

# Building Next-Gen Manufacturing Operations with AI and ML

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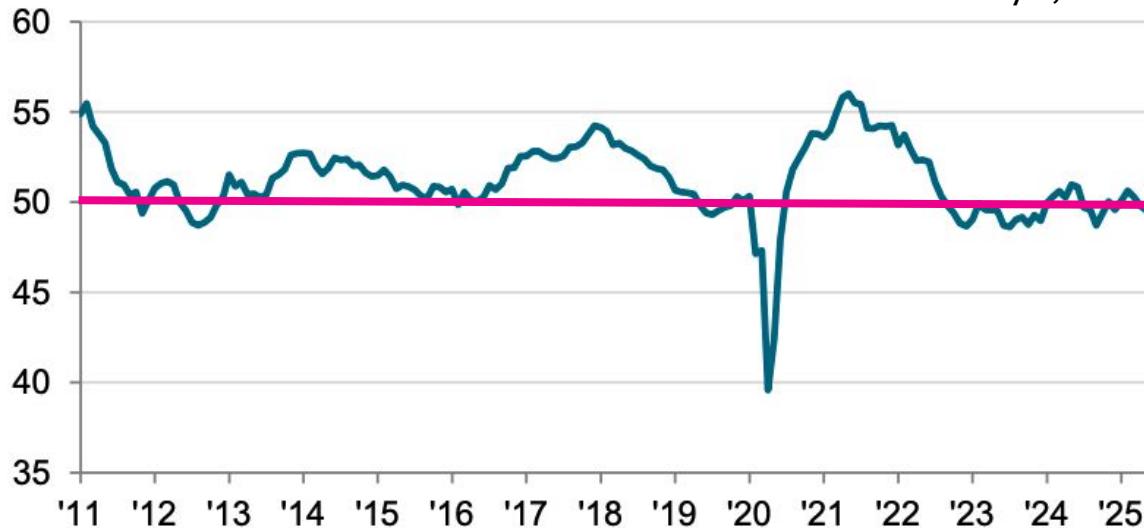
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Trends & Challenges**
- 2. AI in Manufacturing**
- 3. How Splunk Adds Value**
- 4. Three Case Studies: AI in Manufacturing  
Bosch Rexroth, Zeppelin, Audi**
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# Resilience is Key to Recover, Survive and Thrive Amidst Disruptions

J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI

sa, >50 = improvement since previous month

July 1, 2025



Source: J.P.Morgan, S&P Global PMI.

**The  
manufacturing  
industry has a  
long history of  
resilience.**

# Resilience is Key to Recover, Survive and Thrive Amidst Disruptions

## Scenarios for competitiveness in 2030: industry exposure

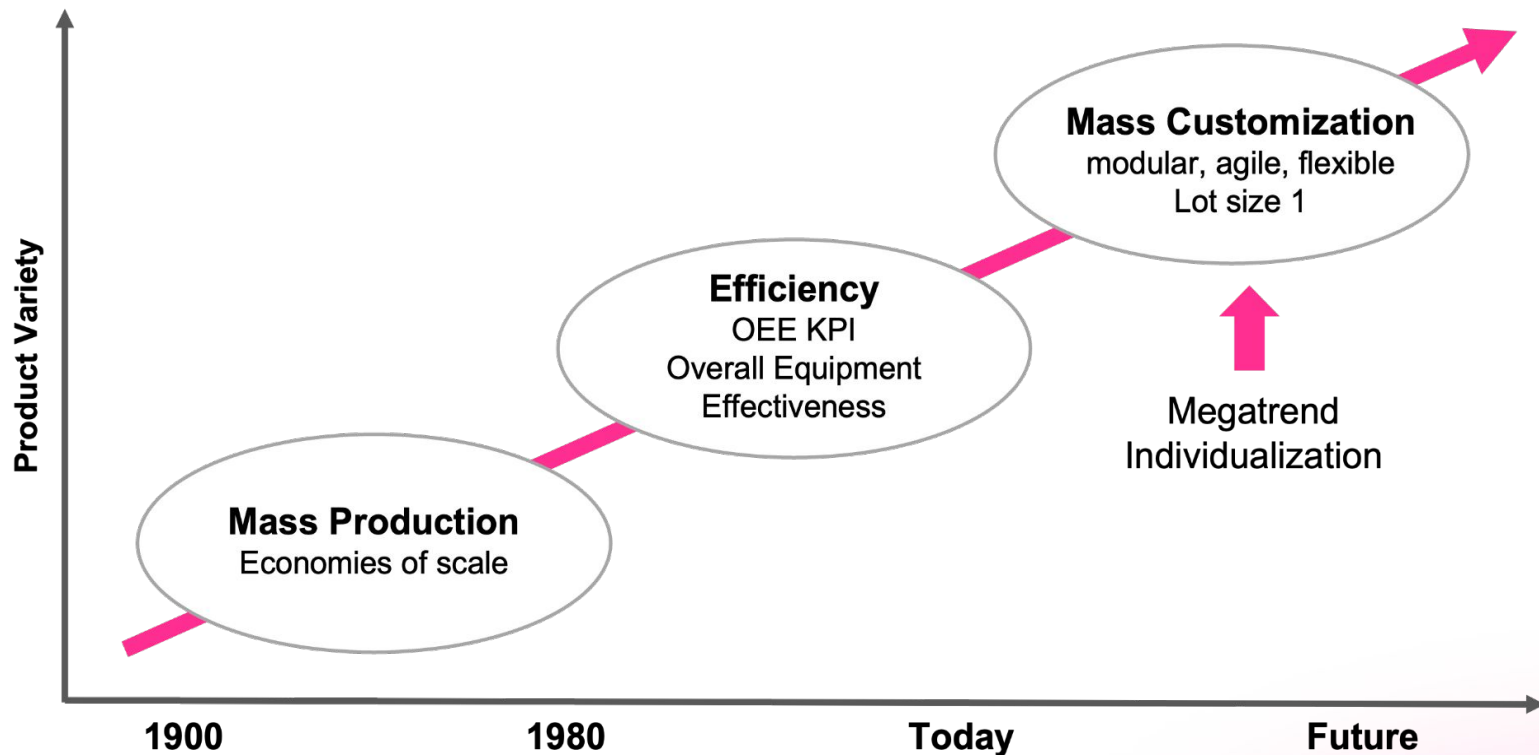


**Resilience  
is key for future  
competitiveness  
- in any  
scenario.**

Source: World Economic Forum, Global Economic Futures: Competitiveness in 2030

# Resilience is Key for Next-Gen Operations

From mass production to mass customization



# AI in Manufacturing



# AI is transforming organizations at an unprecedented rate

The background of the slide is a dark purple gradient. Below the main text, there are several thick, wavy lines in shades of pink and orange that sweep across the width of the slide, adding a dynamic, modern feel.

The global market size of AI in manufacturing is estimated to grow seven fold between 2023 to 2028, reaching USD 21 billion by 2028. Source: [Markets and Markets](#)



# AI in Manufacturing A Journey

## Simulation Classification Optimization

- Digital Twins
- AR / VR
- Quality Control

## Predictive Analytics

- Predictive Maintenance
- Predictive Quality

## Gen AI

- Industrial Copilots
- Chat Bots
- AI Assistants

## Agentic AI

- Response to Cyberattacks
- Automated Optimizations
- Agentic AI-driven Operations

## Physical AI

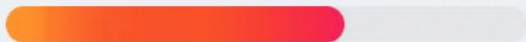
- AI-driven Robotics for Production
- Warehouse Robots
- Self Driving Cars

# Driving Change with AI in Manufacturing

**96% of manufacturers are exploring GenAI in observability**

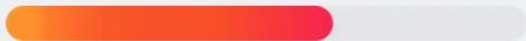
**66%**

have tried generative AI for data analysis



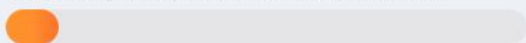
**63%**

have experimented with generative AI recommended actions to resolve issues



**11%**

have fully adopted these capabilities



Source: [The State of Observability in Manufacturing](#)

**Strengthening digital resilience with AI**

**55%**

Use AI and ML for anomaly detection

**52+%**

Cite the following top security use cases for GenAI

- Malware analysis
- Threat detection
- Alert enrichment

Source: [The Hidden Costs of Downtime](#)

**AI in German Manufacturing**

**42%**

are using AI in the production

**19%**

are using AI in robotics, with **46%** being in the planning/discussion stage

**Energy Management is the top emerging AI use case**

**64%**

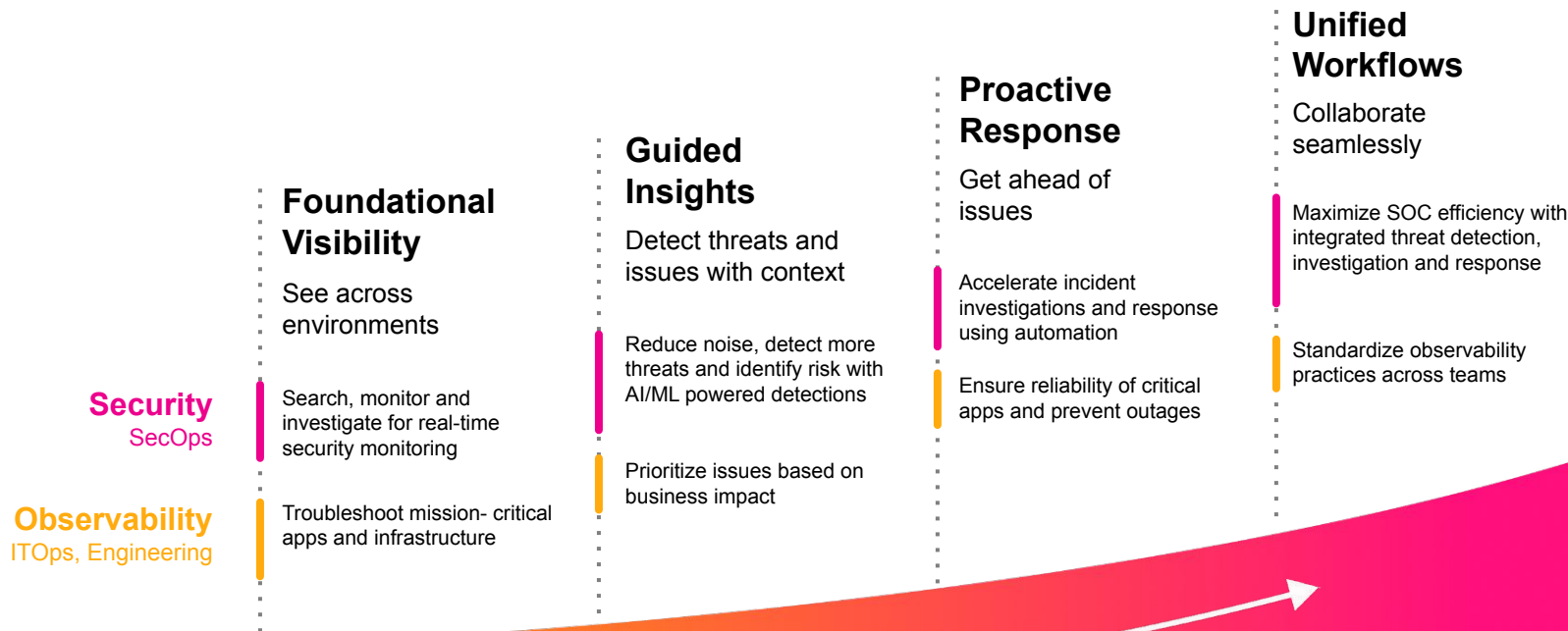
are planning/discussing the implementation

Source: [bitkom](#)

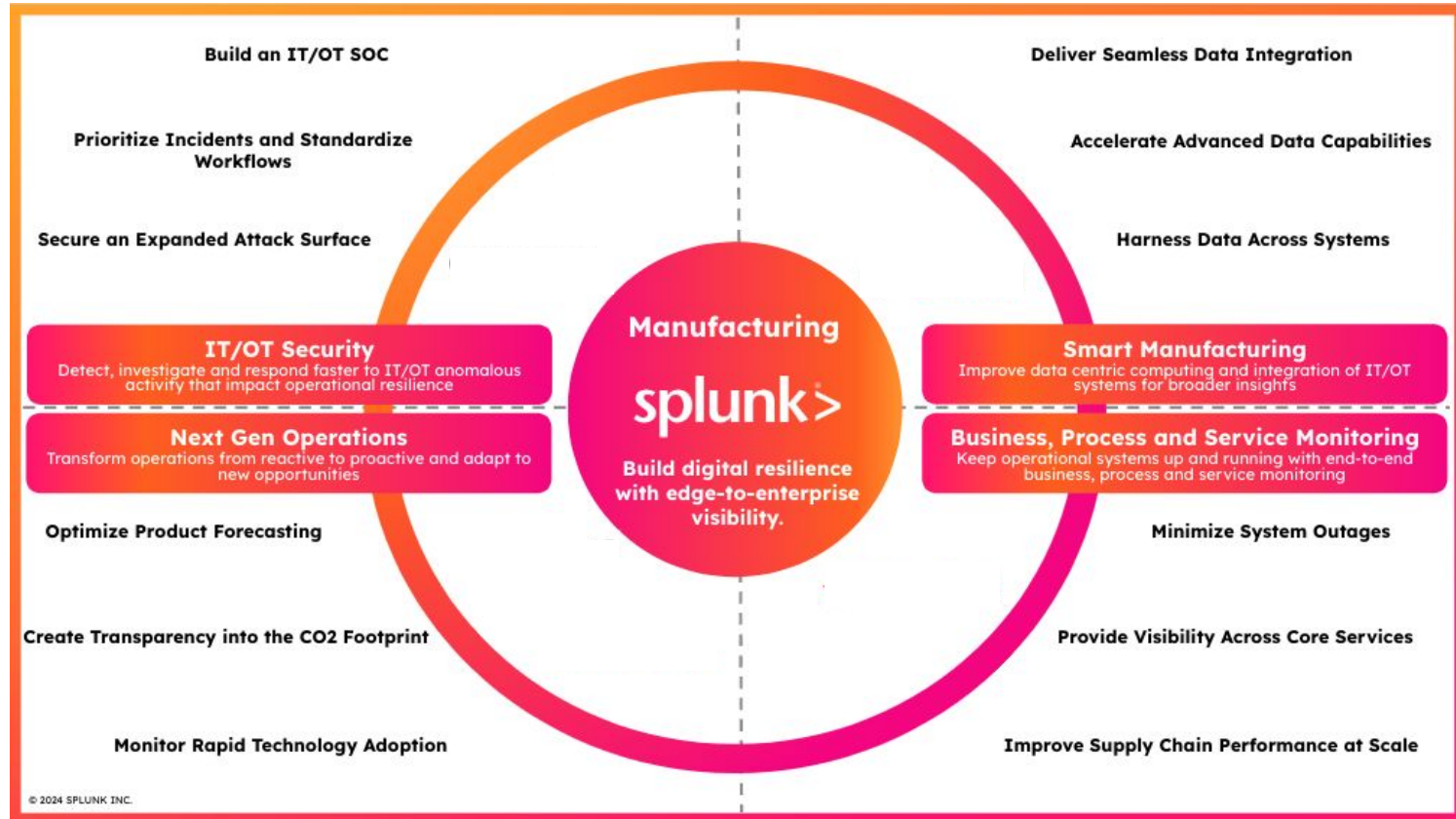
A black and white photograph of a man with a beard and glasses, looking intently at a computer screen. The screen displays various data visualizations, including line graphs and bar charts. The image is partially obscured by a large, vibrant pink and orange gradient overlay on the left side, which contains the title text. In the top left corner, there are three yellow starburst icons. At the bottom, there are several horizontal lines in shades of orange and pink, some solid and some dashed, extending across the frame.

# **How Splunk Adds Value**

# The path to greater digital resilience



# Focusing on Four Key Business Outcomes

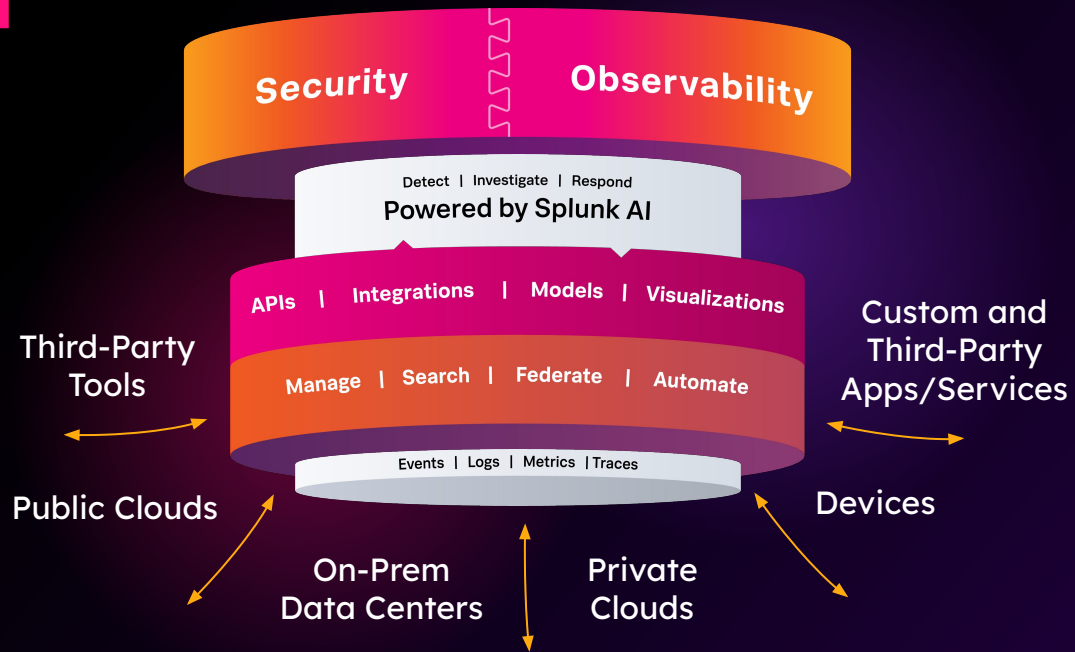


# Splunk AI

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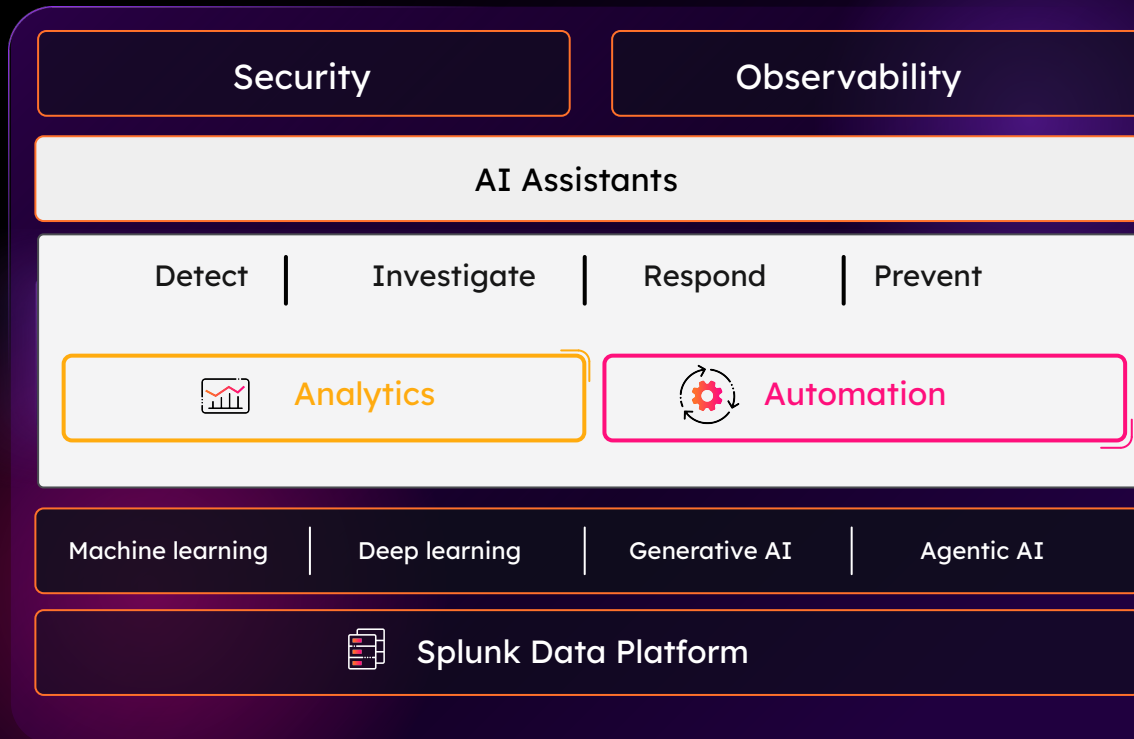
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# Built on a **unified** **data** platform



# With a foundation of **AI services + data**

- Generative AI Assistants to simplify and make your job easier.
- Prebuilt AI analytics and task automation enabled by agentic AI.
- Powered by leading AI technologies to deliver accuracy and efficiency.
- Integral part of the Splunk portfolio and Data Platform.

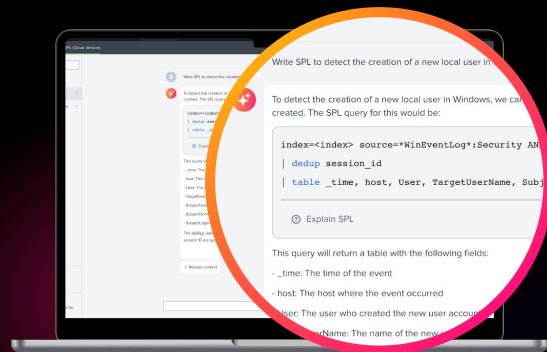




# Splunk AI Assistants everywhere

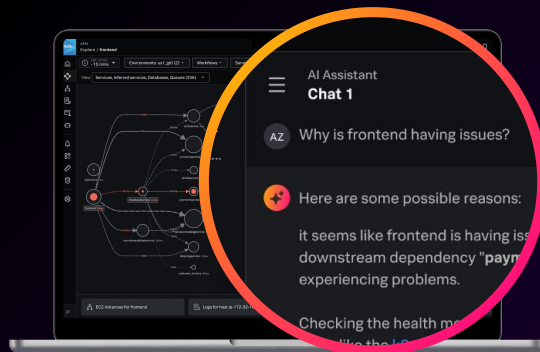
Increase productivity and deliver faster detection and response

## AI Assistant for SPL



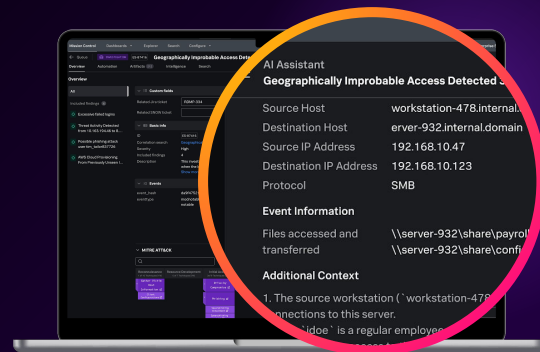
Generally Available

## AI Assistant in Observability Cloud



Generally Available

## AI Assistant in Enterprise Security



Preview

# Including a broad portfolio of **ML** and **AI** analytics



Analytics



Generative AI

## Make everyone an expert

Reduce need for environment and tool expertise by simplifying analysis and investigations.



Machine and Deep Learning



## Correlate and diagnose

Aggregate and analyze all data to investigate and identify root causes.

## Detect and predict

Real-time, streaming analysis to detect anomalies and forecast trends.



# Splunk Machine Learning Toolkit

The Splunk Machine Learning Toolkit delivers new SPL commands, custom visualizations, assistants, and examples to explore a variety of ML concepts. Each assistant includes end-to-end examples with datasets, plus the ability to apply the visualizations and SPL commands to your own...

Built by [Splunk LLC](#)



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## Latest Version 5.6.0

May 13, 2025

[Release notes](#)

## Compatibility

Splunk Enterprise, Splunk Cloud

Platform Version: 10.0, 9.4, 9.3, 9.2, 9.1

## Rating

5 ★★★★★ (39)

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## Support



Splunk Supported App

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## Ranking

#1 In Artificial Intelligence

#2 In Business Analytics

# Building on AI Capabilities in Splunk with External LLM Integration

Enabled by the Splunk Machine Learning Toolkit (MLTK) 5.6

## Commanding AI with the **ai** command

The screenshot shows the Splunk Search interface. In the search bar, the query is: `index=_internal log_level IN ("ERROR","WARNING","WARN") | table _time _raw | ai prompt="please explain these error messages to me: {raw}" provider="Groq" model="llama3-70b-8192"`. A red arrow points to the `ai` command. Below the search bar, it shows 210 events. The 'Statistics (210)' tab is selected. The results table has two columns: `_time` and `_raw`. The first row shows a warning message from ProcessTracker. The `ai_result_1` column contains the AI's response: "I'd be happy to help you understand this error message. This error message is a warning, not an error, and it's related to SSL/TLS certificate validation in a process called 'fsck' (likely a file system check process). Here's a breakdown of the message: \*\*Timestamp and Process Info\*\* \* '03-26-2025 08:43:10.748 +0000': The timestamp of when the warning

Allows customers to connect to external LLMs directly into the Splunk search experience

- OpenAI
- Anthropic
- Google Gemini etc.

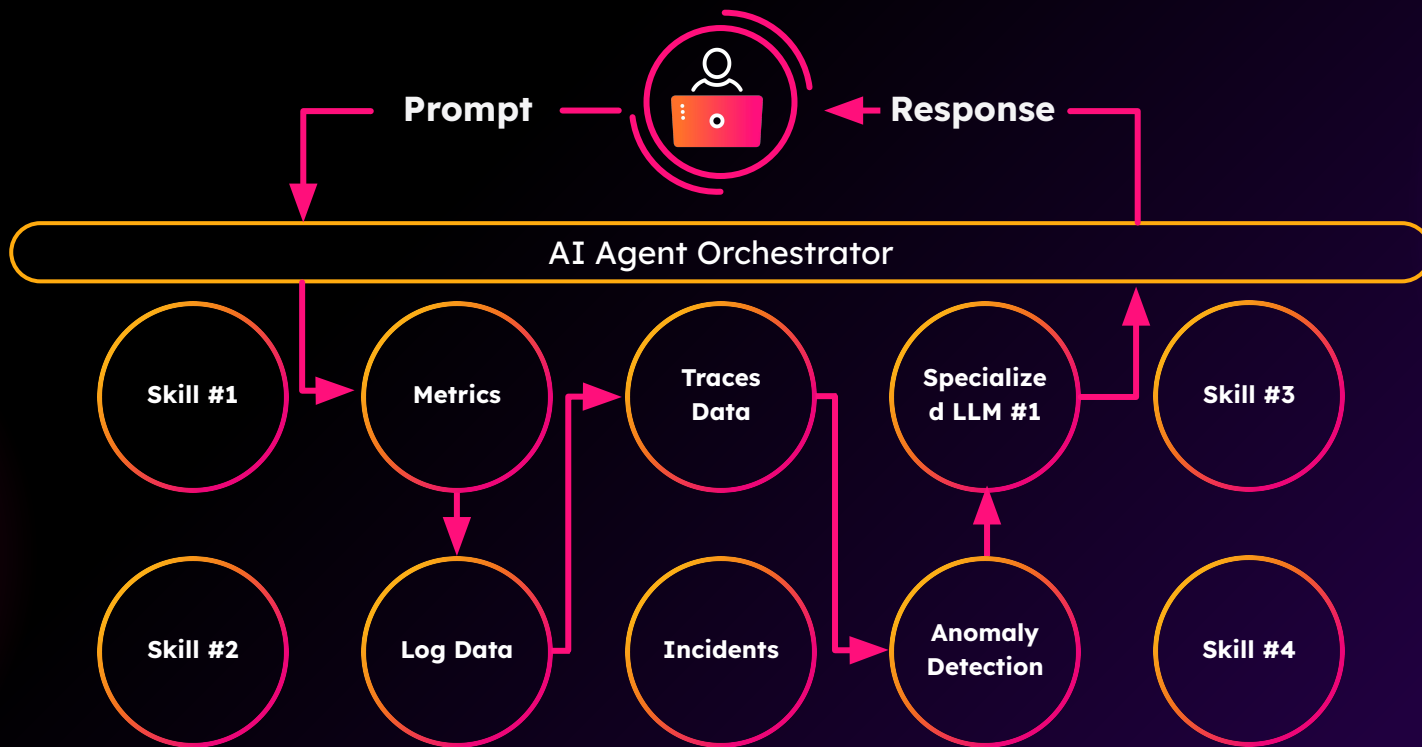
Customers can now apply the power of these LLMs to Splunk data. Examples:

- Explain the error log that you need to investigate.
- Prioritize the list of alerts you received.
- Rank the number of login attempts by user.

Disclaimer: Any data that is sent to an external LLM is done so at your own risk!

Source: [Faster Insights with Third-Party LLM Services in Splunk Search](#)

# And agentic AI to **automate tasks**



\*Skill refers to the ability to perform a task or interact with other models, applications or systems.

# Splunk AI accelerates digital resilience

Accelerating every step of detection, investigation and response



Boost productivity and  
accelerate outcomes  
with embedded AI



Extend results by  
customizing AI with  
your data



Secure and monitor  
fast changing AI  
environments

**3 Case Studies:**

**AI in**

**Manufacturing**

Bosch Rexroth, Zeppelin, Audi





# Building Resilience with Energy Management for Factory Automation at Bosch Rexroth AG



- A Splunk + Cisco + Consist project in the Ulm model factory, Germany
- Presented at Cisco Live Amsterdam
- **Industry Innovator Award Winner** as part of Cisco's Global Customer Awards EMEA 2025 program



# Customer Case

## Bosch Rexroth AG

### Energy Management for Factories

#### Key Challenges

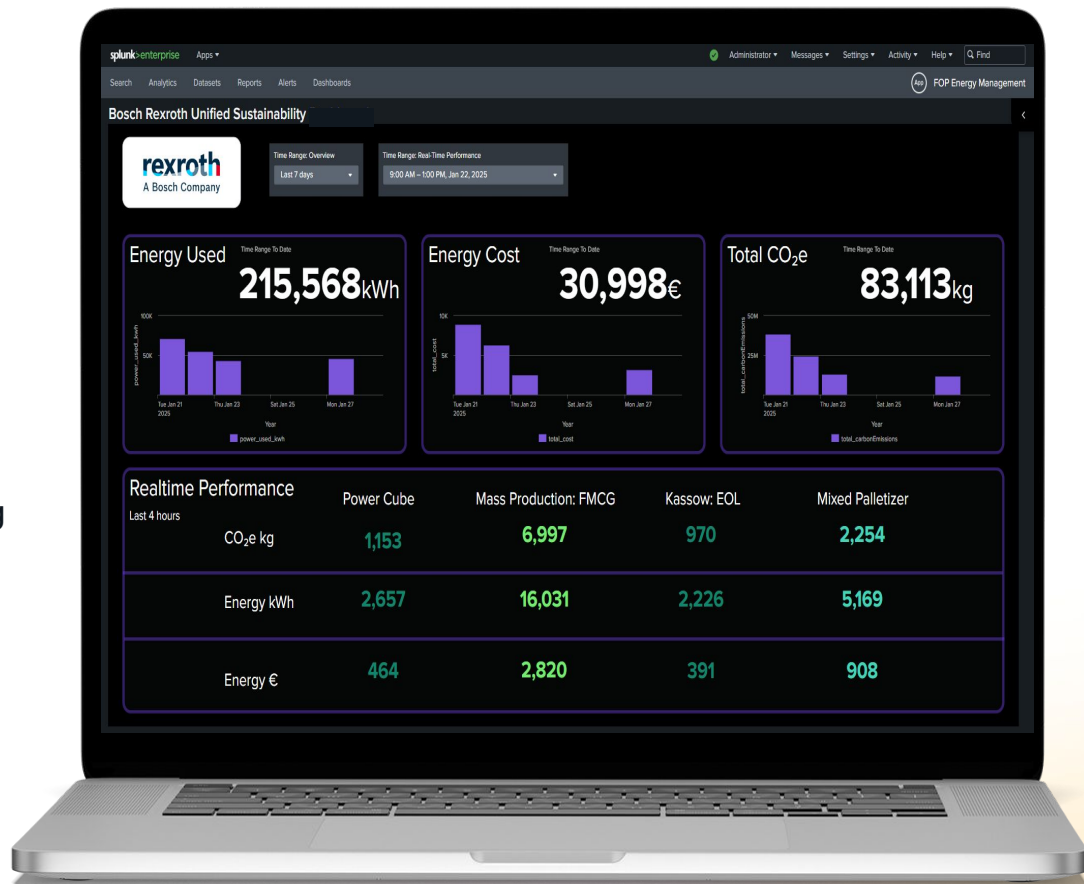
- Skyrocketing energy costs
- Increased regulation
- Lack of unified, granular and real-time visibility across IT and OT environments

#### Solution

- Leveraged the Splunk Machine Learning + Sustainability Toolkit
- Focused on energy-intensive machines
- Enabled optimization at scale with three key levers: Pricing (peak management), availability (standby), timing (operations scheduling)

#### Business Impact / Savings

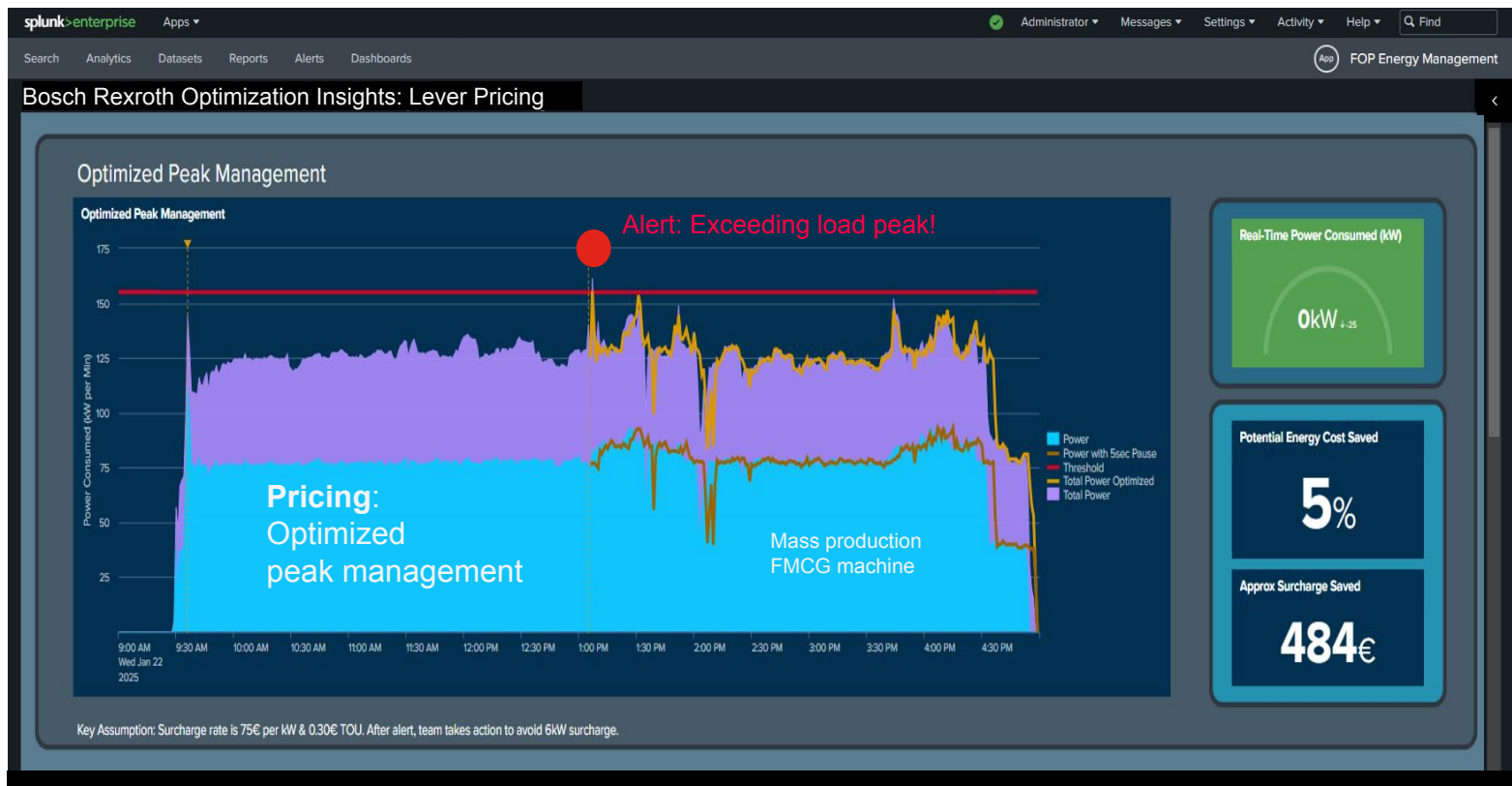
- Costs (EUR) **20-30 %**
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- GHG\* emissions (CO2e kg) **25-30 %**



Bosch Rexroth AG Gains IT and OT Observability and Reduces Energy Costs by 20-30%

\* GHG: Greenhouse Gas

# Optimizing Peak Management with ML



### Savings with All Three Optimization Levers

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Results verified  
by Bosch Rexroth

Without compromising performance, quality and time requirements

# Customer Case

## Zeppelin

### Connecting to LLMs

#### Key Challenges

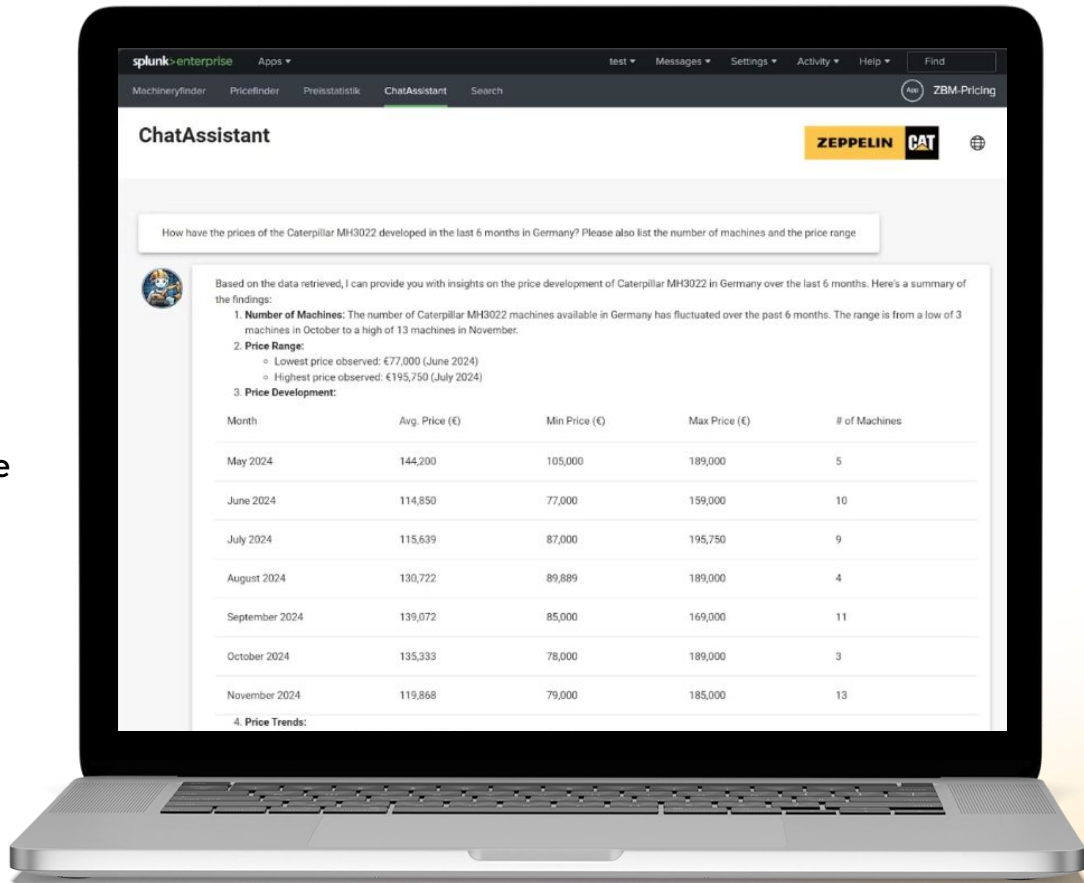
- Intransparent pricing information about used machinery

#### Solution

- Connected Splunk data with LLMs to interact with them, e.g. Anthropic Claude
- Created an AI assistant that would allow employees to query ANY pricing information about used machinery
- Example of user prompt: *“How have Caterpillar MH3022 prices in Germany changed in the last 6 months?”*

#### Business Impact

- Market intelligence at your fingertips
- Making informed decisions
- Huge productivity boost



Blog: [From Zero to LLM-Hero: Plan, Architect and Operationalize your AI Assistant in Splunk](#)



# Customer Case

## Audi AG

### Virtually Controlled Production with an AI-Ready Network

#### Key Challenges

- Shifting paradigm: Refocus from hardware to applications
- New network required for highly critical communication
- Broader strategy to bring IT into OT

#### Solution

- Virtual PLCs\* replace hardware-based control on the EC4P\*\* platform
- Secure, AI-ready network by Cisco
- Applications are communicating with robots through the network in real time

#### Business Impact

- Important productivity leap in Audi's 360 factory strategy for efficient and data-driven manufacturing
- Gained energy efficiency and reduced the carbon footprint



Virtually controlled production a first in Audi body shop  
Audi sets the pace for a next-level smart factory

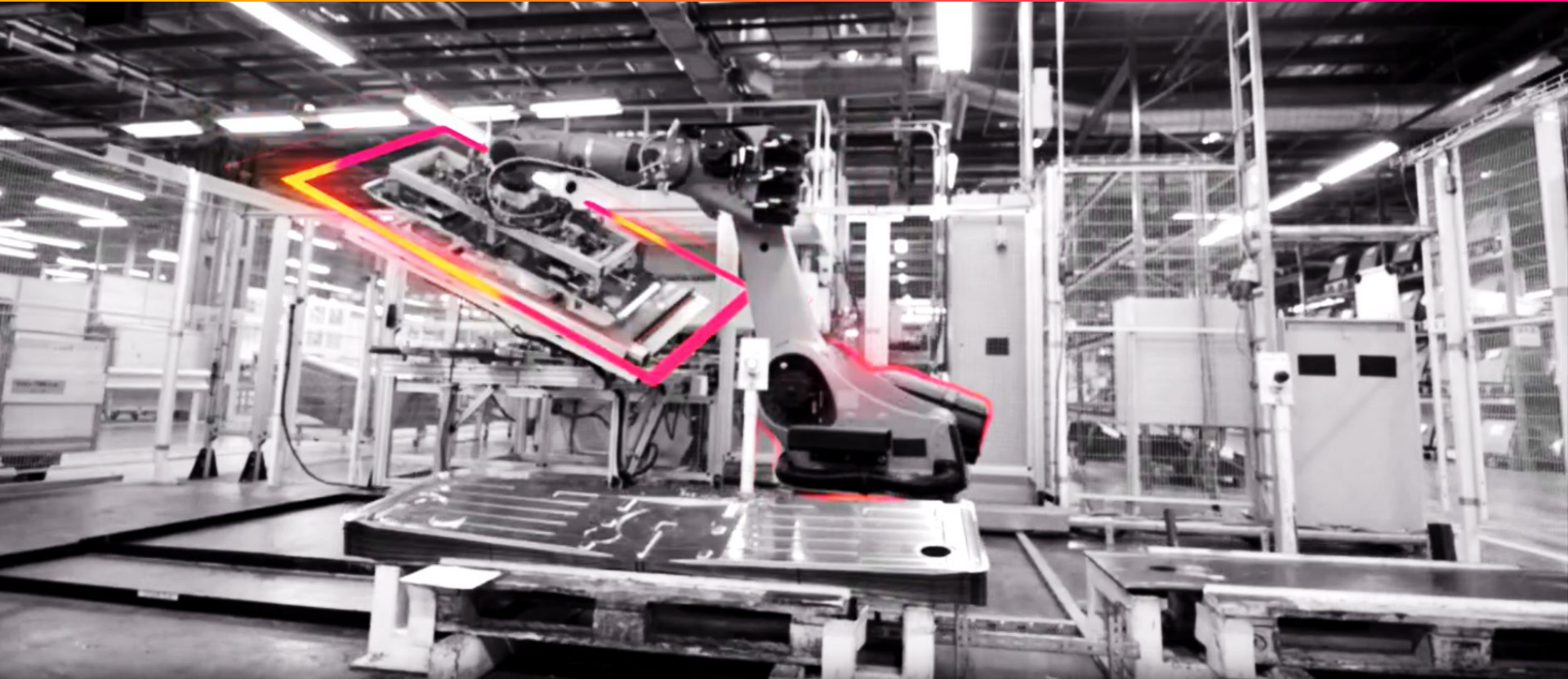
\*PLC: Programmable Logic Controller

\*\*EC4P: Edge Cloud 4 Production

# Outlook + Collaterals



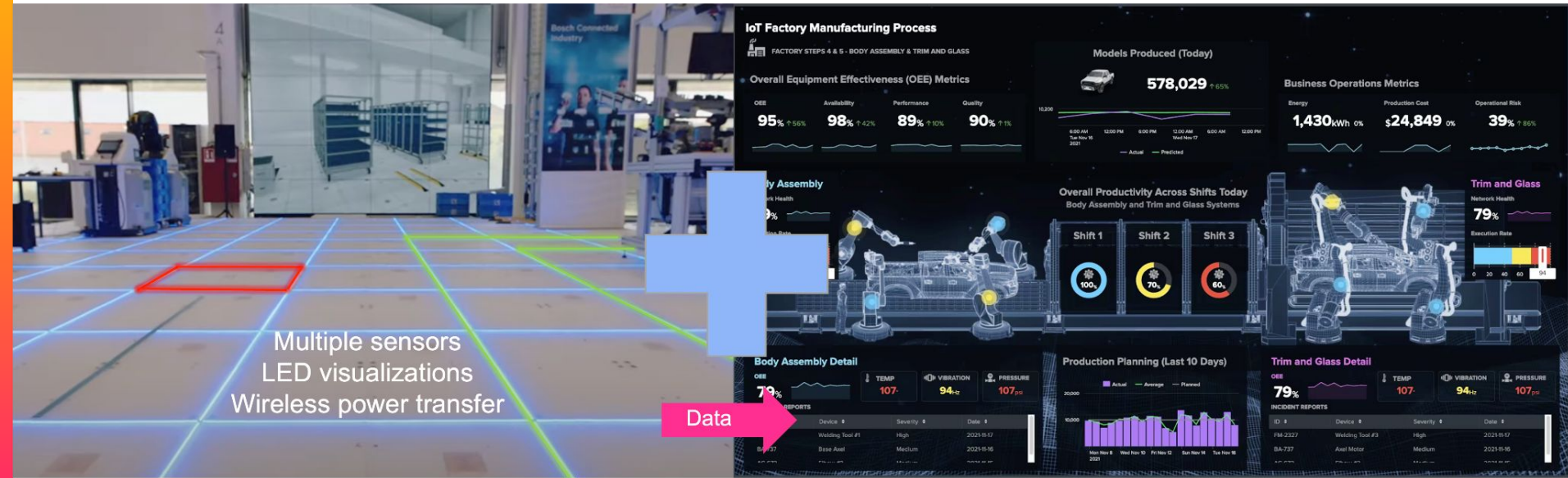
*The factory of the future has only two living beings: a dog and a worker?  
The job of the worker is to feed the dog and  
the job of the dog is to keep any humans away from machines?*





# Building the NextGen Factory

Leveraging OT + IT + AI



## Bosch Rexroth: Intelligent Factory Floor

Roof, walls and floor are fixed, everything else can be adapted to new orders, production methods or business models.

➡ modular, mobile and flexible production

## Splunk: Data Analytics Platform Powered by AI / ML

### Possible Business Outcomes

- Optimized production performance, availability, security + safety
- Lot size one vs. economies of scale
- Energy management: Energy costs, efficiency, carbon footprint



# Quantum Computing is the New Kid on the Block Hand in Hand with AI



AI  
+  
Quantum



## Possible Use Cases

- Optimization
  - Complex logistics / supply chain
  - Scheduling
    - (also workloads in data centers)
- Accelerating new materials development
- Simulations

## AI + Quantum in Manufacturing



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## Building the NextGen Factory with Splunk and Bosch Rexroth



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## Getting started with Splunk Artificial Intelligence

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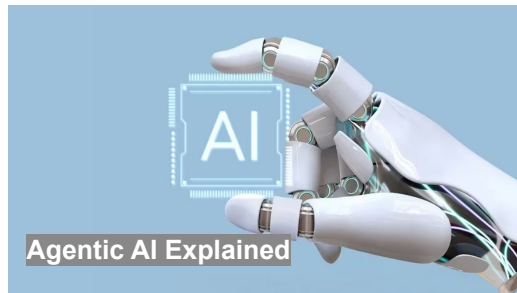
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## Supercharge Digital Resilience in Manufacturing with Splunk AI



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## Agentic AI Explained



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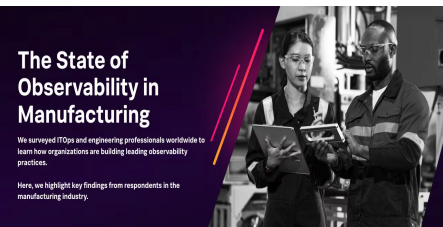


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## The State of Observability in Manufacturing

We surveyed ITOps and engineering professionals worldwide to learn how organizations are building leading observability practices.

Here, we highlight key findings from respondents in the manufacturing industry.



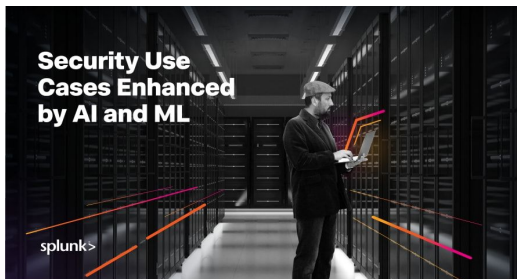
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## Cisco and Splunk Strengthen Enterprise Digital Resilience in the AI Era



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## Security Use Cases Enhanced by AI and ML



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## Ally or Adversary: The Paradox of AI in Cyber Defense



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