By the way, ████ (who is now living in Hong Kong as well) and I are having a lot of fun thinking through this proposal you've asked for -- it's quite refreshing to "think big" ;-) ...

On Wed, Nov 27, 2013 at 12:15 AM, Ben Goertzel ██████████████ wrote:
> Hi,
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> Thanks for taking the time from your busy morning to chat w/ me...
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> I can talk again at 9AM or 10AM your time basically any day you
> choose... 7PM your time also works... just let me know...
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> You've mentioned the "deception" theme to me a number of times before;
> but this time we're at a stage with OpenCog development where we could
> actually take that as a development goal (simulating human deceptive
> behavior on the broad level...)
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> I will put together a proposal such as you've requested: roughly $25M
> to be used over 3 years, resulting in breakthrough AGI goals by the
> end.   The outline is clear in my head (core AGI work + NLP +
> sensors/actuators + distributed computing infrastructure), but I want
> to think it through a little (specifically regarding what incremental
> milestones to suggest), so I'll aim to get you something by Monday, if
> that's all right...
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> You mentioned Google: I've visited Ray Kurzweil and his team there in
> Mountain View once, and will visit them again on Jan. 7 2014.   If you
> happen to be in California then, you could crash the meeting; that
> would be pretty interesting for all concerned ;-) ....   My former
> student & employee Dr. Moshe Looks is working for Ray there, which has
> given me an inside view of what they're doing. It's really not AGI at
> this point; they're aimed at helping Google exploit theire Knowledge
> Graph better. Ray's aim is to impress Larry Page enough, by doing
> useful Knowledge Graph stuff for Google, that Larry will eventually
> fund Ray's brain-building work....
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> I understand your frustration with my slow progress over the years ---
> and I don't think the slowness is because I'm inefficient; I think
> it's mostly because this is a big task with many parts to build and
> fit together. (Of course, I've also been slowed down a bit by the
> fact that I'm always spending part of my time doing non-AGI stuff to
> generate income....) At the modest but steady pace I've been taking,
> I *will* get there to the end goal of advanced AGI, but obviously not
> as fast as we'd like..

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> But, bear in mind that, even without a lot more $$, we'll have 10
> students/postdocs on OpenCog here next year; so I'm hopeful we can
> make it a breakthrough year...   But of course, it would be **great**
> to be able to move significantly faster; and significantly more $$
> would indeed enable that.... I hope we can find a way to really
> accelerate the work! ...
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> Thanks ;)
> ben
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