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- What is AI?
- Citizen Morphosis
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- ChatGPT in Education
- LLMs and AI in Education





- The *complexity* of our world increases.
- We live in an environment that evolves over space and time.
- Ever more complex man-made constructions:
  - Smart buildings, complex infrastructure.
  - Complexity increases along *height*, due to space scarcity.
  - Miniaturization complexity increases due to resource scarcity: rare earths.







- We live in an ever more complex *mental world*.
  - Dramatic increase in data production.
  - Large increase in knowledge, e.g., number of concepts:
    - Many *new concepts*: Internet, fake data, cryptocurrency etc.
  - Economic growth.
  - Complex societal processes.
- It is reflected in the real world (*rather the opposite*):
  - Internet, mobile communications, economic data, media.
  - Social media, social functions.





- Why world complexity increases?
  - Addressing human homeostatic and survival needs.
  - For-profit economies (capitalism) > Competition > Growth.
- Large strain on material and energy resources.
- Can humans cope with increased world complexity?
  - Limited brain capacity. Limited human body capacity.
  - Very slow biological evolution.

Is world complexity increase unavoidable?



- Statement: Information technologies and Artificial Intelligence is our current reply to world complexity increase.
  - Handling of the huge data flow:
    - Data acquisition, processing, communication, storage.
  - Addressing human brain limitations:
    - Al and data analysis produce information.
    - Unlimited memory thanks to data storage.
    - Reasoning and knowledge production: not there yet!!!



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#### What is AI?



 AI Science and Engineering (AISE) is the interdisciplinary, scientific study and engineering of Artificial Systems that mimic and/or surpass human intelligence in information analysis and human interaction with the world.

- Core AISE disciplines are:
  - Machine Learning (ML),
  - Classical (Symbolic) Artificial Intelligence (AI)





#### What is AI?

- Closely related AISE disciplines:
  - Robotics,
  - Autonomous Systems,
  - Digital Signal/Image Processing and Analysis,
  - Data Science and Data Analytics
  - Network Theory.
- Very useful in defining:
  - Data, analysis modes, applications.



#### What is AI?



- Complementary AISE-related disciplines:
  - Cognitive Science,
  - Neuroscience,
  - Psychology,
  - Philosophy, Ethics
  - Linguistics
  - Sociology.





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## **Citizen Morphosis**



# Major overhaul of education at all levels to master knowledge development and uptaking needs.

- The need for such education permeates all levels of education and all social strata.
- A 1/3-2/3 society, where 1/3 of the population understands and benefits from scientific progress, while the remaining 2/3 lags, being impoverished and technophobic, is simply not sustainable.
- Need to educate women, minorities and Global South to improve the global education level.

## **Citizen Morphosis**



The *basic AI and IT concepts* are simple and can be taught at all educational levels:

- Data clustering, similarity, classification etc.
- Educational readjustment for their teaching by *rearranging* the curriculum of Mathematics and Informatics.
- A (partial) mathematization of education is inevitable.
- It is not certain that it is feasible, given the traditional separation of the sciences and the humanities.



## **Citizen Morphosis**



- Classical studies are also an ideal tool for developing critical thinking and precision.
- They provide a solid basis for *Ethics, Legal and Social Implications* (ELSI) knowledge.





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- **Computer Science** is the study of computation and information.
- **Computer Engineering** is a branch of Engineering that integrates several CSE fields that are required to develop computer hardware and software.
- Traditionally, AI and ML were CSE disciplines.
- Do AI and ML have own scientific methodology?





- AISE Interdisciplinarity?
  - AI and Brain/mind studies
  - AI and social studies/engineering.
- Mature AISE Interdisciplinarity?
  Not there yet!
- Risks: depth vs shallowness.



#### CSE spawning new disciplines *through specialization*:

- Web science
- Data science
- Al Science and Engineering.
- New scientific methodologies are not necessarily essential.
  - Poor terminology?
- Past experience: Physics spawning Engineering disciplines
  - Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering.



AISE background

#### Lots of mathematics:

- Analysis/calculus, Optimization
- Geometry
- Linear Algebra
- Graph Theory
- Probability theory and statistics
- Mathematical Logic.





AISE background

Classical studies at University and high school level

- Philosophy, ethics, logic
- Linguistic competences.
- Physics?, Biology?
- Do we prescribe universal AI scientists?





Changes will be drastic and will come very soon. **Schools of 'Information Science and Engineering'** with departments of:

- Computer Science/Informatics,
- Mathematics
- Computer Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence Science and Engineering
- Internet/Web Science.





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Creation of Departments for '*Mind and Social Science and Engineering*' in Schools of Arts and Humanities.

- Groundbreaking proposal.
- **Departments of Digital Humanities** is another good solution.
- The exact name or form is not important, as long as it serves the transfer of mathematical and programming skills to arts and humanities students.





- Currently, the Humanities face the greatest pressure from LLMs and AI.
- The mathematization of classical subjects (e.g., Linguistics, Sociology) has advanced significantly.
- Alternative? Creation of departments for '*Philological/Linguistic Engineering*' or 'Social *Engineering*' in Science/Engineering Schools.





Creation of departments for '*Bio-Science and Engineering*' in Schools of Health Sciences, including:

• Biomedical Engineering, Genetic Engineering and Systems Biology.

Mandatory inclusion of Mathematics and Computer Science courses in all disciplines without exception.

- Simply, one (poor) course in Statistics does not meet the current needs.
- Mandatory courses on AI *Ethics, Legal and Social Implications* (ELSI) in all ECE, EE, CS and CSE Curricula.
   Altris already partly underway.





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Number of undergraduate AI programs worldwide.

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Distribution of undergraduate AI programs in Europe.

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Geographical distribution of AI undergraduate programs in Europe.

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- ChatGPT can change the way we search and retrieve information.
- It has the capacity to help students reply to scientific questions.
- ChatGPT changes:
  - student project execution and examination.
  - educational exams.





'Scientific' capacity of ChatGPT:

- Good at replying factual questions on known topics.
- It has certain capacity to reply mathematical questions.
- It can solve programming exercises very well (e.g., in Python).
- Currently, it can neither process nor output diagrams and figures.







ChatGPT in CS/ECE exams: very good score in mathematical questions.





#### **ChatGPT and Mathematics**:

- It can solve mathematical questions.
  - Complex numbers, Z/Fourier transform properties.
- Replies tend to be verbose.
- It fails on some simple mathematical questions
  - It cannot always handle well reasoning with negative numbers.

Question: He asked me to give 2 Euros. I gave him 3; how much I owe him? ChatGPT: You owe him 1 Euro.





ChatGPT programming: arithmetic mean and 1D moving average filter routines in Python.



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#### ChatGPT opportunities.

- LLMs can be used as a new education tool with massive impact in education.
- We have to research how to best use it.
- Its interaction with other teaching modes must be researched.
- Can it be used to trigger creative thinking, while speeding up tedious processes?





#### IT and AI opportunities in education.

- What is the impact of IT and AI in teaching Mathematics?
- What is the impact of LLMs in teaching languages?
- What is the impact of Deep Arts in Arts Schools?
- What is the *long-term impact of IT and AI* in human memory?
- Will brain be 'restructured' to be, e.g., devoted more to thinking tasks than to memory?

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#### UNESCO guidelines [MIA2023].

- Promote inclusion, equity, linguistic and cultural diversity.
- Protect human agency.
- Monitor and validate GenAl systems for education.
- Develop AI competencies including GenAI-related skills for learners.
- Build capacity for teachers and researchers to make proper use of GenAI.
- Promote plural opinions and plural expressions of ideas.
- Test locally relevant application models and build a cumulative evidence base.
- Review long-term implications in intersectoral and interdisciplinary manner.

• Less than 10% of 450 schools/universities had policies on GenAl (2023). Artificial Intelligence & Information Analysis Lab



#### Restrictive/regulated use of LLMs in education.

- Plagiarism tools to detect LLM-produced documents.
- Extreme caution when examining student projects
  - Very effort-intensive on Professors and students.
- Extra caution in distance learning environments.
  - Return to old close student-Professor relations.
- Imposition of minimal age to use LLM tools.





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