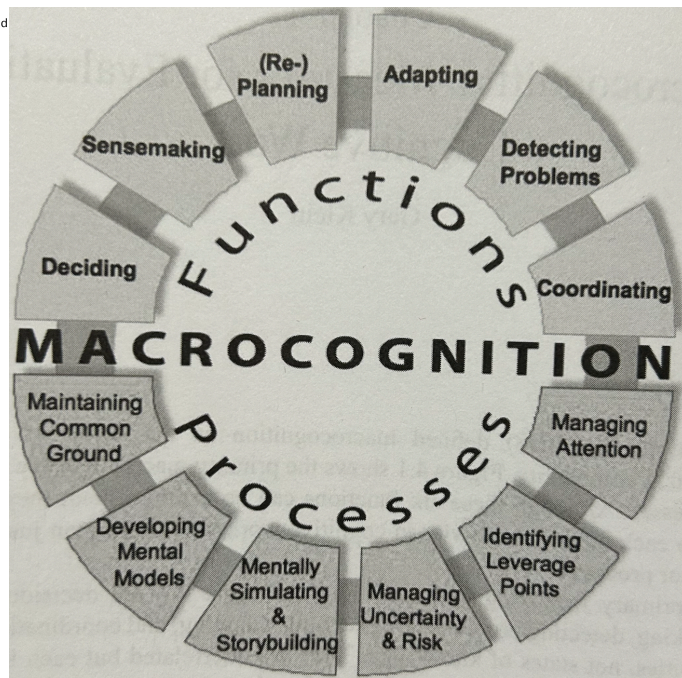
(Klein, 1993)



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## Macro cognition



(Klein, 2010)

## Expertise II: Humans' Experience = Trained Skills

Many skills are also  
experience-based

Cannot be learnt theoretically

Need to be trained

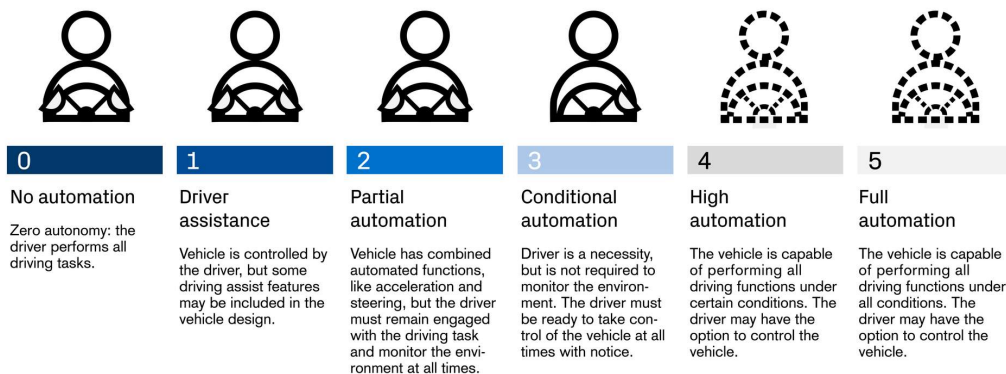


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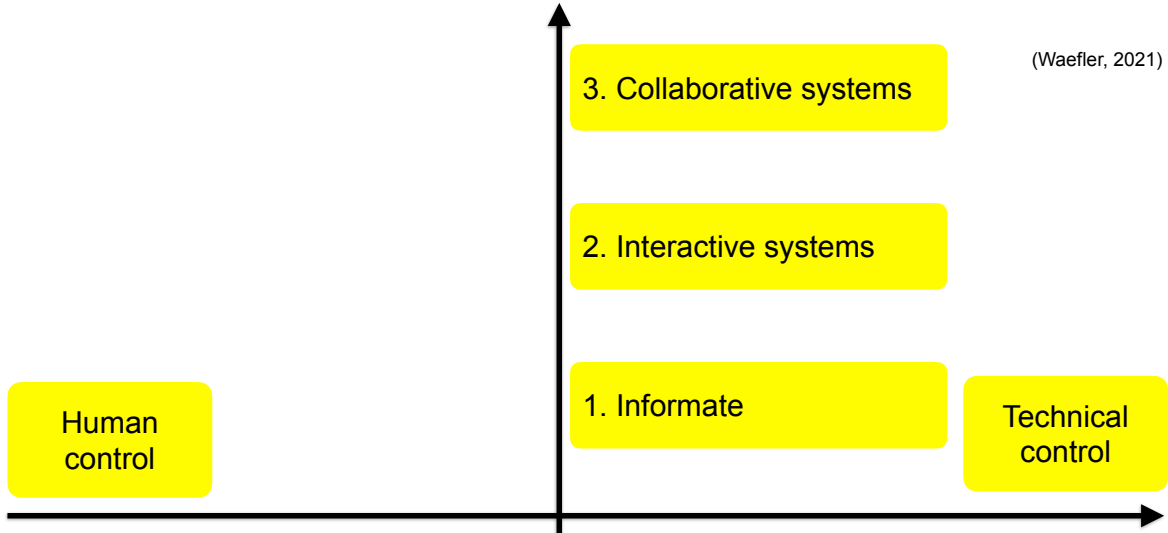
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## Classic View: Automation = Increasing Technical Autonomy

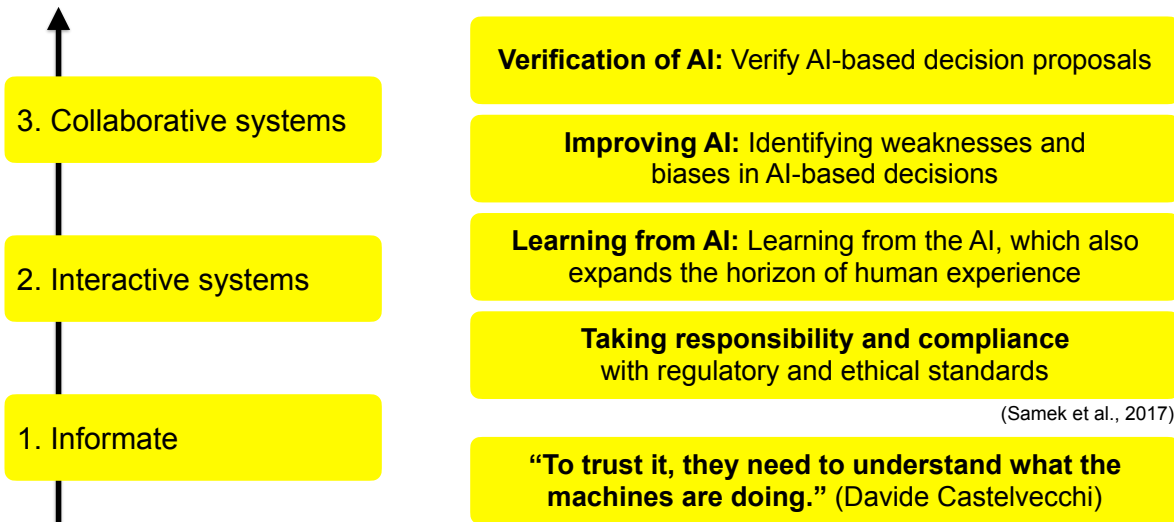


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## Alternative View: Increasing Cooperation of Humans and Technology



## Human Roles





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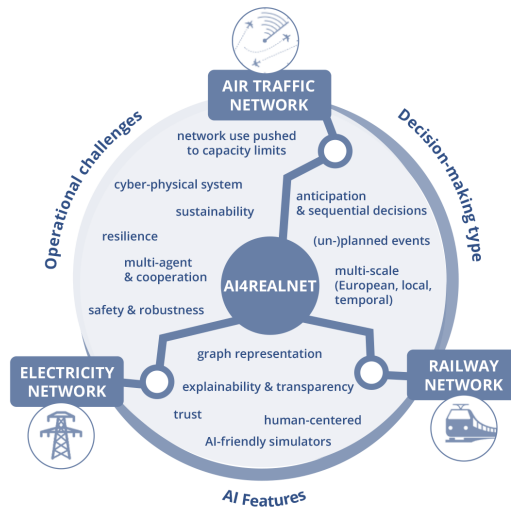
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## Focus on critical infrastructures



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# Our core elements are:



1

## AI algorithms mainly composed by supervised and reinforcement learning.

Unifying the benefits of existing heuristics, physical modelling of these complex systems and learning methods, as well as a set of complementary techniques to enhance transparency, safety, explainability and human acceptance.

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## Human-in-the-loop decision making for co-learning between AI and humans.

Considering integration of model uncertainty, human cognitive load and trust.

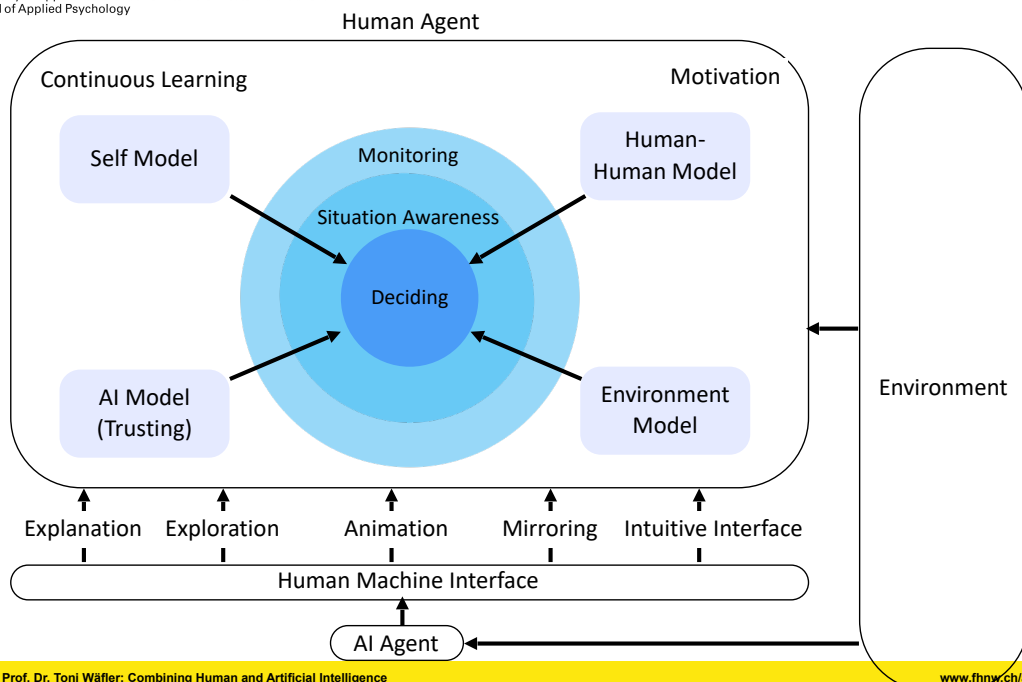
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## Autonomous AI systems relying on human supervision.

Embedded with human domain knowledge and Safety rules.



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## Summary

- Humans and artificial intelligence are very different
- Artificial intelligence can (partially) emulate human intelligence
- Based on their different strengths and weaknesses, humans and artificial intelligence can complement each other

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