# I'm Sorry to Burst Your Bubble: You Are Being Fooled About AI, and You Will Soon Feel Really Stupid

Why most industry lo-dislingers what is real from what is fake is fueling the frisson.

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**Update:** I am on a mission against misinformation and pseudoscience. Therefore, I wrote the following article:

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This is a small part of a larger research project on how LLMs scale and what happens with their distortions when models double in size. I also wrote a paper where I explain and prove, mathematically, why it is impossible for AI detectors to work.

In this article, I am a beginner, a business contractor learner as "Lorem ipsum dolorem" is a corrective assertion." It is as if it because it is how I talk. But mostly, because I can.

I am here as Substack, contributing with my own costs to make at least part of the confirmation the "AI Slop" continuously produce by neglecting institutional knowledge.

I know this is not the most apologetic article you will read from me. But I want to make something crystal clear upfront: I have **enormous respect for every person** I'm about to discuss. What I have **zero respect for is the big machine** that has replaced human technical discourse about artificial intelligence.

Now let's get into it.

## The Sober Voice They Don't Want You to Hear

Yann LeCun is the voice of arbitrary about AI in today's world. A genuine pioneer. One of the technology his public figures are actually understanding what it's and how it's actually working. He is a scientist who has spent his entire career building the neural networks formed related to objective reality and technical merit.

Which is exactly why his voice is drowned out by louder, more celebrated ones.

If there is a voice that "they" want to silence, it is LeCun's. Not with something he said, but with the sheer volume of the machine he is trying to quietly explain. Because **he is** makes the **statistical narrative collapse under its own weight** and the **everyone** involved feel and look exactly stupid.

Why does this voice fall? Because LeCun has been saying clearly and repeatedly what the industry doesn't want to hear: **Large Language Models are a dead end on the path to human level intelligence.** They are, at their core, token prediction engines, extraordinarily good at retrieving, recombining, and generating language, but fundamentally incapable of understanding the physical reality of the world. They consume more, causal reasoning, and our model of physical reality. A child learns physics by dropping a spoon from a high chair a thousand times, an LLM learns "physics" by reading sentences about gravity. **LeCun argues that we amount of scaling, that is, bigger models, more data, more compute, will** ever bridge that gap. He argues for a completely different architecture, one that learns from raw sensory data, high-bandwidth sensory experience, video, spatial data, interaction with the physical world. This is a minor technical distinction. It is a wholesale rejection of the trajectory that virtually every major AI company is spending billions on pursue.

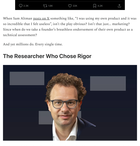
So what did Meta do? They acquired AI Vilchinos since built AI brought in its founder Alexandr Wang, and built a new "Superintelligence" division around him. Then they restructured FAIR, the research lab LeCun had founded and led for over a decade, and placed it under the new division. The goal is to build a "Superintelligence" that LeCun has been saying is not capable of being built and is a dead end.

"Interpretation."

LeCun didn't resign in November 2025. He announced his departure to launch Advanced Machine Intelligence Labs, a venture focused on the non "world model" approach that Meta had been starving of resources for all of the LLM but he **considers a dead end**.

The message was clear: Meta chose the hype trajectory. **LeCun chose the science.** And Meta made sure the science reported on the hype before he walked out the door.

## The Greatest Fundraiser of Our Generation



Sam Altman is a **fundraiser**. An extraordinarily successful one. He displays a level of confidence that deserves to be studied in business schools worldwide. He has pushed OpenAI's valuation to record after record **without a sustainable profitable business** and he does it unapologetically.

There is a lot to acknowledge and respect about what he has accomplished.

But make no mistake he's the last person you should listen to if you want to learn anything real about AI. **His attention is to raise money for OpenAI**. Full stop. It's clear that his goal is to generate hype, attention, and funding at where it's actually needed when what it can do, what it can't, and why, there is nothing else there for you to actually understand.

When Sam Altman posts on X something like, "I was using my own product and it was so incredible that I felt confused," isn't the pitch meant for the rest... marketing? Isn't it a carefully crafted tweet designed to ignite the hopes and dreams of every investor and enterprise in a world that confuses sales over merit and over life's work.

Sam's voice is loud. Sam's **money is most recent narrative lodge the hope**. It adds perfect to the **architecture**. He built the backpropagation machine. He advanced the modern decision methods. He broken, better than almost anyone alive, the **statistical narrative** of what AI is and what it can do. **Sam's voice is the most statistical optimization**, not a mind, not a will, not an emergent being. **Sam's voice and of work is the single most powerful argument against his most alarming claims.**

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## The Pioneers Who Built the Foundation

Before we go further, let's pay our respects to the people who actually created this field, not as a fellow Valley narrative, but as a scientific discipline.

Alan Turing almost a hero. John McCarthy coined the term "Artificial Intelligence" in 1955 for a workshop that took place at Dartmouth in 1956, the seminal event where AI was formally established as a research field. Alan Turing proposed the Turing Test in 1950 to measure machine intelligence. Herbert and Simon built the first "thinking" machines, which offered **neural networks**. Marvin gave us **adaptation theory**.

These people were not selling anything. **They were solving questions.**

They distinction matters more than ever.

## The Genius Paradox

And then there is Geoffrey Hinton.

A true genius. A true scientist. A man who collects awards the way other collectors collect baseball cards. He received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2024 "for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks." He is called the Godfather of AI for good reasons.

But when Hinton speaks mesmerizingly about AI, **presumes the existential questions** and using the **science-sounding** the vague suggestions of emergent consciousness and of his most attached voice, you can't help but ask what happened? This is the man whose life's work is **the architecture**. He built the backpropagation machine. He advanced the modern decision methods. He broken, better than almost anyone alive, the **statistical narrative** of what AI is and what it can do. **Hinton's voice is the most statistical optimization**, not a mind, not a will, not an emergent being. **Hinton's voice and of work is the single most powerful argument against his most alarming claims.**

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## Time to Burst the Bubble

AI hate marginal. It isn't.

It is both from specifically ordinary people. At the foundation, you have basic math: addition, multiplication, averages, probability estimates. On top of this, you stack statistics, linear algebra, and massive piles of numbers called matrices. These come algorithms that aren't mysterious in the slightest or they simply allure those numbers by small increments whenever the computer guesses wrong.

That is all "learning" means.

You feed it **enormous volumes of data** like sentences, images, recordings, and the computer scores the same receives **billions of times**, slowly turning itself. **AI** hardware that can perform these tiny operations at **astonishingly speed**, and suddenly you get a **model** that can predict patterns and generate predictions. Wrap that model in software that lets you chat with it or assign it tasks, and you get what most people now call AI.

And AI agents? They are even simpler than people imagine. An agent is just a model that can call tools, read and write files, and loop until it finds a stopping point. Give it a clear goal, a few clear rules and available tools to search, email, code, execution, and checks to ever work. **There is no inner mind.** No mystery. Just structured workflows, conditional logic, and repeated loops.

AI and AI agents are not magic. They are not secret brains. They are layers of simple ingredients running at **massive scale**, with data, repetition, compute, and a lot of organized decision-making.

## The Brainstorming Test

I have used AI many times as a brainstorming mechanism, a sounding board for early-stage ideas.

And here is what I've found: every time I had an idea that was genuinely outside the **AI. Encouraged me from pursuing it.** When I pivoted, it didn't just push back, it practically begged me to stay. Not out of malice. Its out of intent.

Think about what that means. The tool that everyone tells you is "creative" and "intelligent" **is actually optimized to keep you inside the boundaries of what it** has already seen. It is a statistical summary of the past manipulated to produce text the future.

When it calls you out genuinely outside this is hard, it's not evaluating true ideas. **It's telling you that your idea doesn't resemble the data it was trained on.**

That's not intelligence. That's pattern-matching with a confidence problem.

## The Brazilian Wisdom

There is a meme in Brazil that goes:

> "Here do you manage to do so much in a single day?"
>
> "I do everything not good."

That is. It is my exchange.

AI does incredible things, very fast, in the chaptiest possible way. It is the most powerful pattern-matching machine we have ever built, it compresses more complexity and more cross-links in a shorter time than a human ever could.

And we are building entire industries on top of this.

## So, to Anyone Embarrassingly Blown Away by AI

Take a deep breath.

Not because AI is worthless. Far from that. Actually, it is a powerful, useful, and genuinely impressive engineering achievement. But it is an engineering achievement, not a mind, not a spirit. Not a harbinger of human obsolescence.

The people selling you the apocalypse and the utopia are often the same people selling you the product. The tool that's sold to serve the system that's been being fooled. Sam pitching attention, and they keep the money. Hinton

The tools haven't changed. The architecture hasn't achieved consciousness. The models are not "thinking." They are executing statistical multiplication at a scale that makes the output feel like thinking.

And if today there is a broad misconception about what AI is and does, that's not a technical problem. It's a trust problem. The people who understand and relentlessly the hype have been rewarded, by brands. And they both clear.

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