# Information acquisition in financial markets through artificial intelligence (Early stage work)\*

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#### Abstract

In a global game with endogenous information acquisition, investors choose how much to invest in the adoption of advanced artificial intelligence (AI), such as large language models, to better extract signal about fundamentals from a common data space. Unlike other information acquisition technologies that increase precision of the private signal, key AI-specific features are included in the model: hallucinations that introduce bias for exponentially high levels of AI adoption and the possibility of technological breakthroughs that enhance models prior to usage. This monotonically increasing technology evolves stochastically in a way that increaseds with the amount of AI resources that investors leave for technologists. Investors then decide to invest on a risky asset with strategic complementarities on information and on the level of technology adoption by peers. The model is simple but allows inference on important topics related to the adoption of AI in finance, including the effect of hallucinations on the coordination of investors, the role of a closed versus open AI model, and the potentially outsized effects of cyber security or other operational risk incidents. JEL codes: D82, G14.

#### 1 Introduction

The increasing capabilities of large language models (LLM) and modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems more generally unlock useful new ways to transform data into actionable information, expanding the "data envelope" (Hirshlelfer (1971), Goldfarb and Tucker (2019)). These sophisticated models have been posited to be useful even for forecasting and stock trading (eg, Lopez-Lira and Tang (2023)), adding further momentum to the use of these technologies. Clearly, more advanced AI models are able to transform more data into information, improving the precision of a signal. But other key, specific features of AI as an information technology require new modelling tools that are not found in existing frameworks of endogenous information acquisition in incomplete games (eg, Hellwig and Veldkamp (2009), M. Yang (2015), Szkup and Trevino (2015b)).

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First, AI models can also output erroneous content that may be hard to identify, such as seemingly-correct "hallucinations" (Alkaissi and McFarlane (2023), Ji et al. (2023)), an issue that is compounded by the inescrutable nature of these models. For example, LLMs might provide human-like answers that fail to correctly identify trivial aspects of tasks (Perez-Cruz and Shin (2024)). Second, the AI technology is still evolving at a fast pace (eg, J. Yang et al. (2023)), which itself might change the information acquisition calculation of agents as they expect a certain chance that current models will be nondecreasingly more powerful. In this paper, the AI resources not used by agents is made available to technologists, who then try to improve AI technology subject to resource availability. All of this on top of the usually modelled costs to acquire information, which in this case represent the limited AI-specific resources such as skilled labour force and adequate chips that are limited.

The main contribution of this paper is to set up a simple but flexible model of endogenous information acquisiton under incomplete information, subject to bias in the private signal (from the "AI hallucinations") and to stochastic technological breakthrough that improves the model's reasoning, tapering the hallucinations. Other than these AI-specific parameterisations, the model follows a standard information acquisition model that can be solved as a global game (Carlsson and Van Damme (1993), Morris and Shin (2003)), yielding a symmetric, unique equilibrium outcome. This baseline model is used to show that the equilibrium choices of AI resource take-up by investors facing a risky payoff are consistent with the level of AI that minimises bias in the private signal. In other words, investors invest the "right" amount in AI for their application at hand, even if the investment decision itself is risk- and not payoff-dominant (Harsanyi and Selten (1988)).

The baseline 2-investor game plays out in two stages. In the AI investment stage, each investor i chooses how much of their endowment E will be allocated to acquiring AI-related resources (eg, skilled practitioners, graphics processing unit chips - GPU) from a limited pool R. The remainder after the investors decide their AI investment is available to technologists, and will influence technological development:  $R = R_{AI} + \sum_{i} R_{i}$ . Next, the financial investment stage entails a binary investment decision on the remainder of the endowment,  $I_i = E - R_i$ . The payoff depends on an unobserved state  $\theta$  and, for intermediate levels of the fundamental outcome, on coordination between investors. These decisions are taken after each investor observes a private signal that depends non-linearly on the level of AI investment: higher AI amounts increase precision in the private signal, but expose the investor to AI hallucinations. These latter elements are additive biases in the private signal that behave exponentially, like a "hockey stick" line, kicking off strongly at high levels of AI adoption. A final unknown component in the model is the degree of technological advance in between stages. Technologists take the remainer of the resources,  $R_{AI}$ , and use it to implement research ideas that are compared with obstacles. Whenever these are net positive, the hallucinations taper off. This represents for example advances in reasoning ability (Douglas K. G. Araujo (2024)) or in fine-tuning to make models.

A unique value of AI investment minimises the bias in the private signal, ie optimally balances the hallucination with the precision-increasing effects of greater investment in AI. Interestingly, even as the equilibrium definition is not conditional on an optimal first-stage allocation, this happens to be the value that is consistent with the second-stage equilibrium. The model is simple enough to represent the main dynamics of investors' indirect acquisition of information through their investment in AI. At the same time, it contains rich enough representations that allow the study of questions of interest. In this paper I explore three of them. First, the baseline specification speaks to AI's ability to reason. One of the extensions, studying the effect of an eventual much-hyped artificial general intelligence (AGI), simply involves turning off the hallucination. The third extension addresses current policy and academic discussions around the wisedom of openly available versus closed models. Secondly, the model can be slightly adapted to study the potentially outsized effects of cyber security or other operational risk incidents, including issues related to AI vendor concentration.

#### 1.1 Literature

This work relates to the literatures on information acquisition in incomplete information games, and on AI and data in finance. The class of global games models address incomplete information settings Carlsson and Van Damme (1993). Morris and Shin (2002), Morris and Shin (2003). A second stream of papers related to this work discuss endogenous information acquisition, similar to the current paper. Coordination with information acquisition. Angeletos and Lian (2016), Szkup and Trevino (2015b), Szkup and Trevino (2015a), Szkup and Trevino (2021). Reshidi et al. (2021) study the individual and collective information acquisition. Technology adoption canonical model Frankel and Pauzner (2000). Private aquisition of information (processing), Hellwig and Veldkamp (2009) and Colombo, Femminis, and Pavan (2014). Colombo, Femminis, and Pavan (2014) highlights the difference between efficies in information acquisition and its usage. In contrast with that literature, here the AI technology frontier also develops endogenously and responds (negatively) to the resource take-up from technology adoption.

Another stream of papers discusses **data in finance**: Farboodi et al. (2022) models the extraction by investors of *information* on assets from *data*, and how the value of data is related also to characteristics of the asset itself. Begenau, Farboodi, and Veldkamp (2018) argues that the existence of more data to larger firms favours them over others. And a more specific line of works examines **AI** in finance, including associated risks. AI can read information better (Douglas Kiarelly Godoy Araujo et al. (n.d.), Douglas Kiarelly Godoy Araujo et al. (2024)), and especially the more sophisticated type of models - large language models (LLMs) can further increase the ability to use data (Korinek (2023)). Lopez-Lira and Tang (2023) show evidence that ChatGPT, the flagship LLM, can successfully pick stocks. Danielsson, Macrae, and Uthemann (2022)

discuss risks. Increased availability of data (Veldkamp and Chung (2019)) and lower cost across data pipeline (Goldfarb and Tucker (2019)). This facilitates the use of new data, or data in a compound way, due to the "discovery" of new data by newer technologies Hirshlelfer (1971). An early reference is Ranco et al. (2015). New techniques not only process more data more effectively, but they also expand the envelope of data that can be analysed to look for signal.

### 2 Background on AI

- AI is a technology that helps extract signal from more information:
  - these models are not usually restricted by curse of dimensionality
  - when appropriately designed, AI algorithms can regularise well and thus help identify signal-rich parts of the data space
- All of this put together indicates one way to model how AI contributes
  to information acquisition is to simply use it as a way to improve the
  precision of the private signal.
  - This also has the advantage that the model is directly comparable with most of the information acquisition literature.
- But AI has particular characteristics that are not found in other information acquisition technologies, and in particular are exacerbated in the most recent generation of sophisticated AI models, including LLMs.
  - First, AI models hallucinate, meaning that their result seems correct but in fact is made up in an attempt by the model to appease its users. Even in applications in finance, which typically use more scalable applications than chatbots, suffer from the fact that these models do not properly reason (even as they appear to gain capabilities with their growing size). All of this is compounded by the fact that these models are increasing unscrutinable.
  - A second characteristic of AI is that the technology is still undergoing very fast levels of development (eg, J. Yang et al. (2023)). This matters because of the influence it can have on decisions related to information acquisition and ultimately on the financial payoff, since agents expect some possibility that these breakthroughs will happen.

#### 2.1 Policy questions related to AI in finance

The use of AI in finance matters not only for welfare and potentially distributional reasons, but also for financial stability. Regulators in particular have ramped up work on the oversight of AI use by banks and other financial firms. For example, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision announced work on "the potential implications of broader usage of AI/ML models for the resilience of individual banks and more broadly, for financial stability". National regulators such as the Bank of England and Prudential Regulation Authority are

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actively engaging with the financial industry, as are others.<sup>2</sup>

Important policy questions include: \* ability of financial market participants (broadly referred to in this paper as "investors") to secure resources - especially adequately skilled human resources - to deploy AI \* potential for hallucinations, biases and other "silent mistakes" \* vendor concentration as a third-party service provider risk

And more recently, another potential safety concern appears in the debate between closed vs open models. Open models lower the adoption barrier, democratising AI and favouring "public good" effects similar to other open source software (Lerner and Tirole (2005)). But on the other hand they also enable malicious users such as impersonators or cyber attackers.

#### 3 Model

The model draws heavily from the setup in Szkup and Trevino (2021), with important additions that represent key features of AI as an information technology. Second, the technology itself evolves stochastically over time, including in response to factor prices as well. And third, the process by which AI improves the signal is laid out in more detail to highlight the cases where the technology can transform more data text into information but cannot yet reason about it.

#### 3.1 Setup

The simplest version of the model is a two-investor setup as follows.

The state of economic fundamentals is a random variable with normal distribution  $\theta \sim N(\mu_{\theta}, \sigma_{\theta}^2)$ .  $\theta$  is only observed indirectly by each investor i as a noisy signal,  $x_i = \theta + \sigma_i \epsilon_i$ . An AI technology  $\alpha(R) > 0$  uses finite specialised resources R (eg, AI scientists, data engineers, graphics processing units chips - GPUs, etc) to improve the precision of the signal of the existing data. The total amount of these resources is divided into AI developers and the investors:  $R = R_{\rm AI} + \sum_i R_i$  for  $R_{\rm AI} > 0$  and  $\forall R_i \geq 0$ . The technology has decreasing returns to scale with  $\alpha_R' > 0, \alpha_R'' < 0$ , and each individual precision defined as  $\sigma_i = \sigma/\alpha(R_i)$ .  $\alpha$  itself is common amongst players, reflecting the current relevance of open source and open weight models in the high end AI market. One application later in the text relaxes this definition so that investors can also purchase a unique  $\alpha_i$  technology.

However, unless the AI model can actually reason, very precise signals (low  $\sigma_i$ ) also increase the risk of believable wrong answers (such as "hallucinations")

 $<sup>^2</sup> https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2023/october/artificial-intelligence-and-machine-learning$ 

 $<sup>^3 \</sup>alpha > 0$  even when  $R_i = 0$  as investors can always implement simplistic tools to get *some* information from data. This structure, which can be seen as  $\alpha = g(R_i) + \xi$  for an infinitesimal but positive  $\xi$ , also helps make the main model simpler by introducing  $\alpha$  directly in the private signal equation.

or other forms of "silent mistakes", which bias the investor's perception about fundamentals. Such a problem is of course compounded by the high confidence the investor has in the signal given its acquired low  $\sigma_i$ . This is modelled through a reasoning filter  $\phi$ . This function is the identity function if the AI cannot reason and 0 if it can reason. Having  $\eta \sim N(0, \sigma_{\eta})$  as the baseline level of noise<sup>4</sup> for all private signals, then each investor will observe  $\epsilon_i = \eta + \phi e^{\lambda \alpha_i(R)}$ , in which  $\lambda$  is an inconsequential positive constant for scaling only. Putting all of this together, the private signal about the fundamentals is:

$$x_i = \theta + (\eta + \phi e^{\lambda \alpha(R_i)}) \sigma / \alpha(R_i) \tag{1}$$

Given this scenario for technology investment, two ex ante identical investors  $i \in \{1,2\}$  choose how much  $R_i$  to acquire. Because resources are finite and technologists pick up the residual resources not acquired by investors, the investors face a supply curve and the technologists are assumed for simplicity to be price takers. Given this structure, prices are normalised as the proportion of resources taken by investors,  $\rho = (1/R) \sum_i R_i$ . The prices are public information and the market for AI resources clear.

The two investors decide in the first stage how much of their endowment to invest in AI usage, with the remainder available for the next stage where they decide whether or not to invest,  $a_i \in \{0,1\}$ . This equality is represented as  $E_i = R_i + I_i$ . In the second period, the investors decide how to allocate  $I_i$ , in a safe or risky asset (the allocation is binary). The safe asset does not have a cost, and yields zero regardless of  $\theta$  or the number of investors who choose it. Conversely, the risk asset's payoff can be successful in either of the following situations: (a) if  $\theta \geq \bar{\theta}$  or (b) if  $\theta \geq \bar{\theta}$  and  $A_i = A_j = 1$ . While this payoff structure follows Szkup and Trevino (2021) closely, the current model differs from that one because investors only allocates  $I_i$ . Because investing in the risky asset entails a cost T, the risky asset yields  $\theta I_i - T$  in case of success or alternatively, -T.

Each investor's choice  $a_i$  depends on the observed signal  $x_i$  and the level of use of AI chosen in the preceding step,  $R_i$ . As in Szkup and Trevino (2021), the level of precision (from the investment in AI resources) is common knowledge in this simple game, but here it is only incidentally so: this settings comports only two investors and a common price that reflects their joint AI investments.<sup>6</sup> Each investor's utility is a mapping of the form  $u: \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\} \times \mathbb{R} \times [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ ,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Reflecting, for example, technology frictions in the production and dissemination of data, or more fundamentally even the sparsity in the actual signal from the manifold hypothesis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The actual prices could be proportional to this ratio, but the added clutter to notation does not justify it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A richer setting would see not only more investors, including atomic ones, but also have only the global AI resource expense be public, not its distribution to investors. The type of challenge it would bring to the current model includes for example a non-trivial correlation between the use of AI and the perceived signal. This interesting case demands a dedicated exposition and not further dealt with in this paper.

with  $u(A_i, A_j, x_i, R_i)$  representing investor i's pay-off as a function of their own action, the other investor's action, the signal observed by i, and its investment in the AI technology.

Innovations in AI reasoning happen in between periods: after investors have decided  $\rho$ , the remainder  $R_{\rm AI}$  determines the probability of a major breakthrough in reasoning ability. This is modelled as follows.<sup>7</sup> Two independent random draws from U(0, 1),  $\pi_{\rm idea}$ ,  $\pi_{\rm obstacle}$ , correspond respectively to innovative ideas and to practical obstacles to innovation related to those ideas. The idea requires resources for implementation, and thus a technological advance only happens if the idea, once actually implemented, overcomes the barrier to innovation. Formally:

$$\phi = 1 - \max(0, \underbrace{\pi_{\text{idea}} * (1 - \rho)}_{\text{Implemented idea}} - \pi_{\text{obstacle}}). \tag{2}$$

 $\phi$  tapers off the noisiness to help the private signal get closer to  $\theta + \eta$ . Note that the only chance of a full shutdown of the added noise by the AI model - for example, through the concept of *artificial generalised intelligence*, is ruled out and would require all of the AI-related resources to the technologists only.

#### 3.2 Bias in private signal

With a nonzero level of AI adoption and with an AI that cannot robustly reason (and thus hallucinates), the private signal will always on expectation have a positive bias. However, there is exactly one value of  $\alpha(R_i)$  that results in an minimally biased private signal.

**Proposition 3.1** (AI use with minimal bias in private signal). There is only one specific value  $\alpha^* = \alpha(R^*)$  for which the private signal is the closest to  $\theta$  in expectation. The subscript is irrelevant because all investors are ex ante similar.

*Proof.* The first order condition only holds for one value of  $\alpha > 0$ . Starting with the first derivative,

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha^*}(\eta + \phi e^{\lambda \alpha^*})\sigma/\alpha^* = 0$$

the expression can be manipulated to facilitate isolating  $\alpha^*$  in the numerator to the left side:

$$\frac{\phi \lambda e^{\lambda \alpha^*} \sigma}{\alpha^*} - \frac{\phi e^{\lambda \alpha^*} \sigma}{(\alpha^*)^2} = \frac{\eta \sigma}{(\alpha^*)^2}.$$

Multiplying both sides by  $(\alpha^*)^2$  obtains

 $<sup>^7\</sup>mathrm{Recall}$  that  $\phi$  determines the reasoning ability in a way that is orthogonal to model performance.

$$\alpha^* \lambda \phi e^{\lambda \alpha^*} \sigma - \phi e^{\lambda \alpha^*} \sigma = \eta \sigma,$$

which is the same as

$$\phi e^{\lambda \alpha^*} (\lambda \alpha^* - 1) = \eta,$$

and thus if  $\phi > 0$ , the only possible solution with a positive value is  $\alpha^* = 1/\lambda$ .

The second derivative obtained by substituting this equality above is positive, confirming that  $\alpha^*$  minimises the bias on the signal.

$$\frac{d^2}{d(1/\lambda)^2}(\eta+\phi e)\sigma\lambda=(\sigma\lambda^2\phi e+\sigma\lambda\phi e)\lambda^3$$

Proposition 3.1 highlights the problem with AI investment as a technology to process information: optimising on precision alone (lowering  $\sigma_i$ ) exposes the investors to more biases in the signal at very high levels of technology adoption. Higher levels of  $R_i$  monotonically increase precision but there is only one level of R that minimises bias in information.

Note also that it seems to be a repetition of the classical bias-variance trade-off (BVTO) but it is in fact a different phenomenon. BVTO implies that more flexible and complex models would lead to lower bias and high out-of-sample variance, as more sophisticated models obtain a better fit to existing data at the risk of not generalising too well. The current setting shines a light on a different problem that incorporates economic and information- and game-theoretic elements: even if the model obtains lower variance by usefully increasing out-of-sample precision (real life examples include the ability to digest unstructured data such as text to improve signal pickup), the fact it can hallucinate and at the same time is increasingly trusted both by its practicality and precision, introduces uncertainty in the model.

# 4 Equilibrium

The equilibrium analyses draw from Szkup and Trevino (2021), who extend the monotone supermodular games result from Van Zandt and Vives (2007) in games with unbounded utility functions. In particular, Szkup and Trevino (2021) show that there exist both a least and a greatest bounds in Bayesian Nash equilibra, and that these thresholds correspond to a univalent mapping to a unique outcome.

The equilibrium is found by backward induction, starting with the financial investment stage. Collect the allocations of R in  $r = \{R_i, R_j, R_{AI}\}$ . Investor

strategies  $A: \mathbb{R} \times [0,1]^3 \times (0,1] \to \{0,1\}$  map the private signal, the allocation r and the AI reasoning ability  $\phi$  to a binary investment decision, where 1 is associated with the investing choice. Using the global games' threshold strategies and the uniquess of equilibrium outcomes due to Szkup and Trevino (2021) extending the results from Van Zandt and Vives (2007), the investor decides to invest if the private signal is higher than a specific threshold, as in

$$A(x_i; r; \phi) = \mathbf{1}[x_i \ge x_i^*(r, \phi)]. \tag{3}$$

The value  $x_i^*$  in Equation 3 that makes the investor in different to investing or not investing is the optimal threshold. The following specification considers both the scenario in which fundamentals are intermediate and the investment requires coordination, and the scenario in which fundamentals are good enough that success does not necessitate coordination. The equation

$$E[\theta I_i \Pr(A_i(\theta) = 1) | x_i = x_i^*, \theta \in [\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta})] + E[\theta I_i | x_i = x_i^*, \theta \geq \bar{\theta}] = T \qquad (4)$$

represents the situation where the expected payoff of an  $I_i$  investment is set to zero. Now moving backwards to the AI investment stage, consider  $\nu_i(\cdot)$  as the expected investment payoff to i afer observing their own private signal  $x_i$  and believing that investor j will also optimise. Consider also a belief function  $\mu_i:[0,1]\to[0,1]$  as i's belief on the probability that j chose a specific value of  $R_j$ . In general terms, the expected utility of each investor is:

$$U_{i}(r) = E[\mathbf{1}[x_{i} \ge x_{i}^{*}(e,\phi)]\nu_{i}(x_{i},x_{j}^{*}(r,\phi);r)]f(x_{i};R_{i},\phi)dx_{i}.$$
 (5)

All elements to define the equilibrium are now in place.

**Definition 4.1** (Pure strategy Bayesian Nash equilibrium). A vector of AI investment allocations  $r^* = \{R_i^*, R_j^*, R_{AI}^*\}$ , belief function  $\mu_i$ , and optimal financial investment decision  $A_i(x_i; r; \phi)$  is a pure streategy Bayesian Nash equilibrium if, for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , it complies with the conditions below:

C1 - no incentives to deviate.  $U_i(r^*) \ge U_i(r') \forall r' \ne r^*$ ,

C2 - correct strategic anticipation.  $\mu_i(R_i^*) = 1, \mu_i(R_i') = 0, r' \neq r^*$ ; and

C3 - optimal financial investment even if sub-optimal AI investment.

$$\begin{split} A(x_i;r;\phi) &= \mathbf{1}[x_i \geq x_i(\{R_i,R_j^*,R_{AI}\},\phi)], \text{s.t.} \\ x_i^* \in \{x_i : \nu(x_i(\{R_i,R_j^*,R_{AI}\},\phi),x_i^*(r^*,\phi);r) = 0\} \end{split}$$

The first condition, C1, lays out that no investor has an incentive to deviate from the equilibrium because they will not extract a higher utility. C2 is necessary to ensure that the equilibrium obtains from a situation that each investor assigns

positive probability to the amounts of AI investment that the other investor would choose. And the third condition pins down the idea that the signal threshold associated with the investment action can also be associated with of each investors' own AI investment that is not necessarily the optimal.

**Proposition 4.1** (Equilibrium). The equilibrium as defined in Definition 4.1 exists and is unique.

#### 4.1 Information-efficient use of AI

In the base scenario that AI models do not reason robustly, they always let at least *some* hallucination pass through ( $\phi > 0$ ). A natural question is whether the value of AI investment that minimises bias in the private signal (from Proposition 3.1) is consistent with the equilibrium outcomes. The following exercise focuses on the case of intermediate fundamental values, as they require coordination for success.

Define  $r^\S = \{R_i^\S, R_j^*, R_{AI}^\S\}$  as a the AI investment by investor i driven only by their need to optimise the private signal, while j continues to allocate their investment according to the full-game perspective. Assume C2 and C3 of Definition 4.1 hold. Then it suffices to check if C1 still holds, but with  $r^\S$ . In particular, whether:

$$E[\theta I_i^\S \Pr(A_i(\theta)=1) | x_i = x_i *, \theta \in [\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta})]] = E[\theta I_i^* \Pr(A_i(\theta)=1) | x_j = x_j *, \theta \in [\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta})]].$$

Factoring out the common expectation components related to  $\theta$ , we have:

$$I_i^\S \mathrm{Pr}(A_j(\theta) = 1) = I_j^* \mathrm{Pr}(A_i(\theta) = 1),$$

which are the same since the equilibrium values are robust to AI investment misspecification (C3), and therefore the right hand side stays the same. Since  $I_i^{\S} > 0$  the equation still holds, and from the threshold strategies, the two probabilities are equal, thus also  $I_i^{\S} = I_j^*\S *$ , confirming the value of r that is consistent with the equilibrium outcome is  $r^* = r^{\S}$ .

# 5 Open vs closed models

What is the influence, if any, of the possibility of investors to use exclusive, closed models to the equilibrium outcomes laid out above? This section relaxes the definition of  $\alpha$  to allow for the possibility that investors spend some money in the first period to acquire or develop such models.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>This section is still very premature.

Assume that the development of a closed-model entails a cost C>0 whereas the use of a public-knowledge open model is free (consistent with real life). In this case, then investors would choose the closed-model if  $\alpha_i(R_i)>\alpha(R_i)$  and the final net payoff would still be positive even with the safe.

# 6 Operational risks<sup>9</sup> (eg, cyber disruptions and AI vendor dependence)

Suppose now that  $\alpha$  has a small but nonzero chance of being set to zero during the investment stage. Such a scenario would be akin to an operational risk incident, such as a cyber attack. Building on financial supervisors' work on risks from third party service providers, such as AI providers, <sup>10</sup> this section explores AI shutdown effects that are proportional to  $\rho$ .

Take Equation 1, but now assume that  $\mu$  is a constant that always multiplies  $\alpha$ . The constant goes to zero with probability  $\rho$ , representing an operational incident.

## 7 Preliminary considerations<sup>11</sup>

AI is not simply a generic information technology. In addition to resource distribution considerations, introducing the use of AI to process information entails both an increase in precision (in line with existing information acquisition models), but also changes that reflect hallucinations and other silent mistakes and a chance for stochastic technology improvements that agents may expect to take place.

The present model is simple but sufficiently rich to enable studies of important phenomena of interest at the intersection of AI and finance. For example, this model can help estimate the effects of hallucinations, operational risk issues, welfare implications from closed vs open models and others.

The joint determination in equilibrium of AI investment in finance industry and academia, together with the levels and returns of financial investments, bear interesting results. This paper shows that the global game results in AI take-up that is consistent with the minimisation of private noise in expectation. This is an interesting result because the game-level result itself is the risk-dominant strategy, not the most efficient payoff-dominant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>This section is still very premature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>For example, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision recently (2022) exorted banks to address risks related to concentration of third party service providers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>This section will become the conclusion section.

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