

# Re: The Intelligence Explosion Is Happening Now

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J.A.Legris wrote:

On Feb 1, 1:32 pm, Tim Tyler <[seemy...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:seemy...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

"The Intelligence Explosion Is Happening Now"

[http://alife.co.uk/essays/the\\_intelligence\\_explosion\\_is\\_happening\\_now/](http://alife.co.uk/essays/the_intelligence_explosion_is_happening_now/)

This identifies the intelligence explosion as a part of the ongoing technology explosion.

Technological explosion ... or intellectual meltdown?

ISTM that as technology "progresses" and people continue to offload more and more tasks to machines there is a net loss of overall intelligence, The obvious example is computation. [...]

Machines may have taken over calculation, but they have /also/ taken over a lot of repetitive factory work, farming activity – and so on. A rising tide of simple machines is taking the easy jobs around the shoreline – and pushing humanity up the intellectual mountain. Currently, humans need their brains more than ever, IMO.

However, machine intelligence looks destined to zoom past our own – in all areas. When that happens the mountain we are retreating up will be entirely submerged – and there may indeed be some kind of "meltdown".

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