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# Smart, open & accurate: Sensors in the sustainable Onlife era

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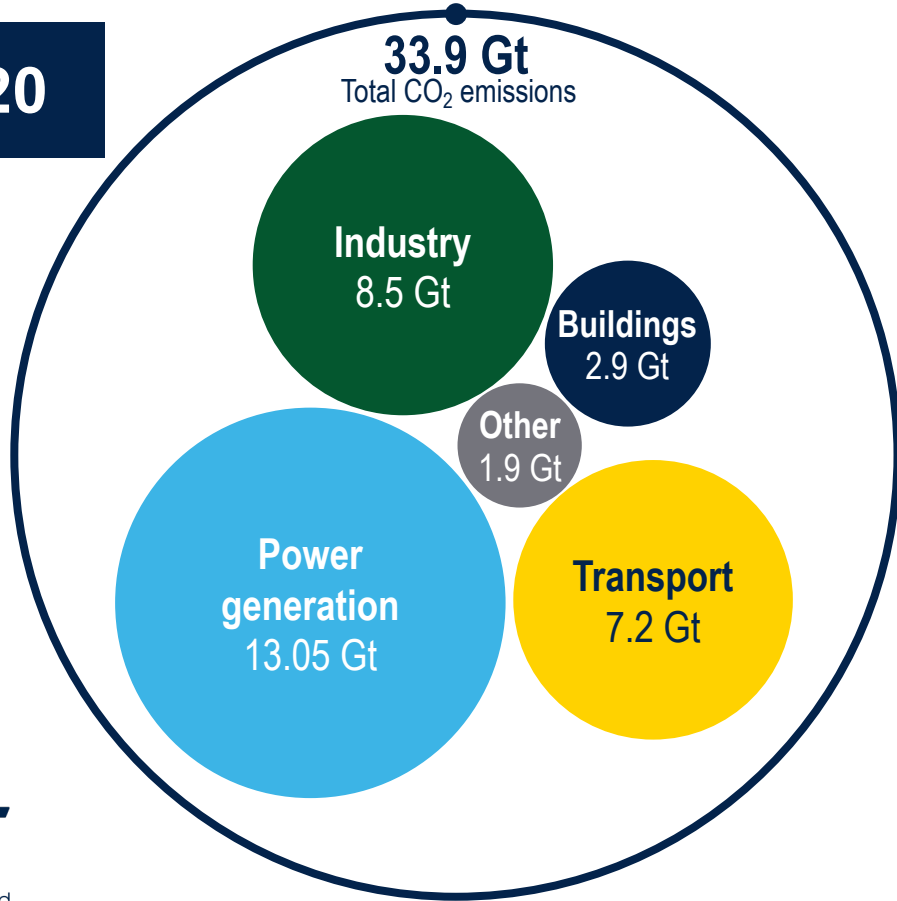
Artificial Intelligence Strategy

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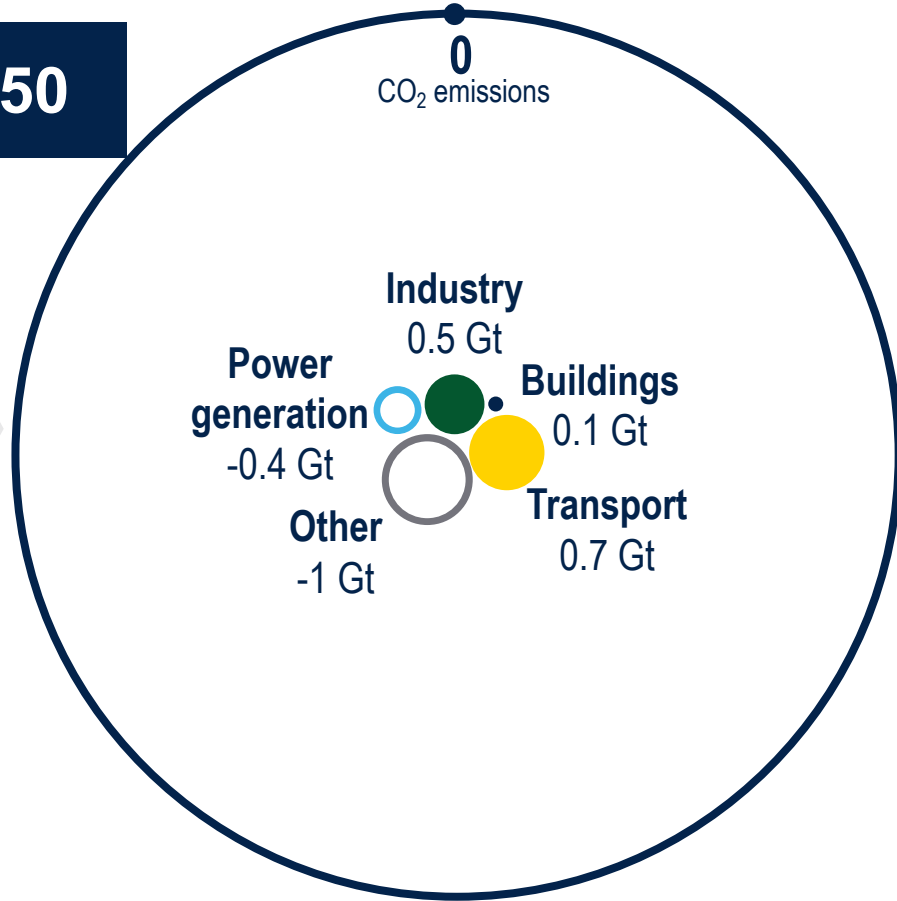
# Main focus on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Carbon dioxide emissions reached ~34 Gtons in 2020, where power sector represents the major contributor with 40% of the total

2020



2050



Additional energy will be required to achieve this transformation

Source: IEA, Net Zero by 2050

# The path to carbon neutrality

## Energy generation

From fossil to renewable energy sources



## Industry

Use of highly efficient equipment



## Transportation

Migration to electric vehicle



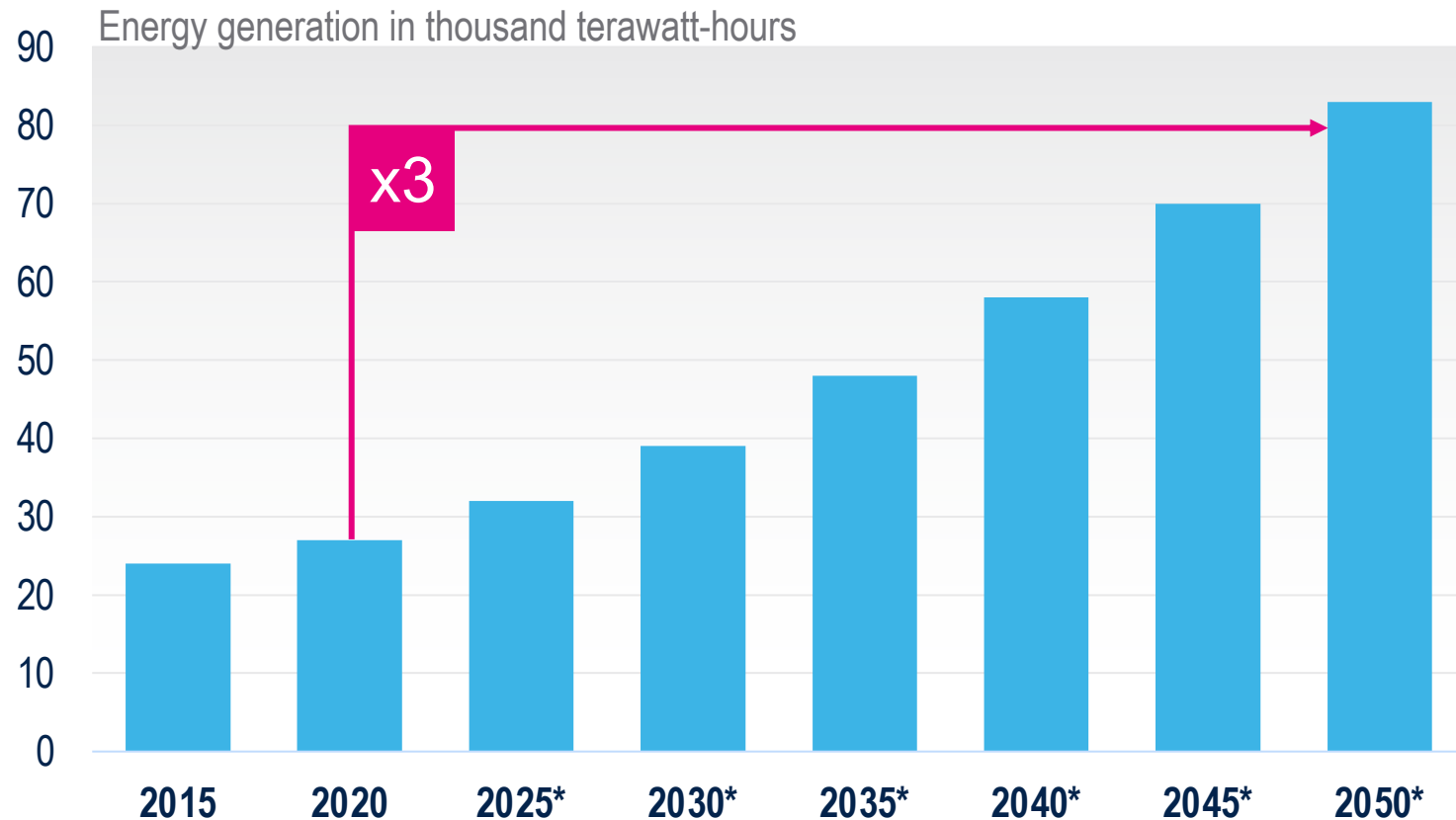
## Building

Low emission energy source and efficient systems



# Electricity generation worldwide trend

Electricity generation worldwide is forecast to triple in the next three decades, reaching **83,000 terawatt-hours by 2050**



**3X power generation**  
largely **driven by**  
**decarbonization efforts** and  
**electrification** of the transportation  
and building sectors

Source: Statista, Worldwide; McKinsey & Company



**The right path is by no means obvious**



# A complex equation

Increase in **electricity needs** driven by industry, buildings and transportation sectors



Use **renewable energy sources** to generate electricity



Implement **energy efficiency** at every level



Semiconductor **technologies** enabling **large-scale** deployment of **highly efficient** systems

# What do human expect from technology today?

## Sustainable

Technologies that **protect** and **help humans protect** the planet

## Human centered

Technologies that improve the **interaction** with the world around us, remain **non-invasive** and **secure** while developing our **creativity**



# Sensors at the heart of our interactions with the digital world



**Human  
centered**



**Sustainable**

**Sensors** are the key components to **bridge** the **physical** and the **digital** worlds



Sensors becoming **smart** answer **human expectations** while ensuring a **sustainable future**



# Smart sensors making our world a better place

## Offline Era



2000

**A paradigm change in the man-machine interface**

MEMS technology: from a concept to a product.

## Online Era

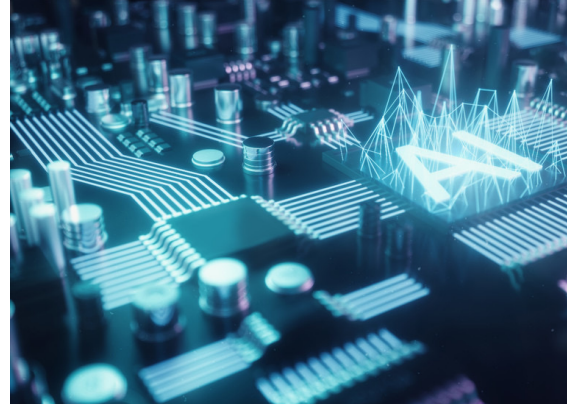


2010

**Sensor proliferation and connections to the Cloud**

Performance improvement and technology fusion.

## Onlife Era



2020

**The fusion of technology and life**

MEMS sensors able to sense, process, and act.

## Sustainable Onlife



**Sustainable sensorization of the world**

MEMS sensors sending only the **meaningful data** to the cloud

# MEMS sensors attributes for sustainable Onlife




**Smart**




Sensors able to process data

**Open**



Sensors configured to your needs

**Accurate**



Sensors providing a correct set of data



**Meaningful data provided in an optimal way**

Human centered

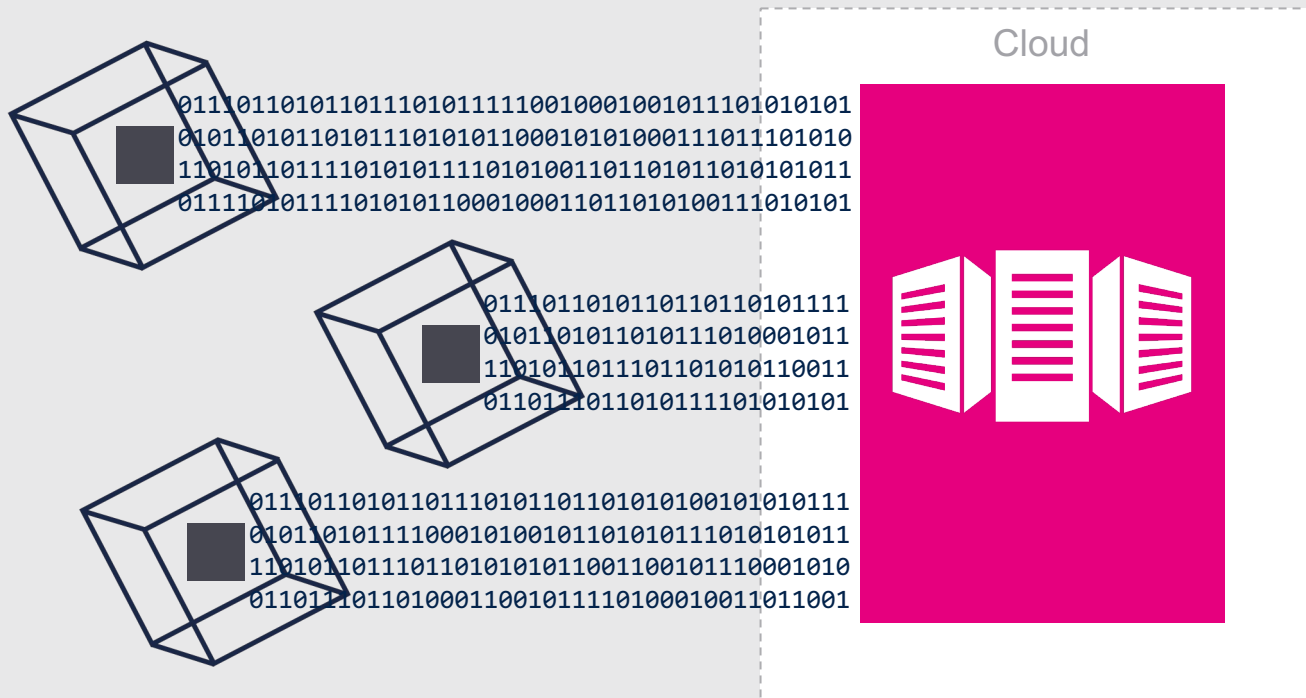
Sustainable

**Smart**



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# More data = more power



Sensors embedded in more and more IoT nodes



Data to process are increasing exponentially



With a centralized processing approach, the required cloud infrastructure is huge



Associated power consumption is not sustainable

IoT nodes with  
standard sensors



**Smart as an octopus!**

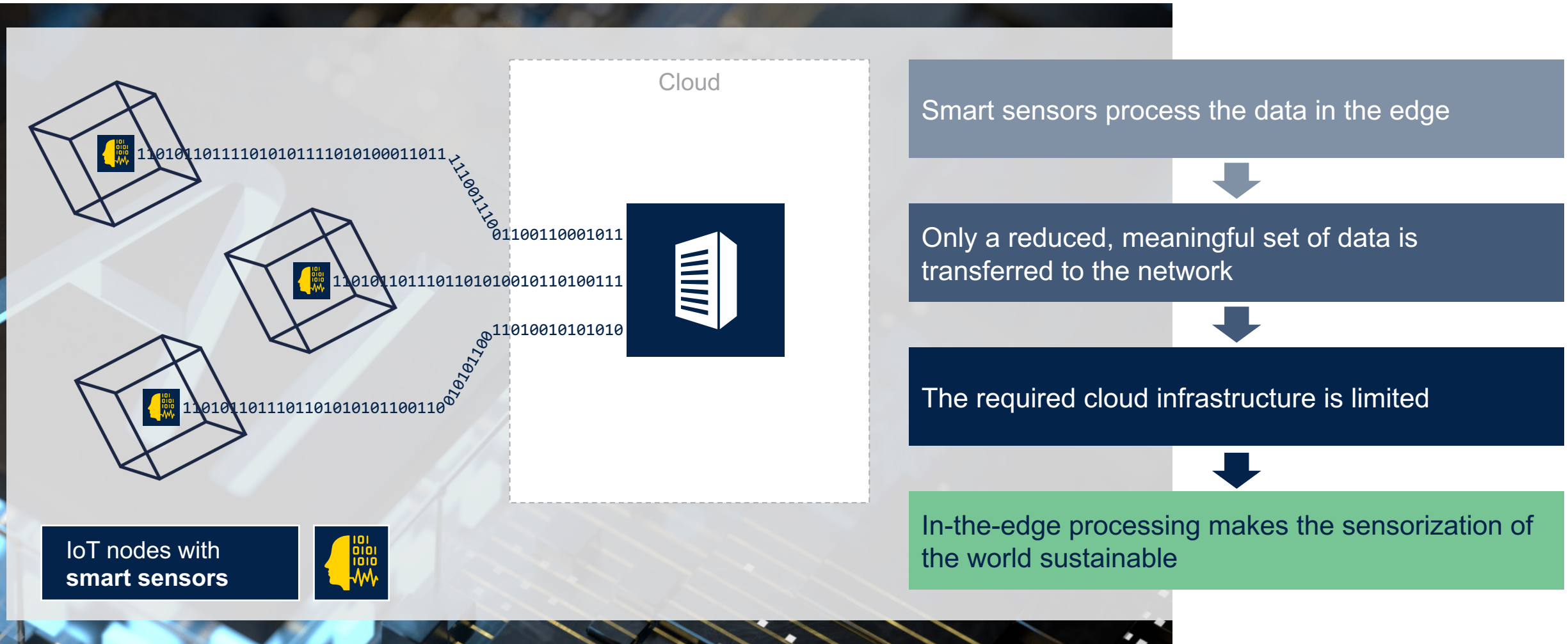
**Learn from the environment**

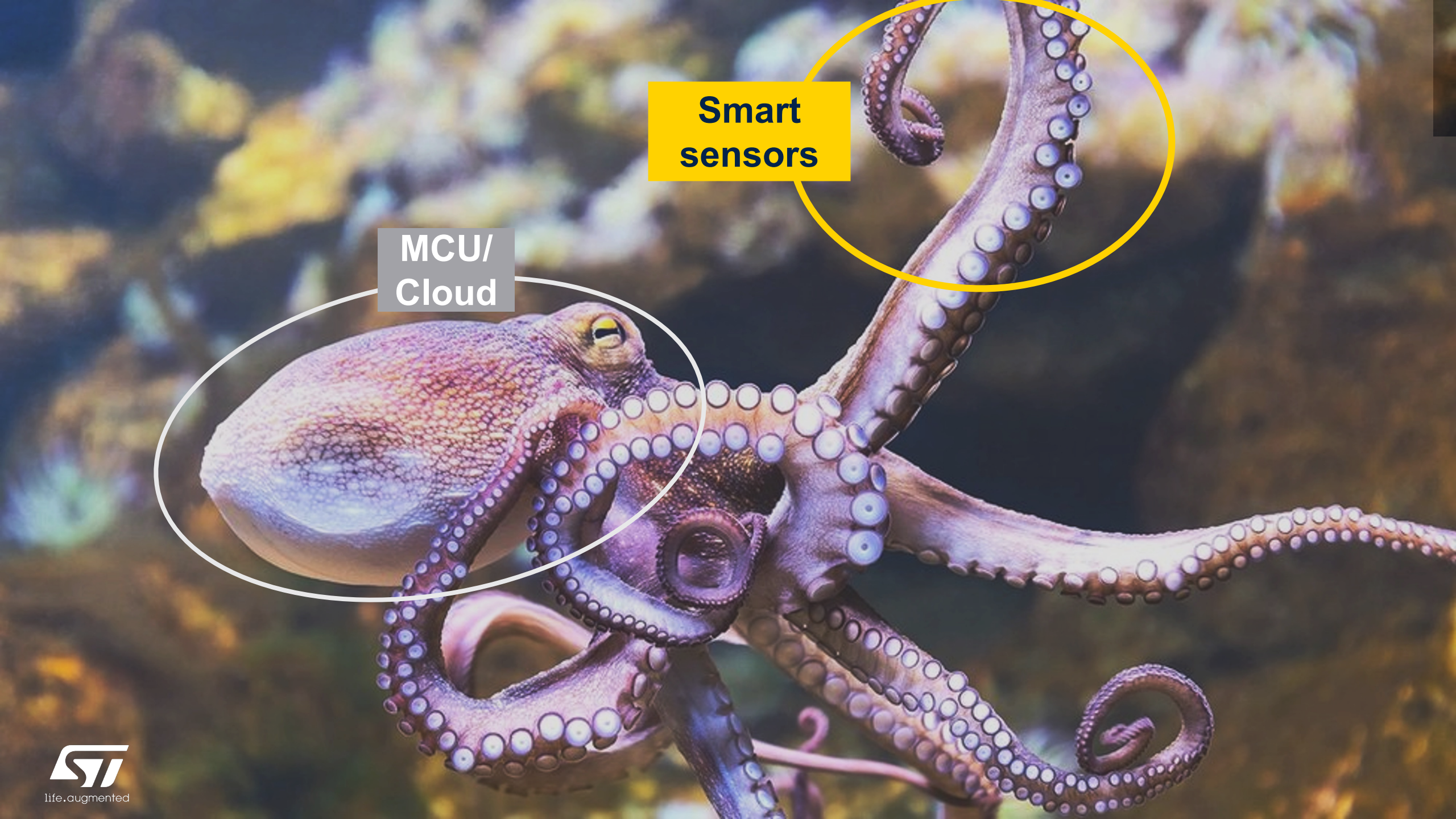
**Brain in-the-edge**

**Always-aware**



# Adding intelligence to make sensorization sustainable





**Smart  
sensors**

**MCU/  
Cloud**





# Smart sensors for sustainable Onlife



**MLC**

## Machine learning core

In-sensor classification engine based on decision tree logic

- **Extremely low-power** sensors
- **Increased accuracy** with a better context detectability
- **Offloading** of the main processor, improving system efficiency



**ISPU**

## Intelligent sensor processing unit

Highly specialized DSP for machine learning and processing

- **Ultra-low power** consumption at **system level**, thanks to **optimized data transfer**
- High-processing capability with **AI-enabled programmable core**
- Comprehensive **ecosystem**

**Sensor hub** feature, enabling connection of external standard sensors

Open

# Open the sensor ecosystem till (in) the edge



## Sensor hub

Sensors **host** other sensors data making them **intelligent and processed** in the edge.

## Sensor ecosystem

An **open ecosystem** to accelerate innovations with **partners** and **customers**, gaining a sustainable competitive advantage.

# ST MEMS sensor hub

## Enabling connection of external standard sensors



Helps to **integrate data from other sensors** (up to 4) by connecting them directly to our sensors



Data from all sensors are **processed in ST MEMS sensor**



Allows keeping the **intelligent in-the-edge**, further improving energy efficiency

# ST MEMS sensor ecosystem

## OPEN

Jointly create value for customers

- Leveraging **on partners**
- **Sharing** state-of-the-art, high-quality components
- Ability to host partners' IP in our solutions
- Shortening customer's **time-to-market**
- New strategic set-up: **flexibility and sustainability**

**Accurate**



# Accurate



Accurate sensing **enables highly complex algorithms**, necessary in many different markets



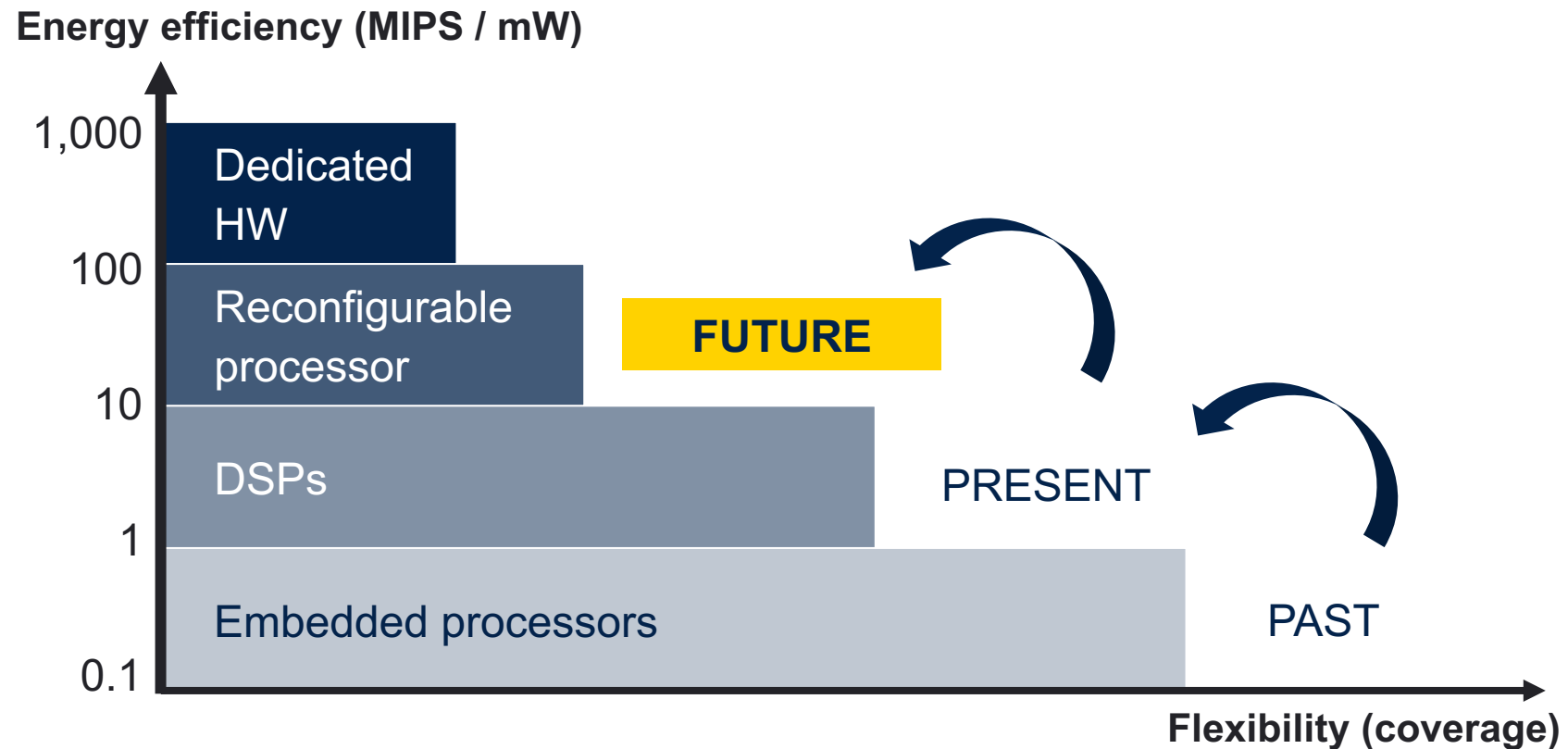
**Human centricity** is achieved if a device is capable of imitating human senses



Accuracy **allows energy savings**, and reduces the factory calibration resources and time required

# MEMS sensors: the path toward energy efficiency

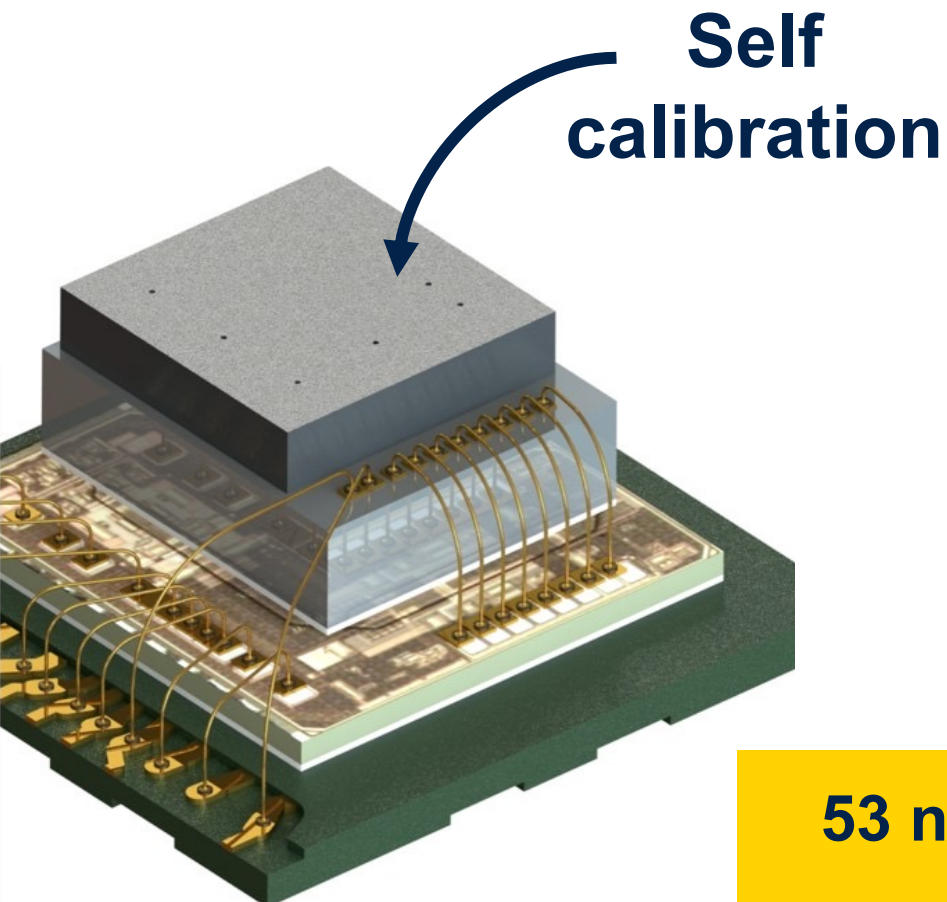
From milliwatt to nanowatt with technology & AI



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# The challenge: tiny self-calibration in a sensor with AI



Sensor specifications

Technology: 130 nm CMOS standard cells

Tiny silicon area

Reconfigurable hardware

**53 nWatt with 8 byte memory**  
silicon area ~ 0.03 mm<sup>2</sup>

# ST smart sensors contributing to carbon neutrality



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# In smart buildings

You can save up to **264k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** with ST smart sensor monitoring the presence in office in low power mode



Assuming to retrofit all the lighting points in the 90k offices estimated in the world



Estimating 10% of the lighting points can be automatically turned off for 1h/day



Operating **TMOS** in the edge can contribute to saving 264k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in 1 year without compromising on people comfort

# In personal electronics

You can save up to **70k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** with ST smart sensor implementing ST in-bag detection algorithm for laptop



It happens that the laptop doesn't go to standby when closed and drains in the bag overnight



Supposing it might drain in 8 hours in case of no standby, and it happens once a quarter



Estimated 70k tons CO<sub>2</sub> emission saved in 1 year, if all laptop (260Mu estimated in 2023) implement ST solution

You can save up to **1k tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** with ST smart sensor monitoring the movement of your electric toothbrush



More advanced toothbrushes take care of your teeth by monitoring your hand movements with intelligent sensor



Recommended use is 3 minutes twice per day, assuming to use toothbrush every day



Processing IMU data locally instead of sending for 6 minutes raw data to the cloud, 1k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved in 1 year

# Takeaways



Today's technology must keep us safe and protect our planet to ensure a **sustainable** future

In the sustainable Onlife era, with the increasing **fusion** of technology into our daily lives, energy efficiency should be considered at every level

**Smart** and **accurate** sensors, together with **open ecosystems** are key for a sustainable sensorization of the world



**It takes a village to raise a child**



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# Our technology starts with You



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