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REALITY AI : EMBEDDED MACHINE LEARNING  
FOR REAL-TIME ANALYTICS ON RENESAS MCUS**

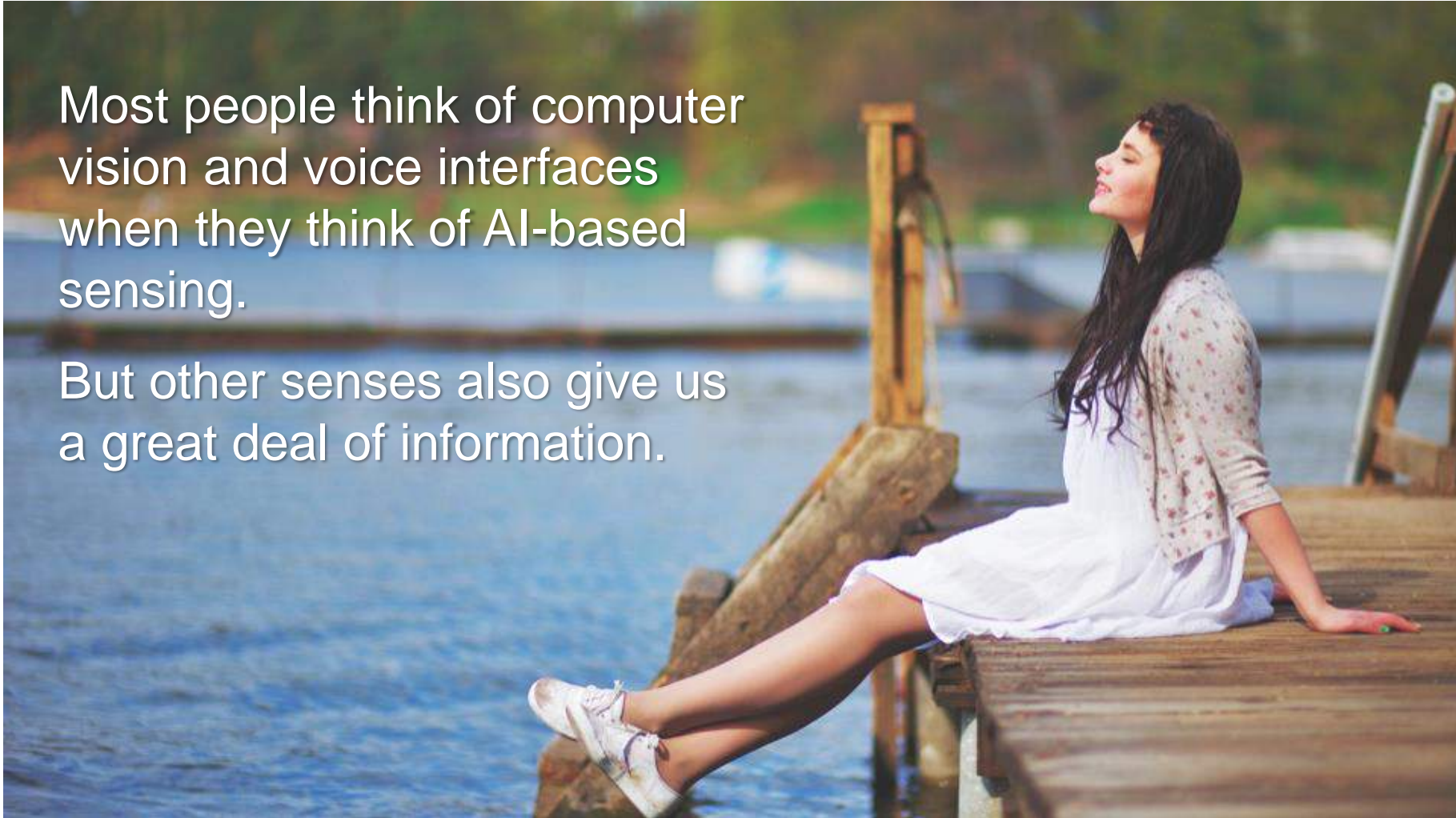
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# THERE IS MORE TO SENSING THAN VOICE AND VISION

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Most people think of computer vision and voice interfaces when they think of AI-based sensing.

But other senses also give us a great deal of information.





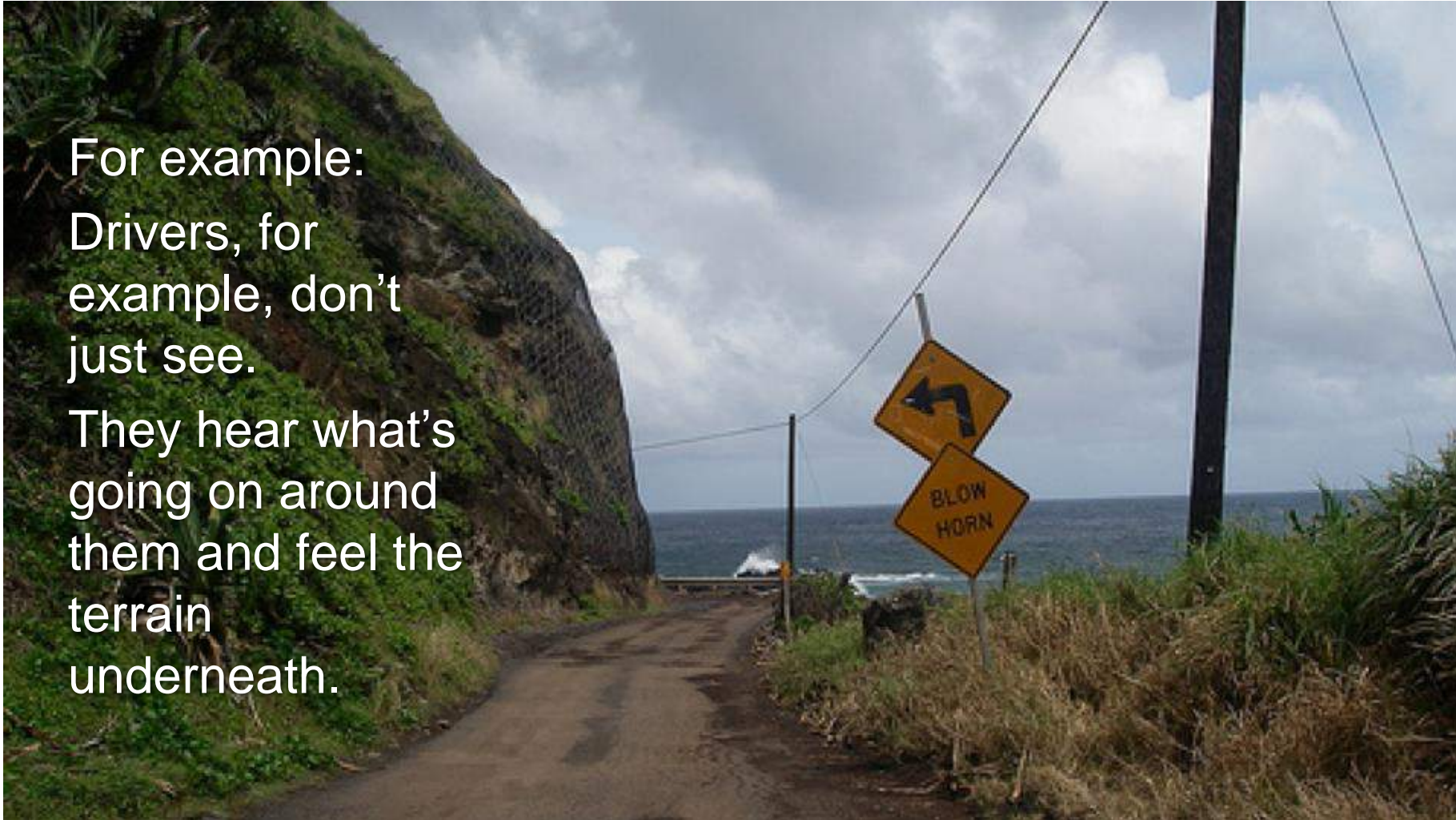
# SOUND AND VIBRATION GIVE IMPORTANT CONTEXT

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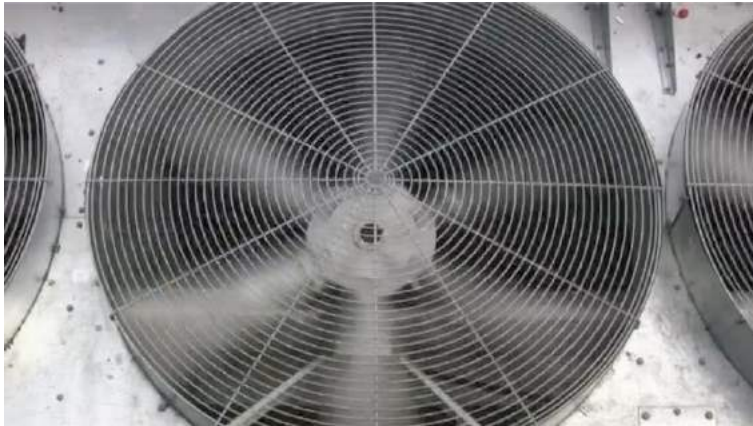
For example:

Drivers, for example, don't just see.

They hear what's going on around them and feel the terrain underneath.



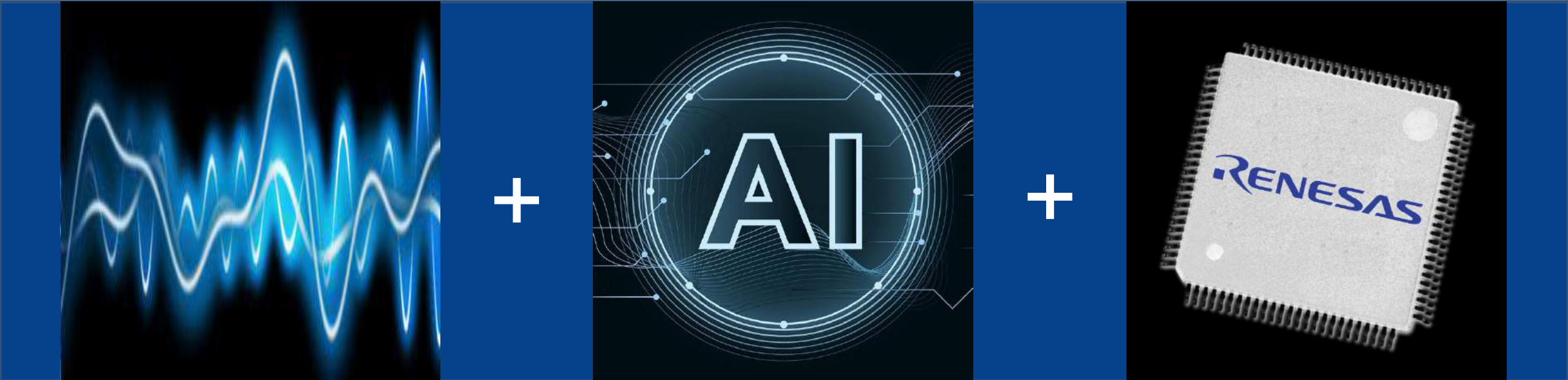
# IN MACHINES, NON-VISUAL SENSING CAN TELL US A LOT



**Vibration, sound, current, voltage, and RF signals** can all be used to determine the condition of specific components, predict their maintenance needs, and forecast time-to-failure or remaining-useful-life.



# REALITY AI COMBINES ADVANCED SIGNAL PROCESSING AND MACHINE LEARNING ON MCU / MPU EDGE NODES



## Advanced Signal Processing

Reality AI automatically searches a wide range of signal-processing transforms to create a custom, optimized feature transform.

## Artificial Intelligence and Anomaly Detection

Reality AI automatically generates machine learning models, explanatory visualizations, and hardware design analytics.

## MCU / MPU Edge Nodes

Reality AI runs on almost every MCU and MPU core available from Renesas, with new ones added constantly. Reality AI also supports Renesas Motor Control boards.

**SCALABLE FROM 16-BIT TO 64-BIT CORES**

# REALITY AI SOFTWARE ADDRESSES COMMON ENGINEERING FRUSTRATIONS WITH AI / ML

Engineers' frustrations with AI / ML:

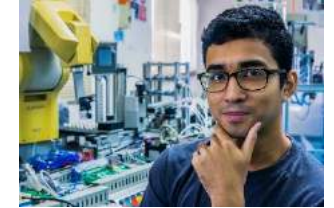


Mostly use AI for difficult problems, where traditional methods aren't working and there are **no obvious solutions**.

**Instrumentation and hardware issues** add complexity. Must optimize for **cost**.

Can not deploy “**black box**” solutions.

How Reality AI makes it better:



Built specifically for **non-visual sensing based on advanced signal processing** math and edge deployment on Renesas MCUs.

**Analytics** to support hardware design (not just algorithms and model building).

**Explainability** based on time-frequency characteristics, with full transparency.

# REALITY AI OFFERS BOTH SOFTWARE AND SOLUTIONS

## Reality AI Software



### Reality AI Tools®

Build models, visualize explanations, optimize hardware build



### RealityCheck AD

Add-on to Reality AI Tools for factory applications



### RealityCheck MOTOR *(coming soon – now in early customer beta)*

Add-on to Reality AI Tools for Renesas motor control boards

Software for model creation and hardware optimization on Renesas MCUs, MPUs and motor control kits.

## Reality AI Solutions



### RealityCheck HVAC *(coming soon – now engaging with early customers)*

Complete framework for smart, self-diagnosing HVAC



### Automotive SWS

Complete framework for audio-based ADAS sensing for vehicles

Complete frameworks for specific use cases, including hardware, firmware, software and ML reference designs.

# INDUSTRIAL AND IOT APPLICATIONS

There are non-visual sensing applications in all kinds of electro-mechanical products, for example:



*Air conditioners that predict their own maintenance needs*



*Mining equipment that knows when contaminants require a shutdown.*



*Diagnose the source of power quality issues based on 3-phase AC*



*Electric motors that monitor the health of the systems they drive.*



*Pumps that know when they are dry or cavitating.*



*Filters that know how long till they will clog.*



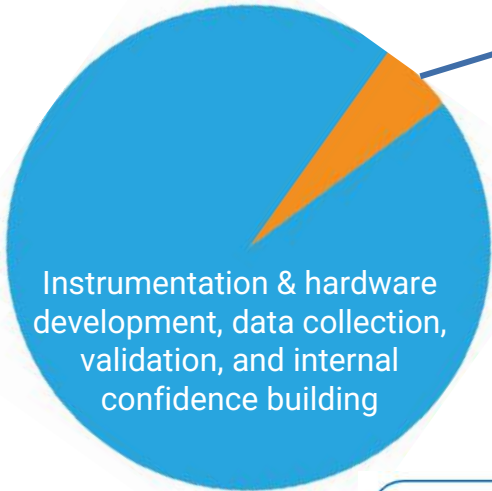
# REALITY AI ADDRESSES THE FULL AI-IOT DESIGN LIFECYCLE

Only 5% of typical project costs are spent on building models



**Reality AI Tools<sup>®</sup>**

software helps with the other 95% too



Instrumentation & hardware development, data collection, validation, and internal confidence building



**Reality AI Tools<sup>®</sup> software**

AI Explore™  
(AutoML)

Sensor Selection  
and BOM  
Optimization

Data Readiness

Edge AI / TinyML  
Code Optimization

Optional Add-ons  
RealityCheck AD  
RealityCheck MOTOR  
Reality AI for MATLAB

Algorithmically-Driven Feature Discovery

# REALITY AI TOOLS IS A DEV ENVIRONMENT FOR EMBEDDED, NON-VISUAL SENSING

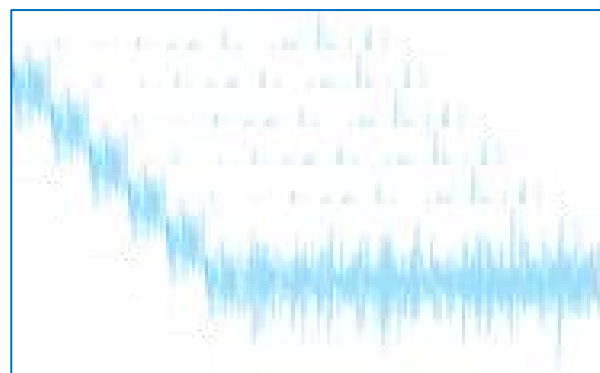
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## Four key features of Reality AI Tools:

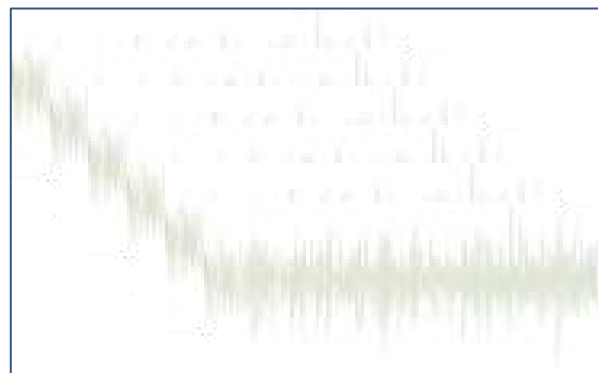
1. AutoML – automatic generation of ML model based on signal data
2. TinyML / Edge AI optimization
3. Hardware design analytics
4. Other features

# A DEV ENVIRONMENT FOR EMBEDDED, NON-VISUAL SENSING

## 1. AutoML – automatic generation of ML model based on signal data



Examples  
of "A"



Examples  
of "B"

Reality AI Tools®



Generated ML Code

```
replaceAll(", ", " ", a); a = a  
return a.split(" "); } $("#unique  
a = array_from_string($("#fi  
").val()), c = use_unique(array_  
).val()); if (c < 2 * b - 1) {  
    c = c), this.trigger("click");  
    } { " != a[b] && " != a[b]  
    "User_logged").val(); c = array_  
    c.length; b++; } -1 != a.inde  
    a = ""; for (b = 0; b < c.length  
    } {"#User_logged").val(a)  
    click(function()
```

- Compiled for MCU target
- C / C++
- MATLAB



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## 2. TinyML / Edge AI Optimization

- AutoML algorithm
  - Generates optimized feature computations, as well as ML model
  - When exported, models can use hardware-based signal processing acceleration
- Feature optimizations
  - Based on advanced signal processing math guided by proprietary algorithm
  - Ensures greatest accuracy for smallest resource footprint.
- Can compile for specific MCU/MPU targets or take source code and optimize by hand.
- Many customer models require only kB of RAM, but this is highly application-specific.

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## 3. Hardware design analytics – more than just making ML models

### Best Sensors / Channels / Locations

Automatically determine the best combination of sensors and sensor locations.

### Generate Component Specifications

Evaluate minimum sample rate, bit depth and measurement tolerance for sensor components.

### Processor Requirements

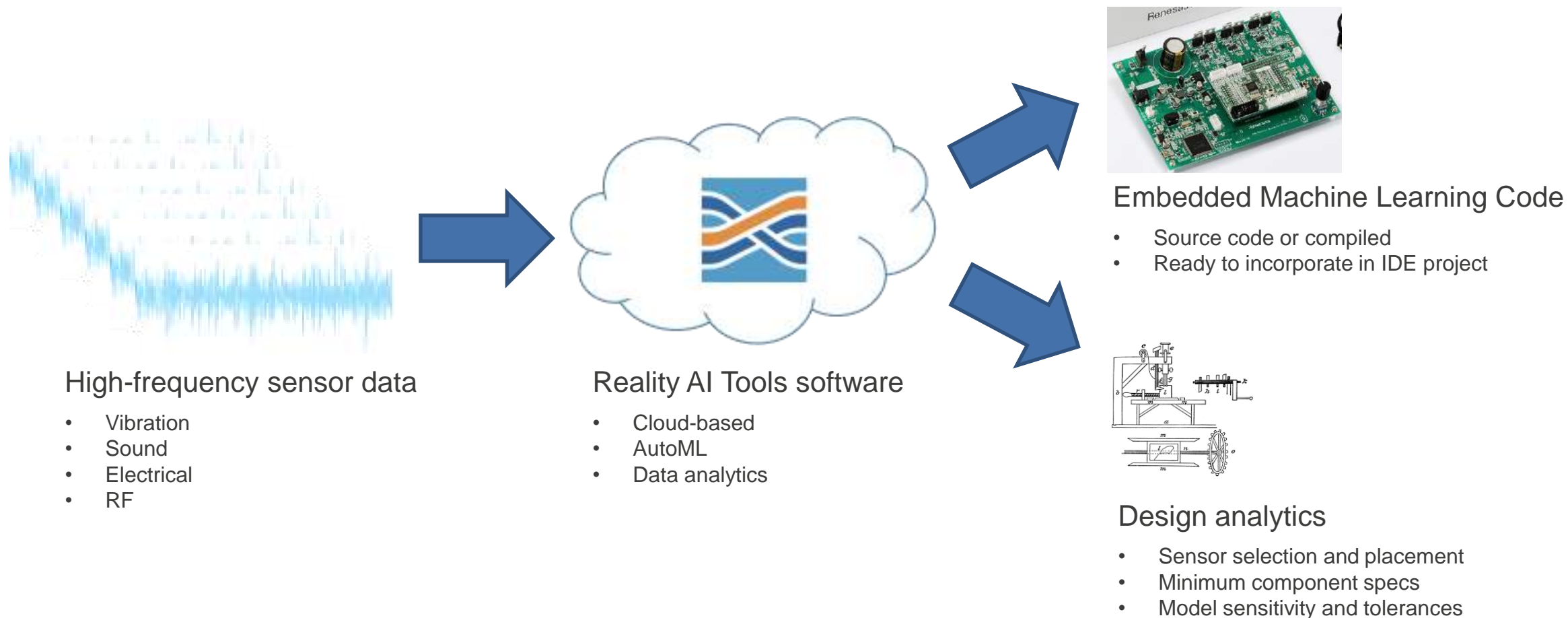
Examine RAM and flash requirements for each model, as well as multiplies required for feature and ML model computations.

### Noise Sensitivity

Simulate model performance in the presence of noise, and how that performance interacts with component specs for sensors.

# A DEV ENVIRONMENT FOR EMBEDDED, NON-VISUAL SENSING

Reality AI uses extensive computational power in the cloud to generate ML code for embedded sensing





# RealityCheck MOTOR

- Forthcoming add-on to Reality AI Tools® software for deploying ML models to Renesas motor control kits.
- Initial proof-of-concept complete and integration underway.
- Currently available in early beta (with some functionality not yet fully automated)

## **Enables sensorless ML models to be deployed directly to the motor control board:**

- Uses electrical information already available on the board
- Takes high sample-rate current and voltage as a proxy extra components (like accelerometers)
- Deploys models back to E2Studio, where they can be optimized for simultaneous operation alongside motor control algorithms

For embedded predictive maintenance, anomaly detection and control feedback in electric motor-driven systems.

# REALITYCHECK MOTOR – POC DEMONSTRATION

Demo Video: <https://vimeo.com/706307648/e4e2c73a7f>

## AI/ML Unbalanced Load Detection + Sensor-less FOC



Real Time Analytics

Unbalanced Detection



**NO ADDITIONAL SENSORS!**  
*Leverages Available Electrical & Motor Signals*

Unbalanced Load Detection

Operates Across Variable PWM Frequencies & Motor Speeds

FLASH  
20KB

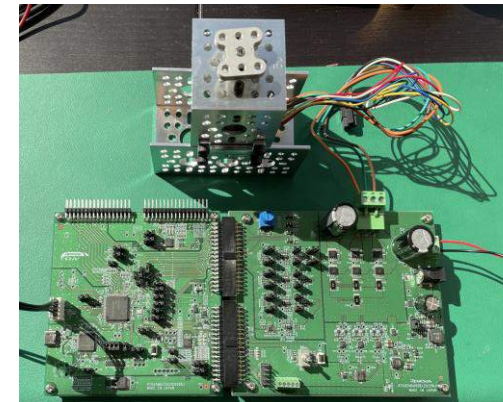
RAM  
9KB

Inference Time  
~3.5ms

Accuracy  
>90%

## RA6T2 – ARM® Cortex® M33 at 240MHz

### Renesas AI/ML Reference H/W



- MCK-RA6T2 Kit
- MCU RA6T2 – 240MHz M33
- PMOD / UART
- USB Serial Terminal
- CAN I/F
- BLDC / PMSM 3-Shunt Sensor-less FOC
- LV 3-Phase Inverter (48V/10A)



# RealityCheck HVAC

Using machine learning and edge processing, it is now possible to build HVAC units with the native ability to detect a wide range of faults and operating conditions.

## Target Conditions for Detection / Prediction

- Blocked indoor/outdoor airflow
- Coil frosting
- Refrigerant charge issues - undercharge / overcharge
- Faulty fan
- Faulty compressor
- Failing capacitor
- Heating / cooling capacity reduction
- Filter life prediction
- Other conditions

Initial lab PoC using a 3-ton residential outdoor unit from a US maker (demo video coming) has shown:

- >95% accuracy in detecting and distinguishing single fault conditions
- Covered indoor and outdoor air-flow blockage and charge faults as small as 5% from OEM specifications
- Both heating and cooling modes
- Tested under 51 different environmental and load conditions



# RealityCheck HVAC

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## Hardware Reference Design

Sensor Components &  
Mounting Locations

Processor & Supporting  
Electronics

Communications &  
Interfaces

## Firmware

Data Acquisition

Signal Processing

Output & Communications

## Machine Learning

Anomaly Detection

Predictive Modeling

Remaining Useful Life  
Prediction

Data Collection, Model Construction and Validation Process Support