

# GaiaCraft

The world's first online pixel-style  
sustainability game with real-virtual integration

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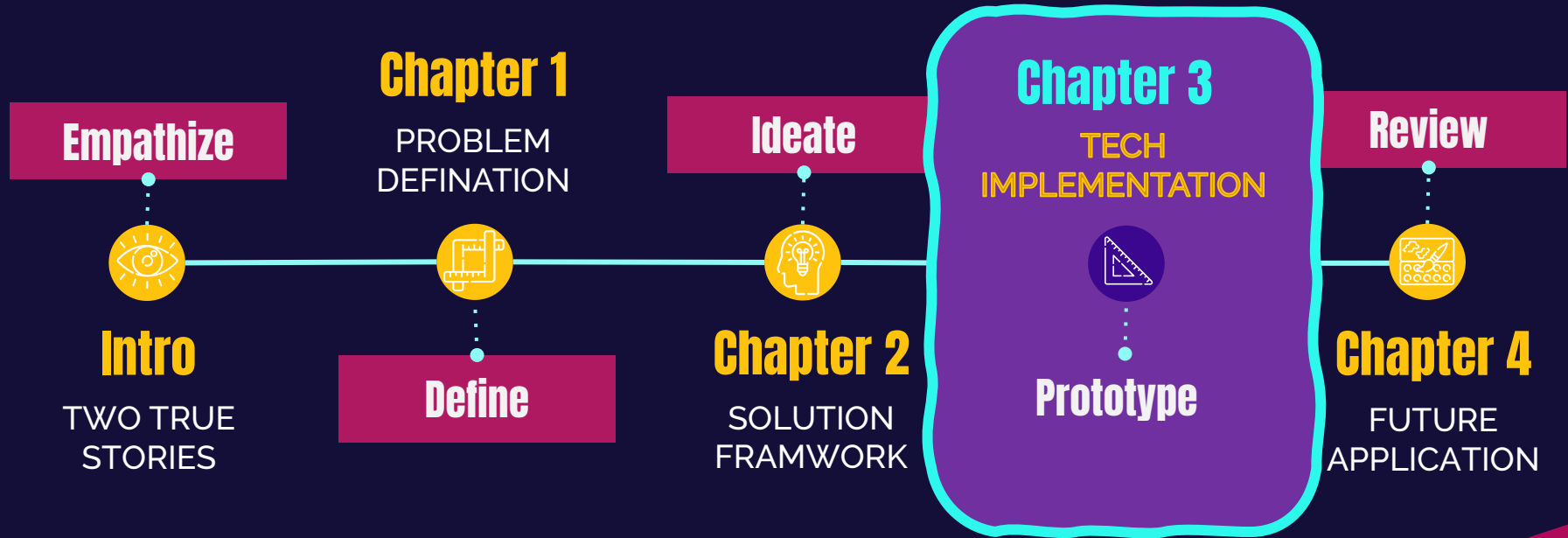
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# Stanford Design Thinking Framework



# Meet Marry and David



**David (25)**

NCCU alumnus  
ESG Specialist

I'm super into sustainability and really want to save the planet, but honestly, besides my own efforts, I feel kind of helpless and like my actions aren't really getting any credit.



**Marry (19)**  
NCCU Student

As an ESG Specialist, my role is to assist with our company's ESG development, but given that we are a small company, we're not even sure what should go into an ESG report.



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# PROBLEM DEFINATION

Triple Disconnections in the Era of  
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# Triple Disconnections in the Era of Sustainability Anxiety

## Corporate

**1**

Over 98% of Taiwanese firms are SMEs lacking ESG reporting or data systems. Although 1.6 million firms are now on ESG data platforms (*AmCham 2024*), participation is mostly passive. Corporations bear responsibility but lack accessible tools.

## Government

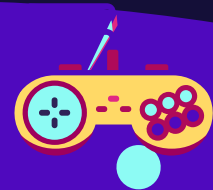
**2**


Taiwan has 18 localized SDGs and 337 indicators (*BTI 2024*), yet lacks systems to engage citizens or track behavioral impact. Schools teach sustainability but struggle to make it tangible or measurable.

## Youth

**3**

Over 50% of Taiwanese teens feel anxious about the future (*Taipei Times 2025*); 40% cite uncertainty and helplessness. Despite positive attitudes (*MDPI Sustainability*), real green actions stay low. Only 44% of global youth feel equipped with green skills (*PwC*), with East Asia below average.



A woman on the left is cheering with her mouth wide open and her right fist raised in the air. She is holding a video game controller. A man on the right is covering his face with his hand, looking frustrated or despairing. He is also holding a video game controller. The background is a solid purple color with a large, stylized red lightning bolt in the top left corner. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

How do we **connect citizens and companies** through gamified sustainability, turning everyday low-carbon actions into **measurable impact** and **real rewards**, while helping businesses solve their **ESG reporting challenges**?



The title screen for the game 'GAIA CRAFT' features a pixel art style background. On the left is the Taipei 101 skyscraper, and on the right is a medieval castle with red-roofed towers. A blue dragon flies in the upper right sky. The title 'GAIA CRAFT' is written in large, bold, yellow block letters with a black outline, and a sword is positioned vertically behind the text.

# GAIA CRAFT

◆ Start Game

Continue

Settings

Quit Game

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# SOLUTION FRAMEWORK

Gamifying Sustainability: A System Linking  
Citizens, Companies, and Carbon Reduction

## 02 SOLUTION FRAMEWORK

# Gamifying Sustainability - A System Linking Everyone

Turn sustainable behavior **into a game**. People **earn points for eco-friendly actions** (taking public transport, reducing plastic, saving energy).

Companies provide rewards, creating a loop of **action → data → incentive**.

**Solution Concept**



### For Businesses

- Sponsor challenges (e.g., "Bring self-cup 30 times = 10 points, give Starbucks").
- Gain ESG data and consumer engagement metrics.
- Co-create stories or virtual missions aligned with brand values



### For Players

- Complete daily or community challenges to earn points and badges.
- Explore eco-spots like a sustainability version of *Pokémon*.
- Form teams and compete in collective carbon-reduction missions.

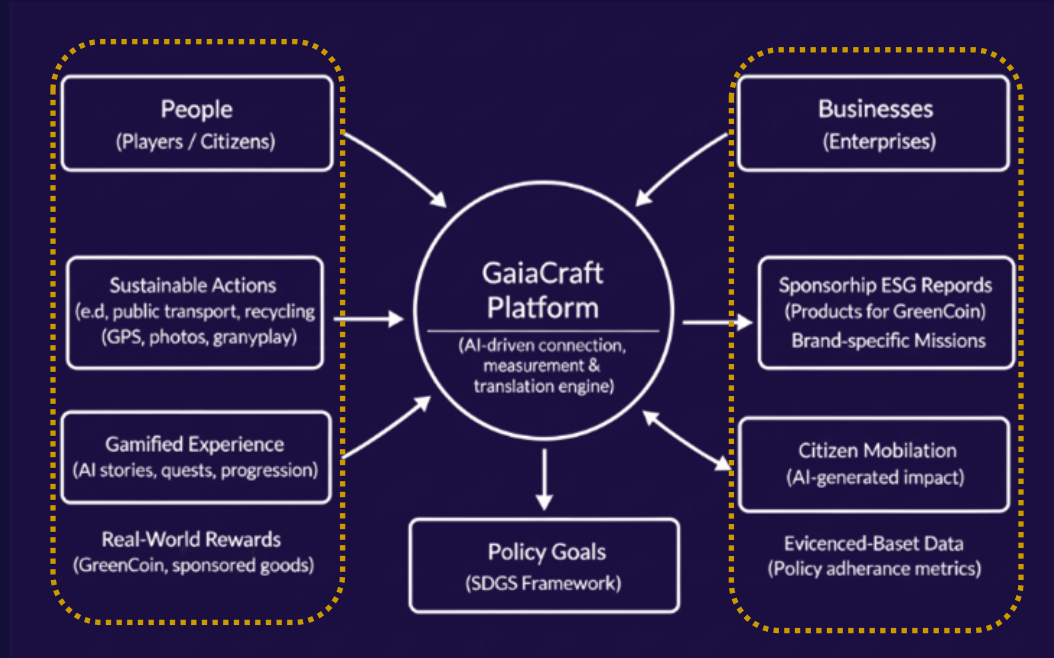
### The GaiaCraft Flywheel

Role	Action	Benefit	Data Feedback
Players	Play, complete tasks	Points, badges, discounts	Carbon & behavior data
Companies	Offer incentives	Brand visibility, ESG data	Participation reports
Government	Support & verify	Policy outreach, education	Public impact stats

# Gamifying Sustainability - Stakeholder Dynamics



# Gamifying Sustainability - Value Ecosystem Flow



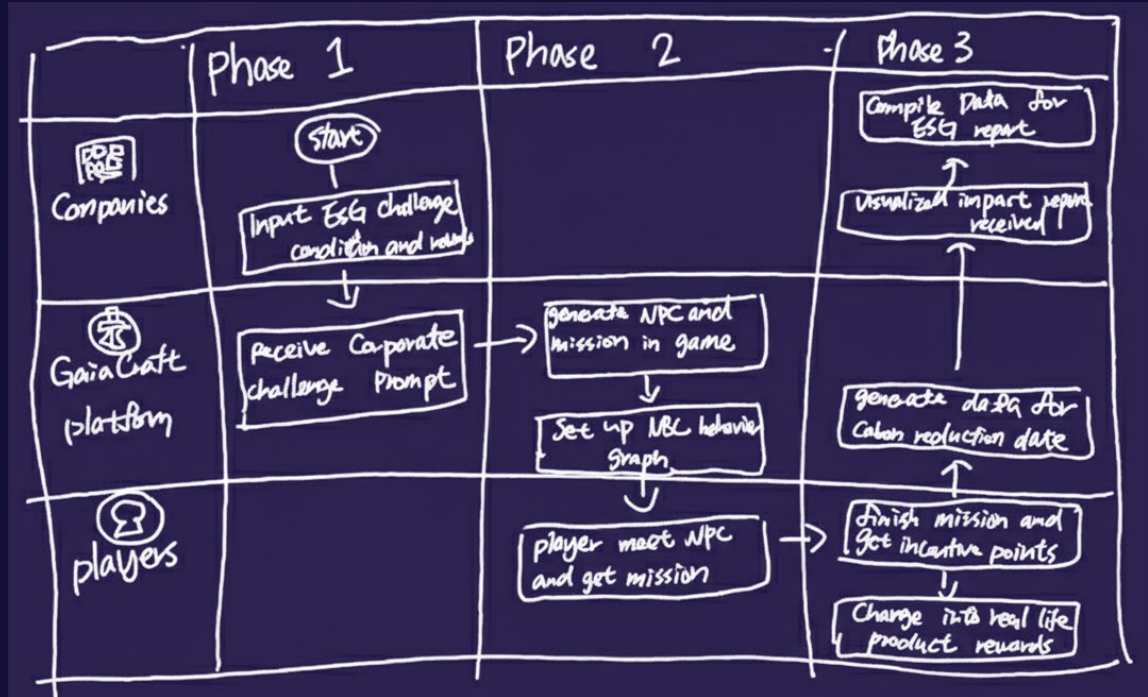


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# TECH IMPLEMENTATION

AI Integration: Challenges and Solutions

# Data Flow from Game Mission to ESG Report



# AI Integration: Challenges and Solutions

## AI-Driven Game

1. Auto-generated NPCs: Not just appearance but dynamic, organic personalities.
2. AI-driven storytelling: Narratives that adapt to player behavior.
3. Organic memory: NPCs evolve by remembering past interactions.

## Our final Goal



**BUT!!!** AI hallucination is the biggest obstacle to giving games real life!!! LLMs are too general. It's so hard to keep characters consistent or remember what happened before!!!

## AI Characters Behavior Architecture

-Problem: FSMs and BTs are predictable but rigid; pure RL is adaptive yet costly and unstable.

-Solution (Hybrid Approach): Combine control and adaptability using:

-BDI Model: NPCs act on beliefs, desires, and intentions for goal-driven behavior. / BT + RL: BT handles structure; RL provides adaptive skills like "take cover."

-Result: Hybrid models yield adaptive, consistent, and developer-controllable NPCs.

## AI NPC Long-Term Memory Architecture

-Problem: LLMs' limited context windows restrict NPC memory, preventing "organic" behavior.

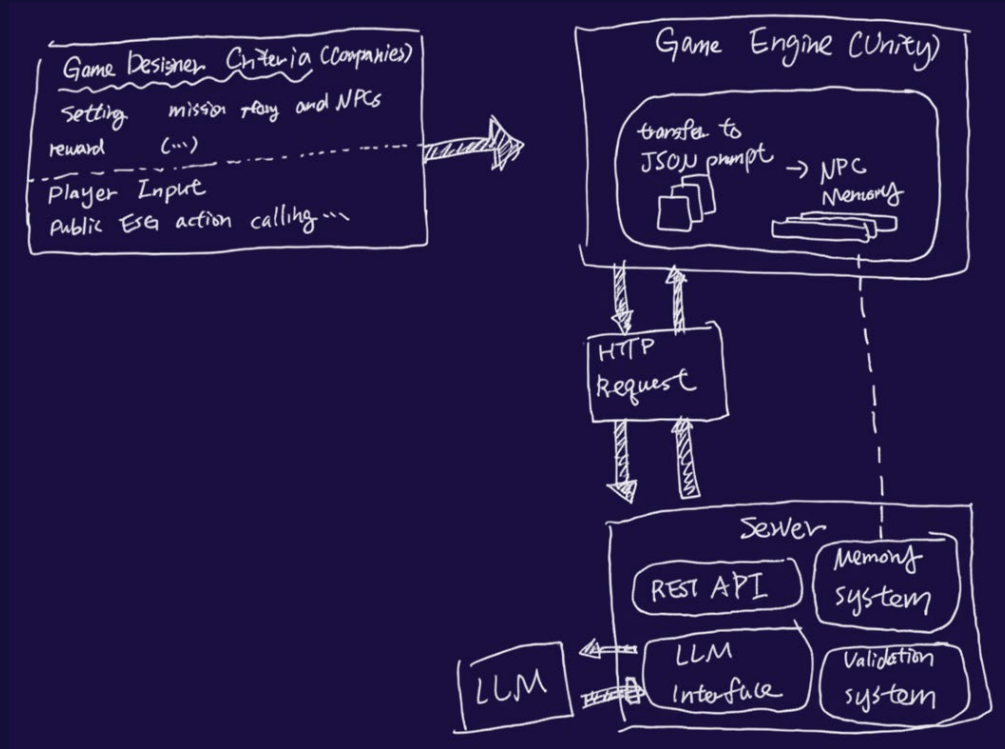
-Solution (Memory Stream): Extends LLMs with an external "Memory Stream" for experiences. "Reflection" is key, enabling NPCs to synthesize new insights from past memories to evolve.

-Technical Core (RAG): Stores interactions as vectorized data. Queries retrieve relevant past memories, augmenting the LLM's context for dynamic, informed responses.

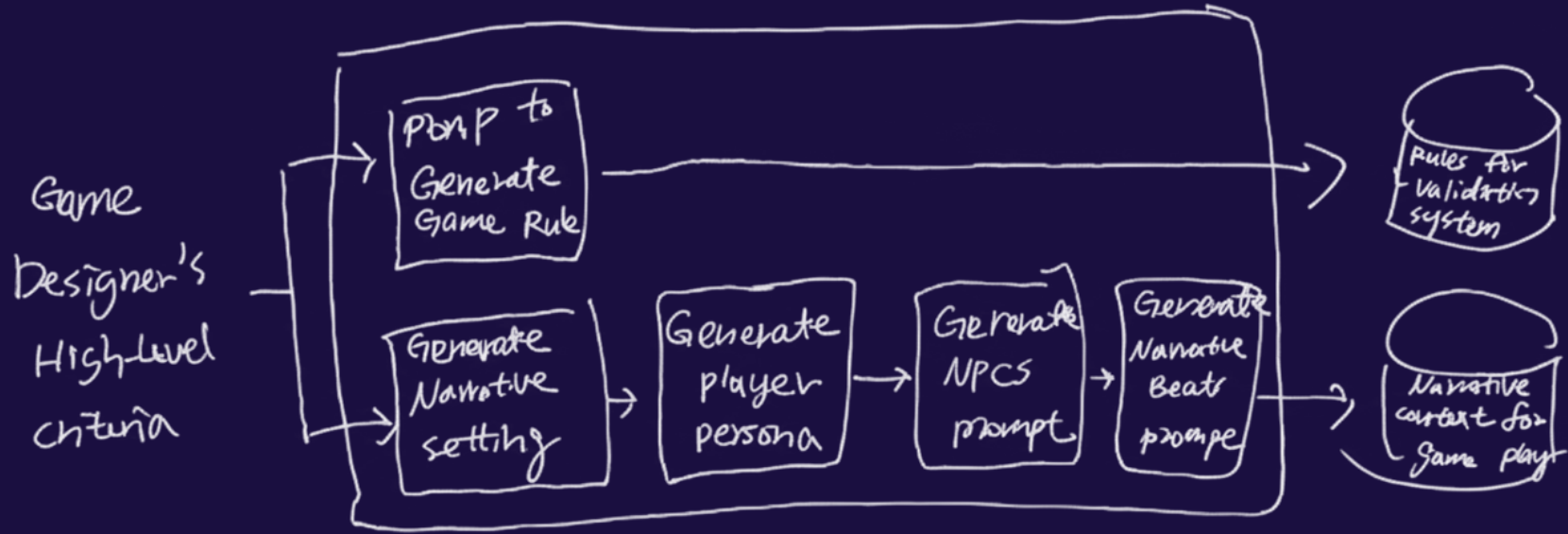
-Result: NPCs gain vast, evolving memory for truly believable, organic interactions.



# Game Narrative and Rule Generation System Architecture



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# DEMO VIDEO



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# FUTURE OUTLOOK

Social Impact &  
Other Application Scenarios at NCCU

## 04 FUTURE APPLICATION

# Social Impact Assessment

### Public Engagement

Engages 50,000 players and generates 3 million eco-actions, achieving an estimated 500 tons CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in the first year.



### ESG Empowerment

Helps SMEs cut 70% of ESG reporting costs and 60% of data collection time, partnering with 50+ organizations.



### Education Impact

Integrates into 20 universities and 200 courses, reaching 100,000 students and promoting sustainable lifestyles.



### Policy Support

Provides over 1 million behavior data points annually to enhance government sustainability planning and carbon policy precision.



# Future Application: AI Social Science Lab

## Core Concept: Building a Controllable "Large-Scale Virtual Society"

Leveraging the core AI technology developed for the "Gaia Craft" sustainability game, we can expand it into a powerful social science research platform.



### Why It's Feasible (Built on Gaia Craft's Tech)

Beyond rule-based ABM, our AI agents use the BDI model to make adaptive, human-like decisions.

With RAG-based Memory Streams, they retain experiences and evolve through reflection, enabling long-term behavior learning.

### Research Applications

- Simulate group dynamics to analyze how information, norms, or rumors spread.
- Test policy interventions within a digital twin society to forecast real-world outcomes.
- Study cooperation and conflict emergence under varying social and environmental pressures.

### Practical Impacts

- Reduce research cost and carbon footprint through AI-based experimentation.
- Enable safe, repeatable, and large-scale testing of human-like behaviors.
- Provide data-driven insights for sustainable policy and social innovation.

*It empowers NCCU's social science research by offering a scalable, low-cost*

*"Social Behavior Sandbox" that overcomes the scale, cost,*

*and ethical limits of traditional human experiments.*



**THANK YOU  
FOR  
LISTENING!**

