



# MORAVEC'S PARADOX

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# A LONG-CHASED DREAM



ARISTOTLE

START THE

FIRE

Analyzing Logical reasoning

All A`s are B

C is A

Therefore, C is B

This work resulted in the invention of the programmable digital computer in the 1940s, a machine based on the abstract essence of mathematical reasoning

A SHORT  
HISTORY OF  
AI

Don't look at me-  
I'm too depressed. 🤖



# A SHORT HISTORY OF AI

## The Optimism

The first generation of AI researchers made these predictions about their work:

- 1958, H. A. Simon and Allen Newell: "within ten years a digital computer will be the world's chess champion" and "within ten years a digital computer will discover and prove an important new mathematical theorem."
- 1965, H. A. Simon: "machines will be capable, within twenty years, of doing any work a man can do."
- 1967, Marvin Minsky: "Within a generation ... the problem of creating 'artificial intelligence' will substantially be solved."
- 1970, Marvin Minsky (in Life Magazine): "In from three to eight years we will have a machine with the general intelligence of an average human being."

# A SHORT HISTORY OF AI

## **Brief Resurgence (1980-1987)**

A brief resurgence in “expert systems” in the 1980s created additional excitement about AI. Expert systems are computers that mimic the decision-making abilities of humans through a series of if-then statements.

## **The second AI winter 1987–1993**

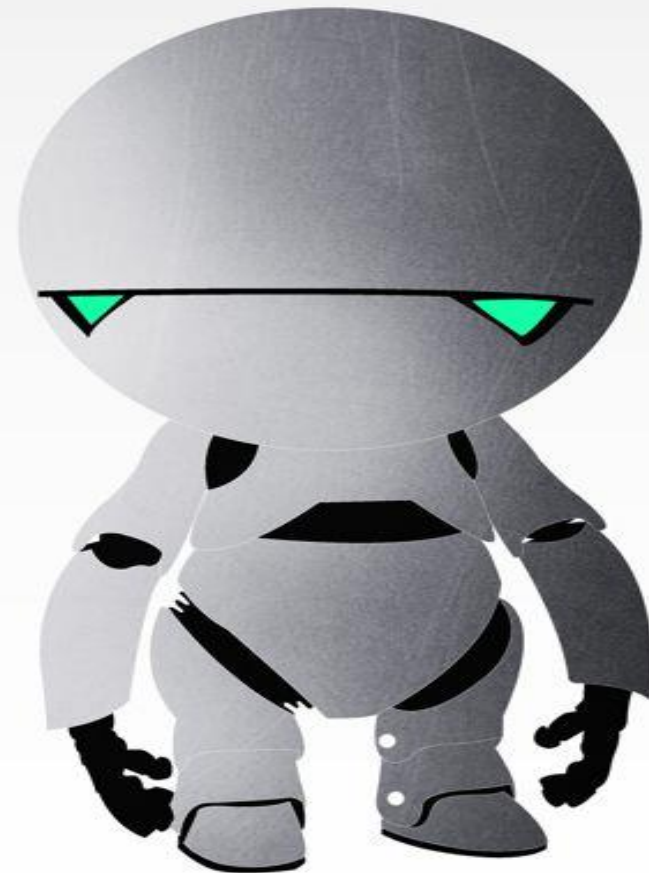
Rodney Brooks and Hans Moravec, researchers from the related field of robotics, argued for an entirely new approach to artificial intelligence.

## **Rebirth of AI (1990s- Now)**

Today, the field is finally achieving some of its old goals. New formulations in Bayesian probability, Markov models, information theory, stochastic modeling, and optimization brought a wealth of new tricks to the trade.

AI HAS NEVER  
BEEN  
SMARTER

“I HAVE A MILLION  
**IDEAS**  
THEY ALL POINT TO CERTAIN  
**DEATH.**”



BUT WHY

IS IT

SO DUMB ?

Moravec`s paradox is the observation by artificial intelligence and robotics researchers that, contrary to traditional assumptions, high-level reasoning requires very little computation, but low-level sensorimotor skills require enormous computational resources.



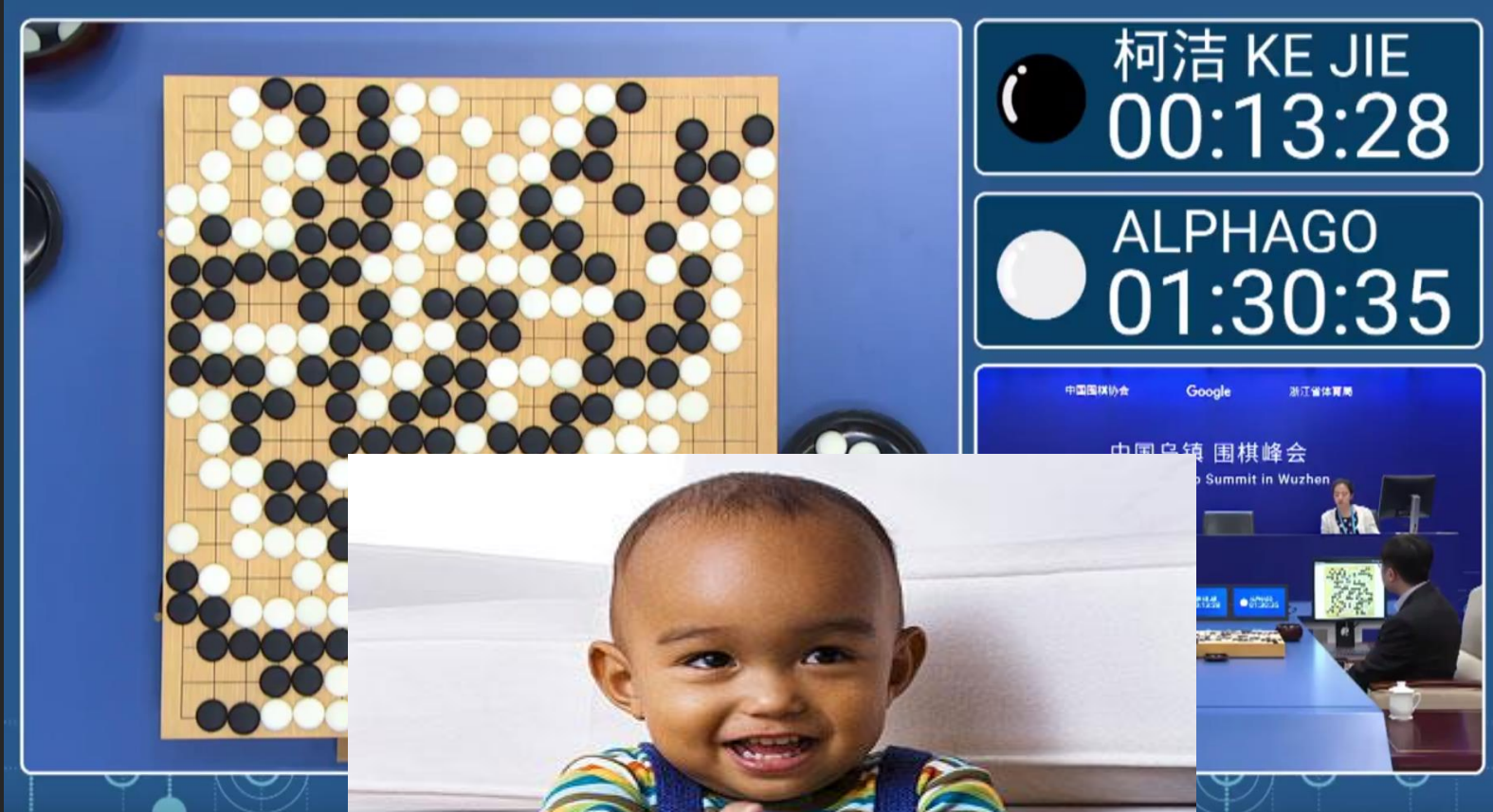
The principle was articulated by Hans Moravec, Rodney Brooks, Marvin Minsky and others in the 1980s.



WHAT

IS

INTELLIGENCE ?



# A NEW APPROACH

Moravec wrote, “It is comparatively easy to make computers exhibit adult level performance on intelligence tests or playing checkers, and difficult or impossible to give them the skills of a one-year-old when it comes to perception and mobility.”

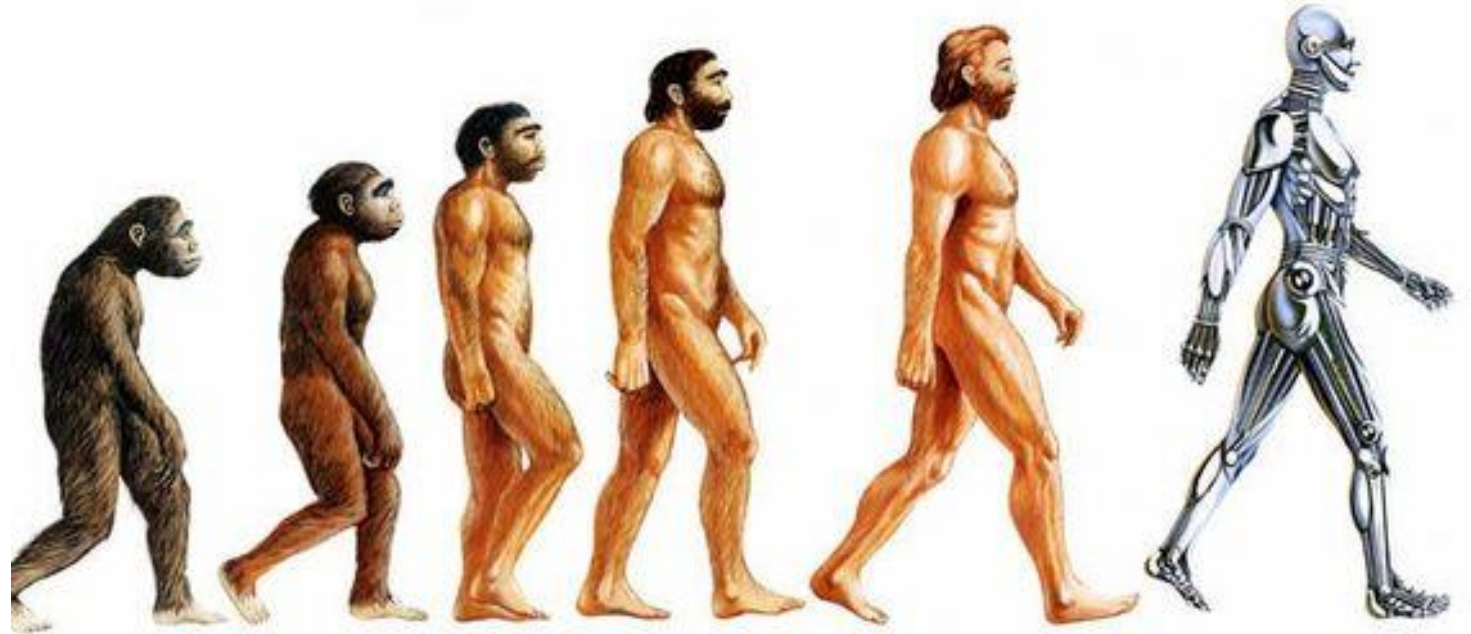
Similarly, Minsky emphasized that the most difficult human skills to reverse engineer are those that are unconscious. "In general, we're least aware of what our minds do best, we're more aware of simple processes that don't work well than of complex ones that work flawlessly".

CAN

AI

BEAT

EVOLUTION



"Encoded in the large, highly evolved sensory and motor portions of the human brain is a billion years of experience about the nature of the world and how to survive in it,"

The deliberate process we call reasoning is, I believe, the thinnest veneer of human thought, effective only because it is supported by this much older and much more powerful, though usually unconscious, sensorimotor knowledge."

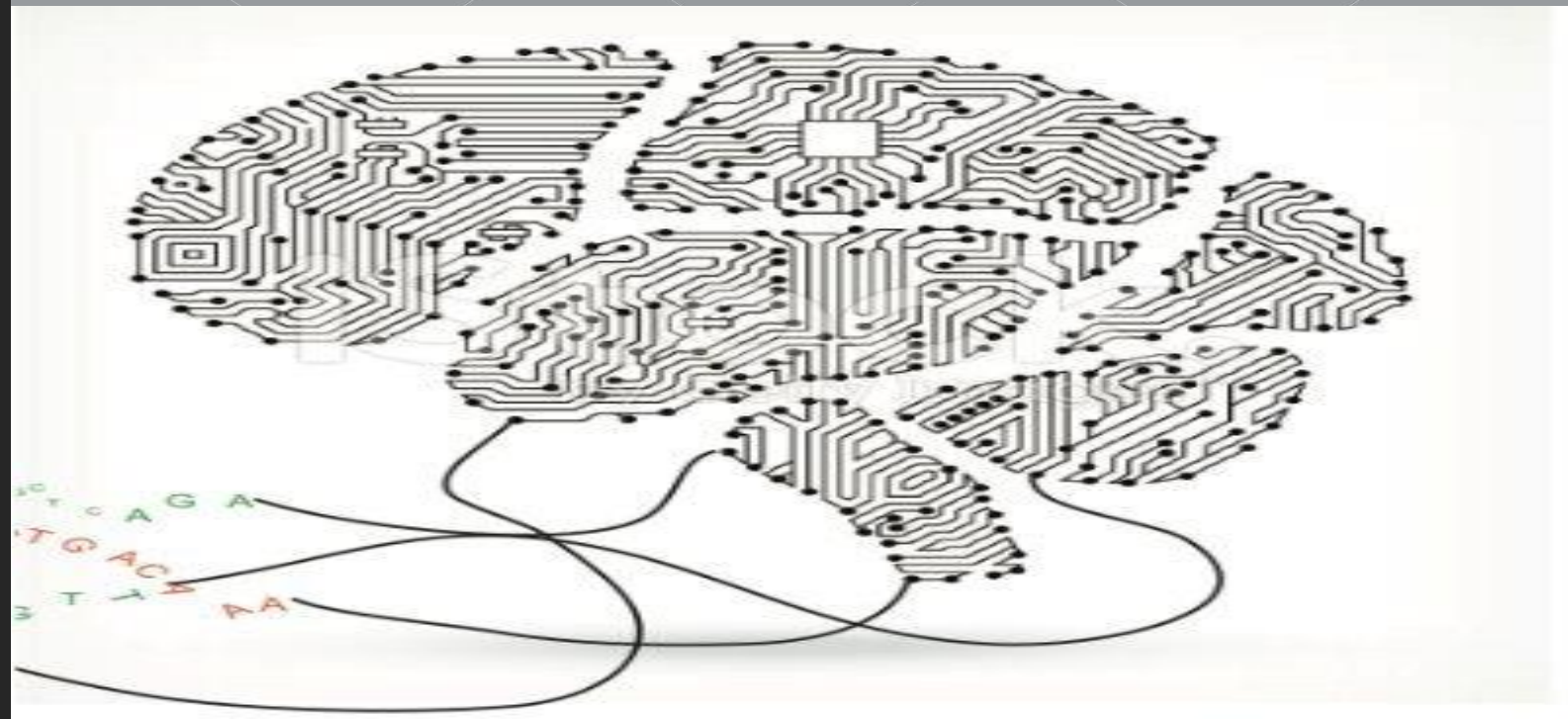
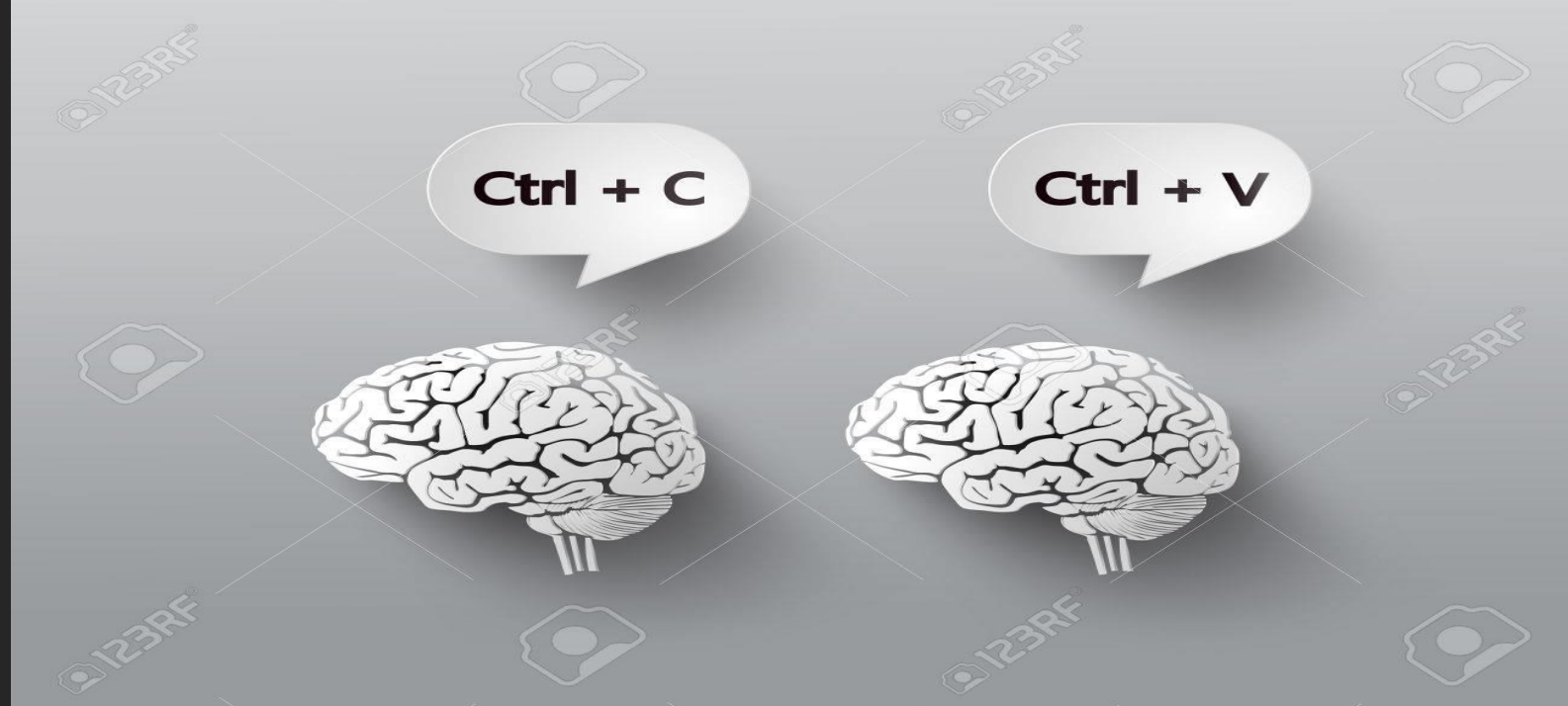
TOP TO

BOTTOM

OR

BOTTOM TO

TOP ?



# HISTORICAL EFFECT

The AI effect is a phenomenon that has seen AI-powered tools lose their 'AI' label over time

AI unemployment

Nouvelle AI

# NOUVELLE

# AI

Rodney Brooks, MIT

Nouvelle AI distances itself from traditional characterizations of AI, which emphasize human-level performance.

One aim of nouvelle AI is the relatively modest one of producing systems that display approximately the same level of intelligence as insects

Brooks' insectoid robots contained no internal models of the world. Herbert, for example, discarded a high volume of the information received from its sensors and never stored information for more than two seconds.

HERBERT

# FRAME

# PROBLEM

AI researchers call the problem of updating, searching, and otherwise manipulating, a large structure of symbols in realistic amounts of time the frame problem.

The frame problem is endemic to symbolic AI.

Newer systems do not contain a complicated symbolic model of their environment.



# BBAI

## Behavior-Based Artificial Intelligence

It is extremely popular in robotics and to a lesser extent to implement intelligent virtual agents

Real-time dynamic systems that can run in complex environments

Intelligence situated in a given environment

# Braitenberg vehicle

Simply wired sensor/motor connections

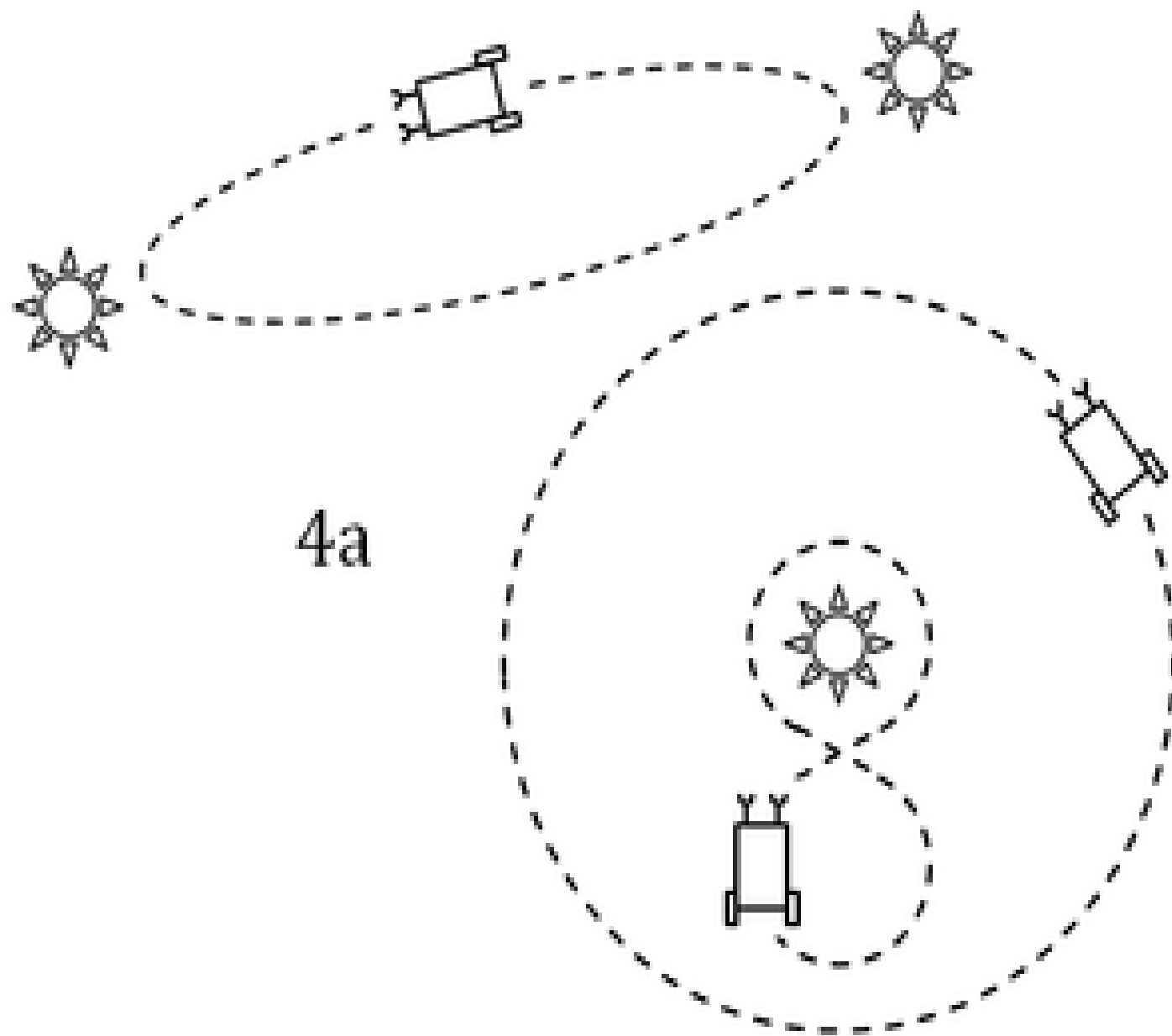
Result in some complex-appearing behaviors, fear and love

Minimal intelligence is attributed to a cockroach.

Yet, the functioning of the agent is purely mechanical, without any information processing or other apparently cognitive processes.

Braitenberg

vehicle



AIBO robot has more than a thousand behaviors built into it.

BBAI



# CONCLUSION

To be able to teach the machines first we need to understand.

We are not sure what intelligence is

An insect is intelligent?

Can we beat the evolution?

Frame problem seems insolvable

BONUS:

STRANGE

LOOPS

Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid

1979 book by [Douglas Hofstadter](#)

