

A photograph of the iconic clock tower at Vanderbilt University, featuring red brick and Gothic architectural details. The tower is partially obscured by autumn foliage in shades of orange and red. The background shows a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

Cognitive Processes, Trust, and Biases in Cybersecurity

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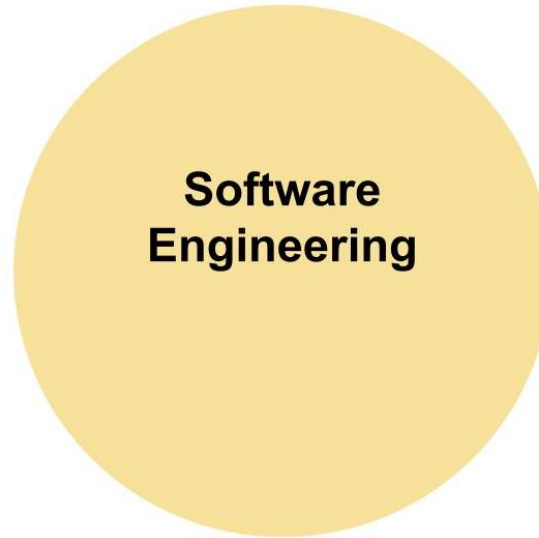
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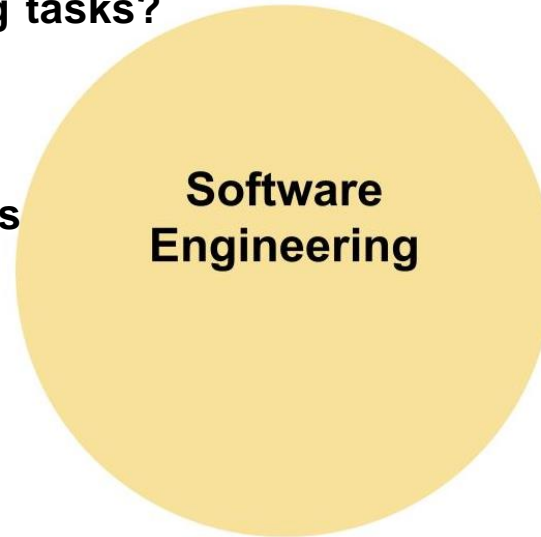
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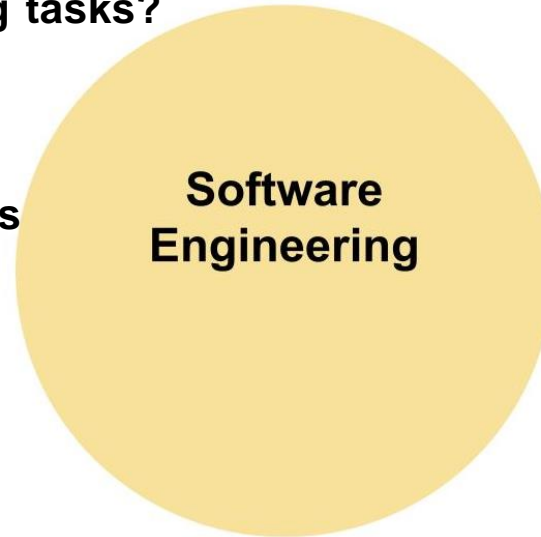
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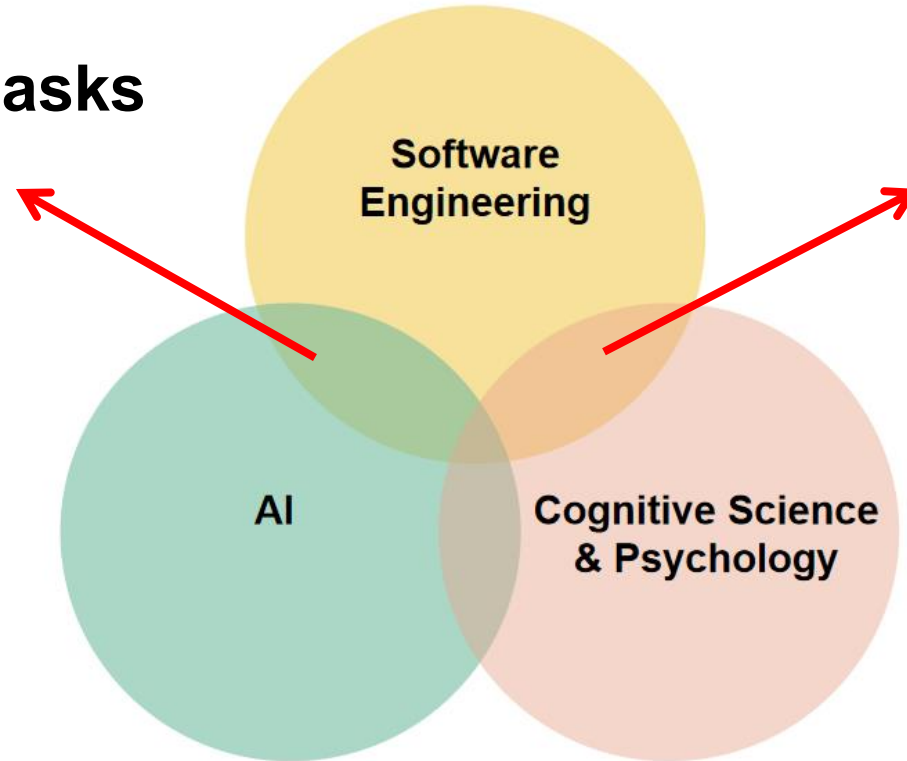
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- How can we design **automated tools and models** to conduct programming tasks efficiently and effectively?
- How can we develop more human-like AI models leveraging human behaviors?

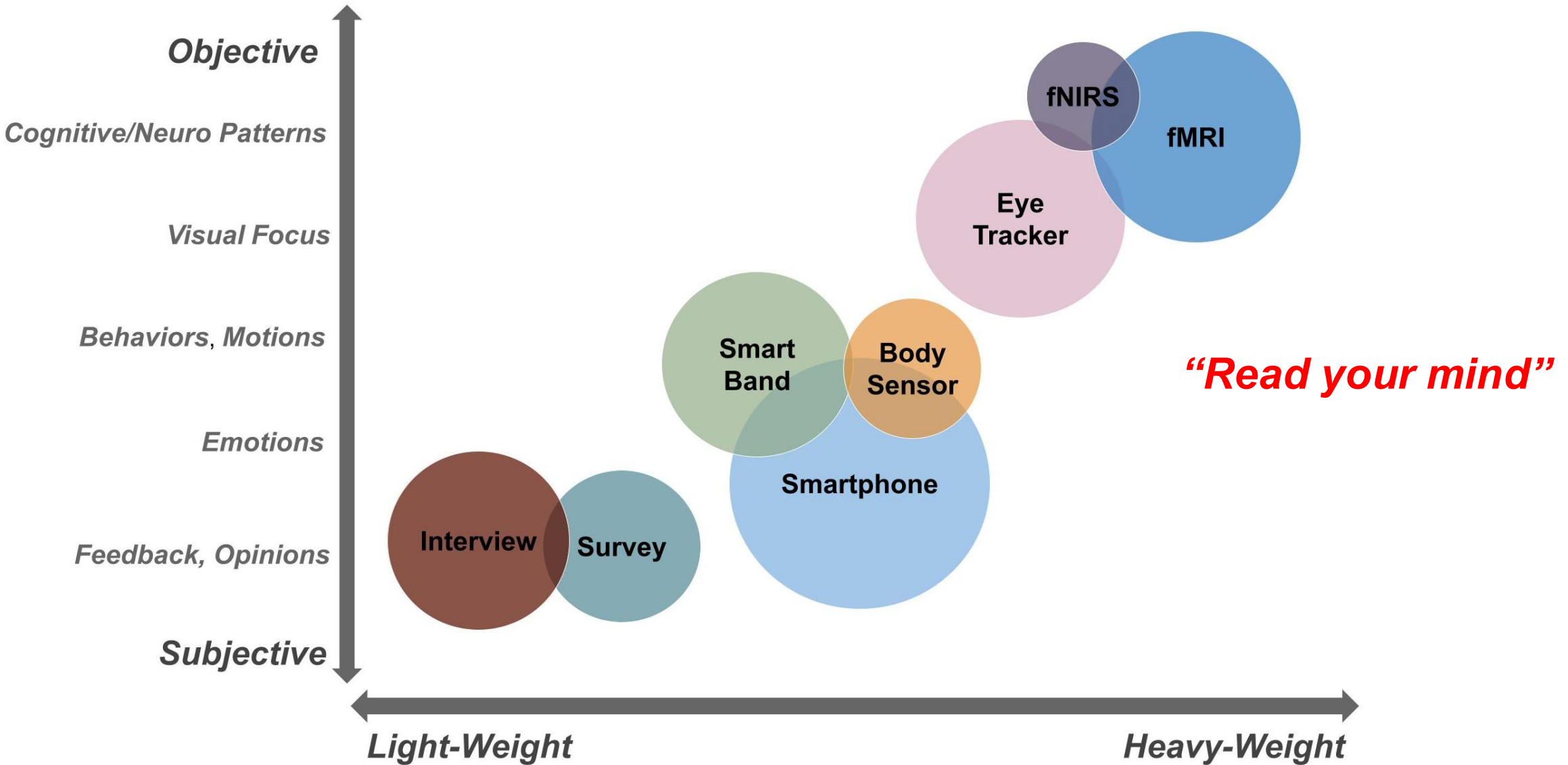
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AI4SE: downstream tasks

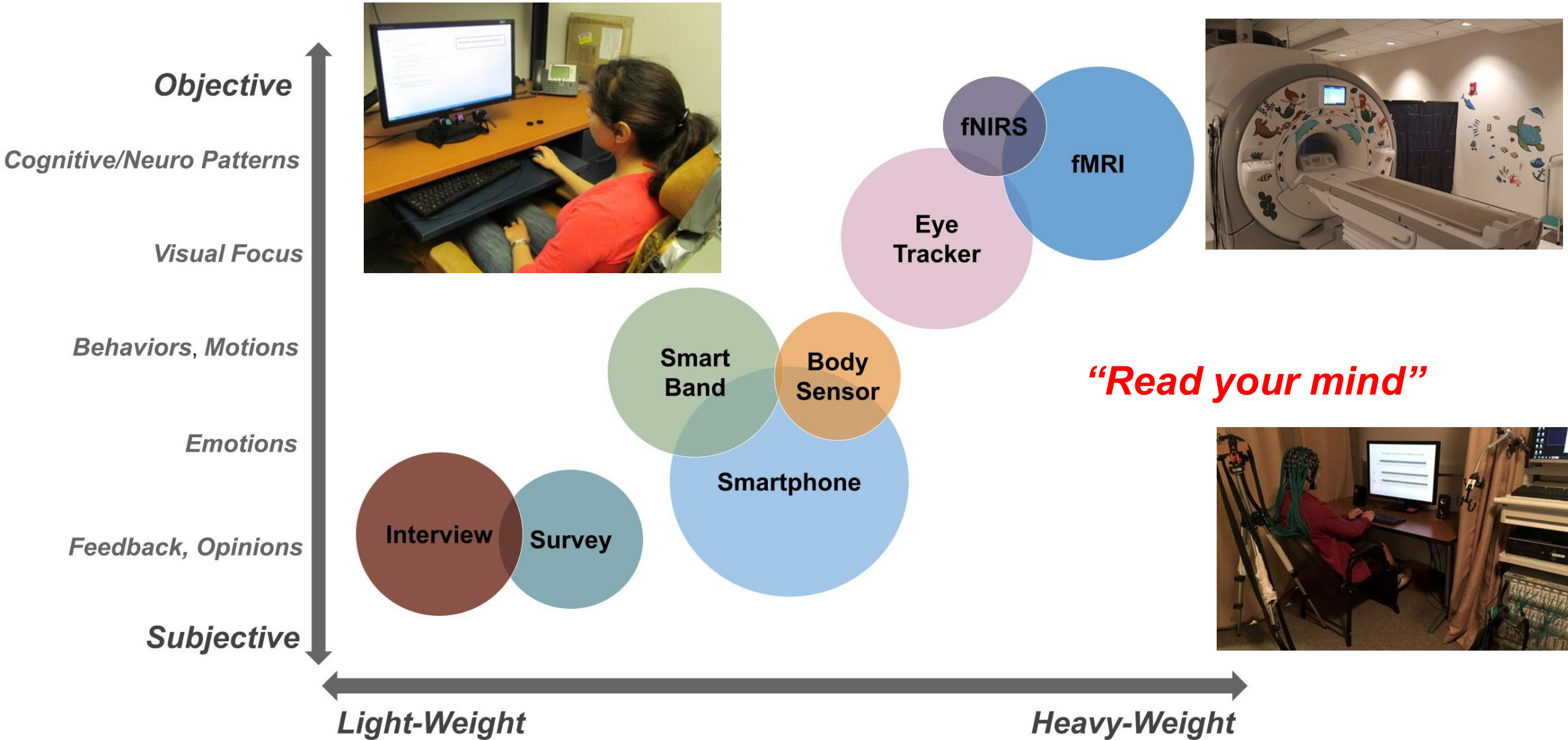


- **Cognitive processes**
- **Behaviors**
- **Visual patterns**

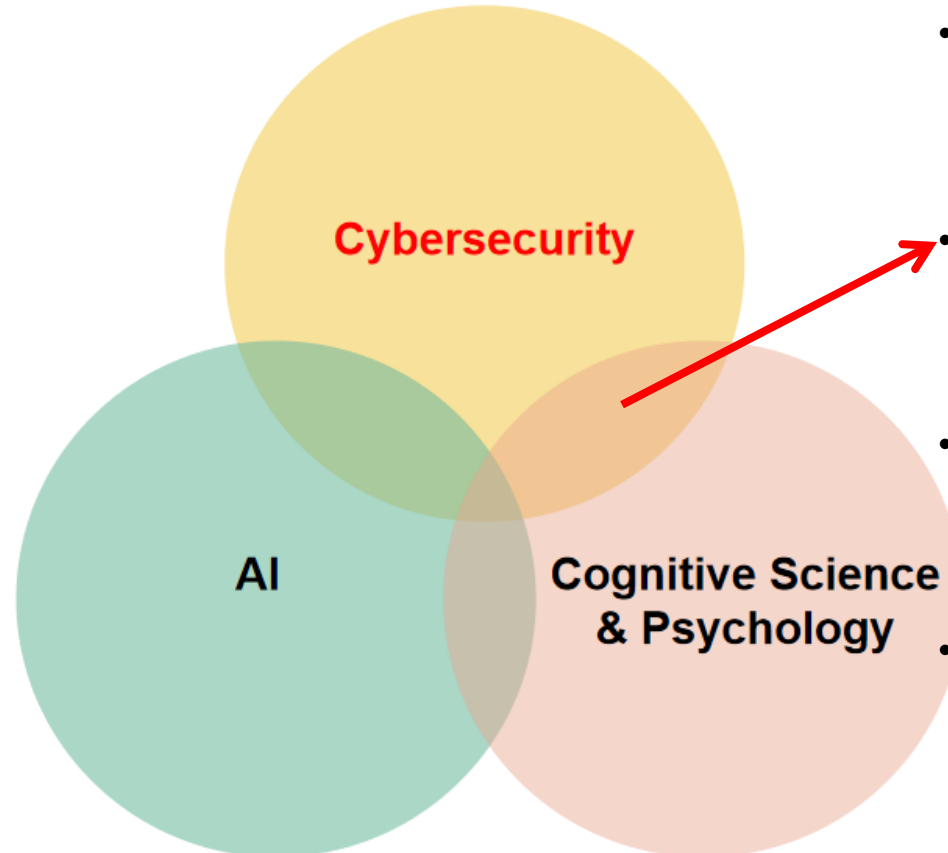
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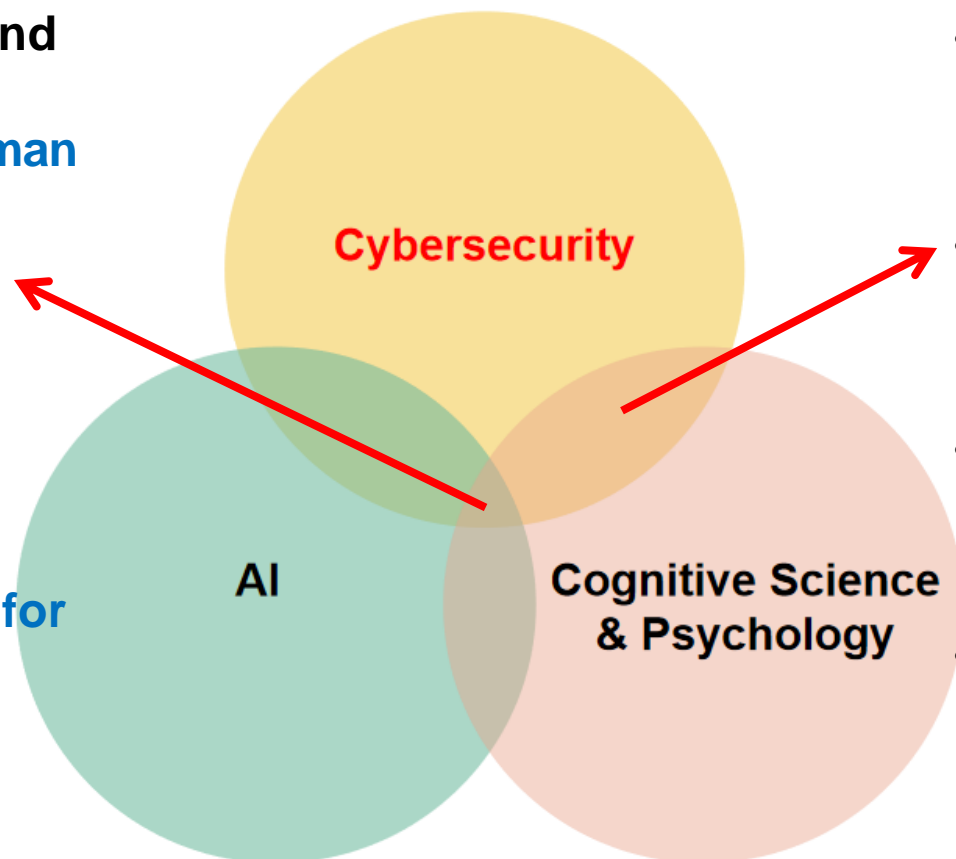
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- Does the model design and evaluation **align** with **human judgement**?
- How can we learn from programmers to design **human-centered models for Cybersecurity**?



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- **Expertise**
 - **Qualitative and quantitative analysis**
 - **Human-system experimental design**
 - **Longitudinal study and training**
 - **AI4SE, program analysis, CS education**
- **Facility support**
 - **Eye tracking**
 - **Medical imaging**
 - **Body sensors**
 - **Human study support: IRB, space, software support, recruitment, etc.**