

The Myth of School Readiness

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Poll 1





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a whole new way

Poll 2



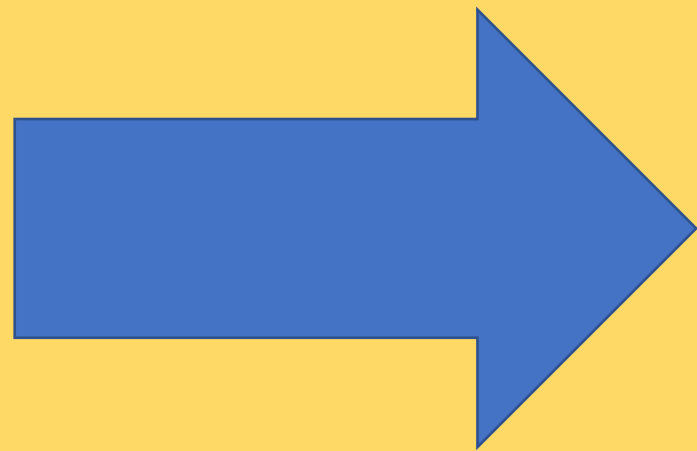
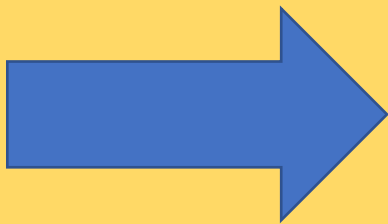
The case for school readiness



School readiness



is based on Piaget's notion of *maturation*.







Wait



“Ready”
Schools

Debunking School Readiness



1. ECE Research
2. Sociocultural Theory
3. School readiness assessments are invalid

Poll 1: Readiness Is...

A point in development when a child is prepared to succeed in school.

A research-based set of skills that can identify which children will succeed in school.

Best determined by a child's parent(s).

Ambiguous and ill-defined.

None of the above.





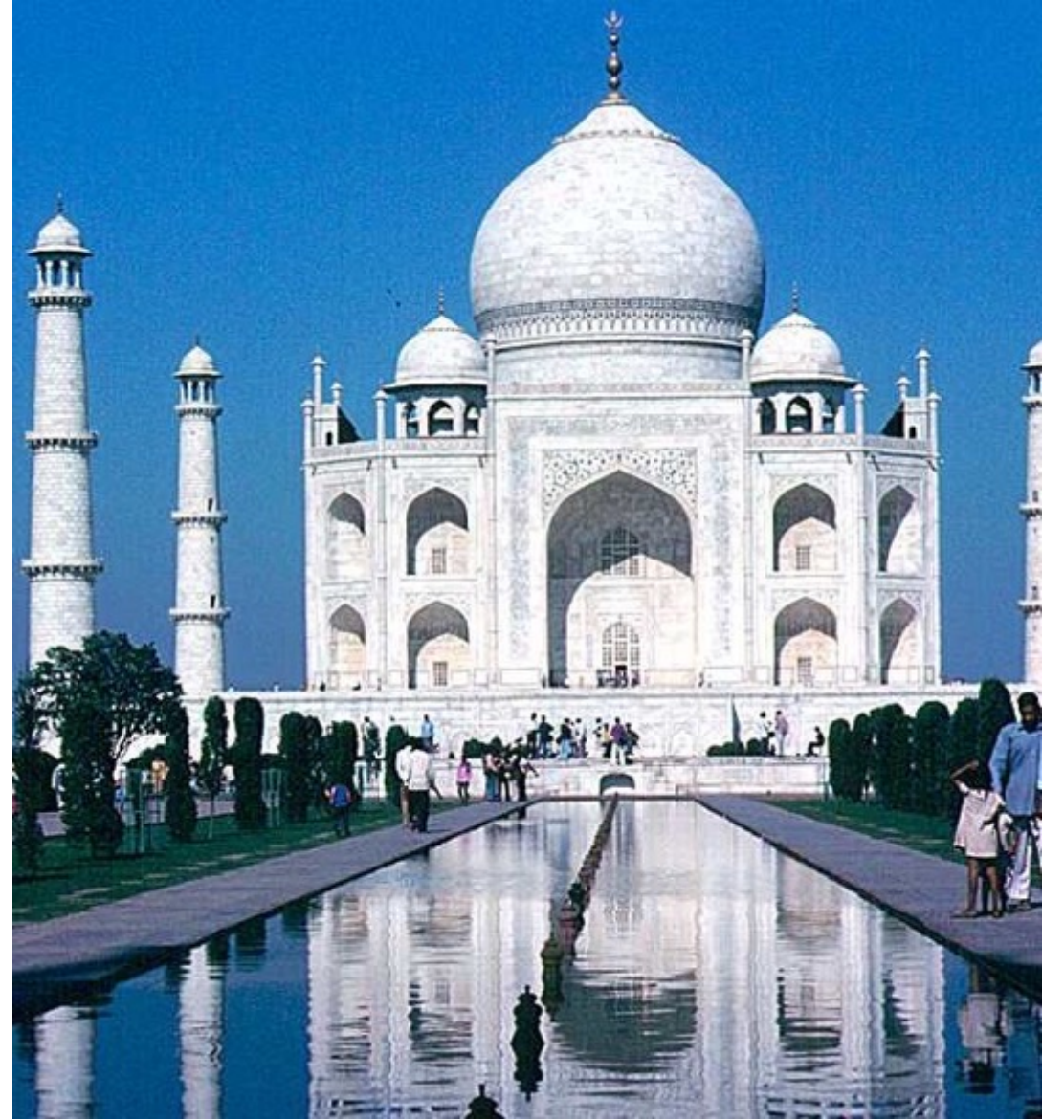
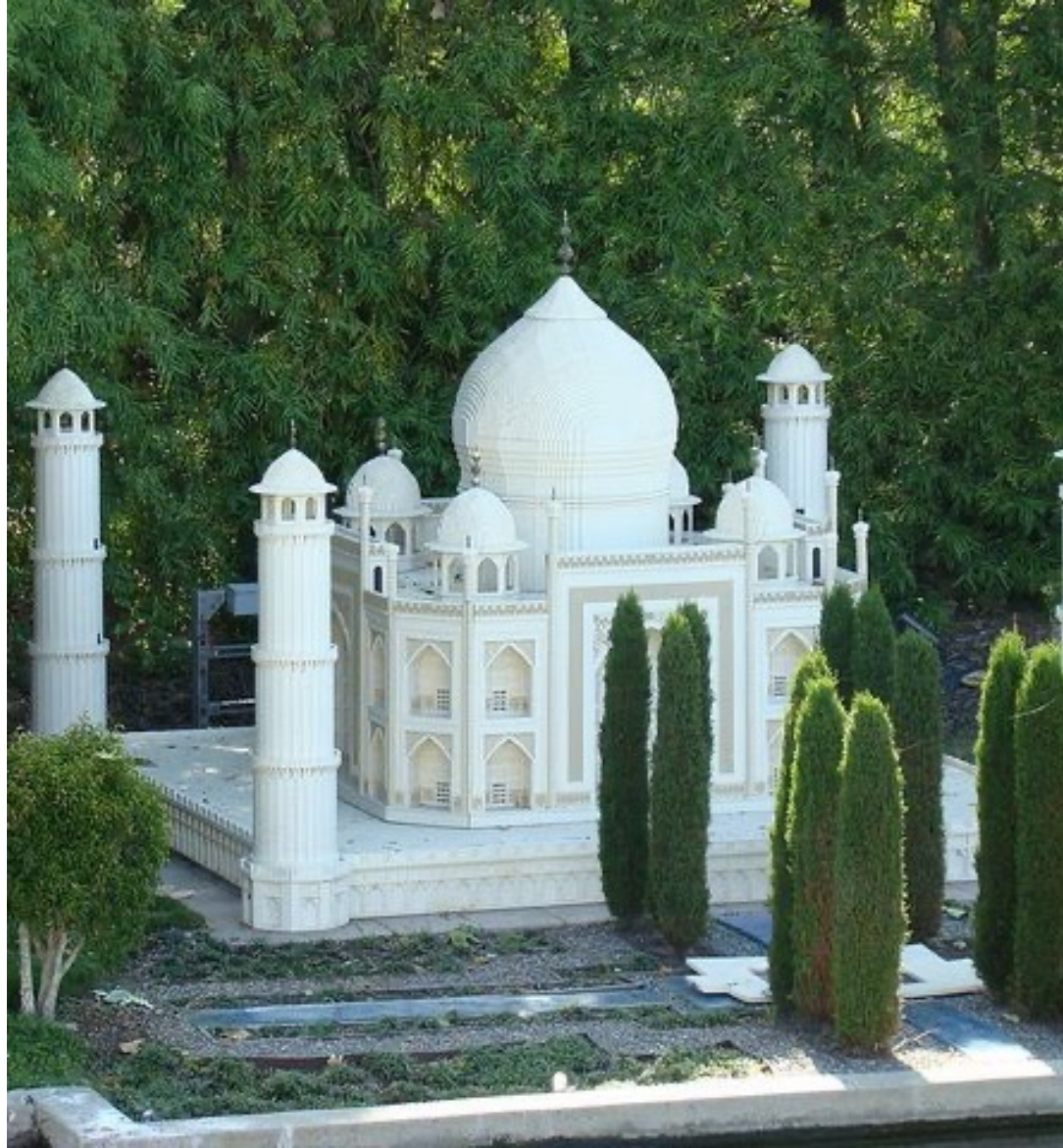
What is
going on?



Myth Defined

A NARRATIVE MODEL that attempts to explain something we have limited understanding about.

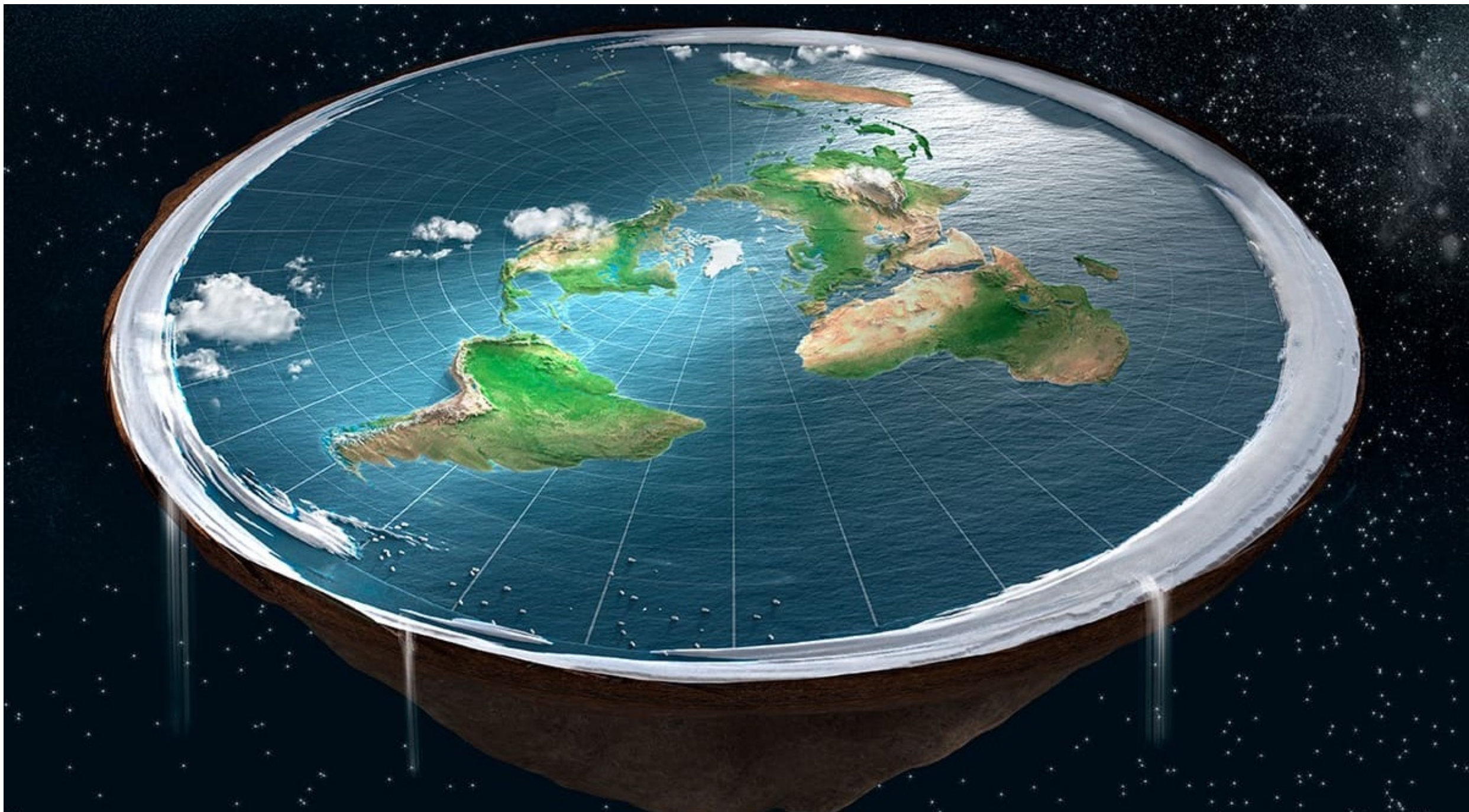




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Some are useful.

~George Box





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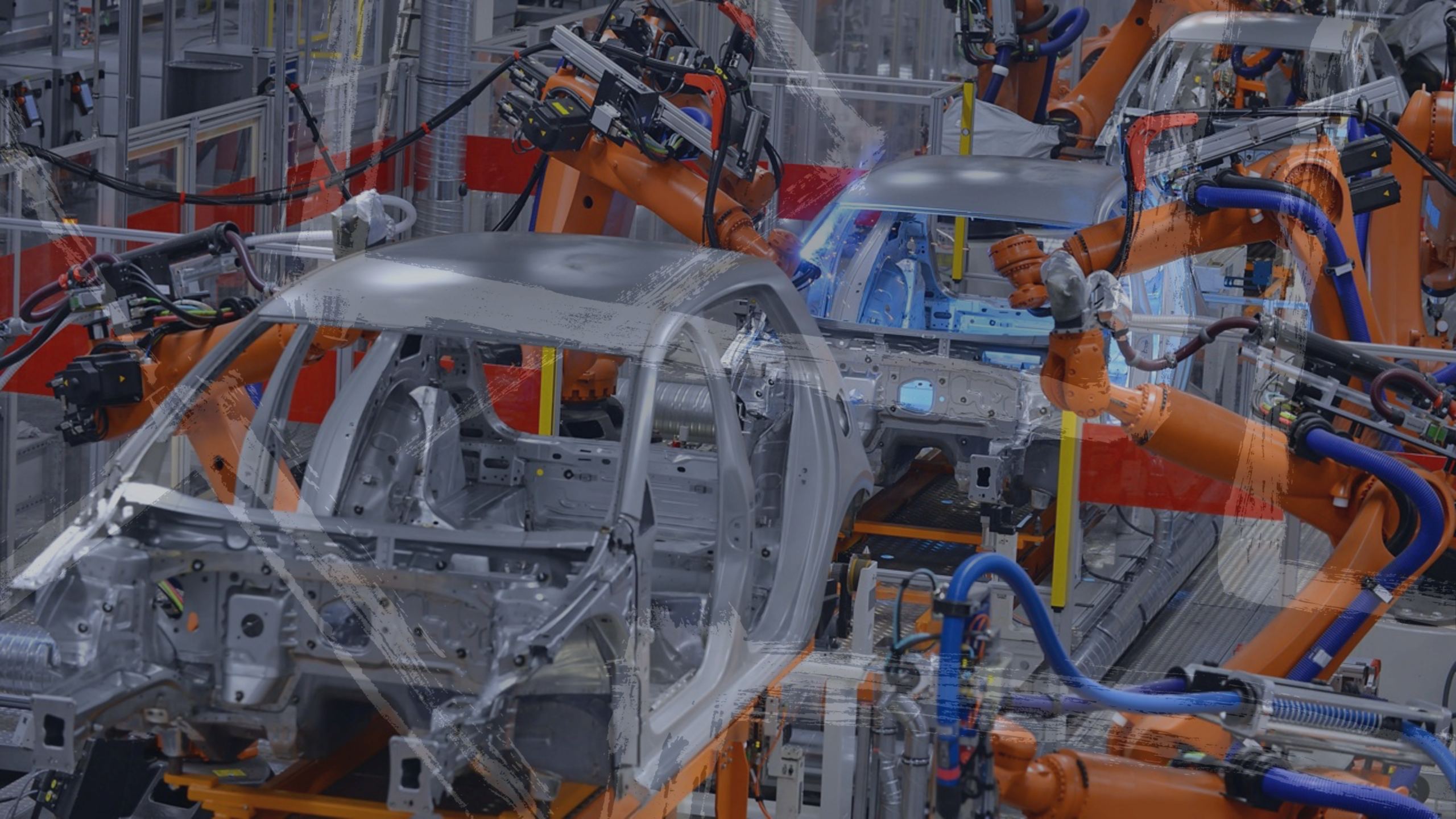
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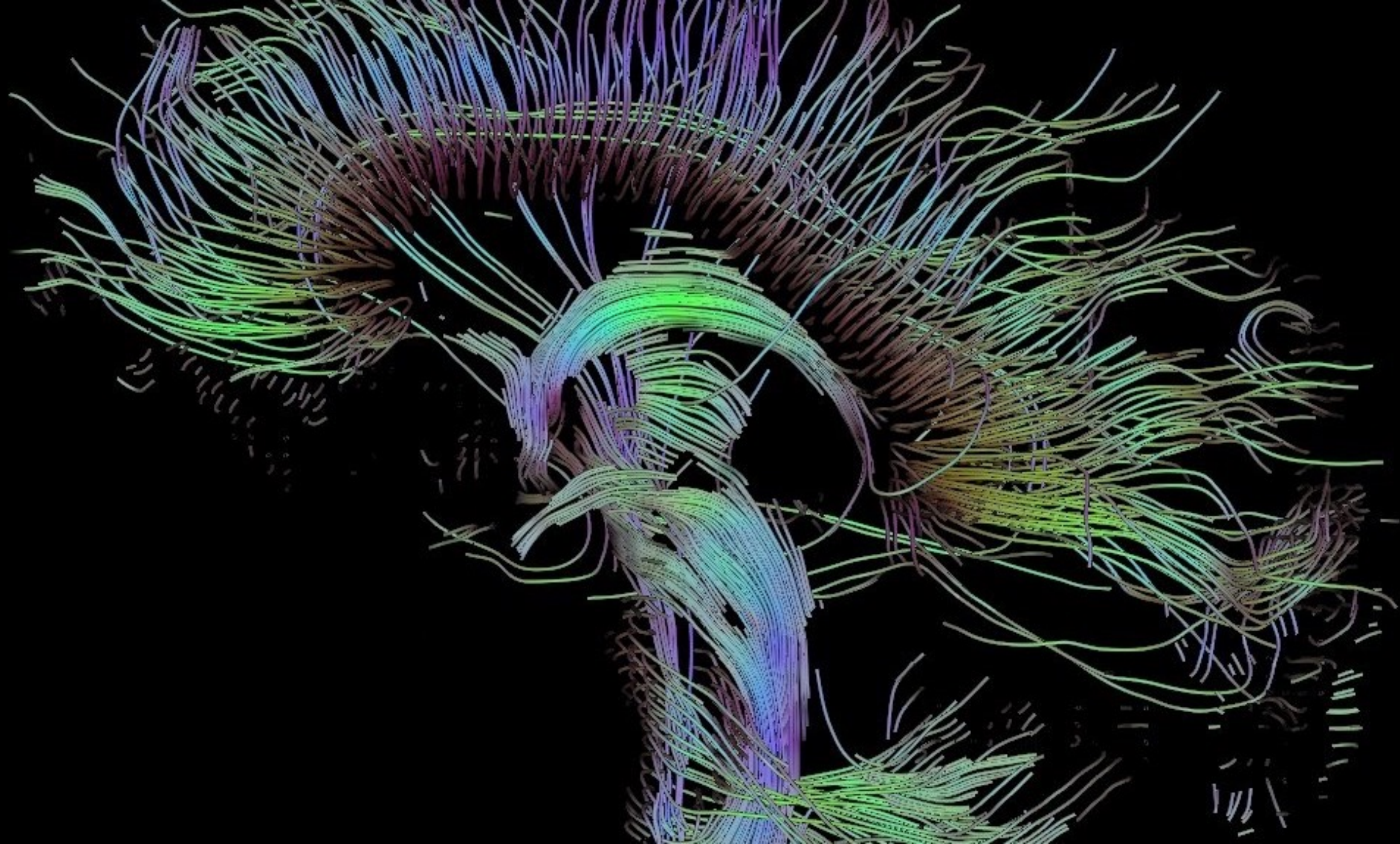




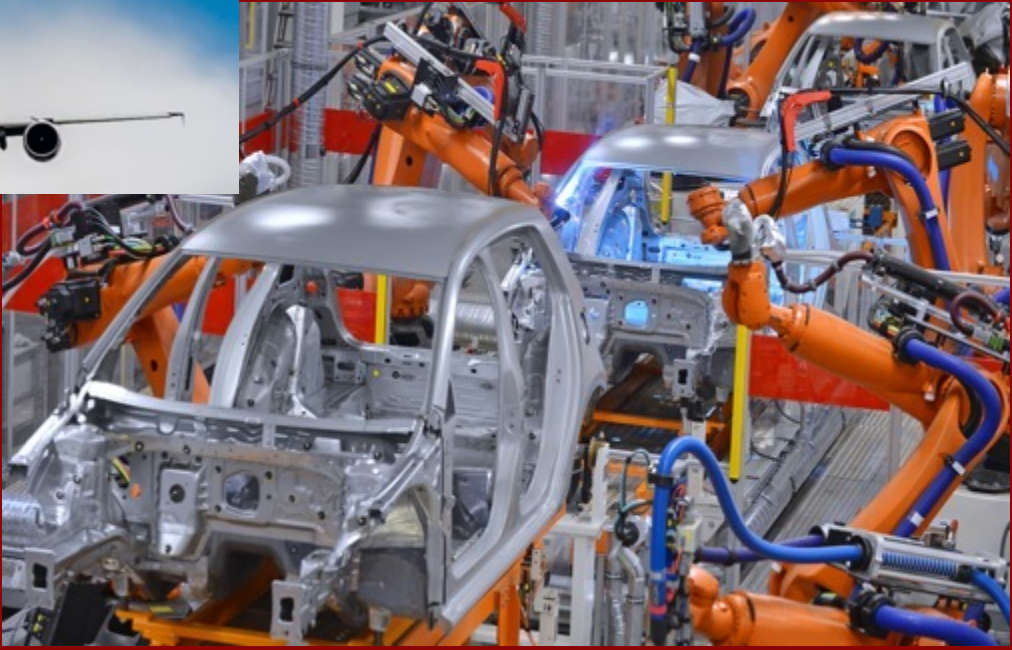
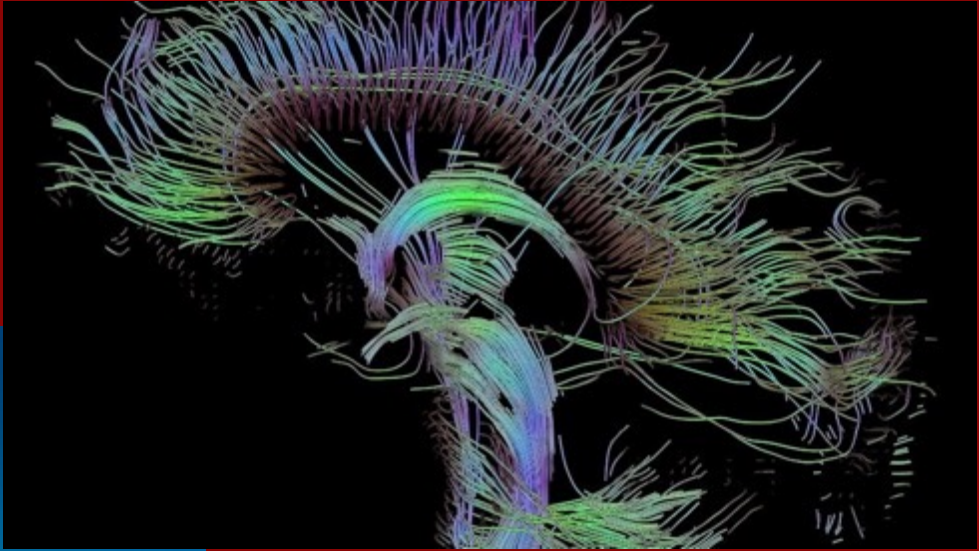


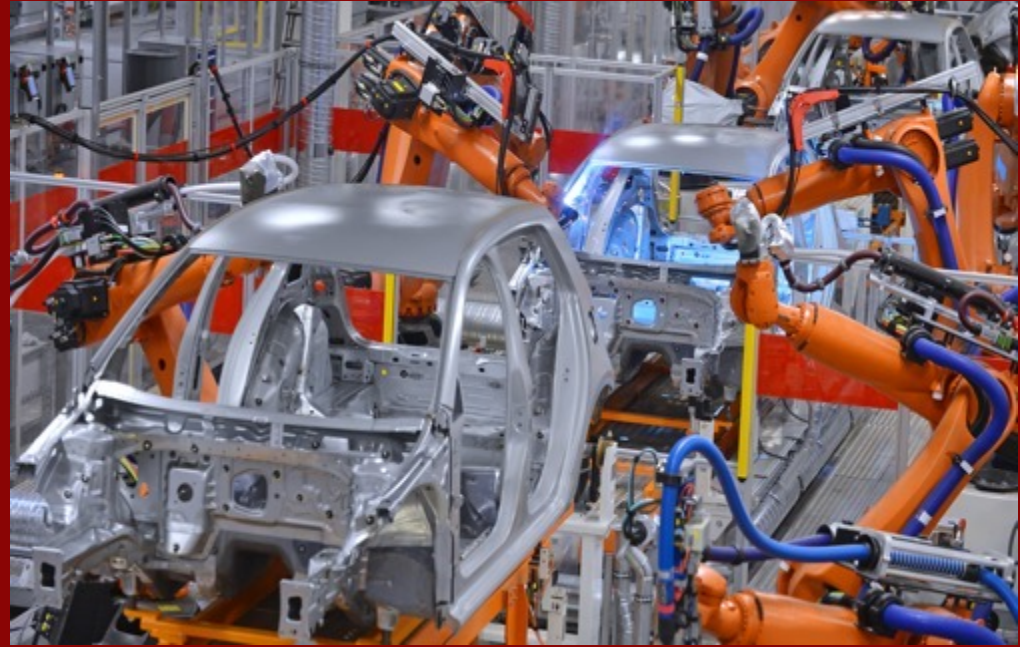








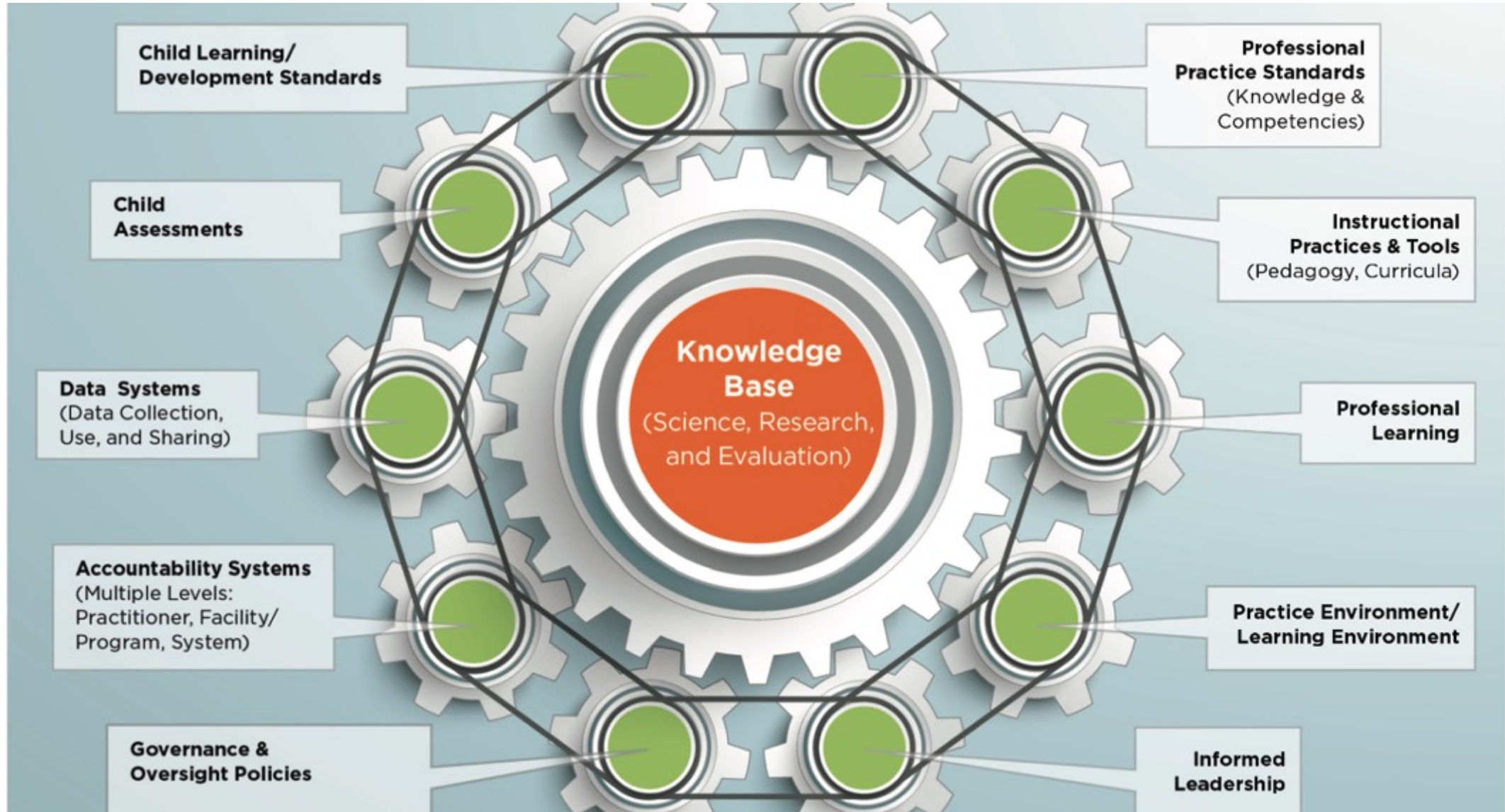




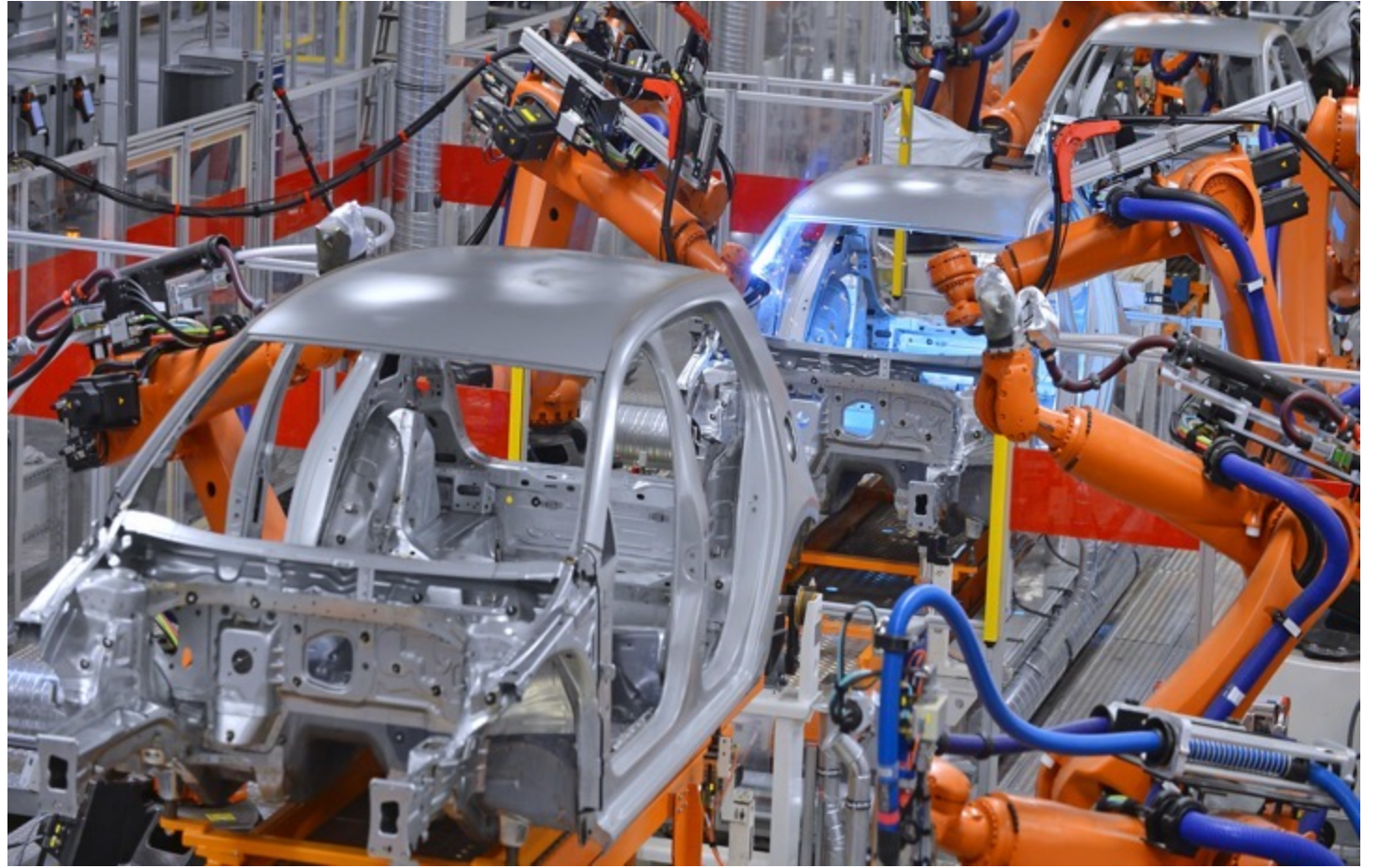


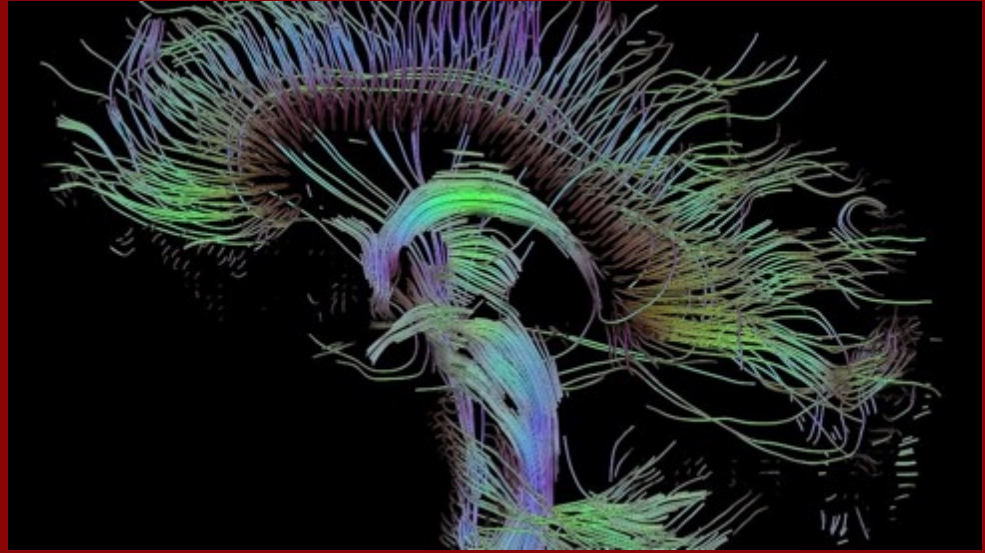






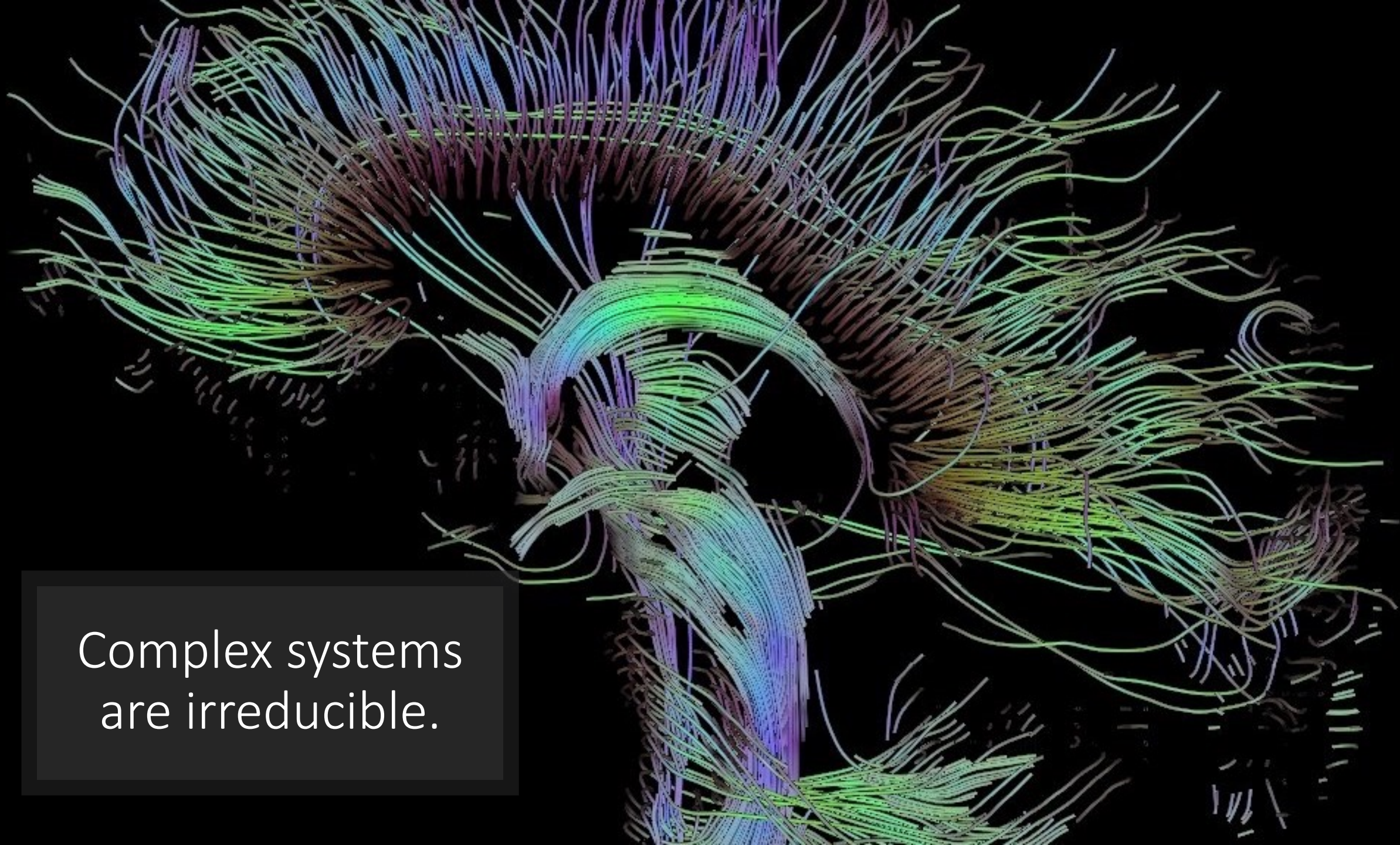
Complicated systems can be understood by assessing parts or components.





Complex
systems are
layered,
entangled
networks.





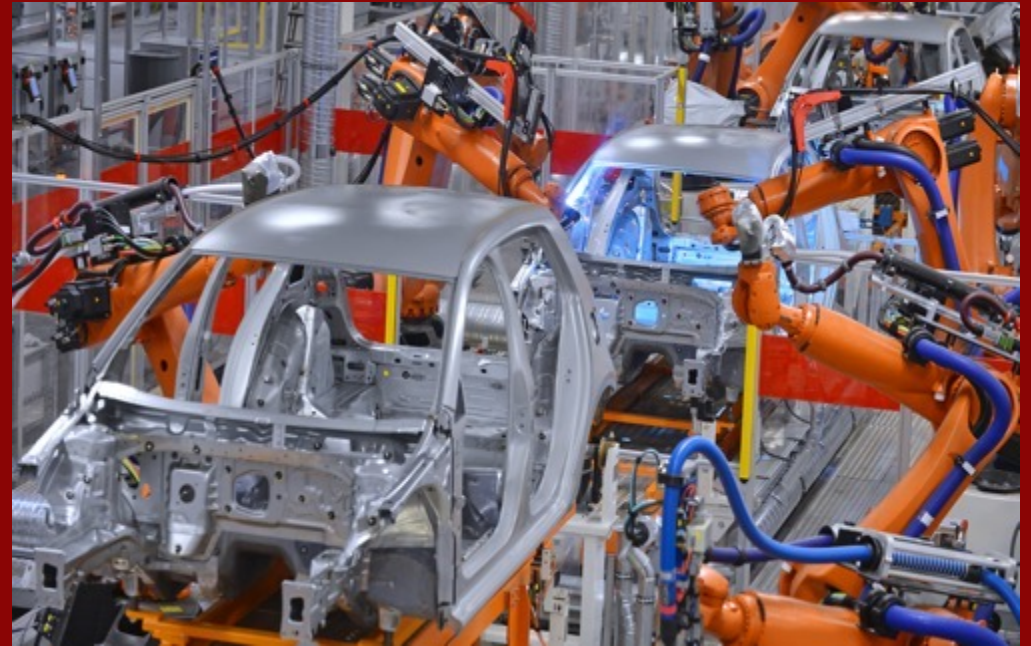
Complex systems
are irreducible.

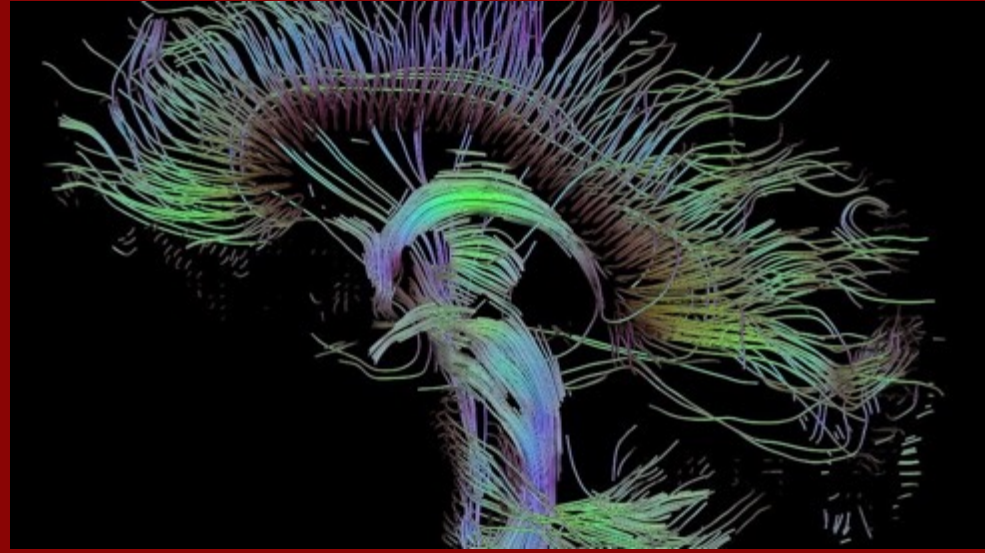
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So what?







Young humans are one of the most complex systems on Earth, experiencing one of the most complex periods of their existence.



How do we
know *if*
she's *ready*?





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What evokes wonder for this child?



In what ways does this child show that she values mutual thriving for everyone?

What does this child know about how to set conditions conducive to life?





**Write a new
narrative.**



**Choose a new
myth.**



Regenerative Learning


Regeneration

Restoring that which
was damaged or
lost.



Regenerative Learning Principles





Learning &
learners are
complex.

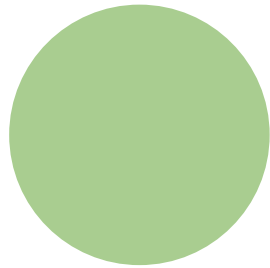



Learning
happens in
complex
contexts.

Learning is
about being
and becoming.



Learning brings
forth
something
new.





Learning
and life are
inextricably
connected.



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