AI ETHICS AS TRANSLATIONAL ETHICS

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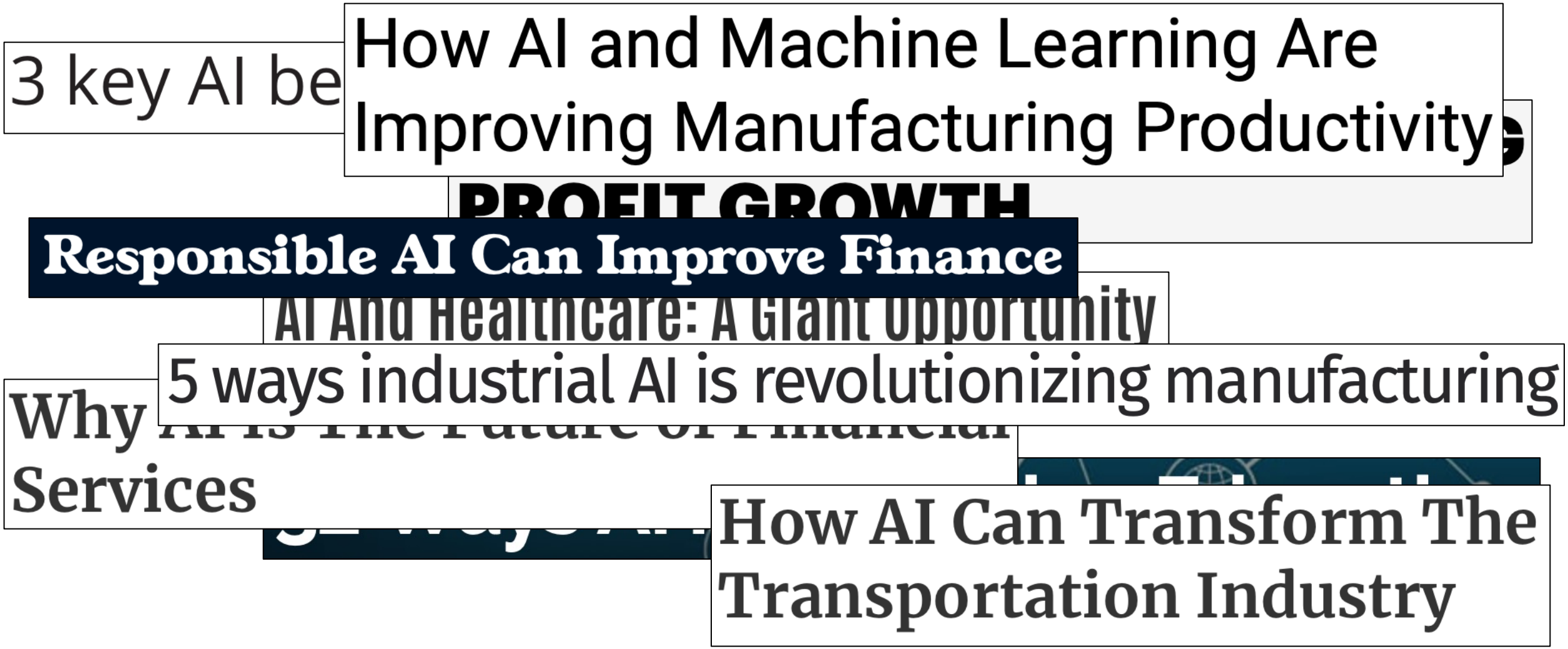
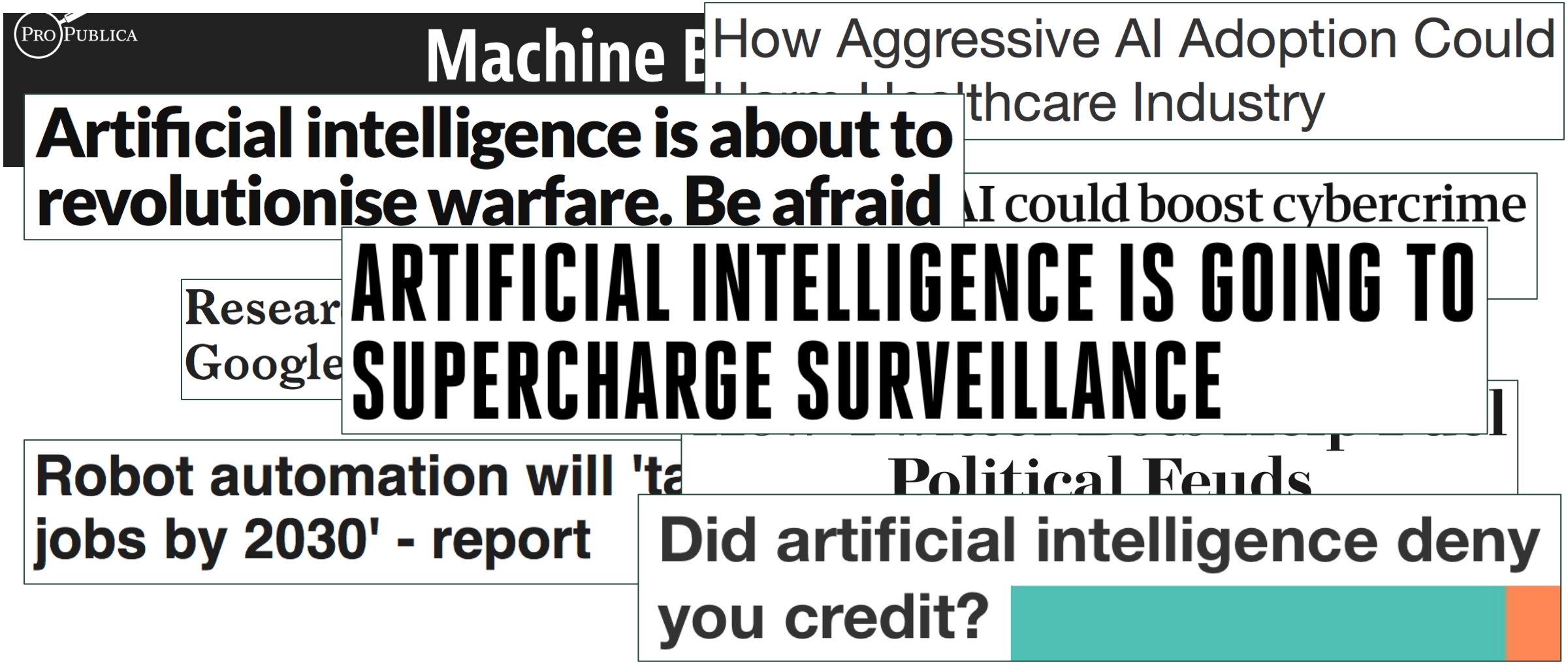


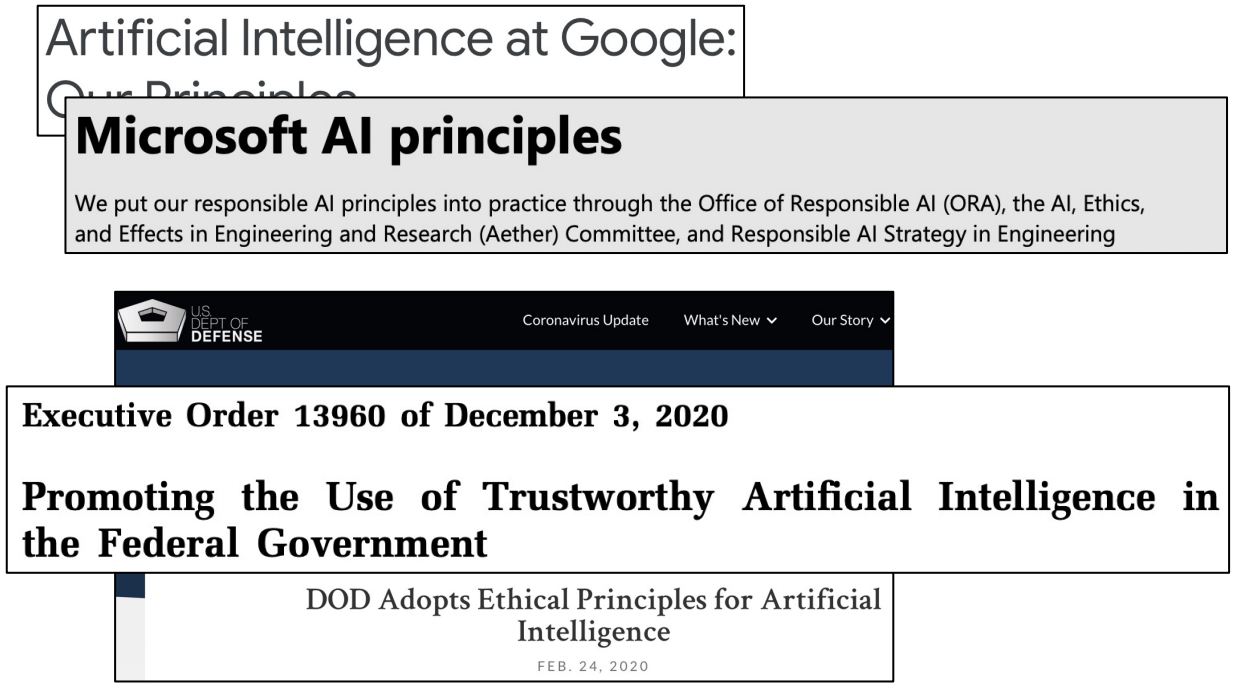
TRANSFORMATIVE AI THAT HARMS

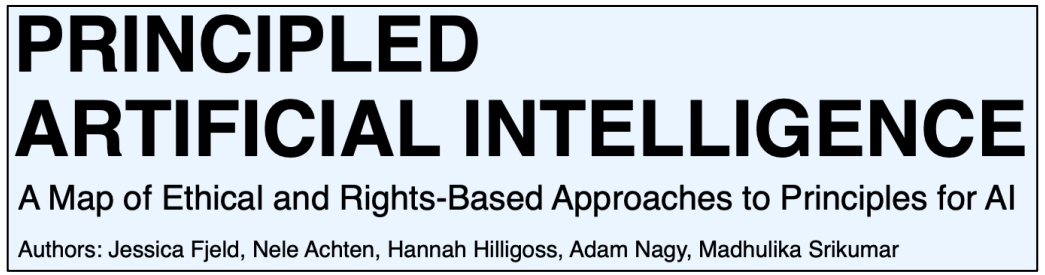


APPROACHES TO ETHICAL AI

1. Ethical AI principles & features
2. Ethical algorithms
3. Ethical system behaviors

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES & FEATURES





- Limited impact on practice
- Context-insensitive
- Team-sensitive
- Lack of interoperability

ETHICAL ALGORITHMS

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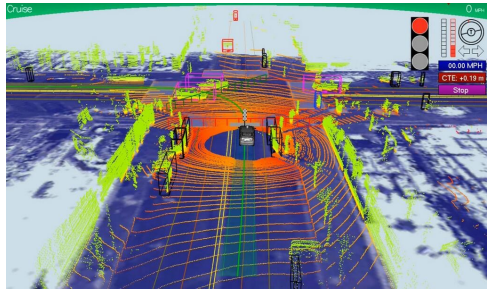

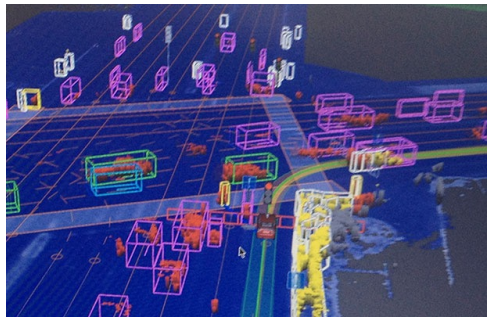

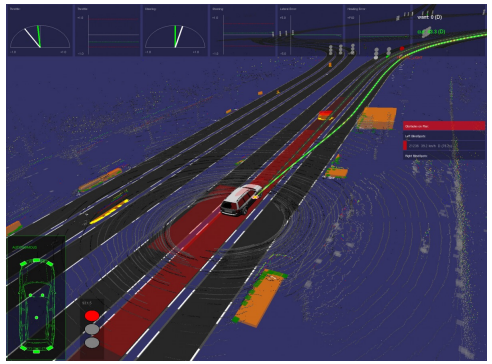

No explicit Trolley Problem calculus…

…"just" finding a low-cost path through the landscape

CoBots

CORAL research group

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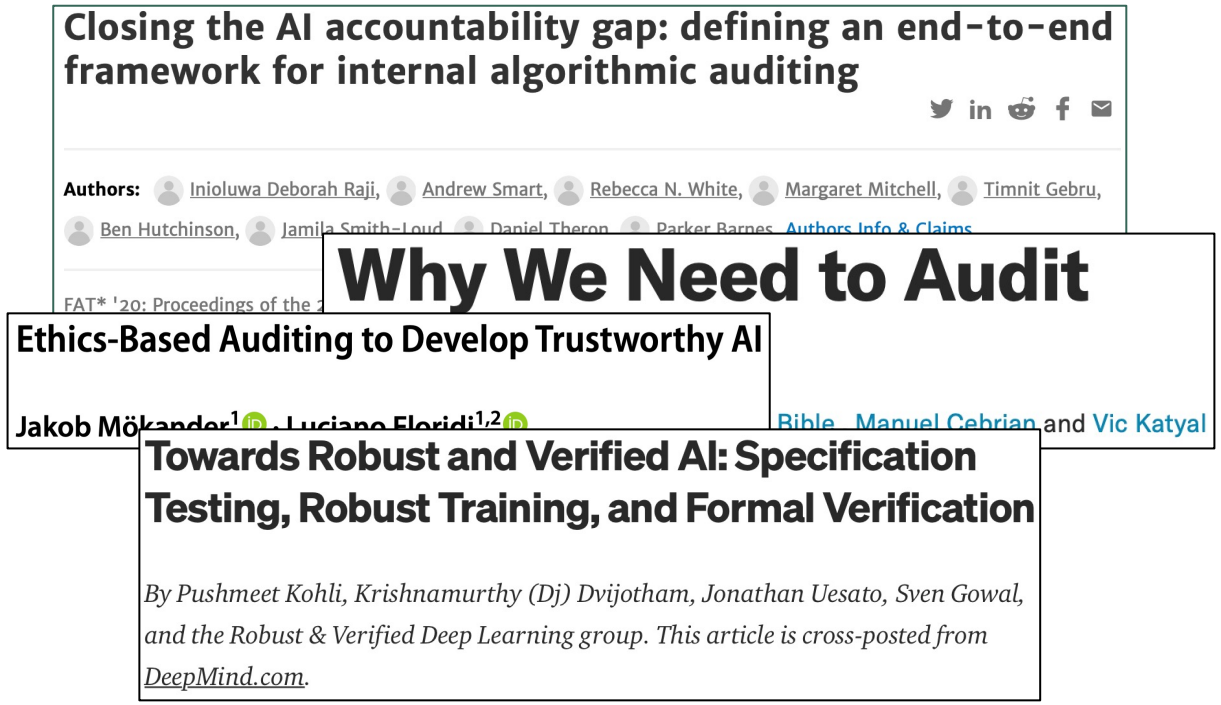
ETHICAL BEHAVIORS



- Require implausible specificity
- Only work for "closed worlds"
- Insensitive to values of different groups
- Risks of Goodhart's Law

A POTENTIAL DIAGNOSIS?

- Each focused on "basic research" on one component
- ⇒ Each ignores key complexities
  - Principles ignore practice
  - Algorithms ignore technology
  - Behaviors ignore ethics

- But if not basic research, then what?

TRANSLATIONAL ETHICS

- *Translational medicine*: Substantive research to apply basic biomedical advances into clinical practice

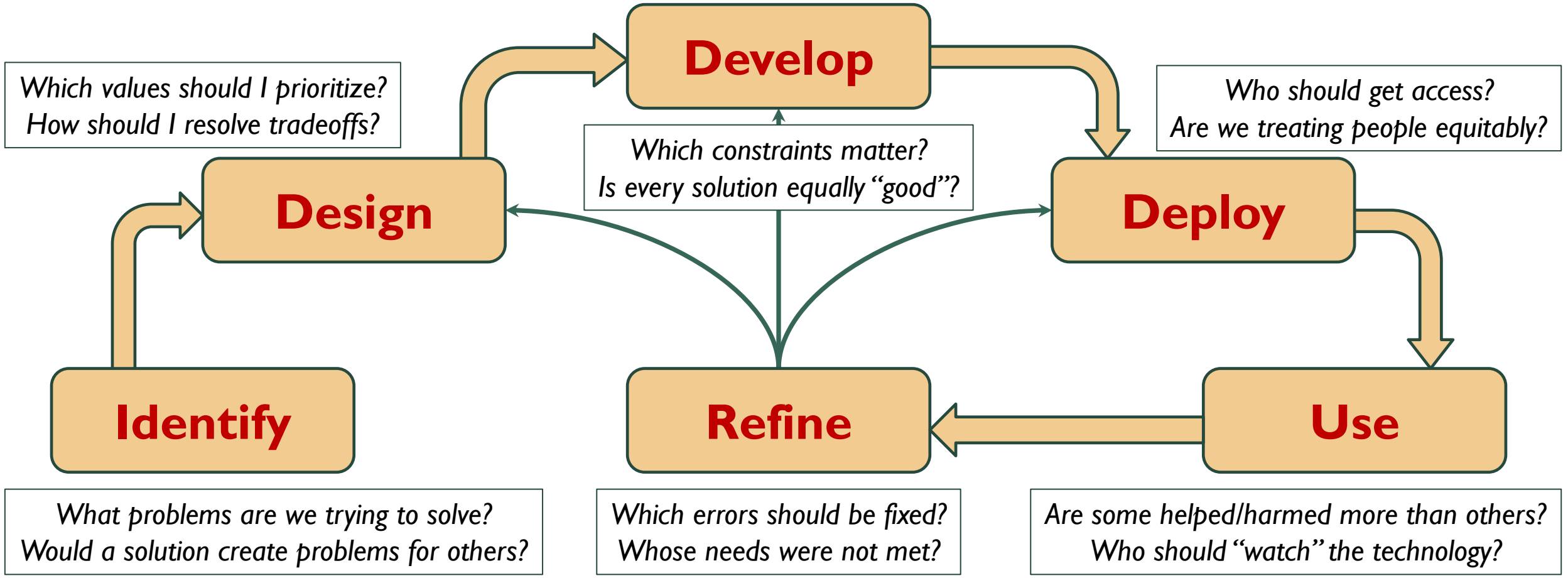
- Generally requires *both*: (cf. Baddeley, 1978)
  - Applied basic research
  - Basic applied research

TRANSLATIONAL ETHICS

- *Translational **AI ethics***: Substantive research to apply basic **ethical** advances into **technological** practice

- Generally requires *both*: (cf. Baddeley, 1978)
  - Applied basic research: **Translation of AI, HCI, ethics, sociology, …**
  - Basic applied research: **Novel practices, processes, methods, …**

INTERVENTION POINTS



TOWARDS TRANSLATIONAL AI ETHICS

- **People**: Interdisciplinary education; Collaboration training; …
- **Processes**: Datasheets; Model cards; Ethical triage; Audits (both pre- and post-deployment); …
- **Policies**: Smarter regulation; Better industry standards; Improved incentives; …
- **Partnerships**: Value ↔ Code mappings; Ethical interoperability; …

All *start* w/ practice, technology, & ethics

All multi-disciplinary

THANKS!

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