Synergy > Alignment in AI Biology

The real breakthrough isn't merging data — it's finding what only emerges together

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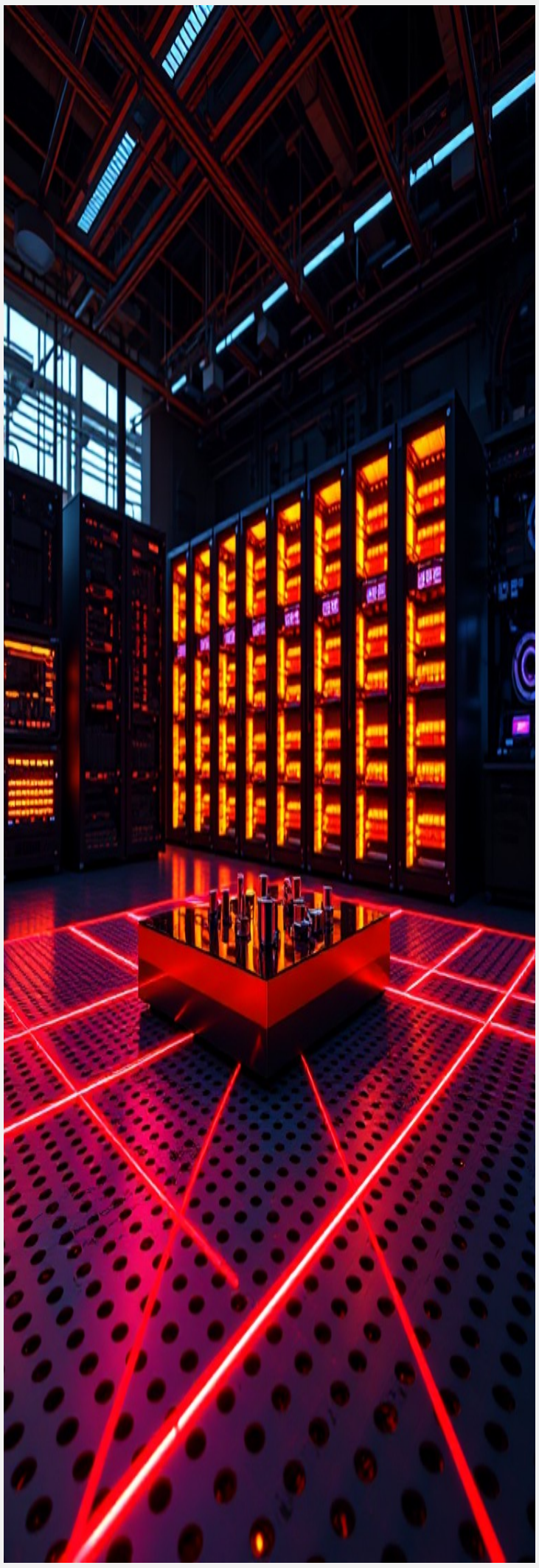
THE DATA

Synergistic Information Score (SIS)

Diagnostic for True Multimodal Gain

A new metric quantifies when AI fusion adds real value beyond redundant signal.

The study introduces SIS — a formal, information-theoretic measure that identifies when multimodal integration delivers unique, cross-modal insights. Unlike standard alignment methods, SIS detects gains that arise only from joint nonlinear processing, not from overlapping patterns.

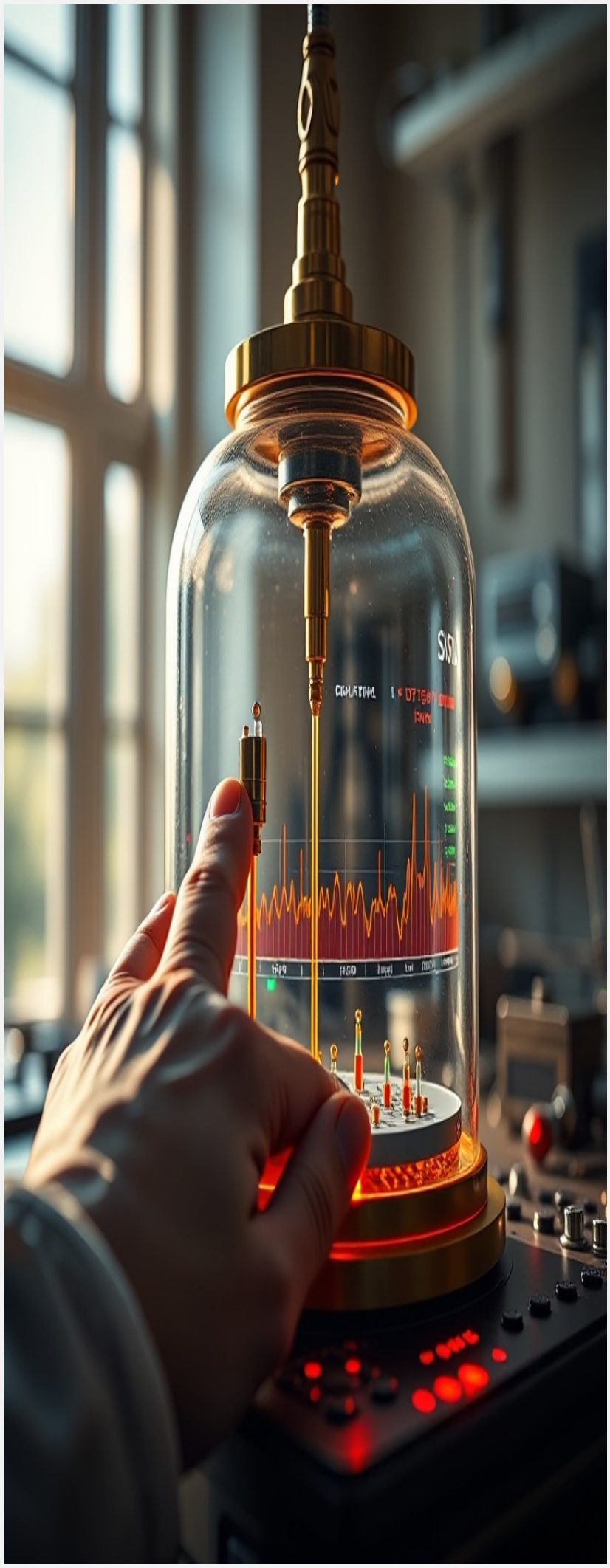


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Alignment Hits a Spectral Ceiling

This explains why many multimodal models underperform on tasks involving spatial niche definition or microenvironmental interaction — they’re not failing due to data scarcity, but due to flawed objectives.



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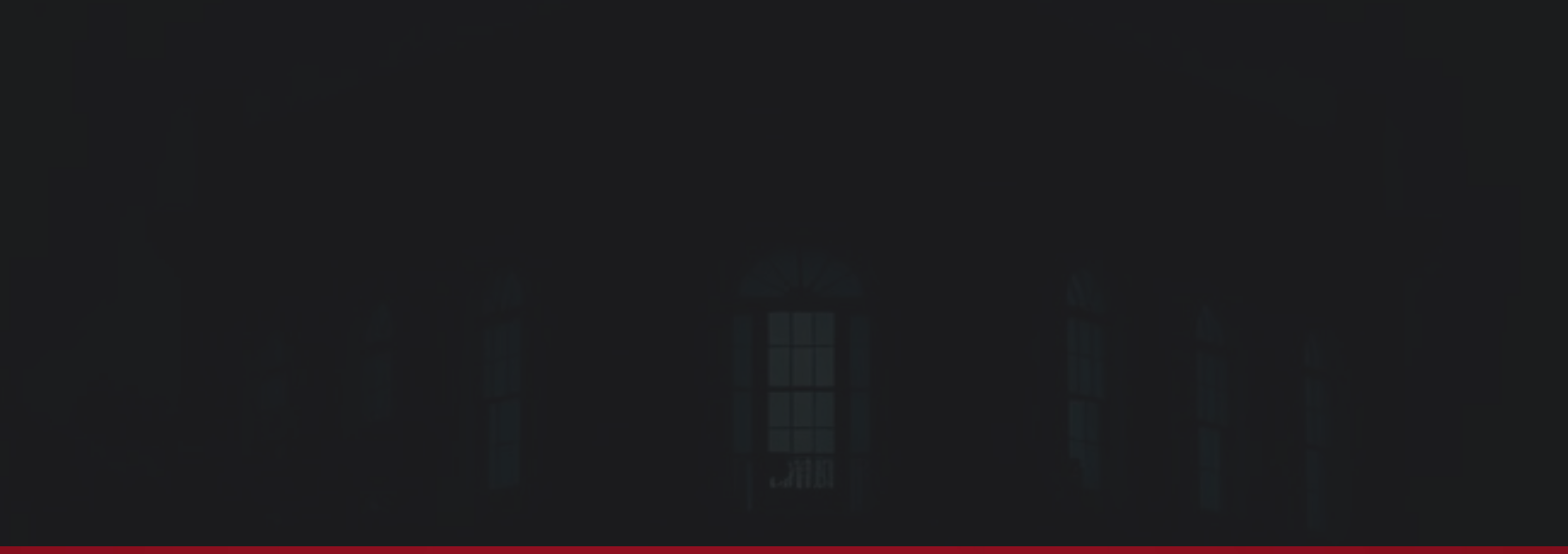
Fine-Tuning Beats Fusion for Most Tasks

Only in cross-modal-dependent regimes — where morphology and gene expression must be jointly interpreted — does synergy-aware fusion deliver measurable gains.

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