

# What is the consciousness?

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# Questions?

Definition of “consciousness” and its conceptual grid?

Is this definition needed to work on AGI or not and why?

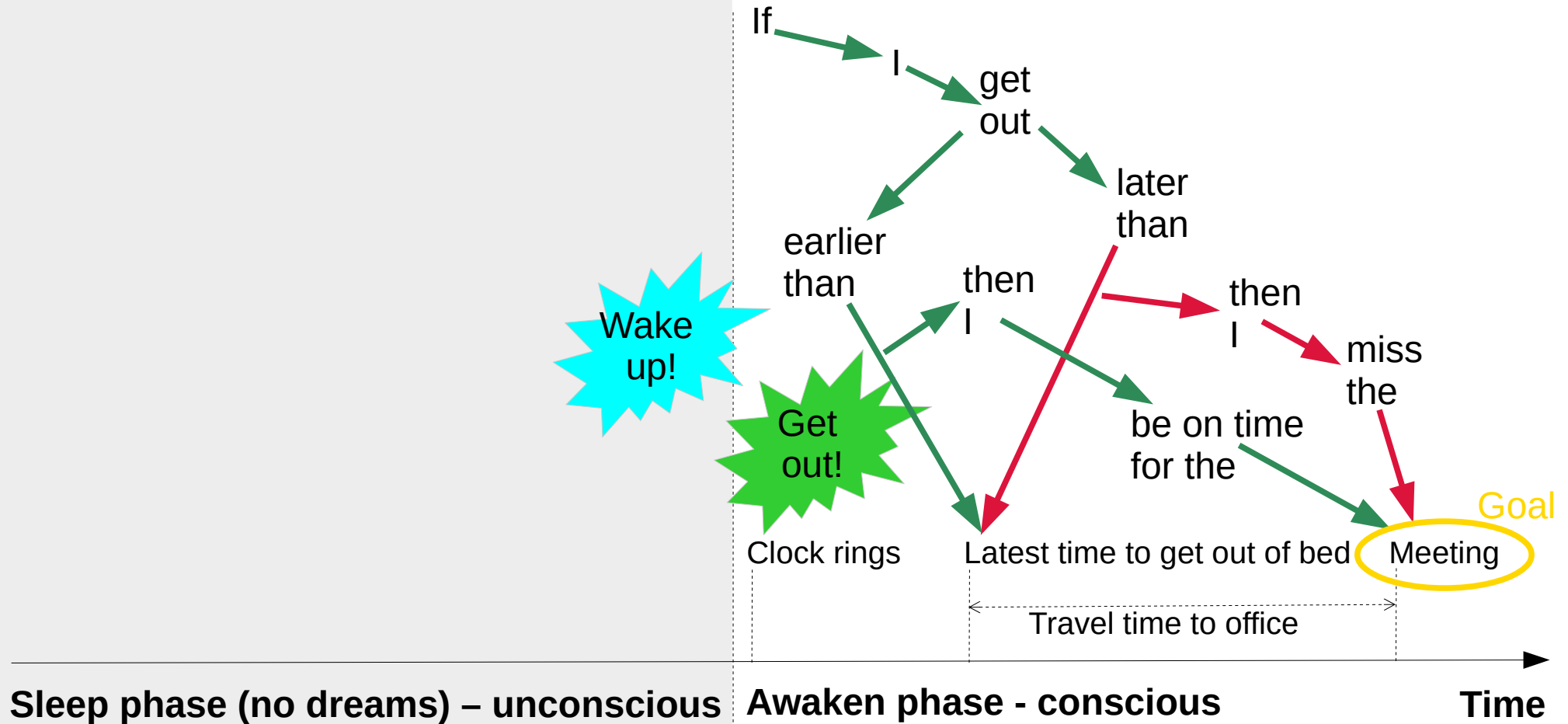
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Which animals and systems have it and in what quantity (quality)?

If artificial systems do not have it, can they develop it?

If they can have it, do they and we need it?

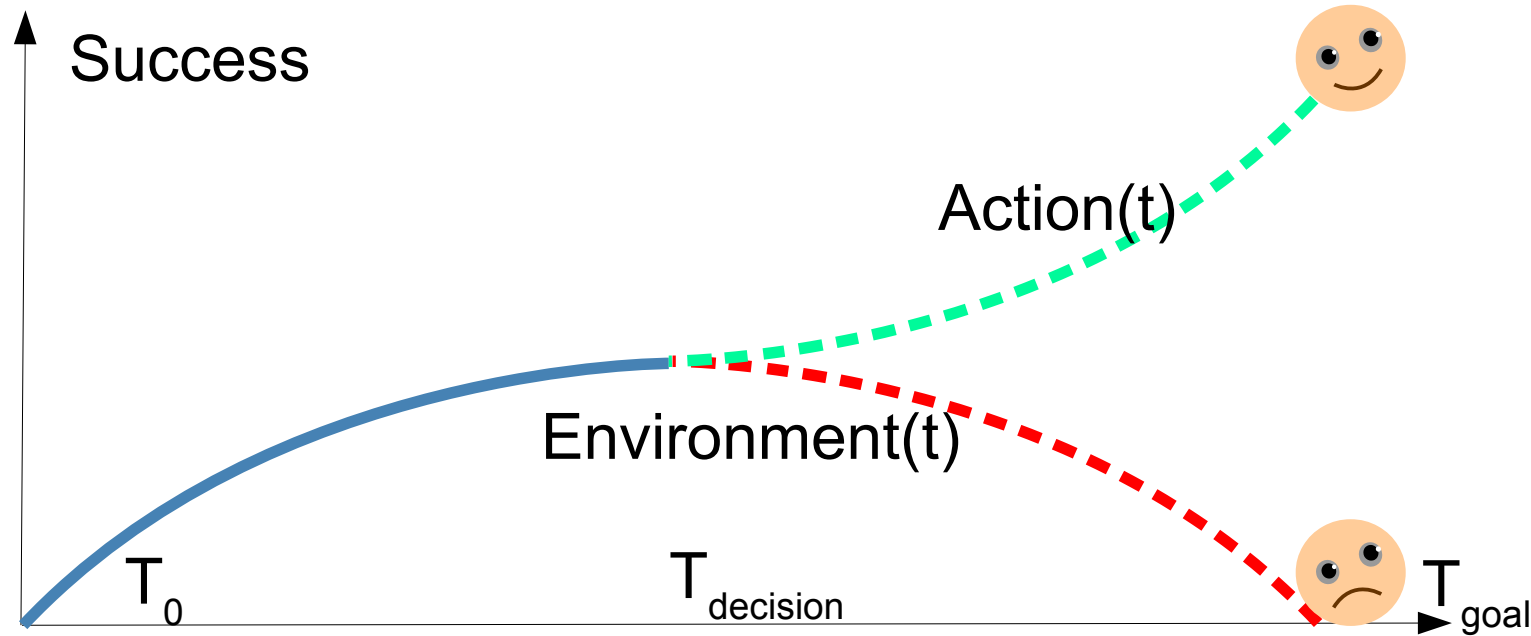
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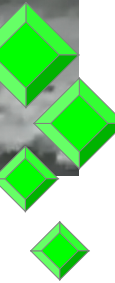
## Consciousness:

Ability to build models of the environment based on the past to predict the future scenarios and act “consciously” towards the desired ones



# Acting consciously:

Agent being able to direct the sequence of behavioral acts  
(at least) to itself by any (internal or external) **language**  
(ontology/lexicon/grammar)



Push legs,  
pull right hand

`push(right_leg);`  
`push(left_leg);`  
`pull(right_hand).`

Push left leg,  
pull both hands

`push(left_leg);`  
`pull(right_hand);`  
`pull(left_hand).`

Pull left hand,  
look right.

`look(right);`  
`pull(left_hand).`

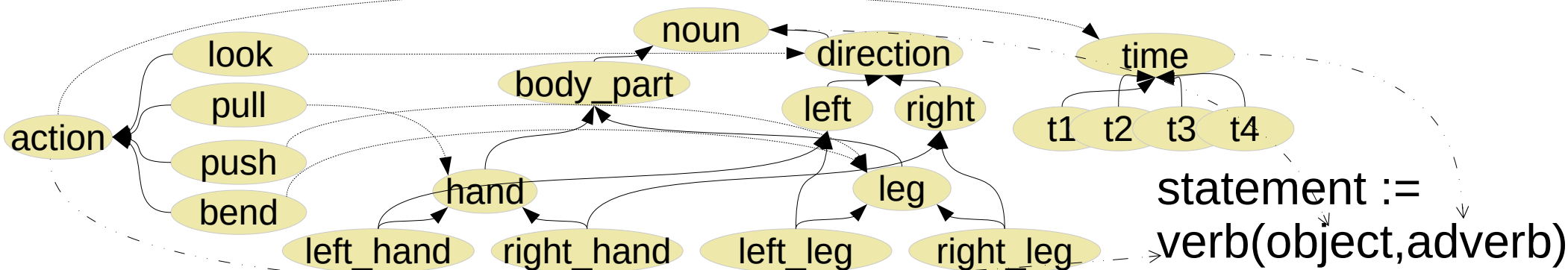
Pull right hand,  
bend both legs.

`pull(right_hand);`  
`bend(right_leg);`  
`bend(left_leg).`

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYWjqTP0AKM>

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# Ontology, lexicon, grammar



push(right\_leg, t1);  
push(left\_leg, t1);  
pull(right\_hand, t1).



push(left\_leg, t2);  
pull(right\_hand, t2);  
pull(left\_hand, t2);  
greater(t2,t1);



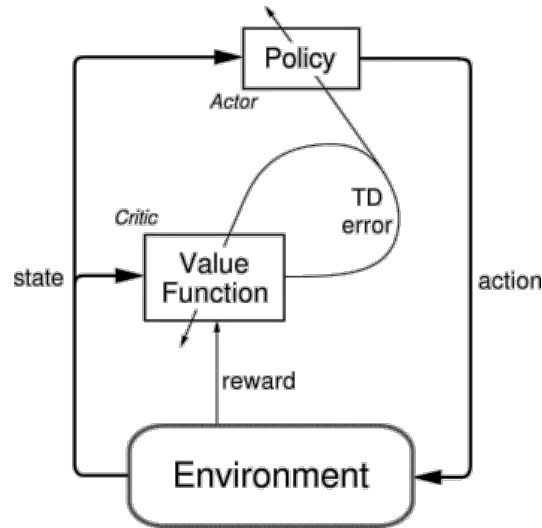
look(right,t3);  
pull(left\_hand,t3);  
greater(t3,t2);



pull(right\_hand,t4);  
bend(right\_leg,t4);  
bend(left\_leg,t4);  
greater(t4,t3).

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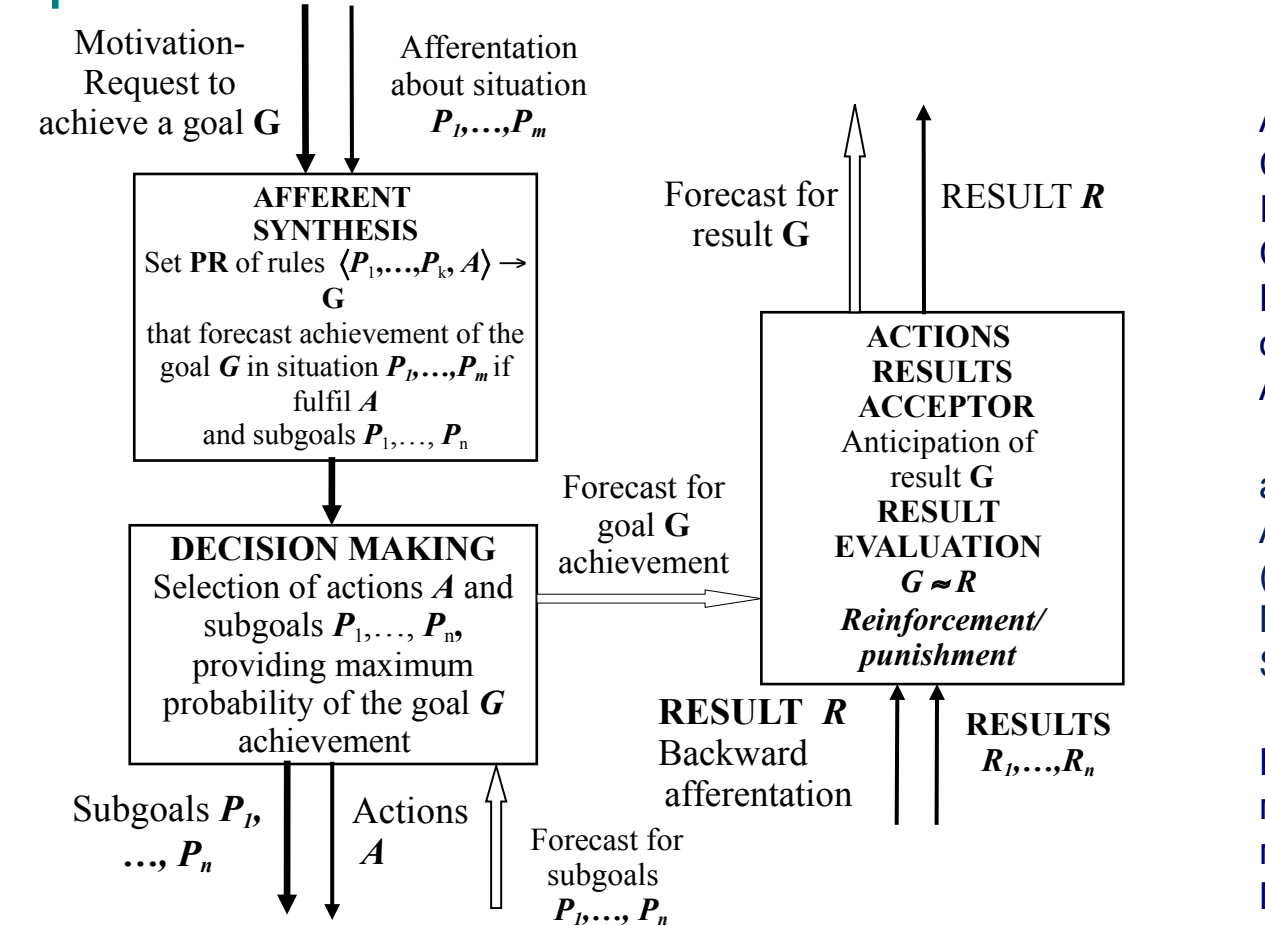
## Step 1: The Actor-Critic Reinforcement Learning algorithm



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$$Pr ob(G | P_1, \dots, P_k, P_1, \dots, P_n, A) = Pr ob(rule) \cdot Pr ob(P_1) \cdot \dots \cdot Pr ob(P_n)$$

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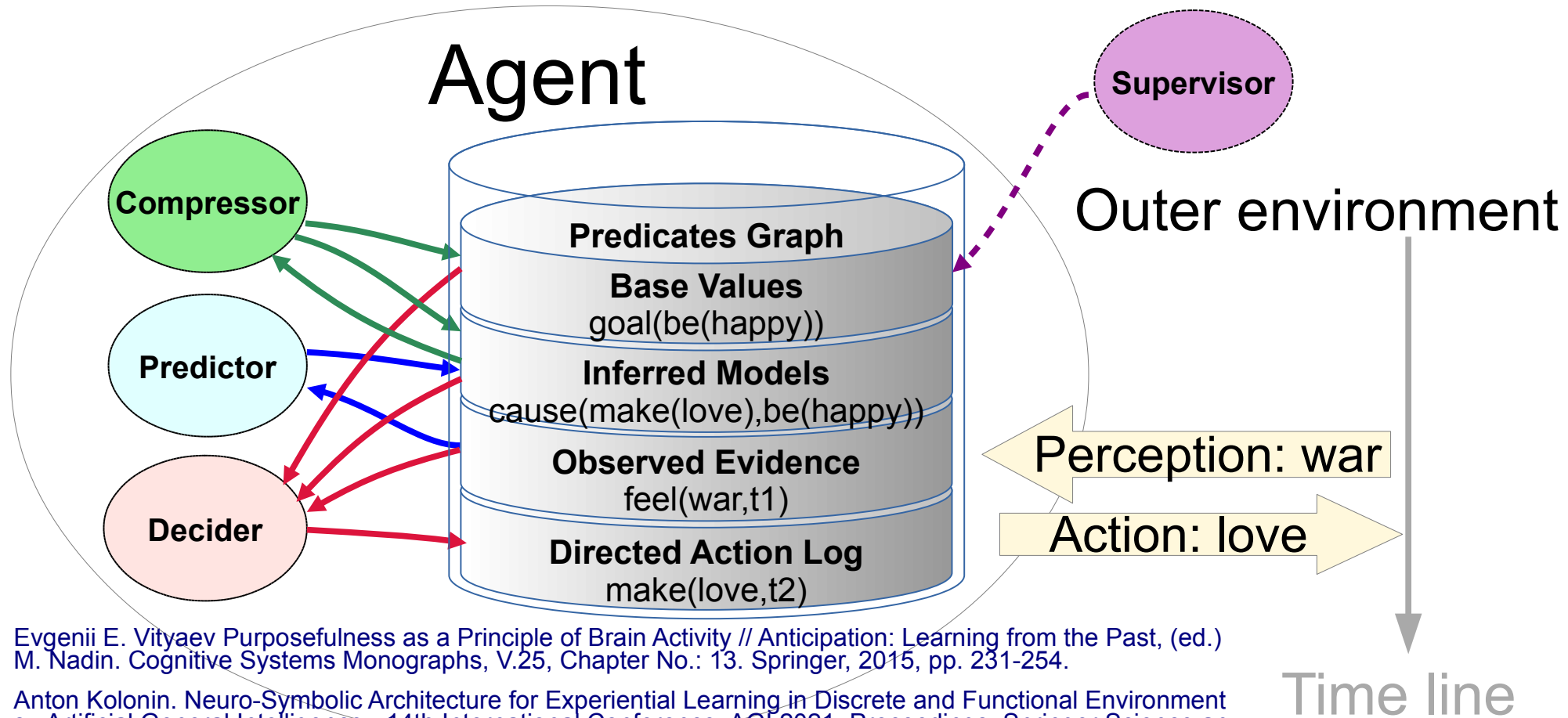
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## Step 3: AGI Agent Cognitive Architecture based on TFS

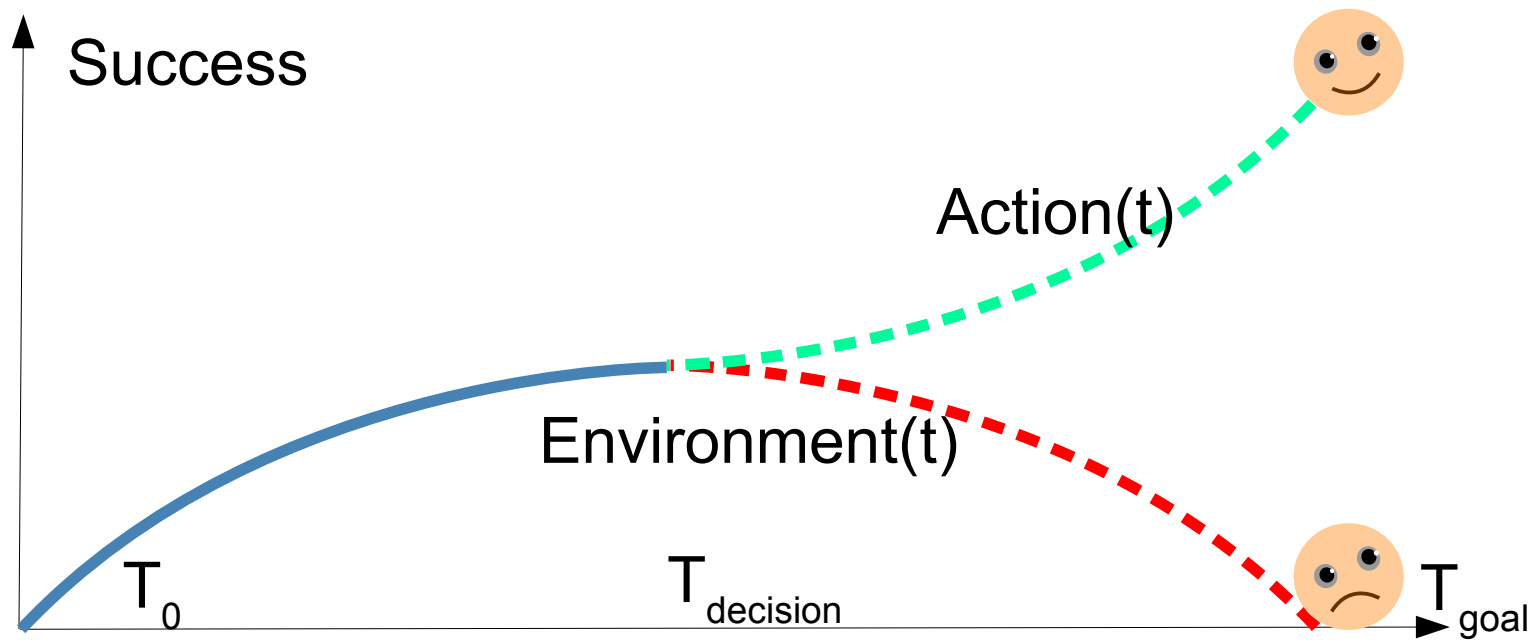


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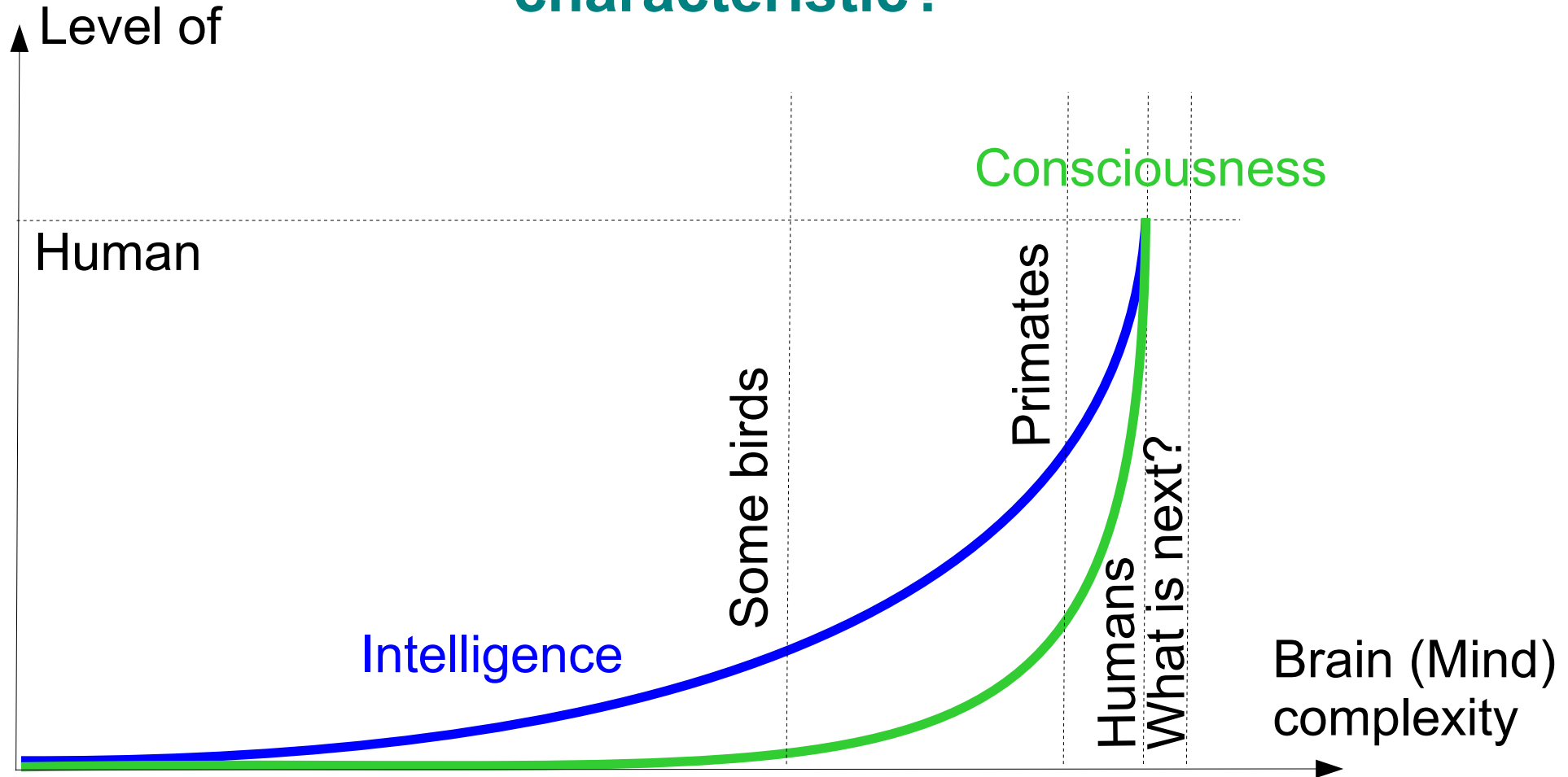
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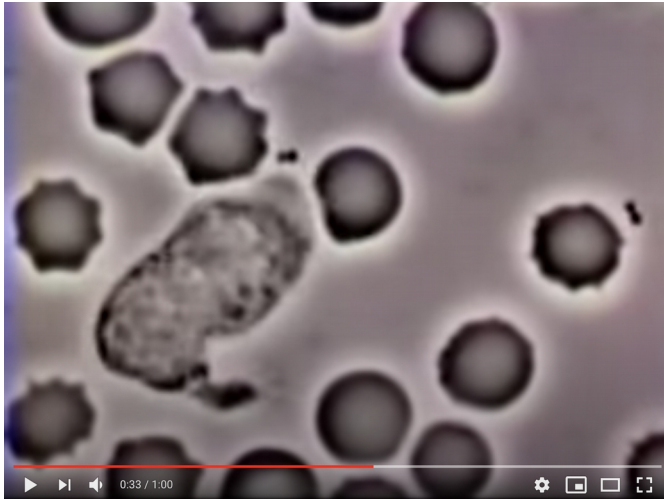


# Is it measurable quantitatively or is it a qualitative characteristic?



# Which animals and systems have it and in what quantity (quality)?

Single cell organism  
(no nervous system)



Simple nervous system  
(no cortex, no abstractions)



Complex nervous system  
(cortex, abstractions?)

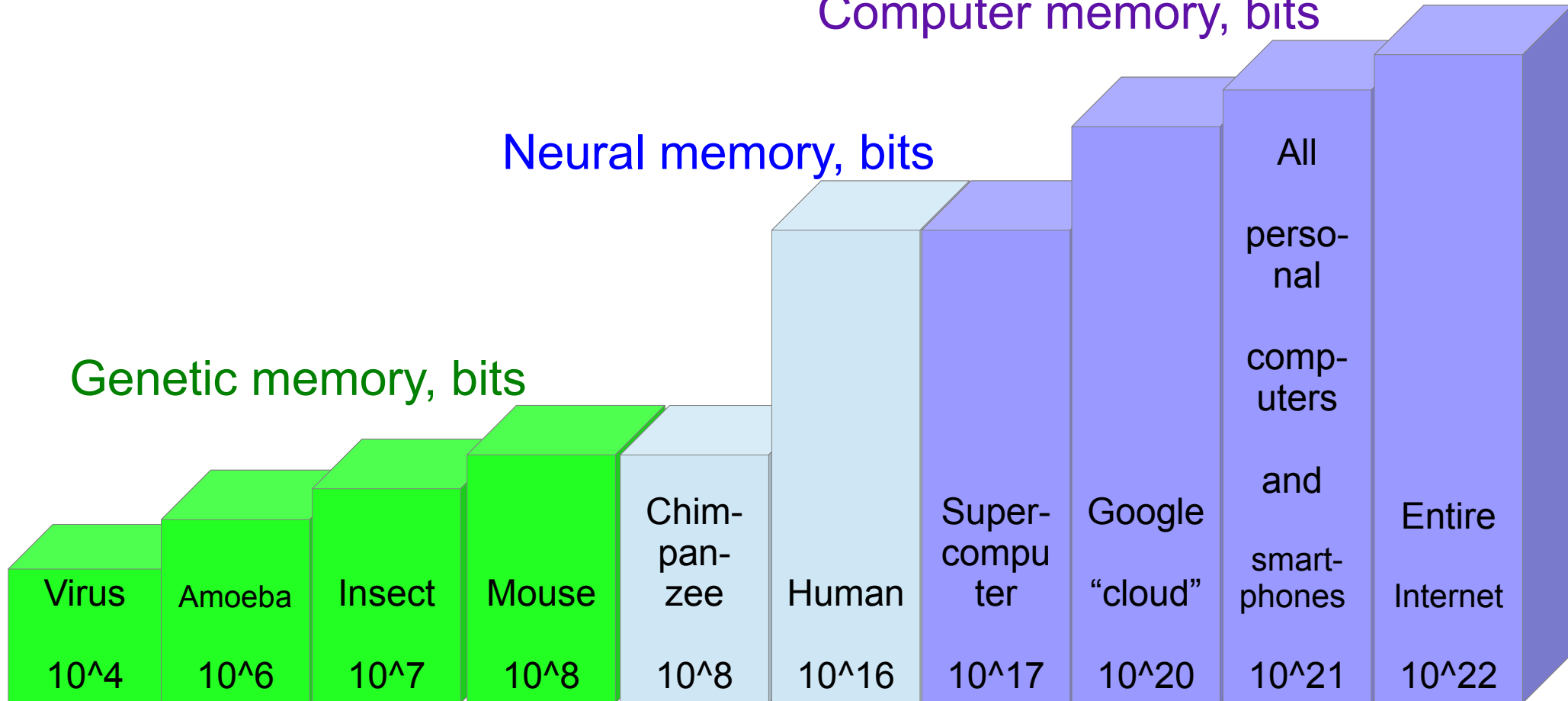


# Growth of information storage capacity

Computer memory, bits

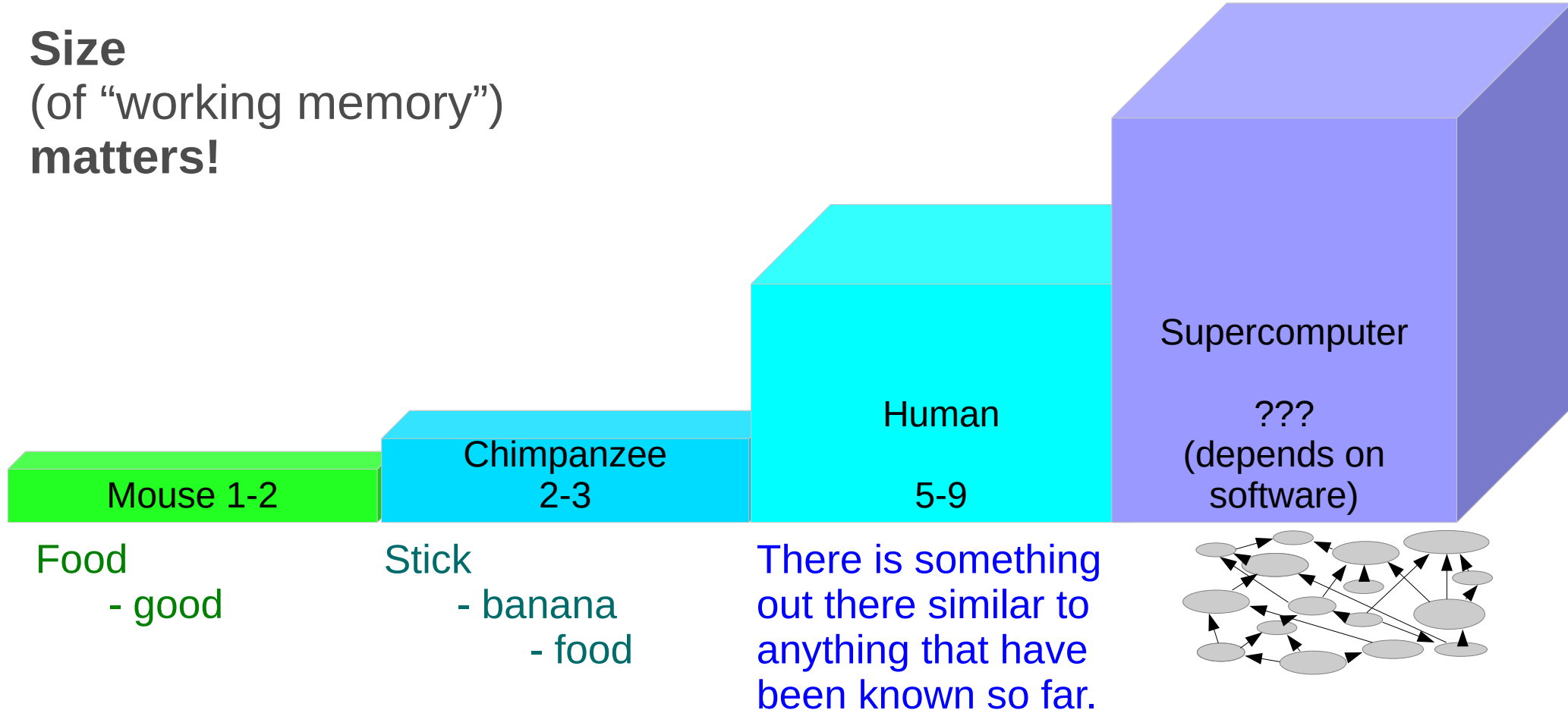
Neural memory, bits

Genetic memory, bits

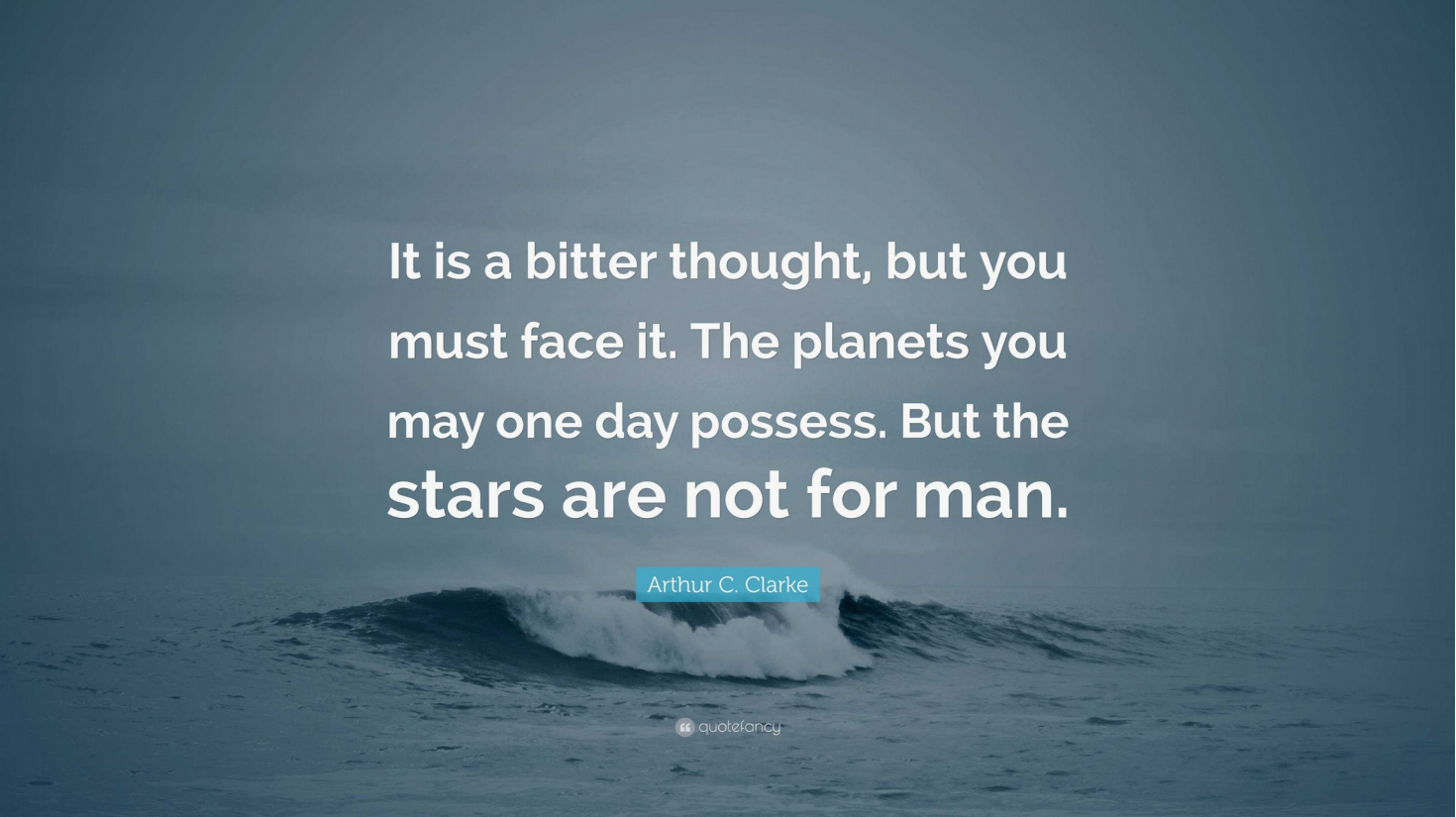


# Evolutionary growth working memory capacity

**Size**  
(of “working memory”)  
**matters!**



# If they can have it, do they and we need it? (Long term)



It is a bitter thought, but you  
must face it. The planets you  
may one day possess. But the  
**stars are not for man.**

Arthur C. Clarke

quote fancy

Childhood's End is a 1953 science fiction novel by the British author Arthur C. Clarke  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Childhood%27s\\_End](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Childhood%27s_End)



# If they can have it, do they and we need it?

## (Short term)



Stop Killer Robots coalition works to ensure human control in the use of force  
<https://www.stopkillerrobots.org/>



# If they can have it, do they and we need it? (Right now)



The Pentagon Inches Toward Letting AI Control Weapons  
<https://www.wired.com/story/pentagon-inches-toward-letting-ai-control-weapons/>

# Thank you for attention!

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