

Future of VL Research and Sentient Systems

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New trends

- Autonomous: vehicles, drivers in high speed trains, ...
- Personal assistants, answering system, ...
- Smart: Cities, Cloud, learning,
- Self: Awareness, Expressive
- Resilient Solutions,...
- Decision support systems, ..

Always more frequently used to model so called:

- cyber-physical and/or sociotechnical systems

What they are ?

- In most cases, they need to:
 - Model knowledge, data, relationships...
 - **Model human surrogate**: behavior, profile, agent
 - **Enforcing reasoning capabilities via**: machine learning, semantic computing, deductive system, mathematics, statistics, heuristics, probabilistic ... models..
 - **Evolving models**: inferring, cumulating knowledge, deciding, learning, producing new knowledge
- Are they becoming more intelligent ??
 - Autonomously capable to react in a good manner to unexpected situations, resilient and sentient ??

When it may happen ?

- There is a common believe that we would need more than 10 years to model the complexity of the brain ?
 - Why ? ... the presently available and largely diffused digital systems are already faster and better than the human brains in performing many tasks!
 - We learn how to make them faster and with larger storage
 - We still have to learn/understand to make them smart and sentient
- The generational jump to sentient would be performed on the basis of
 - computational and storage capabilities ? Or
 - more probably on the arrival of new models and paradigms for making computer system smarter and sentient.