Automatic Speech Recognition for ATCo Support

An application of **Artificial Intelligence** and its steps from the **Idea** to **Exploratory Research** to **Industrial Research**

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What is Artificial Intelligence?

"Artificial Intelligence is the development of computer systems that are able to perform tasks that would require human intelligence" Schetinin et al. (2018)

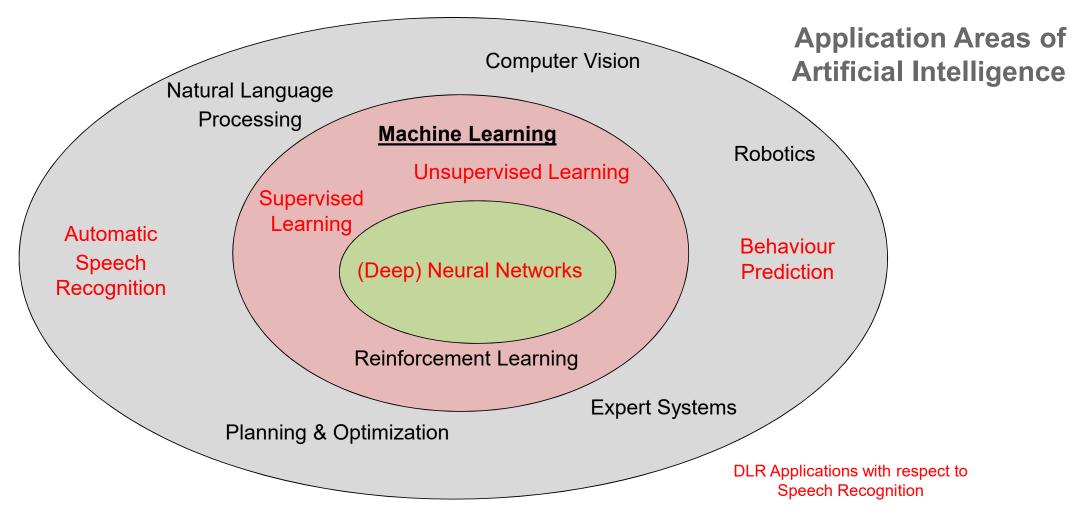
In 1940s / 1950s a system **multiplying numbers** faster than a human was intelligent. During the 1980s / 1990s: it was **chess playing**.

Now, we think autonomous cars or zero-person-cockpits are intelligent systems.



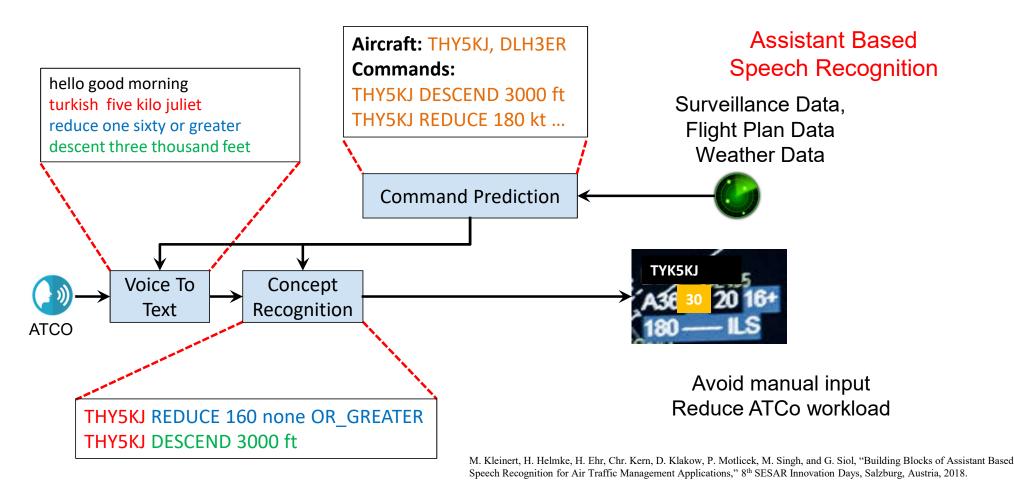
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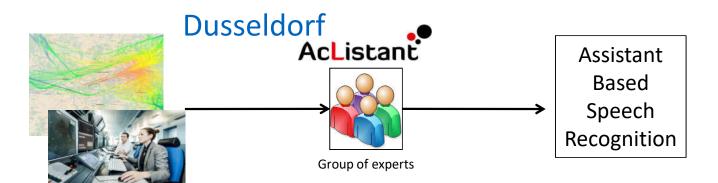
Automatic Speech Recognition & Understanding for Air Traffic Management Applications





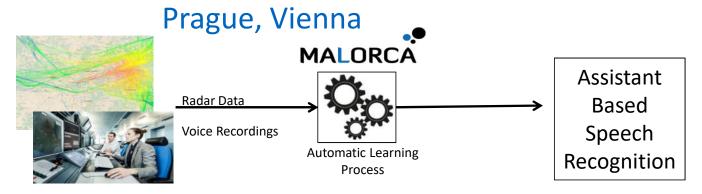
Machine Learning of Speech Recognition Models for Controller Assistance





Arthur Samuel (1959):

Machine learning is the field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed"

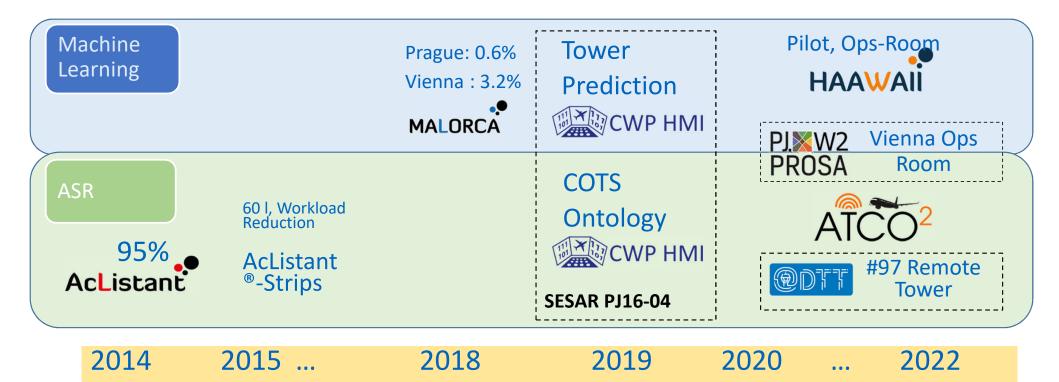


Instead of (highly skilled and paid) experts, machine learning is used.

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Speech Recognition and Machine Learning Roadmap



From Exploratory Research to Industrial Research to the Future in the Ops Room

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