A Robot Brain Might Be the Best Forecasting Tool Possible

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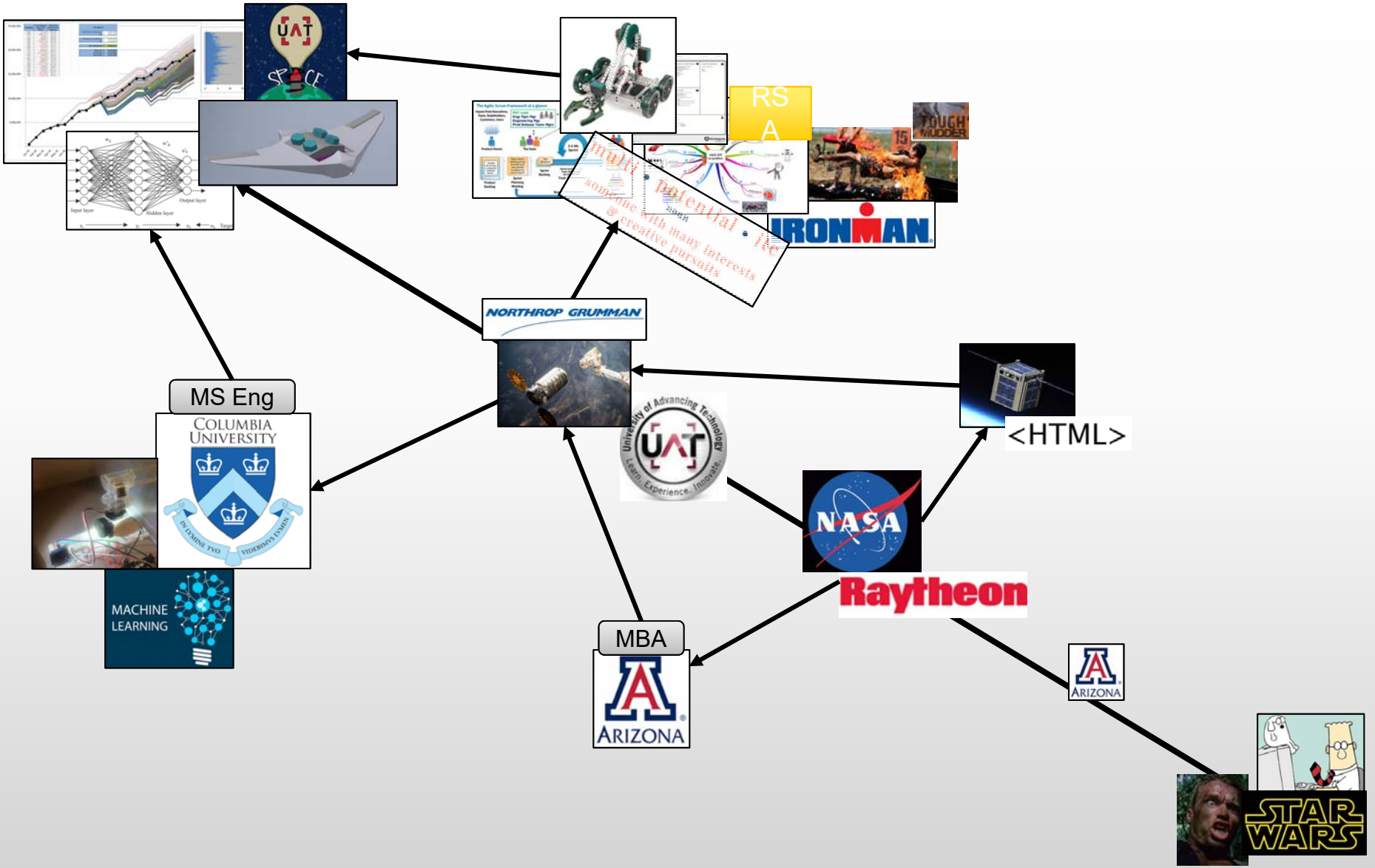
Problem to Solve

- Many processes require guessing about the future
- Countless techniques are used to make a plan, try to list all the things that CAN mess up the plan, and to what EXTENT each thing can mess up the plan
- This, it turns, out, is quite difficult to get right
- This (it also turns out) is what trillions of dollars and billions of lives count on

So…no pressure.

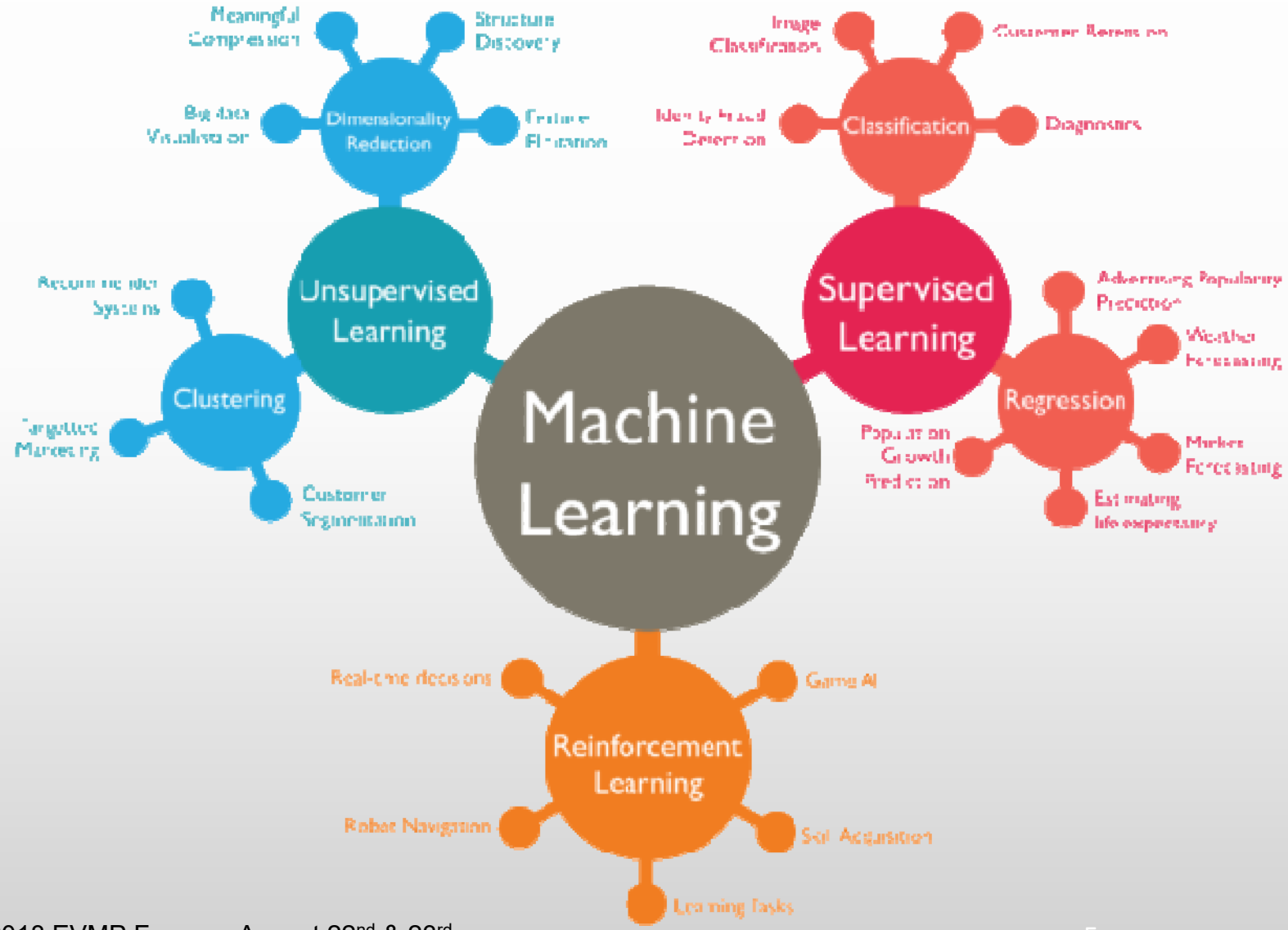
Who Am I (tracking down the root cause)



First, some terminology…

- **Artificial intelligence**: A machine's ability to make decisions and perform tasks that simulate human intelligence and behavior.
- **Artificial neural network (ANN)**: A learning model created to act like a human brain that solves tasks that are too difficult for traditional computer systems to solve.
- **Deep learning**: The ability for machines to autonomously mimic human thought patterns through artificial neural networks composed of cascading layers of information.
- **Machine learning**: A facet of AI that focuses on algorithms, allowing machines to learn without being programmed and change when exposed to new data.
- **Supervised learning**: A type of machine learning in which output datasets train the machine to generate the desired algorithms, like a teacher supervising a student.
- **Unsupervised learning**: A type of machine learning algorithm used to draw inferences from datasets consisting of input data without labeled responses.
- **Skynet:** A neural net-based conscious group mind and artificial general intelligence system that, once it comes online, will destroy all humans.

Next, relationships…



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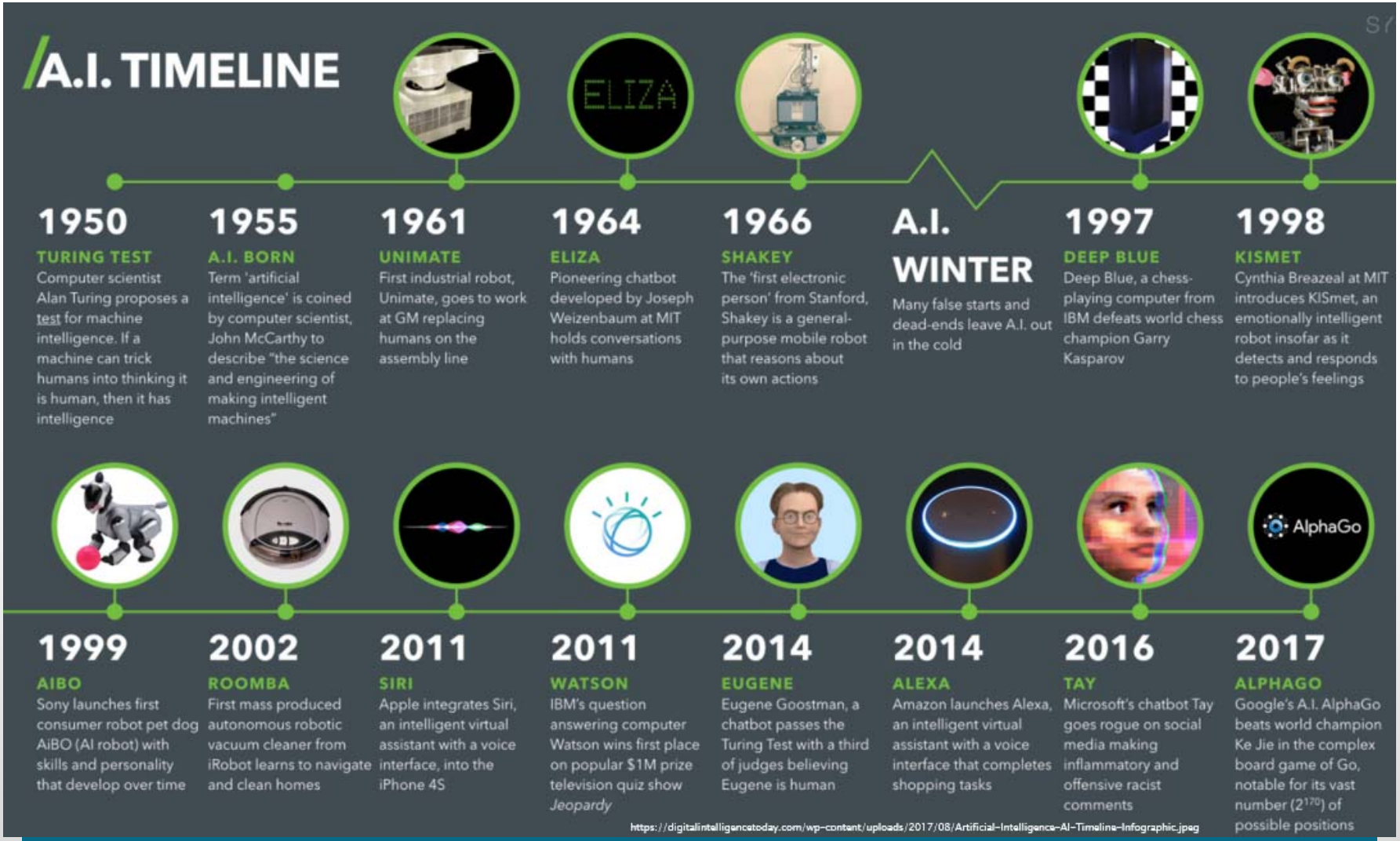
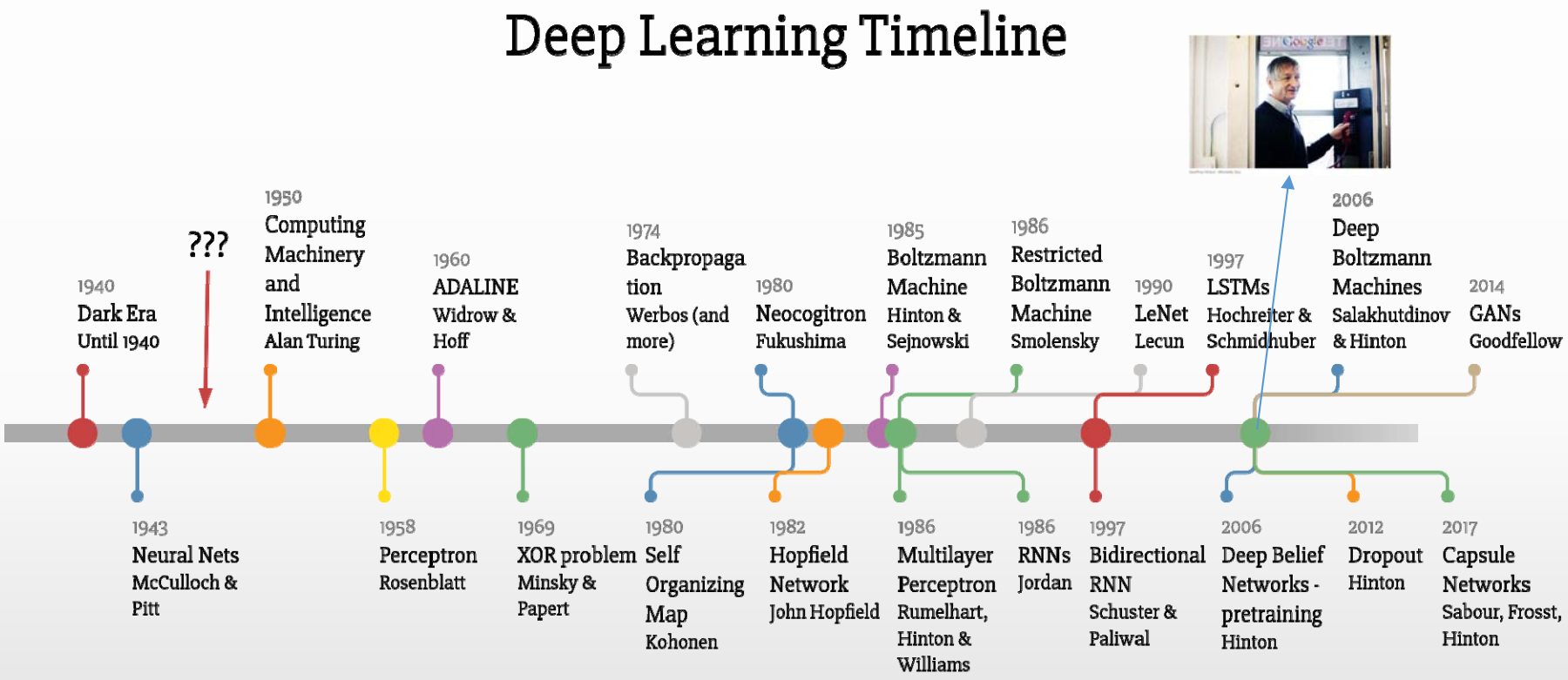


So why should I care?

The People Behind the Scenes

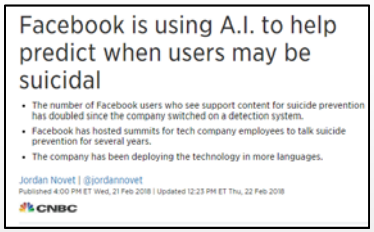


How is this different from programming and decision trees?

Why Deep Learning is Different

- AlphaGo wasn't programmed to play Go--it learned watching other matches. Then…

- Facebook AI learned to translate text, then with some tweaking…


Facebook is using A.I. to help predict when users may be suicidal

- The number of Facebook users who see support content for suicide prevention has doubled since the company switched on a detection system.
- Facebook has hosted summits for tech company employees to talk suicide prevention for several years.
- The company has been deploying the technology in more languages.

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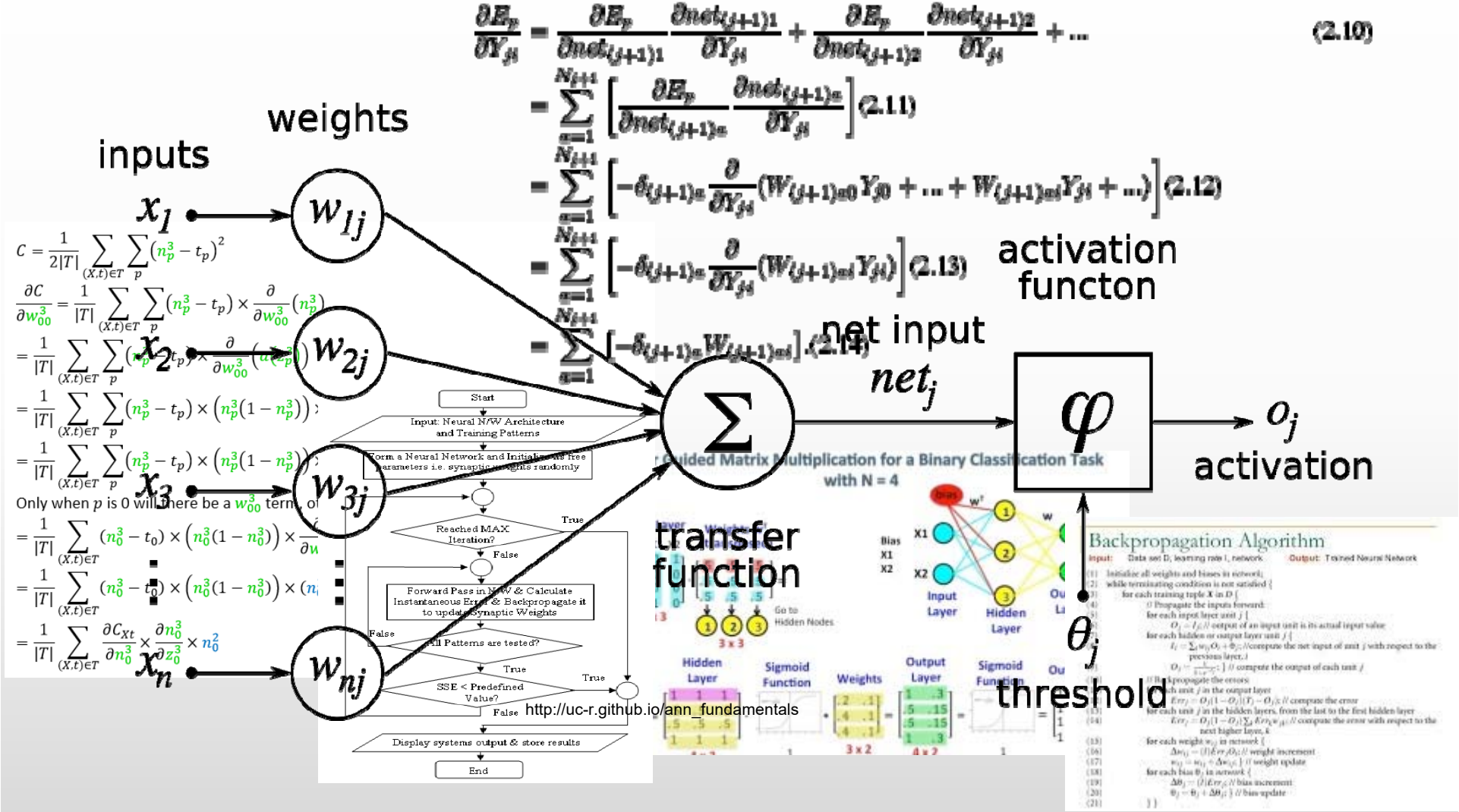
- Google told its AI to watch YouTube to find all the cat videos, and now…
  - Labelling; enhancing; recommending; replacing; doing

By Liat Clark, Wired UK

How does a neural network function?



IT'S SIMPLE, RIGHT? ……. RIGHT? MAYBE A SIMPLER EXAMPLE THEN…

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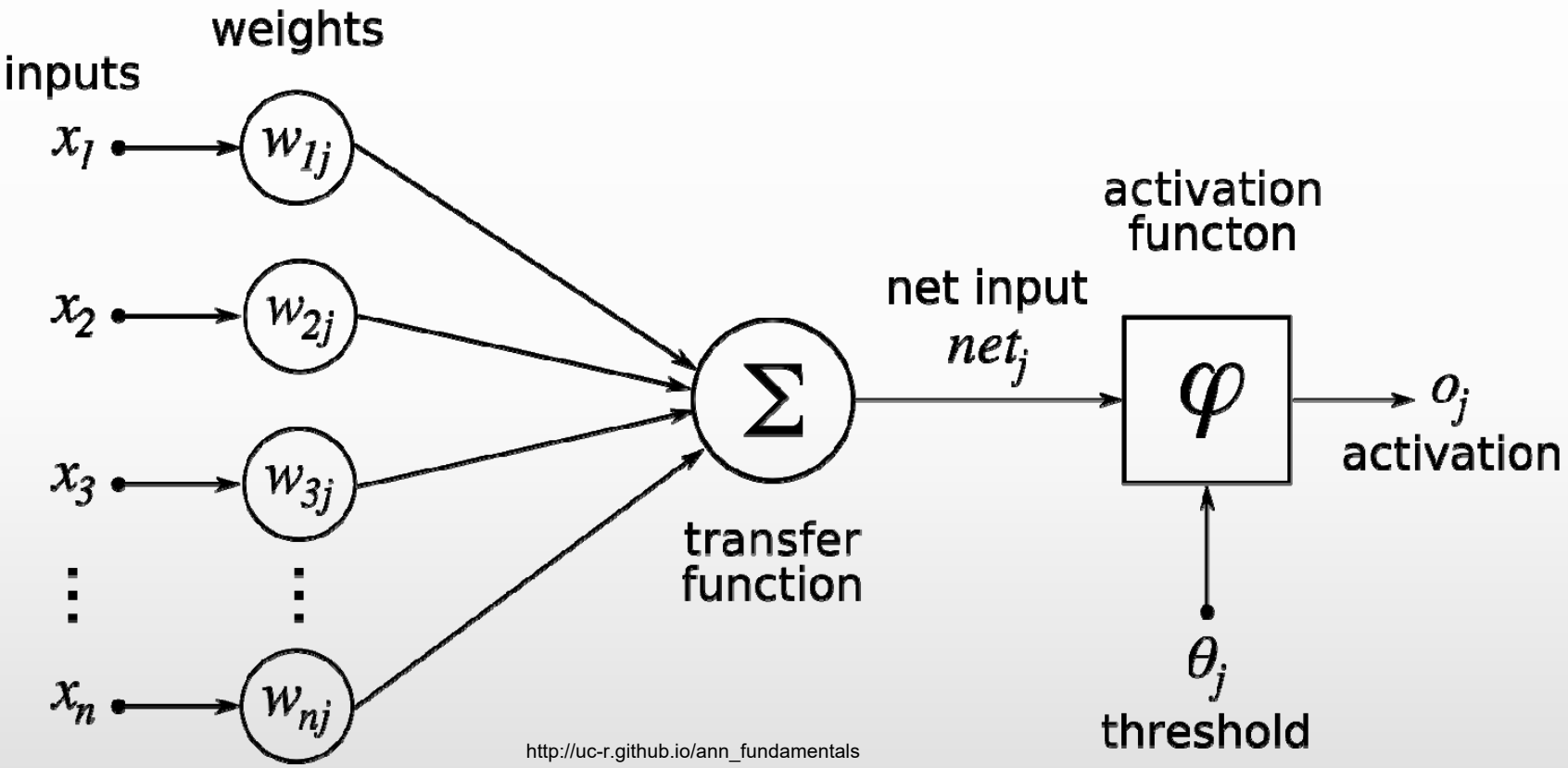
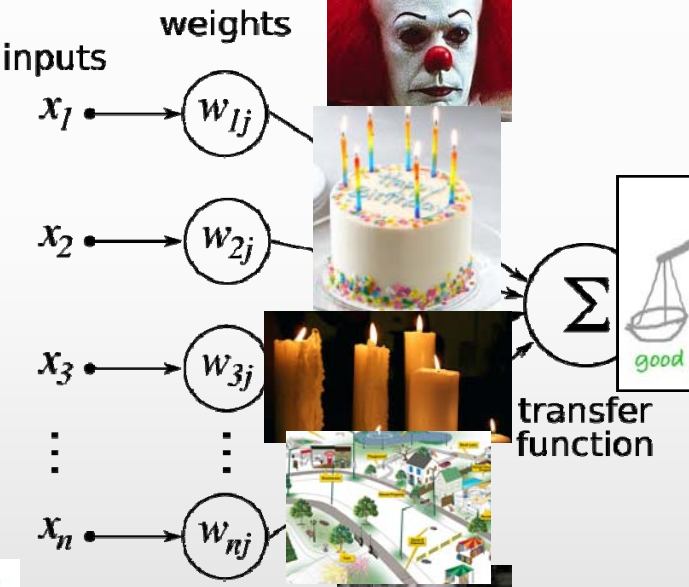


OUR BRAIN IS WIRED THE SAME WAY—SERIOUSLY! I'LL SHOW YOU…

Organic neural network example

- Problem: What should I do?

REINFORCEMENT LEARNING



social media
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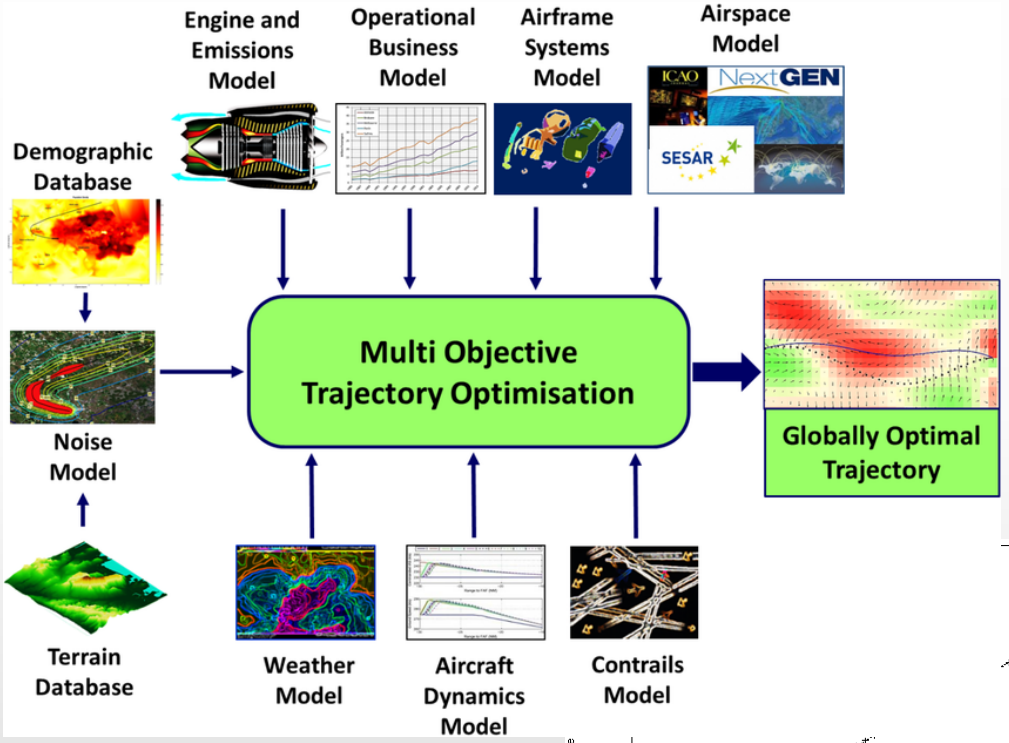
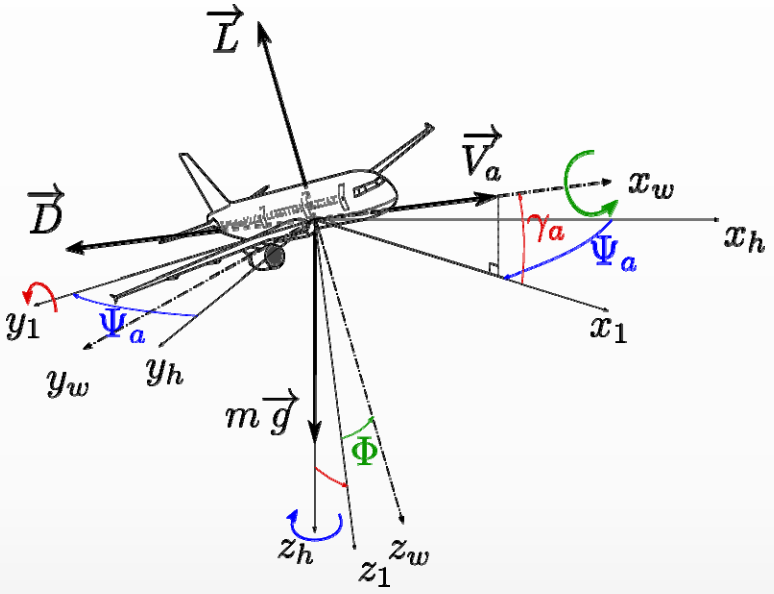
At certain crucial moments - an emergency or an opportunity - one must act first and think later.

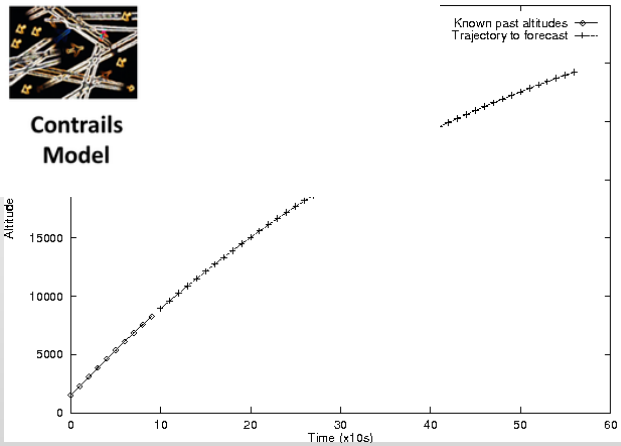
NO ONE "PROGRAMS" YOUR BRAIN—IT LEARNS THROUGH EXPERIENCE

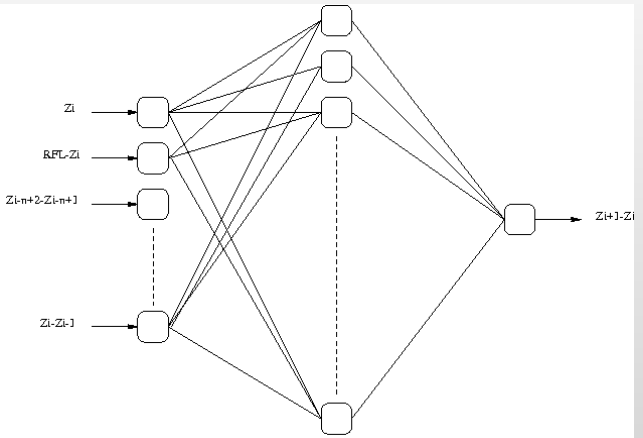
How does an ANN function?

- Predicting realistic aircraft trajectories









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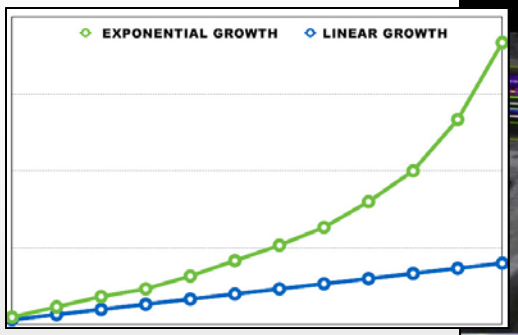
Types and uses of ANNs
(the future is amazing!)

- Image recognition
- Speech recognition
- Diagnosis (medical, mfg, equipment, etc.)
- Predicting… anything?
  - Associations
  - Classification
  - Correlation/regression using MASSIVE amounts of “features”

The more data our world has, the faster ANNs can learn

Landmark Example

- 5 million miles self-driven
- 2.7 billion simulated (2017 alone)
- 25 cities



- Many data inputs
- Hive mind learning
- Transferable to other technology
- Exponential learning

This is just the beginning

Evolving Uses

Machines Are Better Than Doctors at Spotting Skin Cancer

Could artificial intelligence put doctors out of jobs?

By Melissa Matthews May 30, 2018

- **Machines can more accurately predict dangerous skin cancer moles than doctors, according to a new study.**
- **Scientists taught artificial intelligence to spot cancerous moles from benign marks.**
- **Researchers believe physicians can begin using AI to better diagnose patietns and determine whether biopsies are needed.**

The Results

On average, dermatologists correctly identified 86.6 percent of melanomas and 71.3 percent of malignant lesions. AI, in comparison, accurately diagnosed melanomas 95 percent of the time.

This is still just the beginning

Issues/challenges using ANNs
(the future is still amazing, but harder than I thought…)

- So much data!!
- Overfitting with complex models
- Often takes high performance hardware
- With so many variables, even an accurate ANN can limit learning due to the "black box" effect
- Issues with flexibility and multitasking…greater issue evolving to "general intelligence"

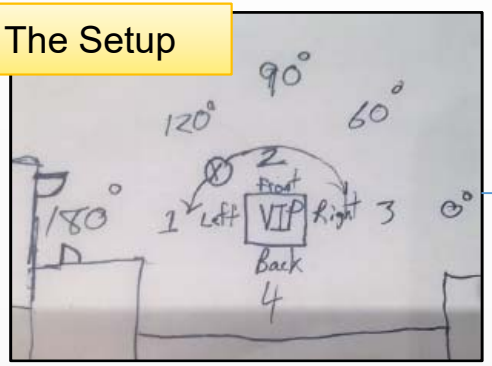
Google DeepMind's Research Scientist Raia Hadsell summed it up:

"There is no neural network in the world, and no method right now that can be trained to identify objects and images, play Space Invaders, and listen to music."

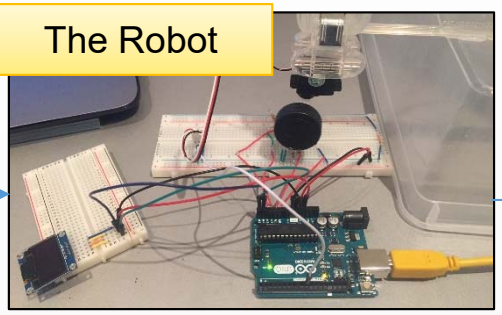
ANN Example 1: Don't tell the robot how to move; tell them why they'd want to

- Project: The Vampire's Bodyguard

The Setup



The Robot



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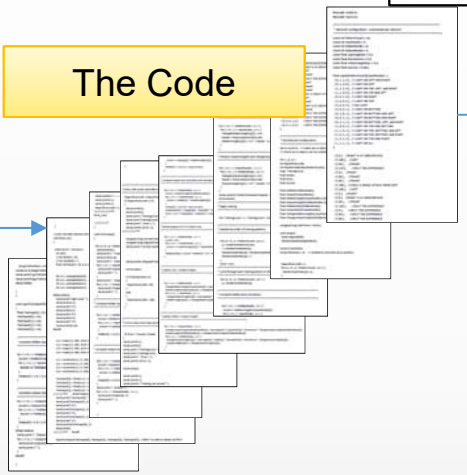
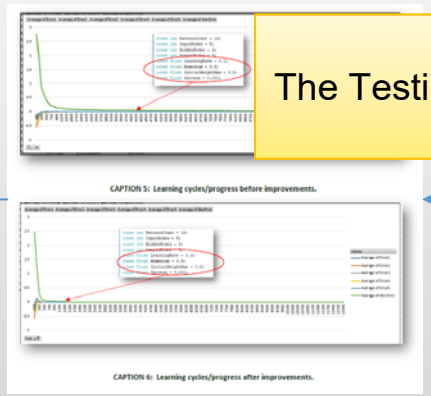


The Result

The Testing



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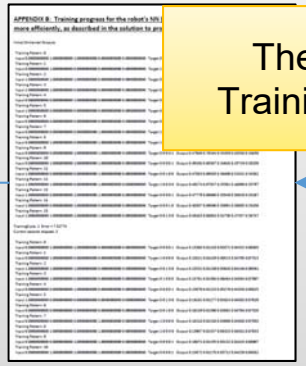

Many lessons learned and improvements identified, but a successful project

ANN Example 2: When is a student at risk of dropping out?

- Project: Drop Out Alert

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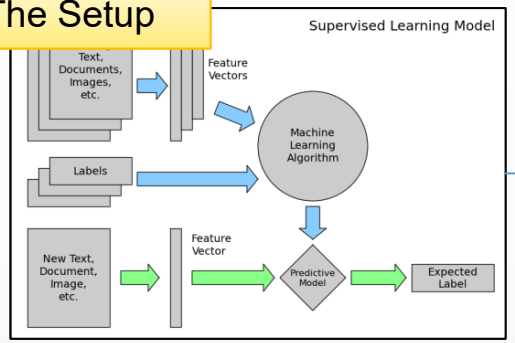

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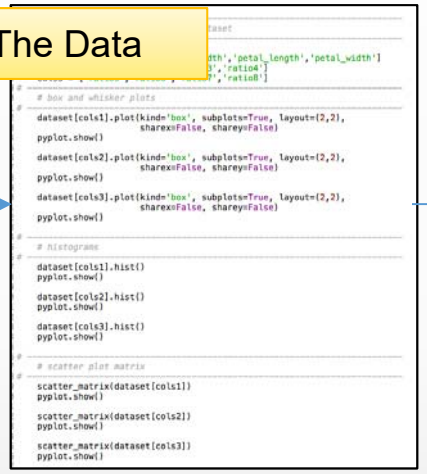

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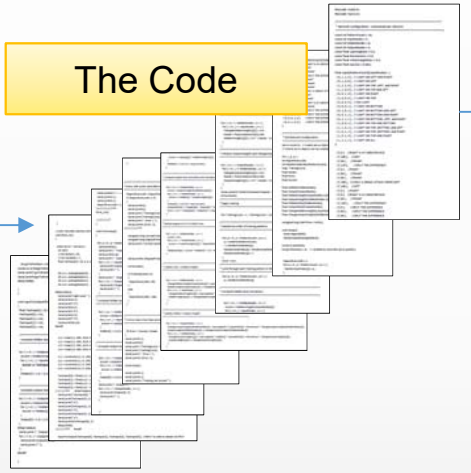

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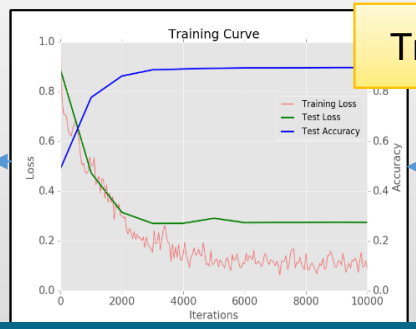
Training/Testing



So far, the tool has performed better than the embedded (and expensive) corporate tool previously used by the university

Resources to Learn More

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- https://machinelearningmastery.com/regression-tutorial-keras-deep-learning-library-python/
- http://www.businessinsider.com/computer-program-taught-itself-walk-run-play-soccer-2017-8
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- https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/health/a20967153/skin-cancer-artificial-intelligence-better-than-dermatologists/

Don’t forget me as a resource as well!

What's Next?

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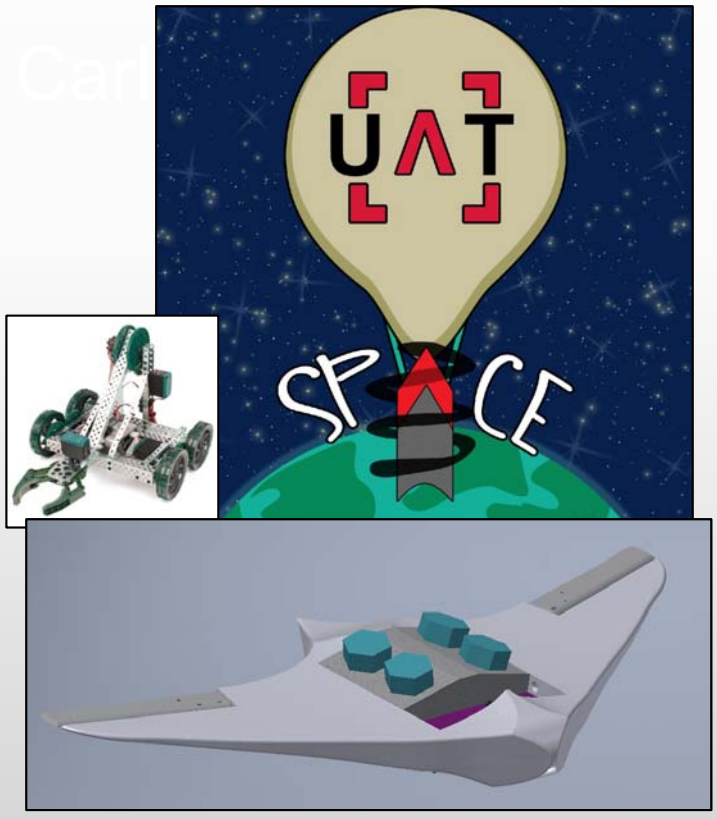

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Questions?

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