

PODCAST GUEST

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Author of Coherence. Forthcoming Fall 2026.

When everyone can go fast, coherence is what wins.



A guest who turns the agentic-AI story into a conversation your audience has not heard. Madhu Shashanka is a computational neuroscientist and enterprise-AI builder who explains why coordination, not capability, now decides which companies win. Clear, contrarian, and quotable.

CONVERSATIONS WE CAN HAVE

- Why speed stopped being an advantage. Everyone got fast at once, and the old playbook broke.
- The coordination trap: why the companies deploying AI fastest are quietly taking on the most risk.
- What a neuroscientist sees in the enterprise: how the brain coordinates billions of units, and what it teaches AI-era leaders.
- The rise of the Chief AI Officer: the executive now accountable for turning abundant intelligence into advantage.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

If execution is now cheap, what actually creates advantage?

What is complexity debt, and why does no dashboard show it?

How should leaders decide what to automate, augment, or keep human?

Where do fast-moving AI teams most often go wrong?

What should a board ask its executives about AI on Monday?

SOUNDBITES

- “ When everyone can go fast, moving fast stops being an advantage.
- “ Intelligence is abundant now. Coordination is the scarce resource.
- “ The moat is coherence, the one thing a vendor cannot sell.

ABOUT

Madhu Shashanka is cofounder and chief scientist of Concentric AI. He earned his PhD in computational neuroscience and has spent two decades building enterprise AI across financial services, social media, and cybersecurity.

ENDORSEMENTS

- “ The model working is the easy part. Keeping the organization around it coherent is the real challenge.

Dr. Arun Ravindran, Partner & VP, BCG

- “ In transformation, the technology is never the hard part. Keeping the organization coherent through the change is.

Ashish Lahoti, Chief Transformation Officer, ServiceNow

- “ A hard-won lesson from systems engineering, shown to be an organizational law.

Shireesh Thota, Corporate VP, Microsoft

- “ Coherence, not raw power, is what lets organizations trust what they have built.

Dr. Vivek Menon, Mission Assurance Director, U.S. DoD

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