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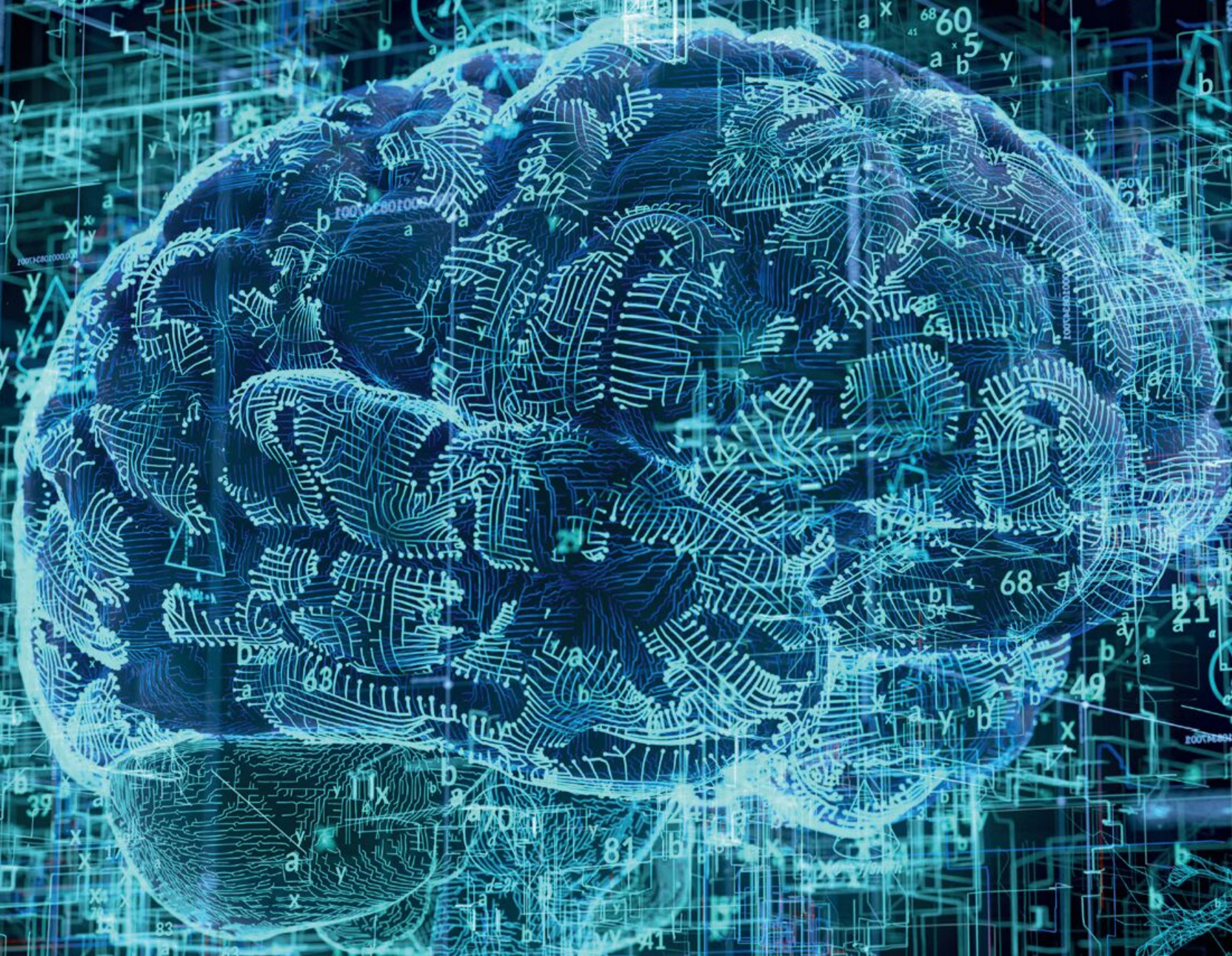
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North America's stunning eclipse

Millions of eyes turned to the sky on 8 April as a total solar eclipse passed over Mexico, the US and Canada. In the eclipse's path of totality, the moon's silhouette blocked out the entire disc of the sun, as is seen in this startling image taken in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Total solar eclipses provide a unique chance for scientists to view the sun's diaphanous outer layer, the corona.

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