

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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DEFINITION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence (AI) is defined as the ability of machines and systems to acquire and apply knowledge and to carry out intelligent behavior.

This means performing a broad variety of cognitive tasks, e.g. sensing, processing oral language, reasoning, learning, making decisions and demonstrating an ability to move and manipulate objects accordingly.

Intelligent systems use a combination of big data analytics, cloud computing, machine-to-machine communication and the Internet of Things (IoT) to operate and learn.

All is empowering new kinds of software and robots that increasingly act as self-governing agents, operating much more independently from the decisions of their human creators and operators than machines have previously done.

ORIGINS OF AL

• 1950's

- Paper by Alan Turing the father of computer science and Al
 - Can you tell if you are talking to a human or a machine?
- Chess and checkers game playing machine learning
- Artificial neural networks inspired by natural neural network in the brain
- Dartmouth Summer Research School on Artificial Intelligence

• 1960's

- Major funds allocated to AI research in US and UK
- ELIZA at MIT natural language processing
- HAL 9000 in popular culture

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ELIZA: Is something troubling you ?
YOU:
     Men are all alike.
ELIZA: What is the connection, do you suppose ?
YOU: They're always bugging us about something or other.
ELIZA: Can you think of a specific example ?
YOU:
     Well, my boyfriend made me come here.
ELIZA: Is it important to you that your boyfriend made you come here ?
     He says I'm depressed much of the time.
YOU:
ELIZA: I am sorry to hear that you are depressed.
YOU:
     It's true. I am unhappy.
ELIZA: Can you explain what made you unhappy ?
YOU:
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ORIGINS OF AL

• 1970's

- High hopes: "in from three to eight years we will have a machine with the general intelligence of an average human"
- Lighthill Report start of "Al Winter"
- Computers not capable to store enough information or process it fast

• 1980's

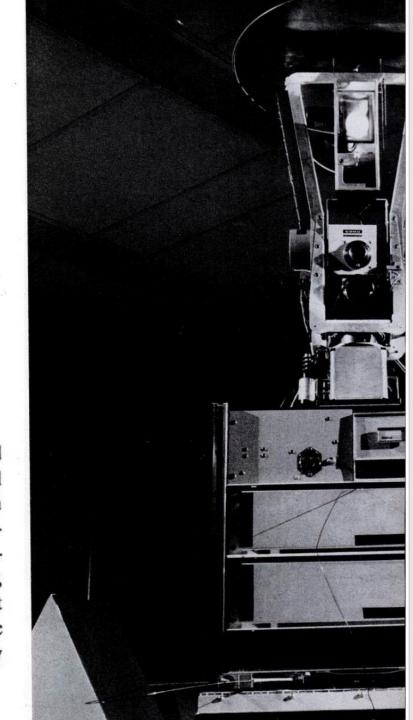
- Expert Systems mimic decision making process of a human expert
- Deep Learning large neural networks recognize shapes, digits, and can predict words
- Japan's Fifth Generation Computer Project disappointment leads to "Second Al Winter"



Leet Shaky, the first electronic person

Marvin Minsky of MIT's Project Mac, a 42-year-old polymath who has made major contributions to Artificial Intelligence, recently told me with quiet certitude: "In from three to eight years we will have a machine with the general intelligence of an average human being. I mean a machine that will be able to read Shakespeare, grease a car, play office politics, tell a joke, have a fight. At that point the machine will begin to educate itself with fantastic speed. In a few months it will be at genius level and a few months after that its powers will be incalculable."

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• 1990's

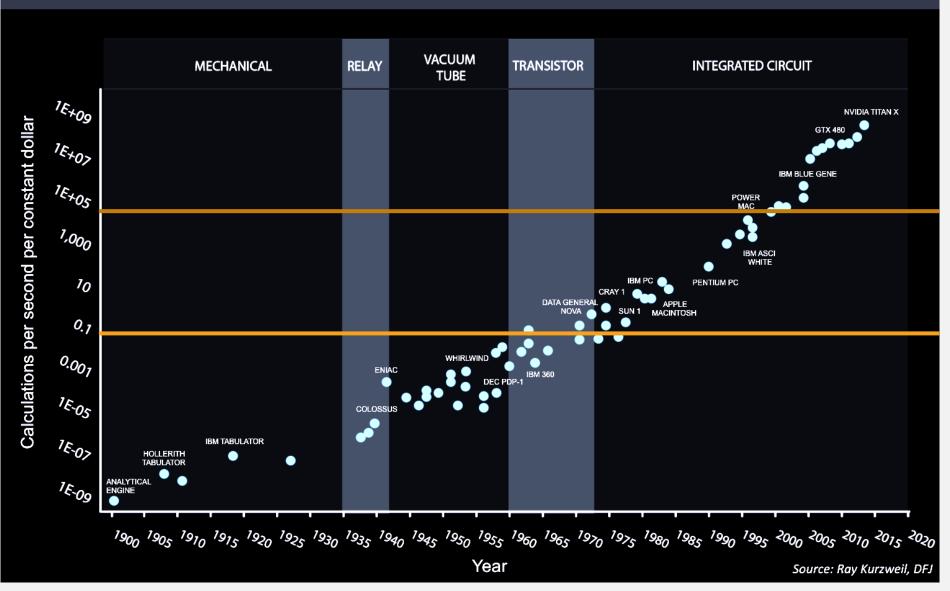
- Algorithmic advances and rigor in machine learning
 - Support Vector Machines, Long Short Term Memory, Gradient-Based Learning, Probability, Bayesian Networks, Hidden Markov Hodels, Information Theory, Stochastic Modeling
- IBM's Deep Blue beats Garry Kasparov
- Intelligent agents

• 2000's

- Big data
- Cloud computing
- Storage and compute power
- Autonomous vehicles

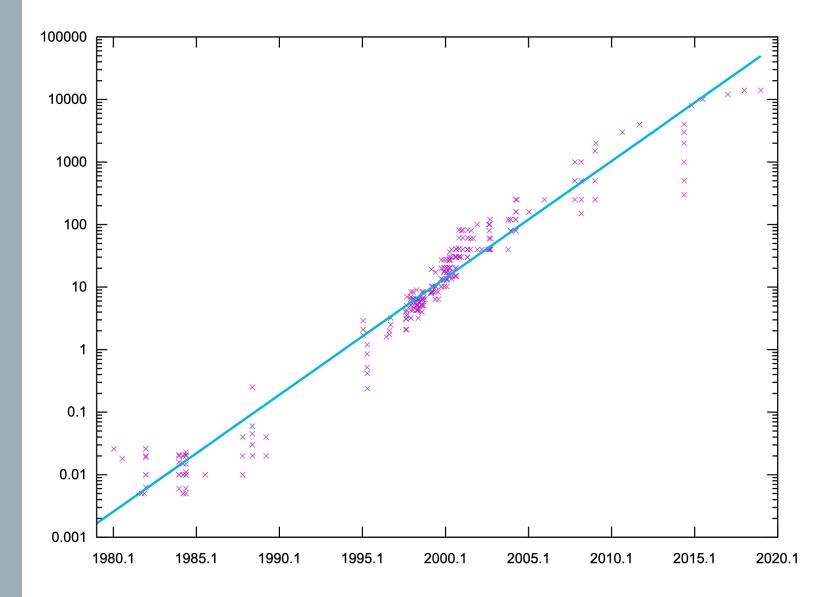


120 Years of Moore's Law



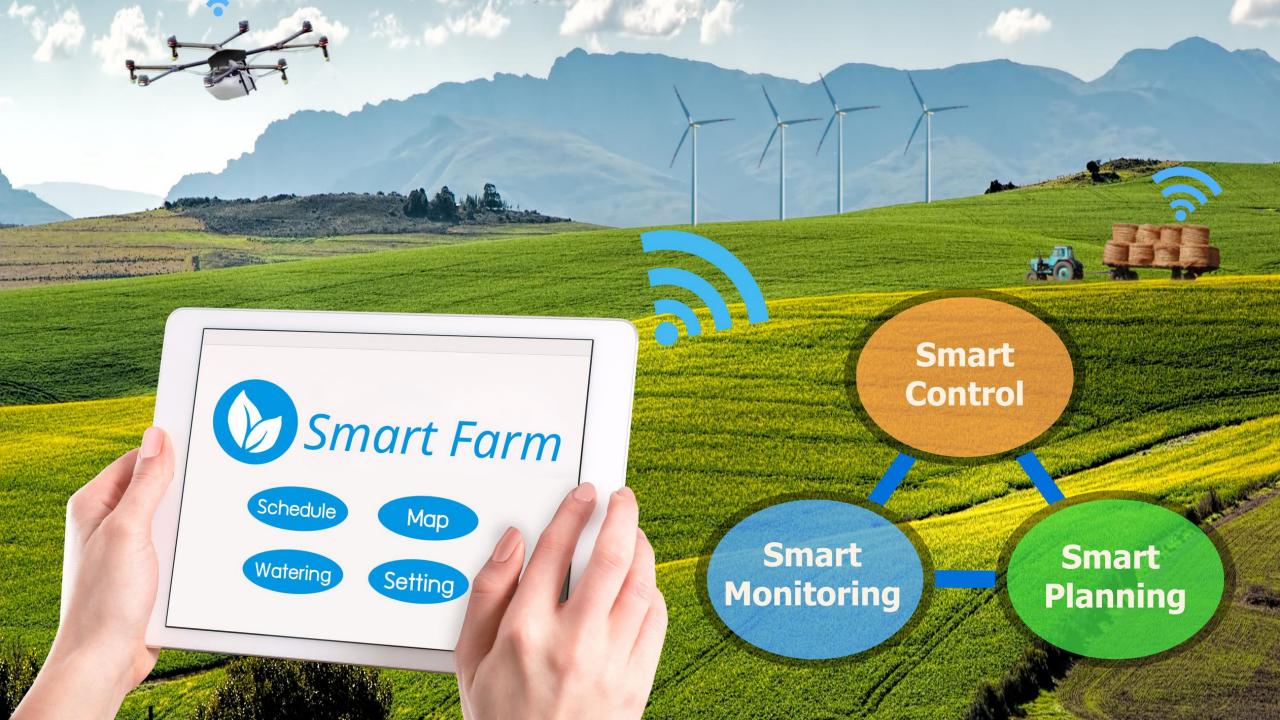
STORAGE

HD STORAGE (GIGABYTES) VERSUS YEAR



APPLICATIONS OF AI

Agriculture **B**usiness **Finance** Medicine **Education Government** Industry Media Transportation **G**ames













Identifying spreading

Generating dynamic data dashboards to help answer citizen questions



"Listening" to social media for public feedback on governLogging/checking into various systems in order to quickly find the source of a server problem



Enabling self-driving shuttles that could bring passengers to or from transit stations





"Listening" to social media for quick notifications of

Guiding a citizen to

the service they're

looking for by an-

swering questions

regardless of phras-

ing (e.g., "How do I

file my taxes" or "Where do I go

to file my taxes")

Handling the most

common types of

service requests

GOVERNMENT COULD USE AI FOR...



Delivering dynamic activity reports to IT departments

Finding



Identifying fraudulent



Helping to schedule meetings

Creating "synthetic data" to quickly train machine learning algorithms





Suggesting additional services and resources to citizens who are applying for something



Connecting hardto-reach citizens to government services









Anticipating road infrastructure mainteance/ replacement needs



Predicting crime/ suggesting optimal



Measuring whether new child welfare reduce the harm done to children



Understanding traffic patterns for planning purposes

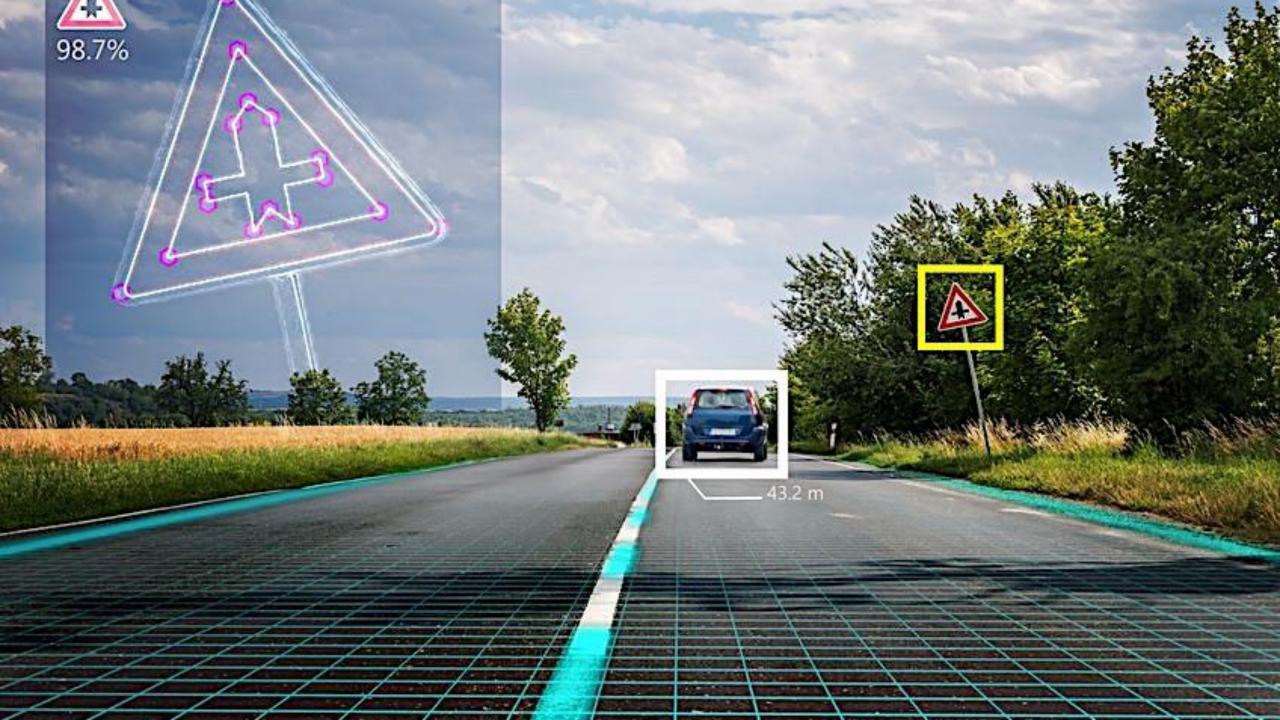


Helping to speed up HR paperwork

http://images.centerdigitaled.com/images/DeptGovAl Infographic.jpg









AI RESEARCHERS

In top 1000 according to Google Scholar

- Ali S. Hadi (Egypt / Egypt)
- Adnan Darwiche (Lebanon / USA)
- Hussein Abbass (Egypt / Australia)
- Raja Chatila (Syria / France)
- Nizar Habash (Palestine / UAE)
- Iyad Rahwan (Syria / USA)