The development of classical and contemporary informatics, the cross fertilization between computer science, cybernetics, systems science, computer/software engineering, cognitive science, and neuropsychology, has led to the emergence of Cognitive Informatics (CI). CI is the transdisciplinary study that investigates into the internal information processing mechanisms and processes of natural intelligence and their engineering applications. CI is a cutting-edge and profound interdisciplinary research field that tackles the fundamental problems of modern information theory, cybernetics, systems science, computation, computer/software engineering, artificial intelligence, cognitive science, neuropsychology, and life sciences. Almost all of the hard problems yet to be solved in the aforementioned areas share a common root in the understanding of mechanisms of the natural intelligence and cognitive processes of the brain.

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  - Neural models of intelligence

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