

Are People Still Smarter than Machines?



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ABSTRACT

Today, AI systems are being put to use for many purposes, and some systems have exceeded human capabilities. But are these systems really intelligent? There are good reasons to think that humans still have many advantages. In this talk I will discuss what I see as the advantages humans still have and suggest ways in which the AI systems of the future might capture them.