

Artificial intelligence is hard to define. AI is mainstream, AI is glorified. AI holds many promises but also a lot of fuzzy talk and apocalyptic dystopian scenarios. And strangely glowing blue android illustrations if you do an image search.

AI has a longer history than one would conclude from all the news headlines. It's a node in the network of sciences. It's connecting the dots.

We don't want to mystify AI, we want to open it up, offer new insights and experiences for visitors of all ages.

At the same time, we want to ask: How do you see your future with artificial intelligence?

CONNECTING THE DOTS

A science and art exhibition about AI
Dipoli, Espoo, 27.11.2019-16.01.2020

AI methods offer researchers, designers and artists alike a wide spectrum of tools. These tools also help make better business decisions.

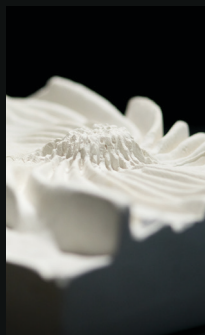
How are they used and explored in research and arts?

This exhibition celebrates diversity. It has been a university-wide effort, with exhibits ranging from future makers to cutting-edge research programs, all presented in an accessible manner.

The exhibition is divided into three themes. Dive in!

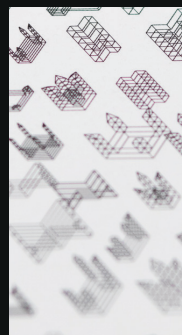
AI AND CREATIVITY

What if you could have a personal, artificially intelligent creative assistant? We present AI-aided explorations in architecture and design among other displays.



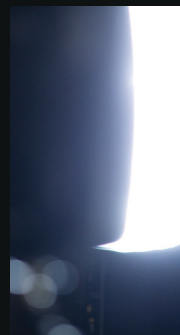
Computational Ornaments

Sami Markkula & Robin Godwyl



Generative Structural Typologies

Luka Piškorec & Toni Kotnik et al.



InSpace with the Otherness

Koray Tahiroğlu & Miranda Kastemaa

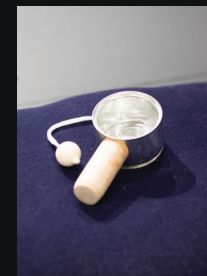
MACHINE LEARNING AND ROBOTICS

Machine learning and robotics are fields where the current state-of-the-art in AI lies. Learn what neural networks do and how robots learn with exhibits using computer vision, speech recognition and bio-inspired robotics.



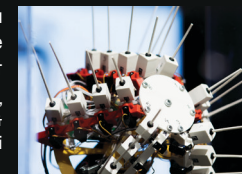
Do it like the BOSS!

Jari Järvi,
Milica Todorović & Patrick Rinke



Robot Playschool

Murtaza Hazara & Sushant Passi



ViTabot: a visuo-tactile robotic rat

Niko Karhula,
Oliver Struckmeier & Kshitij Tiwari



Strange Mirror

Andrzej Pisarek,
Jaakko Lehtinen & M Wingren



Metal Master

Terho Loikkanen,
Patrick Rinke & Sushant Passi



Conversation Assistant
Anja Virkkunen & Mikko Kurimo et al.



Exhibition team
Saara Halmetoja: creative lead, texts & visuals
Sushant Passi: videos, carpentry & space design
M Wingren: GANBREEDER, visuals, codesign & sounds
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AI FUTURES

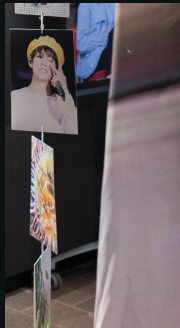
Is artificial intelligence sustainable? What kind of technological development can we expect from artificial intelligence in the near future – or are we likely to face yet another AI winter?



PANIC
BREEDER
Samir Bhowmik &
Jukka Hautamäki



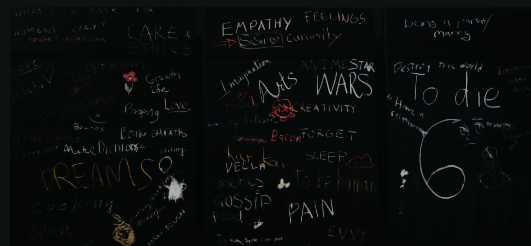
Machina Baltica
(the beautiful mind of)
Samir Bhowmik



Zero Waste Zero Effort?
Sirja Passoja



The Future of AI: A Discussion
Janin Koch, Natalia Särämäkari &
Henni Tenhunen with Aalto Studios



Our audience's take on human-only tasks.

STYLE

We've drawn on modern “artificial intelligence” when designing this exhibition.

GANBREEDER, our titling font, is based on MNIST, a dataset often used for evaluating how well a machine learning model recognizes handwriting.

The exhibition title, Connecting the Dots, originates from a machine query. We simply asked an AI-powered text generator how we should name our exhibition.

GANBREEDER

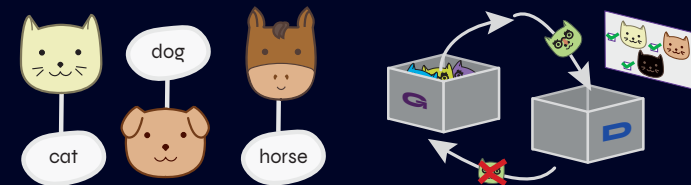
Syne Mono

Syne Regular



The blobs surrounding our posters and this booklet are machine-generated, although human-curated.

The rest – like much of AI still anyway – is fully human labor! You can learn more about the history and central AI concepts with our set of illustrated posters.



AI ACROSS DECADES

Concepts and ideas on formalizing thought and learning come from philosophers and psychology.

Theory in statistics, computer science, computational biology, and neuroscience set the underpinnings for modern computers and machine learning.

1956-1974 The Golden Years

1956
The founding event of Artificial Intelligence: Dartmouth workshop. A group of mathematicians, cognitive scientists, computer scientists, and physicists convene to discuss artificial intelligence – a term coined by organizer John McCarthy.

“An attempt will be made to find how to make machines use language, form abstractions and concepts, solve kinds of problems now reserved for humans, and improve themselves.”

Excerpt from the Dartmouth workshop funding proposal