



Hybrid AI for Interstellar Missions

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Preamble



- I do not discuss human astronauts for interstellar flight robotic missions only
- Interstellar flight will require autonomous operations (humans asleep anyway)
- Lubin approach extreme redundancy scattershot approach with minimal cost per nanospacecraft to permit millions
- This makes sense for today...
- We assume a targetted approach....
- There are **3 types of interstellar mission**:
- \succ (i) **flyby**, e.g. Breakthrough Starshot \rightarrow BIS Daedalus
- (ii) in-situ exploration of extrasolar system to search for life deceleration stage
 - e.g. Forward-type laser-propelled sail
- (iiia) biological ETI encounter
- > (iiib) artificial ETI encounter
- ALL involve 50-100 year transit phase
- We assume interstellar spacecraft that encapsulate significant engineering investment with extensive payload instrumentation, i.e. high cost, e.g. Daedalus-type starship







Be Careful – It's Dangerous Out There



- I assume that Kuiper belt/Oort cloud icy bodies of solar/extrasolar system are diffusely distributed and are not collision hazards
- High particle flux from ISM gas and dust mitigated through an eroding shield
- Radiation high energy galactic cosmic rays onboard electronics based on vacuum tube technology
- Random stuff long-duration components exhibit a bathtub failure rate distribution over time

 infant mortality and senility flank background finite probability of failure ~constant
- Spacecraft can fail software workarounds can reconfigure mission, EXOSAT (1983)
 - hardware failures require redundant systems, Galileo Jupiter mission (1989)
- a modern fault diagnosis methods, e.g. EKF, PCA, ANFIS
- 50-100 year interstellar transit introduces the problem of AVAILABILITY
- 100 year starship study advocated multiple redundancy, high reliability components and evolutionary hardware (FPGA programmed by GA)
- There are diminishing returns to redundancy: $A = \frac{MTBF}{MTBF+MTTR+MTFS}$
- MTBF→∞ is a measure of reliability (traditional approach)
- > $MTTR \rightarrow 0$ is a measure of maintainability (<u>onboard servicing</u>)
- \rightarrow *MTES* \rightarrow 0 is a measure of logistic supply (onboard manufacture)



Bare Necessities for Interstellar Flight

- BIS Daedalus starship was supported by several **Wardens** freeflying servicing "fixit" robots similar to robotic freeflying servicer concepts
- Lessons from space servicing:
- (i) standard interfacing of modules
 - mechanical/electrical/optical/thermal
- > (ii) robotic handling is challenging
- Modularity simplifies robotic handling
- It assumes that a stockroom of pre-manufactured modules for replacement
- This is not realistic for a starship
- Corollary: Full availability requires that starship is designed for self-repair
- We need full self-manufacturing facility onboard to replace ANY component on-demand from a limited set of feedstock
- Even though a structured environment, onboard manufacture will require some onboard intelligence to plan manufacturing schedules including conflict resolution, Bayesian interpretation of data in relation to hypotheses, pattern recognition, etc









Minimalist Demandite Concept

- It is CRUCIAL to minimise the range and amount of feedstock required to maintain and repair the starship
- Our **DEMANDITE** concept maps <u>functional material requirements</u> with a fixed set of feedstock resources
- There 7 basic subsystems onboard a spacecraft:
- Propulsion system
- Attitude/orbit control including sensors/actuators
- Structure & mechanisms
- Thermal control
- Power
- Onboard computing including sensor nets
- Communications (microwave or optical)
- ~10 basic materials can supply full functionality for all the subsystems of a generic robotic spacecraft
- Onboard FabLab must manufacture feedstock into replacement components <u>including itself</u>





Multifunctional Alumina

- Consider feedstock of alumina (Al₂O₃):
- Physical properties are second only to diamond:
- Refractory and chemically inert
- High hardness for tooling applications (including drilling)
- Additive to composites, e.g. cermet (Al₂O₃ in Ni binder) for high strength and high temperature tolerance
- Alumina may be reduced directly to >99% Al metal through FFC molten salt electrolysis
- Aluminium is a multifunctional metal its versatility suggests that it should be a high priority target:
- good thermal conductor at low temperature below 520°C
- good thermal radiator for thermal louvres/radiators
- good electrical conductor (pylon-mounted electrical cables)
- lightweight structural metal ideal for spacecraft structures
- > Al powder combusted with Fe_2O_3 acts as thermite weld
- alloyed with Si, silumin is wear resistant for tooling





Functionality (mass fraction)	Lunar-Derived Material	Magnetic materials for	Ferrite
Tensile structures (25%)	Wrought iron	actuators (5%)	Silicon steel
	Aluminium		Permalloy
Compressive structures (+50%)	Cast iron	Sensory transducers (5%)	Resistance wire
	Regolith + binder		Quartz
Elastic structures (trace)	Steel springs/flexures		Selenium
	Silicone elastomers	Optical structures (11%)	Polished
Hard structures (3%)	Alumina		nickel/aluminium
Thermal conductor straps (1%)	Fernico (e.g. kovar)		Fused silica glass lenses
	Nickel	Lubricants (trace)	Silicone oils
	Aluminum	. ,	Water
Thermal radiators (3%)	Aluminium	Power system (20%)	Fresnel lens + thermionic
Thermal insulation (3%)	Glass (SiO ₂ fibre)		conversion
	Ceramics such as SiO ₂		Flywheels
High thermal tolerance (4%)	Tungsten	Combustible fuels (+250%)	Oxygen
	Alumina		Hydrogen
Electrical conduction wire (7%)	Aluminium		
	Fernico (e.g. Kovar)		
Electrical inculation (1%)	Class fibro		
	Ceramics (SiOn Al-Onand		
	TiO_{2}		
	Silicone plastics		
	Silicon steel for motors		
Active electronics devices	Kovar		
(vacuum tubes) (12%)	Nickel		
	Tungsten		
	Fused silica glass		
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Manufacturing & Assembly

- Manufacturing converts feedstock into parts and components
- There are many manufacturing machines for fashioning objects casting, moulding, lathe, milling station, drill press, bending press, laser cutter, electric discharge machining, etc (e.g. FabLab)

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- There are many joining operations including parts assembly, friction stir welding, wire winder, etc
- Almost all such processes may be integrated into a cartesian robot configuration – the 3 or 5 DOF CNC machine
- Subtractive manufacturing methods waste ~90% materia
- Additive manufacturing (3D printing) builds parts and components layer-by-layer without wastage
- 3D printing is a versatile manufacturing method for constructing 3D structures
- There are many 3D printing technologies FDM, SLA, LOM, SLS/M, EBAM, BJ, etc
- All 3D printers = cartesian robots



3D Printing

- EBAM is electron gun (high voltage vacuum tube) but restricted to metals, e.g. NRC wire-fed EBAM – Al alloy printing
- FFC molten salt electrolysis yields >99% metal alloy sponge that can be crushed into powder for powder metallurgy or 3D printing – SLS printing has been demonstrated with Ti

test parts

 TiO_2 powder \rightarrow Ti powder \rightarrow 3D printed Ti parts

- We are building rigid multi-material 3D printer to print in metals and plastics (potentially ceramic)
- Selective solar sintering uses Fresnel lenses to generate thermal energy
- 3D printing by **Fresnel lens** for melting Al alloy powder on powderbed
- We have deposited molten AI wire tracks onto silicone plastic insulation
- Problem: coupling Fresnel lens focus into fibre optic cable
- integrate milling head (CNC machine) integrate assembling wrist
- steels/silicone-derived ceramics $(SiO_xC_y + (1-x+2y)O_2 \rightarrow SiO_2 + yCO_2)$









3D Printing = Universal Construction Mechanism

- RepRap FDM 3D printer can print many of its own plastic parts
- Full self-replication requires 3D printing:
 - (i) structural metal bars and components (SLS/M or EBAM)
 - (ii) electric motor drives
 - (ii) electronics boards
 - (iv) computer hardware/software
- Universal constructor is a kinematic machine that can manufacture any other machine including a copy of itself
- We adapt UC to unstructured environments through a suite of kinematic machines
- <u>All machines of production are kinematic machines</u>
- 3D printer suite constitutes a Universal Constructor as a generalized kinematic machine that can construct any other kinematic machine
- Kinematic machines are specific kinematic configurations of electric motor systems
- From 3D printed electric motors, sensors and control electronics, omnia sequitur...
- If we can 3D print motor systems, we can build any manufacturing machine onboard ondemand









Fully 3D Printed Motor

- 3D printed rotor (ProtoPasta)
- 3D printed permanent stator magnet (Oak Ridge National Laboratory)
- LOM-style copper tape wiring/commutator wound around rotor
- 3D printed shaft + bearings
- It is a small step from a self-repairing to self-replicating starship





Kinematic machines need sophisticated planning and control



Lunar Industrial Architecture





Artificial Neural Networks

- Stone-Weierstrauss theorem states that MLP can approximate any nonlinear function – it is a multidimensional curve-fitting algorithm similar to a polynomial function
- MLP comprises a minimum of 3 layers input hidden -output
- Neural networks implement weighted switching function determined by threshold:

$$y_i(x(t)) = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} x_j(t) + w_i\right)$$

- If w_{ij}>w_i, neuron fires; otherwise, no output
- Activation function f() is a nonlinear squashing function:
 (i) sigmoidal function is typical
 - (ii) signum function in McCulloch-Pitts neuron yields discrete outputs (for logic gates) (iii) Gaussian function to models neural tuning curves (e.g. RBF)

 $f(\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i X_i)$

- Neural networks are pattern recognition machines
- Neural networks are opaque to analysis information is distributed across its connection weights







Neural Network Learning

- There are many neural network learning rules
- MLP backpropagation supervised learning rule is the commonest:

$$w_{ij}(t+1) = w_{ij}(t) - \eta \frac{\partial E(t)}{\partial w_{ij}} + \alpha \Delta w_{ij}(t)$$
 where $E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y^d - y)^2$ = error function

2nd term is least square steepest descent algorithm, 3rd term is momentum to smooth descent

• Alternatively, weight may be estimated by Kalman filter (BP is degenerate form of KF): $\hat{w}(t+1) = \hat{w}(t) + K(t)[y^d(t) - h(\hat{x}(t))]$

where $[y^{d}(t) - h(\hat{x}(t))]$ = error between estimated and measured output $K(t) = P(t)H(t)[(1/\eta)I + H(t)^{T}P(t)H(t)]^{-1}$ = Kalman gain $\eta = [H(t)P(t)H(t)^{T} + R(t)]^{-1}P(t)$ = adaptive learning rate

H(t) = observation model, P(t) = state covariance, R(t)=observation covariance

• We have implemented backpropagation in analogue circuitry





Reinforcement Learning



- **Reinforcement learning (RL)** offers continuous learning over time
- RL may be non-associative (habituation/sensitization) or associative (conditioning) it involves reward/punishment signals from the environment
- In classical conditioning (e.g. Pavlov's dogs), an innate US-UR reflex couple of US (food) with UR (salivation) may become associated through training with a learned conditioned CS-CR reflex CS (bell) is predictive of US such that it invokes CR (salivation) that mimics UR even if US does not occur
- Classical conditioning is described by a generalized (unsupervised) Hebbian learning rule (Rescorla-Wagner theory of classical conditioning):

 $\Delta w_i = \eta \varepsilon_i (\lambda - y)$ where η =US-dependent learning rate, ε =CS-dependent learning rate,

 λ =external reinforcement scalar, $y = f(\Sigma_i w_i x_{CS(i)})$ =associative CS-CR strength

- There are more sophisticated RL algorithms
- Temporal difference (TD) algorithm predicts future rewards r(t): $r(t) = \lambda(t + 1) + \gamma \Sigma w_i(t)x(t + 1) - y(t)$ where γ =discount rate
- Watkins Q-learning algorithm is simpler than $TD(\lambda)$ because it is model-free
- Reinforcement learning of deep neural networks in self-play was the basis of
 AlphaGaZara



Deep Learning

- Deep learning systems are multiple layered ANN typically unsupervised frontend with supervised backend
- Unsupervised frontend is trained to perform data clustering on unlabelled input data each layer is trained sequentially from output of previous layer
- Supervised backend is trained with unsupervised front end using labelled data using back propagation
- For example, convolutional neural network (CNN) for image processing – linear filter (translation invariance) – max-pooled (downsampling) - classification
- CNN require huge datasets for training by GPU
- Despite high success rates, CNNs are vulnerable to humanly-obvious misclassification errors
- No significant CNN performance improvement in 25 years
- Humans can learn pattern recognition in a few images CNN requires enormous training datasets yet make fundamental errors
 - C elegans worm possesses only 380 neurons yet is capable of adaptive behaviour





Recurrent Neural Networks

- Recurrent neural networks exhibit feedback connections and are Turing-complete
- Feedback enables temporal sequences to be stored, i.e. memory
- Linguistic sequences subject to neural processing, using Elman network, e.g. predict word sequences
- ChatGPT is extension of this
- Elman and Jordan recurrent networks have limited sequence memory
- Long short-term memory (LSTM) is RNN with specialised memory neurons to store long linguistic sequences
- RNN trained using backpropagation-through-time (BPTT) or real-time recurrent learning (RTRL) algorithms
- Transformer neural network is RNN that processes whole sentences rather than wordby-word
- RNN showed that linguistic symbol sequences may be predicted using neural networks





Large Language Models

- **Large language models are statistical models of language** that encapsulate joint probability function of word sequences conditional probability of next word in a sequence given the prior words: $p(w_T) = \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(w_t | w_{t-T})$
- Statistical dependence between words increases with their proximity, $p(w_t|w_{t-T}) \approx p(w_t|w_{t-n+1})$ for n contexts
- Chat GPT is a transformer RNN model that processes sentences to maximise loglikelihood of word sequences (w₁,...,w_T)
- GPT-3 (2020) neural network for language processing comprises 175 B parameters approximating number of neurons of the human brain
- MT-NLG neural network has 530 B parameters but with only marginal increase in performance against a standard text processing benchmark
- GPT-3 was trained using 1.3 GWh electrical energy GPT-4 was trained using 25-30 GWh
- GPT is a text processor (a grander version of ELIZA chatbot) that generates plausible text

 I queried ChatGPT-3 "How much energy is required to manufacture liquid oxygen and
 liquid hydrogen rocket propellant?" its response was that such propellant and oxidiser
 yields high specific impulse performance, etc even further qualification yielded the same
 result
- It has no understanding of reality....It is a deadend for AI

Piaget – motor learning (self) must precede symbol learning (environment)

Transfer Learning

- Transfer learning applies learned models from a prior domain to a new domain it is a form of analogous learning (meta-learning)
- It is assumed that probability distribution of target domain data is similar to that of the source domain p(y_s | x_s) = p(y_t | x_t)
- We used transfer learning methods apply a forward model of a manipulator trained on Earth to same in space (modelling human cerebellum function)



Forward model: $\ddot{\theta} = D(\theta)^{-1}(\tau - C(\theta, \dot{\theta}) - G(\theta))$ Integrated to predict $\dot{\theta}$ and θ from τ TL from $p = \prod_{i=1}^{n} R_i l_i$ to $p *= C + \prod_{i=1}^{n} R_i \lambda_i$ where $\lambda_i = \frac{1}{m_T} \sum_{j=0}^{i} (m_j l_i - m_i r_i)$

Earth/space kinematics/dynamics possess the same algorithmic form, ANN cannot transfer learn between domains because i/o pairs cannot extract underlying algorithms

ANN cannot generalise beyond their training

Symbol Manipulation

- Reasoning is an essential property of Al
- Symbol manipulation (GOFAI) is based on logical rules of inference operating on internal model of the world encoded as symbols
- Logic is the formalism that simulates events of the external world as world models
- First order logic is based on single subject predicates with quantifiers (universal ∀ and existential ∃) expanding its expressiveness
 Anatomy of an expert syst
- FOL statement has the form ∀x, y, z[give(x, y, z) → own(y, z)]
 where x=giver, y=recipient, z=object
- Horn clause logic has a single consequent (e.g. Prolog)
- Expert system comprises knowledge base of production rules of form: "IF (conditions) THEN (action)"
- SOAR is a cognitive model of symbol processing that implements subgoaling for problem-solving
- CYC with 25 M rules attempted to encapsulate "tacit" knowledge
- Large expert systems suffer from large computational footprint, consistency maintenance and brittleness
- Non-monotonic logics modal logic (possibility), temporal logic (time windows), situational calculus (local restrictions), etc - weaken theorem proving validity of classical logic – RAX (DS1) and ASE (EO1) were temporal logic implementations





Semantic Networks

- Semantic networks are symbolic systems that organize knowledge into taxonomic trees that define relationships between concepts
- They are hierarchically structured categorisations through "is-a" links
- Properties are inherited for compact representation
- They permit exceptions to inherited properties
- Modular semantic networks may be sparsely connected
- Spreading activation between concepts provides a measure of their semantic relatedness
- Searle's Chinese Room argument asserts that syntactic manipulation alone cannot impart semantic content
- This is so if symbols are not grounded in the real world (e.g. ChatGPT)
- Symbol grounding imparts semantic properties to symbols suggesting that sensors and actuators that directly interact with the real world is essential



Neurosymbolic Processing



- There is little dispute that human intelligence implements symbol processing on a neural substrate (there is neurophysiological as well as cognitive evidence)
- Neurosymbolic approaches map symbol representations such as logical inferences into neural networks – neural network learns new data – new logical rules are extracted
- There are three major approaches:
- > (i) logical rules mapped into the i/o function of neural networks, e.g. KBANN
- (ii) weighted logical rules mapped to energy function-based neural networks, e.g. restricted Boltzmann machine
- > (iii) logical rules embedded into tensor representation (vectors), e.g. logic tensor networks
- Recursive auto-associative memory (RAAM) can represent compositional structure of symbolic tree representations as tensors
- Fuzzy neural networks (FNN) map fuzzy rules into neural networks
- Fuzzy if-then rules are characterized by membership functions [0,1] quantifying degree of linguistic accuracy – they are universal approximators
- ANFIS is a 5-layer feedforward FNN input layer fuzzification layer AND rule layer weight normalization layer – defuzzification layer – output inferencing layer



Knowledge-Based Artificial Neural Network (KBANN)

- Knowledge-based artificial neural networks (KBANN) inserts symbolic Prolog rules into the weights of a neural network as prior knowledge (Towell & Shavlik)
- Rules-to-network translator involves several steps:
 - (i) disjunctions are expressed as multiple rules to create AND/OR tree mapped into the neural network;
 - (ii) neural weight is determined by the number of positive antecedents;
 - (iii) add hidden neurons to accommodate more complex rules;
 - (iv) add input neurons to extend input range;
 - (v) add small random weight connections for full connectivity;
- Neural network can be trained using BP to accommodate new datasets
- There are three approaches to extraction of new rules (incl non-monotonic rules with prior pruning) but decomposition such as M-of-N algorithm is suited to KBANN – certainty factors may be computed from squashed connection weights
- KBANN is particularly promising because pre-programming shapes its future learning within boundaries – this ensures its future behaviour



Bayesian Approach

Bayes rule defines posterior probability of cause H based on data E:

 $p(H|E) = \frac{p(H \cap E)}{p(E)} = \frac{p(E|H)p(H)}{p(E)}$ p(H)=prior p(E|H)=likelihood function p(E)=p(E|H)+p(E|~H)=probability of evidence regardless of cause

- Bayesian brain hypothesis posits that the brain is a Bayesian inferencing machine that mediates between top-down (prior) and bottom-up (evidence) processing
- Only prediction error (difference between predicted and actual input) is propagated neurally – predicted input is generated by feedforward models
- Bayesian network learning may be implemented through Rescorla-Wagner associative learning of causal relations between objects and events in the environment





Bayesian Networks

- Bayesian networks (BN) encode conditional probabilistic rules to represent dependencies (association) between symbols
- Prolog rules can form Bayesian network as structured expert system with inheritance links
- For large BN, Bayes rule is intractable approximation through expectation maximization or Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithms (MCMC Gibbs sampling is most common)
- Bayes rule may be deployed to determine causal relations between hypotheses and evidence – likelihood ratio LR=p(E|H)/p(E|~H):

(i) if LR>1, evidence E increases p(H)(ii) if LR<1, evidence E decreases p(H)(iii) if LR=1, evidence is irrelevant to p(H)

- Example: Appeal (2007) of Regina v Barry George conviction of murder of Jill Dando was overturned on the basis that gunpowder residue evidence had LR~1 because p(E|G)=p(E|~G) and only p(E|~G) was presented at original trial.
- Prosecutor assumed fallacy that p(H|E)=p(E|H)





Bayesian Neural Networks



- Bayesian neural networks (BNN) incorporate a Bayesian treatment to neural networks – they do not integrate Bayesian networks with neural networks
- BNN are stochastic neural networks that introduce an additional term to the error function to accommodate weight uncertainty

 $E = \alpha E_w + \beta E_d$

where E_d =mean square error in outputs, E_w =mean square error in weights

- This prevents overfitting (poor generalisation) in network learning by imposing prior (desired) weights
- Prior is assumed a Gaussian function of the weight normalized across all the weights of the network
- Optimal weights maximise the posterior probability distribution



Markov Logic Networks

- BN may be represented as Markov logic networks (MLN)
- MLN comprise a set of F first order logic (FOL) rules subject to probabilistic weights (f_i,w_i) where f_i=FOL formula, w_i = ^{p(H|E)} -p(H|E)
 = weight representing joint probability distribution over possible worlds (degree of certainty)
- Weights permit contradictory formulae if w_i=1, we have pure knowledge base
- MLN inferencing (weight update) involves computing ratio $p(H|E) = \frac{p(H,E)}{p(E)}$ using approximate MCMC solutions such as Gibbs sampling
- MLN structure is learned through inductive logic programming
- Neural MLN represents rules at potential functions



Genetic Learning

- Job-shop scheduling of multiple manufacturing jobs across multiple machines is NP-hard
- Multi-agent coordination may be implemented through genetic algorithms (GA)
- GA simulates biological evolution through random search with direction imposed by a fitness function
- Solutions are represented as a population of binary strings (e.g. machine code) subject to mutation and crossover
- Genetic program implements high-level computer algorithms (e.g. Prolog) represented as hierarchical decision trees
- Genetic operations include crossover swapping subtrees
- Programs are subject a fitness function evolved from generation to generation
- Learning classifier systems (LCS) have condition-action (if-then) rule format with weights representing fitness
- Bucket-brigade learning algorithm is based on reinforcement learning to allocate credit and update weights





Discussion



- (i) ANN neurons are simple switches that have highly diminished capabilities compared with biological neurons - though neural networks based on spiking neurons have been implemented, they are for small networks.
- (ii) A biological neuron has a response time of ~1 ms and human cognitive reaction speed ~100 ms – this suggests that cognitive tasks require <100 neuronal steps....
- Symbol manipulation assumes the human inferencing is logical there is much evidence that it is not (e.g. Wason selection rule)
- Any symbolic program will be error-prone average released software has 11 bugs/1000 lines of code (Space Agencies reduce this to 0.11 bugs/1000 lines of code through extensive V&V methods)
- Until recently, it was assumed that human level intelligence would be achieved through scaling to permit brute force computation....
- We have achieved brute force computation human-level intelligence has not been achieved



Conclusions

- We have several tools but they are deficient....
- > We can employ learning classifier systems to learn if-then rules
- Bayesian versions of Markov Logic Networks require structuring of these learned rules
- Symbolic rules must mapped into a structured neural network
- > Probabilistic representations may be into the weights of neural networks
- How to represent symbols in switching neurons is not clear...though RAAM can incorporate symbol trees, they cannot be manipulated
- LSTM backend provides sequential processing capability
- We are missing a deep understanding of the mechanism of intelligence....
- It is plausible that AI might be good enough for flyby missions
- It is unclear if class (ii) robotic astrobiological investigations of extrasolar planet encounters are achievable which require scientific hypothesis generation and testing under unknown environments
- Encounters with biological ETI cannot be supported current AI does not emulate human value reasoning especially human risk-aversion (loss outweighs equivalent gain of same magnitude) - such non-Bayesian asymmetry has sound evolutionary rationale (Darwin awards)
- Al-to-Al encounters will be explored at the next Interstellar Symposium...

