



Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

COSC 4550 / COSC 5550

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Why study artificial intelligence?

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why are you here?

Introductions

What are your experiences with AI?

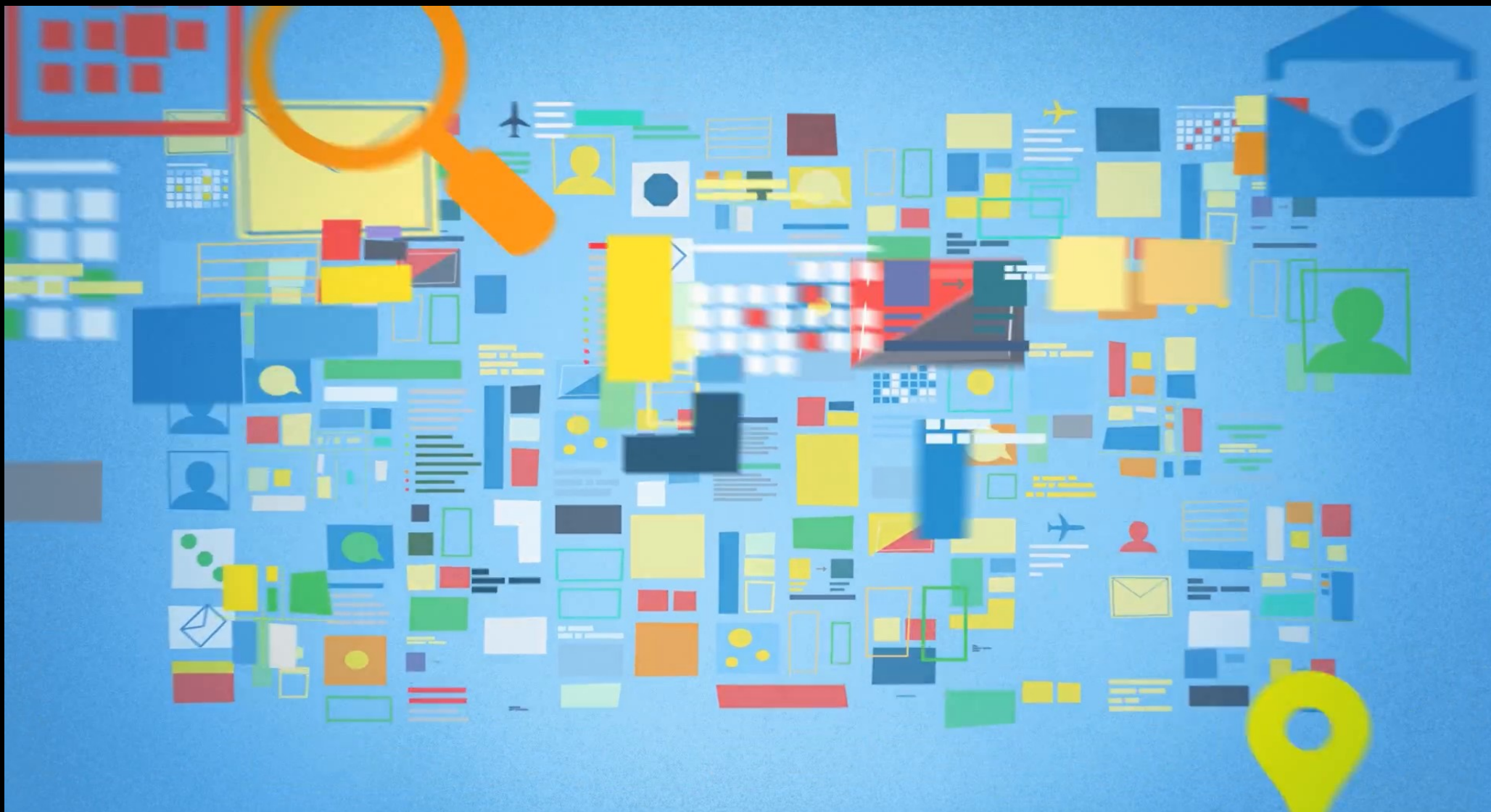
Why are you interested in AI?

One interesting fun-fact

Why study artificial intelligence?

applications...



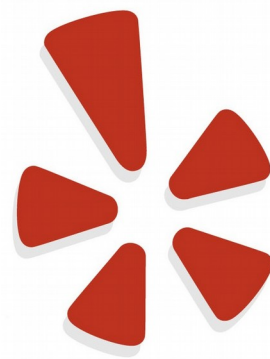


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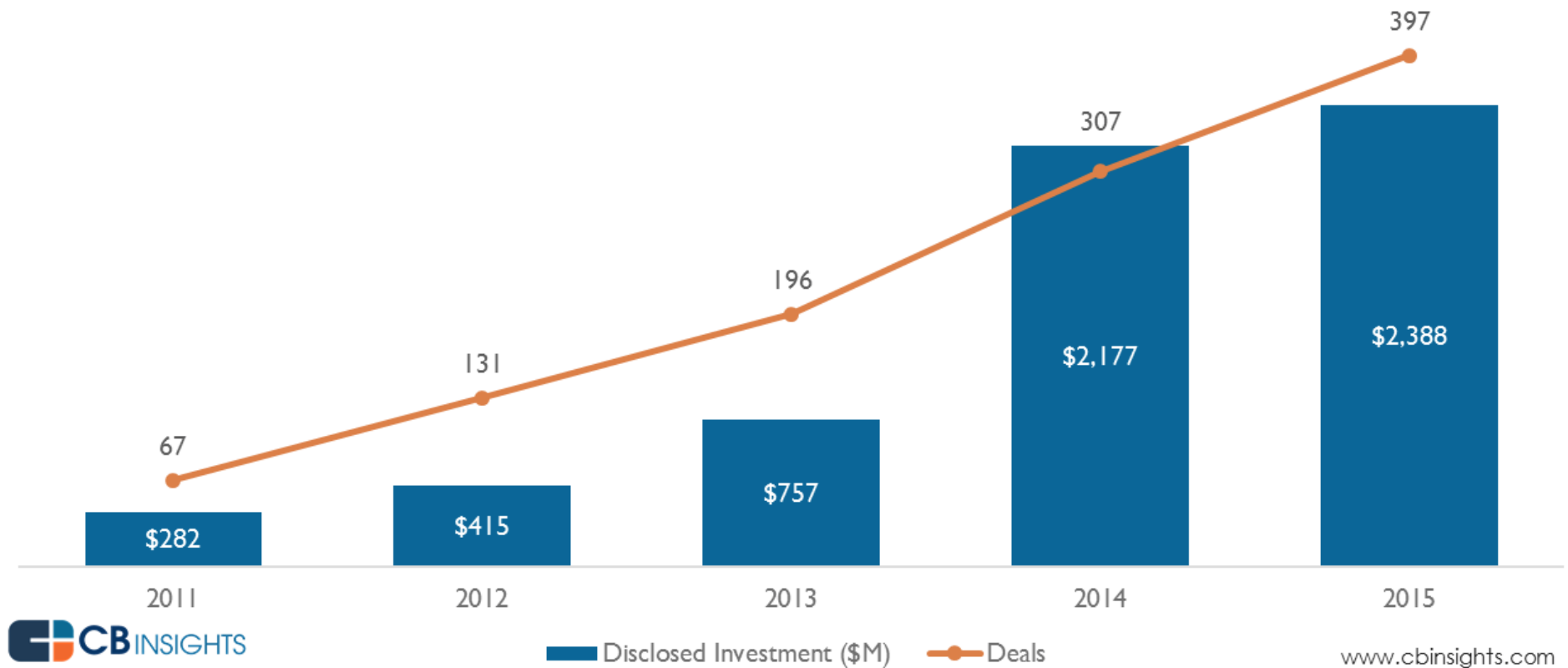


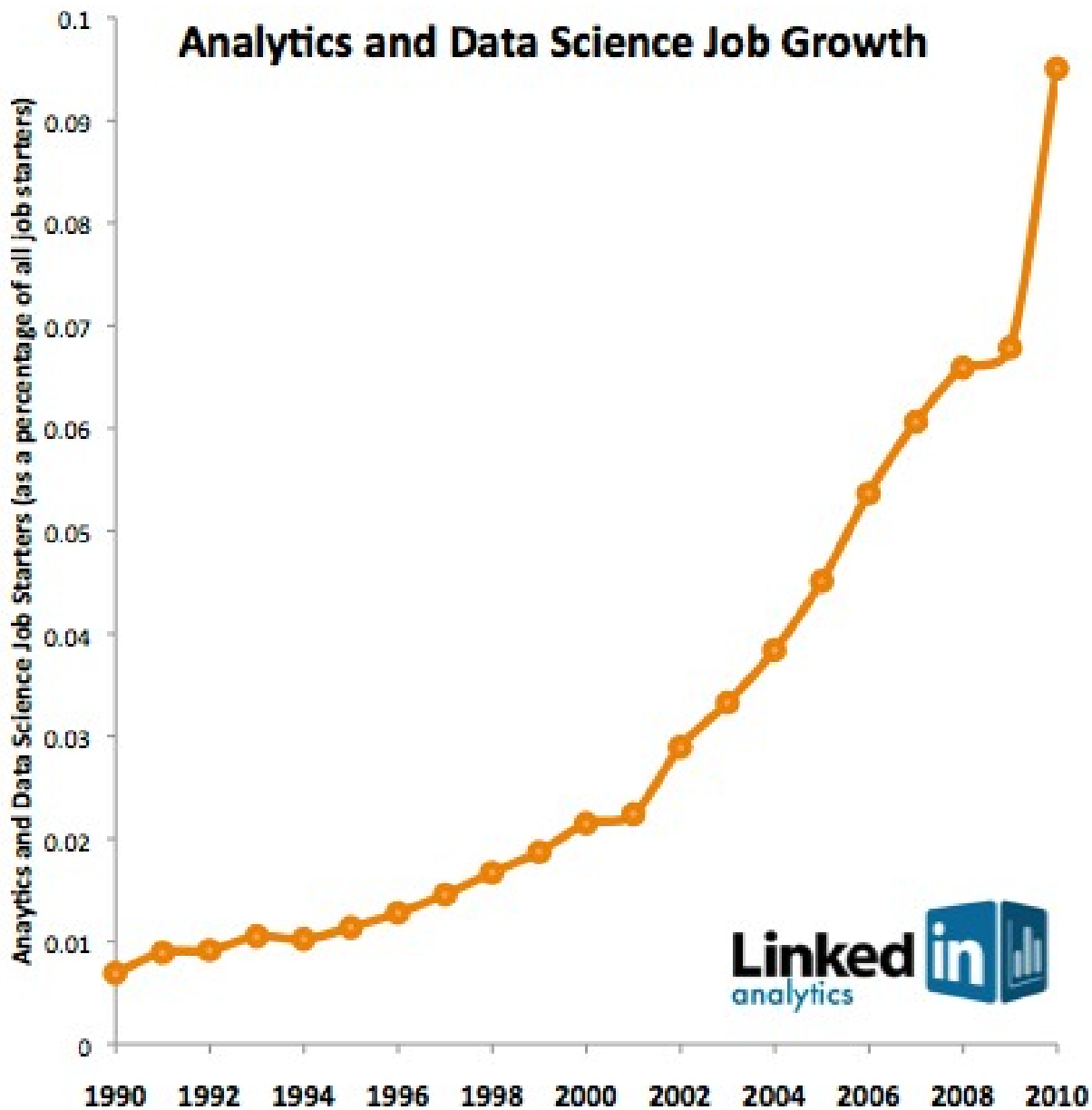
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Why study artificial intelligence?

jobs...

AI Landscape: Global Yearly Financing History 2011-2015





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"Data Scientist" Job Trends

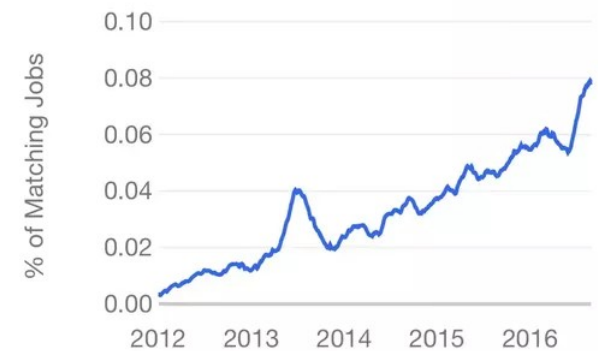
"Data Scientist" ×

+ Add Term

Find Trends

Scale: **Absolute** | Relative

Job Postings ^



Machine Learning Scientist Salaries

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21 Salaries

Updated Jul 18, 2017

National Avg

\$122,194

Min

\$95k

Max

\$135k



Machine Learning Scientist

Amazon

14 salaries

\$131,115
per year



Machine Learning Scientist

Google

1 employee salary or estimate

About
\$135k - \$144k



Machine Learning Scientist

Theranos

2 salaries

About
\$93k - \$135k



Machine Learning Scientist

GE

1 employee salary or estimate

About
\$128k - \$138k



Machine Learning Scientist

Edmunds.com

1 employee salary or estimate

About
\$133k - \$141k



Machine Learning Scientist Salaries

glassdoor

21 Salaries

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National Avg

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Data Scientist Salaries

2,223 Salaries

Updated Aug 15, 2017

National Avg

\$113,436

Min

\$76k

Max

\$146k



Programmer Salaries

35,289 Salaries

Updated Aug 2, 2017

National Avg

\$65,806

Min

\$52k

Max

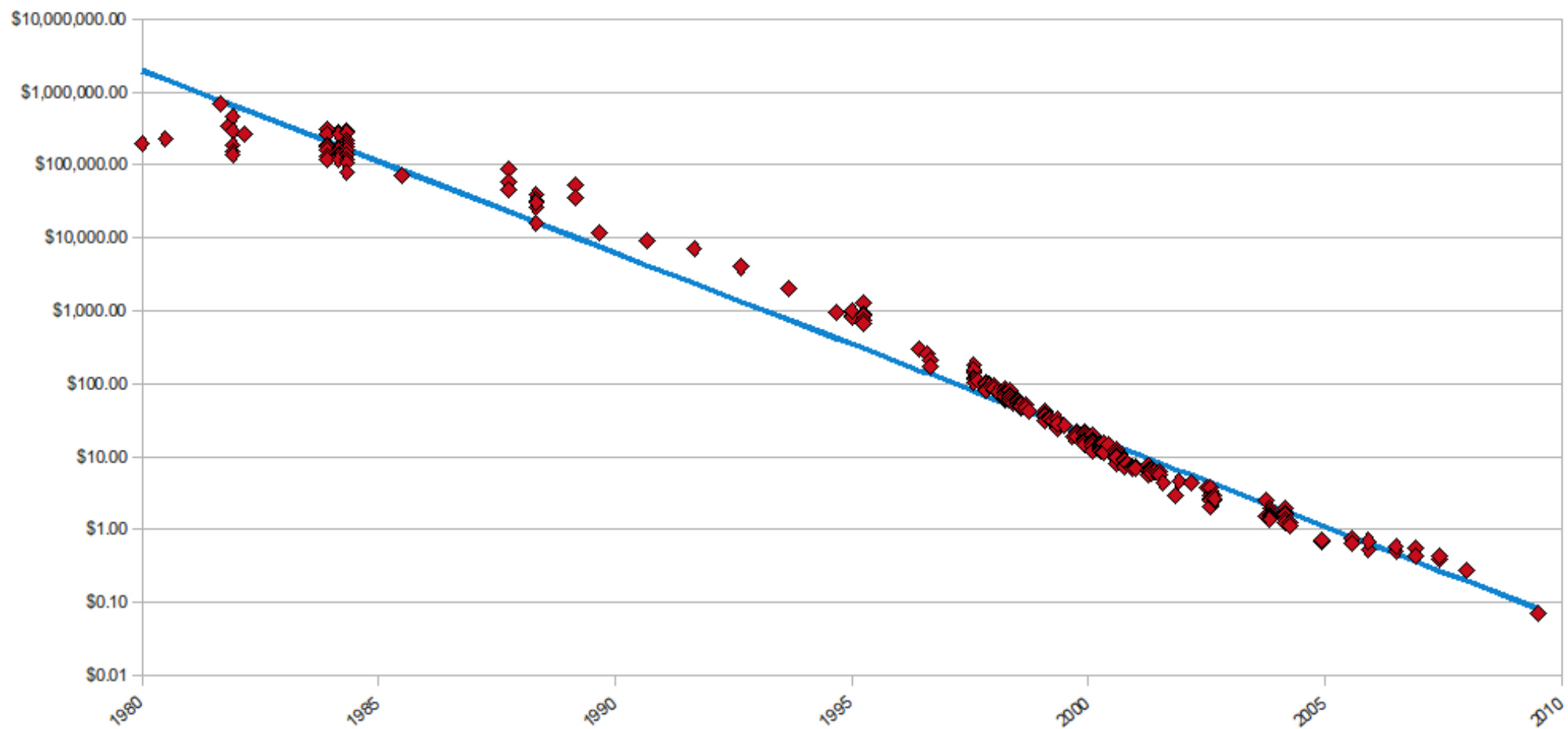
\$84k



Why study artificial intelligence?

why now?

Hard Drive Cost per Gigabyte
1980 - 2009



Backblaze Average Cost per Drive Size

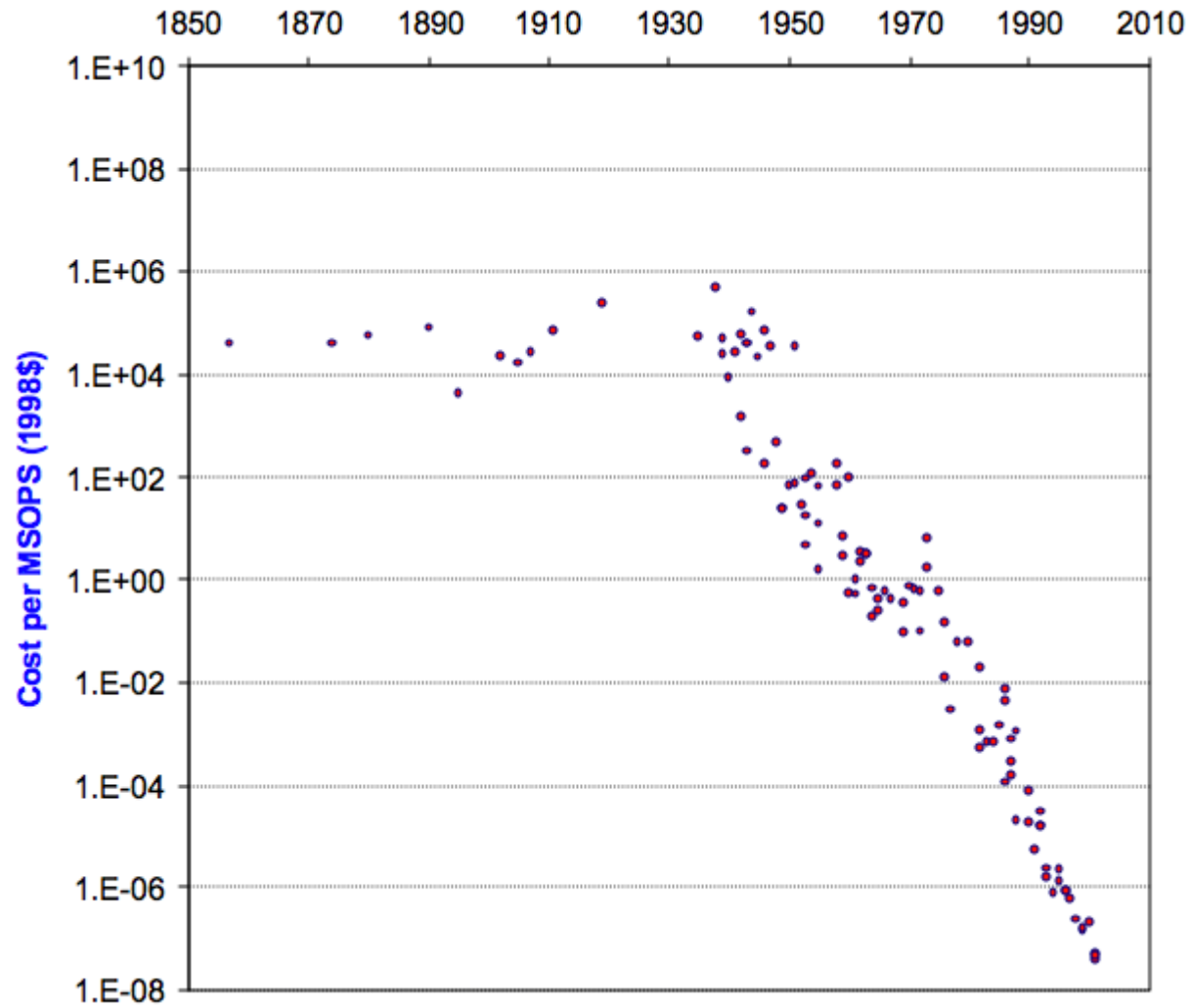
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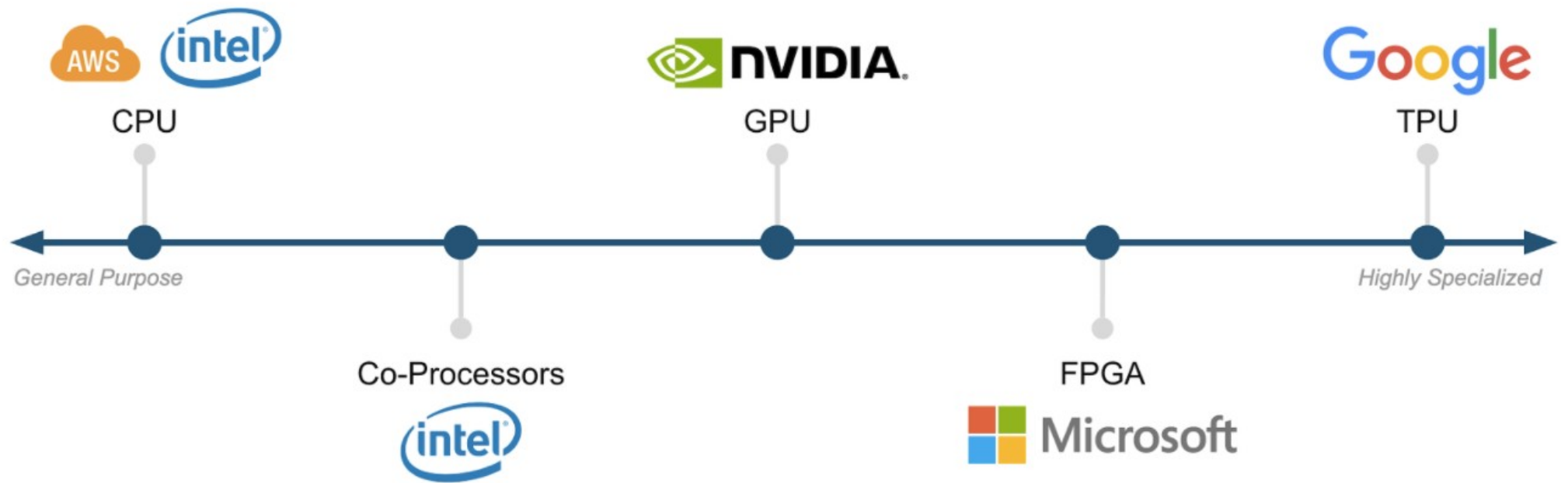




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The Cost of Computation





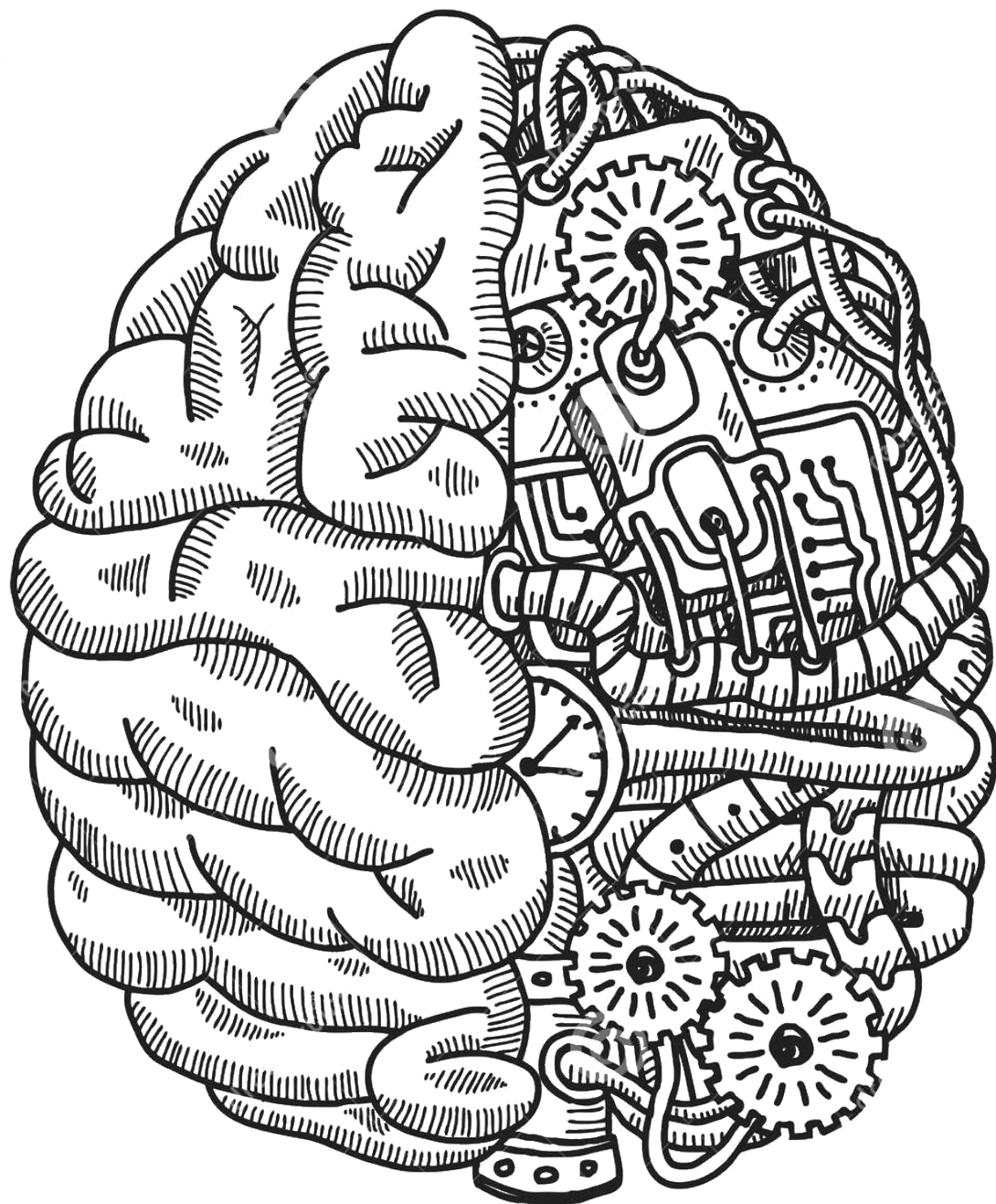


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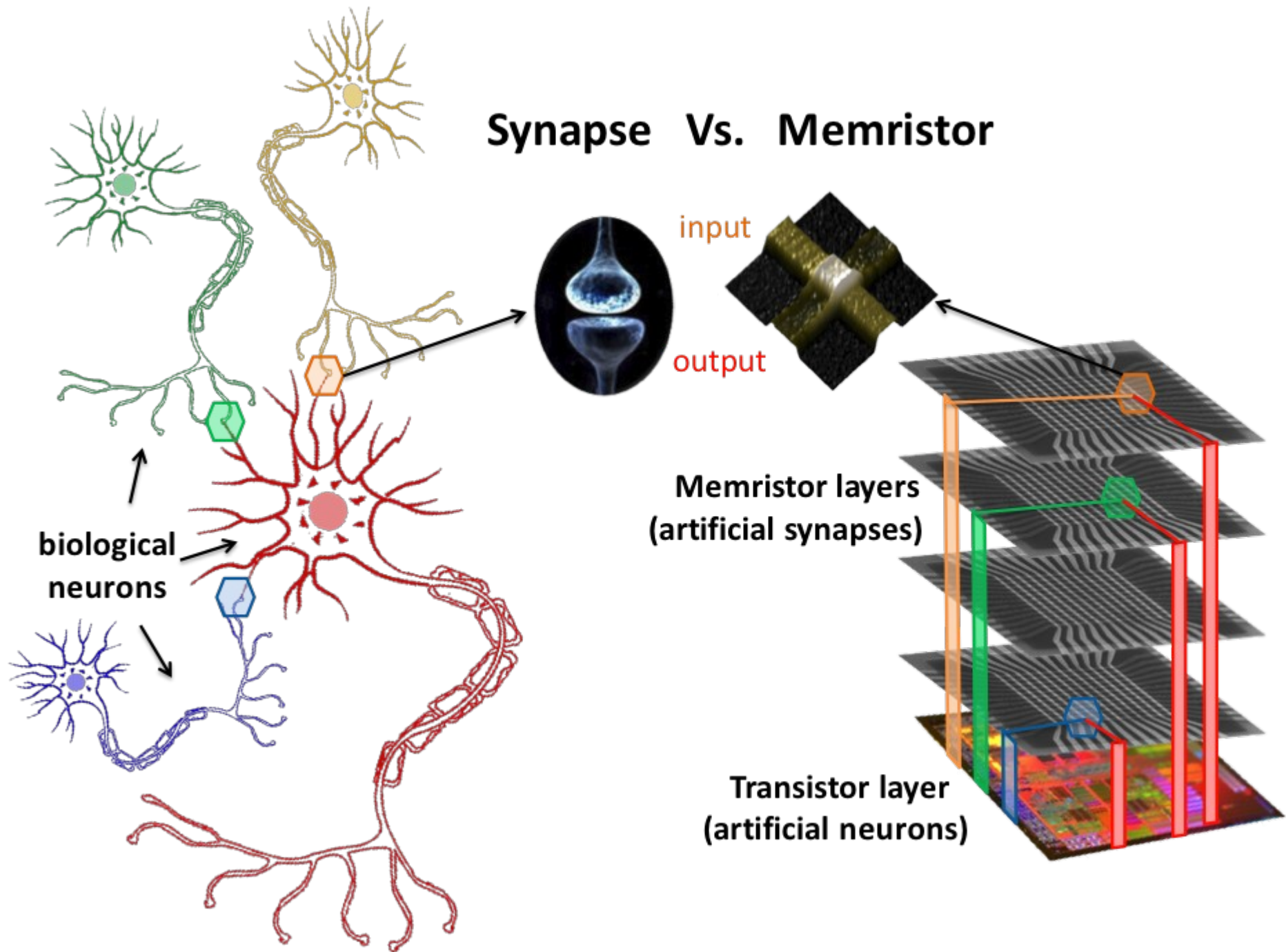
The Rise of Big Compute

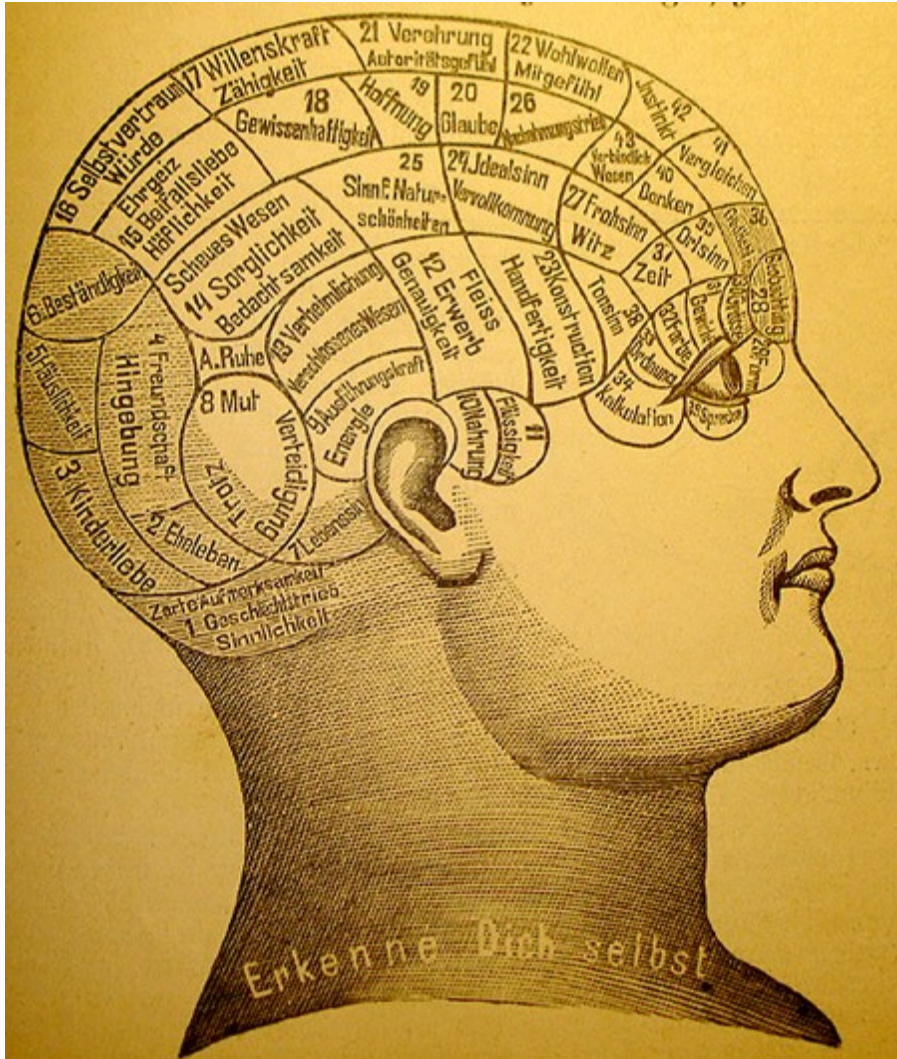
Why study artificial intelligence?

for understanding... science!



Synapse Vs. Memristor



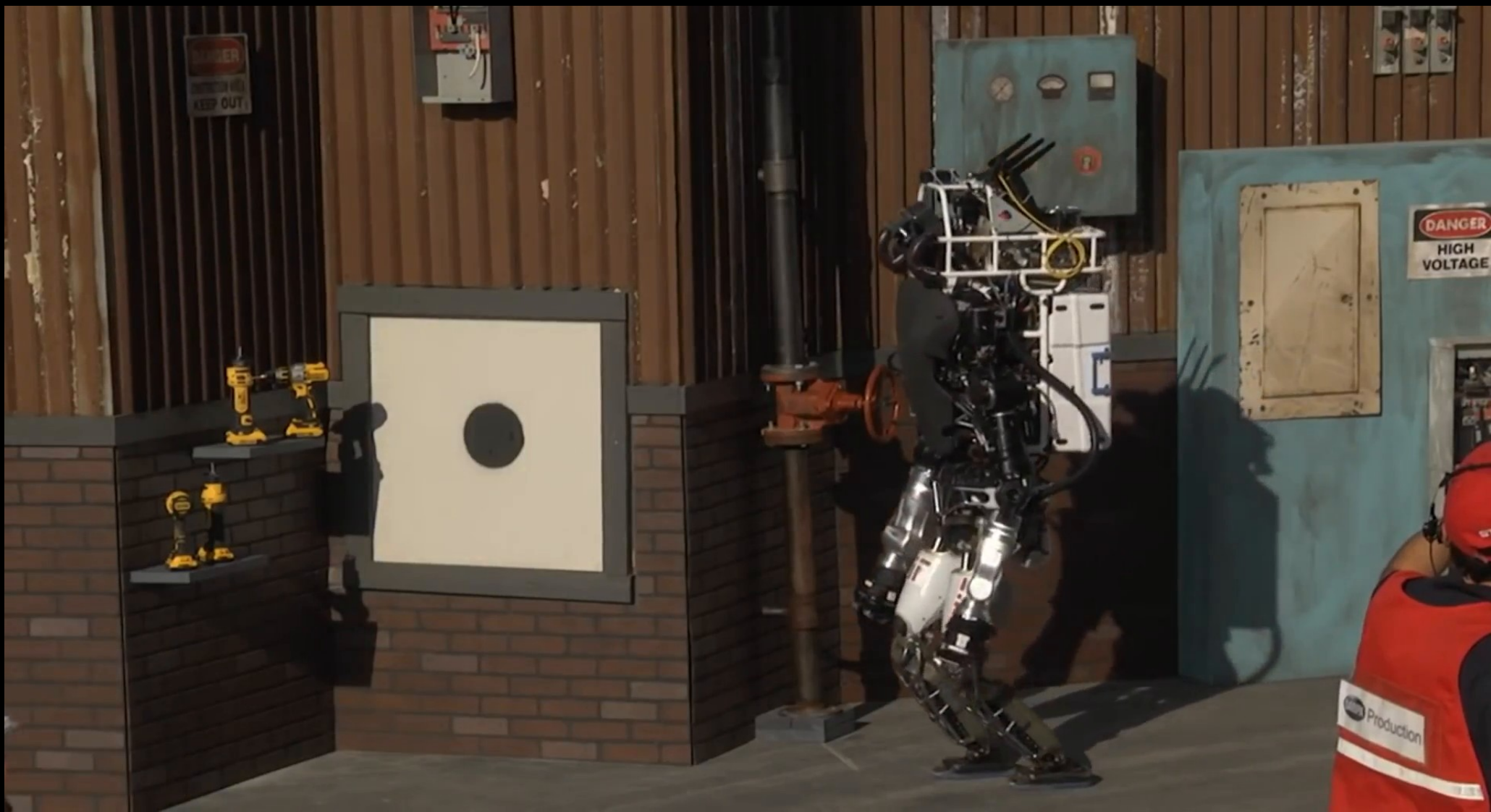






focus on intelligent agents



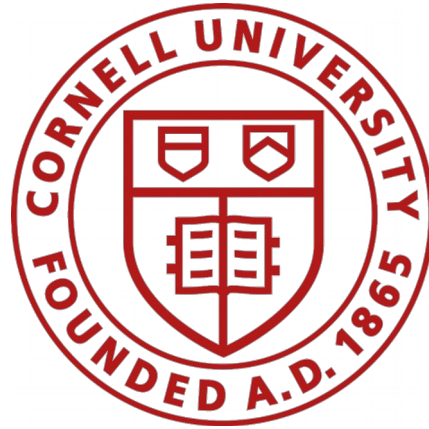




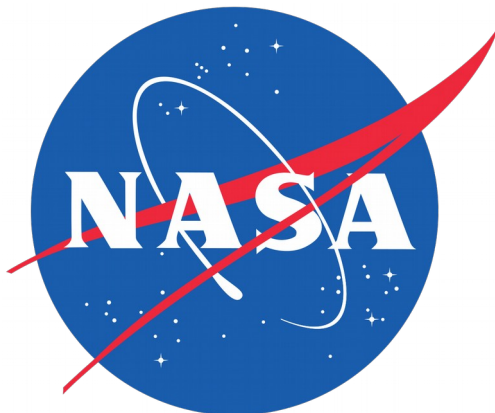


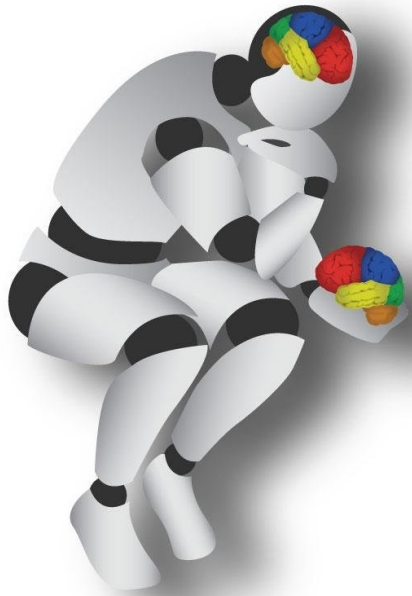
Brief intro to me





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EVOLVING
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
LABORATORY



Build robots
that rival animals



**CREATIVE MACHINES LAB
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

Build robots that
create and are creative

Ever wonder what it would be like
to see evolution happening
right before your eyes?

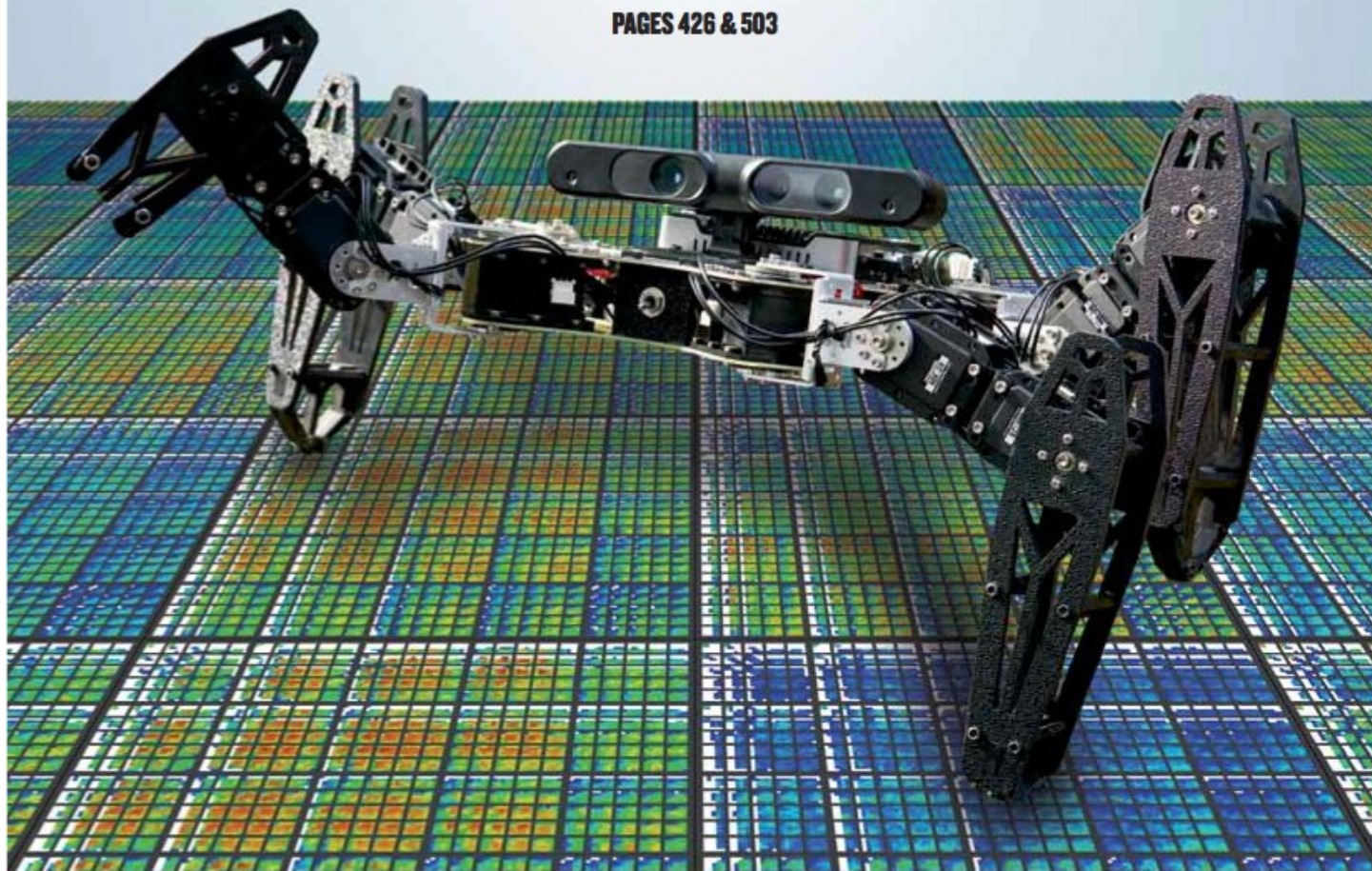
nature

THE INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY JOURNAL OF SCIENCE

Back on its feet

Using an intelligent trial-and-error learning algorithm this robot adapts to injury in minutes

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Course Logistics

We're going to take a journey through AI-land together!

Our goal is to help you understand the AI
technology that surrounds you
(and figure out which parts of it you may want to work on)

We'll focus on understanding intelligent agents
(robots, animals, humans, ...)

We'll learn about many sub-fields

But not all (the field is way too big!)

Visiting all would mean too shallow an understanding

I'll try to balance depth vs. breadth

Course Contents

Part I: Artificial Intelligence

- Introduction
- Intelligent Agents

Part II: Problem Solving

- Search
- Optimization
- Games

~~**Part III: Knowledge, Reasoning, & Planning**~~

Part IV: Uncertainty and Reasoning

- Probability
- Bayesian Statistics
- Markov Models

Part V: Learning

← take COCS 4010/5010 Machine Learning!

- Unsupervised Learning
- Supervised Learning
- Reinforcement Learning

Part VI: Communicating, Perceiving, & Acting

← take COCS 4560/5560
Modern Robotics!

- Natural Language Processing
- Object Recognition
- Robotics

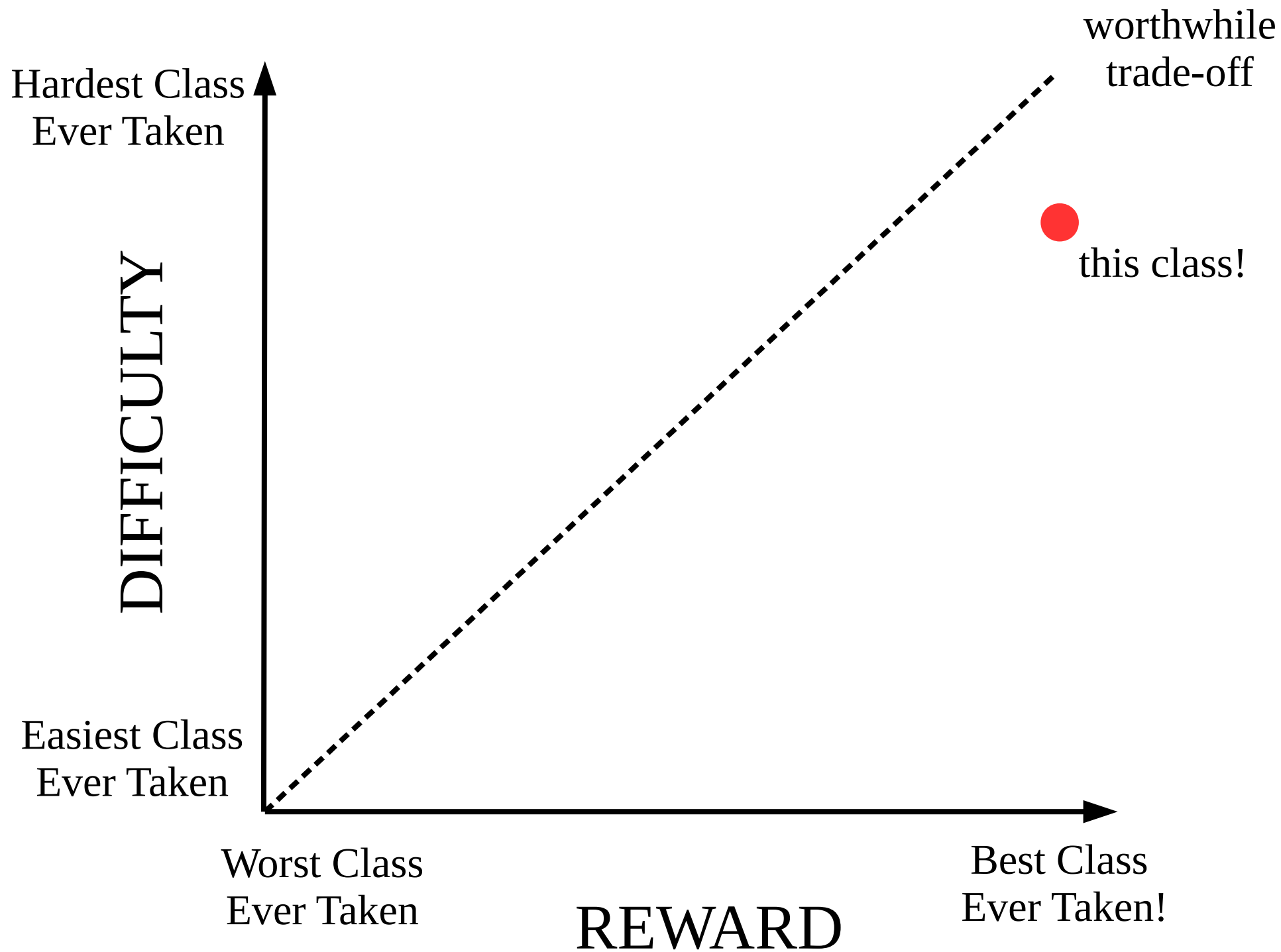
← take COCS 5540 Computer Vision!

There is a lot to cover!

This class will be a lot of work – it's going to be hard!

Lots of reading early on, lots of project work later

But it will be totally worth it, and you will learn a lot!



This class will be fast paced! (so is the field)

The most fun parts of AI build on the basics

The faster we go, the more hands-on examples, the more advanced/applicable concepts, the more latest developments, and the more employable skills we can cover!

Feedback

Please let me know how you feel about the class
(e.g. too fast/slow, not enough/too much time
on a given concept, good/bad application examples)

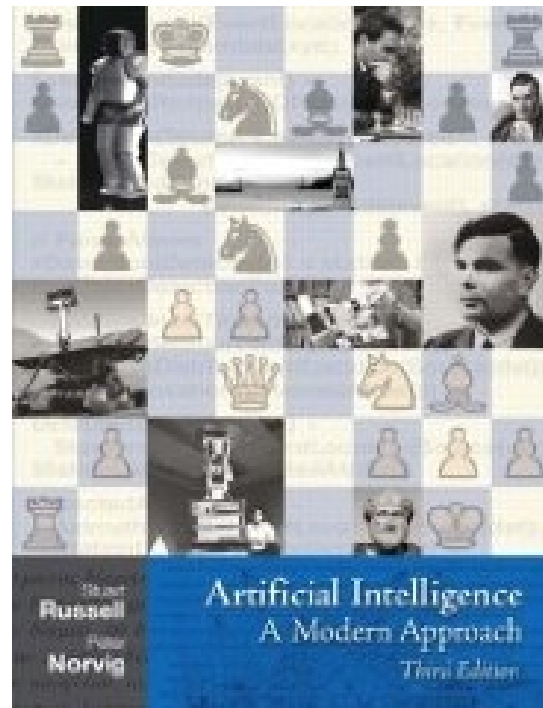
Tell me: after/before/during class
mid-term survey
office hours
email (including anonymous email)

I will strongly consider your feedback
(good chance I will implement it in some way)

Textbook

Russell & Norvig (RN)

Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach, 3rd Edition



Make sure it's 3rd edition!
(can be used 3rd Edition)

Reading will be posted on course website:

ncheney.com/teaching/ai

Schedule will be updated regularly
check back often!

Read **before** class!!!

Some of the material will be covered (read it anyways!)

Some will not be covered during the lectures
You are still responsible for the material for exams!!!

Lectures are not a duplication of the readings

Read **before** class!!!

We can't do as many cool examples/applications/topics if you don't come into the class with a basic understanding of that class' material already!

You're smart enough to learn the basics on your own (and smart enough to ask questions when you don't)!

Read **before** class!!!

But actually.... do it!

Lecture Slides

Link to pdfs will be posted on the course website

ncheney.com/teaching/ai

within a day or two after class
(let me know if I'm being slow...)

Grading

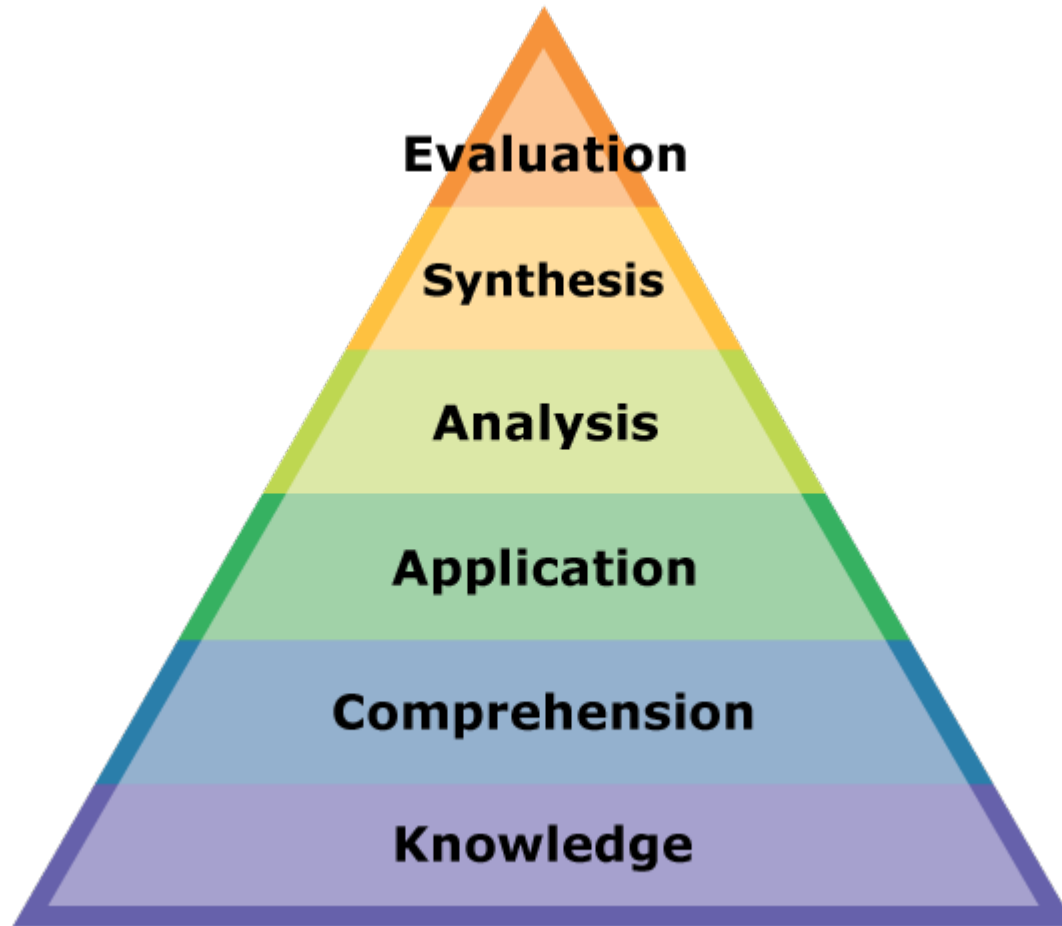
30% – AI Challenges (homework), learn by doing!

30% – Exam (late midterm), covers material from textbook

30% – Course Project (final), hands on AI research project

10% – Participation (involvement in class discussions, office hours, Piazza, etc.)

Bloom's Taxonomy



Participation

Part of being an AI researcher is being involved
in an active community of discussion

Class should be a discussion with lots of feedback
(you and I get rare feedback on learning from exams/grades)

(non-trivial part of your grade)

The Piazza online forum is a great way to earn participation credit outside of class times

Earn credit for both asking and answering questions to/from your classmates

piazza.com/uwyo/fall2017/cocs45505550

This is also a huge part of being an AI researcher!
(e.g. Stack Exchange)

Attendance is also a part of participation grades

Expectation is that you will attend all lectures
(I'll try to make it that you really want to also!)

For exam/project presentations,
only University Excused Absences are excepted
(you can get these from the Dean of Students)

Additional accommodations (including taking exams at the Disability Support Services office) are available for any students with physical/learning/psychological disabilities

Please first contact the DSS office
(again with the Dean of Students)
And they will work with me to arrange
the necessary accommodations

Laptops and smartphones are not allowed in class
(this is also part of your participation grade)

Leads to worse overall learning outcomes¹
(distracting for you, distracting for others
around/behind you, distracting for me)

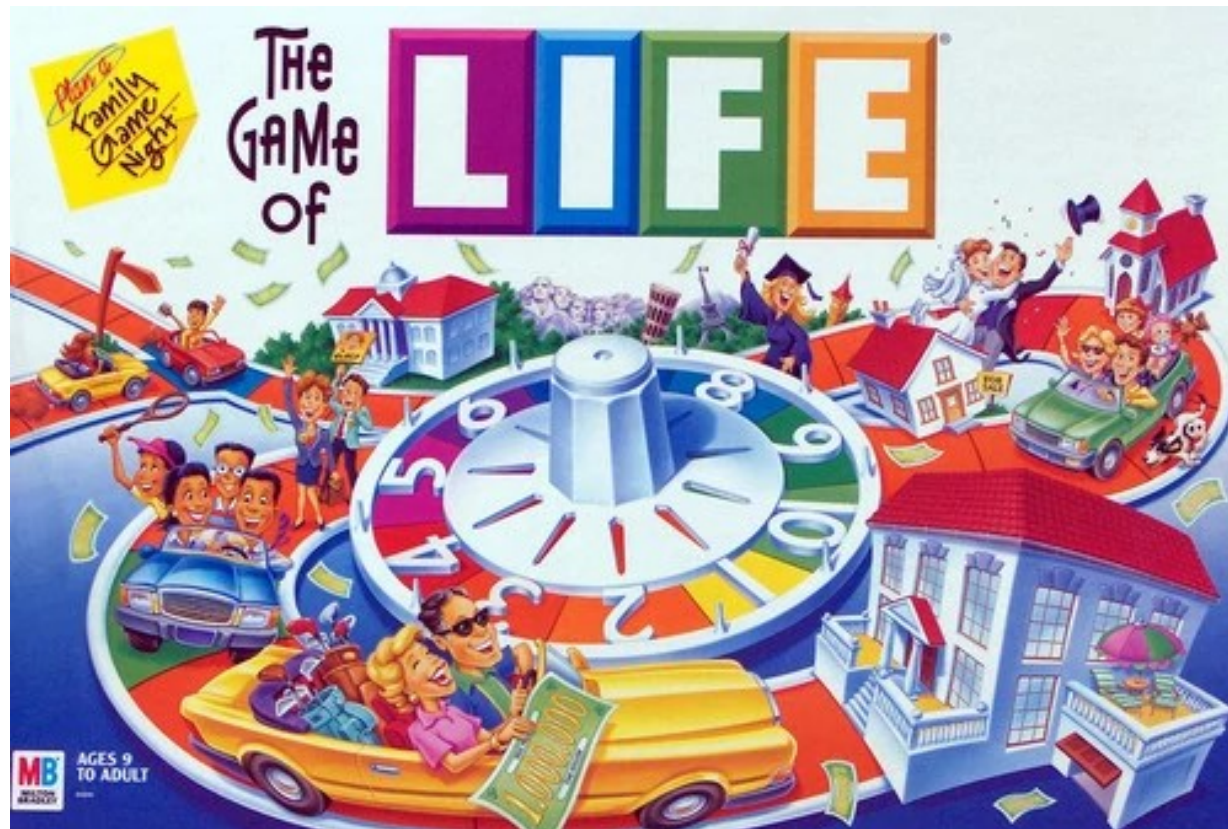


Please bring a pen and paper for in-class exercises
You do not need to bring your textbook

[1] Sana, F., Weston, T., & Cepeda, N. J. (2013). Laptop multitasking hinders classroom learning for both users and nearby peers. *Computers & Education*, 62, 24-31.

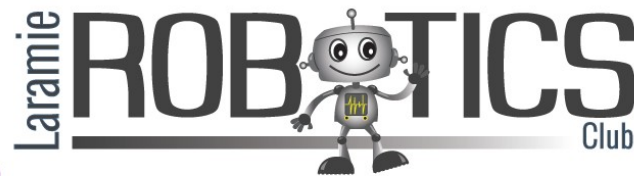
Participation Extra Credit (10+):

(+1) come to office hours so I can get to know!
(I can only help you to achieve your goals if I know them)



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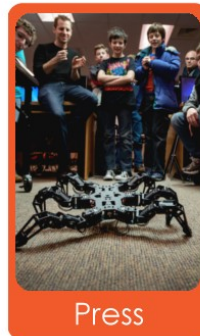
(+1) volunteer at the Laramie Robotics Club with us!
(teach middle schoolers about programming and robotics)



About



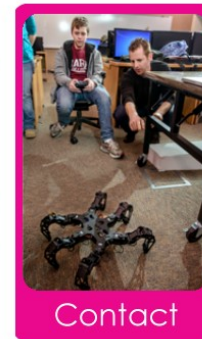
Join!



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Come have fun playing with robots! It's free!


Every week during the school year middle school and high school students learn robotics with University of Wyoming professors and graduate students.

Join the fun!



Participation Extra Credit (10+):

(+1) be curious and share your findings with the class!
(make a slide or two from something you saw in class or in the news and did extra research on)

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[1] [arXiv:1708.08874](#) [[pdf](#), [other](#)]
Reasoning about Fine-grained Attribute Phrases using Reference Games
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Semantic Texture for Robust Dense Tracking
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[3] [arXiv:1708.08825](#) [[pdf](#)]
4D Multi-atlas Label Fusion using Longitudinal Images
[Yuankai Huo](#), [Susan M. Resnick](#), [Bennett A. Landman](#)
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[4] [arXiv:1708.08754](#) [[pdf](#), [other](#)]
Autoencoder with recurrent neural networks for video forgery detection
[Dario D'Avino](#), [Davide Cozzolino](#), [Giovanni Poggi](#), [Luisa Verdoliva](#)
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[5] [arXiv:1708.08732](#) [[pdf](#), [ps](#), [other](#)]
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[Maria Brbic](#), [Ivica Kopriva](#)
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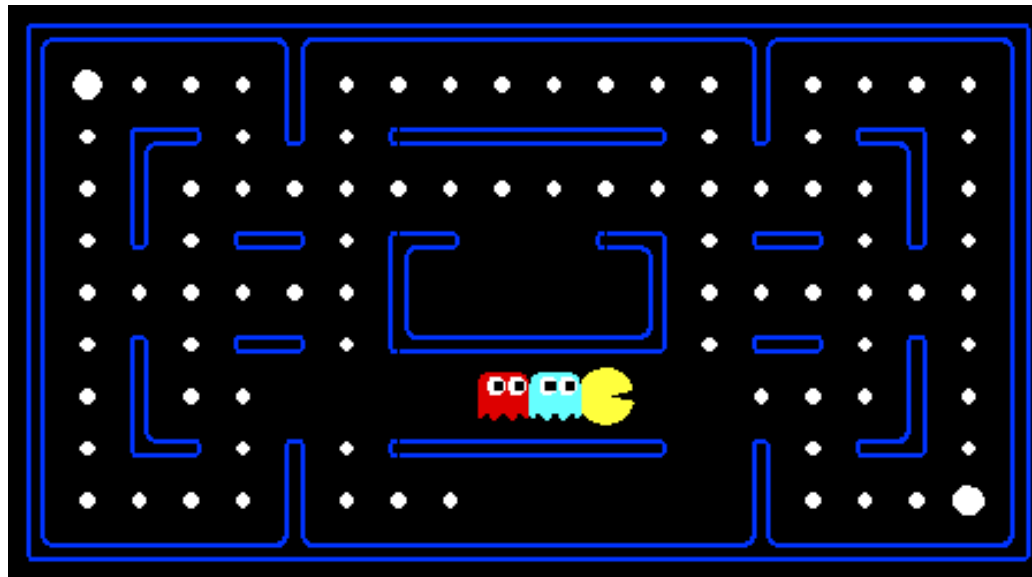
[6] [arXiv:1708.08728](#) [[pdf](#), [other](#)]
Curriculum Learning for Multi-Task Classification of Visual Attributes
[Mikaela Saeed](#), [Benjamin Chen](#), [Shreyas Niles](#), [Jenssen A. Kalanidhassan](#)

AI Challenges! (AIC)

Hands-on Implementation of concepts we learn in class

Learn by doing!¹

Programming assignments in Python
(due every 1-2 weeks)



- [1] Freeman, S., Eddy, S. L., McDonough, M., Smith, M. K., Okoroafor, N., Jordt, H., & Wenderoth, M. P. (2014). Active learning increases student performance in science, engineering, and mathematics. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 111(23), 8410-8415.

Posted ahead of time – start early!

Really... start early!

Piazza is a great place to ask clarifying/high-level questions
(not to ask for solutions...)

Joost will be available to help answer questions
(both on Piazza, and during office hours)

Summary

(1) we're going to learn a ton of cool stuff,
but we're going to go fast, and it won't be easy

(2) go to the course website (and check it often):
ncheney.com/teaching/ai

(3) read the textbook **before** class

(4) join Piazza and come to office hours
both for help and just to be a part of the discussion

(5) be thinking of your project topic throughout the course