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The Pace of Change



Automation – A value proposition

Automation, unlike some other advances in technology, requires not only a complete understanding of the technical factors governing its implementation and the features that determine whether potential users will actually choose to use it, but also, the physical impact on the communities we live in and the effect on societal values we commonly hold.

Questions?

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