

# Intelligence artificielle : défis et opportunités (pour l'environnement)

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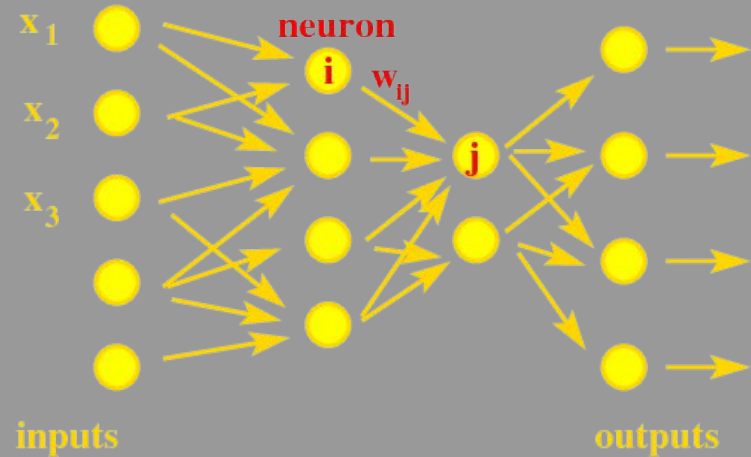
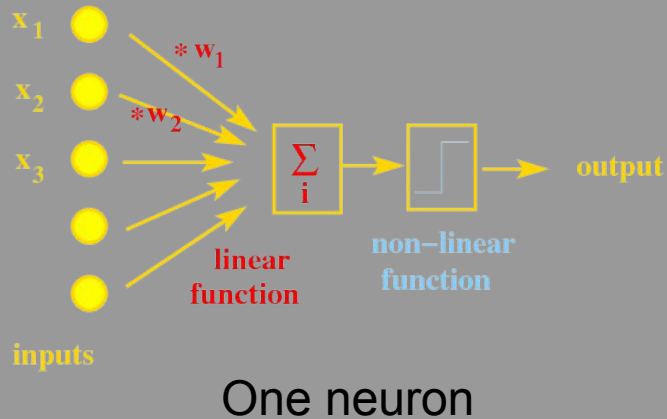
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# Supervised Learning: a Regression pb

- Given a set of labeled examples  $(x_1^i, \dots, x_d^i, y^i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$
- Find a model  $\mathbf{f}$  s.t.  $f(x_1^i, \dots, x_d^i) \approx y^i$  for all  $i$
- A zoology of models: Polynomials, Decision trees, Random Forests, SVMs, and
- **Artificial Neural Networks**



A network of neurons  
Parameters are the **weights**  $w_{ij}$

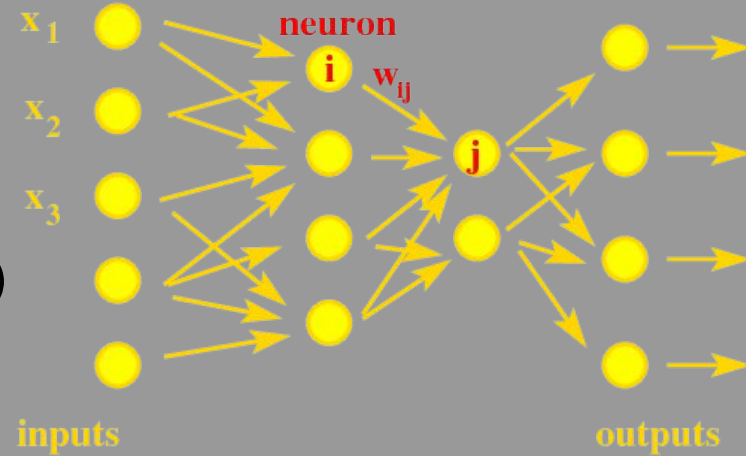


# Deep Learning in one slide

## Learning Phase

Gradient **back-propagation** aka **Stochastic Gradient Descent** 60s

- Present the examples 1 by 1
  - or mini-batch by mini-batch
- **Forward** pass: Compute the **Loss**  
e.g.,  $L = \sum_i |y(x_1^i, \dots, x_d^i) - \text{NN}(x_1^i, \dots, x_d^i)|^2$
- **Backward** pass: Commute  $\nabla_w L$  (chain rule)
- Modify the weights  $w_{ij}$  from  $\nabla_w L$  to decrease of the loss
- Loop



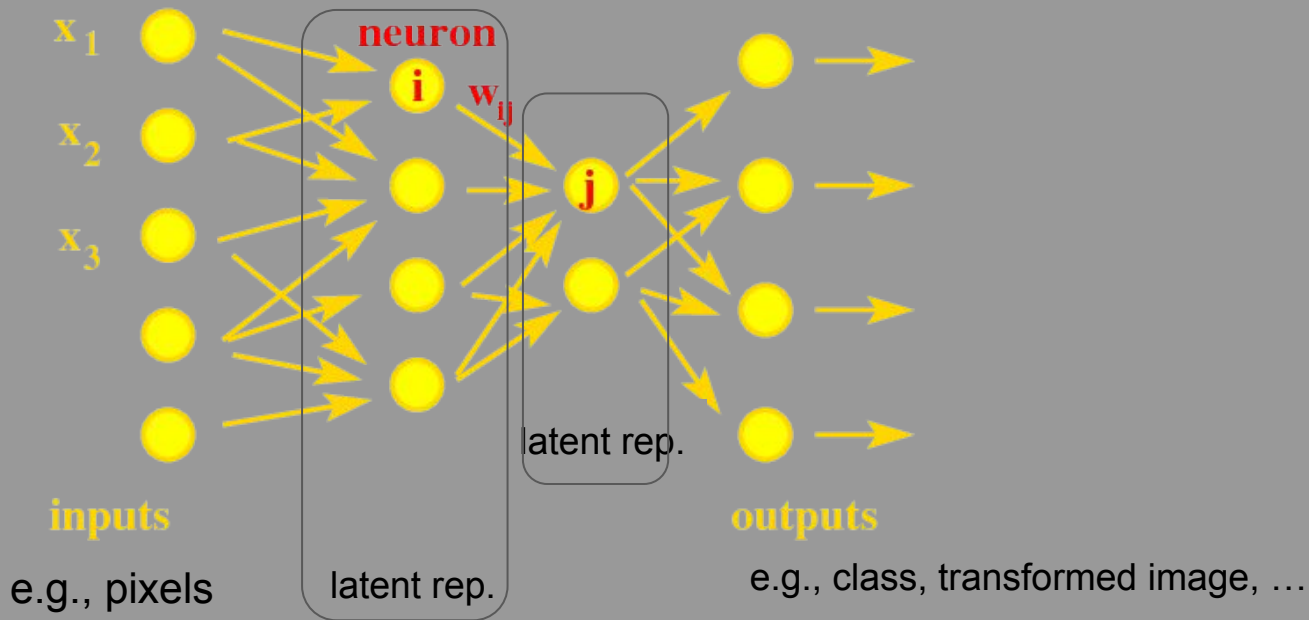
## Recognition Phase aka Inference

Input an unlabelled example, the network output a predicted label

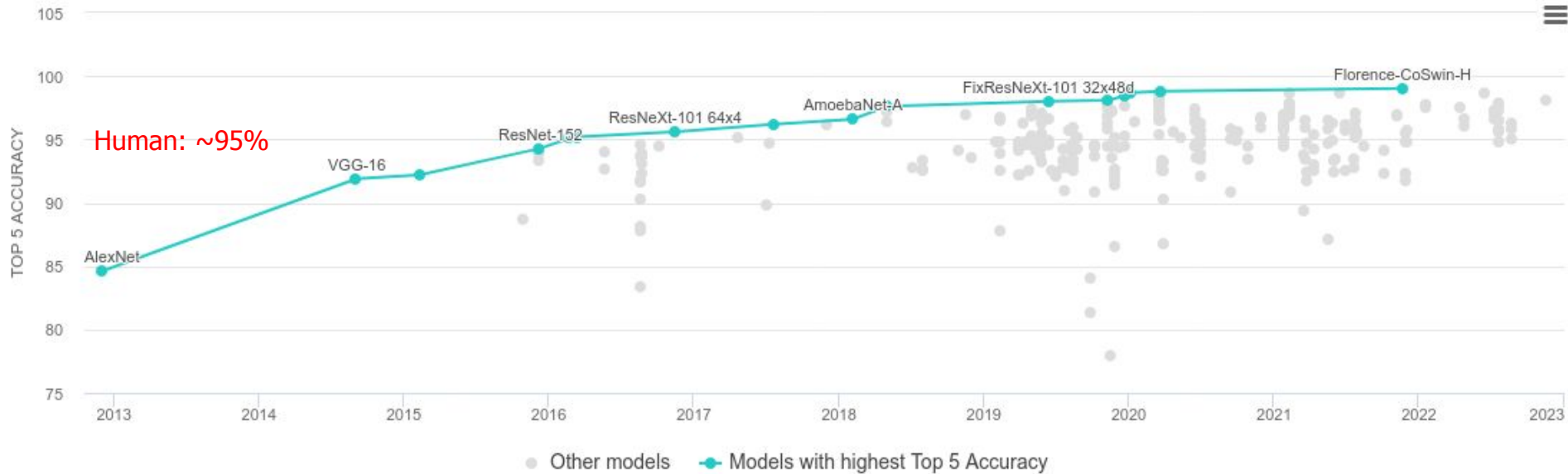
# Differentiable Programming

## A Deep Neural Network

- Performs **end-to-end** learning
- Learns a sequence of **representations** – aka **latent spaces**



# Performances in Image Recognition



## Leaderboard Top-5 on Imagenet (14M annotated images)

- Before 2012: non Deep Networks, ~76%
- 2012, Hinton: 84%
- Best 10 Top-1 and best 5 Top-5 are **Transformer** networks, not pure CNNs

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# Opportunities 1/2

## Supervised Learning for Numerical Simulations

- Numerical solutions of PDEs viewed as “images”
  - Surrogate approaches (full data-based)
  - What about error bounds?
  - Where is the physics?
- More intricate hybridizations are needed
  - but are they really?

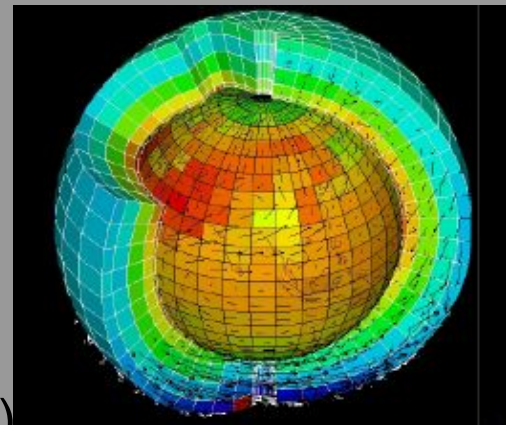
Will “The Data Deluge Make the Scientific Method Obsolete”?(\*)

(\*) C. Anderson (2008). “The End of Theory”, Wired Magazine. url: <https://www.wired.com/2008/06/pb-theory/>.

# A Surrogate Approach

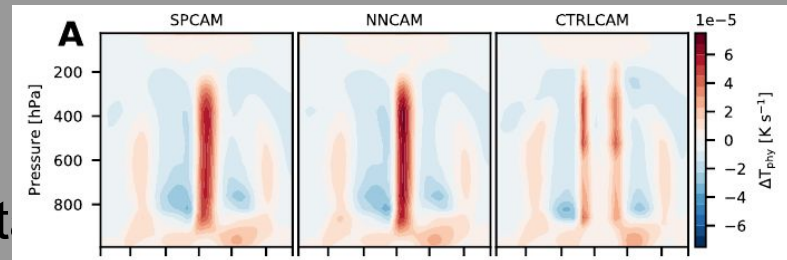
## Learning a surrogate of sub-scale phenomena

- Global climate modeling
  - 2° horizontal resolution, 30 altitude levels
  - 30mn time step
- needs to solve CRMs (Cloud Resolving Models)
  - turbulence + cloud convection + ...
  - in each column (4km-wide), at each time-step (20s)

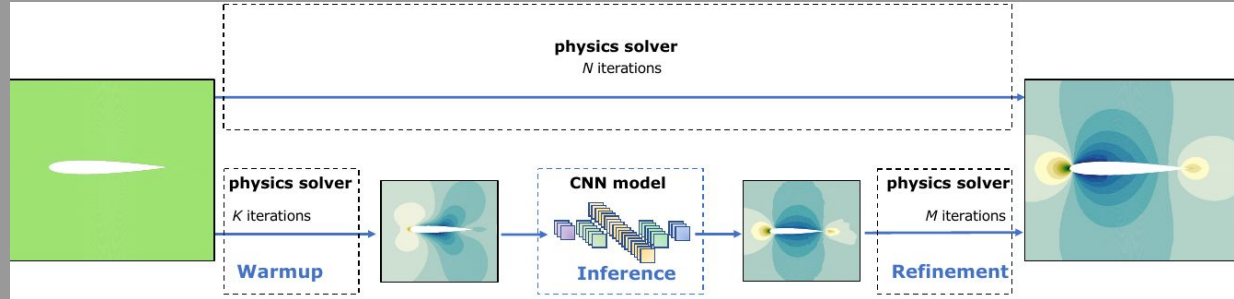


- Train a DNN on one-year SPCAM simulations - **140M examples**

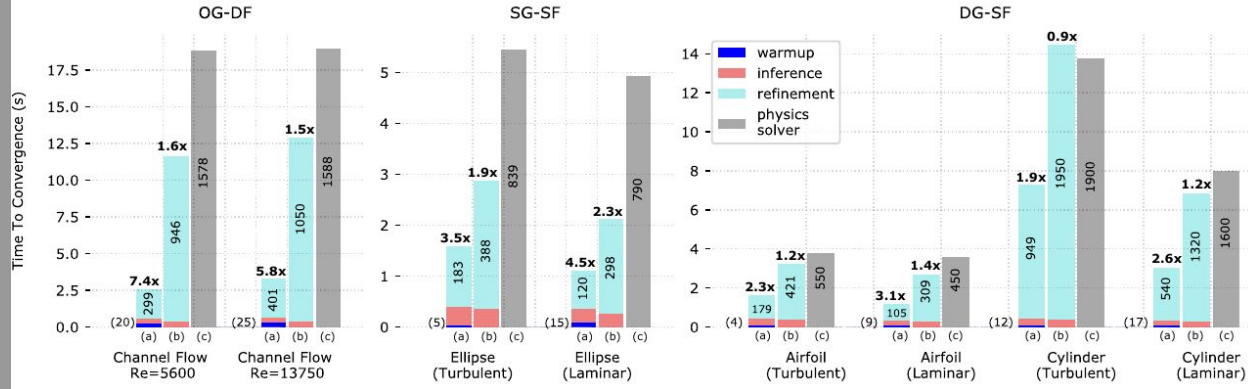
- **20x speedup**, statistics OK
- Energy conservation (post-hoc)
- Good interpolation generalization
- **Poor OoD generalization** beyond train data
- **No error bound**



# Initializer Approach



CFDNet



Tackling the accuracy issue

# Physics Informed Deep Learning

## Data-driven solution of PDEs

- Given a PDE:

$$u_t = \mathcal{N}(t, x, u, u_x, u_{xx}, \dots)$$

- Define **residual**

$$f := u_t - \mathcal{N}(t, x, u, u_x, u_{xx}, \dots)$$

- and **Loss**

$$\frac{1}{N_u} \sum_{i=1}^{N_u} |u(t_u^i, x_u^i) - u^i|^2 + \frac{1}{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} |f(t_f^i, x_f^i)|^2$$

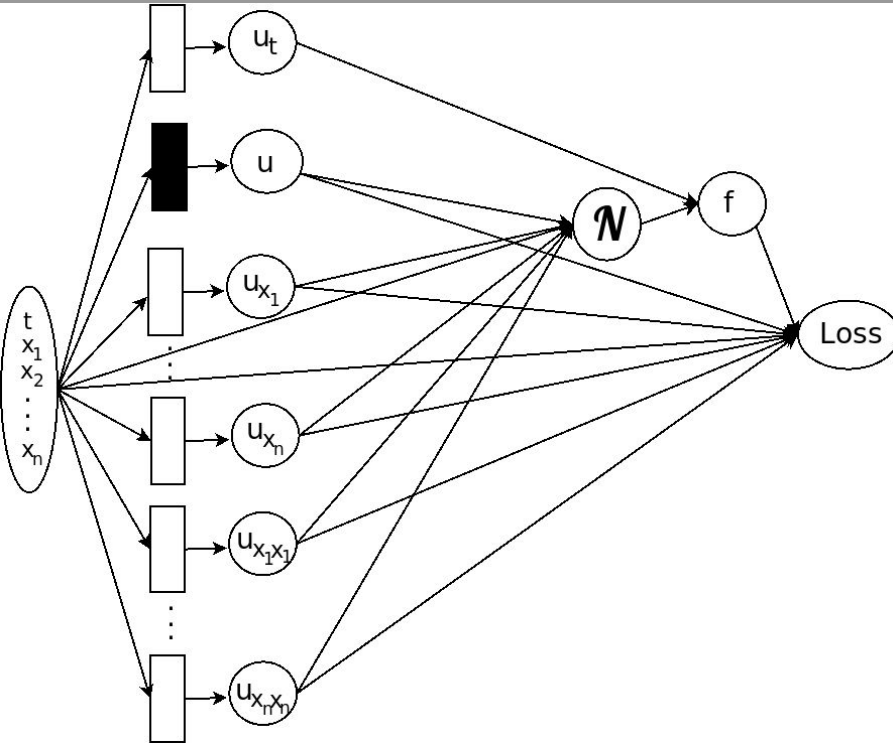
with

- $\{t_u^i, x_u^i, u^i\}_{i=1}^{N_u}$  initial and boundary training data
- $\{t_f^i, x_f^i\}_{i=1}^{N_f}$  collocation training points



# Physics Informed Deep Learning

Thanks to differentiable programming



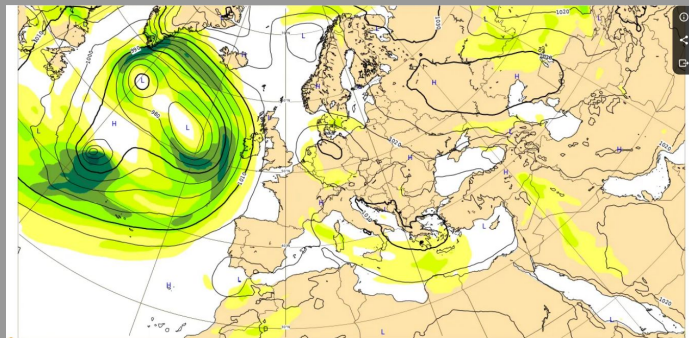
## Issues

- Requires new learning for new boundary conditions or source term
- Data-hungry
- Physics still approximate
  - and not constrained

# Surrogates strike back: GraphCast

## Google DeepMind data-based weather model

- **Input:** Two states (6 hours ago and now)
- **Output:** next state (6 hours ahead)
  - and iterate (autoregressive)
- **State:** 235 M-variables (900 Mb)
  - 28×28 km grid (721 × 1440) × 37 vertical levels
- 36.7 M weights - encode/process/decode
- Trained on 39 years of ECMWF's ERA5 data
- **Loss:** MSE for N auto-regressive steps
- 3 weeks on 32 TPU v4 devices



**Outperforms ECMWF's IFS on 10-days forecast**

Lam et al. (DeepMind), Science, 2022

# Surrogates strike back: recent models

	<b>FourCastNet</b>	<b>Pangu-Weather</b>	<b>GraphCast</b>
<b>AI technique</b>	AFNO (trans-former)	3DEST (trans-former)	Graph neural network
<b>Hardware – train (inference)</b>	64 A100 (1 A100)	192 V100 (1 V100)	32 TPU v4 (1 TPU v4)
<b>Speed – train (inference<sup>1</sup>)</b>	16 hours (2.8 s)	16 days (14 s)	3 weeks (60 s)
<b>Forecast scores<sup>2</sup></b>	Comparable to IFS	Better than IFS	Better than IFS
<b># of variables</b>	20	69	227
<b>Open-source</b>	Yes <a href="#">↗</a>	Yes <a href="#">↗</a>	No

# Hybridization

## Still some issues

- Out of Distribution generalization (e.g., due to climate change)
- Certification / error bounds
- Robustness and replicability
- Explainability (what science is about)
- Huge training set required
- Sustainable (frugal) learning?

but things are moving faster than ever

# Opportunities 2/2

## Correlation vs causality

- Supervised learning learns **deductive** models
  - If umbrellas are open, it is raining
- and not **prescriptive** models
  - if people open their umbrellas, is it going to rain?
- Causality is often implicit, or common sense
  - But what to do when it is unknown?
- and can come from hidden variables
  - Correlation between wealth of company and well-being of employees



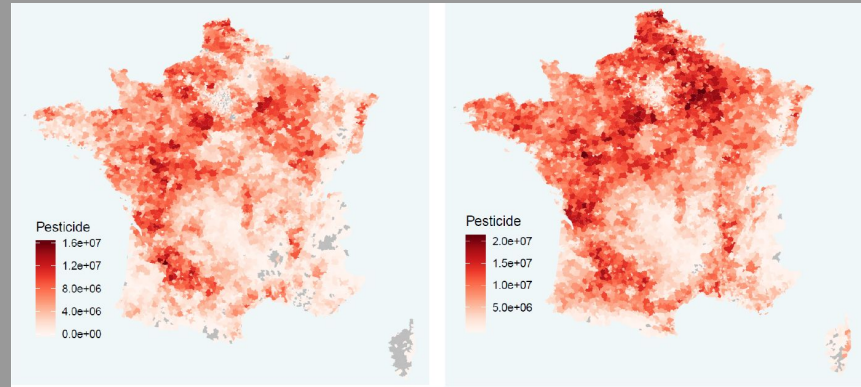
**It can (often) be learned from data**

# Causality: Use cases

## Causal modeling (not deep learning :-)

### Horapest

- Links between pesticides and neonatal disorders
- Coll. Inria – CHU Toulouse
- Data: SNDS + ventes (BNV-D)



### Nutriperso

- Long-term goal: personalized nutritional recommendations
- Coll. INRAE, CEA, AgroParistech, ... Inria
- Kantar panel dataset: 170 000 food items, 20 000 households + BMI
- Difficulty: preserve the details of the food items e.g., 387 types of pizza

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# Risks of Supervised (Deep) Learning

Even before the blooming of Generative AI,

- Transparency: Explainability and Interpretability
- Robustness
- Verification and validation

and of course dramatic lack of sustainability, worsened with generative AI

in the following, [AI Index = AI Index Report 2023, Stanford Human-centered AI](#) (2022 and before)



# Robustness w.r.t. context/noise

Funny



or not

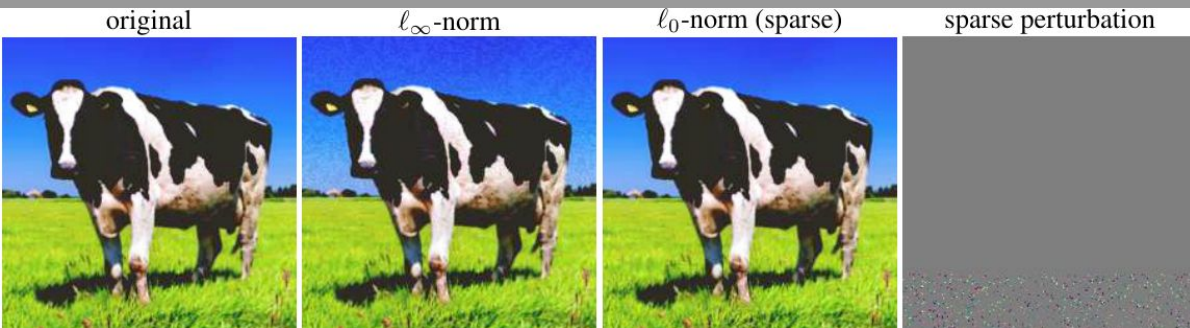
The Verge, Nov. 2020

**Issue:** completeness of the training set



# Robustness w.r.t. attacks

Well chosen noise  $\rightarrow$  wrong label



Cow (a) classified “Traffic light” (b-c)

Shafahi et al., 2018

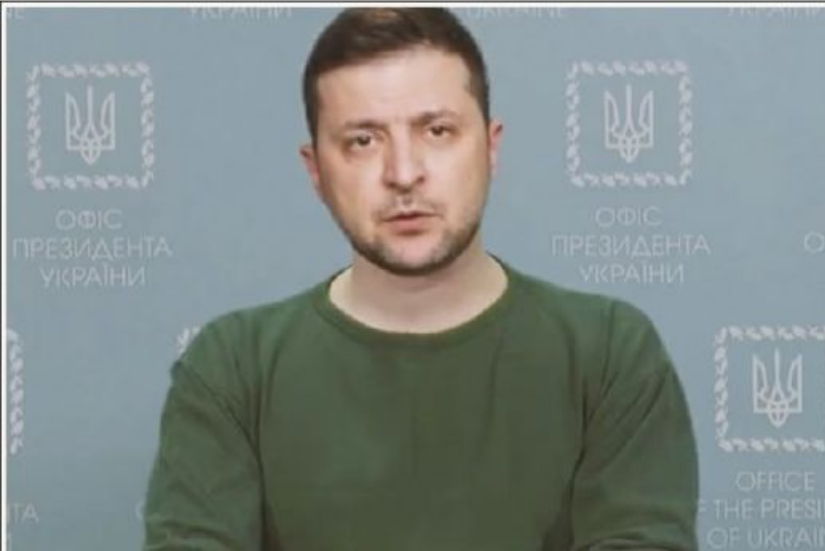


latent rep.

All are recognized “Speed limit 45” from different distances and angles.

Eykholt et al., 2017

# Deep Fakes



March 2022: Ukraine surrenders!  
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## Scammer Successfully Deepfaked CEO's Voice To Fool Underling Into Transferring \$243,000

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Photo: Sean Gallup (Getty)

Gizmodo ← Wall Street Journal 30/08/2019

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# Early approaches

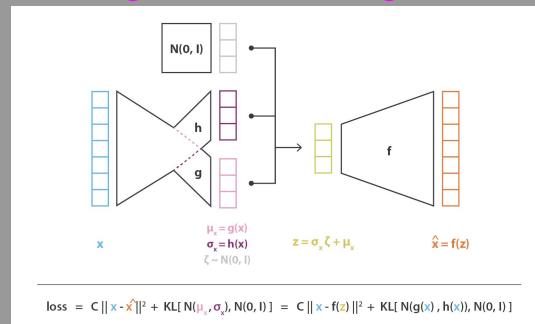
Kingma and Welling, 2014

## Variational Auto-Encoders

- Non-linear dimension reduction
- Regularization of latent space  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian

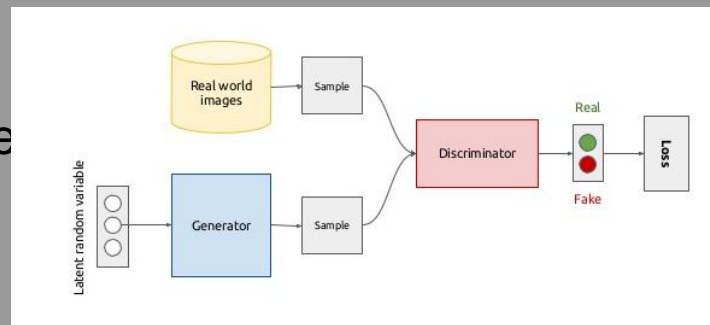
but

- Sample latent space for new images, but no easy control
- Works fine ... for low-res images only



## Generative Adversarial Networks: a 2-player game

- Standard Backprop for Discriminator
- Inverted Backprop for Generator
- Difficult balance in practice

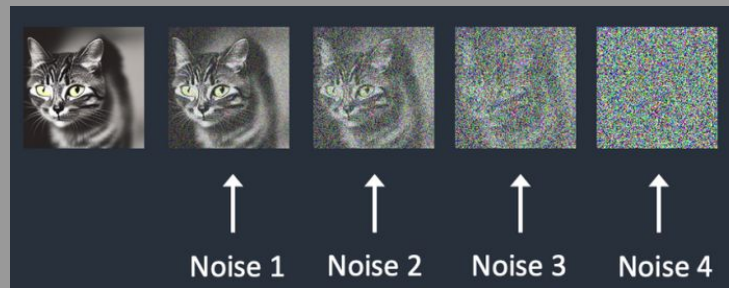


Goodfellow et al., 2014

# Diffusion Models

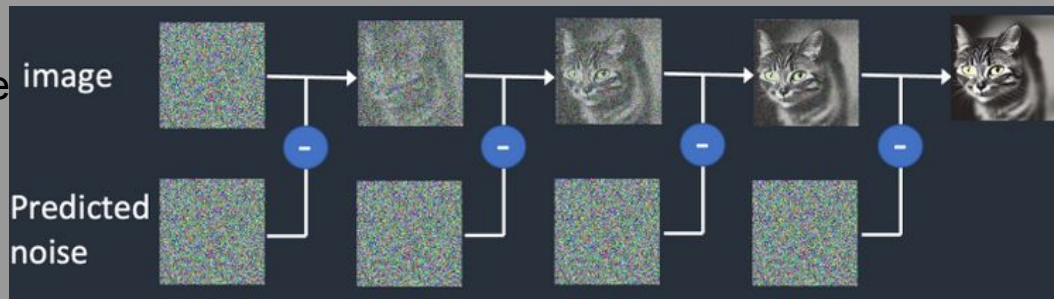
## Forward diffusion

- Add gradual levels of noise to the images in the dataset
- Train a noise predictor to predict the noise added (supervised)
  - examples = all steps of diffusion
  - U-net architecture



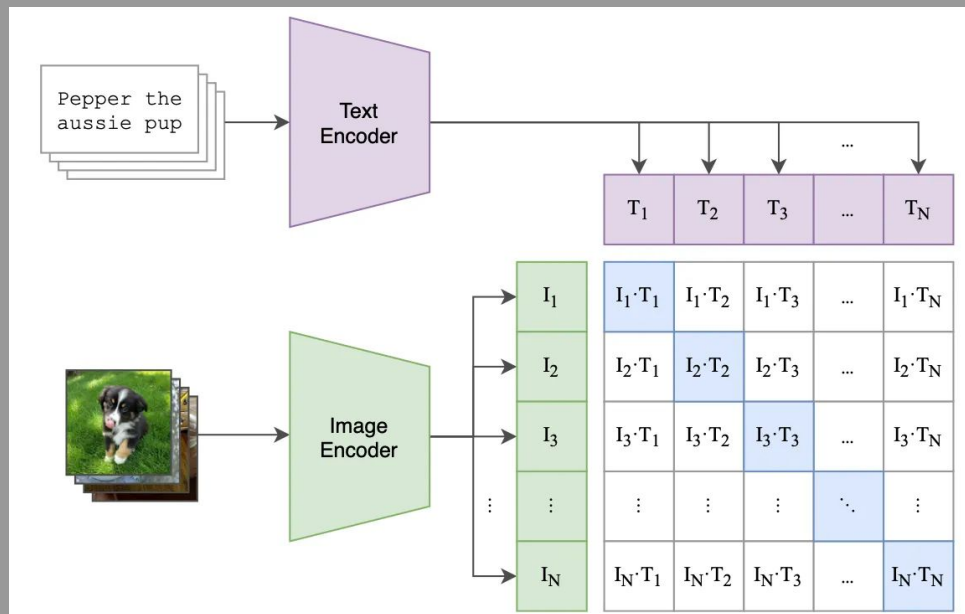
## Reverse diffusion

- Start from random image
- Iterate
  - Use noise predictor to predict noise
  - Remove from image
- Until convergence
- Result is similar (but different) from images in the original dataset
  - but undirected
- **Control**: through conditioning (e.g., with text/caption)



# Text-to-image: CLIP

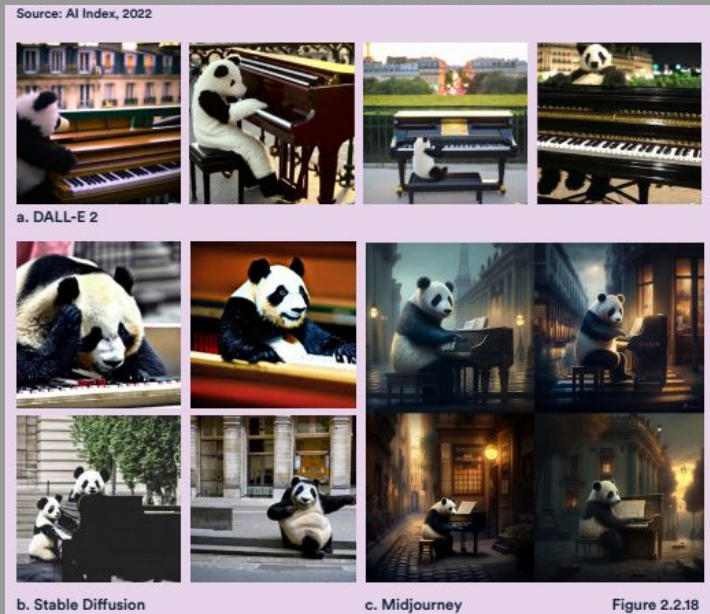
## Contrastive Language-Image Pre-Training



- Text and images encoded in the same latent space using a **contrastive loss**:
  - maximize cosine similarity for **matching pairs**, minimize it for others
- Trained on 400M (image, caption) pairs (30 days on 592 V100, ~1M\$ AWS)

# Text-to-image

- Open AI's *Dalle-e 2*
- Stability AI's *Stable Diffusion*
- Midjourney's *Midjourney*
- Meta's *Make-a-scene*
- Google's *Imagen*



A panda playing piano on a warm evening in Paris

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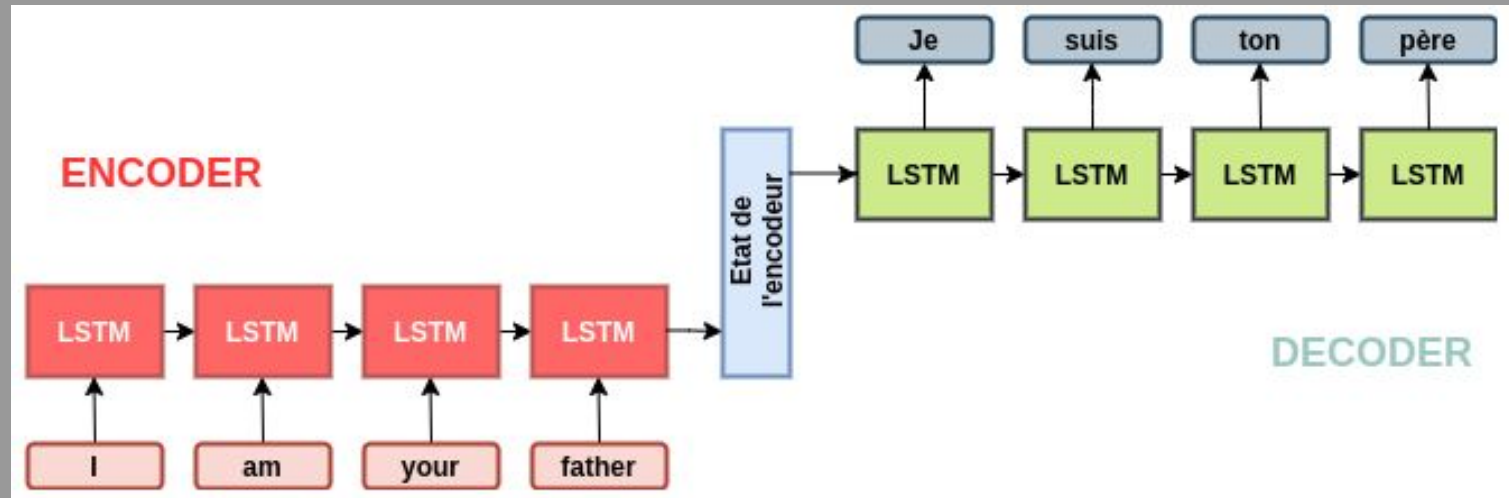


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# Early models: Sequence to Sequence

- **Word embeddings** (CBOW, GloVe, ...)
- **Recurrent** neural networks (e.g., LSTM)
- Only the encoder's internal state goes to the decoder

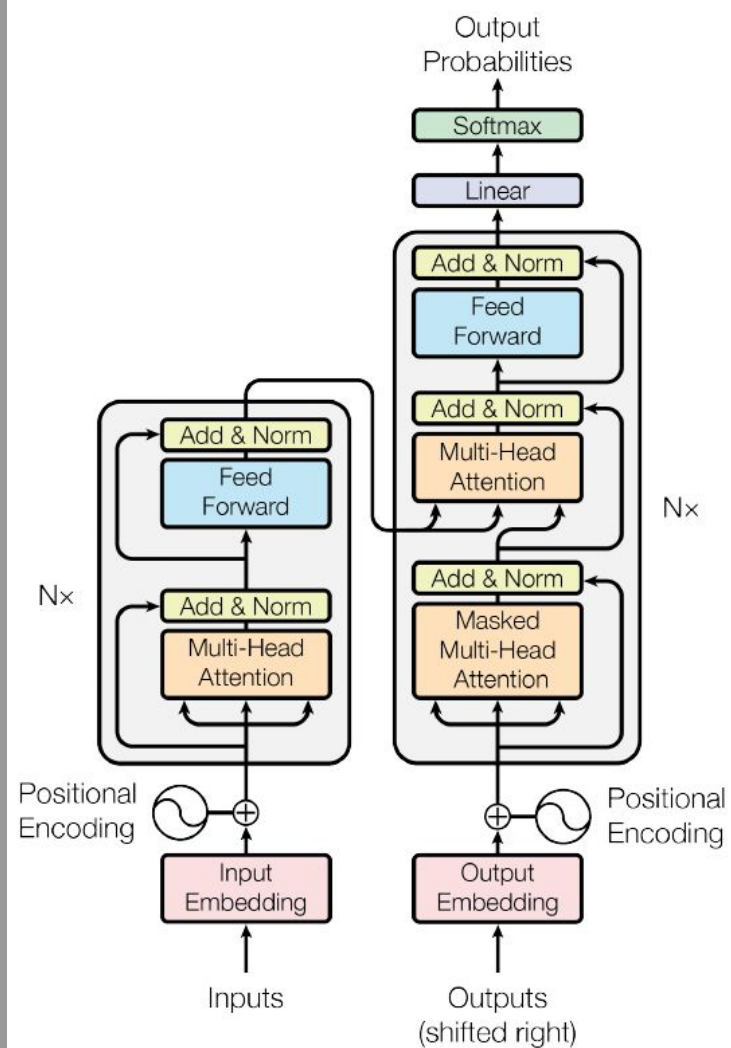


- A revolution in Machine Translation

# Attention is all you need

- **No recurrence**
  - Handles (chunk of) sequences
    - e.g., NLP data
  - based on (word) embeddings
  - with positional information
- **Attention** mechanisms handles links between any 2 positions of the sequence
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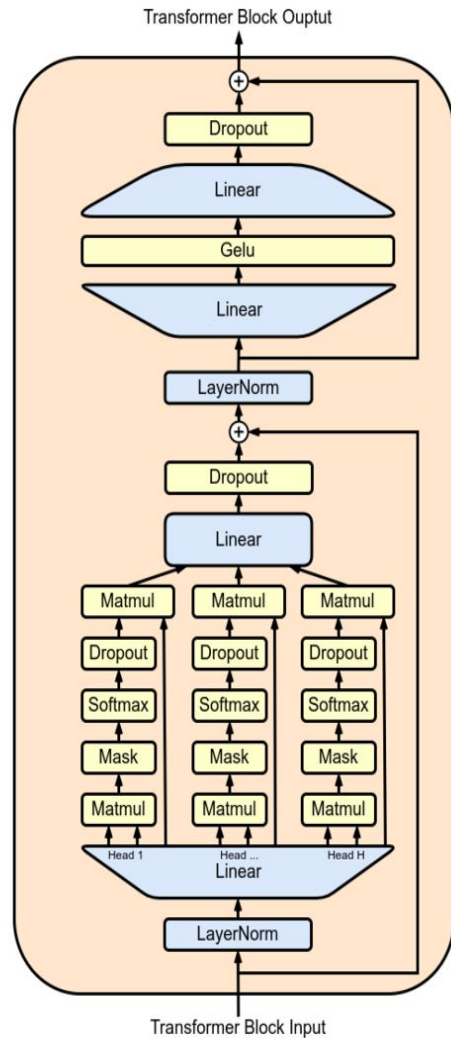
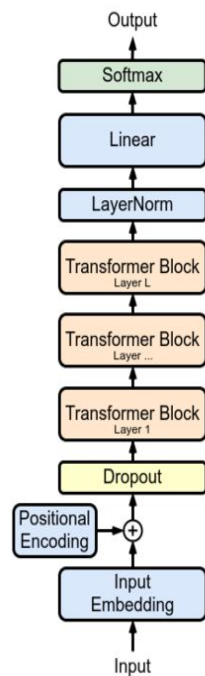
→ **Transformers**



# LLMs

- Pre-trained transformers
- Trained **to predict next word**
  - among ~50000 tokens
  - with window size ~4000 (GPT4: ~32000)
  - on huge corpuses (400B tokens)
- At immense computational cost
- Need to be fine-tuned to specific tasks
- Huge models
  - **GPT3**: 175B weights (**GPT4** undisclosed)
  - **BloomZ**: same, but open
  - **PaLM**: 540B weights
  - **Llama 2**: 7,13 or 70B, open

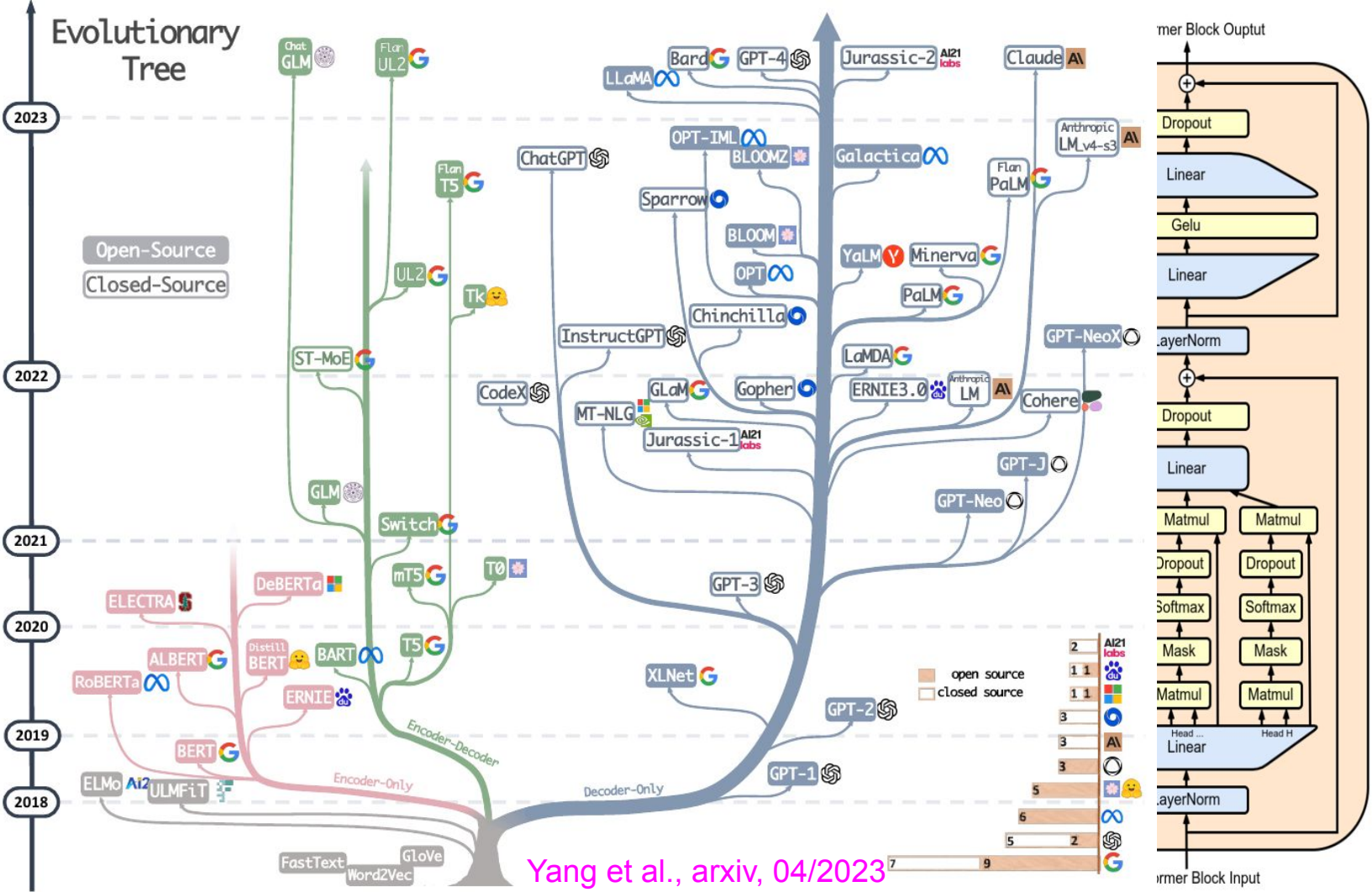
Also available for **image**, **music**, ...



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- GPT
- BERT
- PaLM
- LLa

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# Chatbots

- **ChatGPT3** = GPT3.5 +
  - Fine-tuning with supervised learning (→ Instruct GPT)
  - Robustified with Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback
    - Safety filters (against racist, sexist, negationist temptations)
  - Smart (hidden) pre-prompt
- Open interface: To date, **100M+ users**
  - with ranking possibilities → samples to improve robustness
- **ChatGPT4**, based on GPT4, is a closed system (by Open AI :-)
- **Llama 2-chat**, same, but open, with focus on safety

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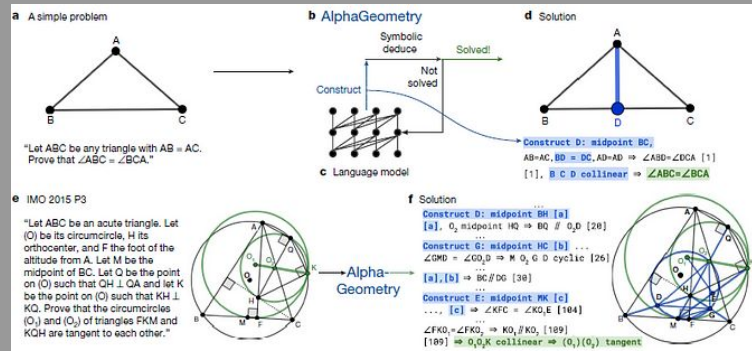
- Easy & cheap **fine-tuning** (BloomZ: few hours of one A100 40Gb; **Oracle, 03/2023**)
  - Public services
  - Private confidential company knowledge
  - ... RightWingGPT (5000 well-chosen new examples, < \$300 on AWS)
- A productivity gain in many domains
  - All NLP systems (translation, summary, routine documents, ...)
  - Code synthesis (e.g., MS co-pilot, Meta CodeLlama, ...)
  - Robotics (perception, interaction, planning, control)

- Fabulous **exploration tools**

e.g., **AlphaGeometry** (DeepMind):

- an LLM generate hypotheses, that
- a formal deduction software (in)validates

**Trinh et al., Nature, 01/2024**





# Risks

- Size matters
  - **Environmental** cost
  - Accessibility (even for inference)
  - Loss of sovereignty for Europe
    - In spite of, e.g. **BloomZ, OpenGPT-X, ...**
- **Fake**/undesired information
  - Hallucinations, adversarial prompting
- Biases (gender, race, ...) →
- **Stereotyped** outputs
- Societal risks on jobs (music composers, teachers, ...)
- No identified training sources
  - No transparency (where does this information come from?)
  - Not GDPR compliant (copyrighted information was indeed used)

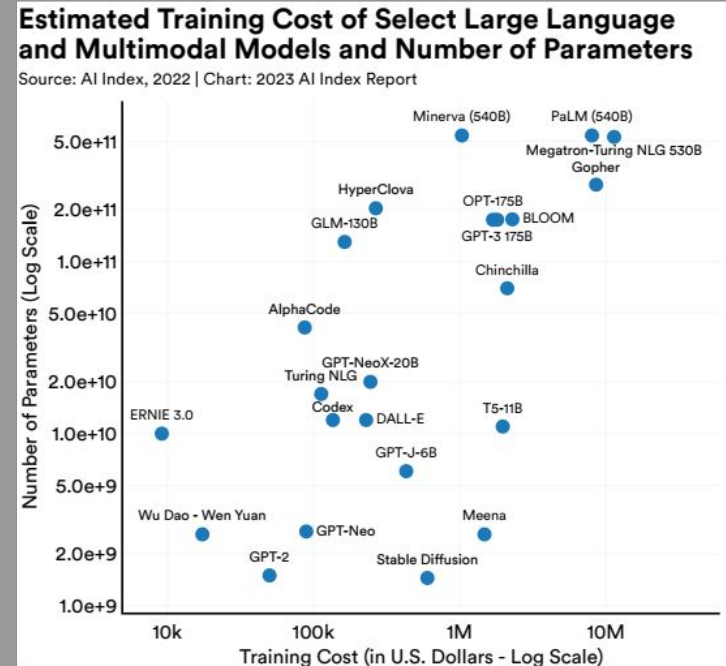
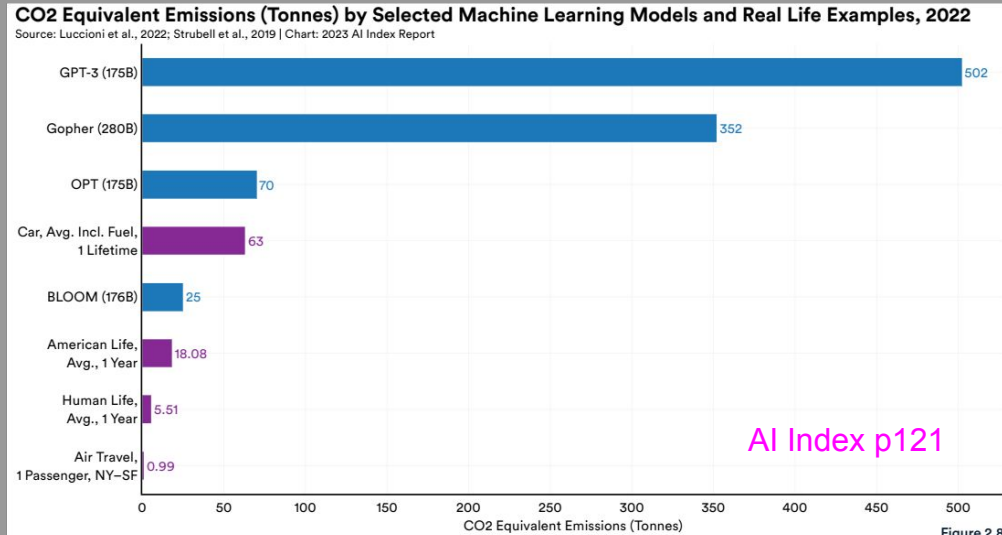
Assertive CEOs by SD



Need to **regulate** and **educate**

# The Sustainability Paradox

- Not sustainable
- Irreproducible science

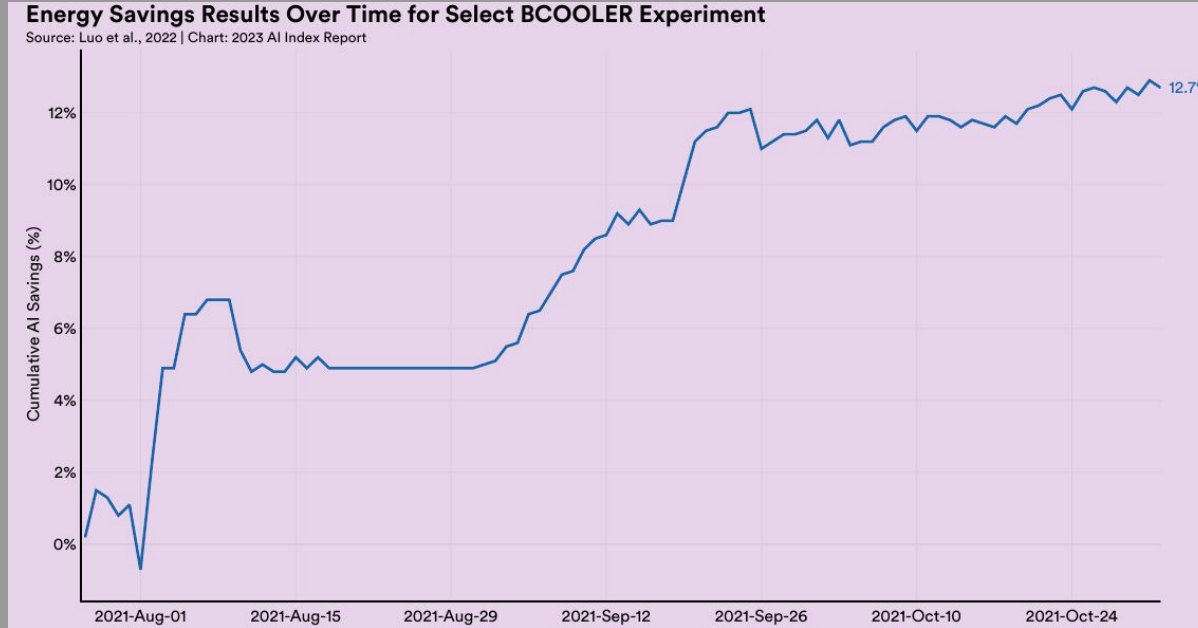


- Recent LLMs less greedy
- **Frugal learning** gaining momentum

e.g. Falcon**40b** (TII) **Open LLM Leaderboard**

# The Sustainability Paradox (2)

DeepMind's BCOOLER: RL to optimize cooling of Google's data centers



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- Is there a sustainable trade-off?

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# Back to History

Before 1956, some visions: Alan Turing, formal neurons, robots

AI as a mean

## Can Machines Think?

*The problem is mainly one of programming. [...] brain estimates:  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{15}$  bits. [...] I can produce about a thousand digits of programme lines a day, so that about sixty workers, working steadily through the fifty years, might accomplish the job, if nothing went into the wastepaper basket. Some more expeditious method seems desirable.*



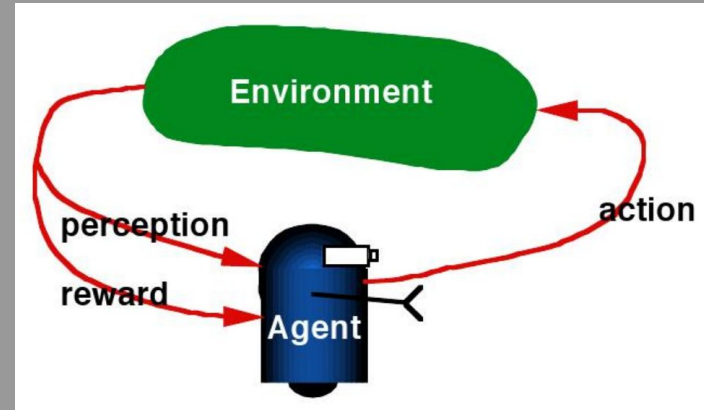
## How?

*by (...) mimicking education, we should hope to modify the machine until it could be relied on to produce definite reactions to certain commands.*

***One could carry through the organization of an intelligent machine with only two interfering inputs, one for **pleasure or reward**, and the other for **pain or punishment**.***

# Reinforcement Learning

- Agent maintains a state
- In a given state, it performs an action
- Action modifies the environment
- Agent receives a reward, perceives the new environment
- and updates its internal state accordingly



**Goal:** learn a policy [state  $\rightarrow$  action] to maximize cumulated reward

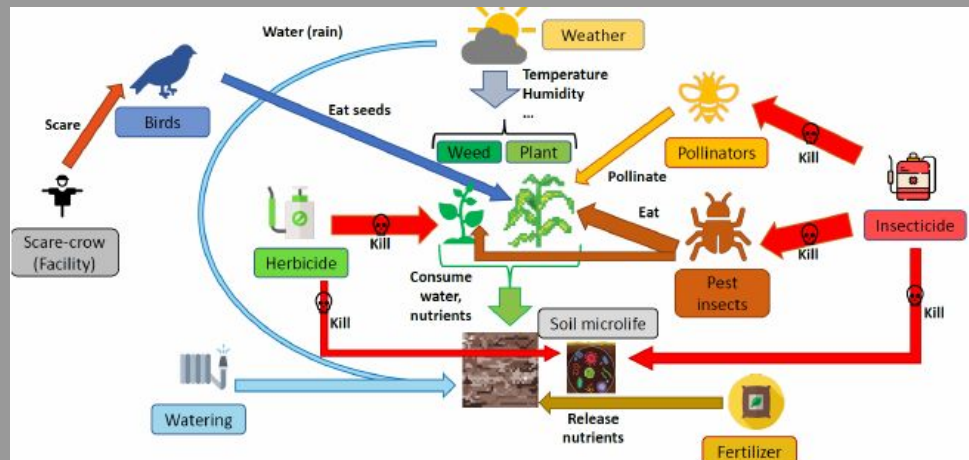
## Popular approaches:

- (Deep) Q-learning
- Policy gradient methods, in particular Proximal Policy Optimization (**PPO**)
- Multi-armed bandits

# RL for agriculture

## Farm-Gym

- An RL platform for solving gamified agronomy challenges
- **Entities**: Plant, Weeds, Soil, Fertilizer, Cides, ...
- highly **coupled** in **stochastic** interaction
- Ecosystem is a POMDP
- **Goal**: learn interventions to maximize the yield
- Hand-made expert agent outperforms PPO significantly



# RL for agriculture

- **Gym-DSSAT**, a gamified version of DSSAT, dynamic crop growth simulation models for over 42 crops
  - **Use case:** rainfed maize production in southern Mali (\*)
  - Choice among preselected **nitrogen management practices**
  - Improves over multi-location multi-year field trials (pre-defined practices are tested in an equiproportional way during a fixed number of years)

(\*) Gautron et al., *Field Crops Research*, 2024

- **WeG@rden** Inria AEx by O-A Maillard
  - a collaborative platform for (market) gardening data collection
  - a will-be recommendation tool for gardeners using RL



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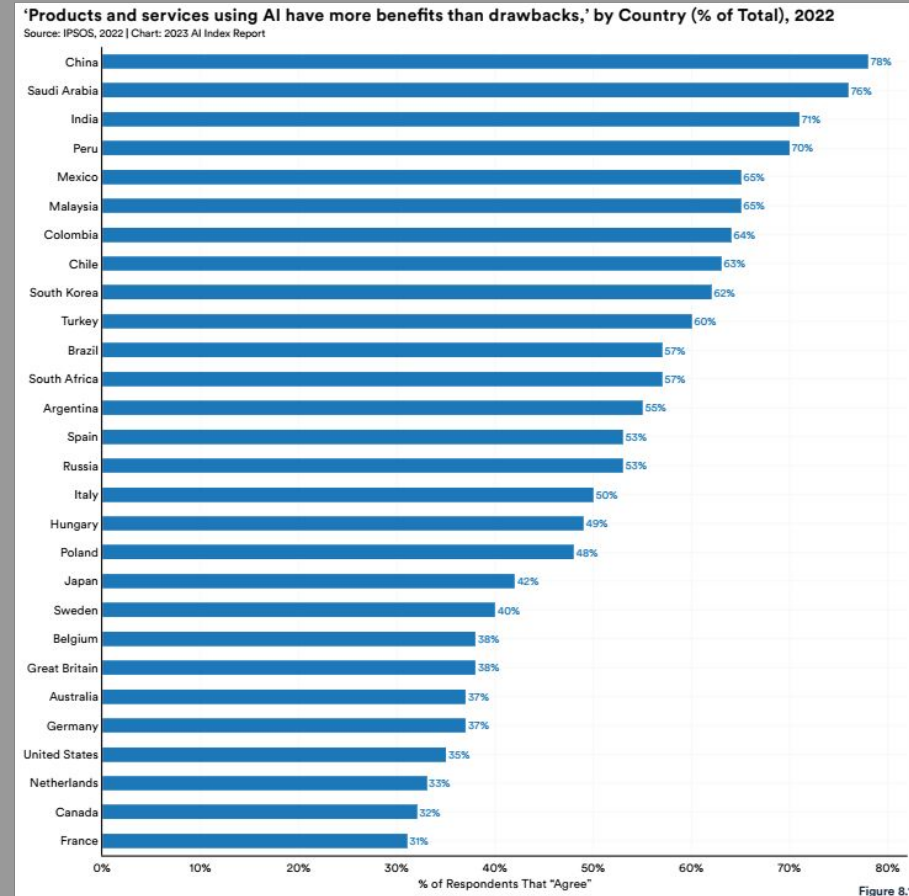
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# Societal Acceptance

## Public acceptance rates

- China 78%
- Saudi Arabia 75%
- India 71%
- Peru 70%
- Mexico 65%
- Malaysia 65%
- Colombia 64%
- Chile 63%
- South Korea 62%
- Turkey 60%
- Brazil 57%
- South Africa 57%
- Argentina 55%
- Spain 53%
- Russia 53%
- Italy 50%
- Hungary 49%
- Poland 48%
- Japan 42%
- Sweden 40%
- Belgium 38%
- Great Britain 38%
- Australia 37%
- Germany 37%
- United States 35%
- Netherlands 33%
- Canada 32%
- France 31%

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# Regulations toward Trustworthy AI

## RGPD

- Consent on data
- Human decisions only - but ...
- Data traceability still missing

Wall Street J. 15 June 23

## AI Act

- Based on risk evaluation
- LLMs don't exactly fit in

## Ethics

- Public debate, CCNE-bis, ...
- Trust Labels
- A posteriori control
  - Citizens, independent institution (e.g., Inria Regalia)

CERNA, COERLE, ...

# Toward an AGI ?

## AI as a goal

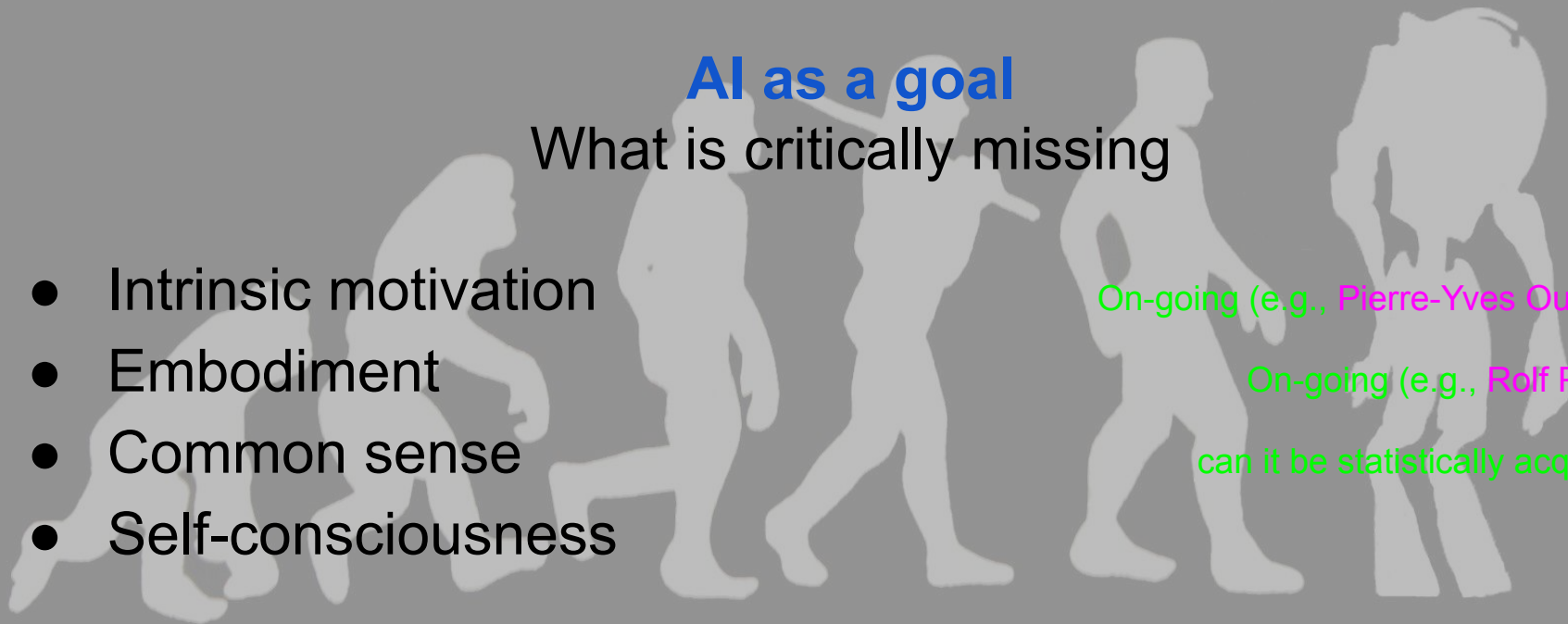
What is critically missing

- Intrinsic motivation
- Embodiment
- Common sense
- Self-consciousness

On-going (e.g., [Pierre-Yves Oudeyer](#))

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can it be statistically acquired?



# Who profits from the crime?

J.-G. Ganascia

A **scarecrow**,  
to hide the real dangers?

- Increased control of our activities
- Loss of sovereignty of individuals by lack of digital skills
- Loss of sovereignty of states w.r.t. tech giant companies

Way of the Future: Una religión que desarrolla un dios de Inteligencia Artificial

*La organización religiosa fue fundada por un ex empleado de Google y Uber.*



The new opium of the masses

**We need a strong regulation, not a moratorium**

# A first use case for regulation?

## Ban Autonomous Lethal Weapons

### Un drone tueur russe aurait été aperçu en Ukraine

Par Vonintsoa  
Mis à jour: Mars 2022  
18 mars 2022, 10h20



*L'apparition du drone tueur russe en Ukraine soulève les inquiétudes quant à l'implication de l'IA dans la guerre.*

### Les USA vont fournir aux Ukrainiens des « drones tueurs » Switchblade de nouvelle génération



TECH



Par Matthias Bertrand  
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“Not the right time”, USA says at UN meeting (03/2023)



Wrap-up

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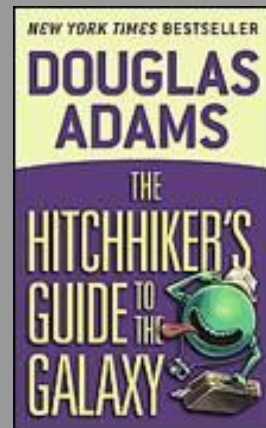
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