

# A Vision of Future Machine Tools

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## ▸ Definitions

u•biq•ui•tous. Adjective. Present, appearing or found everywhere

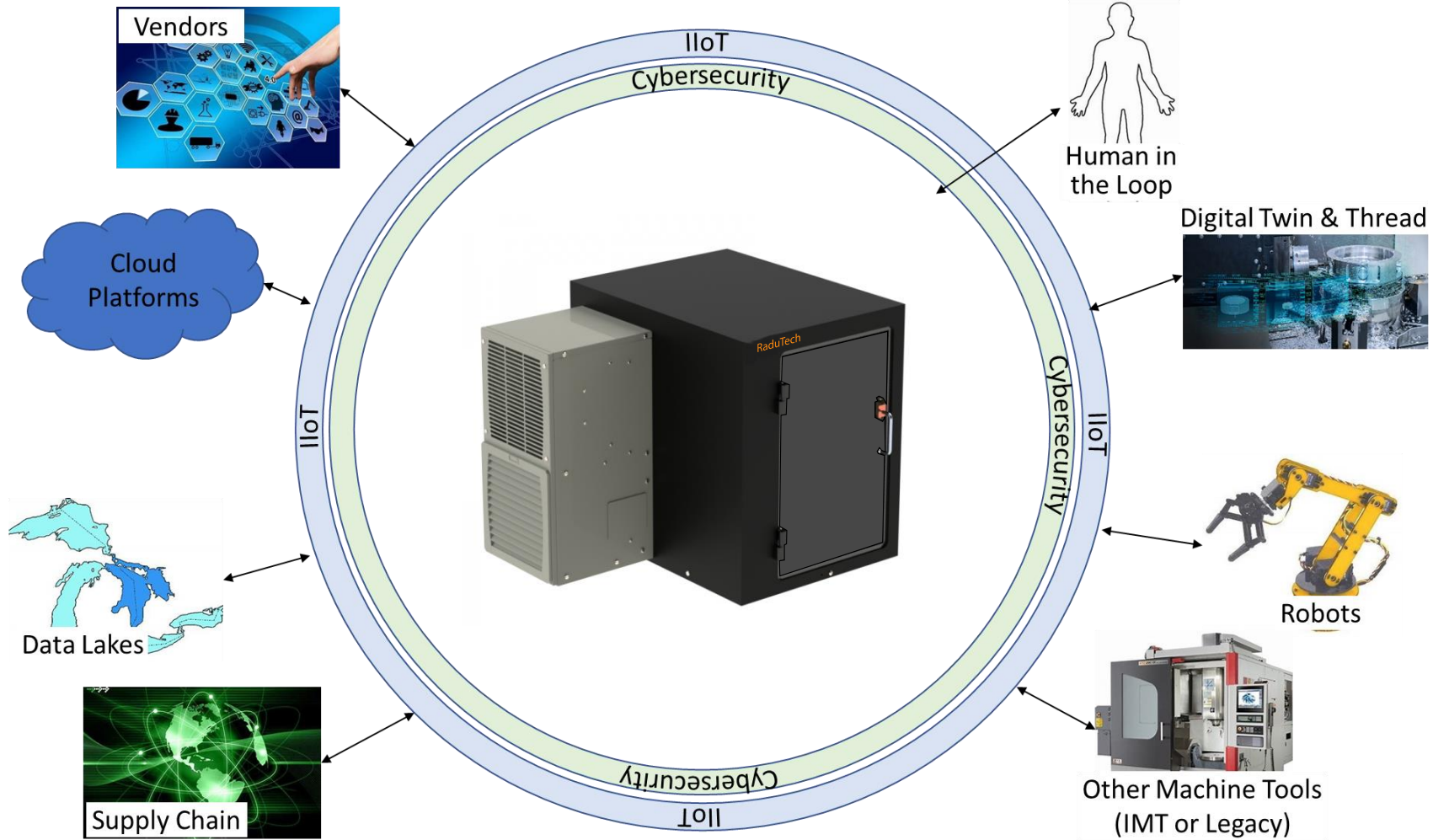
la•tent. Adjective. Of a quality or state existing but not manifest;  
hidden or concealed

The future of Machine Tools is ubiquitous and latent AI.

# Introduction

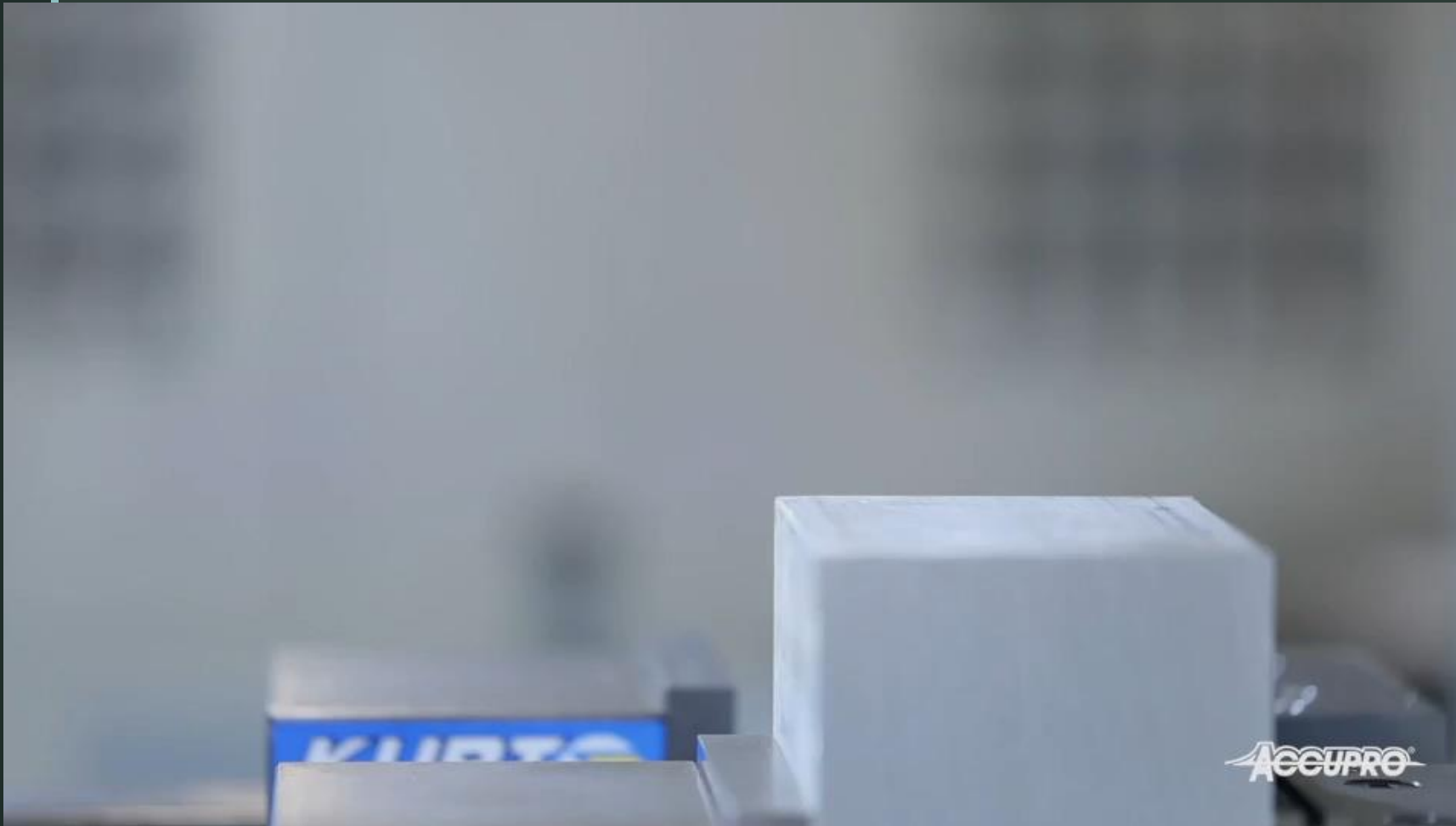


# The Vision



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# Introducing Carly



Natural Language Interface

Communicate Current Status

Recall Part and Process Data

Obtain Outside Information

Virtual ERP-assisted Schedule

Auto-contracting



# Intelligent Scheduling



Natural Language Interface

ERP Access

Machine Learning for Production Options

Flexible, Secure Communications



# Production Planning



Virtual ERP  
Access

Multiple Process  
Models

Internet CFP with  
Encrypted Files

Vendor Ranking

Cyber Bidding and  
Contracts

# Quality Revolution



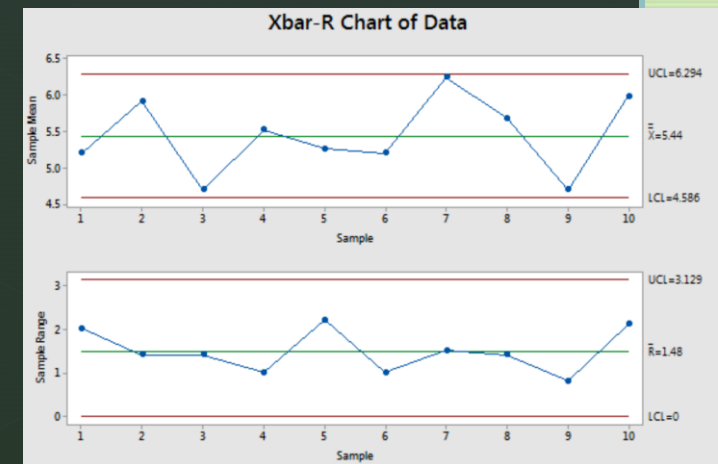
MSC Supply

ERP Access  
Reflects Speaker

Digital Twins of  
Machines

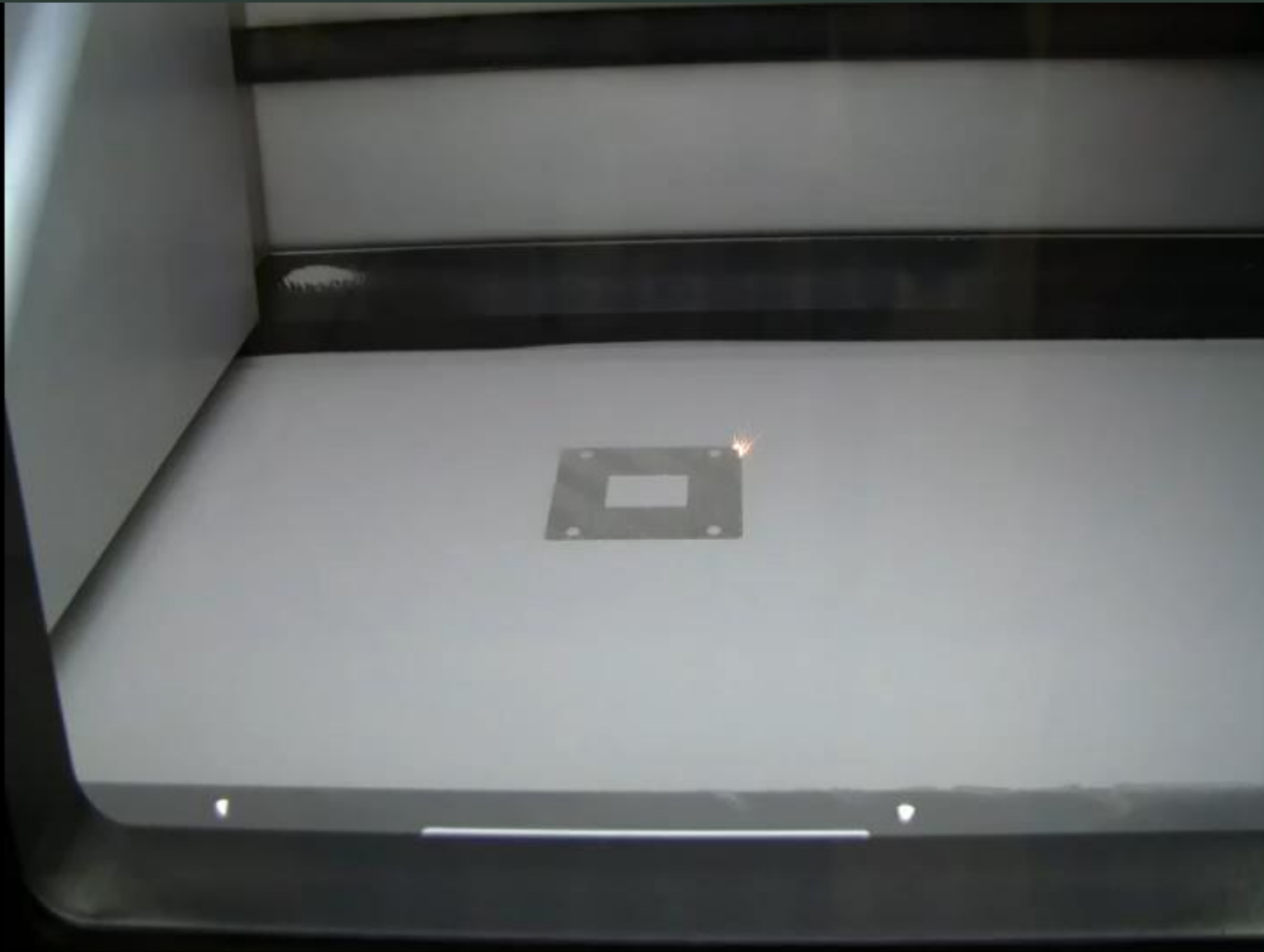
Multiphysics  
Models – Suited to  
Preference

Scheduling and AI  
in Supply Chain





# Hybrid Manufacturing



Simulation-driven  
Process Selection

Automation Used  
as Necessary

On-Machine  
Metrology

Quantum  
Processor

# Summary

- The future of machine tools is strongly integrated with advances in computer science, including fields like Artificial Intelligence, Deep Machine Learning, Big Data, Communication and Cybersecurity.
- The trend is to simplify interfaces and to make additional tools latent and ubiquitous. Significant effort directed towards learning program operation are eliminated, but workers do need their base skills.
- Far from an archaic technology, machine tools are on the verge of a high-tech revolution. Funding in this area can dramatically influence worker productivity.

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## Q & A

*“The era ahead should be exciting for all people and we look forward to it with great enthusiasm.”*

*Dr. M. Eugene Merchant*