

Universities as drivers of AI research and innovation



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# Computing - Leading GT Research



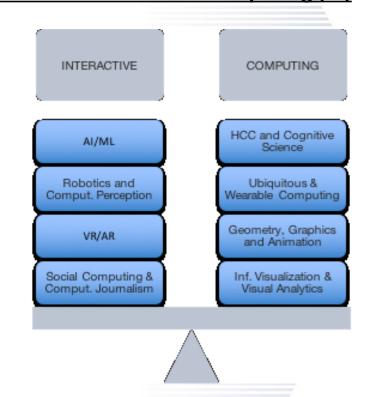
#### IRIs (11 total across GT)

- Institute for People & Technology
- Institute for Robotics & Intelligent M
- Institute for Data Engineering & Scie
- Institute for Information Security & F

#### **IRCs (12 total across GT)**

- GVU Center
- Center for Research into Novel Comp Hierarchies (CRNCH)
- Center for Machine Learning (ML@C

### **School of Interactive Computing (IC)**



# OUR RESEARCH AI AND MACHINE LEARNING



- The Center for Machine Learning at Georgia Tech
- Aims to establish sustainable research entity that leverages Georgia Tech's various disciplines to create leaders and train the next generation of machine learning pioneers
- Spearheads Georgia Tech's new Ph.D. in Machine Learning (est. 2017)

100+ total faculty

5 schools represented



# OUR RESEARCH ROBOTICS & COMPRESENTION



- The Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Mach
- Launched in 2013, IRIM breaks through disciplinary boundaries to achieve transformat research in medical robotics and human augmentation, autonomy, and collaborative robotics, among other areas.
- Spearheads Georgia Tech's Ph.D. in Robotics, widely recognized as one of the top programs the country

total faculty



graduate students



# Virtual Teaching Assistants: Jill Watson



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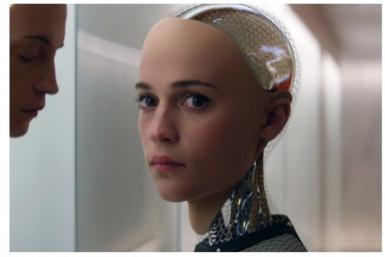
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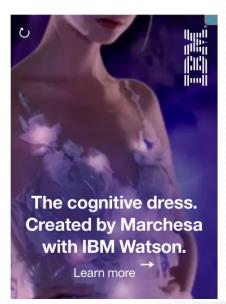
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## **Imagine Discovering That Your Teaching Assistant Really Is a Robot**

Students mostly couldn't tell 'Jill Watson' wasn't human; 'Yep!'



In the 2015 film 'Ex Machina,' above, a young man assesses the human characteristics of a beautiful robot, PHOTO: EVERETT COLLECTION



# Augmented Reality/Head Worn Displays



• AR significantly improves the speed of order picking over traditional pick-by-voice system.

Pick by HUD (Google Glass)

## Natural Language Processing/Explainable Al



- Rational AI agents can make decisions that are optimal but also hard to comprehend by end-users
- Al Rationalization: An automatically generated explanation comparable to what a human would say if he or she were controlling the robot in the same situation





# OUR PODGAST, THE INTERACTION HOUR

- Establish thought leadership from Georgia Tech in discussing the major issues impacting AI and the world.
- Available on iTunes and Spotify under "The Interaction Hour."



#### Ron Arkin

 Ethics in autonomous vehicles and AI in warfare.



## Munmun De Choudhury

 How social media can provide clues to our mental wellbeing.



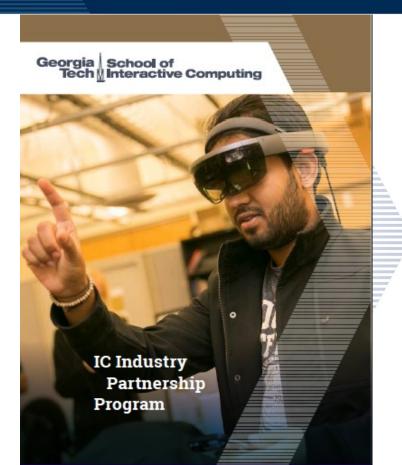
#### Sauvik Das

 How our social natures could inform development of cybersecurity tools.



## IEP, INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Creates a vibrant, mutually beneficial link between the School of Interactive Computing (IC) and industry.
- By joining IEP, companies have direct access to some of the world's top emerging experts in AI
- Offerings provide companies expertise to tackle complex real-world problems in every commercial sector: health to finance, e-commerce to transportation, technology to agriculture, and more.







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