Al's Past, Present, and Future

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Are you with the football team?

No.

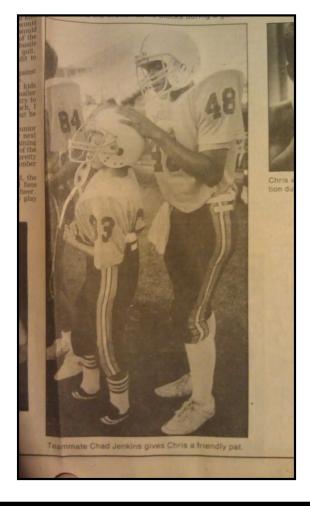


Alexandria, Louisiana

Are you with the football team?

Yes... in 1988





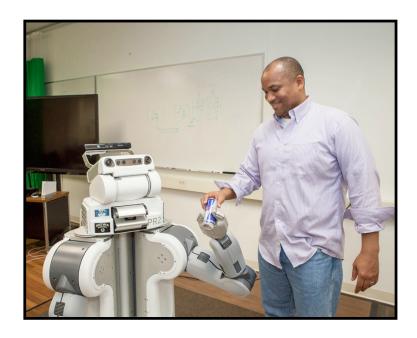


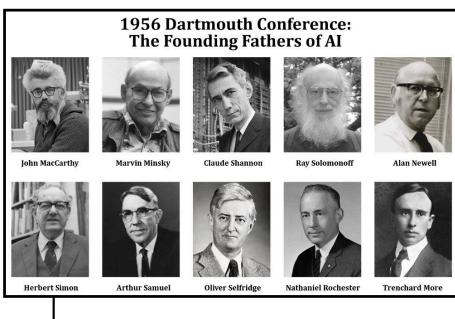












"Think through the entire problem"

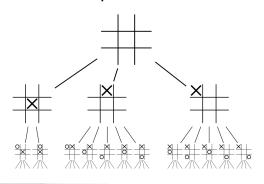


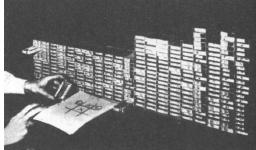


1956 1988 2013 **Time**

"Think through the entire problem"







MENACE: Matchbox Educable Noughts And Crosses Engine (1961)

1956

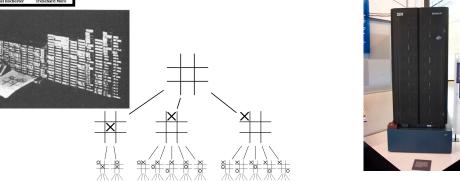
1960

1970

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IBM Deep Blue defeats chess grandmaster (1997)

1956

1960

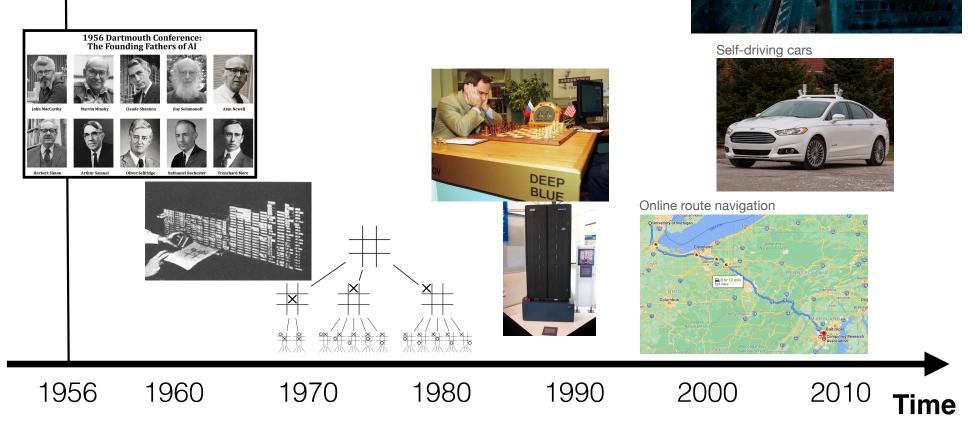
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1980

1990

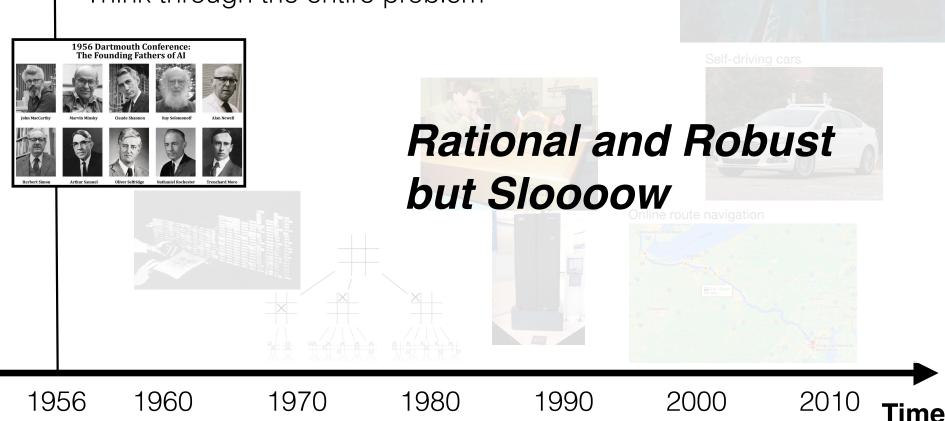
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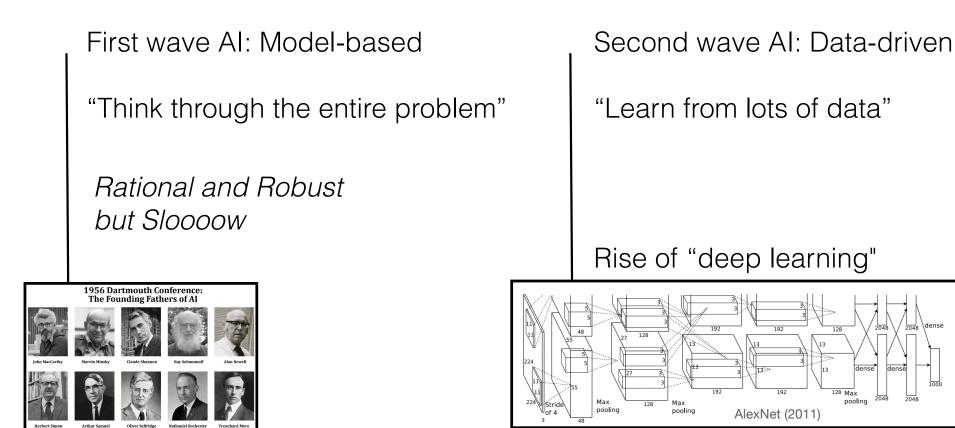
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City-scale 3D mapping

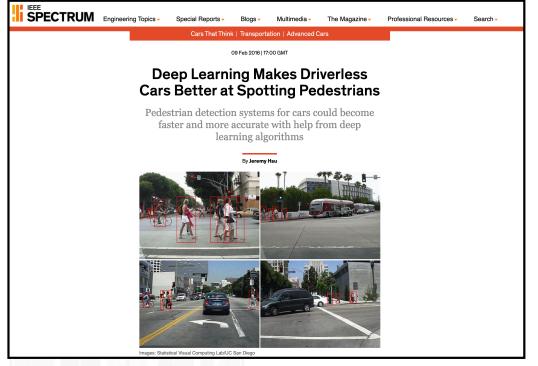
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1956 2011





Second wave AI: Data-driven

"Learn from lots of data"



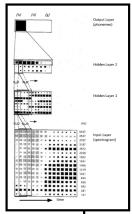
"deep learning"







Speech recognition by neural networks



Waibel et al.

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"deep learning"

1958

1989

2011

The AI of today needed decades of investment and research

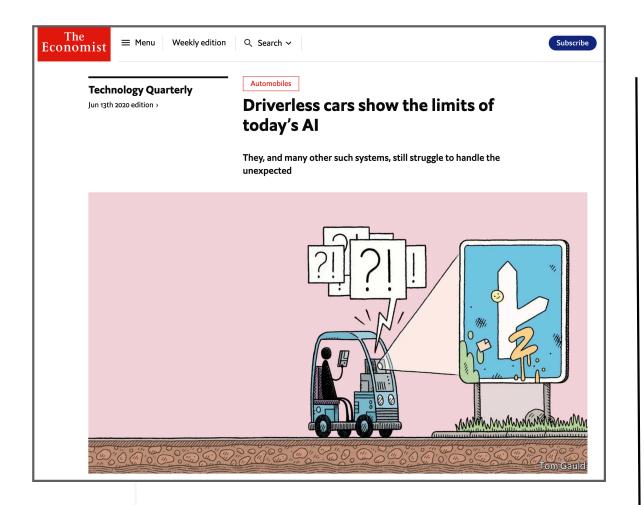
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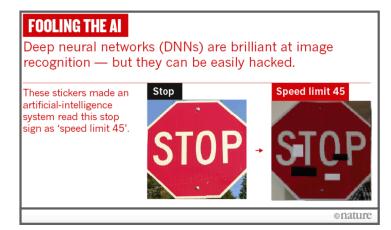
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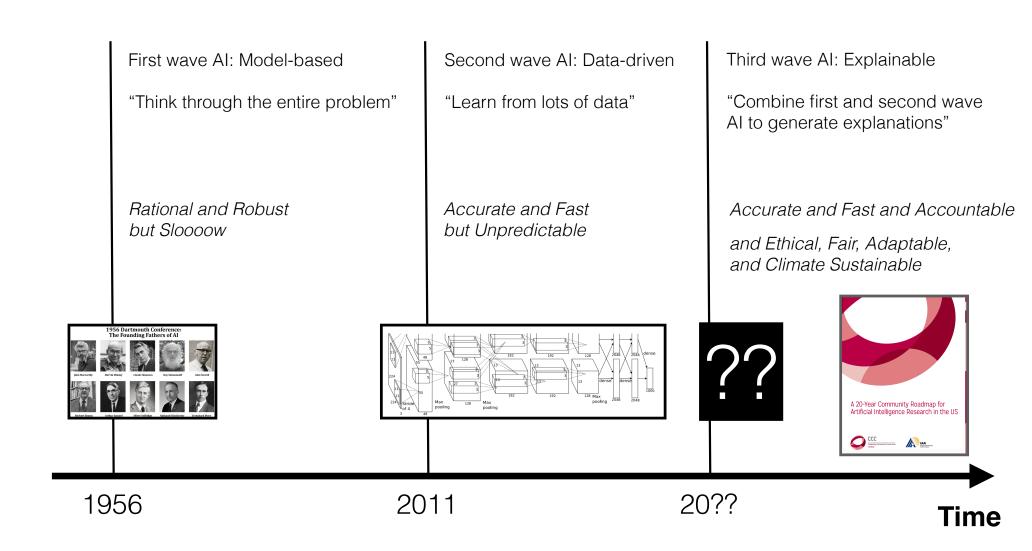


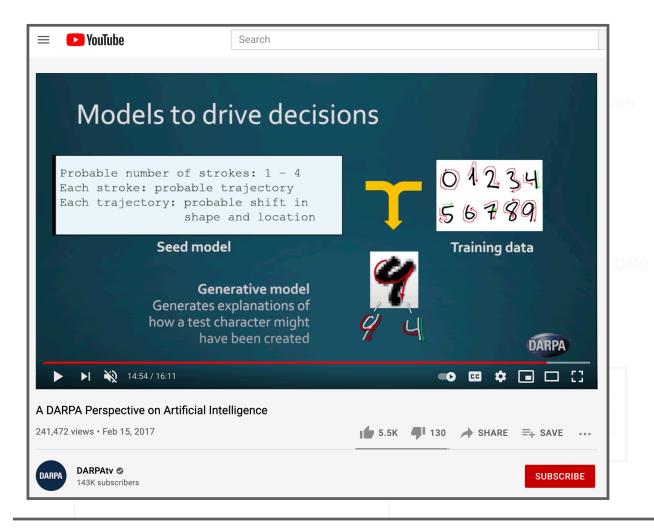
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Third wave AI: Explainable

"Combine first and second wave Al to generate explanations"

Accurate and Fast and Accountable and Ethical, Fair, Adaptable, and Climate Sustainable





756 2011 20?? Time

The Next Wave of Al

How to get ahead

- Federal investment critical for success
 - Was true before (since WWI), still true now
- Global competition: If we do not lead, others will
- Education: the classroom of today builds the Al leaders for tomorrow
- Diversity: the next breakthrough could come from anywhere



Next Wave Artificial Intelligence: Robust, Explainable, Adaptable, Ethical, and Accountable

A Computing Community Consortium (CCC) Quadrennial Paper

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We are now seeing the impact of decades of investment in artificial intelligence (AI) across our society. In recent years, AI systems have been deployed in a broad array of application areas, including healthcare, transportation, finance, design and manufacturing, education, scientific discovery, and national security, among others. Many of these applications have addressed important societal problems and directly improved peoples' lives. However, broad beneficial use of AI applications are often stymied by the limitations of today's state-of-the-art systems. In this brief overview, we describe the limitations of today's AI systems and make recommendations for focus areas that will enable the field to move to the next level in terms of robustness and trustworthiness.

The history of AI has included several "waves" of ideas. The first wave, from the mid-1950s to the 1980s, focused on logic and symbolic hand-encoded representations of knowledge, the foundations of so-called "expert systems". The second wave, starting in the 1990s, focused on statistics and machine learning, in which, instead of hand-programming rules for behavior, programmers constructed "statistical learning algorithms" that could be trained on large datasets. In the most recent wave, especially in the last decade, research in AI has largely focused on deep (i.e., many-layered) neural networks, which are loosely inspired by the brain and trained by "deep learning" methods. However, while deep neural networks have led to many successes and new capabilities in computer vision, speech recognition, language processing, game-playing, and robotics, their potential for broad application remains limited by several factors. Deep neural networks typically require "supervised" training on large datasets—that is on thousands to millions of examples that have been manually labeled; these labeling efforts often require prohibitive amounts of human labor. Moreover, the labels can contain errors as well as both overt and subtle biases. Deep learning methods also require large computing infrastructure, whose electricity use can have negative environmental impacts.