



The Quest for Intelligence

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What is the Quest?

The Quest aims to advance two fundamental intelligence challenges:

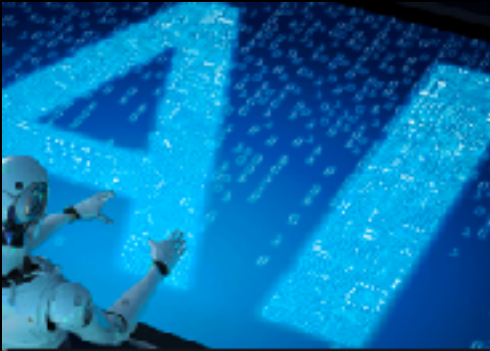
- To reverse engineer intelligence
- Deploy our current and expanding understanding of intelligence to the benefit of society

The Quest is one of the “intelligence” research arms of the MIT Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing

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Developing Talent

Undergraduate Students



Students fluent in computing and a second discipline will keep pace with rapid advances in AI and their chosen field

Masters Students



Software engineers trained in a specific domain will have the skills to meet industry's evolving demands

Graduate Students



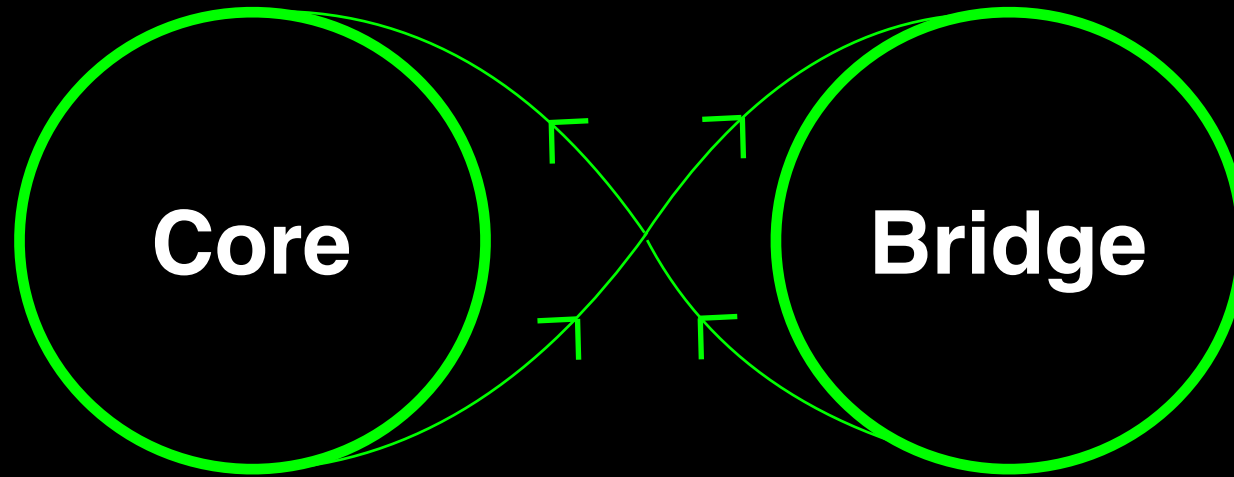
A new breed of multi-disciplinary thinkers will help to advance our understanding of intelligence systems

Scientists



The AI leaders of tomorrow who will create the next generation of tools and breakthroughs

What is the Quest?



Advance the science and engineering of intelligence

Cognitive and social sciences, biology, neuroscience, chemistry, physics etc inspired machine-learning algorithms and insights

Implement the newest intelligence techniques

Intelligence technologies, tools, platforms, and infrastructure (data sets, technical support, specialized software and hardware)

The Development of AI

Narrow AI

Big data
Pattern analysis
Single task
Offline decision

Emerging AI

Multi-tasks
Online prediction
Intelligence at the edge
Reinforcement learning
Transferability
Replicability
Parallelism

Human-level AI

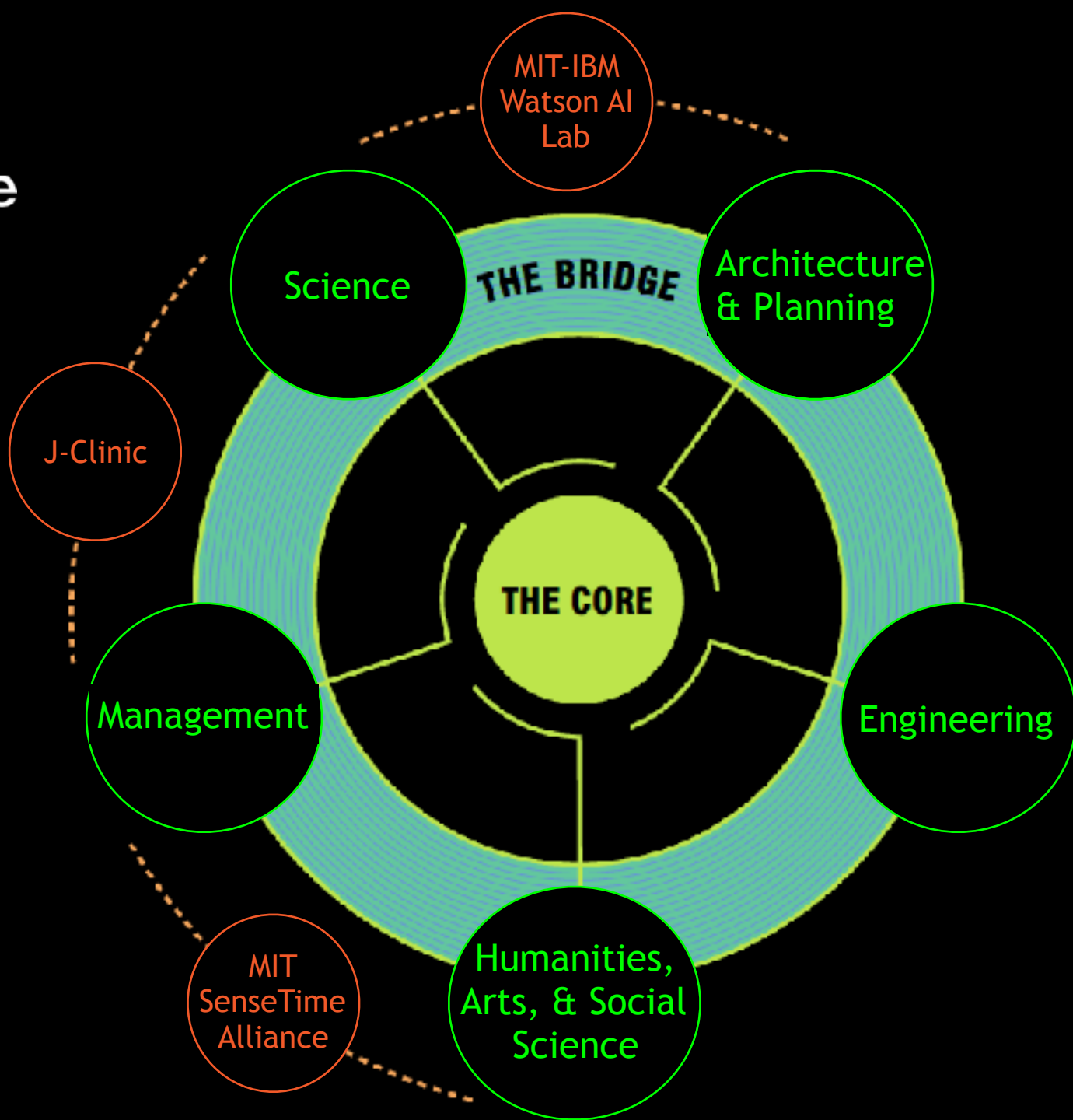
Cognitive Flexibility
Continuous learning
Common sense
Intuition
Ethical overlay
Adaptability
Collaboration
Theory of Mind

1980

2012

We are entering Emerging AI







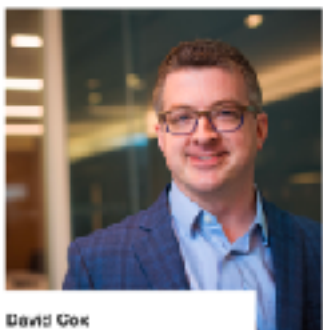
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A collaborative industrial-academic laboratory focused on advancing fundamental AI research.

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- 50 Research teams funded
- 60 MIT Principal Investigators
- 23 MIT Departments/Centers

Leadership team



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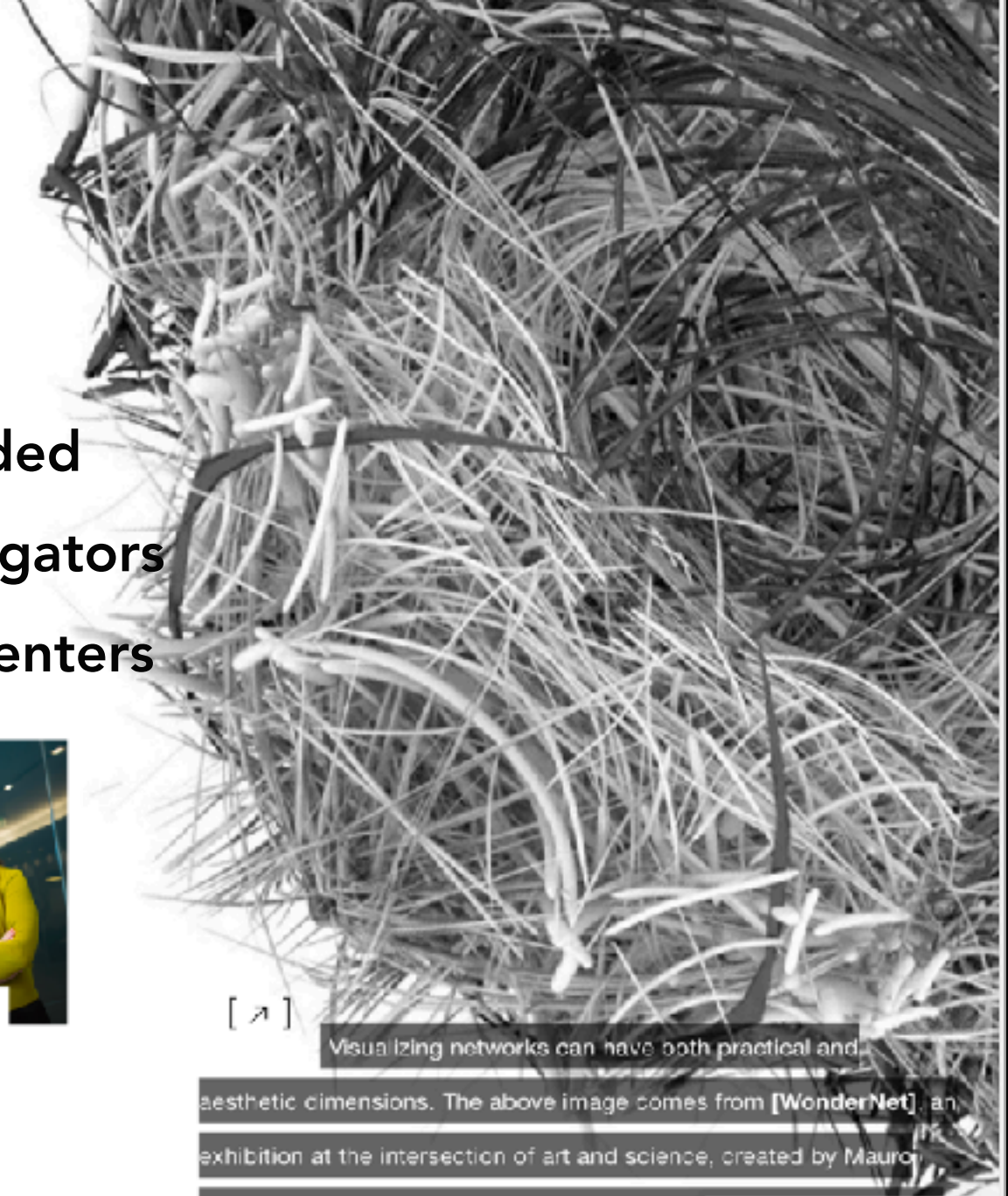
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Visualizing networks can have both practical and aesthetic dimensions. The above image comes from [WonderNet], an exhibition at the intersection of art and science, created by Mauro Martino, Head of the Visual AI Group in the MIT

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AI Algorithms



Applications to Industries

- Healthcare, FinTech,
- Cybersecurity, Manufacturing

“Four Pillars”



Physics of AI



AI for Shared Prosperity



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Propelling new machine learning applications from the lab to the marketplace

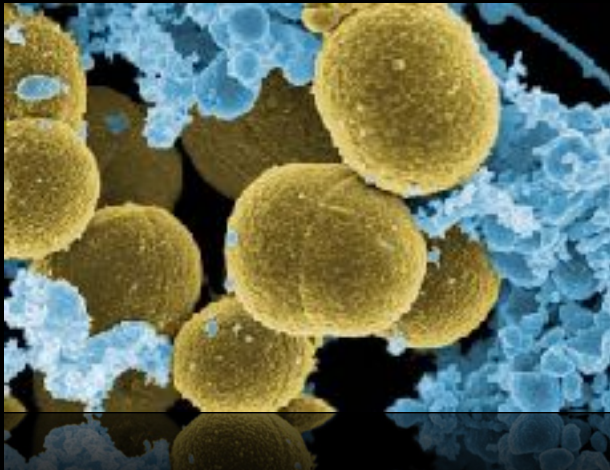
ABOUT **NEWS** **RESEARCH** **INNOVATION** **AFFILIATES**



The Abdul Latif Jameel Clinic for Machine Learning in Health at MIT aims to revolutionize disease prevention, detection, and treatment.

Preventative Medicines

Creating preventative medicine methods and technologies that can stop non-infectious disease in its tracks



Cost-Effective Diagnostics

Developing cost-effective diagnostic tests using wearables and wireless biosensors to detect and alleviate health problems

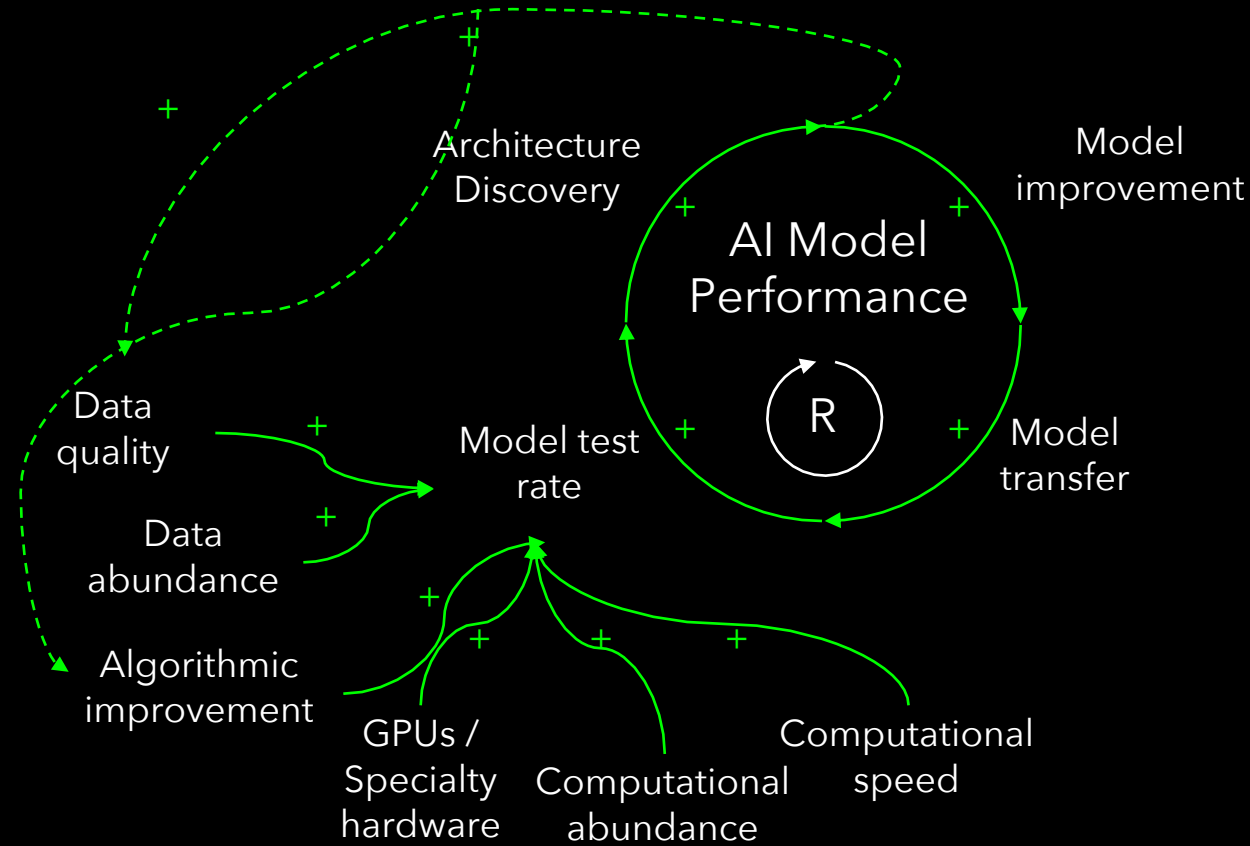


Drug Discovery and Development

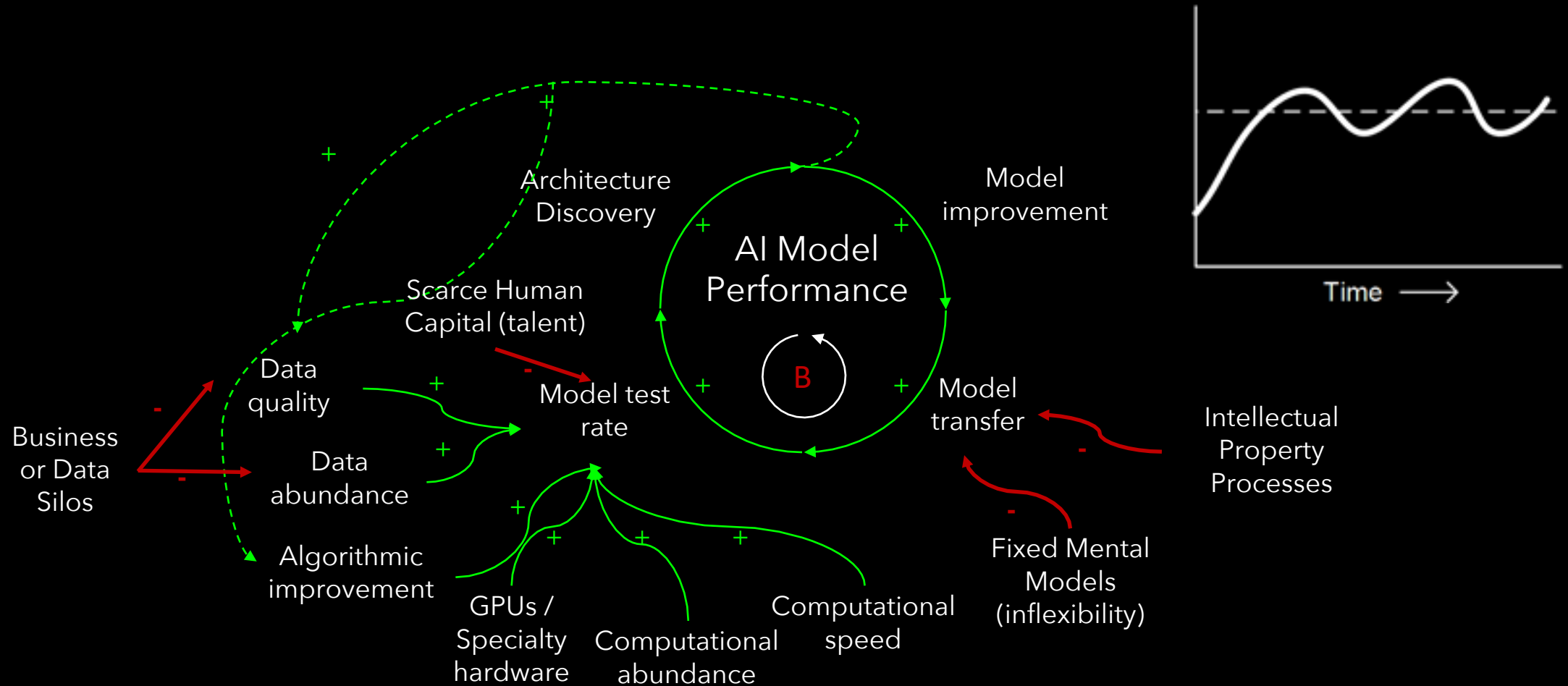
Discovering and developing new pharmaceuticals that can be tailored to the individual patient



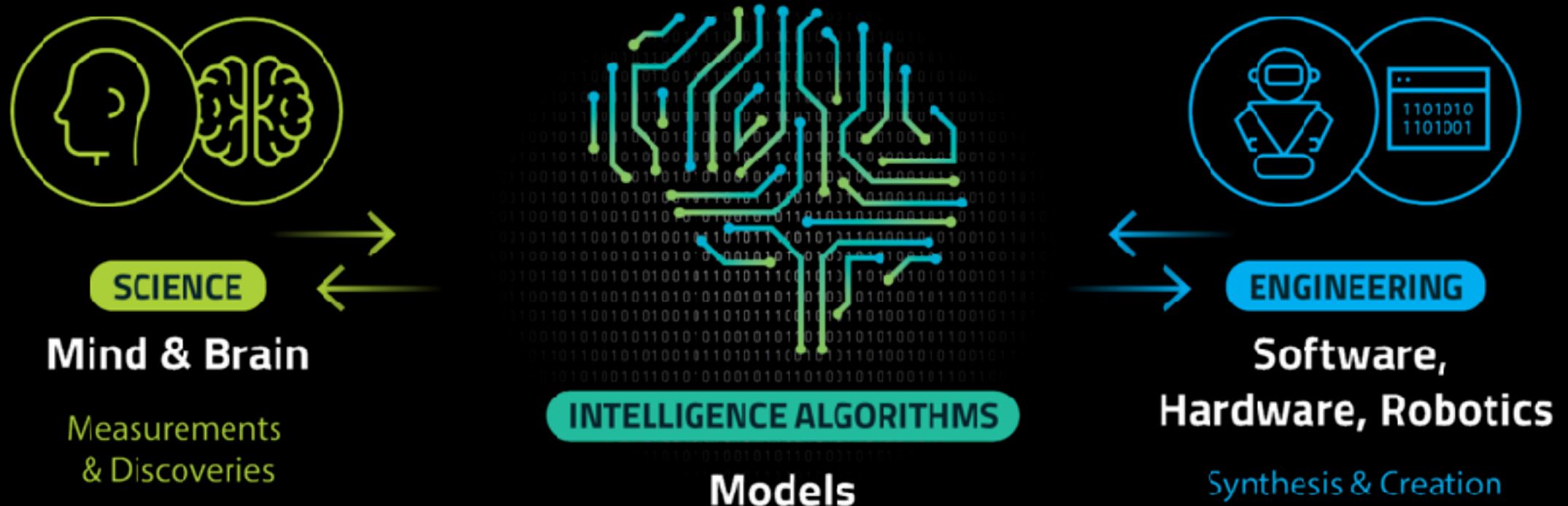
Promoters to AI success



Promoters and Barriers to AI success

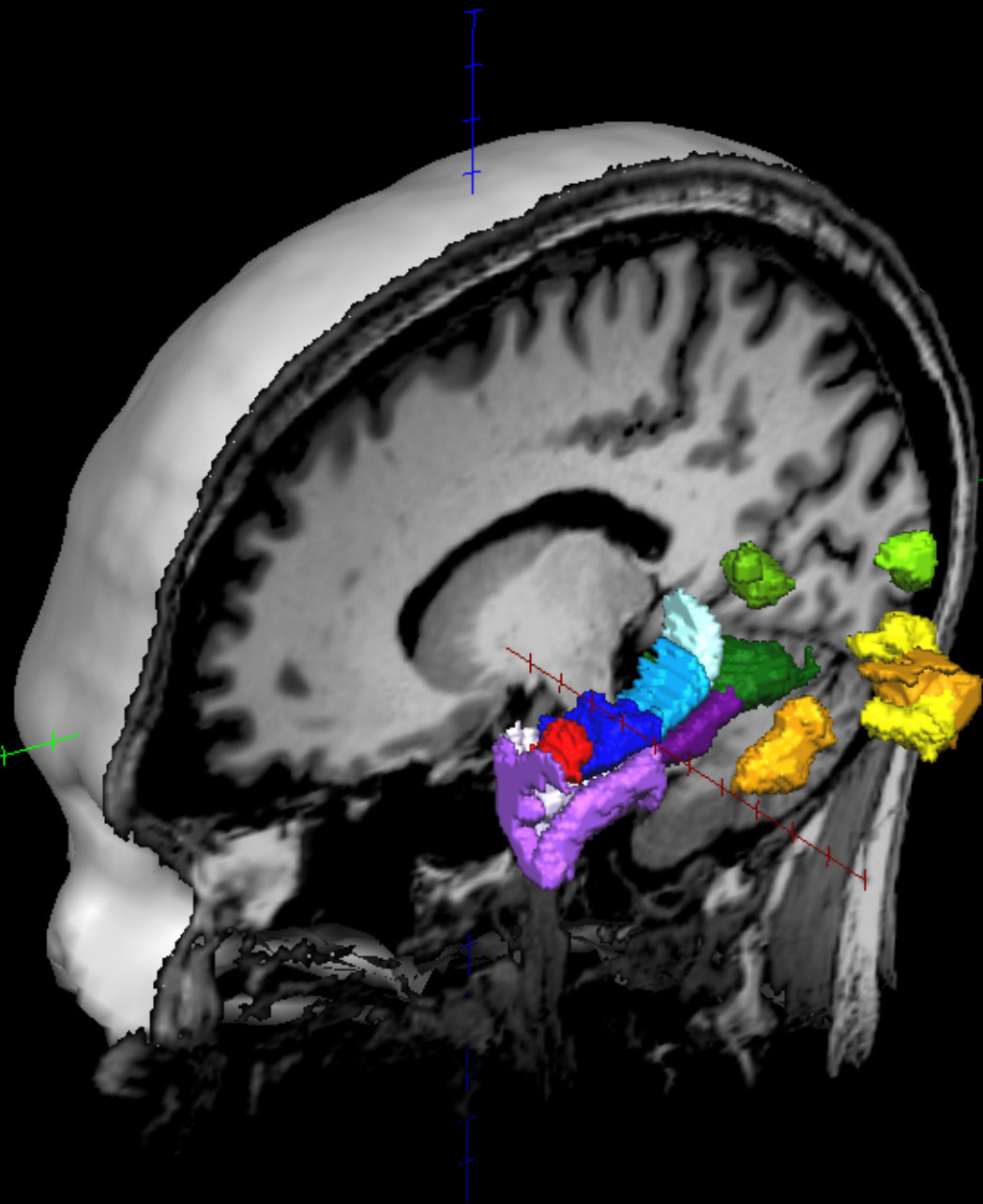
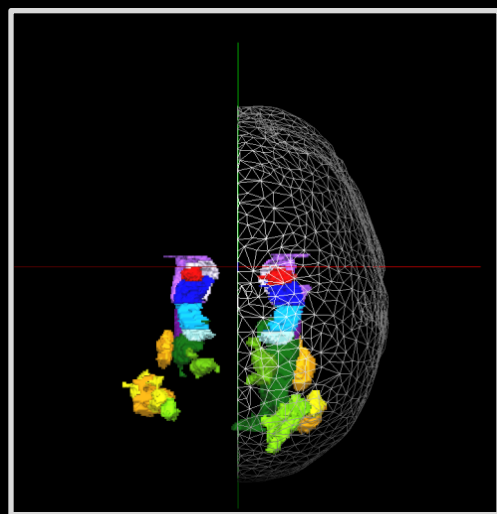
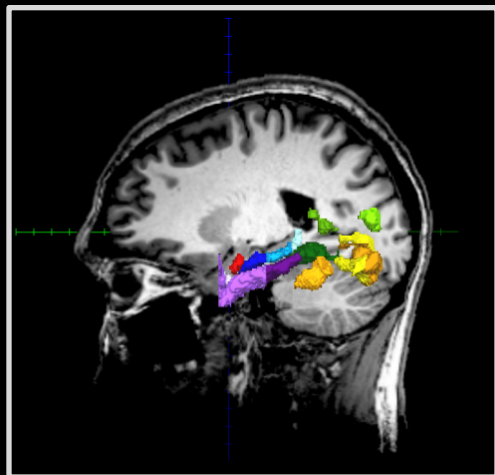


Vision for The Quest Core

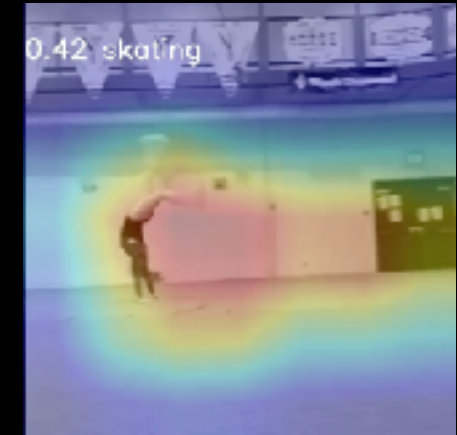


- Moonshot projects: team-driven bets on large, unsolved problems in intelligence
- Projects that MIT is well positioned to lead

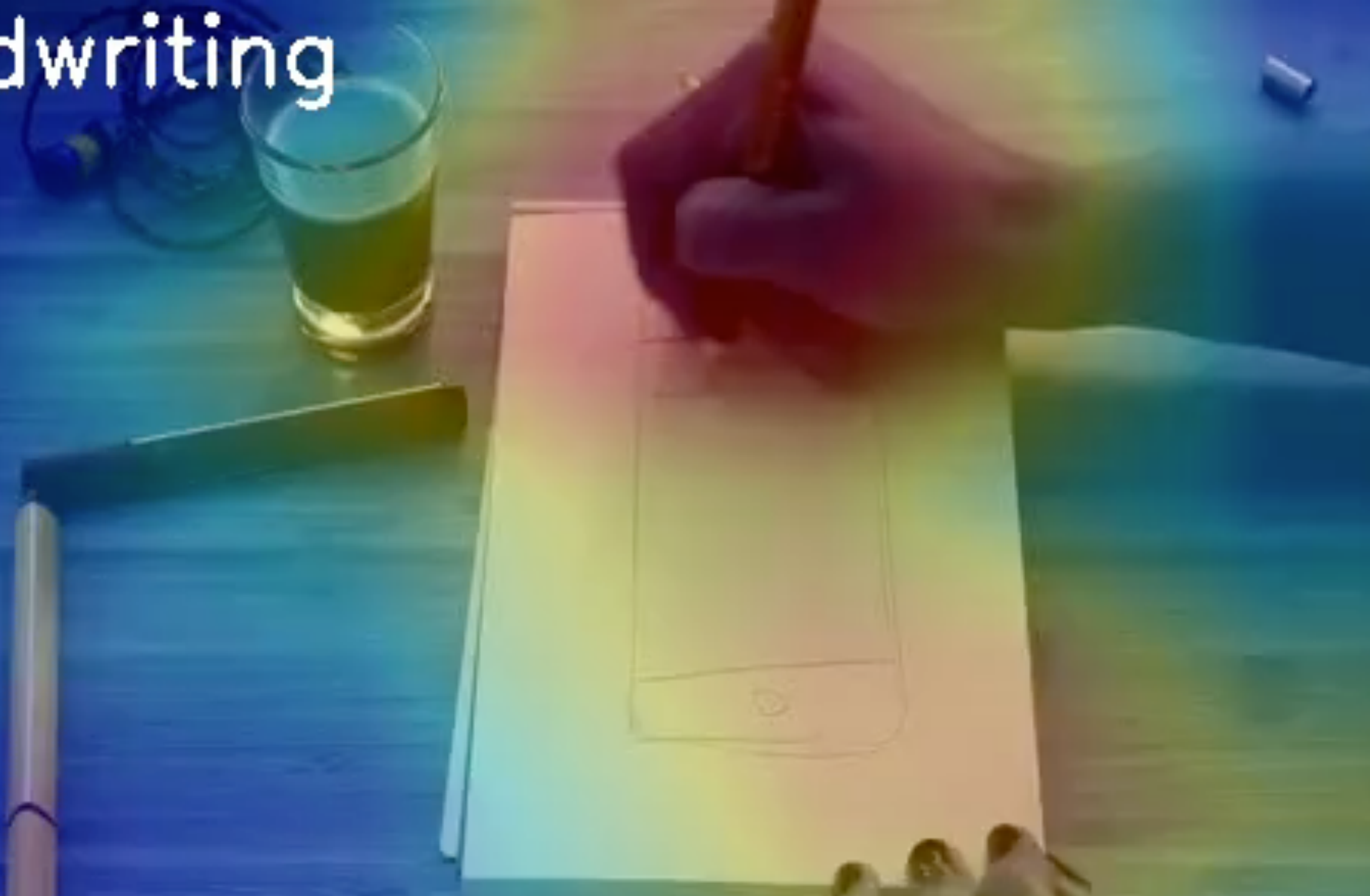
The Human Brain



Event Understanding: 1 2 3 Seconds



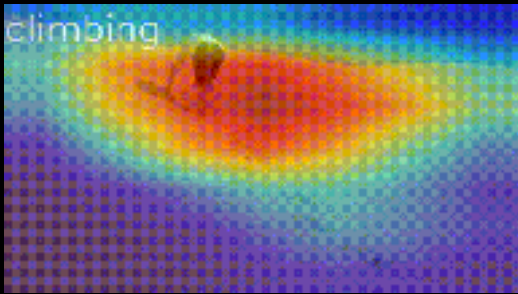
handwriting



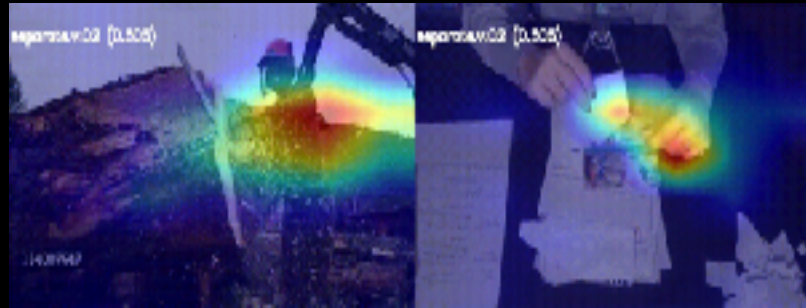
Visual Intelligence: Milestones

Visual systems with *common sense-like reasoning*

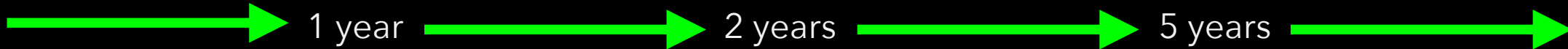
80 % Classification



Abstraction: "separate"



Common sense-like

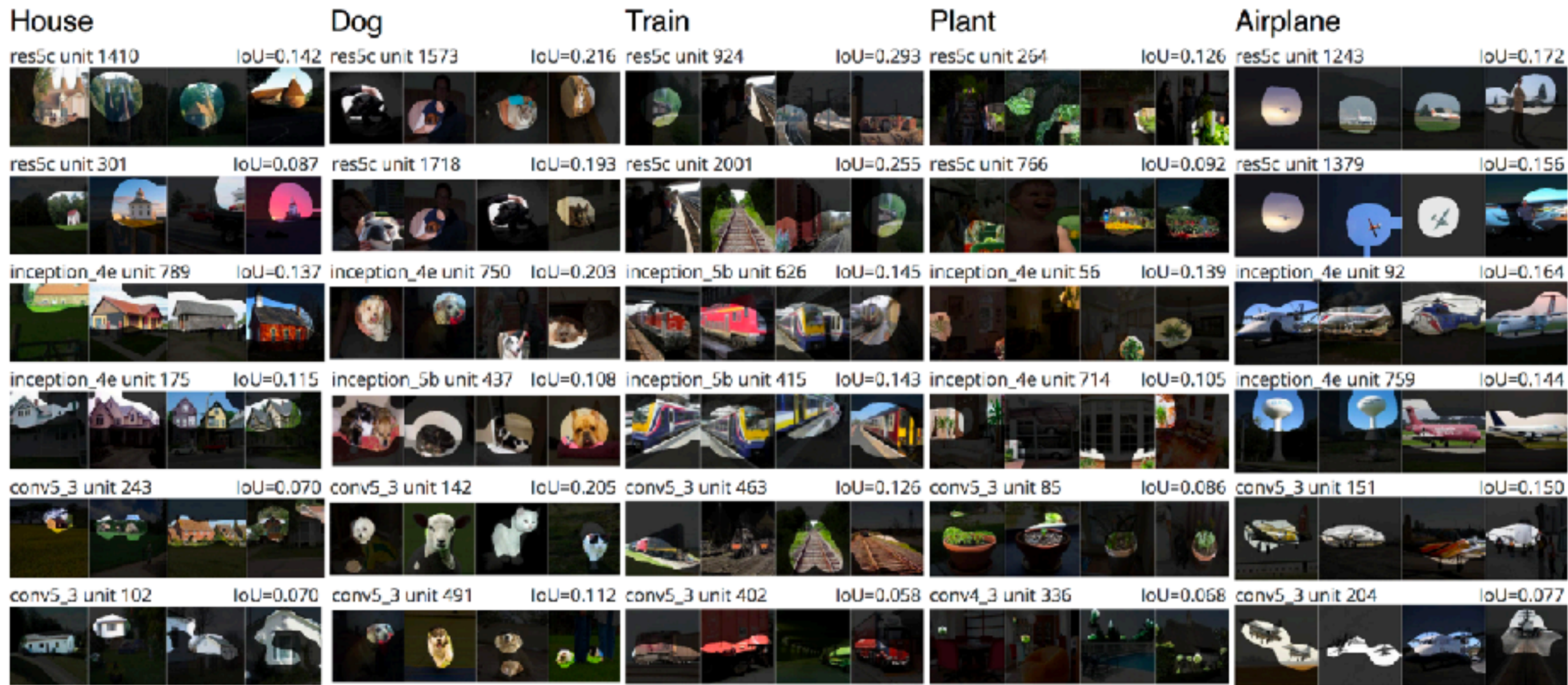


Recognition



Causality & Intention-like

Dissecting Artificial Networks



Selected units are shown from three state-of-the-art network architectures when trained to classify images of places ([places-365](#)). Many individual units respond to specific high-level concepts (object segmentations) that are not directly represented in the training set (scene classifications).

Interpretable AI

Systems which decisions are transparent, interpretable and explainable



Model Response: washing dishes

Correct label: brushing

Unit 1679
Bathroom

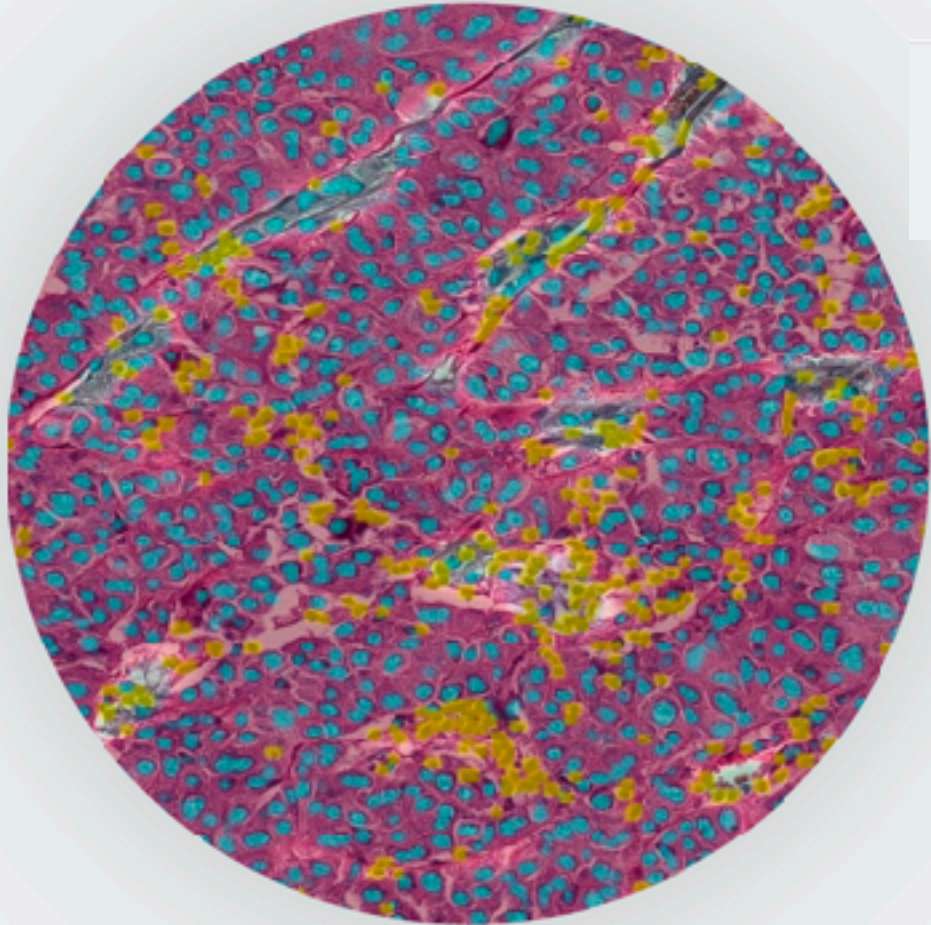
Unit 867
Kitchen

Unit 1749
House

Unit 795
Bathroom

Unit 1978
Person





Pathology Evolved.

Advanced learning toward faster,
more accurate diagnosis of disease.



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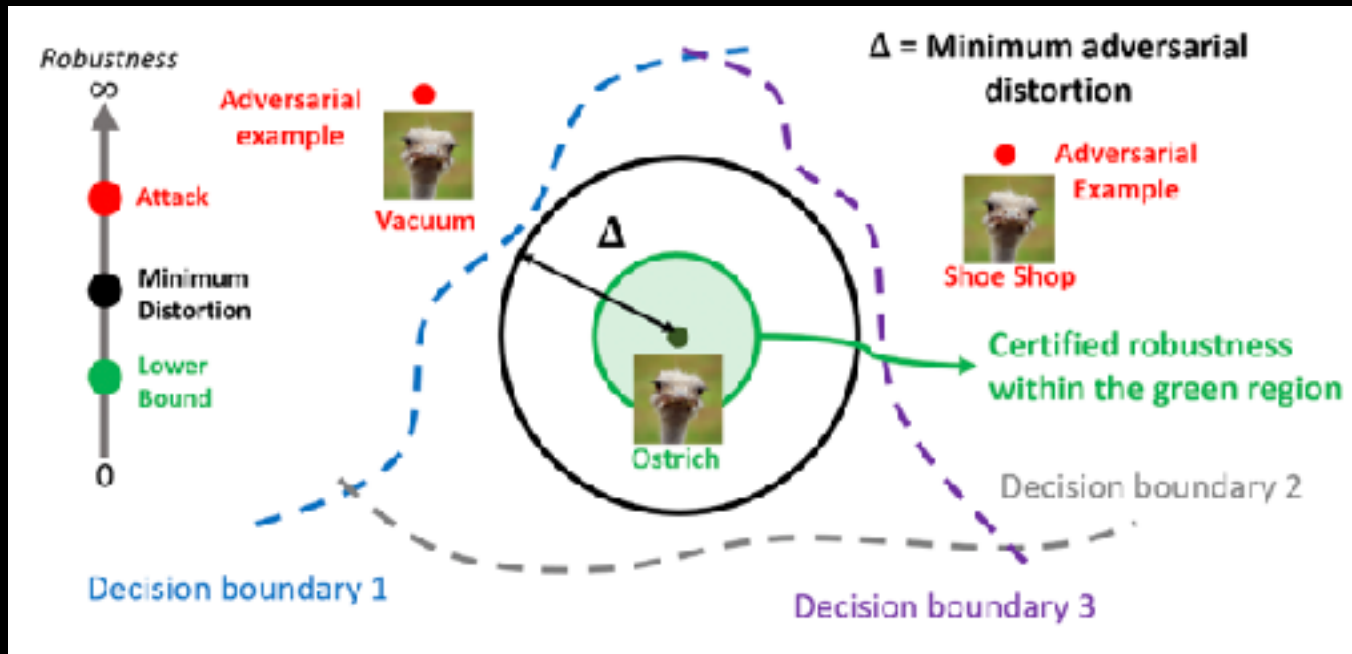
INTRODUCTION

Multi-sensory AI: Seeing with Wireless Signals



Robust AI: Safety & Security

Systems which are immune to **adversarial machine learning** (adversarial attacks)



Goal: Providing certified robustness evaluation to AI systems

bagel + black-box attack = grand piano

White-box setting: Adversarial noise computed using full model knowledge.

Is it possible to attack **Black-Box** ML models?

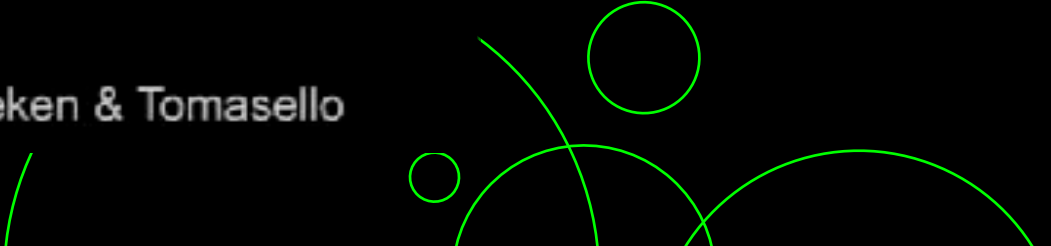
Image → ML system → Prediction

Yes! But requires a lot of queries.

Moonshot: Growing Intelligence



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Josh Tenenbaum lead

Moonshot: Collective Intelligence

Kinds of intelligence:



Human



Computer



Collective

**Groups of individuals acting collectively
in ways that seem intelligent**

Collective Intelligence: 3 Moonshots

Superintelligent human-computer groups

Can we create human-computer groups that are at least 10 times as effective as typical groups today?

Faculty leads:
Thomas Malone, Daniela Rus.

Decisions with highly polarized groups

How can new computer tools or ways of dealing with human thoughts and emotions increase the acceptability of group decisions outcomes for all?

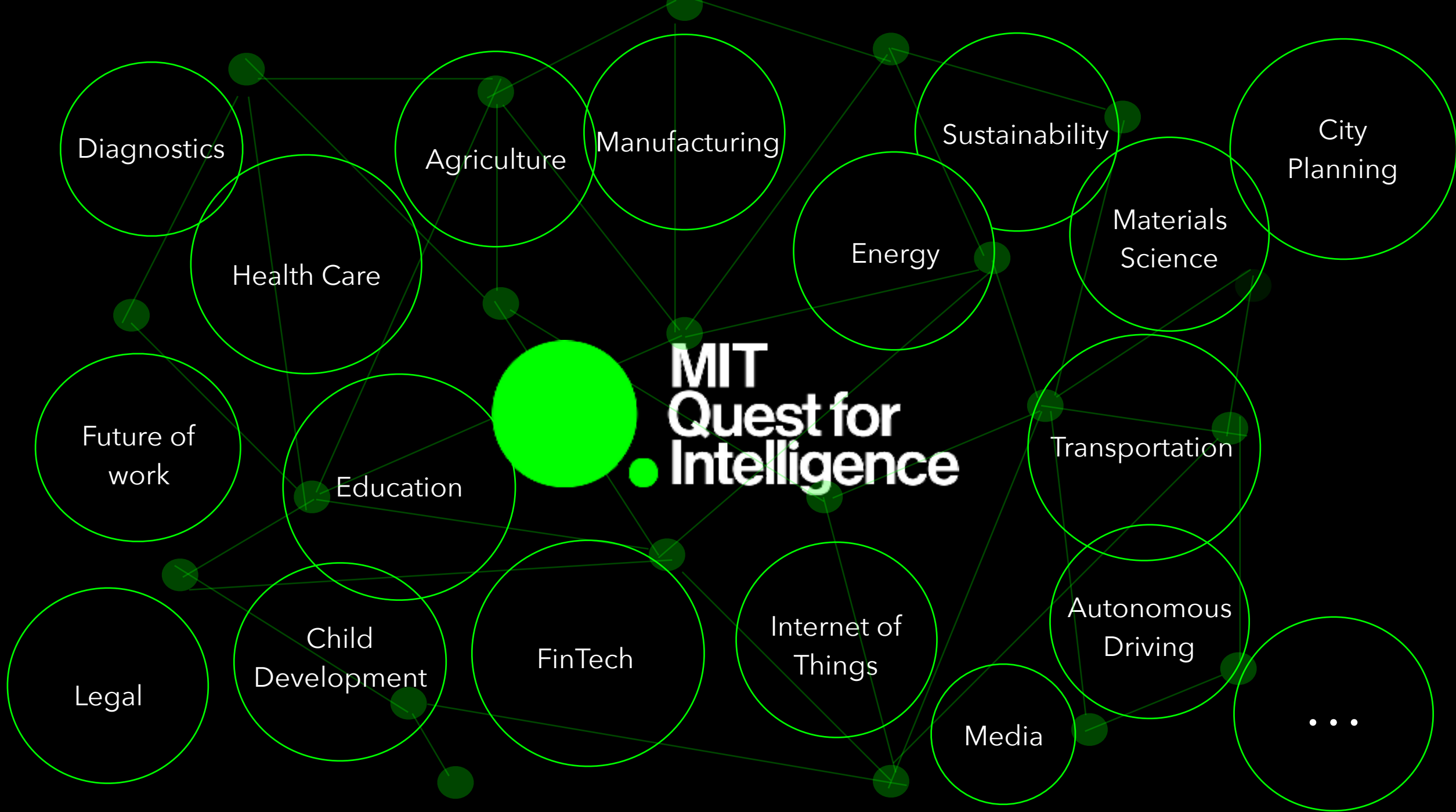
Faculty leads:
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A new way of doing science

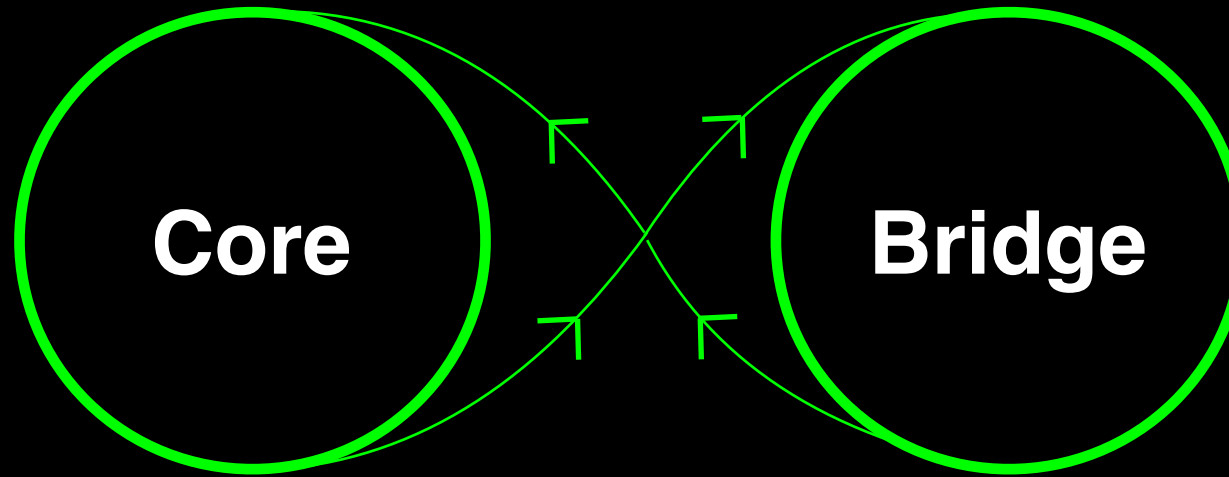
How can we accelerate scientific progress? How can we improve the peer review process?

Faculty lead:
Drazen Prelec.





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Current Issues and Challenges in AI

- Lack of accessibility
- Lack of resources
- Lack of expertise in tools
- Lack of reproducibility



Bridge: AI Platforms - Tools - Services

Data



Develop new tools to collect and curate massive amounts of data

Hardware



Create more powerful hardware to model richer and more complex phenomena

Software



Build software that is robust, intuitive to use and will integrate seamlessly labs, classrooms, businesses and beyond

People

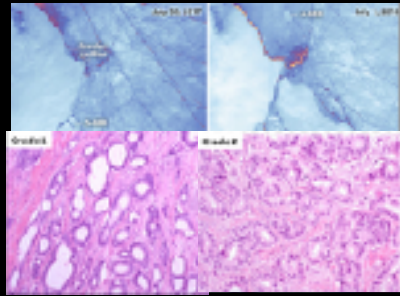


Consulting Team
& Ethical Team

- Academic
- Industry
- Developers
- Users

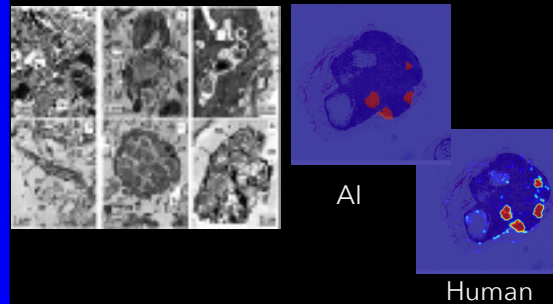
Bridge: AI Platforms - Tools - Services

Classification



Iceberg states to monitor environment, cancer types

Localization



Localization of structures
Lesions

Detection



Detection of outliers, anomalies
(cyber threat detection)

Recognition



Identification of
phenomenon, activity

Prediction



Predicting outcomes
of a process (i.e chemical),
forecasting financial risks

Ranking



Identifying disease genes
from gene expression data

Recommendation



Recommendation engines

Reinforcement Learning



Control optimization,
Continuous learning of
of a state

The Bridge Product and Services: AI Platform



A standardized platform with new tools for researchers to use and validate the work of others; A place to store, access, and share datasets with other scientists.

AI development of organic workflows that evolve continuously and allow researchers to run their problem on a specified compute or storage platform.

AI best-practice guides which include an overview of relevant ethical issues

Implementation of Trustworthy and Robust AI

Early design phase requirements with technical and non-technical methods

- Requirements

- Accountability
- Data governance
- Design for all, including design for vulnerable population
- Governance of AI autonomy (human oversight)
- Non-discrimination
- Robustness, Safety, Transparency, Care
- Respect for human autonomy, privacy

- Traceability of AI

- Define systems capabilities
- Define system limitations
- Define realistic expectations of stakeholders
- Define the scope of transparency use and misuse
- Communicate and document trade-offs between requirements

- Auditability of AI

- Define how the system explains its decision
- Visualization of internal decisions
- Define specific measures for critical context and situations
- Allow tracing individual decisions to each of the various inputs-outputs

Discovery



Exposure to emerging trends, technologies and talent in intelligence

Exploratory



Multiply the impact of Discovery membership with research

Visionary



Exponentially expand Exploratory membership with a long-term research vision

AI Workflow Steps: Visual Intelligence



DEPLOYMENT

CLASSROOM

OPEN-SOURCE

RISK PREDICTION

Multi-sensors AI

SELF-DRIVING

SPORTS/MEDIA

BRIDGE

Open-source code

Open-platform

Interactive Computing

Cloud-base

Organic AI

Life-long learning

Trustworthy

Ethical deployment

GROUND

DATA

1 million labels

1 million videos

ALGORITHMS

Architectures

Optimization

INTERPRETABILITY

Visualization

Interpretability

PERFORMANCES

Recognition

75 % correct