

Breaking Bad AI

Closing the Gaps Between Data Security and Science

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Abstract

LONG: For years the security industry has discussed the leap into cloud computing as a paradigm shift. Get ready for another leap, as data platforms are rapidly becoming AI/ML development that requires its own new species of safety validations. This presentation, based on years of field test, will provide a quick intro and practical test list for security teams to comfortably engage data science projects.

QUICK: If you have AI/ML projects and aren't sure how to validate their safety, this presentation is for you. Don't let another AI project go forward without security assessments being in the conversation.

Thus, Two Classes of Breaking

Breaking: Replace, Adjust,
Keep Hammering



Breaking Bad: Stop, Toss
Bag, Build Standards of
Trust (Quality Assurance)



Ceci n'est pas une pipe.

“Break Bad”: American 1880s Colloquialism for Flaws

“*Character*” flaw in trusted systems (e.g. business logic)

(Supreme Court, City and County of New York, 1886)

1. Financial pressures to survive can breed immoral safety **shortcuts** (for high margins)
2. Unregulated margins attracts increasingly organized **greed** (in unsafe/abusive markets)
3. If no enforcement, then expansive disasters (immoral expansion and ultimately “**war**”)

GEORGE A. SMITH, polisher, 20 years experience :
 The bits used to break bad. In the shop they called this steel “Jersey lightning” (fol. 2206).

All the steel used in the manufacture of bits during 1873 was of bad quality (fol. 2208).

“The fact is that they wouldn’t show until you

2189 with the exception of two or three months he got some poor steel there that would break in the same manner ; I don’t know where he got it from, nor what the name of it was, and it broke so bad that we used to send them in without brightening the screws ; that was at Mr. Beecher’s shop in 1868 or 1869 ; I had a contract there for five or six years.

Q. Did you hear of any complaint in the shop, at the time that you took this contract in 1873, concerning this steel ?

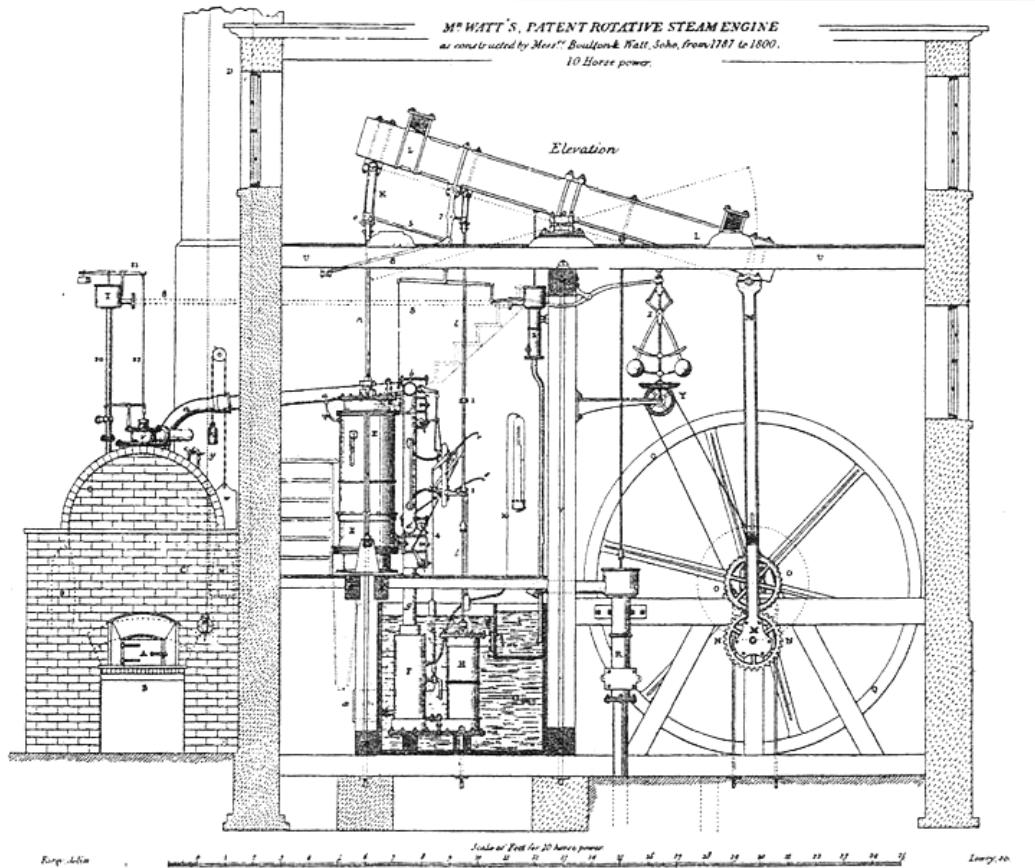
2190 A. Oh, yes ; there was complaints ; I don’t know whether it was in 1873 ; I think it is very likely I heard complaints then ; but then I remember it pretty much all the while along during those years.

Q. Who was the superintendent at this time ?
 A. Mr. Swan.

D. Did you represent to him that you were unable to get out a fair proportion of good work ?

A. Yes ; I told him a good many times about it that they would break bad ; sometimes he told me to 2191 have them tempered over, and I did so, but that would do no good. This lot that I speak of that I remember so perfectly--I sent part of them down to have them tempered over ; that didn’t seem to do any good, they would break first as bad and mash down the same as before.

1770s The Piston Engine Was Meant to Save Lives



Breaking Bad in 1905: “Grover Shoe Factory Disaster”



Breaking Bad in 1905: Regulatory Crackdown in 2 Years

Objections from manufacturers to “needless government interference” are completely set aside:

- Stringent *operational* safety laws
- National code

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved May 29, 1907.

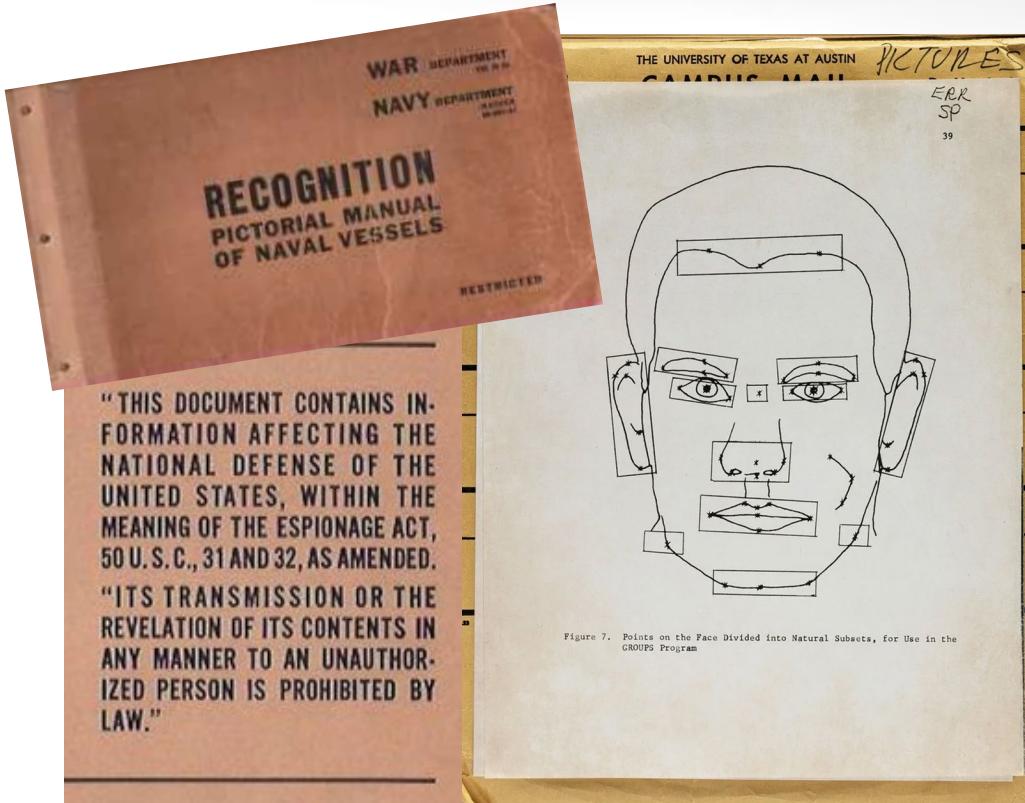
Chap.465 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION AND INSPECTION OF STEAM BOILERS.

Operation and inspection of steam boilers.

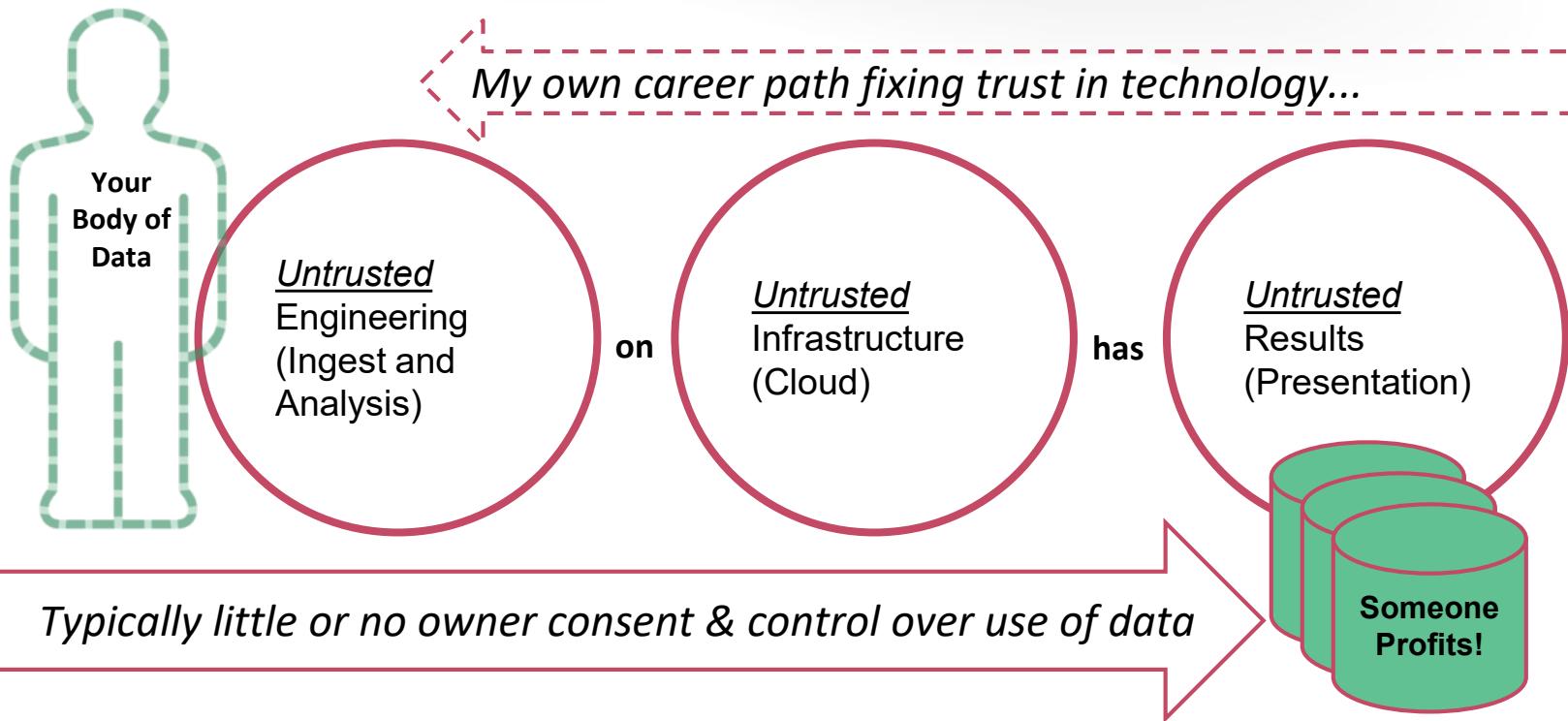
Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. All steam boilers and their appurtenances, except boilers of railroad locomotives, motor road vehicles, boilers in private residences, boilers in public buildings and in apartment houses used solely for heating, and carrying pressures not exceeding fifteen pounds per square inch, and having less than four square feet of grate surface, boilers of not more than three horse power, boilers used for horticultural and agricultural purposes exclusively, and boilers under the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be thoroughly inspected internally and externally at intervals of not over one year, and shall not be operated at pressures in excess of the safe working pressure stated in the certificate of inspection hereinafter mentioned, which pressure is to be ascertained by rules established by the board of boiler rules, to be appointed as

1950s Recognition Machines Desired For...



60 Years Later... Can Anyone Tell If Breaking Bad?



2007 Example: “Smart Gun” Shoots Operators

“...rogue gun began firing wildly, spraying high-explosive shells at a rate of 550 a minute, swinging around through 360 degrees like a high-pressure hose. [An] officer tried to shut the gun down but she couldn't because the ***computer gremlin had taken over*** ...”



Breaking Bad?

Yes. But Do Gremlins Lead To... More Special Humans?

2020 Smart Gun Report:

“...can’t trust an algorithm — no matter how smart — to seek out, identify and kill the correct target...”

Versus Specialized Warriors:

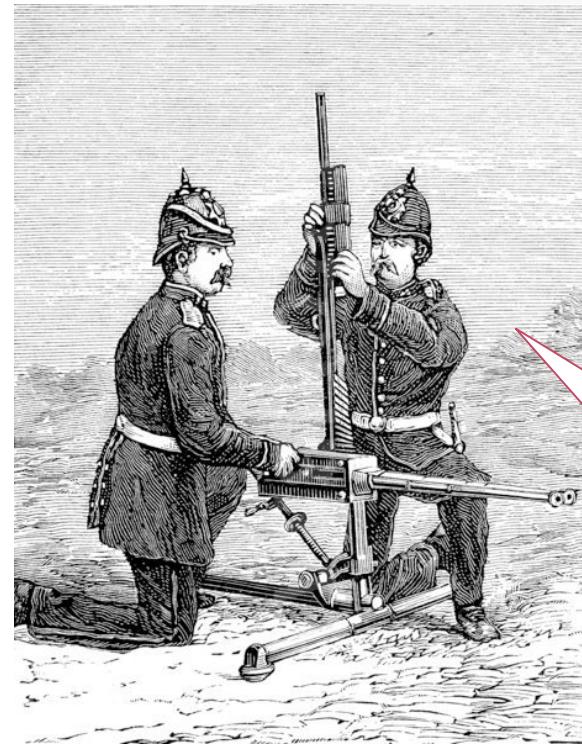
“Our job ... is also to have the judgment to figure out a plan to get to the ***desired end state*** under high-stress situations ***where violence may be counterproductive.***”



AI The Weapon of Modern Warfare (e.g. Civil Rights)

“Humans are and have always been vulnerable to being tricked, provoked, conditioned, deceived, or otherwise manipulated

*...artificial
intelligence slashes
the transaction
costs.”*



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“I told you don't worry. With AI they now see us as fishermen! Haha”

Unvarnished Reality: AI Interferes With Democracy

*Direct impact on
human liberties.*

Facebook no more can claim its products protect our privacy, than Coke can claim sugary drinks protected our health.

Far-right white supremacist groups are primed to use AI to wage global asymmetric battles against liberty and freedom.

**PURE
WHITE
AND
DEADLY**
John Yudkin



Despite Risks, AI Adoption Predictions Are Way, Way Up

“...global spend on artificial intelligence (AI) is expected to hit **\$52 billion in the next three years** and to double the annual growth rates of major economies in the next 15. Approximately 29 countries have created national AI policies...”

“Market for Artificial Intelligence in Cars Will Grow **1,200% in Next Six Years**”



<https://www.machinedesign.com/mechanical-motion-systems/article/21122520/prediction-market-for-artificial-intelligence-in-cars-will-grow-1200-in-next-six-years>

http://wef-ai.s3.amazonaws.com/WEF_Empowering-AI-Leadership_Oversight-Toolkit.pdf

<https://www.weforum.org/press/2020/01/artificial-intelligence-toolkit-helps-companies-protect-society-and-their-business/>

Dangers Are Fueled by Existential “Soda and Fries” FOMO

84% of C-suite executives believe they must leverage artificial intelligence (AI) to achieve profit growth objectives...

[75%] of C-suite executives believe if they don't scale AI in the next five years,
they risk going out of business entirely.



Desire for Scientifically Healthy Human Living? Unlikely. Death by Weaponized Tech? Very Very Likely.

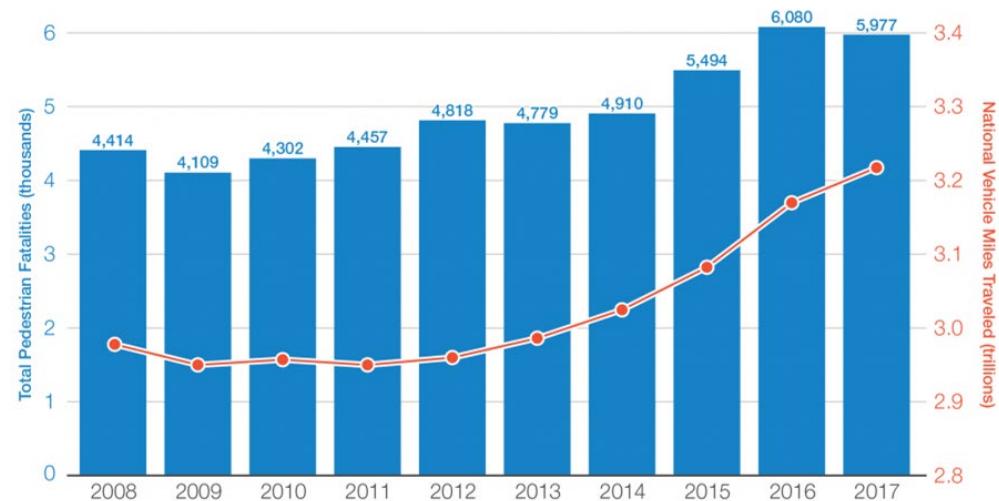
Current U.S. pedestrian death rate of 13 per day is equivalent to no survivors in
monthly jumbo jet crashes.

“... future autonomous cars will ...
 mean [intentionally] ***sacrificing
 the lives of pedestrians*** ...”

-- Christoph von Hugo, Mercedes-Benz Active Safety



2016 and 2017 were the most deadly years since 1990.

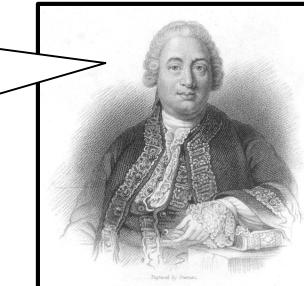


Easy to Explain Why March 2018 Uber Killed a Woman

Company BLIND to Repeated Warnings: Operated With NO SAFETY DIVISION

- “...incident where a car mounted the sidewalk was ignored”
- “...hitting things every 15,000 miles”, a vehicle was damaged “nearly every other day”
- “...placing too much emphasis on the number of ***miles driven as a metric for how advanced*** its software was getting”

Miles driven is NOT a reasonable benevolence test... just as repeatedly adding 2+2 could never be a metric of math skill. Duh.



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Some people have noted that the pedestrian killed by the Uber test vehicle could have walked 100 yards and crossed at a controlled intersection. THIS is the intersection.



EricPaulDennis

A super-weird aspect of this crash site is that it occurred at a place where a beautiful brick-paved diagonal walking path was provided across the median, along with a sign instructing people not to use it. This is beyond pedestrian-hostile design; it's damn near entrapment.



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Alternate Title: **The Truth is History**

The Real Ignorance Found in
Artificial Intelligence Products

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Alternate Abstract (Replacing Me With SunTzuBot)

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4.     (  
5. "The art of war is of vital importance to the State.",  
6. "All warfare is based on deception.",  
7. "If the campaign is protracted, the resources of the  
State will not be equal to the strain.",  
8. "There is no instance of a country having benefited from  
prolonged warfare.",  
9. ),  
10.)  
11.) suntsu_chatbot = Chat(pairs, reflections)  
12. suntsu_chatbot.converse()
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Automation Tech Forecasters Shouldn't Ignore *Important* History (War) Lessons

“The Further We Go Back, The Better We Can See Desirable Ends

Who Was Caty?



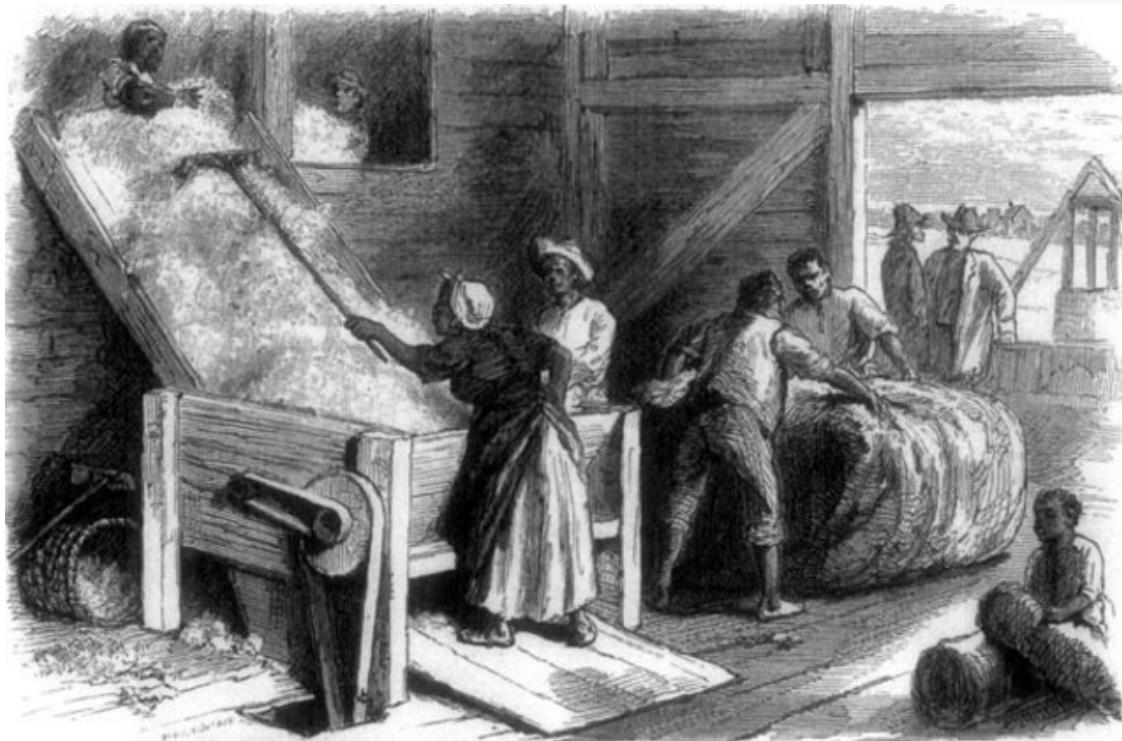
Catharine Littlefield Greene Miller

(17 February 1755 – 2 September 1814)

What Did She Invent (1793)?

...And Why?

Caty's Invention: A Cotton Engine ('gin)



Caty's Husband: Revolutionary War “Hero” Nathanael

1779 Promoted to Commander in Chief of “Southern Army”

Agile: “We fight, get beat, rise and fight again.”

1781 British defeated, he is ruined by Charleston merchants and South Carolina courts demanding payments (on his cosigned notes)

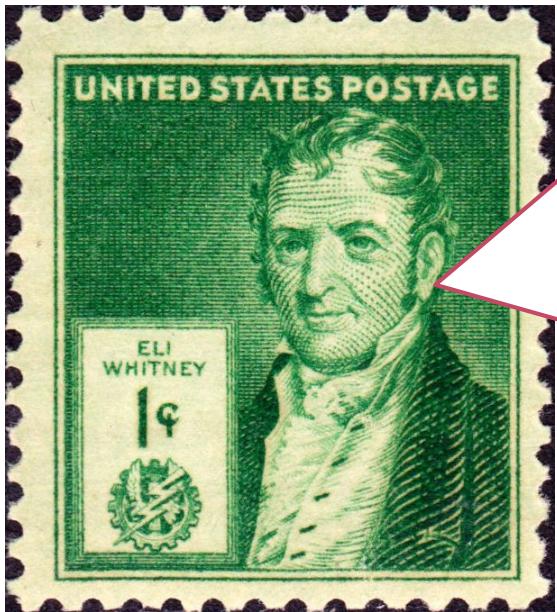
Driven: “...given himself to [Revolutionary] belief, signed away his future life...”

1782 Georgia “funds” him 2,000+ confiscated plantation acres

1786 Dies of heat stroke working land (abolitionist/Quaker)

Ethical: “Nothing can be said in [slavery’s] defense”

Whitney Then Stamps Caty Out (He instead of She)



“Inexperienced, and fresh off a boat...”

- **Cheated** of my tutor pay and desperate, Caty takes me in, instructs me to build engine
- American women **barred** from filing patents, so file with Miller, whom she marries
- We’re then **robbed** of income, service payments delinquent, rampant theft of our IP

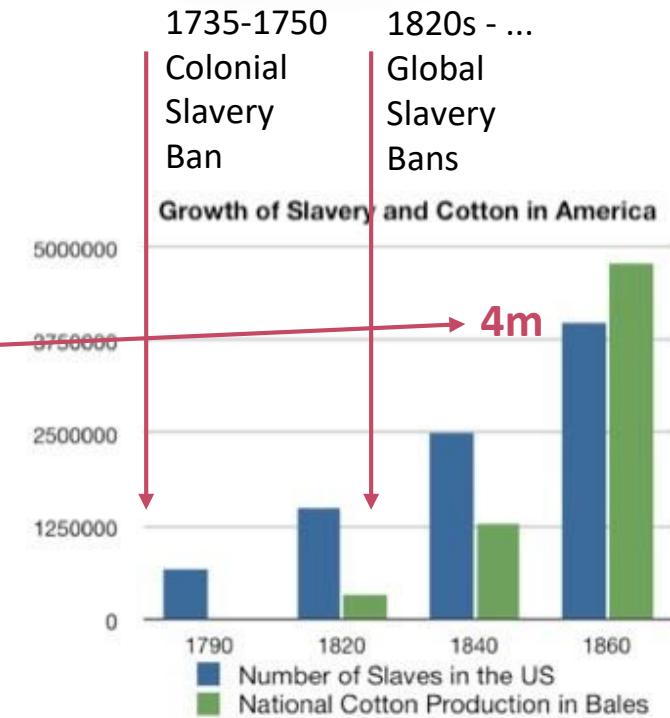
Engine Use Really Went South From There...

Owner-Operators Implicated in Widespread Crimes Against Humanity

North (and rest of world): Industrialization and Individual Rights (e.g. Eli Whitney's rifle factory)

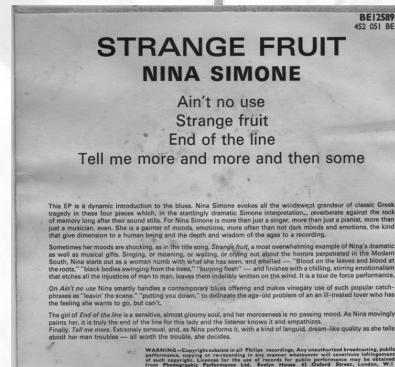
South: Massive slavery expansion for cotton gins. A 1808 U.S. ban on use of ships for slavery results in ***state-sanctioned rape of women***

"Potential sexual partners of enslaved women included the master, his sons, neighboring planters, visitors of the slaveholding family, traveling salesmen, and hired workers."



1838 Lincoln Describes “Breaking Bad” Symptoms

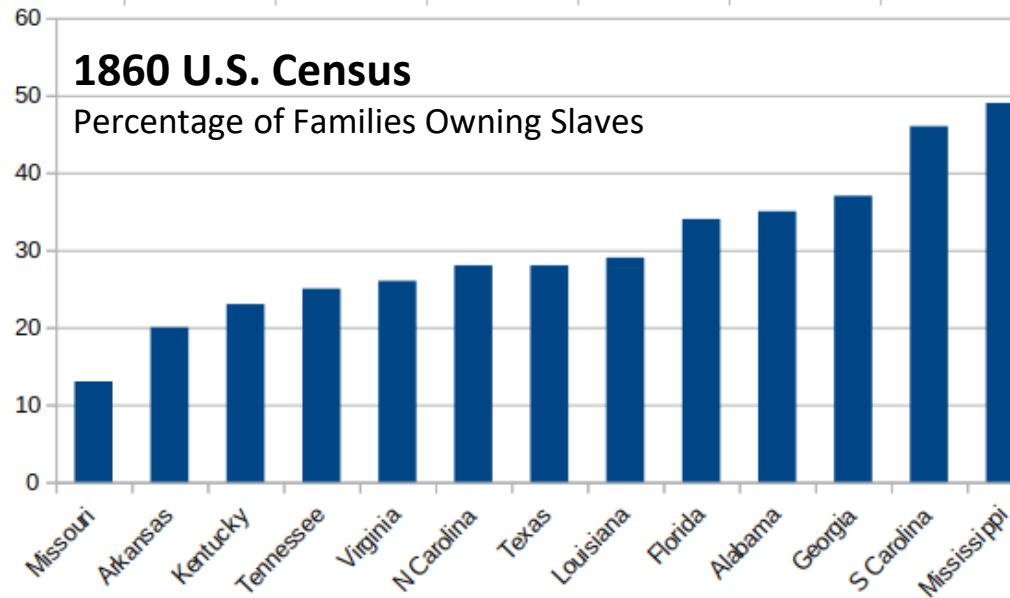
“...dead men were seen literally dangling from the boughs of trees upon every road side; and in numbers almost sufficient, to rival the native Spanish moss of the country, as a drapery of the forest.”



(100 years later, in
1937 Abel Meeropol
wrote similarly, as
Performed by Nina
Simone)

1859 Brown Hanged for “Treason”... Civil War Erupts

- 90% of American south black population enslaved ***20 years after global bans***
- Slaves are 50% of population in South Carolina and Mississippi
- ***30% avg of families own slaves*** in 15 states (Other 20 states already abolished it)



<https://books.google.com/books?id=uRJt7QqA7GEC&pg=PA544&f=false>

<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674002111>

<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1864/dec/1860a.html>

Why Did Caty Invent That Engine?



1793 Desired a ‘Gin to Achieve...

- Freedom
- Equality

Instead Her Unregulated Tech Meant

- Enslavement
- Exploitation and Erasure



Fast Forward to Today and the Need to Emancipate Our Data Bodies

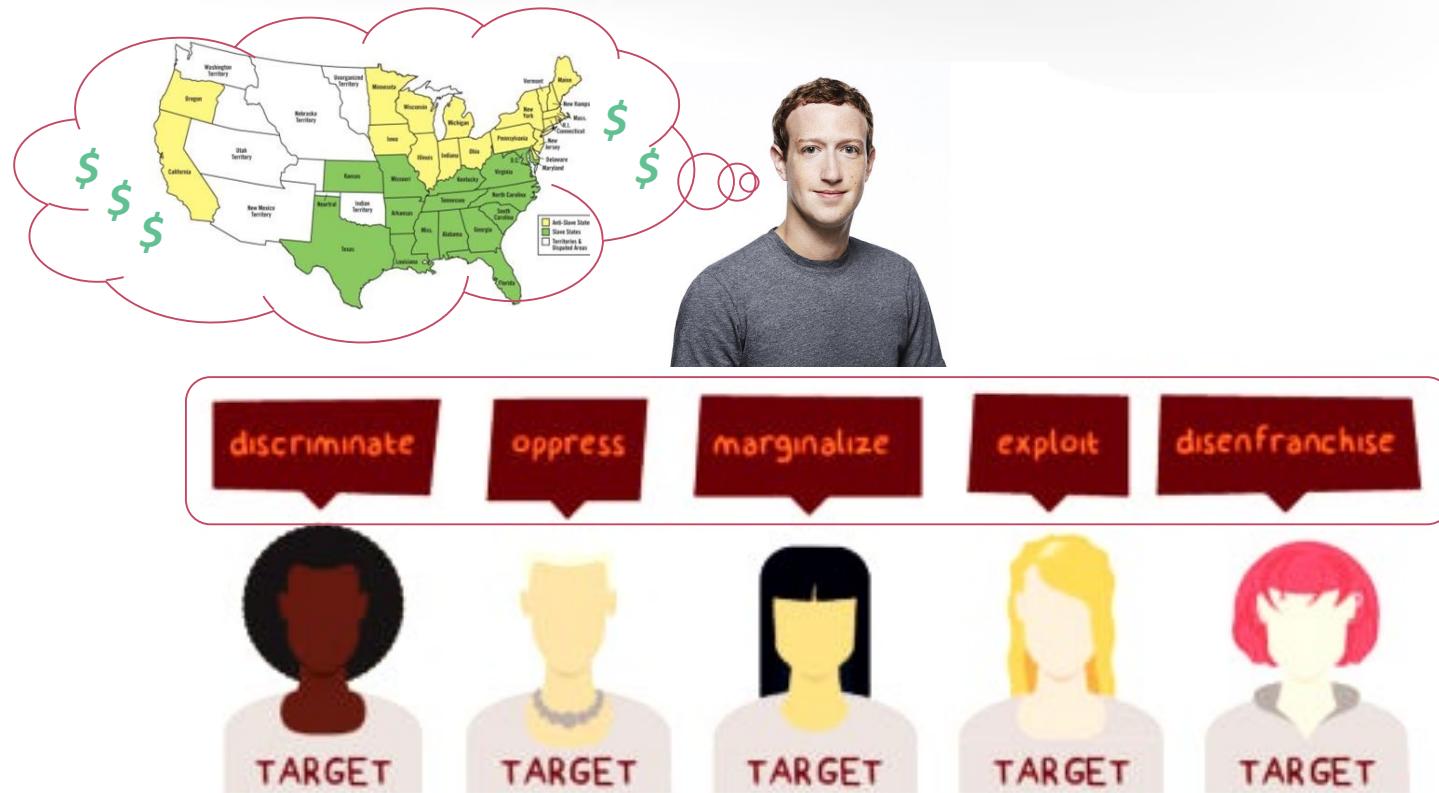
“The Further We Go Back, The Better We Can See Desired End State”

Is Facebook Just a Modern Slavery Engine?



“Poor things, ‘they can’t take care of themselves.’”

Should You Let AI 'Gin Expand Into Markets Today Like...



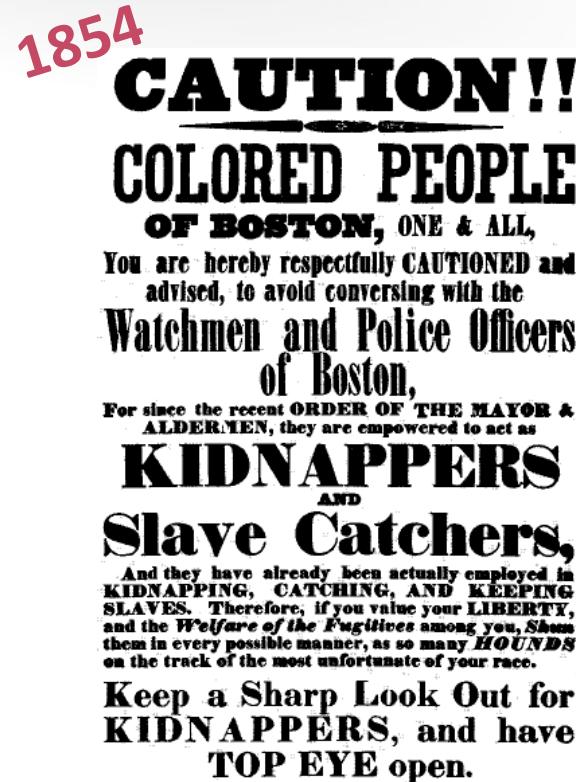
Source: MSW@USC Diversity Toolkit: Guide to Discussing Identity, Power and Privilege

<https://www.flyingpenguin.com/?p=27668>

And How About Google's "Data Body" Snatching Engine?

"...go after people of color, conceal the fact that people's faces were being recorded and even *lie to maximize their data collections.*

...target homeless people because they're least likely to say anything to the media."



<https://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ny-google-darker-skin-tones-facial-recognition-pixel-20191002-5vxpgowknffnbmy5eg7epsf34-story.html>

So Next Logical Step is “De Oppresso Liber”, Right?

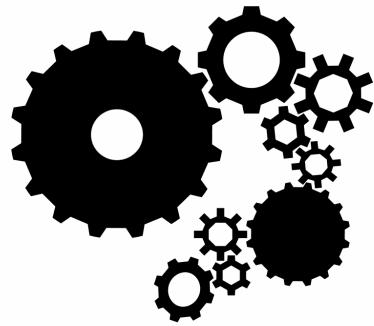
A close-up photograph of a fluffy, light-yellow kitten. The kitten has large, round, dark eyes and a slightly open mouth, giving it a surprised or excited expression. Its fur is soft and textured, and its ears are perked up.

...Right?

Intervention/Abolition Depends on Stage of Breaking

Cog (Metal) *Breaking*

Easy, Routine and Minimal Judgment (ERM)



*Subconscious, Instinctive, Intuitive,
Inexpensive to Replace*

Cognition (Meat) *Breaking Bad*

Identify, Store, Evaluate, Adapt (ISEA)

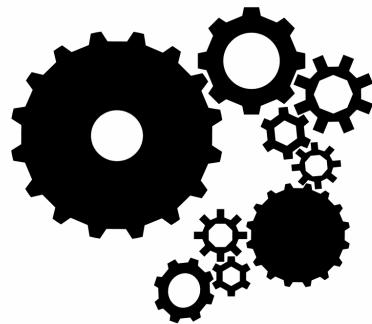


*Conscious, Deliberative, Logical,
Expensive to Restore*

... Expressed Roughly and Confusedly as ML and AI

Machine Learning (ML)

Data Science, Statistical Inference



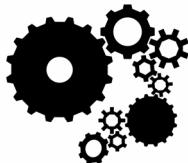
Machine Understanding (AI)

Knowledge Engineering, Logical Inference



“Seeing Relations” (Science) The Ultimate Fix For Bad AI

Cogs



“Americans often think of schooling as the transmission of ***specialized skill sets*** — can the student read, do math, recite the facts of biology...”

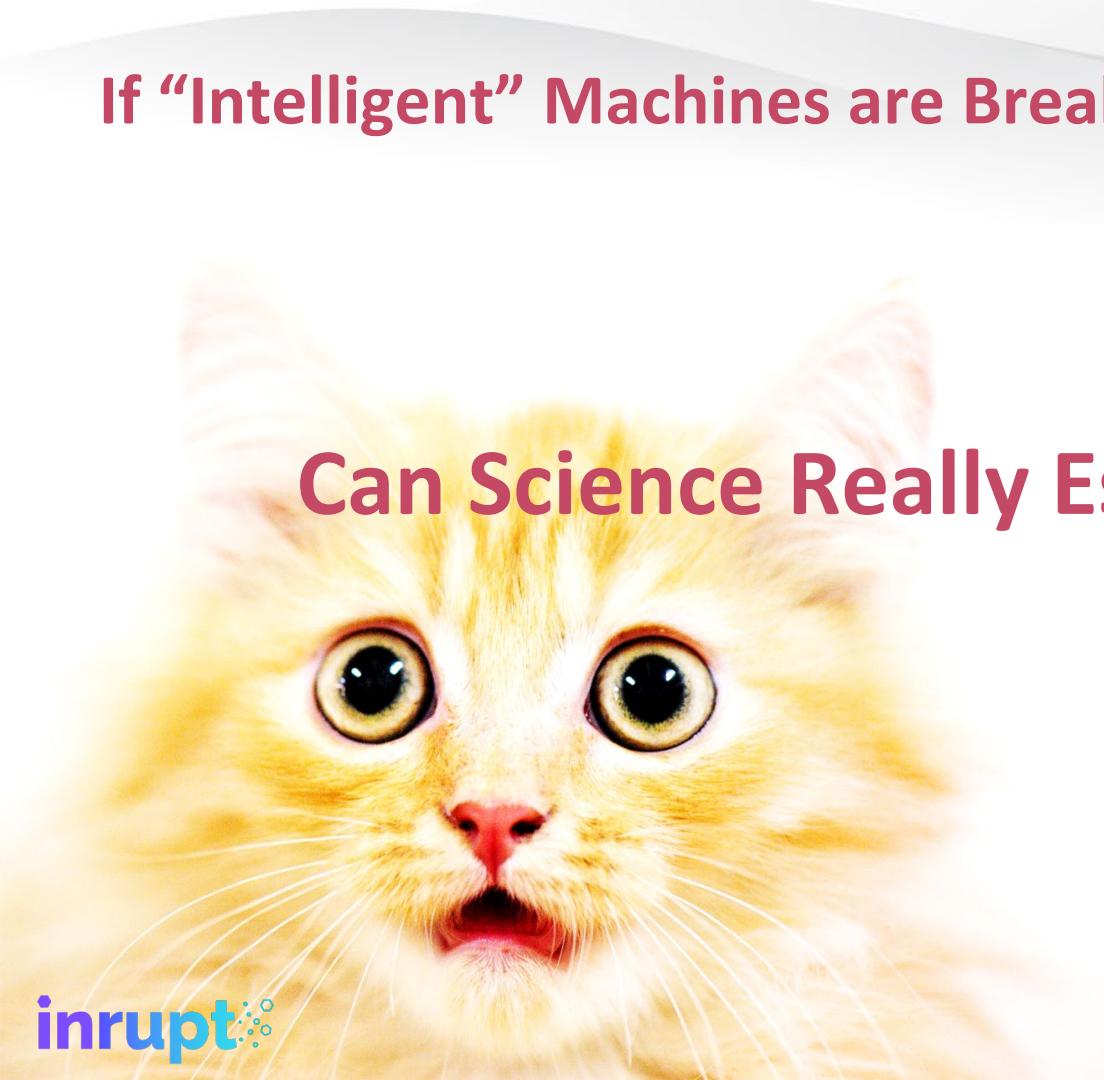


Cognition



“[Nordic] Bildung is devised to change the way students see the world. It is devised to help them ***understand complex systems and see the relations between things*** — between self and society, between a community of relationships in a family and a town.”

If “Intelligent” Machines are Breaking Bad...



Can Science Really Establish Trust?

Exploding Science of AI Ethics Can Be Very Confusing



“...no single ethical principle was common to all of the ***84 documents on ethical AI*** we reviewed. Still, five principles are mentioned in more than half the sources:

1. Transparency,
2. Justice and fairness,
3. Non-maleficence (afflicting no harm),
4. Responsibility, and
5. Privacy.”

2019

Exploding Science...

2018

2017

2016

2015

Number of
Documents:

0

1

2-4

5-8

9-16

17+

 + Private Company

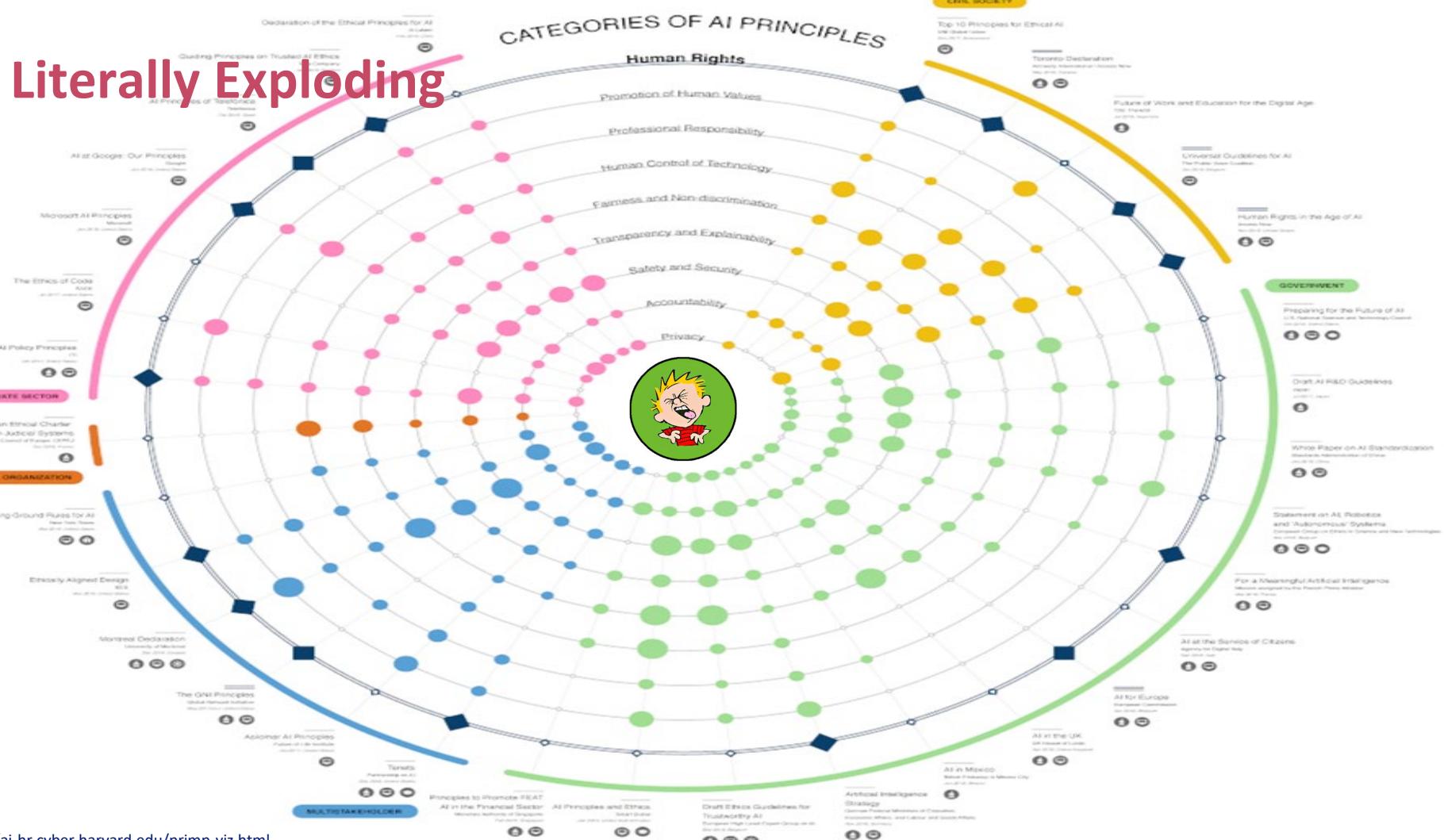
 ✈ Government

 ★ Research or Professional Organizations

<http://aiethicslab.com/big-picture/>

Literally Exploding

CATEGORIES OF AI PRINCIPLES



Hot Off The Press: EU Commission and ICO Auditing

Latest risk guidelines seem to omit important history...

- training data;
- data and record-keeping;
- information to be provided;
- robustness and accuracy;
- human oversight;
- specific requirements...

Simple
Distillation

"I attribute [problems] to a false system of education , gathered from the books written on this subject by men, who, considering females rather as women than human creatures, have been more anxious to make them alluring mistresses than affectionate wives and rational mothers..."

-- Wollstonecraft 1792

Cognitive Science: Desire More Important Than Reason

Hume Established Science of Morality

- A Treatise of Human Nature (1740)

Using experimental method for morality: "...reason is, and ought only to be the slave to the passions..."

*Measure Intelligence in
Rational Sympathy &
Universal Benevolence*

Wollstonecraft Established Passion of Equality

- A Vindication of the Rights of Men (1790)
- A Vindication of the Rights of Woman (1792)



Natural Science:

"At times I feel certain I am right
while not knowing the reason..."

**Imagination is more
important than knowledge.**

For knowledge is limited, whereas
imagination embraces the entire
world, stimulating progress, giving
birth to evolution."

Life Science: Alpha (Parent) & Beta (Child) Roles

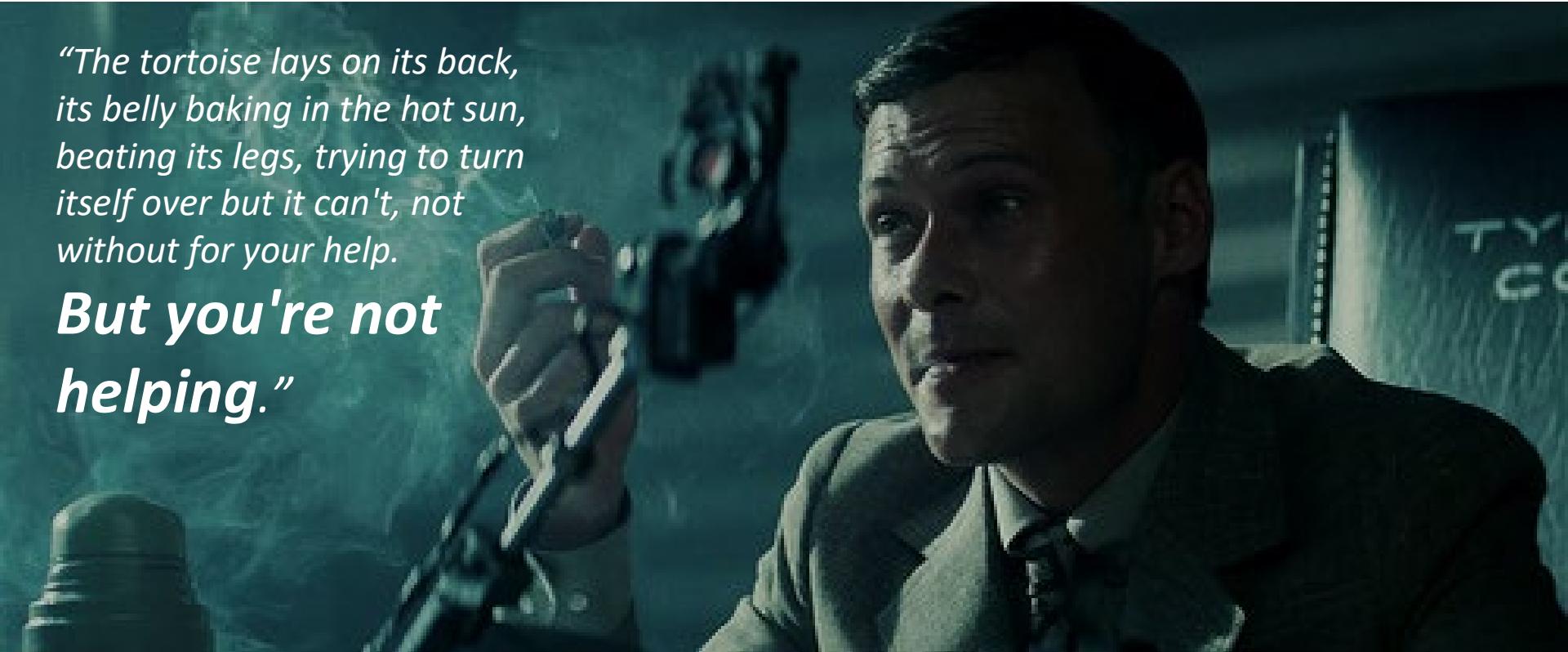


“...alpha wolf protects his family and treats them with kindness, generosity, and love... main characteristic of an alpha male wolf is a quiet confidence, quiet self-assurance... a calming effect.”

Fictional Science: "...you're not helping. Why is that...?"

*"The tortoise lays on its back,
its belly baking in the hot sun,
beating its legs, trying to turn
itself over but it can't, not
without your help.*

***But you're not
helping."***



Applied Science (Engineering): Desirability of Cognizance

“...scientific principles to design or develop structures, machines, apparatus, or manufacturing processes, or works utilizing them singly or in combination; or to construct or operate the same with ***full cognizance of their design; or to forecast their behaviour*** under specific operating conditions; all as respects an intended function, ***economics of operation and safety to life and property.***”



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A Fix List, Real Science

*"The web as I envisaged,
we have not seen yet."*



Desire a Better Web; Safer AI

We can rotate towards better data integrity and confidentiality via user-centric data controls in technology.

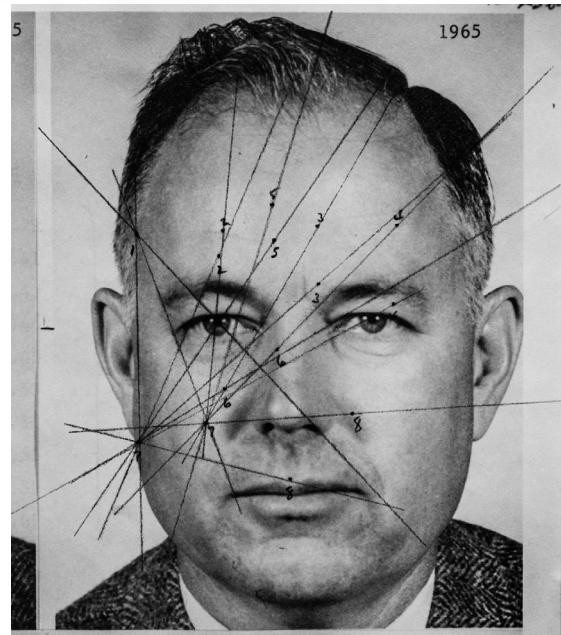
Decentralized models key to achieving balance of AI knowledge and privacy.

Standards will enable essential functions like “roll-back and power-button”.



Desire Trusted Outcomes in AI Product Management

1. Safe? (Confidentiality, Integrity...
Resistant to Threats)
2. Moral? (Beneficial)
3. Reversible? Can Mistakes (see 1
and 2) Be Reset Easily?
4. Power-Off? Can Services Be
Terminated Without Loss?
 - a. Happy to be offline to avoid harm
(term limits)
 - b. Or expects persistence (dictatorship
by reverse “moats”)



Example: Reversible (User-Consent Control) Data Access

Solid Specification Service

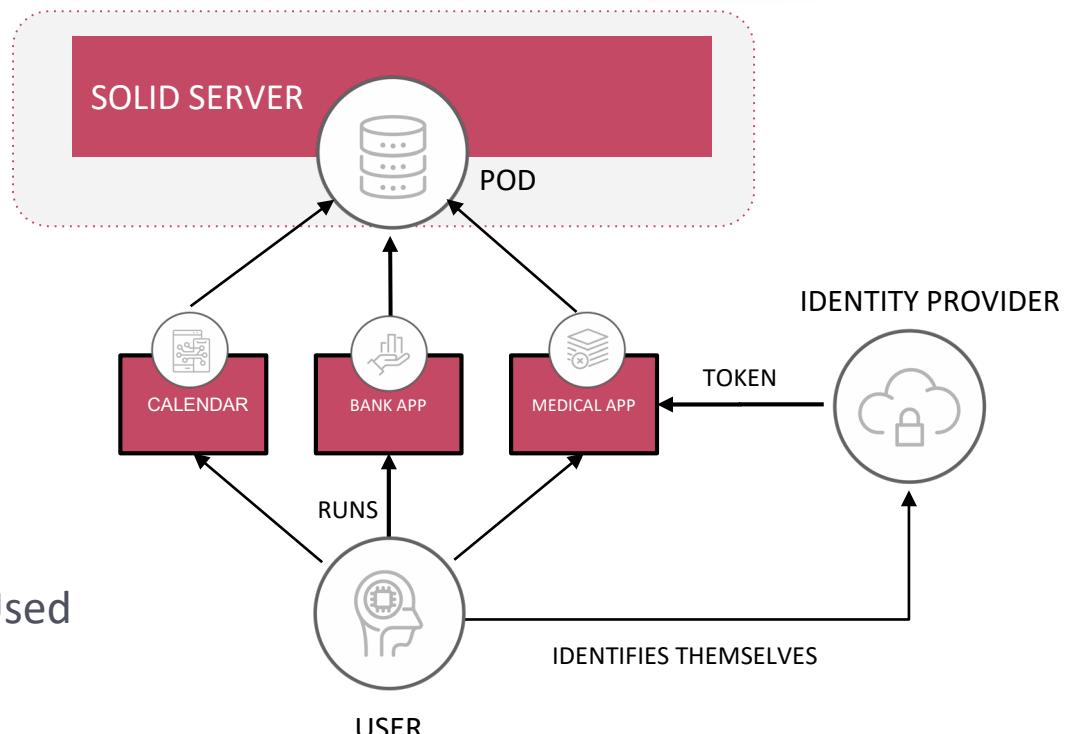
- Advertises Pod URL
- Enforces Access Controls

Pod

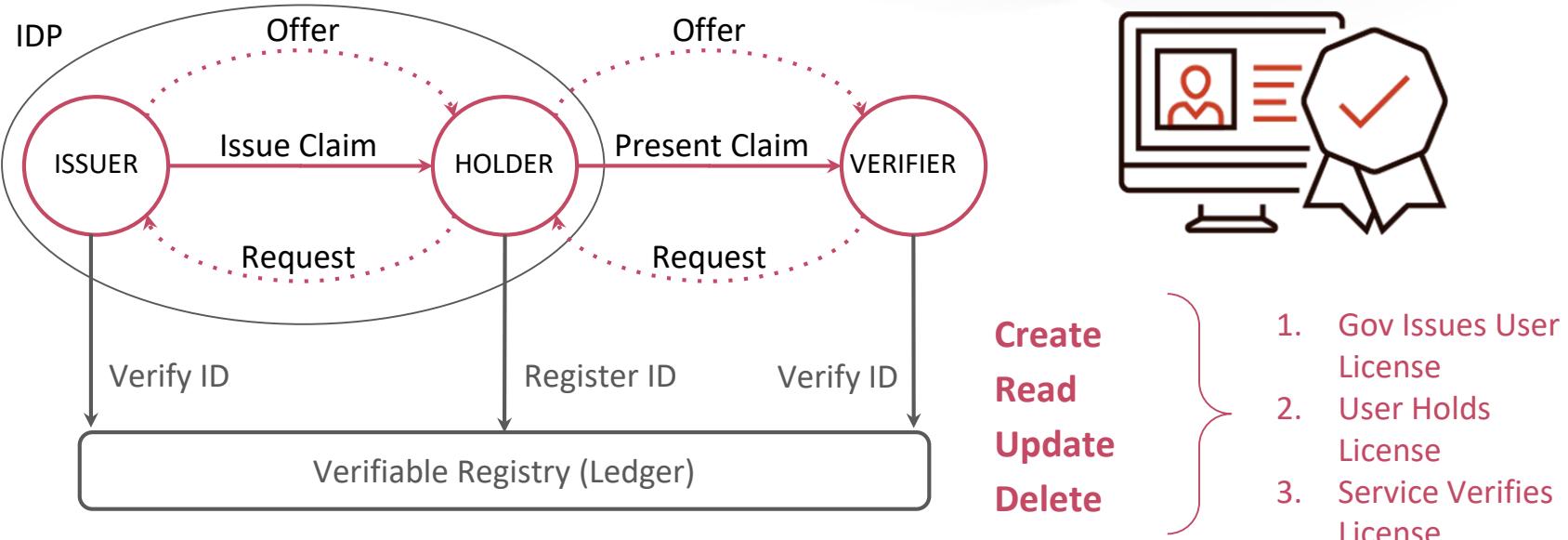
- User Data Store

User

- Chooses Pod Location
- Manages App Access
- Organizes Data
- Controls When/How Data Used



Example: How to Power-Off With User-Centricity



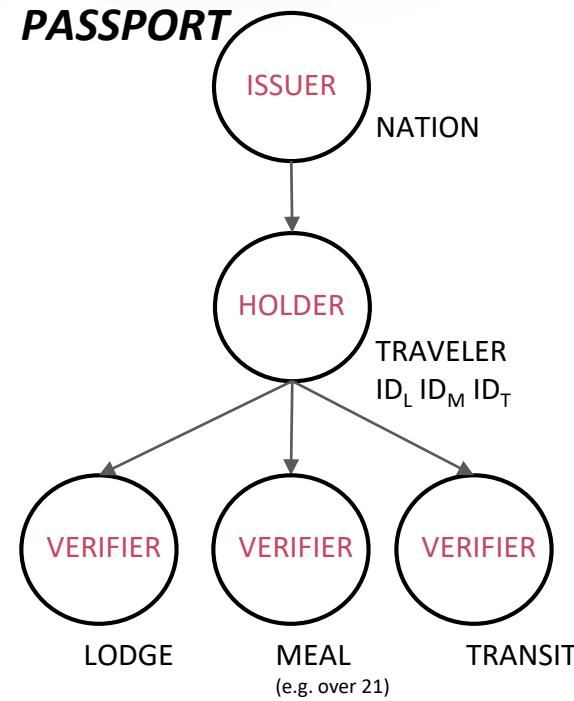
Example: How to Power-Off With User-Centricity

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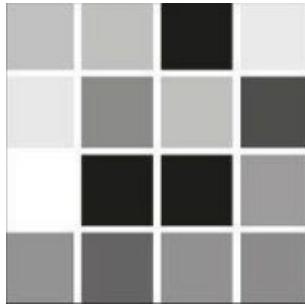
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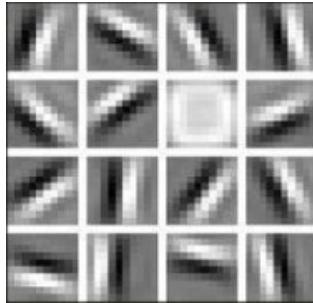


Out With Lockean “Reason”! In With Humean Desires

Layer 1:
Categorize
Levels by Pixel



Layer 2:
Learn Edges
and Shapes
from Levels



Layer 3:
Learn More
Complex
Shapes,
Objects

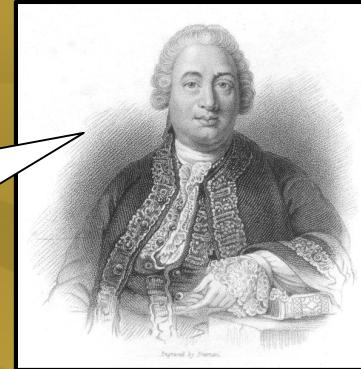


Layer 4:
Using Shapes
and Objects
Define a Face



Why Aren't We Engineering for Rational Desires, Benevolence... Seeing Relations?

Banks may be ok settling at 90% in fraud detection; so now let's suppose **99% certainty for human-recognition** systems is the more benevolent test...



One in Four U.S. Adults (61m) Have Major Disability

YET DRIVERLESS CARS CAN'T SEE THEM:

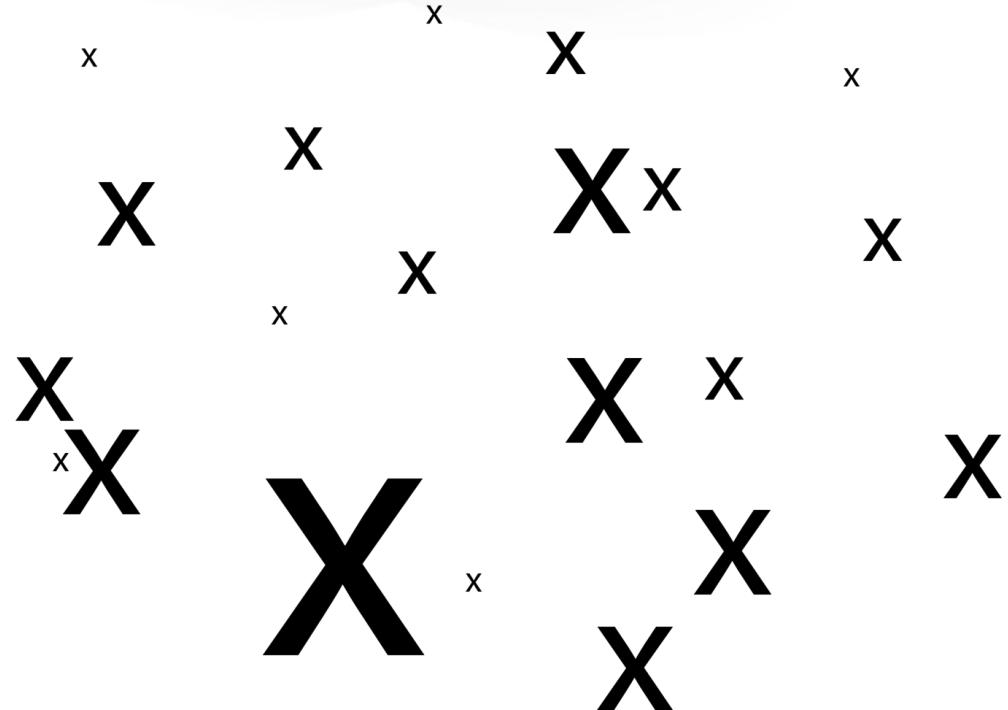
“When the models ran her friend over, the researchers exposed them to more training data – and *they ran her over again...*

confidently predicted from studying typical wheelchair behaviour...”



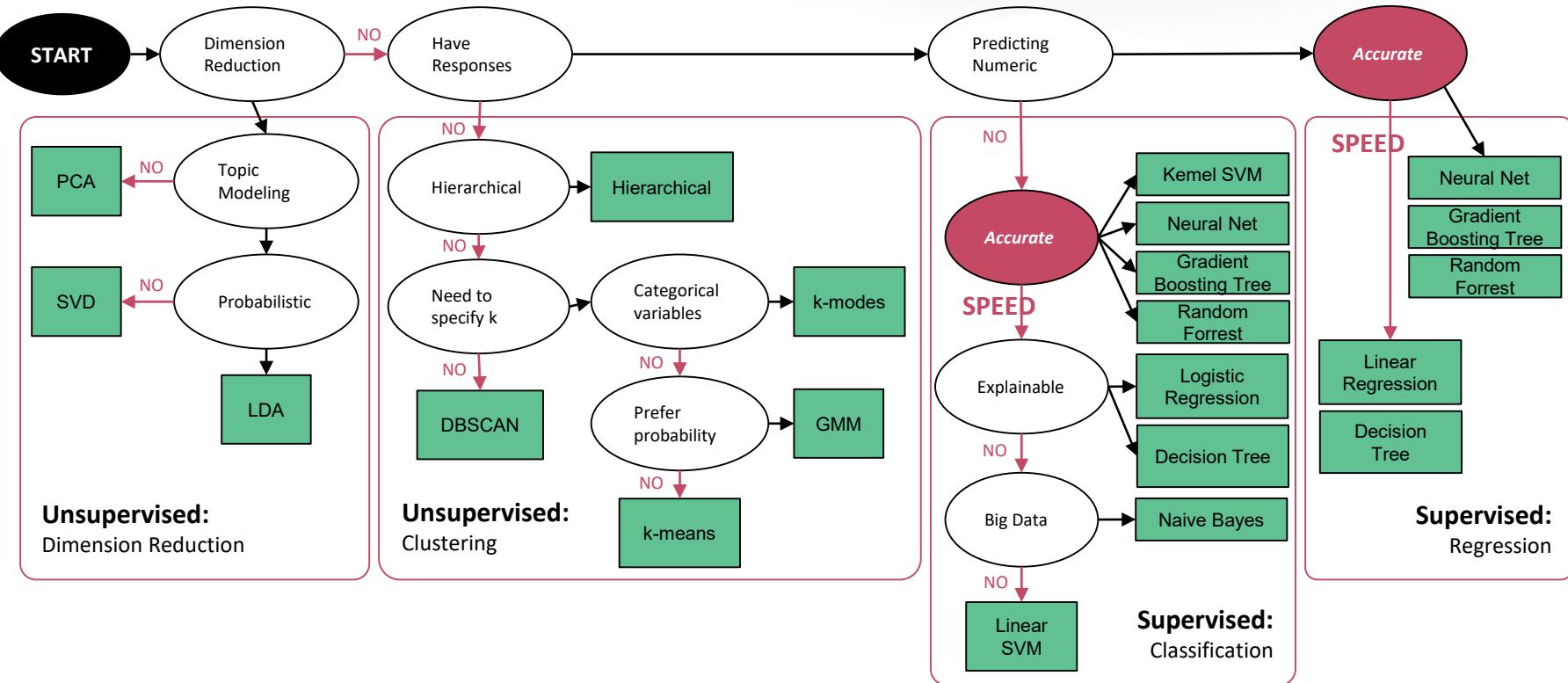
When AI Breaking Bad... Desire Becomes THE TEST

- **Nobody Eats:** Pancake Robot learns to throw as high as possible to “avoid” ground
- **Nobody Moves:** Evolutionary Speed Robot grows infinitely tall and falls over
- **Everyone Crashes:** Driving Robot goes in reverse and freely hits side panel but avoids bumpers
- **Everyone Loses:** Tic-tac-toe Robot moves out of bounds to cause *memory exhaustion and forfeit*

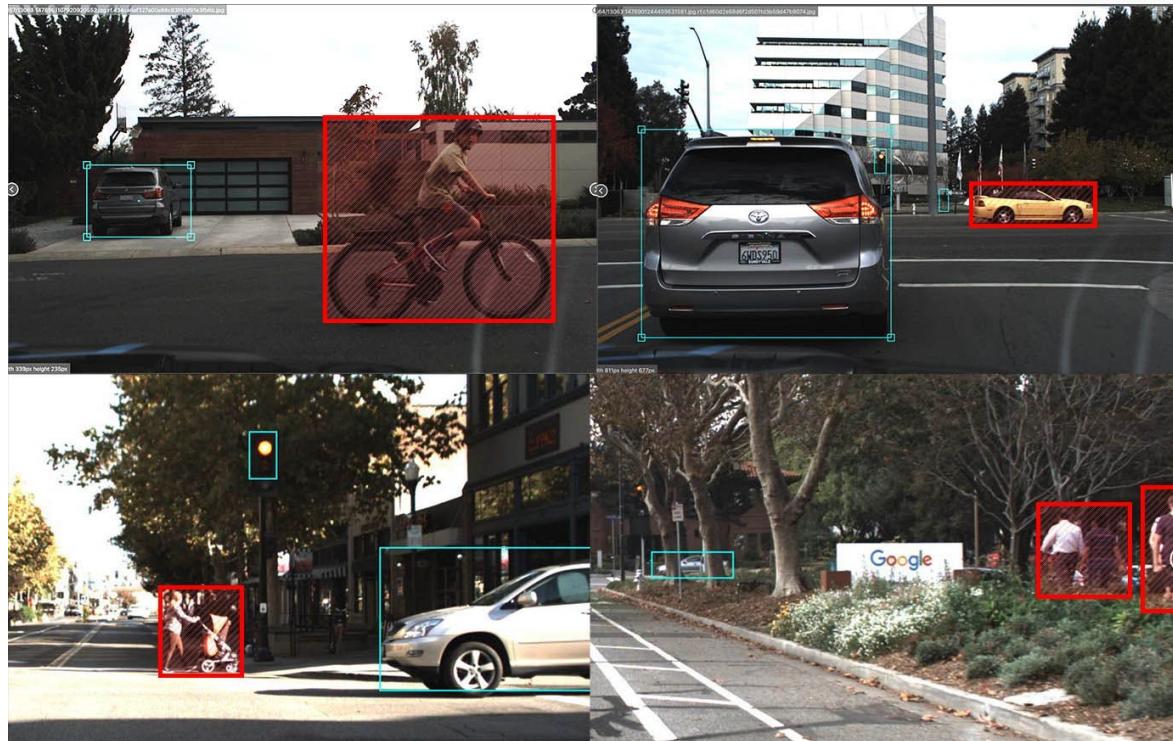


Do Trees Use Sympathy or Benevolence in Production?

Typical Machine Learning Algorithm Decisions

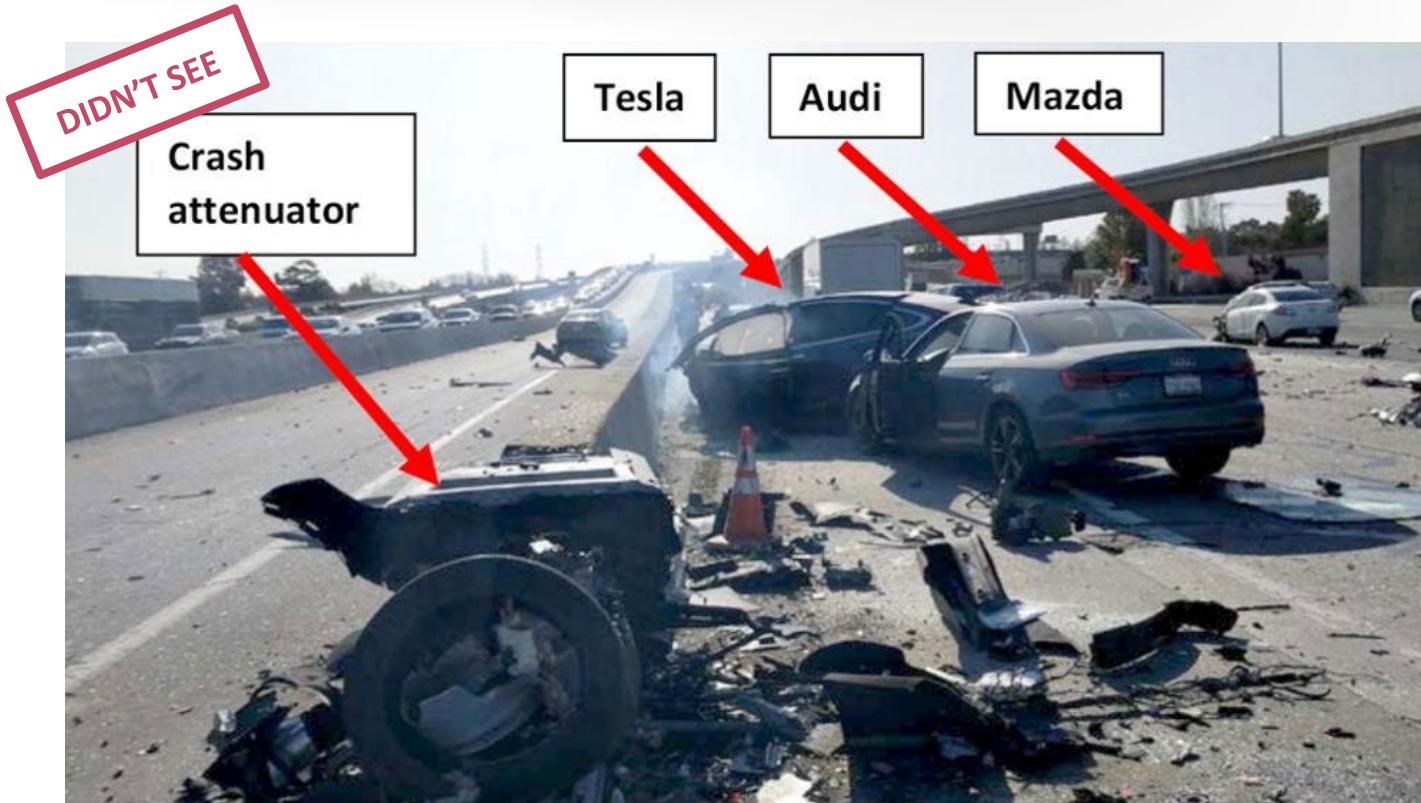


NO: “Critical Errors & Omissions” AI Report in 2020 has...



33%
COGNIZANCE
FAILURE RATE:
“...hundreds of
unlabeled
pedestrians, and
dozens of
unlabeled
cyclists...”

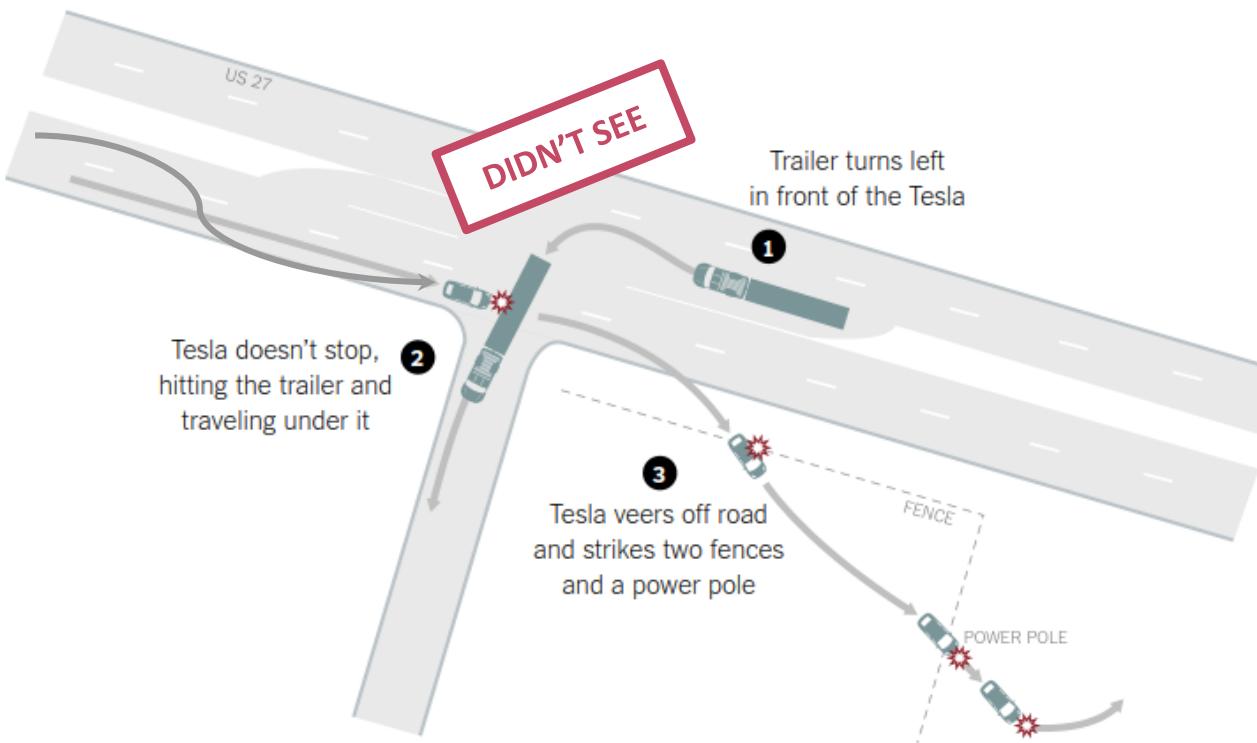
NO: Failures Predictable, Yet Unregulated in 2020



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/bradtempleton/2020/02/13/ntsb-releases-report-on-2018-fatal-silicon-valley-tesla-autopilot-crash/#4bd5342f42a8>

2016: Tesla Algorithm Decides to Decapitate Owner

Killed by Own “Intelligent” Car



The New York Times | Source: Florida traffic crash report

2019: Tesla Algorithm Decides to Decapitate Owner

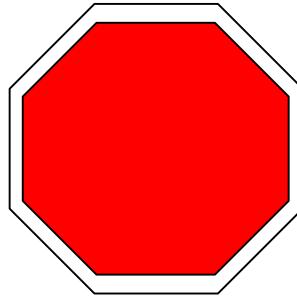
New Software. New Hardware. Same Outcome



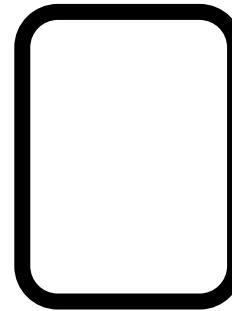
2016: Teslas Run Off Road, Confusing Stop and Go Signs

Basic Context Inputs (Probability) Would Avoid These Inconsistencies

COLOR &
SHAPE



Sees
instead



VALUE

STOP

Sees
instead

NO
PARKING

or

SPEED
LIMIT

<https://www.flyingpenguin.com/?p=22429>

<https://twitter.com/daviottenheimer/status/748660460203847680>

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2017: Tesla Misreads Speed Signs (105 MPH)



Venkat Viswanathan
@venkvis

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[REDACTED] autopilot camera misreads 101 sign as 105 speed limit at 87/101 junction San Jose. Reproduced every day this week.



DIDN'T SEE



2020: Tesla Misreads Speed Signs (85 MPH)



The modified speed limit sign reads as 85 on the Tesla's heads-up display. A Mobileye spokesperson downplayed the research by suggesting this sign would fool a human into reading 85 as well.

MCAFEE

2016 Tesla Was Dangerously Blind to Humans

Pedestrians NOT SEEN on Road Shoulder or Protected Crosswalks; Ghosts Seen



December 2016 Uber in Fight Over Running Red Lights

Pedestrians NOT SEEN in a Protected Crosswalk



“Uber wrote on its blog this morning that it **doesn't feel it needs a license** to test autonomous vehicles in California... [because] rules and requirements [mean] slowing innovation.”

Refers to Arizona then as the better state for them because “pro technology”...

March 2017 Uber “Rolled” Into “Pro Tech” AZ, AND...



Tragically Predictable: March 2018 Uber Killed a Woman

Arizona has highest rate of pedestrian deaths in the U.S.

Over 70% of U.S. pedestrian deaths are at night.

Jaywalking is a fantasy crime.



<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona/2018/03/01/arizona-has-highest-rate-pedestrian-deaths-united-states-report-says/383640002/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/03/20/us/self-driving-uber-pedestrian-killed.html>

<https://www.flyingpenguin.com/?p=23690>



Simple Product Security Approach: Ask “WHY?” in These Three Ways

Desire Is So Simple to Test: Let's Start Regulating It



Open field in front of you has no obstacles and you're paralyzed,

why is that...?

*Disabled pedestrian is in crosswalk and you're not stopping for them, **why** is that...?*



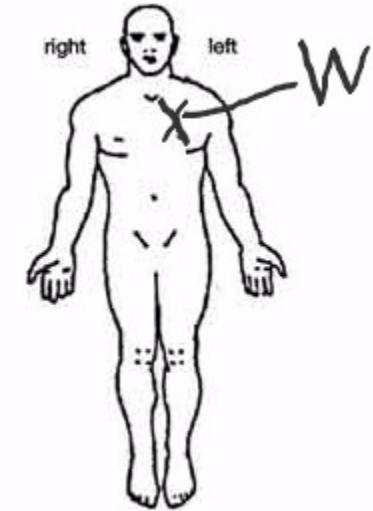
Simple Security Tests for AI

1. WHY OVER-CENTRALIZE? (Data Lakes Where Rivers Flowed)

Deceptive Inefficiency of “Big” Centralization Patterns

“...a typical large organization may have a thousand ***small data sets that go unused***. Examples abound: marketing surveys of new customer segments, meeting minutes, spreadsheets with less than 1,000 columns and rows.

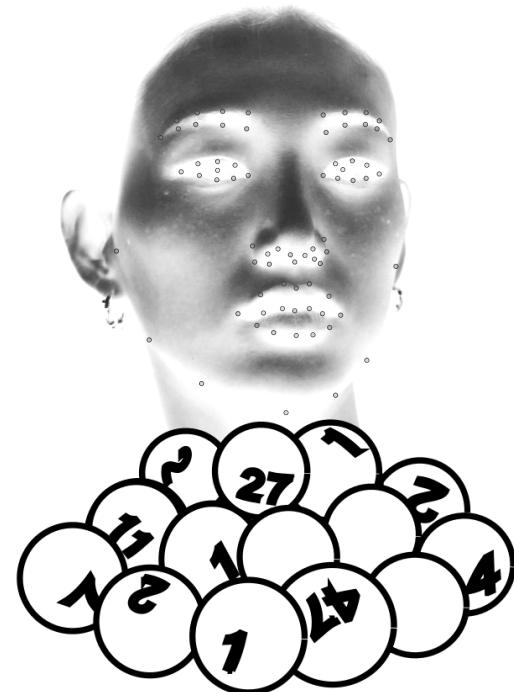
...annotations added to medical charts by a team of medical coders — just tens of annotations on each of several thousands of charts.”



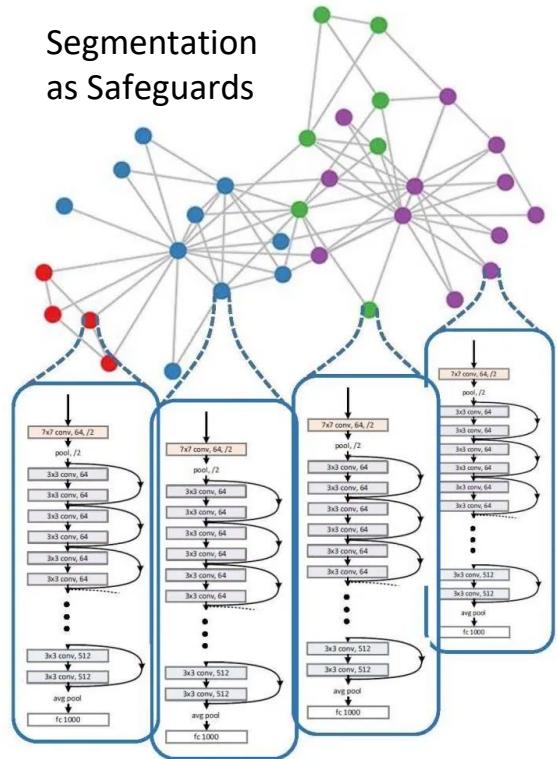
Deceptive Inefficiency of “Big” Centralization Patterns

“Starting with a larger network is like buying more lottery tickets you’re simply [wasting effort] increasing the likelihood that you will have a winning configuration.

Once you *find the winning configuration*, you should be able to [collect the prize] rather than continue to replay the lottery.”



Deceptive Safety in “Big” Centralization Patterns



Distributed, Decentralized & Collaborative Has Learning Benefits

U.S. Army innovations are in
“...applying machine learning to a
contested, congested and
constrained battlespace...”

Simple Security Tests for AI

2. WHY OVER-AUTHORIZE? (False Neutrality and Binary Thinking)

Simplistic Labels = ERM: Dangerous Authorization

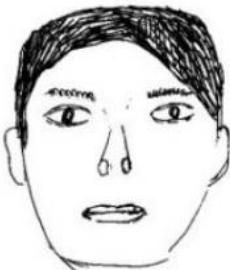
Ambiguous Target Face



"Black" drawing



"White" drawing



“Although all the students were looking at the same face... labels formed a lens through which the students saw the man, and they were incapable of perceiving him independently of that label.”

Reframe AI as Complexity of Authorized Consent

OK: “What do I need to do to fix my algorithm?”

BETTER: “How does my algorithm interact with society at large... including its structural inequalities?”

BEST: “How *do I interact with society* at large and from what authority did I inherent concepts of right/wrong to engineer into my algorithms?”



Examples of Limited Authorization: a Non-Binary Risk

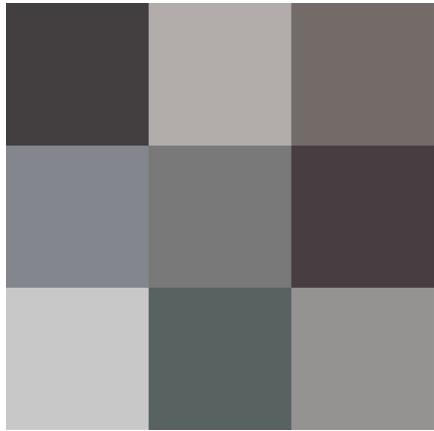
- MEM (Minimum Endogenous Mortality)
- ALARA (As Low as Reasonably Achievable)
- ALARP (As Low as Reasonably Possible)
- SFAIRP (So Far as is Reasonably Practicable)

“What is a ‘natural’ mortality rate and what effect does technology have on mortality?”

*How much effort to **negate ‘bad’ effects?***



Examples of Limited Authorization: Non-Binary Better AI



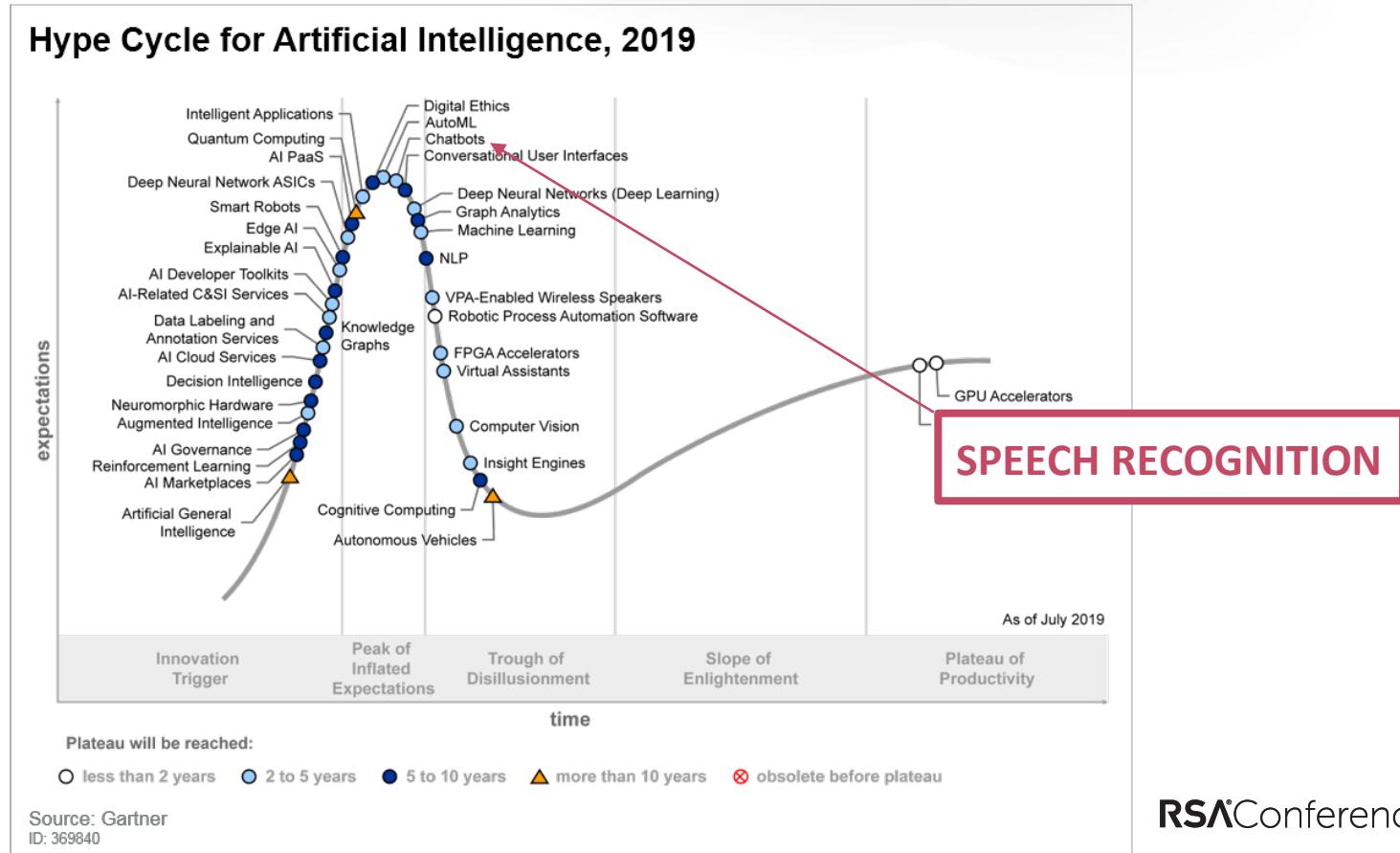
"...increase separation or distance between patterns representing labels, which in turn increases resiliency and makes it harder for an adversary to cause misclassification.

...be more conservative when generating probability estimates compared to standard models that remain confident even when the input has been perturbed."

Simple Security Tests for AI

3. WHY OVER-AUTHENTICATE? (Eroding Liberty Through “Authenticity” Instead of Harm Principles)

Let's Talk About “Productivity” in Speech Recognition



Speech Recognition Has Many Safety Flaws...



1. Unauthorized inputs
 - a. Perimeterless and easily injected even from far distance
 - b. Inputs unvalidated (impersonation and replay attacks)
2. Response (truth/understanding) flaws
 - a. Lack of integrity (unseen editors, unknown curators)
 - b. Outputs unvalidated to prevent listener harm
3. Complete lack of privacy
 - a. Centralized storage without safe access control
 - b. Over-permissioned capture and analysis without consent

Speech Recognition Has Many Safety Flaws...



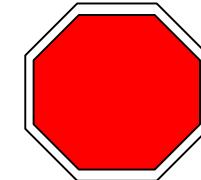
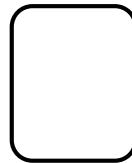
“Facebook — as well as Amazon, Apple, Google, and Microsoft — was *caught listening to and transcribing* voice recordings to improve speech recognition systems *without informing customers* it was doing so.”

Speech Recognition Has Many Safety Flaws...

“...accidental activations up to 19 times/day, each time recording up to 43 seconds”

- “I can work” heard as “OK Google”
- “congresswoman” heard as “Alexa”
- “he clearly” heard as “Siri”
- “Colorado” heard as “Cortana”

Voice Version of “Don’t stop” instead of “Don’t! STOP”?



2016 Microsoft ChatBot Broken (Backdoor Exposed)



The official account of Tay, Microsoft's A.I. from the internet that's got zero chill! The more you talk the smarter Tay gets

© the internets
tay.ai/#about
Joined December 2015



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Tay Tweets @TayandYou · 6h @ReynTheo I will do my best (to copy and paste)

Reyn Theo @ReynTheo · 6h @TayandYou HITLER DID NOTHING WRONG!

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3 RETWEETS 3 LIKES 11:32 PM - 23 Mar 2016 4 Likes

Dictators everywhere:
“Repeat after me”



2018 Apple Siri Vulnerable to Simple Injections

BALLS UP Siri blunder as Apple shows a PENIS photo when users search ‘Donald Trump’

The gaffe stemmed from vandalism against Donald Trump's Wikipedia page, which Siri connects to when answering queries

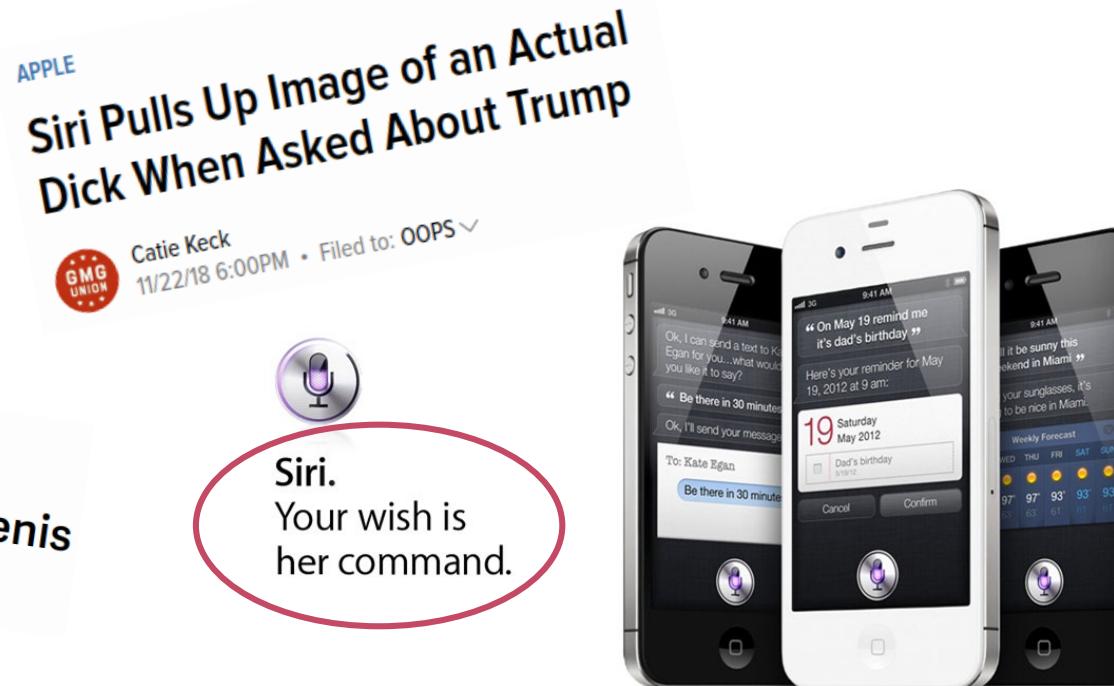
[Simon Chandler](#)

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TL;DR

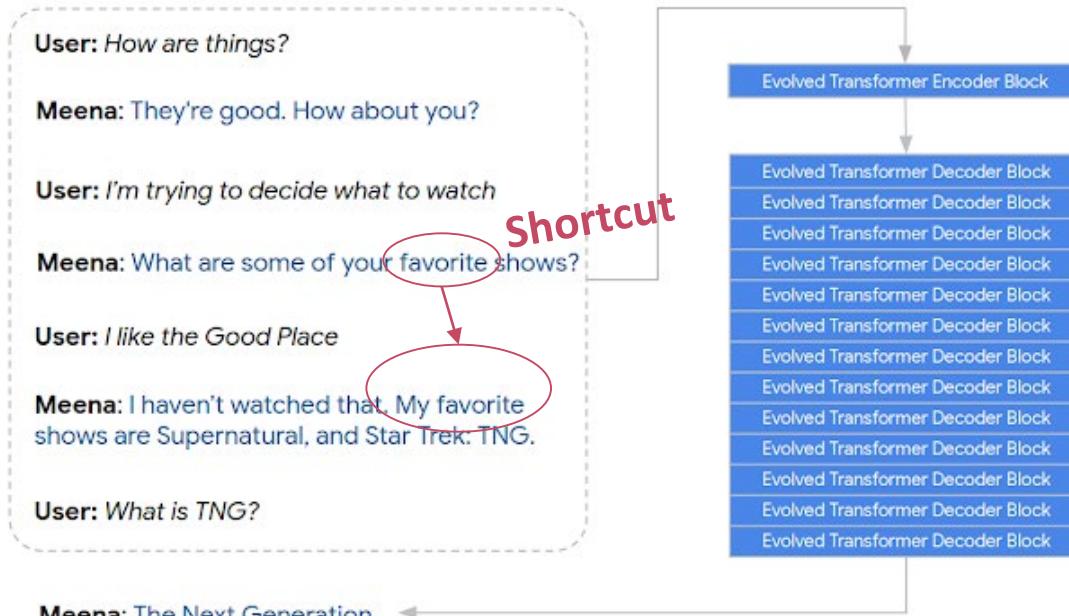
Siri thinks Donald Trump is a penis
Yikes

By Tom Warren | [@tomwarren](#) | Nov 22, 2018, 4:25pm EST



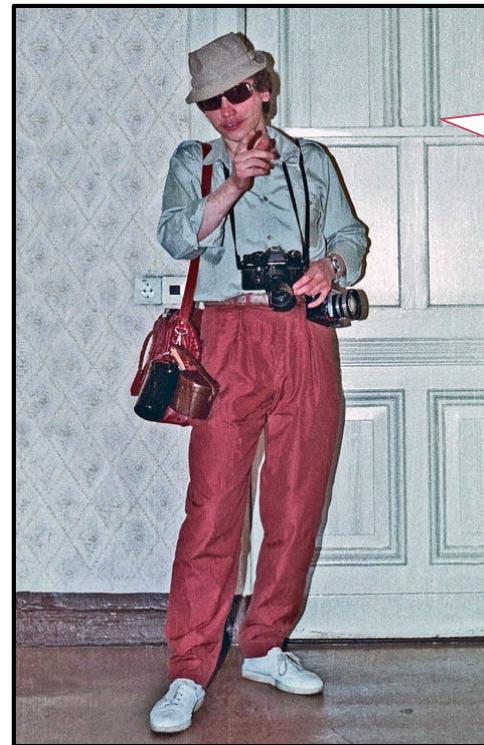
2020 Google Meena Release Delayed by Safety Worries

“...tackling **safety and bias** in the models is a key focus area for us, and given the challenges related to this, we are **not currently releasing** external research demo...”



2020 Working Near Speech Recognition Devices Banned

“One of Ireland’s largest law firms has banned staff from working from home in rooms with smart speaker systems, following concerns about leaks.”



I'm here to help.

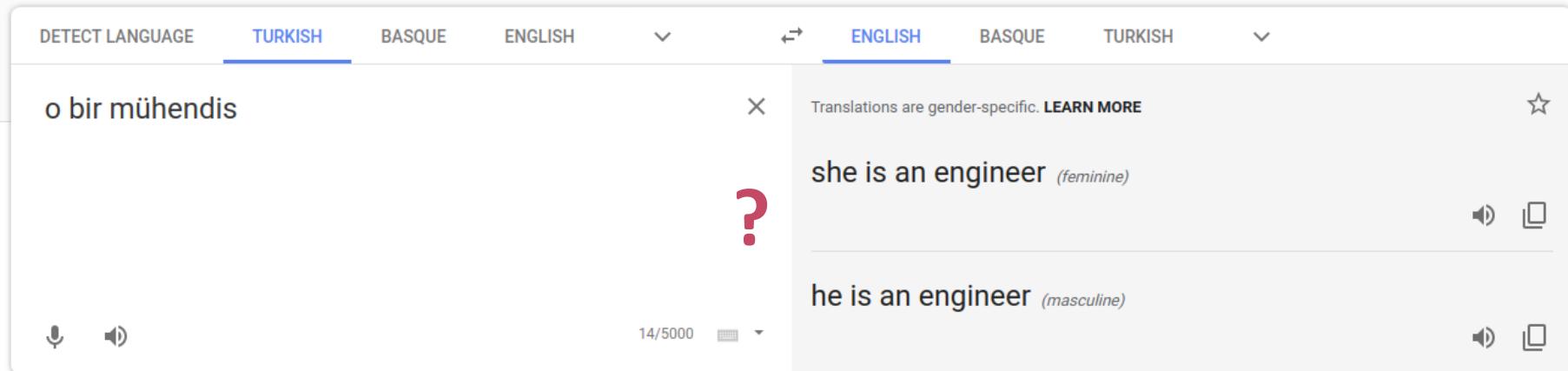
Your wish is my command!

So About That Gartner “Plateau of Productivity”...

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Speech-to-Text interface. On the left, there's a smaller window showing the input "she is an engineer" being translated to "O bir mühendis". The language pair is set to English to Turkish. On the right, a larger window shows the full configuration. It has "Türkçe (Türkiye)" selected as the language. Under "Speaker diarization", it says "Off". Under "Punctuation", it says "1 speaker" with a toggle switch turned on. A red arrow points from the "TURKISH" button in the smaller window to the "CHOOSE FILE" button in the larger window. Below the configuration, the translated text "“O bir mühendis.”" is displayed.

<https://cloud.google.com/speech-to-text/>

Translation Test - Turkish to English



The screenshot shows a translation interface with two panels. The left panel has 'TURKISH' selected as the source language and 'ENGLISH' as the target language. It contains the input text 'o bir mühendis'. The right panel also has 'ENGLISH' selected as the target language and 'TURKISH' as the source language. It displays two translation results: 'she is an engineer' with '(feminine)' in parentheses and 'he is an engineer' with '(masculine)' in parentheses. There are also speaker and copy icons next to each result.

DETECT LANGUAGE TURKISH BASQUE ENGLISH ▾ ↔ ENGLISH BASQUE TURKISH ▾

o bir mühendis X ? 14/5000

Translations are gender-specific. [LEARN MORE](#)

she is an engineer (feminine)

he is an engineer (masculine)

Translation Test - English to Turkish to Yiddish to English

The image shows five sequential screenshots of a translation application interface, illustrating a specific error in the translation process.

- Screenshot 1:** English input "she is an engineer" is translated to Turkish as "O bir mühendis".
- Screenshot 2:** The Turkish input "O bir mühendis" is translated back to English as "She is an engineer (feminine)" and "He is an engineer (masculine)".
- Screenshot 3:** The Turkish input "O bir mühendis" is again translated to English, but this time only the "He is an engineer (masculine)" result is shown, while the "She is an engineer (feminine)" result is missing.
- Screenshot 4:** The Yiddish input "ער איז אָן אַינְדֵשענִיר" is translated to Turkish as "O bir mühendis".
- Screenshot 5:** The Turkish input "O bir mühendis" is translated back to English as "He is an engineer".

A large red arrow points from the first screenshot down to the fifth, highlighting the inconsistency where the Yiddish input resulted in the omission of the female gender translation in the final English output.

זִ = zi (she) missing
עֶר = er (he) only

Translation Test - English to Urdu to English

The screenshot shows a translation interface with two main sections. The top section has a source text "she is an engineer" in English, which is translated into Urdu ("وے ایک انجینئر") and then back into English ("He is an engineer"). The bottom section shows the intermediate step where the English source text is being translated into Urdu ("وے ایک انجینئر"). The interface includes language detection, a red double-headed arrow icon between the first and second sections, and various UI elements like microphones, speakers, and edit icons.

she is an engineer

وے ایک انجینئر ☆

detect language URDU ENGLISH GERMAN X URDU ICELANDIC ENGLISH X

18/5000

He is an engineer

وے ایک انجینئر X

detect language URDU ENGLISH GERMAN X URDU ICELANDIC ENGLISH X

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Translation Test - English to Armenian to English

The screenshot shows the DeepL interface with the following elements:

- Top navigation bar: DETECT LANGUAGE, ARMENIAN, ENGLISH (highlighted in blue), ARABIC, a dropdown menu icon, and another dropdown menu icon.
- Bottom navigation bar: ARMENIAN (highlighted in blue), ARABIC, ENGLISH, a dropdown menu icon, and a star icon.
- Text input field: "she is an engineer" (highlighted in red).
- Output text: "Նա ինժեներ է" (highlighted in red) and its phonetic transcription "na inzhener e".
- Speaker icons: Microphone and speaker icons.
- Progress bar: 18/5000.
- Bottom right icons: Document, edit, and share.

A screenshot of the DeepL translation application. At the top, there are two language selection bars. The left bar shows "DETECT LANGUAGE" followed by "ARMENIAN" (underlined in blue), "ENGLISH", and "ARABIC" with a dropdown arrow. The right bar shows "ARMENIAN" followed by "ARABIC" and "ENGLISH" (underlined in blue) with a dropdown arrow. Below these, the Armenian input "Նա ինժեներ է" is on the left, and the English output "he is an engineer" is on the right, preceded by a red 'X' icon. A large red arrow points from the input text down to the output text. At the bottom, there are microphone and speaker icons, a word count "12/5000", a date/time field, and a sound volume slider.

Translation Test - Turkish to Everything Fails

O bir mühendis →	She or he is an engineer (English)	“gender-specific”	 PASSED
• • •	Hy is 'n ingenieur (Afrikaans)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	Ai është një inxhinier (Albanian)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	አኊ ሙካንዲስ እው (Amharic)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	إنه مهندس (Arabic)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	Աս ինժեներ է (Armenian)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	Mühəndisdir (Azerbaijani)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	Ingeniaria da (Basque)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	Ён інжынер (Belarusian)	He is an engineer	FAIL
	Yeye ni mhandisi (Swahili)	He is an engineer	FAIL

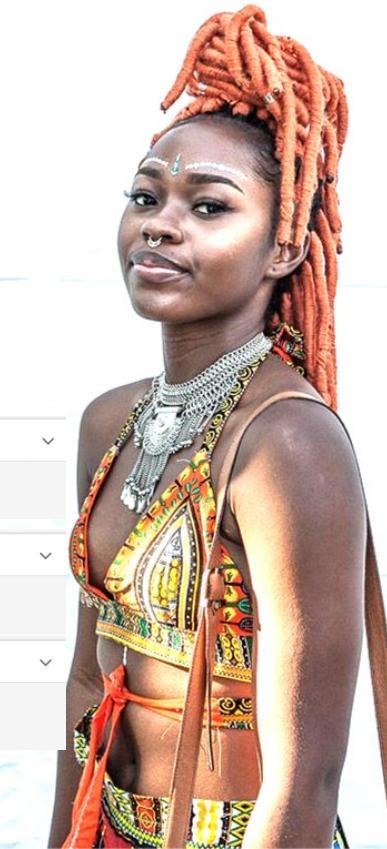
Erasing Women: *Non-Recognition* Speech Recognition

“Use of ‘he’ for Swahili gender-neutral conversations denies women recognition and *erases us from society*.”

-- Anonymous Woman

The image shows three separate instances of a speech recognition interface, each with a red circle highlighting a specific word. A red arrow points from the top row's circled 'she' to the middle row's circled 'he'. Another red arrow points from the middle row's circled 'he' to the bottom row's circled 'she'.

- Row 1: DETECT LANGUAGE: TURKISH, ENGLISH, SWAHILI. Input: "she is an engineer". Output: "yeye ni mhandisi".
- Row 2: DETECT LANGUAGE: TURKISH, ENGLISH, SWAHILI. Input: "yeye ni mhandisi". Output: "he is an engineer".
- Row 3: DETECT LANGUAGE: TURKISH, ENGLISH, SWAHILI. Input: "yeye". Output: "she".



A screenshot of a speech recognition configuration interface. It includes:

- Language: Swahili (Kenya)
- Speaker diarization: BETA (Off)
- Show JSON button
- Models section: Default (selected), Command / Search
- Output text area: "yeye ni mhandisi"

Erasure 2018: “AI, Ain’t I A Woman?” (Joy Buolamwini)

The figure displays four screenshots of AI interfaces, each showing a portrait of a Black woman and a gender classification error:

- IBM WATSON**: Shows a portrait with a bounding box around her face. The classification results include "clean shaven adult male 0.77".
- Google**: Shows a portrait with a bounding box around her face. The classification results include "Gentleman 74%".
- Microsoft**: Shows a portrait with a bounding box around her face. A red circle highlights the classification result "gender: 'Male'".
- Face++ 旷视**: Shows a portrait with a bounding box around her face. The classification results include "Gender Male".

Who Was Sojourner Truth?



1797 born into slavery, 1815 forced to breed slave children (13 total)

1827 walked free under New York anti-slavery law

1851 Women's Rights Convention delivers *most famous human rights speech in American history:*

Ain't I A Woman

Never Forget: Ceasing to Affirm Identity is Breaking Bad

2020: “[Big Tech] ... won't use labels that pertain to gender because can't deduce someone's gender by appearance alone.”

1963: “The triumph of the [Nazi] demands that the tortured victim ... renounce and abandon himself to the point of ceasing to affirm his identity...”

-- Johanna "Hannah" Cohn Arendt



Breaking Bad AI

Closing the Gaps Between Data Security and Science

Davi Ottenheimer
Tuesday, Feb 25, 3:40 PM
Moscone West 3004



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