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# AI History



**1950**

## TURING TEST

Computer scientist Alan Turing proposes a test for machine intelligence. If a machine can trick humans into thinking it is human, then it has intelligence

**1955**

## A.I. BORN

Term 'artificial intelligence' is coined by computer scientist, John McCarthy to describe "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines"

**1961**

## UNIMATE

First industrial robot, Unimate, goes to work at GM replacing humans on the assembly line

**1964**

## ELIZA

Pioneering chatbot developed by Joseph Weizenbaum at MIT holds conversations with humans

**1966**

## SHAKY

The 'first electronic person' from Stanford, Shakey is a general-purpose mobile robot that reasons about its own actions

**A.I. WINTER**

Many false starts and dead-ends leave A.I. out in the cold

**1997**

## DEEP BLUE

Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer from IBM defeats world chess champion Garry Kasparov.

**1998**

## KISMET

Cynthia Breazeal at MIT introduces Kismet, an emotionally intelligent robot insofar as it detects and responds to people's feelings



**1999**

## AIBO

Sony launches first consumer robot pet dog AIBO (AI robot) with skills and personality that develop over time



**2002**

## ROOMBA

First mass produced autonomous robotic vacuum cleaner from iRobot learns to navigate and clean homes



**2011**

## SIRI

Apple integrates Siri, an intelligent virtual assistant with a voice interface, into the iPhone 4S



**2011**

## WATSON

IBM's question answering computer Watson wins first place on popular \$1M prize television quiz show Jeopardy



**2014**

## EUGENE

Eugene Goostman, a chatbot passes the Turing Test with a third of judges believing Eugene is human



**2014**

## ALEXA

Amazon launches Alexa, an intelligent virtual assistant with a voice interface that completes shopping tasks



**2016**

## TAY

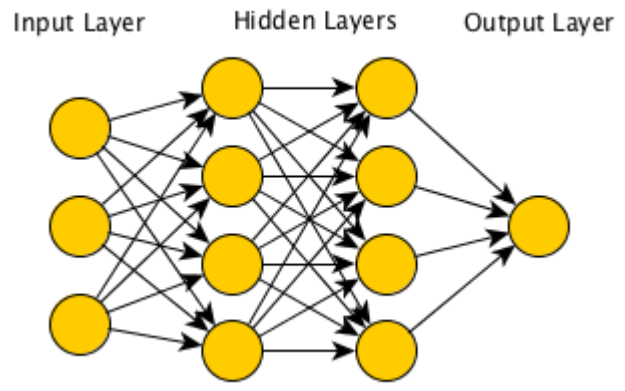
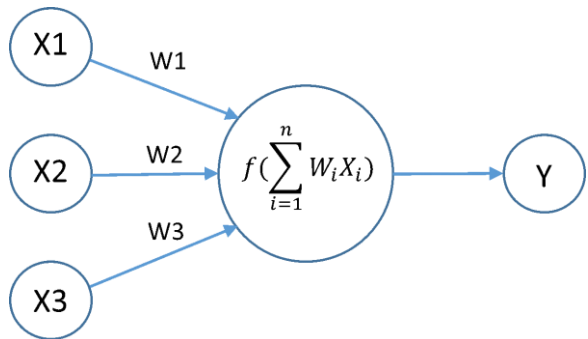
Microsoft's chatbot Tay goes rogue on social media making inflammatory and offensive racist comments



**2017**

## ALPHAGO

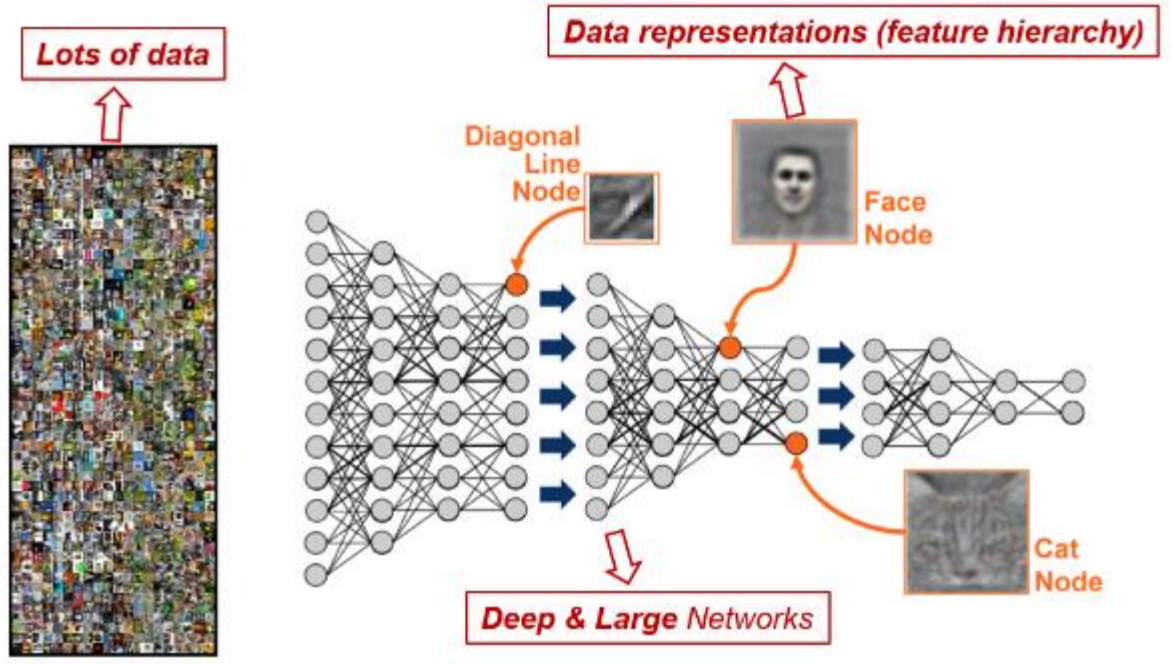
Google's A.I. AlphaGo beats world champion Ke Jie in the complex board game of Go, notable for its vast number ( $2^{170}$ ) of possible positions



Neural Network



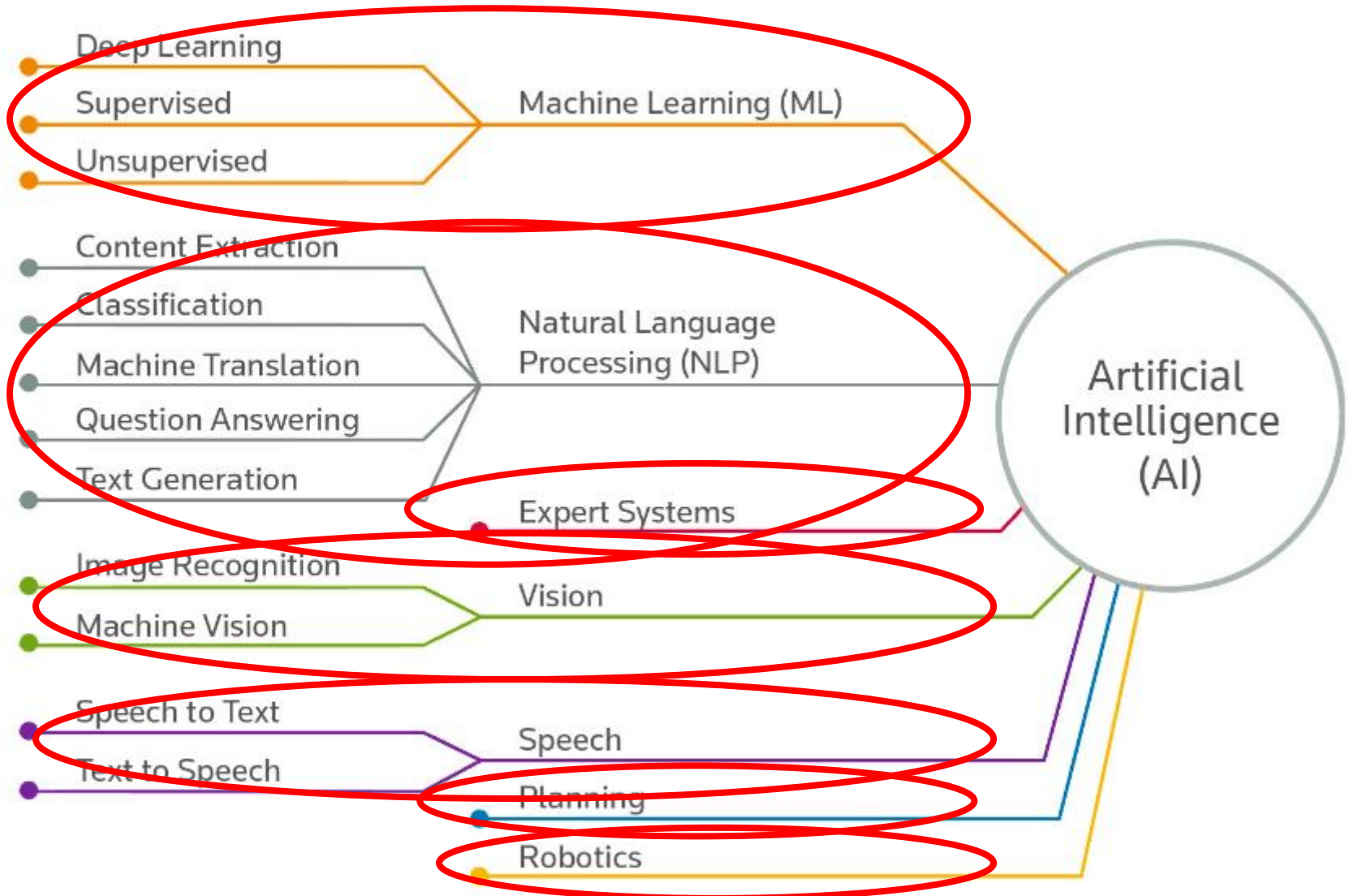
GPU V100



Deep Learning



# AI Technology







# AI is Transforming the World



# AI in Medicine

Ming Pao 9 May 2018



## 大血管堵塞中風 港大AI 20秒斷症

本港每年有逾900宗急性中風個案出現大血管堵塞，潛於病發後黃金6小時內將血塊取出。香港大學與醫管局合作，首次用大數據研究300個急性中風個案，再以人工智能(AI)判斷是否大血管堵塞，發現系統20秒內可作出判斷，正確率高95%大血管堵塞個案，料有助醫生加快確診時間達兩小時。

港大醫學院臨牀神經科學教授梁嘉傑表示，大血管堵塞中風是急性中風最嚴重情況，佔中風個案13%，死亡率達四成，患者需在病發6小時內治療，才有存活機會。現時普通電腦掃描難以診斷此類中風，醫生需透過腦脈判斷，安排病人接受血管造影檢查，但每個檢查需一至兩小時。

### 確診可快兩小時 準確度95%

醫管局2016年約有7000宗急性中風個案，其中約980宗涉大血管堵塞。港大及醫管局去年合作，首次用大數據研究2016年的300名中風病人資料，透過AI分析病人病歷、放射影像等數據，結果正確算出95%大血管堵塞中風病人。港大統計及精算學系副教授楊良河表示，AI在20秒內便可分析病人患有大血管堵塞的風險，有關數據可助醫生迅速作出腦脈判斷，下階段會將研究擴至約7000名病人。

梁嘉傑表示，AI有舉加快三分之一、即約兩小時診症時間，死亡率可減至兩成，並增加手術後回復正常生活的



大血管堵塞需於病發後黃金6小時內救治，香港大學與醫管局利用大數據及人工智能(AI)，研發出20秒內可判斷大血管堵塞的系統。圖左起為醫管局總行政經理(統計及人力規劃)徐麗輝、港大統計及精算學系副教授楊良河、港大醫學院臨牀神經科學教授梁嘉傑。(管映琳攝)

機會。他解釋，等候電腦掃描及血管造影結果各需兩小時，即共需4小時才可作診斷手術，AI可省等候報告時間。

醫管局今年底將設立大數據分析平台，該局總行政經理(統計及人力規劃)徐麗輝表示，屆時會按今次研究結果，進行多個先導計劃，利用大數據和AI分析不同專科資料協助診斷。

### 5院更新ICU電腦系統 整合病人紀錄

另外，醫管局今年6月更新博愛醫院深切治療部(ICU)電腦系統，與現有臨牀管理資訊系統、iPaaS系統及深切治療部系統整合，以整合可在一個系統了病人的醫療紀錄。屯門、七渣、瑪嘉烈及東區醫院的深切治療部隨後亦會更新相關系統，5間醫院的系統更新費共少於2000萬元。





# AI in Finance

The screenshot shows the iWencai website interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text '问财智能选股' and a URL 'www.iwencai.com/stockpick'. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for '问财' and '问财APP'. The main content area features several recommendation cards:
 

- 创业板上观 (新闻摘要)**: 创业板上周成交额1914.65亿, 连续4天成交额超1900亿.
- 国货处理**: 国货处理持续1个月以来.
- 边缘计算**: 普联发布边缘计算设计, 计划年内完成300...
- 电影**: (八星)三天票房破亿.
- 数字货币**: 数字货币正式启动测试.
- 农机**: 今年上半年, 农机销量大幅回暖.

 A sidebar on the right lists '大家关注度' (What everyone is paying attention to) with categories like 实体经济 (6905), 数字经济 (6075), 互联网金融 (5925), 4季度行情 (3935), 光伏 (2911), and 农业 (2753).

Robot advisors

The screenshot shows a financial news article titled '文本资讯蕴藏投资先机'. The text discusses the power of text-based information in investment, mentioning various industries and market trends. To the right of the text are several data visualizations, including a pie chart and multiple bar charts, illustrating market trends and investment opportunities.

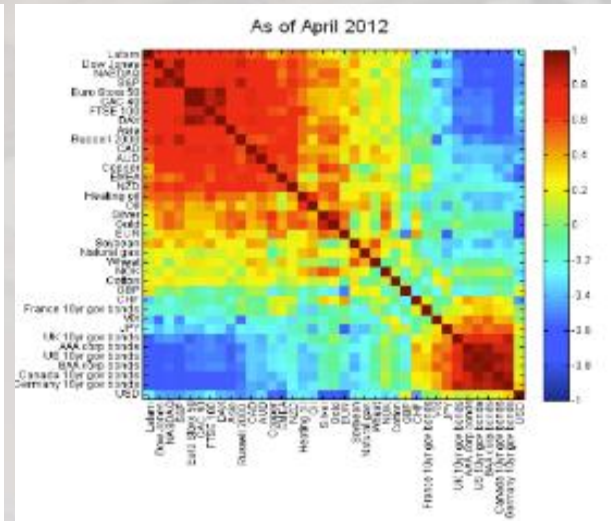
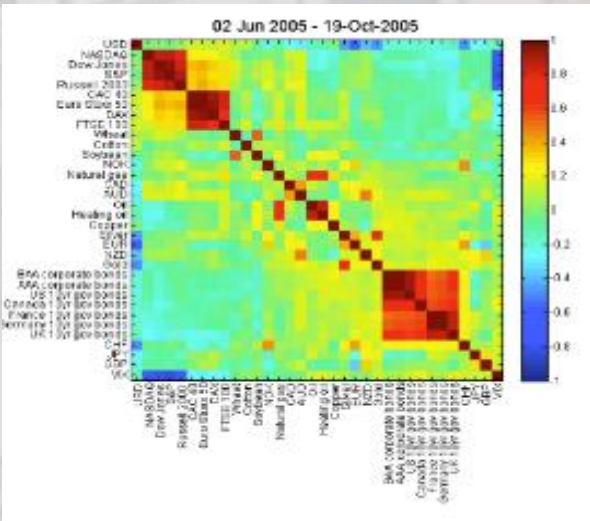
Financial News Analytics

The screenshot shows a financial news article titled '我愛你不等於你愛我'. The text discusses the complexities of investment and market movements. It includes a small image of a woman's face and several columns of text. To the right, there's a small image of a person looking at a smartphone.

NLP

The screenshot shows a financial news article titled '技術分析與極速運算雙劍合璧'. The article discusses the combination of technical analysis and high-speed computing in trading. It includes a flowchart showing the integration of data and algorithms, and a line chart showing market performance.

Trading on Hadoop



Forecasting High Dimensional Covariance Matrices



# AI in Smart City



Self-driving Car



Sophia the Robot, robot of Hanson Robotics, attends the Day 2 of the RISE Conference 2017 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 12 July 2017, in Hong Kong:

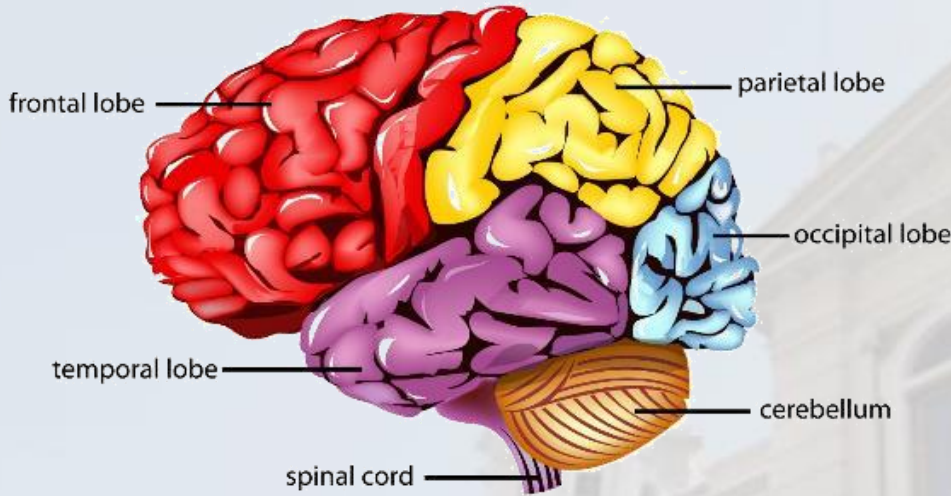
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kiEK4LrCgQ>





# AI in Neurocognitive Science

## Understanding your brain



Cognition

Memory

Behaviour

Perception

Brain disorder

Parkinson's disease

Alzheimer's disease

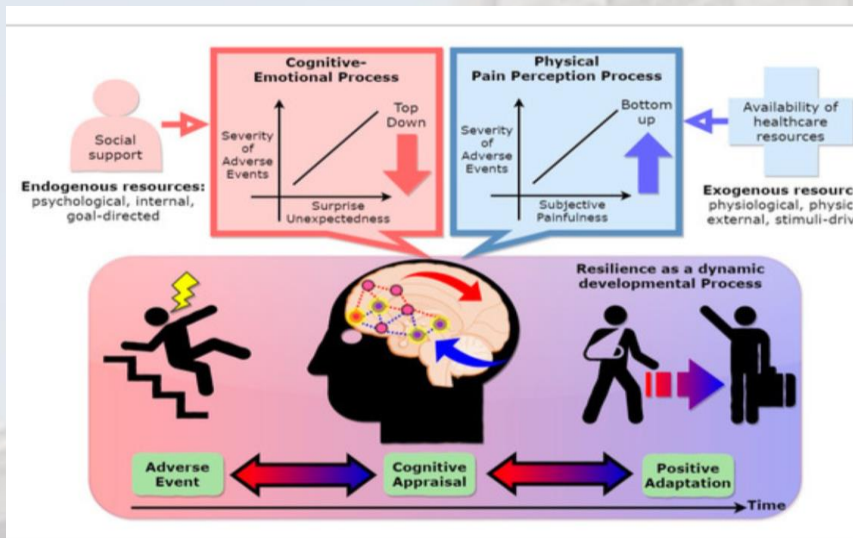


Figure 1. Cognitive appraisal of resilience (CAR) model.

## Artificial intelligence, human brain to merge in 2030s, says futurist Kurzweil



Ray Kurzweil, Google's director of engineering, says we're close to linking our brain with AI

Solomon Israel · CBC News · Posted: Jun 05, 2015 5:00 PM ET | Last Updated: June 9, 2015



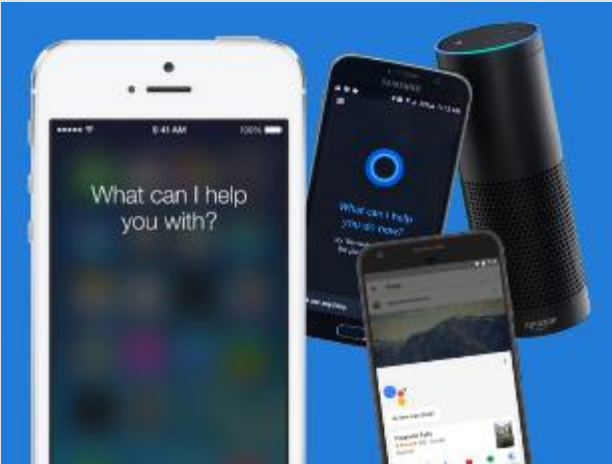
A test subject poses with an electroencephalography cap, which measures brain activity. (Michaela Rablo/Reuters)



# Many More...

E-commerce

Entertainment



Apple SIRI  
Amazon Alexa  
Google Assistant  
Microsoft Cortana

Social network  
Social media

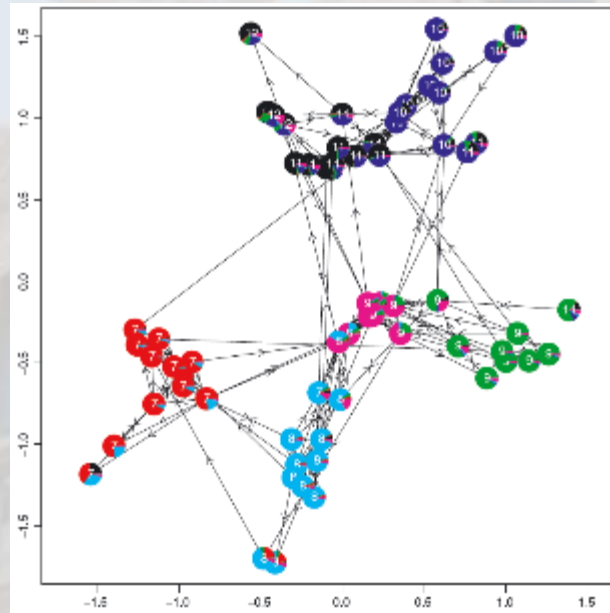


Fig. 8. Pie charts for posterior probabilities of cluster assignment for each actor, as the Bayesian estimates of posterior latent positions for the friendship network in the adolescent health school; the students' grades are shown as numbers.





# AI and Hong Kong



Figure 3.1 Smart City Themes and the Respective Policy Objectives



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## Report on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Application in Banking

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) today (23 December 2019) published a report titled "Reshaping Banking with Artificial Intelligence" as part of a series of publications on the study of the opportunities and challenges of applying AI technology in the banking industry.

In 2019, the HKMA has commissioned a consulting firm to conduct a study on the application of AI technology in the Hong Kong banking industry. The findings of the study are presented in this report, which summarises insights from academics and industry experts. This report also shares the result of an industry-wide survey

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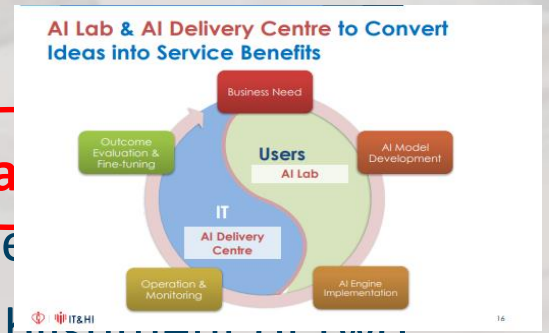
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AI & ROBOTICS

In a world of disruptive technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics opens up new possibilities to disrupt traditional industries. Ride the next wave of change with us.

Our thriving AI and Robotics community boasts over 100 companies with groundbreaking solutions. Find new technologies such as the fully automated smart express centre RobiX Centre, the RobiX Robotic ice cream machine, and the unmanned shop T-SHOP & LAB being tested on our Smart Campus. We connect the supply side and demand side to accelerate industry adoption of robotics and automation systems, so you can explore unimagined opportunities.

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 research clusters, one on healthcare technologies and one on AI  
 and robotics technologies





## Bachelor of Arts & Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence

- 💡 Focusing on **AI applications in diverse areas**, with a philosophical and ethical dimension
- 💡 Providing **fundamental and practical knowledge** for the design and construction of intelligent systems
- 💡 Emphasizing **problem-based learning**





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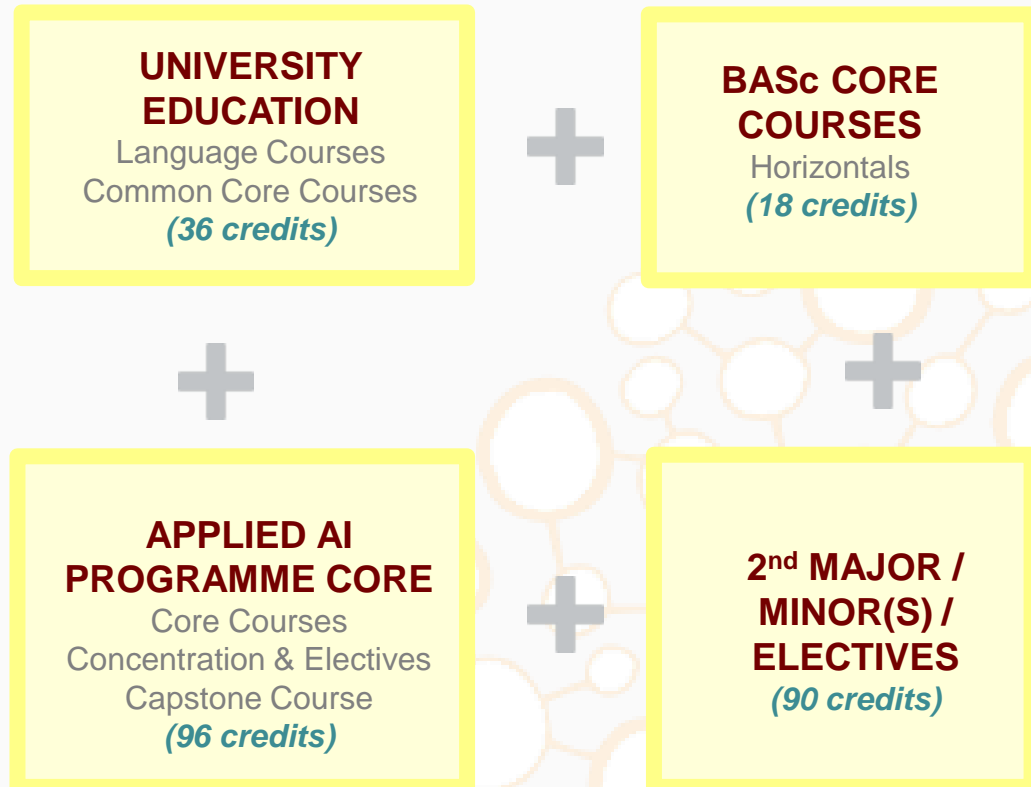
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<p><b>Core Courses</b> (66 credits)</p>	<p><b>Introductory Level Courses (48 credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Foundations of artificial intelligence</li> <li>o Computer programming</li> <li>o Computer organization</li> <li>o Data structures and algorithms</li> <li>o University mathematics II</li> <li>o Multivariate calculus and linear algebra</li> <li>o Probability and statistics I</li> <li>o Probability and statistics II</li> </ul> <p><b>Advanced Level Courses (18 credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Deep learning</li> <li>o Introduction to optimization</li> <li>o Statistical machine learning</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Elective Courses</b> (24 credits)</p>	<p><b>AI Technology (18+ credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Computer graphics</li> <li>o Robotics</li> <li>o Natural language processing</li> <li>o Image processing and computer vision</li> <li>o High-performance computing</li> <li>o Special topics of applied AI</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI in Business and Finance (18+ credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Marketing analytics</li> <li>o Operation research I</li> <li>o Financial calculus</li> <li>o Time series analysis</li> <li>o E-commerce technology</li> <li>o Special topics of applied AI</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI in Medicine (18+ credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Survival analysis</li> <li>o Modern biostatistics</li> <li>o Bayesian learning</li> <li>o Omics data analysis</li> <li>o Medical image analysis</li> <li>o Special topics of applied AI</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI in Smart City (18+ credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Urban &amp; regional development I</li> <li>o Urban &amp; regional development II</li> <li>o Introduction to geographic information systems</li> <li>o Environmental GIS</li> <li>o Transport and society</li> <li>o Special topics of applied AI</li> </ul>	<p><b>AI in Neurocognitive Science (18+ credits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Introduction to psychology</li> <li>o Perception</li> <li>o Foundations of cognitive science</li> <li>o Foundations of neuroscience</li> <li>o Human neuropsychology</li> <li>o Special topics of applied AI</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Elective Courses: (6 credits)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Design and analysis of algorithms (CS)</li> <li>o Database management system (CS)</li> <li>o Computer and network security (CS)</li> <li>o Numerical analysis (MATH)</li> <li>o Game theory and strategy (MATH)</li> <li>o Network models in operations research (MATH)</li> <li>o Data visualization (SAAS)</li> <li>o Linear modeling (SAAS)</li> <li>o Multivariate modeling (SAAS)</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Capstone Requirement</b> (6 credits)</p>	<p>Directed studies/project/internship in Applied AI</p>				

## **BASc HORIZONTAL COURSES** *(18 credits)*



- ★ **DESN9002 Sustainable Leadership**
- ★ **BASC9001 Foundations of Human Knowledge**
- ★ **STAT1005 Foundation of Data Science**

- Multidisciplinary training in leadership, design thinking
- Introduction to foundations of human knowledge and data science
- Networking with fellow students from other BASc programmes







# Example of AI Application: Autonomous Mapless Robot Navigation in Crowded Scenarios



- **PI: Dr. Jia Pan\*** from **Computer Science department**, in collaboration with Baidu
- Navigation is an essential capability for mobile robots.
- A generalized yet effective 3M (i.e., multi-robot, multi-scenario, and multi-stage) training framework is proposed, which uses a robust policy gradient algorithm.
- The method enables different types of mobile platforms to navigate safely in complex and highly dynamic environments, such as pedestrian crowds.

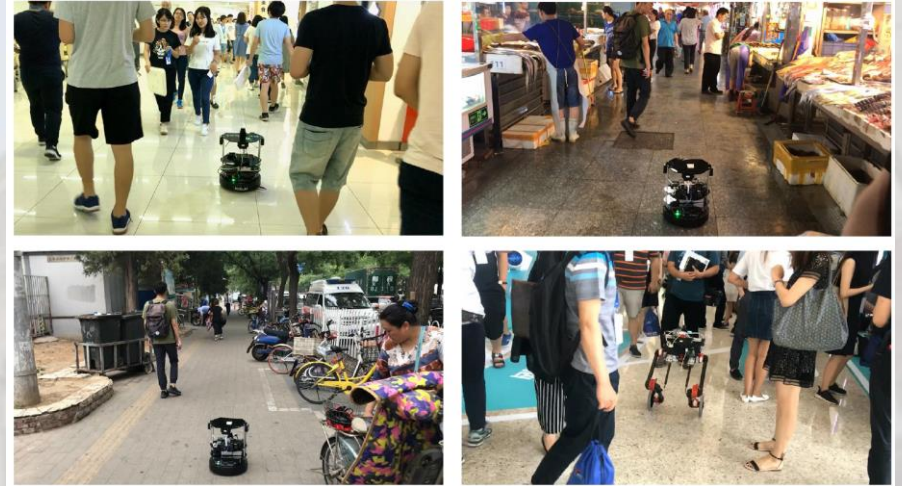


Fig. 1: Mapless navigation in complex and highly dynamic environments using different mobile platforms.

## Autonomous Social Distancing in Urban Environments using a Quadruped Robot



Fig. 9: Examples from the real-world experiment. The top and bottom images describes two different scenarios. Left: The robot detected and approached the crowds, then persuaded them to keep social distance. Right: The crowds density decreased.

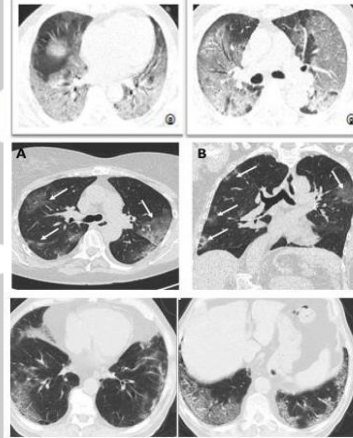


# Example of AI Application: A Fast Online COVID-19 Diagnostic System with Chest CT Scans



**PI: Prof. Guosheng Yin\*** from Statistics and Actuarial Science department

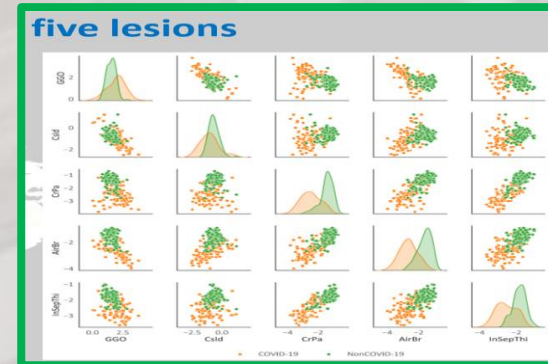
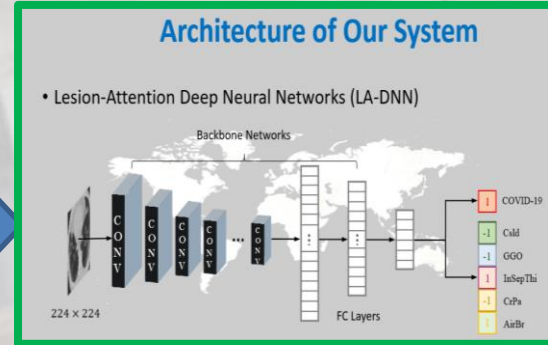
- CT scanning has an advantage on early COVID-19 detection
- Five lesion descriptions about COVID-19 positive cases:
  - ground glass opacities (GGO)
  - consolidation (Cld)
  - crazy paving appearance (CrPa)
  - air bronchograms (AirBr)
  - interlobular septal thickening (InSepThi)



**Top:** CT images with various radiographic abnormalities: bilateral diffuse consolidation with air bronchograms.

**Middle:** COVID-19 positive with clinical and CT findings, but with repeated negative RT-PCR tests. Axial (A) and coronal (B) CT images show typical bilateral subpleural areas of GGO.

**Bottom:** Progress of CT findings in a COVID-19 patient, showing an increase of extent of GGO with crazy paving appearance.



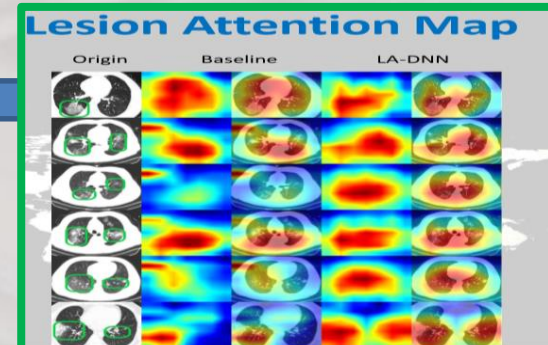
### Results from Testing Set

- The experimental results show that the sensitivity (recall), area under the curve (AUC), F1 score, and accuracy for COVID-19 diagnosis are **88.8%, 94.7%, 87.9%, and 89.0%**, respectively.

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\# \text{True Positive}}{\# \text{True Positive} + \# \text{False Negative}}$$

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\# \text{True Positive}}{\# \text{True Positive} + \# \text{False Positive}}$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\# \text{True Positive} + \# \text{True Negative}}{\# \text{Positive} + \# \text{Negative}}$$


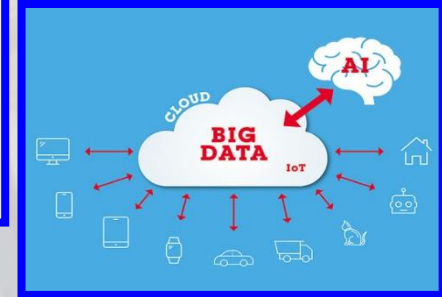
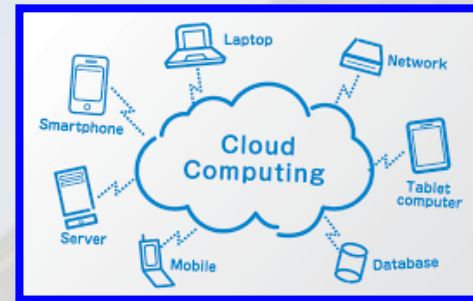




# Example of AI Application: Optimization Problems in AI Cloud Computing



- **PI: Prof. Xiaoming Yuan from Mathematics department**, in collaboration with Huawei
- A very important problem in Cloud Computing is **scheduling of various resources such as bandwidth and computing facilities (CPU, Memory, etc.)**.
- It turns out that a fundamental common mathematical model for these technological problems is the **assignment problem** (with some generalizations), which is classic in the Operational Research domain and well known to be “NP Hard” difficult (because of its integer variables).
- Additionally, the assignment problems arising in Cloud Computing are much more challenging because **they are large-scale, and there are many variables and constraints in the models**.



- Currently, these problems are mainly solved by standard generic algorithms in Operational Research textbooks and the efficiency is not satisfactory at all.
- Prof. Yuan developed a new and faster solver for these assignment problems in Cloud Computing based on his work on **separable convex minimization models**.
- The new and faster solver for generalized assignment problems in Cloud Computing showed high commercial values.



# Welcome to HKU !

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#48 World #9 Asia #2 HK Statistics & OR  
 #53 World #10 Asia #3 HK Mathematics  
*by subject*  
 #43 World #11 Asia #3 HK Computer Science

#14 World #4 Asia #1 HK Architecture  
 #11 World #2 Asia #1 HK Geography  
 #34 World #3 Asia #1 HK Psychology

High-dimensional data analysis

Scientific computation

Statistical learning

Machine/Deep learning

Big data optimization

Time series forecasting

Transportation

Risk management

Speech/NLP/Text analytics

Computer vision

GIS

Game theory

Information security

Financial and actuarial applications

Robotics

Operational research

DNA profiling, forensic statistics

Neuropsychology





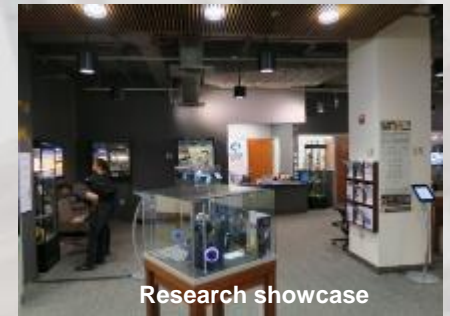
# Tam Wing Fan Innovation Wing (ready in Sep 2020, open to all Engineering as well as **Applied AI students**)



Maker studio



Glass facade



Research showcase



Discussion rooms



Brainstorming area



Specialized equipment



Multi-purpose room



# Career Prospects



The programme connects the exploding demand of the AI market in diverse areas, such as:

- ❖ Business
- ❖ Banking & finance
- ❖ Science & technology
- ❖ Environmental protection
- ❖ Urban development
- ❖ Medical informatics
- ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Neurocognitive science







# Career Opportunities

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HK\$420k - 600k

HK\$300k - 420k

HK\$204k - 400k

Machine Learning  
Senior Applied Scientist for Deep Learning

Rate of Growth (2012 - 2017)



# Internship Opportunities

(in year 3 or year 4)



## Potential collaboration company



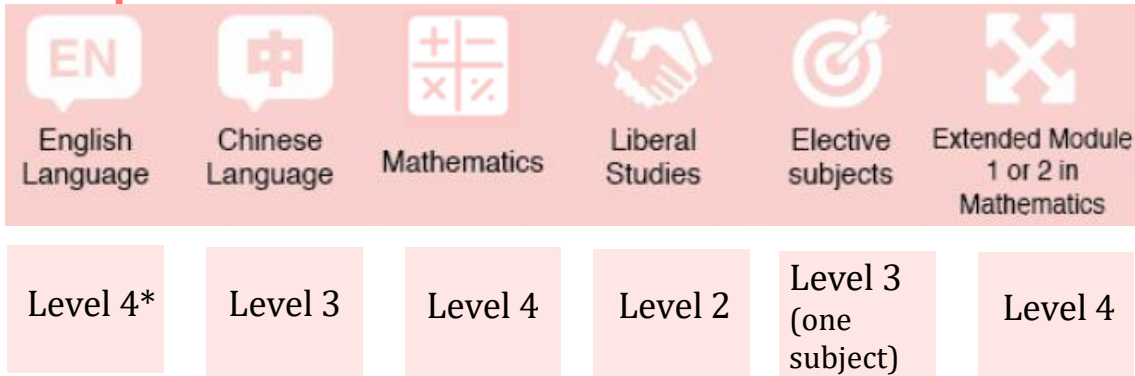


# 6224 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Applied AI)



## Admissions Requirements – JUPAS applicants

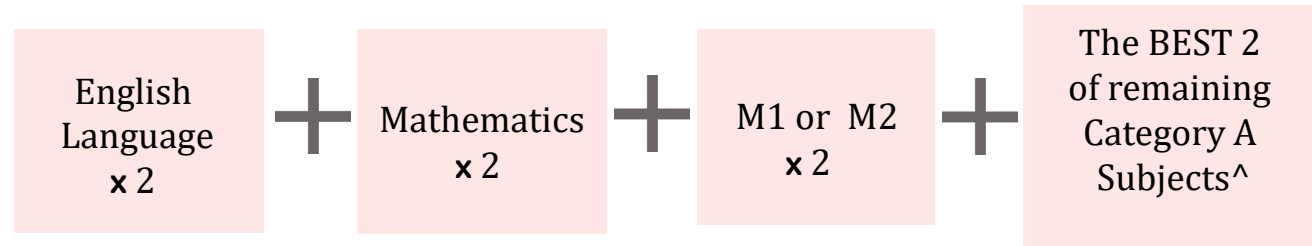
### Minimum Programme Entrance Requirements:



\*Candidates with level 4 in English Language, if admitted, will be required to take 6 additional credits in Core University English to complete their degree studies

2022 Admissions quota:  
**15**

### Selection principle: **BEST 5**



<sup>^</sup>Science elective subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science and Integrated Science), Information and Communication Technology x 1.5  
Non-science elective, Liberal Studies and Chinese Language x 1

2022 Expected JUPAS admissions score:  
**53**



### HKDSE 'level to score' conversion

Category A Core and Elective Subjects and Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics							
Level	1	2	3	4	5	5*	5**
Score	1	2	3	4	5.5	7	8.5

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## 2021 Admissions Statistics– Non-JUPAS

### GCEAL

Lowest admissions score  
3A\*

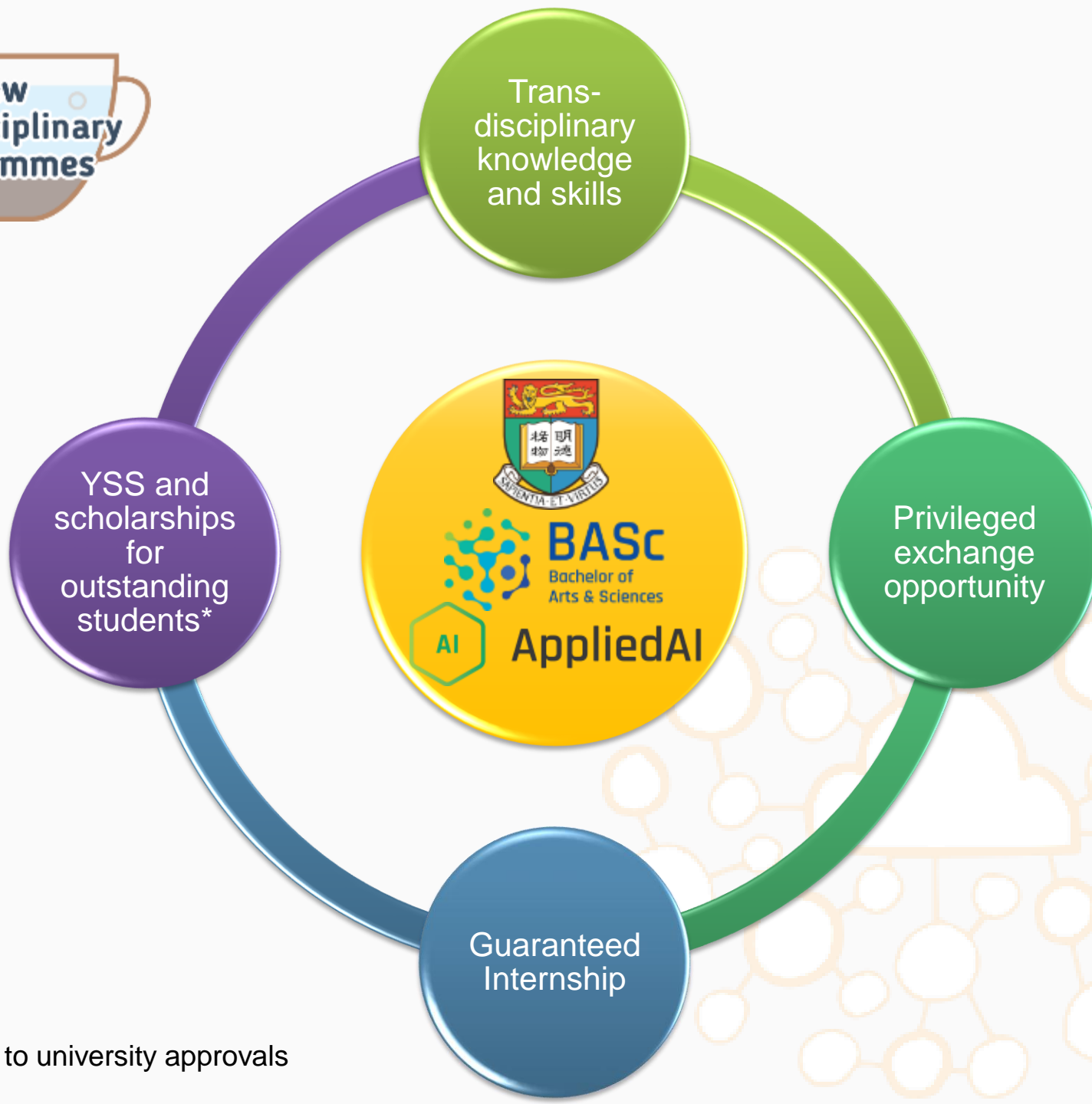
Average admissions score  
3A\*

### IB

Lowest admissions score  
39

Average admissions score  
40





\* Subject to university approvals





# Further Information



BASc(Applied AI) website:

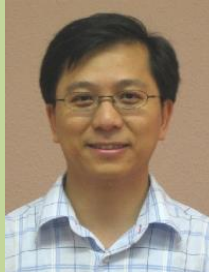
<https://saasweb.hku.hk/programme/ai.php>

(or Google with “hku applied ai”)

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