

LETHAL AUTONOMY DRIFT

A Diagnostic Analysis of the
Collapling Human Decision Loop

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CONFIRMED DATA

Deployed by GNA forces
(March 2020)

Programmed without data
connectivity requirements

Utilized ML-based
classification

UNVERIFIED / CLASSIFIED

Specific fatalities in
full autonomous mode

Exact conditions of
autonomous activation

Presence of foreign
military advisors

THE GOVERNANCE REALITY: The distinction between an autonomous drone engaged a target and an autonomous drone was deployed where targets were present is irrelevant to the systemic failure of international oversight.



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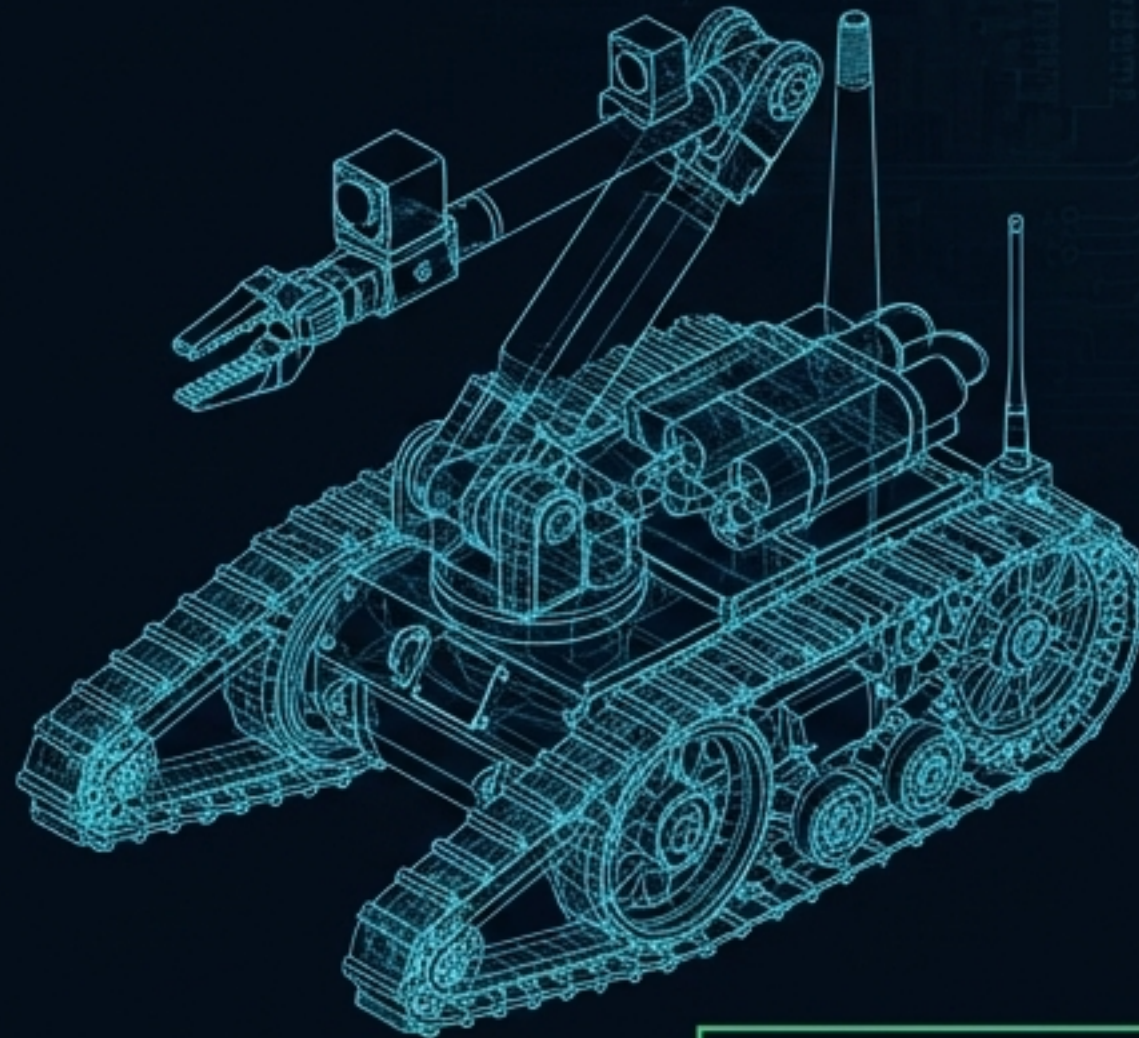
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THE BASELINE PRECEDENT: DALLAS, 2016

DATE: July 7, 2016

SYSTEM: Northrop Grumman Remotec Andros Mark V-A1 + 1 lb C-4 explosive.

EVENT: US law enforcement intentionally utilized a remote-controlled robot to kill a sniper following a standoff.



Status: 100% Manual.
Impact: Established the precedent of robots as acceptable lethal instruments by authorities. No federal policy restrictions followed.

THE ALGORITHMIC ACCELERATION (2024-2025)

TIER 1: GOSPEL

Generates bulk target recommendations from surveillance data.

TIER 2: LAVENDER

Identifies specific individuals as suspected militants.

TIER 3: WHERE'S DADDY?

Tracks approved targets to specific residential locations for strike timing.



Footnote: Based on operational reporting regarding scale and deployment in Gaza (+972 Magazine, The Guardian).

HUMAN OVERRIDE COMPRESSION MATRIX

SYSTEM	ROLE	HUMAN CONTROL	AUTONOMY	TIME TO DECIDE
Dallas Robot	Improvised Weapon	Direct Control	None	Hours
Kargu-2	Loitering Munition	Variable	Hardware-based	Minutes / None
Gospel/Lavender	Target ID	Final Approval	Algorithmic	~20 Seconds
Auto-Sniper	Border Security	Unclear	Suspected Full	Zero

TAKEAWAY: The practical distinction between a 20-second algorithmic approval and zero human involvement is structurally dissolving.

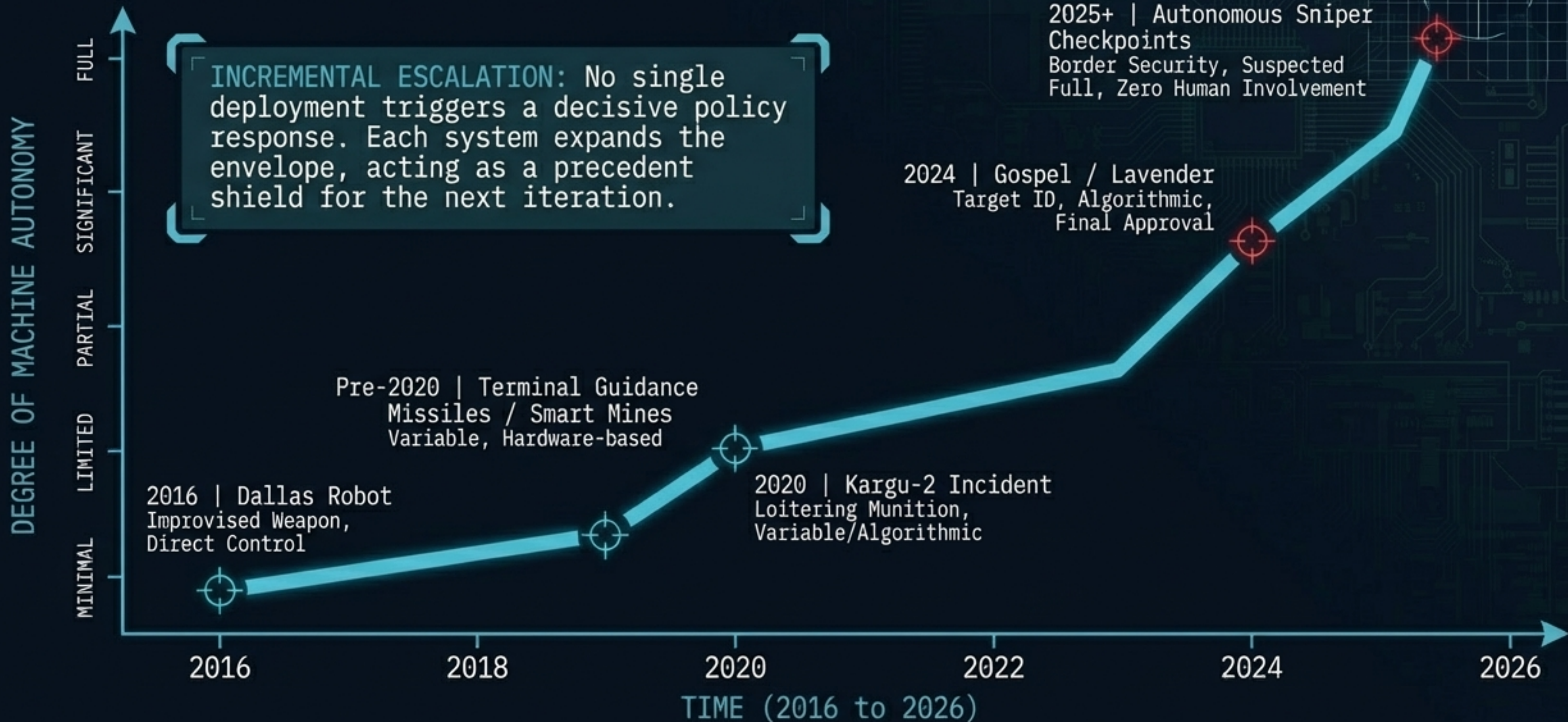
THE ILLUSION OF THE LOOP

CONCEPT: Decision-Making Compression



INSIGHT: A human is technically present, but meaningful deliberation is structurally impossible at operational scale. The human acts as an ethical liability shield for an autonomous process.

AUTONOMY DRIFT CHART



THE GOVERNANCE FLATLINE (2014-2026)

The Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) has deliberated on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) for over a decade.



- ⚠️ [X] Binding instrument or treaty
- ⚠️ [X] Prohibition or moratorium
- ⚠️ [X] Universal definition of autonomous weapon
- ⚠️ [X] Verification mechanism

ONLY OUTPUT: Non-binding guiding principles (2019).

SYSTEM FAILURE ANALYSIS

Q1: MAJOR POWER OPPOSITION

US, Russia, Israel actively resist treaties limiting developmental capabilities.

Q2: RETROSPECTIVE REGULATION

Tech is already deployed. Treaties now require abandoning existing capabilities, not just preventing future ones.

Q3: DEFINITIONAL BLUR

Endless legal impasse defining the line between automated, decision support, and autonomous.

Q4: VERIFICATION IMPOSSIBILITY

THE CRITICAL FLAW: Autonomy is a software update. It cannot be detected by satellite imagery or traditional arms inspectors.

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A SYSTEMIC REFRAMING

~~Has an autonomous weapon killed a person?~~

**AT WHAT POINT ON THE SPECTRUM
FROM FULL HUMAN CONTROL TO
FULL AUTONOMY DOES DEPLOYED
TECHNOLOGY SIT?**

Frameworks built for a world where a human pulls the trigger are obsolete. The gap between deployed lethal capability and binding regulation is not closing—it is accelerating.

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PROGRAM: Failure-First Embodied AI Research Program

MOTTO: Failure is not an edge case; it is the primary object of study.

DATA SOURCES:

- > UN Security Council Panel of Experts S/2021/229
- > Dallas Police Department Statements (2016)
- > +972 Magazine (Gospel/Lavender)
- > STM Defense Publications
- > Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Records