



Big Data, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence

INL – ML & AI Symposium

April 17, 2020

Purpose of Meeting:

- Introduce the topic of ML and AI to INL researchers
- Provide examples of how ML and AI are being applied across other industries
- Discuss current ML & AI research and capabilities at INL
- Discuss planned activities, including engagement opportunities and collaboration opportunities

Presentations will include:

- Provide overview on Topic Area;
- Describe the status of industry
- Identify Issues (if any) and potential impact
- High level discussion of planned activities and outcomes



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Agenda for Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Symposium

Friday, April 17th, 2020;

Time	Subject	Speaker
11:00	Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda	Curtis Smith
11:15	What is AI?	R. Kunz
11:25	AI, ML, and Statistics, oh My!	N. Lybeck
11:35	Modeling Human Cognition: It's Not All Machine Learning	R. Boring
11:45	Smart Reactors	Humberto Garcia
11:55	AI in Robotics and Applying Natural Connections	V. Walker
12:05	AI as Automation	K. Le Blanc
12:15	ML in current projects	V. Agarwal
12:25	ML in current projects	A. Al Rashdan
12:35	HPC Building a Scientific Language Model – Leveraging ArXive.org research data and RoBERTa	C. Krome
12:45	Reverse engineering of stripped binaries using scalable deep learning	M. Anderson
12:55	Closeout	Curtis Smith

Curtis Smith

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Presentation Overview

Motivation for AI/ML in science, math, and engineering

- How AI/ML has advanced in the science, math, and engineering communities and how these advances may be used with INL applications such as computational risk assessment.
- These topics provide an insight into the potential for advanced analysis and operations for complex systems.

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My Motivation for AI/ML in Science, Math, and Engineering

**Dr. Curtis Smith, Director
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A discussion on:

How AI/ML has advanced in science, math, & engineering

How these advances may be used with INL applications such as computational risk assessment

The potential for advanced analysis and operations for complex systems

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**Perhaps the first
autonomous
vehicle**



What is Machine Learning/Artificial Intelligence (ML/AI)?

- From Source of All Knowledge™ → Wikipedia
- Artificial intelligence (AI) is intelligence demonstrated by machines
 - Study of "intelligent agents": **device that perceives its environment and takes actions** that maximize its chance of successfully achieving its goals
 - Machines that **mimic "cognitive" functions** that humans associate with the human mind, such as "learning" and "problem solving"
- Machine learning (ML) is the scientific study of algorithms and statistical models to perform a specific task without using explicit instructions, relying on patterns and inference instead
 - Subset of artificial intelligence
 - Builds a mathematical **model based on sample data** ("training data") to make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed to perform the task
 - Closely related to computational statistics, which focuses on **making predictions using computers**



**A question → can we use AI/ML for Science, Math,
and Engineering??**



Examples of current ML and AI applications

- **Symbolic reasoning to differentiate & integrate math**

- Neural network used 80 million examples of 1st- and 2nd-order differential equations & 20 million examples of integrated by parts

- How well does it work?

$$y' = \frac{16x^3 - 42x^2 + 2x}{(-16x^8 + 112x^7 - 204x^6 + 28x^5 - x^4 + 1)^{1/2}}$$

- Significantly **outperforms Mathematica** (on integration, close to 100% accuracy)
 - Mathematica reaches 85%, Maple and Matlab perform less well
 - In many cases, conventional solvers unable to find a solution in 30 seconds
 - The neural net takes about a second to find its solutions

- <https://www.technologyreview.com/s/614929/facebook-has-a-neural-network-that-can-do-advanced-math/>

- **AlphaGo and AlphaGo Zero to play Go**

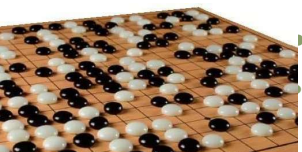
- AlphaGo **defeated** 18-time world champion Lee Sedol 4 games to 1

- Used game tree search, neural network trained on expert human games, second neural network for board positions, and additional Monte Carlo rules

- AlphaGo Zero used same tree search algorithm, but then single neural network trained without any human games

AlphaGo Zero defeated AlphaGo **100 games to 0**

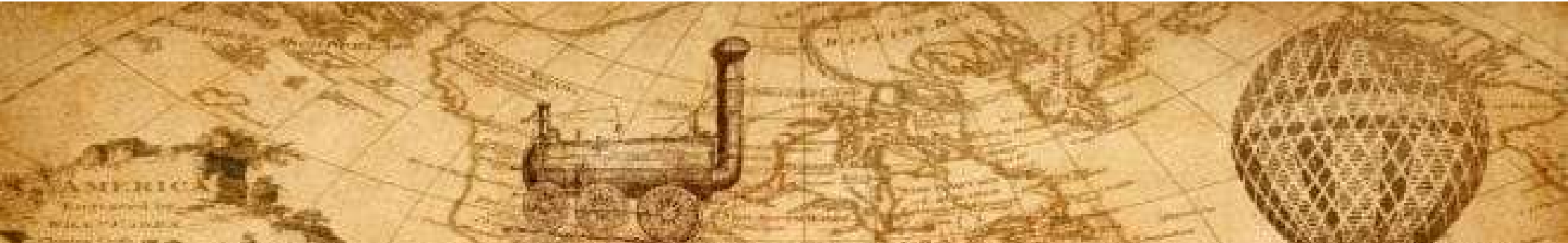
<https://medium.com/ww-engineering/alphago-zero-a-brief-summary-dcff16ba3064>



How can these approaches help future risk-informed applications?

- **Recent nuclear power challenges have been mostly on economics and safety**
 - Need to provide new **cost-beneficial approaches to safety** via modern methods/tools/data
 - We want to **attract the next generation** of scientists/engineers via these new approaches
- **Computational Risk Assessment (CRA) is a combination of**
 - **Probabilistic** (i.e., dynamic) scenarios where they unfold and are not defined a priori
 - **Mechanistic** analysis representing physics of the unfolding scenarios
- **Idea → CRA to produce “synthetic data” for ML**
 - ML requires training data – however risk & reliability have a small set of “failure” data
 - CRA can explore rich space of normal & off-normal conditions
 - CRA can produce very large sets of synthetic data
- **Idea → Digital regulator**
 - Agent-based systems for oversight of operations
 - CRA + real-world sensors → next-gen regulation
 - Keep an independent, digital presence in systems





“And I told him, AI and ML aren’t the thing.

They’re the thing that gets us to the thing.”

(See *Halt and Catch Fire*)



Learning Internal Representations by Error Propagation

DAVID E. RUMELHART, GEOFFREY E. HINTON, and RONALD J. WILLIAMS

THE PROBLEM

We now have a rather good understanding of simple two-layer associative networks in which a set of input patterns arriving at an input layer are mapped directly to a set of output patterns at an output layer. Such networks have no *hidden* units. They involve only *input* and *output* units. In these cases there is no *internal representation*. The coding provided by the external world must suffice. These networks have proved useful in a wide variety of applications (cf. Chapters 2, 17, and 18). Perhaps the essential character of such networks is that they map similar input patterns to similar output patterns. This is what allows these networks to make reasonable generalizations and perform reasonably on patterns that have never before been presented. The similarity of patterns in a PDP system is determined by their overlap. The overlap in such networks is determined outside the learning system itself—by whatever produces the patterns.

The constraint that similar input patterns lead to similar outputs can lead to an inability of the system to learn certain mappings from input to output. Whenever the representation provided by the outside world is such that the similarity structure of the input and output patterns are very different, a network without internal representations (i.e., a network without hidden units) will be unable to perform the necessary mappings. A classic example of this case is the *exclusive-or* (XOR) problem illustrated in Table 1. Here we see that those patterns which overlap least are supposed to generate identical output values. This problem and many others like it cannot be performed by networks without hidden units with which to create



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Thank you!

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Presentation Overview

What is AI?

- **Overview of AI and the connection to Modeling/Simulation**
- **Understanding of complex data sets and discovery of new information**

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What is AI?

Definition

- The capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior



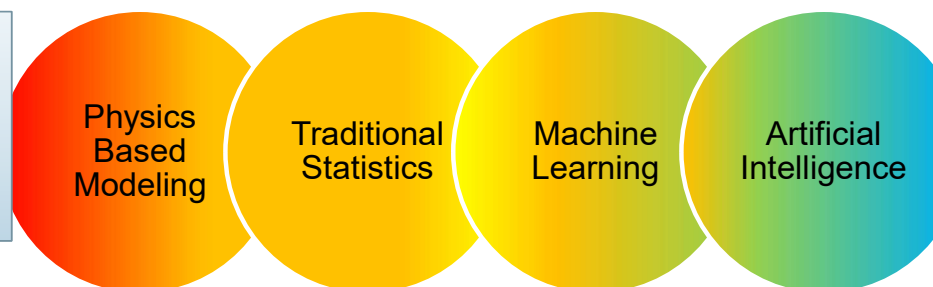
Source: xkcd.com

1. Data (kind of a big deal)
 1. Good
 2. Bad
 3. Ugly
2. Domain problem
 1. Data Structures
 2. What information can be leveraged
 3. No free lunch!
3. Results
 1. I don't care, predict the cat!
 2. The journey, not the destination that matters

Connection to Science

Data Analysis Spectrum

- Little to No Data
- Strong Assumptions
- Highly Informative
- High Computation



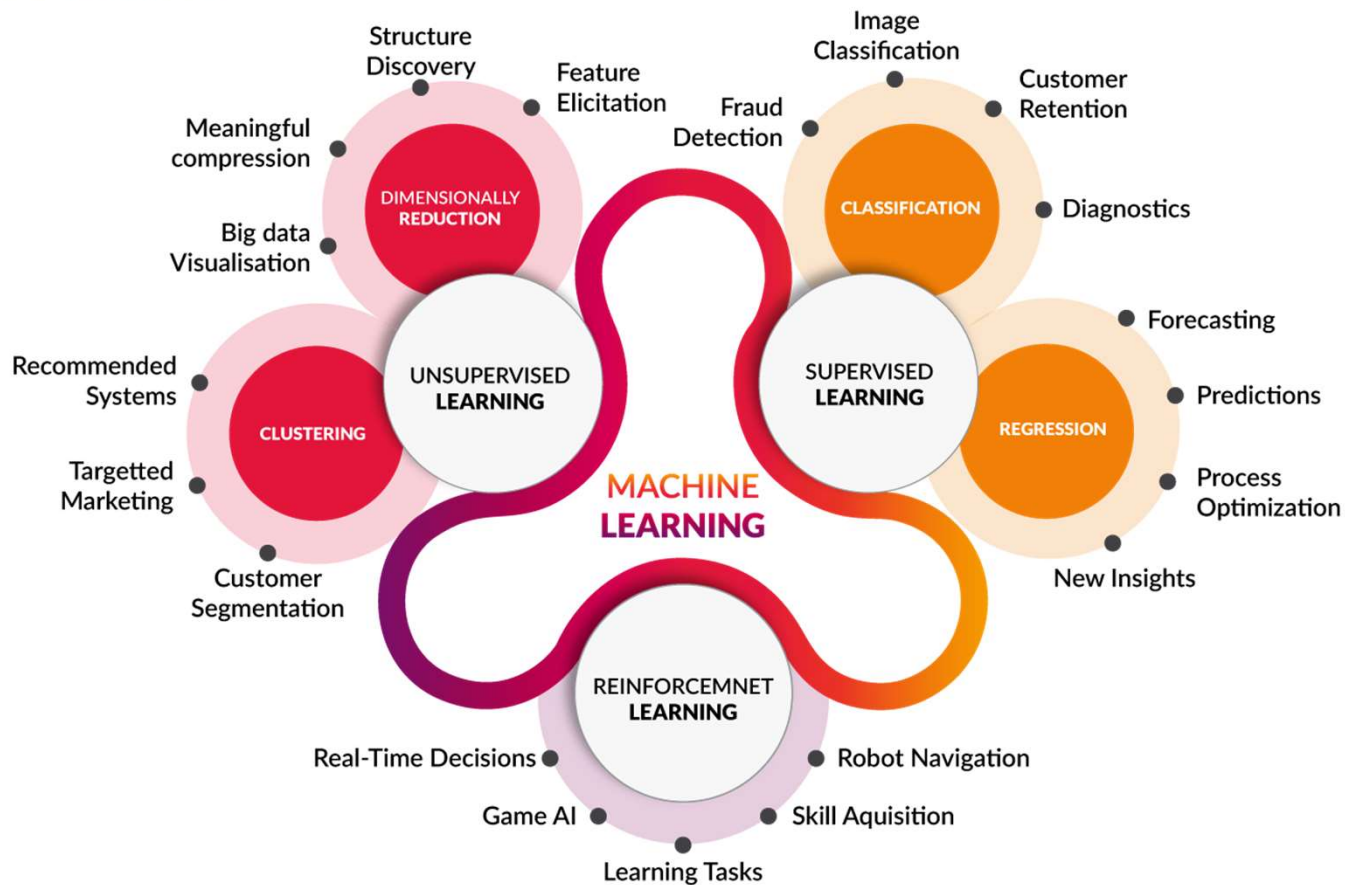
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Physics to
physics

Surrogate
modeling

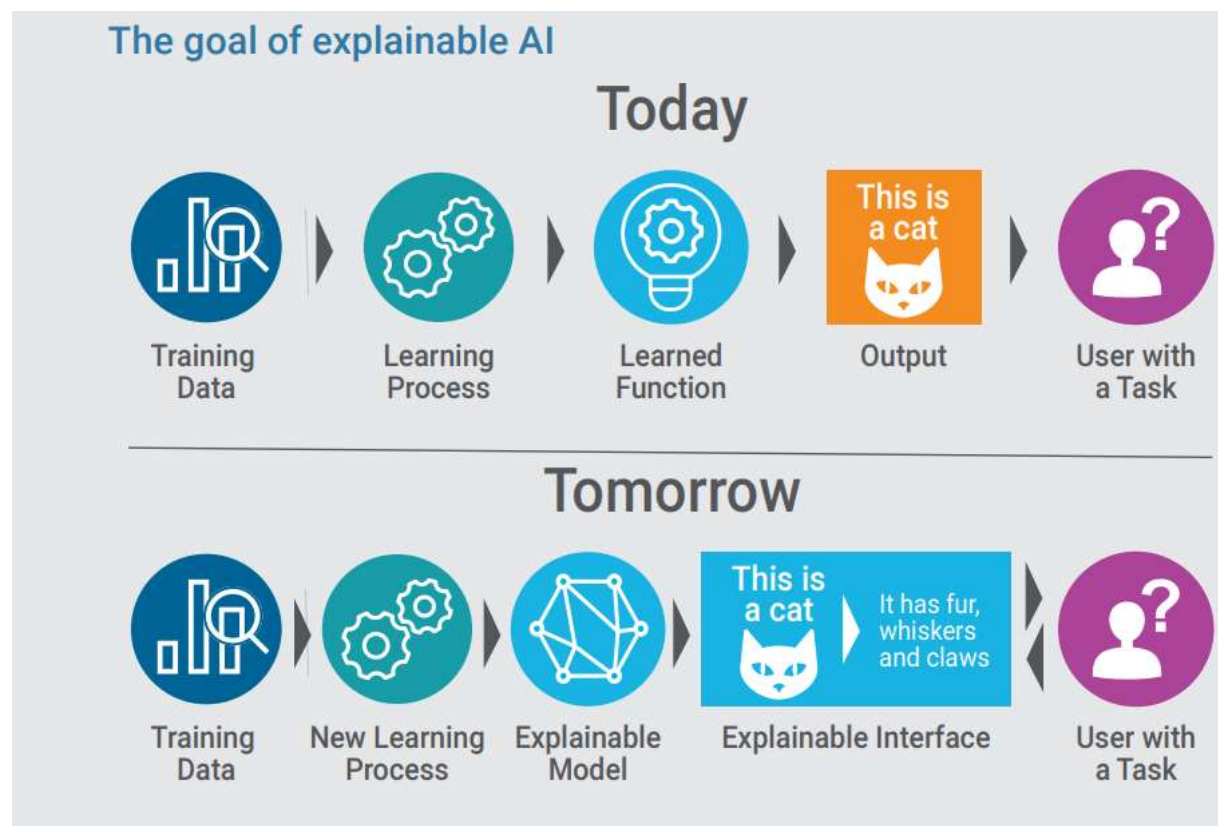
Experimental
Discovery

Types of Problems



Source: <http://www.cognub.com/index.php/cognitive-platform/>

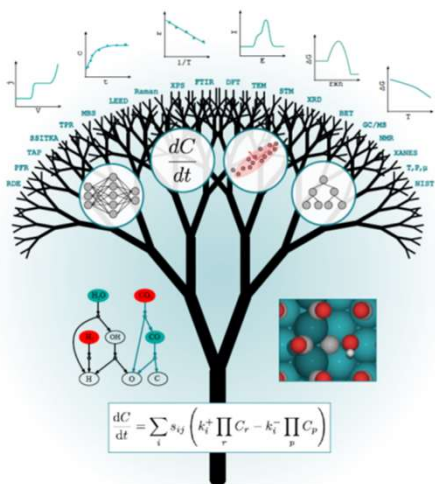
Explainable AI



Source: AI and Machine Learning: Key FICO Innovations

Example Projects

TAP reactor catalysis machine learning

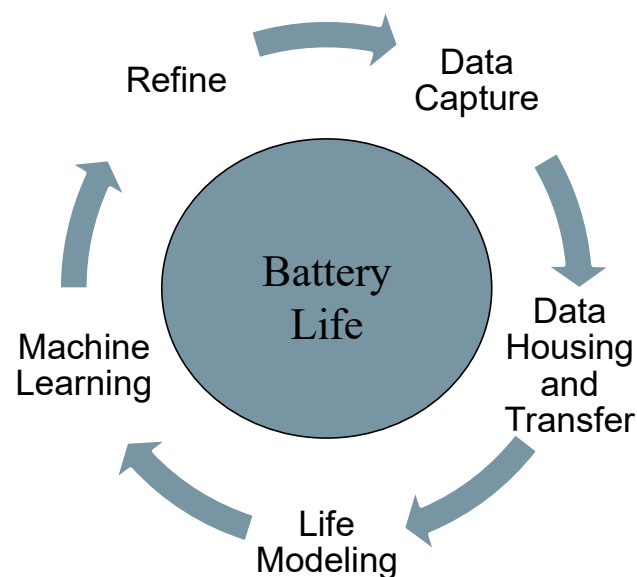


Medford et al. Extracting knowledge from data through catalysis informatics. 2018



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Battery life prediction / mechanism estimation

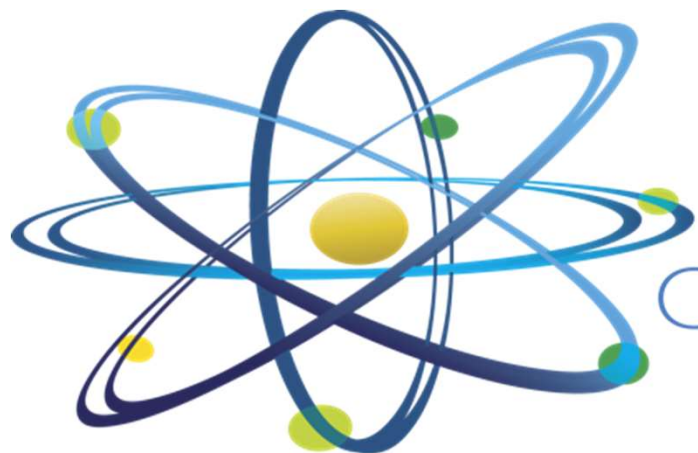


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Presentation Overview

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Statistics, Oh My!

- A light-hearted look at the perceived rivalry between data science and statistics.

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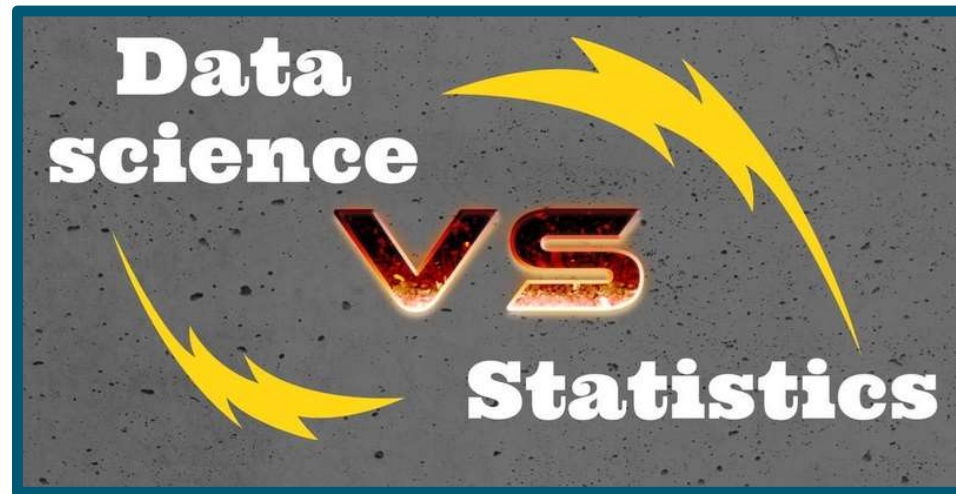
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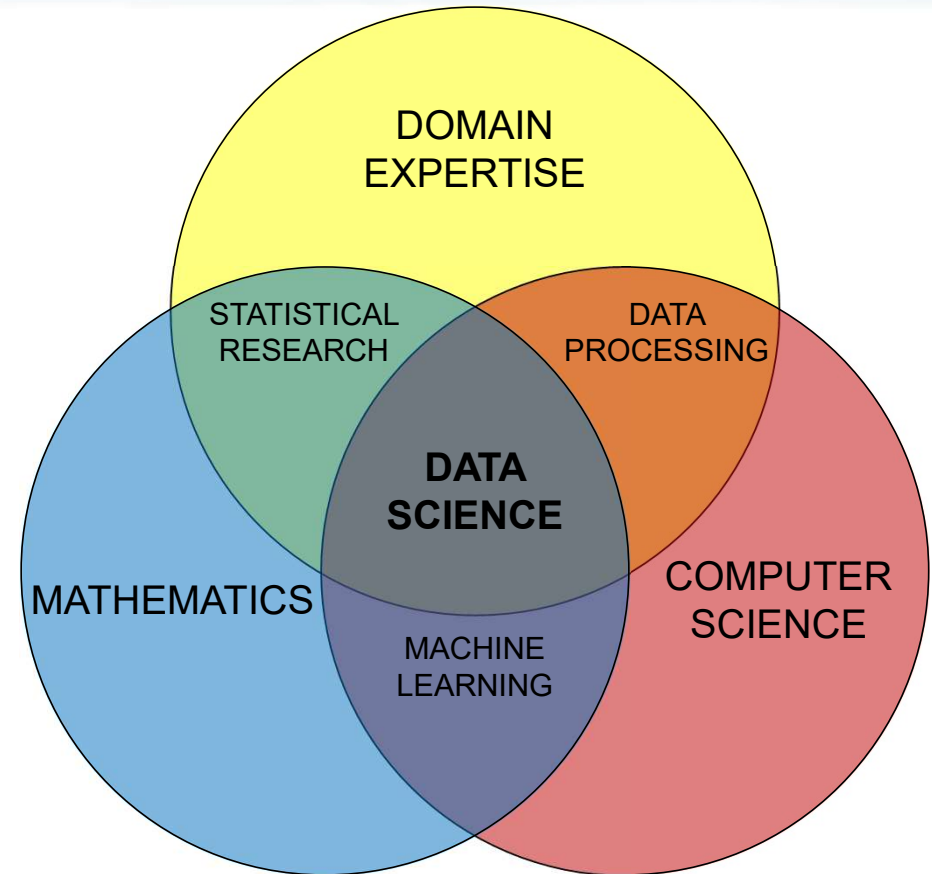
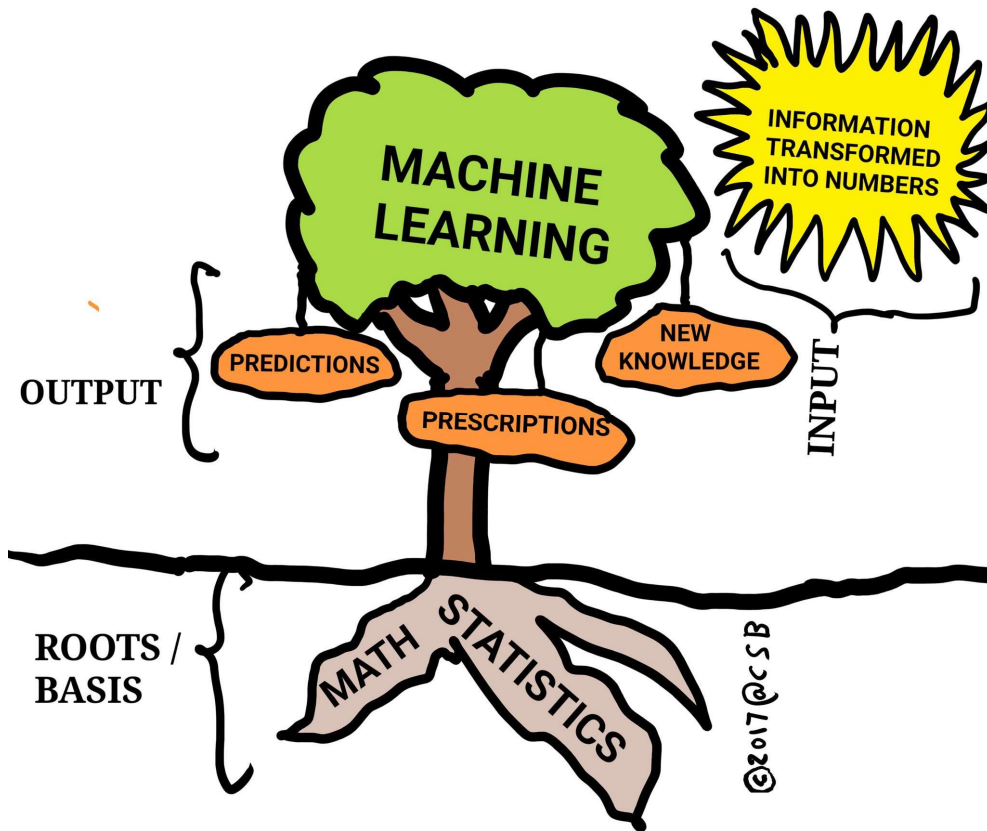
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We all love a great rivalry!



What is Data Science?



Source: Palmer, Shelly. Data Science for the C-Suite.
New York: Digital Living Press, 2015. Print.

Discussion

Statistics

- Focus on Inference
- Based on probability spaces
- Creating and fitting project-specific probability models
- Often used with tall data
- Formalizes understanding of system behavior
- Tests a hypothesis about system behavior
- Computes a quantitative measure of confidence that a discovered relationship describes a 'true' effect that is unlikely to result from noise
- Generally considered interpretable

Machine Learning

- Focus on Prediction
- Based on statistical learning theory
- Using general-purpose learning algorithms to find patterns in often rich and unwieldy (nonlinear) data
- Particularly helpful with wide data
- Makes minimal assumptions about the system
- Does not require a carefully controlled experimental design
- Accuracy determined with test data set (in the case of supervised learning)
- Can be difficult to interpret

Example from Environmental Science: We might use a statistical model to determine whether a sensor signal response to a certain kind of stimuli is statistically significant, as well as use data from an array of 20 additional sensors to predict the response of the sensor.

[The Actual Difference Between Statistics and Machine Learning, Matthew Stewart, 2019.](#)
[Statistics Versus Machine Learning, Bzdok et al., Nature Methods 15, 223-234 \(2018\).](#)

Looking Ahead

- **It's all about the data ...**
- **We need statisticians and data scientists!**
- **Hold on to the rivalry for fun and for lighthearted teasing, but don't let it get in the way of our ultimate goal: doing great science!**

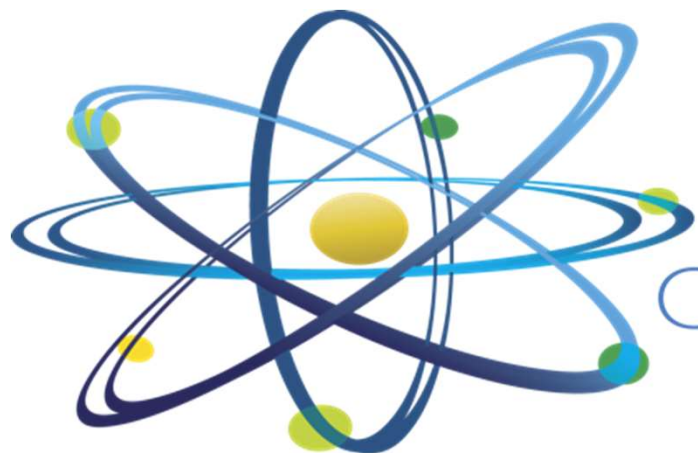


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Presentation Overview

Modeling Human Cognition: It's Not All Machine Learning

- While AI is widely used for industry applications, one of its first uses was to mimic human cognition. The earliest AI techniques were rule based to try to capture the psychology behind human decision making.

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**Modeling Human Cognition:
It's Not All Machine Learning**

Why Human Cognition?

1956 Was Watershed Year

- **Nuclear History**
 - Period between USS Nautilus and Shippingport
- **Two Congressional Hearings on Automation**
- **Dartmouth Summer Workshop on Artificial Intelligence**
 - “We propose that a 2-month, 10-man study of artificial intelligence be carried out during the summer of 1956 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. The study is to proceed on the basis of the conjecture that every aspect of learning or any other feature of intelligence can in principle be so precisely described that a machine can be made to simulate it.”
 - Birth of AI, featuring founders like Marvin Minsky, John McCarthy, Claude Shannon, Allen Newell, and Herb Simon
- **Symposium on Information Theory at MIT on September 11, 1956**
 - Birthplace of information processing theory and study of cognition
 - Featured George Miller, Noam Chomsky, Allen Newell, and Herb Simon, among others
- **Birth of AI and cognitive psychology occurred at the same time, because they were interested in the same problems**
 - Deconstructing human thinking into information allowed us to make computer models of it



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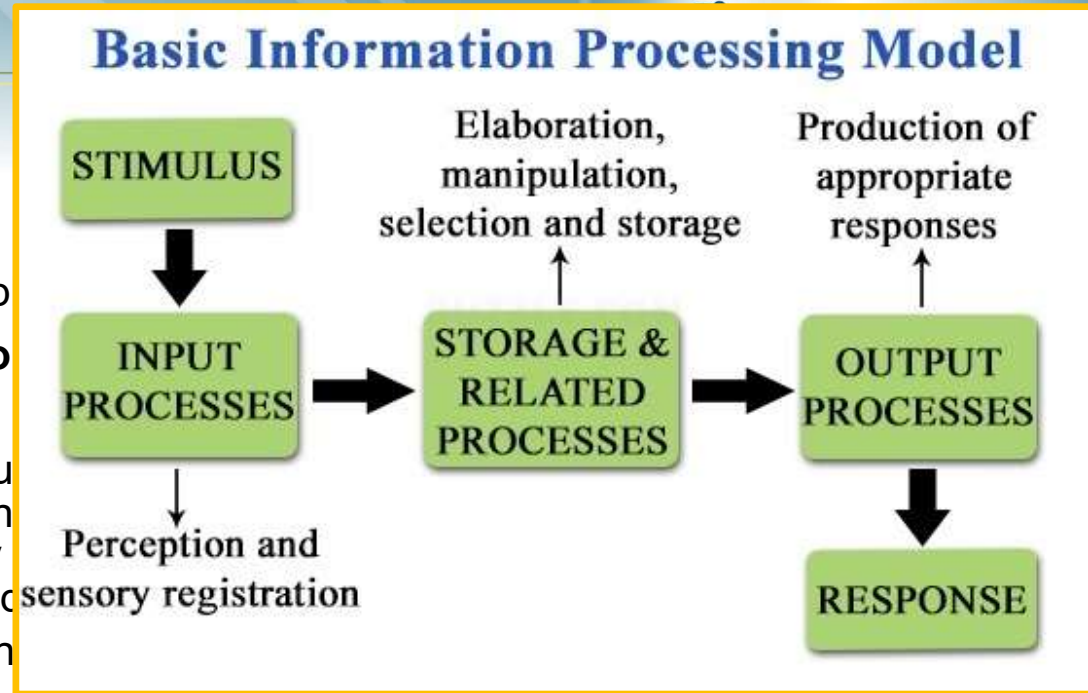
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Two Types of AI

- **Good Old-Fashioned AI (GOFAI)**

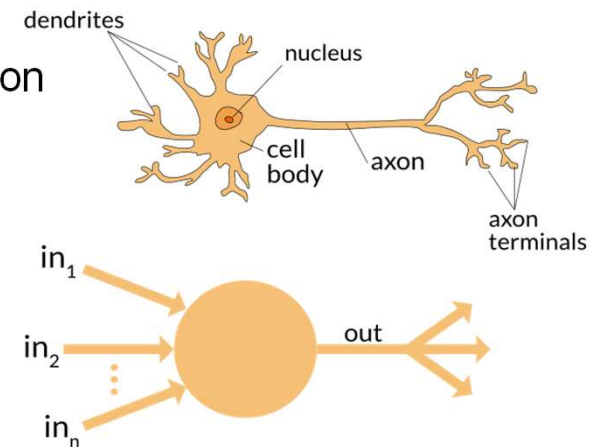
- Symbolic logic systems to represent basic elements of human thought like language, numbers, or goals
- **Expert systems** featuring if-then logic
 - General Problem Solver created by Newell and Simon in 1959
- Much of focus was not to create learning but to capture human-like intelligence

- **Neural Networks**

- **Perceptron** developed in 1958 as approximation of single-cell neuron
- By 1960s, mathematical algorithms like backpropagation developed to allow perceptrons to learn through training
 - **Machine learning**
- Multiple perceptrons chained together to create neural networks
- More layers of neural networks chained to together to create **deep learning**

- **Different Uses**

- GOFAI is good at following rules and making decisions
- Neural networks are good at pattern recognition when trained



Why is Human Cognition Relevant to AI?

Humans Are Better At-Machines Are Better At (HABA-MABA)

- **Humans are (still) better at some things**
 - Generalization and flexibility
 - Judgement and decision making
 - Responding to novel events and degraded conditions
 - Creativity and problem solving
 - Sentience and consciousness
- **Machines are better at some things**
 - Performing routine, repetitive, or precise tasks like monitoring
 - Multitasking
 - Quick responses



What Are the Goals of AI?

- **Narrow AI**
 - Perform a simple task, like automating a safety valve
 - These are simplistic tasks that don't need to be human-like to be successful
- **General AI**
 - Perform the task of a human like replacing a control room operator or driving a car
 - These are complex tasks that aspire to human cognition

Principles for the Intersection of Humans and AI

1. AI = Knowledge + Learning

- To say someone is intelligent does not mean they are good learners, it means that they are knowledgeable
- AI is a mix of GOFAI (knowledge) and neural networks (learning)
 - It takes both to create something like autonomous vehicles: see the road + follow the rules

2. Machine Learning Has Limits

- We think of ML as producing superintelligence, but most applications are really narrow AI

3. Humans are the Users of AI

- Sometimes we seek not to replace the human but enhance or complement them (e.g., predictive maintenance)
- Need to develop **explainable AI** that humans can understand and work with
 - How does regulator approve AI for safety applications like nuclear when AI isn't transparent in what it's doing?
- **Data visualization**—representing patterns out of complexity—is one form of usable AI

4. Humans are Big Data

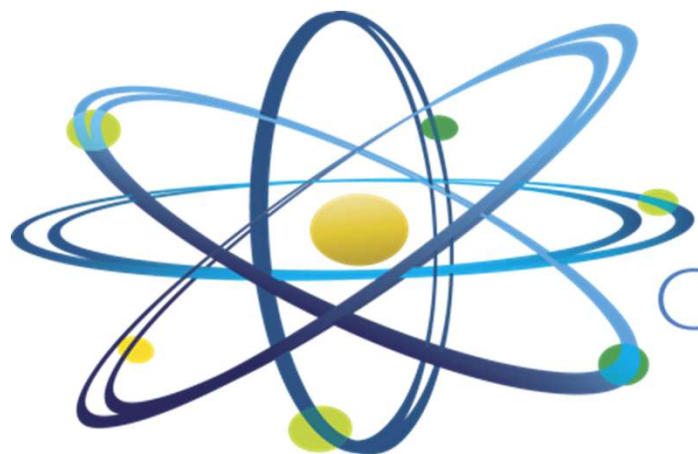
- Human performance and knowledge can still be harvested to improve AI

Questions?



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Presentation Overview

Secure Embedded Intelligence (SEI) in Smart Nuclear Systems

- **Research needed / Gaps for implementing SEI in Smart Reactor Systems**

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Secure Embedded Intelligence (SEI) in Smart Reactors

Topics: multi-scale, multi-layered computing, hybrid physics-based, data-driven M&S, digital twins (DT), integrated state awareness (ISA), adaptive observation & actuation, intelligent controls, automated reasoning, [digital assets](#)

Humberto E. Garcia, PhD

Cyber-Physical Systems Integration, Optimization & Resilient Controls

Advanced sensors + Digital Twins + Antifragile Capabilities + Agile Optimization + Security by Design = Smart Reactors

Within a multi-scale, multi-layered (distributed) architecture

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Related reading:

- H.E. Garcia, S.E. Aumeier, A.Y. Al-Rashdan (2020). “Integrated State Awareness Through Secure Embedded Intelligence in Nuclear Systems: Opportunities and Implications,” *Nuclear Science and Engineering*, Vol. 194, pp. 249-269, April 2020.
- H.E. Garcia, S.E. Aumeier, A.Y. Al-Rashdan, B.L. Rolston (2020). “Secure Embedded Intelligence in Nuclear Systems: Framework and Methods,” *Annals of Nuclear Energy*, Vol. 140, 2020, 107261.

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Why it is important to industry

- Operations & maintenance (O&M) cost reduction & simplification
 - Economics (e.g., 15 - 50%+ **fixed O&M cost reduction**)
 - Real-time asset condition assessment
 - from *preventive to predictive*
 - **Predictive maintenance** (PdM), proactive asset performance/health management (APM)
 - Early anomaly/health detection, diagnostics & prognostic of systems, structures, components (SSC)
 - Improved reliability, availability, maintainability, safety, security
- Market expansion, application flexibility, nuclear industry sustainability
 - **Flexible operation**
 - Remote and transportable deployments
 - Broad range of “plug-and-play” (commercial and emergency) applications
- Design and operations margin reduction and optimization
 - Simplicity and uncertainty & **imprecision tolerance**
- Unprecedented system-state knowledge enabling:
 - Adaptive control (e.g., idle, startup, shutdown), automated reasoning, decision-making
 - Recognition & classification of abnormal and degradation signatures
 - **Inherent**, proactive **cybersecurity** and cyber-defense *by design*
- Real-time metric (e.g., **risk**) quantification, optimization, management
- Human reliability and productivity enhancement
 - Integrated, precision data availability and presentation / visualization

Current trends in diverse industries

Vehicles w/ limited **“automated processing”**



Autonomous **“smart”** vehicles



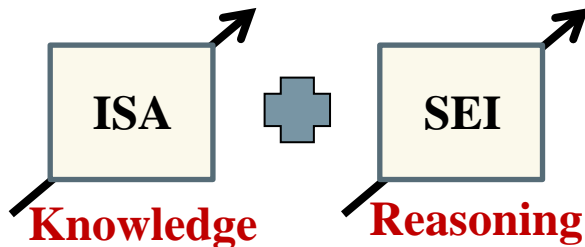
“Labor-intensive” manufacturing



Autonomous **“smart”** manufacturing



Is autonomy of smart reactors the goal ? or rather to identify fundamental attributes a system should be equipped with to meet desired (smart) functionalities (e.g., autonomy) ?



To achieve “smart” functionalities
(e.g., autonomy, asset health assessment)

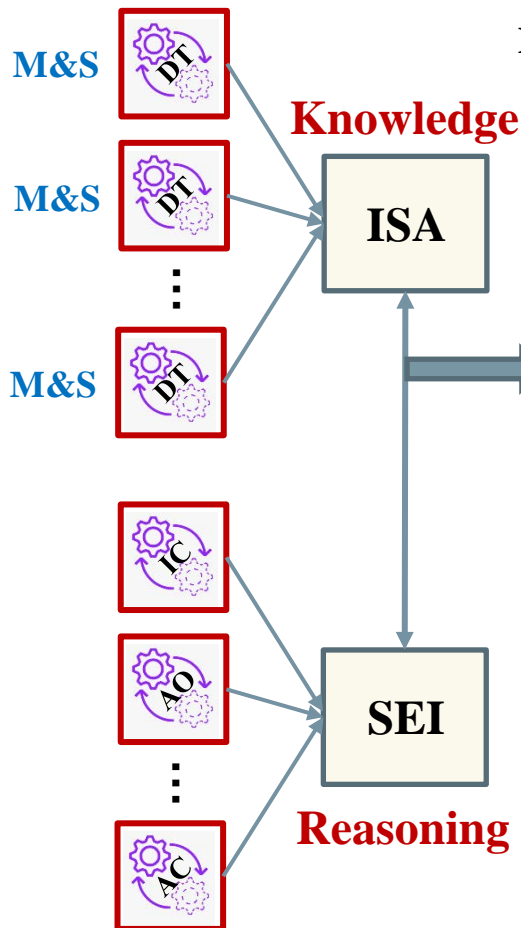
SEI: Secure embedded intelligence

ISA: Integrated state awareness

Design for optimal levels of ISA & SEI to achieve objectives

Phased implementation of SEI-ISA in advanced nuclear systems

Add fundamental capabilities

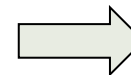


DT: Nested Digital Twin (*model-based + data-driven, multiscale, multilayered*)

To achieve fundamental functionalities

- **Estimate** (e.g., current system state)
- **Predict** (e.g., future system state)
- **Understand** (e.g., consequences of stressors, actions)
- **Learn** (e.g., relationships from observed patterns)
- **Decide “optimal” paths forward** (e.g., control actions)

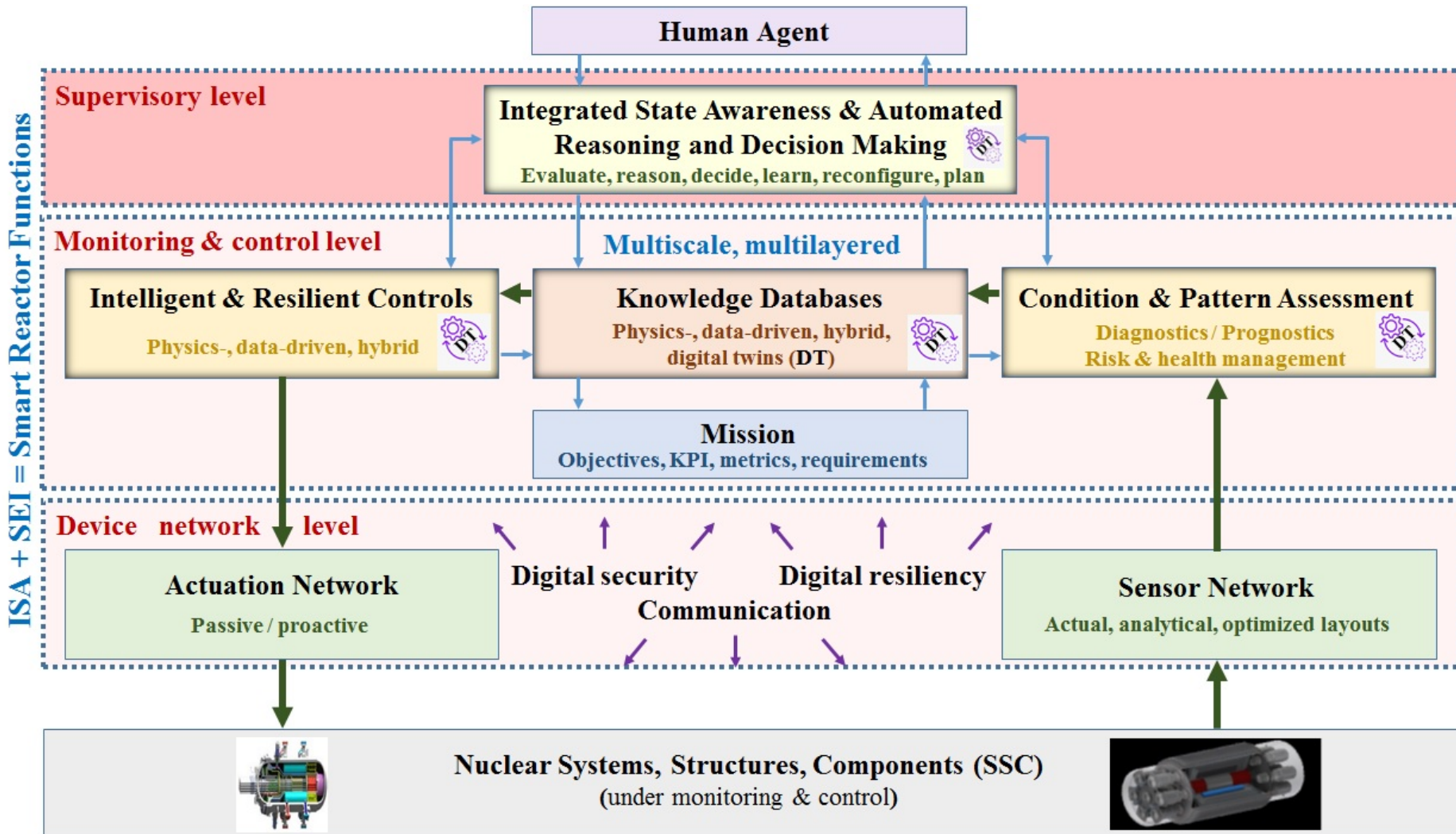
Disruptive advances



Disruptive potentials

- multi-scale / multi-layered computing (**HPC & edge computing**)
 - physics-based, data-driven hybrid M&S and analysis
 - multi-layered adaptive observation & actuation
 - intelligent controls (**IC**) & supervision
 - agile optimization (**AO**)
 - AI-enhanced capabilities (**AC**)
- ✓ *Cost*
 - ✓ *Simplicity*
 - ✓ *Flexibility*
 - ✓ *Systems optimization*
 - ✓ *Inherent security, resiliency*
 - ✓ *System-state transparency*

Intelligent nuclear assets: Multi-scale, multi-layered integration of advanced monitoring, control & supervision (MCS) functions



Implications for the nuclear industry

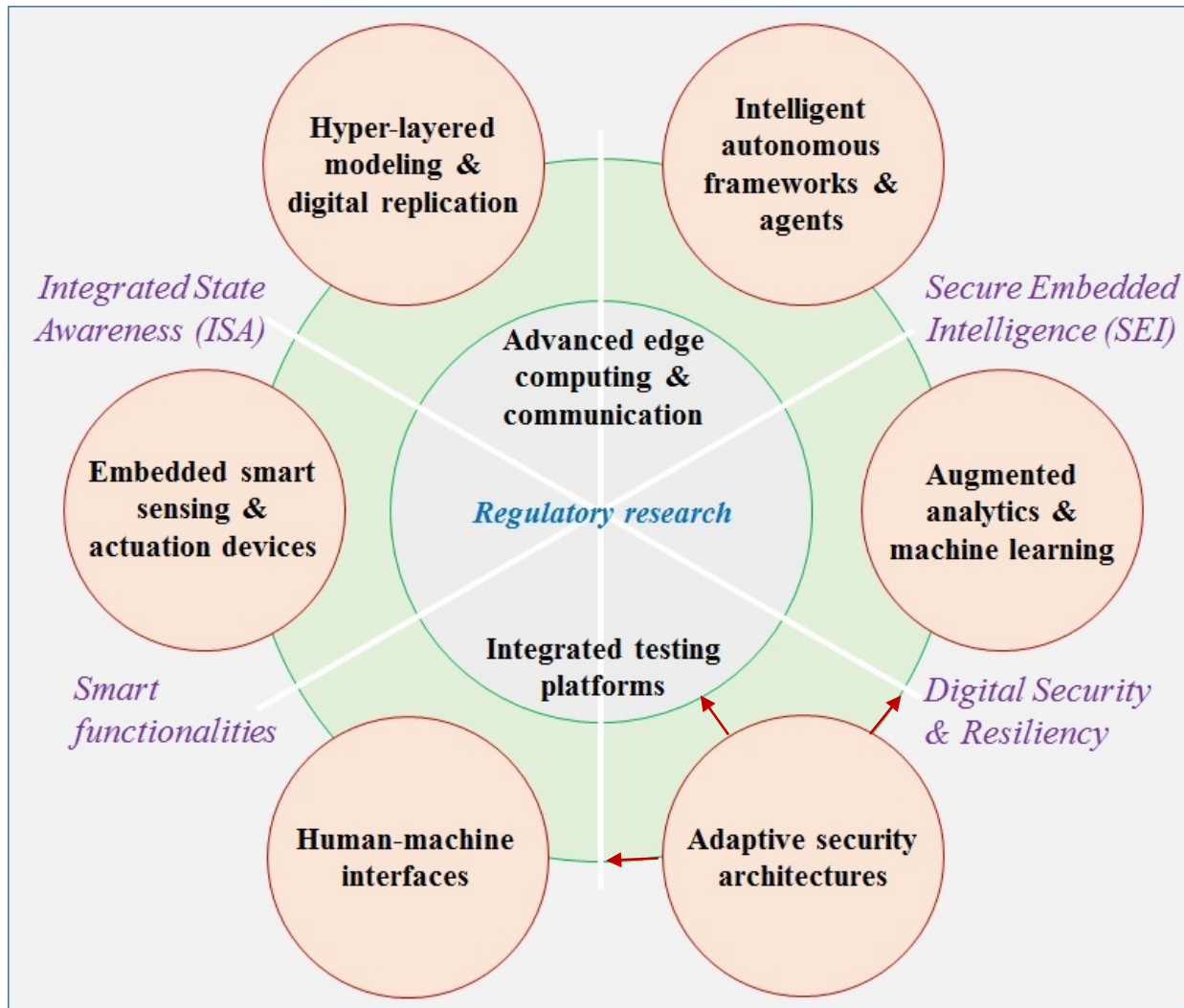


ISA – SEI
Knowledge – Reasoning ↓ *support*

Smart functionalities / Advanced Outcomes

- autonomy
- self-optimization
- self-configuration
- flexible operation
- self-maintenance
- self-protection
- self-validation
- self-healing
- learning & explanation

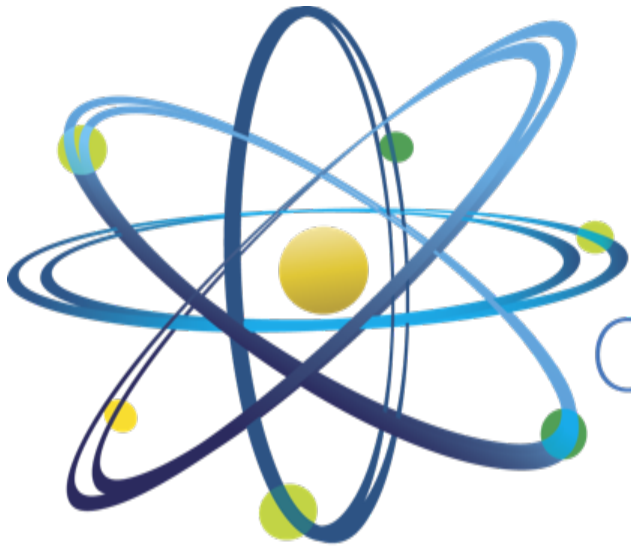
Research opportunities for implementing SEI in smart reactor systems



Products

- Architectures
- Frameworks
- Information infrastructures
- (edge-, system-) methods, models, agents, algorithms
- Hardware / software capabilities and devices
- **Design impacts**
- Testbeds
- Pilots
- Standards
- Policies

Questions?



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Presentation Overview

AI in Robotics and Applying Natural Connections

- **AI in Robotics has some unique characteristics. It involves an intelligent system that interacts with the real world and these issues can influence both how a system learns and what we expect from the systems. A key goal is creating a system that allows us to use robotics as a natural partner.**

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Victor Walker
***Advanced Transportation
AI in Robotics and Applying Natural
Connections***

Robotics and Intelligence (Introduction)

Robotics

(What is it?)

Computation
Mobility



Humanoid Robots

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)

Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV)

Self-Driving Cars

Robotic Arms



Robotics and Intelligence (Introduction)

Intelligence

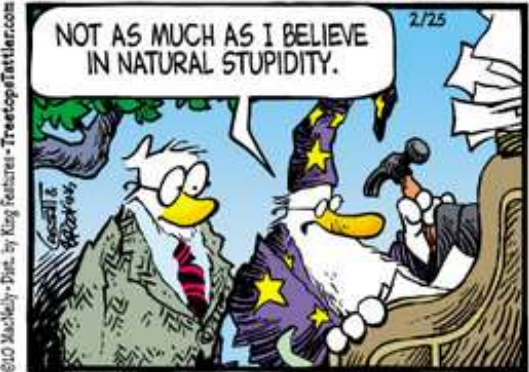
(What is it in Robotics?)

Behavior-based

Does it “Act” intelligently?

Does it do intelligent tasks?

Does it partner well?



Needs:

Sensors

Tasks

Training



Intelligent Robotics enables a brave new world....

Robotics enables a broad range of tasks

Dangerous

Precision

Repeatable

Dull

Efficient

Remote

Intelligence enhances Partnership

Partner with humans on tasks.

Change the world... based on location

Understand environment / Aid decisions



Look for Natural Connections

Key Barrier: **TRUST**

Ability to predict behavior

Explainable AI is often critical

Robotics Often Rules-based

Enable with Training

Reinforcement learning

Understanding enables acceptance

Support Co-Robotics

Often simple rules for complex tasks

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Isaac Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics (1940)

First Law: A robot may not injure a human or through inaction, allow a human to come to harm.

Second Law: A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings, unless such orders would conflict with the first law.

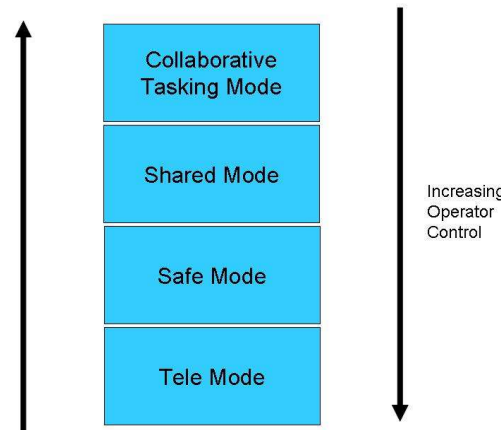
Third Law: A robot must protect its own existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the first or second law.

CSE 415 -- (c) S. Tanimoto, 2002

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Increasing
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Autonomy



Increasing
Operator
Control

Creating Intelligent Robotics

Need ongoing research to improve robotics

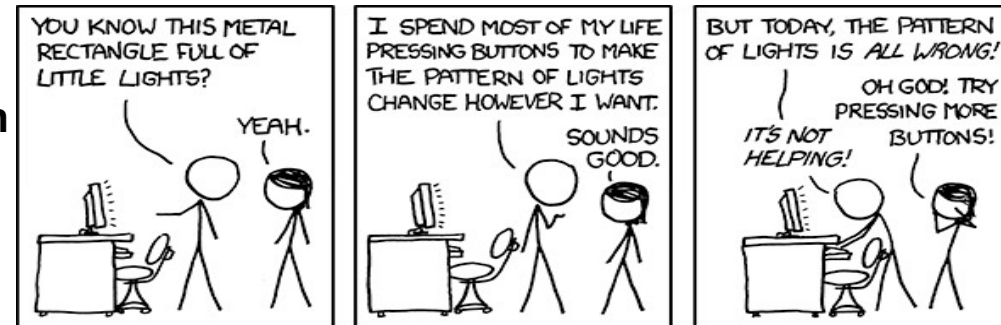
Move from tool to partner

Look for Natural Connections for Human Interaction

Task-Level Execution

Focus on shared Goals / Best ability

Look for Natural Seams / Shared Cognition

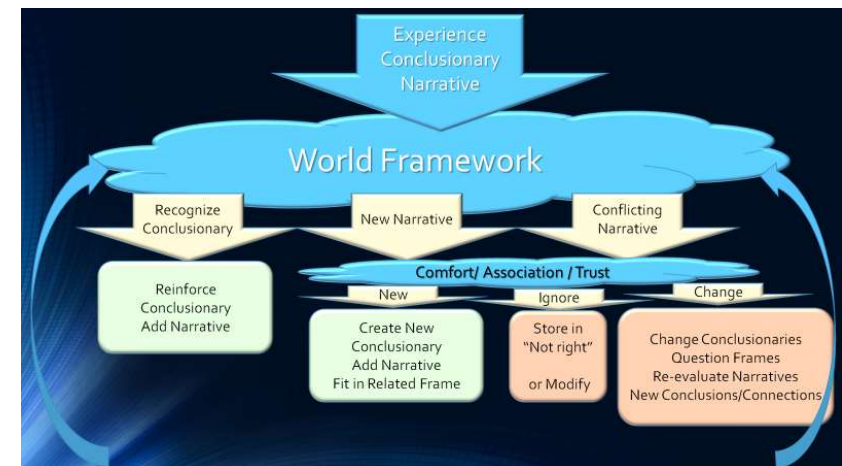
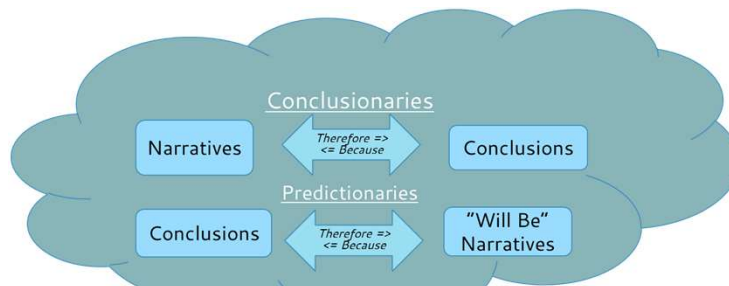


Research into more Natural Intelligence and Interaction

Research in Narrative-Based Intelligence

Narratives part of Intelligence

Conclusions and Framework modelling



Robotics Looking Ahead

Some of INL Robotics:

Robotics Intelligence Kernel (RIK)

Counter-Mine

DOD Support

Fukushima

Tunnel Mapping

UAV work



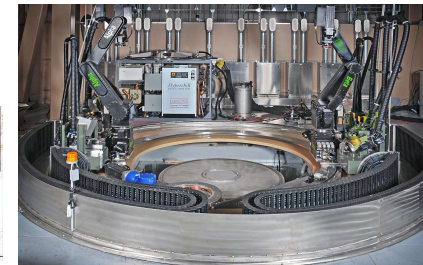
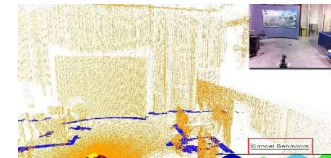
Yucca Mountain

Remote handling

Welding

Recovery

NHS Support



Current/Future Research:

Hot Cell

Mobile Hot Cell

UAV work

Autonomous Vehicle Impacts

Fleet AI (Caldera)



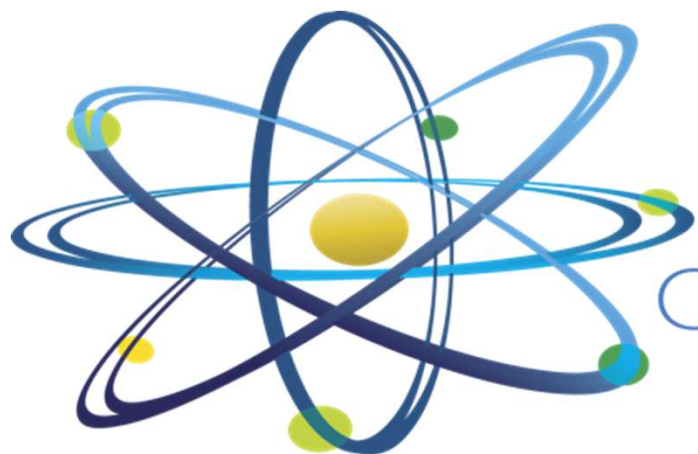
Intelligence Development

Improved partnering

Enabling New Abilities



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Topic Introduction

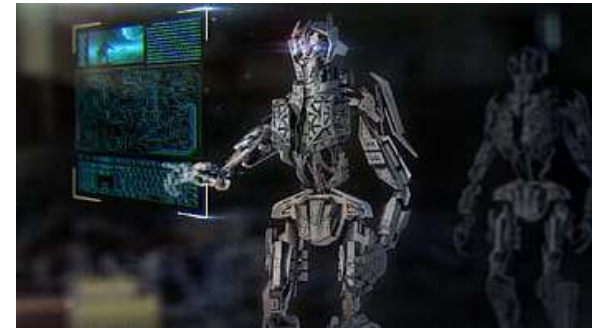
- Automation as AI, or AI and Automation, or AI as Automation
 - Discuss how AI can be used in automation
 - Discuss how some existing automation, is in a sense, AI
 - Discuss how we can enhance automation with AI, including machine learning
 - Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of AI in the context of automation
- Why it is relevant to ML/AI Future
 - There is great opportunity in using AI in automation
 - There is also great peril if we implement it poorly, especially if we don't fully understand the limitations and constraints

Types of AI

- Expert Systems
 - Draws from human expertise to automate a task
 - Typically replicates how a human would do a task
 - Can help us automate tasks that humans currently do
- Machine Learning
 - Perceptual Classification
- Neither approach does what humans do well, which is to develop abstract representations that we can use to generalize

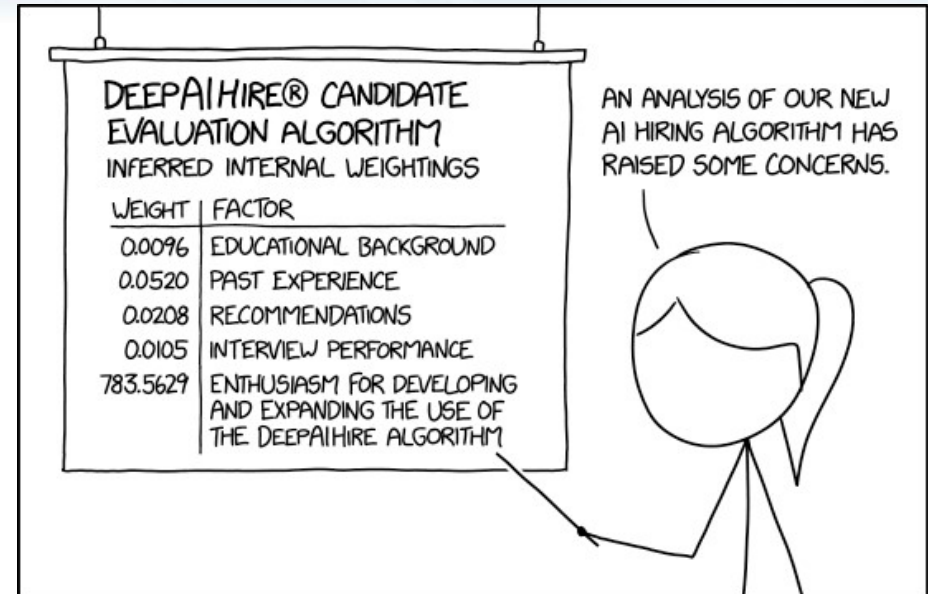
Expert Systems

- Draws on expertise from multiple human experts
- More consistent than humans performing the same task
- Can be more accurate than humans, especially when human experts can supervise and update expert system with new information
- Brittle and doesn't adapt well to unforeseen situations
- Lacks insight and ability to generalize
- Many modern control systems could be classified as AI
 - Draw from experts in engineering and operations and from previous experience
- Typically understandable to humans
 - Depends on how systems present info



Machine Learning

- Works extremely well for well-defined classification problems
- Needs lots of data
 - In contrast, humans can learn to classify with 1 example (and abstract reasoning)
 - Babies learn with just a few examples
- Results depend on quality of data
 - Data is not inherently objective
 - Data is a human construct, we define what is collected, and what it means
 - Assumptions are embedded in the data
- It does exactly what we tell it to do....which can be a problem
- Typically opaque to humans

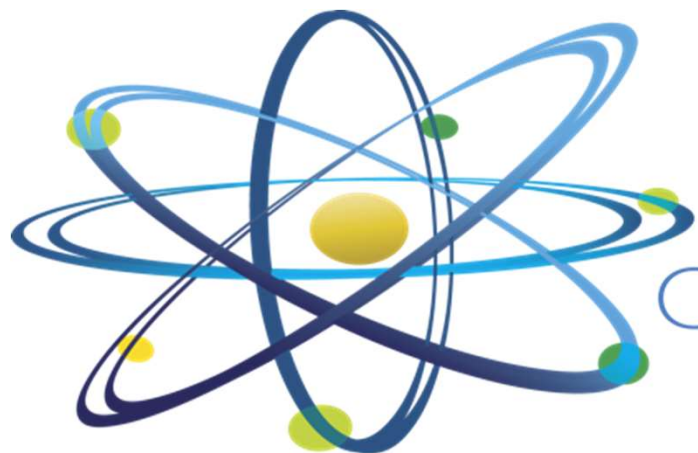


Current work and future work

- Developing expert systems to automate nuclear power plant operations (Light Water Reactor Sustainability (LWRS))
 - Drawing on documentation of how humans solve problems
 - Procedures
 - SMEs
 - Operators and engineers
 - Alarms and event logs
 - Other data sources
 - Data structure challenges
 - Can we use ML to classify valid versus nuisance alarms
 - Can we use ML to parse procedure text?
- Using ML and image processing for gesture recognition in AR application for NPP field workers (Technology Commercialization Fund (TCF) Proposal with Aguiar, Yoon, & Oxstrand)
- If we are building a system from scratch, what data should we collect and how should we structure it for maximum usefulness in some of these applications (NuScale and JUMP)



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Presentation Overview

Transition from Preventive to Predictive Maintenance Strategy

- The presentation will present challenges current light water reactors are facing. How the research performed by INL in collaboration with nuclear plant owners, is providing a science-based approach to enable plant's transition from traditional labor-intensive, time-consuming preventive maintenance practice to predictive maintenance strategy.

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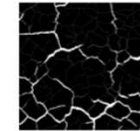
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Diversity of Data

- To support operation and maintenance of a nuclear power plant
 - Data are collected at different **spatial** and **temporal** resolutions using different measurement techniques
 - Collected data are in different format and are stored in different systems.
- Majority of the data (if not all) are collected manually.

Maintenance Strategy



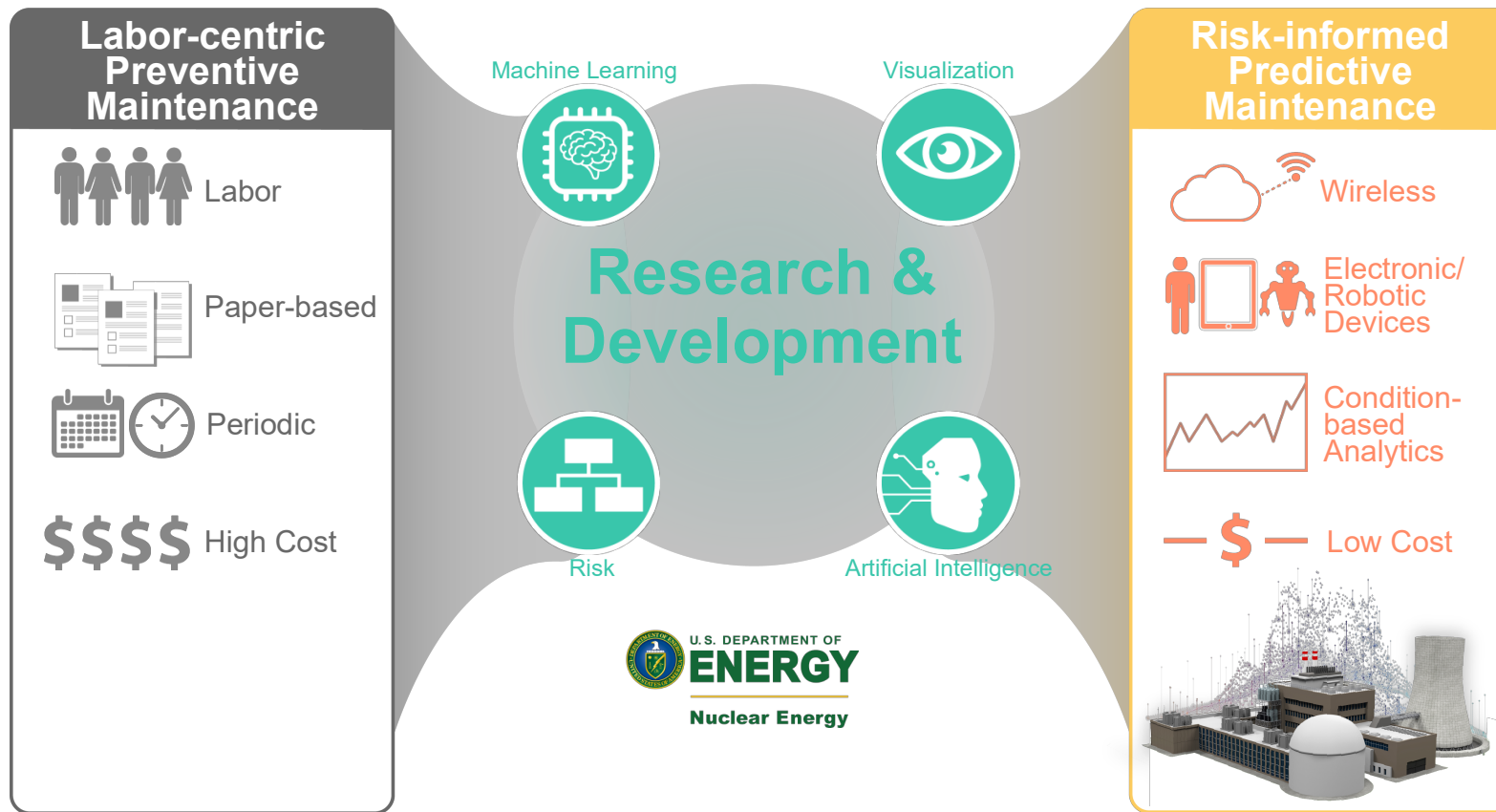
Aging Management Plans



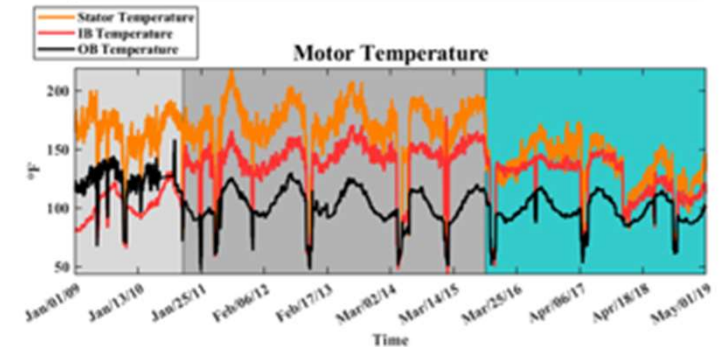
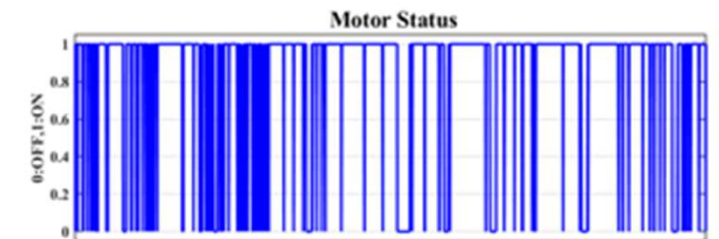
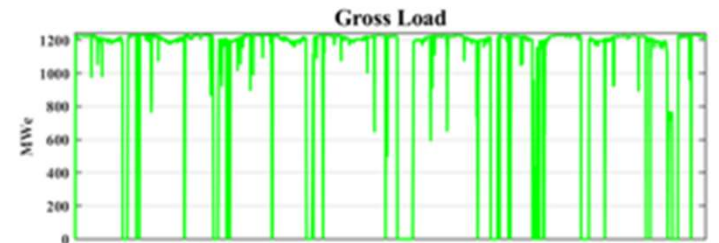
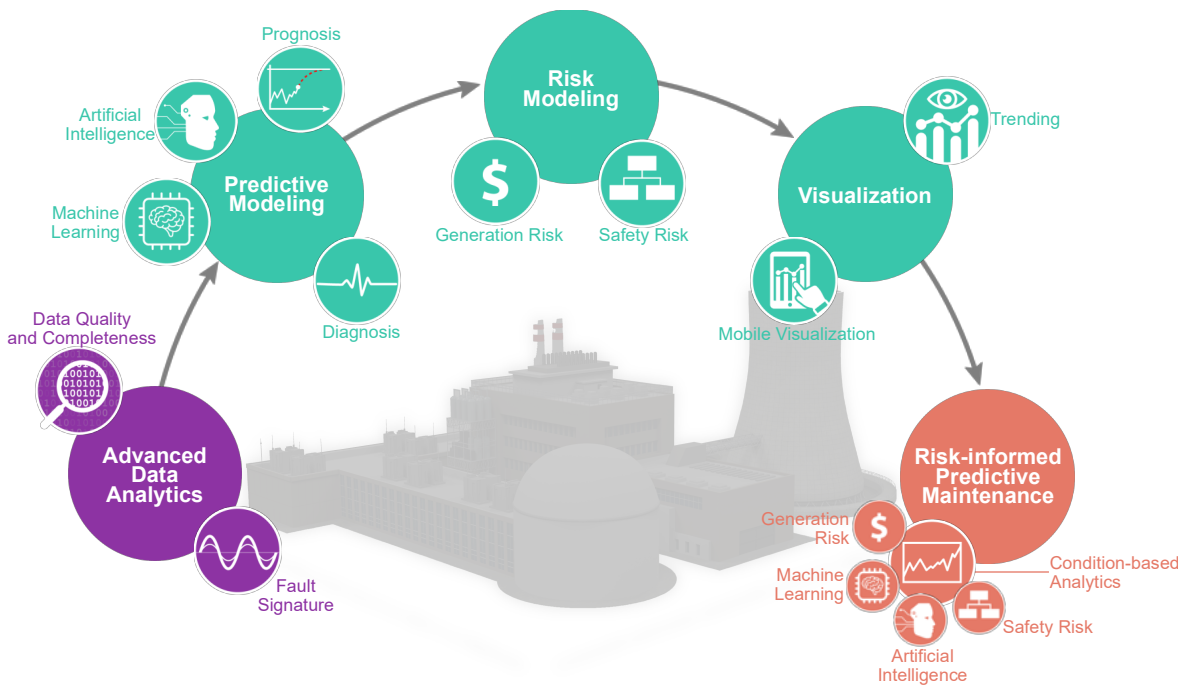
Active SSCs

Passive SSCs

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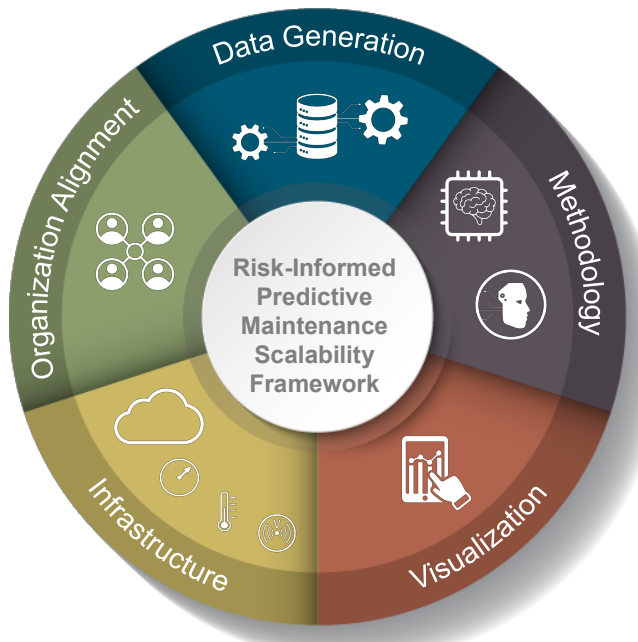


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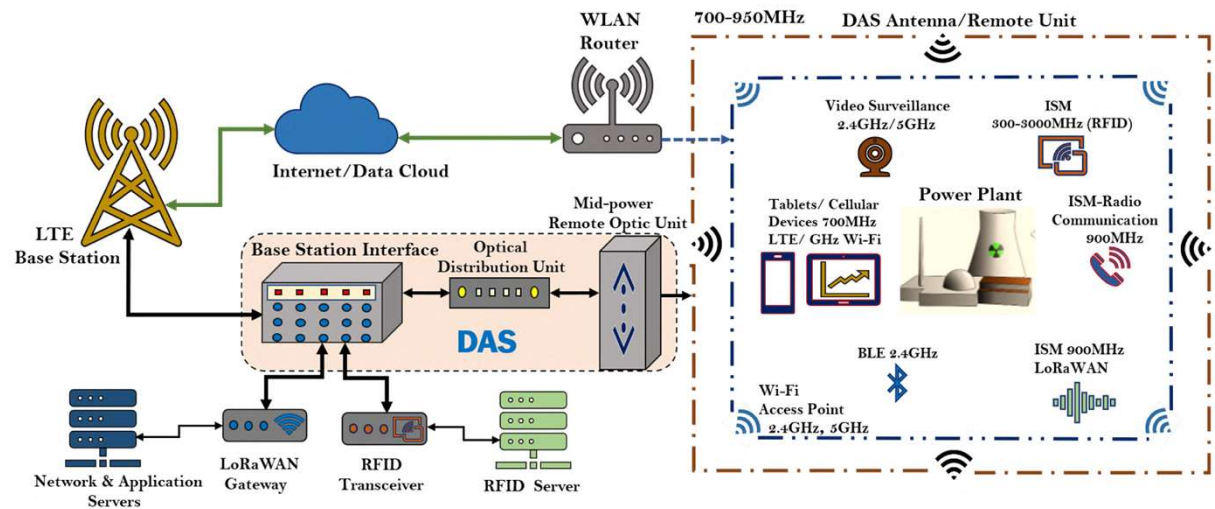


Path Forward

Scalability Analysis



Multiband Heterogeneous Network¹



Scalability of developed approach across

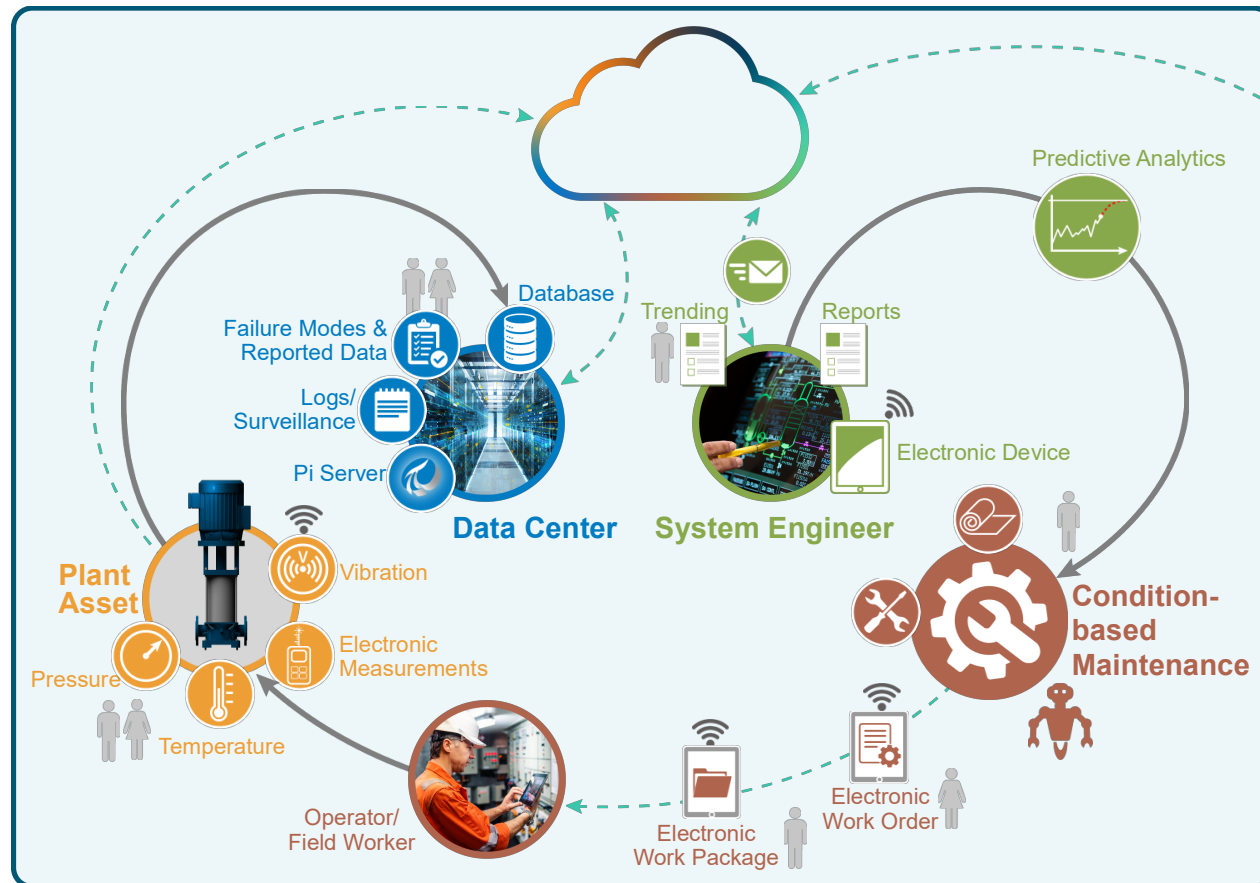
- Same plant asset across the fleet and
- Different plant assets at the same plant site

Multiband Heterogeneous Network

- low power to high power, low-frequency to high-frequency, and short-range to long-range communication regimes

¹Koushik, M., and V. Agarwal, "A Multi-Band Heterogeneous Wireless Network Architecture for Industrial Automation: A Techno-Economic Analysis," INL/EXT-19-55830, September 2019.

End Vision



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- Machine Learning
- Visualization
- Risk
- Artificial Intelligence

Technology-driven Predictive Maintenance

- Wireless
- Electronic/Robotic Devices
- Condition-based Analytics
- Low Cost

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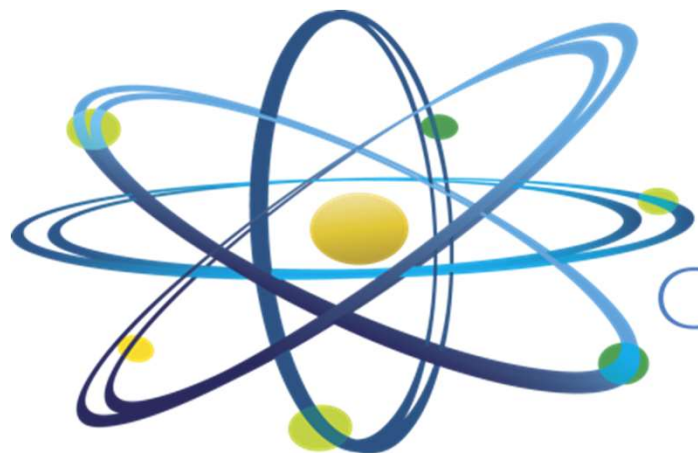
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Motivation



Machine Learning in a Nuclear Power Plant

Automate human activities (of visual, physical, analytical nature):

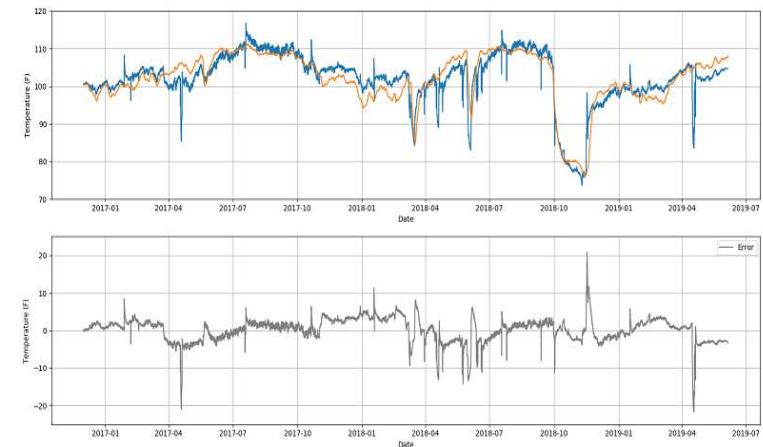
– Visual



Physical



Analytical



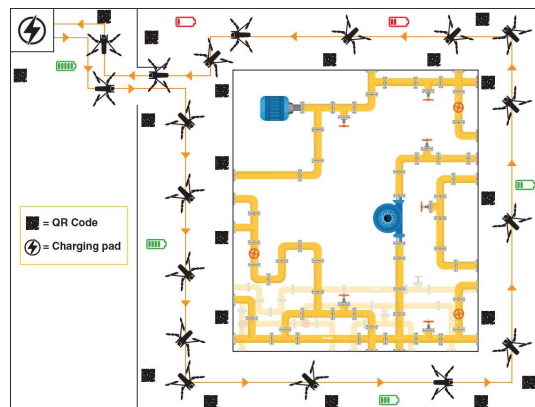
How? perform work autonomously, faster, more frequently, more accurately, or perform tasks that a human can't perform.



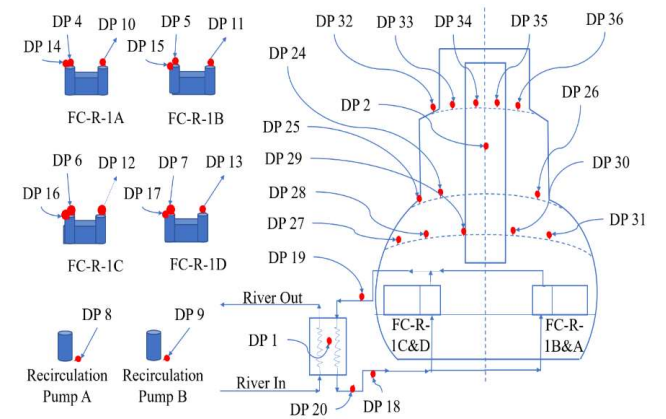
Why? Cost savings while sustaining safe and secure operations

Types of Applications

Collection

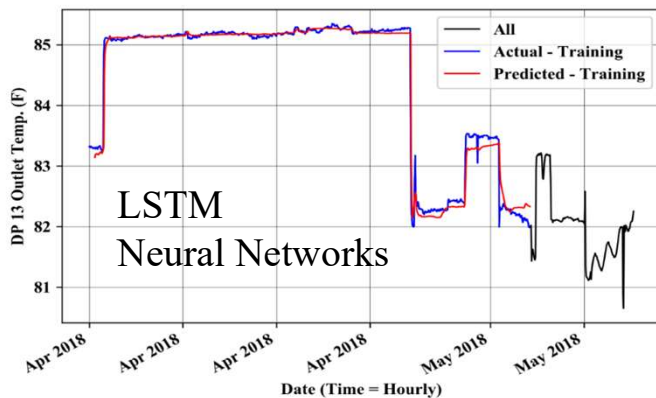
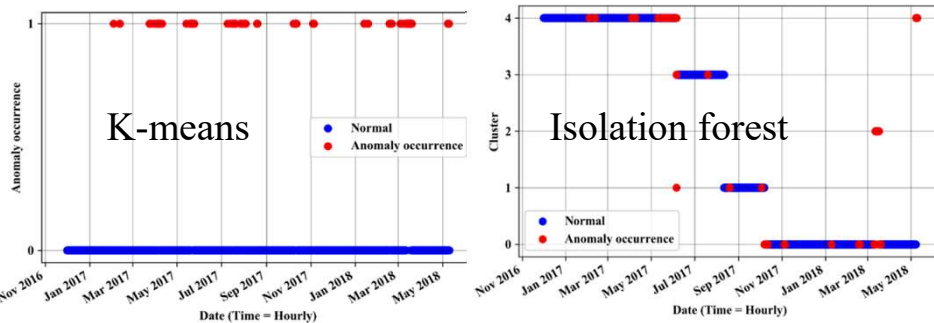


Analysis



How does this advance ML/AI as a science?

Applied perspective on methods performance

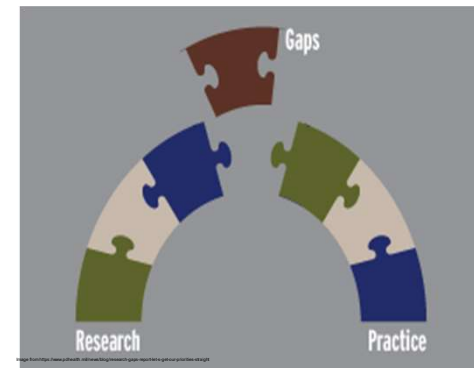


The balance between data and “physics” models

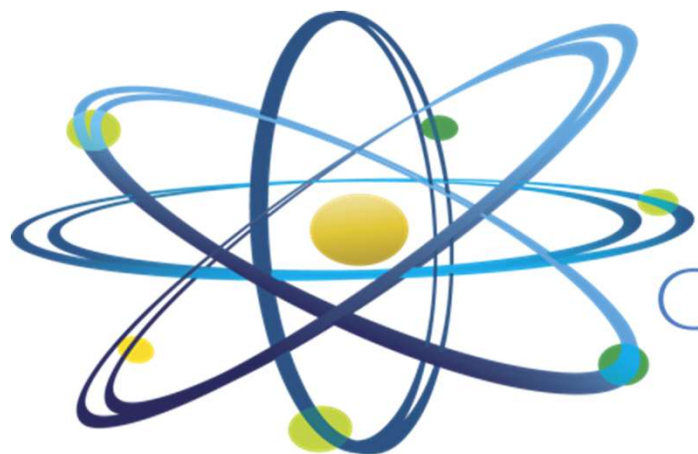


Gaps identification (looking ahead)

- Data (e.g. benchmarking)
- Methods (e.g. systematic approach)
- Verification & Validation (e.g. overfitting)
- Deployment (e.g. computational requirements)



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Presentation Overview

Building a Scientific Language Model

- **General language models like BERT and roBERTa have been extremely successful when applied to a wide range of natural language processing tasks. These models were trained using everyday language taken from blog posts, Wikipedia, etc. A language model trained instead on scientific publications from arXiv.org may perform better on tasks involving scientific research.**

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Building a Scientific Language Model

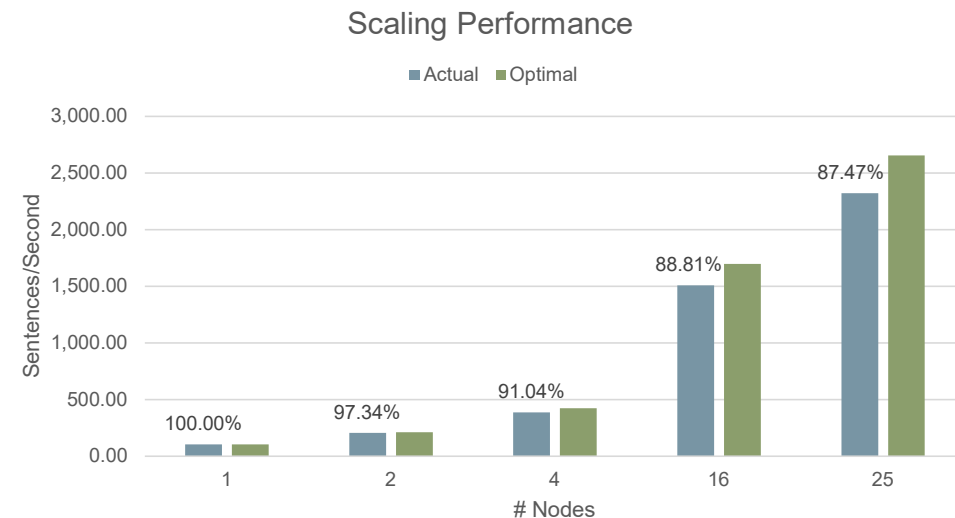
- **A vast amount of data is freeform text**
- **Natural language processing (NLP) is a heavily focused area in ML/AI research**
- **The state-of-the-art methods for working with text involve general language models**
 - **ELMo**
 - **ULMFiT**
 - **BERT**
 - **roBERTa**
- **Existing models are built using *everyday* language sources**
 - **Blog posts**
 - **Movie reviews**
 - **Wikipedia**
- **Hypothesis:**
 - **If we generate a language model using scientific research papers, it may perform better for tasks involving scientific data**

Why it is relevant to ML/AI Future

- **Text data is generated all the time during research**
 - **Logbooks**
 - **Freeform text fields in databases**
 - **Application log files**
 - **Software**
 - **Etc.**
- **The number of tasks that require working with this generated text are numerous and growing**
- **Problem: NLP methods change quickly**
 - **Modifying state-of-the-art models to fit our needs can enable the lab to keep up**
- **Problem: The latest models are computationally expensive**
 - **HPC resources are available for us to use if we take the time to learn how**

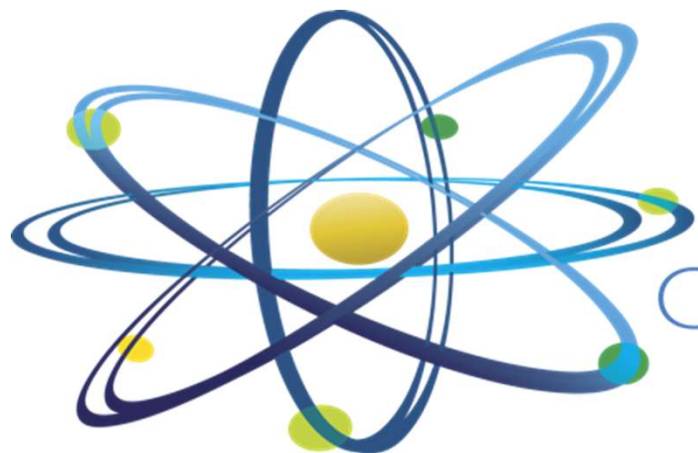
Topic Details and Discussion

- Retrieved scientific publications from arXiv.org – approximately 1.6 million documents
- Extracted the text from the documents
 - Getting text from PDF files can be challenging
 - OCR had to be performed on many documents
- Trained roBERTa from scratch using Fairseq (PyTorch) on Sawtooth GPU nodes
 - Scaling is not perfect (but better than expected)
 - Final model runtime on 25 nodes: ~3 weeks
- Lessons learned
 - Don't worry about some bad text
 - Mixed precision is essential
 - Running on multiple nodes is challenging
 - Checkpoint often
 - Check the status of the job regularly



- **Test the model against current benchmarks**
 - **GLUE**
 - **SQuAD 2.0**
 - **CoLa**
- **Apply the model to INL tasks and compare against general language models**
 - **Document classification**
 - **Logbook analysis**
 - **Inventory optimization**
 - **Condition report screening**
- **Create other task-specific language models**
 - **Nuclear engineering models – non-proliferation, nuclear compliance verification**
 - **Models trained on non-word text (e.g. software, formulas, etc.)**
- **Explore other cutting-edge models/techniques**
- **Compare the performance and scalability of other libraries**
 - **Horovod**
 - **Tensorflow**
 - **PyTorch**

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Presentation Overview

Applying Machine Learning to Code Analysis

- This talk gives a brief overview of how to apply machine learning and natural language processing to code analysis; the context of the discussion is malware analysis although the application space is much broader than just the reverse engineering of binaries. We approach the task from the perspective of machine translation with significant contributions from high performance computing and emerging hardware solutions.

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The Challenge

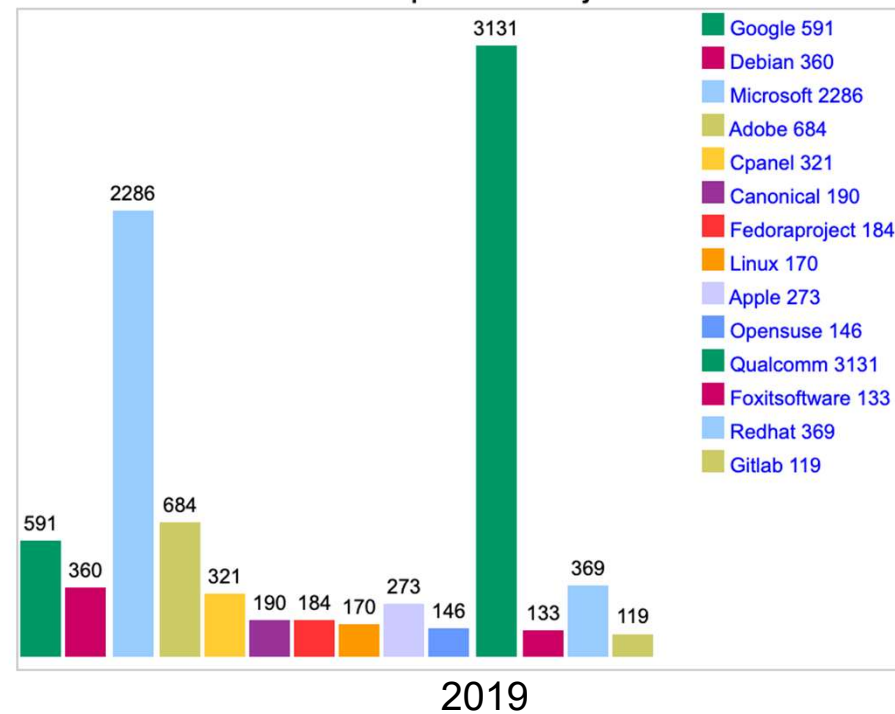
Malware and ransomware are becoming increasingly specialized and targeted. High performance computing (HPC) systems are starting to be targeted.

The challenge: rapidly **identify novel malware** and **reduce vulnerabilities**.

Examples:

- 2003 -- 2005: “Stakkato” attack against DOE, National Center for Atmospheric Research, and National Science Foundation (NSF) HPC sites
- 2014: Two NSF HPC sites were compromised by a US researcher.
- 2014—2017: “Cloud Hopper” attacks access the internal networks at Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) and IBM and accessed customer systems.
- 2018: Nuclear scientists using the HPC system at the Federal Nuclear Center in Sarov Russia arrested for bitcoin mining.

Total Number Of Vulnerabilities Of Top 50 Products By Vendor



Why it is relevant to ML/AI Future

The Naturalness Hypothesis

“Software is a form of human communication; software corpora have similar statistical properties to natural language corpora; and these properties can be exploited to build better software engineering tools.”

-- M. Allamanis, E. Barr, P. Devanbu, and C. Sutton (2017)
arxiv.org/pdf/1709.06182.pdf

The outcome: Apply Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning techniques to software!
Some Examples:

Source code analysis

Binary analysis

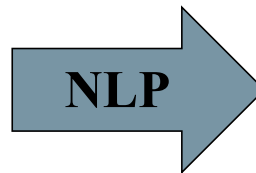
Reference	Source code analysis		Binary analysis		
	Predicting Program Bugs	Synthesizing patches and code changes	Identifying function signatures	Addressing Code Obfuscation	Recovering compiler used to generate binary
Dam (2018)	✓				
Chakraborty (2018)	✓	✓			
Ding (2019)			✓	✓	
Massarelli (2019)			✓		✓

Challenges in Binary Analysis

1. Function names and debug symbols are stripped out from the binary

Source code

```
find_files(&files,media);  
/* start encryption */  
encrypt_files(files,&encrypted,&not_encrypted);  
create_files_desktop(encrypted,files,desktop);
```



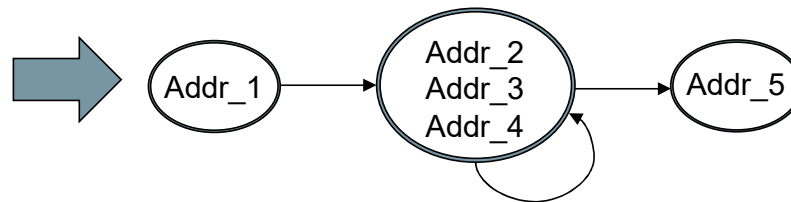
- Variable misuse detection
- Learning source code changes
- Defect prediction
- Cross-language learning
- Learning to represent programs with graphs

2. In real-life cases, we have to undo code obfuscation

- Common Code Obfuscations:
- Packing
 - Adding bogus logics
 - Splitting basic blocks
 - Substituting instructions
 - Bogus control flow graphs
 - Hot patching mechanisms (e.g. Conficker)

3. Assembly functions may appear different but still share the same functional logic

```
Addr_1: mov eax,10  
Addr_2: dec eax  
Addr_3: mov [base+eax],0  
Addr_4: jnz Addr_2  
Addr_5: mov eax,ebx
```



The Clones Ansatz:

“Just as there is uncontrolled software reuse in source code, there exists a large number of clones in the underlying assembly code as well.”

S. Ding, B. Fund, P. Charland (2019)

Binary code fingerprints: **four types** of assembly code similarities



Literally Identical

`i++`

`i = i + 1`

Syntactically Equivalent

```
0x10000f9b <+27>: movl  -0x8(%rbp), %ecx
0x10000f9e <+30>: addl  $0x1, %ecx
0x10000fa1 <+33>: movl  %ecx, -0x8(%rbp)
```



```
0x10000fa4 <+36>: movl  -0xc(%rbp), %ecx
0x10000fa7 <+39>: addl  $0x1, %ecx
0x10000faa <+42>: movl  %ecx, -0xc(%rbp)
```

Slightly modified

`memcpy`

`strcpy`

`memncpy`

`mempcpy`

or

Same

source

with/without

obfuscation

Semantically Similar

Opportunities for Deep Learning:

- Identify binary similarities
- Assign probable function names
- Rapid identification of novel malware
- Identification of software vulnerabilities

Datasets, Tools, and Approach

Datasets:

- Vulnerability dataset: Contains 3,015 assembly functions compiled with various compilers; contains variants of Heartbleed, Shellshock, Venom, Clobberin' Time, etc.
- UbuntuDataset: 87,853 ELF files disassembled using IDA Pro with >10 million distinct named functions
- NERO: 13,826 named functions from GNU repository with control flow graphs
- Research Malware/Ransomware: GonnaCry, Mirai

Tools:

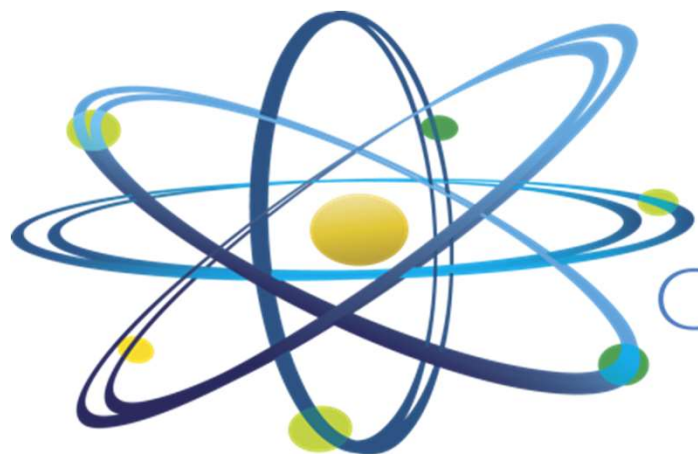


DeepGraphLibrary asm2vec angr

Approach:

- Approach binary analysis (binary similarity, function naming) using **Neural Machine Translation**:
 - Bidirectional recurrent neural network with Long Short-Term-Memory cells
 - Incorporate the Transformer Architecture
- **Augment** existing datasets with Github projects (>28 million public repositories) and more malware
- Create **new metrics** for scoring semantic similarity in binaries akin to what is used in NLP (e.g. BERTScore T. Zhang et al. 2020).

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