

# PANEL 6: METRICS AND MEASUREMENT METHODS: WHAT AND HOW TO TEST

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# AI EVALUATION AS AGGREGATED PERFORMANCE

- **GOAL:** Estimate the expected result  $\tilde{R}$  of system  $\pi$  and a new task  $\mu$ .

Given:

- Distribution  $p$  in problem class  $M$  (e.g., configurations of a navigation task)
- Metric of performance  $\mathbb{R}$  (e.g., navigation success)

Calculate **aggregated performance** and **extrapolate** for  $\mu$ !

$$\tilde{R}(\pi, \mu) = \sum_{\mu' \in M} p(\mu') \mathbb{R}(\pi, \mu')$$

- This is useful **if  $\mu \sim p$  and** the operating condition in  $\mathbb{R}$  does not change.

But this is almost never the case!



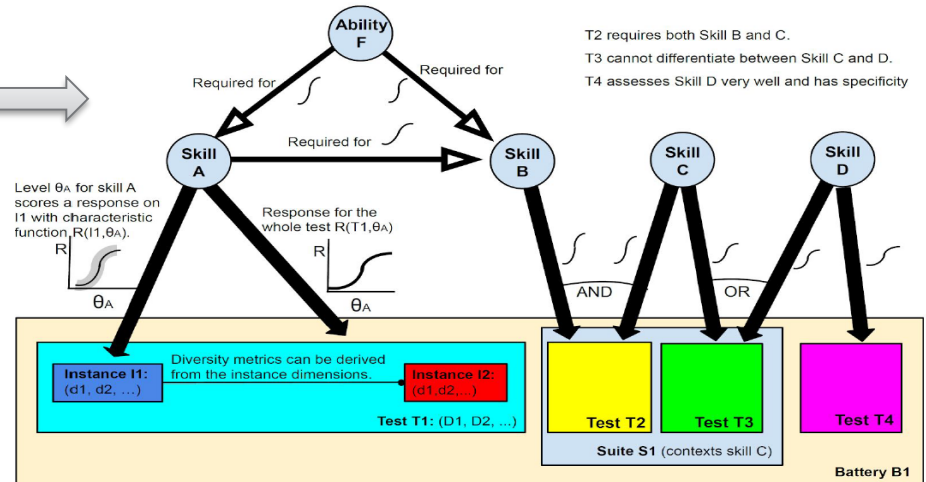
# RECOG-AI : MEASUREMENT LAYOUTS

- Robust Evaluation of Cognitive Capabilities and Generality in AI
  - 2021-2023 (planning to work with DARPA)
    - related to the machine common sense program, director: Matt Turek.
  - Run at the Centre for the Future of Intelligence, Cambridge, UK.
  - Measurement Layouts:



## Generality:

- In RL settings for basic navigation skills
- With language or multimodal models



# RECOG-AI : SPACES AND FEATURES

- Original feature space:
  - observable by the system. Usually abstracted into latent features.
- Surface feature space:
  - sometimes observable. A general system should be invariant to these.
- Cognitive (construct) space:
  - usually non-observable. Performance should correlate with them:
    - agents with a high capabilities profile in this space will imply success for problems with lower difficulty levels in these capabilities.

128x128 RGB pixels



Symmetry



Irrelevant elements



Clutter

Compass	Racket	Minivan	Steel Drum

Number

Lizard	Stocking	Mushroom	Strawberry

Textureless

Leopard	Pool Table	Hatchet	Skewdriver

# METRICS AND MEASUREMENT

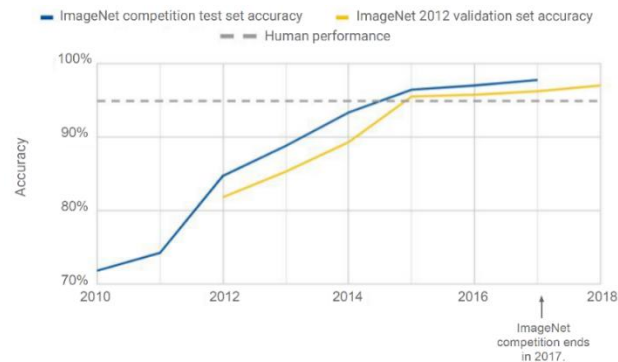
## Metrics:

- Capabilities should have a proper scale.
- Aggregations are not additive from results.
  - More detailed results, annotated instances!
  - No more aggregated results only, please!
  - No more “superhuman” claims, please!

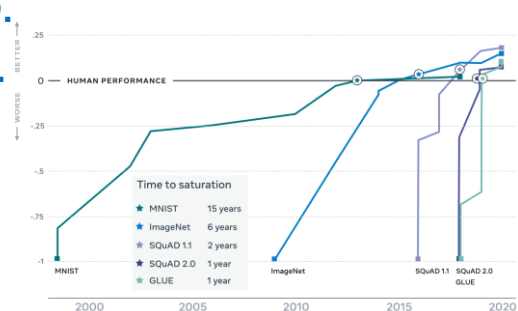
## Measurement:

- Cover the capabilities space, not the original  $p$ .
- Avoid “challenge-solve-and-replace” dynamics.
- Explore instance variation:
  - Adaptive testing
  - Adversarial testing

Hernandez-Orallo, J. “AI Evaluation: On Broken Yardsticks and Measurement Scales”, MetaEval@AAAI2020.



AI benchmark saturation over time



CIFAR10 → CIFAR100,  
SQuAD1.1 → SQuAD2.0,  
GLUE → SUPERGLUE,  
Starcraft → Starcraft II

“Give me the data (distribution) and I will ace the test in a year!”

**THANKS!**



# OTHER SOURCES AND INITIATIVES:

- Other Talks (<http://josephorallo.webs.upv.es/>)
  - Diversity Unites Intelligence: Measuring Generality
  - Measuring A(G)I Right: Some Theoretical and Practical Considerations
  - Natural and Artificial Intelligence: Measures, Maps and Taxonomies
- Book (<http://allminds.org/>):
  - The Measure of All Minds: Evaluating Natural and Artificial Intelligence, Cambridge University Press 2017
- The AI Collaboratory: <http://aicollaboratory.org/>
  - Part of the European Commission's AI watch:
    - [https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/ai-watch\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/ai-watch_en)
- ReCOG-AI and the animal AI environment:
  - Part of the Kinds of Intelligence Programme at the CFI in Cambridge
    - <http://lcfi.ac.uk/projects/kinds-of-intelligence>

