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# Digital Twins

for Design, Testing and Verification of Autonomous Systems

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# 2011

**“Software is eating the world.”**

—Marc Andreessen, VC



2017



## Key digital trends shaping the (maritime) industry's future

### Internet of Things

- Sensors everywhere
- 1 trillion connected devices in 2025
- 11 trillion USD revenues

### Bandwidth

- 5G terrestrial network with 10 Gbps
- 50 Mbps satellite network in 2025

### Cloud

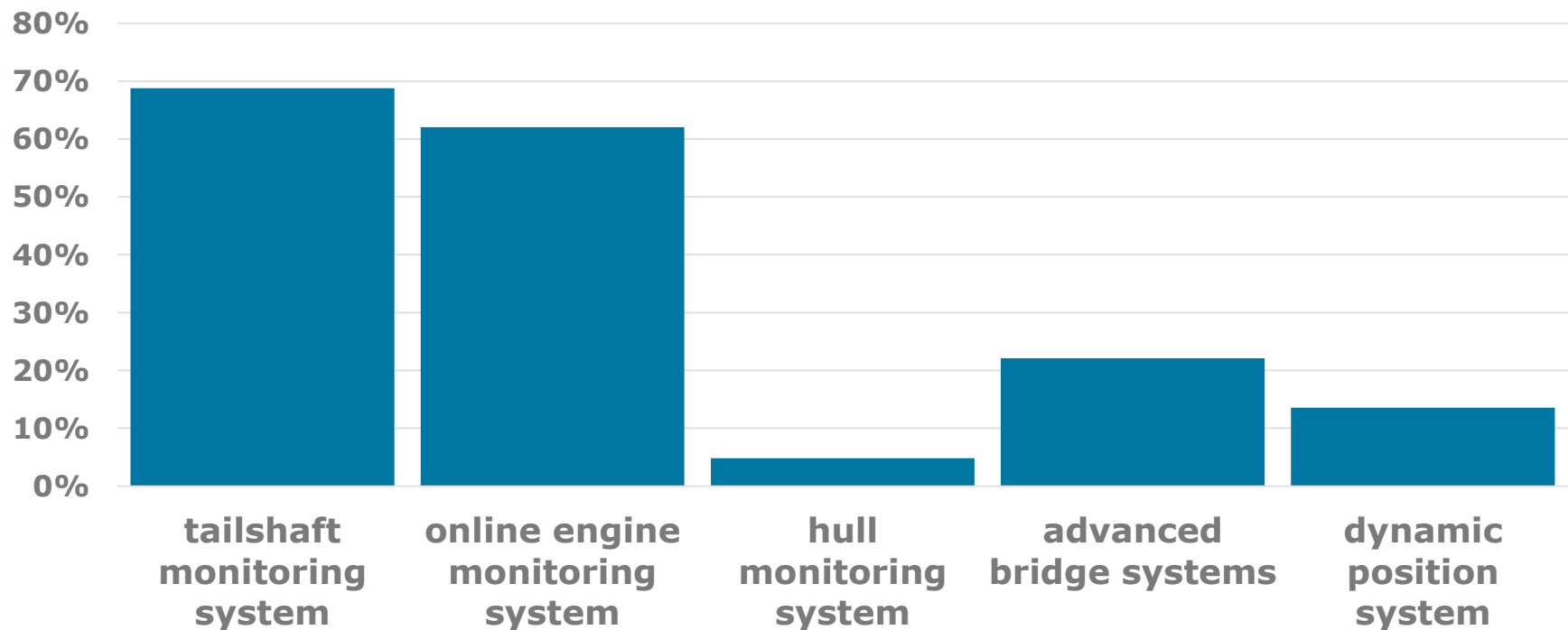
- Computing and storage on demand
- 50% of IT infrastructure in 2020

### Machine learning

- Taking off now, driven by consumer applications (Siri, Alexa, Google now)
- Essential to create insight from large data volumes

## Smart ships - prepared for going digital?

Share of new vessels into DNV GL class  
(2015&2016) and equipped with



Source: DNV GL 2015&2016 data , MDT, own estimates

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# Cyber-physical systems (CPS)

*"Cyber-physical systems (CPS) are engineered systems that are built from, and depend upon, the seamless integration of computational algorithms and physical components."*

National Science Foundation

**Yes, it is  
complex  
(Why?)**



Combining the continuous physical world  
and discrete software world

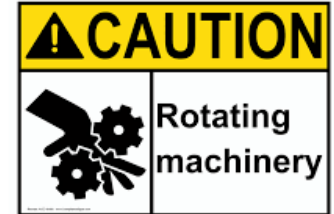
Real-time and network challenge

Humans in the loop and autonomy

Security challenge

«Old risks»

*Machinery, structure,  
components – strenght,  
wear and tear*



«New risks»

*Cyber-physical systems with  
systematic failures – if  
wrong, always wrong*



# Safety



## Cyber-physical system



### The "inner" threats:

- Bugs
- Design flaws
- Configuration errors
- ...

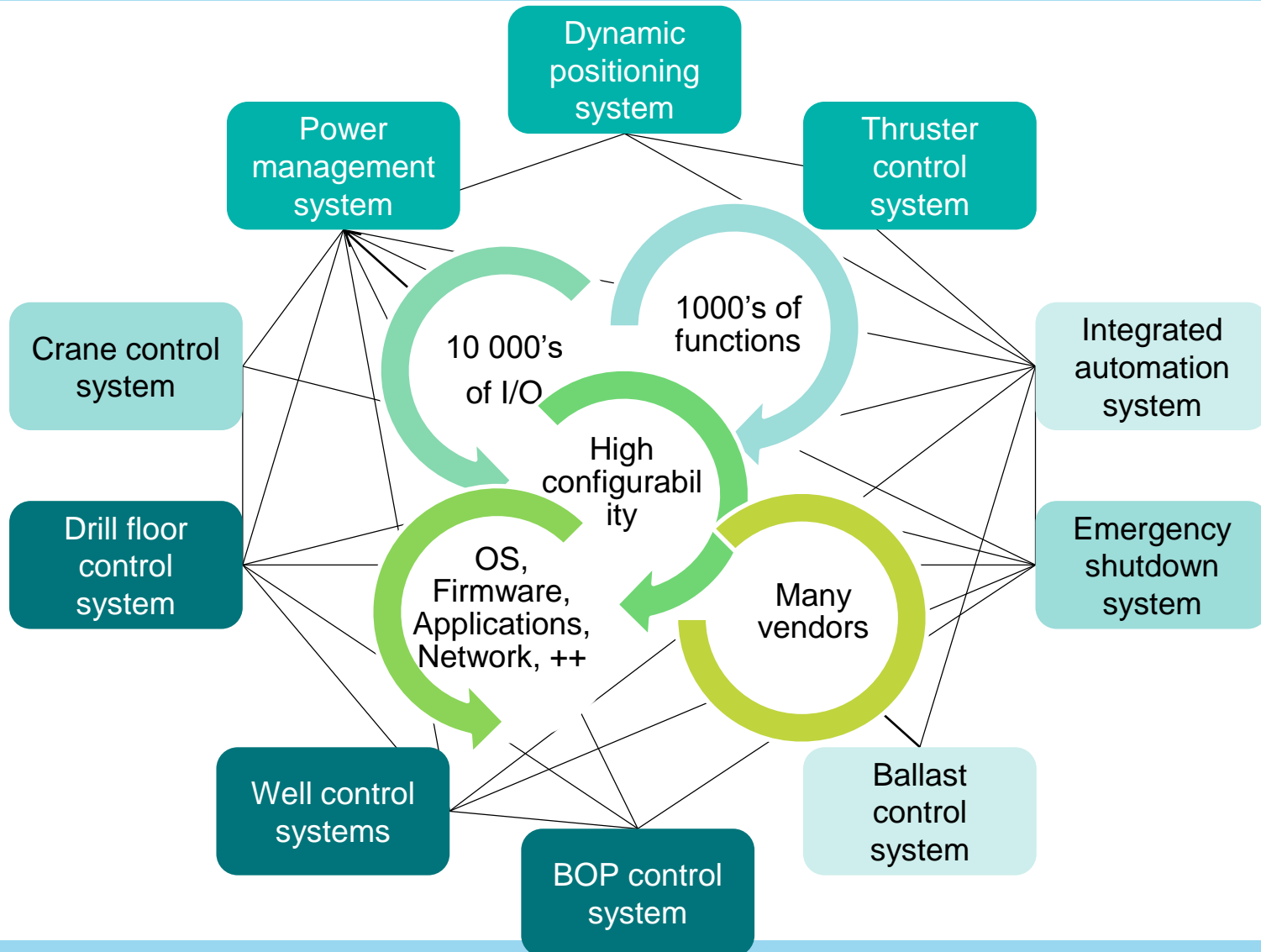
# Security



### The "external" threats:

- Hackers
- Malware
- Cyber crime
- ...

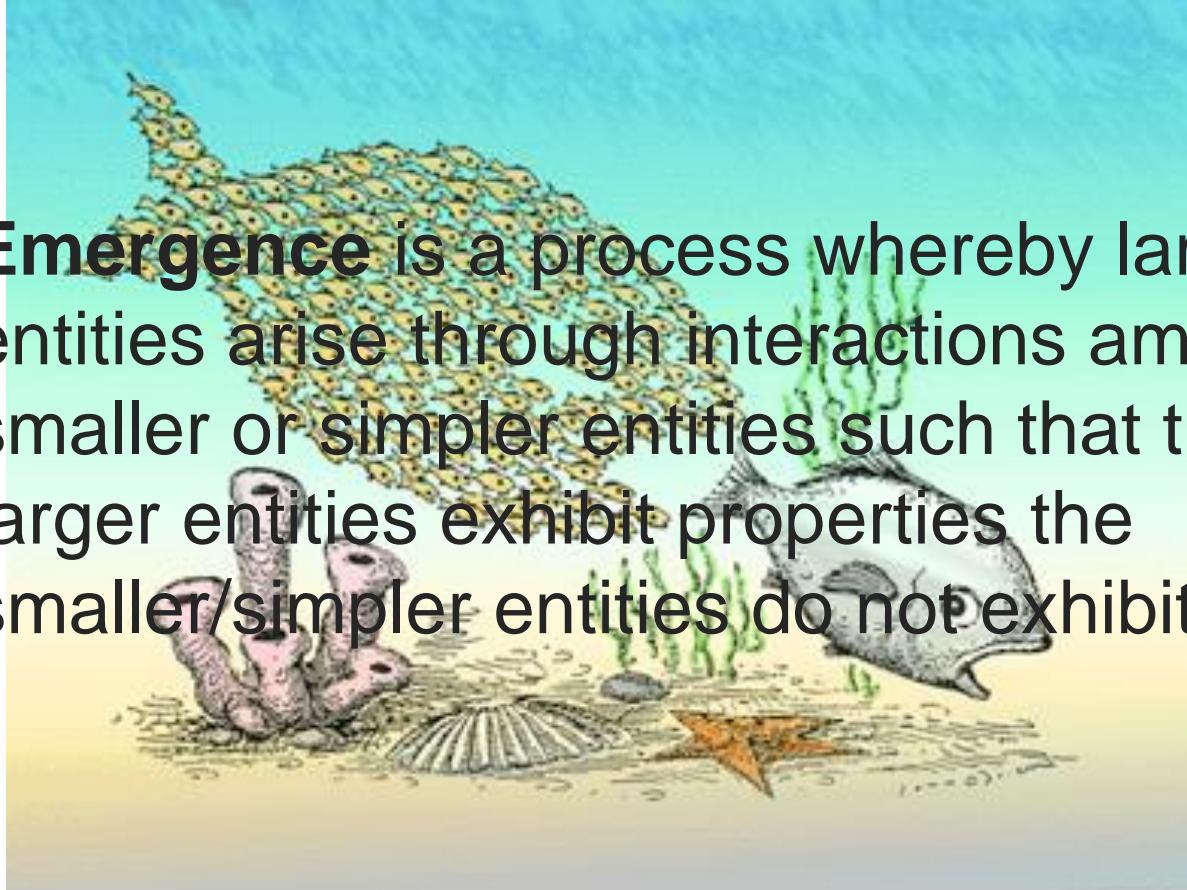
# Control systems on a modern drilling unit



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## Emergent system properties

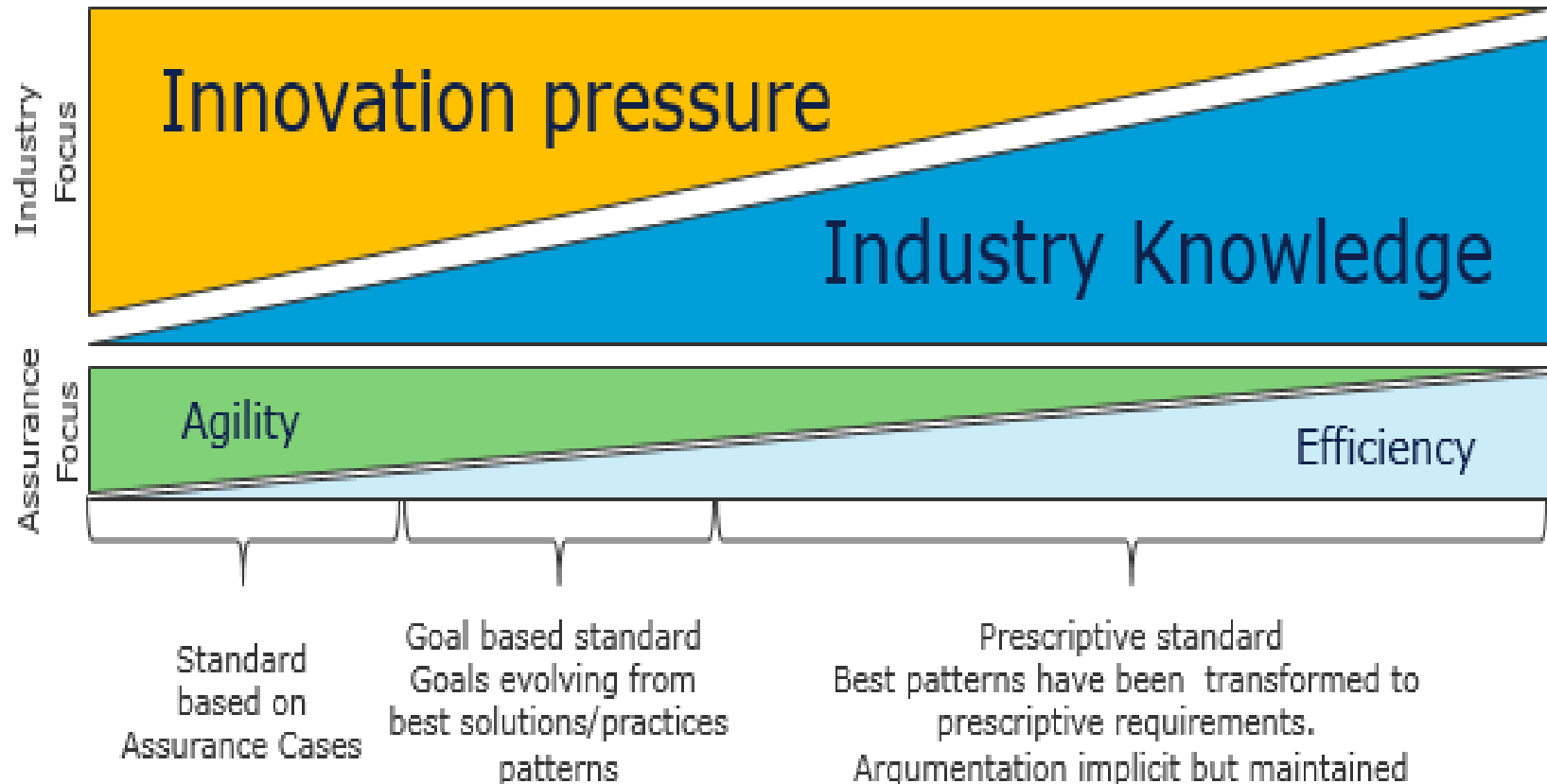
**Emergence** is a process whereby larger entities arise through interactions among smaller or simpler entities such that the larger entities exhibit properties the smaller/simpler entities do not exhibit.



... or “integration issues” as they’re often called

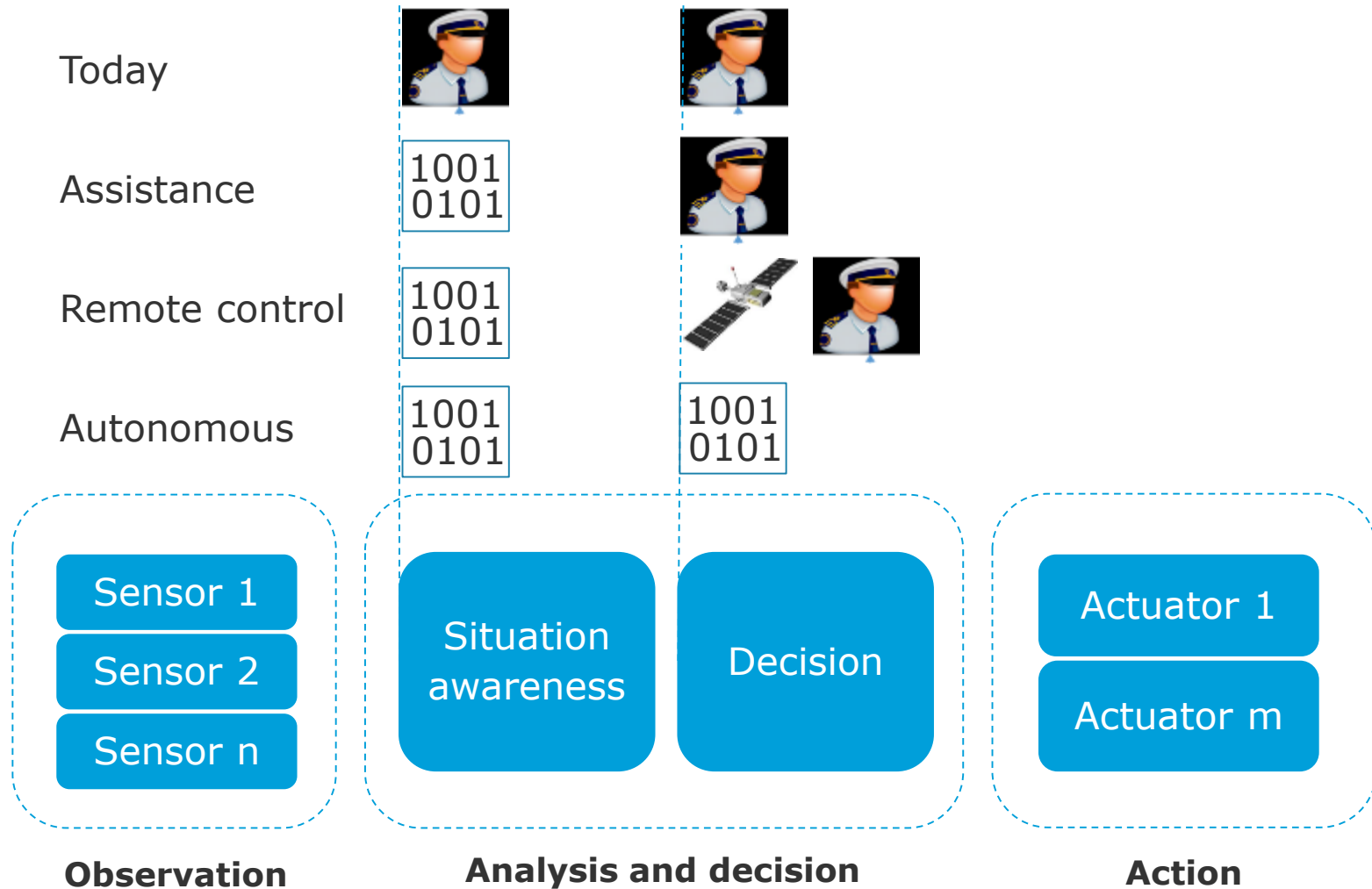
# Verification of Autonomous Systems

# The verification challenge



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## Navigation with different levels of human interaction



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# Digital Twins

# Digital Twin

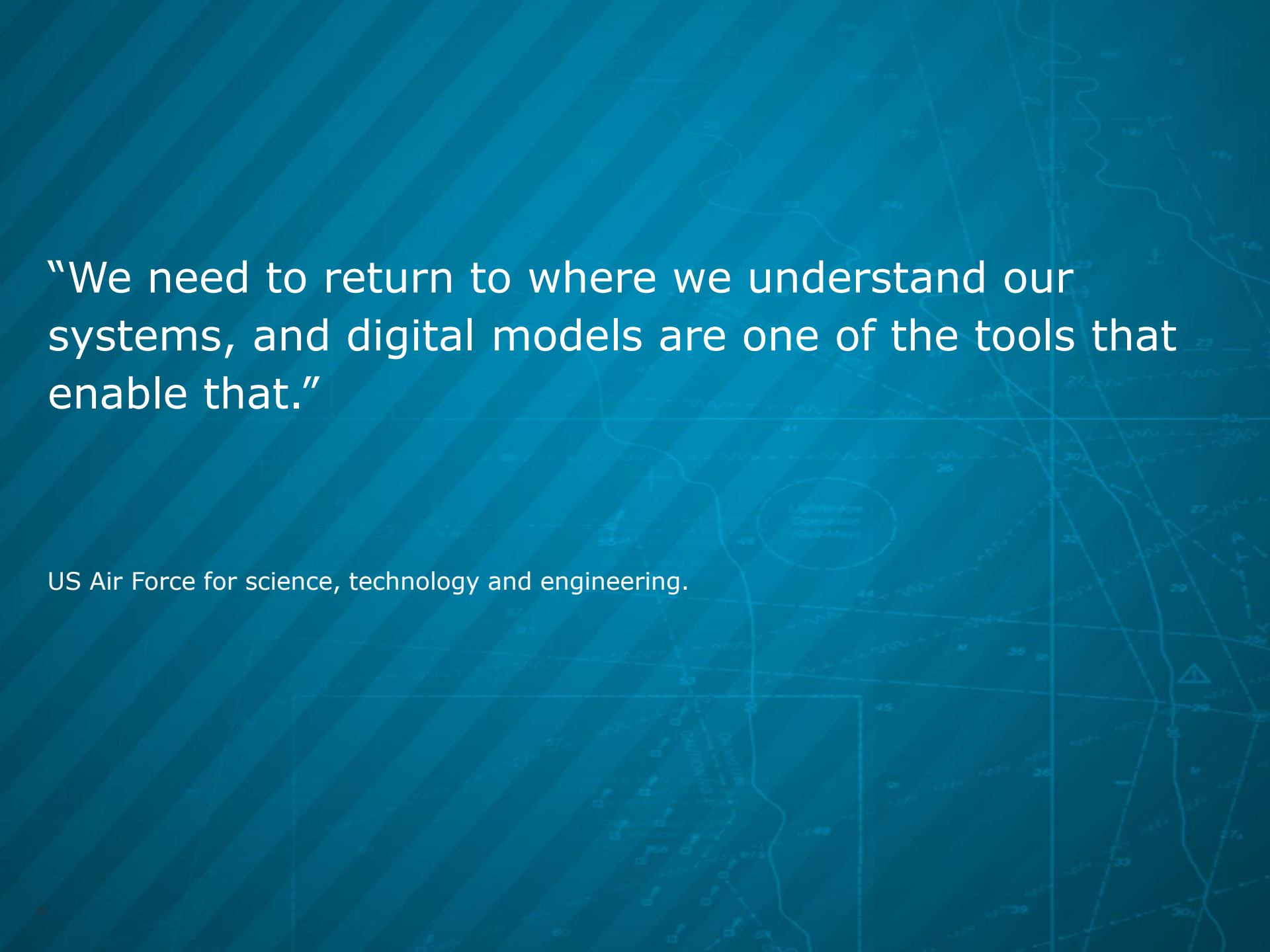
A model of an asset, specific to its physical counterpart

Mathematical model - information model - visual models



Image credit: GP Power & Water

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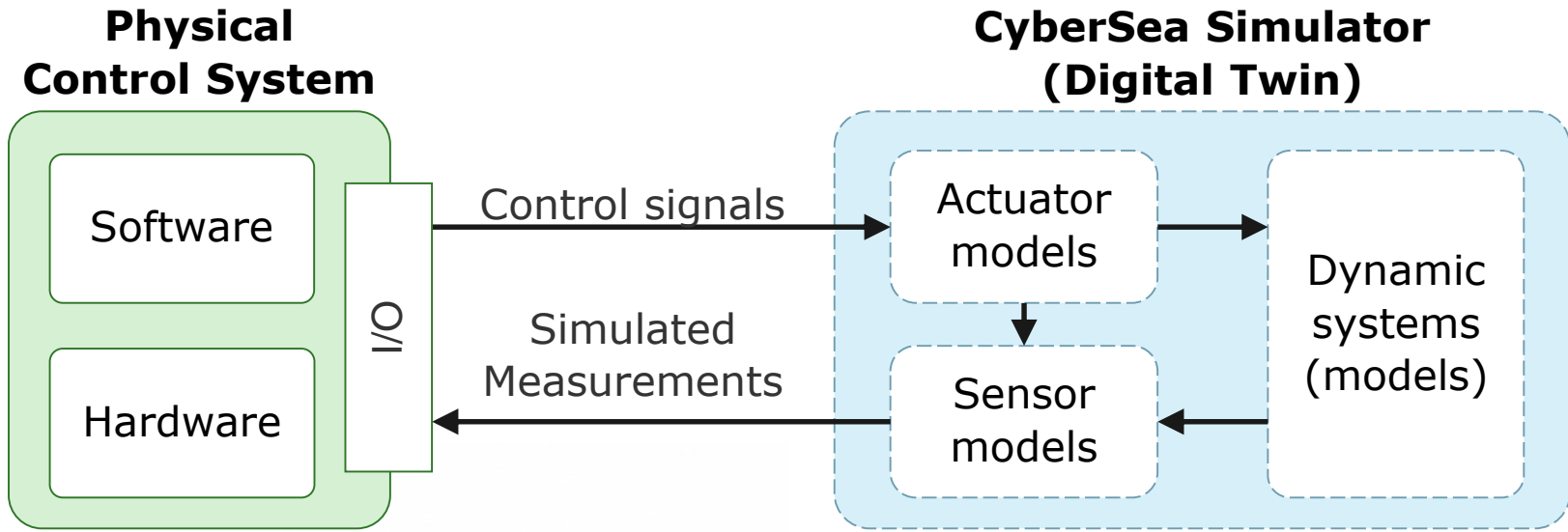


“We need to return to where we understand our systems, and digital models are one of the tools that enable that.”

US Air Force for science, technology and engineering.

# Hardware-in-the-loop

# Hardware-In-the-Loop Setup



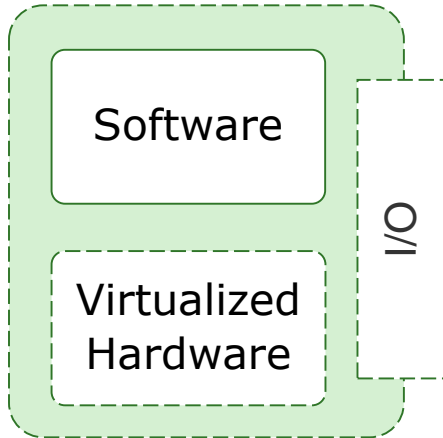
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# Software-in-the-loop

(Model-in-the-loop  
Processor-in-the-loop)

# Software-In-the-Loop Setup

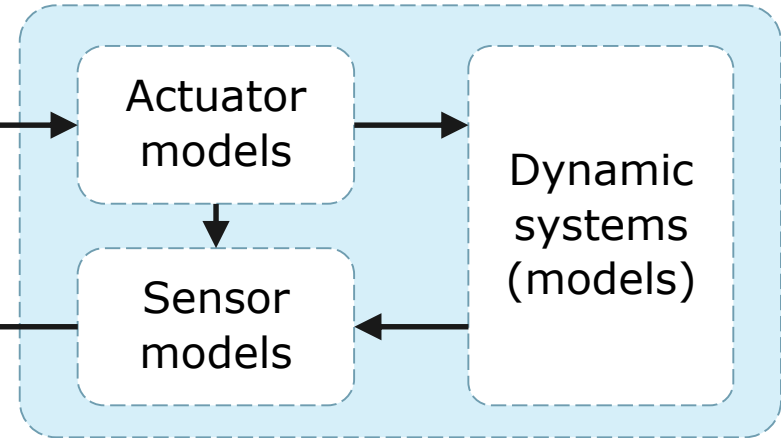
## Virtualized Control Systems



Control signals

Simulated  
Measurements

## CyberSea Simulator (Digital Twin)



- No real time requirements
- “just files” → Easy duplication
- Suitable for scaling in the cloud
- Exact same SW as in normal operation

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# The ReVolt Project

- **Concept developed by DNV GL**

- Released 2014
- Unmanned container vessel
- Zero emission
- Battery powered

- **ReVolt Student project**

- 1:20 Scale model
- Fully capable with 3 azimuth thrusters
- Two summer students and MSc's 2016/2017
- Five summer students and MSc's 2017/2018



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# Ongoing public funded R&D projects

# The SIMAROS project

## Safe Implementation of Autonomous and Remote Operation of Ships

### ■ Unmanned offshore vessel

- Technology development
- Development of risk assessment tools and standards
- Ambition: Enable national regulations and class to allow for commercial unmanned operation
- Building starts 2017, test operation 2018

### ■ Partners:



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### Press Release



Automated Ships Ltd and KONGSBERG to build first unmanned and fully-automated vessel for offshore operations

- First full size unmanned ship to be built through UK and Norwegian co-operation
- Offshore vessel 'Hrönn', to be contracted January 2017 and in operation in 2018



Artists impression of the 'Hrönn'

# The AAWA project

## Advanced Autonomous Waterborne Applications

### ■ Areas of focus:

- Technology
- Safety and security
- Societal & legal acceptance
- Economy and business models

### ■ DNV GL focus:

- Class requirements and assurance of safety and performance

### ■ Partners:



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## The Autosea project



- **Areas of focus:**

- Sensor fusion
- Collision avoidance
- System architecture

- **DNV GL focus:**

- Competence on core technologies

- **Partners:**

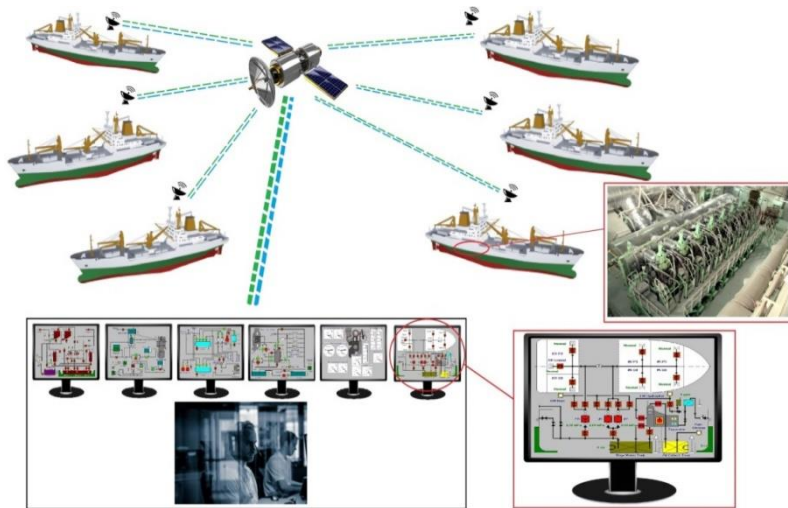


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# The ROMAS project (On Shore ECR) Remote Operations of Machinery and Automation Systems



# Thank you!

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