



GETTING PRESCIENT KNOWLEDGE

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Prescient Knowledge

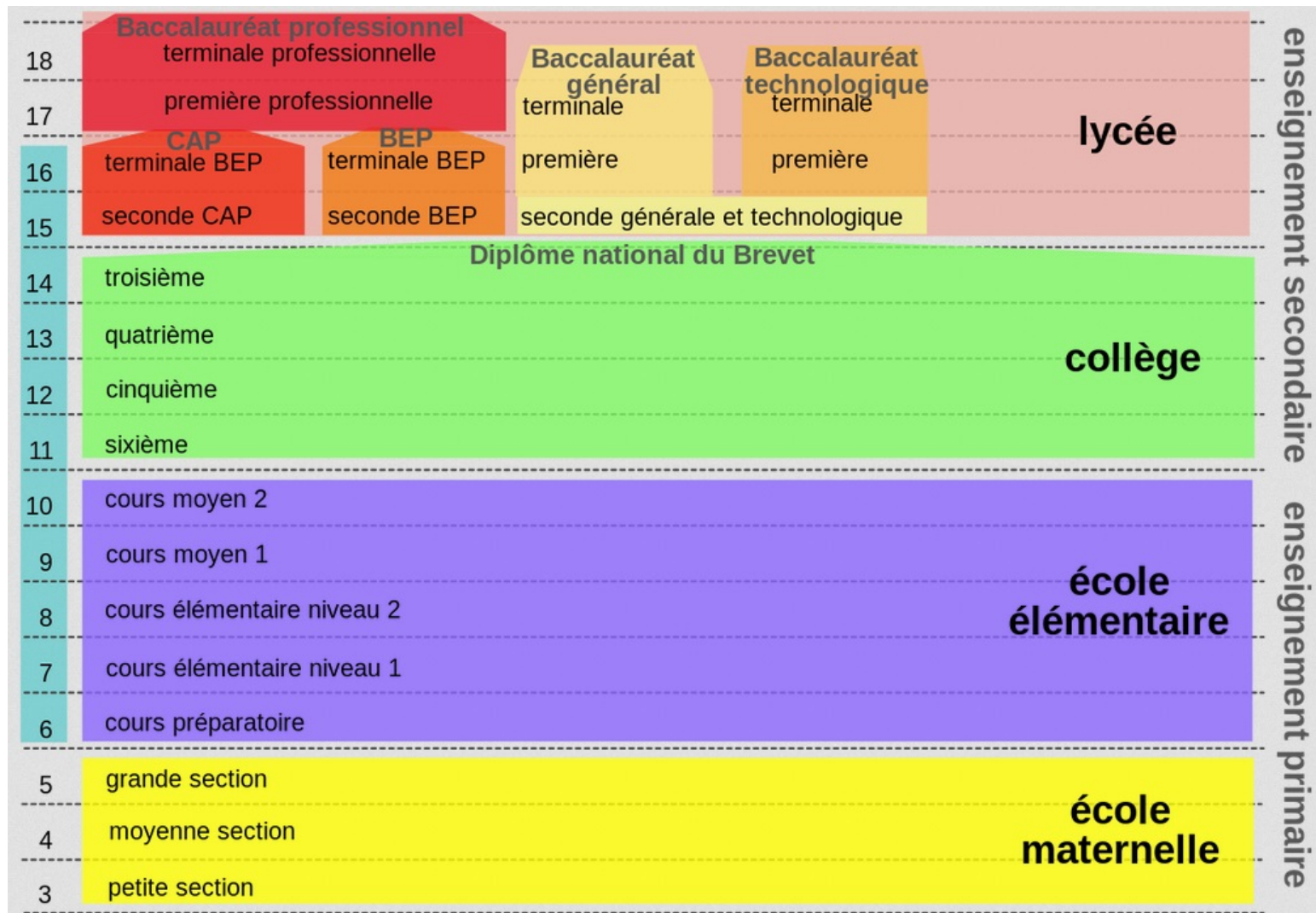
= Knowledge useful in the future

Knowledge

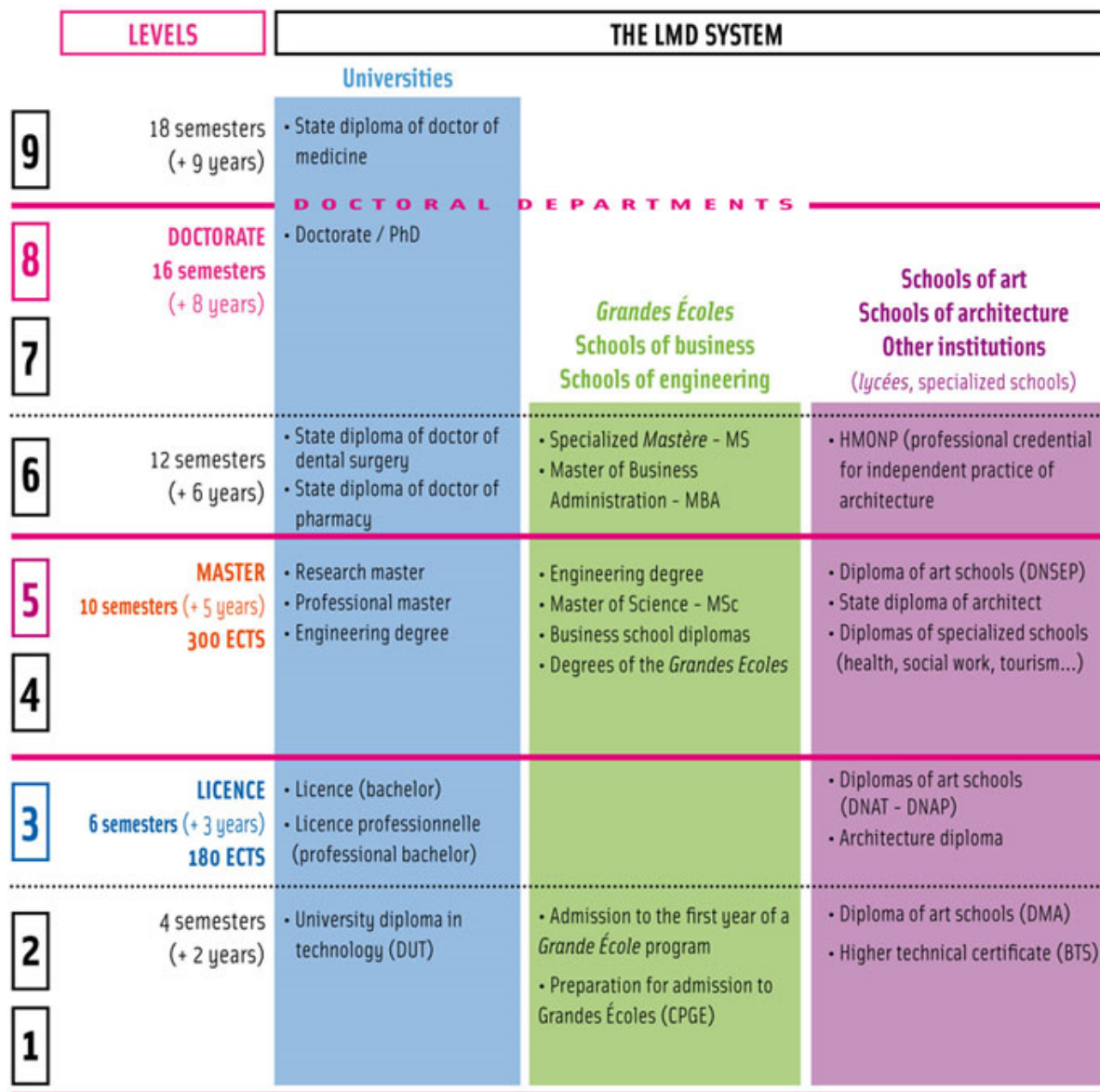
**= the information + skills + understanding
that you have gained through learning or
experience**

Sources: Longman dictionary of Contemporary English [<http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/knowledge>] ;

French education system 1/2



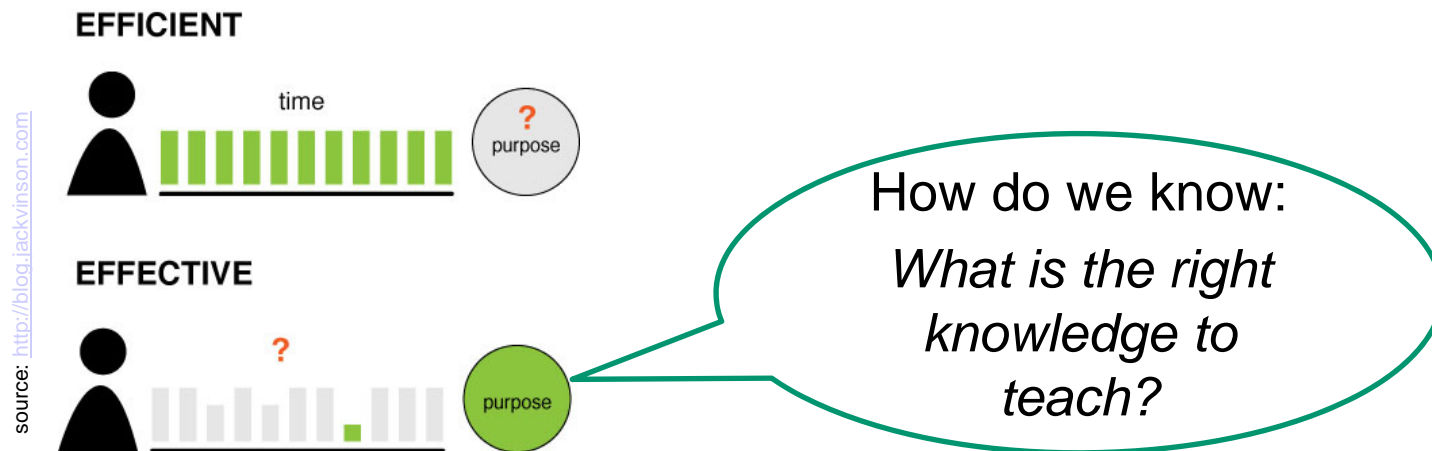
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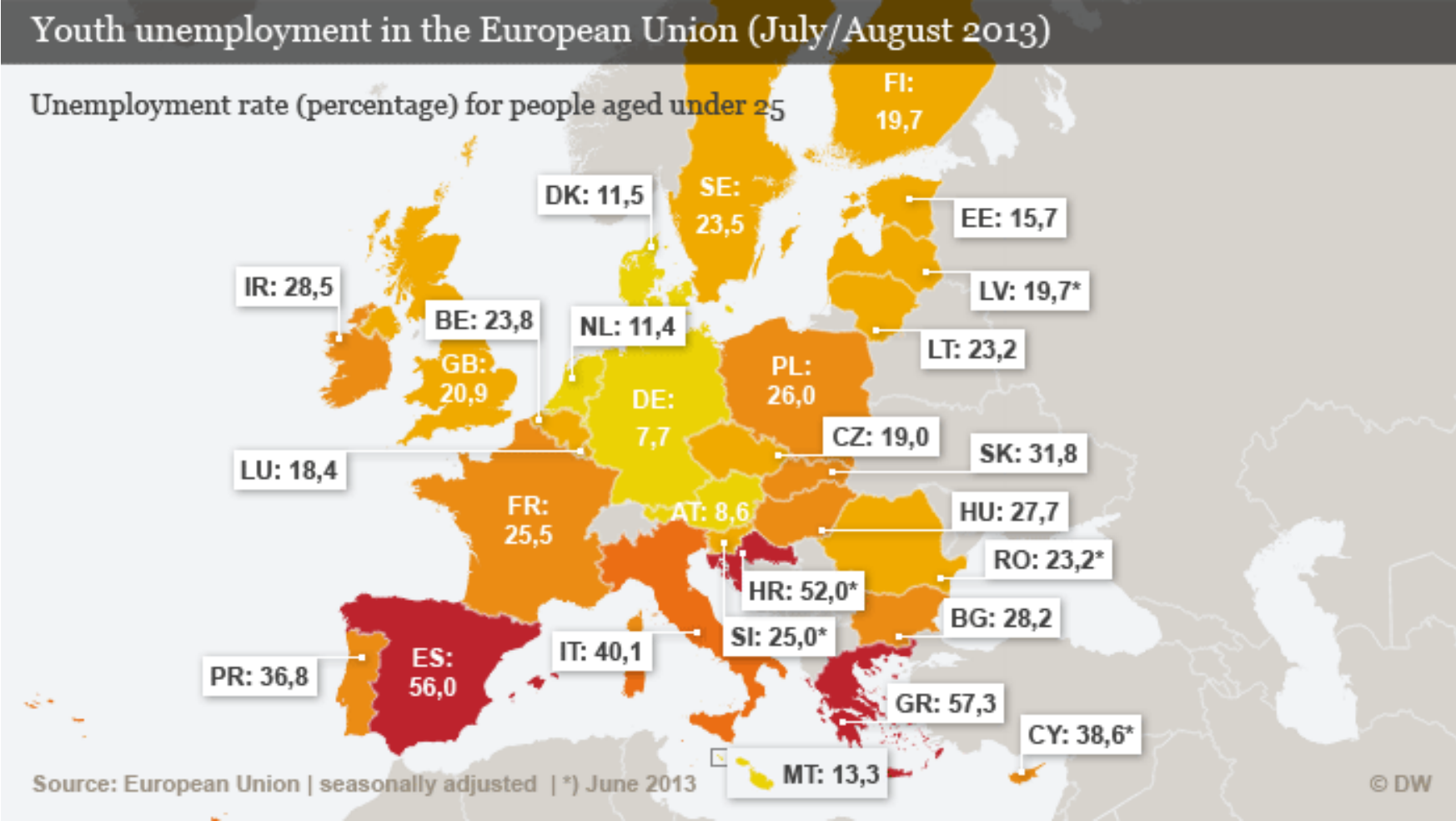


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Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things...

– Peter Drucker





**...The righter we do the wrong thing,
the wronger we become...**
– Russel Ackoff

**Is it feasible to design educational programs
without knowing what will be
societal needs in 20 years?**

available Information

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today Knowledge \Rightarrow Interpretation

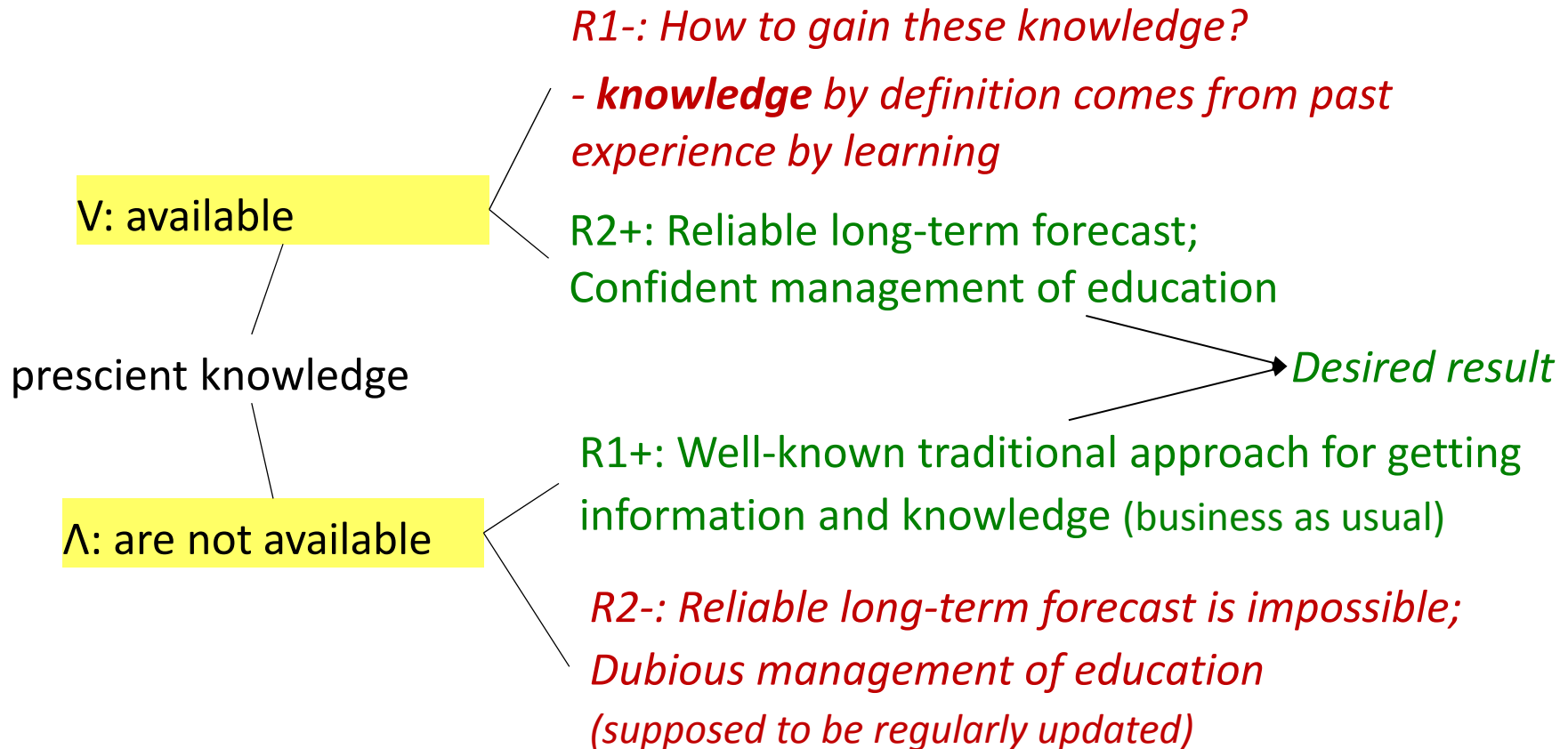
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Intuition (biased?)

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Decisions about education programs

Is it difficult for getting prescient knowledge? 11

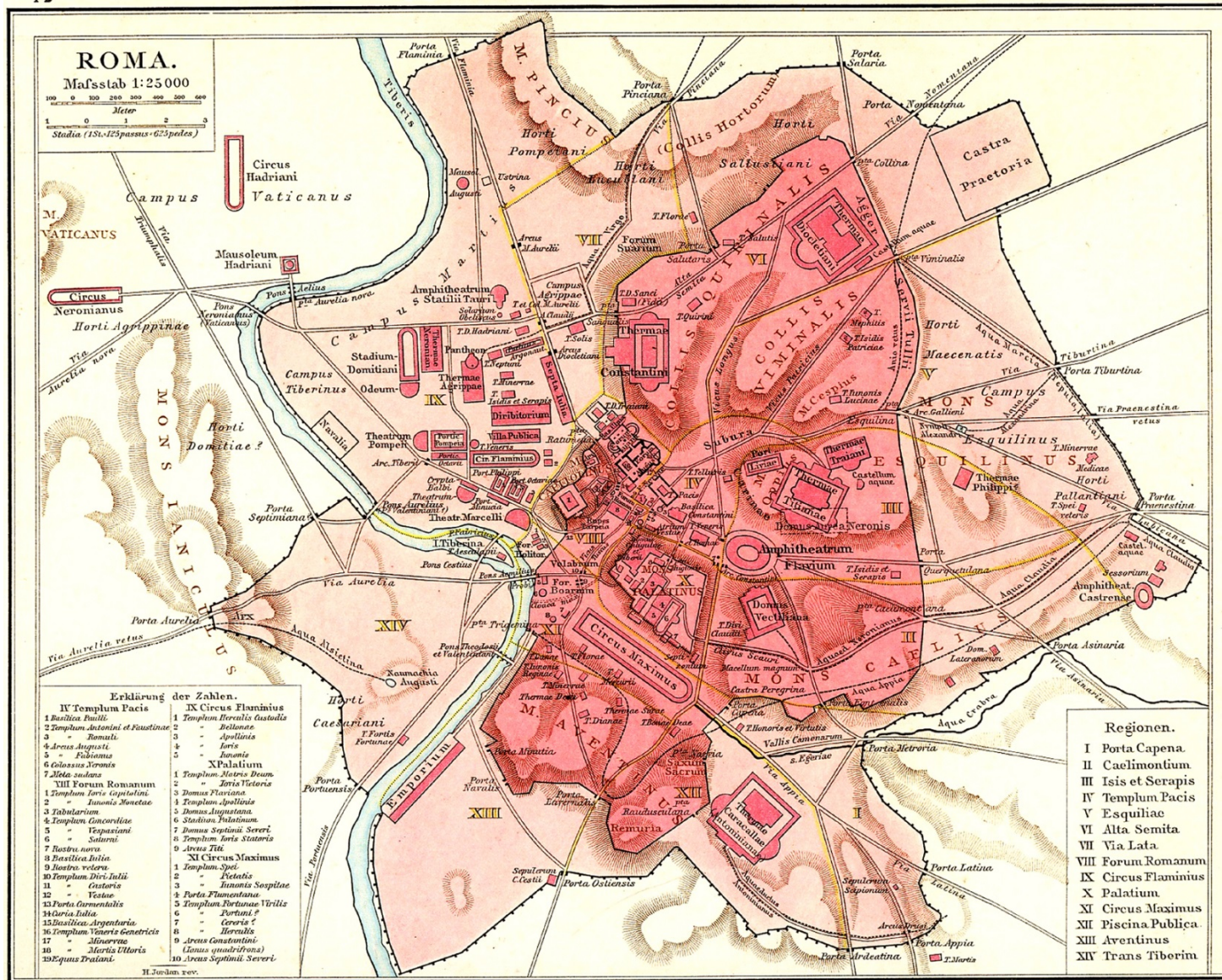


Problems are more important than solutions.

Solutions can become obsolete when

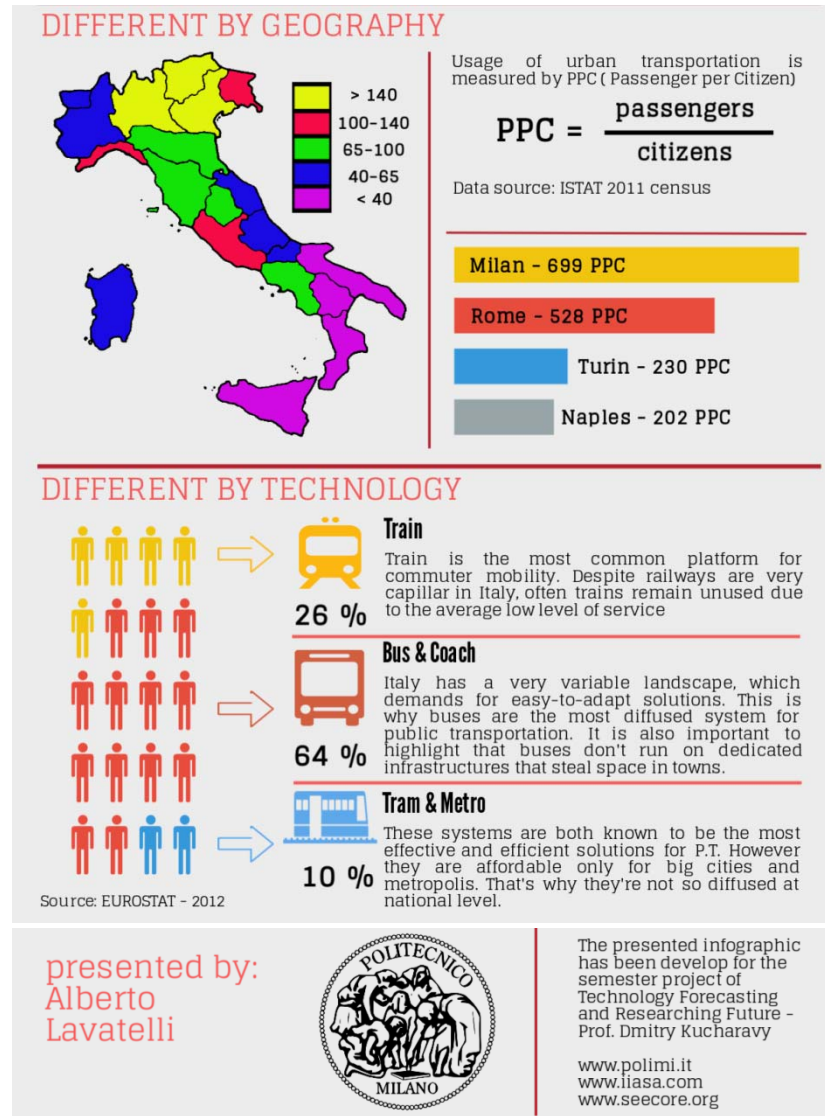
Problems remain.

– attributed to Niels Bohr



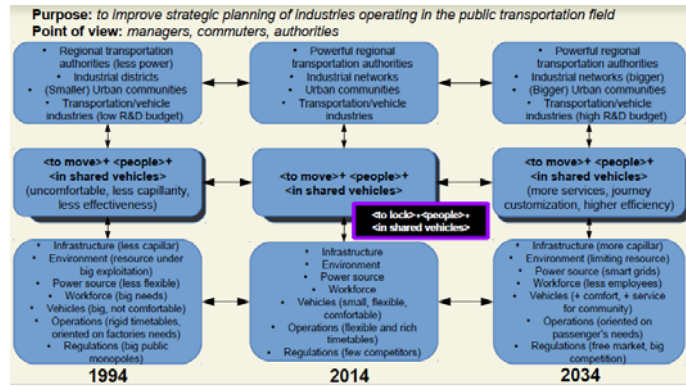
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to know about the present: *public transportation in Italian cities*



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Economics
Social



Technological
Environmental

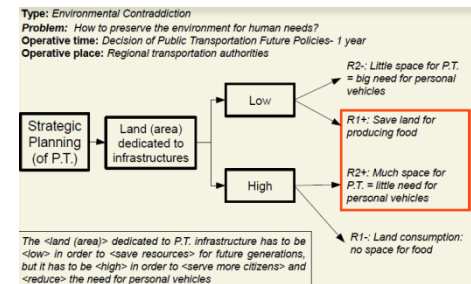
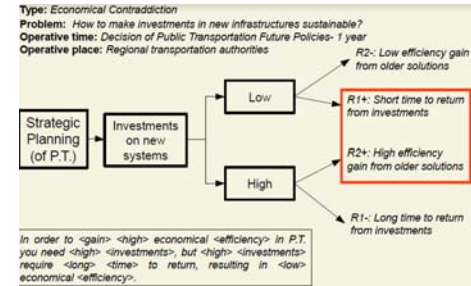
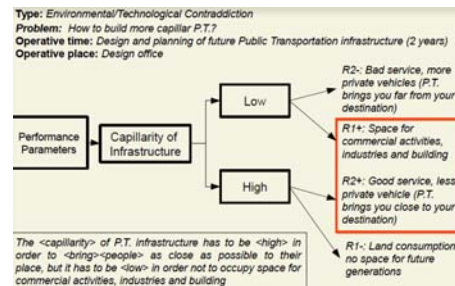
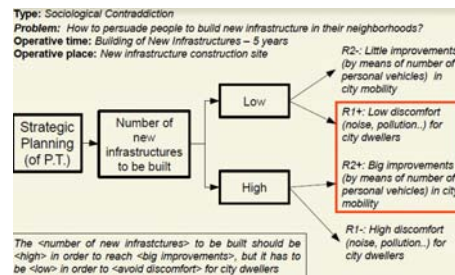
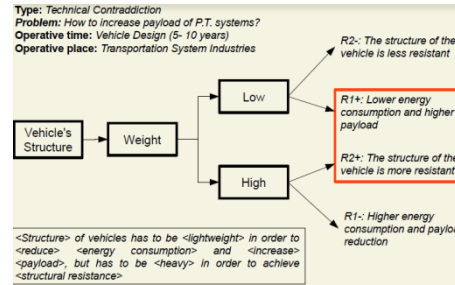
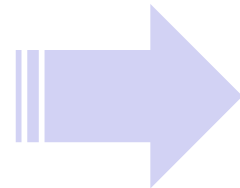
Economical context		Technological context	
Drivers	Barriers	Drivers	Barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To bring workers to their job in a shorter time To move people with less costs Minimize workforce to run public services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long time to return from investments High costs in upgrading public transportation systems Cost of technological development Cost of new infrastructures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher efficiency in energy transformation Safety enhancement More capillarity Lightweight structures More efficient operations (new "orgware") 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult to manufacture Need to remove old solutions (decommissioning problems) Reliability of new technologies Old/new "orgware" transition is critical
Sociological context		Environmental context	
Drivers	Barriers	Drivers	Barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.T. improves life quality in big cities Benefit for community (less pollution) Benefit for one's self (good service = no need of personal vehicles) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce reduction (for public services) Infrastructural NIMBY syndromes "Old habits die hard": society's inertia throughout change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce air pollution Save resources for future generations Reducing energy consumption Reducing the use of private vehicles = reducing traffic jam pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substituting or improving old technologies require energy New infrastructures means consumption of new lands Not every solution is suitable for a specific landscape

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- 19) How to change orgware without problems?
- 20) How to reduce traffic jam and the need for private vehicles?
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- 22) How to increase number of stops without speed reduction?

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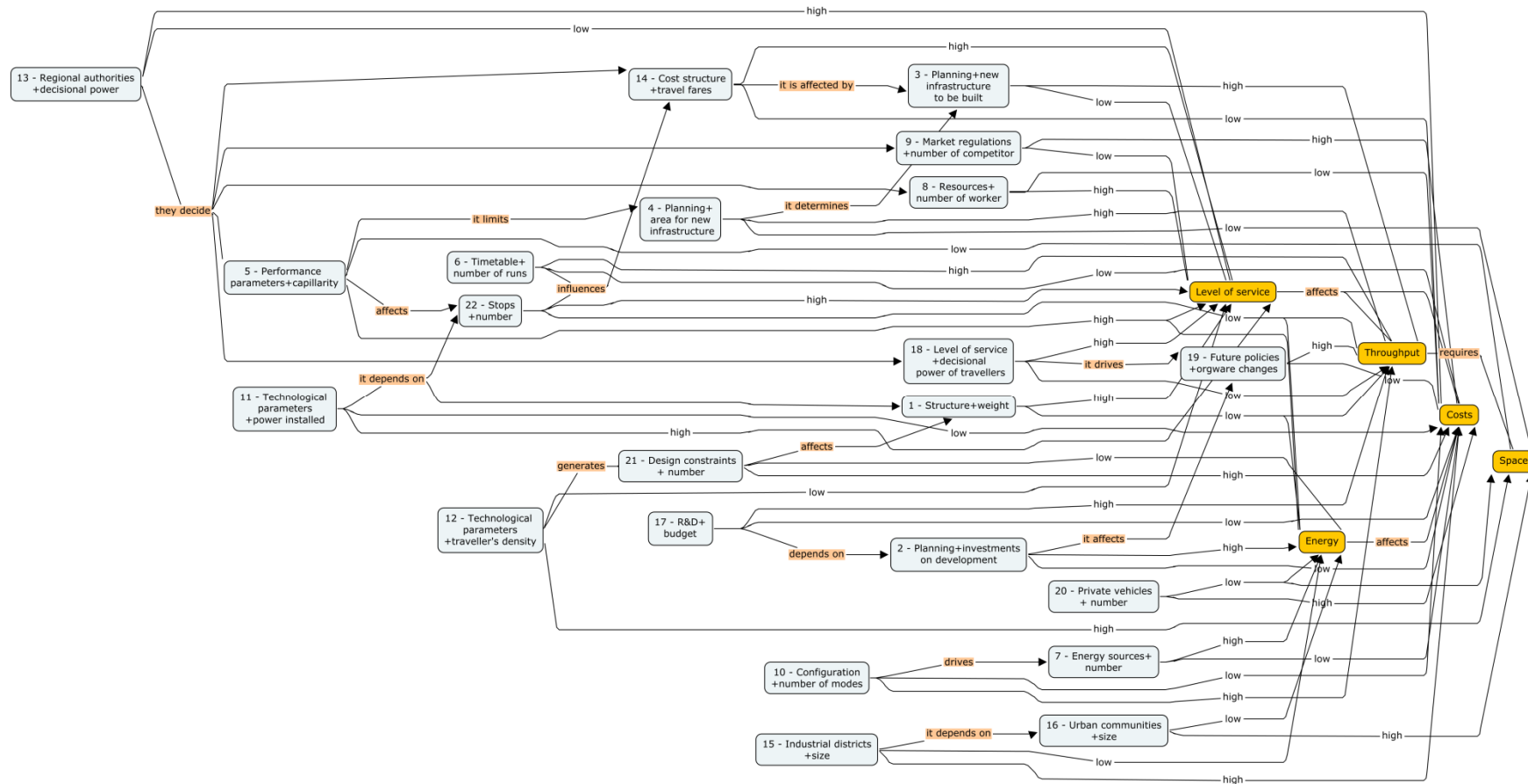
describe problems using contradiction model

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to build a map of contradiction



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to use network of contradictions for getting prescient knowledge

1. to identify and measure critical-to-X features of future systems
2. to identify most important problems to be addressed in the first place
3. to localize existing solutions according to problems
4. to monitor evolution of system in time
5. to support strategic decisions and plannings
6. ???

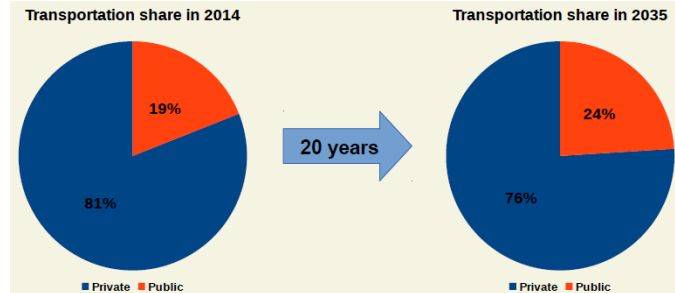
critical-to-X features of future systems and future systems

Critical feature	Units	How in the 2035?
Costs	$\text{passenger-km} / \text{€}$	In the future we will have more pkm, while it is expected that costs (€) will be slightly reduced.
Energy	$\text{passenger-km} / \text{kWh}$	In order to comply to the limiting resources (mostly pollution), in the future we will spend less energy for increased pkm.
Space	$\text{passenger-km} / \text{m}^2$	In 2035 it is expected that area occupied by P.T. systems will not vary, however the output (pkm) will grow.
Throughput	$\text{passenger} / \text{h}$	In the future passengers will travel for less time thanks to the increased speed of transportation. As a result, throughput will be increased.
Level of service	$1 - \frac{\text{delay time}}{\text{total time}}$	It is expected that in future the percentage of delays will decline, thanks to relevant orgware changes. As a consequence the indicator tends to 1

To sum up 2035 technologies

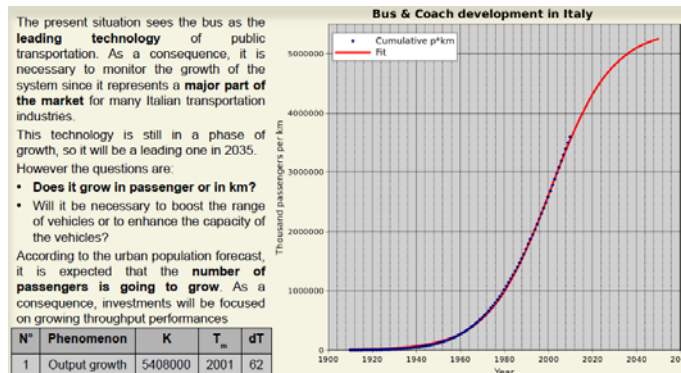
	Small cities (<200k)	Medium cities (200k-900k)	Big Cities (>900k)
Metro	-	-	Network in expansion in Milan. Minor expansion in Rome and Turin. Increase passenger widely. It will become skeleton for other systems.
Train	-	Cities interlinked by industrial network will see a substantial growth of train passengers for local transport	Train will integrate with metro in multi-modal way, in order to reach city centre by underground. Increase in passenger and average speed
Tram	Will appear in Northern Italy as multi-modal. Under 10% threshold	Will appear in Northern Italy as inter-modal. Under 10% threshold	Tram will integrate with busses, but there won't be space for new infrastructure. Old ones repowered
Bus	Leading system, growth in passenger and technological evolution	Leading system, growth in passenger and network. Technological evolution	Bus in big cities will have always more dedicated roads, due to traffic policies. More passengers
Bike Sharing	Implemented, but won't reach 10% threshold	Widely implemented, but won't reach 10% threshold	Big usage, but still won't reach 10% threshold
Car Sharing	-	-	Big development at orgware level. It will reach 10% threshold by 2030

public transportation usage in 2035



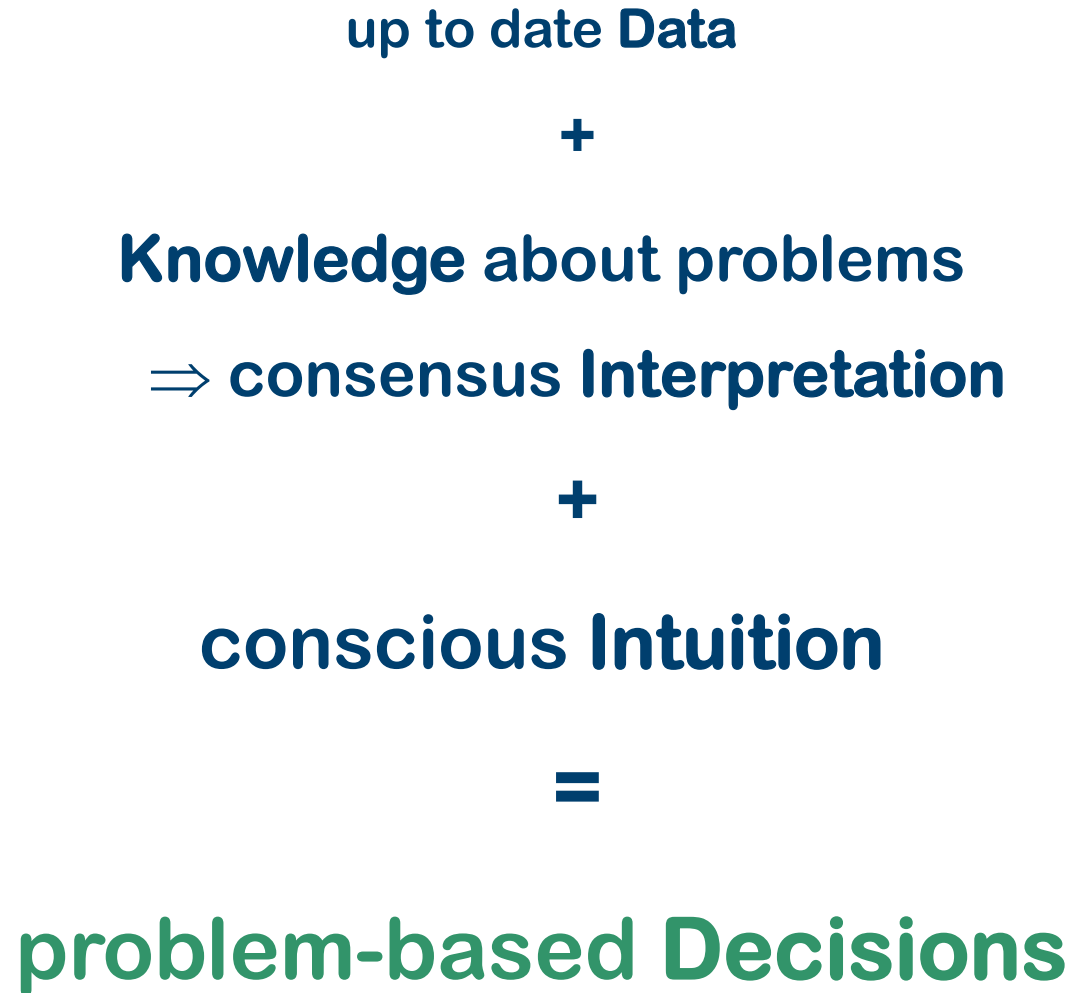
The next (2035) system

New system traits	Sub-features
Use existing infrastructures and technologies	Exploit space/volume more efficiently
	Automatic or semi-automatic guidance
Intermodal, multi modal	At least 10% increase in average speed
	Vehicle able to run on road & railways
Optimized design	Vehicle able to automatically manage their speed/stops in order to synchronize with connecting schedules
	30% less weight (reach structural efficiency of aircrafts)
	20% less energy dissipation (improved aerodynamics, contact drag, energetic efficiency of engines)
Use flexible power systems	Optimize concentration of passenger in a single unit of vehicle with space/comfort of passengers
	Smart grid compliance
Wider offer of services	Dual motor equipment: one dedicated to low speed-high acceleration, the other to high speed-low acceleration
	Full broadband connection to the internet
	On the go shops: buy things during the journey, retire things on the arrival station
	On the go offices: possibility to run everyday bureaucracy while travelling



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- 2005-2006: Project - Technological forecast of **Distributed Generation (DG)**, EIFER, Karlsruhe, Germany;
- 2005-2009: 9 publications and 3 research reports about methodology of technological forecasting;
- 2008, June 26-29: **4 days seminar**: *Technological Forecasting*: prediction of technology change. Apeiron, at Vinci, Italy;
- 2010, December: **3 days seminar**: *Forecasting the Problems*, Arçelik, at Istanbul, Turkey;
- 2011-2012 : Project - Forecasting the parameters of the technological dynamics of **a technological core area of Chilean mining industry**, CBC, Santiago, Chile;
- 2013- : European R&D Project: **FORMAT (FOrecast and Roadmapping for MAnufacturing Technologies)**
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