

TDDE19

Advanced Project Course – AI and Machine Learning Introduction

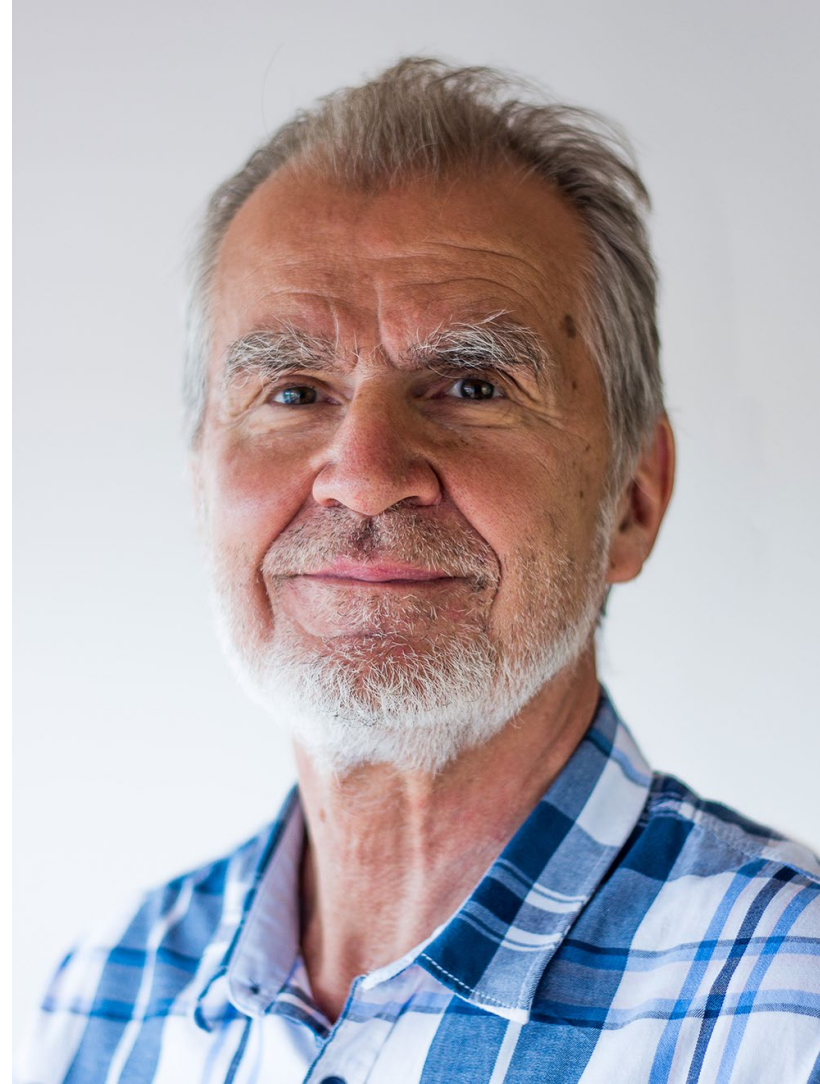
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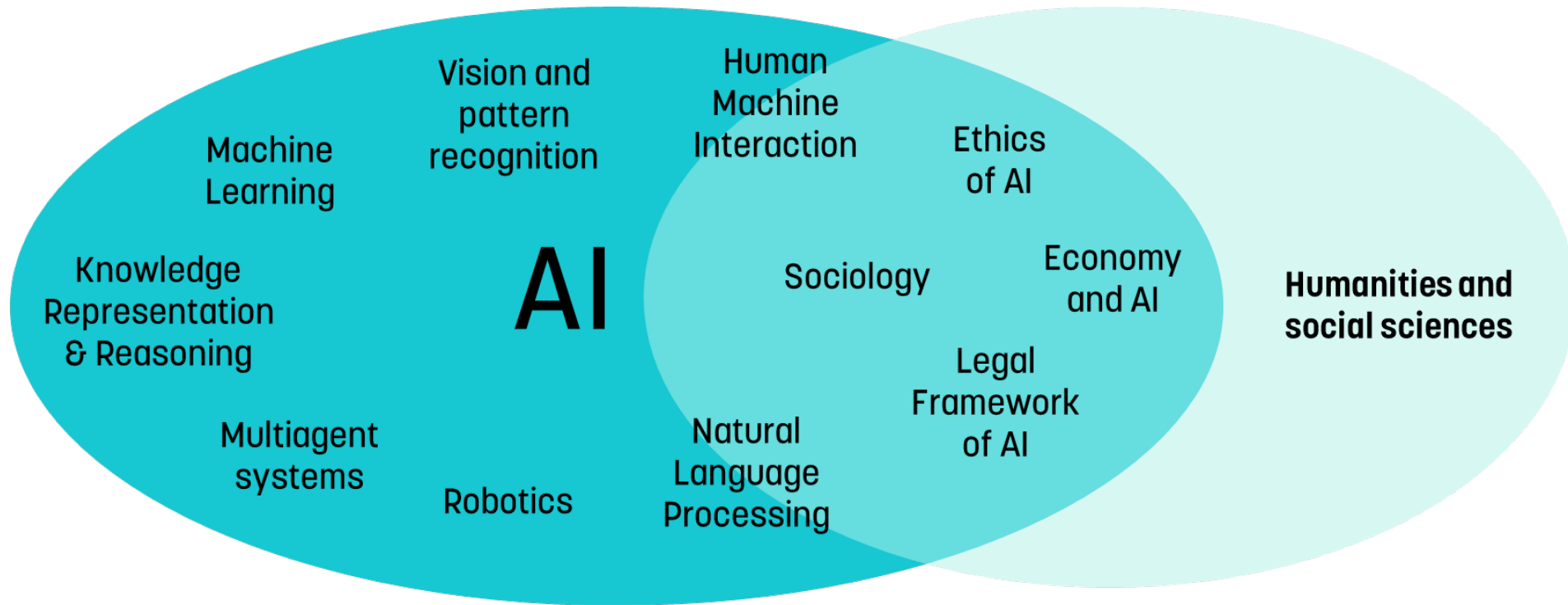
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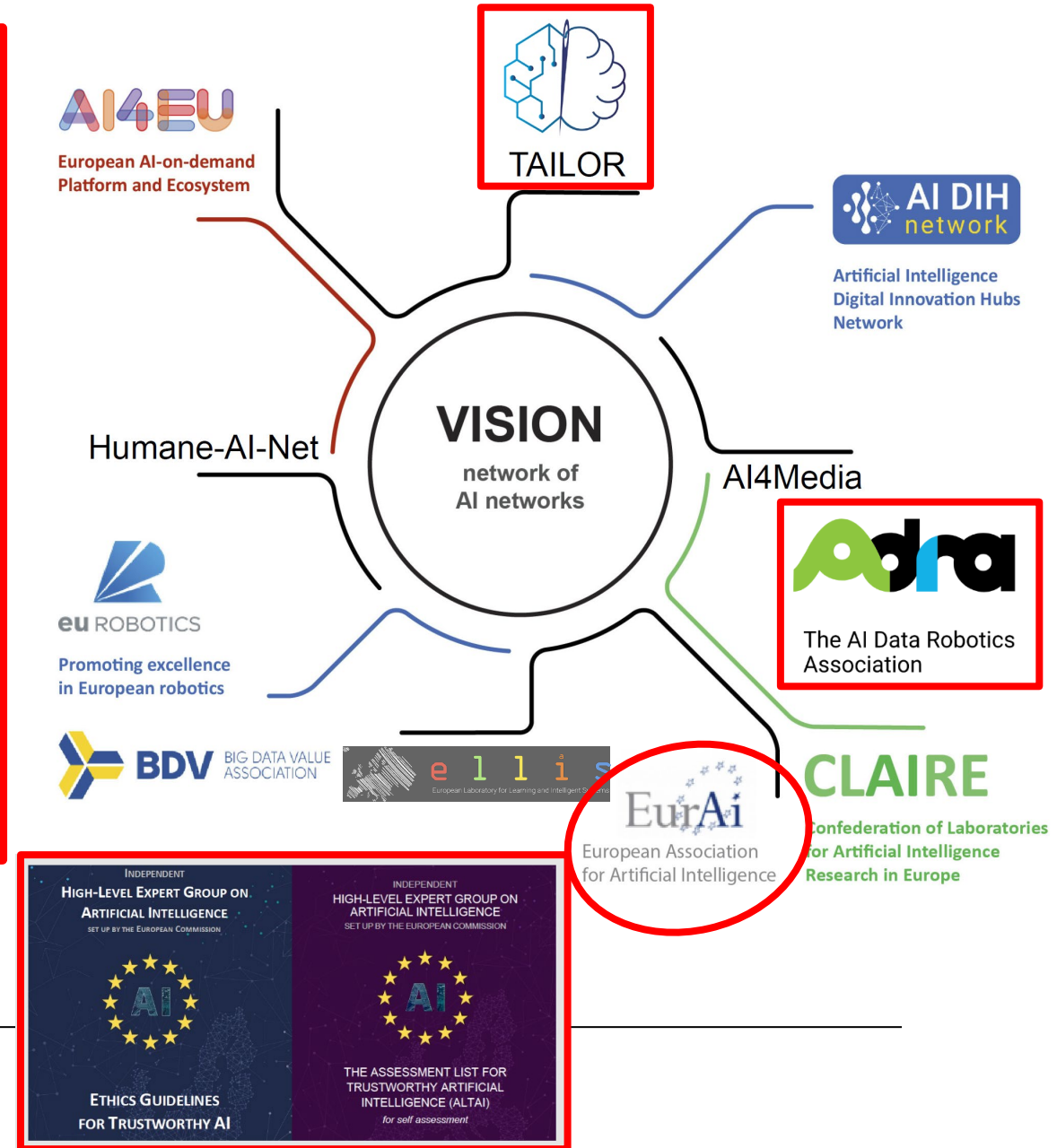
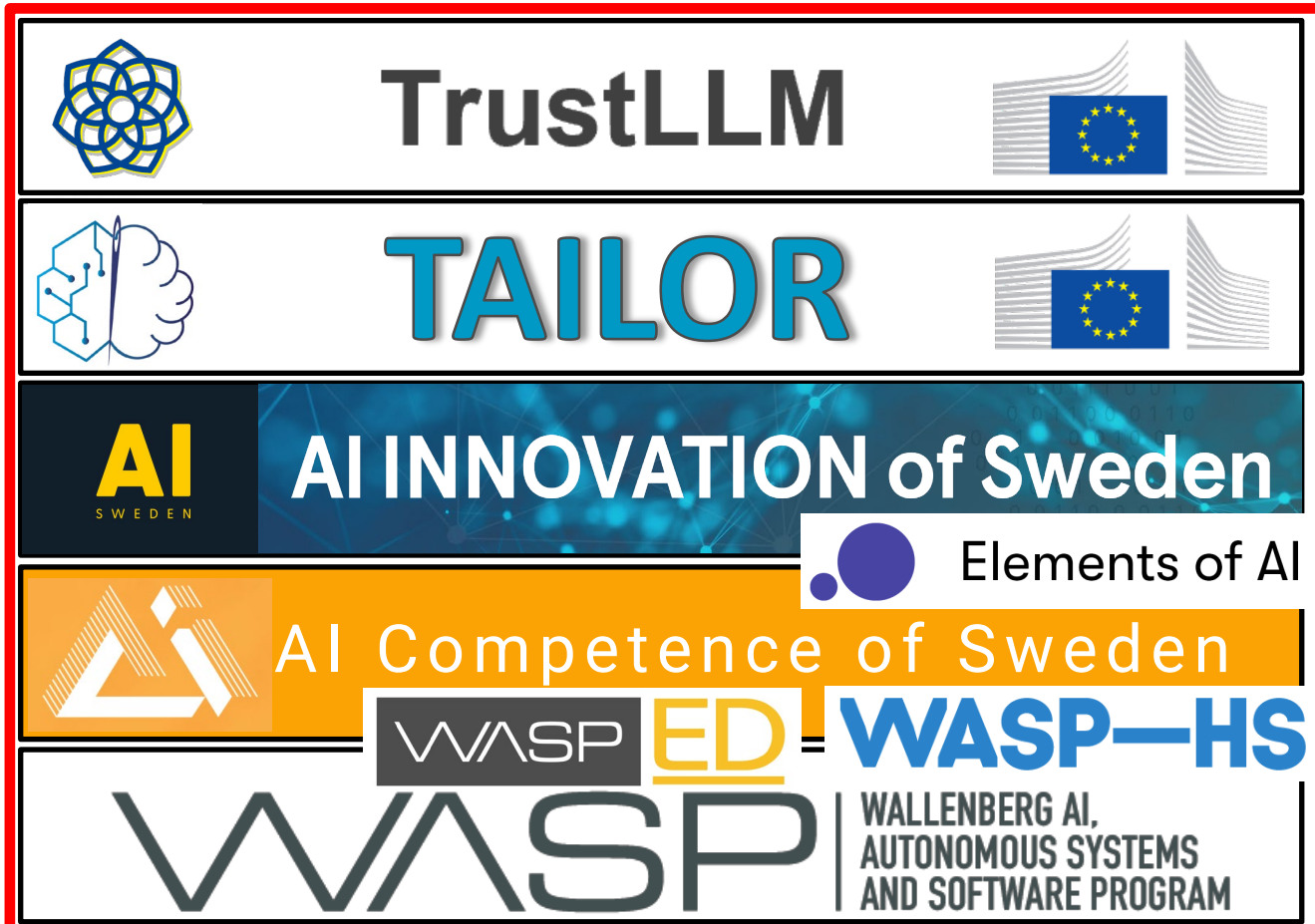
Erik Sandewall

- First professor of Computer Science in Sweden
- Introduced AI in Sweden after doing research in the US at Stanford and MIT with the founders of AI
- AI is part of CS education since the first program in 80's





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High & Full Autonomy



Deployable Real-world AI



Continual Adaptation



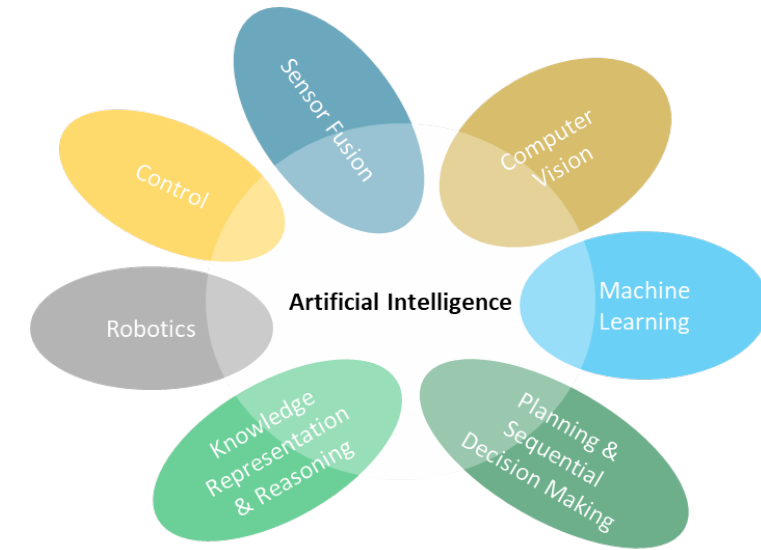
Human-AI Collaboration



Ethical and Trustworthy AI



Safe, Secure and Reliable AI



Humanoid Lab



AI Academy



Field Robotics Lab

20+ Years of Experience Building Fielded AI Systems



RoboCup 2000-2017

UAS Research 2000-

WARA PS 2017-

Lecture content

- Course overview
- Projects
- Resources and practical matters

What is the course about?

- Practice to do a real-world AI / ML project
- Show that you can build on your previous experience/knowledge and gather new as needed in order to solve problems and build things
- Demonstrate that you can organize and work together as a development team and produce a resulting artifacts of high quality

Intended learning outcomes

The project should have significant technical level that requires in-depth subject knowledge in artificial intelligence and machine learning, should be carried out in a professional manner, and should develop and consolidate the participants' skills in the following areas:

- Analyze and structure problems in the area of artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- Apply knowledge and methods from a wide range of previous courses in the areas of artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- Independently acquire new knowledge, as required by the project.
- Integrate knowledge from many disciplines and apply them in the context of artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- Formulate a requirement specification for the project based on a project directive and thereby assess the feasibility of the project in terms of technical solutions and available resources.
- Present the project results for the client as well as for other students, which can not be presumed to be specialists in the techniques used.
- Actively contribute to a well functioning project group.
- Demonstrate the ability to lead the project work with the support of a project model, and with limited access to supervisory resources.
- Plan, implement and monitor a project in the area of artificial intelligence and machine learning.

The result of the project work should:

- Attain high technical quality and be based on modern knowledge and practices in the relevant field of technology.
- Be documented in relevant project documents and relevant technical documentation.
- Be presented orally.
- Meet the requirements stated in the specification.

Course evaluation and improvements (2024)

- Students were generally satisfied
 - But there is room for improvements
- Good with a project process (e.g. SCRUM)
 - But SCRUM / the execution of SCRUM was not good

New last year:

- Multiple customers
- Each customer is a project supervisor (and a subject matter expert)
- Projects were now have connection to on-going research
- A more suitable project process for AI projects was used

Course evaluation and improvements (2025)

- Only 9/41 students answered the evaluation
- Varied scores, some really loved it and some not so much
 - But all viewed the course as highly relevant to their education
- Some raised issues with confusion with what/how to actually do AI/ML projects
- Some raised issues with different difficulty levels of different projects – hard to do anything about

New this year:

- Intro-session on how to do AI/ML projects in practice (**15/9**)
- Intro-session to AI-assisted software development (**15/9**) (<https://cursor.com/students>)
- Additional expectation that everyone commits work on git under their own name (or swap regularly if working together)

Project Work

- A project group: ~6 students
- Common theme (a project), different tasks within the group
- Expected work load: 160h
- Customer/supervisor
- Regular meetings with customer/supervisor: ~1h/week
- Emphasis on *integration* and *operational constraints*

Dividing work load

- Some projects can involve preprocessing / visualization / "getting others code to work", make sure to spread that load among the student group.
- Subgroup of maximum 2-3 students
- Designate a project leader
 - Responsible for the *active planning document* and its weekly update
 - Make sure that coordination and integration works smoothly
 - Everyone must sync (report to) the project leader each week.

Project Deliverables

- **Planning report**
- **Individual and collective activity update of *active planning document***
- **Half-time report**
- **Code** (on gitlab)
- **API and installation documentation** (on gitlab)
- **Group report** presenting AI techniques and results

Project Deliverables | Planning report

Why?

As an individual

- To get you to think about the whole and the details

As a group

- To get you to decide your part and understand what other members are doing

Examination and guidance

- To grasp what each individual should do
- To catch group related problems early

Project Deliverables | Active planning document

As a group and individually

For every week:

- What do you plan to do?
- How many hours do you plan to work?
- What was done?
- How many hours did you work?

Make a plan for all weeks of the project

- Concrete/detailed close in time
- More vague further into the future

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> Update ahead of each weekly meeting <



everyone (not just the project leader)

Project Deliverables | Code and Readme

- Each group will get a **Gitlab repository**
- Access will be granted for
 - Group members
 - customer/supervisor
 - examiner
- License: MIT
- At the end of the project, the result has to be **reproducible** by following the **Readme instructions**

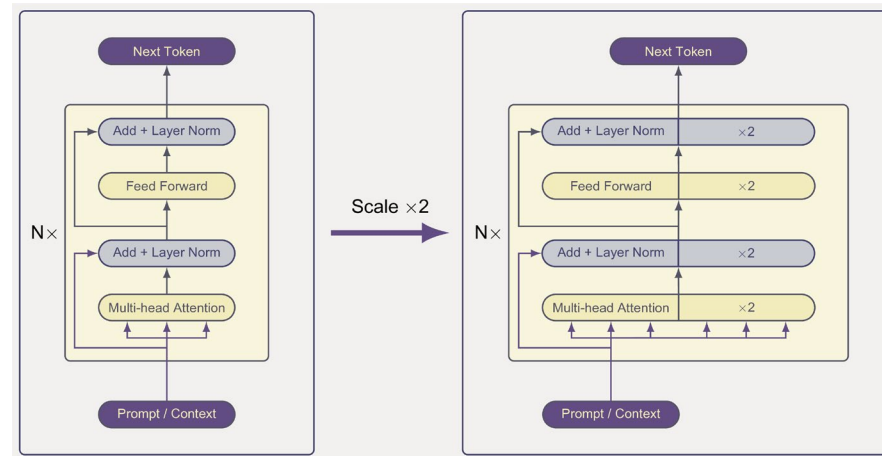
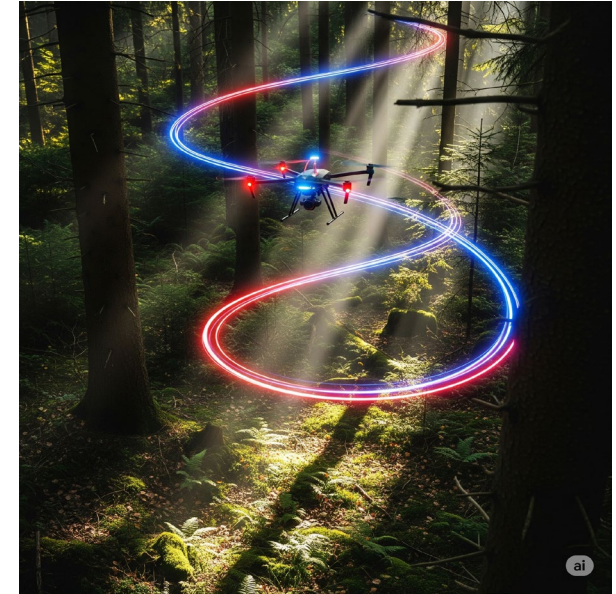
Project Selection

1. After this presentation, you should form groups on your own
 - Sign up on webreg (Group 1-6)
2. **Email me before Wednesday 13:00** with:
 - Your group (list all members)
 - A ranked list of **all** projects (1-6, where 6 is highest score)
 - 1) 2 (Project 1 is given score 2, i.e. the second least favored by the group).
 - 2) 5
 - 3) 1
 - 4) 3
 - 5) 4
 - 6) 6
3. I will run the Hungarian method to do an linear-optimal project assignment among the groups.

More info on the course website: <https://www.ida.liu.se/~TDDE19/info/projects.en.shtml>

Projects

- Semantic mapping
- Raising an LLM
- Mastering the Unpredictable: AI Control with Gaussian Processes
- Personalized natural interface
- Who says?
- FastTalk: Real-Time STT -> LLM -> TTS



Projects

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Resources and practical matters

- You will get temporary access to AI workstations at the AI Academy lab (E-bulding, next to Gödel).
- RTX 3090TI
- Rootless Docker give you freedom
- No central storage!
 - You can log on to any machine, but the storage for your account is local.
- **Be nice and share**
 - Sometimes you can have multiple machines. Most often: 1 machine per group.
 - Tgere are more than you that use the reasources and who have equal rights to them.



Remember

- Deadline for project preferences is Wednesday 3th of September at **13:00**.
- After this presentation, you should form your groups
 - Add them to webreg: <https://www.ida.liu.se/webreg-beta/TDDE19-2025-1/PROJECT>
- I will invite you to your planning document and your GIT repo when the groups are assigned

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