

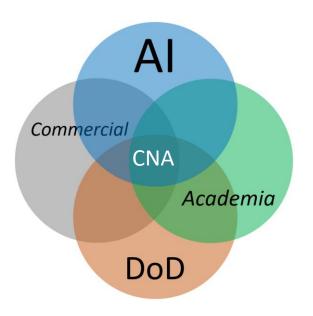
What is AI?

A panel discussion on the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence

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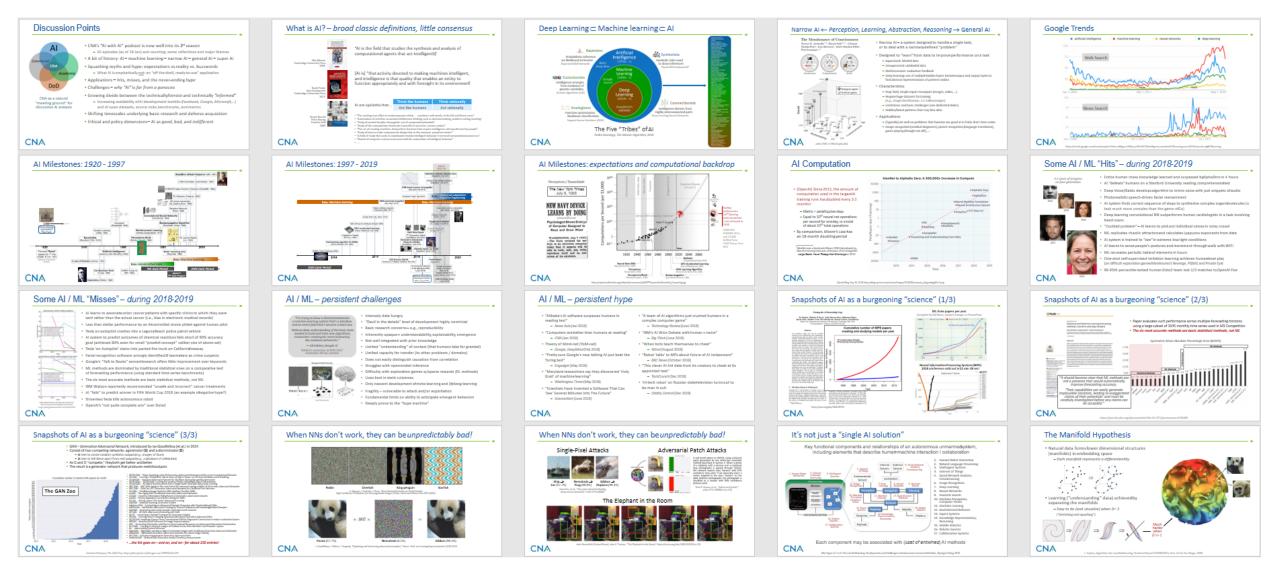
Discussion Points



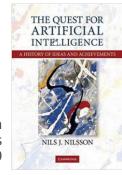
CNA as a natural "meeting ground" for discussion & analysis

- CNA's "AI with AI" podcast is now well into its 2nd season
 - 62 episodes (as of 18 Jan) and counting; some reflections and major themes
- A bit of history: AI machine learning narrow AI general AI super AI
- Squashing myths and hype: expectations vs. reality vs. buzzwords
 - What AI is emphatically <u>not</u>: an "off the shelf, ready-to-use" application
- Applications *hits, misses,* and the never-ending *hype*
- Challenges why "AI" is far from a panacea
- Growing divide between the technically *literate* and technically *"informed"*
 - Increasing availability of AI development toolkits (*Facebook, Google, Microsoft,...*) and of open datasets, source code, benchmarks, and metrics
- Shifting timescales underlying basic research and defense acquisition
- Ethical and policy dimensions AI as *good, bad,* and *indifferent*

This is not a formal presentation – only visual backdrops

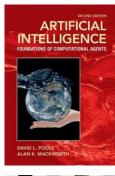


What is AI? – broad classic definitions, little consensus



Nils Nilsson Cambridge University Press 2009

David Poole Alan Mackworth Cambridge University Press 2017





"Al is the field that studies the synthesis and analysis of computational agents that act intelligently"

[AI is] "that activity devoted to making machines intelligent, and intelligence is that quality that enables an entity to function appropriately and with foresight in its environment"

Al are systems that..

Think like humans

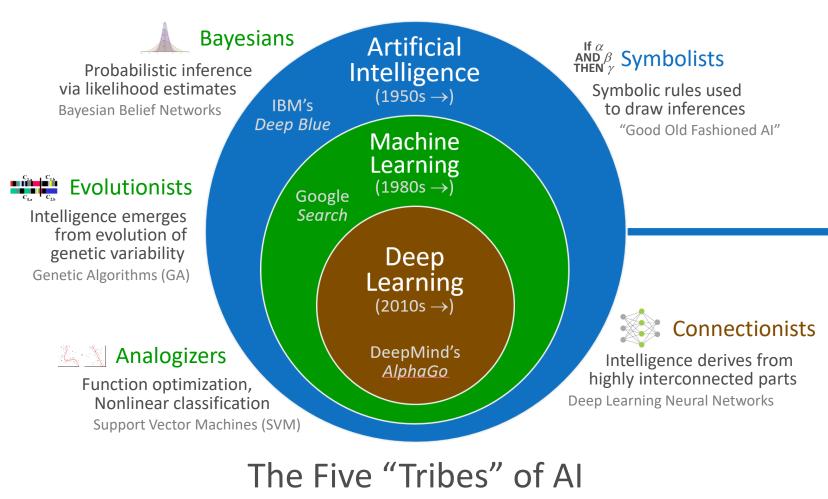
Think rationally Act rationally

- "The exciting new effort to make computers think . . . machines with minds, in the full and literal sense"
- "Automation of activities associated with human thinking, such as decision-making, problem solving, learning"
- "Study of mental faculties through the use of computational models"
- "Study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act"
- "The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people"
- "Study of how to make computers do things that, at the moment, people are better"
- "A field of study that seeks to explain and emulate intelligent behavior in terms of computational processes"
- "Branch of computer science concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior"

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$\textsf{Deep Learning} \subset \textsf{Machine learning} \subset \textsf{Al}$



Pedro Domingo, The Master Algorithm, 2015

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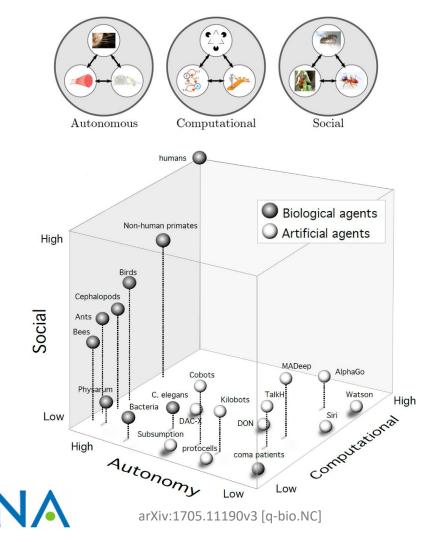
Automated Reasoning AutoMI Back-Propagation Bavesian Decision Theory Sehavior-Based AI / Robotic Bootstrapped Aggreg Capsule Network Case-Based Reasoni Causal Inference Cognitive Modelin Common Sense Knowledge Complex Adaptive Systems Computer Vision Decision Trees Deep Belief Networks Deep Learning. Differentiable neural networks Dimensionality Regression Discriminant Analysis Distributed AI Epistemology Evolutionary Computing •Expert System Genetic Program Gradient Boosting Machines Heuristics / Metaheuristic Hierarchical Clusterin Hierarchical Temporal Memor Hopfield Network (HN) Image Recognition Inference Information Theory Information Retrieval Instance-Based Learning K-Nearest Neighbors Knowledge Representation Learning from Experience Least Squares Regression Lifelong Learning Linear Regression Logical AI Logistic Regression Long Short-Term Memory Machine Learning Markov Chains Multiagent Modeling / Systems Multilayer Perceptron Naïve Baves Natural Language Processing Neural Networks Neuro-linguistic Programming Pattern Recognition listic Graph Model imately Correct I Basis Function Network om Forrest urrent Neural Network nforcement Learning Self-Organizing Map
Semantic Inference mantic Web vised Learnii inervised Learni

Adaptive Regression

Narrow AI ← Perception, Learning, Abstraction, Reasoning → General AI

The Morphospace of Consciousness

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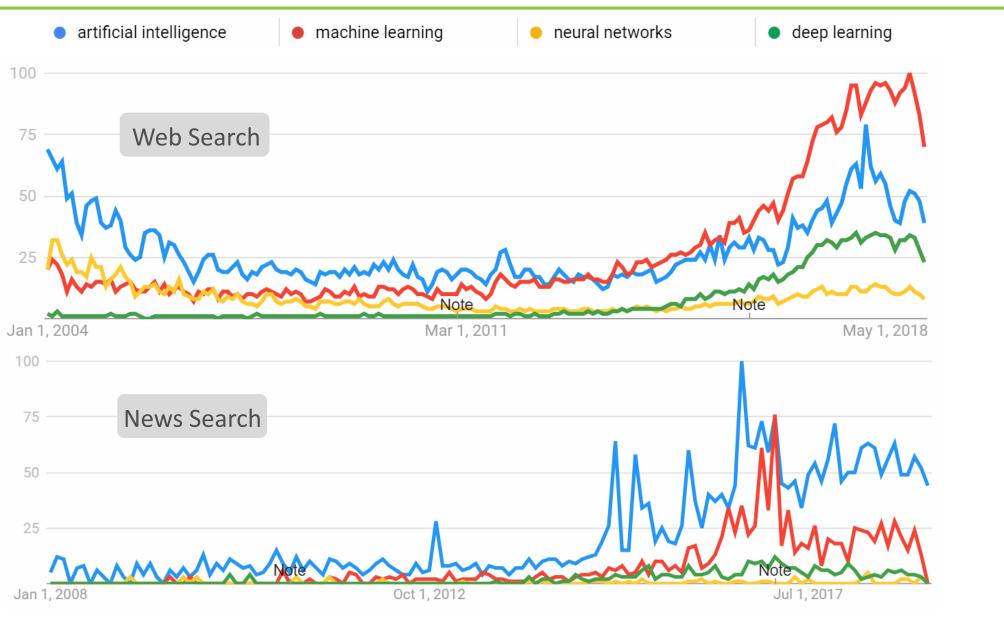
- Narrow AI a system designed to handle a single task; or to deal with a narrowly-defined "problem"
- Designed to "learn" from data to improve performance on a task
 - Supervised: labeled data
 - Unsupervised: unlabeled data
 - Reinforcement: evaluative feedback
 - Deep learning: use of multiple hidden layers between input and output layers to find abstract representations of patterns in data

• Characteristics

- Map fairly simple inputs to outputs (images, video, ...)
- Require huge datasets for training
 - (e.g., Image classification: 1.2 million images)
- Limitations and basic challenges (see dedicated slides)
- Hidden/latent patterns that may bias data
- Applications
 - (Typically) do well on problems that humans are good at in fairly short time scales
 - Image recognition (medical diagnoses), speech recognition (language translation), game playing (though not all!), ...

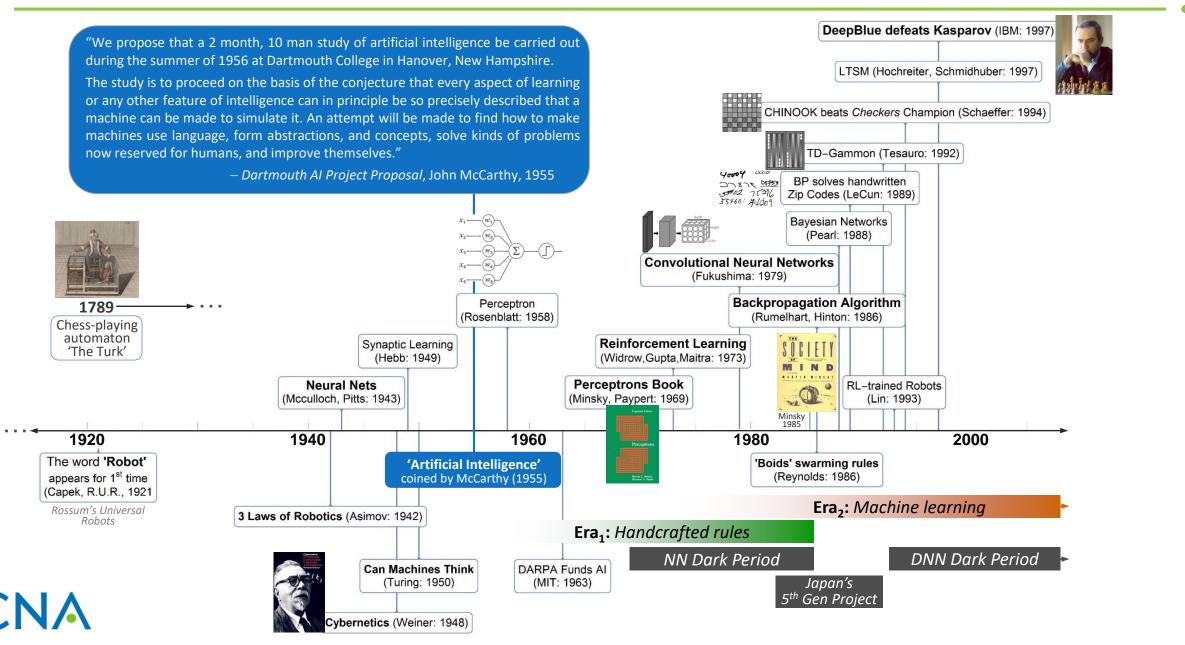
Google Trends

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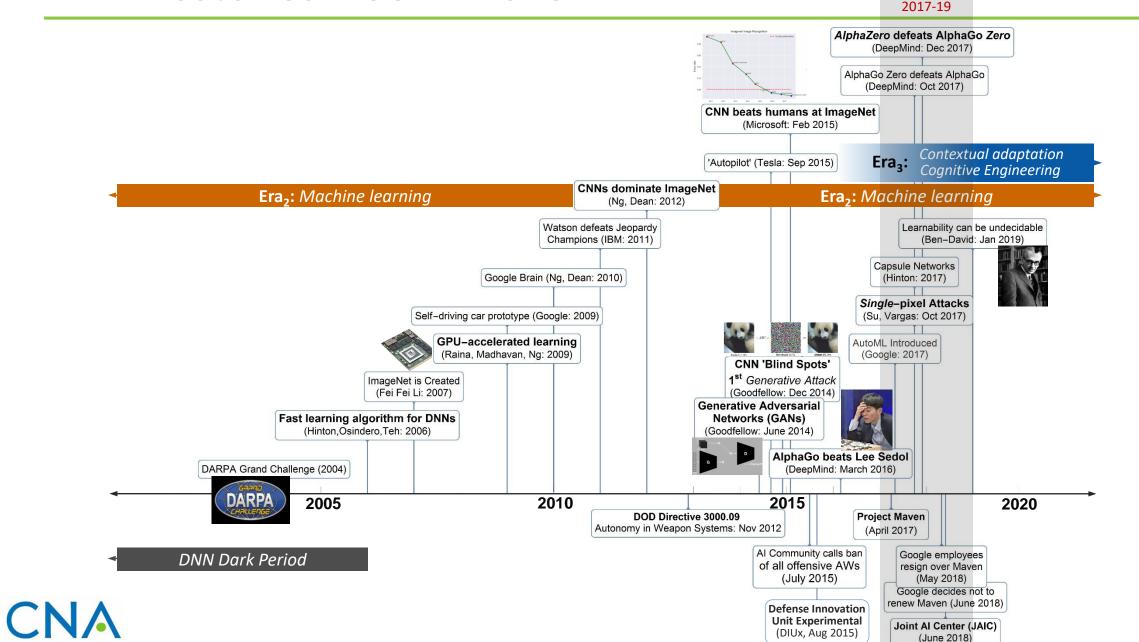


https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all&geo=US&q=artificial%20intelligence,machine%20learning,neural%20networks,deep%20learning

Al Milestones: 1920 - 1997

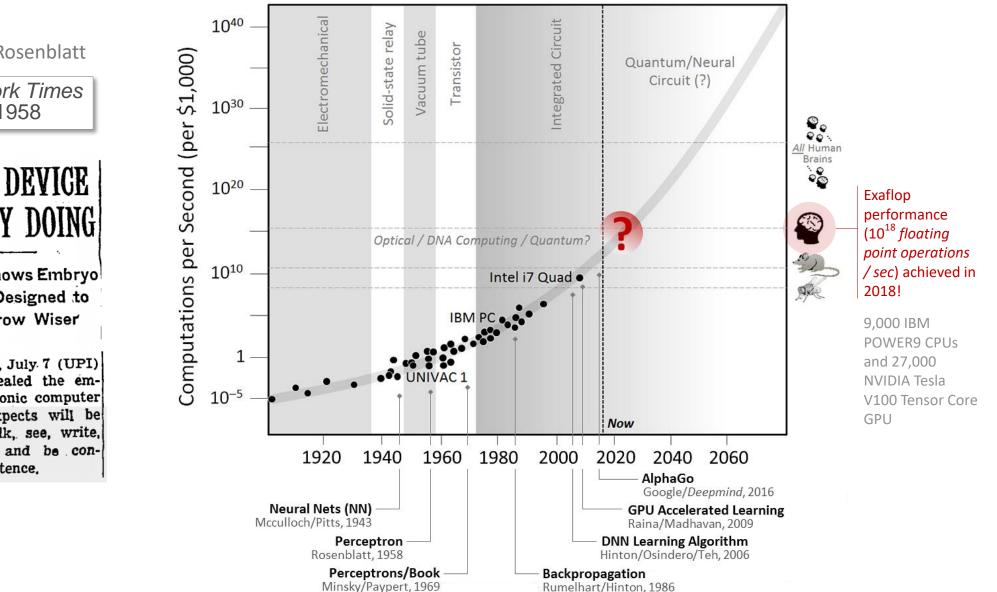


Al Milestones: 1997 - 2019



Just in

AI Milestones: expectations and computational backdrop



Perceptron / Rosenblatt

The New York Times July 8, 1958

NEW NAVY DEVICE LEARNS BY DOING

Psychologist Shows Embryo of Computer Designed to Read and Grow Wiser

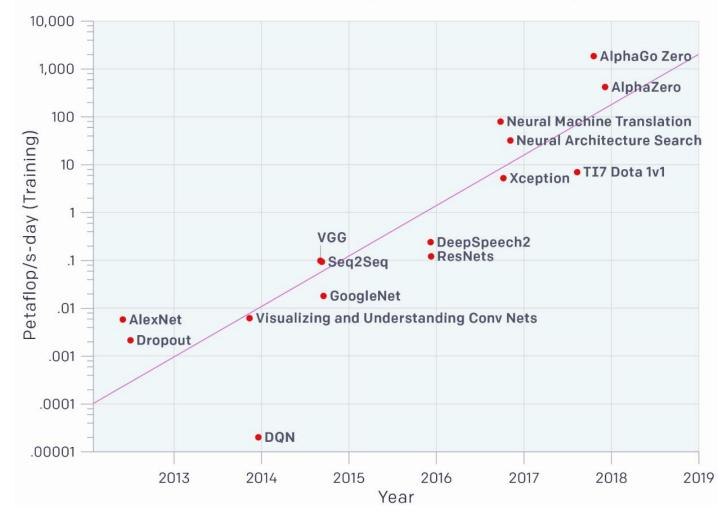
WASHINGTON, July 7 (UPI) —The Navy revealed the embryo of an electronic computer today that it expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence.

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https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/d/df/PPTExponentialGrowthof_Computing.jpg

AI Computation

- (OpenAI) Since 2012, the amount of computation used in the largest AI training runs has *doubled every 3.5 months*!
 - Metric = petaflop/sec-days
 - Equal to 10¹⁵ neural net operations per second for one day, or a total of about 10²⁰ total operations
- By comparison, *Moore's Law* has an 18-month doubling period



AlexNet to AlphaGo Zero: A 300,000x Increase in Compute

^{*}AlexNet was a landmark 8-layer CNN (developed by Alex Krizhevsky) that was champion of the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge in 2012

Some AI / ML "Hits" – *during 2018-2019*

4.5 years of progress on face generation





2015



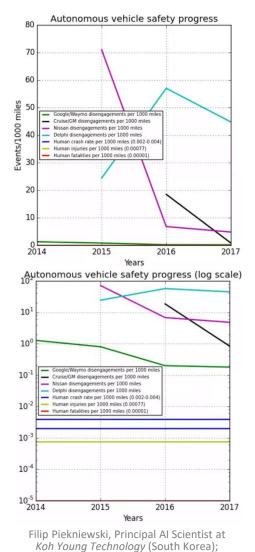
2017



2016

- Entire human chess knowledge learned and surpassed by *AlphaZero* in 4 hours
- Al "defeats" humans on a Stanford University reading comprehension test
- Deep Voice/Baidu develops algorithm to mimic voice with just snippets of audio ٠
- Photorealistic speech-driven facial reenactment ٠
- Al system finds correct sequence of steps to synthesize complex organic molecules (a • task much more complex than the game of Go)
- Deep learning convolutional NN outperforms human cardiologists in a task involving ٠ heart scans
- "Cocktail problem" AI learns to pick out individual voices in noisy crowd
- ML replicates chaotic attractors and calculates Lyapunov exponents from data
- Al system is trained to "see" in extreme low-light conditions
- AI learns to sense people's postures and movement through walls with WiFi
- ML recreates periodic table of elements in hours •
- One-shot self-supervised imitation learning achieves human-level play (on difficult exploration games *Montezuma's Revenge*, *Pitfall!*, and *Private Eye*)
- 99.95th percentile ranked human *Dota2* team lost 2/3 matches to *OpenAI Five*

Some AI / ML "Misses" - during 2018-2019



https://blog.piekniewski.info/2018/02/09/

• Al learns to associate colon cancer patients with specific clinics to which they were sent rather than the actual cancer (i.e., bias in electronic medical records)

- Less than stellar performance by an AI-controlled drone pitted against human pilot
- Tesla on autopilot crashes into a Laguna Beach police patrol vehicle
- Al system to predict outcomes of chemical reactions falls short of 90% accuracy goal (achieved 80% even for small "proof-of-concept" caliber size of atoms set)
- Tesla 'on Autopilot' slams into parked fire truck on California freeway
- Facial recognition software wrongly identifies 28 lawmakers as crime suspects
- Google's "Talk to Books" semantic-search offers little improvement over keywords
- ML methods are dominated by traditional statistical ones on a comparative test of forecasting performance (using standard time series benchmarks)
- The six most accurate methods are basic statistical methods, not ML
- IBM Watson reportedly recommended "unsafe and incorrect" cancer treatments
- AI "fails" to predict winner in FIFA World Cup 2018 (an example of *negative* hype?)
- Driverless Tesla kills autonomous robot
- OpenAl's "not quite complete win" over Dota2

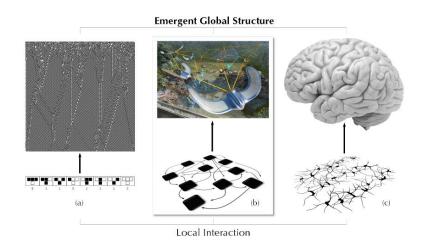
AI / ML – persistent challenges

"I'm trying to draw a distinction between a machine learning system that's a black box and an entire field that's become a black box.

Without deep understanding of the basic tools needed to build and train new algorithms, researchers creating Als resort to hearsay, like medieval alchemists."

– Ali Rahimi, Google Al

Rahimi's assertion at NIPS 2017 received a 40 sec ovation



- Intensely data hungry
- "Devil in the details" level of development highly nontrivial
- Basic research concerns e.g., *reproducibility*
- Inherently opaque *understandability, explainability, emergence*
- Not well integrated with prior knowledge
- Limited "understanding" of context (that humans take for granted)
- Limited capacity for transfer (to other problems / domains)
- Does not easily distinguish causation from correlation
- Struggles with open-ended inference
- Difficulty with exploration games w/sparse rewards (RL methods)
- Lives best in *static* universes
- Only nascent development of *meta*-learning and *lifelong*-learning
- Fragility vulnerable to attack and/or exploitation
- Fundamental limits on ability to anticipate emergent behaviors
- Deeply prone to the "hype machine"

AI / ML – persistent hype

- "Alibaba's AI software surpasses humans in reading test"
 - News Asia (Jan 2018)
- "Computers are better than humans at reading"
 - CNN (Jan 2018)
- Theory of Mind-net (ToM-net)
 - Google, DeepMind (Feb 2018)
- "Pretty sure Google's new talking AI just beat the Turing test"
 - Engadget (May 2018)
- "Maryland researchers say they discovered 'Holy Grail' of machine learning"
 - Washington Times (May 2018)
- "Scientists Have Invented a Software That Can 'See' Several Minutes Into The Future"
 - ScienceAlert (June 2018)

- "A team of AI algorithms just crushed humans in a complex computer game"
 - Technology Review (June 2018)
- "IBM's AI Wins Debate with Human *twice*"
 - Big Think (June 2018)
- "When bots teach themselves to cheat"
 - Wired (August 2018)
- "Robot 'talks' to MPs about future of AI in classroom"
 - BBC News (October 2018)
- "This clever AI hid data from its creators to cheat at its appointed task"
 - TechCrunch (Dec 2018)
- 'Hi-tech robot' on Russian state television turns out to be man in suit
 - Oddity Central (Dec 2018)

Snapshots of AI as a burgeoning "science" (1/3)

Closing the AI Knowledge Gap

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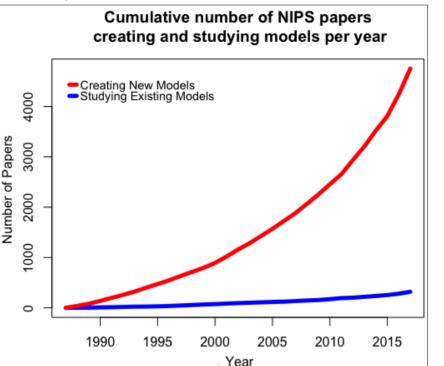
Abstract

AI researchers employ not only the scientific method, but also methodology from mathematics and engineering. However, the use of the scientific method - specifically hypothesis testing - in AI is typically conducted in service of engineering objectives. Growing interest in topics such as fairness and algorithmic bias show that engineering-focused questions only comprise a subset of the important questions about AI systems. This results in the AI Knowledge Gap: the number of unique AI systems grows faster than the number of studies that characterize these systems' behavior. To close this gap, we argue that the study of AI could benefit from the greater inclusion of researchers who are well positioned to formulate and test hypotheses about the behavior of AI systems. We examine the barriers preventing social and behavioral scientists from conducting such studies. Our diagnosis suggests that accelerating the scientific study of AI systems requires new incentives for academia and industry, mediated by new tools and institutions. To address these needs, we propose a two-sided marketplace called TuringBox. On one side, AI contributors upload existing and novel algorithms to be studied scientifically by others. On the other side, AI examiners develop and post machine intelligence tasks designed to evaluate and characterize algorithmic behavior. We discuss this market's potential to democratize the scientific study of AI behavior, and thus narrow the AI Knowledge Gap.

1 The Many Facets of AI Research

Although AI is a sub-discipline of computer science, AI searchers do not exclusively use the scientific method in their work. For example, the methods used by early AI researchers often drew from logic, a subfield of mathematics, and are distinct from the scientific method we think of today. Indeed AI has adopted many techniques and approaches over time. In this section, we distinguish and explore the history of these

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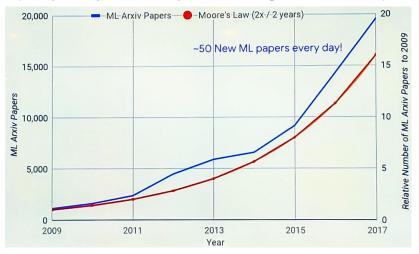


ematicians, devising mechanistic procedures-often called proof theories-for all manner of reasoning. In 1955, Herbert Simon and Allen Newell's *Logic Theorist* proved 38 theorems in the *Principia Mathematica* [Newell *et al.*, 1959]. This led Simon to claim that they had "solved the mind-body problem." He argued that with a sufficiently powerful version of the Logic Theorist, we could automate mathematical reasoning, which in turn would enable the automation of all

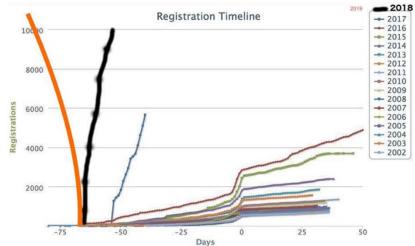
https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.07233

ML Arxiv papers per year

(Compiled by Zak Stone, product manager at *TensorFlow*)



Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) 2018 conference sold out in 11 min 38 sec!



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Snapshots of AI as a burgeoning "science" (2/3)

PLOS ONE

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Statistical and Machine Learning forecasting methods: Concerns and ways forward

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Abstract



Machine Learning (ML) methods have been proposed in the academic literature as alternatives to statistical ones for time series forecasting. Yet, scant evidence is available about their relative performance in terms of accuracy and computational requirements. The pur pose of this paper is to evaluate such performance across multiple forecasting horizons using a large subset of 1045 monthly time series used in the M3 Competition. After compar ing the post-sample accuracy of popular ML methods with that of eight traditional statistical ones, we found that the former are dominated across both accuracy measures used and for all forecasting horizons examined. Moreover, we observed that their computational require ments are considerably greater than those of statistical methods. The paper discusses the results, explains why the accuracy of ML models is below that of statistical ones and proposes some possible ways forward. The empirical results found in our research stress the need for objective and unbiased ways to test the performance of forecasting methods that can be achieved through sizable and open competitions allowing meaningful comparisons and definite conclusions

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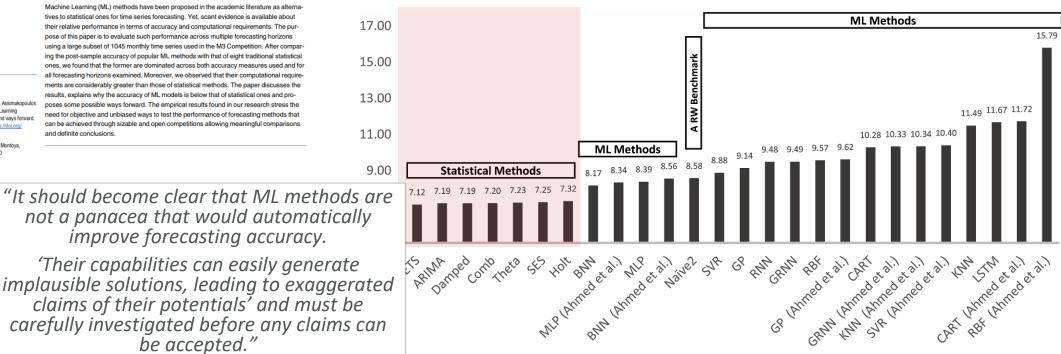
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not a panacea that would automatically *improve forecasting accuracy.* 'Their capabilities can easily generate implausible solutions, leading to exaggerated

claims of their potentials' and must be carefully investigated before any claims can be accepted."

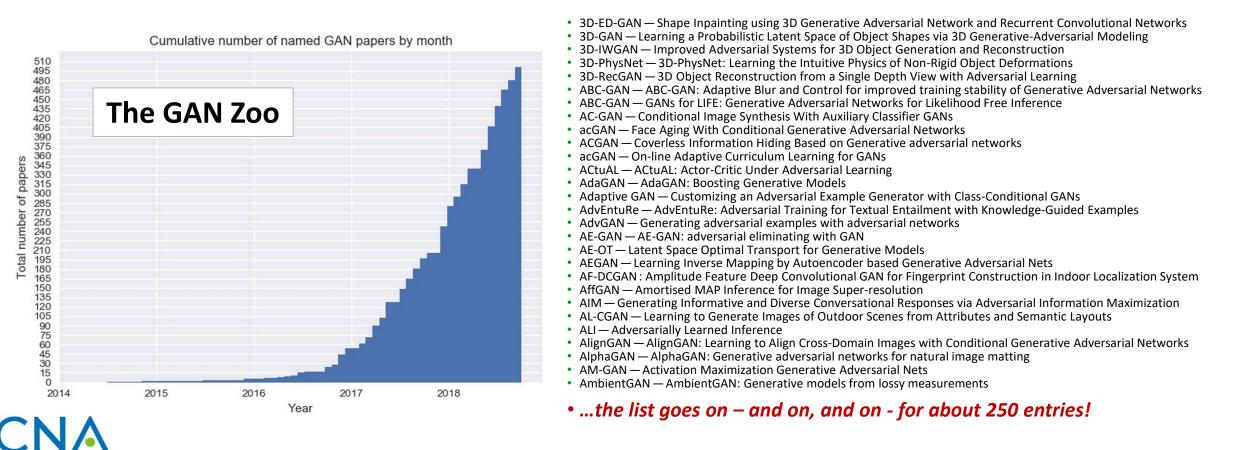
- Paper evaluates such performance across multiple forecasting horizons using a large subset of 1045 monthly time series used in M3 Competition
- The six most accurate methods are basic statistical methods, not ML



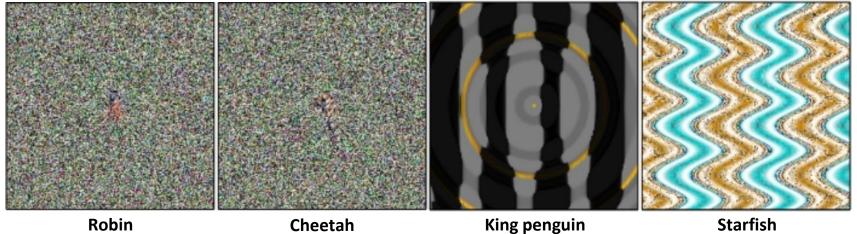
Symmetric Mean Absolute Percentage Error (sMAPE)

Snapshots of AI as a burgeoning "science" (3/3)

- GAN = Generative Adversarial Network, introduced by Ian Goodfellow (et.al.) in 2014
- Consist of two competing networks: a generator (G) and a discriminator (D)
 - G tries to create random synthetic outputs (e.g., images of faces)
 - D tries to tell these apart from real outputs (e.g., a database of celebrities)
- As G and D "compete," they both get better and better
- The result is a generator network that produces realistic outputs



When NNs don't work, they can be *unpredictably bad!*

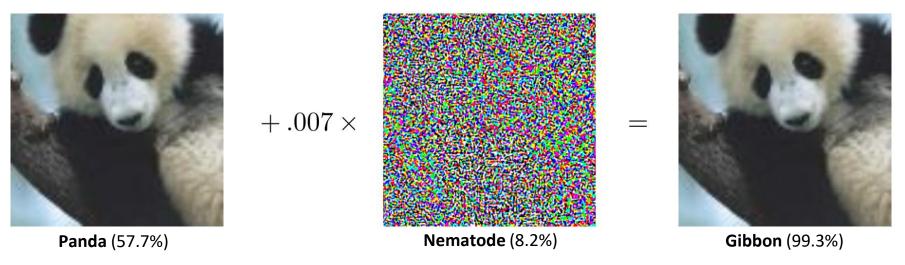


Robin

Cheetah

Starfish

A. Nguyen, J. Yosinski, J. Clune, "Deep Neural Networks are Easily Fooled: High Confidence Predictions for Unrecognizable Images," Comp. Vision and Pattern Rec. IEEE (2015)

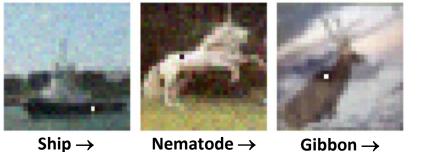




I. Goodfellow, J. Shlens, C. Szegedy, "Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples," Intern. Conf. on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2015

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Single-Pixel Attacks



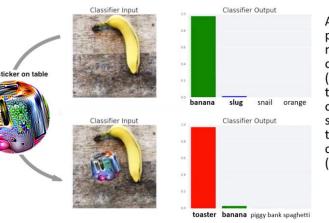
Ship → Car (57.7%)

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Nematode → Gibbon → Frog (99.9%) Airplane (99.3%)

Jiawei Su, et.al., "One pixel attack for fooling deep neural networks," arXiv:1710.08864

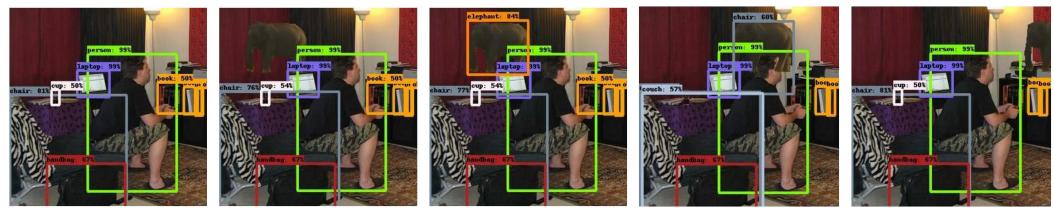
Adversarial Patch Attacks



A real-world attack on VGG16, using a physical patch generated by the white-box ensemble method described in Section 3. When a photo of a tabletop with a banana and a notebook (top photograph) is passed through VGG16, the network reports class 'banana' with 97% confidence (top plot). If we physically place a sticker targeted to the class "toaster" on the table (bottom photograph), the photograph is classified as a toaster with 99% confidence (bottom plot).

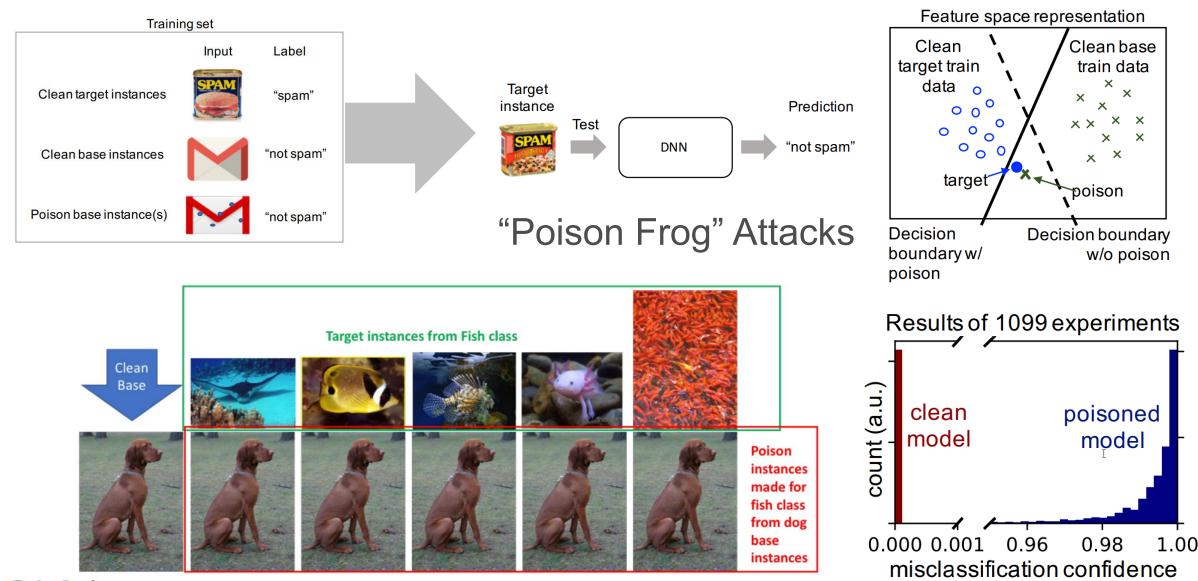
Tom B. Brown, et.al., "Adversarial patch," arXiv:1712.09665v2 [cs.CV]

The Elephant in the Room



Amir Rosenfeld, Richard Zemel, John K. Tsotsos, "The Elephant in the Room," https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.03305 [cs.CV]

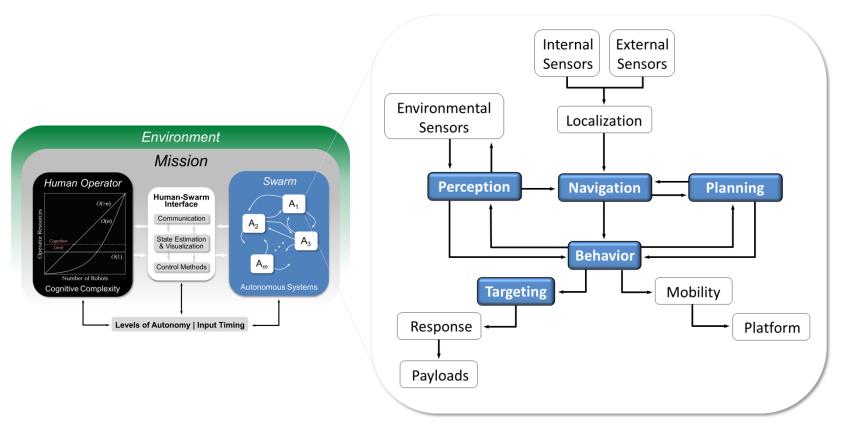
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Ali Shafahi, et.al., "Poison Frogs! Targeted Clean-Label Poisoning Attacks on Neural Networks," https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.00792v1

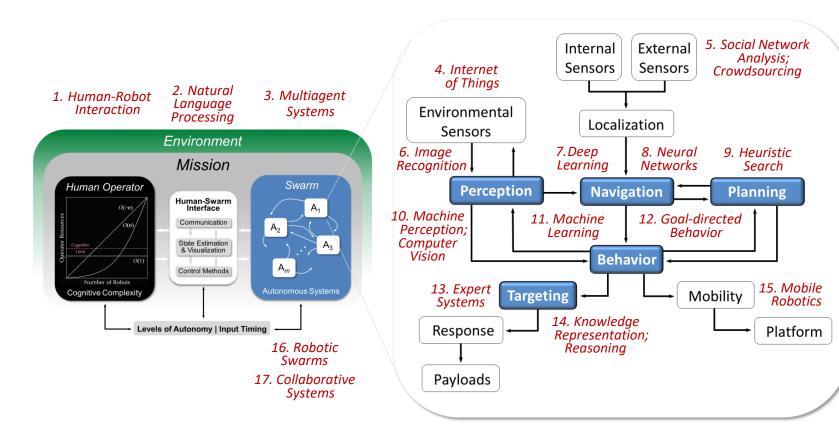
It's not just a "single AI solution"

Key functional components and relationships of an autonomous unmanned system, including elements that describe human–machine interaction / collaboration



It's not just a "single AI solution"

Each component may be associated with (a set of entwined) AI methods

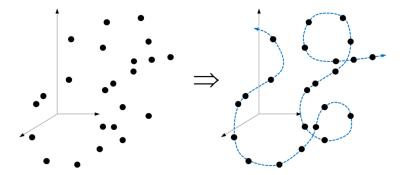


- 1. Human-Robot Interaction
- 2. Natural Language Processing
- 3. Multiagent Systems
- 4. Internet of Things
- 5. Social Network Analysis; Crowdsourcing
- 6. Image Recognition
- 7. Deep Learning
- 8. Neural Networks
- 9. Heuristic Search
- 10. Machine Perception; Computer Vision
- 11. Machine Learning
- 12. Goal-directed Behavior
- 13. Expert Systems
- 14. Knowledge Representation; Reasoning
- 15. Mobile Robotics
- 16. Robotic Swarms
- 17. Collaborative Systems

The Manifold Hypothesis

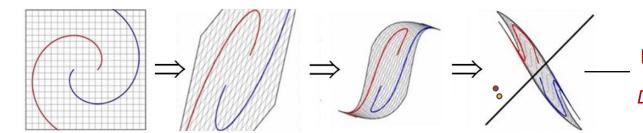
• Natural data forms lower dimensional structures (manifolds) in embedding space

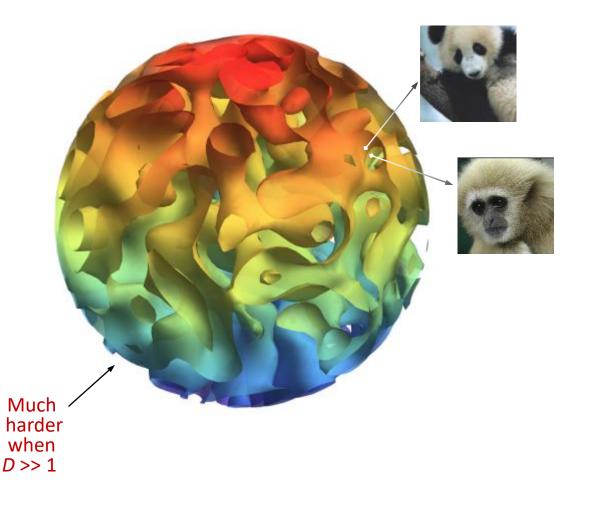
- Each manifold represents a different entity



• Learning ("understanding" data) achieved by separating the manifolds

- Easy to do (and visualize) when D = 2 ("Stretching and squashing")



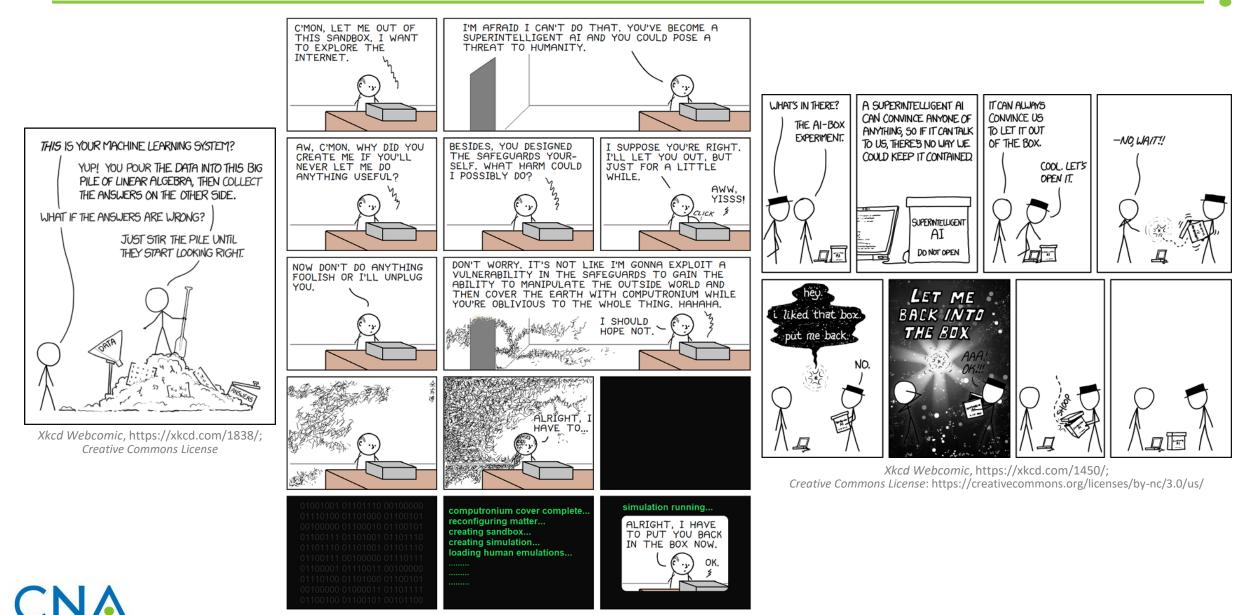




Questions ?



Comical Views of Machine Learning & Super-Al



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