

Artificial Intelligence and the Lab

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How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the AI

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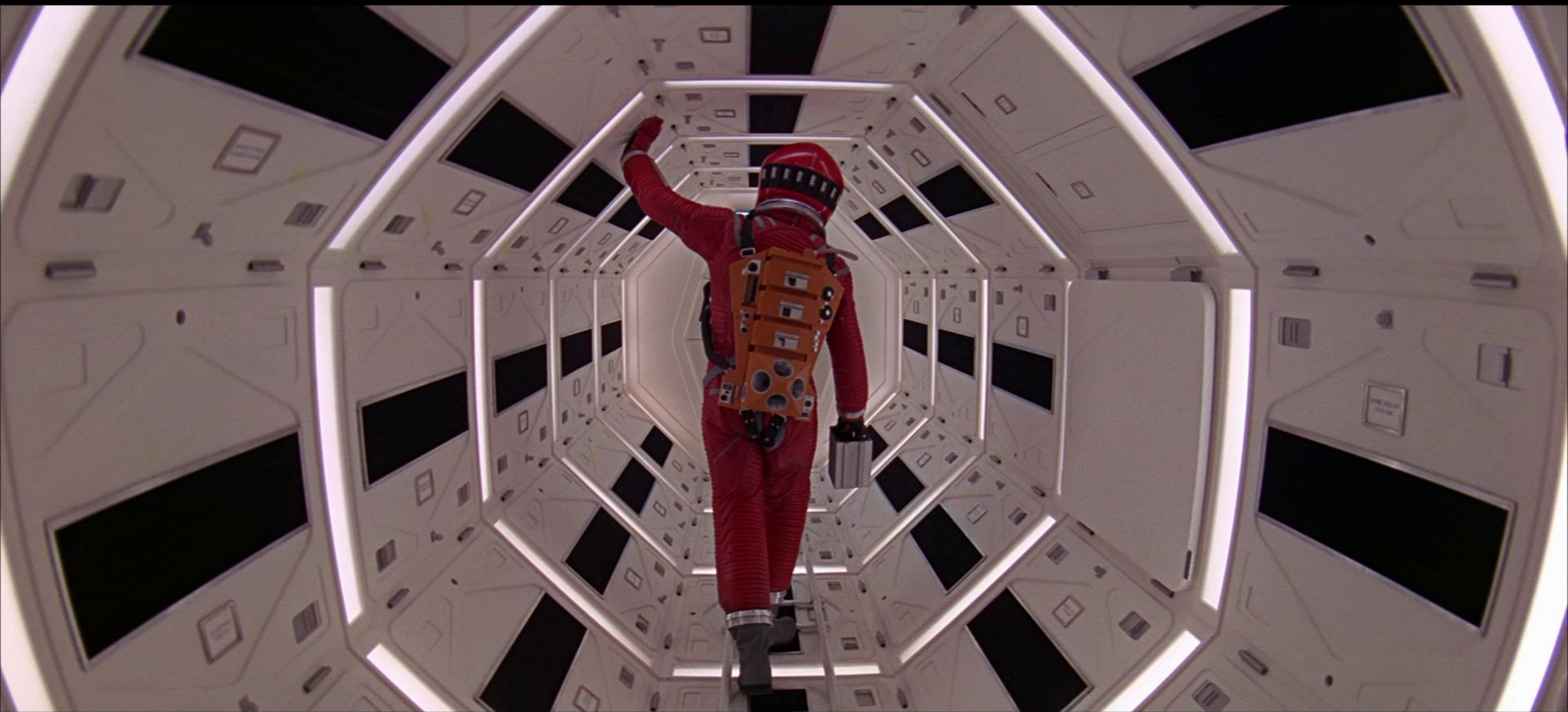
Emerging technologies



Artificial Intelligence

What is artificial intelligence?





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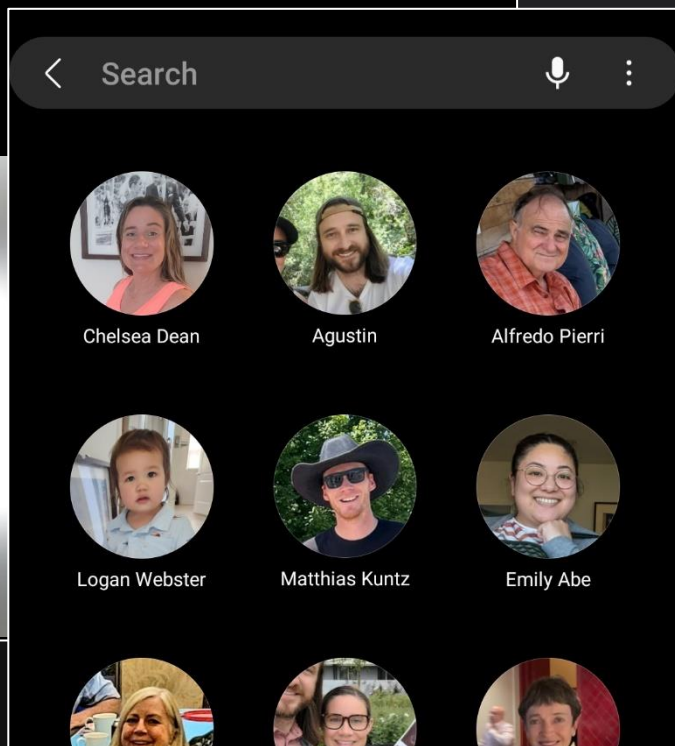


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Your top mixes



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Zach Bryan, Dasha, George Strait and more



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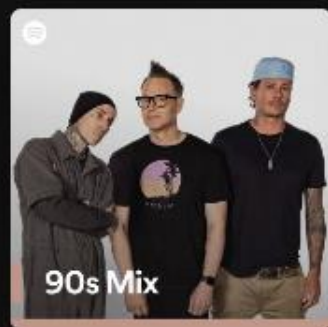
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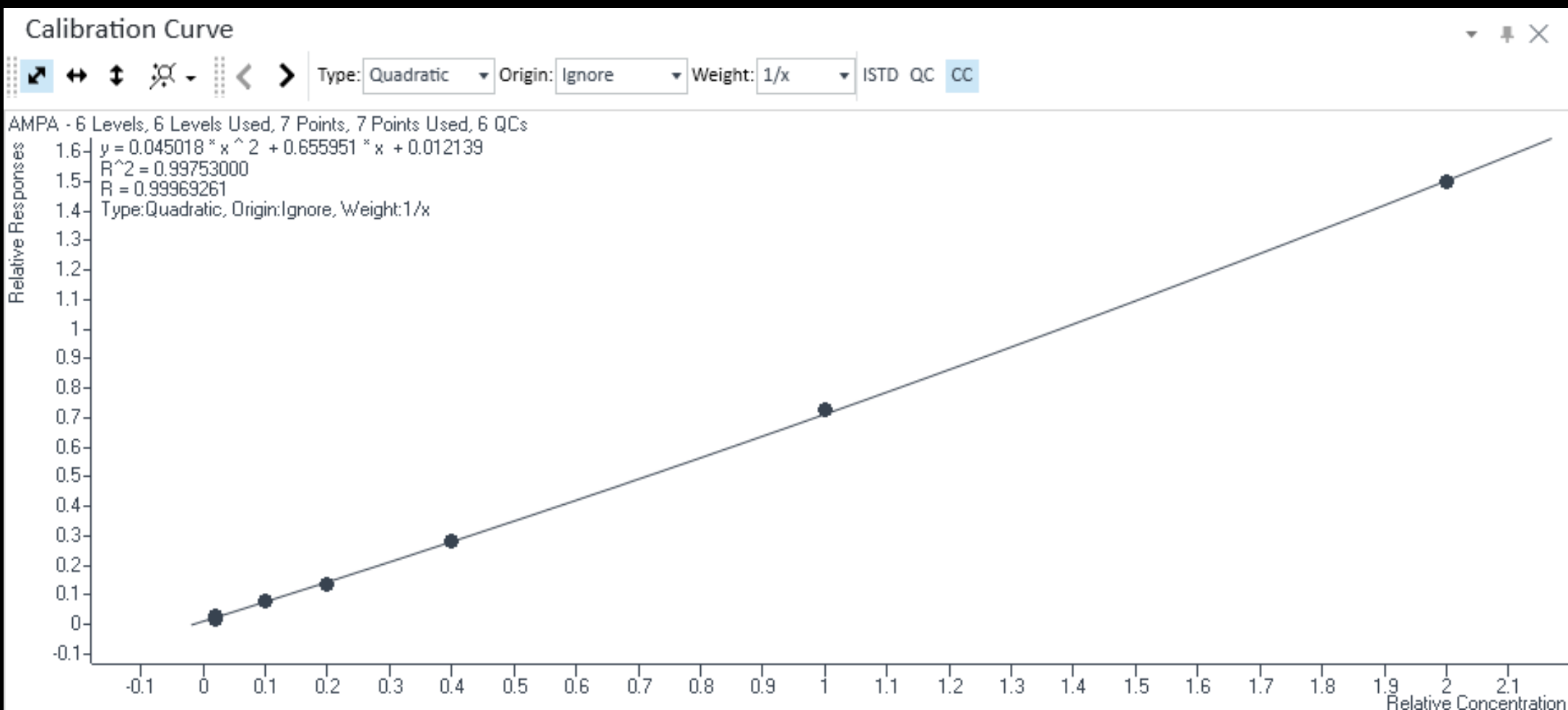
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1950s-1960s: Industrial robots

1997: Deep Blue

2011: Siri and IBM Watson

2016: AlphaGo

2017: "Attention Is All You Need"

2022: ChatGPT-3.5

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Computer vision:

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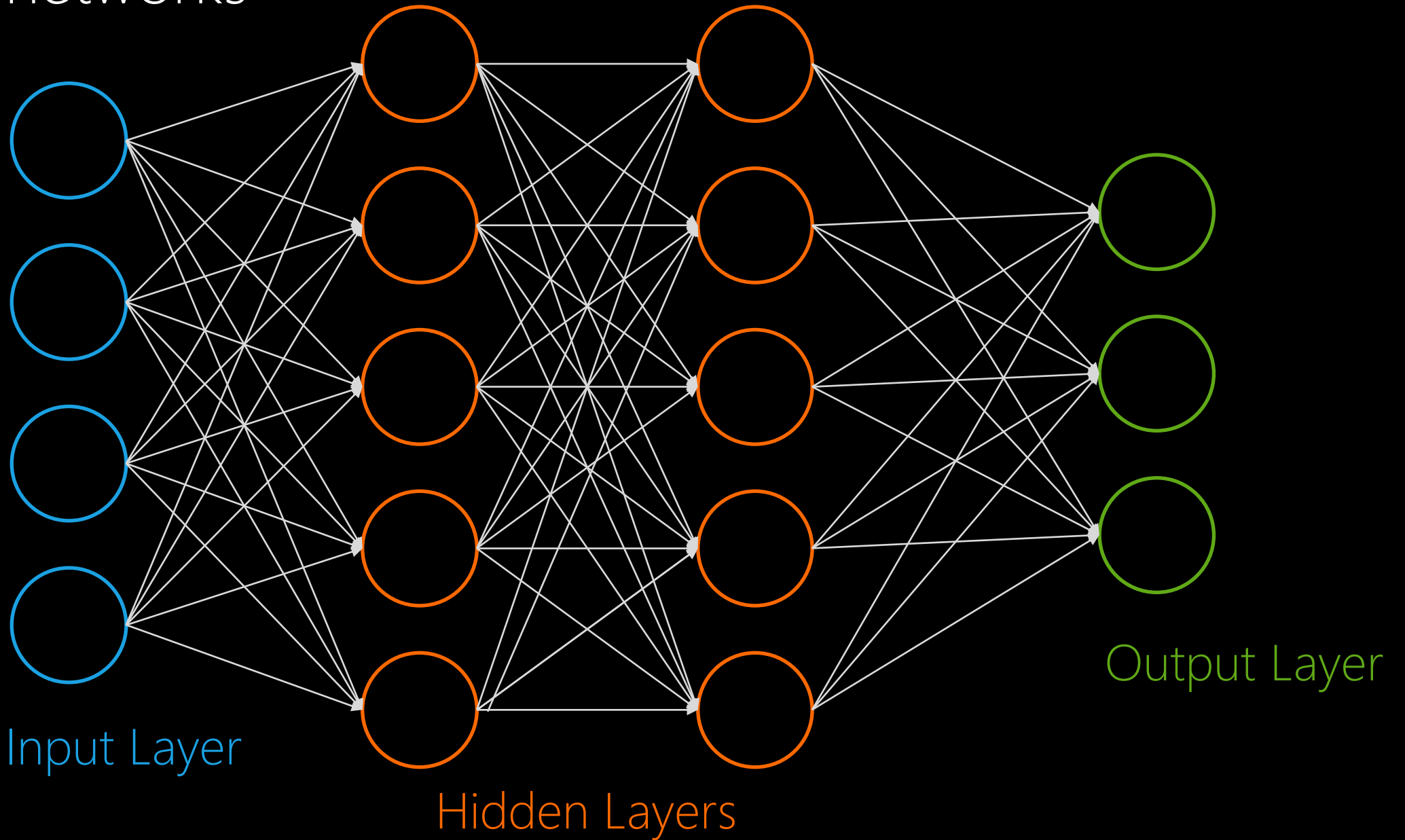
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Neural networks



What is AI good for?

AI case studies

Legal "copilot" for law firms

Harvey.



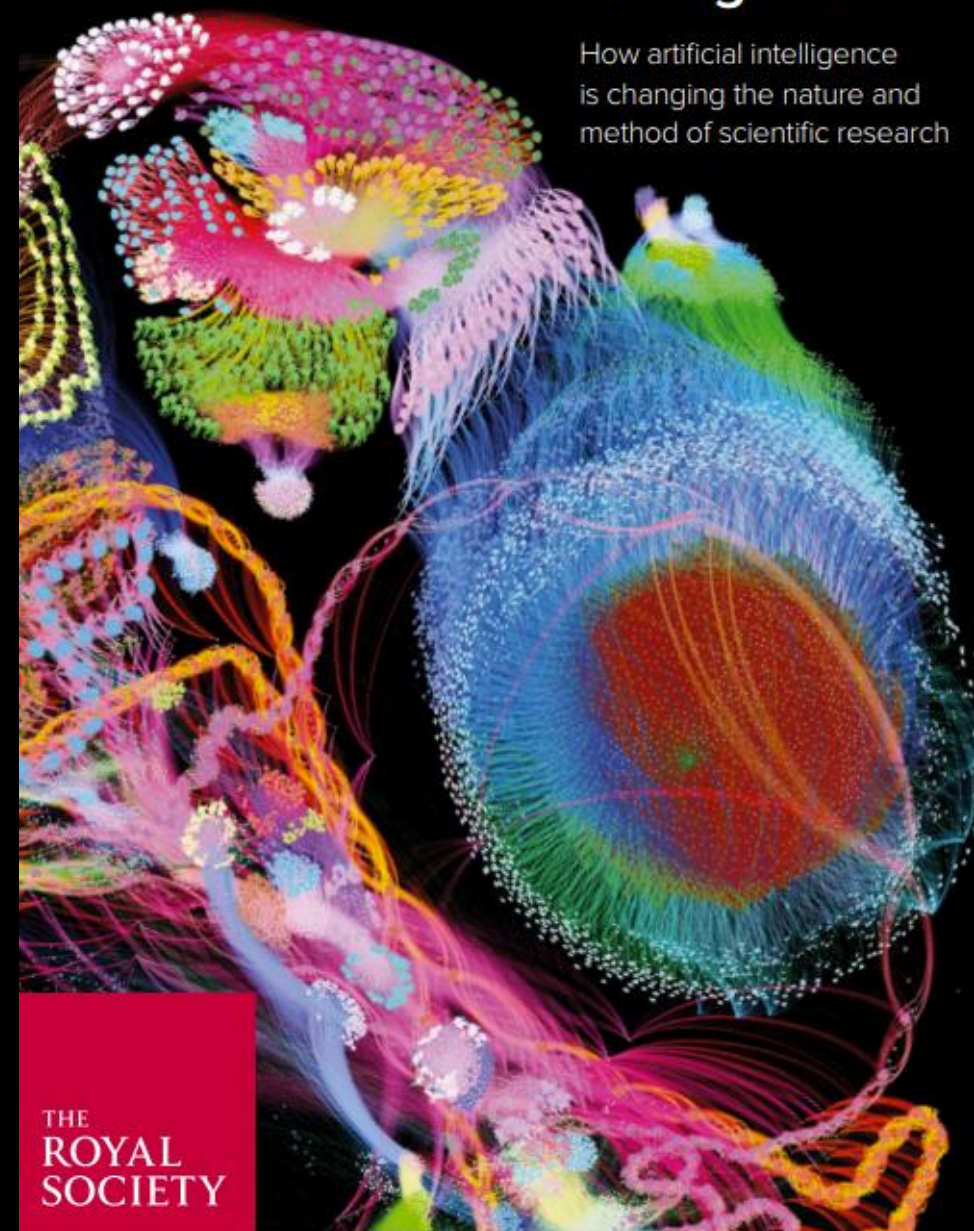
Scientific discovery

Science in the age of AI

How artificial intelligence is changing the nature and method of scientific research

Examples of machine learning in materials discovery

Researchers	Result
Lyngby et. al. ²⁸²	Predicted 11,630 new, stable 2D materials.
Yao et. al. ²⁸³	Found 2 new 'invar alloys' which have a low thermal expansion and can be useful for several applications.
Vasylenko et. al. ²⁸⁴	Identified 4 new materials, including materials that have desirable properties for use in solid state batteries.
Sun et. al. ²⁸⁵	An approach for pre-screening for new organic photovoltaic materials.
Stanev et. al. ²⁸⁶	Identified >30 potential high-temperature superconducting materials.



Moderna mRNA vaccine development

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J&J drug discovery and clinical trial recruitment

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Applications of AI in environmental monitoring

What can AI do in a lab?

Anything a human can do...



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...kind of.



What can AI do in a lab?

Less human replacement, more virtual assistant to simplify laboratory tasks.



What can AI do in a lab?

Use computer vision for automated storage and retrieval systems.



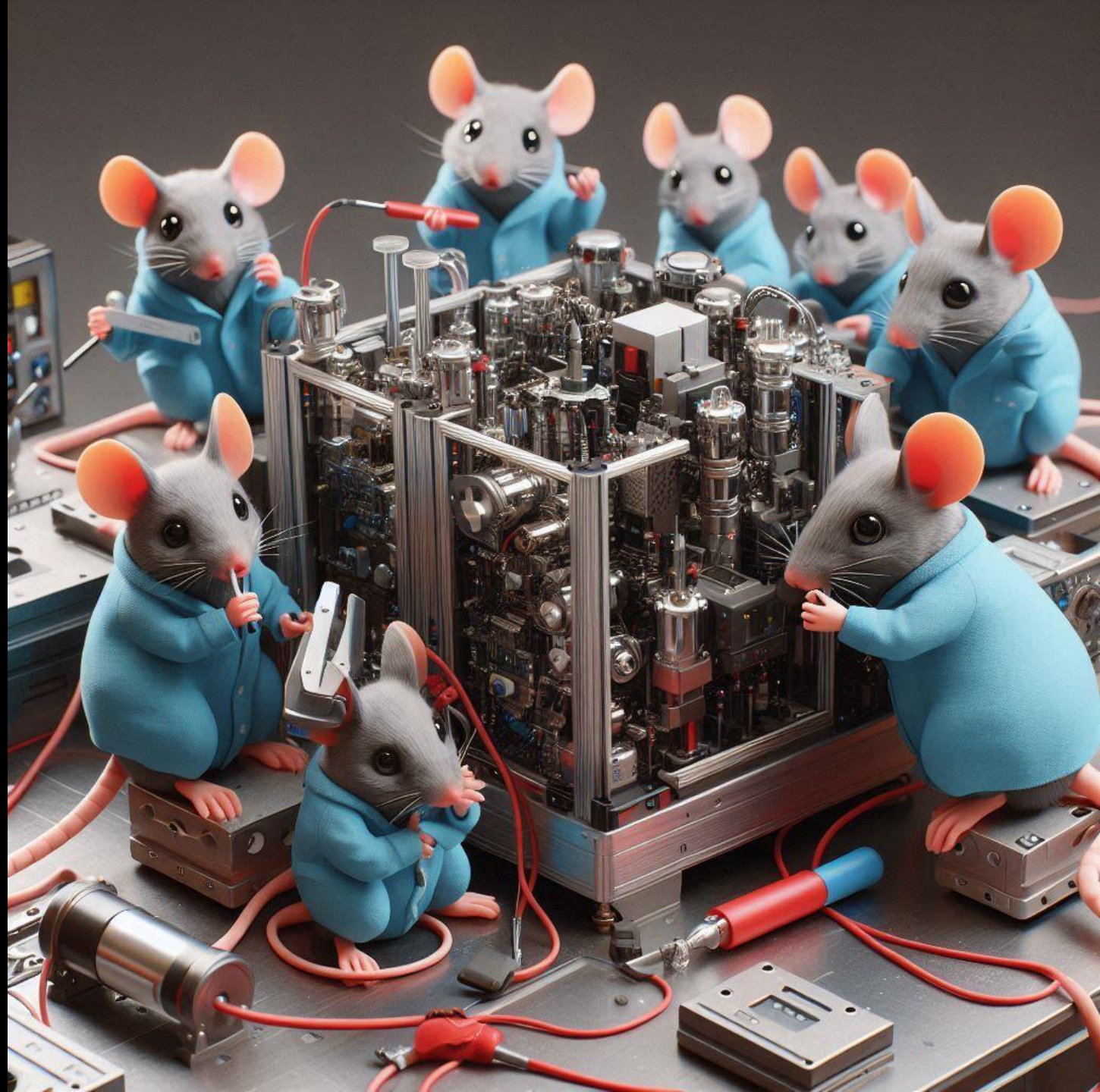
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Use computer vision to automatically track and log every sample container.



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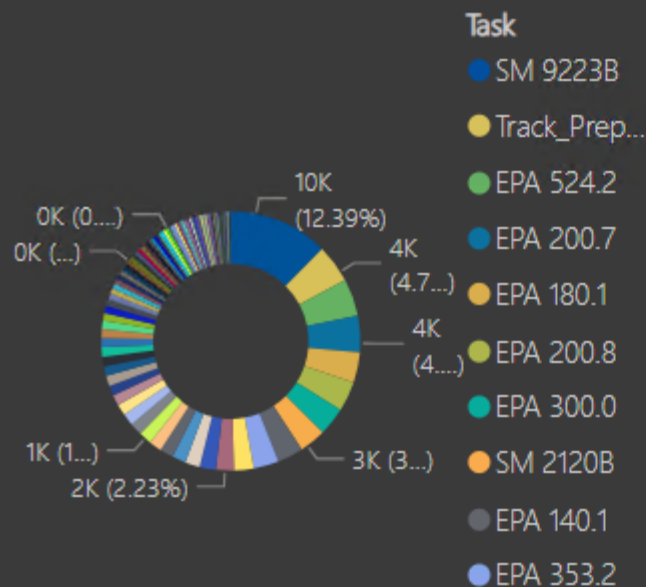
Use in-lab generated data sets to predict instrument maintenance intervals.



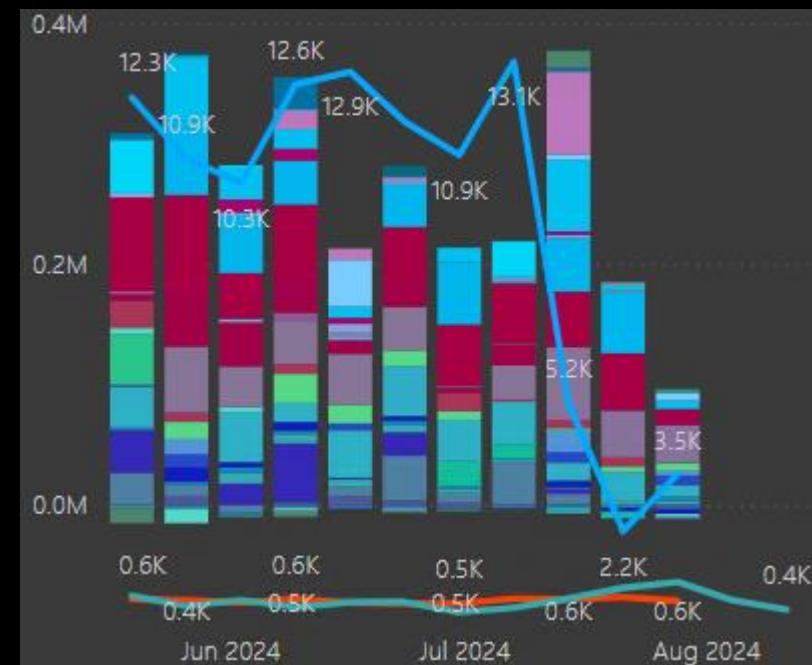
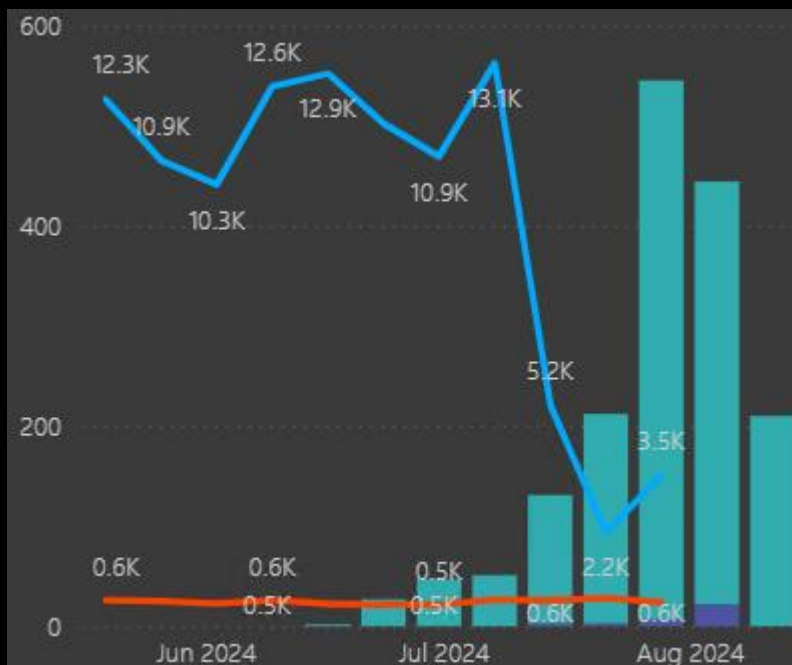
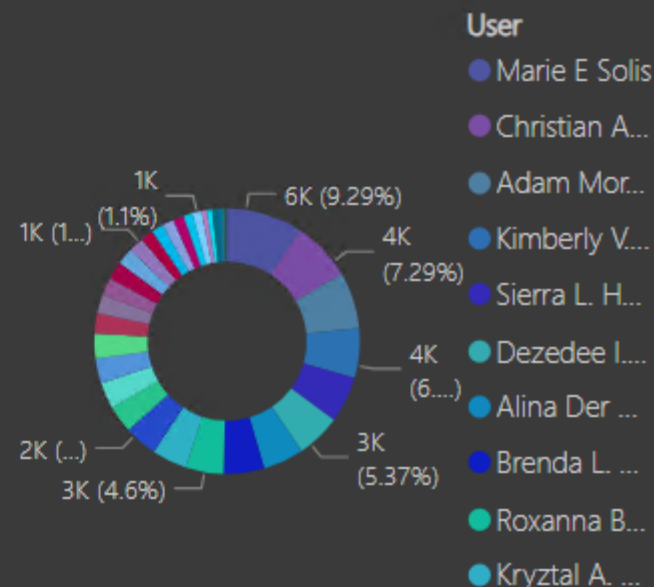
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Evaluate performance metrics to optimize instrument and analyst capacity.

Task Workload

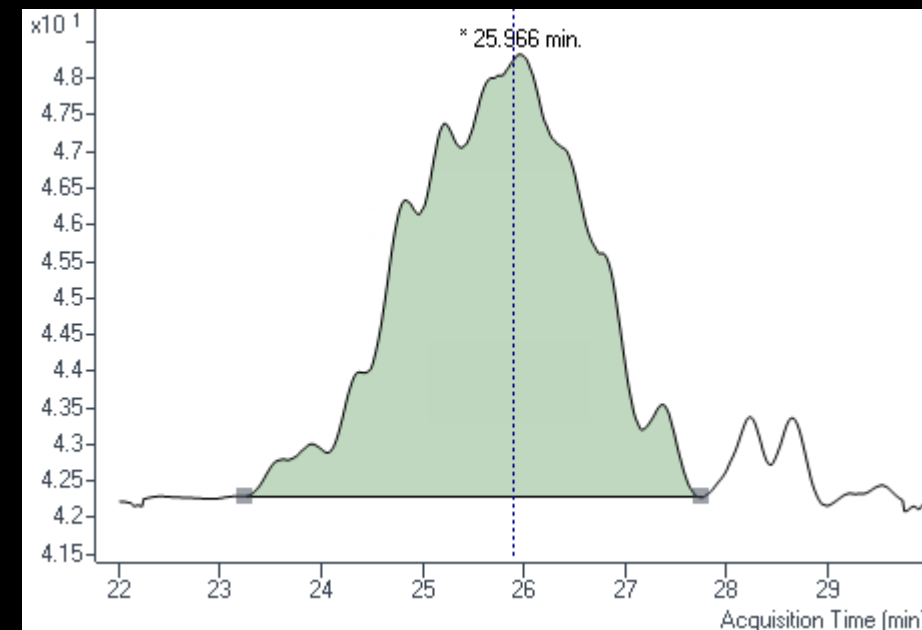
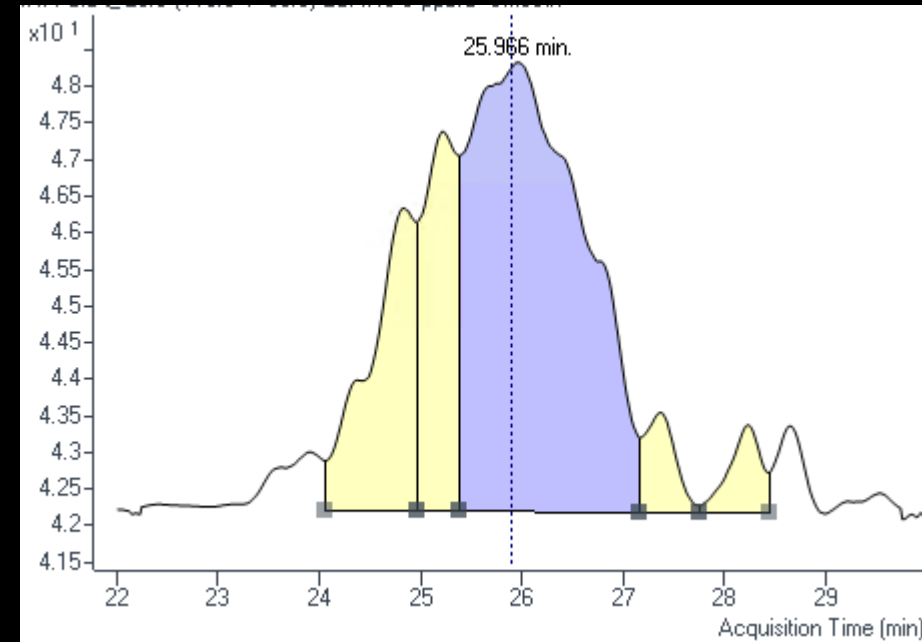
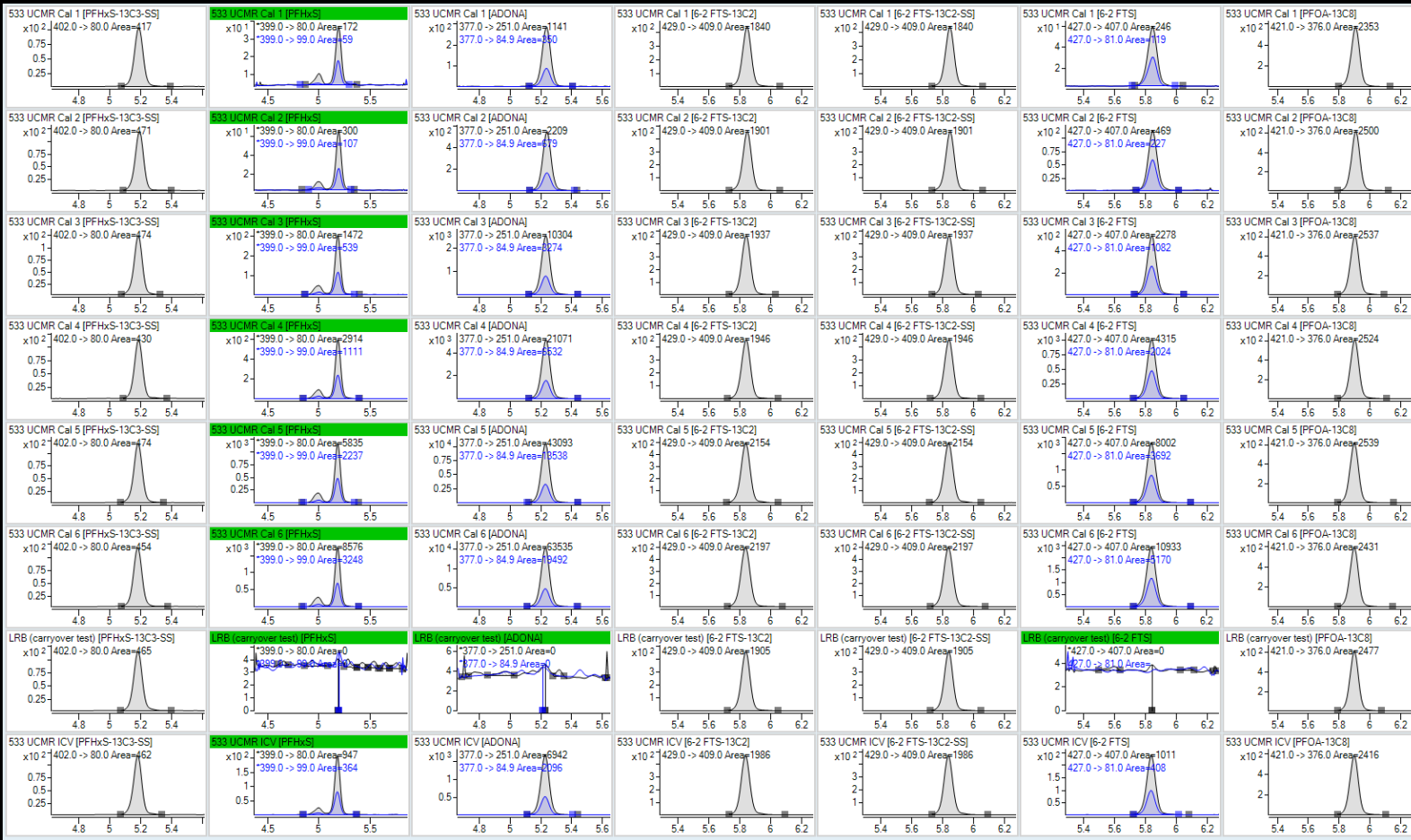


User Workload



What can AI do in a lab?

Assist analysts with evaluating chromatograms and complex peak integrations.



What can AI do in a lab?

Evaluate large data sets to identify trends in environmental pollution data.

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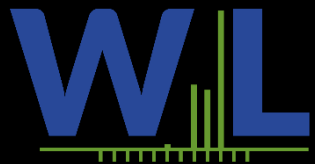
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Assist secondary data reviewers while evaluating laboratory data.



What can AI do in a lab?

Identify low resources by monitoring supplies, instrument capacity, and analyst availability with respect to incoming sample load.



What can AI do in a lab?

Create and train a custom GPT for internal and external chatbots.



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Intelligent
Support
Entity

Drawbacks

Drawbacks of AI

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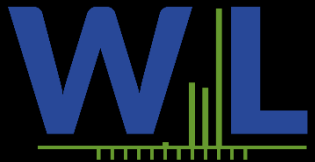
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Balancing AI + humans



AI has limitless potential, but needs to be used responsibly

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