

Artificial Intelligence applications

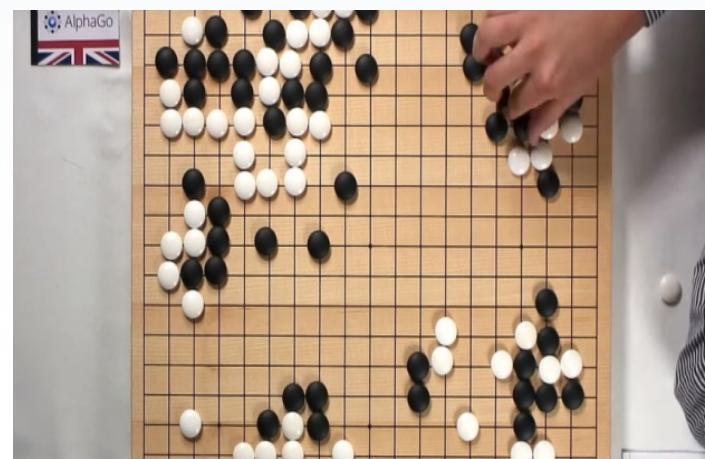


Medical data is expected to double every 73 days by 2020.

Source: University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine, 2014



[Figure from vision.stanford.edu]



Artificial Intelligence applications

- **Decision support systems**
 - Very specialized on a given domain
 - Knowledge based and control
- **Formal systems and games (Chess/GO)**
 - Limited number of moves and space
 - Based on explicit, non-ambiguous rules
- **Natural language – question answering (Watson)**
 - Ambiguous, implicit, context dependent
 - Based on cognitive states
- **Vision (ImageNet)**
 - Object recognition/classification
 - Uncertainty and noise (symbolic/sub-symbolic)
- **Robotics and Autonomous systems (Robot)**
 - Agents working in an environment
 - Dynamic and real-time decisions



Knowledge based systems

“The power of an intelligent system primarily derives by the quantity and quality of the knowledge it has on the problem”. (Feigenbaum)

Various applications: Planning, Prediction, Diagnosys.

Knowledge acquisition: bottleneck of KBS

Problems

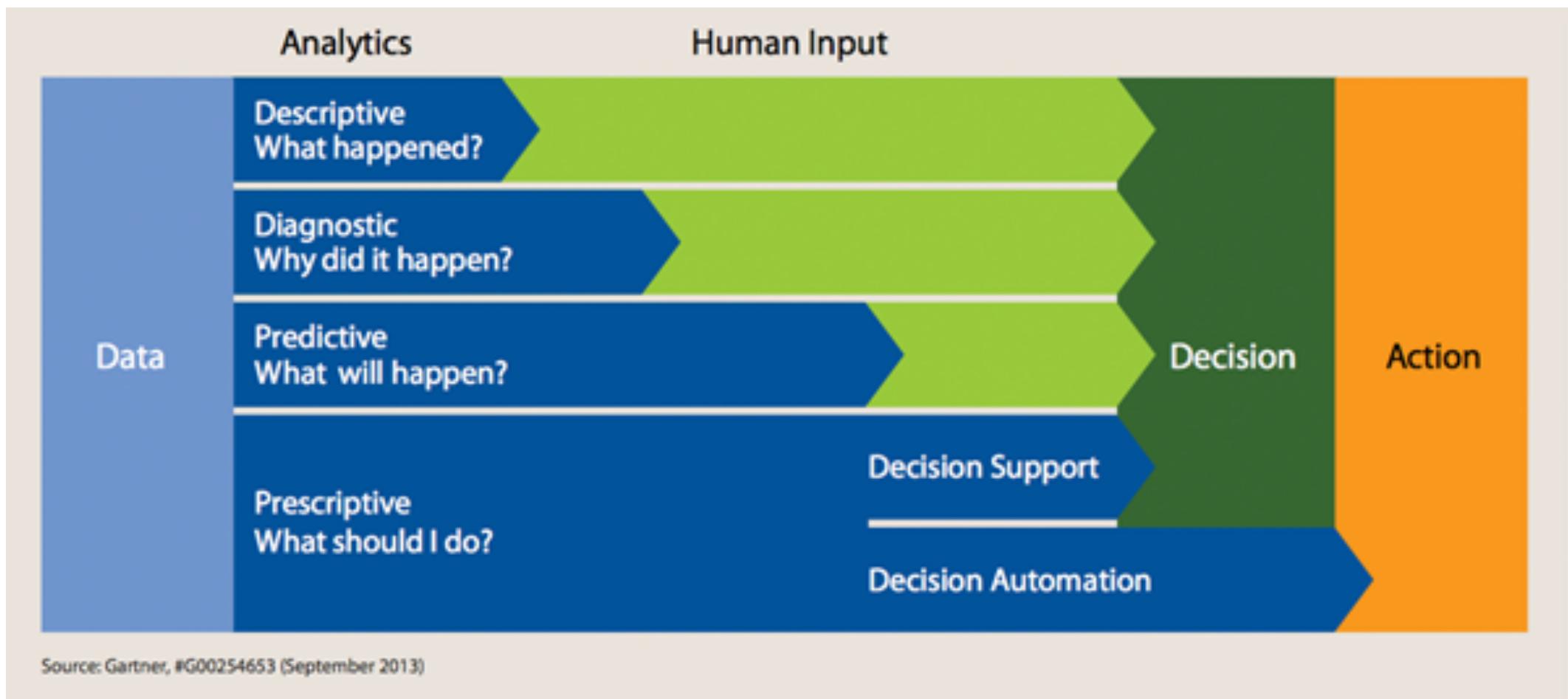
- The human expert cannot be substituted, but supported in long and repetitive tasks
- Different knowledge sources (often in contrast and incomplete)
- Knowledge changes in time
- Knowledge is not always explicit (discovery)

→ **Learning and data-mining techniques**

Decision support systems

- Systems that support and do not replace human experts in their decision making process through:
 - Scenario generation, evaluation, visualiations, predictions
- Various degrees of decision support:
 - Data analysis for description
 - Diagnosys
 - Prediction
 - Optimiation
- Decision automation is one step forward as it excludes the human intervention

Human intervention in decisions

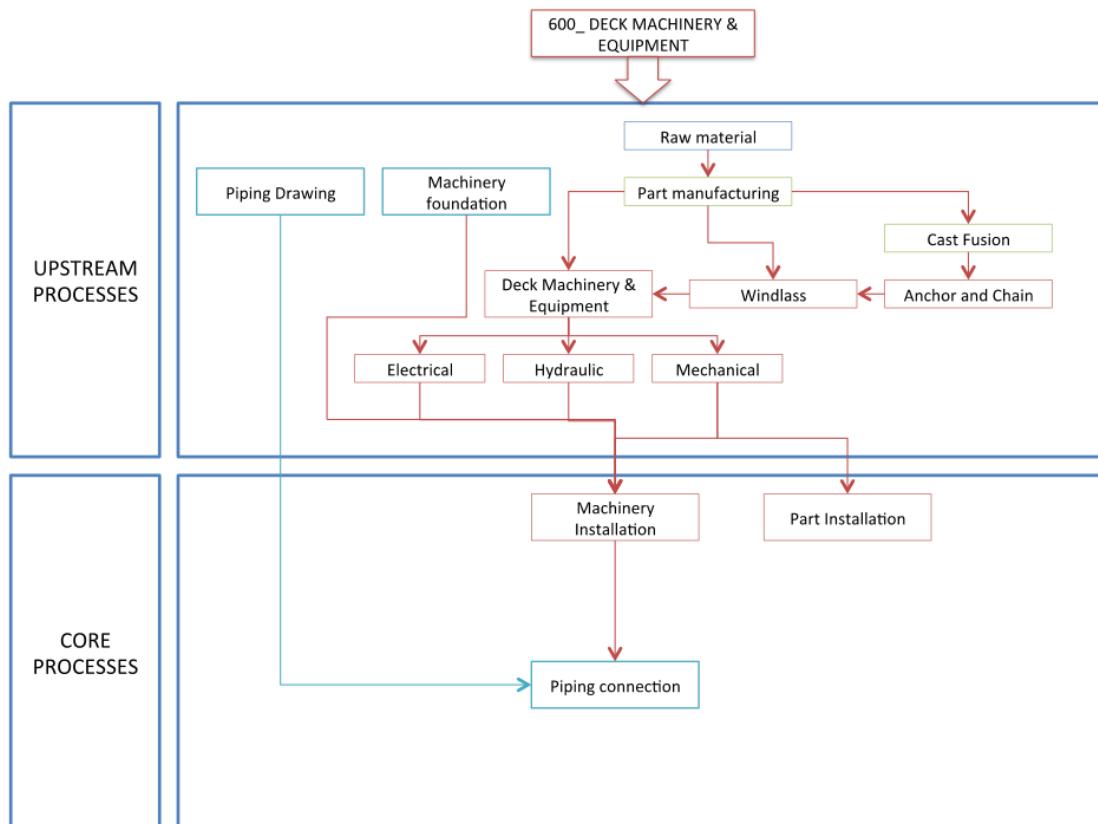


Descriptive analytics

- Data are used to describe the system
 - Visualization dashboards
 - Business intelligence
 - Statistical reports
 - Geo-referenced data
- Human intervention is largely needed

Example of descriptive analytics

- Configuration of a productive system/process with environmental constraints



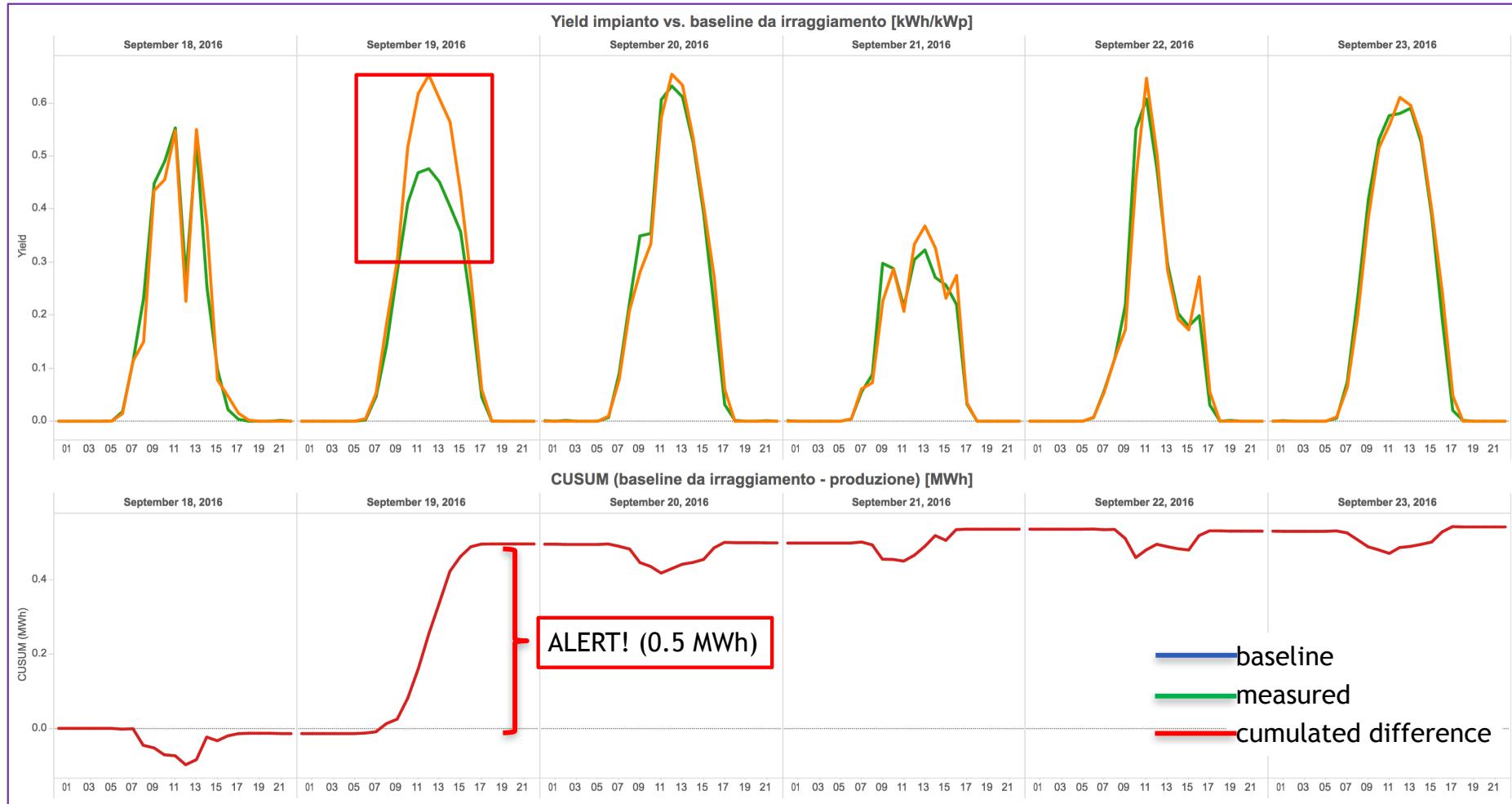
For each process component we have to characterize data on:

- Energy consumption
- Water consumption
- Emissions in the air
- Emissions in the water
- Time of work
- Cost

Static data: system characterization

Example of descriptive analytics

- Energy baseline

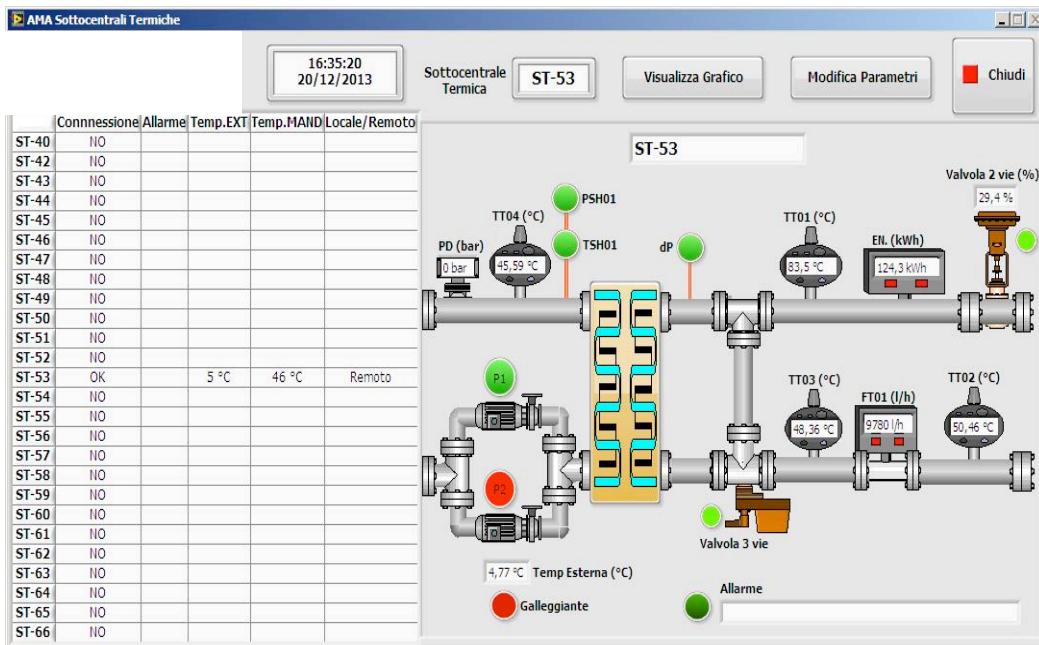


Diagnostic analytics

- Uses data to understand causes
 - Fault diagnosis
 - Root cause analysis
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- To reach decisions human intervention is still largely needed

Example of diagnostic analytics

- System for analyse data from a plant and to realize a diagnostic system



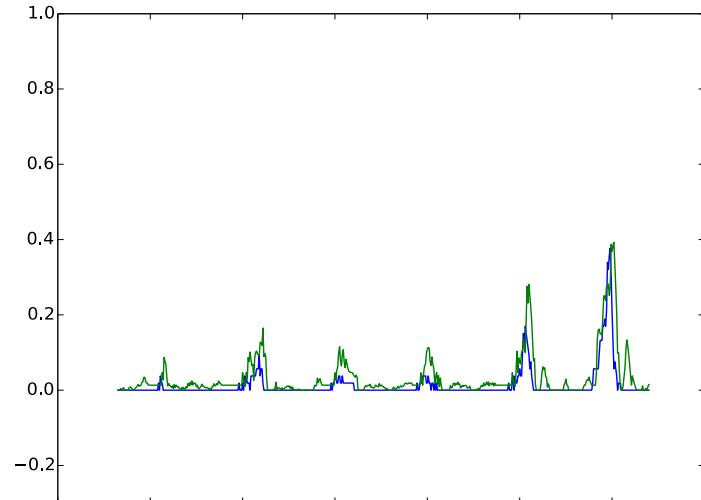
- From plant data coming from sensors
+ fault data:
- Identify temporal series that precede a fault
 - Classify the temporal series before the fault to identify the type of fault
 - Identify the most informative sensors
 - Create models to identify causes.

Predictive analytics

- Uses data to predict future system evolutions
 - Simulation systems
 - Temporal series prediction
 - Machine learning classification and regression
- To reach decisions we need **what if analysis**

Example of predictive analytics

- **System to predict the consumption of a photovoltaic system**
 - Input
 - Historical temporal series of past production
 - Meteo forecast
 - Day/month/year
 - Output
 - Future production



Example of predictive analytics

- **System to predict the photovoltaic adoption depending on diverse incentive schema**
 - Model
 - Agents divided by type
 - Agents characterised by social and economic aspects
 - Past data (incentives/adoption)
 - Output
 - Simulative model

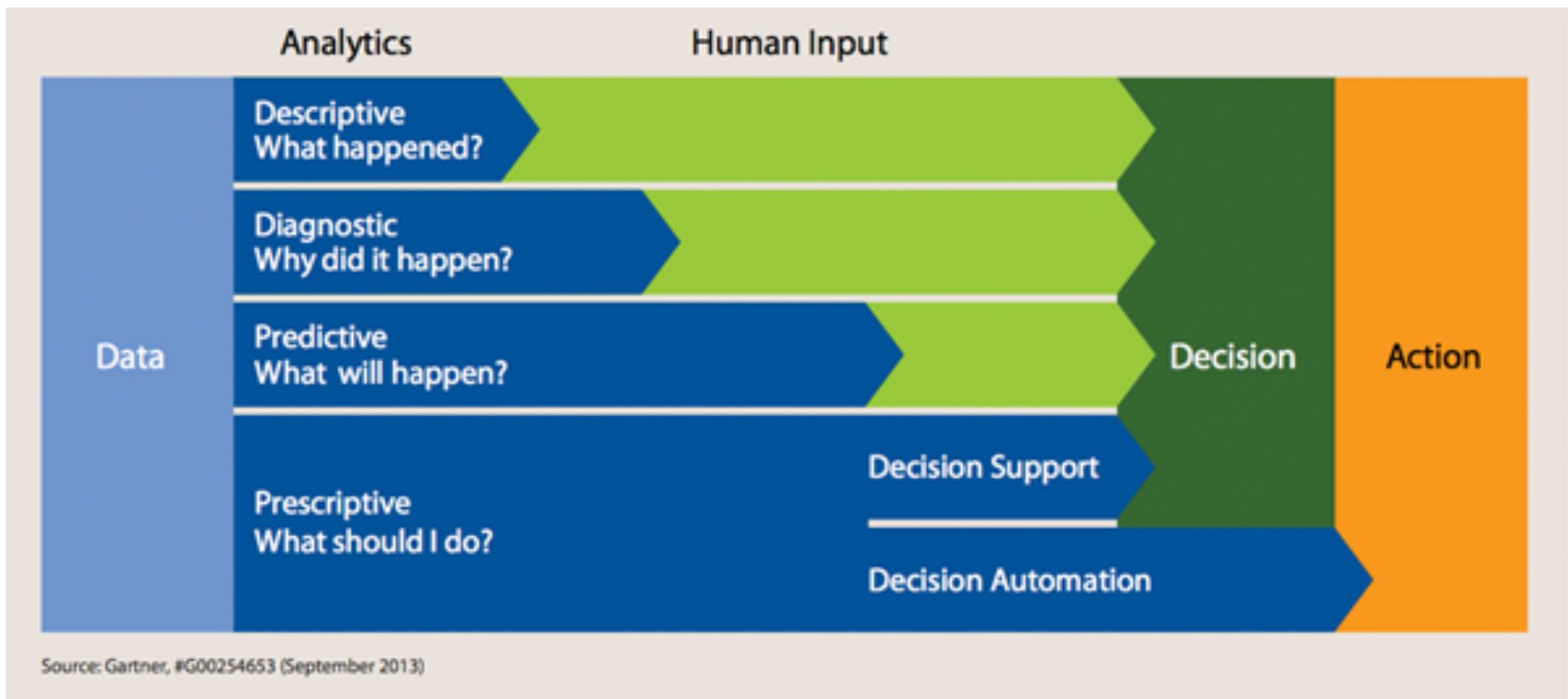
Decision support – prescriptive analytics

- **Prescriptive analytics**
 - Optimization systems (mono and multi objective)
 - Combinatorial problem solvers
 - Logic based solvers
- To reach decisions we need to select the preferred scenario.

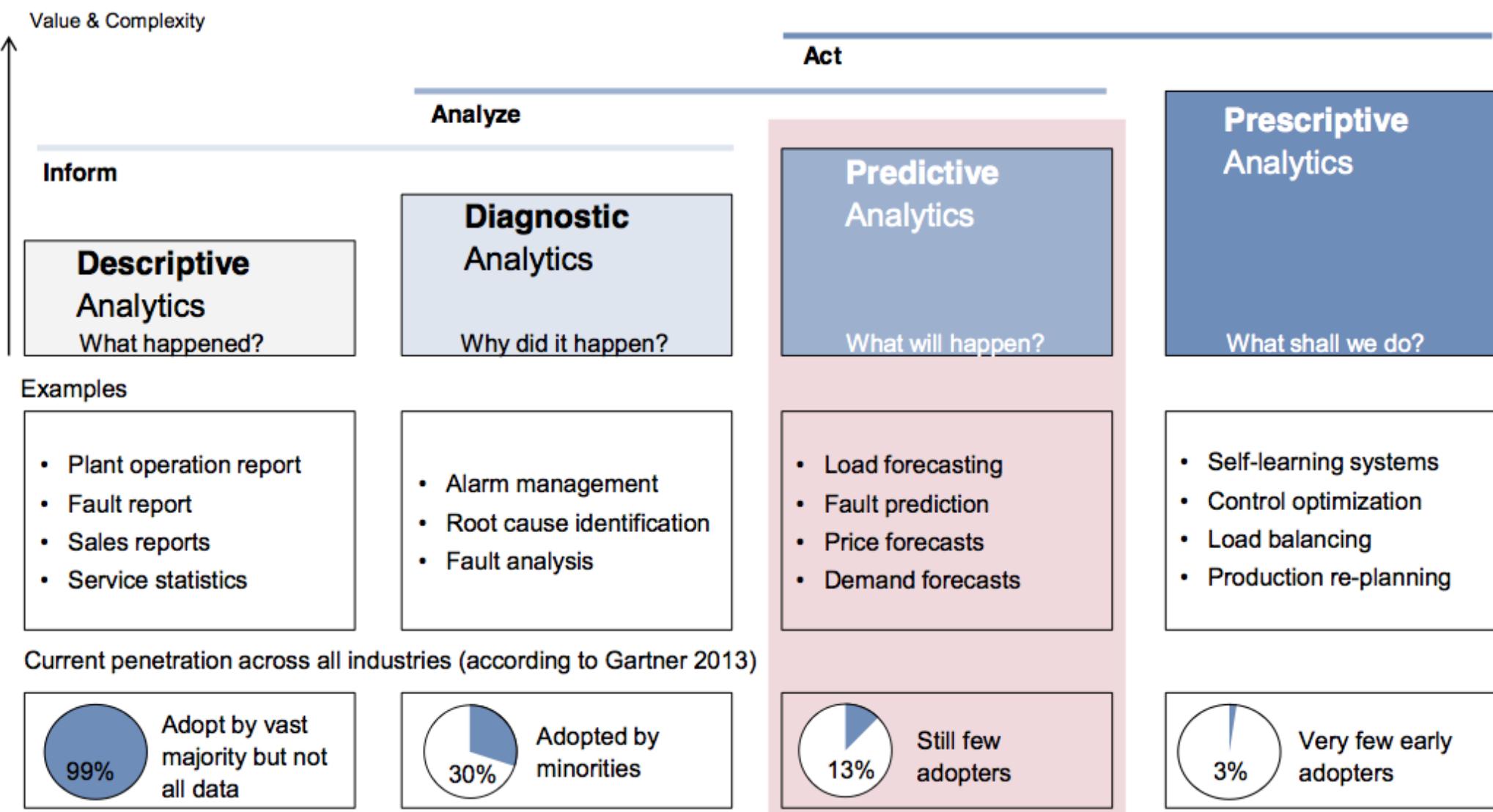
Example of prescriptive analytics

- **Decision support systems for proposing incentives to foster a given PV adoption**
 - Optimization system that takes as input
 - Simulator model
 - Economic/financial/territorial
 - Objective functions
 - Output
 - Alternative scenarios
 - Impacts

Human intervention in decisions



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Application domains of DSS

- Decision support systems apply to a large variety of domains:
 - Industry (manufacturing, automotive, avionics, food, energy)
 - Public sector (health, mobility, public administration)
 - Global challenges (climate change, poverty, conflict reduction, environmental health, natural disaster mitigation)

Games: Chess challenge



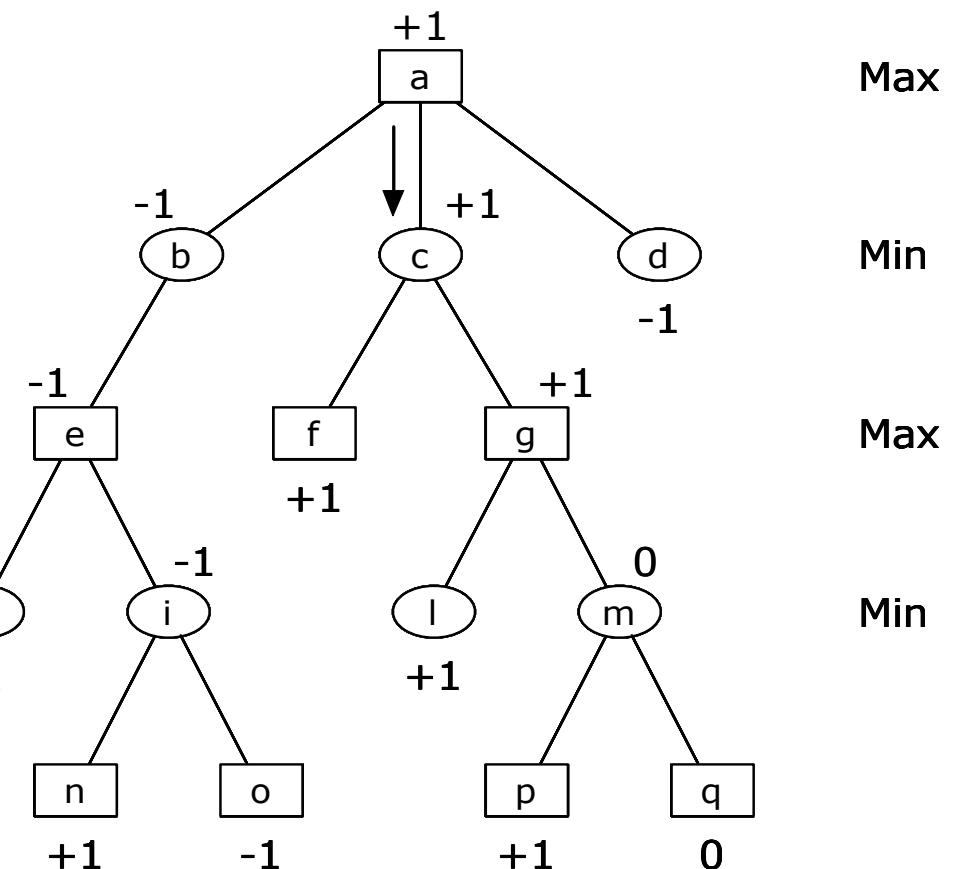
Deep Blue, IBM Risk 2000 ...

- Evaluates 200 millions of moves per second
- knows 600.000 chess opening

- In 1997 Deep Blue beats Kasparov: is this intelligence?
- Chomski about Deep Blue, “*a computer program's beating a grandmaster at chess is about as interesting as a bulldozer's "winning" an Olympic weight-lifting competition*”

Algoritmo minmax → the brute force

- The min max algorithm is designed to define the optimal strategy for one player (max) and for suggesting the best move: for doing that the has makes the hypothesis that Min plays at his best.
- Huge problem space dimension. First move: 400 alternatives. Second move 144.000 Combinatorial explosion
- We need an evaluation function that evaluates the position of each piece and the overall position on the chessboard.

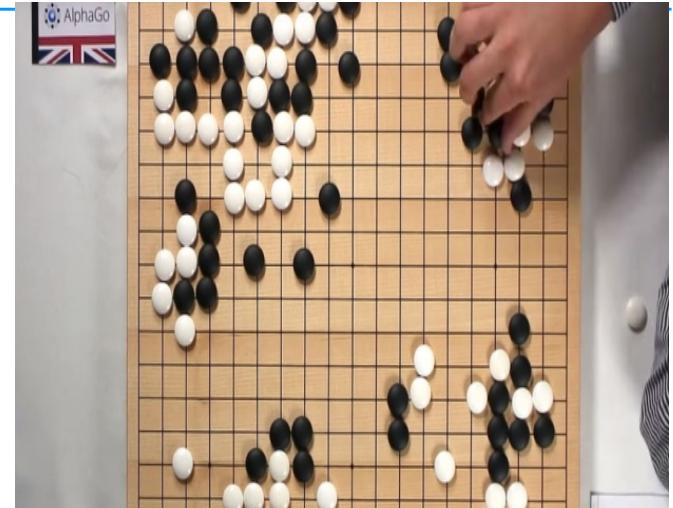


Games



Games AlphaGO

- AlphaGo has been developed from DeepMnd (acquired by Google in 2014). It learns to play videogames (49 games for Atari 2600) better than humans.
- Deep learning and simbolic techniques.
- **March 2016:** *AlphaGo beated Lee Sedol, world champion of Go*
- Way more complex than chess: 10^{170} possible positions (10^{50} for chess).
- IJCAI Marvin Minsky Medal for Outstanding Achievements in AI in 2017. Michael Wooldridge, Chair of the IJCAI Award: *“What particularly impressed IJCAI was that AlphaGo achieves what it does through a brilliant combination of classic AI techniques as well as the state-of-the-art machine learning techniques that DeepMind is so closely associated with. It’s a breathtaking demonstration of contemporary AI...”*



DNN

Learning but not Deep Reasoning!

“After 240 minutes of training, [the system] realizes that digging a tunnel through the wall was the most effective technique...”.

BUT...

The system does not know neither what is a tunnel nor what is a wall. It has learnt contingencies in specific scenarios.



Question answering and NLP Watson (IBM)



- Jeopardy is one of the most popular quiz in US since 1964
- You have possible answers (clue) and participants have to decide which is the most appropriate question for that answer. Es. The President of the United States in the sixties Proper question: Who is Kennedy?
- Watson, the supercomputer developed by IBM, won against Ken Jennings, famous for the record of 74 consecutive victories and Brad Rutter, in Feb 2011: 2 won and one tie for Watson.
- The knowledge in Watson has been built from texts, encyclopedia and the web.
- Watson is large like 10 fridges, it performs 80 trillion operators per second and reads 200 million pages in 3 seconds



John Searle: “*Watson Doesn't Know It Won on 'Jeopardy!'*
IBM invented an ingenious program—not a computer that can think.”

Noam Chomsky: “*Watson understands nothing. It's a bigger steamroller. Actually, I work in AI, and a lot of what is done impresses me, but not these devices to sell computers.*”

Watson tells us that intelligence is a mixture between algorithms, knowledge and the way this is stored, used, organized.

Due tasks: text generation (humans better than computer) and answer generation (computer better than humans).

Element	Number of cores	Time to answer one Jeopardy! question
Single core	1	2 hours
Single IBM Power 750 server	32	<4 min
Single rack (10 servers)	320	<30 seconds
IBM Watson (90 servers)	2 880	<3 seconds

~1 000 000
million
lines of code
5 years
development
(20 men)

Memory:
20 TB
200 million
pages
(~1 000 000
books)

Internet and the Semantic Web

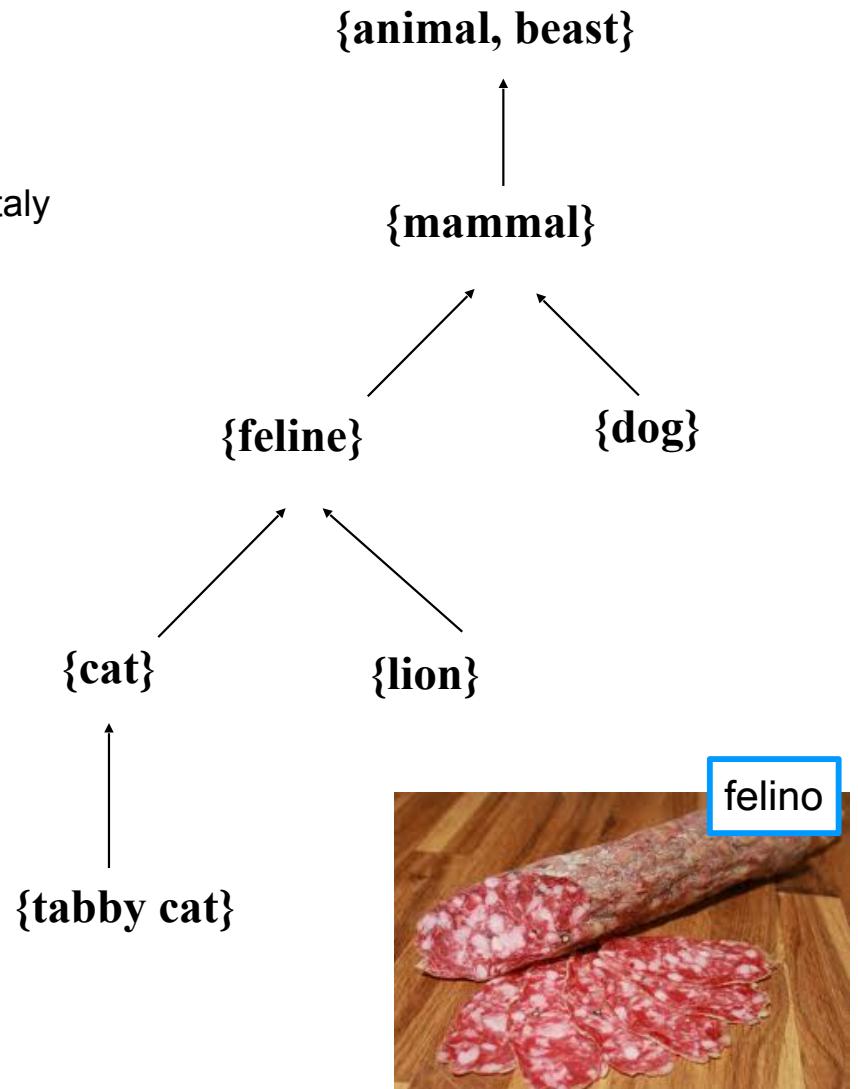
The Web contains everything an intelligent agent should “know”. Search Engines always allow to retrieve the required information. The Web is a “distributed”, “emergent”, “autonomous” and “complete” repository of human knowledge.

Internet is full of information and knowledge and it can be used by humans and computers. It should be structured and made easier to retrieve.

- Semantic web..... “uses” e “reasons on” Web data
- WWW development, memory cost reduction and the presence of unstructured big data, the augmented computing power, has changed the nature of AI applications.
- Storing all human knowledge and storing common sense in a usable way is possible. Can it be achieved now?
- Knowledge should be organized and structured: Ontologies

Simple example

- Through ontologies, we can add semantics. The cat and lion are both feline so are subclasses of this concept
- Each time I search for «feline» both cats and lions images will be found even if none of them has been tagged as feline.
- Ontologies are also used to solve natural language ambiguity. In Italy for example Feline is a salami type.
- WordNet: <https://wordnet.princeton.edu/>
- BabelNet <https://babelnet.org/>



Text-to-speech

Google: Tacotron 2, is a text-to-speech system based on neural networks.

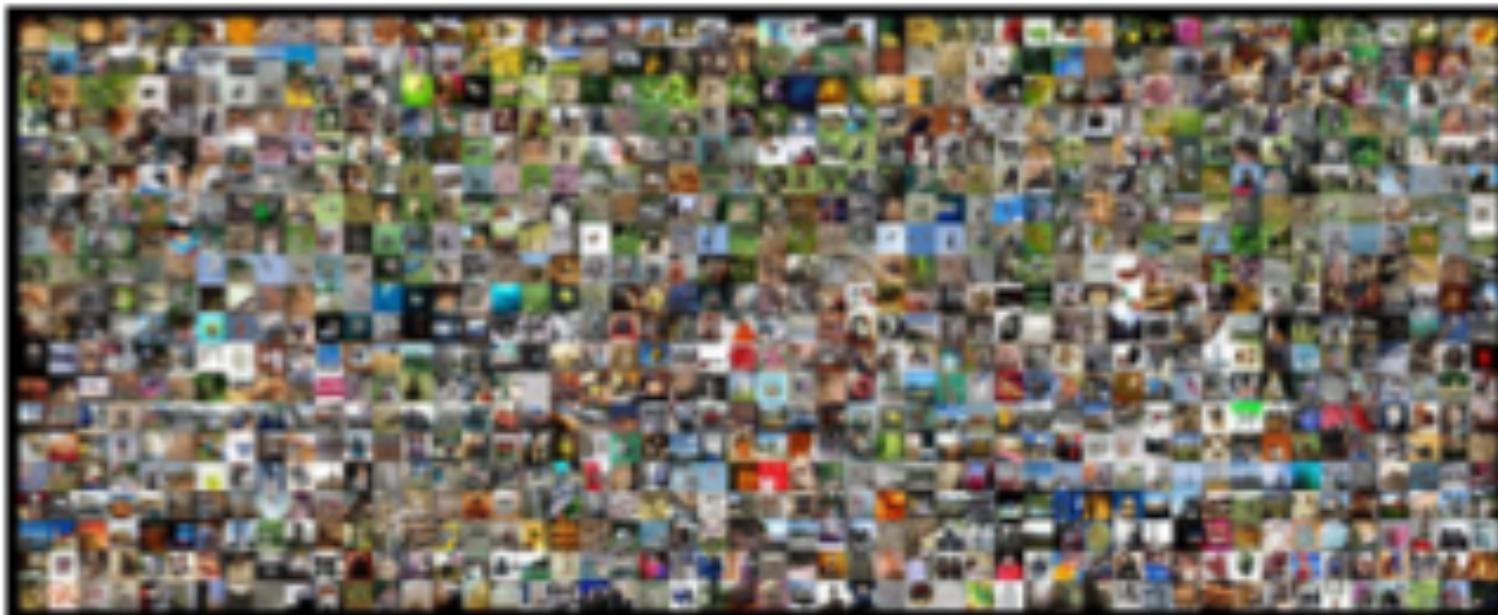
<https://google.github.io/tacotron/publications/tacotron2/index.html>

“George Washington was the first President of the United States.”

One of the audio is human while the other is synthetic voice
They are indistinguishable.

Computer Vision

- **ImageNet Challenge:** Universal image classifier
 - 14M images
 - 20k categories
 - Tagged via crowdsourcing
 - Labelled with the WordNet hierarchy
- In 2011 classification error 26%, today 3% (humans are less efficient: error 5%).



[Figure from vision.stanford.edu]

Russakovsky, O., Deng, J., Su, H., Krause, J., Satheesh, S., Ma, S., ... & Fei-Fei, L. (2015). Imagenet large scale visual recognition challenge. arXiv preprint arXiv:1409.0575.

Computer Vision



[Figure from Krizhevsky et al., 2012]

Captioning

- Describe the content of an image (from Google).

Describes without errors	Describes with minor errors	Somewhat related to the image	Unrelated to the image
 A person riding a motorcycle on a dirt road.	 Two dogs play in the grass.	 A skateboarder does a trick on a ramp.	 A dog is jumping to catch a frisbee.
 A group of young people playing a game of frisbee.	 Two hockey players are fighting over the puck.	 A little girl in a pink hat is blowing bubbles.	 A refrigerator filled with lots of food and drinks.

DNN: sometimes they make big mistakes!

DNN can be unstable: by applying some perturbations to inputs we can arbitrarily change the output.

Original Image



Hacked Image



“Only modification of some pixels not evident to the human eye”.

<https://medium.com/@ageitgey/machine-learning-is-fun-part-8-how-to-intentionally-trick-neural-networks-b55da32b7196>

Can we trust DNN

DNN are extremely effective in perception tasks but....

“Are data and computational power eager and work in a known and stable world.”

We could have problems if we work on new data that are far from the training data (overfitting)

Data might be biased (more on this later)

“Hardly explainable”

Millions of parameters that are hard to understand not only by users but also by developers. Not easy to explain the reason of a decision.

“Do not distinguish between causality and correlation”

DNN are statistical techniques that can discover complex and non linear correlations between input and output but these are not necessarily cause-effect relations. Just curve-fitting.

“Not trustworthy”

They can make big mistakes that are “different” from mistakes made by humans.

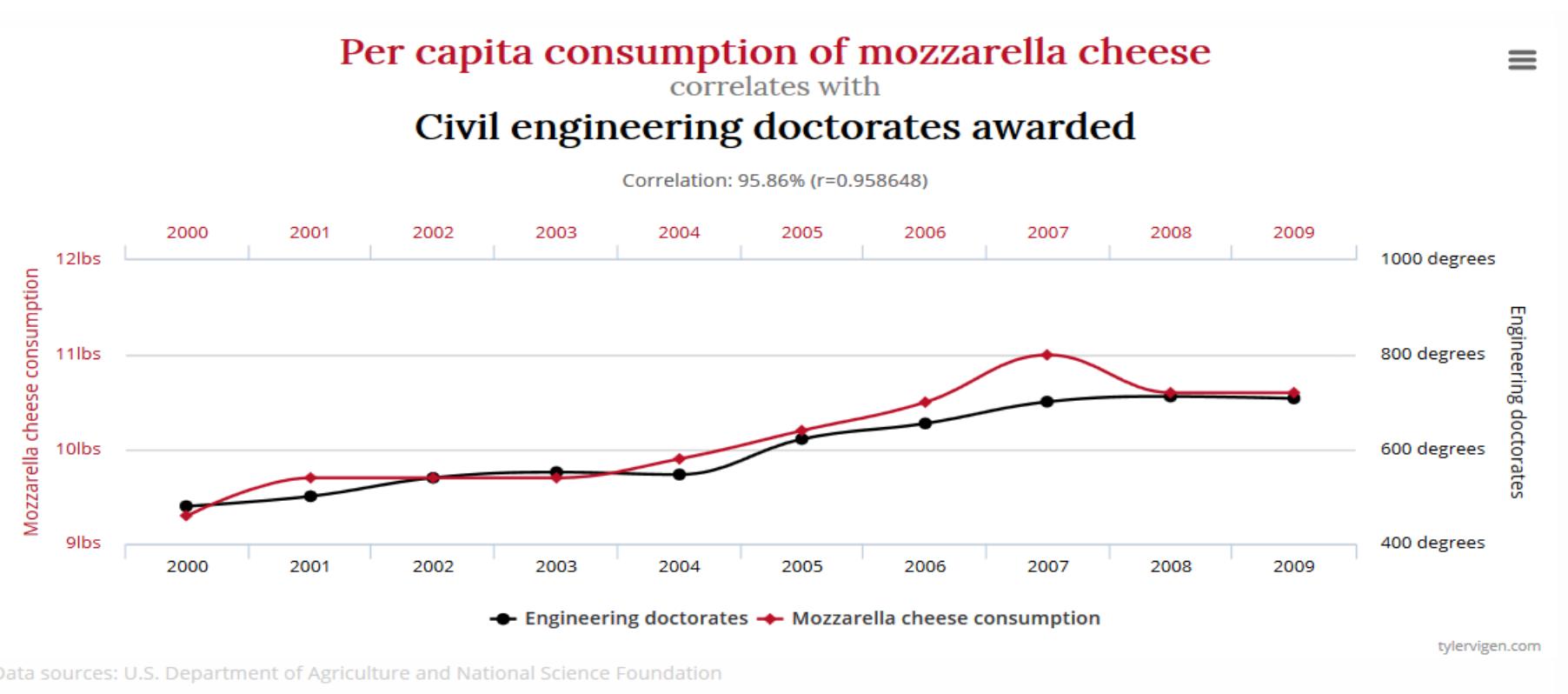
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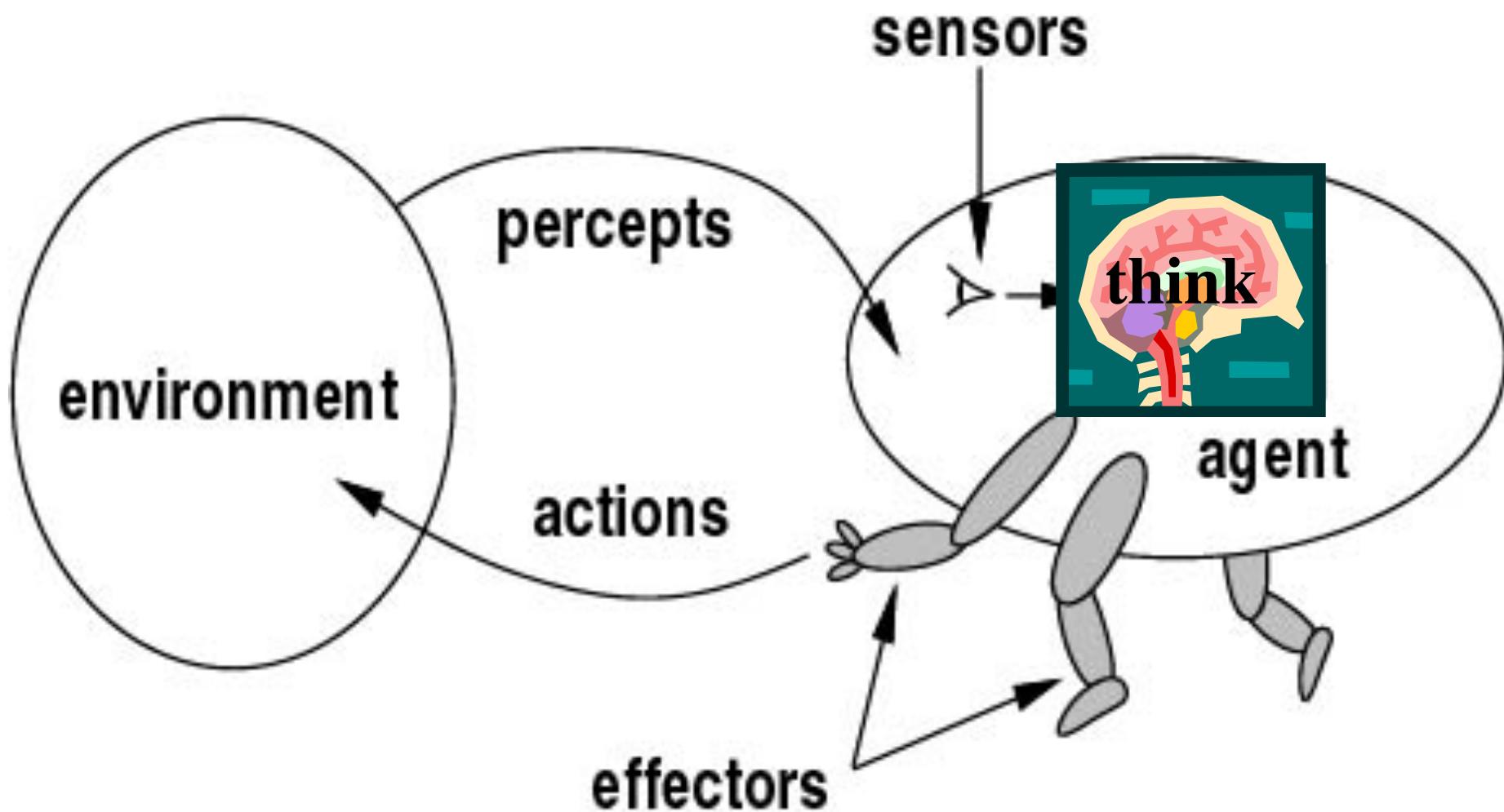
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Far from causality

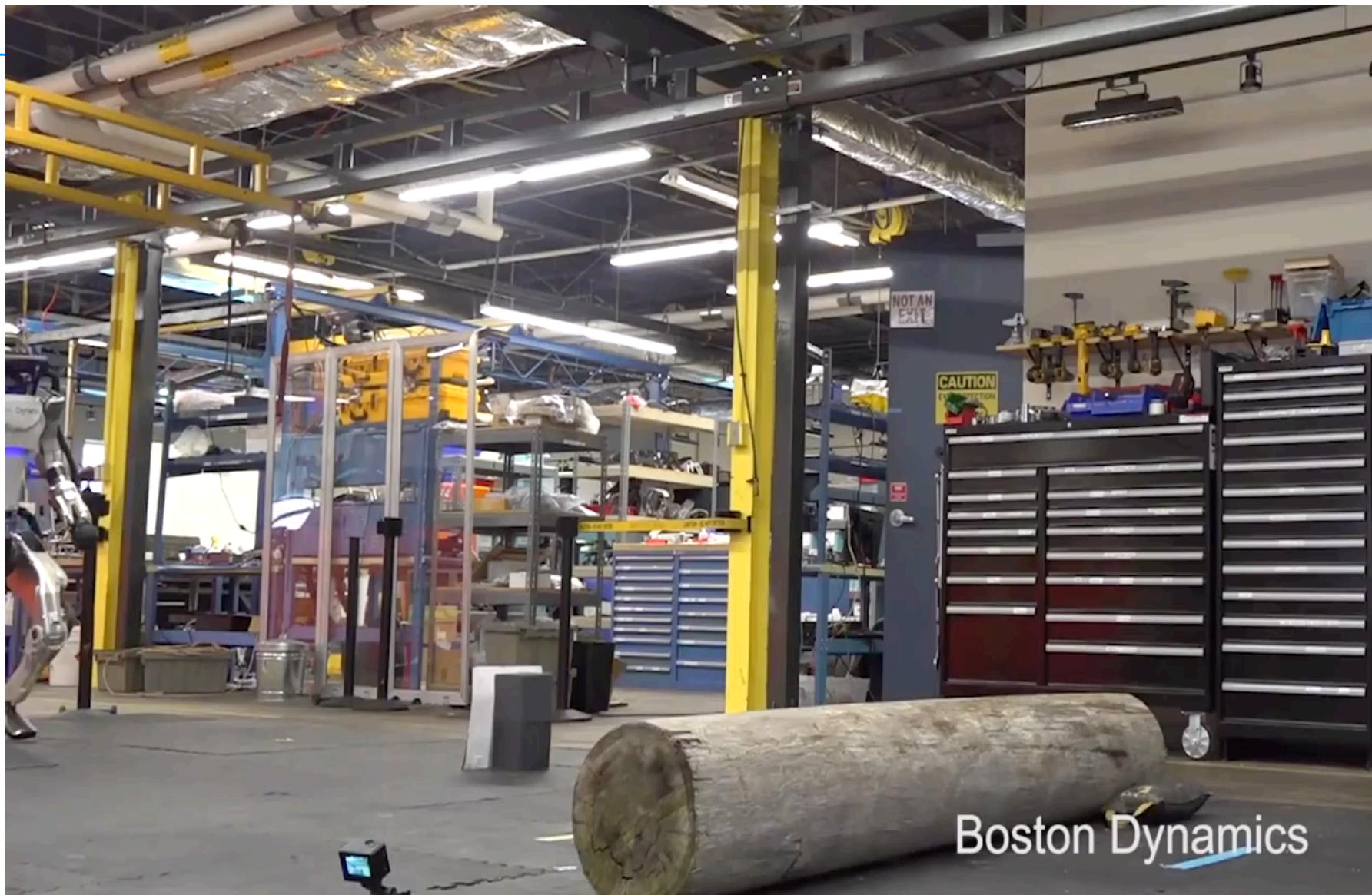
Funny example: <http://tylervigen.com/spurious-correlations>



Mind needs a body



Atlas doing Parkour (Boston Dynamics)



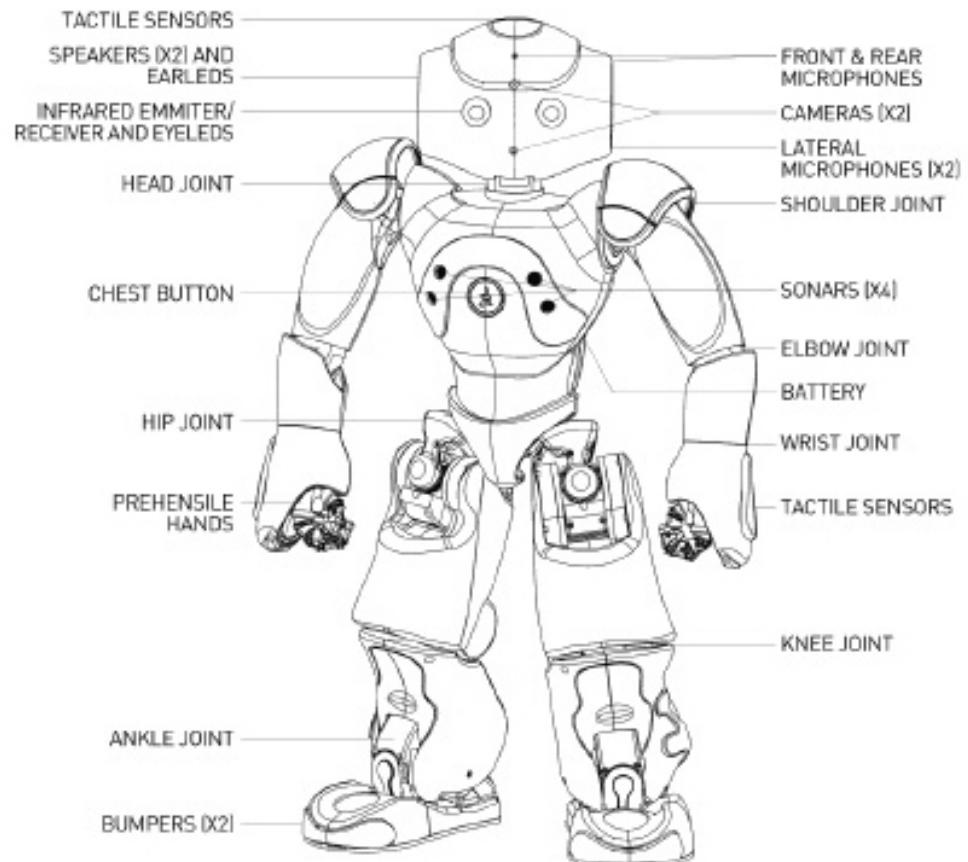
Robocup



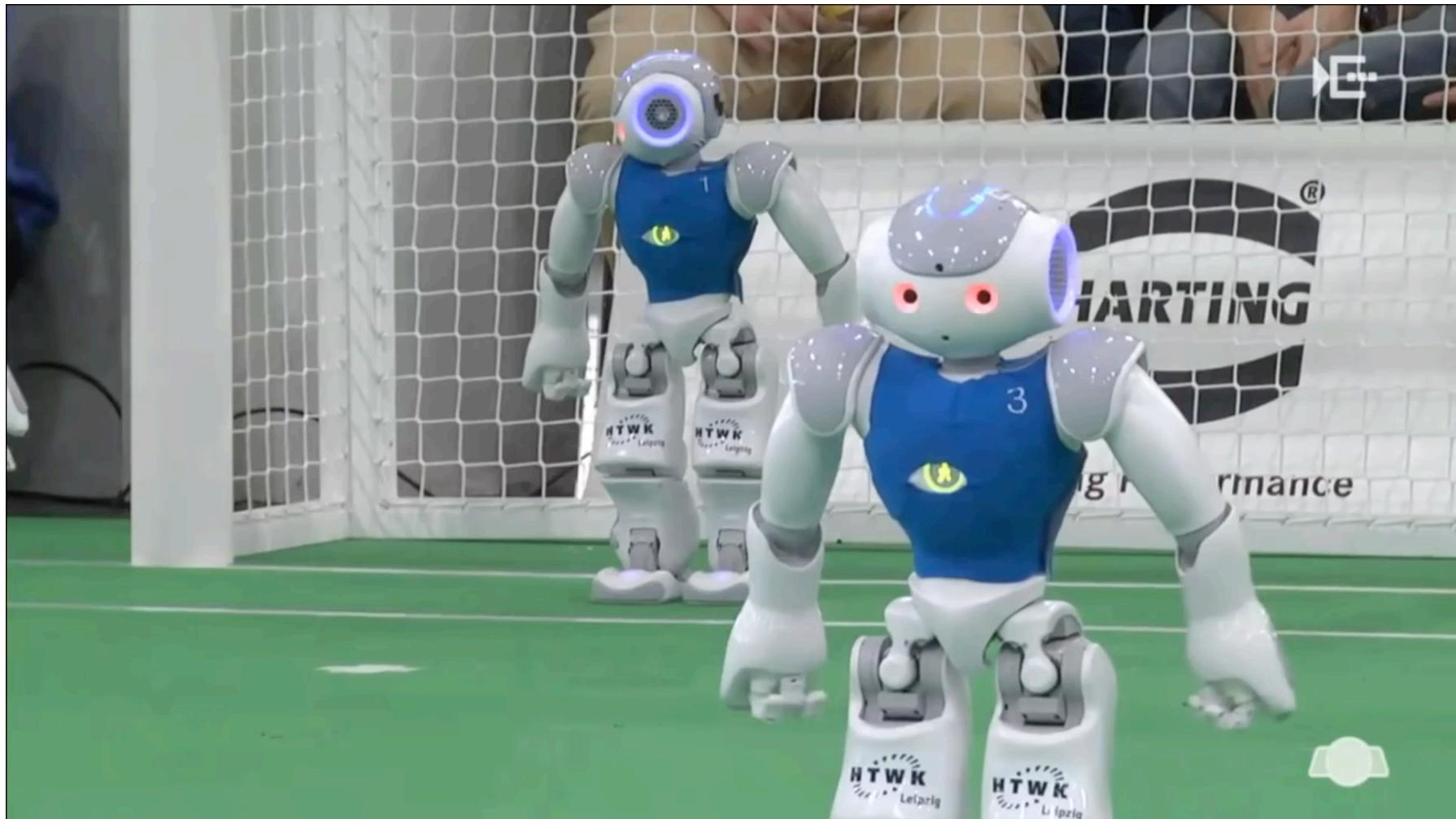
- Contest started in Japan in 1997 with the goal of creating a soccer team within 2050 able to play against (and possibly beat) the world champion team
- Too ambitious? Deep Blue has been created 50 years after the first computer was invented, Moon landing (1969) 50 years after the first airplane.
- New challenge very different from games: immersed in an environment
- Autonomous Robots, with real-time sensing, reaction, communication, vision, perception, movement, coordination, planning learning cababilities.
- Full Turing Test



Nao: structure

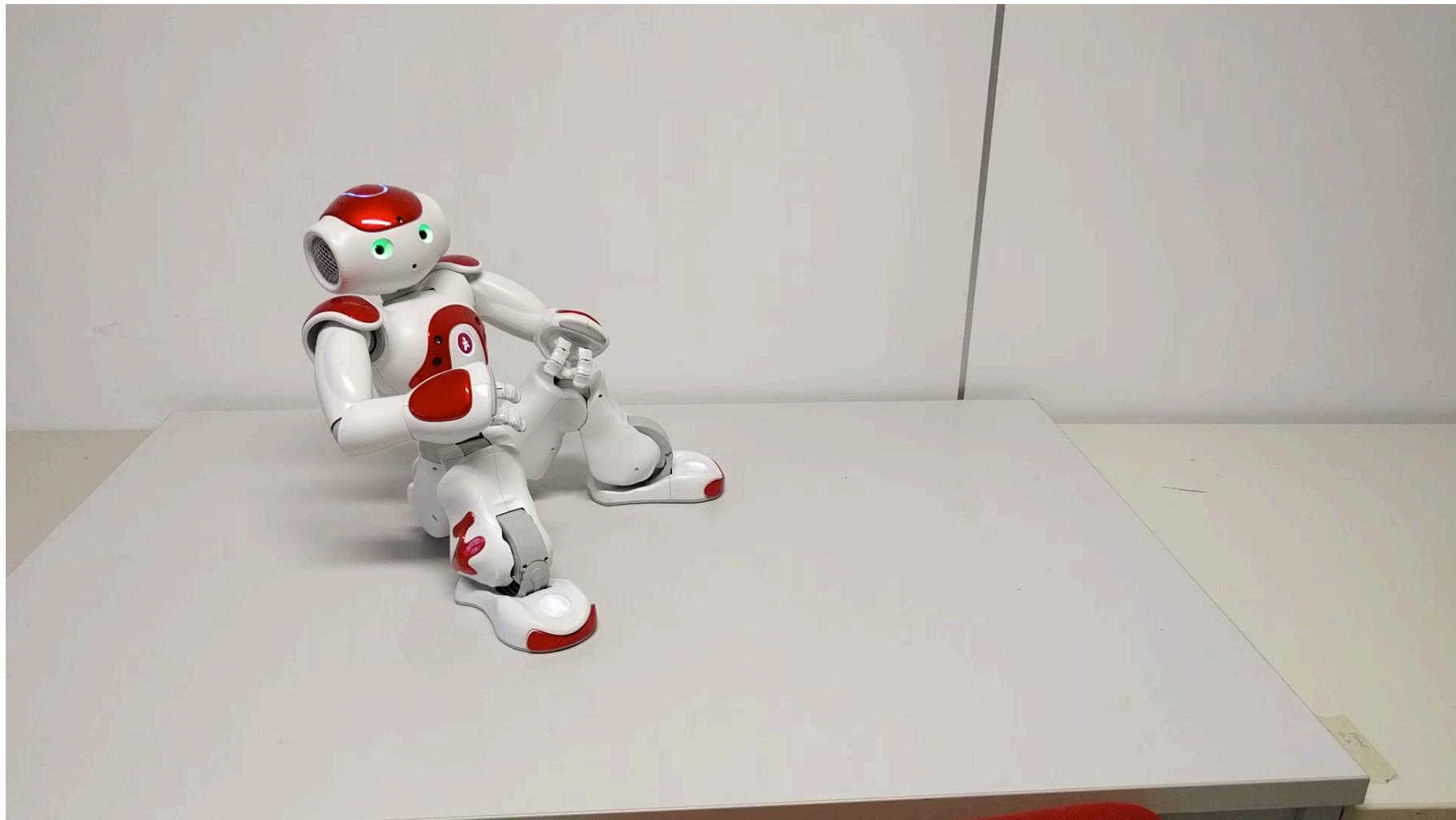


NAO and Robocup

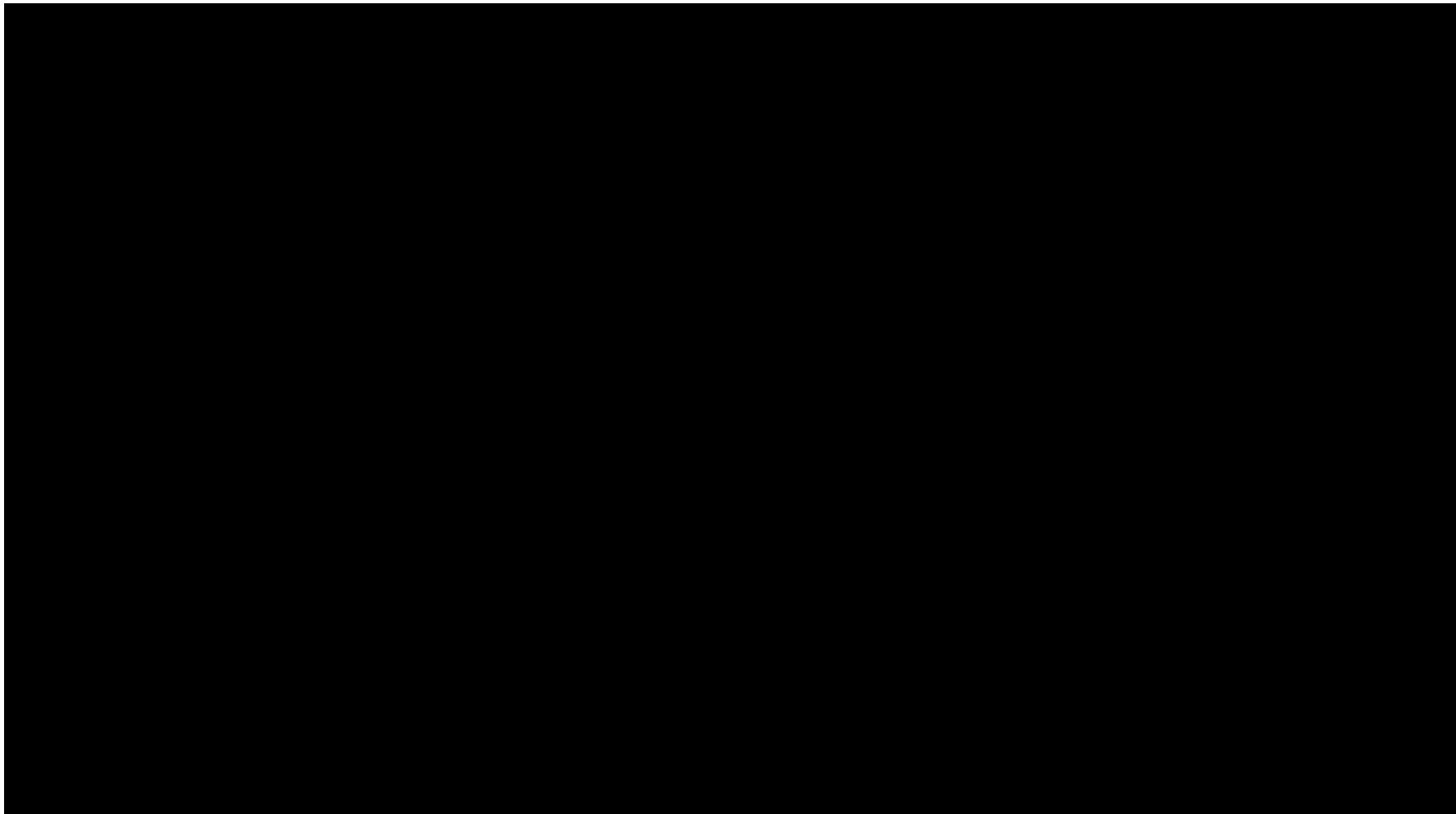


By Nao-Team HTWK, Università di Lipsia

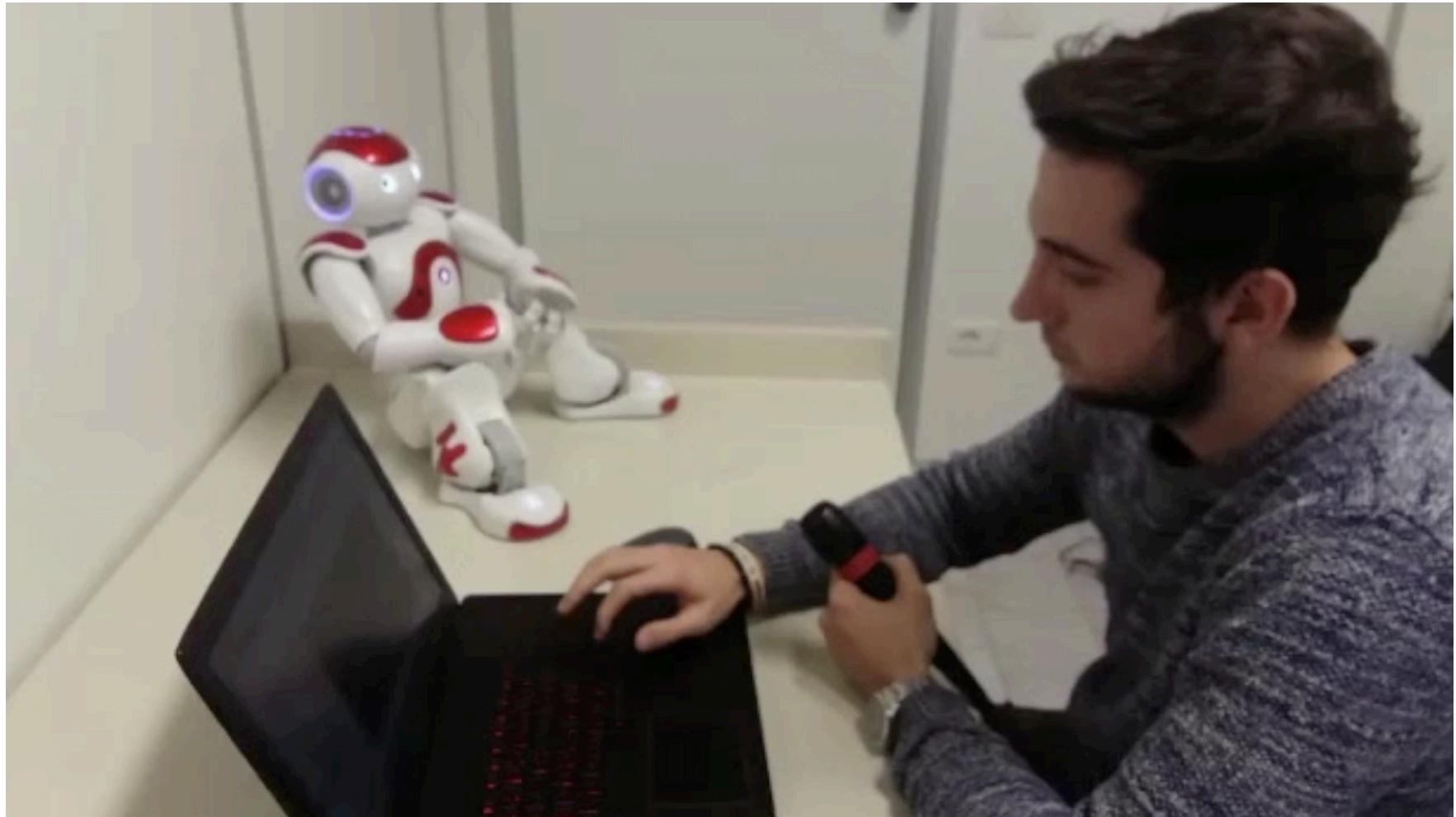
Nao reads a text (in italian)



Nao plays with natural language



Nao solves math expressions



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