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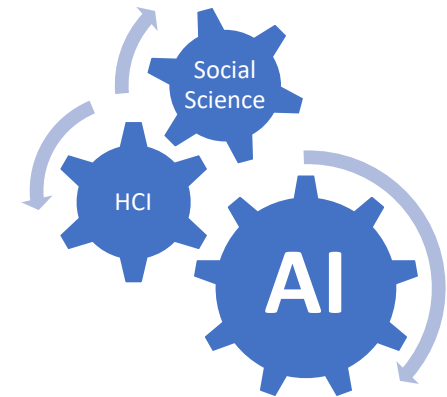
# Safety risks of AI: Intelligence, Complexity, and Stupidity

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- We bring together a **unique community**
  - from AI and beyond (HCI, social science, law,..)



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# Narrow technical view of AI Safety

## Analysis

# Key Concepts in AI Safety: An Overview

Tim G. J. Rudner and Helen Toner

March 2021

- ... “AI safety” focuses on *technical* solutions to ensure that AI systems operate safely and reliably.
  - identify potential causes of unintended behavior in machine learning systems and develop tools to reduce the likelihood of such behavior occurring
- Problems in AI safety can be grouped into three categories: *robustness, assurance, and specification*

# From the early days of self driving cars

## Driverless Cars Are So Good At Following The Law It's Making Them Dangerous

As it turns out, humans are kind of terrible at that. Which is a real problem for robot-cars.

By Kristina Marusic

December 18, 2015  
4:38 PM

One of the biggest obstacles currently facing researchers is the fact that driverless cars are engineered to **always** follow the law. So human drivers, who obviously don't do the same, keep crashing into them when they're "moving too slow" -- AKA actually doing the speed limit.



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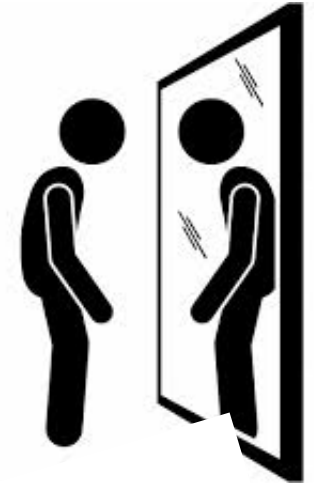


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AI is as such is not biased,  
it is just a mirror  
for our biased society !



**But can do tremendous harm  
when used to make decision that impact human lives**

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

Men

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Women Wear Bikinis: Image

Learning Algorithms Learn Biases 'Automatically'

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# Microsoft Patents Bad Neighborhood Detection

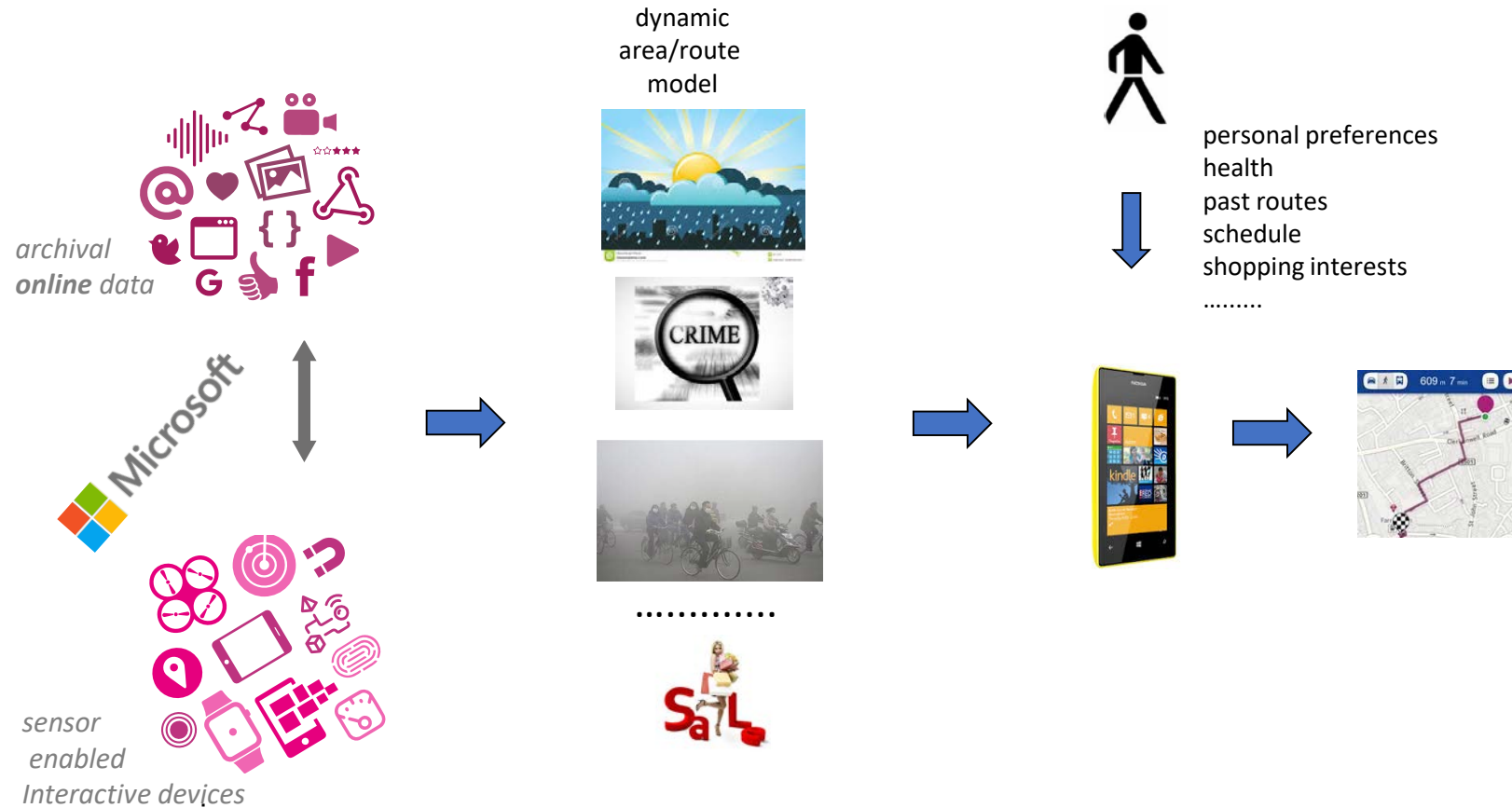


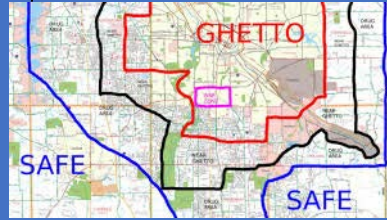
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# Food Detection

**Racist or realistic? Fears Microsoft 'Avoid the Ghetto' app will damage economies of poor communities**

By HANNAH ROBERTS  
UPDATED: 04:40 GMT, 19 January 2012

archival  
online data



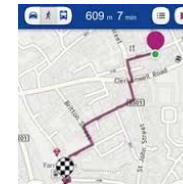
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Interactive devices



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personal preferences  
health  
past routes  
schedule  
shopping interests  
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# AI safety

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The Free Encyclopedia




**AI safety** is an interdisciplinary field concerned with preventing accidents, misuse, or other harmful consequences that could result from [artificial intelligence](#) (AI) systems.

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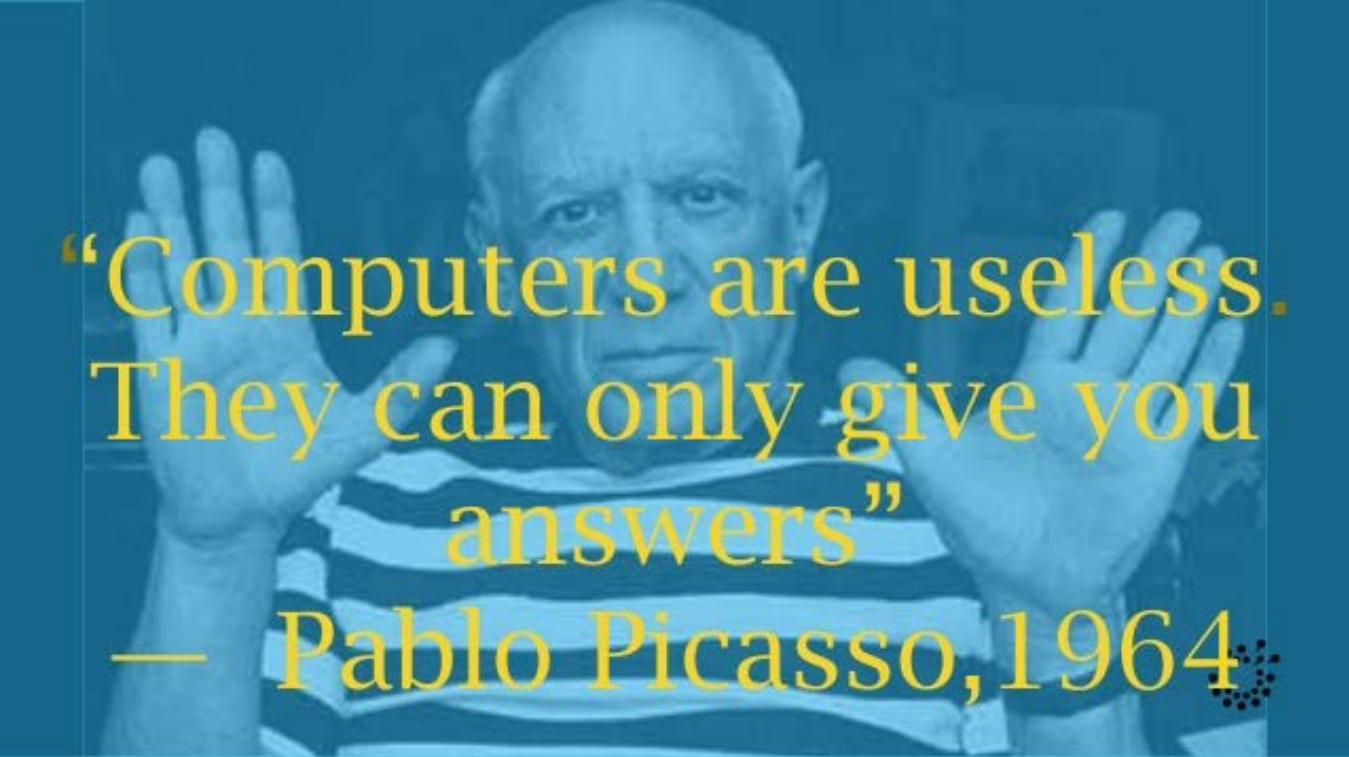
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A photograph of Pablo Picasso with his hands raised in a gesture of protest or refusal. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is written in a yellow, serif font.

“Computers are useless.  
They can only give you  
answers”  
— Pablo Picasso, 1964



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## Computers take art in new directions, challenging the meaning of “creativity”

[Stephen Ornes](#) [Authors Info & Affiliations](#)

March 12, 2019 | 116 (11) 4760-4763 | <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1900883116>

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creativity, intuition,..... **really ?**

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- There are situations where the process is as important as the optimal answer



# Human Centric AI Answer:

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- Sometimes for “human” reasons we want a human to make a decision, not a machine
  - make a decision, not rubber stamp a computer decision !



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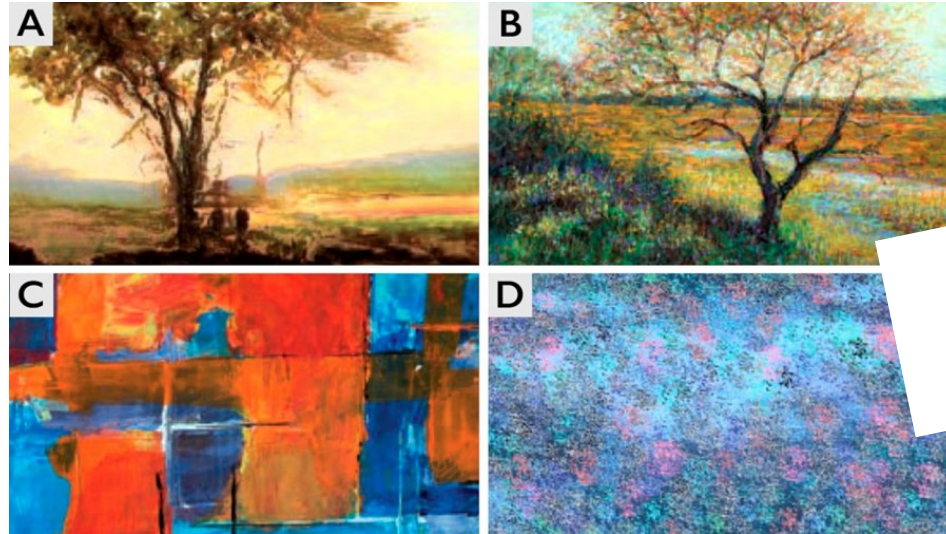
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# Applied to Art

- On signal level (pixels, acoustic signals etc) computers can already produce artifacts which for humans are largely indistinguishable from art



Human vs AI artworks, courtesy Harsha Gangadharbatla,  
Empirical Studies of the Arts

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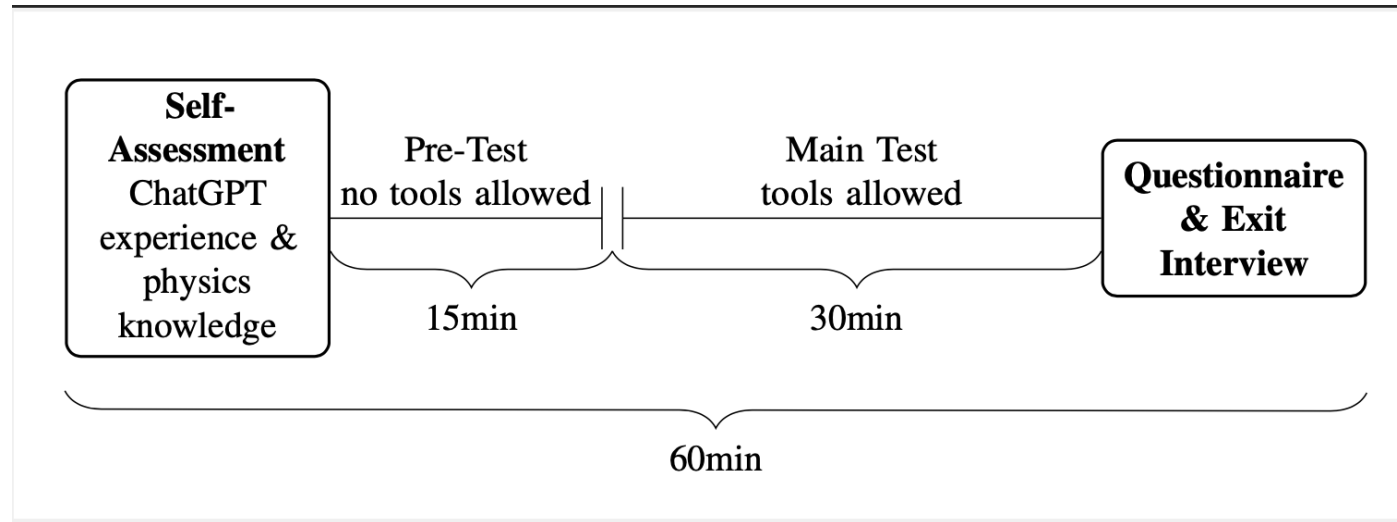
- But art is not just about signal level output, but about the process of generating that output as an expression of feelings, experiences, struggles etc. ideology etc, which is per definition human



# Example study: Unreflected Acceptance - Investigating the Negative Consequences of ChatGPT-Assisted Problem Solving in Physics Education

What is the performance of students when being allowed to use ChatGPT instead of Google for solving physics problems ?

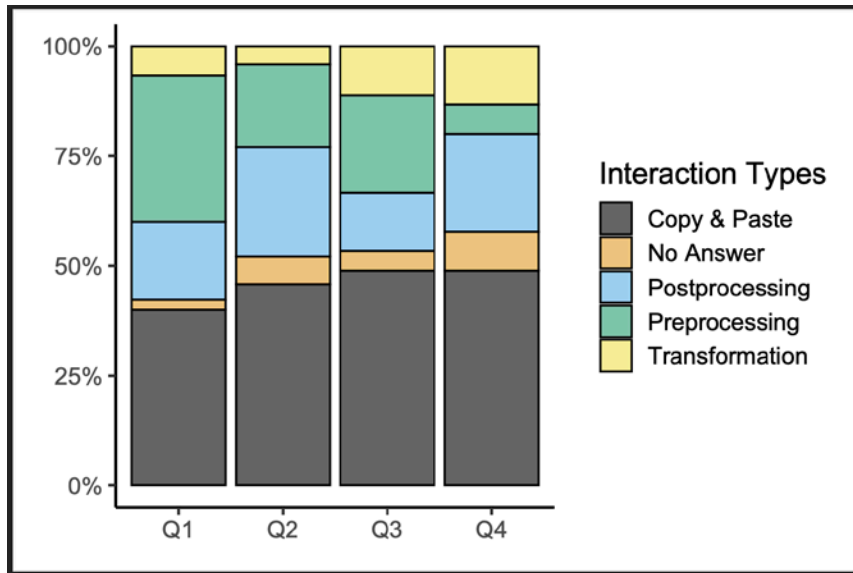
- Solve 4 of the tasks given at tasks given in the International Physics Olympiad (knowledge of kinematics, friction and rotational movements and inelastic collisions and conservation)
- N=27 had unrestricted access to ChatGPT, N=12 had access to a search engine



Submitted to AAAI 2023

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- On average, participants scored  $\bar{x}=1.04$  points ( $s=1.43$ ) out of maximum achievable 12 points in the CHATGPT condition
  - the highest score achieved by a single student was six points. In total three students got more than two points, while **twelve students did not score any points at all**
- For the SEARCH ENGINE, participants scored  $\bar{x}=1.83$  points ( $s=1.27$ ) on average.
  - Four points was the highest amount achieved by two students. In total three students achieved more than two points while **one student did not score a single point**



Students trusted (relied on out of laziness ?)  
CHATGPT too much

## The UK's most and least trusted professions

Share that generally trust the following to tell the truth

Trustworthy AI is about HCI and soft factors as much as it is about technological reliability



„soft“ trust factors

„hard“ trust factors



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The real issue with generative AI systems is not whether they are close to AGI, or that AGI may do great damage, but that current systems and those we can expect in the near future can easily lure people into believing that they understand and trust them more than they should, into overestimating their capabilities, underestimating their weaknesses and limitations, and as a result, into using them in problematic and potentially harmful ways.

Baum, Kevin, Joanna Bryson, Frank Dignum, Virginia Dignum, Marko Grobelnik, Holger Hoos, Morten Irgens et al. "From fear to action: AI governance and opportunities for all." *Frontiers in Computer Science* 5 (2023): 1210421.

The danger of the **combination of Artificial and Natural Stupidity**

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# Accessing the digital domain



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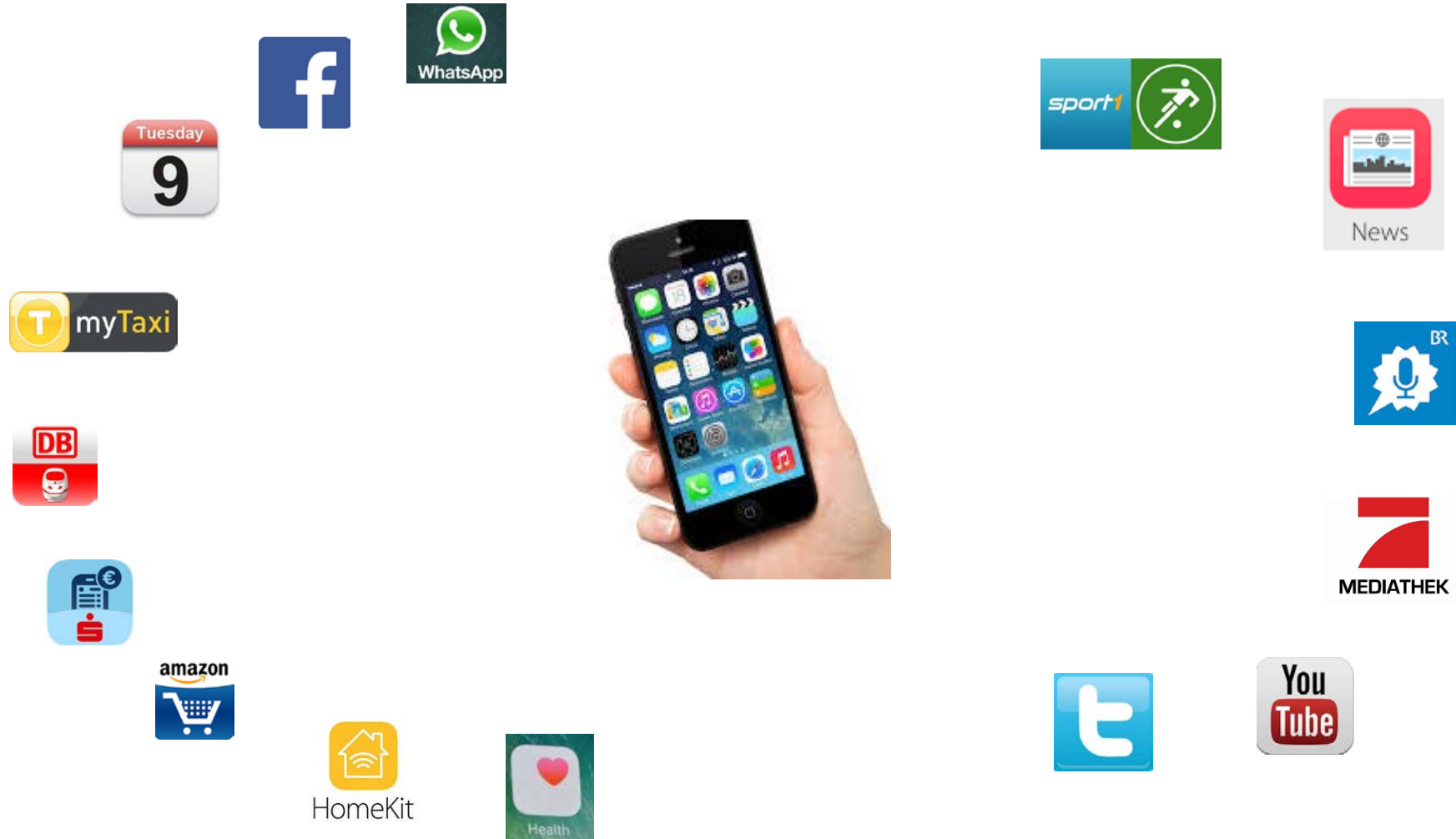


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# Digital Life: Smartphone era





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online **~1000 times**  
times a day



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# Personal Digital Ecosystem



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**permanently present in the digital  
and real domain at the same time**  
**“never offline”**



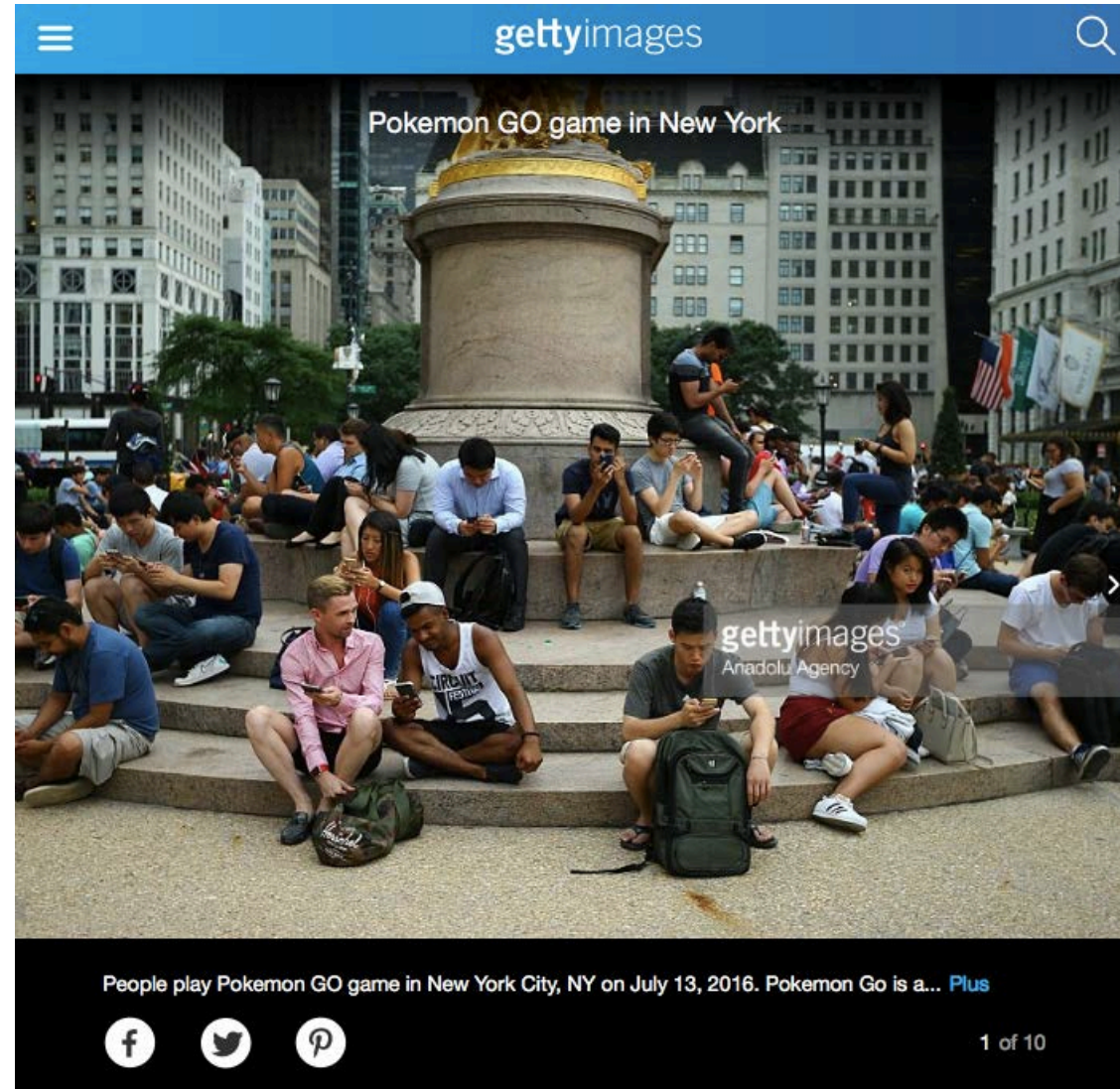
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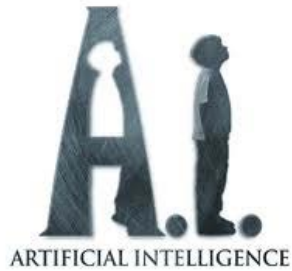
Innovate **CNN** tech

Pokemon Go could add 2.83 million years to users' lives





# AI, Digitization and Society



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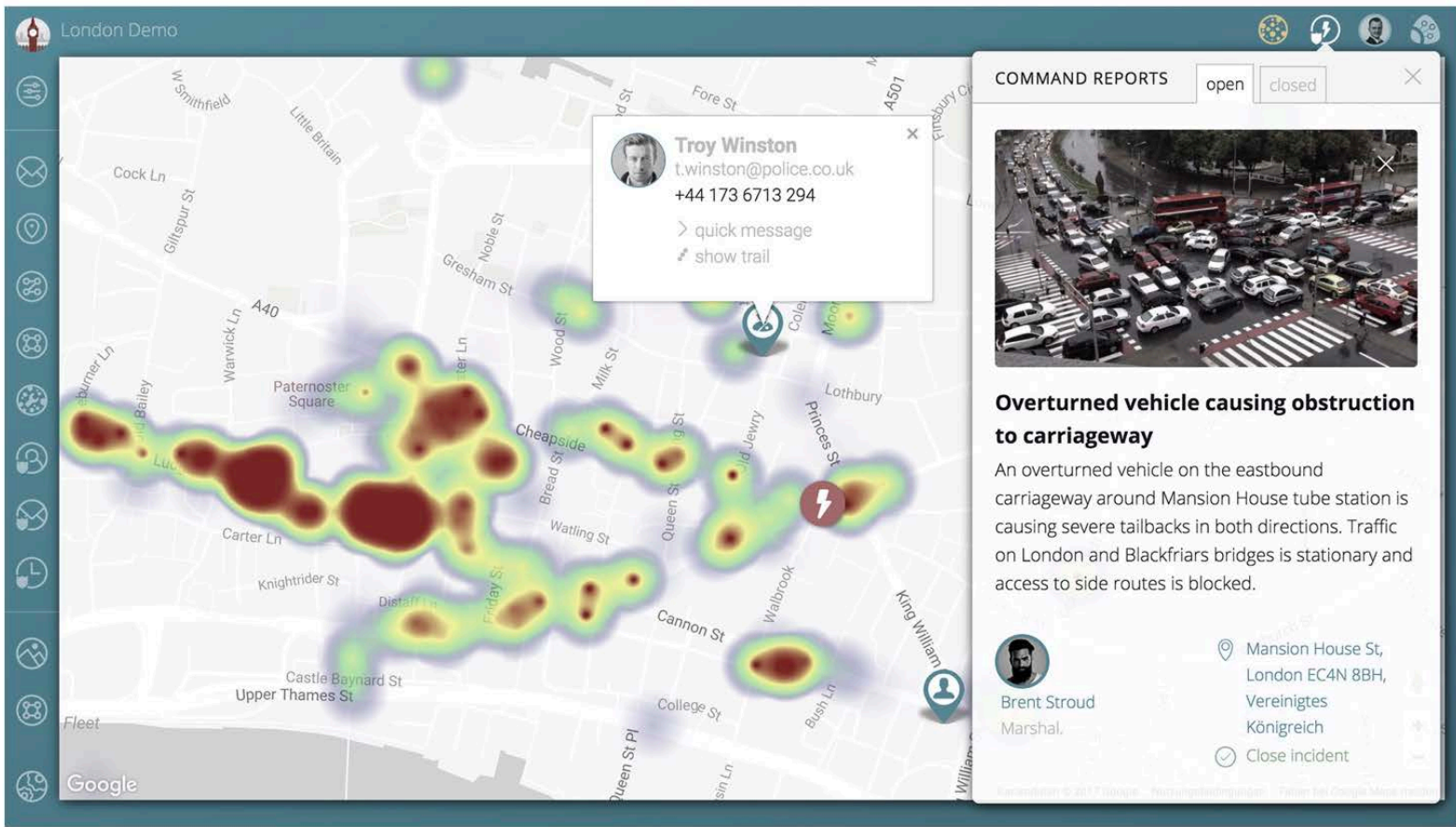
# App Based Crowd Monitoring



# Global situation dependent personalized messages at individualized times and locations



We are pioneering digital crowd management. Our innovative Crowd Sensing technology enables the live visualization and prediction of crowd movements. Drawing on our communications and command force management solutions, we create an integrated situation map that allows for precise management of forces and visitors.



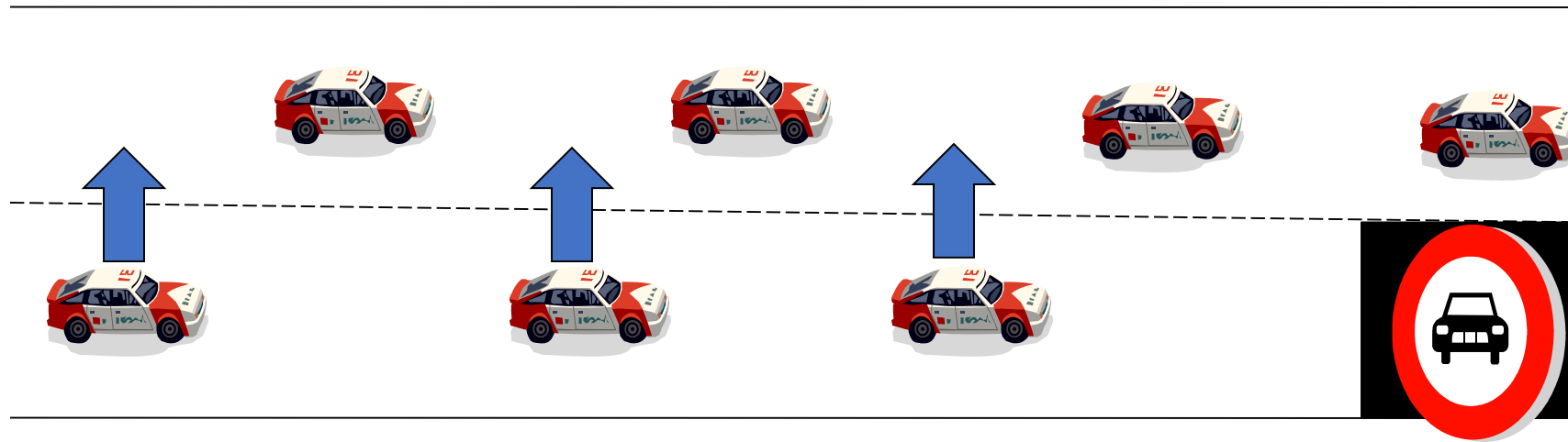
The screenshot displays the SIS Software interface. On the left, a map of London shows a heatmap of crowd density with red and yellow areas indicating high concentrations. A contact card for Troy Winston is overlaid on the map. On the right, a 'COMMAND REPORTS' window is open, showing a photo of an overturned vehicle on a street. Below the photo, there is a text report titled 'Overturned vehicle causing obstruction to carriageway' and a location pin for Mansion House St, London EC4N 8BH.

**Wirz, M., Franke, T., Roggen, D., Mitleton-Kelly, E., Lukowicz, P., & Tröster, G. (2013).** Probing crowd density through smartphones in city-scale mass gatherings. *EPJ Data Science*, 2(1), 5.

**Franke, T., Lukowicz, P., & Blanke, U. (2015).** Smart crowds in smart cities: real life, city scale deployments of a smartphone based participatory crowd management platform. *Journal of Internet Services and Applications*, 6(1), 27.

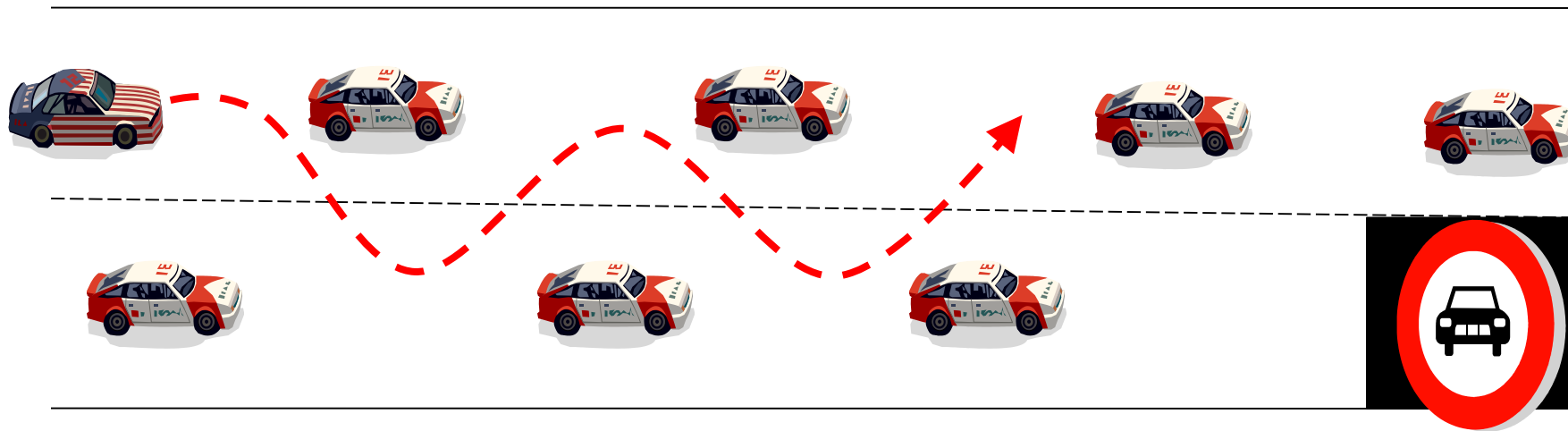
# Example: Augmented Traffic

works if everyone is in a “cooperative” state



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drivers in “aggressive” state may start to take advantage



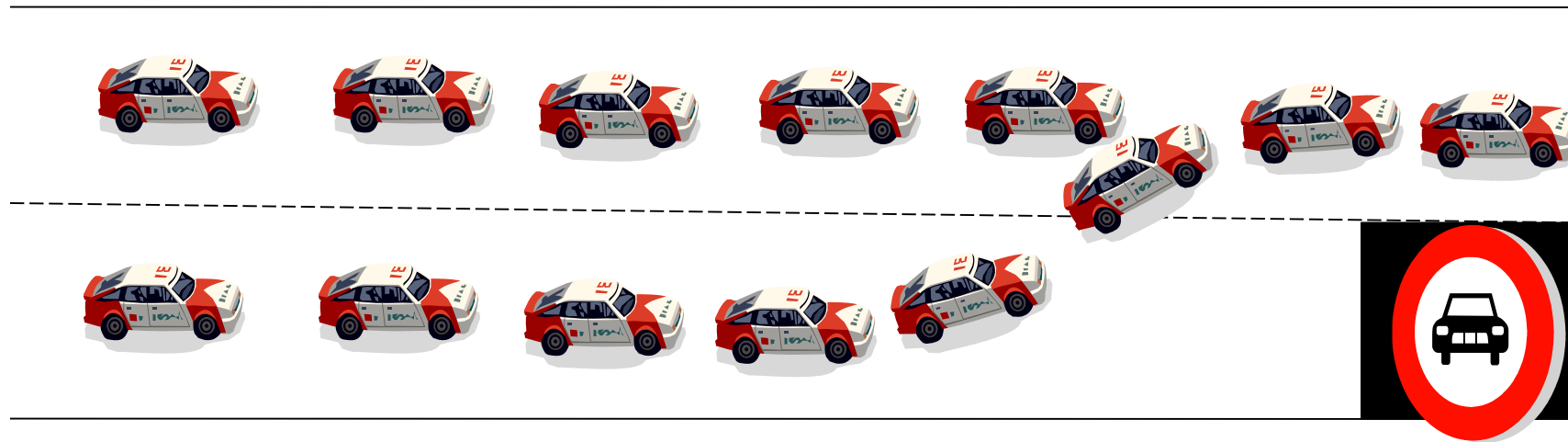
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....which causes people to stop being cooperative



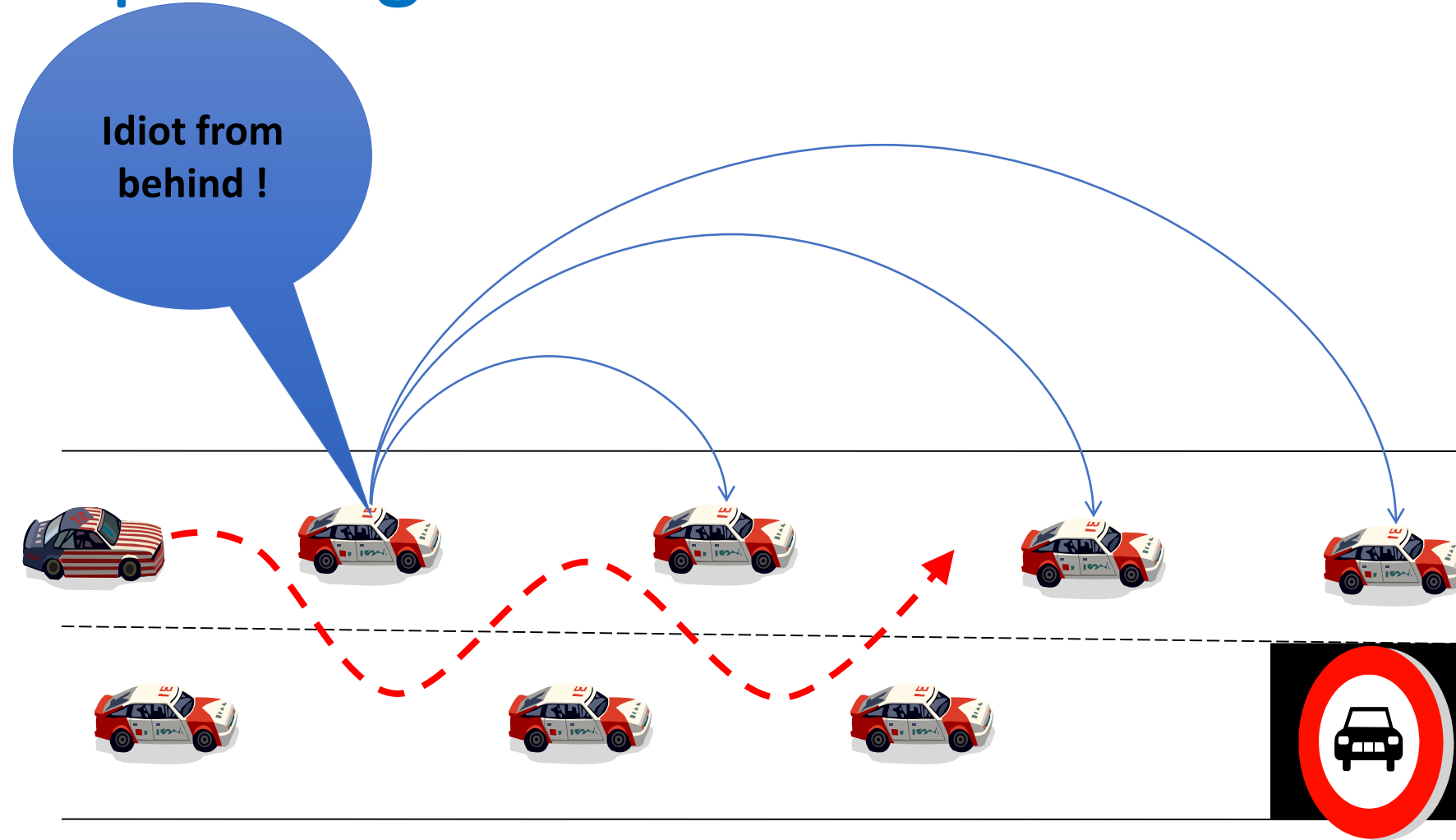
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....which causes a traffic jam





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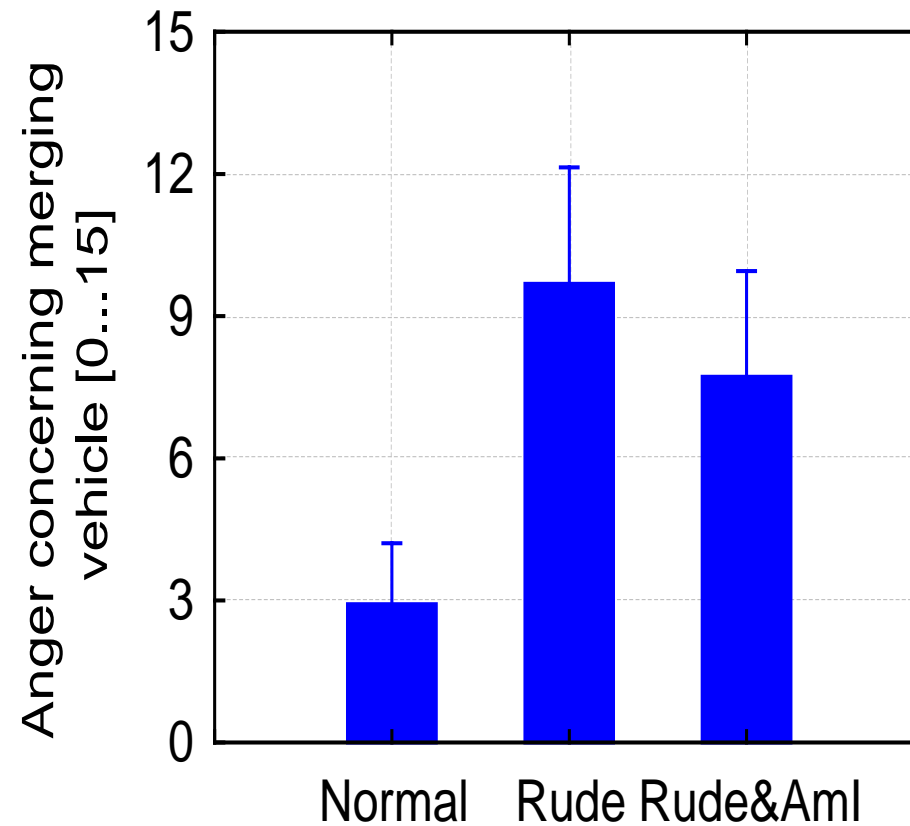
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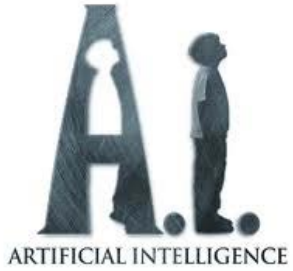
Perspective: Vehicle on right lane of motorway

Anger concerning merging vehicle

$F(2, 18)=27.13, p=.001$



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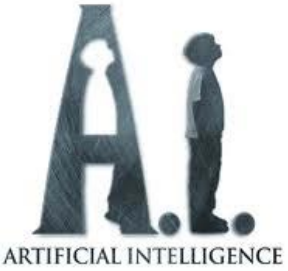
Nice !  
So where are the safety concerns ?



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# Monopolization as Safety Risk !



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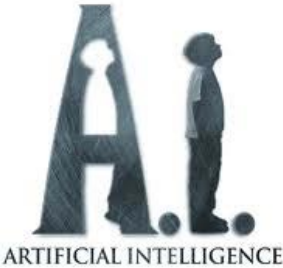


**Who can be trusted with that much power ?**

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# Emergent/Chaotic Behavior as Safety Risk



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**Tightly coupled, distributed feedback loops often lead to non-linear dynamic systems with emergent and possibly chaotic behavior**

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# 2010 Flash Crash

## The Stock Market Crash of March 6, 2010



Written by [CFI Team](#)

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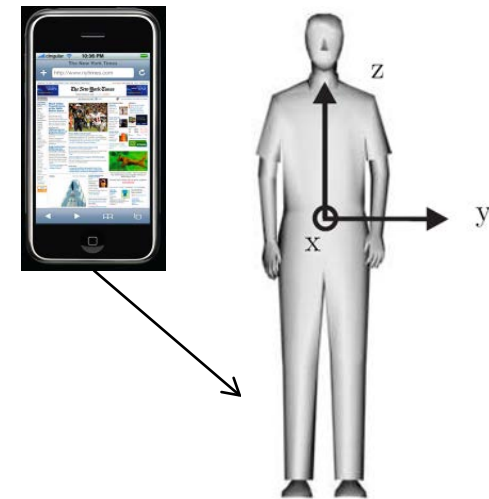
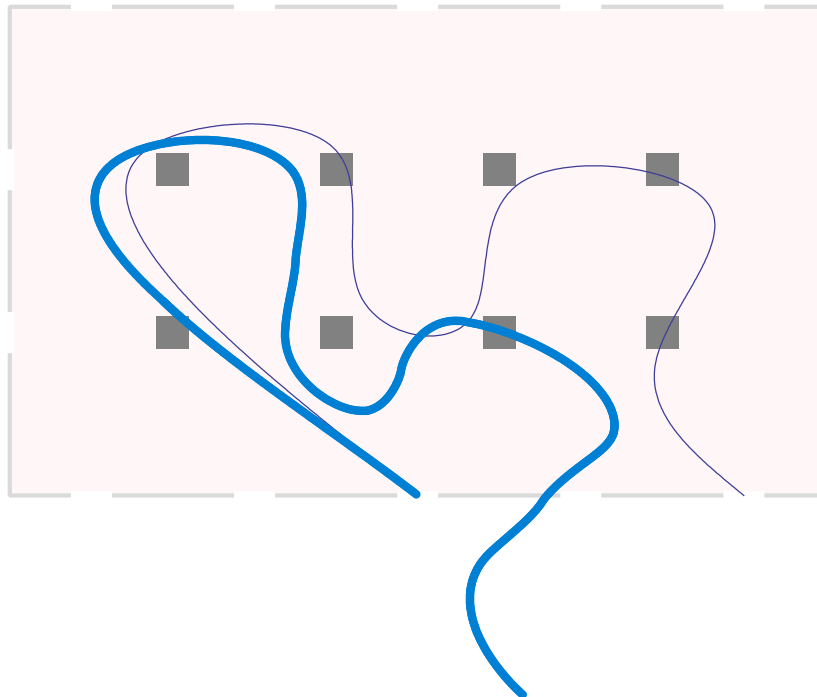
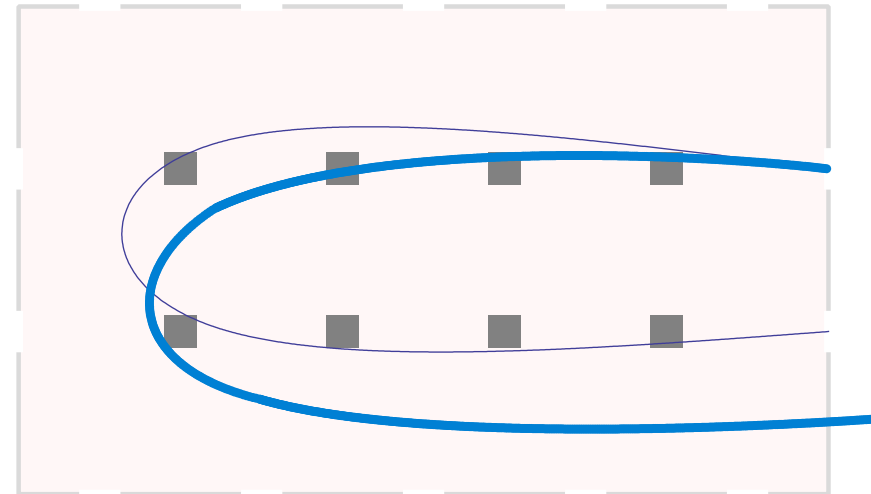
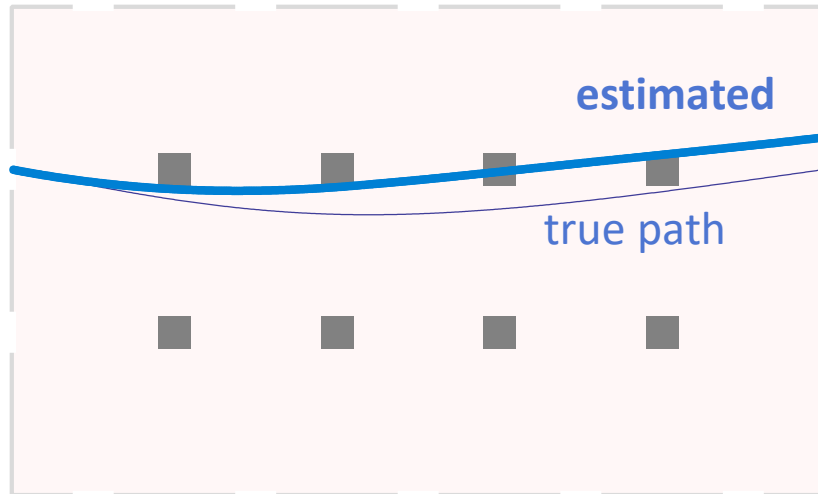
Updated January 11, 2023

- leading US stock indices, including the [Dow Jones Industrial Average](#), S&P 500, and Nasdaq Composite Index, tumbled and partially rebounded in less than an hour
- market indices managed to partially rebound in the same day, the flash crash erased almost \$1 trillion in market value

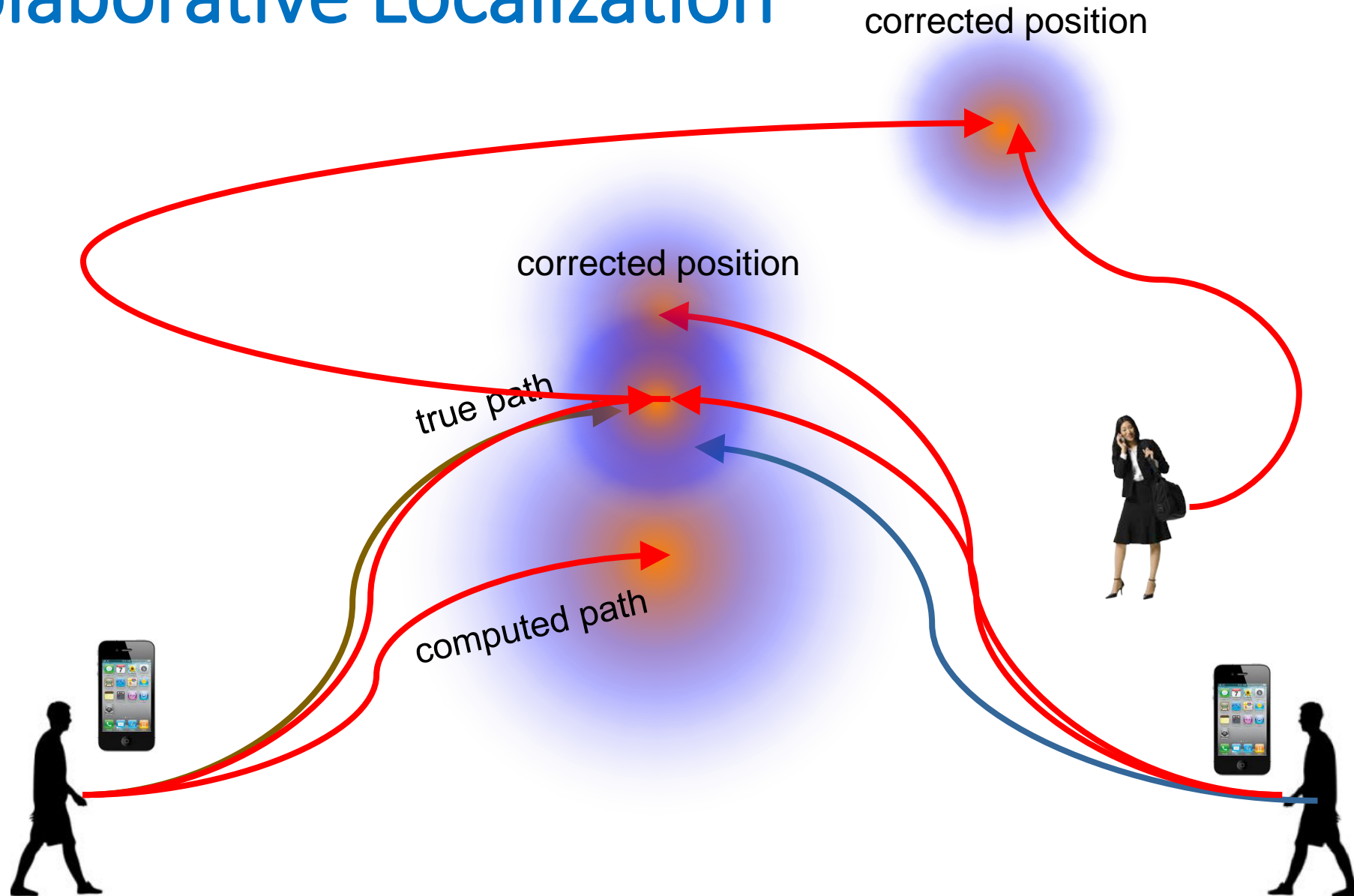


The DJIA on May 6, 2010 (11:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST)

# Inertial tracking



# Coolaborative Localization

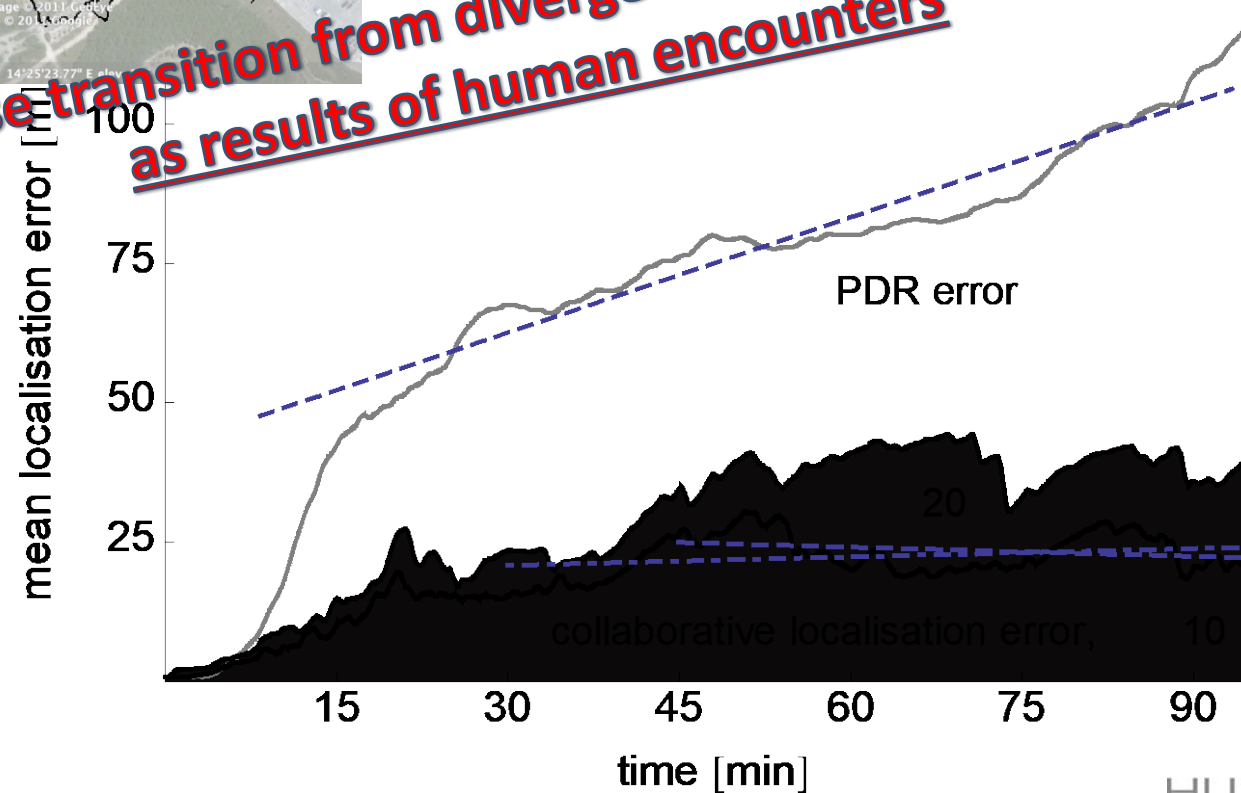
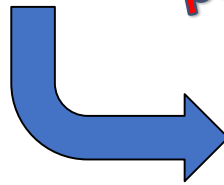






Based on 60km of traces from 10 people at a 3 day festival in Malta

**phase transition from divergent to bounded error as results of human encounters**



Kloch, Kamil, Paul Lukowicz, and Carl Fischer.  
 "Collaborative PDR localisation with mobile phones."  
 In *2011 15th Annual International Symposium on Wearable Computers*, pp. 37-40. IEEE, 2011.

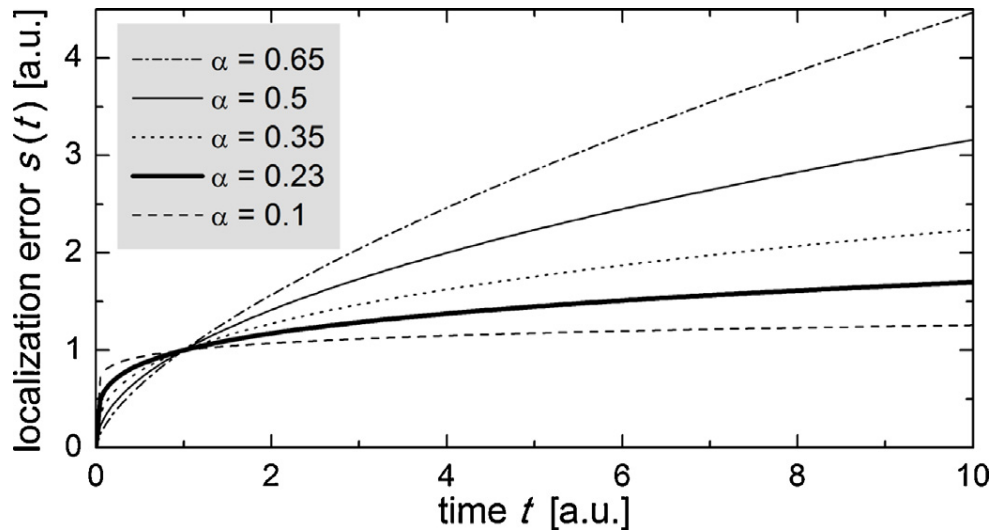
# Theoretical model

“codification” of individual behaviors and interactions



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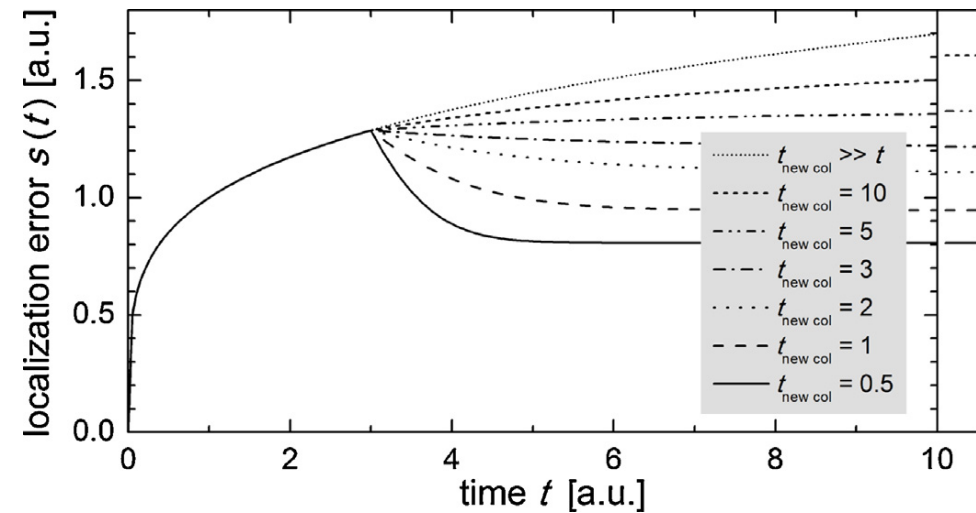
$$\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \alpha[s(t)]^{(1-1/\alpha)}$$



**individual error**

Kampis, G., Kantelhardt, J. W., Kloch, K., & Lukowicz, P. (2015). Analytical and simulation models for collaborative localization. *Journal of Computational Science*, 6, 1-10.

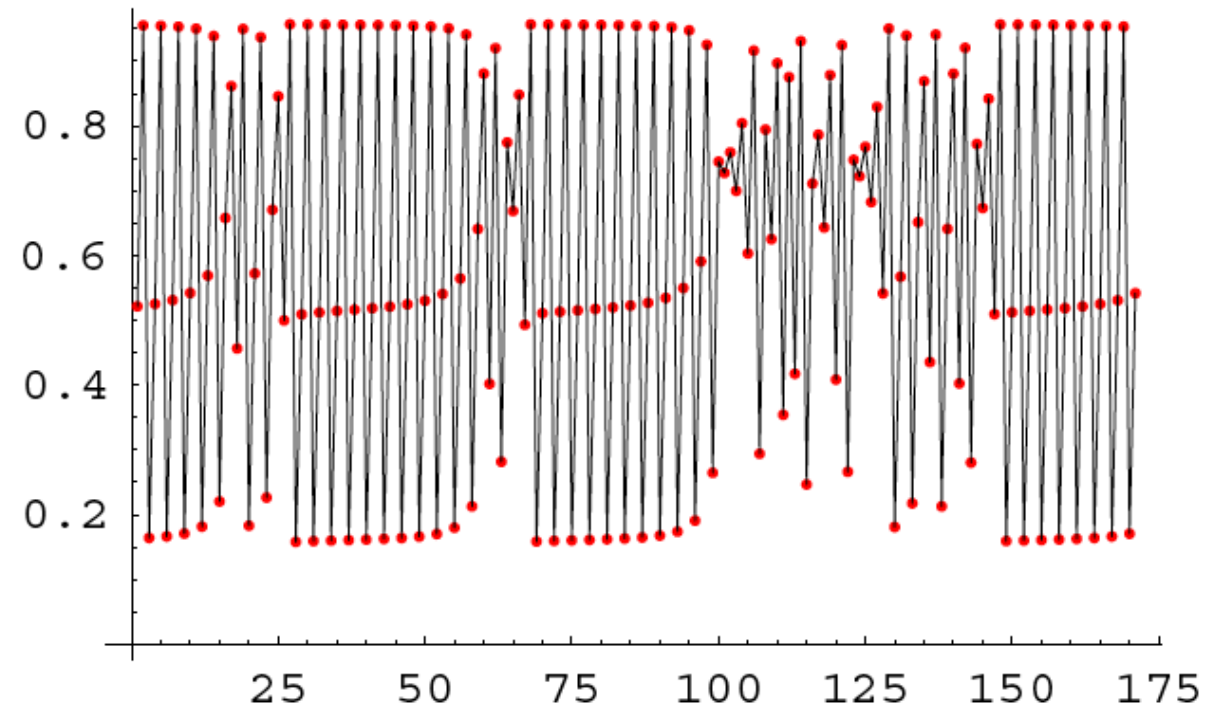
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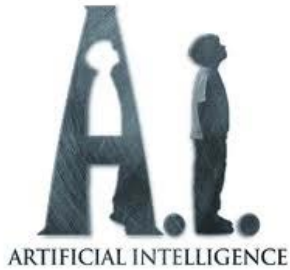
**collaborative error**

# Chaotic Behavior as Safety risk

- Sometimes there can be infinitely many orbits with vastly different behaviors infinitely close to each other in terms of the control parameter and starting conditions
- Unless we control the starting conditions and relevant parameter with infinite accuracy, we have to live with seemingly random behavior changes



# Emergent/Chaotic Behavior as Safety Risk



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**Can we rule out that superintelligence “emerges” from networked AIs getting more and more complex ?**



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**Can we rule that a fleet of evil aliens arrives in the solar system next year to attack earth ?**

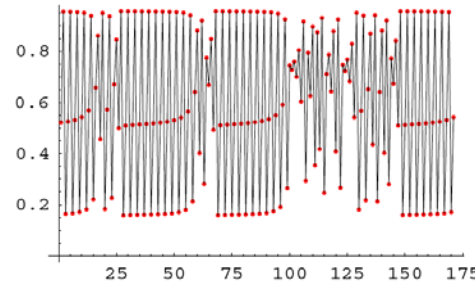
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**Giving too much control of our world to networked AI that may display fundamentally unpredictable behaviour may have catastrophic consequences !**

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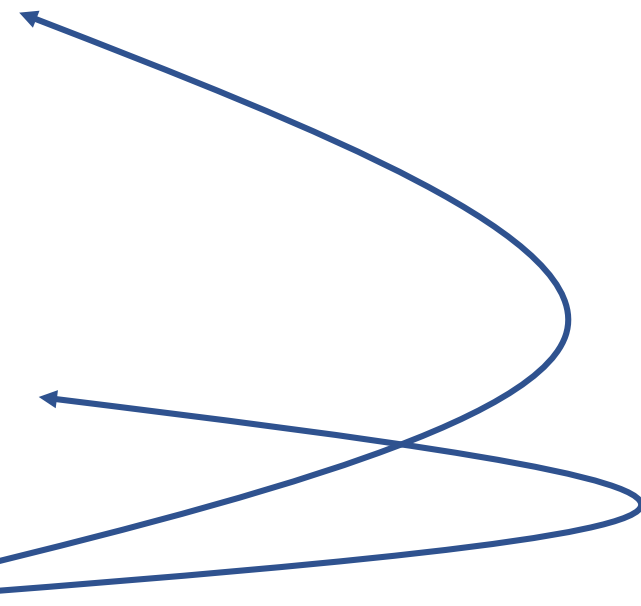


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AI being too intelligent is unlikely to kill us, a combination of artificial and natural stupidity with complexity may however do great, even existential harm

<https://www.humane-ai.eu>