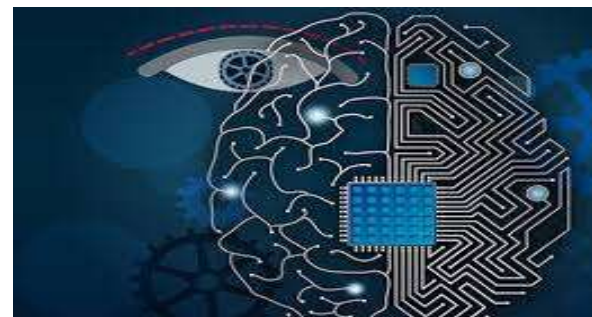




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### Artificial Intelligence, Robots and SMEs: Possibilities, Problems and Prospects

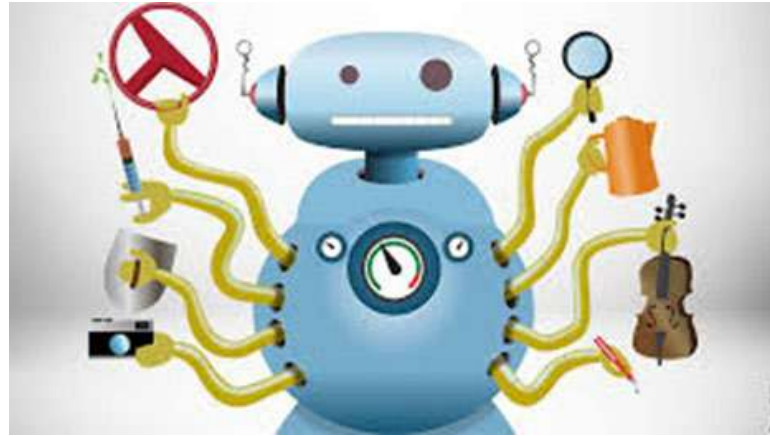
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**AGENDA**

- Making Sense of AI
- What's Trending?
- The AI Market
- AI and Business
- AI and SMEs
- What if it doesn't work?
- Jobs and All
- Future Pathways



**What is AI?**

**Making Sense of the Artificial in Intelligence?**

# Beauty and the Machine



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# Emerging Technologies and the Innovation Hype Cycle

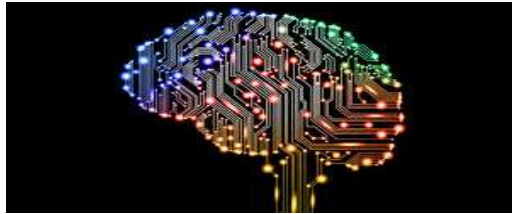


Source: Gartner (July 2016)

Granular picture reveals peaks of development and how best to identify opportunities<sup>5</sup>

# Artificial Intelligence

Coined in 1956 in Dartmouth, USA



Real growth in last 10 years because of “deep learning” architectures inspired by human brains (neurons and connections)



AI/Machine learning: Involves computers crunching large quantities of data to find patterns and make predictions without being explicitly programmed to do so. Trained on large amounts of labeled data



Enabling computers to not only read text and numbers but to see, hear, and speak



AI = omnibus term for a “salad bowl” of different segments and disciplines (Fei-Fei-Li, Stanford’s AI lab) includes, inter-alia:



# Includes, inter-alia....



**Robotics:**changing factories and assembly lines



**Computer Vision:** used in applications from identifying something or someone in photo to self-driving car technology

Human brain focuses on obvious correlations between input data and outcomes

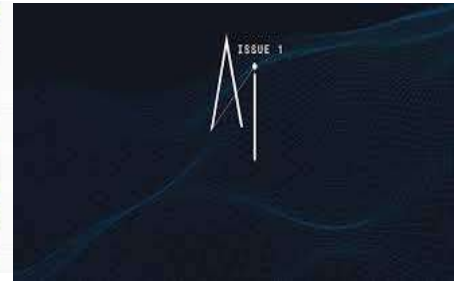


**Speech recognition:** underlies voice assistants on phones and home speakers

Deep learning algorithms uses vast seas of information and discovers connections between obscure features of data too subtle or complex for human brain

Functions in defined single domains. Not capable of general intelligence

Alpha Go does not play chess; loan underwriting algorithms do not do asset allocation



Preparation of large amounts of data, thousands of layers deep with billions of parameters, intensive monitoring of sophisticated algorithms, lots of customisation, and massive computing power drive AI capability.

Outcomes similar to large battalion of statisticians with unlimited time and resources, but more cheaply and efficiently . Likely to lead to dramatic drop in cost of making predictions.

Electricity made lighting more affordable. Given level of lighting now costs 400 times less than in 1800

Indirect social ubiquity impact: Already a part of everyday experience. Movie recommendations, driving directions, social media feeds, and the voice on your phone are all examples of how AI already plays a role in your daily life, and that of your customers

Key objective: efficient, effective, cost-beneficial and user-friendly application

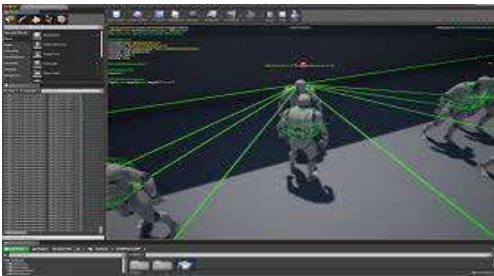
## Possible Four Waves



**Internet AI:** Large volumes of data from internet use. Bases on idea of users labeling data. Creates detailed profile of personalities, habits, demands and desires. Ideal for tailored content for a given platform



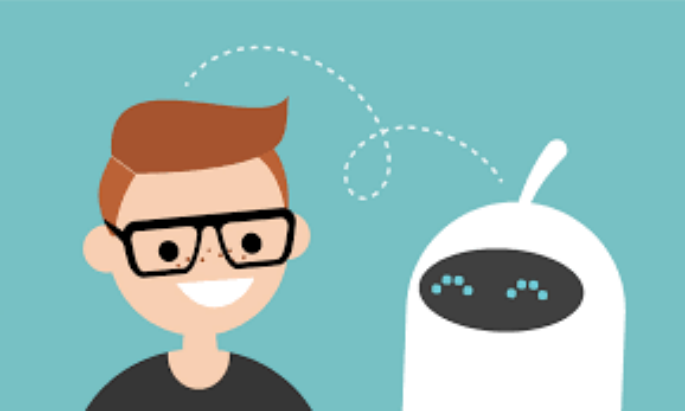
**Business AI:** Algorithms trained on proprietary data (e.g. customer purchases/machine maintenance records) for improved decision making



**Perception AI:** Upgraded version with eyes, ears and various senses allowing new data capture enabling new applications. Through use of sensors and smart devices (speech interfaces + computer vision applications))



**Autonomous AI :** Integrating 3 previous waves. Machines can sense and respond to world around them, move intuitively and manipulate objects



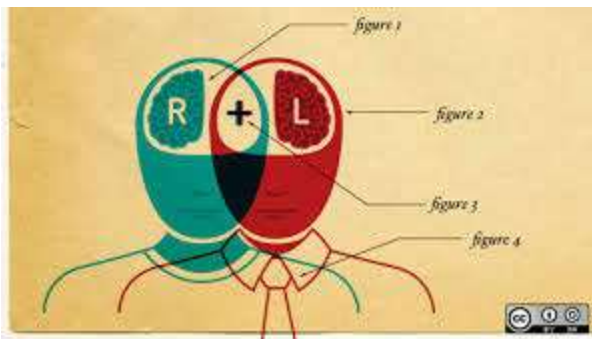
# What's Trending?



# Artificial Intelligence Trends, 2019



- Application: Computer vision
- Application: Natural language processing/synthesis
- Application: Predictive intelligence
- Architecture
- Infrastructure



## Open Source Frameworks making access to and use of AI easier



**Google's TensorFlow**  
Machine Learning Library  
(from 2015). Hundreds of  
users contribute on GitHub,  
a collaborative software  
developing platform



**Facebook's Caffe2** released in  
2017 : a lightweight, modular  
deep learning framework for  
both cloud and mobile  
applications. Combined with  
PyTorch, an open source machine  
learning platform for Python, in  
May 2018 to move from  
prototyping to execution



**Montreal Institute for  
Learning Algorithms** and its  
Theano open source library

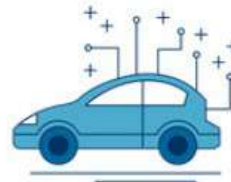


## Developing AI at the Edge: i.e. direct ability to process information by smartphones

Wearable devices, cars instead of communicating with a central cloud or server

Large firms such as Qualcomm, Apple and Nvidia working with start-ups to build chips for 'edge' services

Apple released A11 Chip for iPhones: machine learning tasks at up to 600 billion operations per second  
Qualcomm's \$100m AI fund for on device AI/Intel's Myriad X and NCS2 (Neural Compute Stick)/Nvidia's Jetson AGX Xavier



Edge AI use case

In-home smart cameras can recognize that a person(s) has entered an area

nest IQ cameras,  
aws DeepLens

On-device facial recognition and object recognition, where user data doesn't leave the device

apple neural engine  
HUAWEI AI processor

Instantaneous driving decisions

TESLA custom AI chip

Vision for baby monitors, drones, robots, and other devices that can respond to situations without internet connection

intel Myriad X



**Idx-DR** software identified patients with more than mild diabetic retinopathy 87.4% of the Time (89.5% for those who did not have it).

**Viz LVO** for analysis and notification of CT scans by VizAI (Series A VC funding provided by Google Ventures & Kleiner Perkins, Caufield and Byers (\$21m)

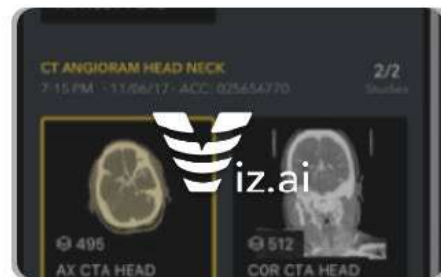
**Artervs** for spotting lung and liver lesions funded by GE ventures



Diabetic retinopathy



Liver and lung AI lesion



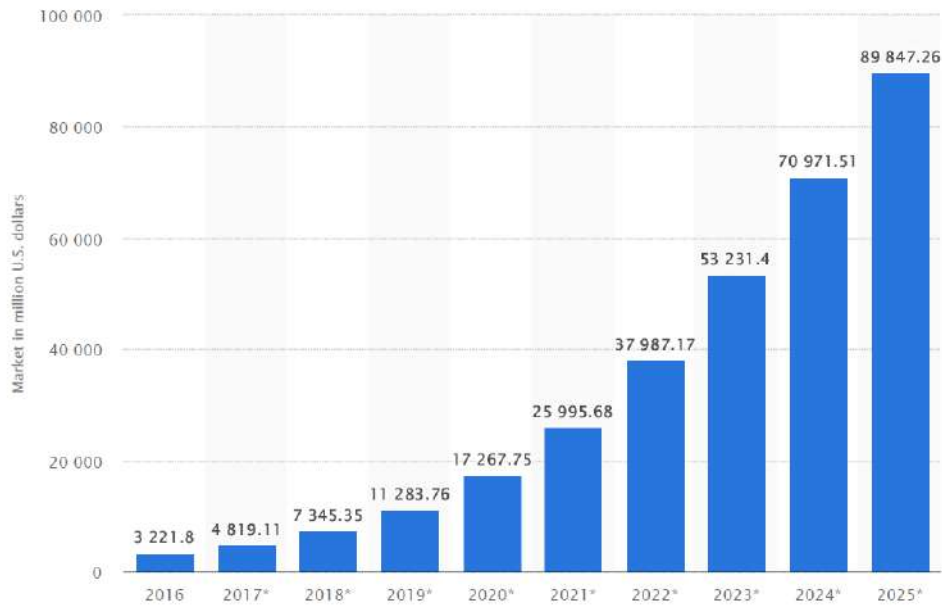
CT-scan analysis for strokes

Smartphones as at-home diagnostic tools

Dip.io using traditional urine analysis dipstick to monitor urinary infections and pregnancy-related problems. Picture of dipstick using smartphone and computer vision algorithms accounting for lighting conditions and camera quality.

*Fast track regulatory approval opens up possibility for new commercial pathways. 80 AI Imaging and diagnostics firms raising equity financing*





Data visualized by tableau

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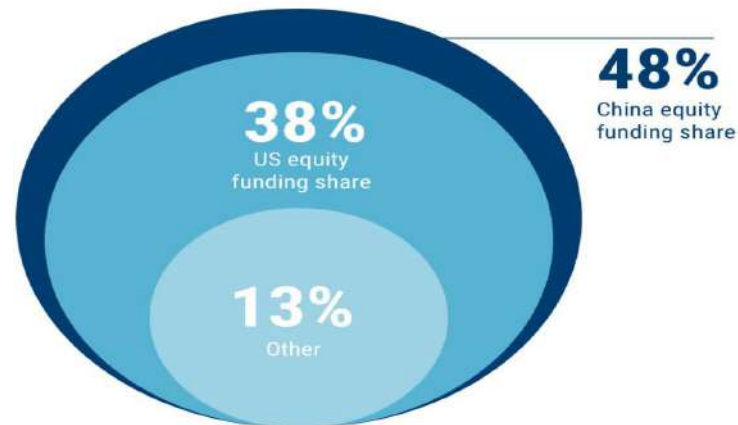
## Market in US \$m

In 2018, the global AI market is expected to be worth approximately 7,35 billion U.S. dollars.

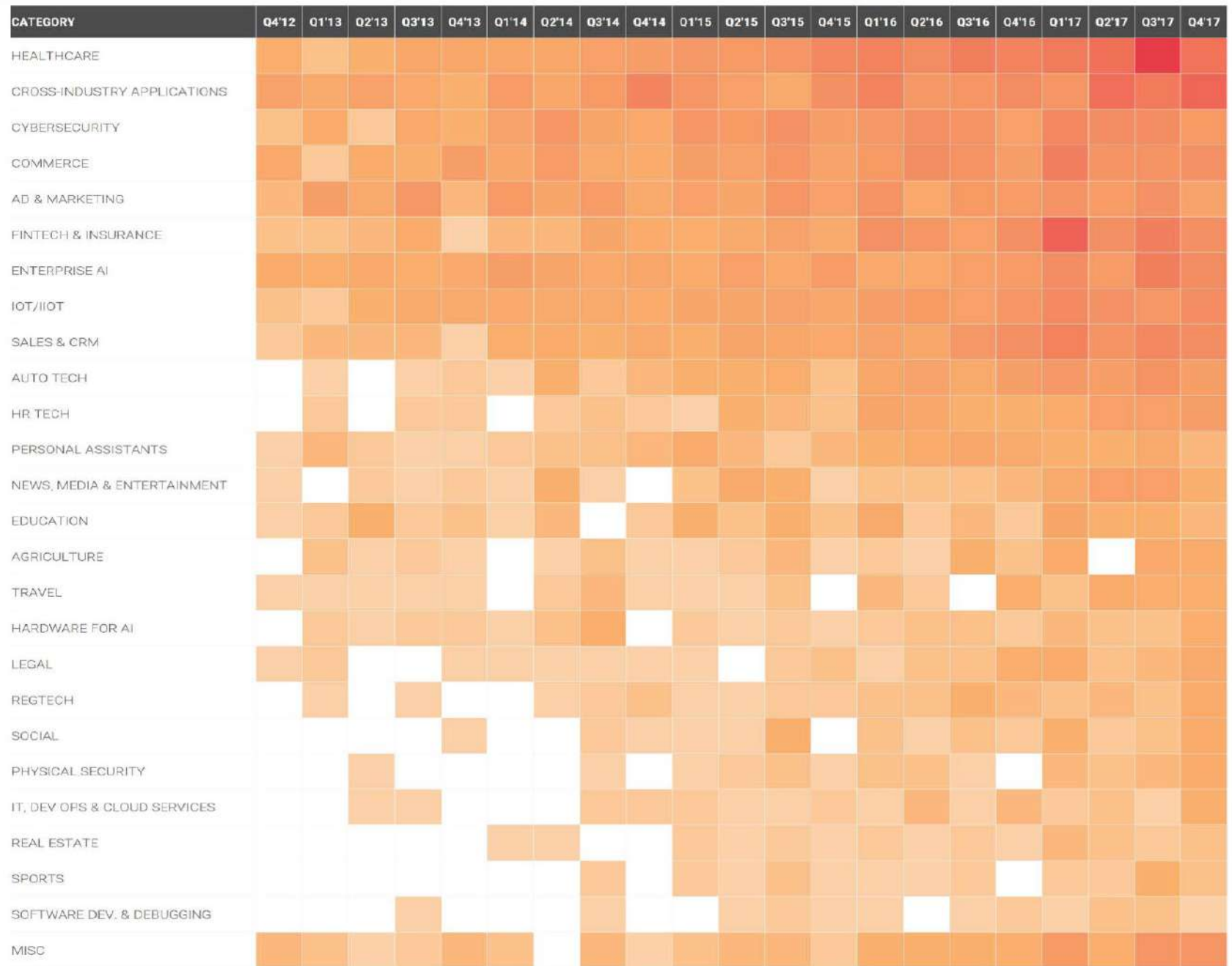
The largest proportion of revenues come from the AI for enterprise applications market.

### China dominates global AI funding

US vs. China total equity funding to startups in 2017

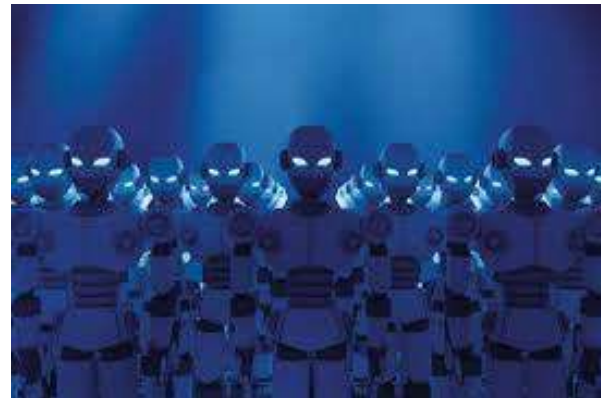


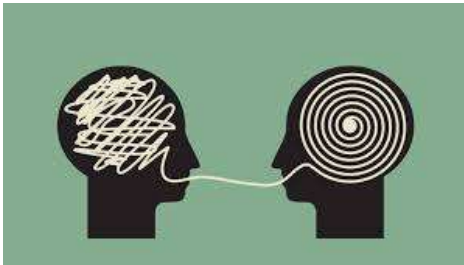
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## How Does AI Affect Day to Day Business?





**On the fly** translation technology: Enabling us to speak the same language. AI based devices that translate on the fly (**Pixel Buds**)



**Mind Readers.** Noninvasive wearable device (MIT). Answers many queries within seconds, send private messages, and internally record streams of information to access later, without observable external actions. Interprets electric impulses in the jaw that are triggered when words or phrases are internally vocalised. Useful for high noise environments (**AlterEgo**)

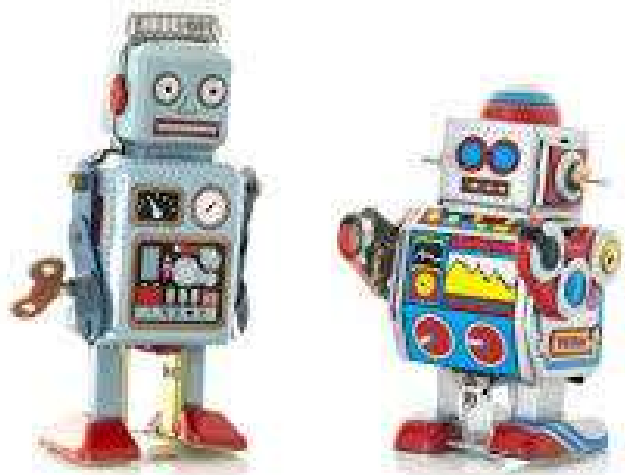


**Generative design:** Software that produces hundreds of options based on designer inputting requirements, limitations, other qualities including cost of materials. As choices are narrowed down software figures out preferences to find better options (**Dreamcatcher by Autodesk**).



**Retail therapy!** Using data from millions of transactions to figure out extra needs; Home depot's AI use . kitchen renovation; selectig right make up shade (Modiface); what promotions work better (Celect); Robots scanning shelves for out of stock items

## AI and SMEs



“Small business owners are more concerned with keeping the lights on and the doors open than navigating what is seemingly a complex web of new technology”.



Qualtrics survey: 96 percent of them expect AI to handle repetitive research tasks such as data cleaning within 5 years. Meanwhile, 63 percent think AI will take over statistical analysis within the next decade

From sentiment analysis to machine learning algorithms that track customer preferences and habits (companies like Facebook allow companies of all sizes to use chatbots, which rely on machine learning), powerful data gathering mechanisms are now available to businesses large and small..

In Euston Road, London:  
Unpicking biology and  
advancing human health

Scientists and coders all  
in large open plan room  
Powerful computer in  
private, temperature-  
controlled office. – runs  
AI system

Founded in 2013 by  
biotech entrepreneur  
Ken Mulvany, currently  
employs 90 people in  
the UK and US and has  
raised £109.5m.

Machine learning can draw inferences  
about what it has learned. Can process  
natural language and formulate new  
ideas from what it reads.

Sifts through vast chemical libraries,  
medical databases and onventional  
scientific papers, looking for potential  
drug molecules to predict how these  
same compounds can instead be more  
efficient targeting other diseases.

Conventional approach:  
screen large nos. of  
molecules for signs of  
pertinent biological  
effect/Winnow away the  
dross in series of  
expensive tests and trials.  
- declining in productivity  
and rising in cost

BenevolentAI  
Accelerating the journey from data  
to medicine

Why? Most of the  
obvious molecules have  
been found. Obscure  
ones need long  
development periods to  
find them with high  
failure rates.

First clinical trial will begin  
this year in the USA and  
Europe, targeting  
excessive daytime  
sleepiness in Parkinson's  
disease

Doubling of scientific output every 9  
years./ Data slam sliced for publication  
to lengthen researchers' personal CVs.  
Therefore, hard to synthesise data.





**Ping An** – Chinese insurance co.

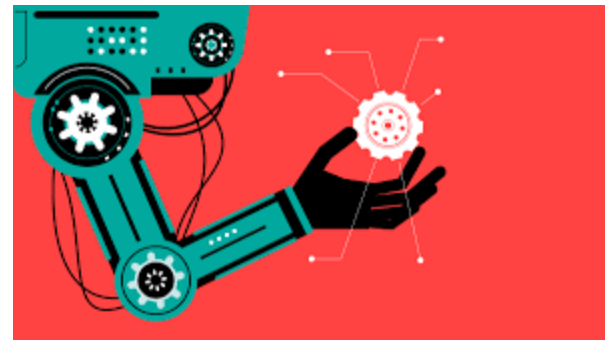
Lie detection through monitoring of video interviews of income and plans, of 50 tiny facial expressions.



**Leroy Merlin**, French home-improvement retailer, used to order new stocks on Fridays, defaulting to same items as the week before. Now uses algorithms provided by AI start-up Vekia, to read past sales data + other information affecting sales, including weather forecasts, to stick shelves more effectively



## AI and Supply Chains





Consider delivery by trucks: 25 packages to be delivered. No. of possible routes adds to around 15 septillion (trillion trillion)!



Firms likely to derive between \$1.3 trn and \$2trn in economic value from using AI in supply Chains & manufacturing

### Managing finances and paying suppliers:

scanning invoices and predicting payments (e.g. Workday's financial planning tool to pick out late payers)



**Improving manufacturing through computer vision systems (CVS):** inspection of products on assembly lines and spotting flaws (e.g. Landing AI – start-up working with Foxconn); Nvidia uses CVS to check proper assembly of its chips

**Predicting equipment failure:** useful for firms with large asset holdings to help avoid big costs of unexpected breakdowns . Combining data on past performances with those generated by smart sensors on machinery (IoT) – e.g. start-up C3IOT working with American air force and defence dept. to scan maintenance logs and past technical problems for wear and tear of aircrafts

Autonomous Cars Driving Change in Automotive Manufacturing & Supply Chains





Building “**Digital Twins**” – virtual representations of assets to run simulations of how weather, etc. affect machinery and asset utilisation.



Improvements in **inventory management and demand forecasting**, freeing up storage space and cash. Cost to firms of overstocking was c. \$470 bn; of understocking \$630bn (ref: IHL Group). Amazon’s algorithms predict demand for millions of products as much as 18 months ahead. Main problem item is clothing – linking stock of different sizes and colours to warehouses depending on nearby buyers’ shapes and tastes



**Refrigeration:** Lineage Logistics (keeps food cold for grocers and restaurants): uses AI to forecast in what order items will arrive at and leave a warehouse to organise pallets in the right position (boosted efficiency by 20%)



**Tracking movement of goods:** Efficient routing of systems and predicting arrival. Putting sensors on ships or designing whole systems to use data like GPS signals (for arrival forecasts). Efficient routing of packages. (UPS saves \$50m a year for every mile that drivers in America are able to reduce daily route)



## AI and Customer Service





## Making humans more efficient . Share of customer service interactions worldwide handled by AI rose fivefold, to 15%, and is expected to rise to 40% by 2019 (Source, Gartner)



**Rise of virtual agents:** c 30% of firms now offer stand alone bots to answer questions and solve problems, but with narrower range than humans. AI trained on logs and transcripts of past customer interactions. The more the data the better. Solving problems, dealing with many more enquiries without hiring extra people. Handling 1.5.m to 2m queries a day is a workload equivalent of 7,000 people.



**Freeing customer-service agents from routine tasks for new tasks and new revenue.** Better selling through AI enhanced recommendation tools (used by Amazon and Netflix). Work out customers' potential daily spending, choose clients who will receive personal phone calls and in what order

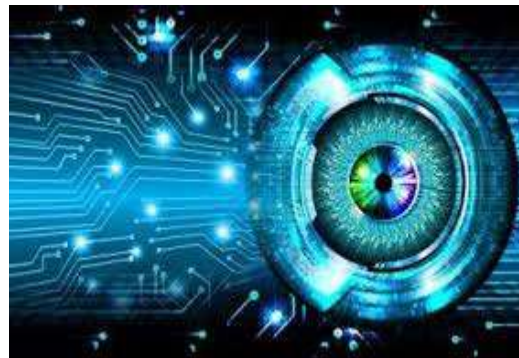


**Enhances customer-service agents' knowledge, performance and speed** (voice printing service recognises clients' voices and alerts impersonation problems - particular value to financial services. Responses to customer queries which a human agent can approve or adapt before sending ; Recognising "compassion fatigue" (start-up firm Cogito for Humana and Metlife)

## Likely decline in phone-based customer services by 10% by 2019 (Gartner) But important that customer services are not diluted.



Computer vision at unmanned vision-enhanced checkouts: Items in a basket are recorded by cameras and shopper is charged accordingly, Can handle 50 customers per hour, double that of manned checkout (Metro Group in Germany)



Instead of multiple forms for insurance claims customers take photos of damage (car) and submit them via an app for a quick quote for repairs (Ping An, Chinese insurance co.) Services making customers' lives easier generates more custom who will provide more training data to make the AI system smarter. PingAn handles 30% of 15m claims per year using AI on its app. Reduced cost better customer service

# Market Players and SMEs

## The Question of SMEs

SMEs in low-tech industries have been successful in applying and integrating knowledge from external partners (?!?!)

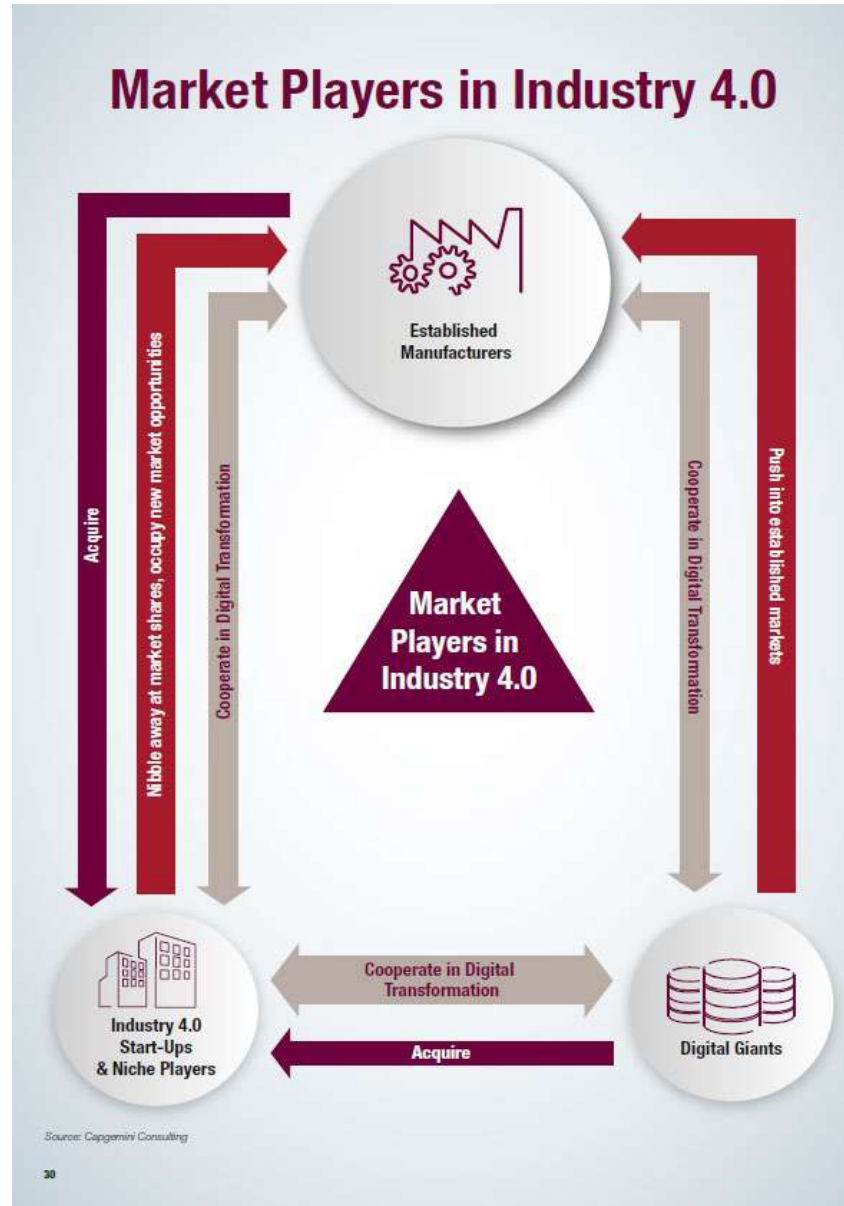
SMEs appear to engage in open innovation rather as a consequence of their search of changing their existing business model and to adapt to new market realities.

Limited technological capabilities and resource constraints and a lack of financial and human resources force SMEs to look outside for innovation partners

Equally same set of constraints impede participation as knowledge partners

Key players likely to start-ups and established niche SMEs

Key mode as part of community of Innovation



## Shapeways

3D printing marketplaces and services



## oDesk

Digital collaboration platform teams



## Cassantec

Predictive maintenance solutions



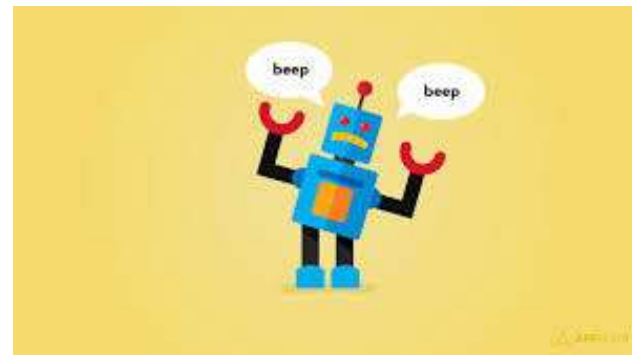
## Blue Yonder

Comprehensive predictive analytics methods enabled automated decision making





## What if it doesn't work? Problems with AI





## **Cost cutting affecting payroll and staff count**

By 2030 up to 375m people or 14% of global workforce could have jobs automated away

*There is not one more important (topic) for all of us” than technology creating inequality and concentrating huge wealth in just a few people (Gini Rometty, IBM CEO, 2017; Principles for the Cognitive Era*

Digital refugees created by AI – Marc Beinoff, Salesforce,

**Protecting privacy** as AI spreads.

AI offering better tools than Internet to monitor.

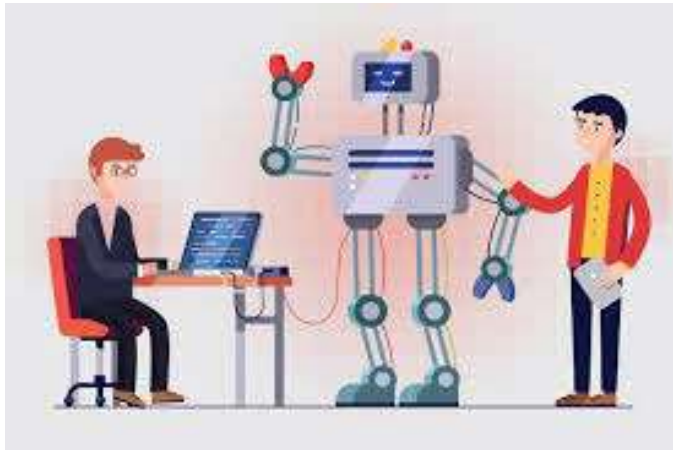
E.g. advanced forms of facial recognition can detect person's sexual orientation.

Can militate against fair treatment

Snooping on private citizens

**Possible problems with competition** caused by one major player making a breakthrough in developing technology.

**Rise of monopolies** in industries outside the tech sector stifling innovation



## Jobs and All



# Forecast Impact on Employment by Sector

Employees (thousands, all focus countries)





# Job Creation Opportunities

## LAWYERS



## HR MANAGERS



## MARKETERS



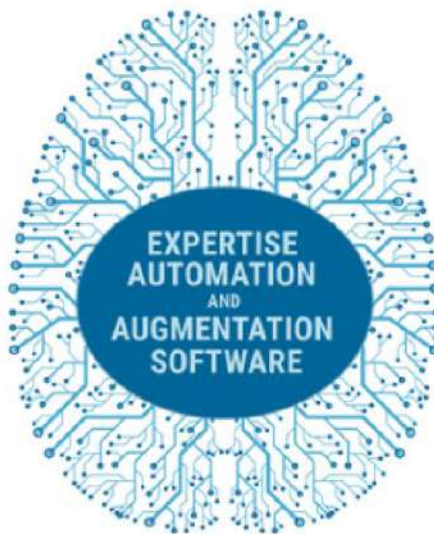
## TEACHING ASSISTANTS



## CRM & SALES CLERKS



## REPORTERS & EDITORS



## RESEARCHERS & CONSULTANTS



## TRADERS



## ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS



## COMPLIANCE OFFICERS



## INVESTMENT MANAGERS



## SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS



# Future Pathways

# The Direction of Travel

- From **Complicated** business situations: relative ease of predicting outcome by understanding how the system works despite many inputs and outputs (e.g. Global air travel system)
- To **Complex** business situation: different parts interact independently making prediction of and controlling outcome almost impossible (e.g. interconnected global financial system and the 2008 crisis). But benefits from one system can create losses for others
- Moving transactions executed within an organisation into open markets (e.g. from containers in shipping (320% rise in bilateral trade in 5 years and 790% in 20 yrs) to web services, SaaS, blockchain) – all distributing tasks in multisided markets
- Networks become primary vehicle with porous organisations offering complete experiences instead of product and service features
- Requiring entrepreneurial management capabilities with discovery-driven and options-oriented tools

# Digital or Cognitive Futures?

- Cognitive technologies: AI, natural language processing, human-computer interaction, deep learning, neural nets – all with exponential advances
- Unstructured data : video, audio, sensor outputs, tweets, anything encoded – all require cognitive technologies.
- But computers or even AI do not understand what data means or reasons for algorithmic choices. Need for learning systems
- Made possible by application program interfaces (APIs) encoded into digital services enables a form of thinking into every digital application
- Cognitive oncology – enabling oncologists to identify personalised evidence-based treatment options based on massive volumes of data (Bumrungrad International Hospital, Thailand, Manipal Hospitals, India; + 20 hospitals in China)
- Cognitive assistants for intimate, personalised customer relationships ( Banco Bradeso, Brazil, North Face, Meditronic plc (cognitive ap for predicting hypoglycemic event hours in advance)
- New job disciplines – data curation, system training, etc.
- Future may be Intelligence Augmentation rather than AI
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