

AI, DATA AND HUMAN SOCIETY

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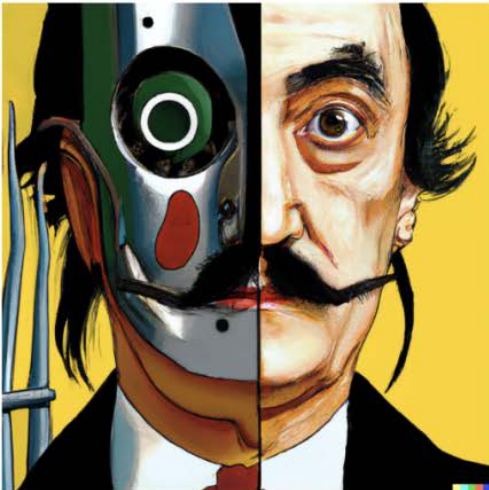
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**AI is taking the world by
storm**

AI is everywhere – cultural products





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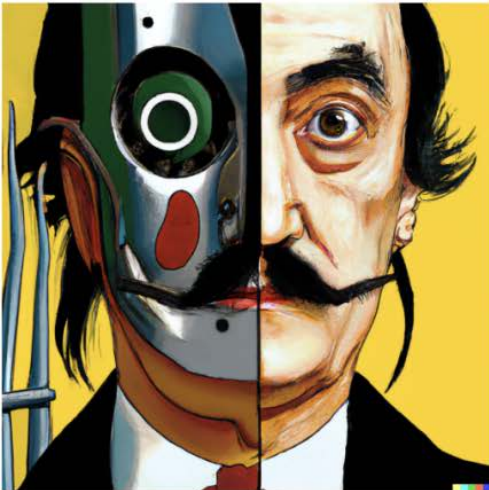
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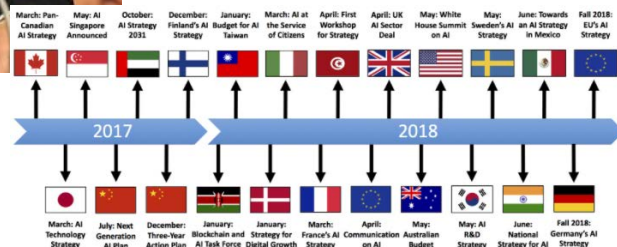
OpenAI's DALL-E 2

AI that can create realistic images and art from a description in natural language

It uses a 12-billion parameter version of GPT-3

GPT-3 = language model using DL to produce human-like text

AI is everywhere – national policy



**“Amazon provides discovery
features like
“customers who
bought this item
also bought.”**



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Top AI unicorns

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|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Databricks | 19) Dataminr | 38) KeepTruckin | 56) H2O.ai |
| 2) Tempus | 20) Cerebras Systems | 39) Uptake | 57) ASAPP |
| 3) Scale AI | 21) MEGVII | 40) Dialpad | 58) Cognite |
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Anywhere | 24) Highspot | 43) Moveworks | 61) Iluvatar CoreX |
| 7) DataRobot | 25) Tekion | 44) SoundHound | 62) K Health |
| 8) Pony.ai | 26) Cloudwalk | 45) Black Sesame
Technologies | 63) NotCo |
| 9) Collibra | 27) ECARX | 46) Hive | 64) Paradox |
| 10) Horizon Robotics | 28) Cars24 | 47) 4Paradigm | 65) Phenom People |
| 11) Icertis | 29) WeRide | 48) Pagaya | 66) Salt Security |
| 12) OakNorth Bank | 30) Innovaccer | 49) Preferred Networks | 67) SparkCognition |
| 13) SambaNova Systems | 31) HighRadius | 50) Spring Health | 68) DeepBlue
Technology |
| 14) Dataiku | 32) Zuoyebang | 51) Verbit | 69) Trax |
| 15) UBTECH Robotics | 33) OpenAI | 52) XtalPi | 70) HeartFlow |
| 16) Outreach | 34) ContentSquare | 53) Lightricks | 71) BigID |
| 17) Relativity Space | 35) Graphcore | 54) ALWAYS | 72) Enflame |
| 18) ThoughtSpot | 36) Clari | 55) Harness | 73) Ada Support |
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**How intelligent did
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Defining AI

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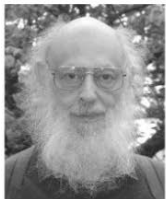
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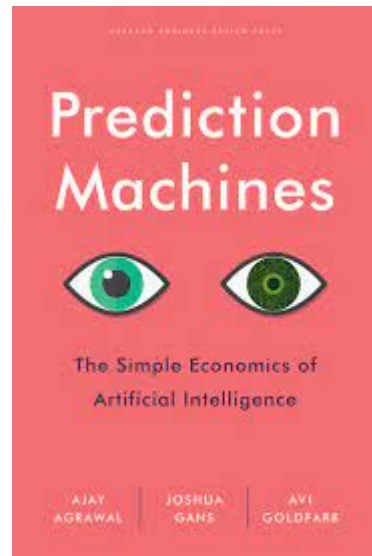
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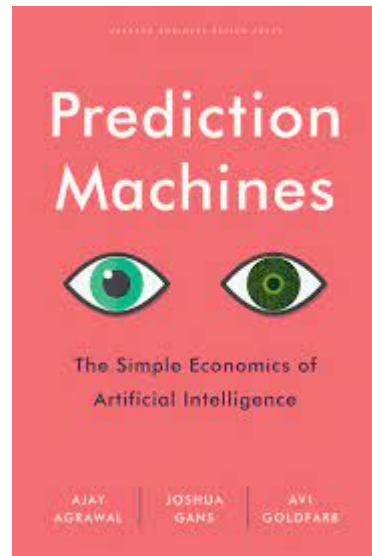
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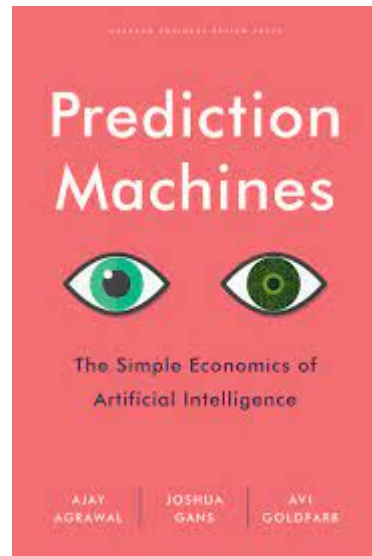
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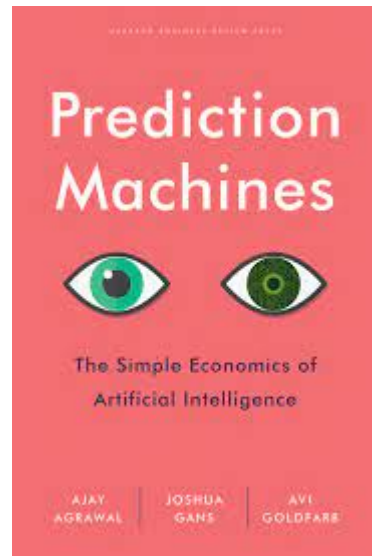
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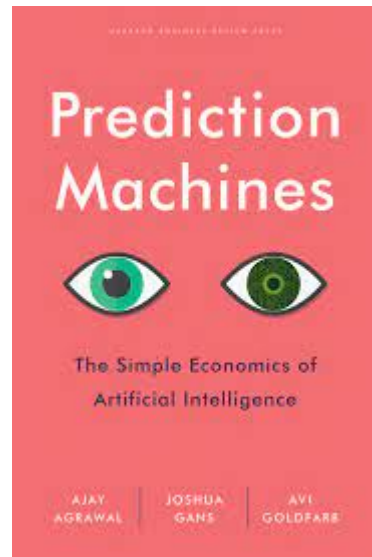
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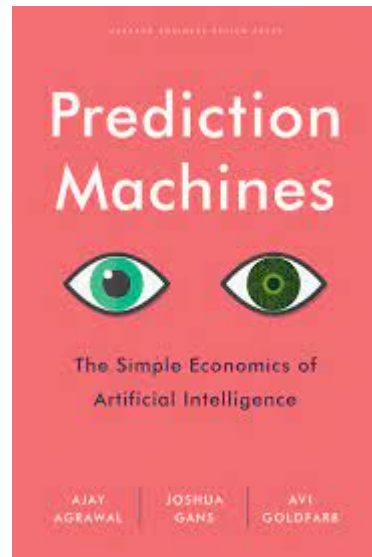
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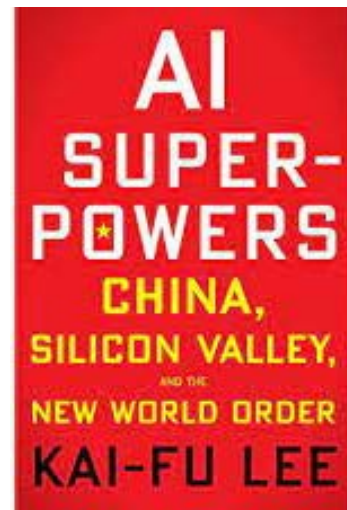
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- Singularity is likely to happen but far, far away



The 4 waves of AI

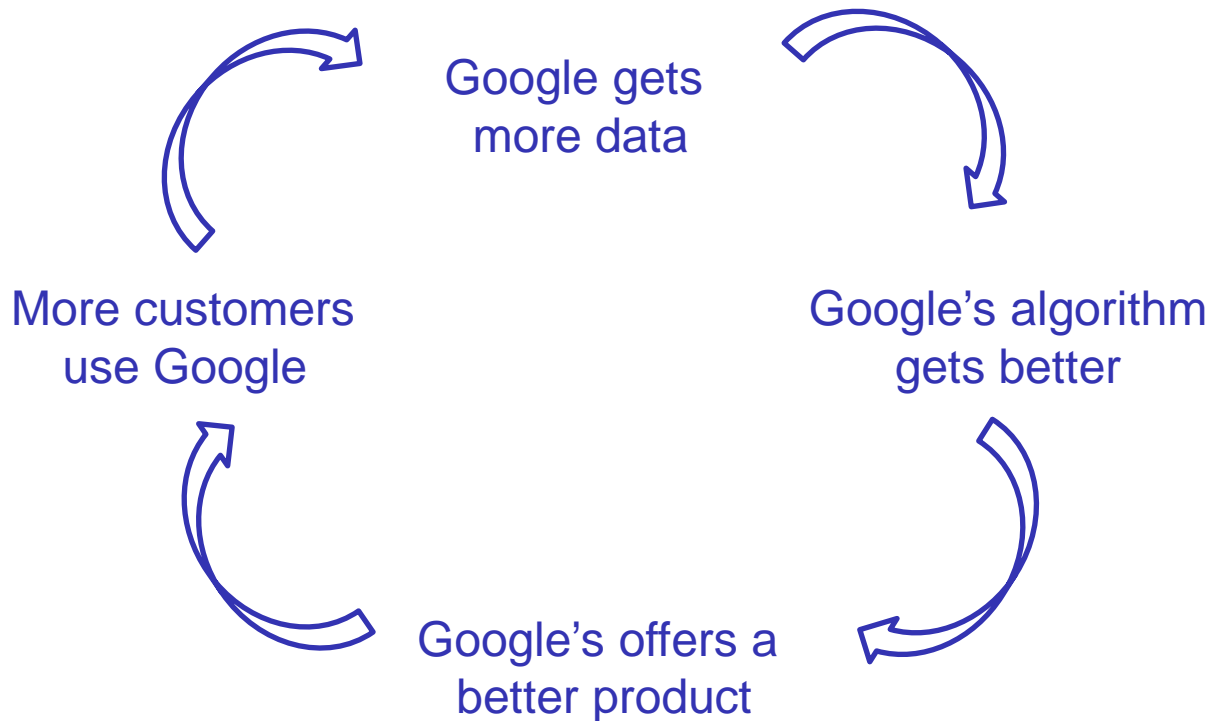
- 1: Building **recommendation systems** with **internet data**
- 2: Using **private data** for **decision-making**
- 3: Integrating prediction machines with sensors
= **perception AI**
- 4: Fully-autonomous AI



Champions of the first AI wave

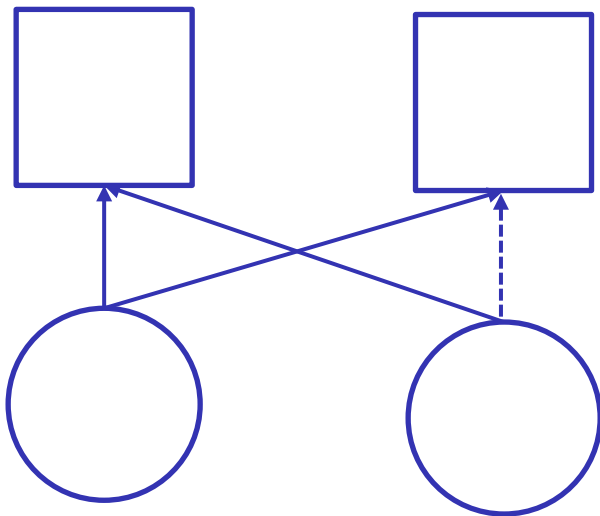


Reinforcing Feedback Loops in AI



Exploiting the network
structures (matrices) to make
predictions

What AI can predict

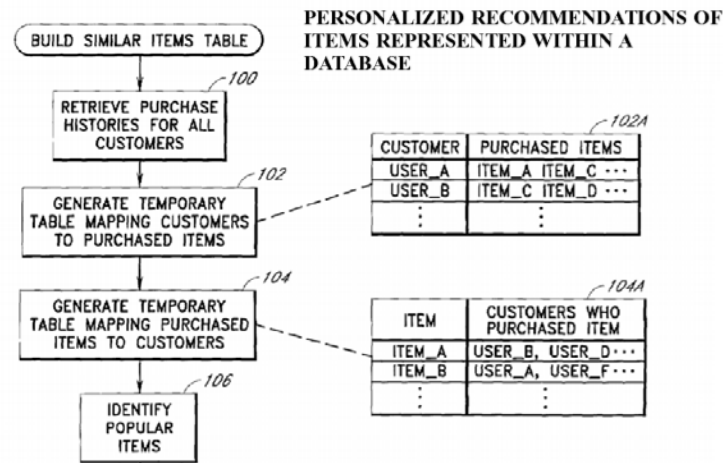


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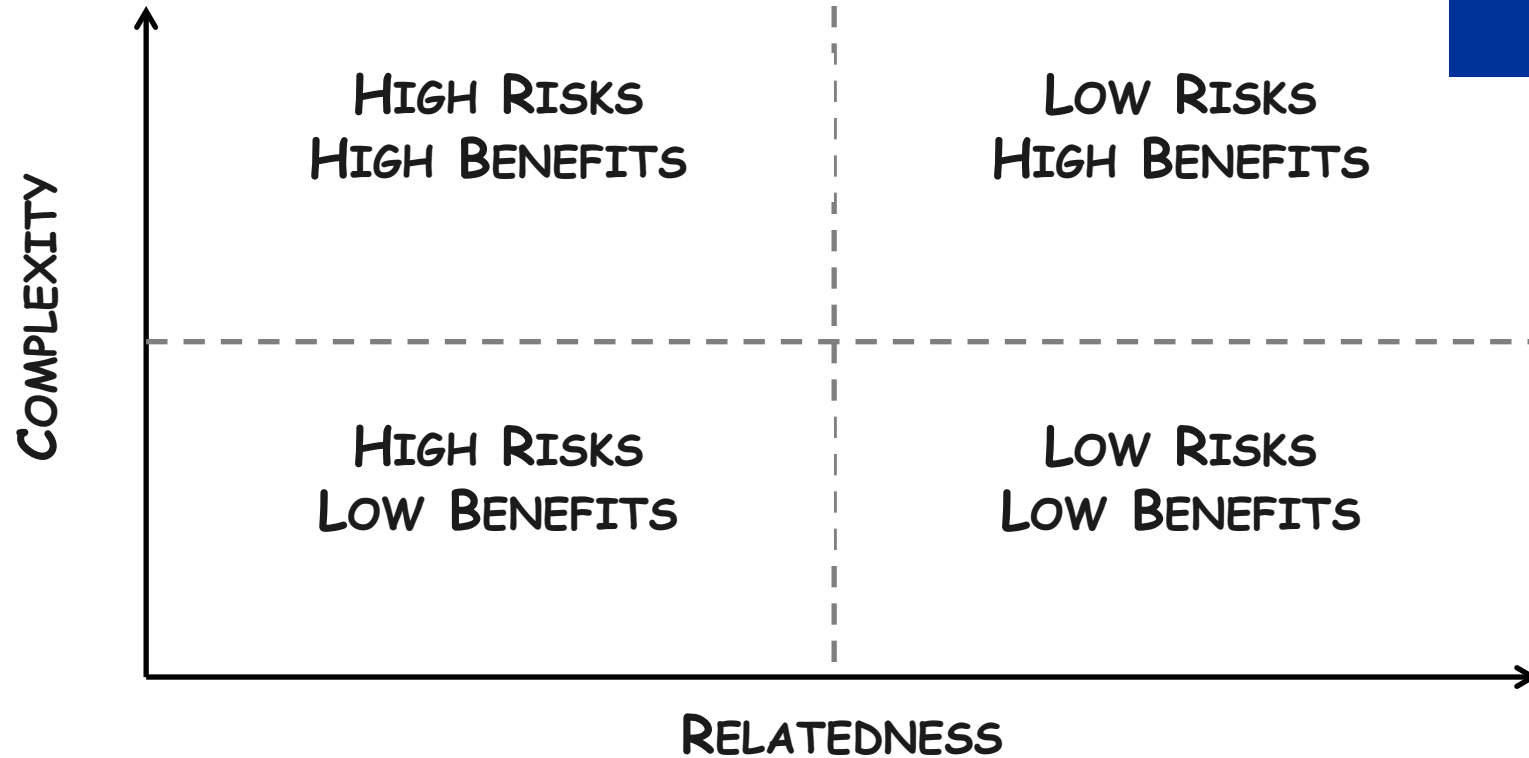


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Modern **AI** techniques are good at predicting the evolution of **simple** network structures

EU smart specialization (\$120 billion)



Balland, P.A., Boschma, R., Crespo, J. and Rigby, D. (2019) Smart Specialization policy in the EU: Relatedness, Knowledge Complexity and Regional Diversification, *Regional Studies*

Private data for decision-making



AT&T

IBM

**Watson
Health**



CHASE

 Palantir

ANALYTICS



DRUG DISCOVERY



CHATBOT, VIRTUAL ASSISTANT



MENTAL HEALTH



FERTILITY AND REPRODUCTION



DIAGNOSTICS AND PATHOLOGY



NUTRITION



IMAGING



CLINICAL TRIALS AND RESEARCH



PREVENTIVE CARE



PERSONALIZED HEALTHCARE



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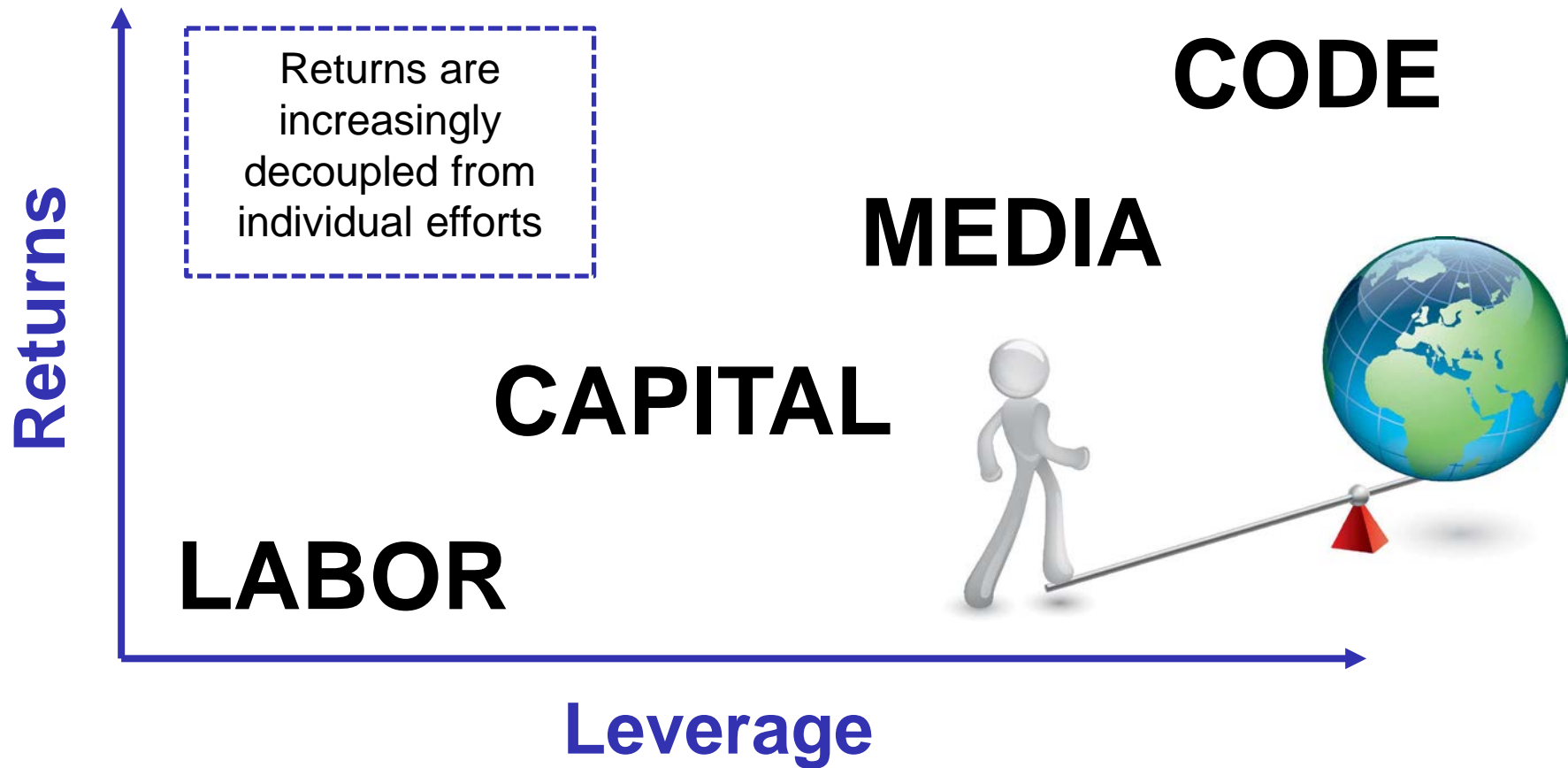
DIGITAL HEALTH AND SOFTWARE



Integrating digital & physical



Leveraging complex networks



Beyond CS skills

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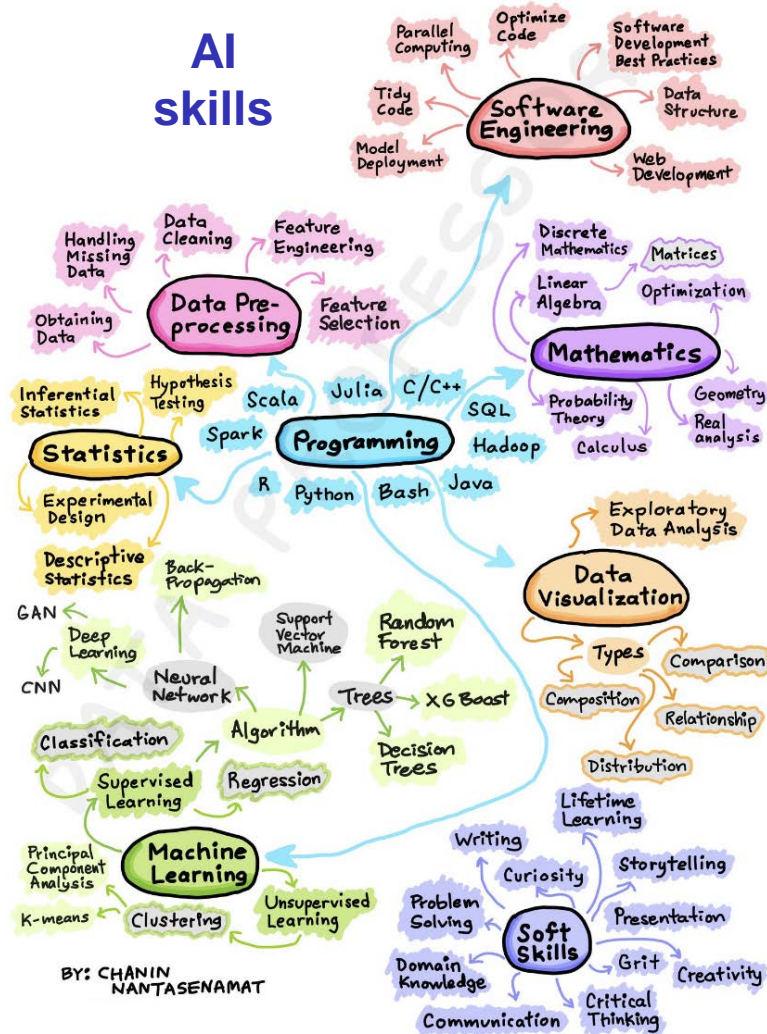


The ability to identify business problems and re-frame them as a data science solution is as important as the programming skills needed to develop AI tools

AI & the future of work

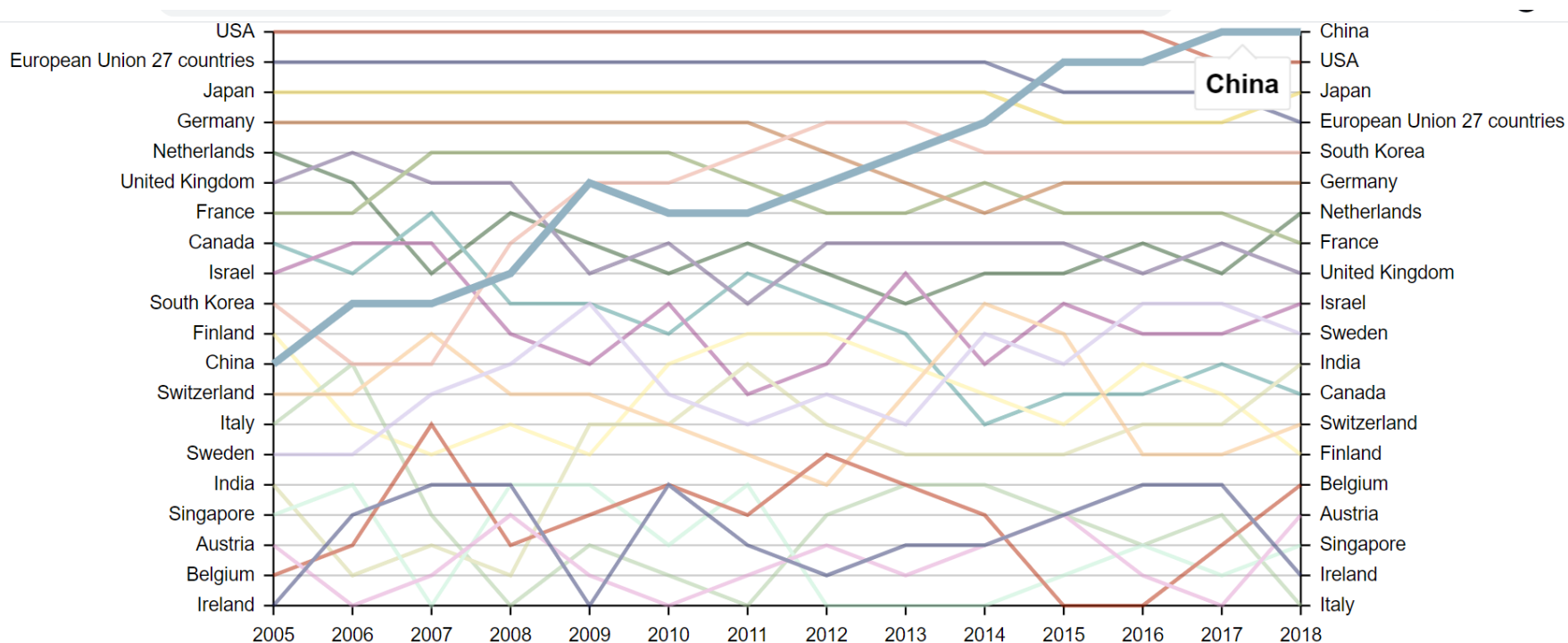
- These skills are the **foundation** of an AI world:
 - complex decision-making
 - creative content
 - business-technology interface
 - inter-human relationships
 - programming language
- They are:
 - hard to automate
 - requires new modes of education (hard to train at scale)
 - requires the re-invention of corporate culture, work ethics and lifestyle

AI skills



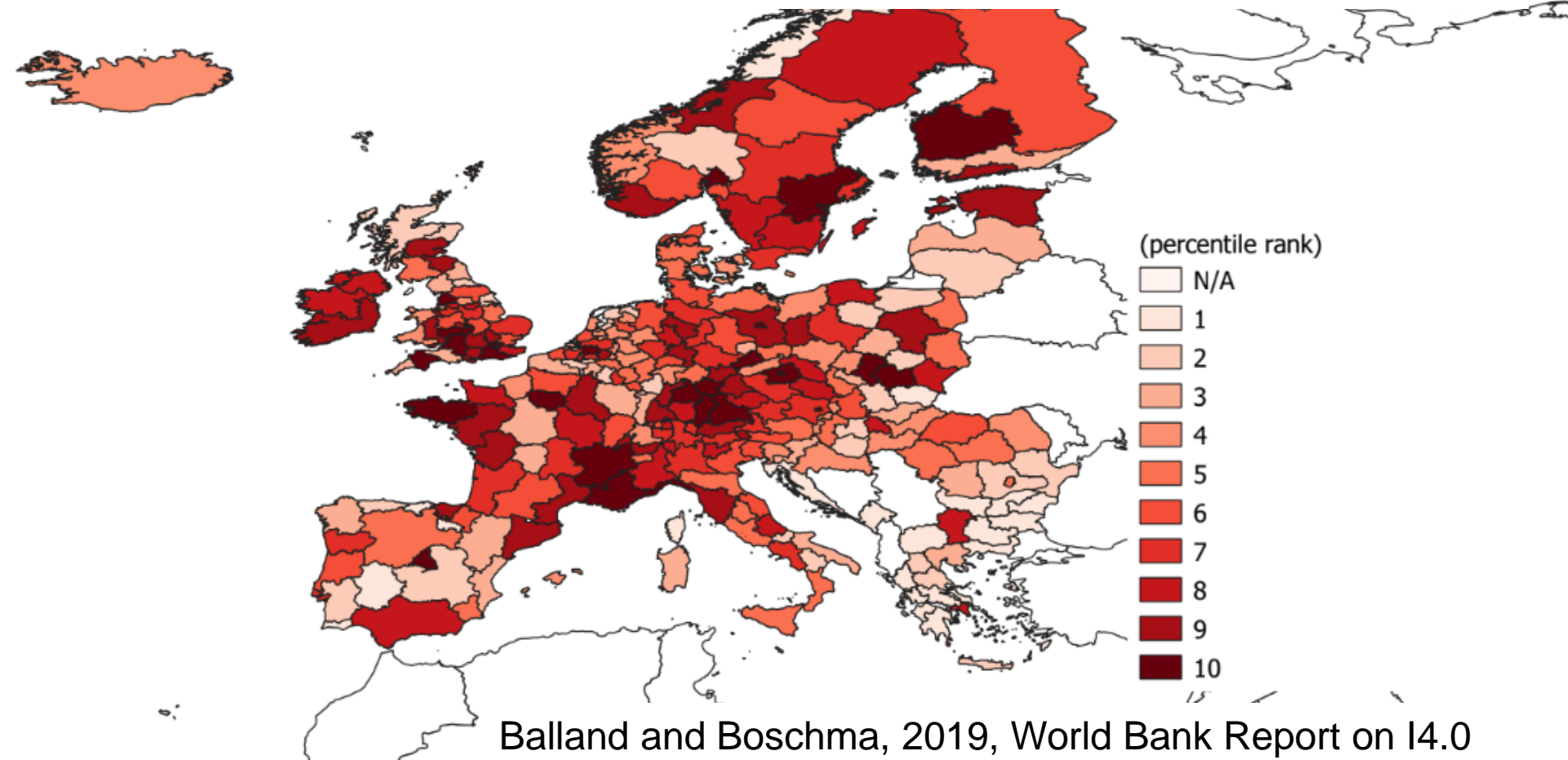
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The geography of AI patents



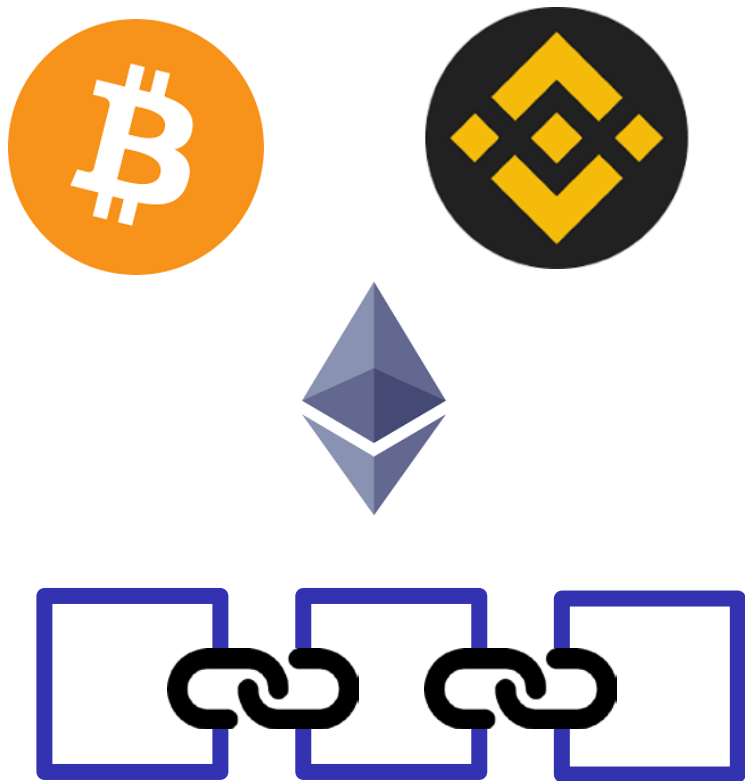
Source: Balland (2021) – Report for DG Grow

European Hubs of the industries of the future



Balland and Boschma, 2019, World Bank Report on I4.0

Blockchain is the other automation revolution



Crypto will:

- **disrupt** every industry by automating transactions
- enable the **scaling** of AI solutions (structured + interoperable data)
- increase hyperconnectivity by providing **trust** at scale