

# CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

## Advanced Applications: Games and Robotics\*



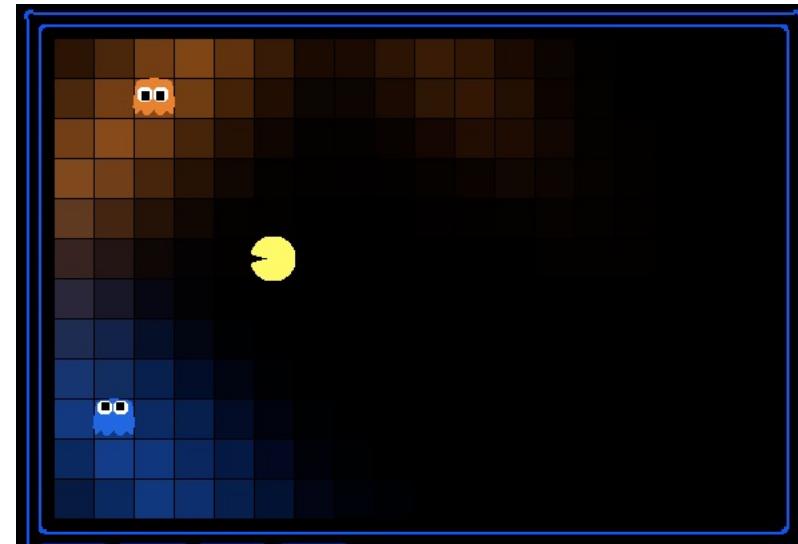
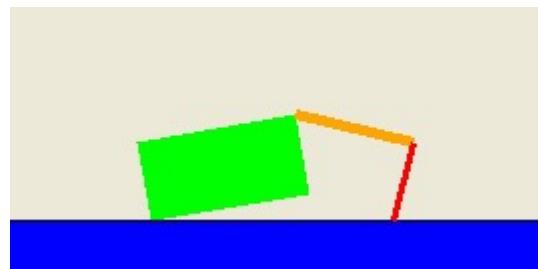
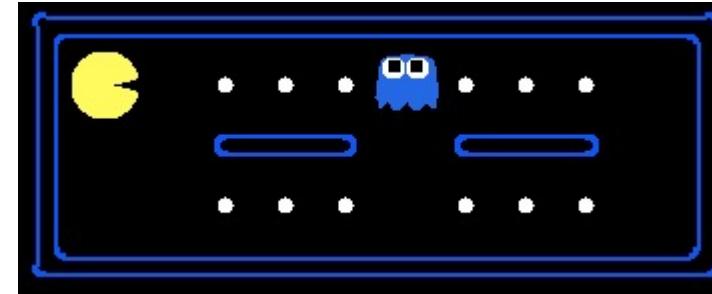
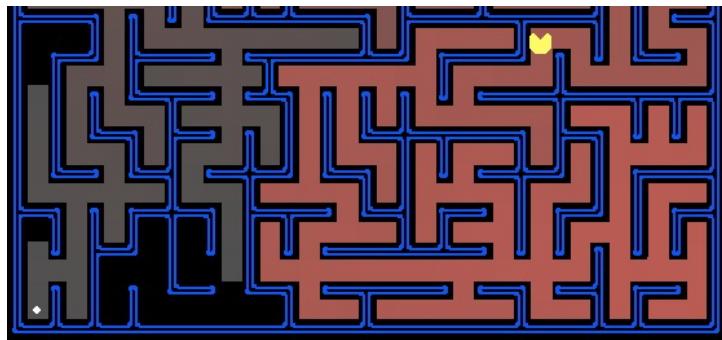
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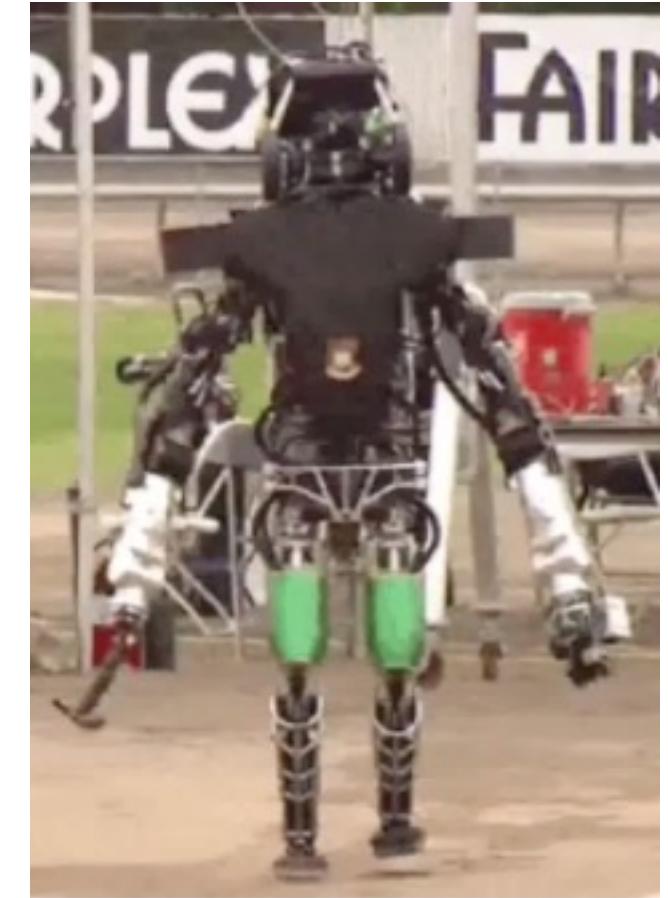
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# So Far: Foundational Methods

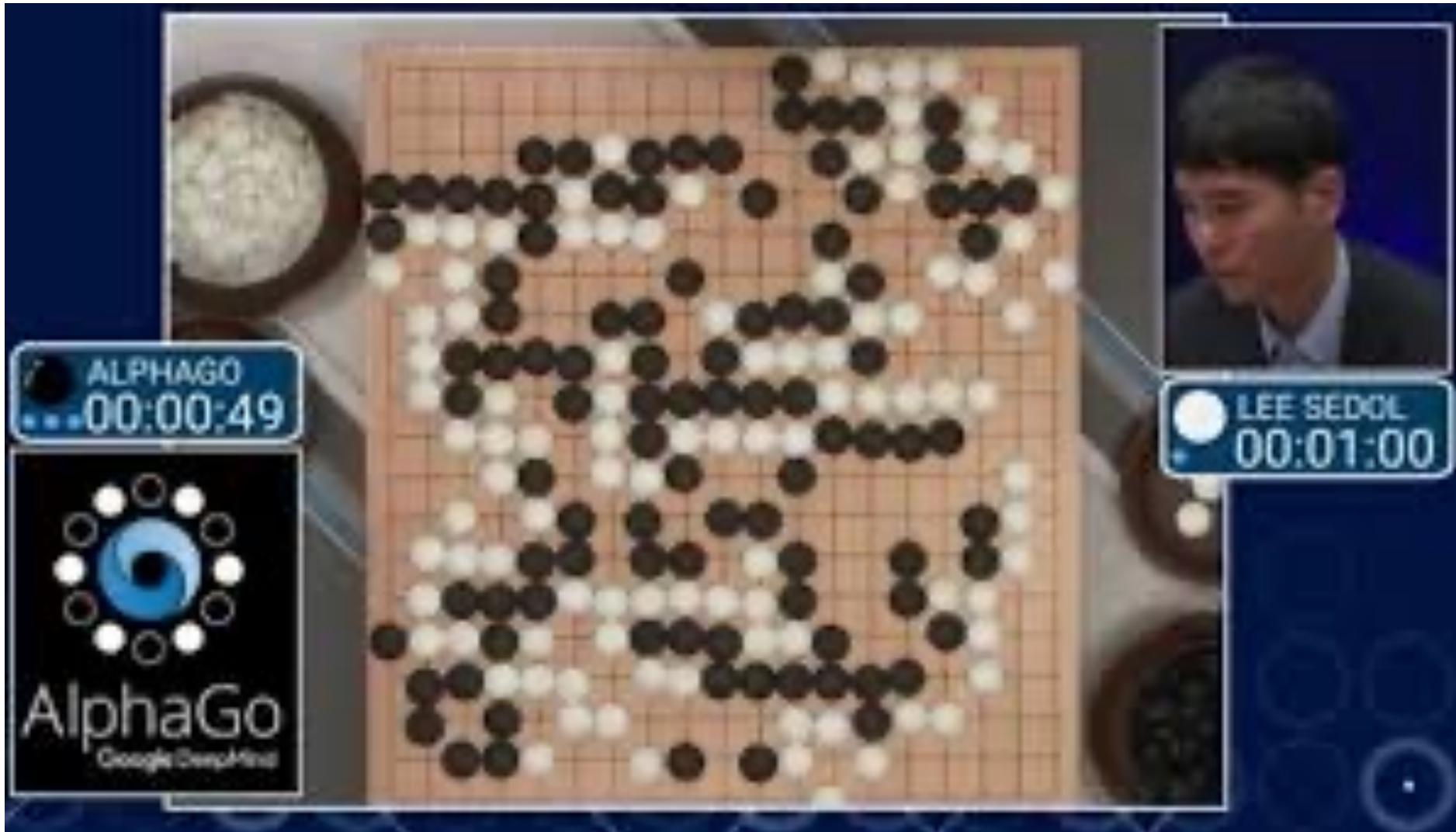
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# Now: Advanced Applications



# AlphaGo



# Next level games?

## ■ Dota2 – OpenAI Five

<https://openai.com/five/>



## ■ Starcraft – Deepmind's AlphaStar

<https://deepmind.com/blog/article/alphastar-mastering-real-time-strategy-game-starcraft-ii>



# Why Dota?

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- Problem (seemingly) out of reach of existing Deep RL
- However, surprising finding:
  - Scaling up existing Deep RL + getting the details right got the job done!



# Deep RL

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- Proximal Policy Optimization PPO
- Discount Factor gamma:
  - annealed from 0.998 (half-life of 46 seconds) to 0.9997 half-life of five minutes)
- NN architecture:
  - 1024 unit LSTM
- Self-play training
  - 80% against current self
  - 20% against past selves
- Randomization with “lane assignment” till a certain time
- Hardcode item and skill builds, and choose which of the builds to use at random

# RL agent defeats in-house OpenAI team at fairly restricted 5v5.

Mirror match of 5 fixed heroes utilizing 5 invulnerable couriers. No neutrals, runes, shrines, wards, invisibility, summons, illusions, or Scan. No Divine Rapier, Bottle, Quelling Blade, Boots of Travel, Tome of Knowledge, or Infused Raindrop.

► READ “OPENAI FIVE”

► WATCH VIDEO



**Bill Gates**

@BillGates

#AI bots just beat humans at the video game Dota 2. That's a big deal, because their victory required teamwork and collaboration – a huge milestone in advancing artificial intelligence.

via Twitter

# OpenAI Five Defeats Dota 2 World Champions

OpenAI Five is the first AI to beat the world champions in an esports game, having won two back-to-back games versus the world champion Dota 2 team, OG, at [Finals](#) this weekend. Both OpenAI Five and DeepMind's AlphaStar had previously beaten good pros privately but lost their live pro matches, making this also the first time an AI has beaten esports pros on livestream.





# Starcraft



# What is Starcraft?

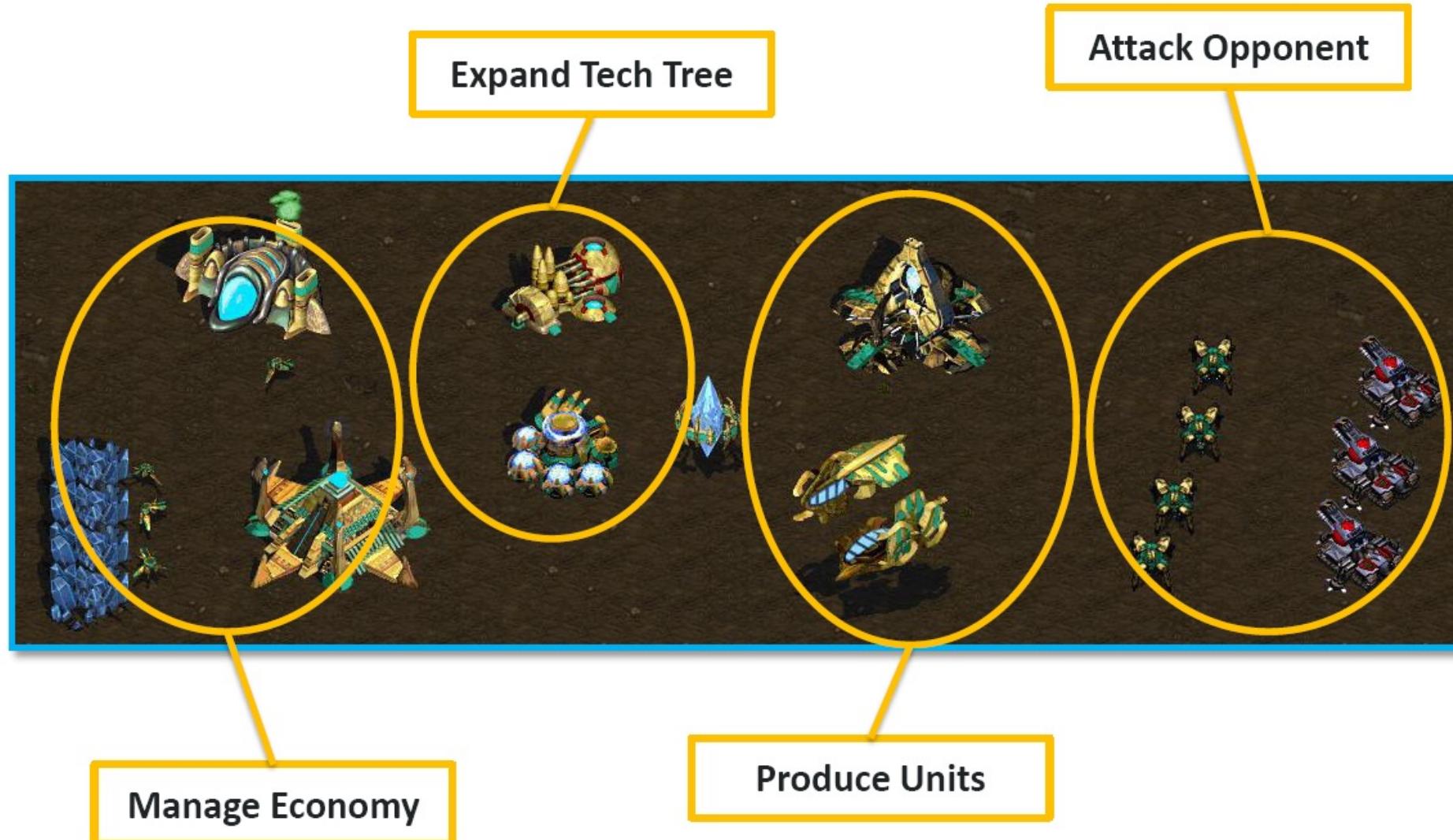


Image from Ben Weber

# Why is Starcraft Hard?

- The game of Starcraft is:
  - Adversarial
  - Long Horizon
  - Partially Observable
  - Realtime
  - Huge branching factor
  - Concurrent
  - Resource-rich
  - ...
- No single algorithm (e.g. minimax) will solve it out-of-the-shelf!

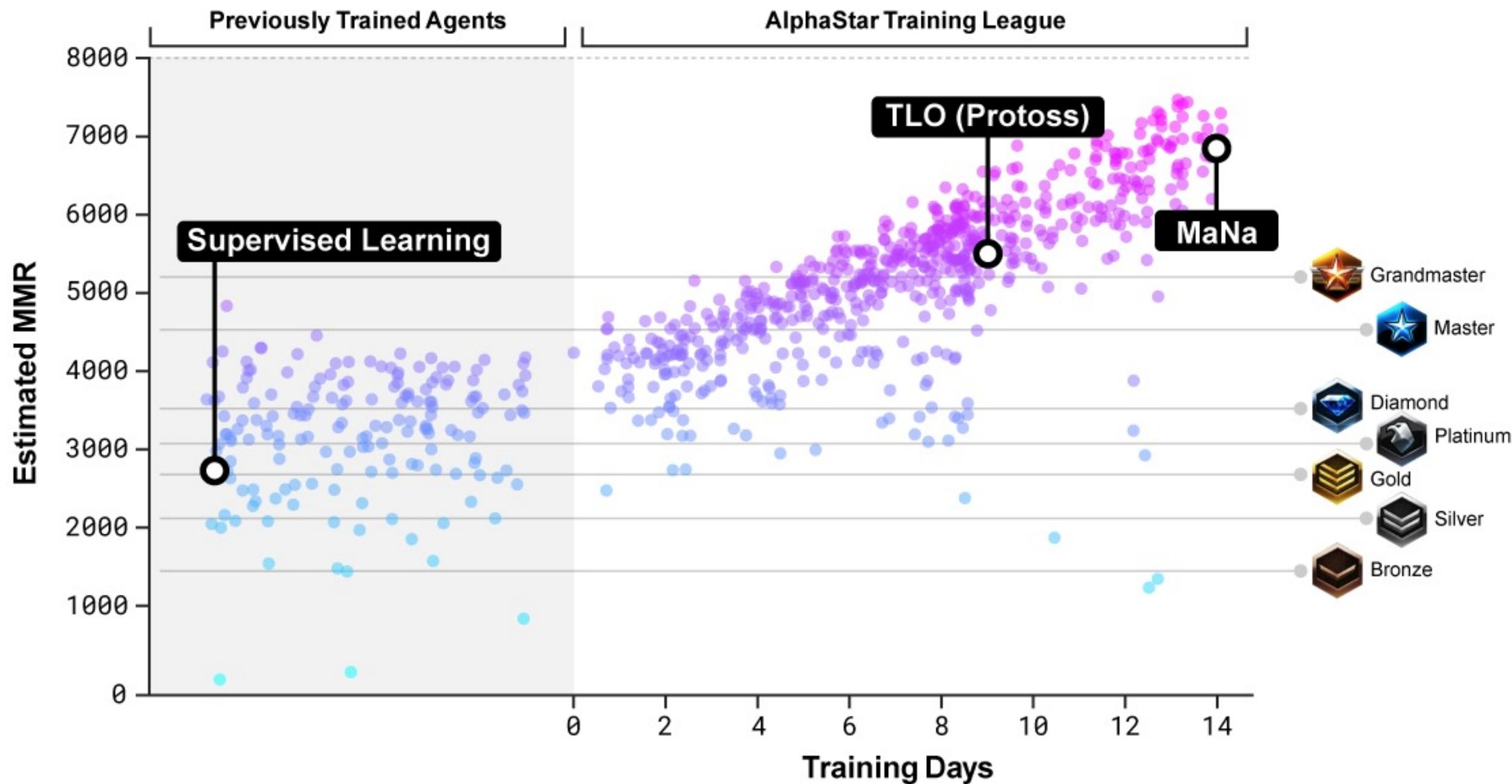
Or might it?



# AlphaStar

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- Large NN trained:
  - Phase 1: supervised learning to imitate (strong) human players (why?)
  - Phase 2: reinforcement learning



# How strong is AlphaStar?

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- Played against MaNa, one of the world's strongest StarCraftII players, among the 10 strongest Protoss players
- AlphaStar won 5-0

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# Grandmaster level in StarCraft II using multi-agent reinforcement learning

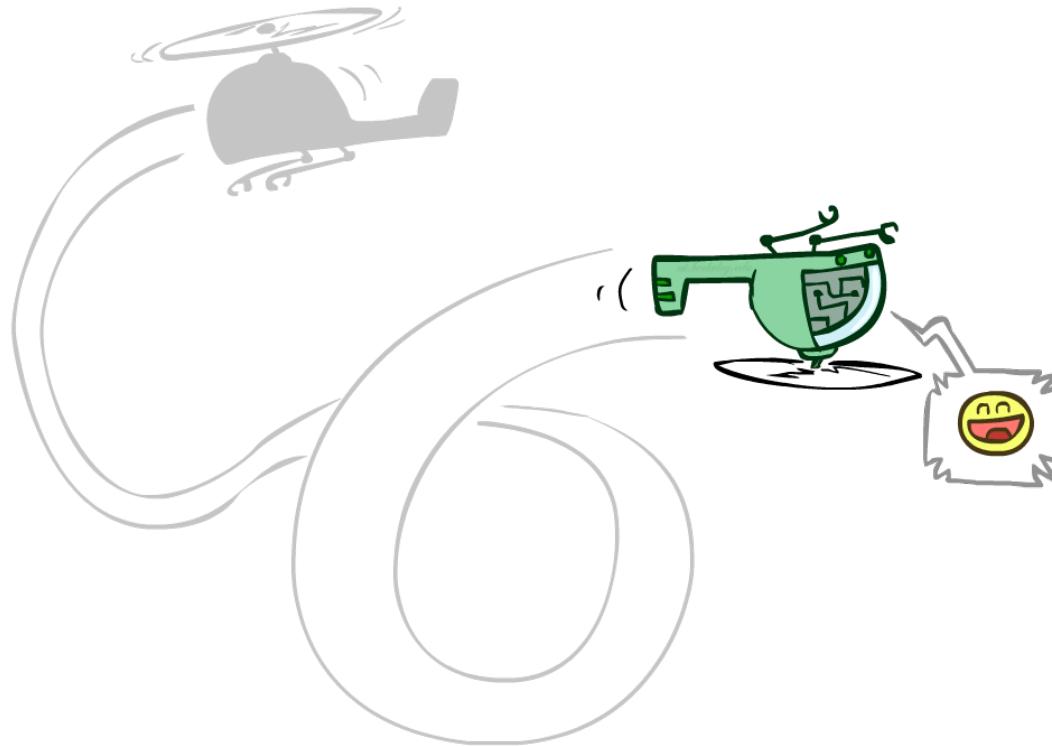
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# Robotic Helicopters

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# Motivating Example



- How do we execute a task like this?

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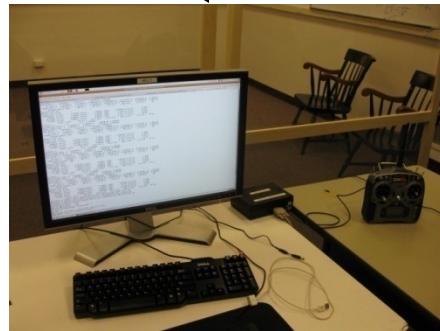
# Autonomous Helicopter Flight

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- Key challenges:
  - Track helicopter position and orientation during flight
  - Decide on control inputs to send to helicopter

# Autonomous Helicopter Setup



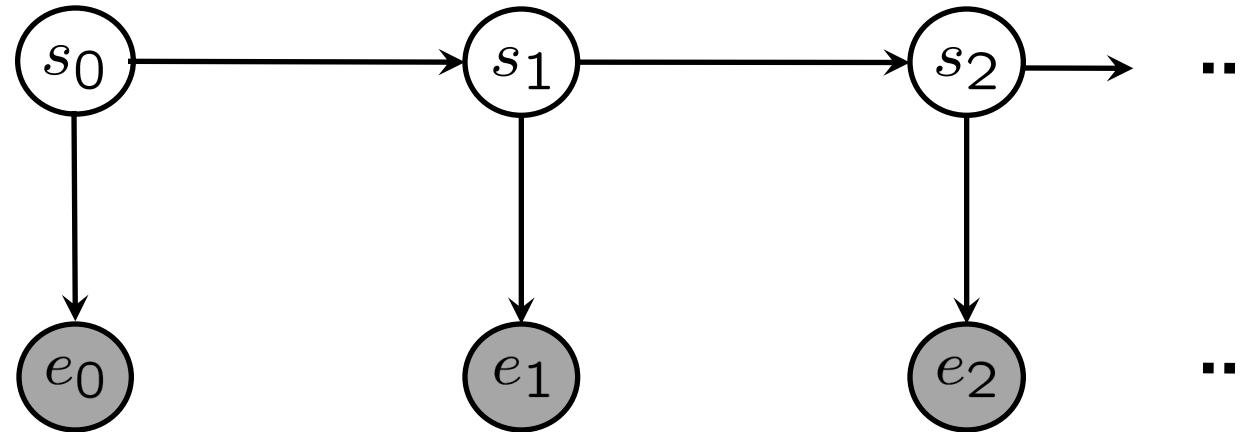
Position

On-board inertial  
measurement unit (IMU)

Send out controls to  
helicopter



# HMM for Tracking the Helicopter



- State:  $s = (x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi})$
- Measurements: [observation update]
  - 3-D coordinates from vision, 3-axis magnetometer, 3-axis gyro, 3-axis accelerometer
- Transitions (dynamics): [time elapse update]
  - $s_{t+1} = f(s_t, a_t) + w_t$        $f$ : encodes helicopter dynamics,  $w$ : noise

# Helicopter MDP

- State:  $s = (x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi})$
- Actions (control inputs):
  - $a_{\text{lon}}$ : Main rotor longitudinal cyclic pitch control (affects pitch rate)
  - $a_{\text{lat}}$ : Main rotor latitudinal cyclic pitch control (affects roll rate)
  - $a_{\text{coll}}$ : Main rotor collective pitch (affects main rotor thrust)
  - $a_{\text{rud}}$ : Tail rotor collective pitch (affects tail rotor thrust)
- Transitions (dynamics):
  - $s_{t+1} = f(s_t, a_t) + w_t$   
[ $f$  encodes helicopter dynamics]  
[ $w$  is a probabilistic noise model]
- Can we solve the MDP yet?



# Problem: What's the Reward?

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- Reward for hovering:

$$\begin{aligned} R(s) = & -\alpha_x(x - x^*)^2 \\ & -\alpha_y(y - y^*)^2 \\ & -\alpha_z(z - z^*)^2 \\ & -\alpha_{\dot{x}}\dot{x}^2 \\ & -\alpha_{\dot{y}}\dot{y}^2 \\ & -\alpha_{\dot{z}}\dot{z}^2 \end{aligned}$$

# RL: Helicopter Flight



# Problem for More General Case: What's the Reward?

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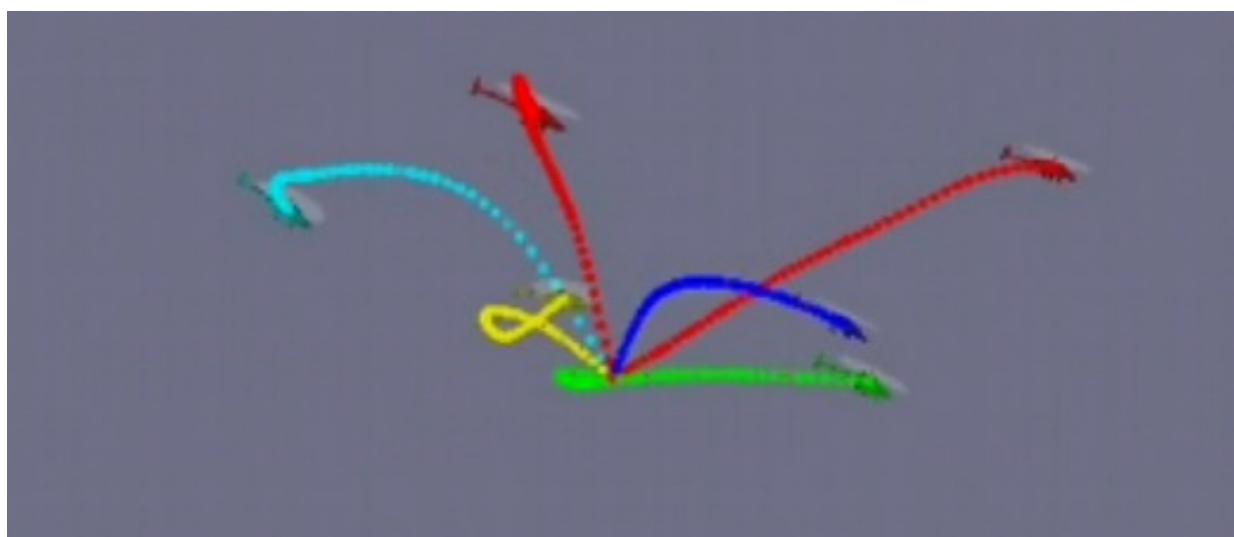
- Rewards for “Flip”?
  - Problem: what’s the target trajectory?
  - Just write it down by hand?

# Flips (?)



# Helicopter Apprenticeship?

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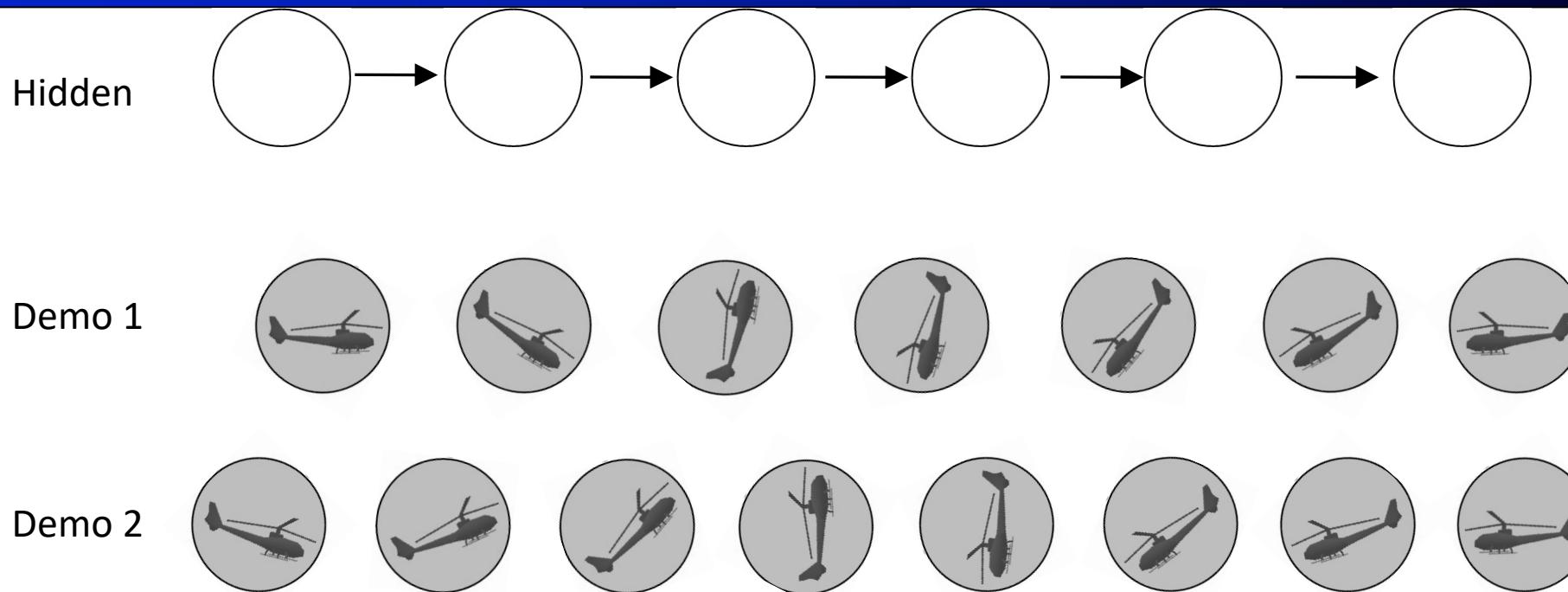
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# Demonstrations

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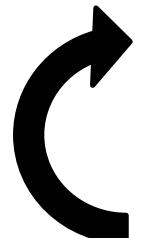
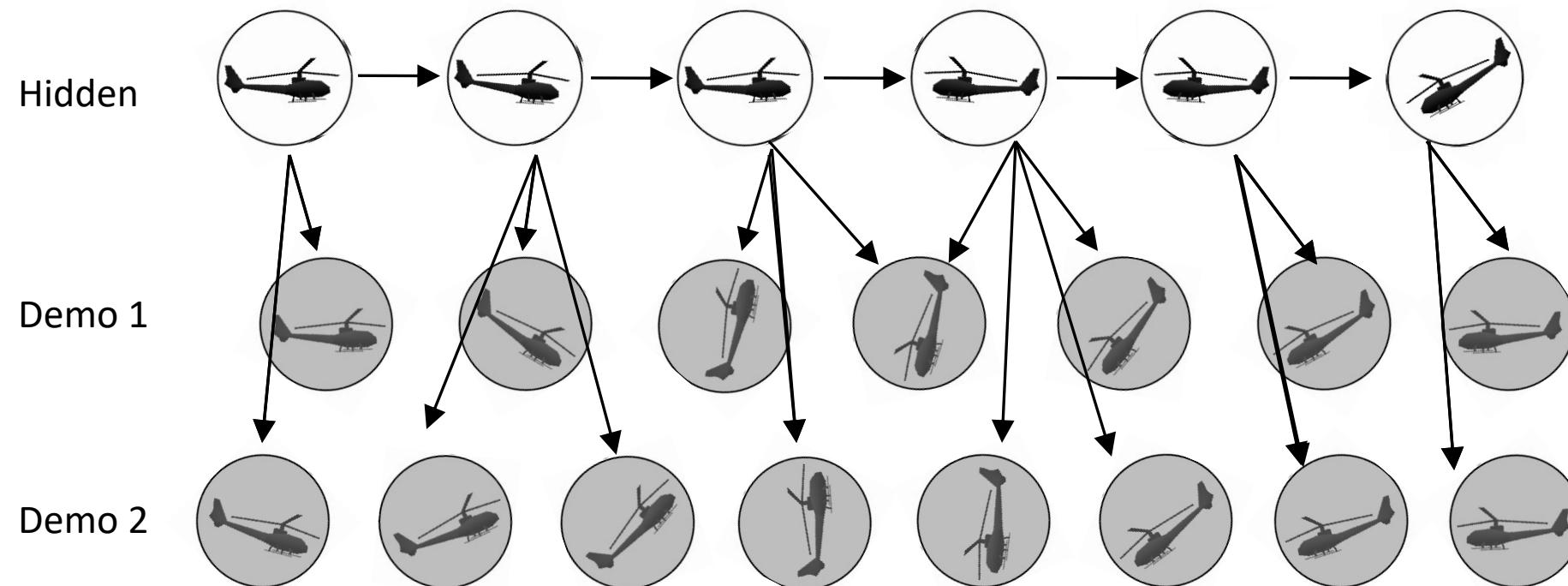


# Learning a Trajectory



- **HMM-like generative model**
  - Dynamics model used as HMM transition model
  - Demos are observations of hidden trajectory
- Problem: how do we align observations to hidden trajectory?

# Probabilistic Alignment using a Bayes' Net



- Dynamic Time Warping  
(Needleman&Wunsch 1970, Sakoe&Chiba, 1978)
- Extended Kalman filter / smoother (=continuous HMM)

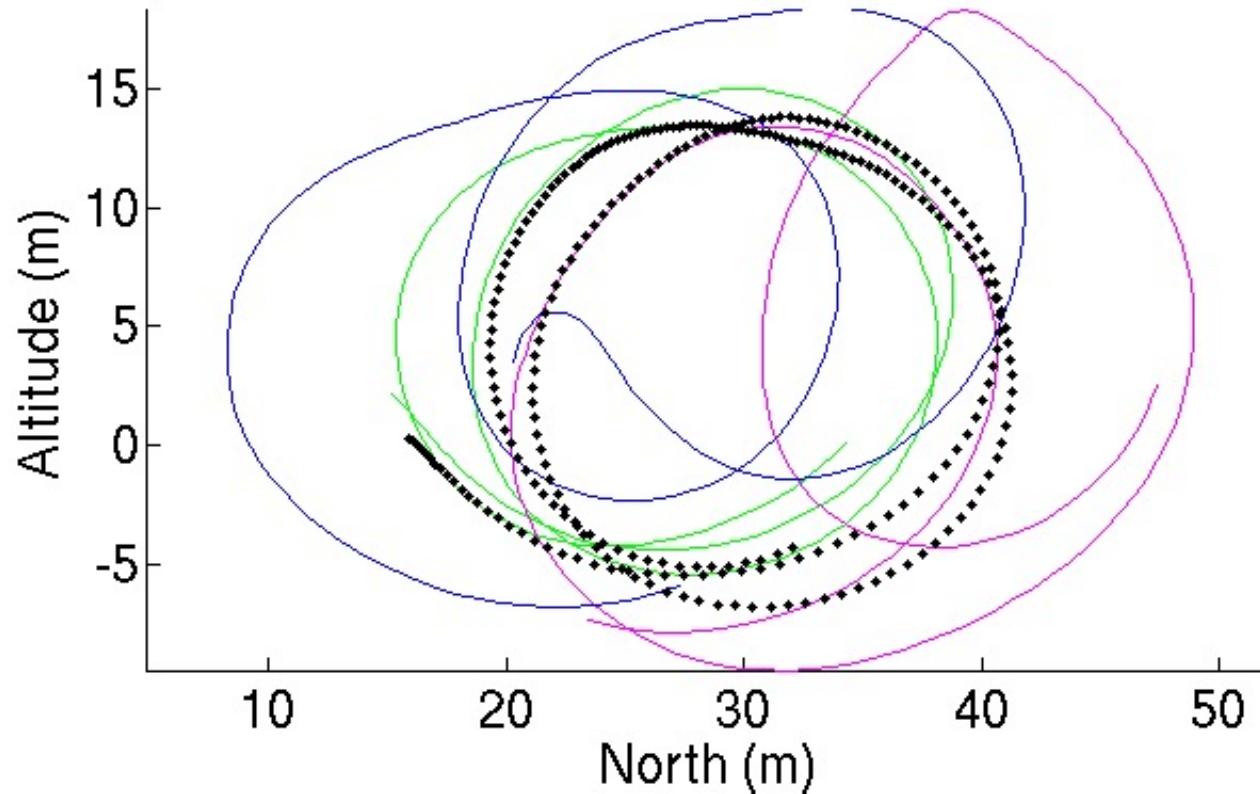
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# Aligned Demonstrations

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# Alignment of Samples



- Result: inferred sequence is much cleaner!

# Learned Behavior

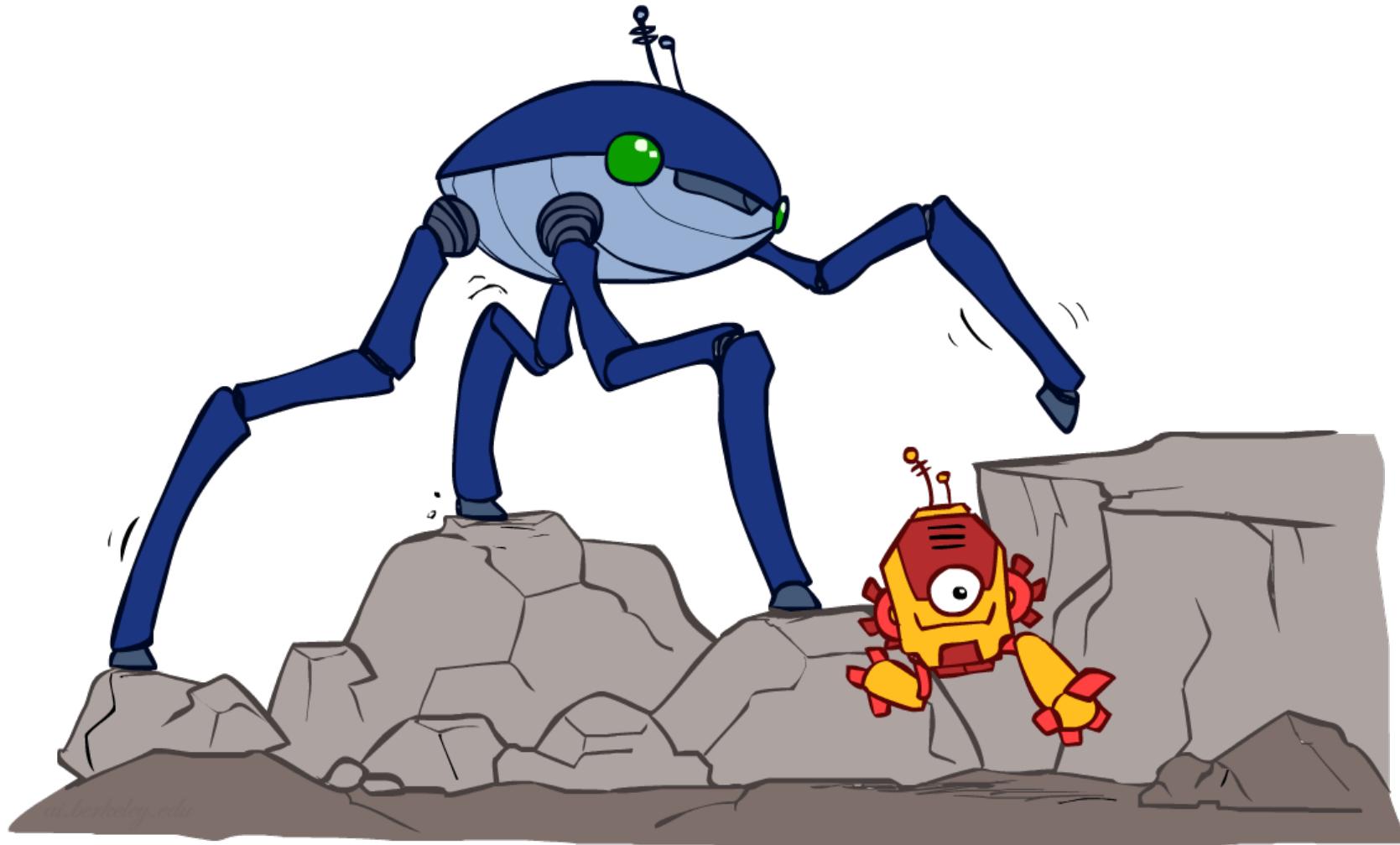


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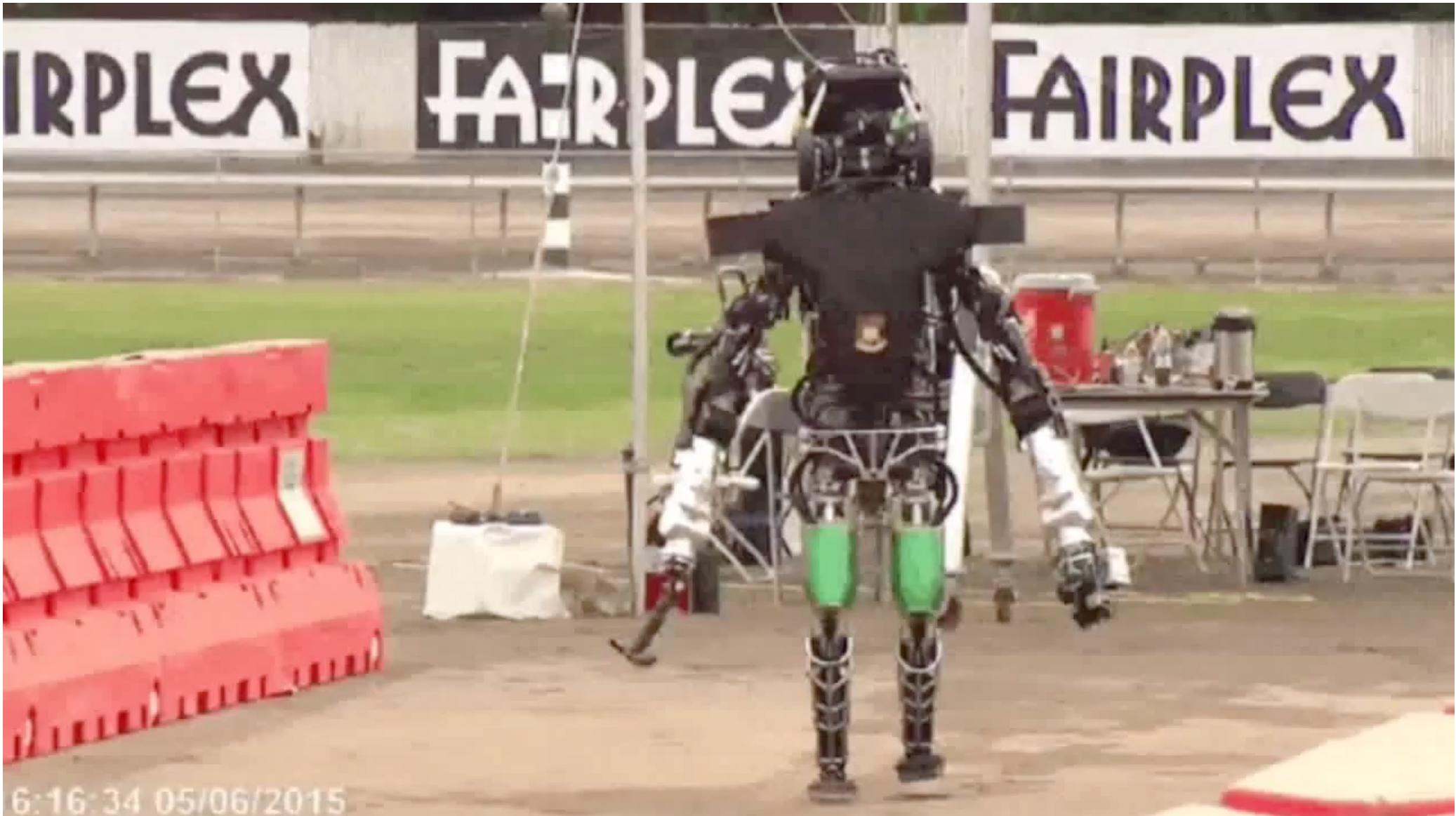
[Abbeel, Coates, Quigley, Ng, 2010]

# Legged Locomotion

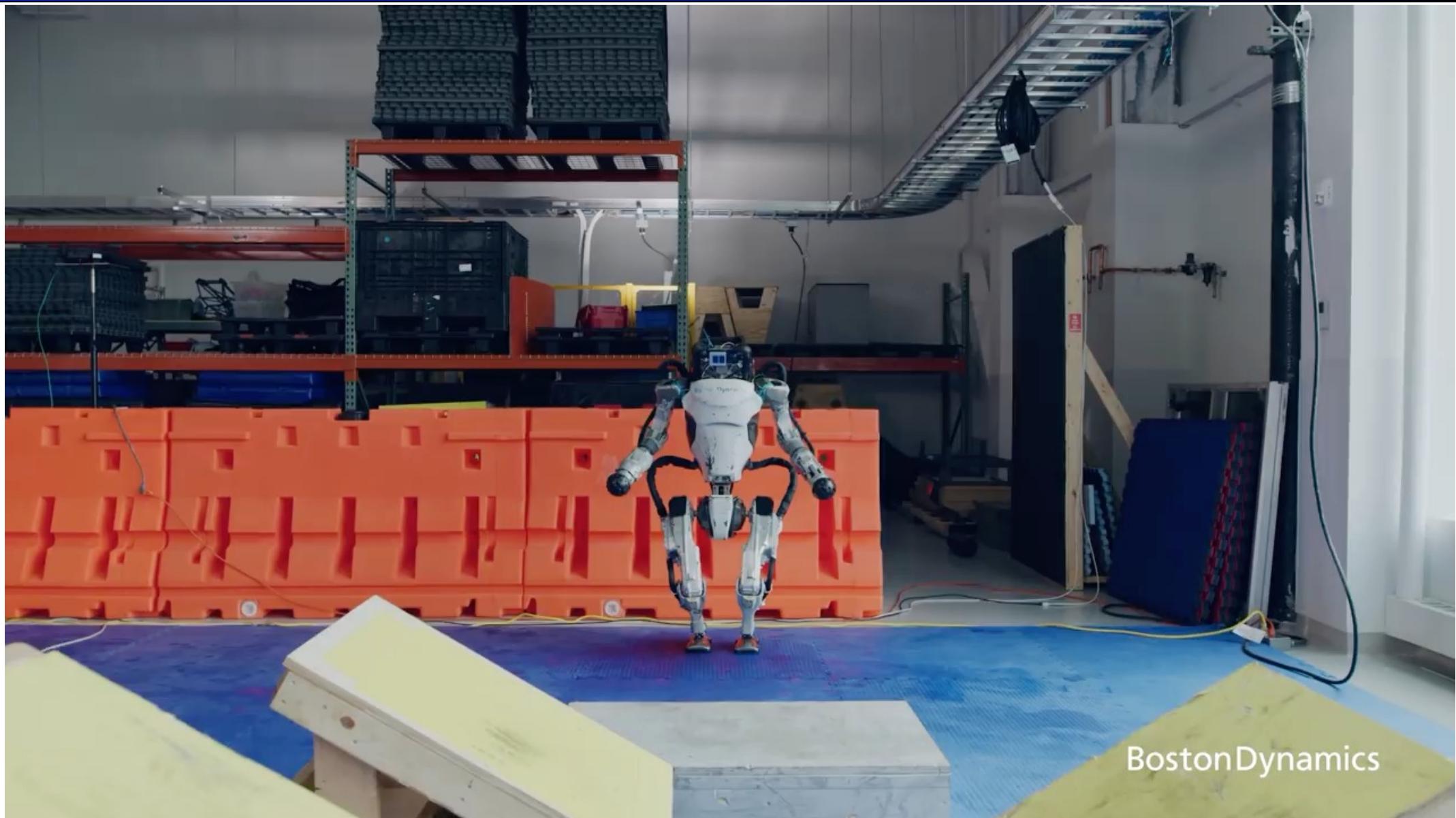
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# For Perspective: Darpa Robotics Challenge (2015)

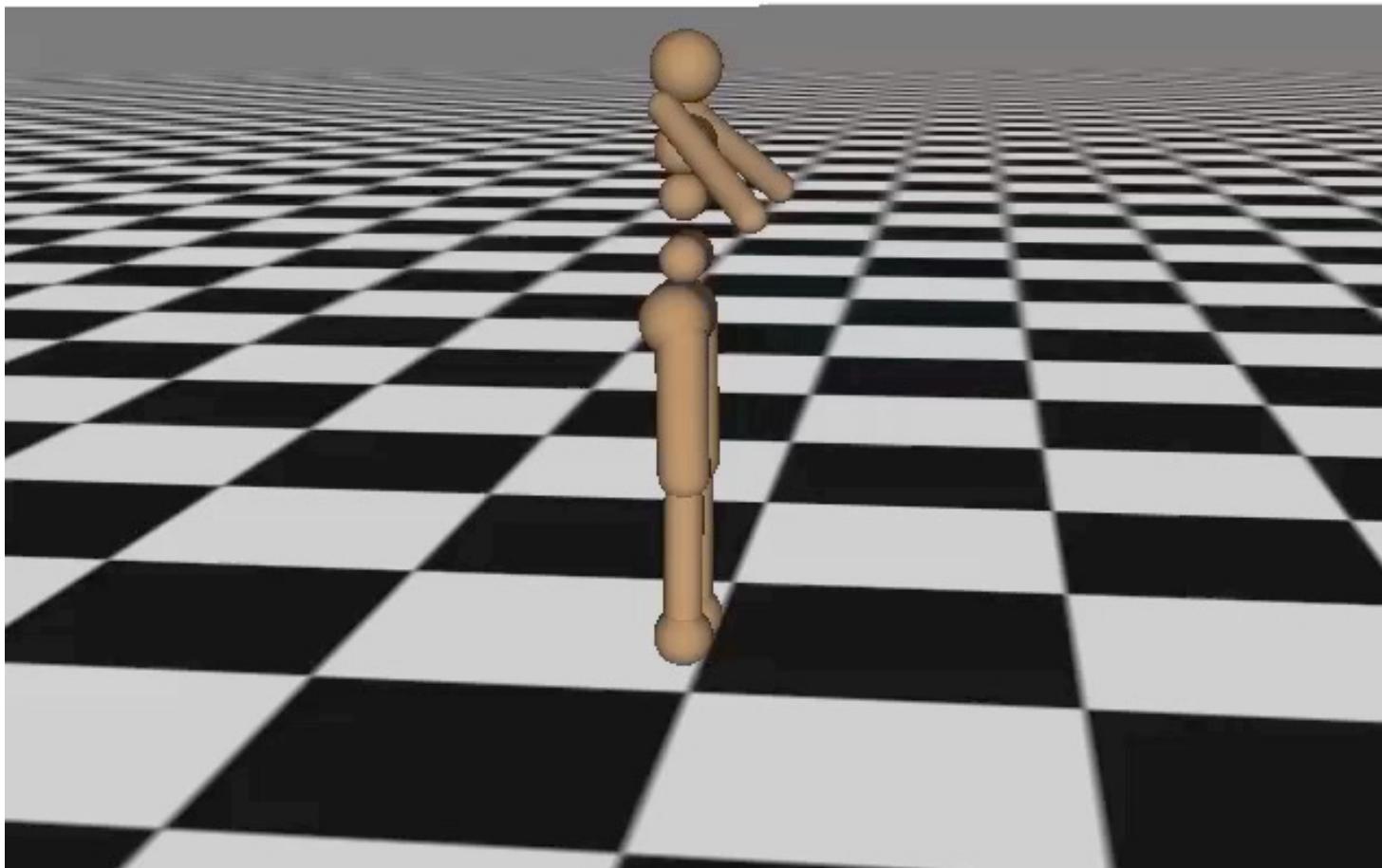


# Boston Dynamics



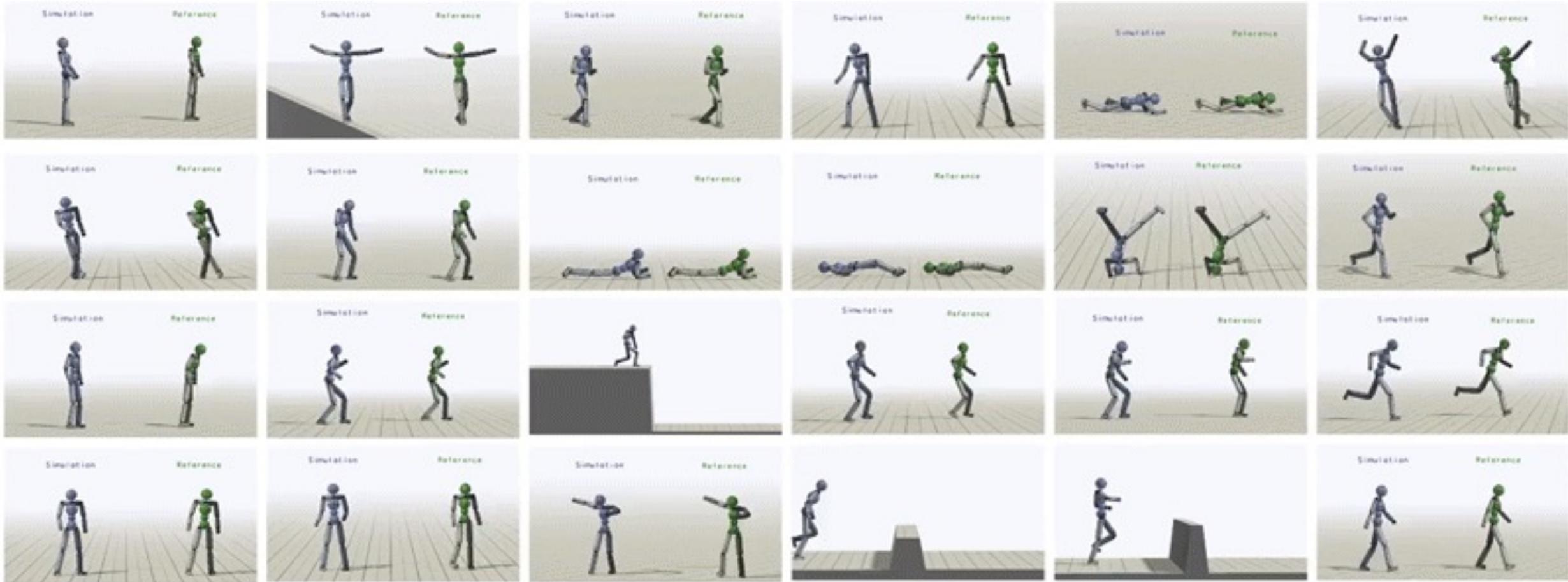
# Reinforcement Learning Locomotion

Iteration 0



[Schulman, Moritz, Levine, Jordan, Abbeel, 2015]

# Reinforcement Learning a Wide Range of Skills



# Rapid Motor Adaptation for Legged Robots

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UC Berkeley

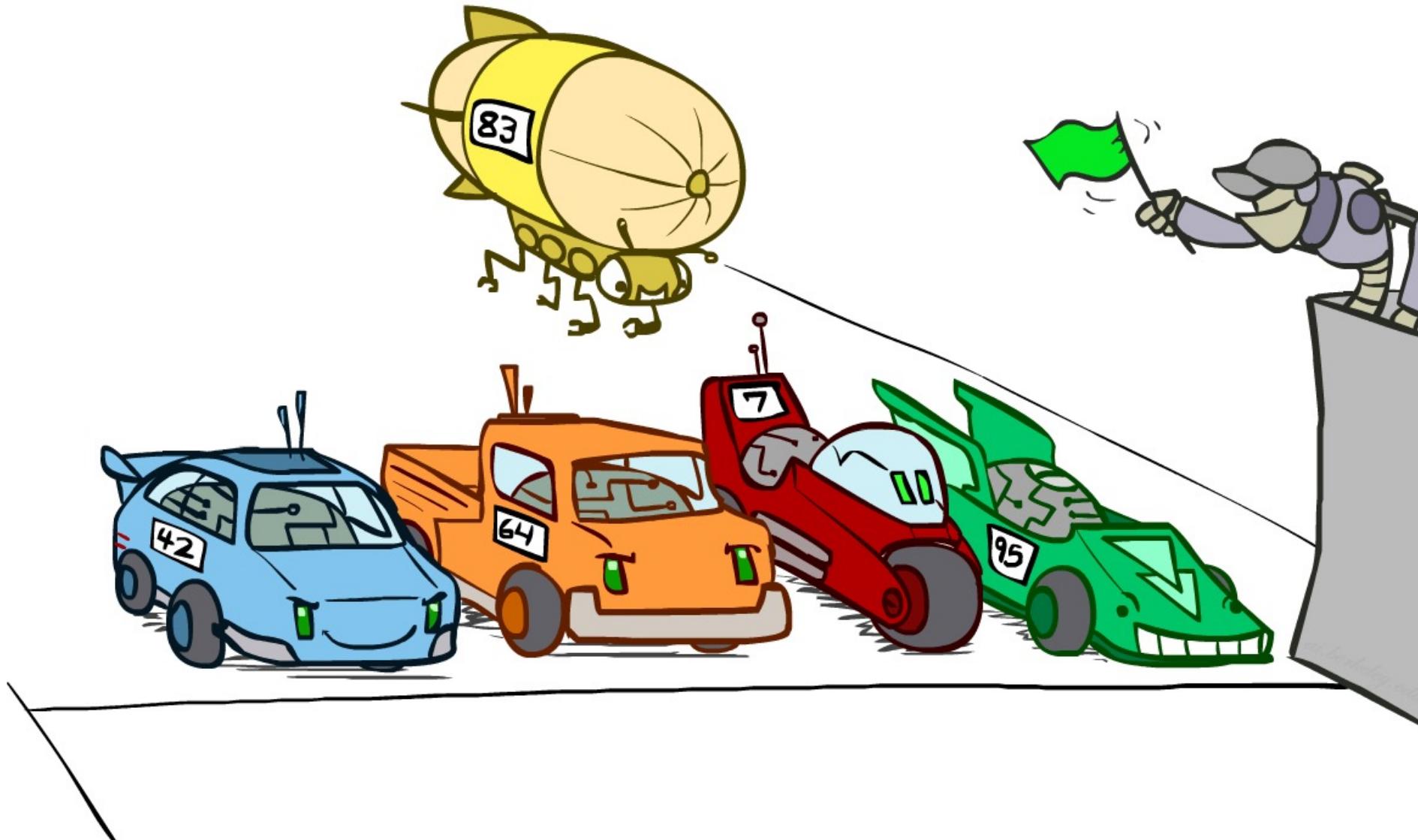
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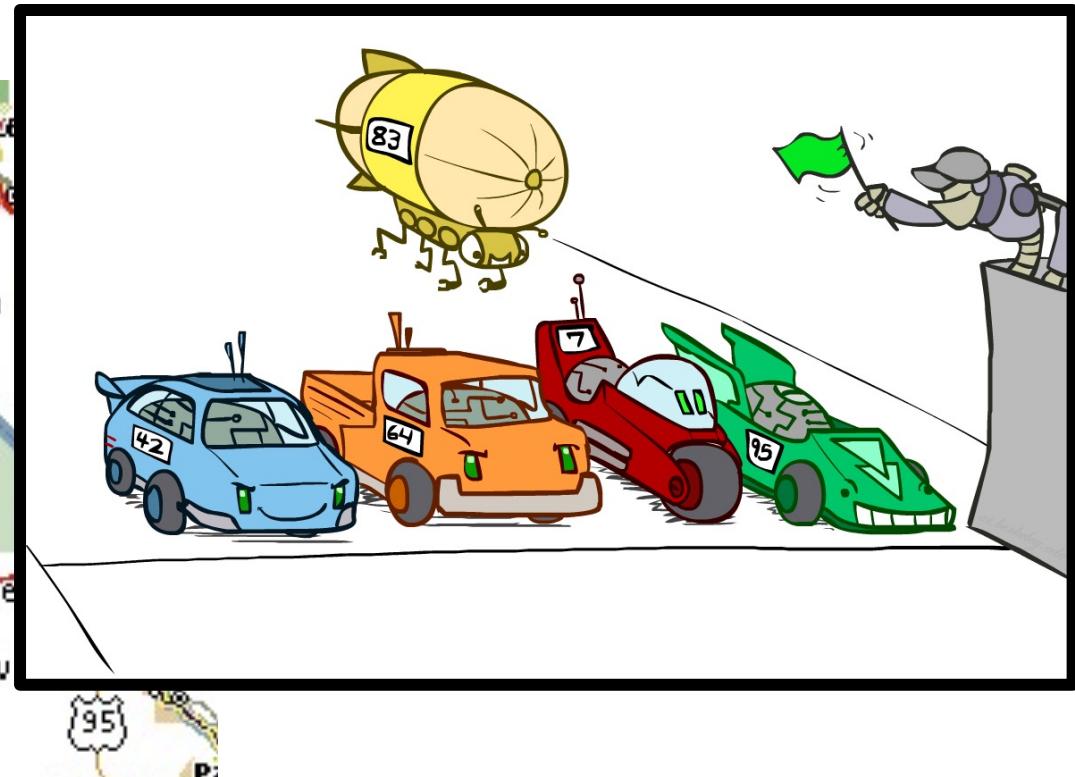
Jitendra Malik  
UC Berkeley/FAIR

# Autonomous Driving

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# Grand Challenge 2005: Barstow, CA, to Primm, NV



- 150 mile off-road robot race across the Mojave desert
- Natural and manmade hazards
- No driver, no remote control
- No dynamic passing

# Autonomous Vehicles

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# Grand Challenge 2005 Nova Video



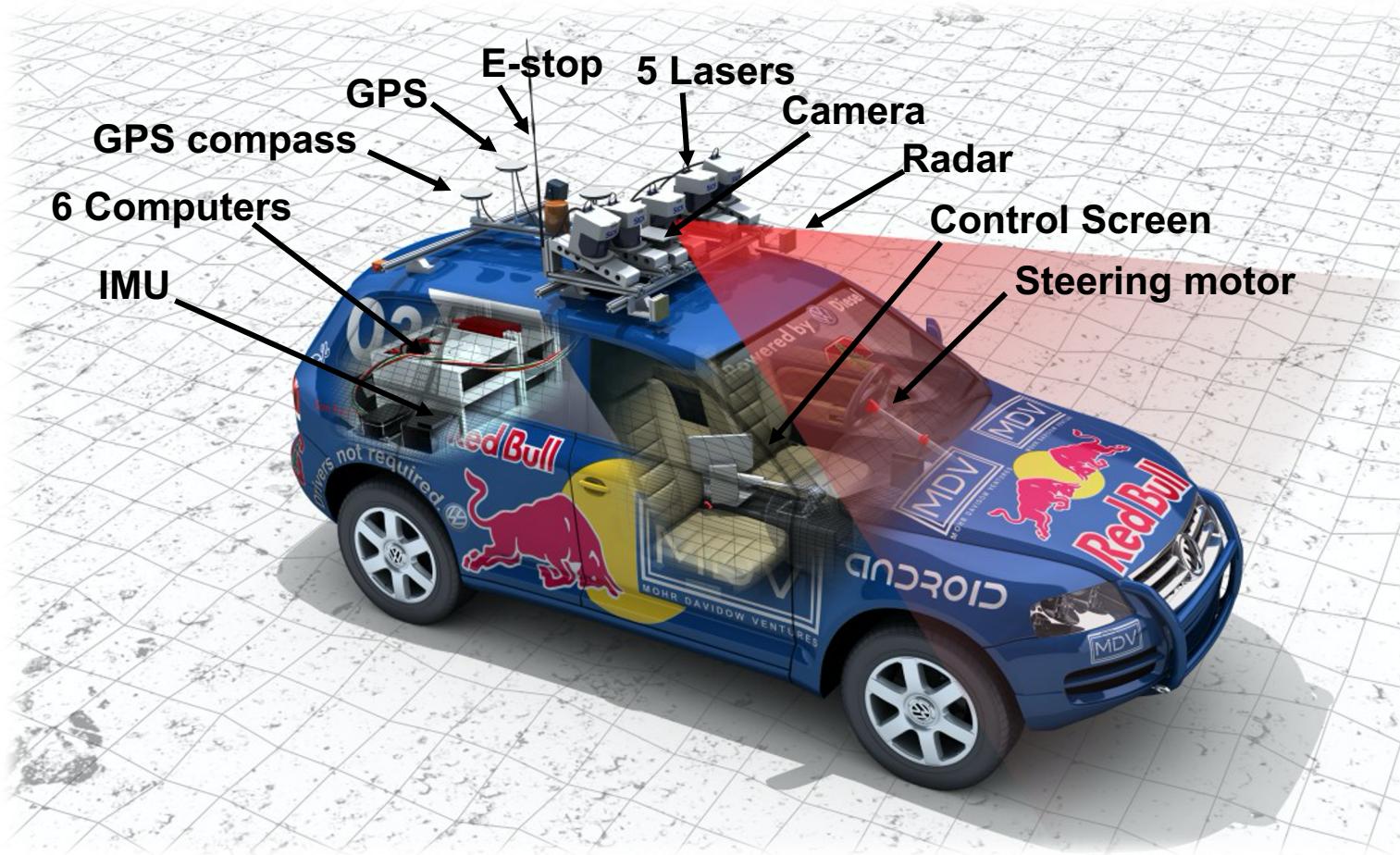
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# Grand Challenge 2005 – Bad

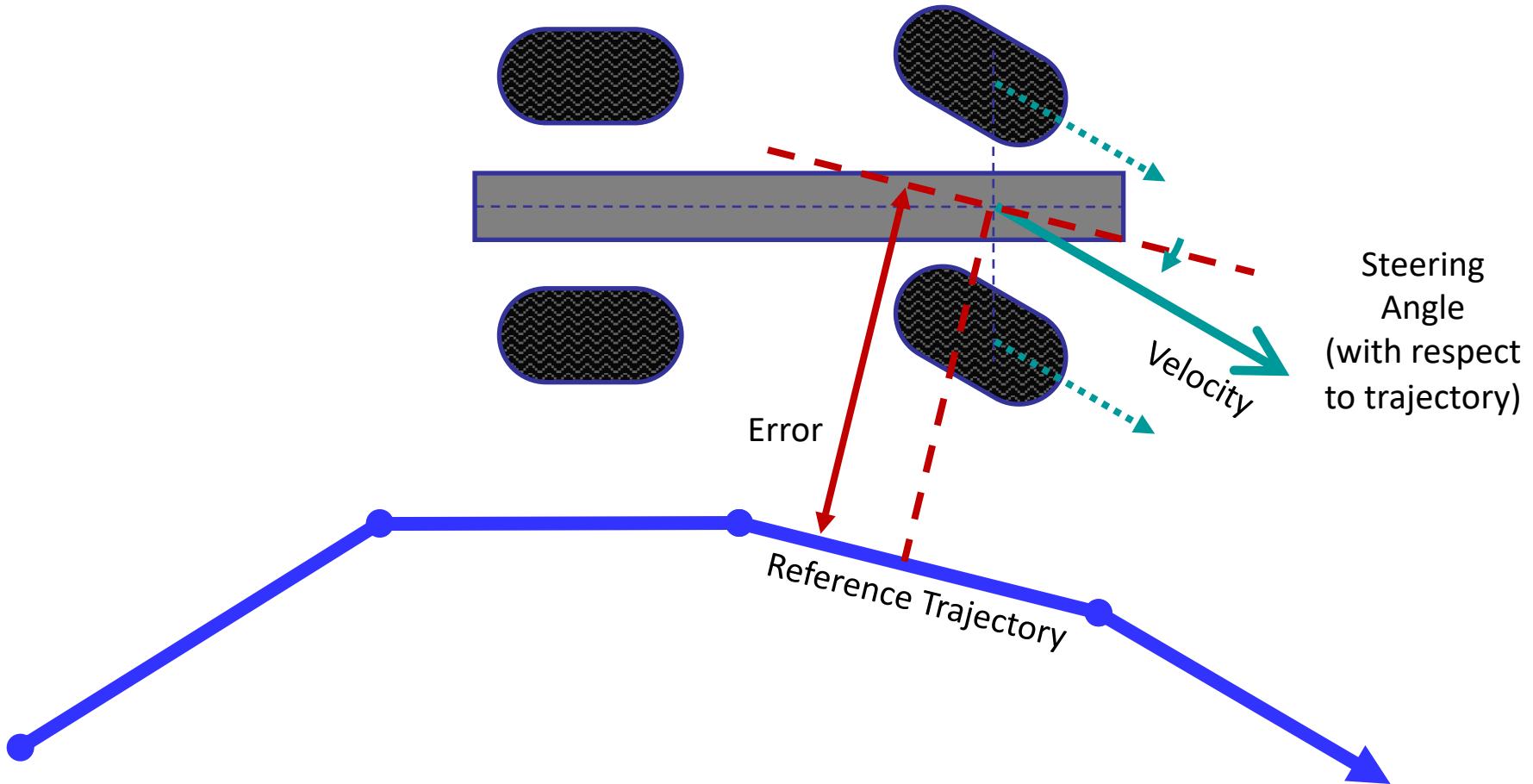


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# An Autonomous Car

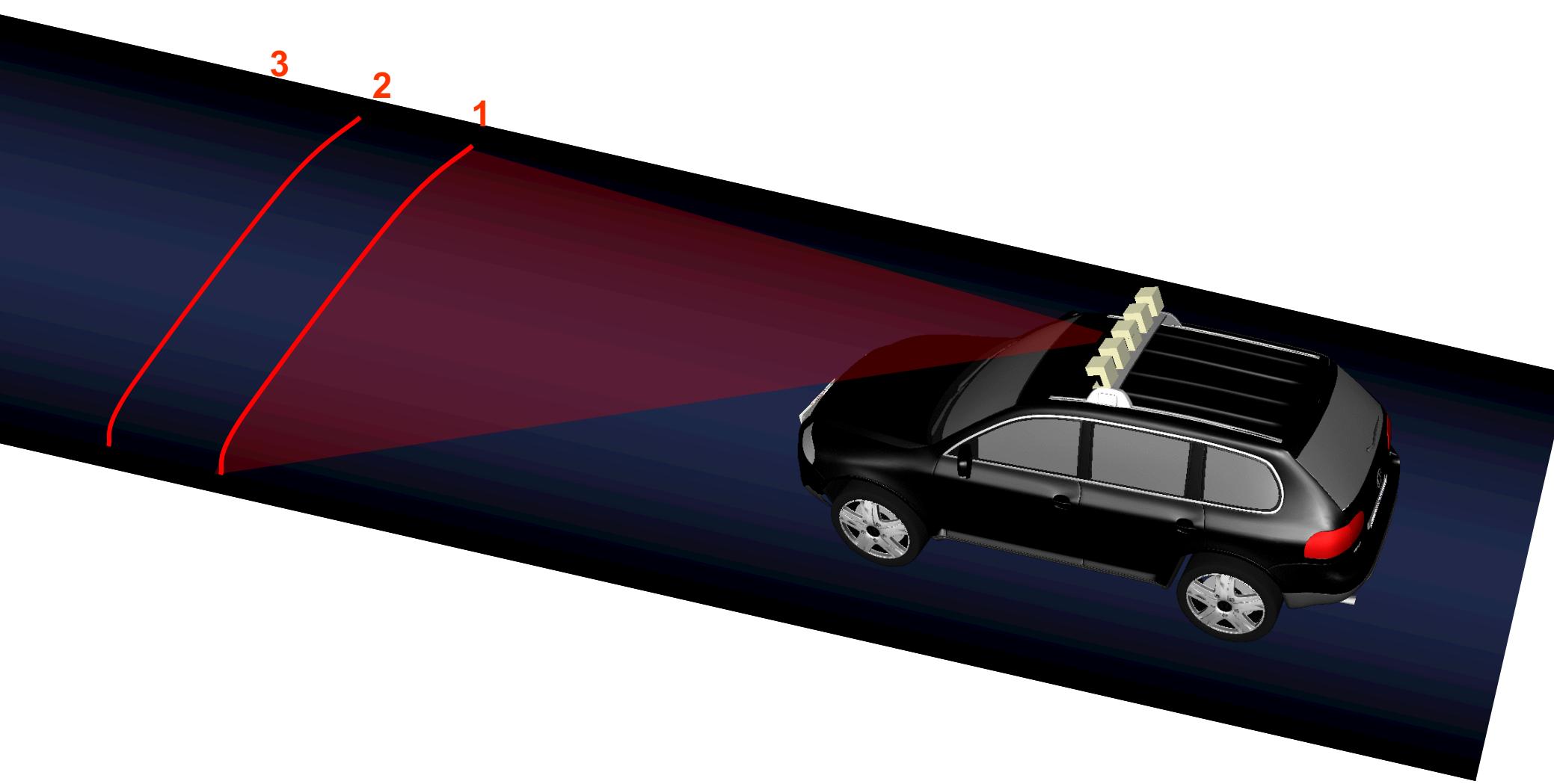


# Actions: Steering Control

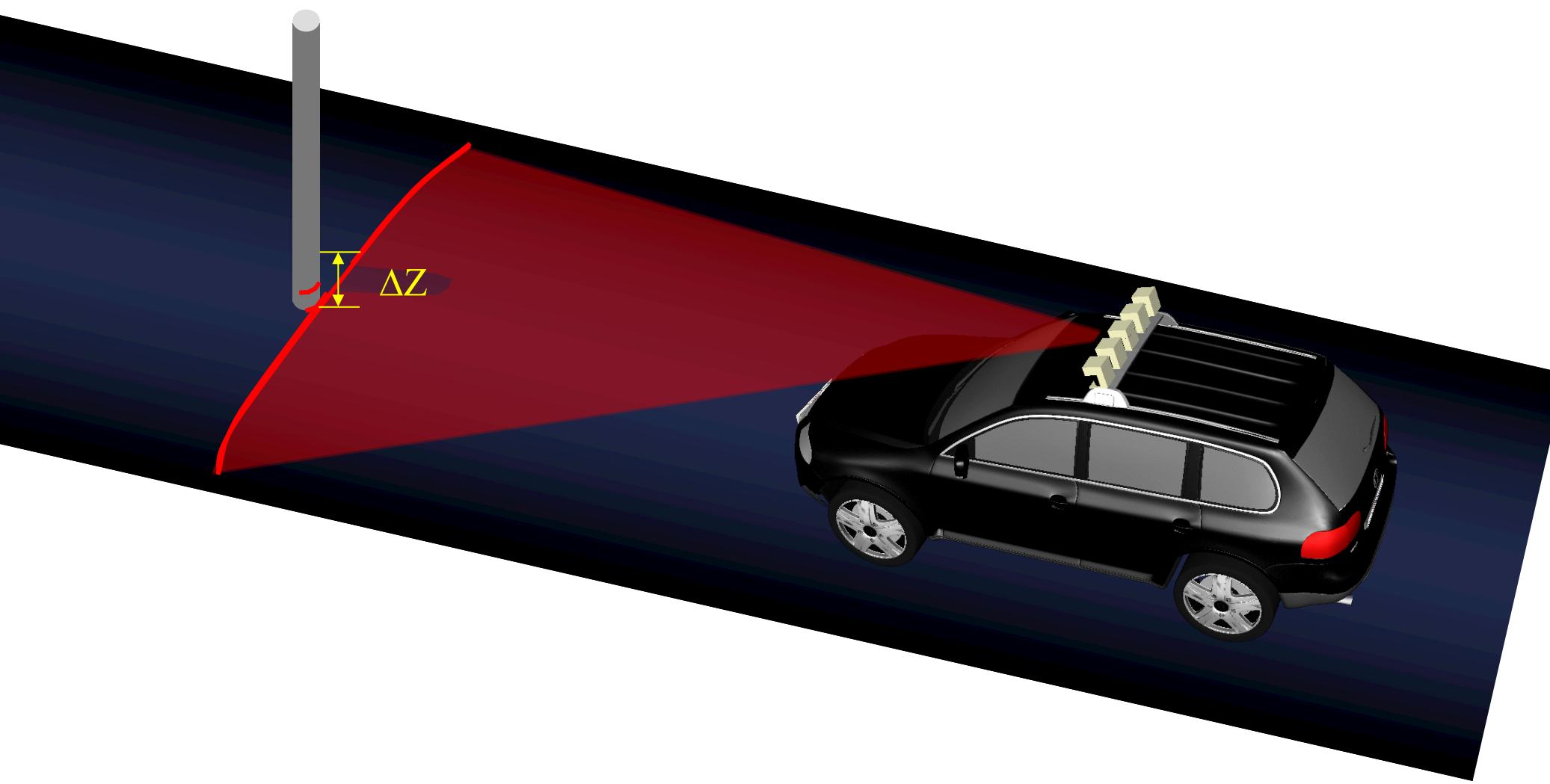


# Laser Readings for Flat / Empty Road

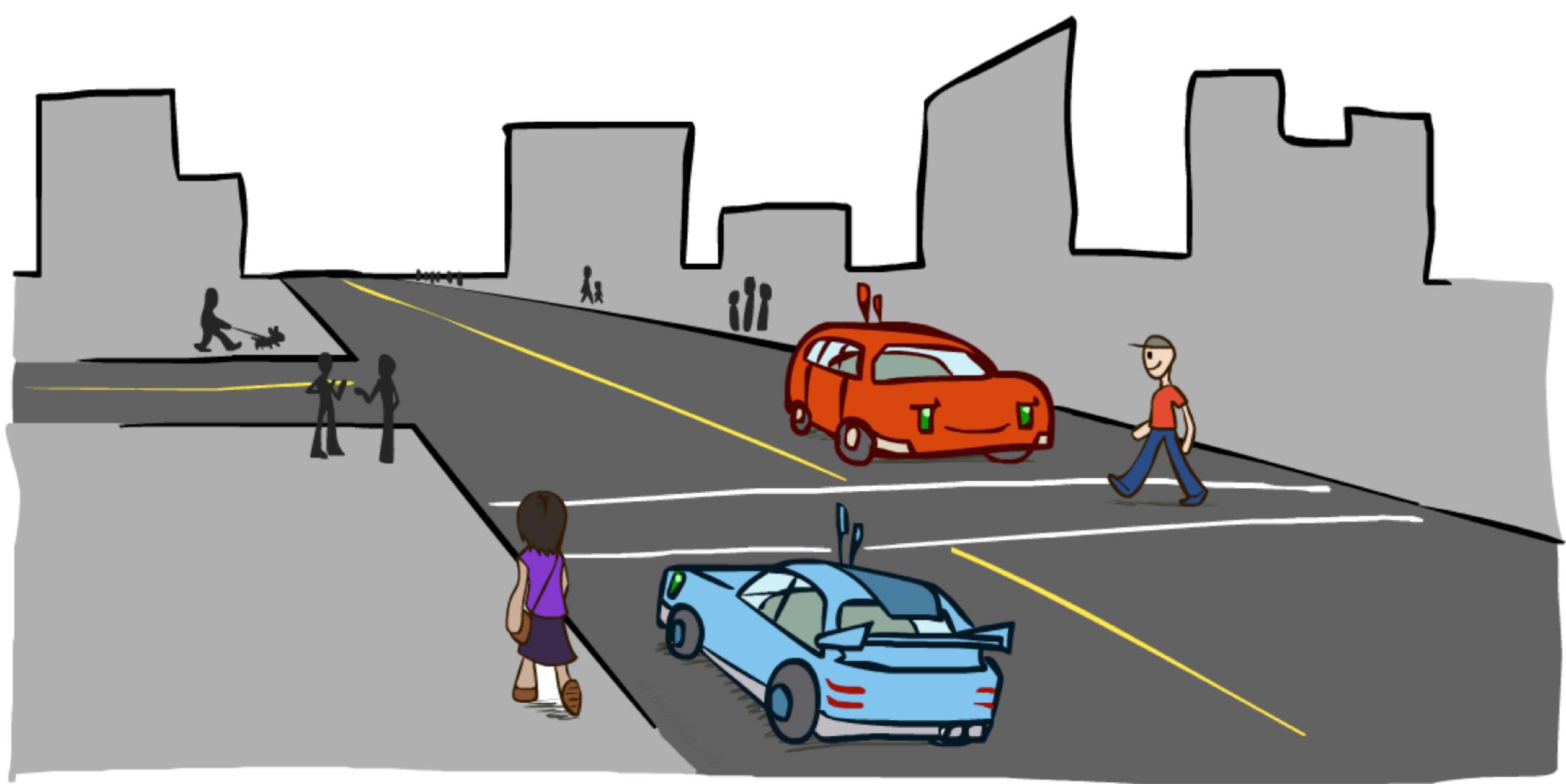
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# Laser Readings for Road with Obstacle



# Urban Environments

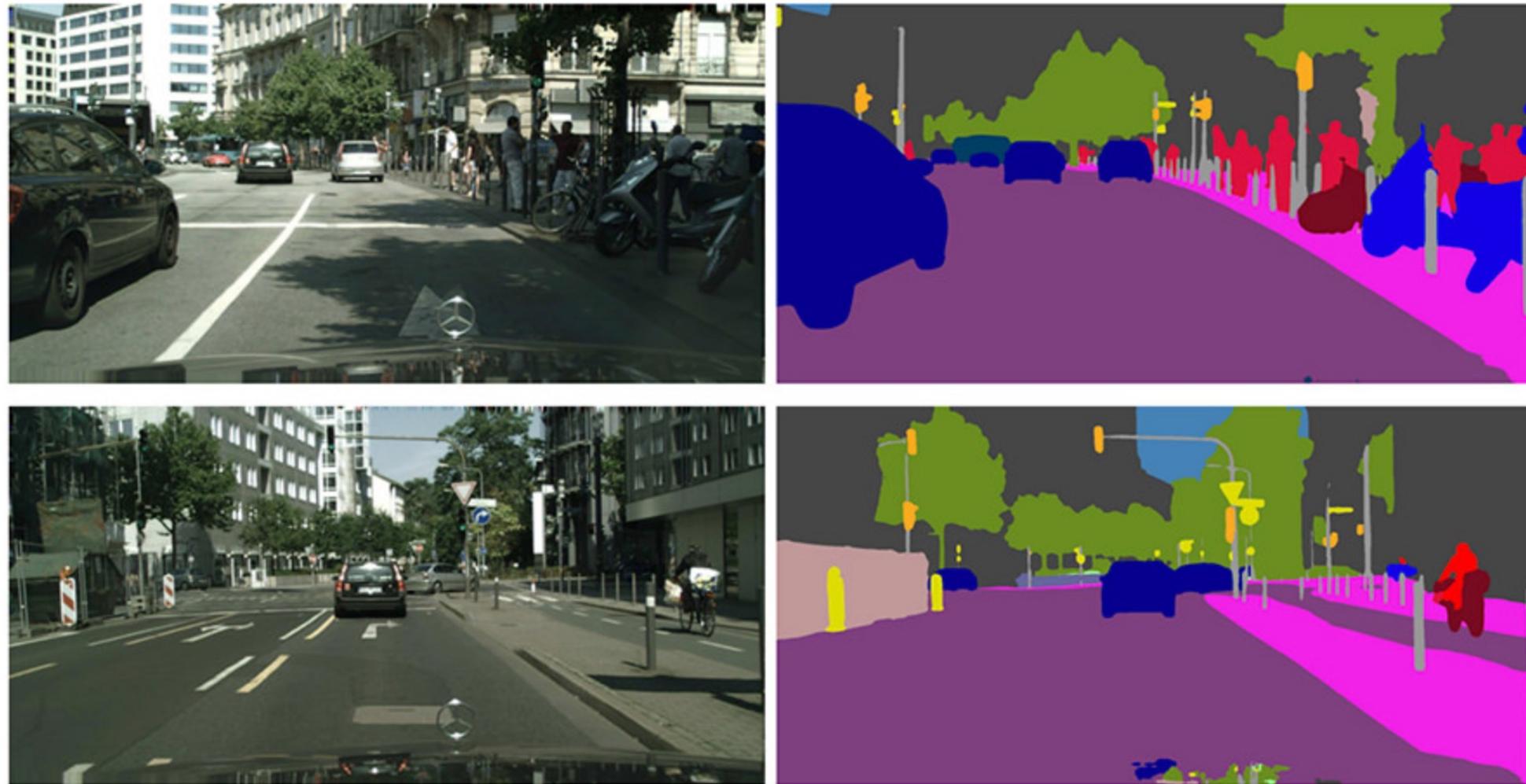


# Google Self-Driving Car (2013)



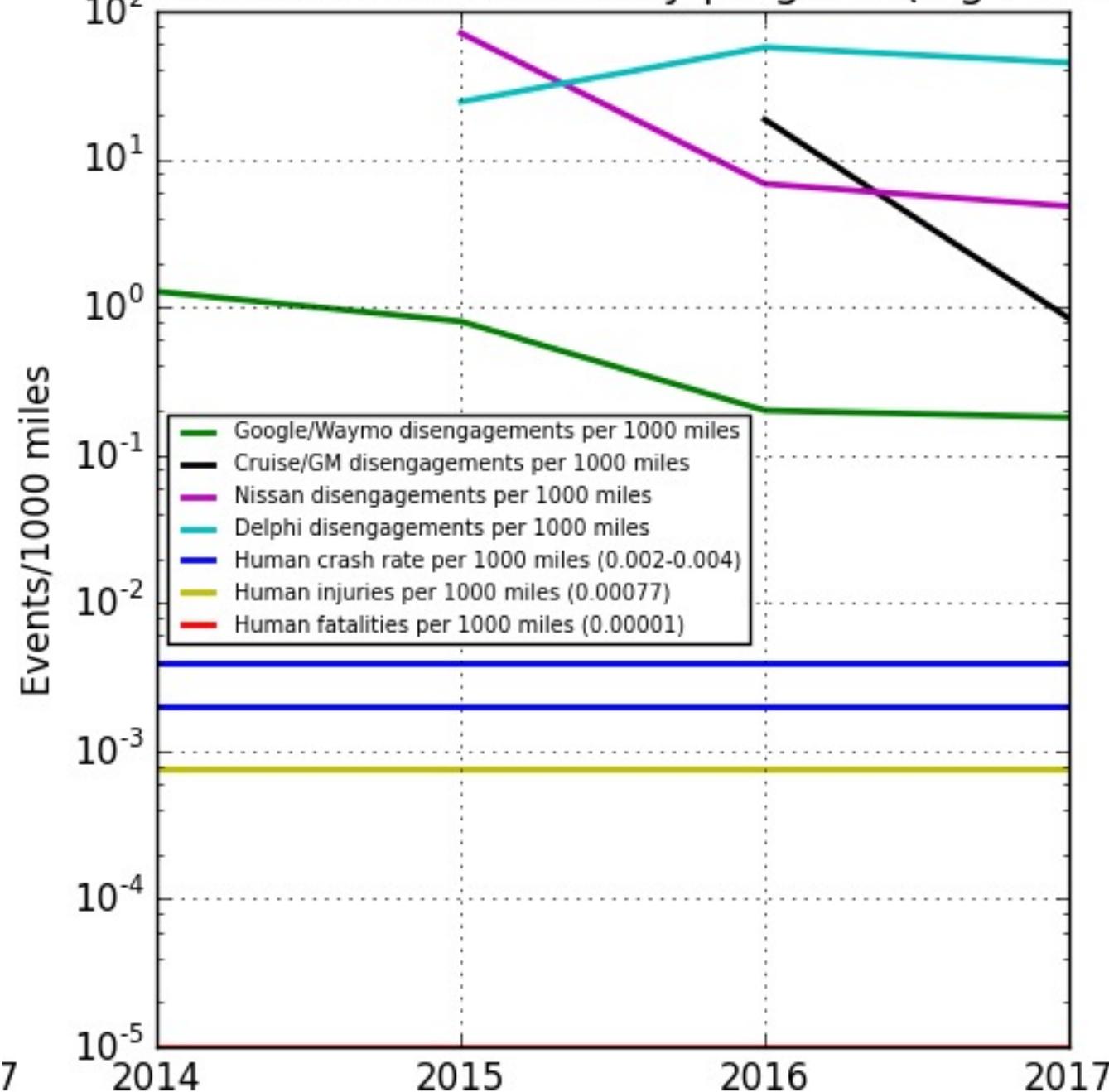
(mostly lidar)

# Recent Progress: NN Semantic Scene Segmentation



~ neural net classifies every pixel

## Autonomous vehicle safety progress (log scale)



# THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION STACK

COMET LABS



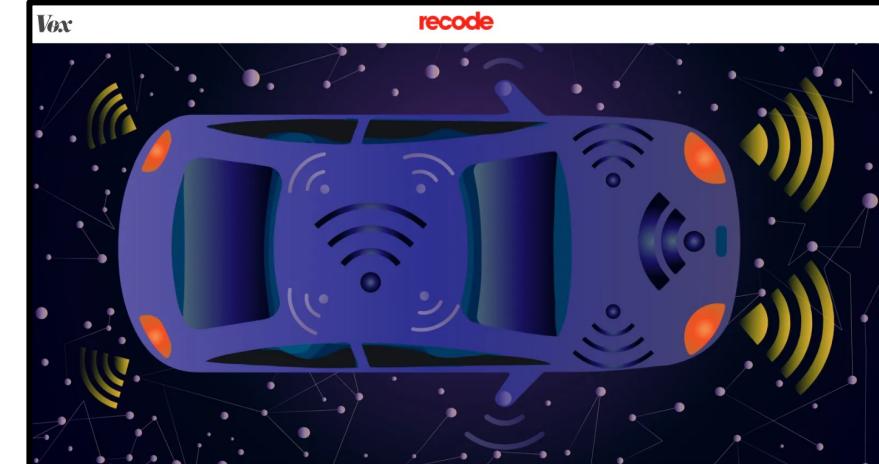
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Bloomberg Businessweek

■ August 17, 2021, 3:00 AM PDT

■ Corrected August 19, 2021, 2:25 PM PDT

# Waymo Is 99% of the Way to Self-Driving Cars. The Last 1% Is the Hardest



Efi Chalikopoulou for Vox

Why we're still years away from having self-driving cars

Self-driving cars were expected to roll out by 2021. Here's what we need to solve and build first.

By Eric Adams | Sep 25, 2020, 3:40pm EDT

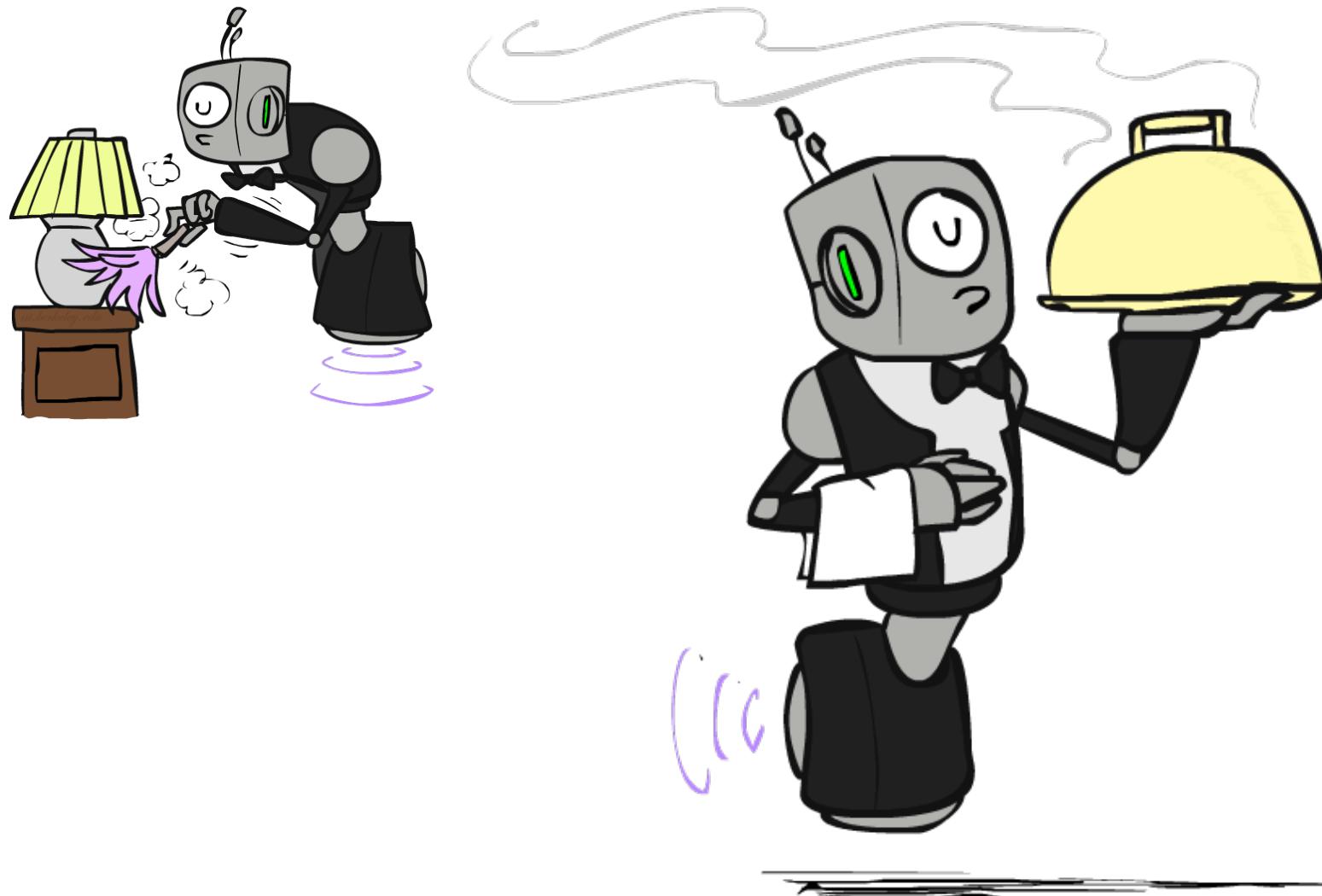
The New York Times

## *The Costly Pursuit of Self-Driving Cars Continues On. And On. And On.*

Many in Silicon Valley promised that self-driving cars would be a common sight by 2021. Now the industry is resetting expectations and settling in for years of more work.

# Personal Robotics

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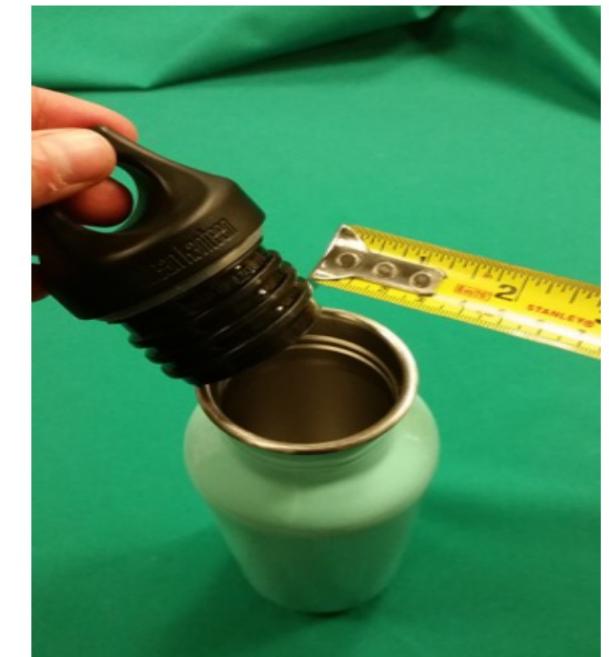
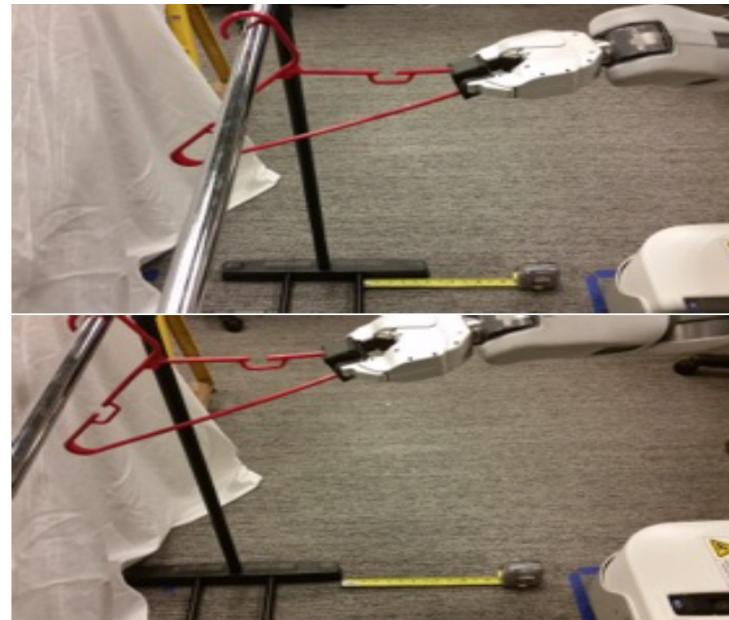
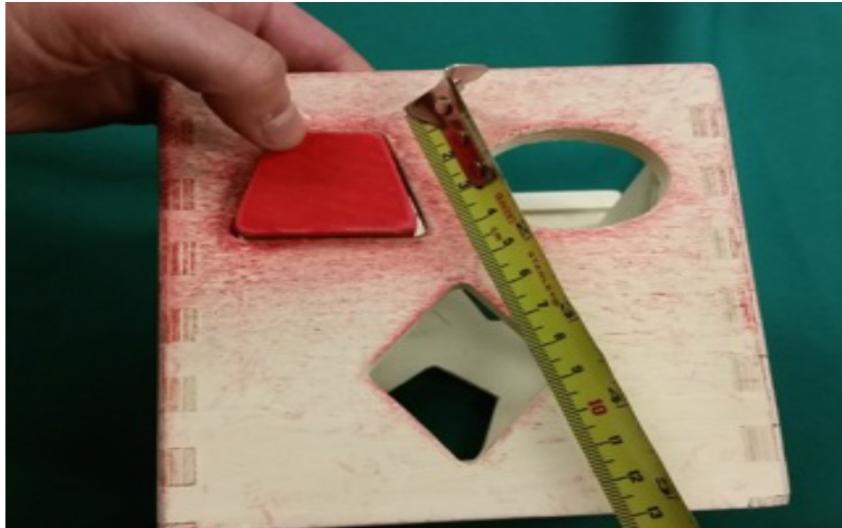
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# Challenge Task: Robotic Laundry



# How about a range of skills?



# Reinforcement Learning

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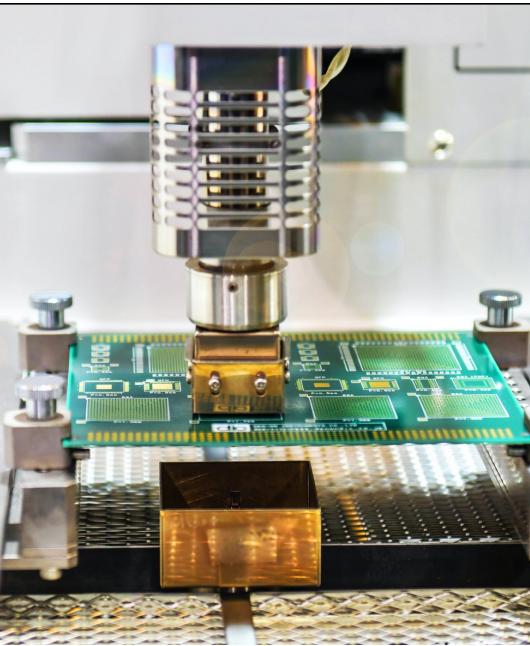
# Learned Skills

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[Levine et al, 2016]



## Traditional Robotic Automation

Highly structured environments  
Pre-programmed, deterministic

## Next Generation: AI Robotic Automation

Less structured environments  
Intelligent, reactive behaviors

# Many start-ups are going after the opportunities

## Recycling



## Farming



## Warehousing

covariant



DEXTERITY



PLUS ONE  
ROBOTICS

OSARO

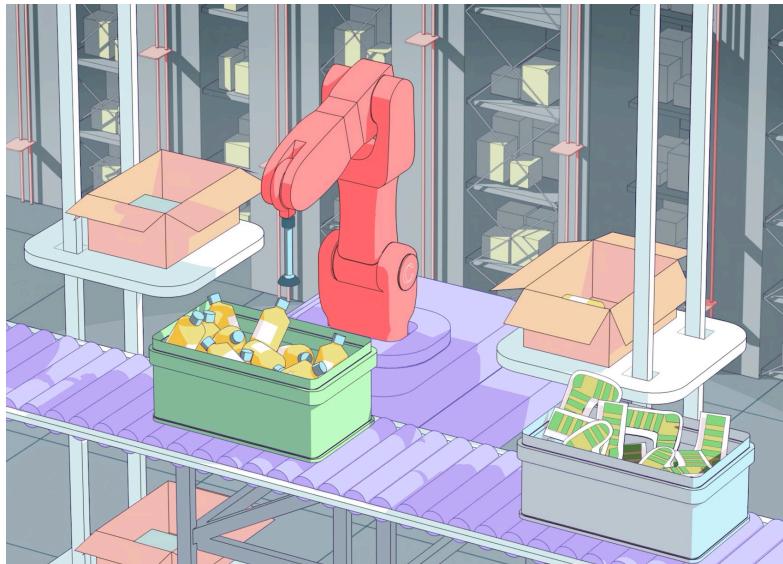


BostonDynamics





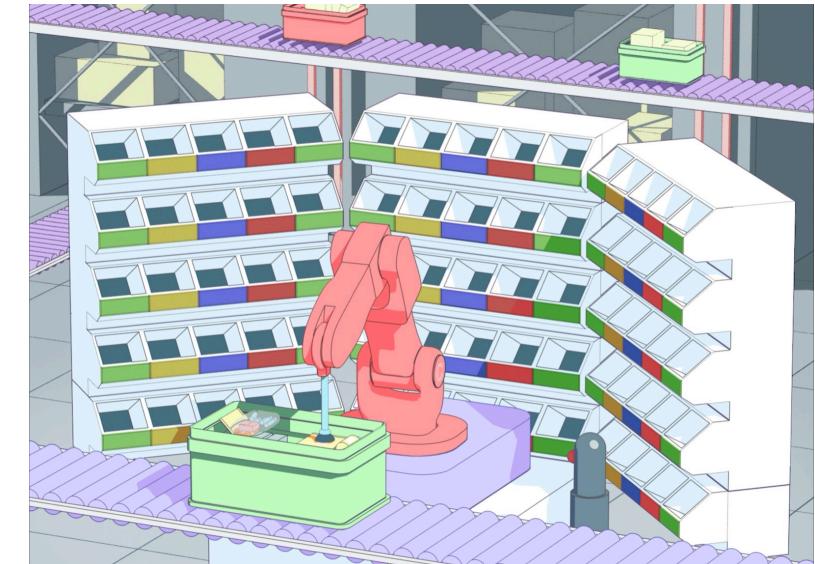
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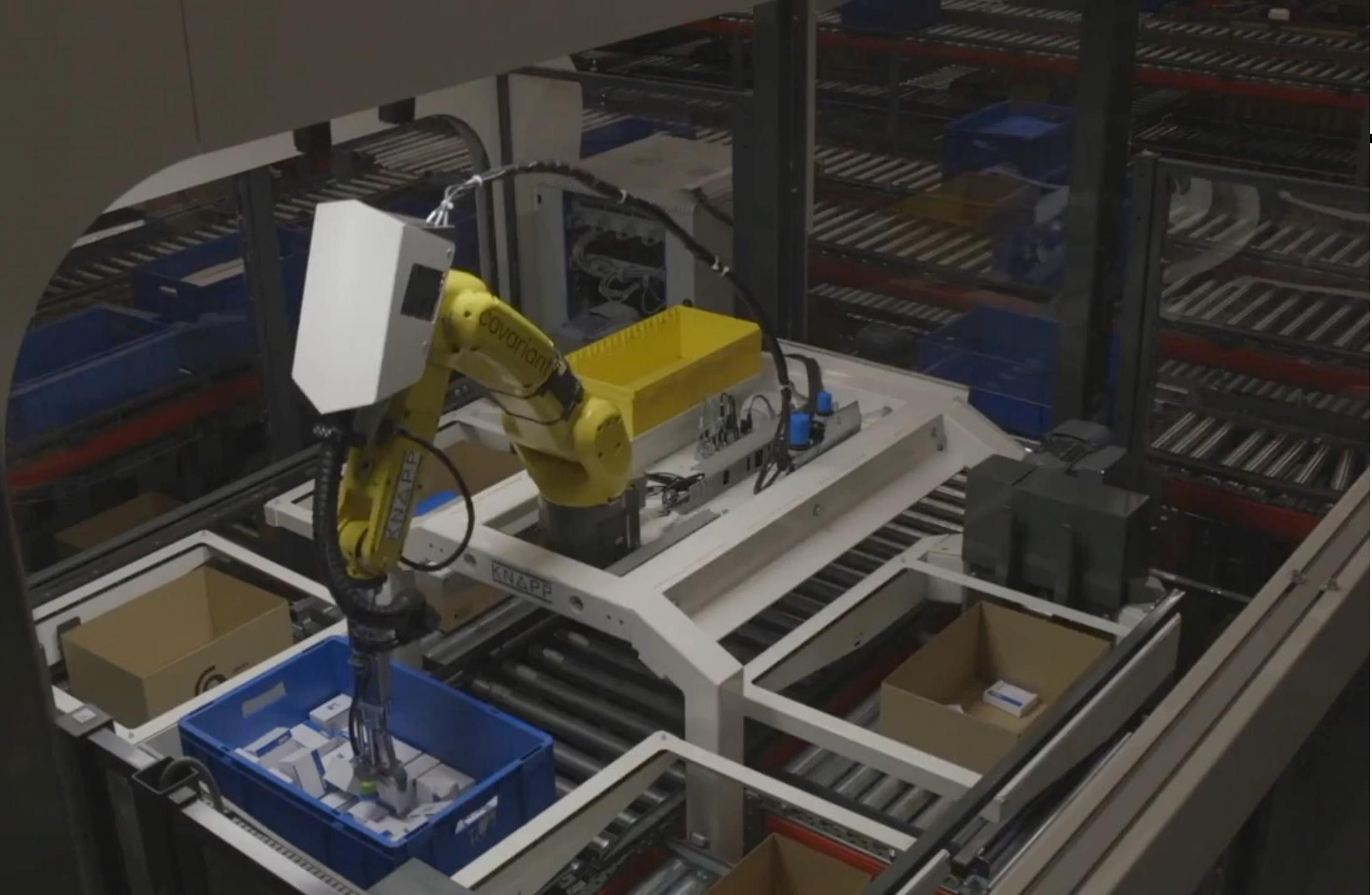
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apparel induction



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# Next Time:

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- AI Research Frontiers
- Course wrap-up
- Where to go after 188