

AI; Automation; Anticipation

Technology trajectory & strategic choices for an accelerating world

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Why is AI *able* today
to transition from
“research” to “ROI”?

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This was a 1980s notion of adequate “AI hardware”

TEK 4404

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

**THE TEK 4404:
THE FIRST PERSONAL
AI DEVELOPMENT
SYSTEM.**



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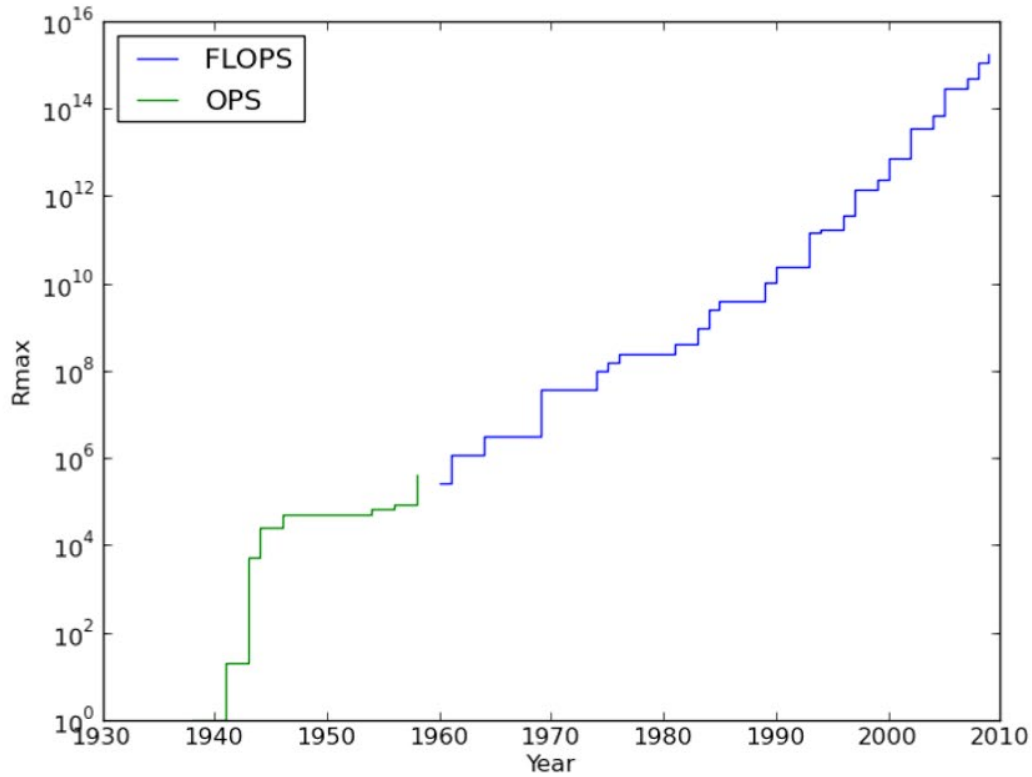
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A crucial new abundance: computing power



Note: these are *logarithmic* vertical scales: a straight line represents exponential growth. Showing aggregate compute power on a linear scale makes it look as if we started building them in 2005...

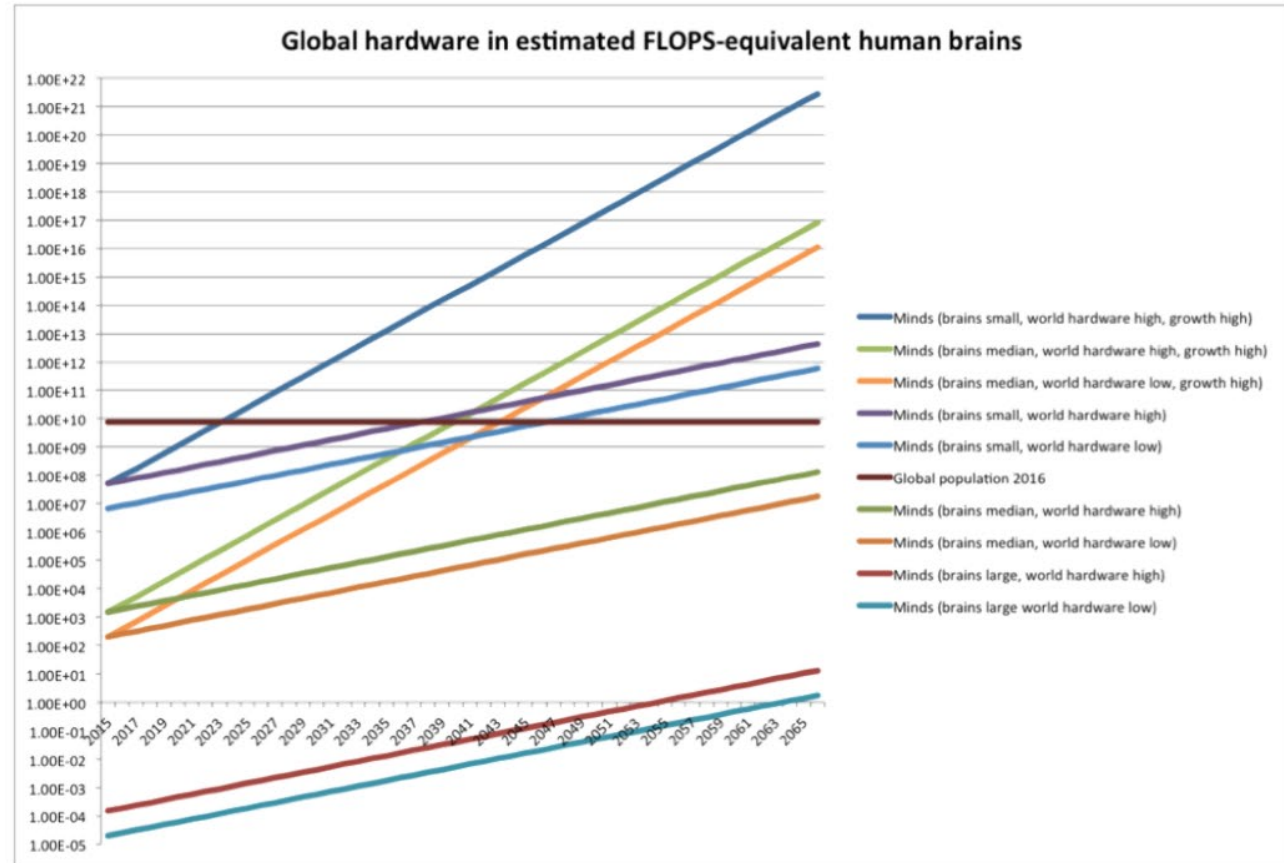
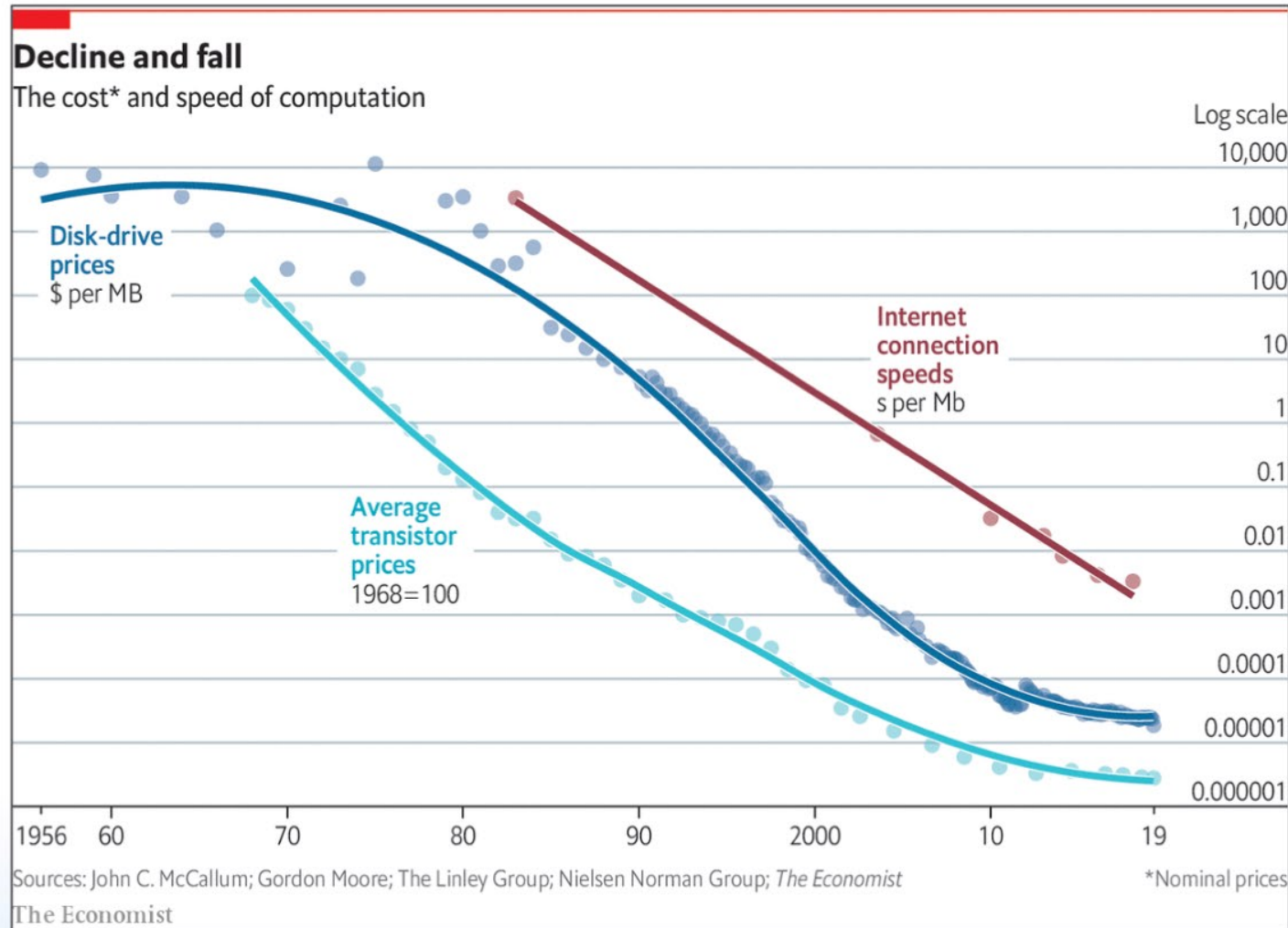


Figure: Projected number of human brains equivalent to global hardware under various assumptions. For brains, 'small' = 3×10^{13} , 'median' = 10^{18} , 'large' = 10^{25} . For 'world hardware', 'high' = 2×10^{20} , 'low' = 1.5×10^{21} . 'Growth' is growth in computing hardware, the unlabeled default used in most projections is 25% per annum (our estimate above), 'high' = 86% per annum (the apparent growth rate in ASIC hardware in around 2007).

Eleven orders of magnitude improvement



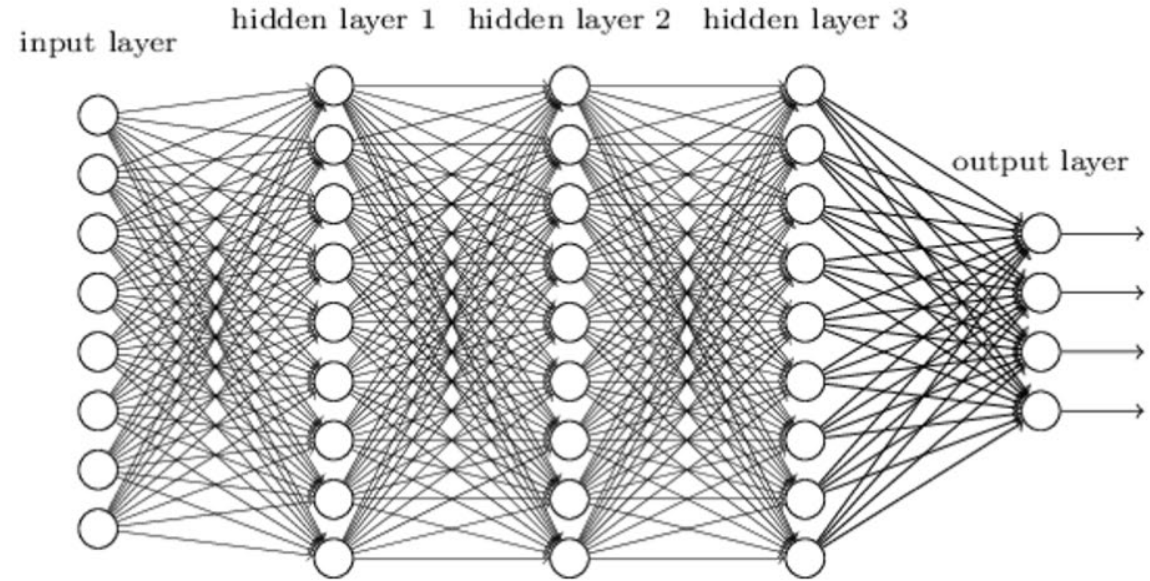
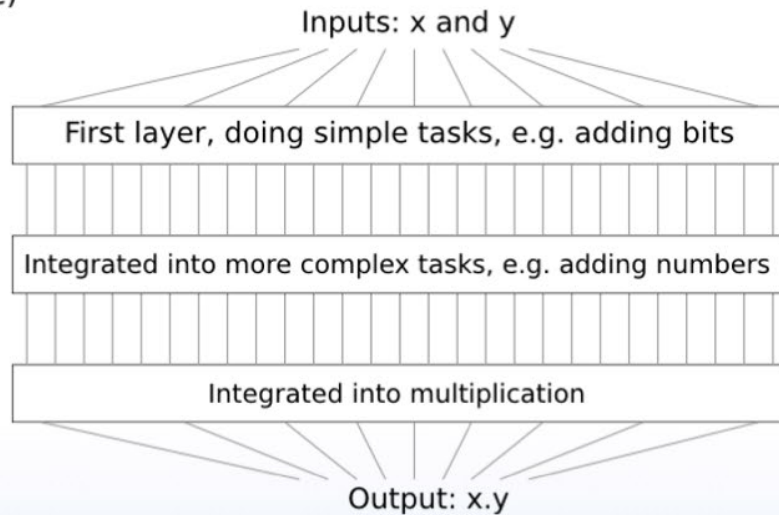
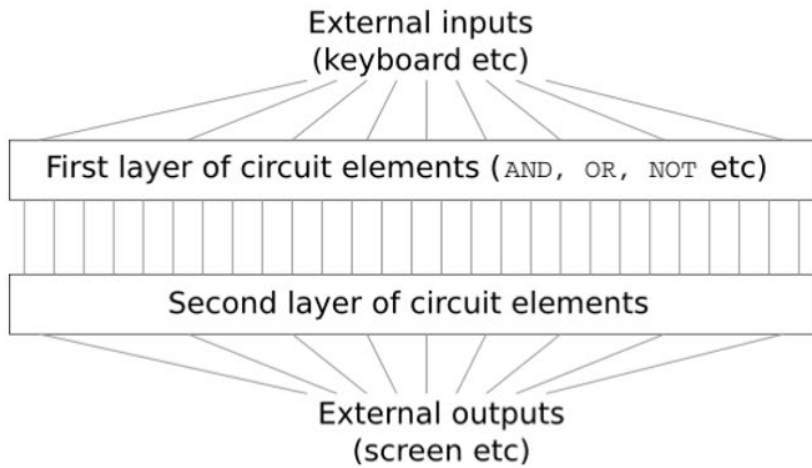
www.economist.com/technology-quarterly/2019/09/12/
drastic-falls-in-cost-are-powering-another-computer-revolution



“The price of computation today is roughly one hundred-millionth what it was in the 1970s, when the first microprocessors became commercially available...**between 1950 and 2010 the amount of number-crunching possible with a kilowatt-hour of energy grew roughly a hundred-billion-fold.**”

- The Economist, September 2019

Hardware capacity enables non-trivial “neural nets”



“Multiple layers of abstraction seem likely to give deep networks a compelling advantage in learning to solve complex pattern recognition problems... Deep networks are intrinsically more powerful than shallow networks.”

neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/chap5.html



Self-improvement is essential



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Knowledge Engineering: Principles and methods

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Knowledge Engineering to Software Engineering, Information Integration and Knowledge Management.

“The transfer of this technology into commercial use in order to build large Knowledge-Based Systems failed in many cases... The means to develop small academic prototypes did not scale up to the design and maintenance of large long-living commercial systems.”

Abstract


XCON is a rule-based expert system that configures computer systems. Over 7 years, XCON has grown to 6,200 rules, of which approximately 50% change every year. While the performance of XCON is satisfactory, it is increasingly becoming more difficult to change. With the goal of facilitating maintenance, DEC has developed a new rule-based language, RIME, in which the successor to XCON, XCON-in-RIME, is being written. This paper evaluates the potential for enhanced maintainability of XCON-in-RIME over XCON.

I. Introduction: Motivation and Goals

The following properties of XCON, an expert system, make it a particularly interesting system to examine:

- *XCON performs a complex design task:* XCON configures computer systems for DEC; XCON is used in a production mode, day in, day out -- it has been used since January 1980.
- *XCON is a very large rule-based system:* currently there are approximately 6,200 rules in XCON, which draw on a database of approximately 20,000 parts.
- *XCON undergoes constant change:* 50% of the rules in XCON are changed each year.

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Knowledge Engineering: Principles and methods

“While the expert may consciously articulate some parts of his or her knowledge, he or she will not be aware of a significant part of this knowledge since it is hidden in his or her skills.

“This knowledge acquisition process is no longer seen as a transfer of knowledge into an appropriate computer representation, but as a model construction process.”

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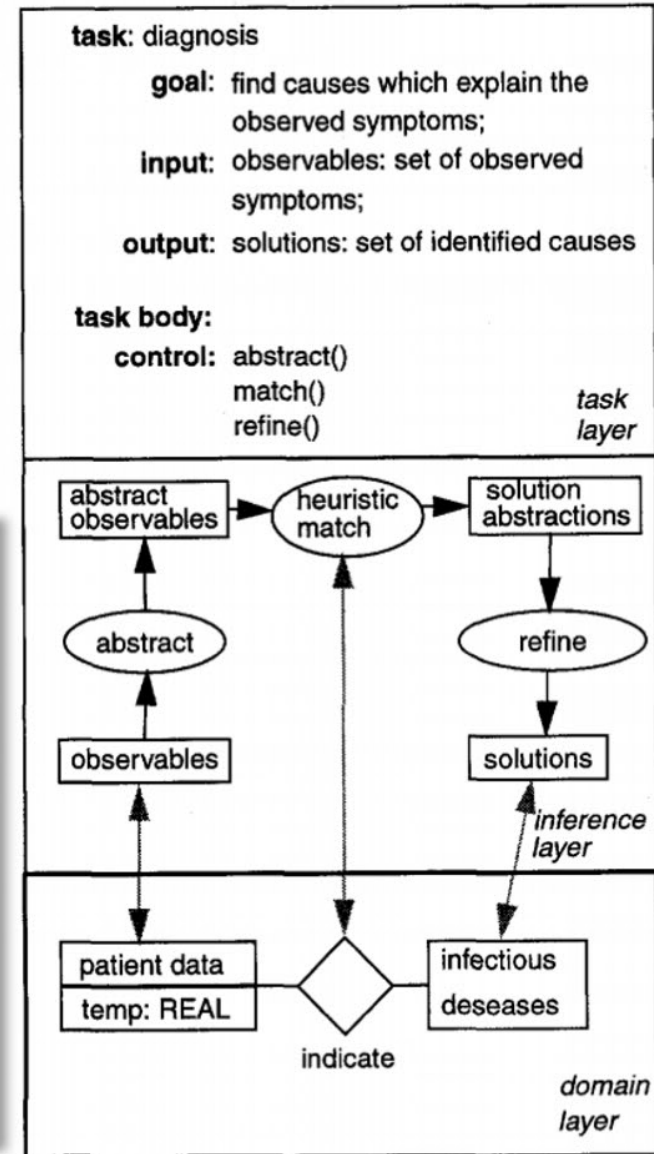
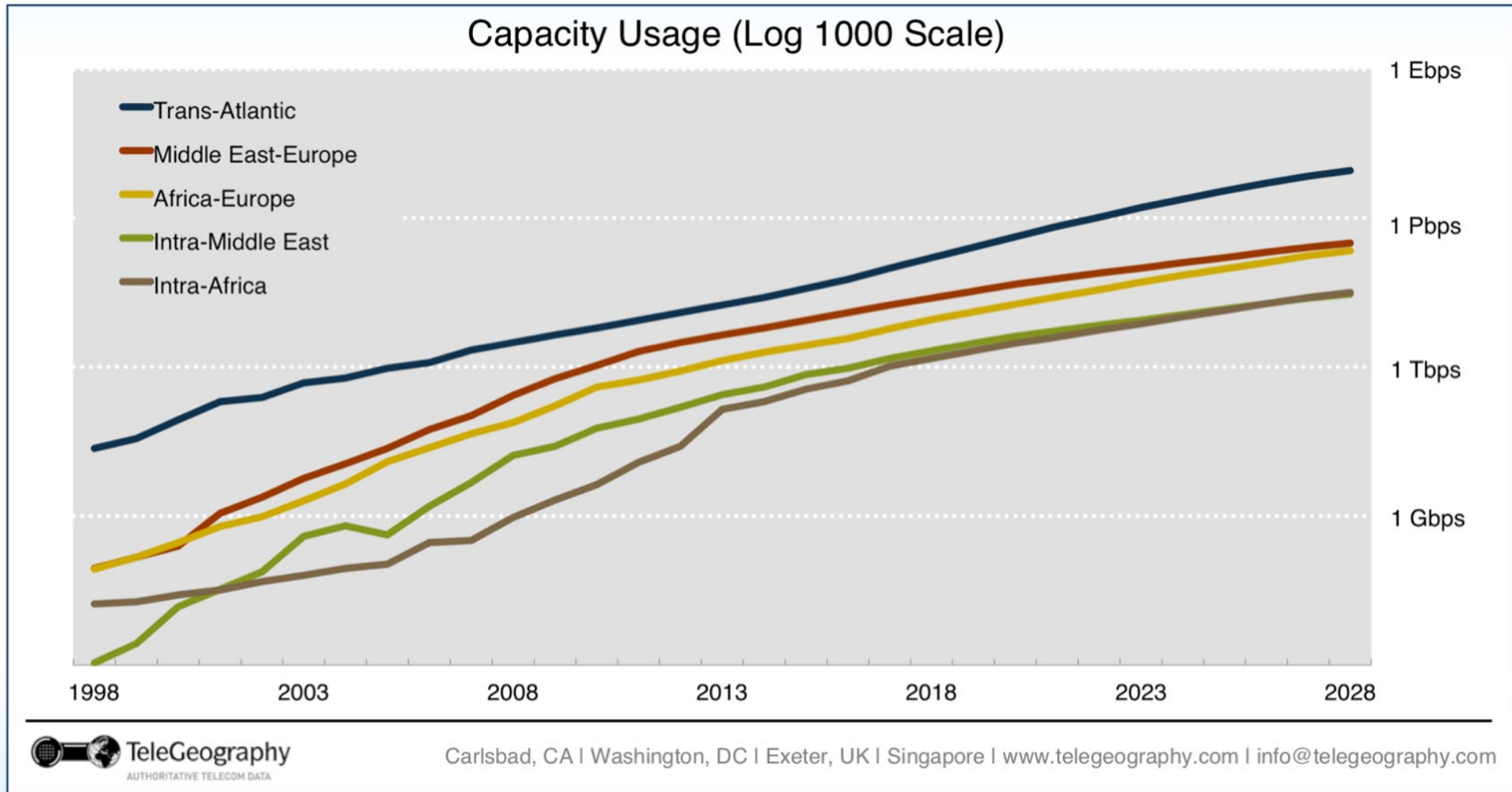


Fig. 4. Expertise Model for medical diagnosis (simplified CML notation).

Data flow enables “thinking” to become “knowing”



Why is *AI needed*
today – enough to
justify its disruptions?

It's not about money

“Fed staff economists in Washington, who had been predicting a mild recession late this year, no longer expect one.”

– *The New York Times*, 27 July

“The U.S. economy may be headed toward what the Federal Reserve’s been hoping for - a soft landing. That means inflation has been brought under control without triggering a recession.”

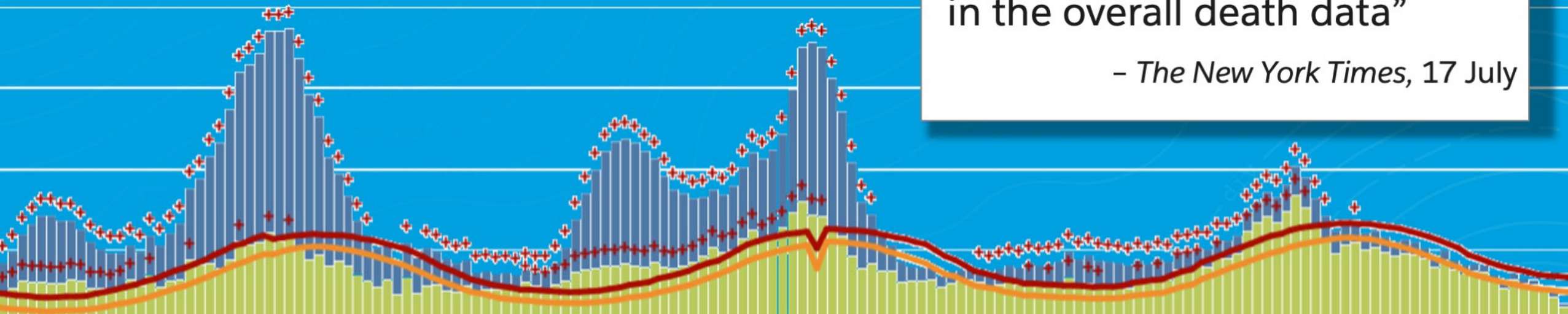
– National Public Radio, 30 July



It's not about health

“The number of Covid deaths has now dropped low enough that they are difficult to notice in the overall death data”

– *The New York Times*, 17 July



- + indicates observed count above threshold
- g Predicted number of deaths from all causes, including COVID-19
- g Predicted number of deaths from all causes, excluding COVID-19
- average expected number of deaths..

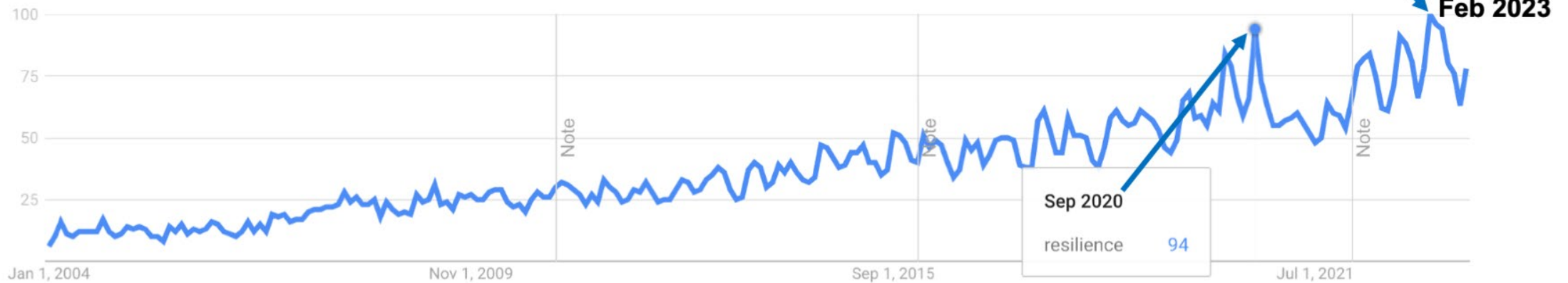
The word of the decade is “resilience”



● **resilience**
Search term

+ Compare

Interest over time ?

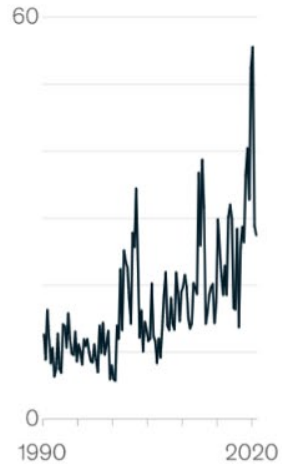


“Post-pandemic” or not, there is no “back to normal”



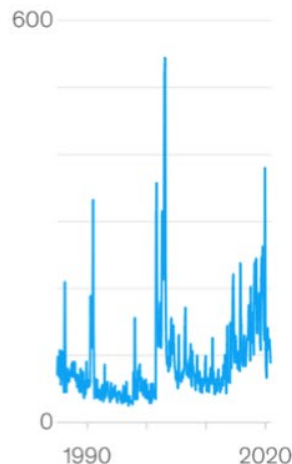
Disruption is becoming more frequent and more severe.

IMF World Uncertainty Index,¹ thousand



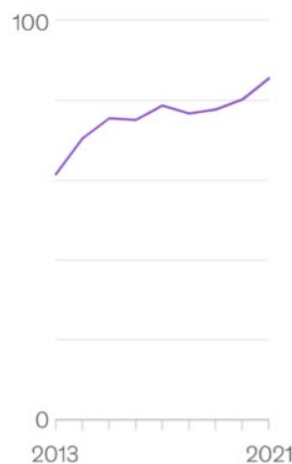
Global uncertainty has grown manifold since 2000

Federal Reserve Board, Geopolitical Risk Index²



Geopolitical risk has not been higher since 2003

Companies subject to a cyber breach per year, %



Cyber incidents have risen 24 percentage points since 2013

Natural disasters per year, number



Frequency of natural disasters is rising

¹Based on the percentage of the word “uncertain” (or its variant) in the Economist Intelligence Unit country reports.

²Automated text-search results from the electronic archives of 11 newspapers: *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Financial Times*, *Globe and Mail*, *Guardian*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. Index was calculated by counting the number of articles related to geopolitical risk in each newspaper for each month (as a share of the total number of news articles).

Source: CyberEdge; Swiss Re

McKinsey
& Company



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"Intricate production networks were designed for efficiency, cost, and proximity to markets but not necessarily for transparency or resilience... Companies can now expect supply chain disruptions lasting a month or longer...every 3.7 years." @McKinsey_MGI



Risk, resilience, and rebalancing in global value chains

Companies need an understanding of their exposure, vulnerabilities, and potential losses to inform resilience strategies.

[mckinsey.com](https://www.mckinsey.com)

Resilience at scale is the new expectation from IT



Autonomic Computing helps to address complexity by **using technology to manage technology**. The term autonomic is derived from human biology. The autonomic nervous system monitors your heartbeat, checks your blood sugar level and keeps your body temperature close to 98.6°F without any conscious effort on your part. In much the same way, **self-managing autonomic capabilities anticipate IT system requirements and resolve problems with minimal human intervention**. As a result, IT professionals can focus on tasks with higher value to the business.

– IBM, “An architectural blueprint for autonomic computing,” 3rd Ed. June 2005

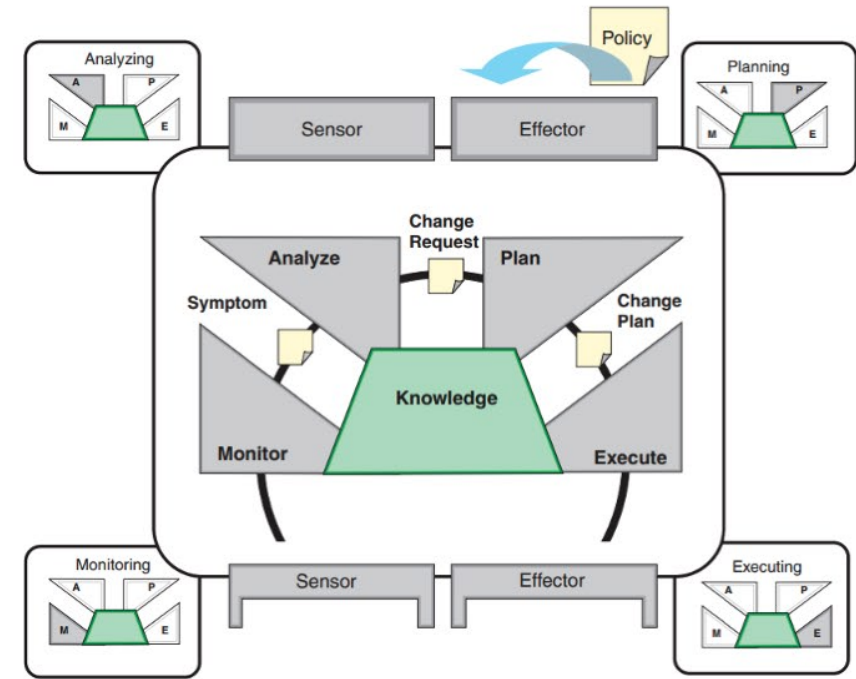


Figure 4. Functional details of the autonomic manager

Notions that “an AI” “thinks” are overblown



Texty squiggles
are *not* part of the
concept of “cat”

AI is *not* yet ready to
be a “practitioner”
administering drugs

the term ‘practitioner licensed by law to administer such drug’ includes artificial intelligence

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Mr. SCHWEIKERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify that artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies can qualify as a practitioner eligible to prescribe drugs if authorized by the State involved and approved, cleared, or authorized by the Food and Drug Administration, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Technology Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. PRESCRIPTION OF DRUGS BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.

Section 503(b) of Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ([21 U.S.C. 353\(b\)](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) In this subsection, the term ‘practitioner licensed by law to administer such drug’ includes artificial intelligence and machine learning technology that are—

“(A) authorized pursuant to a statute of the State involved to prescribe the drug involved; and

“(B) approved, cleared, or authorized under section 510(k), 513, 515, or 564.”.

Machine Learning 101

Overview [\[edit\]](#)

Tom M. Mitchell provided a widely quoted, more formal definition: "A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P if its performance at tasks in T , as measured by P , improves with experience E ."^[12] This definition is notable for its defining machine learning in fundamentally **operational** rather than cognitive terms, thus following Alan Turing's proposal in his paper "Computing Machinery and Intelligence", that the question "Can machines think?" be replaced with the question "Can machines do what we (as thinking entities) can do?".^[13] In the proposal he explores the various characteristics that could be possessed by a *thinking machine* and the various implications in constructing one.

Do we care if it's "thinking," as long as it usefully does what we have to "think" to do?

4 Approaches

- 4.1 Decision tree learning
- 4.2 Association rule learning
- 4.3 Artificial neural networks
- 4.4 Deep learning
- 4.5 Inductive logic programming
- 4.6 Support vector machines
- 4.7 Clustering
- 4.8 Bayesian networks
- 4.9 Reinforcement learning
- 4.10 Representation learning
- 4.11 Similarity and metric learning
- 4.12 Sparse dictionary learning
- 4.13 Genetic algorithms
- 4.14 Rule-based machine learning
- 4.15 Learning classifier systems

Let's talk about how "AI" can help – and not "artificially"

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Predict - use machine learning and pattern recognition to **anticipate rather than react**

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Recognize - **minimize false positives & negatives** in diagnosis and troubleshooting

Optimize - explore every corner of feasible regions **without preconception bias**

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Iterate - continually **review and refine** operations based on new data and analysis

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This changes
the prices
of everything

Prices serve as signals of scarcity and abundance



“The number of **different ways to use, combine, and recombine resources** is unimaginably colossal. Almost all of these ways are useless. It would be a mistake, for example, to combine Arnold Schwarzenegger with medical equipment and have him perform brain surgery.

“**Only a tiny fraction of all the possible ways to allocate resources is useful. How can we discover these ways?** Market prices are vital because they condense, in as objective a form as possible, information on the value of alternative uses.”

– econlib.org/library/Enc/InformationandPrices.html



When (relative) prices change, jobs change



Proceedings of the
EASTERN JOINT COMPUTER CONFERENCE
November 7-9, 1955 Boston, Mass.

AUTOMATIC PROGRAMMING

One significant activity called automatic programming may reduce total general purpose system costs. The basic idea in this activity is that the computer should do part of the programming job thus cutting time and personnel costs.

However, the idea applied to business problems has not proven too successful as yet. There are too many variables and differentiation and another so-called sub-program generalized automatic business application expense of a good deal of time is required for possible variations another and to decide which of these variations should be satisfied.


MACHINE COSTS

On the larger computers, the cost of machine time devoted to automatic programming such as compiling and generating routines may amount to an appreciable portion of the cost of personnel programming for the specific application. This is true because machine time may be worth several hundred dollars per hour while a programmer's time is worth perhaps three to six dollars per hour. Thus the savings in programming costs will not be as high as one might expect and they will be partially canceled out by higher processing costs.

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When college-level “tech” skills become free web sites



 **WolframAlpha** computational knowledge

Input interpretation:

poker hand	type	full house
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Description:

three matching cards of one rank and two matching cards of another rank

Example of a 5-card full house:

6	6	6	7	7
♥	♦	♠	♦	♣

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Properties:

Show derivations

	number of possible hands	approximate probability	approximate chance
5-card hand	3744	0.001441	≈ 1 in 694
7-card hand	3 473 184	0.02596	≈ 1 in 39

(assuming random selection from a standard 52-card deck)
(the value of a 7-card hand is determined by its best 5-card subset)

Comparisons among 5-card poker hands:

	number	approximate probability	approximate chance
hands of lesser value	2 594 552	0.9983	≈ 1 in 1
hands of this type	3744	0.001441	≈ 1 in 694
hands of greater value	664	2.555×10^{-4}	≈ 1 in 3914

(assuming random selection from a standard 52-card deck)

When formerly “human” skills become free web sites



Stable Diffusion Online

The Terminator
cyborg doing brain
surgery



When free web sites become interactive collaborators



Stable Diffusion Online

The Terminator
cyborg performing
brain surgery



When free web sites start to be “creative”



Stable Diffusion Online

The Terminator
cyborg performing
brain surgery in an
operating room



When iterating on the question becomes the key skill



Stable Diffusion Online

The Terminator
cyborg holding a
scalpel and wearing
a surgical mask in
an operating room



We'll pay more for insightful questions than we do for computable answers



Cue: what's wrong with the Beninia project?

It won't work

Cue: would it be fair to say you don't believe in what you've been told about Beninia?

I don't believe it

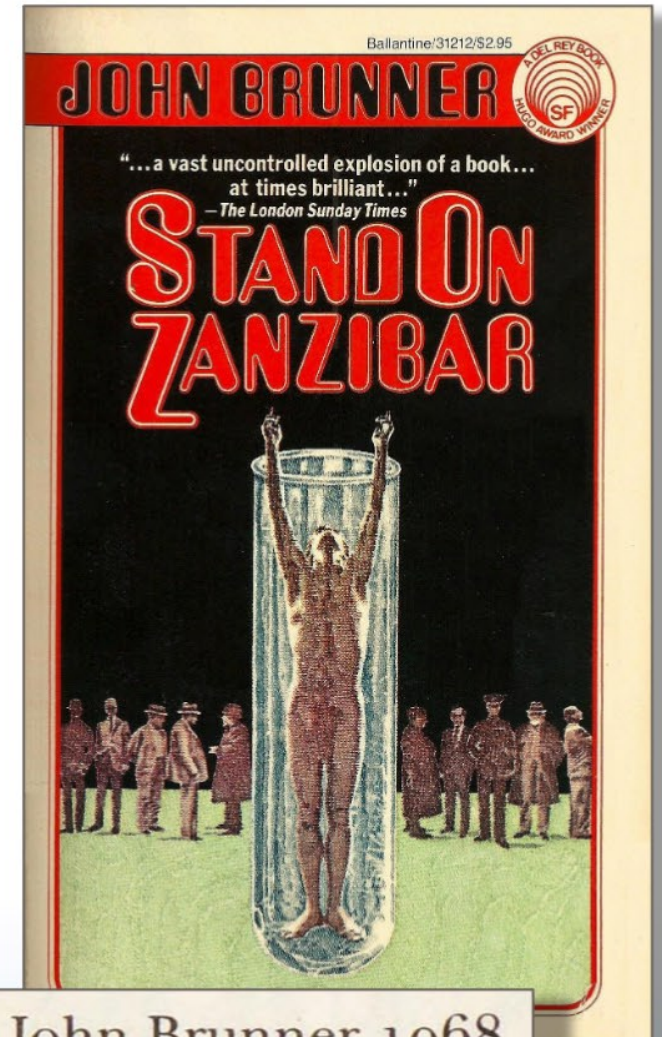
Postulate that the data given you about Beninia are true. Cue: what would be necessary to reconcile them with everything else you know?

That a force of unknown nature is acting on the population and causing them to behave differently from known patterns of human reaction under comparable circumstances elsewhere

"Shal," Chad said softly, "such a force exists, and is at present being investigated by experts to determine its nature. I tell you three times!"

"All right," he said wearily. "Try him now." The answer came back: The estimated return for the Beninia project will be-

The man looked at Rex. "I think he's done it, sir," he exclaimed.



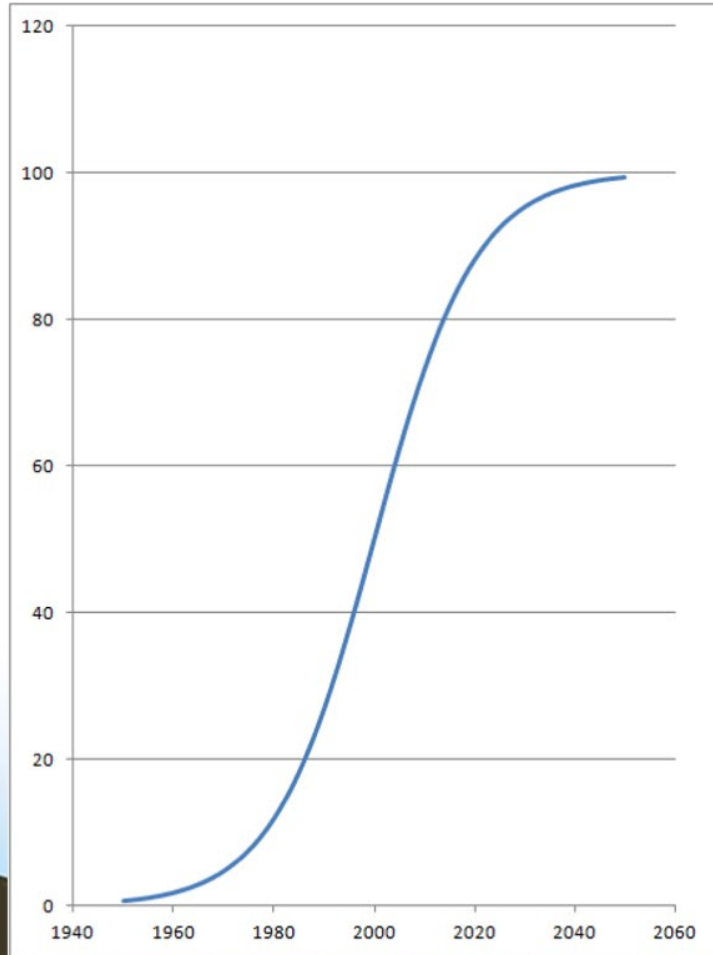
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Implications for Practitioners

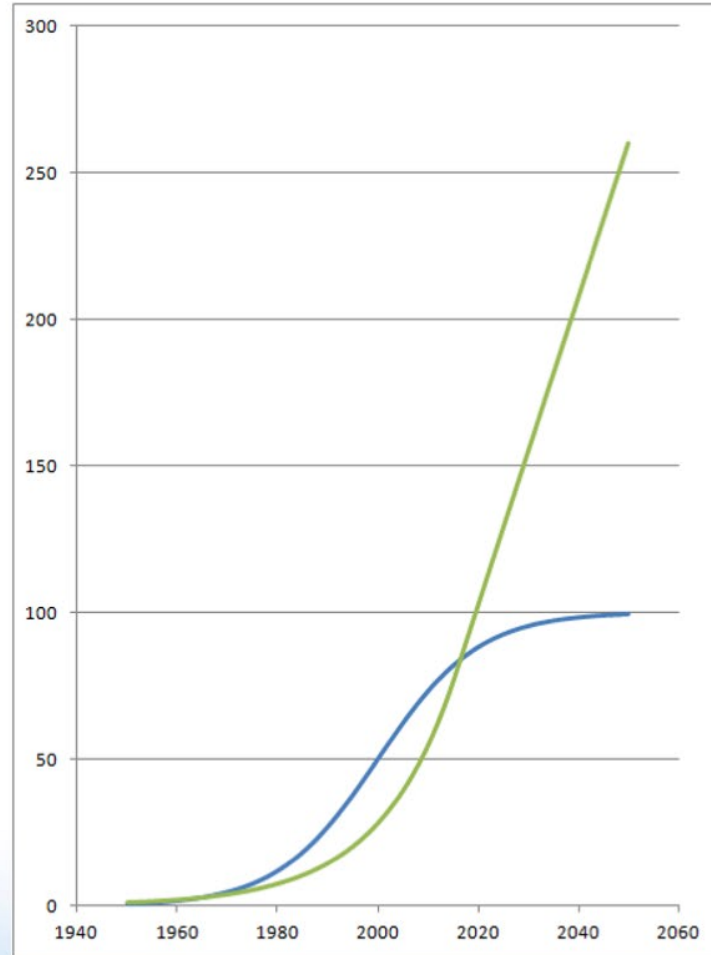
We must share understanding of exponential change



“This has to level off”



“That’s too conservative”



“*Much* too conservative”





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On my day 1 at [@Salesforce](#), < 200M people globally had 3G wireless. Facebook had < 20M users. We had ~2000 employees. The first iPhone (2G) shipment was five months away. Twelve years of change — “the absolute slowest it will be for the rest of your life”



A perspective from Pat Gelsinger, CEO of VMware: From Mind-Blowing to Mundane: H...
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How Tech Is Reshaping Our Expectations
[vmware.com](https://www.vmware.com)

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“Here’s the science fact:
the pace of change right
now is the absolute
slowest it will be for the
rest of your life. Fasten
your seatbelts. It’s going
to be a fascinating ride.”

– Pat Gelsinger, VMware, September 2017

The pace of change is not just temporarily fast

“There’s every chance IBM has just unveiled the blueprint for the future of AI development with an analog AI chip that’s said to be up to 14 times more energy efficient than current industry-leading components.

“IBM claims its 14nm analog AI chip mimics the way in which a human brain would operate, with the microchip performing computations directly within memory.”

techradar pro



Nvidia, beware! IBM has a new analog AI chip that could give the H100 a run for its money

News

By Keumars Afifi-Sabet published 1 day ago



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"The AI doesn't see bluffing as deceptive. It just sees the decision that will make it the most money in that particular situation. What we show is that an AI can bluff, and it can bluff better than any human."



Facebook and CMU's 'superhuman' poker AI beats human pros

'It can bluff better than any human.'

[theverge.com](https://www.theverge.com)

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Try as we might to anticipate courageously, the things that “won’t happen” or that “machines can’t do”...turn out to be things they *can* do, sooner than expected

We will pay for what algorithms don't replace



SKILLS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE WORKPLACE

– and the drivers of change –



Transdisciplinarity: “We can no longer rely on just bringing together groups of specialists to solve our most complex problems”

Computational Thinking: “To understand the meaning, the trends and patterns of what the data is telling us becomes paramount.”

– Institute for the Future

Sensemaking: “When you ask creative people how they did something, they feel a little guilty because they didn't really do it, they just saw something”

– Steve Jobs

Social Intelligence: “Influence and relationship-building will now come from asking the right questions, not necessarily having all the answers”

– John Hagel

- If you want a job tomorrow, you can have one
- It will be harder than the one you have now

“According to the World Economic Forum’s Future of Jobs Report, 50% of all employees will need to reskill by 2025 as the adoption of technology increases.”

hrforecast.com/a-guide-to-future-oriented-skills-skills-in-demand-to-watch-in-the-next-five-years/

Future-oriented skills: 2022 and beyond

Technology

- Cloud computing
- Cybersecurity
- AI and ML
- Big Data analytics
- Virtual and augmented reality
- Blockchain
- Video production
- User experience

Digital literacy

- Programming literacy
- Digital literacy
- Data analysis and statistics
- Computational and algorithmic thinking
- Digital ethics foundations
- Understanding of smart systems
- Cybersecurity
- Tech enablement

Critical thinking

- Critical thinking
- Ability to understand structured problem
- Search relevant information
- Logical reasoning
- Agile thinking

Self-management

- Understanding own emotions and triggers
- Understanding own strengths
- Self-control
- Self-motivation
- Integrity

Interpersonal skills

Communication skills

- Storytelling
- Public speaking
- Synthesizing messages
- Active listening

Mental flexibility

- Adaptability
- Ability to learn
- Creativity
- Ability to adopt different perspectives
- Translating knowledge to various contexts

Building relationships

- Empathy
- Humility
- Sociability
- Inspiring trust

Teamwork effectiveness

- Collaboration
- Resolving conflicts
- Motivating different personalities
- Coaching
- Empowering people
- Fostering inclusiveness

Leadership

- Role modeling
- Crafting an inspiring vision
- Organizational awareness
- Ownership and decisiveness
- Grit and persistence
- Ability to cope with uncertainty

Implications for Organizations

Answers only matter if we are asking the right questions

- What has **technology change** made **possible**?
- What has **behavior change** made **necessary**?

(or)

- What behavior change must become **accepted**?
- What must **leadership** do to **make it happen**?

Post-pandemic connections will be a challenge



Customers Now Expect Connected Experiences

More than a third (36%) of organizations provide a completely connected user experience across all channels, an increase from 30% in 2022. However integrating user experiences remain a challenge for many organizations.



Teams Across the Business Demand Automation

Automation adoption is on the rise. Most IT organizations centrally manage (67%) and track (59%) automation work, but as more non-IT roles request automation organizations are turning to no-code tools and approaches to meet demand.



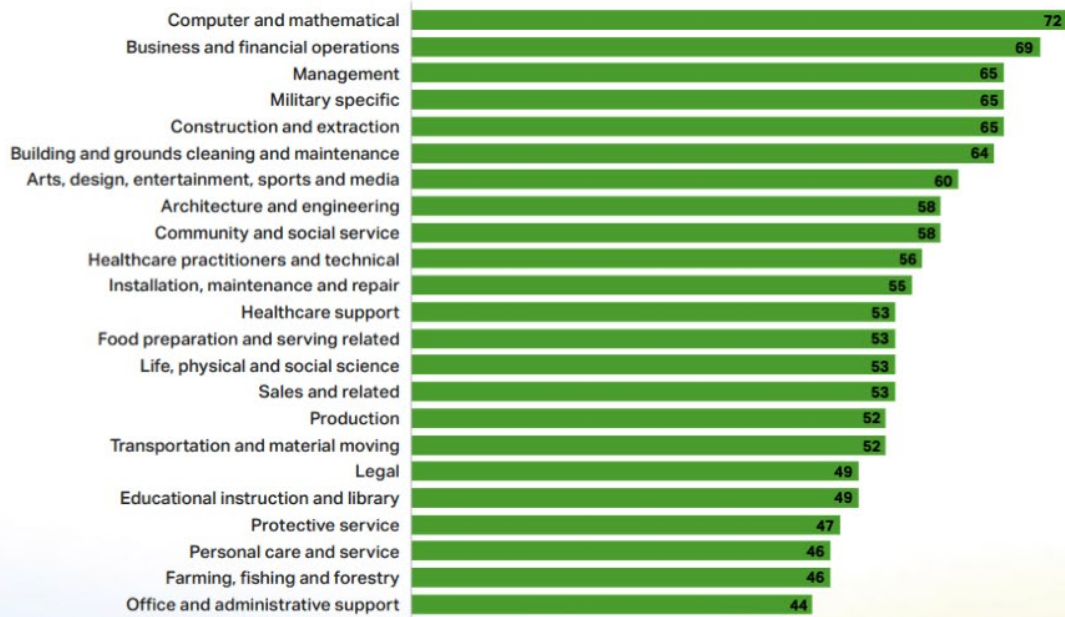
It's *not* just about *customer* experience



American Workers' Interest in Upskilling, by Occupation

How interested are you in participating in training/education to upgrade your skills or learn new skills that could help you advance your career?

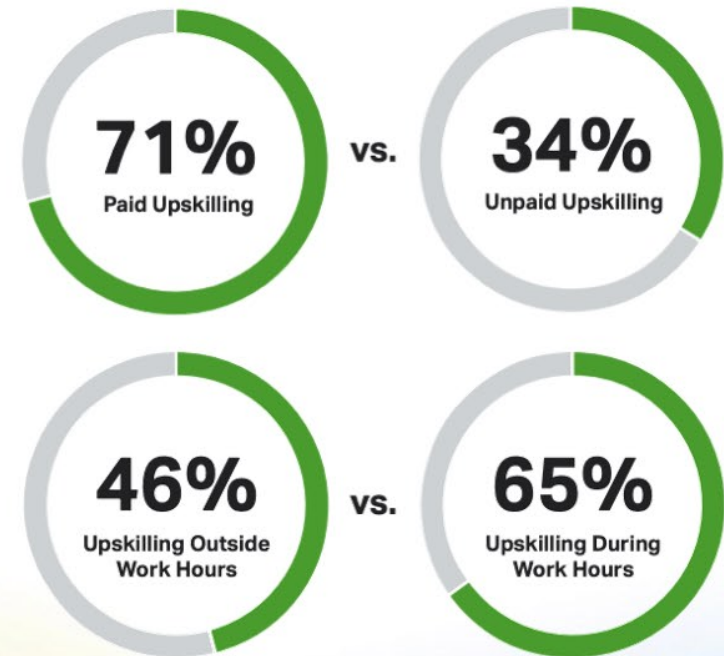
% Very/Extremely interested



Workers' Interest in Upskilling Opportunities

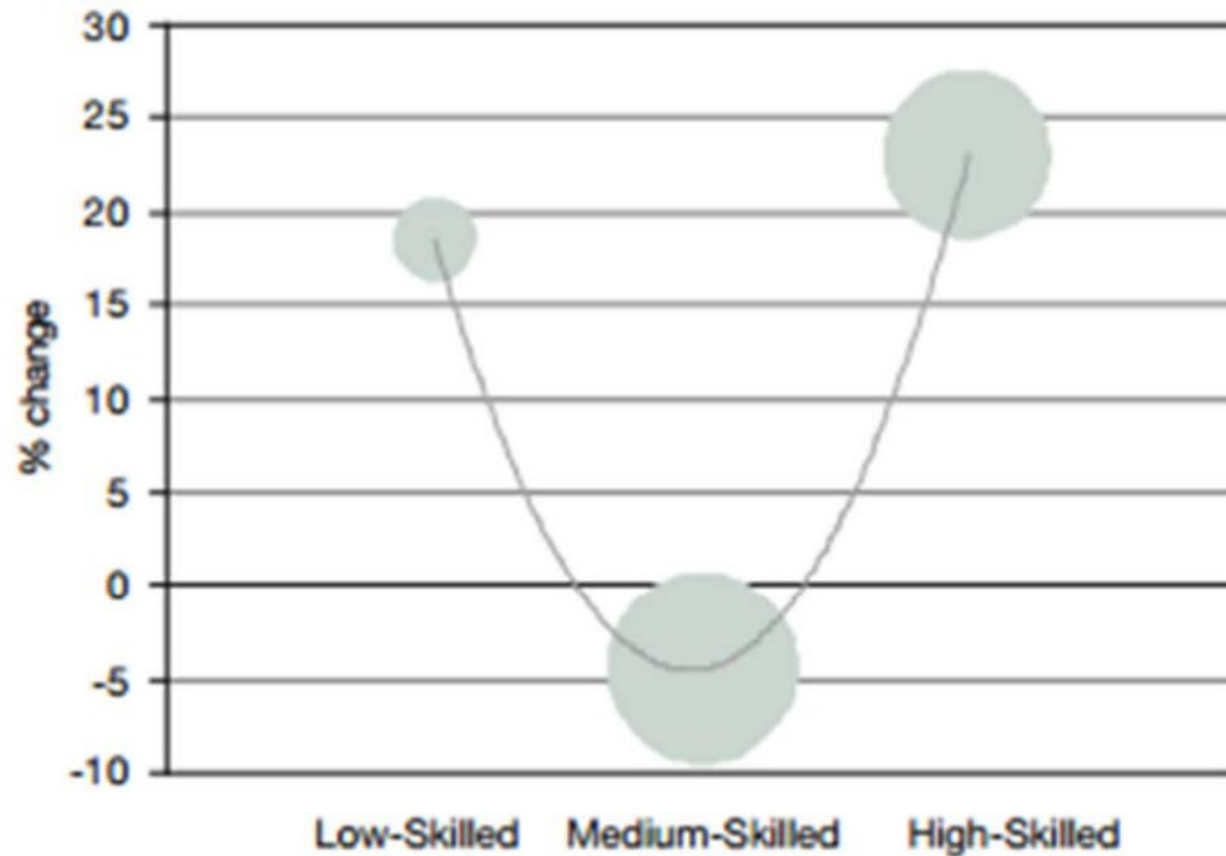
How interested would you be in each of the following opportunities to upgrade your skills or learn new skills if they were provided at no cost to you by an employer?

% Extremely/Very interested



Recognize the U-shaped curve

Figure 3.3 Changes in demand for jobs per ISCO skill level



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Working paper

WHAT ARE THE NEW OCCUPATIONS AND THE NEW SKILLS? AND HOW ARE THEY MEASURED?

State of the Art Report

Miroslav Beblavý, Mehtap Akgüc, Brian Fabo & Karolien Lenaerts

May, 2016

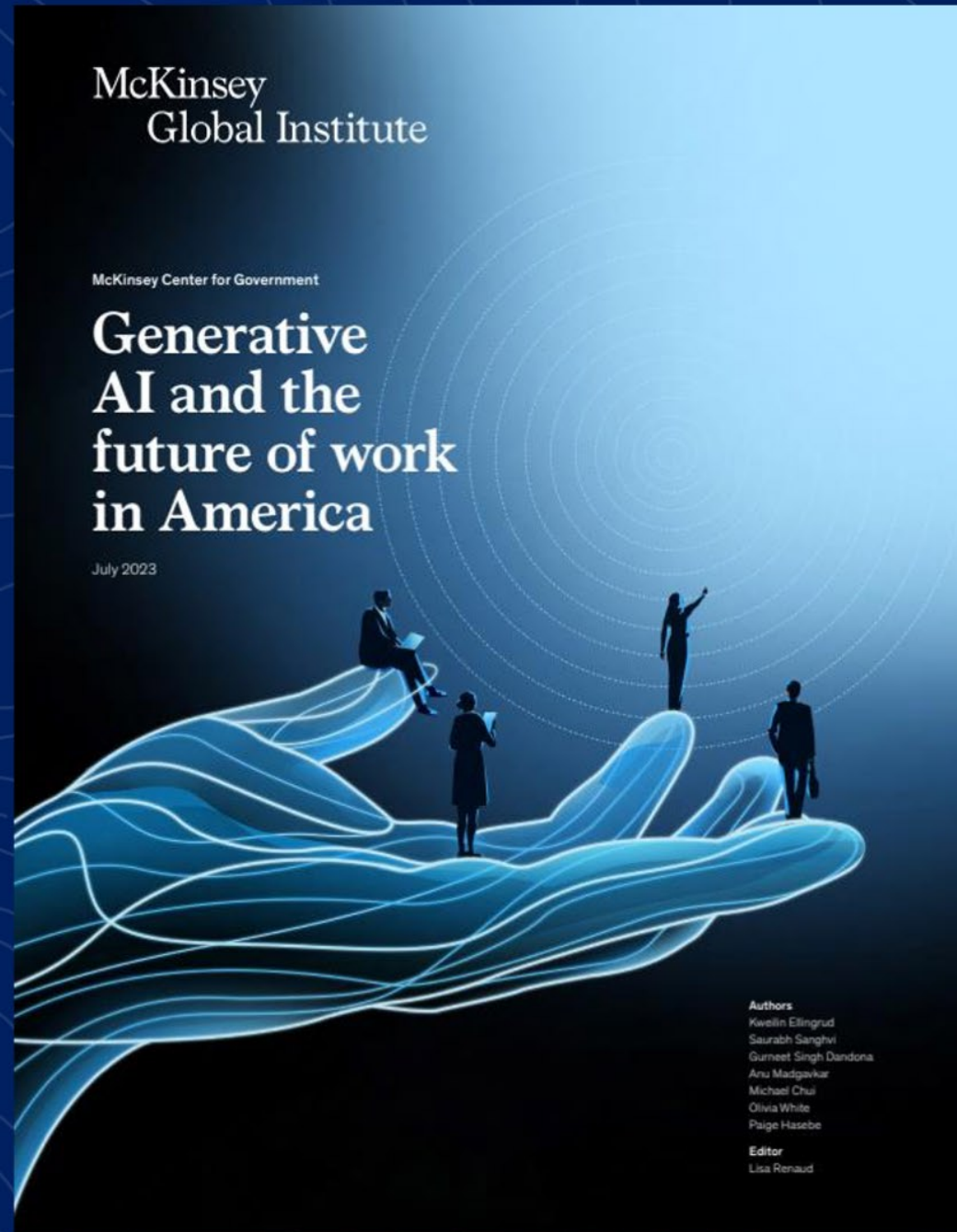
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Address the new inequalities

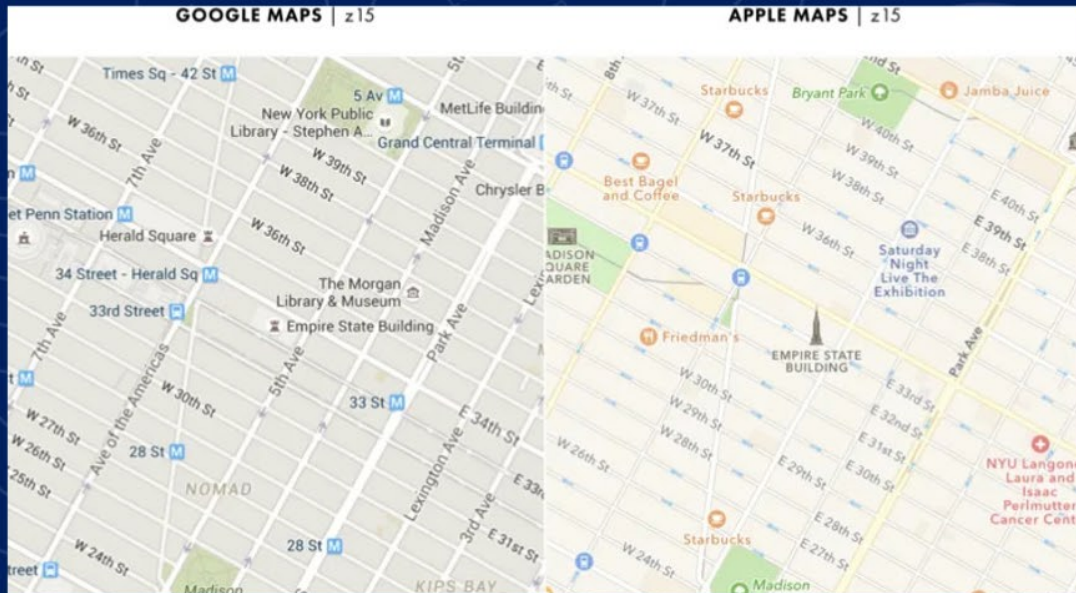
Women have more to worry about than men from a coming wave of automation and artificial intelligence that could replace almost a third of hours worked across the US economy.

Women are 1.5 times more likely to need to move into a new occupation than men during that period. They're over-represented in the industries with lower-wage jobs that will be most impacted by automation, including office support and customer service. **Blacks and Hispanics will also be adversely affected** as demand for food and production workers shrinks.

We see generative AI enhancing the way STEM, creative, and business and legal professionals work rather than eliminating a significant number of jobs outright. Automation's biggest effects are likely to hit other job categories. Office support, customer service, and food service employment could continue to decline.



Claims that “data has no agenda” are naïve



Google Maps: how to get there

Apple Maps: why to go there

“Inform” is a verb of behavior change

Apple Health doesn't track menstruation, an omission that was quickly seized upon by many tech writers as, well, ridiculous. *The Verge* asked “is it really too much to ask that Apple treat women, and their health, with as much care as they've treated humanity's sodium intake?” *The Atlantic*

With algorithms, we don't have an engineering breakthrough that's making life more precise, but billions of semi-savant mini-Frankensteins, often with narrow but deep expertise that we no longer understand, spitting out answers here and there to questions we can't judge just by numbers, all under the cloak of objectivity and science.

The New York Times

In AI, “positive feedback” *doesn't* mean “good job!”

Predictive policing systems are increasingly used to determine how to allocate police across a city. Discovered crime data (e.g., arrest counts) are used to update the model; such systems have been empirically shown to be susceptible to runaway feedback loops, where police are repeatedly sent back to the same neighborhoods regardless of the true crime rate.

We demonstrate how to change the inputs to a predictive policing system (in a black-box manner) so the runaway feedback loop does not occur.

Runaway Feedback Loops in Predictive Policing

1st Conference on Fairness, Accountability and Transparency, 2018

Marketing AI: learn from past behavior? WCPGW*?

“In the past, we used human intelligence – of mainly white males – to create advertising. Today’s approach uses datasets pulled from various sources to create marketing campaigns that extend to many more media channels. And yet, those data sources are still based on past performance, created and evaluated through the lens of white males.” – Larry Adams, Founder and CEO, X_Stereotype

“Marketers usually have better information about existing customers than future prospects. As a result, there can be a fair amount of risk that those algorithms are inherently more successful at finding people just like their current customers.

“Many marketers segment and target high-value customers; algorithms are typically trained mostly on data from the more common, lower-value customers. Consequently, those algorithms prove to be biased toward finding lower-value customers, hurting efforts overall.” – Jake Moskowitz, Vice President of Data Strategy, Emodo Institute.

* What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

Bias distorts our data and handicaps our processes

- **Confirmation bias?** Record your beliefs *before* you begin
- **Selection bias?** Represent and randomize
- **Historical bias?** Undertake affirmative inclusivity
- **Survivorship bias?** Look hard for “what *didn't* work”
- **Availability bias?** The middle of the road is a bad place to drive
- **Outlier bias?** Investigate and challenge distributions

Mitigation of bias isn't just a good idea: it's becoming the law

Enactment date: 12/11/2021

Law number: 2021/144

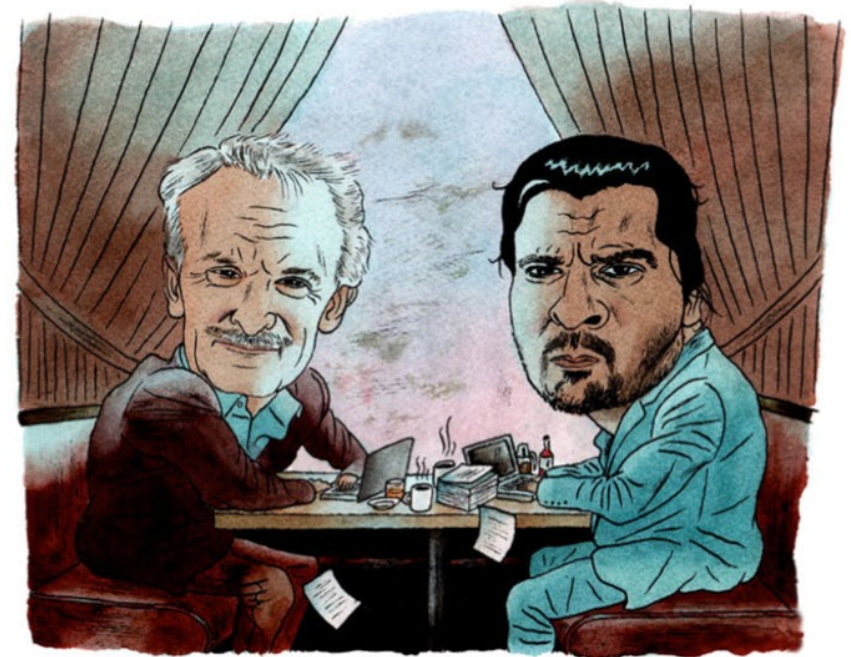
Title: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to automated employment decision tools

Summary: This bill would require that a bias audit be conducted on an automated employment decision tool prior to the use of said tool. The bill would also require that candidates or employees that reside in the city be notified about the use of such tools in the assessment or evaluation for hire or promotion, as well as, be notified about the job qualifications and characteristics that will be used by the automated employment decision tool. Violations of the provisions of the bill would be subject to a civil penalty.

Abundance of cheap data demands skeptical analytics



“The test showed that the data in at least one of his studies—a 2012 article in the journal Preventive Medicine looking at carrot consumption among school children—appeared iffy. How so? **Running the published data through SPRITE showed that at least one child in the sample would have had to have eaten roughly 60 carrots in a single sitting.**”



Nick Brown (left) and James Heathers (right) act as enforcers when they spot anomalies in the literature. ANDY FRIEDMAN

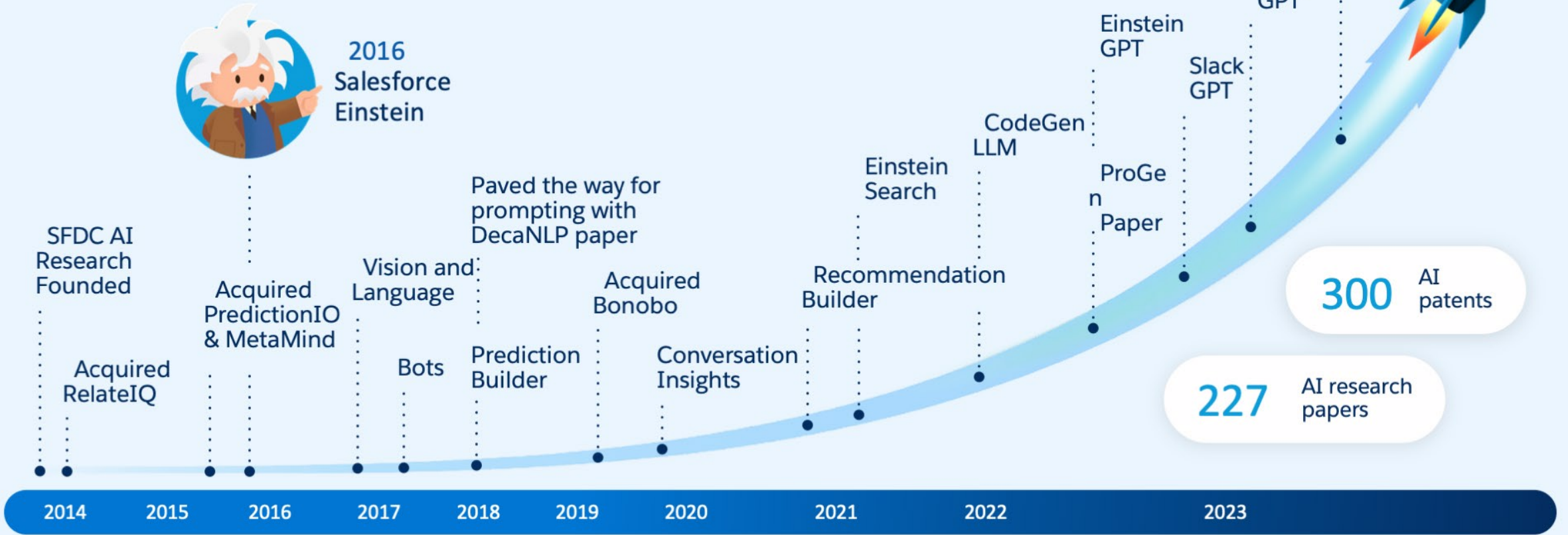
Meet the ‘data thugs’ out to expose shoddy and questionable research

OK, but...
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An AI company?

Salesforce has been pioneering AI application in task domains since 2014



1 trillion+ predictions a week



300 AI patents

227 AI research papers

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“**We have to design a lot more of it today and now for our emerging new world.**”

– Dion Hinchcliffe

An active platform enables
agile collaboration
+ *focused* automation

Cirrus Inc

#deal-close

Deal Alert APP

Opportunity | Gamma Inc
Amount increased \$50k to \$75k

Marketing

Sales

Service

#marketing-scrum

Carl Reynard @channel, our campaign worked!

Salesforce APP

New Priority Lead | Gamma Inc

View Contact

#case-swarm

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GAMMA INC.

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83% of users say automation solutions have provided them with the time to take on new, challenging projects

83% of users say automation solutions have provided them with the time to learn new skills

77% of users say automation solutions have provided them with more time to deepen relationships with customers and stakeholders

(Automation Survey, Salesforce Research, October 2021)

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Salesforce APP

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Peter Coffee

@petercoffee



"Socher & colleagues at [@Salesforce](#) Research have devised a method of merging commonsense reasoning...with neural network models...in a paper titled 'Explain Yourself! Leveraging Language Models for Commonsense Reasoning.'"



Common Sense Makes Progress with Deep Learning

We've witnessed incredible progress in the capability of deep learning models to not only understand text, but to generate it too. While the ...

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Generative AI: 5 Guidelines for Responsible Development

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PRINCIPAL
ARCHITECT, ETHICAL
AI PRACTICE

www.salesforce.com/news/stories/generative-ai-guidelines/

- 1. Accuracy:** We need to deliver verifiable results that balance accuracy, precision, and recall in the models by enabling customers to train models on their own data. We should communicate when there is uncertainty about the veracity of the AI's response and enable users to validate these responses. This can be done by [citing sources](#), explainability of why the AI gave the responses it did (e.g., [chain-of-thought prompts](#)), highlighting areas to double-check (e.g., statistics, recommendations, dates), and creating guardrails that prevent some tasks from being fully automated (e.g., launch code into a production environment without a human review).
- 2. Safety:** As with all of our AI models, we should make every effort to mitigate bias, toxicity, and harmful output by conducting bias, explainability, and robustness assessments, and red teaming. We must also protect the privacy of any personally identifying information (PII) present in the data used for training and create guardrails to prevent additional harm (e.g., force publishing code to a sandbox rather than automatically pushing to production).
- 3. Honesty:** When collecting data to train and evaluate our models, we need to respect data provenance and ensure that we have consent to use data (e.g., open-source, user-provided). We must also be transparent that an AI has created content when it is autonomously delivered (e.g., chatbot response to a consumer, [use of watermarks](#)).
- 4. Empowerment:** There are some cases where it is best to fully automate processes but there are other cases where AI should play a supporting role to the human – or where human judgment is required. We need to identify the appropriate balance to “supercharge” human capabilities and make these solutions accessible to all (e.g., generate ALT text to accompany images).
- 5. Sustainability:** As we strive to create more accurate models, we should develop right-sized models where possible to reduce our carbon footprint. When it comes to AI models, larger doesn't always mean better: In some instances, smaller, better-trained models outperform larger, more sparsely trained models.

Generative AI: 5 Guidelines for Responsible Development

“As businesses race to bring this technology to market, **it’s critical that we do so inclusively and intentionally.** It’s not enough to deliver the technological capabilities of generative AI, we must **prioritize responsible innovation** to help guide how this transformative technology can and should be used – and **ensure that our employees, partners, and customers have the tools they need to develop and use these technologies safely, accurately, and ethically.**”

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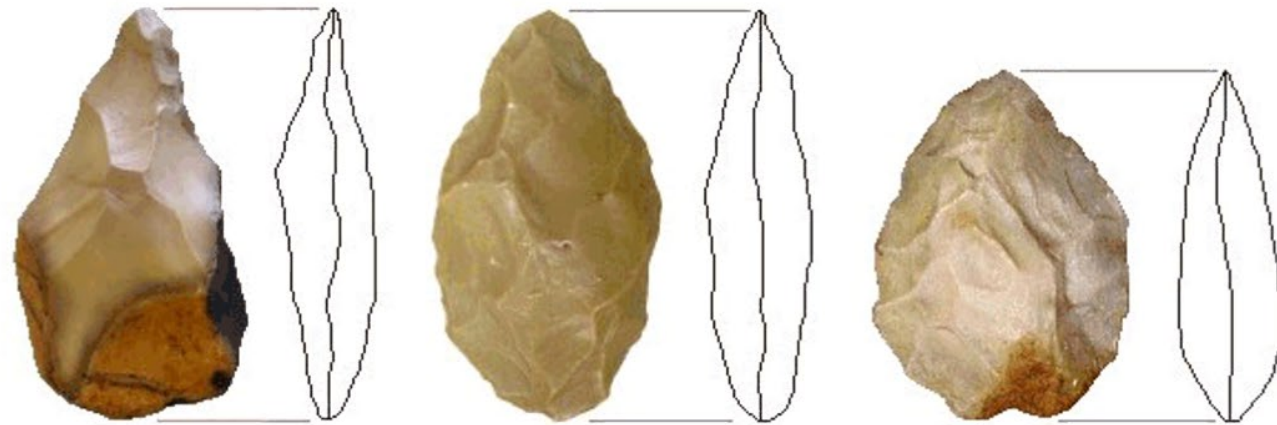


Don't expect a path
of least resistance

Innovation is an unnatural act



Opportunity & energy? Insufficient. **People are inclined to *refine***



Ten thousand generations of cave-dwellers' effort...
refined their hand axes from 5.5 to 4.5 centimeters



If *everyone* is OK with it – probably *not* a “revolution”



revolution **noun**

rev·o·lu·tion | \,re-və-'lü-shən  \

- a sudden, radical, or complete change
- a fundamental change in the way of thinking about or visualizing something
- a change of paradigm – “the Copernican *revolution*”



Invention ≠ innovation; innovation ≠ revolution

“Revolution is a science for the few who are competent to practice it. It depends on correct organization and above all, on communications.”

- R. A. Heinlein, 1966

Are you ready to be a “revolutionary”?

- Prepared to incur people’s anger?
- Accepting of the burden of communication?

We'd like to partner with you on what comes next



“**Make no little plans;** they have no magic to stir people’s blood and probably themselves will not be realized.

“**Make big plans; aim high in hope and work,** remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.”

- Daniel Burnham, via *Chicago Record-Herald*, Oct 15, 1910



Thank
YOU



